







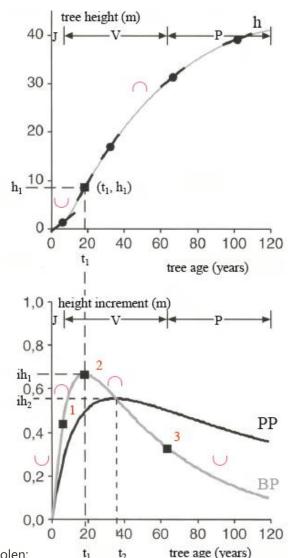


# Principles and rules in forest modeling

# The principle of **growth** and increment

Tree: change in tis diameter, height and volume

Stand: mean diameter, top height, basla area or stock



The **yield function** is a mathematical function expressing the relationship between growth value and the age of an individual or population. The function has a progress shape and a typical development in the shape of an 'S', which asymptotically approaches the maximum value.

The increment function expresses the change in the growth value of an individual or population throughout a defined time period, depending upon age. It can be expressed as the first derivation of the growth function (current increment) or may be based upon the proportion of growth value and age (mean increment).





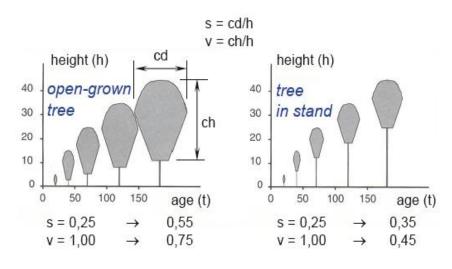
function name	growth function	increment function	expansion component	reduction component
Hossfeld IV	$y = t^c / (b + t^c / a)$	$y' = bct^{c-1} / (b + t^c / a)^2$	cy/t	cy²/at
Gompertz	$y = ae^{-be^{-a}}$	$y' = abce^{-ct}e^{-be^{-ct}}$	$c \ln(a) y$	$cy \ln(y)$
logistic	$y = a/(1 + ce^{-bt})$	$y' = abce^{-bt} / \left(1 + ce^{-bt}\right)^2$	by	$(b/a)y^2$
mono-molecular	$y = a \left(1 - ce^{-bt}\right)$	$y' = abce^{-bt}$	ab	by
v.Bertalanffy	$y = a \left(1 - e^{-bt}\right)^3$	$y' = 3abe^{-bt} \left(1 - e^{-bt}\right)^2$	$3a^{1/3}by^{2/3}$	3 <i>by</i>
Chapman-Richards	$y = a \left(1 - e^{-bt}\right)^c$	$y' = abce^{-bt} (1 - e^{-bt})^{t-1}$	$a^{1/\epsilon}bcy^{(\epsilon-1)/\epsilon}$	bcy
Levakovič III	$y = a(t^2/(b+t^2))^c$	$y' = 2abc/t(b+t^2)$	2 <i>cy</i> / <i>t</i>	$2a^{-1/c}cy^{(c+1)/c}/t$
Korf	$y = ae^{-bt^{-c}}$	$y' = abct^{-c-1}e^{-bt^{-c}}$	$c \ln(a) y / t$	$cy \ln(y)/t$

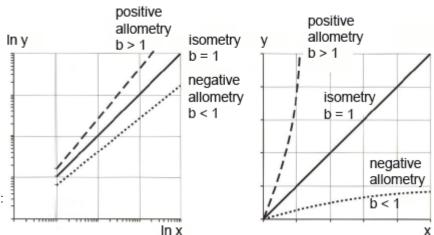




# Allometric rule of shape changes

Allometry expresses changes in the proportions between individual organs of a specimen over time. Allometry is caused by various growth rates of organs which are in permanent relation to each other or to the growth rate of the entire organism.





