

SWAT+ model setup verification tool: **SWATdoctR**



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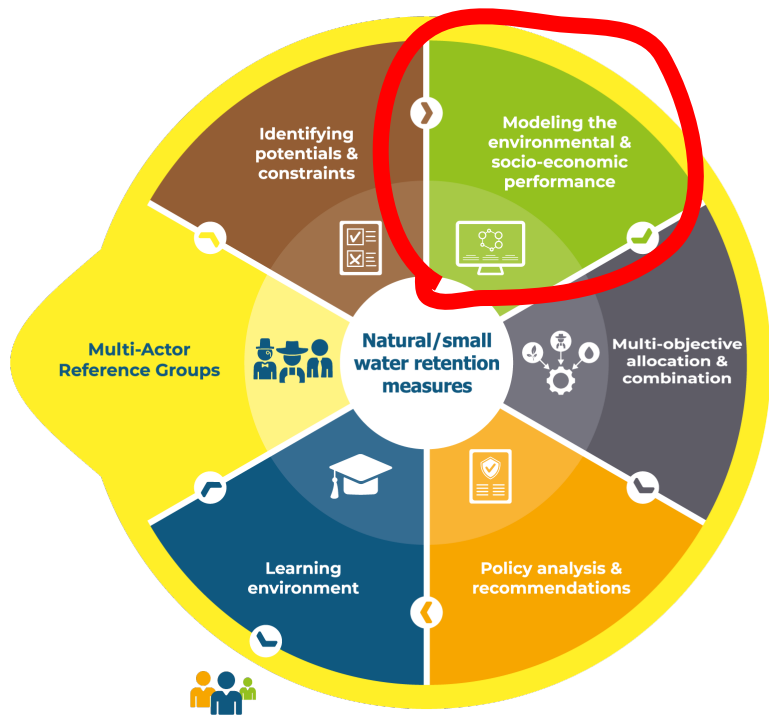
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Workflow in R



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SWAT**build**R

An object connectivity
based SWAT+ model builder

SWAT**doct**R

Model diagnostics tool
for SWAT+ model setups



SWAT**prep**R

SWAT+ input data preparation

SWAT**farm**R

Simple rule based management
operation scheduling

SWAT**plus**R

SWAT**run**R

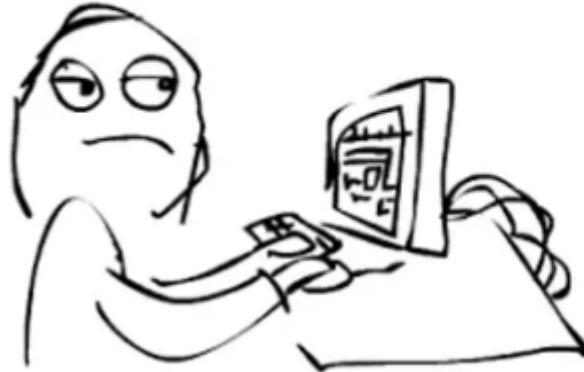
Running SWAT simulations in R

**Vision: SWAT+ modelling process
fully scriptable in R**

New concept - model setup verification

- Input data preparation
- Setup preparation
- Sensitivity assessment
- Calibration
- Validation
- Scenarios
- Reporting

Expectation



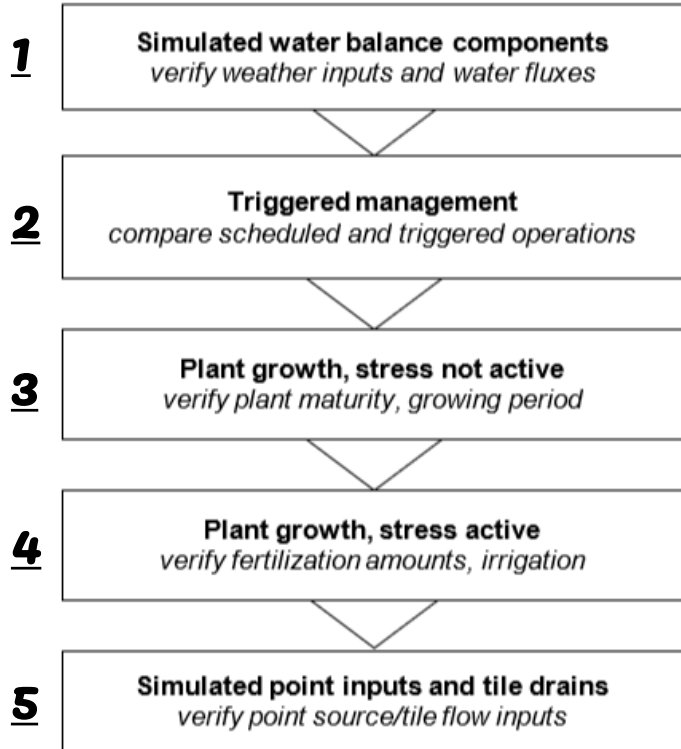
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Reality

