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Spatially explicit modelling of nutrient and trace element inputs to agricultural soils

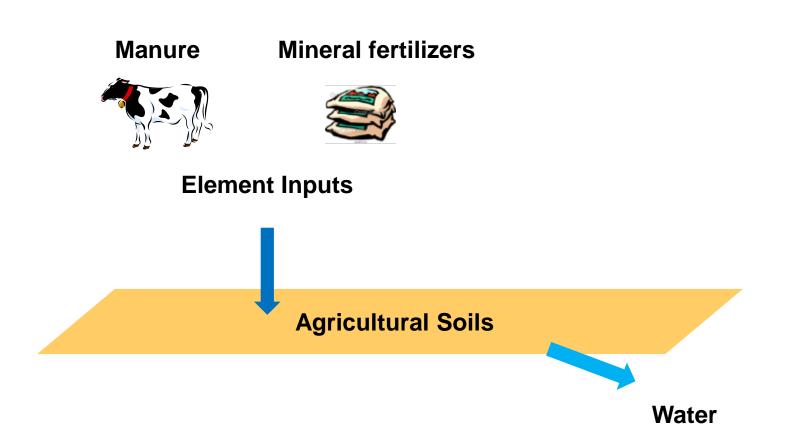
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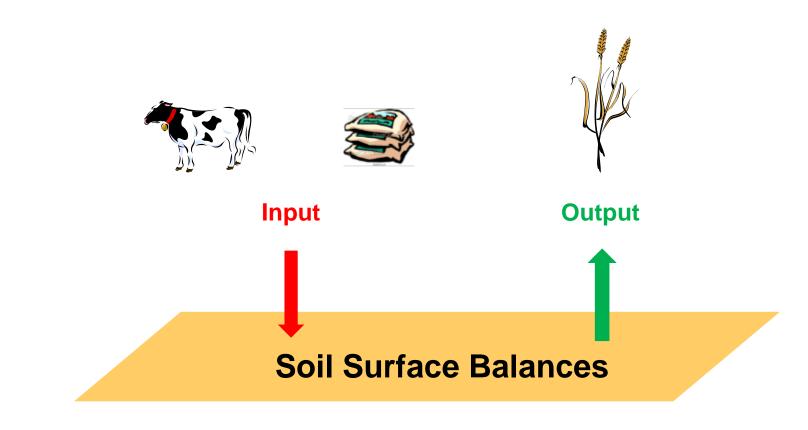










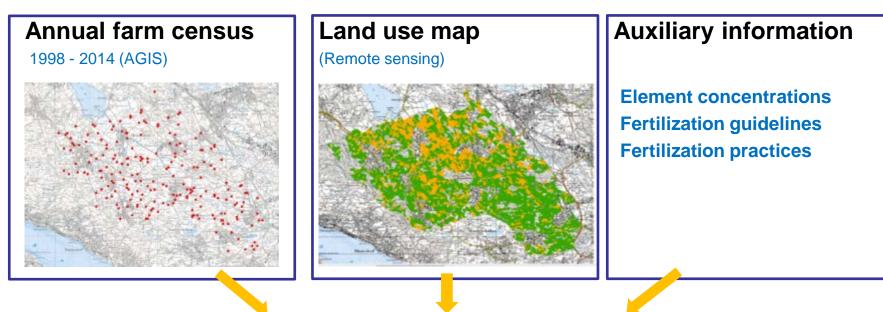


Nitrogen, Phosphorus

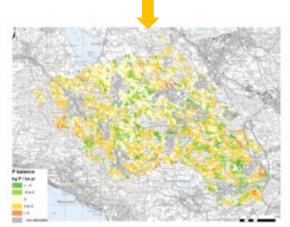
Copper, Zinc, Cadmium



Land Management Model LMM



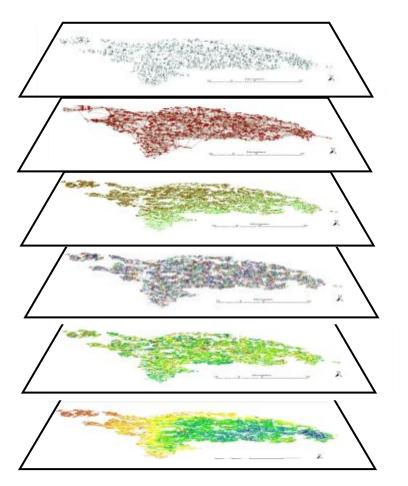
DOWNSCALING APPROACH



Spatially explicit element balances







Step 1: Land use classification (remote sensing)

