

Uses of dynamic system models

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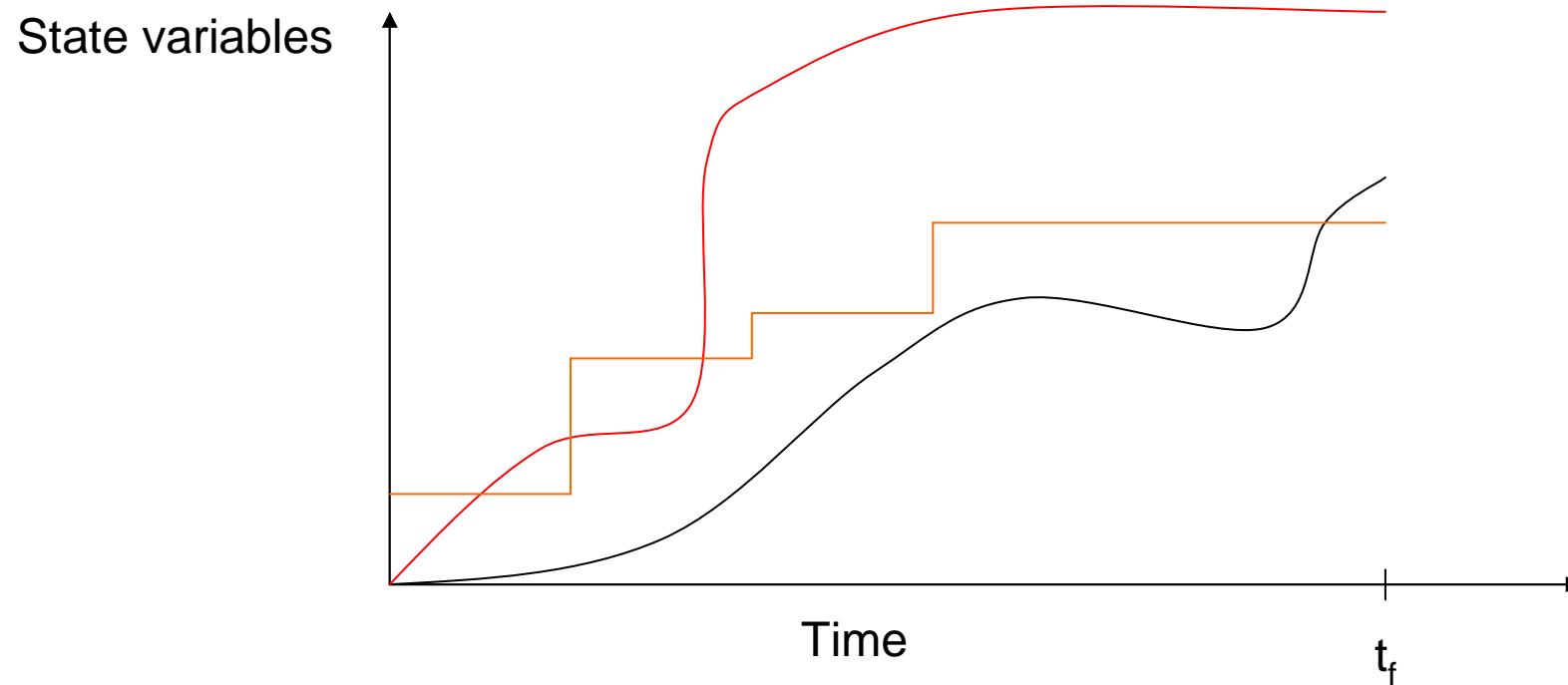


Outline

- 1) Different types of dynamic system models
- 2) Examples in the field of agronomy and epidemiology
- 3) Conclusion



What is a dynamic system model?



2 types of formalism to represent changes of a system over time

- Discrete time:
 - difference equations (constant time step)
 - compartment models (constant or variable time step)

- Continuous time:
 - continuous functions
 - differential equations (analytically or numerically solvable)



2) Discret time (difference equations)

$$Y(t + \Delta t) = Y(t) + f(Y(t), X(t), \theta) \Delta t$$

Examples:

- Predator prey system (Daniel's presentation)
- WHEATPEST (tomorrow)

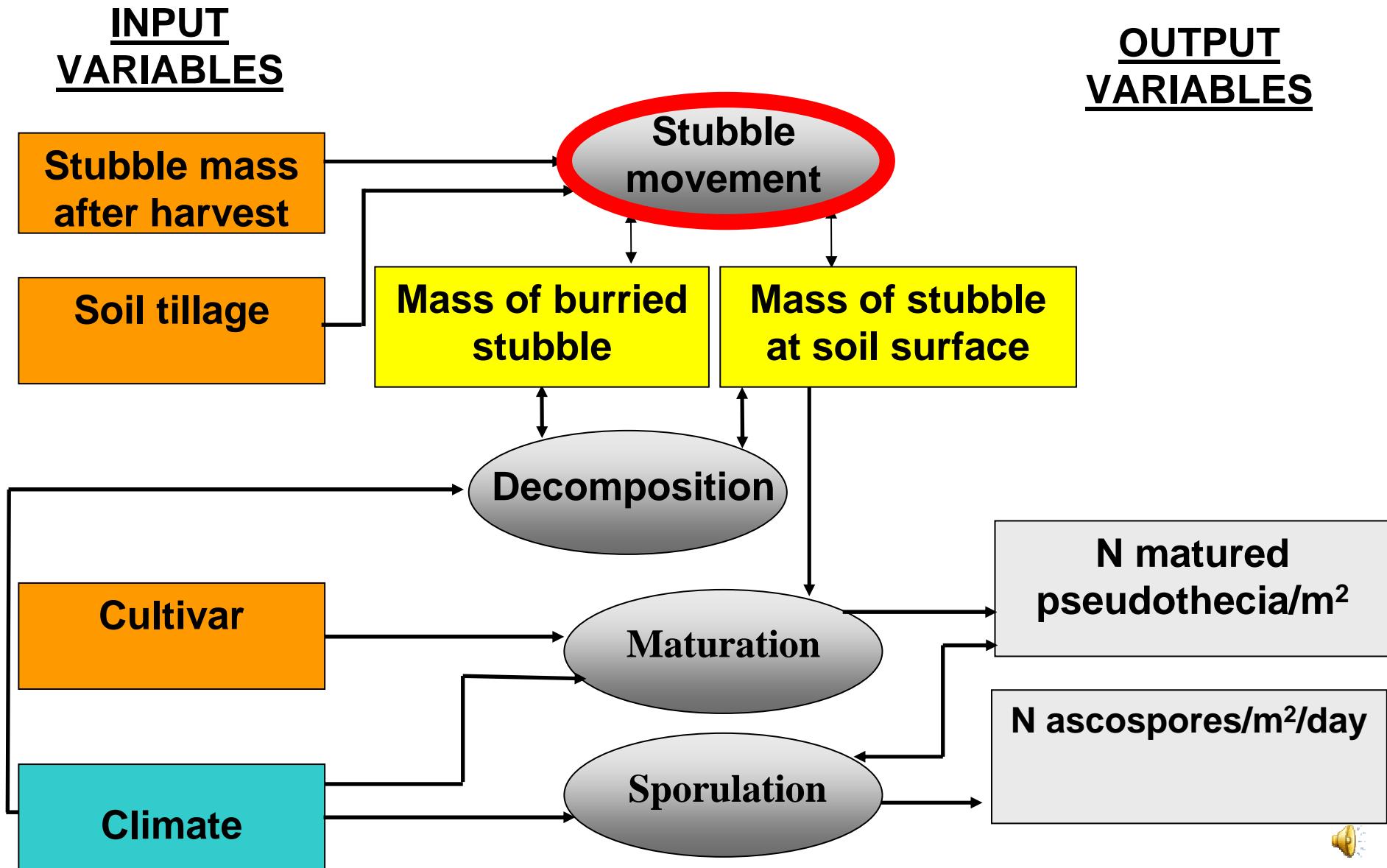


2) Discret time (compartment model)

Example: SimInoc (Schneider et al., 2006)



Process chart of SimInoc



Parameterisation of matrices that simulate the vertical movement of stubble

$$\begin{pmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & X_{13} & X_{14} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} & X_{23} & X_{24} \\ X_{31} & X_{32} & X_{33} & X_{34} \\ X_{41} & X_{42} & X_{43} & X_{44} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} n_1i \\ n_2i \\ n_3i \\ n_4i \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} n_1f \\ n_2f \\ n_3f \\ n_4f \end{pmatrix}$$

Tillage matrix Initial state Final state

Reminder:

$$n_{1f} = X_{11}n_{1i} + X_{12}n_{2i} + X_{13}n_{3i} + X_{14}n_{4i}$$
$$\vdots$$



Experiment to quantify the effects of different tillage operations on the vertical movement of stubble

Studied tools:

- Mouldboard plough**
- Rotary harrow**
- Cover crop**
- Chisel**
- Seeder**

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Mouldboard ploughing

Orka z zastosowaniem odkładnicy (pługa)



