

An ecosystem model for predicting the effects of micropollutants on aquatic environments

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Modeling endocrine disruption

Mechanism rather than endpoint:

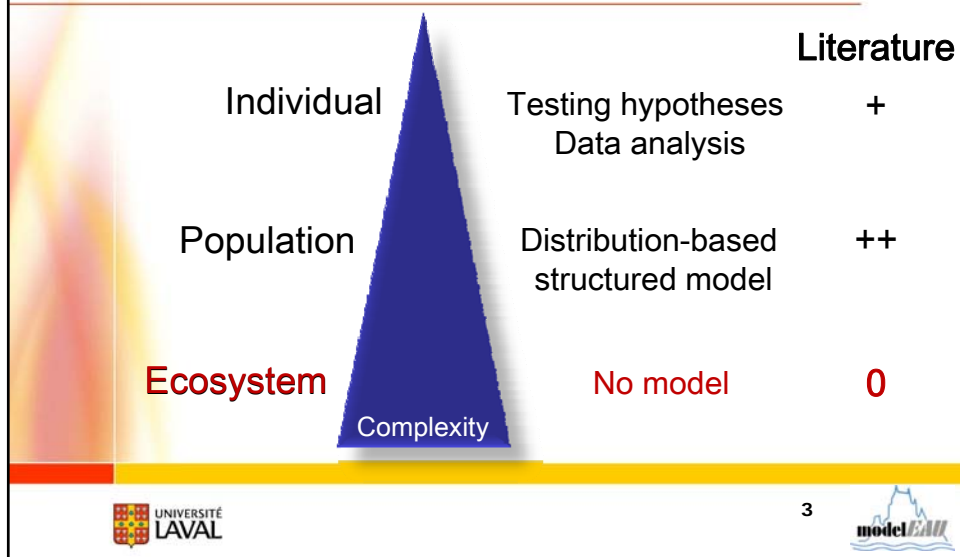
- Intersex fish
- Reproductive disturbances



