

# Can UV exposure deter another “bloody” invasive?

Understanding the role of UV in the spread of bloody red shrimp  
(*Hemimysis anomala*) in the Great Lakes

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Ohio Aquatic Invasive Species Committee (OAISC) Meeting

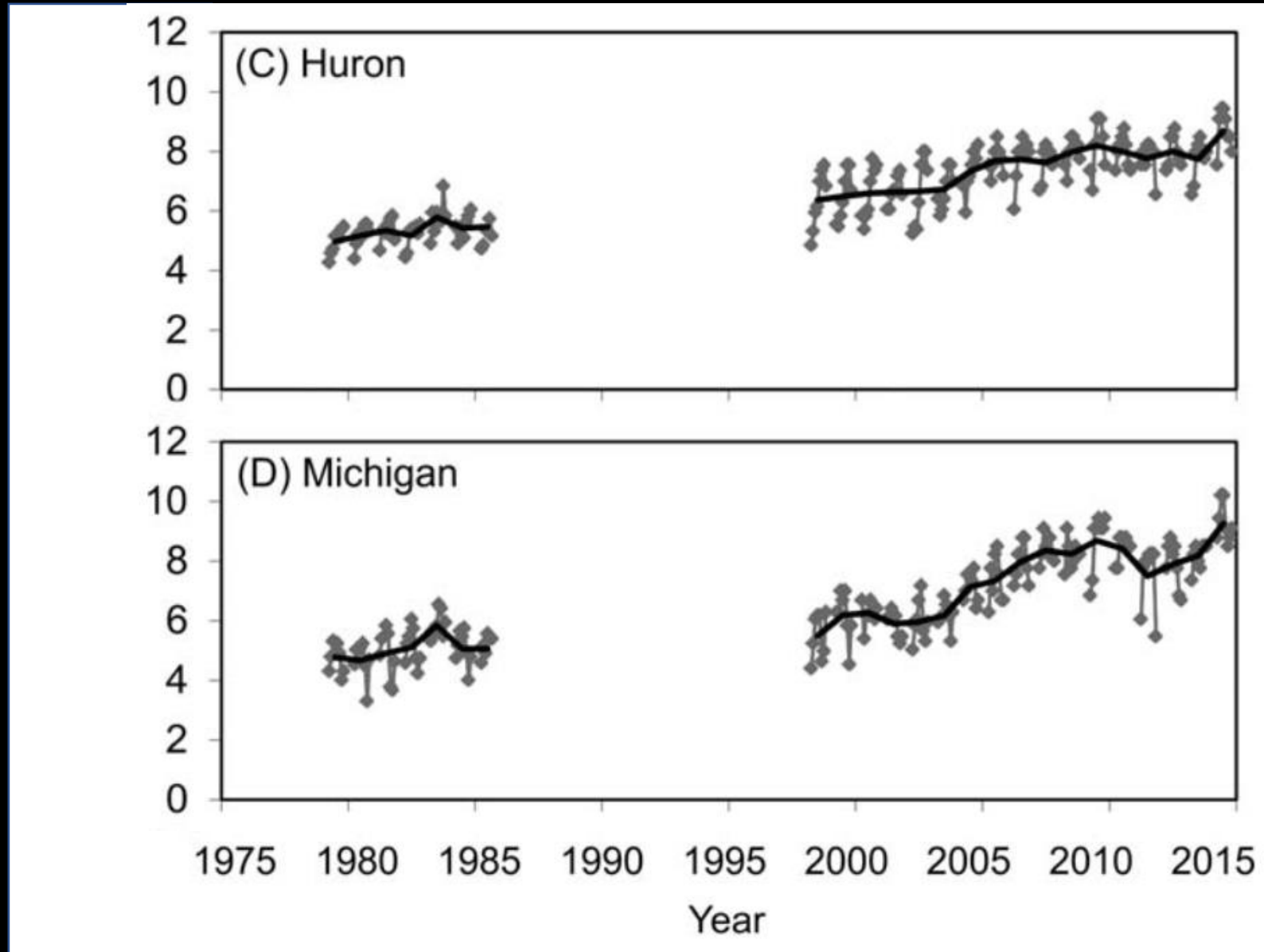
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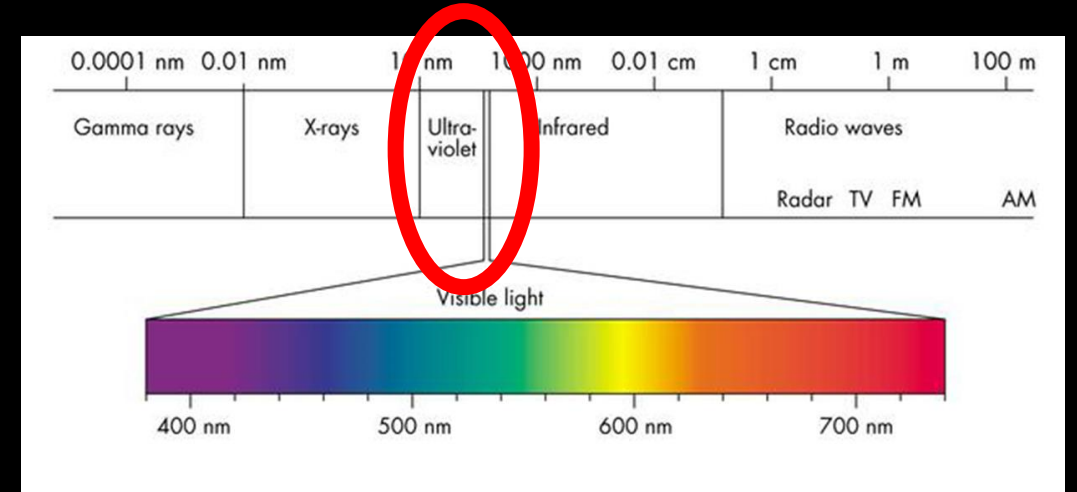
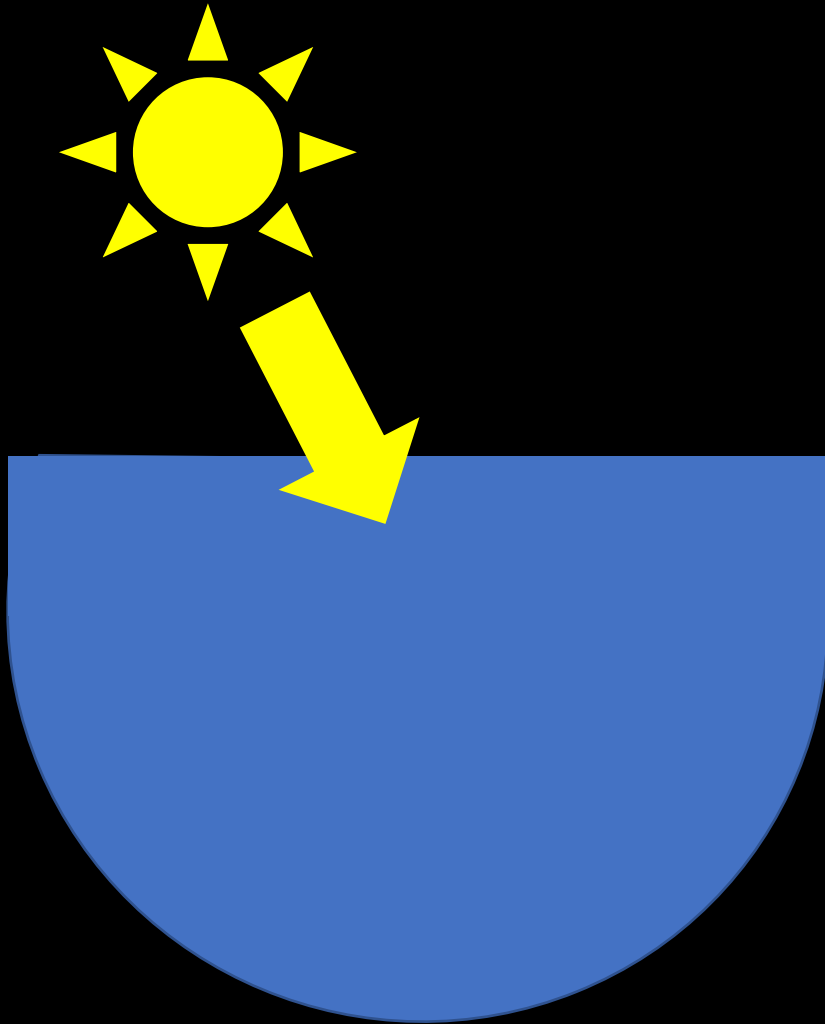


