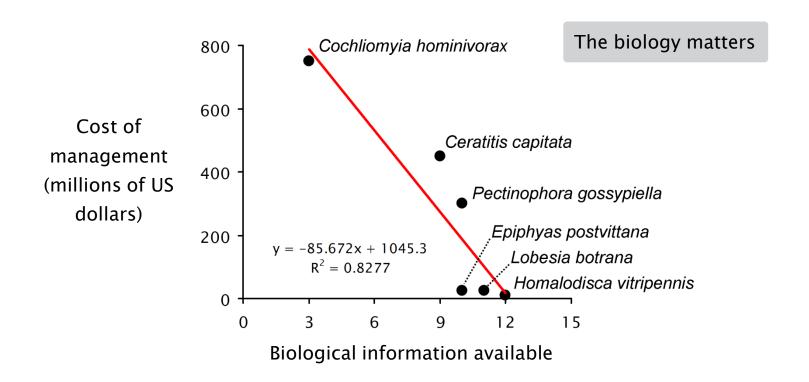


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A process-based approach is key to managing pests effectively





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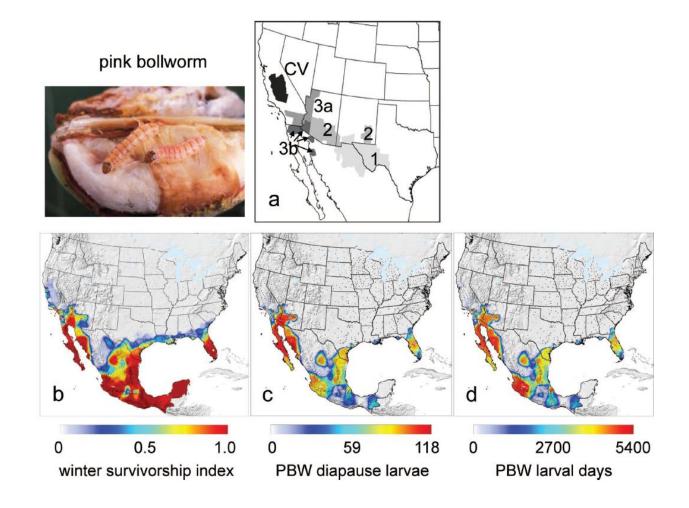
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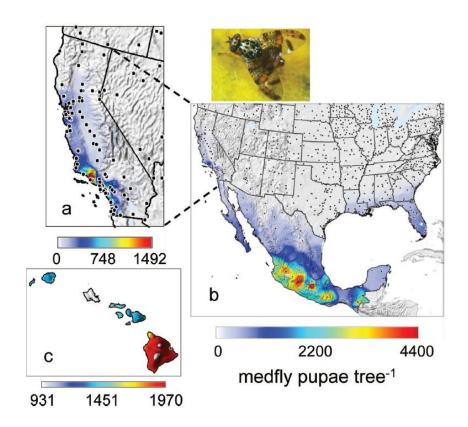
Pink bollworm cost 300 million \$, yet in the Central Valley of California weather is the limiting factor

Introduced to California in the late 60s

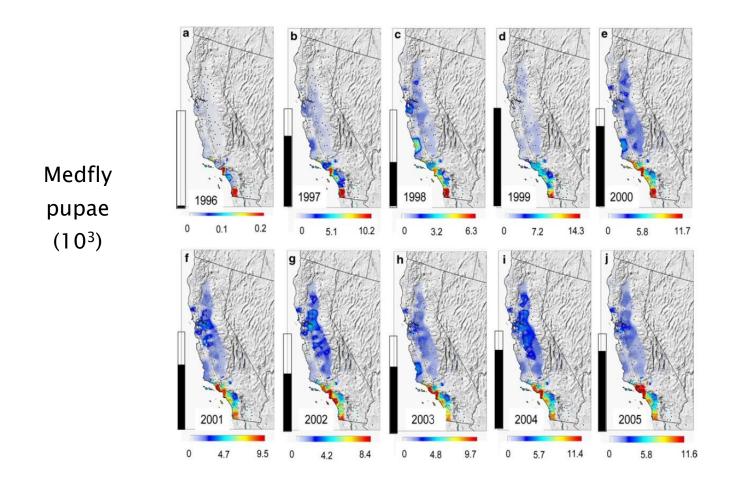


Mediterranean fruit fly cost >450 million \$ as threat to California agriculture was overestimated

