



# Remote sensing data assimilation in modelling of urban dynamics

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# Introduction

- » ASIMUD is a **spin-off** of the MAMUD project
- » Duration: 2 years, started April 1<sup>st</sup> 2011
- » Consortium:
  - » VITO
  - » Vrije Universiteit Brussel
  - » Universiteit Utrecht

# Land use models: tools for planners

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## Milieu- en Natuurverkenning

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Kies indicatorgroep... Scenario Kies gebiedsindeling...  
Indicator Gebied  
Landgebruik RR Vlaanderen

Landgebruik ▶ Stop animatie

Omschrijving Evaluatie Links Legende Grafiek

Deze indicator beschrijft hoe het landgebruik van Vlaanderen en Brussel zich zal ontwikkelen tussen 2005 en 2030 aan de hand van 28 landgebruiksklassen. Dit wordt uitgewerkt voor zes verschillende scenario's: twee referentiescenario's (RR en ER), twee scenario's scheiden (RS en ES) en twee scenario's verweven (RV en EV).

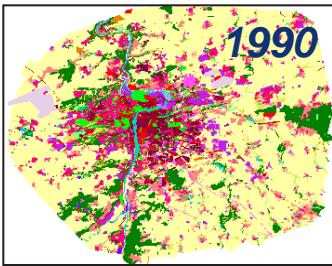
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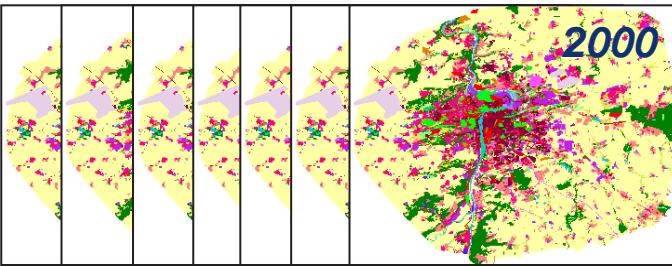
# Historic calibration

- » Land-use change models are typically calibrated using a **historic calibration**

