



# Pesticide Risk Indicators in Germany

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# SYNOPS spatial level



Within the German NAP the risk indicator SYNOPS is used on different spatial levels

The same assessment procedures are used to analyze the impact of pesticide use on the environment

**field/farm level**  
**SYNOPS-WEB**



**regional level**  
**SYNOPS-GIS**



**national level**  
**SYNOPS-TREND**

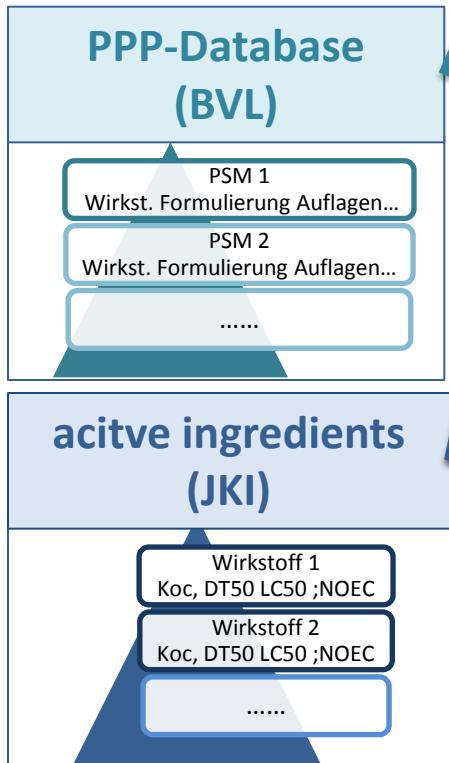
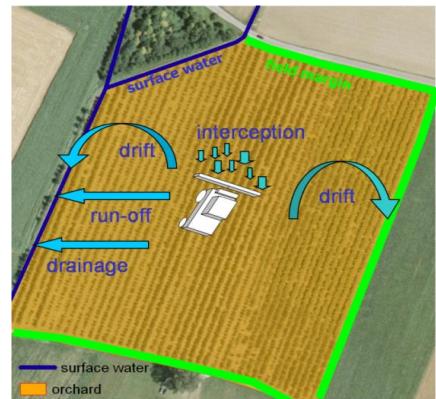


# Risk indicator: SYNOPS with different approaches



SYNOPS Type	Purpose	Environmental data	Pesticide use data	Assessment of IPM impact
TREND 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>tracking of the risk trends</li> <li>risks for pesticide groups on national level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>realistic worst case scenario</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sales data or aggregated use data (no realistic application)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>difficult</b>, since active ingredients are analyzed separately</li> <li>mitigation measures <u>ARE NOT</u> considered</li> </ul>
GIS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identification of hotspots</li> <li>regional analysis of risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>field based input for soil, climate and crop data from GIS databases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>real application scenarios from field based surveys</li> <li>random distribution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>possible</b>, since application strategies on field level are evaluated</li> <li>mitigation measures <u>CAN BE</u> considered</li> </ul>
WEB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>comparison of pesticide use strategies under environmental conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>field based input for soil, climate and crop data from real field data or GIS databases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>real application scenarios from demonstration farms, station experiments of single farmers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>possible</b>, since application strategies on field level are evaluated</li> <li>mitigation measures <u>CAN BE</u> considered</li> </ul>

# SYNOPS - Risk assessment



## Exposure

soil

surface water

off crop areas

## Toxicity

earthworm, collembolae  
daphnie, algea, duck weed,  
fish, chironomus  
Honeybee,  
NTA, non target plants

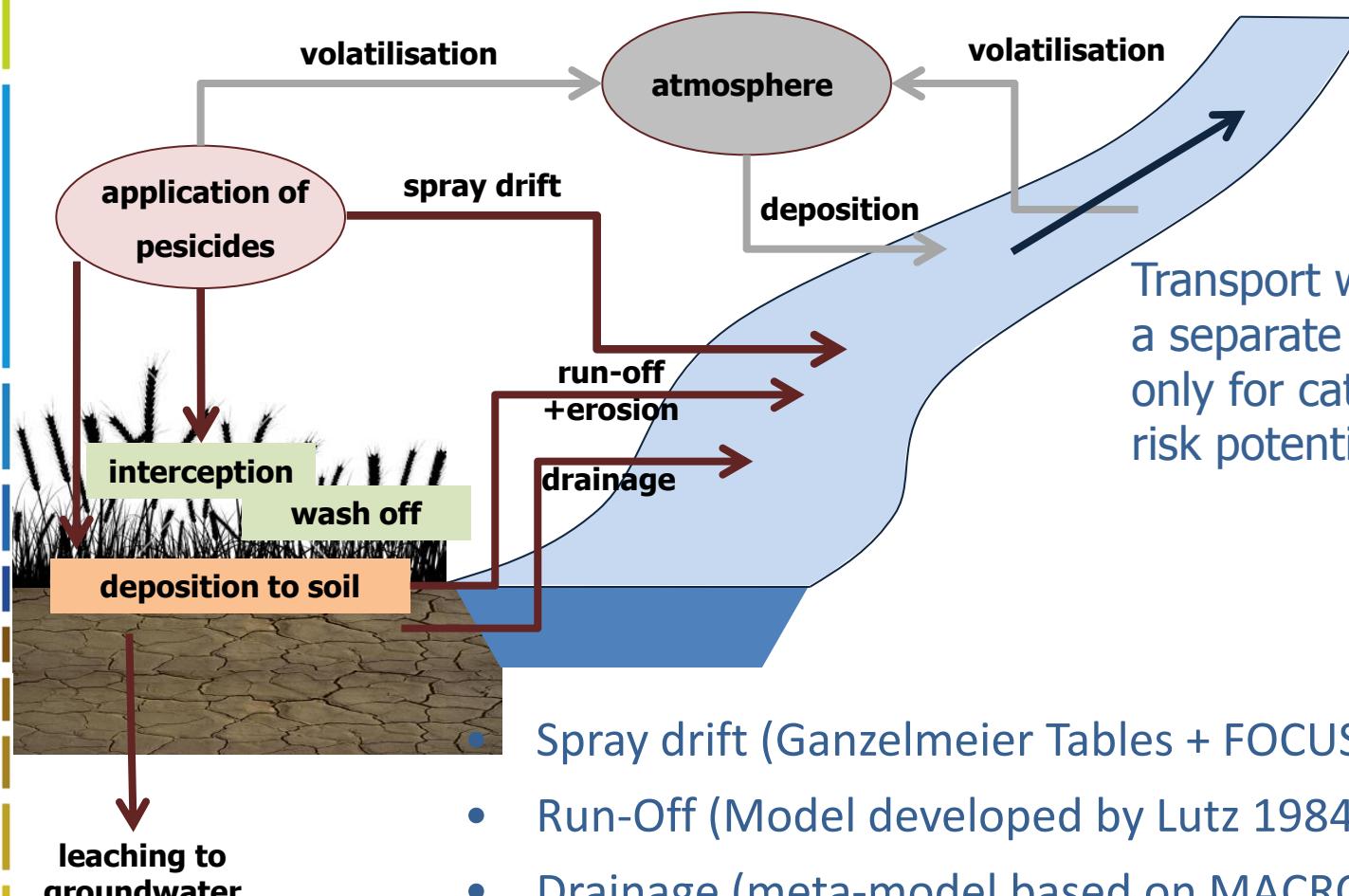
$$Risk (ETR) = \frac{Exposure (PEC)}{Toxicity (NOEC /LC50)}$$