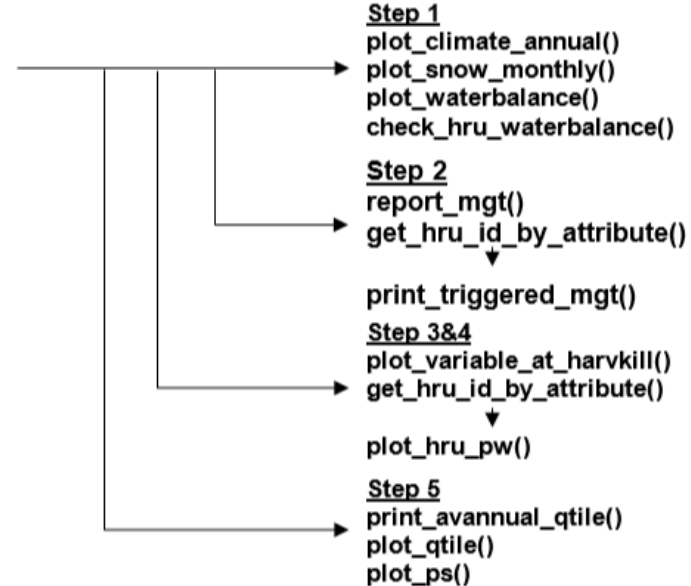


I have no idea what I'm doing

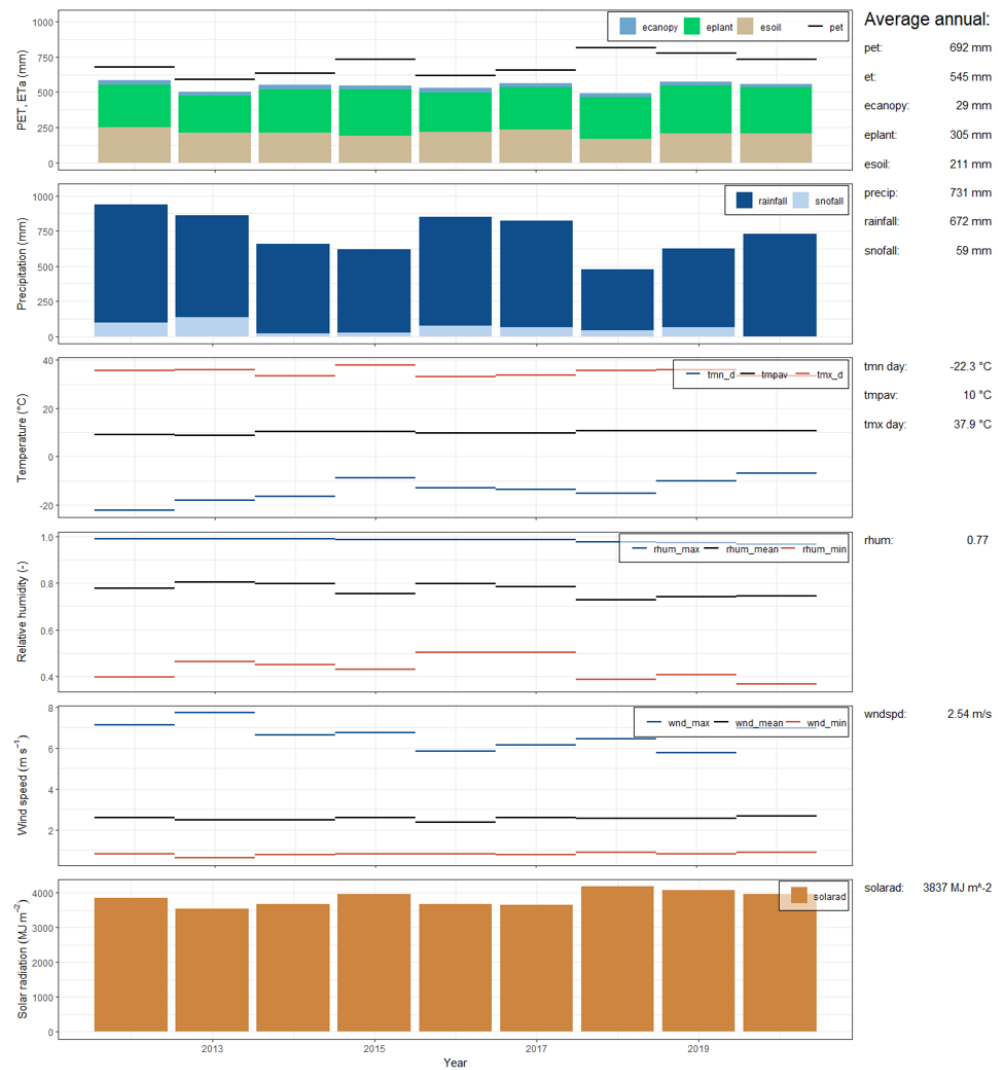
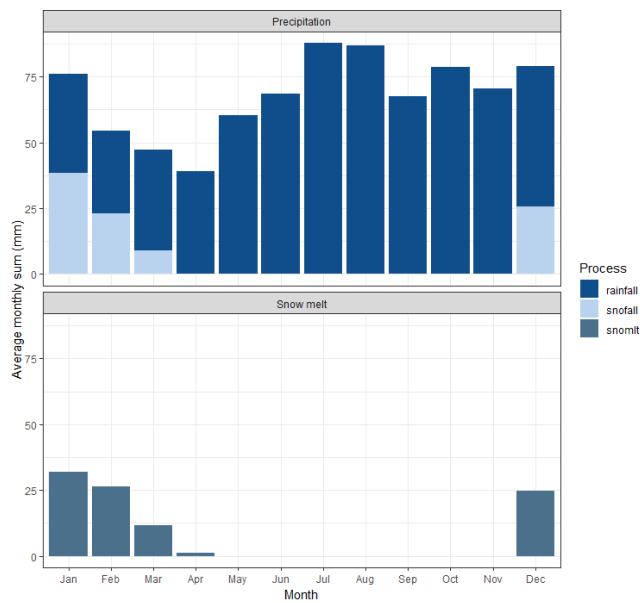
Proposed workflow for SWAT+ model setup verification, 5 steps



