



Ontological formalisation of mathematical equations for phenomic data exploitation

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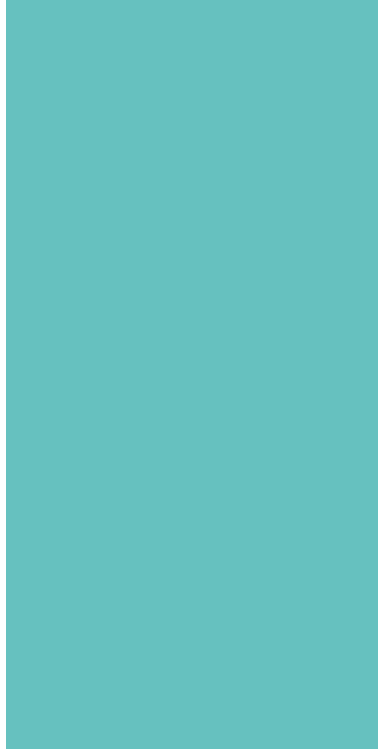


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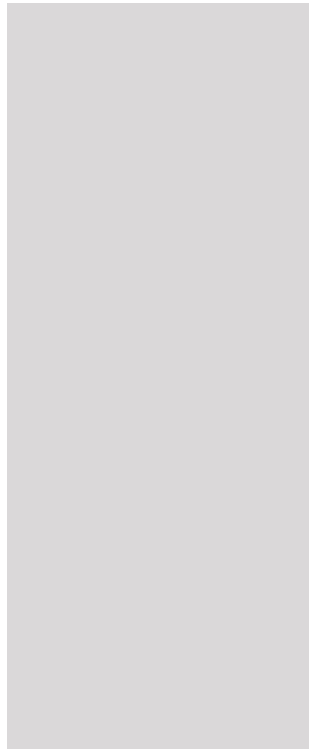


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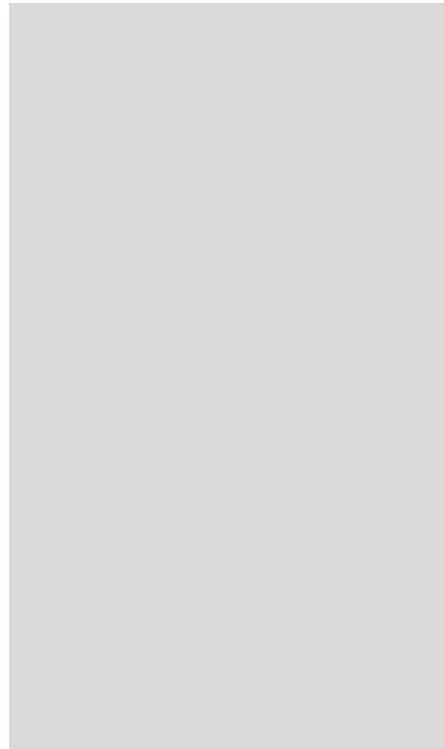
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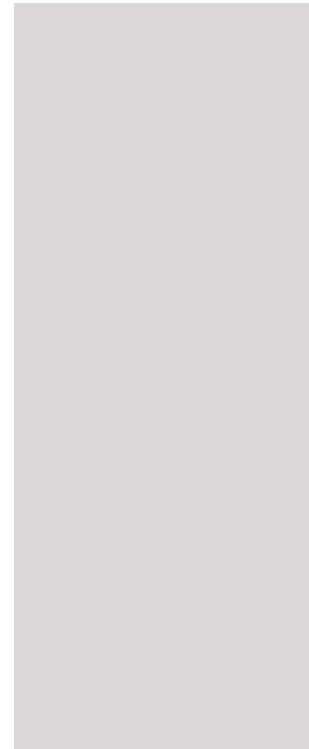
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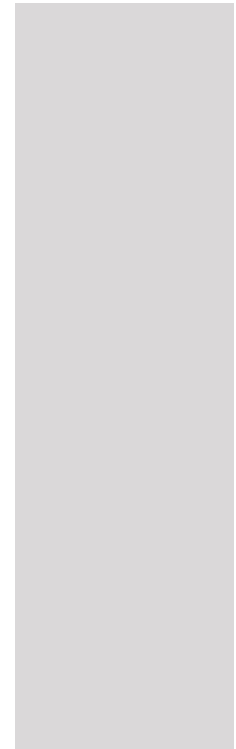
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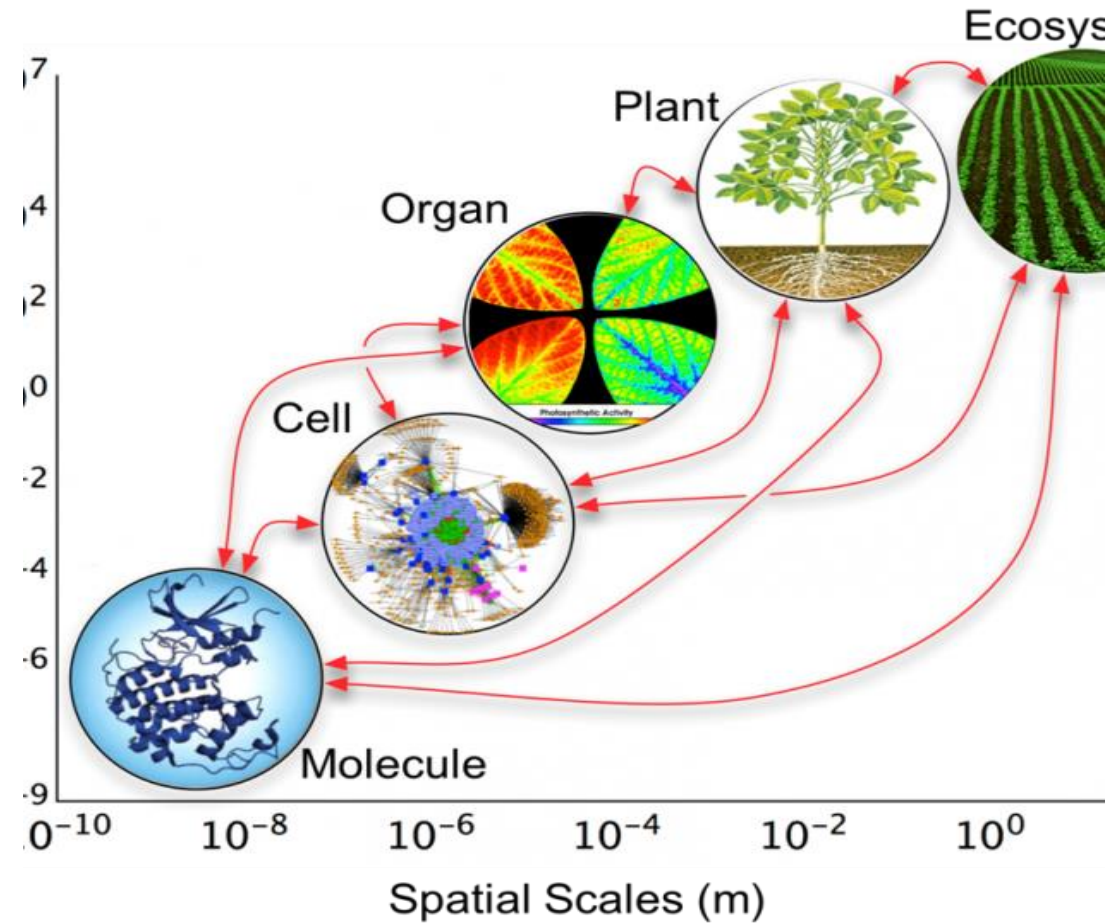
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Multi-scale, multi-source, heterogeneous

