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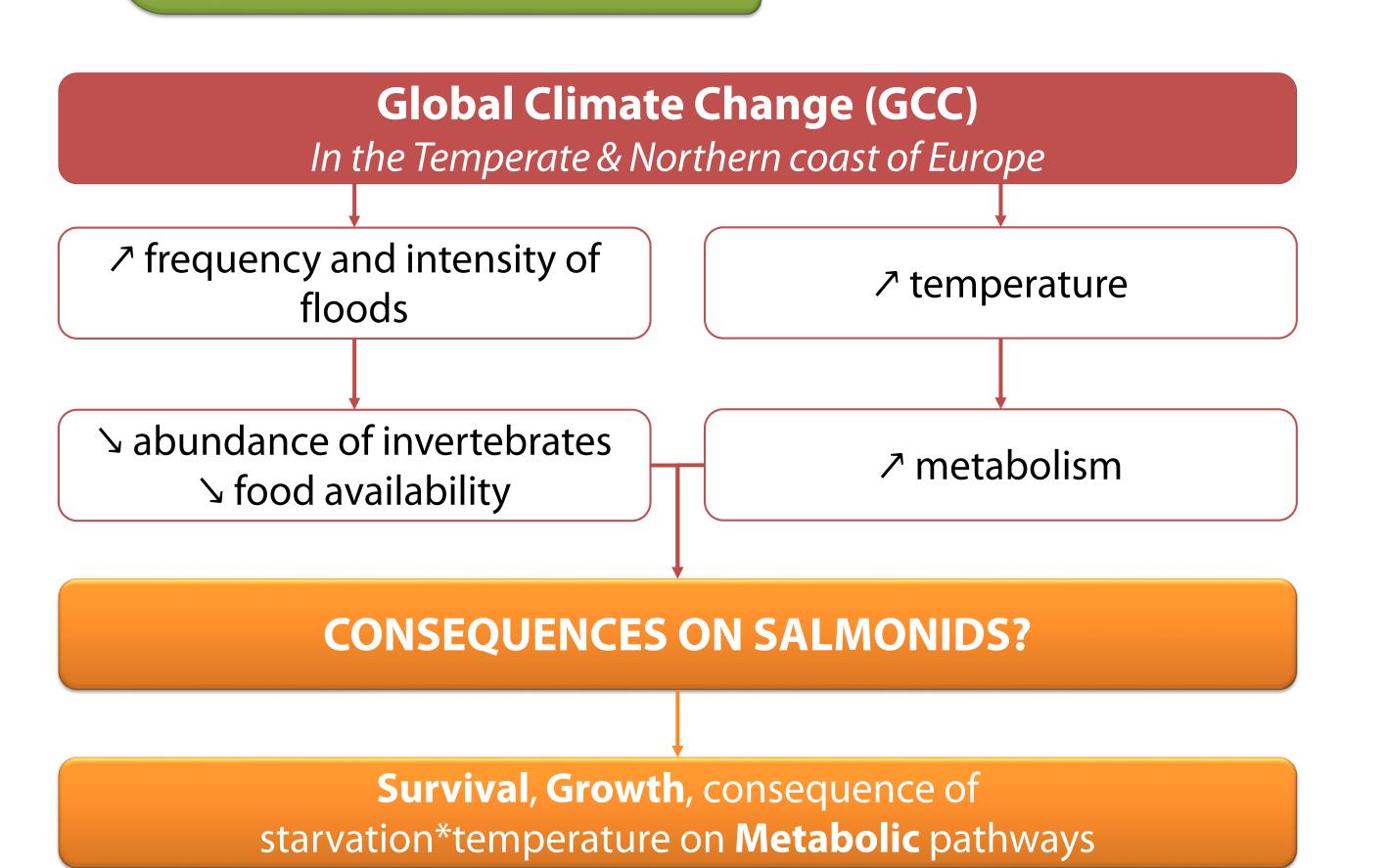






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Context



For Salmonids, **emergence** is a critical period during which high mortality rates occur. Indeed, young trout have a limited amount of reserves and they need to start food intake quite quickly to avoid mortality.

