Zooplankton grazing and growth: Scaling within the 2–2,000-μm body size range

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Abstract

In order to study the size dependency of grazing and growth rates in zooplankton, data were collected from laboratory studies in the literature, covering both limnic and marine organisms. Data were obtained from about 60 species of nano-, micro-, and mesozooplankton, representing flagellates, ciliates, rotifers, meroplankton larvae, copepods, and cladocerans. Estimates of maximum ingestion and clearance were extracted from functional responses (ingestion rates as a function of food density) established from laboratory experiments. Maximum specific rates were expressed as a function of predator body volume. Maximum specific clearance and ingestion rates decreased with predator volume within each group of zooplankton, with a common exponent (scaling factor) of -0.23 (SE = ± 0.12) in accordance with previous findings. However, significant differences were found between groups. In particular, among the protists, ciliates display maximum ingestion, growth, and clearance rates that exceed those of dinoflagellates by a factor of 2–4. Among the metazooplankton, calanoid copepods have maximum clearance rates that exceed those of filter-feeding cladocerans and meroplankton larvae by a factor of 10. Because of these differences between the groups, the entire set of observations could not be fitted by an overall regression.

Quantification of zooplankton grazing and production has been subject to intensive research for decades. A variety of methods have been introduced, including radioactive tracers (Haney 1971; Roman and Rublee 1981; Servais et al. 1985), inert food particles (Fenchel 1980a,b,c; Jonsson 1986), metabolic inhibitors (Fuhrman and McManus 1984; Sanders and Porter 1986), disappearance rate of food particles (Frost 1972), growth kinetics in laboratory cultures (Fenchel 1982), preincubation size fractionation (Capriulo and Carpenter 1980), gut pigment content (Mackas and Bohrer 1976), dilution series (Landry and Hassett 1982), and egg production (Kiørboe et al. 1985a). These methods have produced valuable results for specific applications, but so far no simple and integrative reference method has emerged that can be incorporated into carbon flux studies as an equivalent to standard methods such as the 14C method for determination of pelagic primary production, the oxygen method for community respiration measurements, and the quantification of the vertical flux of particulate organic material by sediment traps. Most methods for determination of zooplankton grazing are not applicable to field measurements, and their accuracy may be affected by incubation effects, artificiality of tracer food particles, and other methodological problems (Peters and Downing 1984; Stoecker 1988; Carrick et al. 1992).

An alternative approach to direct field measurements of zooplankton grazing and growth rates has been the appli-

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cation of rates obtained in the laboratory (e.g. Christoffersen et al. 1990; Weisse et al. 1990; Riemann et al. 1990). During the past two decades considerable data on ingestion, growth, and clearance rates for different zooplankton groups have been published. Reviews published so far have focused on specific taxonomic zooplankton groups (e.g. Fenchel 1980a,b,c; Peters and Downing 1984; Knoechel and Holtby 1986). The comparability of zooplankton grazing rates from the literature, whether from field or laboratory experiments, is limited by methodological differences and by the use of different, often not directly comparable units and model fits.

Our aim was to synthesize literature data of laboratory measurements of grazing and growth rates, including zoo-plankton from heterotrophic nanoflagellates to crustaceans for marine and freshwater species, in order to provide a basis for comparing new data with those obtained previously from different studies by using a variety of methods and units, to determine body size dependency of maximum ingestion rate, clearance rates, and half-saturation constant within and between different groups of zooplankton, and to evaluate the applicability of laboratory data to pelagic carbon flux studies.

Materials and methods

Data acquisition and processing—This study does not offer a complete review of zooplankton grazing, but rather analyzes the bulk of the literature on laboratory studies of different zooplankton groups, including flagellates, ciliates, rotifers, meroplankton larvae, copepods, and cladocerans. Data collection and analysis required formulating basic assumptions concerning the dependence of clearance and ingestion rates on food quantity and quality and on temperature, and establishing criteria for data selection and data rejection as described below.

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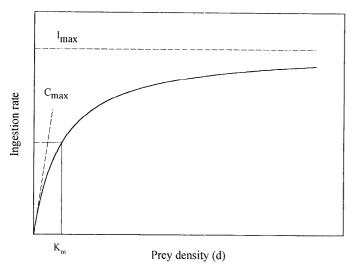


Fig. 1. The functional response in zooplankton. Michaelis—Menten kinetics illustrating the maximum ingestion (I_{\max}) , maximum clearance (C_{\max}) and the half-saturation constant (K_m) .

Food quantity—The dependence of grazer activity on food quantity is well studied in laboratory experiments, which universally have shown that ingestion rate (I) approaches a maximum rate (I_{\max}) at high prey densities (d) and is approximately proportional to d at low densities. Several different formulas for this functional response have been proposed, including a rectilinear model, an exponential model, and a Michaelis—Menten (Monod) equation. These different models typically fit data equally well (e.g. Mullin et

al. 1975). We have chosen the hyperbolic formula (Michaelis-Menten kinetics) because it is theoretically the best founded (Holling 1959; Fenchel 1988) and is widely used to describe dose-response relationships. We are aware, however, that a lower threshold food density below which grazing apparently ceases has been demonstrated in a few copepods (e.g. Frost 1975; Kiørboe et al. 1985b). Ingestion rates [I(d)] can be expressed as

$$I(d) = \frac{I_{\text{max}}d}{(K_m + d)},\tag{1}$$

where K_m is the half-saturation food density, i.e. $I(K_m) = I_{m-m}/2$.

Clearance [C(d)] can be expressed as

$$C(d) = \frac{I(d)}{d} = \frac{C_{\text{max}} K_m}{K_m + (d)},$$
 (2)

where C_{\max} is maximum clearance obtained at low prey density. By inserting $d=K_m$ in Eq. 1 and 2, it follows that

$$K_m = \frac{I_{\text{max}}}{C_{\text{max}}}. (3)$$

 I_{max} , C_{max} , and K_m are illustrated in Fig. 1.

Estimates of maximum ingestion and clearance rates were extracted from functional responses (ingestion rates as a function of food density) established from laboratory experiments, and rates were divided by predator body volume to obtain specific rates. For those studies where data were not explicitly fitted to the hyperbolic model (Eq. 1), data points from the published graphs were digitized from enlarged photocopies of the original figures in the primary reference and

Table 1. Carbon: volume ratio for either live or fixed zooplankton.

	Fixative	C:vol (g C cm ⁻³)	Reference
Flagellates	Aldehyde	0.22	Børsheim and Bratbak 1987
	Live	0.10	Børsheim and Bratbak 1987
Ciliates	Lugol	0.15	Debiase et al. 1990
	Lugol	0.09	Debiase et al. 1990
	Live	0.07	Fenchel and Finlay 1983
	Lugol	0.09	Heinbokel 1978
	Lugol	0.19	Putt and Stoecker 1989
	Formalin	0.14	Putt and Stoecker 1989
	Live	0.11	Verity and Langdon 1984
Rotifers	Live	0.10	Boraas 1983
	Live	0.12	Boraas 1983
	Live	0.11	
			B. Hansen et al. unpubl.
Meroplankton larvae	Model*	0.19	B. Hansen 1993
	Model*	0.12	B. Hansen unpubl.
	Live†	0.08	B. Hansen et al. unpubl.
Copepods	Live‡	0.13	Berggreen et al. 1988
Nauplii	Live‡	0.11	Berggreen et al. 1988
Copepodites	Live‡	0.16	Durbin and Durbin 1978
Mean ± SE	-	0.126 ± 0.040	n = 18

^{*} Body volume estimated from water displaced with a plasticine model.

[†] Carbon value measured by infrared gas analysis; volume assumed rotational ellipsoid with ellipsoid cross section divided by 2.

[‡] Carbon value from length/carbon regressions and body volume estimated from geometrical forms.

Table 2. Q_{10} values for maximum clearance ($C_{\rm max}$), maximum ingestion ($I_{\rm max}$), respiration (R), and maximum growth rates ($\mu_{\rm max}$) for zooplankton covering 8 orders of magnitude in body size. Data are from primarily laboratory studies or subsidiary experimental in situ studies, n=42. Total mean \pm SD of $Q_{10}=2.80\pm0.29$.

