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Assessing the Application Potentials of Motor Pump Irrigation Technology in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Agricultural Water Management Solutions

- Identify promising investment options for smallholder irrigation in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia



Smallholder Irrigation



- Treadle pump
- Motor pump
- Small reservoirs
- Inland-valley
- Agricultural Conservation (in-situ water harvesting)
- River diversion

Assessment Framework

Data analysis & modeling Tools

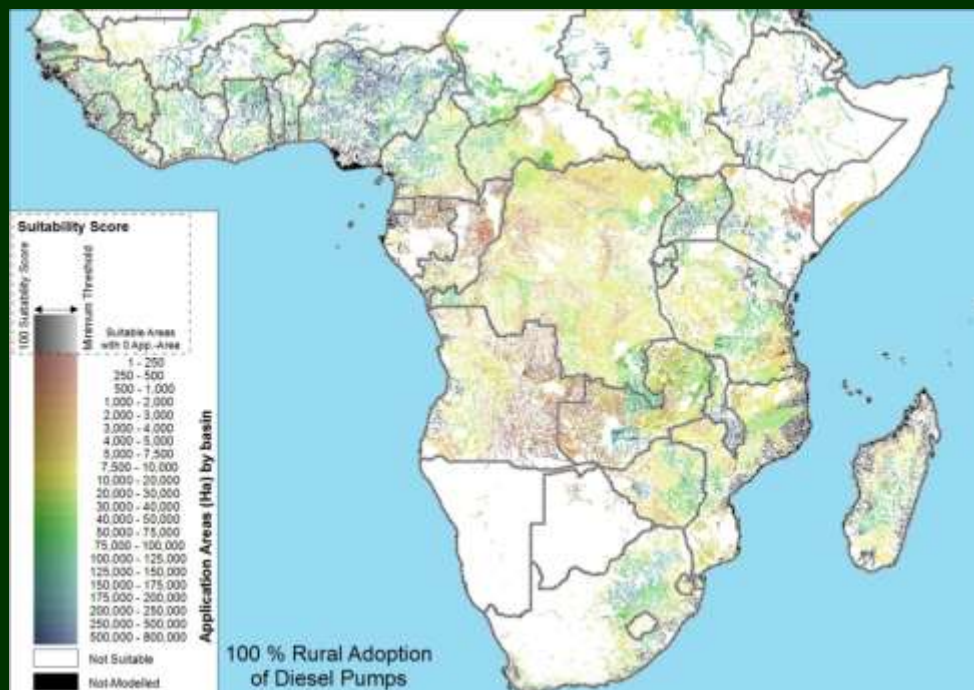
- ❑ GIS
- ❑ Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT)
- ❑ Dynamic Research EvaluAtion for Management (DREAM)



Key steps

1. Ex-ante analysis
 - criteria-based and by pixel
2. Predictive modeling
 - cost-benefit
 - environmental indicators

GIS ex-ante Analysis



Criteria for Diesel-Pumps:	Criteria Weights
Fluvisols (FAO)	False = 0 1 - 15 % = 11 16 - 50 % = 22 51 - 100 % = 33
Market Access (Nelson Travel Time)	5km = 10 minutes = 33.33 10km = 20minutes = 22.22 20km = 40 minutes = 11.11 30km = 60 minutes = 0 60km = 120 minutes = 0
Distance to Surface Water	< 0.5 km = 33.333 > 0.5 km = 0
Excluded Areas	True = Excluded
Minimum Suitability Threshold	55 / 100

AWM Technology	Application Area per Household	Household Member Participation	Application Area per Individual
Diesel Pumps	0.8 Ha/Household	1 household members adopting	0.8 Ha/person

Scenario building

❖ *What*

- tomatoes, onions, peppers, cabbages, beans, peas, potatoes, sweet potatoes, wheat, maize, rice, sugar cane, groundnuts

❖ *When*

- add a growing season in dry season

❖ *Where*

- farming land expansion is allowed, constrained by the potential areas identified in GIS ex-ante analysis



Crop mix optimization & environmental impact indicators

Water use-runoff ratio

$$r_1 = \sum_r \sum_c (w_{rc} \cdot A_{rc}^*) / \sum_r Q_r$$

Abstraction rate-GW recharge rate ratio

$$r_2 = \sum_r \sum_c (w_{rc} \cdot A_{rc}^*) / \sum_r \sum_c (GR_r \cdot A_{rc}^*)$$

w_{rc} — *water use intensity ($m^3H_2O/ha\text{-yr}$)*

A_{rc}^* — *optimal planting area (ha)*

Q_r — *runoff during the dry (growing) season (m^3H_2O/yr)*

P_c — *crop price ($\$/ton$)*

GR_r — *groundwater recharge rate ($m^3H_2O/ha\text{-yr}$)*



Crop mix optimization & environmental impact indicators

$$\max_{A_{rc}} \text{NetRevenue } (\$/\text{yr}) = \sum_r \sum_c [Y_{rc} \cdot A_{rc} \cdot P_{rc} - (IC_{rc} + PC_{rc}) \cdot A_{rc}]$$

