

Sensibilité de la structure et du fonctionnement du réseau trophique aux fortes variations d'abondances de poissons

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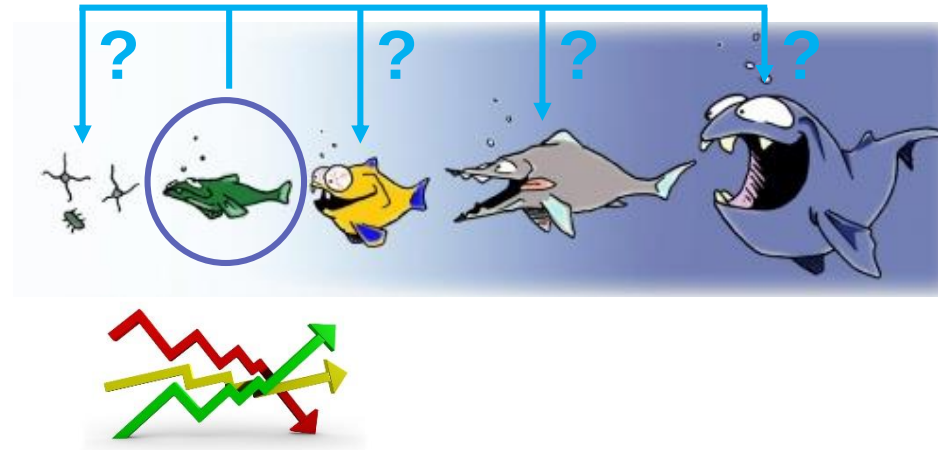
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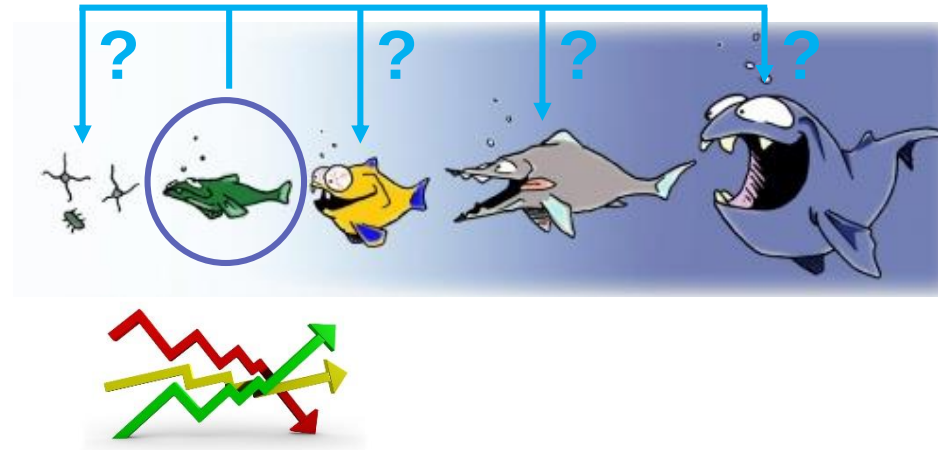
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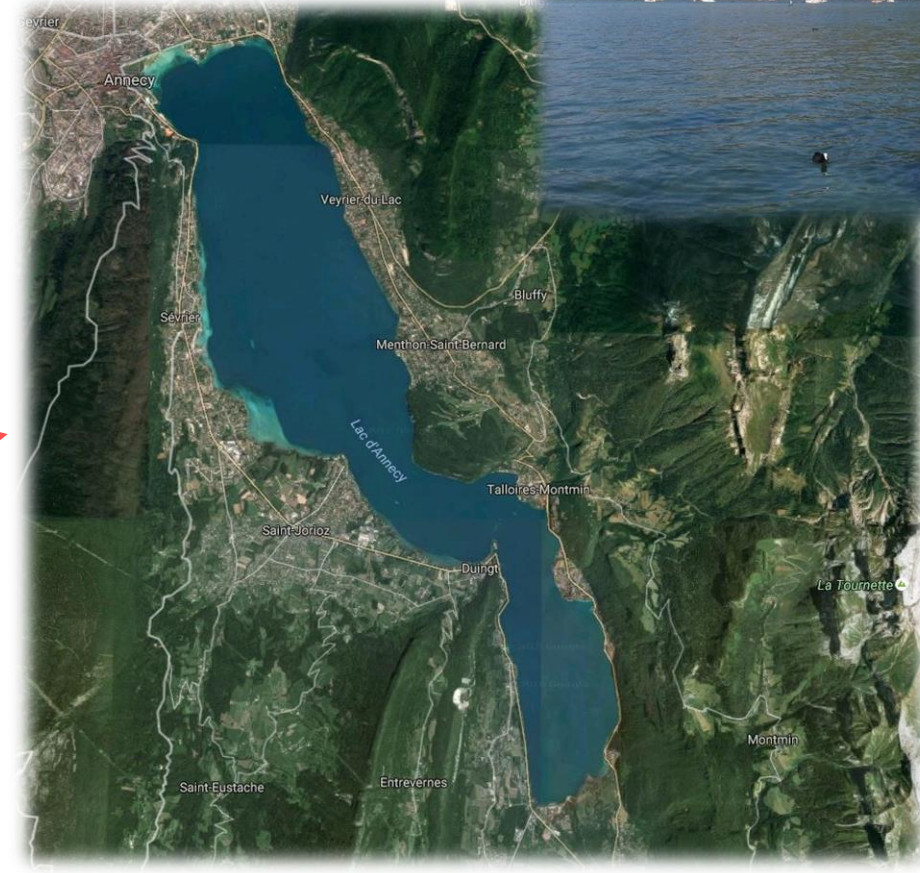
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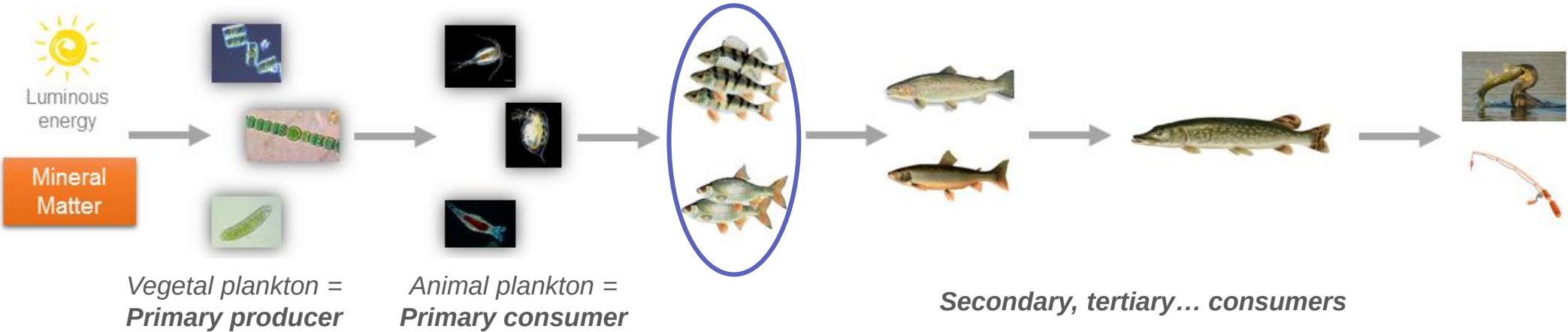


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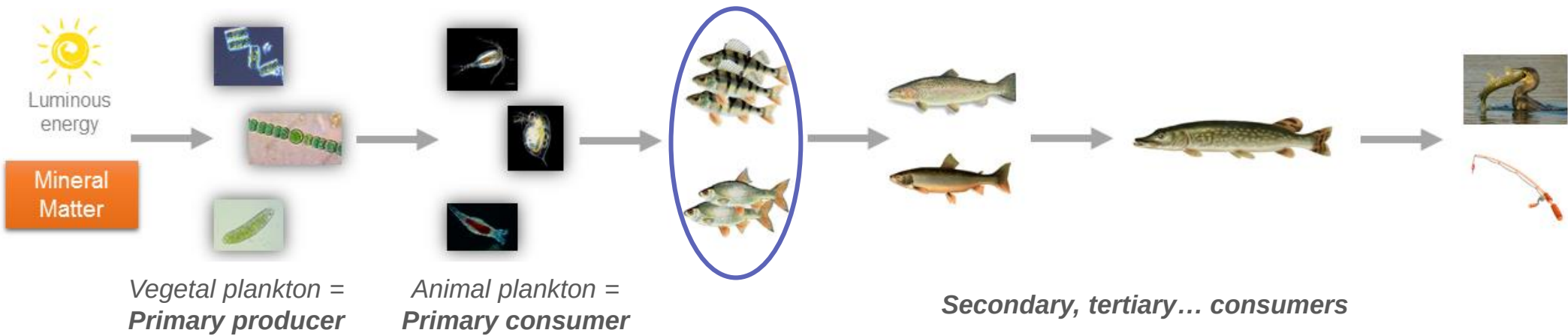
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- ➔ Stable oligotrophic status for decades

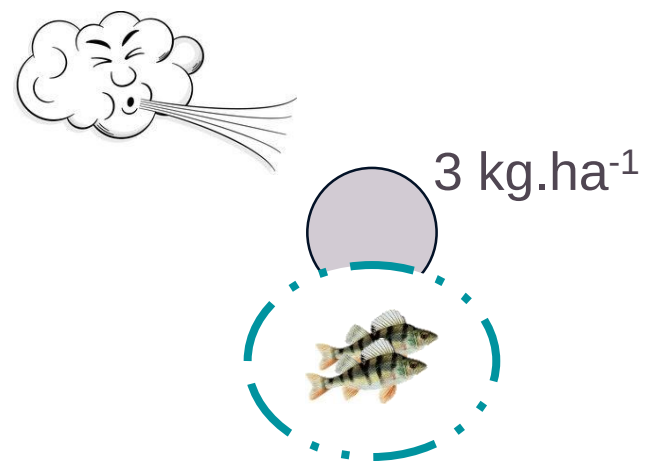
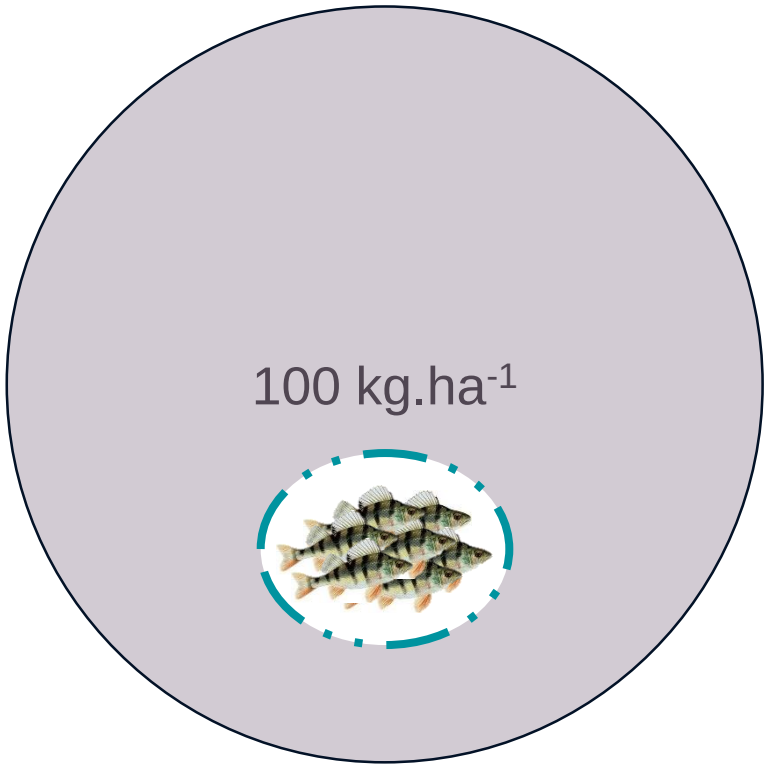




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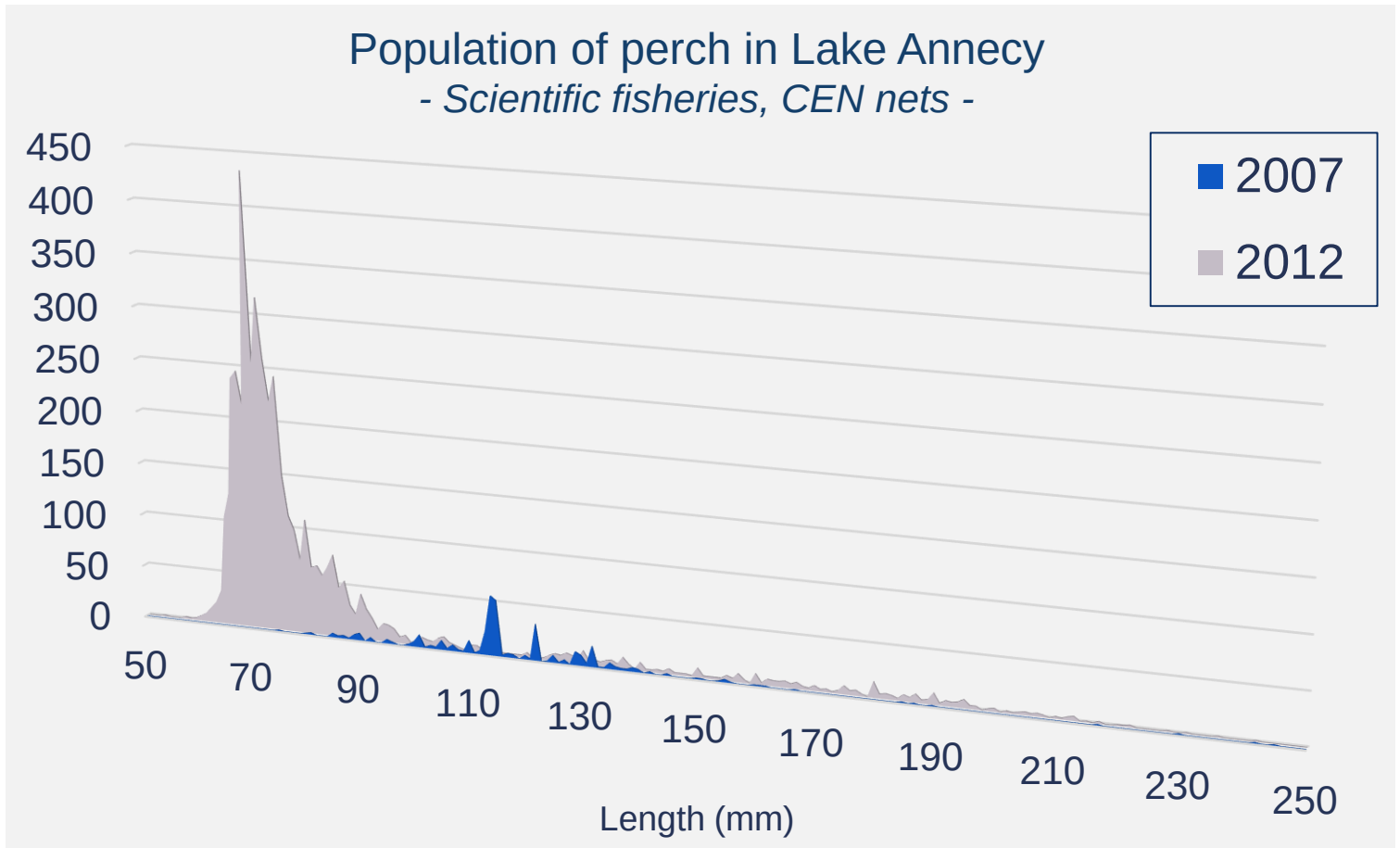


