
MODULES, EVENTS AND EVENT SCHEDULING

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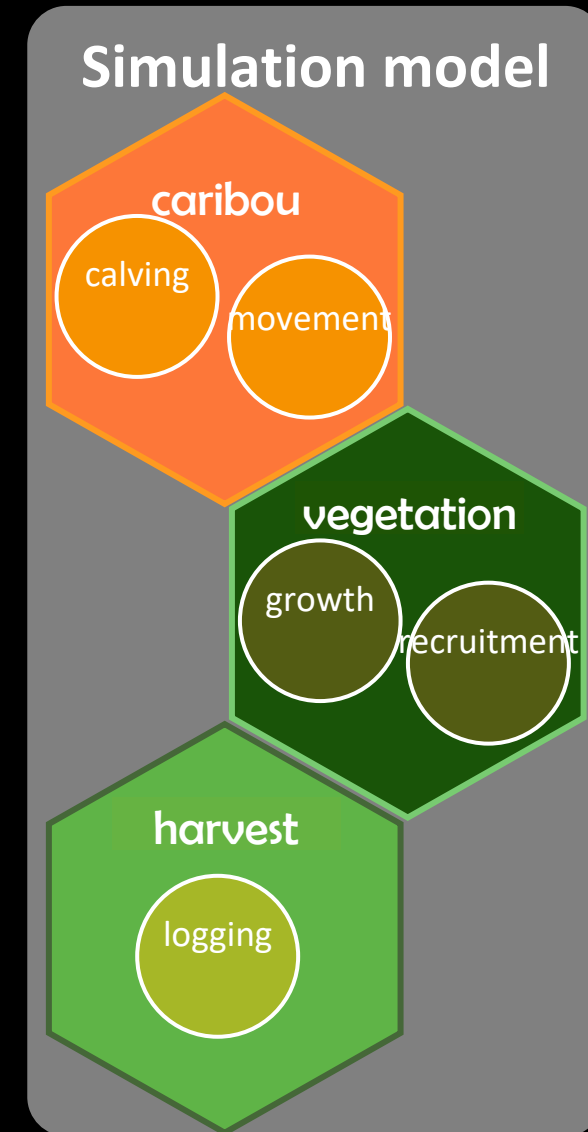
OUTLINE

