



Scoping Meeting Agricultural Risk Assessment

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Day 1. Incorporating Drought and the Agricultural Sector in the GAR Global Risk Model

A Conceptual Model for Assessing Global Risk in the Agriculture Sector

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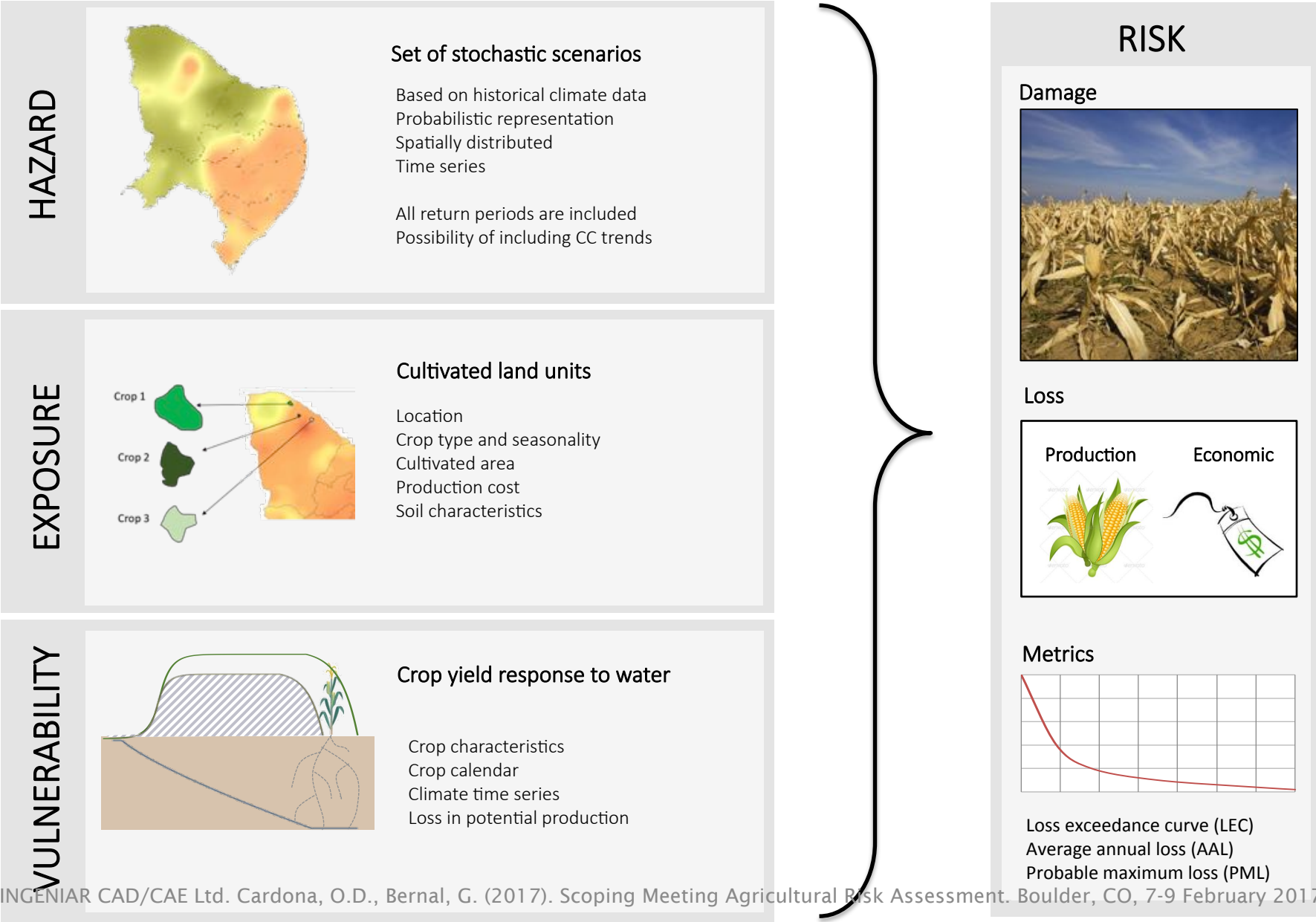
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Drought Risk Assessment

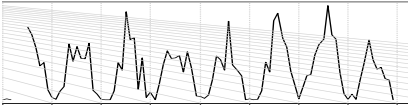
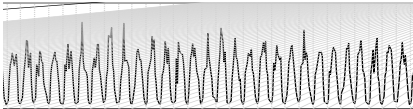
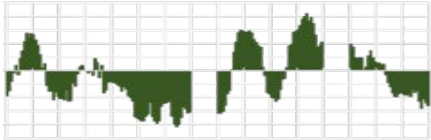
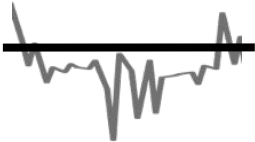
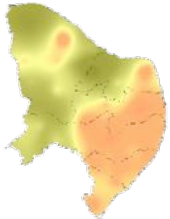
- ✓ *The objective is to develop a drought risk model to estimate the economical losses in the agricultural sector, for all the countries in the world (or as many as possible).*
- ✓ *The proposed methodology aims to quantify the loss in production (yield) of crops exposed to droughts.*
- ✓ *Any other adverse effect of droughts is not considered within the scope of this methodology.*
- ✓ *The expected outcome is the risk assessment in terms of probabilistic metrics (AAL, PML, LEC) at country level.*

Probabilistic Risk Assessment



Drought Hazard

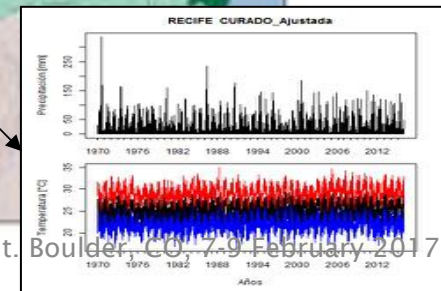
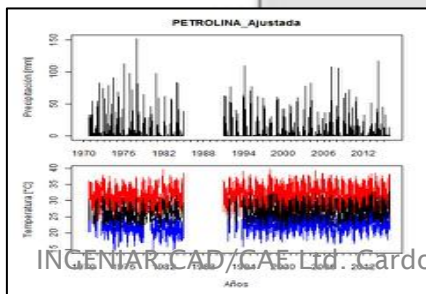
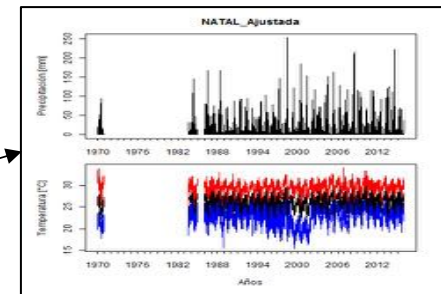
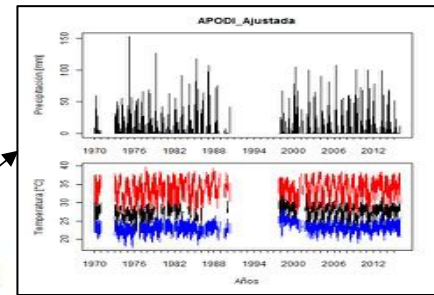
Hazard

Inputs	Historic records		<i>Station or satellite data of temperature and precipitation time series</i>
	Future series		<i>Stochastic generation of future time series</i>
Outputs	Drought indicator		<i>Calculated in several time bases. Multiple indicators</i>
	Drought events		<i>Spatial and temporal drought event definition</i>
	Integrated hazard maps		<i>For communication purposes (not required for risk assessment)</i>

Hazard

Historic records

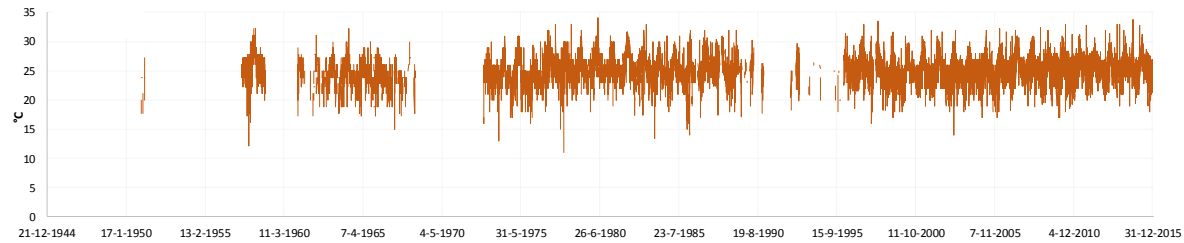
For example, in northeast Brazil



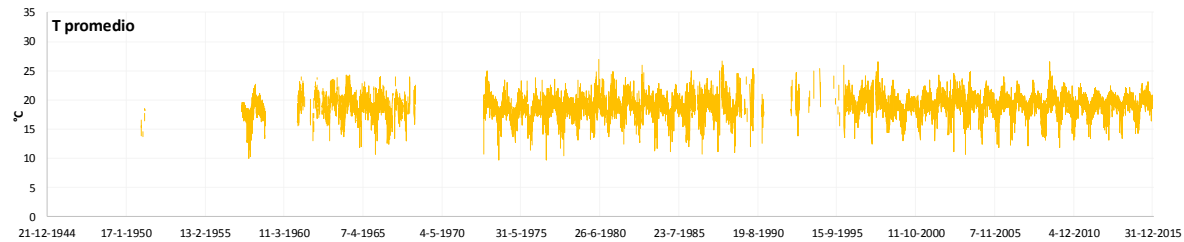
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Historic time series completion

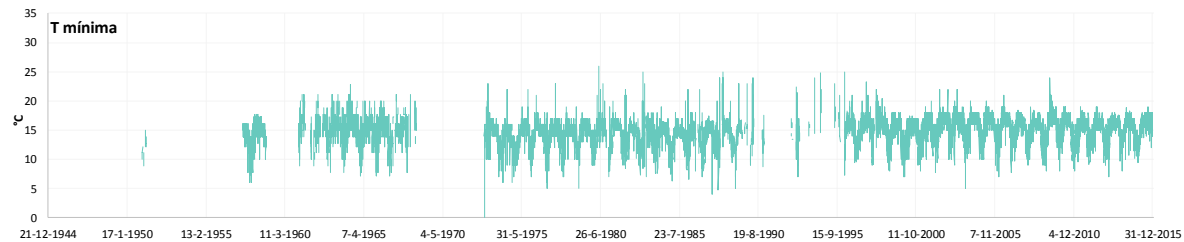
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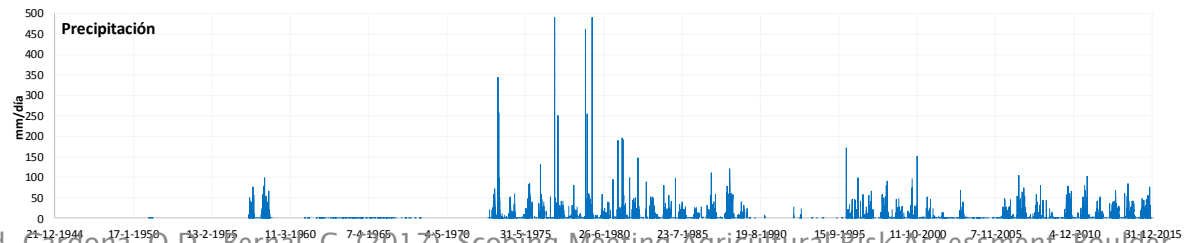
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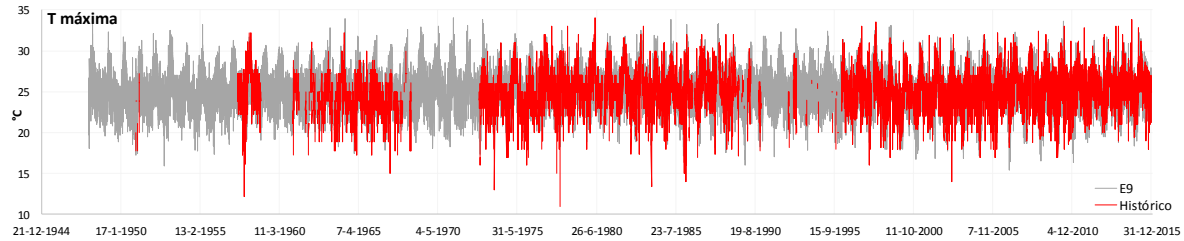
Rainfall
[mm/day]



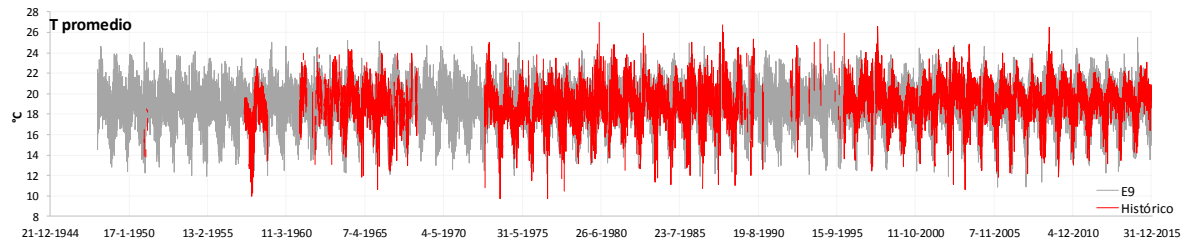
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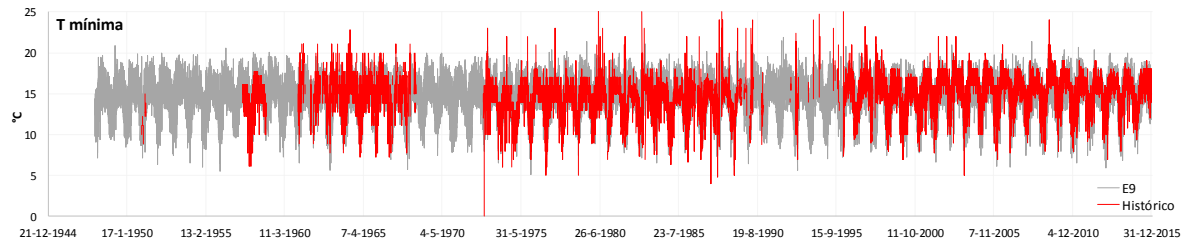
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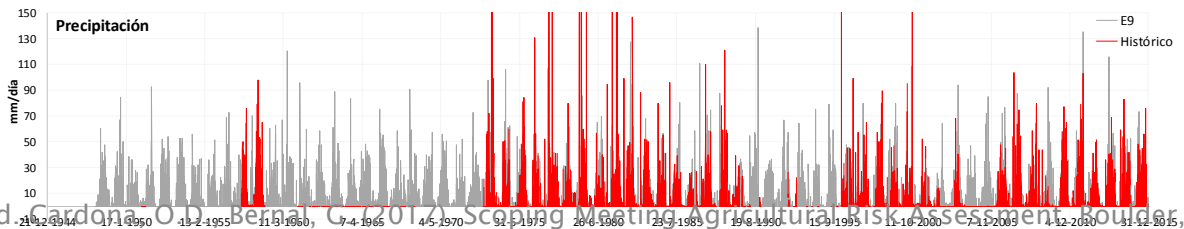
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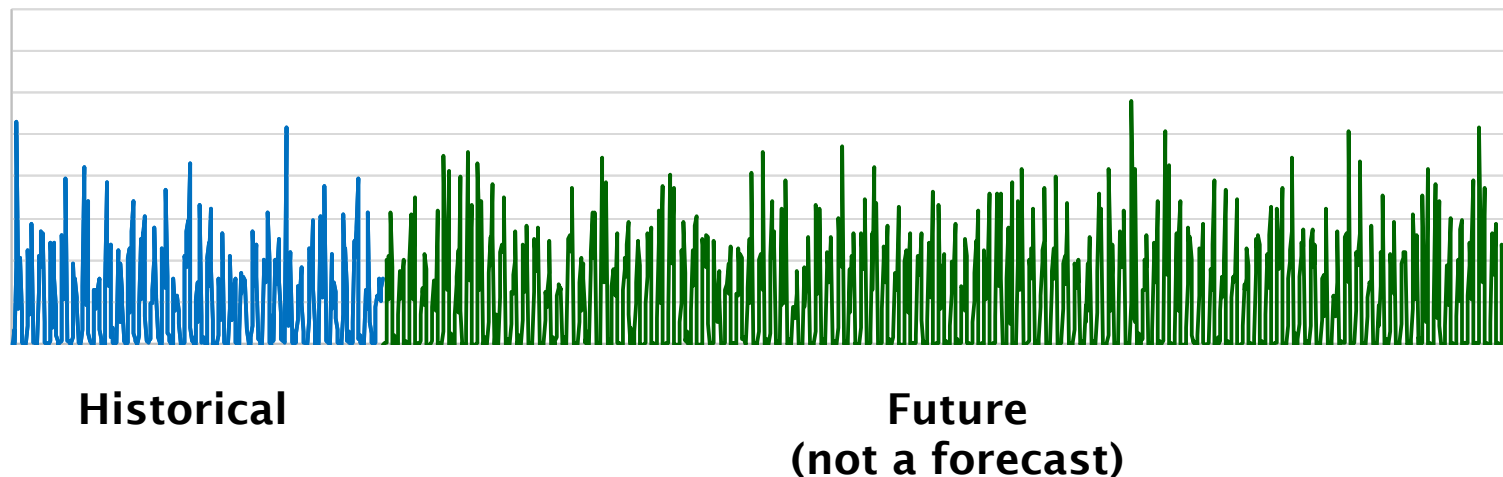
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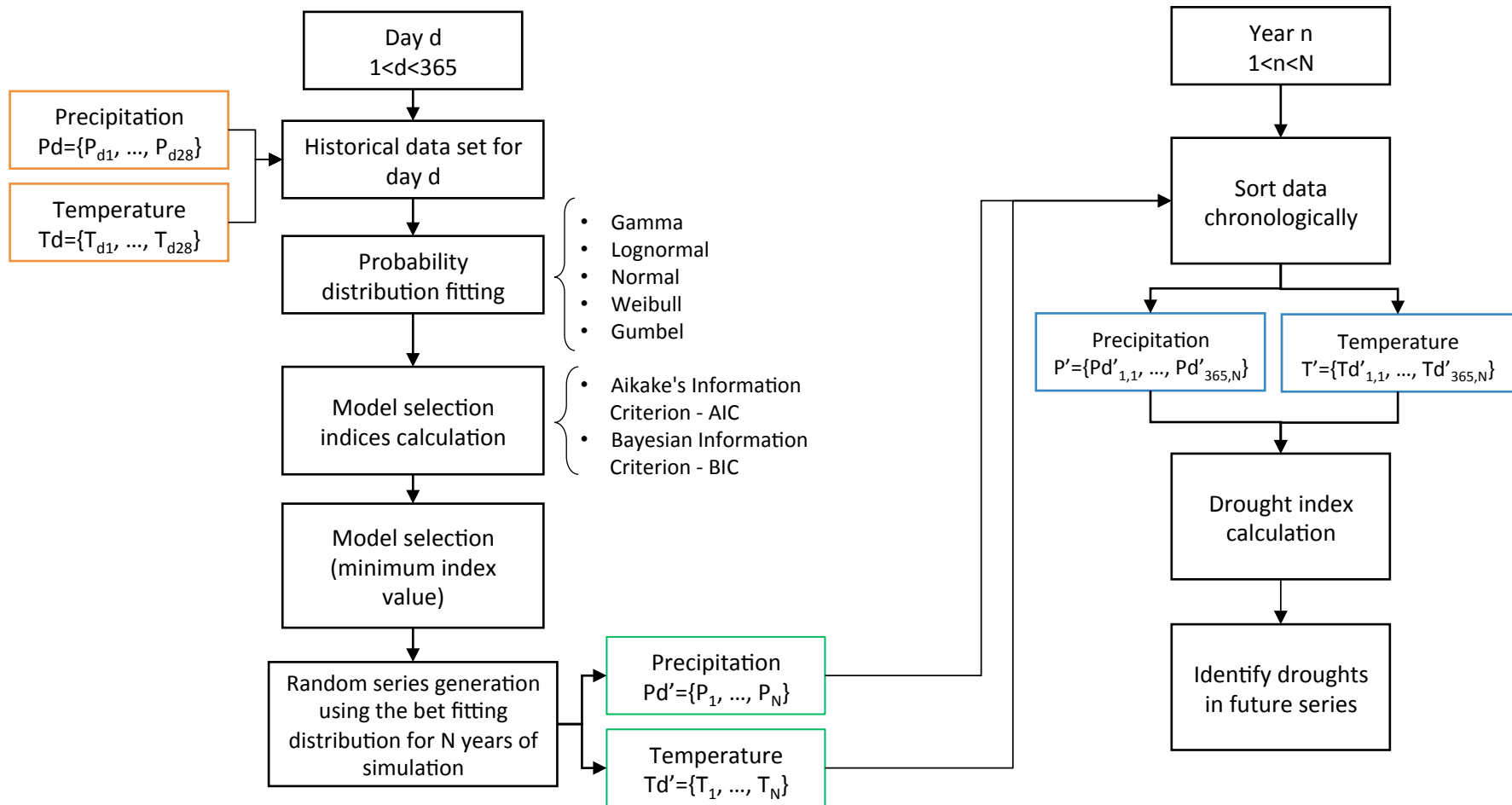
Future weather time series

- ✓ *Future time series are generated stochastically from the historical information.*
- ✓ *The objective is not to forecast future weather conditions, but to generate feasible combinations of drought conditions, such as low precipitation and high temperature.*



Hazard

Future weather time series



Hazard

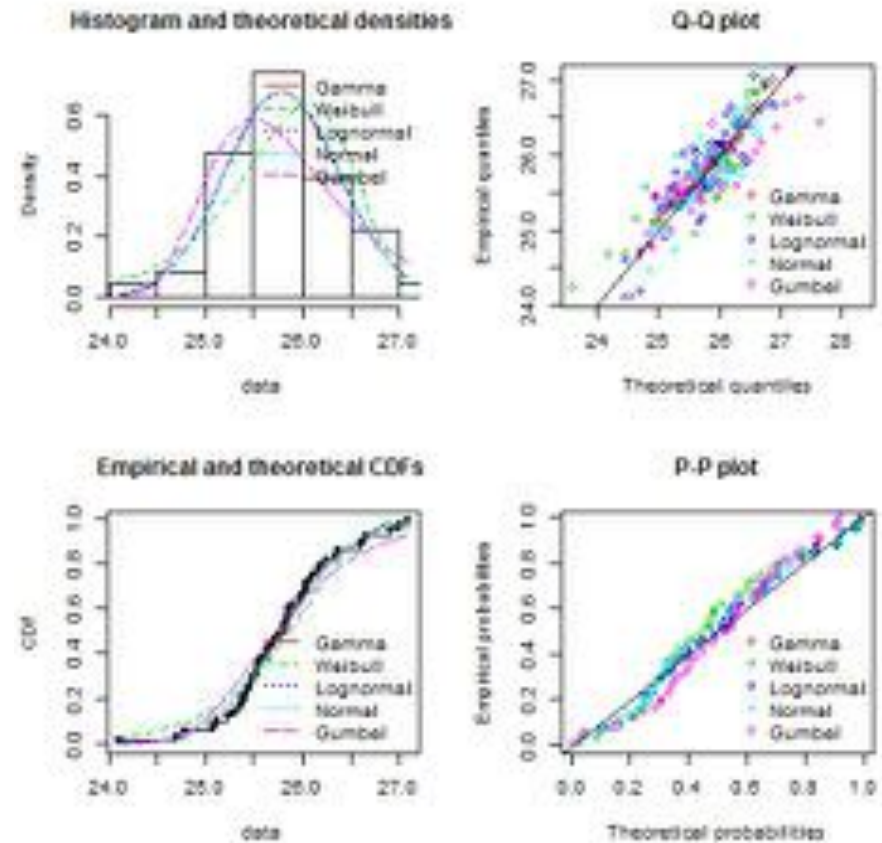
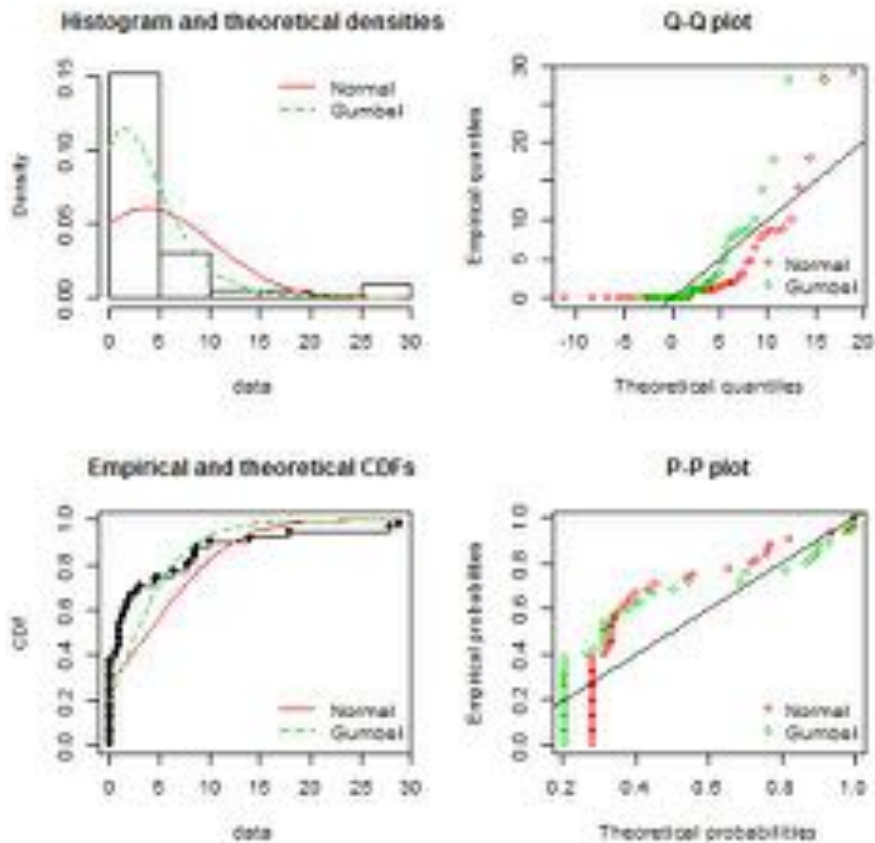
Future weather time series

Probability distribution fitting

For example,

Precipitation, March 15th

Temperature, October 15th



Hazard

Future weather time series

Probability distribution of each weather variable, for each day

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
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Hazard

Future weather time series

- ✓ *There is a certain amount of correlation, in both time and space, that cannot be neglected.*
- ✓ *Correlation is considered by means of a covariance matrix, between days of the year (for time correlation) and stations in the study area (for space correlation)*

