



DEB modules and applications

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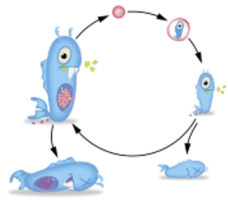
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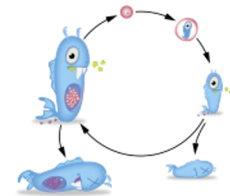
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Outline



- Feeding-digestion modules
- Starvation modules
- Reproduction modules

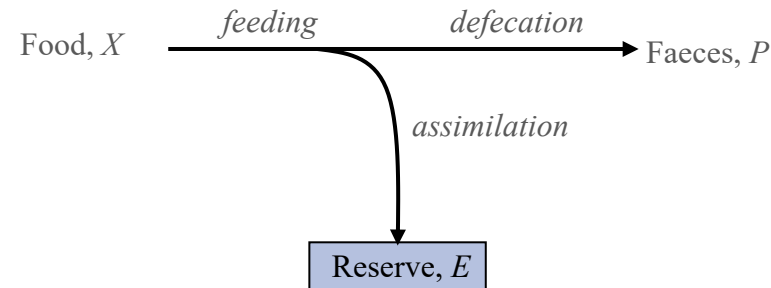
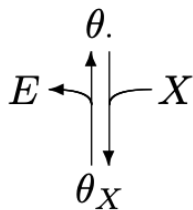
Feeding/Digestion - iso 111



Standard module of food uptake

make product E from a single substrate X

food searching and food handling



Dynamics of the fractions θ of the SUs at different states:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\theta.}{dt} &= -y_{EX}j_X\theta. + \dot{k}\theta_X \\ \frac{d\theta_X}{dt} &= y_{EX}j_X\theta. - \dot{k}\theta_X \\ \theta. + \theta_X &= 1\end{aligned}$$

$$j_{EA} = \dot{k} \theta_X^* = \frac{1}{\dot{k}^{-1} + (y_{EX}j_X)^{-1}}$$

$$j_{EA} = \dot{k} \frac{X}{X + \dot{k}(y_{EX}\theta_X)^{-1}}$$

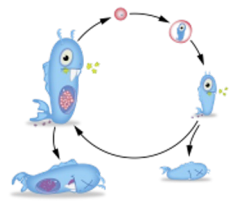
j_* Flux of the substrate

y_{EX} Yield coefficient

\dot{k} metabolic/handling processing

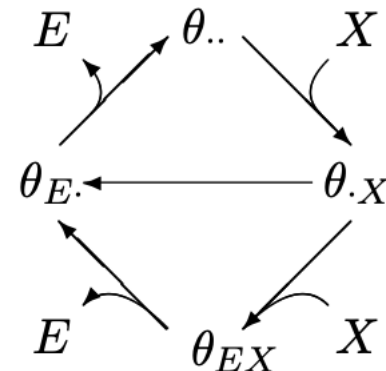
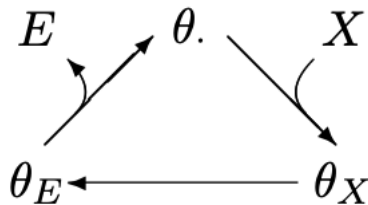
Extensions

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Food handling is partitioned in mechanical and metabolic handling

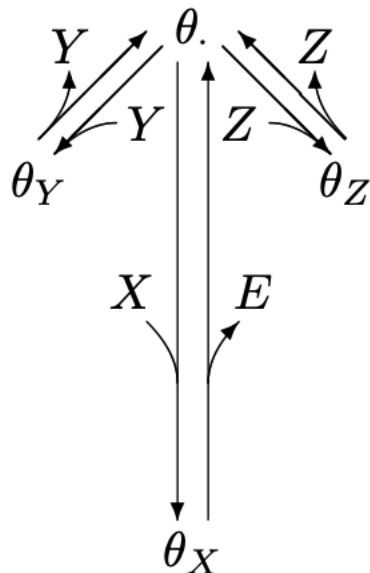
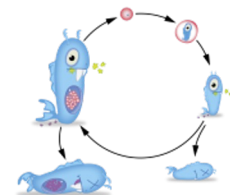
- metabolic handling follows mechanical handling (**sequential**)
- food searching can be **parallel** to metabolic handling



