

Mathematical formulation of ecological processes : a problem of scale Mathematical approach and ecological consequences

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Introduction



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Modelling the spatial and temporal variability of the SW lagoon of New Caledonia I: A new biogeochemical model based on microbial loop recycling

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State variables (except Chl.a which is a diagnostic variable).

| | Variables | Definition | Units |
|----|---------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | C_B | Phytoplankton carbon | $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ |
| 2 | N_B | Phytoplankton nitrogen | $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ |
| 3 | Chl.a | Phytoplankton chlorophyll a | $\mu\text{g Chl.a l}^{-1}$ |
| 4 | C_{BA} | Bacterial carbon | $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ |
| 5 | N_{BA} | Bacterial nitrogen | $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ |
| 6 | DPOC | Detrital particulate organic carbon | $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ |
| 7 | DPON | Detrital particulate organic nitrogen | $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ |
| 8 | LDOC | Labile dissolved organic carbon | $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ |
| 9 | LDON | Labile dissolved organic nitrogen | $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ |
| 10 | NH_4 | Ammonium | $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ |
| 11 | NO_3 | Nitrates + nitrites | $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ |
| 12 | O | Oxygen | $\mu\text{mol l}^{-1}$ |

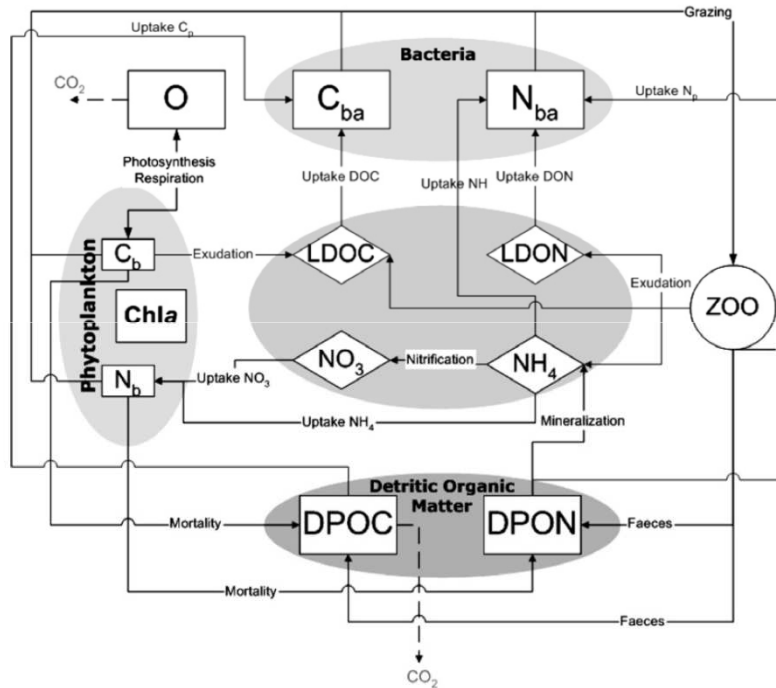


Fig. 1. The biogeochemical model, including the microbial loop.

The carbon specific uptake rate of nitrogen:

$$V_N^C = V_{\text{NH}_4}^C + V_{\text{NO}_3}^C$$

$$V_{\text{NH}_4}^C = \max V_{\text{NH}_4}^C \cdot \left[\frac{\max Q_C^N - Q_C^N}{\max Q_C^N - \min Q_C^N} \right] \cdot \left(\frac{\text{NH}_4}{\text{NH}_4 + K_{\text{NH}_4}} \right)$$

$$V_{\text{NO}_3}^C = \max V_{\text{NO}_3}^C \cdot \left[\frac{\max Q_C^N - Q_C^N}{\max Q_C^N - \min Q_C^N} \right] \cdot \left(\frac{\text{NO}_3}{\text{NO}_3 + K_{\text{NO}_3}} \right)$$

Introduction

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Evaluation of the current state of mechanistic aquatic biogeochemical modeling

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153 studies published from 1990 to 2002

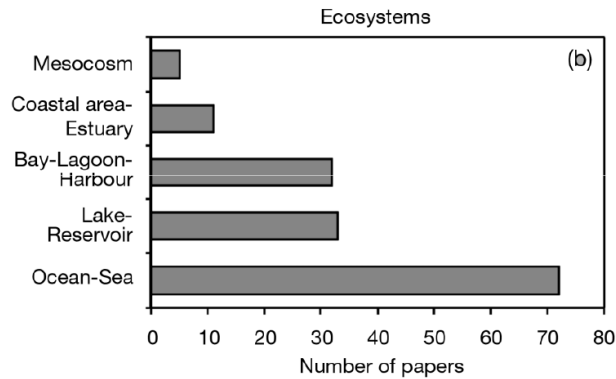
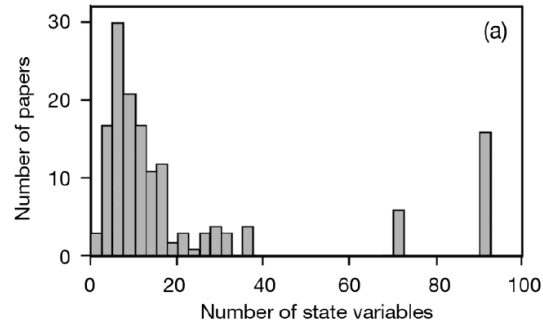


Fig. 1. Frequency histograms of (a) aquatic biogeochemical model complexity based on number of state variables and (b) types of ecosystems modeled

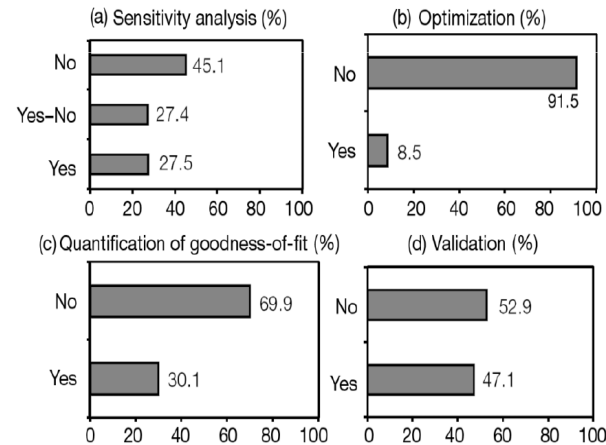
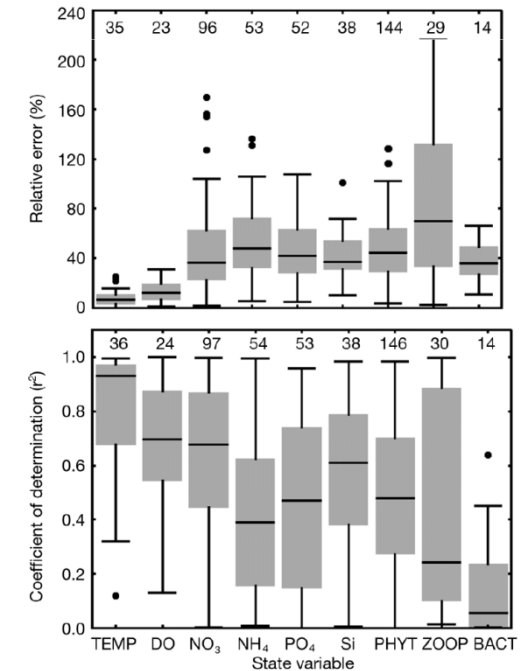


Fig. 2. Proportion of aquatic biogeochemical modeling studies that (a) performed sensitivity analyses, (b) used optimization techniques for model calibration, (c) quantified fit between simulated and field data, and (d) validated models (see first subsection of 'Results'). In (a) category 'YES-NO' indicates qualitative approaches (see first subsection of 'Results' for further explanation)



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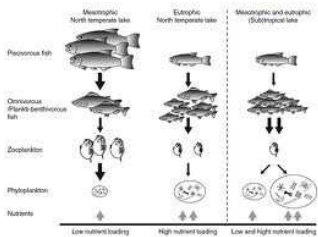
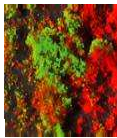
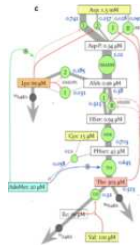
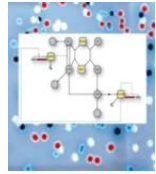
- Complex systems **dynamics** (high number of entities interacting in nonlinear way, networks, loops and feed-back loops, etc.) - **Ecosystems**
- **Response of the complete network** to a given perturbation (contamination, exploitation, global warming, ...) on a particular part of the system? (amplified, damped, how and why?)
 - processes intensities and variations;
 - the whole system dynamics;
 - from **individuals** to **communities** and back;

MODELLING:

- How does the **formulation** of a process in a complex system affect the whole system dynamics? How to **measure** the impacts of a perturbation?

Introduction

Information - Data



Individuals

Bioenergetics – Genetic properties – Metabolism – Physiology - Behaviours

Functional groups

Activities – Genetic and Metabolic expressions

Communities

Biotic interactions – Trophic webs

Ecosystems

Environmental forcing – Energy assessments – Human activities

Complexity

Introduction

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STRUCTURE SENSITIVITY

Structure sensitivity

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Community response to enrichment is highly sensitive to model structure

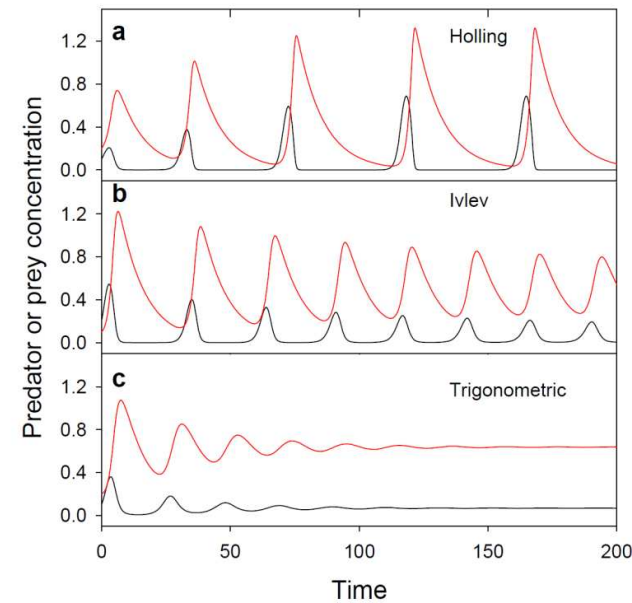
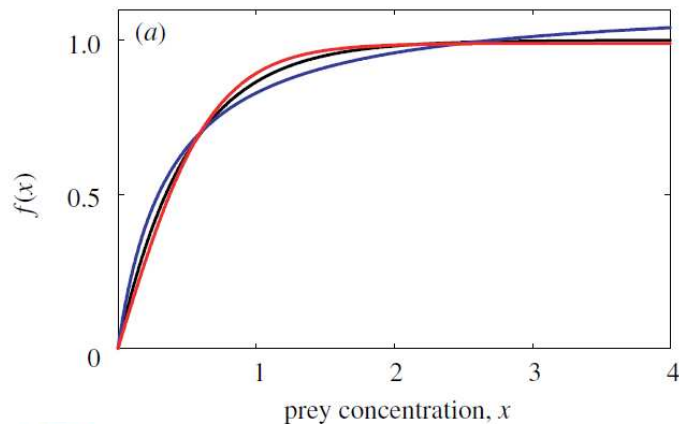
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Myerscough, M. R., Darwen, M. J. & Hogarth, W. L. 1996
Stability, persistence and structural stability in a classical predator–prey model. *Ecol. Model.* 89, 31–42.

| level of enrichment | Holling $f_H(x) = a_H x / (1 + b_H x)$ | Ivlev $f_I(x) = a_I (1 - \exp(-b_I x))$ | trigonometric $f_T(x) = a_T \tanh(b_T x)$ |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| $K < 0.45$ | stable | stable | stable |
| $0.45 < K < 1.08$ | unstable | stable | stable |
| $1.08 < K < 2.65$ | unstable | unstable | stable |
| $2.65 < K < 10.12$ | unstable | unstable | multi-stable ^a |
| $K > 10.12$ | unstable | unstable | unstable |

$$dx/dt = g(x) - f(x)y,$$

$$dy/dt = f(x)y - my.$$



Structure sensitivity

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = rx\left(1 - \frac{x}{K}\right) - g(x)y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = eg(x)y - my$$

Sensitivity to function g ? g_R : Reference model = M_R

g_P : Perturbed model = M_P

$$d_M(M_R, M_P) = \int_D |g_R(X) - g_P(X)| dX$$

$$d_H(K_1, K_2) = \max \left\{ \max_{y \in K_2} \{d(K_1, y)\}, \max_{x \in K_1} \{d(K_2, x)\} \right\}$$

with $d(A, y) = \min_{x \in A} \{d(x, y)\}$ for any compact set A .

