

# Aspects of Coexistence

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## Outline

- **Does recent research include the aspect of organic or gmo free farming**
- **The EU new legislation on organic farming and the situation of organic farmers**
- **Cost of coexistence: a case studie in france**

## Recent research ignores GMO free Farming

**There is no right for contamination!**  
**If no or lowest contamination is tolerated by non-GM or organic farmers coexistence is much more Complicated or not feasible**

**The economic advantage of growing GM crops is estimated without costs of coexistence (neither on farm nor along the supply chain)**

**In small scale agriculture, farmers depend on each other: (sharing machinery, exchange of material and services)**  
**Will farmers start to grow GM crops, if it harms neighbors?**

- Each farm is a company and the farmer is the “CEO”

# GMO Regulation in the EU

**Food and feed** made from genetically modified organisms or microorganisms need an authorisation (EU 1823/2003).

**Placing on the market (Seeds, Fertilizer, Pesticides):**  
Approval procedures for GMO according to the directive on deliberate release into the environment (EU 2001/18)

- Decision applies to all EU Member States
- Mandatory labelling if more than 0.9% GM material
- Traceability for material without DNA

**Field trials/deliberate release:** national law

# Organism? Product of an Organism? Produced by an Organism?

- › Organism: → labelling
  - › Living (Seeds, Grains)
- › Product from a GMO: → labelling
  - › Flour, Starch, Glucose from Corn
  - › Meal from Oil Seed Rape
  - › Biomass from Fermentation
  - › Lecithine, Flavonoids from Soy
  - › Oil of GM Corn, Soybeans or Cotton
- › Product of an Organism: → no labelling, approval process unclear
  - › Vitamins (Vitamin Z), Amino Acids
  - › Enzymes (Cellulase, Amylase, Chymosin etc)
- › Honey, Milk, Meat, Eggs: → no labelling

**Excluded in Organic Farming**

# Organic Farming and GMOs

- The EU regulation on organic farming excludes the use of genetically modified organisms and products produced of GMOs (Article 9 Abs 1 (EG) Nr. 834/2007)
  - Feed and Food, Processing aids
  - Plant Protection Products,
  - Fertilizers, soil conditioners,
  - Seeds and propagating material
  - Micro-organisms, Plants, Animals
- Exception: veterinary products
- Exception for substances produced by micro organisms are possible. But today, there is no exception!

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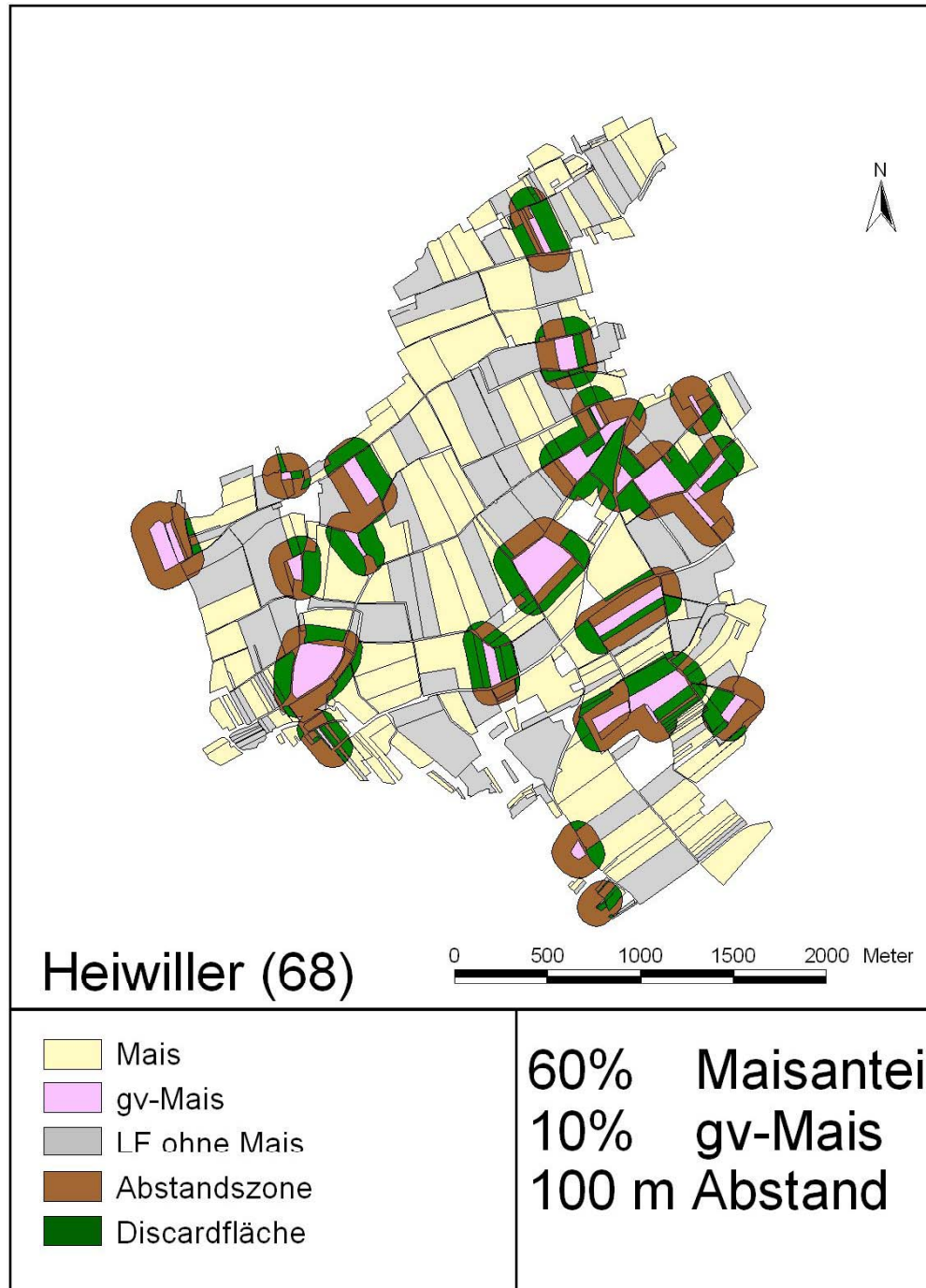
- **Organic Farming is affected by GMO in**
  - **Agricultural Production (plants, livestock)**
  - **Transports and Processing**
- **GMO, products of GMO or products produced by an GMO have to be avoided along the whole production process.**
- **Organic Label is not possible with GMO labelling**
- **GMO admixture/contamination happens in organic production**
- **The legal threshold for adventitious, technically unavoidable admixtures of GMOs in 'bio' has been set at 0.9 % for food and feed/Processed products!**
- **A threshold of 0.1% for harvested material is set by private labels**

