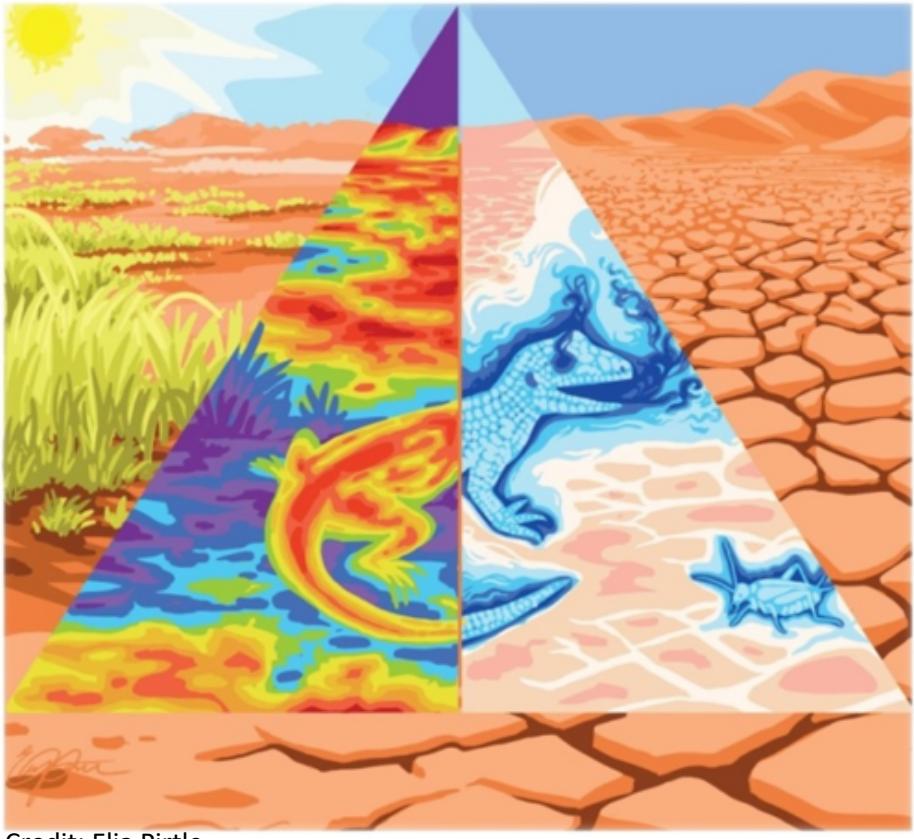


Mechanistic Niche Modelling

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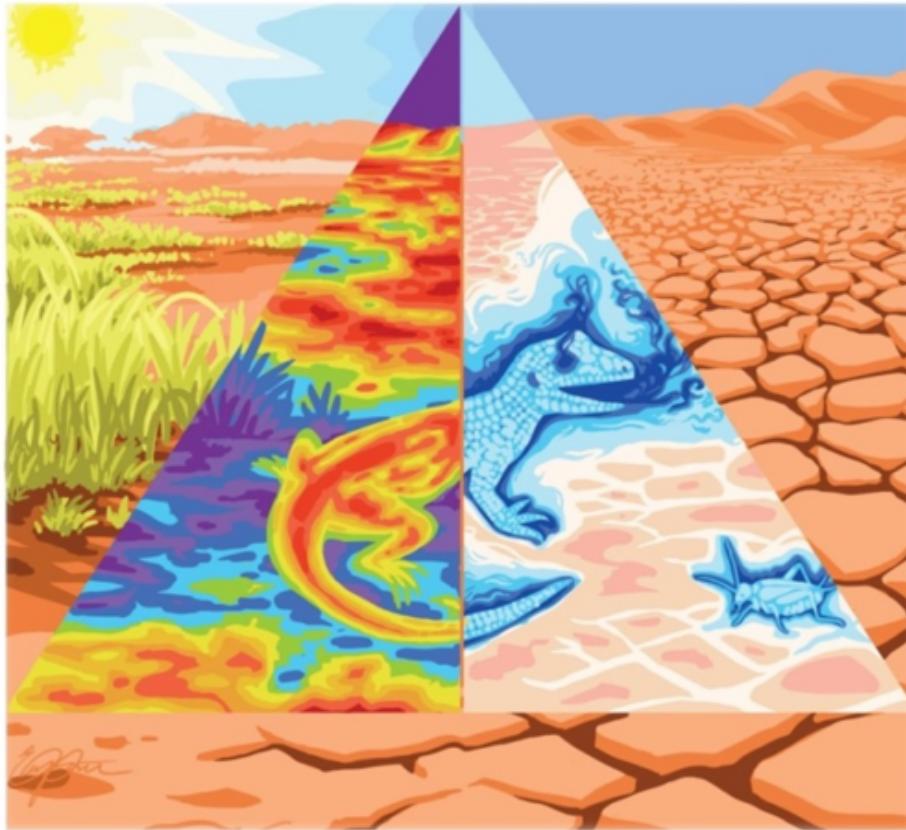
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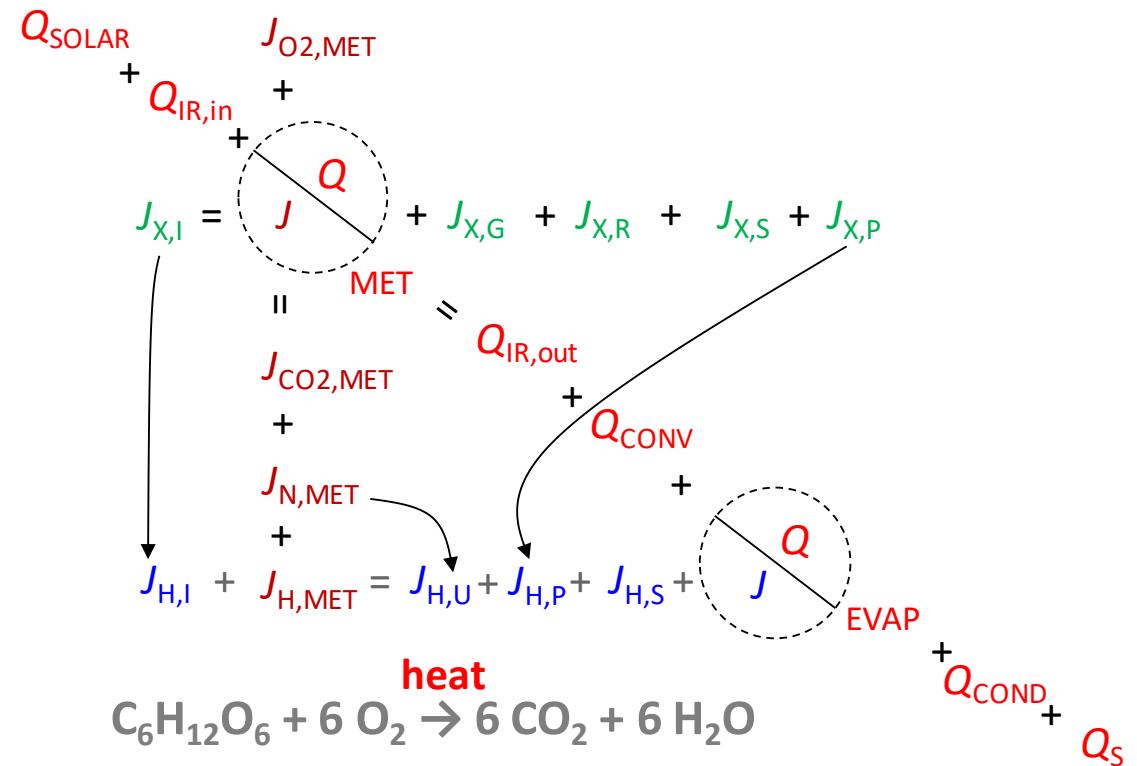
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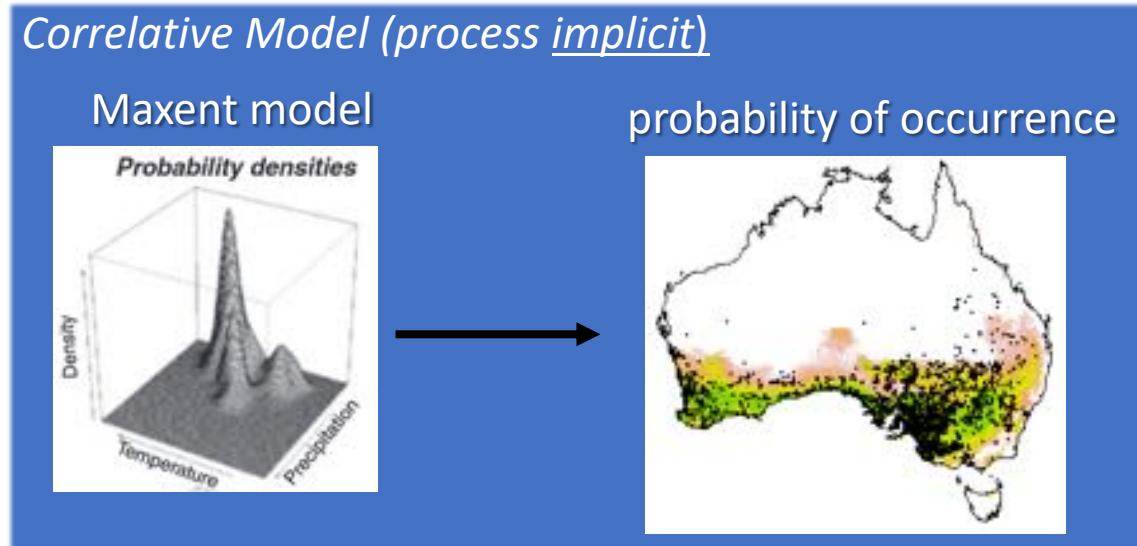
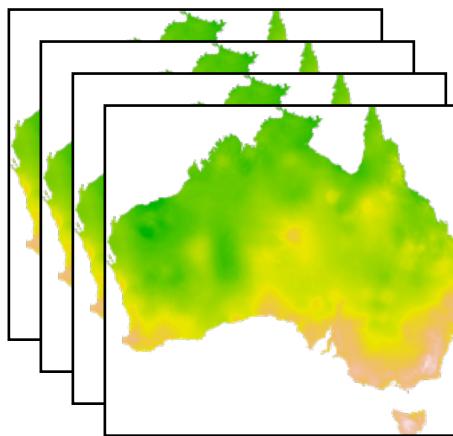
What are Mechanistic Niche Models?



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Ecological Niche Modelling



Habitat vs. environment vs. niche

Habitat: a description of a physical place, at a particular scale of space and time, where an organism either actually or potentially lives.

Environment: the biotic and abiotic phenomena surrounding and potentially interacting with an organism.

Niche: a subset of those environmental conditions which affect a particular organism, where the average absolute fitness of individuals in a population is greater than or equal to one.

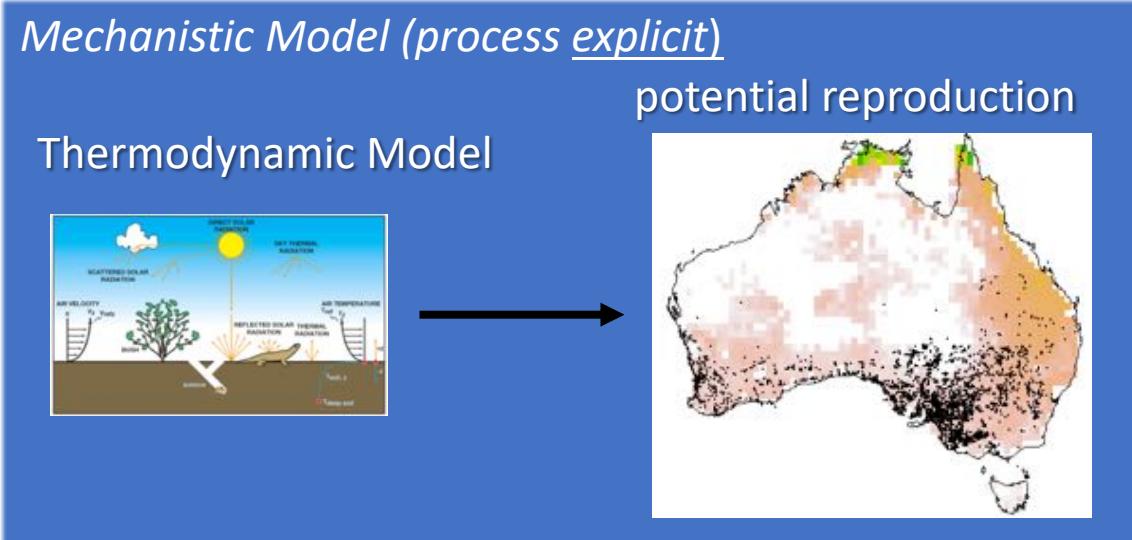
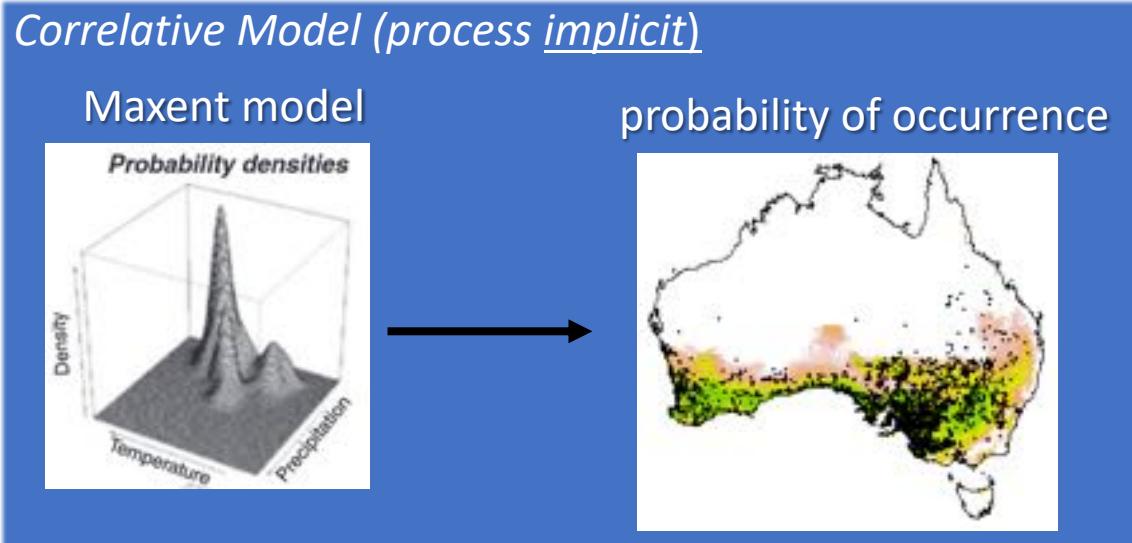
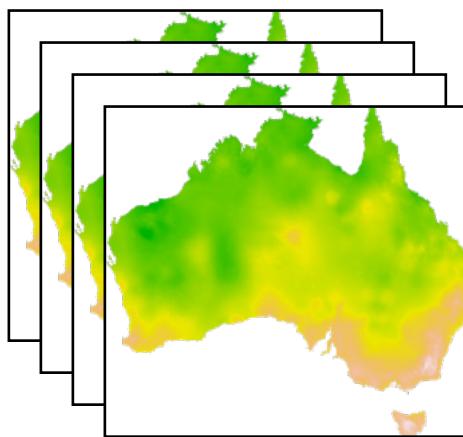


Grey's skink



Bynoe's gecko

Ecological Niche Modelling



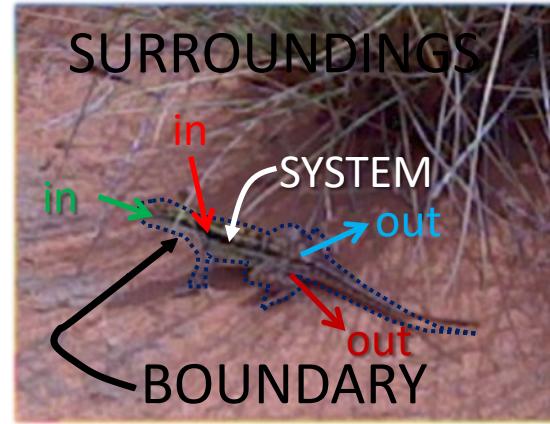
The organism as a thermodynamic system

energy in =

energy out + energy stored

mass in =

mass out + mass stored



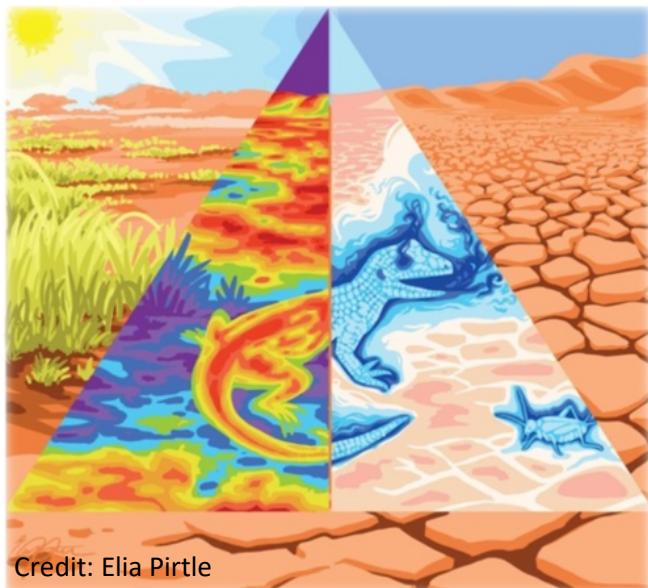
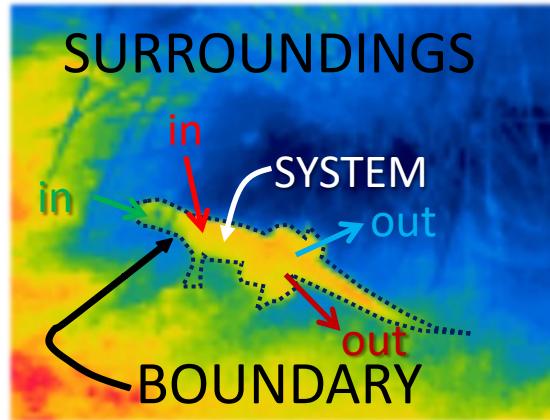
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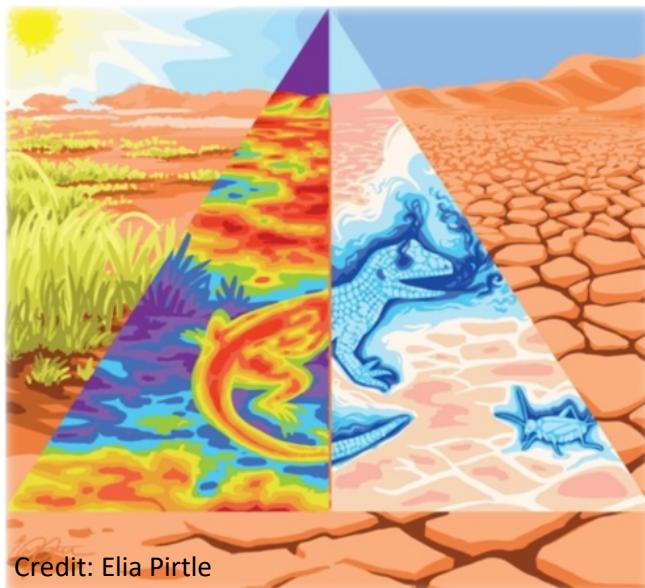
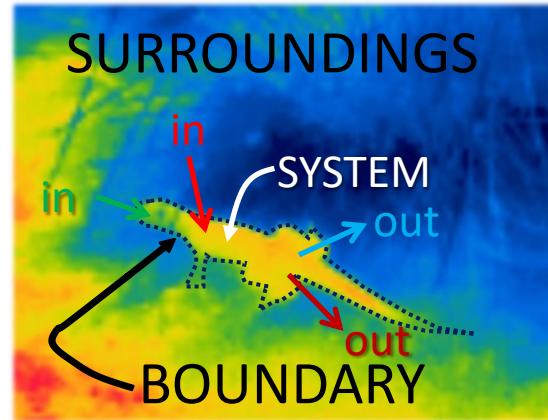
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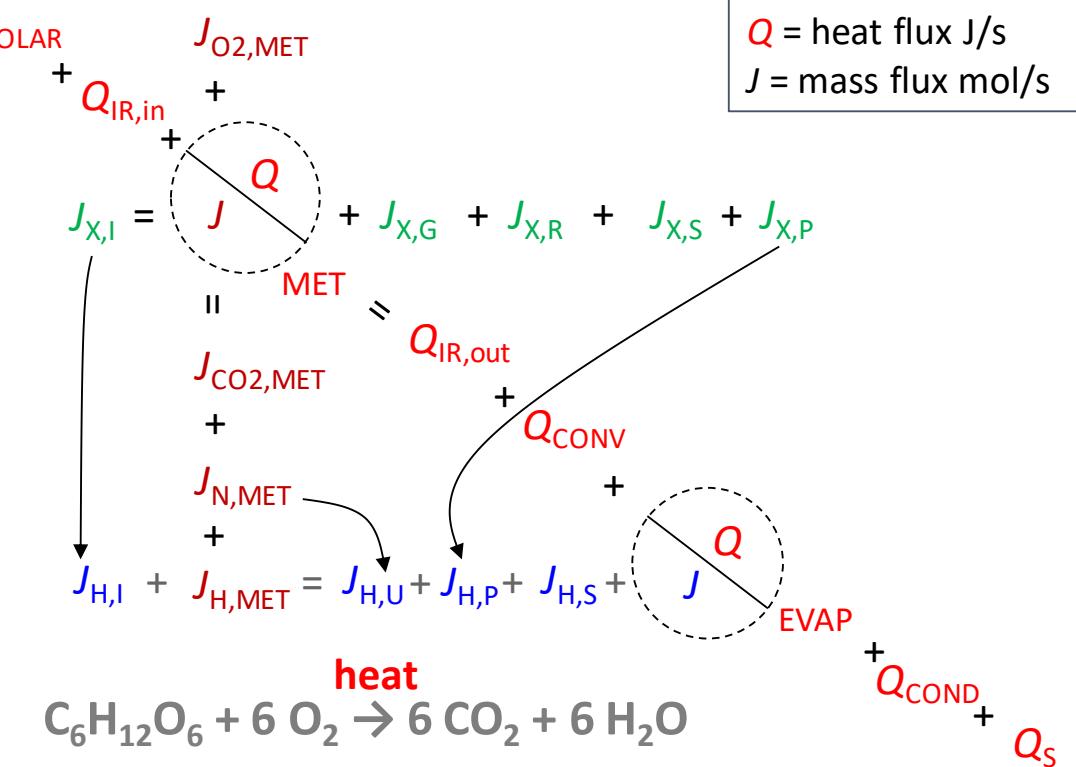
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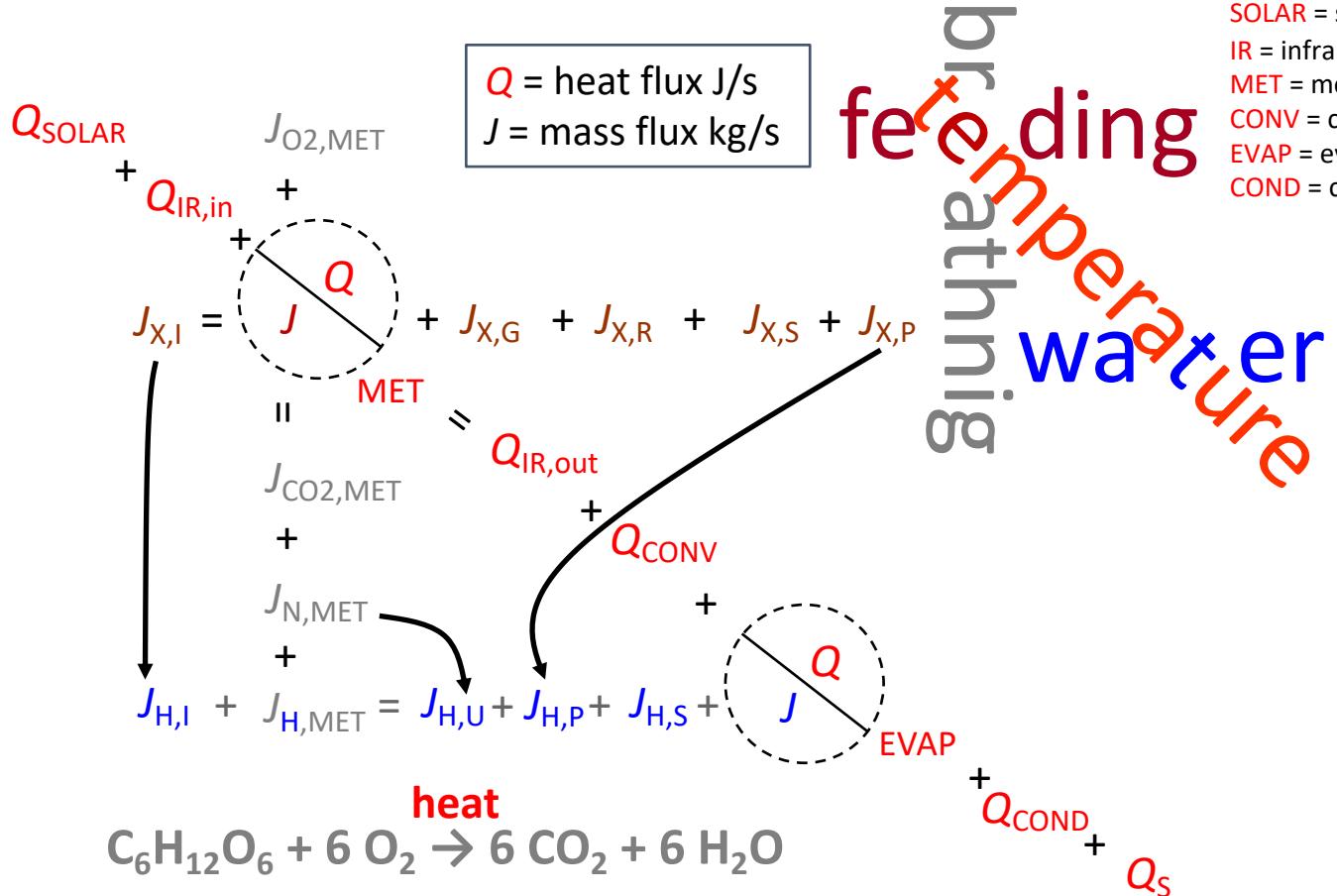
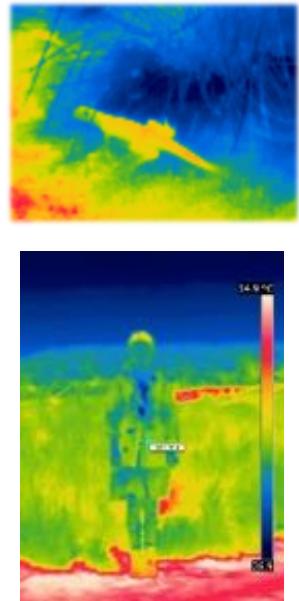
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The Thermodynamic Niche