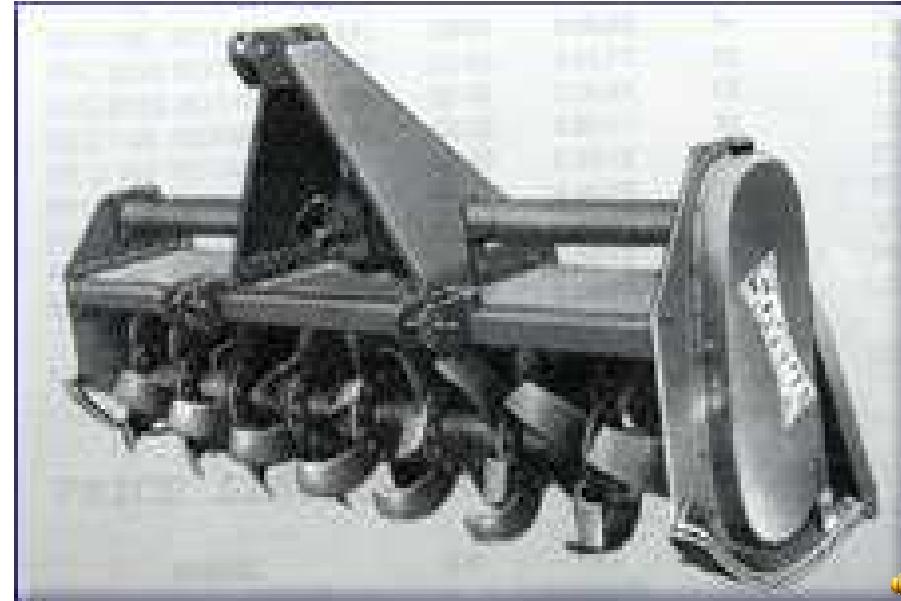


Chiselling Głęboszowanie



Rotary harrowing

Bronowanie z zastosowaniem brony rotacyjnej





Stubble disking

Talerzowanie ścierniska



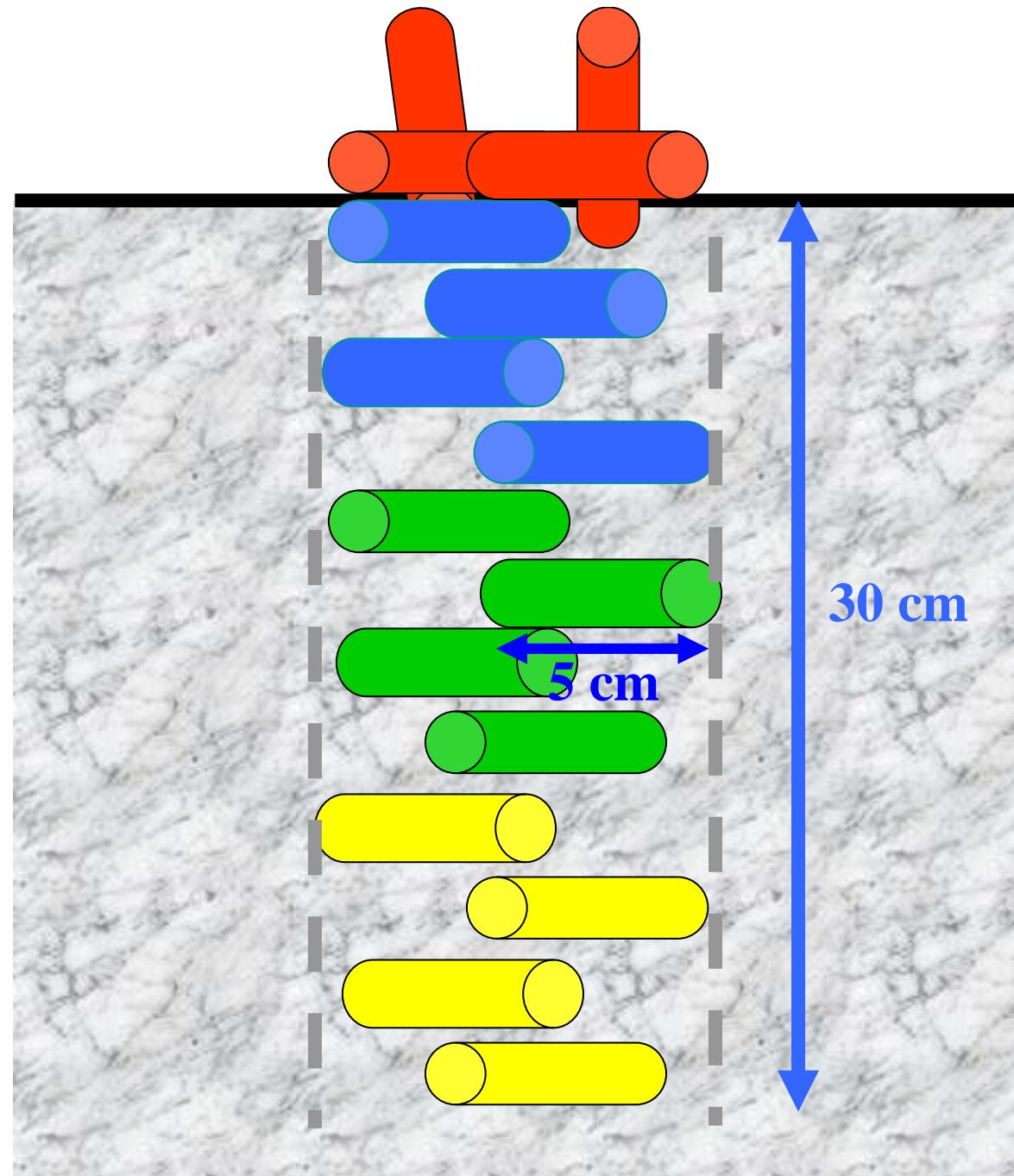


Sowing

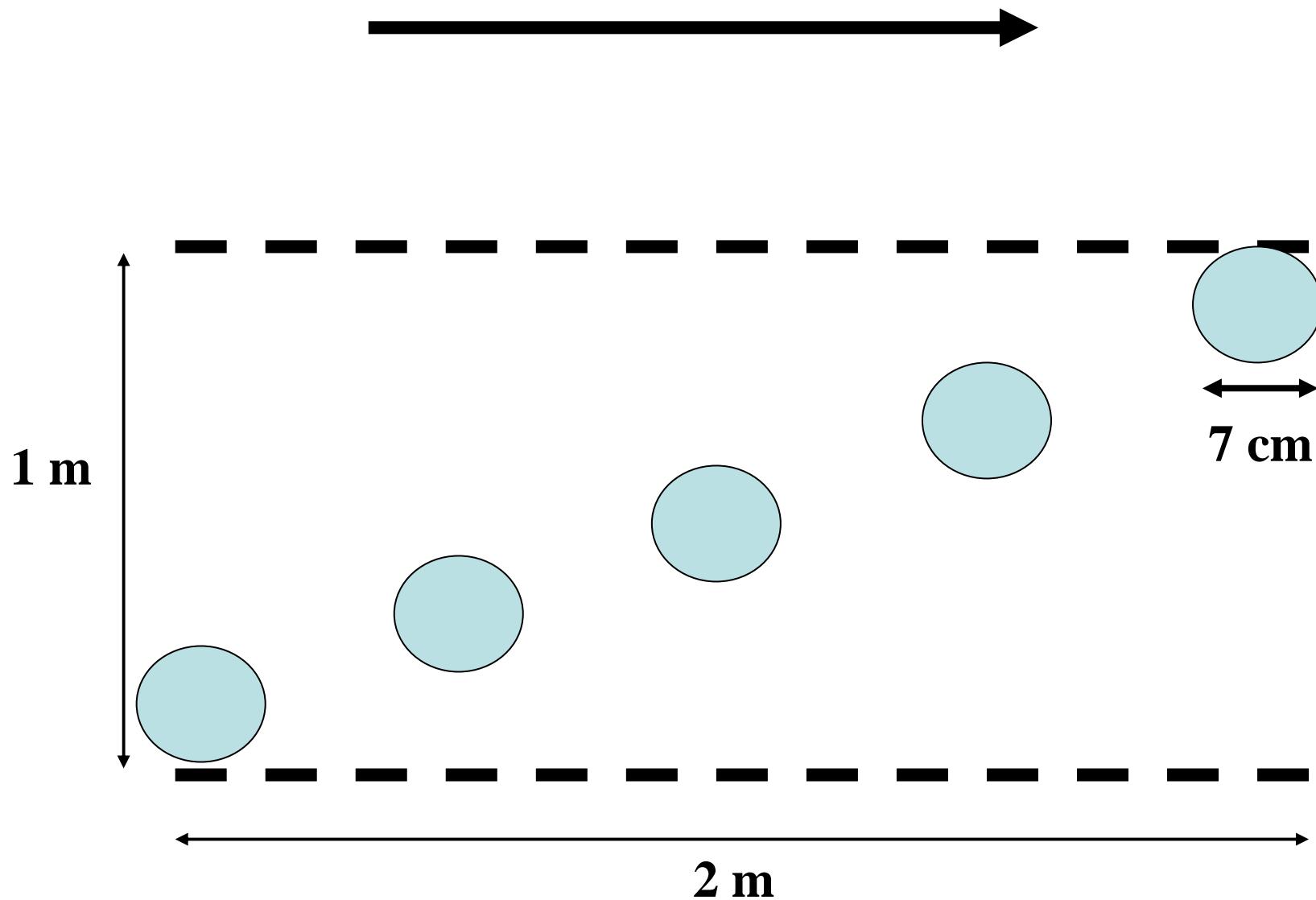
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Method:

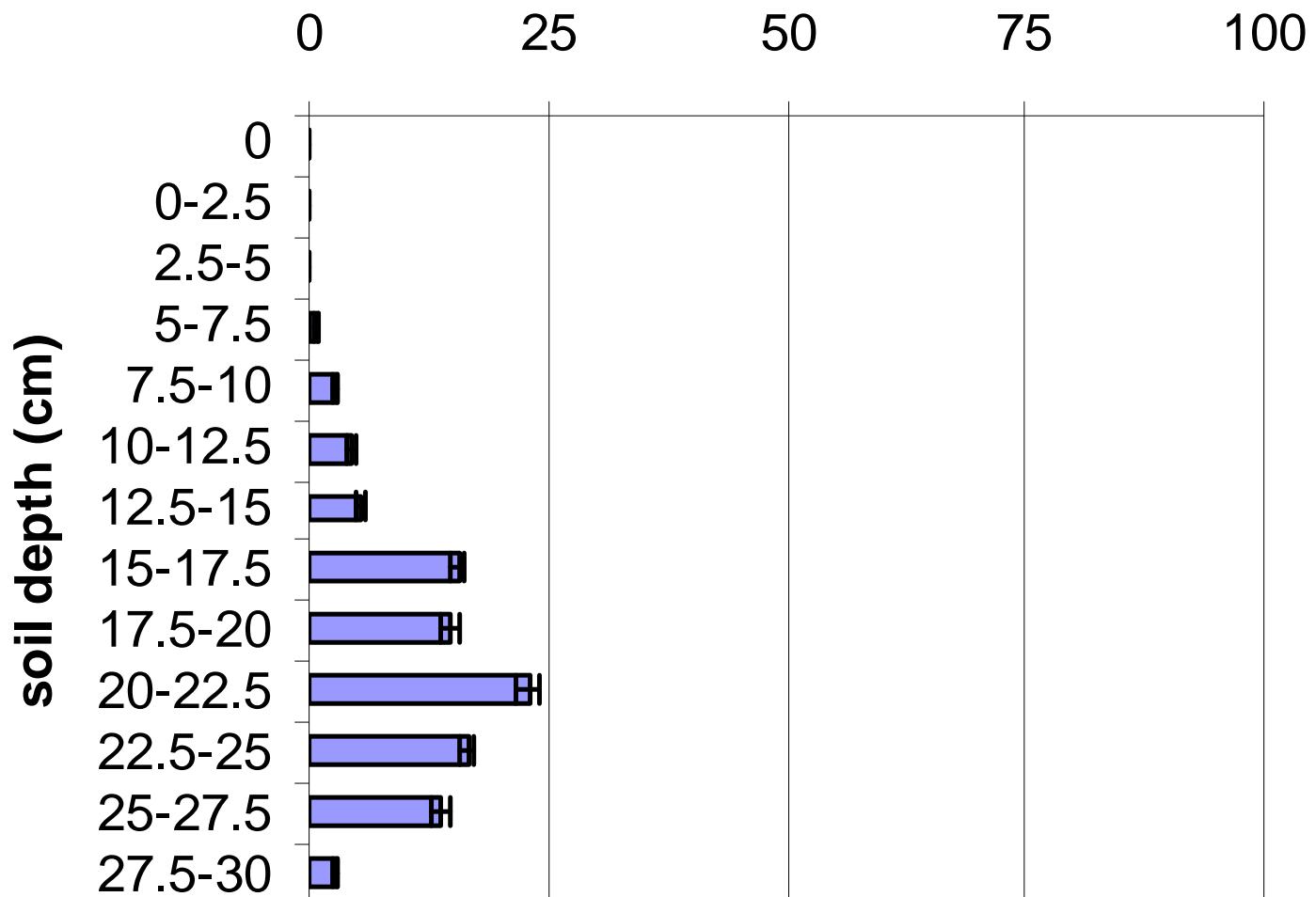






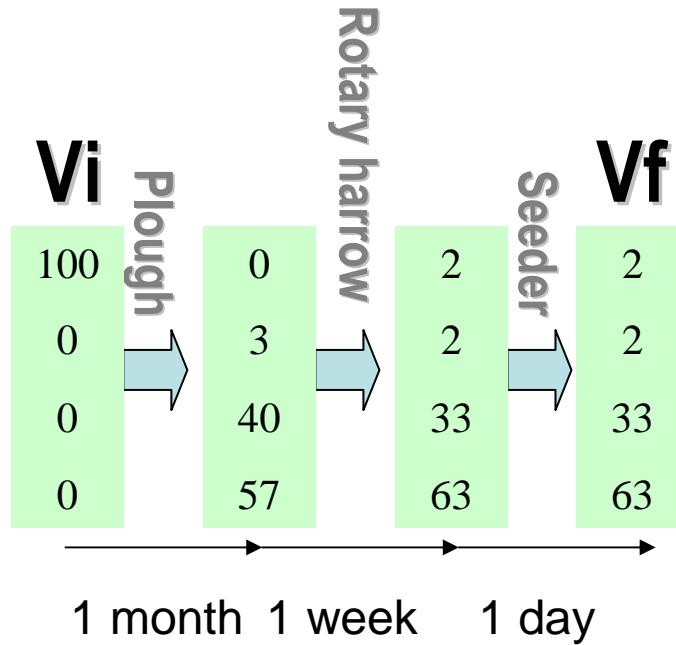


% of total amount of surface residues after mouldbaord ploughing

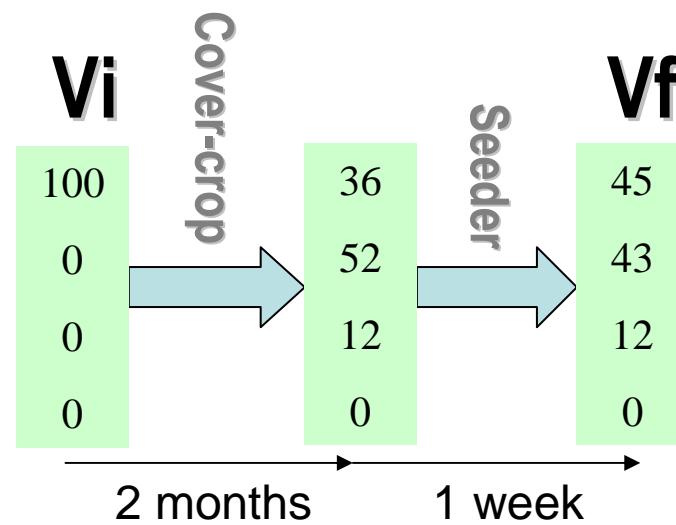


Examples of simulated tillage operations

**Conventional
tillage**



**Simplified
tillage**



2) Continuous time (differential equations)

$$\frac{dY}{dt} = f(Y(t), X(t), \theta)$$

⋮

- Example:

Epidemiological model for take-all on wheat
(Brasset, 1988 et al.; Colbach et al, 1997)



Modelling take-all on wheat

On a given soil surface:

n plants and p primary inoculum units

Let's denote :

- i, the number of infected plants
- k_1 , infection rate of a healthy plant by a primary inoculum unit during an infinitesimal thermal time unit dt
- k_2 , infection rate of a healthy plant by an infected plant during an infinitesimal thermal time unit dt

$$\frac{di}{dt} = k_1 p(n-i) + k_2 i(n-i)$$



Let's denote:

- $y = \frac{i}{n}$, the disease incidence
- $C_1 = k_1 p$, infection rate of a healthy plant by the primary inoculum during an infinitesimal thermal time dt
- $C_2 = k_2 n$, maximum infection rate of a healthy plant by the infected plants during an infinitesimal thermal time dt

Analytical integration:

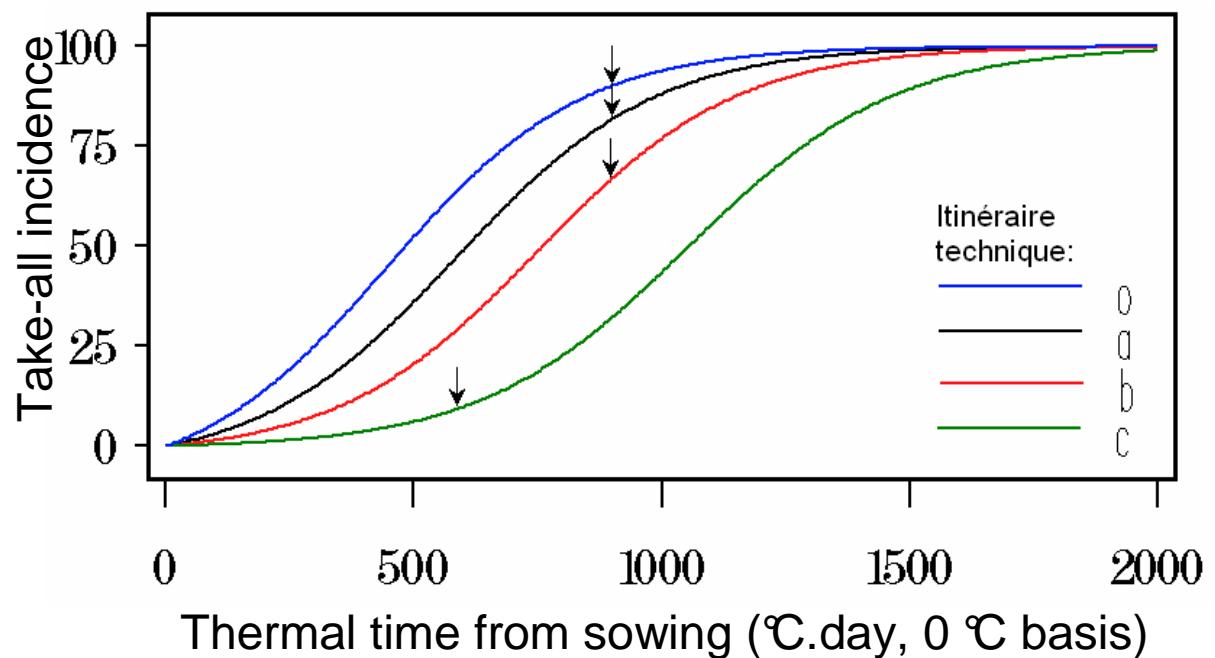
$$y = \frac{1 - e^{-(C_1 + C_2)t}}{1 + \frac{C_2}{C_1} e^{-(C_1 + C_2)t}}$$



Using experimental datasets, the variables C_1 and C_2 are expressed as a function of cultural practices

Simulations: effect of contrasted crop management
on take-all epidemics

| O | a | b | c | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| SD | 10/10 | 10/10 | 10/10 | 10/11 |
| Density (m ⁻²) | 350 | 240 | 225 | 225 |
| N (kg/ha) | 300 | 270 | 225 | 225 |



2) Continuous time (continuous functions)

$$Y(t) = f(X(t), \theta)$$

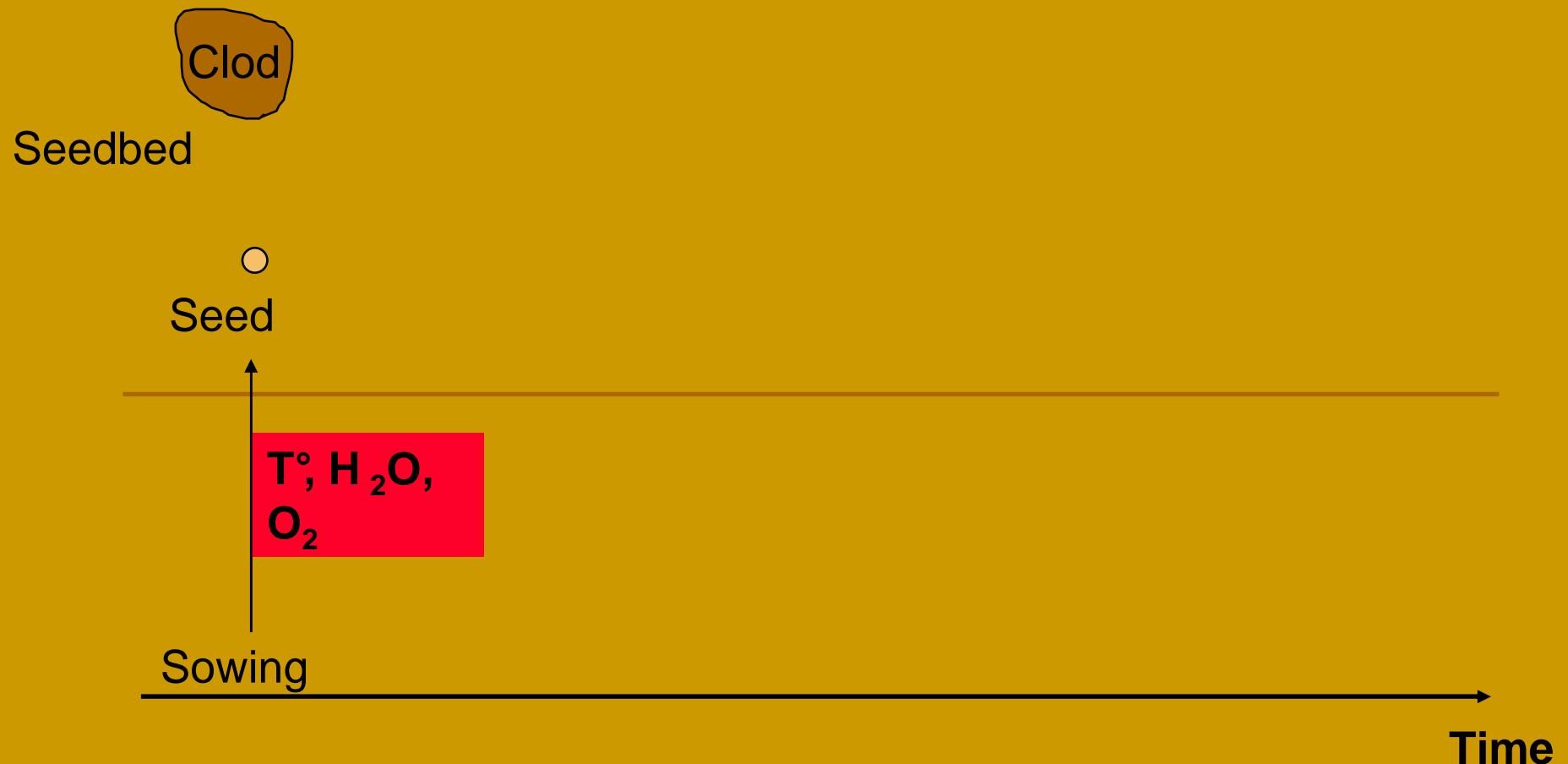
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- Example:
SIMPLE (Durr et al., 2001)



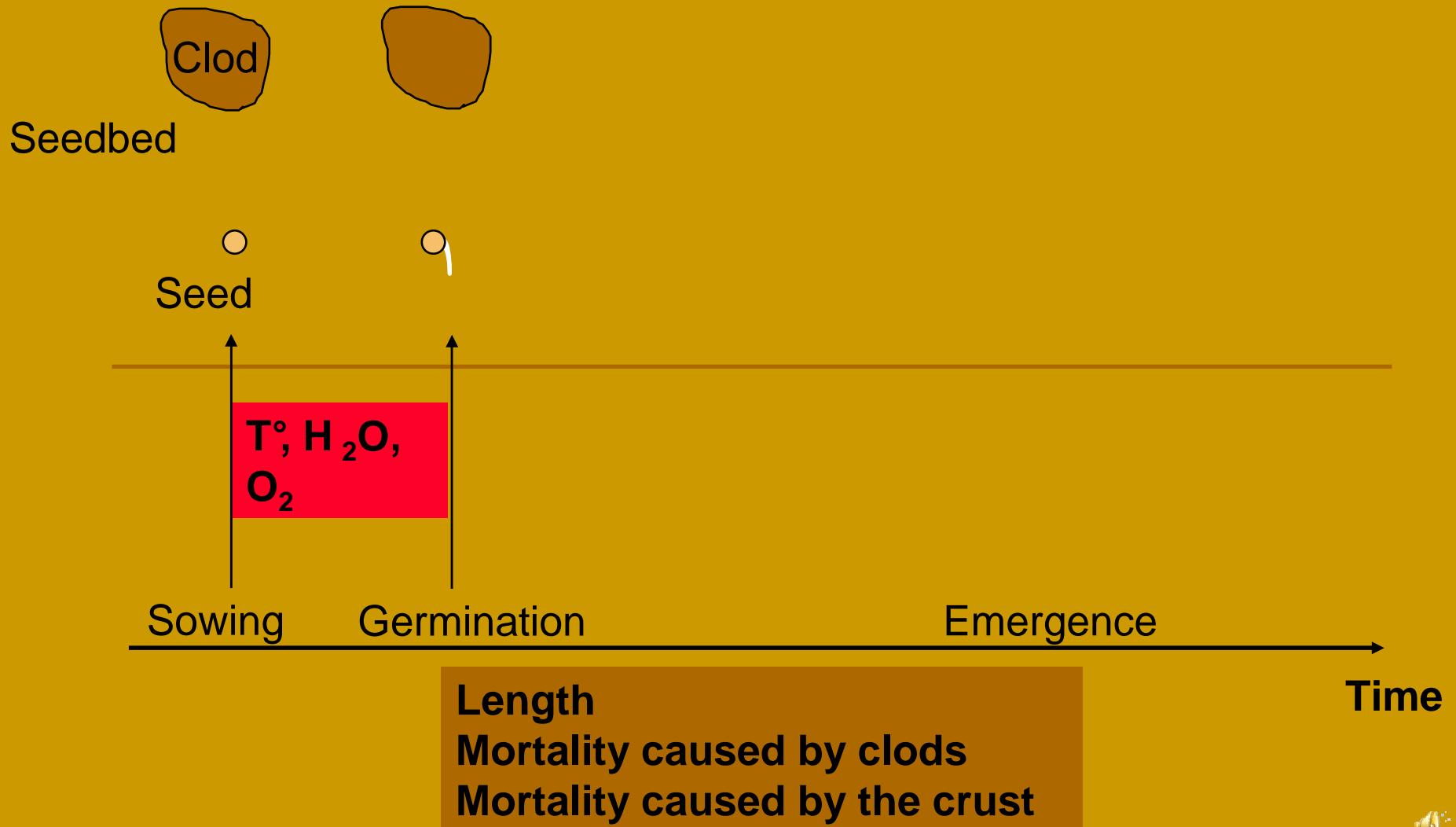
Crop establishment (sugar beet)

Soil surface (with or without a crust)



