


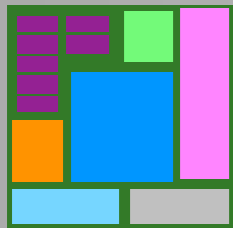
# Addressing Model Integration Challenges in Energy Systems

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**Increasing energy use**  
**Increasing impact on the environment**  
**Increasing resource scarcity**



**Energy and environmental challenges**

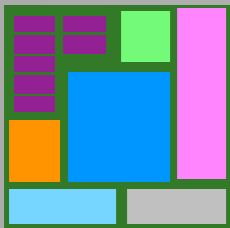
innovation

decision making

engineering

...

**actionable information  
that changes something**

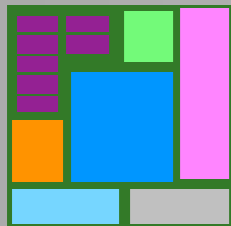


Why create models?

**What's needed**

## Information

1. Integration
2. Mediation
3. Interaction



**Actionable information**

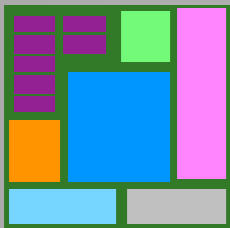
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## Information

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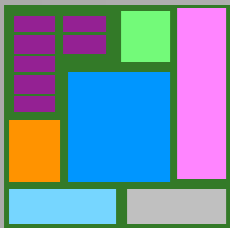
**2. Mediation**

**3. Interaction**



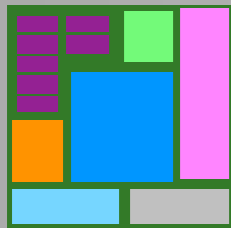
**Actionable information**

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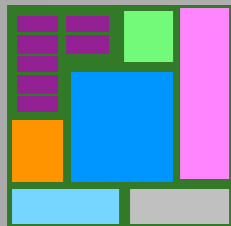
1958 - Leavitt and Whisler

**design workbenches, modeling playgrounds,  
problem solving environments, design sandboxes,  
integrated computational environments**



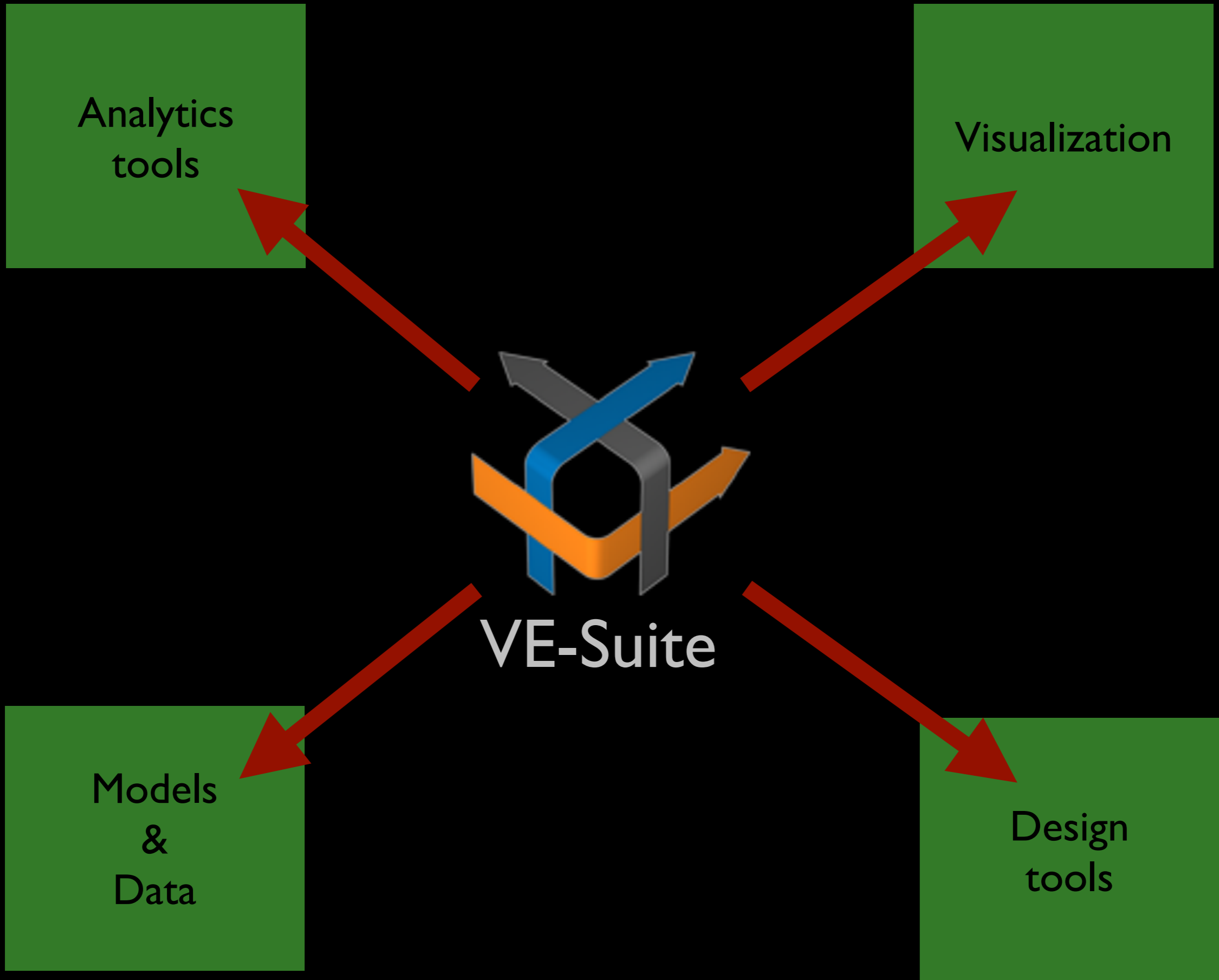
**Unified design environments**

**Decision making environments that integrate all the information, models, and other artifacts related to a product or process.**