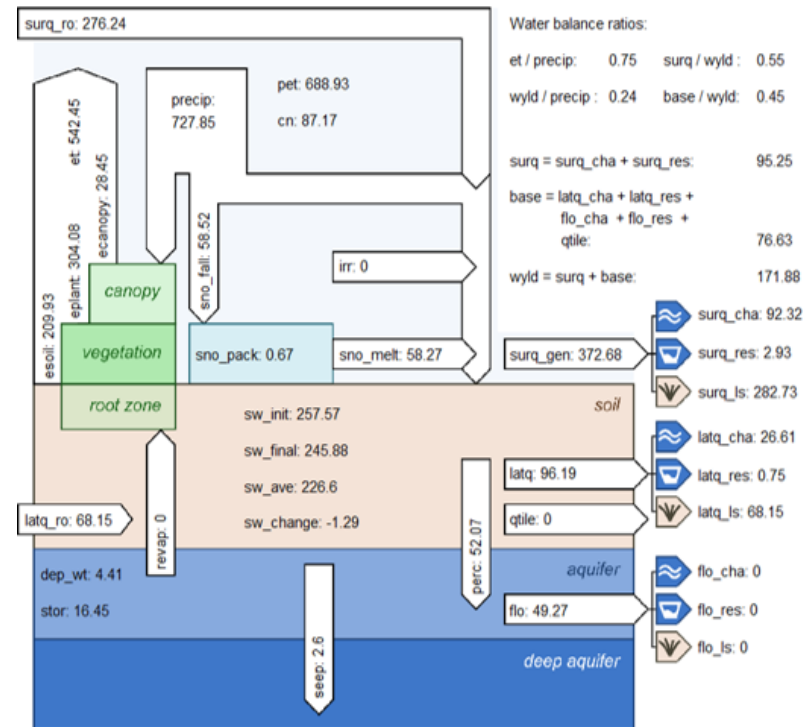
run_swat_verification()



