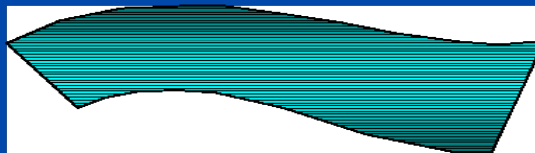


# QUAL2K



# ***QUAL2K WORKSHOP: INTRODUCTION\****

***Steve Chapra  
Tufts University***

- ☀ Rationale and Overview***
- ☀ Segmentation and Hydraulics***

\* Abbreviated for Region 6 Modeling Workshop,  
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# QUAL2K

- ***Steady-state, 1-D Mainstem River***
- ***Fast C (BOD), Slow C (BOD), organic N, NH<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub>, organic P, SRP, oxygen, phytoplankton, FIXED PLANTS, suspended solids, conservative/color***
- ***Heat budget***
- ***Point and distributed loads and abstractions***

# QUAL2K

- *Speciates carbon*
- *Anoxia*
  - *Shuts down oxidation at low DO*
  - *Denitrification*
- *Fixed plants*
- *SOD and sediment nutrient  
fluxes calculated*

# QUAL2K

- ✱ **Software environment and interface**
- ✱ **Model segmentation**
- ✱ **Carbon speciation**
- ✱ **Anoxia and denitrification**
- ✱ **Sediment-water interactions**
- ✱ **Bottom plants**
- ✱ **Light extinction**
- ✱ **pH**
- ✱ **Pathogens**

Developed by Steve Chapra for 2004 QUAL2K Workshop (Some slides have been updated)

# QUAL2K Documentation



## QUAL2K:

A Modeling Framework for Simulating River and Stream  
Water Quality  
(Version 2.11)

Documentation



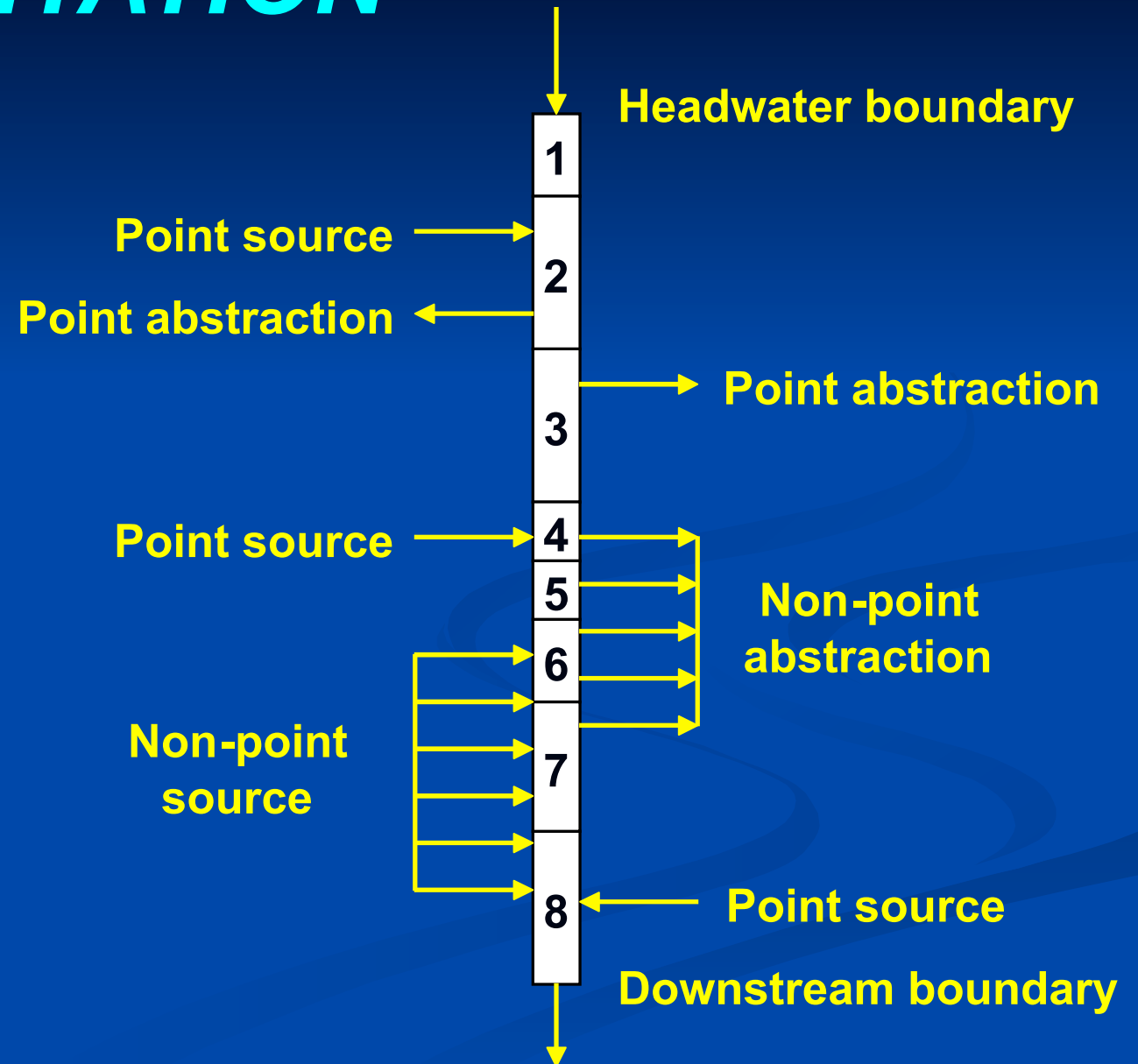
The Mystic River at Medford, MA

**Steve Chapra, Greg Pelletier and Hua Tao**

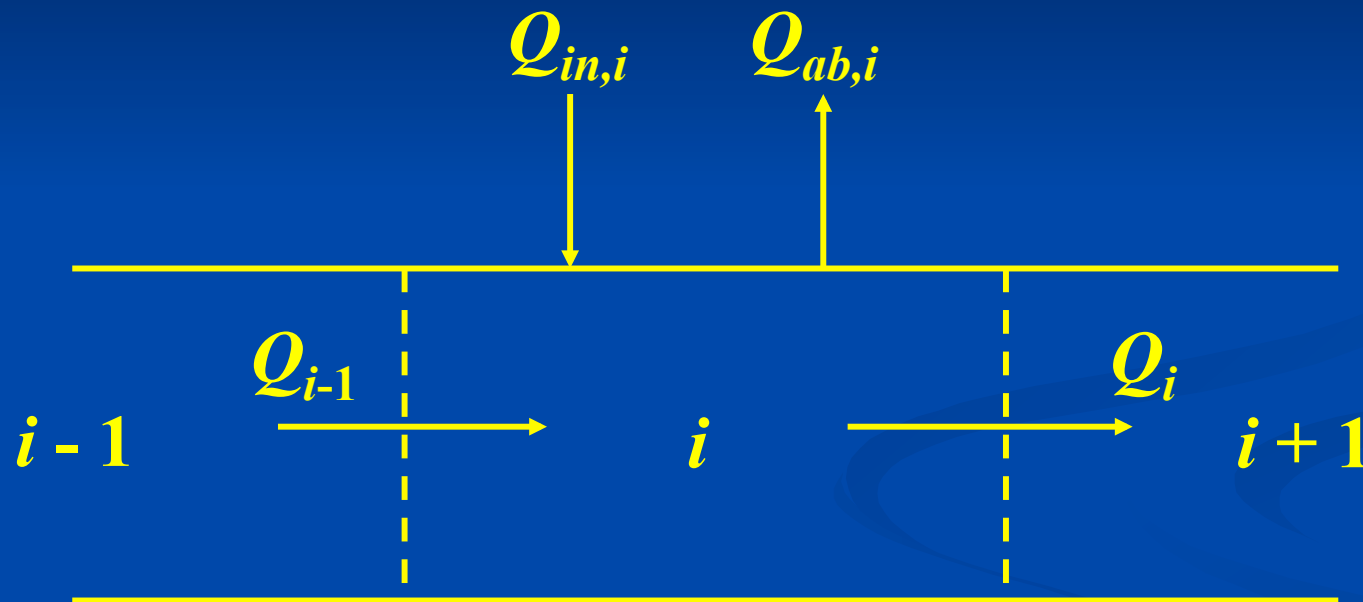
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# SEGMENTATION