**“What if” environments**





Analytics  
tools

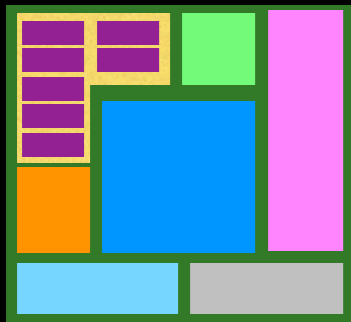
Visualization

VE-Suite

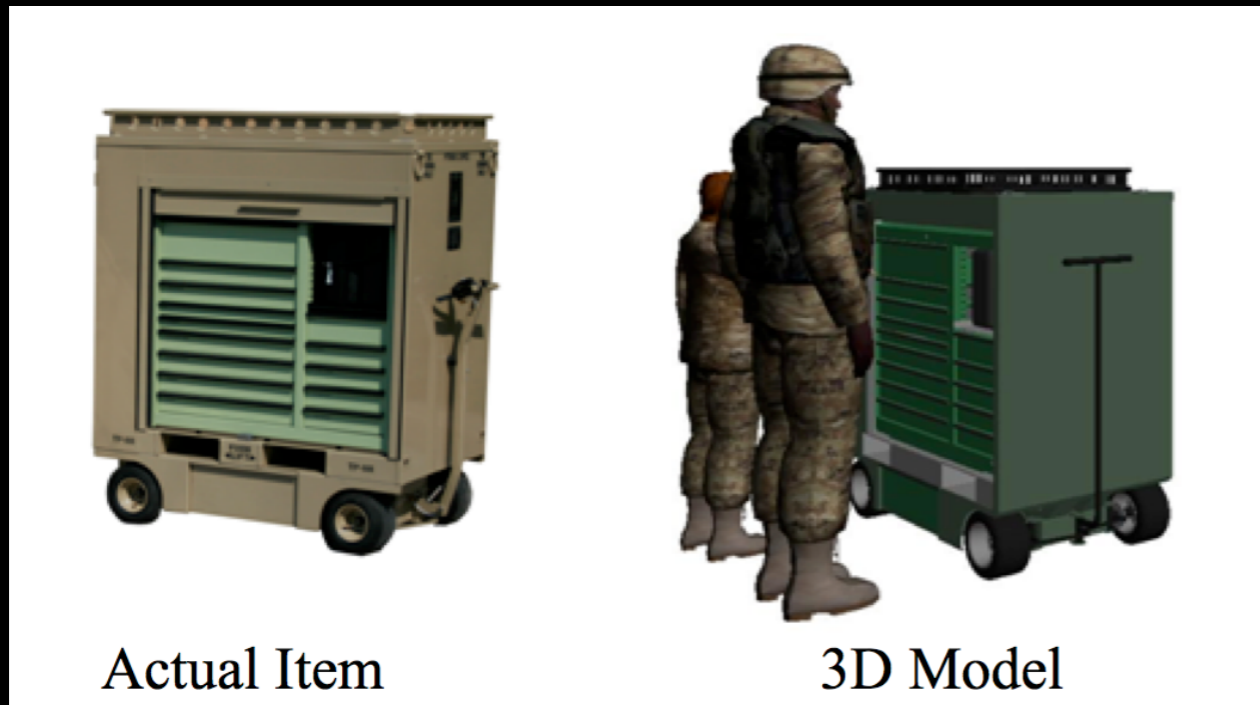
Models  
&  
Data

Design  
tools

- Massive data sets
- Any data source
- Any visualization platform
- Any compute platform
- osgBullet/osgWorks/latticeFX



VE-Suite



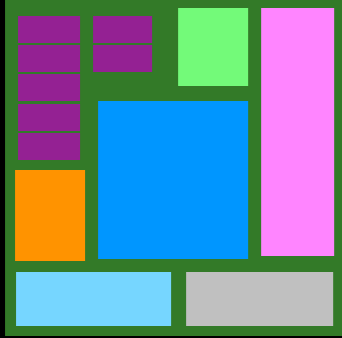
Actual Item

3D Model

## Savings per project

- 40% cost reduction
- development time cut in half



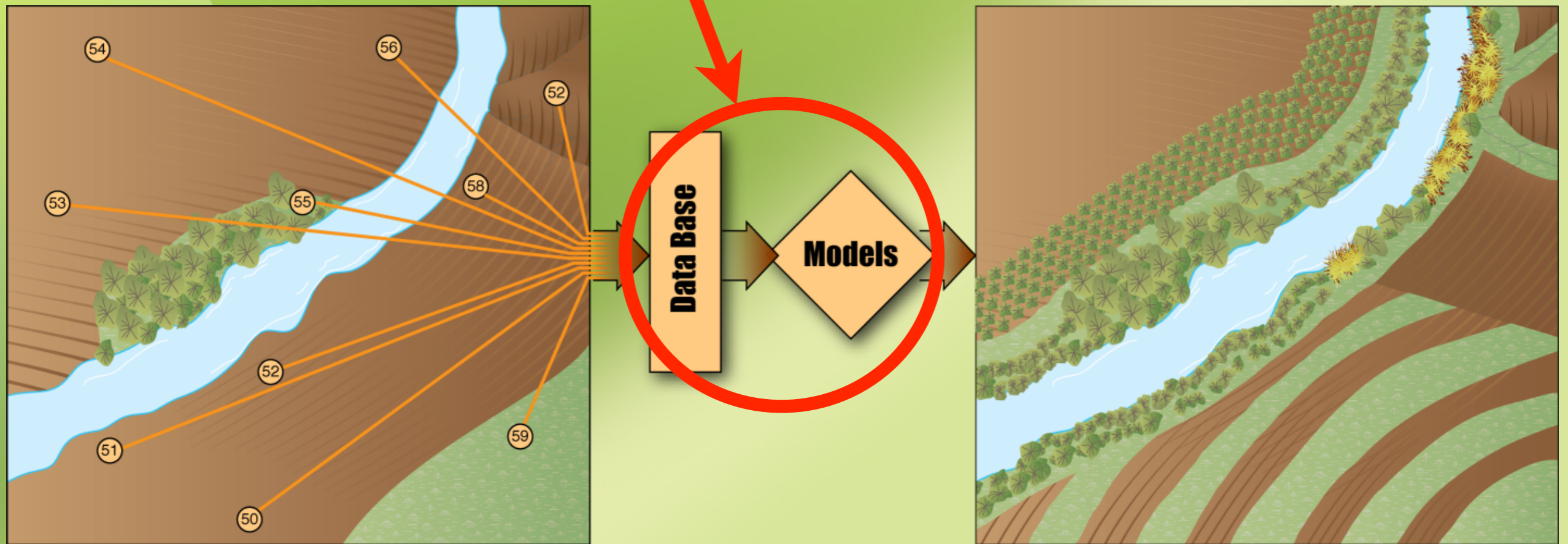


# VirtualPaint™

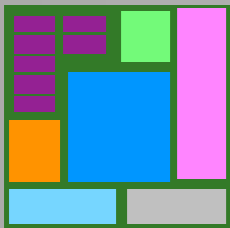
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- Paint trainer developed to reduce the cost, time, and waste associated with painting.
- ~50% reduction in cost
- Improved product performance
- VE-Suite “under-the-hood”

