



A Responsive Research Agenda

to inform community decision
making in wave energy

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Literature Review and Crafting a Research Agenda



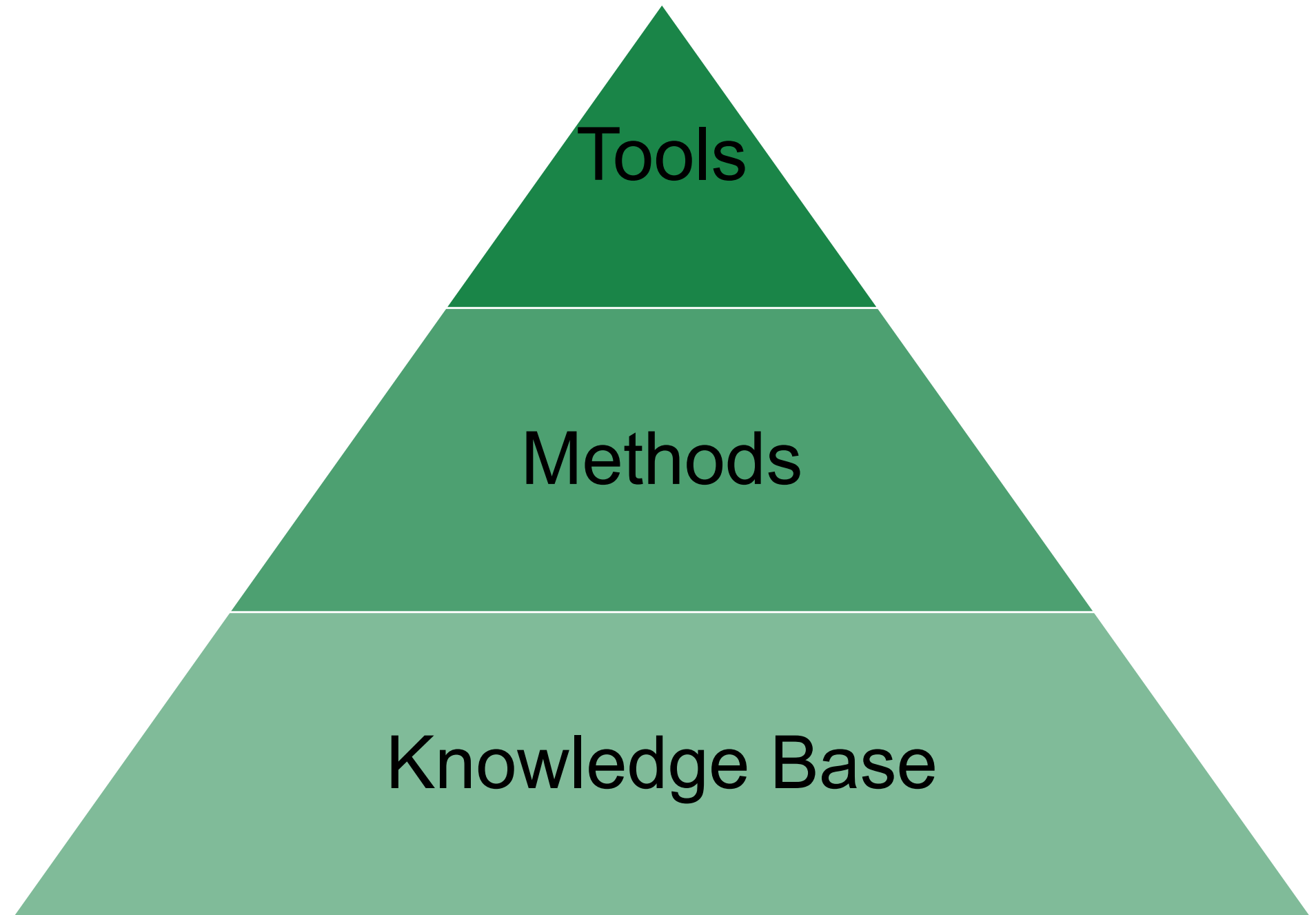
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Community Preferences	Cost and Value of Energy	<p>How does site selection impact costs?</p> <p>How does site selection impact energy production?</p>	<p>What WEC provides the most valuable power for a given location?</p> <p>Does it cost more to optimize some WECs for variable or extreme sea states than it costs others?</p>	<p>How does the changing the number vs. size of devices impact the value of power?</p> <p>What are the costs associated with localizing maintenance strategies?</p>
	Social and Community Impacts	<p>How does site selection impact existing industries?</p> <p>How does site selection relate to social preferences?</p>	<p>What device characteristics improve safety and reliability?</p> <p>How is the selection and optimization of a WEC consequential with respect to social and community impacts?</p>	<p>How does the layout of a WEC farm impact safety, reliability, and maintainability?</p> <p>How might choices to leverage existing infrastructure support community social preferences?</p>
	Environmental Impacts and Spatial Use	<p>How do environmental impacts differ across types of sites (i.e. sand bottom vs. rocky bottom)?</p> <p>How does site selection impact other ocean spatial uses?</p>	<p>How do environmental impacts differ across WECs?</p> <p>How do impacts on fisheries differ across WECs?</p>	<p>How do fisheries impacts scale with farm footprint?</p> <p>How do energy storage and infrastructure decisions impact the environmental consequences of a wave energy project?</p>