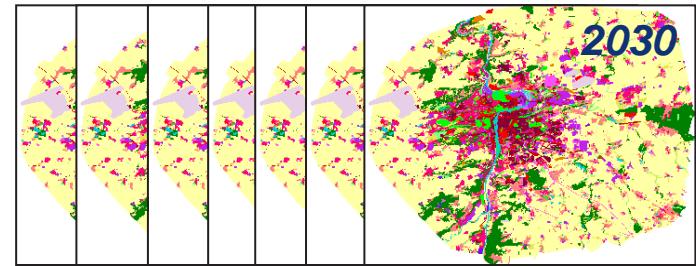
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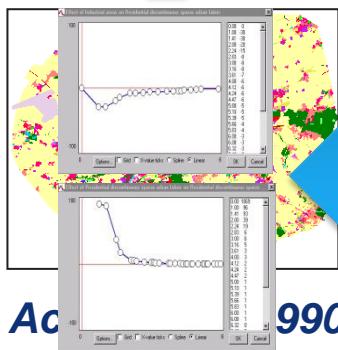
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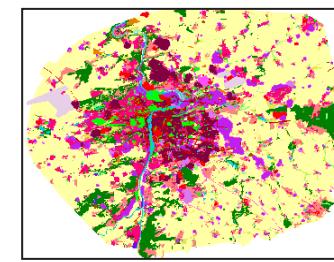
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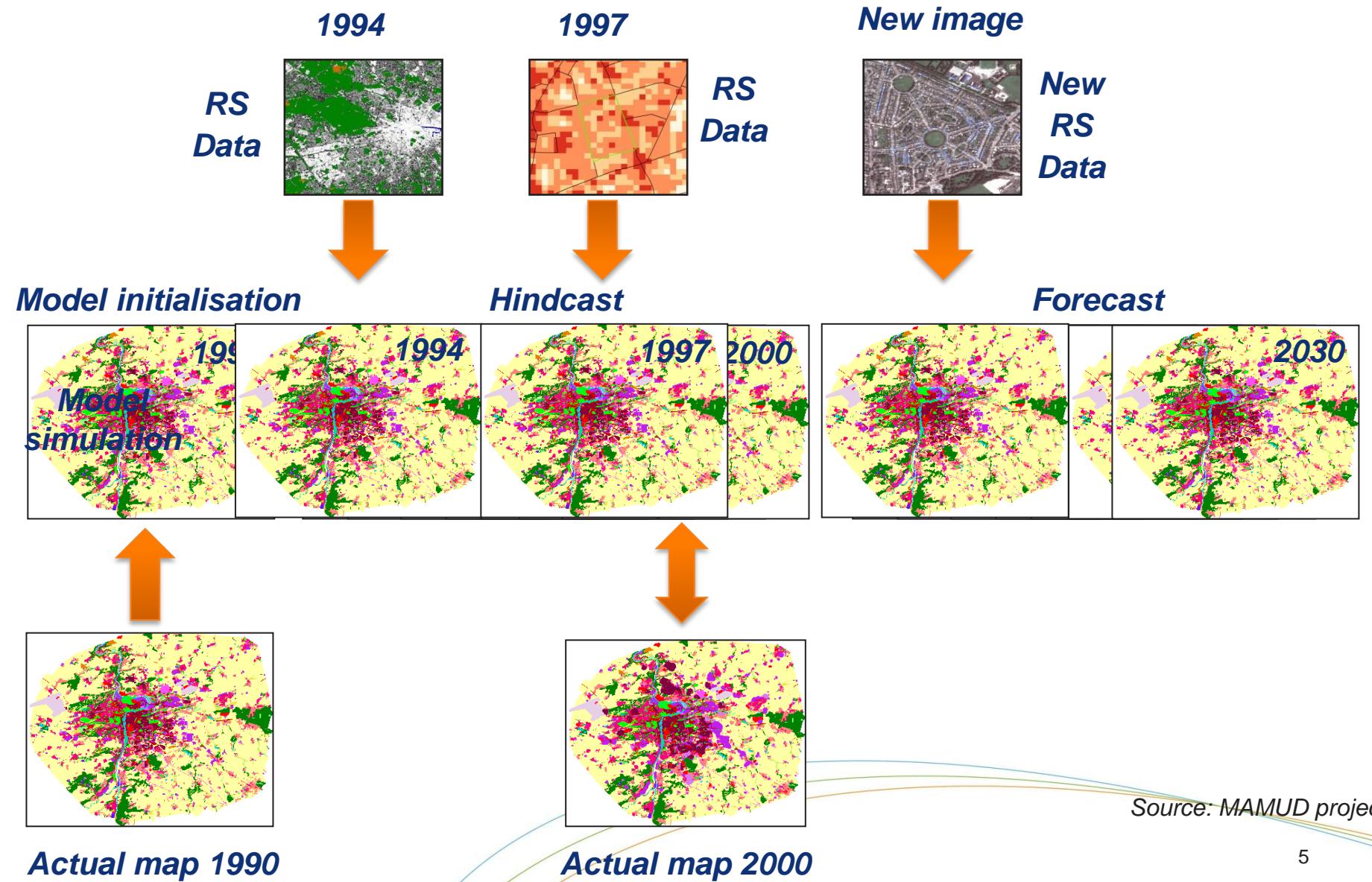
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parameters



