# Zooplankton in end-to-end models

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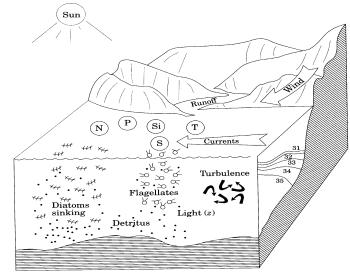
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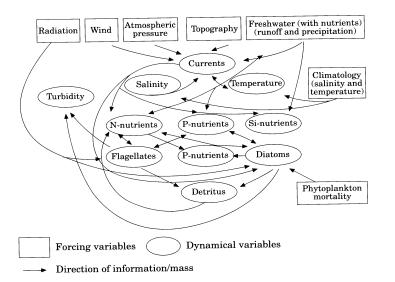
### Marine ecosystem models 'end to end'?

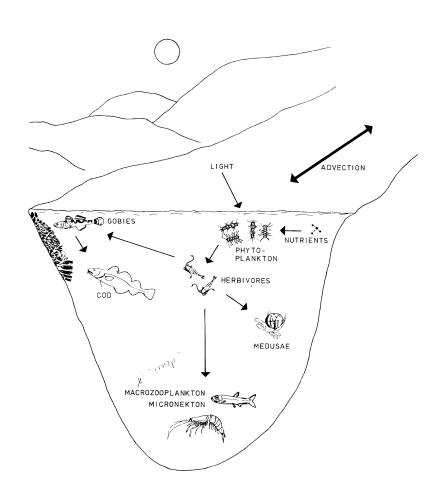
- Mass balance
- Closure terms are not important everything is linked
- Two traditions:
  - Biogeochemistry: zooplankton is a closure term
  - Fisheries: zooplankton is a basic resource

E2E – the link between the physics+climate+LTL + HTL+fisheries

### Local history: E2E, 25 years ago



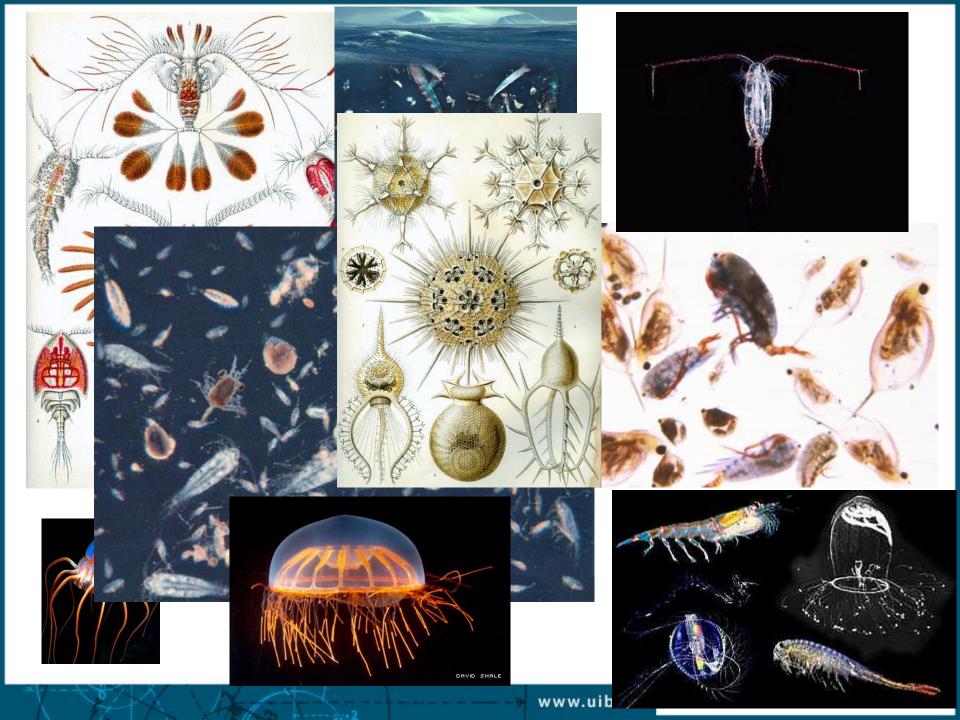




Aksnes & Lie 1990, Skogen & al. 1995

## A weatherforecast for plankton?

- The ultimate test of theory is reproducibility and predictability
- Physics and chemistry are mature sciences by these criteria
- Biology is less successful and ecology is weak
- Ecosystem model = weatherforecast of plankton and fish?
- ...with a consensus on the processes and parameters?



