

# Intraspecific variation of phragmocone chamber volumes throughout ontogeny in the modern nautilid *Nautilus* and the Jurassic ammonite *Normannites*

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35 **INTRODUCTION**

36 Ammonoids and nautiloids are well-known, long-lived molluscan groups, both of which faced  
37 devastation at the end of the Cretaceous, but with different responses: extinction versus survival.  
38 What these two groups have in common is the external conch, which makes them superficially  
39 similar. Because of that, a number of palaeontologists investigated the ecology and anatomy of  
40 living *Nautilus* as an analogy for those of extinct ammonites over the last decades (e.g., *Collins*  
41 *et al.*, 1980; *Saunders & Landman*, 1987; *Ward*, 1987; 1988). However, it was *Jacobs &*  
42 *Landman* (1993) who argued that, despite its superficial morphologic similarity, *Nautilus* was an  
43 insufficient model to reconstruct ammonoid palaeoecology, given their phylogenetic positions,  
44 which are distant within the Cephalopoda. This argument is now widely accepted (e.g., *Warnke*  
45 *& Keupp*, 2005). Whereas palaeoecology and evolution of ammonoids need to be discussed  
46 based on their own fossil record, those of modern *Nautilus* can be satisfactorily analogized to  
47 fossil nautilids, which have borne persistent conch morphologies throughout their evolution  
48 (*Ward*, 1980).

49 Molluscan conchs are not only exoskeletal structures but also ~~record their growth throughout~~  
50 ~~ontogeny~~ because of their accretionary growth. One of the most important apomorphic structures  
51 of cephalopods, the chambered part of their conch (phragmocone), was and is used by most   
52 cephalopods as a buoyancy device. The ammonite phragmocone has been of great interest for  
53 palaeontologists, in order to reveal otherwise-obscure aspects of ammonite palaeoecology  
54 (Geochemical analyses: *Moriya et al.*, 2003; *Lukeneder et al.*, 2010; *Stevens et al.*, 2015; 2  
55 dimensional analyses of septal angles: *Kraft et al.*, 2008; *Arai & Wani*, 2012). Until recently,  
56 buoyancy had not been examined by quantifying phragmocone volumes due to the lack of  
57 adequate methods. Now complete ammonite empirical volume models have been reconstructed

58 expressly to calculate ammonoid buoyancy (*Lemanis et al., 2015; Naglik et al., 2015a; Tajika et*  
59 *al., 2015*). Unfortunately, all of these contributions included only one specimen per species due  
60 to the great expenditure of time needed for segmenting the image stacks. Conclusions from such  
61 limited studies may be biased if the examined specimens represent more or less extreme variants  
62 of one species (intraspecific variation). The life mode of living *Nautilus* is known to be  
63 essentially demersal, retaining their buoyancy as either roughly neutral when active or slightly  
64 negative when at rest (*Ward & Martin, 1978*), even though they change their habitat frequently  
65 via vertical migration (*Dunstan et al., 2011*). The majority of *Nautilus* ecology research has  
66 included studies on anatomy, behaviour, and habitat, whereas geometry and volume of their  
67 phragmocones, which are similar to that of fossil nautiloids, have been examined less frequently  
68 (e.g., *Ward, 1979; Hoffmann & Zachow, 2011*). Investigation of the relationship between  
69 *Nautilus* conchs and their ecology could become a reference to examine the relationship between  
70 fossil cephalopods and their palaeoecology.

71 Multiple methods have been applied to reconstruct conchs of cephalopods including both  
72 fossilized and extant animals (*Kruta et al., 2011; Hoffmann et al., 2014; Lemanis et al., 2015;*  
73 *Naglik et al., 2015b; Tajika et al., 2015*; for general aspects of virtual palaeontology, see  
74 *Garwood et al., 2010; Sutton et al., 2014*). Non-destructive computed tomography (CT)  
75 superficially appears to be the best suitable method because rare fossils can be analysed without  
76 destroying them. Medical scanners are often used, but they often yield insufficient contrast  
77 between conch and internal sediment or cement because these materials may have similar  
78 densities (e.g., *Garwood et al., 2010; Hoffmann & Zachow, 2011*). Furthermore, the resolution  
79 obtained from medical scanners is not adequate, specifically in such cases where accurate  
80 measurements of minute structures such as ammonite protoconchs (as small as 0.5 mm in

81 diameter; e.g., *Lemanis et al., 2015*) are required. Fossil cephalopods are thus difficult materials  
82 to examine by this non-destructive method, but conchs of living cephalopods with no sediment  
83 filling can easily be reconstructed with a good resolution. Computed microtomography ( $\mu$ CT) is  
84 an alternative because it has a stronger beam, resulting in high resolution and thus better  
85 reconstructions.  $\mu$ CT-imagery produced using high energy levels has greater penetrative power  
86 but suffers from the lack of contrast, however, making the subsequent segmentation difficult.

87 By contrast, *Lemanis et al. (2015)* presented the first successful attempt to reconstruct an  
88 ammonite ammonitella in detail. They scanned a perfectly preserved hollow ammonite using  
89 phase contrast tomography. Propagation phase contrast X-ray synchrotron microtomography (PPC-  
90 SR- $\mu$ CT) was employed by *Kruta et al. (2011)* who reconstructed ammonite radulae in detail. The  
91 limited availability of the facility, heavy data load, and **anew potential contrast problems** discourage  
92 application of this method for fossil cephalopods. In contrast to the non-destructive methods,  
93 destructive grinding tomography can be used to reconstruct fossilized cephalopods (*Naglik et al.,*  
94 *2015b; Tajika et al., 2015*). This method, which preserves colour information of the shells (aiding in  
95 segmentation), does not require hollow preservation of fossils, thus permitting the examination of all  
96 well-preserved fossils without suffering from noise such as beam hardening or poor contrast, which  
97 commonly occur when using CT. **Abbreviation of the great expenditure of time needed to generate**  
98 **tomographic data is required to encourage wider use of this method.**

99 Volumetric analyses of intraspecific variability of phragmocone chambers throughout  
100 ontogeny have not previously been analysed in either *Nautilus* or ammonoids. Such data may  
101 contribute to the better understanding of the palaeoecology of extinct ammonoids and nautiloids.  
102 The aims of this study are to answer the following questions based on empirical 3D models  
103 reconstructed from real specimens: (1) How did chamber volumes change through ontogenetic

104 development of ammonites and nautilids? (2) How much did the volumetric growth trajectories  
105 differ between two conspecific ammonites (exemplified using middle Jurassic *Normannites*)? (3)  
106 What was the intraspecific variation of volumetric growth trajectories of modern *Nautilus*? (4)  
107 Are the differences in chamber volumes between male and female nautilids significant? (5) Is  
108 there a difference in construction of chambers between the ammonites and modern *Nautilus*?

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## 110 MATERIAL

111 Two ammonite specimens examined are from the Middle Jurassic and belong to the genus  
112 *Normannites* (*Normannites mitis*). One of them (Nm. 1) was reconstructed by *Tajika et al.*  
113 (2015) to test its buoyancy. Both specimens were found in the Middle Bajocian (Middle Jurassic)  
114 of Thürnen, Switzerland. The nicely preserved specimens are suitable for 3D reconstruction,  
115 even though one of the specimens (Nm. 2) has an incomplete aperture, which does not allow for  
116 buoyancy calculation. The maximum conch diameters of Nm. 1 and Nm. 2 are 50.0 mm and 49.0  
117 mm, respectively.

118 An additional 30 conchs of Recent *Nautilus pompilius* (21 adults: 12 males, 9 females; 9  
119 juveniles) were also studied. All of the conchs were collected in the Tagnan area in the  
120 Philippines (see fig. 1 in *Wani, 2004*; fig. 1 in *Yomogida & Wani, 2013*). Maturity of *Nautilus*  
121 was defined as bearing black band, or septal crowding (for mature modification of *Nautilus* see  
122 *Klug, 2004*). Males and females were differentiated based on previous studies: mature males  
123 have larger shells and a broader, rounder aperture than females (*Stenzel, 1964; Haven, 1977;*  
124 *Saunders & Spinosa, 1978; Arnold, 1984*). In the juvenile stage, however, the sex is  
125 indeterminate since the morphological differences of shells are not profound. The details of the

126 specimens are summarized in Table 1. The specimens are stored in Mikasa City Museum,  
127 Hokkaido, Japan.

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## 129 **METHODS**

### 130 **3D reconstructions of ammonites**

131 Grinding tomography was employed to reconstruct the two Jurassic ammonite specimens. This  
132 method has been applied to previous studies for invertebrates, e.g., bivalves (*Götz, 2003; 2007;*  
133 *Götz & Stinnesbeck, 2003; Hennhöfer et al., 2012, Pascual-Cebrian et al., 2013*) and  
134 ammonoids (*Naglik et al., 2015b; Tajika et al., 2015*). During each of the 422 grinding phases,  
135 0.06 mm was automatically ground off of the specimens until the specimen was completely  
136 destroyed. Subsequently, each ground surface was automatically scanned with a resolution of  
137 2400 dpi. Due to the very high number of slices and the very time consuming segmenting  
138 process, only every fourth scan of the obtained image stack were segmented. The voxel sizes of x,  
139 y and z dimensions are 0.025, 0.025 and 0.24 mm, respectively. We separately segmented the  
140 external conch, all septa, and the siphuncle manually using Adobe® Illustrator (Adobe Systems).  
141 The segmented image stacks have been exported to VGstudiomax®2.1 (Volume Graphics),  
142 which produced 3D models out of the 2D image stacks. Further technical details for the  
143 ammonite reconstructions are given in *Tajika et al. (2015)* and for the general procedure of  
144 grinding tomography in *Pascual-Cebrian et al. (2013)*.

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### 146 **3D reconstructions of modern *Nautilus***



147 Conchs of all specimens were scanned at the Laboratory of Physical Anthropology of Kyoto  
148 University using a 16-detector-array CT device (Toshiba Alexion TSX-032A) with the following  
149 data acquisition and image reconstruction parameters: beam collimation: 1.0 mm; pitch: 0.688;  
150 image reconstruction kernel: sharp (FC30); slice increment: 0.2 mm; tube voltage and current:  
151 120kV 100mA. This resulted in volume data sets with isotropic spatial resolution in the range of  
152 0.311 and 0.440 mm. The obtained data sets were exported to Avizo®8.1 (FEI Visualization  
153 Sciences Group) where segmentation was conducted. As mentioned in *Hoffmann et al. (2014)*,  
154 the calculated mass of a specimen based on the CT data set does not correspond exactly to the  
155 actual mass measured on the physical specimen due to noise and the partial volume effect (PVE)  
156 from the scan, which may cause significant errors during the segmentation process. *Wormanns et*  
157 *al., (2004)* reported that segmentation can also introduce errors between specimens. In our scans,  
158 the resulting differences between the actual masses of the conchs and the calculated mass ranged  
159 from 50 to 63%. However, use of the same devices and methods and a combination of the same  
160 grey-scale threshold value for the outer whorls and the manual tracing for the innermost whorls  
161 reduce the noise and preserve the overall trend of variability in volumes between each specimen.  
162 Out of 45 scanned specimens, only 30 scanned specimens with nearly the same contrast were  
163 carefully chosen and analysed, while scans from other 15 specimens with different contrasts  
164 were discarded to minimize errors which may occur from differences in contrast between scans.  
165 But of course the variability is to some degree affected by the errors due to the noise and PVE. A  
166 list of the differences between calculated shell volumes and estimated actual shell volumes  
167 calculated from mass measurements is provided in a Supplemental Table. The segmented data  
168 sets were exported as STL files using the software Avizo®8.1. The volumetric data from the  
169 phragmocone were extracted and calculated in Meshlab (ISTL–CNR research center) and Matlab

170 8.5 (Math Works), respectively. The measurements of the diameters and widths of the conchs  
171 were conducted with the program ForMATit developed by NM.