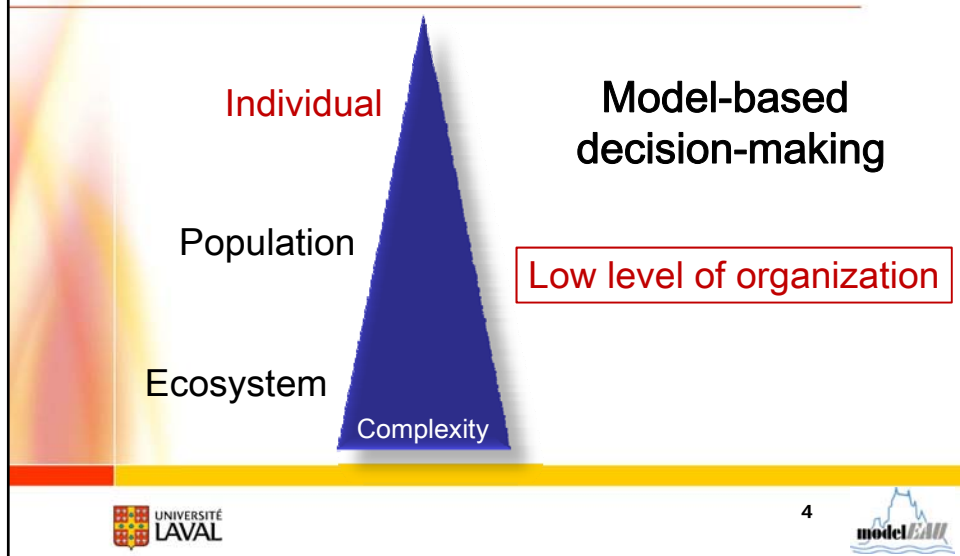
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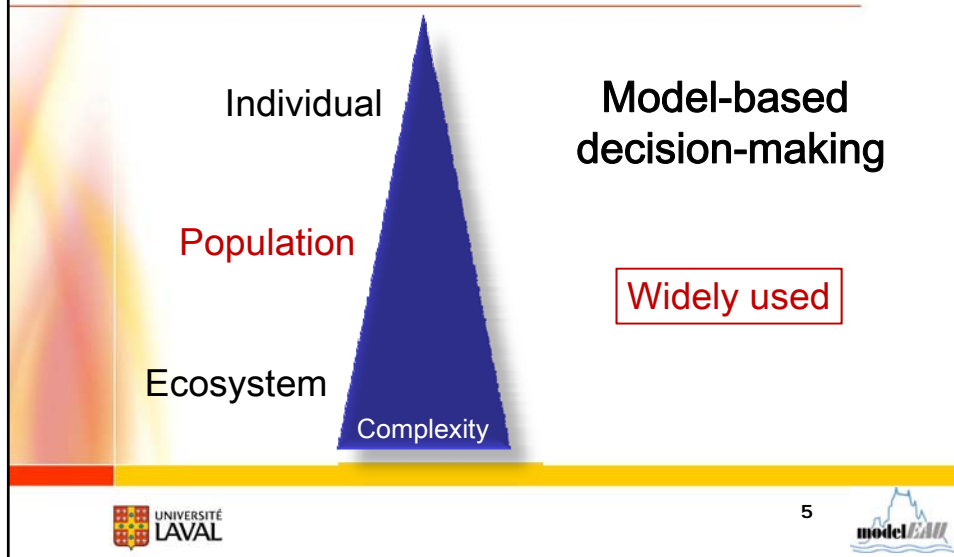
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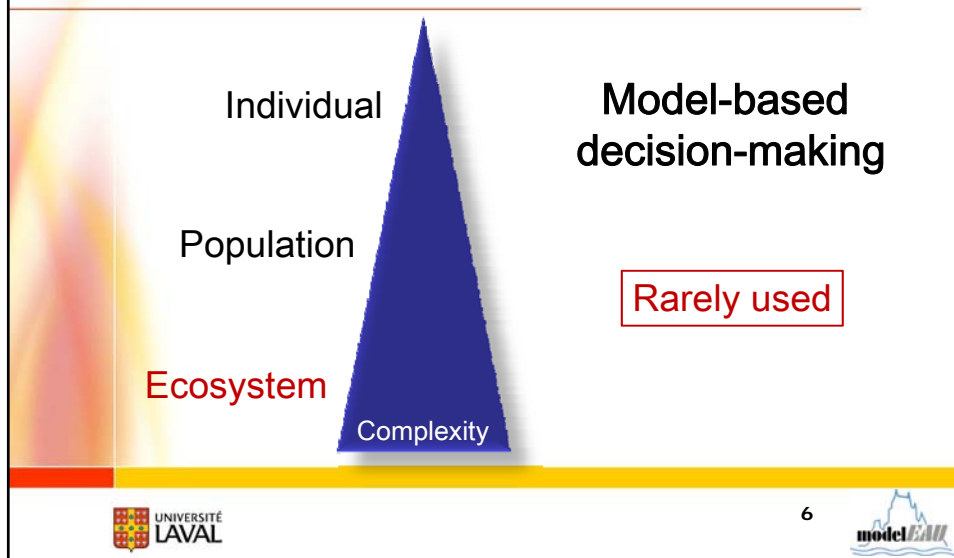
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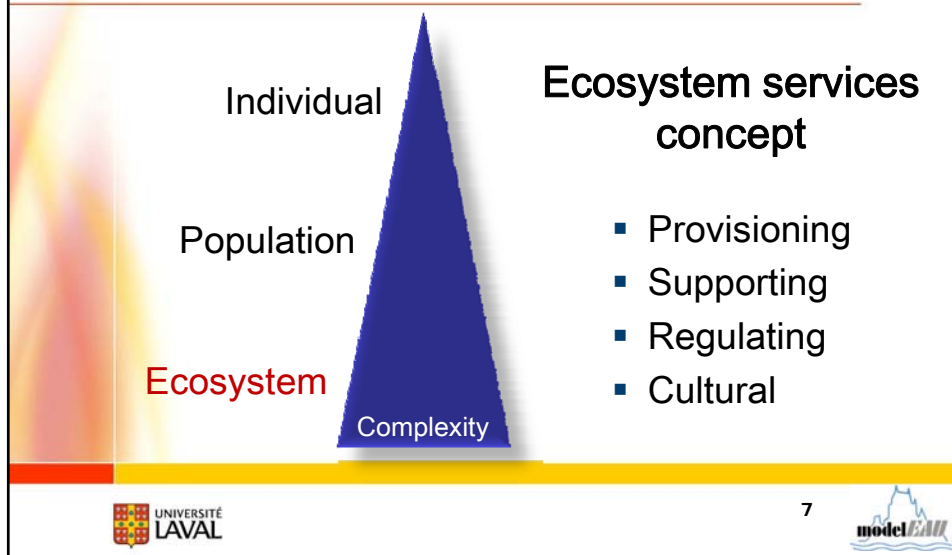
