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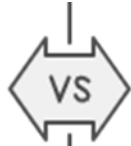
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LEAP – Optimising lime application as a use case to demonstrate the benefits of farm data sharing

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Sharing Farm Data

Pros



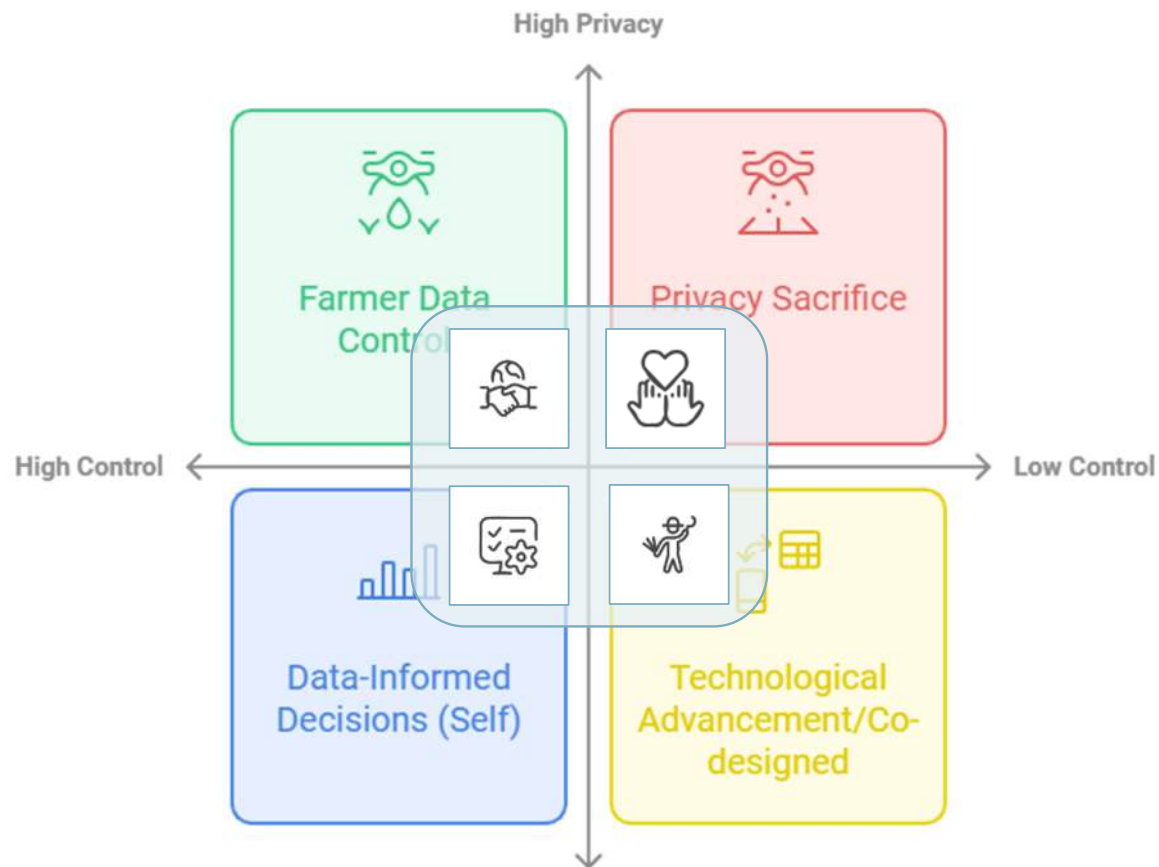
Cons

- Improved decision-making
- Enhanced production quality
- Precision input placement
- Collaborative technology development
- Data-driven advancements

- Loss of data control
- Privacy risks
- Data dependency
- Potential misuse
- Sacrifice of autonomy



