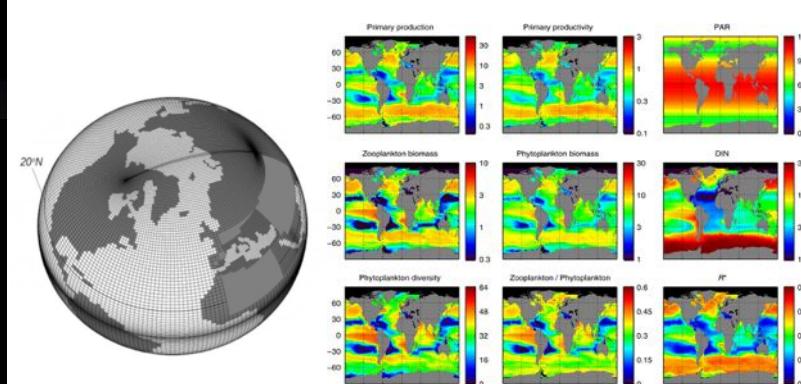
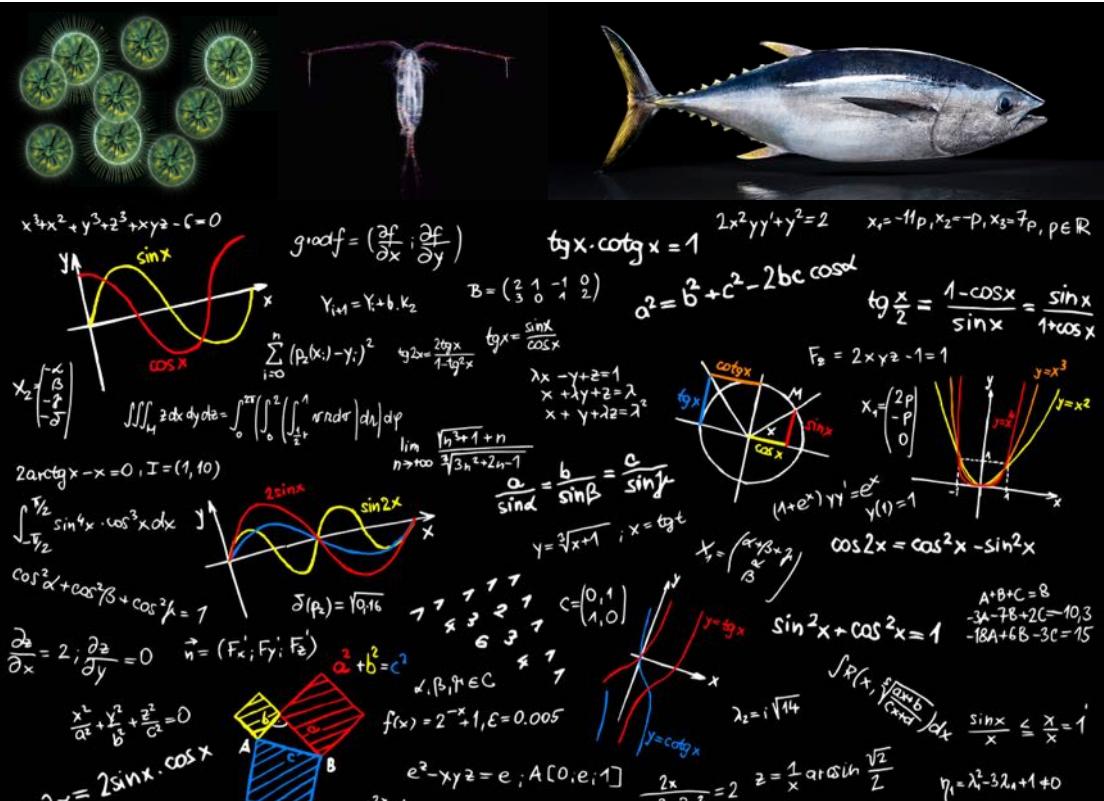
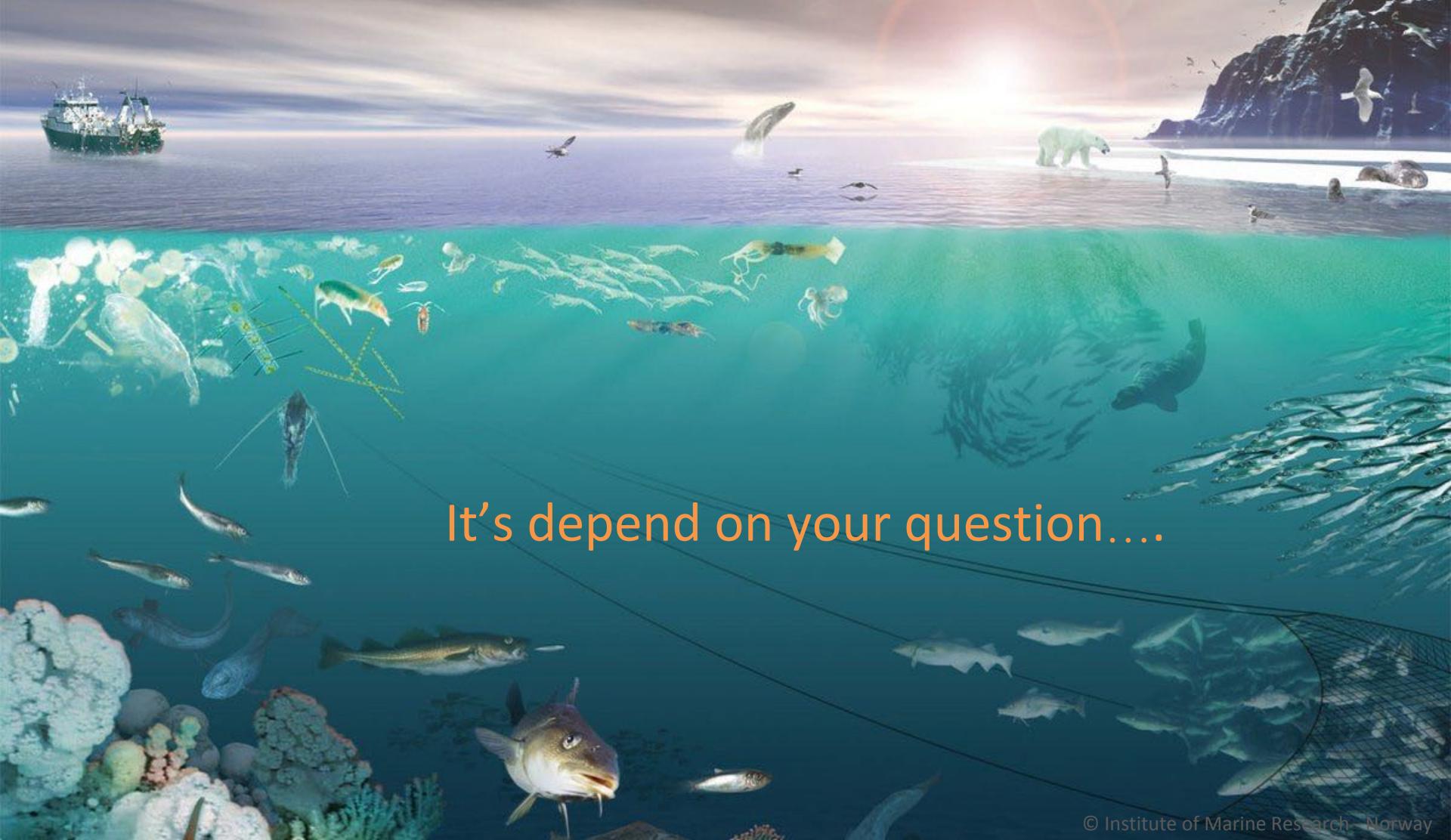


# Marine ecosystem modelling



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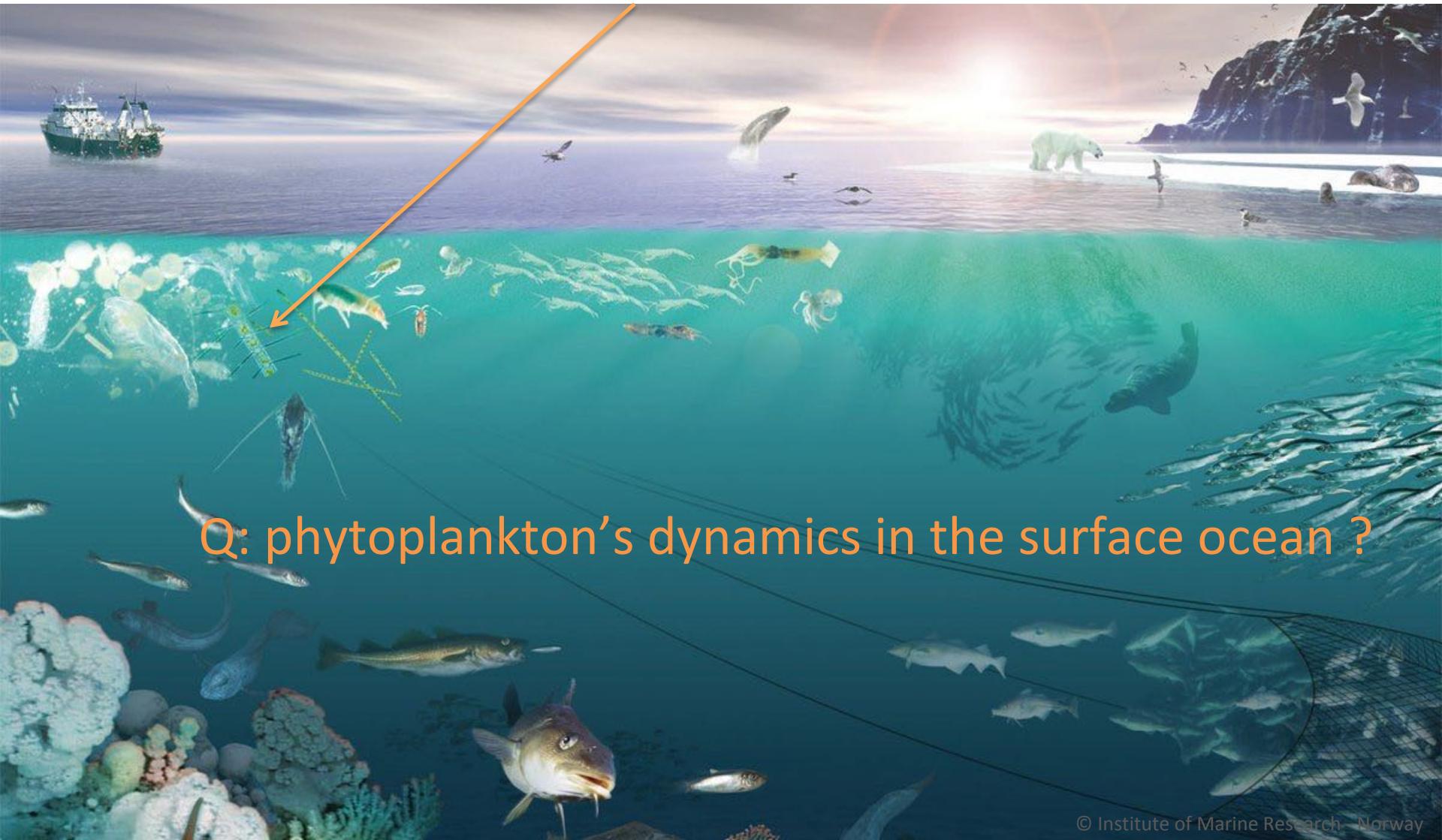
# How can we model marine ecosystems?



It's depend on your question....

# How can we model marine ecosystems?

Let's start by modelling one plankton population



Q: phytoplankton's dynamics in the surface ocean ?

# Modelling one population

Dynamical model



Differential equation

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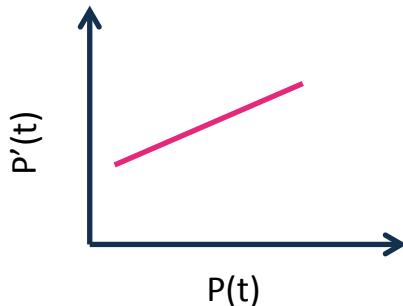
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Blackboard...

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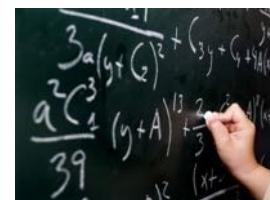


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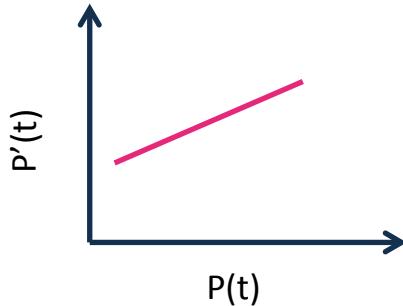
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## NB: “Solving the equation”:

- Find the analytical solution, when possible
- If not ? Compute an approximation  
    ⇒ numerical integration!

ard...

# Modelling one population

- **NB : Numerical integration**

- ≠ Finding the exact solution
  - = Solving an equation using an approximation

It requires to:

- ⇒ Discretize the time into time steps  $\Delta t$
- ⇒ Estimate state at time  $P(t+\Delta t)$  from  $P(t)$

Principle :

- Start from the initial condition
- Estimate the state after a very small time step, and so on (recursive)

One option is to use the **Taylor's developments**, e.g. at order 1 :

$$P(t+dt) \approx P(t) + \frac{dP(t)}{dt} \cdot dt$$

Making the hypothesis that the terms of higher order can be neglected

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For the exponential growth of a population

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dP}{dt} = r \cdot P \\ P(0) = P_0 \end{array} \right.$$

Numerical integration step by step:

$$P(t_1=t_0+\Delta t) =$$

$$P(t_2=t_2+\Delta t) =$$

$$P(t_3=t_3+\Delta t) =$$

$$P(t_4=t_4+\Delta t) =$$

...

Nota bene : This integration method is called **Euler's integration**, but many more (complex one) exist! E.g. Runge-Kutta...

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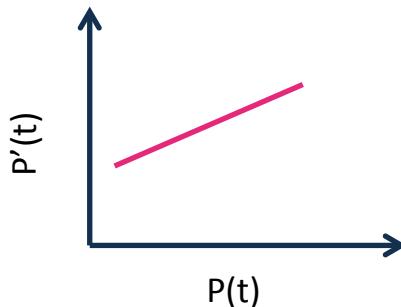
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## To keep in mind:

- ⇒ This is how dynamical model are simulated
- ⇒ Several integration methods exist (more or less costly/precise)
- ⇒ This can lead to numerical diffusion if the time step is too small

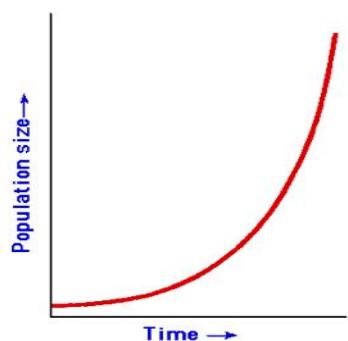
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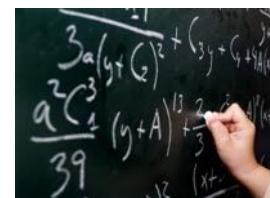
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Malthus model

If  $r > 1$ : Exponential growth is unlimited...  
Which is unrealistic.... !

Let's add a limitation term...

Blackboard...



A handwritten mathematical derivation on a blackboard. The derivation shows the steps to solve a differential equation related to population modeling. The final result is a complex formula involving  $a$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $A$ .

# Modelling one population



- Case #2: density-dependant mortality

**Limiting term to avoid unlimited growth:**

The growth is negative when the concentration becomes too high

$$P'(t) = r \cdot P(t) \cdot [1 - P(t)/k]$$

Solution:

$$P(t) = \frac{k}{1 + (k/P_0 - 1) \cdot e^{-r \cdot t}}$$

Logistic growth  
(Verhulst's model)

# Modelling one population



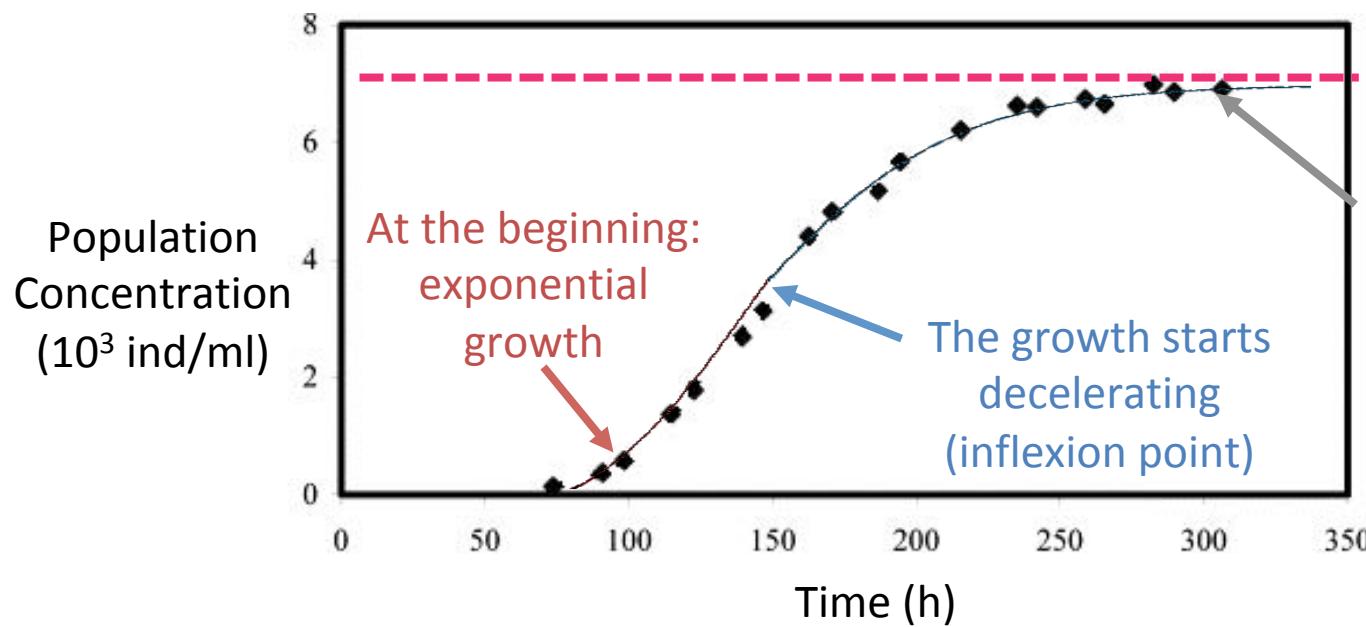
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Much more realistic !

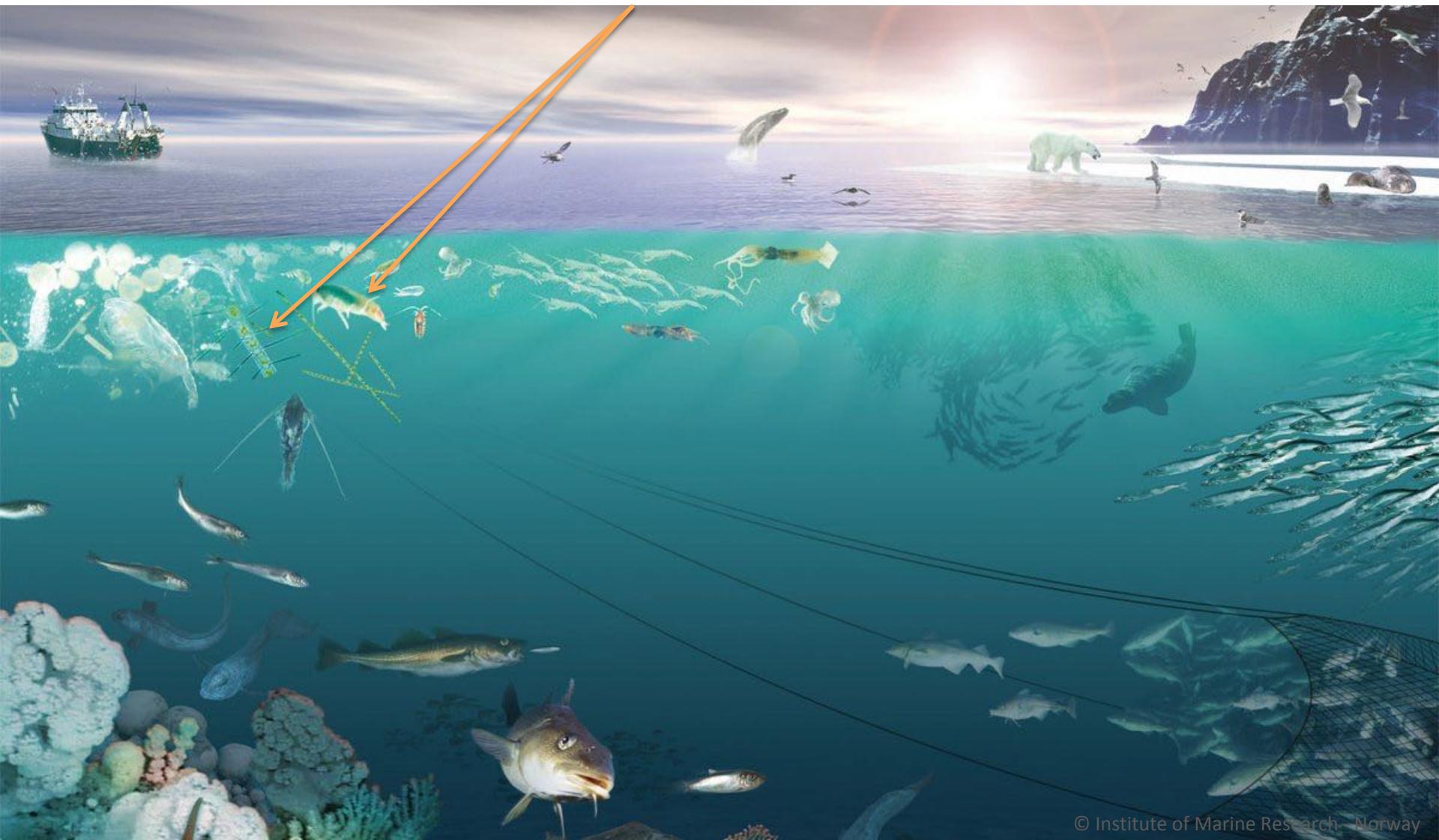


k: Carrying capacity

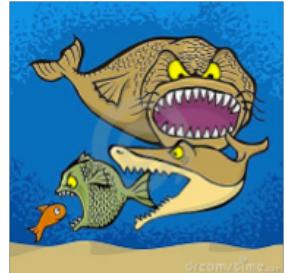
The growth decelerates and becomes null (stable state)

# How can we model marine ecosystems?

Now, let's have two populations interacting

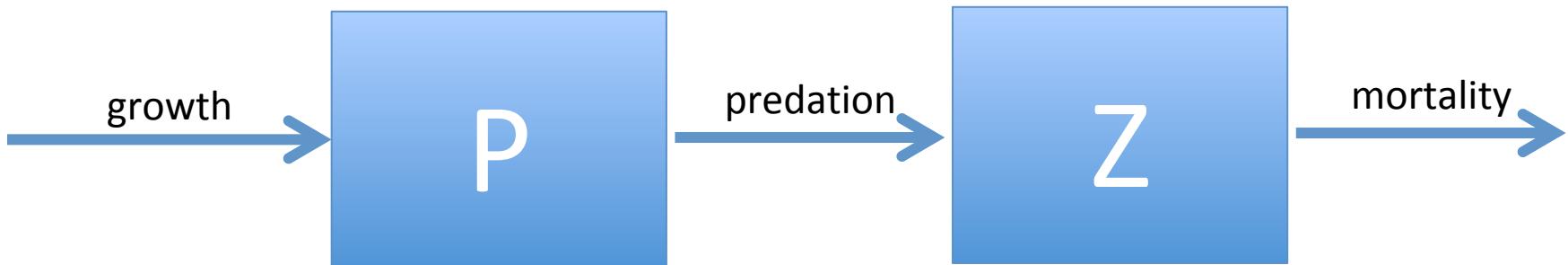


# Modelling two populations



- Predatory-prey relationships

Again, constructing the model step by step!  
From the most simple assumptions...



r: growth rate  
a: grazing rate  
e: efficiency of biomass/energy conversion  
m: mortality rate

Simple case: linear processes only

Blackboard...