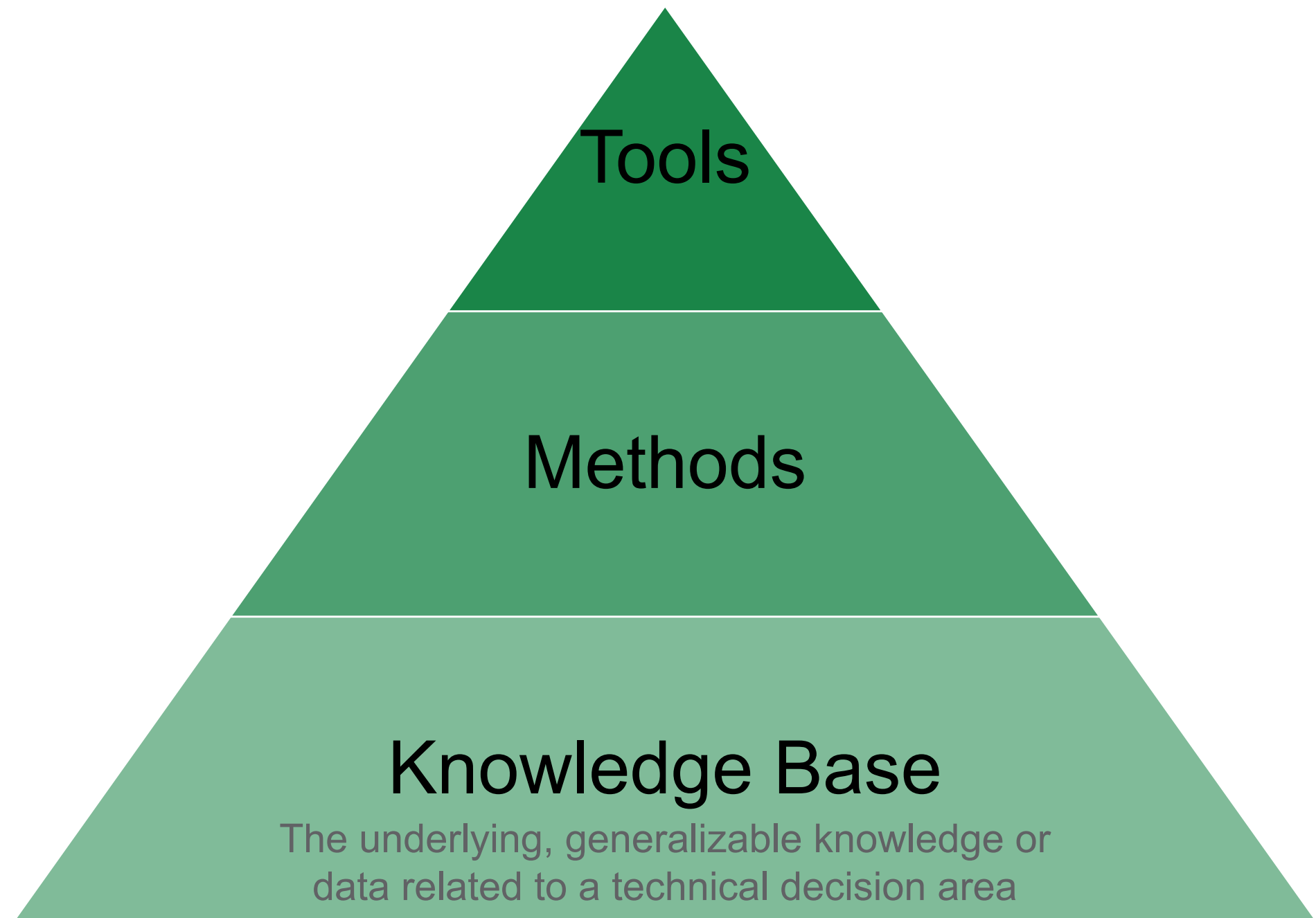
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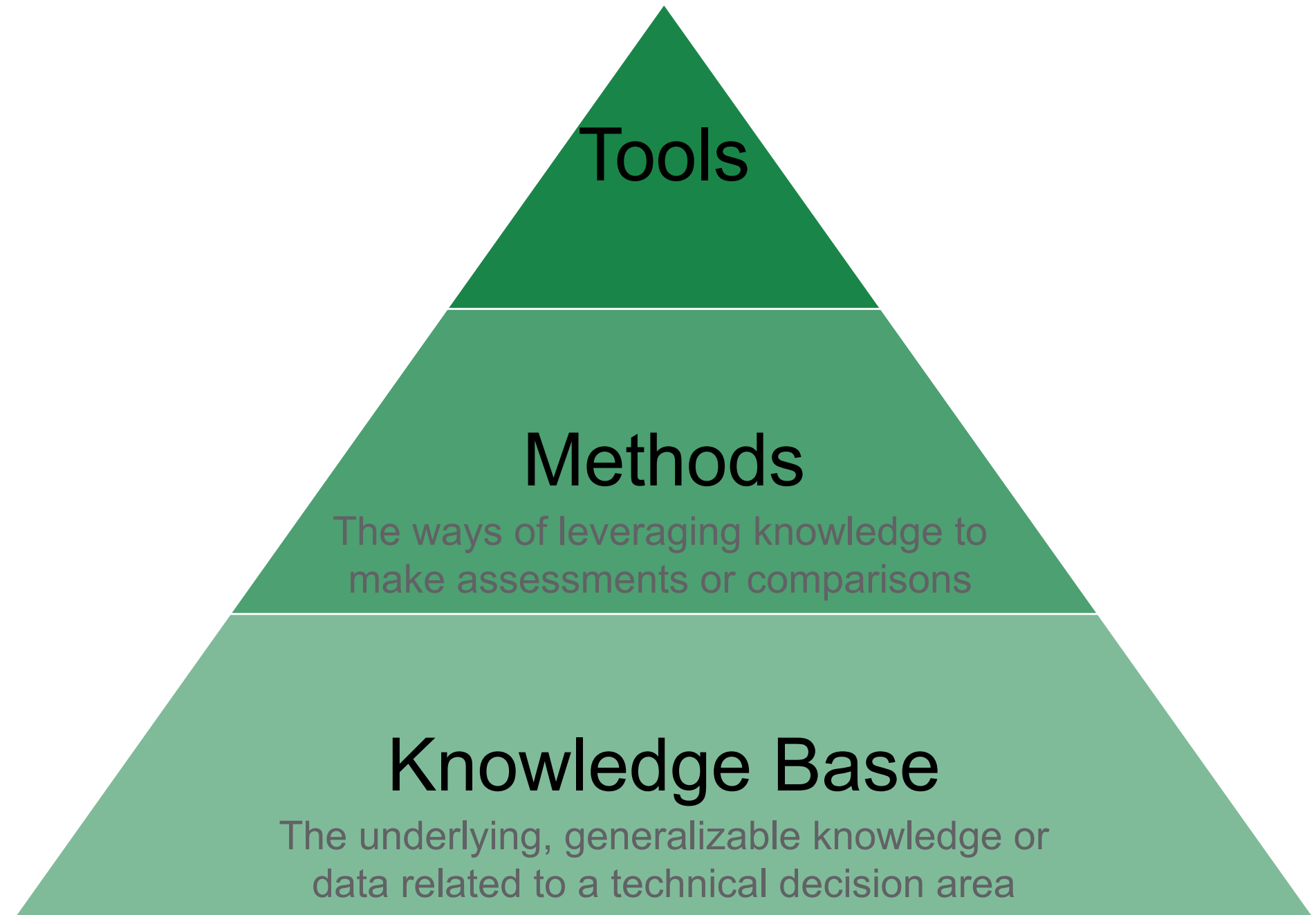
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