SYNOPS-WEB  
field

SYNOPS-GIS  
regional

SYNOPS-TREND  
national

# modeled exposition pathways in SYNOPS

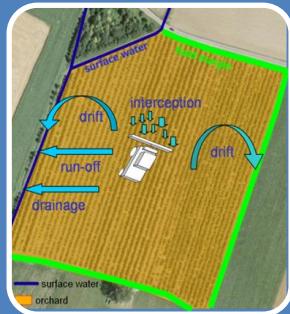


Transport will be assessed with a separate catchment model only for catchments with high risk potentials (hot spots)

- Spray drift (Ganzelmeier Tables + FOCUS functions)
- Run-Off (Model developed by Lutz 1984, REXTOX)
- Drainage (meta-model based on MACRO)
- Erosion (united soil loss equation according to FOCUS)
- Leaching to Groundwater (GeoPearl as implemented in HAIR)

# Risk assessment of application patterns

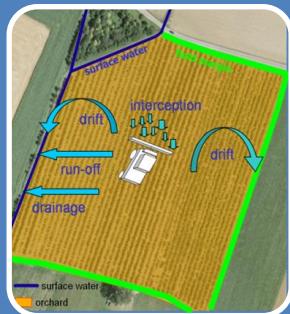
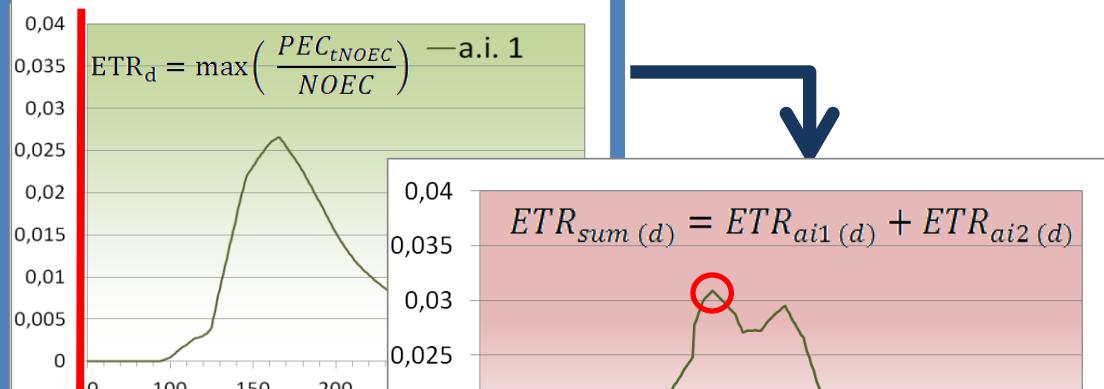
## Addition of risk indices on daily basis



a.i. 1

- application 1
- application 2
- application 3
- application 4

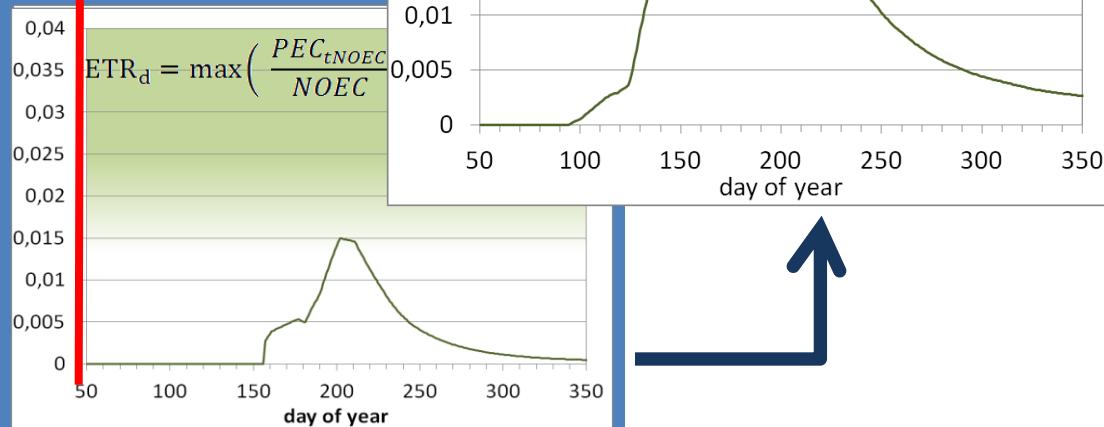
$$NOEC_{daphnia} = 0.52 \text{ mg l}^{-1}$$



a.i. 2

- application 1
- application 2
- application 3

$$NOEC_{daphnia} = 0.002 \text{ mg l}^{-1}$$



# Aggregation for aquatic and terrestrial compartments

$$\text{ETR}_{\text{aquatic}} = \max(\text{ETR}_{\text{algae}}, \text{ETR}_{\text{daphnia}}, \text{ETR}_{\text{fish}}, \text{ETR}_{\text{lemonia}}, \text{ETR}_{\text{chironomus}})$$



$$\text{ETR}_{\text{soil}} = \max(\text{ETR}_{\text{earthworm}}, \text{ETR}_{\text{collembolae}})$$



$$\text{ETR}_{\text{soil}} = \max(\text{ETR}_{\text{bee}}, \text{ETR}_{\text{NTA}})$$



# Four risk categories for SYNOPS results



	acute risk	chronic risk
very low risk	$ETR < 0.01$	$ETR < 0.1$
low risk	$0.01 < ETR < 0.1$	$0.1 < ETR < 1$
medium risk	$0.1 < ETR < 1.0$	$1 < ETR < 10$
high risk	$ETR > 1.0$	$ETR > 10$



# SYNOPS-TREND

## Sales data on the annual volume of active ingredients in kg

1996, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005  
(serve as base line – years)

2006 – 2013  
(years following the baseline)



### step 1

- a. Compilation of the relevant (registered) potential uses of all active ingredients (>1 t /year) based on the German product database
- b. Calculation of their application area in the corresponding year according to the procedure of Gutsche & Rossberg (OECD, 1999)

**> 19.000 potential uses**

# Tracking risk trends - SYNOPTS processing

## step 2



For each potential use SYNOPTS calculates a set of risk indices:

### 5 risk indices for aquatic organisms

algea, duck weed, daphnia, fish, chironomus

### 2 risk indices for terrestrial organisms

earthworm, honey bee+ (in prep. collembole, NTA)

### Aggregated risk indices for 2 environmental compartments

aquatic: maximum der 5 aquatic organisms

terrestrial: maximum of 2 terrestrial organisms

**SYNOPTS uses the registered dose rate**

**SYNOPTS runs under „worst case“ environmental conditions:**

the application site is adjacent to a ditch with **depth of 0.3 m** and **width of 1.5 m**

three days after application a **strong rainfall of 30 mm** happen

the application site has **a slope of 3%**

the soil of the application site is **loamy** with organic **carbon content of 1.5%**

