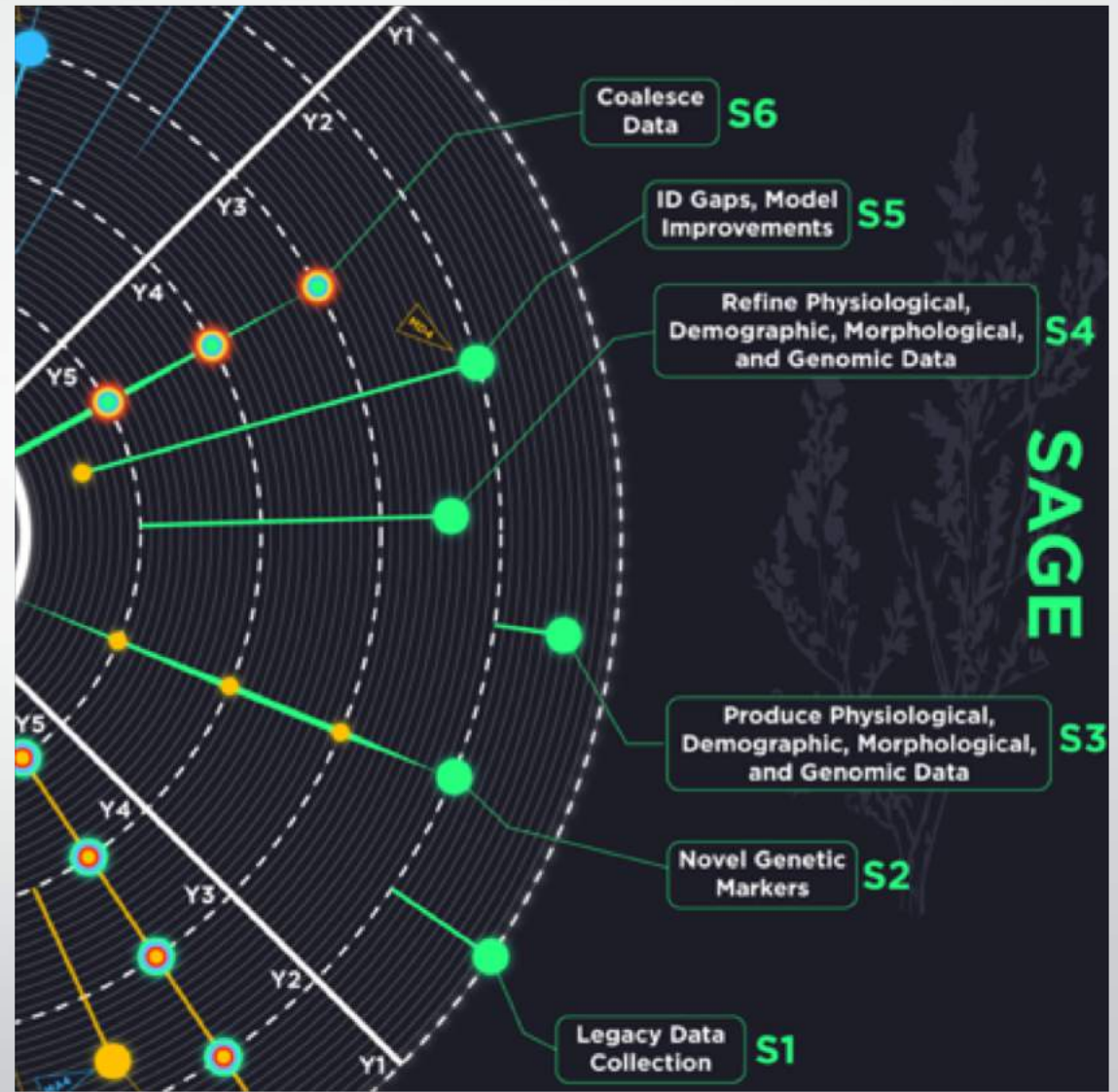
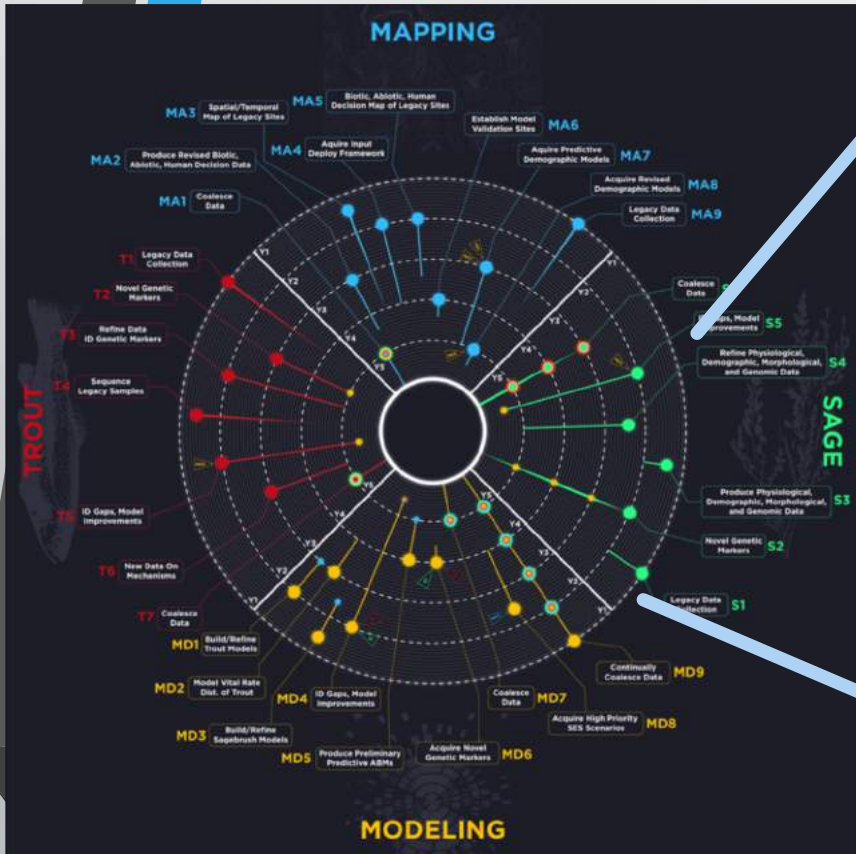


