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A novel tool implementation to estimate the Land Use Sustainability for crops production under different climate changes scenarios

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Understanding and managing the complex interactions between **water, energy, food and environment**.

As demand grows, there is **increasing competition for resources** between **water, energy, agriculture, fisheries, livestock, forestry, mining, transport and other sectors** with unpredictable impacts for livelihoods and the environment (FAO 2011).

Large-scale water infrastructure projects, may have synergetic impacts, producing hydropower and providing water storage for irrigation and urban uses.

Increase in prices of energy (including bioenergy and renewable energy) affects food production and employment in industrial sectors.

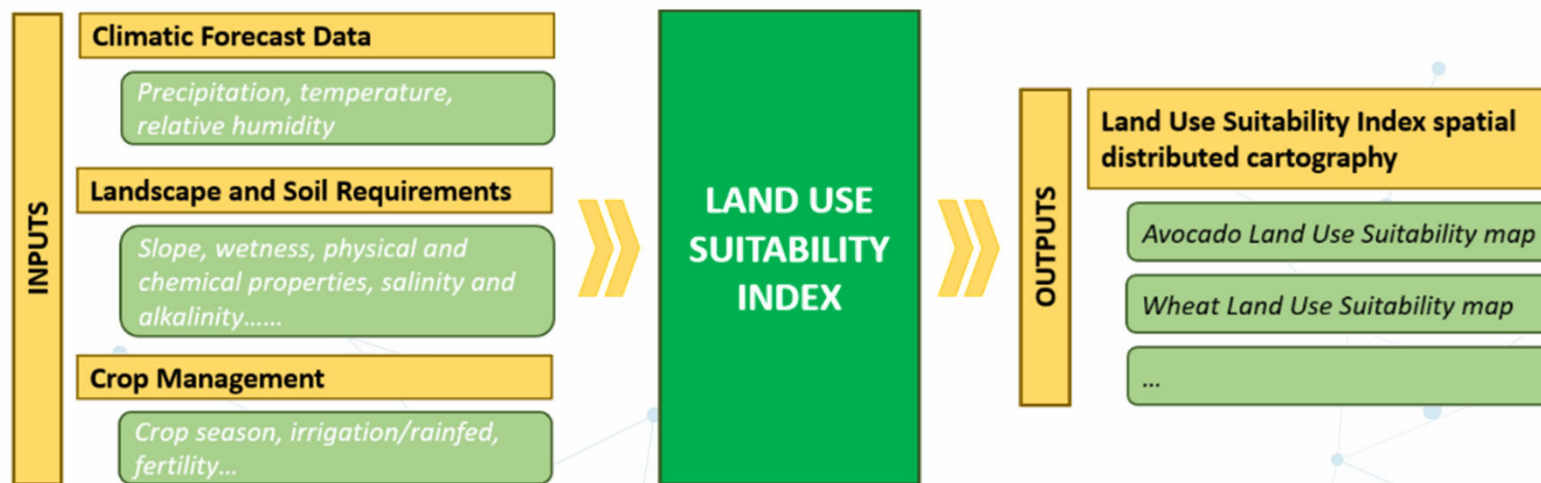
The Rexus Project aims to **close the gap between science and policy**, moving from Nexus thinking to Nexus doing. It brings together the scientific tools and the integrated vision necessary to analyze real-world conditions, including frictions and climate risks



Land-use suitability mapping tool

Given a set of maps and their corresponding thresholds, we obtain a result in classifying areas suitable for a particular crop. The approach involves standardizing the suitability maps, assigning relative importance weights to the suitability maps, and then combining the weights and the standardized suitability maps to obtain a suitability score.

FAO suitability classes	Characterization	Performance/Score Sys et al., (1991)
S1	Highly suitable	100-85
S2	Average suitable	85-60
S3	Marginal suitable	60-40
N1	Temporary unsuitable	40-25
N2	Permanently unsuitable	< 25



Crop Card (Sys, et al., 1993).

