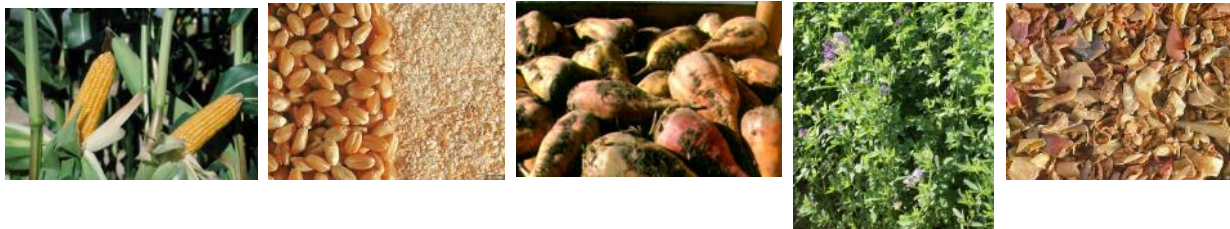


The Swiss feed database a GIS-based analysis platform

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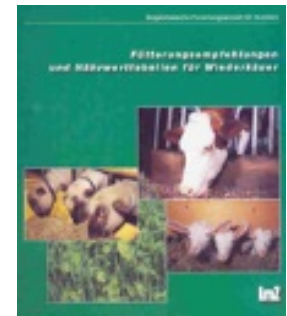
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Milestones

1979

Print versions of the Feeding Recommendations and Feed Tables for Ruminants and Pigs



1991 - 2004

Online version of the Swiss Feed Database: Reference mean values of nutrients for more than 600 raw materials and roughage for ruminants, pigs, horses and poultry

Aliment	MA [g/kg MS]	MG [g/kg MS]	CB [g/kg MS]	NDF [g/kg MS]	ADF [g/kg MS]	sucres [g/kg MS]
G prairie riche en graminées, autres que ray-grass, stade 4, sec	123.0	35.0	278.0	514.0	312.0	86.0
G prairie riche en graminées, autres que ray-grass, stade 5, sec	101.0	35.0	315.0	578.0	346.0	83.0
GR prairie riche en graminées, surtout en ray-grass, stade 3, sec	134.0	35.0	239.0	441.0	269.0	128.0
GR prairie riche en graminées, surtout en ray-grass, stade 4, sec	119.0	35.0	253.0	466.0	285.0	124.0
E prairie équilibrée, stade 3, sec	148.0	35.0	238.0	430.0	276.0	89.0

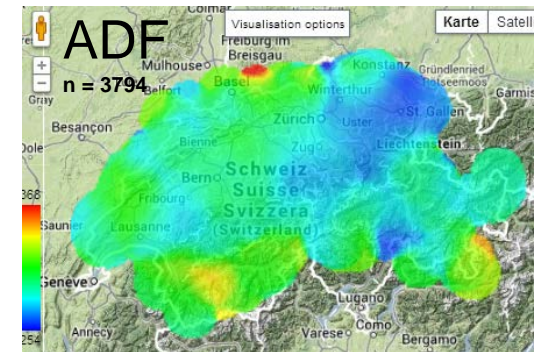
2007

Thesis: Managing Time-Varying Measurement Sets in Databases

2010 - 2014

Launch of the temporal data warehouse: interactive web interface enriched with visual tools