	Temp.		
	(°C)	Q_{10}	Reference
		$I_{ m max}$	
Flagellates	12-22	2.8	Sherr et al. 1988
Ciliates	15–25	3.7	Rassoulzadegan 1982
	12–22	2.0	Sherr et al. 1988
	5-25	2.7	Verity 1985
Meroplankton larvae	11–18	3.2	Bayne 1965
	10-20	3.4	Crisp et al. 1985
	16-24	3,4	Ukeless and Sweeney 1969
	17-25	2.4	Walne 1964
	6–18	3.0	Sprung 1984b
Copepods	4.5–16	2.4	Durbin and Durbin 1992
	5–15	3.9	Kiørboe et al. 1982
Mean ± SE		2.97 ± 0.16	
		$C_{ m max}$	
Ciliates	15-25	4.0	Rassoulzadegan 1982
	5–25	1,6	Verity 1985
Meroplankton larvae	10-20	3.4	Crisp et al. 1985
Rotifers	10-20	2.4	Gilbert and Bogdan 1984
Copepods	5–15	3.2	Deason 1980
Mean ± SE	5 15	2.94 ± 0.45	Deuson 1900
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Ciliates	15–25	2.6	Verity 1985
Meroplankton larvae	12–18	3.1	Sprung 1984c
Copepods	10–20	3.0	Comitta 1964
	10–20	2.0	Comitta and Comitta 1964
	20–25	2.1	Gaudy and Boucher 1983
	10-15	3.1	Mullin and Brooks 1970
	8-15.5	1.8	Vidal 1980 <i>b</i>
Mean $\pm$ SE		$2.51\pm0.61$	
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Flagellates	14-26	2.5	Caron et al. 1986
Ciliates	8-20	2.9 (n=3)	Fenchel 1968
	10-25	2.8 (n=10)	Finlay 1977
	15-20	3.0	Hamilton and Preslan 1969
	5–15	2.0	Verity 1985
	15-25	1.5	Verity 1985
Meroplankton larvae	12-18	1.9	Sprung 1984a
Copepods	10-15	3.0 (n=2)	Mullin and Brooks 1970
Mean ± SE		$2.72 \pm 0.26$	

fitted by iterative nonlinear regression. If both ingestion rate and clearance rate were given,  $I_{\rm max}$  was estimated from the best fit of the measured ingestion rate to Eq. 1,  $C_{\rm max}$  from the best fit of clearance to Eq. 2, and  $K_m$  was calculated from Eq. 3. If only ingestion rate or clearance was given,  $I_{\rm max}$  or  $C_{\rm max}$  together with  $K_m$  were estimated from best fit to Eq. 1 or 2, and the third parameter ( $C_{\rm max}$  or  $I_{\rm max}$ , respectively) was calculated from Eq. 3.

Estimates of  $I_{\rm max}$  were converted into biovolume units. Values of  $I_{\rm max}$  and  $C_{\rm max}$  were normalized against predator body volume ( $P_{\rm vol}$ ) and presented as h  $^{-1}$ . Estimates of  $K_m$  were converted into units of prey biovolume and given in parts per million. Zooplankton biomass was converted into biovolume assuming 0.45 g C (g DW) $^{-1}$  and 0.12 g C cm $^{-3}$ 

(Table 1). Body length was converted into dry weight by empirical length-weight regressions (McCauley 1984) or into biovolume by using geometrical formulae. Predator and prey sizes were expressed as body volume or as equivalent spherical diameter (ESD), defined as the diameter of a sphere with equal volume: body volume =  $\pi/6ESD^3$ . Data points in figures represent mean values for each species in order to avoid overrepresentation of some well-studied species.

Food selectivity—The range of potential food for a planktonic predator is limited by the structure of its feeding apparatus. Within these structural limits predators may select food particles on the basis of size, motility, surface characteristics, biochemical composition, and other factors (e.g.

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Poulet and Marsot 1978; Jonsson 1986; Van Alstyne 1986). Maximum clearances for different predators are only comparable when measured on a prey of optimal size. We have recently reviewed the sparse literature on size selectivity by planktonic predators (Hansen et al. 1994) and found that the size ratio between predators and their optimal prey varies significantly among taxonomic groups. Accordingly, we excluded studies in which it could be documented that particles were of a suboptimal size (i.e. where the predator: prey size ratio predicts less than half of the clearance on the optimal prey; Hansen et al. 1994).

Temperature dependence—The dependence of biological process rates (r) on temperature  $(t, ^{\circ}C)$  is usually expressed in terms of an exponential function:

$$\log(r_t) = \log(r_0) + \log Q_{10} \frac{(t - t_0)}{10}.$$
 (4)

Literature values of  $Q_{10}$  for clearance, ingestion, respiration, and growth rates vary between 1.5 and 4.0 within the temperature range 5–25°C (Table 2). No consistent differences appear between parameters or taxonomic groups, and the overall average  $Q_{10}$  of 2.8 has therefore been applied in this study for conversion of ingestion rate and clearance and data adjusted to a standard temperature of 20°C. A consequence of using the same  $Q_{10}$  value for these two parameters is that the half-saturation prey density  $K_m$  (= $I_{\rm max}/C_{\rm max}$ ) becomes temperature independent.

Evaluation of datasets—Data on maximum growth rates were collected from the literature to compare with maximum specific ingestion rates. Most estimates of maximum growth were from numerical response curves. Because data were lacking, we also used data from experiments where food was evidently abundant.

Maximum specific clearance rate of an organism is a function of the area within which particles can be captured, the speed with which the organism swims or moves its feeding appendages, and the swimming speed of the prey. Generally, data of this kind are sparsely available in the literature, and we were only able to estimate maximum specific clearance rates for organisms in which either flagella or cilia are involved in locomotion and capture of prey. Maximum clearance of an organism that uses flagella or cilia for locomotion can be estimated by multiplication of swimming speed and projected filter area of the predator, assuming that the swimming speed of the prey is negligible. Swimming speed data were collected from literature covering flagellates, ciliates, rotifers, and meroplankton larvae. Filter area was calculated as the projected area of the organism, assuming spherical shape. This rough approximation may lead to both overestimation (organisms are often elongated) and underestimation (filter area is larger than predicted because the diameter of filtering structure may be larger than the diameter of the cell or the effective hydrodynamic filter area may reach beyond the filtering structure; e.g. Fenchel 1982).

#### Results

Maximum specific ingestion rates  $(I_{\max})$ , maximum specific growth rates  $(\mu_{\max})$ , maximum specific clearance rates

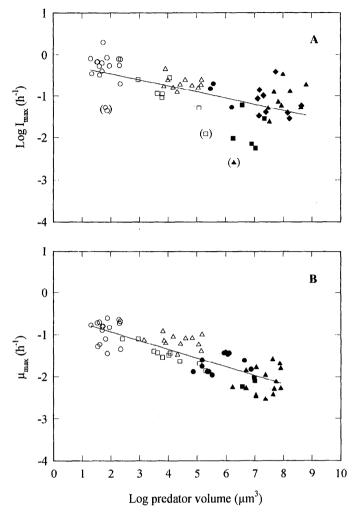


Fig. 2. Metabolic rates for different zooplankton taxa as a function of body volume Maximum specific ingestion rates (A) and maximum specific growth rates (B). Dinoflagellates,  $\square$ ; other flagellates,  $\bigcirc$ ; ciliates,  $(\triangle)$ ; rotifers,  $\blacksquare$ ; meroplankton larvae, ( $\blacksquare$ ); copepods, ( $\blacktriangle$ ); cladocerans, ( $\spadesuit$ ). An overall regression line is indicated by a solid line. Symbols in parentheses were not included in the regression because growth yield ( $=\mu II$ ) was  $\sim 100\%$  or even above. References to source of data are listed in Tables 3 and 4.

 $(C_{\max})$ , and  $K_m$  were related to predator volume  $(P_{\text{vol}})$  by loglog regressions within each of the following seven zooplankton groups: dinoflagellates, other flagellates, ciliates, rotifers, meroplankton larvae, cladocerans, and copepods (Figs. 2–4, Tables 3–5). Further statistical analysis was carried out by F-tests of a series of models by using the 14 independent log-log regressions as a base model. Observed values were compared to modeled values estimated from the regression equations, and squared deviations between observations and model estimates were calculated and summed up as SSD (sum of squared deviations). This procedure enabled us to change the model and follow the resulting change in SSD as well as the contribution to this change from different zooplankton species and groups.