Step 1. Analysis of simulated climate variables and water balance component



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```
# A tibble: 1,426 × 10
  id lu_mgt precip_check et_check eplant_check surq_wyld_check perc_wyld_check surq_check sw_check cn_check
  <int> <chr> <fct> <fct> <fct> <fct> <fct> <fct> <fct> <fct>
1 2 field_392_1_lum NA NA eplant < esoil NA perc/wyld < 22% NA NA NA
2 4 rngb_lum NA NA NA surq/wyld < 31% perc/wyld < 22% NA NA NA
3 5 rngb_lum NA NA NA surq/wyld > 78% perc/wyld < 22% surq > 150% exp. surq NA cn > 95
4 6 field_394_lum NA NA eplant < esoil surq/wyld > 78% perc/wyld < 22% surq > 150% exp. surq NA cn > 95
5 7 field_396_lum NA NA eplant < esoil surq/wyld > 78% perc/wyld < 22% surq > 150% exp. surq NA cn > 95
6 8 field_167_1_lum NA NA NA surq/wyld > 78% NA NA NA NA NA
7 9 field_167_2_lum NA NA NA surq/wyld > 78% perc/wyld < 22% surq > 150% exp. surq NA NA NA
8 10 frst_lum NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA
9 11 frst_lum NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA
10 12 frst_lum NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA NA