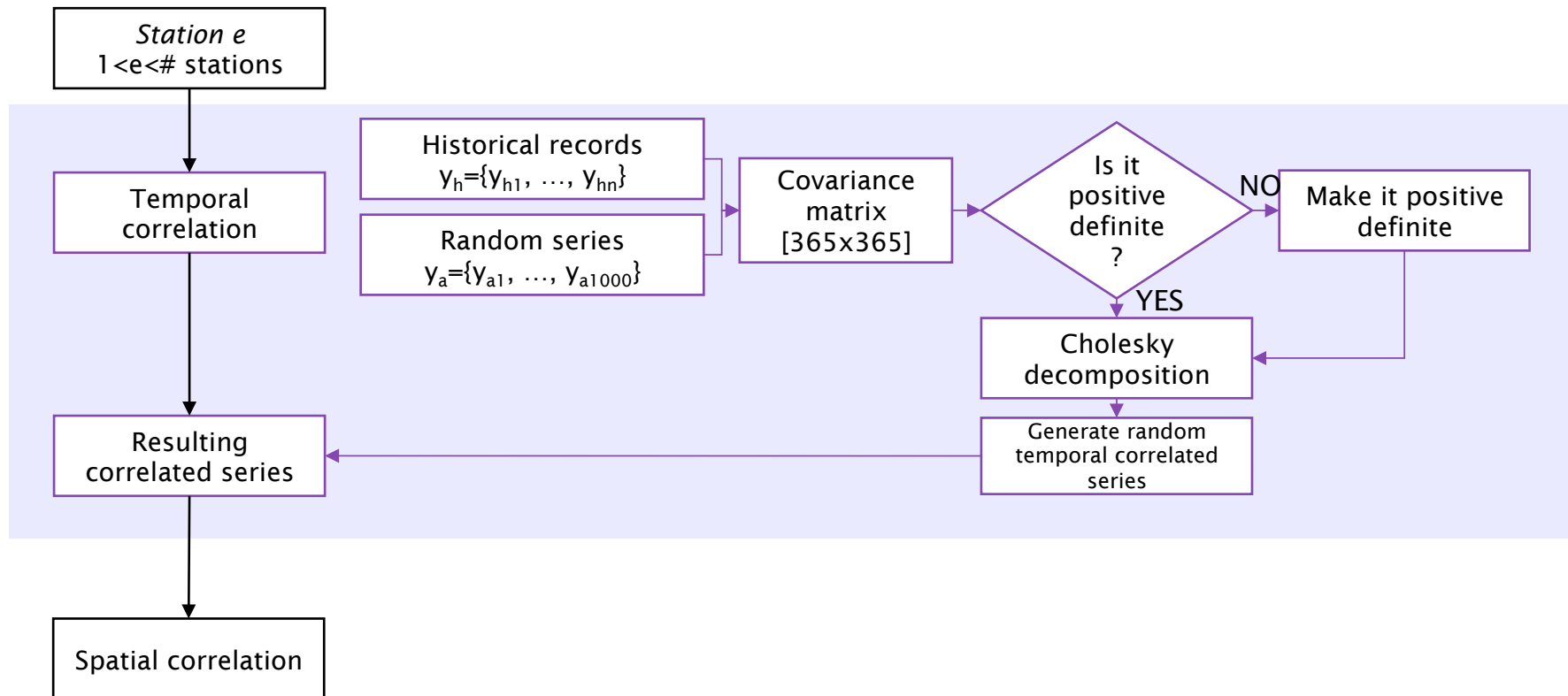
Correlation



Hazard

Temporal correlation of random series

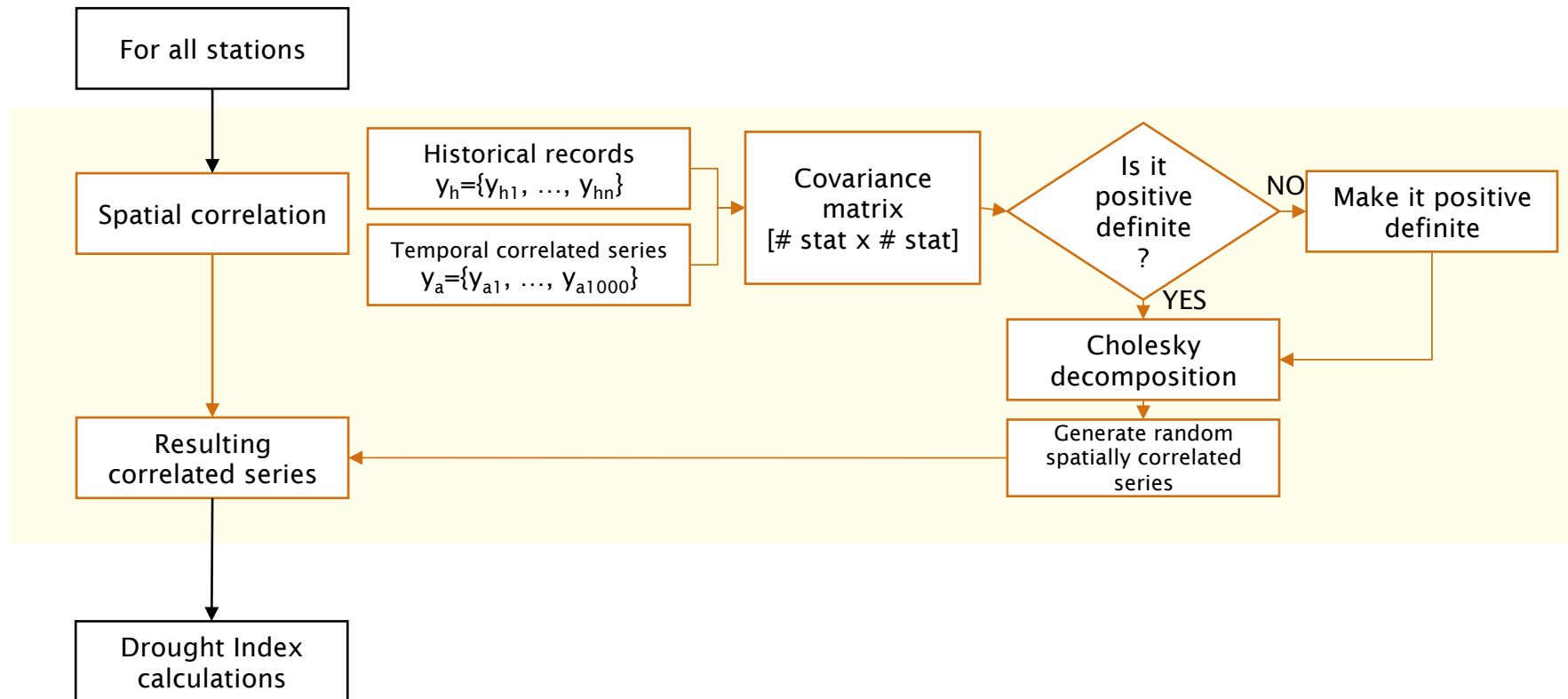
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Spatial correlation of random series

Correlation

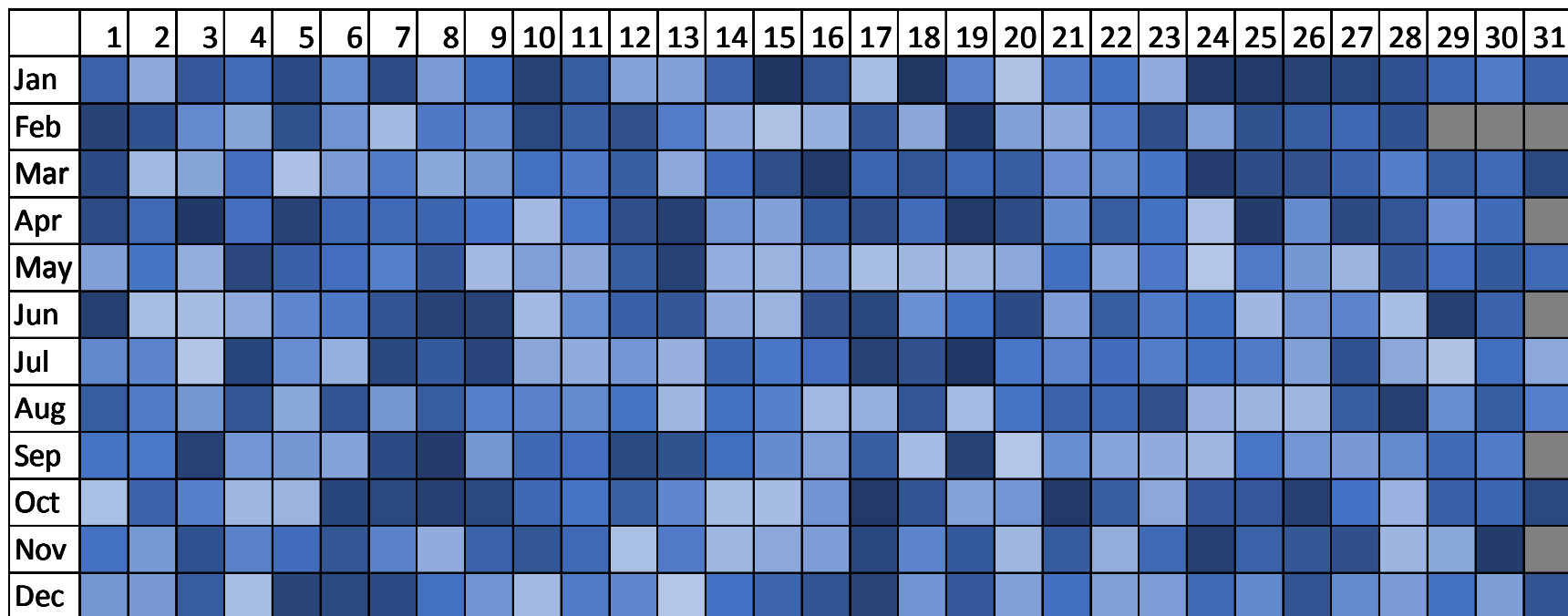


Hazard

Future weather time series

Simulations

- ✓ *Correlated random numbers are generated for each day of the year, for as many years as wanted.*
- ✓ *Each simulated year has different values of the weather parameters in each day, which follow the day-specific probability distribution and the temporal and spatial correlations.*

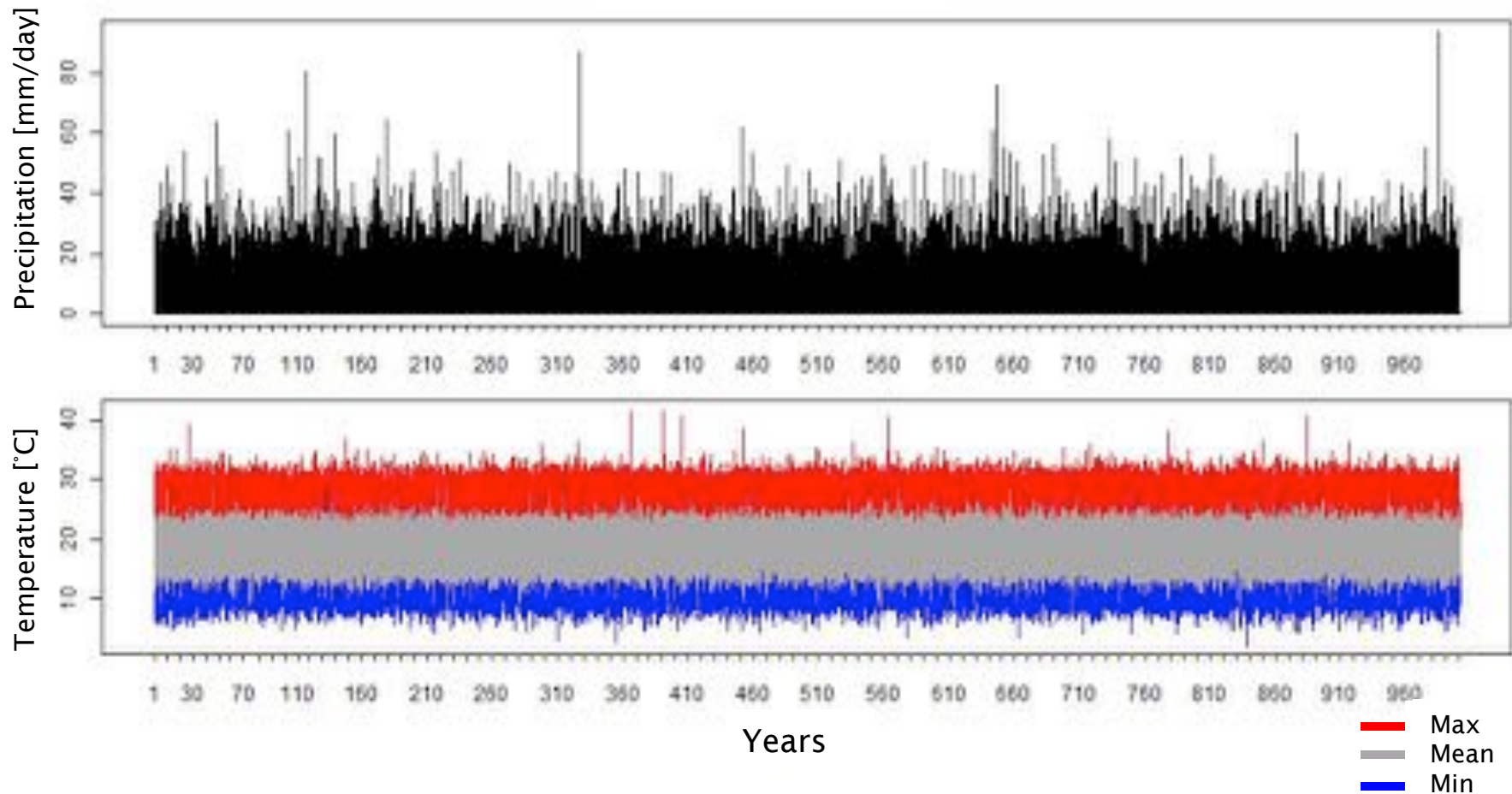


Hazard

Future weather time series

Simulations

This is repeated, for example, one thousand times.

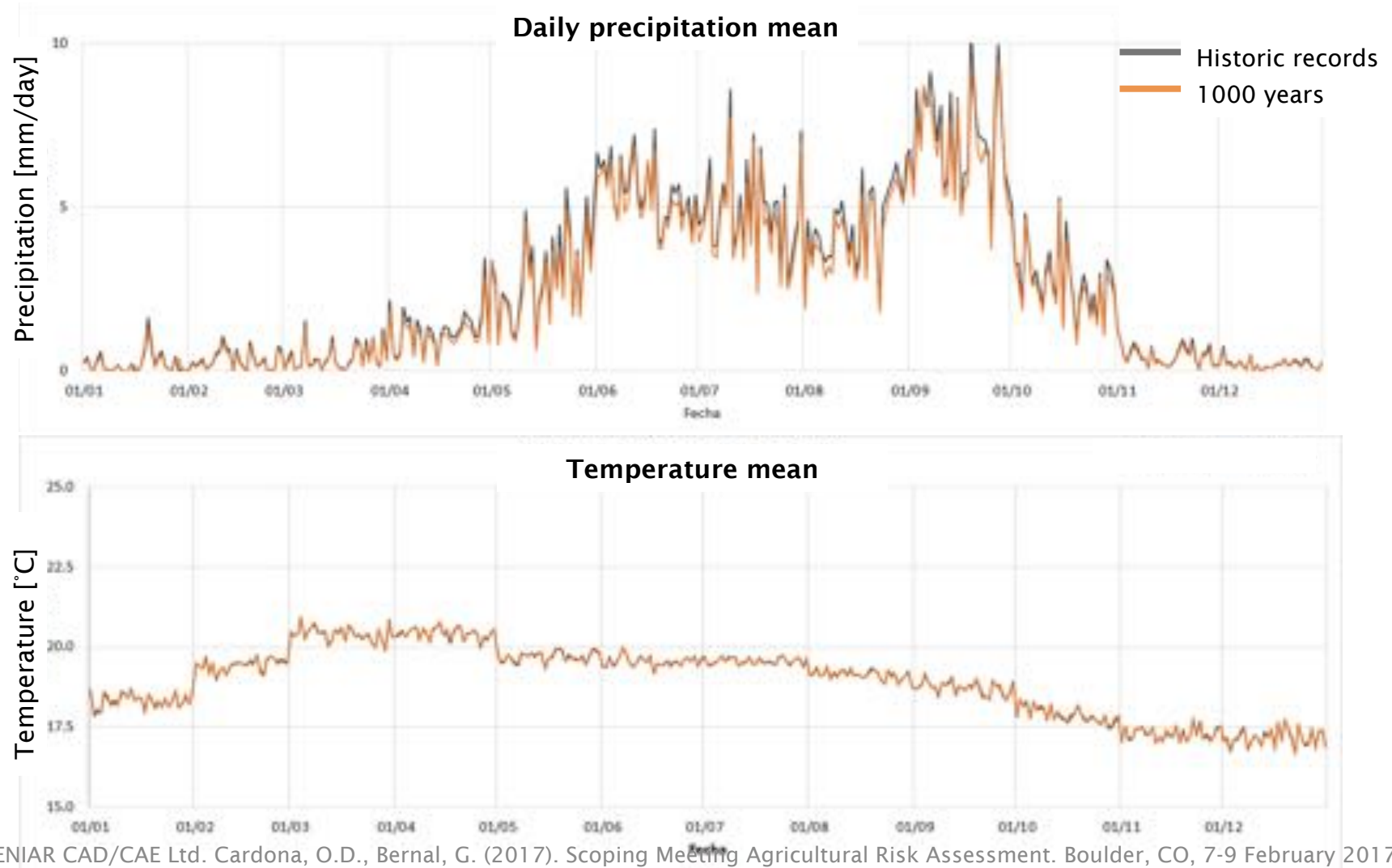


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Future weather time series

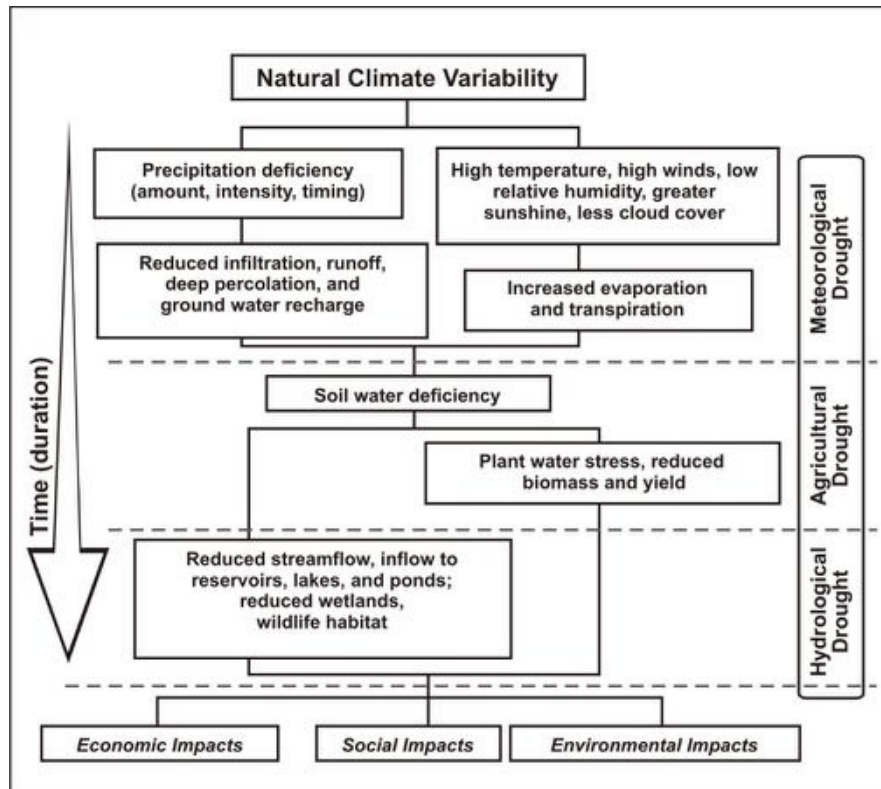
Simulations

Fitness check of multi-annual averages.



Drought Classification

Drought indices according to drought type



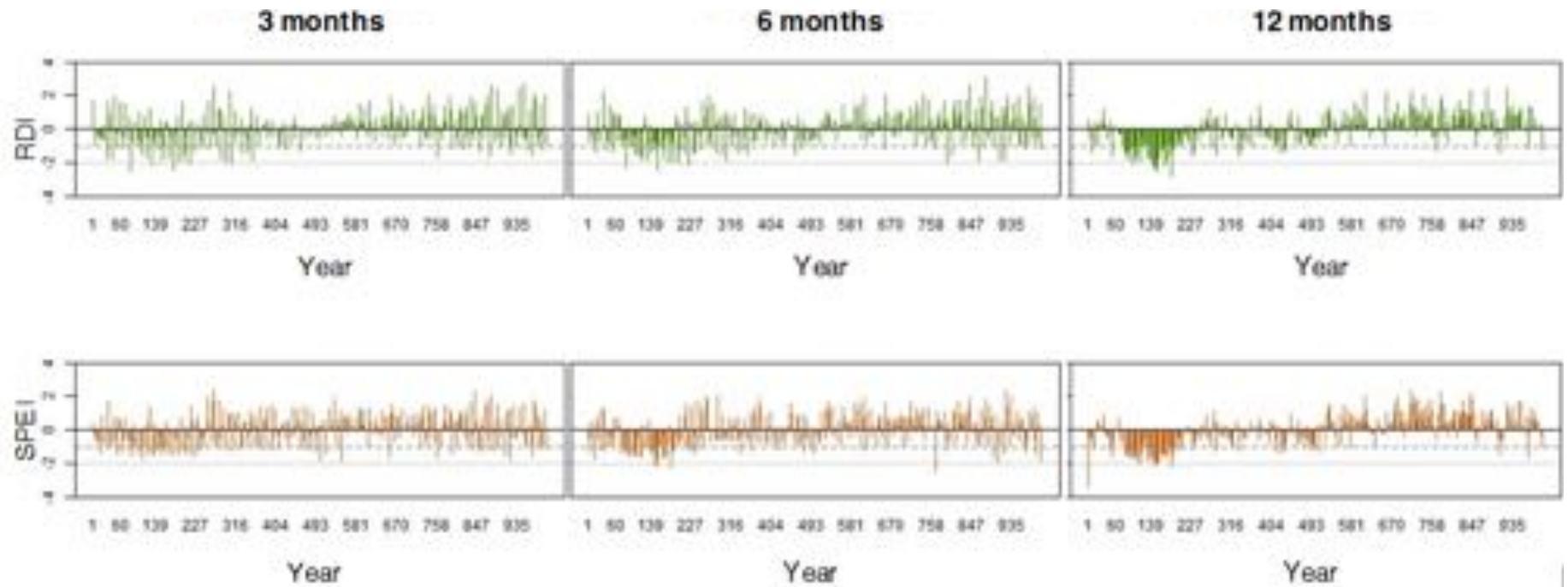
<http://drought.unl.edu/>

Precipitation deciles SPI Standardized Precipitation EDI Effective drought index	Precipitation
RDI Reconnaissance Drought Index SPEI Standardized Precipitation Evapotranspiration Index	Precipitation Temperature
PDSI Palmer Drought Severity Index	Precipitation, Temperature, Soil characteristics (porosity, moisture)
Surface Water Supply Index	Precipitation, snow, streamflow, water storage

Drought Indices

Time scale variation

Drought indicator series for 1000-years simulation

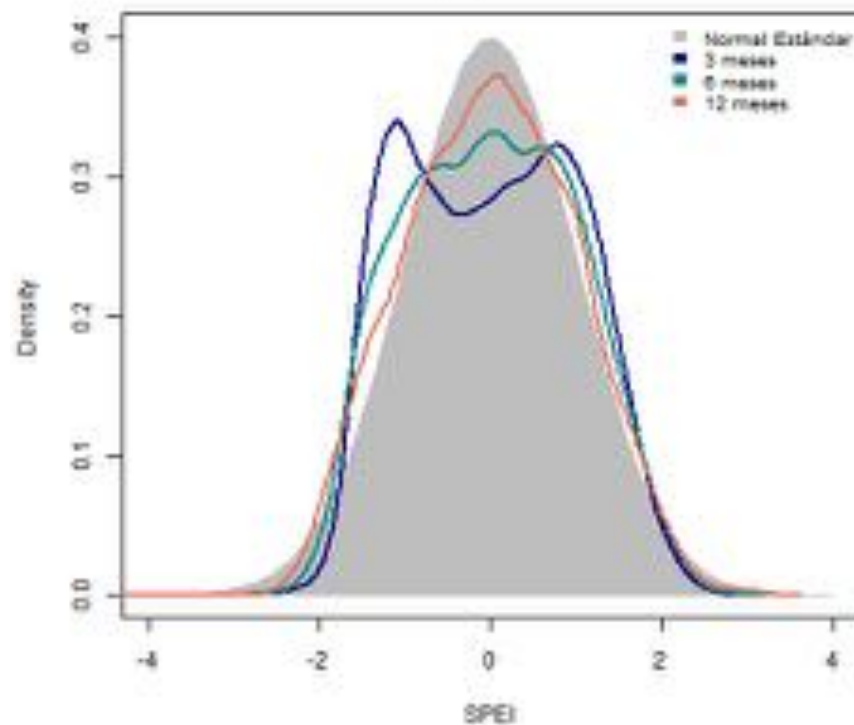


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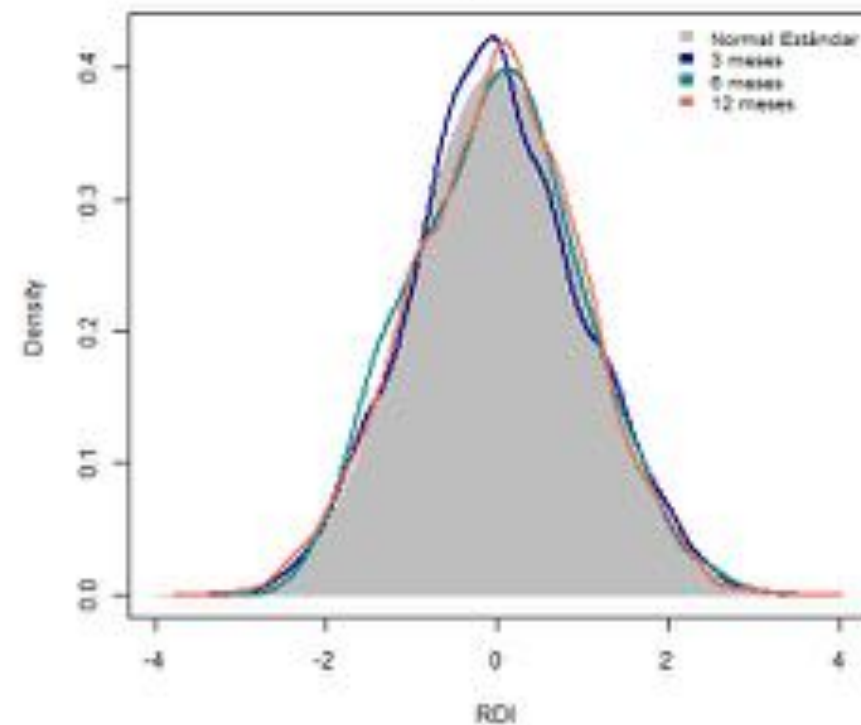
Select the best index according to local conditions