Structure sensitivity

Let us consider two fixed positive numbers σ and ρ and a reference model (M_R) . We denote by $B_\rho(M_R)$ the set of models (M) such that $d_M(M_R, M) < \rho$. For a given initial condition $X \in \mathbb{R}^n$, we denote by $K_R(X)$ its ω -limit with the model (M_R) and by $K(X)$ its ω -limit with the model (M) .

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Structural sensitivity of biological models revisited

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We say that (M_R) is ρ -structurally σ -sensitive if there exists $M \in B_\rho(M_R)$ such that one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

- (i) (M) is not structurally stable;
- (ii) there exists an initial condition $X_0 \in \mathbf{R}^n$ such that for all X satisfying $K_R(X) = K_R(X_0)$, then $d_H(K_R(X), K(X)) \geq \sigma$.

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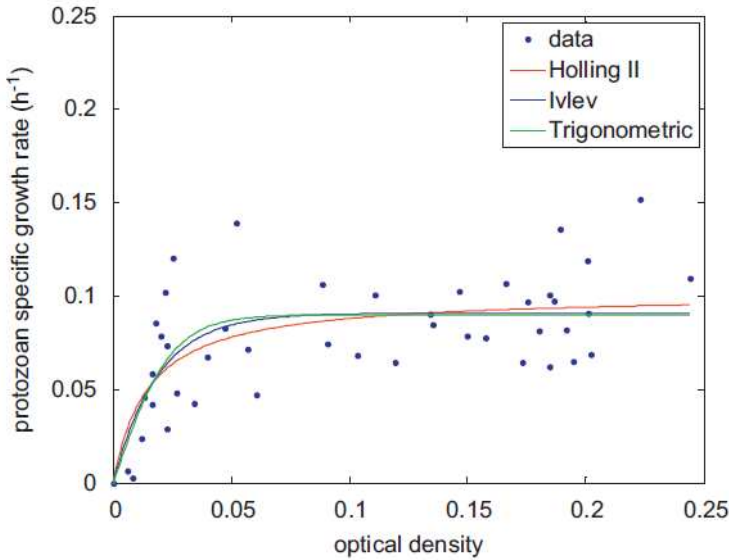
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Structure sensitivity

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = D(x_{in} - x) - f(x)y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = e_1 f(x)y - g(y)z - Dy \\ \frac{dz}{dt} = e_2 g(y)z - Dz \end{cases}$$

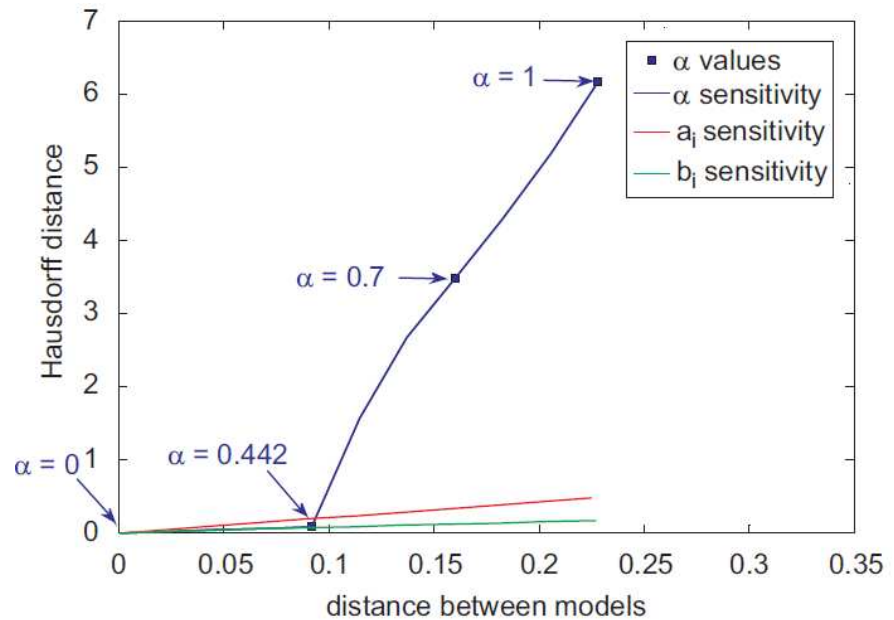
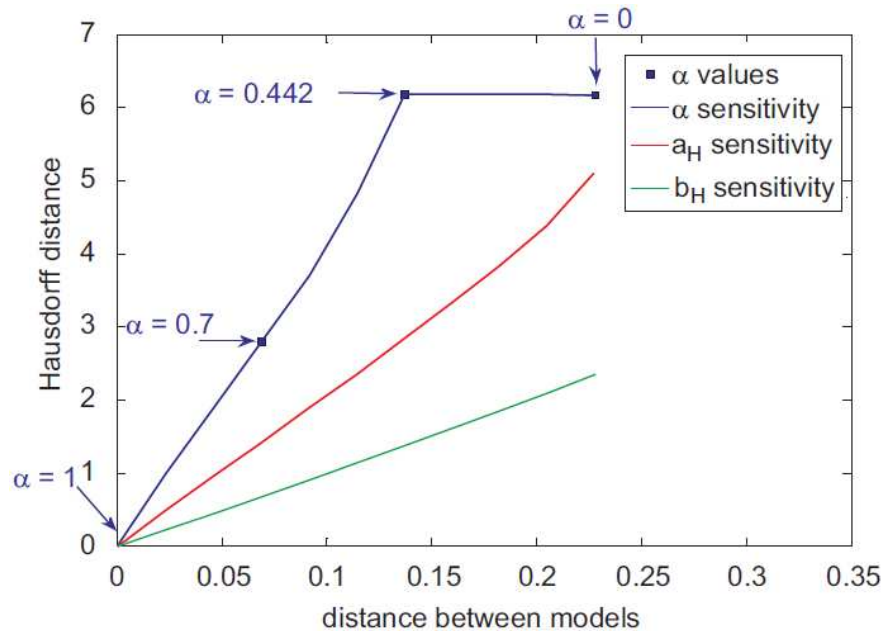
$$f(x) = v_{max}x / (k + x)$$

| Functional response | Formulation |
|-------------------------|---|
| Holling (Holling 1959b) | $g_h(y) = \frac{a_h y}{1 + b_h y}$ |
| Ivlev (Ivlev, 1961) | $g_i(y) = \frac{a_i}{b_i} (1 - \exp(-b_i y))$ |
| Trigonometric | $g_t(y) = \frac{a_t}{b_t} \tanh(b_t y)$ |



$$G_\alpha = \alpha \hat{g}_h + (1 - \alpha) \hat{g}_i, \quad \alpha \in [0, 1]$$

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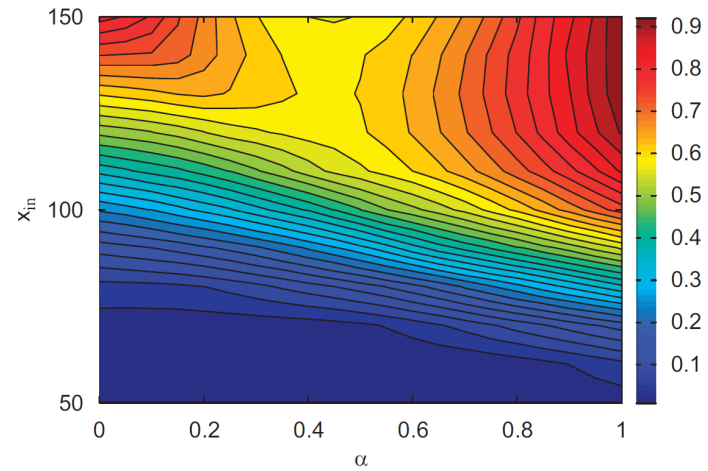
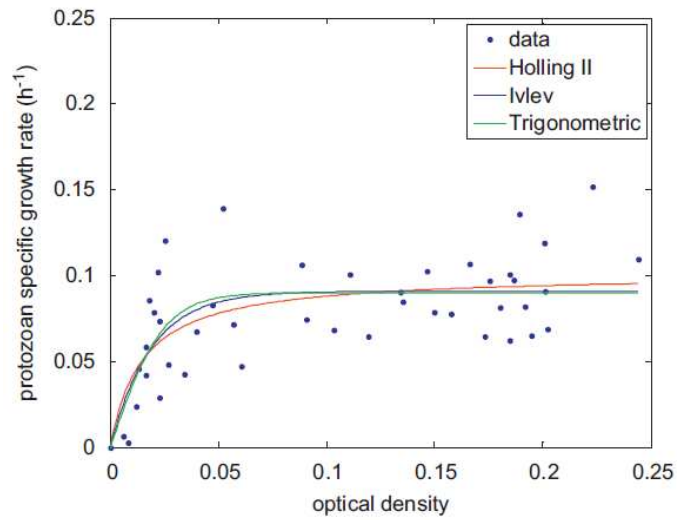
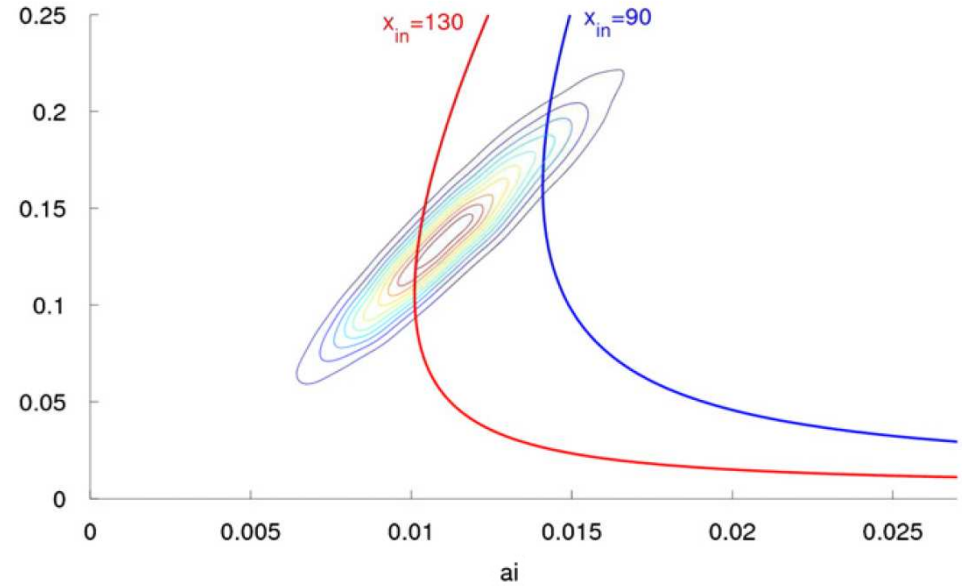
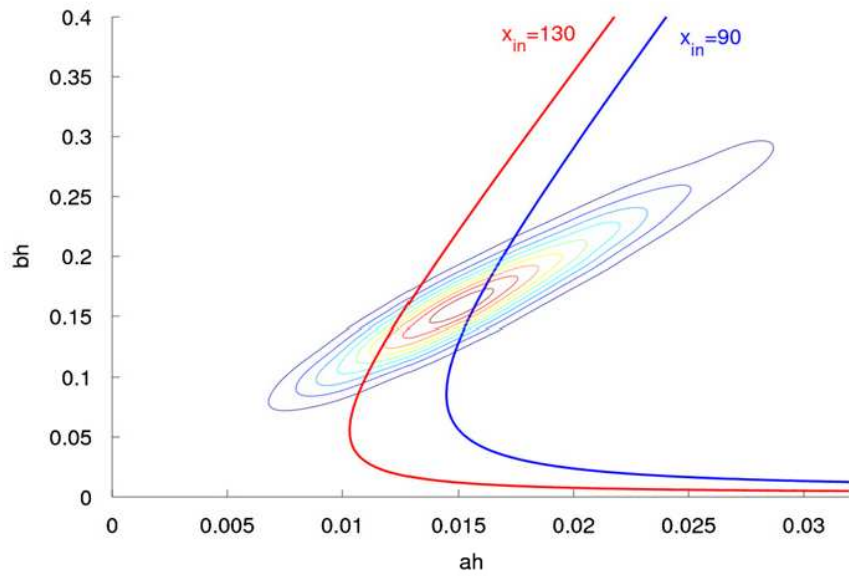