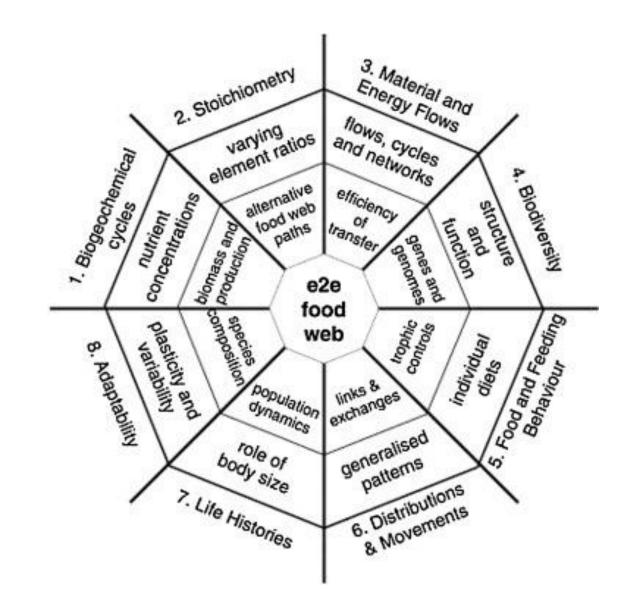
### Challenges and deep concerns about the 'to'

#### **Representation of:**

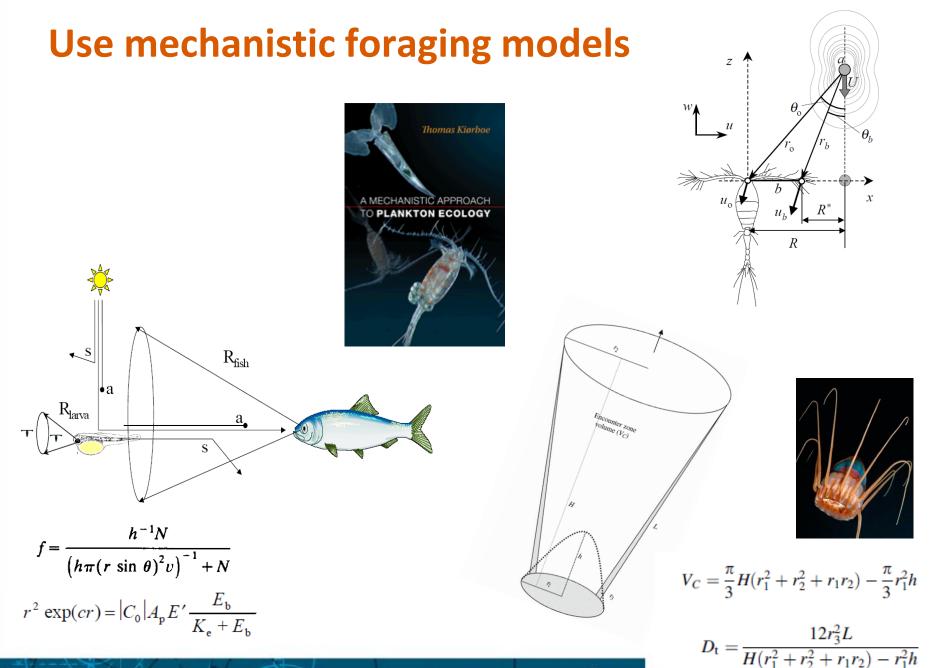
- Feeding
- Diet selection
- Behaviour
- Size-structure
- Life-cycle
- Mortality
- Stoichiometry
- Lagrangian/Eulerian