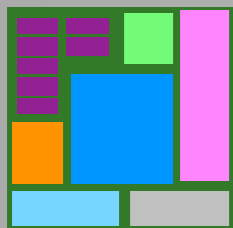
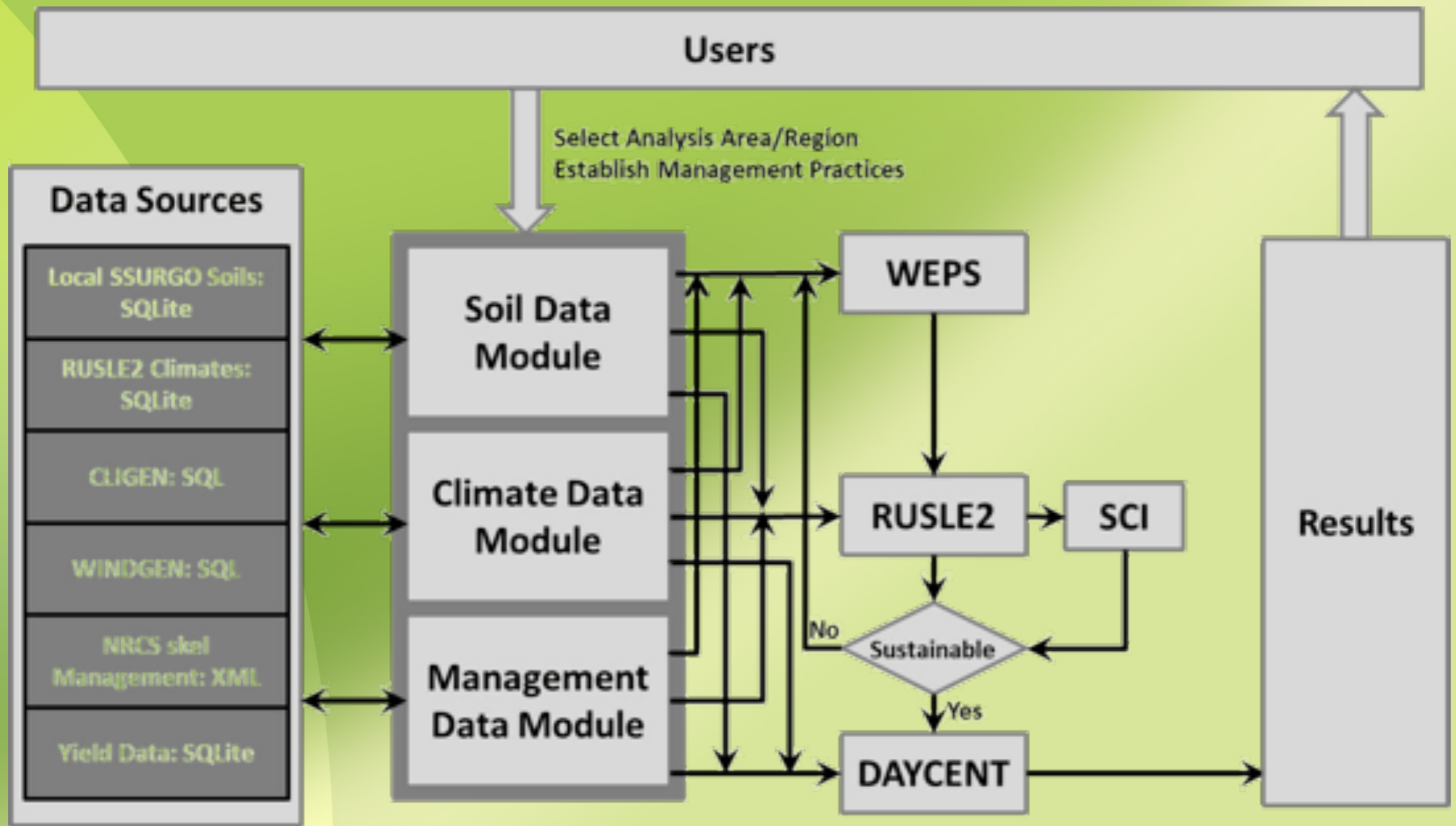
- cover crops
- variable rate residue removal
- Integrated cropping systems
- Landscape management