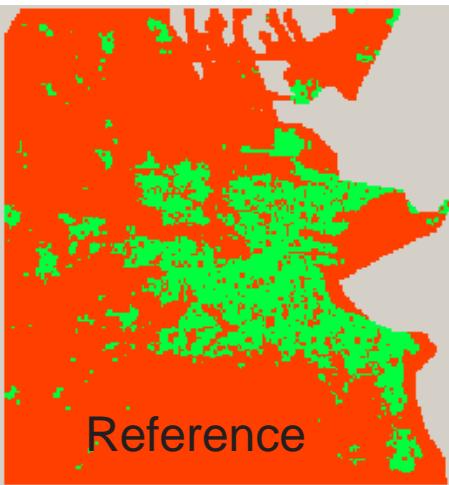
Actual map 2000

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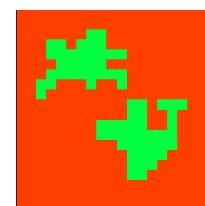
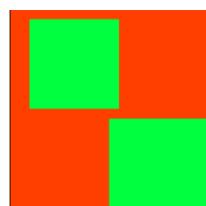
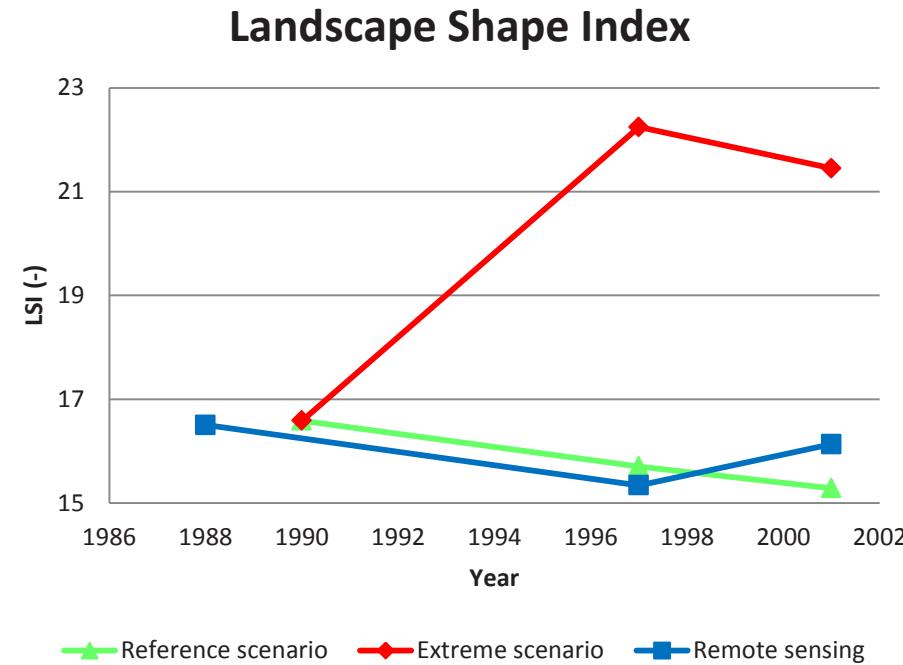
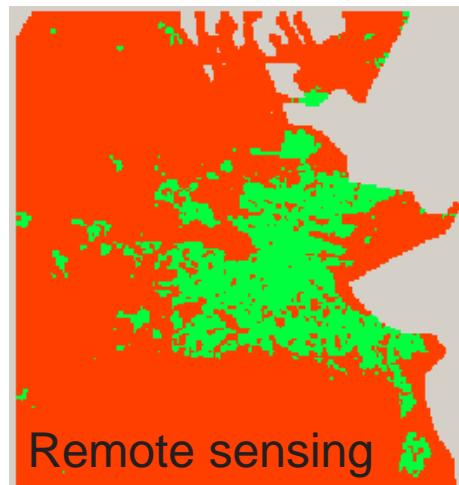
# Remote sensing data for calibration