# Aggregation of SYNOPS assessments

## step 3



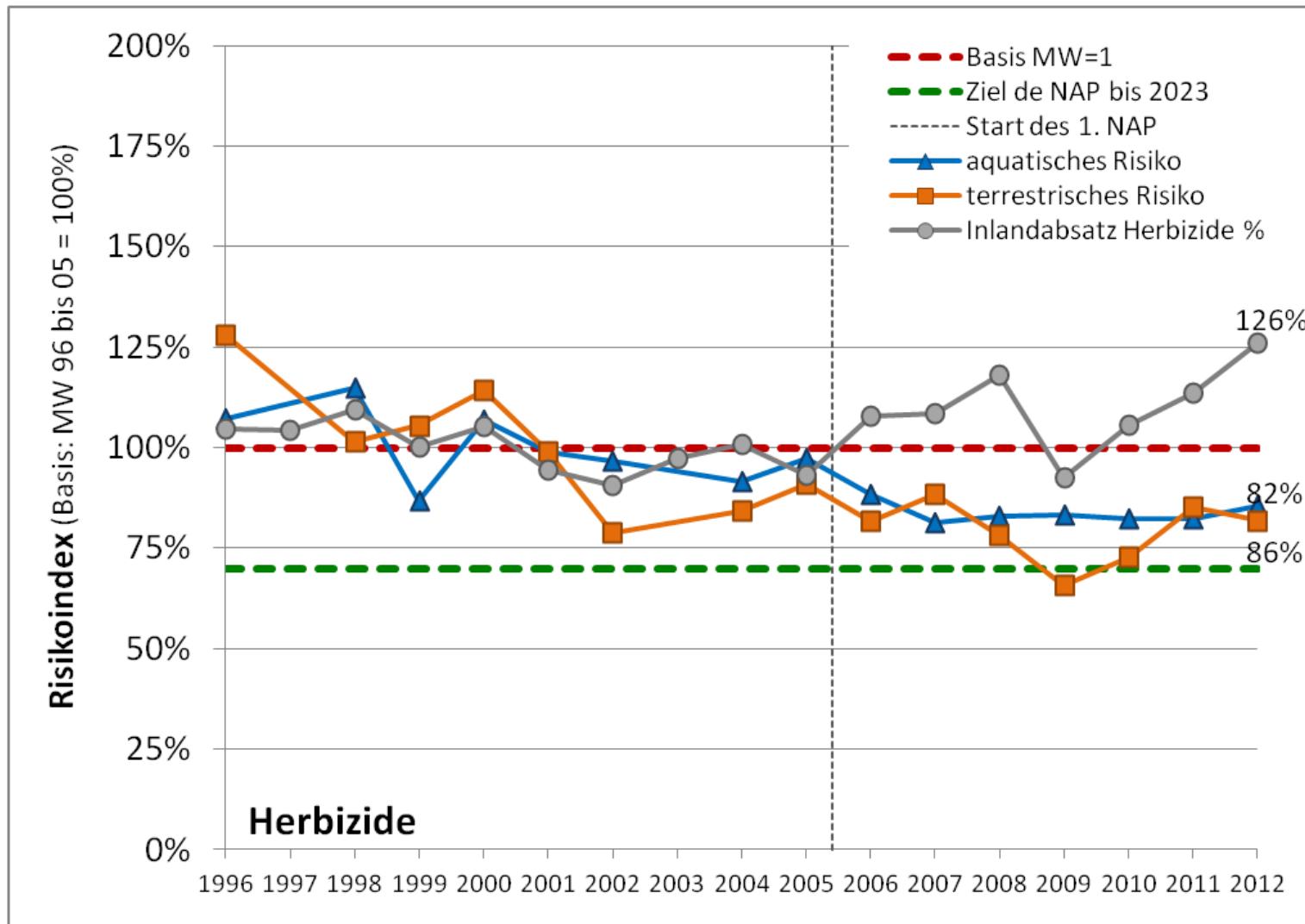
Weighted mean values per year are calculated separately for  
**herbicides, fungicides and insecticides**

The applied weights are the **estimated application areas of each use**

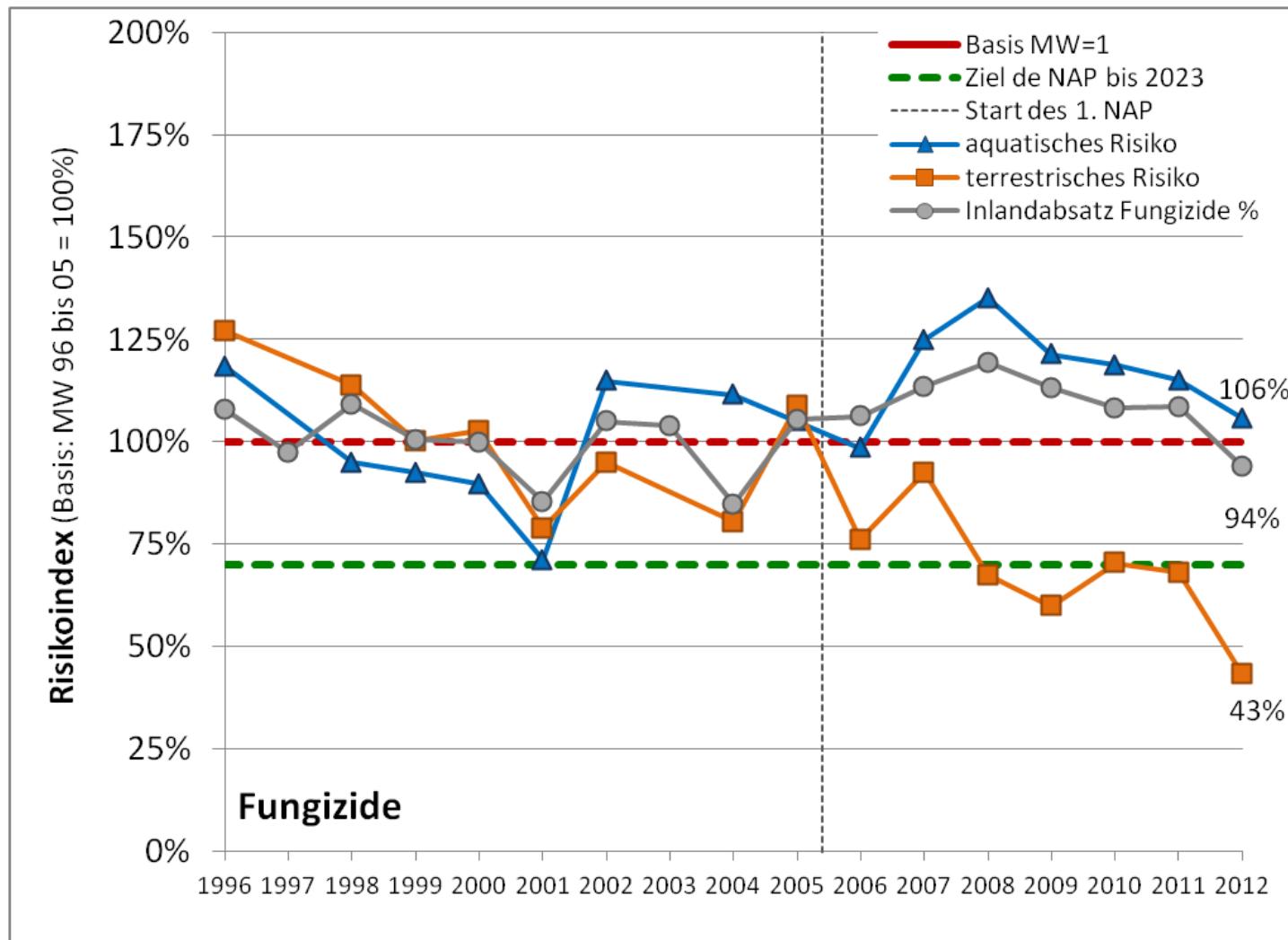
Additionally, weighted means of all 9 risk indices for the period 1996 – 2005 were calculated for herbicides, fungicides and insecticides. **They form the base line**