# Costs of coexistence

- **Case study in France, Alsace: Heiwiller und Ensisheim - SIGMEA WP 7**
- **Cost model developed by SIGMEA Partners**
  - **Limited information exchange between farmers**
  - **GM Adoption rate: 10%, 50% und 90%**
  - **Isolation distances of 50m, 100m und 250m**
  - **Calculation of the affected area**
  - **Non GM Farmer gets a compensation for the contaminated harvest**



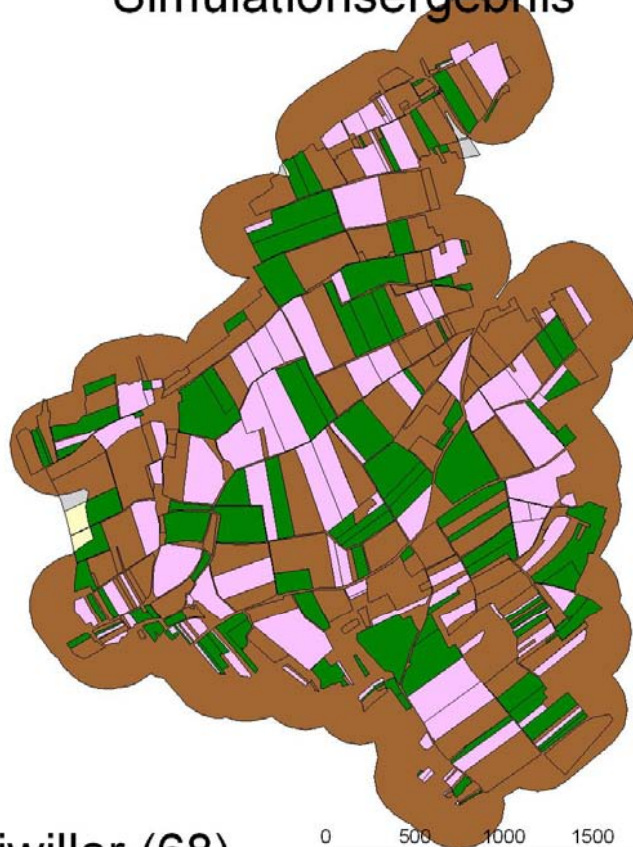
- **Peer reviewed information about the economy of gm crops for farmers from Spain**
- **Information about the cost structure of farms available from the administration**
- **Low information about the cost of coexistence measures**
  
- **Open questions:**
  - **Do the benefit of gm cropping cover the cost of coexistence?**
  - **What about the costs for non-gm and organic growers?**



# Cost Modell for Bt Maize

- **Additional cost for the farmers due to**
  - **Higher Price for Bt-Seeds/ non GM Seeds**
  - **Higher cost for harvesting due to hired machinery**
  
- **New costs for the Bt Corn Producer**
  - **Compensation to the non GM Farmer**
  - **PCR und Monitoring**
  - **Information of other farmers and the Supply Chain**
  
- **Benefit**
  - **Higher yields**
  - **No insecticide use**
  - **Price Premium for non-GM Corn**