2013



Data sources

❖ Research and Surveys: Agroscope, ETH, HAFL

■ Feeding trials



■ Conservation



■ Plant breeding



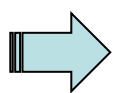
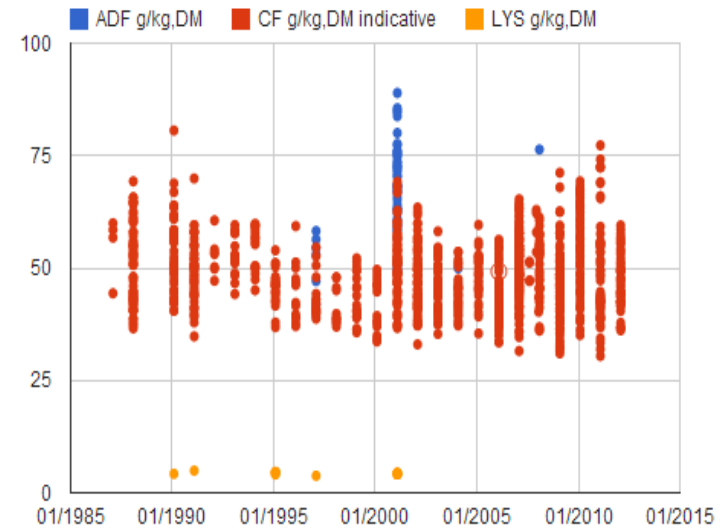
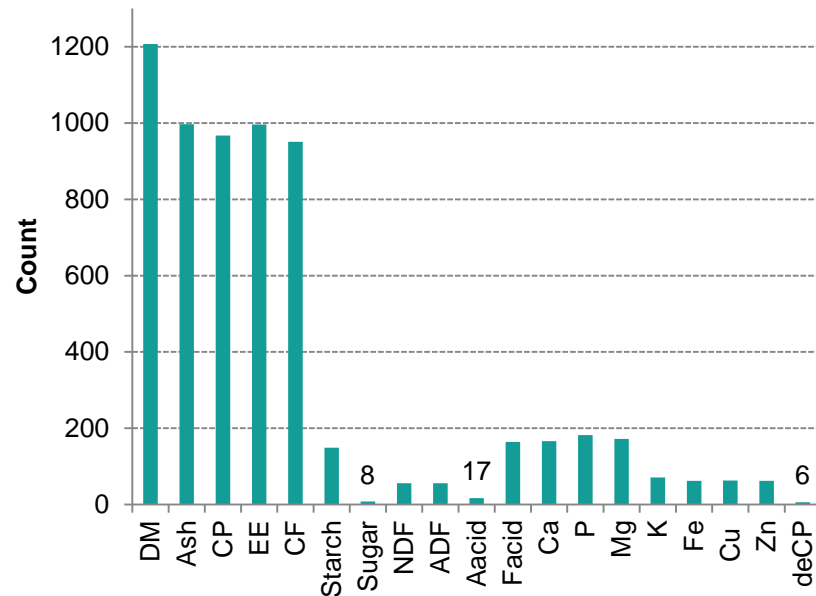
❖ Farms, Feed industry: yearly hay survey, raw materials

❖ Nutritional coefficients from literature and institutions (INRA, CVB, DLG, ARC, NRC)

Data curation

Main challenge: Data incomplete and irregular in time, origin and analyzed nutrients

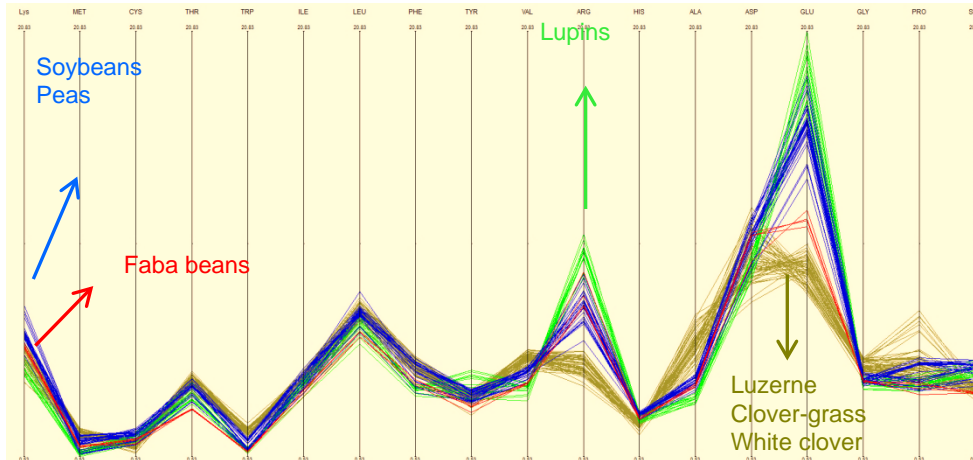
Count and temporal pattern of chemical analyses in barley samples