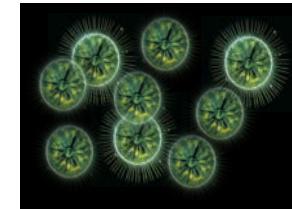
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$$x +$$

# Modelling two populations

- Predatory-prey relationships

## Lotka-Volterra model

- Linear growth of the prey P (growth rate r)
- Linear predation by the predator Z (predation rate a)
- Growth of the predator proportional to the predation (factor e)
- Linear mortality of the predator Z (mortality rate m)

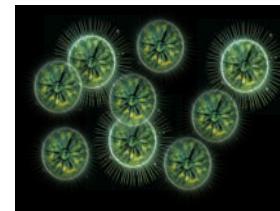


$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bullet \dot{P} = \frac{dP}{dt} = \text{Linear growth} - \text{linear death by predation} = r.P - a.P.Z = f(P, Z) \\ \bullet \dot{Z} = \frac{dZ}{dt} = \text{Growth by predation} - \text{linear mortality} = e.a.P.Z - m.Z = g(P, Z) \end{array} \right.$$

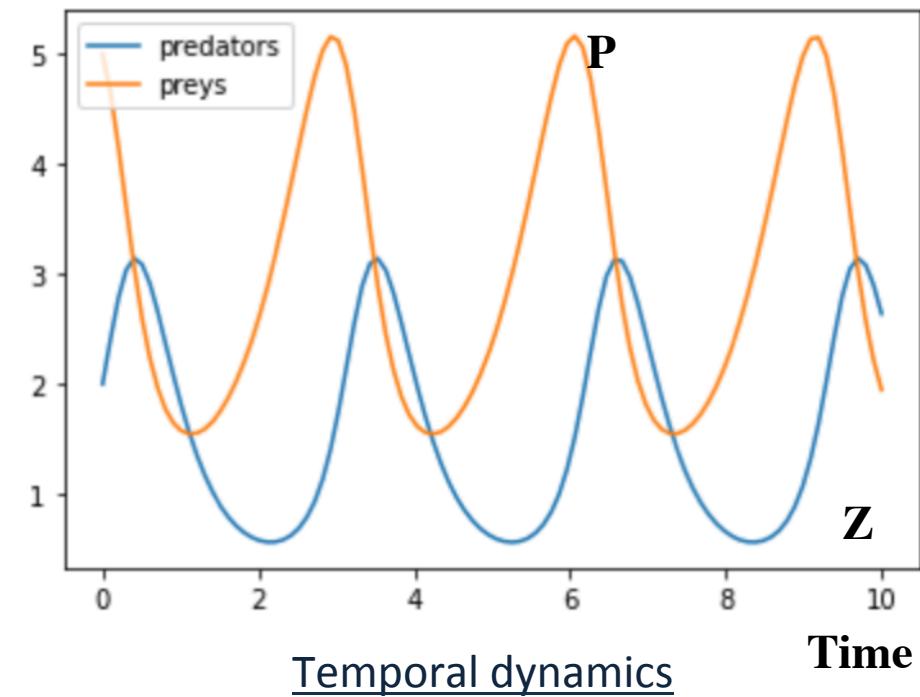
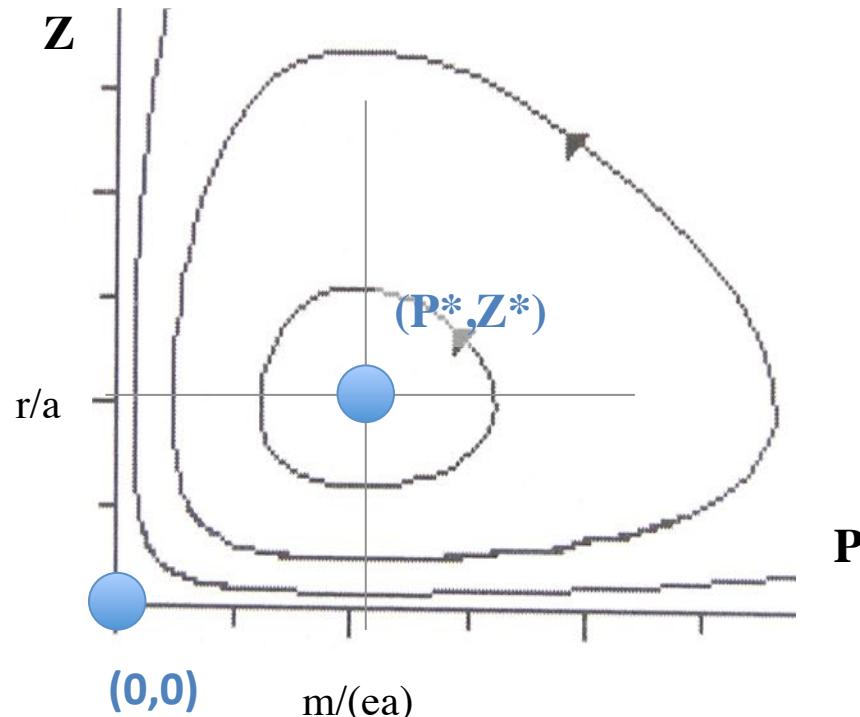
⇒ Analytical study of the model

# Modelling two populations

## Analytical study of the Lotka-Volterra model



Two equilibria

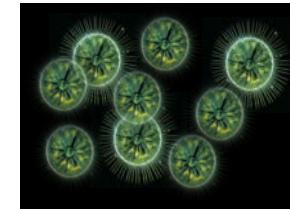


Cf. this afternoon with Redouane

# BUT: Biological/ecological processes are usually NOT linear

For instance:

Phytoplankton growth is limited,  
especially by light and nutrient availability



Predation is not linear: it saturates



Most of the time, more complex functions are needed!

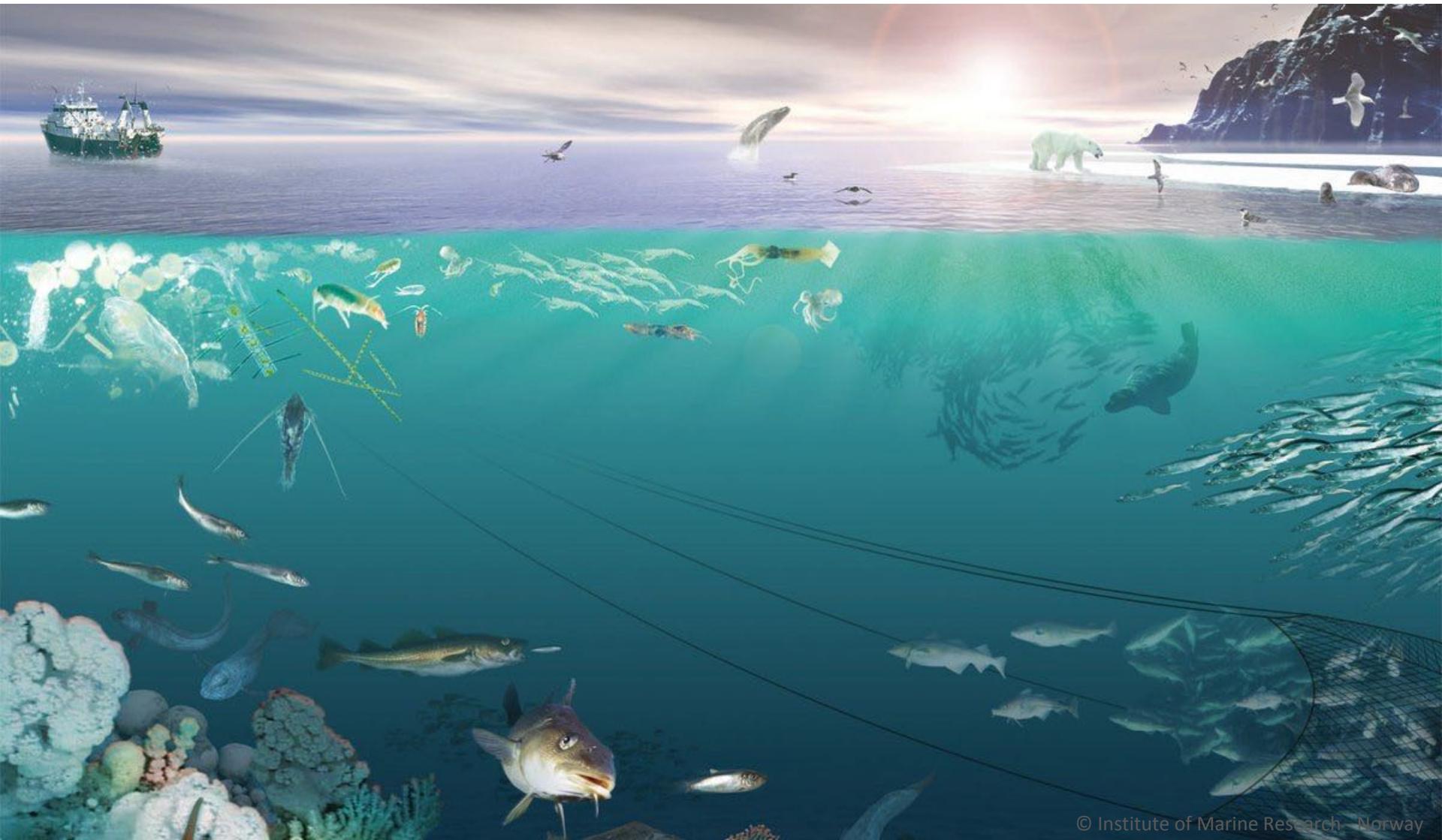
How do we chose them?

“Functional responses”

For instance: Holling-type I, II, III...

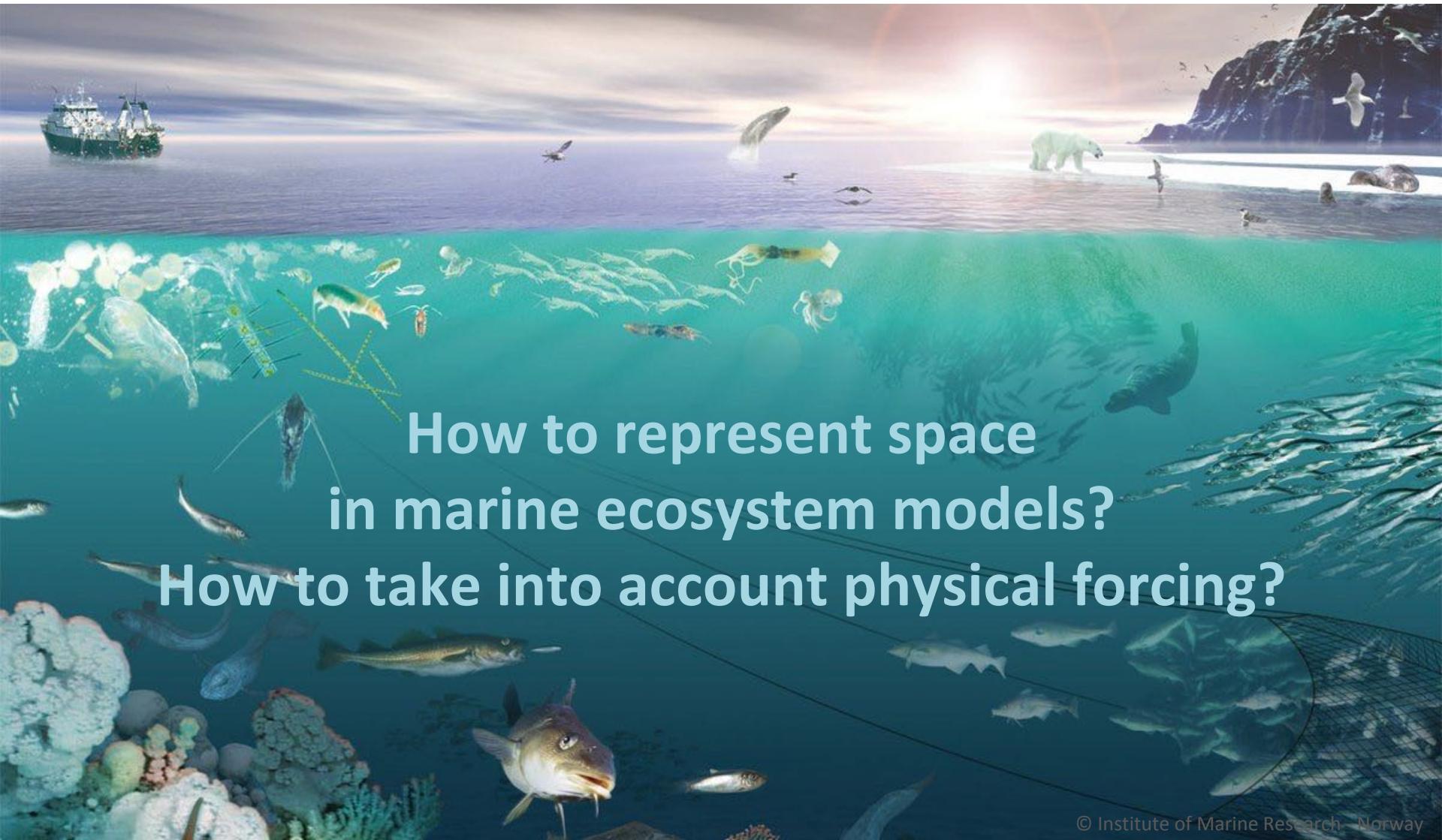
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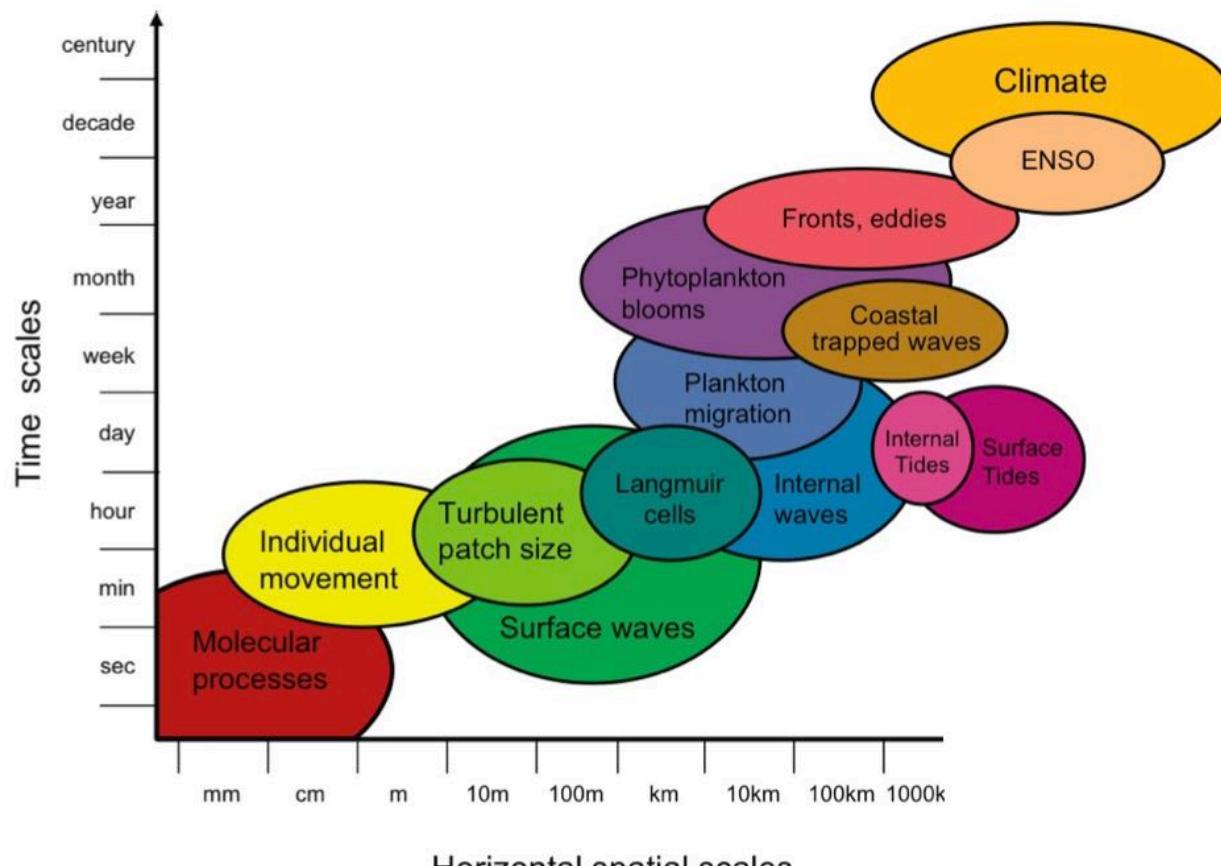


How to represent space  
in marine ecosystem models?

How to take into account physical forcing?

