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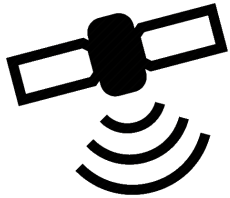
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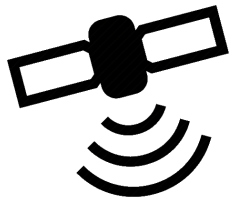


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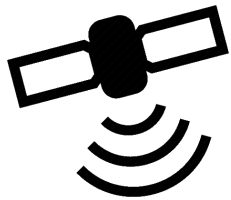


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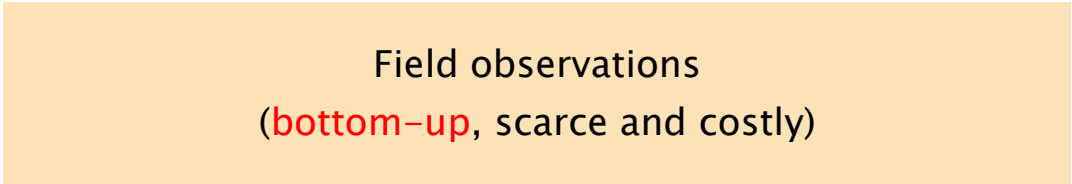
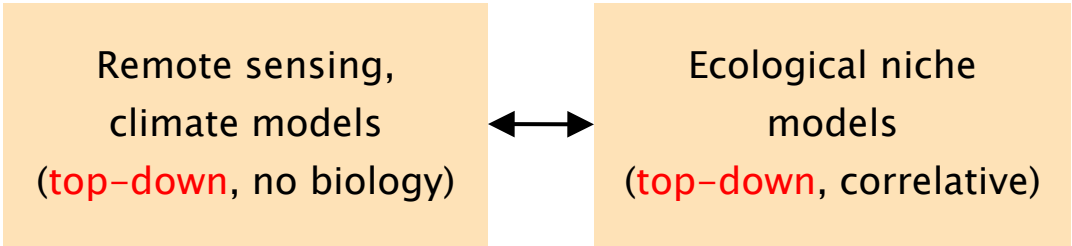