Expert questionnaire to determine the weighting of parameters

WHEAT (<i>Triticum aestivum</i>)		CLIMATIC REQUIREMENTS						
Climatic characteristics		Class, degree of limitation and rating scale						
VAR		S1		S2	S3	N1	N2	
		100	95	85	60	40	25	0
Moisture	Precipitation of growing cycle (mm)	700	450	350	250	200	-	< 200
		700	1000	1250	1500	1750	-	> 1750
	Monthly rainfall vegetative storage (mm)	65	45	20	12	8	-	< 8
		65	90	120	> 120	-	-	-
Temperature	Monthly rainfall flowering stage (mm)	75	60	30	15	10	-	< 10
		75	90	120	> 120	-	-	-
	Monthly rainfall of ripening stage (mm)	60	50	30	10	< 10	-	-
		60	70	100	120	> 120	-	-
Thermal amplitude	Mean Temperature of the growing cycle (°C)	18	20	23	25	30	-	> 30
		18	15	12	10	8	-	< 8
	Mean temperature of the vegetative cycle (°C)	10	8	6	4	2	-	< 2
		10	12	18	24	28	-	> 28
Thermal amplitude	Mean temperature of the flowering stage (°C)	18	14	12	10	8	-	< 8
		18	22	26	32	36	-	> 36
	Mean temperature of ripening stage (°C)	20	16	14	12	10	-	< 10
		20	24	30	36	42	-	> 42

WHEAT (<i>Triticum aestivum</i>)		LANDSCAPE AND SOIL REQUIREMENTS								
Land characteristics		Class, degree of limitation and rating scale								
VAR		S1		S2	S3	N1	N2			
		100	95	85	60	40	25	0		
Topography	Slope (%)	(1)	0	1	2	4	6	-	> 6	
		(2)	0	2	4	8	16	-	> 16	
		(3)	0	4	8	16	30	-	> 30	
		(4)	0	8	16	30	45	-	> 45	
Wetness	Flooding	F0		F1	F1/F2	F2	-	F3+		
	Drainage	(4) good	good	moderate	imperfect	poor and aeric	poor but drainable	poor > not drainable		
Physical soil characteristics	Texture / structure	(5) imperfect	imperfect	moderate	good	poor and aeric	poor but drainable	poor > not drainable		
		C<60s, SIC, Co, Si, SIL, CL	C<60s, SIC, Co, Si, SIL, CL	C>60s, SIC, Co, Si, SIL, CL	C>60s, SCL	SL, LFS	-	Cm, SiCmLcS, FS, cS		
		Coarse fragm (vol%)	0	3	15	35	55	-	> 55	
		Soil depth (cm)	> 90	90	50	20	10	-	< 10	
		CaCo ₃ (%)	3	20	30	40	60	-	> 60	
		Gypsum (%)	0	3	5	10	20	-	> 20	
		Apparent CEC (cmol(+)/kg clay)	> 24	24	16	< 16(-)	< 16(+)	-	-	
		Base saturation (%)	> 80	80	50	35	< 35	-	-	
Soil fertility characteristics	Sum of basic cations (cmol(+)/kg soil)	> 8.0	8.0	5.0	3.5	2.0	< 2.0	-		
		7.0	6.5	6.0	5.6	5.2	< 5.2	-		
		pH H ₂ O	7.0	7.5	8.2	8.3	8.5	-	> 8.5	
			> 1.5	1.5	0.8	< 0.8	-	-	-	
		Organic carbon (%)	(6)	> 2.5	2.5	1.5	1.0	< 1.0	-	-
			(7)	> 1.5	1.5	1.0	0.5	< 0.5	-	-
			(8)	> 0.6	0.6	0.4	< 0.4	-	-	-
			(8)	> 0.6	0.6	0.4	< 0.4	-	-	-
Salinity and alkalinity	Electrical conductivity - Ece (dS/m)	0	1	3	5	6	10	> 10		
	Exchangeable sodium percentage - ESP (%)	0	15	20	35	45	-	> 45		

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Part I: Variables

LANDSCAPE AND SOIL REQUIREMENTS

Wetness

Absolute importance: Flooding Equal importance: Absolute importance: Drainage

Physical soil characteristics

Absolute importance: Texture / Structure Equal importance: Absolute importance: Coarse fragments

