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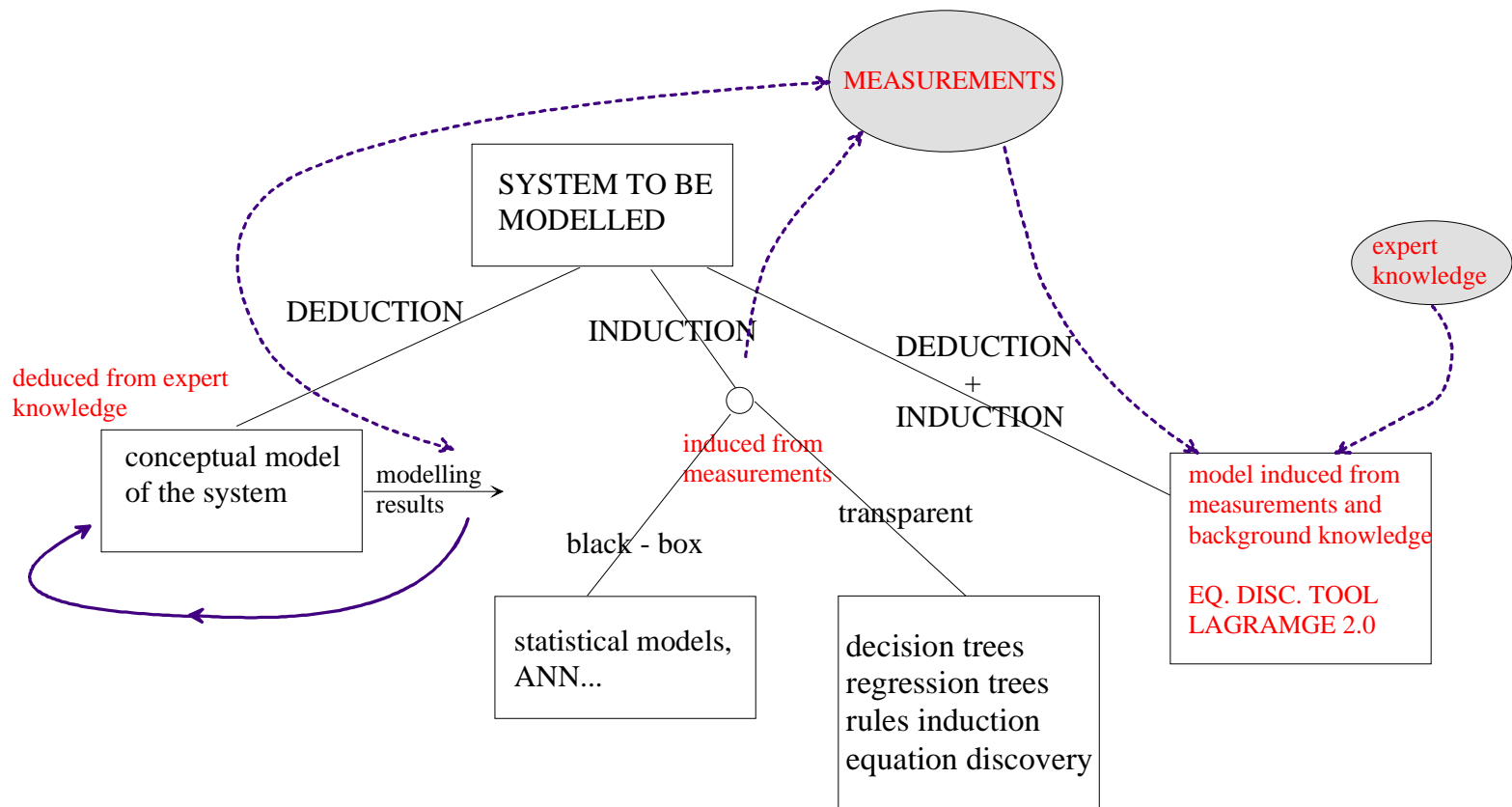
# **Domain library construction for knowledge-based equation discovery: An application in limnology**

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# Overview

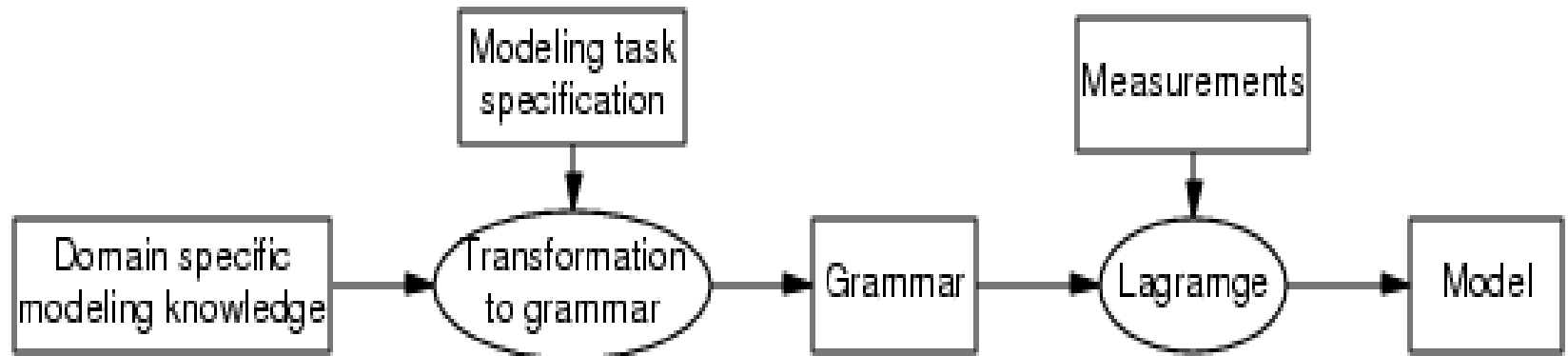
- Motivation for automated modelling
- Domain knowledge for modelling of population dynamics in lake ecosystems
- Formalization of the domain knowledge for Lagrange 2
- Application of Lagrange 2: Lake Bled