# Great Lakes becoming more transparent



(Binding et al. 2015)

# More transparent = more ultraviolet radiation (UV)



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## Ultraviolet radiation as a ballast water treatment strategy: Inactivation of phytoplankton measured with flow cytometry

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**Vessel equipped with  
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Public-private partnership project  
shows favorable results

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A partnership between the University, TRPA and IRI corporation is working on a solution to control invasive aquatic plants at Lake Tahoe.



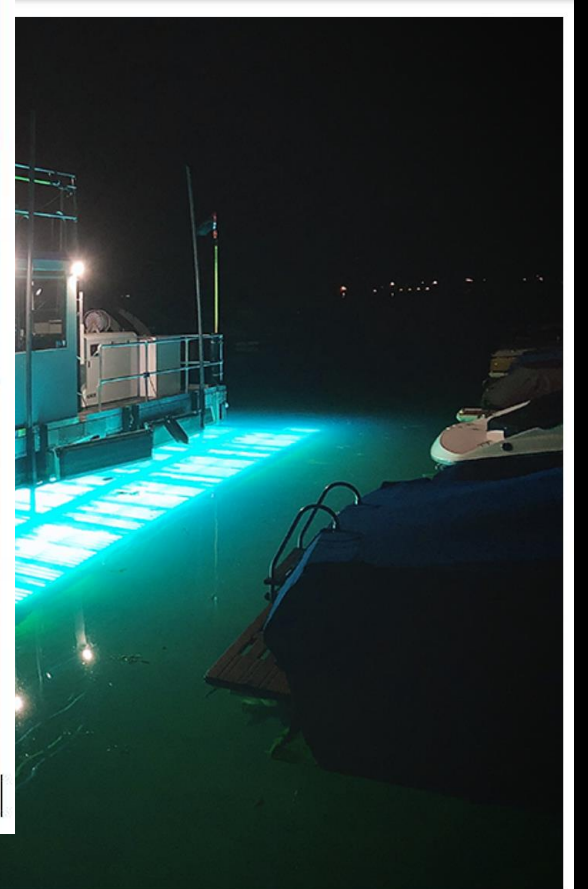
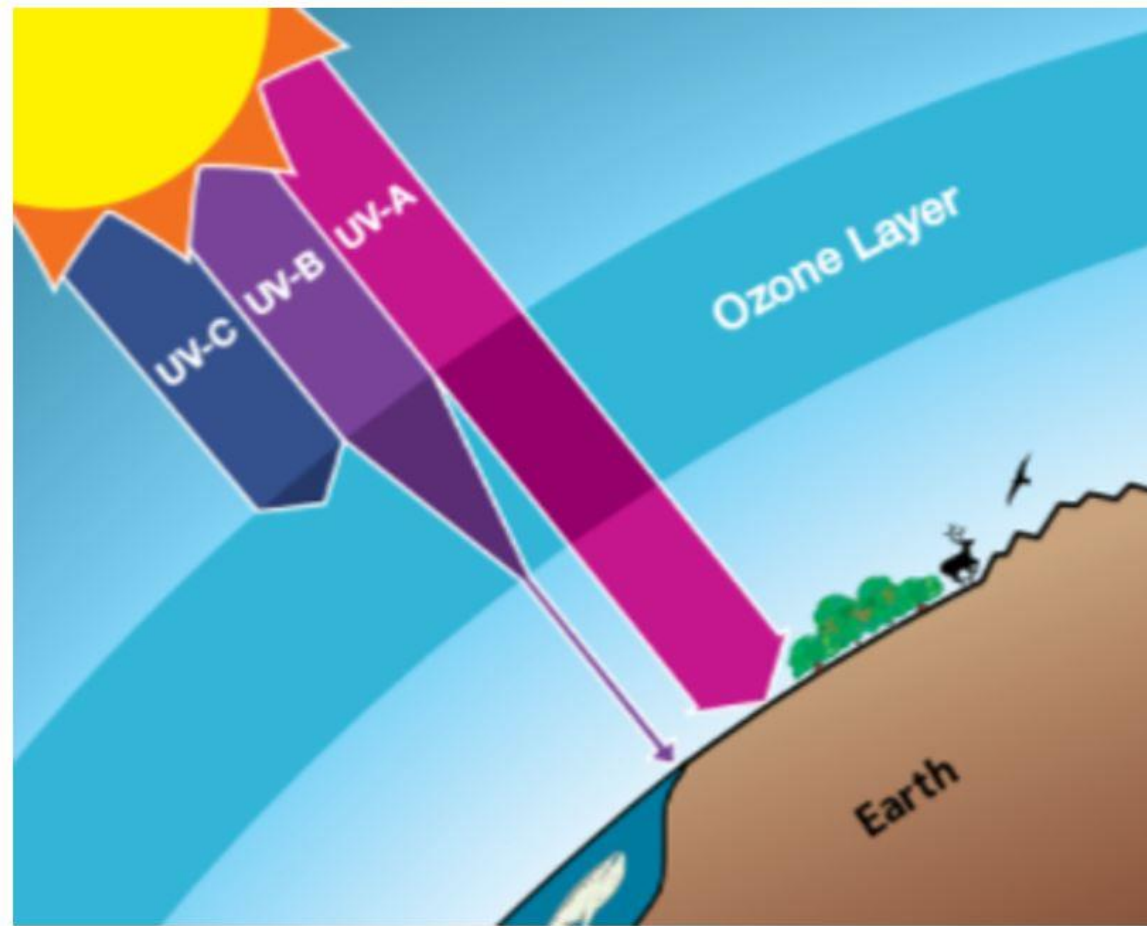
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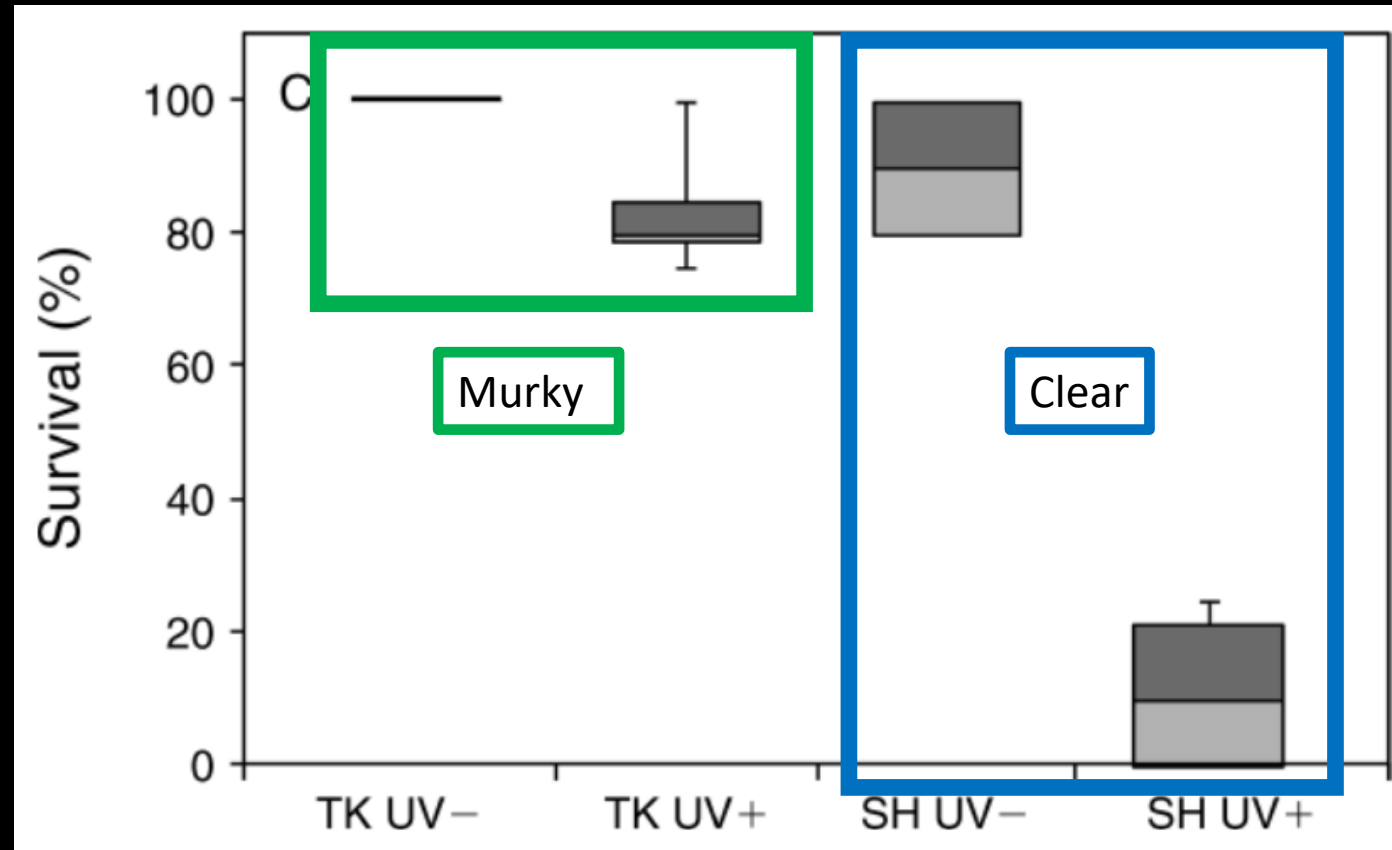
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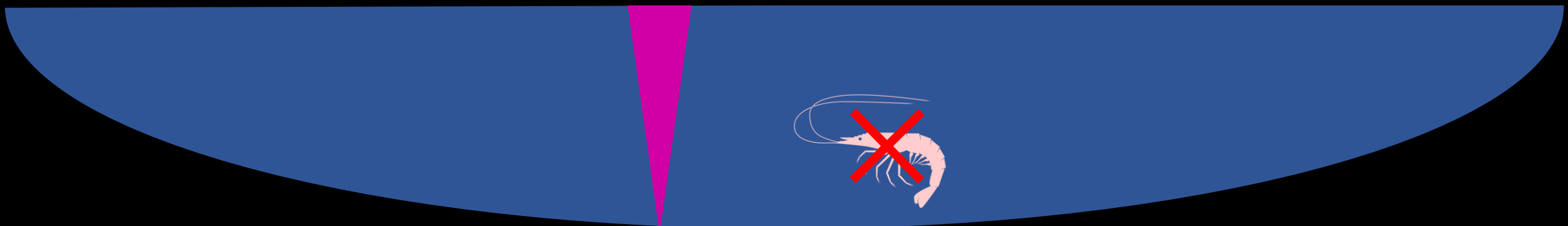
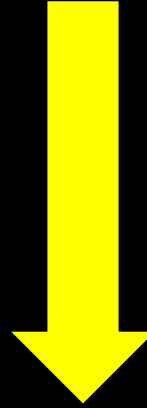
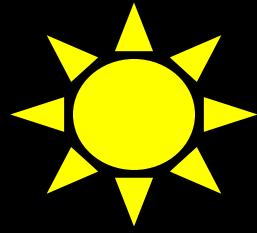
Lake Tahoe:  
Larval  
Bluegill



(Tucker et al. 2010)