1. Modules and events (recap)
2. Types of modules
3. Scheduling events
4. Event accessors



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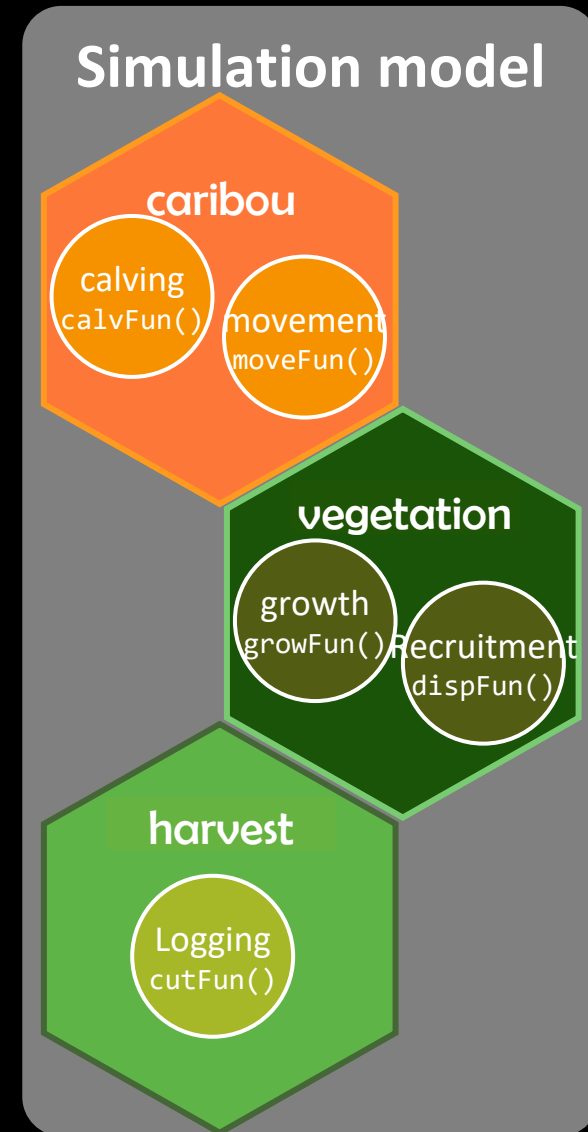
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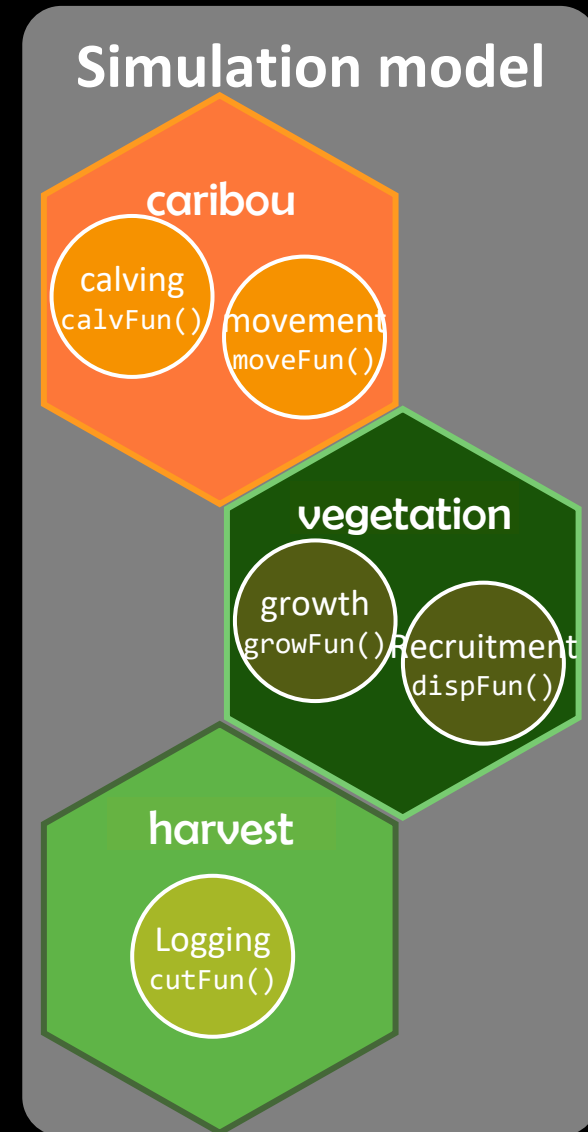
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- Rerun tolerant functions – caching - important for workflows