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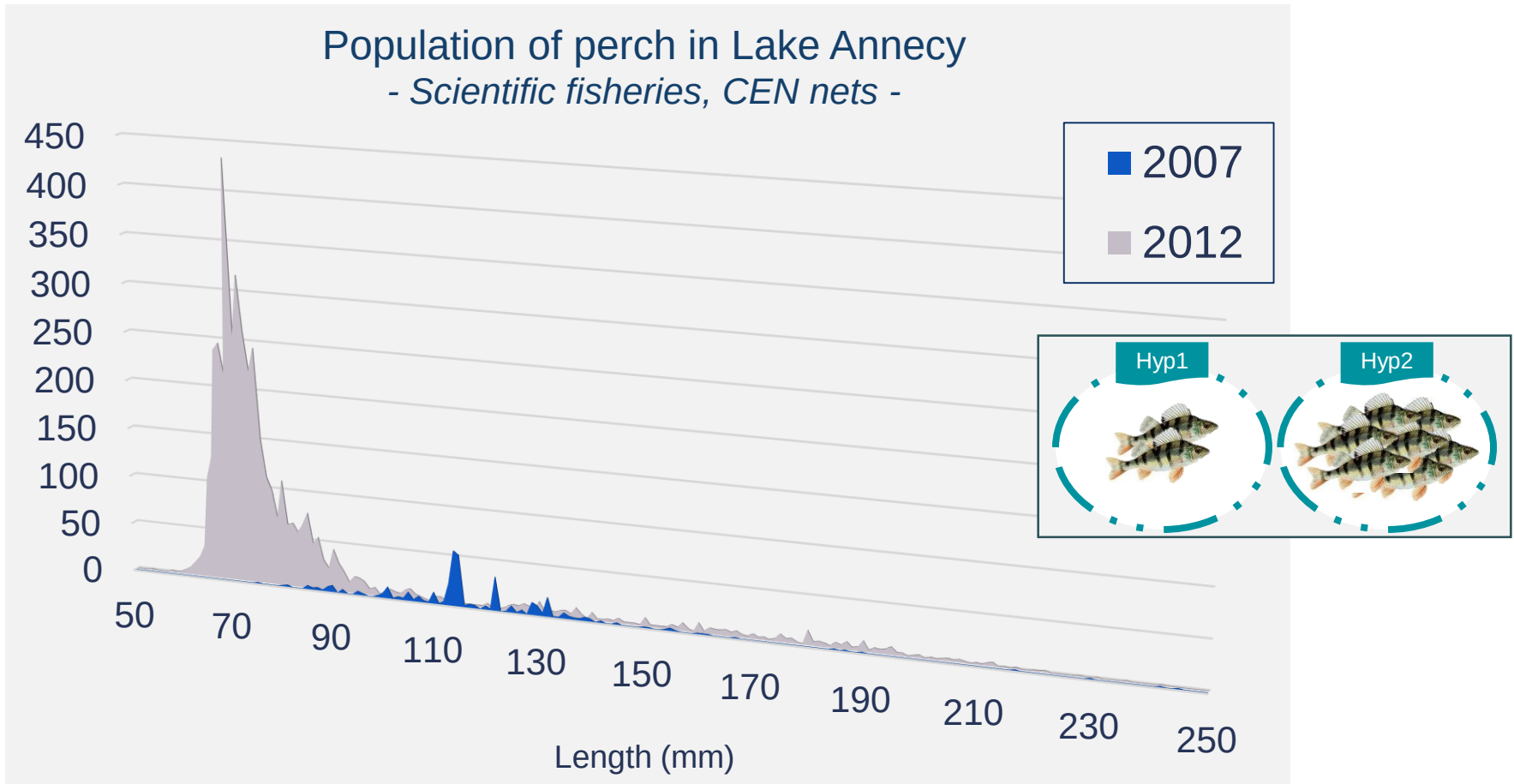
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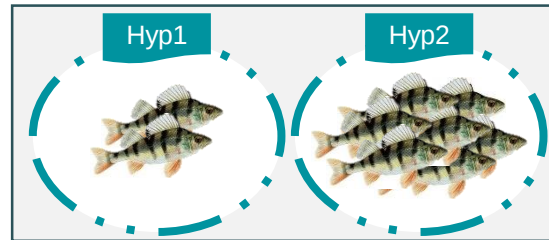
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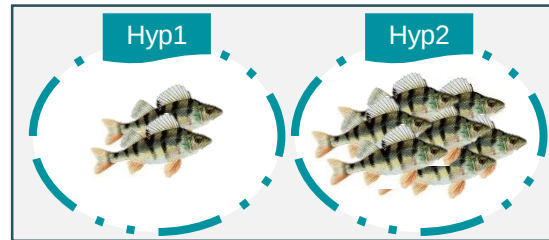


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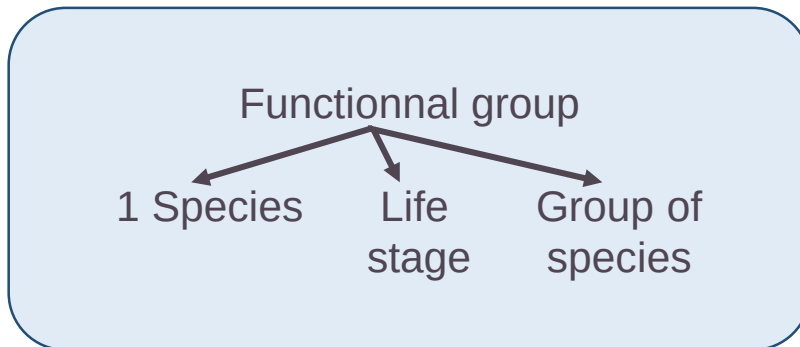
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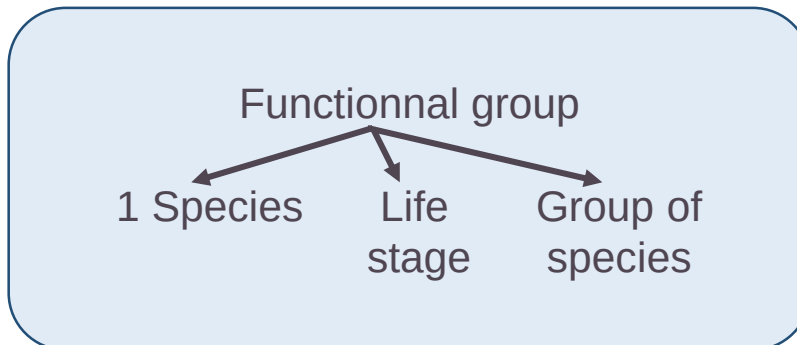




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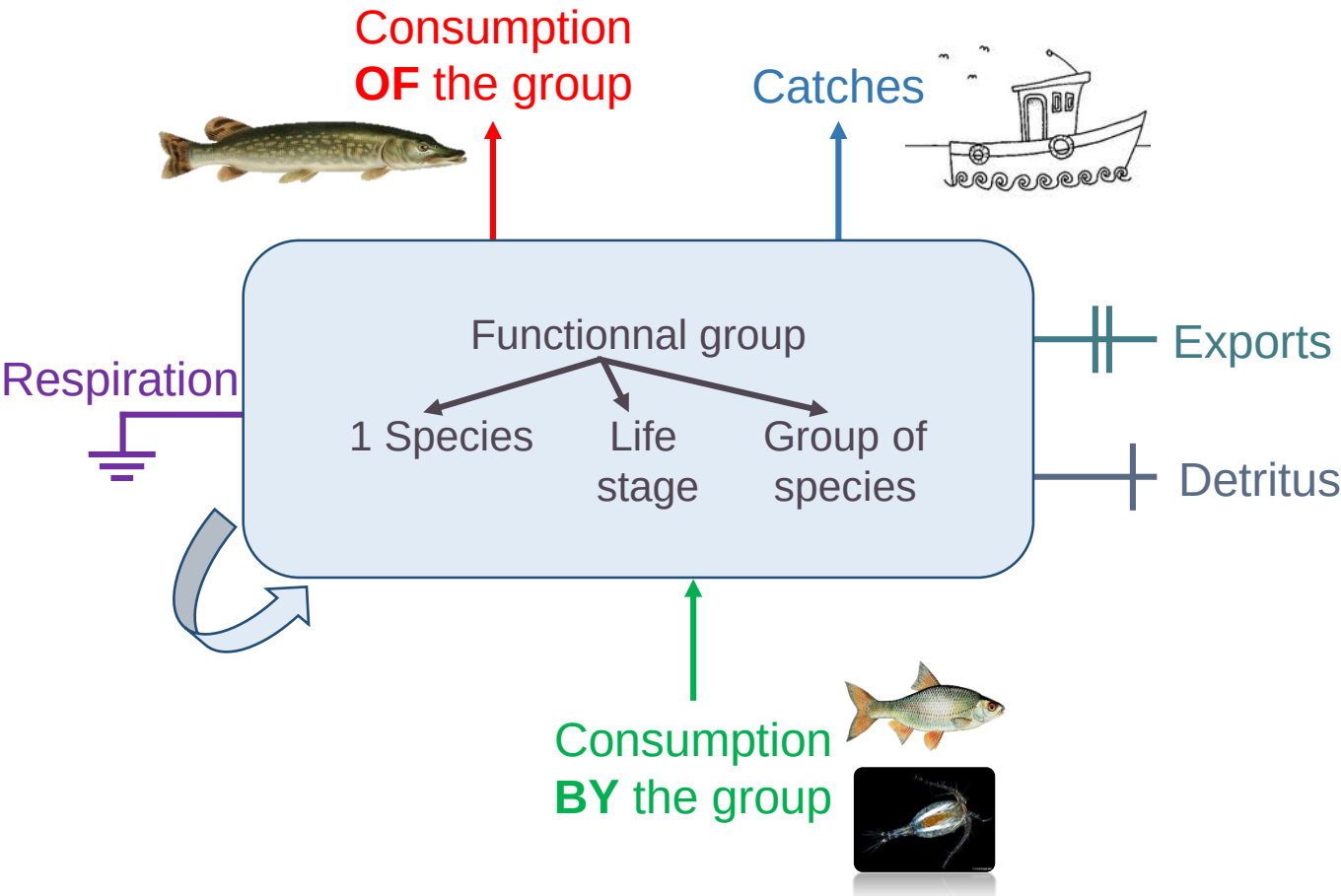
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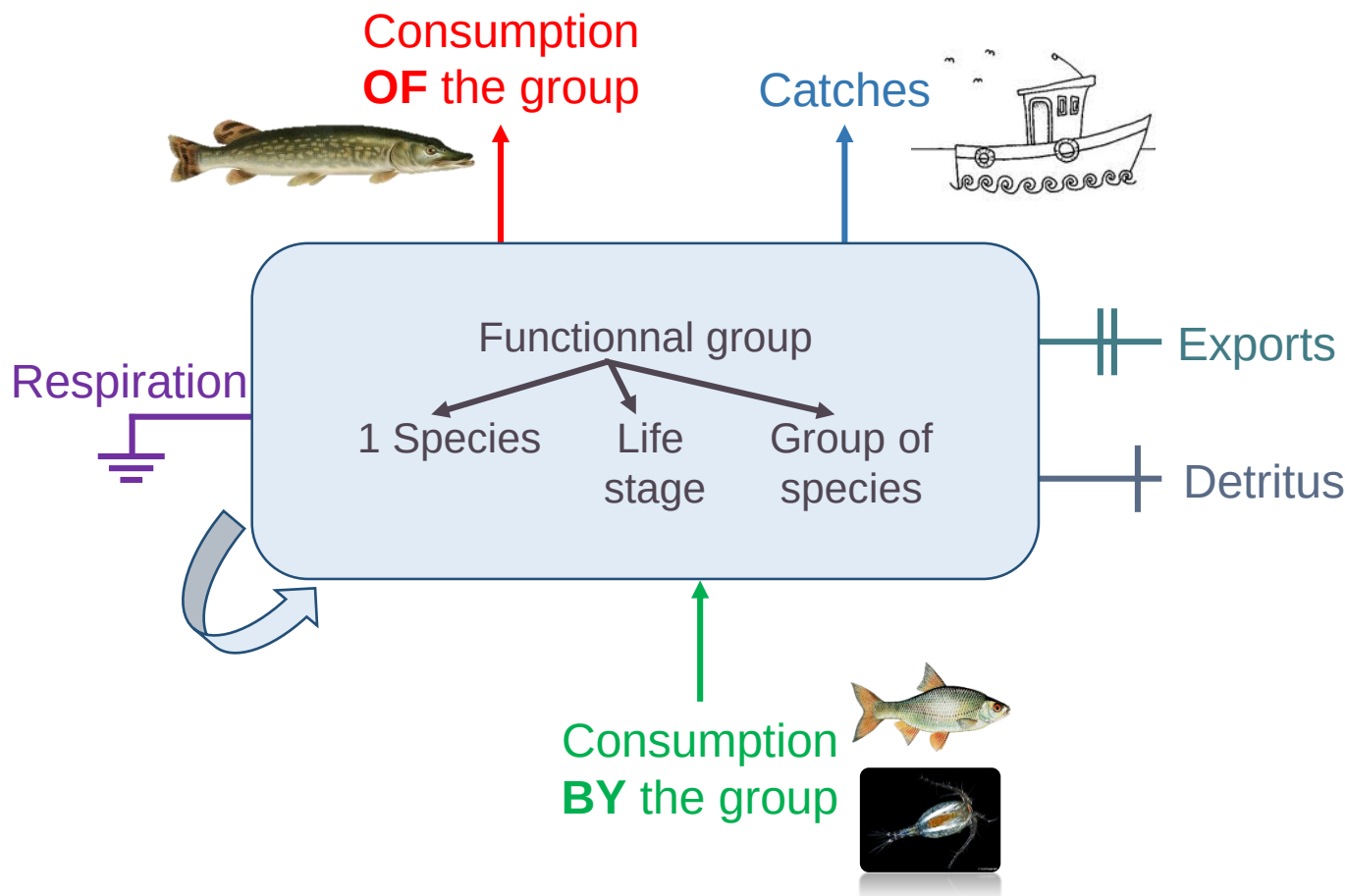
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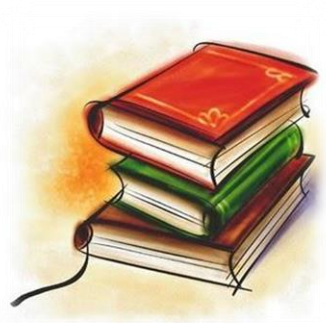
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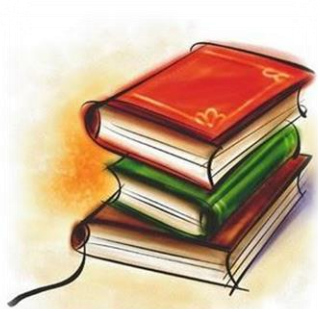