# FLOW BALANCE

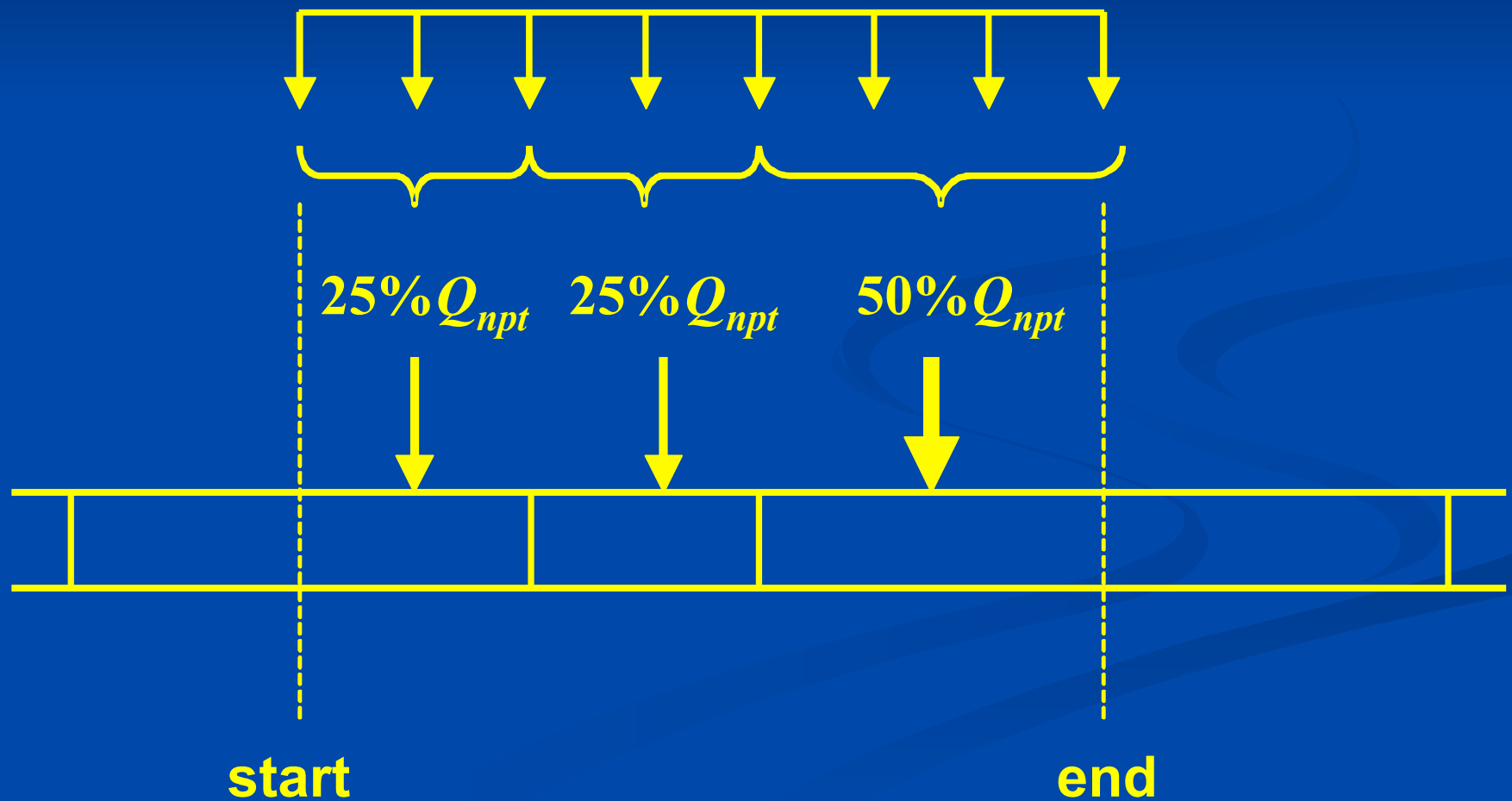


$$Q_i = Q_{i-1} + Q_{in,i} - Q_{ab,i}$$

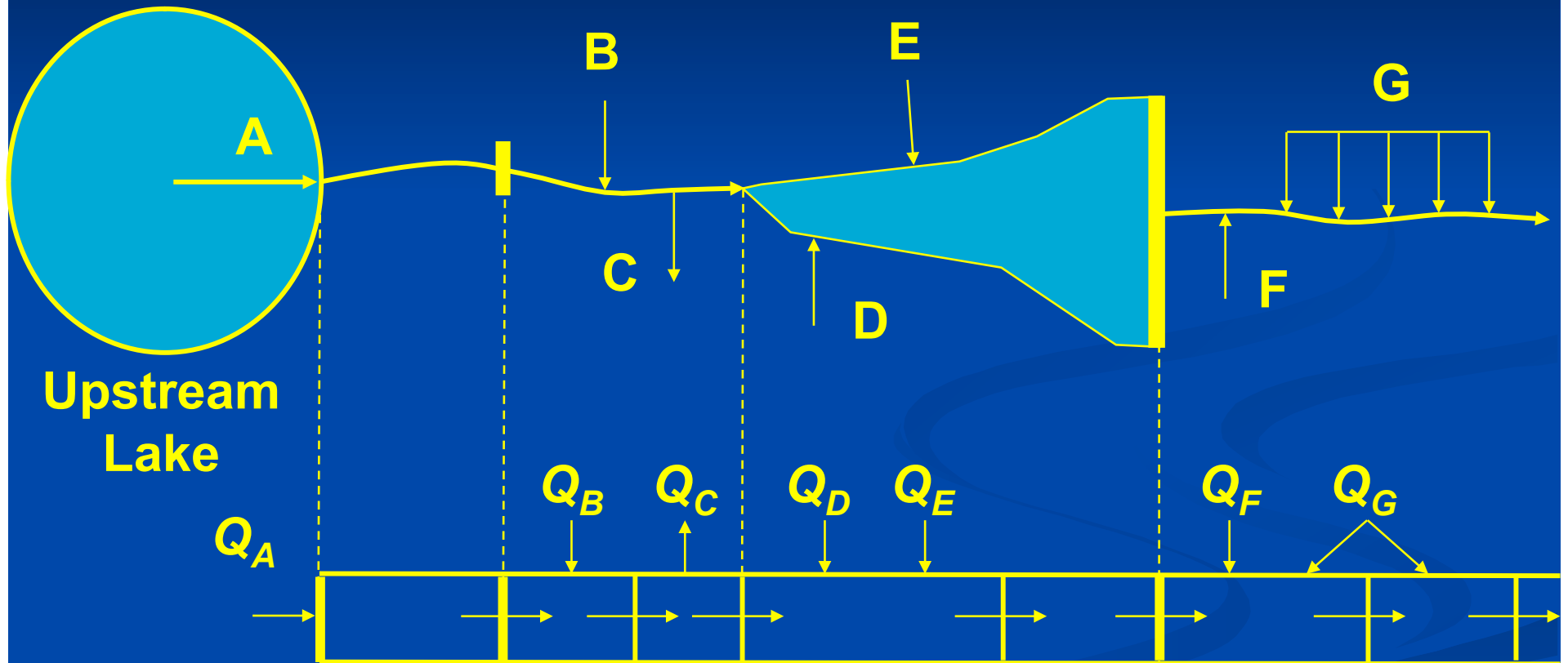


# ***DISTRIBUTED (NON-POINT) LOADS***

$Q_{npt}$

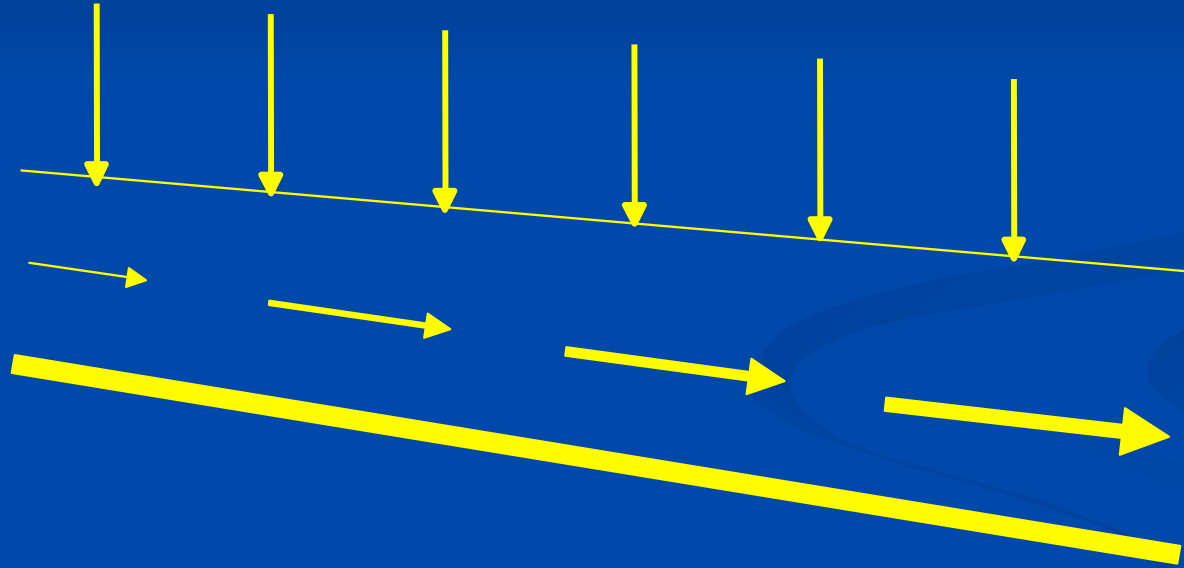


# STEADY-STATE FLOW BALANCE



# ***WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ADD FLOW TO A SLOPING CHANNEL?***

***The water velocity and depth increase***

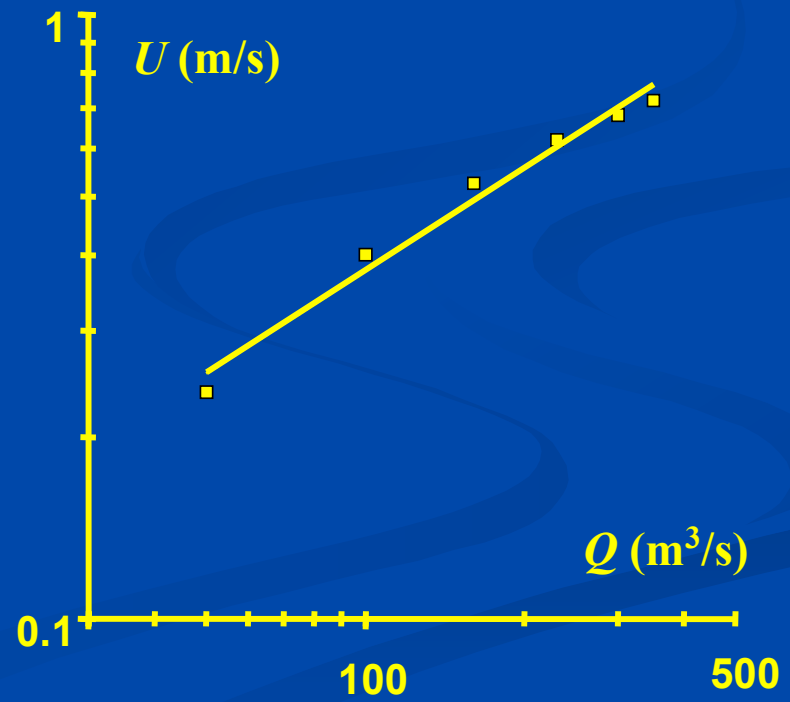
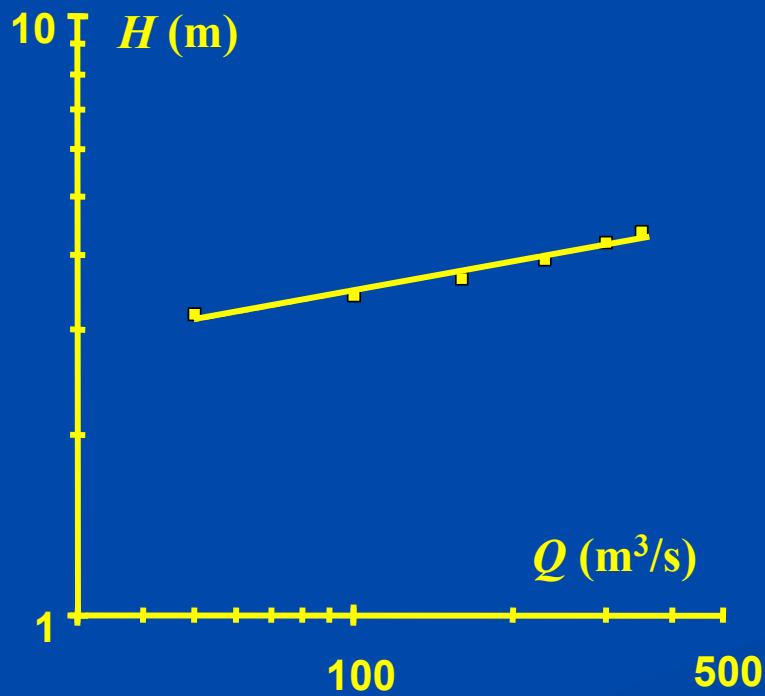


- Given  $Q_{\text{outflow}}$ , compute depth ( $H$ ) and velocity ( $U$ ):**
- **Continuity and Manning equation**
  - **Rating Curves**

