## Modeling regional irrigation demand

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### Context

Increase in temperatures + Decrease in summer precipitation

Droughts (meteorological, soil-moisture & hydrological) Increased irrigation demand + Decreased Irrigation supply

#### Avec la sécheresse, les interdictions d'arrosage sont de retour

Nyon et quelques communes du district de Morges interdisent le gaspillage du précieux liquide. Les sources se tarissent rapidement.

TROCKENHEIT

#### Erste Bewässerungsverbote in Aargauer Gemeinden: «Es geht nicht mehr anders»

Auf den Aufruf zum Wassersparen folgt das Bewässerungsverbot.

#### Hitze und Trockenheit

#### Tiefe Wasserstände, extreme Wärme: Wie die Behörden jetzt handeln

#### Schweizer Bauer

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Politik & Wirtschaft

Markt & Preise Regionen

Pflanzen Landtech

#### **Tessin: Wasser wird knapp**

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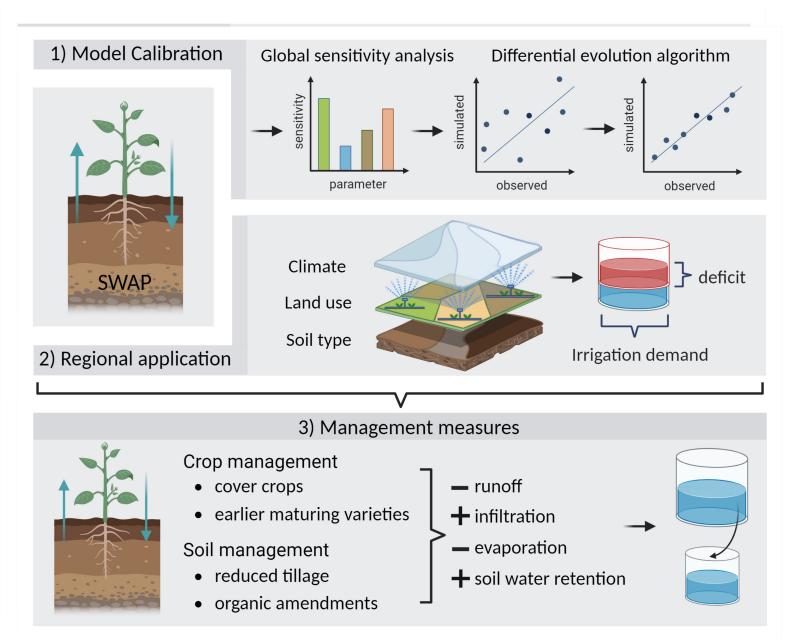
Die Landwirtschaft braucht in den heissen Sommern viel Wasser, gleichzeitig gibt es immer mehr Wasserentnahmeverbote wegen Trockenheit. Nun braucht es für eine sparsame Bewässerung neue Ideen.