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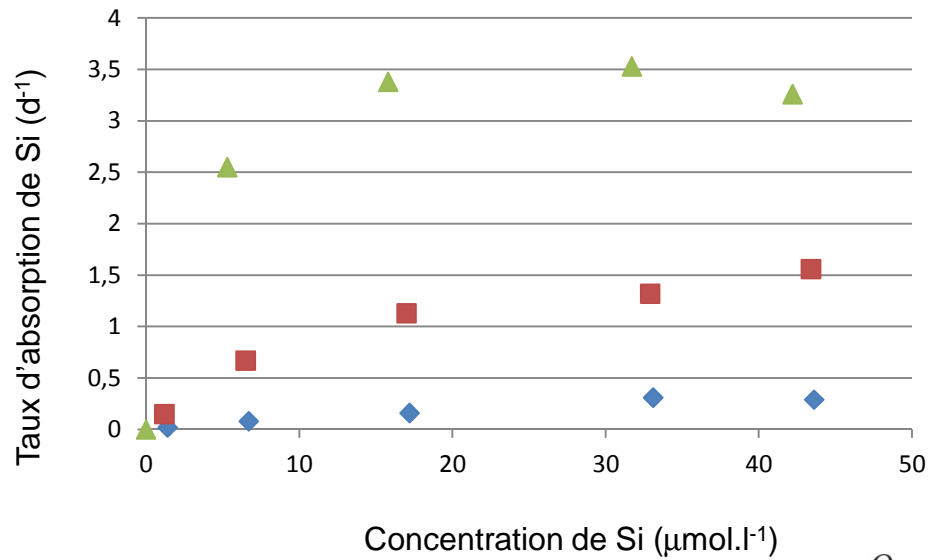
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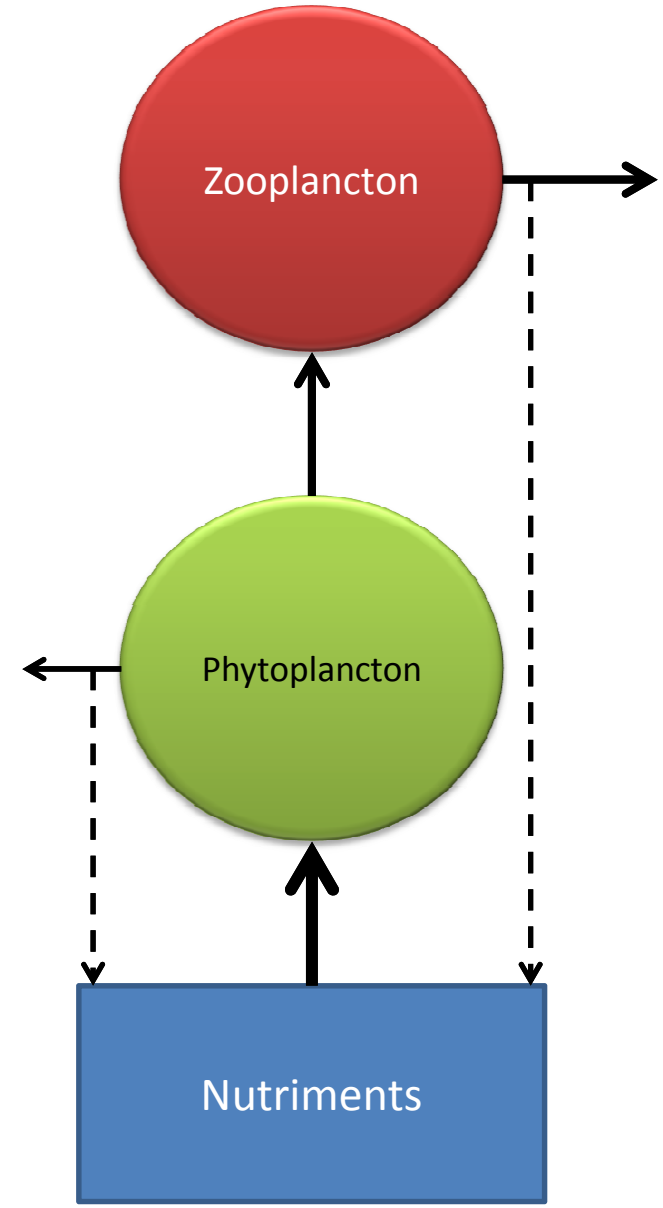
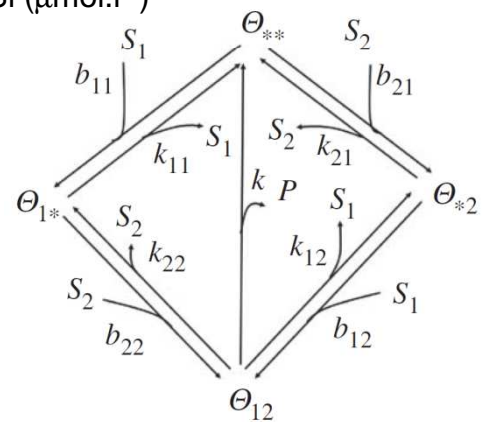


$$V = \frac{1}{2m^2} \sum_i \sum_j d_H^2(A_i, A_j)$$

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$$V = \frac{V_{\max}(Fe)Si}{K_S(Fe) + Si}$$

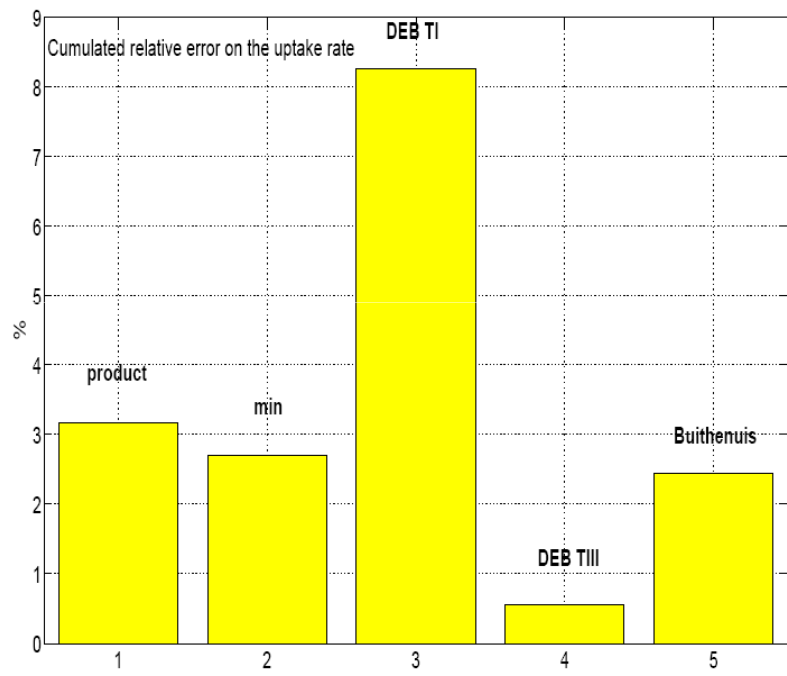
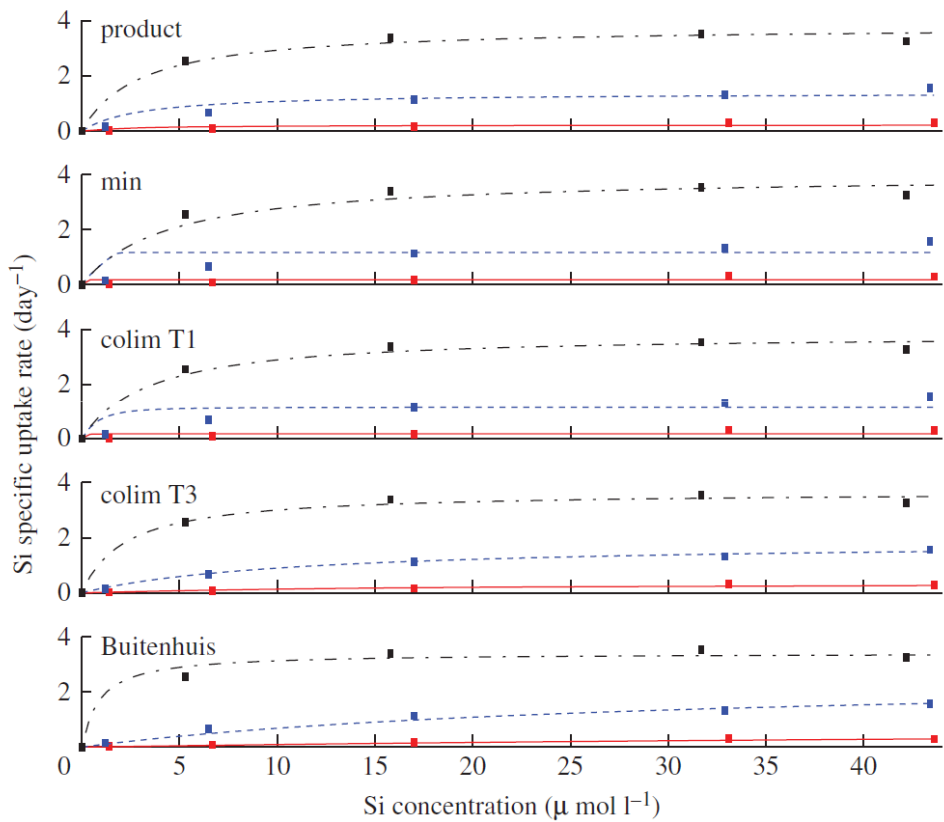


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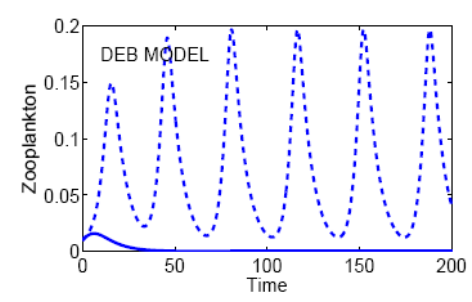
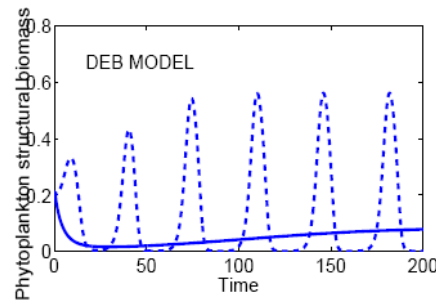
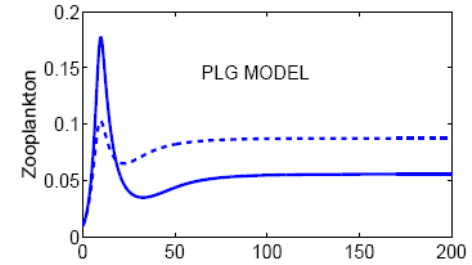
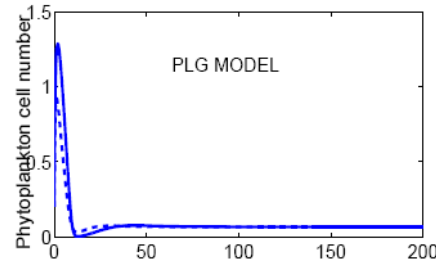
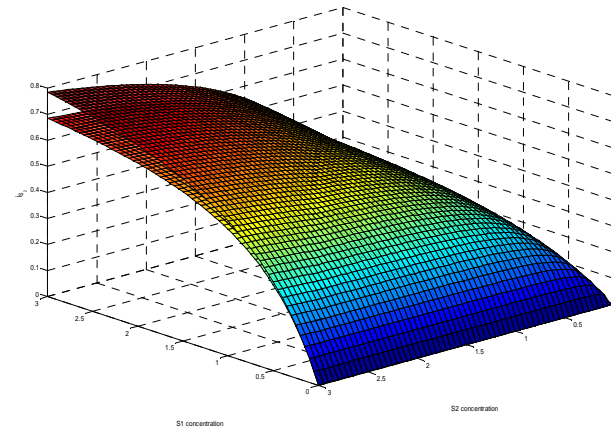
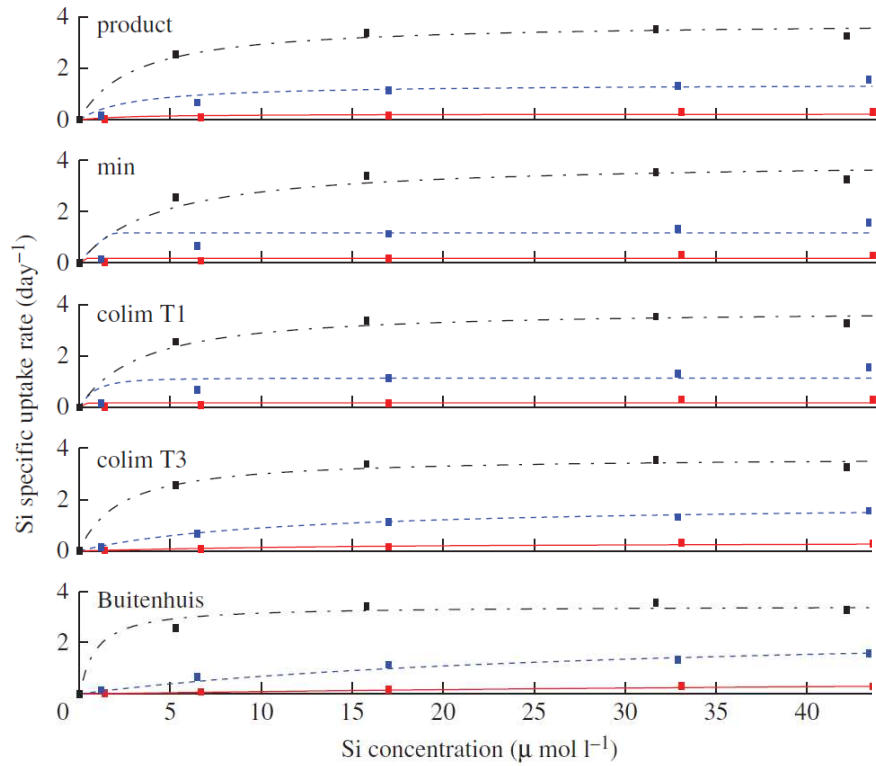
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PROCESS FORMULATION : FUNCTIONAL RESPONSE