Index densities fit to a normal standard distribution

SPEI - 3, 6 and 12 months



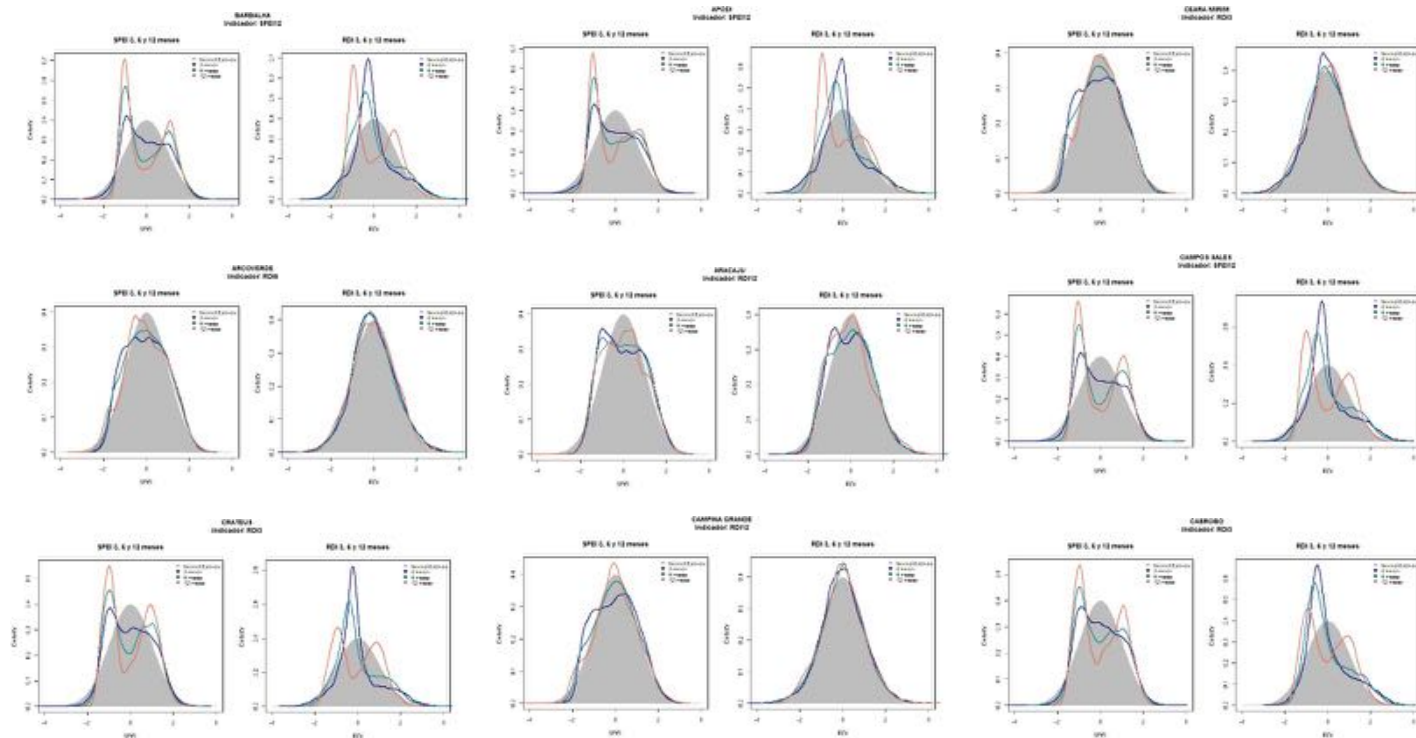
RDI - 3, 6 and 12 months



Drought Indices

Select the best index according to local conditions

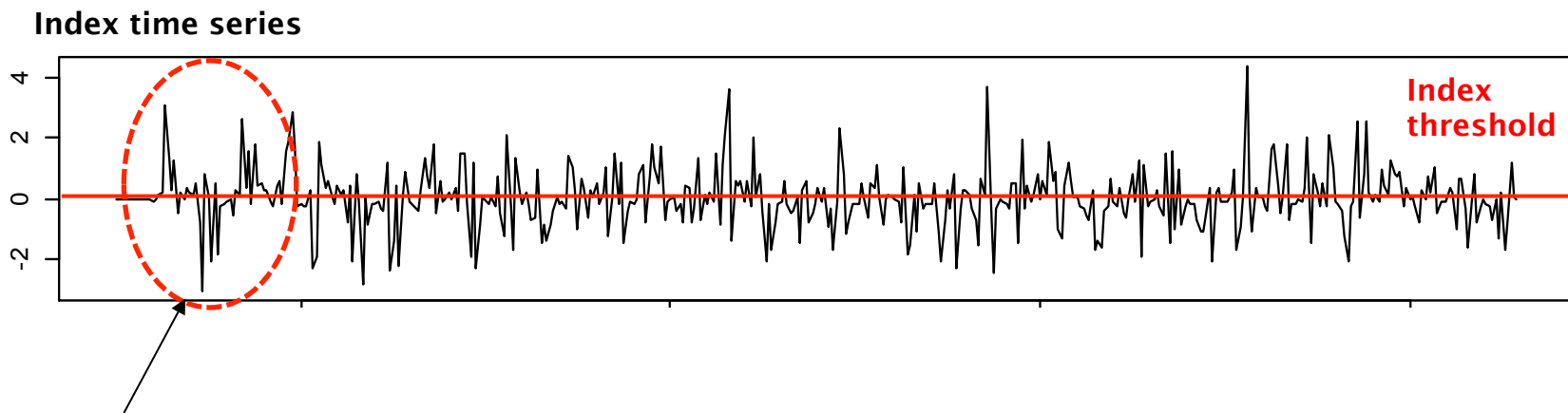
Compare and select the index (and time scale) that better fits for most of the stations.



Drought Events

An index threshold must be defined to identify drought events.

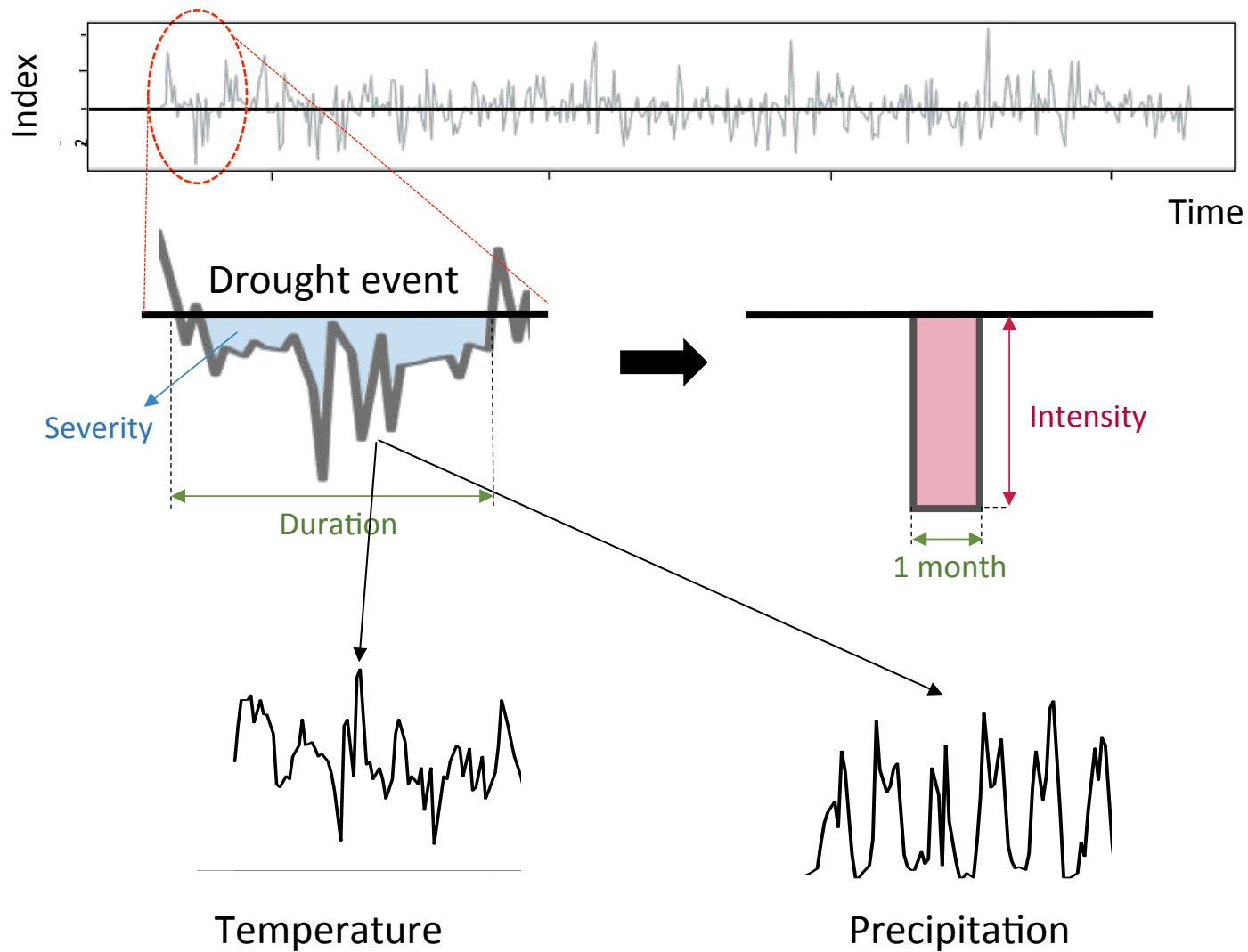
Drought Classes	Index value
Non-drought	Index ≥ 0
Mild	$-1 < \text{Index} < 0$
Moderate	$-1.5 < \text{Index} \leq -1$
Sever/extreme	Index ≤ -1.5



Individual drought events can be identified from the index time series

Drought Events

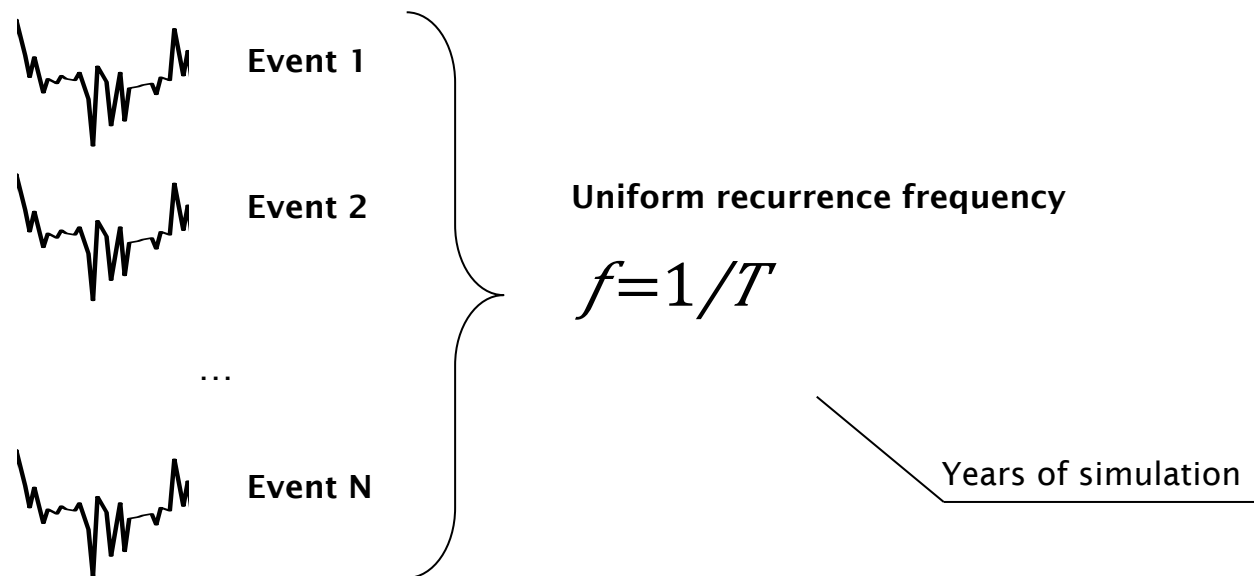
Each event is unique and has its own distribution in time



Drought Events

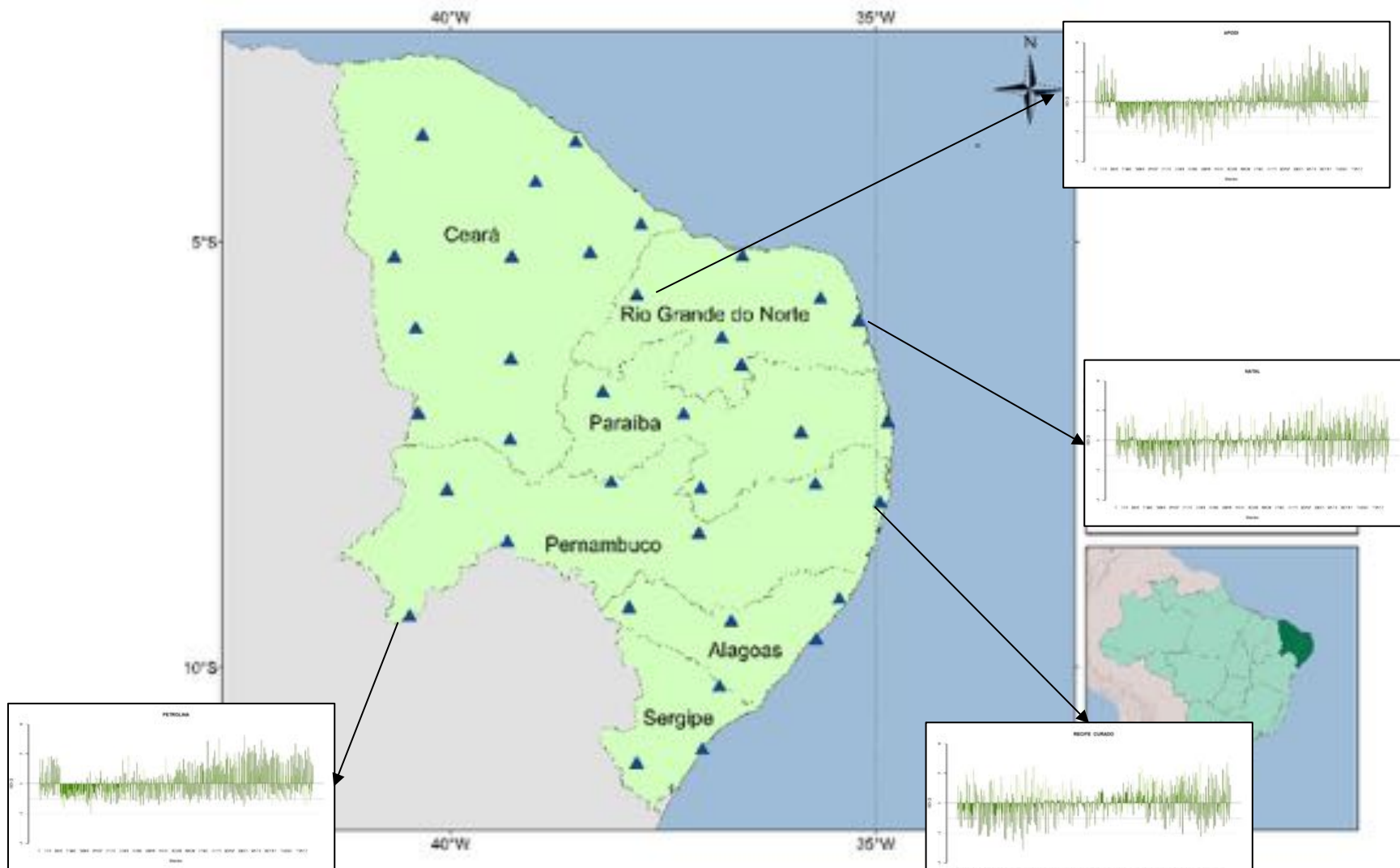
Frequency

All the drought events identified in the simulated series are selected to integrate the hazard model.



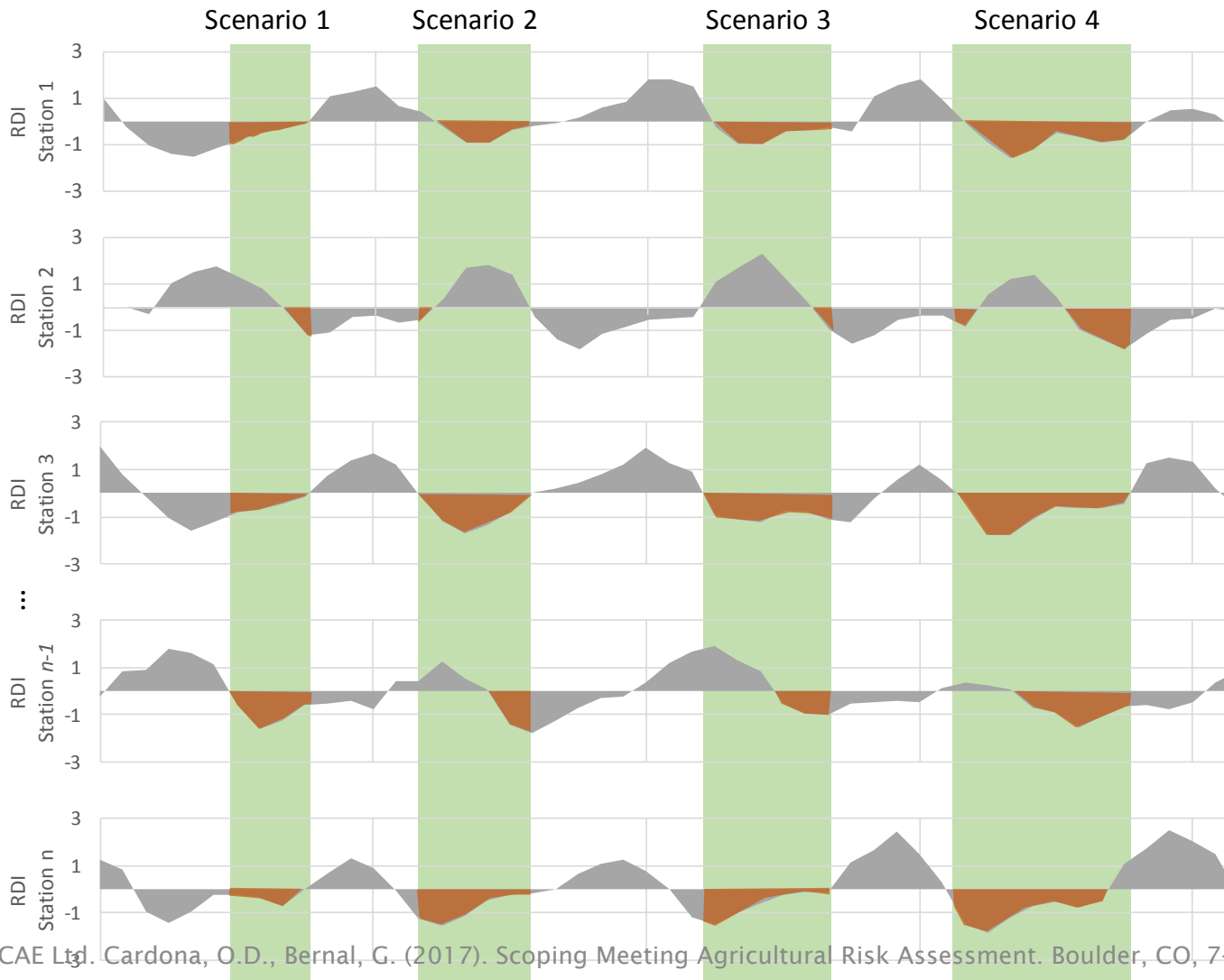
Drought Events

Drought index series are associated to particular stations.



Drought Events

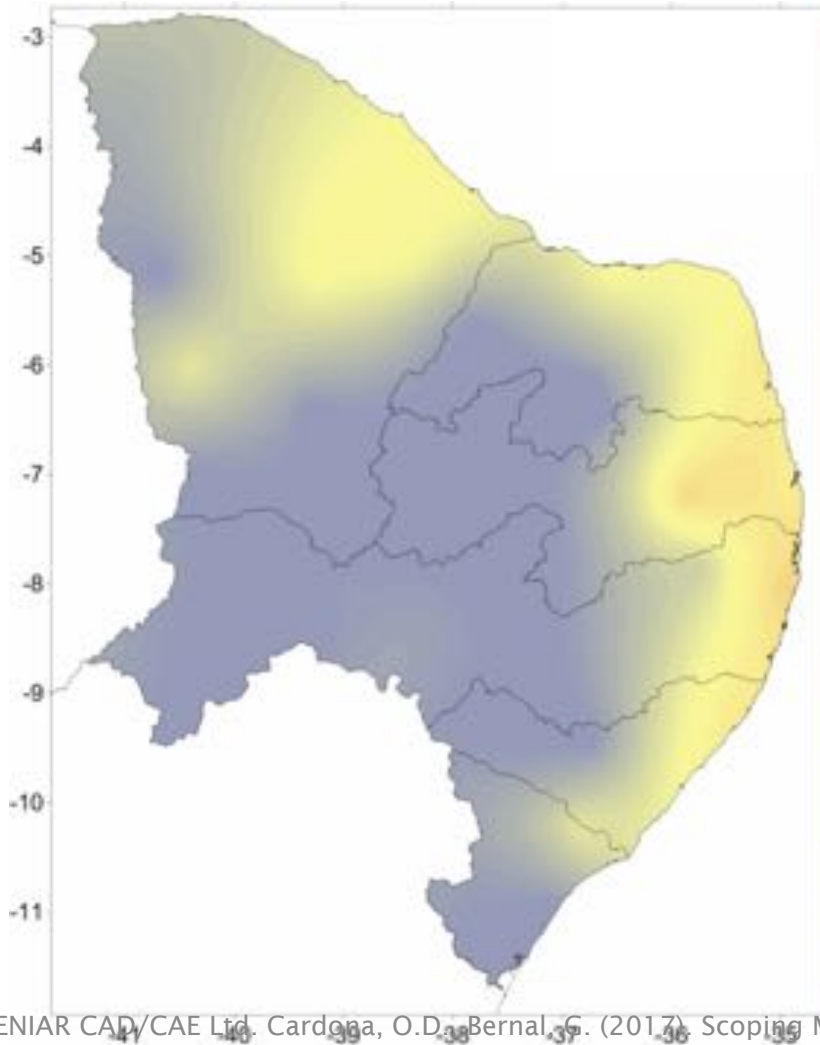
A regional event is identified when drought events are simultaneously identified in a substantial number of stations.



Drought Hazard

Collection of scenarios

Hazard is represented as a set of stochastic scenarios.