First detected in California in 1975

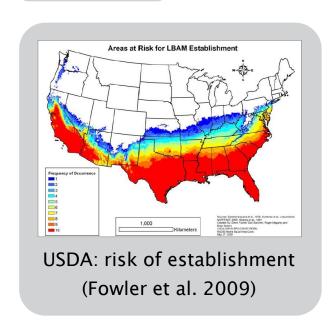


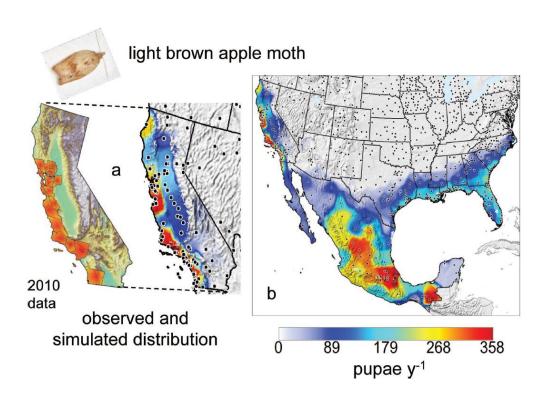
Large-scale monitoring and eradication since 1975 with no knowledge of the potential distribution



Planned eradication (worth 100 million \$) for light brown apple moth was abandoned

First detected in California in 2007







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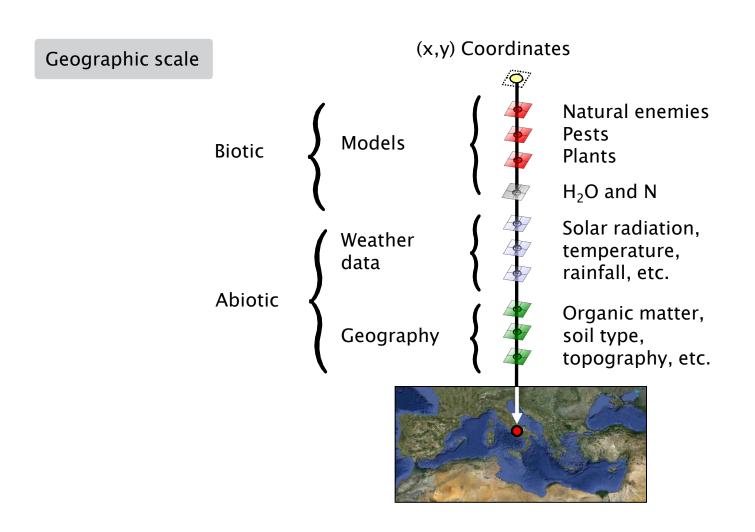
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The regional pest status of species is affected by many factors difficult to separate and quantify



