



FAIRagro – FAIR Data Infrastructure for Agrosystems

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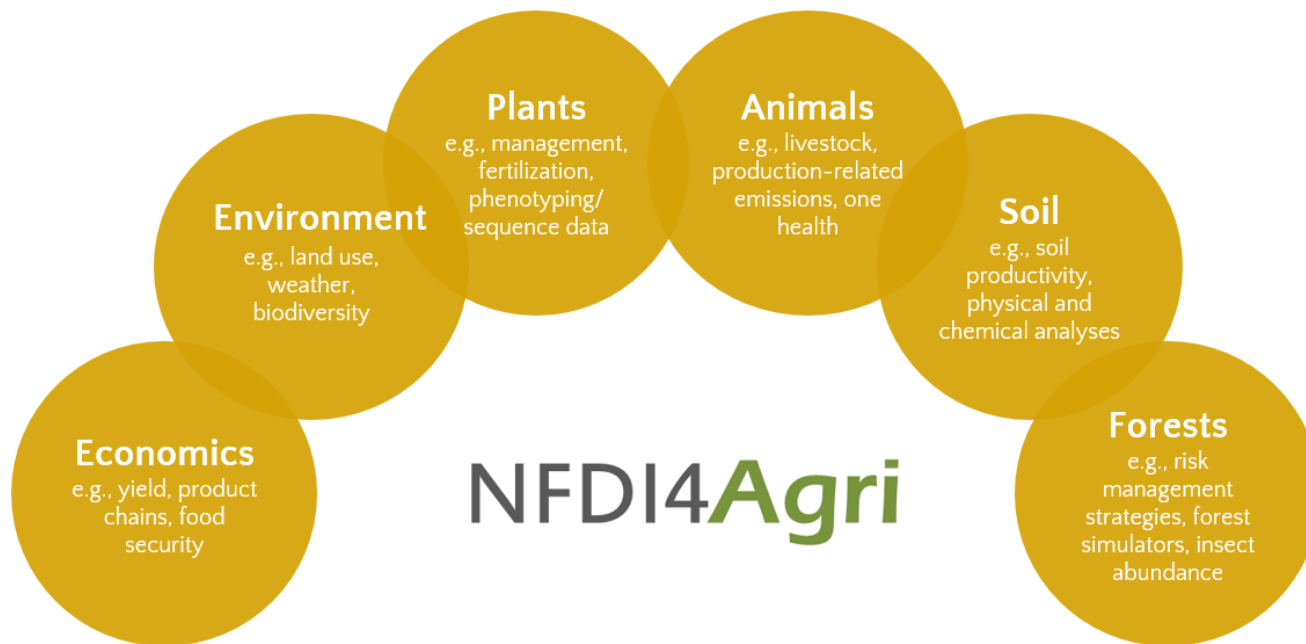
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23. Juni 2021



- Information / Darstellung FAIRagro als Initiative von NFDI4Agri (wer sind wir ?)
- Information / Vorstellung des Vorhabens (was haben wir vor ?)
- Information / Klärung nächste Schritte (wie geht es weiter ?)
- Feedback / Diskussion

NFD4Agri Antrag 2020 eingereicht



Kritikpunkte

- Agrarwissenschaftliche Disziplinen sehr heterogen
- Wenig Vernetzung zwischen Disziplinen
- Keine systemübergreifenden Forschungsfragen über die Breite der agrarwissenschaftlichen Disziplinen
- Fehlender Reifegrad der Community hinsichtlich der integrierten Forschung zu komplexen Fragestellungen
- NFDI4Agri kann diese Mängel in der Forschungsintegration nicht erbringen

Abstimmung zum weiteren Vorgehen

Fokussierung auf einen kleineren Bereich mit hohem Reifegrad und guter Integration über Disziplinen

Nukleus „FAIRagro“

Stärkere Einbeziehung der wiss. Community und Betonung der Nutzersicht

Flagship Use Cases

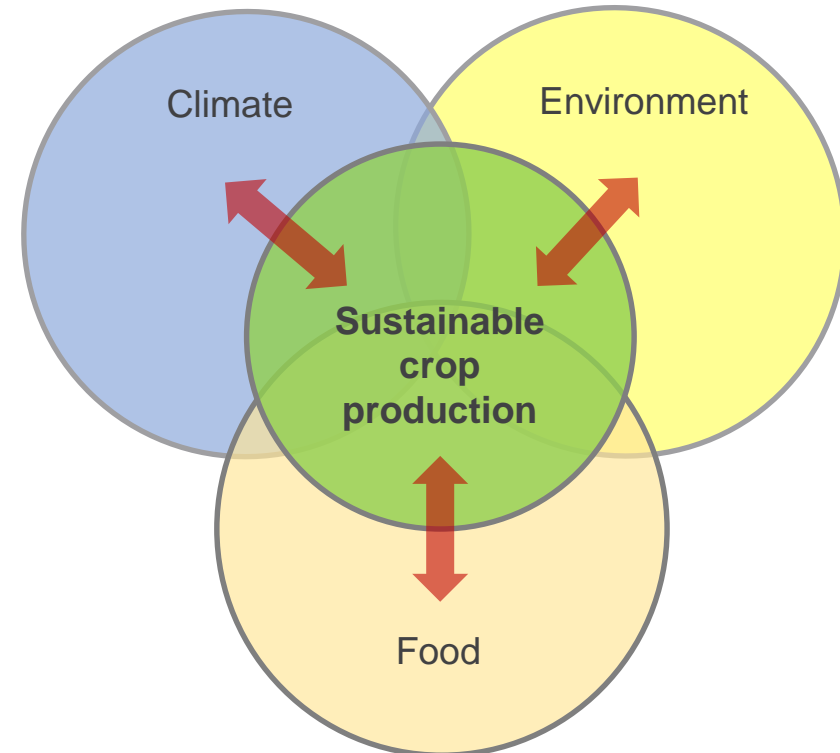
Erfahrungen von FAIRagro zur Integration weiterer Bereiche nutzen

FAIRagro → NFDI4Agri

- Food and agriculture relevant to all Sustainable Development Goals

- Crop production is the most essential part of food and agriculture

- Sustainable crop production needs to meet SDGs.
- Particular important are interactions with climate, the environment and the food system



➤ Targets for future production systems (EU)

2030 Targets for sustainable food production



Reduce by 50% the overall use and risk of **chemical pesticides** and reduce use by 50% of more hazardous **pesticides**



Reduce **nutrient losses** by at least 50% while ensuring no deterioration in soil fertility; this will reduce use of **fertilisers** by at least 20 %



Reduce sales of **antimicrobials** for farmed animals by 50%



Achieve at least 25% of the EU's agricultural land under **organic farming** and a significant increase in **organic aquaculture**



European food must remain safe, nutritious and of high quality. It must be produced with minimum impact on nature.

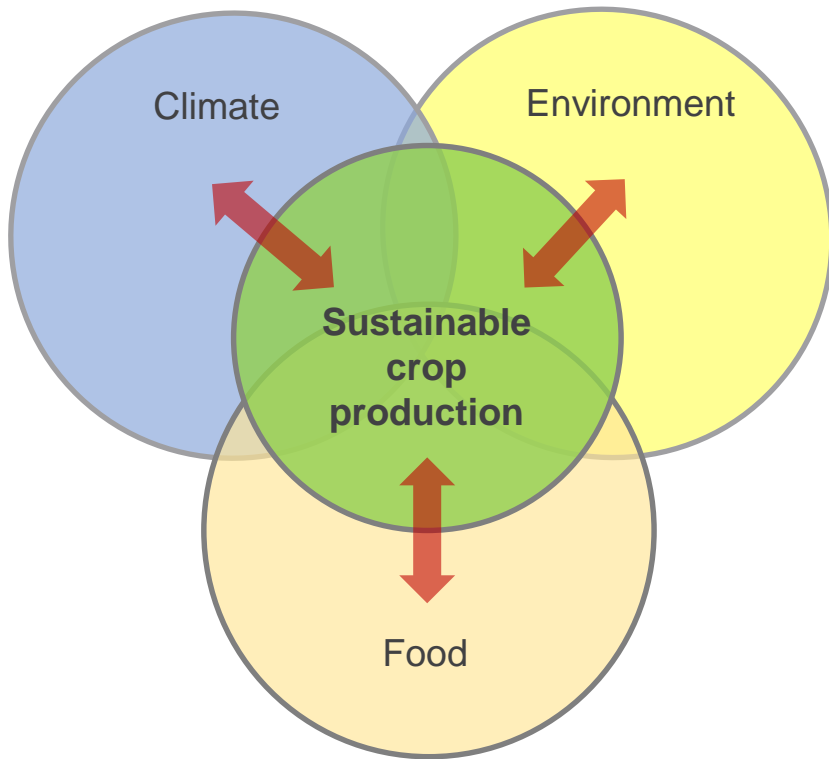
Concrete challenges:

- Climate change and adaptation/mitigation
- Pesticide reduction
- Improved resource use (water, nutrients, land, soil)
- SDG compliant agrosystems of the future

Sustainable crop production – challenges across scales



➤ Challenges at different scale



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Region

Landscape

Cropping system/Field

Plant/crop

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Sustainable agricultural sectors and food system