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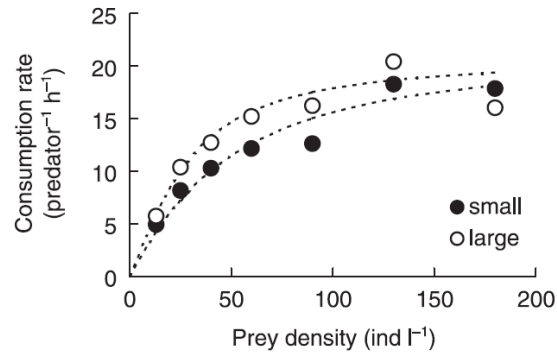


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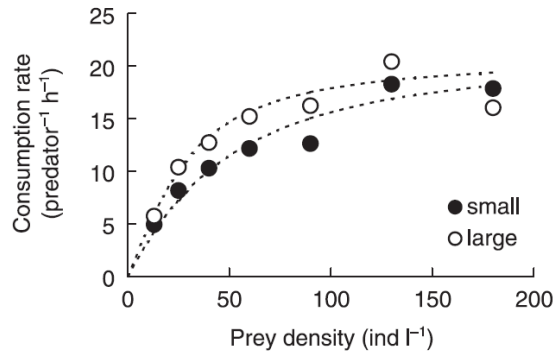


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THE SCALE TRANSITION: SCALING UP POPULATION DYNAMICS WITH FIELD DATA

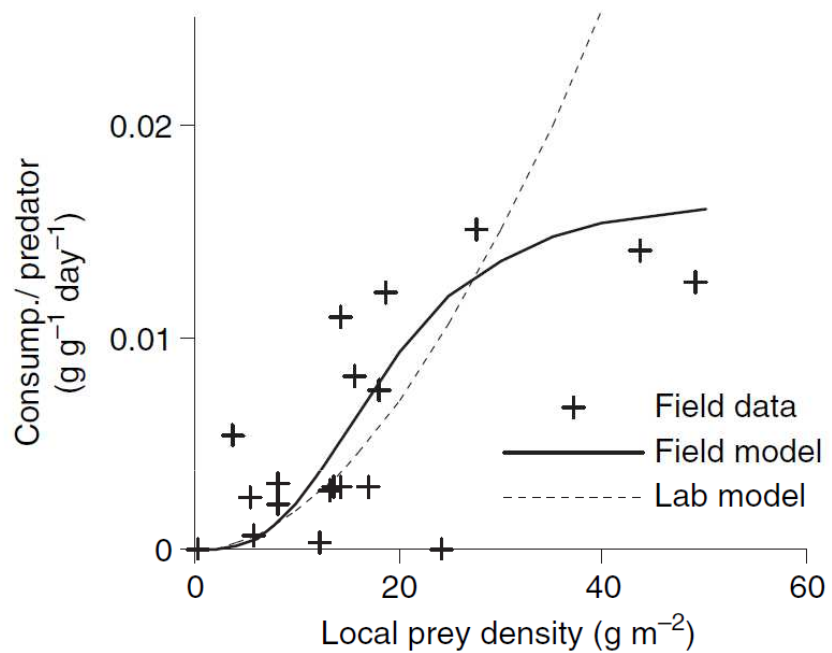
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$$\frac{dR_x}{dt} = g(R_x) - f(R_x)C_x + I_{R,x} - E_{R,x}$$

$$\frac{dC_x}{dt} = (cf(R_x) - m)C_x + I_{C,x} - E_{C,x}$$

$$\frac{d\bar{R}}{dt} \approx \underbrace{g(\bar{R}) - f(\bar{R})\bar{C}}_{\text{mean-field model}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}g''(\bar{R})\text{Var}(R)}_a - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}f''(\bar{R})\text{Var}(R)\bar{C}}_b - \underbrace{f'(\bar{R})\text{Cov}(R, C)}_c$$

Functional response



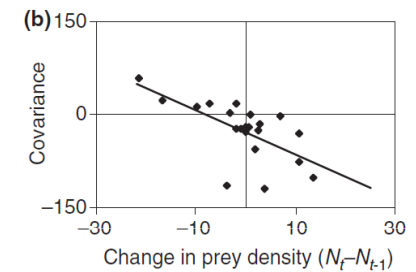
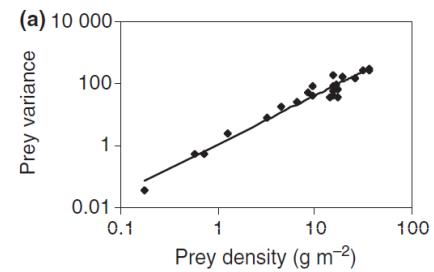
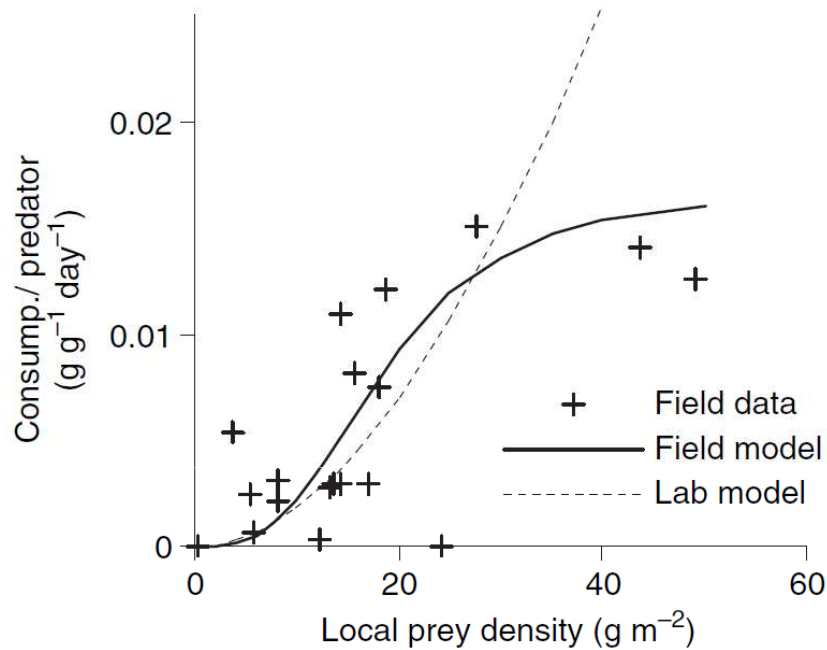
LETTER

Scaling up the functional response for spatially heterogeneous systems

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Göran Englund* and Kjell Leonardsson

Functional response



$$\frac{d\bar{N}}{dt} = g(\bar{N}) - f(\bar{N})\bar{P} + g''(\bar{N})\sigma_N^2/2 - f''(\bar{N})\bar{P}\sigma_N^2/2 - f'(\bar{N})\sigma_{N,P}$$

$$\frac{d\bar{P}}{dt} = q[f(\bar{N})\bar{P} + f''(\bar{N})\bar{P}\sigma_N^2/2 + f'(\bar{N})\sigma_{N,P}] - d\bar{P}$$