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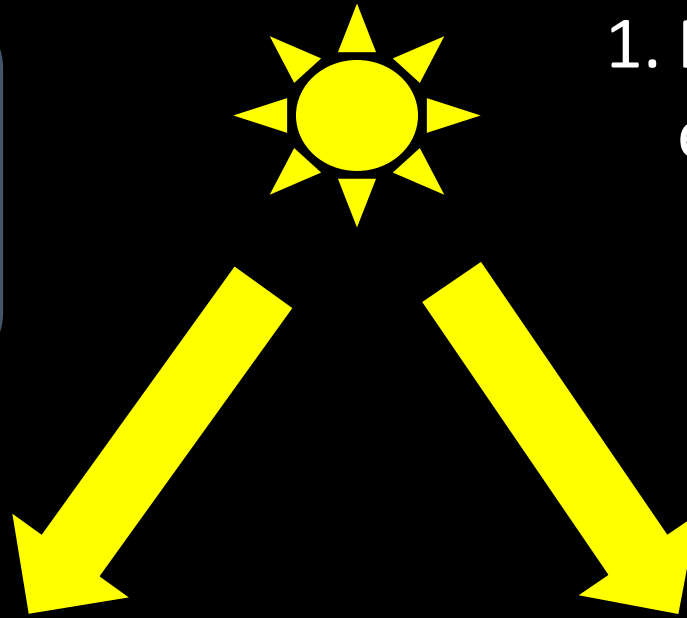
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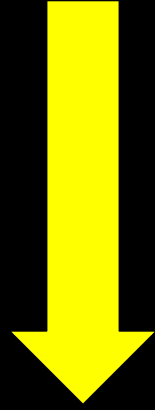
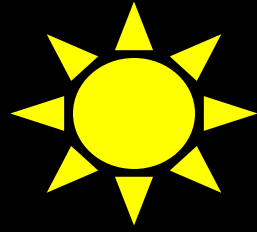


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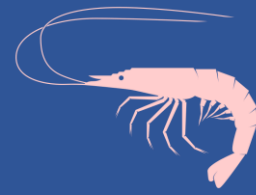
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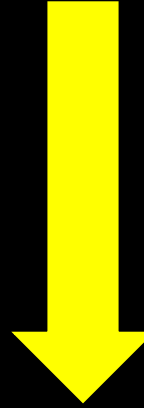
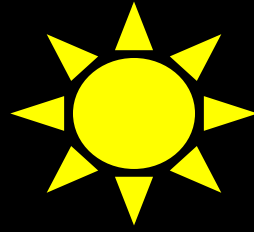
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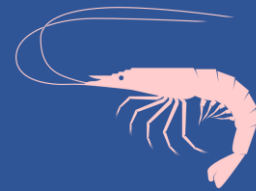
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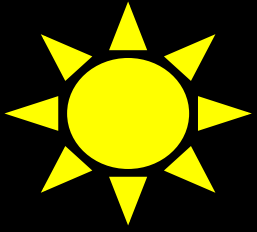
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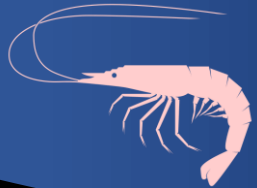
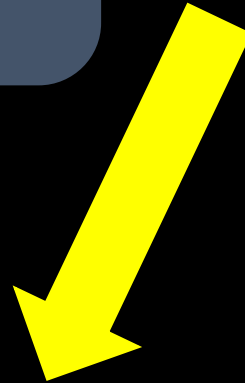
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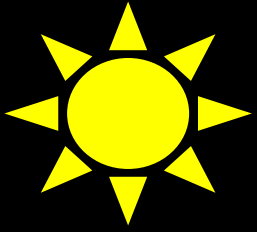
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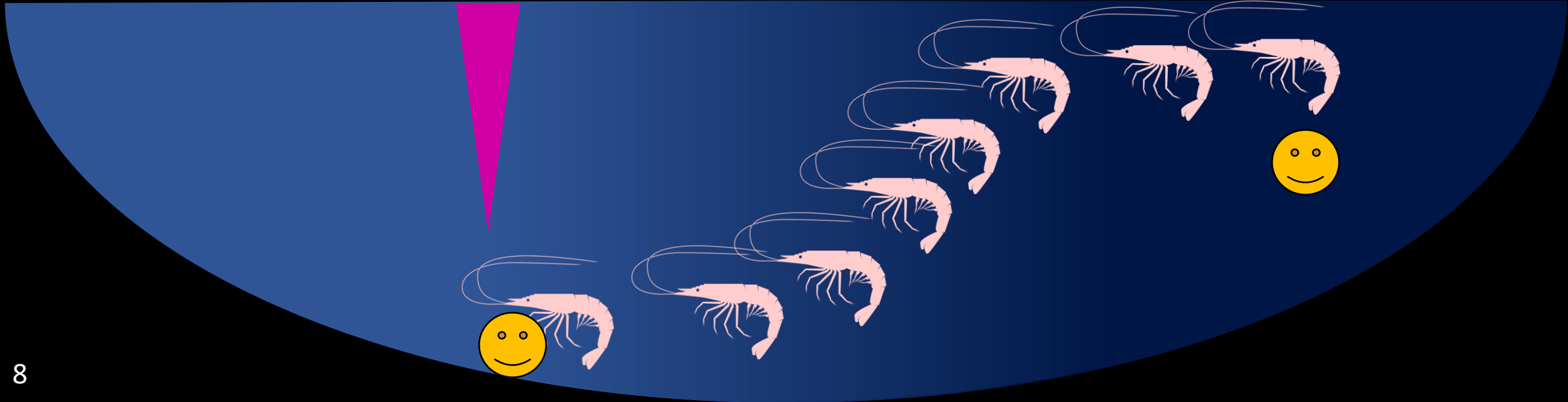
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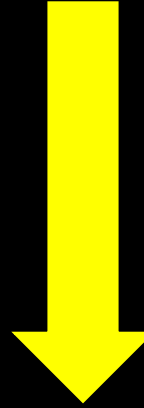
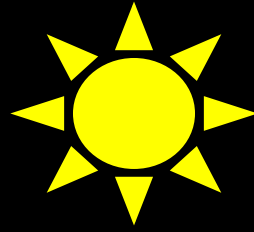
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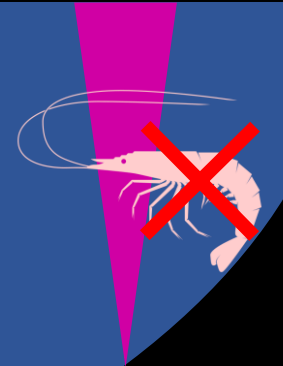
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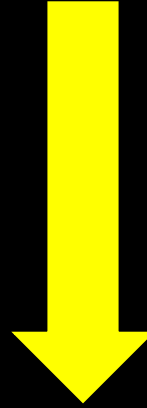
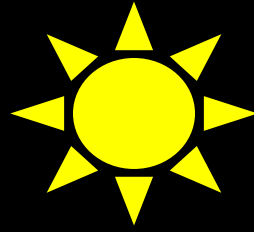
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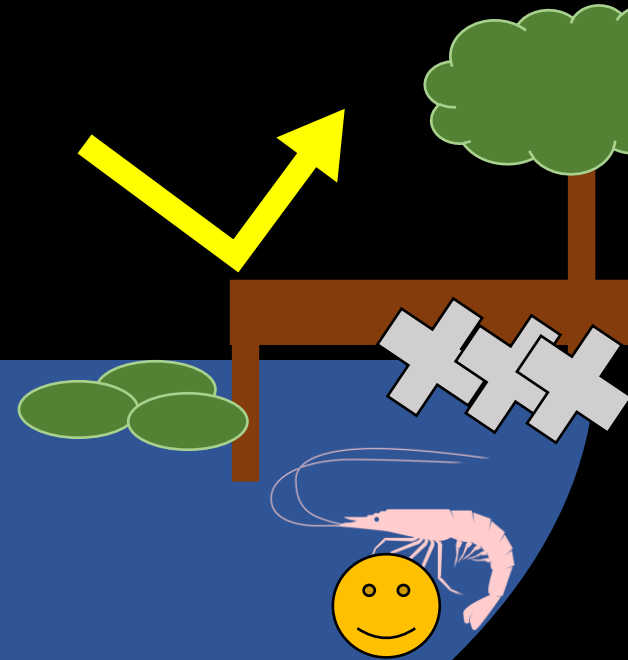
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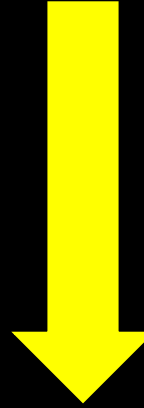
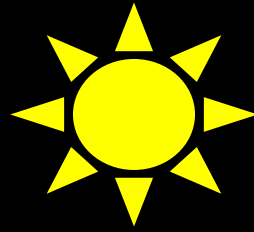