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## 173 **RESULTS**


### 174 **Difference between two *Normannites* specimens in ontogenetic volume changes**

175 Constructed 3D models of the ammonites are shown in Fig. 1 (1A–1D). Measured chamber  
176 volumes (Table 2) were plotted against chamber numbers (Fig. 2). In the two *Normannites*  
177 specimens, the overall trends of growth trajectories of individual chamber volumes (Fig. 2A) are  
178 more or less the same, showing logistic increase throughout ontogeny until the onset of the so-  
179 called ‘*terminal countdown*’ (Seilacher & Gunji, 1993) when they start showing a downward  
180 trend over the last 5 chambers (Nm. 1) and over the last 7 chambers (Nm. 2). The curve from Nm.  
181 1 illustrates a nearly steady growth rate even though a *syn vivo* epizoan worm with mineralized  
182 tube grew on the fifth whorl of the ammonite (Tajika *et al.*, 2015). By contrast, Nm. 2 does not  
183 show traces of any *syn vivo* epizoans, but it displays a sudden decrease of the volume of the 45th  
184 chamber where another trend sets off, which persists to the last chamber. In addition, we plotted  
185 the cumulative volumes of the phragmocone chambers against chamber numbers (Fig. 2B). Since  
186 the curves are derivatives of those of Fig. 2, the phragmocone volumes increase with the same  
187 trend. The cumulative phragmocone volume of Nm. 1 is larger than that of Nm. 2, although the  
188 latter retained the larger phragmocone volume throughout ontogeny until the onset of the  
189 morphologic countdown.

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191 **Intraspecific variability of modern *Nautilus* in ontogenetic volume changes**

192 Constructed 3D models of modern *Nautilus* are shown in Fig.1 (2A–2D). As in the Jurassic  
193 ammonite, individual chamber volumes and phragmocone volumes (Table 3) were plotted  
194 against chamber numbers (Fig. 3A; B). Fig. 3 shows that all the curves increase logistically, as in  
195 the ammonites, with a rather high variability. As far as the terminal countdown is concerned,  
196 only the last or no chamber of the adult specimens shows the volume decrease. By contrast, the  
197 two ammonites show this decrease over the last 5 to 7 chambers (even higher numbers of  
198 chambers may be included in other ammonite species: e.g., 18 in the Late Devonian *Pernoceras*,  
199 14 in the Early Carboniferous *Ouaoufilalites*; see *Korn et al., 2010; Klug et al., 2015*) bearing  
200 the irregular growth. It has been reported that mature males of *Nautilus* from the Fiji Islands  
201 have larger shells and a broader, rounder aperture than those of females (*Stenzel, 1964; Haven,*  
202 *1977; Saunders & Spinosa, 1978; Arnold, 1984*) but there were no significant differences  
203 between sexes in shell form in *Nautilus* from the Philippines (*Tanabe et al., 1983*). In order to  
204 assess the differences between male and female conchs, their growth trajectories are shown in  
205 Fig. 4. Maximum diameters of the conchs versus number of chambers (Fig. 5A) and maximum  
206 diameters versus phragmocone volumes are also plotted (Fig. 5B) to assess if previously-  
207 recognized morphologic differences between males and females of *Nautilus* are detectable here.

208 A statistical test (analysis of the residual sum of squares; ARSS) was carried out to determine 

209 whether there are differences between males and females in growth trajectories (Fig. 4B) and

210 morphological features (maximum diameters of conchs vs. number of chambers; maximum

211 diameters of conchs vs. phragmocone volumes; Fig. 5A; B). This test is used to compare linear

212 models (*Zar, 1996*). A similar statistical test, which compares non-linear models, described by

213 *Akamine (2004)* was also conducted for growth trajectories of males and females (Fig. 4C) to

214 verify whether or not the results from ARSS are valid. The results of the statistical tests are  
215 summarized in Tables 5 and 6.

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### 217 **Comparison of chamber formation between ammonites and *Nautilus***

218 Widths (for *Normannites*: Table 2; for *Nautilus*: Table 4) and volumes of each chamber were  
219 plotted against chamber numbers for the ammonites (Fig. 6) and *Nautilus* (Fig. 7). It should be  
220 noted that the widths of each chamber for the ammonites may not be very accurate. For instance,  
221 for the widths of the 42nd to 44th chamber of Nm. 2 (Fig. 6B), we obtained the same value (7.7  
222 mm), which presumably does not represent the actual width. This has been caused by the  
223 reduction in resolution resulting from segmenting only every 4th slice with an increment  
224 between two images 0.24 mm in voxel z (instead of 0.06 mm; see the method section above for  
225 details). In addition to the low resolution, the obscure limit between chambers and septa at the  
226 edges of the chambers (on the flanks) in the slices might also have resulted in some errors in  
227 segmentation. However, the overall trend of the widths through ontogeny should still be  
228 correctly depicted and thus, the errors mentioned above were negligible for our study (Fig. 6B).

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## 230 **DISCUSSION**

### 231 **Ontogenetic volumetric growth of ammonites**

232 Due to preservation and limited resolution, the chambers in the first two whorls of the Jurassic  
233 ammonites could not be precisely measured. Therefore, the chamber numbers referred to below  
234 were estimated based on recognizable chambers and more or less constant septal spacing. There

235 appears to be a subtle point where the slope of the curves changes at around the 28 to 29th  
236 chamber (Fig. 2B), corresponding to a conch diameter of about 4.5 mm. This change may  
237 represent the end of the second growth stage of ammonoids, the neanic stage, because it has been  
238 reported that the neanic stage of ammonoids lasts until a conch diameter of 3-5 mm (*Bucher et*  
239 *al., 1996*). This point may have been related to the change of their mode of life, i.e. from  
240 planktonic to nektoplanktonic or nektonic (*Arai & Wani, 2012*). Taking this into account, the  
241 first two whorls of the conch comprise the first two growth stages, namely the embryonic and the  
242 neanic stages (*Bucher et al., 1996; Westermann, 1996; Klug, 2001*). Note that since the volumes  
243 of chambers formed before the 25th and 27th in Nm. 1 and Nm. 2 have not been measured due to  
244 the poor resolution, the transition between the first two growth stages has not been examined.  
245 *Naglik et al. (2015b)* three-dimensionally examined three different Palaeozoic ammonoid species.  
246 They documented a change in the slope of growth trajectories around the 19th to 21st chamber in  
247 each specimen. The last several chambers display fluctuating growth known as terminal  
248 countdown (*Seilacher & Gunji, 1993*). In Nm. 2, an abrupt decrease of chamber volume occurred  
249 at the 45th chamber, marking another trend resulting in a lower cumulative volume than in Nm. 1.  
250 It is known that injuries can affect the septal spacing in modern *Nautilus* (*Ward, 1985*; compare  
251 *Keupp & Riedel, 1995*) as well as in ammonoids (*Kraft et al., 2008*). However, there are no  
252 visible injuries on the conch of Nm. 2, suggesting that this might have not been the case.  
253 Although the ammonite could have repaired a shell injury, it would be hard to recognize the  
254 presence of such a sublethal injury due to low resolution or the effects of shell replacement.  
255 Environmental changes might also have affected the conch construction. For example, in modern  
256 scleractinian corals, it is suggested that the Mg/Ca ratio in the sea water alters the skeletal growth  
257 rate (*Ries et al., 2006*). The knowledge of the sedimentary facies of the host rock from which the

258 ammonites were extracted is insufficient to identify possible causes for the alteration of shell  
259 growth. Another possibility is the presence of parasites such as tube worms. They might have  
260 grown on the external conch, which affected the buoyancy of the ammonite. Interestingly, Nm. 1  
261 preserves the trace of a worm tube in the 41th chamber of the fifth whorl (*Tajika et al., 2015*),  
262 which had no detectable effect on chamber formation (Fig. 2A). Because of the absence of any  
263 trace of *syn vivo* epifauna on the conch, this scenario is unlikely.

264 The two different cumulative volumes of phragmocone chambers should result in a difference  
265 in buoyancy, given that the size of the two ammonites is more or less equal. The buoyancy of  
266 Nm. 1 was calculated by *Tajika et al. (2015)* as being positively buoyant in the (unlikely)  
267 absence of cameral liquid. Based on these calculations, they estimated the fill fraction of cameral  
268 liquid to attain neutral buoyancy as being about 27 %. Unfortunately, the incompleteness of the  
269 aperture of Nm. 2 does not permit to calculate the buoyancy. It is quite reasonable, however, to  
270 speculate that Nm. 2 requires slightly less cameral liquid to reach neutral buoyancy (>27 %)  
271 because of its size, its smaller phragmocone, and its most-likely similar conch mass. The fact that  
272 specimens with only minute morphological differences of the same species (*Normannites mitis*)  
273 likely expressed variation in buoyancy raises the question whether morphologically more diverse  
274 genera like *Amaltheus* (*Hammer & Bucher, 2006*) also varied more strongly in buoyancy  
275 regulation.

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## 277 **Ontogenetic volumetric growth of modern *Nautilus* and its intraspecific variation**

278 *Landman et al. (1983)* reported that the first seven septa of Recent *Nautilus* are more widely  
279 spaced than the following ones; the point where septal spacing changes lies between the 7th and

280 8th chamber. It is considered to correspond to the time of hatching, which is also reflected in the  
281 formation of a shell-thickening and growth halt known as nepionic constriction. This feature is  
282 also reported from fossil nautilids (*Landman et al., 1983; Wani & Ayyasami, 2009, Wani &*  
283 *Mapes, 2010*).

284 In the growth trajectories of specimen 17 (Fig. 3A; Table 3), there are two abnormalities (the  
285 5th and 6th chambers). These are supposedly artefacts caused by the low resolution of the scan  
286 combined with the small size of these structures and the resulting course surface of extracted  
287 chamber volume. This can occasionally cause some errors in calculating volumes in Matlab. But  
288 this problem occurred only in specimen 17, even though the low resolution would have caused  
289 errors ~~rather in early than in late ontogeny.~~

290 Our results revealed a constant growth rate until the 5th or 6th chamber (Fig. 4B). Thereafter,  
291 the growth changes to another constant growth rate. Differences in the position of the nepionic  
292 constriction may be the artefact of low resolution of the scan, which might have made the very  
293 first (and possibly the second) chamber invisible. The position of the nepionic constriction,  
294 however, has some intraspecific variation (*Chirat, 2001*). *Stenzel (1964)* and *Landman et al.*  
295 *(1994)* showed some septal crowding between septa number 4 and 5 and between 9 and 10,  
296 respectively. Taking this into account, it is likely that our results are reflections of intraspecific  
297 variation. Nevertheless, in each examined specimen, the chamber volumes fluctuate but typically  
298 increase until the appearance of the nepionic constriction (Table 3). At the mature growth stage,  
299 most specimens show a volume reduction of the last chamber. Variability in chamber volume  
300 could be a consequence of several factors that influence the rate of chamber formation (growth  
301 rate): temperature, pH (carbon saturation degree), trace elements, food availability, sexual  
302 dimorphism, injuries, and genetic predisposition for certain metabolic features.

303 A relevant model for shell growth may be the ‘temperature size rule’ (e.g., *Atkinson, 1994*;  
304 *Irie, 2010*) which states the negative relationship between temperature and maturation size at  
305 moderate temperature, even though the growth rate slows down and the body size increases  
306 under extremely high or low temperatures. *Rosa et al. (2012)* observed a significant negative  
307 correlation between sea surface temperature and body size in coastal cephalopods. If this rule is  
308 applicable to the examined *Nautilus*, the temperature might have changed the growth rate of each  
309 individual because vertical migration of *Nautilus* is reported to range from near the sea surface to  
310 slightly below 700 m (*Dunstan et al., 2011*). *Dunstan et al. (2011)* also suggested that the  
311 strategy for vertical migration of geographically separated *Nautilus* populations may vary  
312 depending on the slope, terrain and biological community. At this point, it is hard to conclude  
313 whether or not the temperature size rule applies because the behaviour of *Nautilus* in the  
314 Philippines can be highly different from Australian *Nautilus* as reported by *Dunstan et al. (2011)*.  
315 Knowledge of their behaviour or possible environmental preference during growth is necessary  
316 to examine this aspect. *Westermann et al. (2004)* described the period of chamber formation of  
317 *Nautilus pompilius* which ranges from 14 to more than 400 days. It is still likely that one  
318 individual inhabited different water depths from other individuals, producing varying trends of  
319 growth trajectories. Tracking the behaviour of modern *Nautilus* in the Philippines may provide  
320 more information on the role and applicability of the temperature size rule.

321 Analyses of stable isotopes have been used to estimate habitats of shelled animals (e.g.,  
322 *Landman et al., 1994*; *Moriya et al. 2003*; *Auclair et al., 2004*; *Lécuyer & Bucher, 2006*;  
323 *Lukeneder et al., 2010*; *Ohno et al., 2015*). It might be worthwhile to examine the isotopic  
324 composition of the shells of a few nautilid and ammonoid shells with different volumetric [change](#)



325 through ontogeny, because this may shed some light on the relationships between habitat and  
326 growth trajectories.