# ... with 1,416 more rows
# i Use `print(n = ...)` to see more rows
```

Step 2. Simulation of management operations

- Identification of issues with management operations
- Comparison between model input and output (*management.sch* and *mgt_out.txt*)

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mgt_report <- report_mgt(sim_nostress)
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mgt_report
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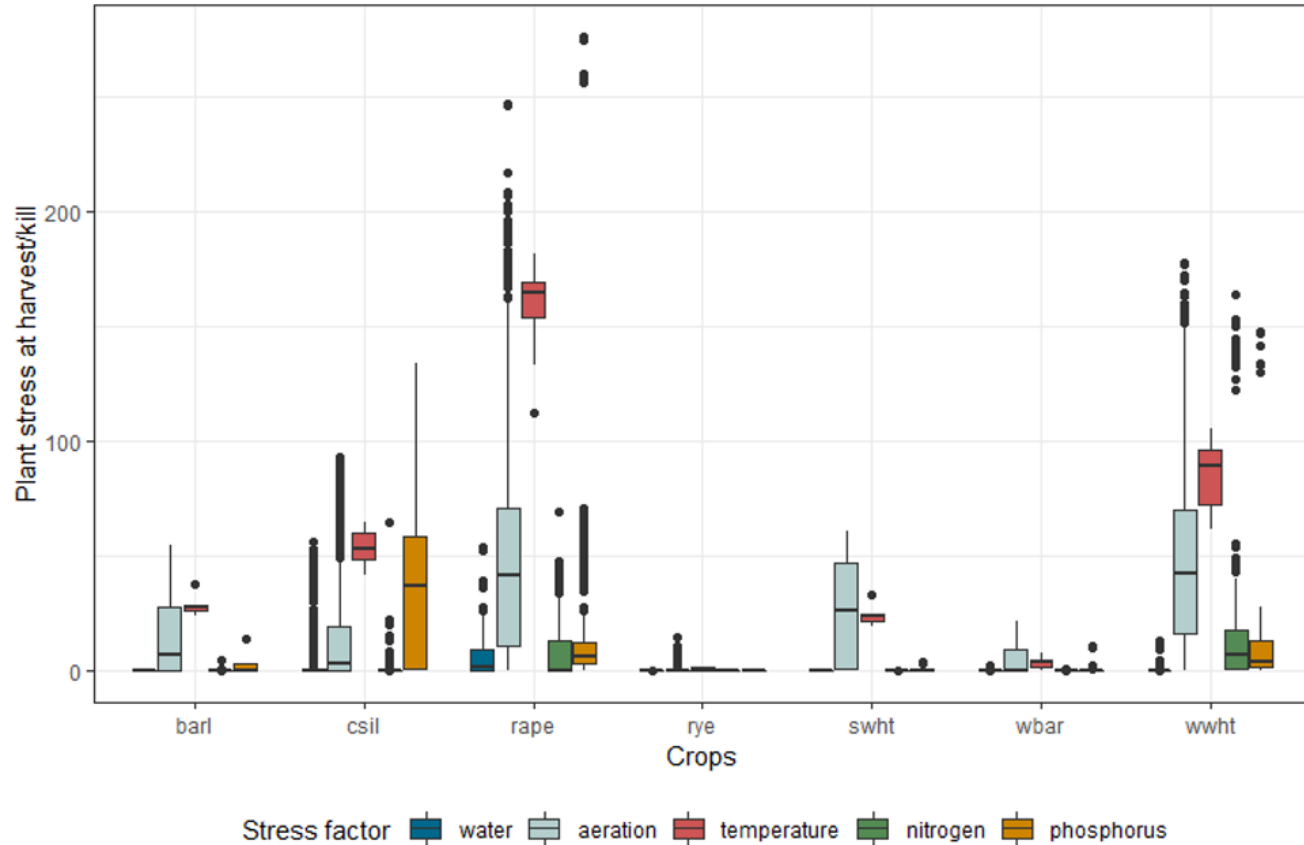
```
#> # A tibble: 3 × 3  
#>   schedule   op_issue schedule_report  
#>   <chr>       <int> <list>  
#> 1 agrr_rape     1 <tibble [1 × 8]>  
#> 2 agrr_wbar     1 <tibble [1 × 8]>  
#> 3 agrr_wuht     1 <tibble [1 × 8]>
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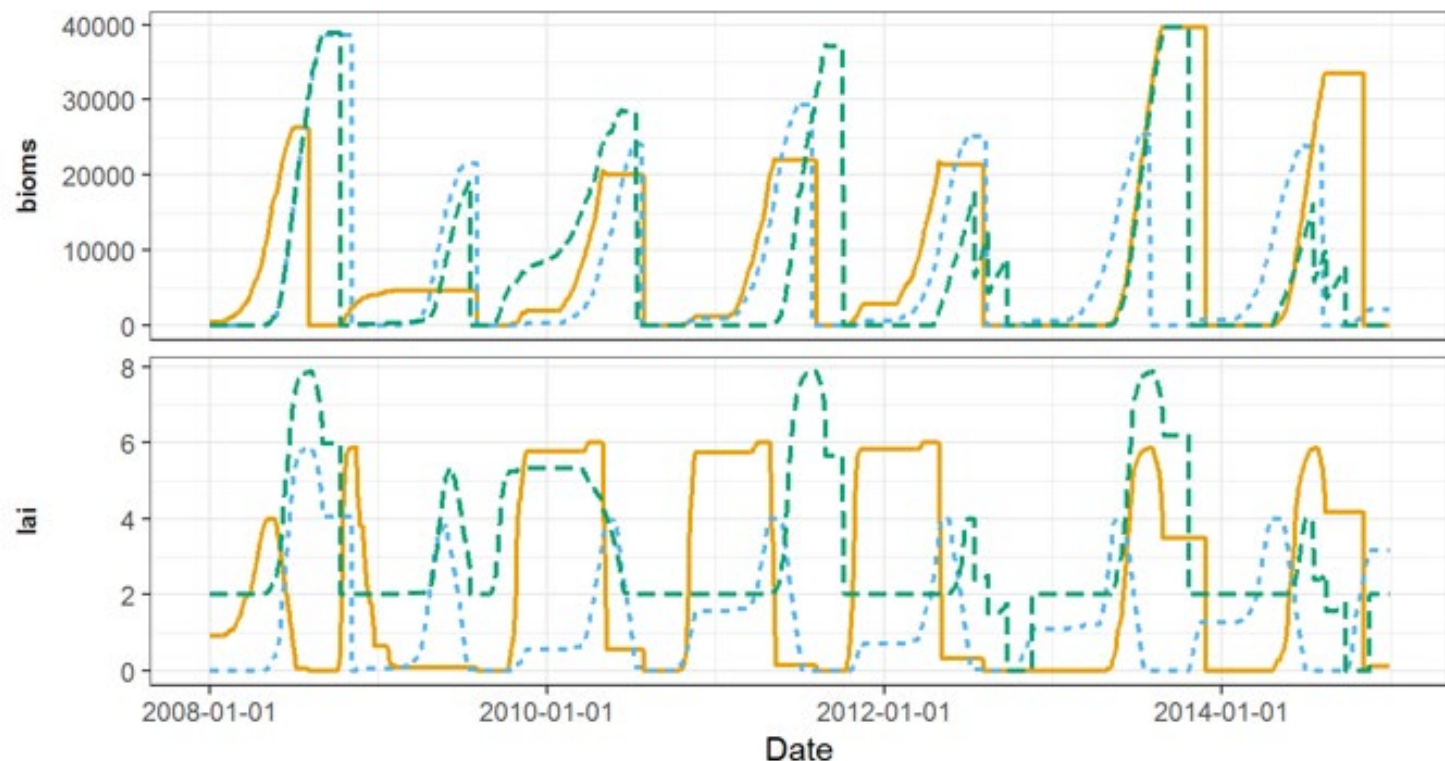
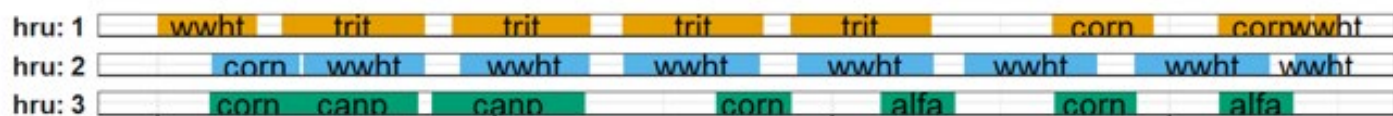
```
mgt_report$schedule_report[3]
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#> [[1]]  
#> # A tibble: 1 × 8  
#>   year  mon  day op_typ op_data1_trig op_data1 op_data2 op_data3  
