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# Alpine Social-Ecological Systems

MOUNTAIN AREAS ARE HIGHLY DIVERSE

- Although mountains have a lot of common characteristics and problems they are highly diverse, not only on a global or Alpine scale but also on a local scale within Switzerland
- Therefore five different research areas were chosen differing in their **sensitivity to climate changes** and their **socio-economic development**

# MOUNTLAND I

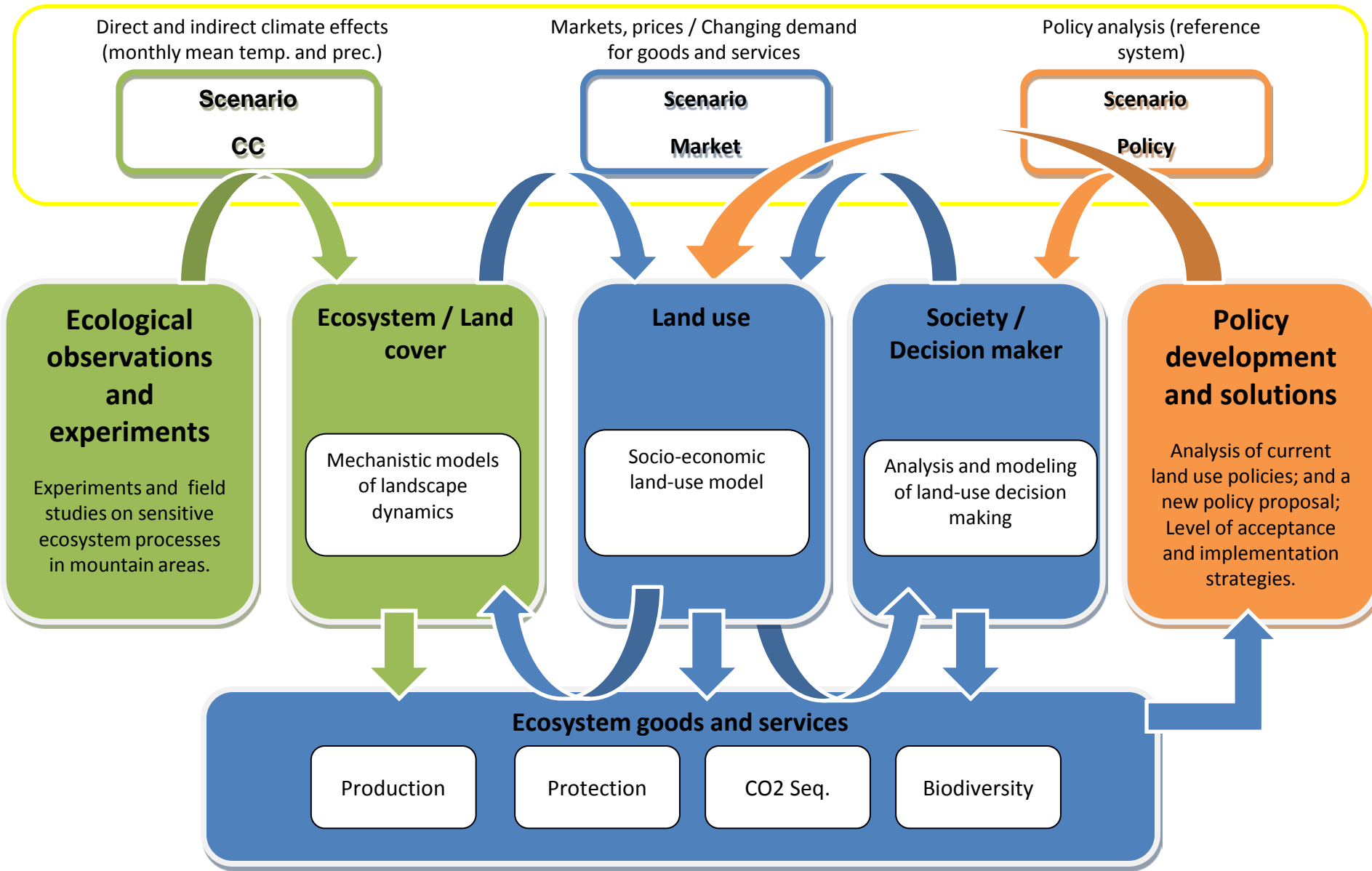
The goal is to contribute to the **development of adapted land-use practices and realizable policy solutions** for mountain regions that

- (1) warrant the life-supporting services required for sustainable development,
- (2) are economically and ecologically efficient, and
- (3) socially and institutionally feasible.