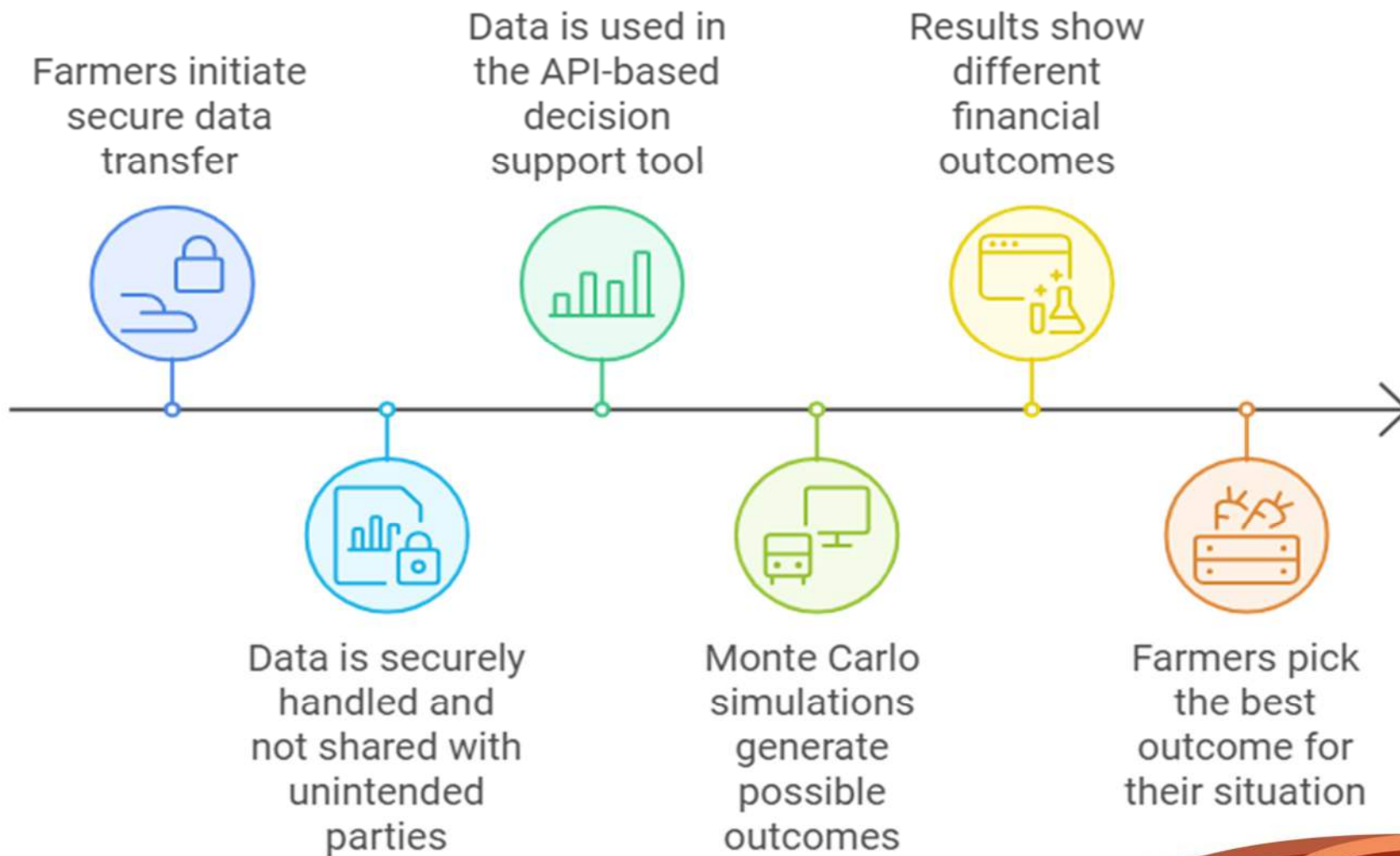
Data Sharing tradeoff in agriculture



Secure Farm Data Sharing and Liming Decision Support Process



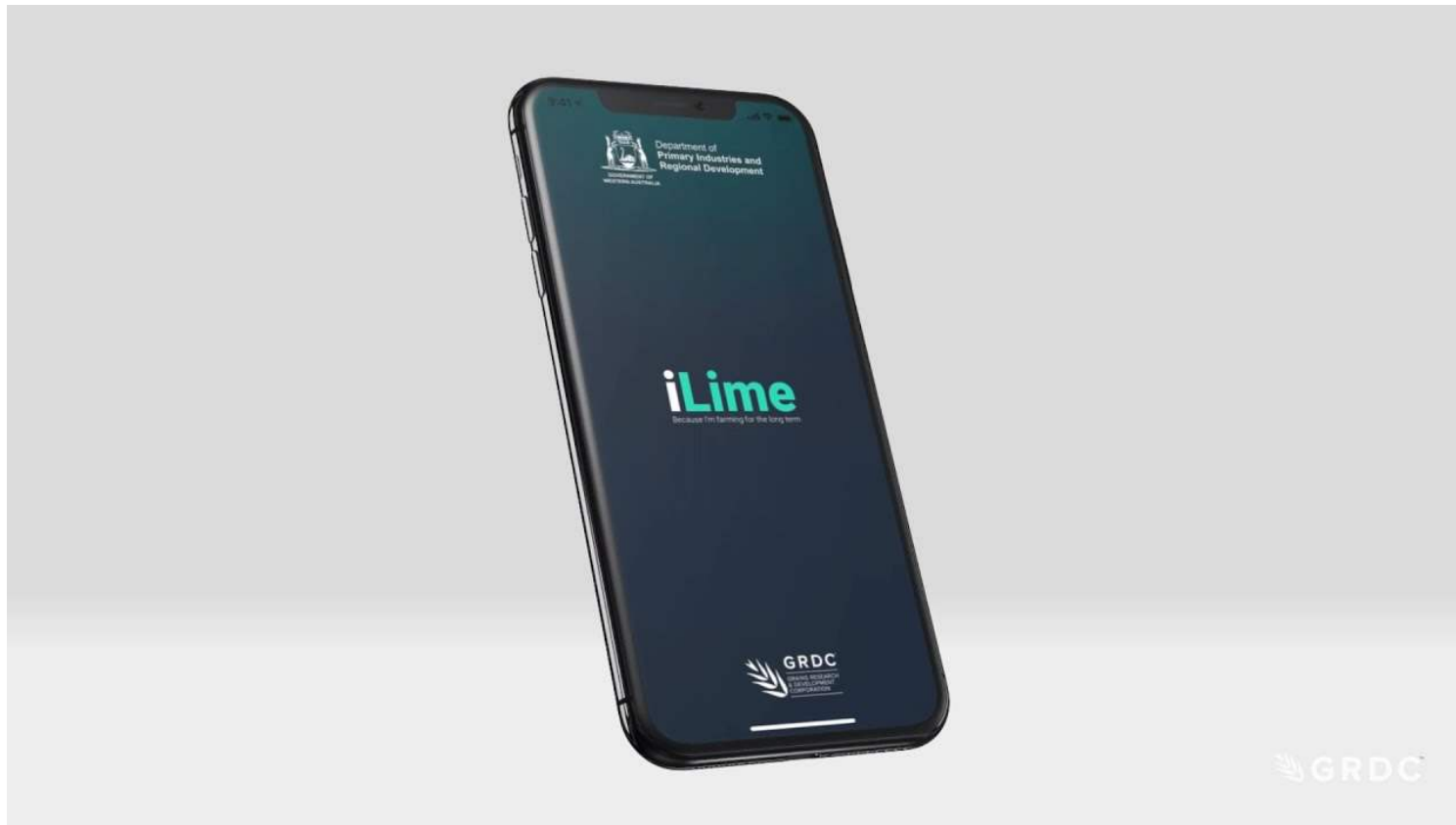
LEAP Modelling Framework



How Does It Work?



Like iLime, but for the Whole Farm!



On-Farm Data Used in Model


- Paddocks with
 - At least one year of crop data
 - Crop grown
 - Crop yield
 - Soil pH < 7.0 (inclusive)
- Soil pH at
 - 0-10cm,
 - 10-20cm and
 - 20-30cm
- Soil textures

Other Data Used in the Model

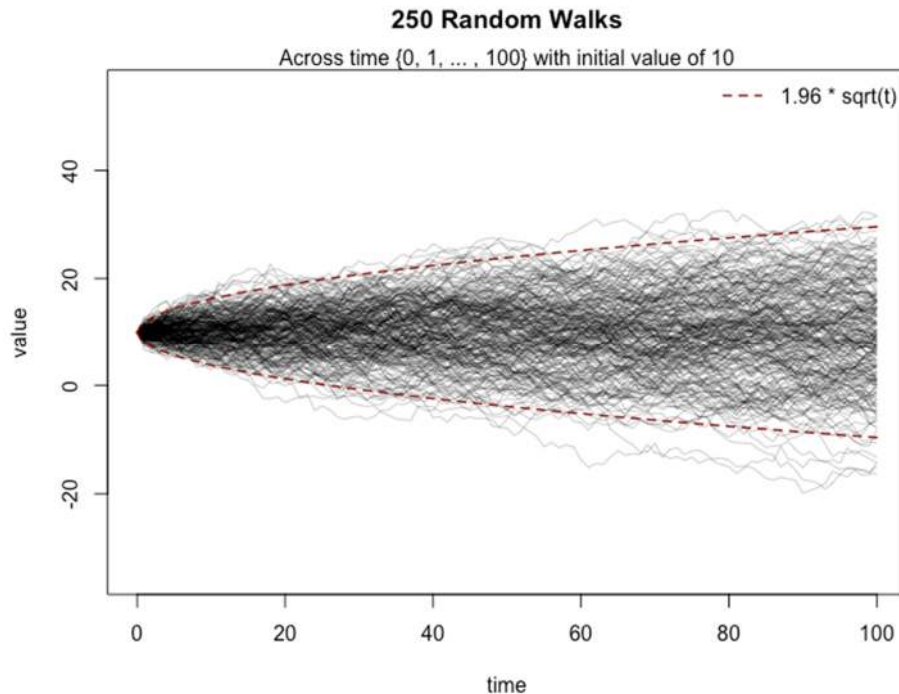
- Rainfall zone
- Lime pit location
 - Lime values
- Grain 'n Graze for port prices
- CBH
 - drop-off locations and
 - freight costs
- Soil Gravel, soil exchangeable aluminium class,
- Soil organic carbon at all 3 soil depths

Seven iLime Strategies

All of these are over 20 years

1. 1 tonne per 10 years
 2. 1 tonne per 7 years
 3. 2 tonnes per 10 years
 4. 4 tonnes year one
 5. 5 tonnes over 15 years
 6. 4 tonnes incorporated to 20 cm
 7. 4 tonnes incorporated to 20 cm + 1 tonne in year 10
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What does the model (LEAP) do?