Simulationsergebnis



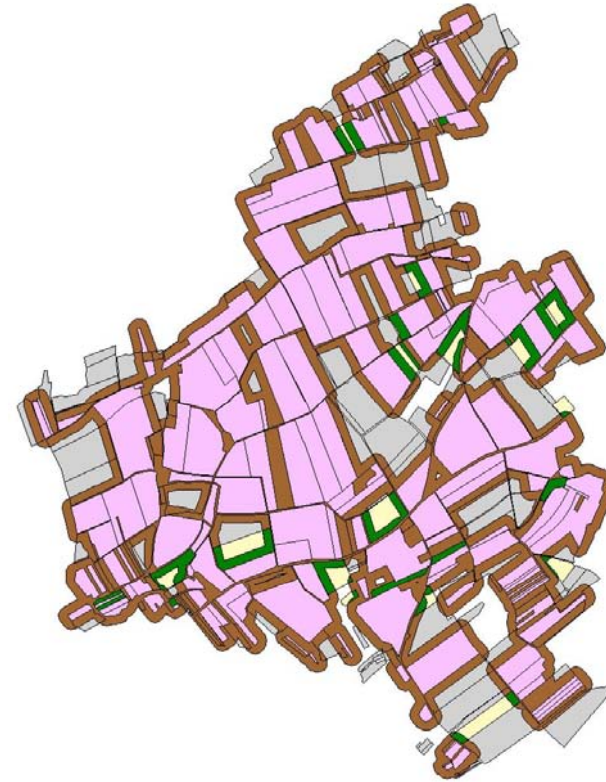
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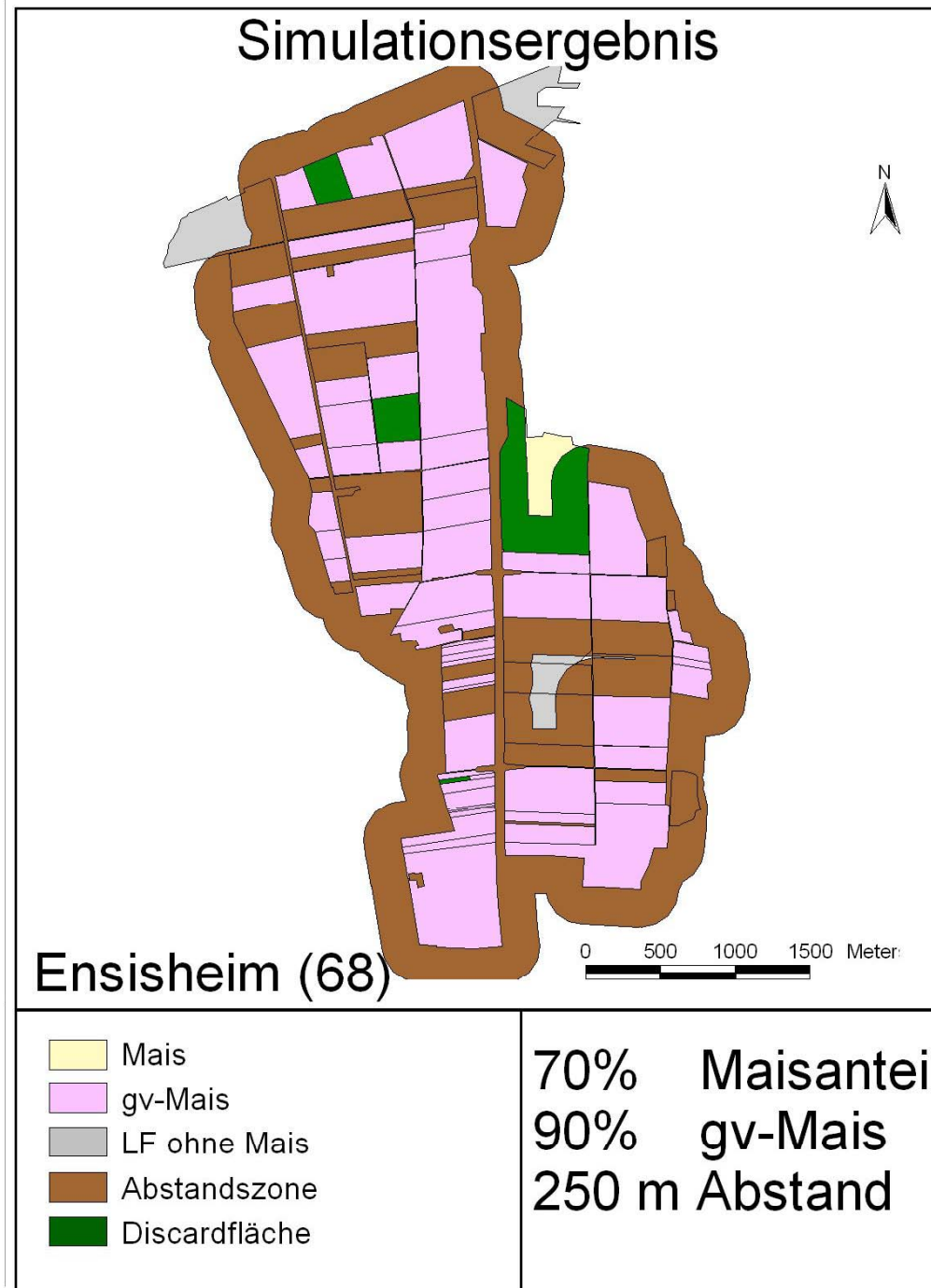