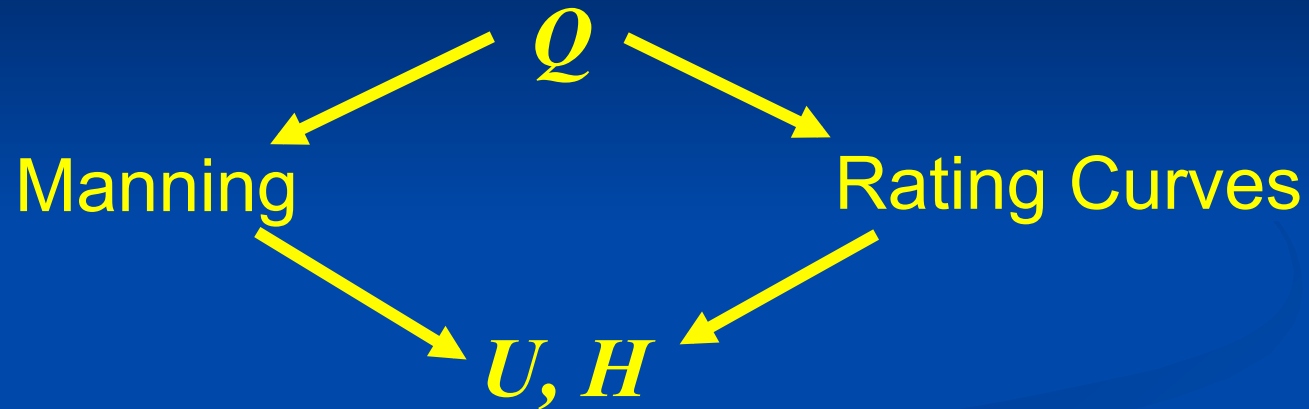
# RATING CURVES

$$H = 1.6487 Q^{0.1622}$$

$$U = 0.0279 Q^{0.5652}$$



# **RIVER HYDROGEOMETRY (STEADY)**



$$A_c = Q/U$$

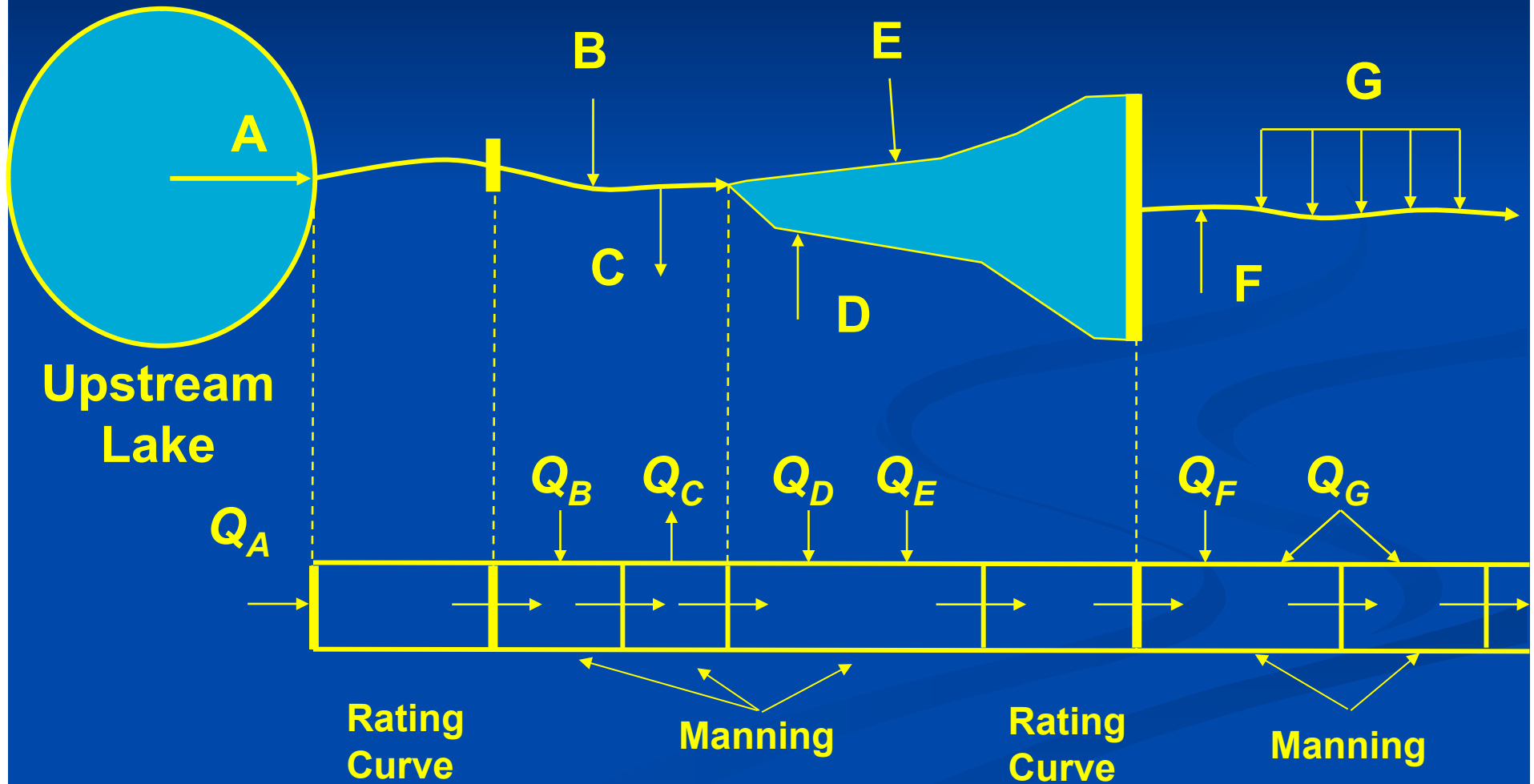
$$B = A_c / H$$

$$A_s = \Delta x B$$

$$V = B H \Delta x$$

$$\tau_w = \Delta x / U = V/Q$$

# STEADY-STATE FLOW BALANCE



# *LONGITUDINAL DISPERSION*

$$E = 0.011 \frac{U^2 B^2}{HU^*}$$

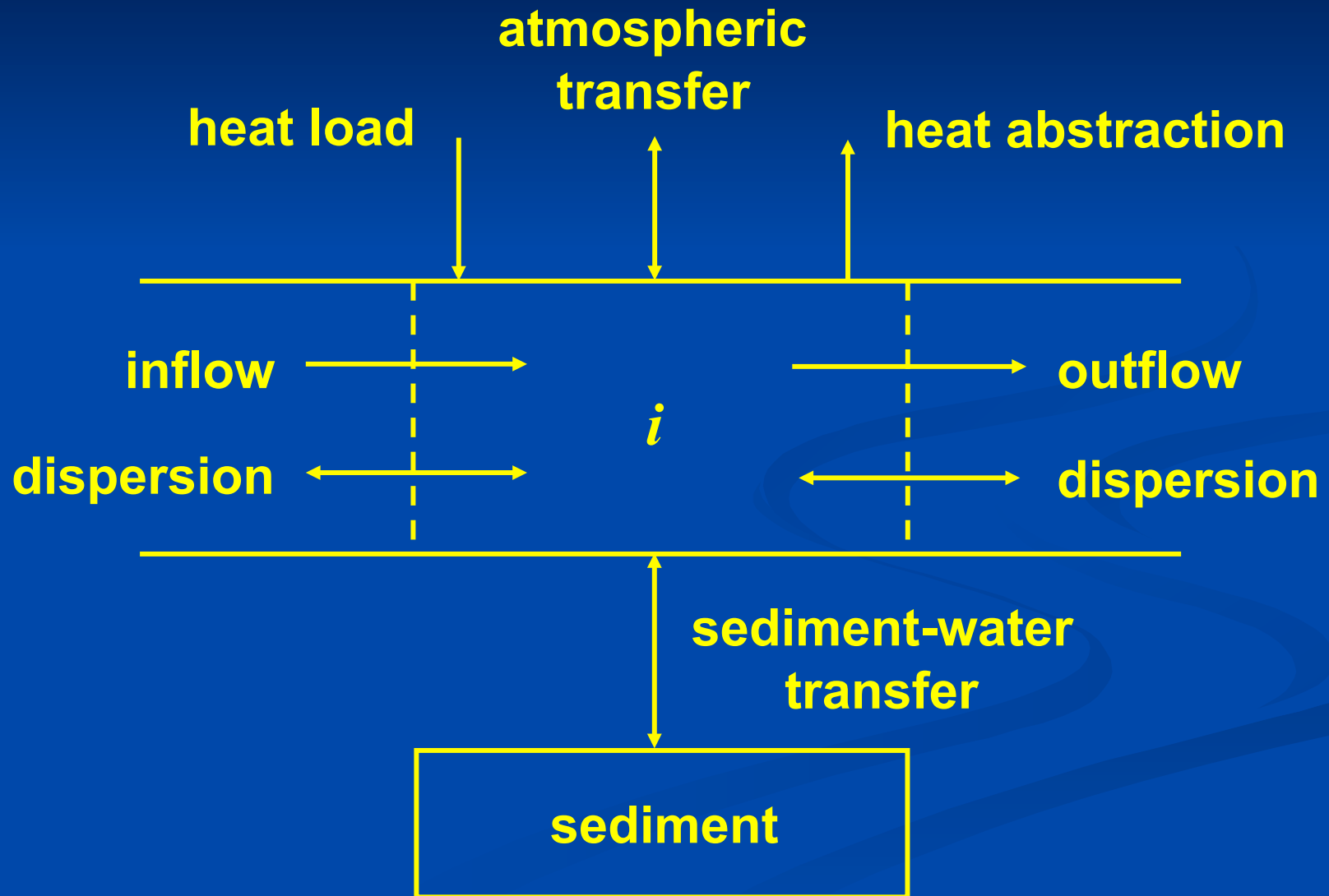
$$U^* = \sqrt{gHS}$$

# ***QUAL2K WORKSHOP: TEMPERATURE MODELING***

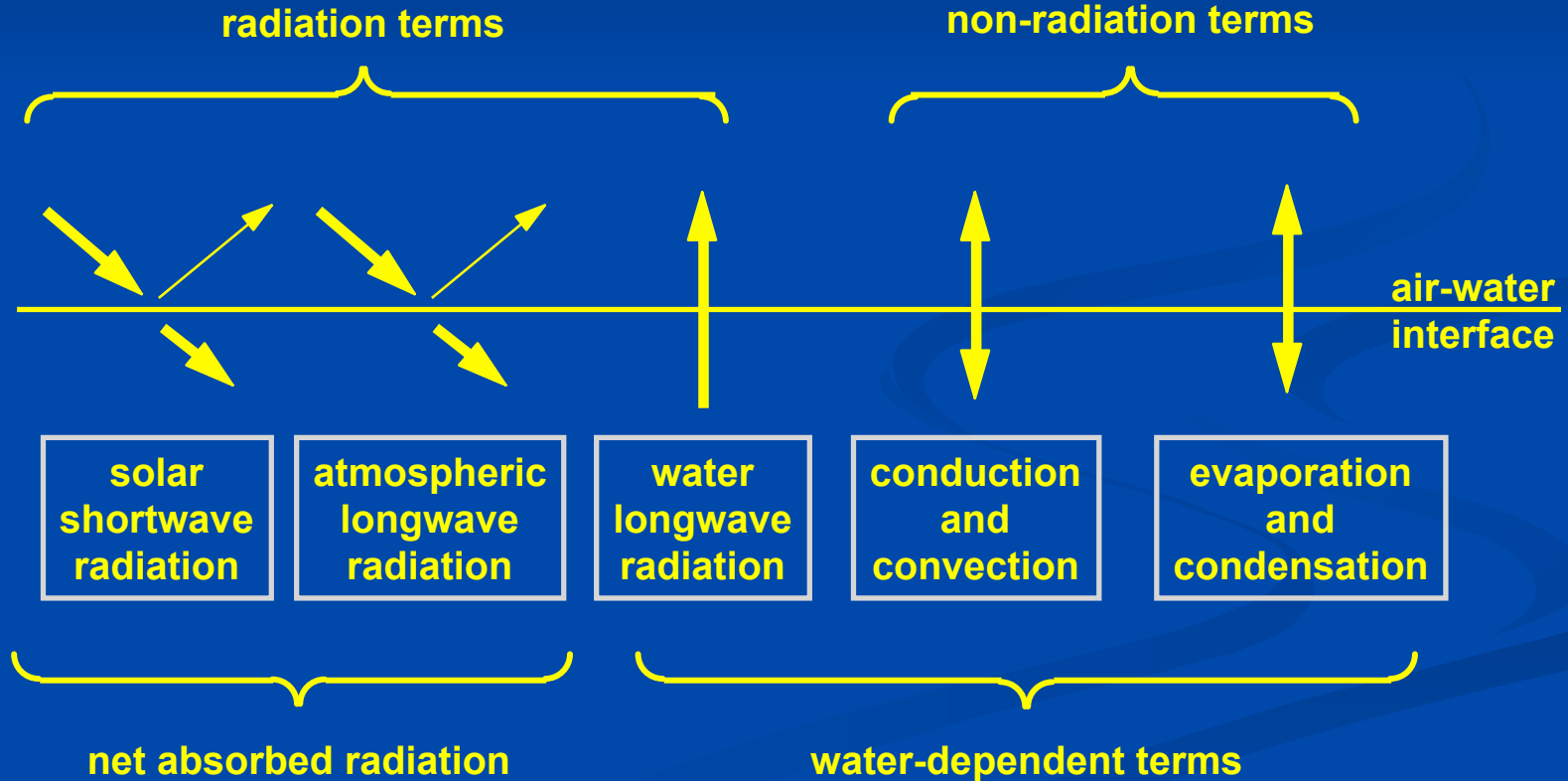
- ☀ Heat Balance***
- ☀ Surface Heat Flux***
- ☀ Meteorological Data***
- ☀ Air-Water Converter***
- ☀ Sediment Heat Flux***