#### Some references

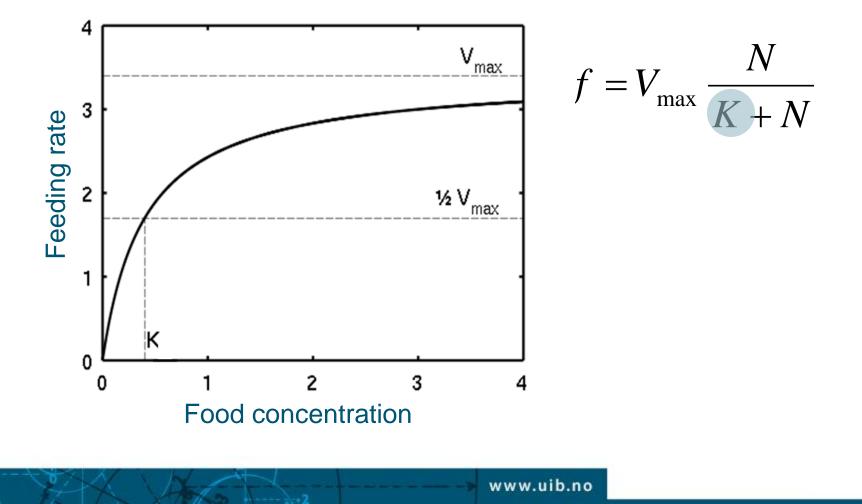
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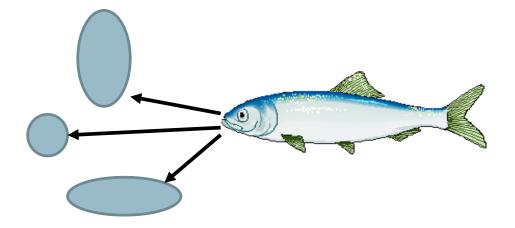
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#### NB – the half saturation constant is not mechanistic



### Diets, food selection foraging modes



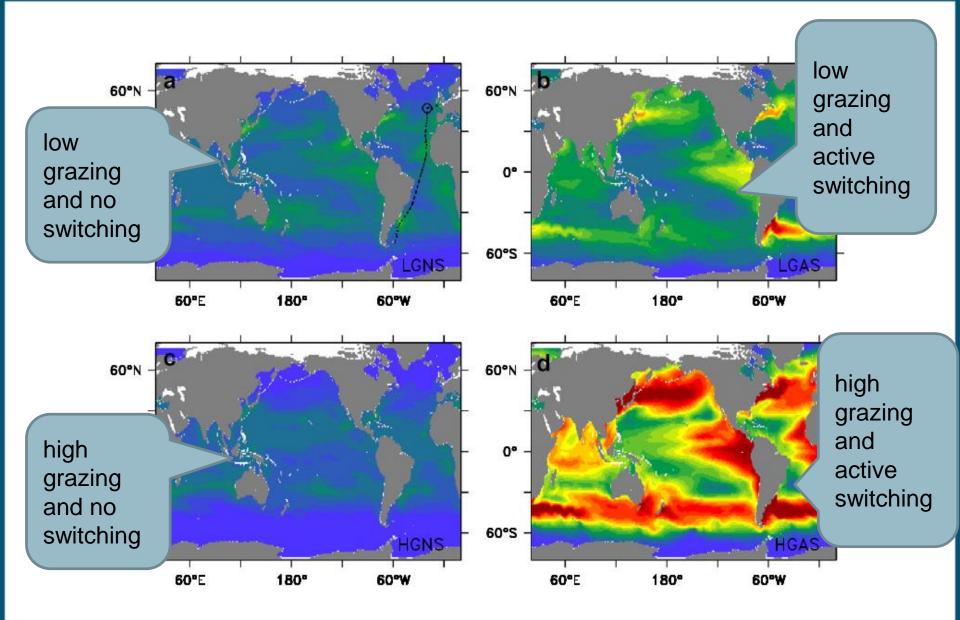
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#### Optimal foraging in marine ecosystem models: selectivity, profitability and switching