# Motivation for automated modelling-modelling procedures



# LAGRAMGE 2: how it works?

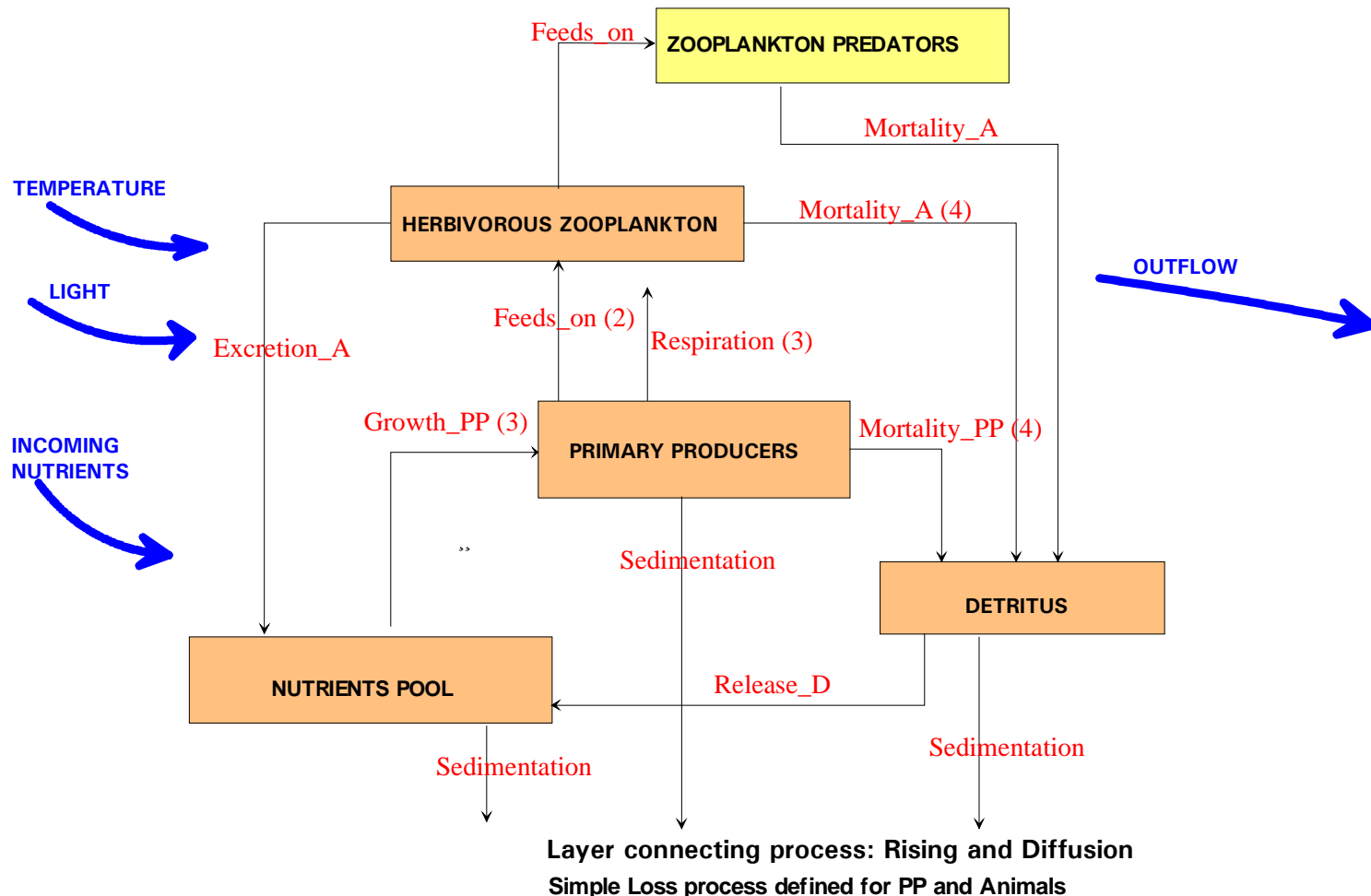
*Todorovski (2003)*



- from task specification and knowledge library to grammar
- using the grammar for equation discovery with lagrange