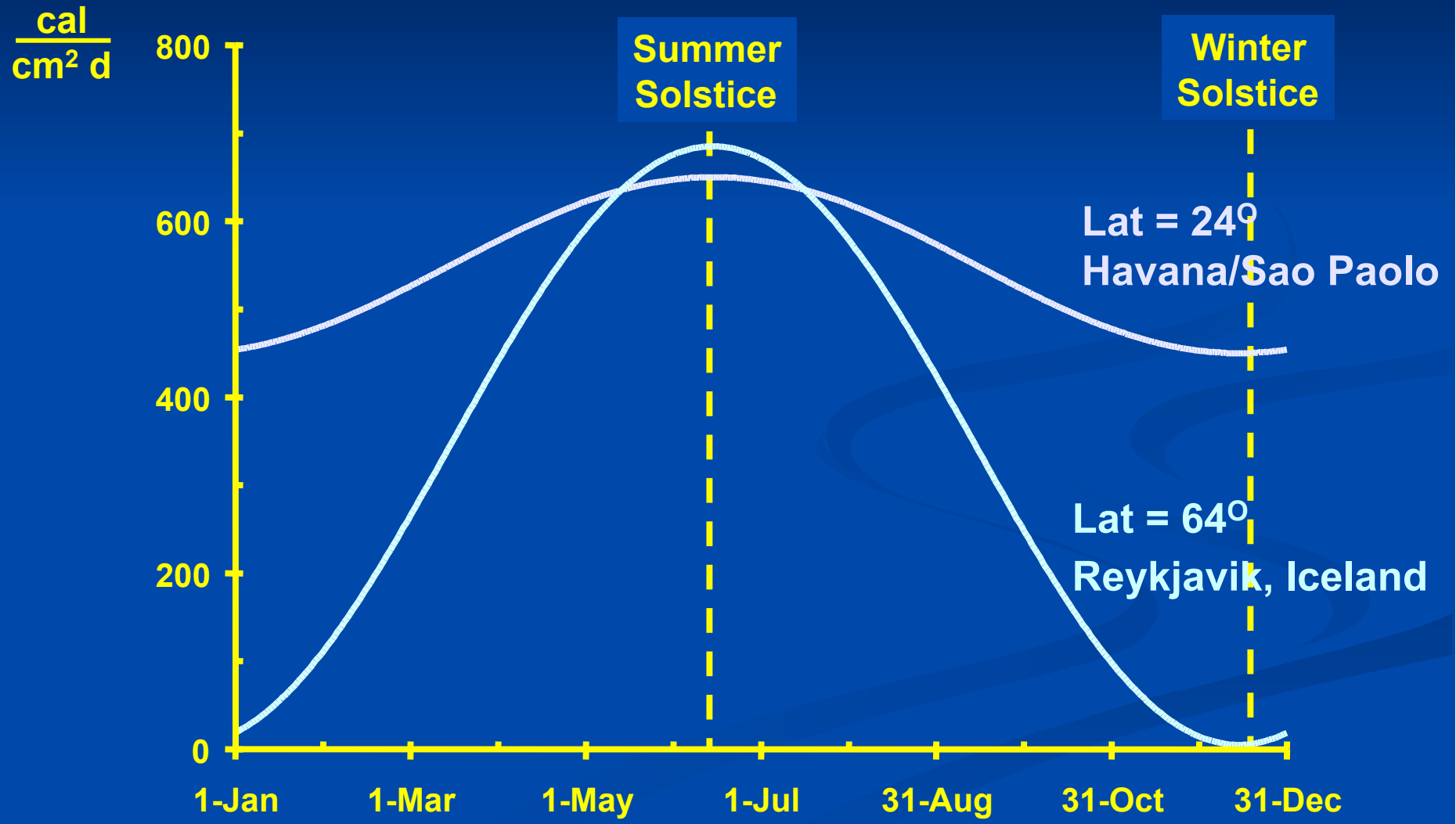
# Q2K



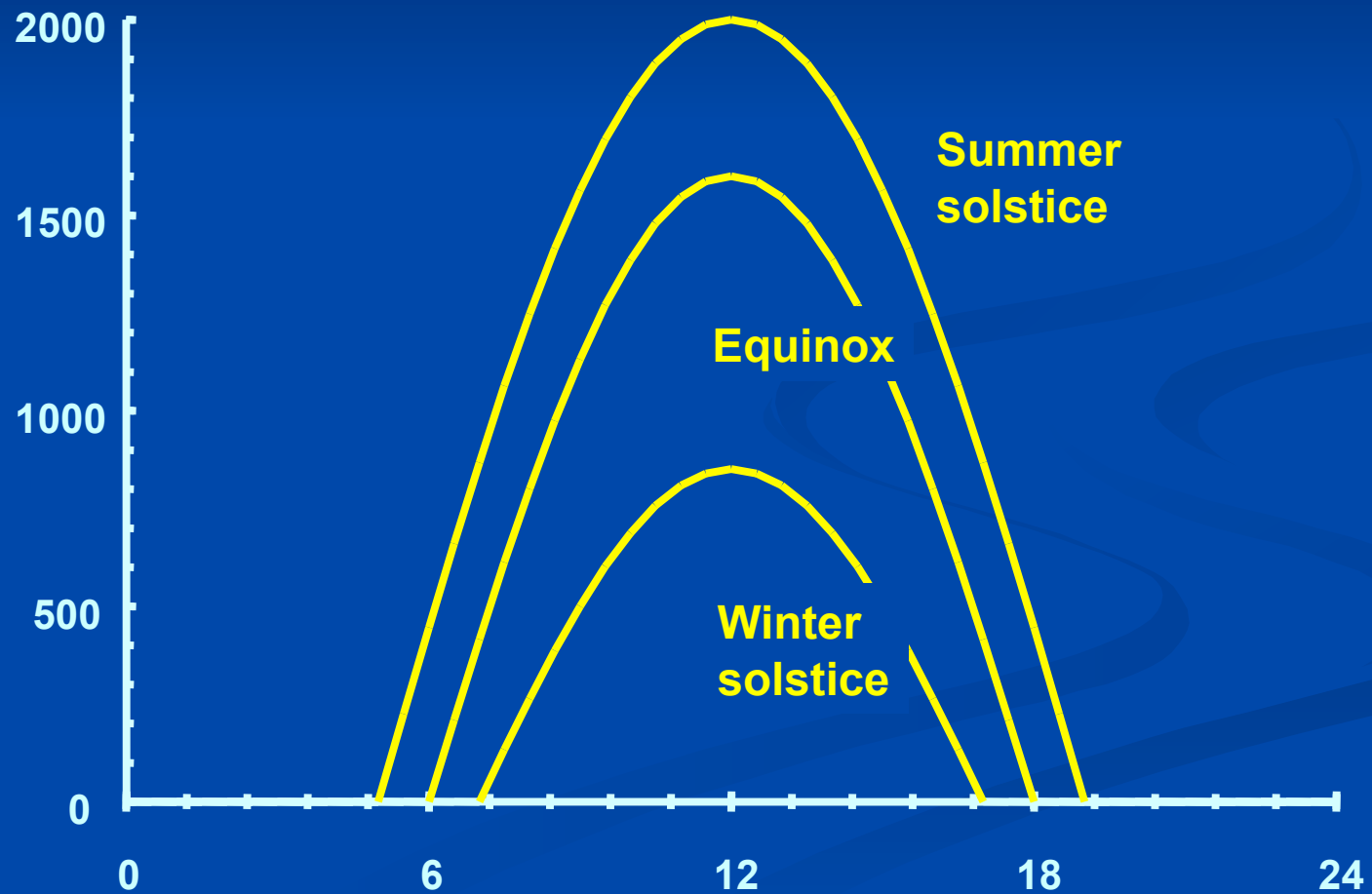
# ***SURFACE HEAT BALANCE***



# ANNUAL SOLAR RADIATION



# DAILY SOLAR RADIATION



# WHAT YOU NEED???

## (METEOROLOGICAL DATA)

**Air  
Temperature**

**Dew Point  
Temperature**

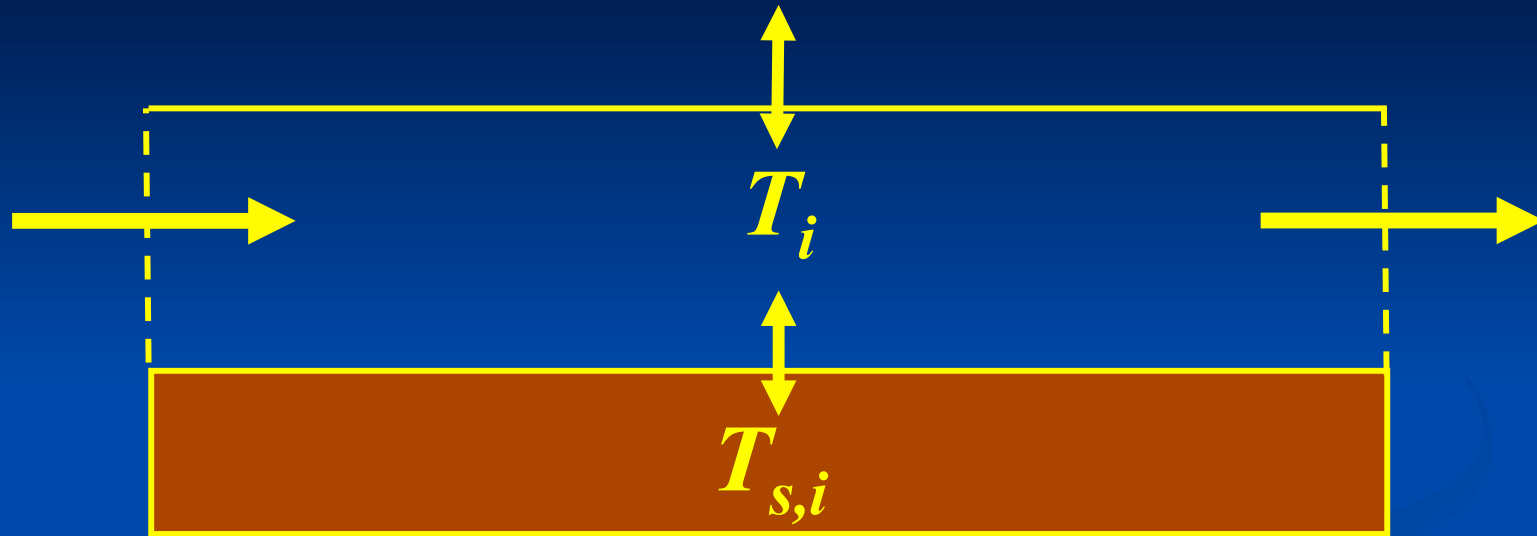
$$J = J_{sn} + \sigma(T_{air} + 273.15)^4 \left( A + 0.031 \sqrt{e_{air}} \right) (1 - R_L)$$

$$- \epsilon \sigma (T_s + 273.15)^4 - c_1 f(U_w)(T_s - T_{air}) - f(U_w)(e_s - e_{air})$$