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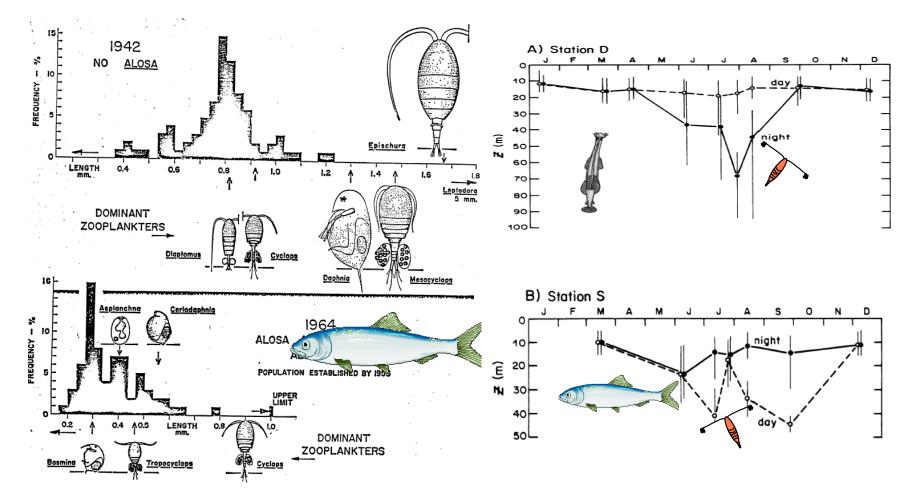
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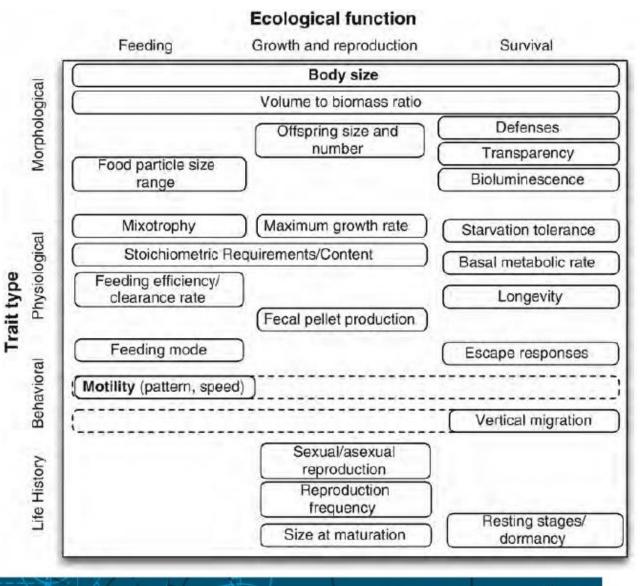
### Fish and zooplankton behaviour



Brooks & Dodson 1965

#### Ohman 1990

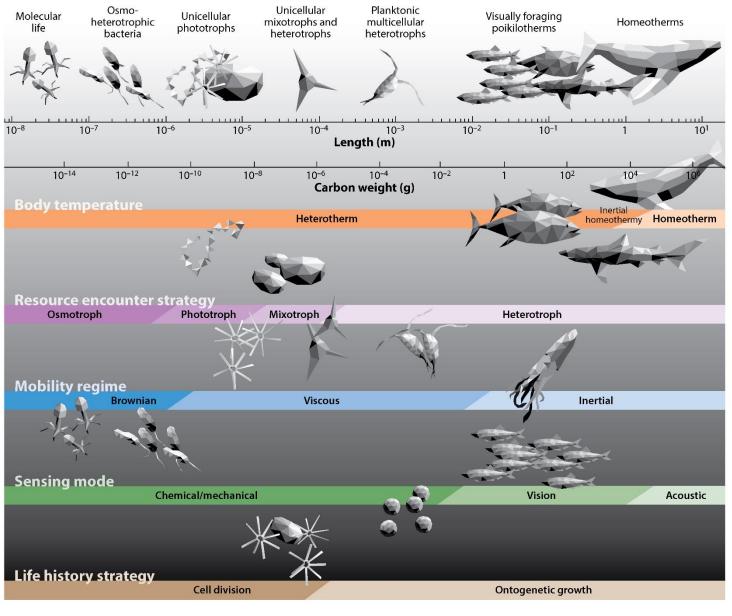
### A trait-based topology of zooplankton