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Module types

- Not formally enforced in SpaDES, but useful to think about

Static

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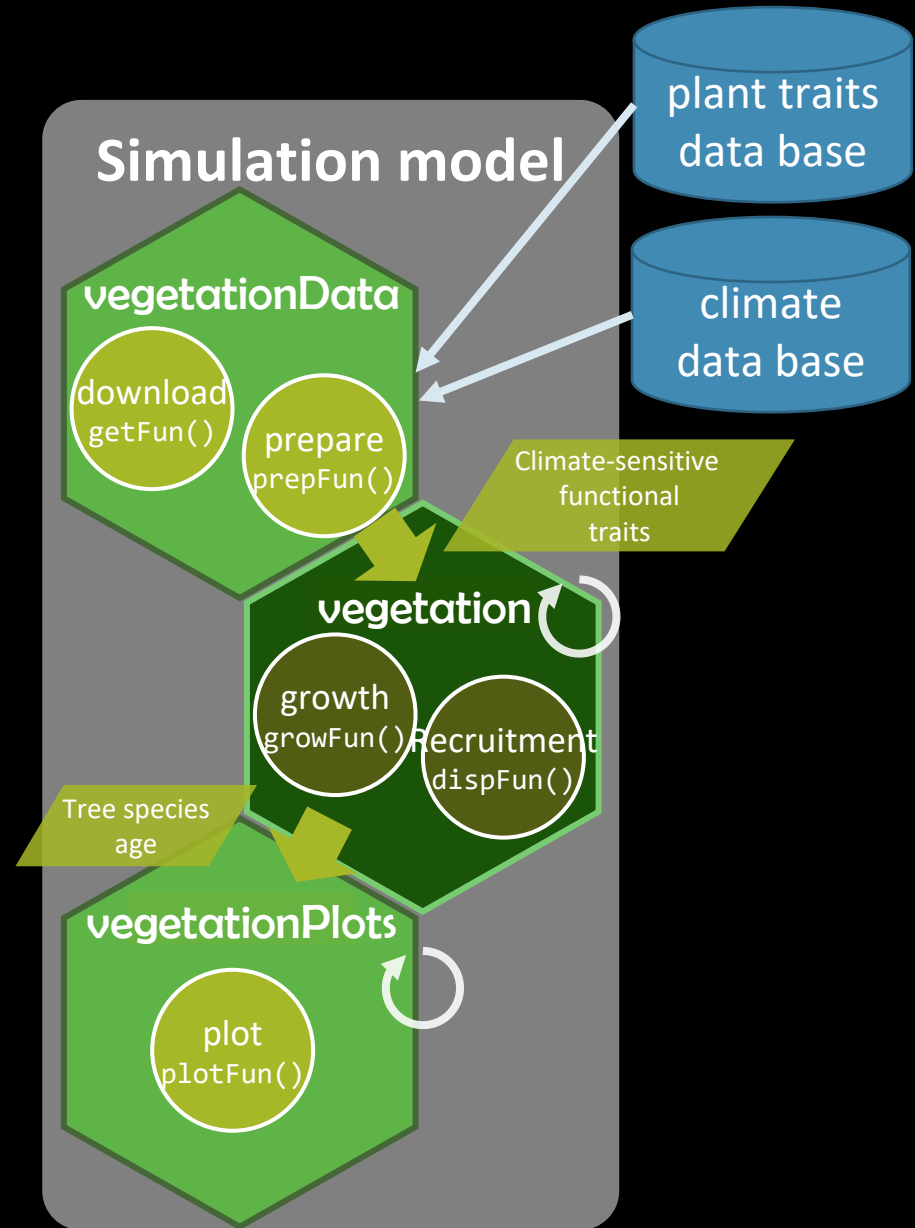
- Data preparation modules
- Parameter estimation/calibration modules
- GIS modules
- Data visualization modules
- Validation modules
- ...