# Representing space in models

## Spatiotemporal scales

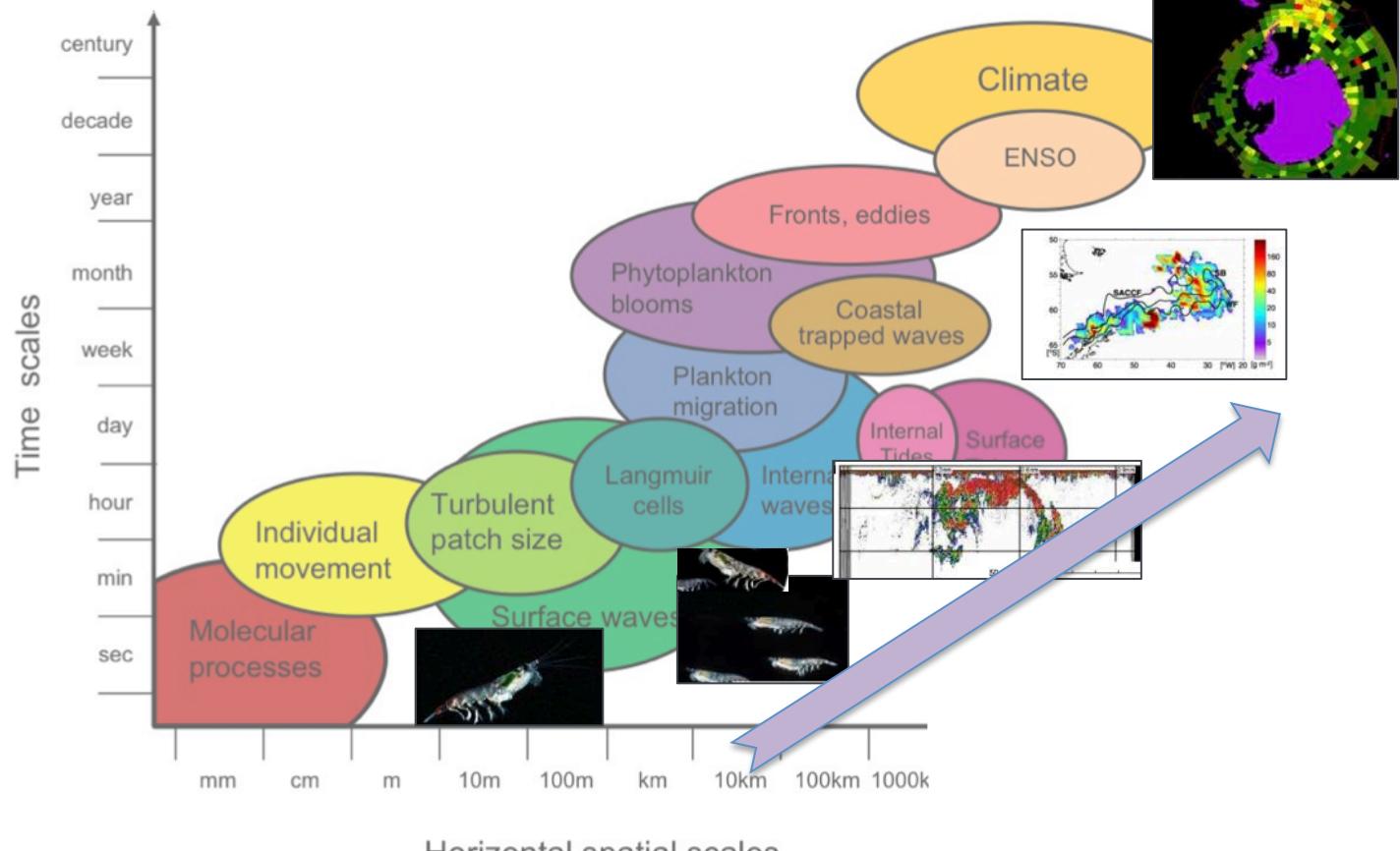


Time scales and spatial scales of oceanic processes

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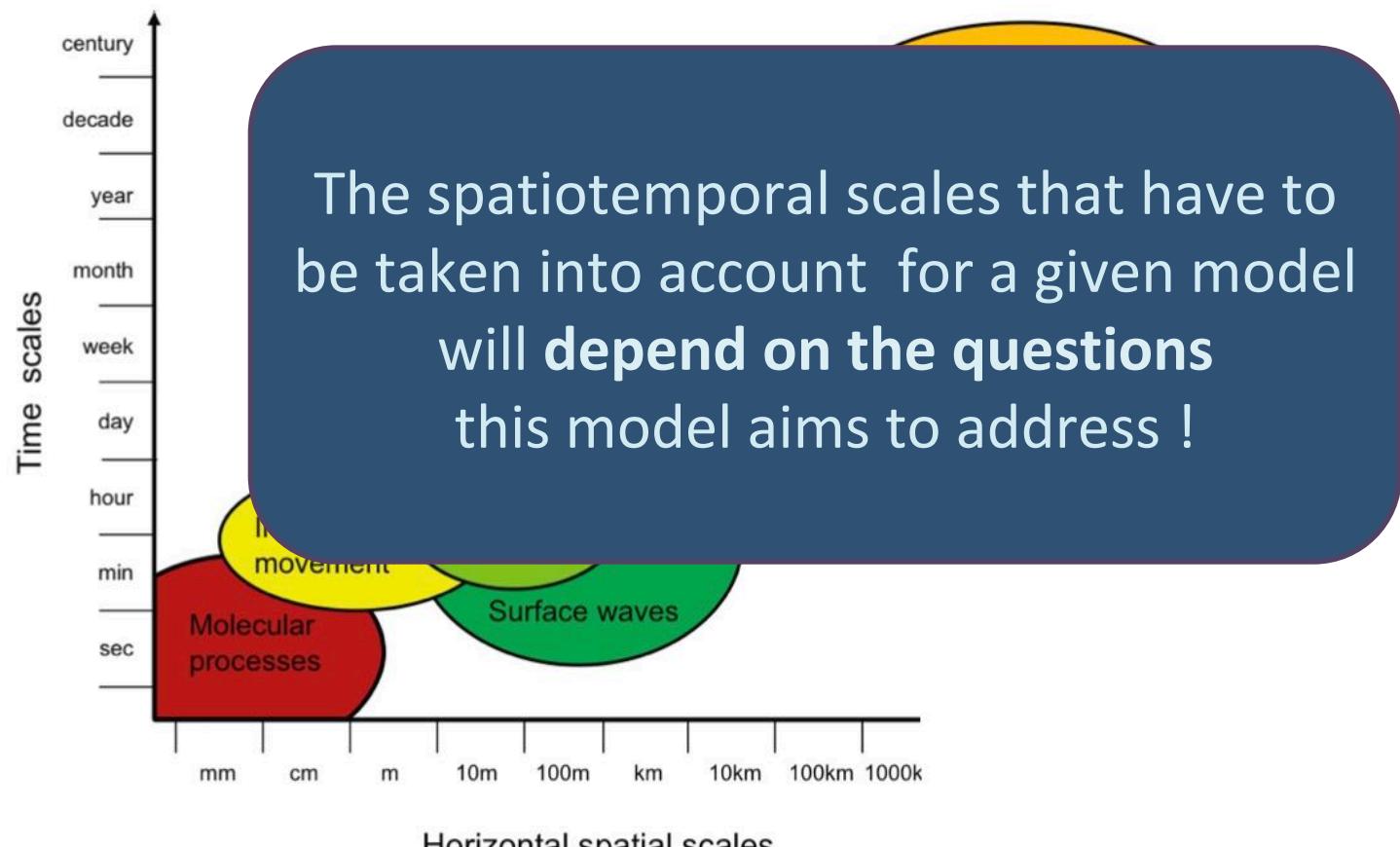
Example of zooplankton in the austral ocean



Time scales and spatial scales of oceanic processes

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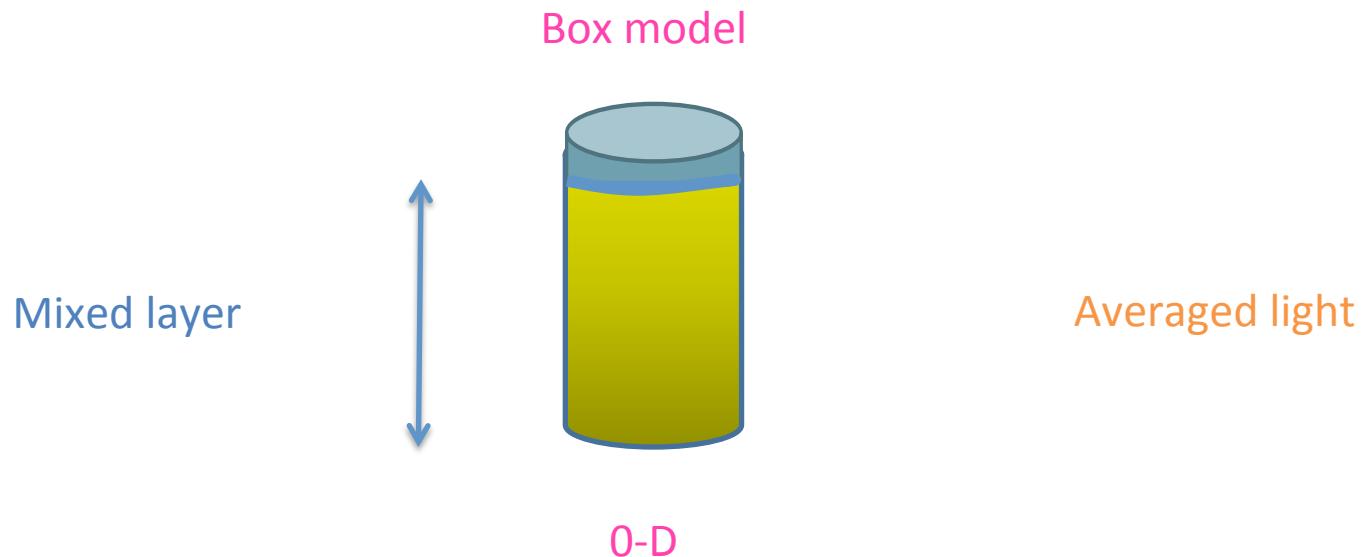
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- 0D: homogeneous mixed layer (box model)

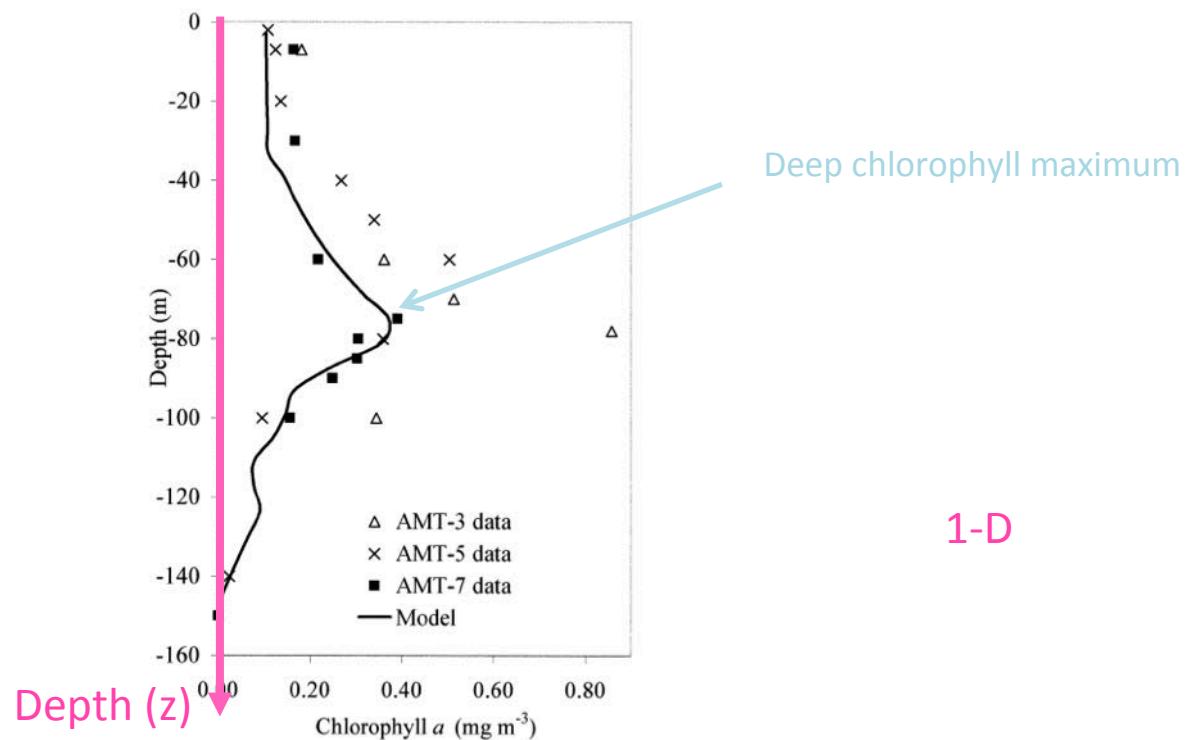
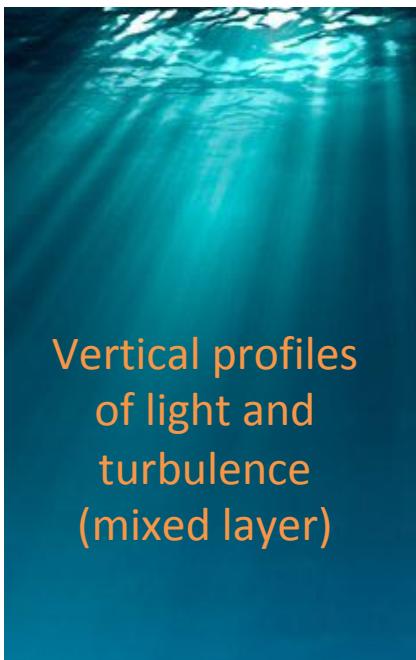


Concentration of phytoplankton in the mixed layer in a 0D model

# Spatial dimensions

Example: modelling phytoplankton growth in the ocean

- 1D: vertical model of the water column

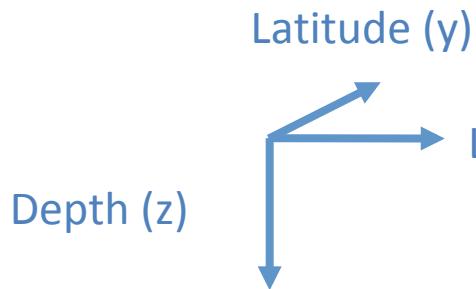


Vertical profile of chlorophyll concentration in the NE Atlantic (observed and modelled, Lefèvre et al. (2003)).

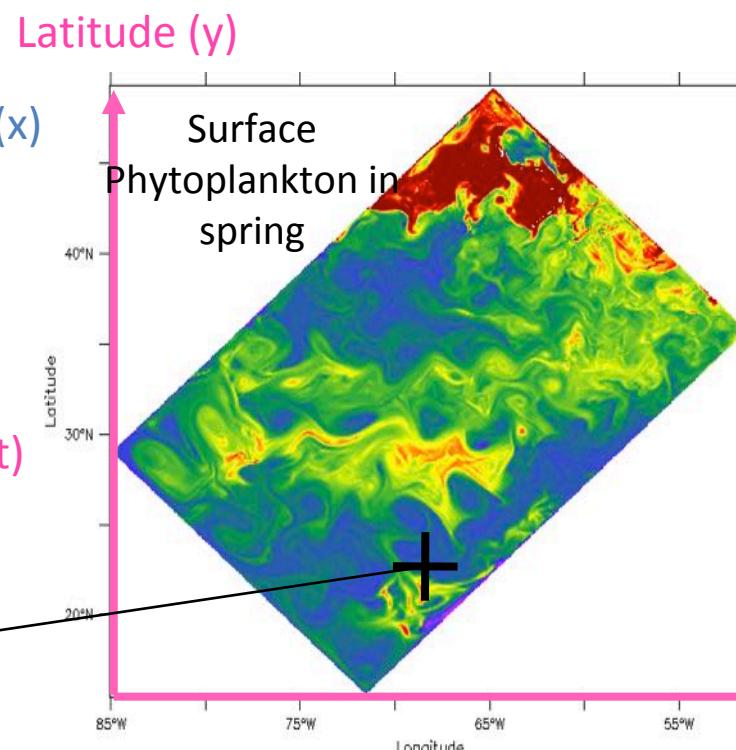
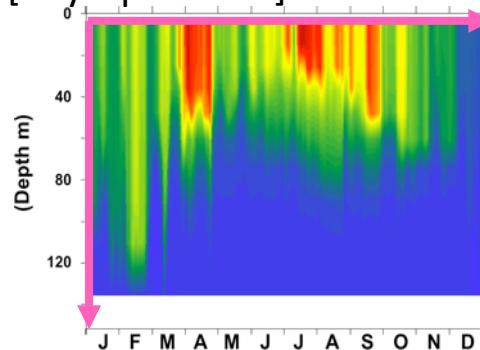
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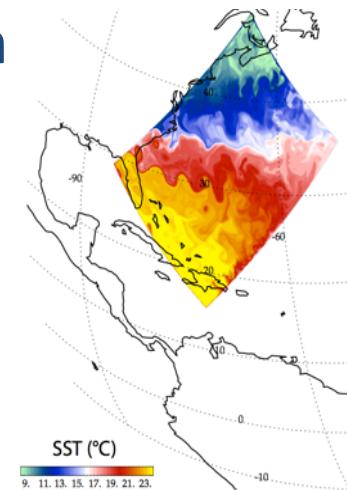
- Example of results from a 3D ocean model



Temporal evolution of vertical [Phytoplankton] at a fixed station



Phytoplankton blooming in a 3D ocean model



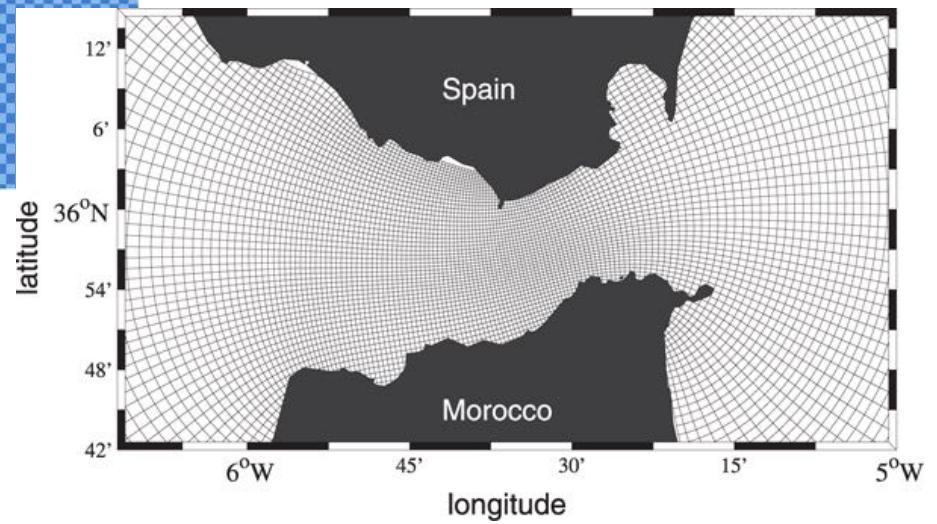
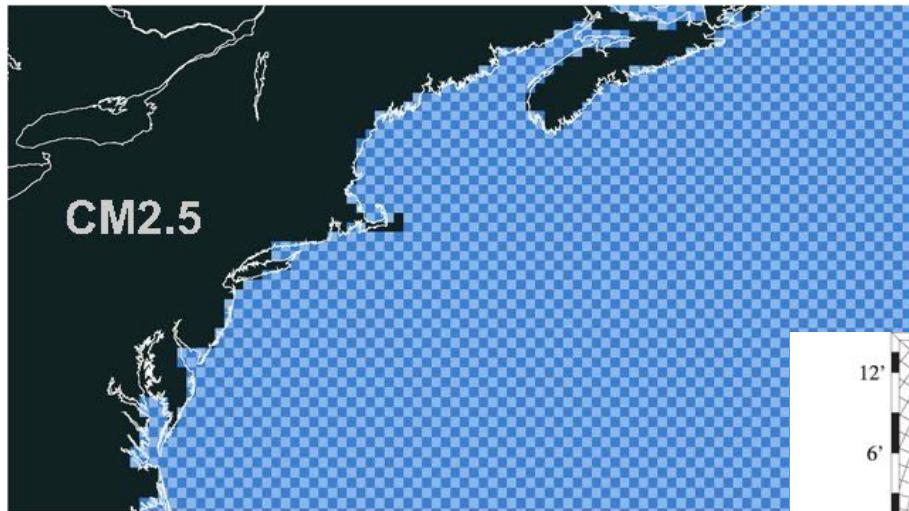
Mesoscale processes:  
eddies, filaments, jet...

# Discrete vs continuous spatial models

How can we discretize space?

# Horizontal grid in ocean models

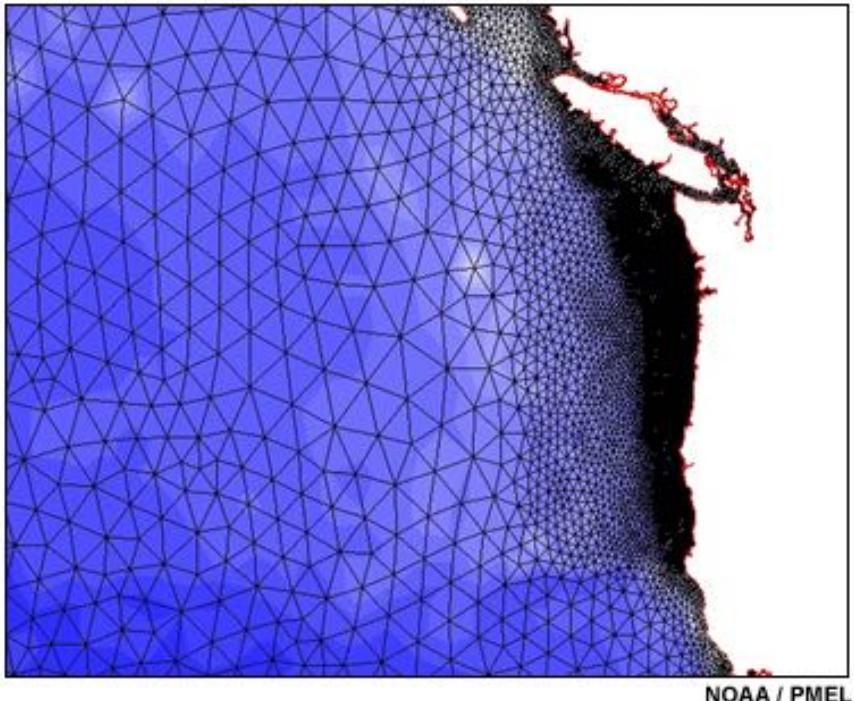
Several gridding type along the horizontal



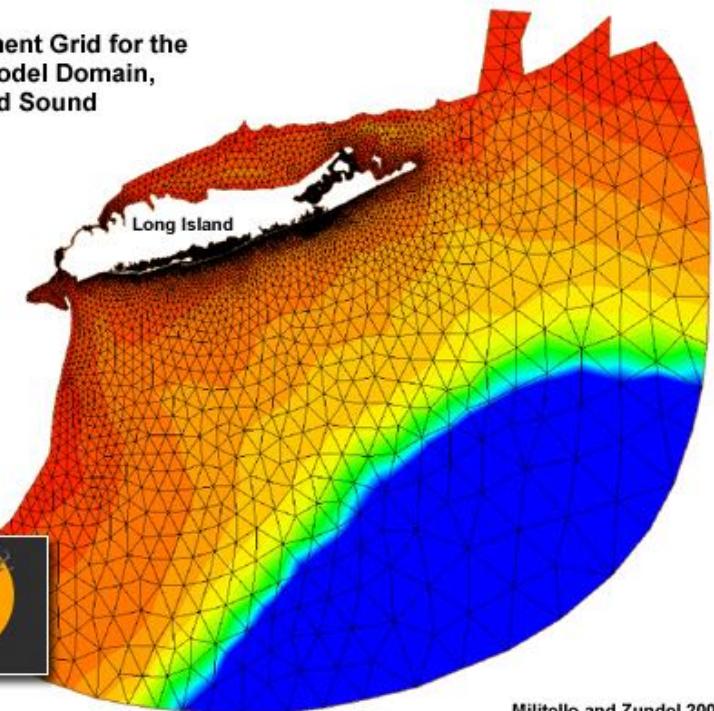
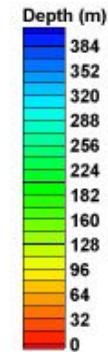
Regular vs. adaptive rectangular grids

# Horizontal grid in ocean models

Several mesh sizes, with smaller grid cells close to the coast



Finite Element Grid for the  
ADCIRC Model Domain,  
Long Island Sound



Non-rectangular adaptive grids

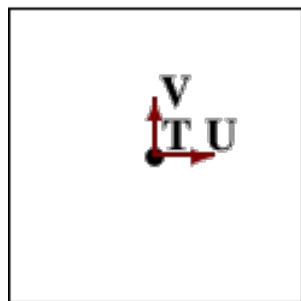
# Horizontal grid for calculus

Arakawa horizontal grids for calculus

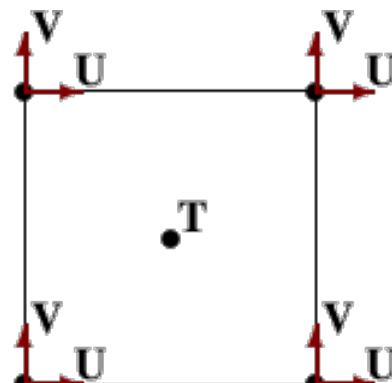
When shall we  
integrate the velocities  
 $U$  and  $V$  and the  
temperature  $T$ ?