$$\text{Subj. to: } \sum_c A_{rc} < A_{r,\max}$$

$$A_{rc} \geq 0$$

Y_{rc} — **crop yield (ton/ha-yr)**

A_{rc} — **planting area (ha)**

$A_{r,\max}$ — **maximum area with irrigation potentials (ha)**

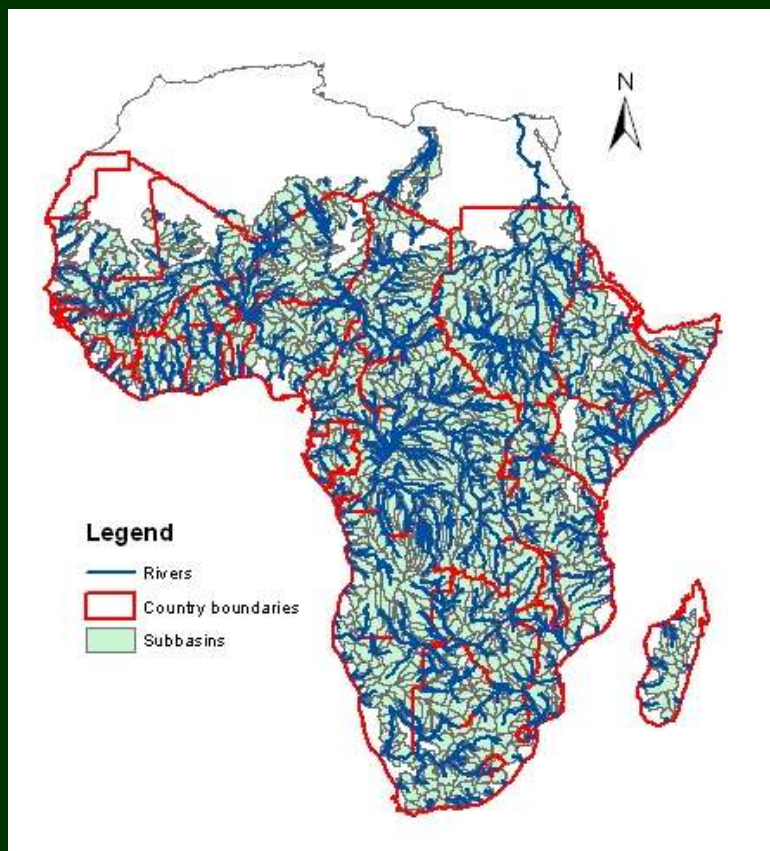
P_{rc} — **crop price (\$/ton)**

IC_{rc} — **irrigation costs (\$/ha)**

PC_{rc} — **other production costs (\$/ha)**



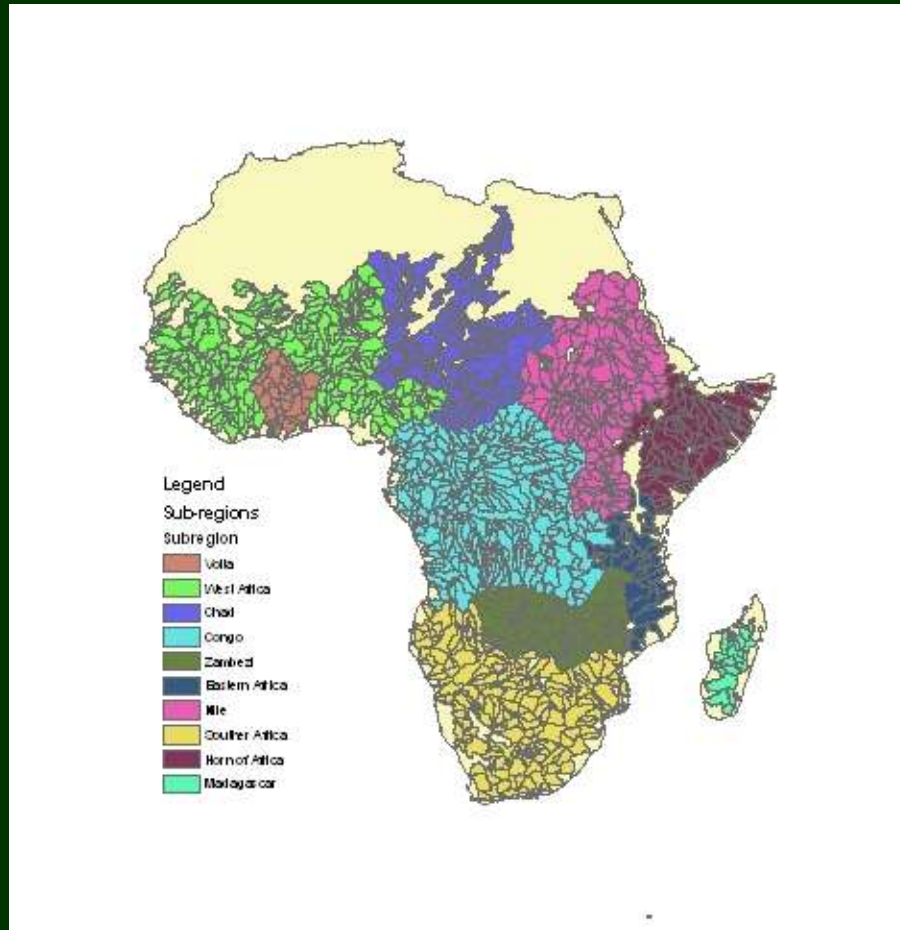
The setup of the SWAT-SSA model



1,488 subbasins with
dominant land use and soil

Category	Source
Elevation	HydroSHEDS
Soil	Harmonized world soil database (HWSD)
Land cover	Global land cover (GLC) 2000
Lakes & reservoirs	Global lake and wetland database (GLWD)
Climate	Surface meteorology and Solar Energy (SSE) Release 6.0 — Global Precipitation Climate Project (GPCP)