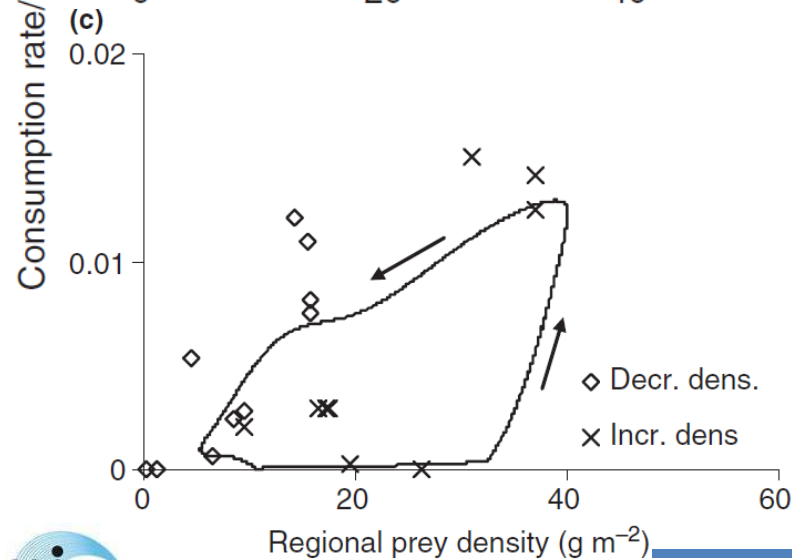
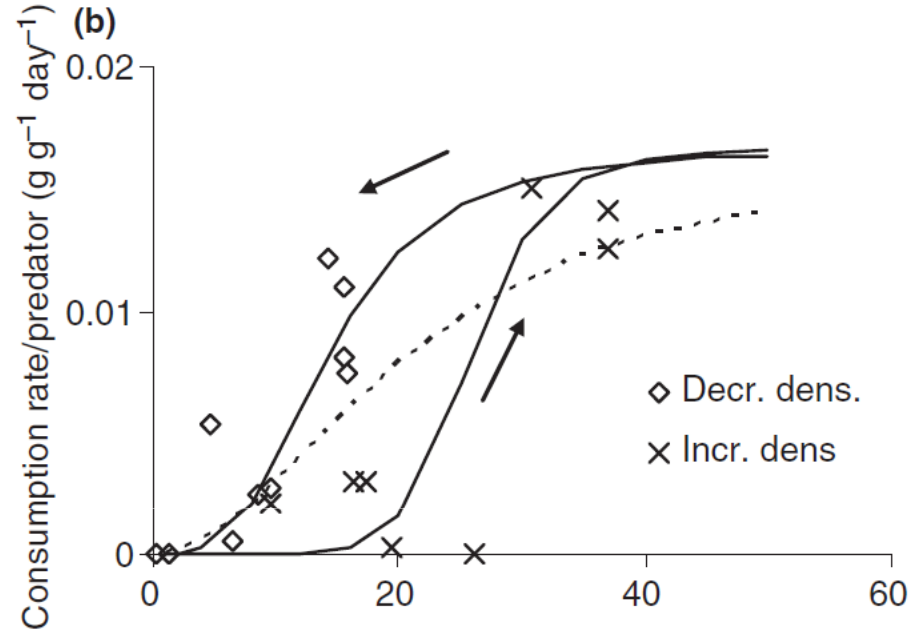
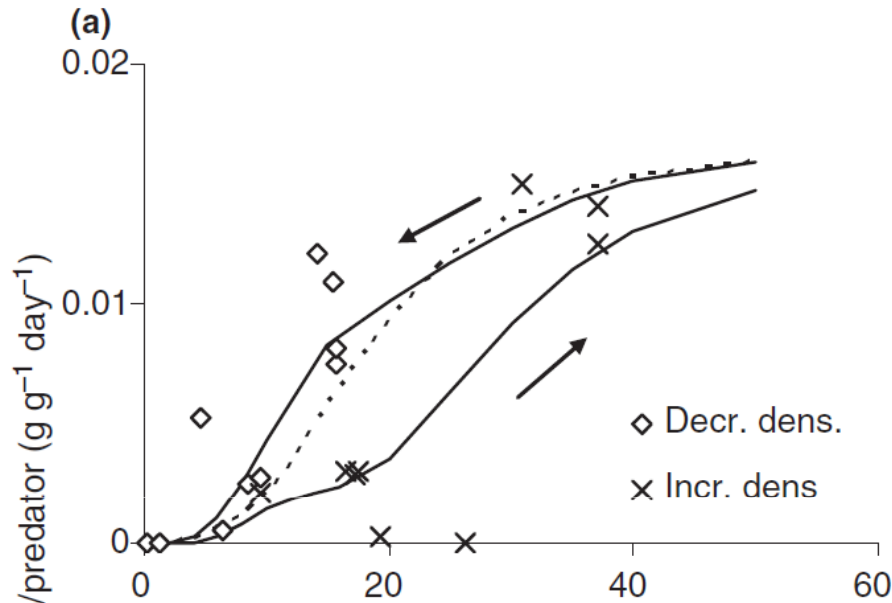
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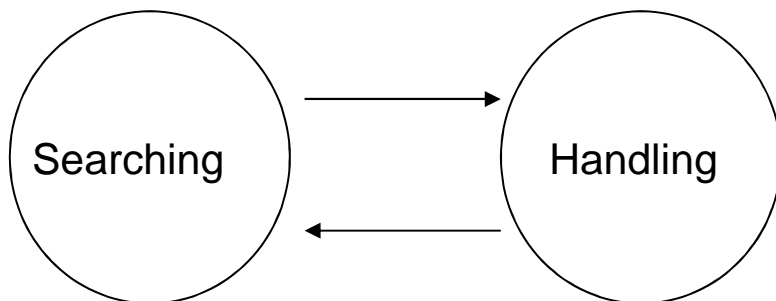
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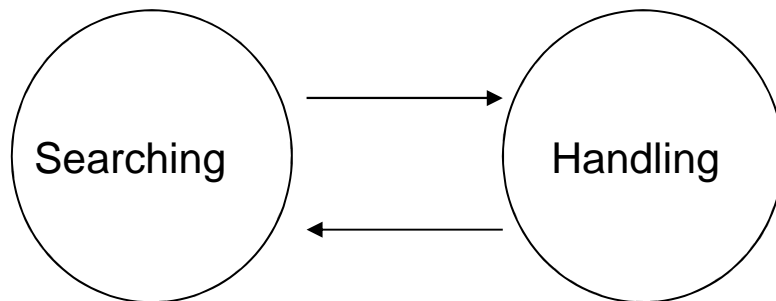


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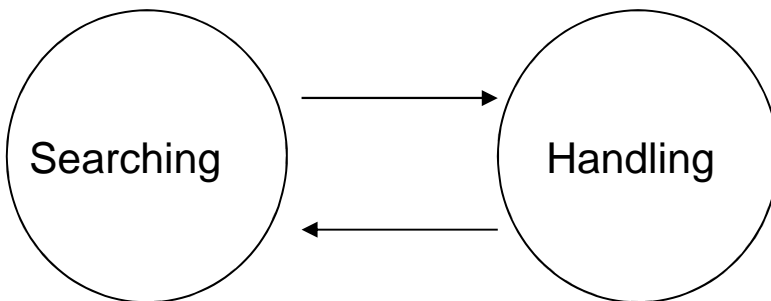
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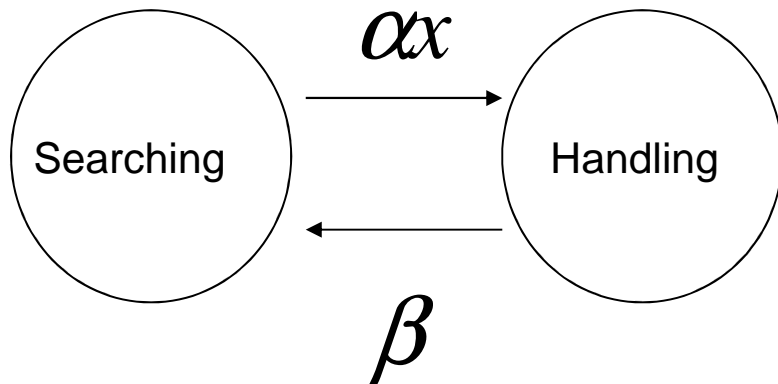
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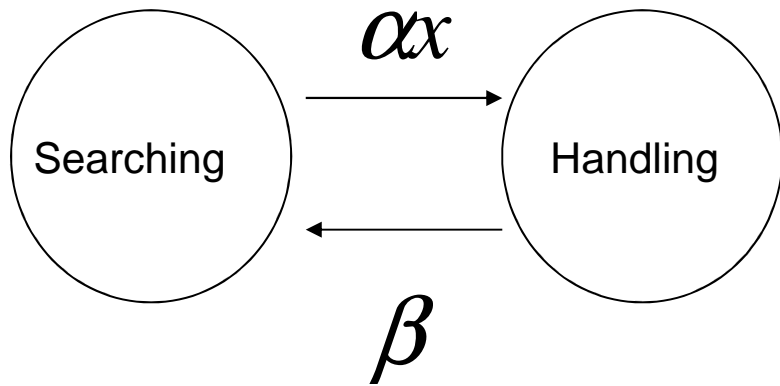