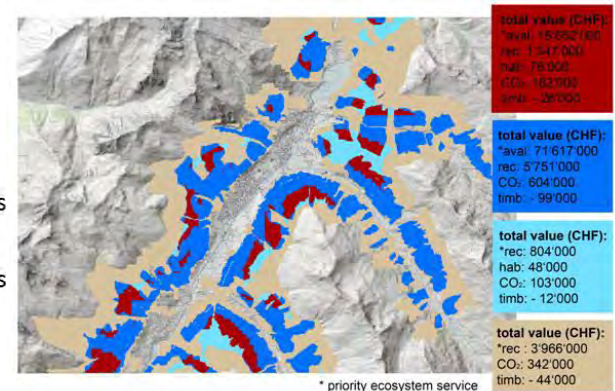
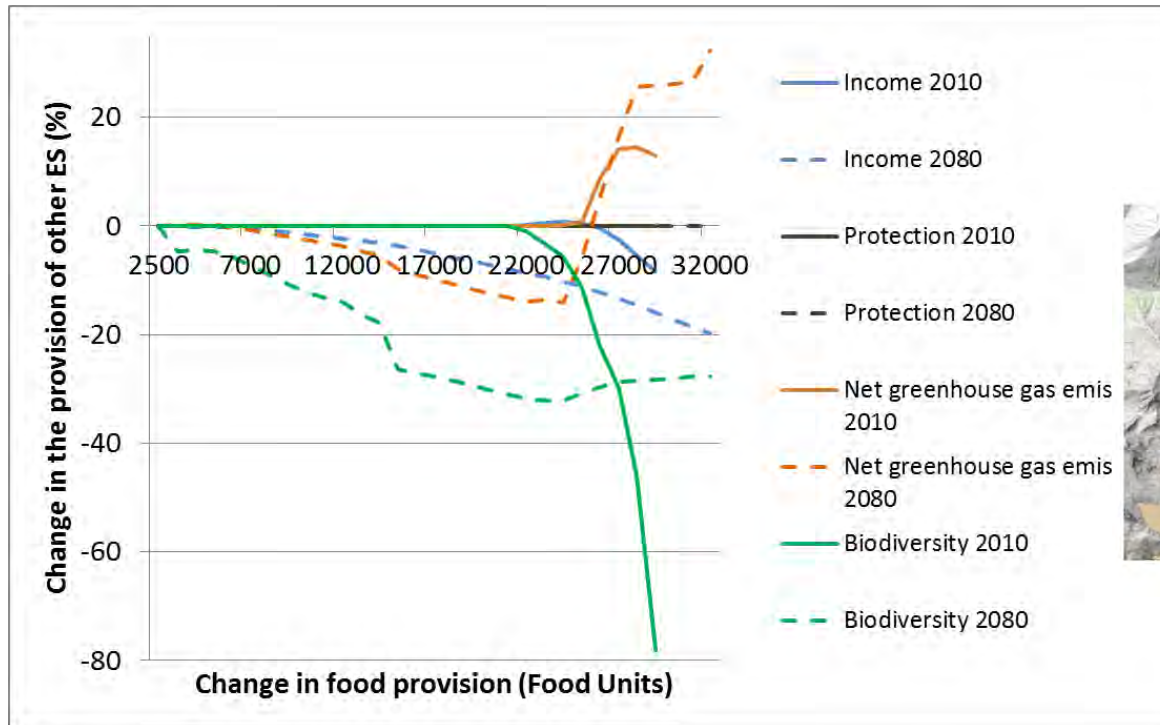
- We apply an integrative approach by combining methods of **economics, political science and natural sciences** to analyze ecosystem functioning and management in mountain regions under climate change.