Step 2: Allocate agricultural land to farms

Step 3: Calculate nutrient balances at farm level (crop needs/manure)

Step 4:Trading of excess manure between the farms

Step 5: Distribute manure & fertilizers to the fields (fertilization strategy)

Step 6: Calculate surface balances at field level

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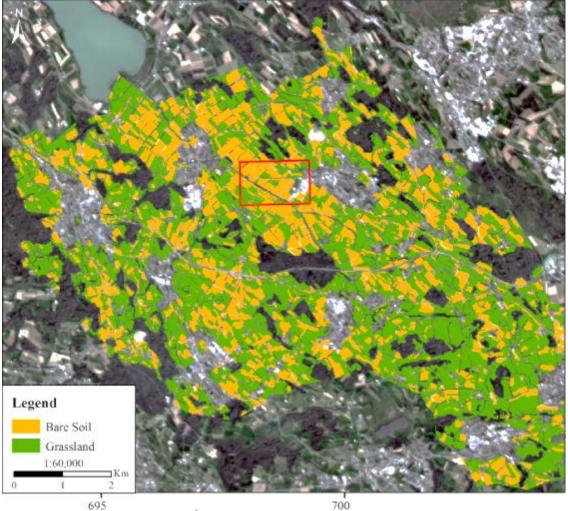
RESULTS - Study region Zürich-Oberland

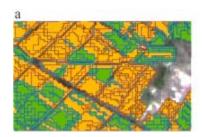


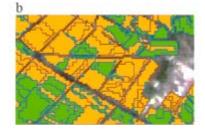
Total area: 61km² Agricultural area: 41 km² (60% Grassland, 39% Arable land) ca. 250 Farms (mainly dairy & mixed farming)