Mean values per year are related to the values obtained for the base line period (base line = 100%).

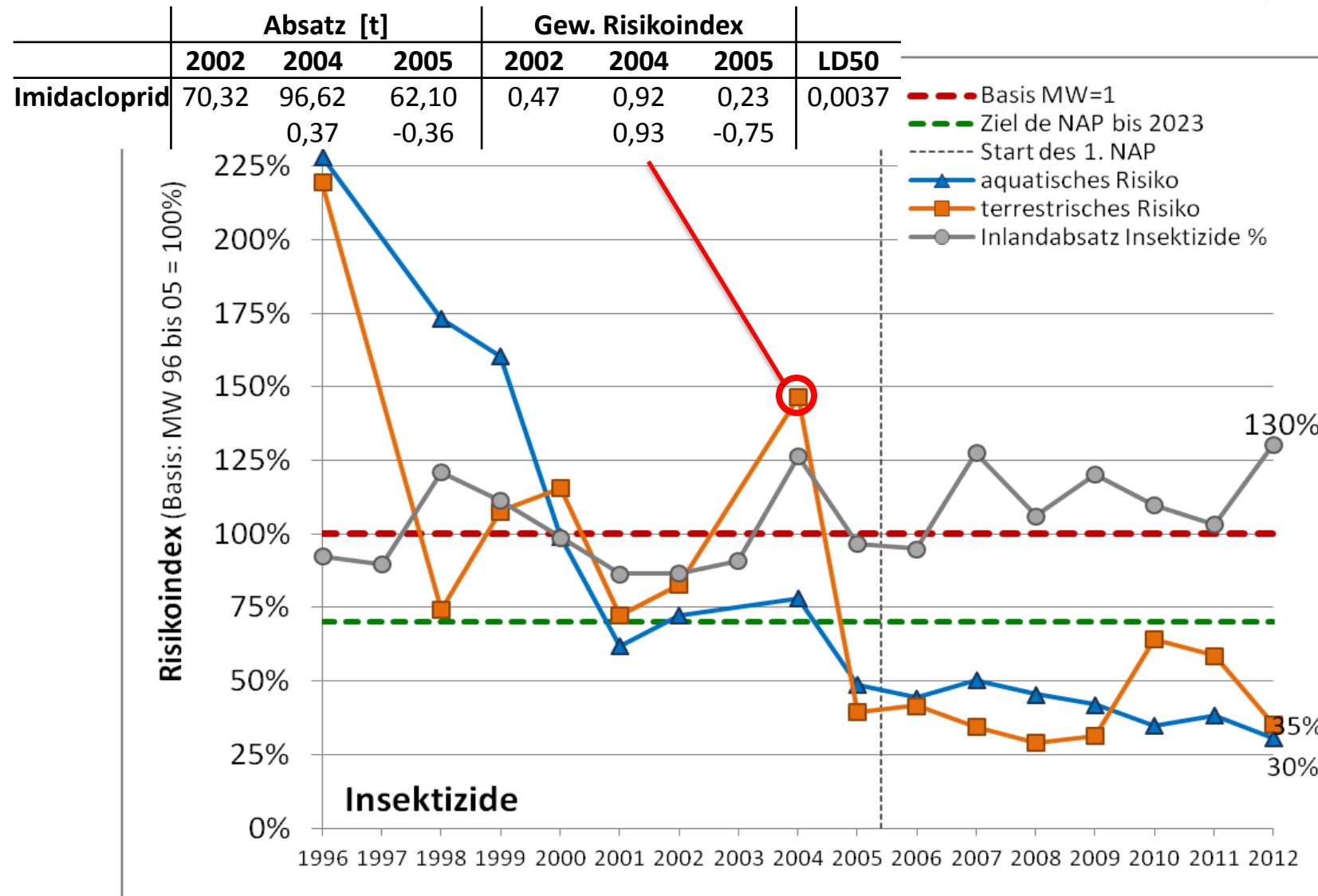
# SYNOPS-Trend: risk development for herbicides



# SYNOPS-Trend: risk development for fungicides



# SYNOPS-Trend: risk development for insecticides



## Relativer Risikoindex in Prozent je Jahr

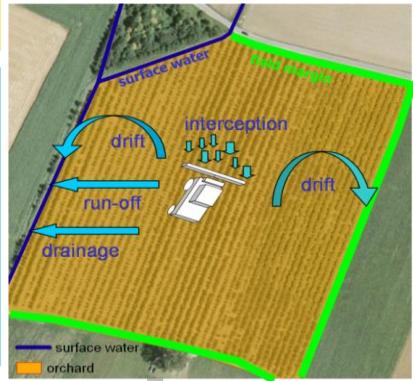
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Basis (96-05)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2006	44%	42%	99%	76%	88%	82%
2007	50%	35%	125%	92%	81%	89%
2008	45%	29%	135%	67%	83%	78%
2009	42%	31%	121%	60%	83%	66%
2010	35%	64%	119%	70%	82%	73%
2011	38%	59%	115%	68%	82%	85%
2012	30%	35%	106%	43%	86%	82%

- Integration of further reference organisms
- Separation of the terrestrial index into two indices for soil and off field areas
- Include further environmental scenarios based on a spatial analysis of slope maps, soil maps, climate maps and crop statistics
- Comparison of risk trends with other indicators as HAIR or the „Pesticide Load Indicator“ from Denmark



# SYNOPS-GIS

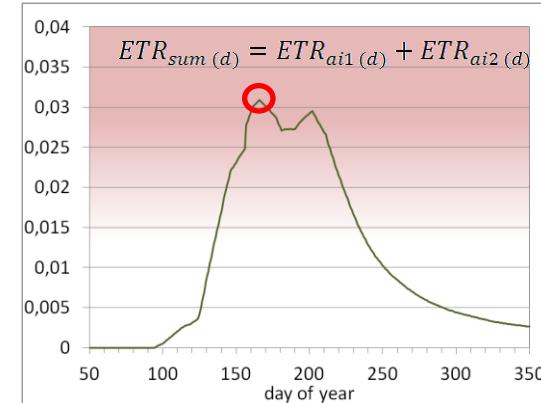
# GIS based risk assessment with SYNOPS



SYNOPS calculates the risk indices for all active ingredients and reference organisms on **field basis**.

