

Water Resources Management with Dynamic Optimization Strategies and Integrated Models of Lakes and Artificial Wetlands

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Motivation

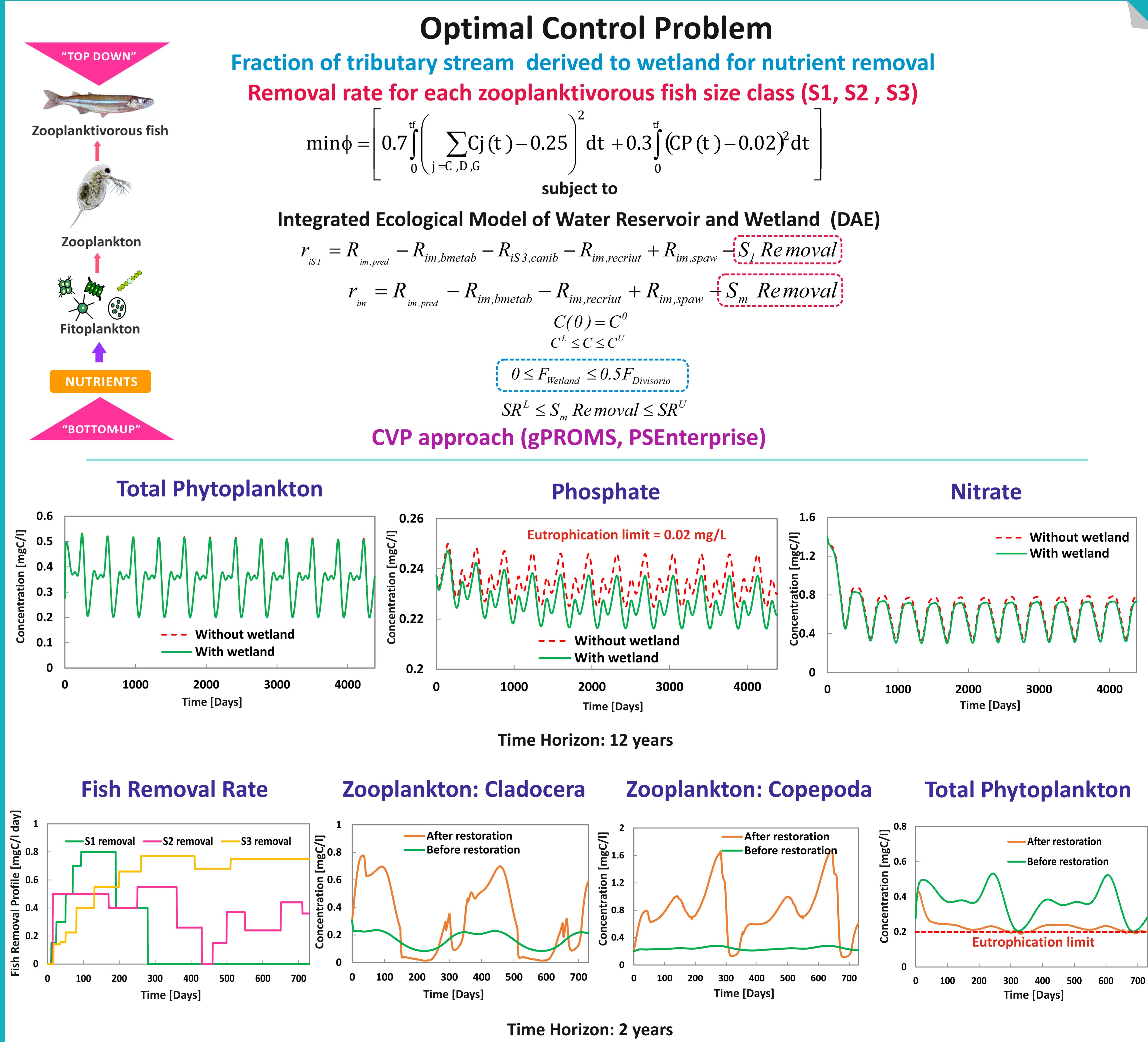
- Harmful Algal Blooms: the most severe problem associated with eutrophication
- Water bodies increasingly eutrophic due to anthropogenic inputs of nutrients
- Rigorous water quality model for Paso de las Piedras Reservoir (Estrada et al., 2009 a, 2011; Di Maggio et al. 2016)
- EPA recommendation in 2015: Dual Nutrient Criteria (N and P reduction)
- Experimental data from a pilot artificial wetland with *Senecio bonariensis* as biofilter
- External reduction of nutrients by artificial wetlands: not enough due to internal nutrient recycle
- Food web manipulation (Biomanipulation) through zooplanktivorous fish removal: suitable internal strategy
- Application of restoration strategies: systematic study, modeling and optimization

Objectives

Formulation of integrated ecological models of lakes and artificial wetlands within a dynamic optimization framework

Determination and planning of optimal restoration policies for water bodies

Numerical Results



Conclusions

- Optimal control problem to plan short/middle term restoration in a highly eutrophic reservoir with hybrid ecological water model.
- Need for simultaneous external nutrient loading reduction and biomanipulation.
- Process systems engineering approaches have proved to be effective for determination and planning of restoration strategies.

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