327 The pH (or carbon saturation degree) influences shell secretion. A decrease of carbon  
328 saturation causes a lack of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ -ions, which are required to produce aragonitic or calcitic shells  
329 (e.g., *Ries et al., 2009*). In *Sepia officinalis*, elevated calcification rates under hypercapnic  
330 conditions have been shown by *Gutowska et al. (2010)*. This change in pH may alter the time  
331 needed to form a chamber and thereby reduce or increase the chamber volume. Similarly, trace  
332 elements like the Mg/Ca ratio in the sea water can affect the growth rate (for corals see, e.g., *Ries*  
333 *et al., 2006*). Food availability is also a possible explanation for the great variation. *Wiedmann &*  
334 *Boletzky (1982)* showed a link between lack of food and lower growth rates, resulting in closer  
335 septal spacing. *Strömngren & Cary (1984)* demonstrated a positive correlation between growth  
336 rate of mussels and food source. It is likely that there was at least some competition for food  
337 between *Nautilus* individuals and probably also with other animals. The individuals in a weaker  
338 position might have had access to less food or food of poorer quality.

339 Intraspecific variability can also originate from sexual dimorphism. In the case of *Nautilus*,  
340 males tend to be slightly larger than females with slightly broader adult body chambers  
341 (*Hayasaka et al., 2010; Saunders & Ward, 2010; Tanabe & Tsukahara 2010*). However, in the  
342 juvenile stage, the morphological differences are not very pronounced, thus often hampering  
343 sexing. The two average slopes in the curves of chamber volumes obtained from males and  
344 females were compared using a test (analysis of the residual sum of squares: ARSS) described in  
345 *Zar (1996)*. This test was conducted independently for the embryonic stage and the other growth  
346 stages since the critical point between the 5th and the 6th chamber changes the slope of the  
347 growth curve (Fig. 4B). Moreover, an analysis of the residual sum of squares for nonlinear

348 regressions was performed to compare the two average logistic models of males and females for  
349 the latter stage (Fig. 4C). No significant difference in the embryonic stage and a significant  
350 difference in the later stage (Table 5, 6) suggest that the differentiation in chamber volume  
351 between both sexes begins immediately after hatching. The results (Fig. 4) also show, however,  
352 the occurrence of conch morphologies common to both sexes. Taking this into account, their  
353 volume is not an ideal tool for sexing. The same statistical test for linear regressions was also  
354 conducted to compare the number of formed chambers (Fig. 5A) and the phragmocone volume  
355 (Fig. 5B) with maximum conch diameter between male and female individuals. The test results  
356 (Table 5) appear to imply that there is a significant difference between the female and male in  
357 both cases, although the significance levels are not strict (the number of chambers vs. maximum  
358 diameter:  $P < 0.05$ ; the entire phragmocone volume vs. maximum diameter:  $P < 0.1$ ). A greater  
359 sample, however, may yield a clearer separation. The results of a series of statistical tests (Table  
360 5; analyses of the residual sum of squares) suggest that the males tend to produce more chambers  
361 than females with nearly the same conch diameter. Bearing in mind that mature males are  
362 generally larger than mature females in maximum conch diameter (*Hayasaka et al., 2010*), this  
363 may potentially indicate a prolonged life span or less energetic investment in reproduction. By  
364 contrast, the addition of another chamber to males could be associated with their sexual maturity;  
365 the weight of the large spadix and a large mass of spermatophores in males might necessitate  
366 more space and buoyancy. *Ward et al. (1977)* reported that the total weight of males of *Nautilus*  
367 *pompilius* from Fiji exceeds that of females by as much as 20 %. What remains unclear is the  
368 reason why females tend to have larger phragmocone volumes than males while they are  
369 immature. It is true, however, that even within each sex, the variability of the total phragmocone  
370 volumes is quite high (standard deviation for males: 15.4; for females: 13.4; for both males and

371 females: 14.3). Of course one should also bear in the possibility mind that these high variabilities  
372 may have partially originated from the errors discussed in the method section.

373 Injuries are visible in several of the examined specimens, yet there is no link to a temporal or  
374 spatial change in chamber volume in the growth curves. *Yomogida & Wani (2013)* examined  
375 injuries of *Nautilus pompilius* from the same locality in the Philippines, reporting traces of  
376 frequent sublethal attacks rather early in ontogeny than in later stages. The frequency of  
377 sublethal attacks early in ontogeny may be one of the factors determining the steepness of the  
378 growth trajectory curves. This aspect can be tested in further studies. Additionally,  
379 morphological variability may also root in genetic variability but the causal link is difficult to  
380 test.

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### 382 **Covariation of chamber volumes and widths in ammonoids and nautiloids**

383 The relationship between chamber volumes of *Nautilus pompilius* (Fig. 7) revealed that their  
384 chamber widths expanded at a constant pace irrespective of the change in chamber volume.  
385 *Nautilus* may be designed to maintain a rather constant conch morphology with the buoyancy  
386 regulation depending largely on septal spacing only. Likewise, *Hoffmann et al. (2015)* reported  
387 on *Spirula* in which a sudden decrease of chamber volume is neither correlated with changes in  
388 whorl height nor whorl width but with changes in septal spacing. By contrast, the chamber  
389 widths and volumes of the ammonites appear to covary (Fig. 6). This distinct covariation may  
390 have partially contributed to the high morphological variability with some constraints in response  
391 to fluctuating environmental conditions or predatory attacks (for details, see the discussion for

392 *Nautilus* above). This aspect, however, needs to be examined further using an image stack of an  
393 ammonite with a higher resolution and better preservation to rule out artefacts.

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## 395 **CONCLUSIONS**

396 We virtually reconstructed the conchs of two Middle Jurassic ammonites (*Normannites mitis*)  
397 and 30 specimens of Recent nautilids (*Nautilus pompilius*) using grinding tomography and  
398 computed tomography (CT), respectively, to analyse the intraspecific variability in volumetric  
399 change of their chambers throughout ontogeny. The data obtained from the constructed 3D  
400 models led to the following conclusions:

- 401 1. Chamber volumes of *Normannites mitis* and *Nautilus pompilius* were measured to  
402 compare the ontogenetic change. The growth trajectories of *Normannites mitis* and  
403 *Nautilus pompilius* follow logistic curves throughout most of their ontogeny. The last  
404 several chambers of *Normannites mitis* show fluctuating chamber volumes, while most  
405 specimens of *Nautilus pompilius* demonstrate a volume reduction of only the last  
406 chamber.
- 407 2. Growth trajectories of the two *Normannites mitis* specimens were compared. The two  
408 specimens appear to have a transition point between the 28th and 29th chamber from  
409 which the slopes of their growth curves change, which has been documented previously.  
410 However, their entire phragmocone volumes differ markedly in late ontogeny although  
411 the two shells have similar morphology and size. Intraspecific variation of buoyancy was  
412 not testable in this study due to the low sample number. This aspect needs to be

413 addressed in future research because buoyancy analyses could provide information on the  
414 habitat of ammonoids.

415 3. Growth trajectories of thirty *Nautilus pompilius* conchs show a high variability. 

416 4. Results of statistical tests for *Nautilus pompilius* corroborate that the variability is  
417 increased by the morphological difference between the two sexes: adult males have larger  
418 volumes than females with the same diameter. This may be ascribed to the formation of  
419 voluminous sexual organs in the male. Individual chamber volumes of the female tend to  
420 be larger than those of males. The results also show that intraspecific variability within  
421 one sex is moderately strong. Examinations of their injuries, isotopic analyses of the  
422 examined conchs or tracking the behaviour of *Nautilus* could yield more information on  
423 the relationship between their variability in chamber volumes and ecology. Such data  
424 could help to reconstruct the palaeoecology of fossil nautiloids and possibly also of  
425 extinct ammonoids.

426 5. Covariation between the chamber widths and volumes in ammonites and *Nautilus*  
427 *pompilius* were examined. The results illustrate that conch construction of *Nautilus*  
428 *pompilius* is robust, maintaining a certain shape, whereas the conch development of the  
429 examined ammonites was more plastic, changing shape during growth under some  
430 fabrication constraints. Further investigations need to be carried out to verify the  
431 covariation between widths and volumes of ammonites with other variables such as  
432 conch thickness, conch width, and perhaps buoyancy using a reconstruction method with  
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629 **CAPTIONS**

630 **Figure 1** 3D reconstructions of the two specimens of *Normannites mitis*, modern *Nautilus*  
631 *pompilius* (specimen 17), and their phragmocones. (1A) 3D model of *Normannites mitis* (Nm. 1);  
632 (1B) 3D model of *Normannites mitis* (Nm. 2); (1C) extracted phragmocone of Nm. 1 (1C);  
633 extracted phragmocone of Nm. 2; (2A, B) 3D models of *Nautilus pompilius* (specimen 17); (2C)  
634 extracted phragmocone of *Nautilus pompilius* (specimen 17); (2D) Backface of 3D model of  
635 *Nautilus pompilius* (specimen 17). Scale bars are 1 cm.

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637 **Figure 2** Volumes plotted against chamber numbers in *Normannites mitis*. The volumes prior to  
638 chamber 25 (Nm. 1) and 27 (Nm. 2) have not been measured. (A) Scatter plot of chamber  
639 numbers and individual chamber volumes. (B) Scatter plot of chamber numbers and cumulative  
640 phragmocone volumes.

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642 **Figure 3** Chamber volumes plotted against chamber numbers in all examined *Nautilus*  
643 *pompilius*. (A) scatter plot of chamber numbers and individual chamber volumes. (B) scatter  
644 plot of chamber numbers and phragmocone volumes.

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646 **Figure 4** Comparison between males and females. Chamber volumes plotted against chamber  
647 numbers in *Nautilus pompilius*. Squares and diamonds represent the female and male,  
648 respectively. (A) scatter plot of chamber numbers and individual volumes; (B) semilog scatter

649 plot of chamber numbers and individual volumes. (C) scatter plot of chamber numbers and  
650 cumulative phragmocone volumes.

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652 **Figure 5** Comparison between males and females. Squares, diamonds, and triangles represent  
653 the female, male, and indeterminable sex, respectively. (A) scatter plot of maximum conch  
654 diameters and chamber numbers of a specimen; (B) scatter plot of maximum conch diameters  
655 and the phragmocone volume.

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657 **Figure 6** Volumes and widths of chambers plotted against chamber numbers in *Normannites*  
658 *mitis*. Squares and diamonds represent volumes and widths, respectively. (A) Nm.1; (B) Nm. 2.

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660 **Figure 7** Volumes and widths of chambers plotted against chamber numbers in *Nautilus*  
661 *pompilius*. Squares and diamonds represent volumes and widths, respectively. (A) Specimen 8;  
662 (B) Specimen 7; (C) specimen 53. Specimens with different growth trajectories were analysed.

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664 **Table 1** Details of the studied specimens, *Normannites mitis* from the Middle Jurassic,  
665 Switzerland, and modern *Nautilus pompilius* from the Philippines.

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667 **Table 2** Raw data of measured chamber volumes and widths in *Normannites mitis*.

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669 **Table 3** Raw data of measured chamber volumes in *Natutilus pompilius*.

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671 **Table 4** Raw data of measured chamber widths of *Natutilus pompilius*.

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673 **Table 5** Results of statistical tests (analyses of the residual sum of squares) comparing linear  
674 regressions of males and female. N, number of samples; RSS; residual sum of squares; DF,  
675 degree of freedom; ns, not significant; s; significant.

676 **Table 6** Results of a statistical test (an analysis of the residual sum of squares) comparing  
677 nonlinear regressions of males and females. RSS; residual sum of squares; DF, degree of  
678 freedom; ns, not significant; s; significant.

679 **Supplemental Table** Estimated errors resulting from CT scans in *Nautilus pompilius*. Actual  
680 shell volumes were calculated based on measurement of weight of specimens with possible  
681 minimum shell density (2.54 g/cm<sup>3</sup>; *Hoffmann & Zachow, 2011*) and maximum shell density  
682 (2.62 g/cm<sup>3</sup>; *Reyment, 1958*) of *Nautilus*.

