

Scientific Tools for Systems Approach, Multidisciplinarity and Transdisciplinarity

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Excerpts from HLPE Report

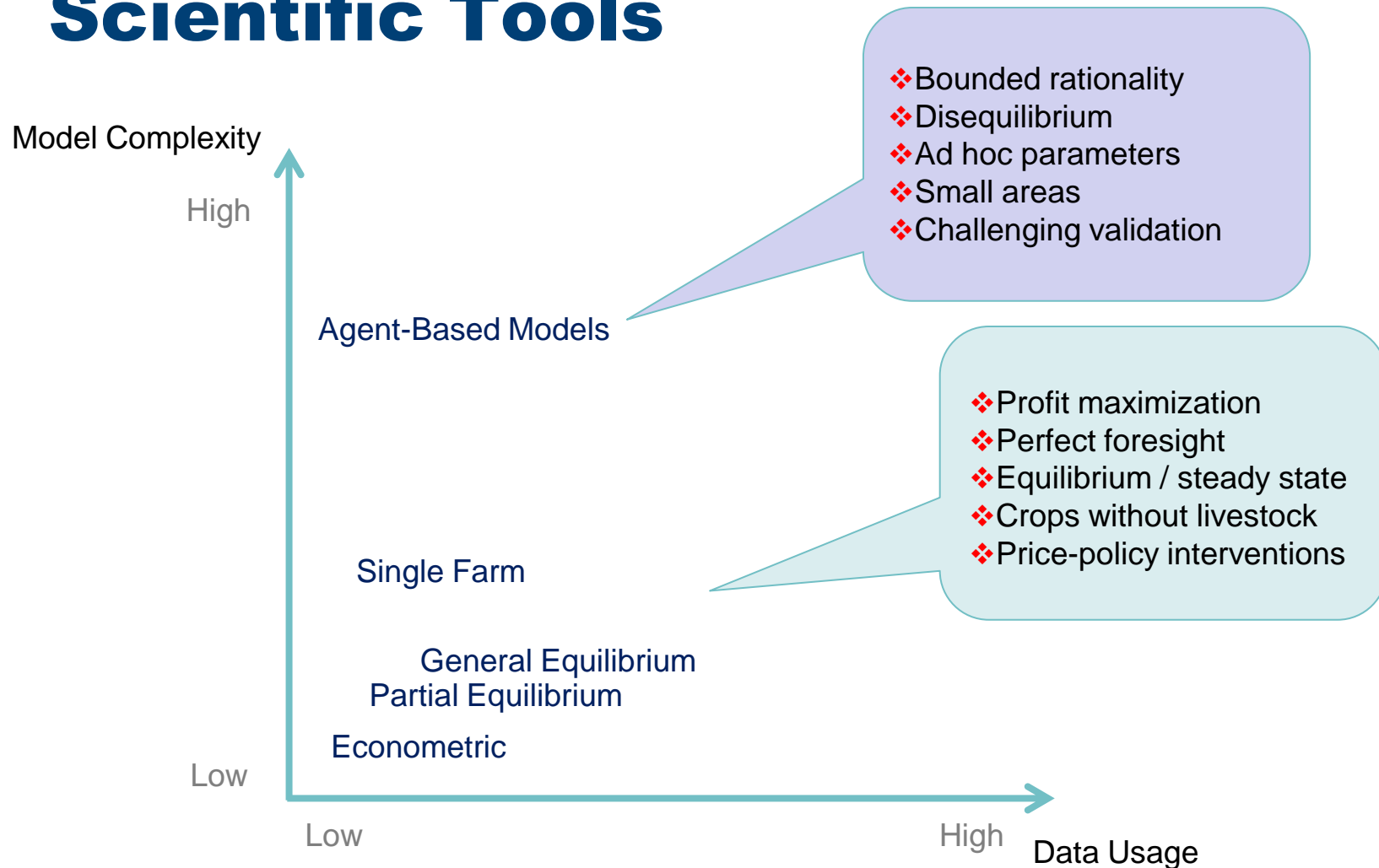
■ Livestock

- Central to food systems development
- Particular dynamic and complex
- Largest user of land resources
- Crucial economic role