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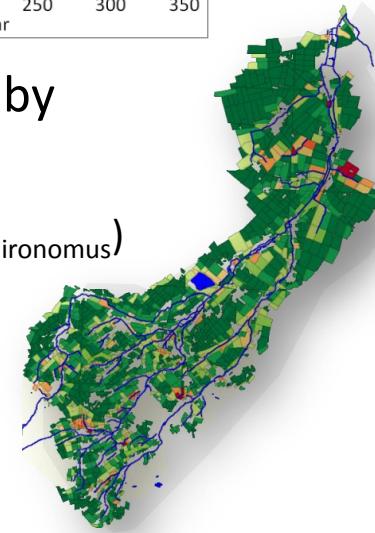
Aggregation for a complete application strategy by **addition of risk indices on daily basis**



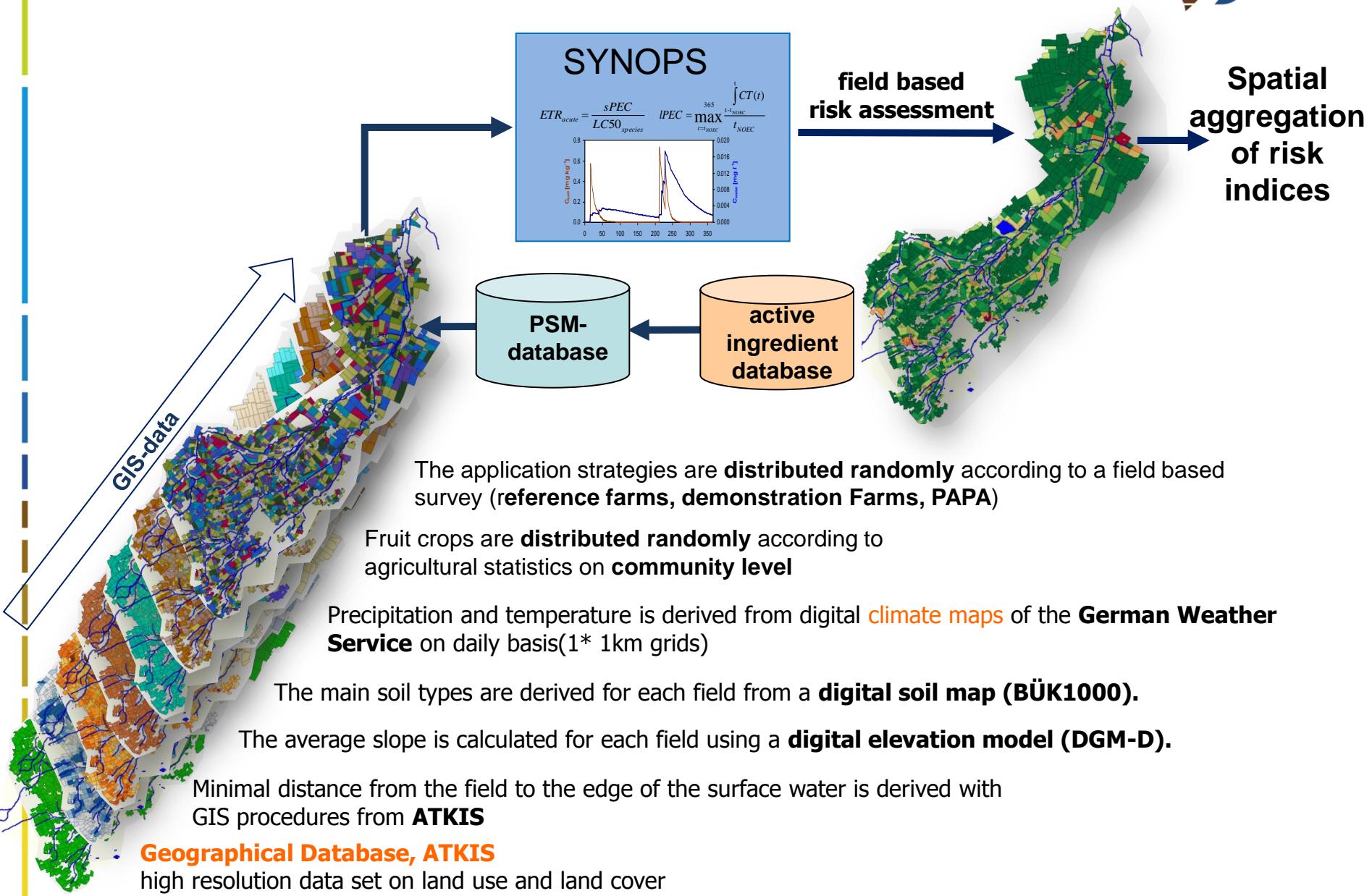
Aggregation for environmental compartments by selecting the **maximum ETR**

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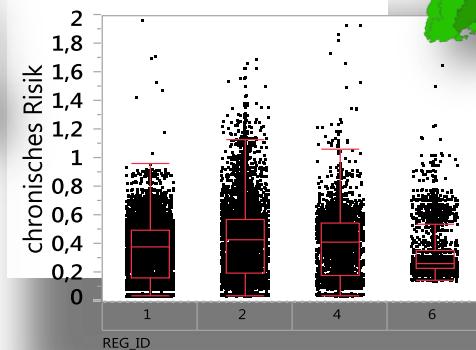
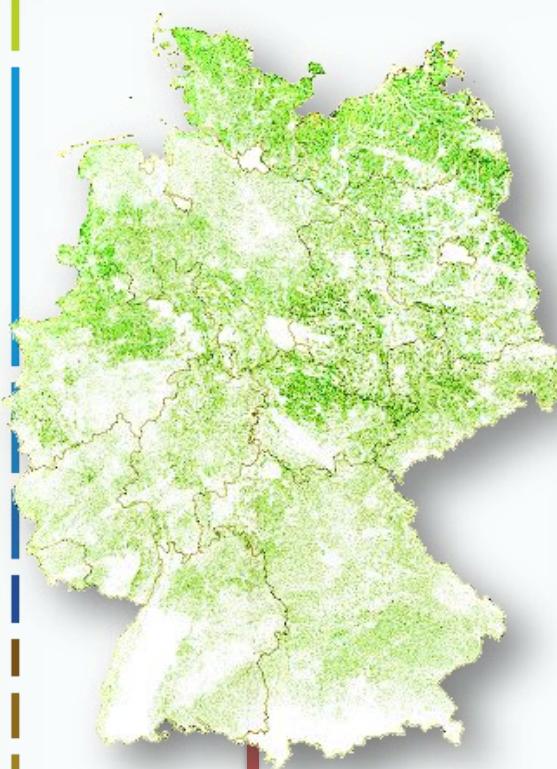
**all fields within the considered region  
geographical databases + GIS procedures**