Objective 2: Mechanisms

Sagebrush



- **Research Question:** Does genetic variation differ among shrubs of different seed-source locations that translates to differences in adaptive capacity to changing environmental conditions?
- **Overall Goal:** Quantify genotypic X phenotypic mechanisms in common gardens that translate to adaptive capacity of populations,
in order to
Provide estimates of G, E, GxE parameters for models
 - G = additive genetic variation, E = random environmental effects, and GxE = gene X environment effects (i.e., phenotypic plasticity)

Overall Strategy

- Objective 1: Construct a model genome for sagebrush.
- Objective 2: Measure variation in genotypic and phenotypic responses of shrubs to temperature change (controlled manipulations) in common gardens, due to seed-source-origin

Sagebrush Genomics

- Activity 1: **Generate a draft whole genome for *A. tridentata* subsp *vaseyana***
 - Task 1: Create a community for advancing Whole Genome Sequencing of non-model species
 - Task 2: Generate a draft whole genome sequence

Sagebrush Genomics

- Activity 2: **Utilize genome sequence to identify functional and neutral genetic markers for subspecies and cytotypes of sagebrush**
 - Task 1: Identify and validate functional genetic markers from plants in sagebrush
 - Task 2: Identify and validate neutral genetic markers for assessing demographic processes (e.g., gene flow) in sagebrush

Sagebrush genome X phenome

Identify GxE parameters to explain phenotypic responses of organisms to temperature change

- Activity 3a: **Genotypic expression in common gardens**
 - Task 1: Identify experimental and sampling scheme for linking gene expression and environment
 - Task 2: Investigate role of alternative splicing on phenotypes