The first step was to test whether a reduction to a common scaling factor for all regression lines was possible. The 14

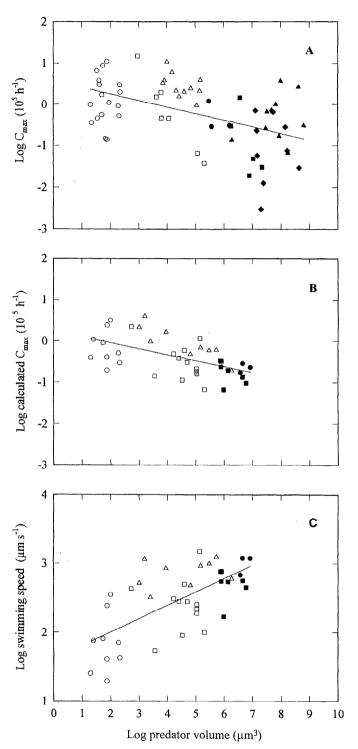


Fig. 3. Maximum specific clearance rates and swimming speed as a function of body volume for flagellated and ciliated zooplankton taxa. Symbols as in Fig. 2. Measured maximum specific clearance rates (A), maximum specific clearance estimated from swimming data and projected area of the organisms (B), and absolute swimming speed (C). Overall regression lines are indicated by a solid line. References to source of data are listed in Tables 3 and 8.

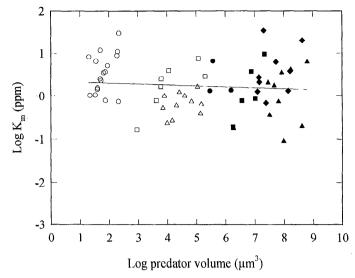


Fig. 4. Values of half-saturation constant,  $K_m$ , for grazing of different zooplankton taxa. Symbols as in Fig. 2. An overall regression line is indicated by a solid line. References to source of data are listed in Table 3.

independent regressions were used as a base model. When a common slope was forced upon the regression lines, SSD increased. A maximum likelihood estimate for a common scaling factor was found by iterative manipulation of the models with a variety of common slopes until the new SSD reached a minimum. The increase in SSD was then related to the reduction in the model dimension (from 28 to 15, i.e. one slope and 14 independent intercepts) by an F-test. A model with a common scaling factor was rejected at P <0.05, and a similar result occurred when clearance and ingestion rates were treated separately. One data point (the cyclopoid copopod, Oithona nana) was the major contributor to the increase in SSD (Table 6). With this data point removed the model was accepted at P > 0.1. The maximum likelihood estimate for a common scaling exponent was -0.23 (SE of  $\pm 0.12$ ).

The next step was to test whether all data could be described by common regression lines, for maximum specific clearance and maximum specific ingestion. Again, the forcing of a general regression for all data resulted in an increase of SSD, which was related to the reduction in model dimension (from 15 to 3; i.e. one slope and two intercepts) by an F-test. This model was rejected at P < 0.01. A similar result was found when the two lines (clearance and ingestion) were allowed different slopes. Several zooplankton groups contributed to the significant increase in SSD. Dinoflagellates and meroplankton larvae contributed most to the SSD increase in the estimates of maximum ingestion by having lower maximum specific ingestion rates compared to the other groups. Ciliates and copepods contributed most to the SSD increase in the estimates of maximum clearance rates by having higher rates compared to the other groups.

As a consequence of a common slope, the half-saturation constant  $K_m$  (= $I_{max}/C_{max}$ ) is independent of body size within each group of zooplankton. The general mean value of  $K_m$  for all groups is  $\sim$ 2 ppm (vol/vol), corresponding to a prey

Table 3. The functional response parameters for different zooplankton taxa. Data were not corrected for temperature differences.