**Solar  
(Cloud Cover)**

**Wind  
Speed**

# SEDIMENT HEAT BUDGET



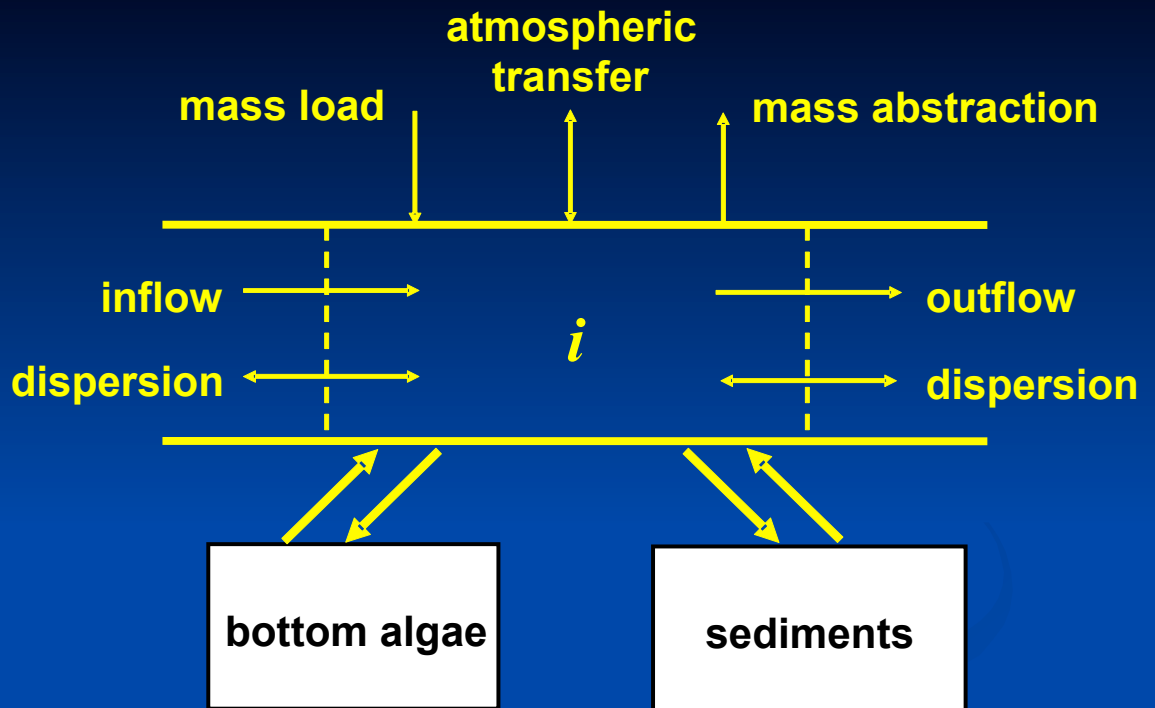
$$\frac{dT_{s,i}}{dt} = \frac{J_{s,i}}{\rho C_p H_{si}}$$

$$J_{s,i} = \frac{\alpha_s}{H_s} (T_i - T_{si})$$

# Q2K WATER QUALITY

Variable	Symbol	Units*
Conductivity	$s$	$\mu\text{mhos}$
Inorganic suspended solids	$m_i$	$\text{mgD/L}$
Dissolved oxygen	$o$	$\text{mgO}_2/\text{L}$
Slowly reacting CBOD	$c_s$	$\text{mgO}_2/\text{L}$
Fast reacting CBOD	$c_f$	$\text{mgO}_2/\text{L}$
Organic nitrogen	$n_o$	$\mu\text{gN/L}$
Ammonia nitrogen	$n_a$	$\mu\text{gN/L}$
Nitrate nitrogen	$n_n$	$\mu\text{gN/L}$
Organic phosphorus	$p_o$	$\mu\text{gP/L}$
Inorganic phosphorus	$p_i$	$\mu\text{gP/L}$
Phytoplankton	$a_p$	$\mu\text{gA/L}$
Phytoplankton nitrogen	$IN_p$	$\mu\text{gN/L}$
Phytoplankton phosphorus	$IP_p$	$\mu\text{gP/L}$
Detritus	$m_o$	$\text{mgD/L}$
Pathogen	$X$	$\text{cfu}/100 \text{ mL}$
Alkalinity	$Alk$	$\text{mgCaCO}_3/\text{L}$
Total inorganic carbon	$c_T$	$\text{mole/L}$
Bottom algae biomass	$a_b$	$\text{mgA}/\text{m}^2$
Bottom algae nitrogen	$IN_b$	$\text{mgN}/\text{m}^2$
Bottom algae phosphorus	$IP_b$	$\text{mgP}/\text{m}^2$
Constituent i		
Constituent ii		
Constituent iii		

# MASS BALANCE



$$\frac{dc_i}{dt} = \frac{Q_{i-1}}{V_i} c_{i-1} - \frac{Q_i}{V_i} c_i - \frac{Q_{ab,i}}{V_i} c_i$$

$$+ \frac{E_{i-1}}{V_i} (c_{i-1} - c_i) + \frac{E_i}{V_i} (c_{i+1} - c_i) + \frac{W_i}{V_i} + S_i$$

$$\frac{da_{b,i}}{dt} = S_{b,i}$$



# PHYTOPLANKTON AND DETRITUS STOICHIOMETRY: The “Redfield Ratio”

D : C : N : P : A

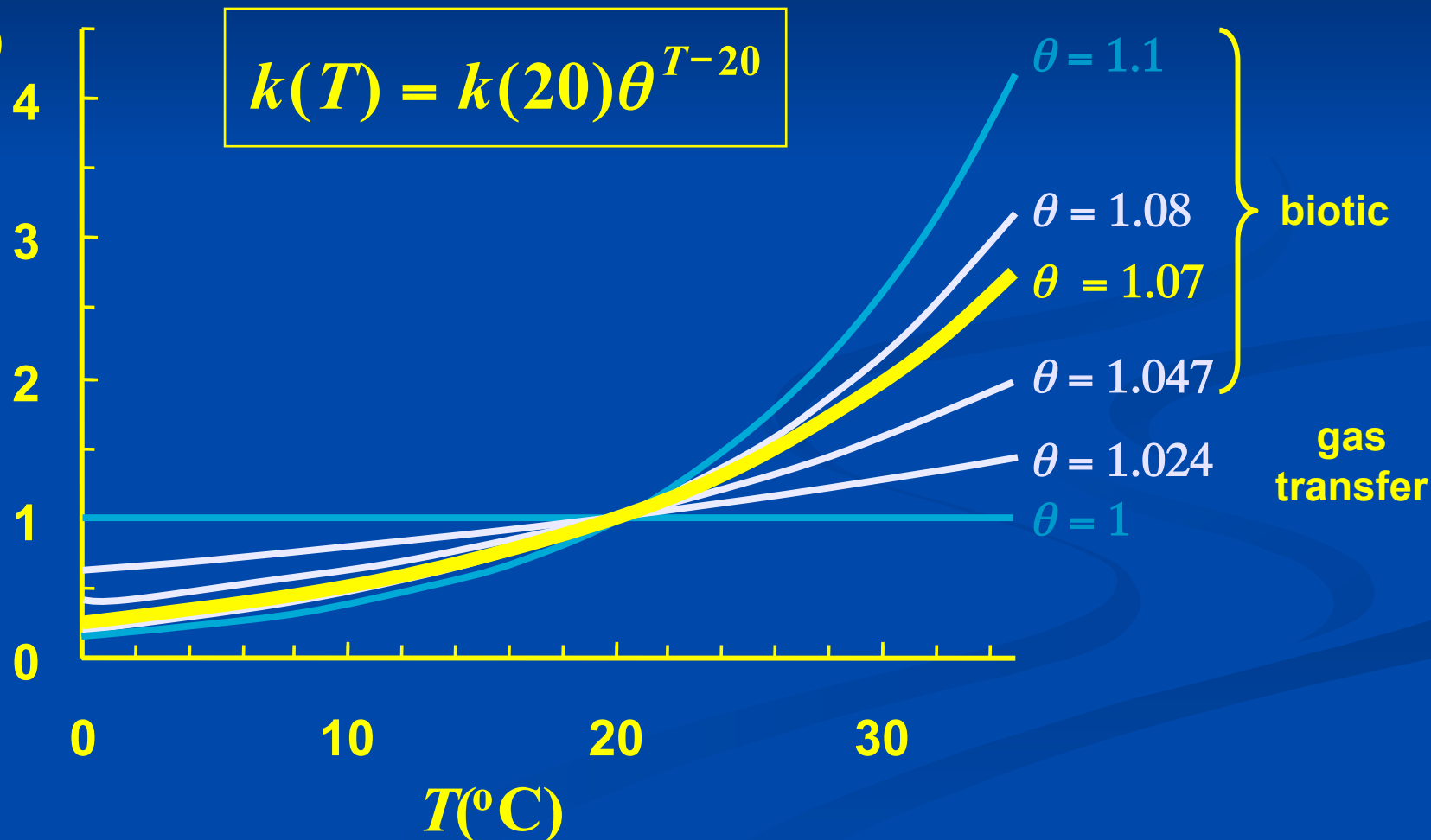
100% : 40% : 7.2% : 1% : 0.5-2.0%

	A	B	C	D
1	<b>QUAL2K</b>			
2	<b>Stream Water Quality Model</b>			
3	<b>Streeter River (8/15/2002)</b>			
4	<b>Water Column Rates</b>			
5				
6				
7	<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
8	<i>Stoichiometry:</i>			
9	<b>Carbon</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>mgC</b>	
10	<b>Nitrogen</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>mgN</b>	
11	<b>Phosphorus</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>mgP</b>	
12	<b>Dry weight</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>mgD</b>	
13	<b>Chlorophyll</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>mgA</b>	

# TEMPERATURE EFFECT ON THE REACTION RATE

$$\frac{k(T)}{k(20)}$$

$$k(T) = k(20)\theta^{T-20}$$

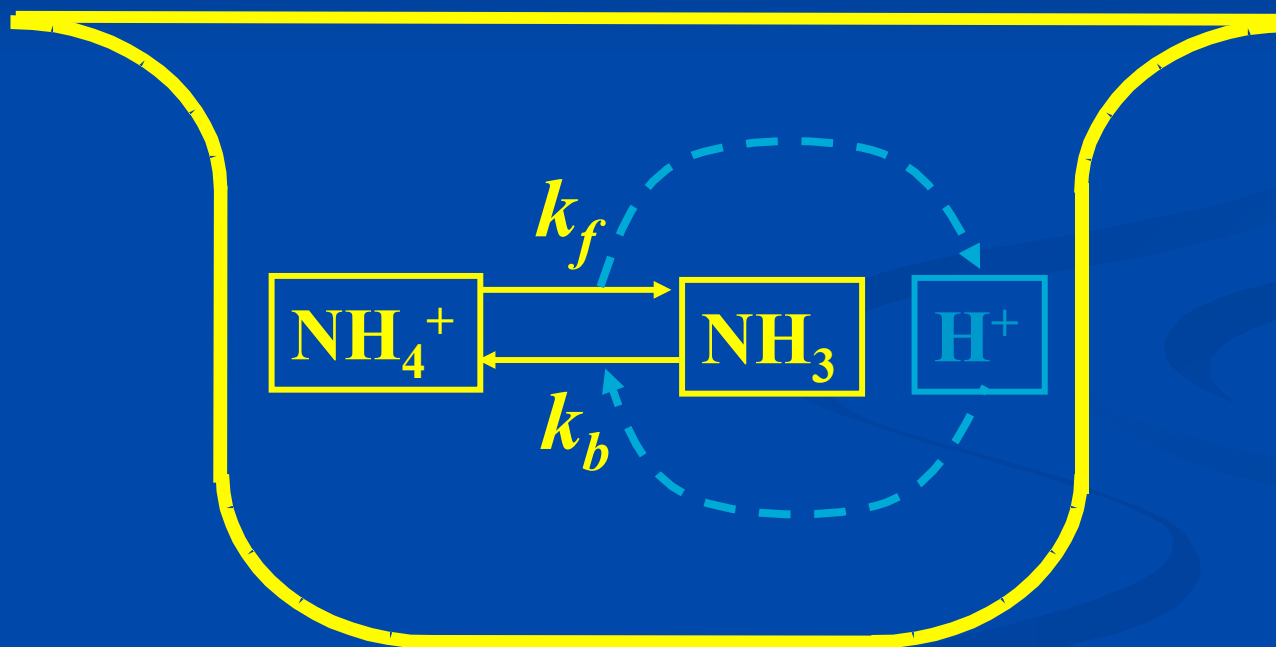
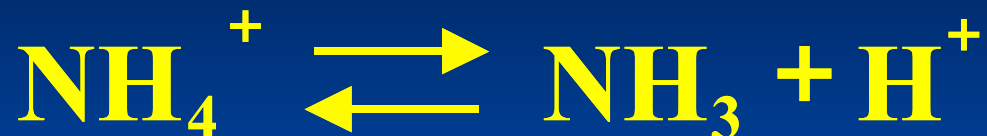