- 4 Paddocks running 3-year crop rotations
- 5 Soil Sampling Site Profiles
- **2916** Crop Rotations
- 4 Liming Agents for 4 Farms

= **87400** runs of the iLime model over a 20-year analysis period

= **1,749,600** rows of data

Ingest existing farm data



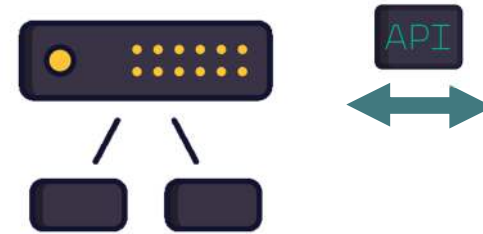
Farm Data Management Platform (AxisStream - AxisTech)

Secure data transfer



DPIRD - Extrata

Simulation modelling



LEAP and API clients (iLime and Extrata)

Share output



Customised report

Automatic systems (IoT)

- Paddock yield
- Crop and sequence
- Soil sampling data



Data sharing

- Maintain data ownership
- Secure sharing and storage
- Always in control of data access

Modelling

- Run multiple liming amelioration scenarios
- Predict yield/crop value
- Predict soil response to liming (pH, Al exchange)

Report

- Farmers receive results via AxisTech-AxisStream
- Support liming decision at whole farm level
- Visuals and ability to combine output with additional farm data

Extrata[®] Overview



What is Extrata? An enabler to improve agriculture

- An API data (exchange) hub
- Built in WA by DPIRD, informed by farming
- Trusted, neutral operator
- NFF Farm Data Certified



Why use Extrata? A secure way to exchange data

- A secure, online environment
- Attracts data aggregators who analyse and deliver insights
- ***Platform does not store nor enrich producer data***



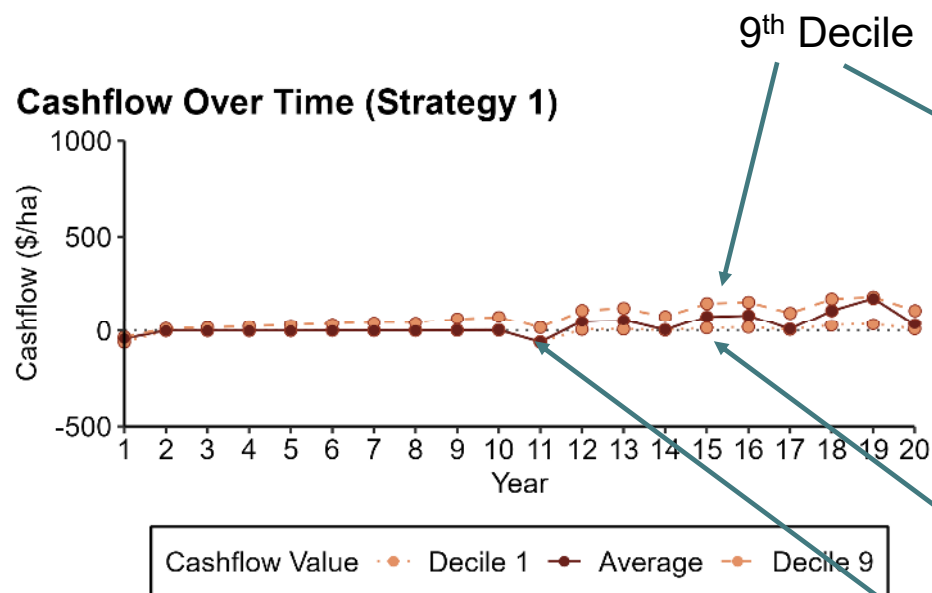
How can you use Extrata? Leverage data for informed decisions

- Combine data for richer insights
- Optimise farming operations in real-time
- Enhanced future planning

