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The dominant role of sunlight in degrading winter dissolved organic matter from a thermokarst lake in a subarctic peatland

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Note on the calculation of the bacterial production (BP)

Leucine incorporation rates were calculated using Eq. (1):

$$Leu_{Inc} = \frac{DPM \times 4.5 \times 10^{-13}}{SA \times t \times V},\tag{1}$$

where Leu_{Inc} is the sample leucine incorporation in mmol leucine L⁻¹ h⁻¹, DPM is the sample corrected DPM, 4.5

5 x 10^{-13} is a constant in Ci DPM⁻¹, SA is the specific activity of leucine in Ci mmol⁻¹, t is the incubation time in hours, and V is the volume of the sample in litres. BP was expressed as the production of carbon biomass calculated from leucine incorporation using the coefficients and Eq. (2) from Simon and Azam (1989): $BP = Leu_{Inc} \times 131.2 \div 0.073 \times 0.86 \times ID \times 10^3$, (2)

where BP is the bacterial carbon production in μ gC L⁻¹ h⁻¹, Leu_{Inc} is the sample leucine incorporation in mmol

10 leucine L⁻¹ h⁻¹, 131.2 is the molecular weight of leucine in g mol⁻¹, 0.073 is the fraction of leucine in proteins, 0.86 is the fraction of carbon in proteins, and ID is the isotope dilution value. As ID was not specifically estimated, the conservative value of 1 was used as advised by Kirchman (2001).

Table S1. Additional limnological data from the winter sampling in 2016, including temperature, dissolved oxygen (DO), pH, conductivity, total phosphorus (TP), total nitrogen (TN), total iron (Fe), dissolved organic carbon (DOC), DOM absorption coefficient at 320 nm (a320), DOM specific UV absorbance at 254 nm (SUVA254), DOM spectral slope between

15 275 and 295 nm (S285), total fluorescence of DOM (Ftot), and the amount of fluorescence for each of the five components retrieved by PARAFAC (C1-C5). Values are given at three depths under the ice cover as sampled on 19 March (over a total water column of about 1.7 m). DOM characteristics of the water collected for the experiment at the surface on 24 March are also given for comparison. Temperature, DO, pH and conductivity profiles were obtained using a

- 20 multiparameter probe (Hydrolab DS5X, OTT HydroMet GmbH, Germany; temperature ± 0.1°C, polarographic DO ± 0.6 mg L⁻¹, pH \pm 0.2 units, conductivity \pm 0.001 mS cm⁻¹). Water for the quantification of DOC and DOM properties was filtered in the field on pre-rinsed 0.2-µm cellulose acetate filters. TP, TN, cations and DOC were analysed as described in (Bouchard et al., 2015). Values of a320, SUVA254 and S285 were computed from 250-800 nm absorbance spectra, while the five components of fluorescing DOM were extracted using the PARAFAC model (described in the method section of the article).
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	Depth under the ice cover (m)			
	19 March			24 March
	0 (surface)	0.5	1.3 (bottom)	0 (surface)
Temperature (°C)	0.5	0.6	1.9	NA
$DO (mg L^{-1})$	0.0	0.0	0.0	NA
pH	5.00	5.00	5.10	NA
Conductivity (µS cm ⁻¹)	69	69	91	NA
TP (μ g P L ⁻¹)	11	21	31	NA
TN (mg N L^{-1})	1.25	1.35	1.44	NA
Fe (mg L^{-1})	3.0	3.1	3.9	NA
$DOC (mgC L^{-1})$	18.3	19.5	20.9	19.2
$a_{320} (m^{-1})$	142	157	169	144
SUVA254 (L mgC ⁻¹ m ⁻¹)	6.78	6.98	6.85	6.51
$S_{285} (nm^{-1})$	0.0111	0.0109	0.0105	0.0110
F _{tot} (RU)	4.9	5.5	5.2	5.0
C1 (RU)	2.0	2.1	2.0	1.9
C2 (RU)	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.4
C3 (RU)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
C4 (RU)	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4
C5 (RU)	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7

PARAFAC component	Excitation peaks (nm)	Emission peaks (nm)	Matching score	Examples of matching in literature	Attributed characteristics
Cl	< 250 (340)	478	TCC > 0.95 > 30 models	Williams et al., 2010: C1, streams Osburn et al., 2016: C1, coastal and estuarine waters Yamashita et al., 2010: C1, subtropical wetlands	Ubiquitous humic-like, terrestrial origin
C2	< 250 (310)	432	0.90 < TCC < 0.95 2 models	Williams et al., 2010: C2, bio-refractory Søndergaard et al., 2003: C1, wetland and forest drainage waters	Humic-like terrestrial origin
C3	< 250 (300, 390)	512	TCC > 0.95 > 30 models	Osburn et al., 2012: C1, estuaries Stedmon et al., 2007: C2, seawater Graeber et al., 2012: C2, agricultural, forested and wetland catchments Kida et al., 2019: C4, Antarctic water, autochthonous	Humic-like, presumable terrestrial origin
C4	270	406	0.90 < TCC < 0.95 1 model	Dainard et al., 2015: C5, Beaufort Sea, photodegradable	Humic-like
C5	280 (350)	444	TCC > 0.95 4 models	Lapierre and del Giorgio, 2014: C3, boreal region, extremely photodegradable Murphy et al., 2018 : C2, ubiquitous and photodegradable	Humic-like

Table S2. Description of the five fluorescent components identified with the PARAFAC model. Secondary peaks are indicated in parentheses. The comparison with the literature was done on Openfluor using the criteria of the Tucker congruence coefficient (TCC).