Predator species	ricuator voiume (um³)	CC)	$h_{\text{max}}$ $(h^{-1})$	$(10^5  \mathrm{h}^{-1})$	K.	Reference
Nanoflanellates (avvent dinoflanellates)						
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Actinomonas mirabilis	7.50E+01	2.00E + 01	8.60E - 01	1.10E + 01	7.80E-01	Fenchel 1982
Bodo designis	5.40E + 01	2.00E + 01	1.99E + 00	8.71E+00	2.28E+00	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Ciliophrys infusionum	2.20E + 02	2.00E + 01	7.90E - 01	1.98E + 00	3.02E + 01	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Codosiga gracilis	3.50E + 01	2.00E + 01	6.90E - 01	4.50E-01	6.50E + 00	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Diaphanoeca grandis	4.00E + 01	1.50E + 01	3.30E - 01	2.30E + 00	1.44E + 00	Andersen 1988/1989
Jakoba libera	7.50E+01	2.00E + 01	4.50E - 02	1.40E - 01	3.62E + 00	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Monosiga sp.	2.00E + 01	2.00E + 01	8.10E - 01	9.80E - 01	8.30E + 00	Fenchel 1982
Ochromonas sp.	5.00E+01	2.00E + 01	4.20E - 01	1.70E + 00	2.50E + 00	Anderson et al. 1989
Ochromonas sp.	2.00E + 02	2.00E + 01	5.70E-01	5.20E - 01	1.10E + 01	Fenchel 1982
Paraphysomonas imperforata	2.12E + 02	2.00E + 01	2.00E - 01	2.97E + 00	7.40E - 01	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Paraphysomonas vestita	1.90E + 02	2.00E + 01	8.00E - 01	9.10E - 01	8.80E + 00	Fenchel 1982
Pleoromonas jaculans	5.00E + 01	2.00E + 01	6.50E - 01	5.50E-01	1.18E + 01	Fenchel 1982
Pseudobodo tremulans	9.00E+01	2.00E+01	5.60E - 01	1.10E + 00	5.10E + 00	Fenchel 1982
Pseudobodo sp.	3.35E+01	1.50E + 01	4.10E - 01	3.90E+00	1.05E + 00	Rivier et al. 1985
Pseudobodo sp.	2.20E+01	1.80E + 01	2.90E-01	2.80E-01	1.04E+00	Parslow et al. 1986
Spumella sp.	6.54E + 01	2.50E+01	9.00E-02	2.50E-01	3.45E + 00	Hollen and Boraas 1991
Stephanoeca diplocostata	2.00E + 0.1	1.80E + 0.1	3.00E - 01	1.60E + 00	1.90E+00	Geider and Leadbeater 1988
S. diplocostata	8.30E + 01	2.00E+01	3.00E - 01	4.58E+00	1.54E+00	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Dinoflagellates						
	0.005±02	1 20E±01	1 12E-01	6 50F±00	1.65E-01	Strom 1991
Cymroaintain sp.	7.00E 1 02	1.202.101	1.12E 01	0.30E : 00	2 00E 100	Ususa 1000
Gyrodinium spirale	1.13E+04	1.30E+01	1.70E-01	2.70E-01	3.88E+00	nansen 1992
Oblea rotunda	0.13E+03	2.00E+01	9.30E-02	1.94E+00	1.00E+00	Subin and Buskey 1993
Oxyrrhis marina	6.30E+03	2.00E+01	1.12E-01	4.50E-01	2.50E+00	Gaines unpubl.
Protoperidinium crassipes	2.04E + 05	1.90E+01	1.10E - 02	3.30E-02	2.86E+00	Jeong and Latz 1994
Protoperidinium divergens	1.19E+05	1.90E + 01	4.76E-02	5.90E-02	7.46E+00	Jeong and Latz 1994
Protoperidinium hirobis	4.20E+03	2.00E + 01	1.15E-01	1.50E+00	7.80E-01	Jacobson and Anderson 1993
Ciliates						
Eutintinnus pectinis	1.50E+04	1.80E + 01	1.30E-01	4.86E + 00	2.64E - 01	Heinbokel 1978
Favella ehrenbergii	2.10E + 05	2.00E+01	1.30E - 01	2.82E + 00	2.35E-01	Buskey and Stoecker 1988
Favella ehrenbergii	9.56E+04	1.80E + 01	2.15E - 01	1.26E+00	6.20E - 01	Hansen et al. 1991
Helicostomella subulata	2.10E + 04	1.80E + 01	1.00E-01	1.73E + 00	5.90E-01	Heinbokel 1978
Lohmaniella spiralis	1.50E + 05	1.20E + 01	1.10E-01	1.73E + 00	6.40E - 01	Jonsson 1986
Strobilidium cf. spiralis	2.65E+04	2.00E + 01	1.89E - 01	1.54E+00	1.22E+00	Verity 1991
Strombidium reticulatum	4.00E + 04	1.20E+01	1.10E - 01	8.80E - 01	1.00E + 00	Jonsson 1986
Strombidium sulcatum	1.00E + 04	2.20E + 01	4.81E - 01	7.34E+00	6.65E - 01	Bernard and Rassoulzadegan 1990
S. sulcatum	1.00E + 04	2.20E + 01	3.91E - 01	8.63E + 00	4.53E-01	Bernard and Rassoulzadegan 1990
S. sulcatum	1.00E + 04	2.20E + 01	1.51E - 01	3.70E + 01	4.12E - 02	Bernard and Rassoulzadegan 1990
Tintinnopsis cf. acuminata	8.10E + 03	1.80E + 01	3.80E - 01	3.13E + 00	9.90E - 01	Heinbokel 1978
Tintinnopsis acuminata	7.10E + 03	2.00E + 01	1.70E - 01	3.33E + 00	5.20E - 01	Verity 1985
Tintinnopsis dadayi	1.13E + 05	2.00E + 01	1.55E-01	9.50E - 01	1.63E + 00	Verity 1991
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Predator species	Predator volume $(\mu m^3)$	Temp.	$I_{\max} (h^{-1})$	$C_{\rm max}$ (105 h ⁻¹ )	$K_m$	Reference
Rotifers						
Brachionus calicyflorus	1.60E + 06	2.00E + 01	5.40E-02	3.00E-01	1.36E + 00	Rothhaupt 1990b
Brachionus plicatilis	2.80E + 05	2.10E+01	5.10E - 01	3.20E - 01	1.63E + 01	Korstad et al. 1989
B. plicatilis	2.80E+05	2.10E + 01	1.70E - 01	1.39E - 01	2.05E+01	Korstad et al. 1989
B. plicatilis	2.80E + 05	2.00E+01	1.60E - 01	5.00E - 01	3.50E+00	Starkweather 1988
B. plicatilis	9.16E+05	1.80E + 01	1.20E-01	2.95E-01	1.54E+00	Hansen et al. 1997
Brachionus rubens	3.00E + 05	2.00E + 01	1.50E - 01	1.20E + 00	1.32E+00	Rothhaupt 1990b
Meroplankton larvae						
Mediomastus fragile	3.70E + 06	1.20E + 01	2.70E - 02	6.40E - 01	7.70E - 01	Hansen 1993
Mytilus edulis	5.10E + 05	1.80E + 01	4.00E - 02			Jespersen and Olsen 1982
	7.10E+06	1.80E+01	2.30E - 02	!		Jespersen and Olsen 1982
	5.10E+05	1.90E+01		3.24E-01		
	1.40E+06	1.90E+01		3.19E-01		
	2.10E+06	1.90E+01		3.18E-01		Kiisgard et al. 1981 Diingad et al. 1081
	4.10E+06	1.90E+01	CO 1107 3	3.13E=01	1 500 01	
M. edulis M. edulis	9.40E+03 1.90E+06	1.80E+01	3.00E-03	3.00E-01	1.36E-01 1.24E-01	Sprung 1984b
	3 90F±06	1.80E+01	8.00E-03	1.82E-01	4 40F -01	Spring 1984h
	9.90E+05	1.80E+01	4.40E-03	1.81E-01	1,90E-01	Spring 1984b
	1.90E+06	1.80E+01	3,10E-03	1.91E - 01	1.40E - 01	Sprung 1984b
	3.90E+06	1.80E+01	6.60E-03	1.09E-01	2.20E - 01	Sprung 1984 <i>b</i>
Nassarius obsoletus	2.20E + 07	2.00E+01	1.23E-02	3.40E - 02	3.60E + 00	Pechenik and Fischer 1979
N. obsoletus	2.20E + 07	2.00E+01	4.20E - 02	2.40E - 02	1.78E + 01	Pechenik and Fischer 1979
N. obsoletus	2.20E + 07	2.00E+01	4.60E-02	3.40E - 02	1.36E + 01	Pechenik and Fischer 1979
Ostrea edulis	7.80E+06	2.10E + 01	7.80E-03	2.10E - 02	3.71E+00	Crisp et al. 1985
Philine aperta	4.48E + 06	1.25E + 01	4.30E - 03	1.10E - 02	8.70E-01	Hansen and Ockelmann 1991
P. aperta	6.27E + 06	1.25E+01	1.51E - 03	1.63E - 02	9.30E - 01	Hansen and Ockelmann 1991
P. aperta	1.19E + 07	1.25E+01	1.20E - 03	2.84E - 02	4.20E-01	Hansen and Ockelmann 1991
P. aperata	1.51E+07	1.25E+01	3.90E-03	1.90E - 02	2.11E + 00	Hansen and Ockelmann 1991
P. aperata	2.80E+07	1.25E+01	3.60E - 03	5.50E-02	6.50E - 01	Hansen and Ockelmann 1991
Copepods						
Acartia hudsonica	8.65E + 07	1.60E + 01	3.87E - 02	1.12E - 01	3.45E+00	Durbin and Durbin 1992
Acartia tonsa	2.98E + 07	1.80E + 01	4.18E - 02	2.08E - 01	2.01E+00	Kiørboe et al. 1985a
Aetideus divergens	1.77E+08	1.20E + 01	1.66E - 01	4.90E-02	3.42E + 00	Robertson and Frost 1977
A. divergens	1.77E + 08	1.20E + 01	6.32E - 02	2.13E - 02	2.92E+00	Robertson and Frost 1977
A. divergens	1.77E+08	1.20E+01	1.65E-02	2.38E-02.	6.93E+00	Robertson and Frost 1977
Calanus helgolandicus	4.16E+08	1.00E+01	1.88E - 02	9.40E - 01	2.00E - 01	Corner et al. 1972
Calanus pacificus	6.37E+08	1.25E + 01	8.29E - 02	1.12E - 01	7.41E+00	Frost 1972
C. pacificus	6.37E + 08	1.25E+01	7.72E-02	1.37E - 01	5.65E+00	Frost 1972
C. pacificus	6.37E + 08	1.25E+01	9.85E - 02	1.71E - 01	5.78E+00	Frost 1972
Centropages hamatus	4.80E + 07	1.50E+01	7.40E-02	4.30E-01	1.73E+00	Kiørboe et al. 1982
Diaptomus gracilis	3.30E+07	5.00E+00	5.10E - 03	1.40E - 01	3.50E-01	Vanderploeg et al. 1984
Eucalanus pileatus C2	9.82E+07	2.00E+01	3.40E-01	3.70E+00	9.00E-02	Pattenhöfer and van Sant 1985
Otthona nana	1.90E+06	1.00E+01	9.00E-04	4.80E-02	1.80E - 01	Lampitt and Gamble 1962 Front 1080
r seudocalanus sp.	0.00E±0/	1.235701	3.33E-02	4.00E_01	10 767.1	11081 1700

Table 3. Continued.