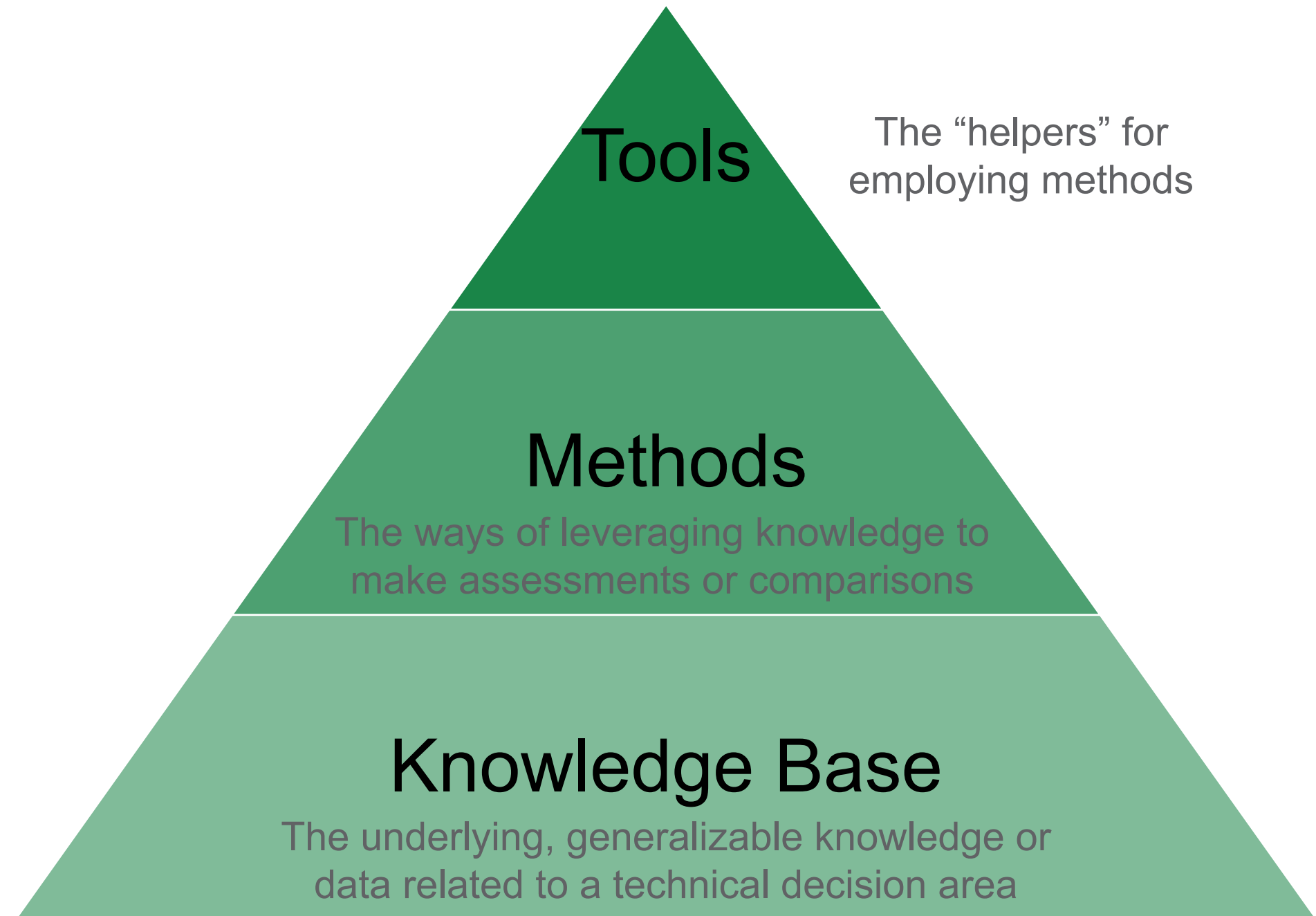
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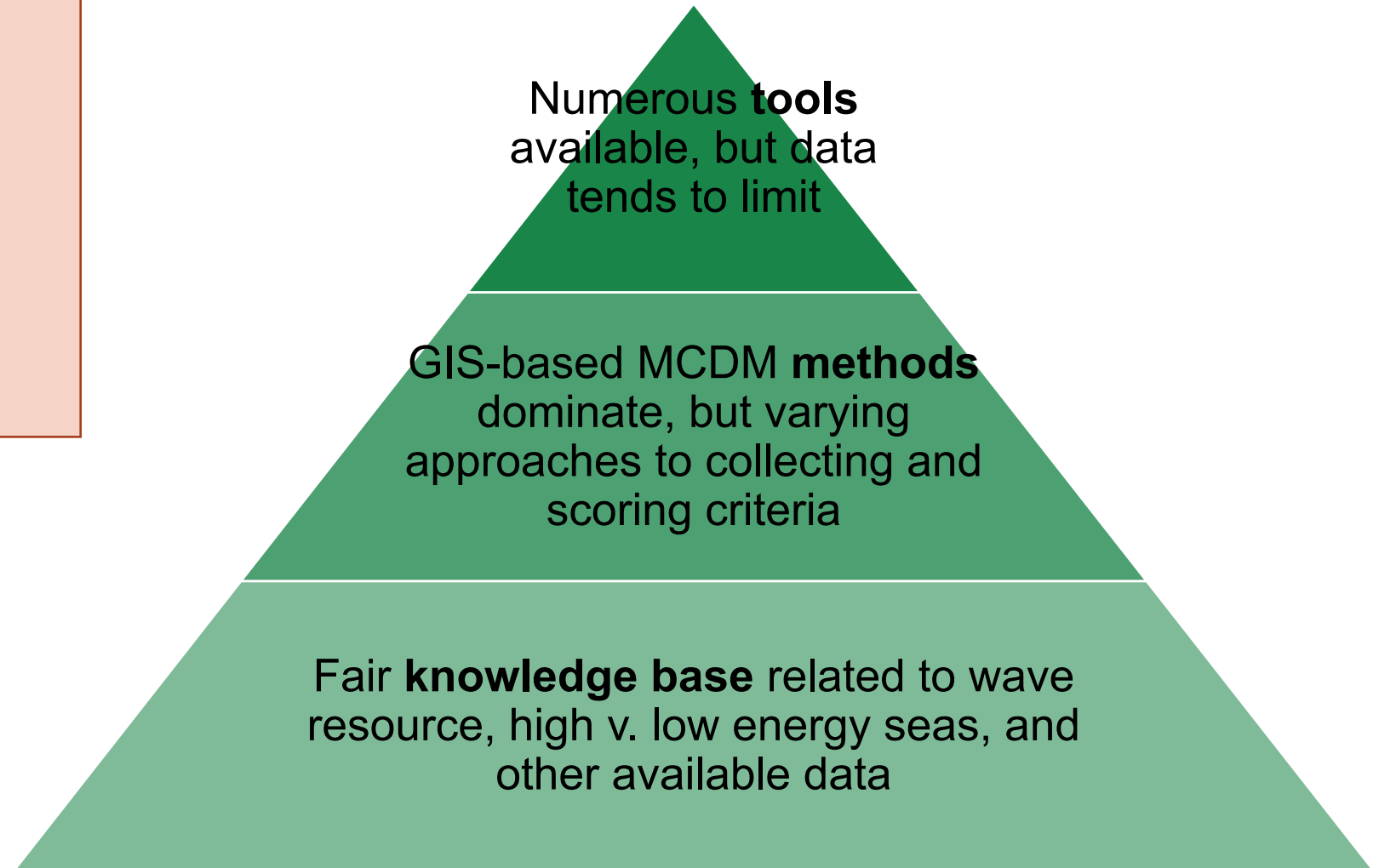