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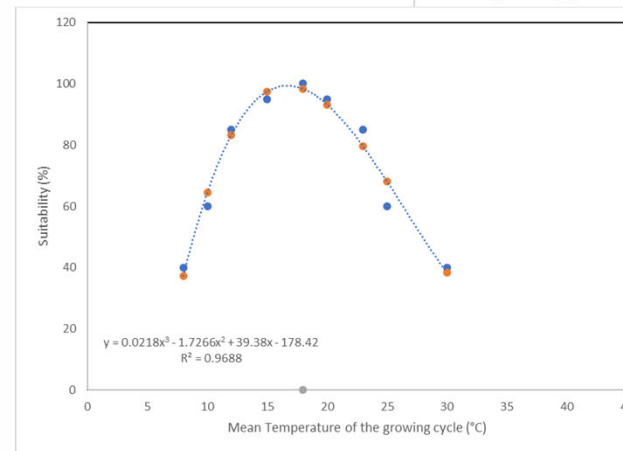
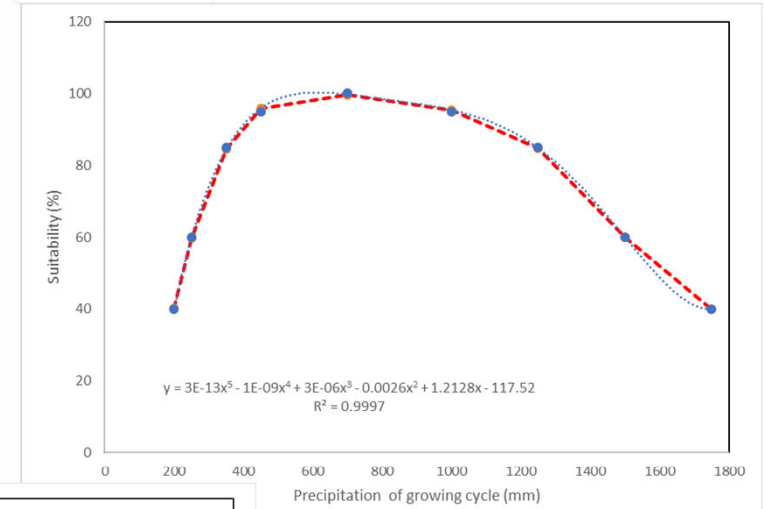


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Climatic Forecast Data

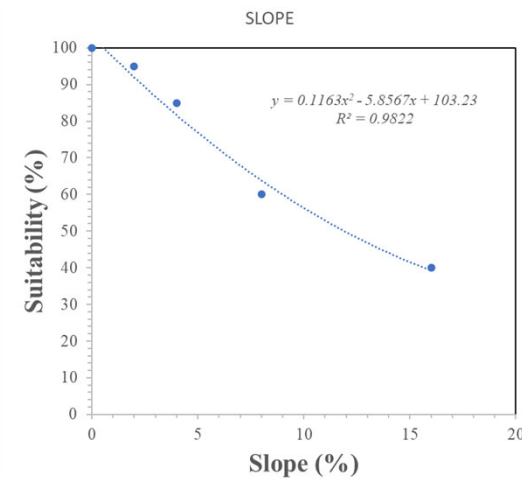
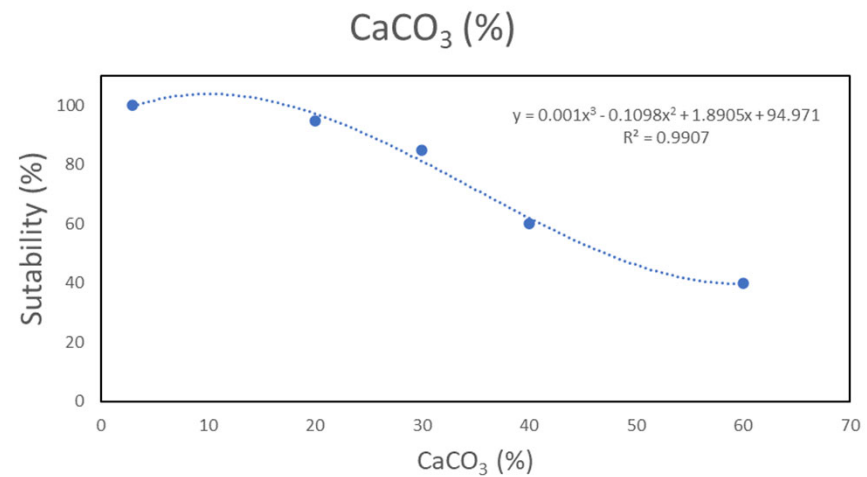
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Moisture	Precipitation of growing cycle (mm)	700 700	450 1000	350 1250	250 1500	200 1750	- -	< 200 > 1750	
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	Monthly rainfall flowering stage (mm)	75 75	60 90	30 120	15 > 120	10 -	- -	< 10 -	
	Monthly rainfall of ripening stage (mm)	60 60	50 70	30 100	10 120	< 10 > 120	- -	- -	
Temperature	Mean Temperature of the growing cycle (°C)	18 18	20 15	23 12	25 10	30 8	- -	> 30 < 8	
	Mean temperature of the vegetative cycle (°C)	10 10	8 12	6 18	4 24	2 28	- -	< 2 > 28	
	Mean temperature of the flowering stage (°C)	18 18	14 22	12 26	10 32	8 36	- -	< 8 > 36	
	Mean temperature of ripening stage (°C)	20 20	16 24	14 30	12 36	10 42	- -	< 10 > 42	
Thermal amplitude	Average daily min temperature of the coldest month combined with average daily max temperature of coldest month (°C)	< 8 if < 21	-	> 8 if < 21	8-19 if > 21	> 21	-	-	