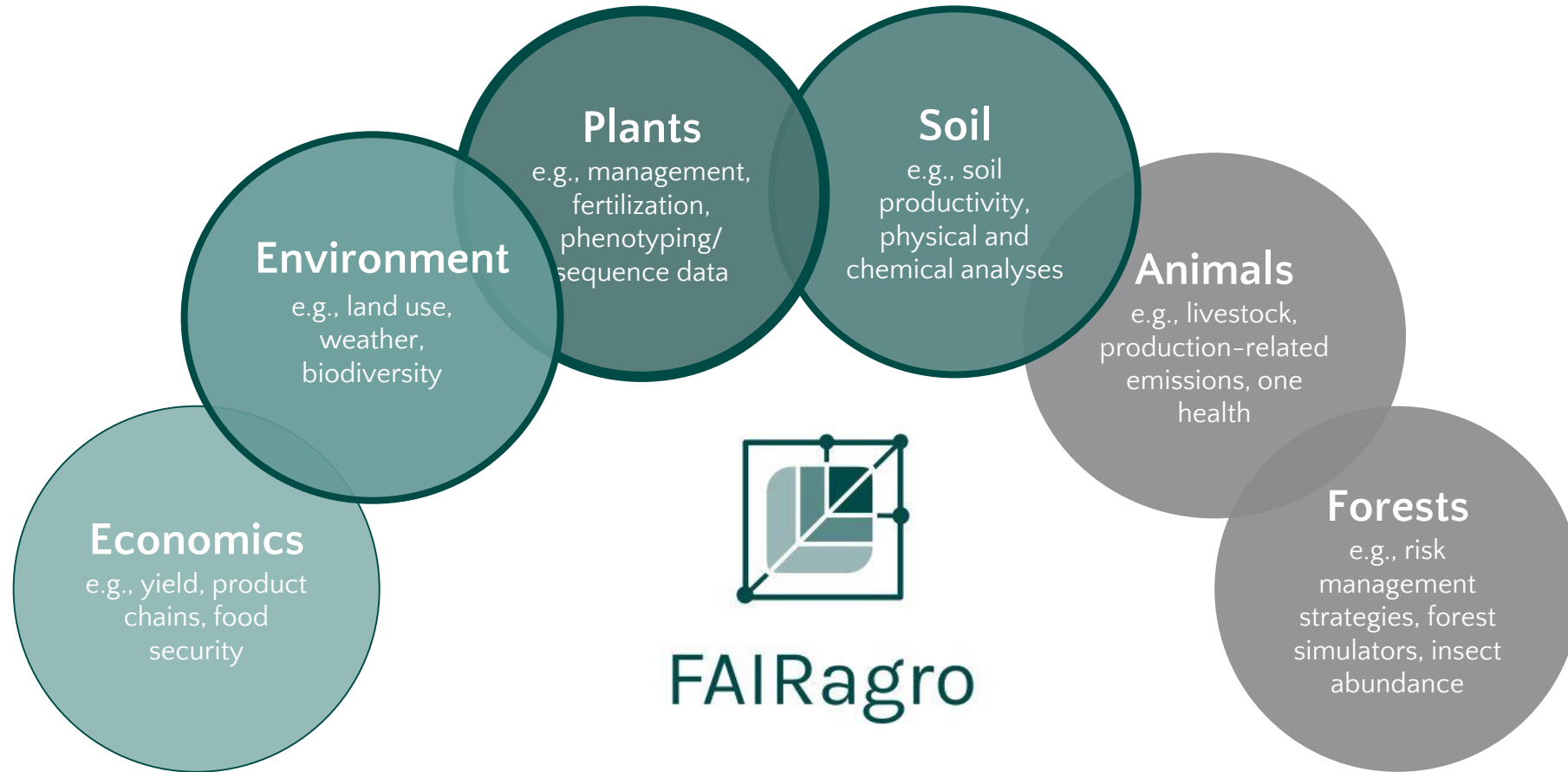
Sustainable agricultural landscape → provision of ecosystem services and biodiversity

Sustainable crop production and farming systems → reduced environmental impacts and improved resource use efficiency

Crops with improved yield and yield variability for site- (soil, climate) and management-specific conditions → understanding G x E x M