Heat pathways

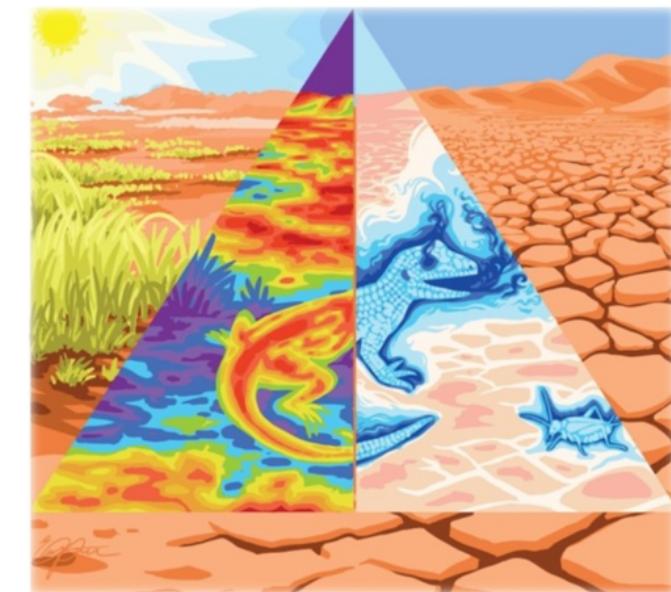
SOLAR = solar radiation
 IR = infrared radiation
 MET = metabolism
 CONV = convection
 EVAP = evaporation
 COND = conduction

Mass pathways

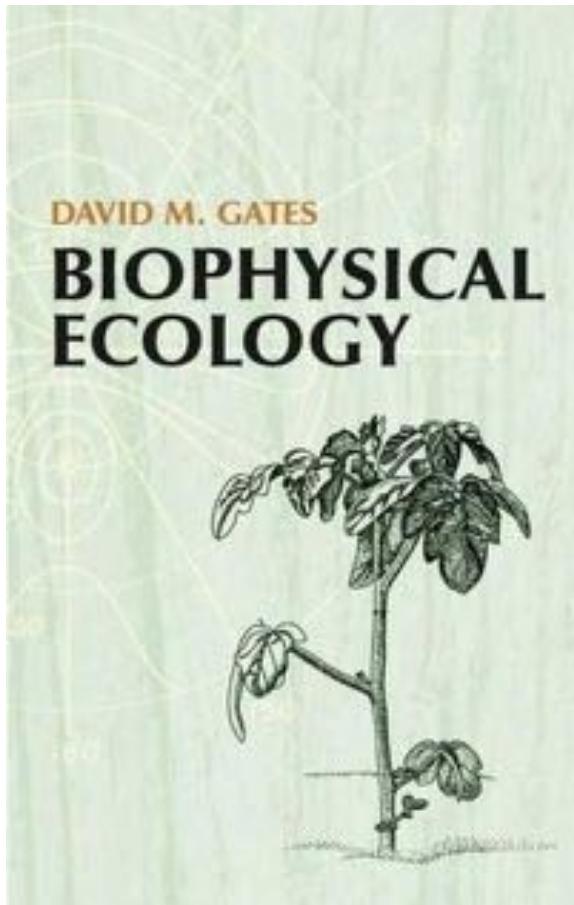
X = food
 O₂ = oxygen
 CO₂ = carbon dioxide
 N = nitrogenous waste
 H = water

Allocation

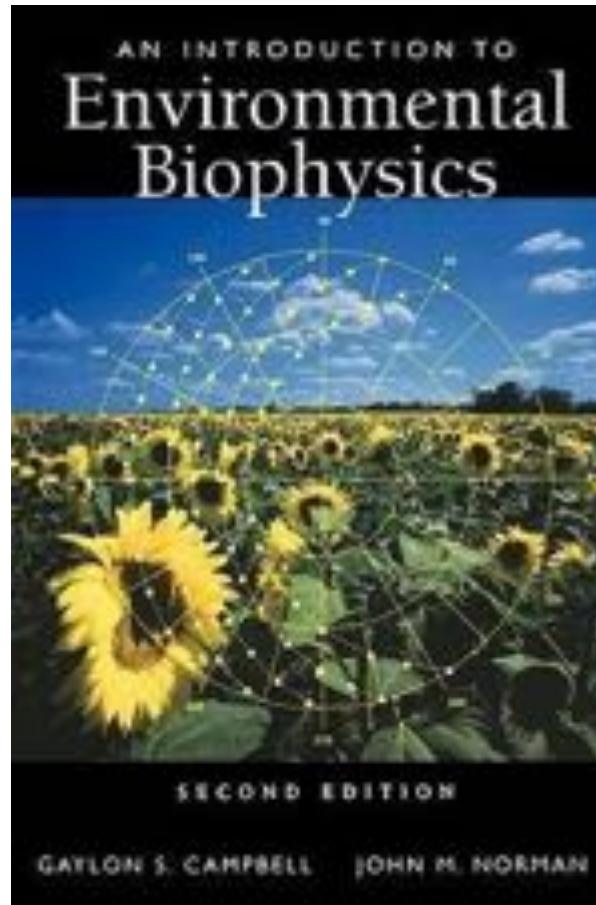
S = stored
 I = ingested
 G = growth
 R = reproduction
 P = product (faeces)
 U = urinated



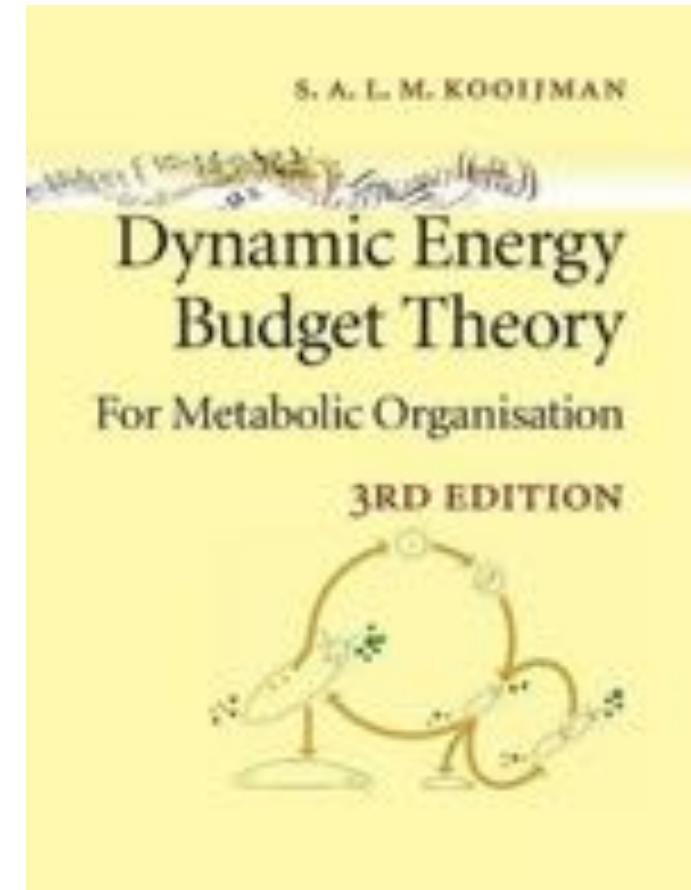
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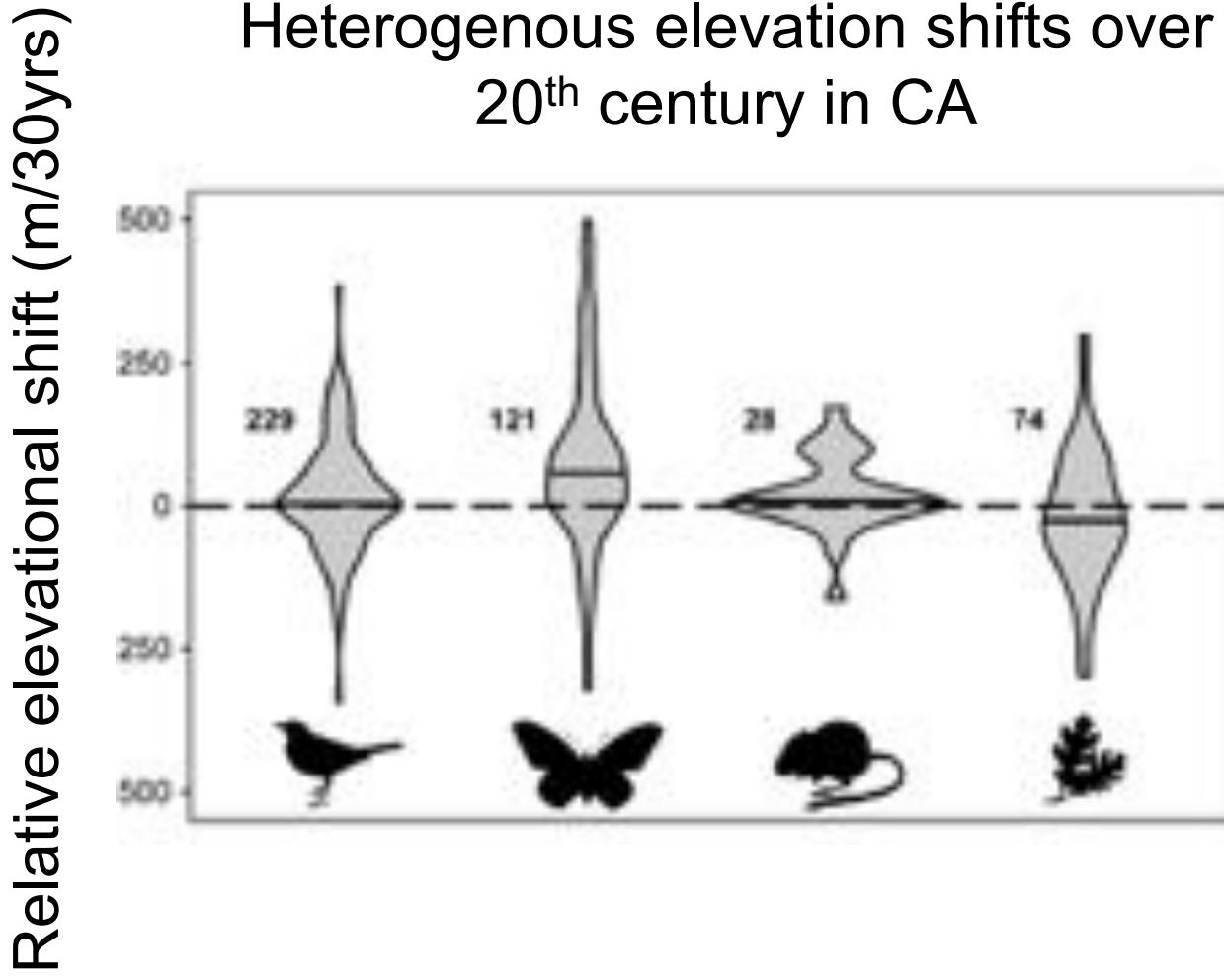


microclimate



metabolism

How can we solve the problem of unpredictability in climate change biology?



MVZ Grinnell Resurvey
(Rapacciulo et al. 2014)

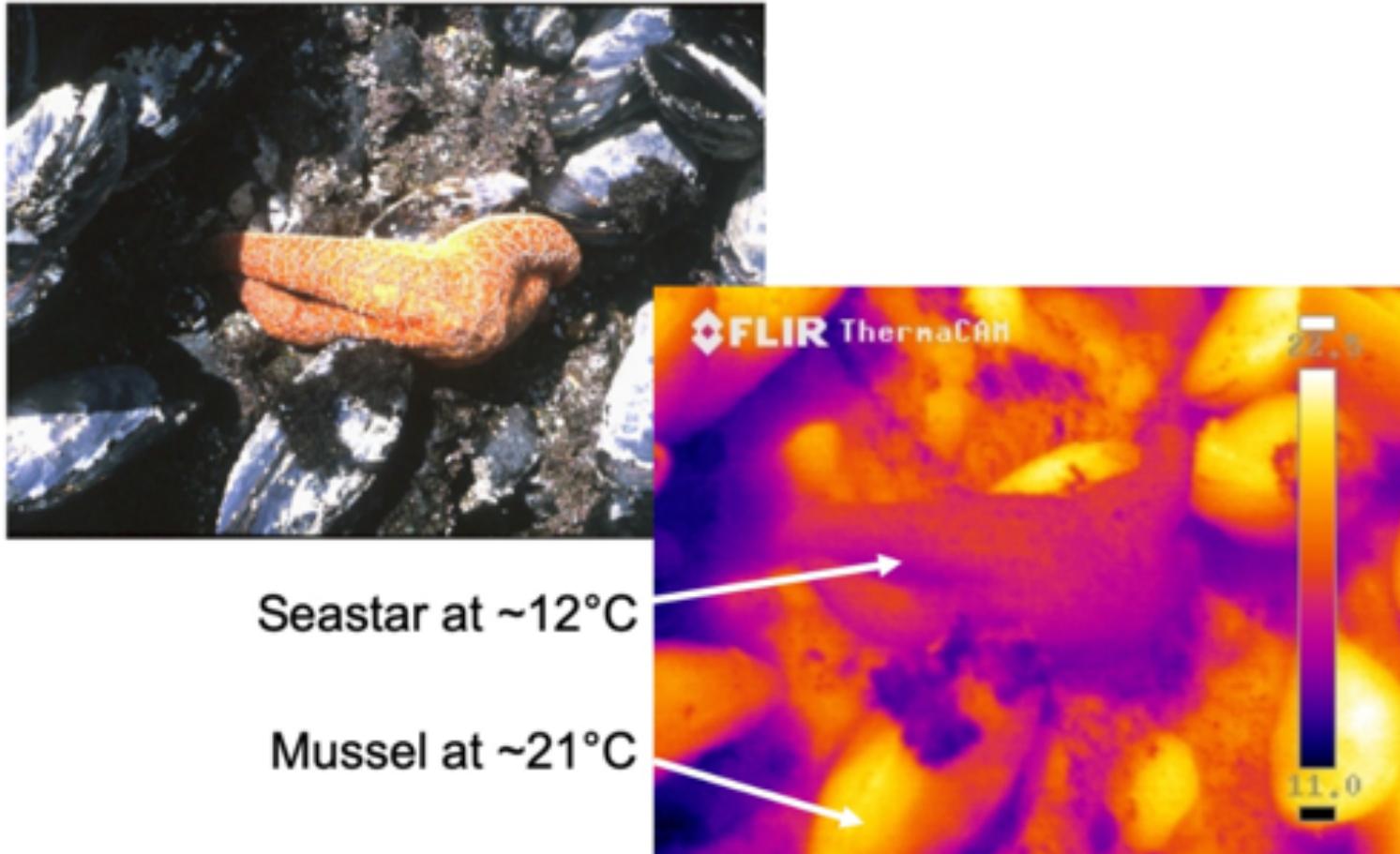
Traits poor predictors of range shifts

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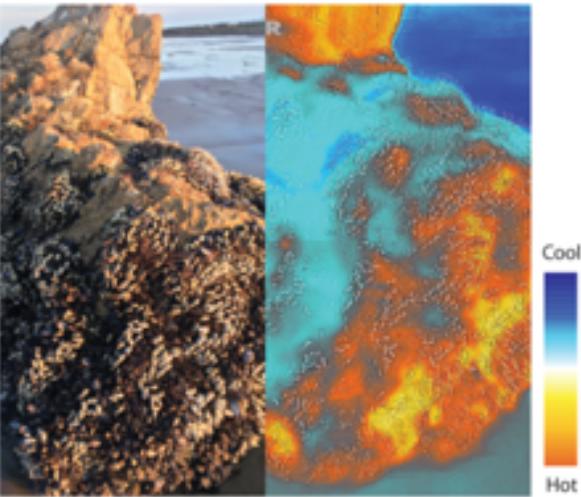
Species traits		Relationship between trait and range shifts		
		Significant, negative	Significant, positive	Not significant
Dispersal ability	Body size (<i>n</i> = 2,098)			
	Migratory strategy (1,249)			
	Movement ability (2,309)			
Reproductive capacity	Fecundity (1,017)			
	Longevity (372)			
Ecological generalization	Diet breadth (2,060)			
	Habitat breadth (2,989)			

(Beissinger and Riddell 2021 AREE)

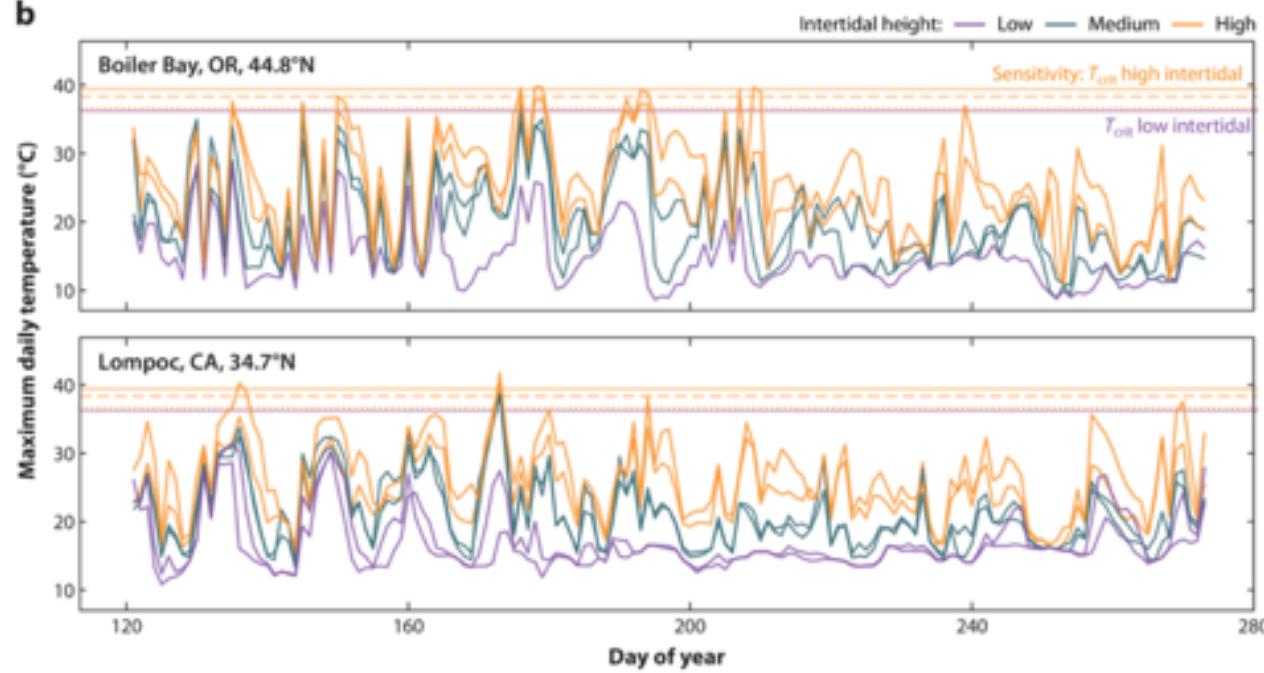
Thinking beyond air temperature to understand how organisms experience climate change