Abundant proximate analysis, sparse fiber fractions, amino acids, trace elements
Aggregated nutrients need to be balanced for coherence and representativeness

Imputation of aggregated nutrients

Amino acid profiles of legume seeds



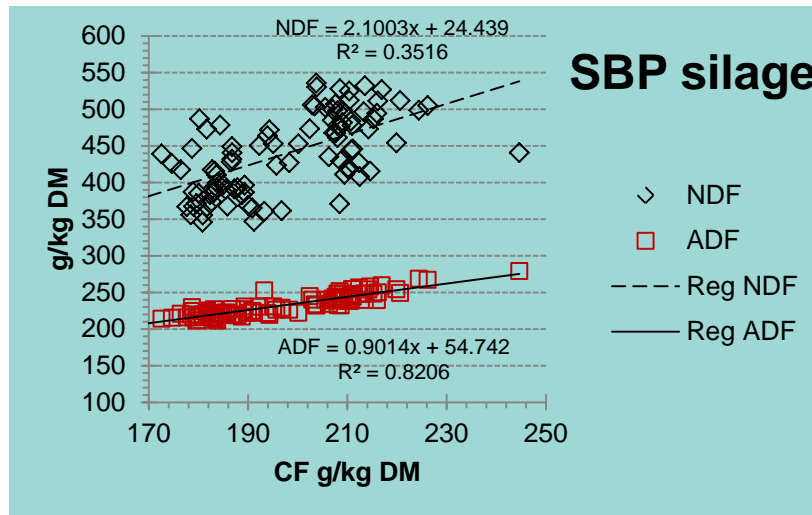
Pre-condition:

characteristic, multivariate pattern (profile) → fingerprint

Example:

Quantification of amino acids based on the **amino acid profile** (g AA/g CP)

$$\text{Lys g/kg} = [\text{avg g Lys/g CP}] * \text{CP}$$



Pre-condition:

Correlated nutrients → regression

Example:

Regression technique to adjust mostly fiber fractions to the mean crude fiber content. High and rather low correlations co-exist.

$$\text{ADF g/kg DM} = 0.9014 * \text{CF} + 54.742$$

(SBP silage)

Interactive web application: query concept

Search parameters for summary data or detail data

- organized into a row of buttons, each button one search category
- an overlay window displays search options by a list, tree or map
- are loaded dynamically based on the already chosen options

The screenshot shows the Agroscope website interface with several search parameters highlighted in colored boxes. Lines connect these boxes to their respective overlay windows:

- Feed Type (8/22):** A list of raw materials including Cereal grains, Cereal co-products, Oil seeds and co-products, Tubers and roots, products and co-products, Legume seeds, Fruits and co-products, Other plants and co-products, Feed of animal origin, Oils and fats, Mineral feed, Additives, Food industry co-products, and SCP (Single Cell Protein).
- Nutrients (11/224):** A tree view of nutrients and nutritive values, including Ruminants (Digestibility, Energy value, Milk production potential, Protein value, Structure value), Pigs (Bacterially fermentable matter, Digestible phosphorus, Energy value, Ileal digestible amino acids, Nutrient digestibility, Pig apparent ileal digestibility of amino acids), Poultry, and Horses.
- Time (9/34):** A time selection window with a Year list (1987-1996) and a Season list (Spring, Autumn, Winter, n/a).
- Geo (9/24):** A geographical selection window showing a list of cantons (Aargau, Bern, Fribourg, Genève, Graubünden, Jura, Luzern, Neuchâtel) and a radius selection window with options (600-799, 800-999, < 600, n/a).
- Map:** A map view of the geographical selection window showing a map of Switzerland with a red dot indicating a location near Bern. The map includes fields for Address (1725), Radius (10km), search, and clear buttons.