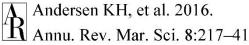


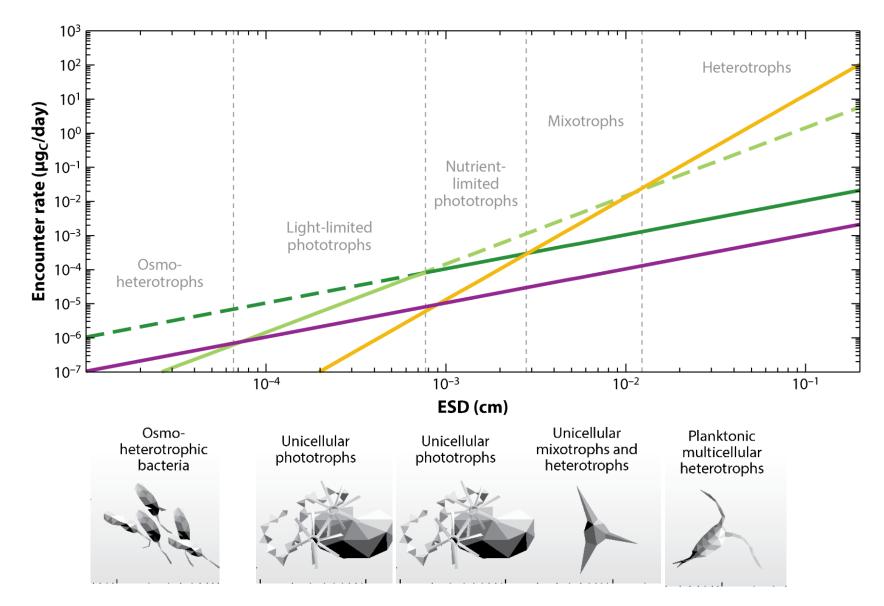
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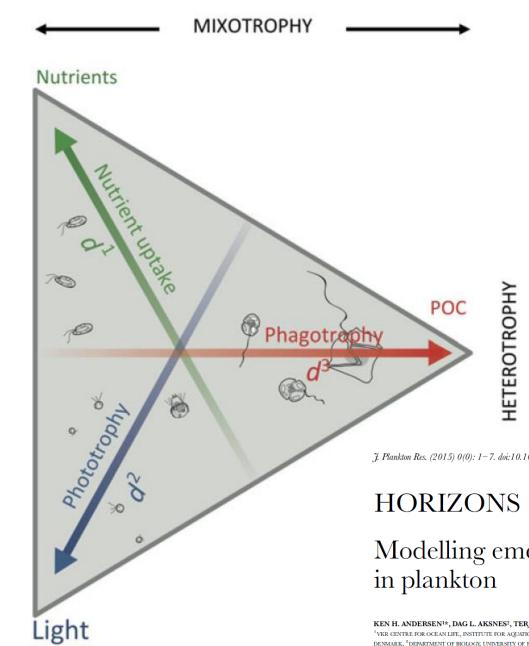
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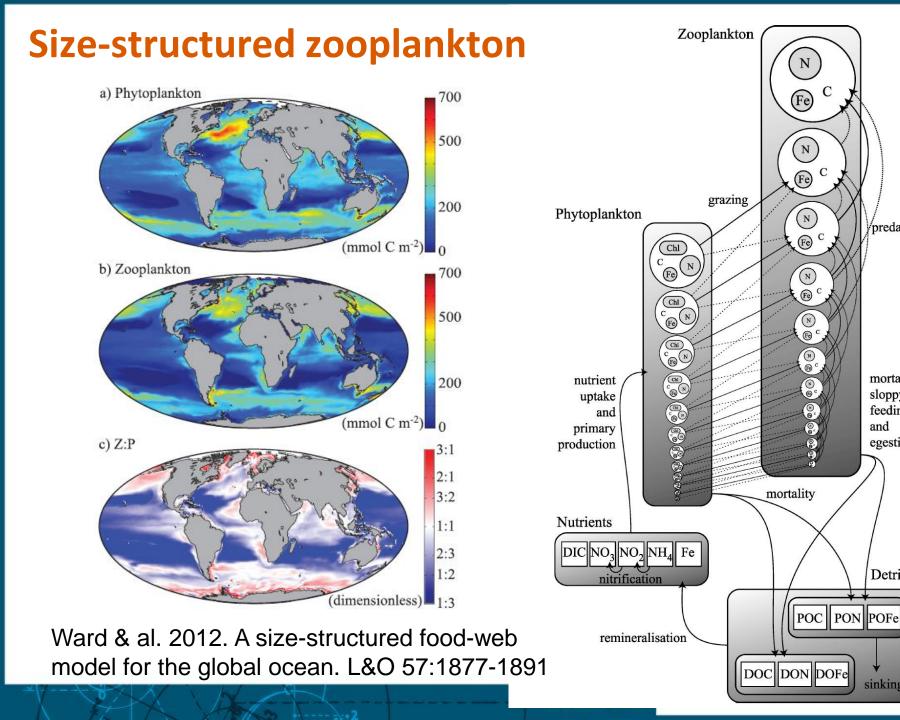
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# Modelling emergent trophic strategies