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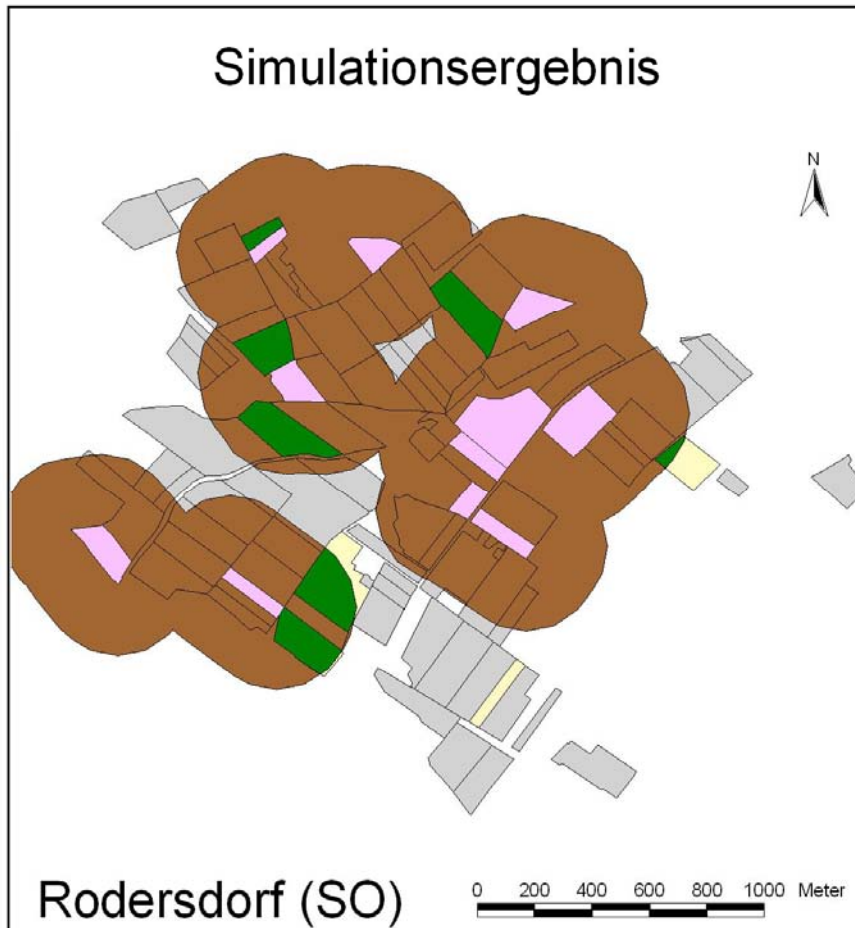
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