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# Results : Trade-offs



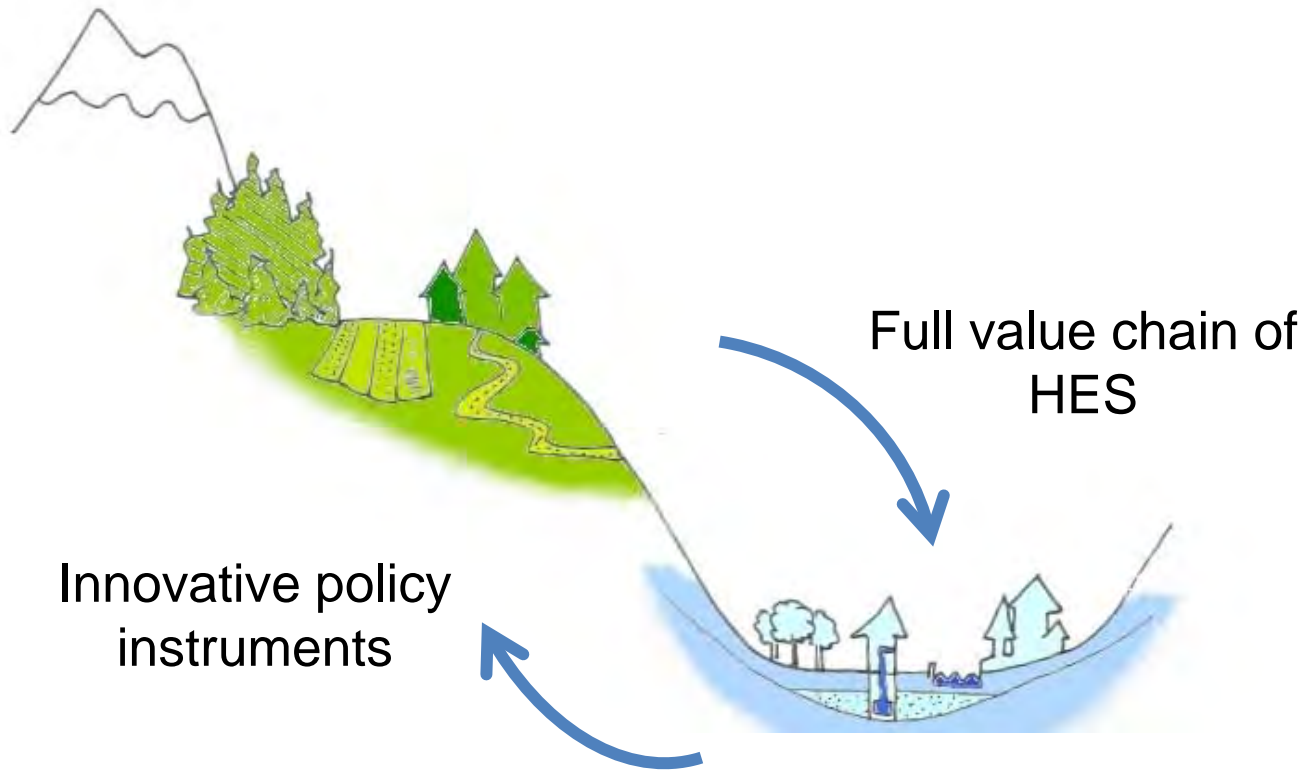
Trade-offs between the provision of food and other ES as well as the sectoral income today (continuous line) and in the year 2080 (dashed line)

Changes in climate and socio-economic parameters will affect trade-offs between different ES.