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**Figure 1**(on next page)

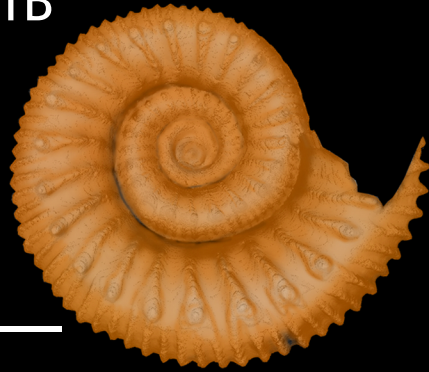
3D reconstructions of the two specimens of *Normannites mitis*, modern *Nautilus pompilius* (specimen 17), and their phragmocones.

(1A) 3D model of *Normannites mitis* (Nm. 1); (1B) 3D model of *Normannites mitis* (Nm. 2); (1C) extracted phragmocone of Nm. 1 (1C); extracted phragmocone of Nm. 2; (2A, B) 3D models of *Nautilus pompilius* (specimen 17); (2C) extracted phragmocone of *Nautilus pompilius* (specimen 17); (2D) Backface of 3D model of *Nautilus pompilius* (specimen 17). Scale bars are 1 cm.

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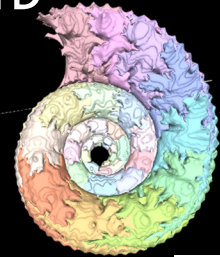
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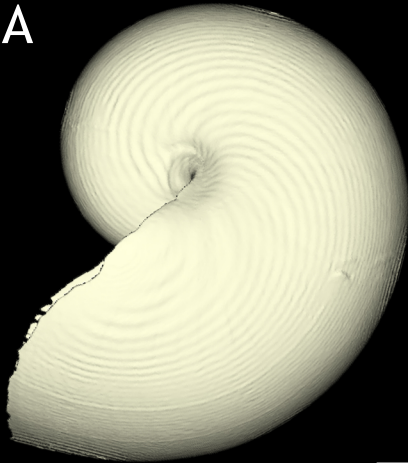
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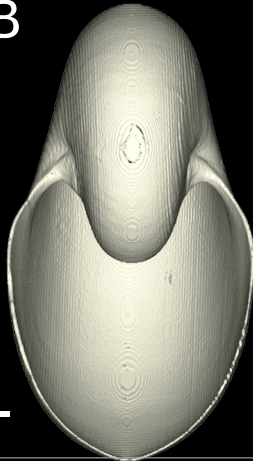
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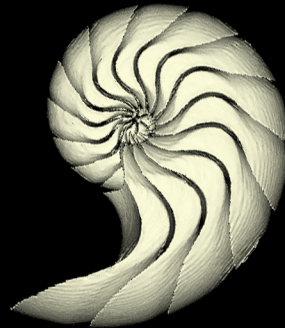
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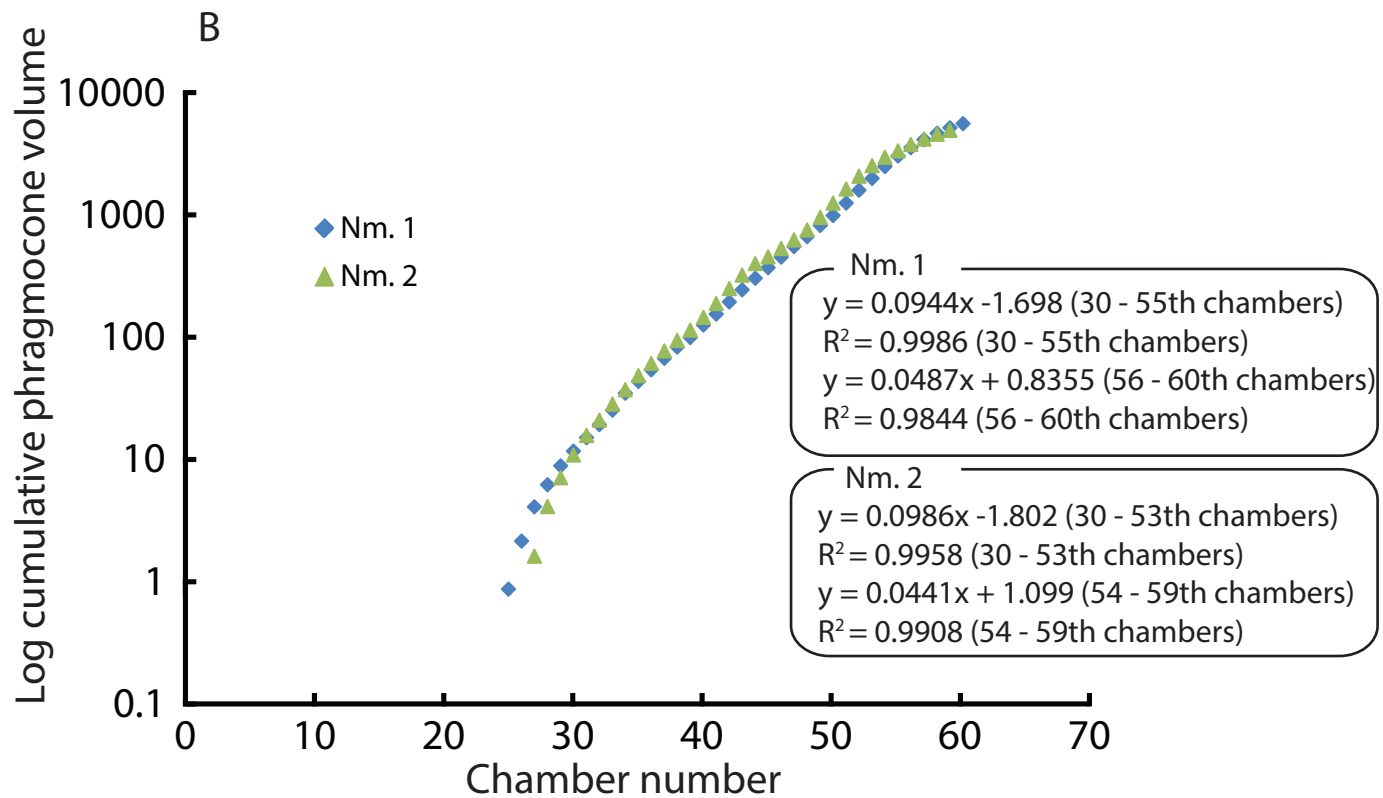
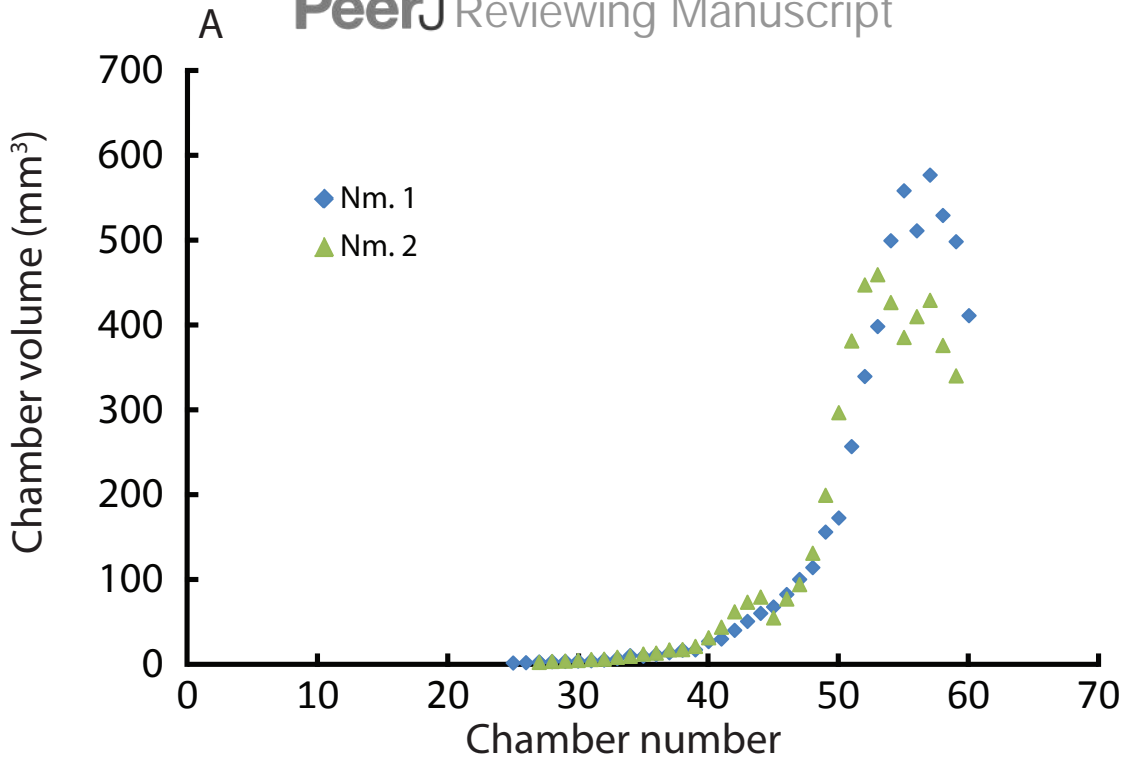
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**Figure 2** (on next page)

Volumes plotted against chamber numbers in *Normannites mitis*. The volumes prior to chamber 25 (Nm. 1) and 27 (Nm. 2) have not been measured.

(A) Scatter plot of chamber numbers and individual chamber volumes. (B) Scatter plot of chamber numbers and cumulative phragmocone volumes.