# Generalized scheme of population dynamics processes and variables

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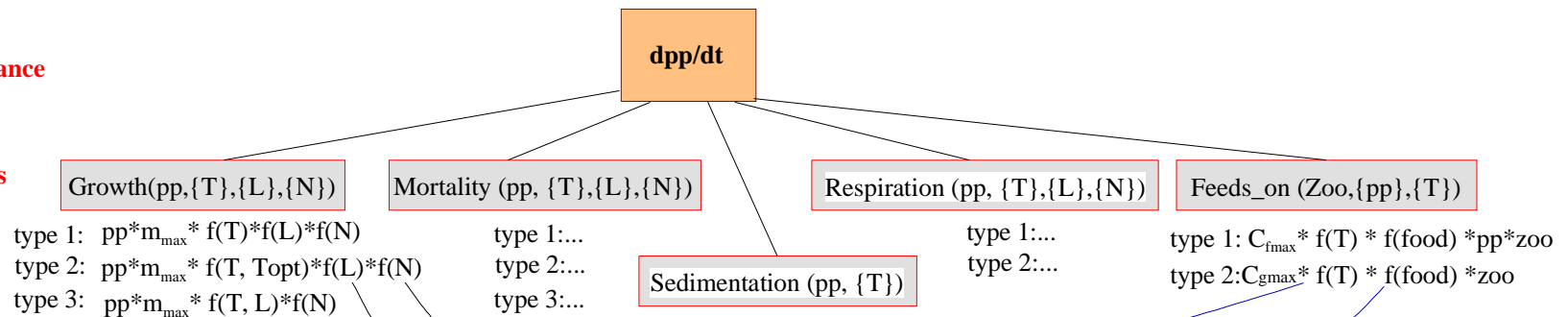


# Formalized population dynamics knowledge

## an example for primary producer mass balance

Mass balance

Processes



Functions

$$f(T) = \frac{T - T_{\min}}{T_{ref} - T_{\min}}$$

$$f(T) = \Theta^{(T - T_{ref})}$$

$$f(T) = \exp\left(-2.3 \left| \frac{T - T_{opt}}{T_{opt} - T_{min}} \right| \right)$$

$$F(L) = \frac{I}{K_{sl} + I}$$

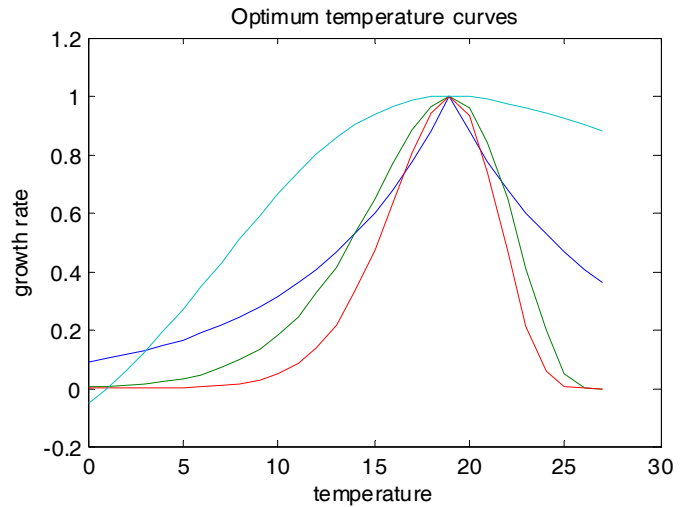
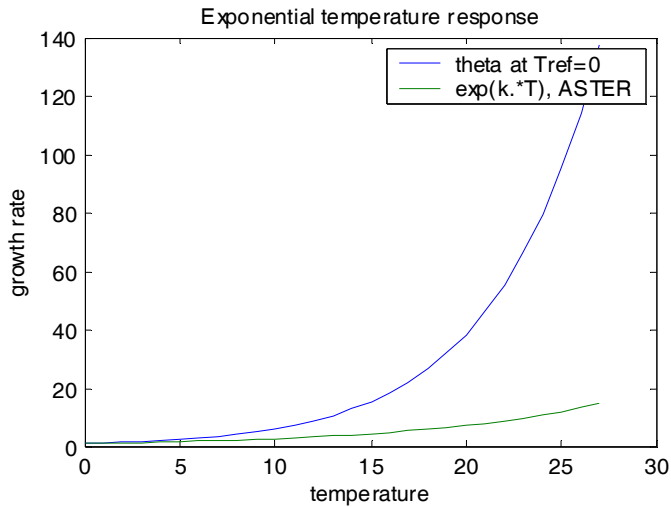
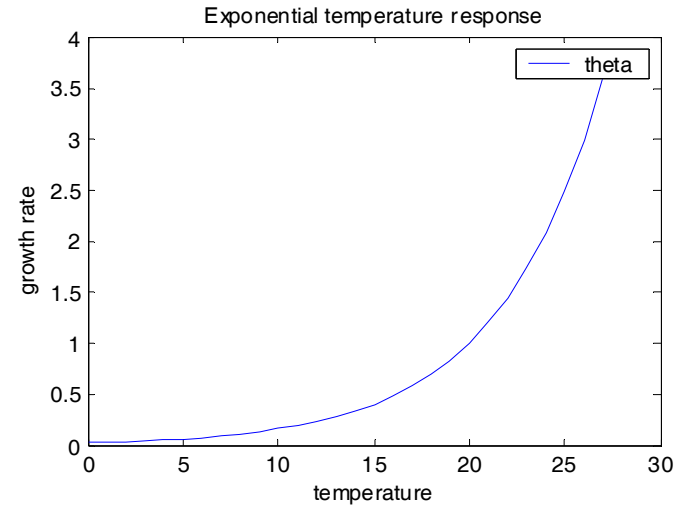
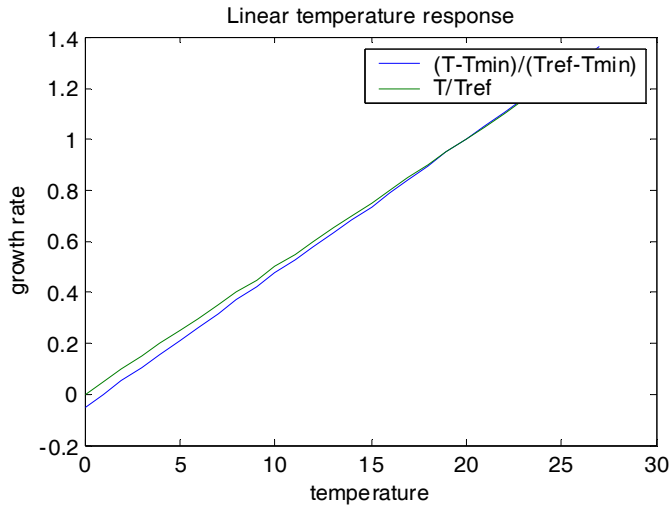
$$F(L) = \frac{I}{I_{opt}} e^{-\frac{I}{I_{opt}} + 1}$$