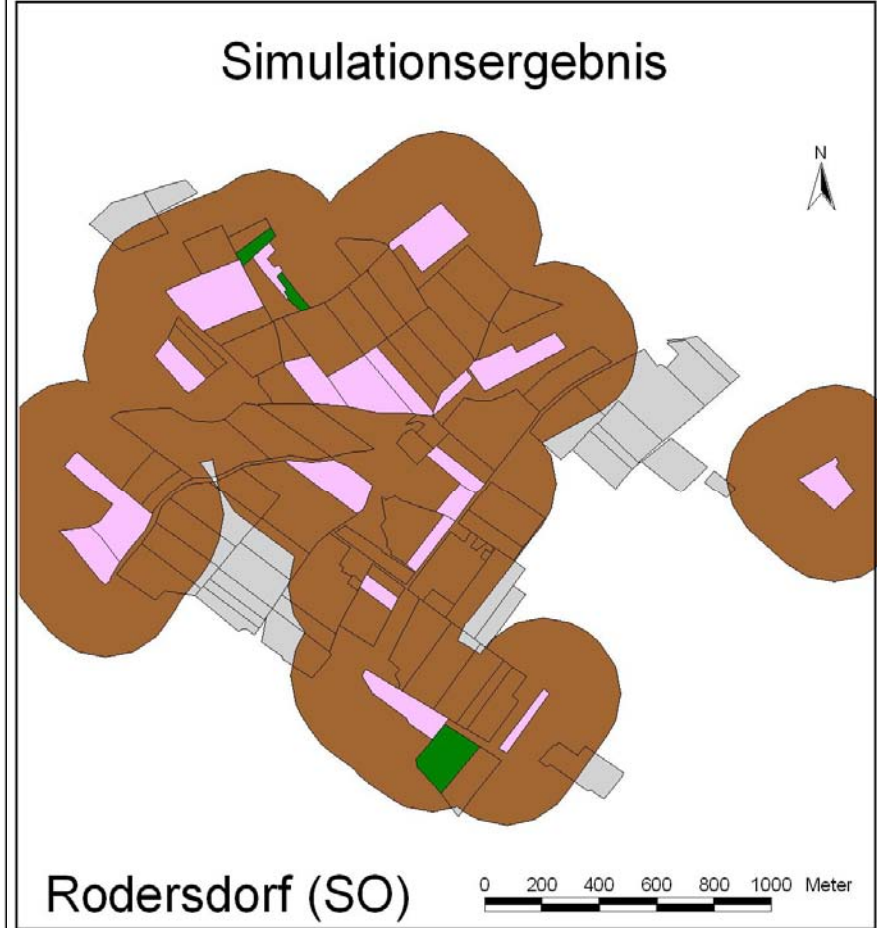
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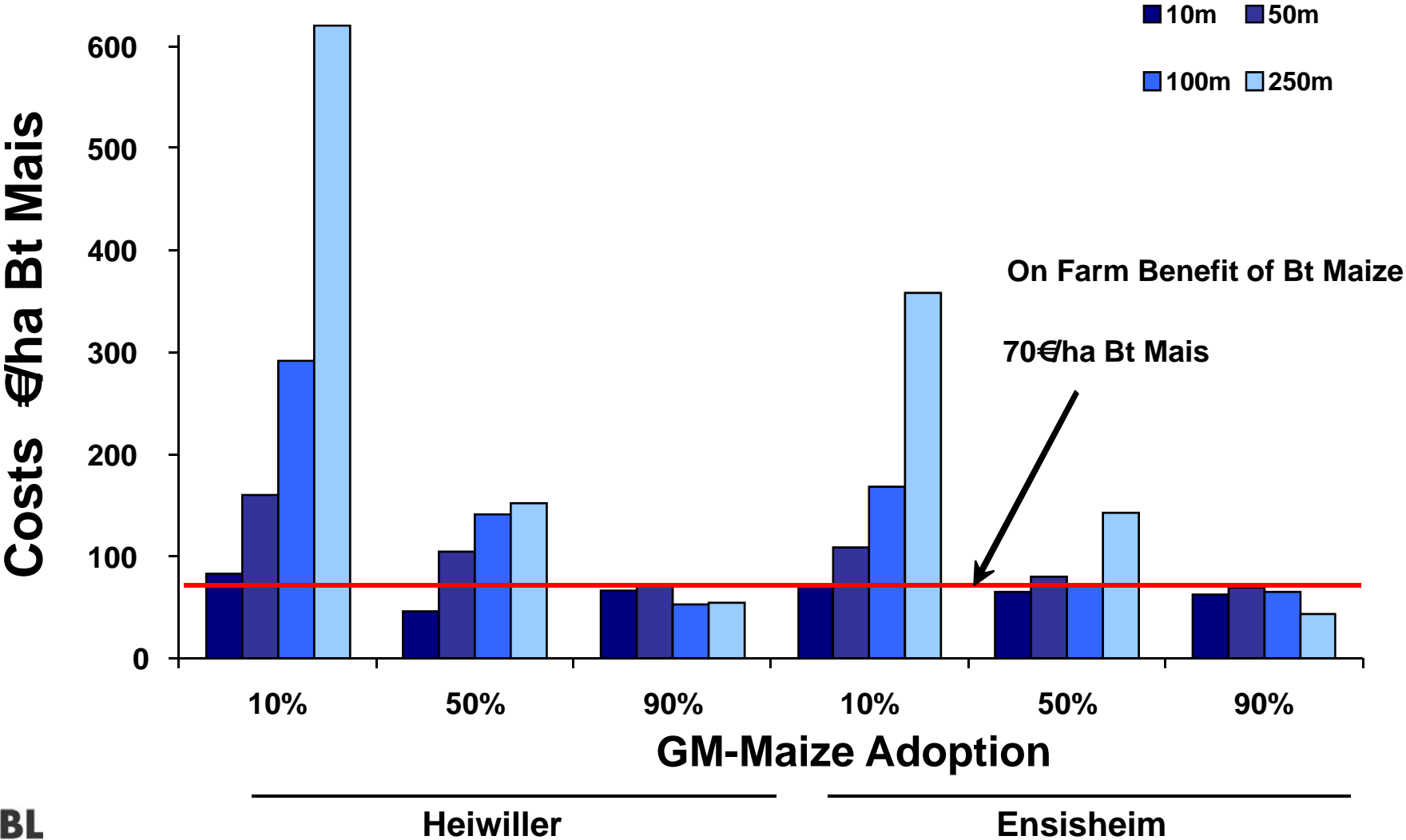