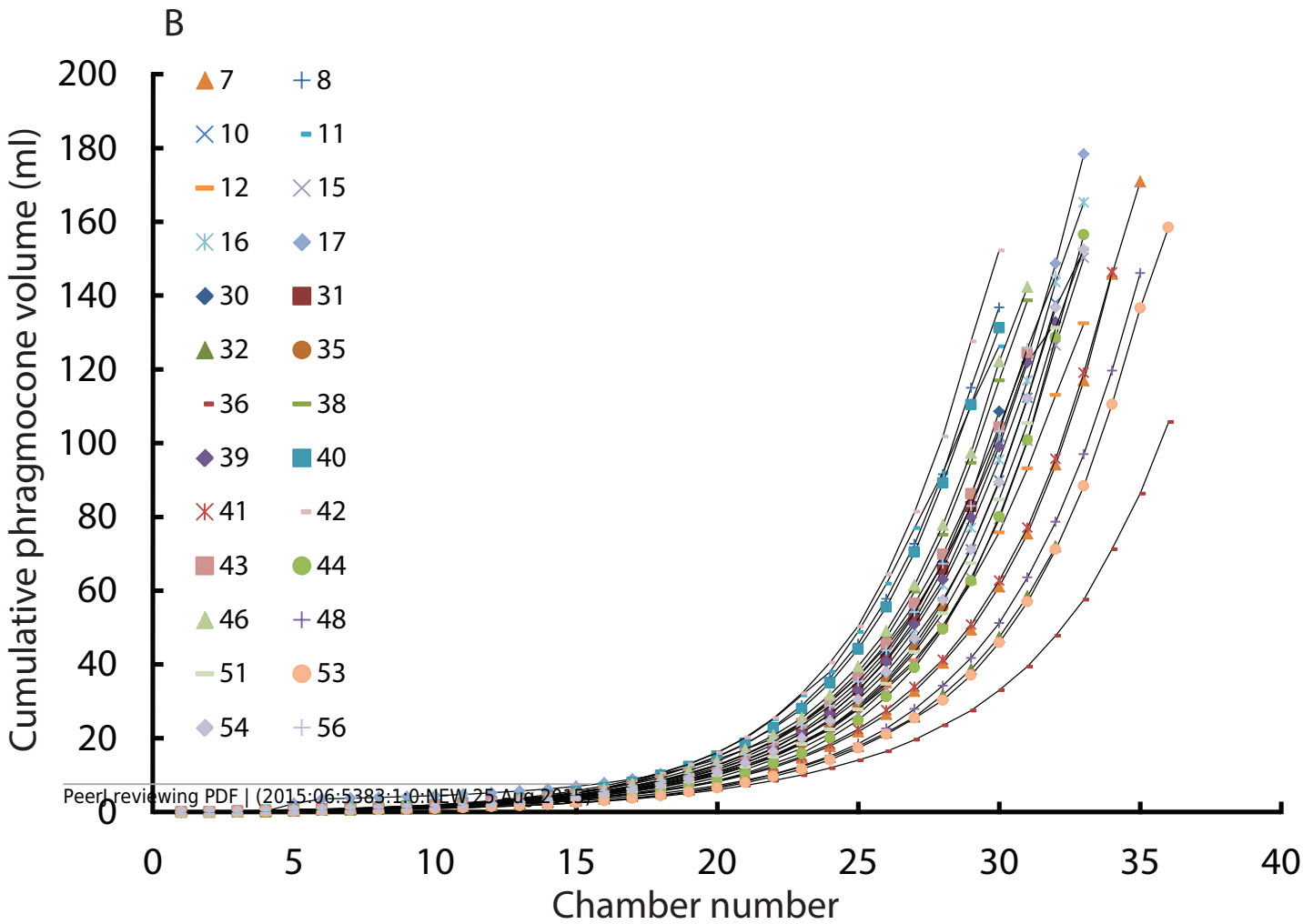
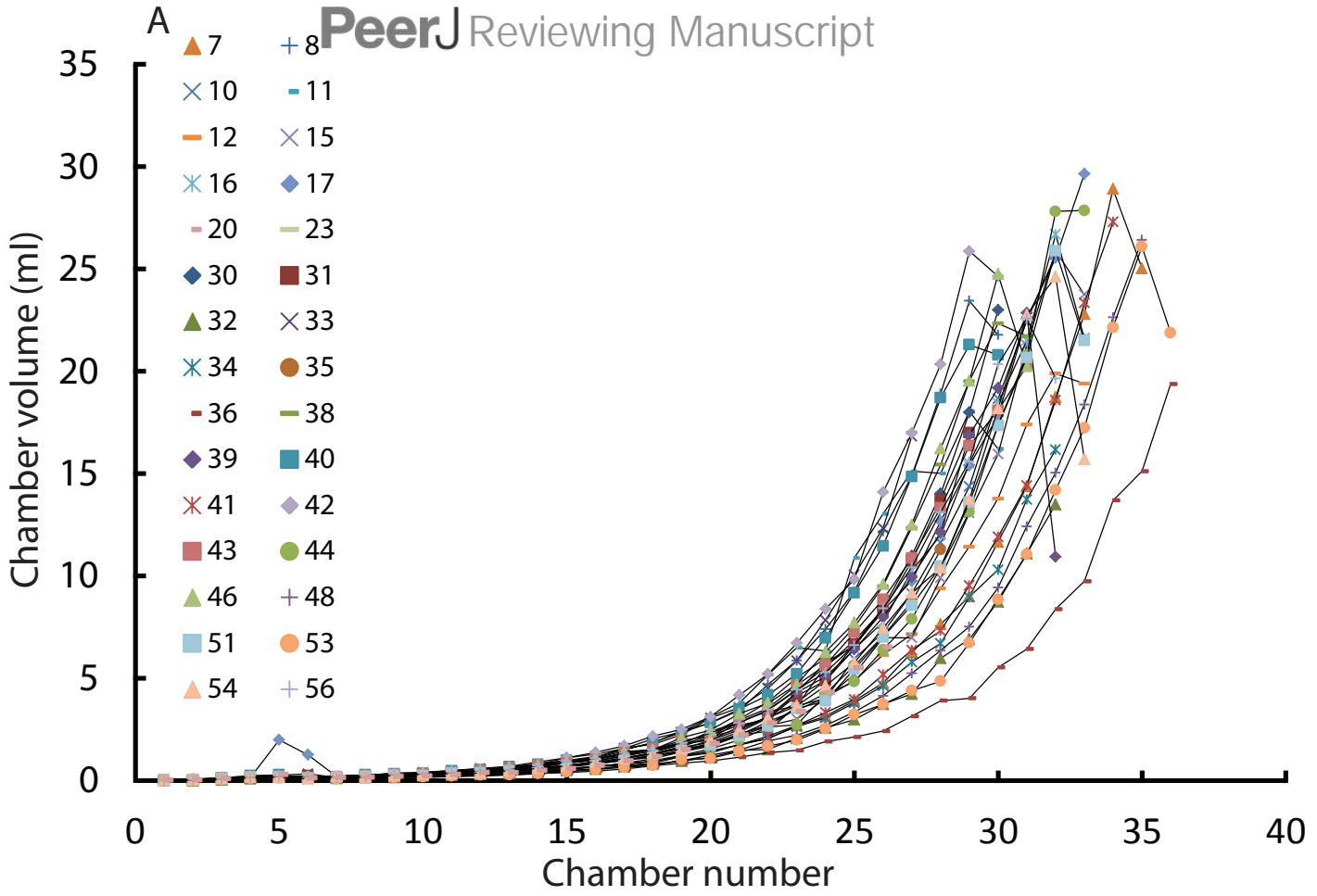


**Figure 3**(on next page)

Chamber volumes plotted against chamber numbers in all examined *Nautilus pompilius*.

(A) scatter plot of chamber numbers and individual chamber volumes . (B) scatter plot of chamber numbers and phragmocone volumes.

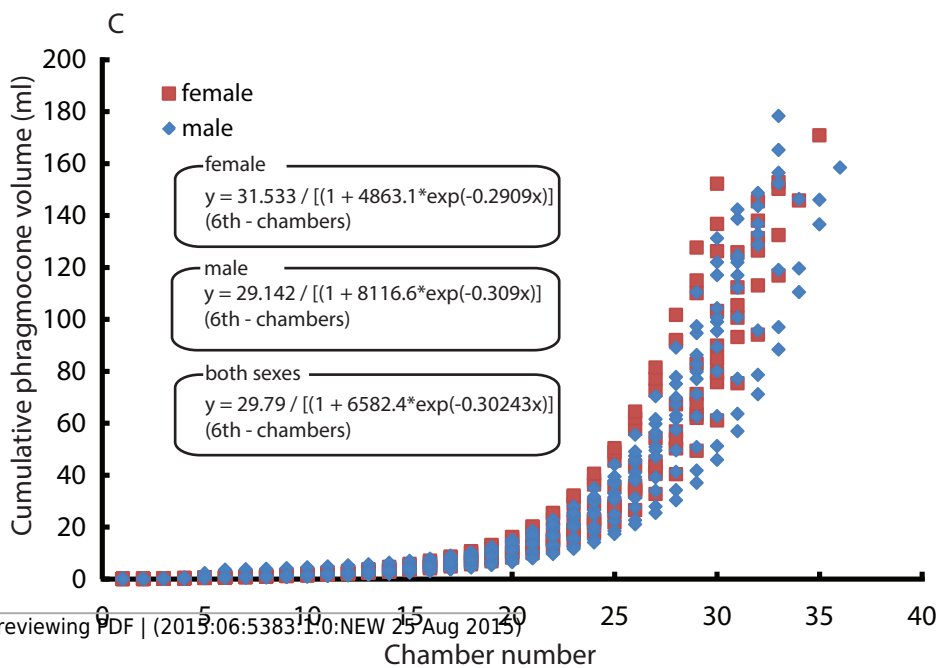
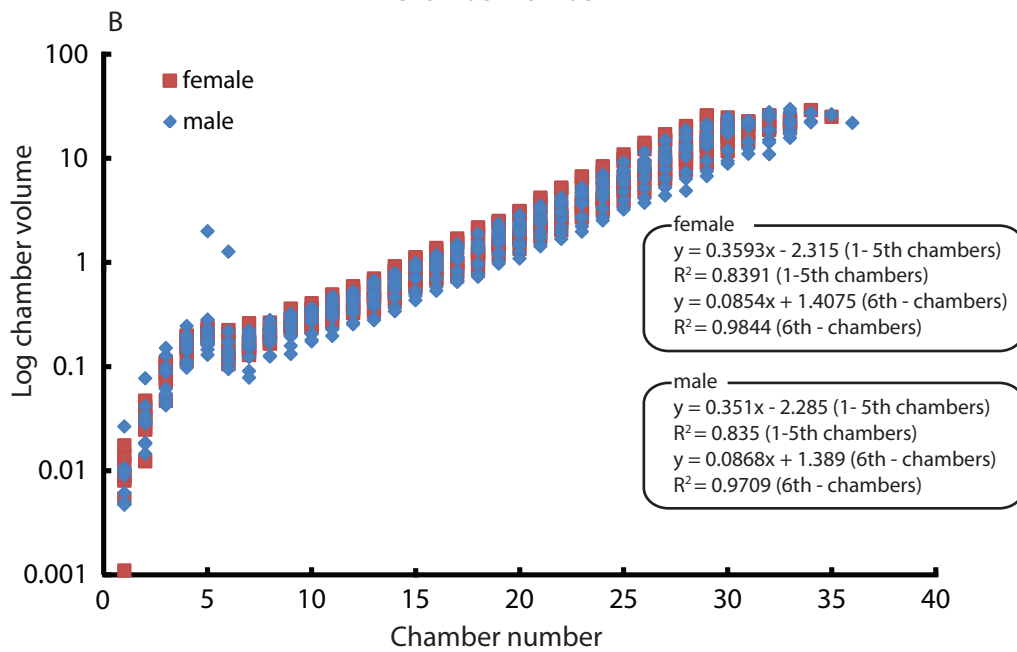
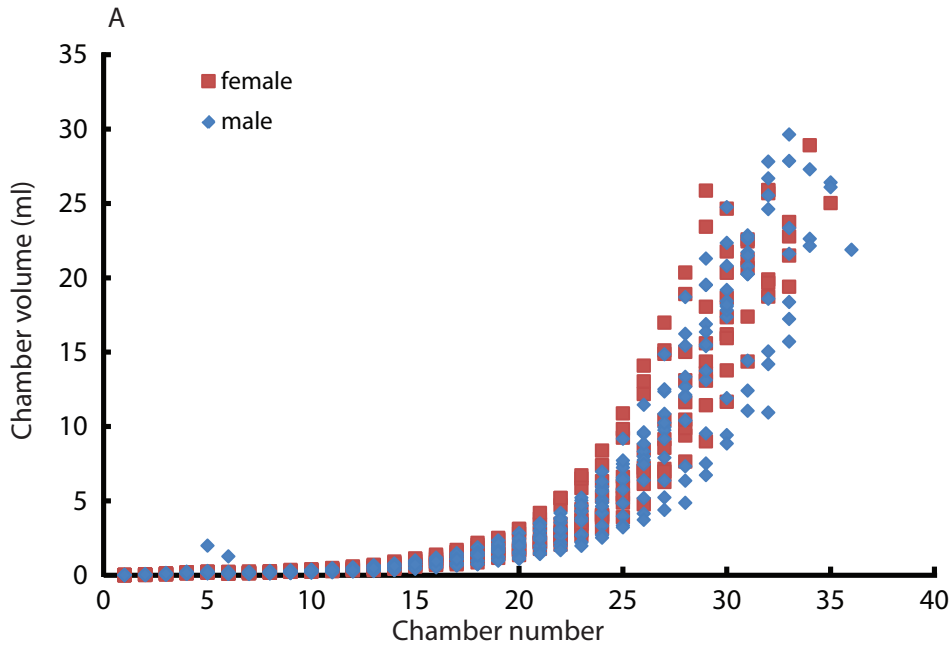




**Figure 4** (on next page)

Comparison between males and females. Chamber volumes plotted against chamber numbers in *Nautilus pompilius*. Squares and diamonds represent the female and male, respectively.