Result views: Summary Data

Curated, aggregated nutrients on a dry matter or as fed basis, with export function

The screenshot displays the FEED BASE web application interface. At the top, it features logos for the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) and the University of Zurich. The main navigation bar includes options for 'home', 'info', 'feeding recommendations', 'applications', and 'feedback'. Below this, there are tabs for 'Detail Data' and 'Summary Data', along with filters for 'Feed Type' and 'Nutrients'. The main content area is a table listing various feed ingredients and their nutrient profiles.

	DM g/kg	OM g/kg,DM	Ash g/kg,DM	CP g/kg,DM	EE g/kg,DM	CF g/kg,DM	NIE g/kg,DM	Ca g/kg,DM	P g/kg,DM	Fe mg/kg,D
22 Horse bean (field bean, faba bean) (lat. Vicia faba)	870	958.865	41.135	295.999	17.769	94.84	550.3	1.6	7.21	58
23 Lard	995	1000	0	0	1000	0	0	0	0	
24 Linseed oil	1000	1000	0	0	1000	0	0	0	0	
25 Lupin seed, blue (lat. Lupinus angustifolius)	870	966.57	33.43	358.69	67.34	152.36	388.2	2.325	4.708	39
26 Lupin seed, white (lat. Lupinus albus)	870	960.21	39.79	396.09	94.05	126.75	343			
27 Maize feed flour	880	966	34	116	75	58	7			
28 Maize flakes	890	990.39	9.61	89.735	29.645	15.633	855			
29 Maize kernel silage	650	986.04	13.96	91.392	44.373	18.887	831			
30 Maize starch	890	999	1	4.3	3		989.7	0.2	0.2	4
31 Maize, grains (Com)(lat. Zea mays)	870	985.027	14.973	96.343	47.163	19.294	822.2	0.04217	3.266	18
32 Milling by-product mixture	870	949.8	50.2	179.395	51.421	81.14	637.9	1	0.7	131
33 Oat feed meal	900	970	30	146	76	71	677	0.65	4.869	63
34 Oats flakes (lat. Avena sativa)	890	978.42	21.58	151.39	70.54	14.19	742.3	0.51771		
35 Oats grains, dehulled (lat. Avena sativa)	870	973.59	26.41	134.482	54.301	89.224	695.6	1.05		
36 Oats, grains (lat. Avena sativa)	870	970.559	29.441	119.413	50.386	118.784	682	0.81649		
37 Outgrowth wheat grains (lat. Triticum aestivum)	870	981.77	18.23	147.75	16.554	22.288	795.2	0.45272		
38 Palm oil (lat. Elaeis guineensis)	999	1000	0	0	1000	0	0	0		
39 Pea, seeds (lat. Pisum sativum ssp)	870	966.52	33.48	227.584	19.12	64.214	655.6	0.92958		
40 Peanut oil (ground-nut oil)	1000	1000	0	0	1000	0	0	0		
41 Potato peelings	150	944	56	110	7	47	780	2.4		
42 Potato protein	900	963.33	36.67	833.51	24.662	4.921	100.2	1.11		
43 Potato starch	830	996.03	3.97	2.032	1.519	2.397	990.1	0.2		
44 Rapeseed oil	1000	1000	0	0	1000	0	0	0		

A red callout box points to the 'P' column for 'Maize, grains (Com)(lat. Zea mays)', stating: "a click into a nutrient field expands a window with additional information".

The expanded window for Phosphorus in Maize, grains (Com)(lat. Zea mays) shows the following details:

- Feed: 11
- Parameter name: Phosphorus
- Formula: 0.7native
- Not rounded value: 3.2663
- Authors Notes: Median
- Modification date: 30.5.2013
- Number of values: 60
- Standard deviation: 0.28

Result views: geo-referenced Detail Data

Query results displayed in 3 interacting windows: map, chart (+statistic), sortable list

Query result based on the hay survey



a click on individual point
→ corresponding origin and row entry are highlighted

Visualization options: Google Maps, Kernel density function

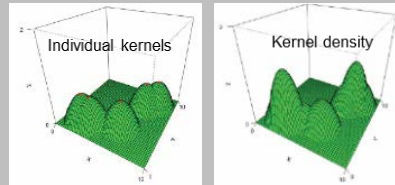
Latitude and longitude of individual samples based on zip code