Different options

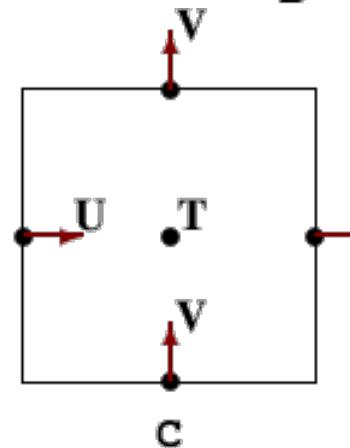
Arakawa horizontal grids



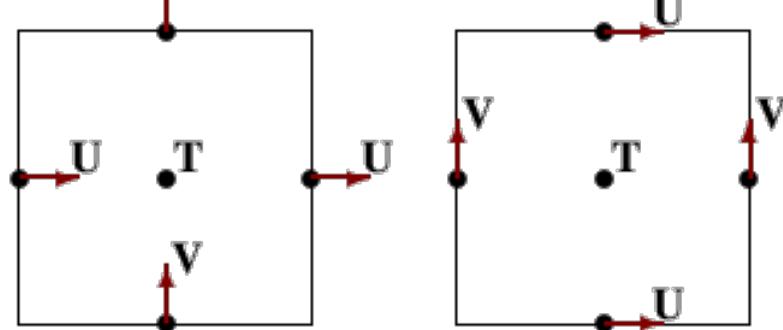
**A**



**B**



**C**



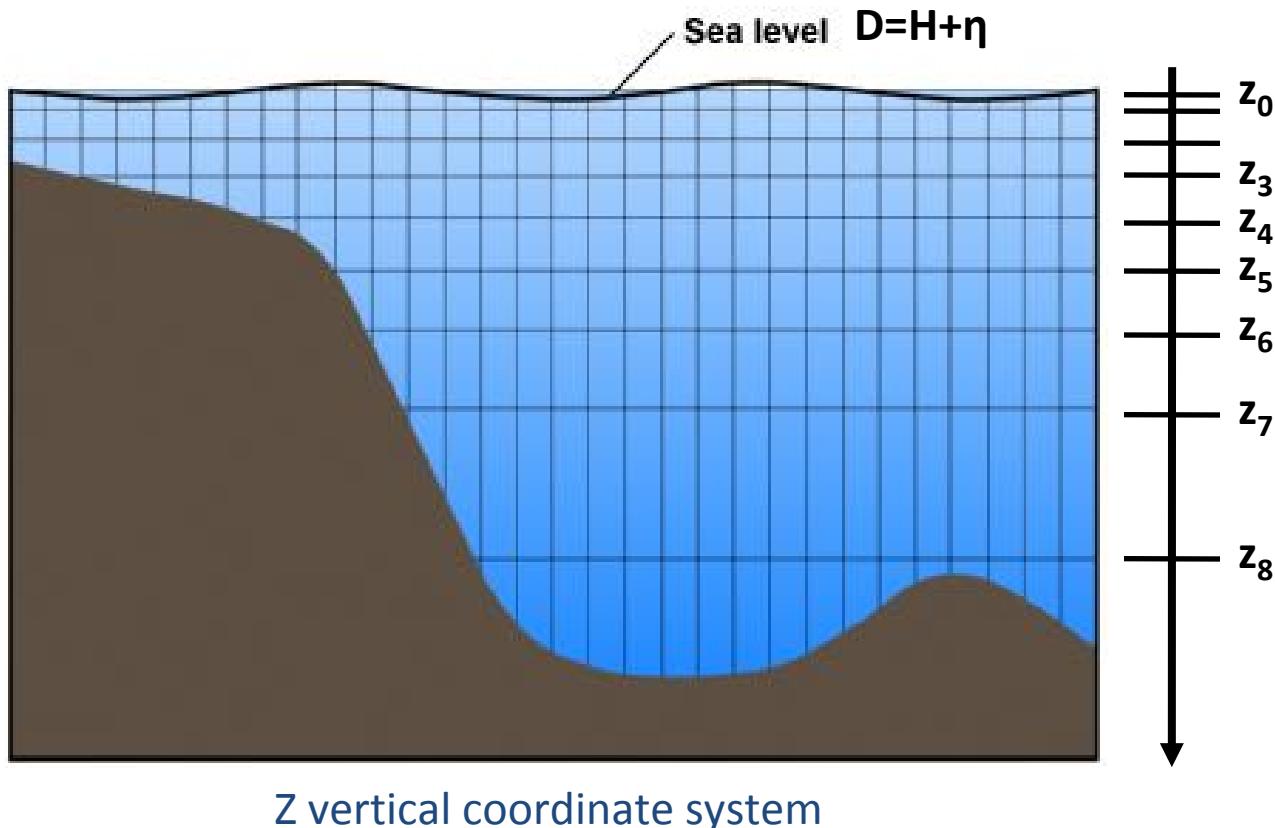
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# Vertical dimension

Several coordinates systems along the vertical

- Z-coordinates

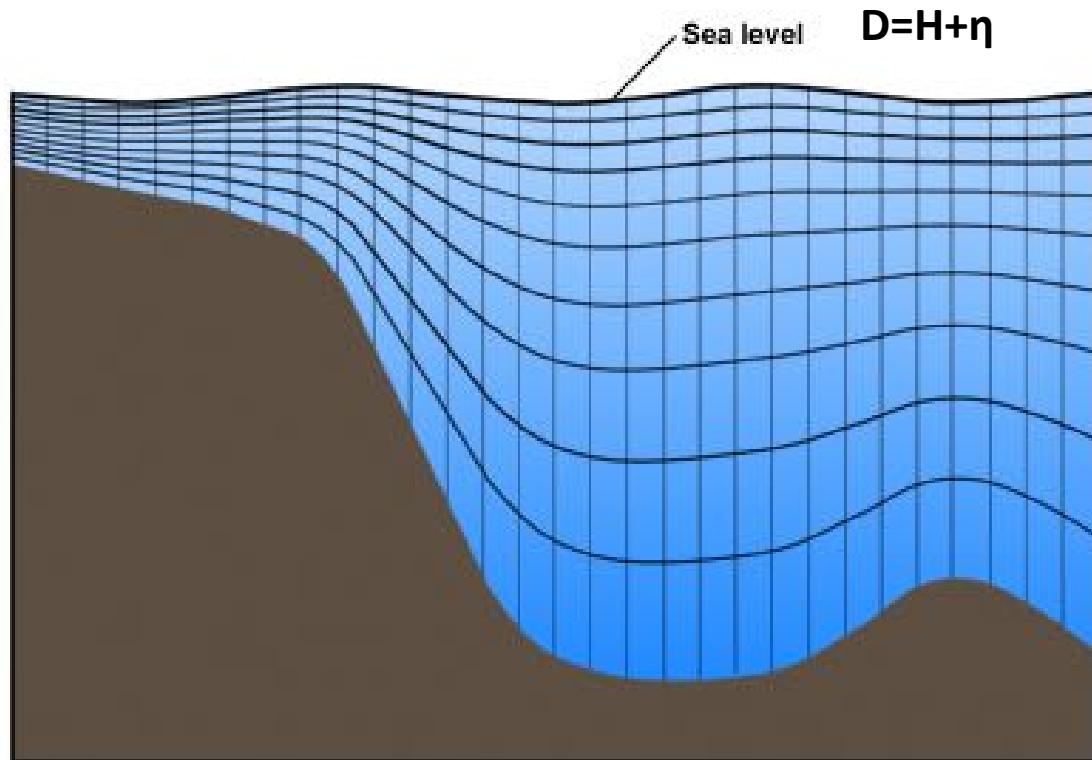
Constant layer depth



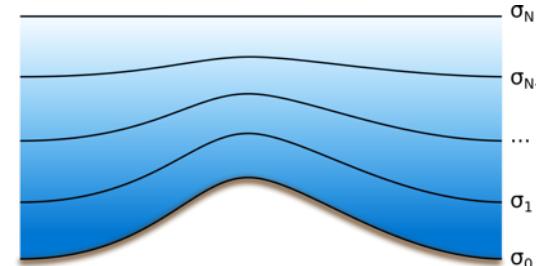
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- $\sigma$ -coordinates (sigma)



Sigma vertical coordinate system



Proportion

$$\sigma = \frac{z}{D}$$

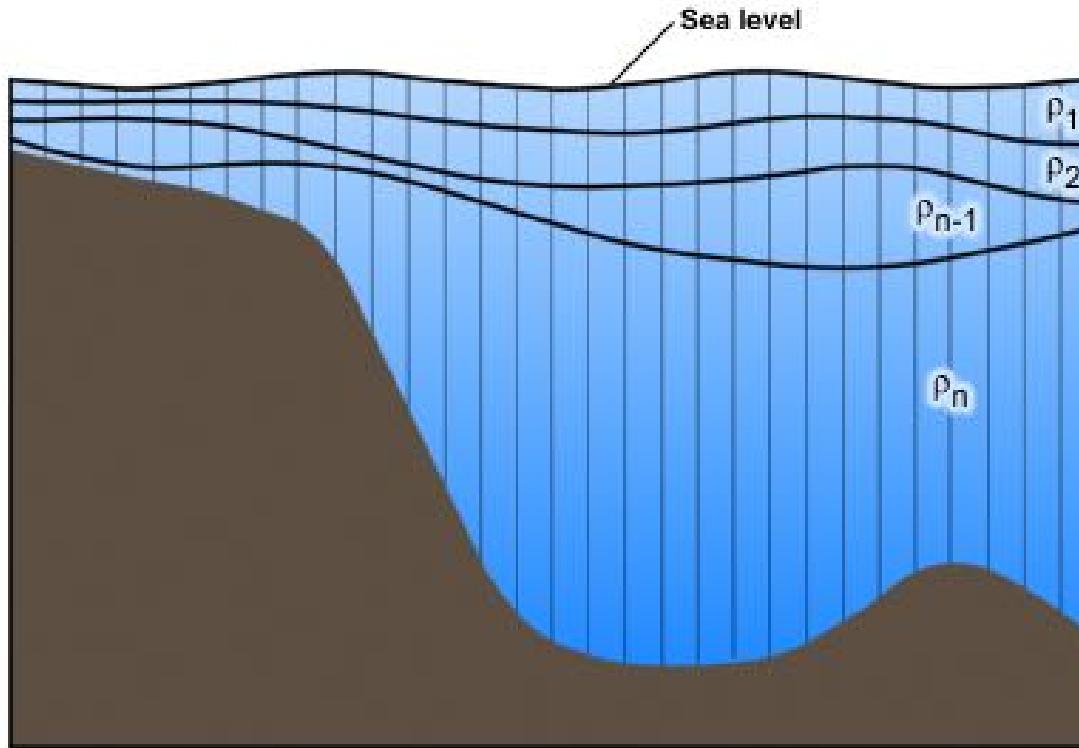
$$\sigma = \frac{z}{H + \eta}$$

# Vertical dimension in the ocean

Several coordinates systems along the vertical

- Isopycnal-coordinates

Along density lines

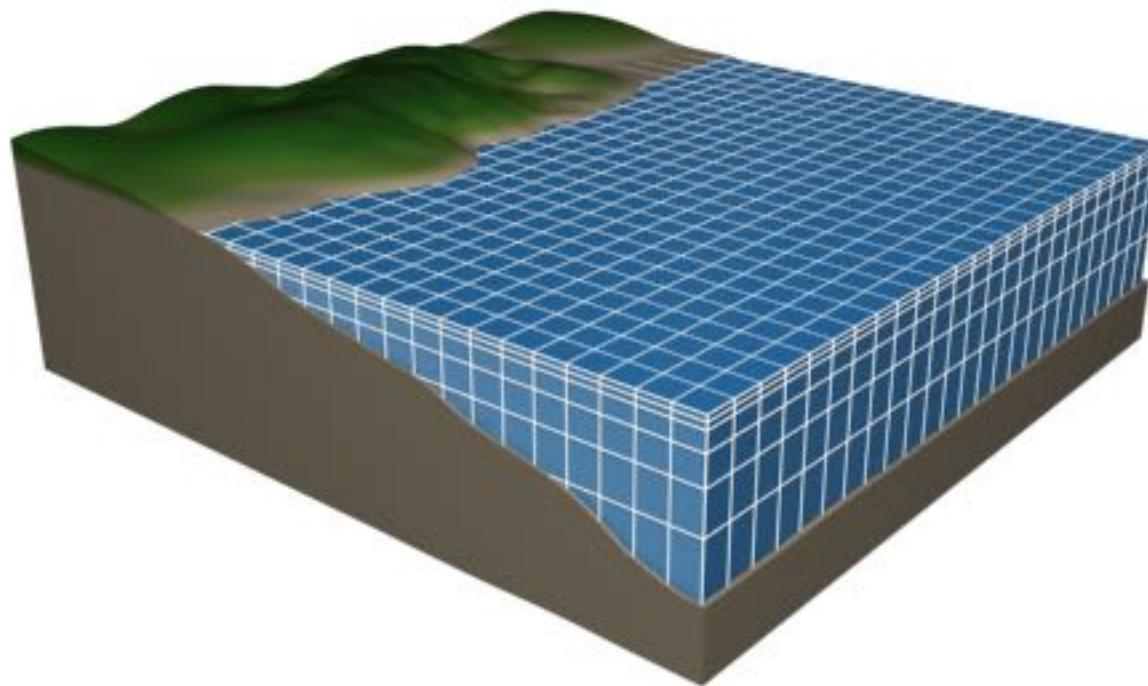


Density-layer (or isopycnal) vertical coordinate system

NB: hybrid models using different types of vertical coordinates exist...

# 3D modelling in the ocean

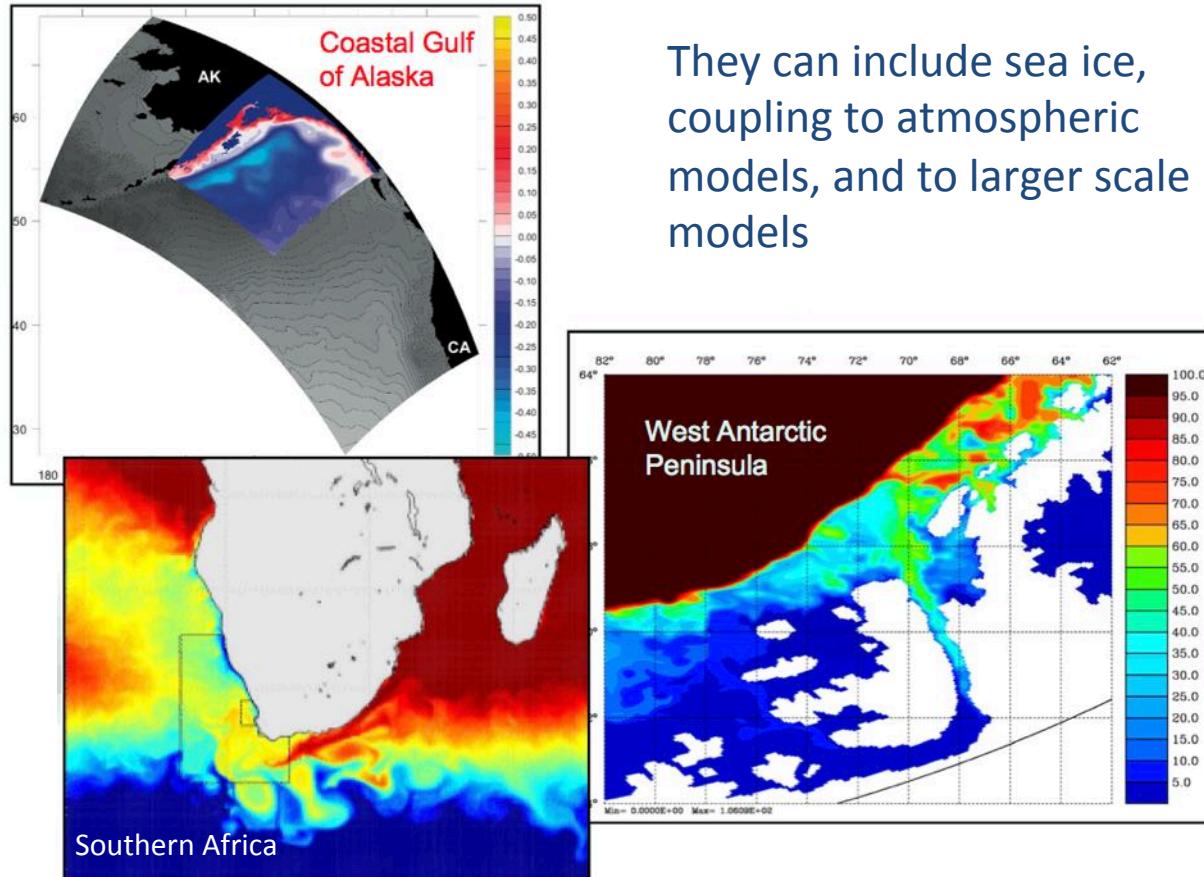
3D grid combining 1D vertical grid and 2D horizontal grid



Example of a 3D grid in the ocean

# 3D modelling in the ocean

Realistic regional circulation models are available



They can include sea ice, coupling to atmospheric models, and to larger scale models

Examples of realistic regional circulation models

# Dynamical equations in biophysical models

## General equation in 1D

The variable C varies with time t and space x:  $C(x,t)$

The evolution of  $C(x,t)$  with time depends on physics and biogeochemistry

$$\frac{\partial C(x,t)}{\partial t} = P(C, x, t) + J(C, x, t)$$


Temporal evolution of the concentration of variable C (dye, plankton...)

Physical transport (advection + diffusion)

Biogeochemical source/sink transformation processes

Equations for physical transport?

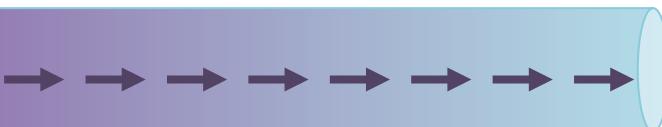
# Transport model in 1D or more

Physical processes affecting the transport: advection and diffusion

## Advection

(transport due to mean flow)

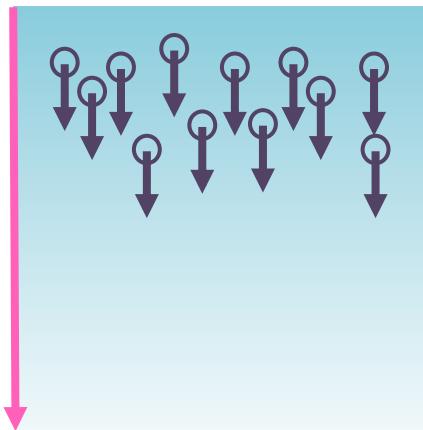
Horizontal dimension (x)



Flow in a river

Depth (z)

Sinking of particles in a water column

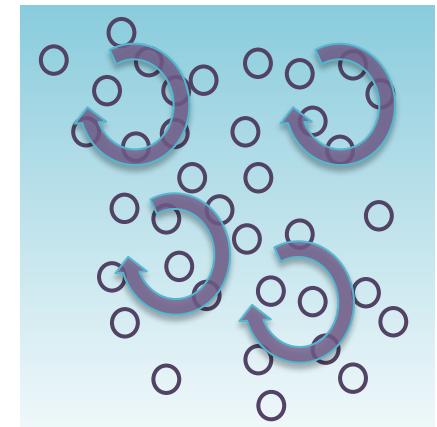
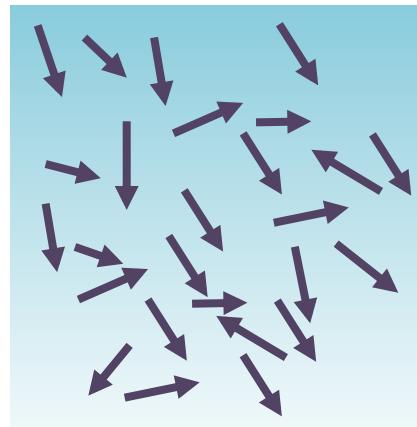
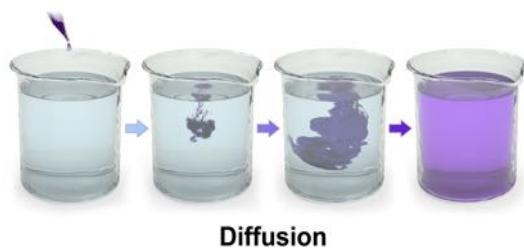


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## Diffusion

(transport due to flow's variability)



# Temporal evolution of the concentration

Conservation of mass of a tracer C (here in 1D)

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (uC) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( D \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right) + J$$

Temporal evolution of C

Advective flux divergence

Diffusive flux divergence

Biogeochemical source or sink processes

Contribution due to fluid flow (advection)

u: velocity of the flow  
C: concentration

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Diffusion

Temporal evolution of C

Advection  
divergence

D: molecular diffusivity  
(or K: eddy diffusivity)  
(of the order of  $10^{-9}\text{m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$  for most substances in the ocean)

Diffusive flux  
divergence

Biogeochemical source or sink processes

Follows the gradient of concentration  
⇒ Second derivative!

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Biogeochemistry

Temporal evolution of C

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Diffusive flux  
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Biogeochemical  
source or sink  
processes

Biological production  
or consumption,  
Radioactive production  
or decay, ...

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Advection
Diffusion
Biogeochemistry

## NB: Eulerian framework

$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$  It is equivalent to sitting in a particular spot in the ocean and making measurements over time, such as moorings and ship-based time series, or numerical models constructed on a fix geographic grid.

# Temporal evolution in 3D

Let us consider the advection-diffusion equation in 3 spatial dimensions:

with the operator  $\nabla$ , the 3D gradient operator, given by:

$$\nabla = \hat{x} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \hat{y} \frac{\partial}{\partial y} + \hat{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \quad \text{wi } \hat{x}, \hat{y}, \hat{z}, \text{, z the unit-length vectors and } x, y, z \text{ the directions}$$

# Numerical diffusion

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(uC) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(\kappa \frac{\partial C}{\partial x}\right) + J$$

Pay attention when doing numerical integration!!

**Attention must be paid to the integration time  $\Delta t$  and space  $\Delta x$ !**

Indeed, the advection-diffusion equation can be used only under the following condition. If the current  $u$  or the diffusivity  $K$  are too big, then the matter in a given grid of the model will be completely advected or diffused to the adjacent grids, and the initial grid will be totally emptied! This is called **numerical diffusion**. You can detect it if your model calculates negative or infinite values for concentration.

# Numerical diffusion

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Pay attention when doing numerical integration!!