Model calibration and evaluation — Hydrology



❖ *Division of sub-regions*

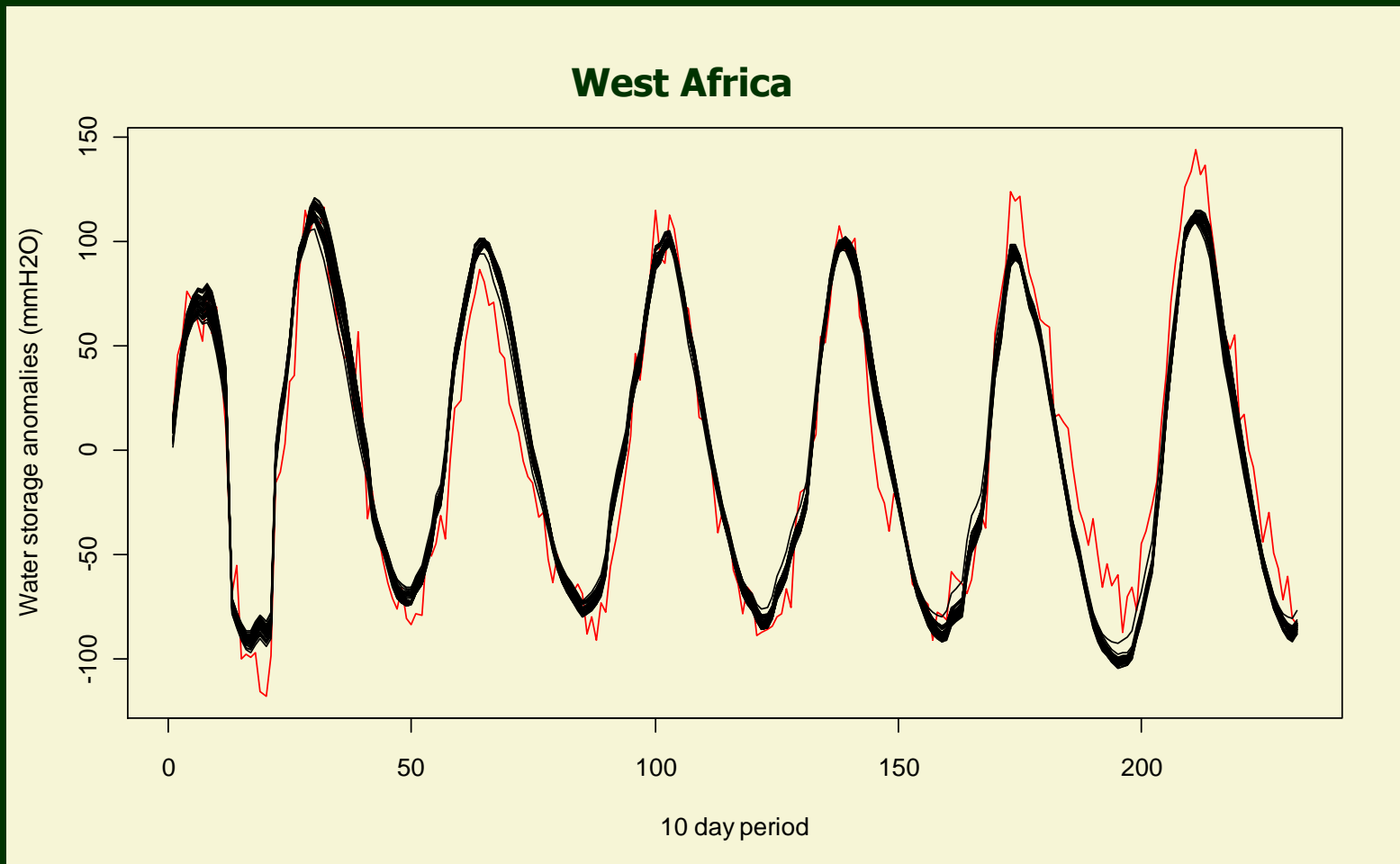
— *SWAT model for each sub-region was calibrated and evaluated separately*