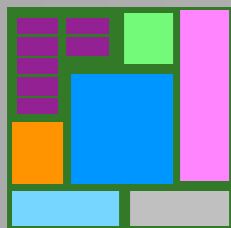
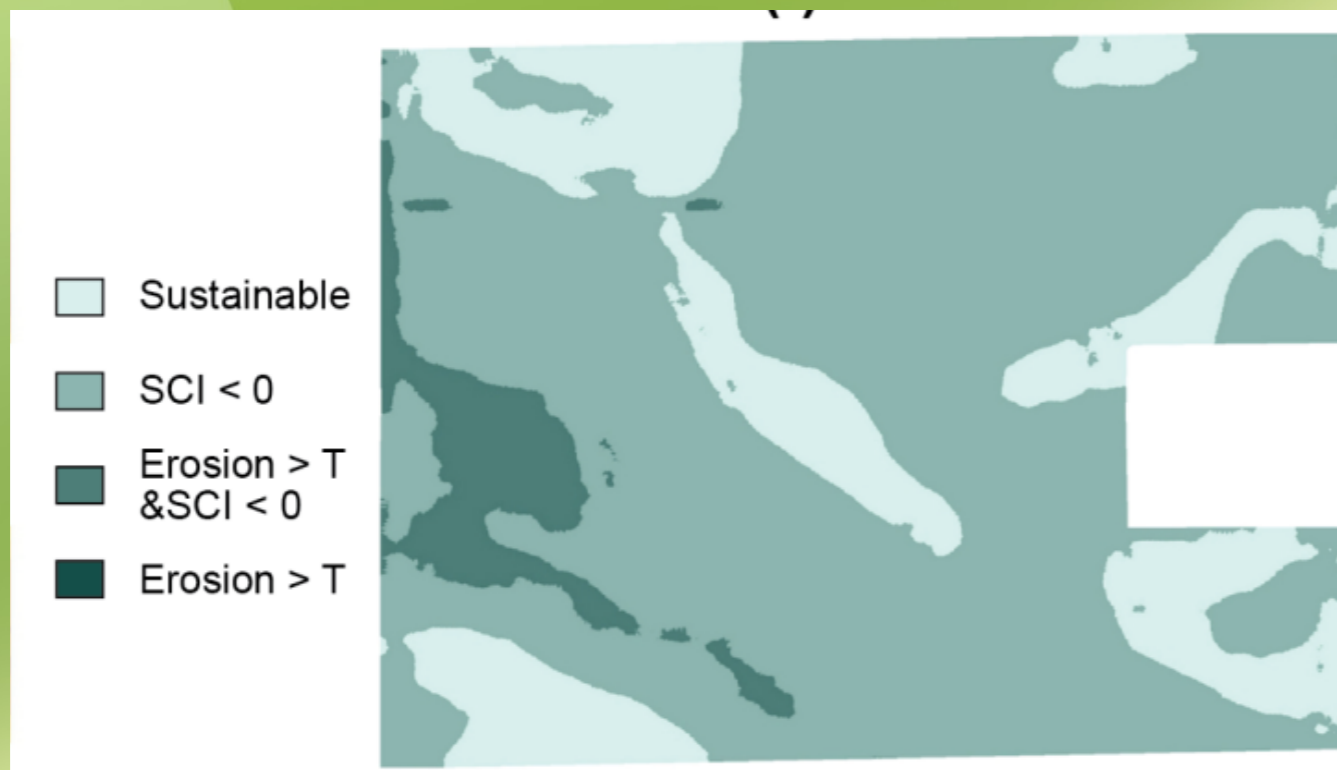
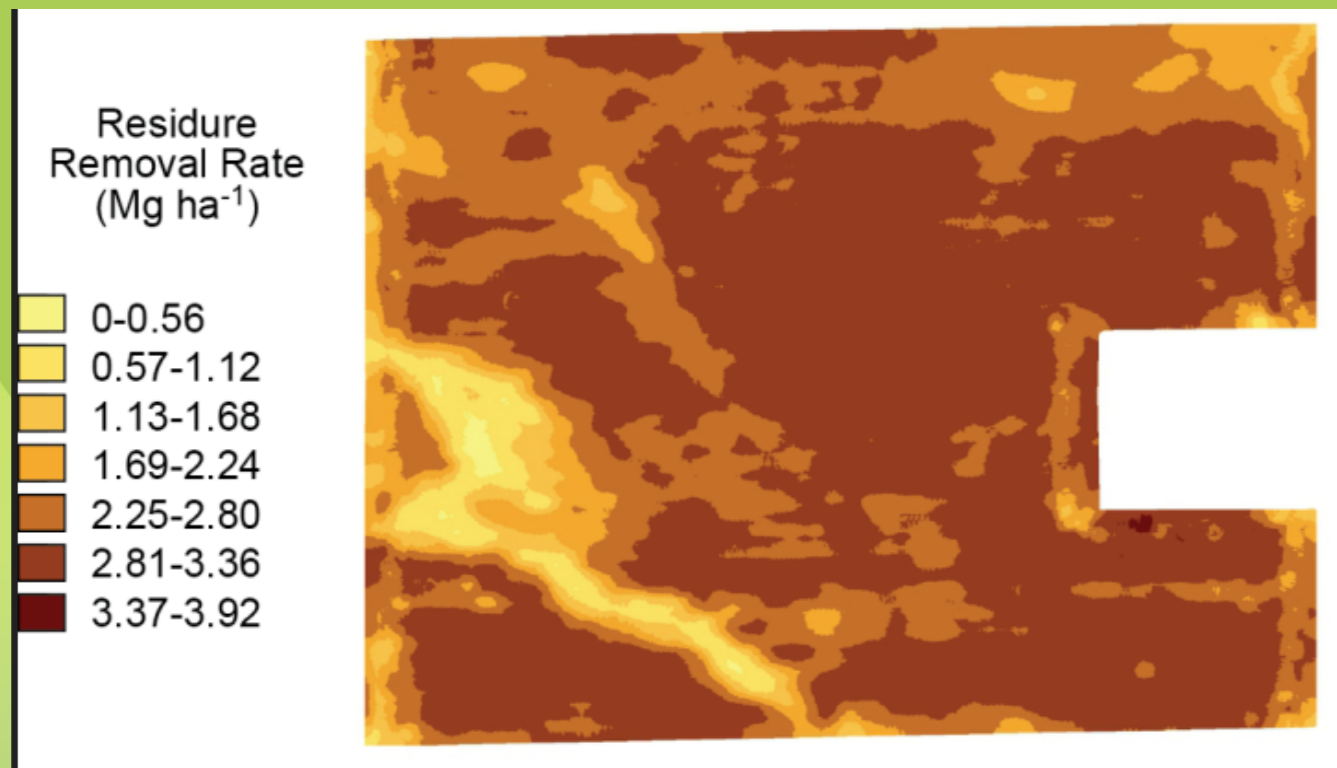
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## Agronomic strategies