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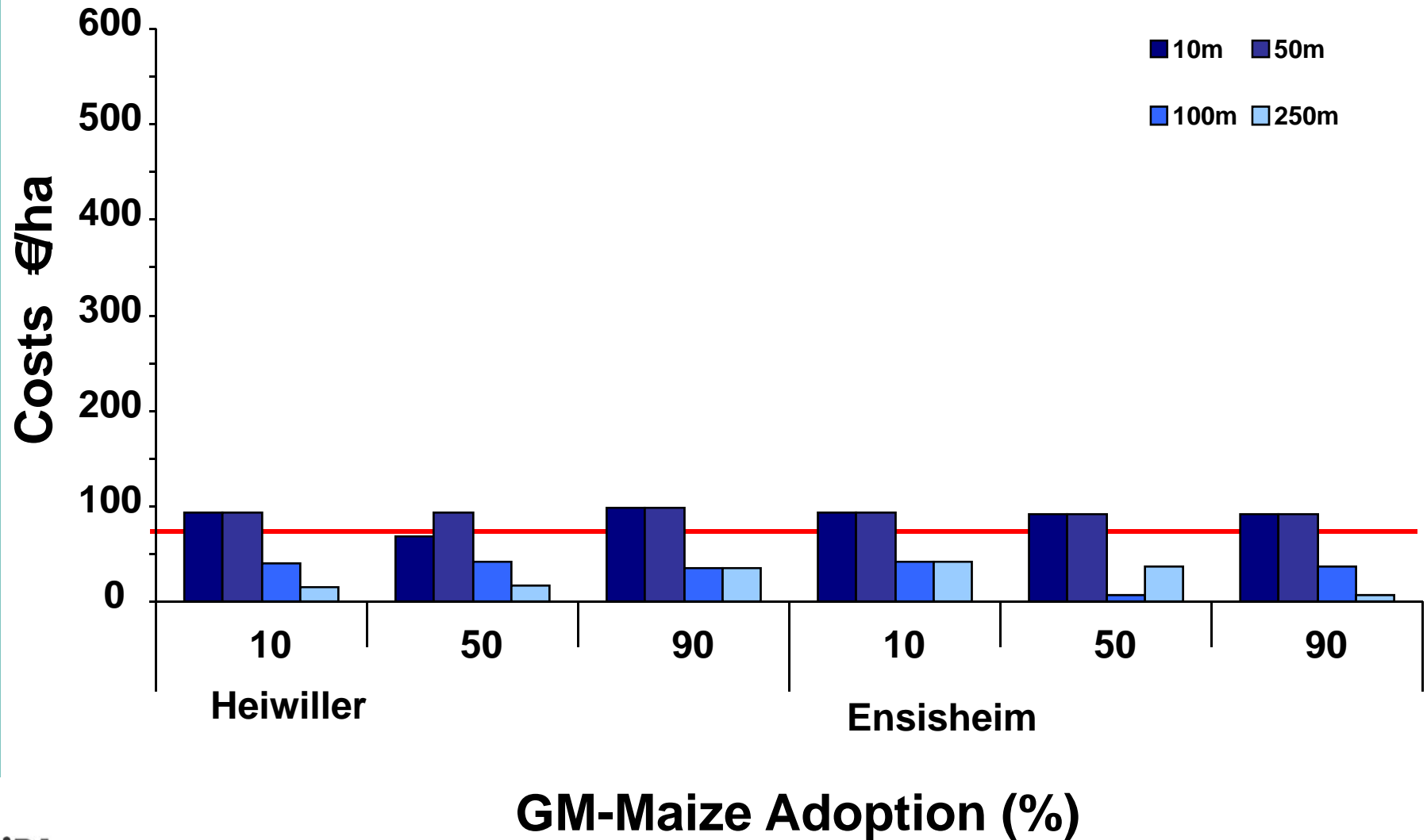
# Cost for the GM Farmer