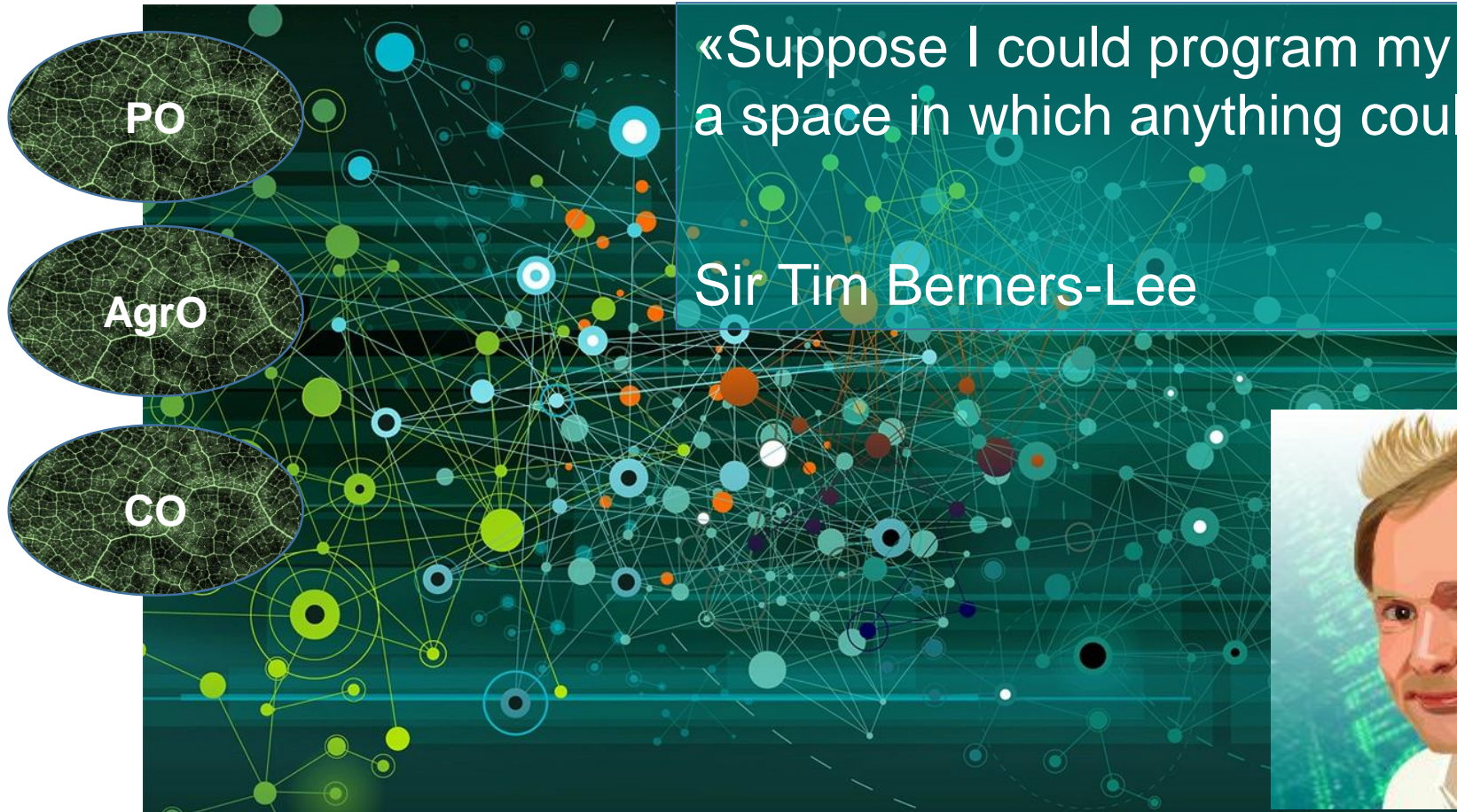


(Marshall-Colon et al. 2017)

Plant phenomics datasets are in nature




Numerous equations relate plant phenomic traits



«Suppose I could program my computer to create a space in which anything could be linked to anything »

Sir Tim Berners-Lee



- PO: <http://obofoundry.org/ontology/po>
- AgrO: <http://obofoundry.org/ontology/agro>
- CO: <https://www.croponontology.org>

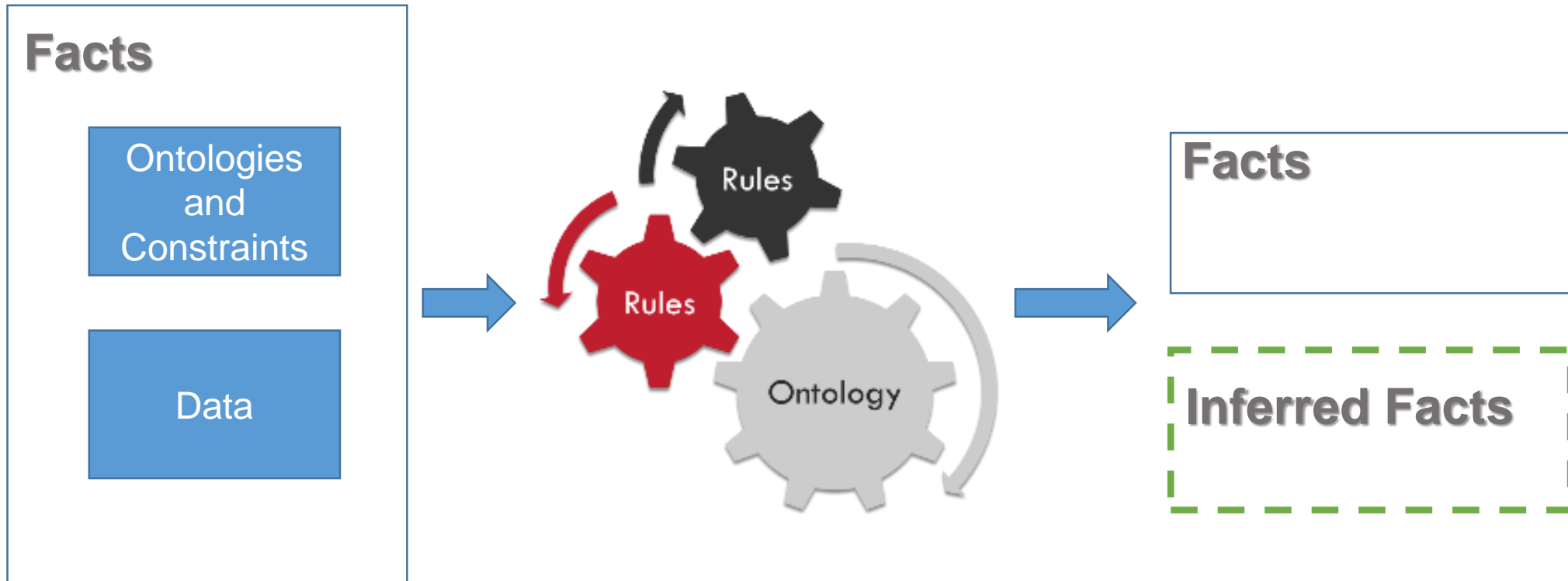
Plant phenomics community has adopted **Semantic Web**



(PHIS, www.phis.inra.fr, Neveu et al., 2019)

- Facilitate data annotation and use of ontologies
- Exploit Semantic Web technologies
- Implement FAIR principles

PHIS, an ontology-based information system

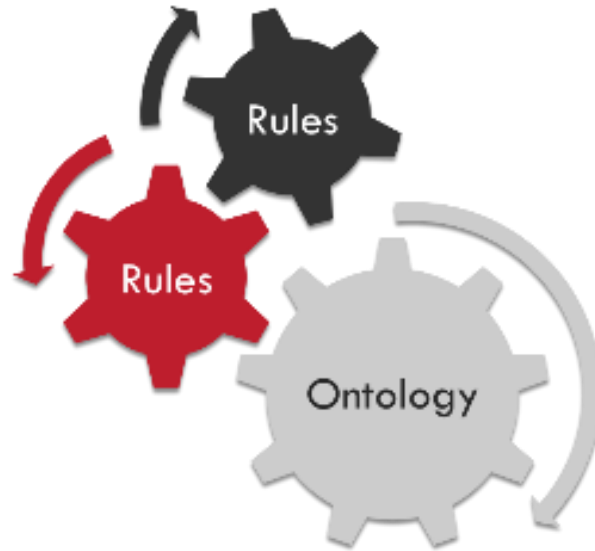


Reasoning services for harmonising data

Facts

$$ex:avgPrecipitation = \frac{\sum(ex:dailyPrecipitation)}{size(ex:dailyPrecipitation)}$$

dailyPrecipitation	units
3,9	inch
3,1	inch
2,4	inch



Facts

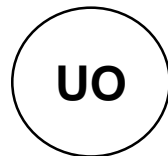
Inferred Facts:

avgPrecipitation = 3,13

Following the reasoning logic

Different units

dailyPrecipitation	units
3,9	inch
3,1	inch
60	mm

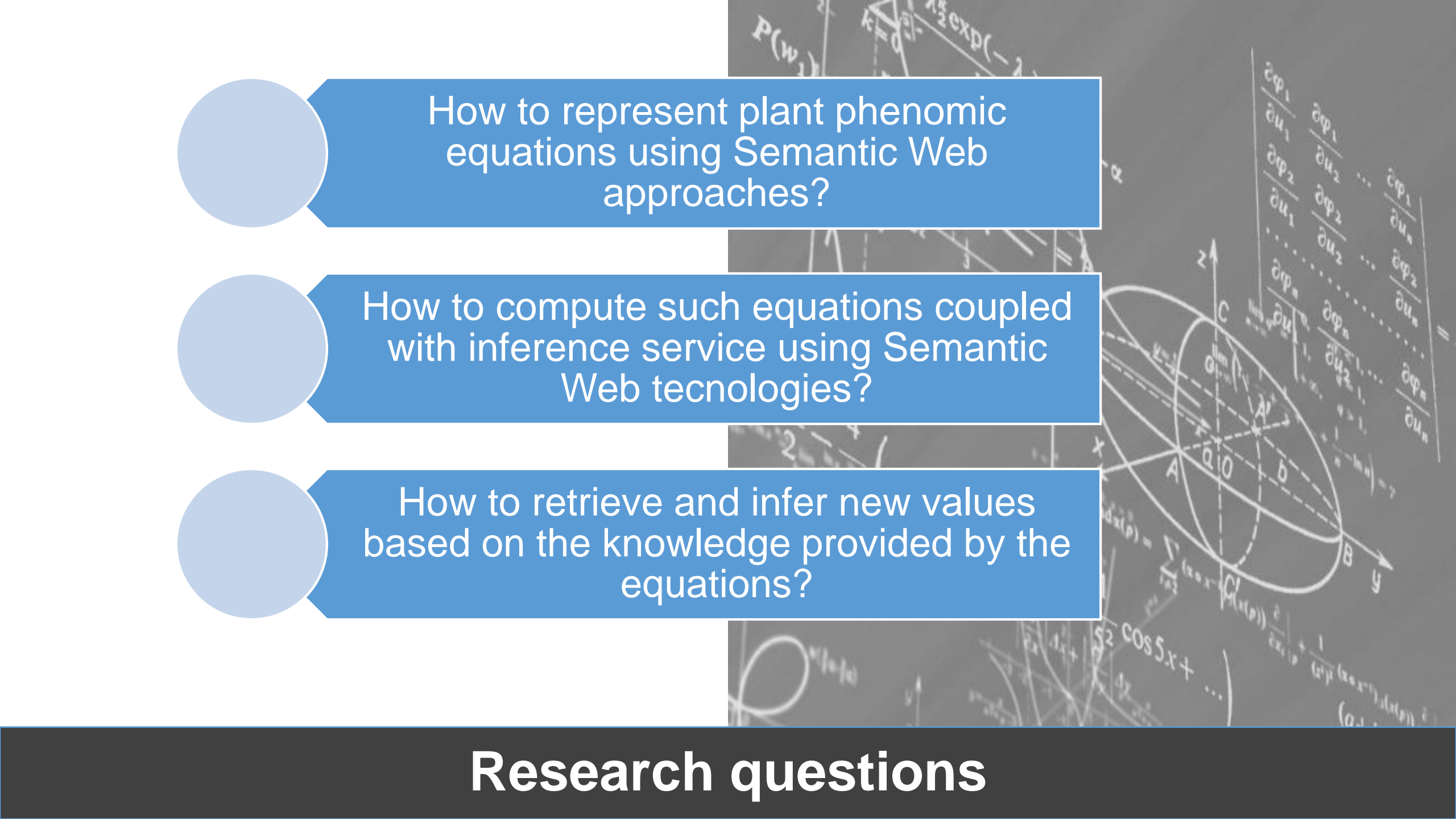


Different name conventions

dailyPrecipitation	dailyRaining	units
3,9	-	inch
3,1	-	inch
-	60	mm

dailyRaining **rdfs:subPropertyOf** dailyPrecipitation

Increasing the complexity



How to represent plant phenomic equations using Semantic Web approaches?

How to compute such equations coupled with inference service using Semantic Web technologies?

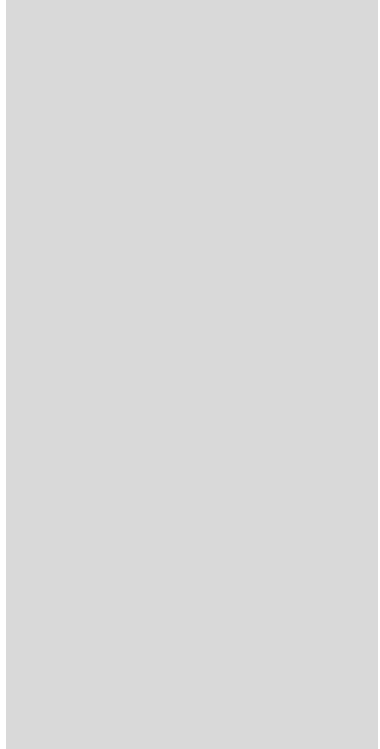
How to retrieve and infer new values based on the knowledge provided by the equations?

Research questions

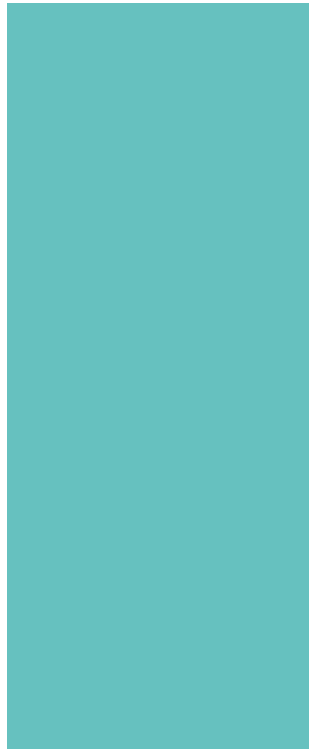


Lack of studies exploiting inference services

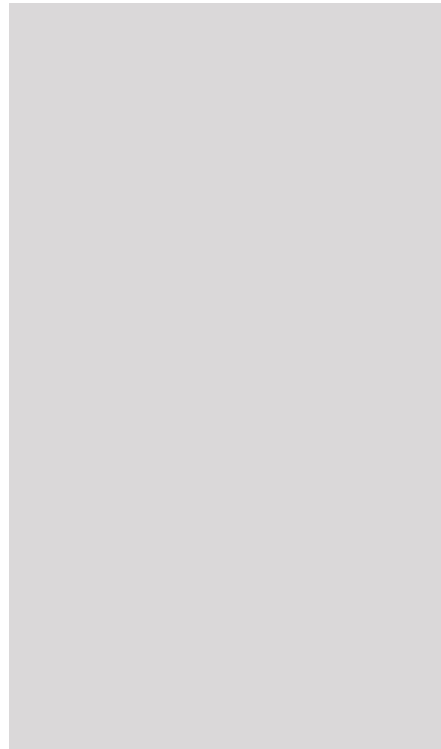
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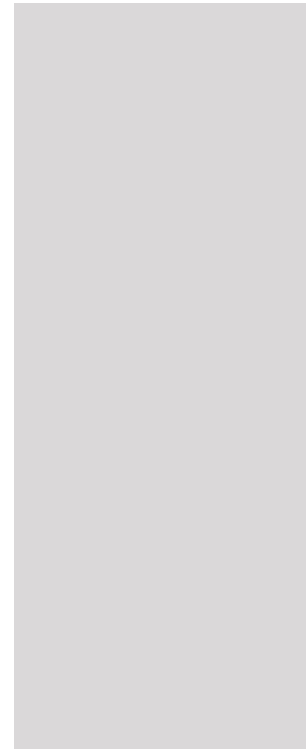
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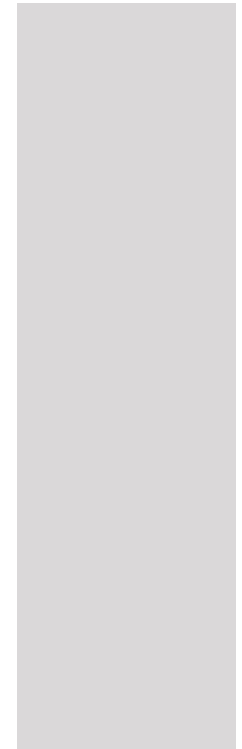
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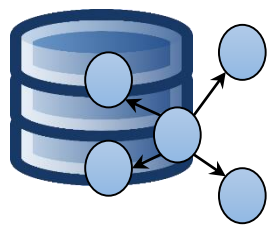