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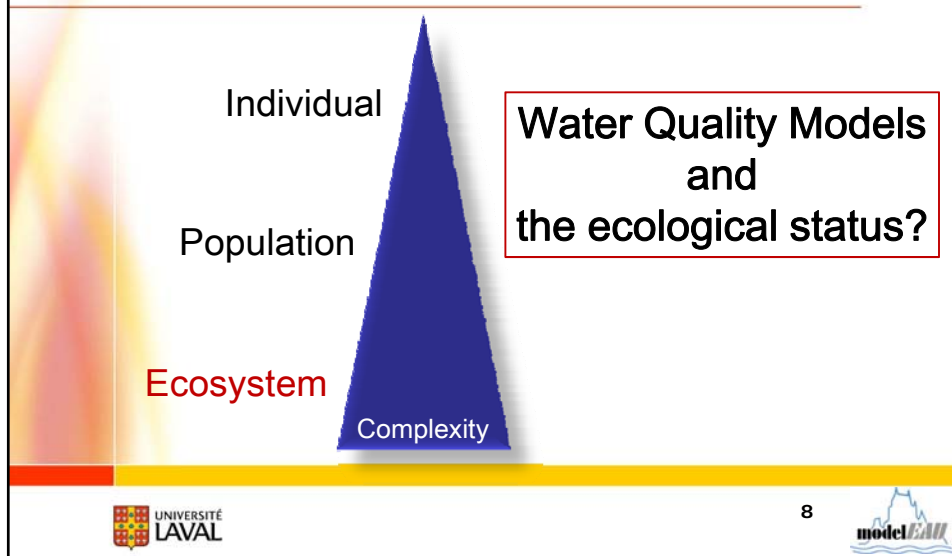
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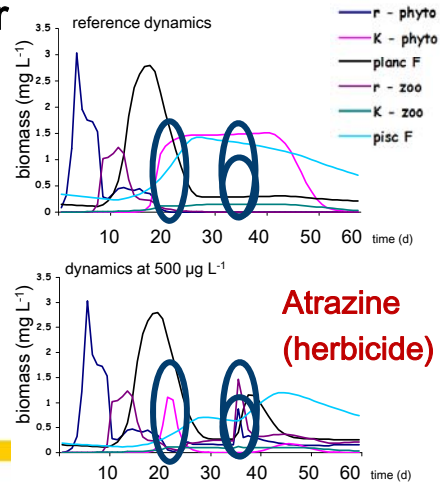
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Ecosystem model: Acute toxicity