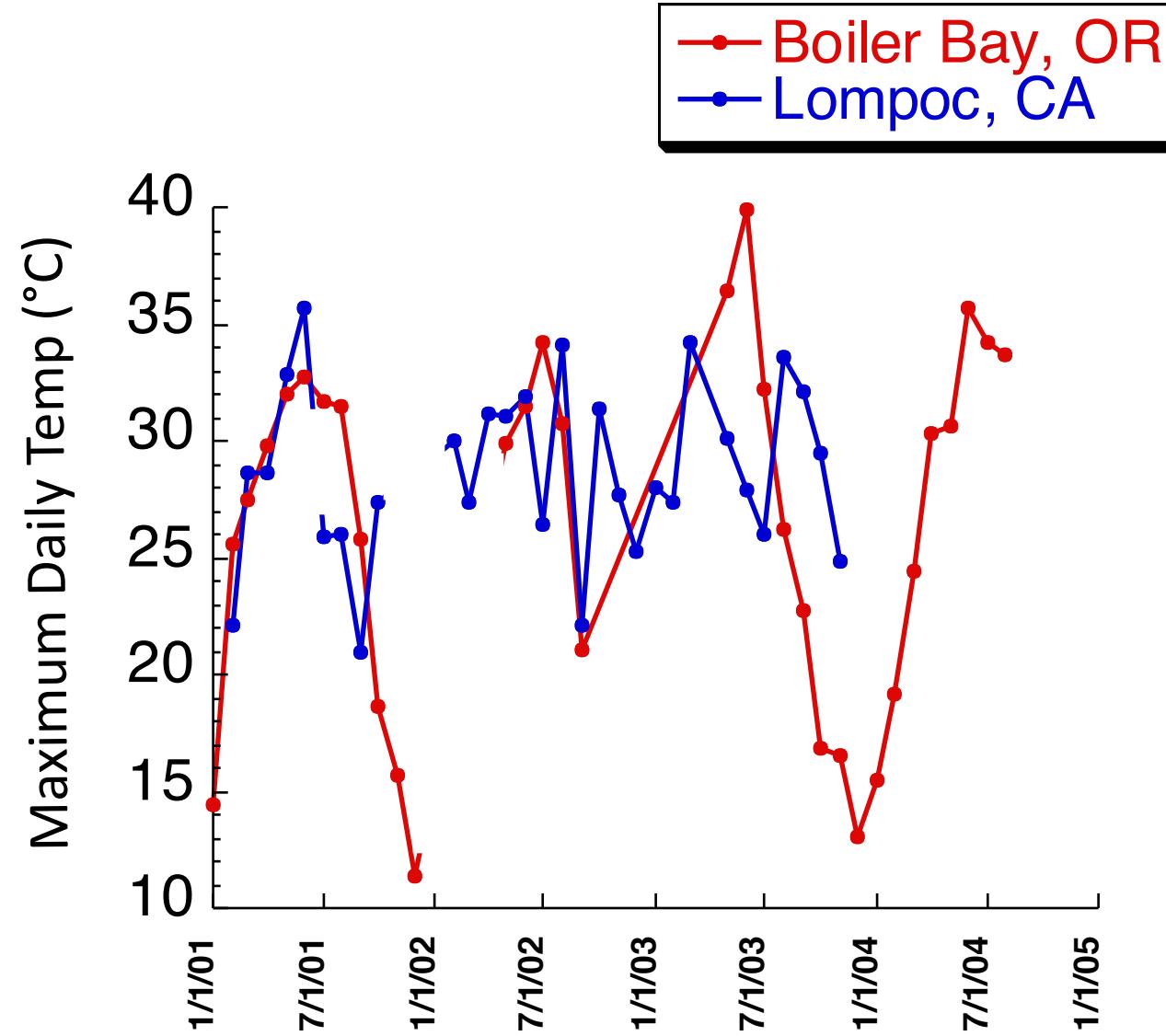
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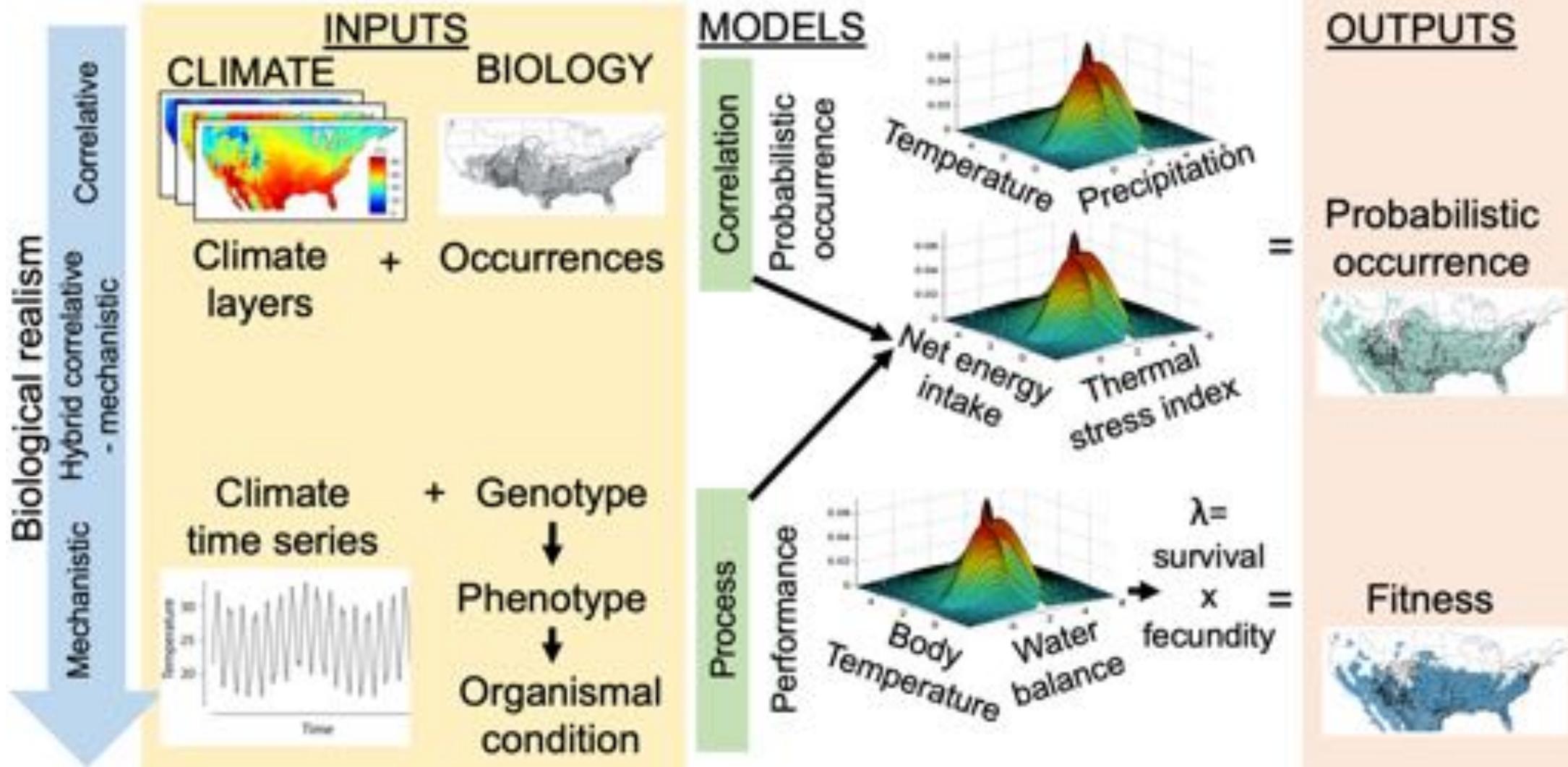
Need to consider both environmental exposure and organismal sensitivity to climate change and variability

b

Thermal stress deviates from expected latitudinal gradient



(Helmuth et al. 2002 Science)



(Buckley et al. 2023 PLoS Climate)

Mechanisms driving climate change responses



Increased butterfly thermal opportunity offsets survival impacts of thermal extremes
(Buckley and Kingsolver 2019)



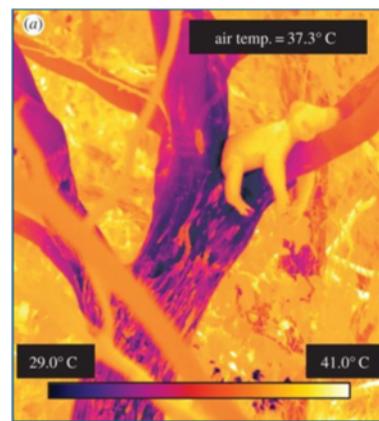
Desert mammals fare better than birds due to capacity to buffer thermal extremes
(Riddell et al. 2021)



Pika behavioral buffering of extremes reduces habitat loss
(Mathewson et al. 2017)



Longer lizard reproductive season offsets early life stage survival impacts of thermal extremes
(Levy et al. 2016)



Koala distributions limited by water stress associated with heatwaves and rainfall timing
(Briscoe et al. 2016)

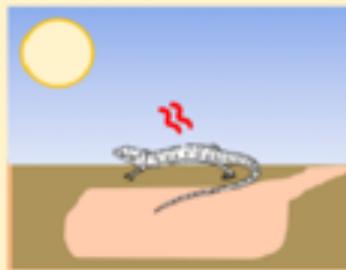
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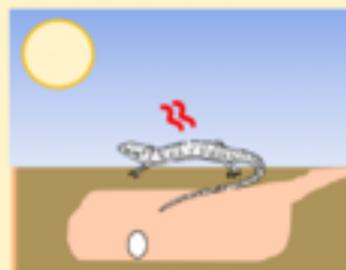
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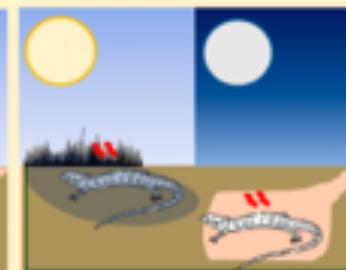
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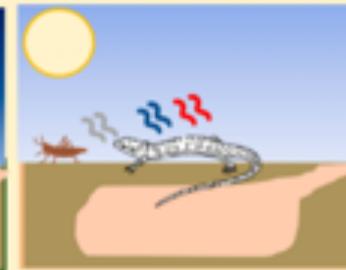
(b) Heat budgets of multiple life stages



(c) Heat budget of adult with microclimate selection & activity based on body temperature



(d) Heat, water, respiration and food budget of adult

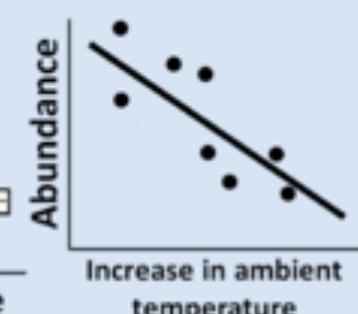
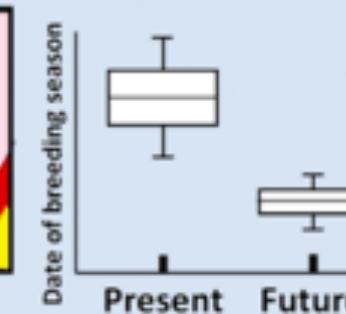
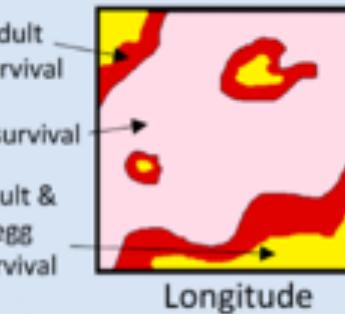
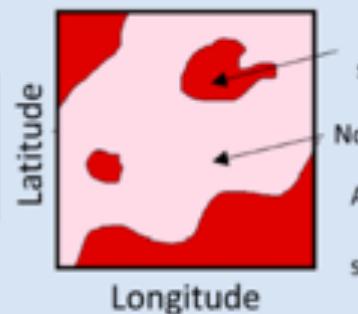
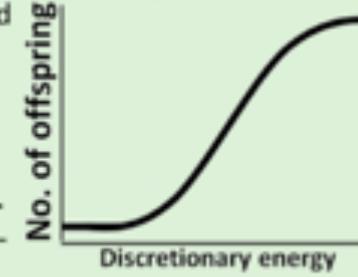
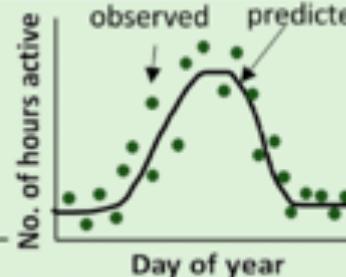
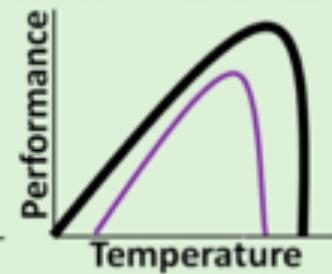
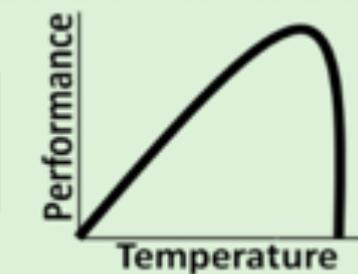
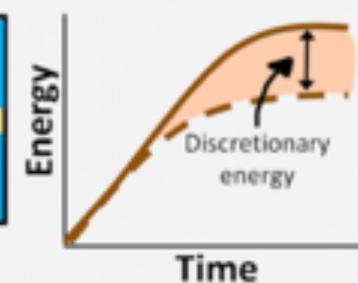
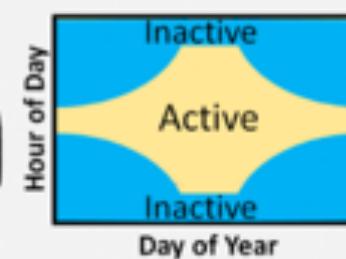
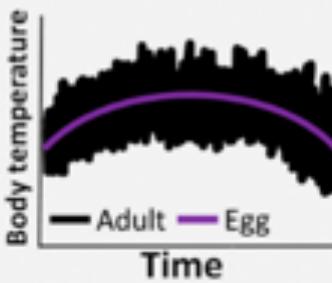
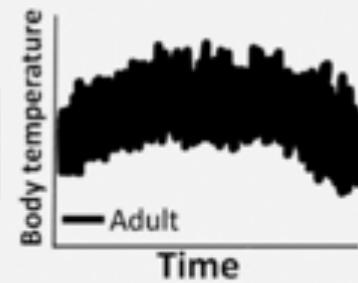


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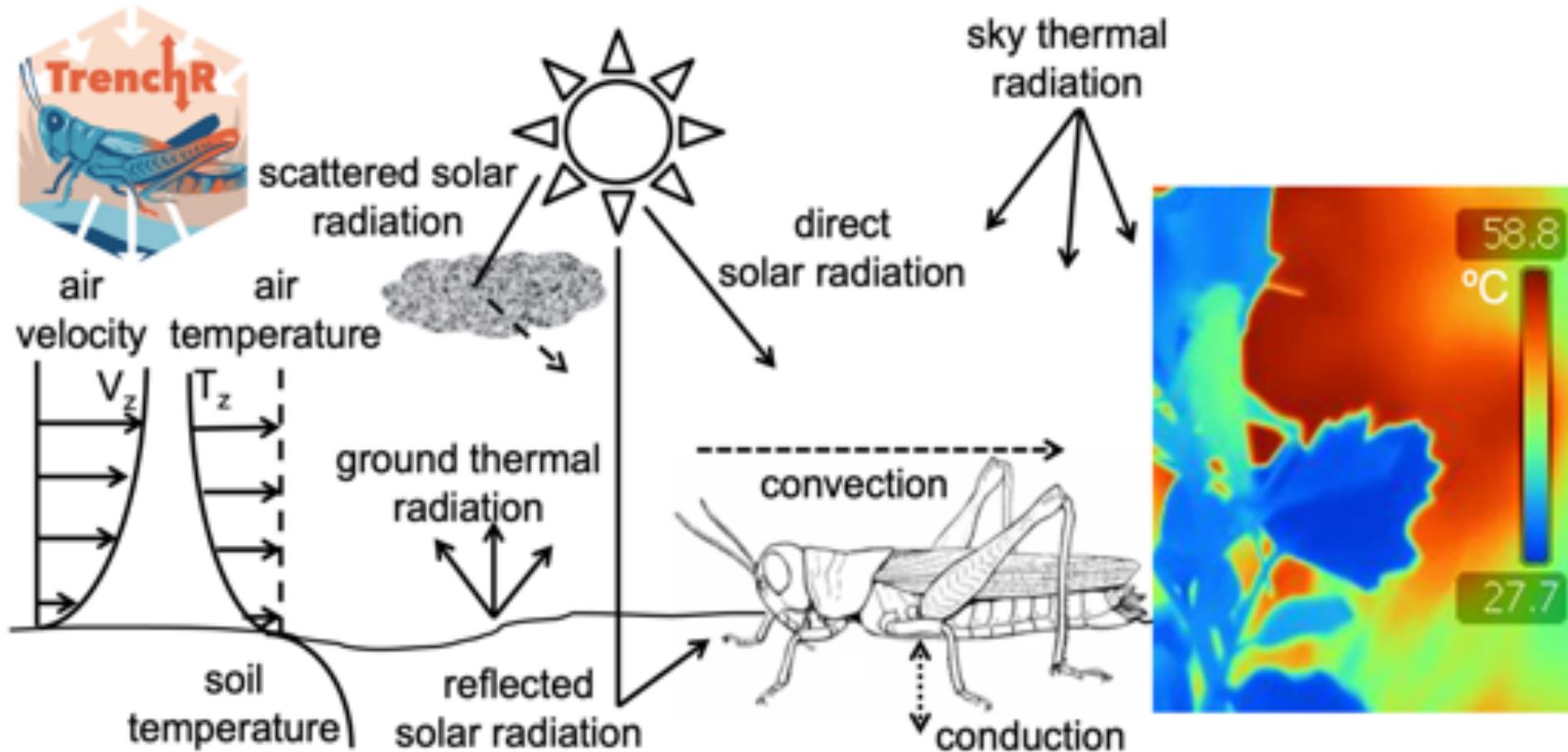
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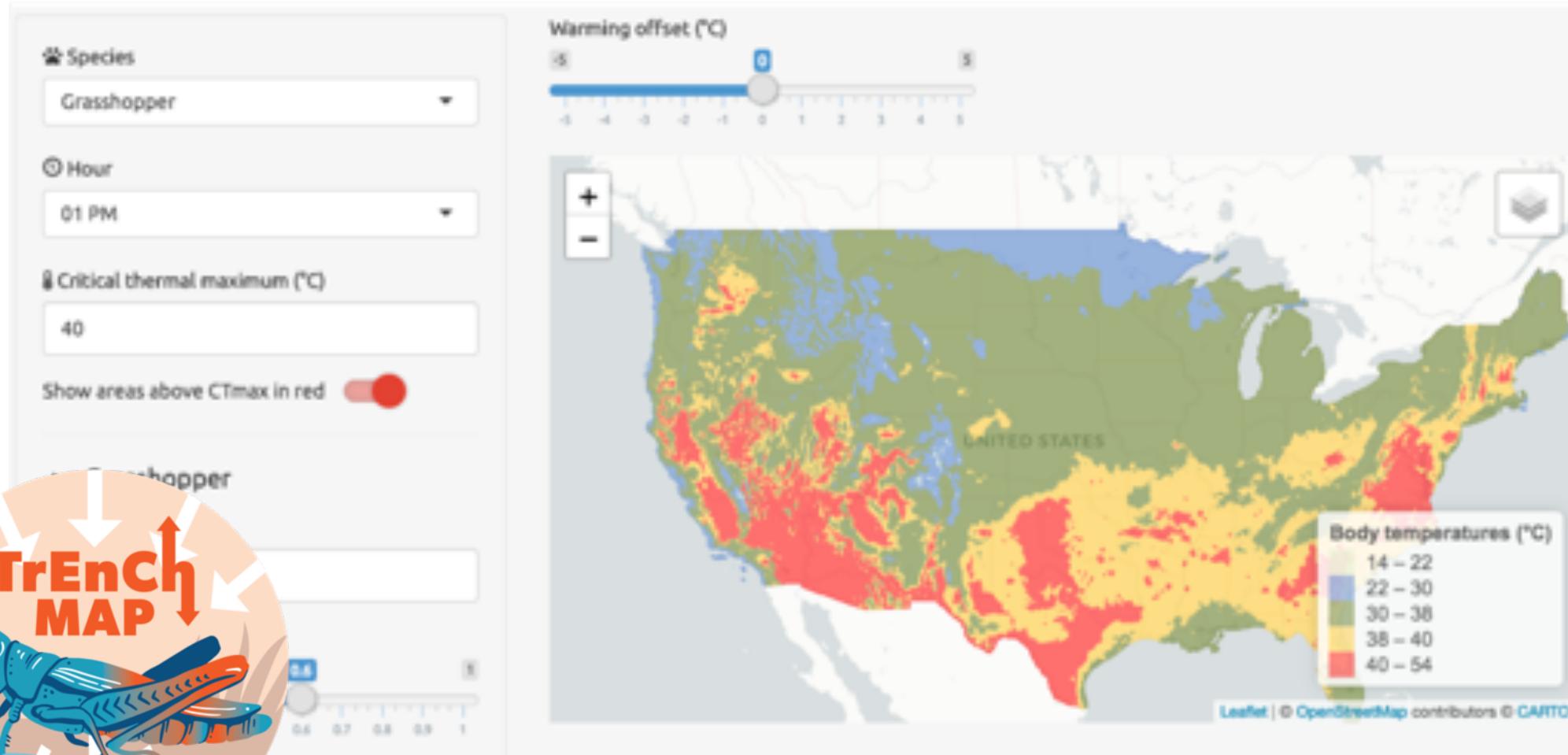
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TrenchR