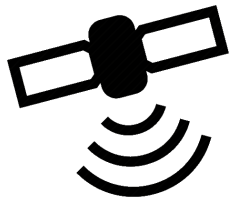
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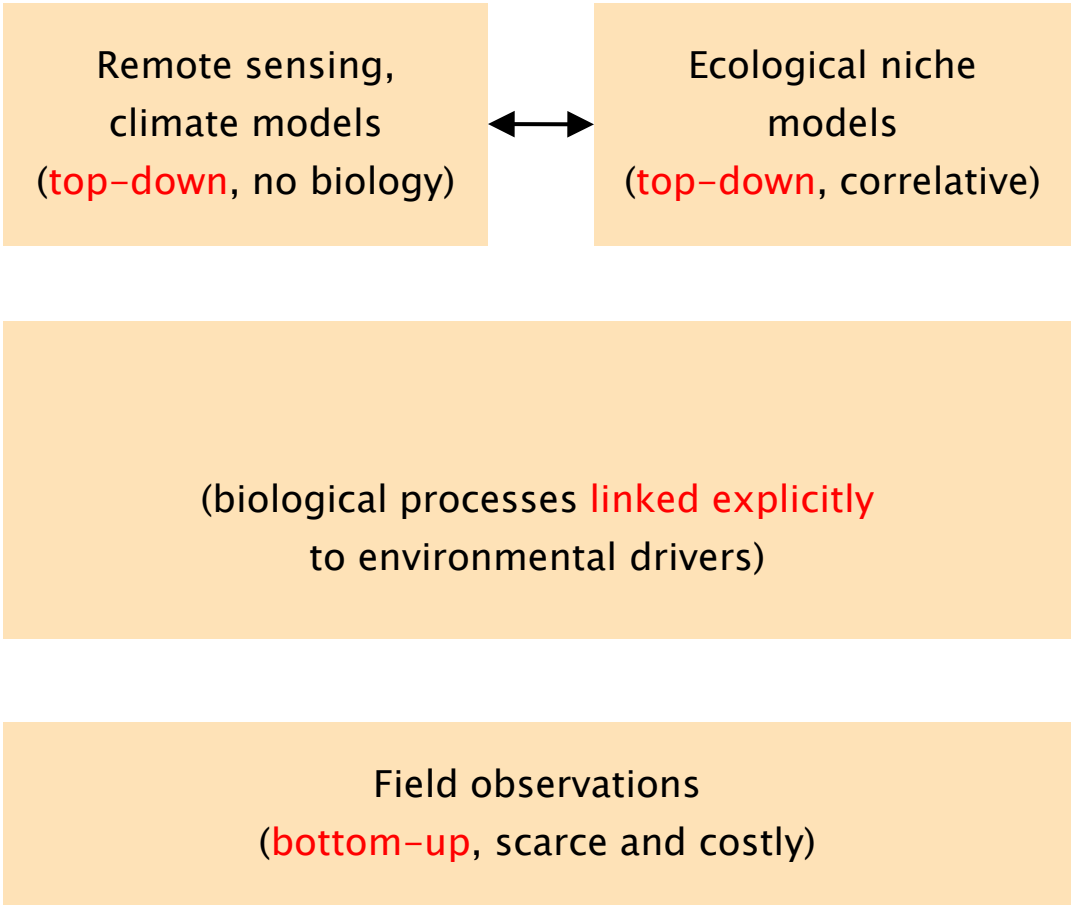
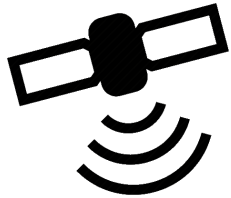


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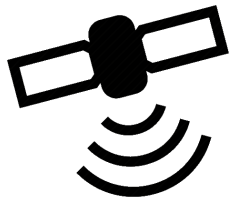
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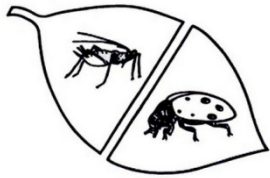
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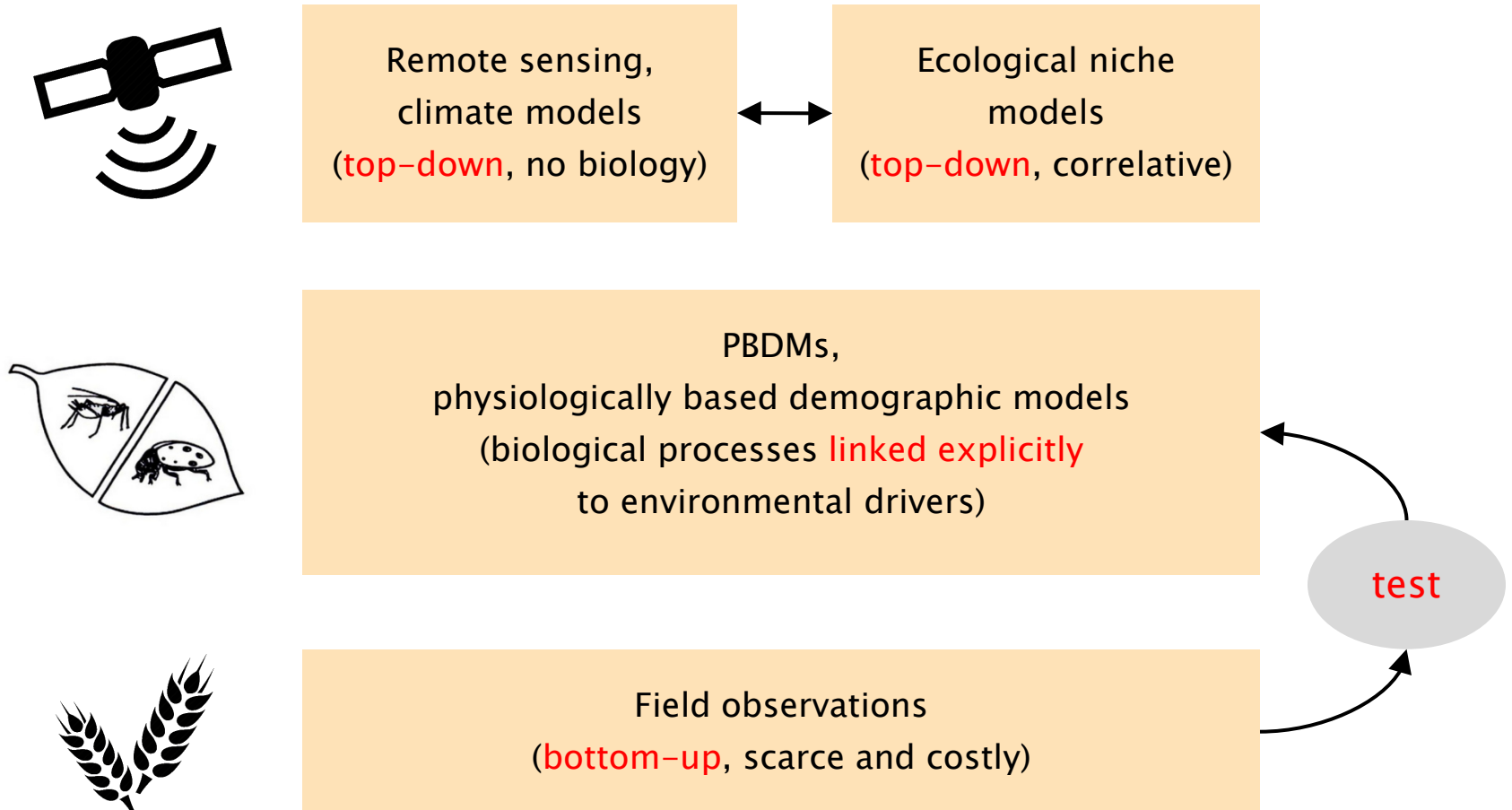