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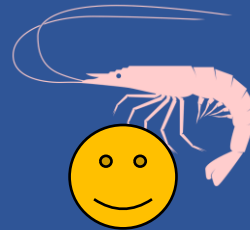




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3. Tolerance
  - a. Pigmentation
  - b. Photoenzymatic repair
  - c. Dark repair



# *Hemimysis anomala*: What do we know?



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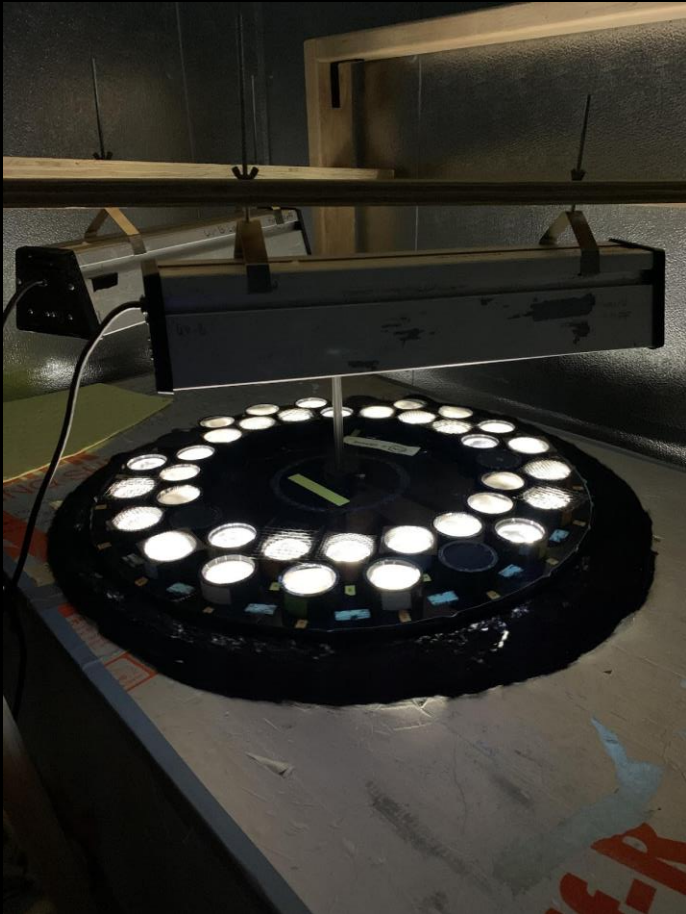