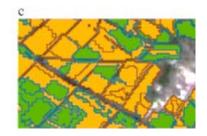


Remote Sensing - Land use classification C



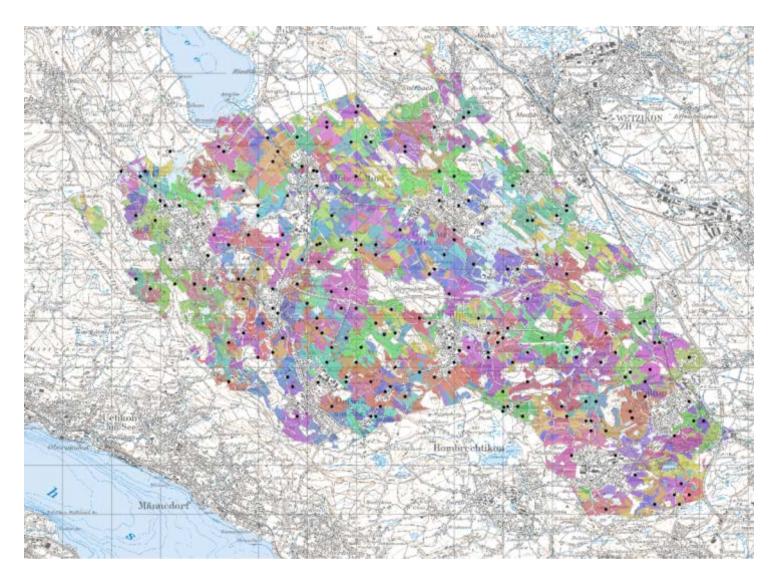






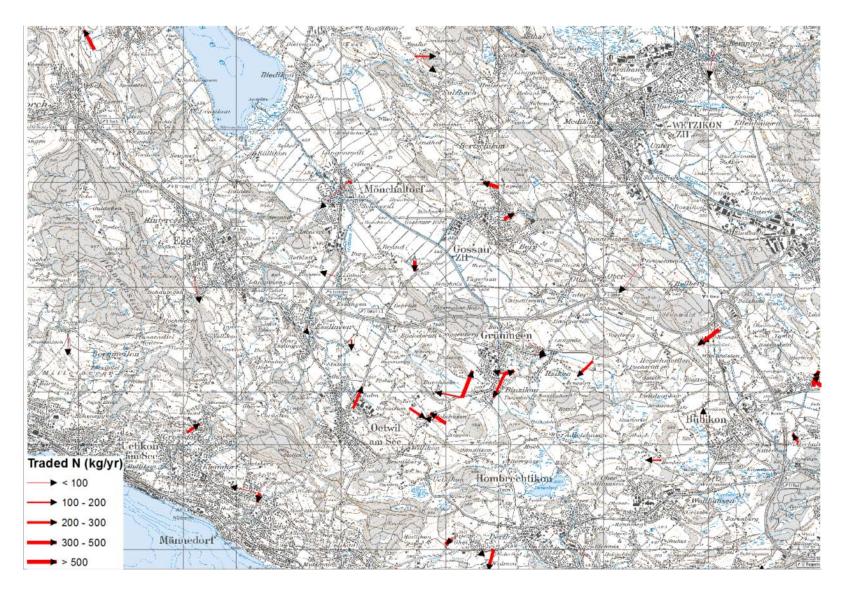