Physiological analogy among trophic levels is a powerful conceptual tool

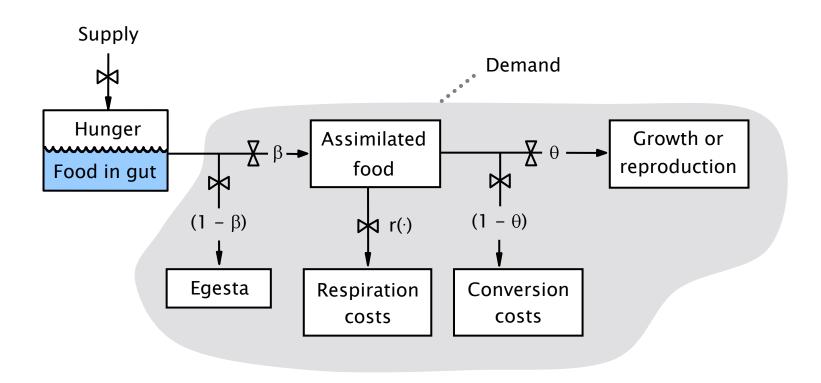
Processes like predation play

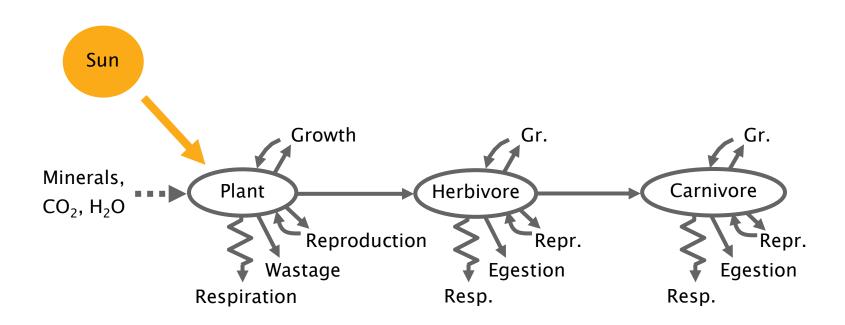
by similar rules in all ecosystems

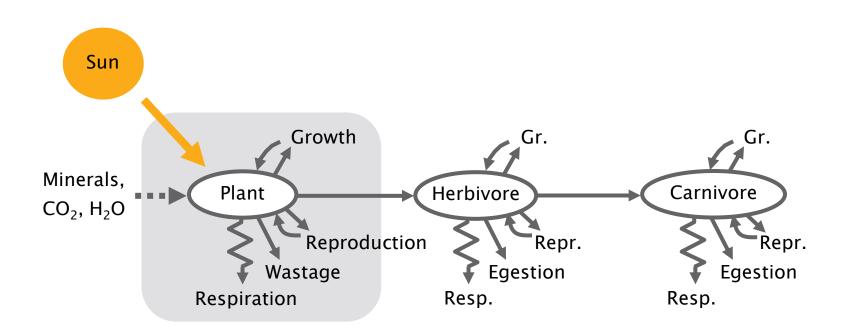


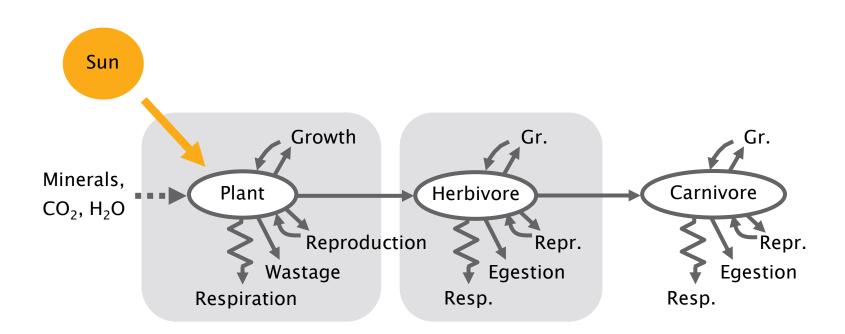


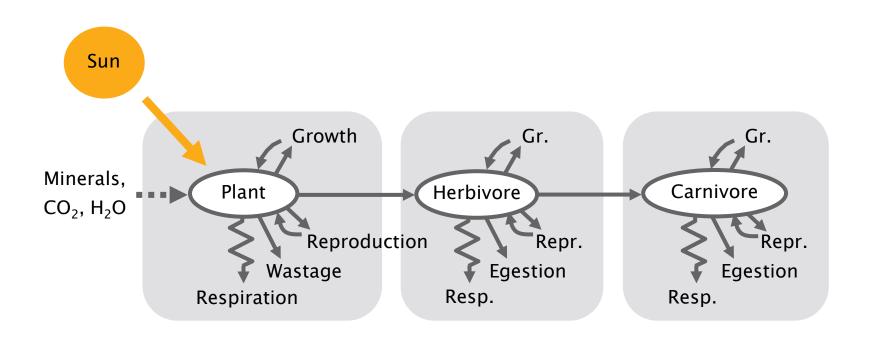
All organisms are consumers with common pattern of resource acquisition and allocation



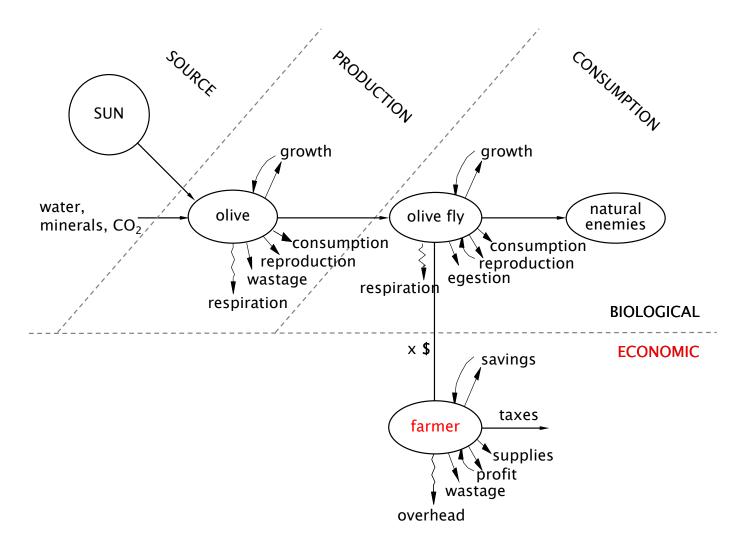








Same model describes species biology across trophic levels including the economy of humans