❖ *Multi-criteria calibration*

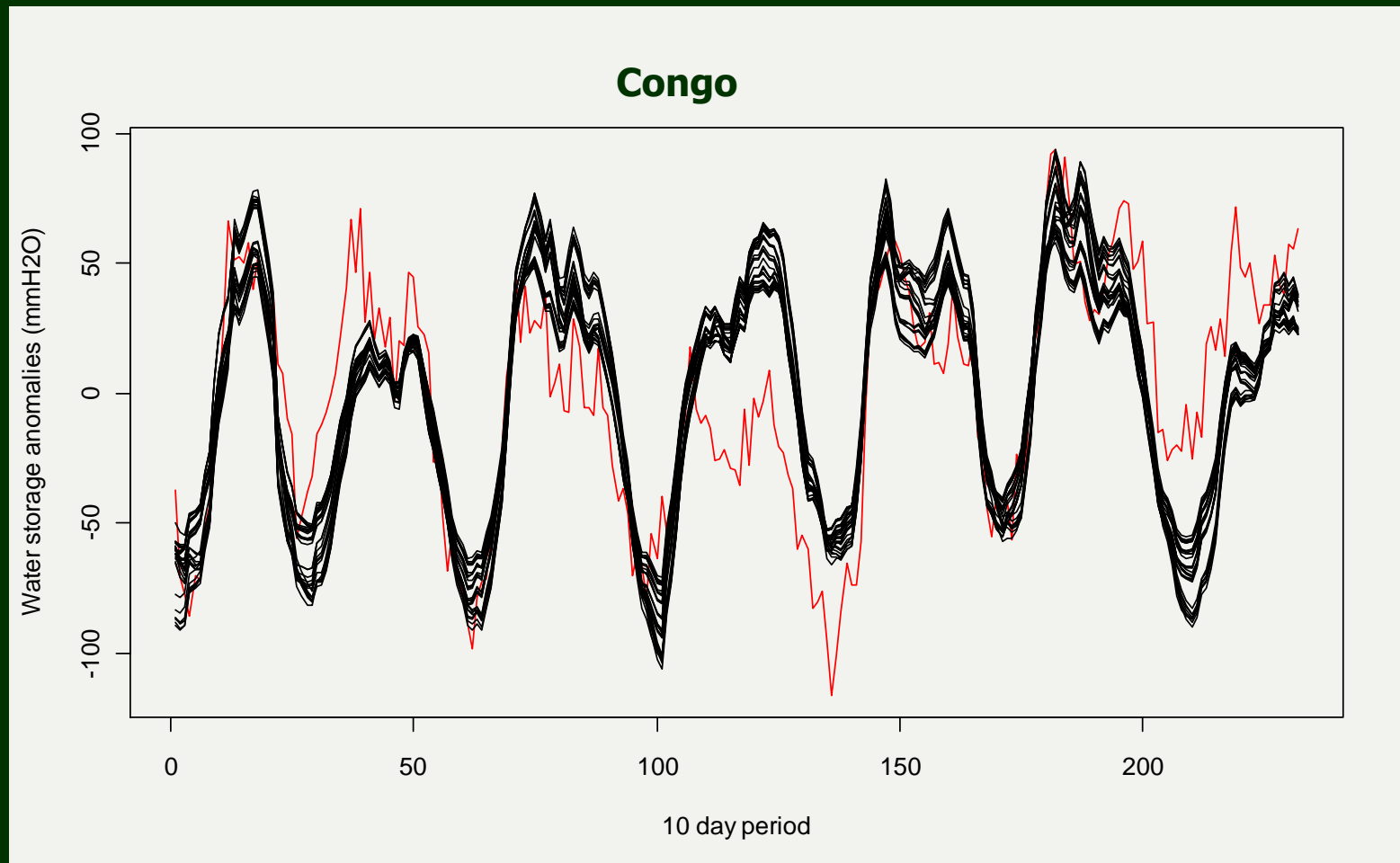
— *GRDC (Global runoff data centre)*

— *GRACE (Climate and Gravity Recovery Experiment)*

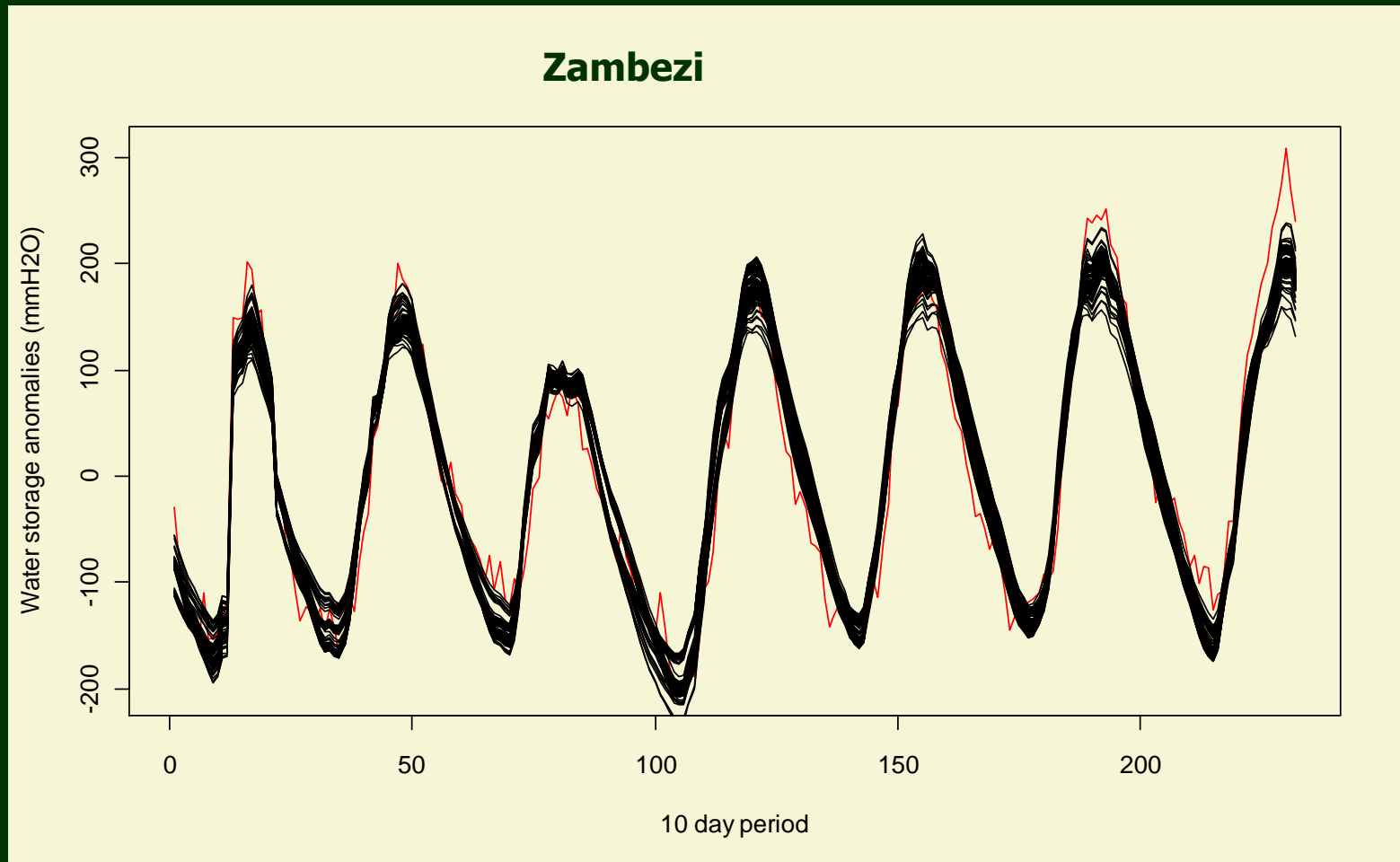
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