Modified after JPI FACCE Strategic Research Agenda, 2020





Time series



Geo data



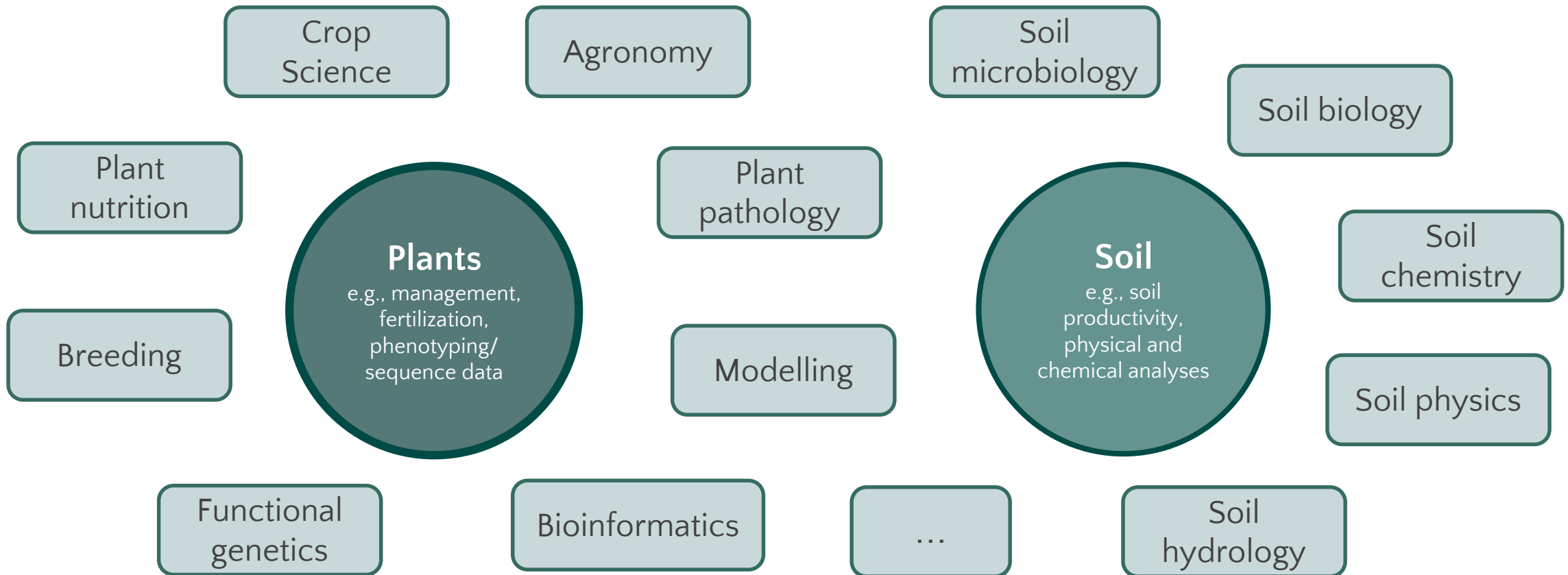
Farming 4.0



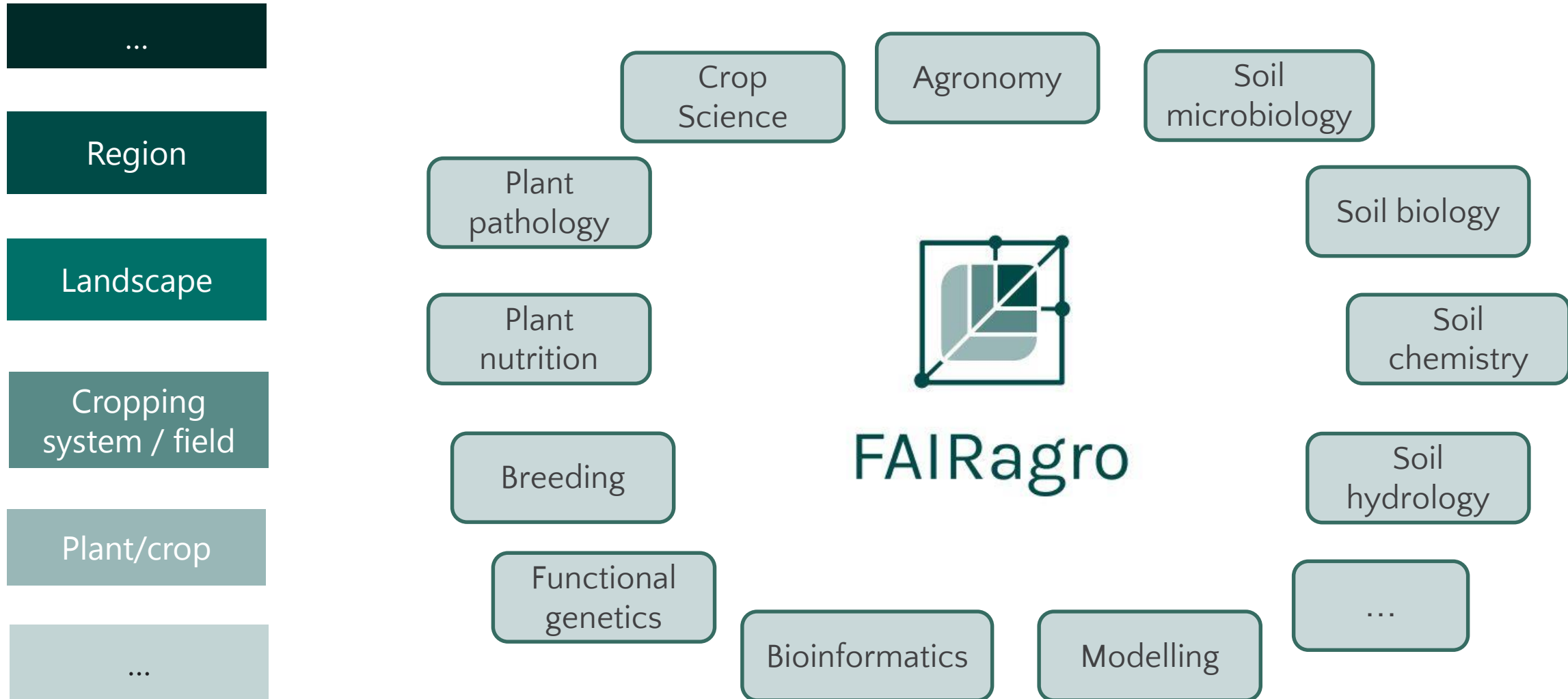
Sensitive data



Legacy data



FAIRagro – Selected related disciplines and scales



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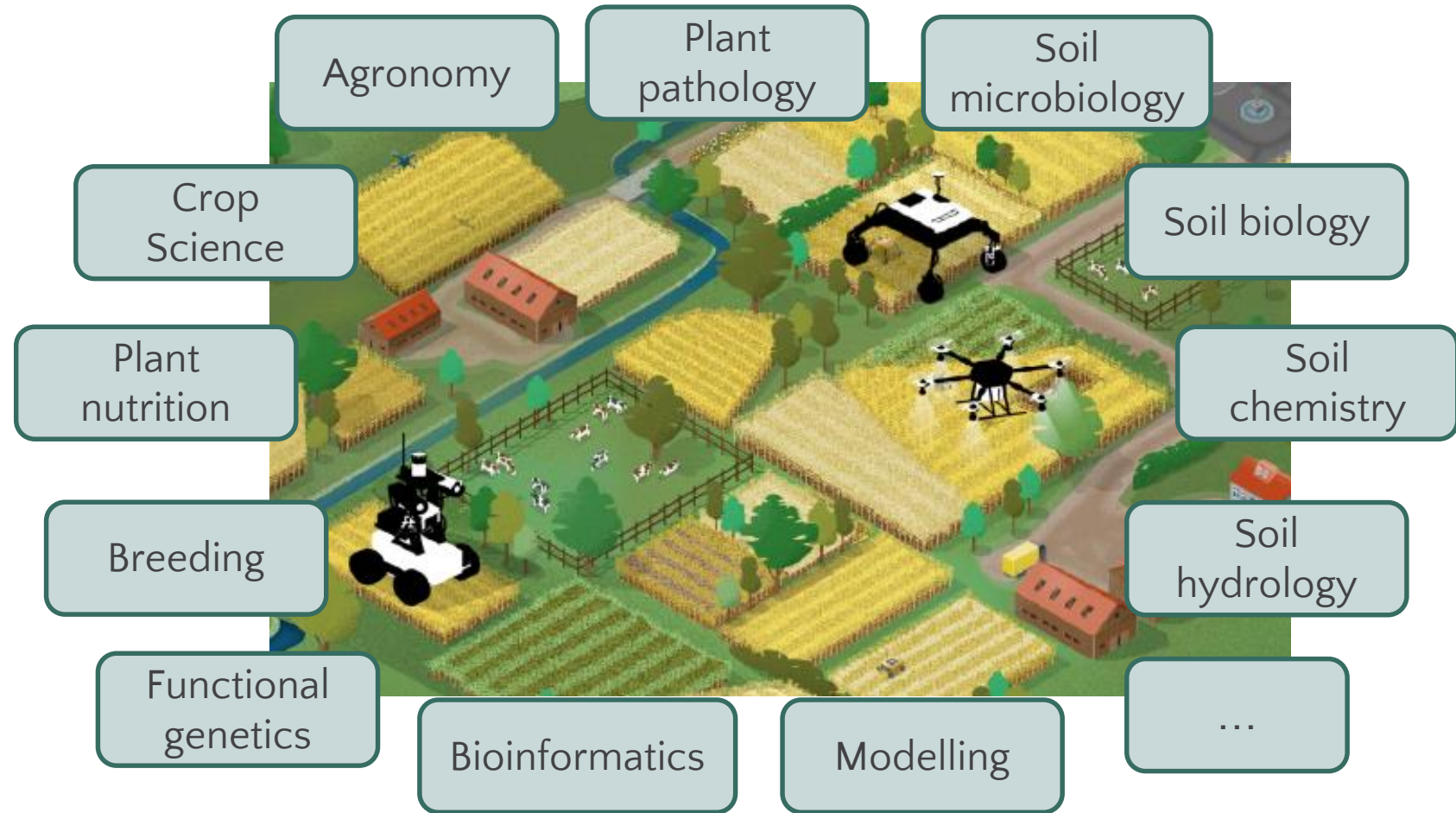
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Plant/crop

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UC2, Assessing tradeoffs for optimal crop nitrogen management

UC3, Learning from incomplete data

UC6, Towards integrated potato modelling with fully connected information systems

UC4, Streamlining pest and disease data to advance integrated pest management (IPM)

UC5, Non-invasive phenotyping with autonomous robots

UC1, Exploiting genotype x location x year x management interactions for sustainable crop production

- Many disciplinary and institutional infrastructures
- Restricted access to research data
- Hard to find
- Low interoperability
- Heterogeneous standards (metadata, ontologies)
- Inconsistent regulations on the subsequent use of data
- Handling of sensitive data

→ Overall aims:

- Develop research data infrastructure for a research area (Agrosystems Research)
- Build community of data providers and users

→ Ambitions

- Develop next gen data infrastructures to enhance (integrated) research on relevant problems to advance sustainable crop production
- Demonstrate progress for research
 - Integration across disciplines
 - Bridging of scales
- Pull RDM activities into other agricultural fields
- Address key challenges for RDM

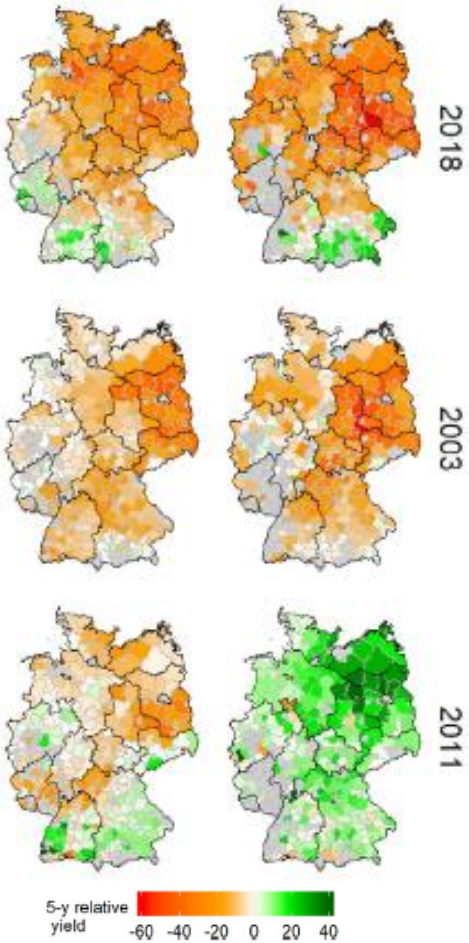


FAIRragro – key characteristics (agrosystems nucleus)

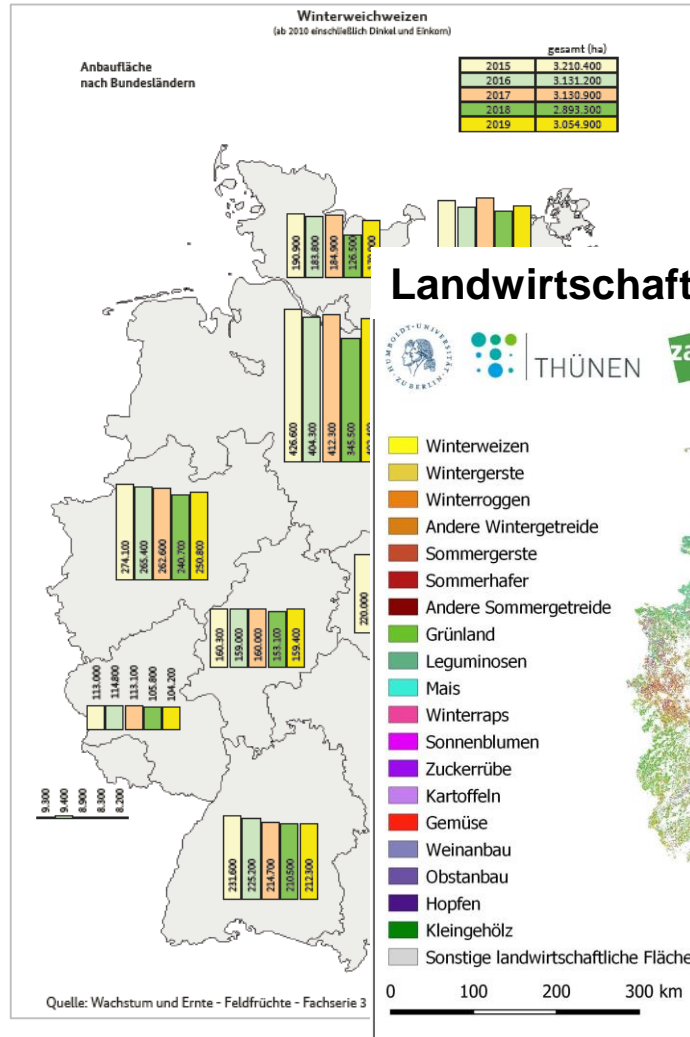
- Many disciplines involved
- Primary production (food security), resource degradation, ESS, Biodiversity are key challenges
- Can build on comprehensive research projects
- Can build on existing data, infrastructures and platforms
- Link to new technologies (robotics, sensing, big data, modelling)
- Larger national and international efforts consortia (PhenoRob, patchCROP, MACSUR, AgMIP, DSSAT, Bonares, DAKIS, ...)