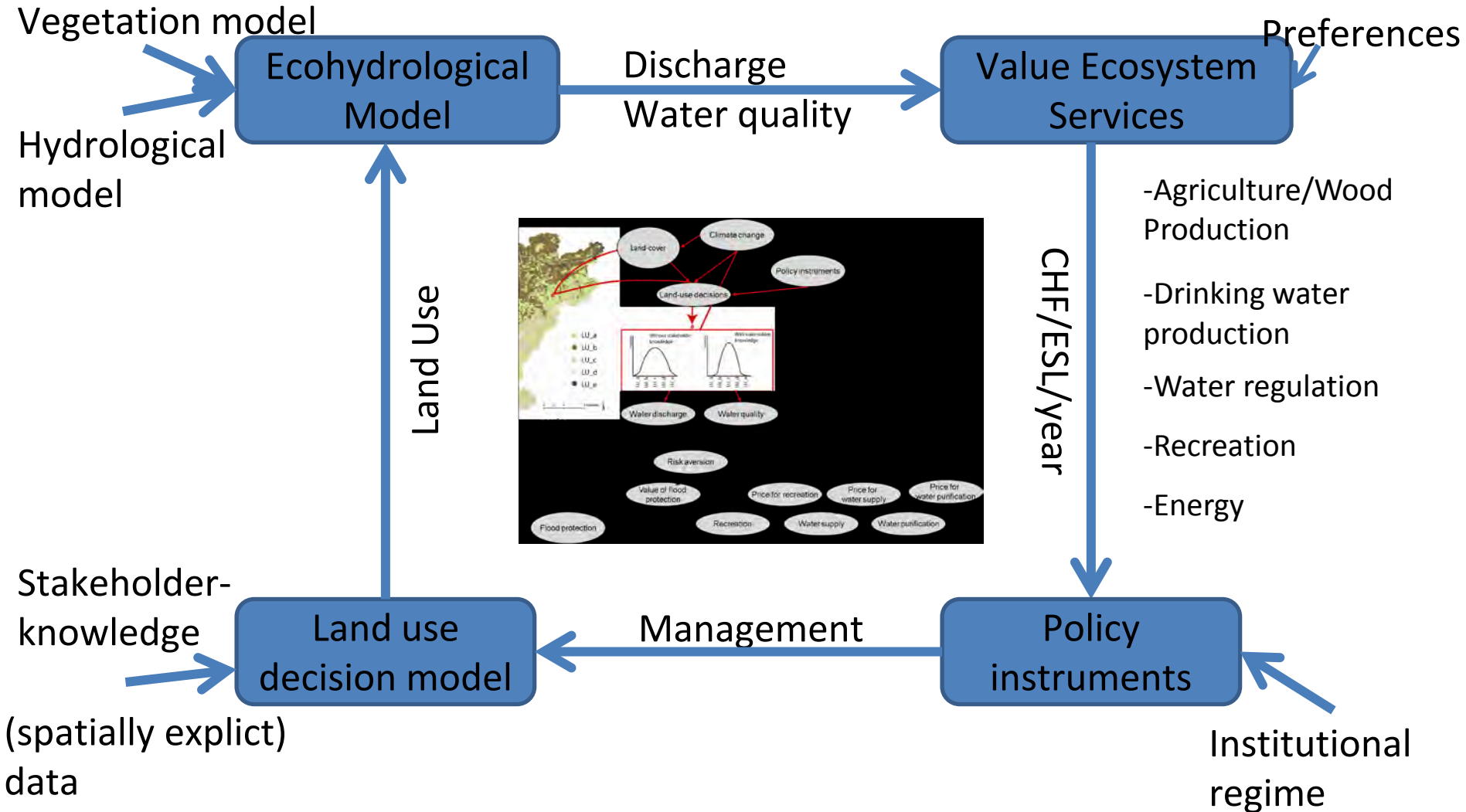
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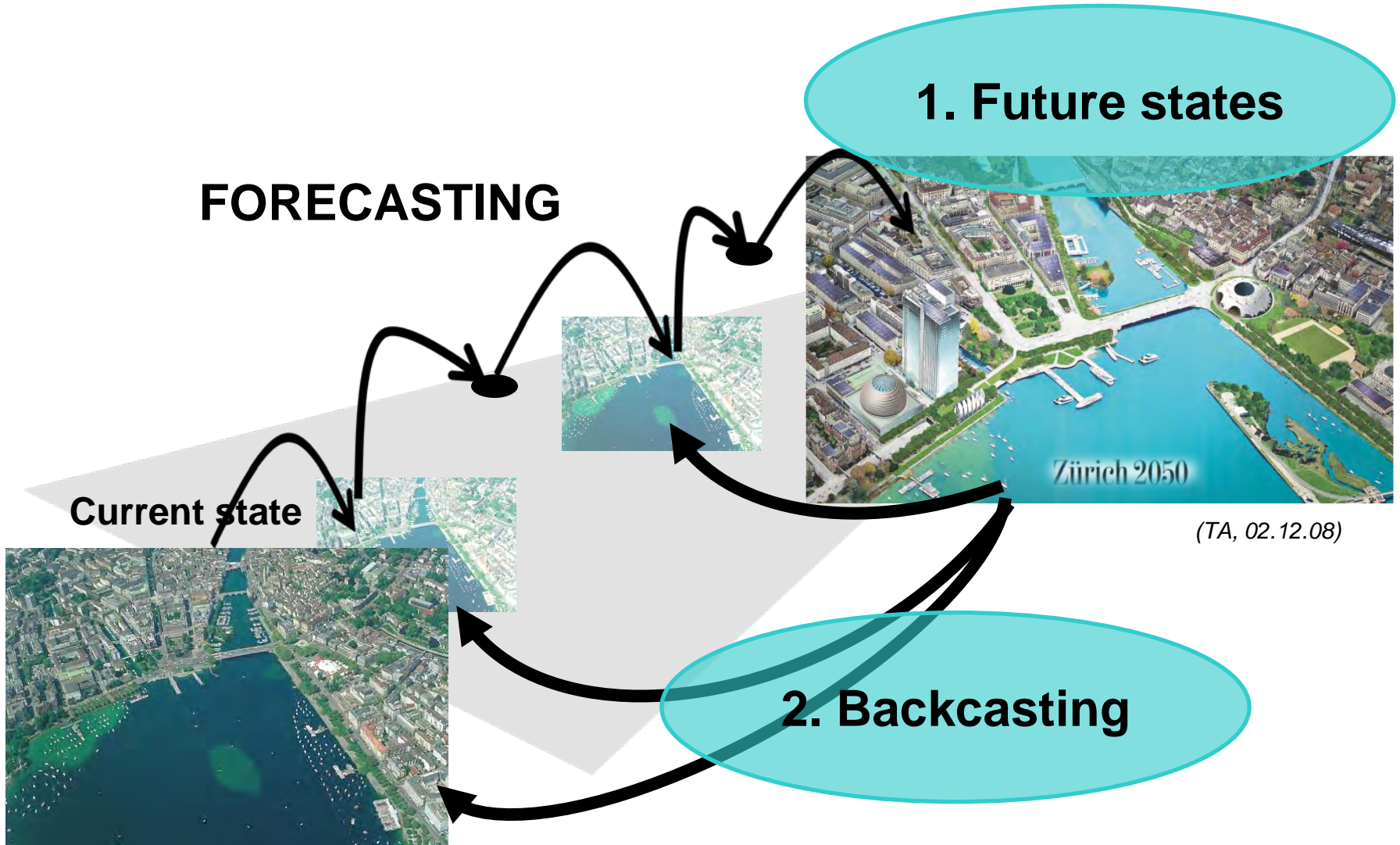
- foster understanding on **the full value chain of HES**
- suggest **innovative policy instruments to bridge supply and demand for HES**