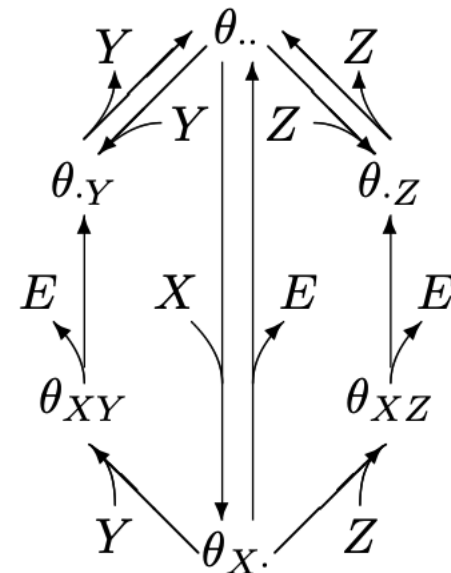
Applied to feeding data for sea bream *Sparus aurata* larvae

Lika & Papandroulakis (2005) Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 62: 425–435

Social interaction DEB3 7.2.4

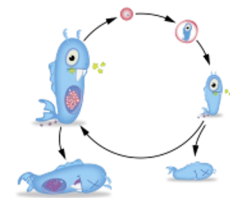


Food processing sequential to socialisation



Food processing parallel to socialisation

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Extension of the standard DEB model for

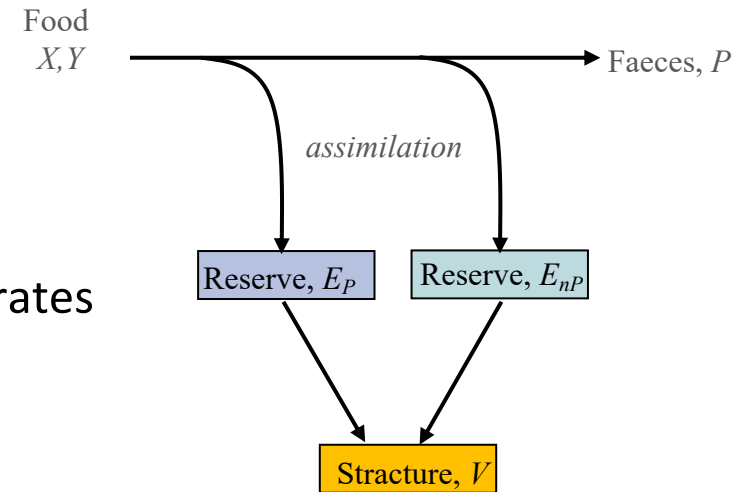
2 types of food X and Y of constant composition
sequential processing of substitutable substrates

2 reserves

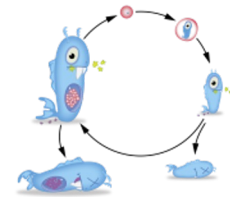
protein standing for 'building block' reserve
non-protein for energy reserve
each food type contributes to both reserves

1 structure

Somatic maintenance is paid from protein and non-protein reserves (substitutable), with a strong preference for non-proteins, and the binding is parallel.