Frederik De Laender
(PhD thesis, 2007)

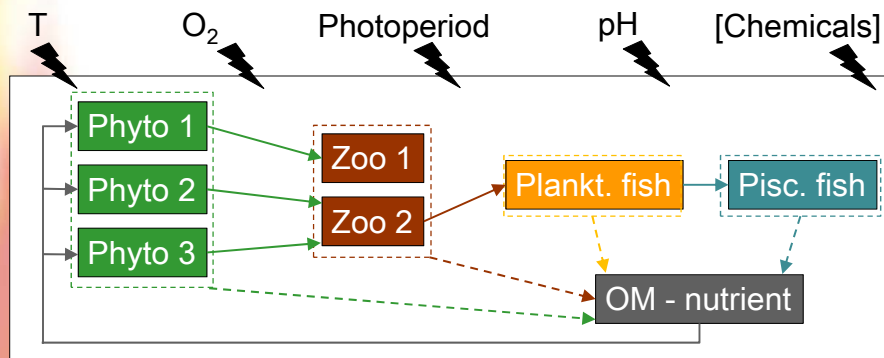
- Disappearance of one phyto
- Appearance of another phyto
- Appearance of one zoo



Ecosystem model: Object-oriented



AQUATOX-WEST



Ecosystem model: F. De Laender

$$\frac{dFish}{dt} =$$

Transformation

- + Consumption
- Defecation
- Respiration
- Excretion
- Mortality
- Predation
- + Recruitment
- Promotion
- Gamete Loss

Transport

- + Loading
- Wash_out
- + Wash_in
- ± Diffusion_{seg}