Predator species	Predator volume $(\mu m^3)$	Temp.	$I_{\max}$ $(h^{-1})$	$C_{\text{max}} $ $(10^5 \text{ h}^{-1})$	<i>K</i> _m	Reference
Cladocerans						
Bosmina longirostris	2.53E+07	2.25E+01	3.50E-02	1.30E-02	5.10E - 01	Schoenberg 1989
B. longirostris	2.43E+07	2.25E+01	8.30E - 02	2.10E - 02	8.90E - 01	Schoenberg 1989
Bosmina longispina	1.42E + 07	2.00E + 0.1	3.37E-02	2.27E - 01	2.69E + 00	Johnsen and Børsheim 1988
Ceriodaphna reticulate	1.24E + 07	1.20E + 01	7.80E - 02	2.70E - 01	2.85E + 00	Philippova and Postnov 1988
C. reticulata	1.74E + 07	2.25E+01	2.26E - 01	3.50E - 02	1.59E + 00	Schoenberg 1989
C. reticulata	1.53E+07	2.25E+01	1.14E - 01	1.50E - 02	2.07E + 00	Schoenberg 1989
Chydorus sp.	1.91E + 07	2.25E+01	1.10E - 01	7.00E - 03	4.99E + 01	Schoenberg 1989
Chydorus sp.	2.18E + 07	2.25E+01	1.60E - 01	2.10E - 03	2.43E + 01	Schoenberg 1989
Daphnia magna	1.01E + 09	2.00E + 01	4.90E - 02	3.30E - 02	1.19E + 00	Porter et al. 1982
D. magna	2.09E + 08	2.00E + 01	7.84E-02	3.29E - 01	2.38E + 01	Philippova and Postnov 1988
D. magna	6.07E + 08	2.00E + 01	9.30E - 02	1.17E - 01	8.00E + 00	Philippova and Postnov 1988
D. magna	4.83E + 08	1.70E + 01	2.46E - 02	1.41E - 02	1.74E + 01	Kersting and van der Leeuf 1976
D. magna	1.05E + 09	2.00E + 0.1	5.64E - 03	6.10E - 02	9.67E - 01	McMahon and Rigler 1965
D. magna	1.05E + 09	2.00E + 01	1.88E - 02	4.25E - 02	4.42E + 00	McMahon and Rigler 1965
D. magna	1.05E + 09	2.00E + 01	1.54E - 02	3.10E - 02	4.96E + 00	McMahon and Rigler 1965
D. magna	1.05E + 09	2.00E + 01	6.76E - 02	5.85E - 02	1.04E + 01	McMahon and Rigler 1965
D. magna	1.80E + 07	2.00E + 01	2.59E - 02	1.66E - 01	1.56E + 00	McMahon 1965
D. magna	2.20E+07	2.00E + 01	2.16E - 02	1.62E - 01	1.33E + 00	McMahon 1965
D. magna	2.70E + 07	2.00E + 01	3.23E - 02	8.30E - 02	3.88E + 00	McMahon 1965
D. magna	2.80E + 07	2.00E + 01	3.49E - 02	8.50E - 02	4.11E+00	McMahon 1965
D. magna	3.00E + 07	2.00E + 01	2.23E - 02	1.41E - 01	1.58E + 00	McMahon 1965
D. magna	3.10E + 07	2.00E + 01	3.23E-02	7.20E - 02	4.47E+00	McMahon 1965
D. magna	3.30E + 07	2.00E + 01	3.94E - 02	6.20E - 02	6.37E + 00	McMahon 1965
Daphnia pulex ·	1.90E + 08	2.00E + 01	3.70E - 02	2.60E - 01	1.41E + 00	Lampert 1977
D. pulex	2.50E+07	2.00E + 01	6.10E - 02	3.90E - 01	1.25E + 00	Lampert 1977
D. pulex	6.40E + 08	2.00E + 01	2.80E - 02	2.10E - 01	1.31E+00	Lampert 1977
Daphnia rosea	9.20E + 07	1.50E + 01	2.30E - 02	7.20E - 02	3.20E + 00	DeMott 1982
D. rosea	1.80E + 06	1.50E + 01	1.20E - 01	2.44E + 00	5.00E - 01	DeMott 1982
Daphnia schroederi	1.00E + 09	2.00E + 01	5.20E - 02	1.74E - 02	3.00E + 01	Hayward and Gallup 1976
D. schroederi	1.90E + 08	2.00E + 01	6.70E - 02	4.90E - 02	1.38E + 01	Hayward and Gallup 1976
Simocephalus vetulus	2.79E+07	1.20E + 01	1.90E - 01	3.24E-01	6.00E + 00	Philippova and Postnov 1988
S. vetulus	1.05E+08	1.20E+01	1.62E-01	2.50E-01	6.50E+00	Philippova and Postnov 1988

density of  $\sim$ 240  $\mu$ g C liter ¹ (Fig. 4). The maximum likelihood estimate of the scaling exponent determined on the basis of growth rates was not different from that obtained on the basis of ingestion rates (not shown), indicating that growth yields (= $\mu$ II) among groups are not different and equal on average 0.33 (Table 7).

Among the protists, ciliates have maximum specific ingestion rates that on average exceed those of dinoflagellates of a similar size by a factor of  $\sim 2$  (Fig. 2A). This difference in metabolic rate is also seen in data on maximum specific growth rates, where the differences is a factor of  $\sim 3$  (Fig. 2B, Table 4). Similarly, ciliates have clearance rates that exceed those of the dinoflagellates by a factor of 4, resulting in an apparent lack of size dependency among the entire assemblage of protists (Fig. 3A). Consequently, ciliates have a  $K_m$  that is lower as compared to the flagellates. Maximum specific clearance calculated by multiplication of swimming speed and area of the filtering apparatus (see materials and methods) gave results that are in accordance with the actually measured clearance rates for the flagellates (Fig. 3, Table 8) but not for the ciliates. The calculated clearance rates for ciliates were generally underestimated by a factor of 2-3, indicating that the difference in swimming speed between ciliates and flagellates only partly accounted for the difference in observed clearance rates.

Among the metazooplankton, meroplankton larvae appear to have maximum specific ingestion rates that are almost an order of magnitude lower compared to the other groups. However, such a large difference is not seen in the data on maximum growth rates. Copepods (calanoids) on the other hand display maximum specific clearances that are considerably higher compared to cladocerans of a similar size. Consequently, the half-saturation constant of the cladocerans exceeds that of calanoid copepods by a factor of 8.

An analysis of intraspecific variation was only possible in a few species belonging to the metazooplankton. The variations in the functional response are best illustrated by the cladoceran *Daphnia magna* (see Table 3). Intraspecific variation in maximum clearance and ingestion rates is large, exceeding a factor of 10. In this case, the variation found within a single study is similar to the variation among different studies.

#### Discussion

Scaling—Metabolic rates expressed in terms of growth rates or weight-specific respiration rates tend to decrease with body size, when organisms covering a large size span are compared (Zeuthen 1953; Hemmingsen 1960). Describing weight-specific respiration with the allometric equation,  $R = aW^b$ , Hemmingsen (1960) found a scaling exponent of -0.25 in poikilotherm metazoa and protozoa. However, he found that poikilotherm metazoa have specific respiration rates that are  $\sim 8$  times higher than protozoa. Fenchel (1968, 1974) found that metazoa had specific growth rates that were only two times higher those of protozoa of similar body size. Later, Fenchel and Finlay (1983) reviewed all published data on protozoan respiration. They found that the data on respiration rates show a large variation even within species,

related to the physiological state of the organisms during measurements. They concluded that physiological rates of protozoa and heterotherm metazoa were similar. Likewise, Fenchel (1986) compiled data on maximum clearance obtained on filter-feeding protozoa and some groups of metazoan filter-feeders. Covering a size span of  $\sim 10$  orders of magnitude, maximum specific clearance was found to decrease with an exponent of about -0.25.

In accordance with Fenchel and Finlay (1983), we found no consistent difference in maximum physiological rates between protozoa and metazoa. However, we found that some zooplankton groups deviate significantly from the overall log-log regression. Consequently, the scaling factor derived from an overall regression across functionally different groups will depend on the balance between the groups within the entire data set. For instance, an overrepresentation of copepods would reduce the overall scaling factor for  $C_{\max}$ (cf. Fig. 3). This becomes particular critical if a limited size range of organisms with a high degree of functional diversity (e.g. crustaceans) is analyzed. Our approach was to derive a common scaling factor from regressions within functionally homogeneous assemblages of zooplankton. It is noteworthy that the scaling factor derived by this approach (-0.23) is consistent with other estimates derived from a wide range of body sizes.

Variation between groups of zooplankton—If the growth rates of ciliates are extrapolated to the size of small heterotrophic flagellates (excluding dinoflagellates), the derived growth rate would be about three times higher than actual flagellate rates (Fenchel 1991). Recently, a number of growth rate values for larger flagellates (e.g. dinoflagellates) have been published and these maximum growth rates are about three times lower compared to planktonic ciliates of similar size (Hansen 1992; Sherr and Sherr 1994). Our data confirm this difference for growth as well as for ingestion rates (Fig. 2). The reason for the difference in metabolic rates between ciliates and flagellates remains unanswered.

An interesting observation from our data is the apparent lack of scaling in maximum clearance rates if all protists are treated as one group. This can only partly be explained by the high swimming speed found in the ciliates (Fig. 3), because clearance calculated on the basis of swimming speed underestimates the actual clearance of ciliates by a factor of 2 or 3. An underestimate of the effective filter area of ciliates probably explains this difference. Ciliate filtering structures (membranelles) generally reach beyond the cell width, and the effective hydrodynamic filter area may reach beyond the filtering structure (Fenchel 1982; Buskey and Stoecker 1988).