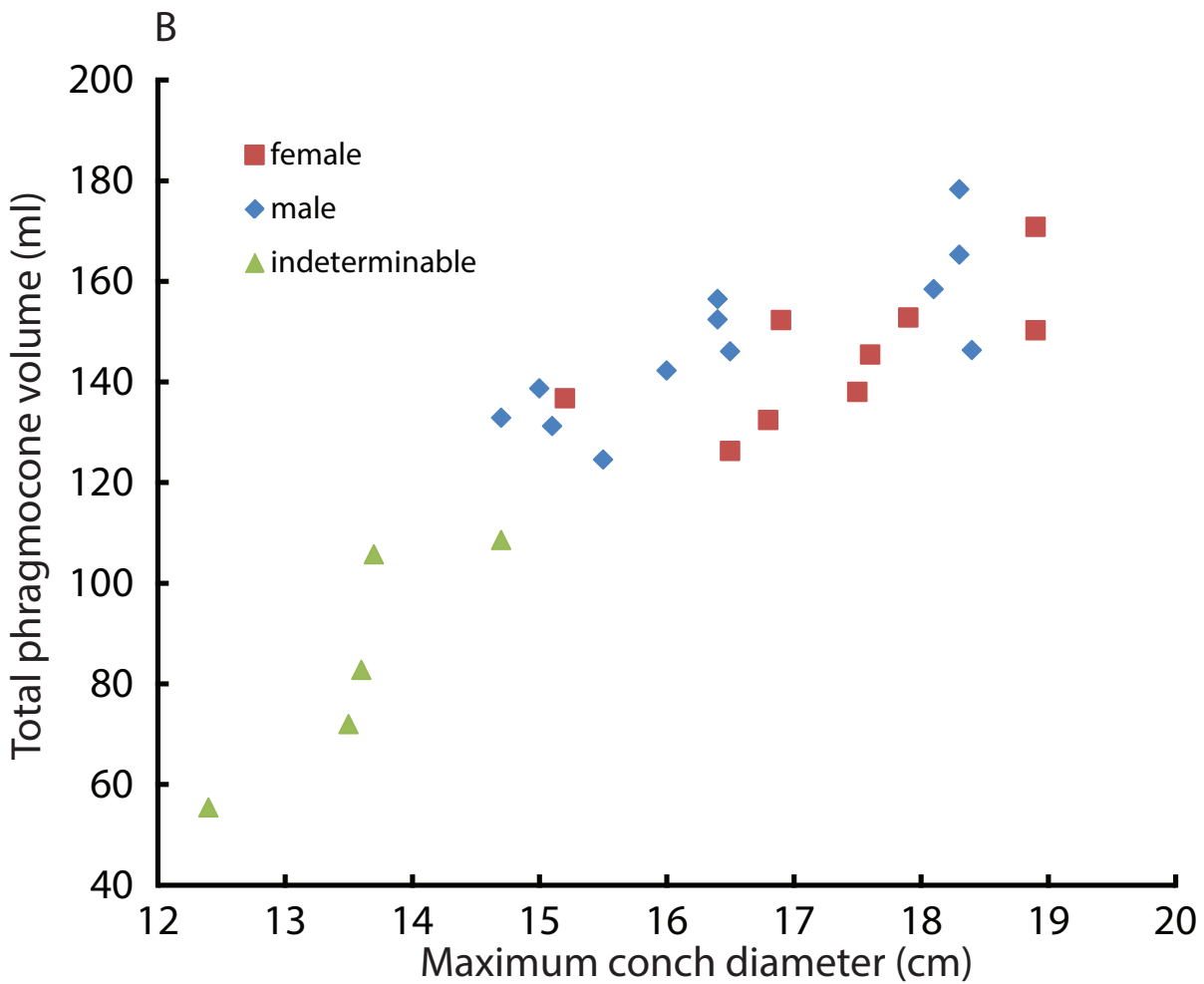
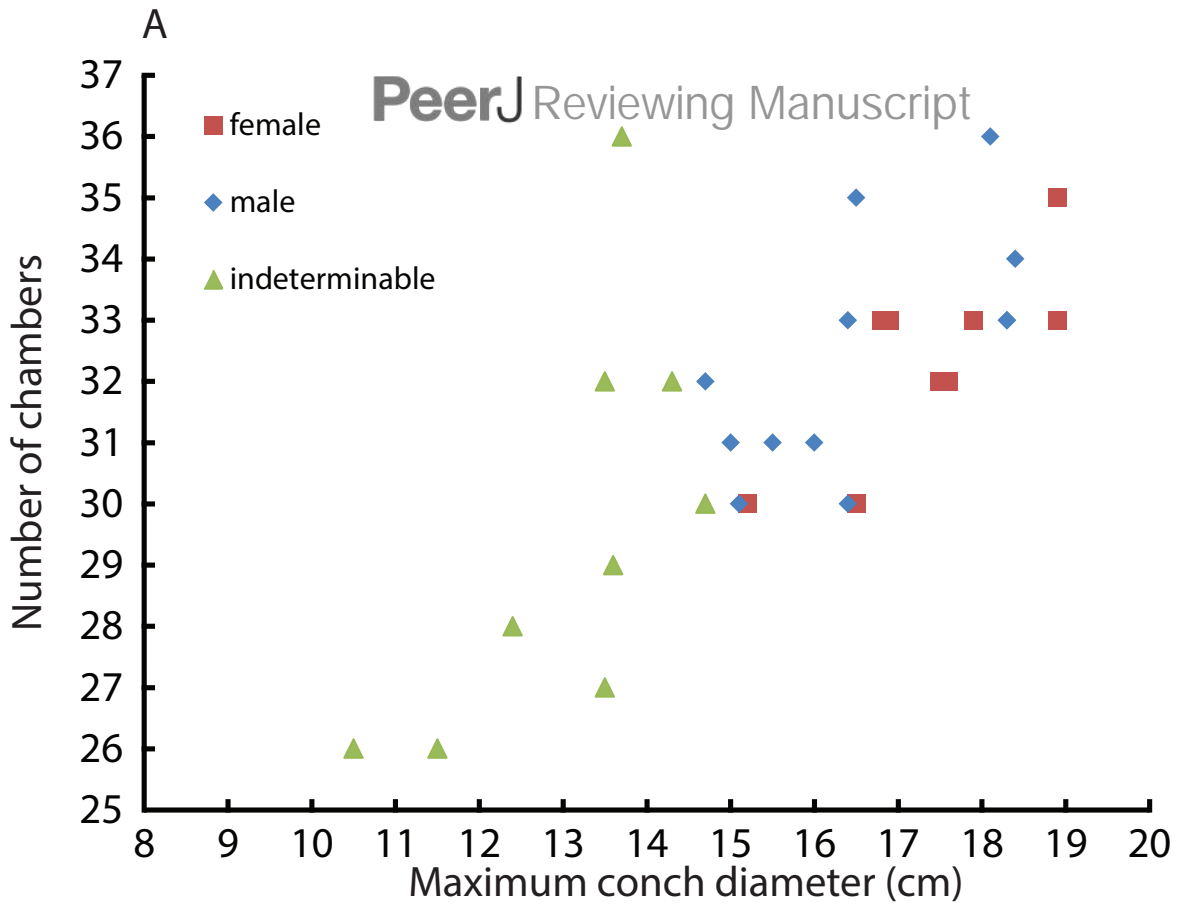
(A) scatter plot of chamber numbers and individual volumes; (B) semilog scatter plot of chamber numbers and individual volumes. (C) scatter plot of chamber numbers and cumulative phragmocone volumes.



**Figure 5** (on next page)

Comparison between males and females. Squares, diamonds, and triangles represent the female, male, and indeterminable sex, respectively.

(A) scatter plot of maximum conch diameters and chamber numbers of a specimen; (B) scatter plot of maximum conch diameters and the phragmocone volume.

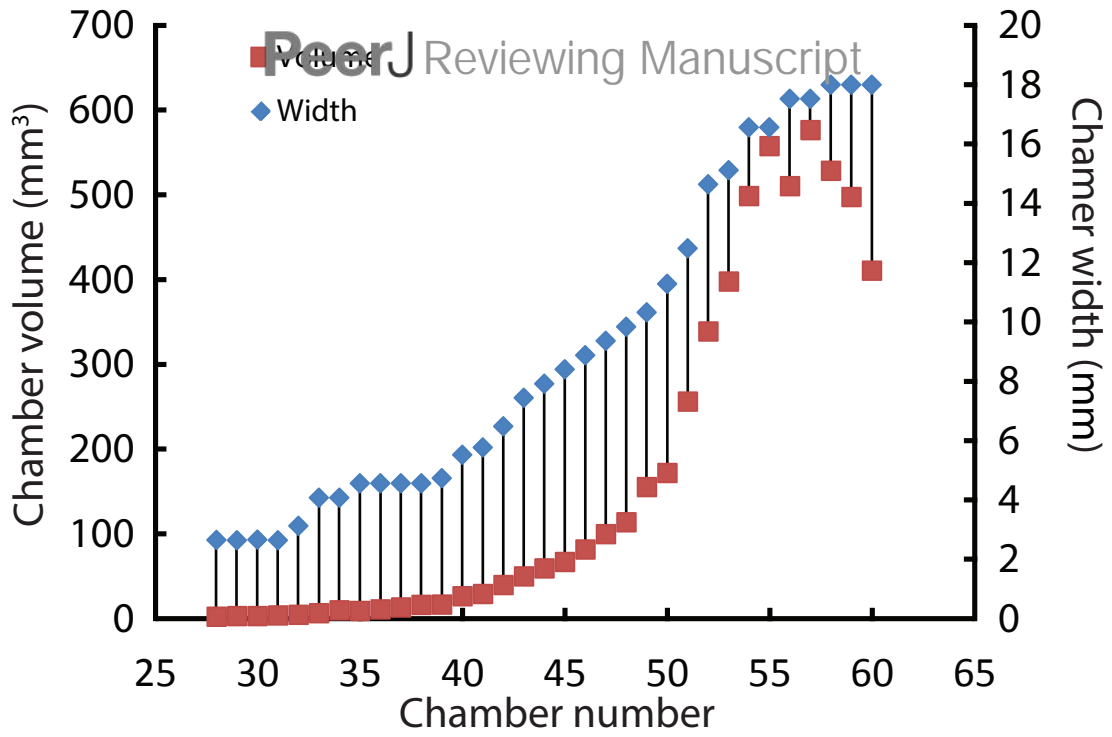


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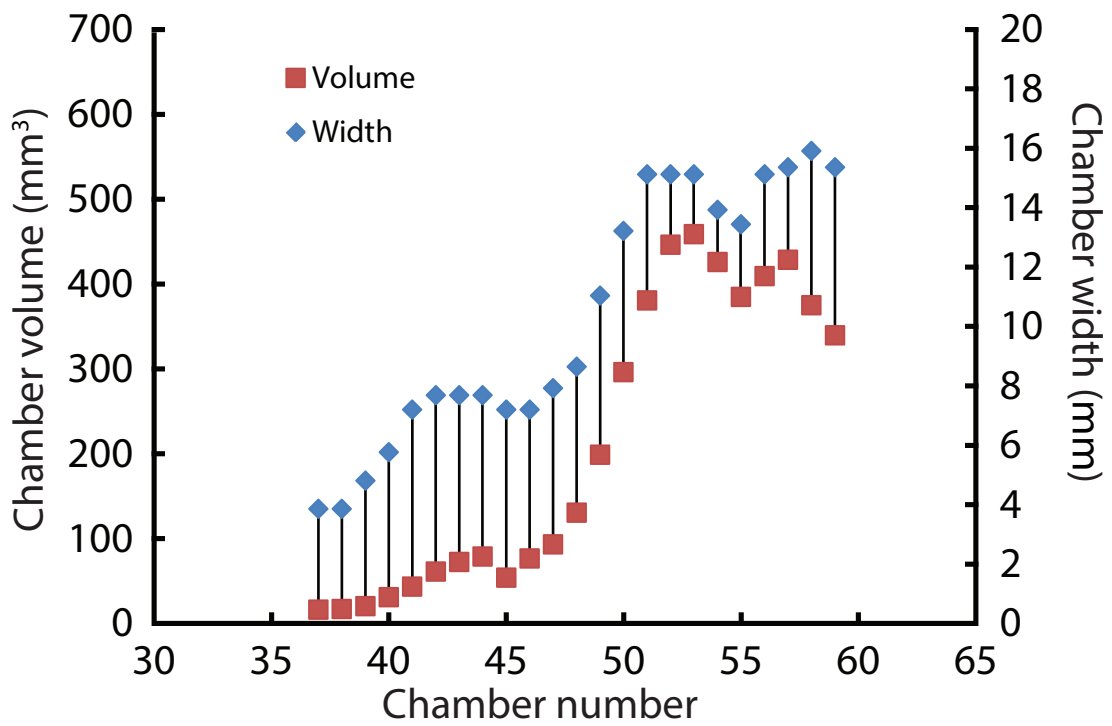
Volumes and widths of chambers plotted against chamber numbers in *Normannites mitis*. Squares and diamonds represent volumes and widths, respectively.

(A) Nm.1; (B) Nm. 2.