The aims of the present study were to better understand emerged brown trout response to Global Climate Change by:

- Describing the consequences of **starvation** on their nutritional status,
- Testing their ability to **recover** from a delayed first feeding,

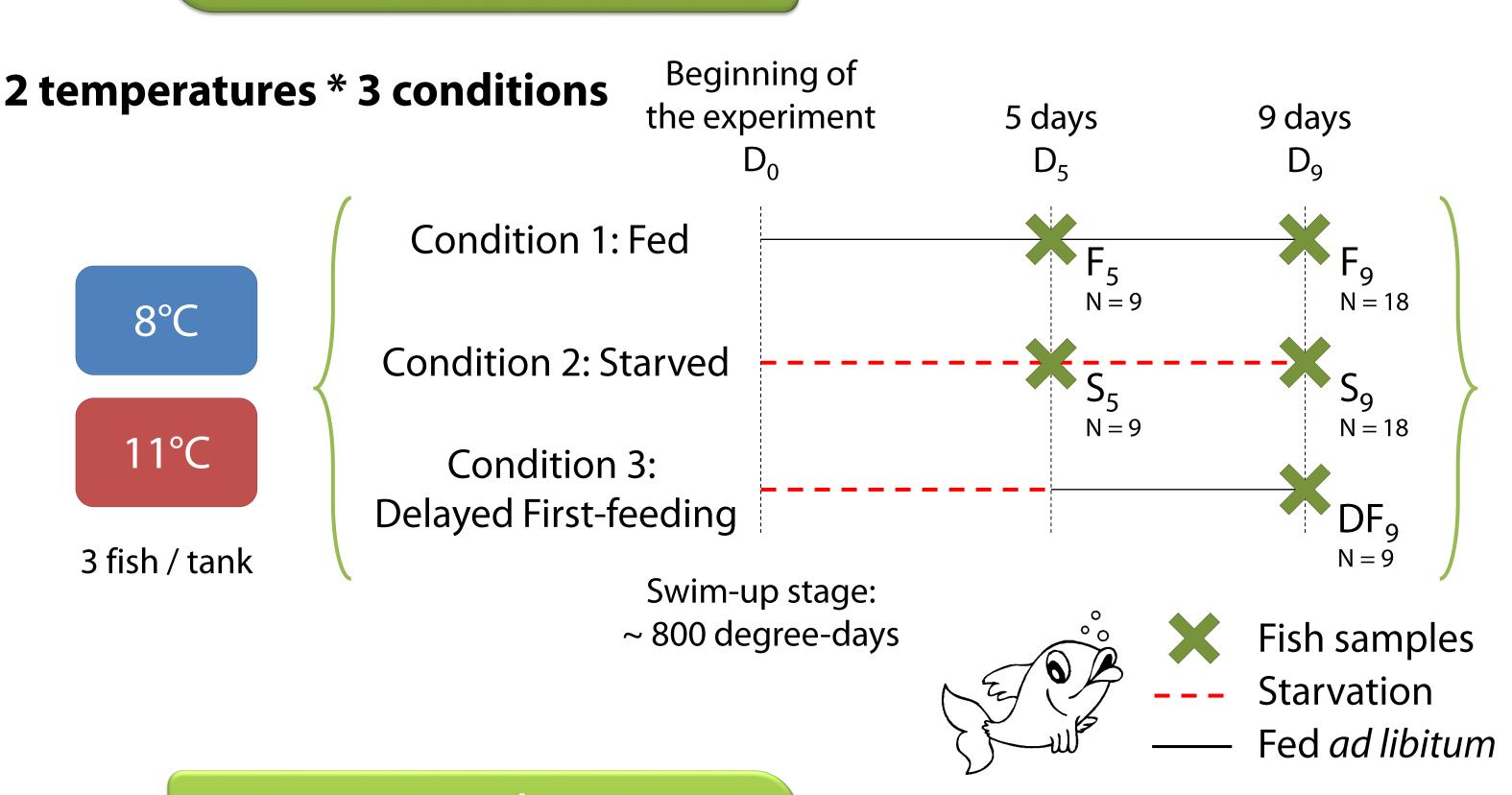


Analysing the effect of **temperature** on both

Wilcoxon-Man-Whitney

rank sum test

Material and Methods



Biometric data

Weight and Size

Molecular data

Whole body

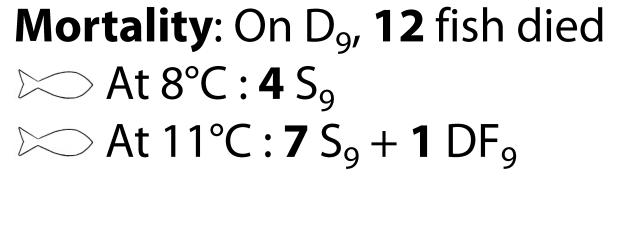
RT-qPCR: mRNA levels of 19 genes Fatty acid (3) & Amino-acid (6) catabolism