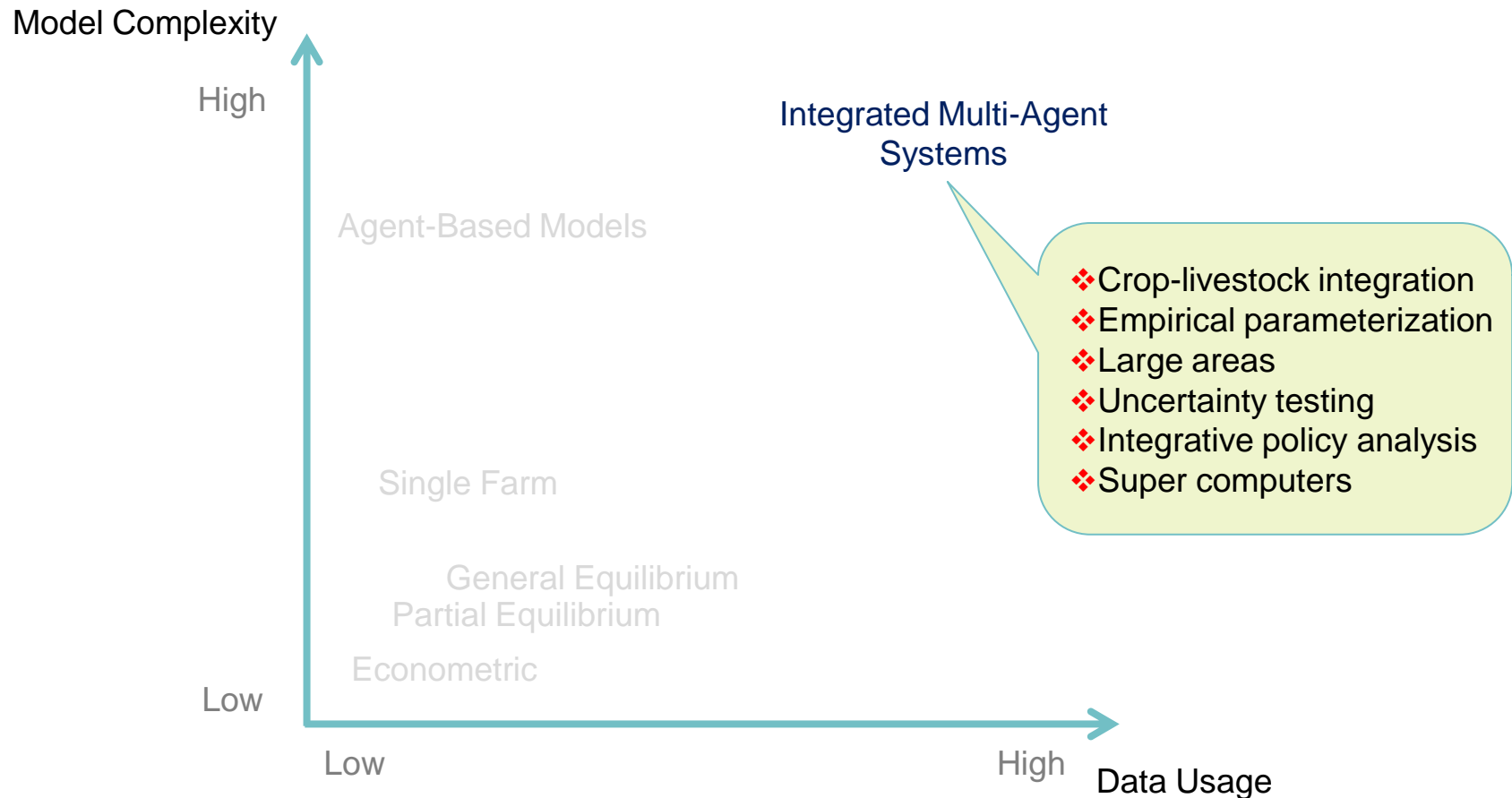
■ More data and monitoring

- Identify challenges and available solutions
- Define responses and technical solutions
- Dynamic and iterative process of learning-and-doing