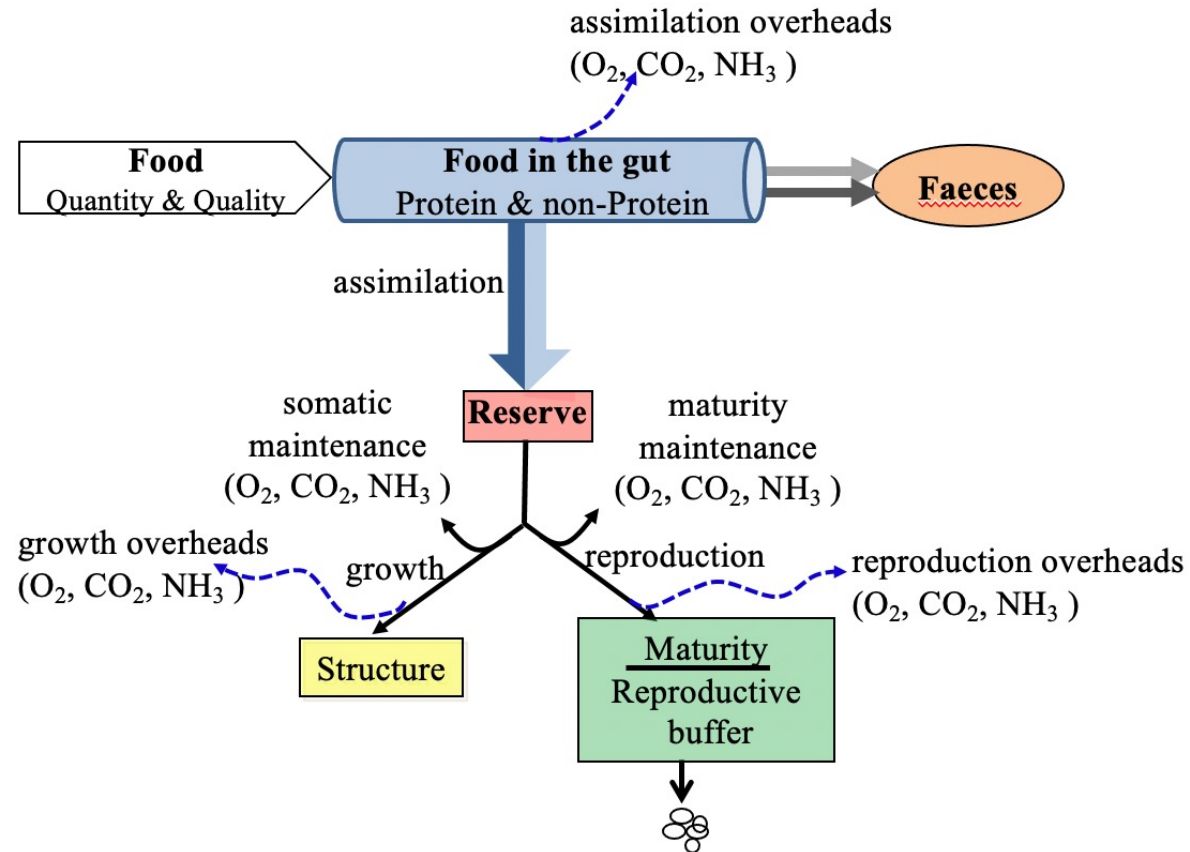


Nutritional bioenergetics model

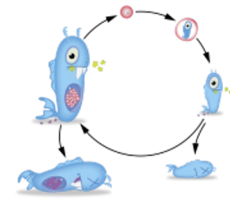


State variables

- Food in the gut (M_X)
- Reserve energy (E)
- Structural body volume (V)
- Energy investment into maturation (embryos, juveniles) (E_H)
- Energy allocated to reproduction (adults) (E_R)



Food, faeces, and biomass composition



“generalized compound” with fixed stoichiometry

1 molecule of compound γ has the formula $CH_{n_{HY}} O_{n_{OY}} N_{n_{NY}}$

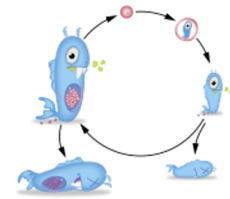
Matrix of chemical indices n^{**} : relate the frequency of the chemical elements H, O and N to C

	Organic compounds				
	Food (X_P)	Food (X_{nP})	Reserve (E)	Structure (V)	Faeces (P)
C	1	1	1	1	1
H	n_{HXP}	n_{HXnP}	n_{HE}	n_{HV}	n_{HP}
O	n_{OXP}	n_{OXnP}	n_{OE}	n_{OV}	n_{OP}
N	n_{NXP}	n_{NXnP}	n_{NE}	n_{NV}	n_{NP}

Chemical potentials μ^* : converts mass to energy (J/mol)

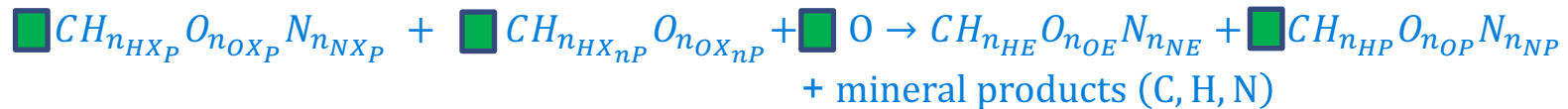
Organic compounds				
Food (X_P)	Food (X_{nP})	Reserve (E)	Structure (V)	Faeces (P)
μ_{XP}	μ_{XnP}	μ_E	μ_V	μ_P

Metabolic transformation



Assimilation (food → reserve)

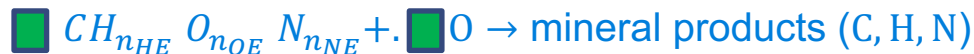
■ Yield coefficients



Growth (reserve → structure)

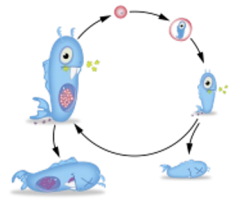


Dissipation (metabolic work that does not lead to the production of new biological material: maintenance, maturation, reproduction overheads)

