

Ecological data management through its life cycle

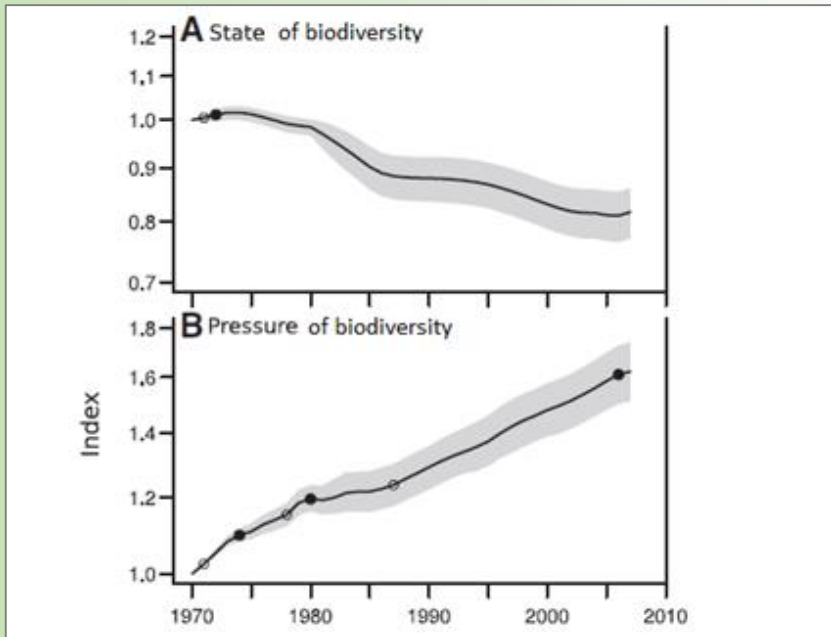
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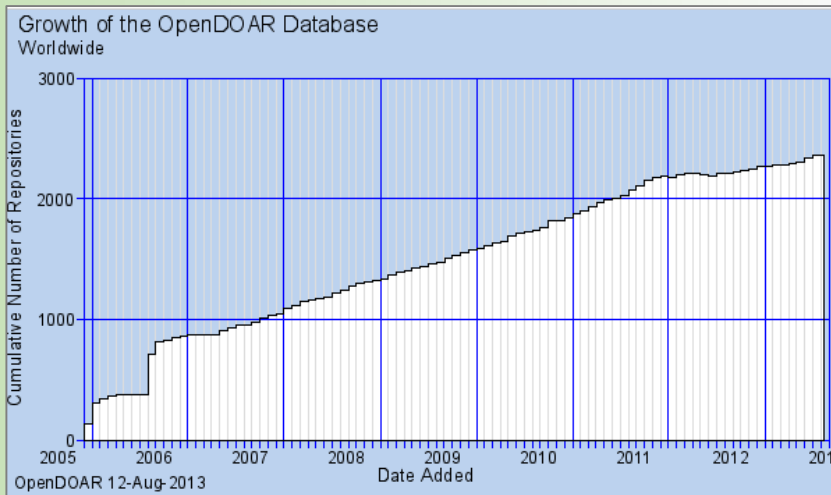
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(Butchart et al., 2013, Science)



(Directory of Open Access Repositories, 2013)