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feeding

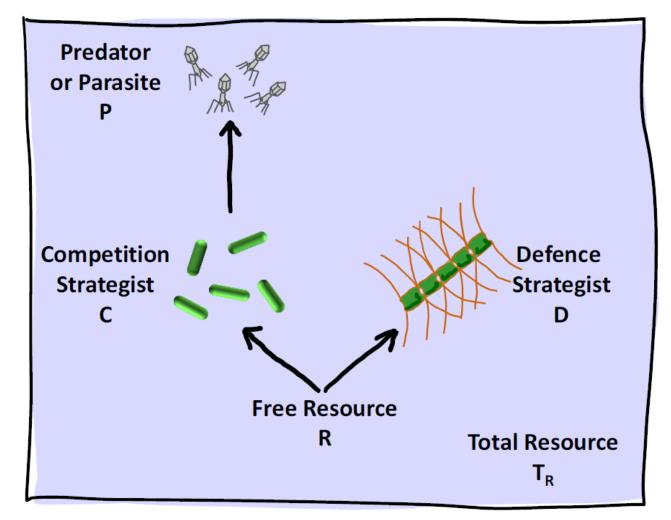
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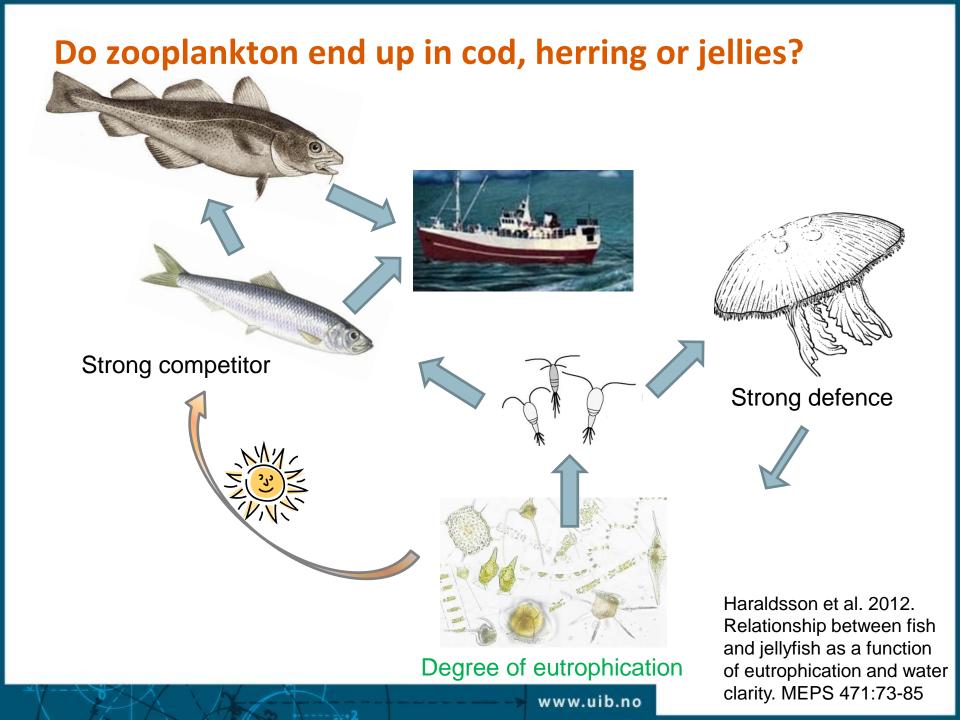
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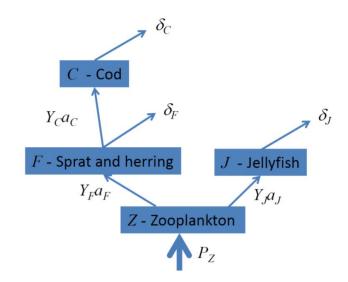
### A simpler route to complex models?