# GIS based risk assessment with SYNOPS



# spatial aggregation of the risk indices



Soil climate regions

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orchard regions

vineyard regions

## Evaluation on regional level

- Percentile from distribution within a spatial unit (e.g. 90<sup>th</sup> percentile)
- fraction of area with ETR above threshold value (e.g. ETR > 1)

# Evaluate the impact of risk mitigation measures on the regional aquatic risk



- Region: **Germany**
- Crop: **Maize**
- Spatial unit of aggregation: **Catchment**
- Pesticide applications from reference farms in the year 2010
- random distribution of the application calendars (n= 196)

**Scenario 1:** **No (0%) farmer follow the product specific drift mitigation requirements**

**Scenario 2:** **All (100%) farmers follow the product specific drift mitigation requirements**

# chronic aquatic risk

product specific drift mitigation requirements were considered

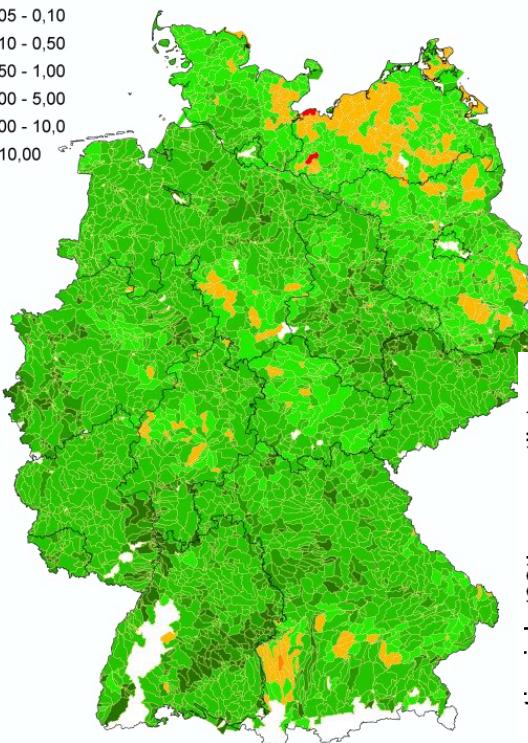


2010

with 100% drift mitigation requirements

chronic aquatic risk, 90th percentile

- 0,00 - 0,05
- 0,05 - 0,10
- 0,10 - 0,50
- 0,50 - 1,00
- 1,00 - 5,00
- 5,00 - 10,0
- > 10,00

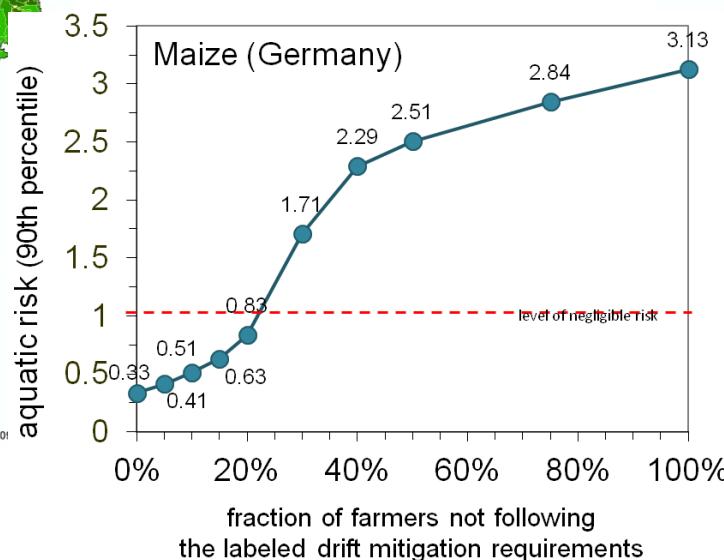
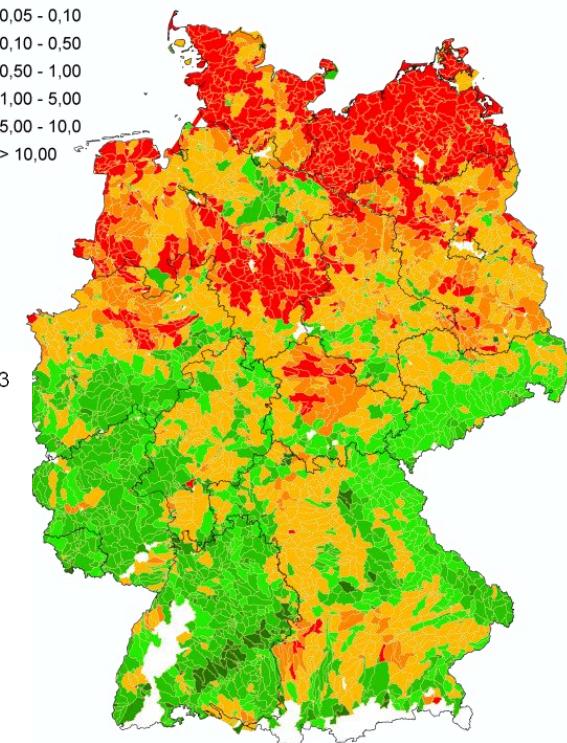