Peters and Downing (1984) compiled published ingestion rates of crustacean metazooplankton reported from both laboratory and field studies at food concentrations of between 0.2 and 50 ppm and found a strong size dependence (scaling exponent of between -0.26 and -0.45). In our study, which builds on another set of data, only a small decrease in metazooplankton maximum growth rates with volume was observed, although no size dependency was found in estimates of maximum specific ingestion or clearance rates. The lack of size dependence of maximum ingestion and clearance

Table 4. Maximum growth rates for different zooplankton taxa. Data were not corrected for temperature differences.

Predator species	Predator volume $(\mu m^3)$	Temp. (°C)	$oldsymbol{\mu_{ ext{max}}}{( ext{h}^{-1})}$	Reference
Nanoflagellates (except dinoflagellate	s)			
Actinomonas mirabilis	7.50E+01	20	0.250	Fenchel 1982
Bodo designis	5.40E+01	20	0.160	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Ciliophrys infusionum	2.20E+02	20	0.045	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Codosiga gracilis	3.50E+01	20	0.052	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Diaphanoeca grandis	4.00E+01	15	0.120	Andersen 1988/1989
Jakoba libera	7.50E+01	20	0.036	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Monosiga sp.	2.00E+01	20	0.170	Fenchel 1982
Ochromonas sp.	2.00E+02	20	0.190	Fenchel 1982
Ochromonas sp.	5.00E+01	20	0.127	Anderson et al. 1989
Paraphysomonas imperforata	2.12E+02	20	0.210	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Paraphysomonas vestita	1.90E+02	20	0.230	Fenchel 1982
Pleuromonas jaculans	5.00E+01	20	0.160	Fenchel 1982
Pseudobodo tremulans	9.00E+01	20	0.150	Fenchel 1982
Pseudobodo sp.	3.35E+01	15	0.130	Rivier et al. 1985
Spumella sp.	6.54E+01	25	0.133	Hollen and Boraas 1991
Stephanoeca diplocostata	2.00E+01	18	0.133	Geider and Leadbeater 1988
S. diplocostata	8.30E+01	20	0.079	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
•	олостит	20	0.033	Leciesion-i arry and Leaducater 1994
Dinoflagellates	A 1.57		0.05	
Amphidinium crassum	3.15E+03	15	0.024	Hansen 1992
Gymnodinium sp.	9.00E + 02	12	0.035	Strom 1991
Gyrodinium dominans	1.04E + 04	15	0.020	Hansen 1992
Gyrodinium spirale	1.15E + 04	15	0.022	Hansen 1992
Gyrodinium sp.	2.50E + 02	15	0.048	Hansen 1992
Oblea rotunda	6.13E + 03	20	0.029	Strom and Buskey 1993
Oxyrrhis marina	6.30E + 03	20	0.029	Gaines unpubl.
Protoperidinium crassipes	2.04E + 05	19	0.013	Jeong and Latz 1994
Protoperidinium divergens	1.19E+05	19	0.019	Jeong and Latz 1994
Protoperidinium hirobis	4.20E + 03	20	0.050	Jacobson and Anderson 1993
Protoperidinium pellucidum	2.53E + 04	15	0.014	Hansen 1992
Ciliates				
Eutintinnus pectinis	1.50E+04	18	0.073	Heinbokel 1978
Favella ehrenbergii	2.10E+05	20	0.029	Buskey and Stoecker 1988
F. ehrenbergii	9.56E+04	15	0.034	Hansen et al. 1991
Helicostomella subulata	2.10E+04	18	0.027	Heinbokel 1978
Lohmaniella spiralis	1.50E+05	12	0.044	Jonsson 1986
Pseudobalanion planctonicum	1.44E+03	18.5	0.063	Müller 1991
Strobilidium cf. spiralis	2.65E+04	20	0.060	Verity 1991
Strombidium reticulata	4.00E+04	12	0.036	Jonsson 1986
Strombidium sulcatum	6.50E+03	20	0.120	Fenchel and Jonsson 1988
Tintinnopsis acuminata	7.10E+03	20	0.120	Verity 1985
Tintinnopsis acuminata Tintinnopsis cf. acuminata	8.10E+03	18	0.072	Heinbokel 1978
Tintinnopsis et. acuminata Tintinnopsis dadayi	1.13E+05	20	0.051	Verity 1991
Tintinnopsis addayi Tintinnopsis vasculus	6.90E+04	15	0.050	Verity 1991 Verity 1985
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Rotifers				
Asplancha priodonta	1.31E+06	19	0.0330	Stemberger and Gilbert 1985
Brachionus calyciflorus	1.61E+06	20	0.0320	Guisande and Mazuelos 1991
B. calyciflorus	1.60E+06	20	0.0420	Guisande and Mazuelos 1991
B. calyciflorus	1.15E+06	25	0.0540	Boraas 1983
B. calyciflorus	1.50E+06	20	0.0300	Rothhaupt 1990a
B. calyciflorus	7.50E + 05	19	0.0340	Stemberger and Gilbert 1985
B. calyciflorus	6.90E+05	25	0.0530	Boraas and Bennett 1988
Brachionus plicatilis	5.90E + 05	20	0.0730	Doohan 1973
B. plicatilis	8.00E + 05	20	0.0310	Starkweather 1988
B. plicatilis	2.10E + 06	18	0.0200	Hansen et al. 1997
Euchlanis dilatata	4.37E + 06	22	0.0300	King 1966
Keratella cochlearis	7.50E + 04	19	0.0120	Stemberger and Gilbert 1985
Keratella crassa	3.40E + 05	19	0.0100	Stemberger and Gilbert 1985
Keratella earlinea	2.30E + 05	19	0.0120	Stemberger and Gilbert 1985

Table 4. Continued.

Predator species	Predator volume ( $\mu$ m³)	Temp. (°C)	$\mu_{ ext{max}} \  ext{(h}^{-1})$	Reference
Rotifers (continued)				
Philodina roseola	7.47E + 06	20	0.0150	Labadeva and Grerasimova 1985
Polyarthra remata	1.50E + 05	19	0.0160	Stemberger and Gilbert 1985
Synchaeta cecilia	1.50E + 05	20	0.0250	Egloff 1988
Synchaeta oblonga	2.60E + 05	19	0.0120	Stemberger and Gilbert 1985
Synchaeta pectinata	8.60E + 05	19	0.0330	Stemberger and Gilbert 1985
Meroplankton larvae				
Mediomastus fragile	3.70E + 06	11	0.0023	Hansen 1993
Mytilus edulis	7.20E + 06	18	0.0120	Sprung 1984 <i>a</i>
M. edulis	1.40E+07	18	0.0100	Sprung 1984a
M. edulis	3.35E+07	18	0.0074	Sprung 1984 <i>a</i>
M. edulis	6.57E+07	18	0.0060	Sprung 1984a
M. edulis	5.10E + 05	18	0.0100	Jespersen and Olsen 1982
M. edulis	7.10E + 06	18	0.0040	Jespersen and Olsen 1982
Philine aperta	1.00E + 07	12.5	0.0037	Hansen and Ockelmann 1991
Copepods				
Acartia tonsa	4.20E + 07	17	0.0190	Berggreen et al. 1988
Centropages typicus	7.50E + 07	17	0.0150	Fryd et al. 1991
Oithona colcarva	1.10E+07	20	0.0034	Lonsdale 1981 <i>a,b</i>
Oithona davisae	1.70E + 06	20.5	0.0059	Uchima 1985
Oithona plumifera	1.10E+07	20	0.0037	Paffenhöfer 1993
Oithona similis	5.00E+06	15	0.0083	Sabatini and Kiørboe 1994
O. similis	5.00E + 06	15	0.0042	Sabatini and Kiørboe 1994
O. similis	5.00E + 06	10	0.0015	Eaton 1971
Oncaea mediterranea	2.37E + 07	20	0.0108	Paffenhöfer 1993
O. mediterranea	2.37E+07	20	0.0029	Paffenhöfer 1993
Pseudocalanus elongatus	8.05E+07	12.5	0.0024	Paffenhöfer and Harris 1976
P. elongatus	5.55E+07	15	0.0045	Frost 1985
P. elongatus	8.05E + 07	15	0.0094	Klein-Bretcler et al. 1982
Pseudocalanus moultoni	4.76E+07	12	0.0023	Jonasdottir 1989
Pseudocalanus newmani	4.39E+07	12	0.0017	Jonasdottir 1989
Pseudocalanus sp.	1.13E+07	15.5	0.0104	Vidal 1980 <i>a</i>

Table 5. Linear regression analysis for the relationship between size and half-saturation constant  $(K_m)$ , maximum clearance  $(C_{\max})$ , ingestion  $(I_{\max})$ , and growth rates ( $\mu$ max) for different zooplankton groups. Standard error (SE) is given in brackets. Significant relationships are marked (* P < 0.05; ** P < 0.01).