Source of variation	df	F ratio	Р
(a) DIC			
Time	3	13.3	< 0.0001
Light	1	756.4	< 0.0001
Time*Light	3	15.0	< 0.0001
Bacteria	1	0.4	0.5195
Time*Bacteria	3	4.3	0.0117
Light*Bacteria	1	17.2	0.0002
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	1.7	0.1916
(b) DOC			
Time	3	232.1	< 0.0001
Light	1	3215.8	< 0.0001
Time*Light	3	165.0	< 0.0001
Bacteria	1	6.0	0.0201
Time*Bacteria	3	3.9	0.0172
Light*Bacteria	1	44 7	< 0.0001
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	5.2	0.0050
	5	5.2	0.0050
(C) a 320 Time	3	124 3	< 0.0001
Light	1	2333.8	< 0.0001
Time*Light	3	1064	< 0.0001
Racteria	1	15.5	0.0001
Time*Bacteria	3	2.0	0.0004
Light*Bacteria	1	2.9	0.0499
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	2.0	0.0052
	5	4.7	0.0002
(d) S ₂₈₅	2	52.0	0.0001
Line	5	53.0	< 0.0001
Light	1	2127.0	< 0.0001
Time*Light	3	51.0	< 0.0001
Bacteria	1	6.3	0.0177
Time*Bacteria	5	1./	0.1/96
Light*Bacteria	1	6.1	0.0189
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	2.2	0.1117
(e) SUVA254			0.0004
Time	3	16.0	< 0.0001
Light	1	13.8	0.0008
Time*Light	3	28.3	< 0.0001
Bacteria	1	60.2	< 0.0001
Time*Bacteria	3	5.0	0.0059
Light*Bacteria	1	84.3	< 0.0001
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	9.1	0.0002
(f) \mathbf{F}_{tot}			0.0004
Time	3	274.2	< 0.0001
Light	1	21037.9	< 0.0001
11me*L1ght	3	689.0	< 0.0001
Bacteria	1	147.9	< 0.0001
Time*Bacteria	3	1.9	0.1504
Light*Bacteria	1	143.3	< 0.0001
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	1.6	0.2084
Time	3	57.6	< 0.0001
Light	1	2082 0	< 0.0001
Light Time*Light	1	1200.0	< 0.0001
Bacteria	1	36.1	< 0.0001
Time*Bacteria	1	2.1	0.11/3
Light*Bacteria	1	2.1	< 0.001
Time*Light*Ractoria	י ג	14	0.2640
This Light Daciella	5	1.4	0.2047

Table S3. Summary of the ANOVAs showing the effects of the full factorial design, including factors Time, Light and Bacteria for all variables of interest.

35 Table S3. Continued.

Source of variation	df	F ratio	Р
(h) C2			
Time	3	102.1	< 0.0001
Light	1	3253.4	< 0.0001
Time*Light	3	228.7	< 0.0001
Bacteria	1	69.8	< 0.0001
Time*Bacteria	3	2.0	0 1368
Light*Bacteria	1	147.0	< 0.0001
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	2.2	0.1064
	5	2.2	0.1004
(I) C3	2	227.1	0.0001
Time	3	237.1	< 0.0001
Light	1	35475.3	< 0.0001
Time*Light	3	583.0	< 0.0001
Bacteria	1	20.4	< 0.0001
Time*Bacteria	3	0.8	0.5099
Light*Bacteria	1	8.8	0.0057
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	5.4	0.0042
(1) (14			
(j) C4 Time	2	00.0	< 0.0001
Time	5	89.9	< 0.0001
Light	1	187.3	< 0.0001
Time*Light	3	46.1	< 0.0001
Bacteria	1	39.5	< 0.0001
Time*Bacteria	3	0.8	0.4884
Light*Bacteria	1	69.1	< 0.0001
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	2.9	0.0510
(k) C5			
Time	3	177	< 0.0001
Light	1	5731.8	< 0.0001
Time*Light	3	77 5	< 0.0001
Pasteria	1	0.1	0.0001
Time*Dectorie	1	0.1	0.6525
Time*Bacteria	3	1.8	0.1734
Light*Bacteria	1	2.6	0.1180
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	1.4	0.2657
(l) BA			
Time	3	42.5	< 0.0001
Light	1	352.8	< 0.0001
Time*Light	3	36.8	< 0.0001
Pastaria	1	50.0 69.1	< 0.0001
Time*Pactoria	2	60.7	< 0.0001
Li-ht*Dastaria	5	09.7	< 0.0001
Light*Bacteria	1	93.5	< 0.0001
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	46.2	< 0.0001
(n) BP			
Time	3	1.3	0.2652
Light	1	39.0	< 0.0001
Time*Light	3	0.1	0.8297
Bacteria	1	77.6	< 0.0001
Time*Bacteria	3	10.3	0.0058
Light*Bacteria	1	0.8	0.3872
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	1.7	0.2143
(a) Normalized DD			
Time	2	12 5	0.0022
	3	13.3	0.0023
Light	1	0.1	0.8281
11me *Light	3	0.2	0.6648
Bacteria	1	33.8	< 0.0001
Time*Bacteria	3	7.0	0.0184
Light*Bacteria	1	0.1	0.8198
Time*Light*Bacteria	3	5.9	0.0285