**Biodiversity decrease
promotes
ecological studies**

**Continues growth of
database**

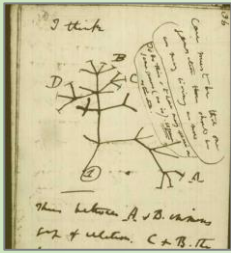
**Exponential rise of
ecological data**



Paradigm shift of Ecological data access

Spatial scale

traditional

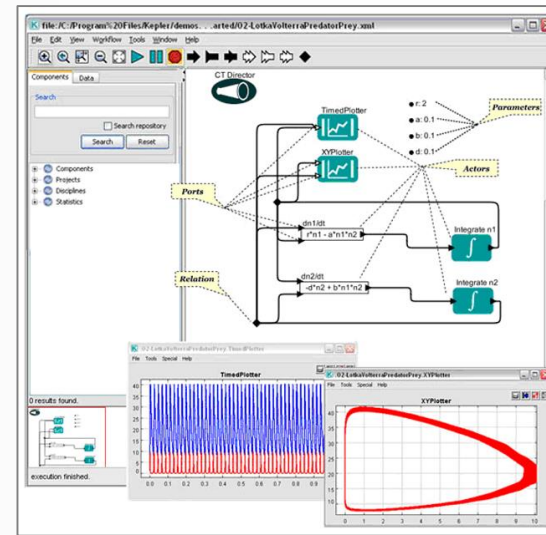


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digital data



Complex workflow



Kepler-project, 2013

Age of internet

Temporal scale



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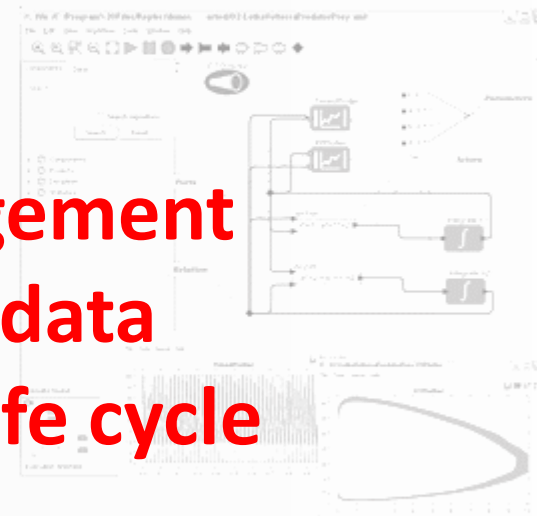
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Unprecedented access

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Efficient management
of ecological data
throughout its life cycle

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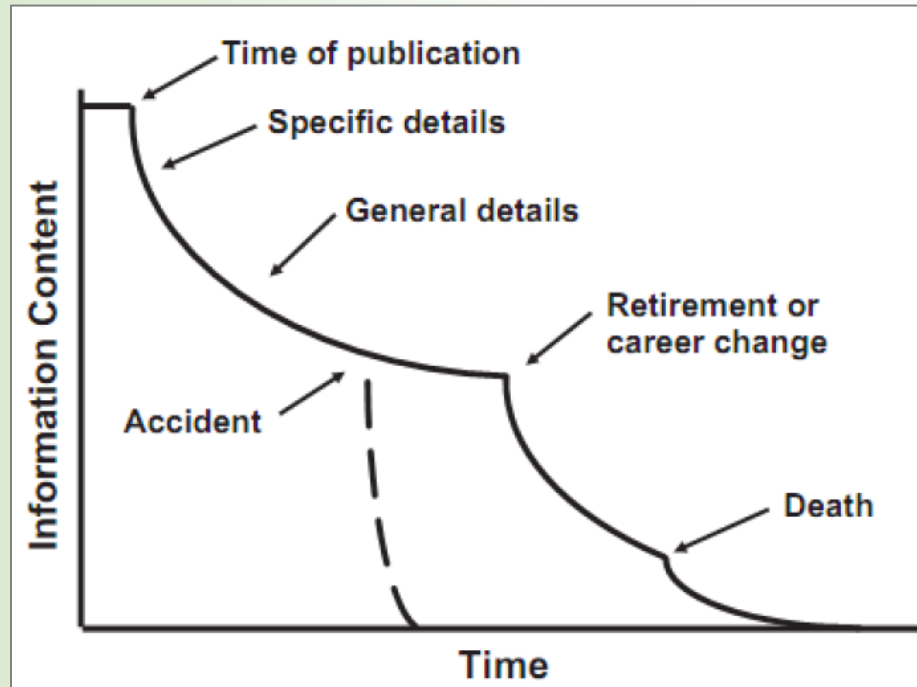
Ecological Data Cycle



Barriers



The fate of data



(Michener, 2006, Ecol. Inf.)