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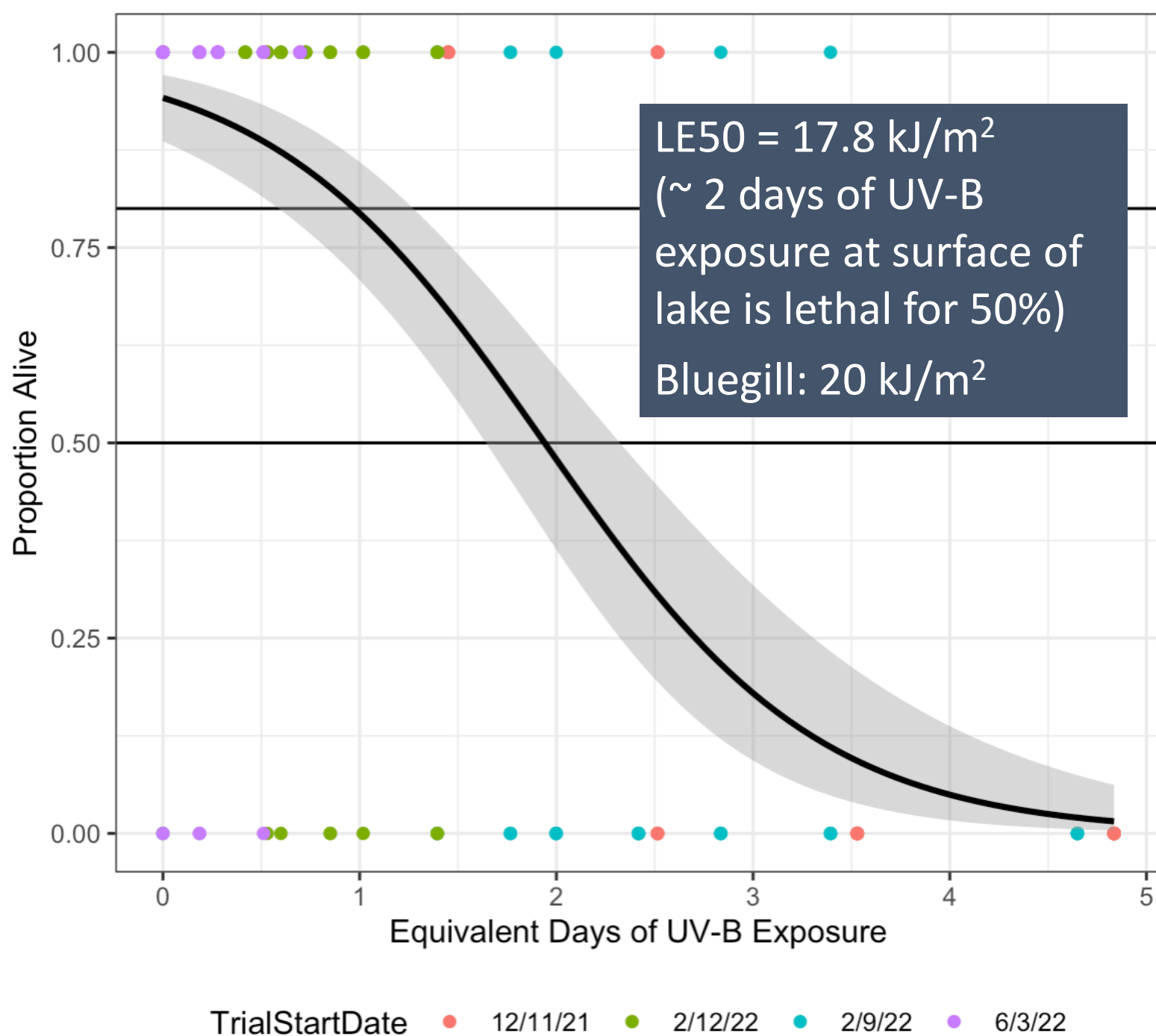
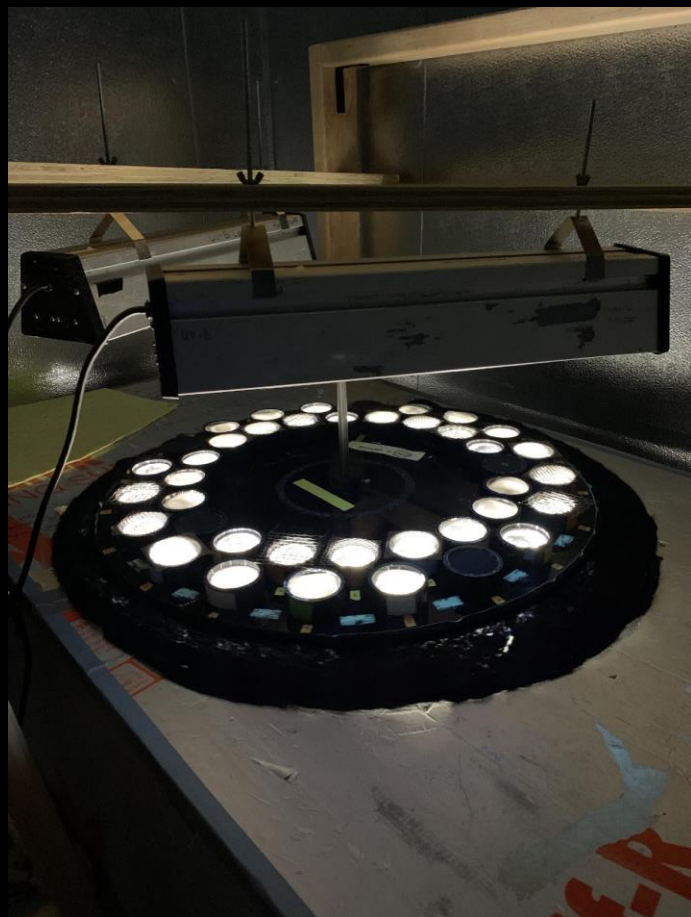
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  - N = 5 to 10 reps / exposure level / trial
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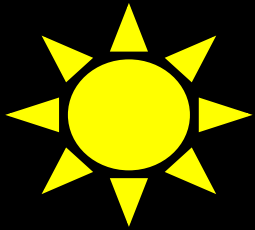
b. Horizontal avoidance – Maybe: found

3. Tolerance – Low:  $LE50 = 17.8 \text{ kJ/m}^2$

\* These exposures  
are with UV lamps.  
What happens in  
natural sunlight?



Q: Does UV-B exposure in sunlight influence survivorship of *Hemimysis*? Does DOC affect survivorship?



### Methods:

1. Placed 1 *Hemimysis* per replicate dish
  2. Combination of two treatments:
    - With or without UV-B Exposure
    - DOC Concentration (0.6 mg/L, 6.7 mg/L, 10.0 mg/L)
    - N=20 dishes per treatment
  3. Exposed to ~12 hours to natural sunlight (dawn to dusk)
  4. Tracked survivorship for 5 days post exposure
- \*May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022; UV-B exposure ~ 8 kJ/m<sup>2</sup> (Mostly Sunny Day)  
(~80% of a full day's exposure to UV-B radiation during summer solstice for a similar latitude and elevation).