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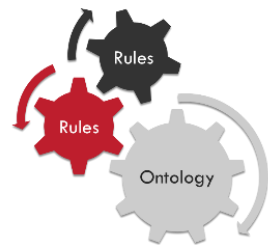


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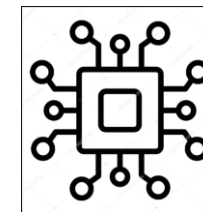
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Reasoning



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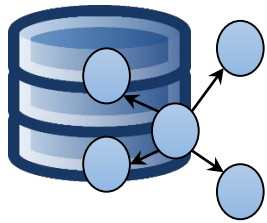


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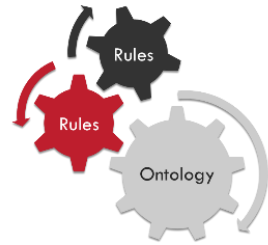
Computing and representing mathematical expressions

Ontology-based Information representation

- Function ontology (*Meester et al. 2016*)
- Unit ontologies (*OM, UO, QUDT*)
- OpenMath + RDF (*Wenzel & Reinhardt, 2012*)
- No info about how to perform the computation



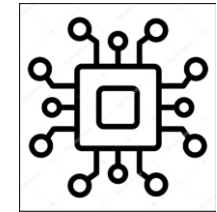
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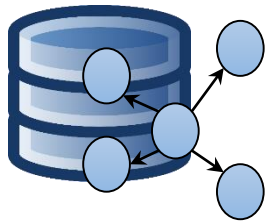
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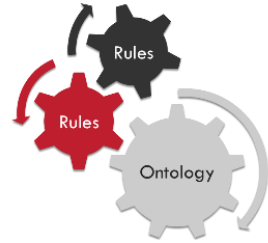
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Ontological reasoning

- Extend a query rewriting algorithm (*Bischof et al, 2013*),
- New datatype (*Parsia et al., 2008*)
- No use of unit ontologies
- Equations structured as strings



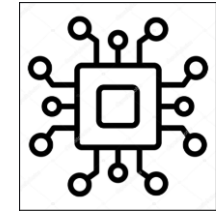
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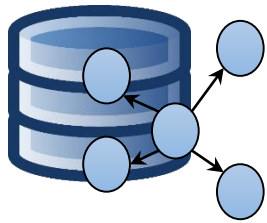


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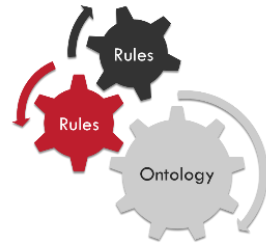
SPARQL extensions

- Query structure different from mathematical objects
- Equations calculated after reasoning

- Extend SPARQL functions
(Hogan et al., 2020)



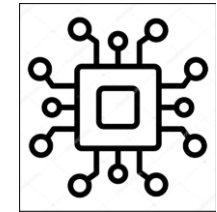
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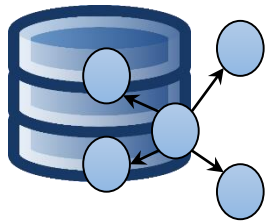
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Delegated computing

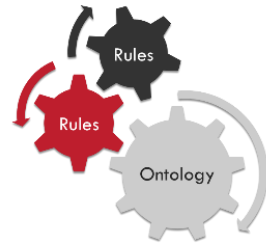
- Requires to install and external program
- Outside of the semantic web technologies

Execution on external programs
(Python, Matlab, R)
mediated by ontologies

(Rijgersberg, et al. 2012)



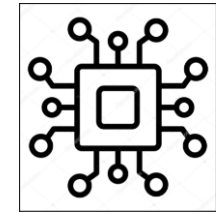
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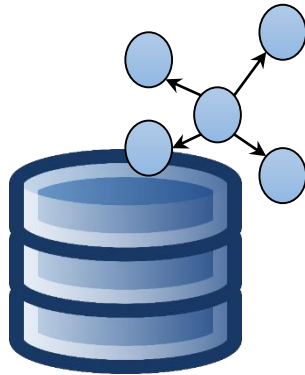
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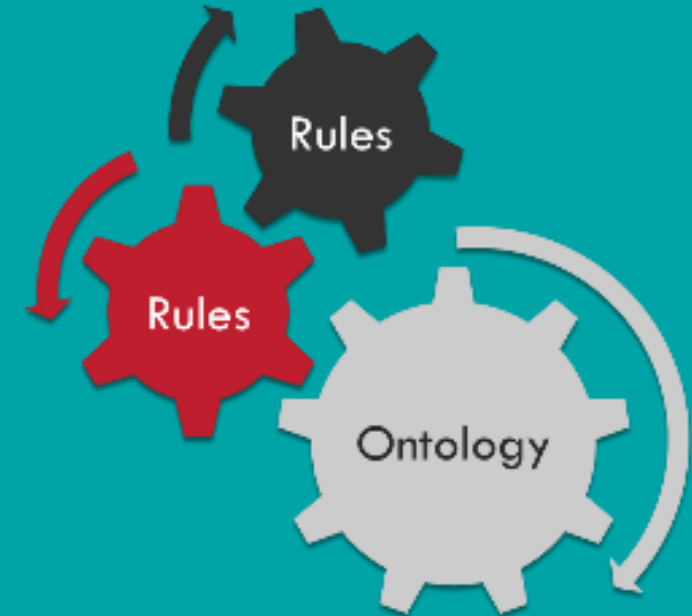
Representation features