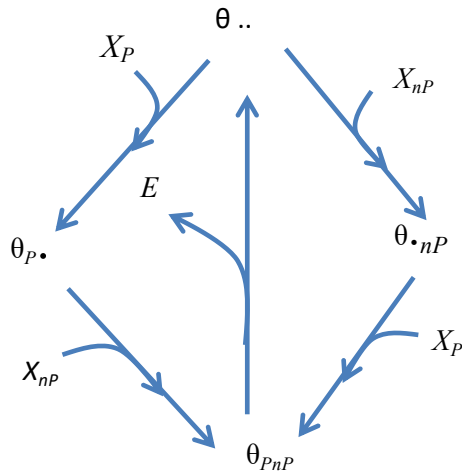


C: carbon dioxide
H: water
O: dioxygen
N: nitrogen waste

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Making **product** E from two **supplementary** substrates: **protein**, X_P , and **non-protein**, X_{nP} , components of food



Dynamics of the fractions θ of the SUs at different states.

$$\frac{d\theta_{..}}{dt} = -(y_{EX_P} j_{X_P} + y_{EX_{nP}} j_{X_{nP}}) \theta_{..} + \dot{k} \theta_{PnP}$$

$$\frac{d\theta_{P.}}{dt} = y_{EX_P} j_{X_P} \theta_{..} - y_{EX_{nP}} j_{X_{nP}} \theta_{P.}$$

$$\frac{d\theta_{nP.}}{dt} = y_{EX_{nP}} j_{X_{nP}} \theta_{..} - y_{EX_P} j_{X_P} \theta_{nP.}$$

$$\frac{d\theta_{PnP.}}{dt} = y_{EX_{nP}} j_{X_{nP}} \theta_{P.} + y_{EX_P} j_{X_P} \theta_{nP.} - \dot{k} \theta_{PnP.}$$

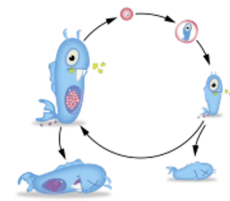
$$\theta_{..} + \theta_{P.} + \theta_{nP.} + \theta_{PnP.} = 1$$

- j_* fluxes of the substrates
- y_{EX_*} yield coefficients
- \dot{k} metabolic/handling processing

Equilibrium fraction of SUs in the processing state:

$$\theta_{PnP.}^* = \left(\dot{k}^{-1} + (y_{EX_P} j_{X_P})^{-1} + (y_{EX_{nP}} j_{X_{nP}})^{-1} - (y_{EX_P} j_{X_P} + y_{EX_{nP}} j_{X_{nP}})^{-1} \right)^{-1}$$

Assimilation module



Assimilation rate

Depends on the mass of food in the stomach-gut

Proportional to the surface of the gut wall

Depends on the fraction of protein and lipid in the food

$$\dot{J}_{EA} = \left\{ \dot{J}_{EA_m} \right\} f L^2$$

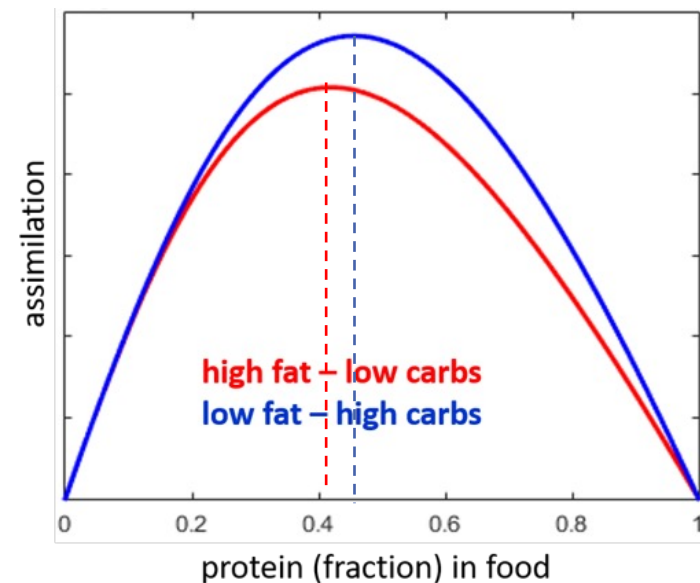
$$f = \frac{M_X}{M_X + M_K^X}$$

$$M_K^X = \frac{\left\{ \dot{J}_{EA_m} \right\}}{\left\{ \dot{J}_{Xg_m} \right\}} \left(\left(y_{EX_P} a_P \right)^{-1} + \left(y_{EX_{nP}} (1 - a_P) \right)^{-1} - \left(y_{EX_P} a_P + y_{EX_{nP}} (1 - a_P) \right)^{-1} \right)$$