## Conditions on the time step $\Delta t$ and on the spatial resolution $\Delta x$

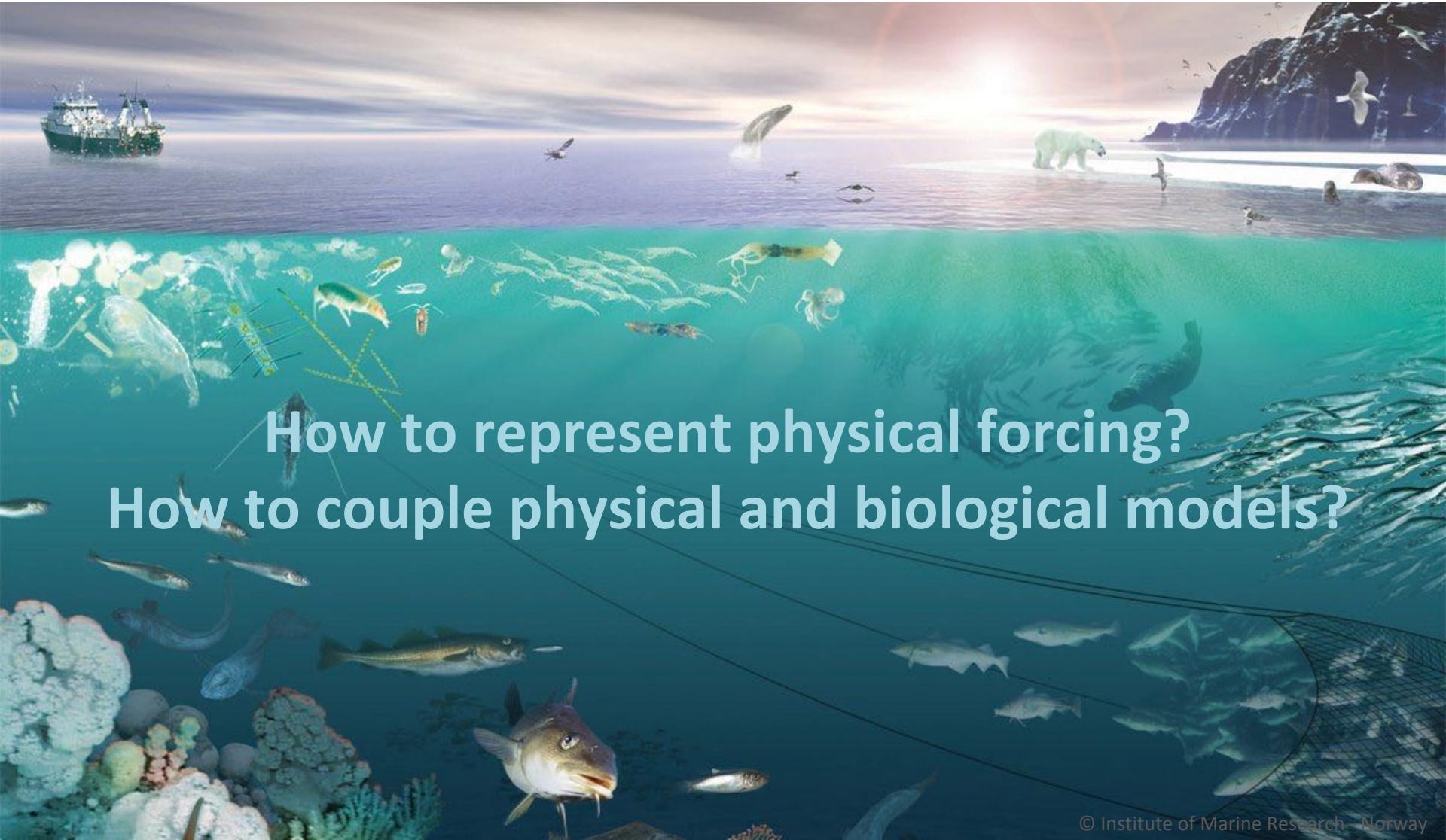
To avoid numerical diffusion, the following constraints must be verified in all directions:

$$\begin{array}{ll} u_x \ll \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} & K_x \ll \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{\Delta t} \\ u_x \Delta t \ll \Delta x & K_x \Delta t \ll (\Delta x)^2 \end{array}$$

Otherwise the biological tracer of concentration C will be advected or diffused artificially because of the grid and time step that you have chosen are too small and too large, respectively.

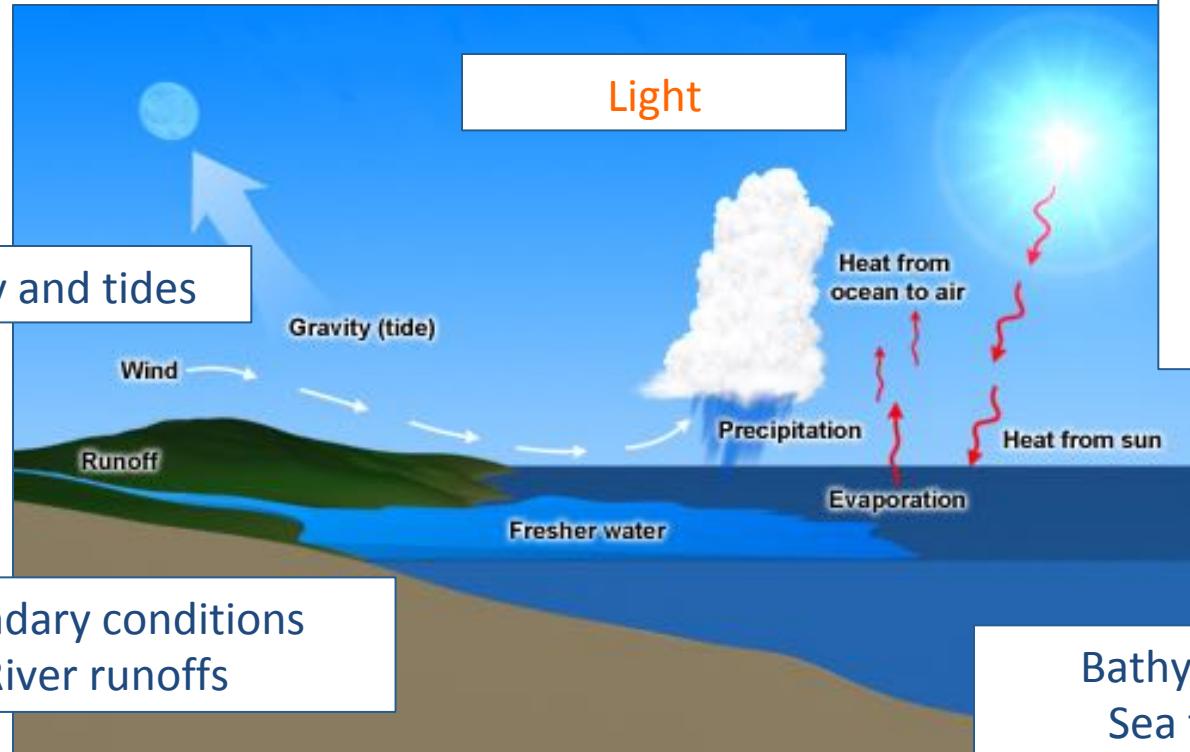
# How can we model marine ecosystems?

Physical forcing



# Physical forcing

Which physical forcing should be considered to model the marine ecosystem?

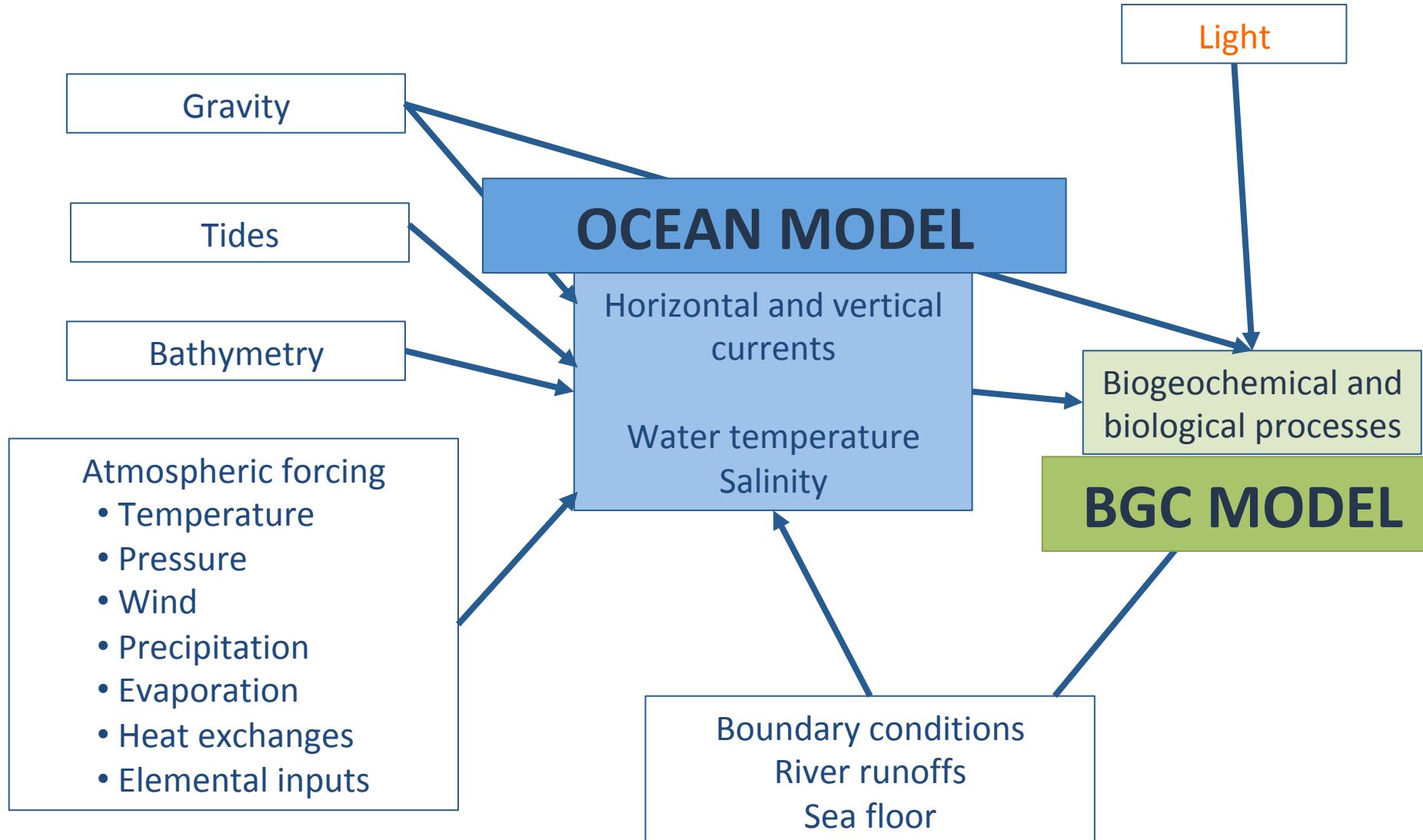


Example of physical forcing in the ocean

Atmospheric forcing

- Temperature
- Pressure
- Wind
- Precipitation
- Evaporation
- Heat exchanges
- Element inputs

# Coupled bio-physical modelling



# Example of ocean models

NEMO: Nucleus for European Modelling of the Ocean

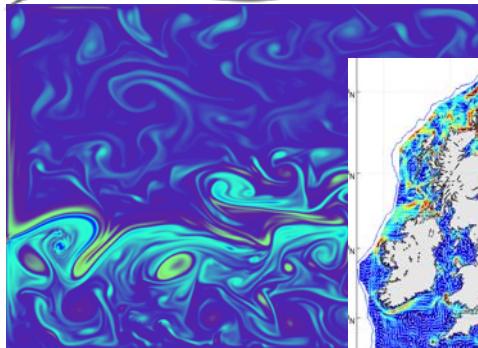
MARS-3D: Model for Application at Regional Scales

ROMS: Regional Ocean Modeling System

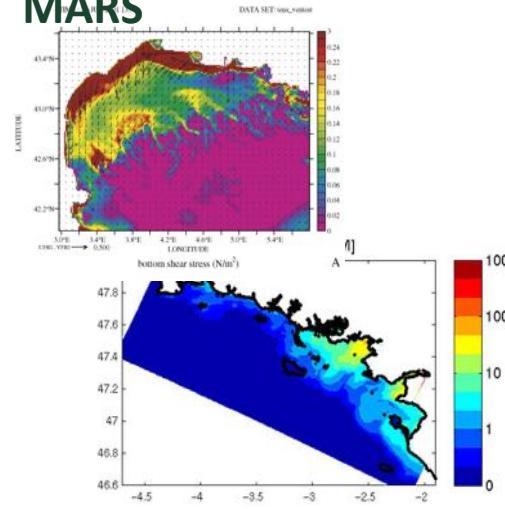
POM: Princeton Ocean Model

HYCOM: Hybrid Coordinate Ocean Model

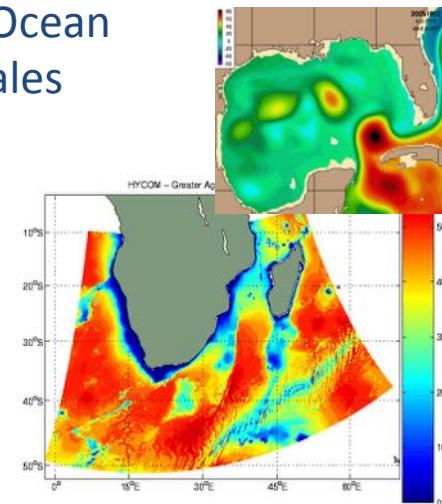
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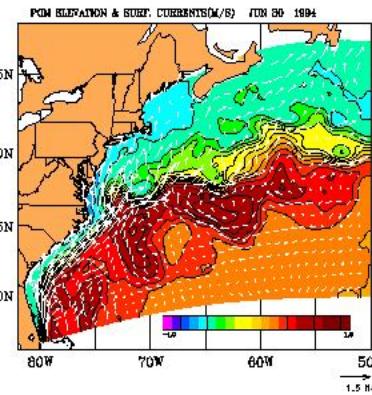
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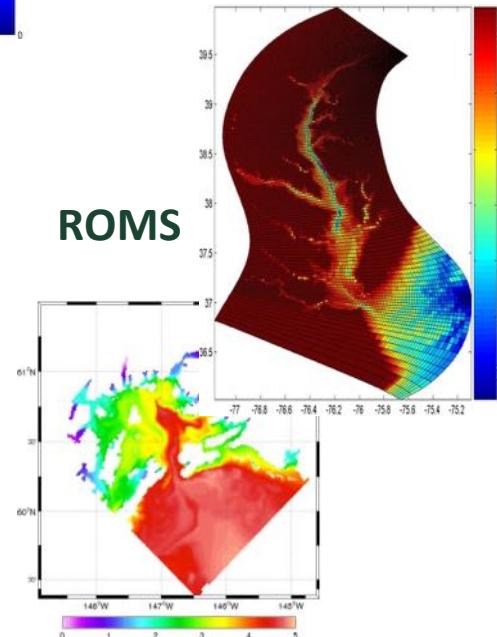
HYCOM



POM



ROMS



# Bio-physical coupling

Biophysical coupling through the advection-diffusion equation of transport and biogeochemical source/sink terms

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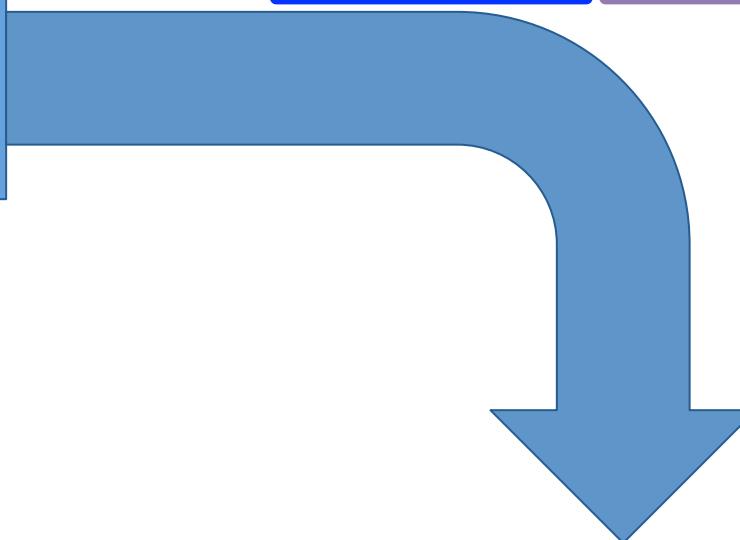
## OCEAN MODEL

Horizontal and vertical currents  
(advection, diffusion, mixing)

Water temperature  
Salinity

Turbulence

Light

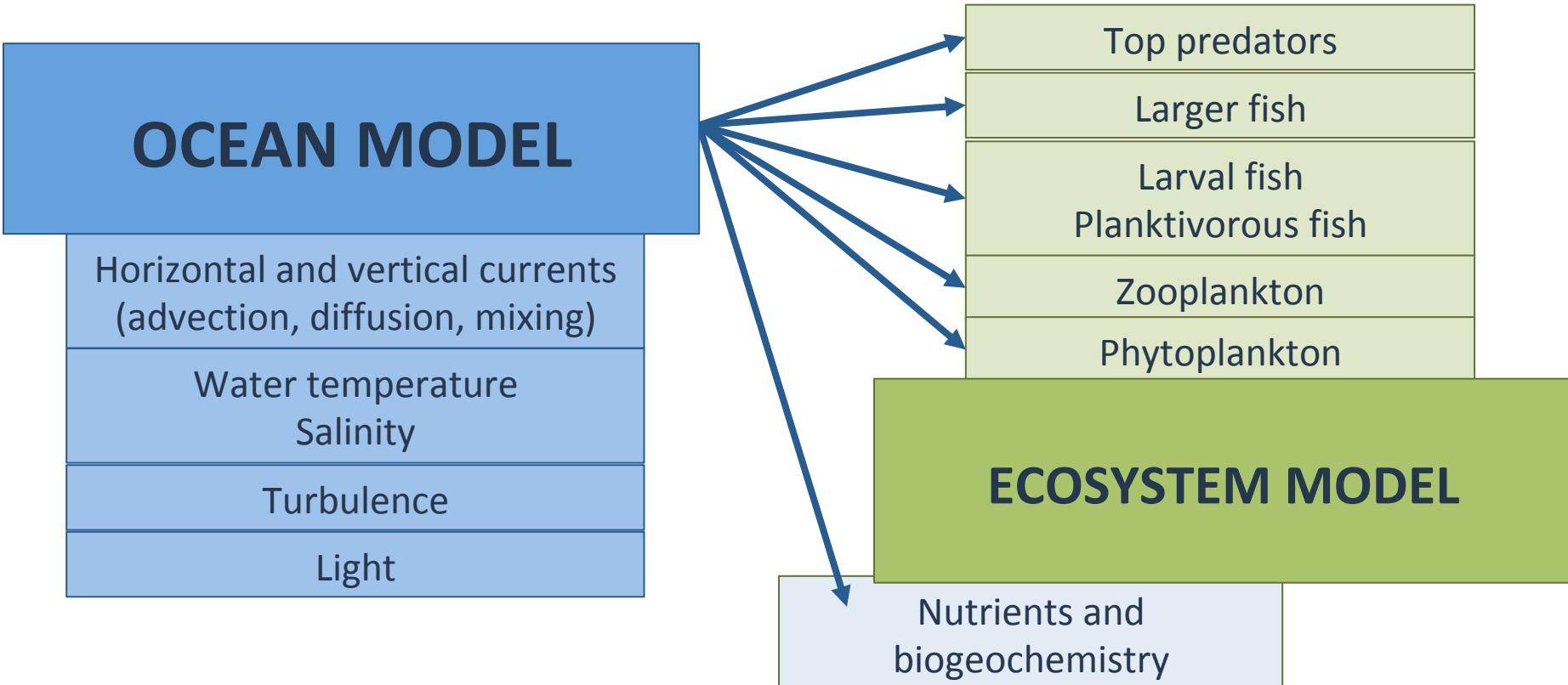


## BIOGEOCHEMICAL MODEL

# Bio-physical coupling

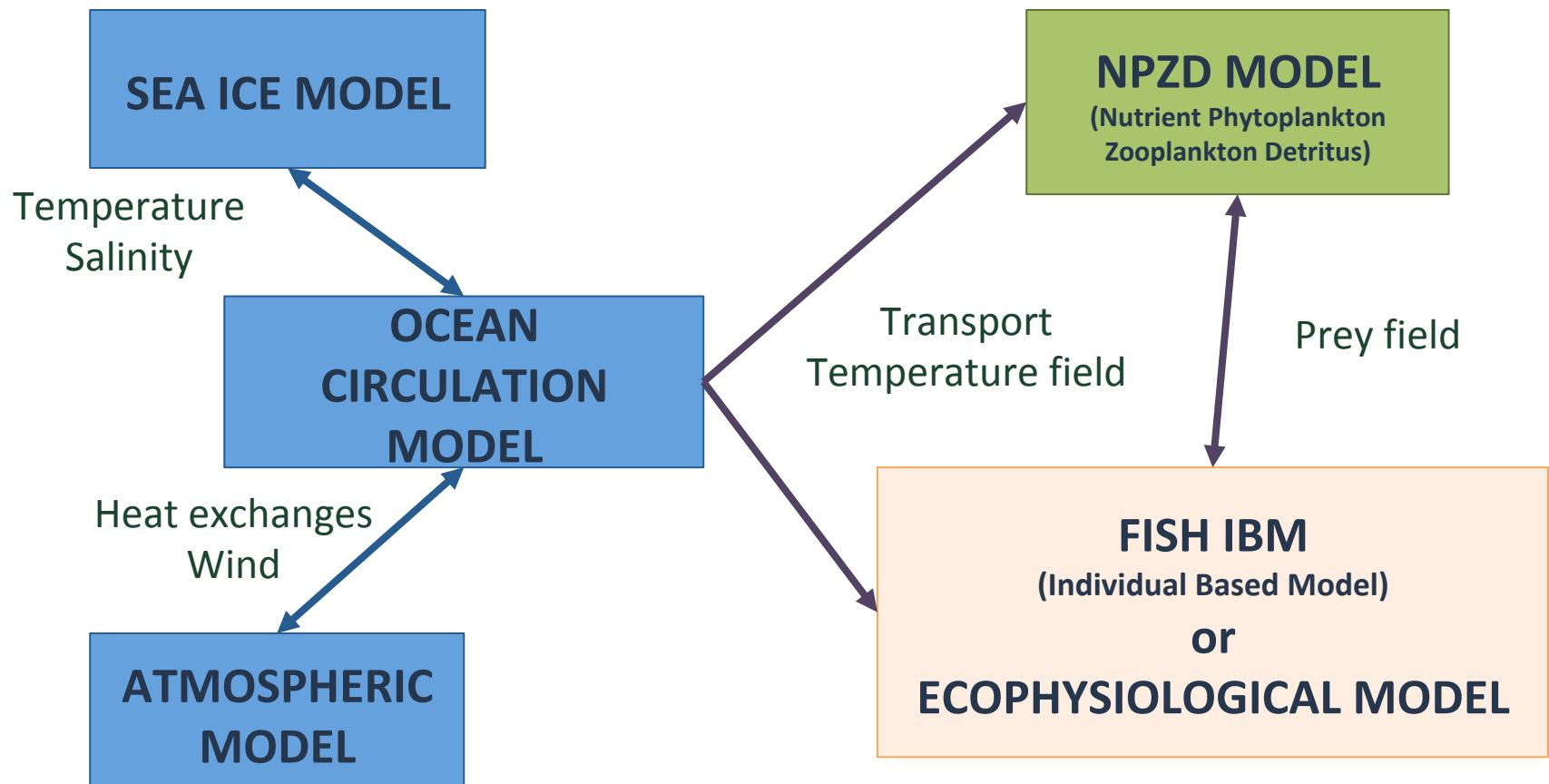
Biophysical coupling act at every scales of the marine ecosystems