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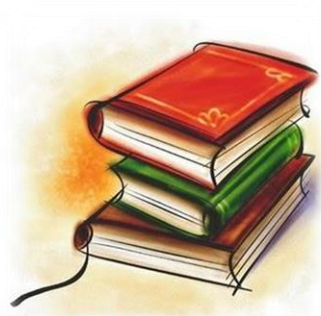
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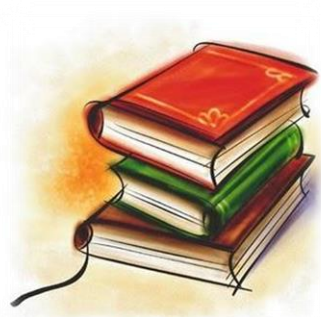
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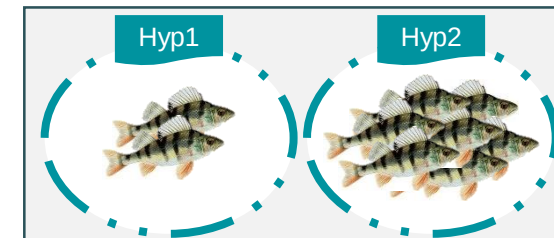
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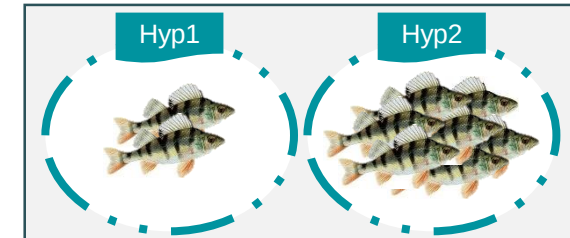
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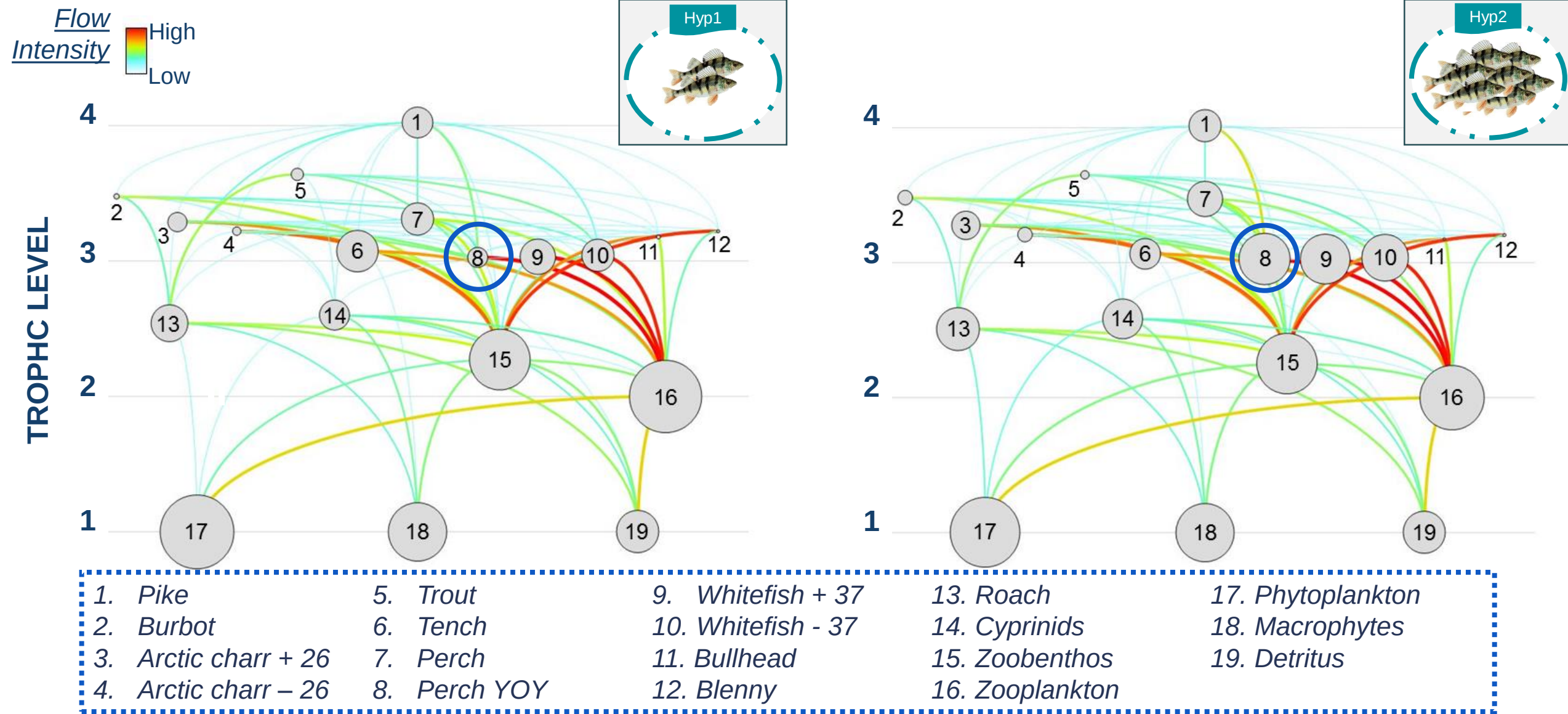


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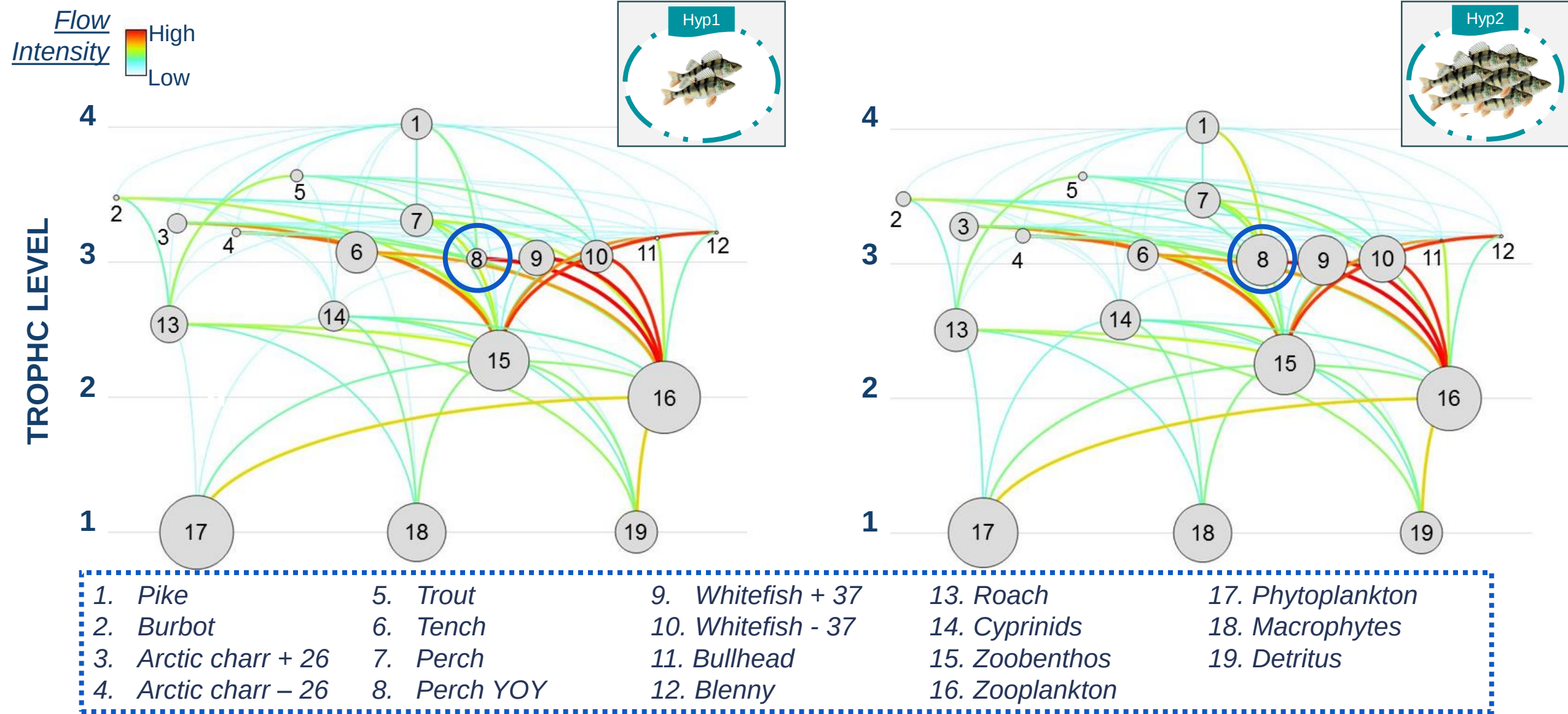
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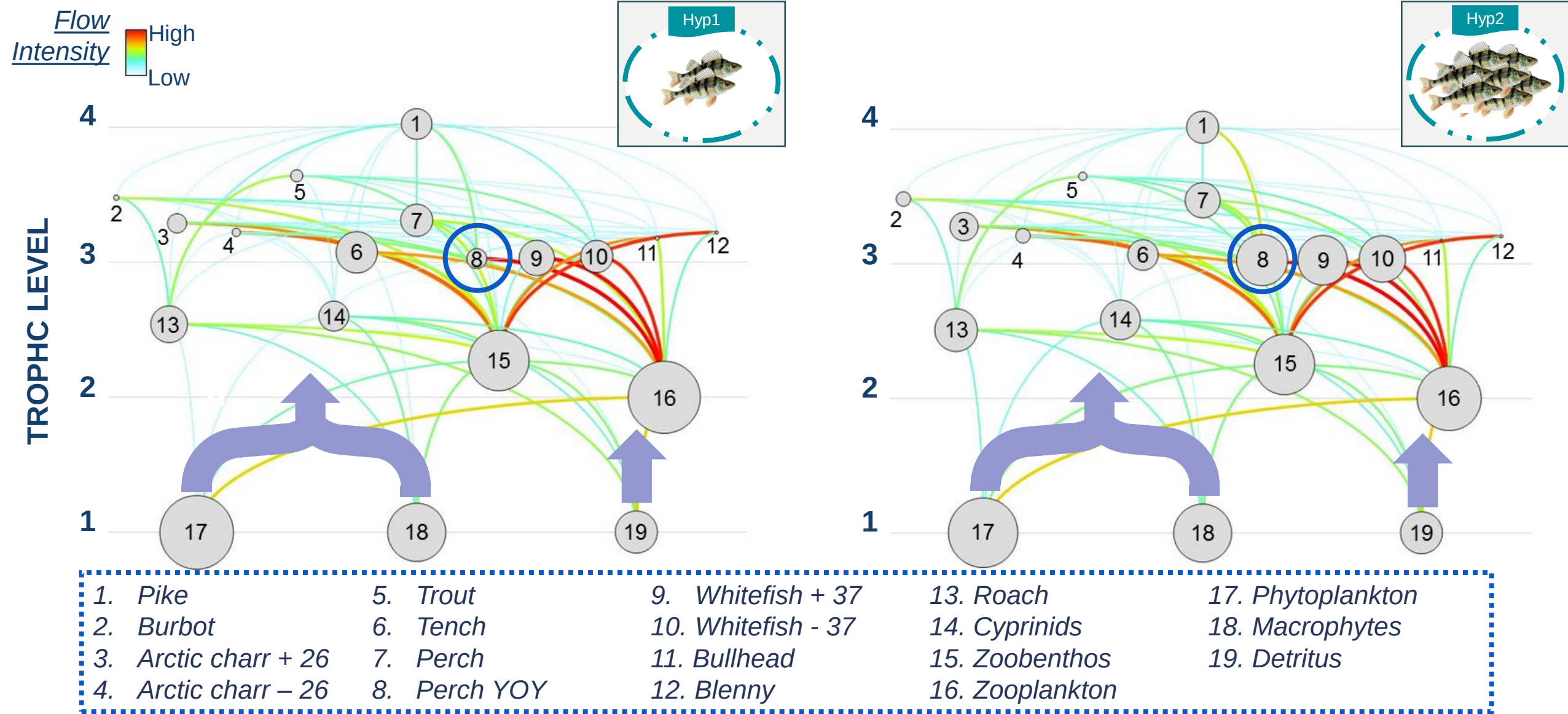