2010

without (0%) drift mitigation requirements

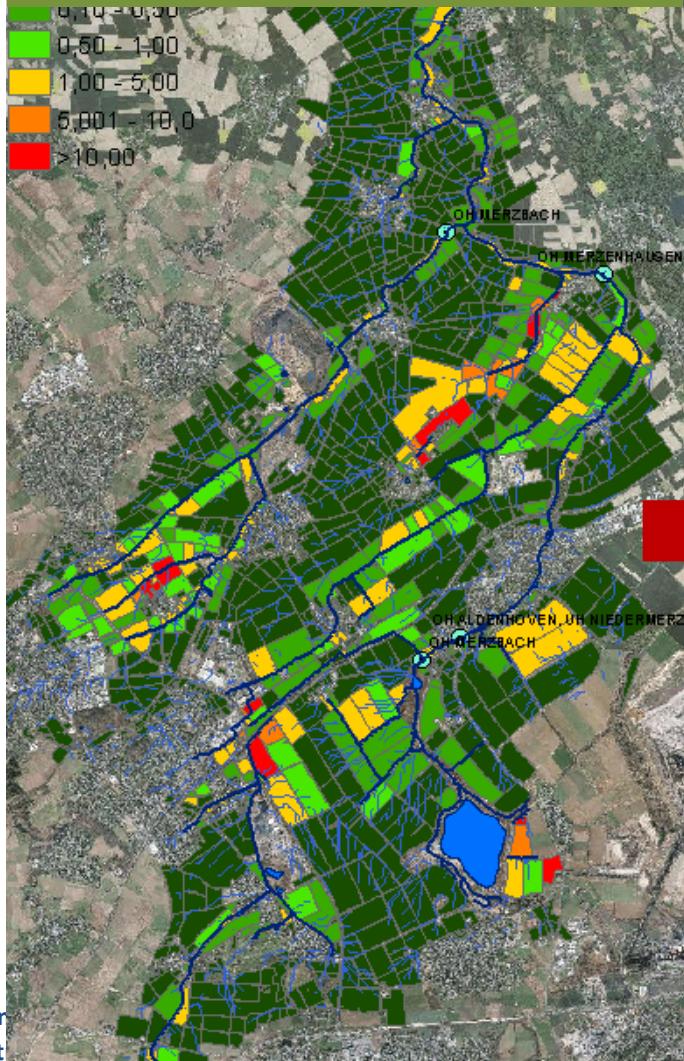
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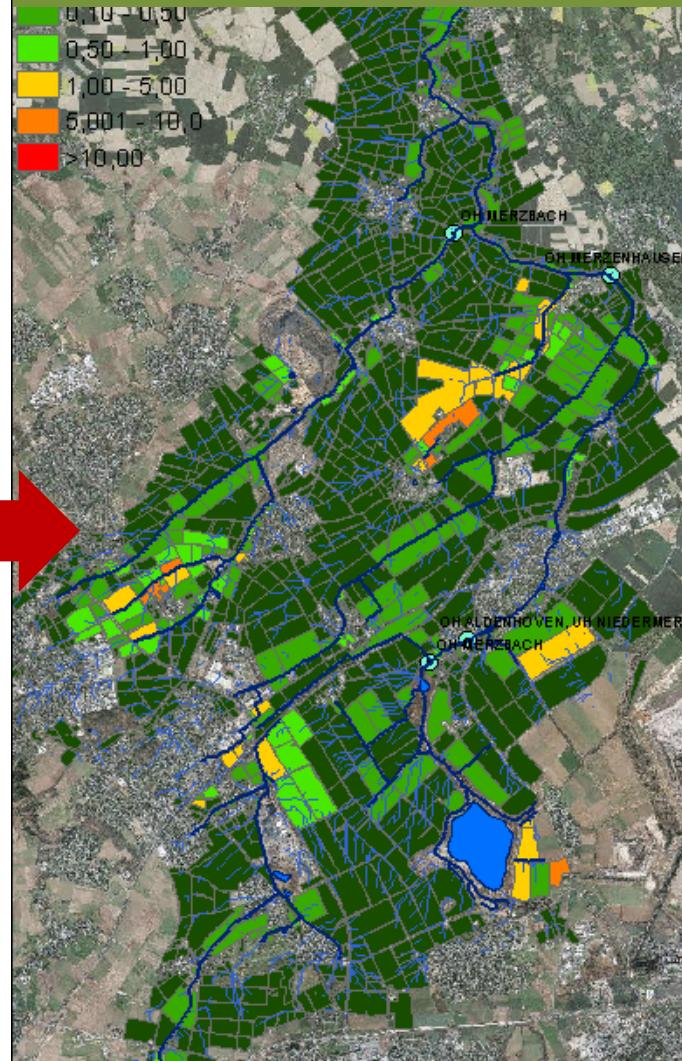


# chronic aquatic risk potential on catchment level

**without  
mitigation measures**



**with  
mitigation measures**



# Evaluate the impact of new and future IPM strategies on the regional aquatic risk



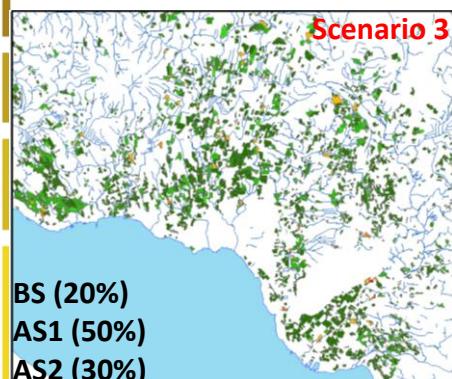
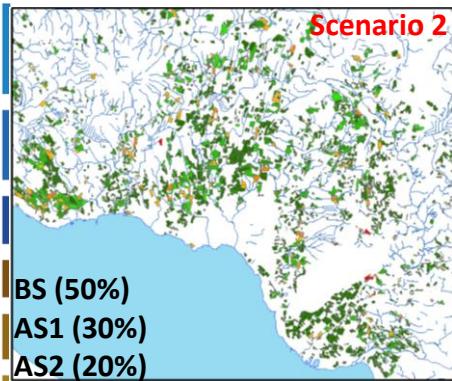
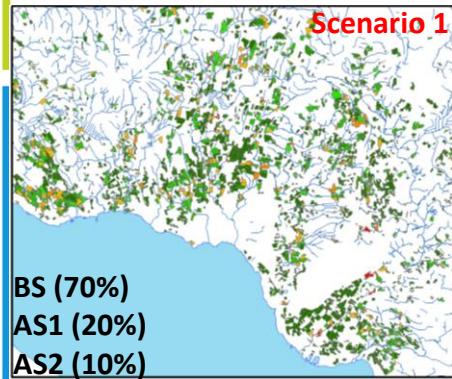
- Region: **Lake Constance-GER**
- Crop: **Apple**
- Spatial unit of aggregation: **Orchard region**
- The 100% base lines scenarios represents conventional production.
- A mixture of available scenarios depending on the **availability** and **acceptance** of the IPM systems is more realistic .
- random distribution of the defined systems according to the following scenarios:

**Scenario 1**    in 0-2 years: **70% BS, 20% IPM-1 and 10% IPM-2**

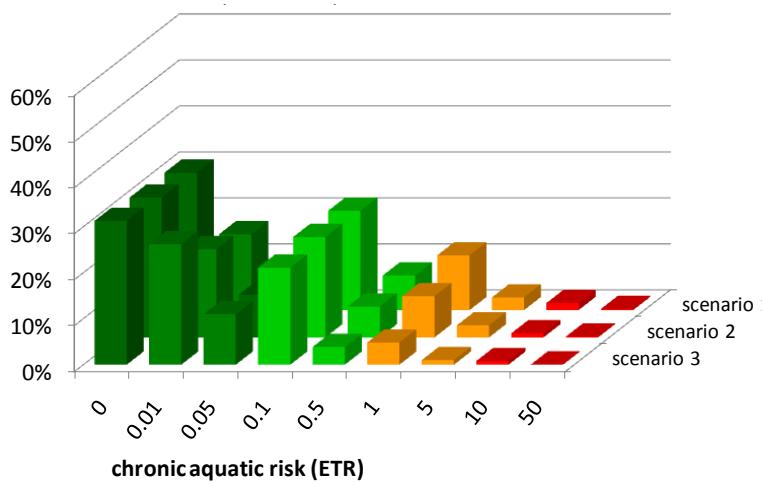
**Scenario 2**    in 2-5 years: **50% BS, 30% IPM-1 and 20% IPM-2**

