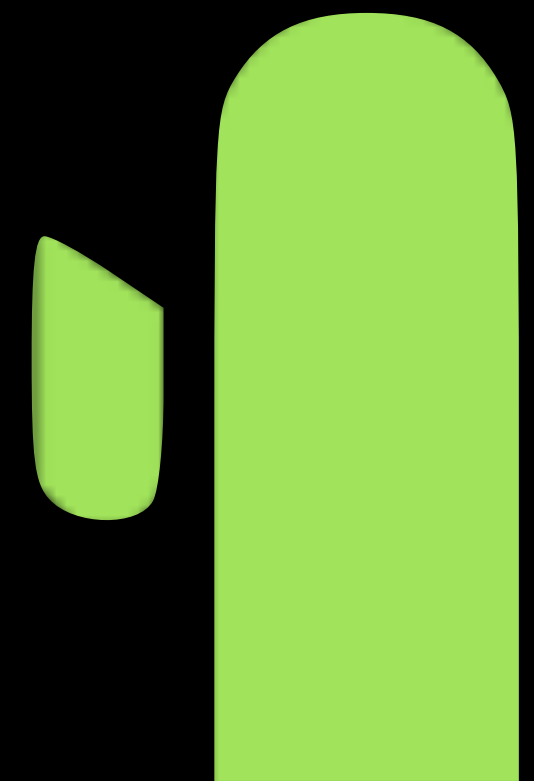


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- The actual interesting functionality is provided by **thorns** that run within this framework
 - A Cactus **thorn** defines a functionality and optionally...
 - Implements that functionality (parameters + variables + routines)
 - Depends on other thorns providing other functionalities
 - Defines new groups in the schedule of things that happens during the initialization / simulation loop / termination
 - Defines routines and tells Cactus when to run them relative to other routines / schedule groups



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