These scenarios (events) are assumed to be:

- ✓ *Mutually exclusive*
- ✓ *Collectively exhaustive*

They allow probabilistic representation:

- ✓ *Occurrence frequency (temporal probability)*
- ✓ *Gridded statistical moments (spatial probability)*
- ✓ *Time series, at any location, of weather variables (precipitation and temperature)*

Drought Hazard

Hazard integration

Intensity exceedance rate

Exceedance probability given the occurrence of an event

$$v(a) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=N_E} \Pr(A > a | E_i) \cdot F_{E_i}$$

Intensity measure

Sum for all events

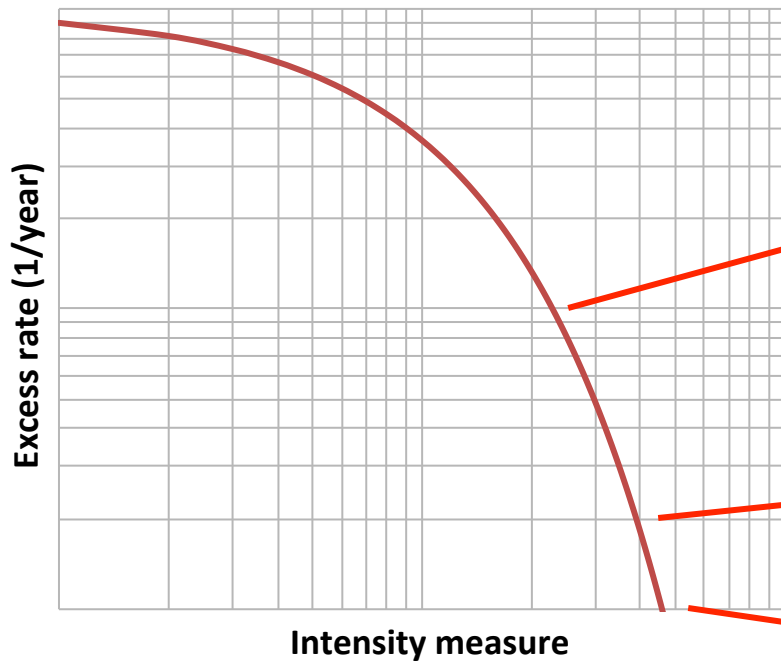
Occurrence frequency

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Drought Hazard

Hazard integration

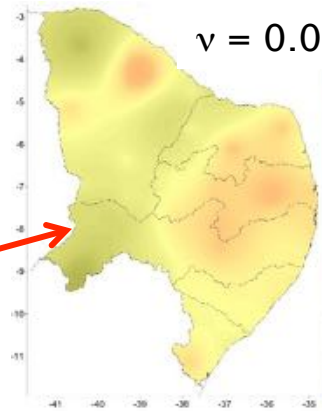
Intensity excess curve at each grid node



Hazard maps for several return periods

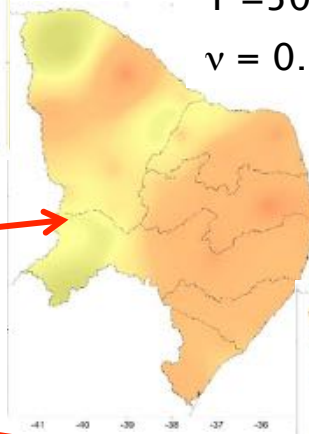
T = 100 years

$\nu = 0.01$



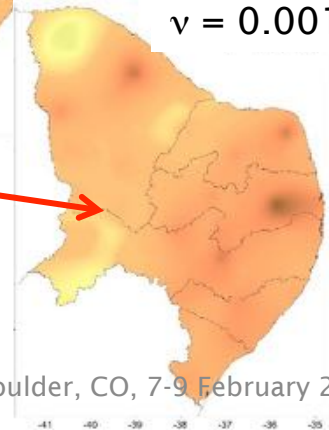
T = 500 years

$\nu = 0.002$



T = 1000 years

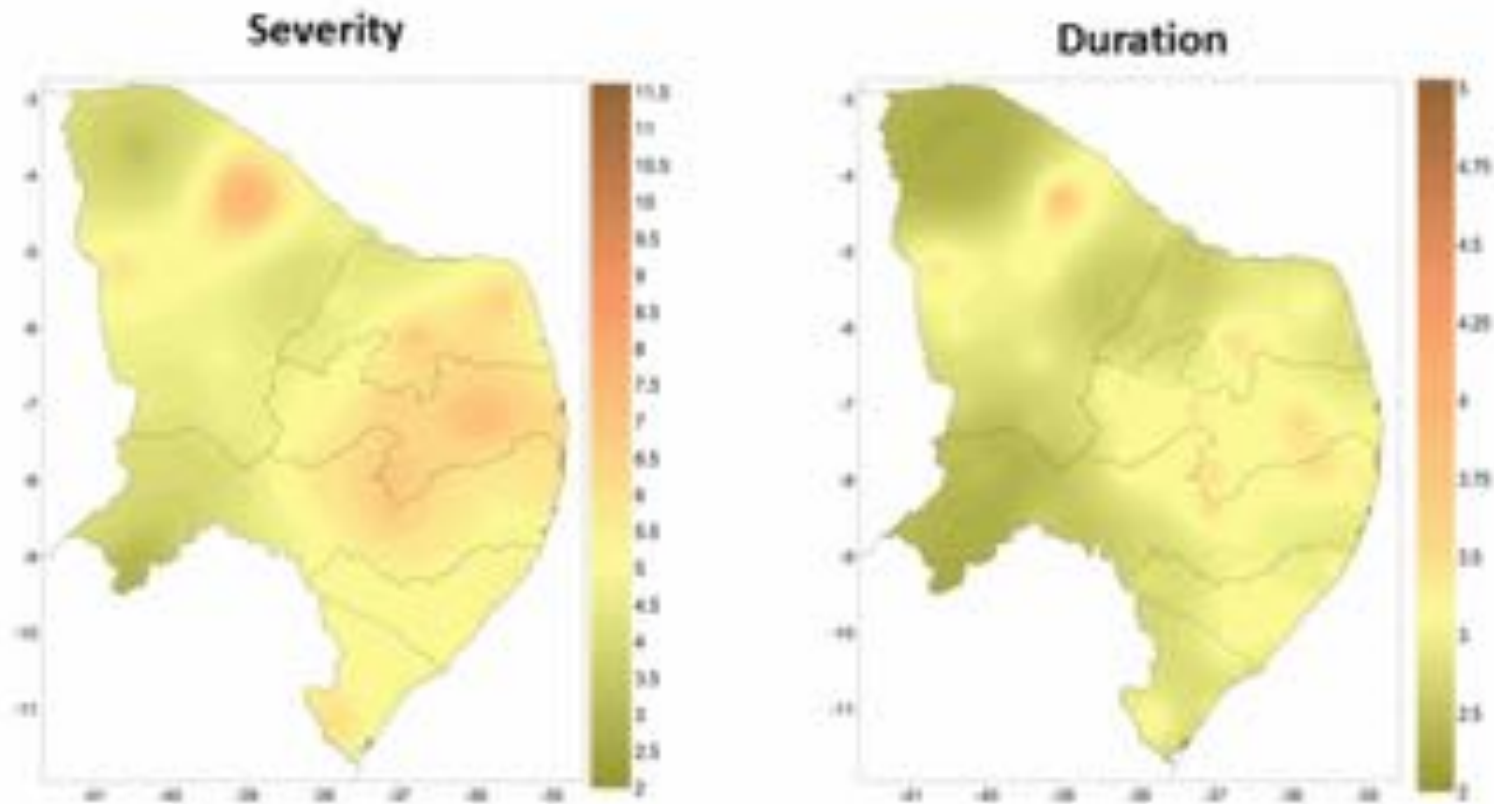
$\nu = 0.001$



Drought Hazard

Hazard maps for any return period

25-years return period



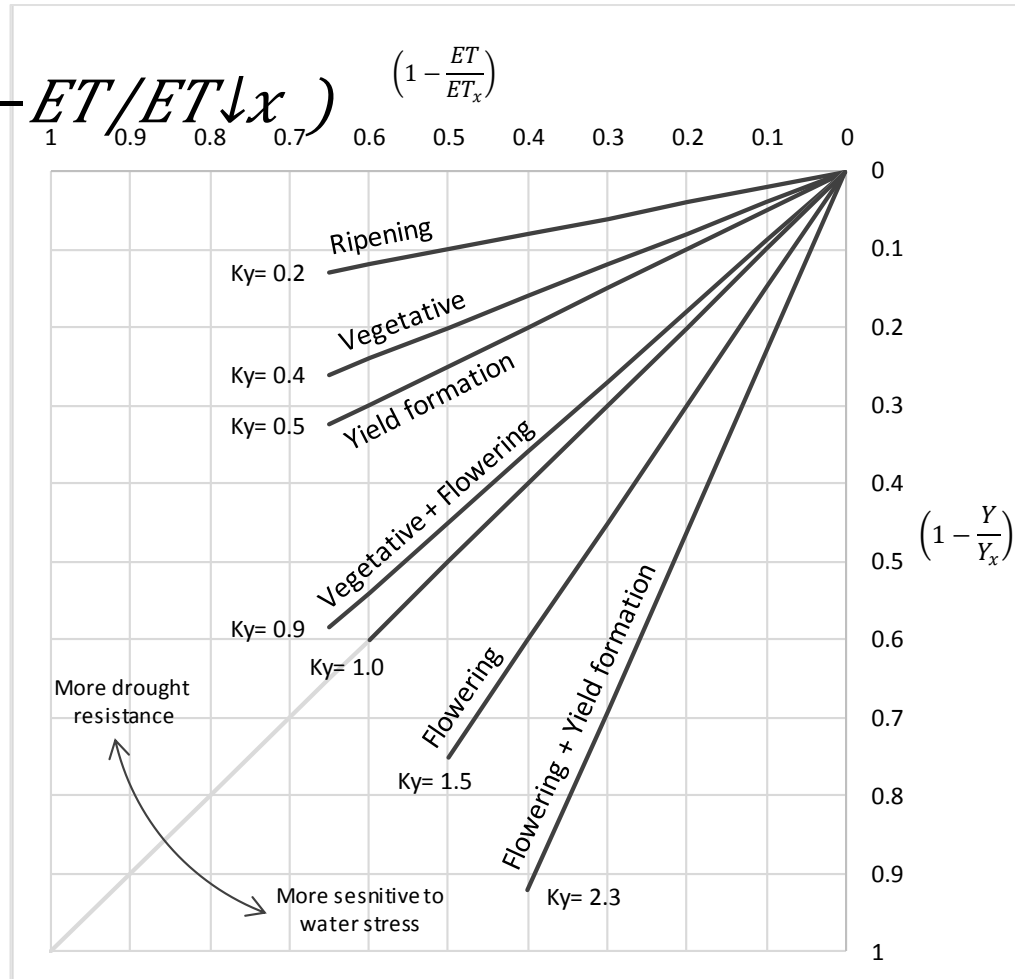
Vulnerability

Crop yield response to water

Traditional Approach

FAO: Irrigation and Drainage paper No. 33 Yield response to water (Doorenbos et. al. 1979)

$$\left(1 - \frac{Y}{Y_x}\right) = K_y \left(1 - \frac{ET}{ET_x}\right) \quad \left(1 - \frac{ET}{ET_x}\right)$$



Linear water production functions for maize (Adapted from Figure 1 in Steduto et al., 2012, p. 8)

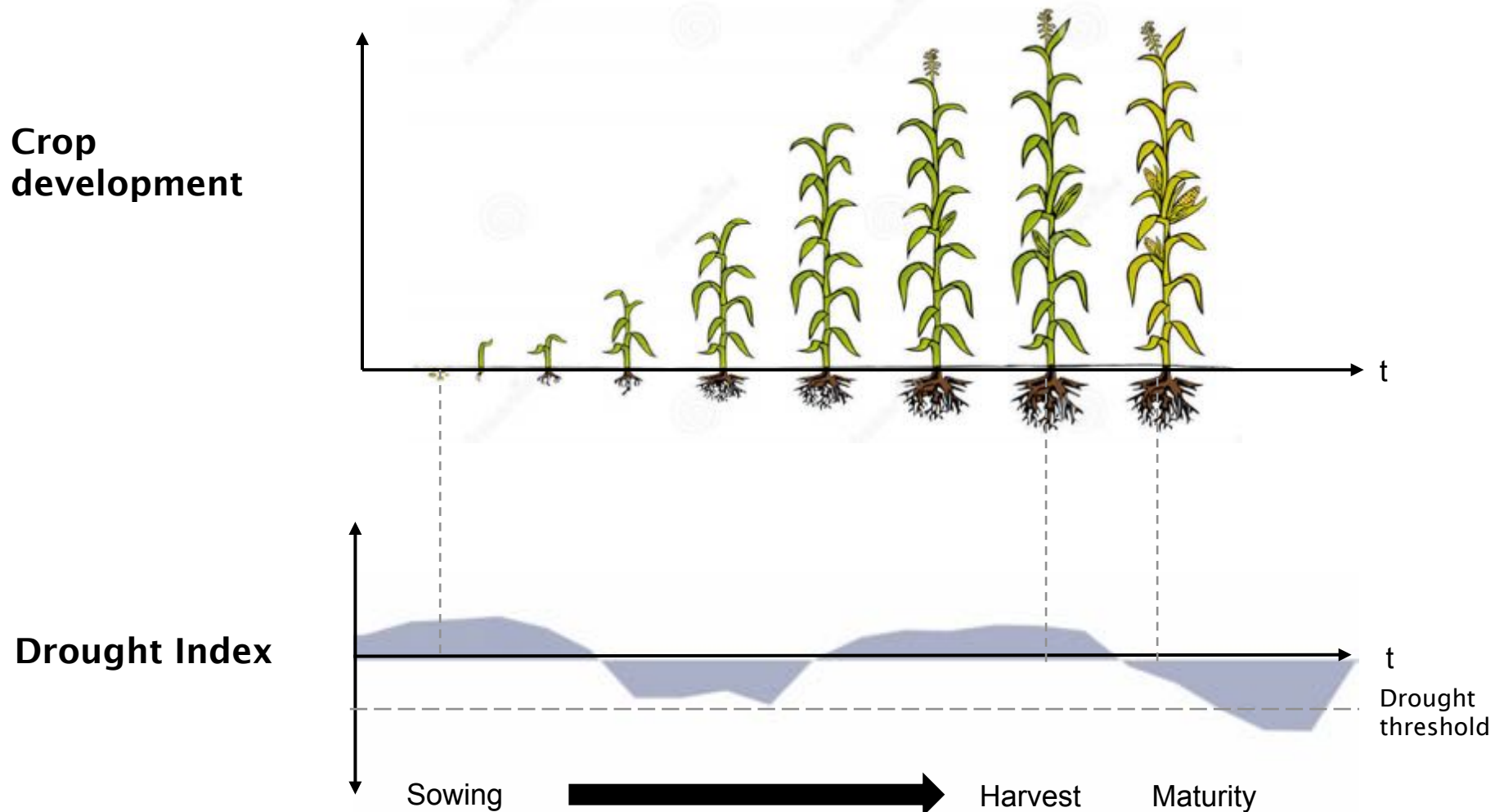
Extended Approach

Irrigation and Drainage Paper No. 66 Crop yield response to water (Steduto et al., 2012)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & ET = E * Tr \\ & (1 - Y/Y_{lx}) = K_{ly} (1 - ET/ET_{lx}) \\ & Y = HI * B \end{aligned} \right\} \longrightarrow B = WP * \sum_{i=1}^n Tr$$

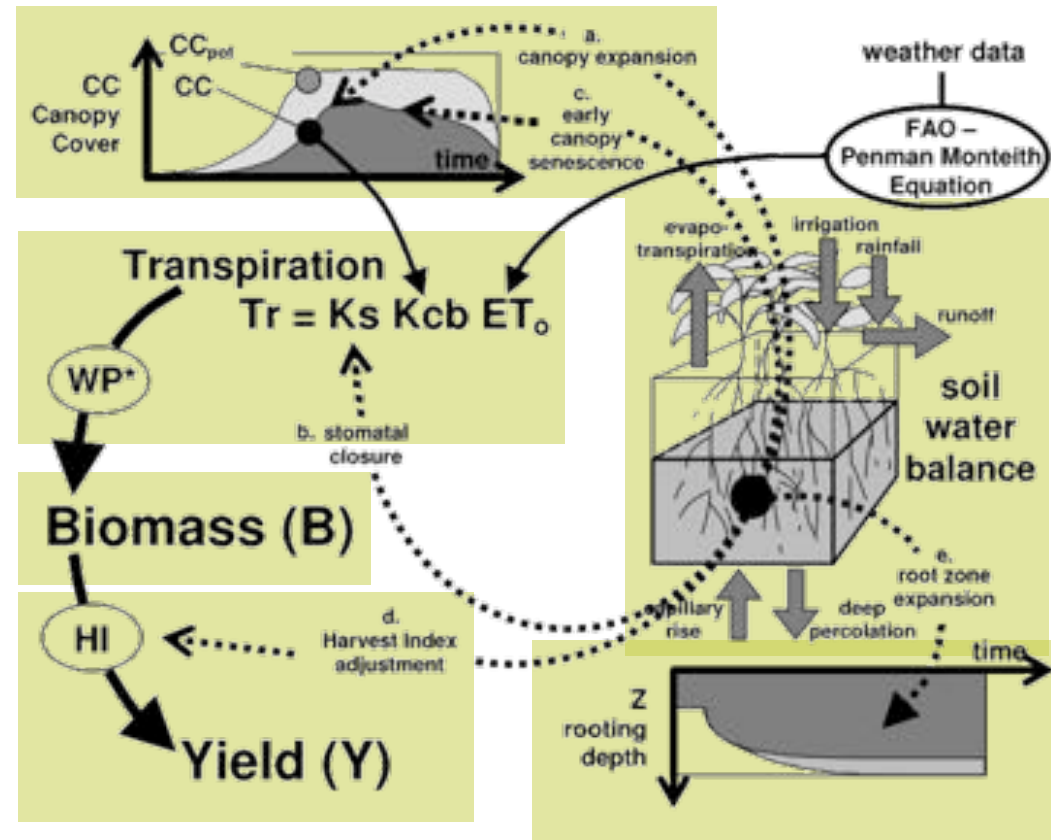
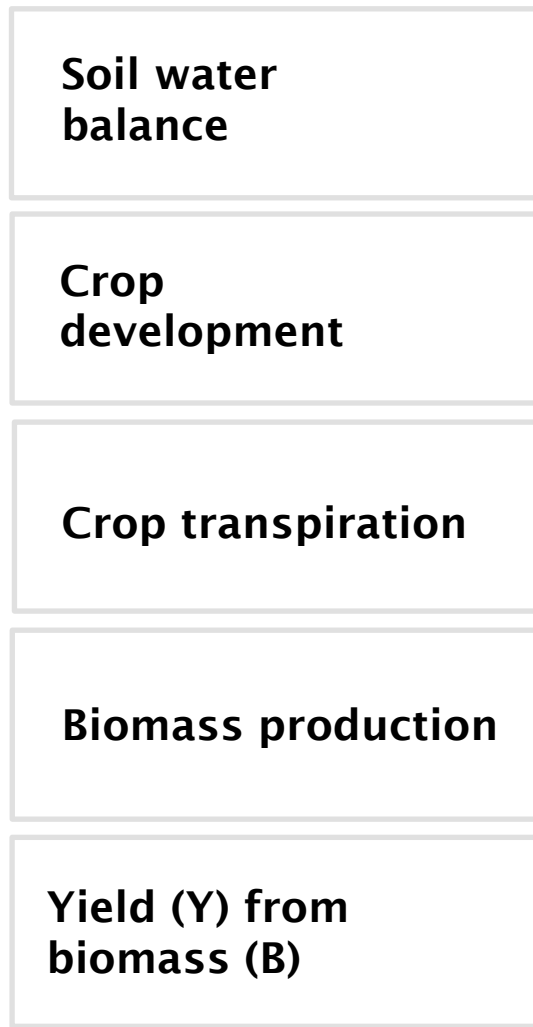
Crop Yield Response to Water

As crop seasonality is known, crop calendar is located in the same time-scale for each scenario.



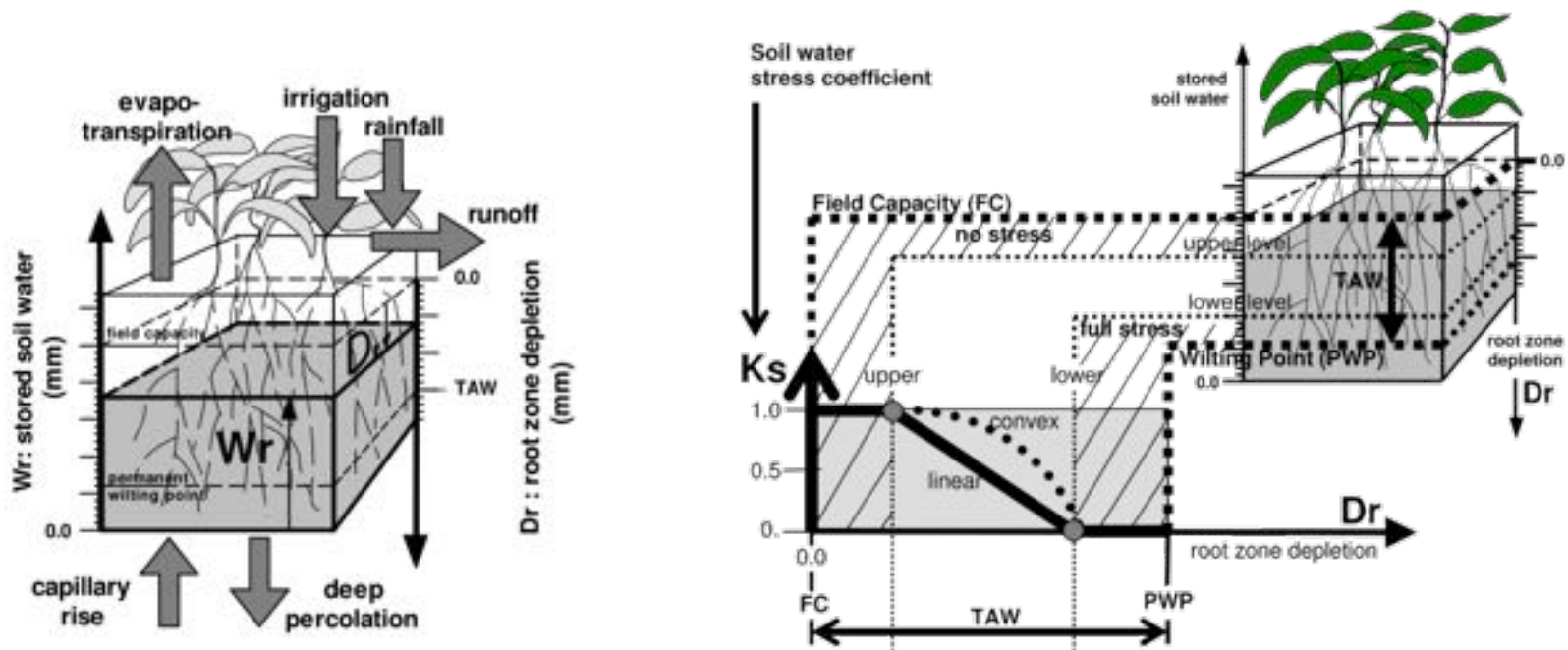
Vulnerability

5-steps process



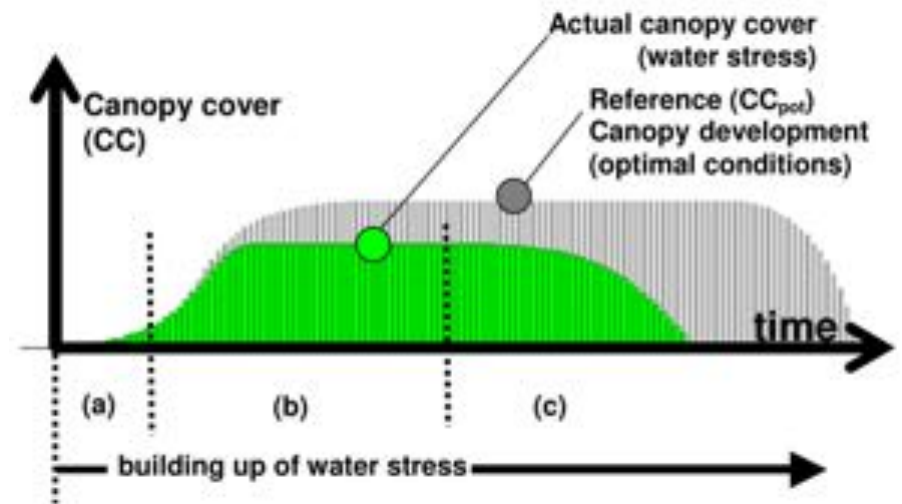
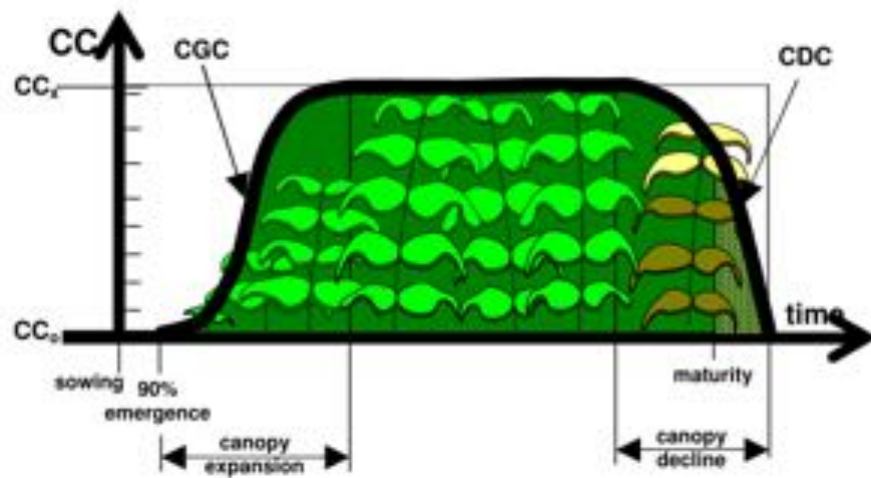
Yield Response to Water

1. Soil water balance in root zone



Yield Response to Water

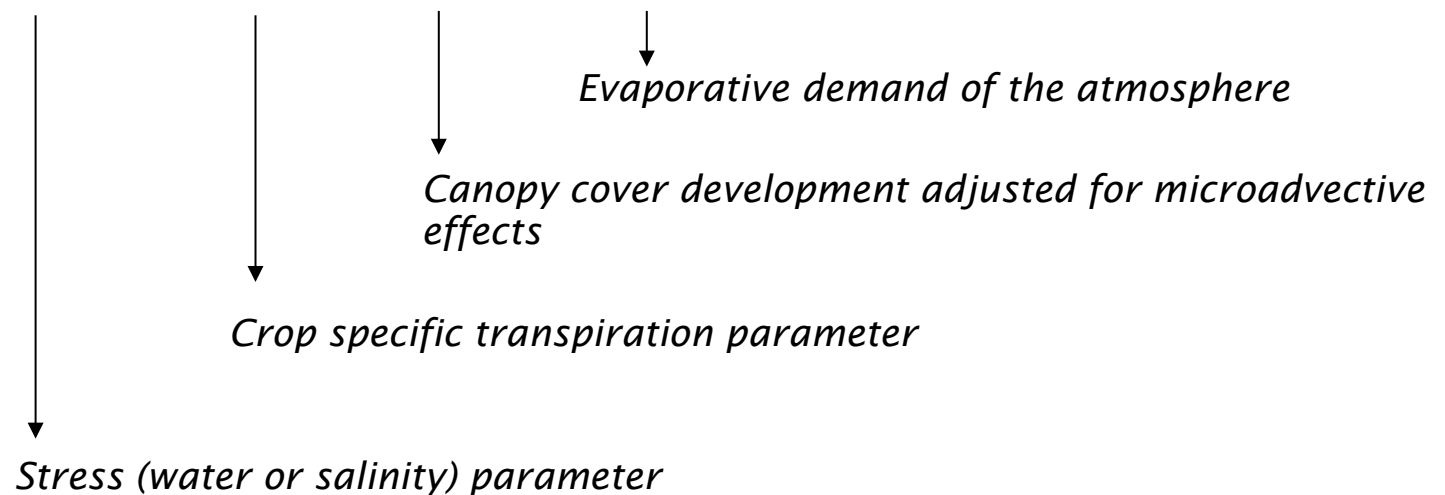
2. Crop development



Yield Response to Water

3. Crop transpiration

$$Tr = K_s (K_c \downarrow Tr, x \uparrow CC^*) ETo$$

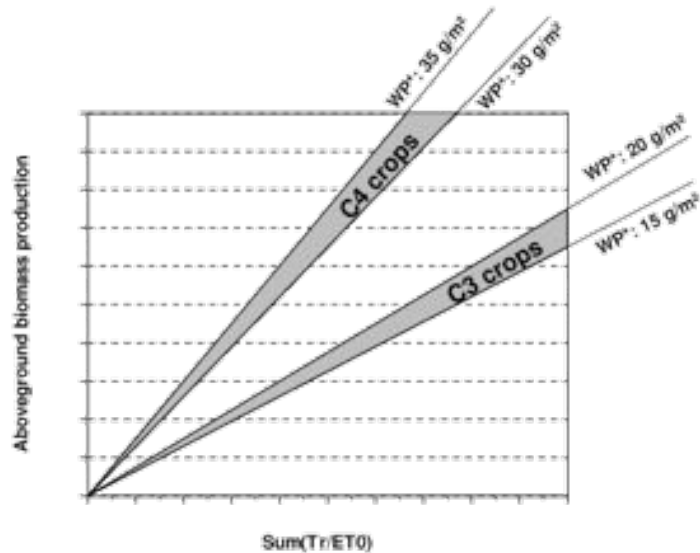


Yield Response to Water

4. Biomass production

$$B = WP * \sum Tr$$

Where, WP is the Water Production, which is the amount of biomass produced [kg] per area unit [m²] per water evapotranspired [m³]