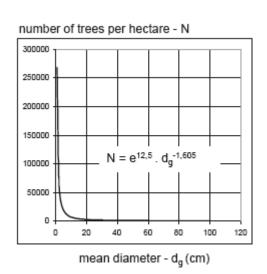




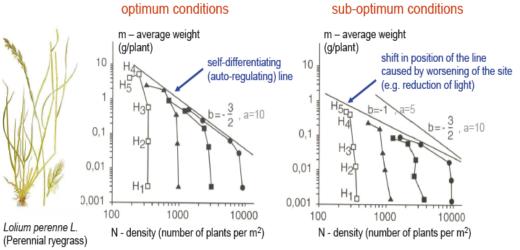


# Rules of growing space

#### Reineke's stand density rule



### Yoda self\_thinning rule

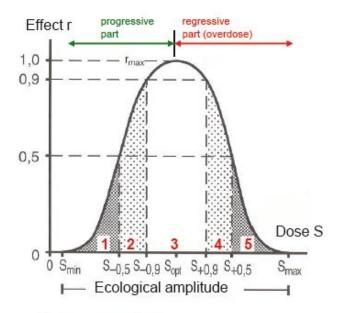


 $H_1$ ,  $H_2$ ,  $H_3$ ,  $H_4$ ,  $H_5$  ... state in chronological time order





# Law of dose and response



- 1 lower pessimal range
- 2 lower sub-optimum range
- 3 optimum range
- 4 upper sub-optimum range
- 5 upper pessimal range





#### At genesis of forest modelling the three Wise men have operated:

The first has been called FORESTER

and searched for the answer to: "What benefit is produced by forest?"

He gave to world: regression equation

Gift has been accepted in disciplines: biometry, forest mensuration, forest growth and yield science

Empirical models have been established.

The second has been called BIOLOGIST

and searched for the answer to: "Why tree organs growth?"

He gave to world: algorithm of photosynthesis

Gift has been accepted in disciplines: bioclimatology, ecopedology, plant physiology

Process-based models have been established. The third has been called MATHEMATICIAN

and searched for the answer to: "How the tree is formed in space?"

He gave to world: fractal

Gift has been accepted in disciplines: formal grammar, fractal geometry, computer graphics

Structural models have been established.





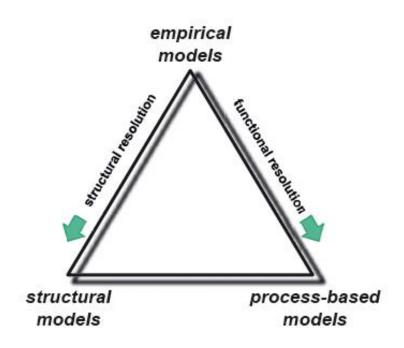
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## Classification of the models



Empirical models are constructed using statistical equations derived from empirical measurements. Since they are constructed based on sample data, they are valid only for a representative population.

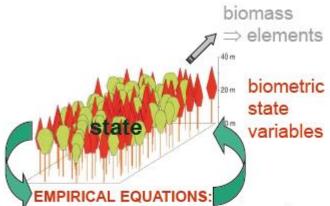
Process-based models orientate towards modelling causal relationships. They use algorithms simulating physiological processes such as photosynthesis, respiration and allocation. Their concept is more general.

Structural models focus upon modelling tree morphology based upon the topology of organs and the architecture of the plant. They use growth grammars in the form of L-systems.

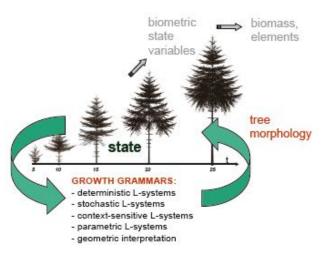
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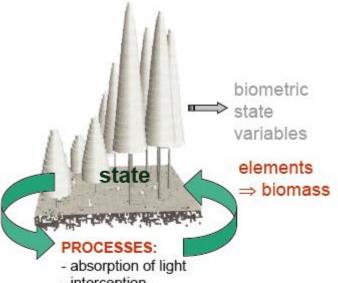






- modelling the shape of tree stem and crown
- modelling the diameter, height and spatial structure
- modelling competition
- modelling mortality
- modelling thinning
- modelling growth





- interception
- evapotranspiration
- photosynthesis
- respiration
- allocation
- senescence