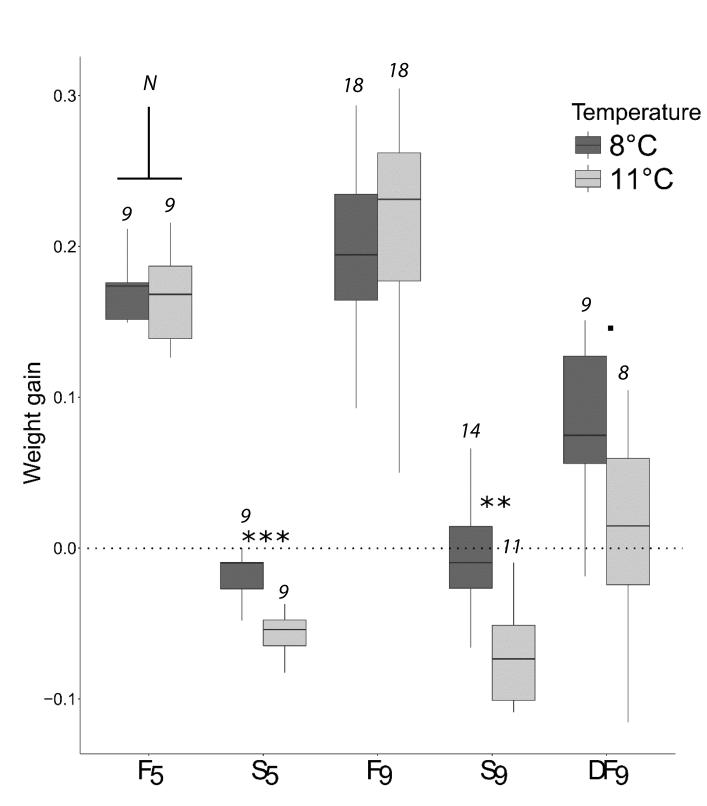
Proteasome (5), Autophagy (5)