Sub-models of biological process are the same for all trophic levels

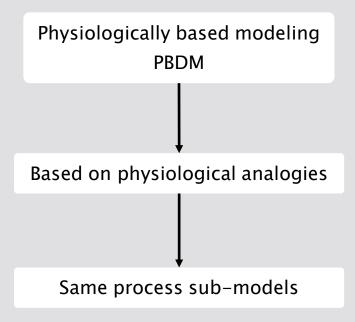
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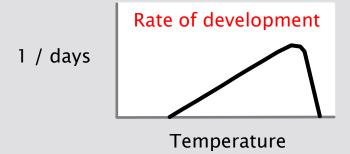
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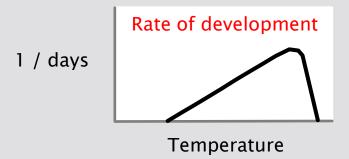
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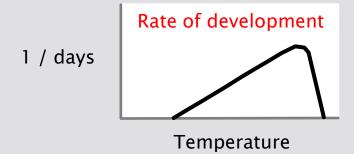




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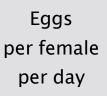
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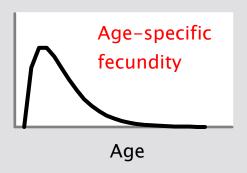


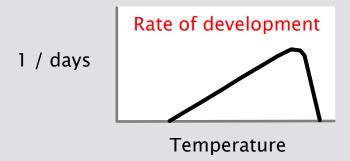




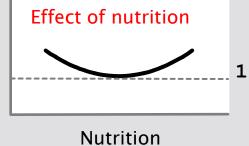
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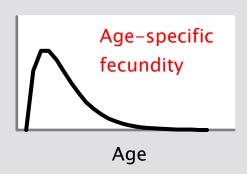




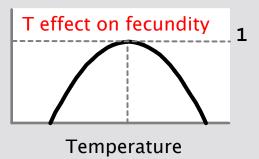


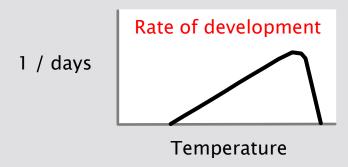


Eggs per female per day

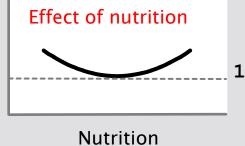


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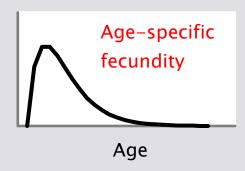




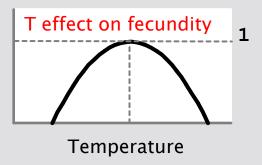




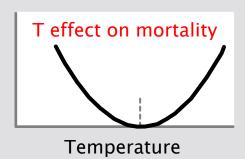
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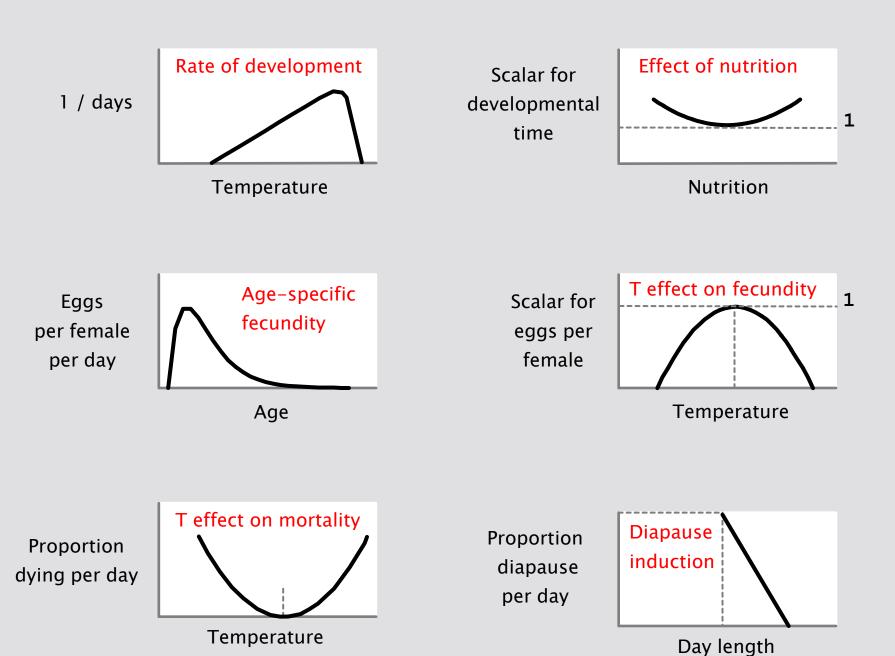