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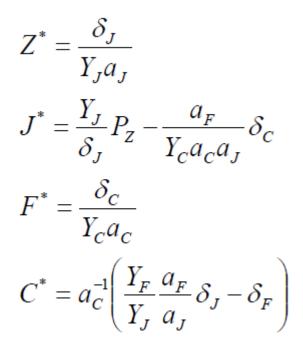


#### A simple model of the Baltic Sea ecosystem

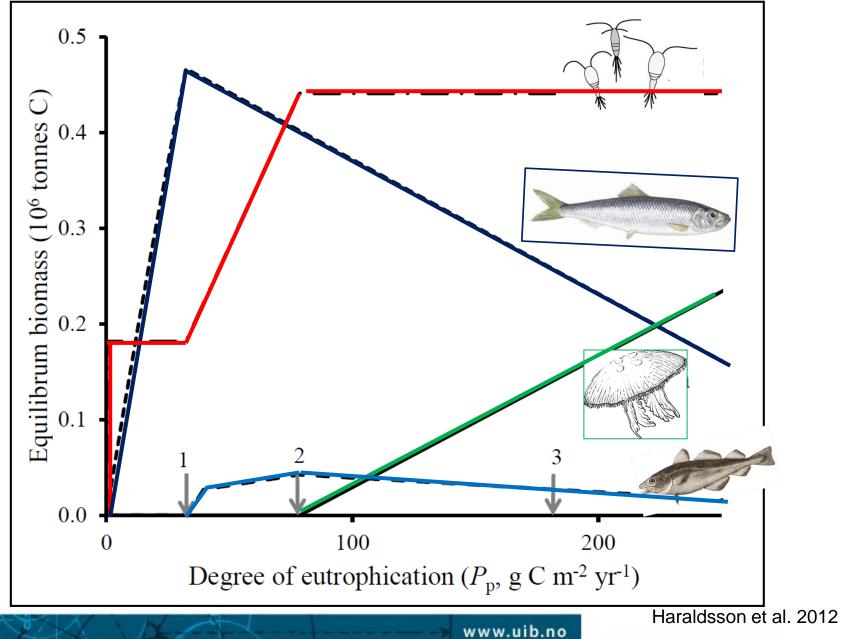


$$\frac{dZ}{dt} = P_Z - a_F ZF - a_J ZJ$$
$$\frac{dJ}{dt} = Y_J a_J ZJ - \delta_J J$$
$$\frac{dF}{dt} = Y_F a_F ZF - a_C CF - \delta_F F$$
$$\frac{dC}{dt} = Y_C a_C FC - \delta_C C$$

Solving for steady state:



### Analysis of trophic pathways in the Baltic





- Develop simple end-to-end models also
- Build (Lagrangian) 1D models of the ecosystem
- Be mechanistic (and learn what that means)
- Use evolutionary theory as null-hypothesis

We urge restraint in using end-to-end models in a true forecasting mode until we know more about their performance. ...

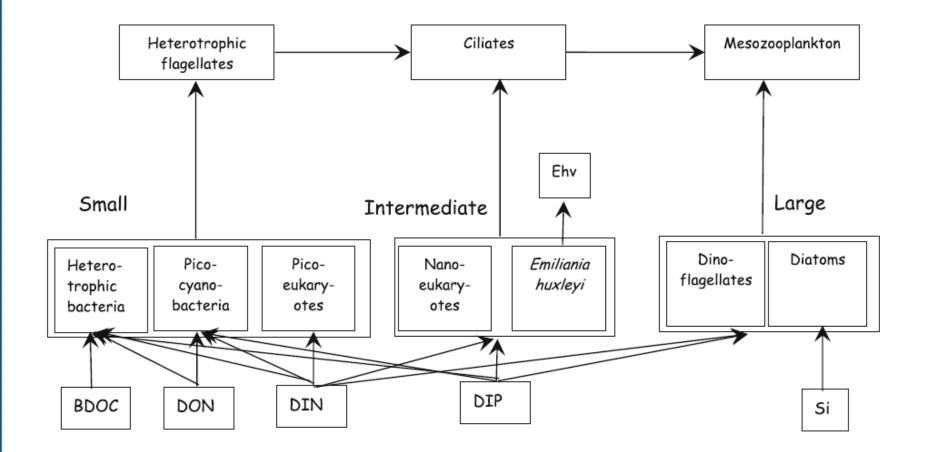
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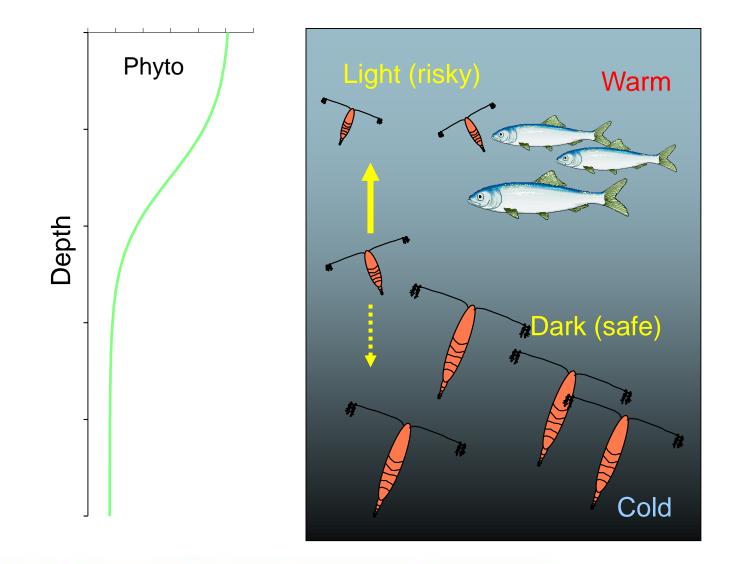