Ertragskarten

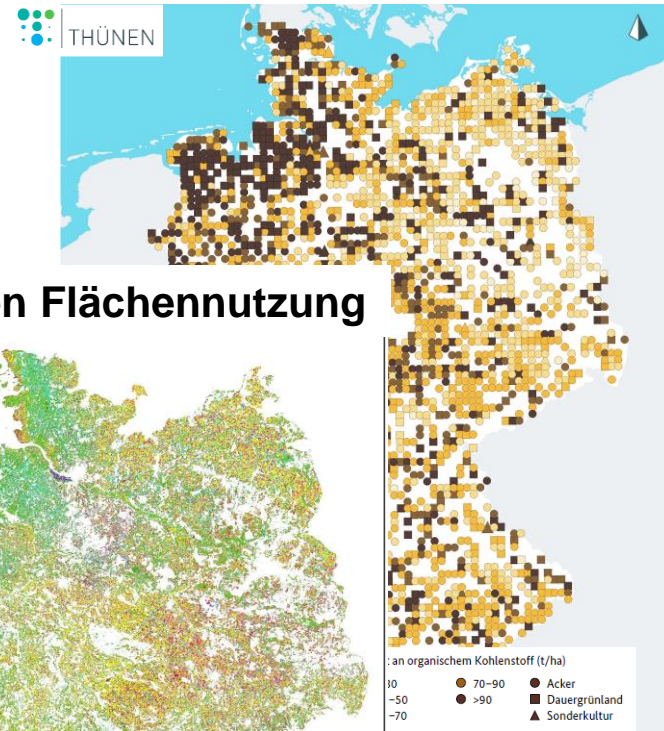
Wheat Silage maize



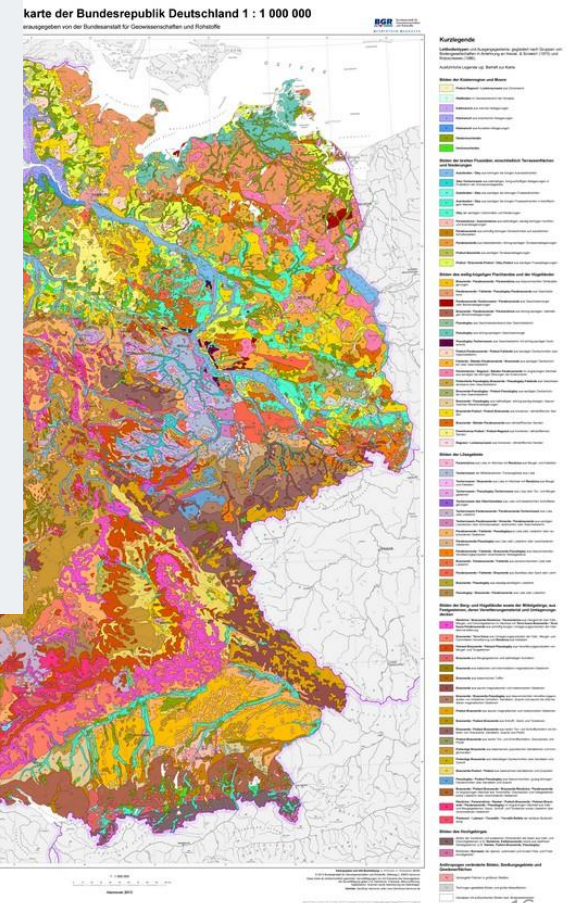
Beschreibende Sortenlisten



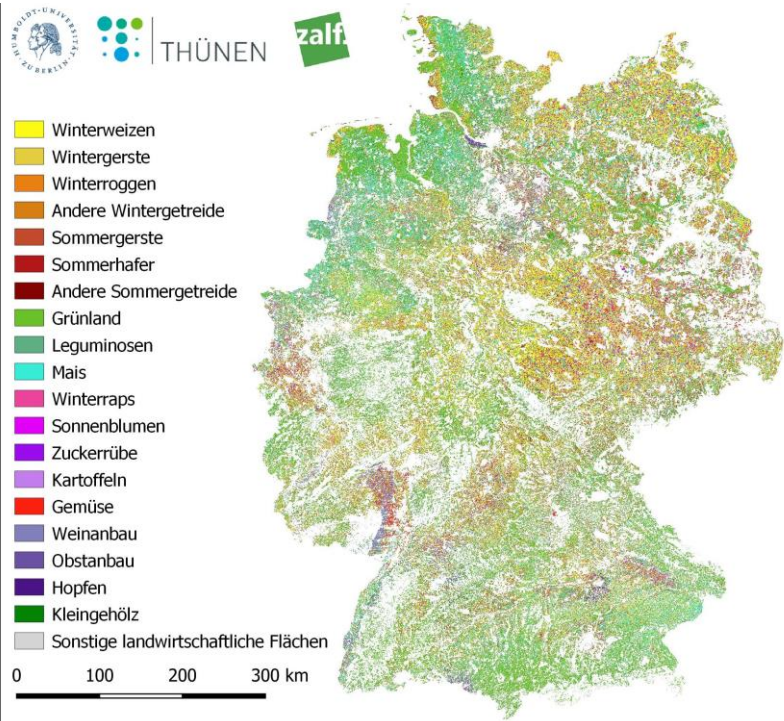
Vorrat an organischen Kohlenstoff



Bodenkarten (BÜK100)

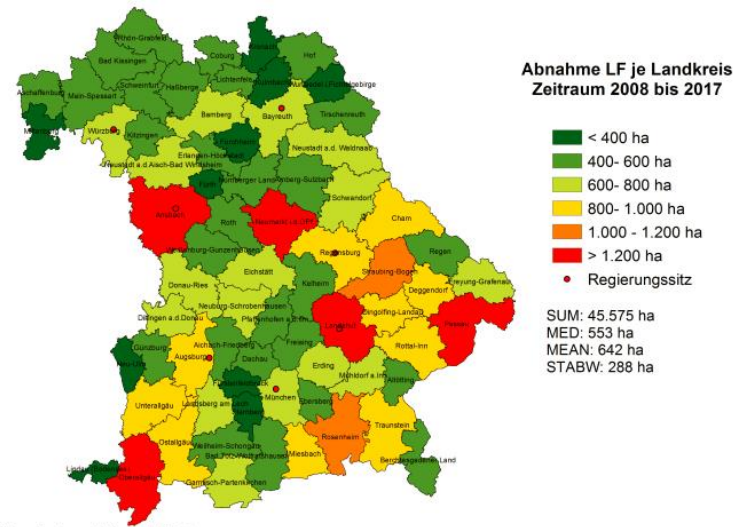


Landwirtschaftlichen Flächennutzung



FAIRagro – available (sensitive) data, examples

InVeKoS - Integriertes Verwaltungs- und Kontrollsystem



Datenaufbereitung und kartografische Darstellung:
Robert Friebe, LE-IBA Ia, 2018
Geofachdaten: InVeKoS (SIMELF)
Geobasisdaten: Bayerische Vermessungsverwaltung

<https://www.lfl.bayern.de/iba/agrarstruktur/181760/index.php>

Bundes- und Landessortenversuche



<https://www.bundessortenversuch.de>

Betriebsdaten (Beispiel, Farm accountancy data network, FADN)



https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/farming/facts-and-figures/farms-farming-and-innovation/structures-and-economics/economics/fadn_en



Cluster of Excellence



PHENOROB

developing digital technologies



monitoring



robots



modeling

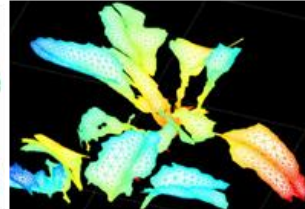


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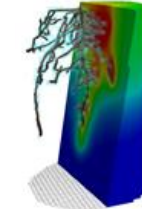
understanding plant and soil



non-invasive phenotyping



plant-soil interaction



integrating in environment and economy



assessing, modeling, and optimizing implications



FAIRragro – comprehensive research projects and infrastructures



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“Soil as a sustainable resource for the bioeconomy” Research Data



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Map of Long-term Field Experiments in Germany (and neighbouring countries)