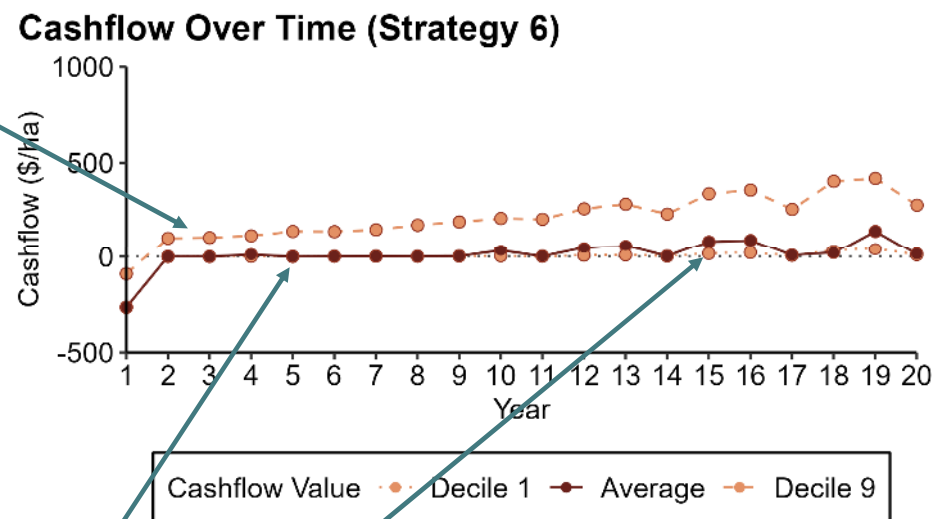
Example Report Figures



Example Report Cashflow



1 tonne lime per 10 years



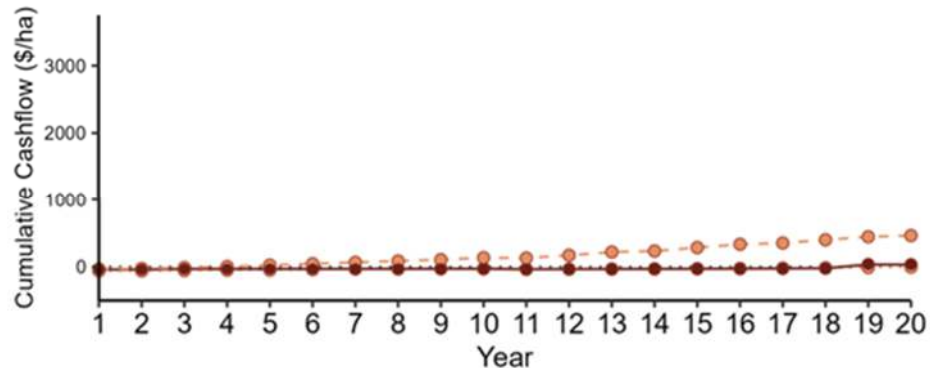
4 tonnes lime incorporated to 20 cm

Mode

1st Decile

Example Report Cumulative Cashflow

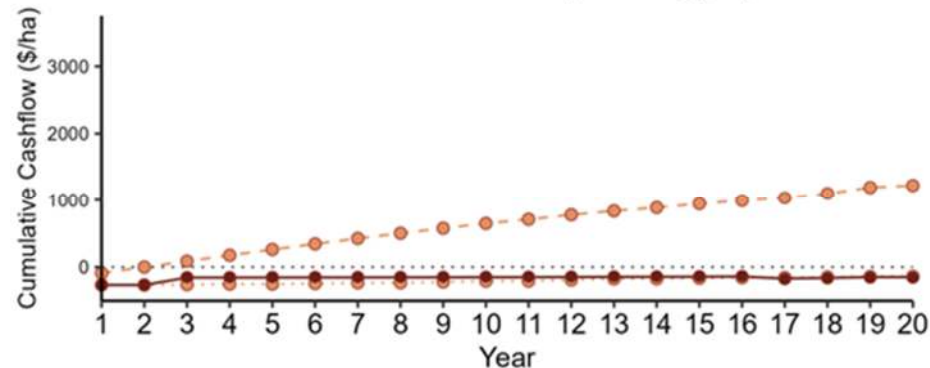
Cumulative Cashflow Over Time (Strategy 1)



Cumulative Cashflow Value ··· Decile 1 — Average - - - Decile 9

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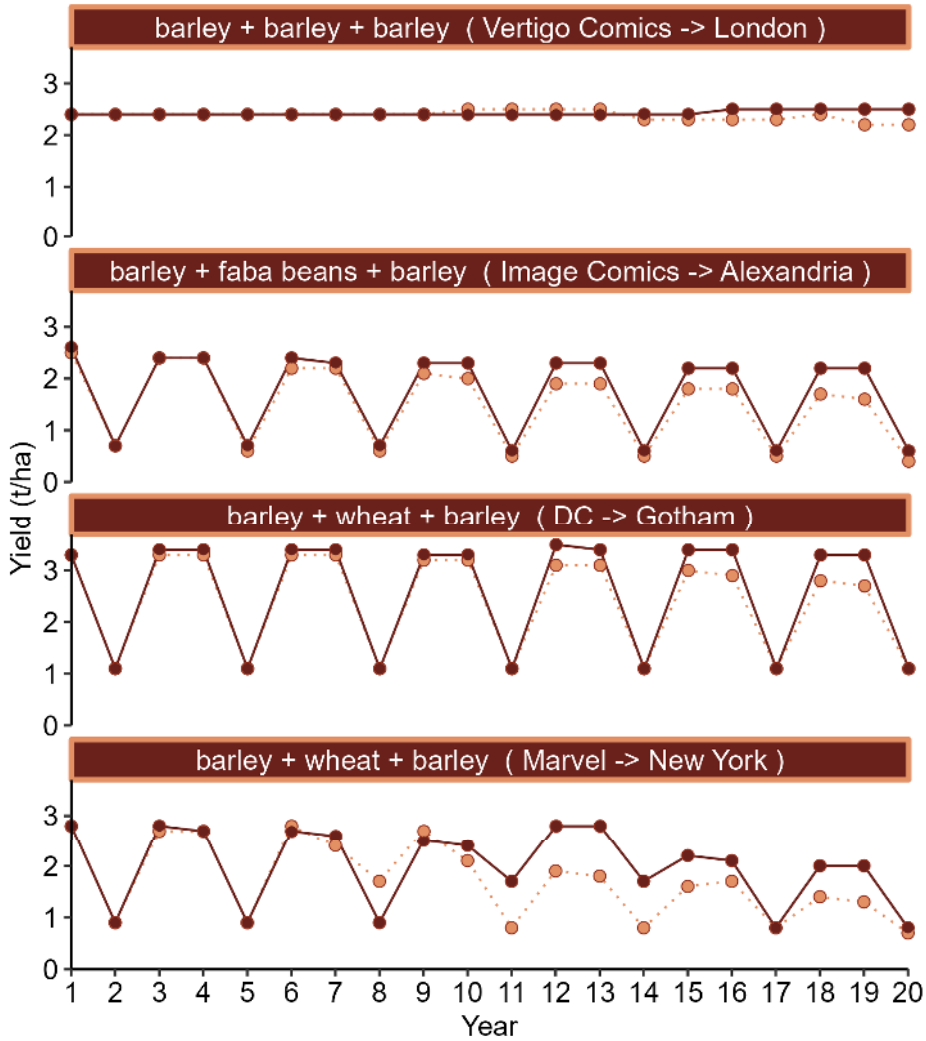
Cumulative Cashflow Over Time (Strategy 6)