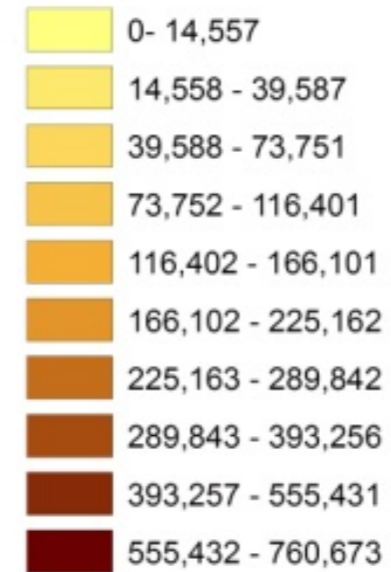
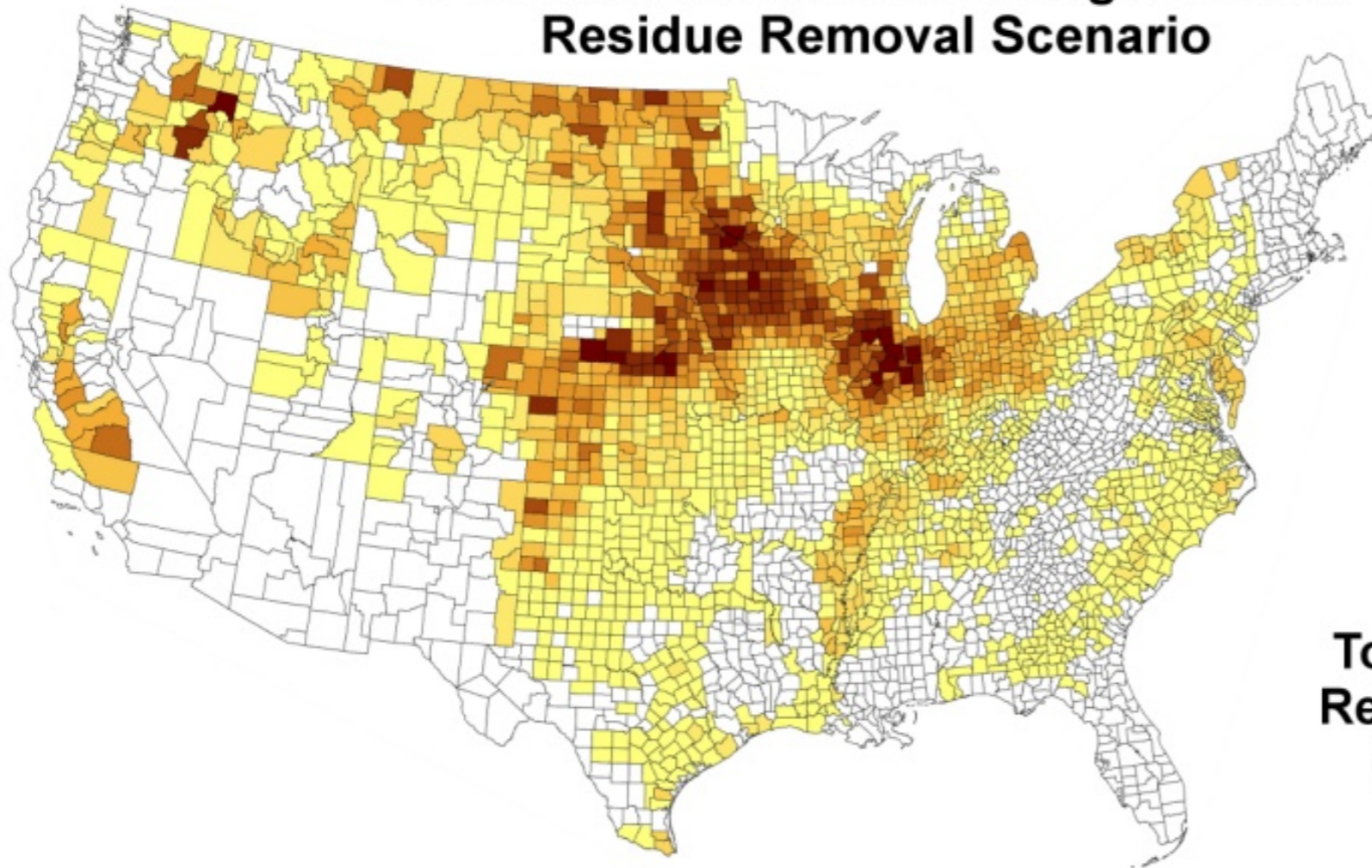


Integrated model

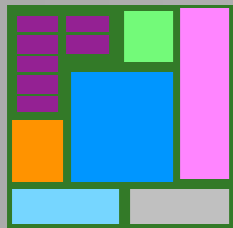
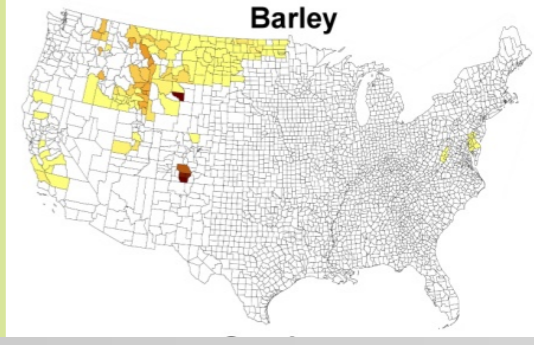
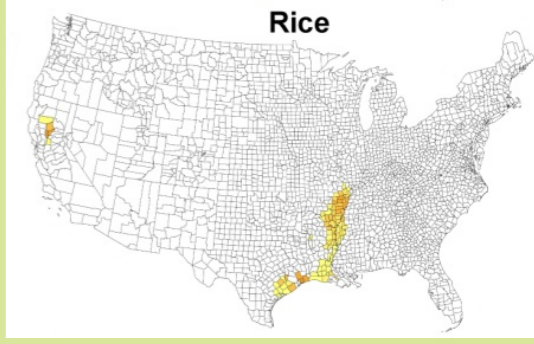
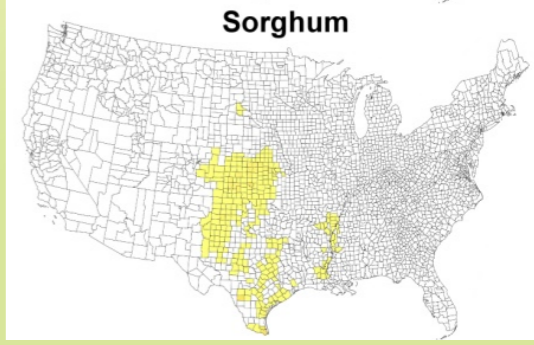
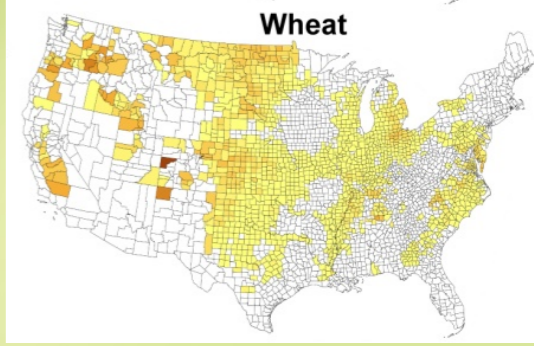
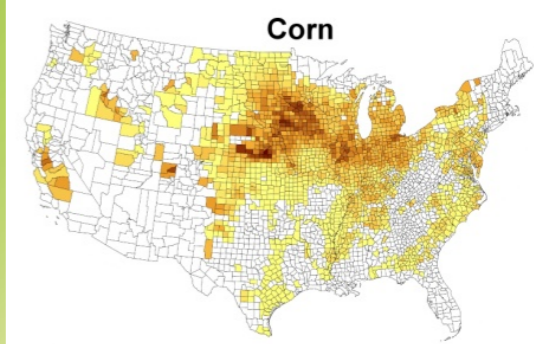


**Sustainable residue on a subfield scale**

## 2011 National Sustainable Agricultural Residue Removal Scenario



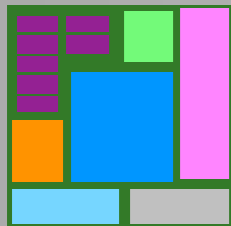
**Total Sustainable Residue Produced ( metric tons )**