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (uC) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \kappa \frac{\partial C}{\partial x} \right) + J$$



# Bio-physical coupling

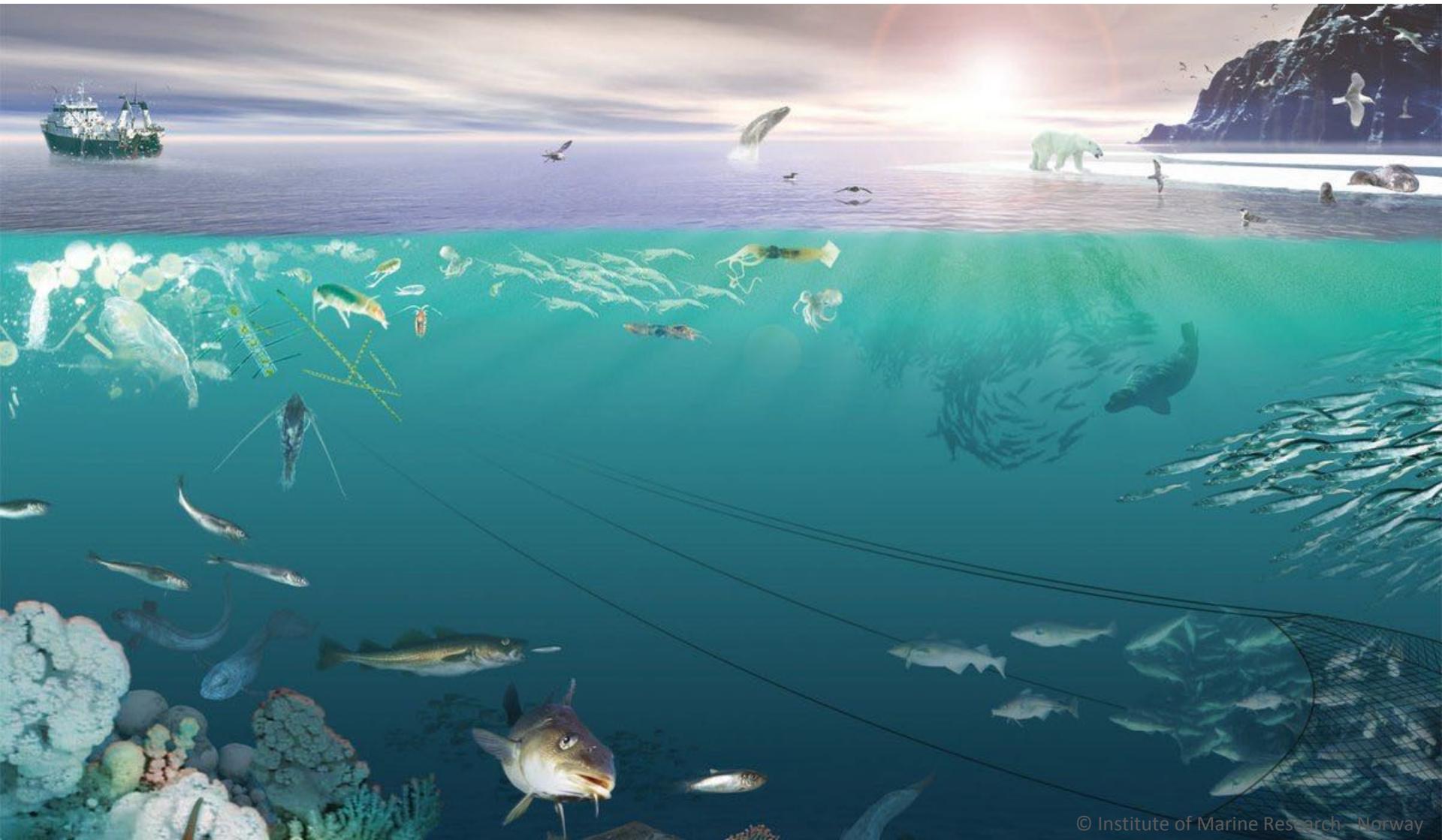
Biophysical models are systems of interconnected modules



Examples of a bio-physical model with interconnected modules

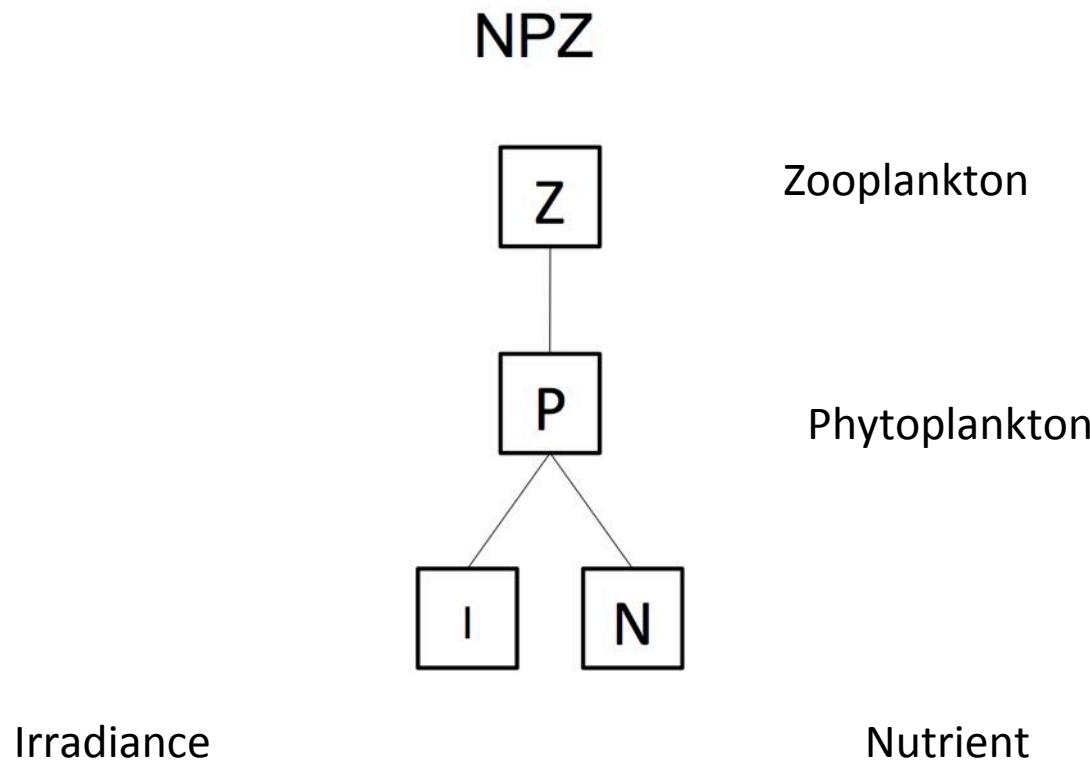
# How can we model marine ecosystems?

Taking into account biodiversity...



# Plankton functional types (PFTs)

Simple view of planktonic ecosystem



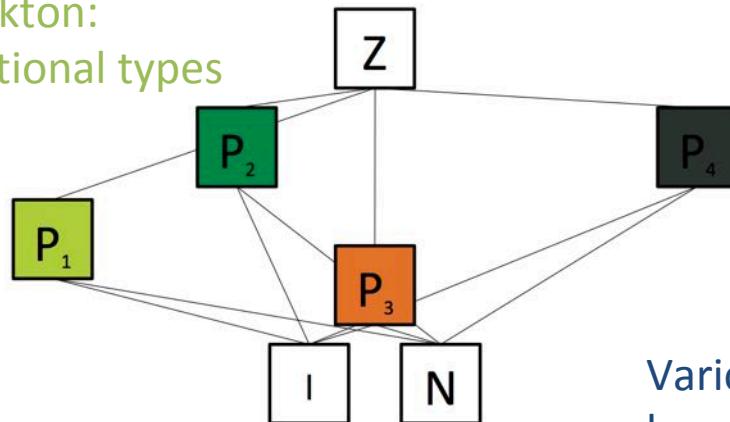
# Plankton functional types (PFTs)

Getting into more details...

## Plankton Functional Groups

Here focusing on phytoplankton:

Several phytoplankton functional types



Various phytoplankton types can be considered:

- cyanobacteria (prokaryotes)
- diatoms (Si)
- dinoflagellates
- calcifious ppk (Ca)
- picoplankton
- ...

Different ecological and biogeochemical roles!



# Plankton functional types (PFTs)

Different equations for each type of phytoplankton!  
(Le Quéré et al, 2005)

⇒ Traits of each PFT

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## Ecosystem dynamics based on plankton functional types for global ocean biogeochemistry models

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**Table 1** Biomass and size distribution of Plankton Functional Types (PFT)

Size class	Biomass (Pg C)	PFT name	Cell Size (μm)
<i>Bacteria</i>			
Pico	0.35*	Pico-heterotrophs	0.3–1.0
<i>Phytoplankton</i>			
Pico	0.28 <sup>†</sup>	Pico-autotrophs	0.7–2.0
Nano	0.39 <sup>†</sup>	Phytoplankton N <sub>2</sub> -fixers	0.5–2.0 <sup>‡</sup>
		Phytoplankton calcifiers	5–10
		Phytoplankton DMS-producers	5 <sup>§</sup>
		Mixed-Phytoplankton	2–200
Micro	0.11 <sup>†</sup>	Phytoplankton silicifiers	20–200
<i>Zooplankton</i>			
Proto	0.16 <sup>¶¶</sup>	Proto-zooplankton	5–200
Meso	0.10 <sup>  </sup>	Meso-zooplankton	200–2000
Macro	Unknown	Macro-zooplankton	> 2000

# Plankton functional types (PFTs)

Different equations for each type of phytoplankton!  
 (Le Quéré et al, 2005)

⇒ Parameters for each PFT

Table 2 Traits that characterize different Plankton Functional Types

	Max growth rate at 0 °C* (day <sup>-1</sup> )	Max mortality rate <sup>†</sup> (day <sup>-1</sup> )	Light		Half-saturation			Other nutritional source <sup>††</sup>
			Affinity <sup>‡</sup>	Stress <sup>§</sup> 0 to 1	P* (nM)	Fe <sup>  </sup> (aM)	Si <sup>**</sup> (μM)	
<i>Bacteria</i>								
Pico-heterotrophs	2.1	No data						5 (DOM)
<i>Phytoplankton</i>								
Pico-autotrophs	0.6	0.05	3.2	0	19	No data		
Phytoplankton N <sub>2</sub> -fixers	0.04	0.05	1.6	No data	75	120		0 (N <sub>2</sub> )
Phytoplankton calcifiers	0.2	0.05	1.6	1	4	20		1.9 (DOP)
Phytoplankton DMS producers	0.6	0.05	1.6	No data	700	20		
Phytoplankton silicifiers	0.6	0.05	5.1	0	75	120	4	
Mixed-phytoplankton	0.6	0.05	1.6	0.5	19	20		
<i>Zooplankton</i>								
Proto-zooplankton	0.6	1e <sup>4</sup> -proto						18
Meso-zooplankton	0.24	0.058						0.29
Macro-zooplankton	No data	No data						No data

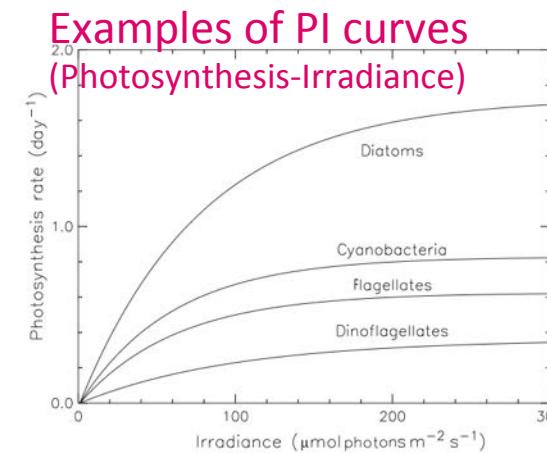
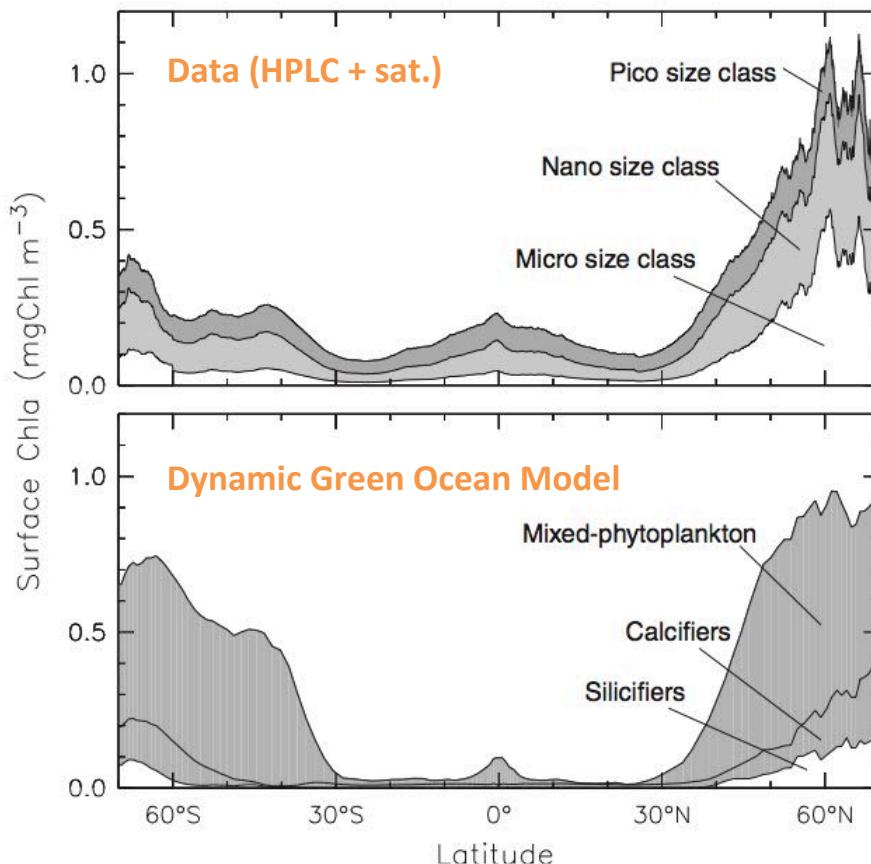


Fig. 2 Example of productivity vs. irradiance at 15–25 °C for different phytoplankton groups (Geider et al., 1997). The diatoms

# Plankton functional types (PFTs)

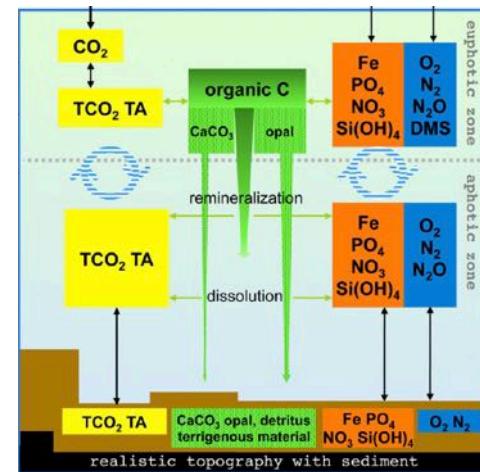
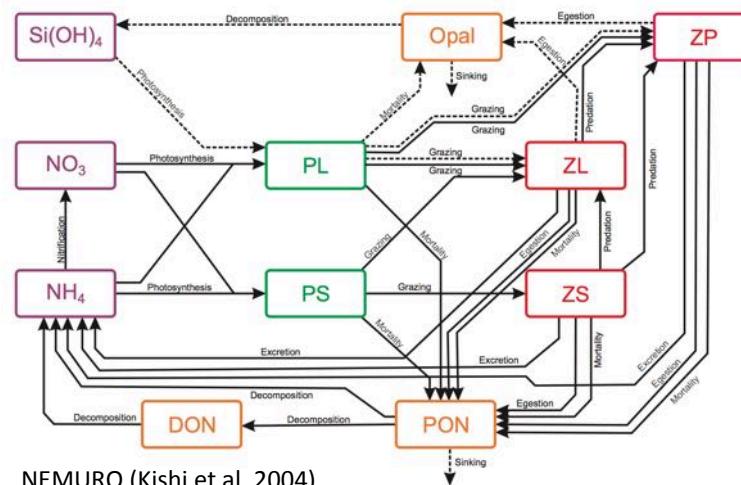
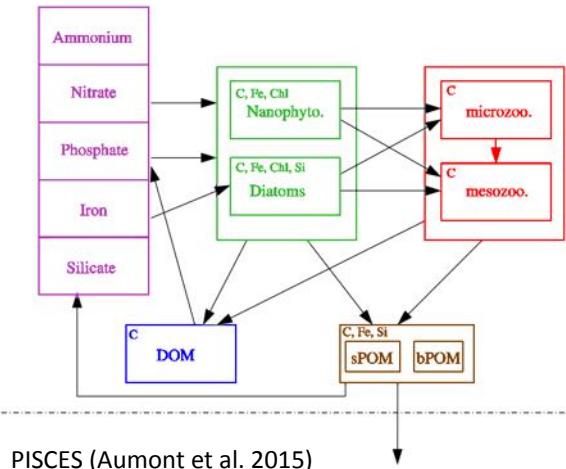
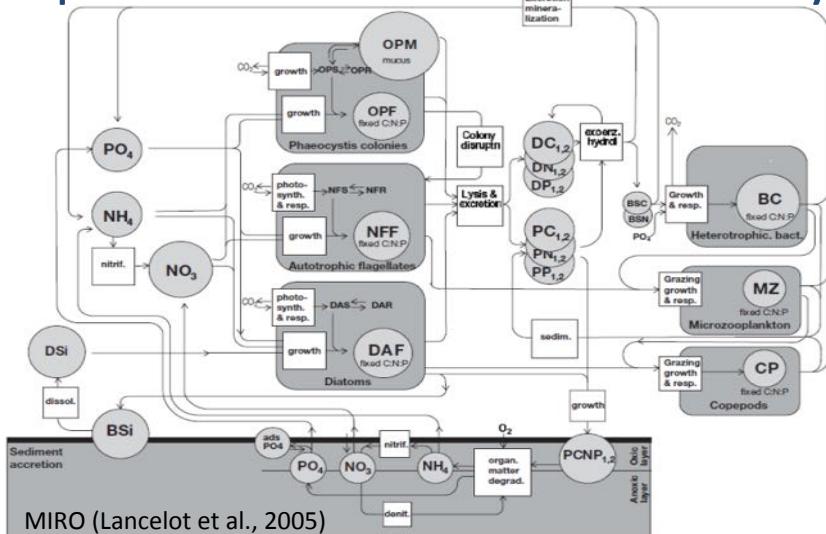
Example of results from PFT global models  
(Le Quéré et al, 2005)



**Fig. 4** Zonal average of the contribution of different phytoplankton plankton functional types to the total chl $a$  (in  $\text{mg Chl m}^{-3}$ ) for the (top) micro-, nano-, and pico-size classes estimated using the combination of the statistical analysis of an HPLC pigment database and monthly composite SeaWiFS scenes of the year 2000 (Uitz *et al.*, 2005) and (bottom) silicifiers, calcifiers, and mixed-phytoplankton estimated using a Dynamic Green Ocean Model.

# Plankton functional types (PFTs)

## Examples of Plankton Functional Type models



HAMOCC (Maier-Reimer et al, 2005)  
Figure from Ilyina et al (2013)

# Plankton functional types (PFTs)

## Solving Plankton Functional Type models

### Interests of modelling PFTs:

- Even more mechanistic because resolving key functional groups and processes

BUT

- May require hundreds of empirical parameters!

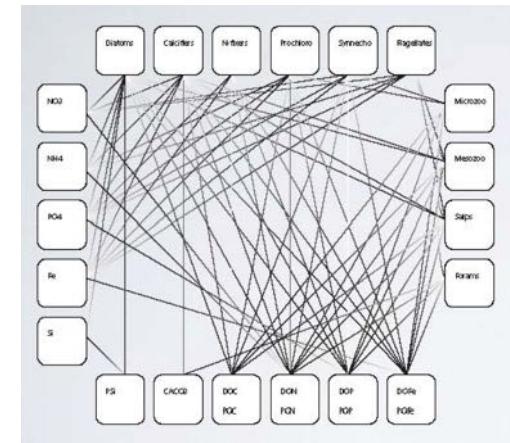
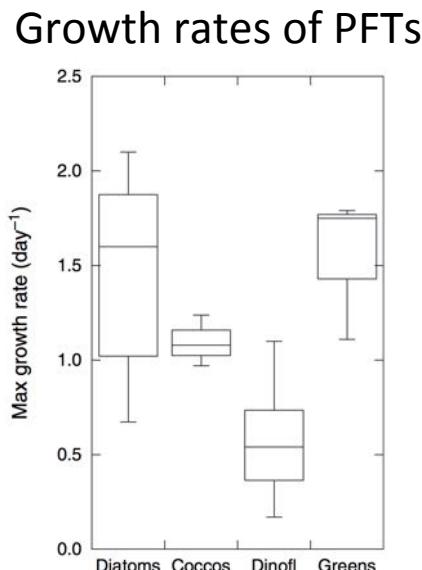


Figure from B. Ward

PFT models are  
based on  
community  
averages

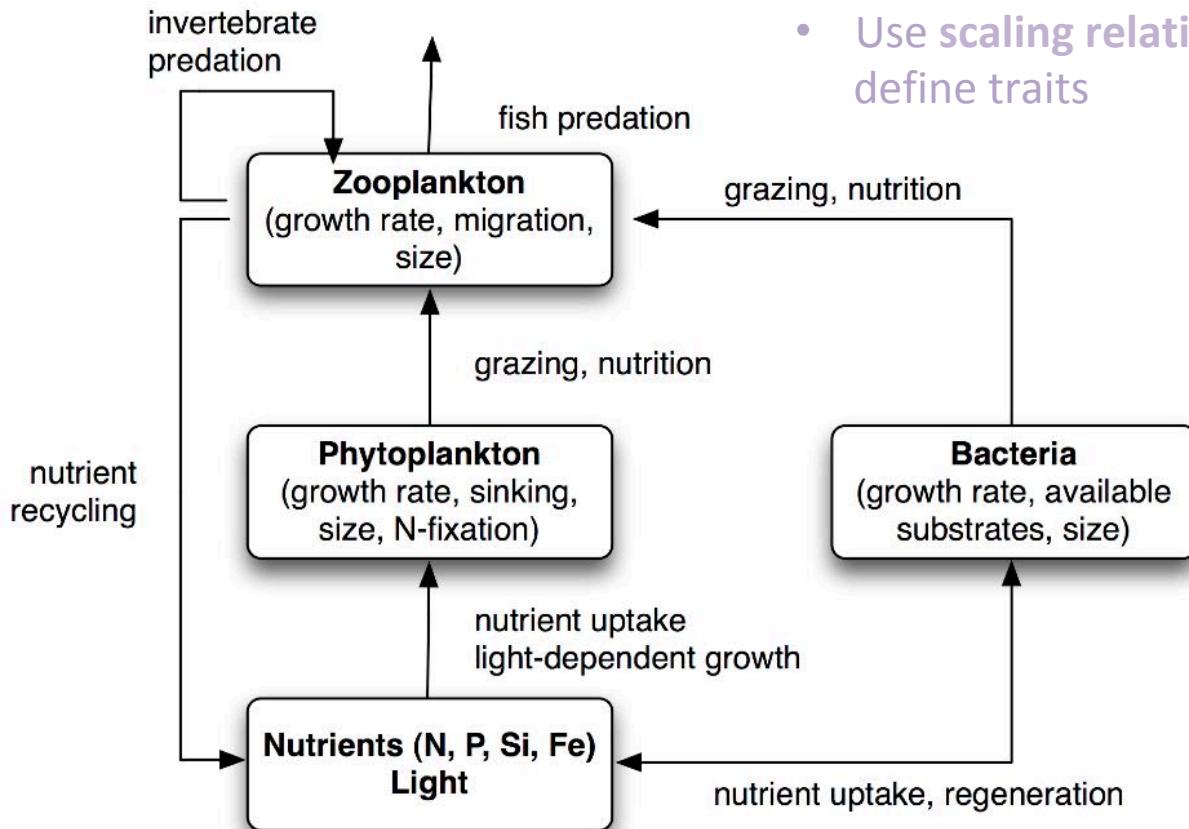


Still significant variability of  
traits within groups!