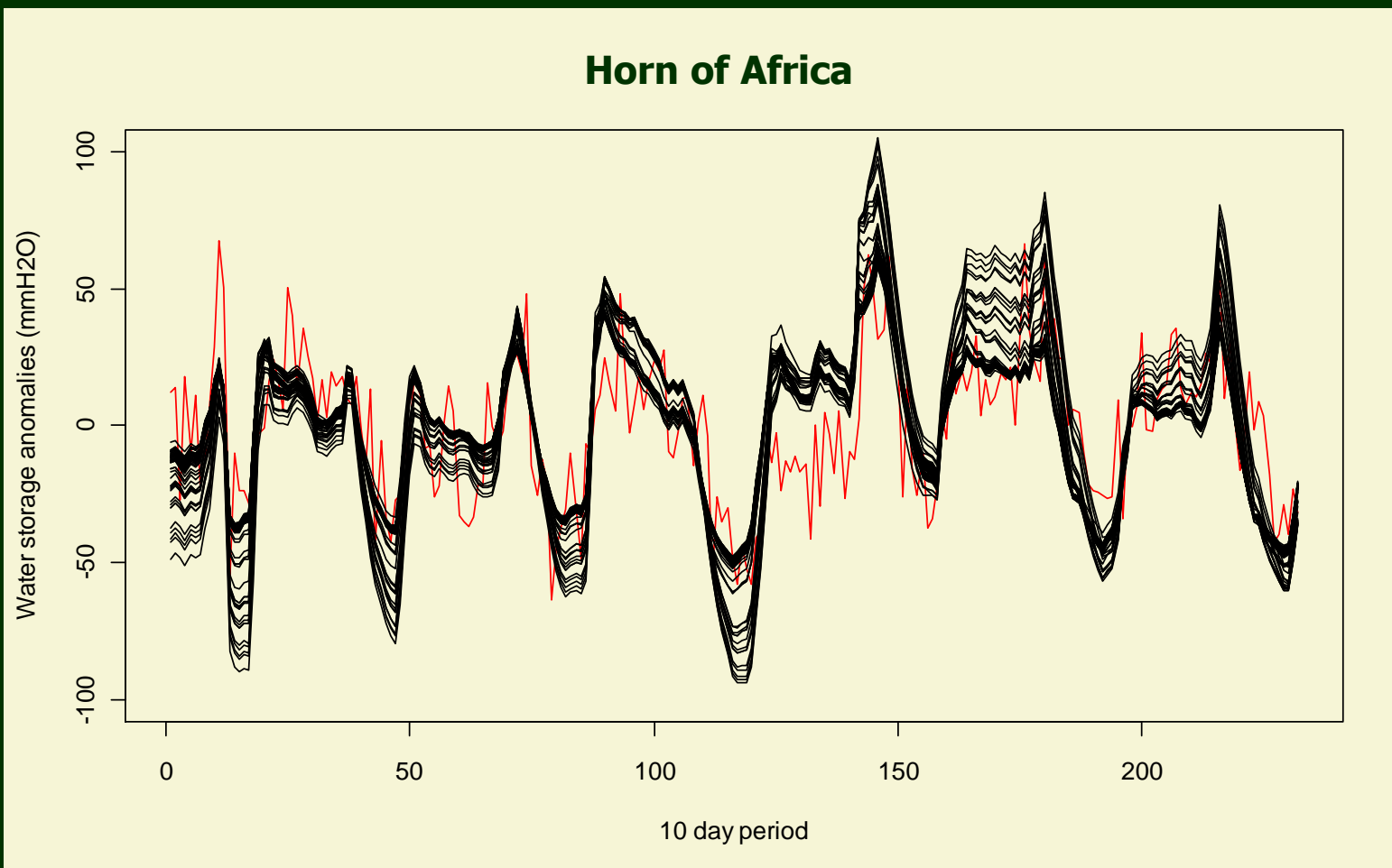
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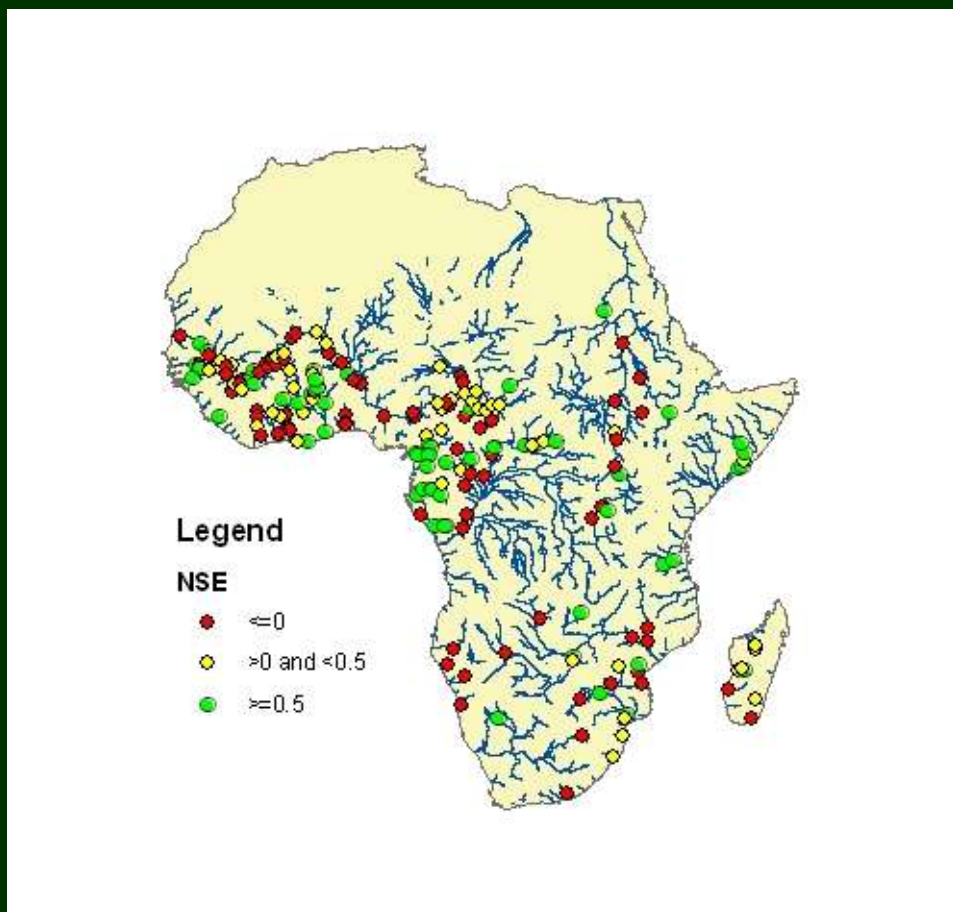
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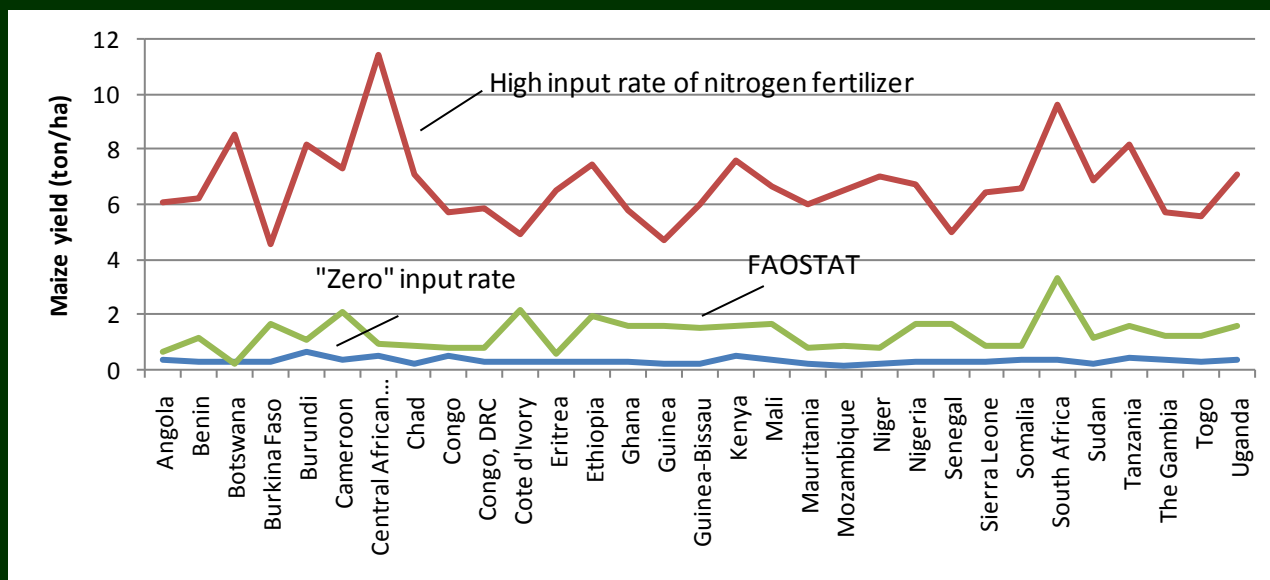
