

# Example

# Level of complexity

Abstraction



Detail

$$X(t) = S(X, t) - C(X, t)X(t)$$

Nonlinear kinetics

$$X(t) = BU(t) - A\xi(t)KX(t)$$

Globally Fixed  
value

$f(\text{PFT})$

Static vegetation  
distribution

$f(\text{DV})$

Fixed value with  
vegetation type

$f(\text{trait})$

1

Mass balance, rate heterogeneity  
time-dependent drivers

2

Plant allocation, environmental modifier,  
donor pool-controlled transfer

3

Mortality rate varies with plant  
functional type (PFT)

4

Mortality rate varies with dynamic  
vegetation (DV), such as ED, PPA, FATES

5

Connecting plant and microbial traits to  
rate of mortality or decomposition