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## **CHEMISTRY AND pH MODELING**

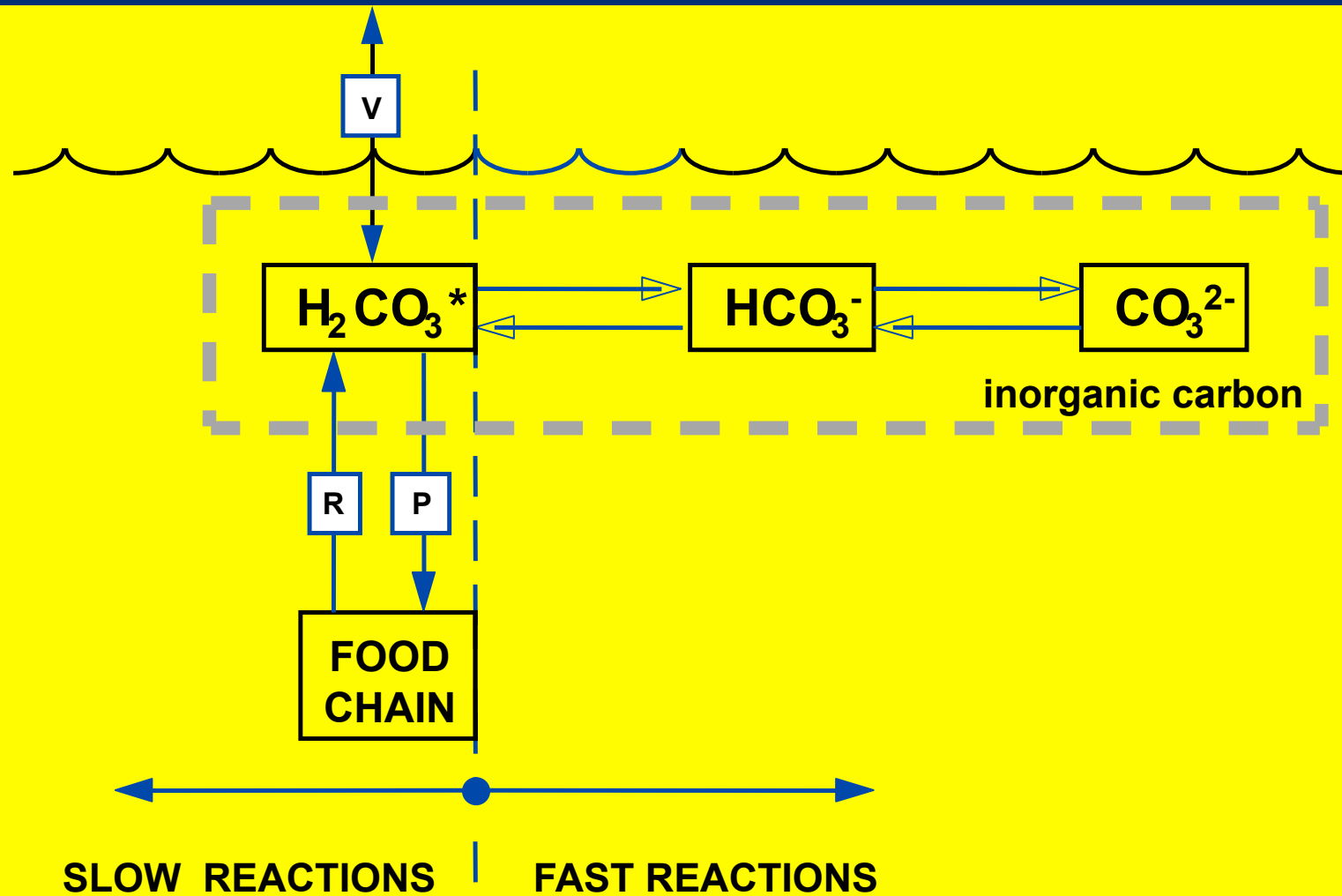
- ✱ *Mass Balance versus  
Chemical Equilibria Models*
- ✱ *Chemistry 101*
- ✱ *Ammonia-Ammonium Acid Base*
- ✱ *pH Modeling*

# THE CHEMISTRY PERSPECTIVE: AMMONIA ACID-BASE EQUILIBRIUM



$$k_f [\text{NH}_4^+] = k_b [\text{NH}_3][\text{H}^+]$$

# pH MODELING



# **Q2K PLANTS**

 ***Phytoplankton***

 ***Stationary or  
Attached Plants***

# Incorporating Limits to Growth

$$\frac{da}{dt} = k_g a$$

$$\text{if } a = a_0 \text{ at } t = 0$$

$$a = a_0 e^{k_g t}$$

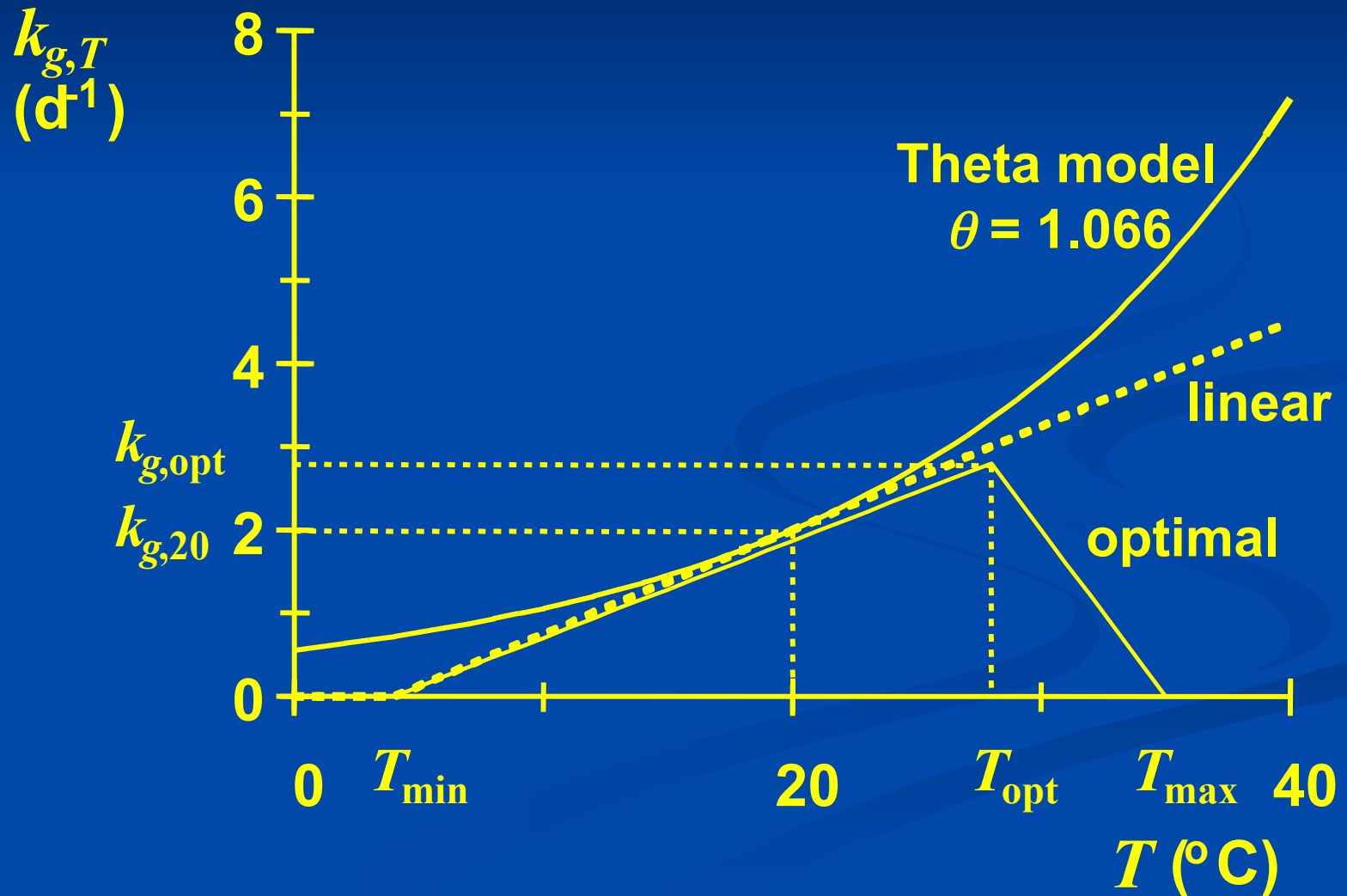
$t, \text{ d}$	0	1	10	100
$a, \text{ mg m}^{-3}$	1	7.8	$4.85 \times 10^8$	$7.2 \times 10^{86}$

$$\frac{da}{dt} = k_g (T, N, I) a - k_d a$$

$$k_g (T, N, I) = k_{g,T} \phi_N \phi_L$$

temperature    nutrients    light

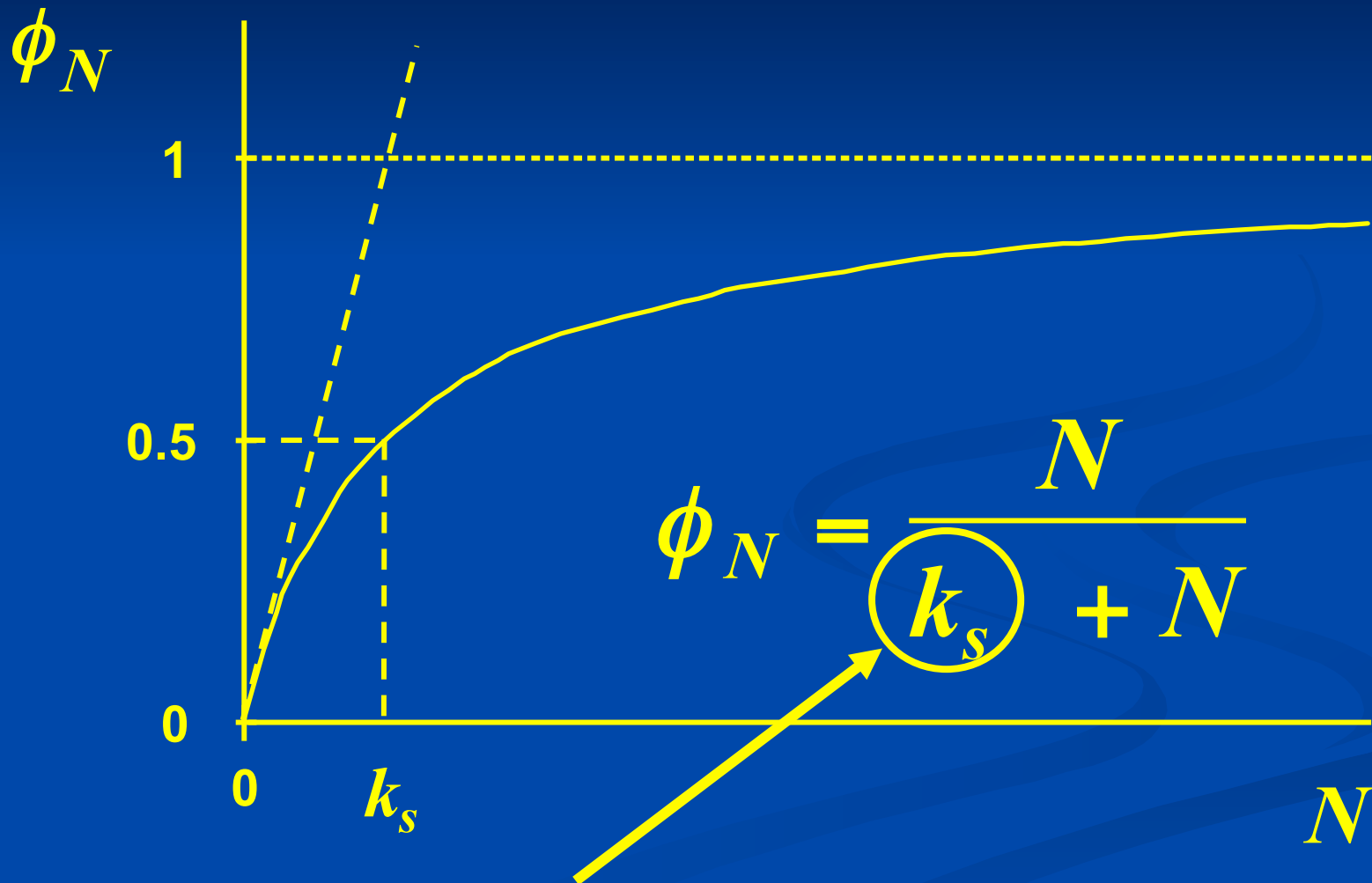
# TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCY





