## Supplementary Material

## The photosynthetic response of ice algae varies with sample melt procedure

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## **Supplementary Tables**

**Table S1** Average values with standard deviation (brackets) for chlorophyll a (chl a), dissolve $\ddot{Y}$  inorganic carbon (DIC), and salinity for the respective melt treatments (see text for definitions) assessed during field sampling in Dease Strait.

Melt Treatment	Chl a	DIC	Salinity	
	(µg L-1)	(µmol kg <sup>.1</sup> )		
FSW	575.2	1910.9	27.0	
	(70.4)	(22.2)	(0.16)	
FSW	198.2	1724.1	24.1	
	(39.0)	(13.12)	(0.28)	
FSW	79.6	673.6	9.8	
- C II zero	(25.8)	(94.6)	(1.12)	

**Table S2** Averages with standard deviation (brackets) of 1, 4, 24 and 48 h time points for variables of experimental treatments of salinities 30 (S30), 20 (S20) and 12 (S12) exposed to illuminated (30  $\mu$ mols m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>4</sup>) or dark (0  $\mu$ mols m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>4</sup>) growth conditions, including: chlorophyll *a* (chl *a*), maximum quantum efficiency of PSII (Fv/Fm), theoretical concentration of dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) and salinity

Experimental Treatment		Chl a	Ev/Em	DIC	Salinity
		$(\mu g L^{-1})$	1, 1, 1, 111	(µmol kg-1)	
	S30	28.6	0.317	1806.3	29.4
30 µmols m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>4</sup>		(12.7)	(0.098)	(17.7)	(0.3)
	S20	27.8	0.338	1233.4	20.19
		(4.4)	(0.069)	(5.3)	(0.1)
	S12	33.7	0.222	692.0	11.6
		(8.3)	(0.045)	(2.9)	(0.1)
	S30	31.7	0.204	1808.1	29.5
0 µmols m²s <sup>4</sup>		(5.7)	(0.088)	(7.7)	(0.1)
	S20	25.0	0.209	1226.3	20.04
		(2.3)	(0.072)	(4.3)	(0.1)
	S12	43.4	0.128	695.7	11.6
		(8.9)	(0.062)	(2.8)	(0.0)

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**Table S3** Averages with standard deviation (brackets) of 1, 4, 24 and 48 h time points for photosynthesis-irradiance parameters of experimental treatments at salinities 30 (S30), 20 (S20) and 12 (S12) exposed to illuminated (30  $\mu$ mols m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>4</sup>) or dark (0  $\mu$ mols m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>4</sup>) growth conditions.

		30 µmols m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>			0 µmols m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>		
		S30	S20	S12	S30	S20	S12
Photosynthesis-irradiance	$P^{\scriptscriptstyle B}_{\ s}$	4.84	2.89	0.81	4.28	2.37	0.29
		(0.69)	(0.51)	(0.62)	(1.08)	(0.38)	(0.18)
	$\alpha^{\scriptscriptstyle B}$	0.108	0.073	0.027	0.134	0.072	0.014
		(0.016)	(0.025)	(0.016)	(0.033)	(0.023)	(0.012)
	Po	0.718	0.497	0.195	0.670	0.348	0.067
		(0.109)	(0.199)	(0.129)	(0.242)	(0.135)	(0.060)
	Ec	6.65	6.74	6.87	5.11	4.81	4.99
		(0.60)	(0.71)	(1.17)	(0.92)	(1.45)	(1.51)
	Г	45.25	43.49	28.60	33.88	35.54	23.59
	$\mathbf{E}_{s}$	(7.14)	(14.47)	(10.50)	(11.14)	(10.61)	(6.72)

**Table S4** Average abundance ( $\pm$  standard deviation) of pennate and centric diatoms in each of the melt treatments for sample collection dates. Values were determined by inverted light microscopy (Campbell et al. 2018) and are reported as  $\times 10^{6}$  cells L<sup>-1</sup> or as a percentage of all cells enumerated.

FSW <sub>8:1</sub>							
Date	x 10 <sup>6</sup> (	Cells L <sup>-1</sup>	Percent (%)				
	Pennate	Centric	Pennate	Centric			
May 17	266.2	159.7	62.5	37.5			
21	279.0	291.7	48.9	51.1			
26	257.2	392.9	39.6	60.4			
30	235.5	433.4	35.2	64.8			
June 5							
Average	259.5	344.4	46.5	53.5			
±	18.3	82.1	12.1	12.1			
FSW <sub>3:1</sub>							
May 17	106.2	132.9	44.4	55.6			
21	118.5	130.3	47.6	52.4			
26	78.2	174.8	30.9	69.1			
30	105.5	218.6	32.6	67.4			
June 5	89.0	72.6	55.1	44.9			
Average	99.5	145.8	42.1	57.9			
±	15.8	54.6	10.3	10.3			
FSWzero							
May 17	131.6	133.5	49.6	50.4			
21	78.5	152.6	34.0	66.0			
26	90.5	175.2	34.1	65.9			
30	97.6	179.7	35.2	64.8			
June 5	76.5	135.8	36.1	63.9			
Average	94.9	155.4	37.8	62.2			
±	22.2	21.6	6.7	6.7			