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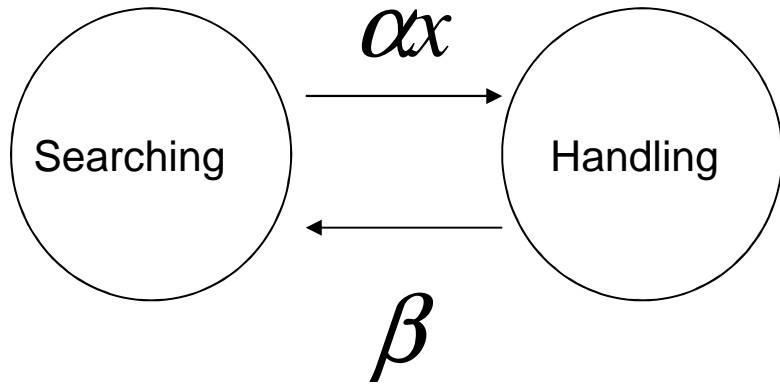
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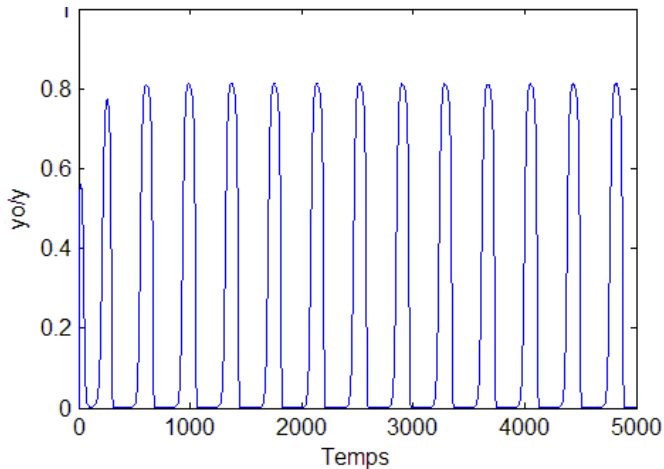
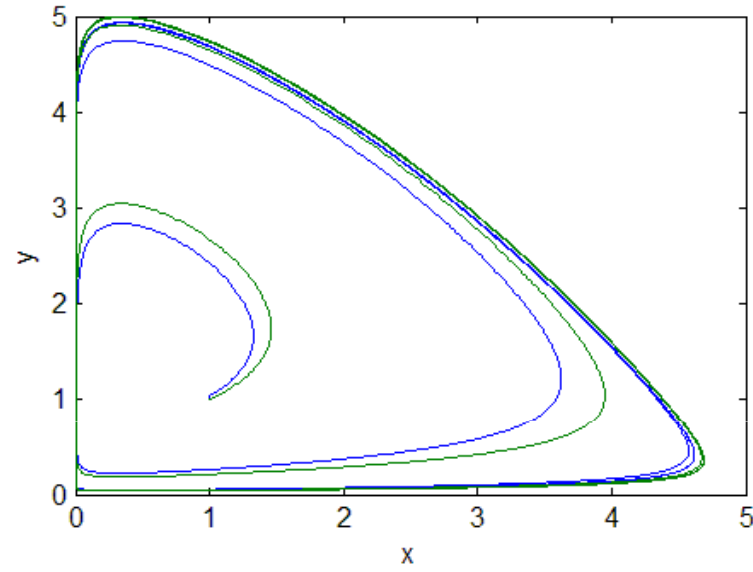
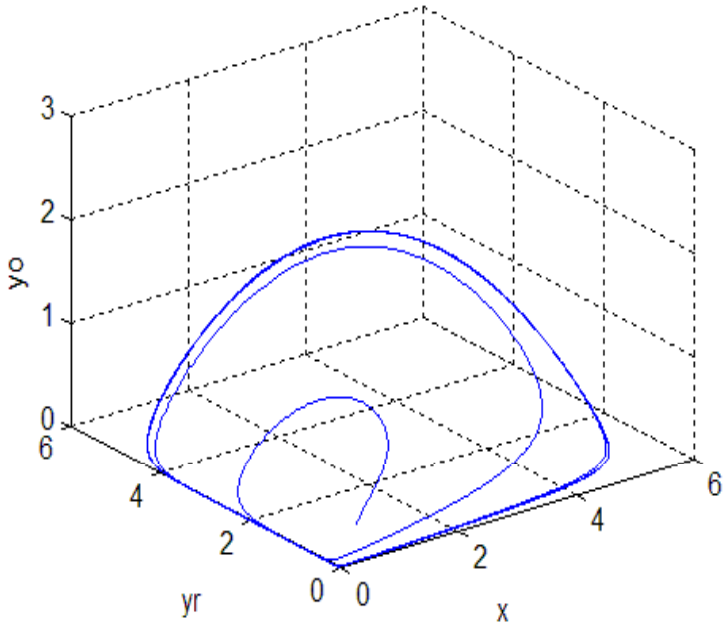
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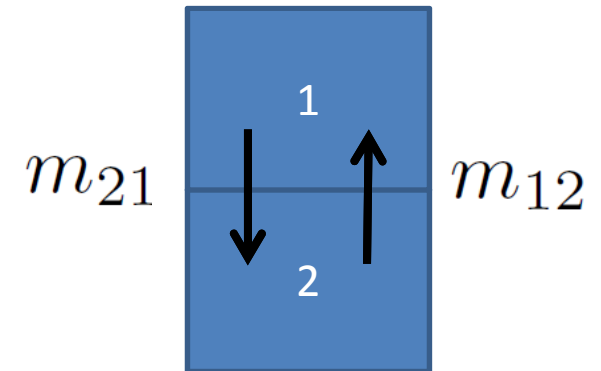
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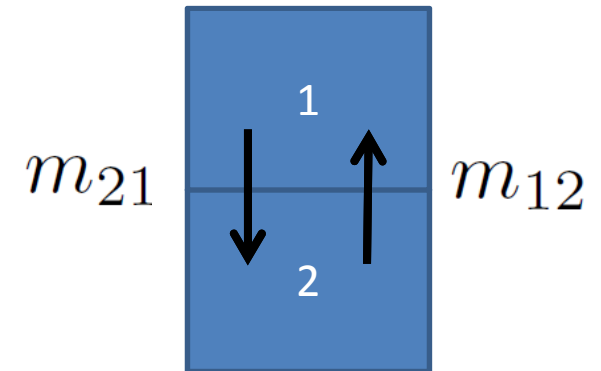
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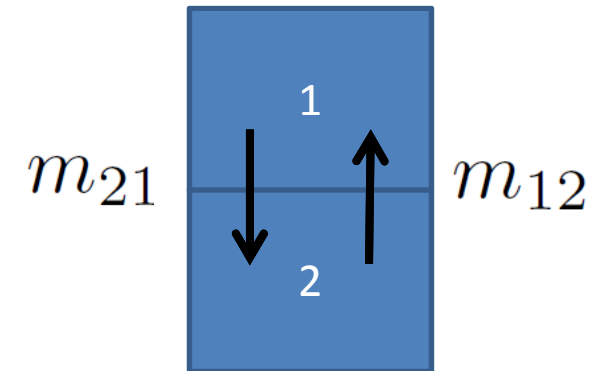
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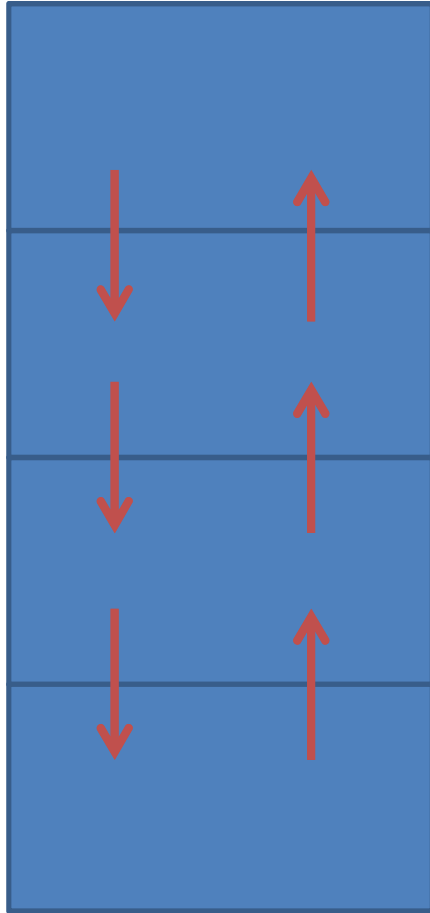
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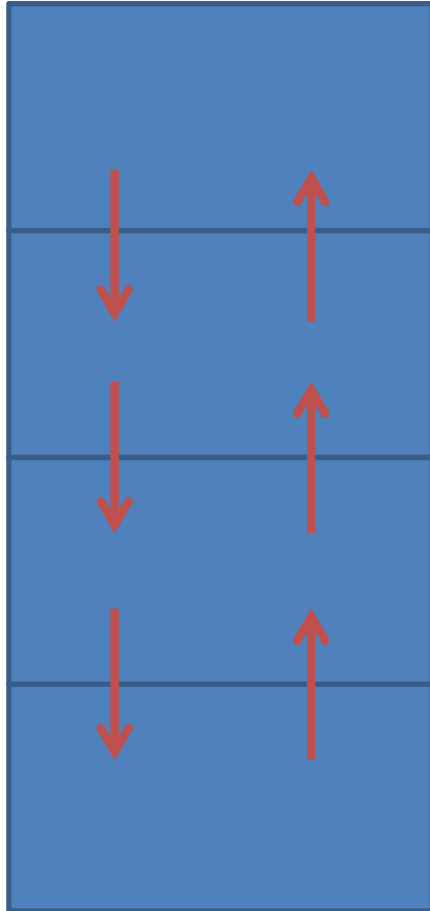
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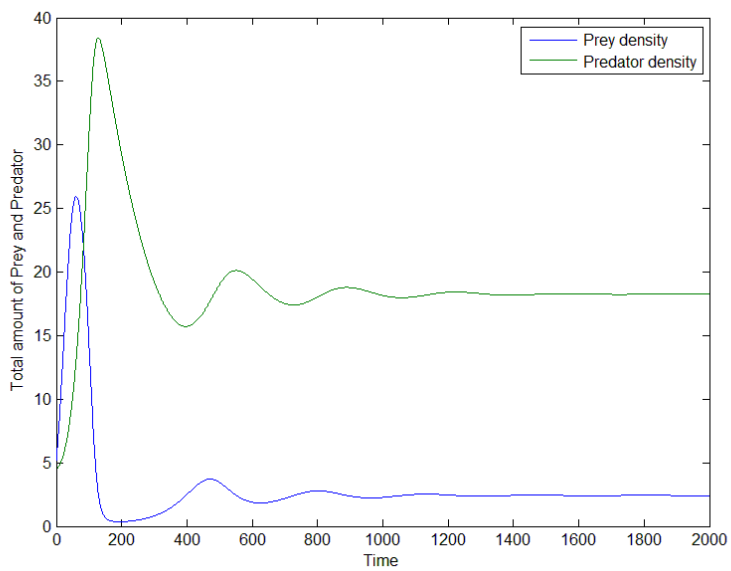
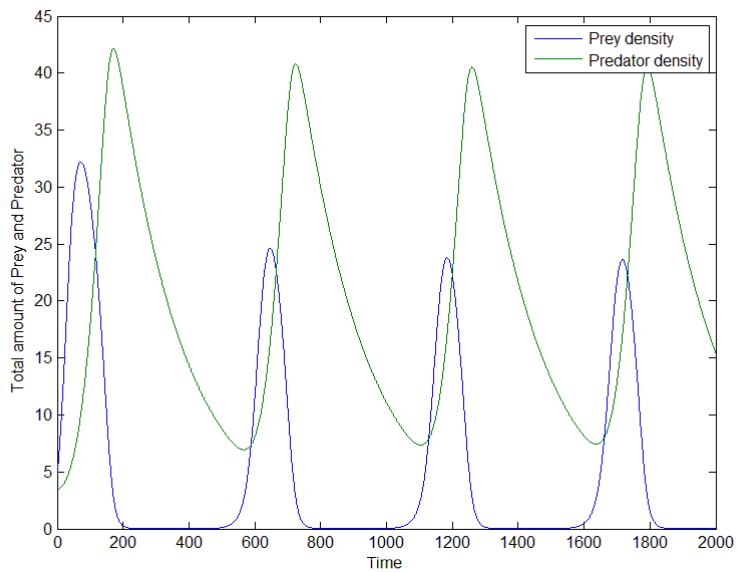
$g_i''(0) < 0$ Local Holling type II functional responses

$g''(0) > 0$ Global Holling type III functional response

$$g''(0) = \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^N g_i''(0)v_i(0)}_{<0} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{g_i'(0)v_i'(0)}_{>0}$$

=> Conditions can be found to get the criterion for Holling Type III functional responses

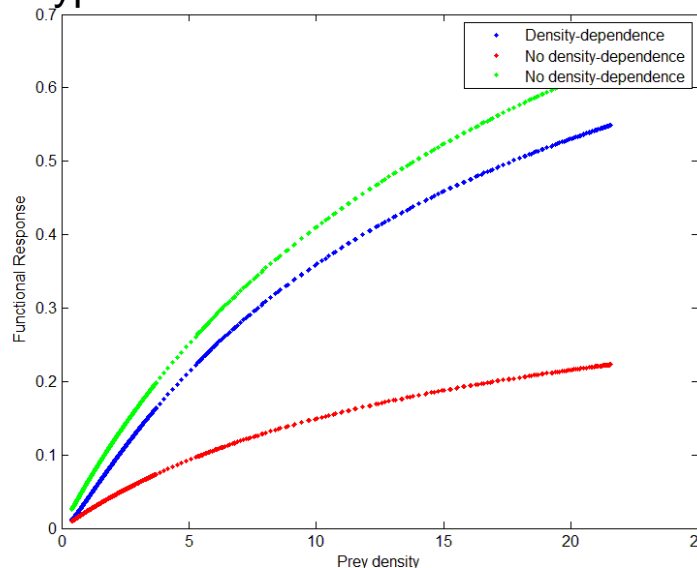
Dynamical consequences



1 – On each patch separately, the parameter values are such that periodic solutions occur.

2 – With density-dependent migration rates of the predator satisfying the above mentioned criterion for Holling Type III functional response, the system is stabilized

3 – With constant migration rates, taking extreme values observed in the situation described in 2, the system exhibits periodic fluctuations : the stabilization results from the change of functional response type.



Dynamical consequences

- Global type III FR can emerge from local type II functional responses associated to density-dependent displacements
- The Holling Type III functional response leads to stabilization
- The stability actually results from the type (type II functional responses lead to periodic fluctuations even if they are quantitatively close to the type III FR)
- The Type III results from density-dependence : the effect of density-dependent migration rates on the global functional response can be understood explicitly.

Dynamical consequences

Functional response in the field : a set of functions instead of one function?

- We use functions to represent FR at a global scale even if we know that it is a bad representation, because it is simpler : is there a simple alternative?
- Shifts between models
- Multi-stability of the fast dynamics
- Changes of fast attractors : bifurcation in the fast part of the system induced by the slow dynamics

SHIFTS BETWEEN MODELS : LOSS OF NORMAL HYPERBOLICITY

Slow-Fast vector fields

$$\frac{dx}{d\tau} = f(x, y)$$

$$\frac{dy}{d\tau} = \varepsilon g(x, y)$$

$$\dot{x} = f(x, y, 0)$$

$$\dot{y} = 0$$

$$x \rightarrow x^*(y)$$

Top – down

$$\dot{x} = f(x, y, \varepsilon)$$

$$\dot{y} = \varepsilon g(x, y, \varepsilon)$$

$$x = x^*(y, \varepsilon)$$

$$\dot{y} = \varepsilon g(x^*(y, \varepsilon), y, \varepsilon) = G(y, \varepsilon)$$

Bottom – up

Fenichel theorem (Geometrical Singular Perturbation Theory)

$$\frac{dx}{d\tau} = f(x, y, \varepsilon)$$

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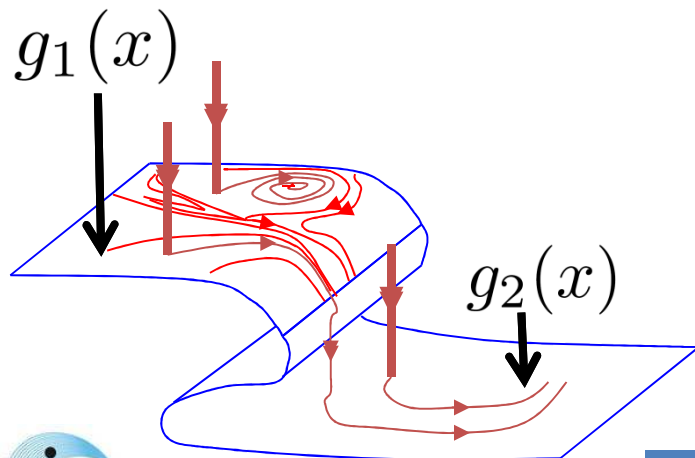
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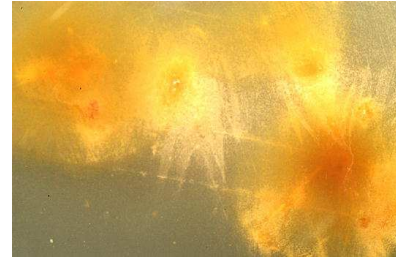
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An example of loss of normal hyperbolicity

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A realistic simple model (explicit substrate, resistant bacteria)