- ± Migration
- Entrainment
- Fishing

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$$\frac{dBiomass_{animals}}{dt} = Consumption - Defecation - Respiration - Excretion - Mortality - Predation$$

Ecosystem model: L. Clouzot

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**Endocrine
disruptions**

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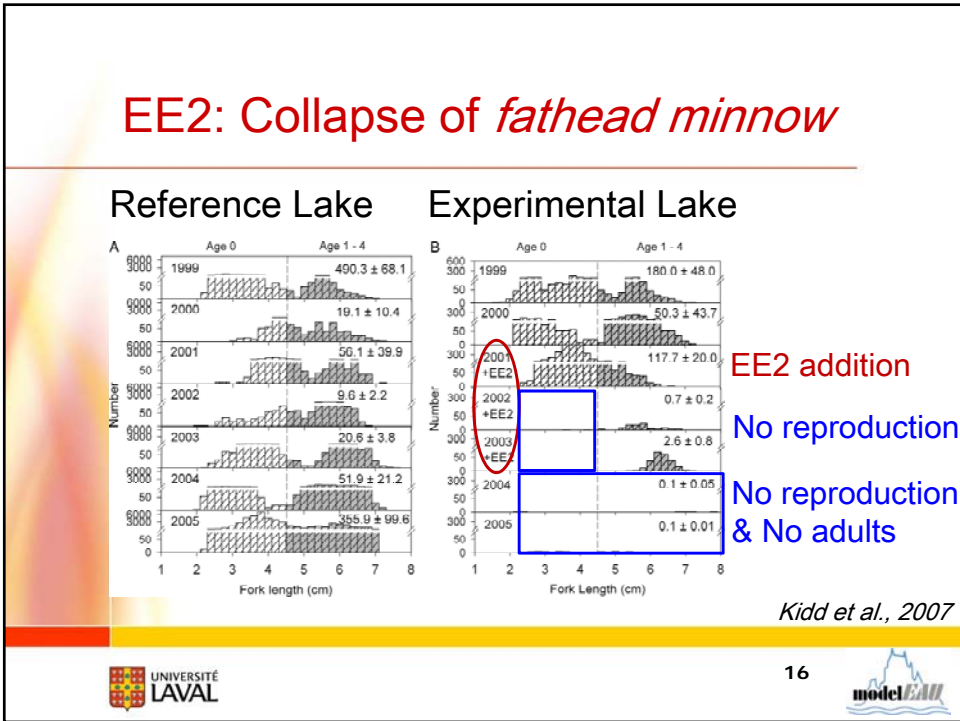
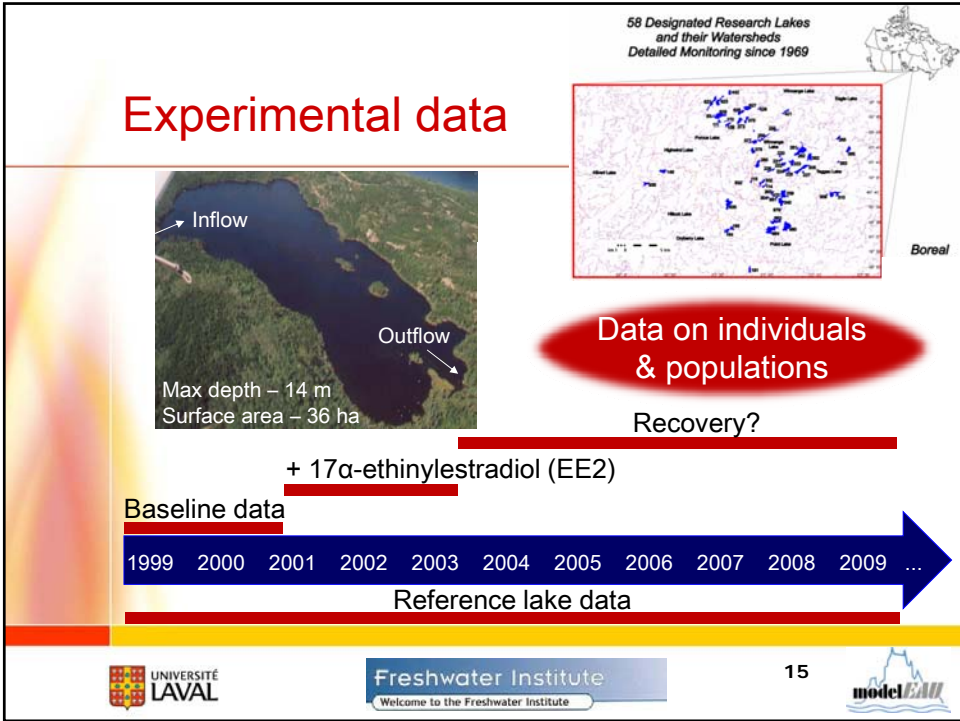
$$+ Recruitment - Promotion - GameteLoss$$