Call for data preservation solutions!



Three-layer architecture

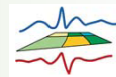
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Individual researcher



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Project / Institution
Data repository



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International
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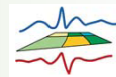


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For data producers:

Original barriers:

- Time consuming
- Lack of training
- Not aware of standards
- Data misuse

Benefit:



- ✓ Education and support



- ✓ Metadata standard



- ✓ Data sharing policy



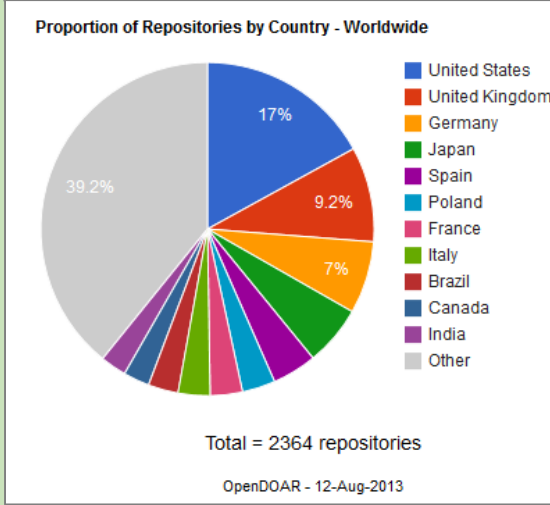
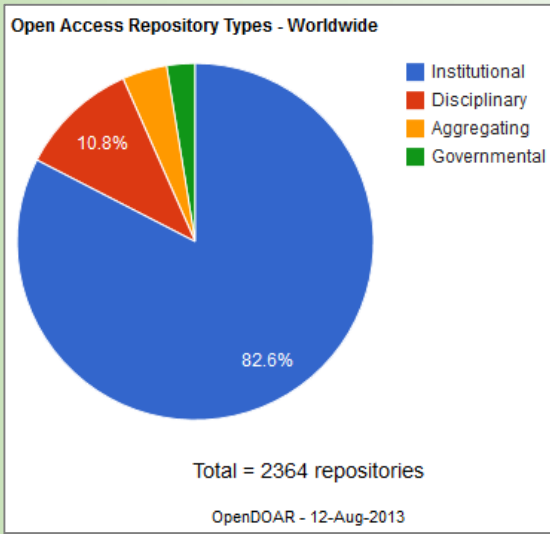
- ✓ Data curation, preservation



- ✓ Analysis tools



For data centers:



(OpenDOAR, 2013)



(Worldatlasbook, 2013)



For data centers:

Original barriers:

- Seldom acknowledged
- Seldom compared
- No linking

Due to:

- Project specific
- Limited funding periods
- Lack of communication



For data centers:

Benefit:

- ✓ More data income
- ✓ More funding

Lead to:

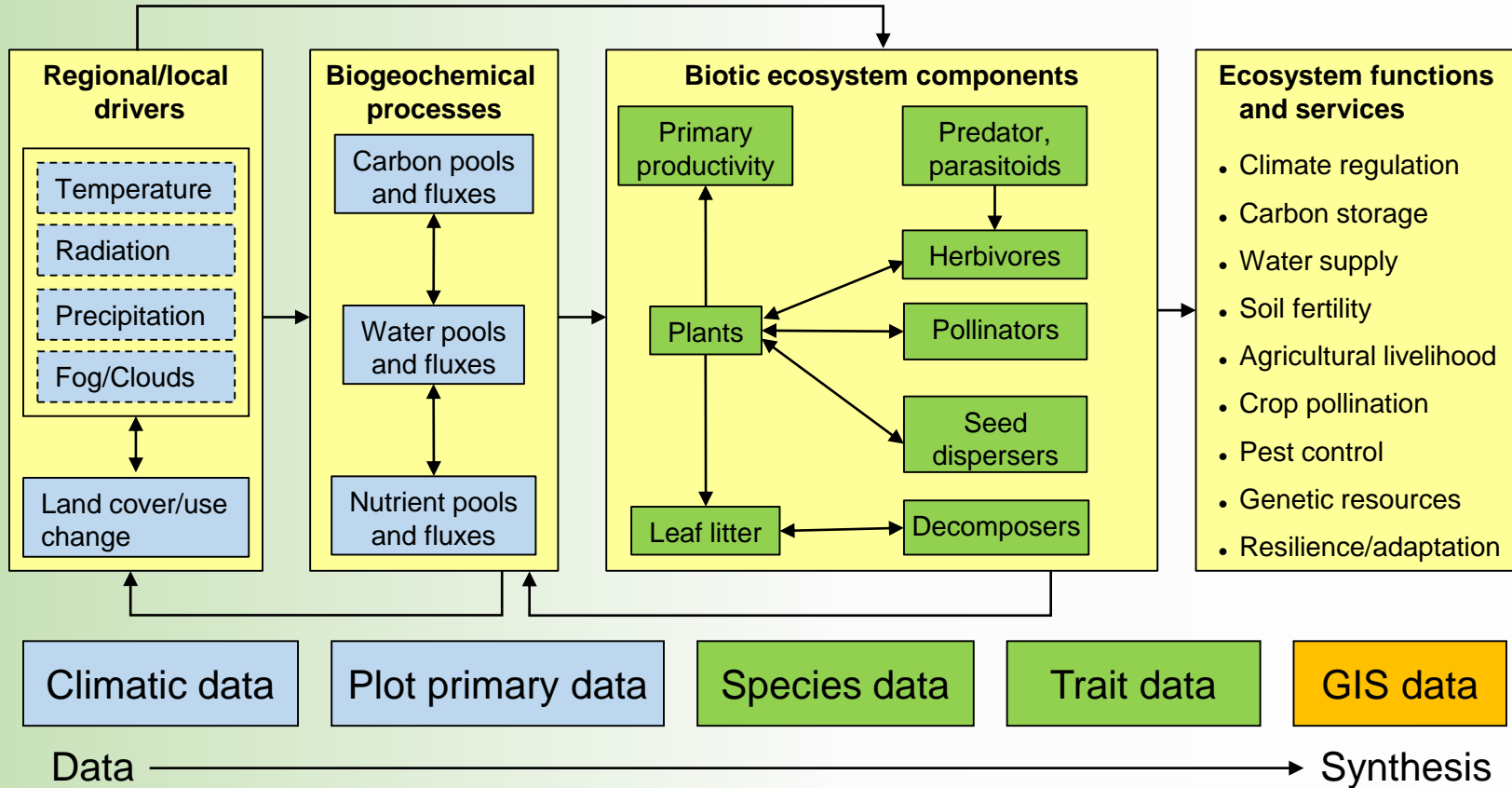
- Acknowledgement
- Unify metadata standard
- Comparison of solutions
- Promotion of existing infrastructure
- Building missing infrastructure
- Function and architecture reuse



A successful case:



Kilimanjaro ecosystem under global change (KiLi)