Zooplankton group	$C_{ m max}$	$I_{ m max}$	$K_m$	$oldsymbol{\mu}_{ ext{max}}$
All groups	Log $a: 0.73 \pm 0.66$	Log $a$ : $-0.04\pm0.38$	Log $a: 0.35 \pm 0.58$	Log a: -0.52±0.29
	$b: -0.18 \pm 0.04**$	$b$ : $-0.16\pm0.02**$	$b: -0.03 \pm 0.03$	b: -0.21±0.02**
	$R^2 = 0.30, n = 58$	$R^2$ =0.51, $n$ =58	$R^2 = 0.01, n = 58$	R ² =0.69, n=69
Metazooplankton	Log $a$ : $-0.45\pm0.77$	Log $a$ : $-1.78\pm0.47$	Log $a$ : $0.13 \pm 0.65$	Log $a$ : $-1.64 \pm 0.26$
	$b$ : $-0.03\pm0.18$	$b$ : $0.08\pm0.11$	$b$ : $0.012 \pm 0.15$	$b$ : $-0.02 \pm 0.07$
	$R^2$ =0.001, $n$ =26	$R^2=0.021$ , $n=26$	$R^2 = 0.003$ , $n = 26$	$R^2 = 0.005$ , $n = 18$
Protozooplankton	Log a: $0.32\pm0.52$	Log $a: 0.10\pm0.24$	Log $a$ : $0.73\pm0.51$	Log $a$ : $-0.66\pm0.26$
	b: $-0.02\pm0.07$	$b: -0.20\pm0.031**$	$b$ : $-0.16\pm0.07*$	$b$ : $-0.15\pm0.03$
	$R^2=0.003$ , $n=32$	$R^2=0.57, n=32$	$R^2=0.17$ , $n=32$	$R^2=37$ , $n=39$
Dinoflagellates	Log $a$ : $4.18 \pm 0.27$	Log $a$ : 0.15±0.23	Log $a$ : $-2.79\pm0.27$	Log $a$ : $-0.47 \pm 0.08$
	$b$ : $-1.08 \pm 0.17**$	b: -0.27±0.15	$b$ : $0.77\pm0.17*$	$b$ : $-0.26 \pm 0.03 **$
	$R^2 = 0.91$ , $n = 6$	$R^2$ =0.45, $n$ =6	$R^2=0.83$ , $n=6$	$R^2 = 0.90$ , $n = 11$
All flagellates	Log a: $0.68 \pm 0.54$	Log a: 0.30±0.23	Log $a$ : $0.46 \pm 0.55$	Log $a$ : $-0.45\pm0.23$
	b: $-0.22 \pm 0.11$	b: -0.30±0.05**	$b$ : $-0.01 \pm 0.12$	$b$ : $-0.26\pm0.04**$
	$R^2 = 0.16$ , $n = 21$	R ² =0.65, n=21	$R^2 = 0.001$ , $n = 21$	$R^2$ =0.64, $n$ =27

Table 6. SSD (sums of squared deviations between observations and models) for three different models of log-log regressions of maximum specific ingestion and clearance rates to predator volume. The *F*-ratios and *P*-levels given for model 2 tested against model 1 and model 3 were tested against model 2. Model 1, independent regressions; model 2, same slope; model 3, common regression.

	Max	. specific ing	gestion	Max.	specific cle	arance
	1	2	3	1	2	3
Dinoflagellates	0.21	0.21	0.62	0.29	2.07	2.33
Other flagellates	0.72	0.77	0.79	3.23	3.38	3.63
Ciliates	0.23	0.27	0.29	0.60	0.62	3.81
Rotifers	0.02	0.10	0.12	0.17	0.19	0.21
Meroplankton larvae	0.79	0.82	3.29	1.20	2.07	3.49
Cladocerans	1.00	1.01	1.15	5.01	5.20	7.25
Copepods*	0.80	1.29	1.84	2.52	2.63	4.07
(Oithona nana)	(0.12)	(1.52)		(0.04)	(0.83)	
All	3.76	4.49	8.10	13.11	16.17	24.79
F-ratio		1.58	4.62		0.96	7.46
P		>0.1	≪0.005		>0.1	≪0.005

^{*} Except O. nana.

rates in the present study is likely due to our coverage of a much smaller data set both in terms of the number of data points and body size range covered and our inclusions of a broader range of taxonomic groups.

Significant differences within taxonomic groups (e.g. copepods) may relate to different niches occupied by different subgroupings (families, genera, species). For example, Kiør-

boe and Sabatini (1995) found that broadcast spawners (calanoid copepods) grow faster than egg carriers (cyclopoid copepods) by 30–50% and have weight-specific fecundities that are 2.5 times those of the former. Even with these groupings, they found that specific growth and developmental rates did not vary with body mass in copepods, whereas weight-specific fecundity decreased with female body mass

Table 7. Average growth yield at maximum growth rates for different zooplankton taxa. v = volume; dw = dry weight; C = carbon; N = nitrogen; ca = calories.