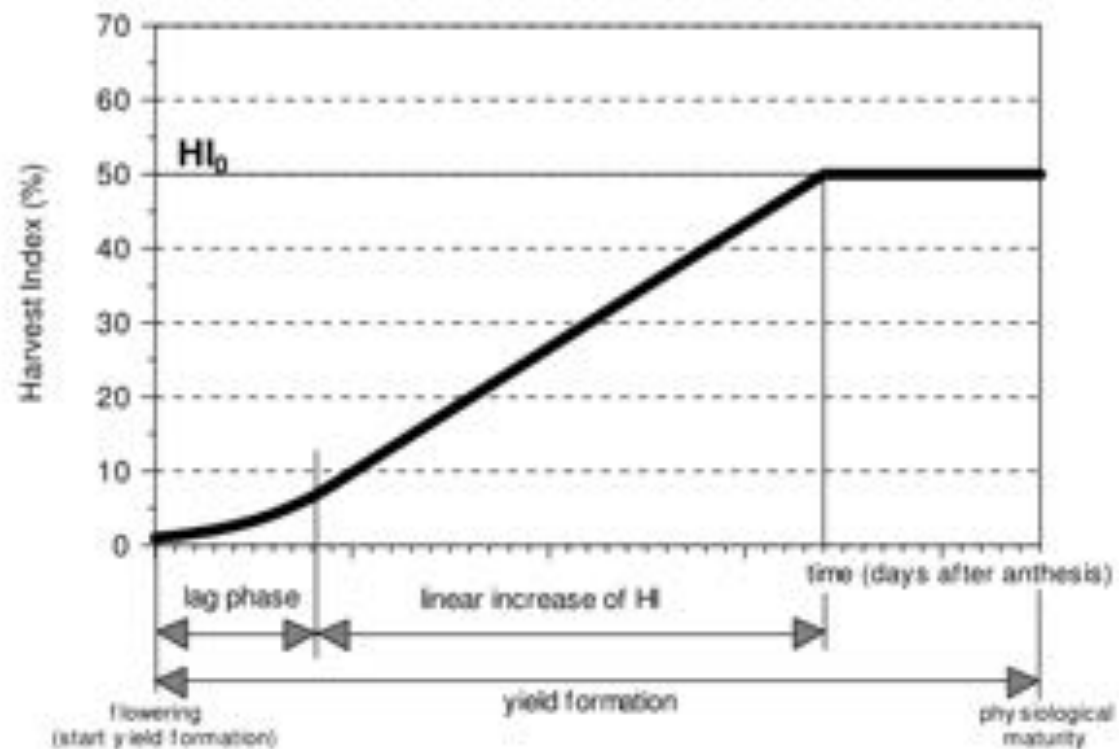
$$B = K_{sb} WP * \sum Tr_i / ET_{0i}$$

Yield Response to Water

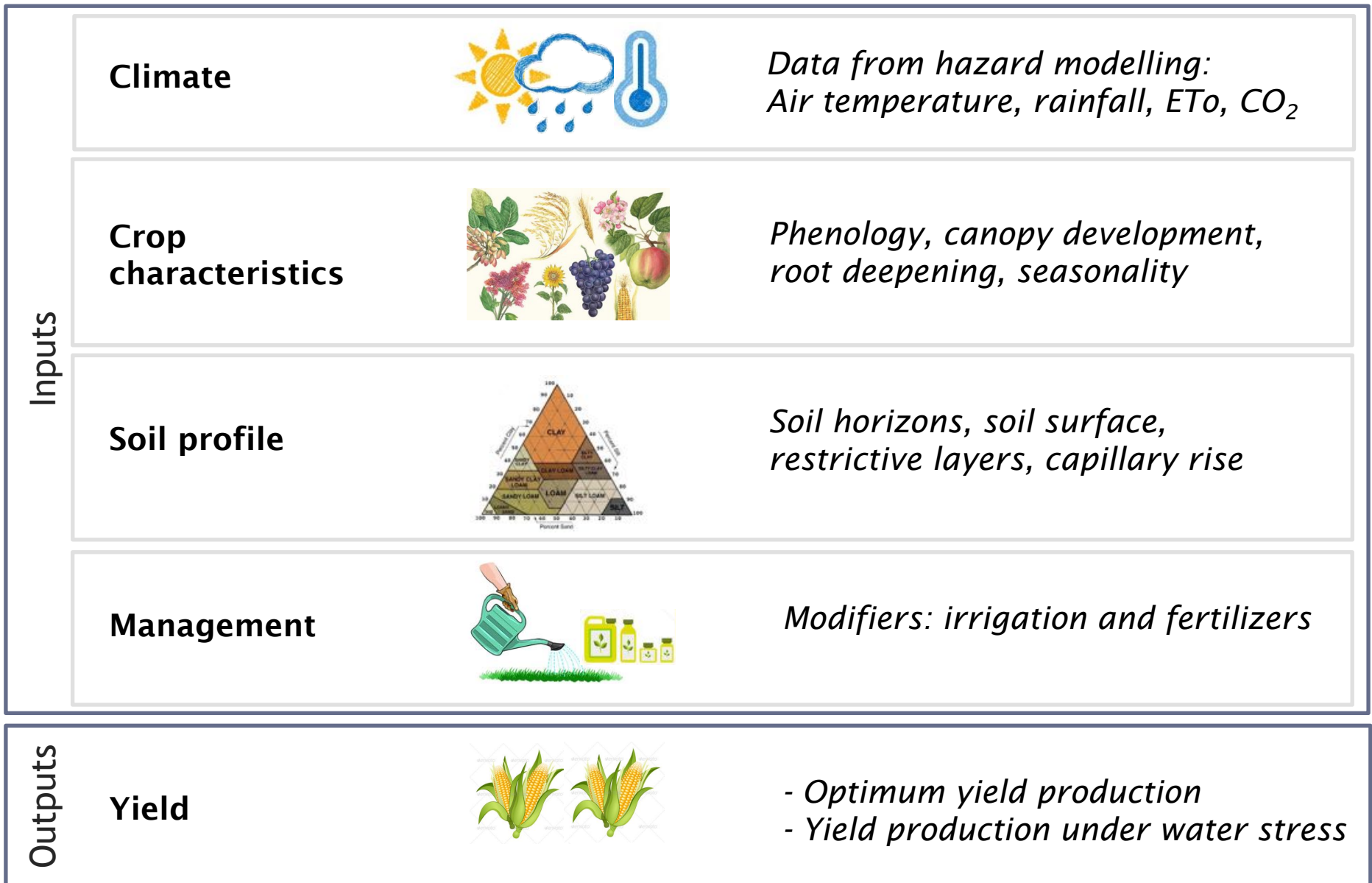
5. Yield (Y) from Biomass (B)

Potential Yield $Y_{\downarrow x} = HI * B$

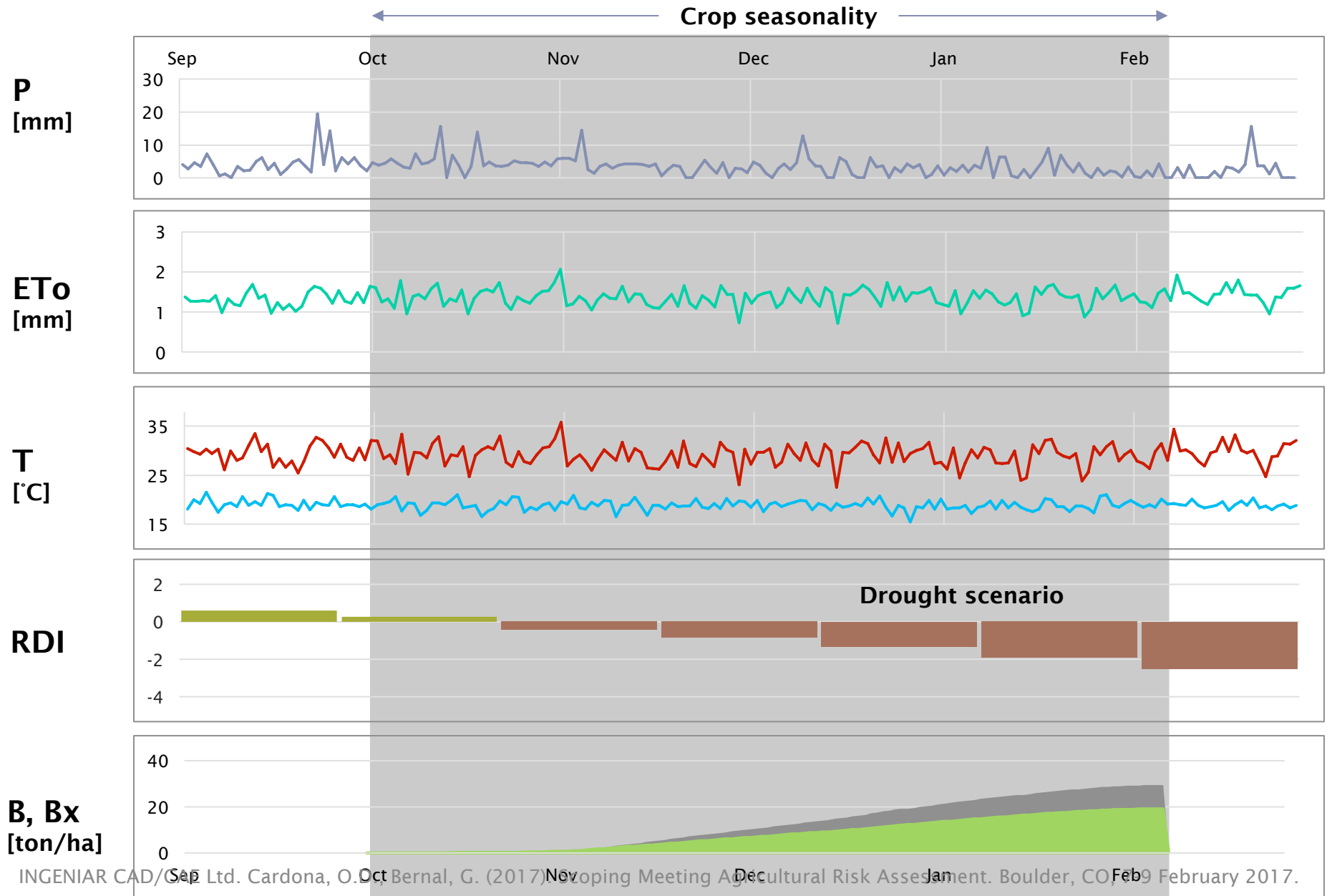
Actual Yield $Y = f_{\downarrow HI} * HI_{\downarrow o} * B$



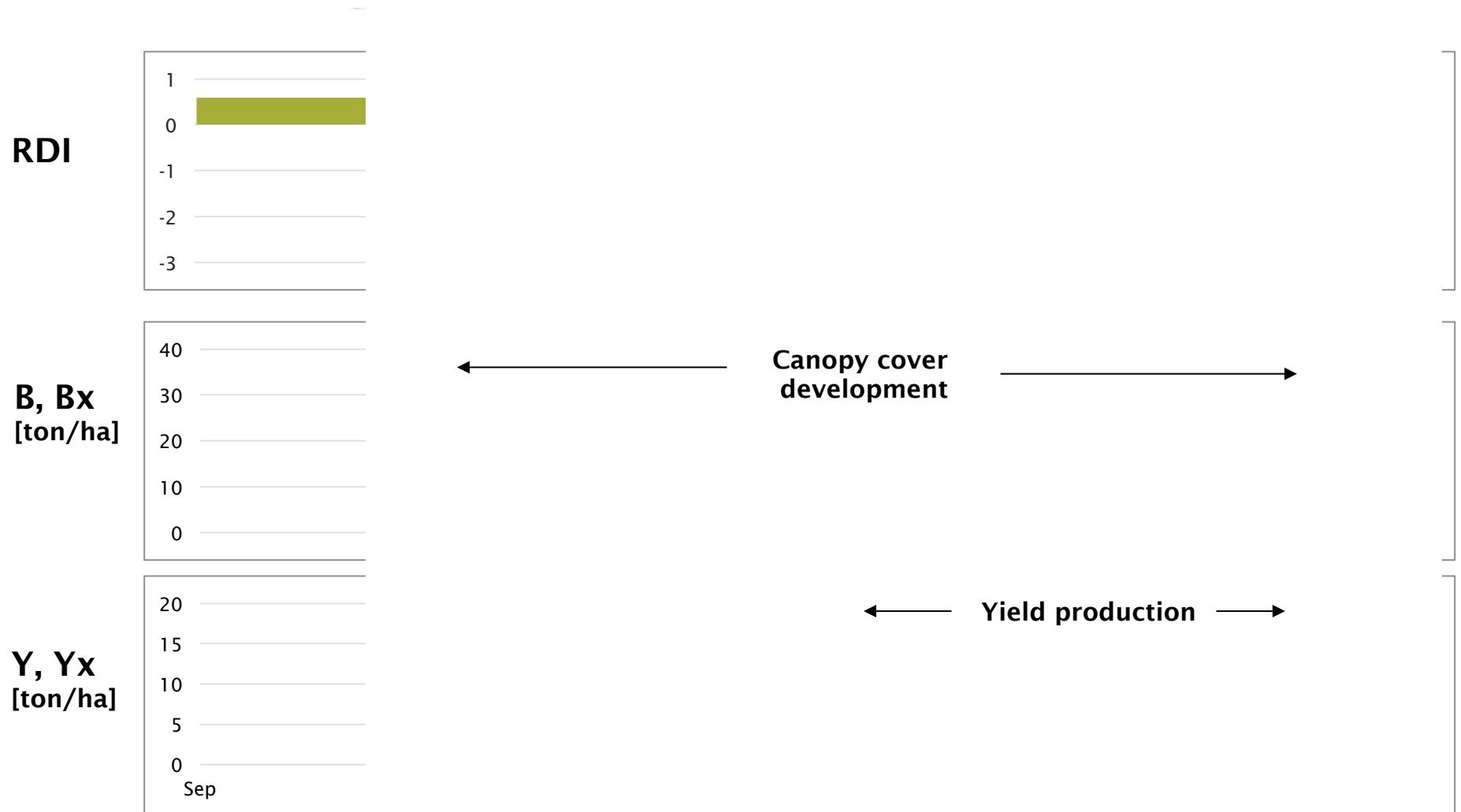
Crop Vulnerability



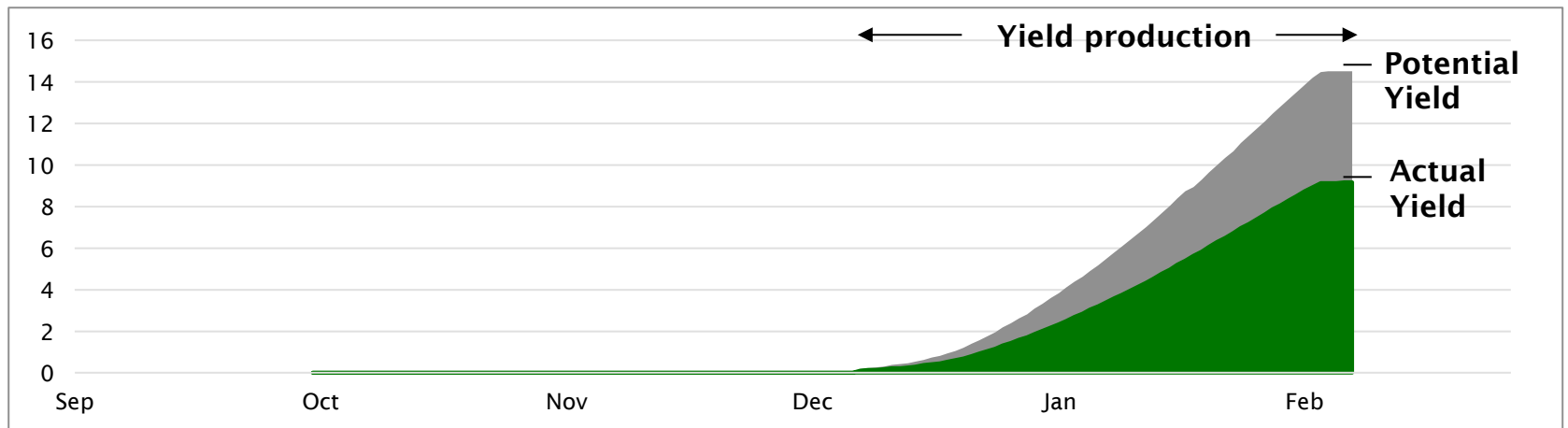
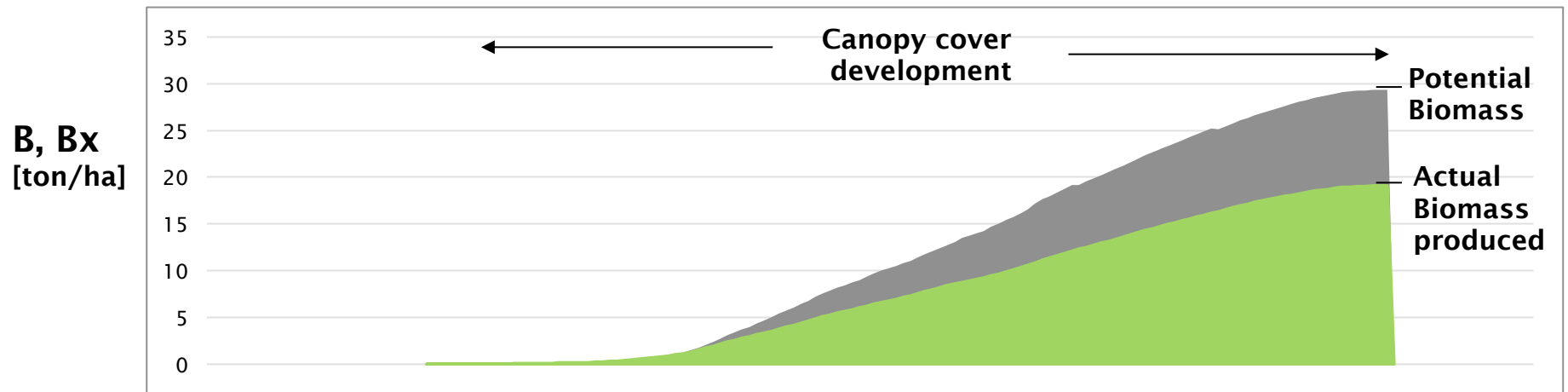
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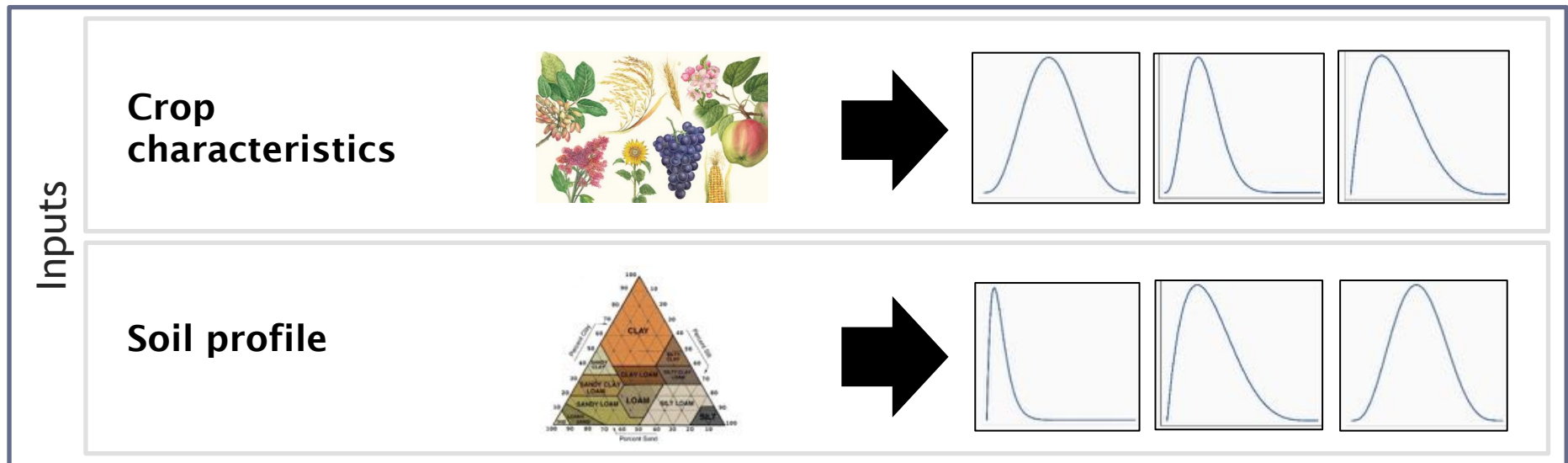
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Crop Vulnerability

Simulations

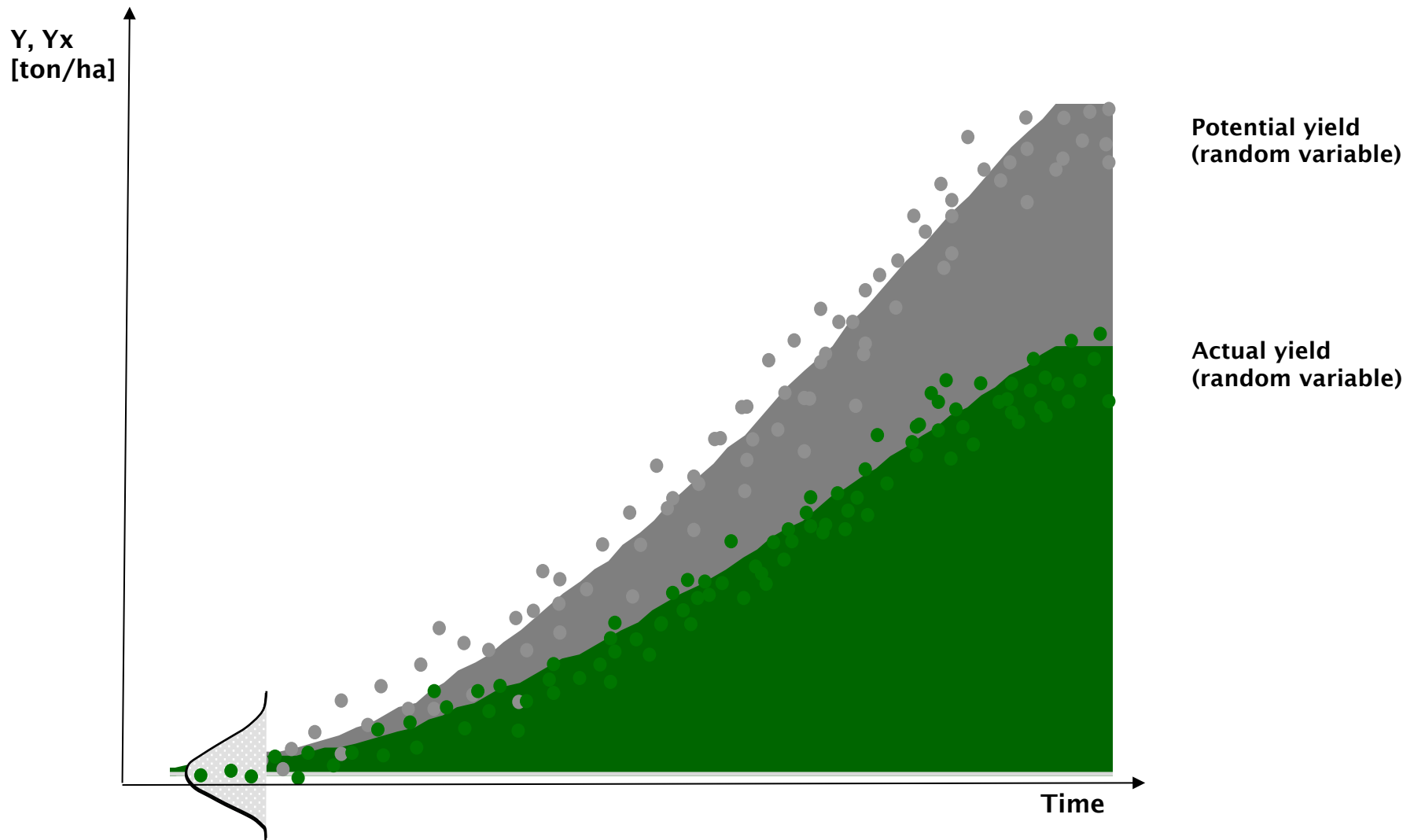
Uncertainty in input parameters is included from the available information and expert criteria (likelihood)



Random variables

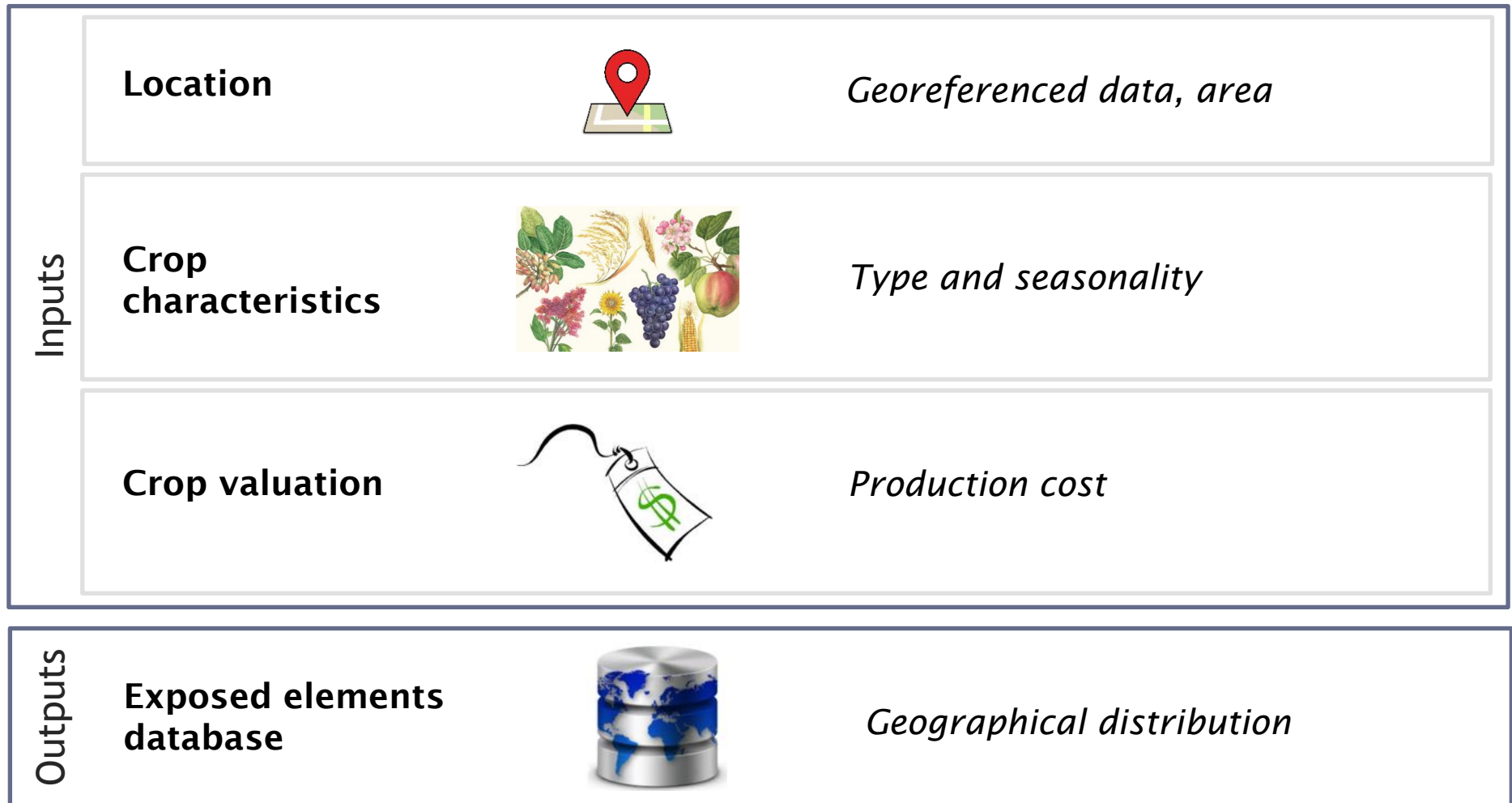
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Simulations