# NUTRIENT LIMITATION

## MICHAELIS-MENTEN KINETICS



**Half-saturation Constant**

# Light Response Models for Plant Growth

## Saturation (Michaelis-Menten) Model:

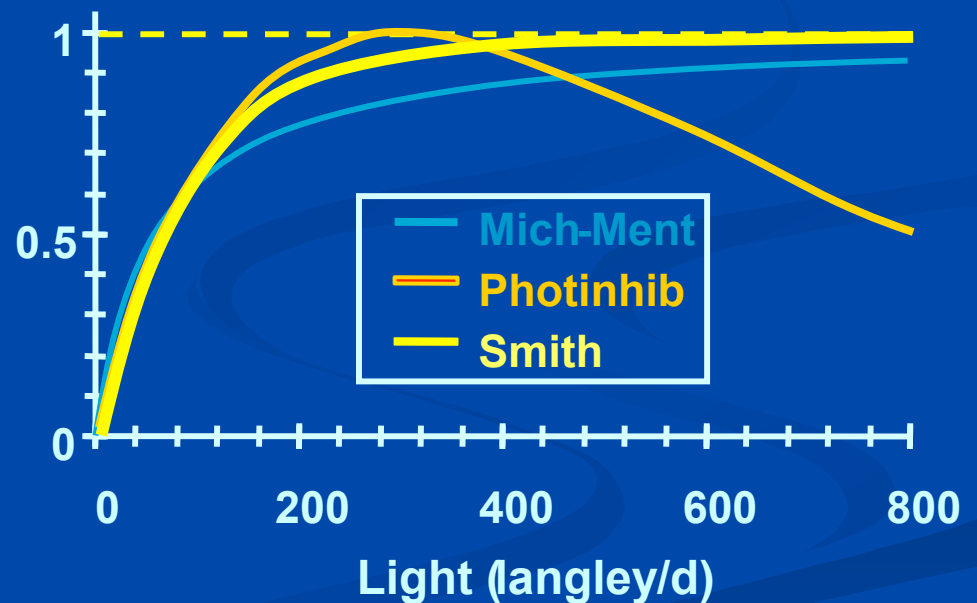
$$\phi_l = \frac{I}{k_{si} + I}$$

## Photoinhibition Model:

$$\phi_l = \frac{I}{I_s} e^{1 - \frac{I}{I_s}}$$

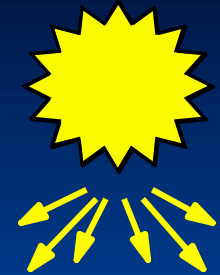
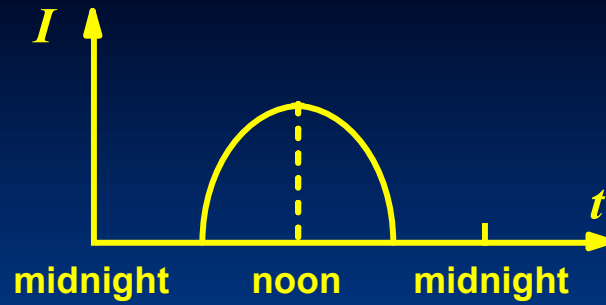
## Smith Model:

$$\phi_l = \frac{I}{\sqrt{I^2 + I_k^2}}$$

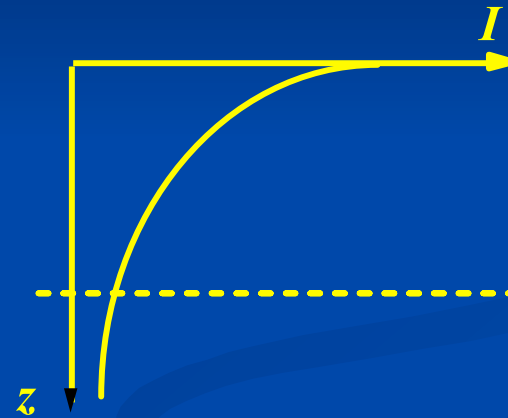


# IMPACT OF LIGHT ON PHOTOSYNTHESIS

(a) Diurnal variation of light



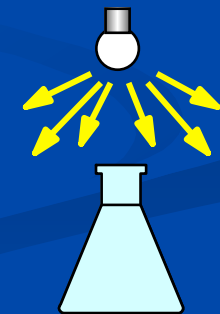
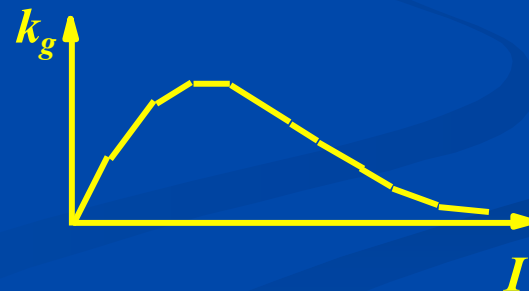
(b) Light attenuation with depth



mixed layer



(c) Dependence of growth rate on light



# ***STATIONARY OR “ATTACHED” PLANTS***

- ☀ ***Overview***
- ☀ ***Simple Periphyton Modeling***
- ☀ ***Macrophytes***

# *Differences between fixed and floating plants*

	Floating	Attached
Transport	Yes	No
Types	Diatoms Greens Blue Greens	Periphyton Filamentous Algae Rooted Macrophytes
Units	mgchl a/m <sup>3</sup>	gD/m <sup>2</sup> or mgA/m <sup>2</sup>
Light	Average Water Column	Bottom Light
Predation	Zooplankton	Insect Larvae, Snails, etc.
Substrate	Not an issue	Rock vs. Mud

# *Functional Groups*

- **Periphyton: algae attached to and living upon submerged solid surfaces**
  - **Diatoms, Greens, Blue Greens**
- **Filamentous Algae**
  - **Cladophora**
- **Macrophytes: Vascular, Rooted Plants**
  - **Myriophyllum, Elodea, Potamogeton**

# PERIPHYTON MODELS

Based on integral light

**Phytoplankton:**

$$\frac{da_p}{dt} = k_g(T) \phi_l \phi_n a_p - k_r a_p - k_d a_p$$

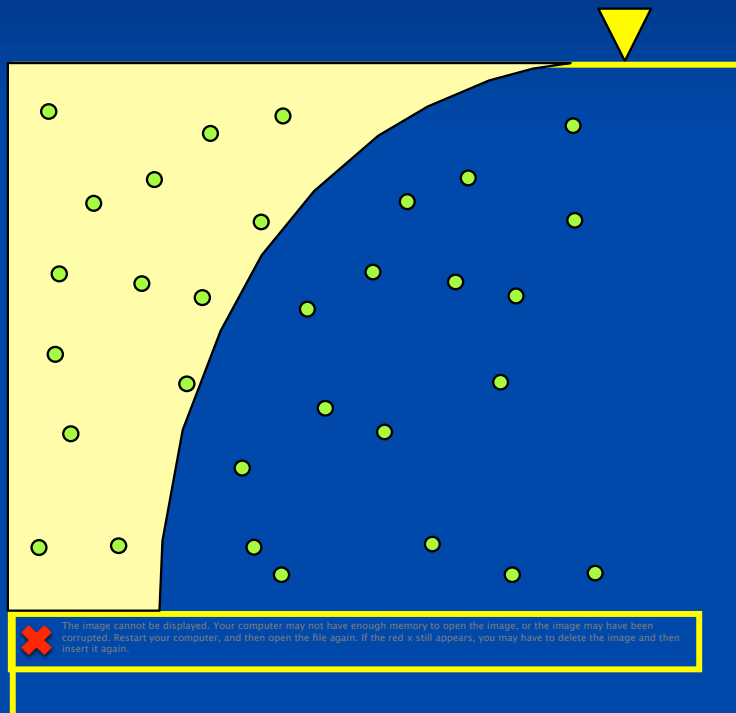
+ *transport - settling*

Based on bottom light

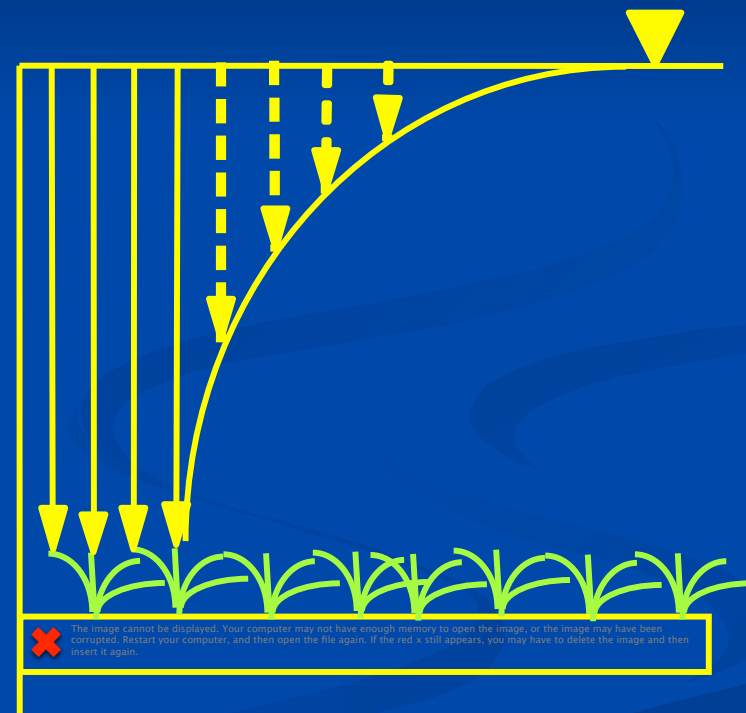
**Periphyton:**

$$\frac{da_f}{dt} = G_{\max}(T) \phi_l \phi_n - k_r a_f - k_d a_f$$

# EFFECT OF LIGHT ON PERIPHYTON



(a) floating plants



(b) periphyton



# **Macrophytes**

- **Vascular, Rooted Plants**
- **Myriophyllum, Elodea, Potamogeton  
(Water milfoil) (Waterweed) (Pondweed  
Oxygen weed)**
- **Lakes/Slow-moving streams/shallow rivers**
- **Can extend up into water column**
- **Can get nutrients from roots**