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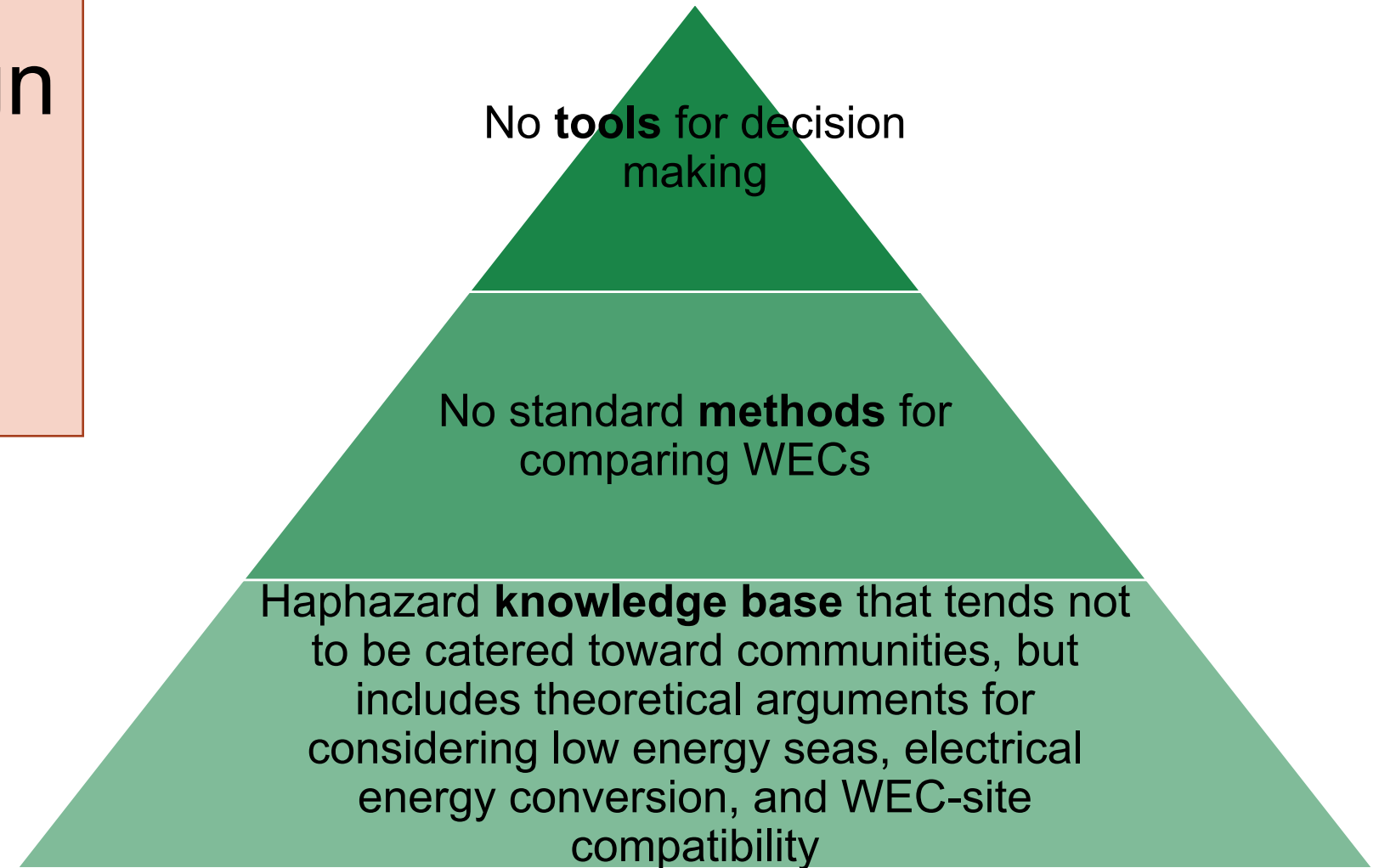


