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The project "Hydrological and carbon inventory" is part of the joint project "Monitoring of landscape surfaces and biodiversity by means of drone and satellite data in the Lausitz model region" (**LauMon**). The project aims at creating and continuously updating area-wide maps of water resources and soil carbon. To this end, a systematic intersection of remote sensing data with data from ground-based environmental monitoring using approaches from empirical and process-based modelling is planned. Together with the project partners, a continuously updated product is to be developed from this, which will be made available to authorities, landscape planners and the agricultural, forestry and water management sectors.

The project is part of the "Research Platform Data Analysis & Simulation" at ZALF. Subject to approval, we are offering a position for 36 months (65%) at the Müncheberg site, starting as early as possible, of a

PhD student for continuous regional hydrological and carbon inventory (f/m/d)

Your tasks:

- blending of multi-temporal satellite remote sensing products with time series of groundwater levels, runoff, agricultural and forest yield
- use of Empirical Orthogonal Functions (Principal Component Analysis) for the completion of existing hydrological time series and for spatio-temporal interpolation
- simplified process-based modelling of regional water and carbon stocks
- use of machine learning techniques
- creation of a largely automatized workflow for continuous updating

Your qualifications:

- completed university studies in environmental science
- basic knowledge of multivariate statistics and machine learning methods
- experience in working with geodata
- programming skills, preferably in Python or a powerful scripting language
- good command of English (written and spoken)
- experience in hydrological and yield modelling would also be desirable

We offer:

- an interdisciplinary working environment that encourages independence and self-reliance
- classification according to the collective agreement of the federal states (TV-L) up to EG 13, including special annual payment
- a collegial and open-minded working atmosphere in a dynamic research institution
- company ticket

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<https://jobs.zalf.de/jobposting/9af0a0a464d4d0dc527a8fdbd8f39f2ec71130ad0>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Prof. Dr. Gunnar Lischeid, Tel. +49 (0) 33432/82-300.

Application documents sent by post or extensive publications will not be returned

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The project “Stable Isotope and AI supported model development for high frequency, cross scale water partitioning” (**ISO-SCALE**) studies the temporal dynamics and spatial variability in ecosystem evapotranspiration, soil evaporation, plant transpiration, soil water distribution and root water uptake. Within that project Work Package 3 aims at differentiating between various effects using a combination of advanced approaches. Thus we are offering a part-time position (65%) starting in March 2023 for three years at our location in Müncheberg as

PhD student for advanced time series analysis (f/m/d)

Your tasks:

- quality assurance of isotope, meteorological and hydrological data from an experimental site
- differentiating between different effects in a complex setting
- identifying drivers and cause-effect relationships for single effects
- close collaboration with field experimentalists and modelers

Your qualifications:

- studies in environmental sciences, geosciences or physics
- basic knowledge of time series analysis, dimensionality reduction and machine learning approaches
- programming experience, preferentially in Python or R
- independent and well-organized work style and time management
- good command of English (written and spoken)

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