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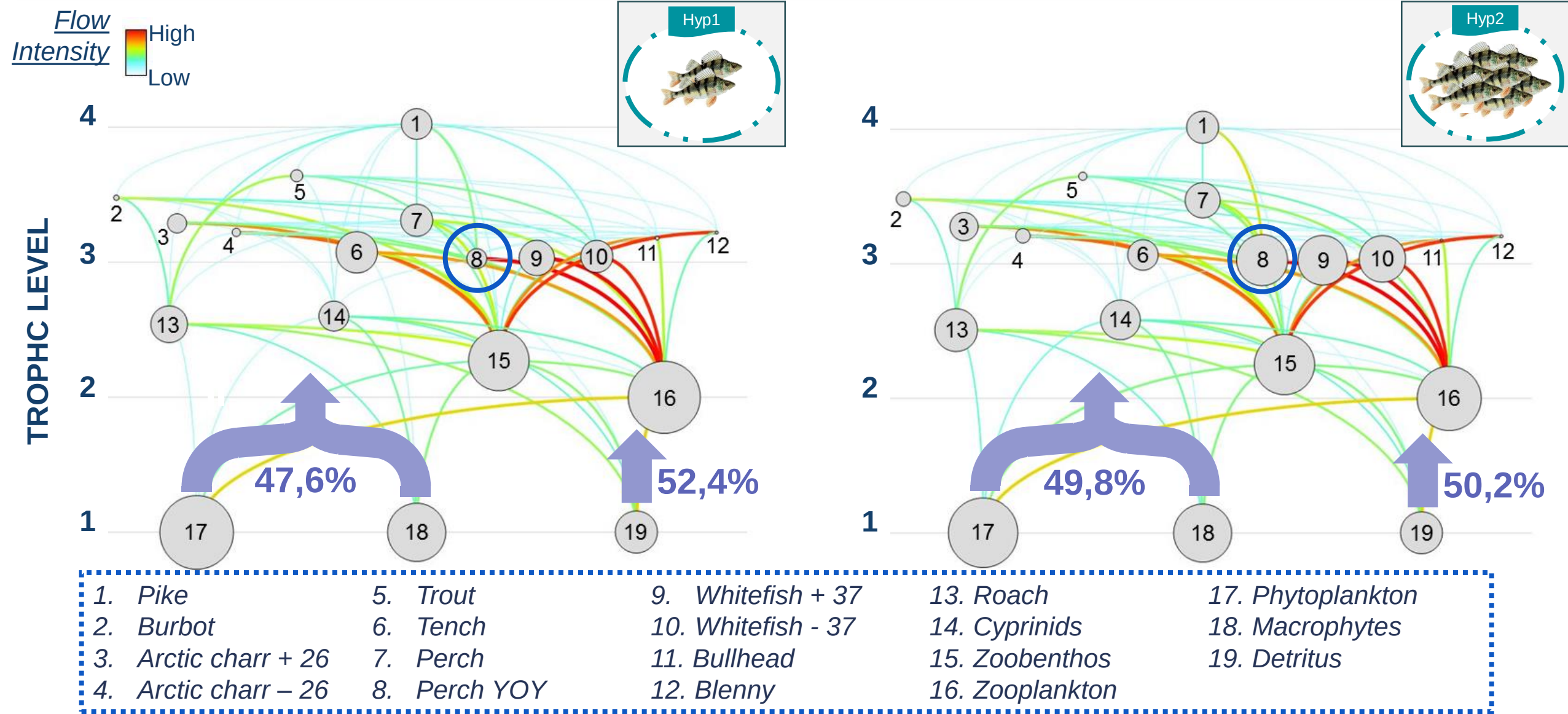