R package for modular and accessible microclimate and biophysical modelling



TrEnCh Map: interfaces for examining thermal stress



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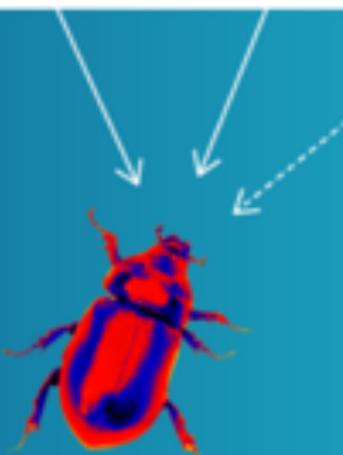
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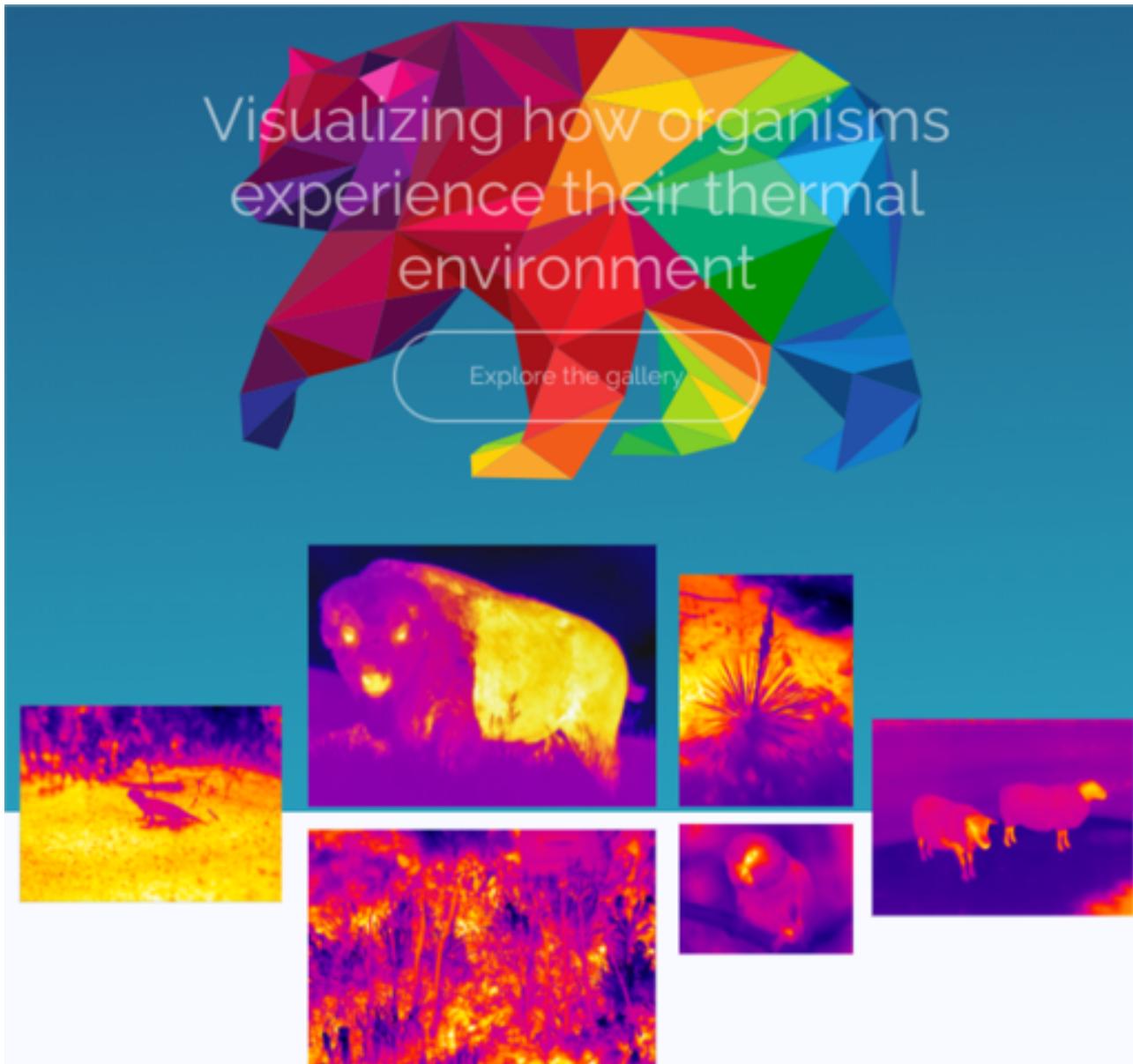


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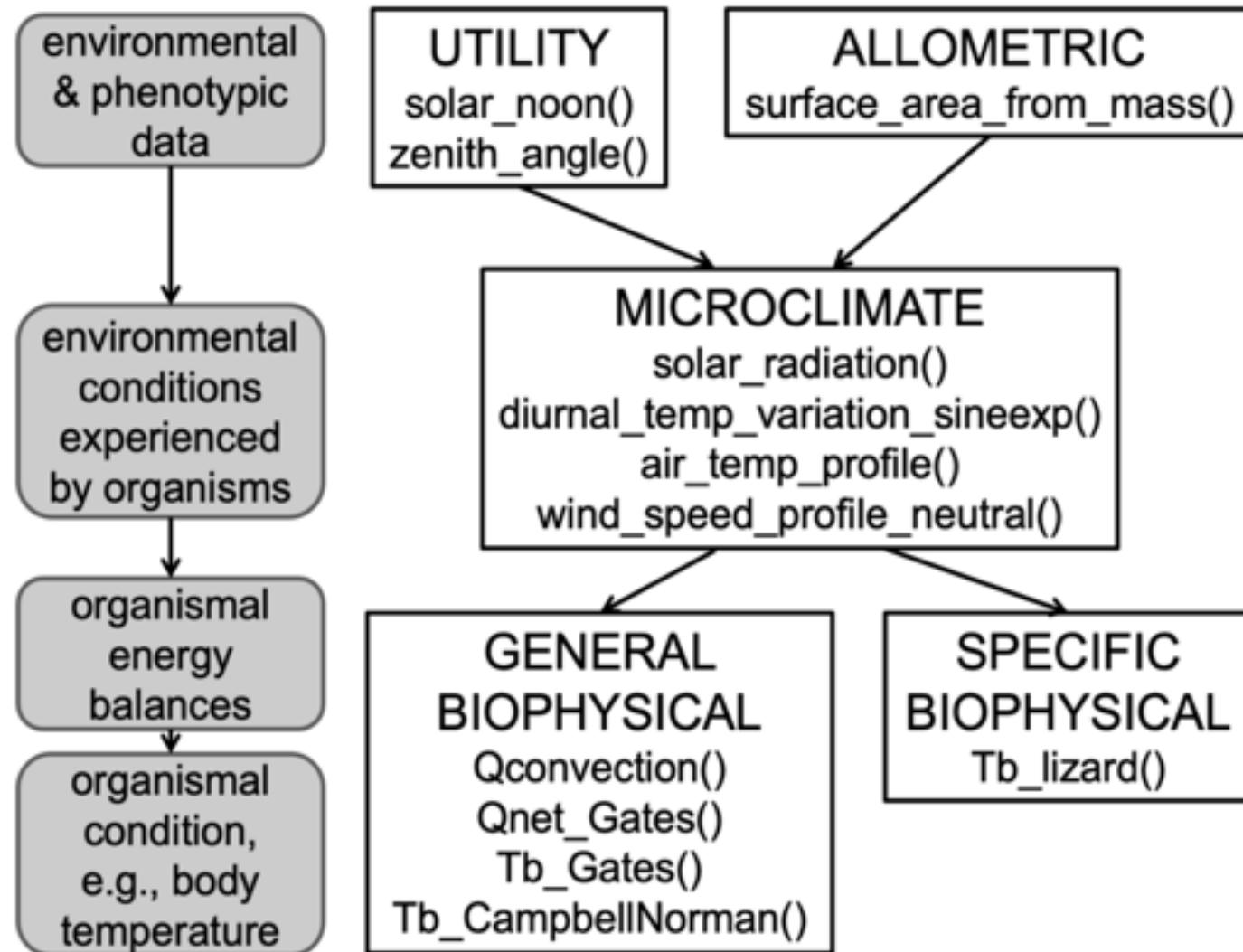


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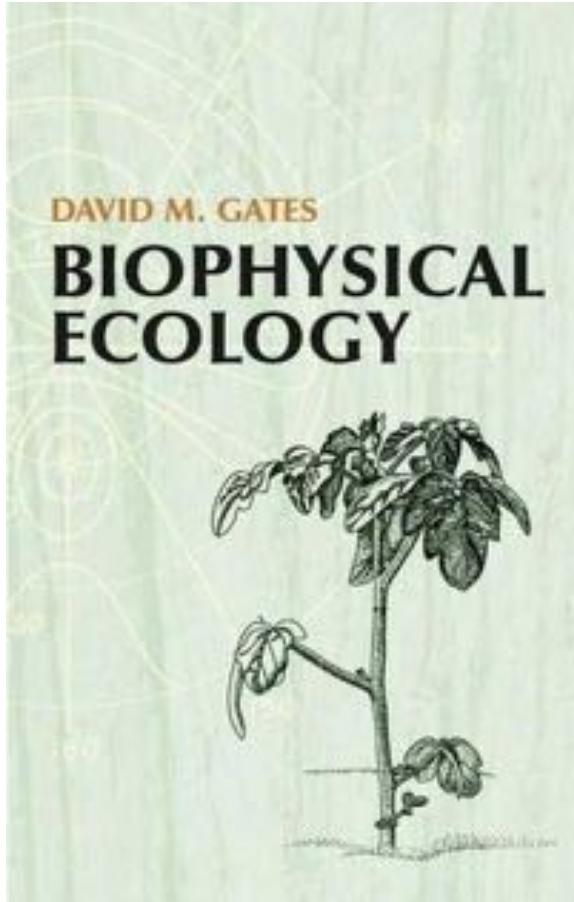


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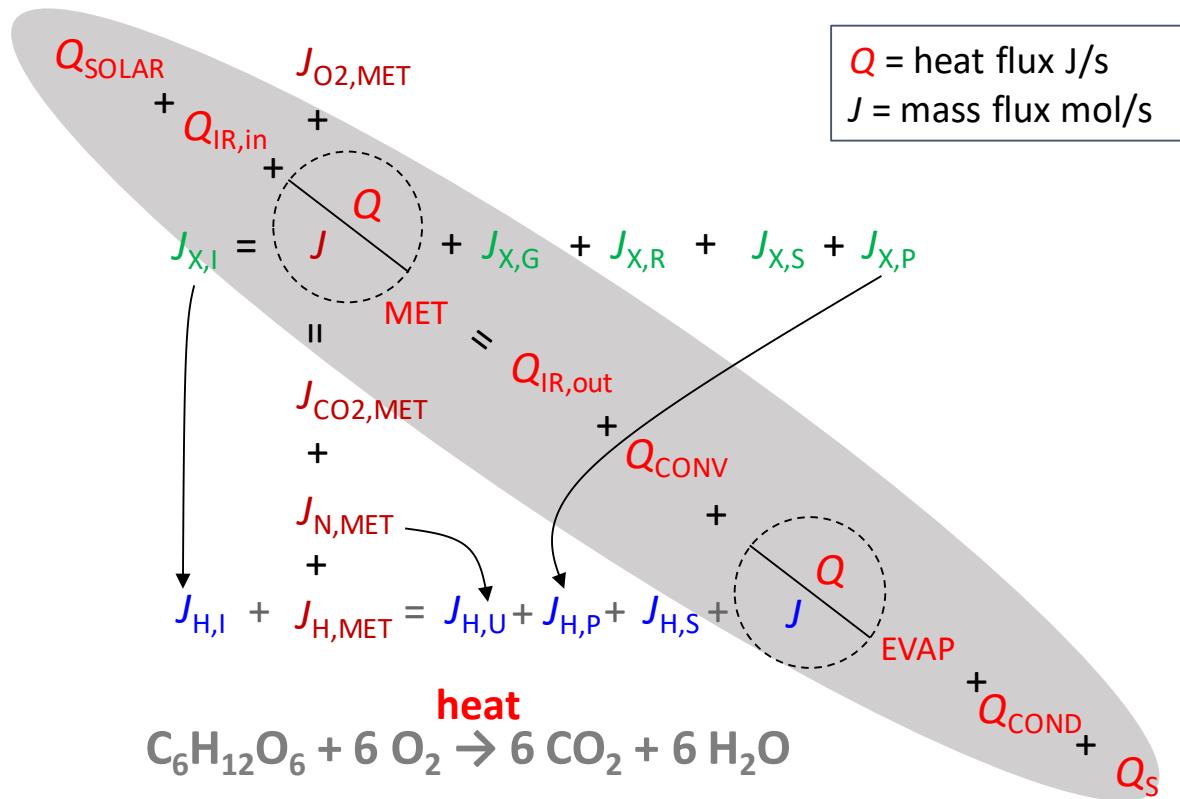




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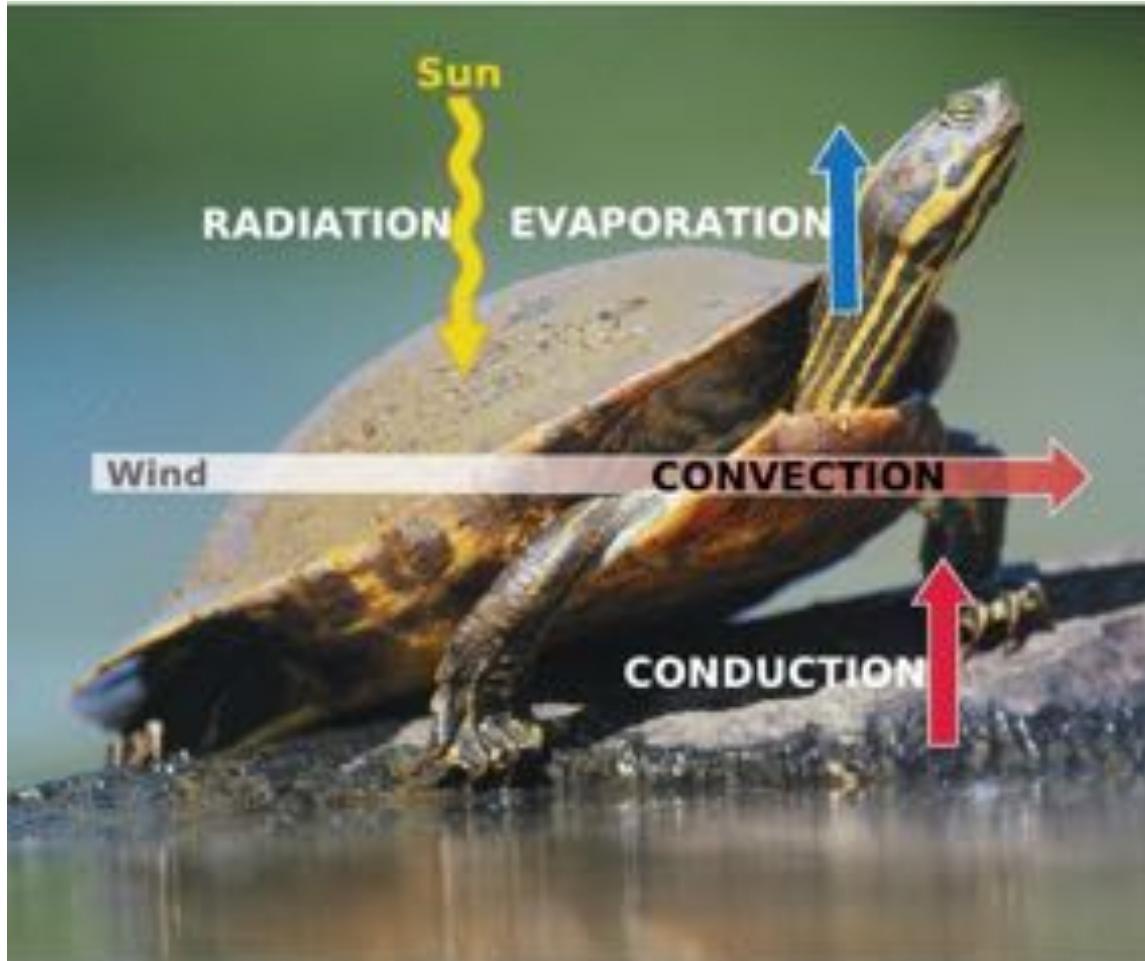


heat and water
exchange



Net heat exchange with environment

$$Q_{\text{net}} = + Q_{\text{rad}} + Q_{\text{met}} \pm Q_{\text{cond}} \pm Q_{\text{conv}} - Q_{\text{evap}}$$



Net heat exchange with environment

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If not steady state:

$$(+Q_{\text{stor}} + Q_{\text{work}})$$

Δ_{heat} Work against
environmental gradient

Organism core vs surface temperature

$$T_b - T_a = (T_b - T_s) + (T_s - T_a)$$

T_s : T organism surface; T_b : T body

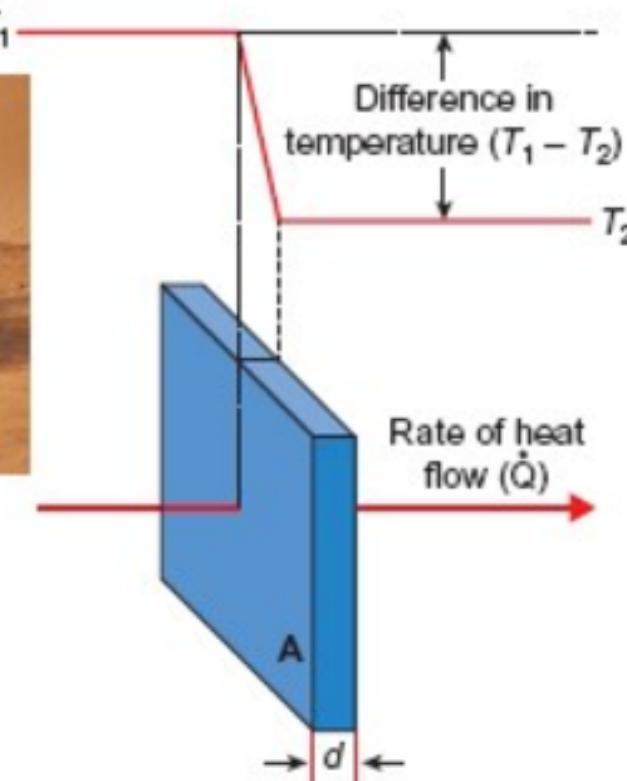
Diffusion

Movement from high to low concentration.

(A)



(B)



Plus diffusion coefficient

Radiation

A heat transfer between two substances that are not in contact.

Thermal radiation from (body) surface

$$Q_{\text{rad}} = \epsilon \sigma A T^4$$

Thermal radiation between organism and enclosed environment

$$Q_{\text{rad}} = \epsilon \sigma A (T_s^4 - T^4)$$

A: Surface area

T: Temperature, s= surface

ϵ : Emissivity (proportion radiated)

σ : Stefan-Boltzmann constant

Conduction

A heat transfer involving two objects in physical contact with each other.

$$Q_{\text{cond}} = -kA \frac{(T_2 - T_1)}{(X_2 - X_1)}$$

Temperature
gradient

Separation,
e.g., thickness of
animal skin

A: Surface area

T: Temperature

k: thermal conductivity

X: position

Convection

A heat transfer between a solid and a liquid or a gas.

$$Q_{\text{conv}} = h_c A (T_s - T_a)$$

A: Surface area

h_c : convective coefficient

T_s : organism surface temperature

T_a : ambient temperature

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$$Q_{\text{conv}} = h_c A (T_s - T_a)$$

h_c depends on type of convection:

- within boundary layer (stagnant air)

- free convection driven by density differential
- forced by wind or current

Important factors:

- fluid velocity, viscosity, density
- organism dimensions

Evaporation

A loss of heat due to liquid water phase changing into gaseous water.

$$Q_{\text{evap}} = h_d A (\rho_o - \rho_a)$$

A: Surface area

h_d : mass transfer coefficient

ρ_o : Saturated water vapor density

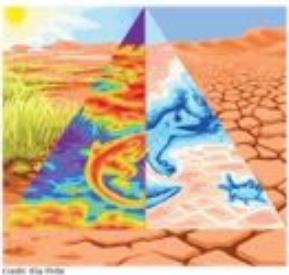
ρ_a : water vapor density of airmass

Rmd example

[https://github.com/trenchproject/ESA_MechModelWorkshop/
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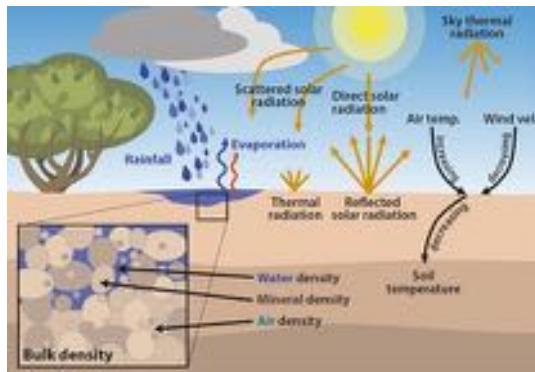
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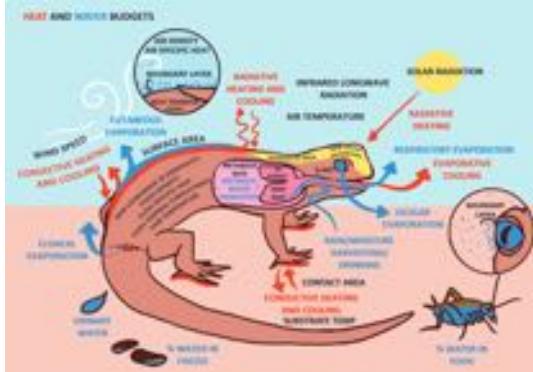
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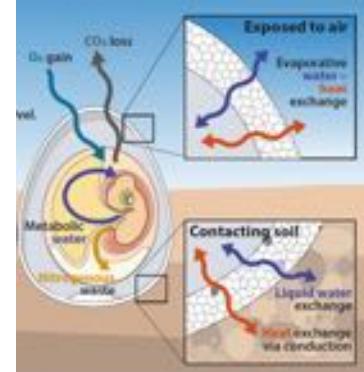
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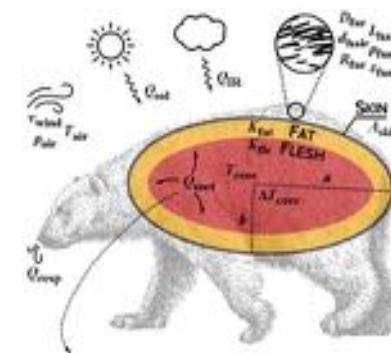
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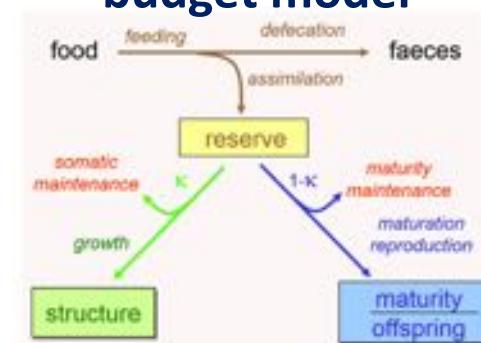
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dynamic energy budget model



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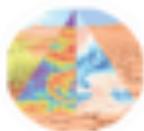
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NicheMapR

Modelling the thermodynamic
constraints on life



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NicheMapR: Software suite for microclimate and mechanistic
niche modelling in the R programming environment.