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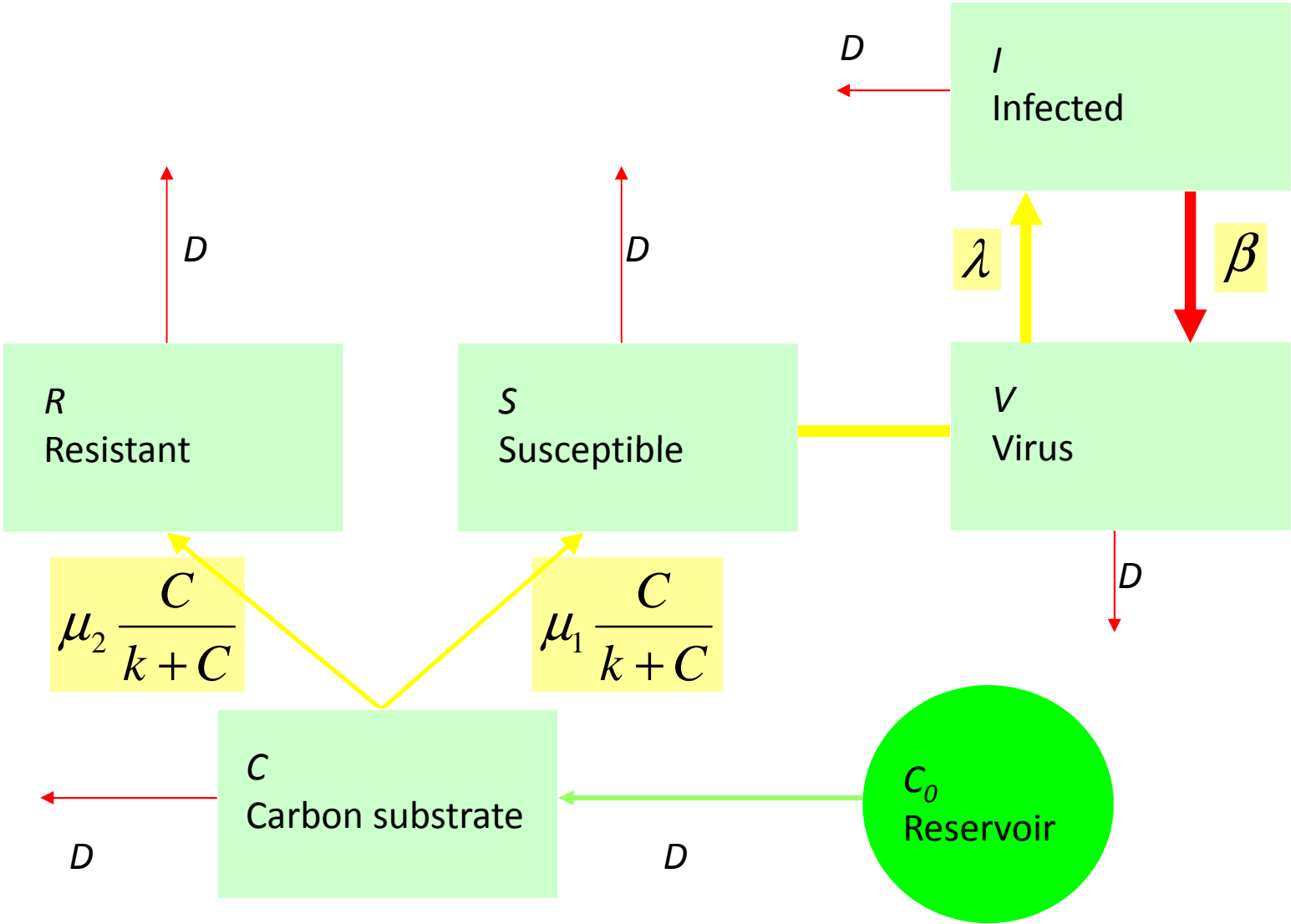
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = e \frac{as}{b + s}x - Dx - kxz,$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = kxz - \lambda y - Dy$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \delta \lambda y - Dz,$$

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Model description



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$$\frac{dS}{d\tau} = \left(\mu_1 \frac{C}{K + C} - kV - D \right) S$$

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$$\frac{dC}{d\tau} = D(C_0 - C) - (\mu_1 S + \mu_2 R) \frac{C}{K + C}$$

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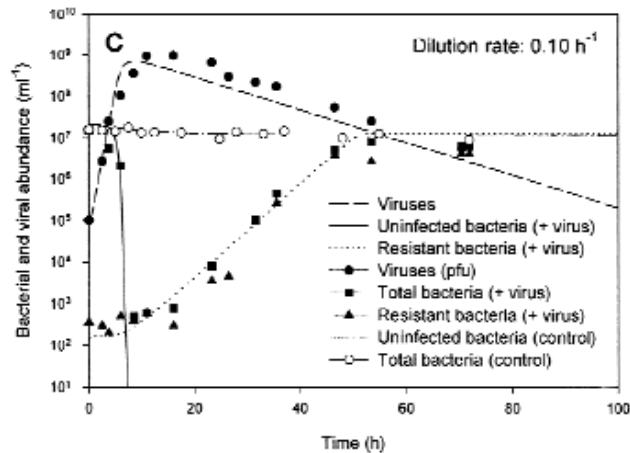
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| Variables | Unit |
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| S | 10^6 cell/ml |
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| C | 10^6 cell/ml |
| R | 10^6 cell/ml |

| Parameters | Units | Values |
|------------|-----------------|---------|
| K | 10^6 cells/ml | 0.3 |
| C_0 | 10^6 cells/ml | 3 |
| μ_1 | 1/time | 2.5 |
| μ_2 | 1/time | 1 – 4 |
| k | ml/time | 0.1 |
| β | virus/lysis | 10 – 60 |
| D | 1/time | 0.2 – 1 |
| λ | 1/time | 5 |



Time unit : 10 h

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Model and time scales

$$\frac{dS}{d\tau} = -kVS + \varepsilon \left(\mu_1 \frac{C}{K+C} - D \right) S$$

Fast

$$\frac{dV}{d\tau} = \alpha\lambda - \varepsilon DV$$

$$\frac{dI}{d\tau} = kSV - \gamma - \varepsilon DI$$

Slow

$$\frac{dC}{d\tau} = \varepsilon D(C_0 - C) - \varepsilon (\mu_1 S + \mu_2 R) \frac{C}{K+C}$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{\gamma}{\lambda}$$

$$\varepsilon = 0.02 - 0.1$$

$$\frac{dR}{d\tau} = \varepsilon \left(\mu_2 \frac{C}{K+C} - D \right) R$$

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Model: fast dynamics

$$\frac{dS}{d\tau} = -kVS$$

$$\frac{dV}{d\tau} = \alpha\mathcal{I}$$

$$\frac{dI}{d\tau} = kSV - \mathcal{I}$$

$$H = S + I + \frac{V}{\alpha}$$

$$\frac{dH}{d\tau} = 0$$



Two fast variables and three slow variables

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dS}{d\tau} = -k\alpha(H - S - I)S \\ \frac{dI}{d\tau} = kS\alpha(H - S - I) - \mathcal{I} \end{cases}$$

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Model analysis : Slow – Fast formulation

$$\frac{dS}{d\tau} = -\alpha k S (H - S - I) + \varepsilon \left(\mu_1 \frac{C}{K + C} - D \right) S$$
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FAST

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SLOW

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Model analysis : Fast dynamics

$$\mathcal{E} = 0$$

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Equilibria

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$$J_{E_1} = \begin{pmatrix} -\alpha k H & 0 \\ \alpha k H & -\gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

Eigenvalues: $-\alpha k H$ and $-\gamma$

While $H > 0$, E_1 is hyperbolically stable

$$J_{E_2} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha k H & -\gamma k H \\ -\alpha k H & \gamma k H - \gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det}(J_{E_2}) = -\alpha \gamma k H < 0$$

While $H > 0$, E_2 is a saddle point

Model analysis : Slow dynamics (GSP Theory)

The Geometrical Singular Perturbation theory allows to conclude that the previous complete model can be reduced to the following 3D system, under the normal hyperbolicity condition :

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = -DH$$

$$\varepsilon \approx 0$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = D(C_0 - C) - \mu_2 \frac{C}{K + C} R$$

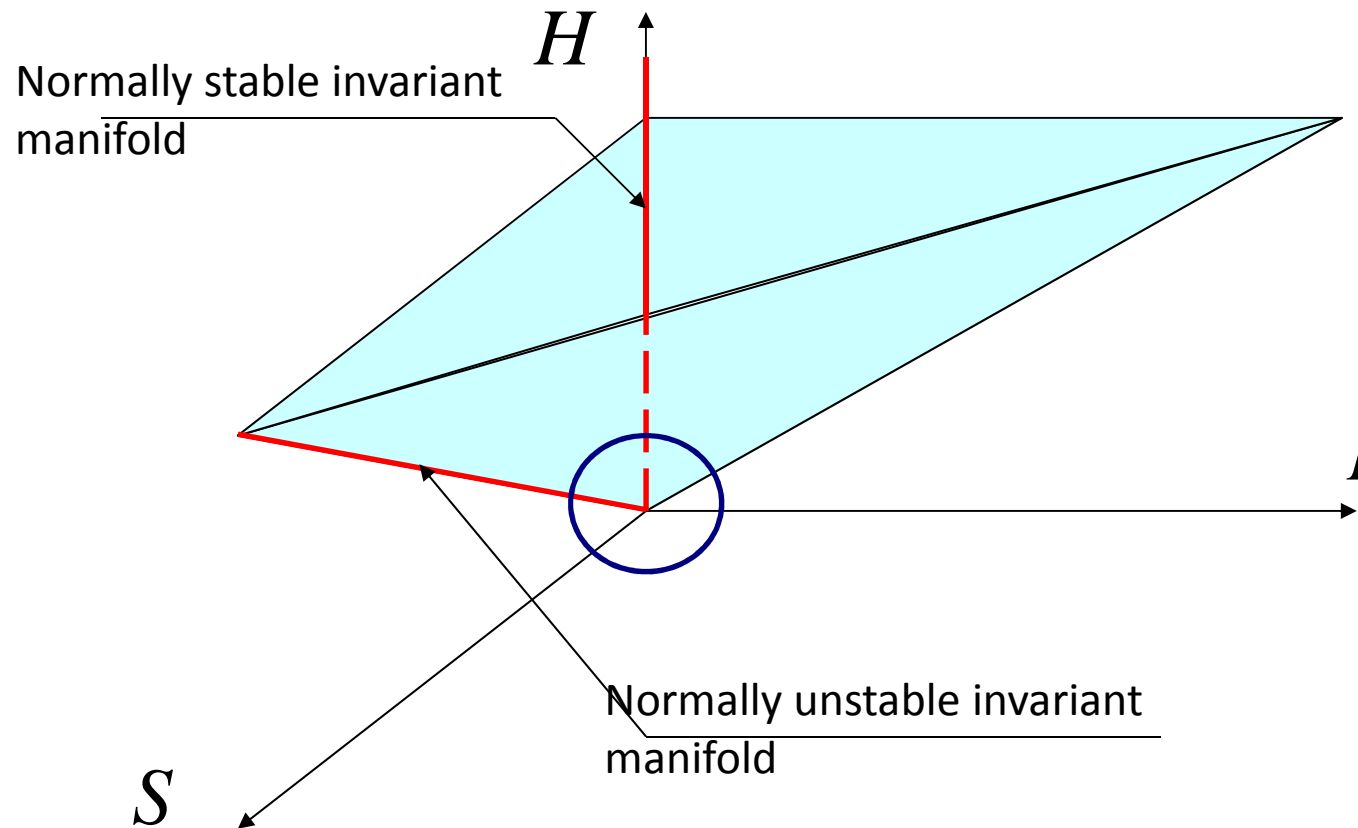
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$$t = \varepsilon \tau$$

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Model analysis : loss of normal hyperbolicity

in $\{S, I, H\} \times \{\bar{C}, \bar{R}\}$



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Model analysis : loss of normal hyperbolicity

Rescaling

$$H = \varepsilon h$$

$$S = \varepsilon s$$

$$I = \varepsilon i$$

$$\frac{di}{d\tau} = \varepsilon \alpha k s (h - s - i) - \gamma i - \varepsilon D i$$

Fast

$$\frac{ds}{d\tau} = -\varepsilon \alpha k s (h - s - i) + \varepsilon \left(\mu_1 \frac{C}{K + C} - D \right) s$$

$$\frac{dh}{d\tau} = \varepsilon \left(\mu_1 \frac{C}{K + C} s - D h \right)$$

**Two ODE's
systems**

Slow

$$\frac{dC}{d\tau} = \varepsilon D (C_0 - C) - \varepsilon \mu_2 R \frac{C}{K + C} + o(\varepsilon)$$

$$\frac{dR}{d\tau} = \varepsilon \left(\mu_2 \frac{C}{K + C} - D \right) R$$

$$C \rightarrow \bar{C} = \frac{KD}{\mu_2 - D}$$

(H. Thieme, 1992)

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Model analysis : loss of normal hyperbolicity

$$i \rightarrow 0$$

Fast

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = -\alpha ks(h-s) + \left(\mu_1 \frac{\bar{C}}{K + \bar{C}} - D \right) s$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = \mu_1 \frac{\bar{C}}{K + \bar{C}} s - Dh$$

$$y = h - s$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} - 1 \right) Ds - \alpha ksy$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \alpha ksy - Dy$$