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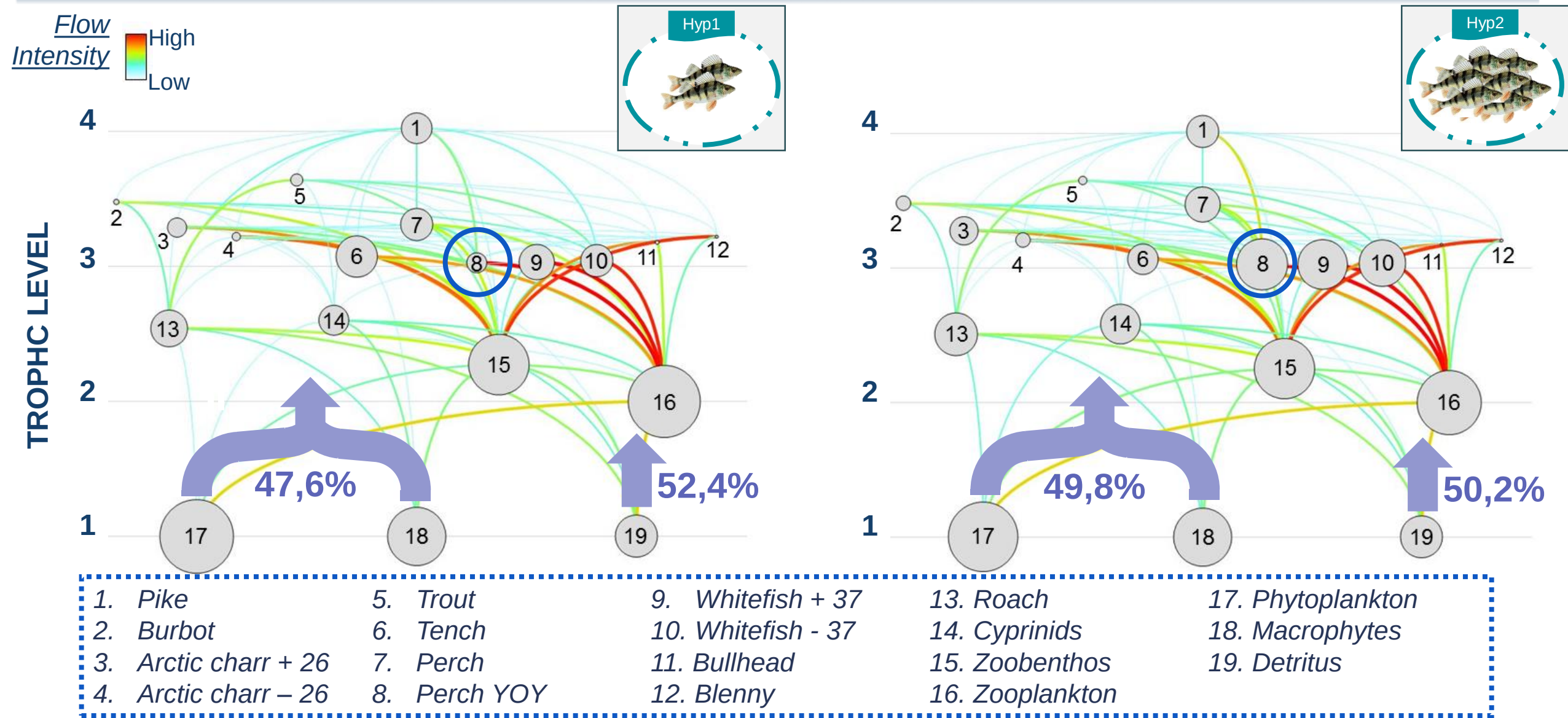
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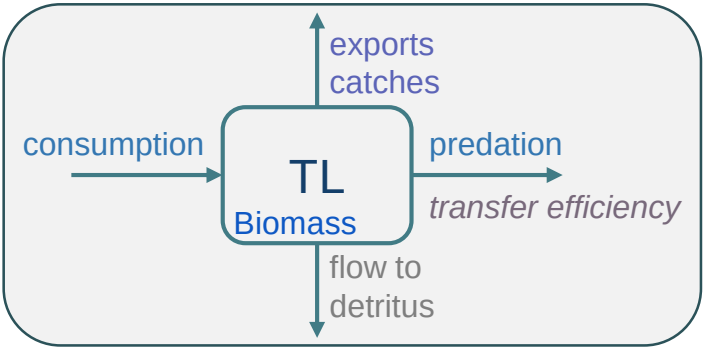
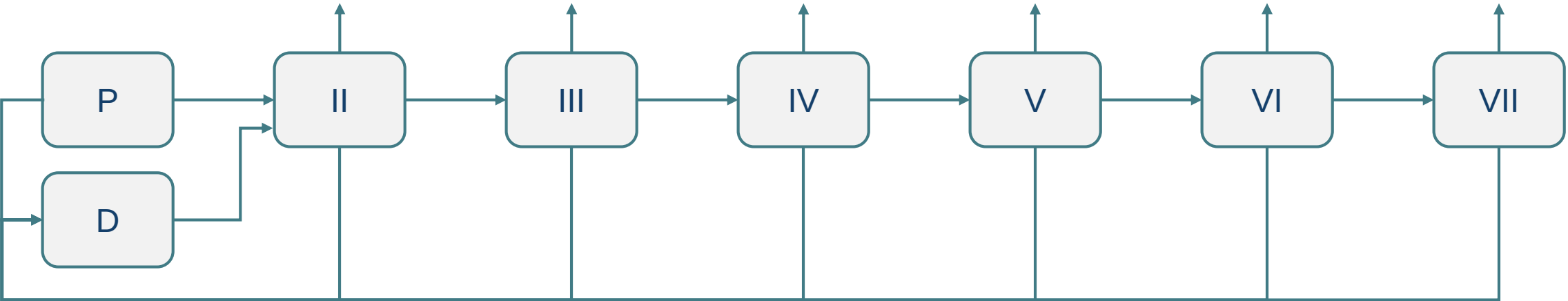
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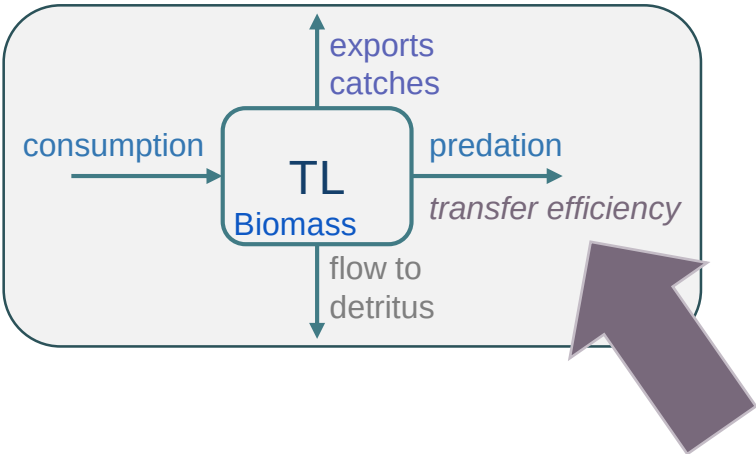
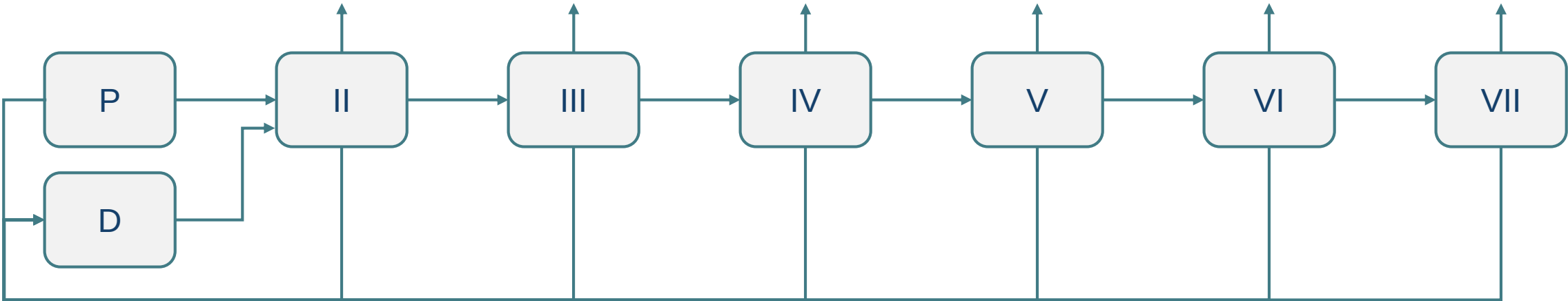
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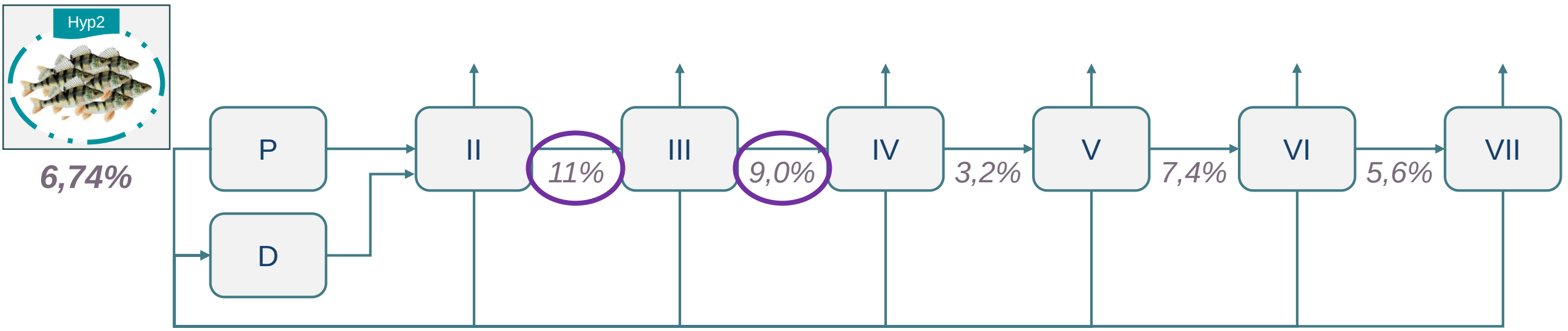
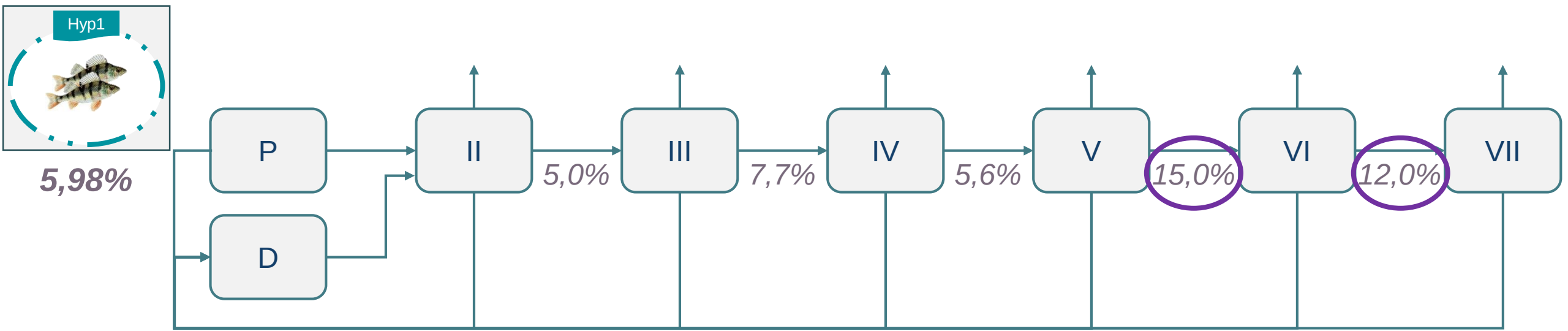
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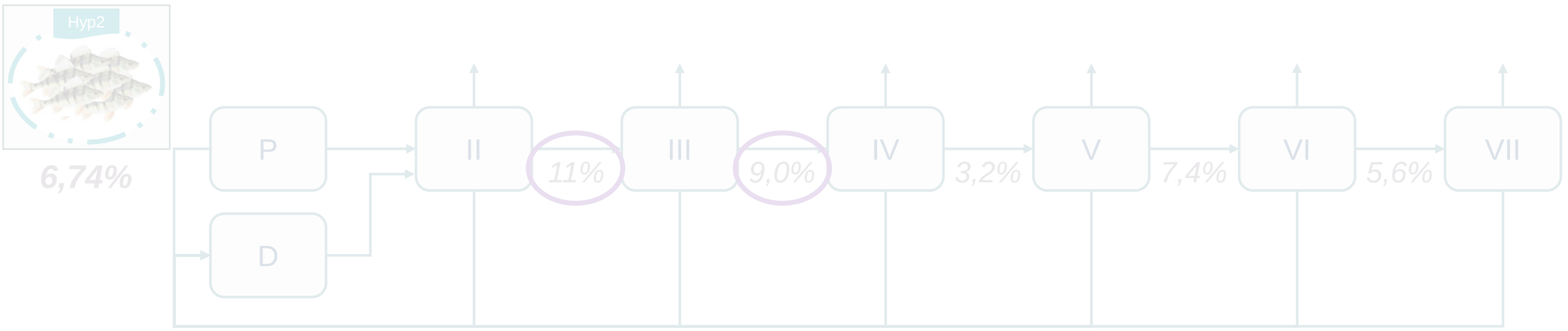
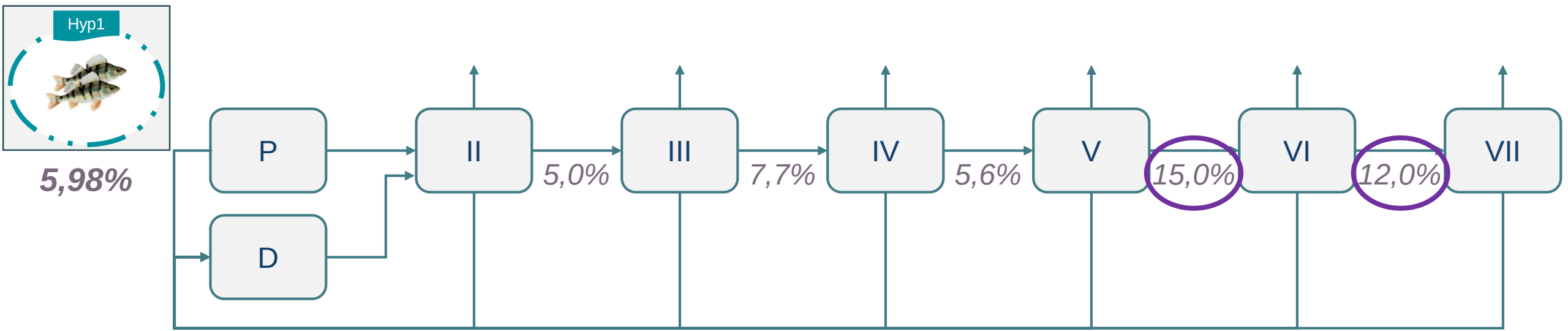
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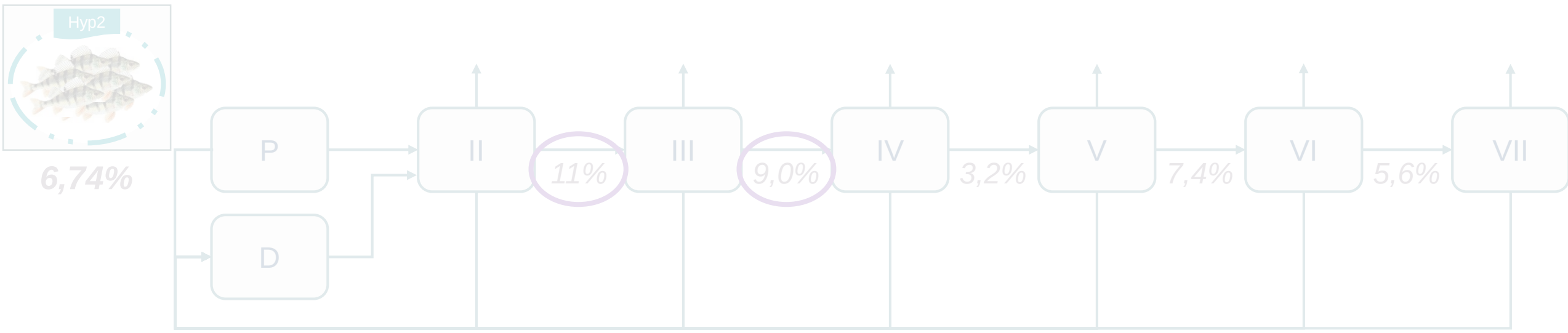
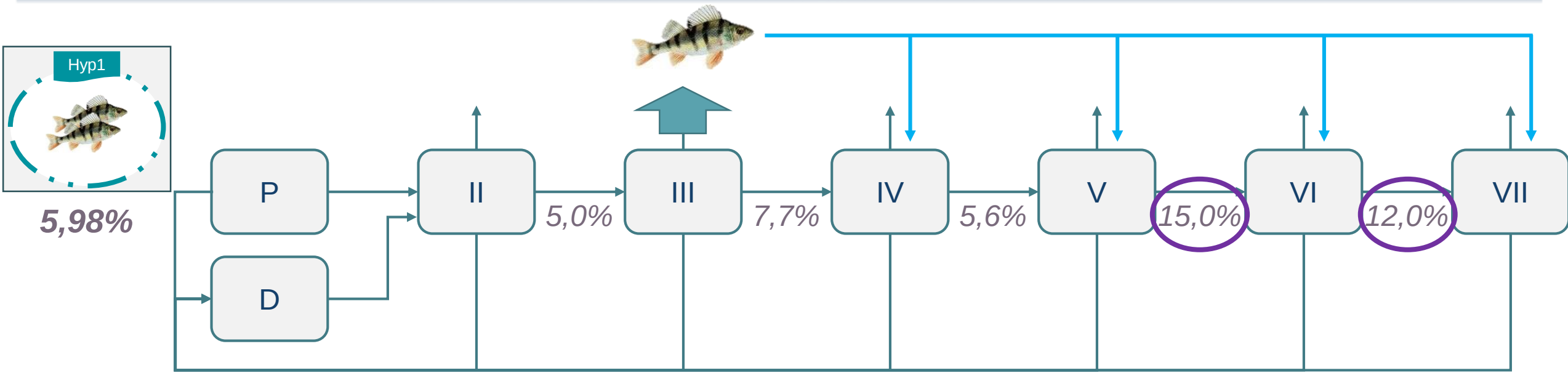