Overview

NicheMapR is a suite of programs for the R environment that compute fundamental physical and chemical constraints on living things. It aims at asking the general question: *Can an organism complete its life cycle in a particular place and time, without overheating, desiccating or starving?*

In other words, starting with the [functional traits](#) of an organism, the programs can be used to determine the environmental sequence experienced by an organism in a particular habitat and assess whether this sequence is inside, or outside, of its niche.

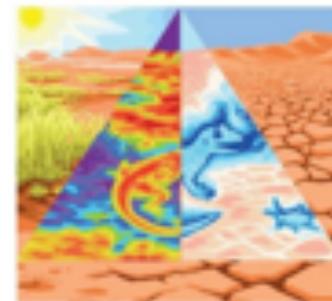
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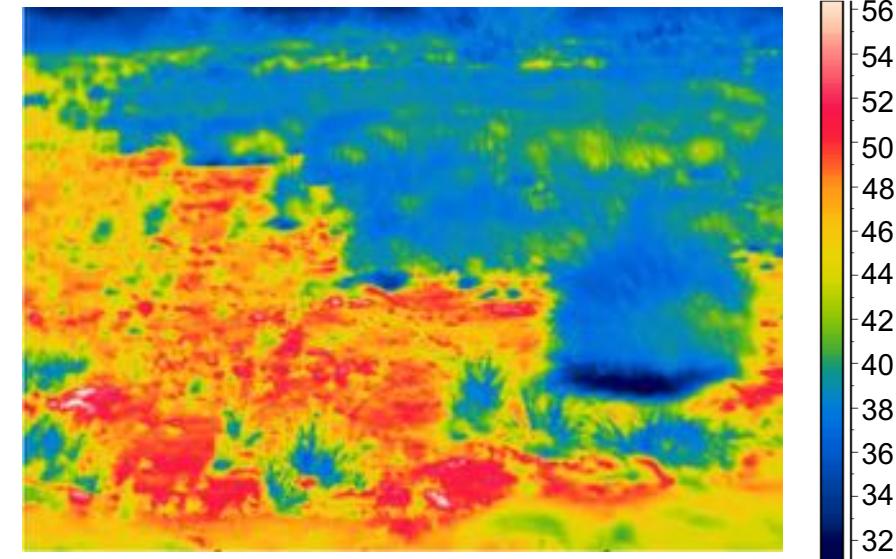
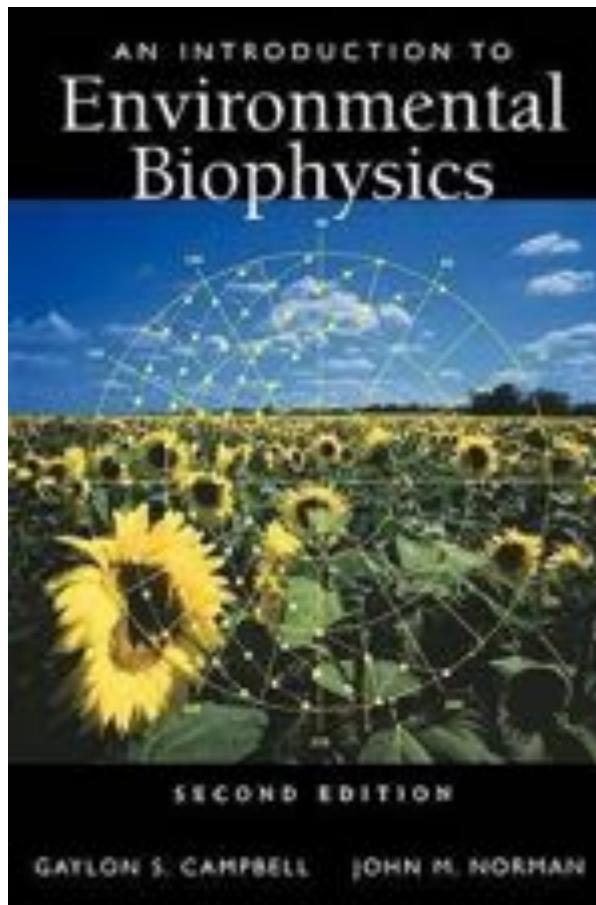
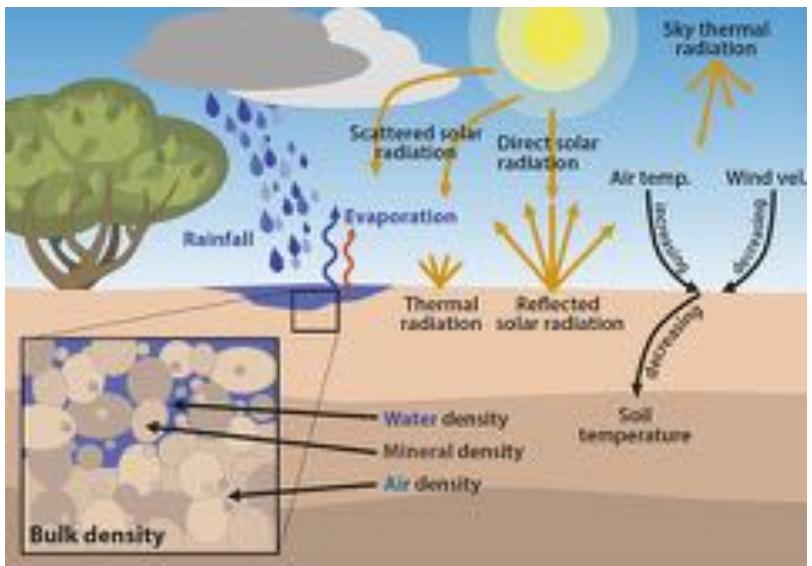
Biological Forecasting and Hindcasting Tools

Quick Links

1. [Global Soil Microclimate Calculator](#) (typical day in each month)
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4. [Global Transient Ectotherm Calculator](#) (typical day in each month, accounts for thermal mass)
5. [Global Ectotherm Hindcaster](#) (historical back to 1949)
6. [Australian Soil Microclimate Hindcaster](#) (historical back to 1911)
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8. [Australian Ectotherm Forecaster](#) (next three days)
9. [USA Soil Microclimate Hindcaster](#) (historical from yesterday back to 1980)
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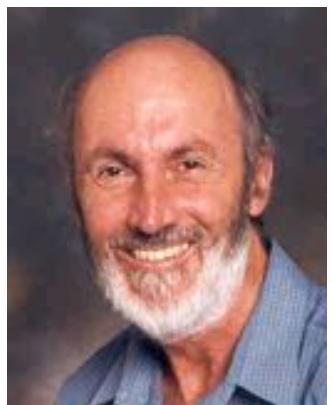


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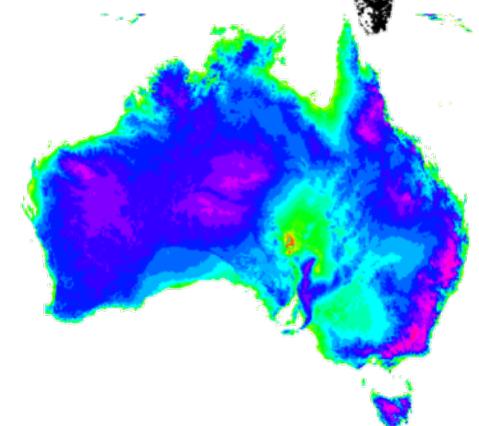
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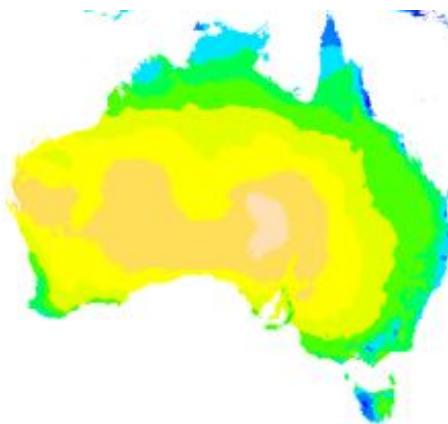
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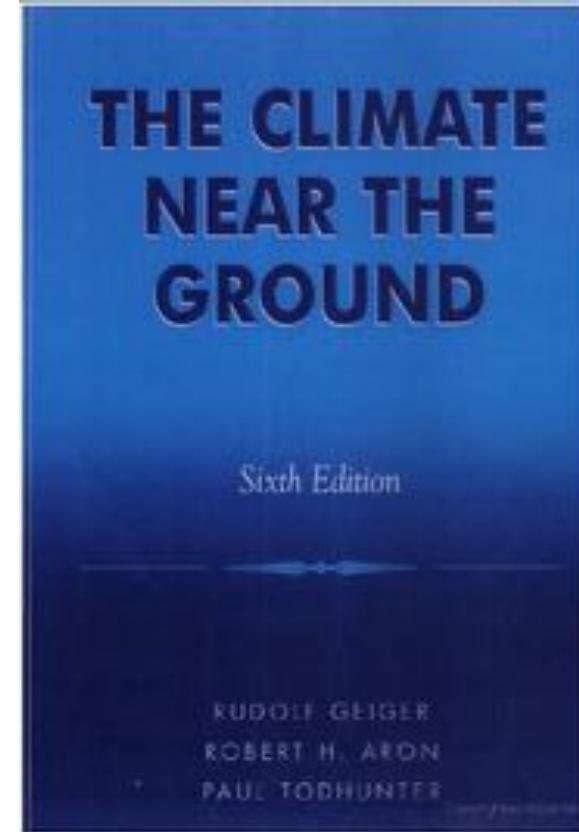
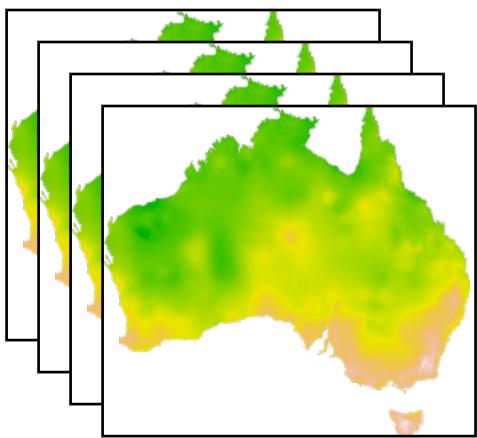
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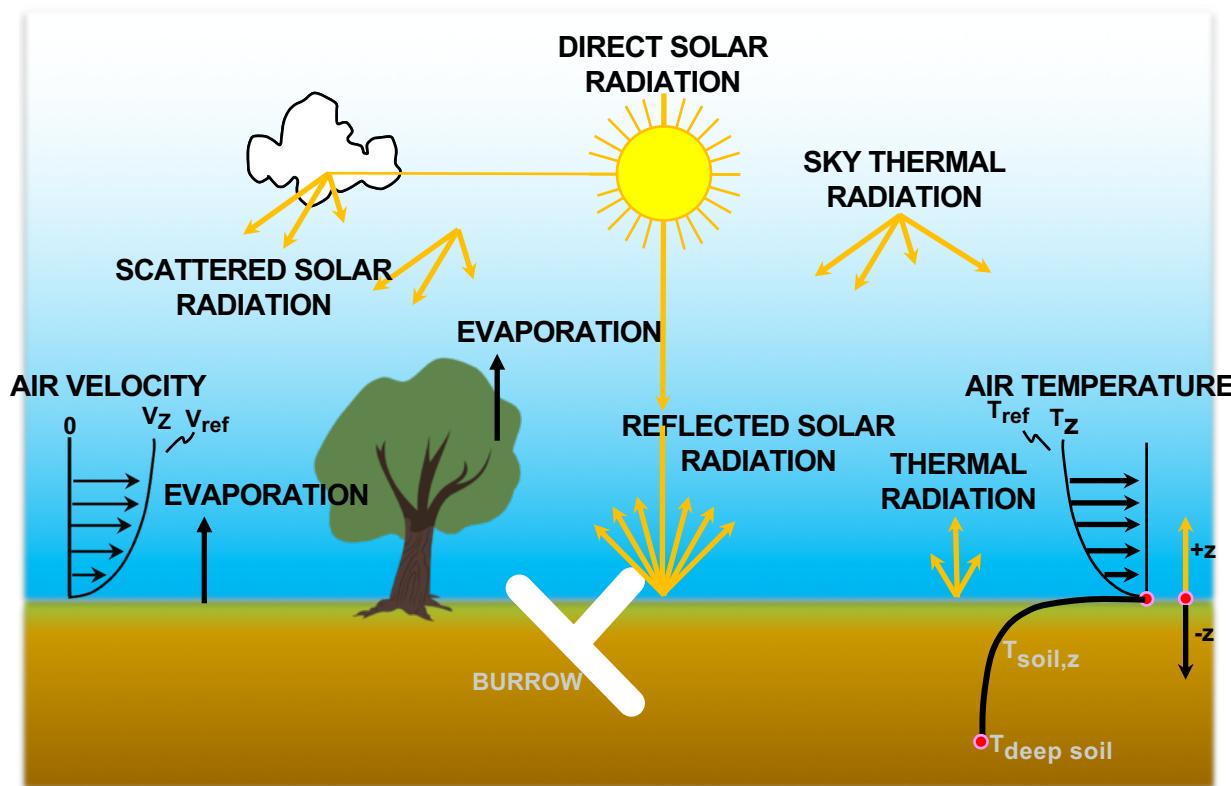


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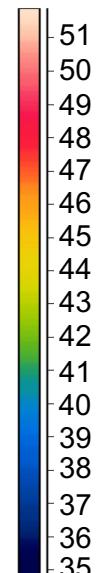
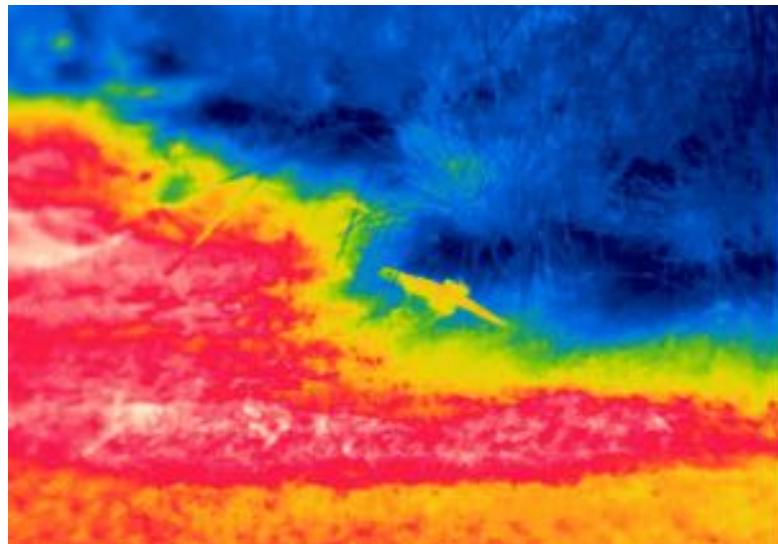
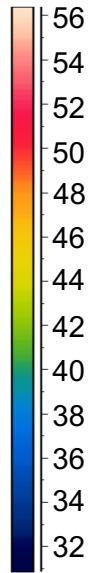
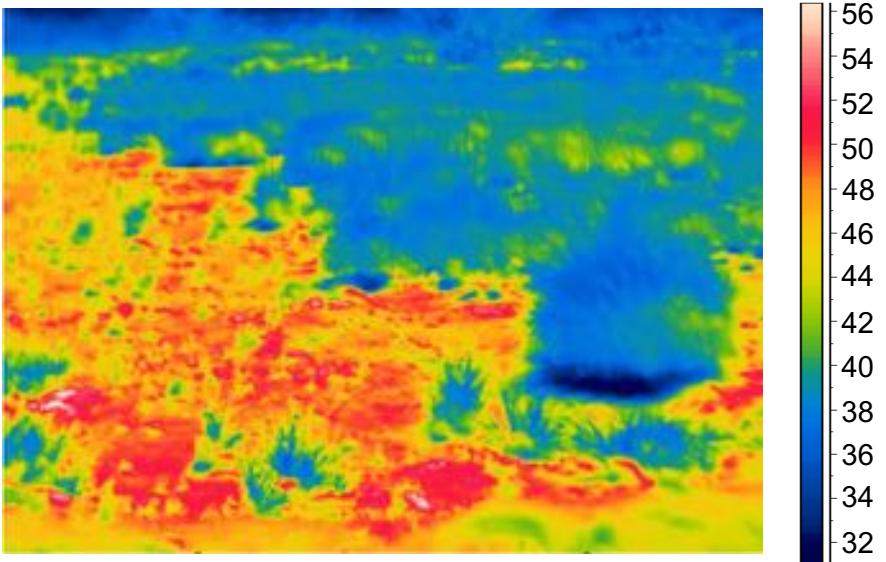
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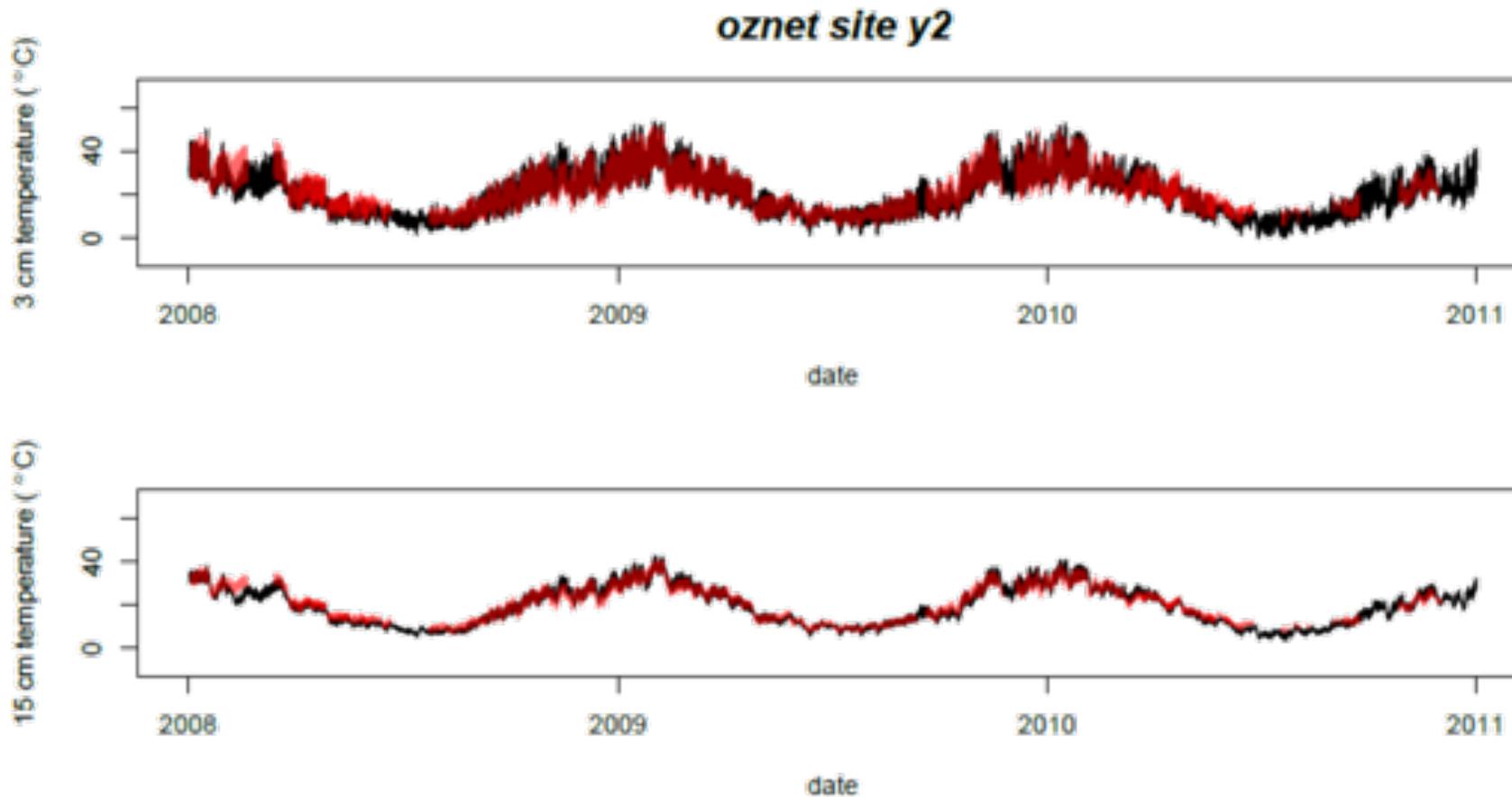
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Microclimate