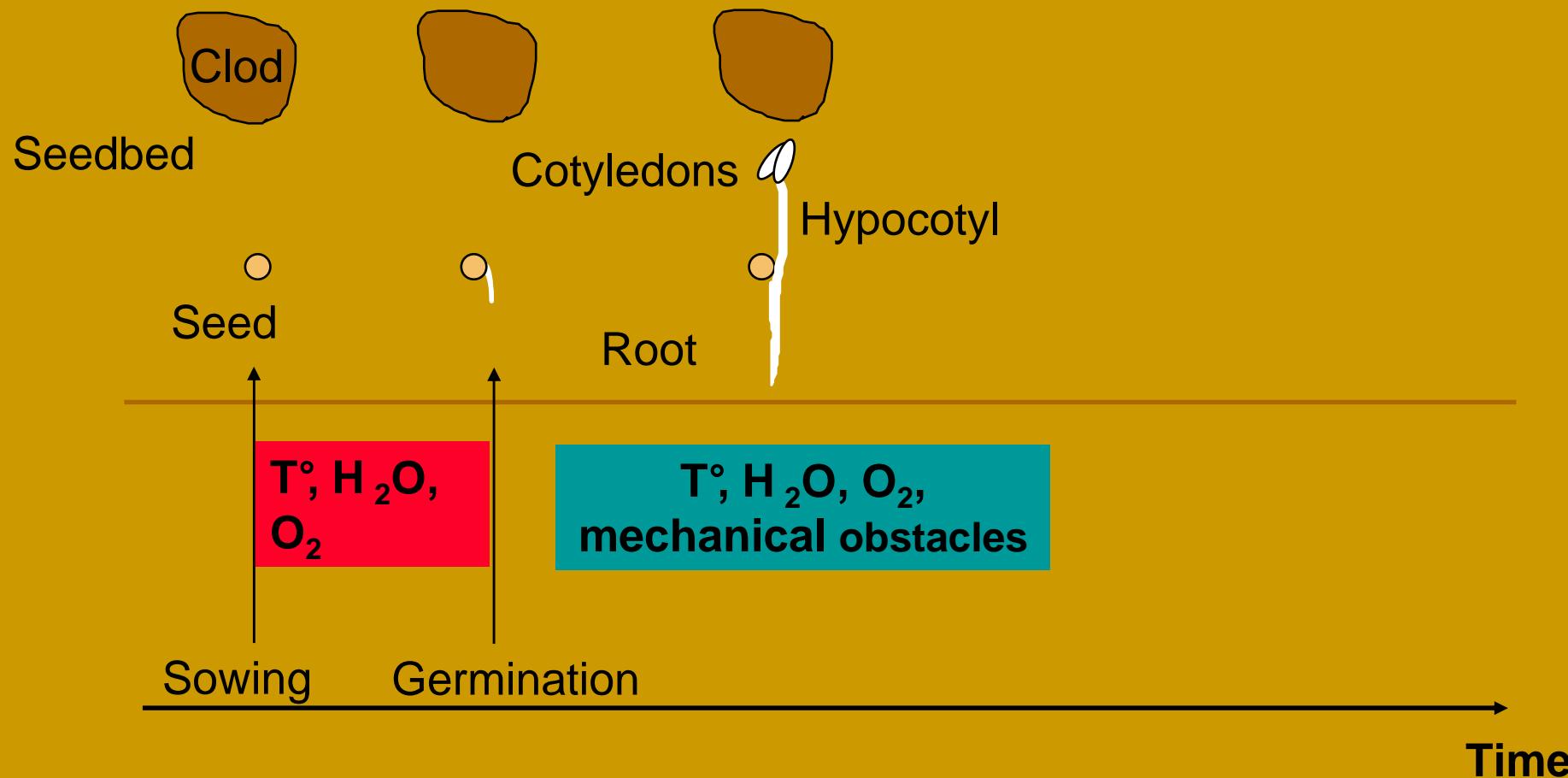
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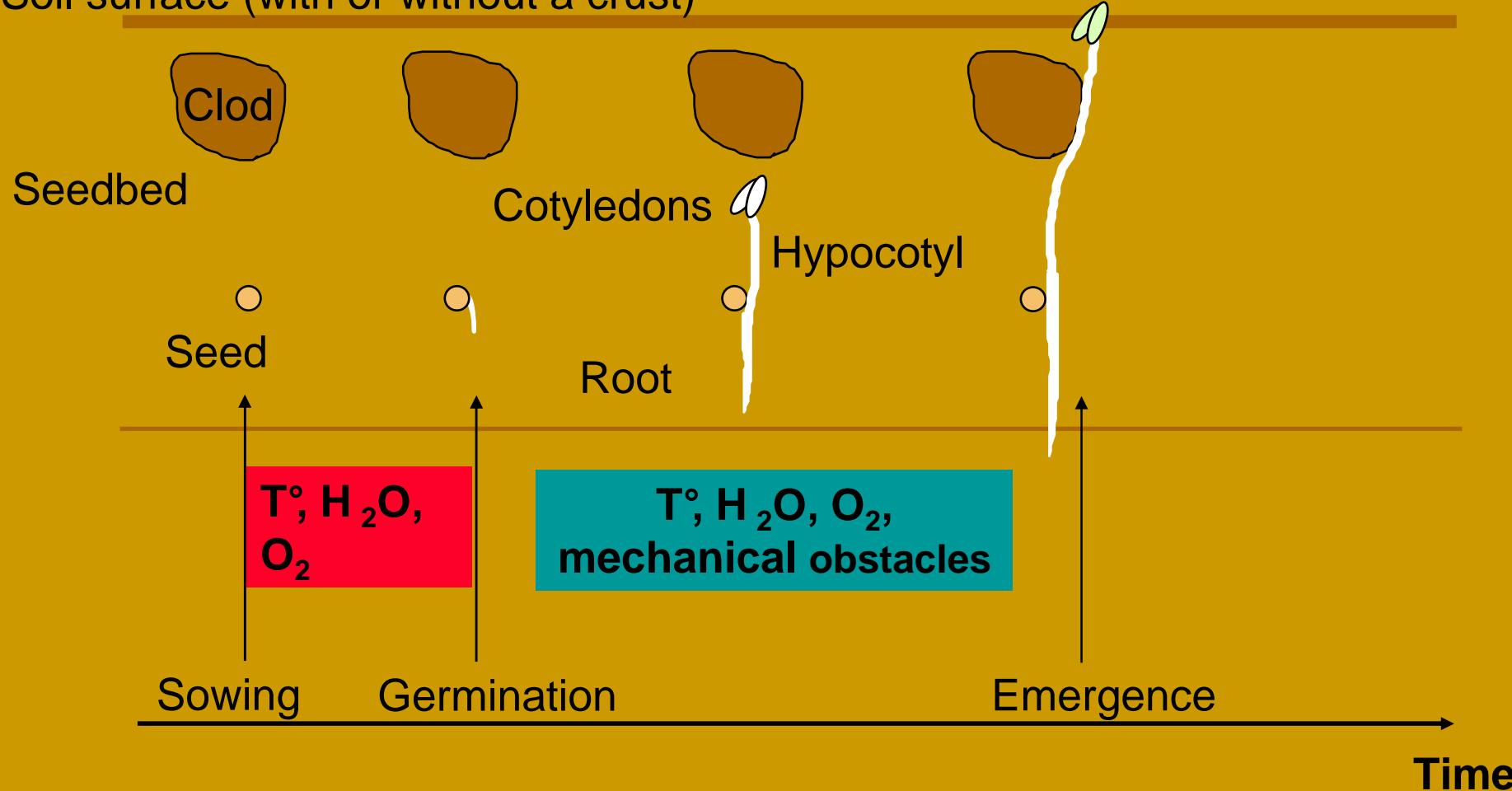
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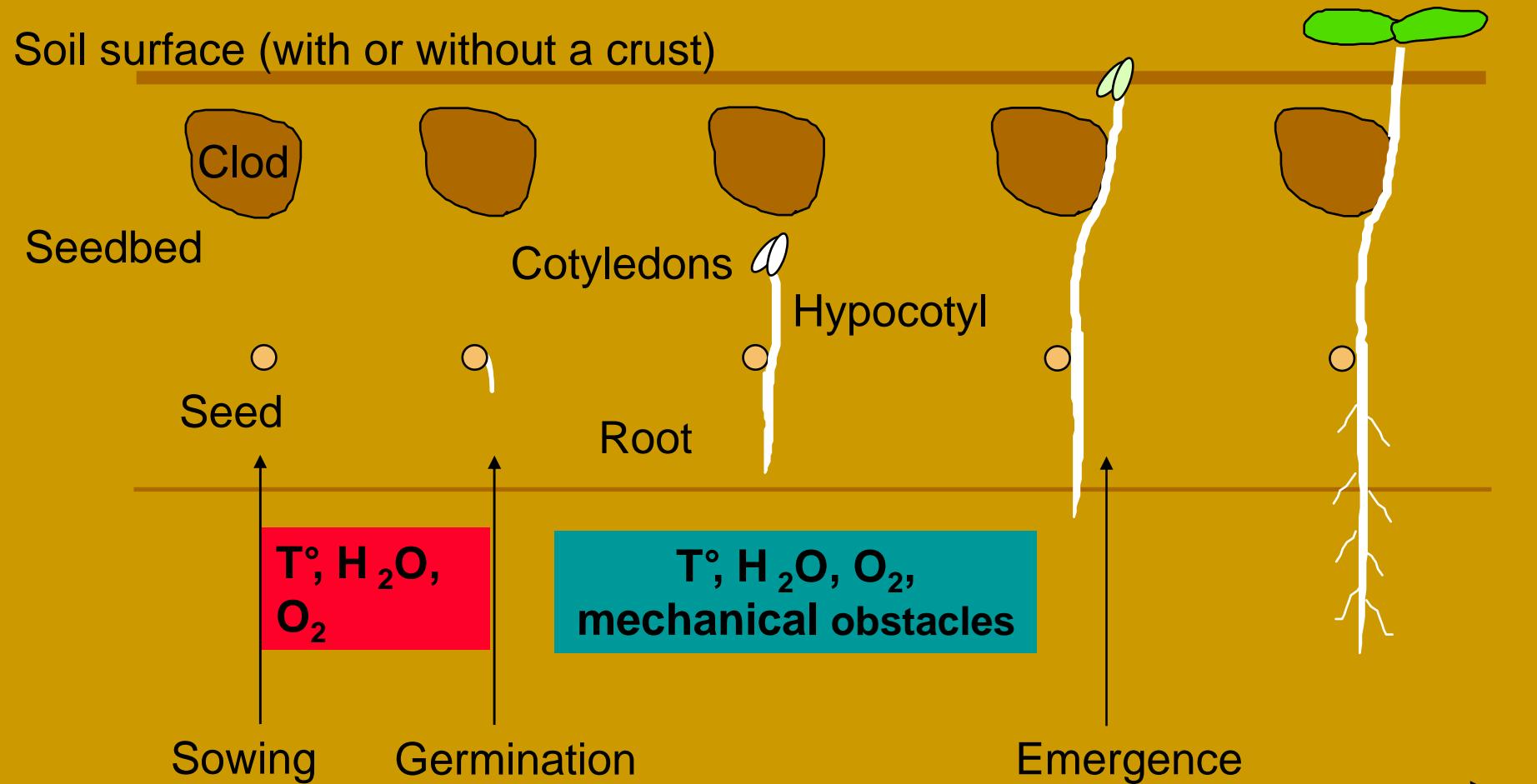