### Traits, trade-offs and less complex models?

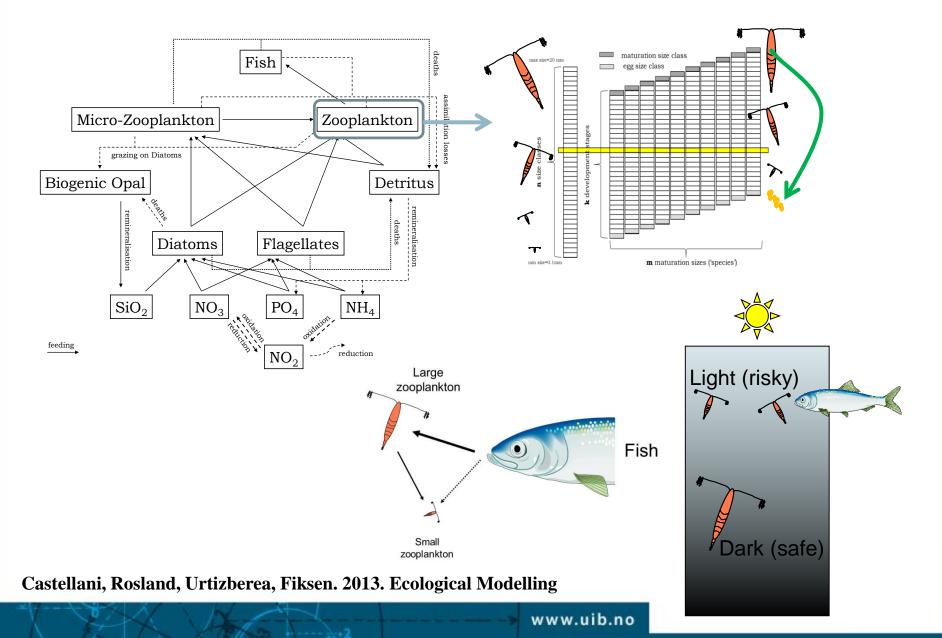


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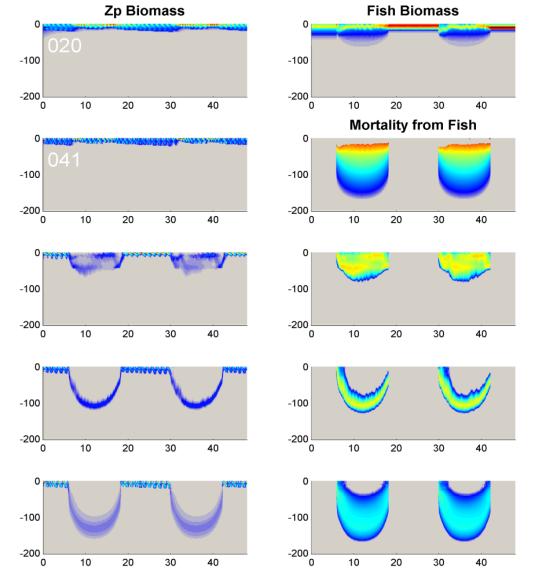
### Spatial gradients and 'risk sensitivity'



# A mass-balanced pelagic ecosystem model with size-structured behaviourally adaptive zooplankton and fish



### An ecosystem model with behavioural cascades



Time of day (hours)

