Geosimulation using fields and agents

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Motivation

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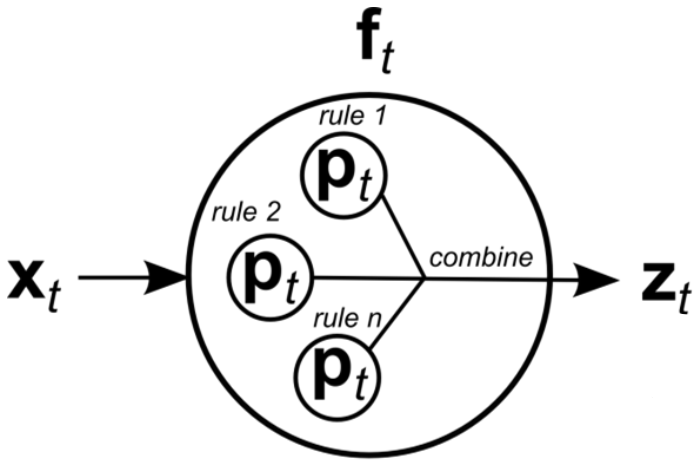
Defining Geosimulation

variable	description
t	time step
$\mathbf{z}_t$	system state at t
$\mathbf{f}_t$	transition function
$\mathbf{x}_t$	inputs/drivers at t
$\mathbf{p}_t$	parameters at t

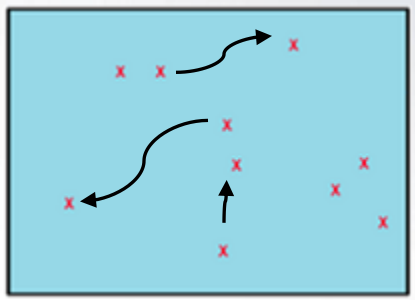


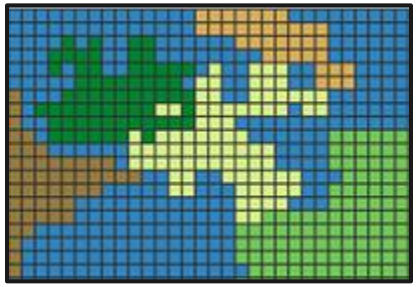
→ **impact**

Data-driven	Spatio-temporal models	**Process-driven**
Start with empirical data		Start with a theory (system description)
Based on correlations between drivers and the system state		Based on known/assumed cause-effect relations between drivers and system state
Also called: empirically-based model, statistical model, machine learning model		Also called: process-based model, physically-based model, **geosimulation model**

Modelling paradigms

	Agent-based modelling (multi-agent systems)	Field-based modelling (cellular automata)
system state	Set of discrete objects	Continuous or discrete
attribute(s)	Is linked to the agent	Has a value everywhere
processes	Behavior of a single agent, potentially moving	Behavior of cells that remain in their location