# Spatial metrics for calibration

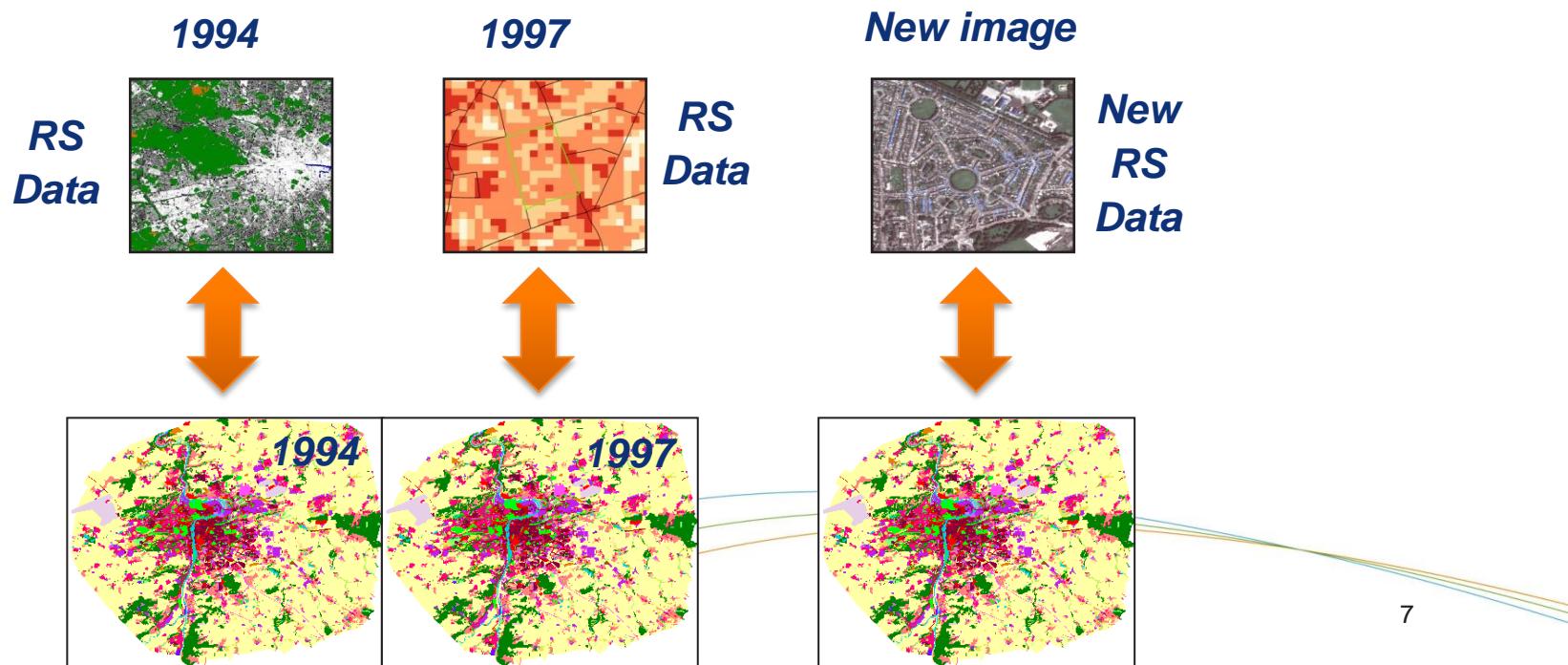


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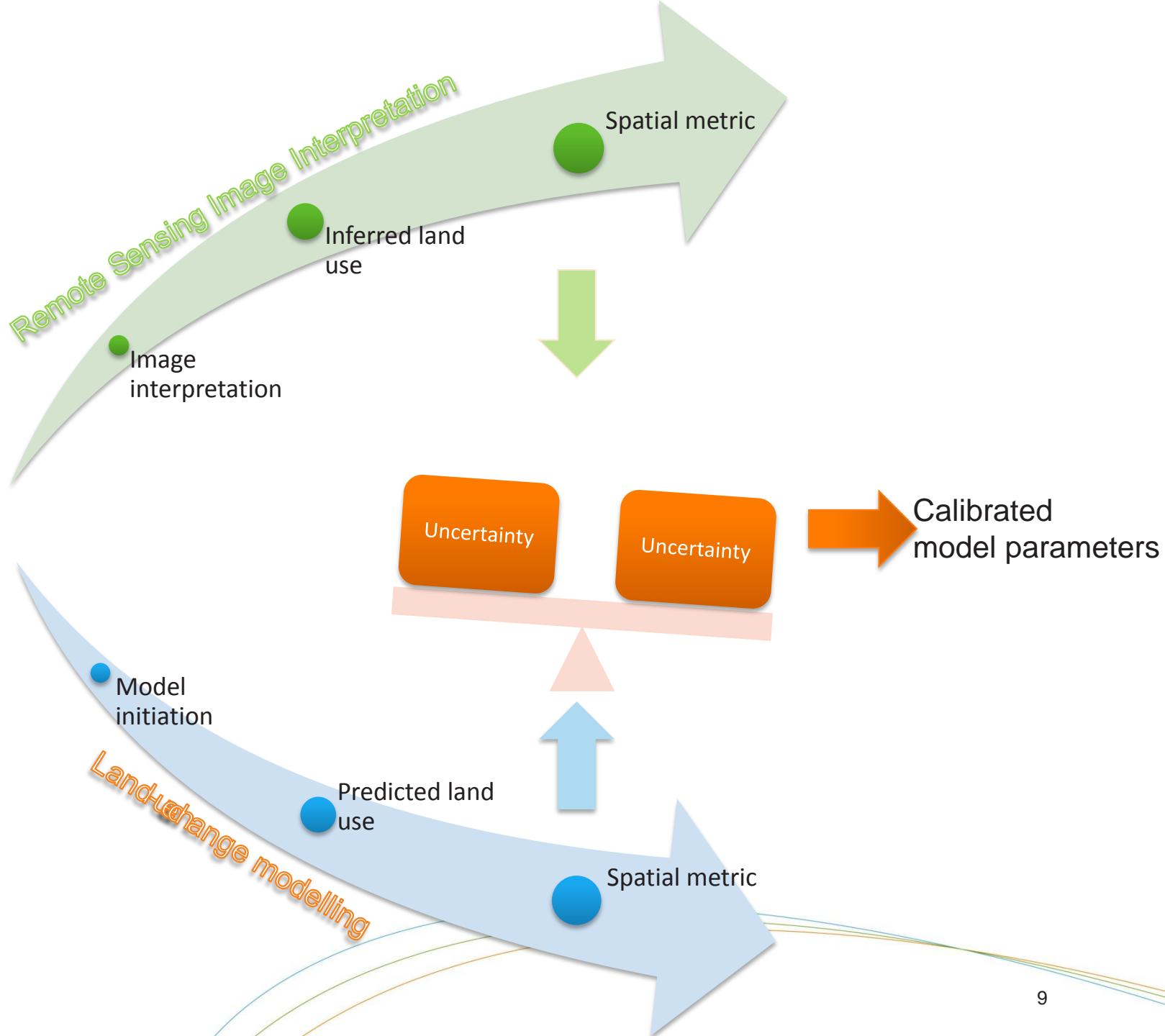
# Uncertainties in predicted land use

- » A major shortcoming in the calibration of land-use change models is that **uncertainties are neglected**. Uncertainties mostly exist in:
    - » Model parameters
    - » Reference data used for calibration of the model
  - » This leads to uncertainties in the prediction of land use



# Objectives ASIMUD

- » Main objectives of ASIMUD:
  - » **Improving the quality of predictions of future land use by reducing the uncertainty in land-use simulations**
  - » Provide end users with **robust** and **reliable** tools for land-use change modelling and calibration, based on the best available scientific knowledge and data



# Anticipated results

- » **Improved land-use simulations** with **lower uncertainties** compared to other automatic calibration methods
- » An **automatic calibration method** based on methods developed in the MAMUD project combined with an innovative data-assimilation approach
- » **Robust and reliable tools** for land-use change modelling and calibration for use in policy contexts will be facilitated and promoted
- » The **probability maps** of simulated land use will be valuable additional data for end users to assess planning policies
- » Website: <http://www.asimud.be>