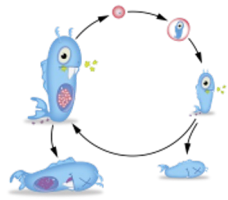
Effects of food composition on assimilation



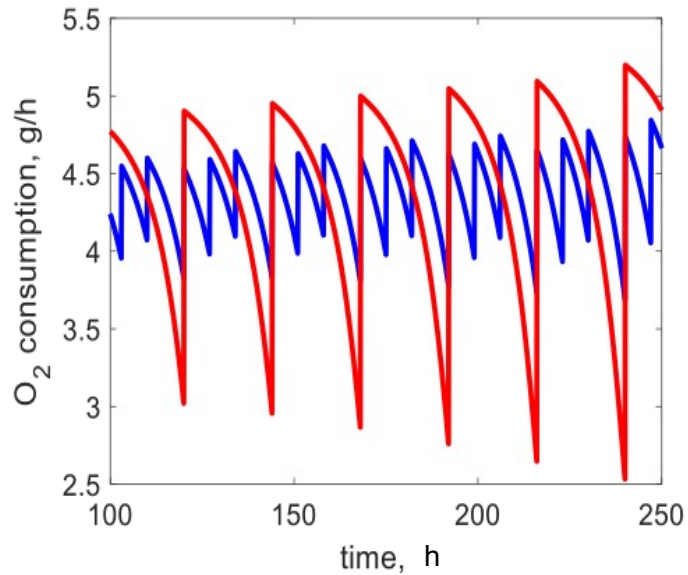
Effects of protein-energy (PE) ratio in the diet



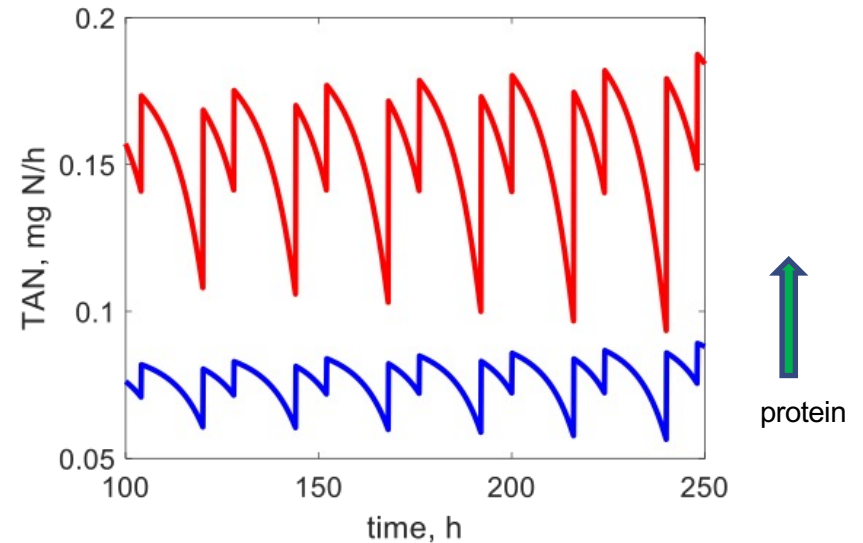
Model outputs - effects of rearing conditions

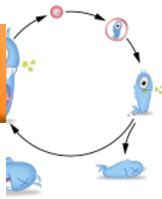


Effects feeding frequency



Effects of feed composition





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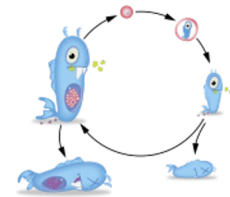
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A **VL** system to test in silico different experimental protocols, before the real implementation in the research facility.

Models for **growth, nutrition and waste production, hydrodynamic flow fields** in tanks and cages, and **water quality** and **water treatment** have been wrapped in **Functional Mock-up Units (FMUs)**.