A (Nm. 1)



B (Nm. 2)



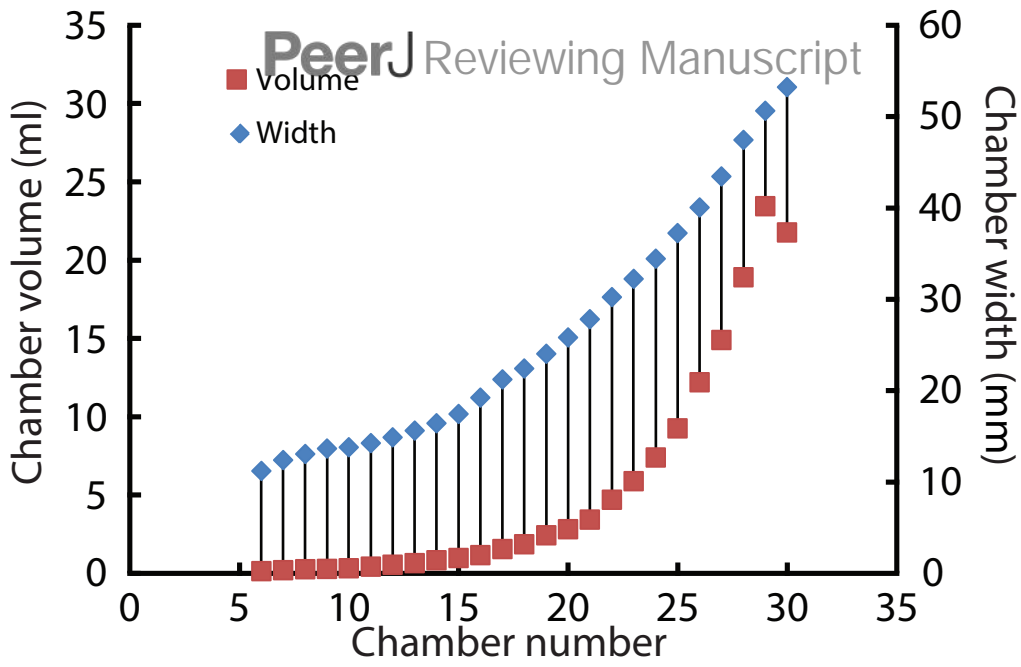
**Figure 7** (on next page)

Volumes and widths of chambers plotted against chamber numbers in *Nautilus pompilius*. Squares and diamonds represent volumes and widths, respectively.

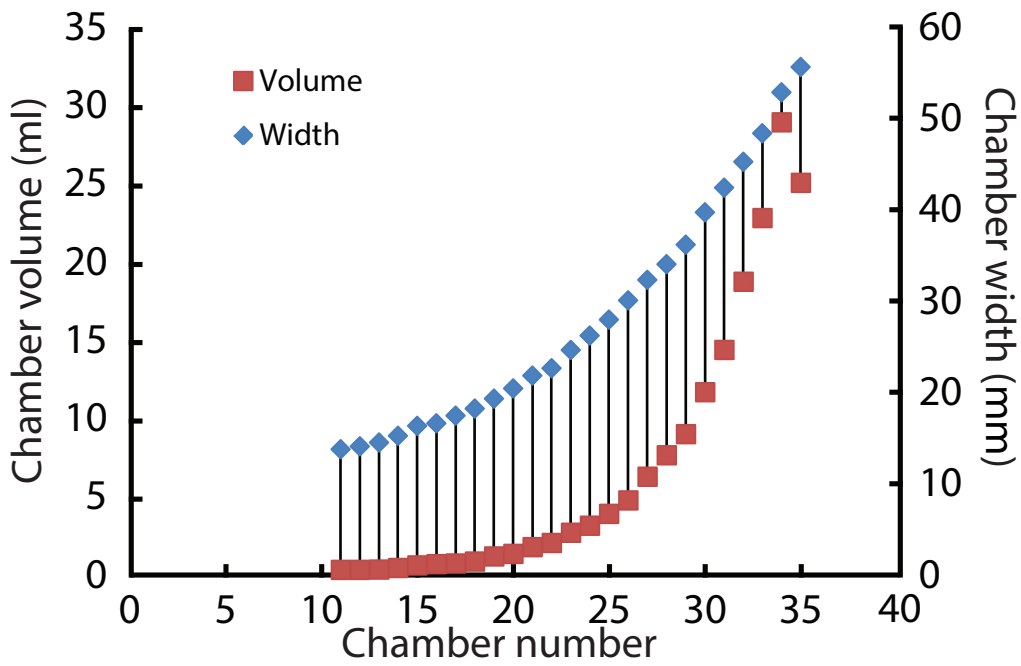
(A) Specimen 8; (B) Specimen 7; (C) specimen 53. Specimens with different growth trajectories were analysed.



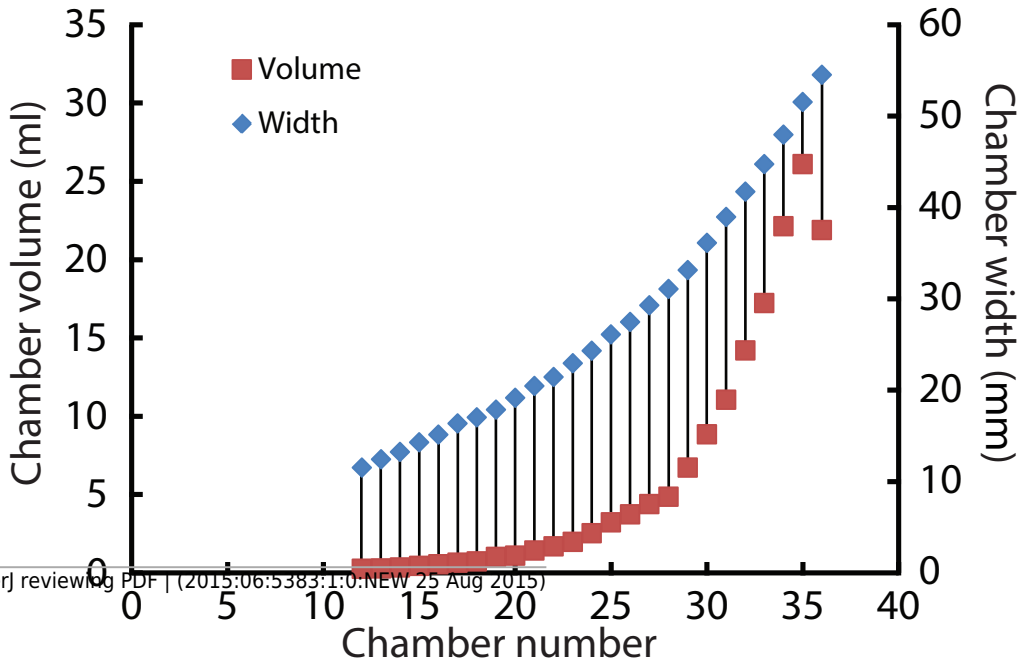
A (specimen 8)



B (specimen 7)



C (specimen 53)



**Table 1** (on next page)

Details of the studied specimens, *Normannites mitis* from the Middle Jurassic, Switzerland, and modern *Nautilus pompilius* from the Philippines.

Specimen number	Species	Maturity	Sex	Maximum diameter (mm)	Number of chambers
Nm.1	<i>Normannites mitis</i>	Mature	Male	50	60?
Nm.2	<i>Normannites mitis</i>	Mature	Male	49	59?
7	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Female	189	35
8	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Female	152	30
10	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Female	175	32
11	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Female	165	30
12	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Female	168	33
15	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Female	189	33
16	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	183	33
17	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	183	33
20	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Immature	Indet.	105	26
23	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Immature	Indet.	112	26
30	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Immature	Indet.	147	30
31	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Immature	Indet.	136	29
32	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Immature	Indet.	136	32
33	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Immature	Indet.	135	27
34	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Immature	Indet.	144	32
35	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Immature	Indet.	124	28
36	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Immature	Indet.	157	37
38	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	150	31
39	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	147	32
40	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	151	30
41	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	184	34
42	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Female	169	33
43	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	155	31
44	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	164	35
46	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	160	31
48	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	165	35
51	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Female	179	33
53	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	181	36
54	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Male	164	29
56	<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>	Mature	Female	176	32

**Table 2** (on next page)

Raw data of measured chamber volumes and widths in *Normannites mitis*.

<i>Normannites mitis</i>					
Specimen Chamber	Nm. 1		Nm. 2		
	Volume (mm <sup>3</sup> )	Width (mm)	Volume (mm <sup>3</sup> )	Width (mm)	
25	0.9	–	–	–	–
26	1.3	–	–	–	–
27	2.0	–	1.6	–	–
28	2.1	2.6	2.5	–	–
29	2.6	2.6	3.0	–	–
30	2.9	2.7	3.8	–	–
31	3.4	2.6	4.8	–	–
32	4.2	3.1	5.3	–	–
33	6.0	4.1	7.4	–	–
34	9.6	4.1	8.8	–	–
35	8.6	4.6	11.3	–	–
36	10.7	4.6	12.4	–	–
37	12.9	4.6	16.2	–	3.9
38	16.0	4.6	16.8	–	3.9
39	16.2	4.7	20.4	–	4.8
40	26.1	5.5	30.8	–	5.8
41	28.9	5.8	43.1	–	7.2
42	39.2	6.5	61.0	–	7.7
43	49.7	7.4	72.4	–	7.7
44	59.1	7.9	78.6	–	7.7
45	66.7	8.4	54.0	–	7.2
46	81.4	8.9	76.3	–	7.2
47	99.4	9.4	93.1	–	7.9
48	113.3	9.8	130.4	–	8.6
49	155.1	10.3	198.6	–	11.0
50	171.8	11.3	296.0	–	13.2
51	255.9	12.5	380.5	–	15.1
52	338.7	14.6	446.4	–	15.1
53	397.6	15.1	458.6	–	15.1
54	498.5	16.6	425.7	–	13.9
55	557.4	16.6	384.6	–	13.4
56	510.2	17.5	409.1	–	15.1
57	576.1	17.5	428.5	–	15.4
58	528.4	18.0	375.1	–	15.9
59	497.3	18.0	339.3	–	15.4
60	410.5	18.0	–	–	–

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**Table 3** (on next page)

Raw data of measured chamber volumes in *Natutilus pompilius*.

<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>										
Volumes (ml)										
Chamber	7	8	10	11	12	15	16	17	20	23
1	0.0011	0.0080	0.0082	0.0118	0.0139	0.0088	0.0099	0.0101	0.0153	0.0120
2	0.0123	0.0331	0.0257	0.0416	0.0384	0.0317	0.0145	0.0307	0.0329	0.0370
3	0.0468	0.1013	0.0760	0.1056	0.1091	0.0866	0.0424	0.0882	0.0922	0.1440
4	0.1142	0.1951	0.1539	0.1980	0.1809	0.1571	0.1109	0.1584	–	0.1904
5	0.1837	0.2417	0.2028	0.2214	0.2050	0.2032	0.1859	1.9870	0.2939	0.1658
6	0.2236	0.1264	0.1397	0.1244	0.1081	0.1327	0.2182	1.2660	0.1387	–
7	0.1287	0.1987	0.1736	0.2603	0.1742	0.1711	0.1610	0.1911	0.1504	0.1875
8	0.1767	0.2520	0.2027	0.2639	0.2046	0.1654	0.2183	0.2065	0.1695	0.2451
9	0.2265	0.2800	0.2472	0.3593	0.2370	0.2352	0.2730	0.2418	0.2092	0.3563
10	0.2619	0.3126	0.2873	0.4043	0.3378	0.2344	0.3047	0.2709	0.2314	0.3615
11	0.3097	0.4201	0.3461	0.4913	0.3364	0.2671	0.3856	0.3332	0.3010	0.2962
12	0.3254	0.5510	0.4246	0.5882	0.3992	0.3542	0.4402	0.4326	0.4017	0.5029
13	0.3419	0.6398	0.4958	0.6988	0.4677	0.4407	0.5293	0.4632	0.3846	0.6454
14	0.4342	0.8348	0.6386	0.9175	0.5496	0.5297	0.6218	0.5654	0.5069	0.7712
15	0.5986	0.9723	0.7534	1.1123	0.7096	0.5844	0.7034	0.7108	0.5902	0.8968
16	0.6954	1.1514	0.9129	1.2902	0.8697	0.6870	0.8370	0.8858	0.7431	1.0808
17	0.7329	1.5420	0.9722	1.5716	0.9987	0.8377	1.1188	1.0799	0.9711	1.3026
18	0.8595	1.8436	1.2630	2.0393	1.1376	1.0711	1.3181	1.3902	1.1740	1.5484
19	1.1690	2.4328	1.6209	2.3768	1.4889	1.4076	1.6280	1.7581	1.5174	1.7800
20	1.3495	2.8077	1.6611	3.1048	1.8336	1.6886	1.8692	2.2017	1.8071	2.4023
21	1.7666	3.4284	2.2127	3.8014	2.2195	2.2858	2.3806	2.7137	2.2284	2.8600
22	2.0429	4.7002	2.4138	5.1772	2.8784	2.6827	3.0621	2.9842	2.8115	3.4343
23	2.6836	5.8684	3.6654	6.4984	3.4312	3.0022	3.8081	4.2956	3.3740	4.4262
24	3.1432	7.3975	3.9932	6.3292	4.0784	3.9945	4.8836	5.7708	4.3020	5.5624
25	3.8981	9.2433	5.9550	10.8780	4.8802	5.2016	6.4403	6.5720	5.5132	6.8422
26	4.7613	12.1851	7.2257	13.0345	6.1415	6.9912	7.7378	8.3211	6.5154	8.3682
27	6.2645	14.8837	9.1428	15.1136	7.1537	6.9741	10.2469	9.7510	–	–
28	7.6362	18.9061	11.6261	15.0097	9.3969	9.9014	11.9939	12.6750	–	–
29	8.9947	23.4334	14.3625	18.0443	11.4332	13.0762	15.4993	15.4005	–	–
30	11.6532	21.7685	18.6543	16.2038	13.7770	15.9414	18.4287	17.8146	–	–
31	14.3670	–	22.4427	–	17.3911	21.2605	21.4919	22.5759	–	–
32	18.7249	–	25.6854	–	19.8835	25.8978	26.6814	25.5356	–	–
33	22.7825	–	–	–	19.3914	23.7399	21.6118	29.6341	–	–
34	28.9011	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
35	25.0228	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