Computation of the two-dimensional **density estimation** using bivariate Kernel function. Conversion of the density value into color values ranging from blue=low to red=high density.

$$\hat{f}_h(x,y) = \frac{1}{nh^2} \sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x-X_i}{h}, \frac{y-Y_i}{h}\right)$$

$$\hat{h}_{opt} = \sigma \cdot A(K) \cdot n^{-\frac{1}{6}}$$



Where K = Bivariate Epanechnikov Kernel

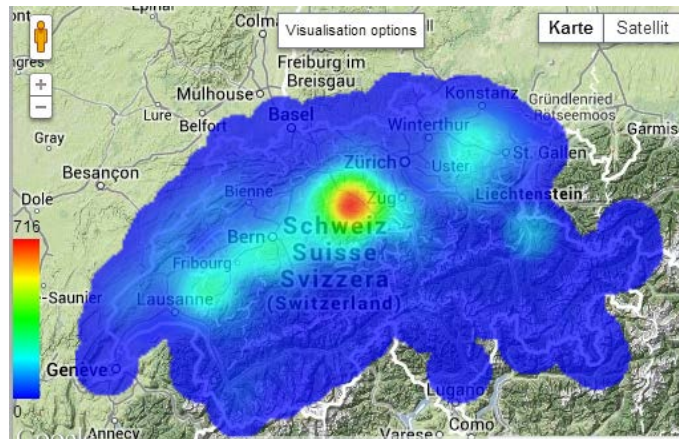
$$K(x,y) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi}(1-x^2-y^2), & \text{if } x^2+y^2 < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

h = bandwidth (smoothing factor)
x, y = coordinates

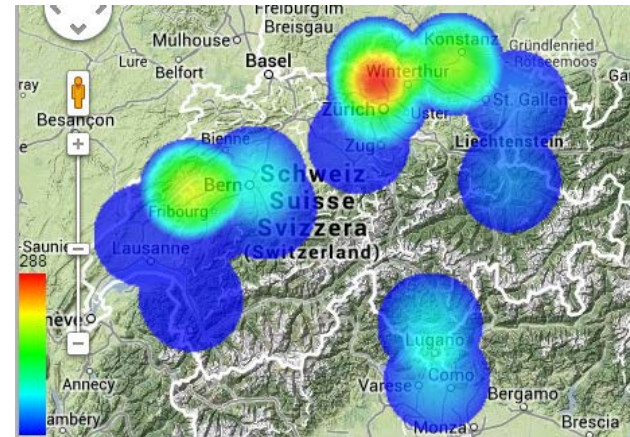
Limited visual possibilities with markers