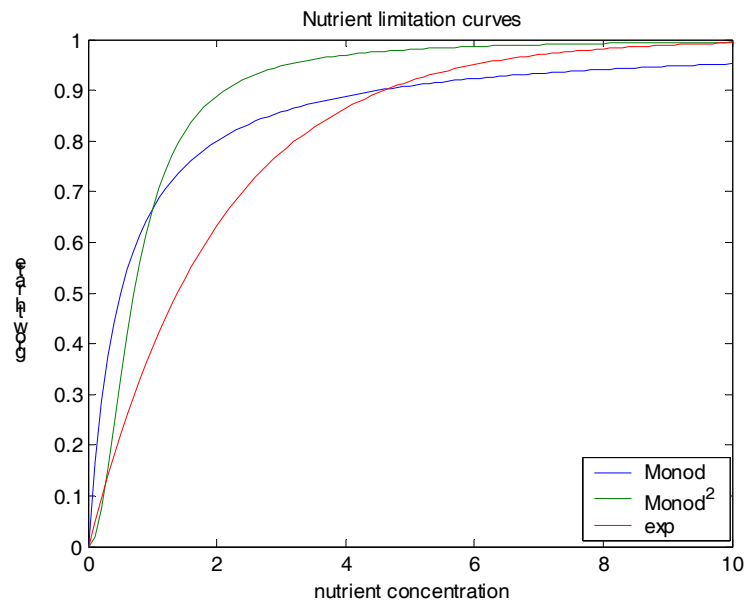
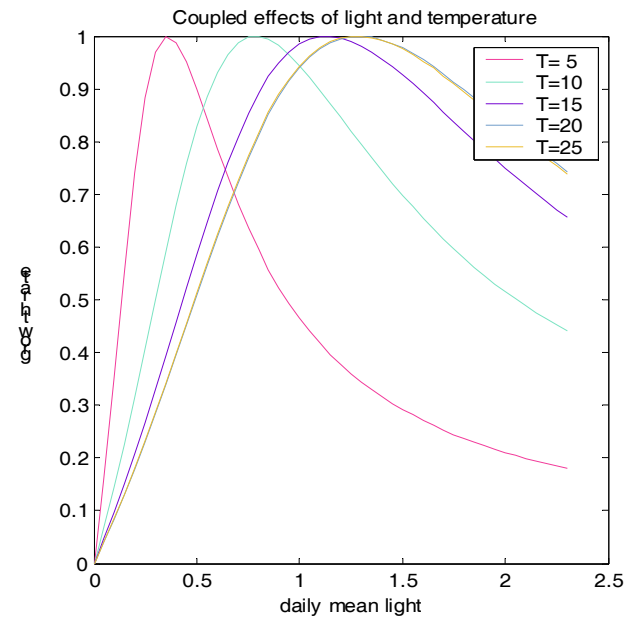
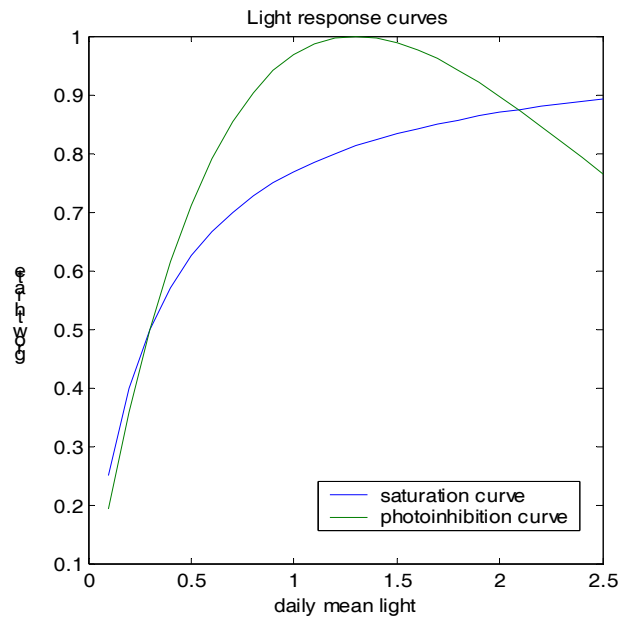
$$f(N) = \frac{N}{K_s + N}$$