Exposure

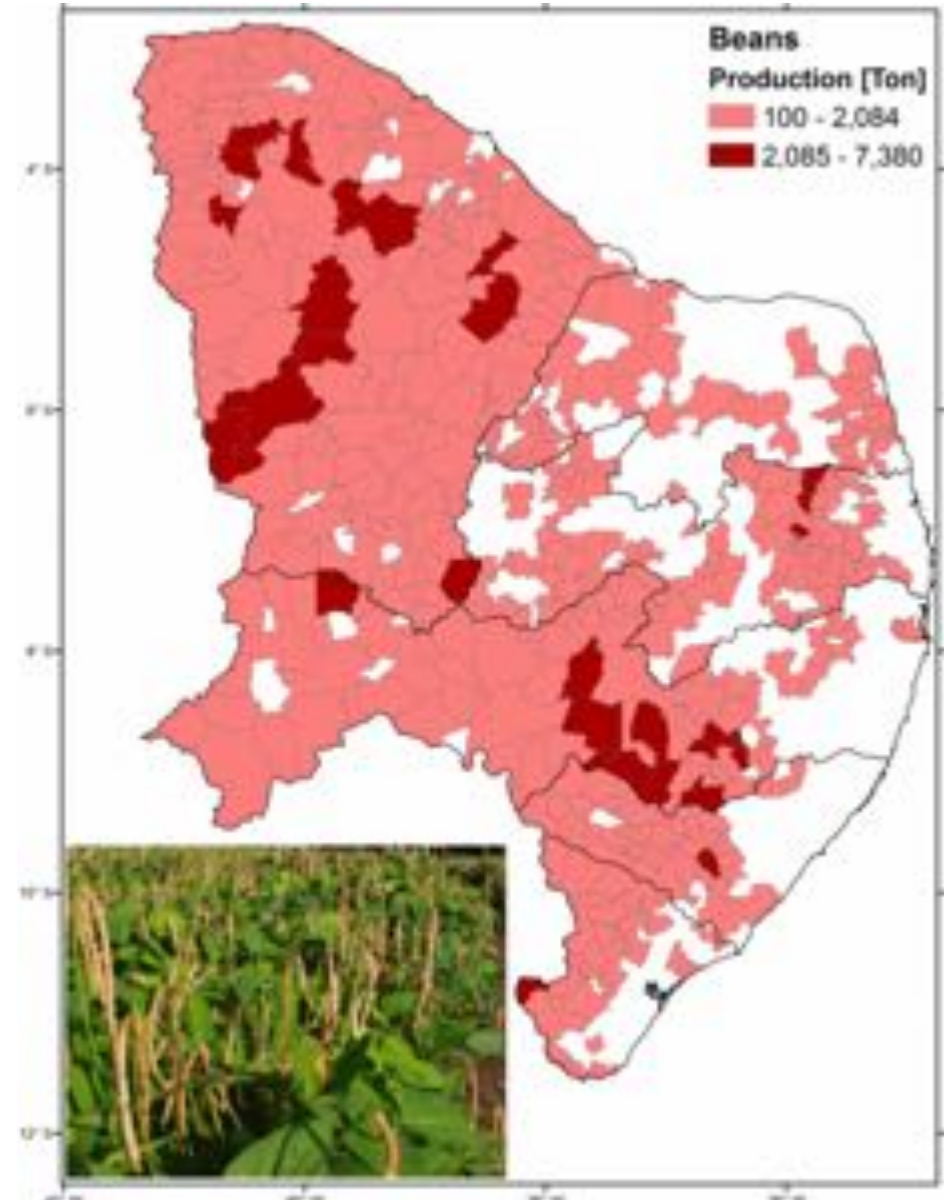
Exposure



Exposure

Cultivated Area Units

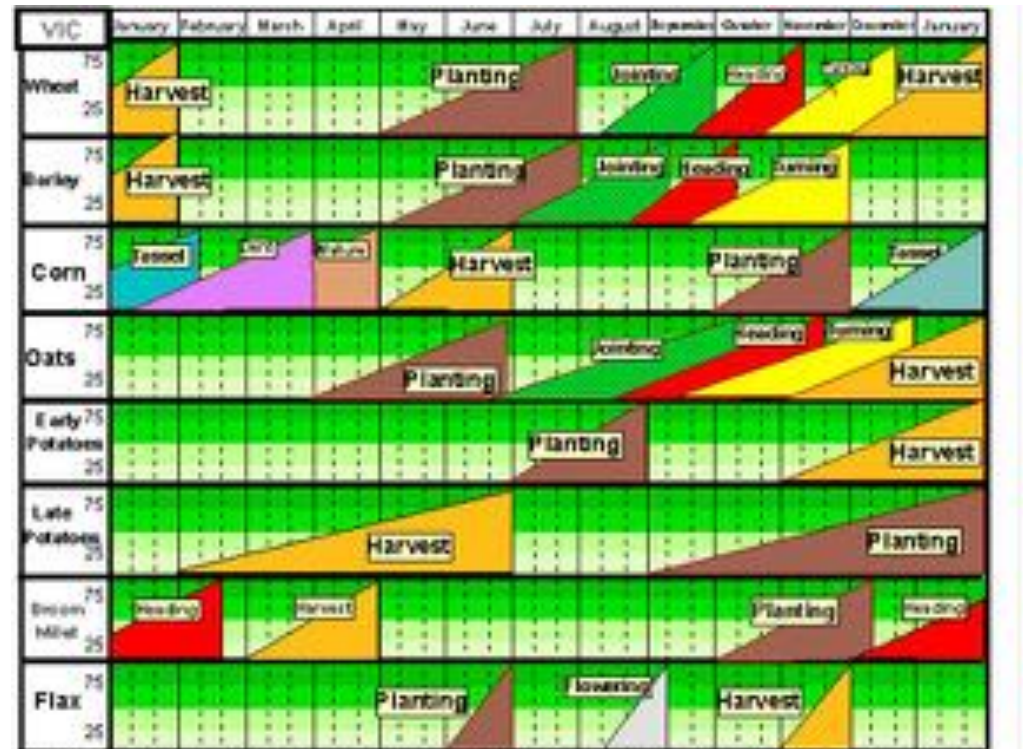
- ✓ *Exposure is defined within Cultivated Area Units.*
- ✓ *Each unit is characterized by the following properties:*
 - *Geographical location*
 - *Type of crops produced*
 - *Crops production cost*
 - *Participation of each crop in the total production*



Exposure

Crop calendar

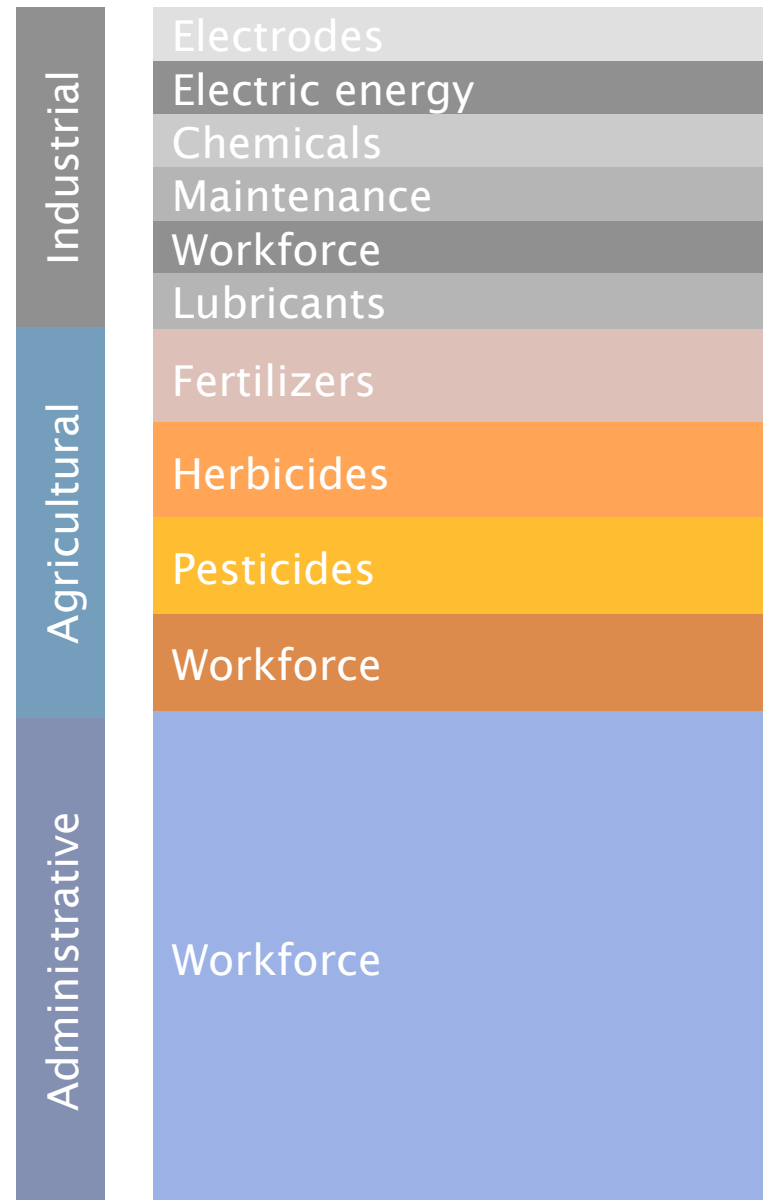
The Cultivated Area Units will be characterized by using the crop calendar to define crop seasonality.



Exposure

Crop valuation

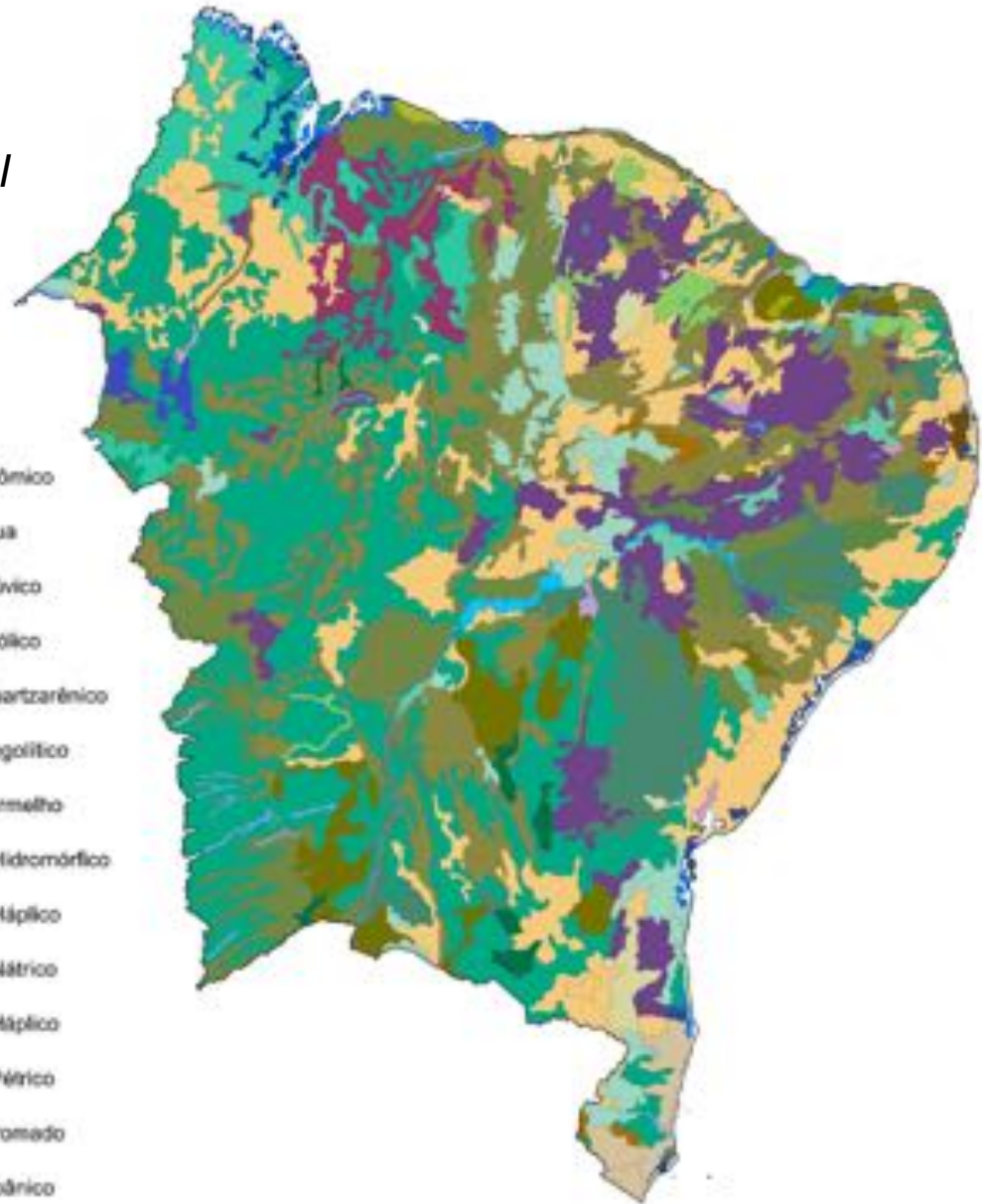
Crop production costs include expenses associated with raw materials (seeds, fertilizers, irrigation), labor and machinery investments.



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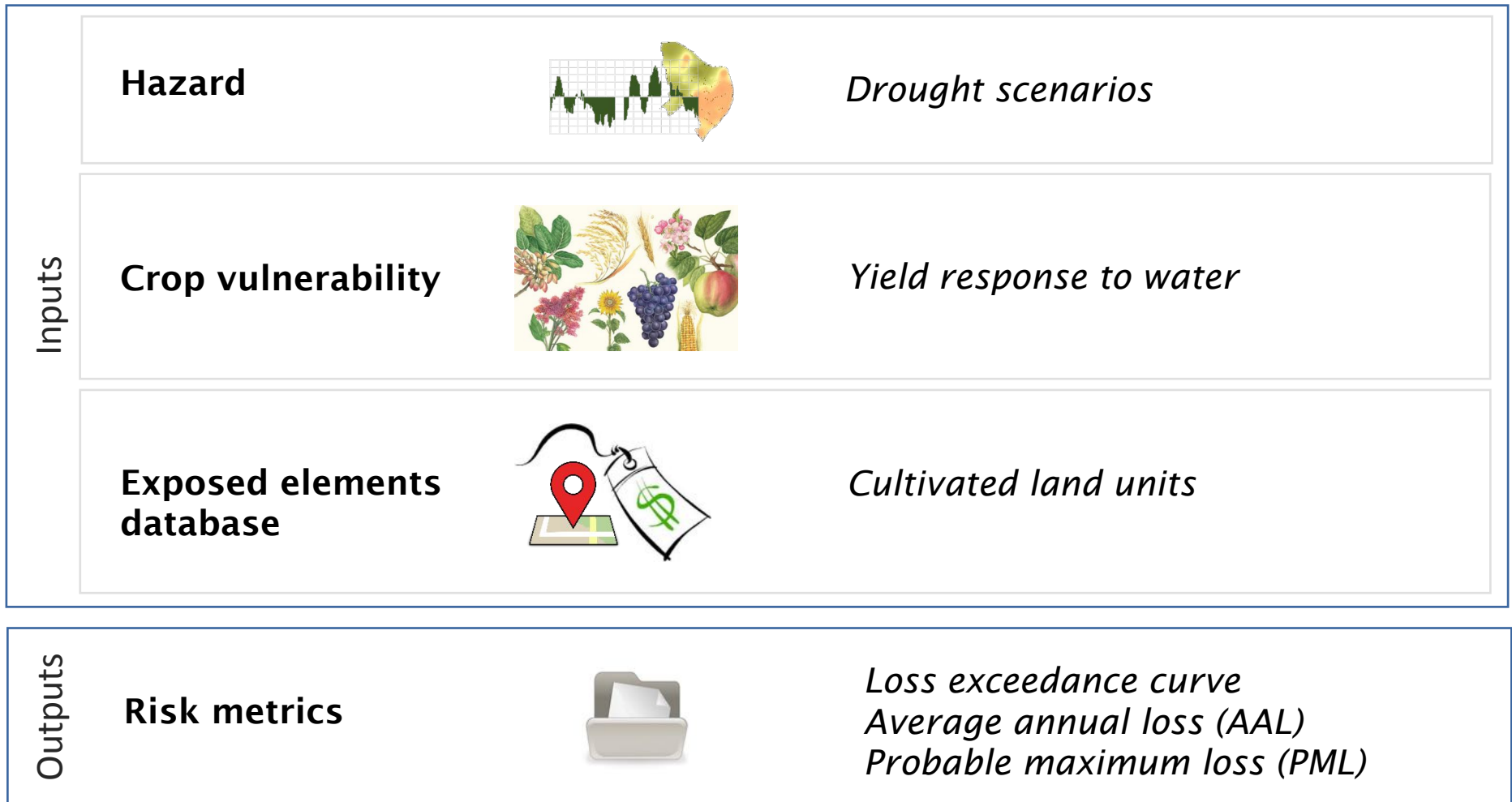
Soil types

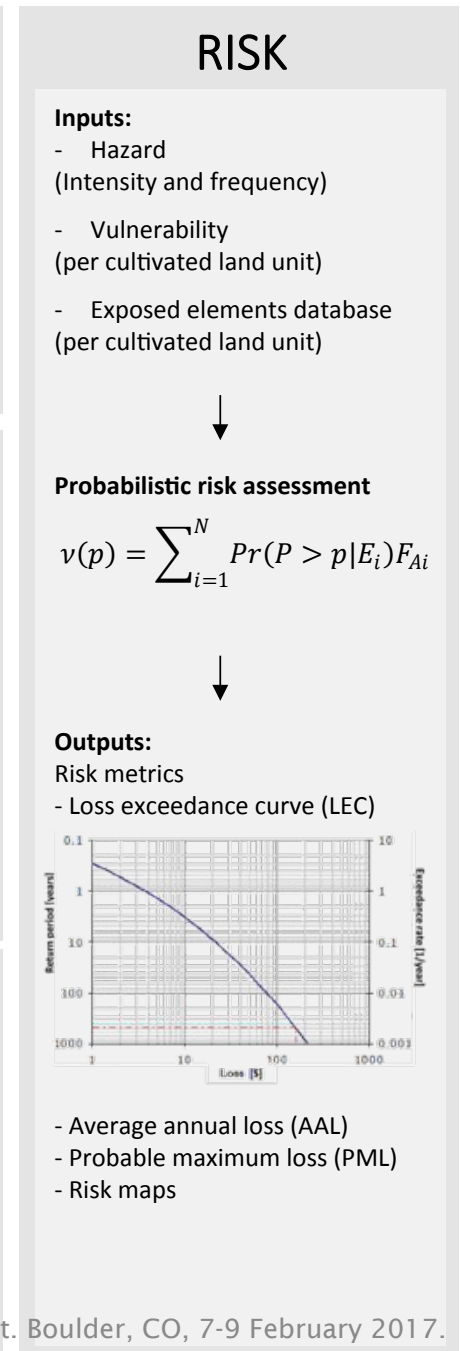
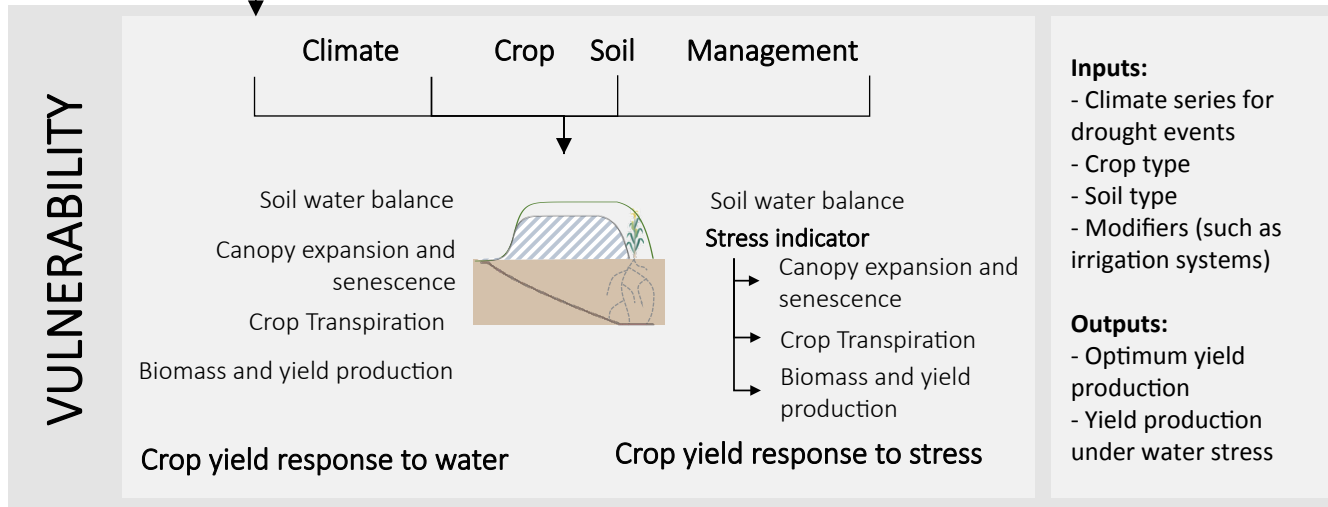
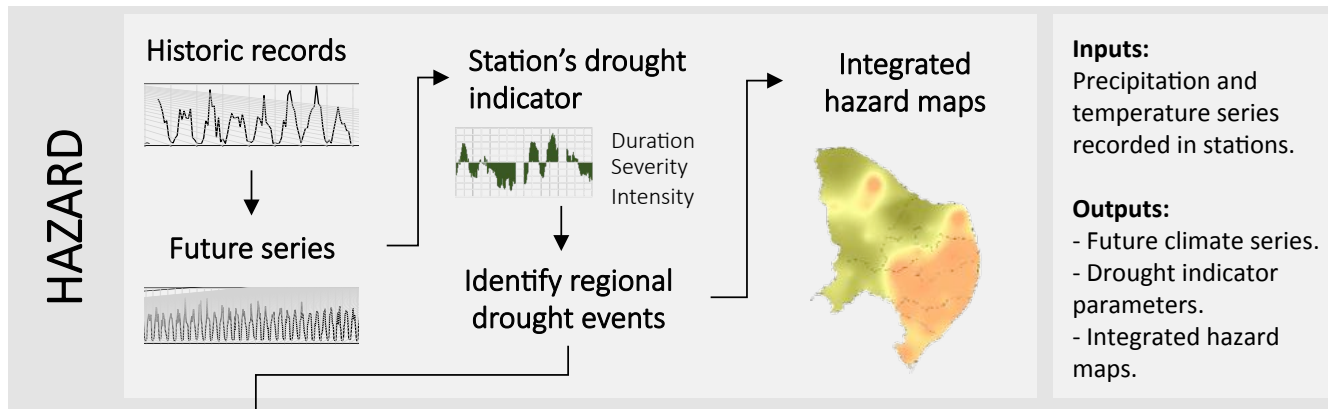
The geographical distribution of soil types is required as part of the exposure information.