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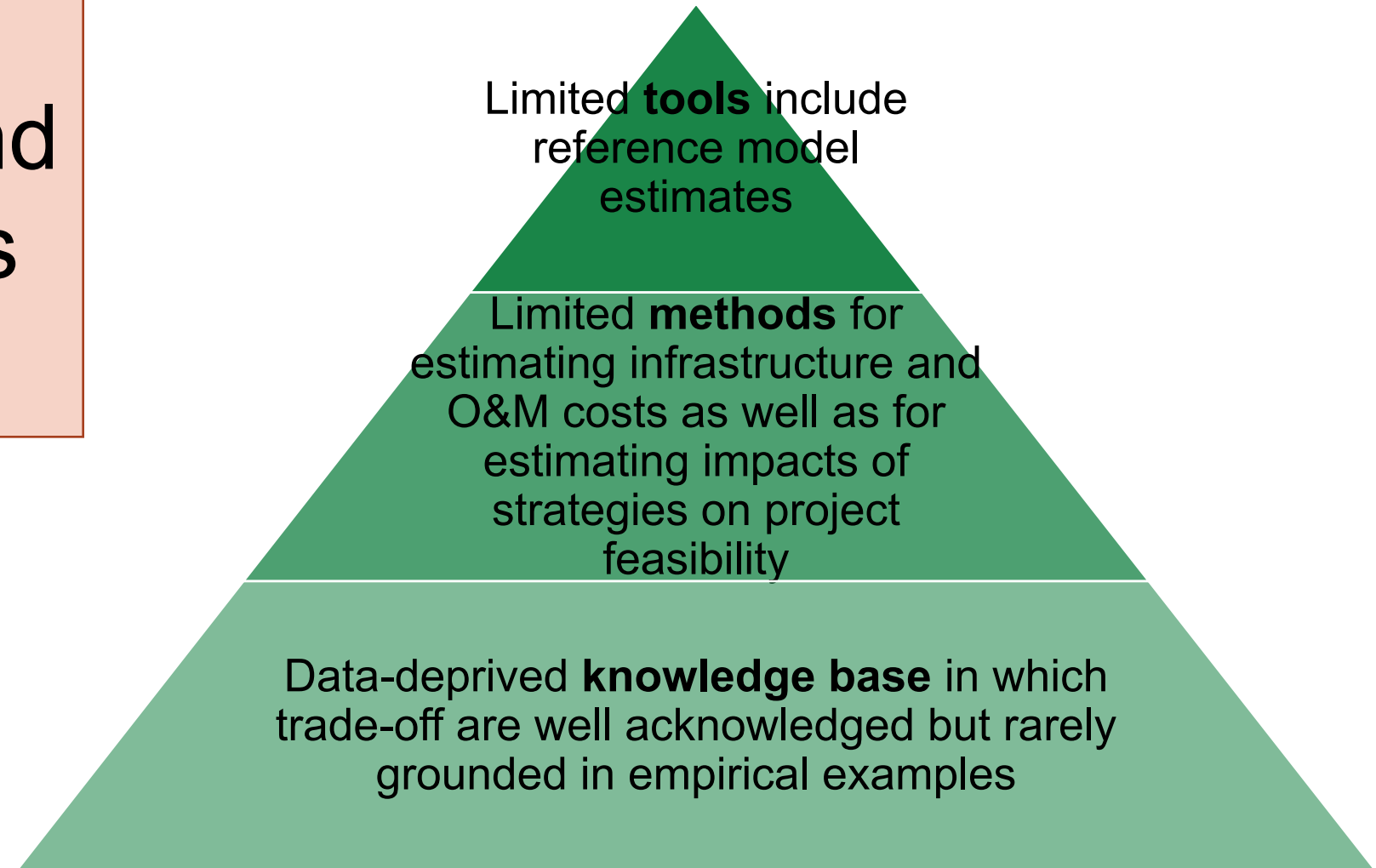
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WEC Design and Selection