Sample density: color scale dynamically generated for each selected data set

Hay survey: countrywide sample distribution



Maize grains: regional sample distribution

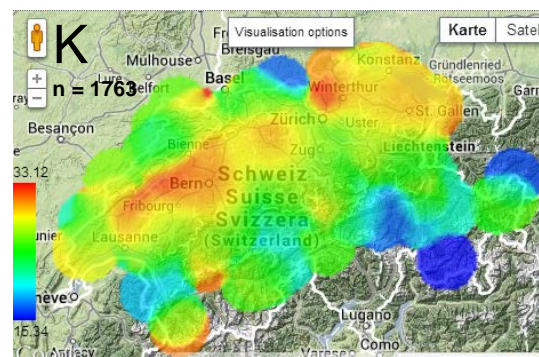
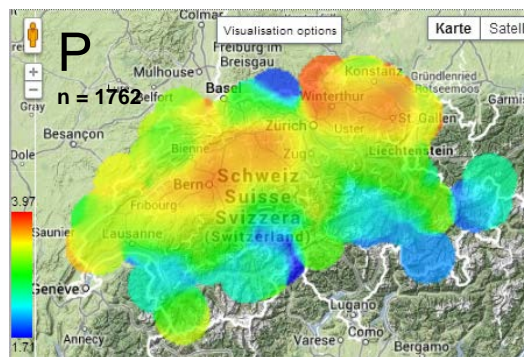
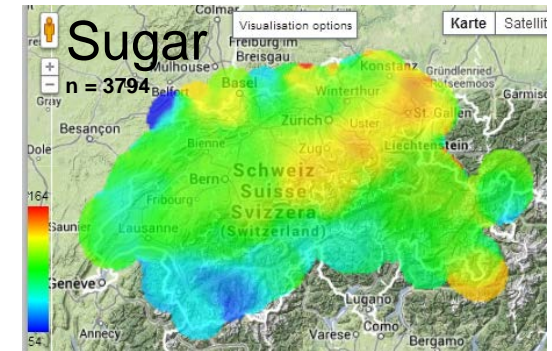
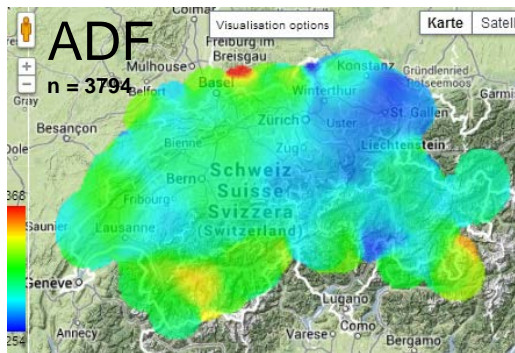
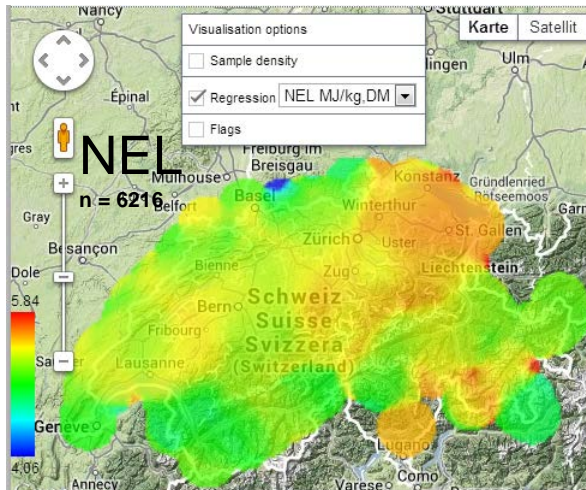


Spatial patterns in hay quality (Kernel regression)

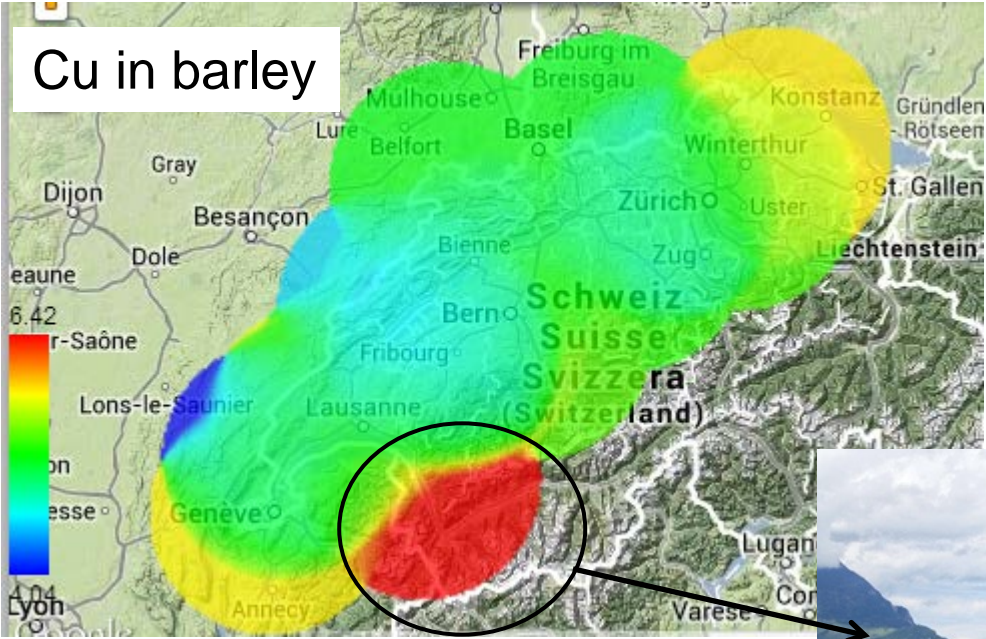
The nutrient density at the location (x,y) is:

$$\hat{g}_h(x,y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x-X_i}{h}, \frac{y-Y_i}{h}\right) Q_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{x-X_i}{h}, \frac{y-Y_i}{h}\right)}$$