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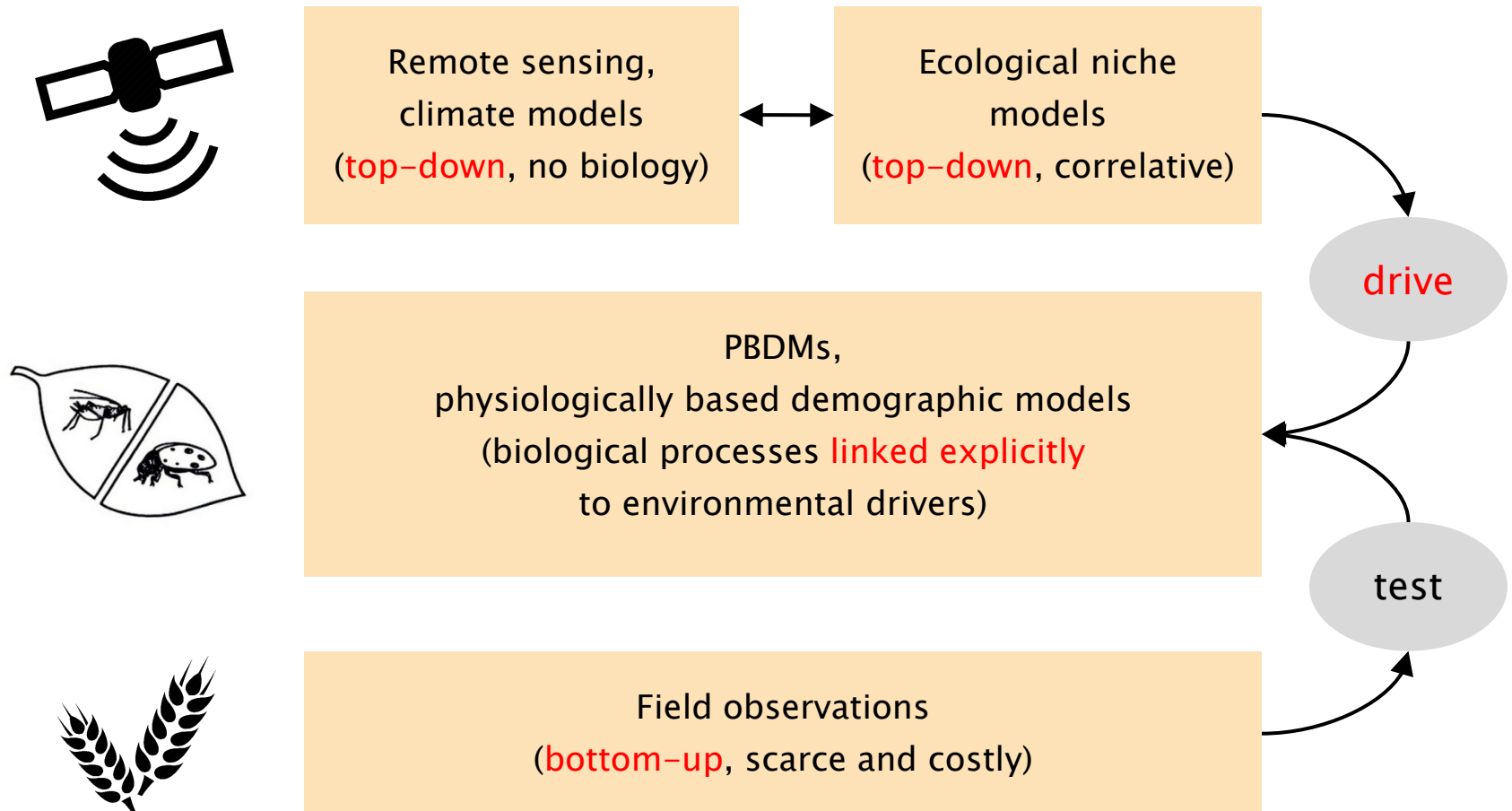


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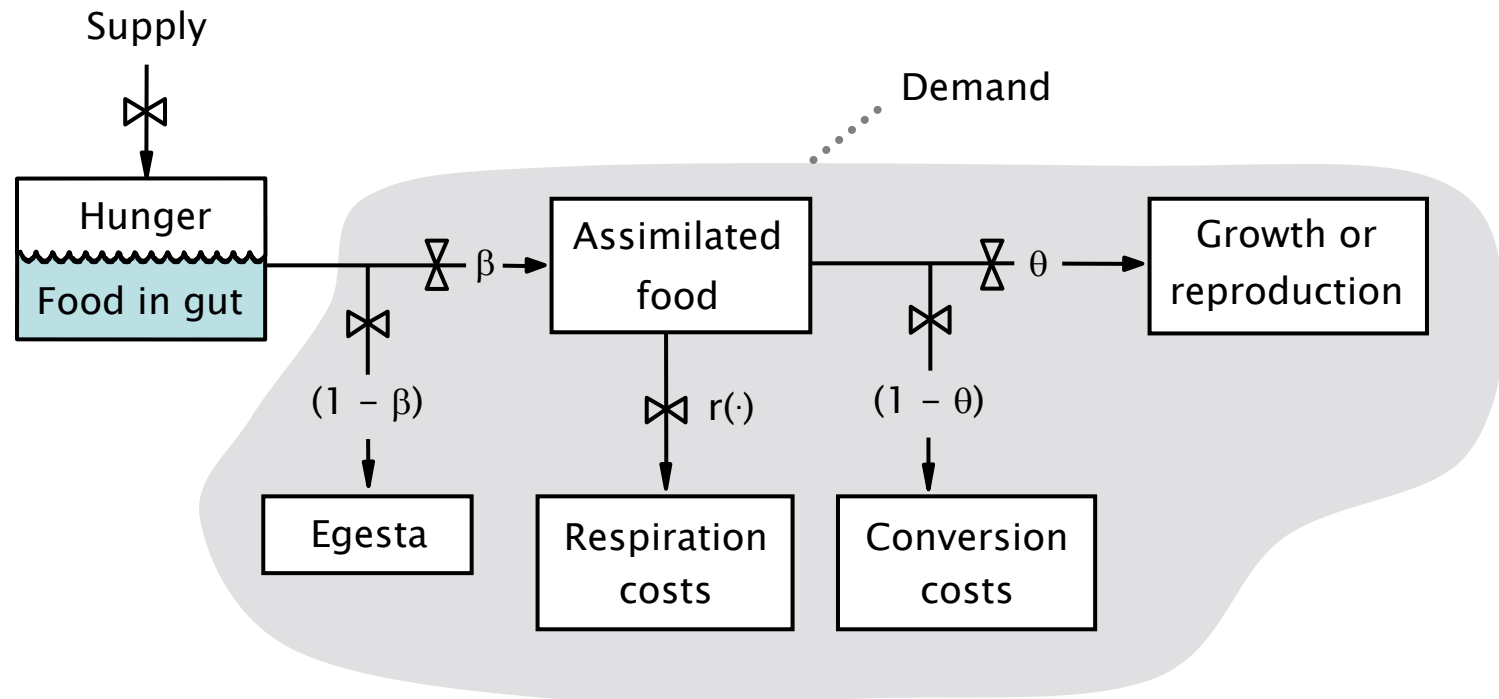


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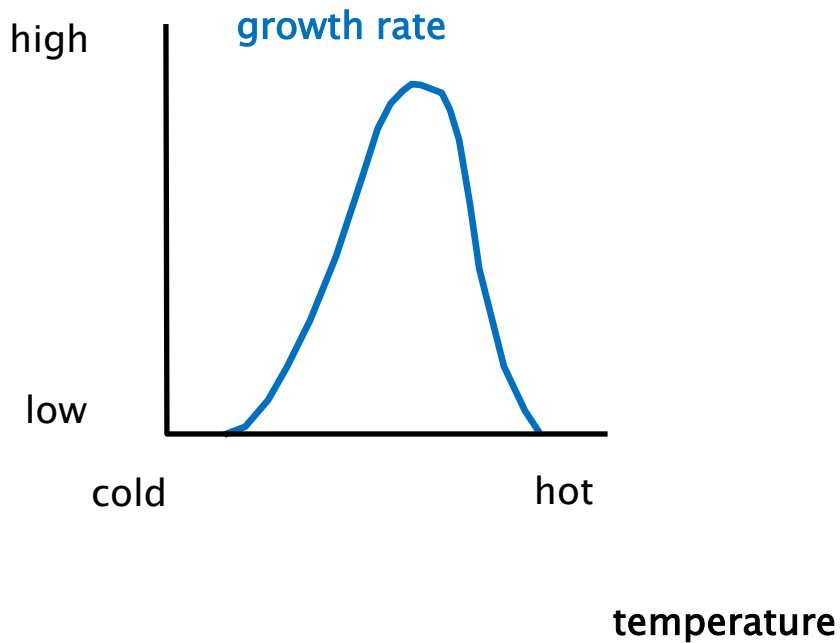
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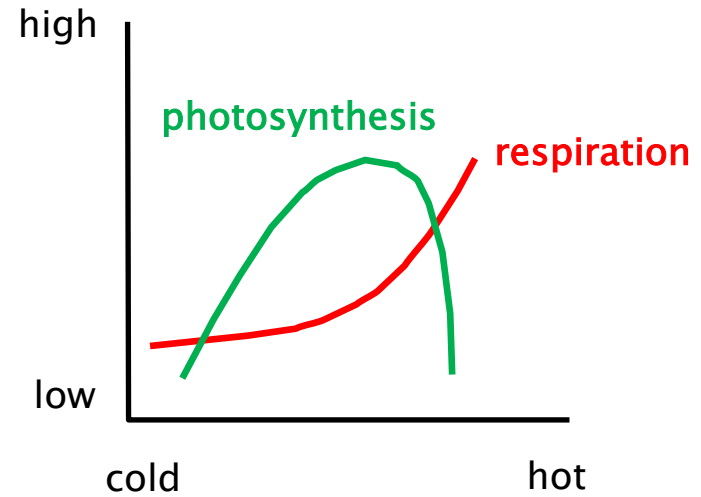
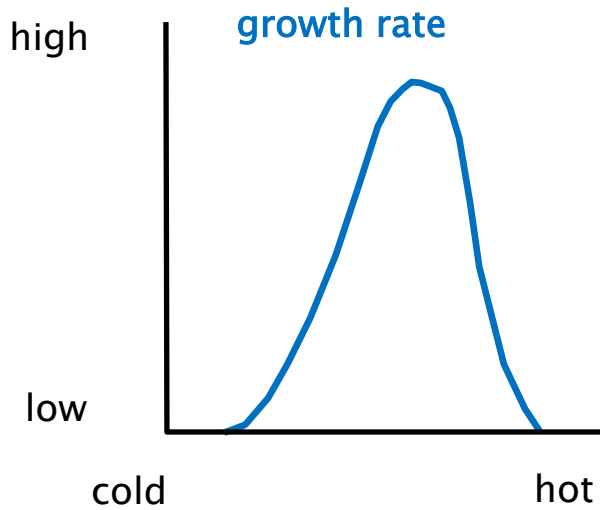