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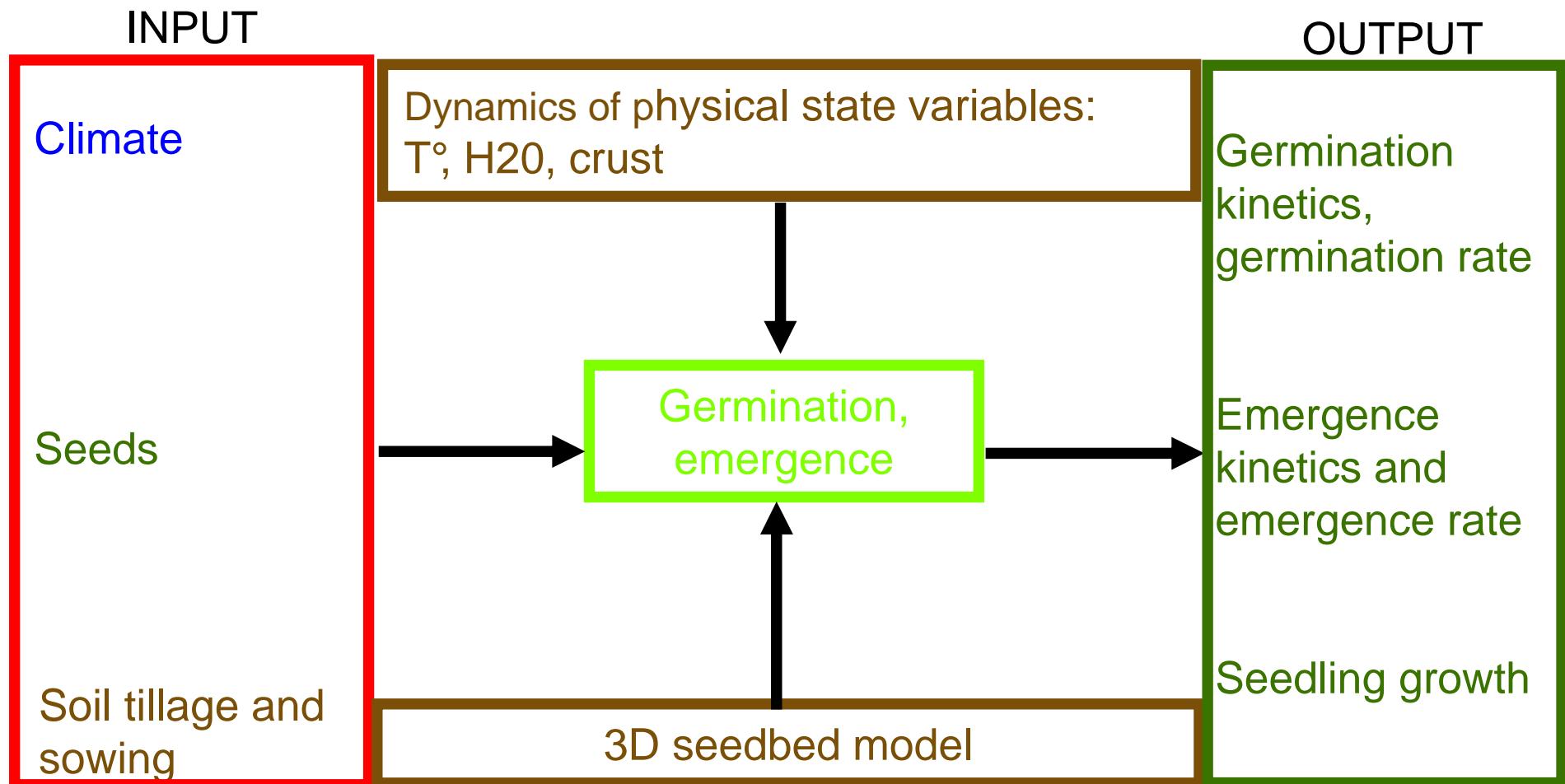


**Path length
Mortality caused by clods
Mortality caused by the crust**

Time



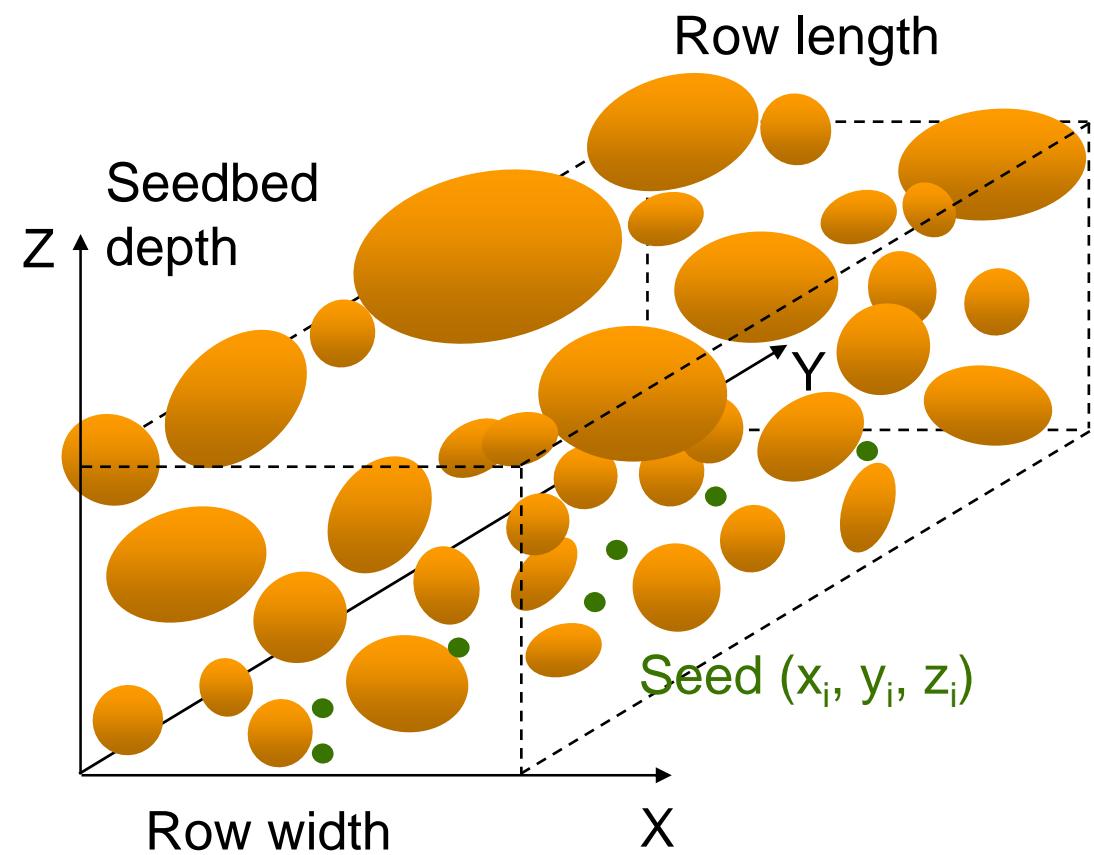
Flow chart of SIMPLE



3D seedbed model

Input variables

- Diameters, aspect ratios
- Size distribution
- Spatial distribution rules



Free demo!



2) Continuous time: SIMPLE

$$L(t) = L_{\max} \left(1 - \exp(-bt)^c \right)$$

Hypocotyl length

Maximum hypocotyl length (parameter)

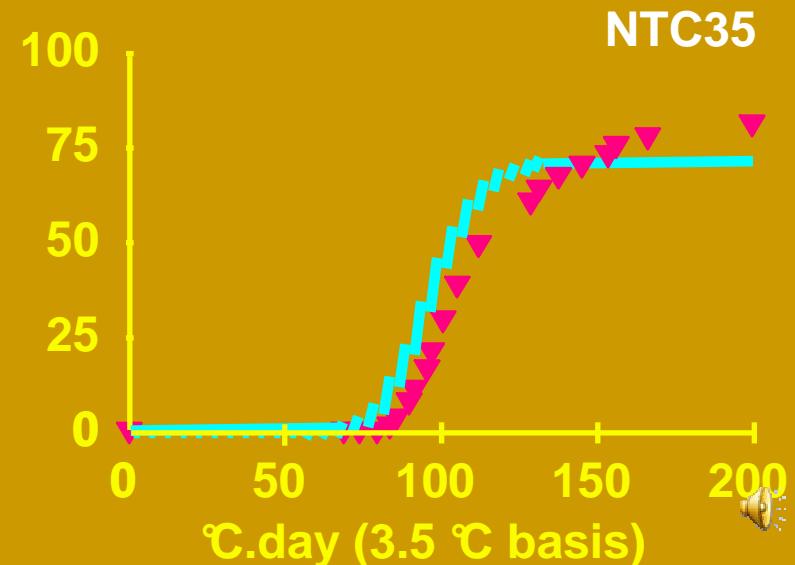
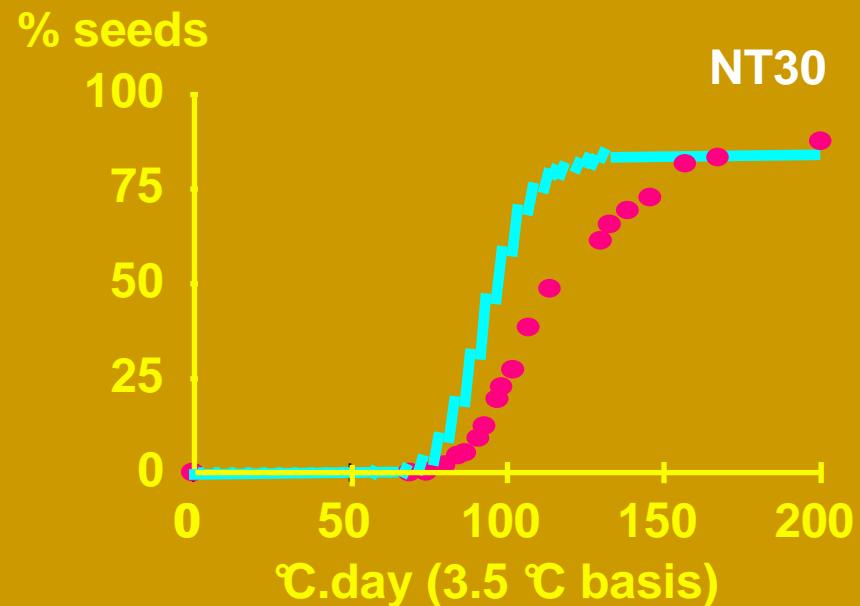
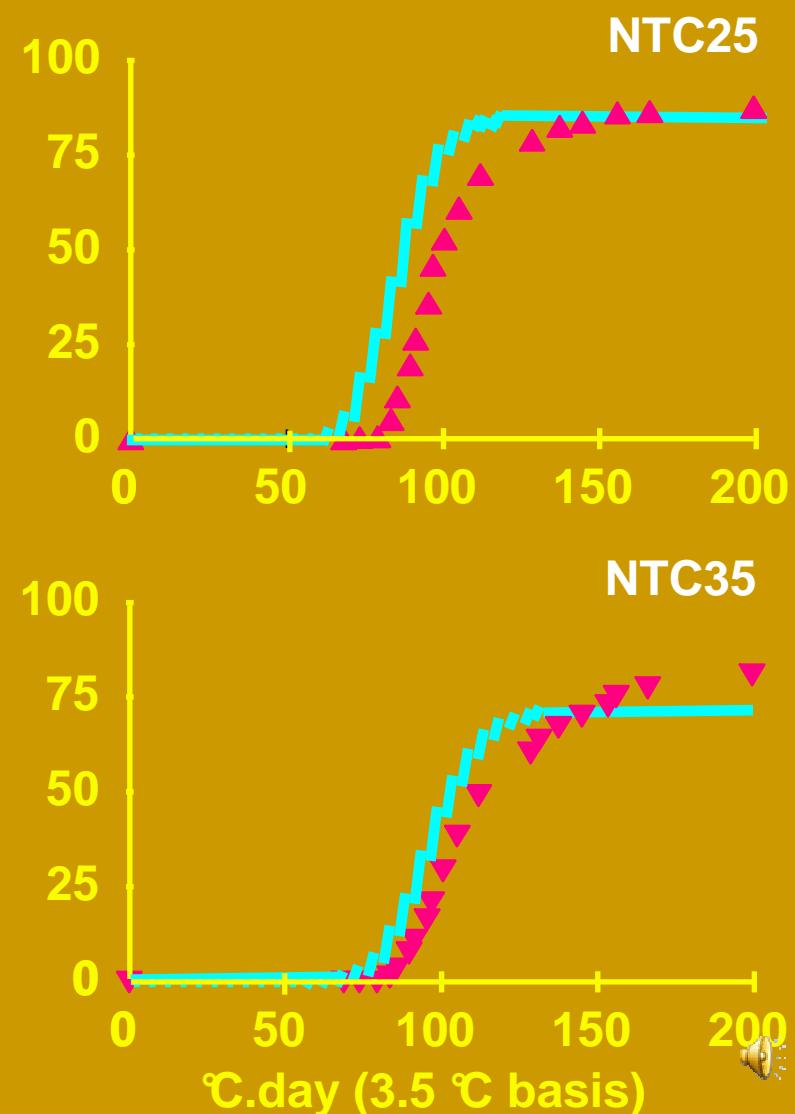
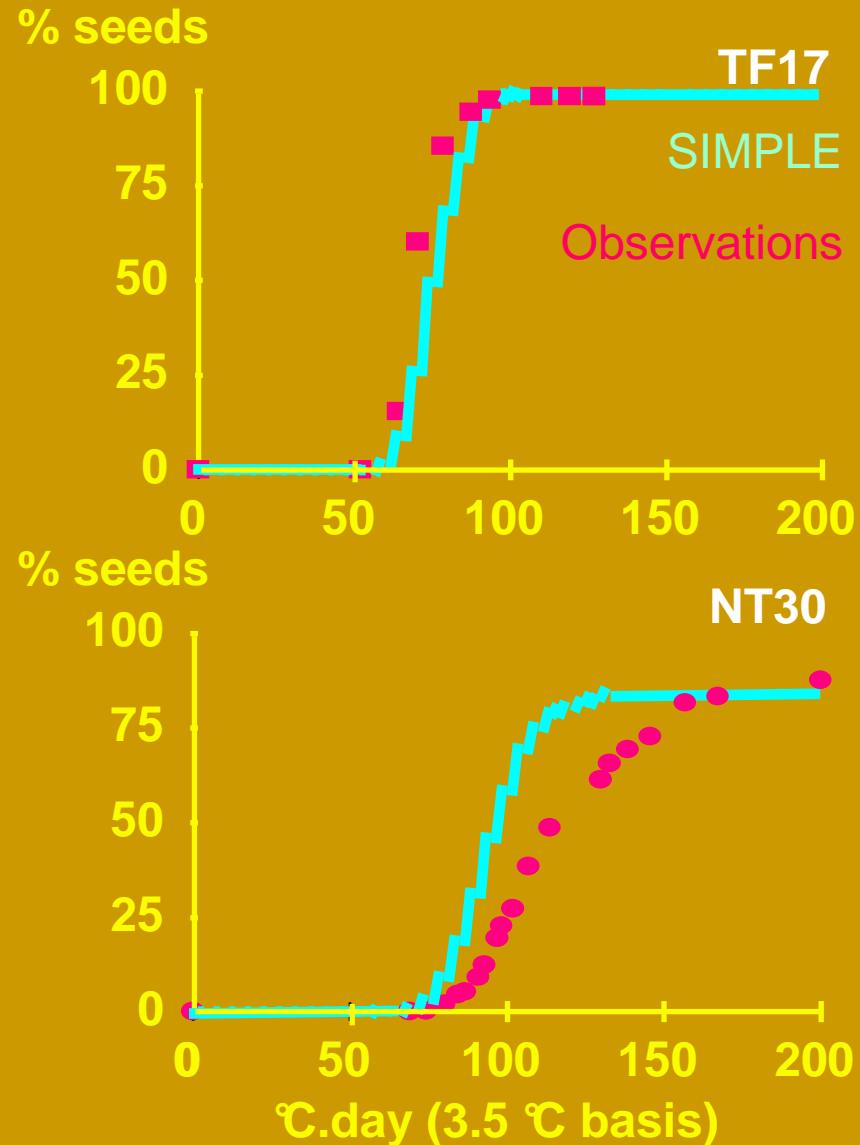
parameter