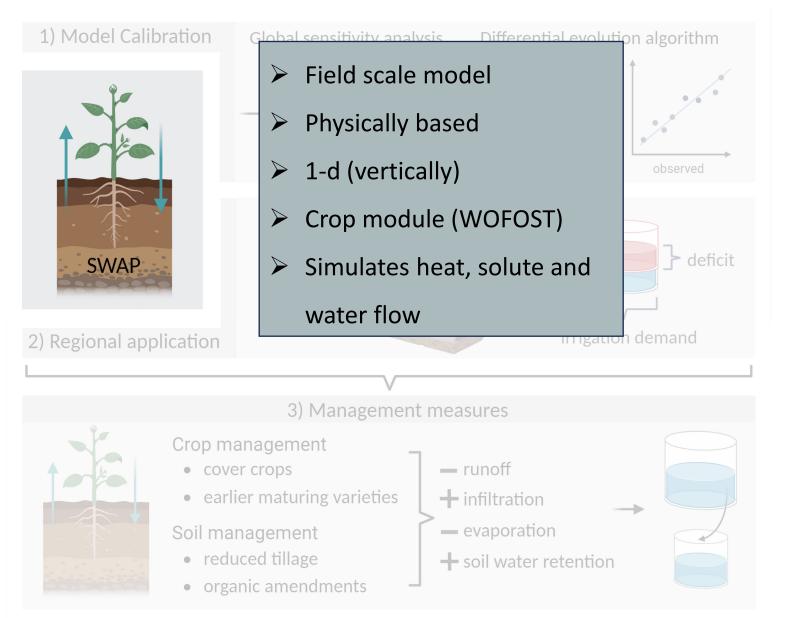
### Objectives

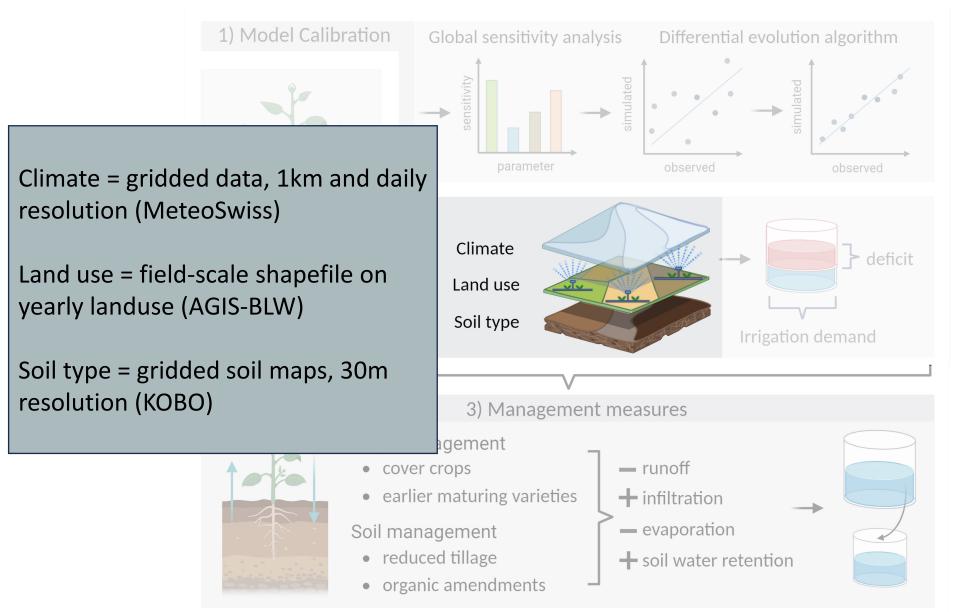
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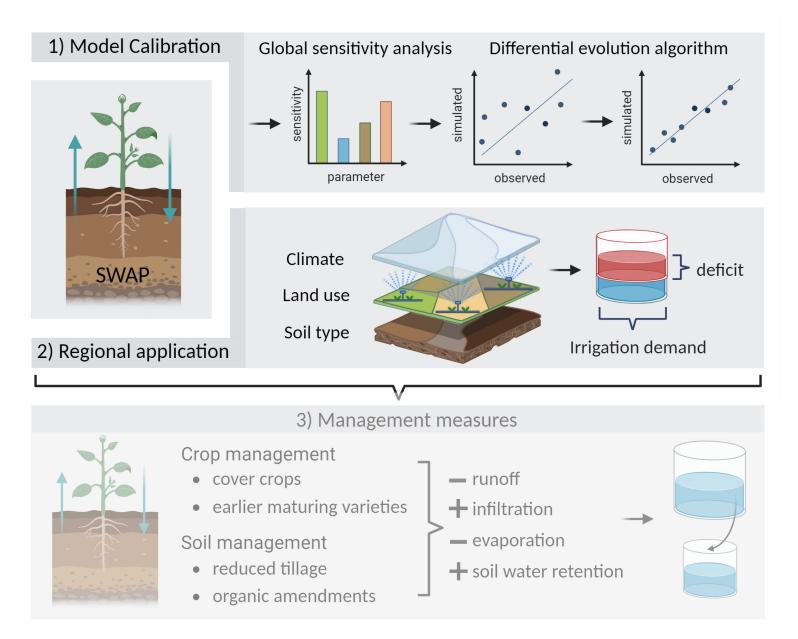
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How high is the regional irrigation demand?
 What are the impact of irrigation bans?
 To what extent can crop & soil management help?