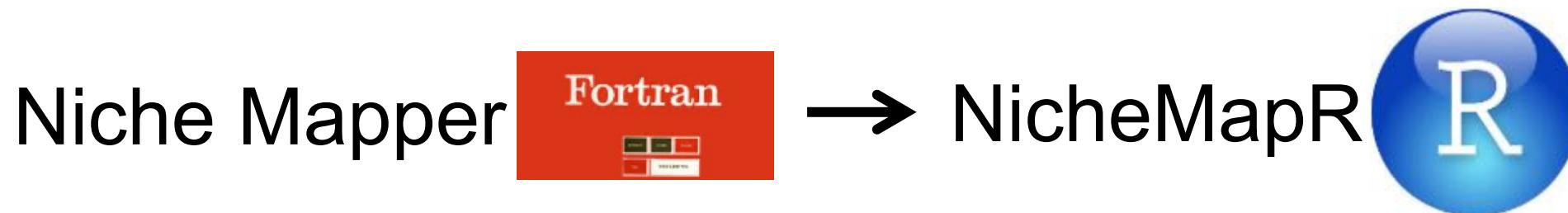
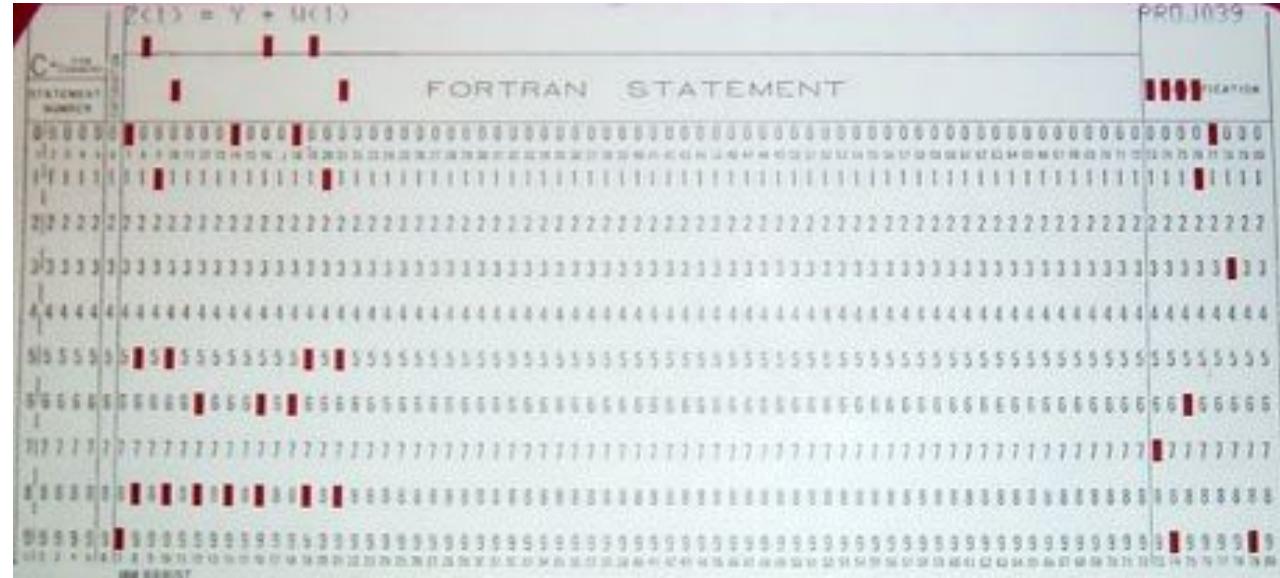


`micro_ncep` function

Downscaled 250 km resolution 6-hourly gridded data (NCEP)



History of the microclimate model



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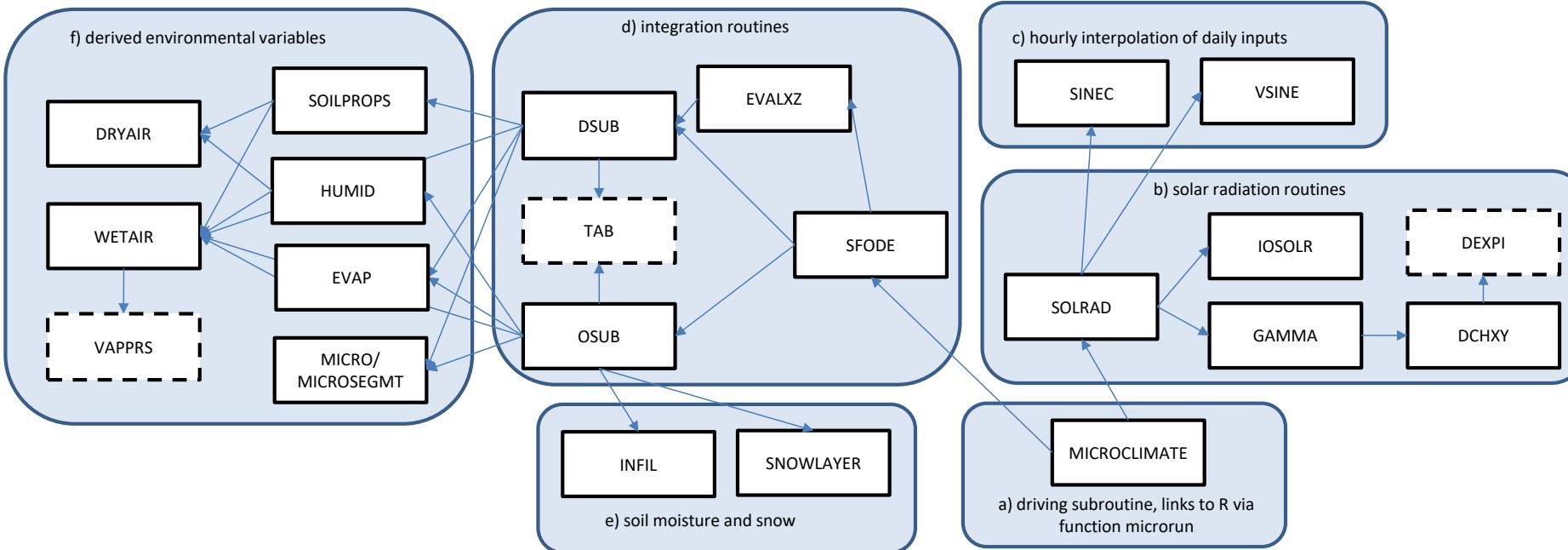
Microclimate Program Structure

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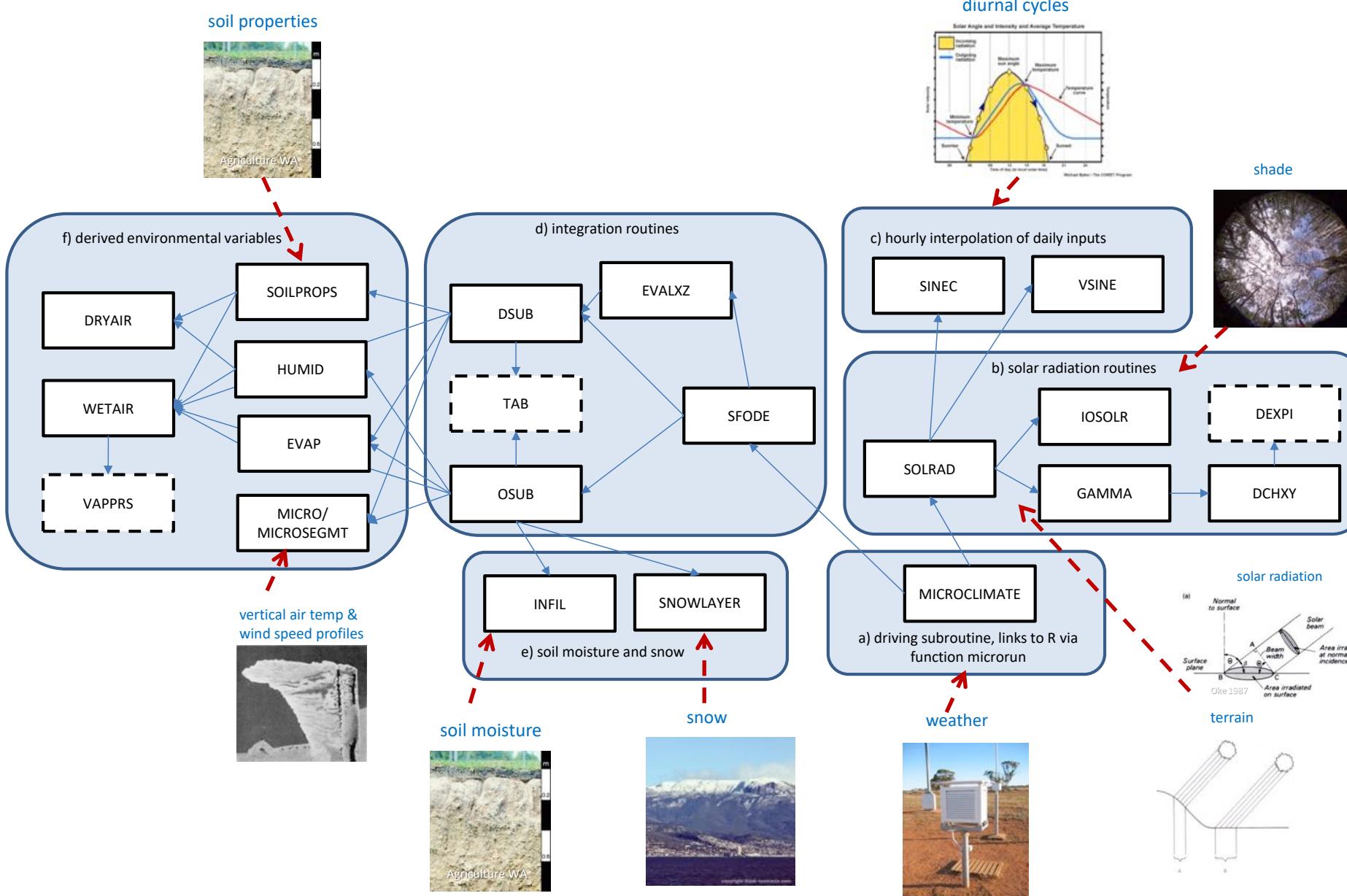
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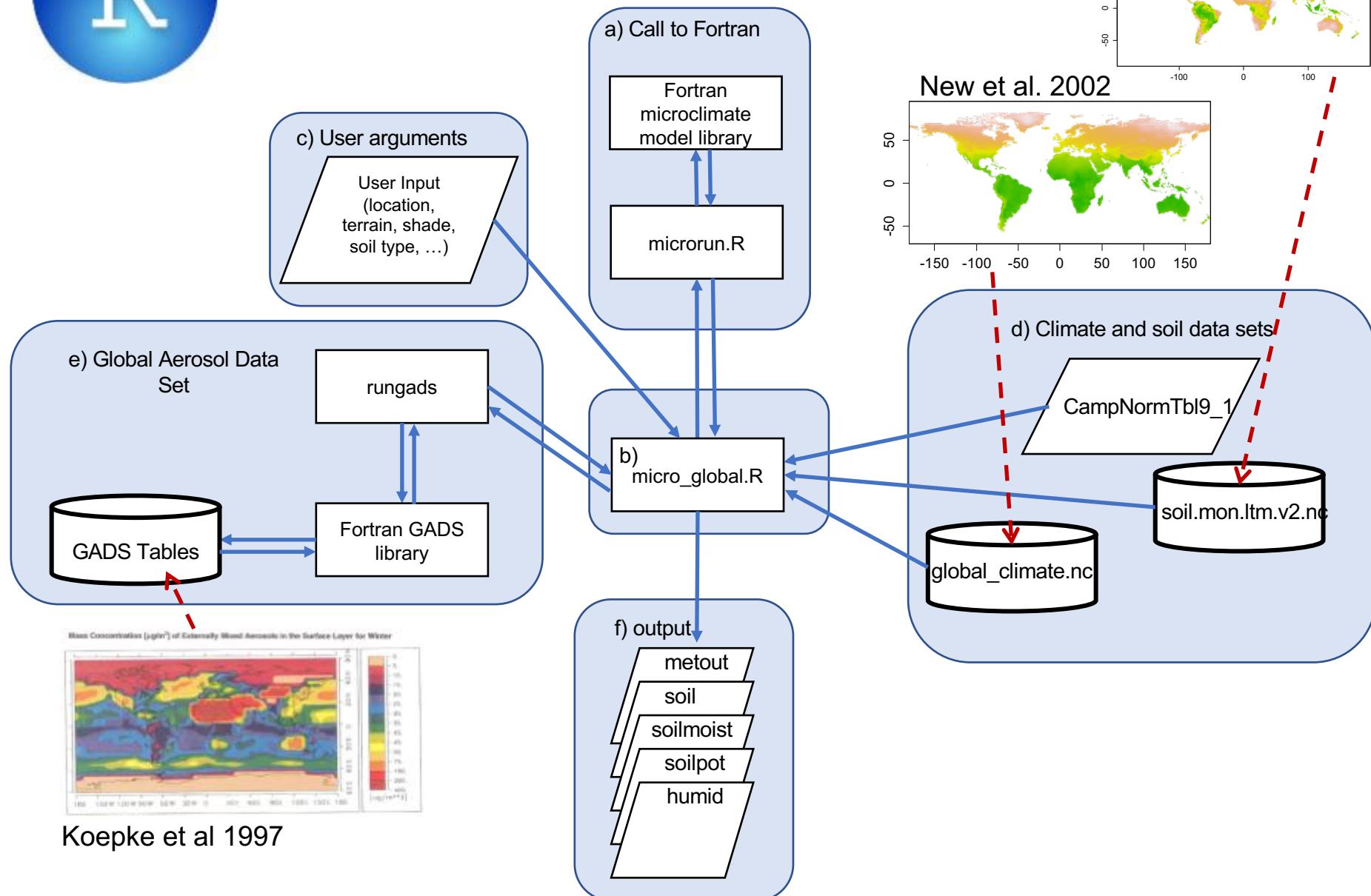


Microclimate Program Structure





NicheMapR





Global Soil Microclimate Calculator

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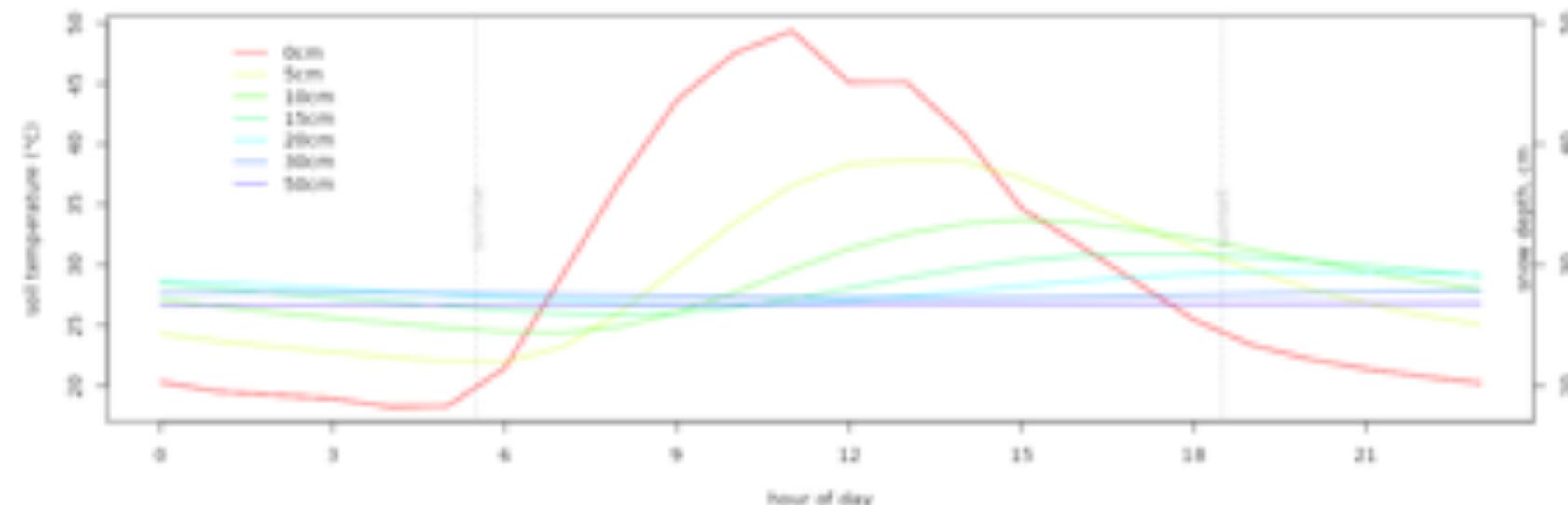
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Video Instructions These calculations are made using the microclimate model of NichetMapR driven by the New et al. 2002 1960-1990 global climate grids. See also [microclim](#). Send feedback or issues to m.kearney@unimelb.edu.au. Photo credit: Nicole Kearney

January: 0% shade, 69.7° slope, 24.8° aspect, 20% albedo, 517.5m elev



Program

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9:00 -9:15	Introductions
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9:45-10:15	Calculating body temperature with TrenchR (LB)
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11:15-12:00	Selecting microclimate data (LB & MK)
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break
13:00-13:45	Calculating body/leaf temperature with NicheMapR (MK)
13:45-14:45	Mass budgets with NicheMapR: Dynamic energy budgets (DEB) and water balance (MK)
14:45-15:00	Break
15:00-16:00	Q&A on mechanistic niche modelling (LB & MK)

TrEnCh Project Microclimate Selection Tool



Overview

Most ecological analyses and forecasts use weather station data or coarse interpolated, gridded temperature data. Yet, these products often poorly capture the microclimates experienced by organisms that live near the surface and respond to fine scale spatial and temporal environmental variation. Historic and projected future environmental data derived from spatial interpolation or dynamic modelling better capture the microclimate relevant to organisms and ecosystems. This site is designed to help you select microclimate datasets for projects characterizing responses to spatial and temporal environmental variability.

We temporally and spatially compare several related types of environmental data to weather station observations, which we assume reflect actual environmental conditions. We focus on datasets that offer (near) hourly data. Although several datasets are global, regional datasets are focused on the United States. We start by examining environmental forcing data, generated by spatial interpolation or dynamic modelling, which afford high spatial and temporal resolution but tend to be at a reference height (1-2m) above where most organisms reside. These environmental forcing data can then be processed using microclimate models, which characterise the processes of heat transport through air and soil to estimate vertical temperature and wind profiles. We use both detailed [NicheMapR](#) microclimate models and simple [TrenChR](#) vertical profile models to scale conditions from sensor to organism height. We include data both that we have processed using microclimate algorithms and that is pre-computed and stored as a microclimate dataset.

For weather station observations, we focus on three weather stations in Colorado, Oregon, and Hawaii that were chosen to represent different climate regimes and ecosystems, as well as examining weather stations across the United States in the [US Climate Reference Network \(USCRN\)](#). We examine environmental data from 2017, a recent year for which data is available from all datasets. We evaluate the data for both summer (month of July) and winter (month of January) conditions. We focus on environmental variables that are needed to estimate body temperatures of organisms using microclimate and biophysical modelling.

Tabs in this application allow you to interactively filter datasets based on your data needs, to temporally compare monthly timeseries, to spatially compare microclimate datasets to weather station observations, and to compare the body temperature estimates produced by the microclimate datasets. Once you select a dataset, the [TrEnCh Project Microclimate Data Users' Guide](#) provides instructions for accessing and processing the data.

This app compares the following datasets:

Weather Station Observations

- [USCRN](#) - US Climate Reference Network
- [SCAN](#) - Soil Climate Analysis Network
- [NOAA NCDC](#) - NOAA National Climatic Data Center

Environmental Forcing Data

- [ERA5-Land](#) - Reanalysis
- [CLDAS](#) - Global Land Data Assimilation System
- [gridMET](#) - Interpolated meteorology
- [NEW11](#) - CRU CL v. 2.0, Climate Research Unit: Mean monthly climatology
- [NCEP](#) - NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis 1

Microclimate Algorithms

- [NicheMapR](#) - micro_era5, micro_usa, micro_global, and micro_noep functions forced with ERA-5, gridMET, NEW11, and NCEP data, respectively
- [Microclima](#) - used by micro_noep function
- [TrenChR](#) - air_temp_profile_neutral() for scaling from reference to organismal height

Microclimate Datasets

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Microclimate models in R

Model	Emphasis	Physical explicitness	Reference
NicheMapR	realism, time-series	high	10.1111/ecog.02360 https://github.com/mrke/
microclima	speed, grids	low	10.1111/2041-210X.13093 https://github.com/ilyamaclean/
microclimf	speed, grids	med	in progress https://github.com/ilyamaclean/
microclimc	within- canopy	high	10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2021.109567 https://github.com/ilyamaclean/
TrEnChR	education	low	in review https://github.com/trenchproject/

Data selection

Temporal comparison

Spatial comparison

Operative temperature comparison

Area of Interest:

US

Outside of US

Beginning of temporal coverage

2017

End of temporal coverage

2017

Temporal resolution

- Monthly
- Daily
- 4-hourly
- 3-hourly
- Hourly
- Other

Variables of interest:

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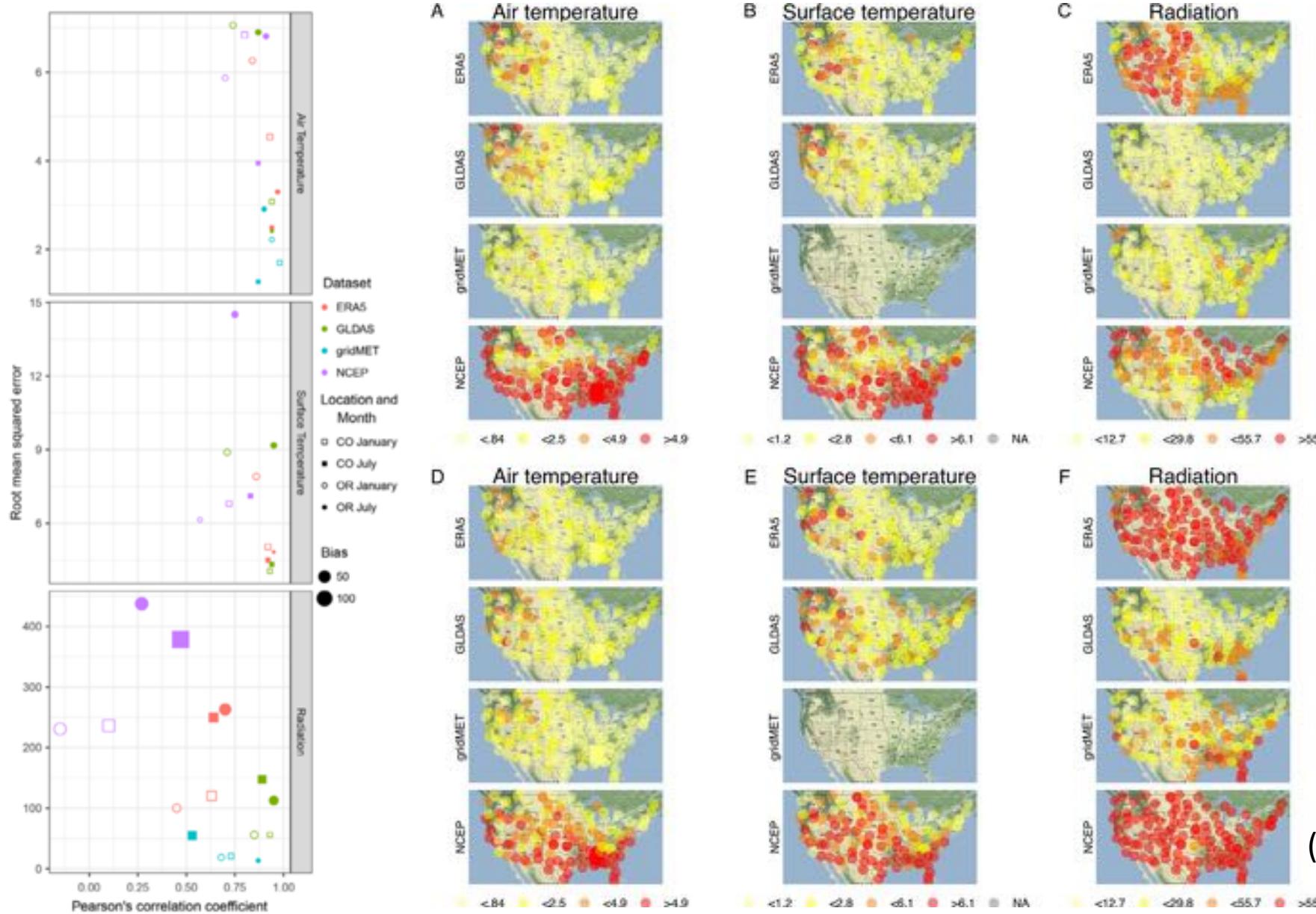
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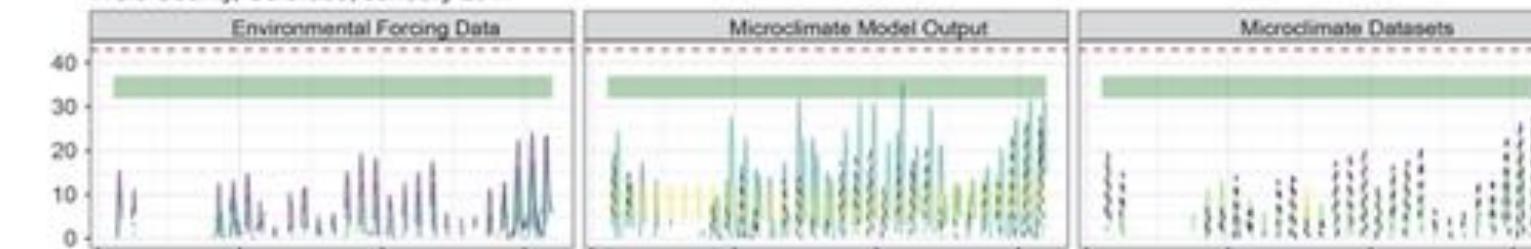
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3	ERAS	1981-2021	Hourly	Global	0.1° x 0.1°	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
4	CLOUDS	2000-2021	3-hourly	Global	0.25° x 0.25°	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	CRIMET	1979-2021	Daily	US	0.04° x 0.04°	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
6	NEWSAT	Infinite	Monthly	Global	10' x 10'	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
7	NCEP	1948-2021	6-hourly	Global	2.5° x 2.5°	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
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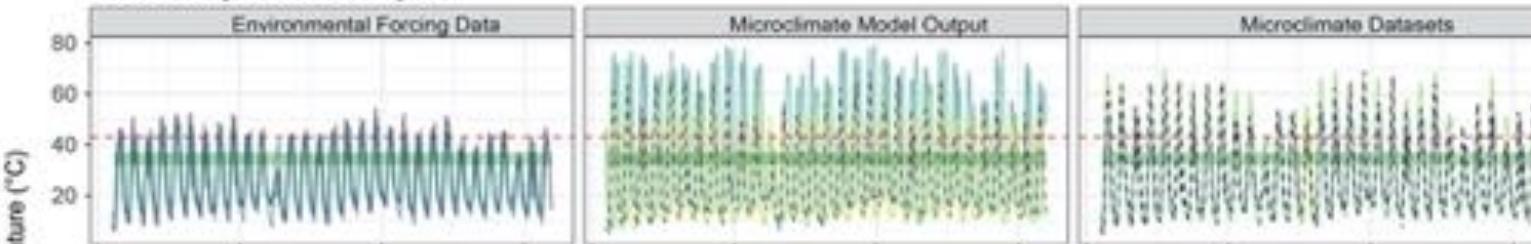


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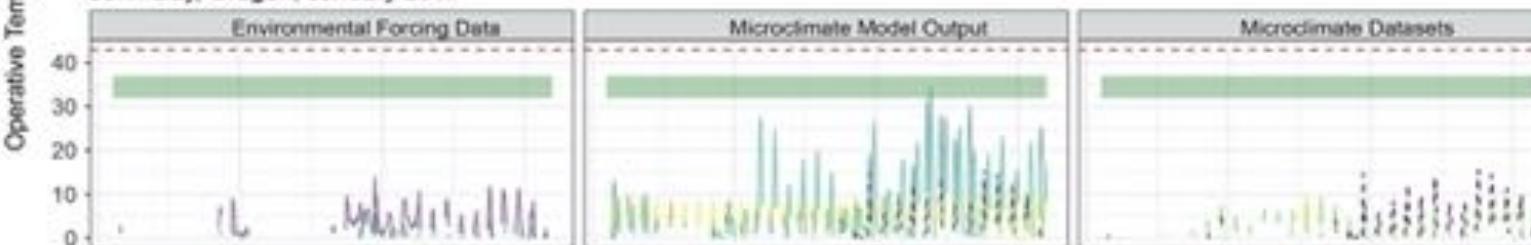
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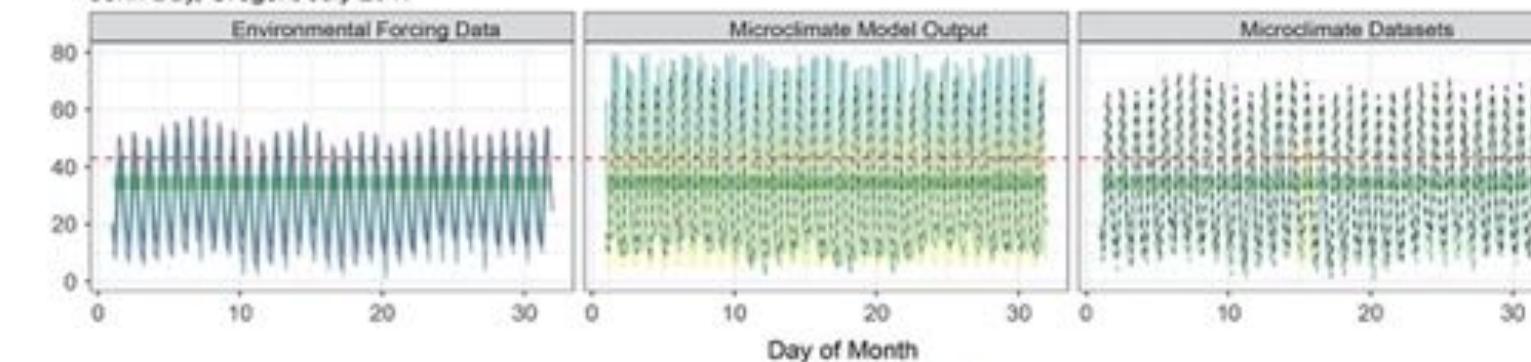
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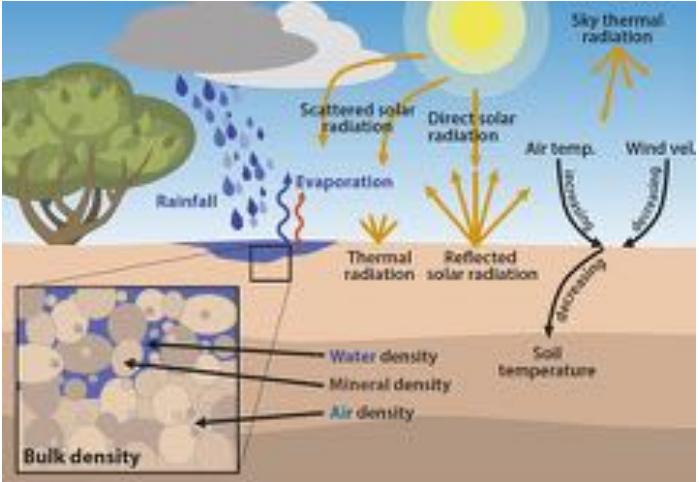
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Forcing Data
— USCRN — NCEP — gridMET
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APPLICATION

RNCEP: global weather and climate data at your fingertips

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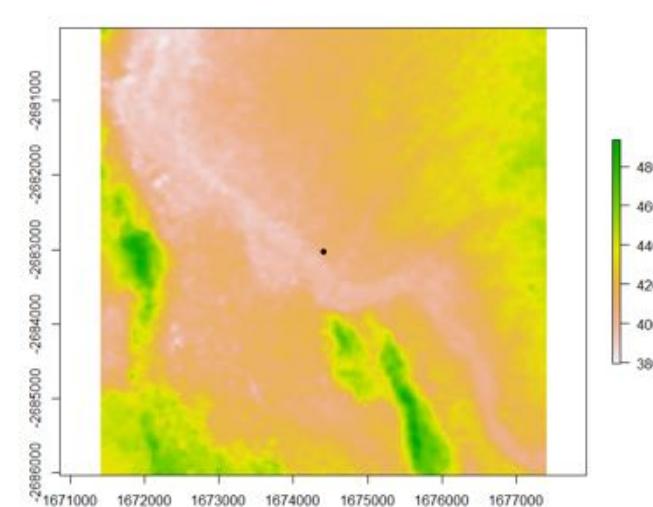
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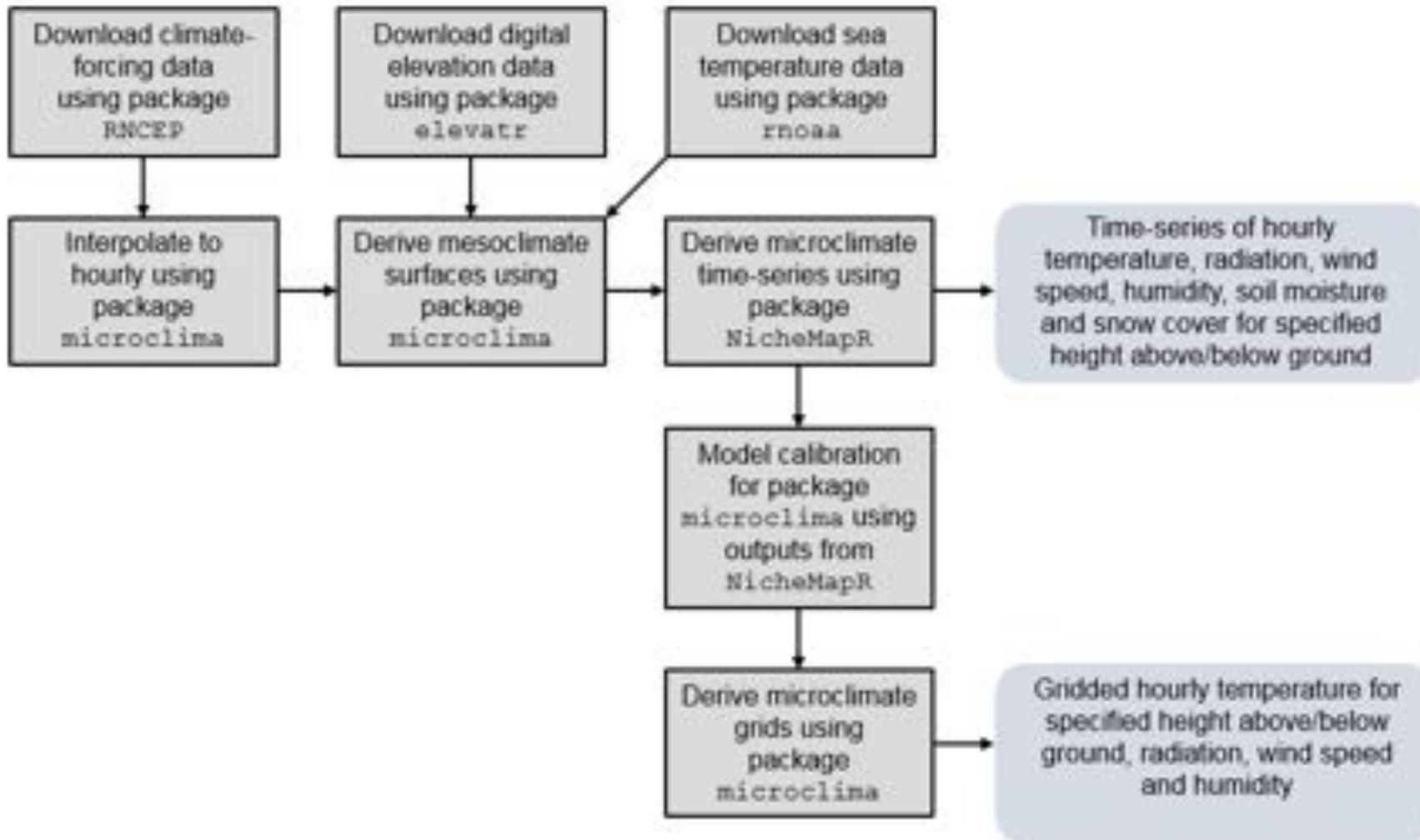
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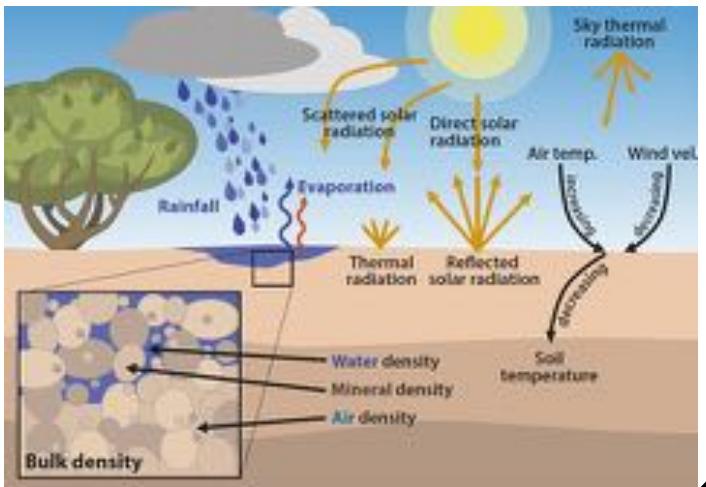


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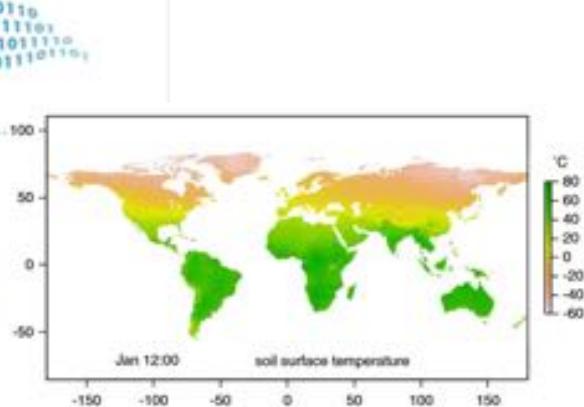
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MicroclimOz – A microclimate data set for Australia, with example applications

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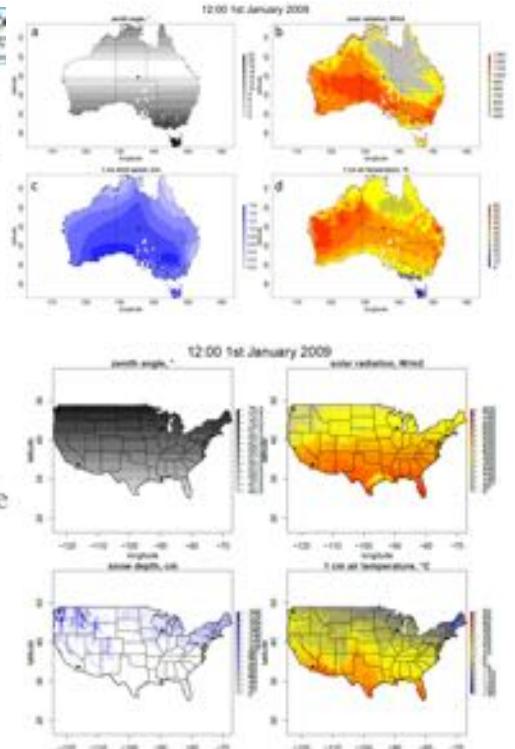
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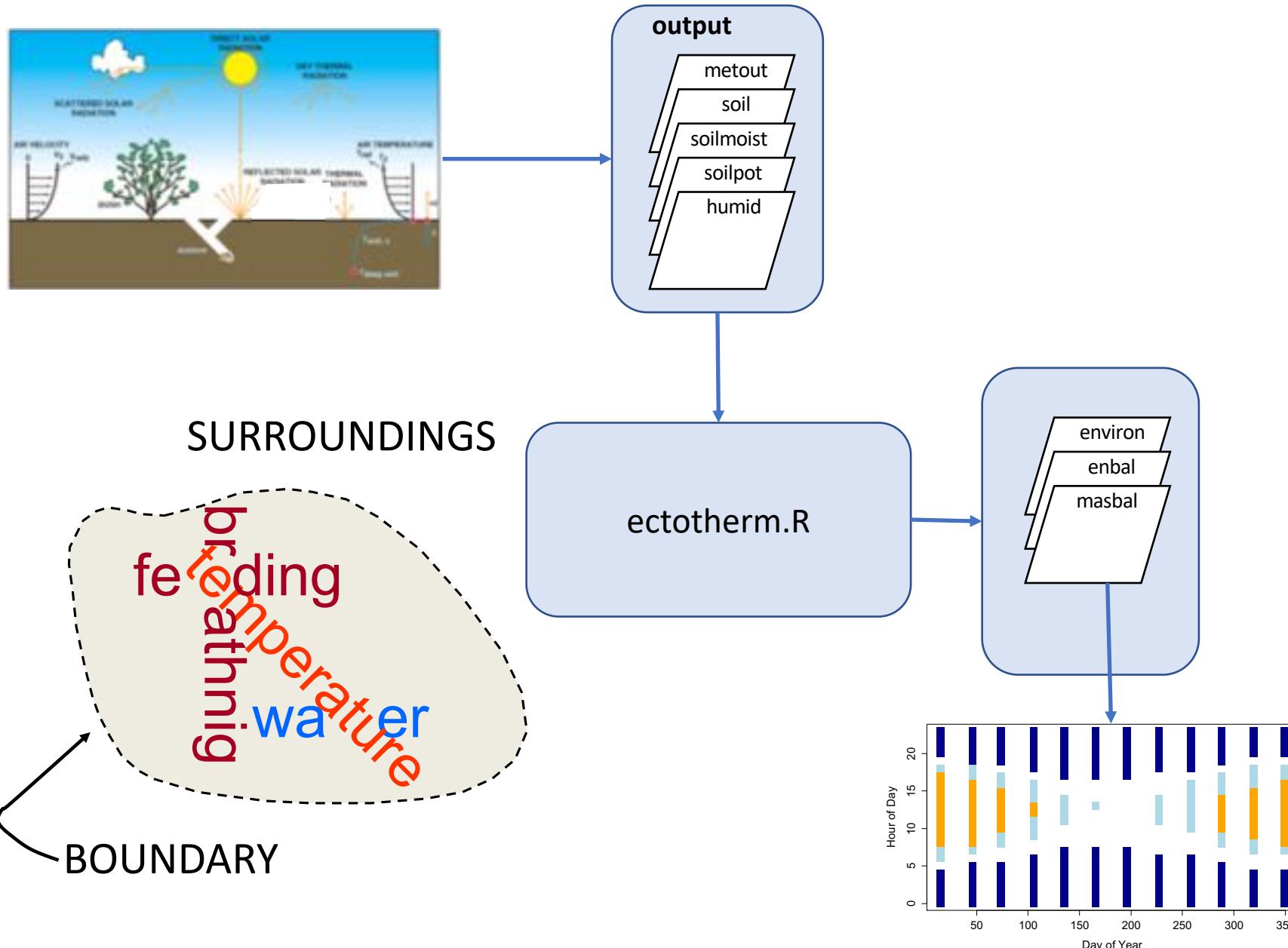
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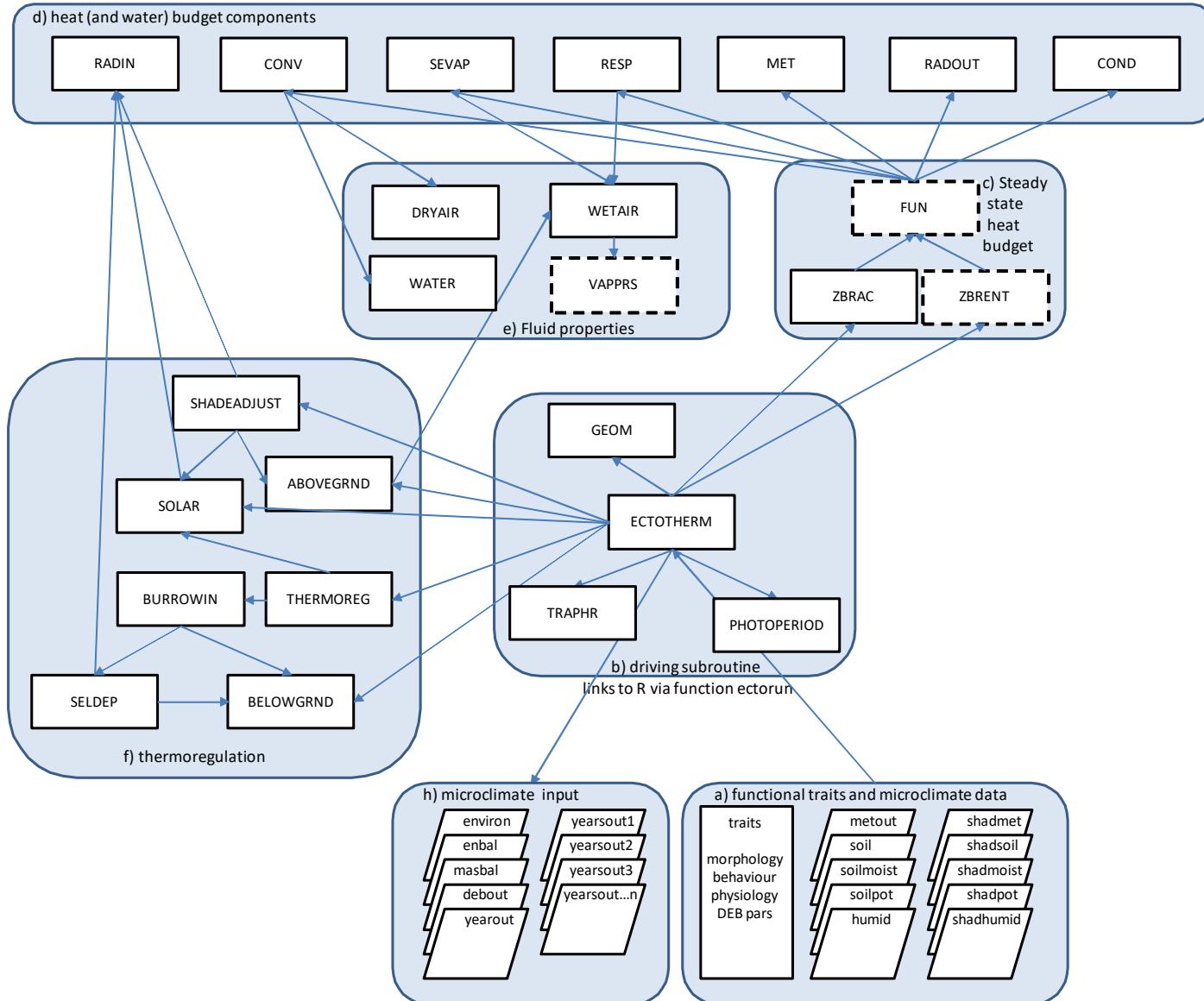
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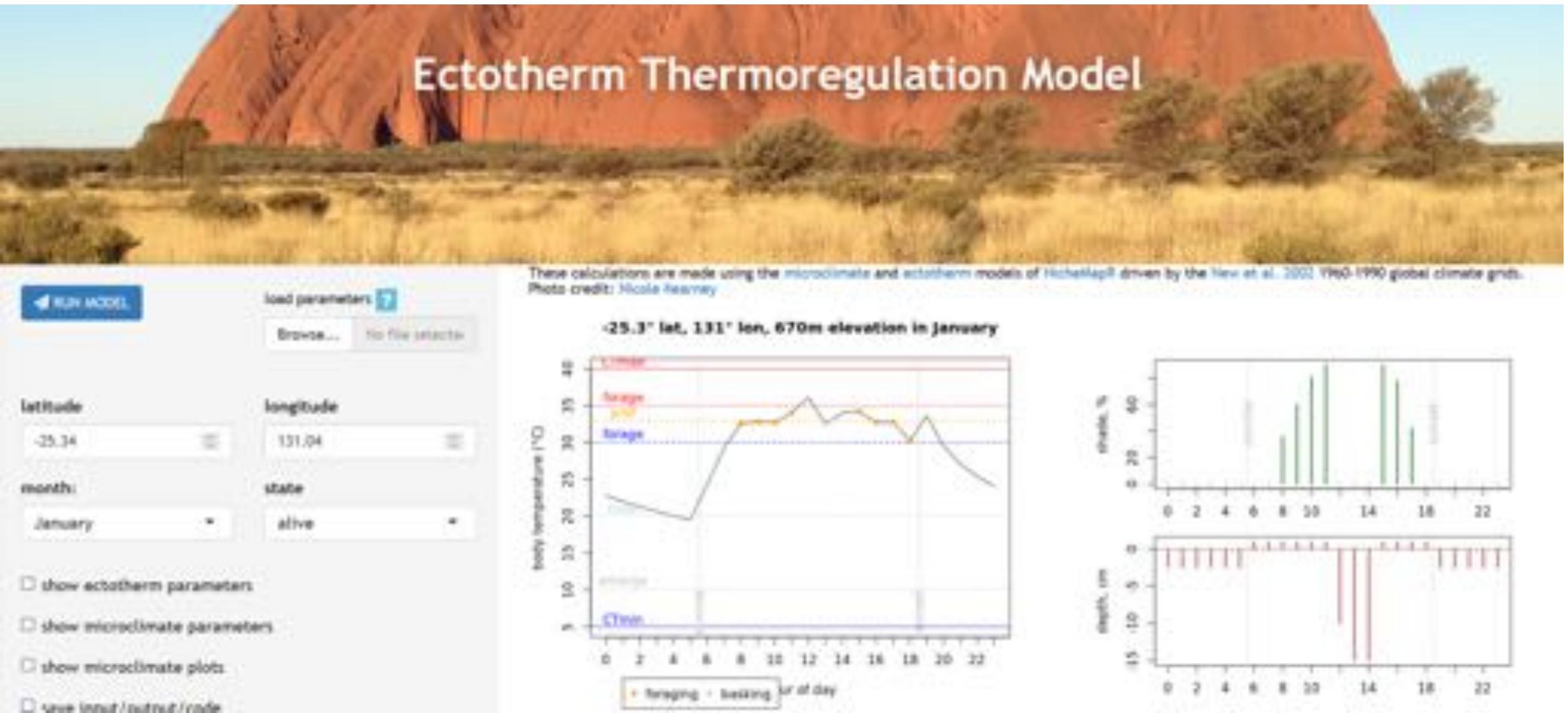