A spatial database (13 km of spatial resolution) with the climatic forecast data that includes precipitation, temperature or relative humidity (among others) in the desired time period(2031-2090). Including a reference period from 1986-2005.

Soil Data

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Salinity and alkalinity	Electrical conductivity - ECe (dS/m)		0	1	3	5	6	10	> 10	
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JRC, Shuttle Radar Topographic Mission data (SRTM)
<https://srtm.csi.cgiar.org/download/>

A spatial database with the physical and chemical soil characteristics data that includes the topography, wetness, physical and fertility soil characteristics, salinity and alkalinity among others.

Weights

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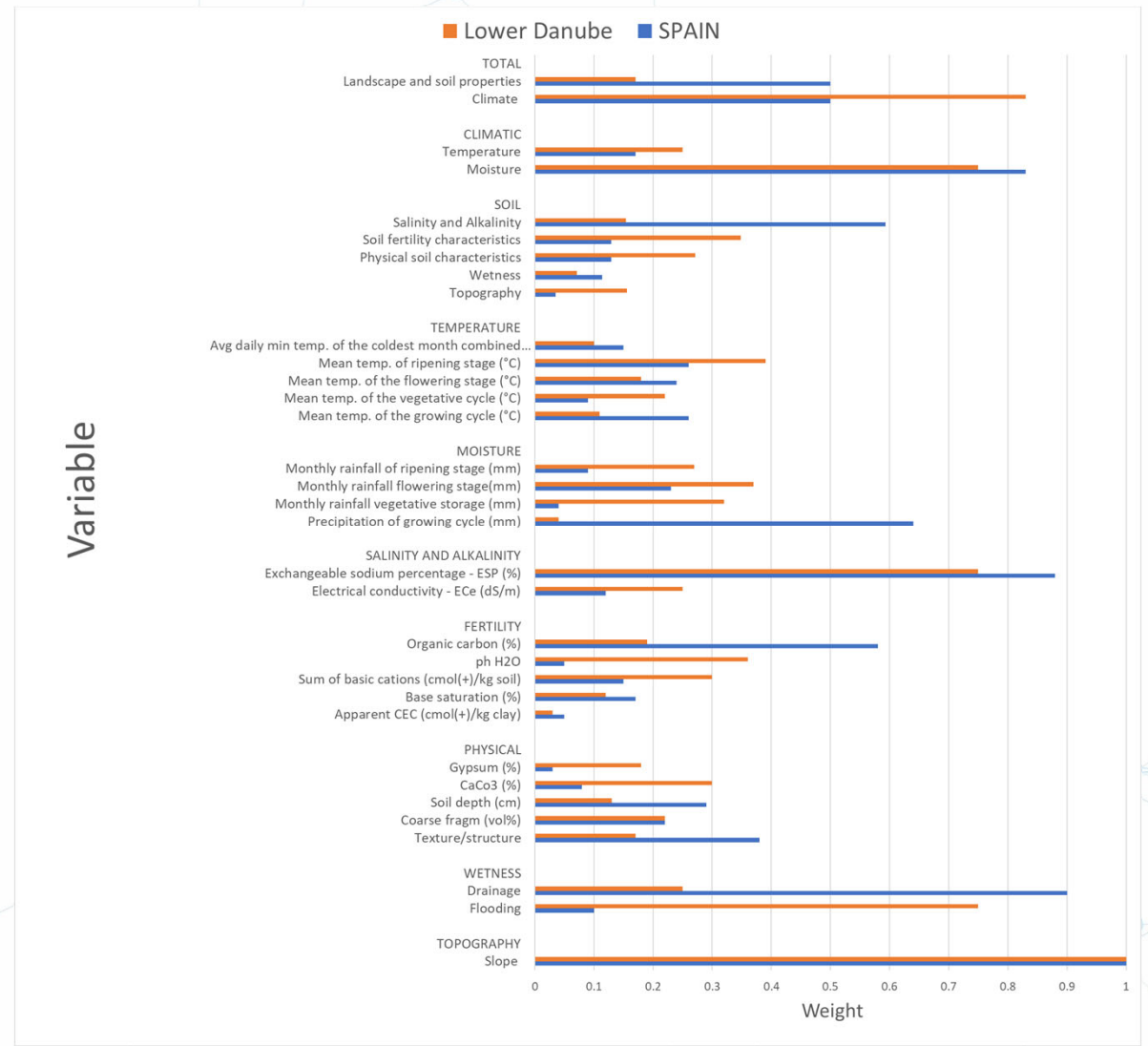
LANDSCAPE AND SOIL REQUIREMENTS