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# Costs for the non-GM Farmers if he gets a compensation

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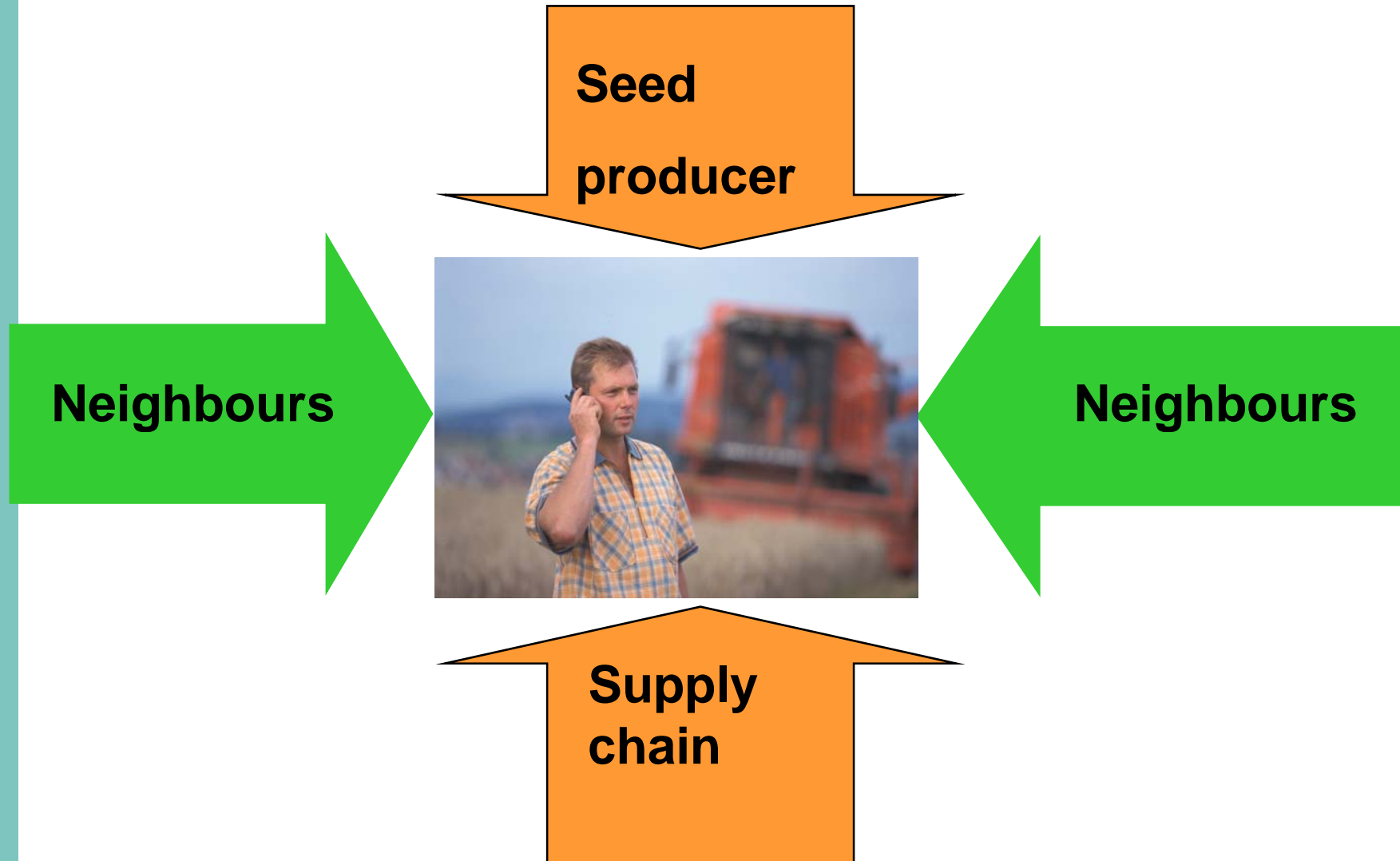




# Results

- **Benefit of GM Maize production (70€/ha) does not cover the cost of coexistence**
- **Bt Maize production brings a benefit for the farmer with 90% GM maize adoption and short isolation distances of 10 m and 50 m**
- **Bt Maize production causes additional costs for non-GM producer**
  - **Additional isolation distances and GMO Testing**
  - **Purchase of pure seed**
  - **Cost for machinery**
- **Large isolation distances reduce costs for non-GM Maize producer**
- **But coexistence with large isolation distances could lead to a situation, where non GM Maize production disappears**

# Coexistence: Producers view



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**Non-GM crop or organic producer are in a dilemma:**

- > Large isolation distances reduce costs of non-GM crop production
- > Large isolation distances decrease the area, where non-GM crop production is possible

**Tank you for your attention!**

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# Input Kostenmodell

Lohnarbeiten Aussaat	0%
Lohnarbeit Ernte	100%
Kapazität Maschinen	200 ha/Jahr
Kapazität Silos	250 t
Durchschnittliche Erträge	9.7 t/ha
Arbeitskosten Mitarbeiter	8.05 €/ha
Kosten Insektizide	17.5 €/ha
Mehrertrag durch Bt Mais	5%
Kosten Analytik	188.7 €/pro Probe
Saatgutkosten Bt Mais	29.9€/ha <sup>1</sup>
Price Premium nicht gv-Mais	10%
Kosten nicht gv-Mais Saatgut	4.9 €

Methode

# Koexistenz: Massnahmen für Betriebe

- **Beschaffung von Saatgut**
- **Absprache mit den Nachbarn**
- **Absprache entlang Supply Chain**
- **Information über GVO Aussaat an Behörde**
- **Festlegen der Sicherheitsabstände**
- **Kontrolle der Erntegüter**
- **Konfliktfall lösen**
- **Versicherungen**