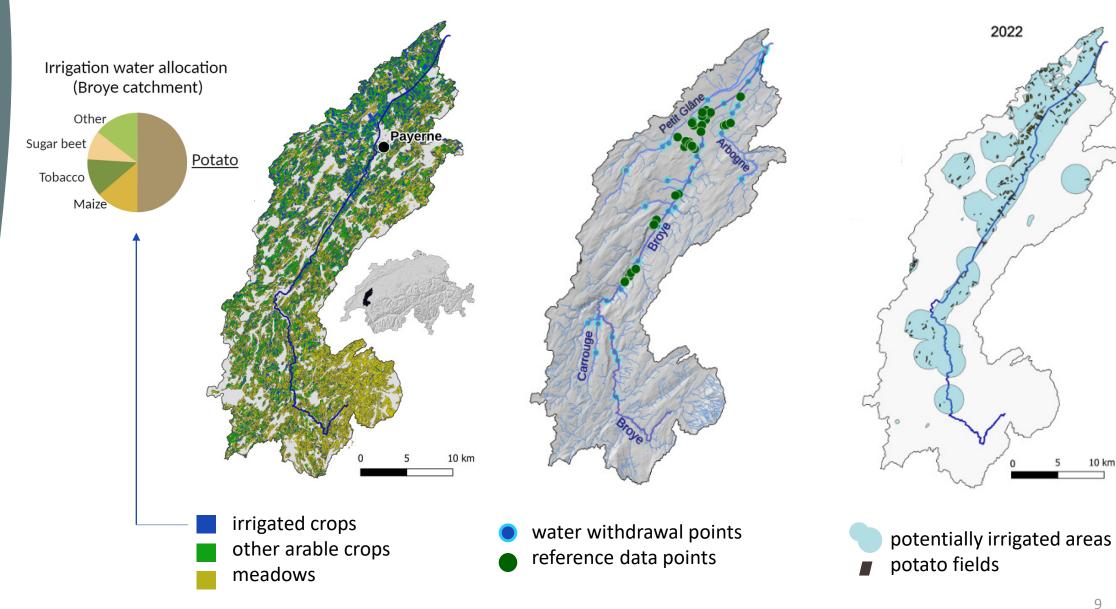








### Study area – Broye catchment



10 km

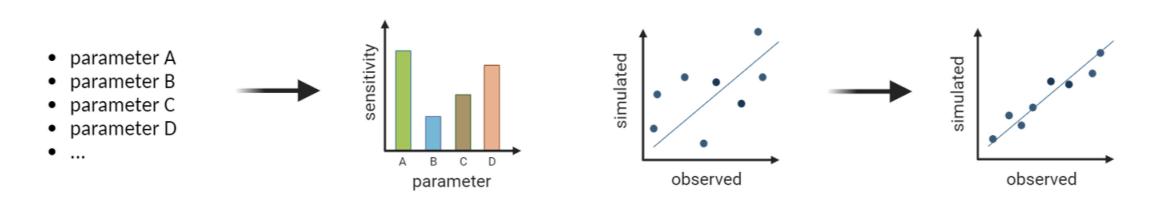
### Model Calibration

#### Global Sensitivity Analysis

Latin hypercube sampling & Calculation of Sobol Indices

#### Parameter Optimization

Differential evolution algorithm (genetic algorithm). Objective function = maximize fit to seasonal irrigation amounts and crop yield



9 parameters optimized (regarding photosythensis, phenology, biomass allocation and root architecture)

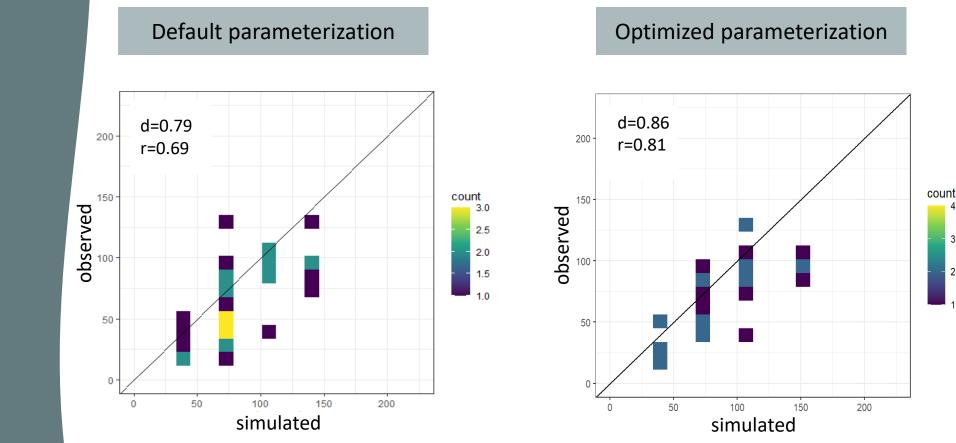
#### Fit to reference data from HAFL Irrigation amount