	Yield	No. of species	Reference
Hataratraphia din flagallatas	0.29 (v)	1	Gaines unpubl.
Heterotrophic dinoflagellates	0.29 (V) 0.18 (V)	1	Hansen 1992
	0.18 (v) 0.40 (v)	1	Jeong and Latz 1994
	0.40 (v) 0.10 (v)	1	Jacobson and Anderson 1993
	` '	1	Strom 1991
	0.31 (v)	1	
Other Healthan	0.15 (v)	1	Strom and Buskey 1993 Andersen 1988/1989
Other flagellates	0.36 (v)	1	
	0.33 (v)	2	Fenchel 1982
	0.34 (v)	2	Geider and Leadbeater 1988
~~~	0.28 (v)	1	Rivier et al. 1985
Ciliates	0.40 (v)	2	Jonsson 1986
	0.39 (v)	1	Sheldon et al. 1986
	0.42 (C)	2	Verity 1985
	0.36 (C)	2	Verity 1991
Rotifers	0.30 (dw)	2	Boraas 1983
	0.45 (C)	1	Droop and Scott 1978
	0.29 (v)	1	Hansen et al. 1997
	0.43 (dw)	1	Schlüter et al. 1987
	0.35 (ca)	1	Scott 1980
Meroplankton larvae	0.29 (v)	2	Helm 1977
•	0.39 (C)	1	Jespersen and Olsen 1982
	0.23 (dw)	1	Sprung 1983
	0.33 (dw)	1	Sprung 1984d
Copepods	0.33 (C)	1	Berggreen et al. 1988
- E - E - E	0.36 (N)	1	Corner et al. 1965
	0.34 (N)	1	Corner et al. 1967
Mean±SE	0.33 ± 0.032	n = 33	

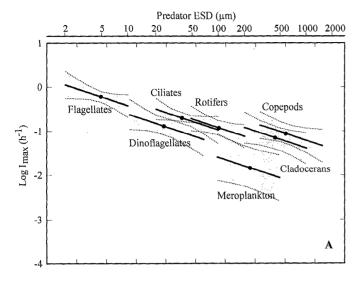
Table 8. Swimming speed and calculated maximum specific clearance for different zooplankton taxa. Data are not temperature corrected.

Zooplankton species	Vol. (μm³)	Swimming speed $(\mu \text{m s}^{-1})$	Specific clearance (10 ⁵ h ⁻¹)	Reference
Nanoflagellates (except dinoflagellates)				
Actinomonas mirabilis	7.50E+01	240	2.40	Fenchel 1982
Bodo designis	5.40E+01	80	0.89	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Diaphanoeca grandis	7.40E+01	40	0.40	Andersen 1988/1989
Jakoba libera	7.50E+01	19	0.19	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Monosiga sp.	2.00E+01	25	0.39	Fenchel 1982
Ochromonas minima sp.	2.50E+01	75	1.09	Throndsen 1973
Paraphysomonas imperforata	2.12E+02	42	0.29	Eccleston-Parry and Leadbeater 1994
Paraphysomonas vestita	1.90E+02	70	0.51	Fenchel 1982
Pyramimonas cf. disomata	1.00E+02	350	3.17	Throndsen 1973
*	1.00L 02	330	5.17	Throndsen 1975
Dinoflagellates	4.005 + 0.4	500	0.50	f 111111
Dinophysis acuta	4.00E+04	500	0.59	Levandowsky and Kaneta 1987
Gonyaulax polyedra	2.57E+04	278	0.38	Levandowsky and Kaneta 1987
Gymnodinium sanguineum	1.67E+04	306	0.49	Levandowsky and Kaneta 1987
Katodinium rotundatum	5.30E + 02	430	2.21	Levandowsky and Kaneta 1987
Prorocentrum micans	3.40E + 04	90	0.11	Levandowsky and Kaneta 1987
Protoperidinium pentagonum	1.10E+05	252	0.21	Levandowsky and Kaneta 1987
Protoperidinium subinerme	5.00E + 04	278	0.30	Levandowsky and Kaneta 1987
Protoperidinium ovatum	1.10E + 05	188	0.16	Levandowsky and Kaneta 1987
Protoperidinium cladicans	1.10E + 05	215	0.18	Levandowsky and Kaneta 1987
Protoperidinium crassipes	2.04E + 05	100	0.07	Levandowsky and Kaneta 1987
Protoperidinium cf. quinquecorne	1.40E + 05	1,500	1.16	Levandowsky and Kaneta 1987
Scripsiella trochoidea	3.60E + 03	53	0.14	Levandowský and Kaneta 1987
Ciliates				
Blepharisma sp.	1.83E+06	600	0.19	Sleigh and Blake 1977
Didinium nasutum	5.43E + 05	1,250	0.61	Sleigh and Blake 1977
Favella ehrenbergi	1.50E+05	920	0.69	Buskey and Stoecker 1988
Paramecium caudata	3.03E + 05	1,000	0.59	Sleigh and Blake 1977
Pseudocohnilembus pussilus	2.50E + 03	320	0.97	Fenchel 1990
Strombidium sulcatum	9.00E + 03	850	1.67	Fenchel and Jonsson 1988
Tetrahymena sp.	6.50E + 04	480	0.48	Sleigh and Blake 1977
Uronema marinum	1.00E + 03	520	2.15	Fenchel 1990
Uronema sp.	1.60E+03	1,150	4.06	Sleigh and Blake 1977
Meroplankton larvae				
Cerastoderma edule	8.30E+06	1,190	0.23	Jonsson et al. 1989
Mediomastus fragile	3.70E+06	682	0.17	B. Hansen unpubl.
Philine aperta	4.48E +06	1,200	0.28	Hansen and Ockelmann 1991
Rotifers				
Asplancha girodi	4.50E+06	564	0.13	Stemberger and Gilbert 1987
Asplancha priodonta	1.35E+06	540	0.19	Stemberger and Gilbert 1987
Asplancha silvestrii	5.98E+06	448	0.10	Stemberger and Gilbert 1987
Brachionus calyciflorus	9.71E+05	169	0.07	Stemberger and Gilbert 1987
Brachionus plicatilis	7.50E+05	760	0.33	Stemberger and Gilbert 1987
B. plicatilis	7.75E+05	550	0.24	B. Hansen unpubl.
Synchaeta pectinata	8.20E+05	770	0.33	Stemberger and Gilbert 1987

with an scaling exponent of -0.26 in both egg-carrying and broadcast spawners.

Intraspecific variation—We used only laboratory data with a complete functional response curve for each species. Also, average values of C_{\max} , I_{\max} , and K_{\max} were calculated, where several measurements have been performed, covering different sizes and developmental stages of a species. In spite of this, estimates of maximum clearance and ingestion rates still dis-

played considerable variation within zooplankton groups. The variations in maximum growth rates were generally much lower than those found for maximum specific clearance and ingestion rates. The variation found in both maximum specific ingestion and clearance rates was the same within and among different studies of the freshwater cladoceran *D. magna* and equals an order of magnitude. Considerable variation in feeding measurements may be due to organism differences as well as methodological and experimental limitations.



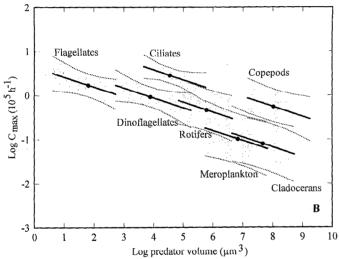


Fig. 5. Predicted maximum ingestion (A) and clearance rates (B) for the different groups of zooplankton estimated using the model of a common slope of -0.225. For each group of predators (e.g. cladocerans) estimates of maximum clearance and ingestion are shown with 95% confidence levels (mean \pm 2 SE). Estimates of rates can be calculated from data in Table 9. Note that confidence limits relate to the maximum likelihood estimates and not to single observations.

The estimates of maximum clearance and ingestion rates rely on the calculation of carbon content and volume of both prey and predator. The variation in the prey carbon: volume ratio have been reported to increase by a factor of ~10 going from bacteria to larger diatoms containing a large water vacuole (e.g. Strathmann 1967; Bjørnsen 1986; Verity et al. 1992). However, improved methods for the measurement of bacterial cell volumes have suggested the high carbon: volume ratios previously reported were too high (Fagerbagge et al. 1996). Among different algae with a similar cell volume, the carbon: cell volume ratio may differ by a factor of 4 (Strathmann 1967).

Table 9. Log-mean values of bodysize, maximum specific ingestion, and clearance rates. Estimates of rates can be calculated using the common scaling exponent of -0.23: log (rate) = log $a - 0.23P_{\text{vol}}$, where P_{vol} is the body volume of the predator, I_{max} is the maximum specific ingestion rate (h⁻¹), and C_{max} is the maximum specific clearance rate (10^5 h^{-1}).

	Log P _{vol}	Log I _{max}	$Log C_{max}$
Dinoflagellates	3.88	-0.889	-0.041
Other flagellates	1.81	-0.222	0.233
Ciliates	4.50	-0.693	0.456
Rotifers	5.75	-0.929	-0.330
Meroplankton larvae	6.82	-1.84	0.987
Copepods (calanoid)	8.01	-1.06	-0.267
Cladocerans	7.65	-1.15	-1.10

Prediction of zooplankton grazing rates—This study facilitates comparison of grazing rates obtained in the field and in the laboratory. A basis for comparison with new measurements of grazing rates is provided in Fig. 5. and Table 9, which summarize the data analyzed in this study. For each group of predators (e.g. cladocerans), estimates of maximum clearance and ingestion are shown with 95% C.L.

Estimates of maximum grazing and growth rates obtained in the laboratory have been shown to correspond to maximum rates measured in field experiments for a number of zooplankton groups (e.g. Kiørboe et al. 1985b; Peterson et al. 1991; Nielsen and Kiørboe 1994). Thus, in the absence of direct measurements, estimates of grazing rates obtained through laboratory studies can be applied for use in pelagic carbon flow models (e.g. Christoffersen et al. 1990; Riemann et al. 1990; Maloney and Field 1991). However, laboratory data on maximum clearance and ingestion rates may overestimate the grazing potential of zooplankton compared to field situations (e.g. Cyr and Pace 1992) Therefore, comparison of grazing rates measured under different conditions should consider several possible concerns. Size selectivity should be taken into account. Zooplankton cannot be considered simply as a functionally uniform group of grazers that feeds on prey of $\sim 1:10$ of their own body size as previously suggested (e.g. Azam et al. 1983), but must be divided into functional groups (Hansen et al. 1994). Prey density must be taken into account. The half-saturation constant K_m is on average 240 μ g C liter⁻¹, a biomass that is often encountered in meso- to eutrophic waters (Wetzel 1983). Thus, a grazing estimate calculated from either maximum ingestion or clearance rates would overestimate the grazing impact. The actual food may be of poor quality for the zooplankton either due to lack of essential nutrients or production of toxins (e.g. Lampert 1981; Huntley et al. 1986; Hansen 1989). Although food is plentiful and of the right size and quality, the predicted ingestion and clearance rates (Fig. 5, Table 5) have 2-3-fold confidence limits.

We think that future studies on zooplankton grazing will decrease the confidence ranges around the estimates, and we hope that this perspective will stimulate researchers to perform and present their studies on zooplankton grazing with a view to facilitating comparison.

Conclusion

Taking the above-mentioned precautions into consideration, it is possible to predict the grazing activity on the basis of taxonomy, body size, temperature, and prey size and concentration. Equations are given for the estimation of maximum ingestion and clearance rates, allowing comparison with future laboratory and field-determined rates as well as providing rough estimates for their use in models on the flux of carbon flow in pelagic environments.

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