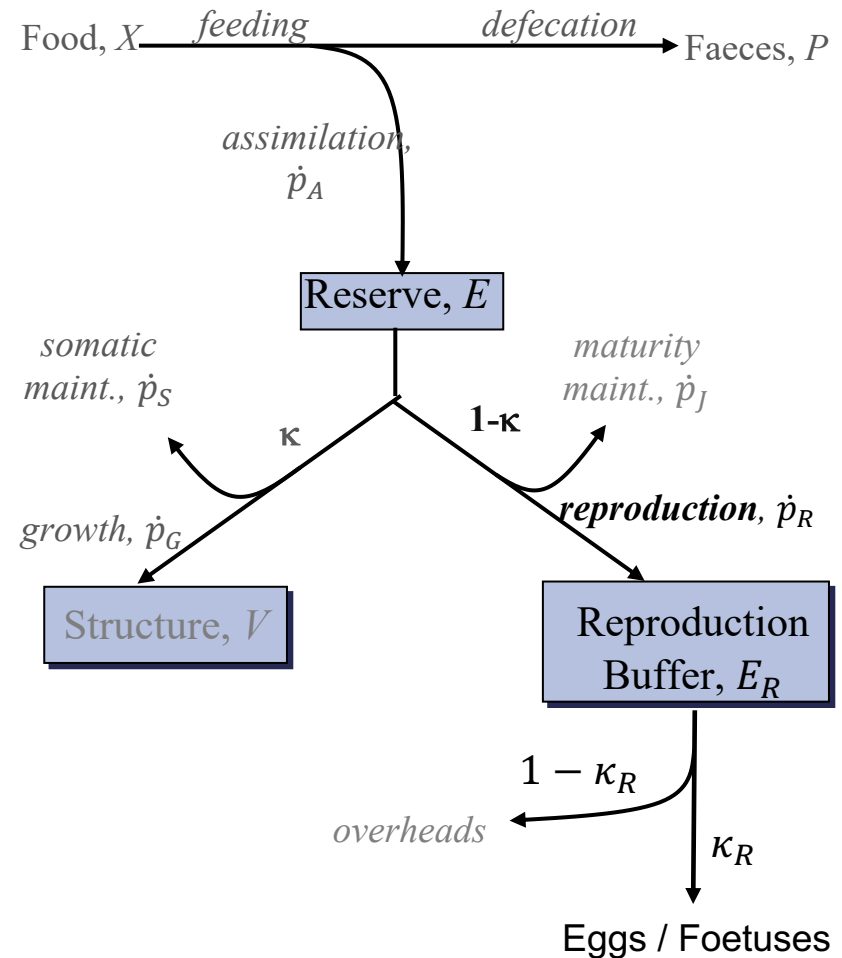
FMUs provide a standardized interface that allows different simulation tools to communicate and interact with each other.

Reproduction

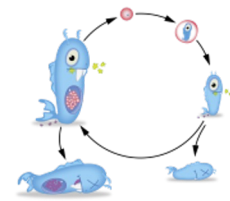


Reserve allocated to reproduction is collected in a **reproduction buffer**

Species-specific buffer handling rules for the conversion to eggs or foetuses



Reproduction module



Handling rules of the reproduction buffer for multiple-batch spawners

Reproduction rate

$$\dot{p}_R = (1 - \kappa)\dot{p}_C - \dot{p}_J$$

Rate of batch preparation

$$\dot{p}_B = \kappa_R((1 - \kappa)\dot{p}_{Cm} - \dot{p}_J)$$

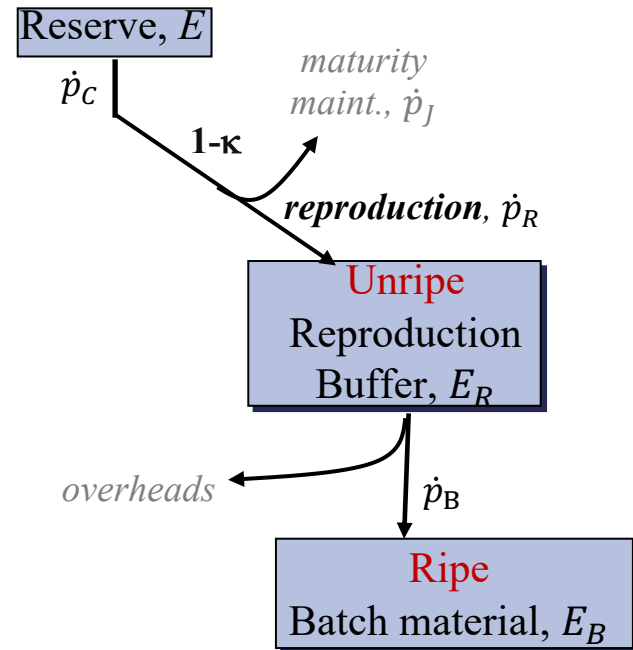
Batch initiation: e.g. $T > T_{threshold}$