1. Mathematical equations compliant with symbolic mathematic
2. Based on ontology terms



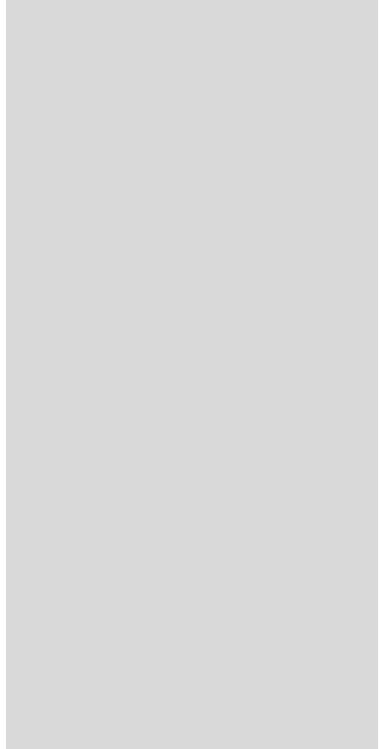
Reasoning & computation features

1. Perform equations
2. Exploit unit ontologies
3. Nested equations

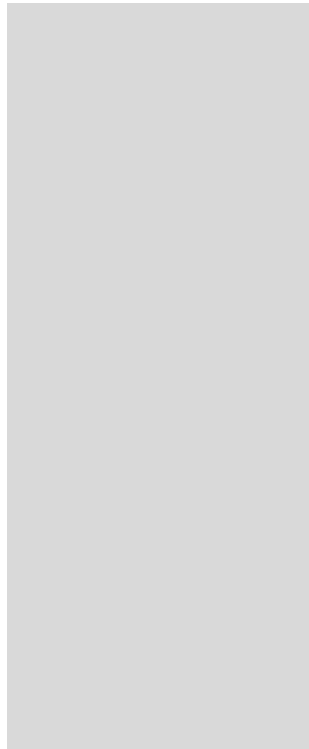


We propose an ontological framework

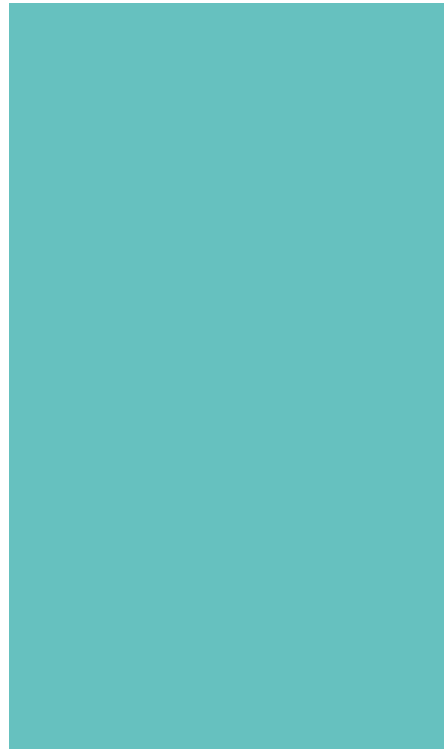
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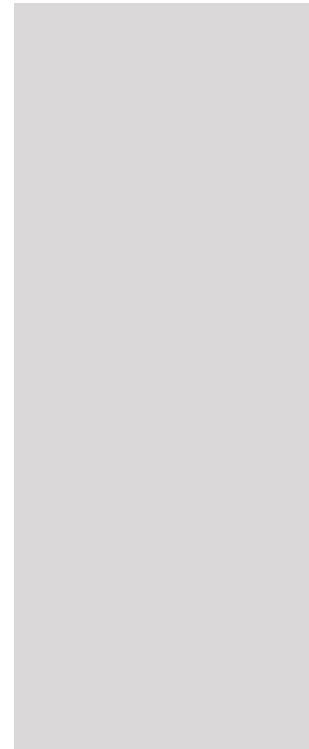
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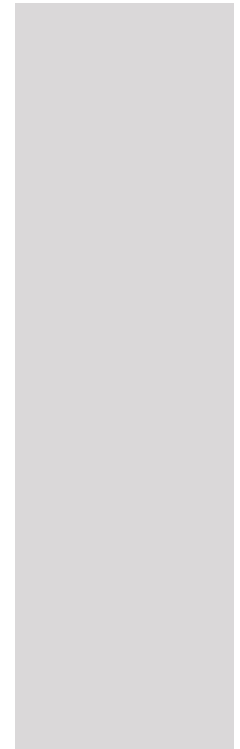
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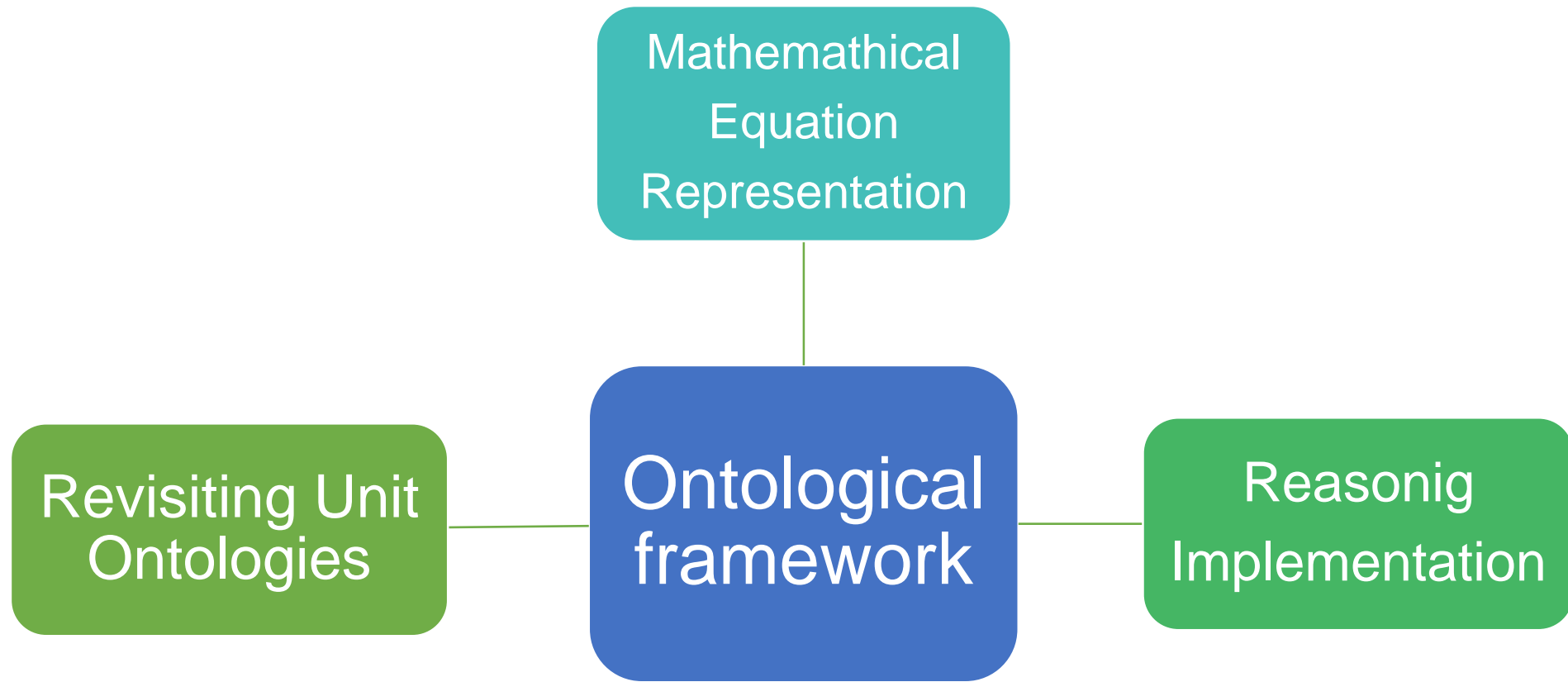


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Research methodology and approach

Use metadata from unit ontologies
to infer and unify heterogeneous
measurement

**Perform Unit
Conversion**

cm → m

Normalise the temperature
observation depending on
contextual data from crops

Thermal time

Temperature → *Thermal Time*

Two case studies

Dimension units



$$1 \text{ m}^2 = 10000 \text{ cm}^2$$
$$1 \text{ cm}^2 = 1 \text{ m}^2 \times 10^{-4}$$