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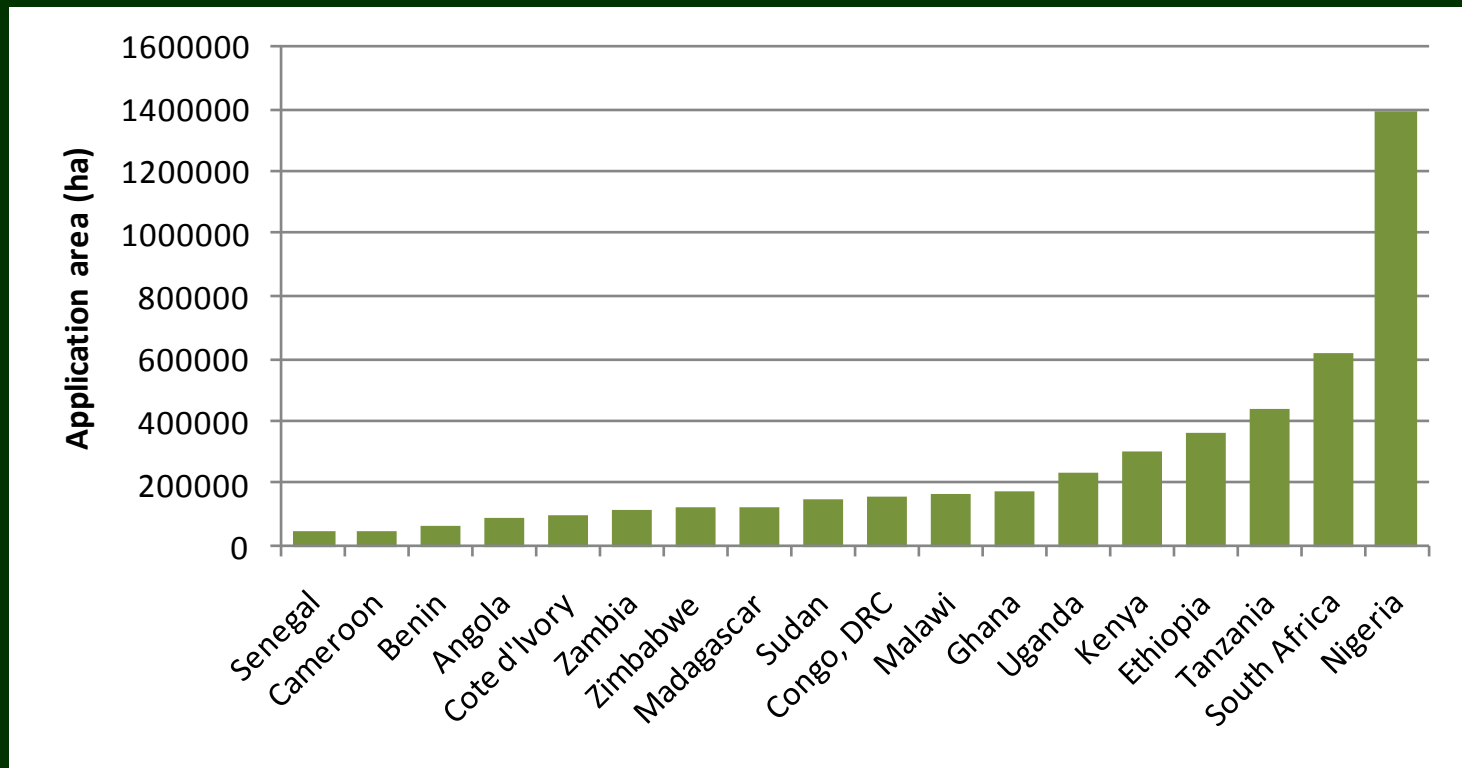
- ❖ *Runoff simulation*
 - *evaluated against multi-year average monthly discharge data*
 - *different time frames of GPCP, GRDC and GRACE data*