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Systems and Operations



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Community Perspectives as Guide



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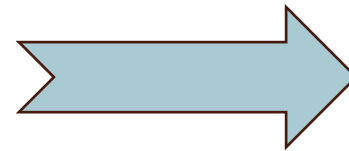
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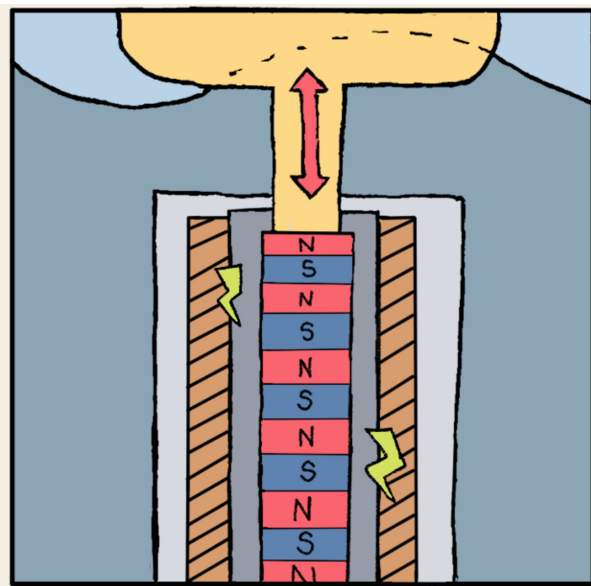
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- Investigate how the intra- and inter- relationships between technical decision areas and community preferences depend on the deployment site

How do a WEC's optimal PTO parameters change with wave characteristics? Generation constraints?



Methods and tools for community-developer collaboration

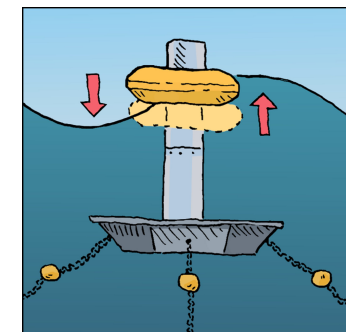
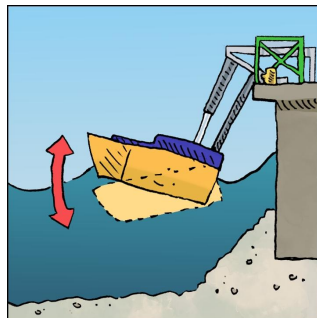




Comparative Studies

- Compare WEC types and other technical decisions in terms of social, community, and environmental impacts
- Establish more consistent methods of modeling and optimizing WECs when making comparisons related to cost of energy

How do WEC archetypes differ in term of environmental impact? Fisheries impact?

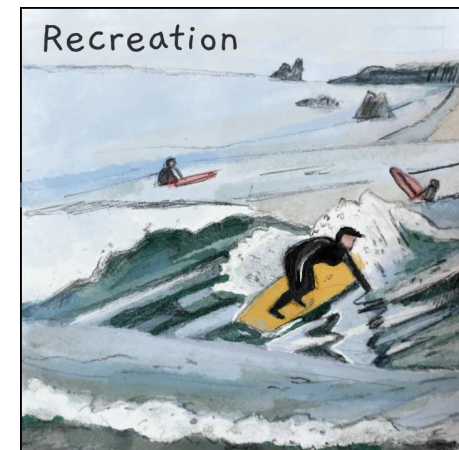
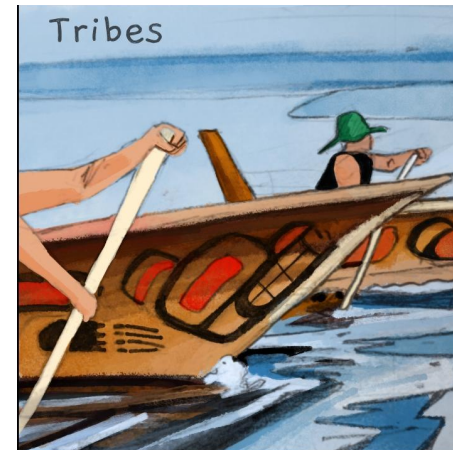
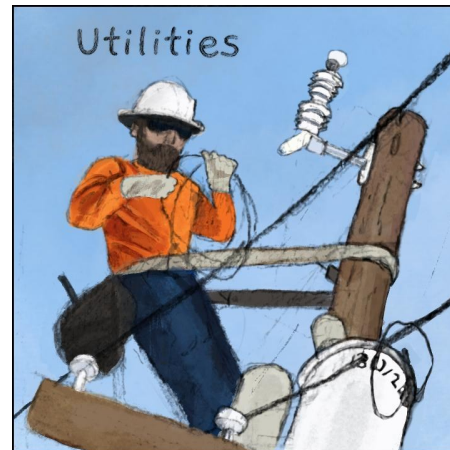