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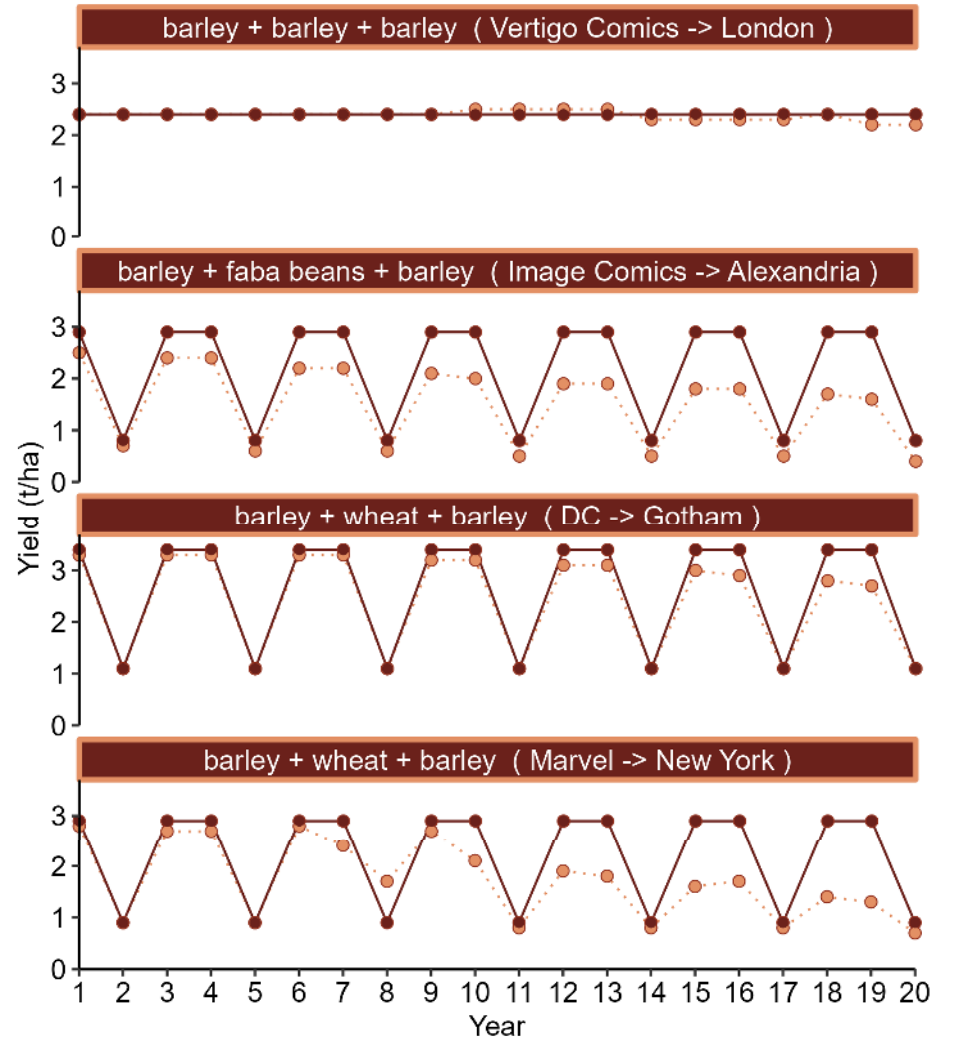
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Yield Over Time (Strategy 1)