VS.

Dynamic

(time dependence)

- landscape simulation modules (e.g., wildfire, vegetation change)
- wildlife population modules with/without Markov dependency
- Data Visualization used iteratively (e.g. plot every year)
- Statistical forecasting models
- ...



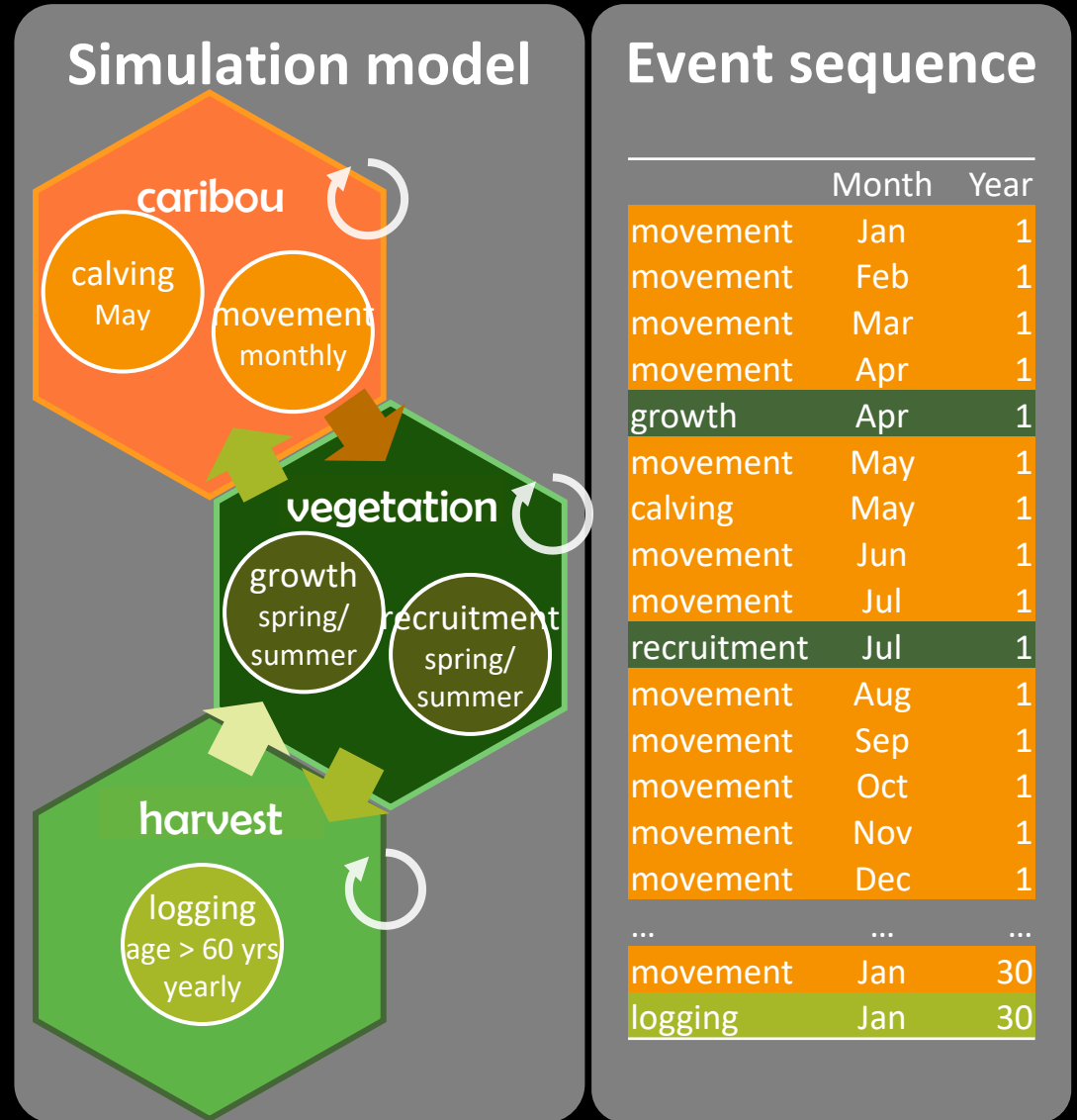
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- Events in *caribou* and *vegetation* are scheduled monthly/yearly no matter what
- The event in *harvest* depends on the state of an object (minimum tree age)