# Trait-based models

Taking into account the variability of the “traits”

Defining traits for each component:

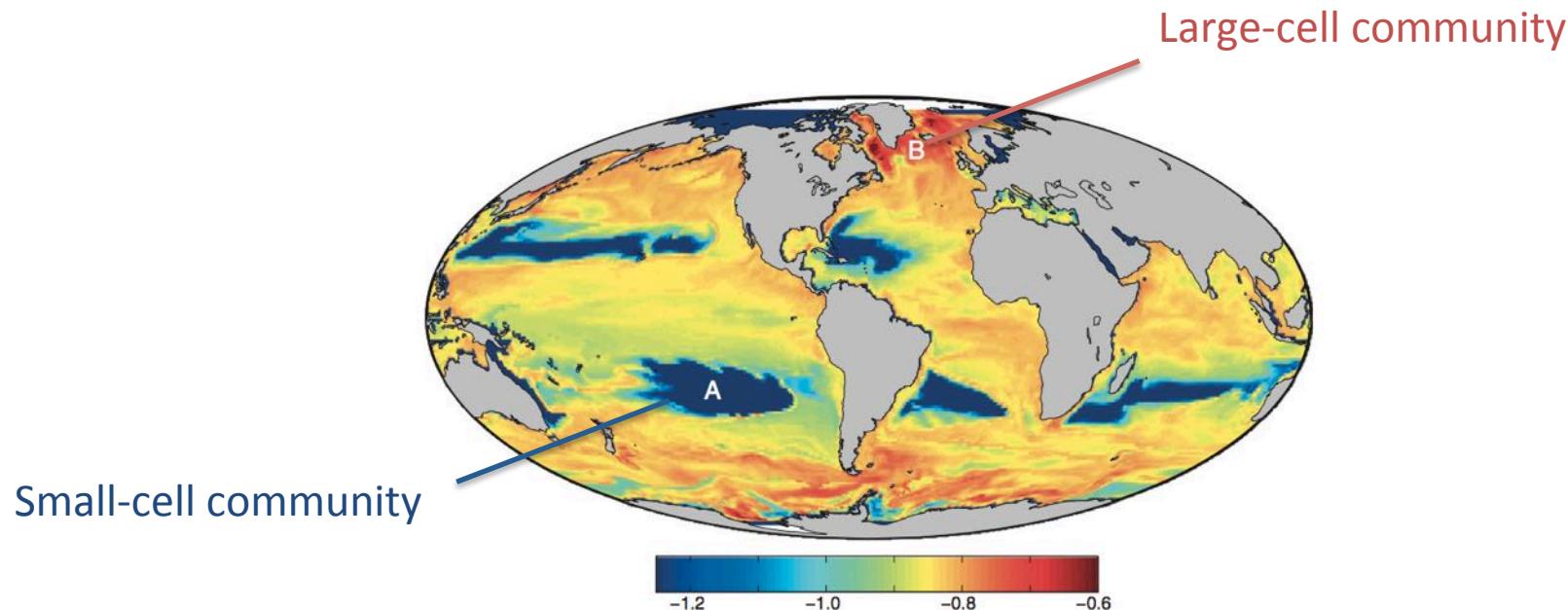


- Need to find ways to **reduce dimensionality** of traits that describe interactions **between trophic levels**
- Use **scaling relationships and stoichiometry** to define traits

# Trait-based models

## Trait-based biogeography of plankton

### Global size-structured plankton community model



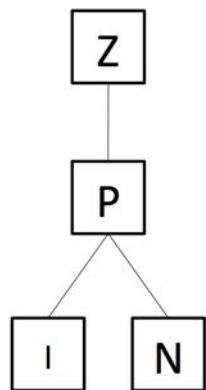
**Figure 2** Size-spectral slope in a global size-structured plankton community model (data from Ward *et al.* 2012). 'A' indicates a subtropical location with relatively few large cells present (more negative slope), whereas 'B' indicates a subpolar location with a greater representation of large cells in the community (less negative slope).

# Trait-based and adaptive dynamic approach

May the best one win!

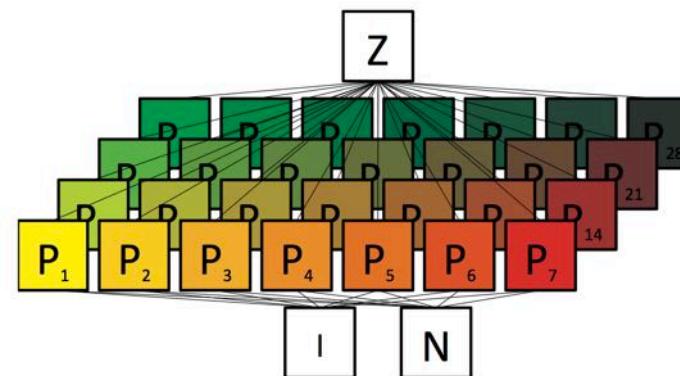
PFT model

NPZ



Trait-based model

Many Species



# Adaptive dynamic approach & Trait evolution

## Example: biogeography of plankton communities

Modeling plankton communities using size-classes (trait-based approach + competition)

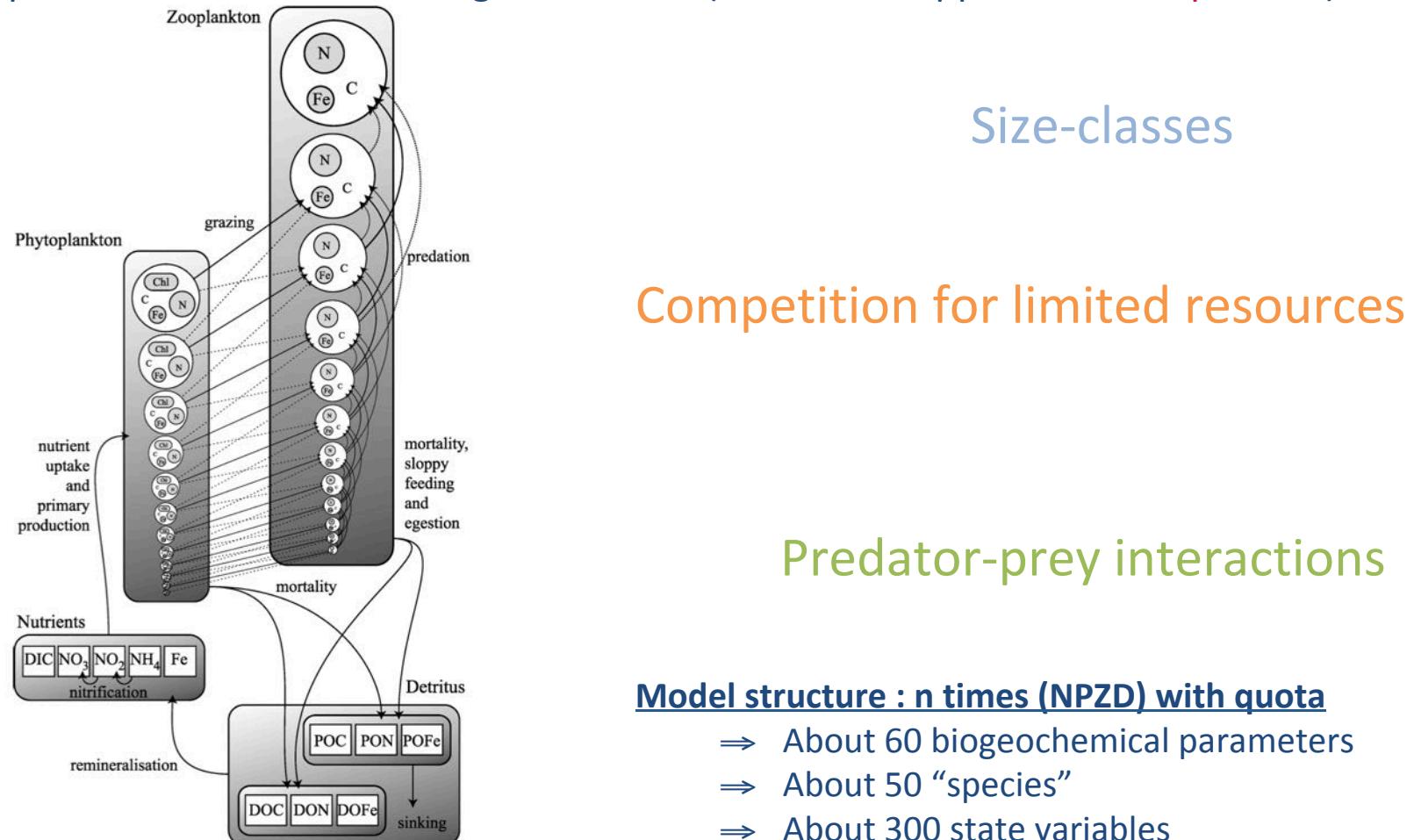


Fig. 2. Schematic representation of the ecosystem model. Not all size classes and not all predator-prey interactions are shown.

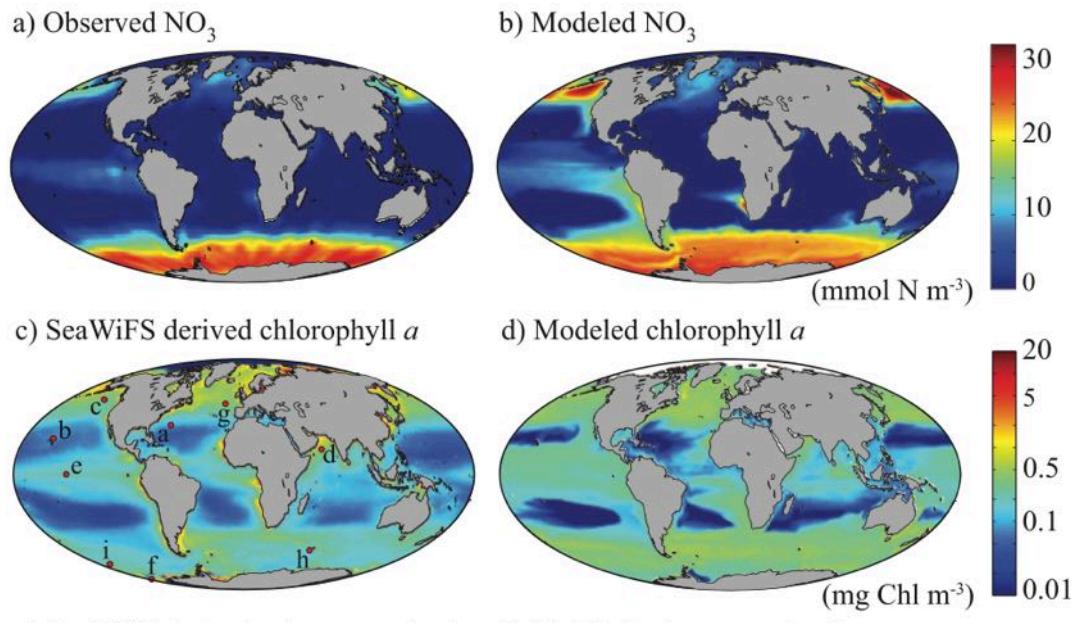
### Model structure : n times (NPZD) with quota

- ⇒ About 60 biogeochemical parameters
- ⇒ About 50 “species”
- ⇒ About 300 state variables

# Trait evolution

## Example: biogeography of plankton communities

Modeling plankton communities using size-classes (trait-based approach + competition)



Example of results

Nitrate, chl *a* & primary production

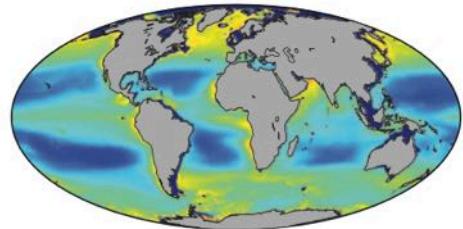
Cf. DARWIN's model (developed at MIT)

# Trait evolution

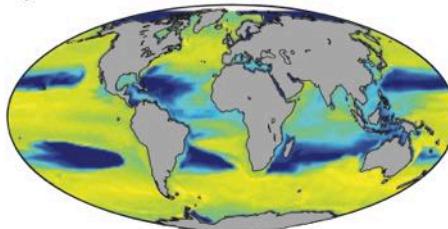
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Modeling plankton communities using size-classes (trait-based approach + competition)

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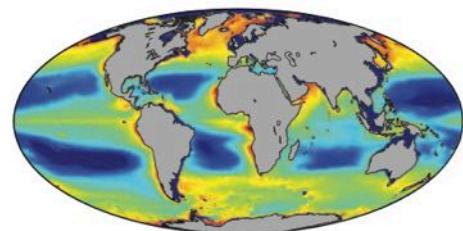


b) Modeled pico-eukaryotes, Synechococcus and Prochlorococcus

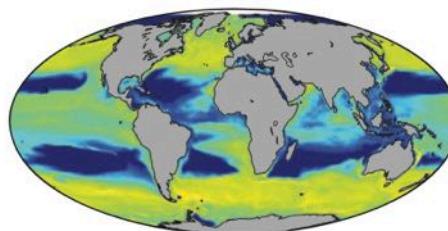


Example of results

c) Prymnesiophytes and green algae

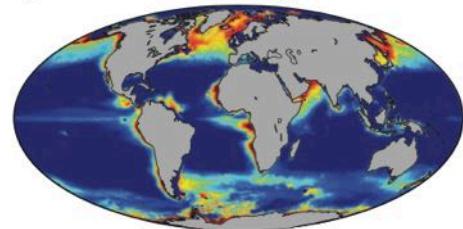


d) Modeled small eukaryotes

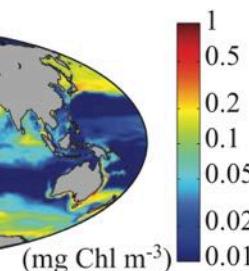
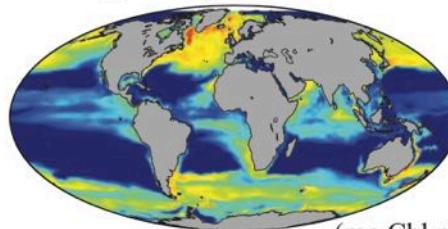


Phytoplankton types' distribution

e) Diatoms and dinoflagellates



f) Modeled diatoms and other large eukaryotes



# Adaptive model

## Other examples of adaptive dynamic approach

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### Emergent Biogeography of Microbial Communities in a Model Ocean

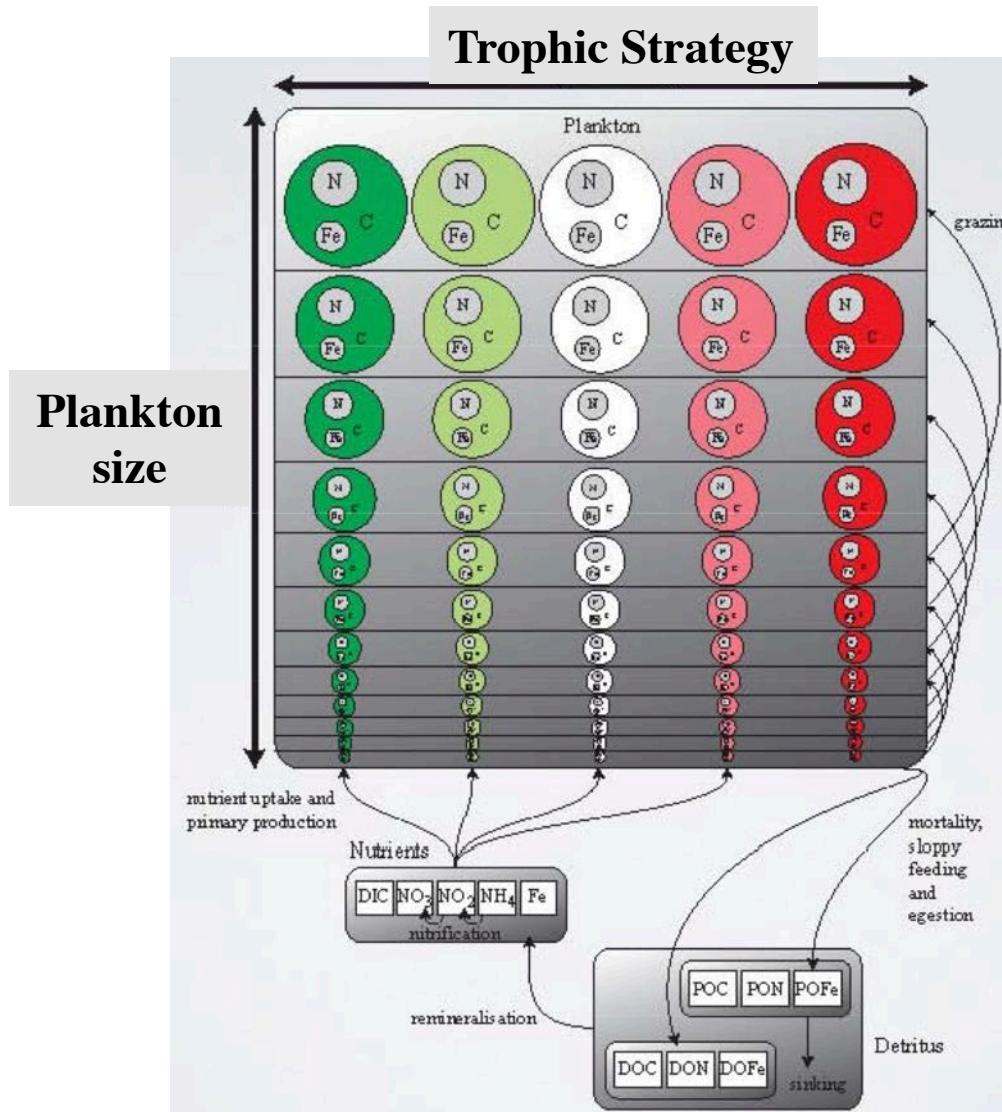
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When everything is not everywhere but species evolve

=> **Emergent properties**

# Adaptive model

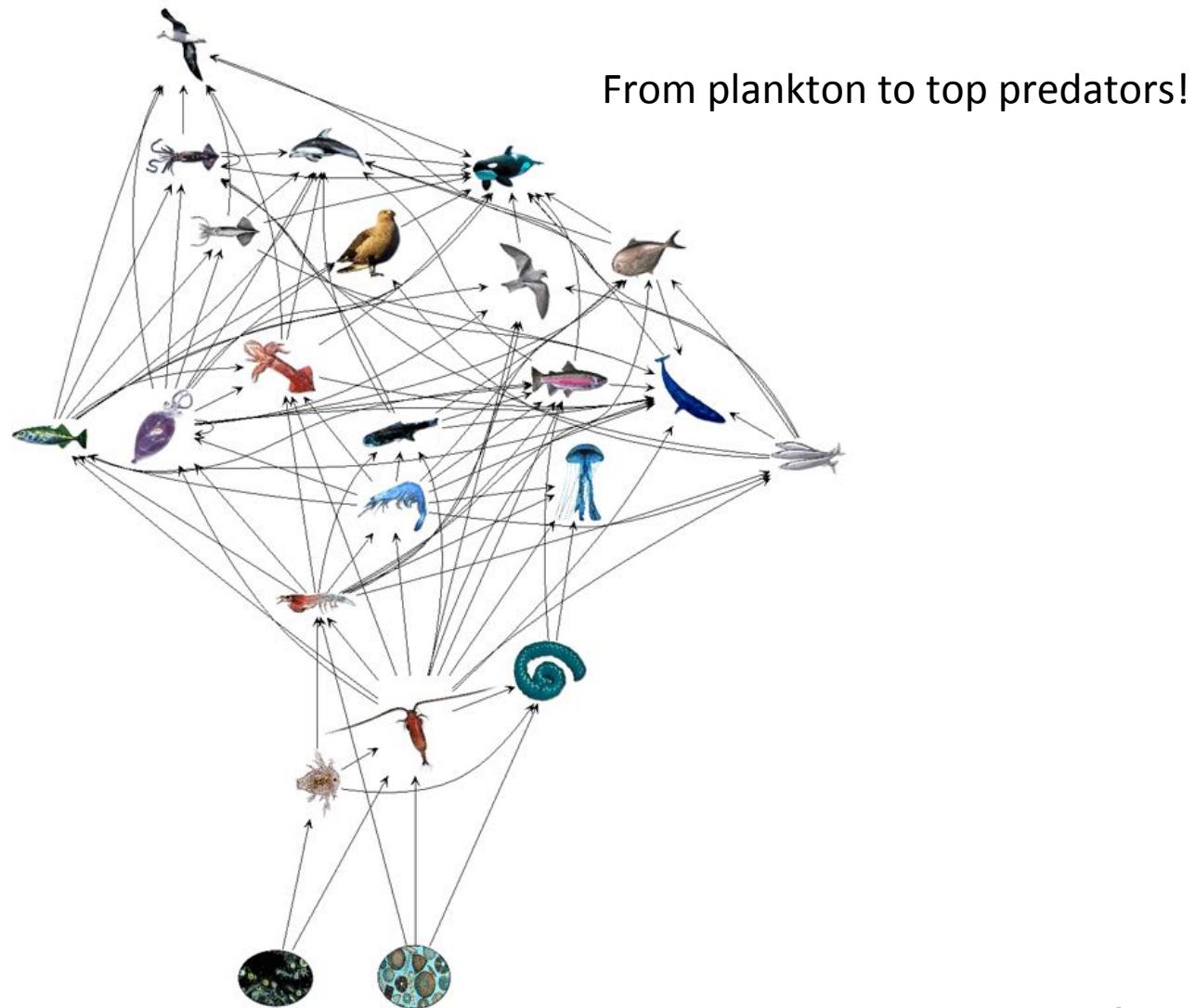
Going beyond the size axis...