Strategy ● No Lime ● 1t per 10 years

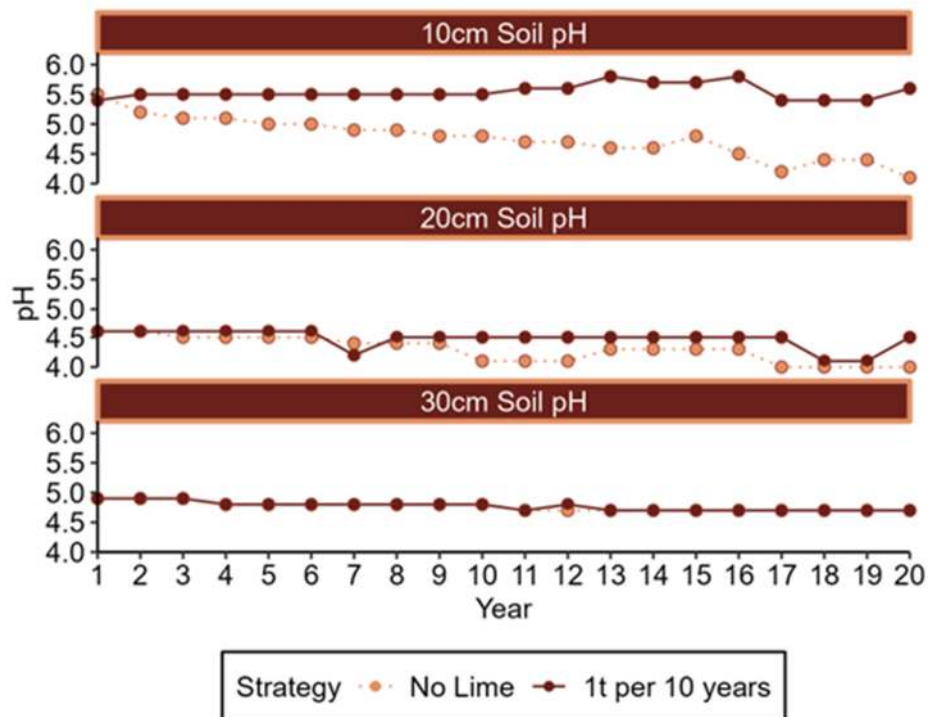
Yield Over Time (Strategy 6)



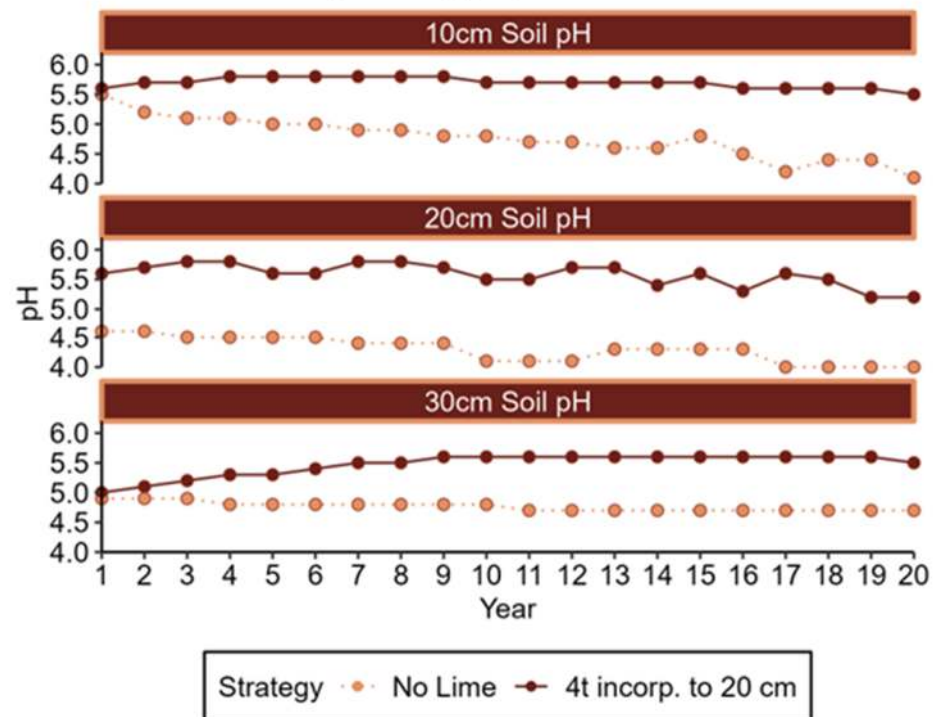
Strategy ● No Lime ● 4t incorp. to 20 cm