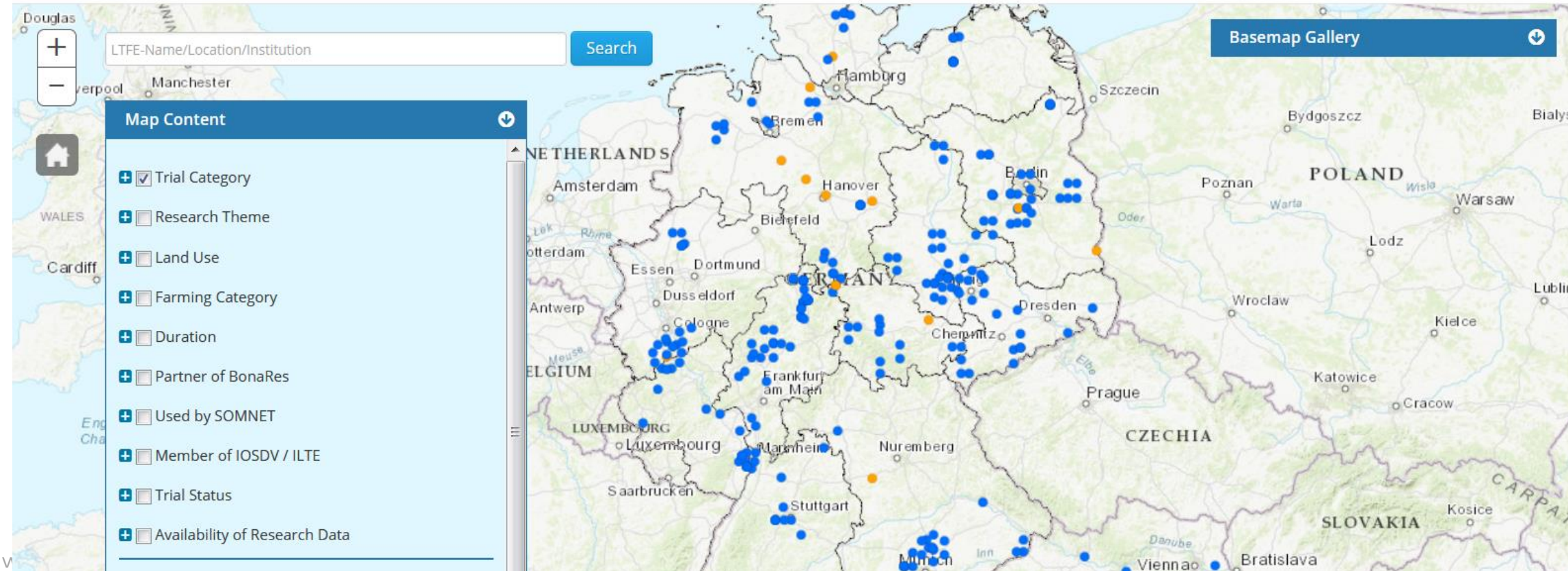


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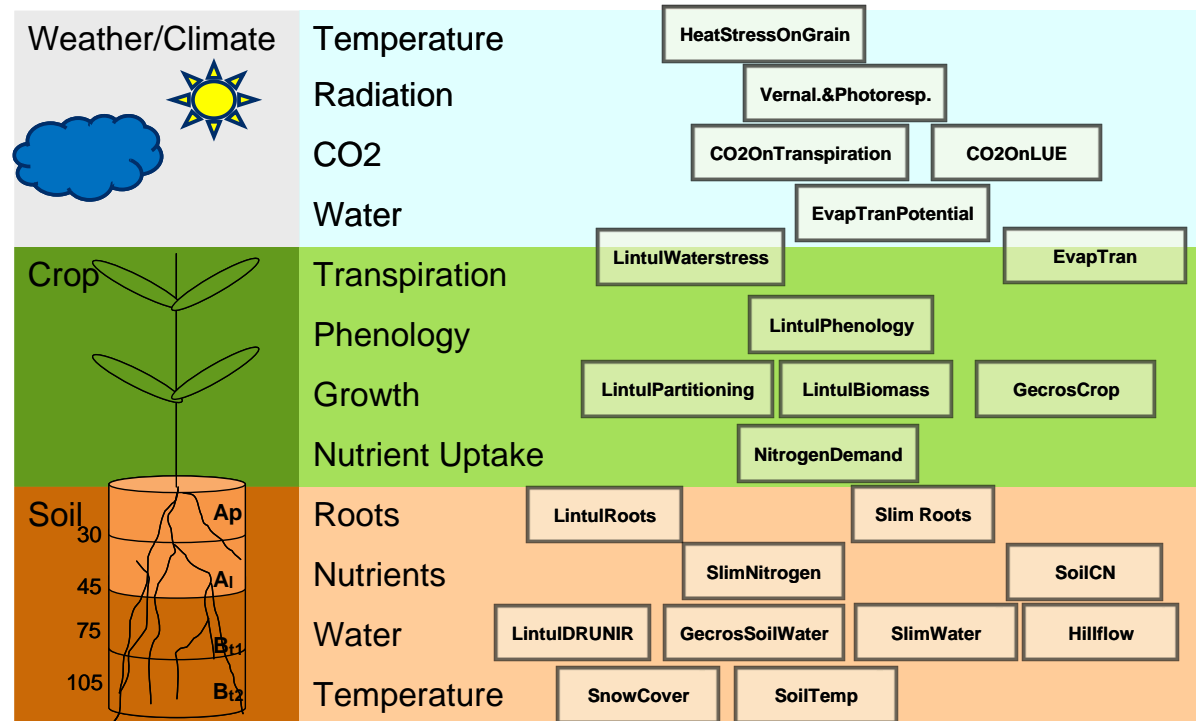
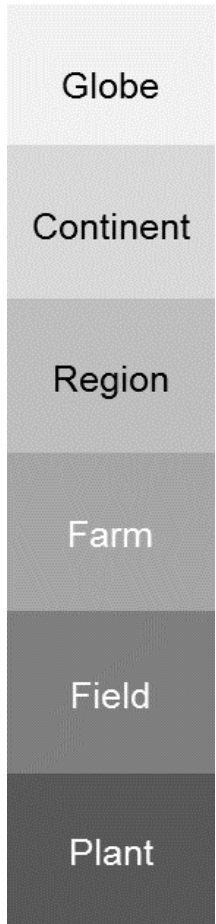


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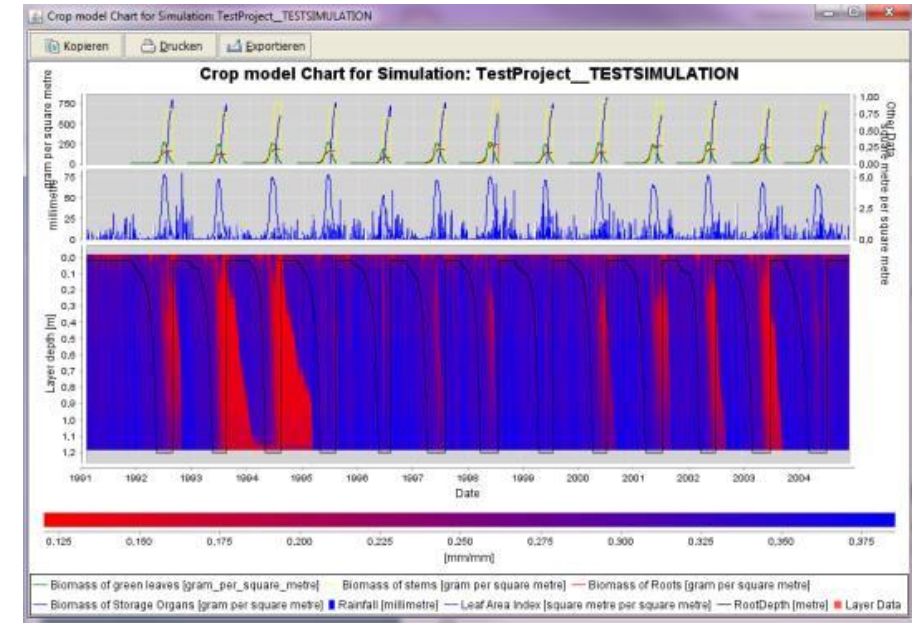




Scientific Impact assessment and Modelling - Platform for Advanced Crop and Ecosystem management



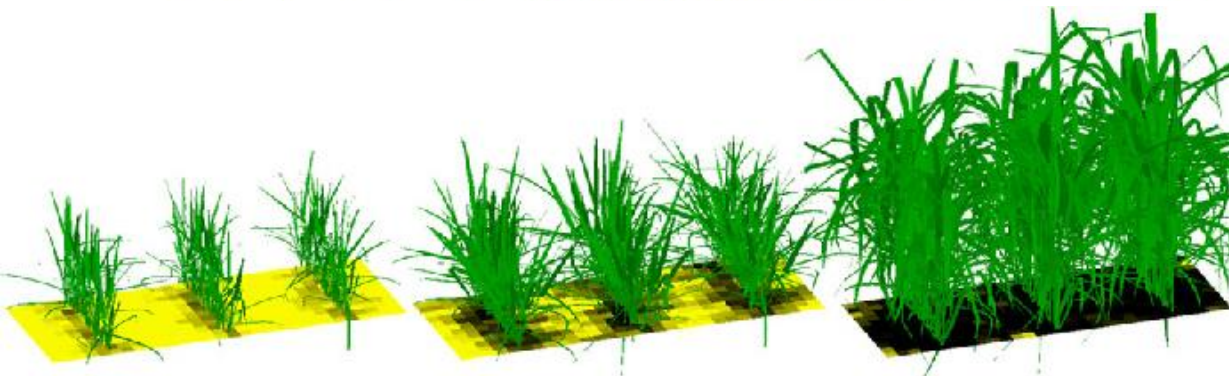
<https://www.simplace.net/>



FAIRagro – existing models

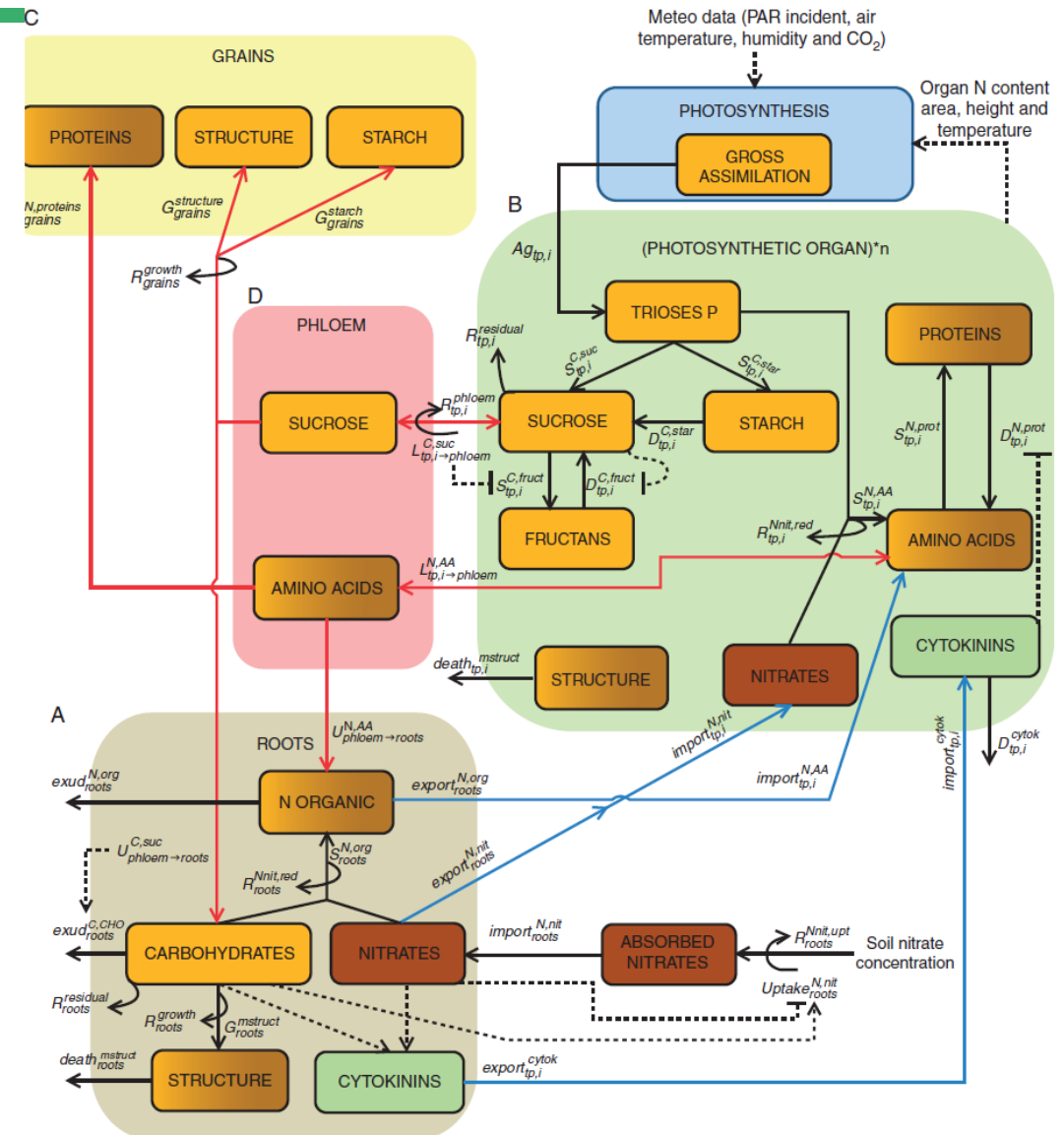
➔ Model aided breeding and management support