$$f(N) = \frac{N^2}{K_s + N^2}$$

$$f(N) = 1 - \exp(-k * N)$$

# Growth rate influences and limitations







# Process formalisation in the library

## the process Growth\_PP

Growth of a primary producer (pp) is influenced by temperature and limited by light and nutrients

$$\frac{dpp}{dt} = \mu \cdot pp$$

most models

$$\mu = \mu_{\max}(T_{ref}) f(T) f(L) f(P, N, C)$$

Bendoricchio 1994,  $T_{opt}$  is a variable

$$\mu = \mu_{\max}(T_{ref}) f(T, T_{opt}) f(L) f(P, N, C)$$

Talbot et al., 1991: the Aster model,

$$\mu = \mu_{\max}(T_{ref}) f(T, L) f(P, N, C)$$

$$f(P, N, C) = f(P) f(N) f(C)$$

$$f(P, N, C) = \min[f(P), f(N), f(C)]$$

$$f(P, N, C) = \frac{f(P) + f(N) + f(C)}{n}$$

pp	primary producer concentration
$\mu$	growth rate [1/time]
f(T)	temperature influence function
f(L)	light limitation function
f(N,P,C)	nutrients limitation function

# Library

```
process class PP_growth (Primary_producer pp, Inorganics ns,  
    Temperatures ts, Lights ls)
```

```
process class PP_growth_type_1() is PP_growth  
    expression pp*const(max_growth_rate, 0.01, 0.1, 4)*  
    Food_limitations(ns)*Temp_influences(ts)*  
    Light_limitations(ls)
```

```
process class PP_growth_type_2() is PP_growth  
    expression pp*const(max_growth_rate, 0.01, 0.1, 4)*  
    Food_limitations(ns)*Light_limitations(ls)*  
    product({t1,t2}, t1 in ts, Temp_influence_opt(t1,t2))
```

```
process class PP_growth_type_3() is PP_growth  
    expression pp*const(max_growth_rate, 0.01, 0.1, 4)*  
    Food_limitations(ns)*  
    product({t,l}, t in ts, l in ls, Light_temp(t, l))
```

# Combining scheme (mass balances)

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combining scheme Lake(Primary\_producer pp)

time\_deriv(pp) =

- + sum({food, ts, ls}, true, PP\_growth(pp, food, ts, ls))
- sum({ts}, true, Loss(pp, ts))
- sum({ts,ns}, true, Respiration\_PP(pp, ts, ns))
- sum({ts,ns}, true, Mortality\_PP(pp, ts, ns))
- sum({}, true, Outflow(pp))
- sum({}, true, Sedimentation(pp))
- + sum({pp1}, true, Rising(pp,pp1))
- sum({a, food, ts}, pp in food, Feeds\_on(a, food, ts))\*pp

# The knowledge base

- Supports:
  - Food chain modelling in a lake
  - 0 dimensional models
  - N box models i.e., supports modelling of stratified lakes
  - Fixed internal nutrient levels in primary producers and animals
- Complexity of the models is defined by the expert, i.e. number of state variables and processes

# Example of automated modeling

Case study: Lake Bled



Vol. =  $25.7 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}^3$   
Area =  $1.47 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}^2$   
Max. depth = 30 m  
(western basin)  
Avg. depth = 17.5 m

$A_e = 0.98 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}^2$   
 $A_w = 0.49 \cdot 10^6 \text{ m}^2$