Example Report Soil pH

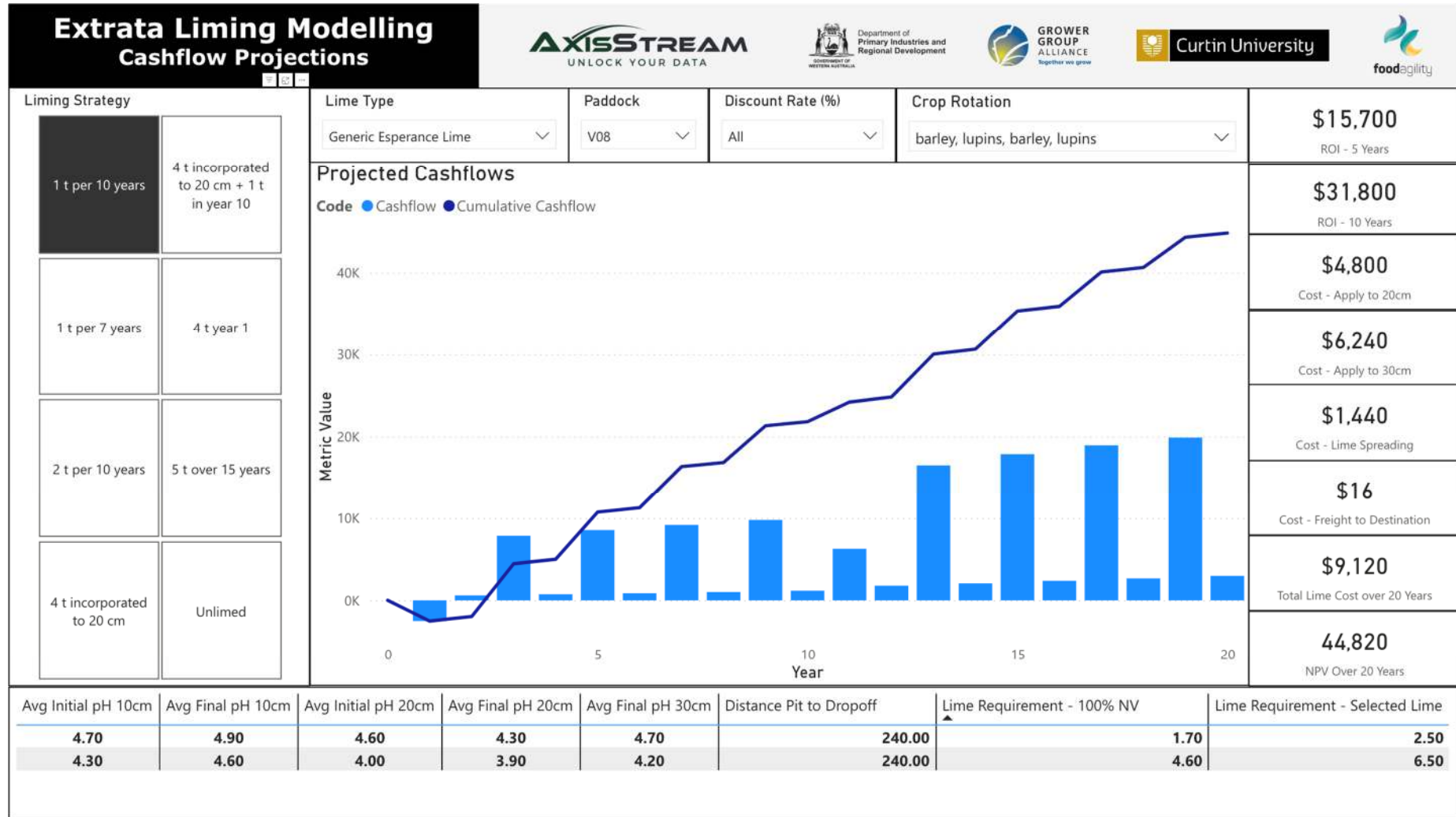
Soil pH Over Time (Strategy 1)



Soil pH Over Time (Strategy 6)



Output data visualizing dashboard



What's Next?

- Custom liming strategies for the whole farm
- Precision solutions
- More tailored strategy results



Building the Pipeline

- LEAP is designed to be modular
 - We can expand it beyond liming since it only calls an API
 - Using the Monte Carlo framework that it provides we can
 - Machinery
 - Cropping rotations
 - Other fertilisation strategies



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Together we grow

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Extrata®

API client
Extrata



API client
AxisStream



API client
Extrata



LEAP - A Julia based modelling Framework

Data checks

- Input validation
- Data imputation
- Gap filling
- Data ready to modelling

Modelling

- Input combination
- Scenario building
- Monte Carlo simulations
- Collect/combine outputs

Data directly into
sharing platform

AxisTech
(3rd party
provider)



Data digitisation, onboarding and visualisation

- Paper records
- Silo'ed and/or
- Unstructured data
- Visualization dashboard

Grower's data

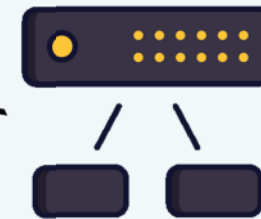
(soil sampling, crop rotation, crop yields, lime details)

Raw
simulation
outputs

API client
iLime



Multiple parallel calls
to the API
implementation of
the iLime model



**iLime Model
API**

Modelling

- Run multiple liming amelioration scenarios
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API client = tool to communicate with another application or service, i.e., eConnect+ Extrata or iLime model



Farm Data