Reliable interpretation with >1000 locations

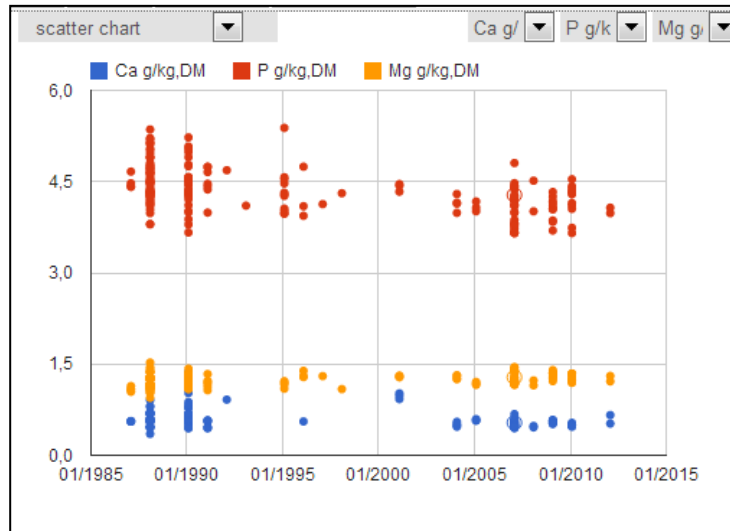


Spatial pattern in barley: local effects on Cu



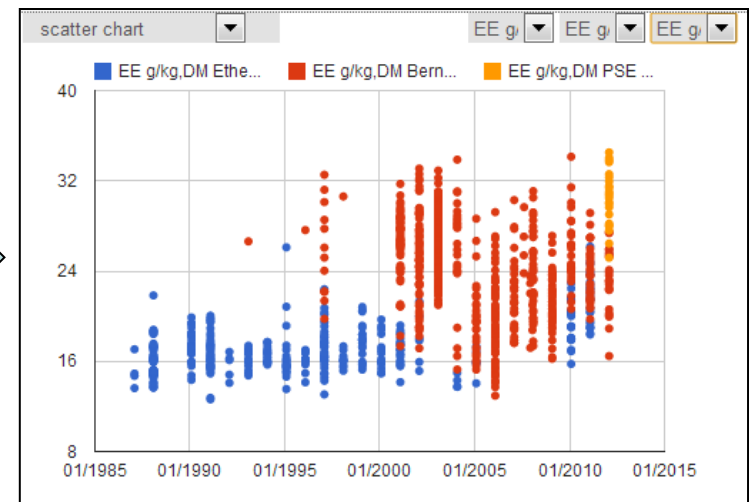
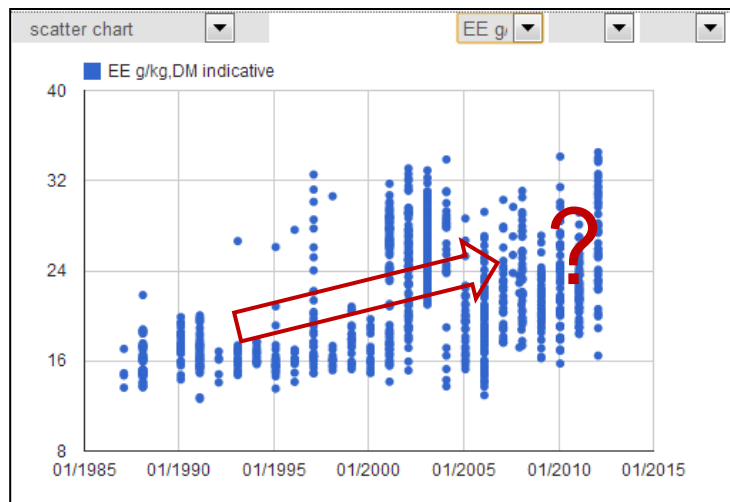
Wind drift from vineyards?