The Heat and Water Budget Model



shiny apps for NicheMapR

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Predicting Ectotherm Evaporation

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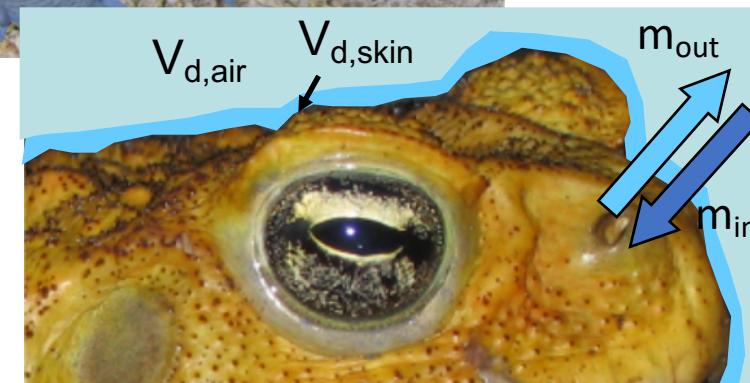
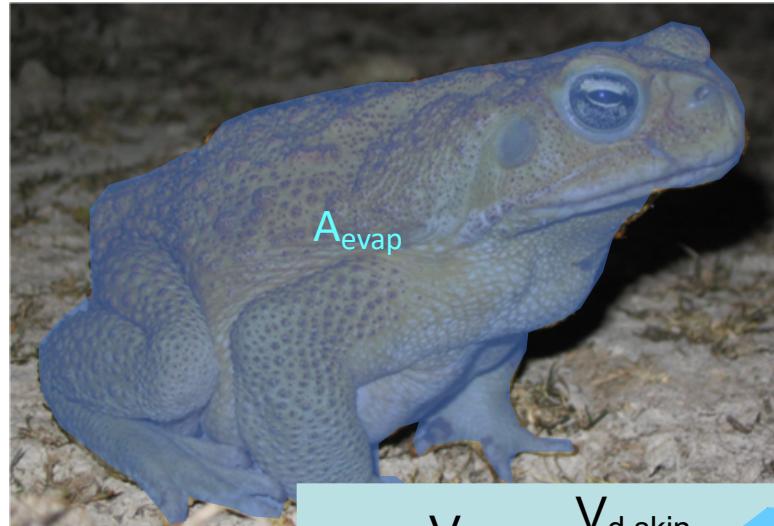
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$$Q_{\text{evap,resp}} = \lambda(m_{\text{out,resp}} - m_{\text{in,resp}})$$

2.265 kJ/g

latent heat of vaporisation,
 $J \text{ kg}^{-1}$

$$Q_{\text{evap,cut}} = A_{\text{evap}} h_d (V_{d,skin} - V_{d,air}) \lambda$$

area wet, m^2

mass transfer coefficient, m s^{-1}

vapor density,
 kg m^{-3}

Program

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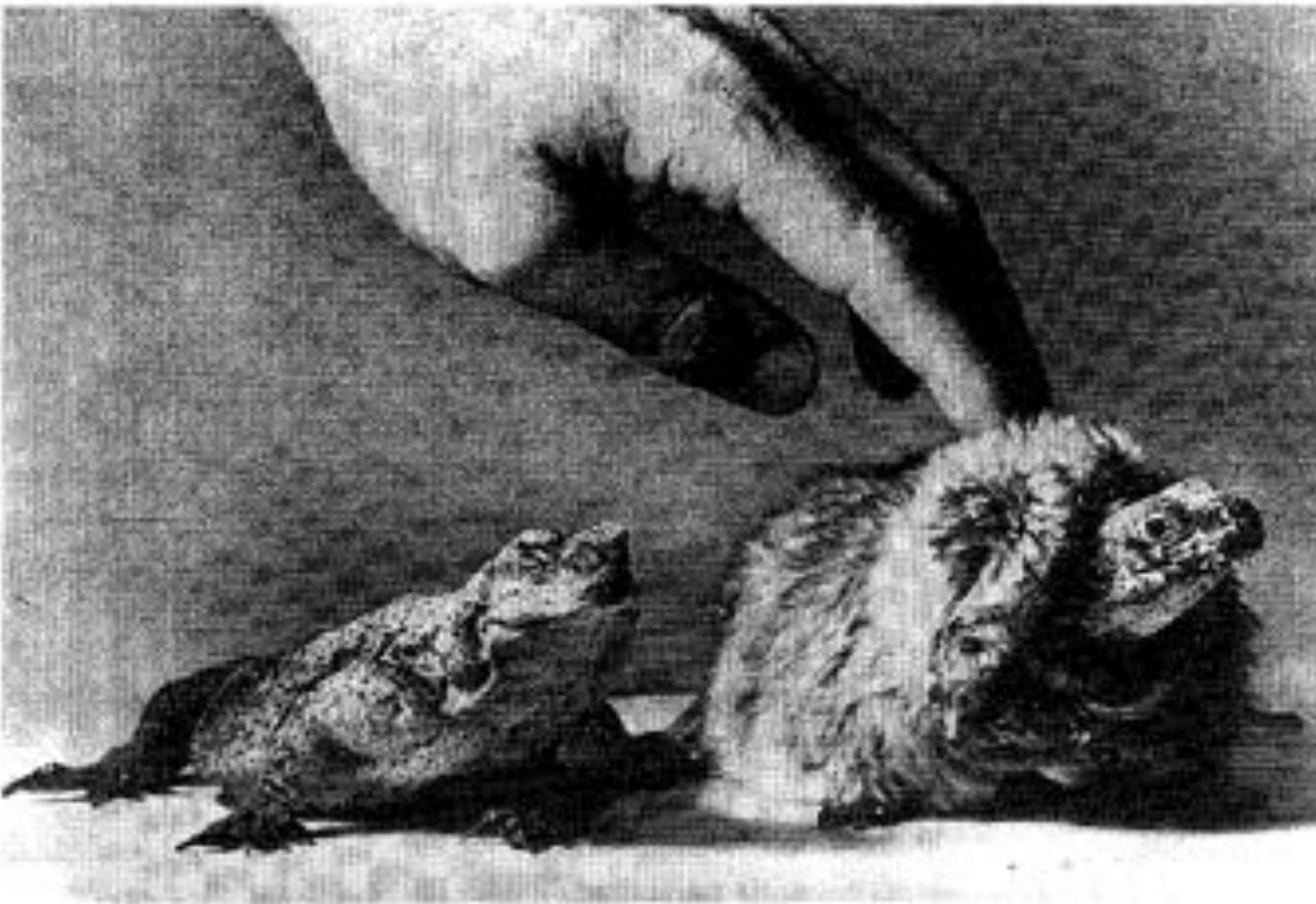
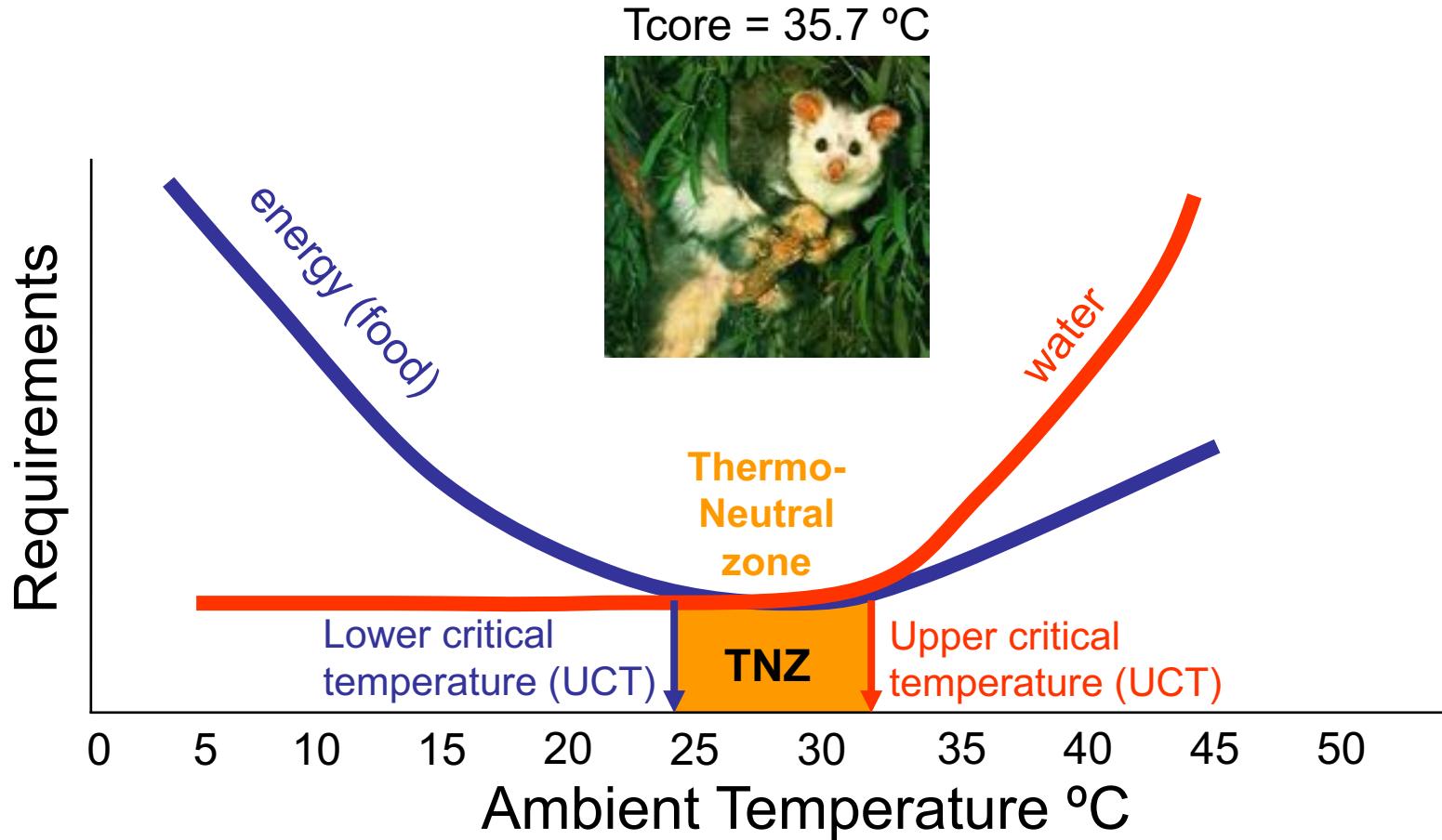
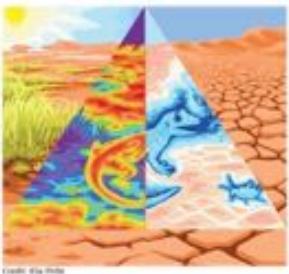


Fig. 1. Unpublished photograph of Raymond Cowles's early work on thermoregulation in reptiles as affected by fur (courtesy of Raymond Huey).

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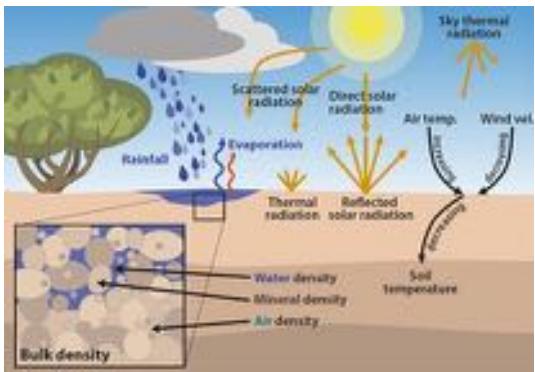




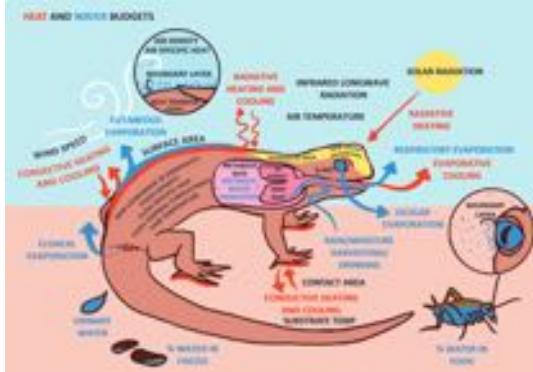
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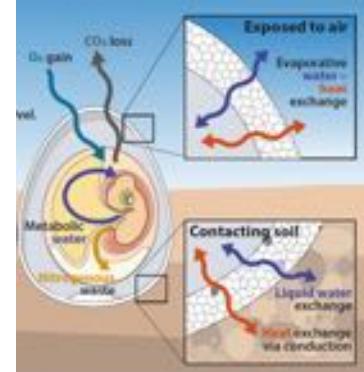
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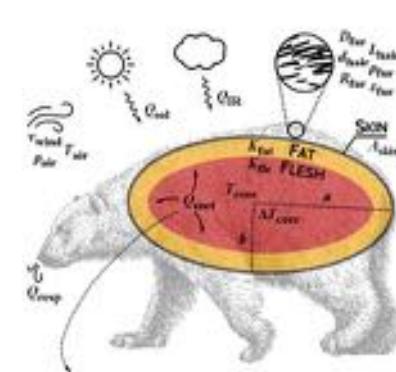
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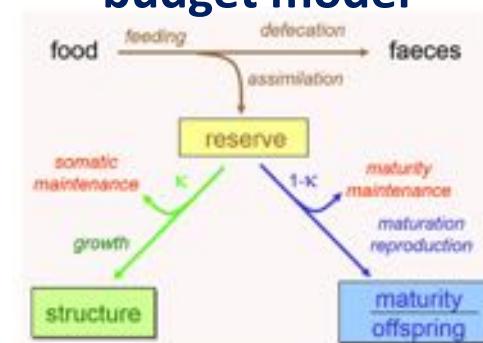
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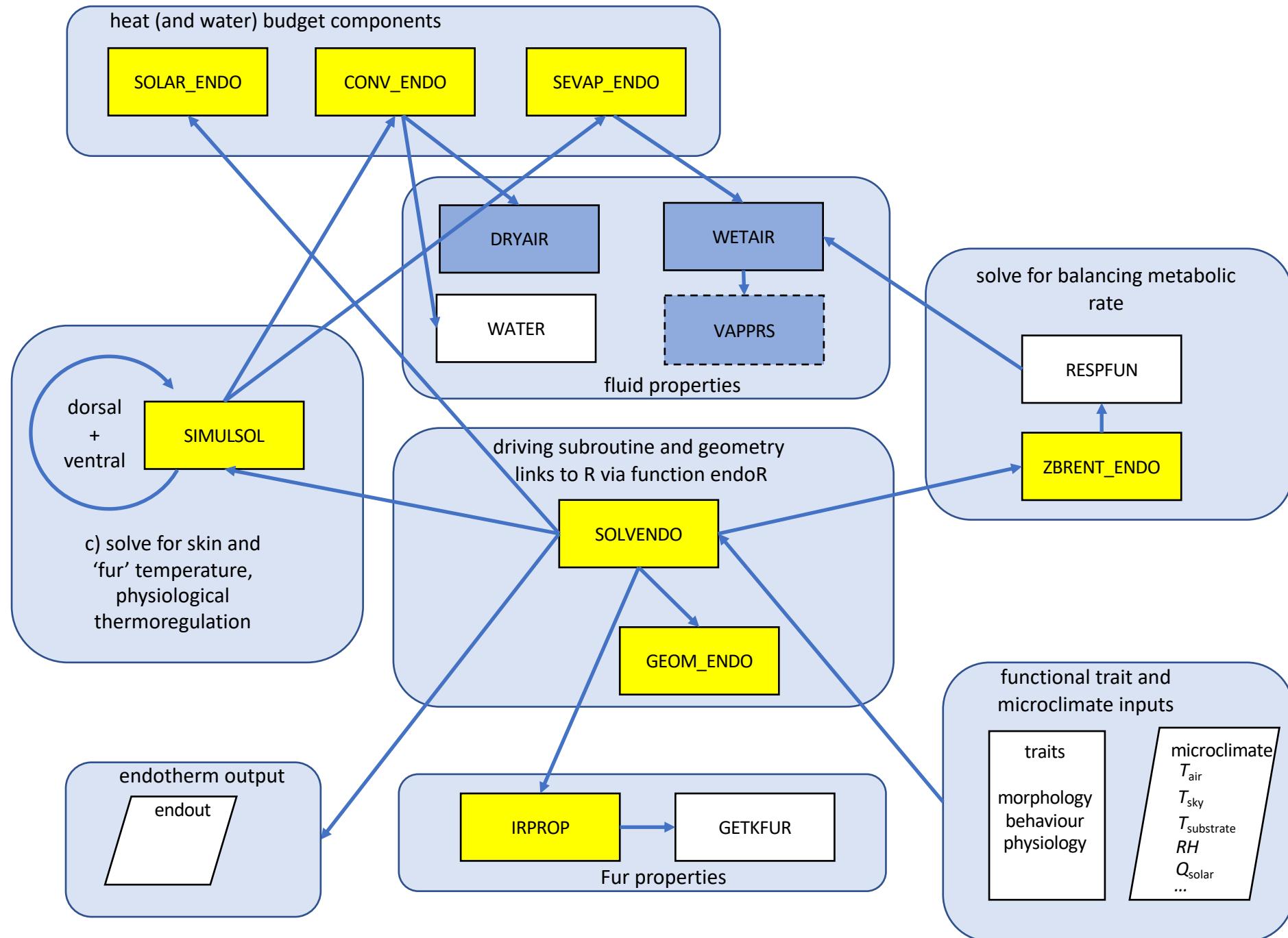
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Thermoregulation Routine