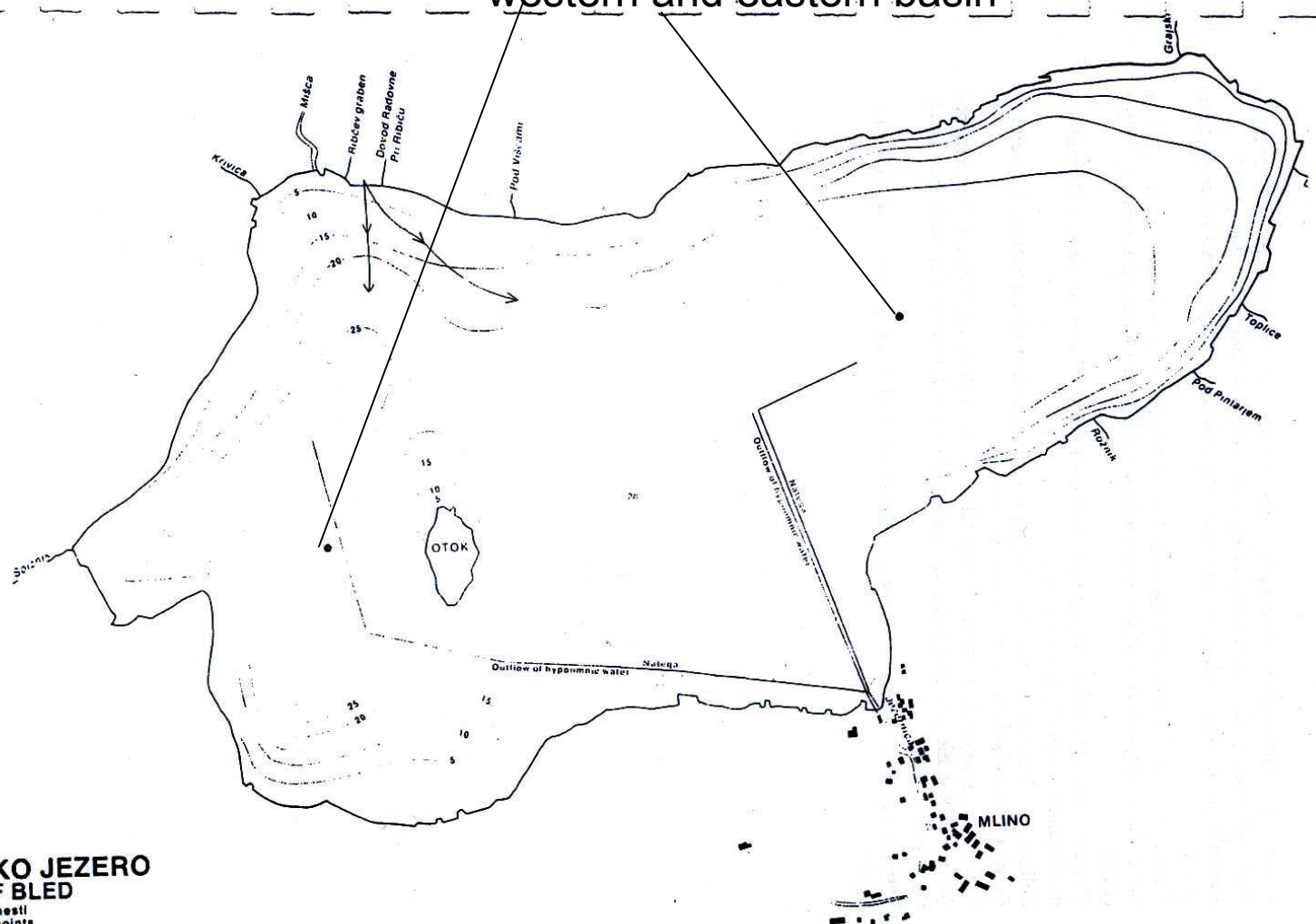
*Oscillatoria rubescens* in Lake of Bled, November 1999.

Photo by Mirko Kunšič

# Inducing a food-chain model for Lake Bled

- Data:
  - Environmental Agency of the RS
  - monthly measurements of physical, chemical and biological data
  - Long term data set 1985 to 2002
  - Each variable is measured at two locations in the lake (western and eastern basin)
  - Samples are taken each two meters from the surface to the bottom
  - i.e, we have parameter measurements in two water columns

## Sampling points in the western and eastern basin



*Slika 1.*  
**BLEJSKO JEZERO**  
**LAKE OF BLEED**  
● kontrolni mesti  
sampling points

ARSO: Monitoring kakovosti ...