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ür Agrar-, Forst- und Lebensmittelwissenschaften HAFL



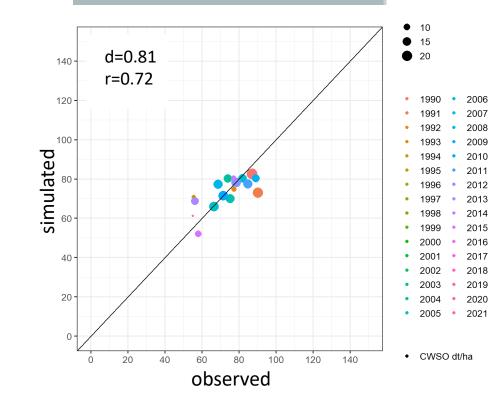
Reference data =

Irrigation timing and amounts for irrigated potato fields within the Broye catchment from 2018-2021 + meta data on site conditions

### Fit to reference data from Agroscope ≻ Yield

Default parameterization

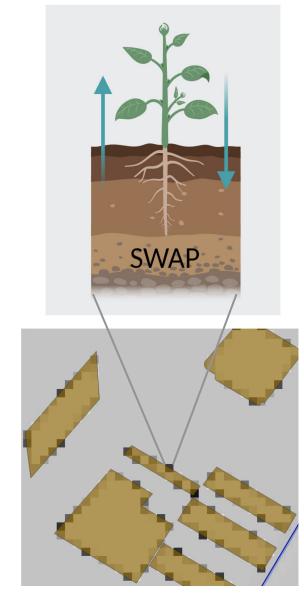
#### Optimized parameterization



#### Reference data =

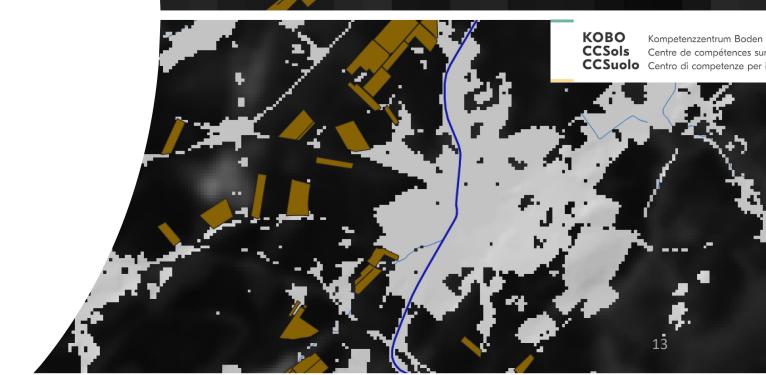
Yield data from farms 15km around Payerne 1990-2021