Batch size $E_B^* = \min(E_R, [E_B]L^3)$

At spawning t_B

$$E_R(t_B + dt) = E_R(t_B) - E_B^*$$

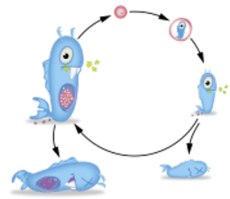
$$E_B(t_B + dt) = 0$$



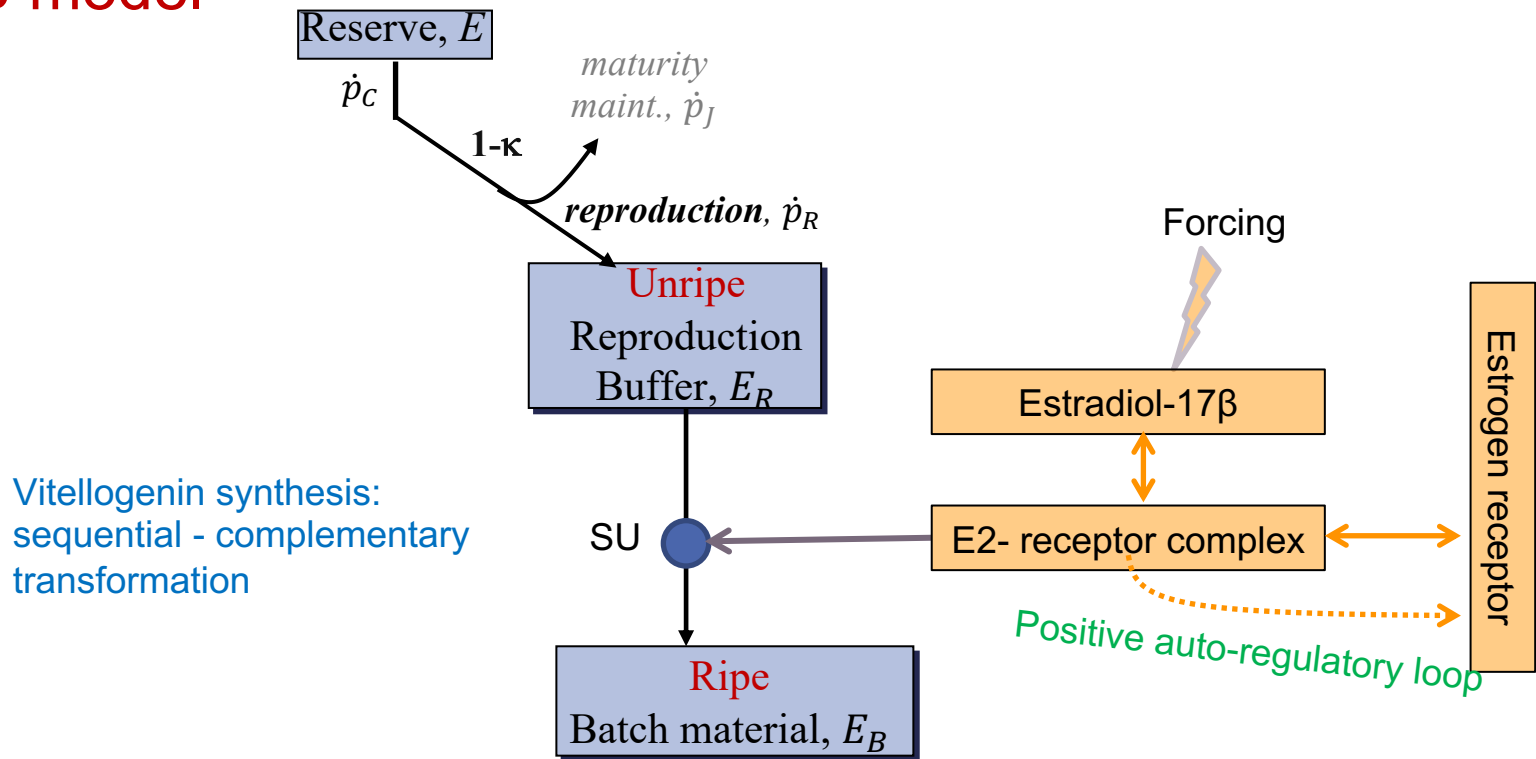
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Reproduction hormone module