**Sustainable residue on a national scale**

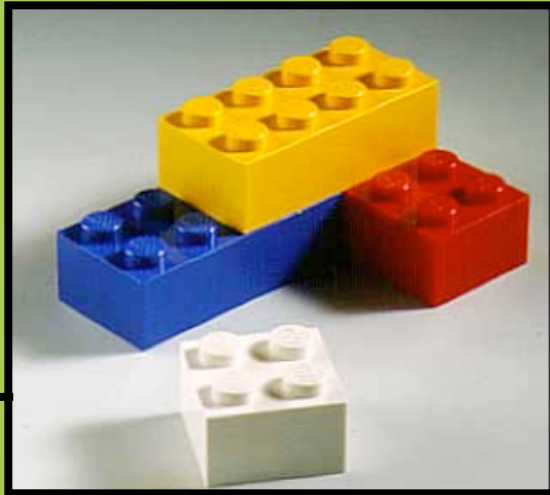


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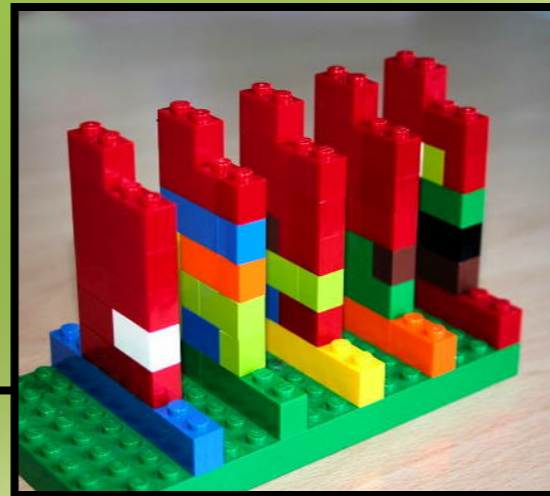


Old decision making paradigm

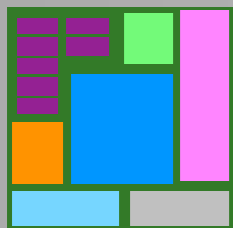
Snap



Build



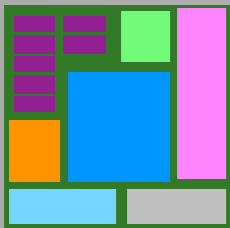
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New decision making paradigm

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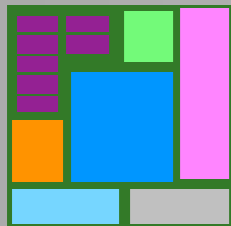
- **integration framework**
- **global ontology and semantics**



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**Pre-determined meta model**



**model autonomy**

**high**

**unified models**  
(frameworks with normalized semantics)

**federated model sets**  
(autonomous models with peer-to-peer controls)

**low**

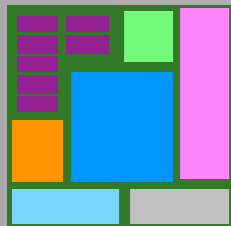
**centralized models**  
(one code with unified schema)

**composite models**  
(one code with scripting)

**low**

**high**

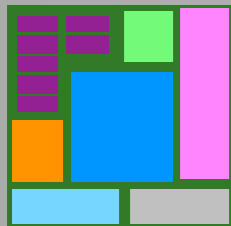
**ontological and semantic independence**



**Model portability**

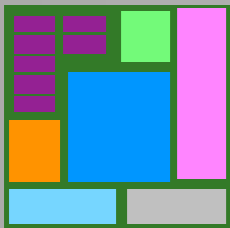
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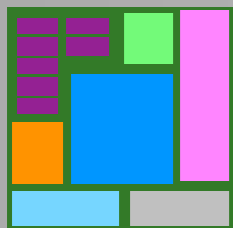
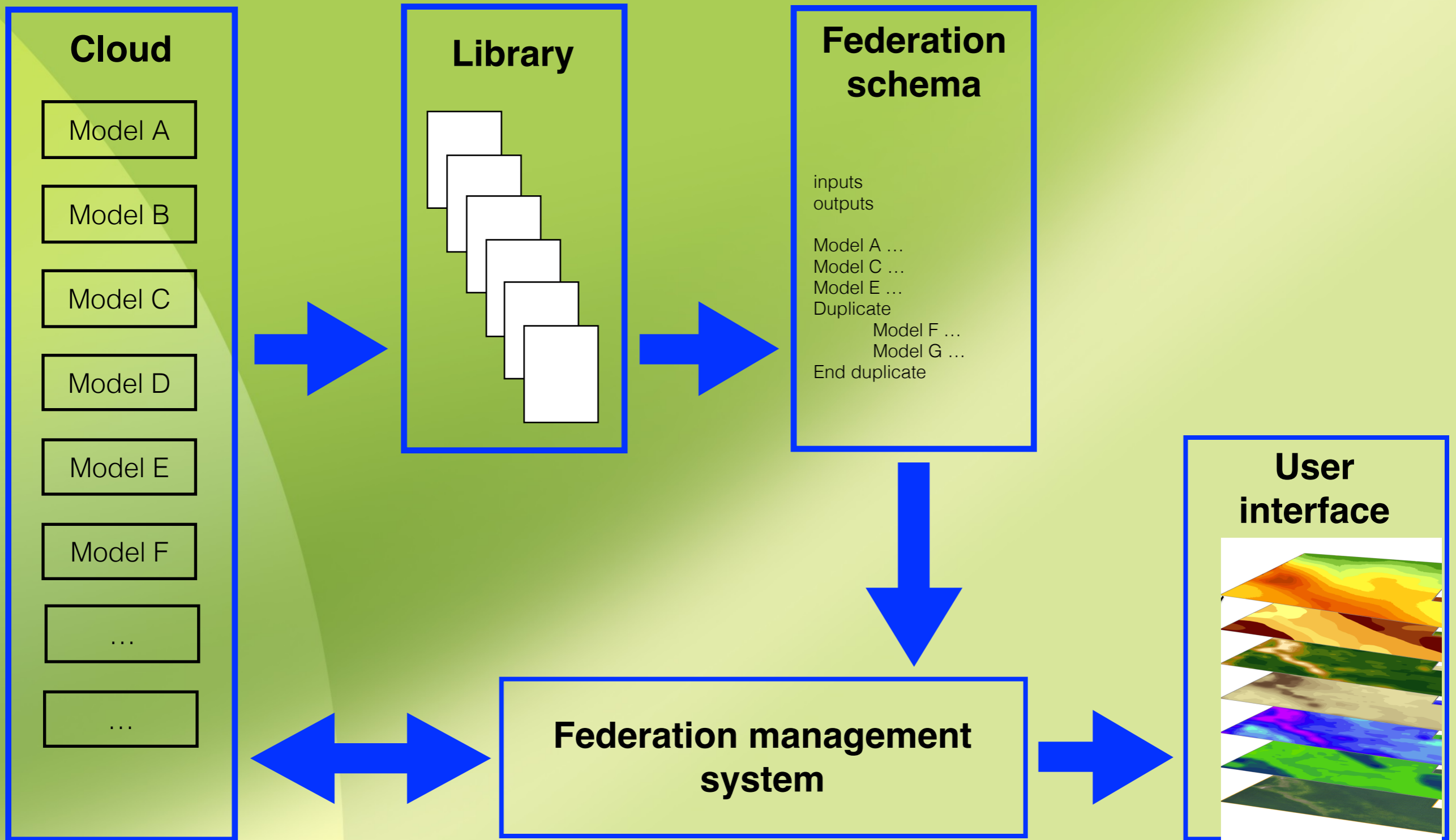
- high degree of independence for component models;
- a common, light-weight mechanism for model linkage; and
- a basis for deploying the federated model set.