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## Step 1

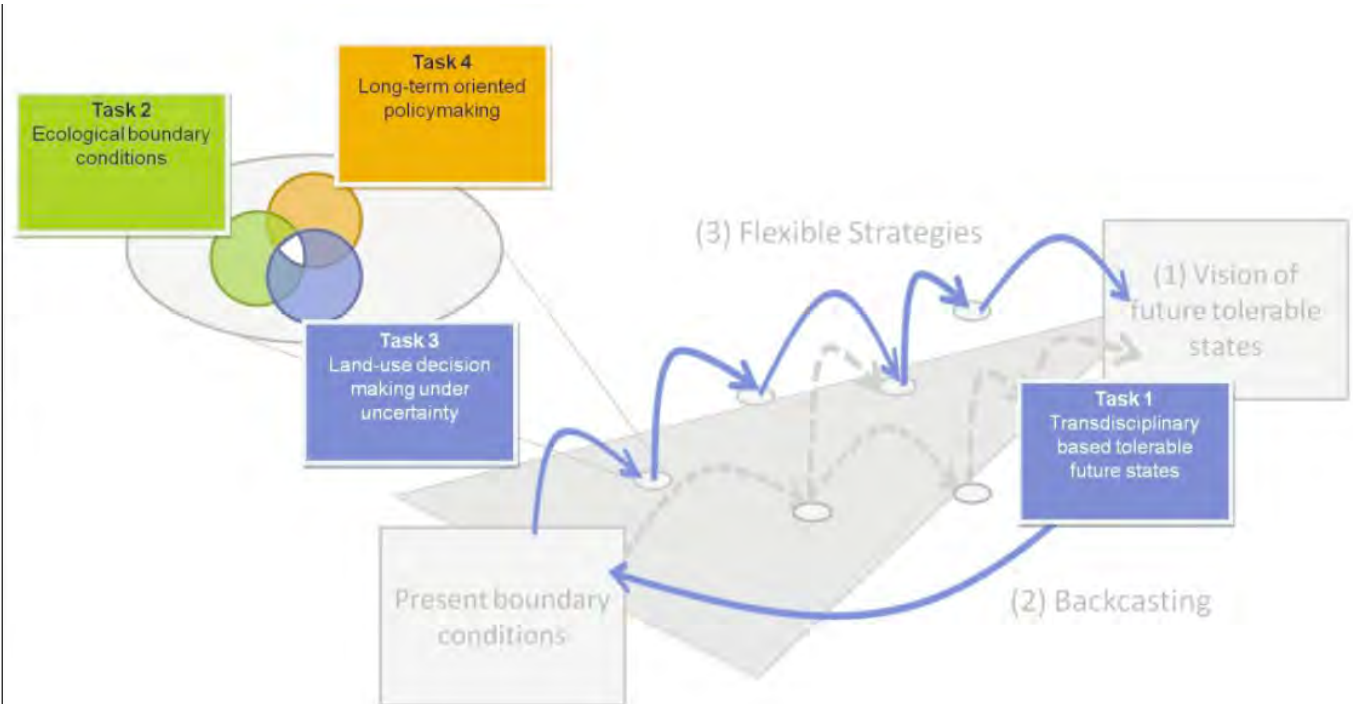
Transdisciplinary elaboration of tolerable future states via 3D landscape images (Task 1)

## Step 2

Assessment of ecological, socio-economic, and political boundary conditions and decision space in each development step using forecast modeling (Task 2-4).