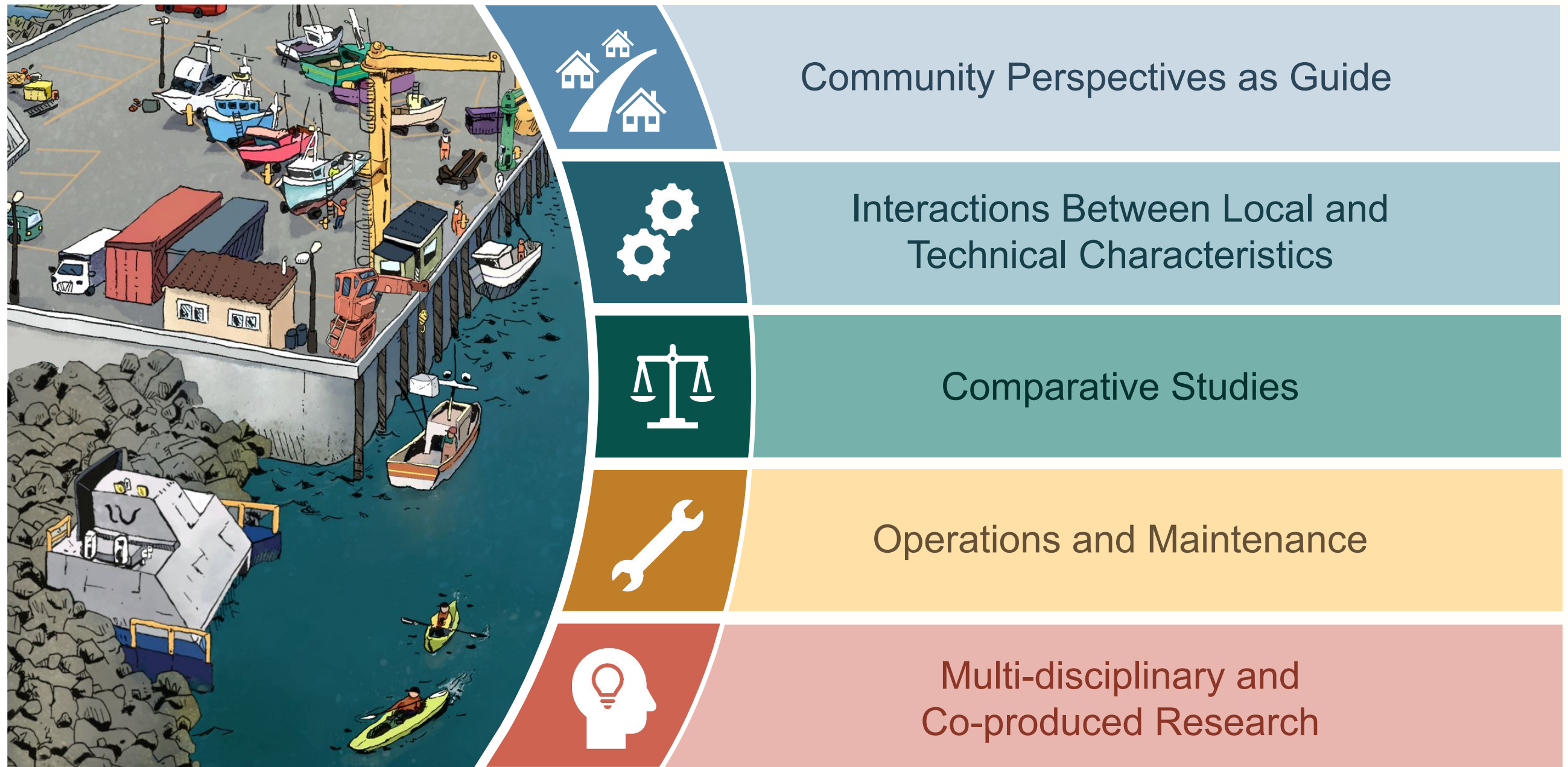
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- Bring together disparate knowledge from locals and researchers to support all agenda items

What are feasible access limits for WECs? And how do they depend on community operations capacity?



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Look out for the final product!