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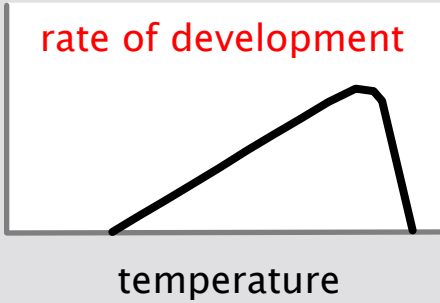


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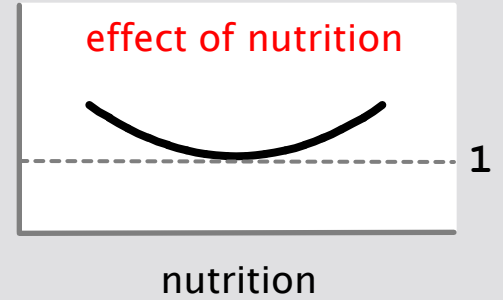


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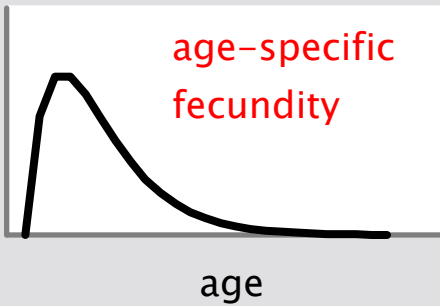
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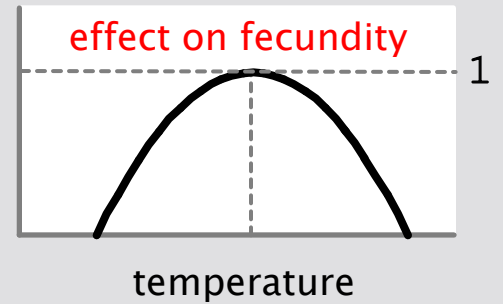