Light units

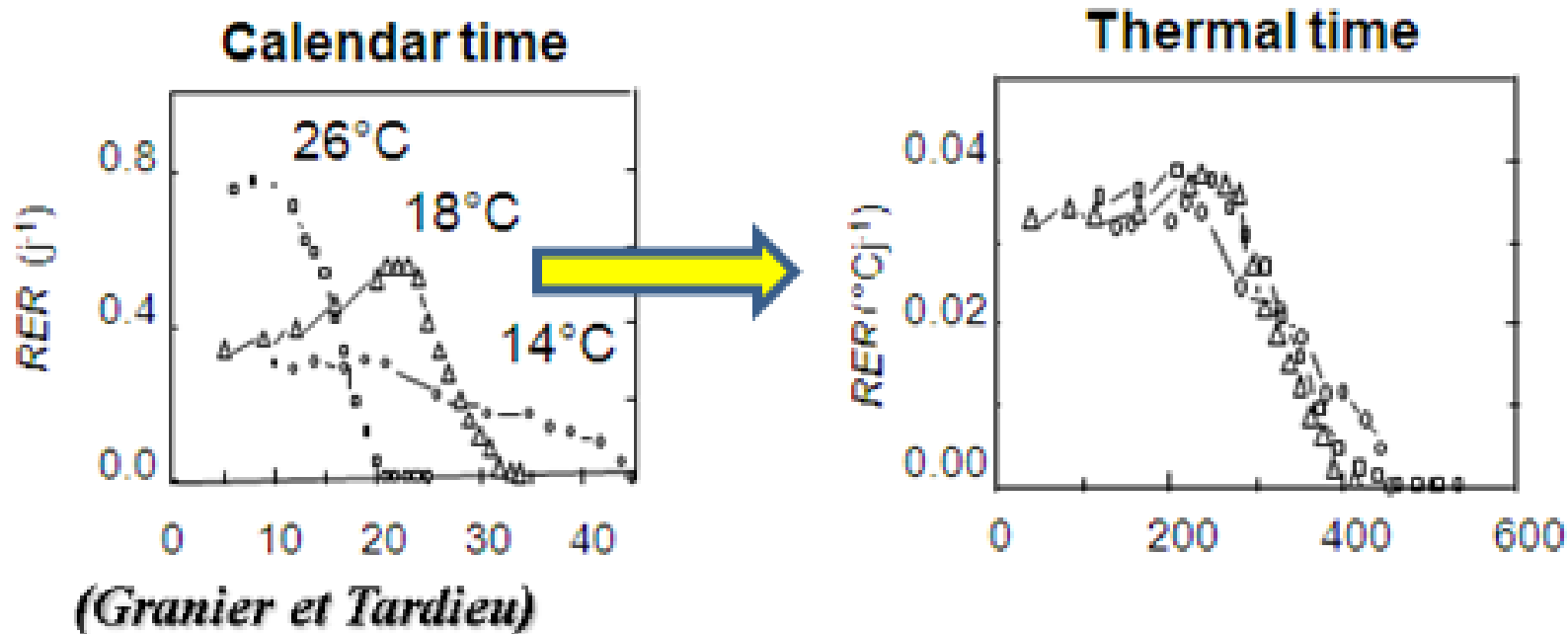


Global Solar Radiation (**Rs**)
Photosynthetically active radiation (**PAR**)

$$R_s(J \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}) \rightarrow PAR(\mu\text{mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1})$$

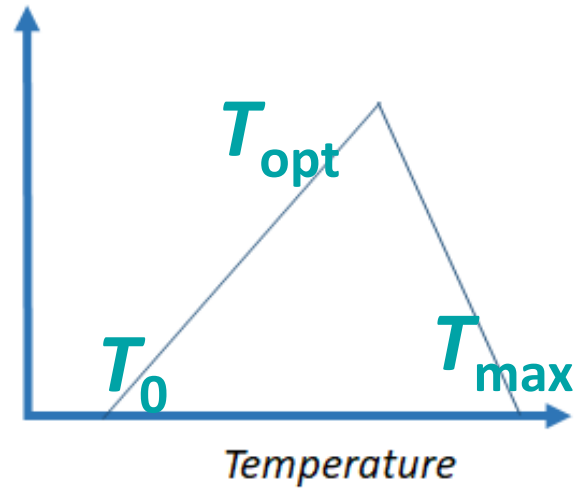
Perform unit conversion

(i.e. growing degree units) a process handled by biologists and agronomists used to normalise several temperature-dependent processes such as leaf-progression.