C Land allocation



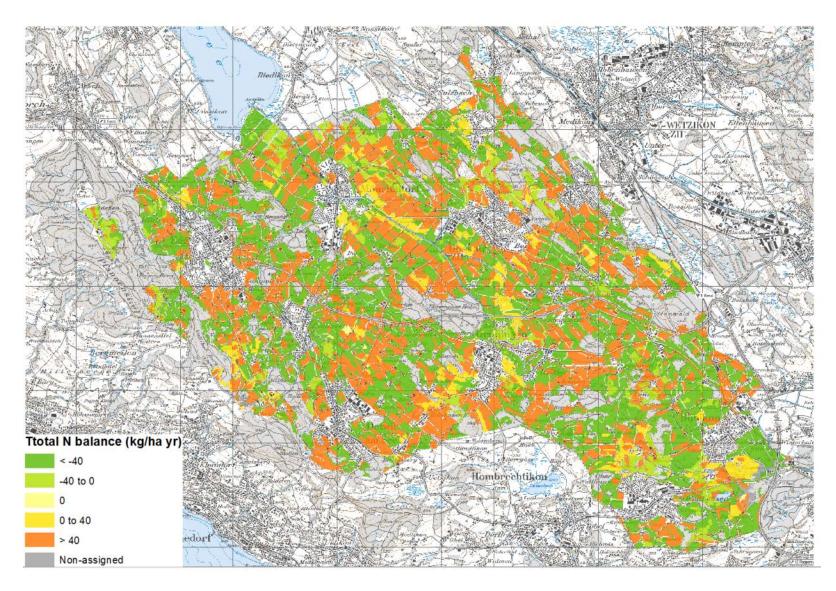






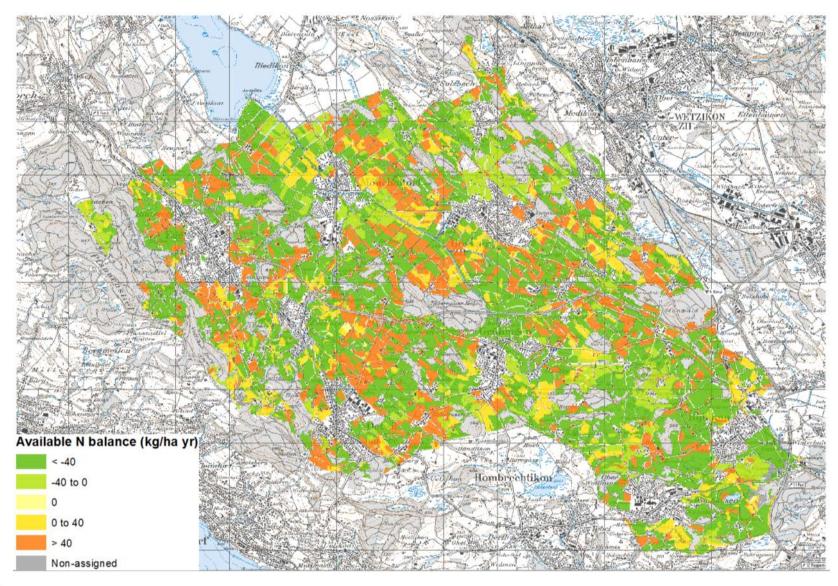






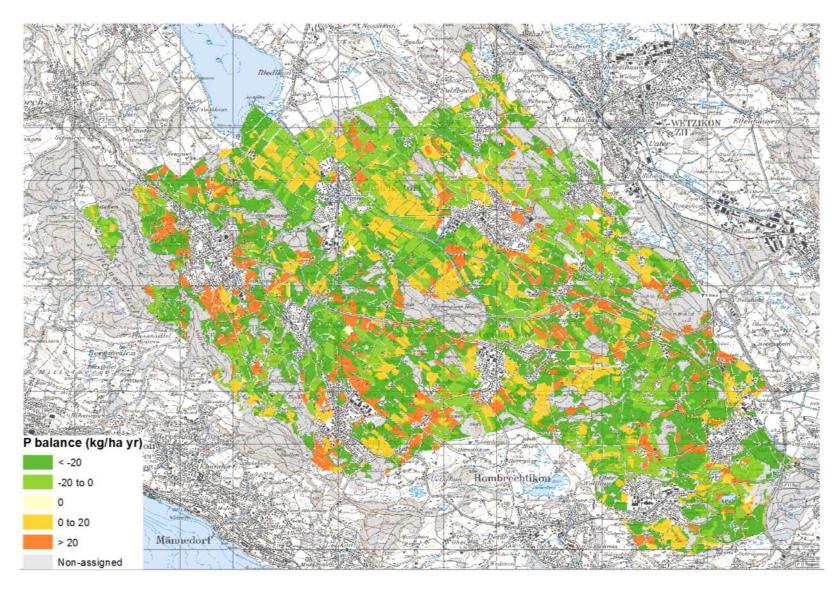


N Balance (Available N)