Ecosystem model: L. Clouzot

Fish: Sex-classes

- Juveniles
- Males
- Females

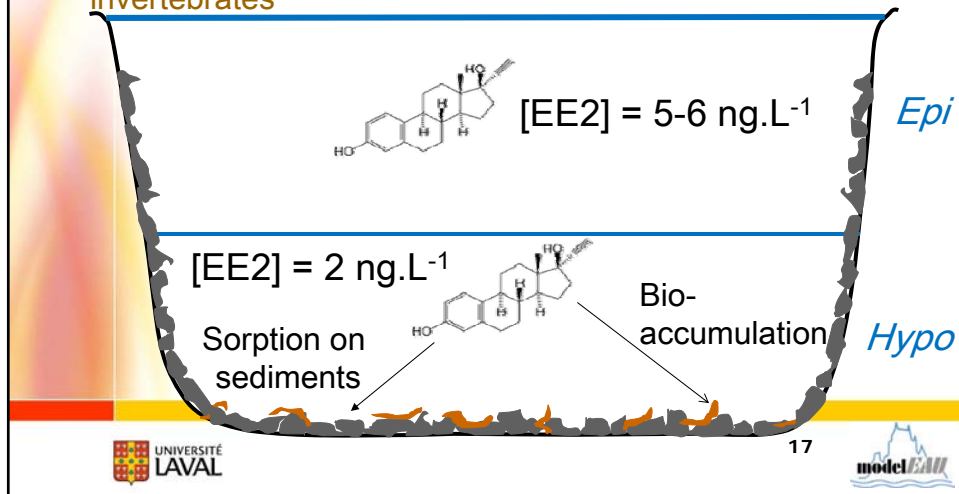




Experimental lake: EE2



Benthic invertebrates



Experimental lake: Biomass



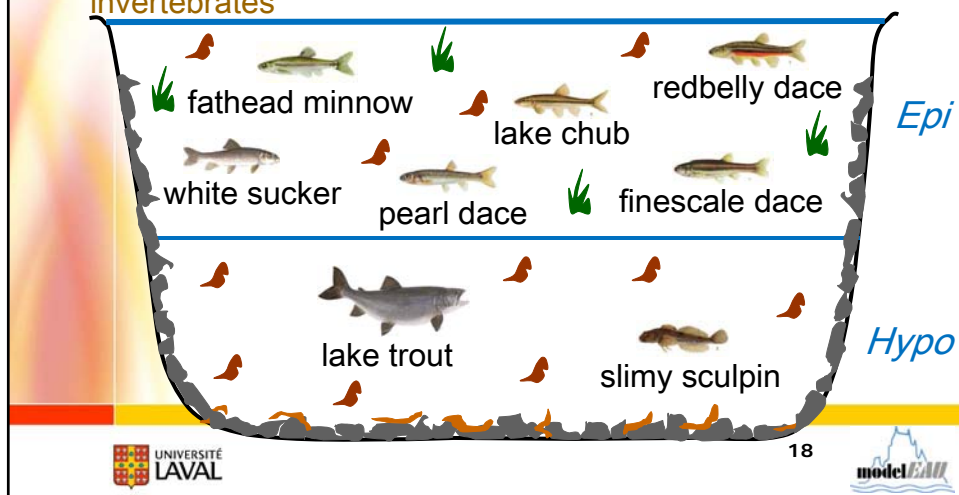
Benthic invertebrates

Phyto

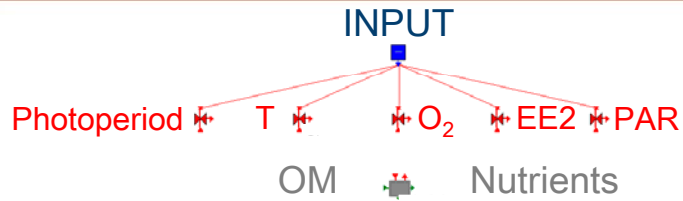
Zoo

Planktivore fish

Piscivore fish



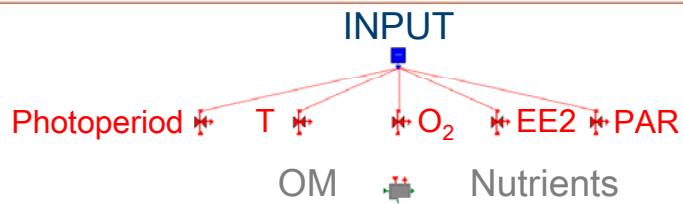
Ecosystem model: WEST



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Sediments † Benthic invertebrates

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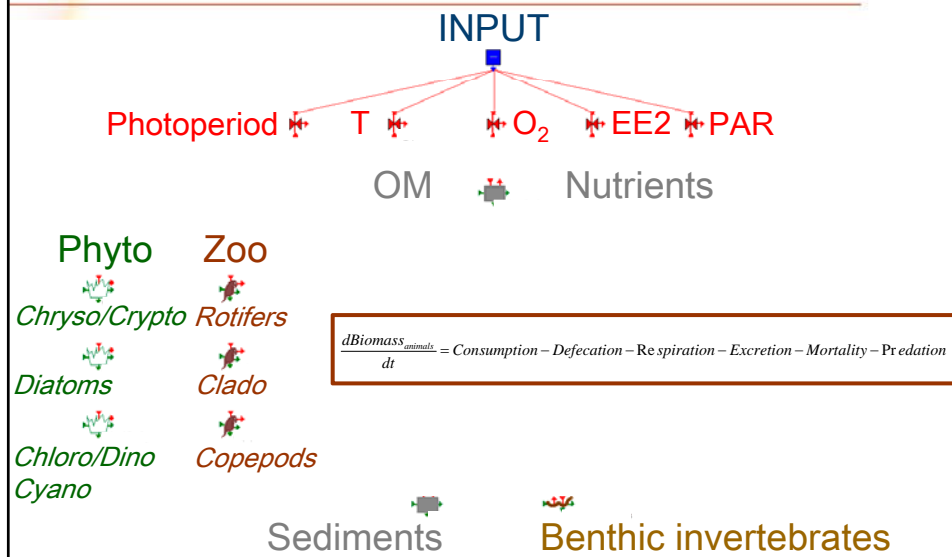