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<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>										
Volumes (ml)										
Chamber	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	38	39	40
1	0.0009	0.0081	0.0015	0.0081	0.0076	0.0010	0.0216	0.0098	0.0106	0.0101
2	0.0093	0.0307	0.0112	0.0138	0.0238	0.0151	0.0566	0.0283	0.0415	0.0413
3	0.0491	0.1274	0.0372	0.0523	0.0673	0.0441	0.1162	0.0987	0.0610	0.1276
4	0.1152	0.0900	0.1024	–	–	0.1044	0.1356	0.1778	0.1955	0.2445
5	0.2002	0.1677	0.1703	0.2591	0.1836	0.1951	0.0903	0.2302	0.2274	0.2826
6	0.2263	0.2333	0.2108	0.3325	0.0731	0.1551	0.0677	0.1288	0.1437	0.1377
7	0.1298	0.1515	0.1059	0.1488	0.1445	0.1211	0.0875	0.1754	0.2137	0.1577
8	0.2507	0.1968	0.1578	0.2810	0.1506	0.2130	0.1325	0.2319	0.2327	0.2791
9	0.2457	0.2774	0.1513	0.3327	0.1912	0.2311	0.1384	0.2424	0.2748	0.3210
10	0.3184	0.3346	0.2389	0.3967	0.2178	0.3198	0.1650	0.3559	0.3628	0.3354
11	0.3811	0.4392	0.2743	0.4897	0.2891	0.3354	0.1998	0.3528	0.3506	0.4696
12	0.4743	0.4943	0.2953	0.5830	0.2969	0.4166	0.2167	0.4391	0.4582	0.5265
13	0.5728	0.5368	0.3519	0.6721	0.3613	0.4578	0.2776	0.5343	0.5336	0.6694
14	0.6597	0.5660	0.4364	0.7652	0.4548	0.4956	0.3469	0.6659	0.5510	0.7933
15	0.8527	0.6376	0.4978	0.9763	0.5328	0.6623	0.3984	0.8642	0.7349	0.9906
16	0.9906	0.9415	0.5625	1.1348	0.6799	0.8069	0.4671	1.0654	0.8903	1.1742
17	1.2034	1.2099	0.6816	1.5905	0.8066	0.9817	0.5594	1.2510	1.1273	1.4877
18	1.5362	1.4315	0.8131	1.7629	0.9474	1.2012	0.7268	1.5251	1.3187	1.8743
19	1.7694	1.7856	0.9522	2.2513	1.2071	1.3979	0.8601	1.8645	1.6630	2.3415
20	2.0389	1.9788	1.1264	3.0569	1.4379	1.8163	0.9568	2.3037	2.1185	2.8293
21	2.8880	2.6252	1.4726	3.5649	1.7398	2.2560	1.1435	3.0019	2.5387	3.4876
22	3.3829	3.0792	1.5172	4.5086	2.0732	2.7278	1.3670	3.8435	3.1226	4.1792
23	3.6387	4.1283	2.0698	5.8497	2.6354	3.5553	1.4716	5.0250	4.3051	5.2172
24	5.5978	4.8777	2.5775	7.8330	3.0635	4.2451	1.9052	5.9666	5.0770	6.9681
25	6.6551	6.6584	2.9776	10.0561	3.7968	5.6042	2.1254	7.4867	6.4071	9.1711
26	8.4330	8.2790	3.7357	12.3302	4.6313	7.0547	2.4165	9.5045	7.9895	11.4558
27	10.9828	10.7209	4.2277	16.8159	5.7833	8.7436	3.1417	12.3553	9.9455	14.8504
28	14.0144	13.7381	5.9748	–	6.7042	11.2815	3.9028	15.4332	12.1152	18.7030
29	17.9875	16.9861	6.9056	–	8.9703	–	4.0146	19.5149	16.8772	21.2875
30	22.9906	–	8.7325	–	10.3012	–	5.5218	22.3363	19.1758	20.7897
31	–	–	11.0929	–	13.7366	–	6.4224	21.7169	22.8448	–
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<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>										
Volumes (ml)										
Chamber	41	42	43	44	46	48	51	53	54	56
1	0.0100	0.0054	0.0090	0.0050	0.0265	0.0047	0.0175	0.0061	0.0100	0.0093
2	0.0292	0.0247	0.0306	0.0186	0.0771	0.0183	0.0470	0.0181	0.0342	0.0315
3	0.0905	0.0708	0.0881	0.0496	0.1503	0.0468	0.1091	0.0549	0.0913	0.0873
4	0.1417	0.1532	0.1587	0.1075	0.1971	0.0971	0.1735	0.1069	0.1690	0.1472
5	0.2076	0.2127	0.2030	0.1600	0.1691	0.1455	0.1890	0.1296	0.1763	0.2053
6	0.1124	0.1729	0.1402	0.1743	0.1699	0.1296	0.1049	0.0991	0.0946	0.2054
7	0.1508	0.1493	0.1831	0.1235	0.2227	0.0904	0.1476	0.0782	0.2062	0.1376
8	0.1697	0.2169	0.2357	0.1846	0.2459	0.1272	0.1975	0.1243	0.1836	0.1697
9	0.2163	0.2819	0.2991	0.1938	0.3018	0.1317	0.2505	0.1579	0.2436	0.2927
10	0.2786	0.3644	0.3365	0.2052	0.3498	0.1749	0.2403	0.1804	0.3114	0.3502
11	0.3207	0.4320	0.3932	0.2967	0.4234	0.1962	0.3590	0.2276	0.3474	0.3969
12	0.4028	0.5334	0.4842	0.3297	0.4885	0.2544	0.3641	0.2631	0.3622	0.4777
13	0.3789	0.6502	0.5946	0.4074	0.6444	0.2892	0.4552	0.2786	0.4824	0.5308
14	0.3697	0.8009	0.7316	0.4628	0.7167	0.3641	0.5052	0.3390	0.5973	0.7307
15	0.4970	1.1199	0.8541	0.5346	0.9162	0.4755	0.6910	0.4319	0.7167	0.9280
16	0.7079	1.3768	1.0209	0.6888	1.1237	0.5788	0.8284	0.5339	0.9275	1.0657
17	0.8187	1.6980	1.3506	0.8180	1.4206	0.7132	0.9799	0.6473	1.0603	1.3458
18	0.9482	2.1715	1.5373	0.9756	1.5012	0.7694	1.2509	0.7253	1.3217	1.4686
19	1.1905	2.5023	1.9608	1.2337	2.1029	0.9727	1.4561	1.0164	1.5396	1.8512
20	1.4391	3.1098	2.1780	1.5515	2.4645	1.2410	1.7334	1.0873	1.9675	2.3222
21	1.7595	4.1807	2.9540	1.9814	3.2696	1.4992	2.1757	1.4246	2.4795	2.8080
22	2.1740	5.2048	3.5435	2.6261	3.7837	1.9494	2.6698	1.6820	3.0712	3.4655
23	2.6913	6.7107	4.6642	2.7189	4.6898	2.2113	3.5267	1.9744	3.6531	4.4481
24	3.3197	8.3822	5.6355	4.1850	6.2850	2.6959	3.8889	2.5256	4.6271	5.2782
25	3.9711	9.8258	7.2365	4.8333	7.7151	3.3410	5.4467	3.2210	5.7637	6.6173
26	5.1796	14.0874	8.8481	6.3843	9.6012	4.1416	7.0138	3.7303	7.4533	8.4093
27	6.3708	16.9760	10.8568	7.8972	12.4969	5.2332	8.5615	4.3930	9.1647	10.4171
28	7.3239	20.3430	13.3318	10.4022	16.2270	6.3615	10.4667	4.8603	10.4041	13.1087
29	9.5327	25.8620	16.3558	13.1177	19.5241	7.5145	13.5815	6.7250	13.7364	15.5874
30	11.9083	24.6416	18.0790	17.3703	24.7367	9.4214	17.3426	8.8509	18.1738	20.3345
31	14.4140	–	20.2377	20.7735	20.2453	12.4135	20.6539	11.0477	22.7498	22.5689
32	18.5821	–	–	27.8035	–	15.0377	25.8738	14.1953	24.6066	19.6485
33	23.3349	–	–	27.8442	–	18.3685	21.4921	17.2212	15.7064	–
34	27.2882	–	–	–	–	22.6245	–	22.1384	–	–
35	–	–	–	–	–	26.4088	–	26.0839	–	–

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**Table 4**(on next page)

Raw data of measured chamber widths of *Natutilus pompilius*.

<i>Nautilus pompilius</i>			
Chambers	Widths (mm)		
	Specimen 8	Specimen 7	Specimen 53
6	–	–	–
7	–	–	–
8	–	–	–
9	–	–	–
10	–	–	–
11	13.8	–	13.8
12	14.1	11.5	14.1
13	14.5	12.4	14.5
14	15.2	13.2	15.2
15	16.3	14.2	16.3
16	16.6	15.1	16.6
17	17.4	16.3	17.4
18	18.2	17.0	18.2
19	19.3	17.8	19.3
20	20.4	19.1	20.4
21	21.8	20.4	21.8
22	22.6	21.4	22.6
23	24.6	22.9	24.6
24	26.2	24.3	26.2
25	30.0	26.1	30.0
26	30.1	27.4	30.1
27	32.3	29.2	32.3
28	34.0	31.0	34.0
29	36.2	33.1	36.2
30	39.7	36.1	39.7
31	42.4	38.9	42.4
32	45.2	41.7	45.2
33	48.3	44.7	48.3
34	52.8	47.9	52.8
35	55.6	51.5	55.6
36	–	54.5	–

**Table 5** (on next page)

Results of statistical tests (analyses of the residual sum of squares) comparing linear regressions of males and female.

N, number of samples; RSS; residual sum of squares; DF, degree of freedom; ns, not significant; s; significant.

Comparison	N (male)	N (female)	RSS (male)	RSS (female)	DF (male)	DF (female)	t	Significance
Chamber number vs. chamber volume (between the 1st and 5th chambers))	60	45	59.9	4601	58	43	0.005	ns (P>0.5)
Chamber number vs. chamber volume (from the 6th chamber)	332	243	108.3	104.0	330	240	16.8	s (P<0.05)
Maximum diameter vs. number of chambers	12	9	46.5	14.6	10	7	1.9	s (P<0.1)
Maximum diameter vs. total volume of phragmocone	12	9	927.6	721.0	10	7	2.2	s (P<0.1)

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**Table 6** (on next page)

Results of a statistical test (an analysis of the residual sum of squares) comparing nonlinear regressions of males and females.

RSS; residual sum of squares; DF, degree of freedom; ns, not significant; s; significant.

Comparison	RSS (total)	RSS (male)	RSS (female)	DF (male)	DF (female)	F	Significance
Chamber number vs. chamber volume (from the 6th chamber)	2775.3	1670.0	1040.4	332	243	4.55	s ( P<0.1)

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