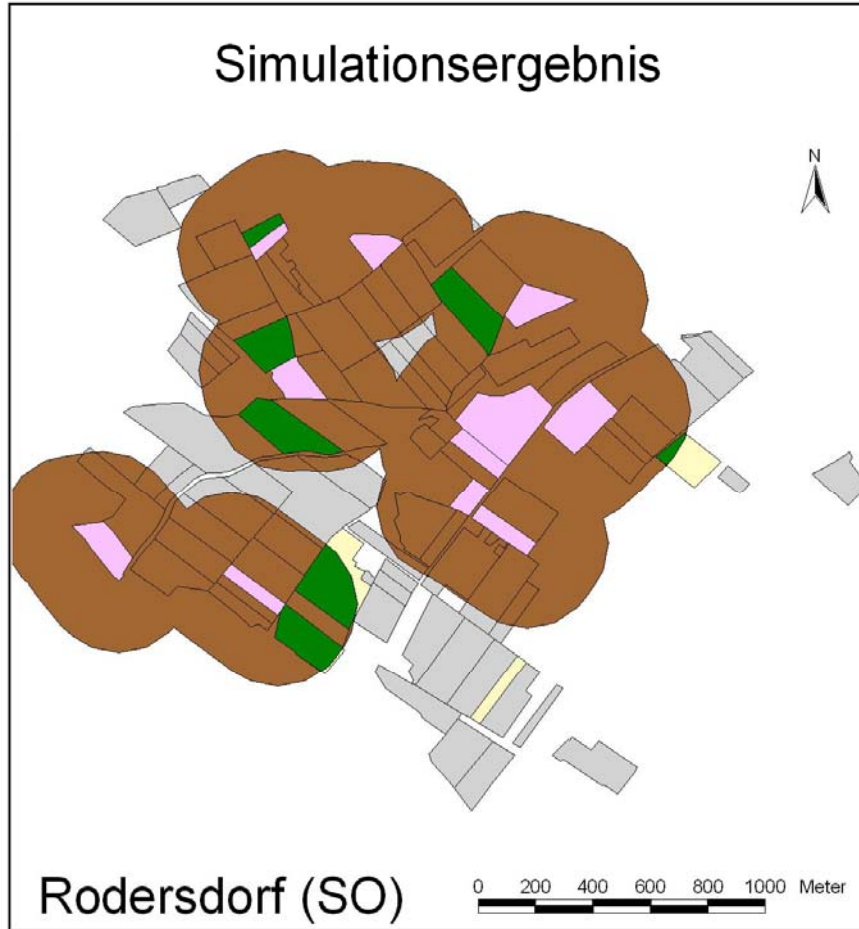
# Ergebnisse der Untersuchungen aus dem Elsass

- Der Anbau von gv-Mais erhöht die Kosten für die nicht-gv Mais Produzenten zwischen 7.1€/ha bis 98.3€/ha
  - Annahme: der Landwirt für 100% seiner Ernte den erwünschten Preis erzielen kann.
- Zusatzkosten entstehen durch höhere Saatgutkosten, Erntekosten, Kontrollen der Erntegüter und Absprachen
- Die Zusatzkosten sind geringer, wenn grosse Isolationsdistanzen eingehalten werden müssen
- Die Zusatzkosten müssen mit einem Preispremium kompensiert werden, das je nach Szenario zwischen 1.5% und 8.6% liegt
- Fällt diese Kompensation weg steigen die Kosten



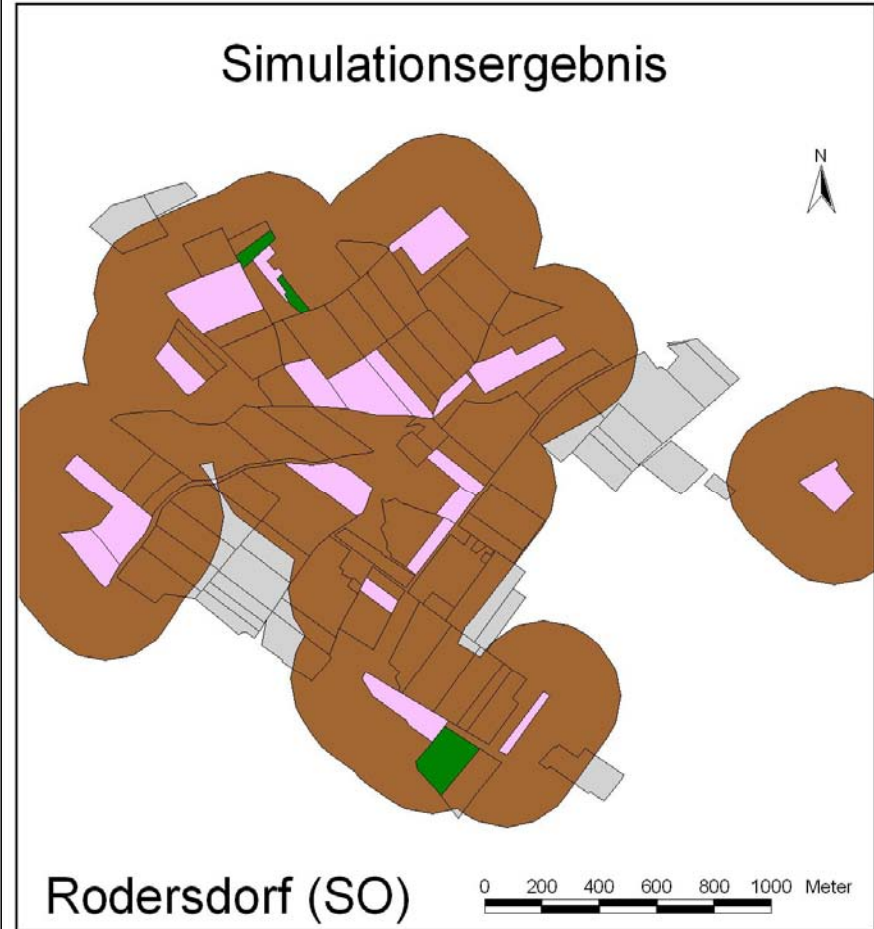
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