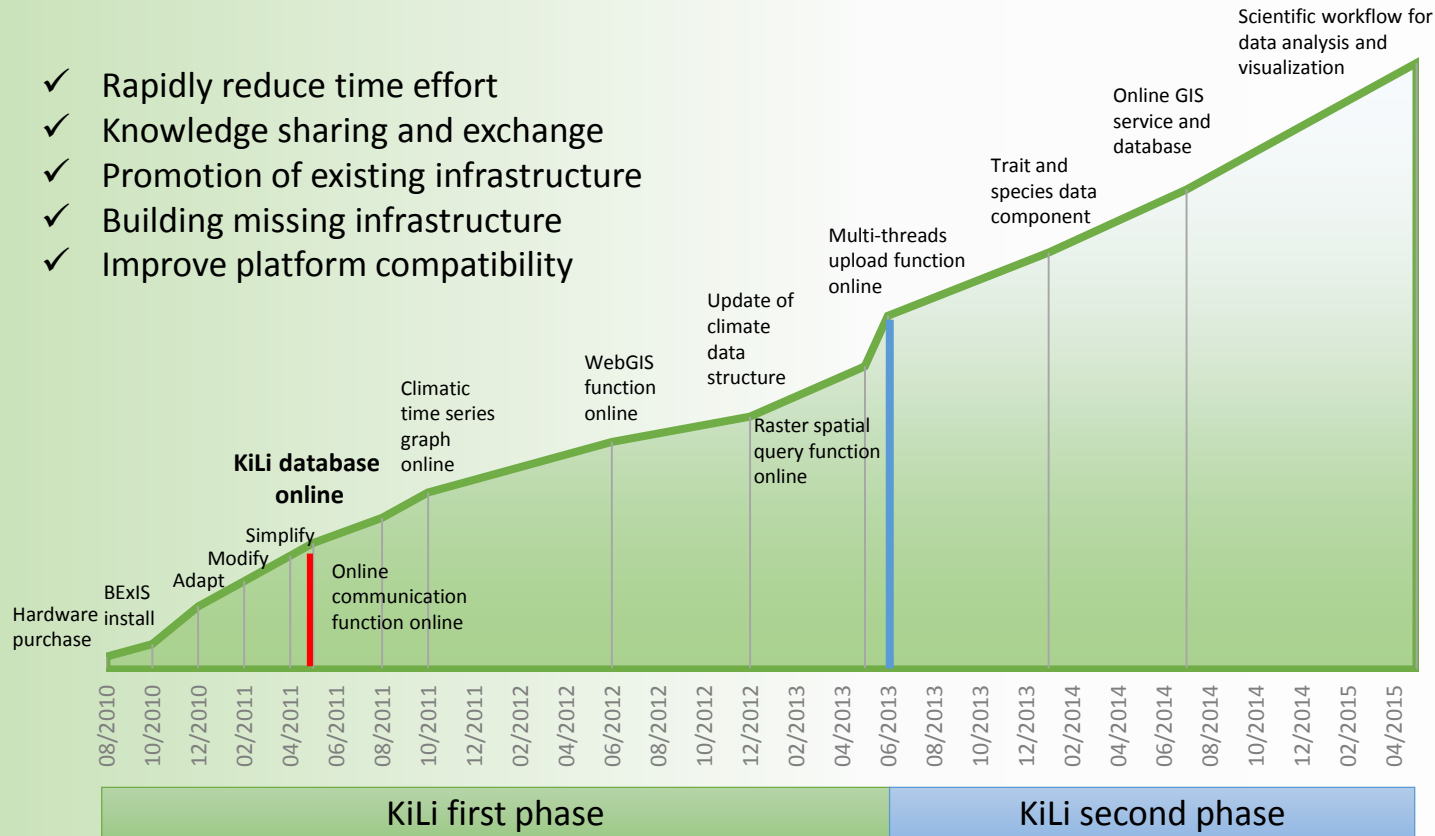


adapt – modify – simplify - develop



Benefit:

- ✓ Rapidly reduce time effort
- ✓ Knowledge sharing and exchange
- ✓ Promotion of existing infrastructure
- ✓ Building missing infrastructure
- ✓ Improve platform compatibility



permanent

Well-known



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Original barriers:

- Limited funding period
- Own metadata standard
- Less known to public user
- Less capability

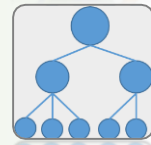
Benefit:



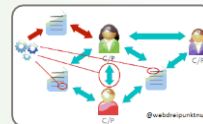
✓ Permanent preservation



✓ Widely acknowledged



✓ Ontology

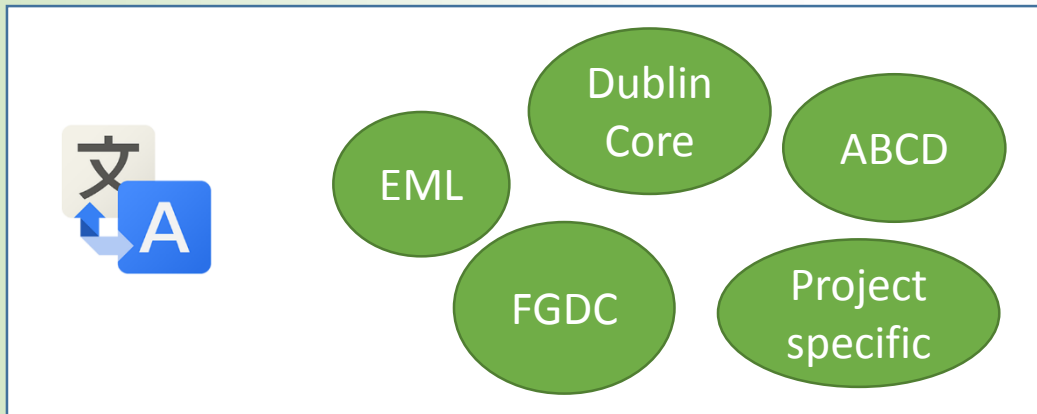


✓ Semantic Web

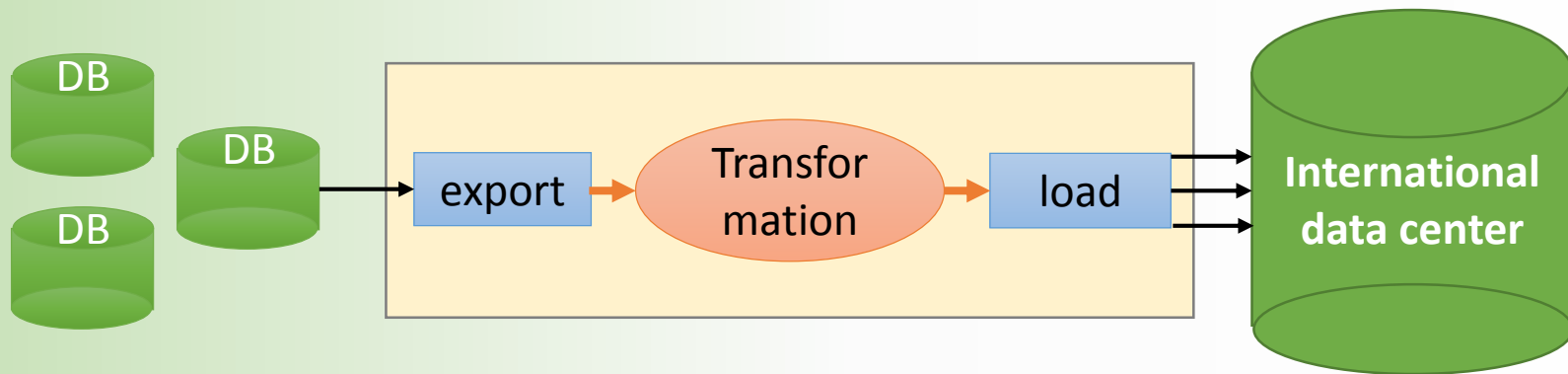


Technical challenges

- **Metadata translate:** mapping one metadata standard to another crosswalk needed!



- **Database immigration:** additional funding after project ends



Sociocultural challenges



Community of ecological data management

Comparison of repositories



Data sharing policy

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