Thermal time definition

Bilinear Model



if $T > T_0 \leq T_{opt}$ then $T - T_0$

if $T > T_{opt} \leq T_{max}$ then $T - T_{max}$



T_{opt} 30.9 °C

T_{max} 37.8 °C

T_0 7 °C



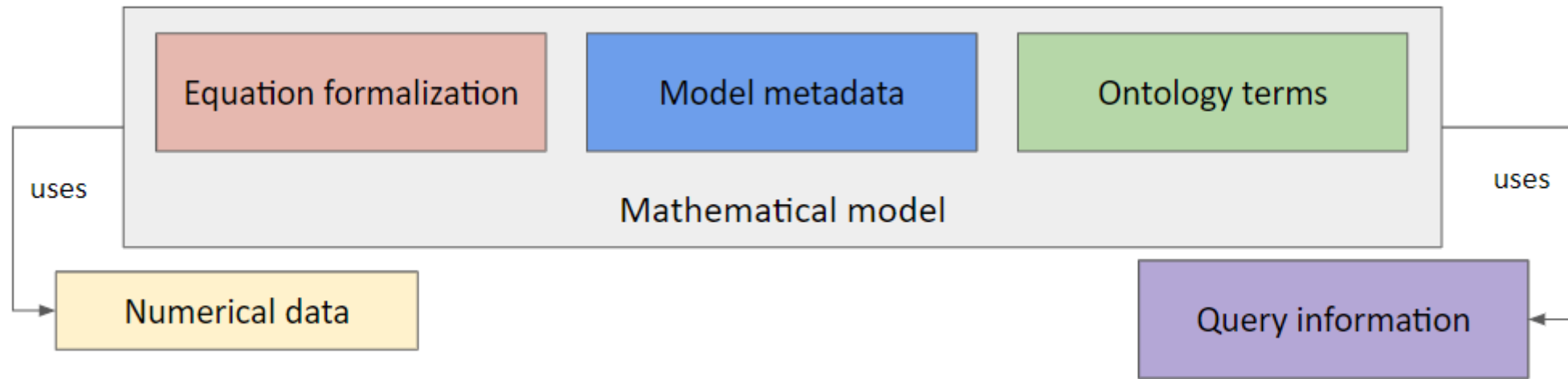
T_{opt} 31.6 °C

T_{max} 38.9 °C

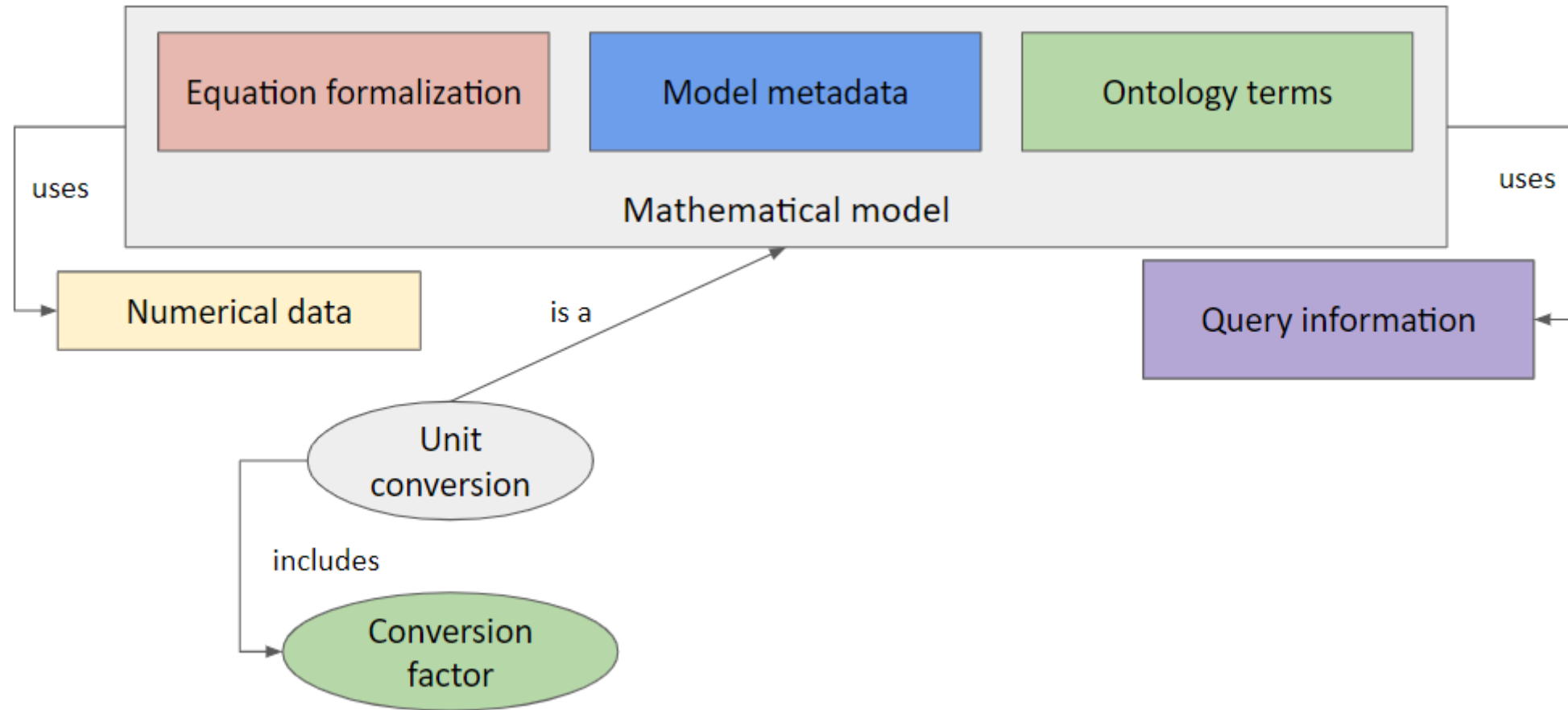
T_0 12 °C



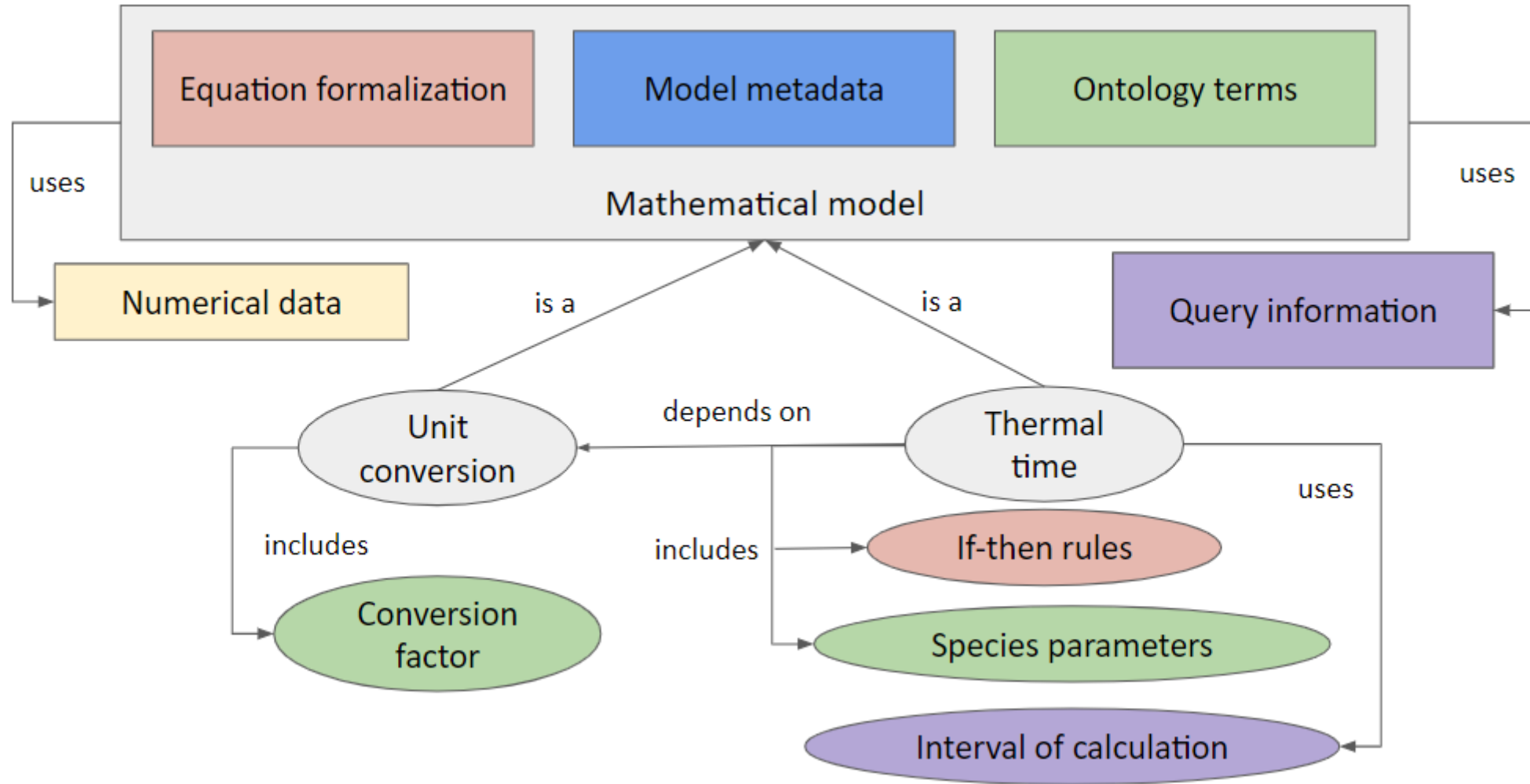
Thermal time equation



General components for mathematical equations

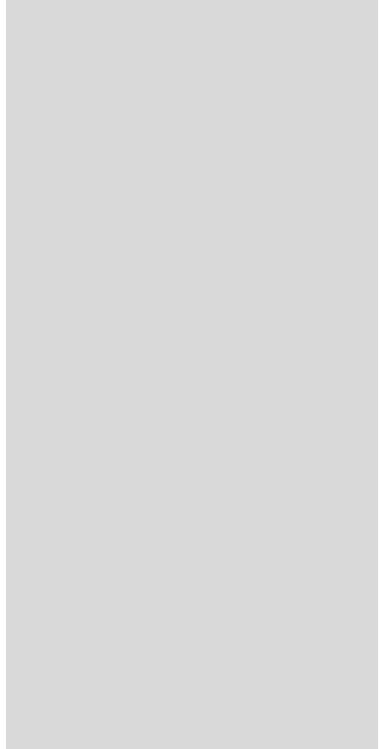


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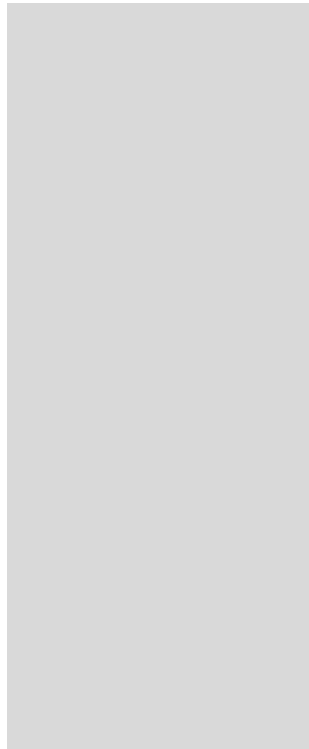


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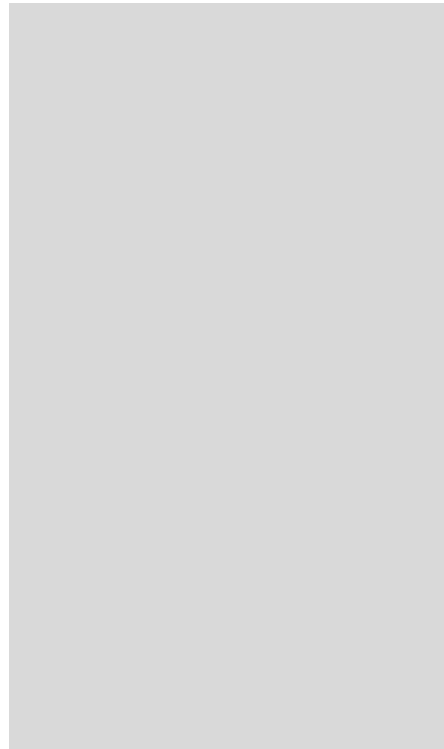
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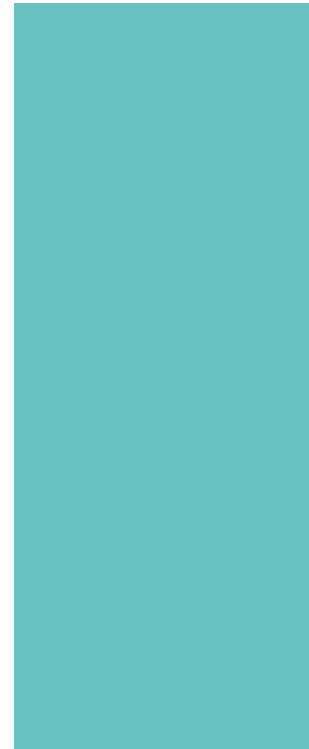
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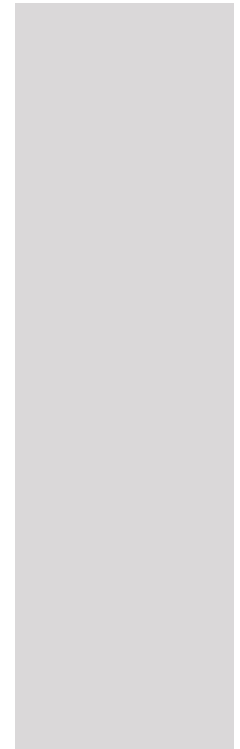
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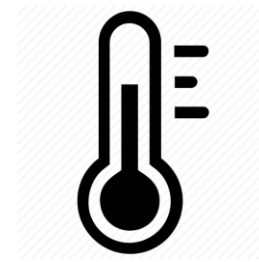
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Datasets