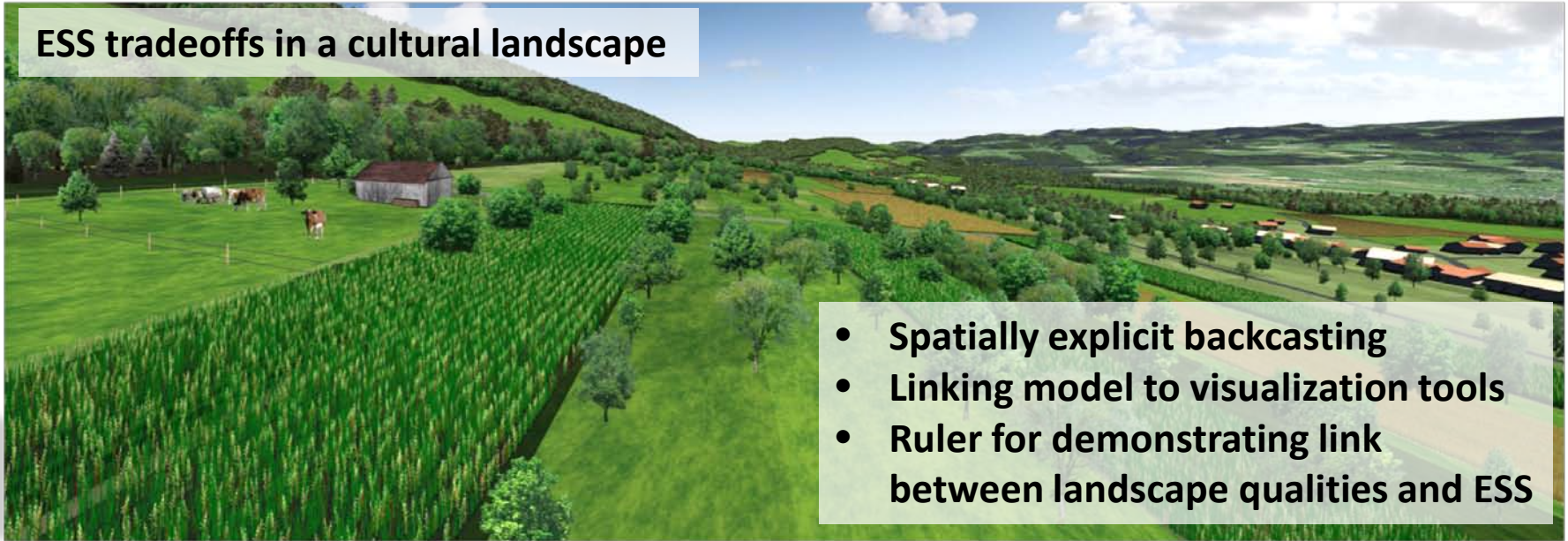
## Step 3

Prioritization of policy and management options that support the achievement of future tolerable states (Synthesis).

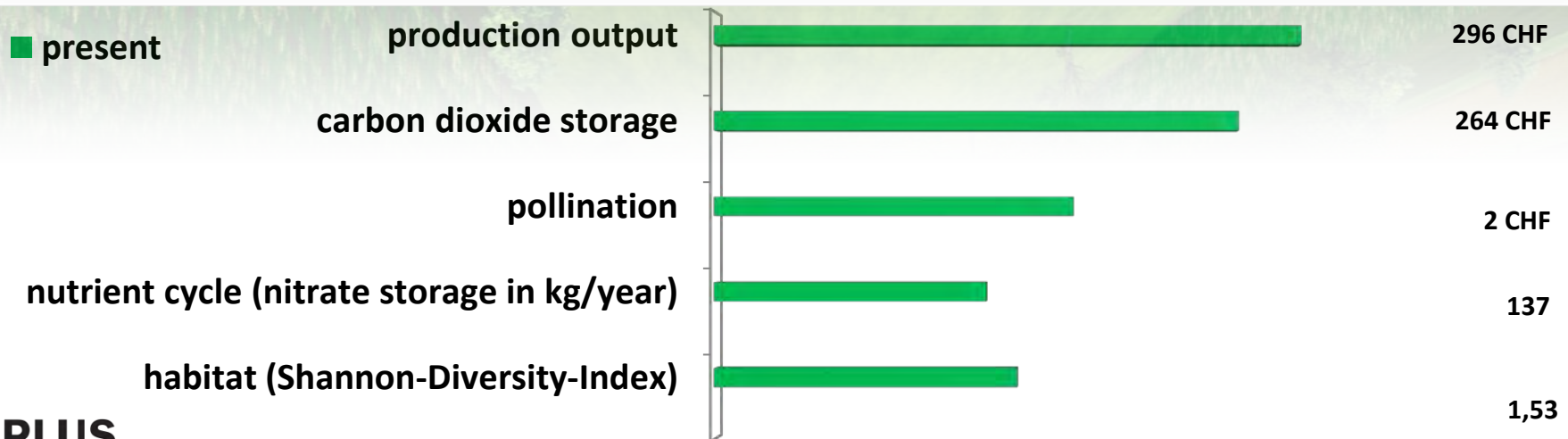


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## ESS tradeoffs in a cultural landscape