- Quantify environmental and management effects
- ➔ model linking
- ➔ functional structural plant modeling



Evers et al., 2010

The CN wheat functional-structural plant model

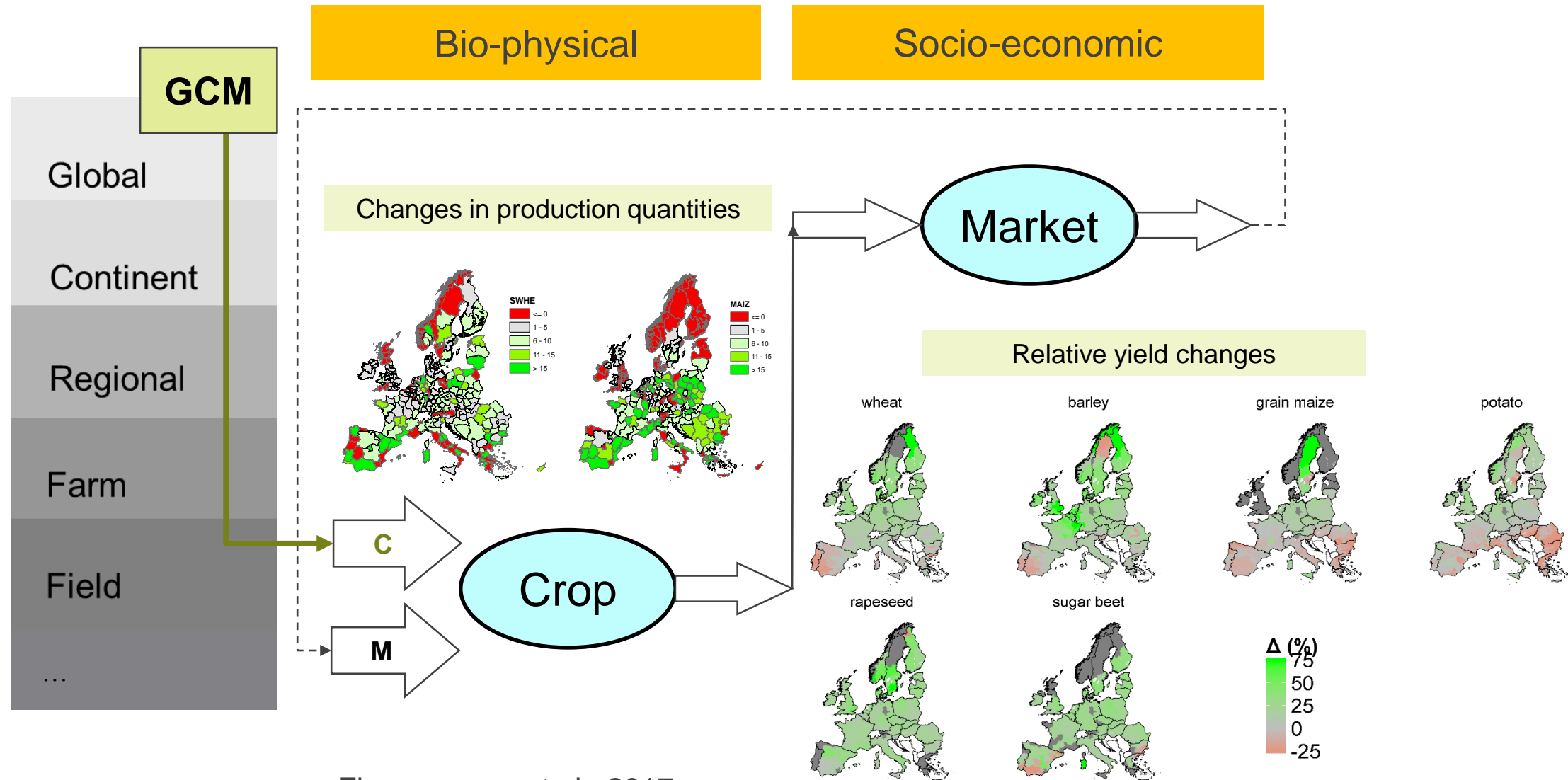


Barillot et al., 2016

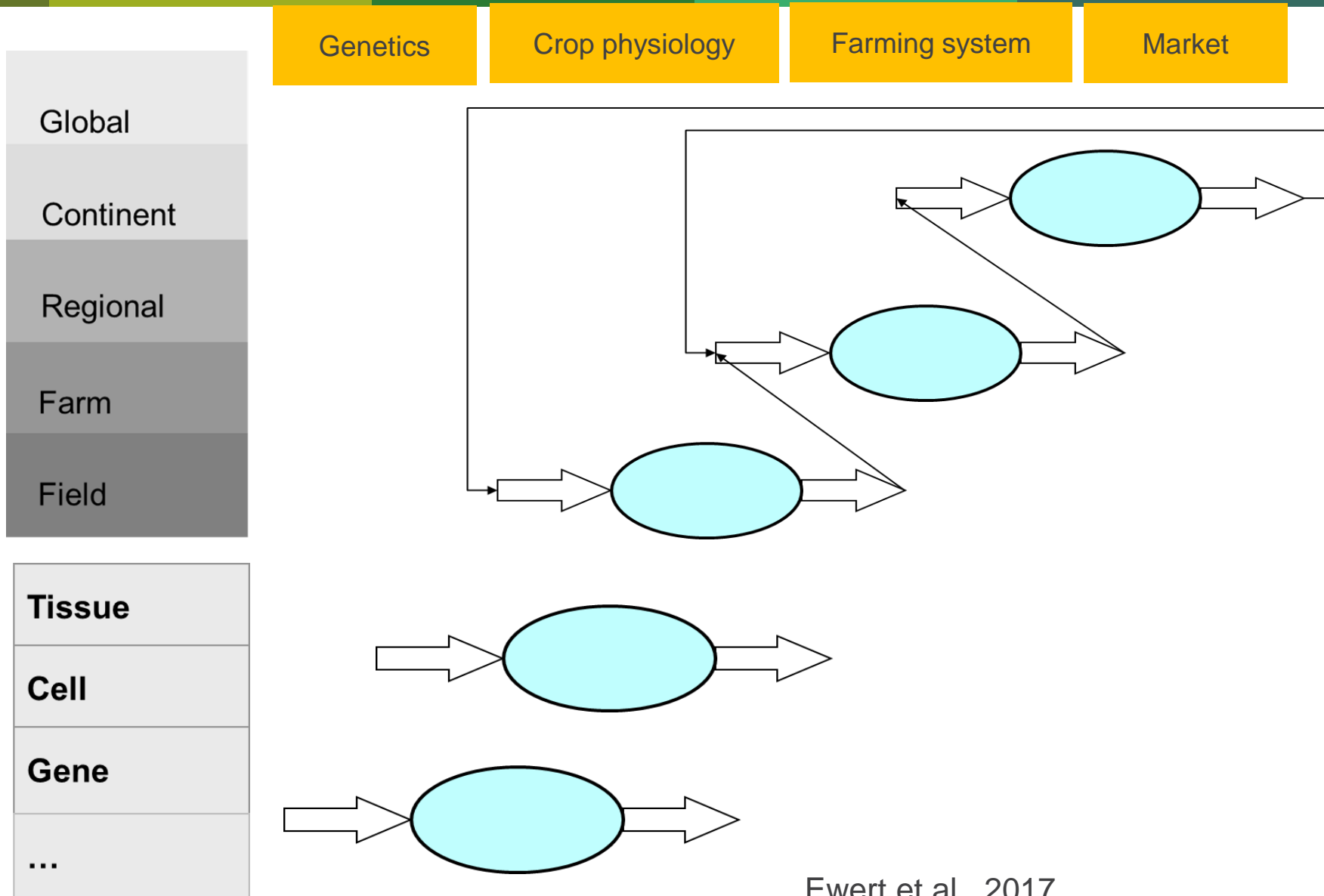
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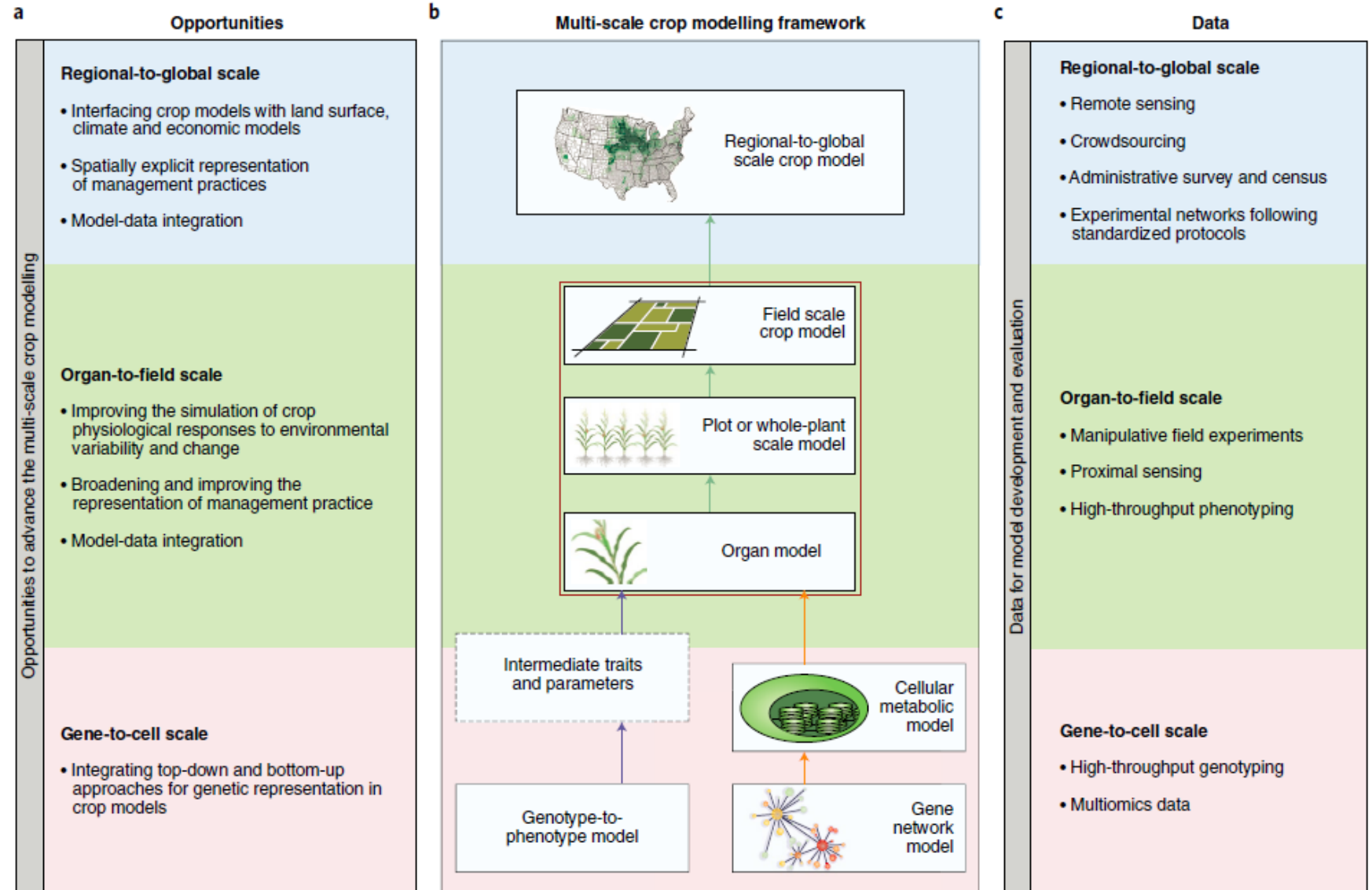
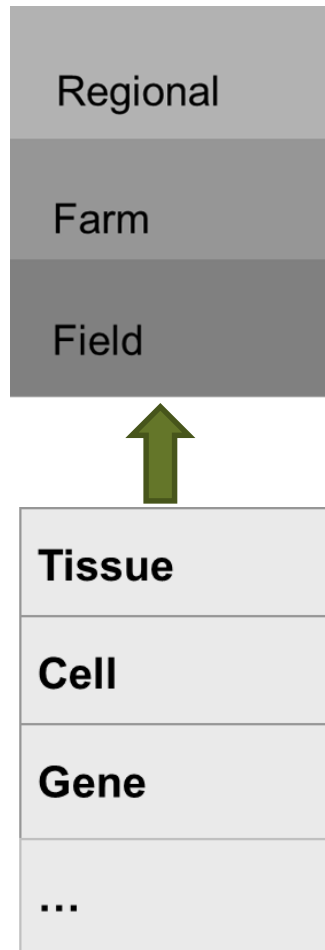
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→ Multi-scale crop modelling framework