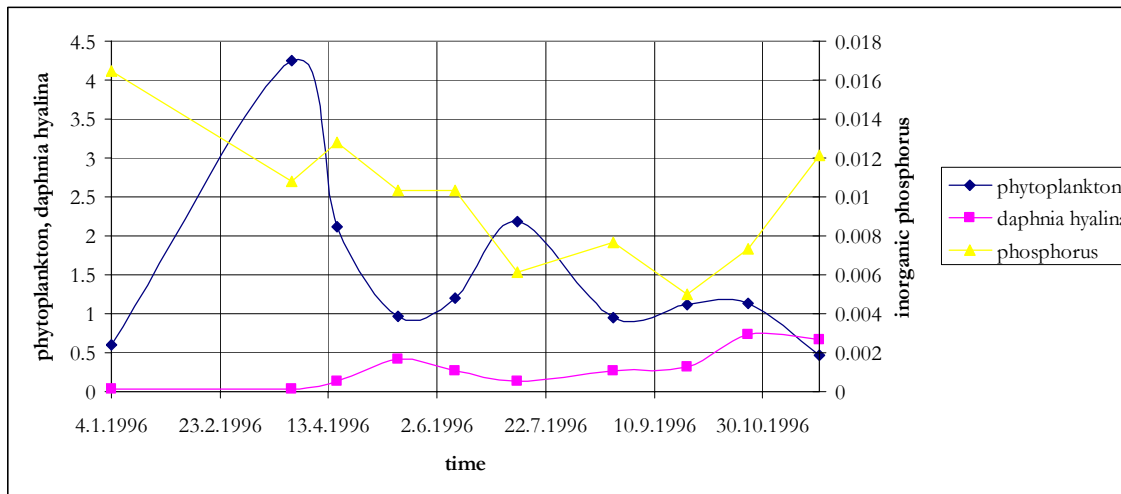


# Measured data (variables) in lake Bled used for model induction

variable name	description	Units	Frequency
q_krivica	Inflow to the lake	m <sup>3</sup> /day	daily
q_misca	Inflow to the lake	m <sup>3</sup> /day	daily
q_radovna	Inflow to the lake	m <sup>3</sup> /day	daily
q_jezernica	Outflow	m <sup>3</sup> /day	daily
q_natega	Outflow	m <sup>3</sup> /day	daily
ortp_krivica, ortp_misca, ortp_radovna	Nutrient (orthophosphate) concentration in the inflows	mg/l	monthly
temp	Water temperature of the streams and lake	°C	monthly
light	Light intensity	J/(m <sup>2</sup> *day)	monthly
ortp	Nutrient (orthophosphate) concentration in the lake	mg/l	monthly
phyto	Phytoplankton biomass concentration in the lake	mg/l	monthly
daph	Zooplankton (daphnia hyalina) biomass concentration in the lake	mg/l	monthly

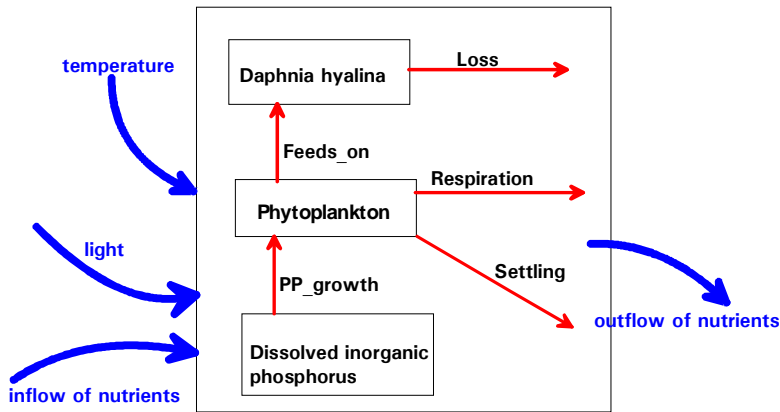
# Inducing a model on real data

- Three d.e. model: ortp-phyto-daph
- Induced on eastern basin data, euphotic zone (upper 10 m), 1996



# Expert knowledge

- General form of the equations



$$\frac{dortp}{dt} = \text{inflow} - \text{outflow} - \text{const} \cdot PP\_growth$$

$$\frac{dphyto}{dt} = PP\_growth - \text{respiration} - \text{settling} - \text{Feeds\_on}$$

$$\frac{ddaph}{dt} = \text{Feeds\_on} - \text{loss}$$

# Task specification

```
variable Inorganic ortp_krivica
variable Inorganic ortp_misca
variable Inorganic ortp_radovna
variable Flow q_krivica
variable Flow q_misca
variable Flow q_radovna
variable Flow q_jezernica
variable Flow q_natega
variable Inorganic ortp
variable Primary_producer phyto
variable Animal daph
variable Temperature temp
variable Light light
```

```
process Inflow(ortp, ortp_krivica, q_krivica) inflow1
process Inflow(ortp, ortp_misca, q_misca) inflow2
process Inflow(ortp, ortp_radovna, q_radovna)
inflow3
process Outflow(ortp, q_jezernica) outflow1
process Outflow(ortp, q_natega) outflow2
process PP_growth(phyto, {ortp}, {temp}, {light}) p1
process Feeds_on(daph, {phyto}, {temp}) p5
process Loss(phyto, {temp}) p6
process Respiration_PP(phyto, {temp},{}) p9
process Loss(daph, {temp}) p8
```