Temporal analysis in barley: minerals, fat

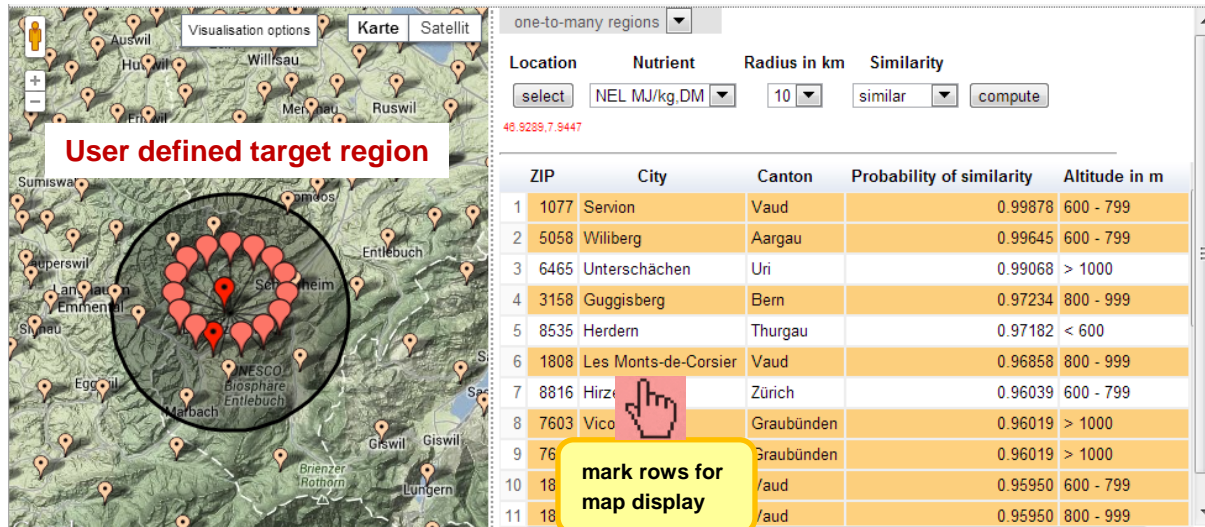


Decreasing P content in barley
1988/1990: 4.5 g P/kg DM
>2000: 4.1 g P/kg DM

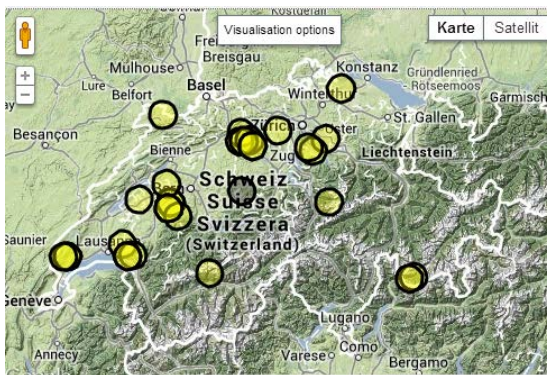
Change in chemical analysis



Advanced data analysis: region comparison



Top 30 most similar regions



Conclusions

- Recent developments of the online Swiss feed database support intuitive and advanced data analysis down to individual samples with the use of visual tools.
- Scatter plots visualize temporal patterns or trends and show the full extent of variation.
- As a novel approach, spatial patterns are generated for large, geo-referenced data sets using the Kernel regression technique.
- Now two complementary approaches for forages:
 - 1) Reference nutritive values dependent from botanical composition, growth stage, cut number and type of conservation (from 2007) however, not dependent from year and geographical region.
 - 2) Detailed spatio-temporal data (from 2013), however without information on botanical composition nor growth stage.
- For further discovery: www.feedbase.ch