Data providers and users

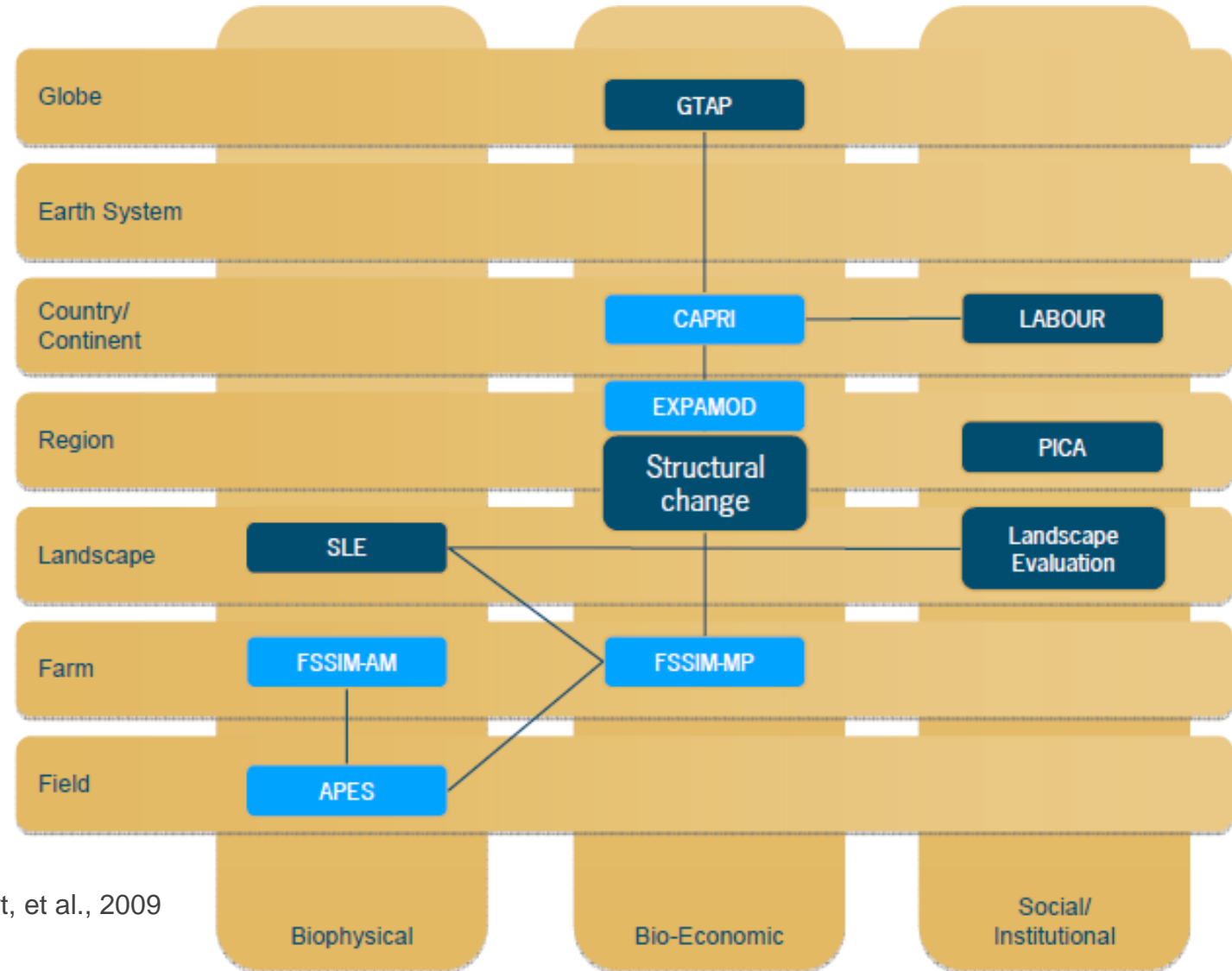


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System for Environmental and Agricultural Modelling;
Linking European Science and Society – EU FP6
Integrated Project

<http://www.seamless-ip.org/>
<https://www.seamlessassociation.org/>



Van Ittersum, et al., 2008; Ewert, et al., 2009

www.fairagro.net



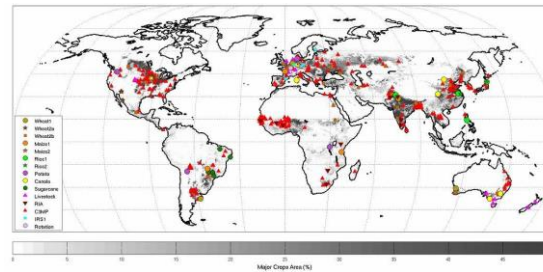


MACSUR a Knowledge Hub of FACCE-JPI



Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) on “Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change”

<https://macsur.eu/>



AgMIP

Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project



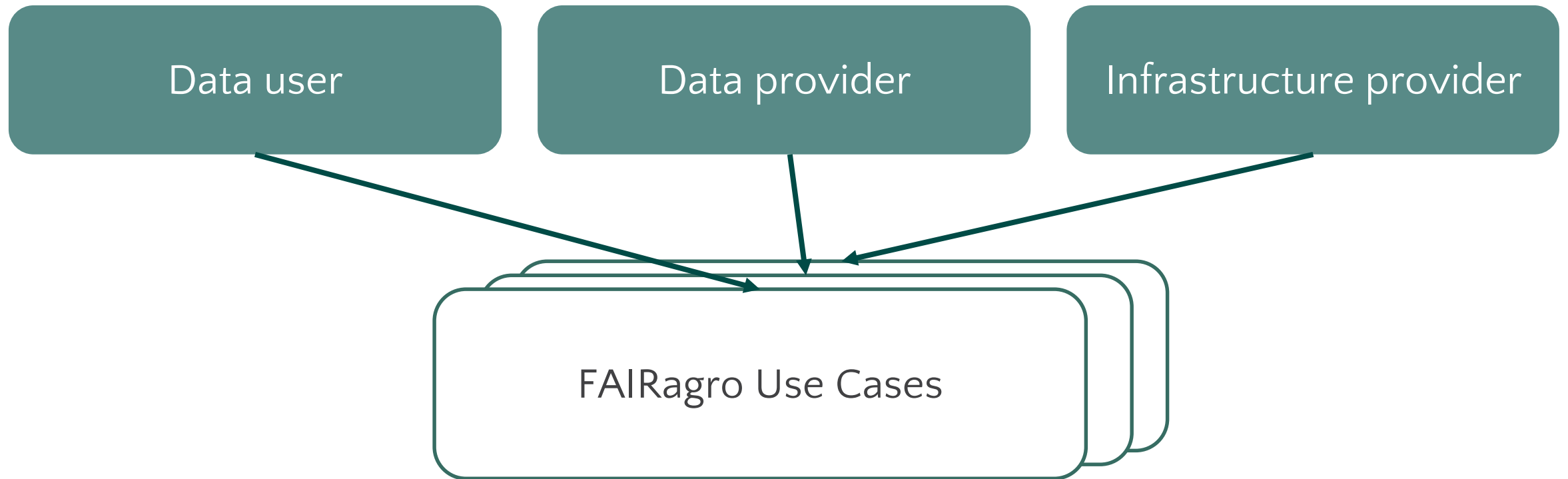
10+	30+	60+	200+	1000+
Years of research	Teams	Partners	Publications	Members

- Deutsche Zentralbibliothek für Medizin (ZB MED) Informationszentrum Lebenswissenschaften
- Forschungszentrum Jülich
- Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut, Bundesforschungsinstitut für Ländliche Räume, Wald und Fischerei
- Julius Kühn-Institut (JKI), Bundesforschungsinstitut für Kulturpflanzen
- Kuratorium für Technik und Bauwesen in der Landwirtschaft (KTBL)
- Leibniz-Institut für Agrartechnik und Bioökonomie (ATB)
- Leibniz-Institut für Informationsinfrastruktur (FIZ Karlsruhe)
- Leibniz-Institut für Pflanzengenetik und Kulturpflanzenforschung (IPK)
- Leibniz-Zentrum für Agrarlandschaftsforschung (ZALF)
- Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn Institut für Geodäsie und Geoinformation
- Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung
- Technische Universität München, Hans Eisenmann-Forum, Lehrstuhl Digital Agriculture



How can other partners participate in FAIRagro?