Pfaffl method

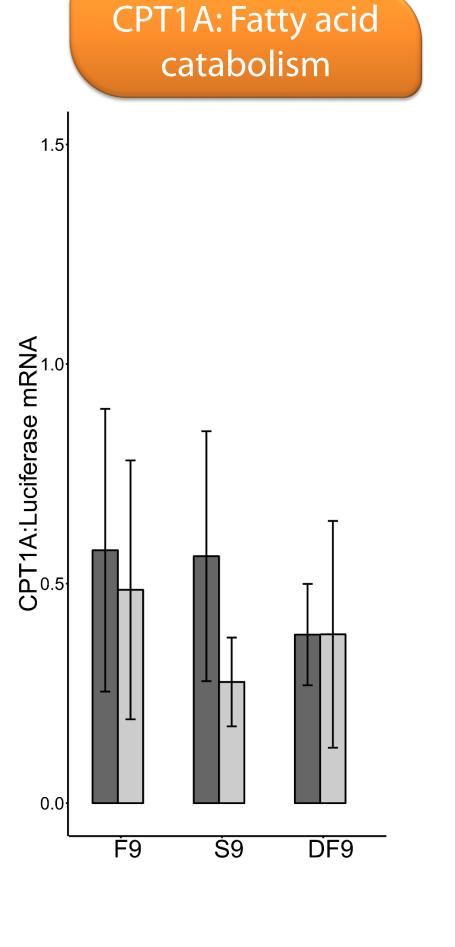


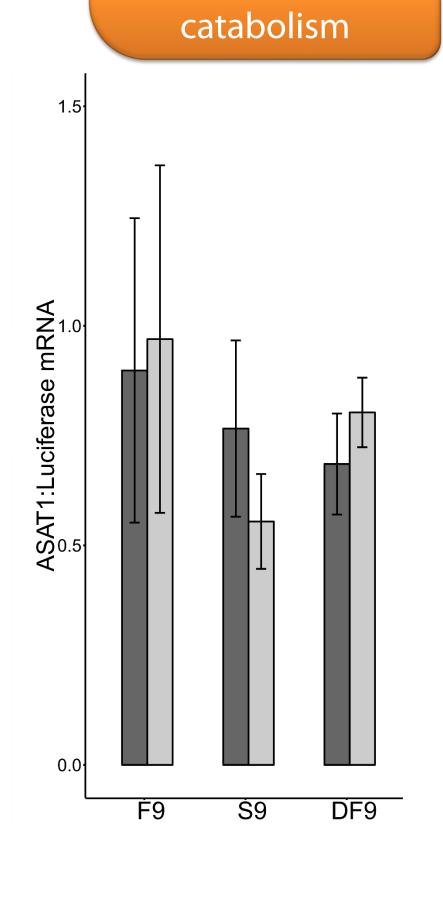
Results



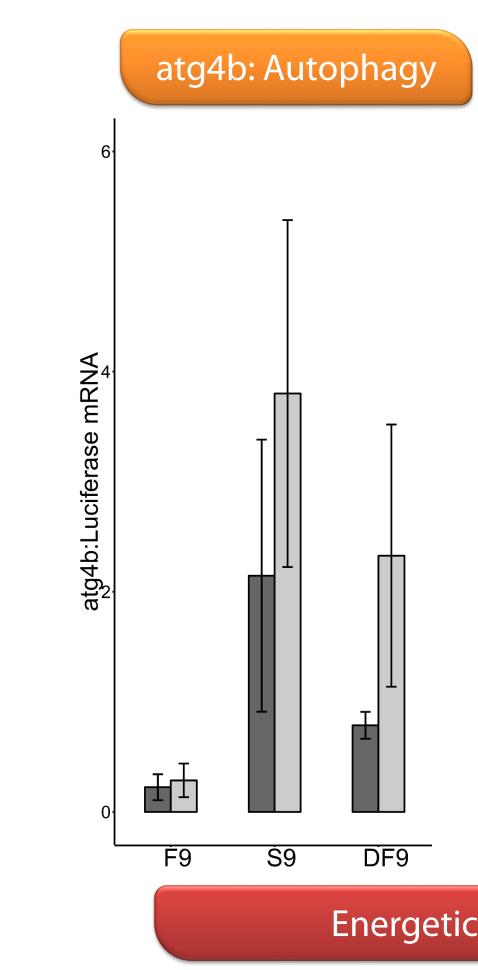


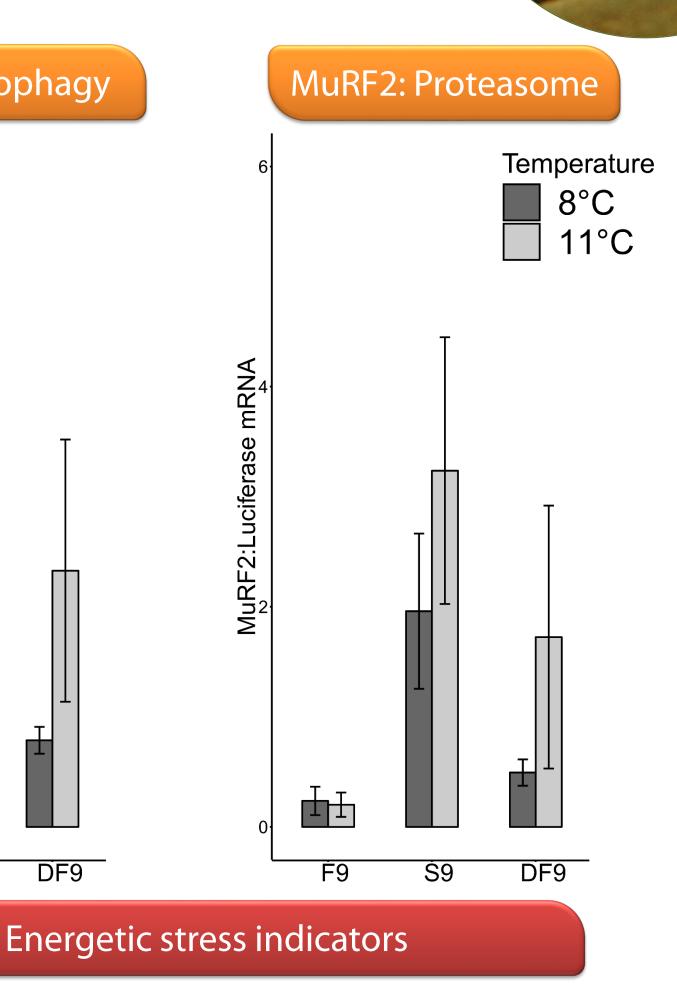
Weight gain of survivors from D_0 to D_9 for each condition at 8°C and at 11°C





ASAT1: Amino-acid





mRNA levels of genes involved in each pathway for each condition at 8°C and at 11°C N = 6 by condition

Conclusions

- Growth and catabolism are **similar** between 8 and 11°C for Fed fish
- A higher temperature exacerbates the metabolic distress induced by starvation
 - Despite 5 days of starvation, alevins are **able** to feed but **recovery**:
 - ls **not complete** after 4 feeding days
 - Is more **contrasted** at 11°C than at 8°C

GCC increases the risk that temperature reaches values above 10°C and that prey are washed out by large floods



The strength of 0+ cohorts could decrease in relation to starvation in years of large spring floods and the increase in temperature should worsen this effect