⇒ Considering continuous trophic strategy

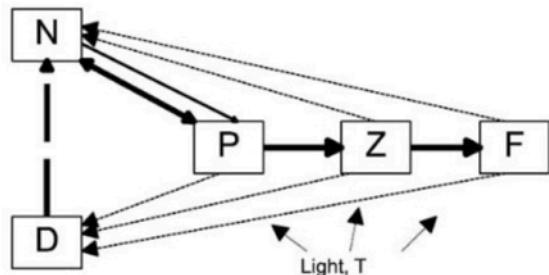
⇒ A way for solving the mixotroph problem!

# End-to-end model

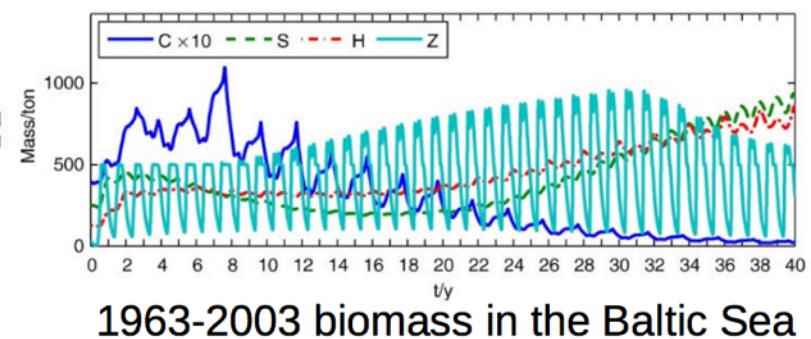
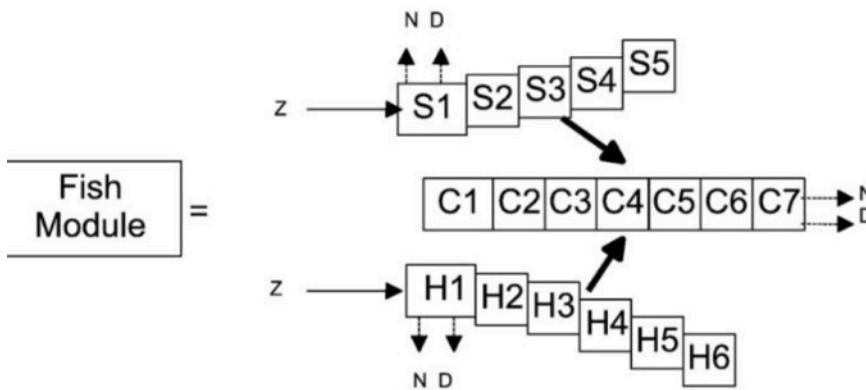


# End-to-end model

Expanding the NPZD model to fish



- Stock sizes and magnitude of change well simulated
- Responses time and phases of the variations not well reproduced



# End-to-end model

## What is end-to-end (e2e) modelling?



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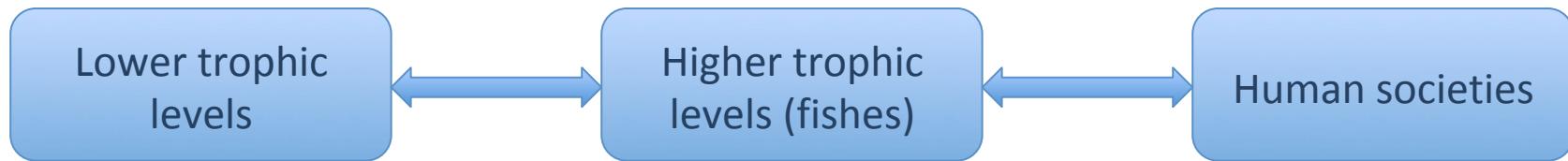
Towards end-to-end models for investigating the effects  
of climate and fishing in marine ecosystems

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- Aims to represent the **entire food web** and the associated **abiotic environment**
  - Multiple species or functional groups are represented at each of the key trophic levels
  - **Top predators** in the system are also included
- Requires the integration of **physical** and **biological** processes at different **scales**
- Implements **two-way interactions** between ecosystem components (from higher to lower trophic levels and from lower to higher trophic levels)
- Accounts for the dynamic forcing effect of **climate** and **human impacts** at **multiple trophic levels** (represented in a dynamical manner)

# End-to-end model

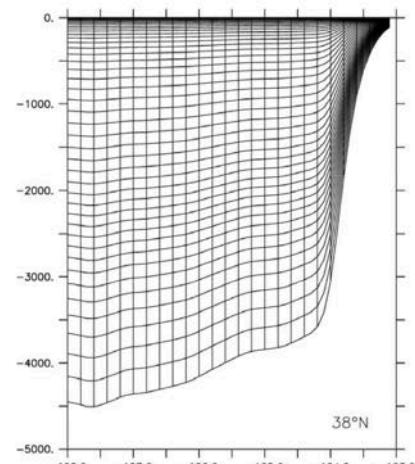
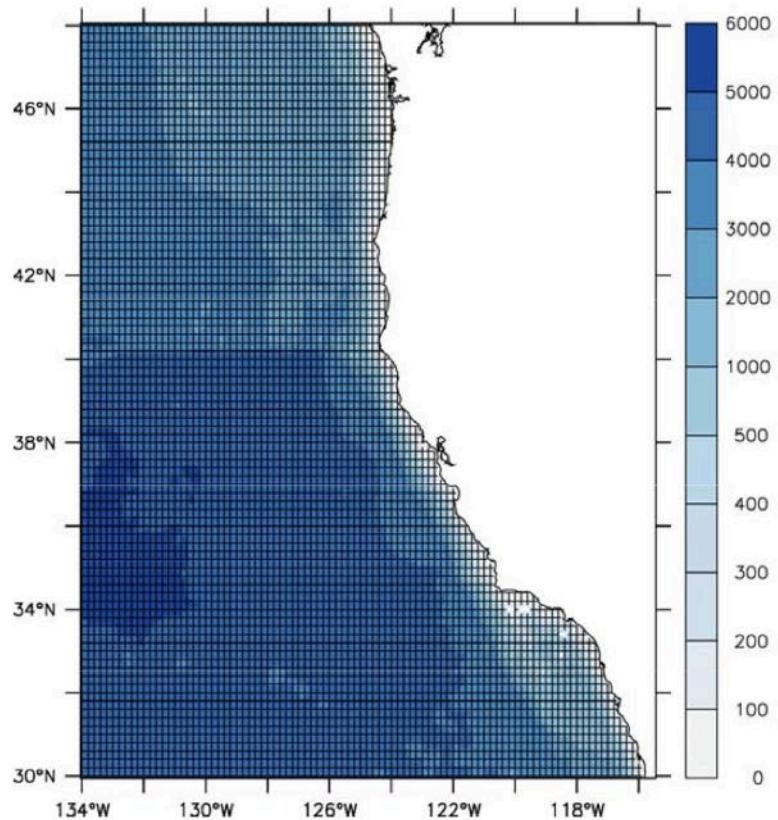
Example: Sardine & anchovy in the California current

- Coupling of four models:
  - 1) Physical model: 3-dimensional ROMS
  - 2) Plankton model: NEMURO
  - 3) Fish model: multiple-species individual-based model
  - 4) Fishing fleet dynamics

# End-to-end model

Example: Sardine & anchovy in the California current

## 1) Physical model: 3-dimensional ROMS



Run duration: 40 years (1958-2007)

# End-to-end model

## Example: Sardine & anchovy in the California current

## 2) Plankton model: NEMURO

# NPZD-type model

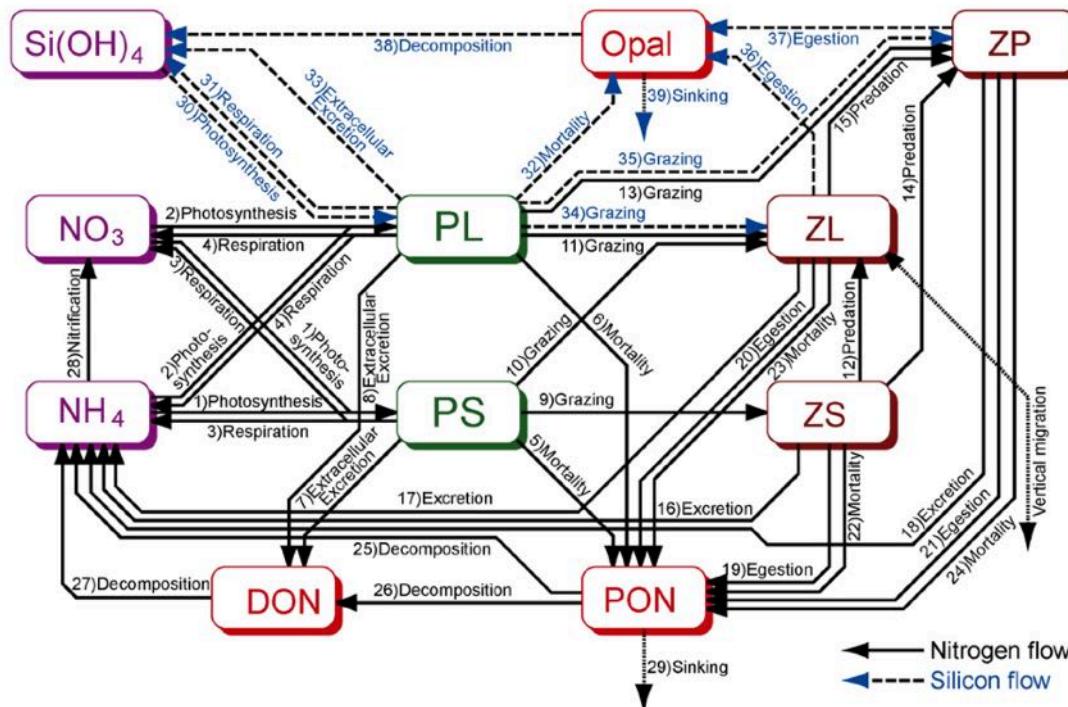


Fig. 1 – Schematic view of the NEMURO lower trophic level ecosystem model. Solid black arrows indicate nitrogen flows and dashed blue arrows indicate silicon. Dotted black arrows represent the exchange or sinking of the materials between the modeled box below the mixed layer depth.

# End-to-end model

Example: Sardine & anchovy in the California current

3) Fish model: multiple-species individual-based model (IBM)



Sardine



Anchovy



Migratory predators

Both sardine and anchovy are fully modelled:

- Reproduction (T-dependant)
- Growth (T- and Plankton-dependant)
- Mortality: constant, starvation, predation, fishing
- Movement (T-dependant + transport + swimming)
- Competition (for food and space)
- Predators

Migratory predators are not fully modelled:

- Enter and exit the grid,
- Movement
- Consumption of sardine and anchovy only
- Typically : albacore tuna

# End-to-end model

Example: Sardine & anchovy in the California current

## 4) Fishing fleet dynamics



### Fishing fleet:

- 100 boats and 5 ports for fishing the sardine
- Day boats so complete a trip in 24 hours
- Daily evaluation
- Compute expected net revenue (ENR) based on:
  - Perceived CPUE (10-day average)
  - Price per pound
  - Cost per km
  - Return to nearest port

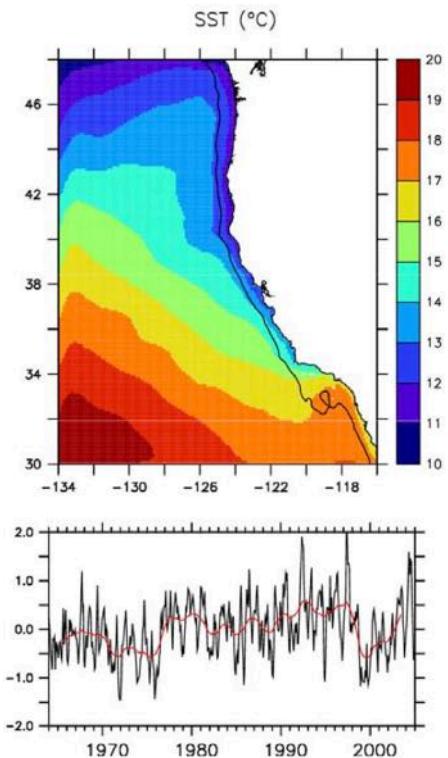


# End-to-end model

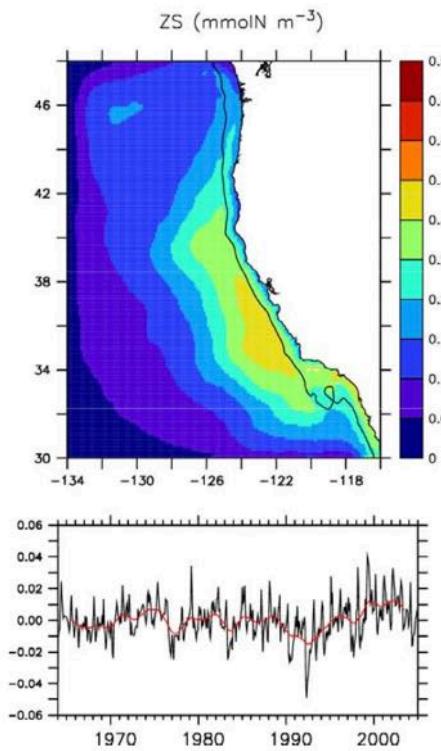
Example: Sardine & anchovy in the California current

## Examples of results

Surface temperature



Phytoplankton



Abundance

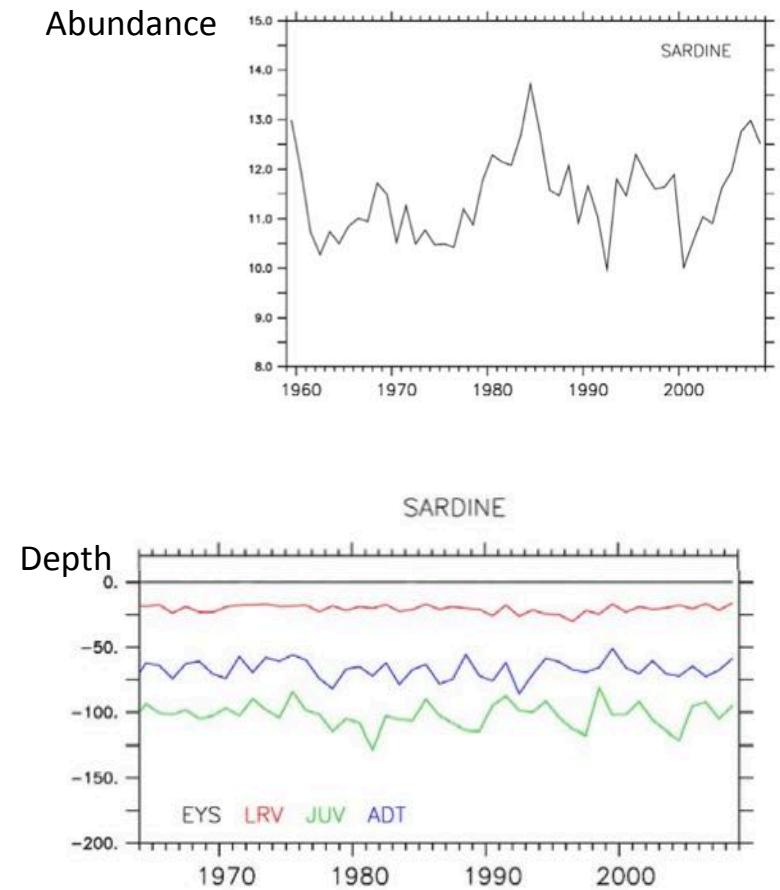


Figure from K. Rose

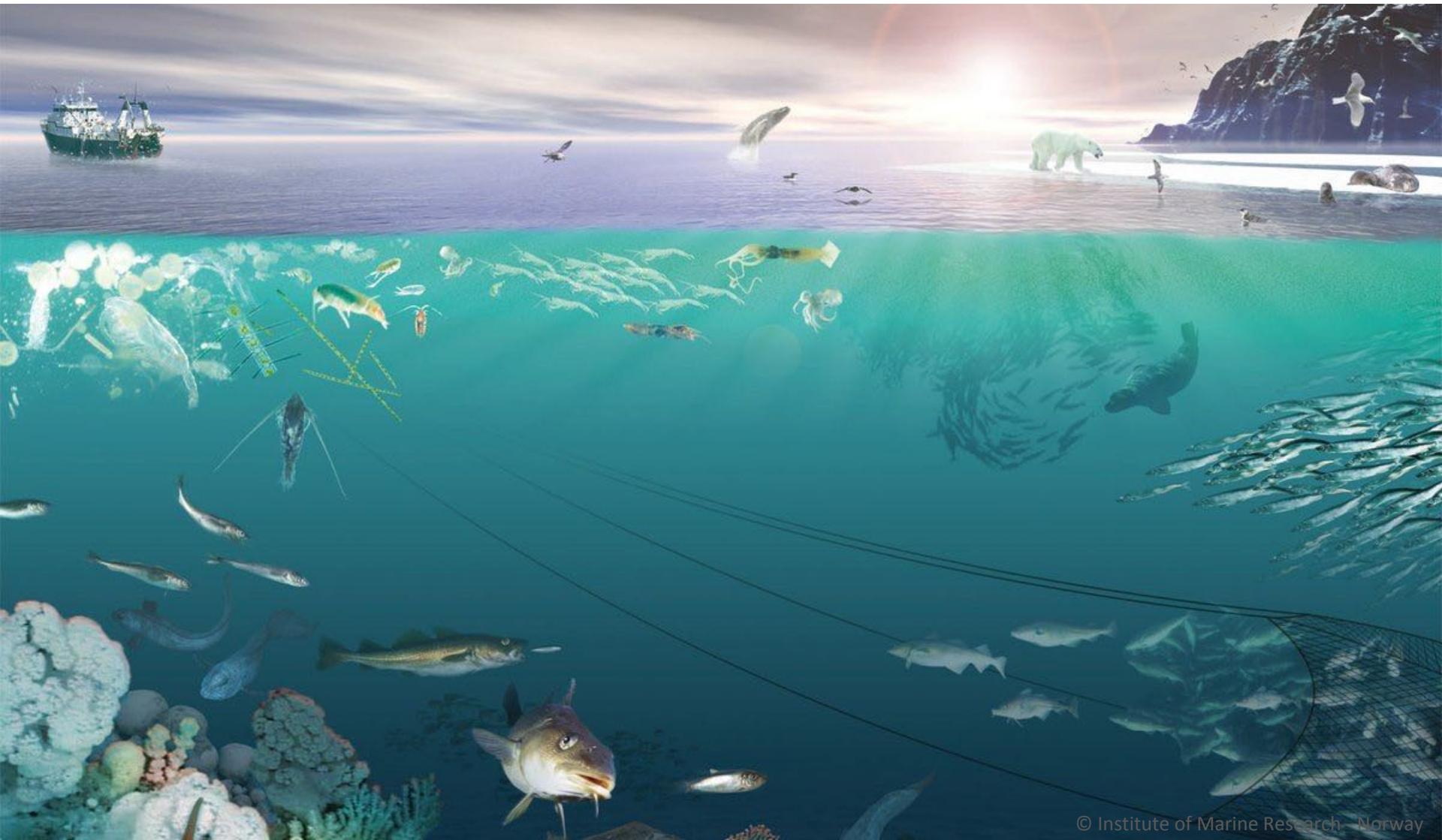
# End-to-end model

## Numerical challenges...

- Solving everything simultaneously
- Code is thousands of lines
- Computing speed
- Two-way coupling between fish and zooplankton
- Mass balance
- Eulerian with Lagrangian
- Full life cycle of fishes
- ...

# How can we model marine ecosystems?

And the machine learning in all of this?



# Data assimilation in marine ecosystem models

## Traditional methods:

e.g. using ocean color data, time-series data...

⇒ Parameter optimization, e.g. microgenetic algorithm (Ayata et al. 2013)

⇒ Gradient descent/ variational methods (3D-VAR)

## ML-based methods?

⇒ Used for physical models so far (e.g. high resolution)

⇒ Cf. Patrick Gallinari's lecture and Rédouane Lguensat's lab

**An open field of research!**

# Using ML for marine ecosystem modelling

## Examples of recent articles...??

Conference paper

### Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Modeling for Understanding the Oceans and Climate Change

Nayat Sanchez-Pi <sup>1</sup> , Luis Marti <sup>1</sup> , André Abreu <sup>2</sup> , Olivier Bernard <sup>3</sup> , Colomban de Vargas <sup>4</sup> , Damien Eveillard <sup>5, 6</sup> , Alejandro Maass <sup>7</sup> , Pablo A. Marquet <sup>8</sup> , Jacques Sainte-Marie <sup>9</sup> , Julien Salomon <sup>9</sup> , Marc Schoenauer <sup>10</sup> , Michele Sebag <sup>10</sup> Détails



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Global assessment of marine phytoplankton primary production: Integrating machine learning and environmental accounting models

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Still a lot of opportunities!

# Using ML for marine ecosystem modelling

## Perspectives?

- Combining ML-based prediction with dynamical models
  - cf. Jean-Olivier Irisson's lecture and TD of Tuesday
- Using ML to represent unresolved process
  - cf. sub-grid dynamics in AI-informed physical models (next lecture)
- Symbolic AI? Hybrid AI?
  - cf. the ongoing ANR IA-Biodiv Challenge...



Thank you for your attention!