Thermal time from sowing

Dimensionless parameter

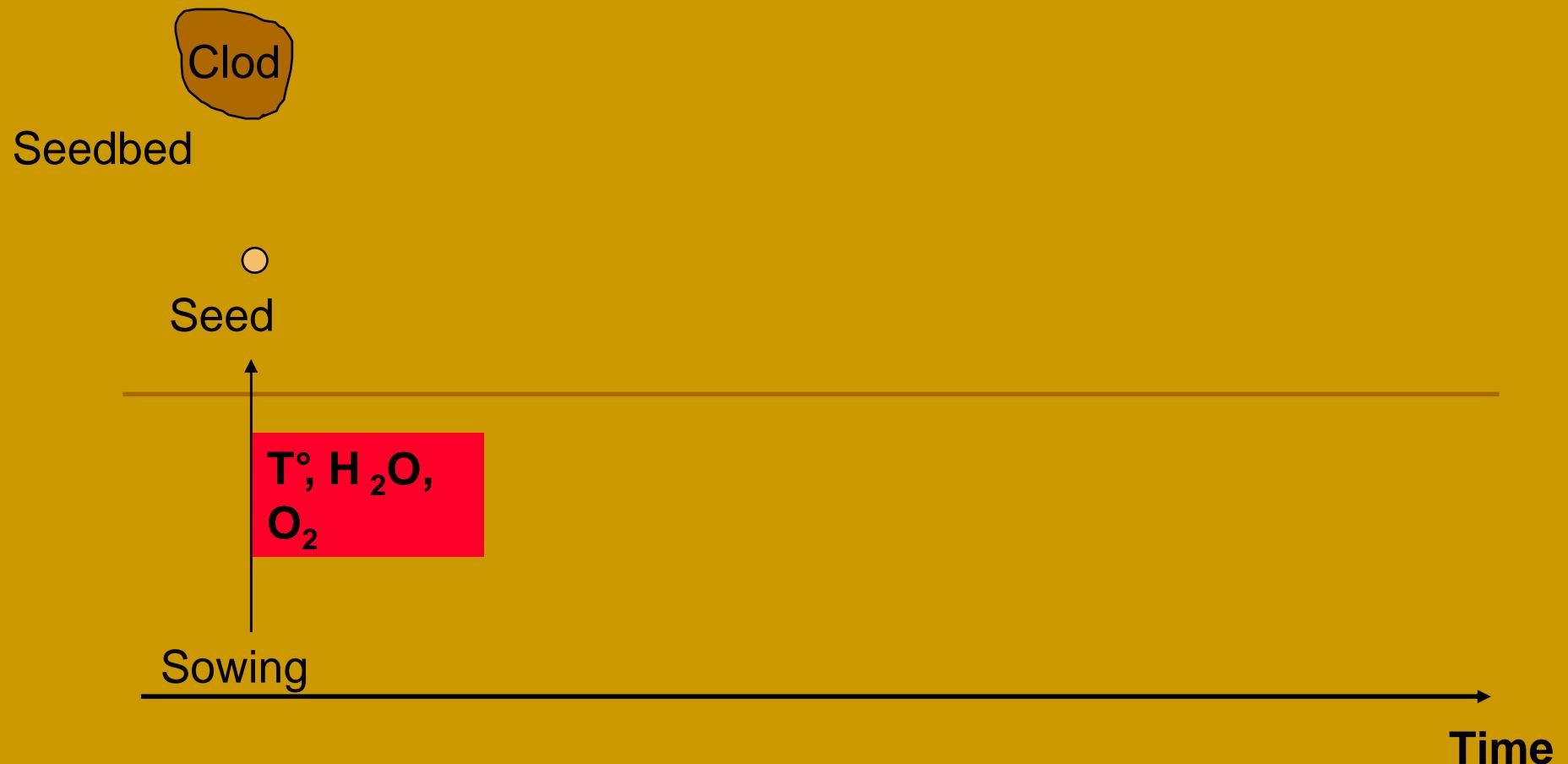


Evaluation of the predictive quality of SIMPLE



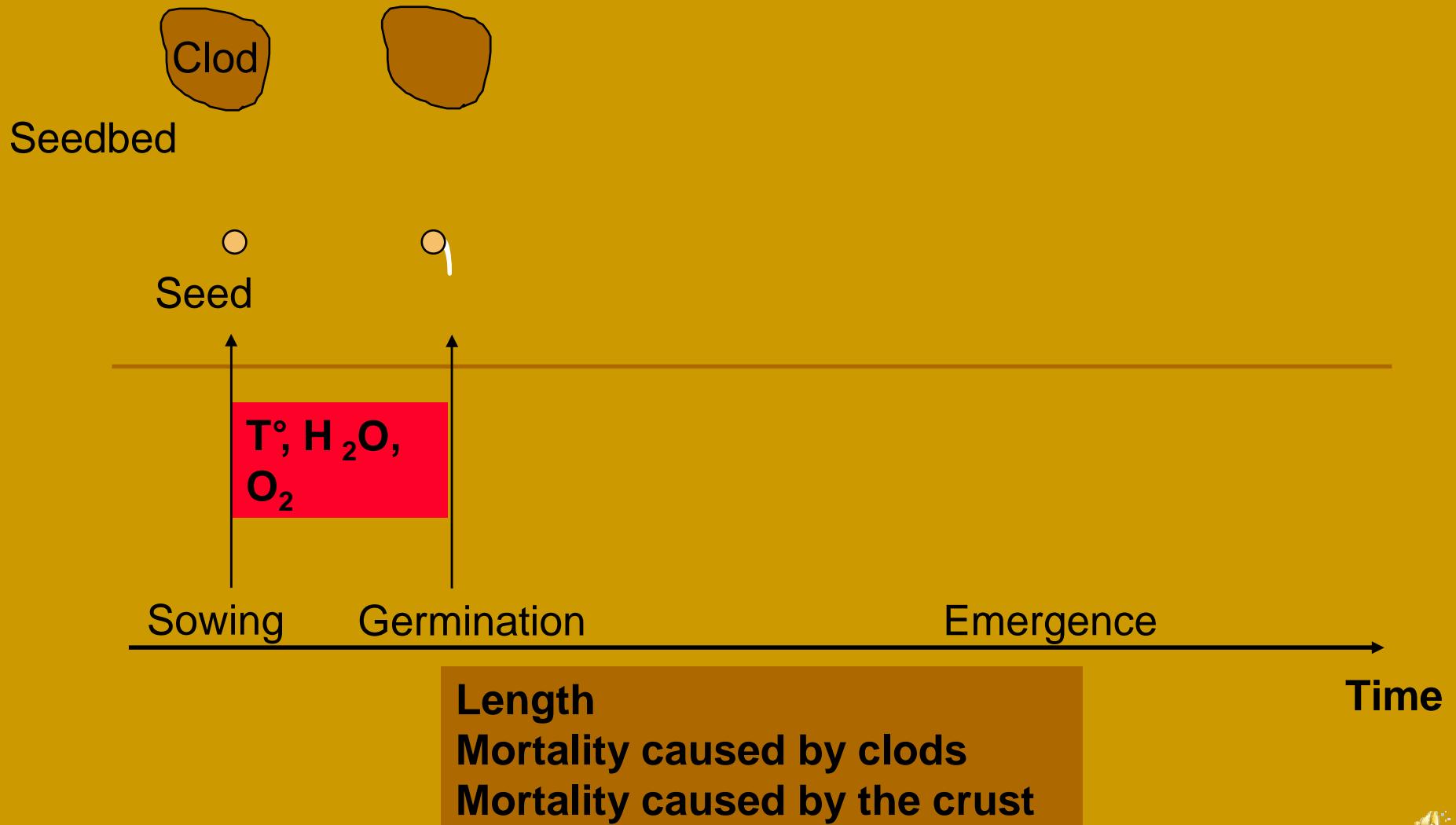
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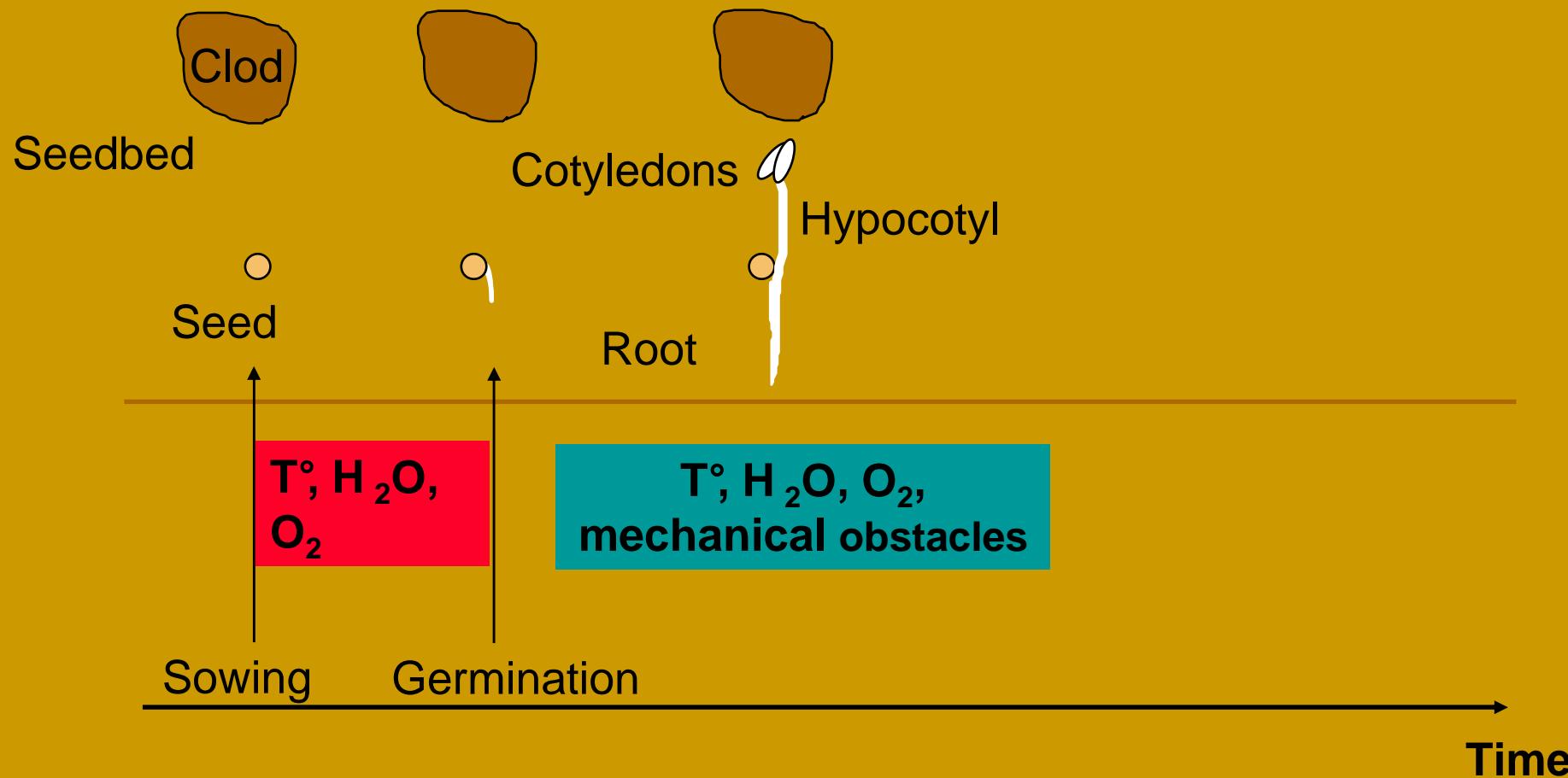