Goal of developing a new architecture

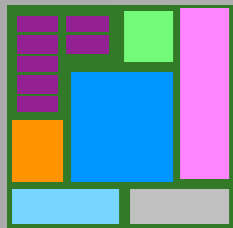
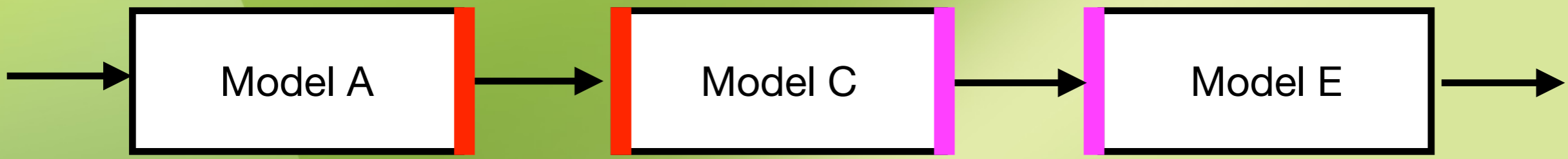
- **Constituency**  
the capability of models to come together in groups that have coherence and substitutability
- **Articulation**  
a simple and precise mechanism for describing how the models are chosen, linked, executed, and results reported
- **Convergence**  
a knowledge of the topological mapping of the federation and the capability to route and converge information through the federation to complete the assigned tasks



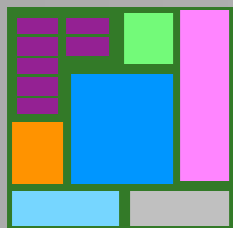
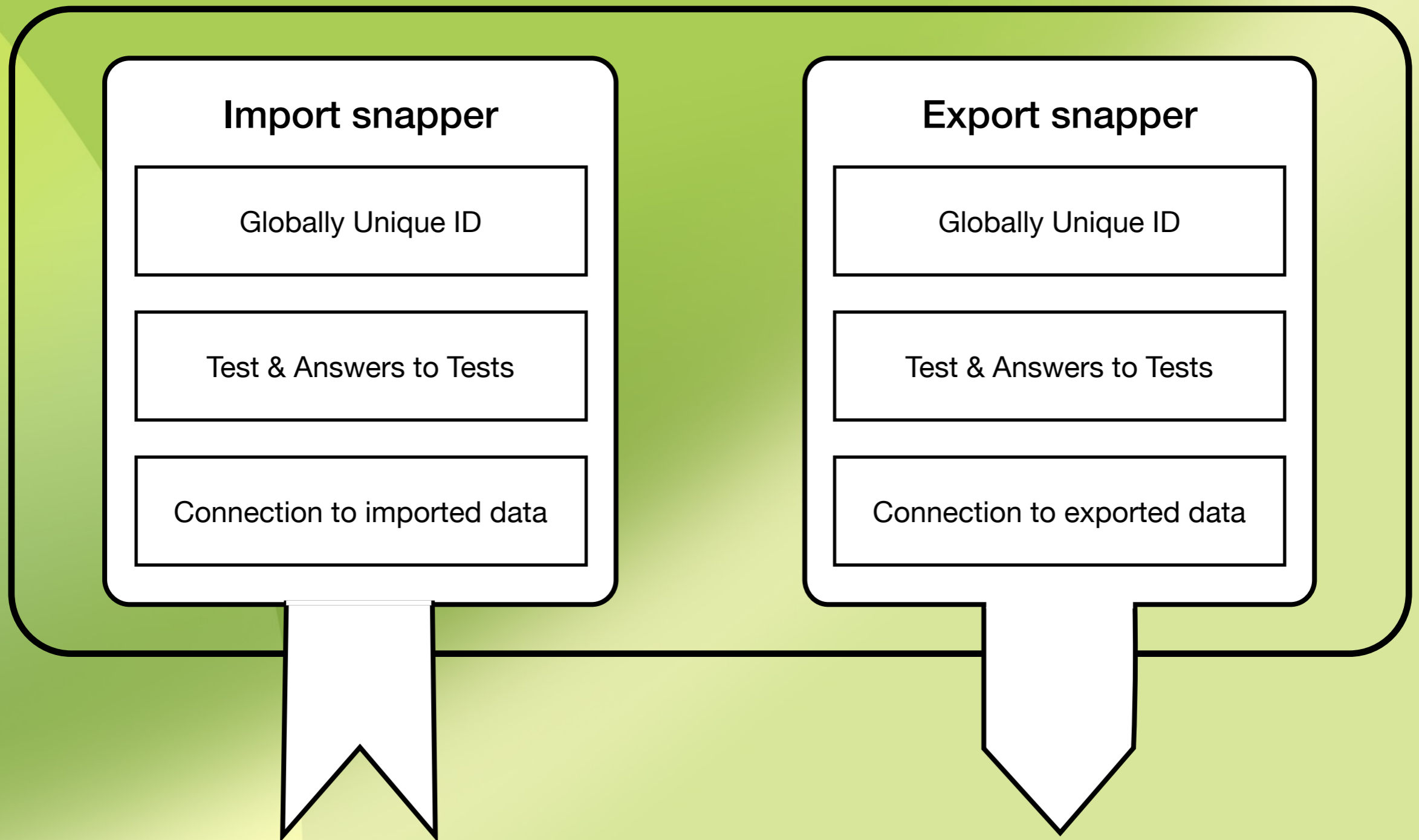