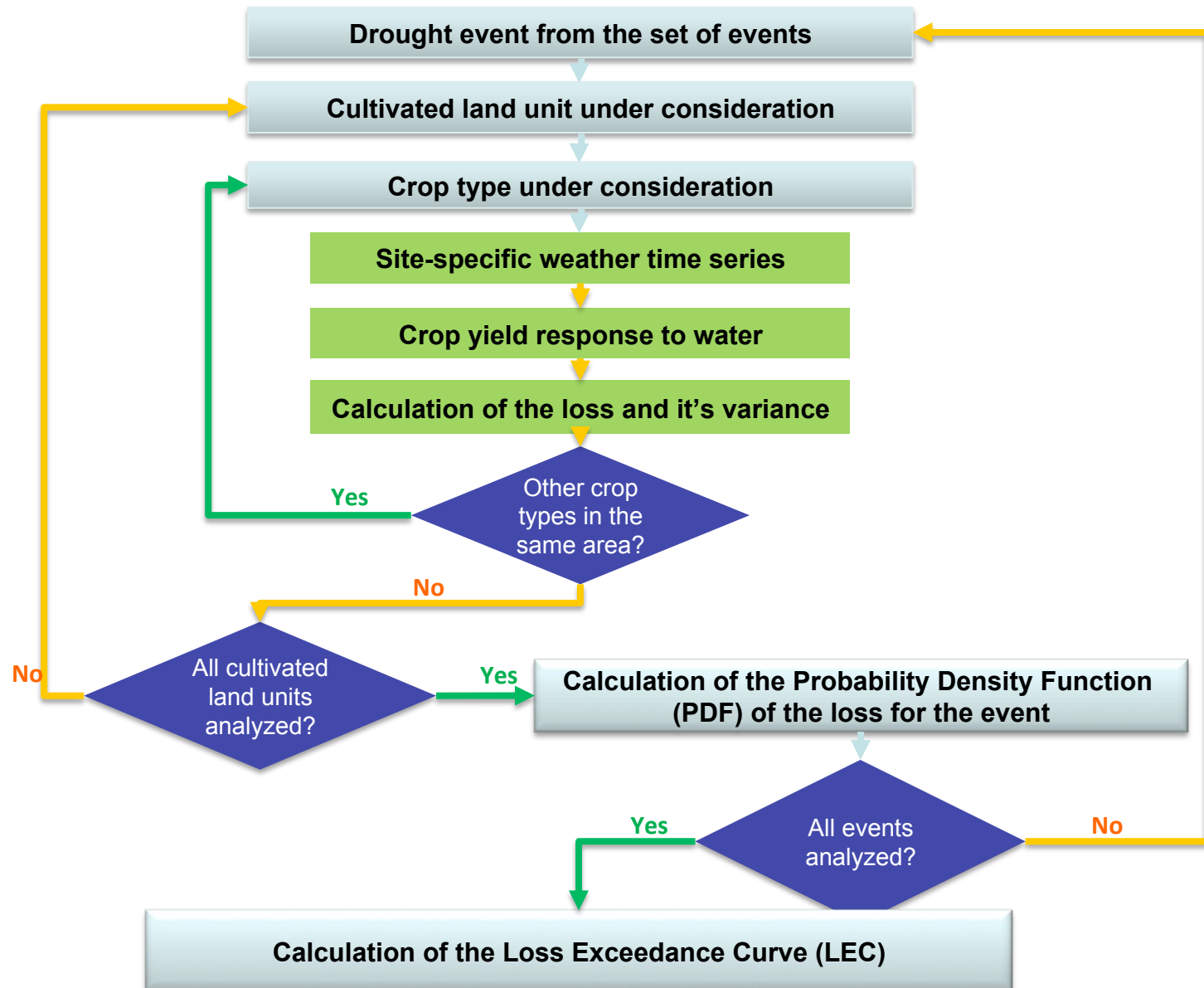
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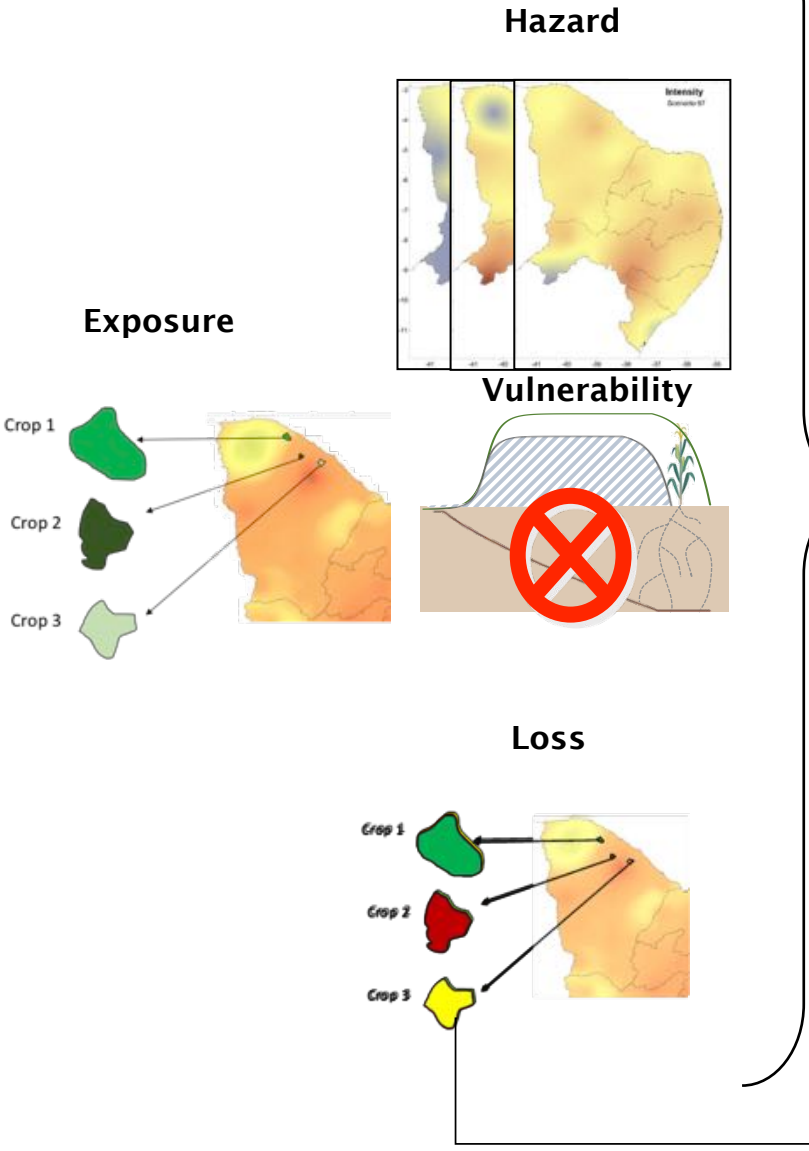
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$$E(l | Event_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{NE} E(l_j) \quad \text{Loss aggregation}$$

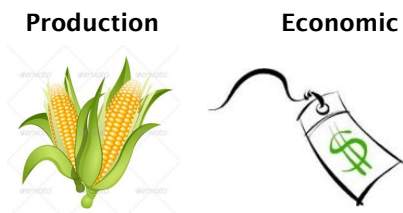
$$\sigma^2(l | Event_i) = \sum_{j=1}^{NE} \sigma^2(l_j) + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{NE-1} \sum_{j=2}^{NE} \text{cov}(l_k, l_j)$$



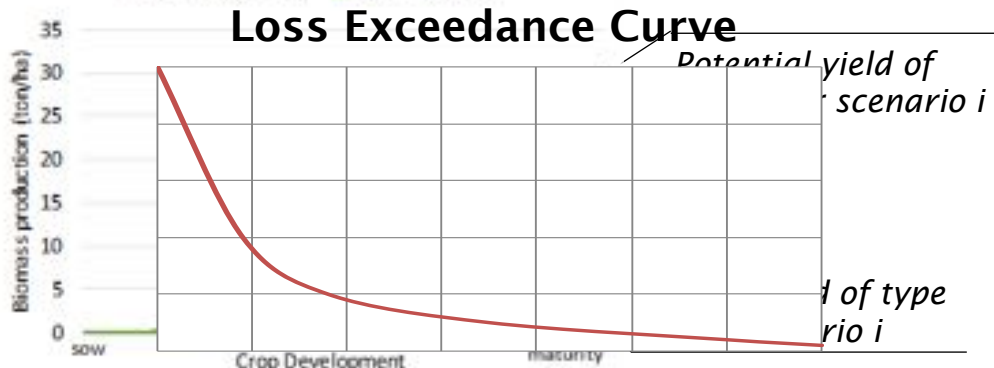
Risk
PDF of the loss for each scenario



Loss by scenario

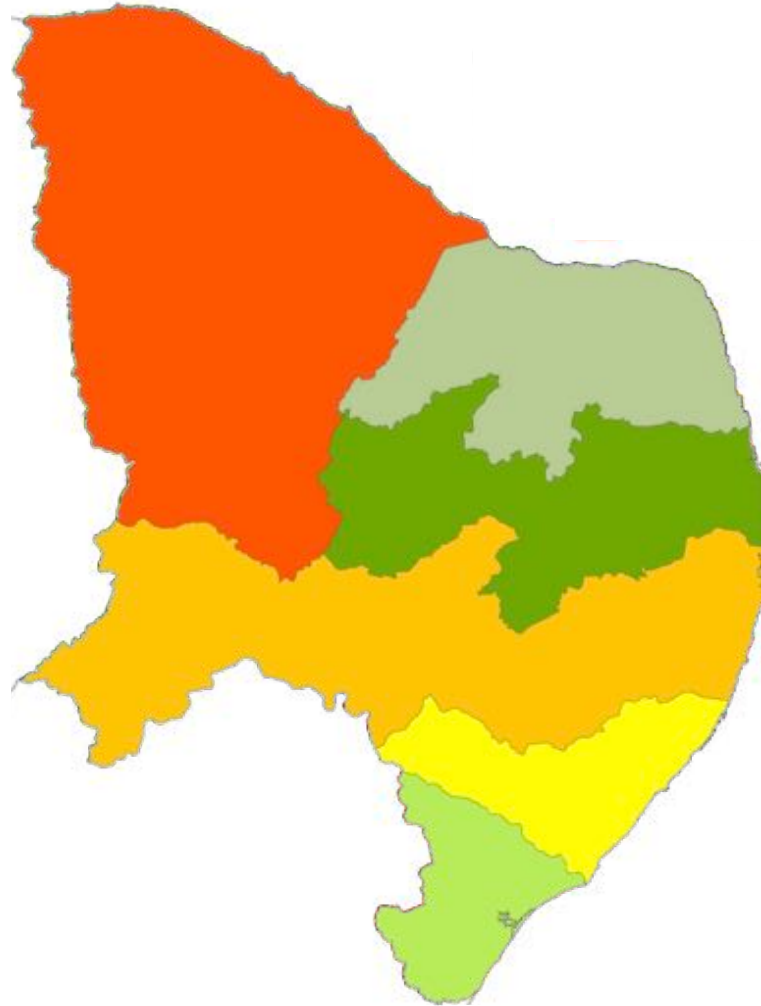


Area of the cultivated unit
Number of Crop Types in the unit
Participation (%) of type k



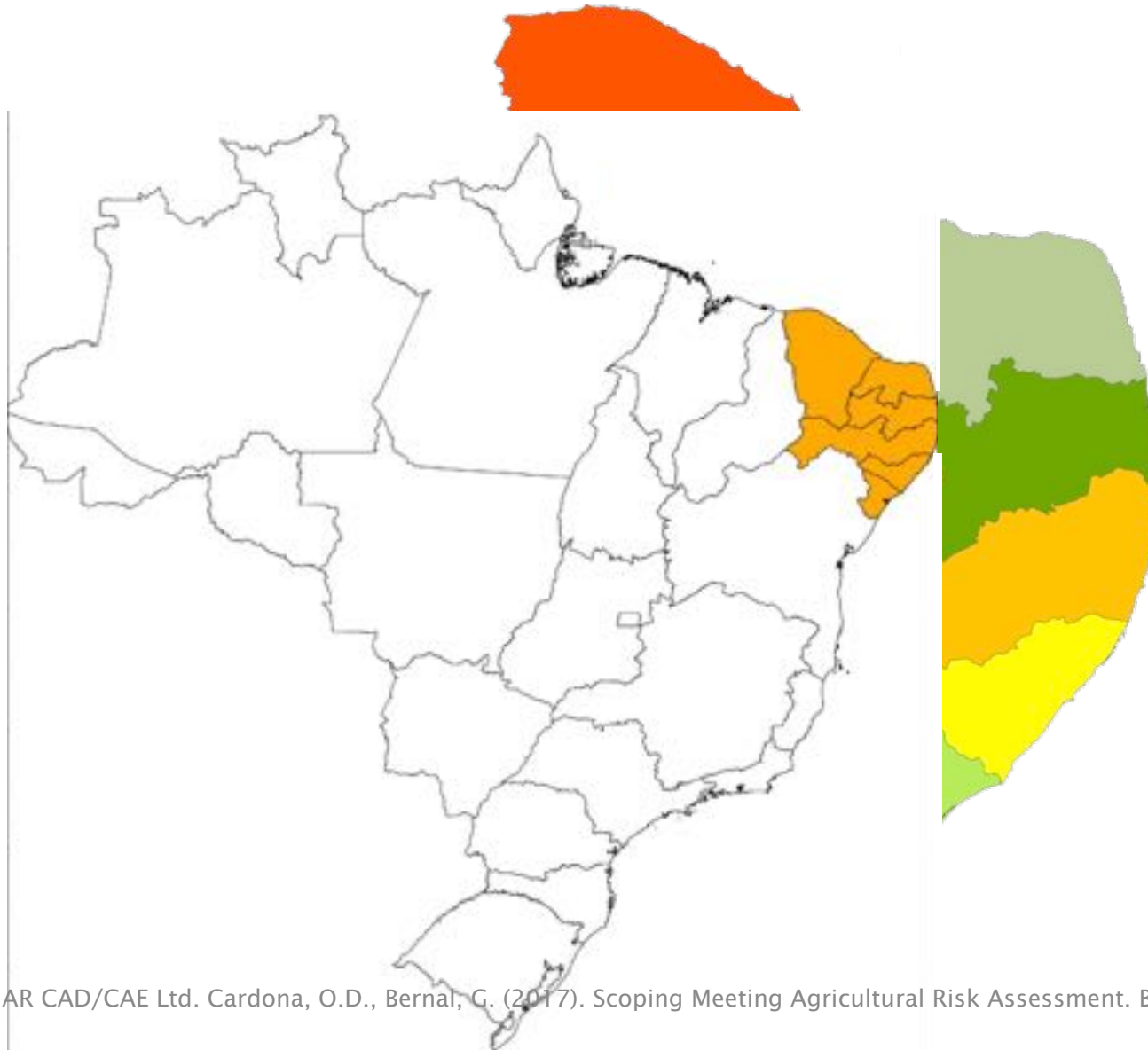
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Aggregation of losses



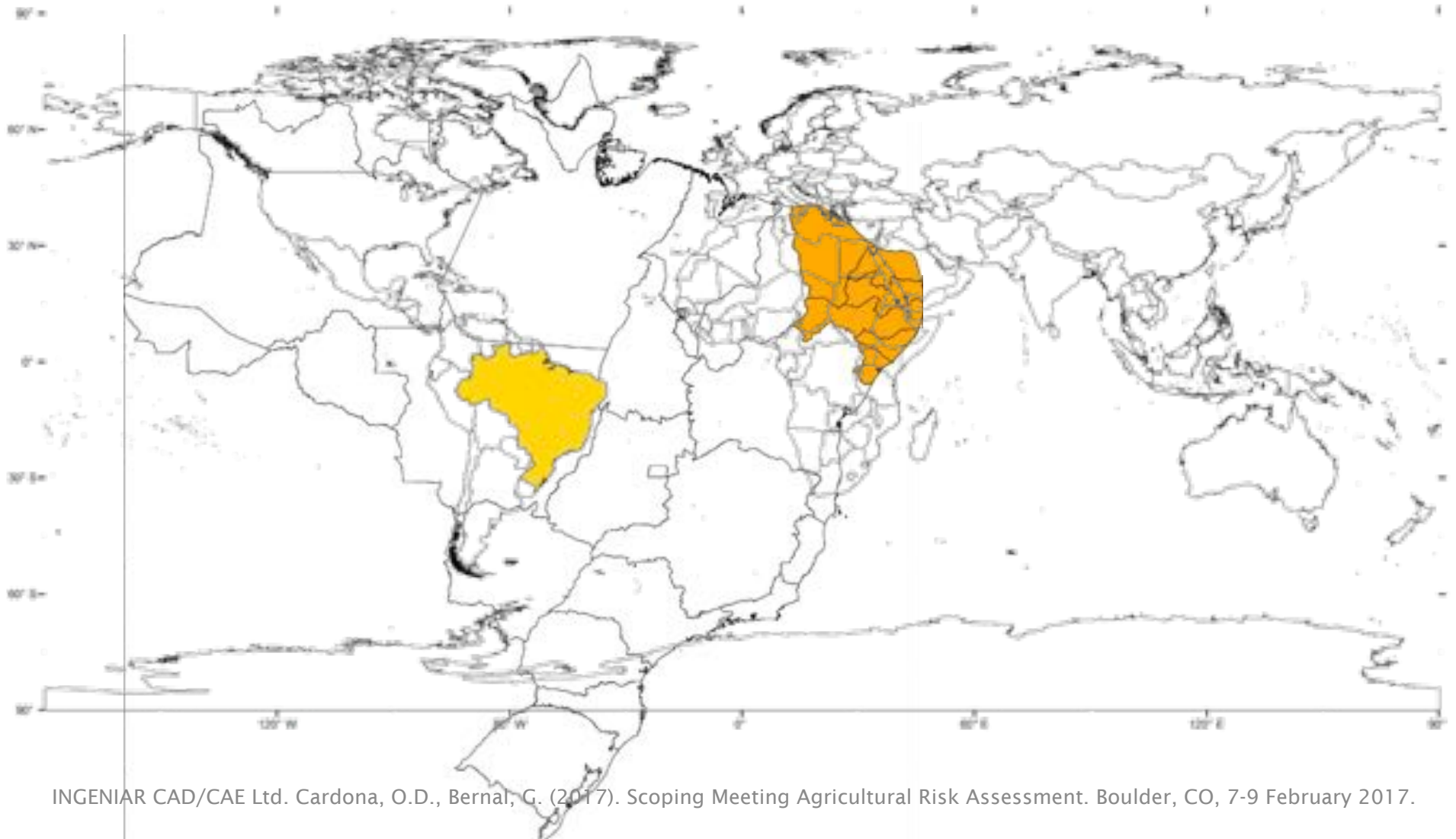
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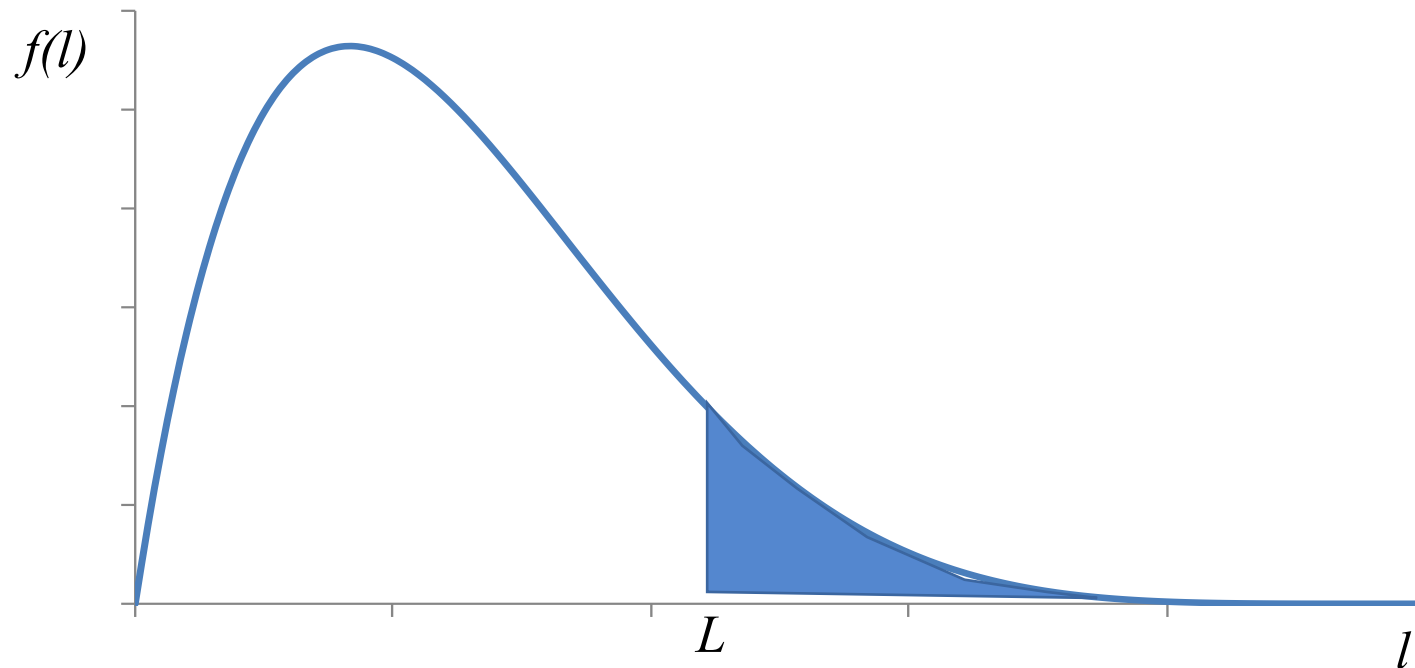
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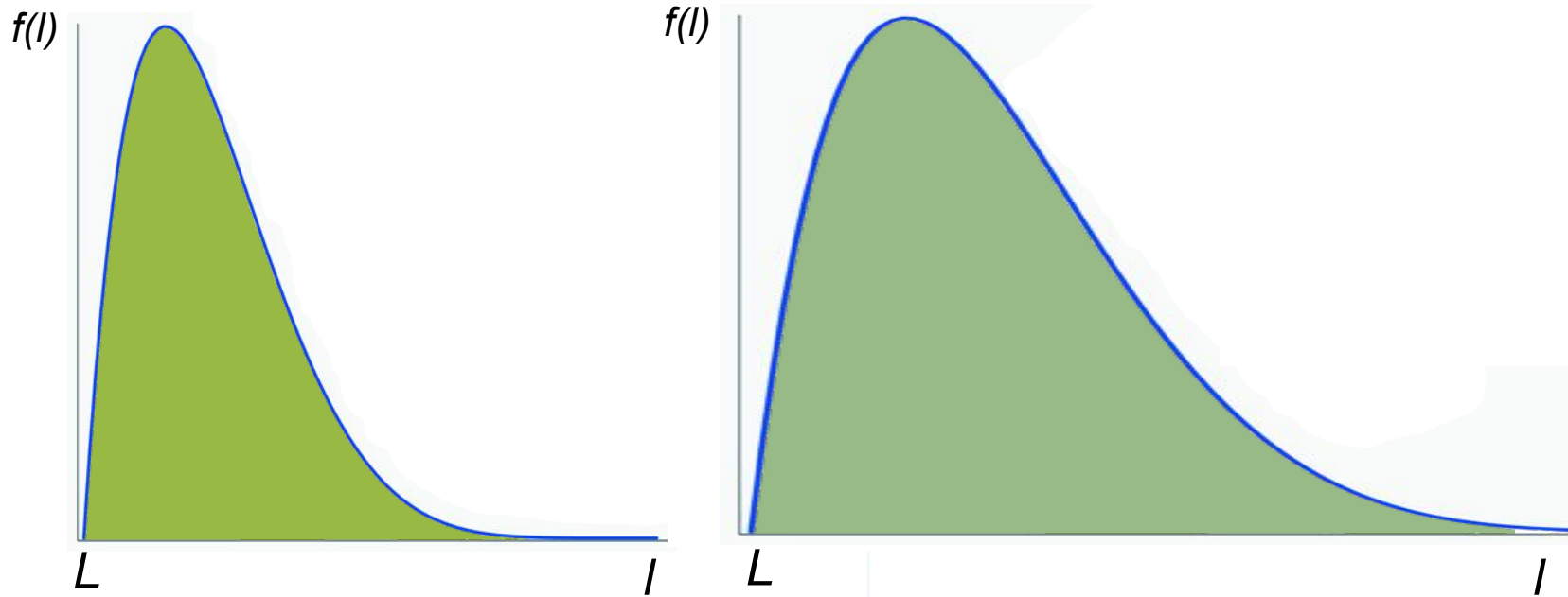
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PDF of the loss for one scenario



$$\Pr(l \geq L) = \int_L^{\infty} f(l) dl$$

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Loss exceedance rate

Loss exceedance probability

$$v(l) = \sum_{i=1}^N \Pr(l \geq L | E_i) \cdot F_i$$

Occurrence frequency of each scenario

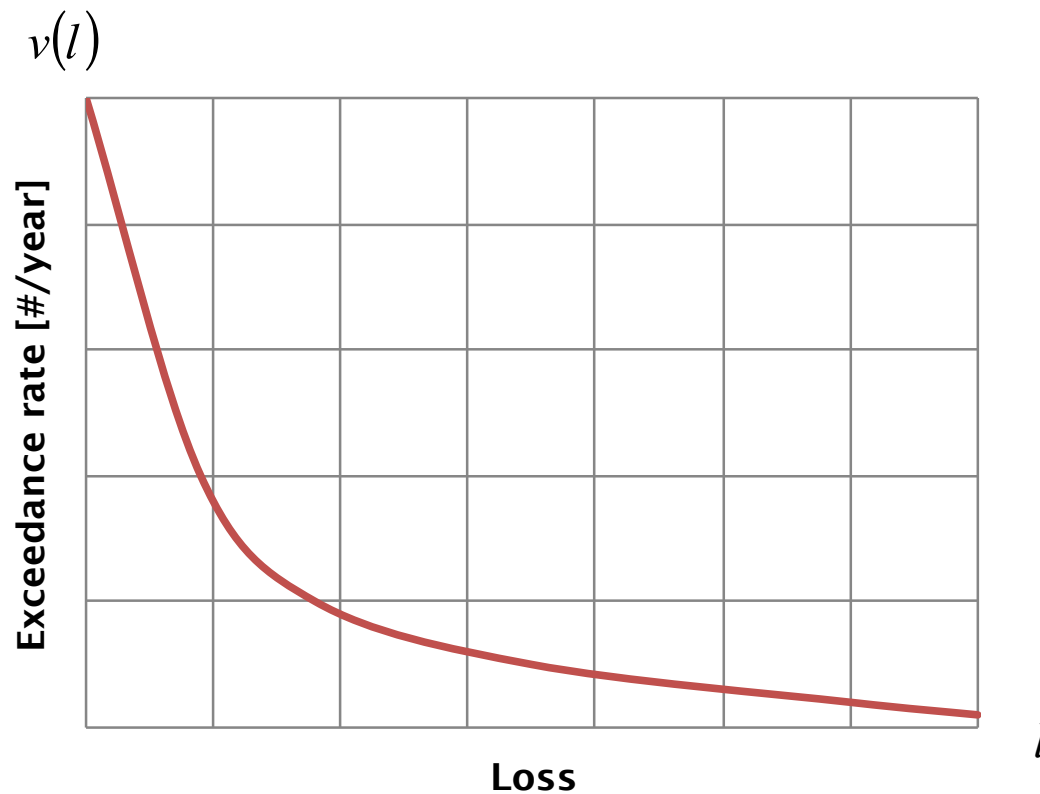
Loss exceedance rate (#/ year)

Loss

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Loss Exceedance Curve (LEC)

Sets the annual rate of excess of a given loss value



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Return period

Average time needed for reaching or exceeding a loss value, considering a large enough time window

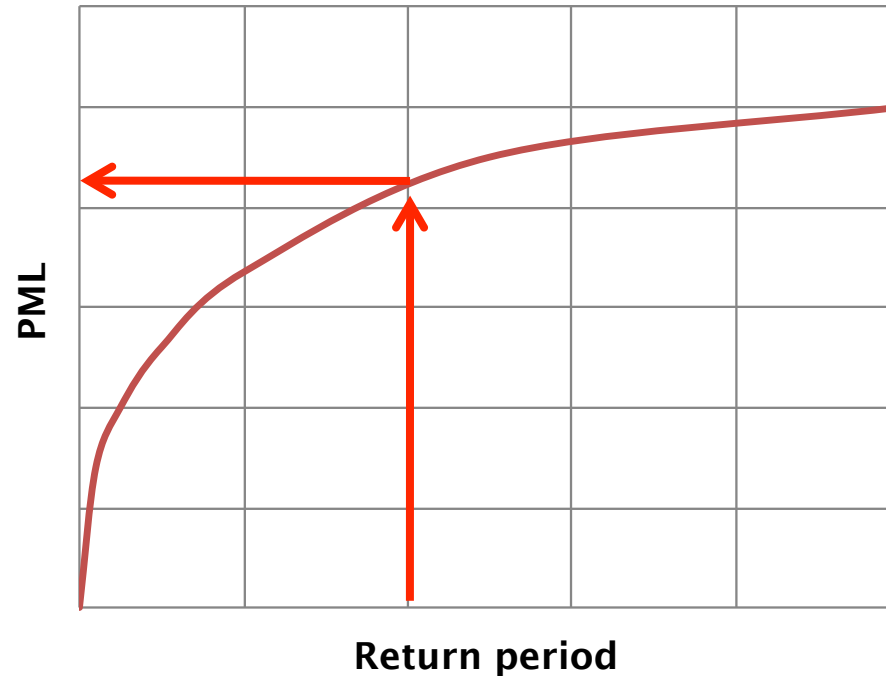
$$Tr = \frac{1}{v(l)}$$

It is computed as the inverse of the exceedance rate

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Probable Maximum Loss (PML)