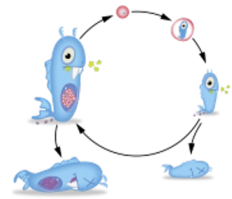
Link hormone dynamics underlying egg production to a DEB model



Murphy et al. (2018) Incorporating Suborganismal Processes into Dynamic Energy Budget Models for Ecological Risk Assessment . *IEAM* 14(5):615–624

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Starvation in DEB context



Starvation rules depend on species and environmental conditions

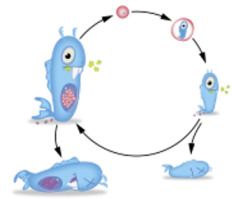
- When mobilized reserves cannot meet somatic maintenance (i.e. $\kappa\dot{p}_C - \dot{p}_S < 0$) different rules may apply
 - somatic maintenance can be paid from the (ripe or unripe) reproduction matter
 - Shrink in structural mass to pay the somatic maintenance
- When mobilized reserves cannot meet maturity maintenance (i.e. $(1 - \kappa)\dot{p}_C - \dot{p}_J < 0$)
 - Rejuvenation may occur

Death-rules

- If shrinking is allowed, death by starvation occurs if shrinking of structure exceeds a given fraction of the structure at the onset of ceasing growth.
- When the reserve is depleted to a certain extent we can assume that starvation-induced death strikes

Starvation rules

Redirect energy from reproduction



- If somatic maintenance costs cannot be paid from reserve, they are paid from the reproduction buffer. If the reproduction buffer is empty and if the somatic maintenance costs cannot be paid from reserve, the individual dies. (Pecquerie et al., 2009)
- If somatic maintenance costs cannot be paid from reserve, they are paid from the reproduction buffer and/or gametes (Pethybridge et al., 2013; Fircus et al., 2023).

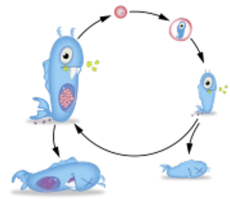
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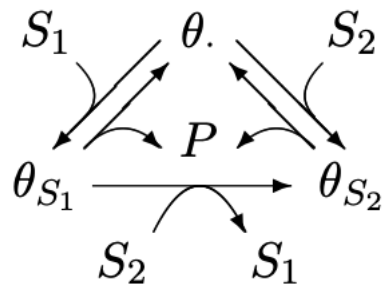
Starvation rules¹

Shrink during starvation



Use of SUs (4.1.5 DEB3 and comments)

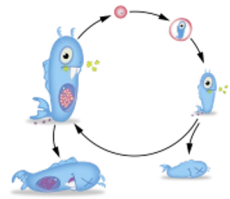
- The somatic maintenance-SUs receive a reserve flux and a structure flux
- Reserve and structure are **substitutable** compounds for somatic maintenance, with a strong **preference** for reserve.
- Shrinking comes with extra parameters
- Payment via structure involves an extra transformation, so extra losses.



S_1 : Structure
 S_2 : Reserve
 P : maintenance products

Starvation rules²

Shrink during starvation



Absolute priority for reserve (4.1.5 DEB3 and comments)

- Mobilization rate

$$\dot{p}_C = E \left(\frac{\dot{v}}{L} - \dot{r} \right)$$

Growth rate

When $\frac{[E]\dot{v}}{L} > [\dot{p}_M]/\kappa$

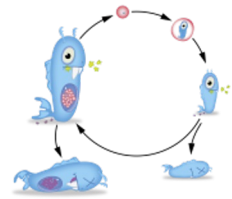
$$\dot{r} = \frac{[E]\dot{v}/L - [\dot{p}_M]/\kappa}{[E] + [E_G]/\kappa}$$

otherwise

$$\dot{r} = \frac{[E]\dot{v}/L - [\dot{p}_M]/\kappa}{[E] + \kappa_G [E_G]/\kappa}$$

Starvation rules

Rejuvenation during starvation

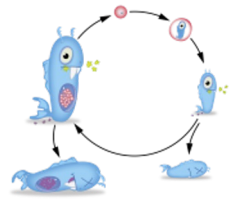


When mobilized reserves cannot meet maturity maintenance (i.e. $(1 - \kappa)\dot{p}_C - \dot{p}_J < 0$)

- If the reproduction buffer is not empty, rejuvenation can be delayed by draining this buffer to supplement maturity maintenance.
- Else E_H decays exponentially (rejuvenation).

(4.1.5 comments on DEB3)

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