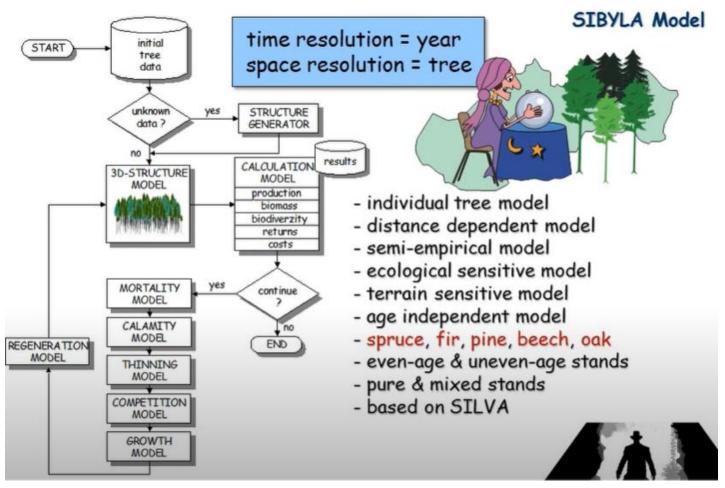
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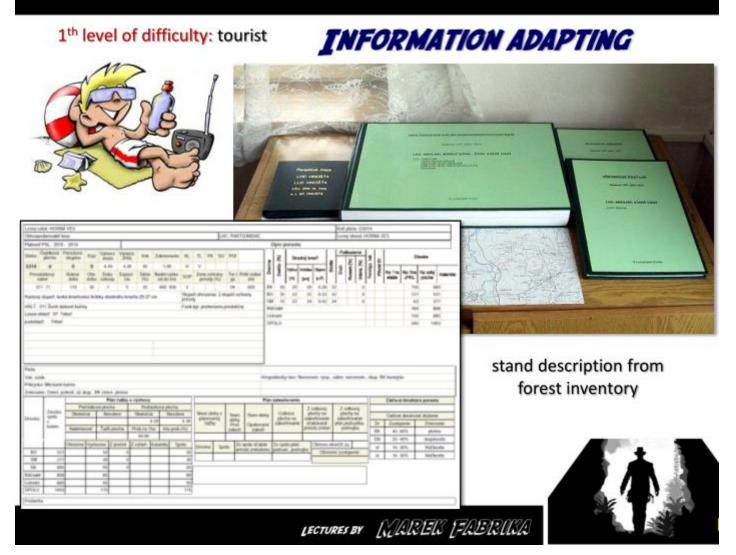




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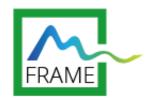