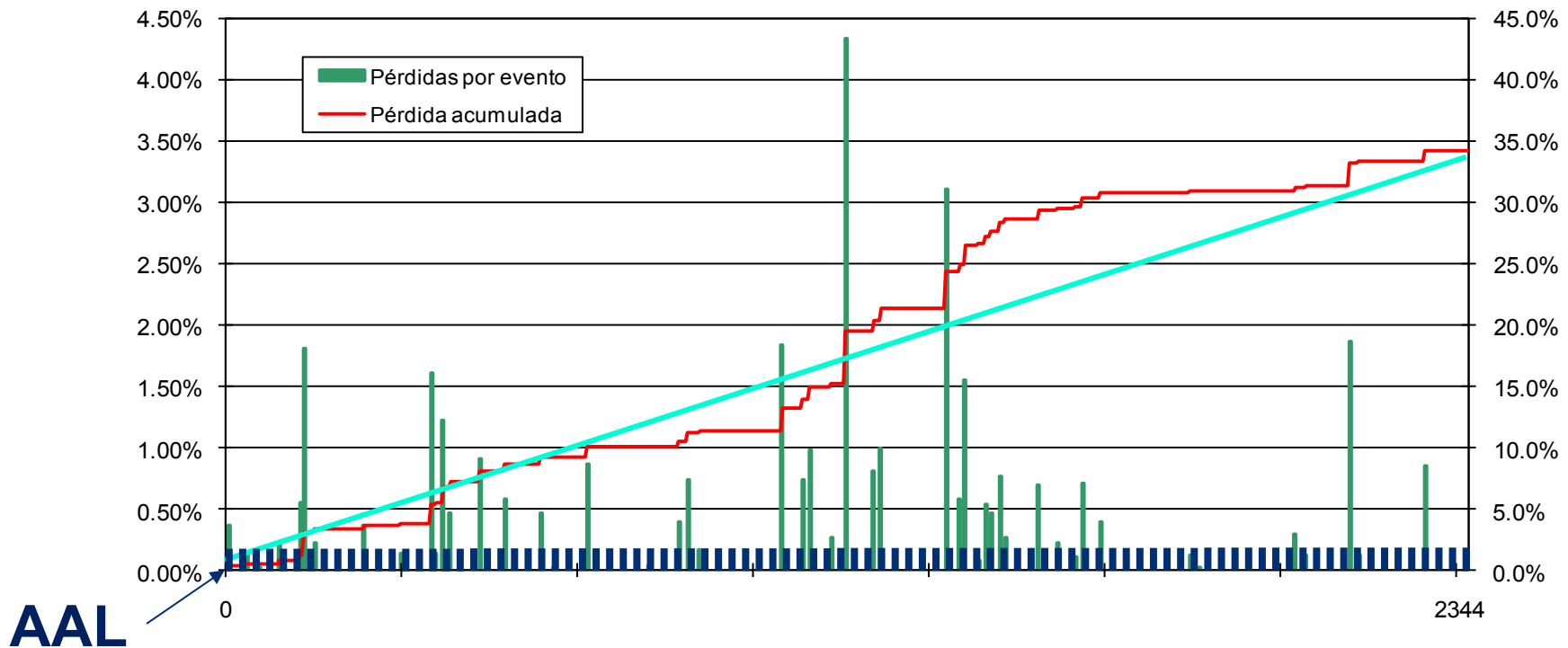
It is a loss that doesn't occur frequently (related to long return periods)



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Average Annual Loss (AAL)

It represents the amount that has to be paid annually in order to cover future expected losses.

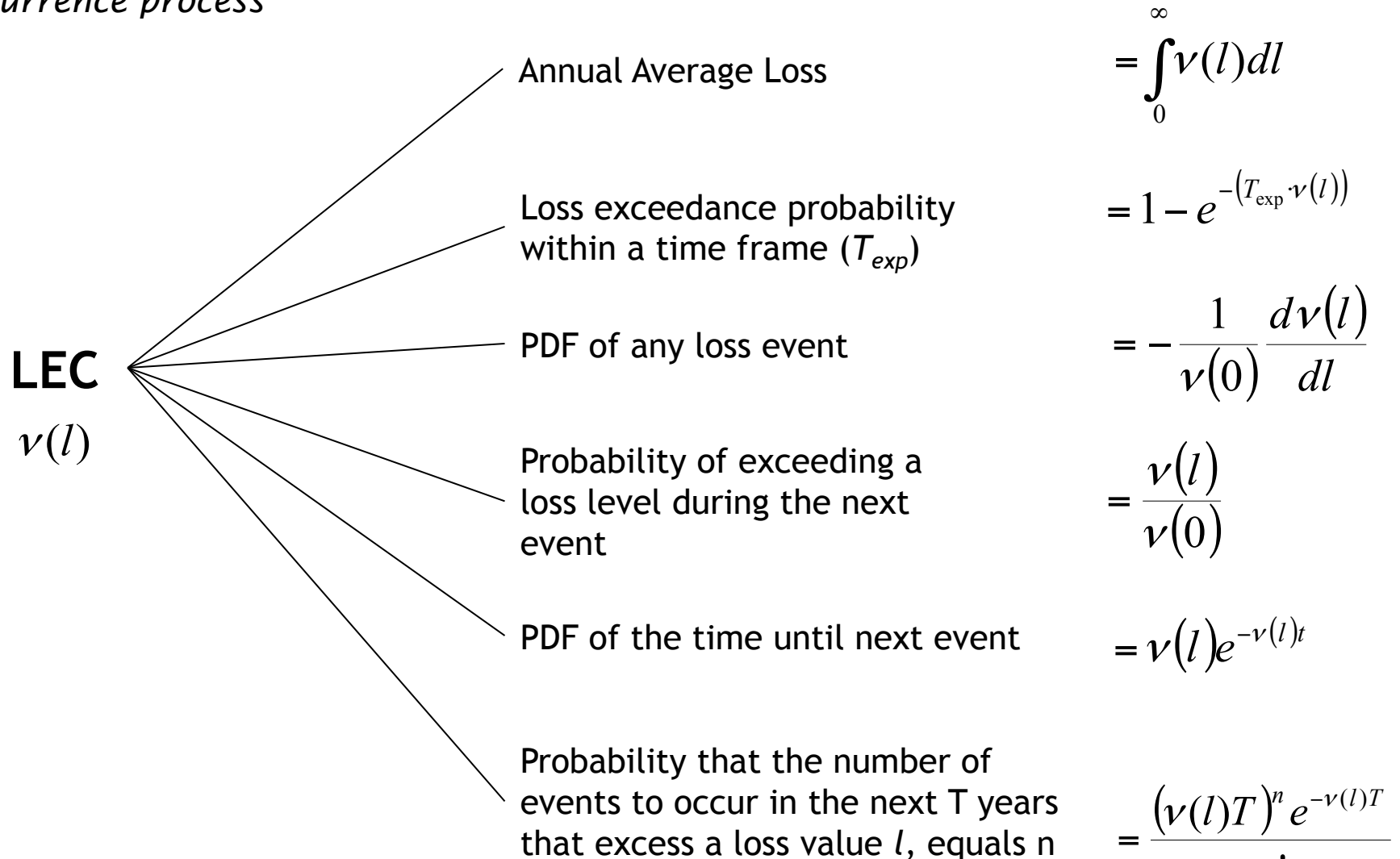


Loss and time between events: unknown

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Risk information derived from the LEC

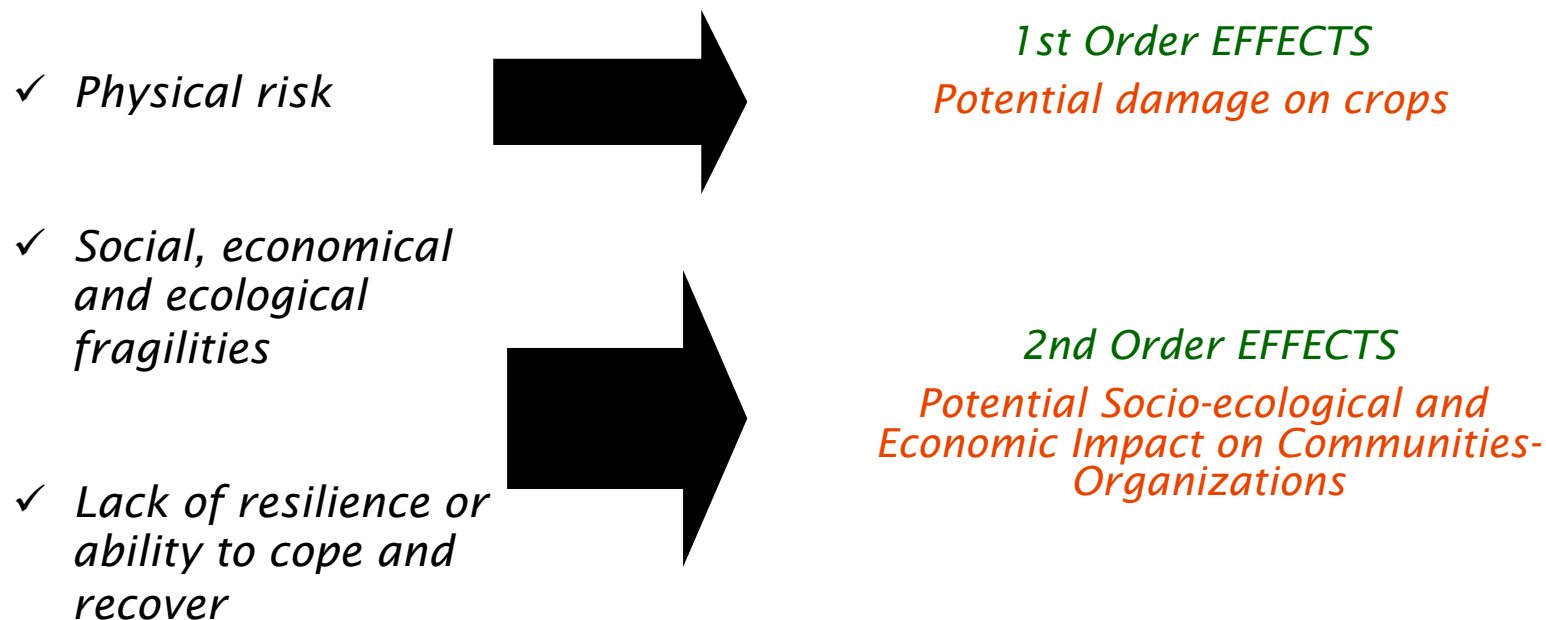
The LEC contains all the information required to rigorously characterize the loss occurrence process



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A holistic approach

The LEC provides information on direct physical losses. This metrics can be “amplified” by incorporating other aspects related to risk.



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Identification and escalation of non-measurable variables that reflect risk factors

Social aspects

$X_{s1}, X_{s2}, \dots, X_{sn}$

Economic aspects

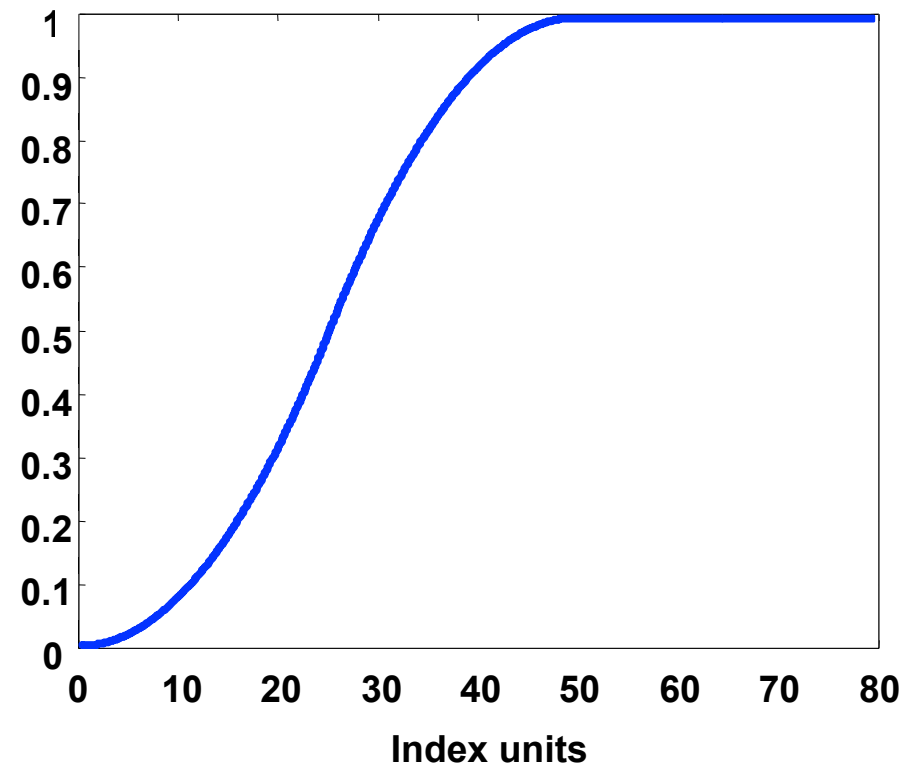
$X_{e1}, X_{e2}, \dots, X_{en}$

Infrastructural aspects

$X_{i1}, X_{i2}, \dots, X_{in}$

Other aspects
(governability,
security...)

$X_{o1}, X_{o2}, \dots, X_{on}$



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Assessment of the influence of each variable – Analytic Hierarchy Process

Social aspects	Weights
Xs1, Xs2, , Xsn	Ws1, Ws2, , Wsn
Economic aspects	Weights
Xe1, Xe2, , Xen	We1, We2, , Wen
Infrastructural aspects	Weights
Xi1, Xi2, , Xin	Wi1, Wi2, , Win
Other aspects (governability, security...)	Weights
Xo1, Xo2, , Xon	Wo1, Wo2, , Won

*Aggravating
coefficient*

$$F = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i \cdot W_i$$

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Total risk

$$R_T = R \cdot (1 + F)$$

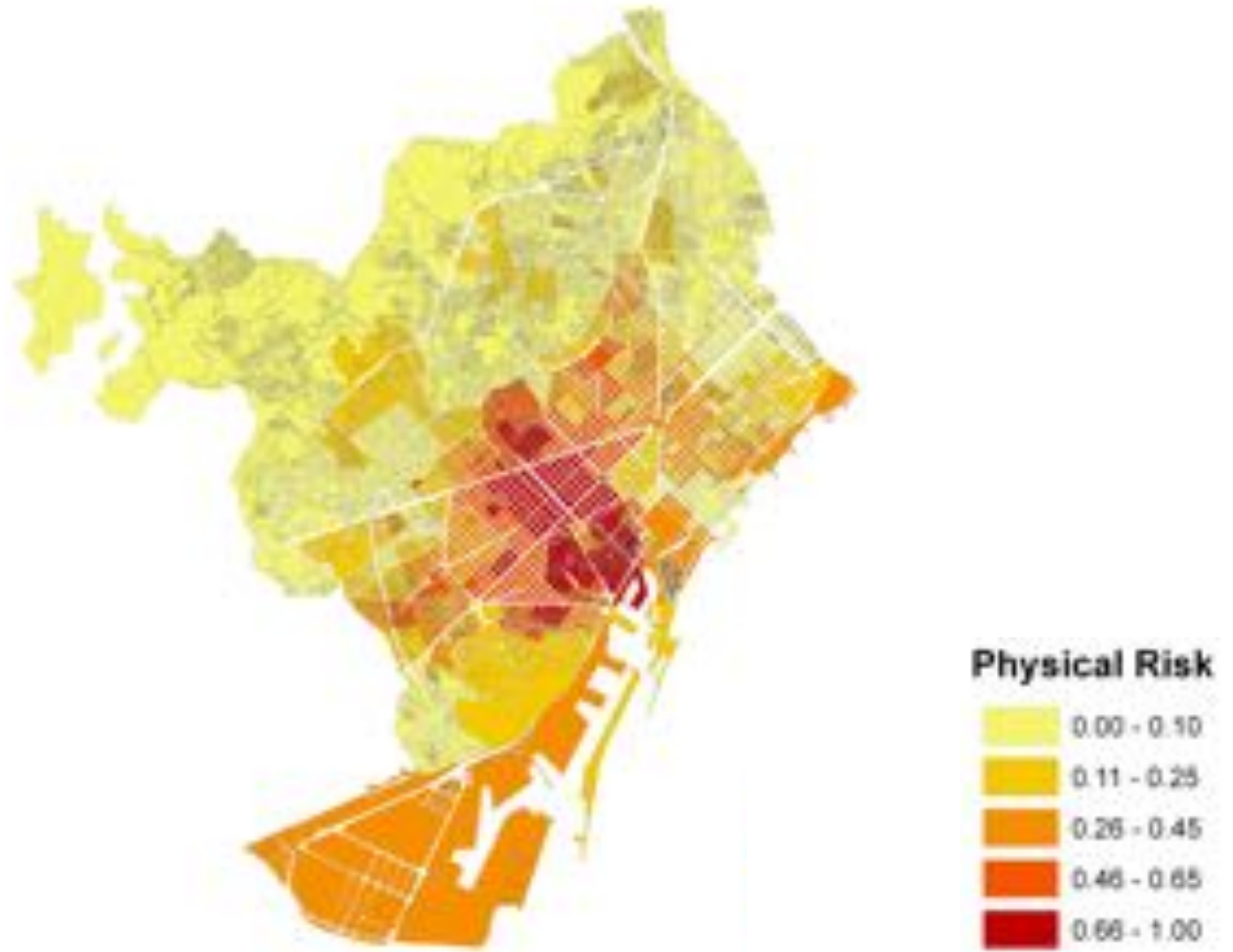
Labels and leader lines:

- Total risk (points to R_T)
- Physical risk metric (points to R)
- Aggravating coefficient (points to F)

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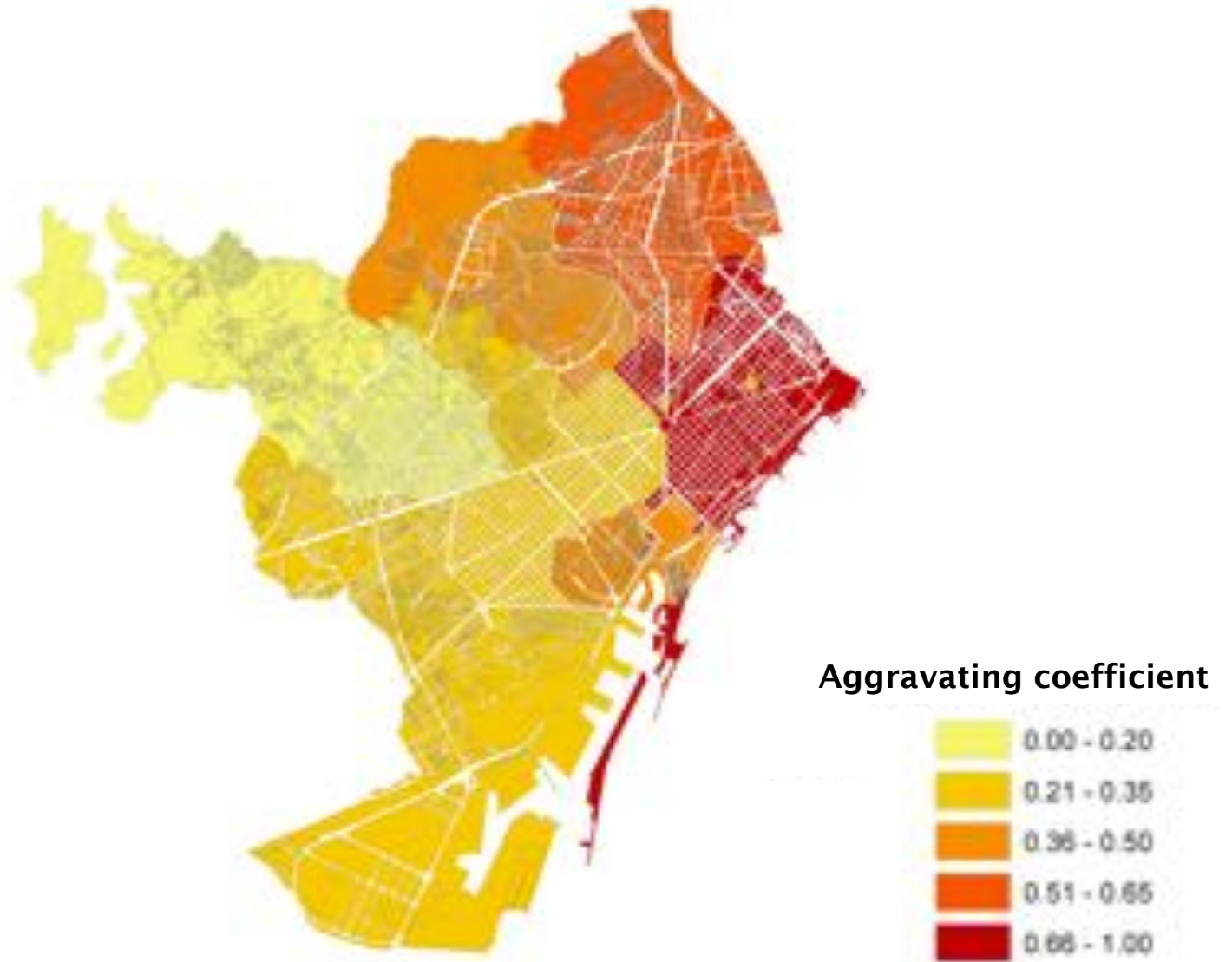
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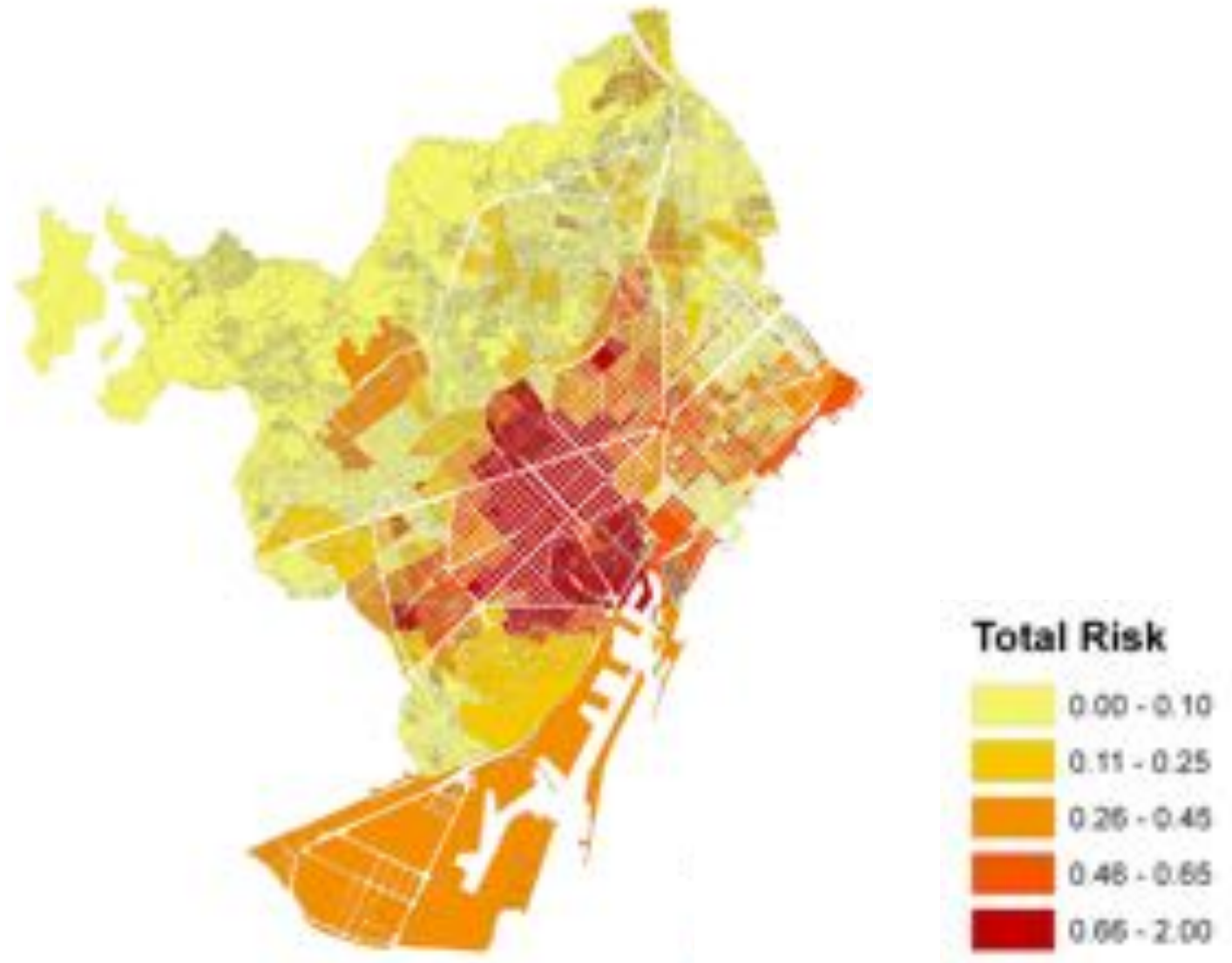
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Total risk



Drought Risk Assessment

Final remarks

Drought risk is evaluated considering:

- ✓ *The uncertainty associated with the probability of occurrence of the hazardous event,*
- ✓ *The variability of the intensity of the hazard scenario throughout space and time, and*
- ✓ *The loss caused at each exposed element given its vulnerability.*

Drought Risk Assessment

Final remarks

- ✓ *This methodology considers all possible events that could occur (and that have not necessarily occurred yet) and integrates them probabilistically.*
- ✓ *This probabilistic representation of drought widens the scope of how the drought hazard, vulnerability and exposure can be understood and estimated.*
- ✓ *Probabilistic drought risk assessments can become the reference frame for territorial decisions and for the agricultural sector.*