**Scenario 3**    in 5-10 years: **20% BS, 50% IPM-1 and 30% IPM-2**

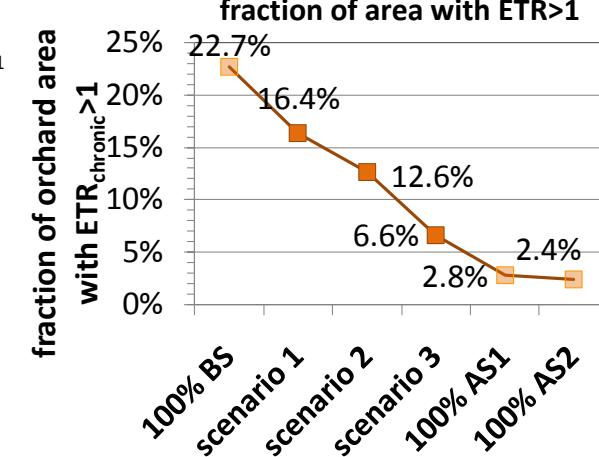
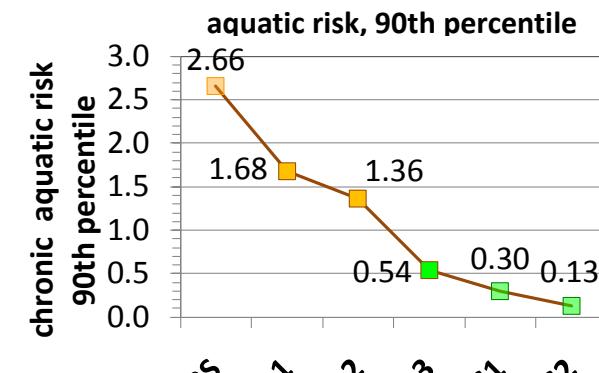
# Evaluate the impact of new and future IPM strategies compared to a conventional base line strategy



frequency distribution of risk indices



	Reduction compared to BS	
	aquatic risk, 90th percentile	fraction of area with ETR>1
Scenario 1	-36.98%	-27.78%
Scenario 2	-48.69%	-44.43%
Scenario 3	-79.69%	-70.81%



# Comparison of demonstration farms with reference farms on regional level

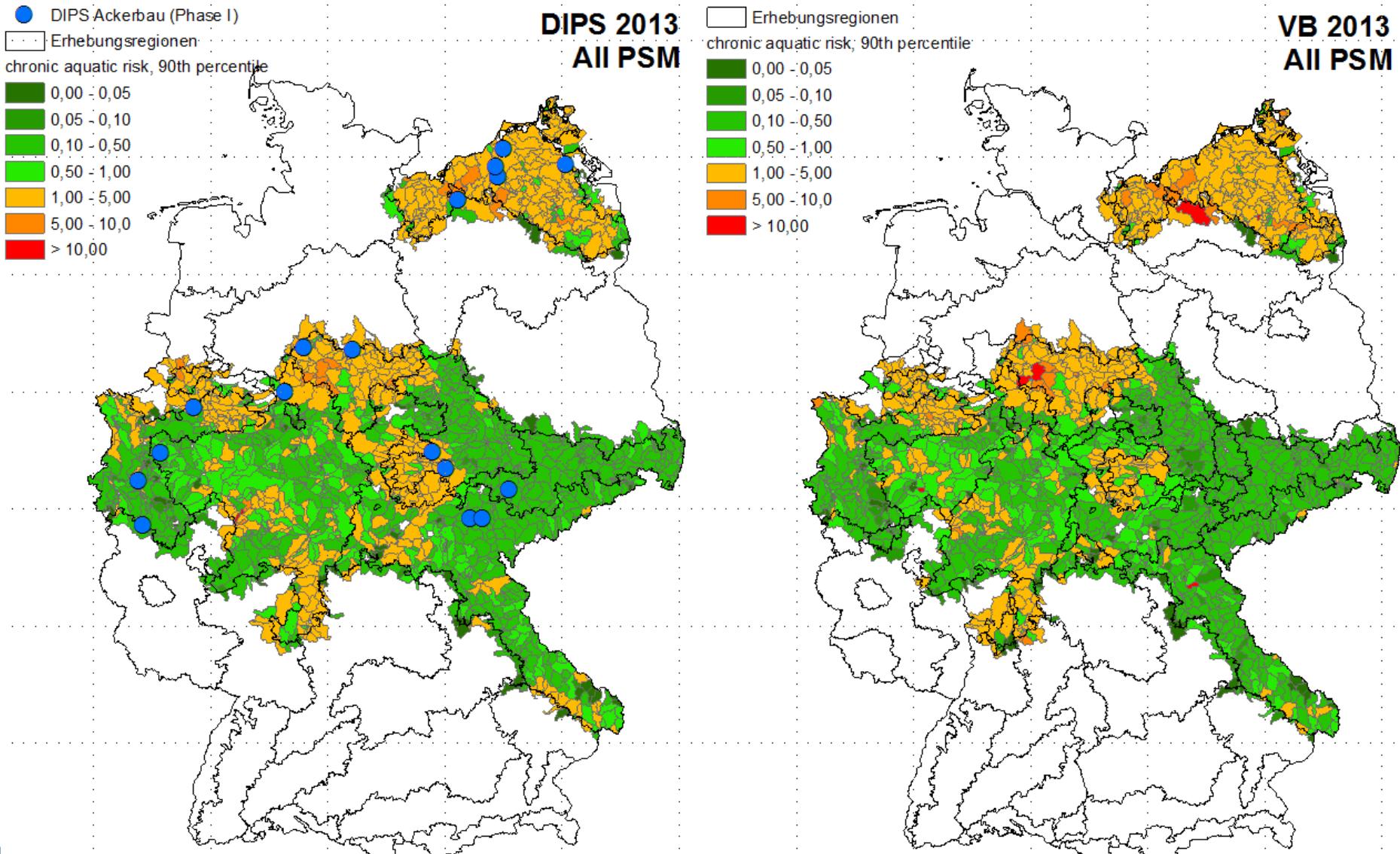


- Region: **Germany**
- Crop: **winter rye**
- Spatial unit of aggregation: **catchment**
- Pesticide applications from reference and demonstration farms in the year 2012
- random distribution of the application calendars (n= 34/35)

**Scenario 1:** **(100%) demonstration farms**

**Scenario 2:** **(100%) reference farms**

# Regionales chronisches aquatisches Risiko der PSM Strategien der DIPS und VB im Ackerbau (WG)



# Ackerbau (WG), BRD gesamt

## Aggregierte Risikoindizes als 90. Perzentile

Ackerbau (WG)	DIPS			VB			Diff in %		
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
Anzahl Betriebe	.	10	16	.	10	13			
Anzahl Appl.-Muster	.	35	55	.	30	43			
Flächen	34679	82889		34679	82889				
<b>Alle PSM</b>	<b>0,885</b>	<b>1,264</b>		<b>1,272</b>	<b>1,570</b>		<b>0,70</b>	<b>0,81</b>	
Insektizide	0,136	0,396		0,390	0,488				
Fungizide	0,049	0,046		0,037	0,041				
Herbizide	0,626	0,984		0,826	1,184				
<b>Alle PSM</b>	<b>0,451</b>	<b>0,686</b>		<b>0,539</b>	<b>0,796</b>		<b>0,84</b>	<b>0,86</b>	
Insektizide	0,011	0,094		0,016	0,023				
Fungizide	0,025	0,013		0,016	0,026				
Herbizide	0,448	0,682		0,539	0,796				

**Thank you for  
your attention!**