Source of variation	df	F ratio	P-value
(a) DIC			
Time	3	10.1	< 0.0001
Treatment	4	266.0	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	6.9	< 0.0001
(b) DOC			0.0004
Time	3	244.7	< 0.0001
Treatment	4	981.7	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	62.5	< 0.0001
(C) a ₃₂₀	2	122.0	< 0.0001
Treatment	3	155.9	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	4	070.4 45.5	< 0.0001
(d) Sass	12	45.5	< 0.0001
(u) 3285 Time	3	10.5	< 0.0001
Treatment	4	47.5 666 7	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	21.2	< 0.0001
(e) SUVA254	12	21.2	0.0001
Time	3	15.1	< 0.0001
Treatment	4	45.3	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	13.9	< 0.0001
(f) F _{tot}			
Time	3	359.4	< 0.0001
Treatment	4	6588.4	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	258.7	< 0.0001
(g) C1			
Time	3	74.1	< 0.0001
Treatment	4	959.0	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	50.0	< 0.0001
(h) C2			
Time	3	144.9	< 0.0001
Treatment	4	1122.4	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	88.3	< 0.0001
(i) C3			
Time	3	198.8	< 0.0001
Treatment	4	9804.6	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	191.7	< 0.0001
(j) C4	2	1744	0.0001
Time	3	1/4.4	< 0.0001
I reatment	4	99.8	< 0.0001
1 ime * I reatment	12	19.8	< 0.0001
(K) CS Time	2	15.6	< 0.0001
Treatment	3	1778.0	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	277	< 0.0001
(1) $\mathbf{B}\mathbf{\Delta}$	12	21.1	< 0.0001
Time	3	43.4	< 0.0001
Treatment	4	152.8	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	38.0	< 0.0001
(m) BP		2 3.0	
Time	3	0.5	0.5127
Treatment	4	36.6	< 0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	3.3	0.0332
(n) Normalized BP			
Time	3	14.4	0.0012
Treatment	4	10.4	0.0001
Time*Treatment	12	4.1	0.0151

Table S4. Summary of the ANOVAs showing the effects of the full factorial design including factors Time and Treatment, for all variables of interest.



Figure S1. Data from the Pendant sensors installed in the incubation tray (a). The top graph is showing the temperature of the sensor exposed to sunlight (light treatment, dashed line) or wrapped in black tape (dark treatment, continuous line). The bottom graph presents incoming irradiance (in Lux) as a relative measurement of incoming irradiance. As the incubation was conducted outside, the water temperature and irradiance received by the samples depended on local meteorological conditions. The incoming irradiance (b) received at Quebec City during the experimental period (black line) is compared to the irradiance received at the nearby village of Whapmagoostui- Kuujjuarapik (green line – mean over 2015 and 2016; CEN, 2020). Irradiance data at Quebec City come from Laval University station, with the three first days reconstructed from Pendant data as explained in the methods section.



50 Figure S2. The fingerprints (a) and loadings (b) of the five fluorescent components identified by the PARAFAC model (C1-C5). In (b), dashed and full lines respectively represent excitation and emission spectra.



Figure S3. Relative proportions composing the total bacterial abundance among the low (LNA), medium (MNA) and high (HNA) DNA populations identified by cytometric gating for the five treatments. Unclassified bacteria (UC), not belonging to any of these three populations, are also shown. Refer to Figure S4 for gating examples. Treatment abbreviations are provided in caption of Figure 1. Note that BL, B and PI bacterial communities are similarly structured at the beginning and end of the incubation, while L and C (the same at T_0 after 0.2 µm-filtration, with a clear reduction of MNA and HNA) diverged after 18 days: C converged to the original community structure while L became much richer in MNA and HNA.



Figure S4. Examples of the cytometric gating used for the extraction of the bacterial abundance. Low (LNA), medium (MNA) and high (HNA) DNA populations were defined as massive group of cells discriminated on the strength of the green fluorescence signal. Note that HNA = HNA1 + HNA2. The cytogram (a) is from a sample of the BL treatment at 18 days. The cytogram (b) shows the two massive populations that emerged in samples of the L treatment after 18 days of incubation. Treatment abbreviations are provided in caption of Figure 1.

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