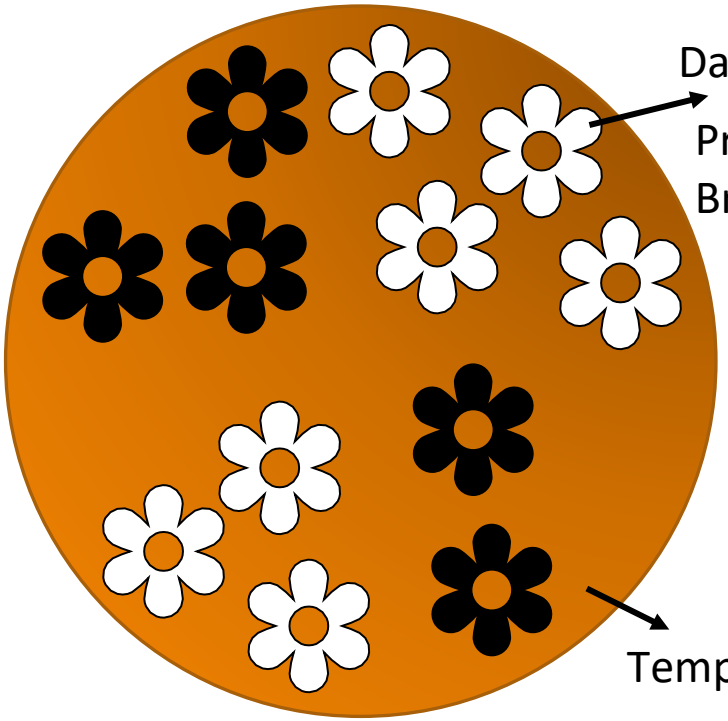


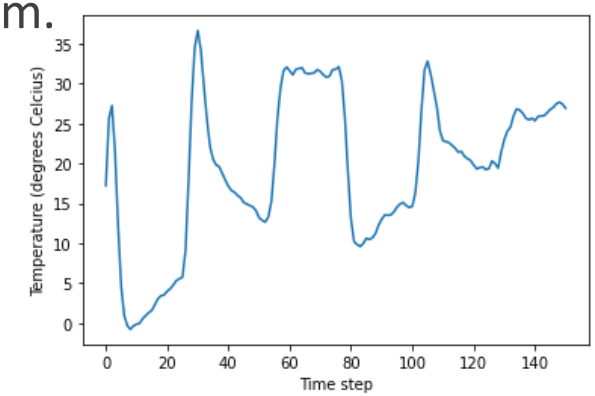


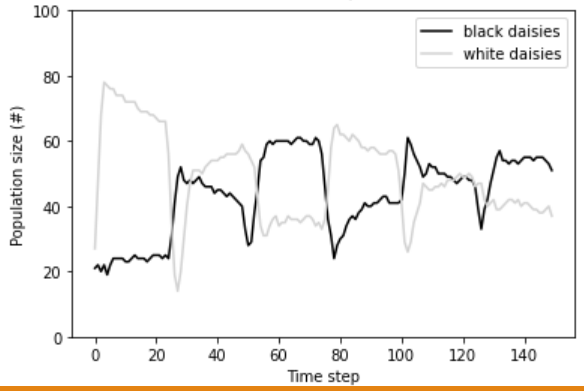
Systems have multiple phenomena that do not fit into one paradigm!

Example: Fields & Agents!

DaisyWorld was introduced by James Lovelock and Andrew Watson (1983), to illustrate the Gaia Hypothesis that organisms interact with their surroundings, creating a self-regulating system.







Problem statement

Current software:

- Often departs from ABM, and approaches fields as sets of square objects → computationally sub-optimal
- Has separate sets of functions for fields and agents

→ No full integration between fields and agents

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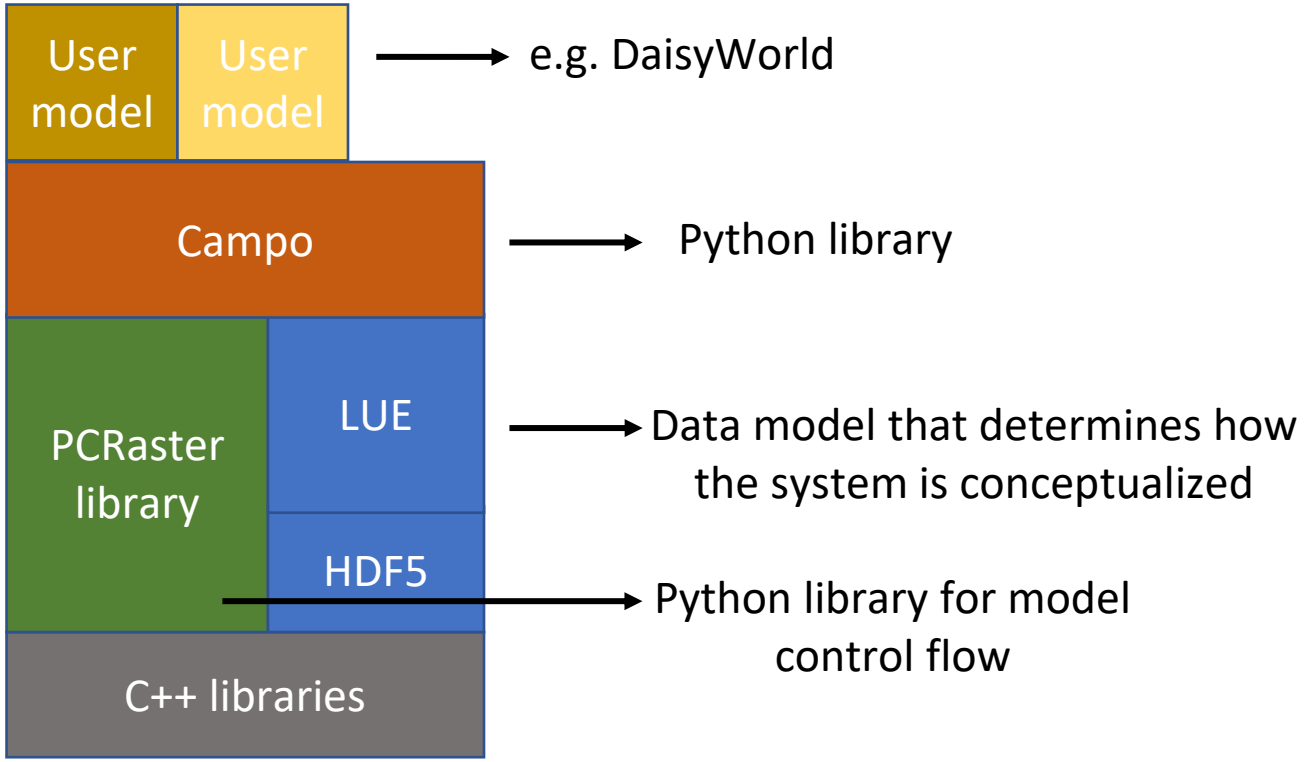
User model
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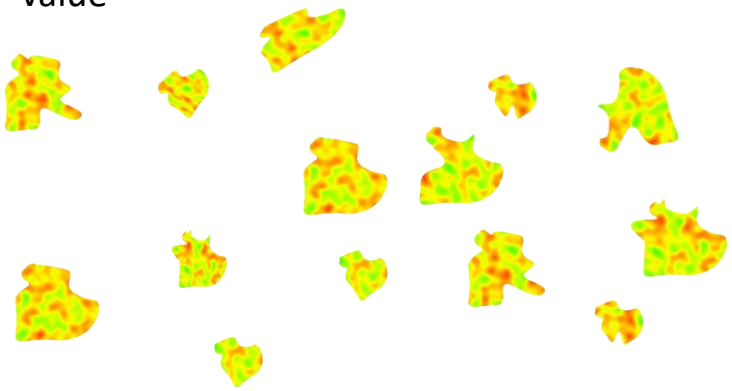
e.g. DaisyWorld
Campo
Python library
PCRaster library
LUE
Data model that determines how the system is conceptualized
HDF5
Python library for model control flow
C++ libraries