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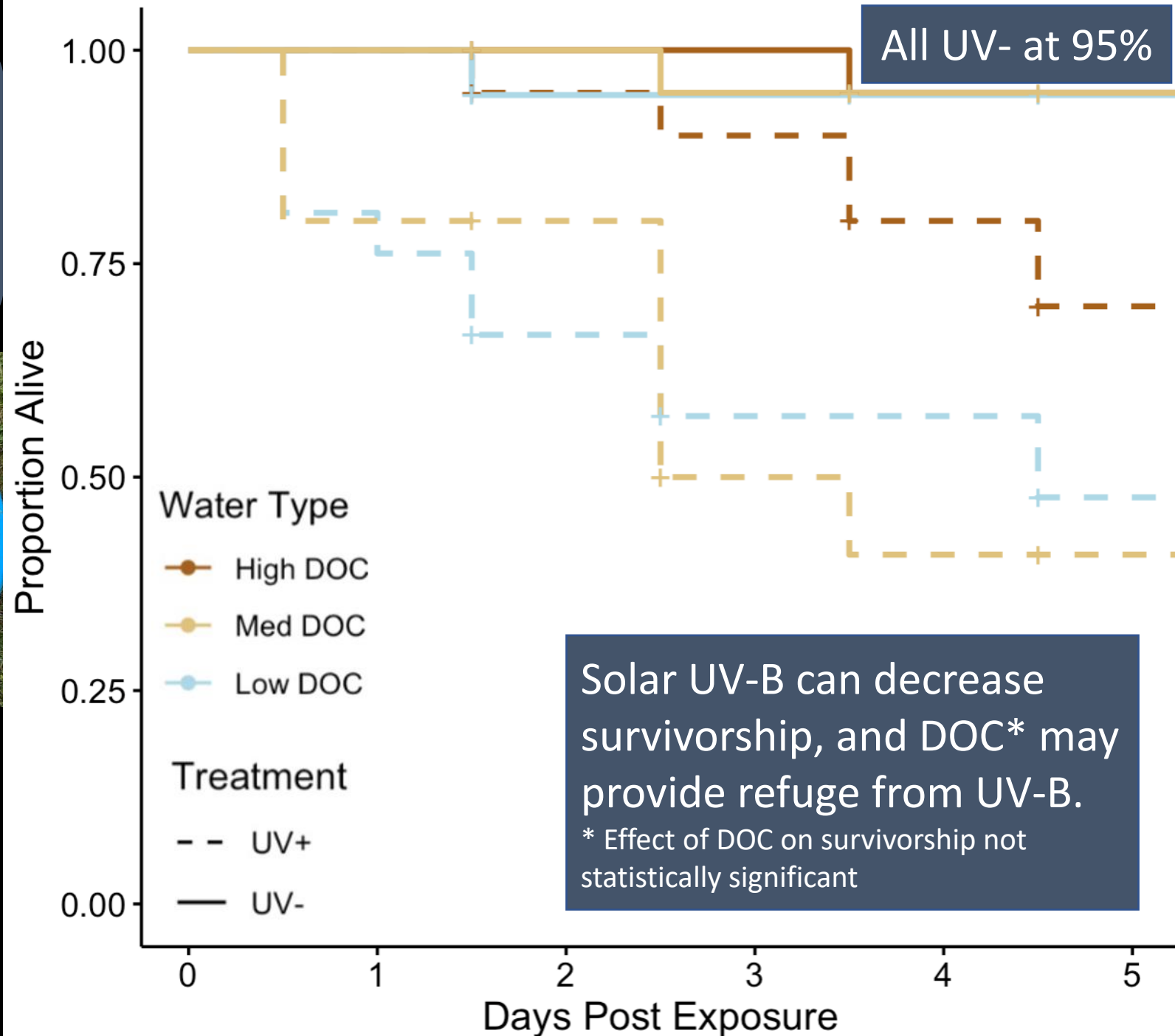
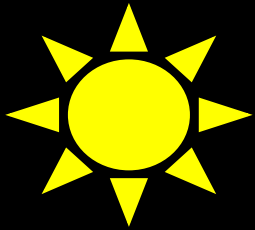
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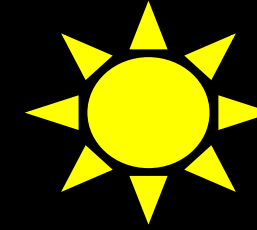
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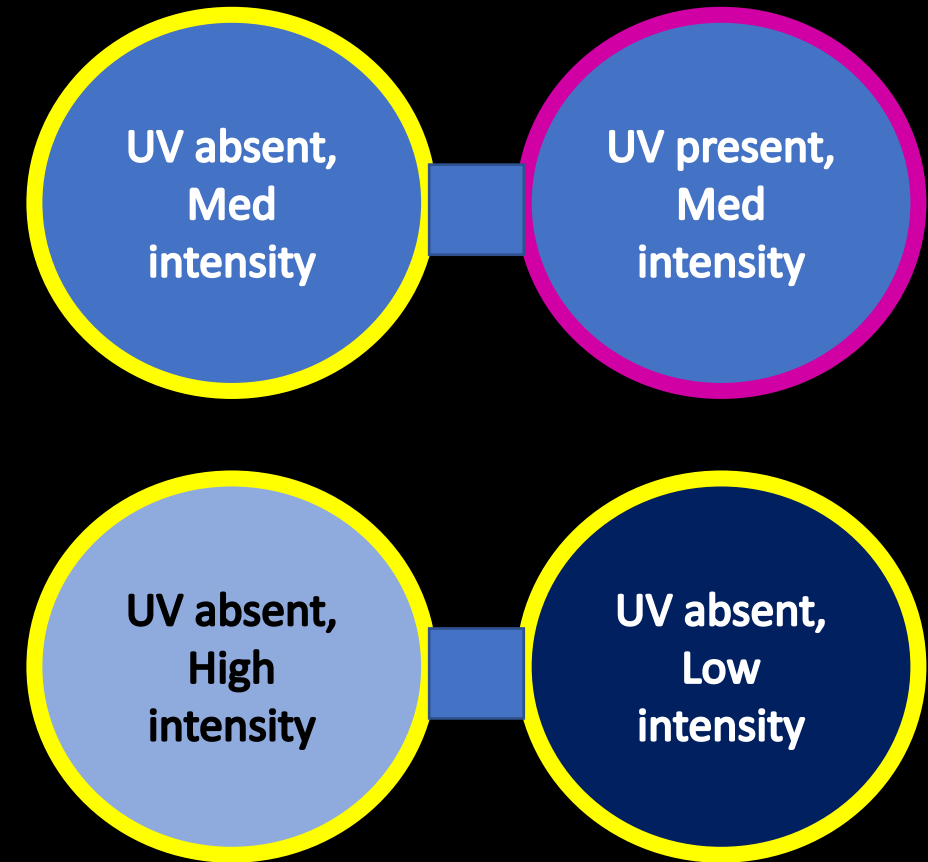
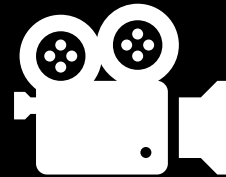
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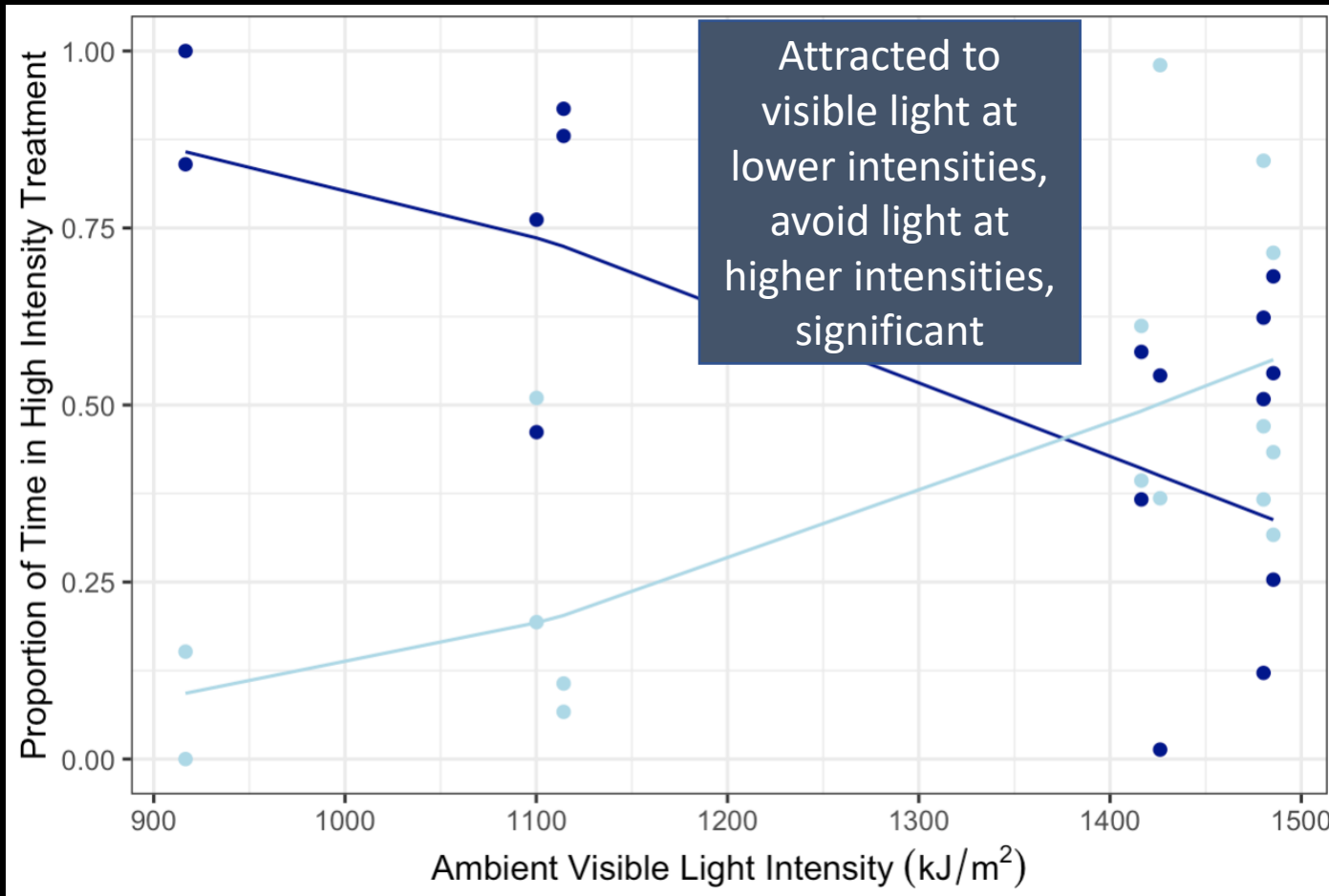
Methods:

1. Placed 1 *Hemimysis* in each enclosure
  - a. UV+ / UV-
  - b. High visible light / low visible light
2. Recorded for 10 minutes
  - a. Amount of time in each side
  - b. Light conditions during each trial

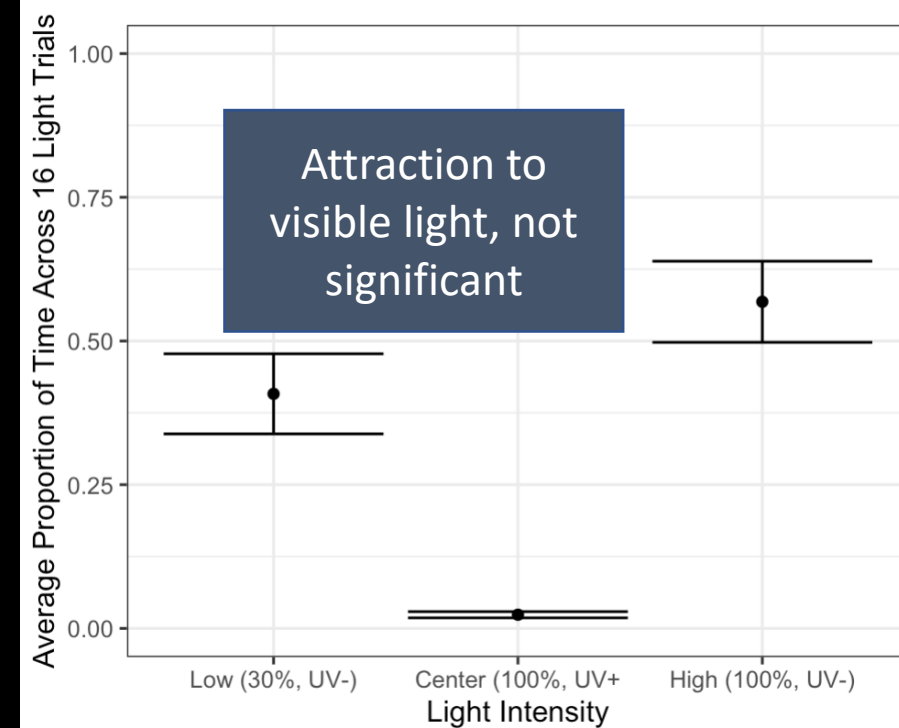
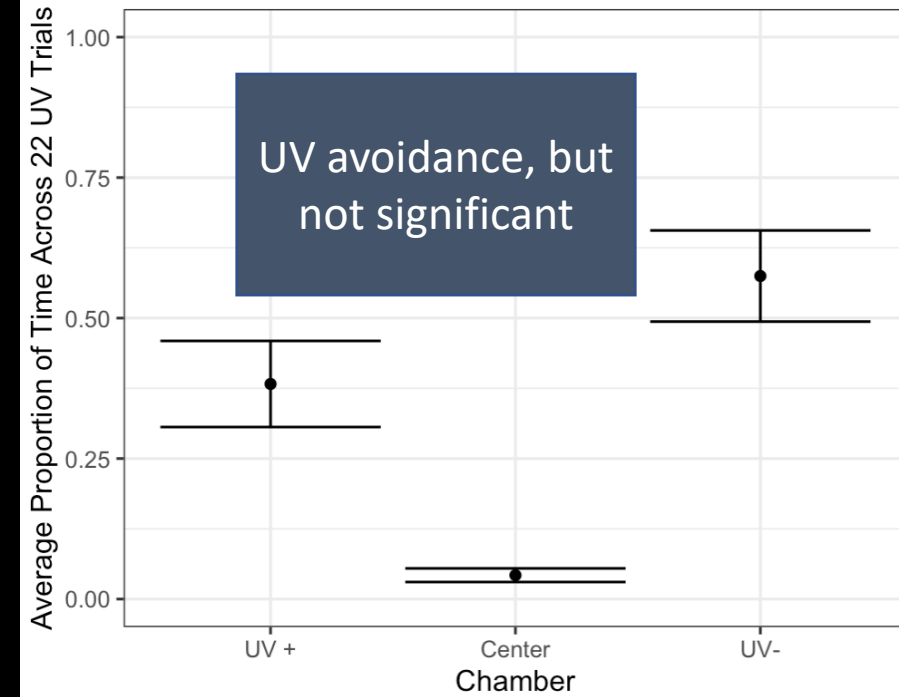




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# Applications

- Water clarity = management strategy
  - Eastern Lake Michigan tributary DOC levels: 1-15 mg C/L
    - (High DOC treatment for solar phototron = 10 mg C/L)
- Target less clear water bodies and UV refugia in clear water bodies for intolerant species



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