Lotka-Volterra Model

if $\mu_1 > \mu_2$

Model analysis : Invariant manifold expansion

Asymptotic expansion of the invariant manifold with respect to the small parameter :

$$i(s, y, C, R) = \varepsilon w(s, y, C, R) + o(\varepsilon)$$

$$w(s, y, C, R) = \frac{\alpha k}{\gamma} sy$$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} - 1 \right) Ds - \alpha ksy + \varepsilon \frac{(\alpha k)^2}{\gamma} s^2 y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \alpha ksy - Dy + \alpha ksy + \varepsilon \frac{(\alpha k)^2}{\gamma} s^2 y$$

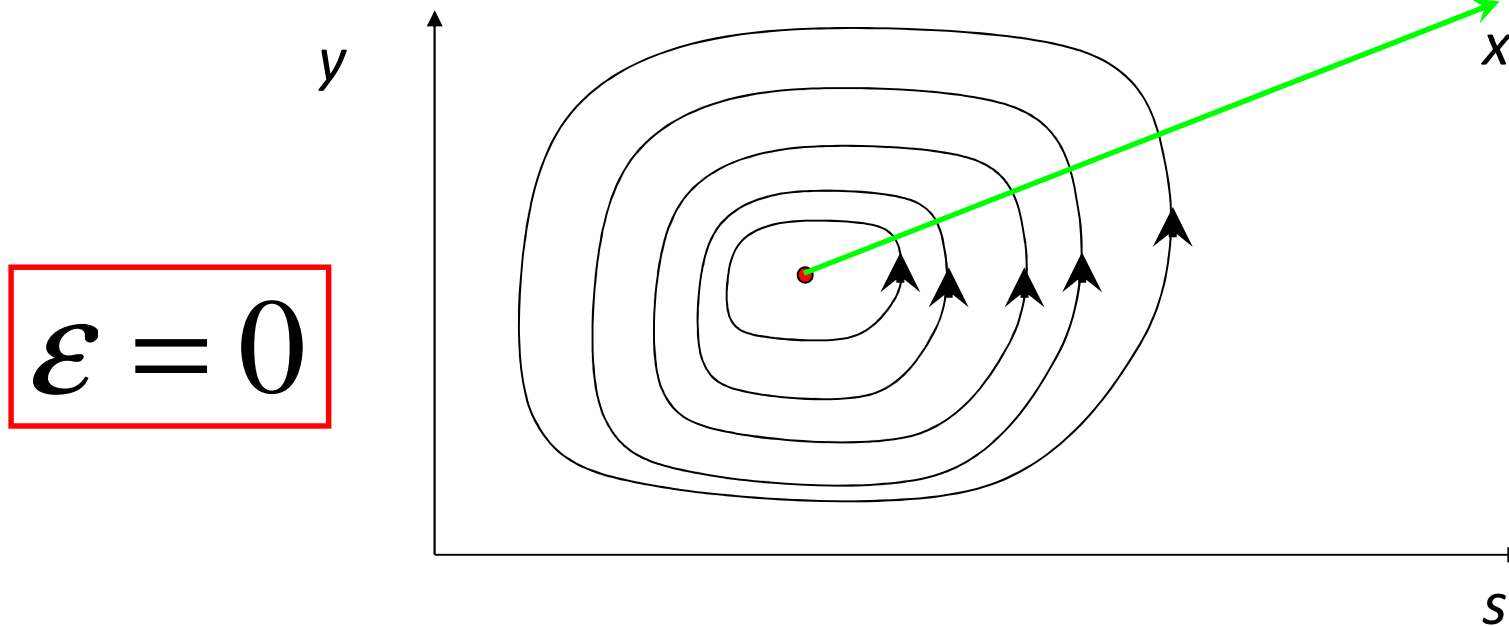
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Model analysis : Centre perturbation

Let ω_ε be the duale form of the vector field defined by the previous system:

$$\omega_\varepsilon = dF(s, y) + \varepsilon\eta(s, y)$$

$P_\varepsilon(x)$ Poincaré map



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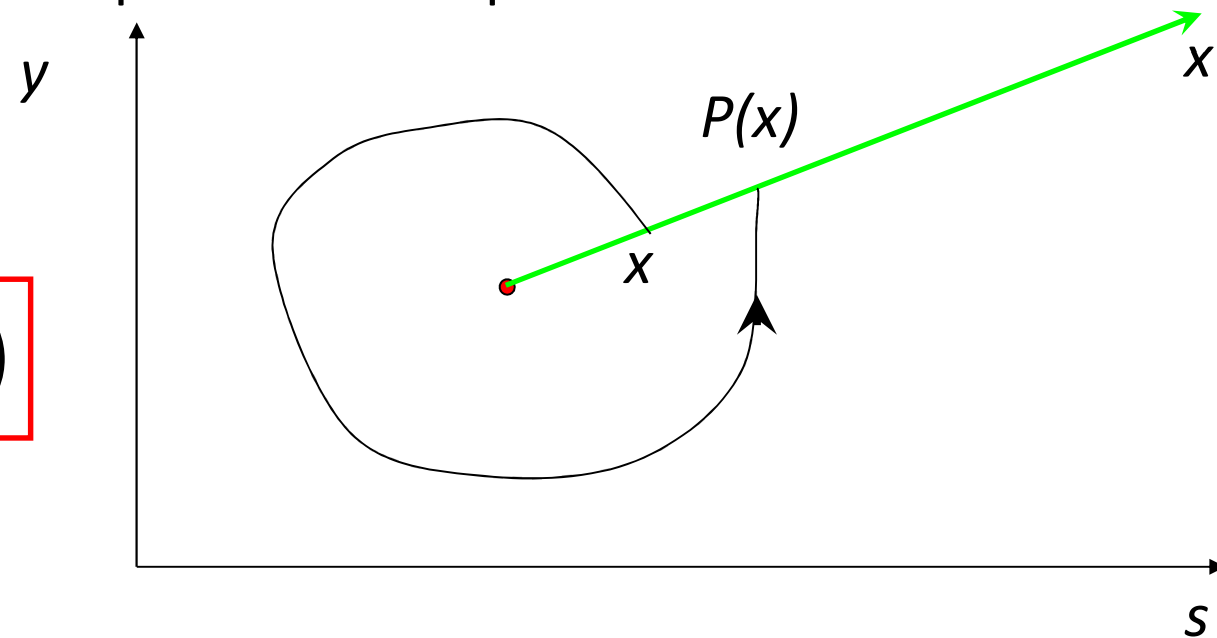
Model analysis : Centre perturbation

Let ω_ε be the duale form of the vector field defined by the previous system:

$$\omega_\varepsilon = dF(s, y) + \varepsilon\eta(s, y)$$

$\Delta_\varepsilon(x) = P_\varepsilon(x) - x$ Displacement map

$$\varepsilon \approx 0$$



Model analysis : Centre perturbation

Poincaré lemma:
$$\Delta(x) = -\varepsilon \int_{\{F=x\}} \eta + o(\varepsilon)$$

Stockes theorem:
$$\Delta(x) = -\varepsilon \iint_{\{F \leq x\}} d\eta + o(\varepsilon)$$

Application :
$$\Delta(x) \square \varepsilon \iint_{\{F \leq x\}} \left(\frac{(\alpha k)^2}{\gamma} - \frac{A(\lambda)}{y} \right) ds \wedge dy$$

$$\lambda = \left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2}, D, k, \alpha, \gamma \right)$$

Model analysis : Centre perturbation

If $\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} < 1$, then $\Delta(x) \leq 0$

If $\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} > 1$, then:

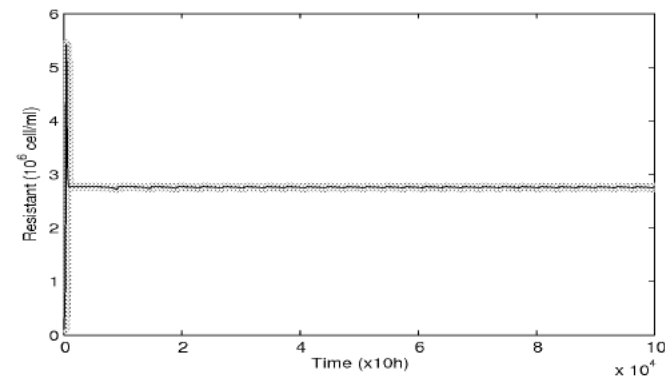
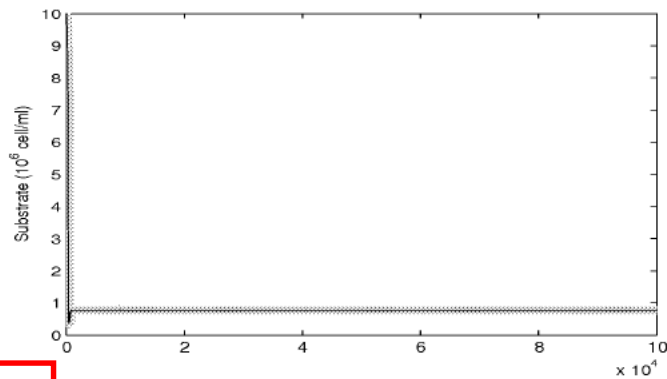
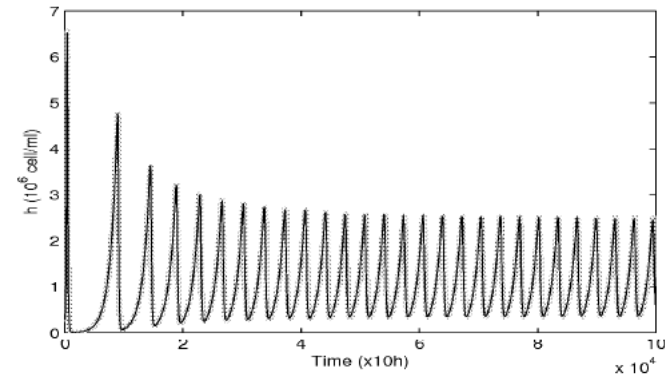
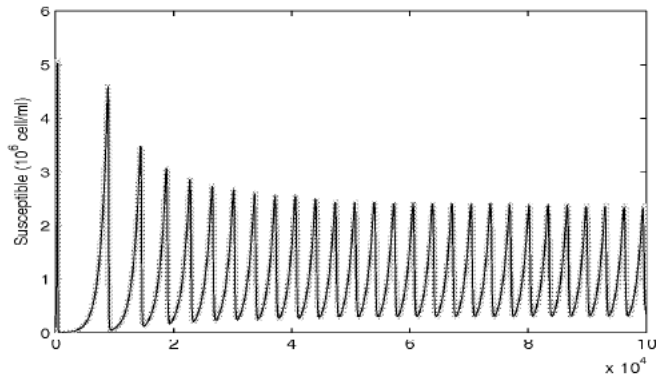
$\Delta(x) > 0$ around the equilibrium

$\Delta(x) < 0$ far from the equilibrium

There exists a limit cycle.

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Numerical simulation



$$\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_2} > 1$$

$$\beta = 60$$

Conclusions (1/2)

- *Structure sensitivity : process formulation can matter! In this case, data obtained at each scales are needed (data associated to explicit measures of the process and data associated to the global dynamics on which the process acts)*
- *Difficulty to get a formulation for a process which integrates different scales : when integrating different time scales, singular perturbations can help. Intuitive methods are based on this framework (e.g. Disc Equation of Holling)*
- *With this approach, the link between local and global process formulation is explicit and preserved : the global formulation is obtained by a restriction of the complete detailed system on an invariant set in the phase space.*
- *This allows to understand how detailed mechanisms emerge at the global scale and the feedback of the global scale dynamics on the detailed mechanisms.*

Conclusions (2/2)

- *Instead of one function to formulate one process at large scale, several functions can be used.*
- *Multiple equilibria in the fast dynamics can provide a mechanism for this multiple representation in large scale models.*
- *Bifurcations of the fast dynamics induced by slow dynamics lead to shifts in the fast variables and can lead to various mathematical expression of the fast equilibrium with respect to slow variables : change of mathematical formulations at large scales*
- *The jump between the different formulations can be described by the Geometrical Singular Perturbation Theory : follow the trajectories of the full system around the points where normal hyperbolicity is lost («Blow up techniques »)*

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