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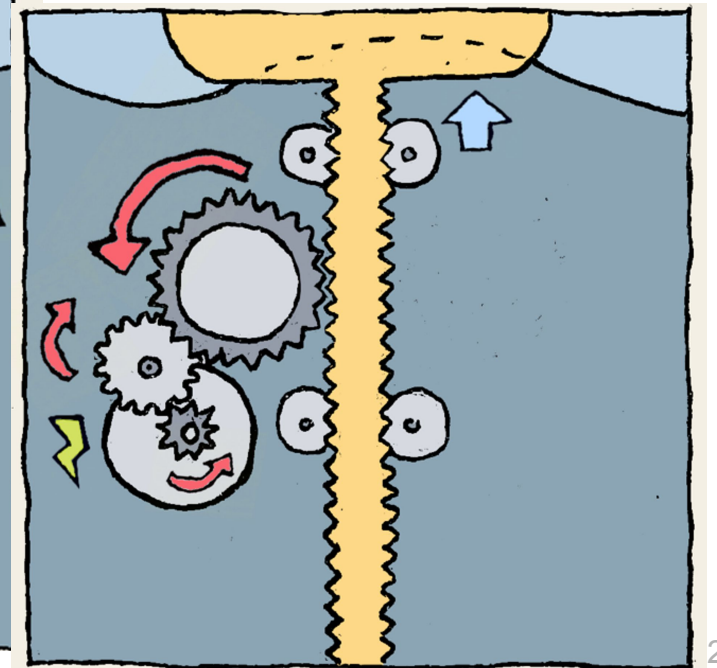
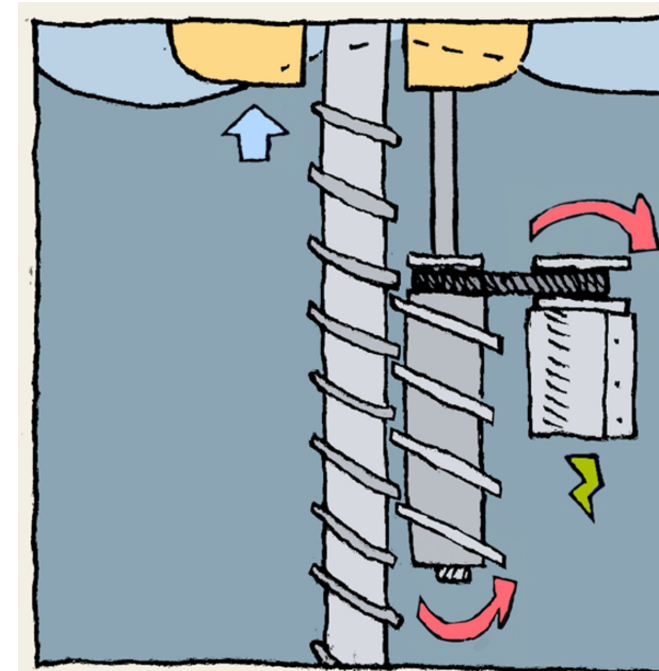
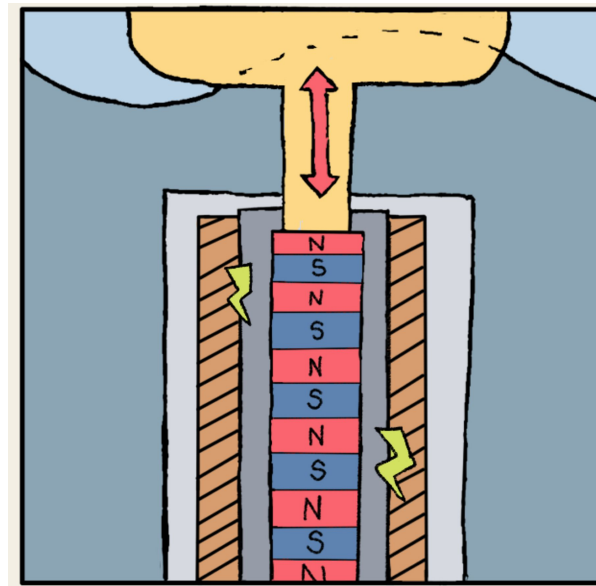
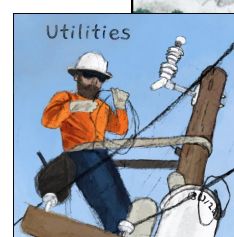
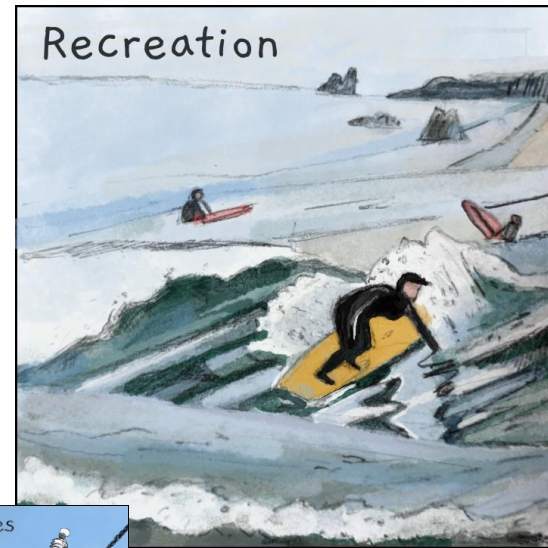
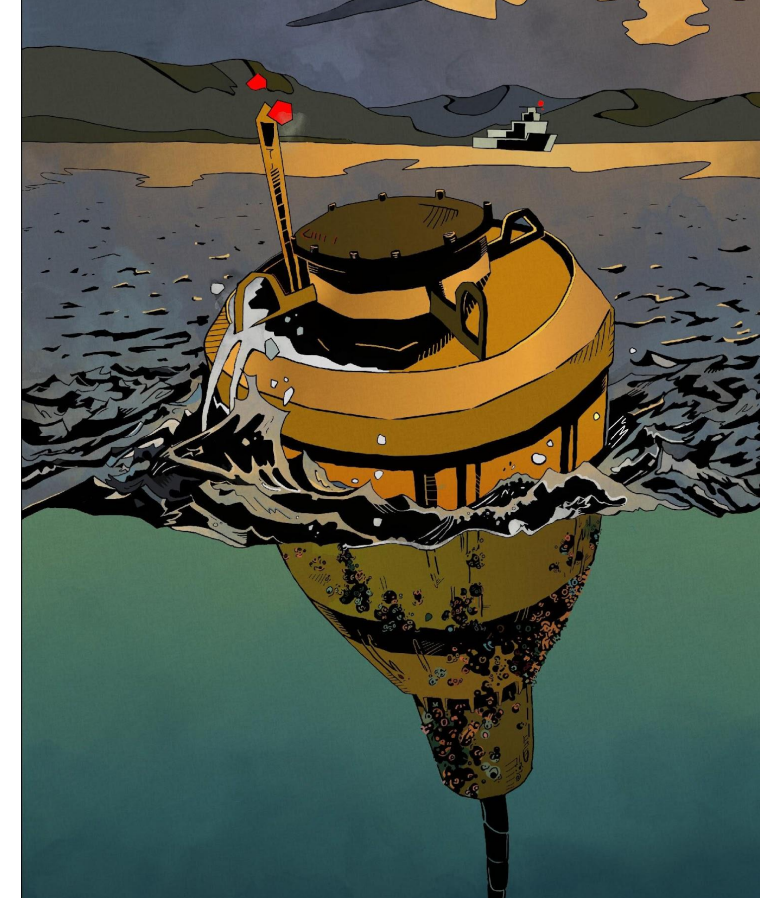
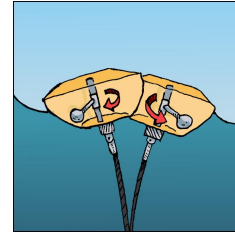
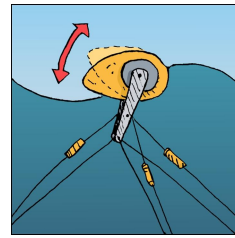


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