# Step by step discovery of three d.e.

## Phosphorus equation:

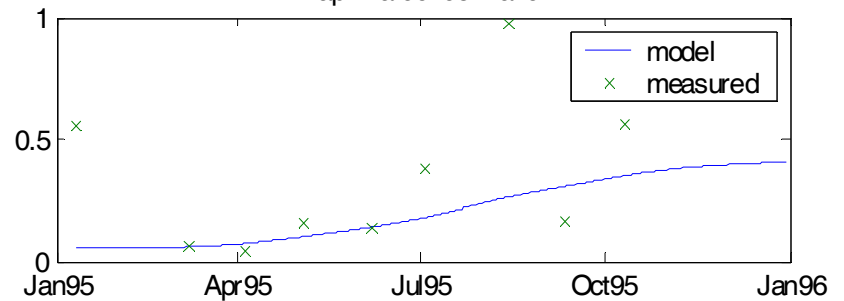
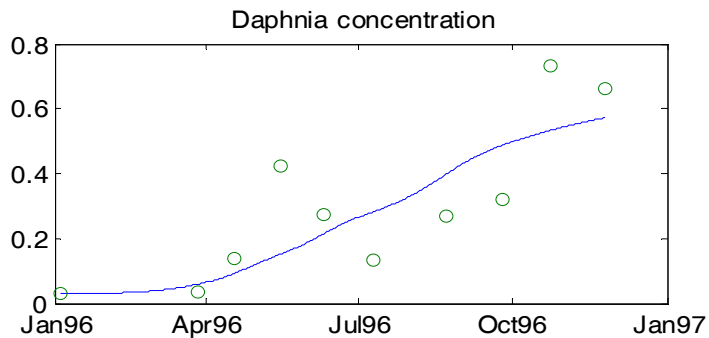
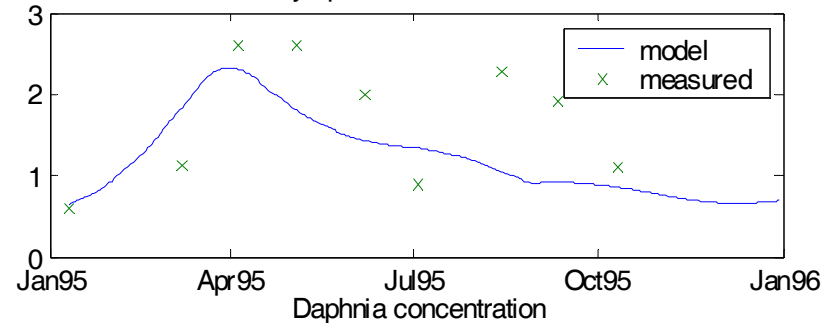
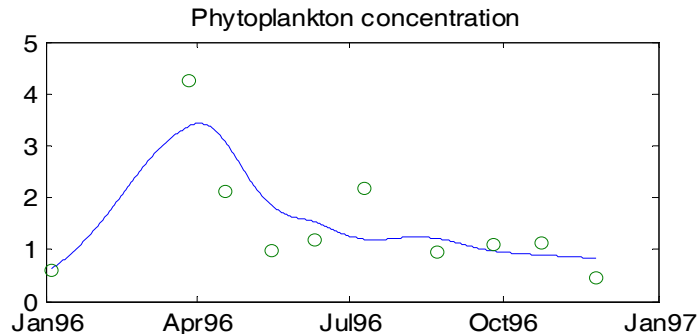
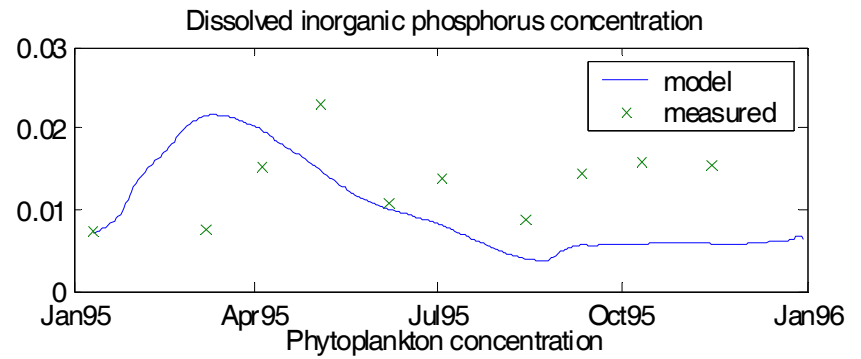
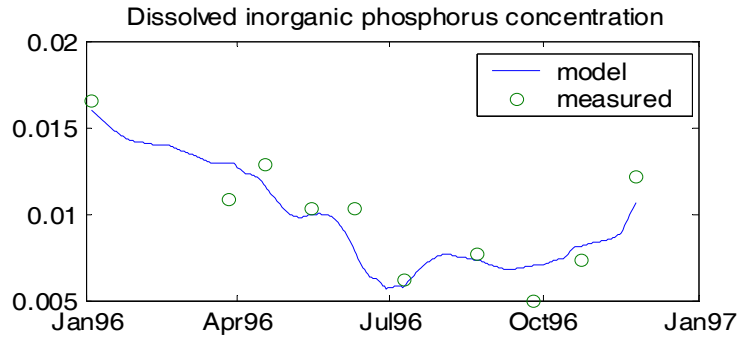
$$\frac{dortp}{dt} = (ORTP\_krivica \cdot \frac{q\_krivica}{7 \cdot 10^6} + ORTP\_misca \cdot \frac{q\_misca}{7 \cdot 10^6} + ORTP\_radovna \cdot \frac{q\_radovna}{7 \cdot 10^6}) - (ORTP \cdot \frac{q\_jezernica}{7 \cdot 10^6} + ORTP \cdot \frac{q\_natega}{7 \cdot 10^6}) - \dots + \dots - \dots + \dots$$

Using the growth term in the phosphorus eq., discover the rest of the processes in the phytoplankton eq.

$$\frac{dphyto}{dt} = \dots + \dots - \dots + \dots - phyto^2 \cdot 0.046 \cdot \frac{temp - 2.7}{18 - 4} - phyto \cdot \frac{0.009}{10} - daph \cdot 1.01 \cdot \frac{temp}{20 - 3.5} \cdot \frac{phyto^2}{phyto^2 + 5} \cdot phyto$$

$$\frac{ddaph}{dt} = 0.02 \cdot daph \cdot 1.01 \cdot \frac{temp}{16.4} \cdot \frac{phyto^2}{phyto^2 + 5} \cdot phyto - daph^3 \cdot \frac{0.001}{5^2 + daph^2}$$

# Model performance



# Conclusions

- Domain knowledge can be successfully introduced in the equation (model) discovery procedure
- Lake modelling library to support automated modelling of lakes with the Lagrange 2 machine learning tool was constructed.
- Library language formalism supports a precise formulation of the expert knowledge
- Lake Bled: induction of a simple model for complex dynamics
- Model improvement: increase of model complexity,

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