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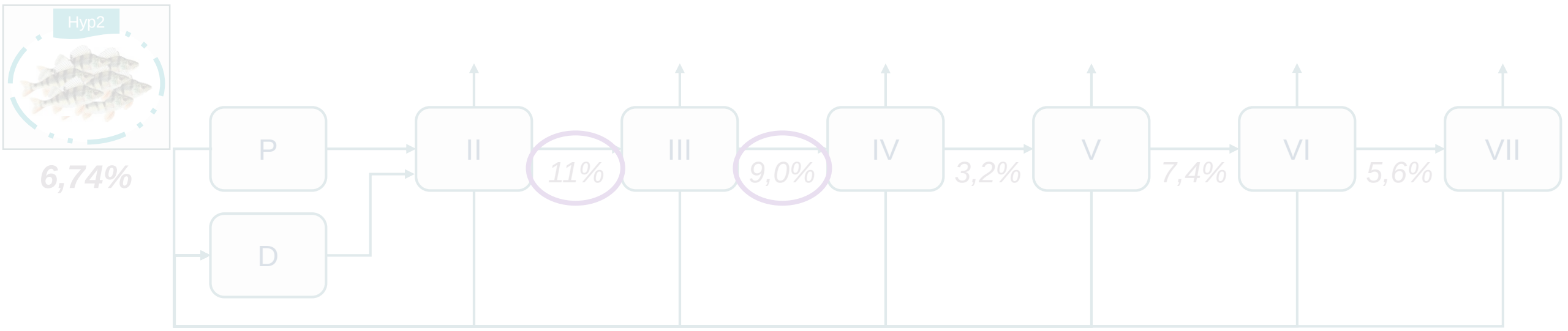
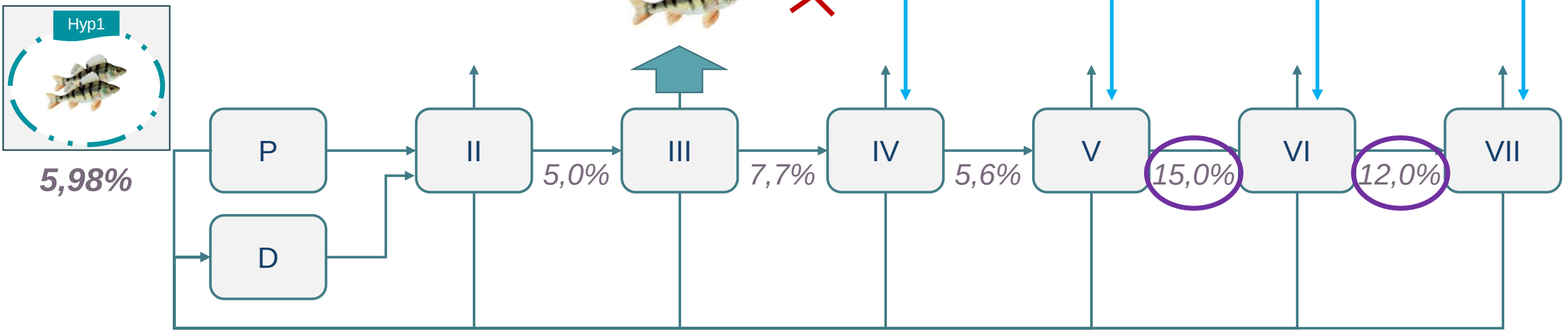
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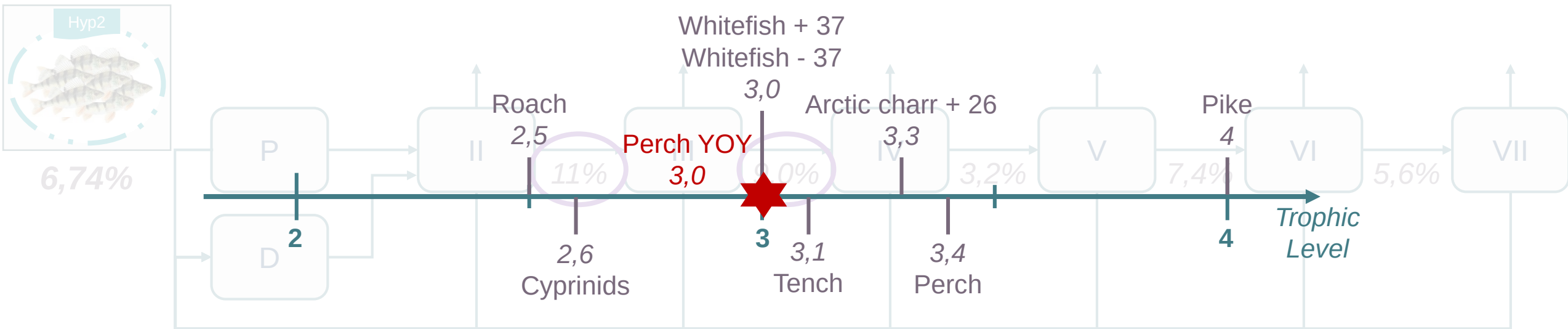
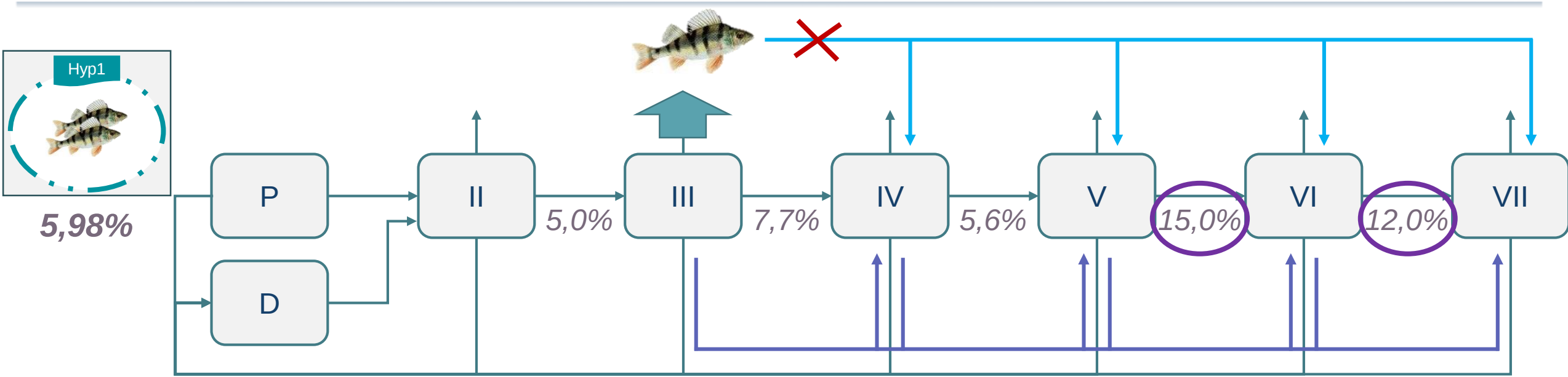
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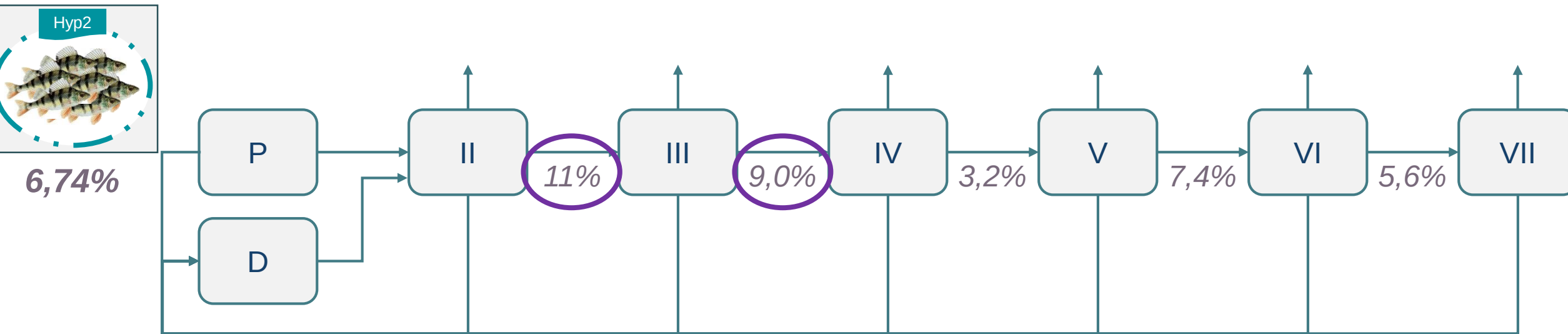
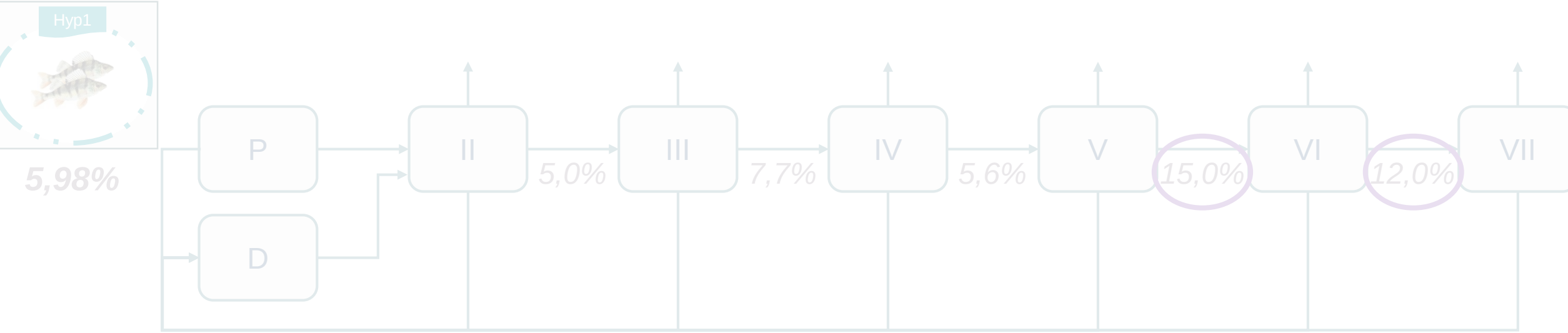
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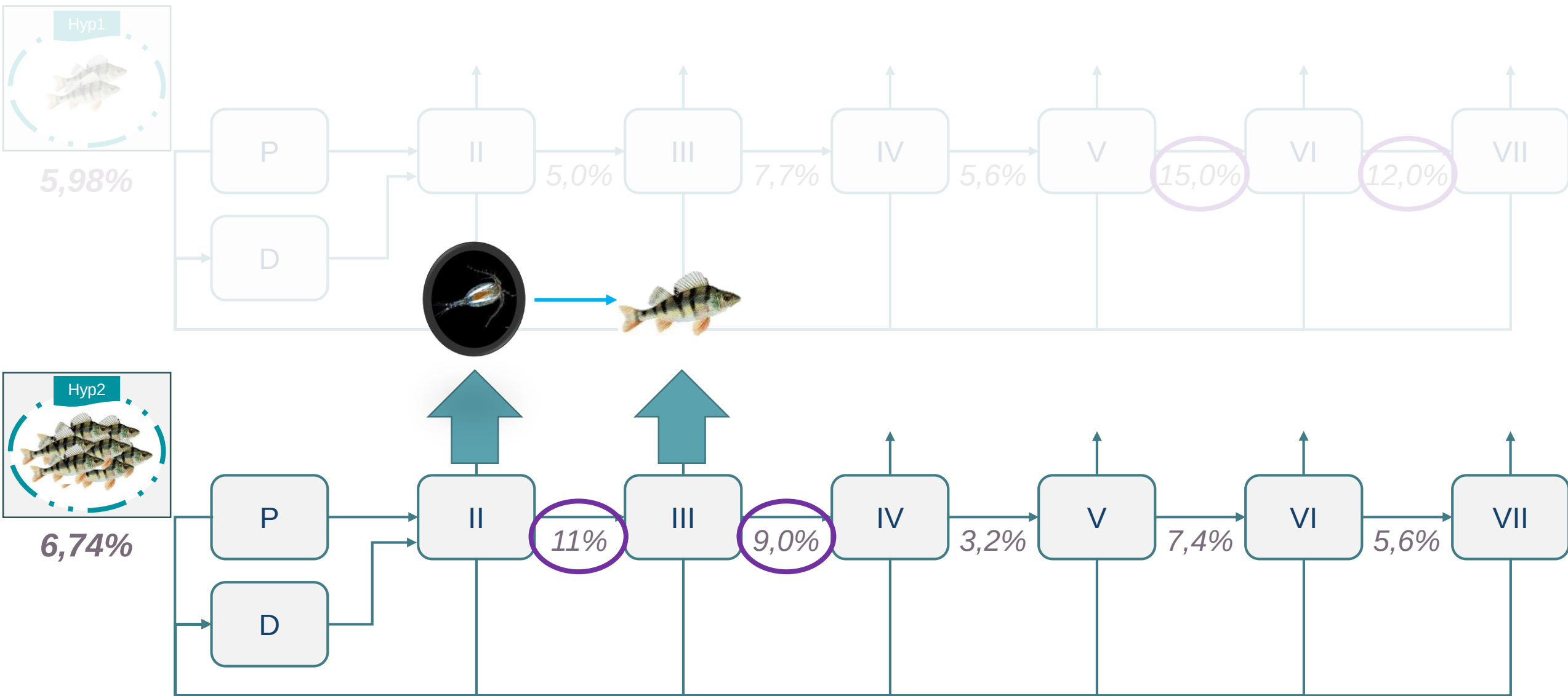
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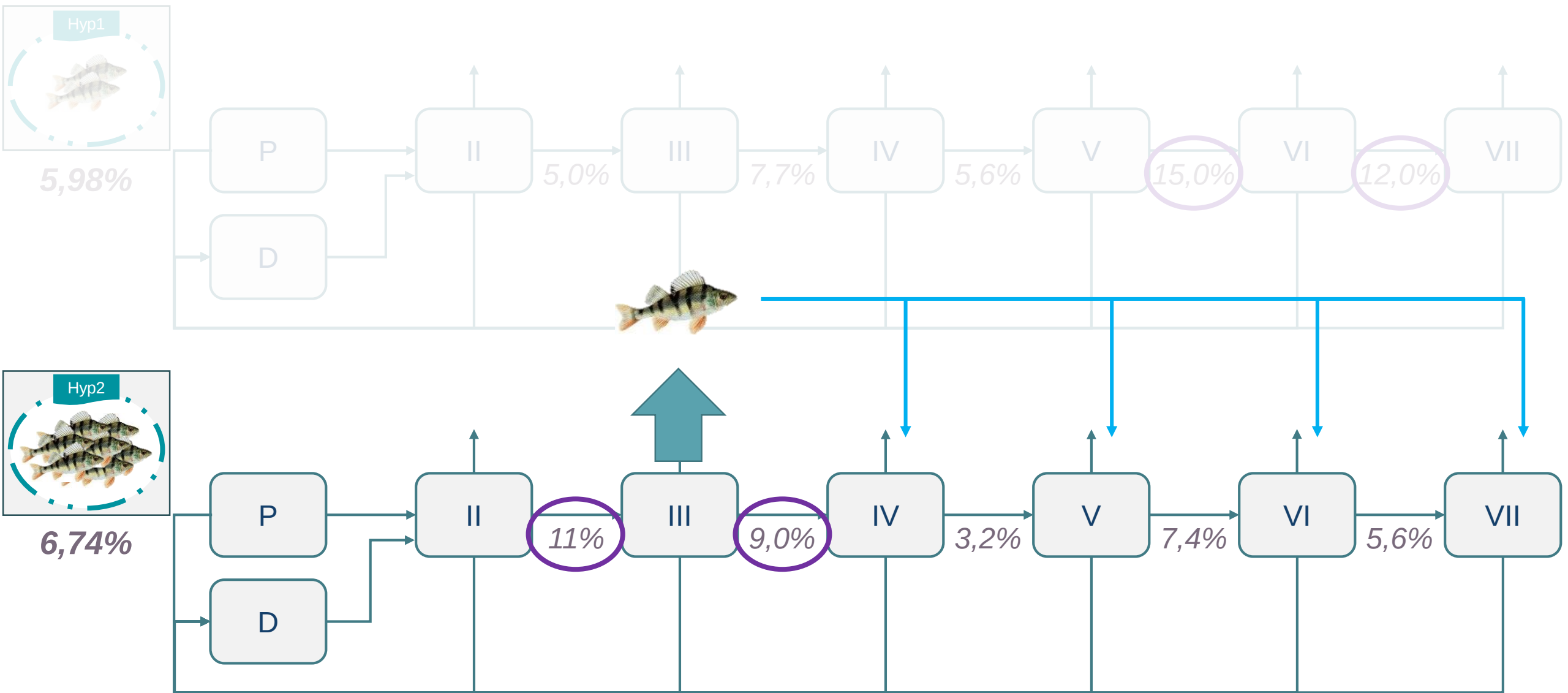
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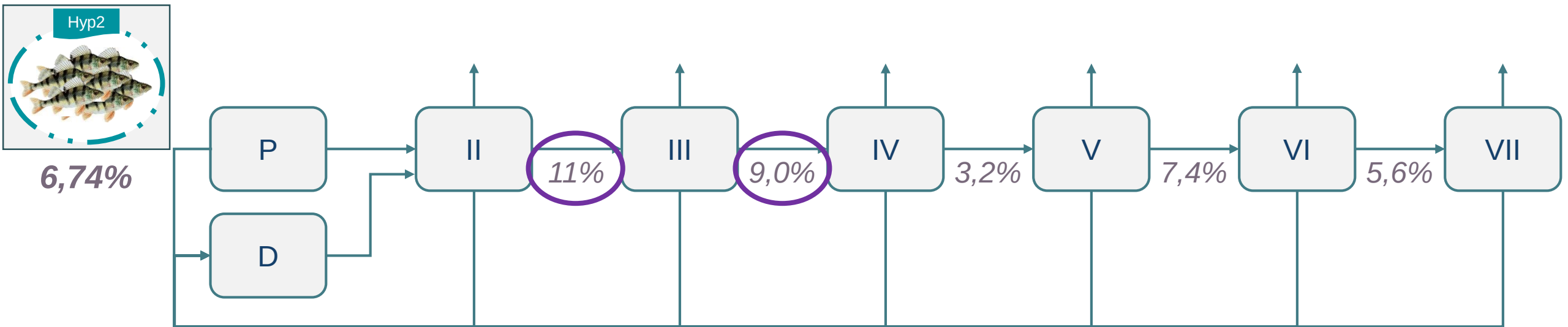
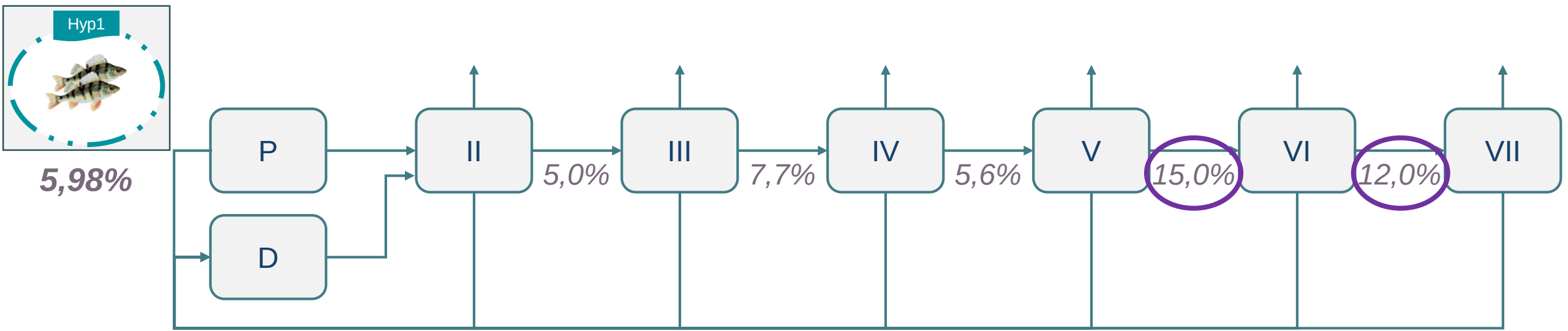
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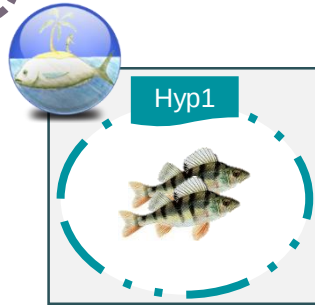