What contributions are possible?



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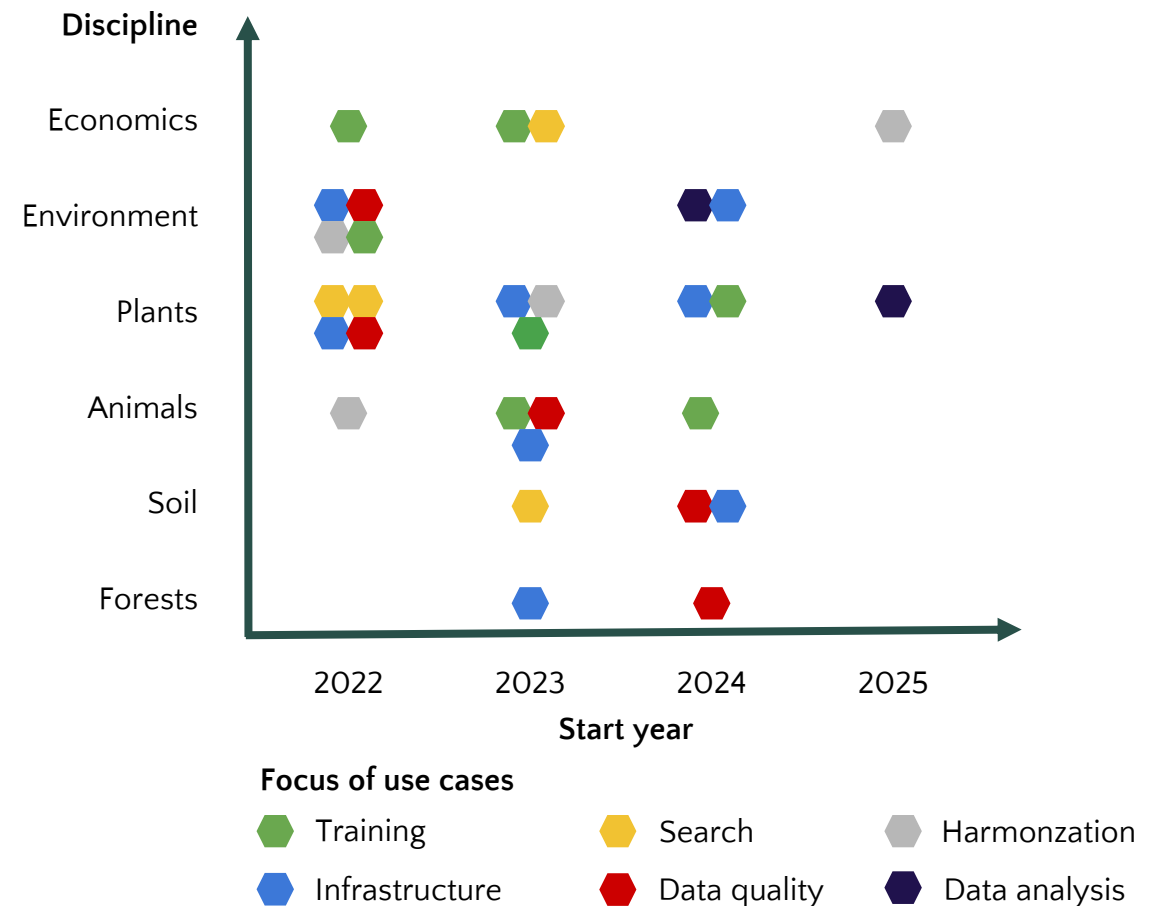
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Proposal 2020 → not successful

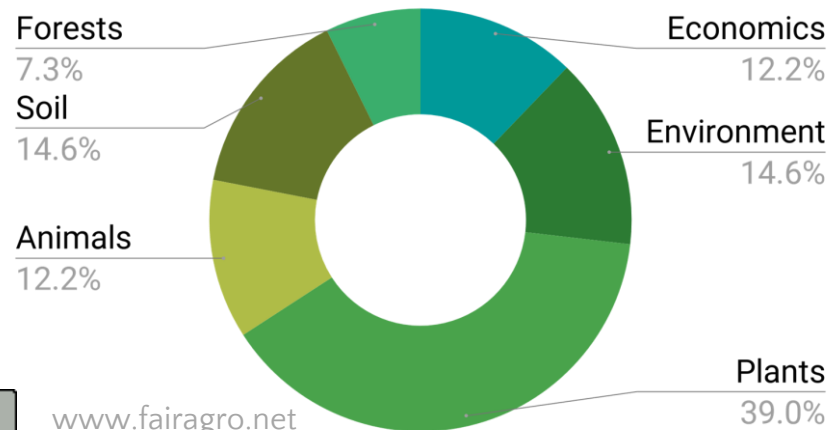
30 use cases from agricultural disciplines

- Cover the range of community needs
- Engage directly with users
- Align work program across use cases
- Demonstrator of services
- Cooperation with other NFDI consortia

Planned start year of use cases for different disciplines

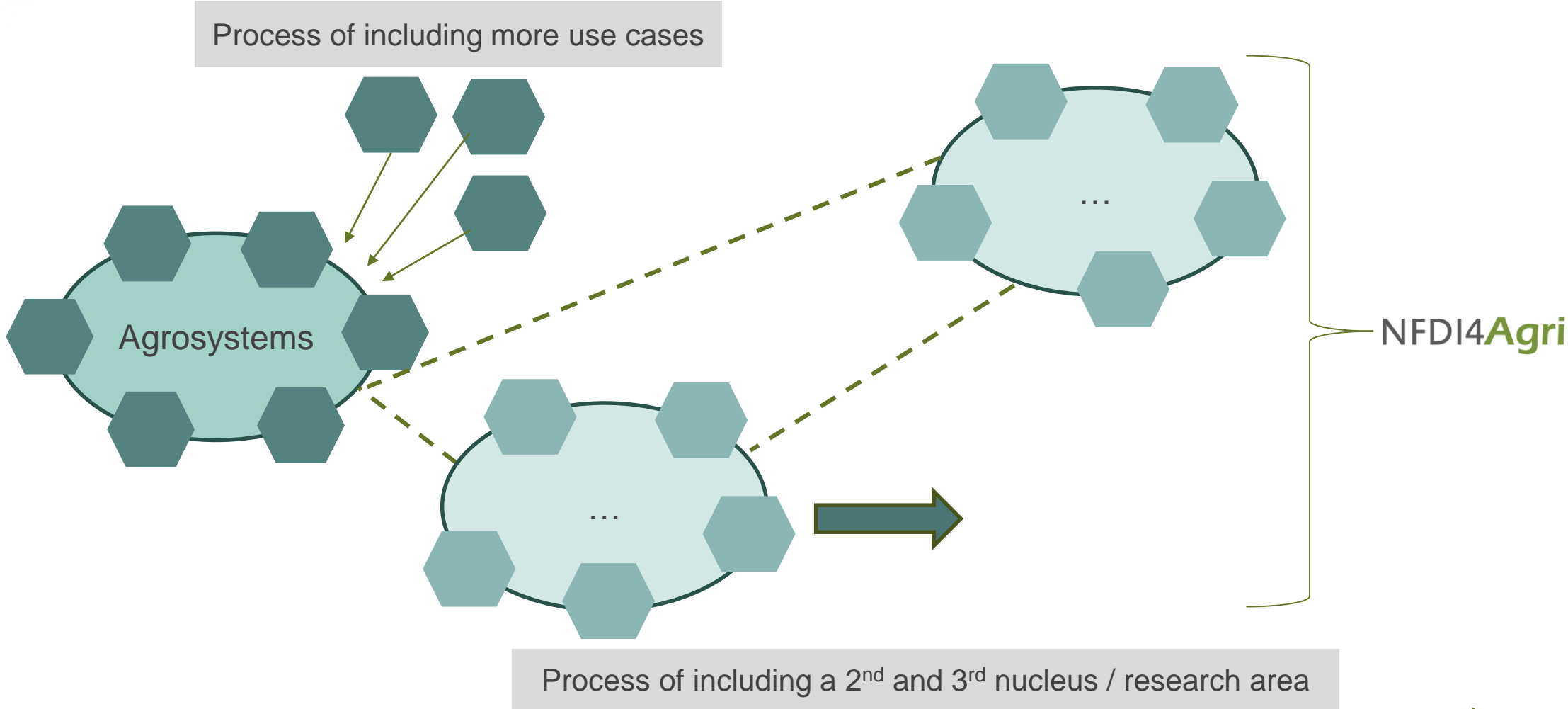


Representation of use cases across disciplines





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Phase I

Phase II





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