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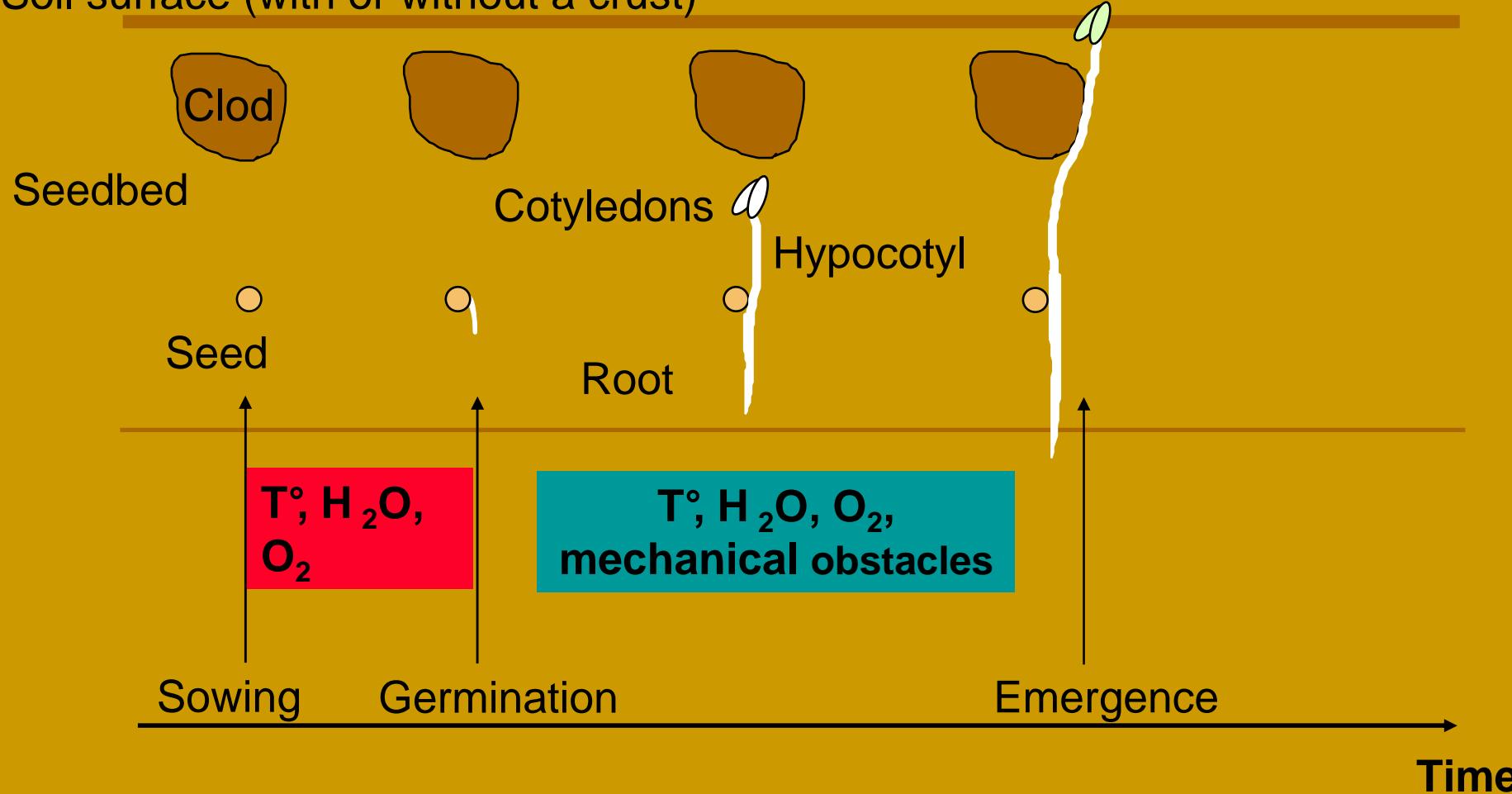
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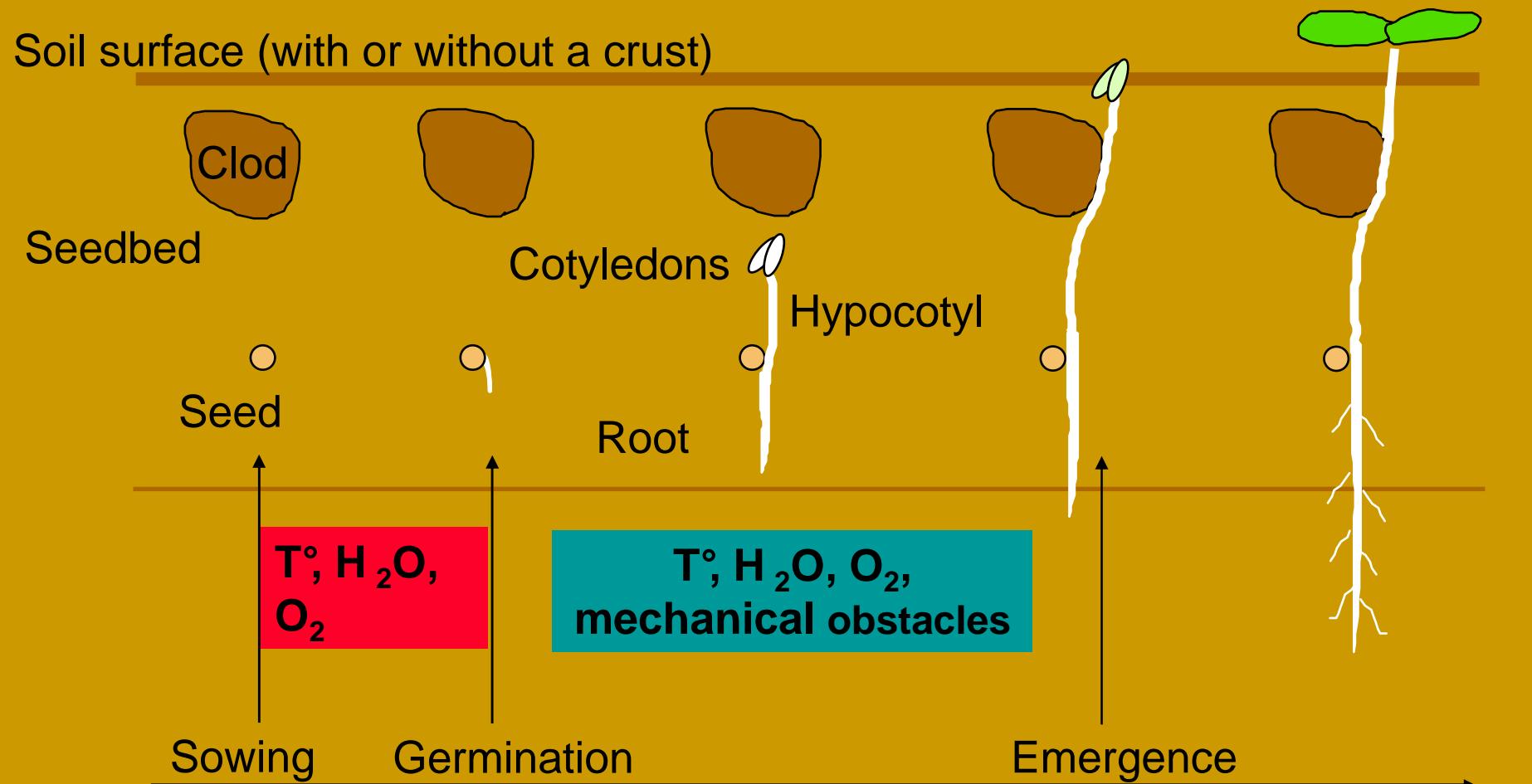


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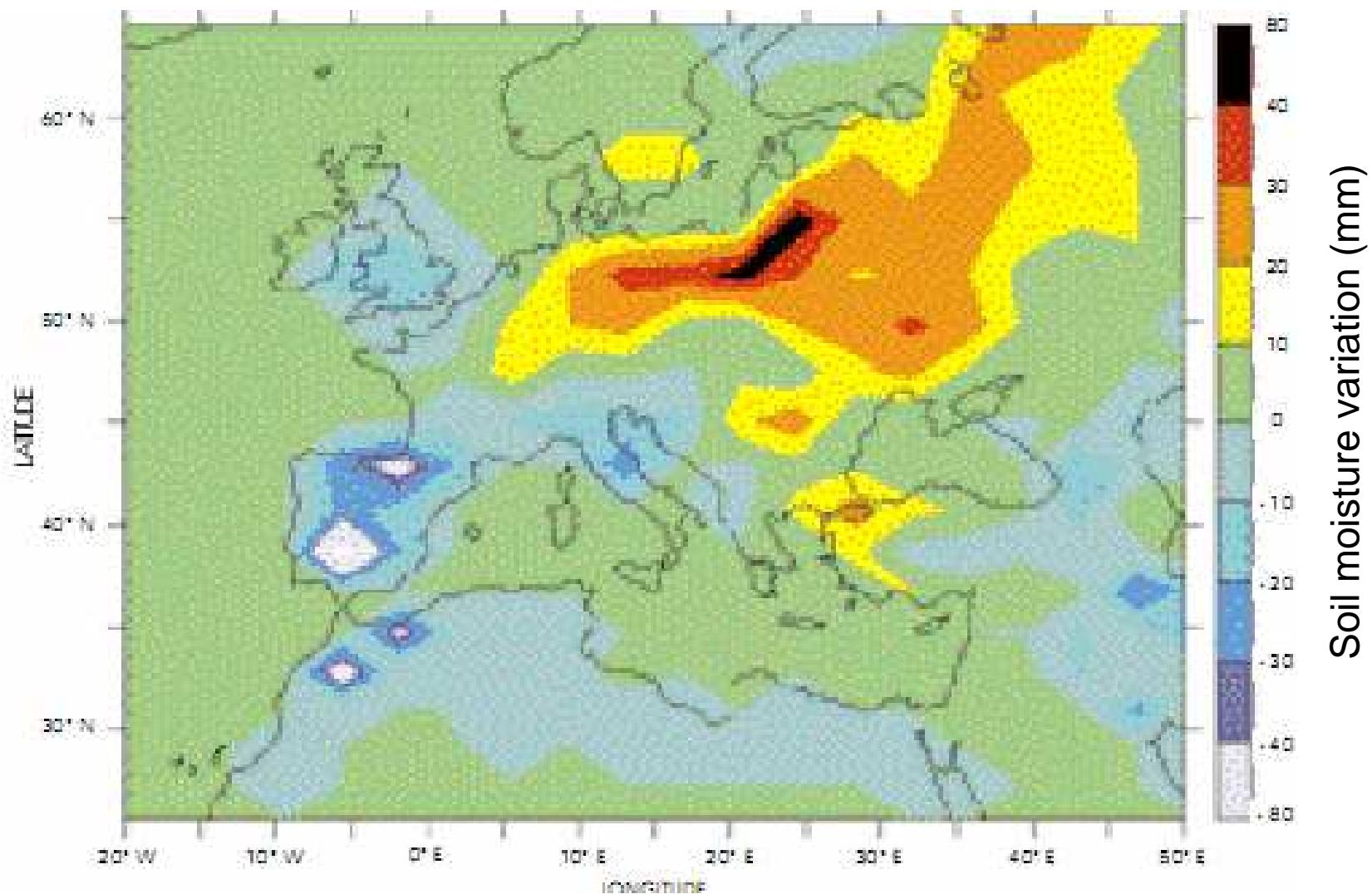