Phyto
 Chryso/Crypto
 Diatoms
 Chloro/Dino
 Cyano

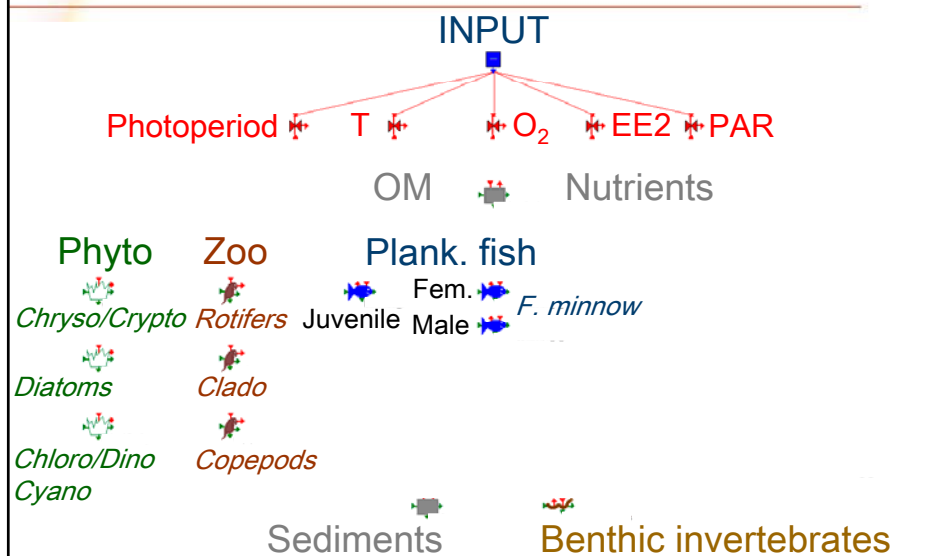
$$\frac{dBiomass_{phyto}}{dt} = Photosynthesis - Respiration - Excretion - Mortality - Consumption_{zo} - Sinking$$

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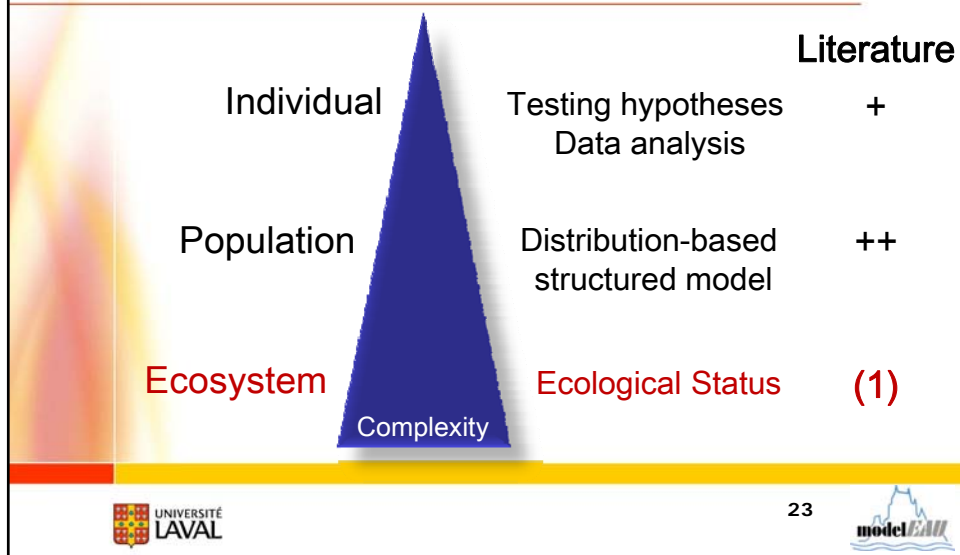
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Conclusion



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Water Quality Models & Ecological Status:

- Simplified AQUATOX equations in WEST
- Lake dynamics:
 - Data analysis
 - Model development
- Endocrine disruptions:
 - Sex-classes
 - Reproductive factor

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