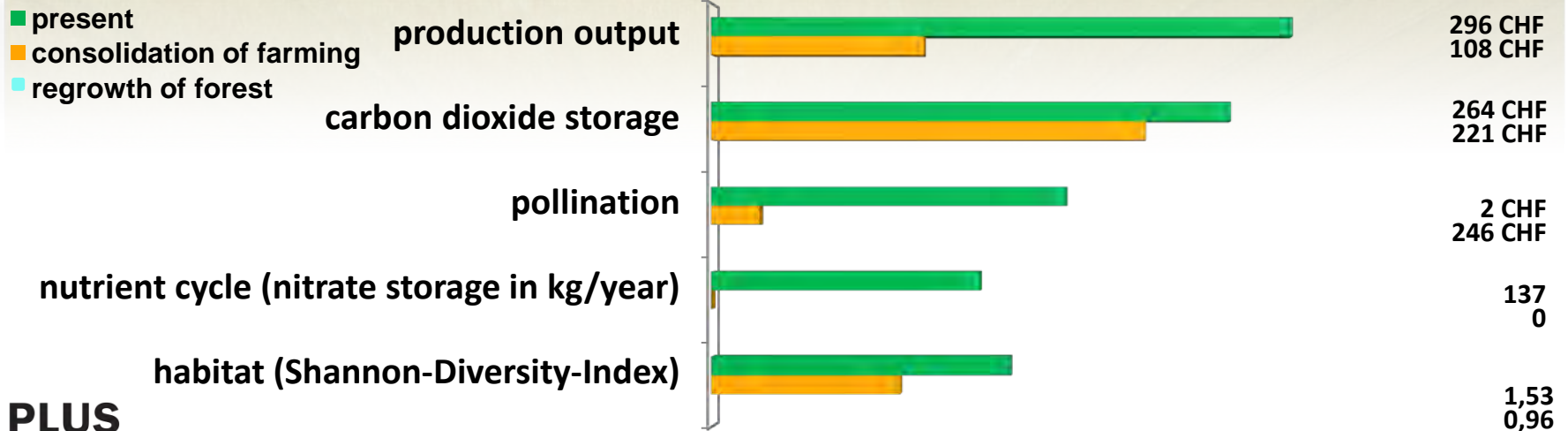


- Spatially explicit backcasting
- Linking model to visualization tools
- Ruler for demonstrating link between landscape qualities and ESS



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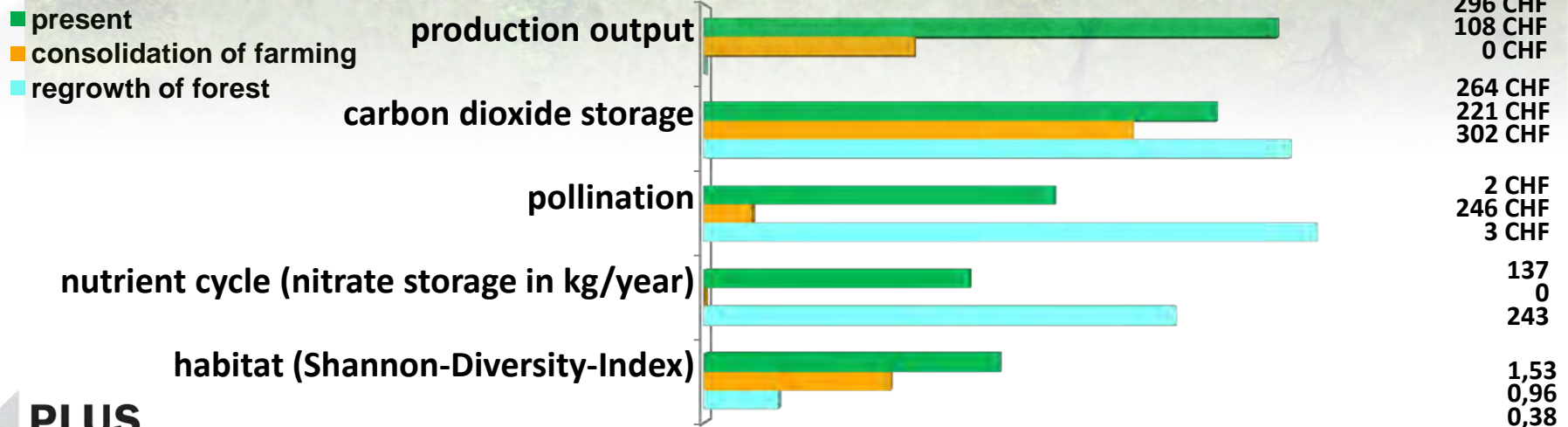
## ESS tradeoffs in a cultural landscape





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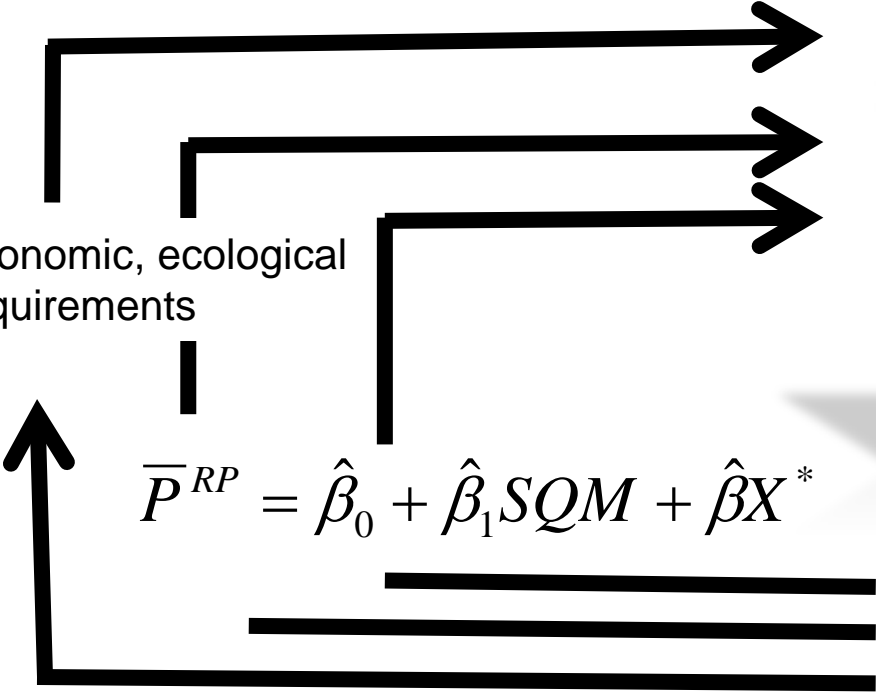