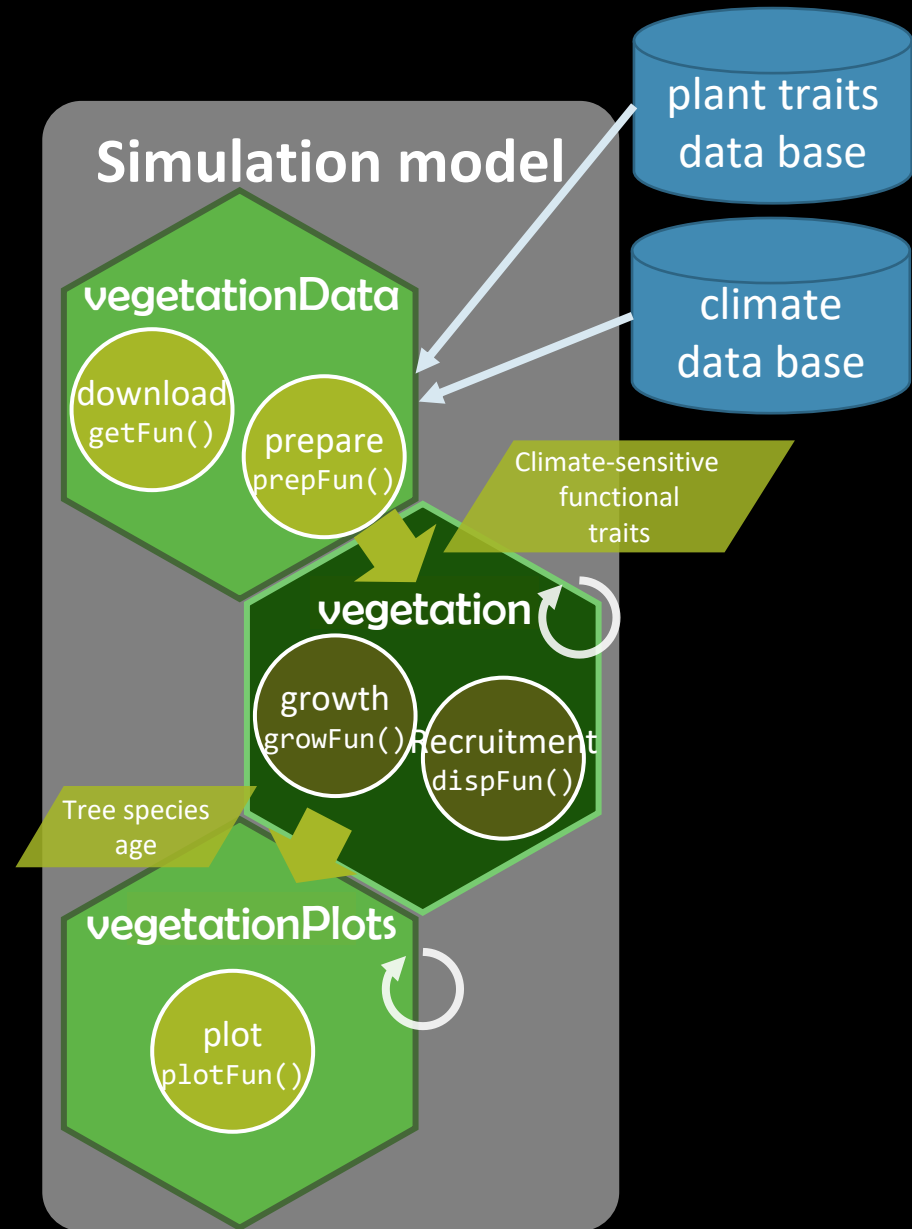
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- Events in *vegetation* and *vegetationPlots* are scheduled yearly no matter what
- The events in *vegetationData* only need to be executed once at the start of the workflow