➔ Variation in the functioning of the food web
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II. MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM YOY PERCH BIOMASS ACCEPTABLE FOR LAKE ANNECY ECOSYSTEM

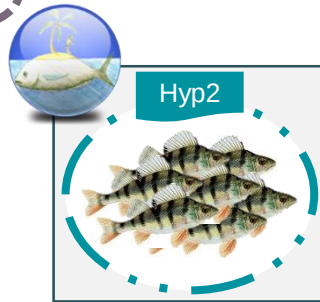


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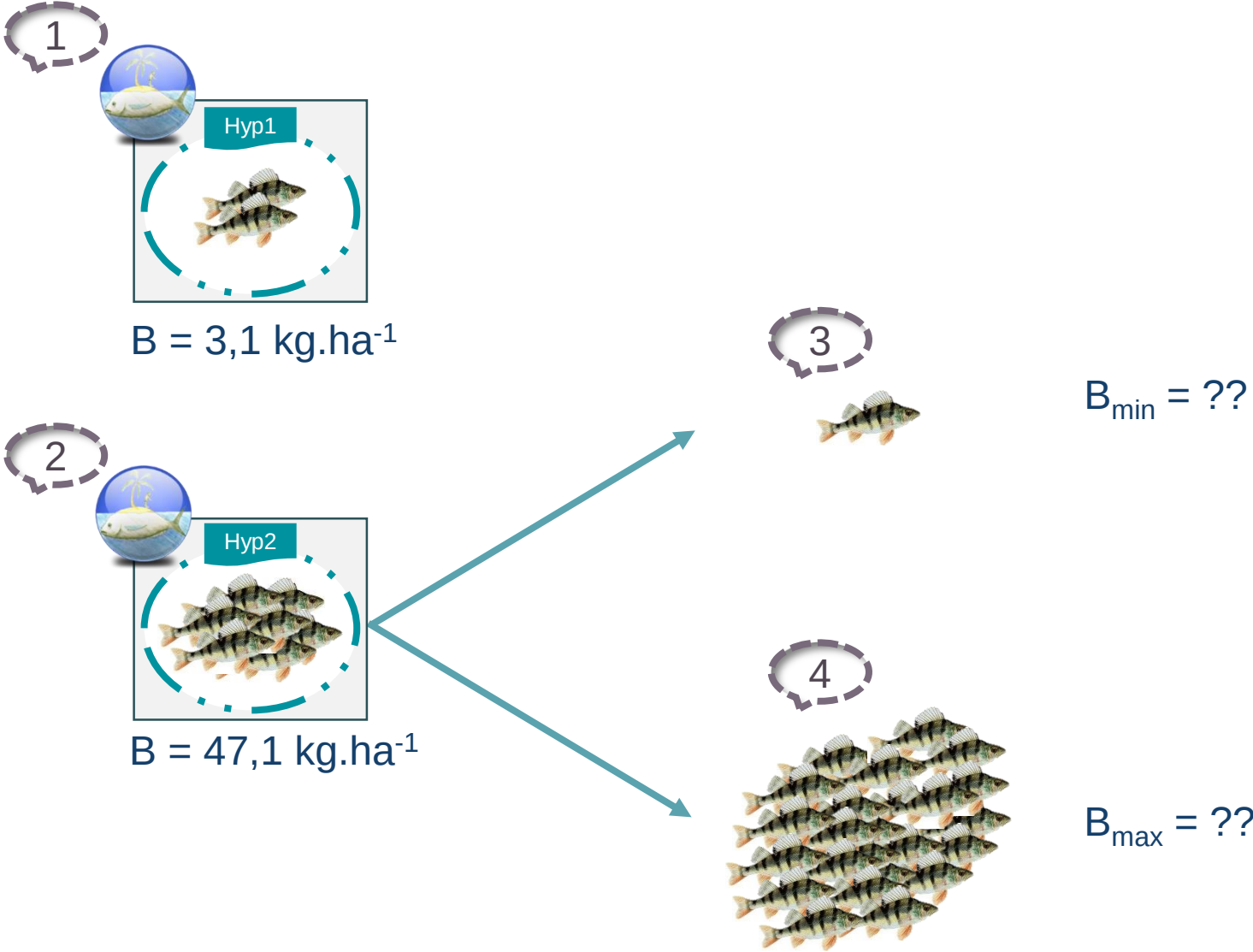


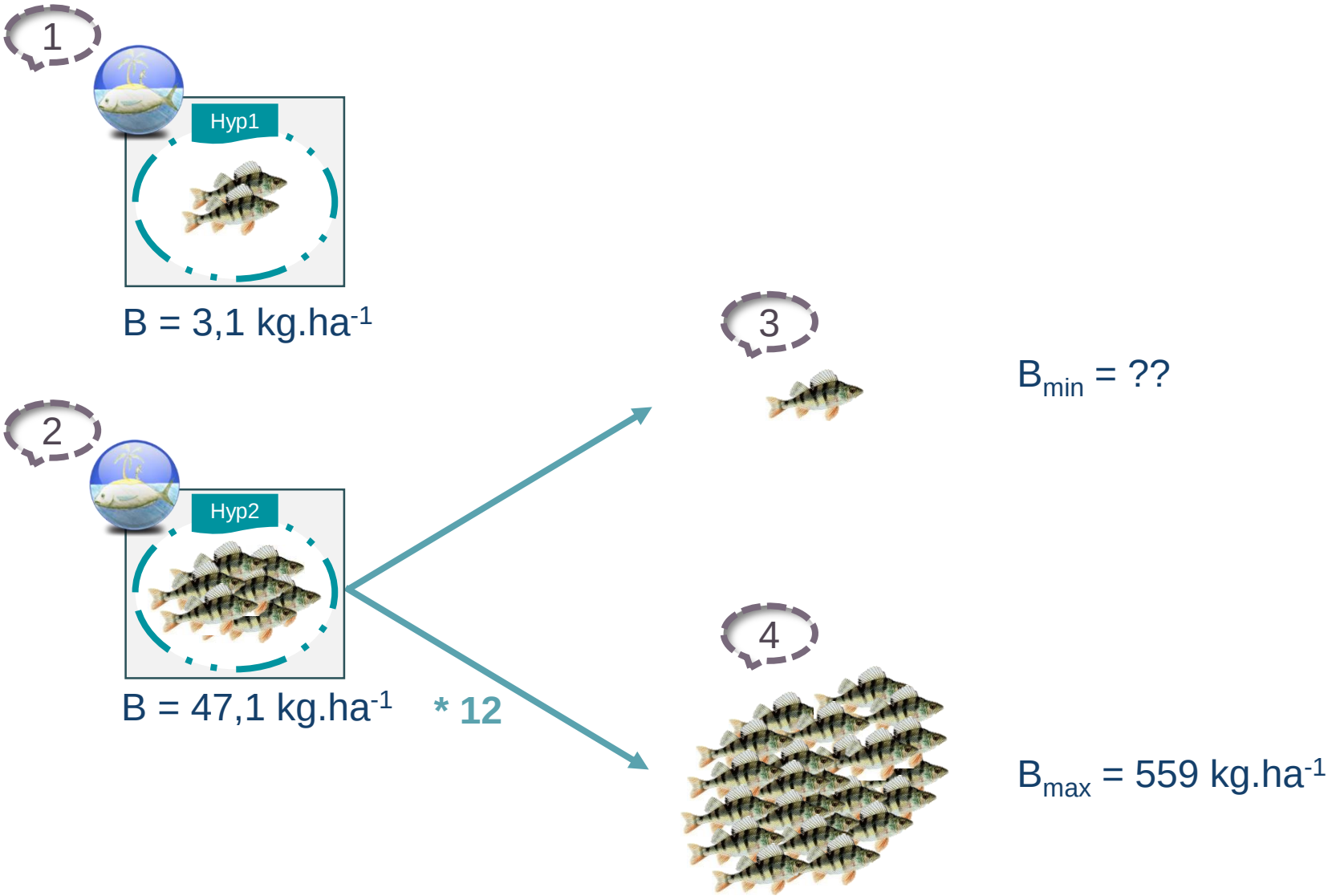
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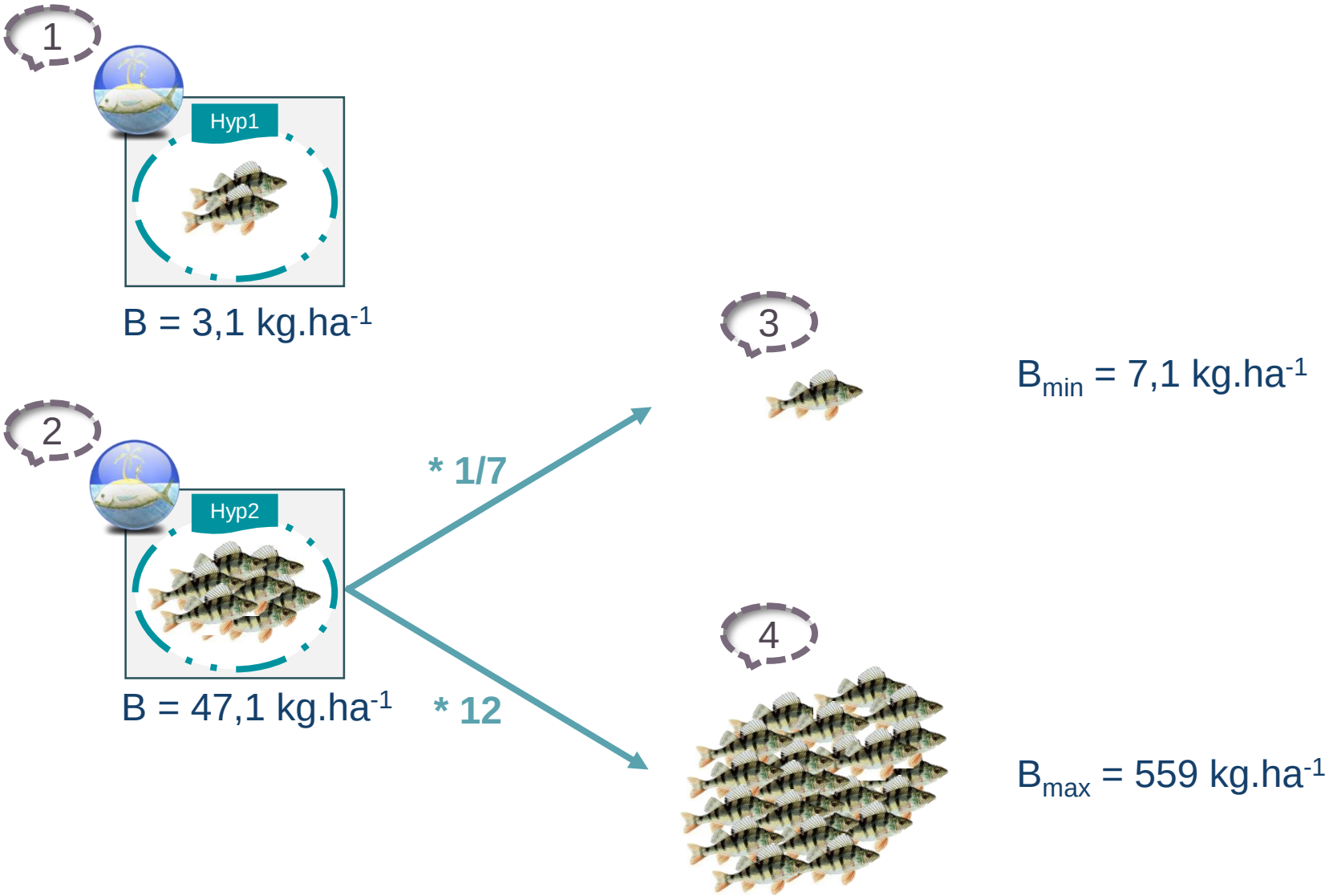
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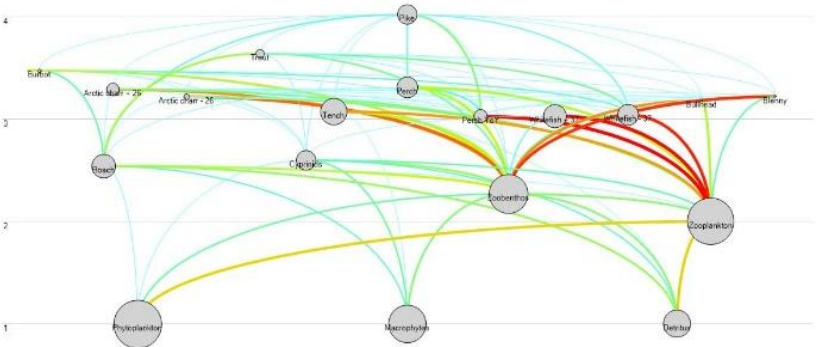