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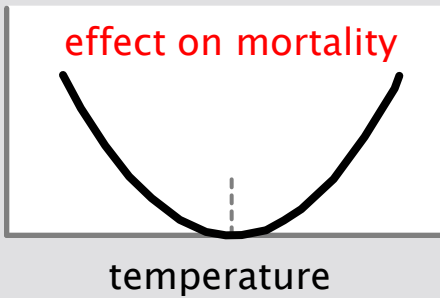
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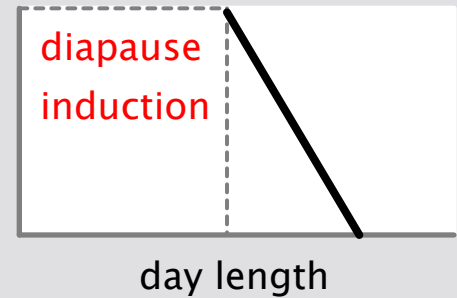
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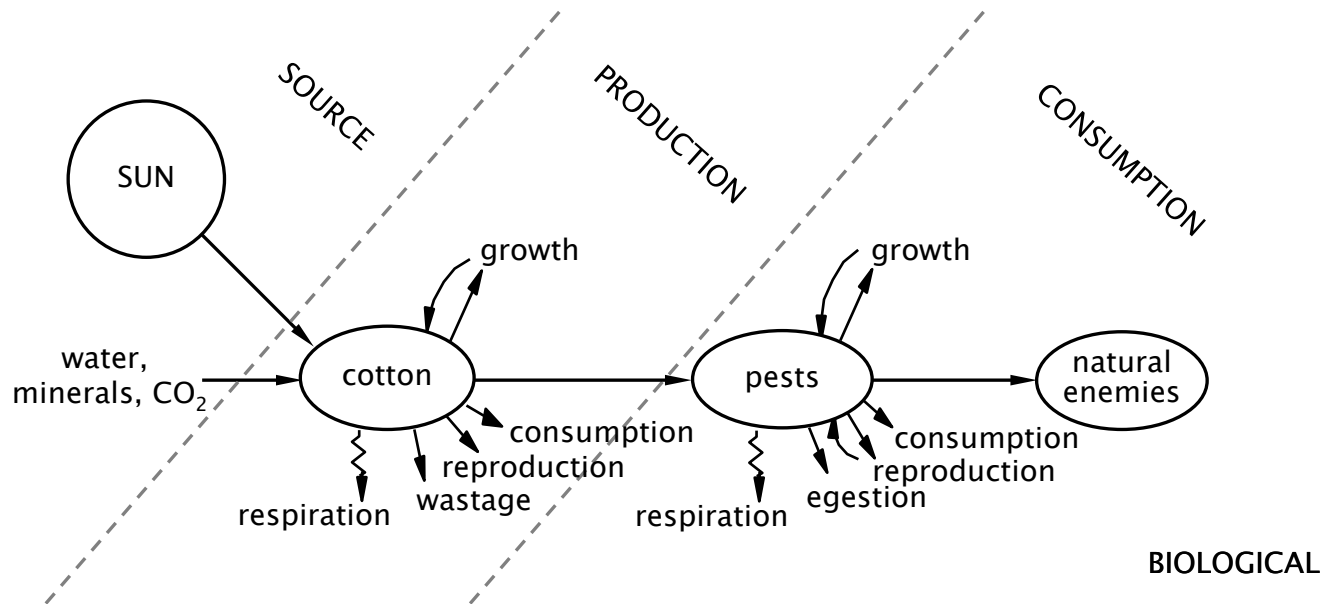
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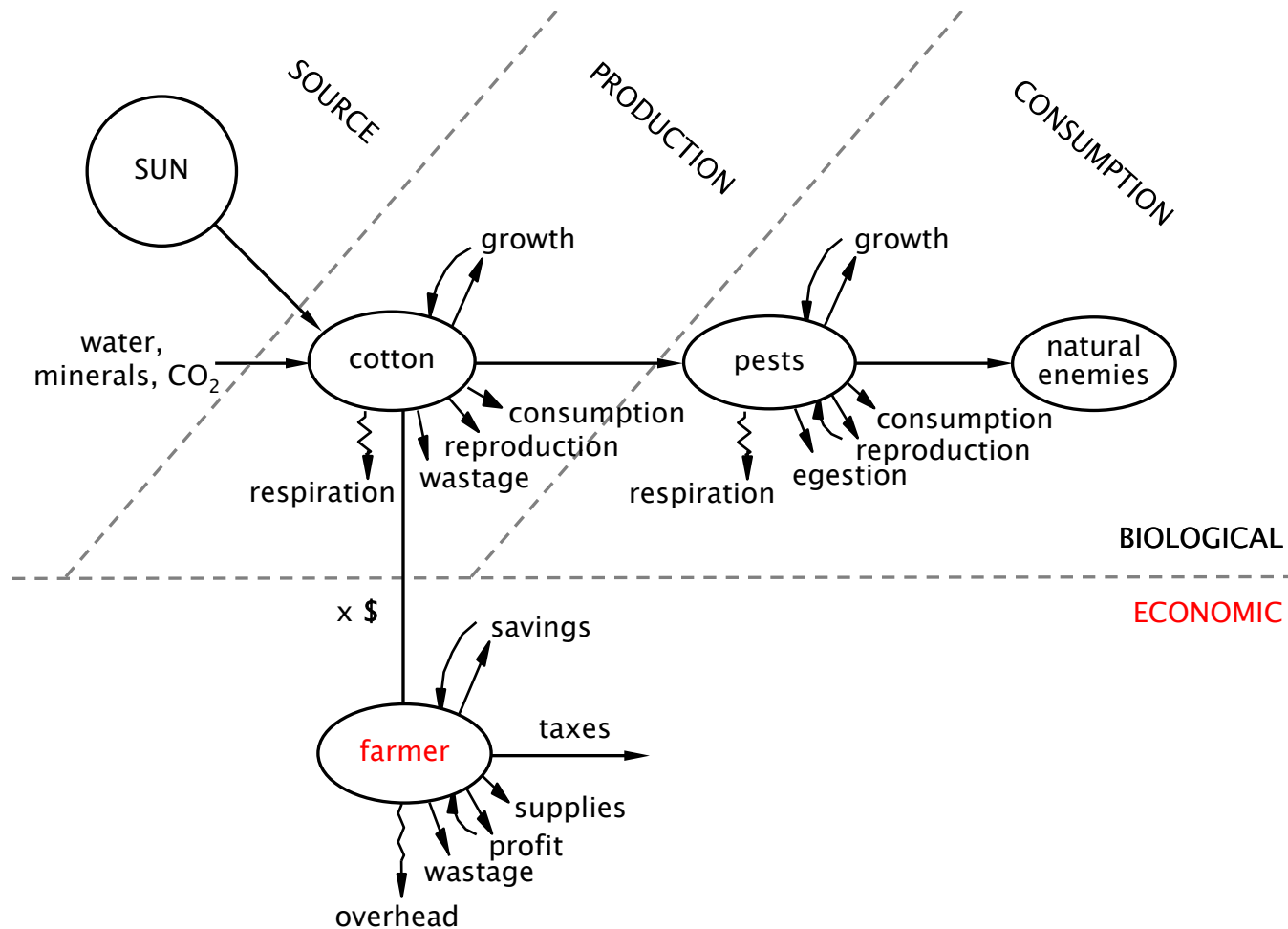
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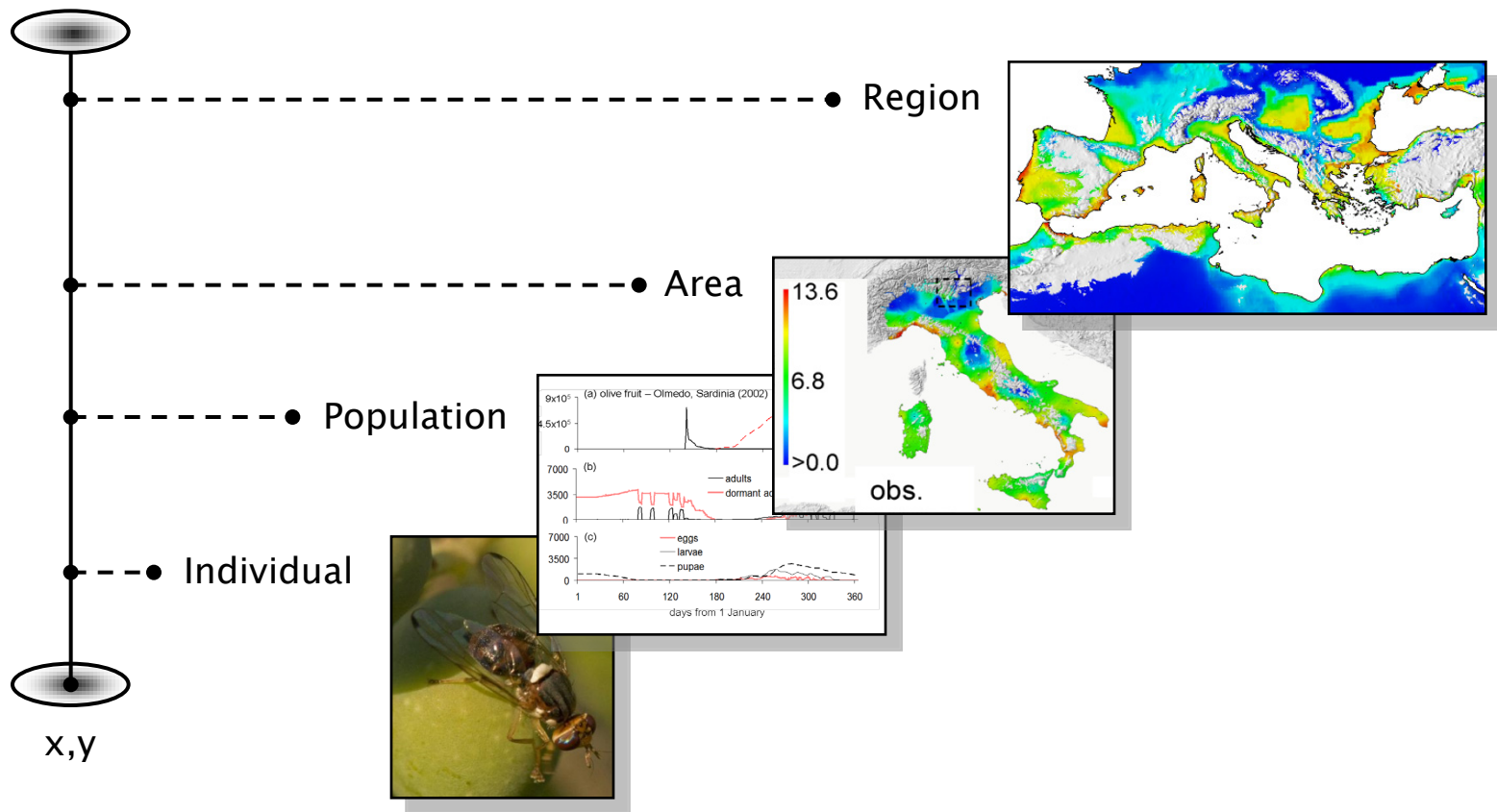