Phenomenon: agents or field

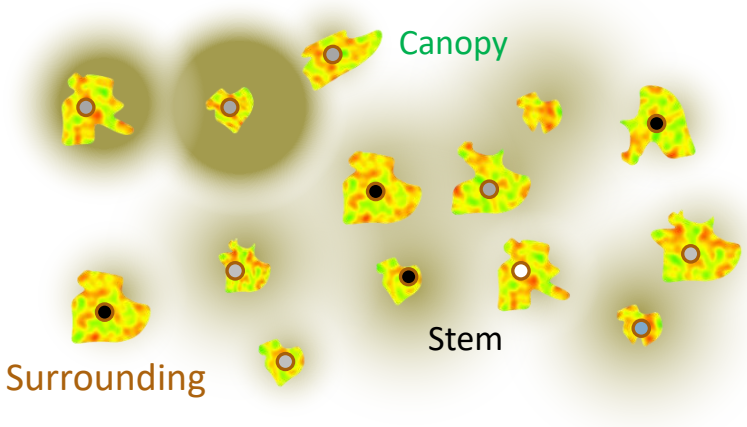
‘Agents’: Phenomenon containing >1 **Objects**, areal coverage of each Object is where it has a value



‘Field’: Phenomenon containing 1 **Object**, areal coverage is ‘modelling area’

Phenomenon has Property Sets

Forest system: trees, stems, tree canopy, seed dispersal..



Phenomenon **Trees**	spatial *domain of each **Object***:
Property Set **Canopy**	*crown*
Property Set **Surrounding**	*circular centered at stem*
Property Set **Stem**	*point at stem*

Single Algebra for Agents & Fields

Syntax:

```
a = a_function(b)
```

Calculates for each Object its property `a` as a function of property `b`

Referring to phenomena, property set, for instance:

```
trees.canopy.lai = a_function(trees.canopy.ndvi)
```

Framework for control flow

```
class MyFirstModel(DynamicModel):

   ...


   def initial(self):

      # functions here are run once at start

      # create/modify Phenomena for initial state of system

      # I/O using framework functions


   def dynamic(self):

      # functions are run for each time step

      # program time transition function

      # I/O using framework functions
```

Future work

- Parallelization on supercomputers via HPX
- Add more functionality to Campo
- We're interested in your case studies with fields and agents!

Contact us via:

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