Crop simulation

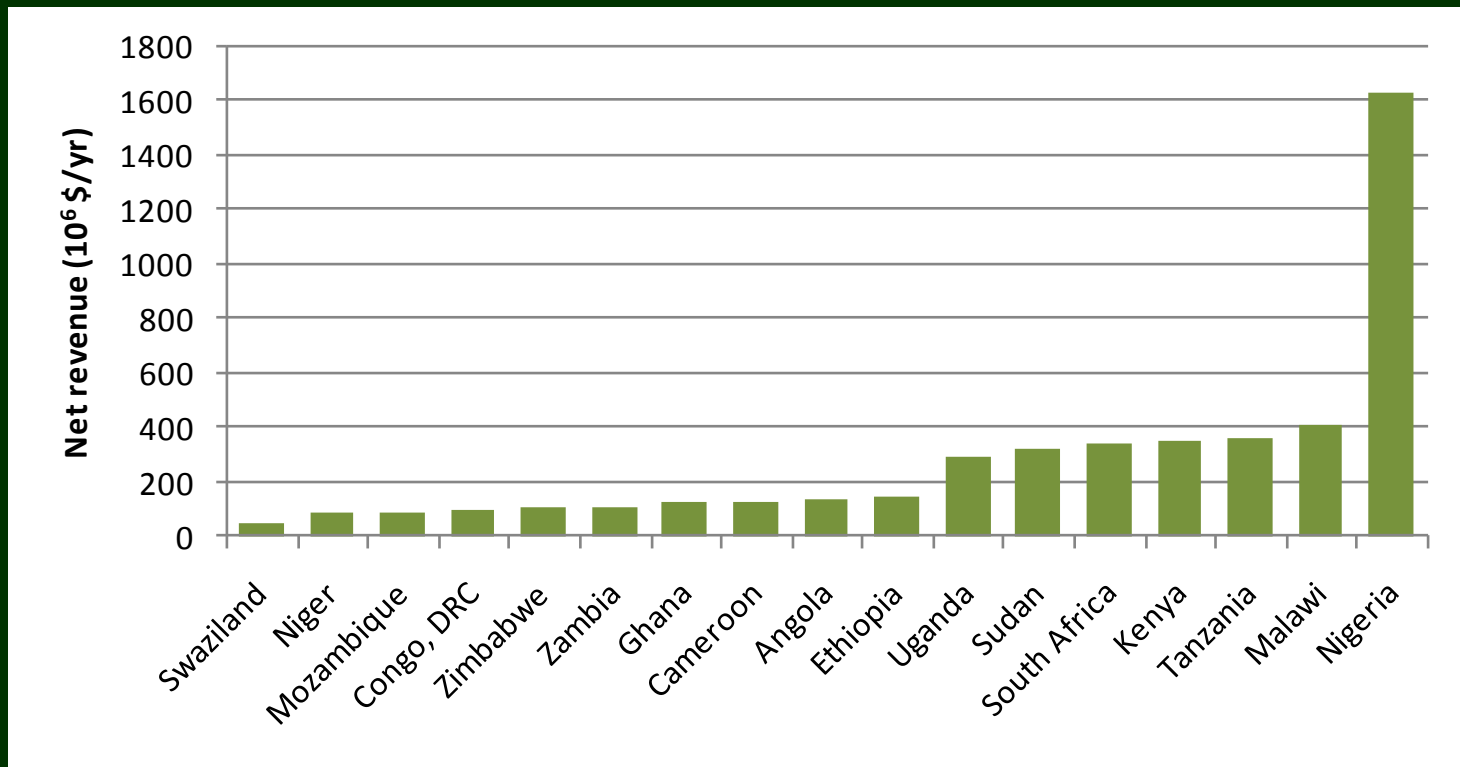
- ❖ *"Full irrigation" assumption*
 - no constraints on water availability during the simulation of irrigation
- ❖ *"High-input" assumption*



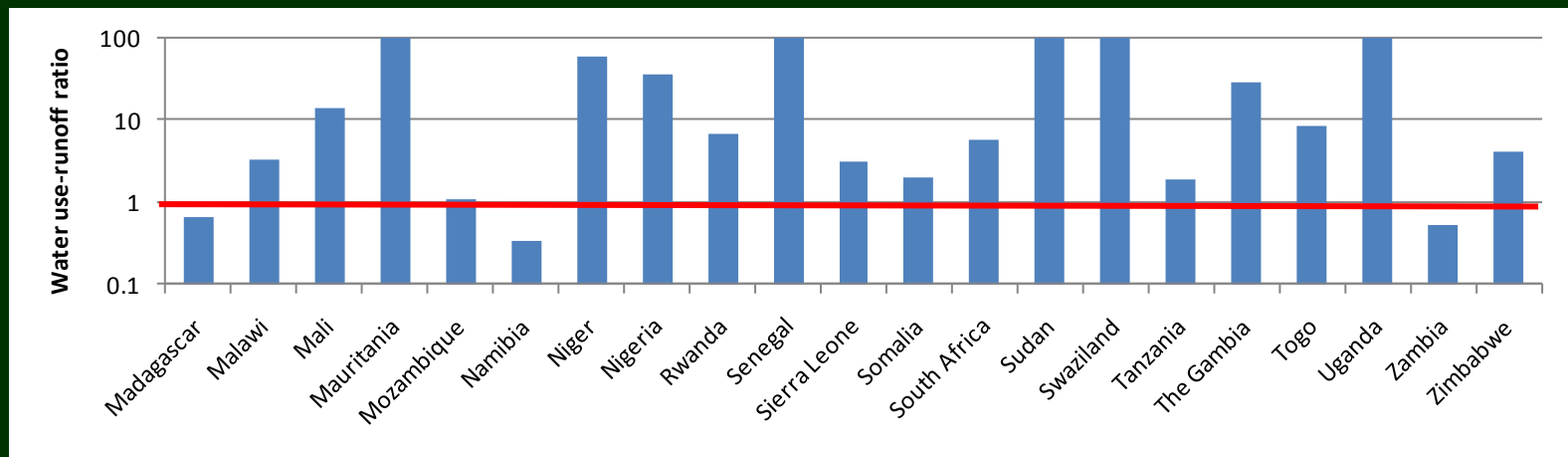
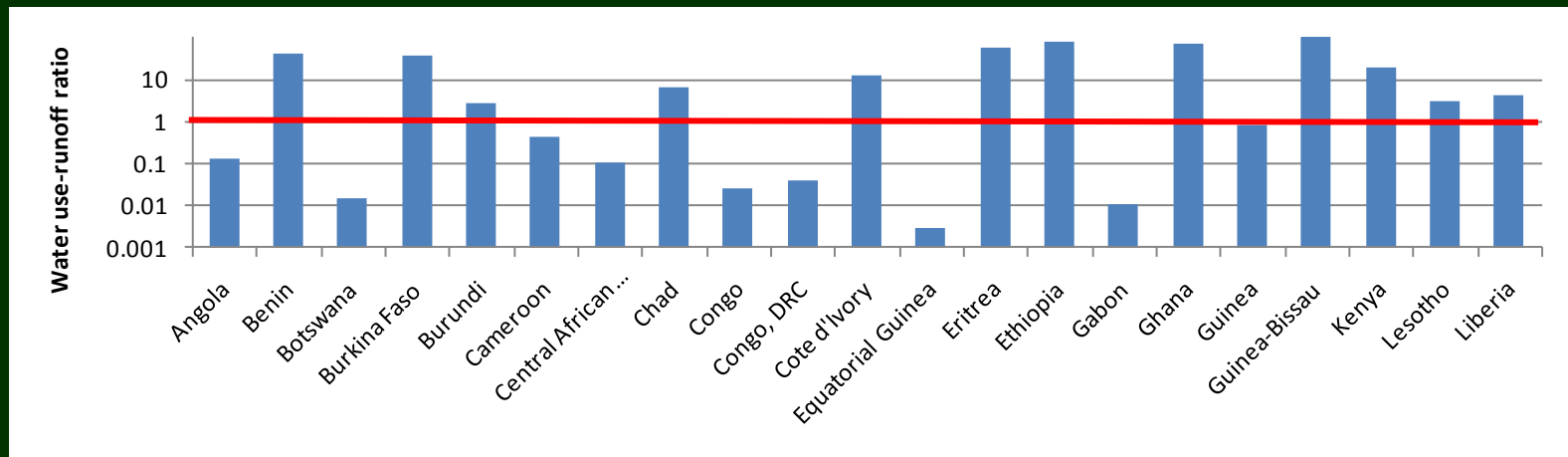
Results--Application areas > 50,000 ha, motor pumps, SSA