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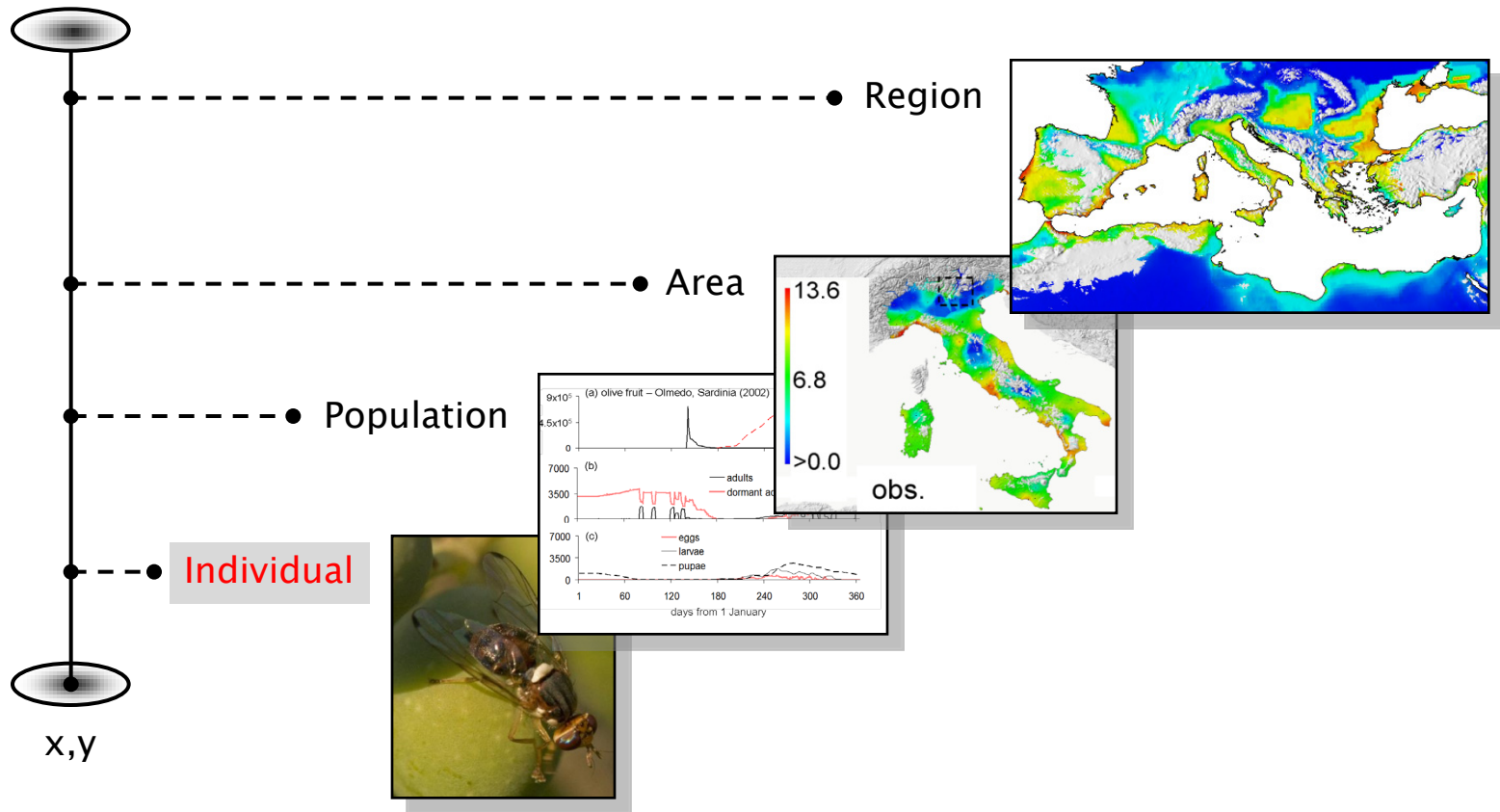
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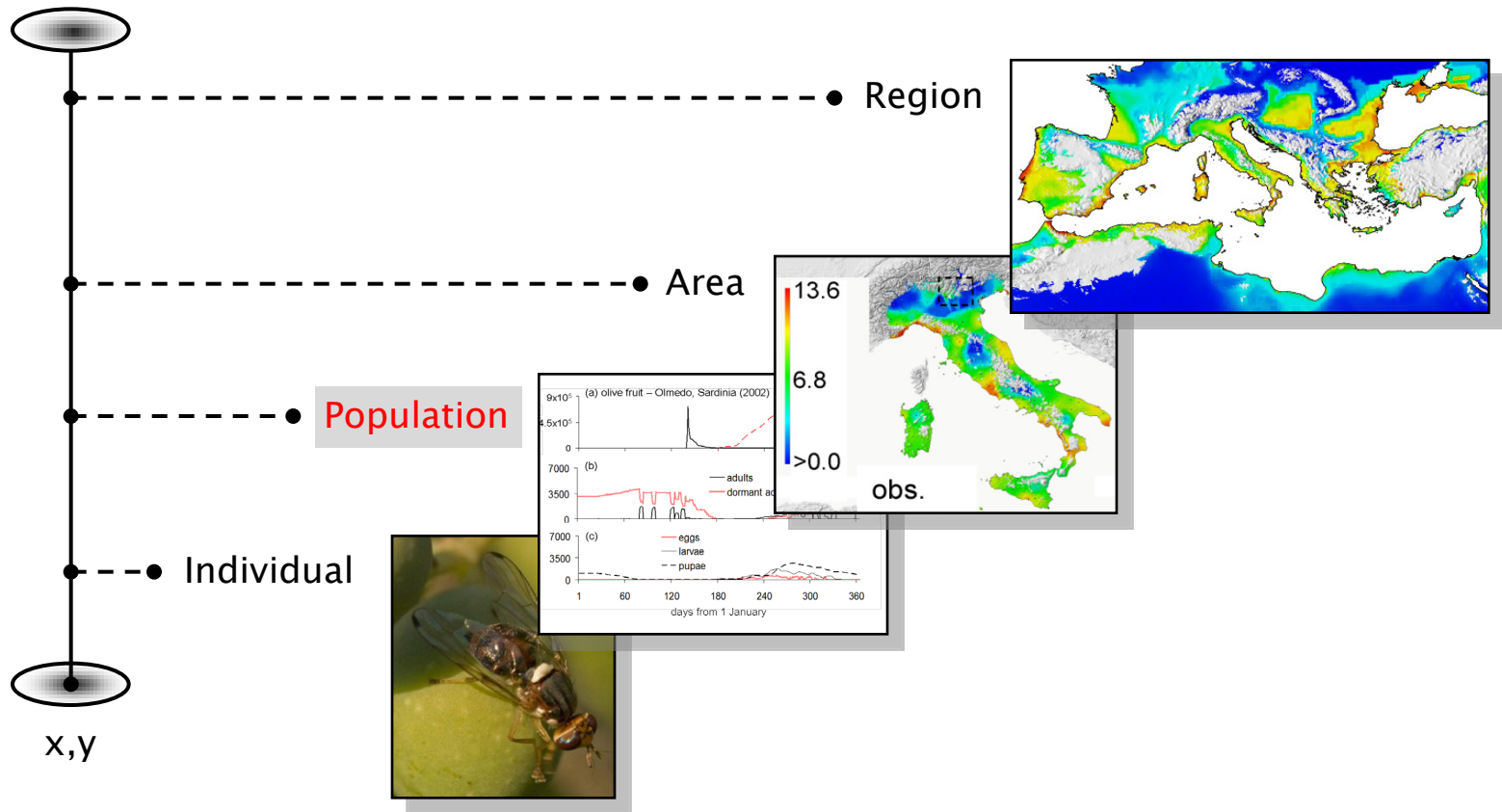
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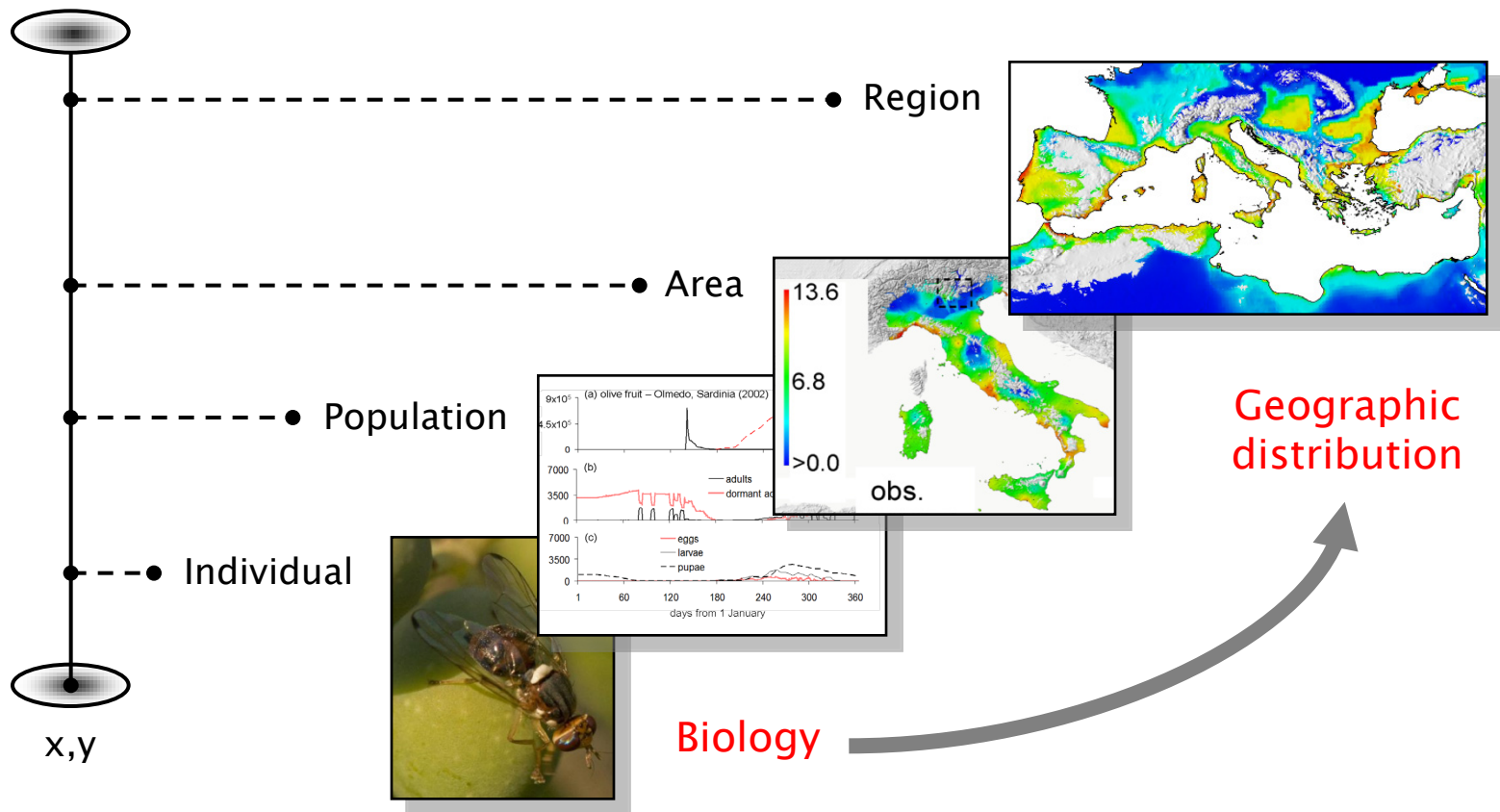
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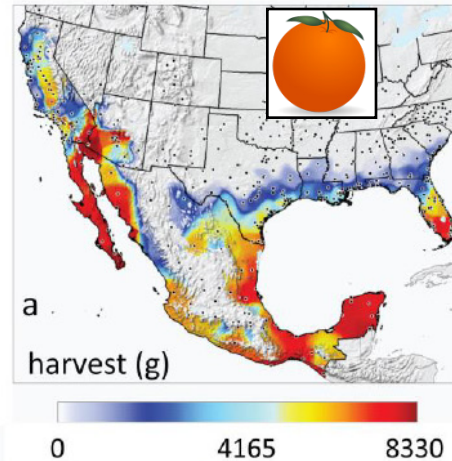