**Components and information flow**

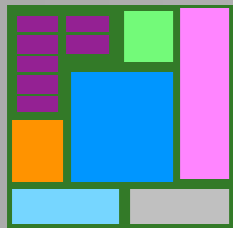
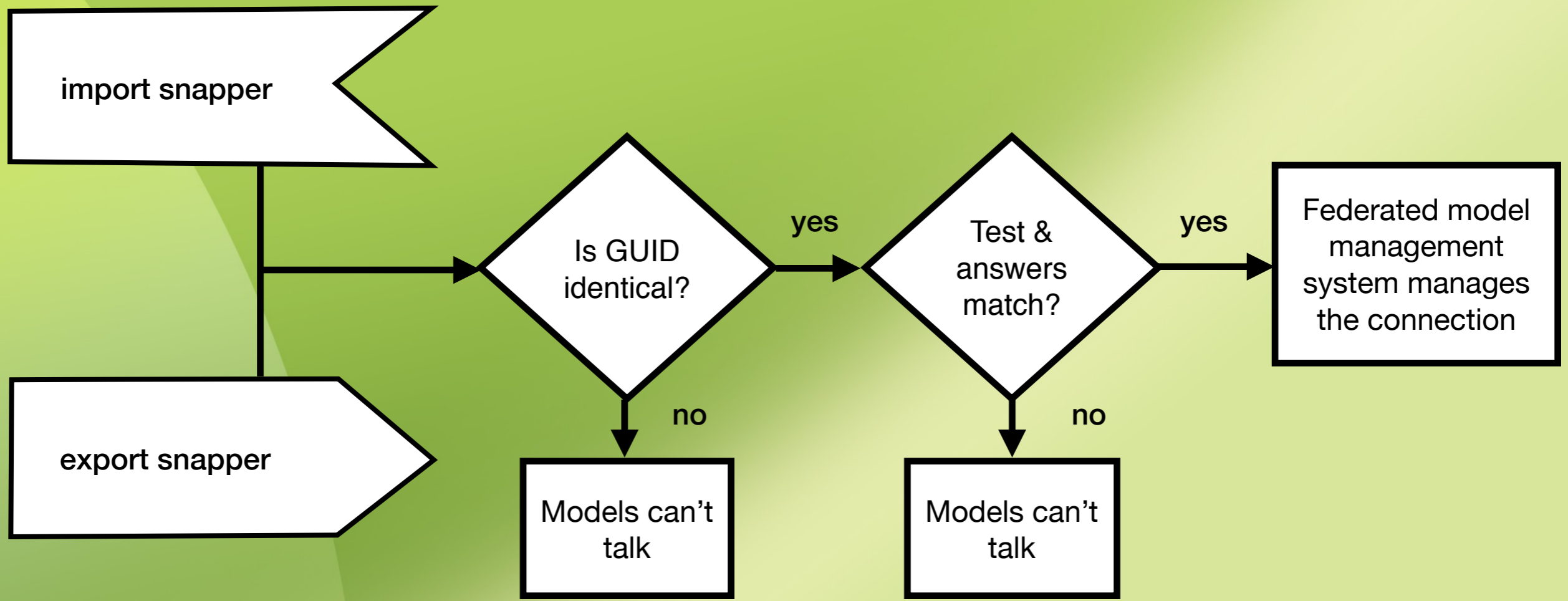




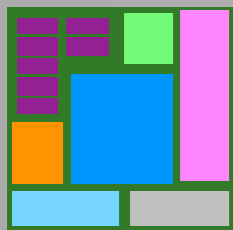
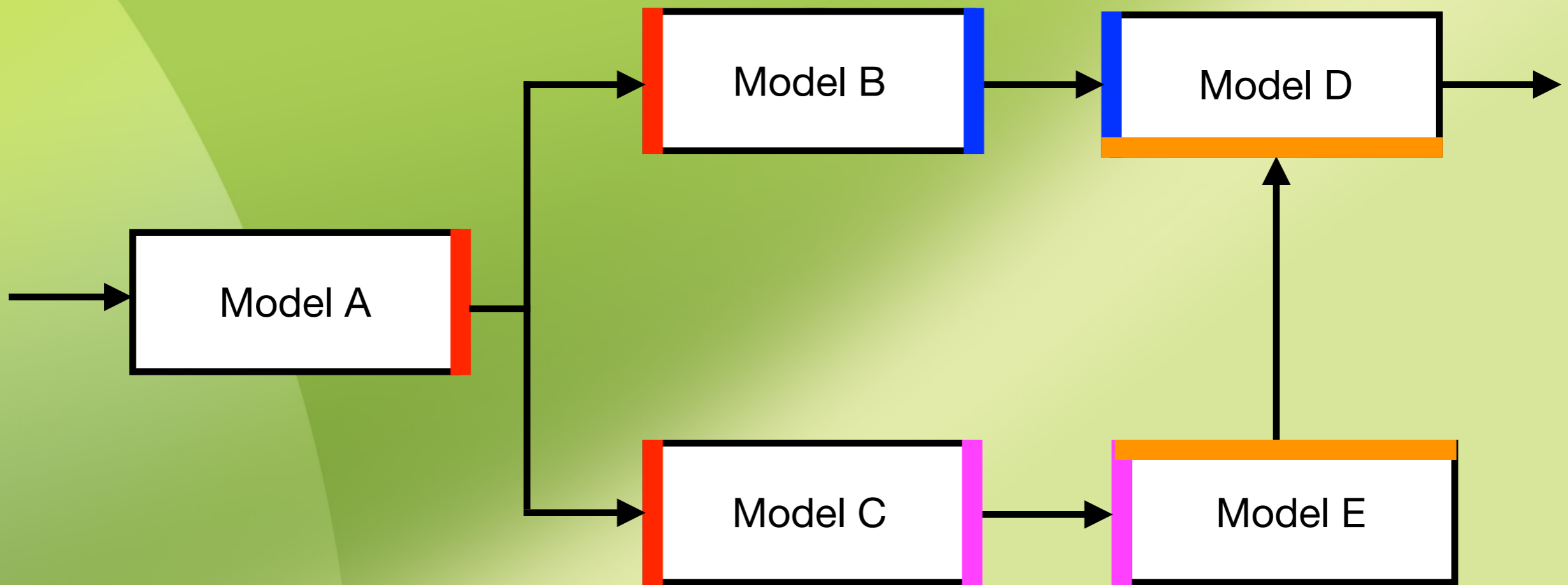
Peer-to-peer ontology



## Structure of a component model

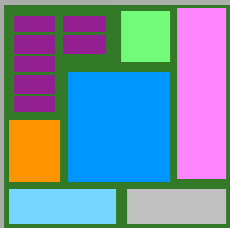


# Connection process



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- **“Accurately” simulate/model the virtual world**
- **Interactive decision tools**
- **Realtime player communication and decision making**
- **Easily understood graphical interface**



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