#>   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <chr> <chr>         <chr>   <chr>   <dbl>  
#> 1     1     8     1 harv  NA           rape    grain     0
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Step 3. Analysis of unconstrained plant growth

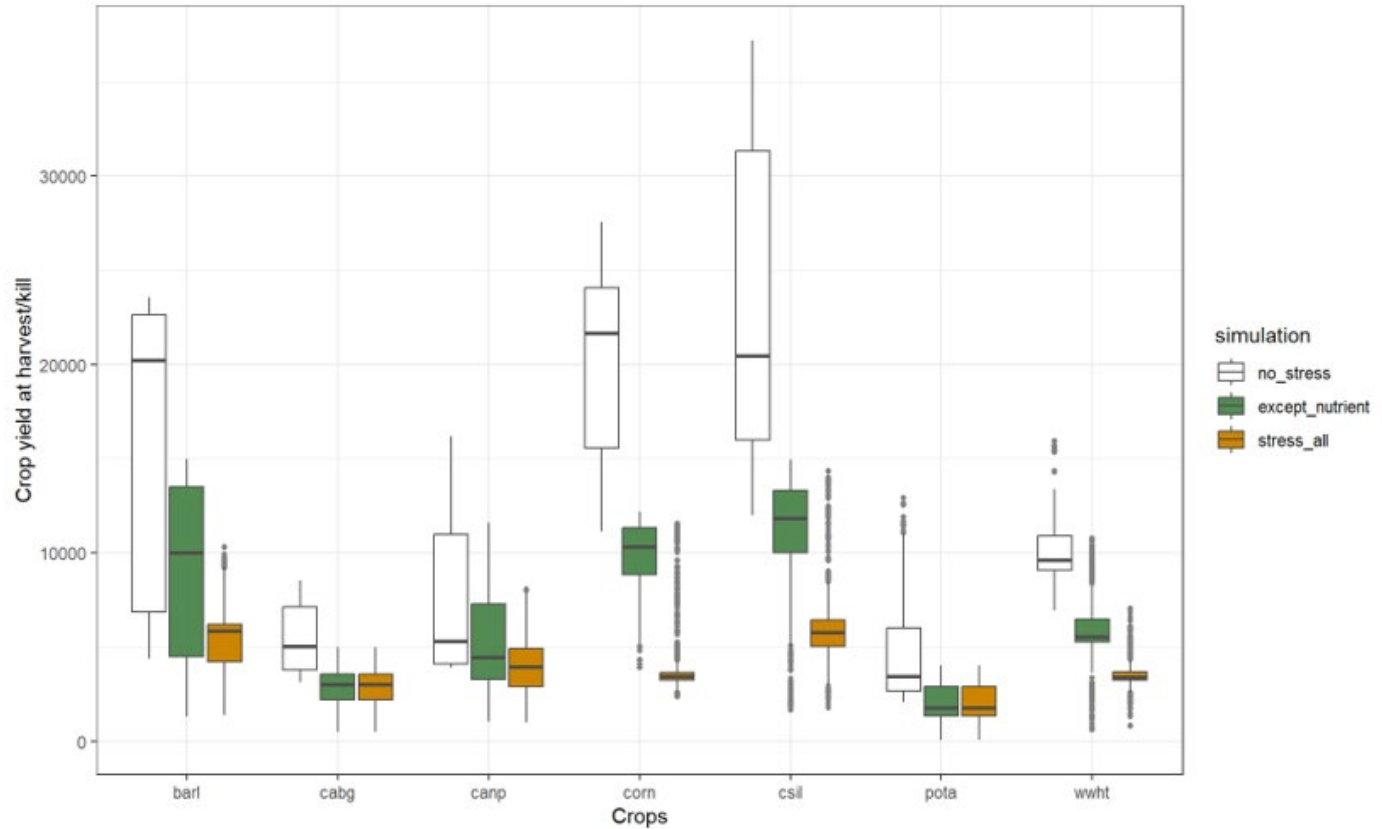
- 5 plant stress factors
- What is plant growth in ideal conditions?





HRU hru: 1 hru: 2 hru: 3

Step 4. Model simulations with plant stress active



Step 5. Simulation of point inputs and tile drains

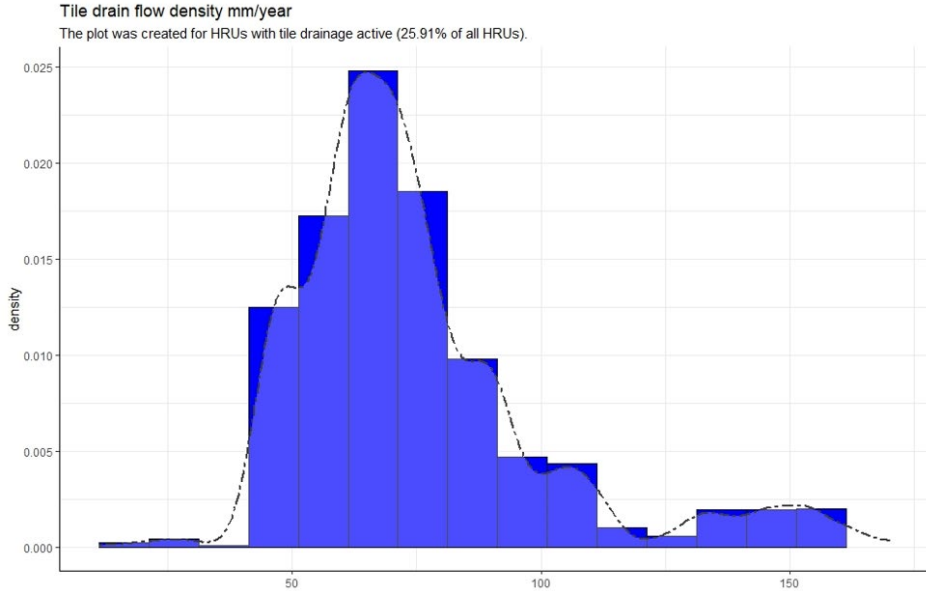
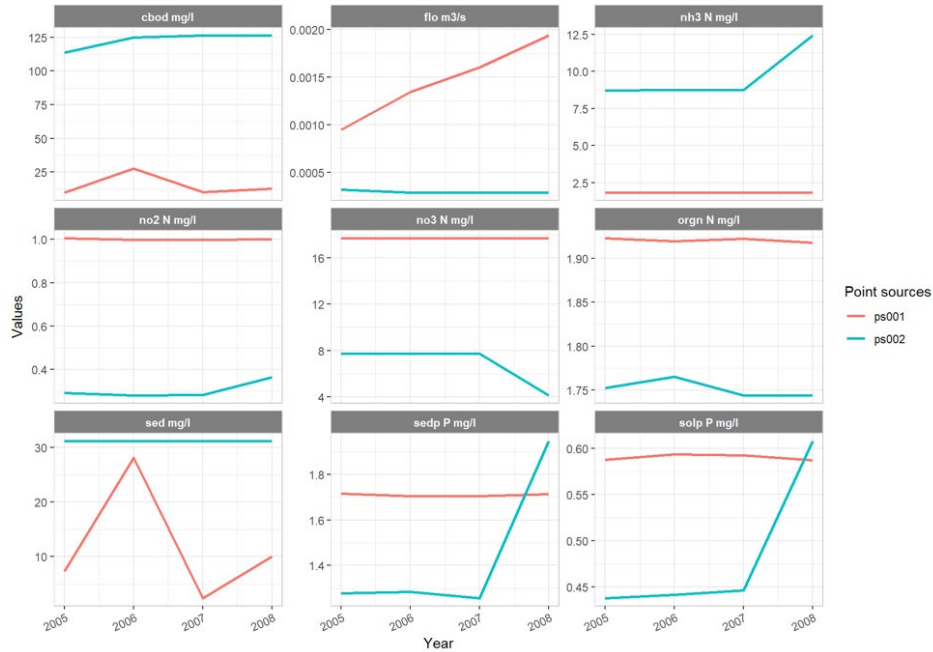
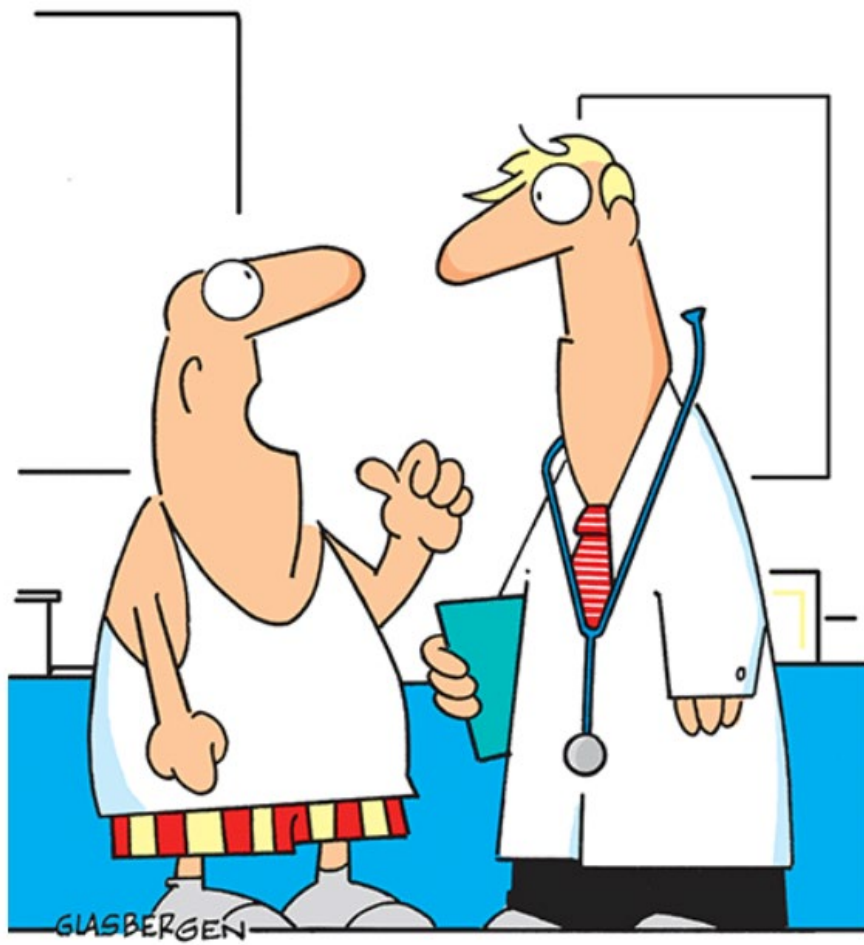


Table 1. Characteristics of SWAT+ model setups used in case comparison.

| | Case I | Case II | Case III | Case IV |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--|
| Catchment size (km²) | 417 | 386 | 150 | 2926 |
| Land use (%): | | | | |
| -forest | 22 | 16 | 5.5 | 1 |
| -pastures | 45 | 8 | 2 | 4 |
| -arable land | 30 | 67 (39 ²) | 89 | 83 (77 ³) |
| -urban and water | 3 | 7 (3+4) | 3.5 | 12 (7+5) |
| HRU number | 1197 | 5391 | 10240 | 7437 |