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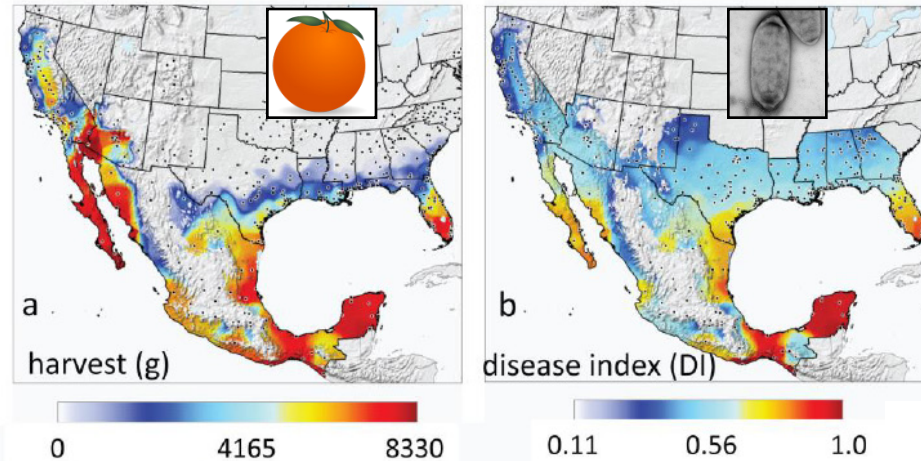
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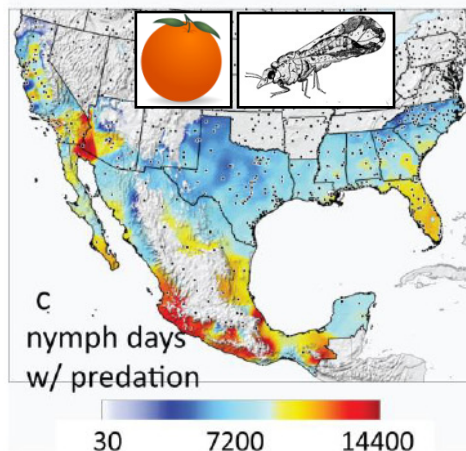
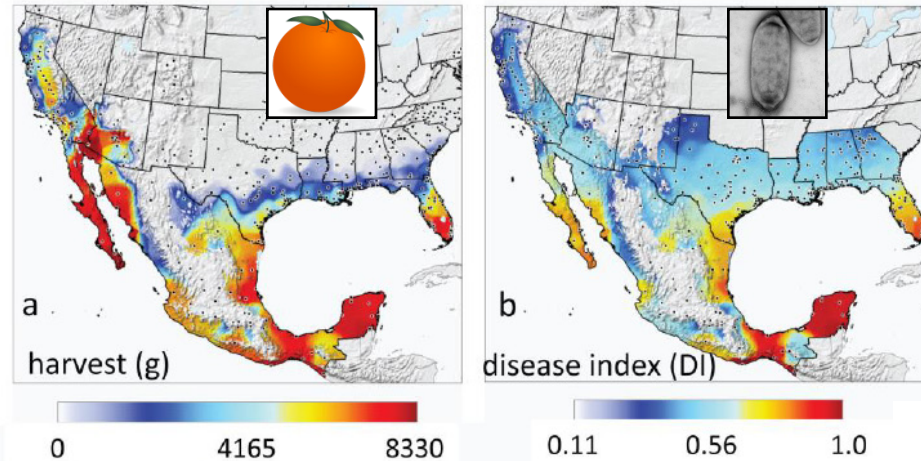
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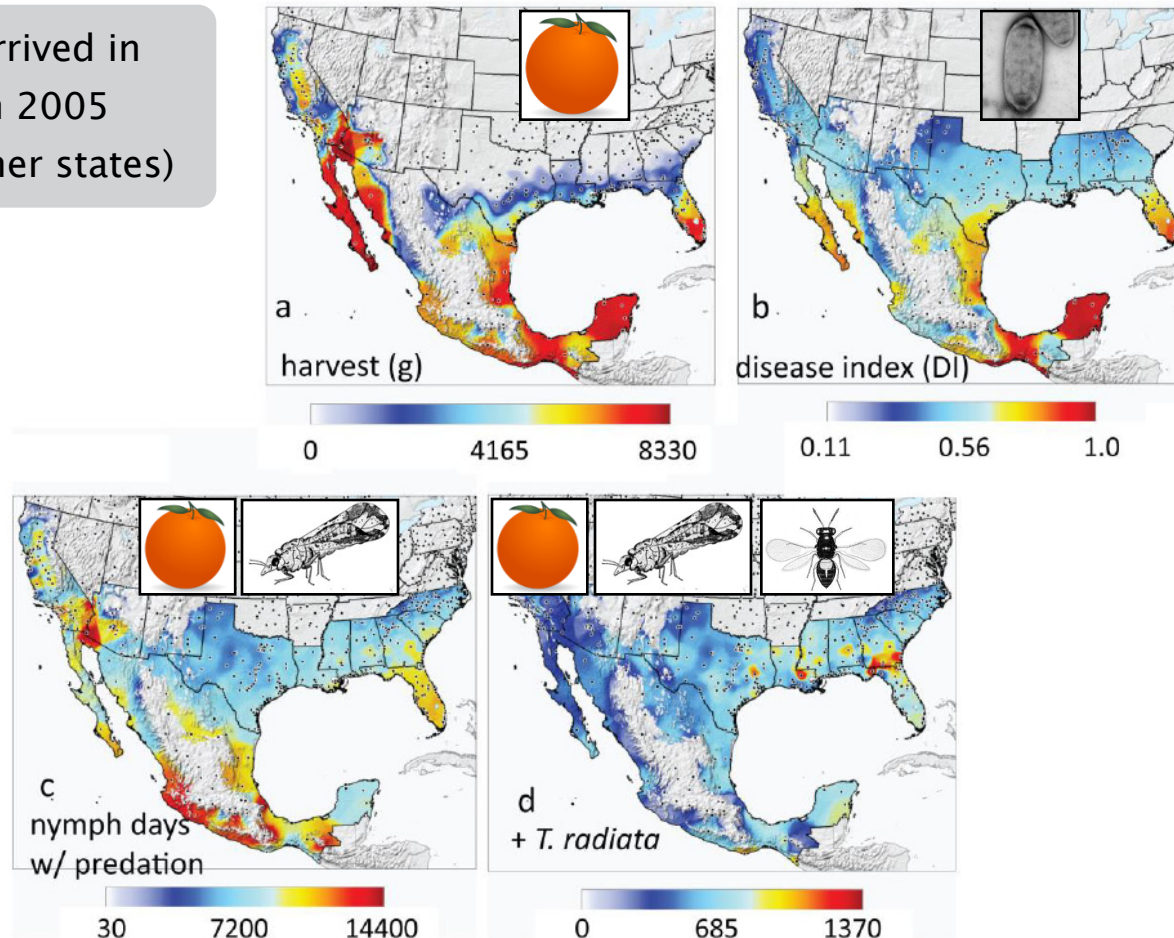
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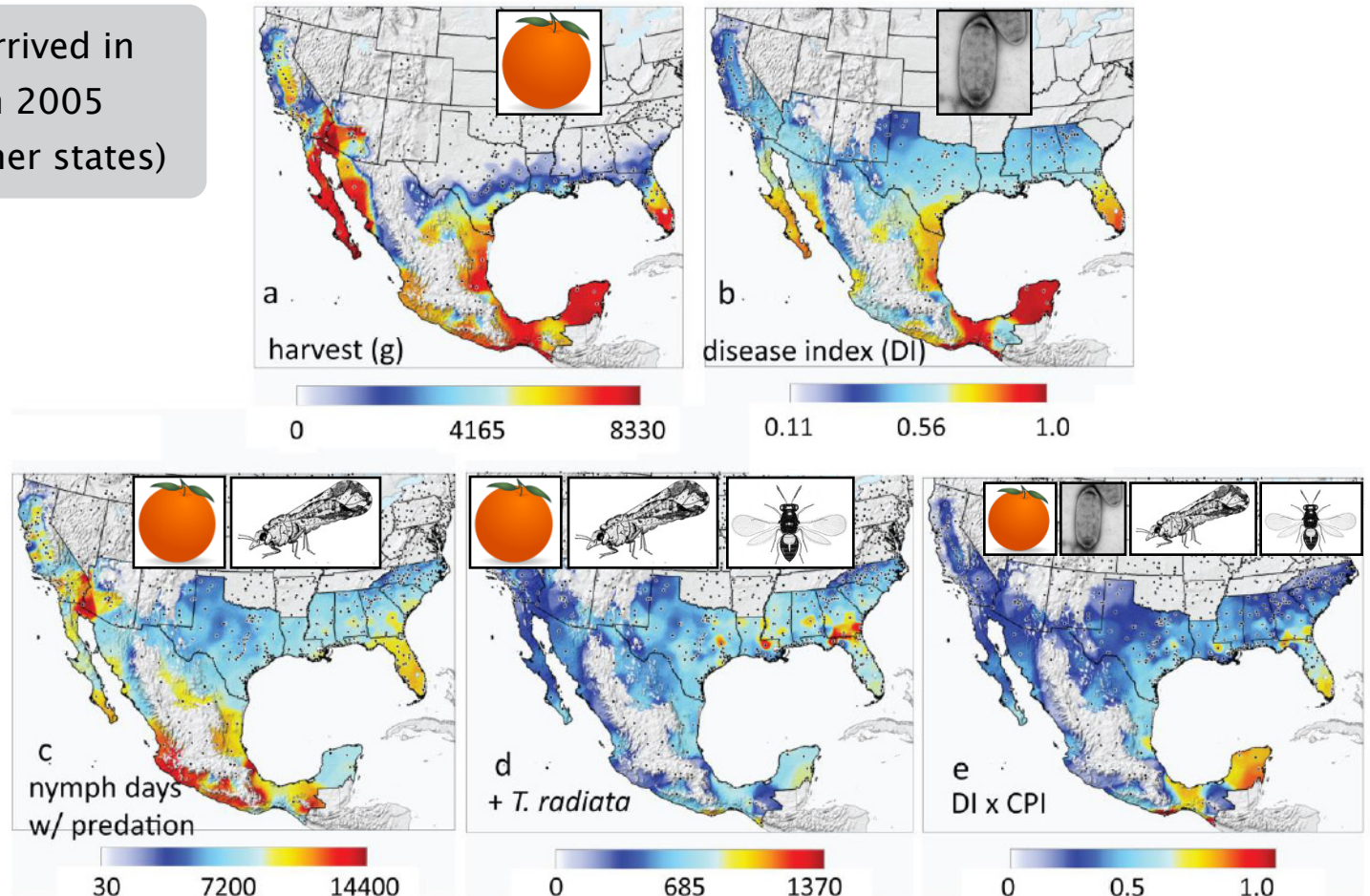
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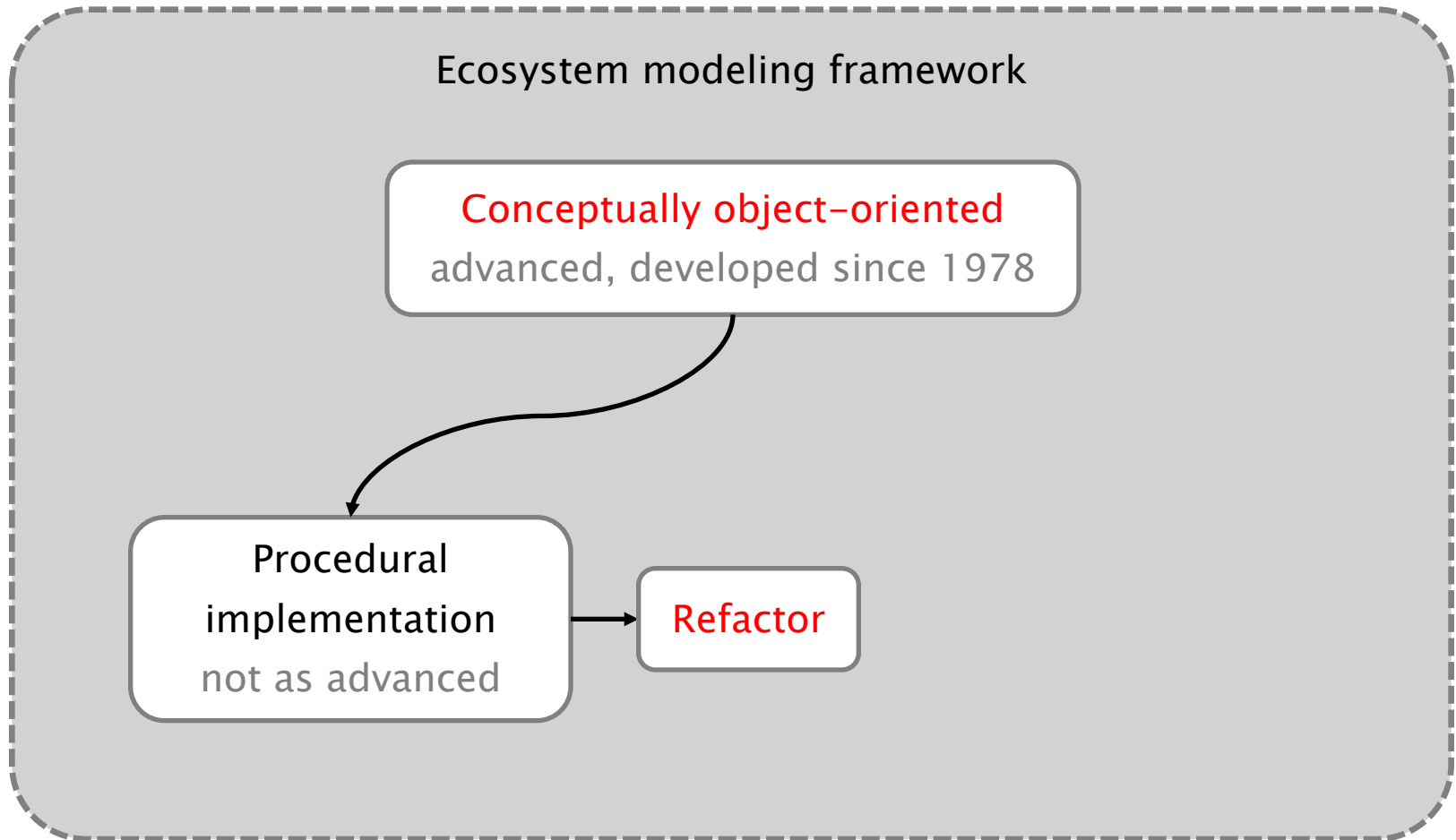