3) CONCLUSION

- Dynamic models are used in practically all scientific disciplines



Impact of a doubled CO₂ scenario on soil moisture content



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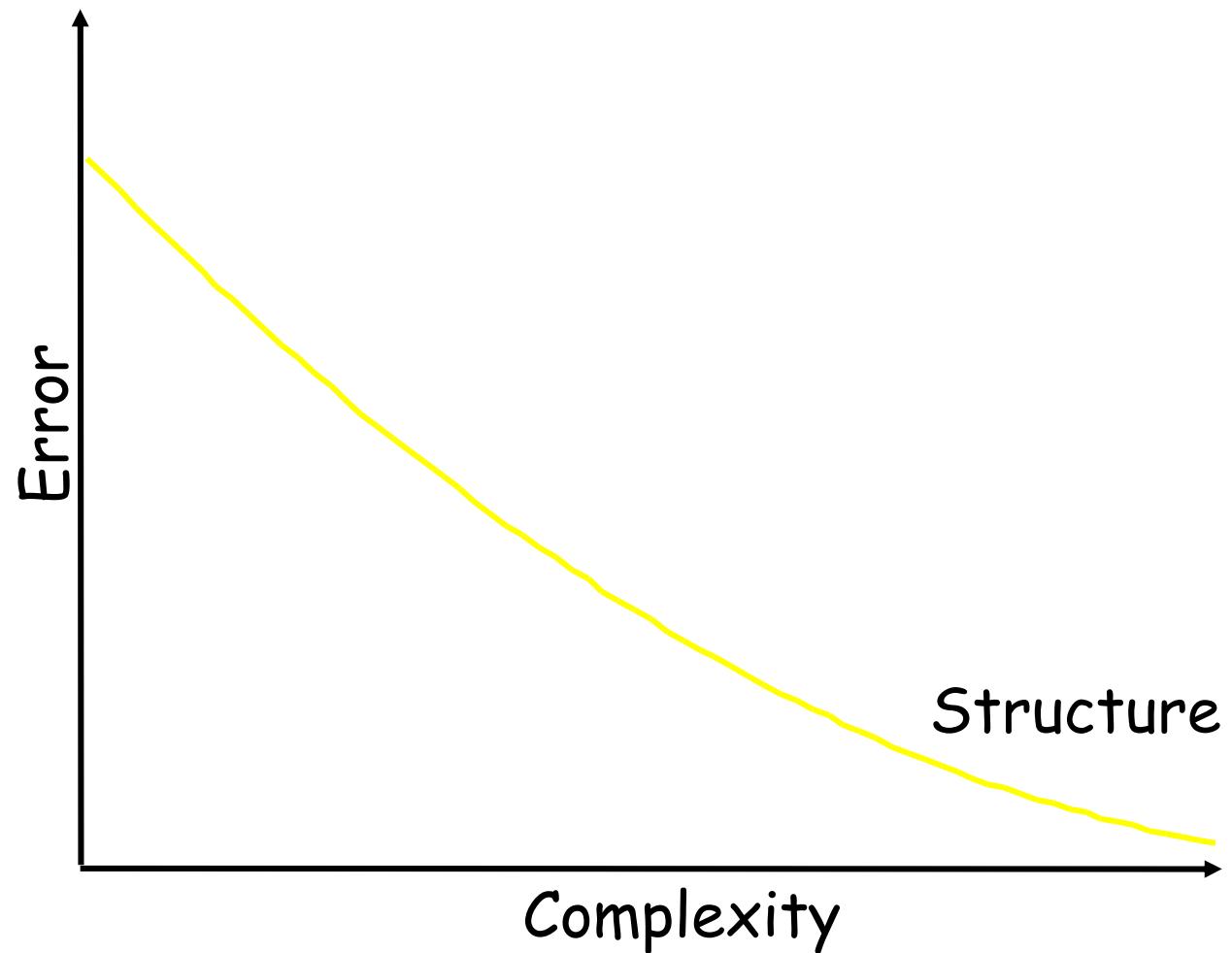
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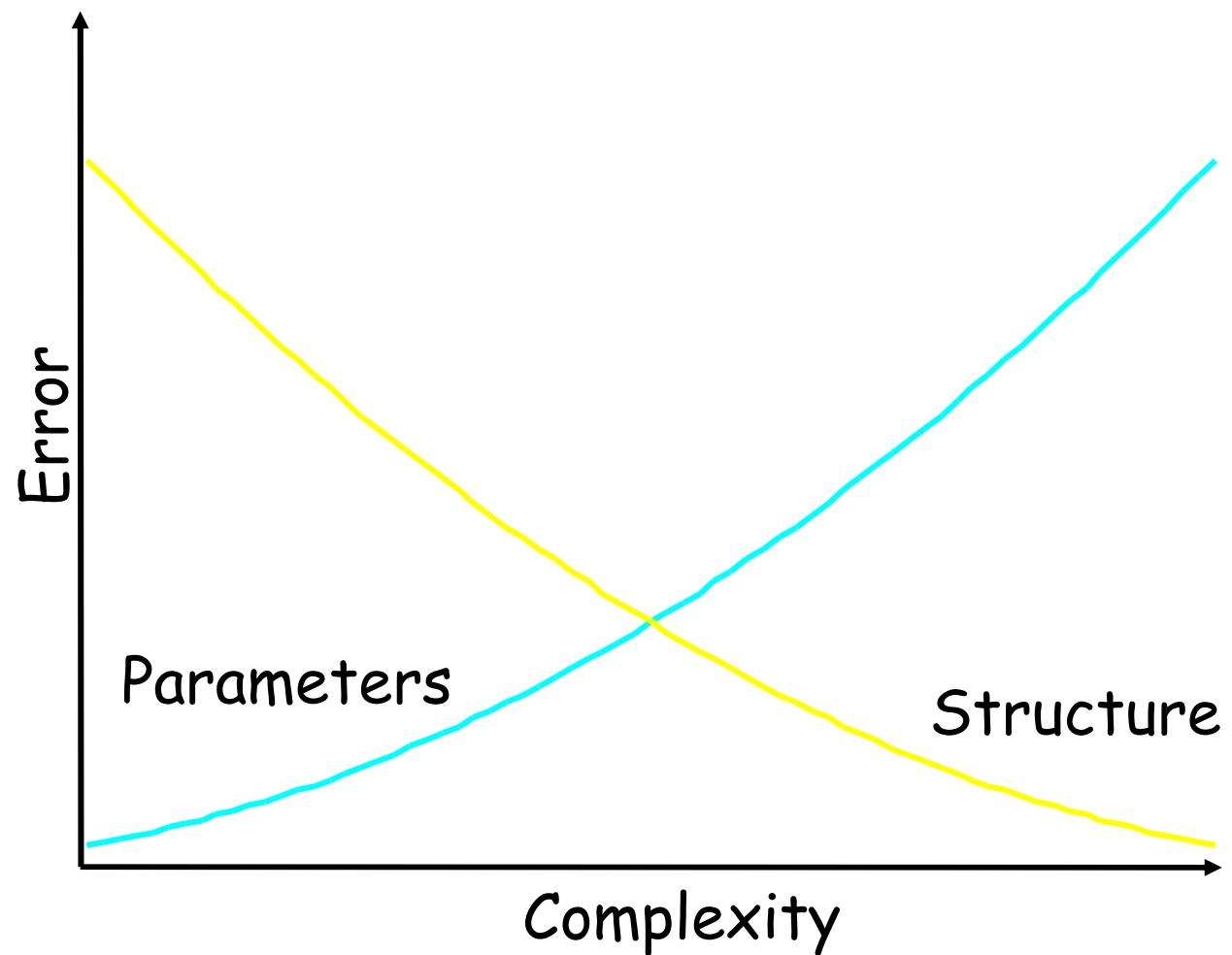


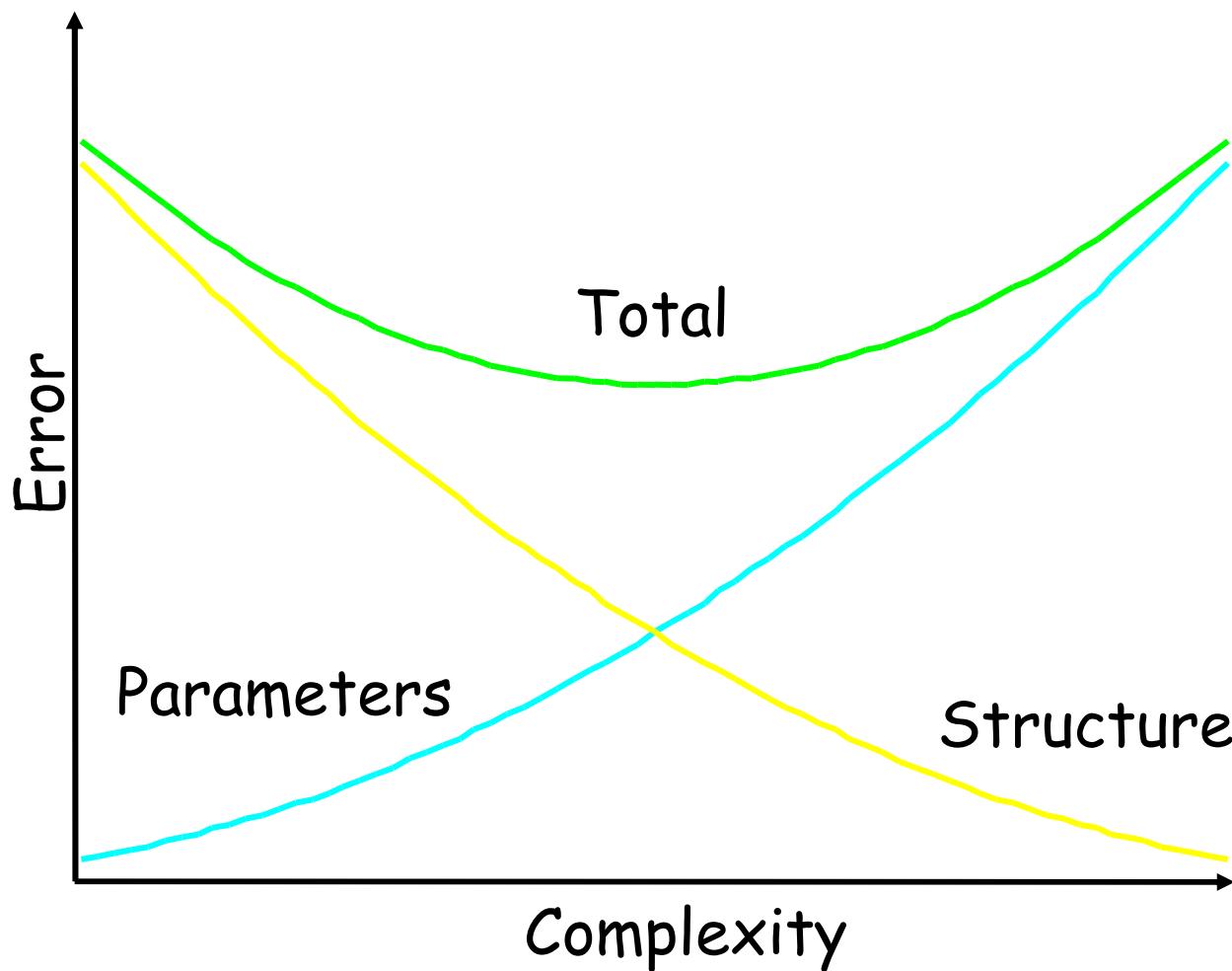
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- Dynamic models are used in practically all scientific disciplines
- The choice of the mathematical formalism depends on the knowledge on the represented system
- Outputs can be dynamics or final values
- Balance between complexity and simplicity









Passioura, 1996



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