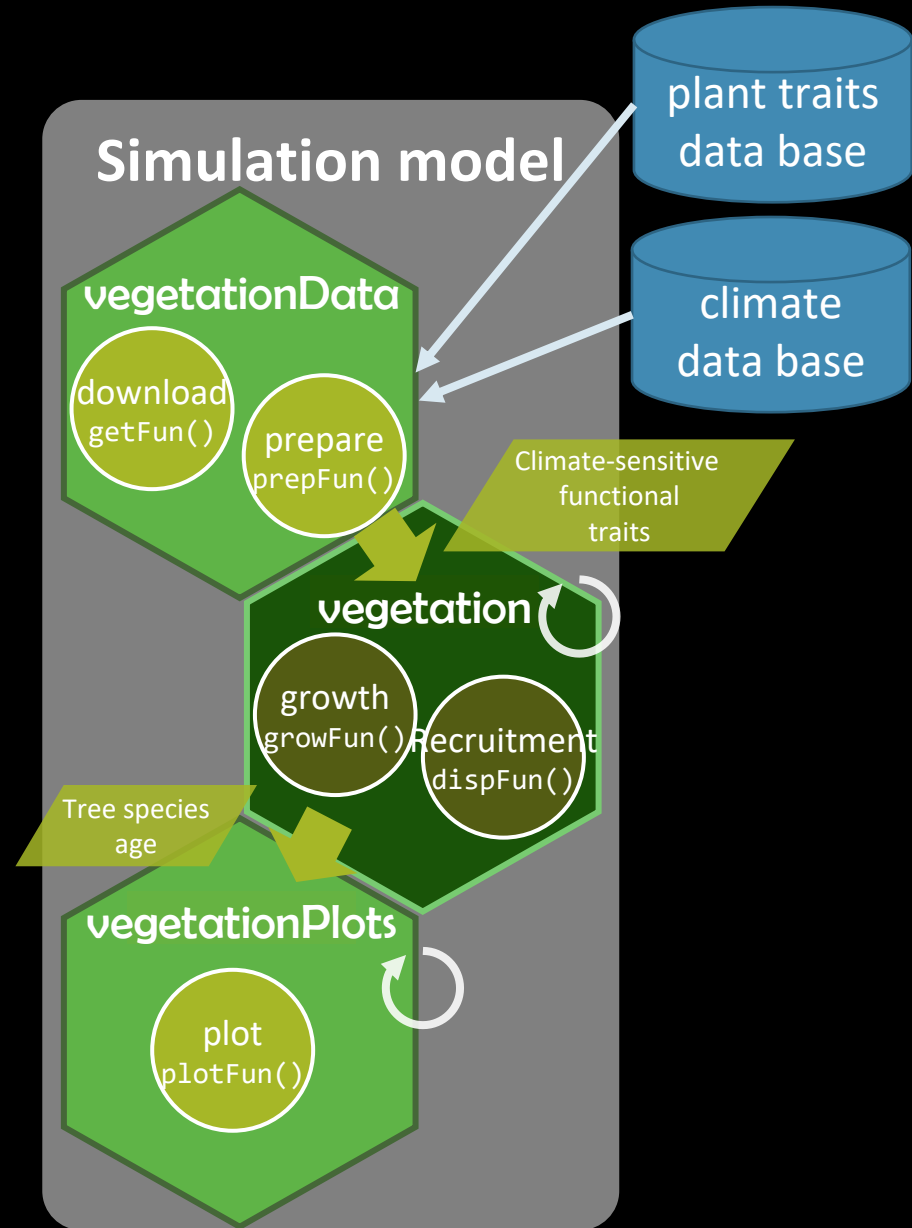


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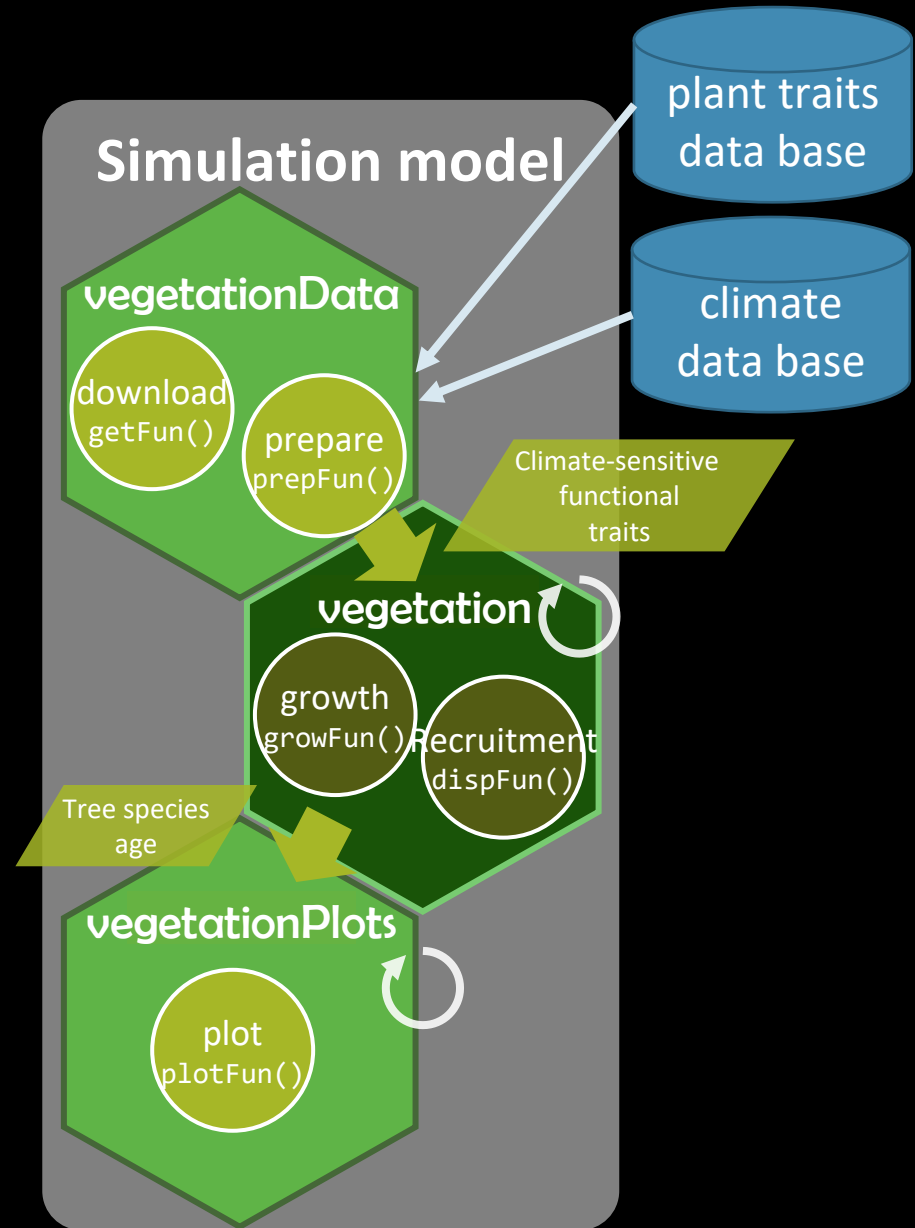
Once we know the answers we can set up event scheduling in the `<module>.R`



EVENT ACCESSORS

The sim keeps a log of all the scheduled and completed Events

SpaDES.core accessor functions let you access these logs





TIME TO LOOK AT SOME CODE



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This is a *hands-on* workshop

Please **ask questions**, share your troubles and successes

Last 15 min of each WOYO is for discussion

We are always available via **Teams chat**