### Regional application

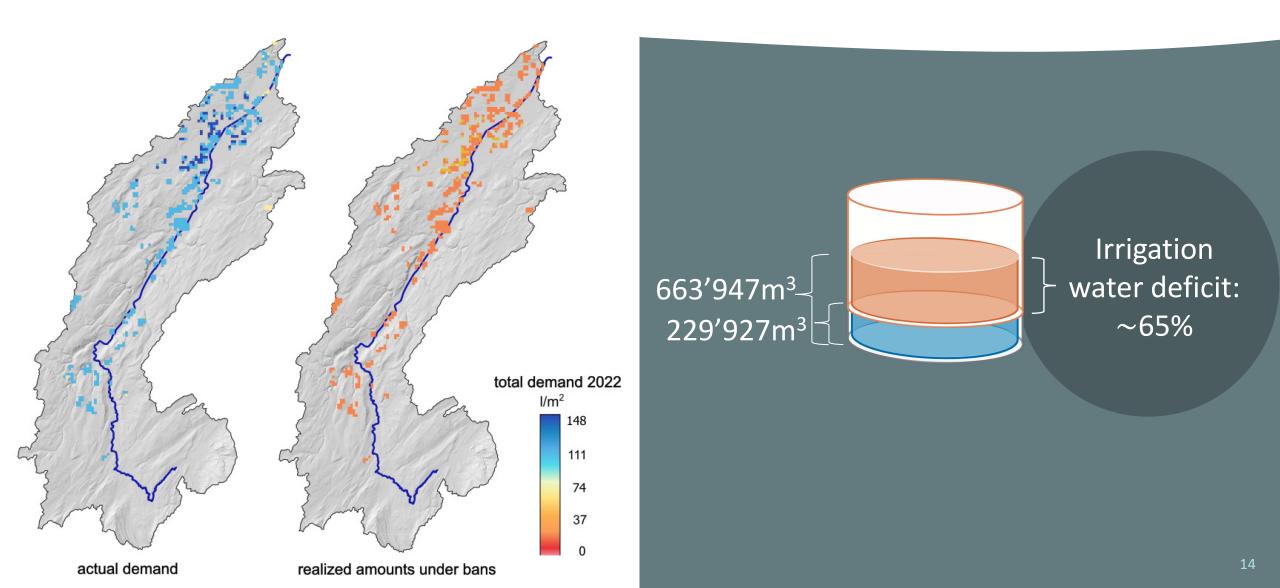


Changed from Soilgrids to KOBO soil maps

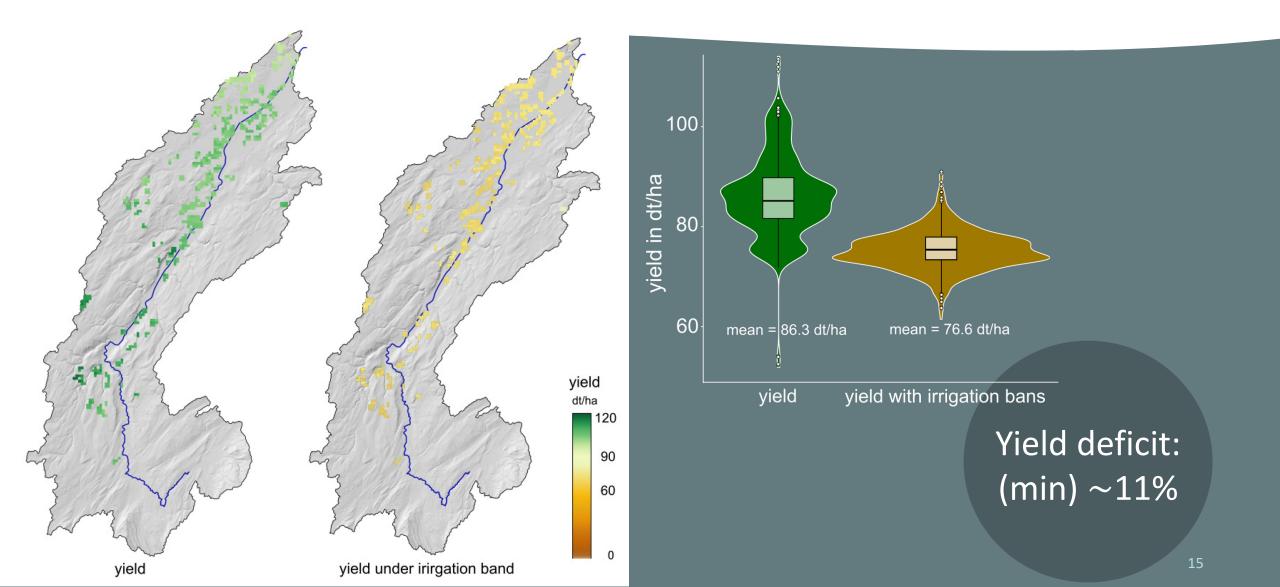
250m → 30m



### Preliminary results Irrigation demand of potato fields in 2022



# Preliminary results yield of potato fields in 2022



### Outlook

#### Implementation of management practices & Evaluation of their potential to reduce irrigation demand