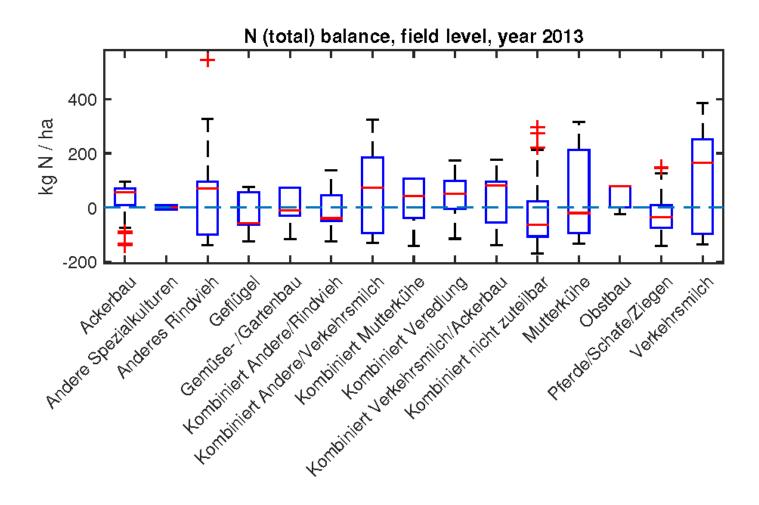






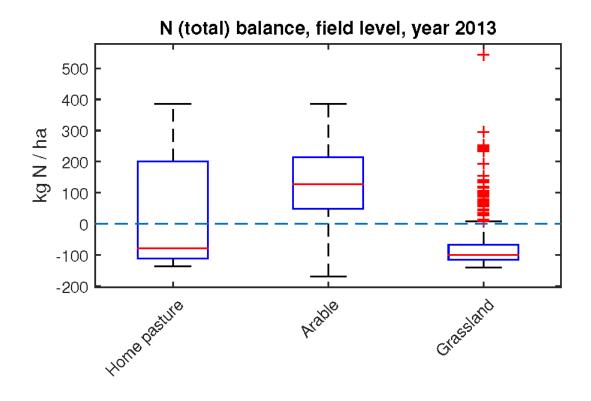


Total N balance



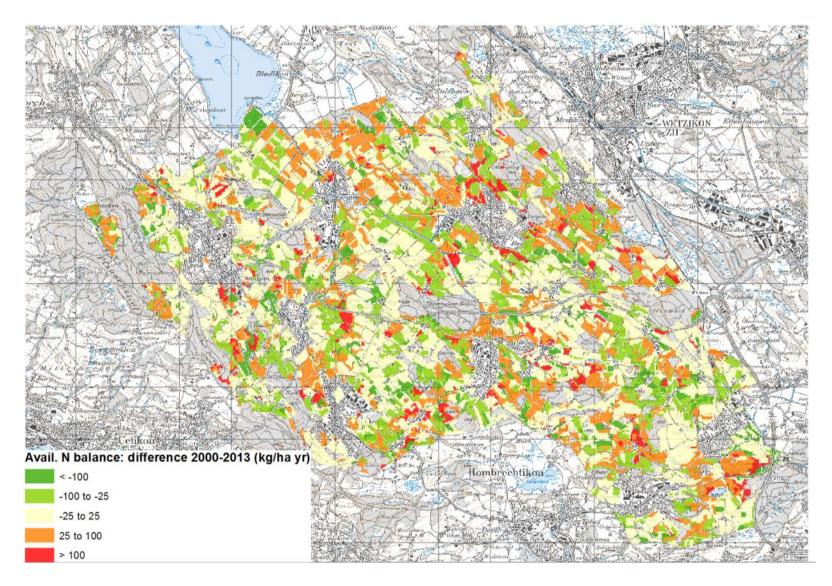


Total N balance





V Available N balance: difference 2000-2013



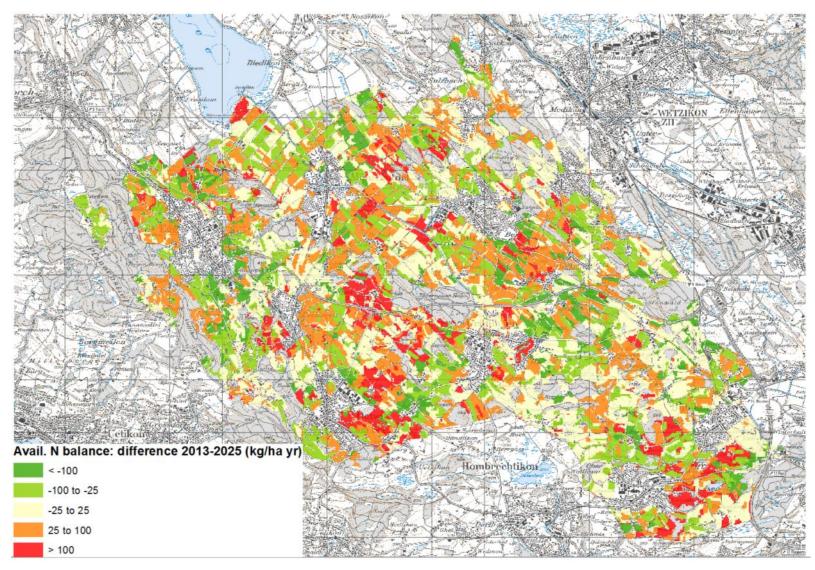


Socio-economic scenarios 2015-2025 (provided by the model SWISSLand)

| | Name | Scenario |
|---|-------------|---|
| 1 | Status Quo | Political and economic conditions unchanged |
| 2 | Energy | Increase of fuel and electricity costs |
| 3 | Fertilizers | Increase of fertilizer costs |
| 4 | Feedstuff | Increase of feedstuff costs |
| 5 | Products | Reduction of product prices on the world market |



Available N balance: difference 2013-2025 Scenario 5 (Reduction of product prices)







- LMM captures spatial patterns of element balances: critical areas are identified.
- Patterns change over time.
- Patterns are sensitive to socio-economic boundaries.

Scenarios will be tested at regional level:

- Changes in agricultural policies (subsidies, restrictions)
- Optimization of manure exchange
- Use of waste-derived fertilizers





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