Sagebrush genome X phenome

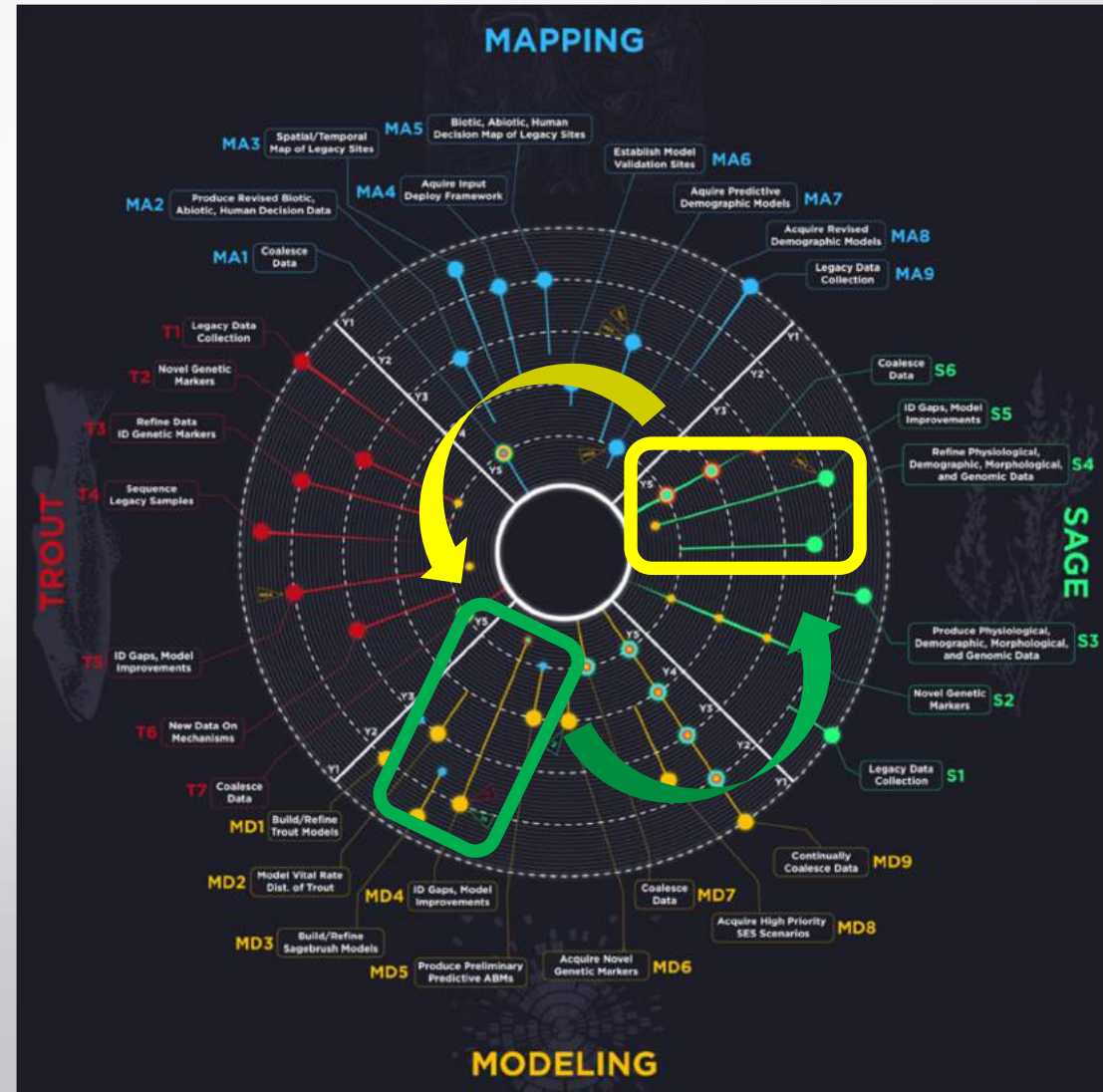


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- Activity 3b: **Phenotypic expression in common gardens**
 - Task: Quantify phenotypical (=physiological, morphological, phenological and demographic) variation in gardens
 - Task: Quantify phenotypic plasticity in sagebrush in gardens (and test sites)

Integration with modelers and mappers

- Work iteratively with modelers and mappers
- We provide modelers/mappers with data; they tell us what data they need as models develop





Questions?