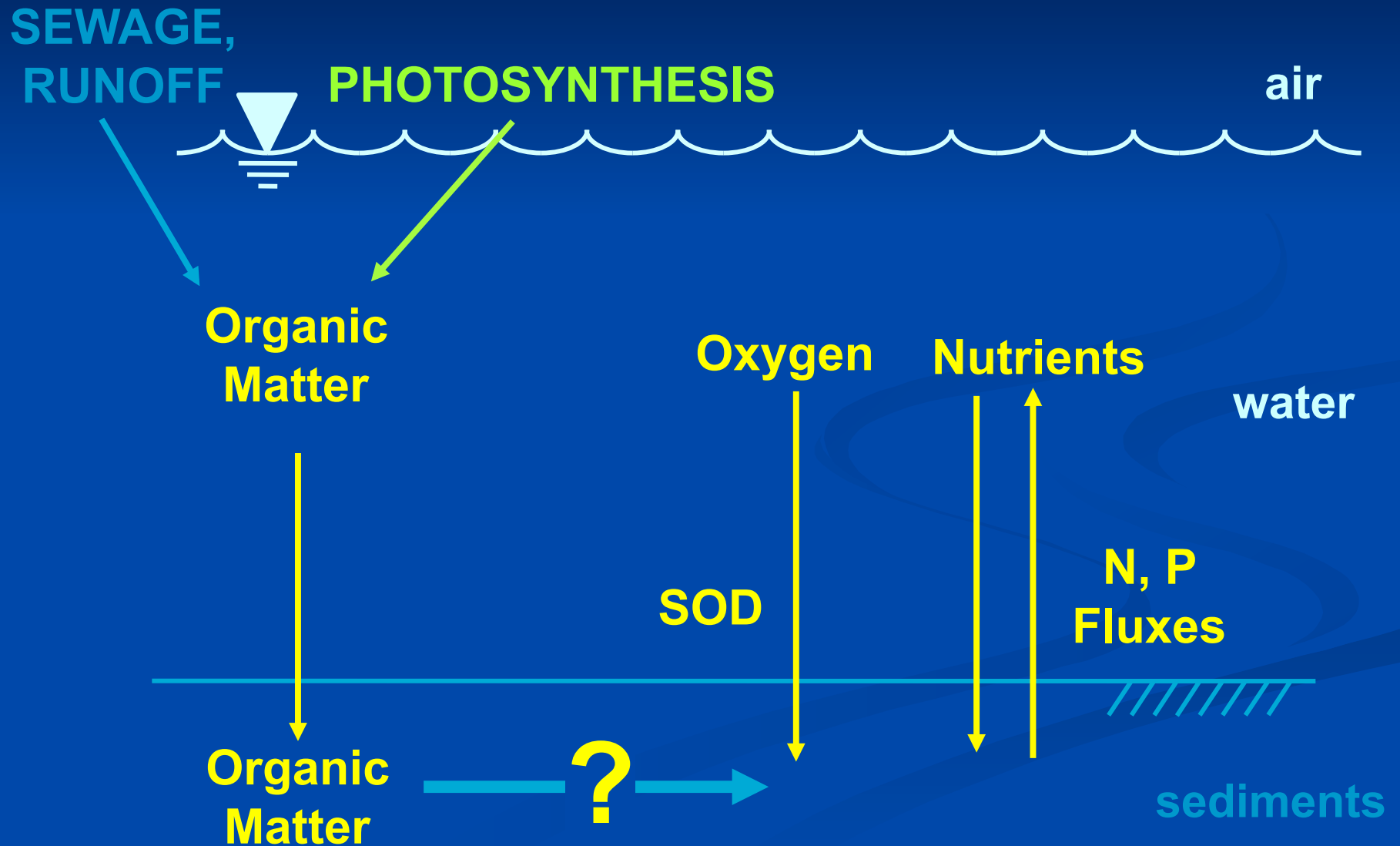
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## ***SEDIMENT/WATER INTERACTIONS***

- ✱ ***Sediment Oxygen Demand***
- ✱ ***Methane Bubble Formation***
- ✱ ***Diffusion/Reaction Competition***
- ✱ ***Numerical Methods***

# SEDIMENT-WATER PROCESSES

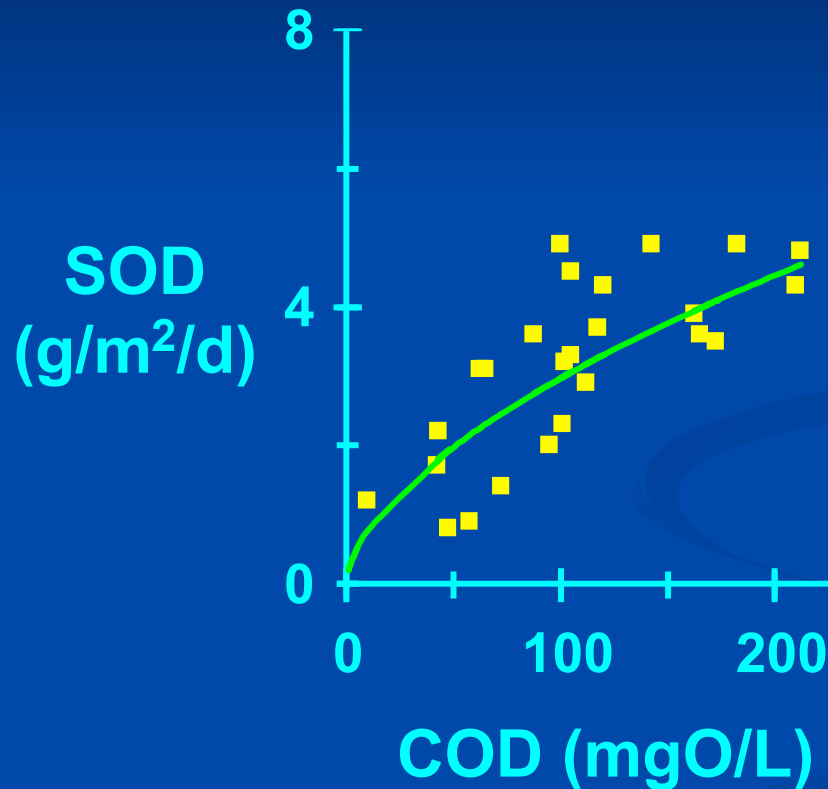
“THE MISSING LINK OF WATER-QUALITY MODELLING”



# TYPICAL SOD VALUES

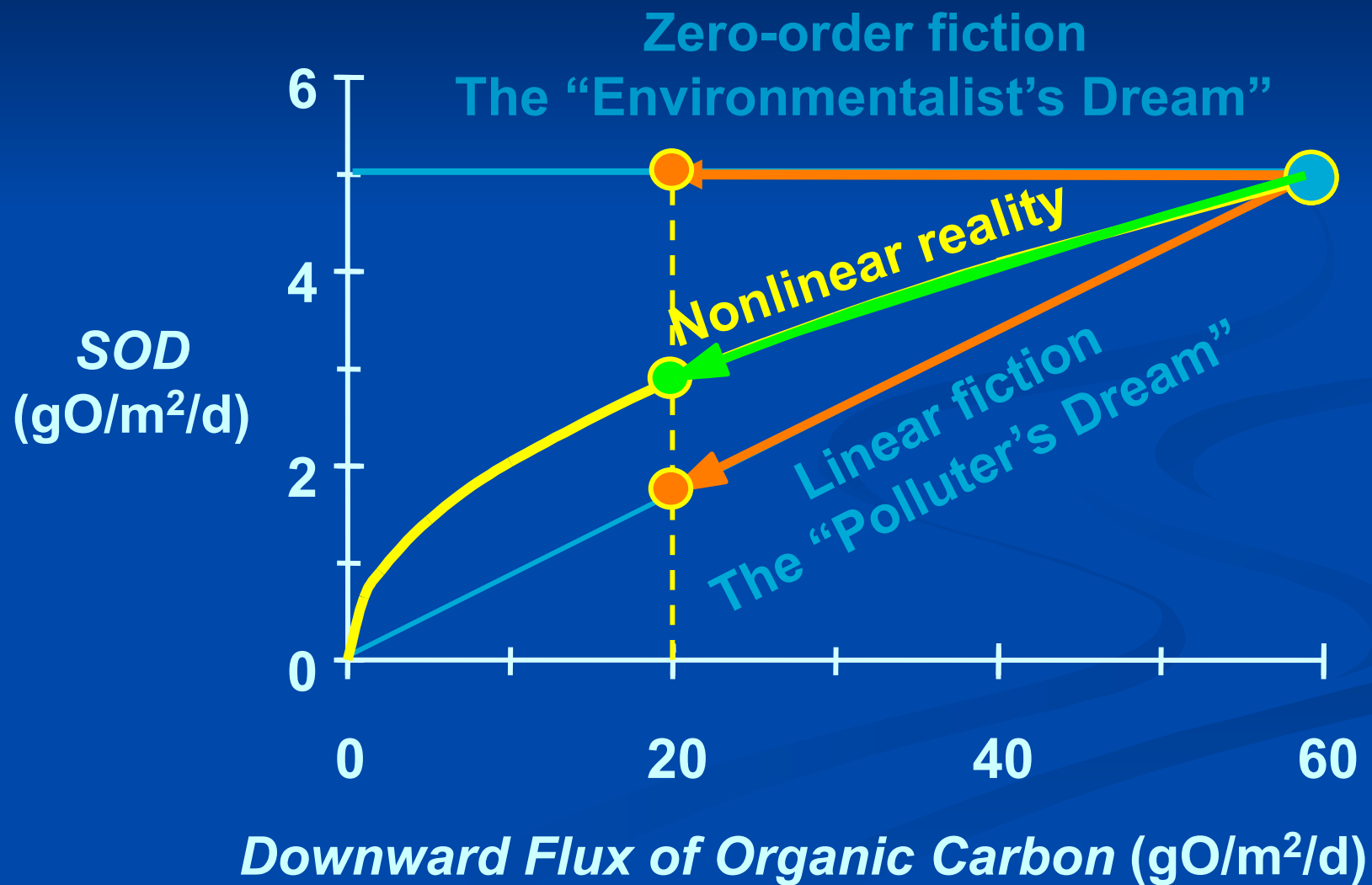
Bottom type and location	$S'_{B,20}$ (g m <sup>-2</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )	
	Average value	Range
<i>Sphaerolitus</i> (10 g dry wt/m <sup>2</sup> )	7	-
Zebra Mussels (6000 individuals/m <sup>2</sup> )	5	-
Municipal sewage sludge		
outfall vicinity	4	2-10
downstream of outfall, "aged"	1.5	1-2
Estuarine mud	1.5	1-2
Sandy bottom	0.5	0.2-1
Mineral soils	0.07	0.05-1
Areal hypolimnetic oxygen demand (AHOD) -- lakes		0.06-2

# THE “SQUARE-ROOT” RELATIONSHIP OF SEDIMENT OXYGEN DEMAND AND OVERENRICHMENT



$$SOD = \alpha COD^{0.5}$$

# WHY NONLINEARITIES MATTER



# ***WHERE DOES NONLINEARITY COME FROM?***

- ☀ Loss of carbon as methane gas  
in anaerobic sediments**
- ☀ Competition between reaction  
and diffusion in aerobic  
surface sediment**

# CALIBRATION

- ✱ Seems like a lot of parameters
- ✱ For steady state, really only three
  - ✱ Mass transfer,  $v_{d01}$
  - ✱ Reaction rates,  $k_{n1} + k_{c1}$



# ***New QUAL2KW Versions***

- ✿ **Available from Washington Ecology:**

- ✿ <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/models.html>

- ✿ **Version 5**

- ✿ **Repeating diel simulation**

- ✿ **Updated user manual**

- ✿ **Version 6**

- ✿ **Kinematic wave flow routing**

- ✿ **Fully dynamic for flow and other boundary conditions up to 365 days**

# ***QUAL2K***

**Boulder Creek Example  
available in  
Q2K version 2\_11b8**

Modified for Region 6 Modeling Workshop, November 2013, by Robert Ambrose

# *Boulder Creek Example*

- ✱ *Create a folder: C:/Q2K*
- ✱ *Unzip Q2K\*.zip in this folder*
- ✱ *Files Q2KMaster\*.xls and q2kfortran\*.exe should be in this folder*
- ✱ *Create a folder: C:/Q2K/DataFiles*

# ***Boulder Creek Example***

- ☀ ***Launch*** Q2KMaster.xls
- ☀ ***Change*** Saved File Name  
***to*** Boulder Creek
- ☀ ***Change*** Directory where file stored  
***to*** C:/Q2K/DataFiles
- ☀ ***Click*** Run Fortran ***button***