Wetness

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Physical soil characteristics

	Absolute importance				Equal importance				Absolute importance				
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LUS index classification

- ✓ CALCULATION OF LUS FOR EACH INPUT PARAMETER GROUP: The calculation will use a linear equation considering the weighting factors determined previously:

where:

w = weight

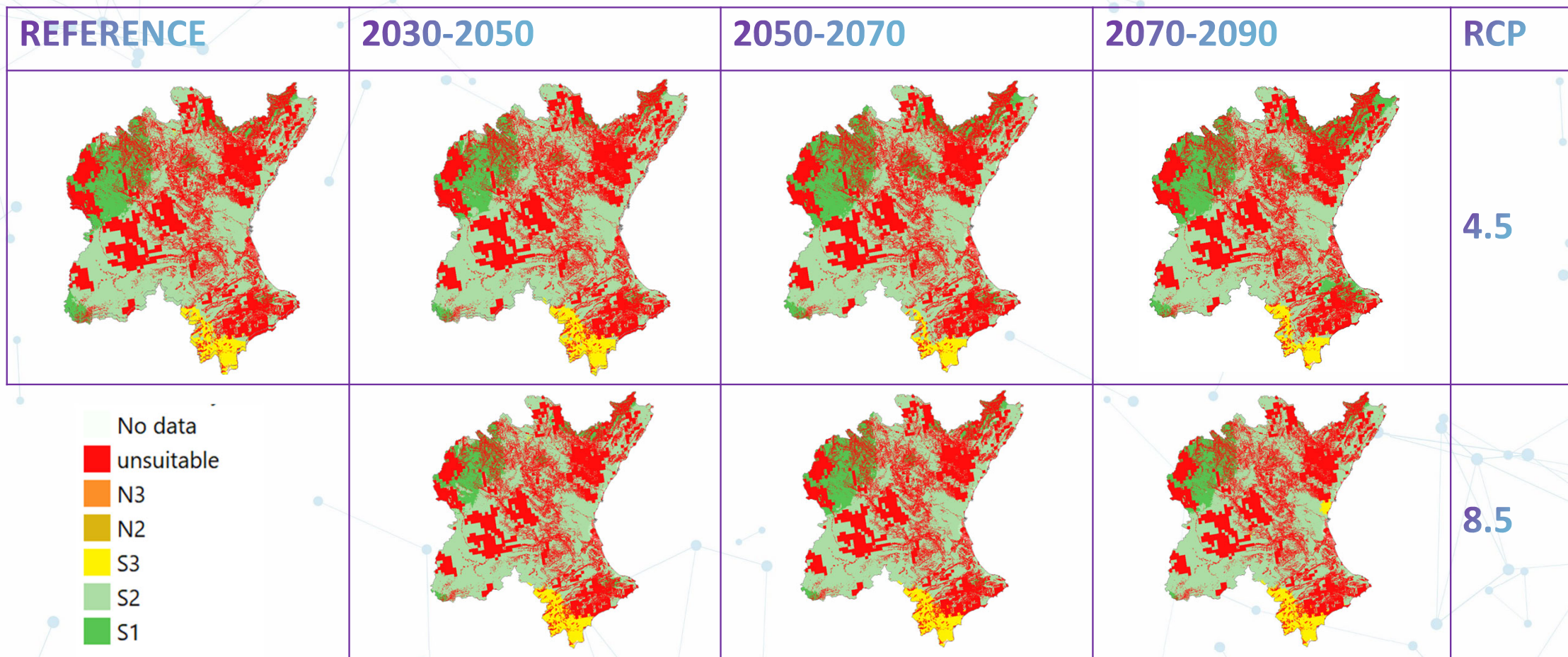
x = var1, var2, var3... is the input parame