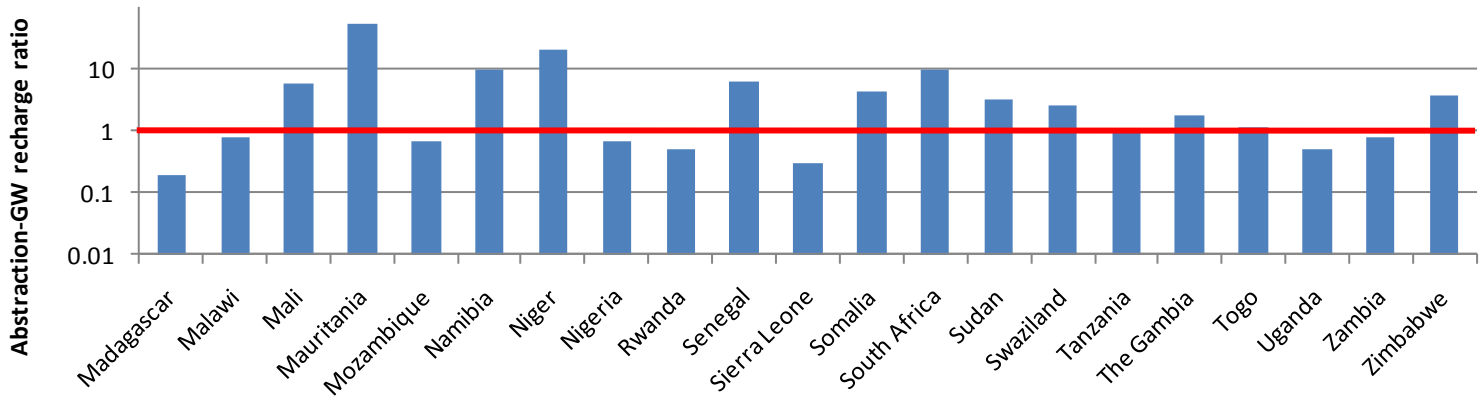
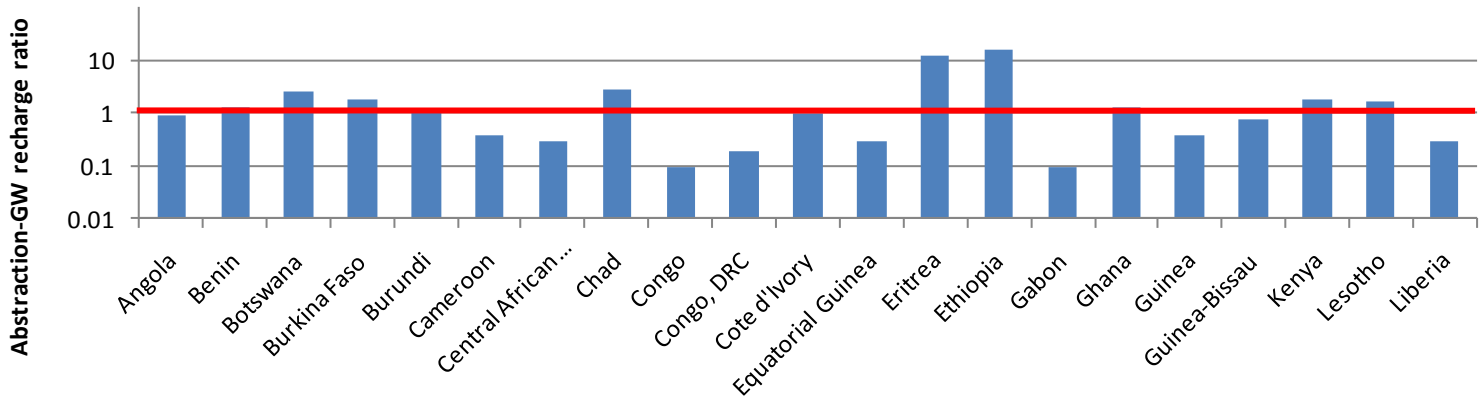
Results—Net revenues > 50 million \$/yr, motor pumps, SSA



Results—water use –runoff ratio, motor pumps, SSA



Results—Abstraction –GW recharge, motor pumps, SSA



Thank you !