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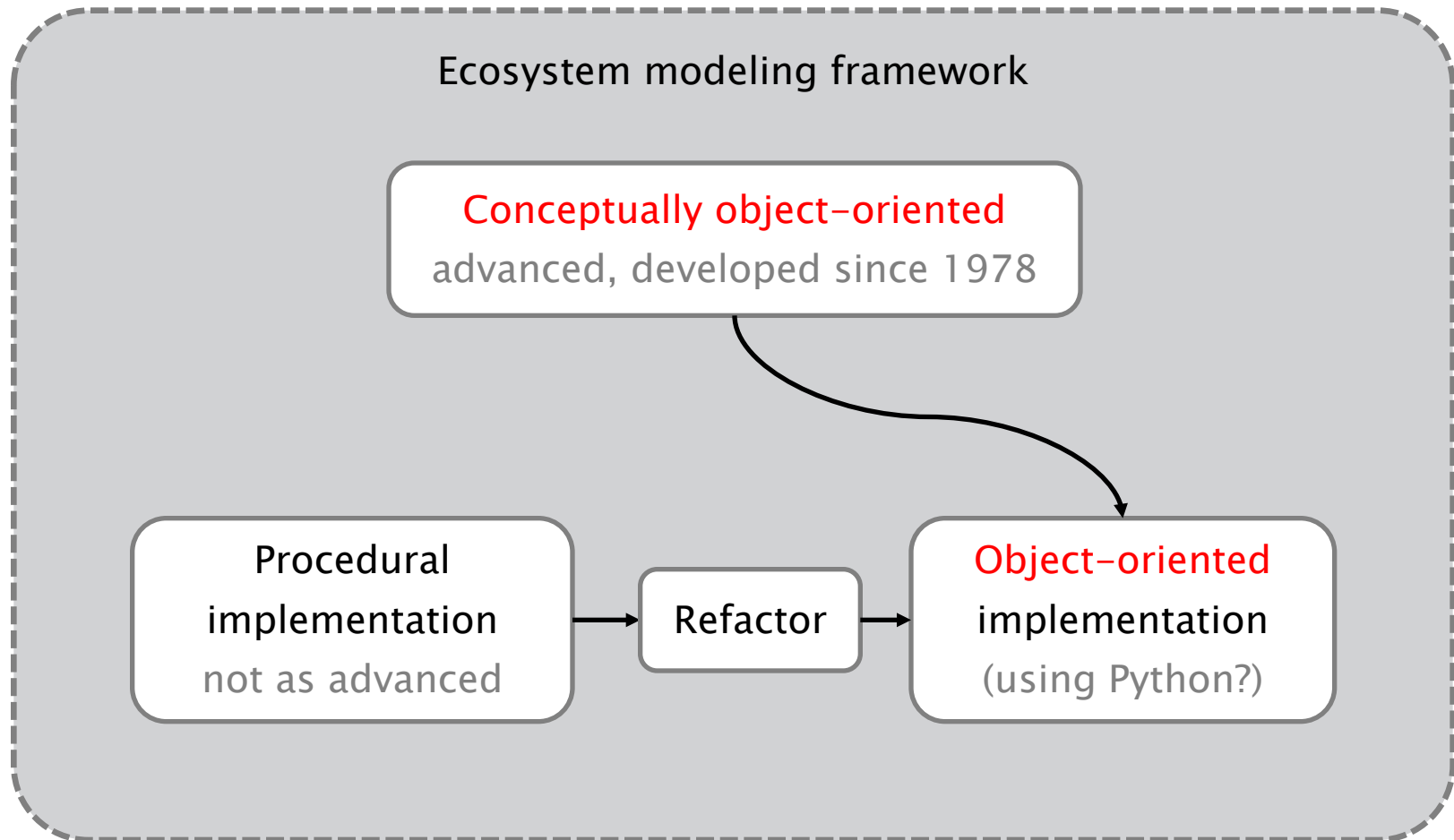
Procedural
implementation
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Higher abstraction via new software semantics
means wide access with minimal expertise



Would a (Python) class of organisms
plus adequate semantics do the job?



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