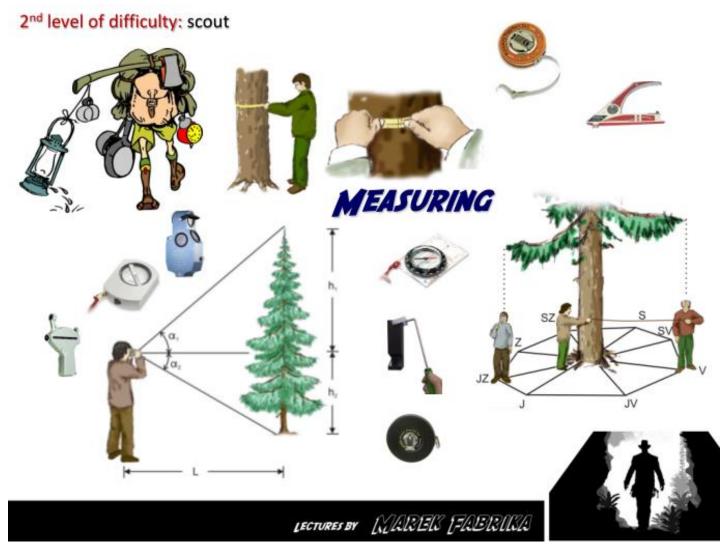




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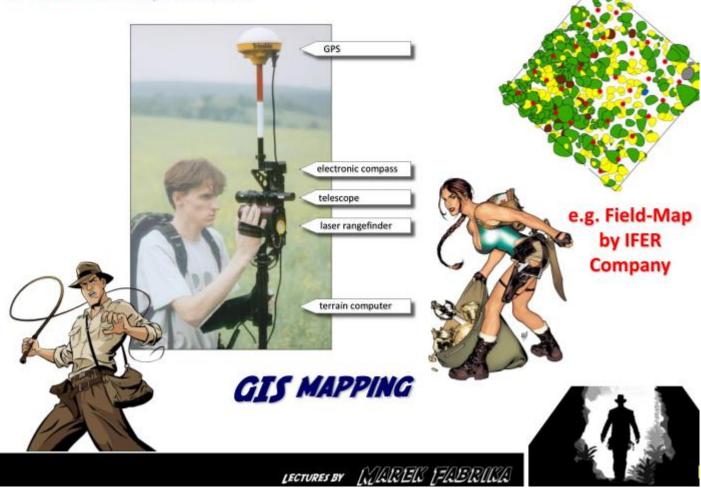


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#### 3rd level of difficulty: adventurer

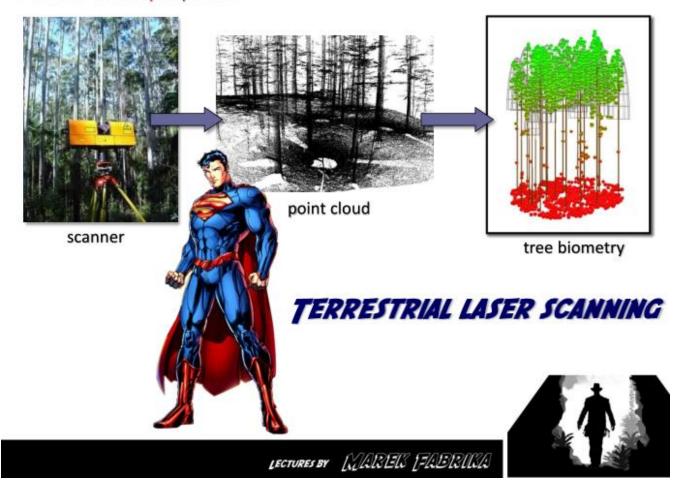


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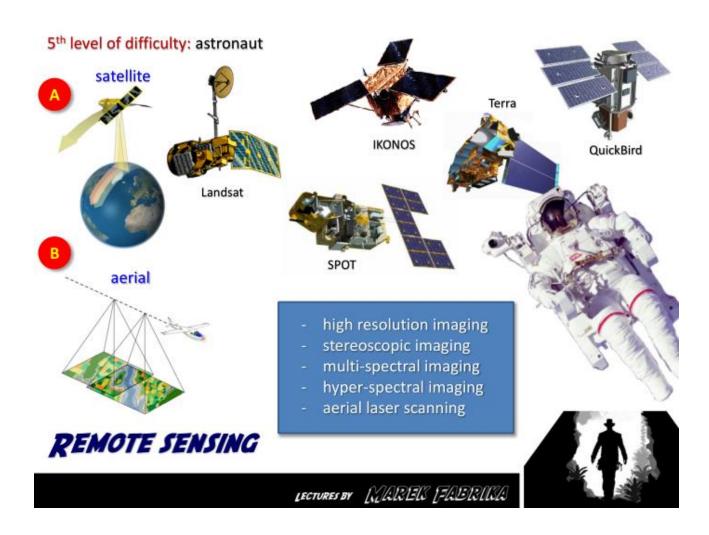
#### 4th level of difficulty: superman



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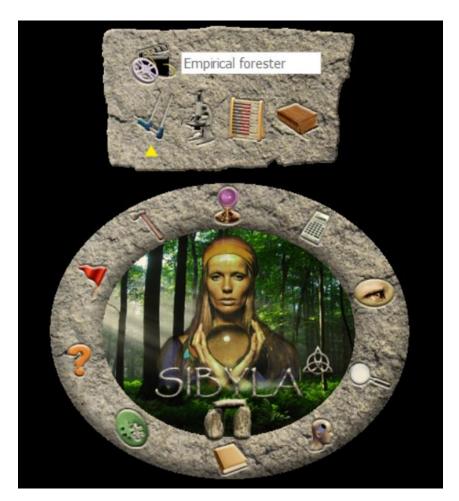


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