Unit ontologies

UO

OM

QUDT

Domain ontologies

PO

AgrO

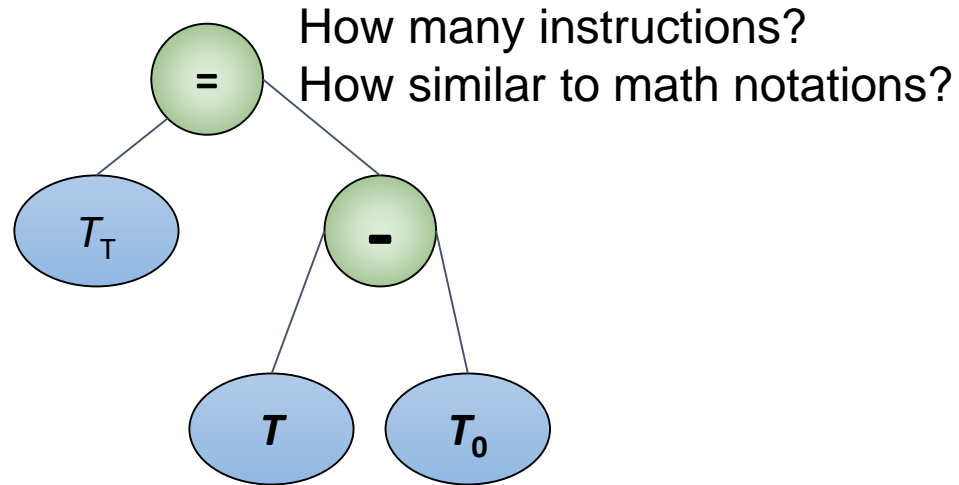
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16 GB RAM
1,8 GHz, 8-cores

Resources for the evaluation plan

Assessing the equation representation



Assessing the nested equation.

Thermal time

$$^{\circ}F \rightarrow ^{\circ}C$$

Assessing the unit conversion modulo

Which one is better for unit conversion?

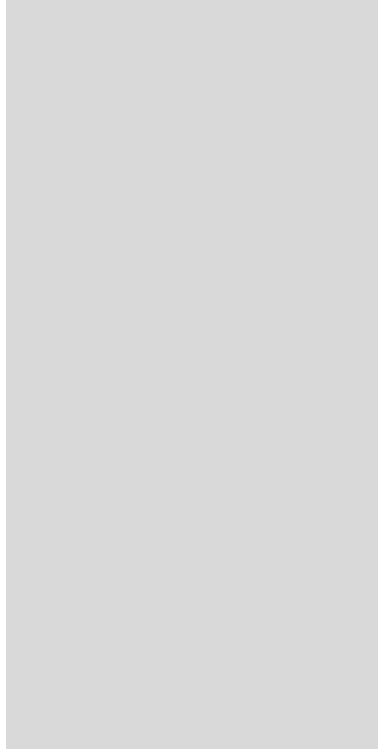
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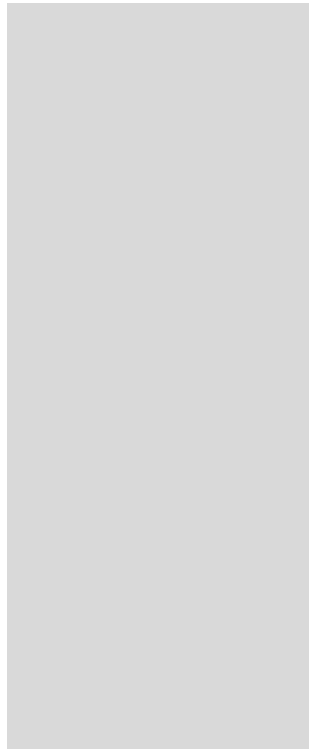
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Assesing the framework

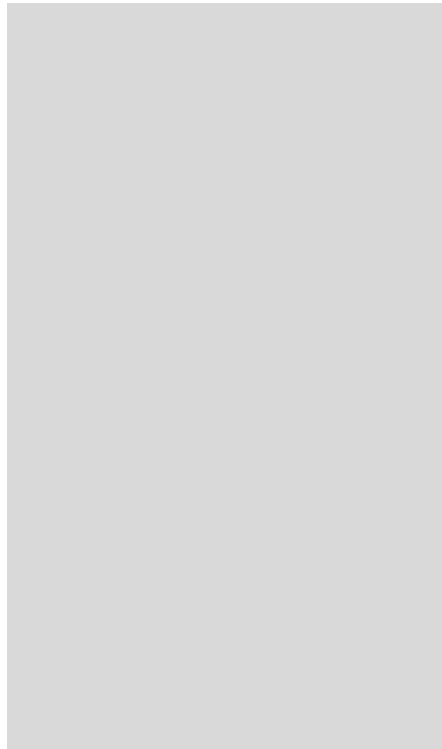
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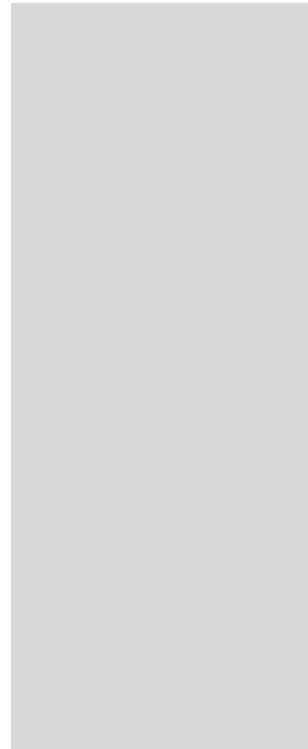
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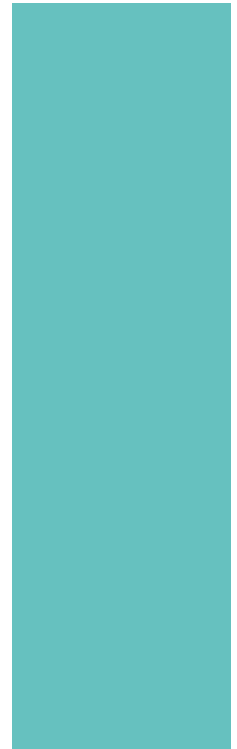
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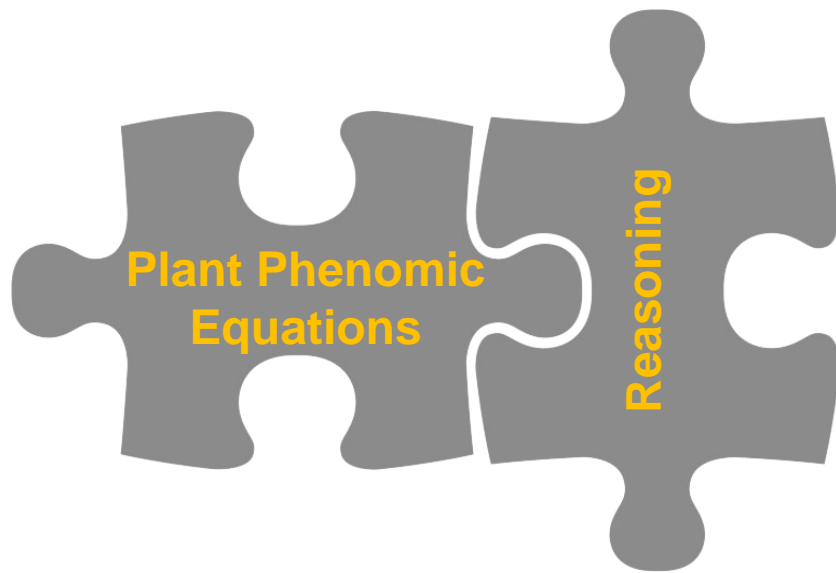


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- + Linked models
- + Explainable equations
- + Effective use of unit ontologies

Therefore, the neglected numerical relationships will be easier to express

The framework can be used for another domains dealing with numerical attributes and mathematical equations.

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