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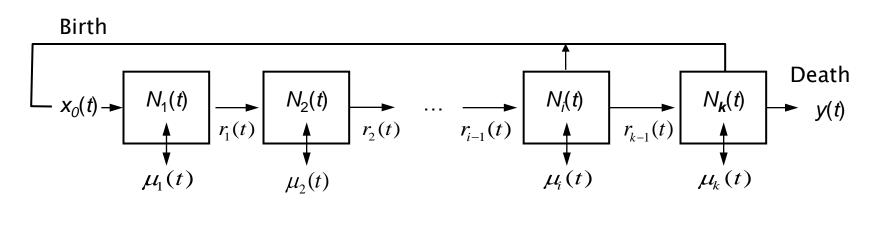


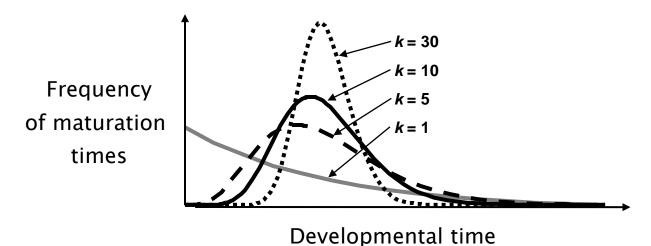
Proportion dying per day



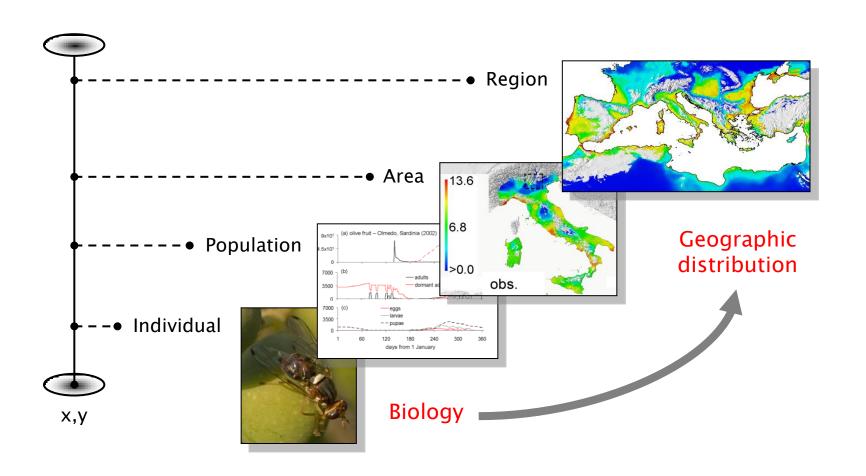


Population dynamics adds more realism (and density) via age structure, distributed delay, and attrition





GIS integration occurs at the population level, factors are modeled on a per-capita basis





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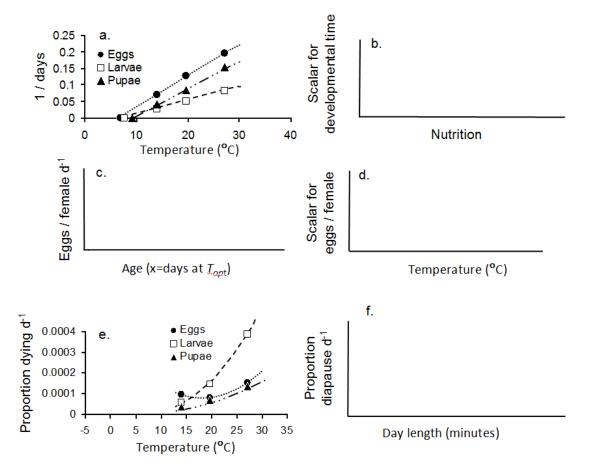
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PBDM clearly identifies data gaps in the biology of *T. absoluta* and guides data collection

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