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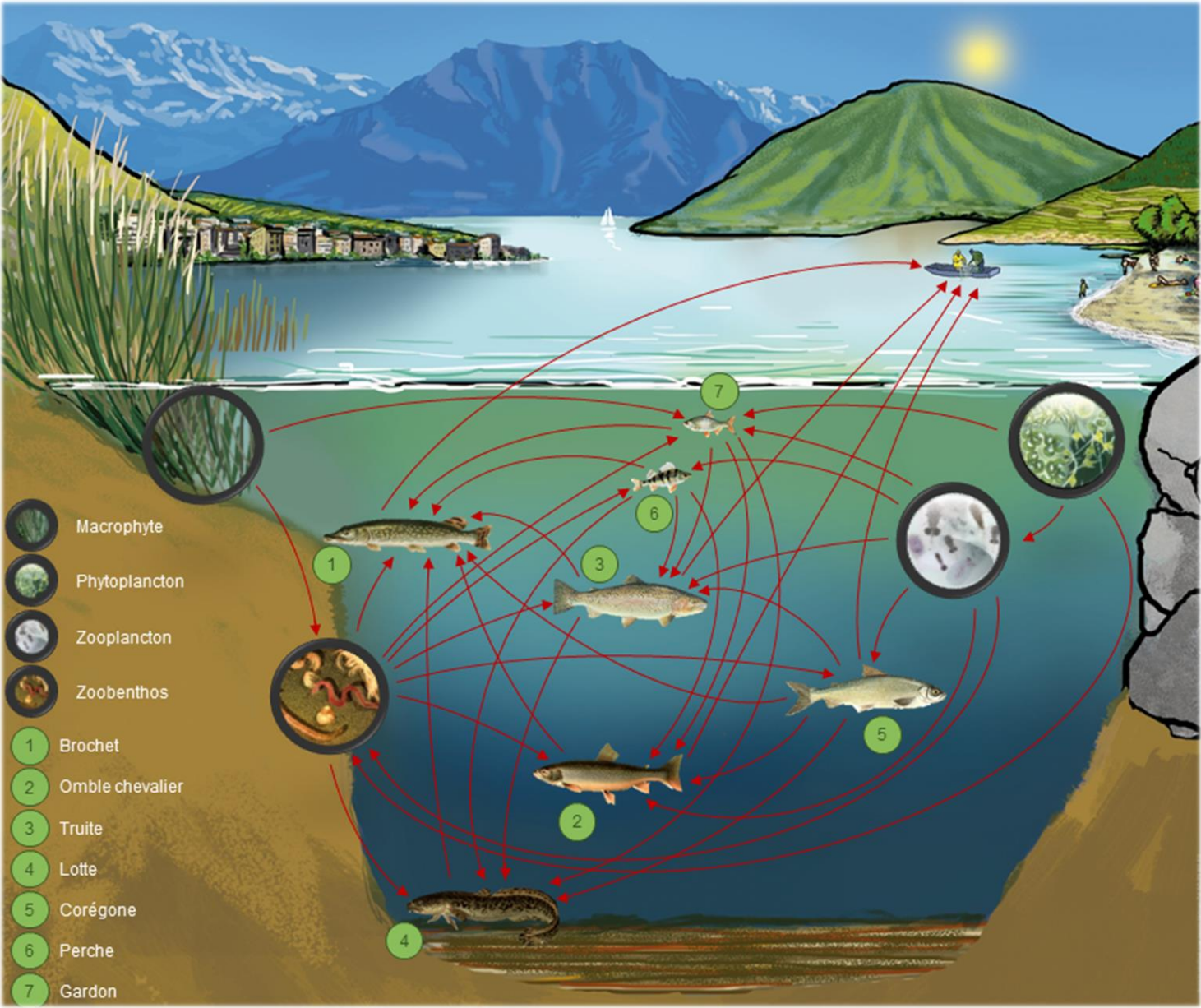
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- **Similar** structure and global functioning of food web in both year
- **Key contribution** of YOY perch in transfers
- **Stability** of Lake Annecy food web
Capacity to tolerate strong variations of YOY perch biomass
- **Resilience** of Lake Annecy food web to **extreme events** in intermediate trophic level abundance
Networked structure, predation report...
- Substantial fish **omnivory** stabilized an ecosystem

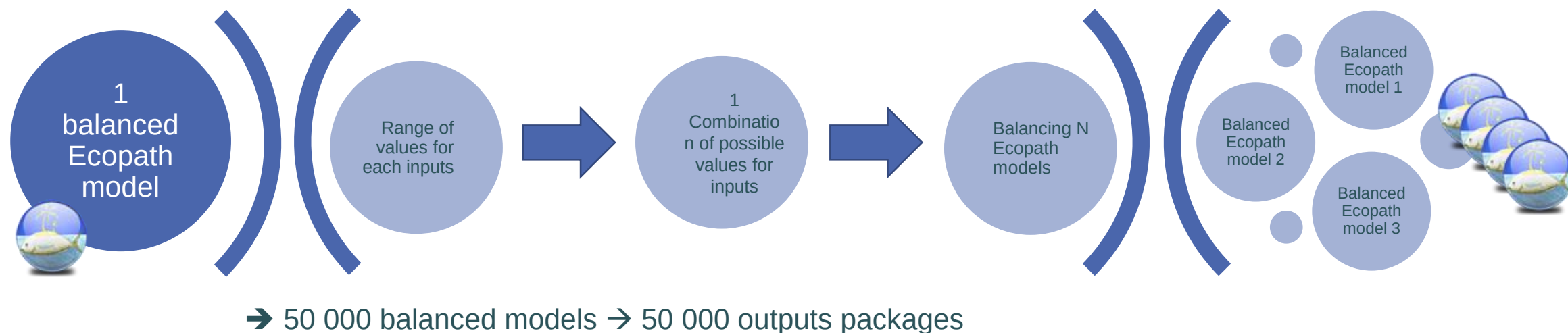
A scenic view of a lake at sunset or sunrise. On the left, a large, leafless tree stands on a grassy bank. In the foreground, a small wooden pier with a metal railing extends into the water. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, with a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting or rising sun visible on the horizon. The water reflects the colors of the sky.

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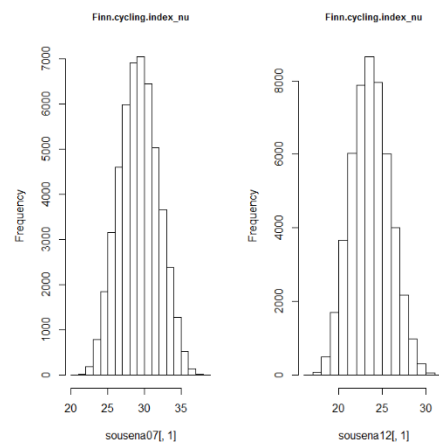


Lake Annecy food web

1 Ecopath model $\Leftrightarrow$ 1 value per output



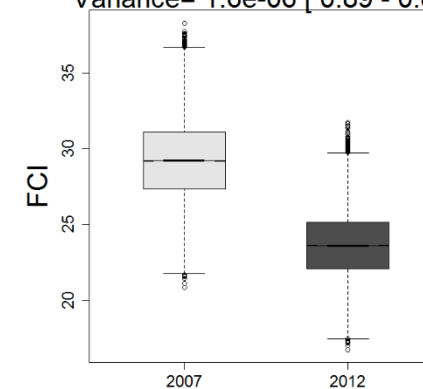
Distribution of the indices



Delta de Cliff: characterize the difference between the distributions (Romano et al., 2006)
Large > Medium > Small > Negligible

Comparing the two years

Cliff 's Delta = 0.892 (large)
Variance= 1.6e-06 [0.89 - 0.89]





Ecotrophic efficiency (EE) = parameter computed by Ecopath for each group = fraction of the group which is used by the system < 1

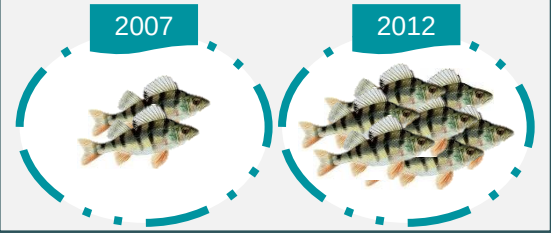
Basic outputs

	Group name	Trophic level	Habitat area (fraction)	Biomass in habitat area (t/km²)	Biomass (t/km²)	Z (/year)	Production / biomass (/year)	Consumption / biomass (/year)	Ecotrophic efficiency	Production / consumption
1	Pike	4,026	1,000	1,059	1,059		0,366	1,581	0,218	0,232
2	Burbot	3,487	1,000	0,0485	0,0485		0,220	1,679	9,559	0,131
	Artic charr									
3	Artic charr +26	3,308	1,000	0,314	0,314	0,482		1,769	0,548	0,272
4	Artic charr -26	3,206	1,000	0,0280	0,0280	0,259		4,588	7,667	0,056
5	Trout	3,650	1,000	0,054	0,054		0,939	1,174	0,800	0,800
6	Tench	3,066	1,000	0,830	0,830		0,647	2,766	0,097	0,234
7	Perch	3,473	1,000	1,355	1,355		0,329	2,271	0,636	0,145
8	Perch YoY	3,025	1,000	5,419	5,419		0,329	2,271	1,116	0,145
	Whitefish									
9	Whitefish +37	3,030	1,000	2,159	2,159	0,804		1,769	0,348	0,454
10	Whitefish -37	3,040	1,000	2,125	2,125	0,524		2,663	0,132	0,197
11	Bullhead	3,174	1,000	0,000350	0,000350		0,698	4,900	15,656	0,142
12	Blenny	3,205	1,000	0,00131	0,00131		0,681	5,648	2,274	0,121
13	Roach	2,508	1,000	2,481	2,481		0,370	2,775	0,262	0,133
14	Cyprinids	2,584	1,000	1,926	1,926		0,274	3,698	0,123	0,074
15	Zoobenthos	2,250	1,000	9,639	9,639		5,200	26,000	0,197	0,200
16	Zooplankton	2,000	1,000	13,04	13,04		19,00	69,091	0,346	0,275
17	Phytoplankton	1,000	1,000	20,32	20,32		32,90		0,770	
18	Macrophytes	1,000	1,000	7,251	7,251		10,000		0,900	
19	Detritus	1,000	1,000	2,200	2,200				0,616	

Progressive adjustment

Inputs: Basic inputs + DC

Group name	Habitat area (fraction)	Biomass in habitat area (t/km²)	Total mortality (/year)	Production / biomass (/year)	Consumption / biomass (/year)	Ecotrophic Efficiency	Other mortality	Production / consumption	Unassim. consumption	Detritus (t/km²)
1 Pike	1,000	0,9823		0,3963	1,2504				0,2000	
2 Burbot	1,000	0,1695		0,2764	1,8320				0,2000	
3 Arctic charr										
4 Arctic charr + 26	1,000									
5 Arctic charr - 26	1,000									
6 Trout	1,000									
7 Tench	1,000									
8 Perch	1,000									
9 Perch YoY	1,000									
10 Whitefish										
11 Whitefish + 37	1,000									
12 Whitefish - 37	1,000									
13 Bullhead	1,000									
14 Blenny	1,000									
15 Roach	1,000									
16 Cyprinids	1,000									
17 Zoobenthos	1,000									
18 Zooplankton	1,000									
19 Phytoplankton	1,000									
20 Macrophytes	1,000									
21 Detritus	1,000									



Main transfer paths
6 transfers maximum



EFFICIENCY OF TRANSFERS THROUGH THE FOOD WEB