**FORECASTING**

Spatial, economic, ecological requirements

$$\bar{P}^{RP} = \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 SQM + \hat{\beta}X^*$$

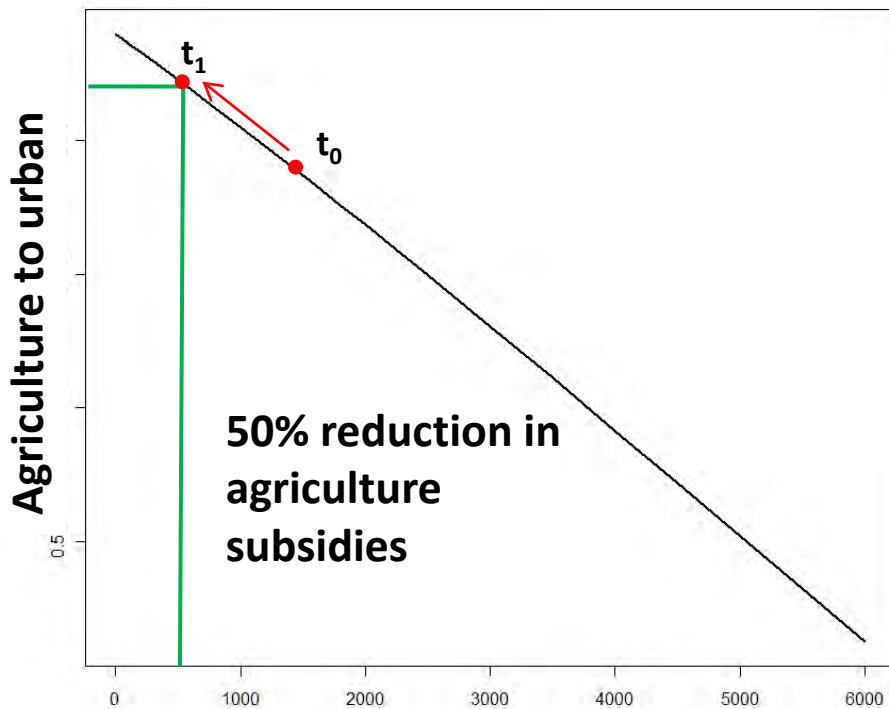
**BACKCASTING**



# What – Where - How?

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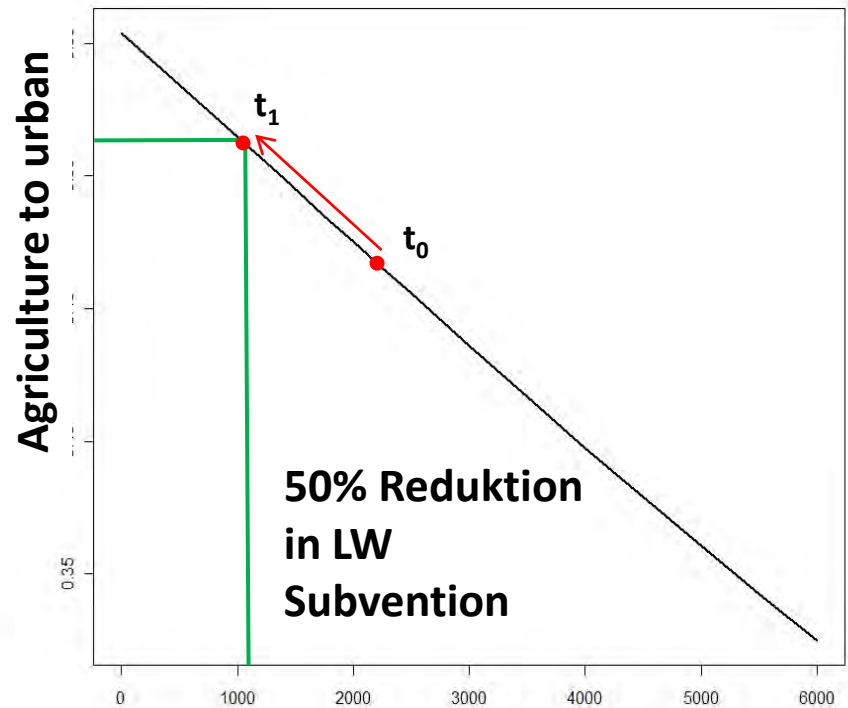
- Distance CBD: 775 m
- Subsidies: 1040 CHF/ha Jahr



Agriculture subsidies in CHF per ha and year

## CLUSTER 2

- Distance CBD: 2100 m
- Subsidies: 2540 CHF/ha Jahr



Agriculture subsidies in CHF per ha and year

# Research network

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