Scientific Tools



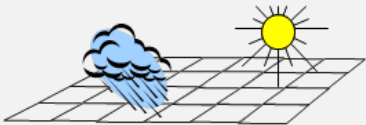






Data-Intensive Computing



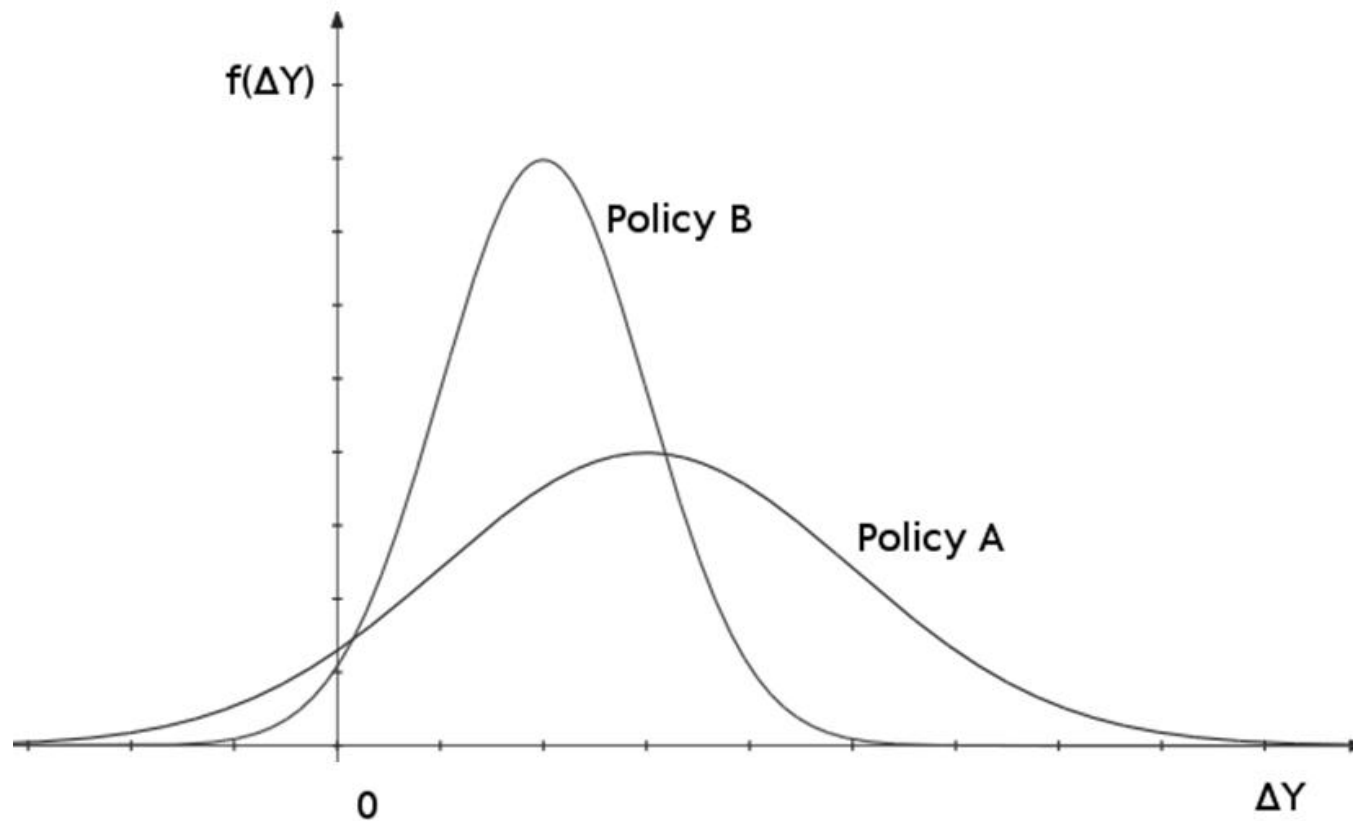
Integrated Multi-Agent Systems

Layers

Modules

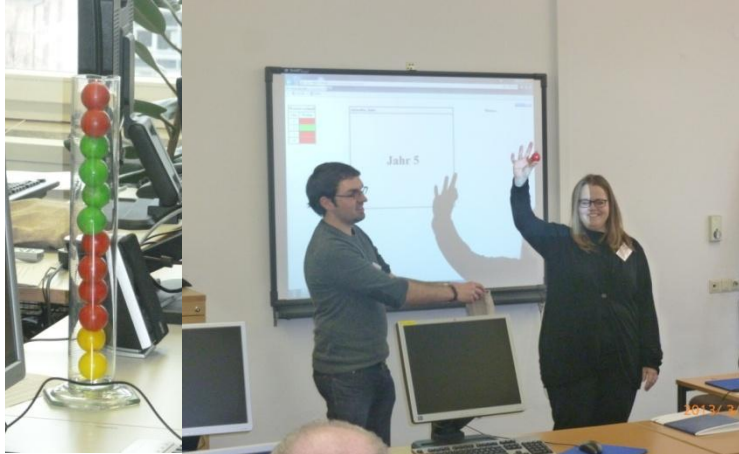
Weather		[built-in or external software] Meteorology
Water run-off		Hydrology
Soil quality		Soil nutrients/erosion
Land use		Crop growth Agent decisions
Factor endowment		Carry-over of assets
Property rights		Land markets
Networks		Communication Collective decisions

Policy Analysis under Uncertainty



Interactive Modeling

DFG Research Unit 'Regional Climate Change'
Germany 2013



CGIAR Challenge Program Water & Food
Chile 2007

Science and Research for Action

Data + Questions = Policy

Big Data + Smart Questions +

Complex Models = Better Policy

(hopefully!)