| Routing units | 9 | 93 | 10240 | 68 |
| Channels | 9 | 93 | 128 | 522 |
| Reservoirs | 3 | 0 | 27 | 67 |
| Aquifers | 10 | 94 | 1 | 34 |
| Point sources | 6 | 93 | 2 | 34 |
| Management | HU-based | HU-based | Date-based | Date-based |
| HRUs with tile drains (%) | 83 | 26 | 59 | 83 |
| Calibration status | Calibrated flows and water quality | In process | Not started | Finished soft calibration ⁴ |

- Wrong units
- Not credible ET or PET values
- Wrong parametrization of wetlands
- Wrong PHU at harvest
- Management issues
- Bad quality of ps input data, no data provided or wrong units
- Too high tile drain flow



“I could be a healthy person if you’d stop finding things wrong with me!”

Summary

- Model setup verification procedure helps to identify and eliminate input or structural errors in early stages
- Saving time and efforts in later stages (calibration, validation, scenario runs)
- Important for building confidence, especially for stakeholders
- Easy to integrate into templates (as markdown) and provide automatized reports
- Helps to investigate issues, find problems with model

More information

- SWAT+ modelling protocol
[10.5281/zenodo.7462415](https://zenodo.org/record/7462415)
- Tool is accessible
<https://git.ufz.de/schuerz/swatdoctr>
- Article under review in EMS

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SWAT+ modeling protocol for the assessment of water and nutrient retention measures in small agricultural catchments

SWATdoctr

SWATdoctr is a collection of functions and routines for SWAT model calibration and model diagnostics. The R package includes routines for a guided model calibration, functions for the evaluation of the model performance, as well as functions for the visualization and diagnosis of simulation outputs. The aim of the SWATdoctr is to identify potential issues in the model setup early in the calibration process and to support the SWAT modeler to focus on a plausible process representation in the model calibration process.

First Todos for model verification

- Write SWAT run function to extract simulation outputs for model verification
- Step 1 in verification: Simulation of climate variables