$$y_1 = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j \times x_{ij}$$

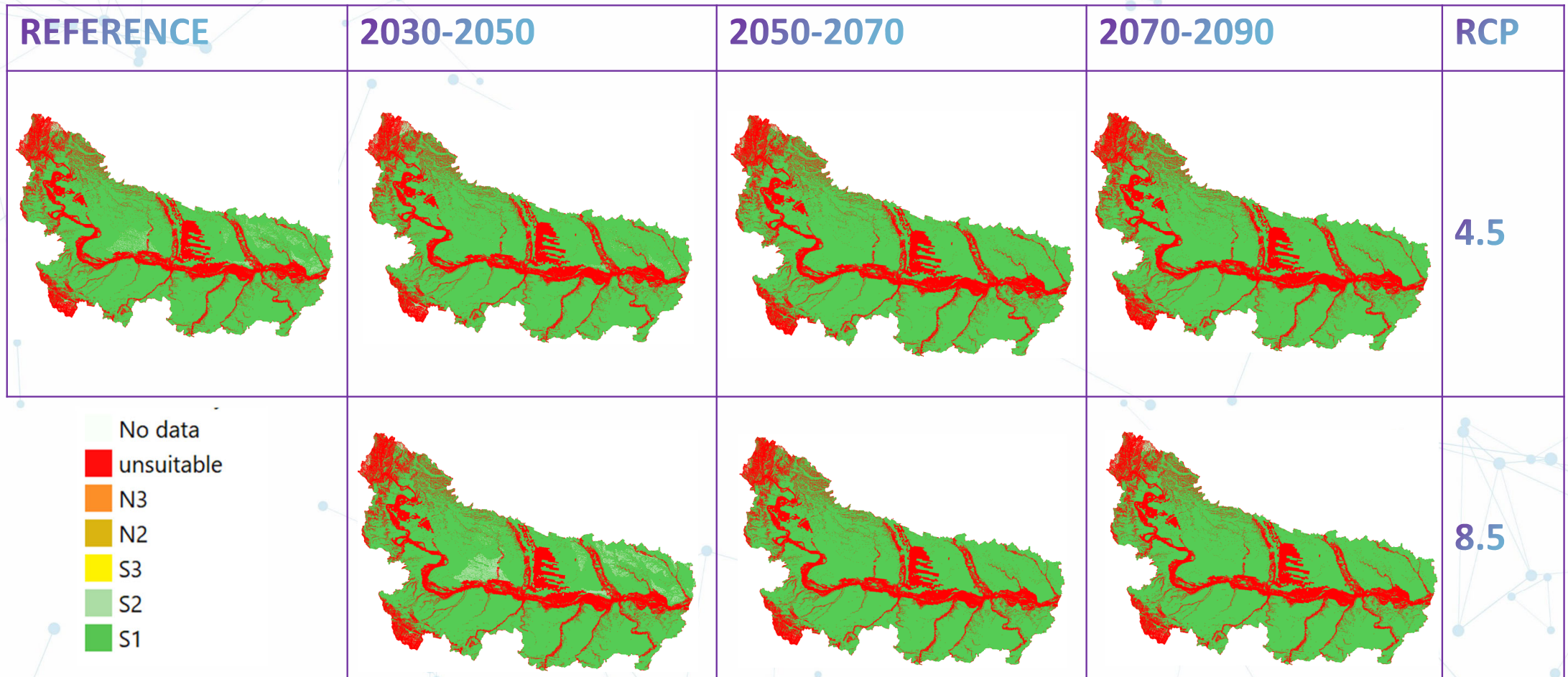
- ✓ DETERMINATION OF WEIGHTING FACTORS FOR EACH INPUT PARAMETER GROUP: For each input parameter group, a weighting factor will be determined using the same procedure. This step results in a weighting factor (0-1) for each input parameter group
- ✓ CALCULATION OF TOTAL LSU: The calculation will use same linear equation considering the weighting factors of the parameters group.
- ✓ GROUPING INTO SUITABILITY CLASSES:

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