

Swiss data quality: augmenting CAMELS-CH with isotopes, water quality, agricultural and atmospheric data

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Abstract

Despite the growth of large-sample hydrology (LSH) datasets, water quality data remain scarce. Here, we introduce CAMELS-CH-Chem, an extension of CAMELS-CH (Catchment Attributes and Meteorology for Large-sample Studies in Switzerland), incorporating up to 40 water quality parameters for 115 Swiss catchments from 1981 to 2020. The dataset includes hourly and daily time series of measurements of water temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and electrical conductivity; as well as (bi)monthly measurements of alkalinity (HCO_3^-), ammonium, Ca, Cl, dissolved organic carbon (DOC), dissolved reactive phosphorus (DRP), total organic carbon (TOC), K, Mg, Na, total filtered phosphorus, total hardness, total nitrogen, total phosphorus, NO_3^- , NO_2^- , Si, SO_4^{2-} , and stream isotopes. In addition, we provide catchment aggregated (bi)monthly time series of rainwater isotopes, along with annual data on land cover, agricultural data (crop types and livestock density), and atmospheric nitrogen deposition. This comprehensive dataset enables broader integration of water quality into LSH research and supports new insights specifically in the field of hydrological modelling.

Background & Summary

Recently, there has been a widespread development of large-sample hydrology (LSH) datasets worldwide^{1–10}. Many of these datasets were inspired by the pioneering Catchment Attributes and MEteorology for Large-sample Studies (CAMELS) dataset, which provided a comprehensive LSH dataset for the contiguous United States⁶. Such datasets typically include hydro-climatic variables—such as streamflow, meteorological forcing data, and catchment properties (e.g., land use and soil types)—covering numerous catchments over extended time periods.

Yet, numerous studies have highlighted the importance of integrating long-term hydro-climatic and catchment properties with stream water quality data to derive critical insights into solute transport processes^{11,12}. Hence, datasets that combine long-term, reliable water quality variables with other hydro-climatic and catchment properties are essential to address

47 global environmental challenges arising from population growth, land use intensification and
48 a changing climate.

49 Recently, CAMELS-Chem¹¹ was released as an openly accessible dataset for the contiguous
50 United States—the first augmentation of a CAMELS dataset that incorporates water quality
51 data. However, similar initiatives remain limited and freely accessible water quality
52 parameters remain scarce in published datasets. This is primarily due to the challenges
53 associated with measuring and providing access to such data, compared to hydro-climatic and
54 catchment variables that are typically easier to obtain.

55 Here, we introduce CAMELS-CH-Chem, an extension of the existing CAMELS-CH⁵ dataset.
56 While CAMELS-CH provides hydrometeorological and streamflow data for 331 catchments
57 across Switzerland, CAMELS-CH-Chem builds on this by integrating up to 40 aggregated stream
58 water quality parameters and isotopes. It also includes catchment-aggregated data on
59 atmospheric deposition, land cover, and agriculture for a subset of 115 catchments. With
60 CAMELS-CH-Chem, we aim to make a significant contribution to the field of LSH by introducing
61 the first CAMELS extension in Europe to include water quality data, enabling data-driven
62 modeling of water quality at larger scales.

63 Our intention in providing catchment-aggregated variables is to enable comprehensive, multi-
64 scale analyses by offering a harmonized dataset ready for integration into LSH and hydro
65 chemical modelling frameworks. Catchment aggregated data of agricultural practices and
66 atmospheric deposition serve as critical explanatory variables for interpreting spatial and
67 temporal variability in water quality and biogeochemical parameters. Similarly, the inclusion
68 of precipitation isotope data adds valuable insights into hydrological flow paths, water source
69 contributions, and catchment-scale transit times, which can be used alongside stream water
70 isotope time series.

71 Although some of the original data, dating back to 1970, is available upon request from
72 providers such as FOEN¹³, CAMELS-CH-Chem specifically provides a comprehensive dataset
73 from 1981 to 2020 to maximize the overlap between different water quality sources and the
74 complementary CAMELS-CH. This approach aligns with the primary objective of LSH datasets:
75 to provide long-term, standardized variables across large regions¹⁴.

76 The newly provided data is divided into three main categories:

- 77 (i) **Stream water chemistry:** This includes time series of more than 30 stream water
78 chemistry constituents, covering both field and laboratory measurements. It provides
79 hourly and daily data on water temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and electrical
80 conductivity, along with (bi)monthly measurements of alkalinity, ammonium (NH_4^+),
81 calcium (Ca), chloride (Cl), dissolved organic carbon (DOC), dissolved reactive
82 phosphorus (DRP), total organic carbon (TOC), bicarbonate (HCO_3^-), potassium (K),
83 magnesium (Mg), sodium (Na), total hardness, total dissolved nitrogen (TDN), total
84 organic nitrogen (TON), total phosphorus (TP), nitrate (NO_3^-), nitrite (NO_2^-), silica (Si),
85 and sulphate (SO_4^{2-}).
- 86 (ii) **Stream water isotopes:** This includes (bi)monthly time series of stream water isotope
87 data of deuterium (^2H) and oxygen-18 (^{18}O).
- 88 (iii) **Catchment aggregated data:** This provides annual time series of atmospheric
89 deposition concentrations for nitrate (NO_3^-), ammonium (NH_4^+), ammonia (NH_3),
90 nitrite (NO_2^-), and total inorganic nitrogen for 115 catchments, alongside crop type
91 distributions and livestock density data. Finally, we also provide monthly time series
92 of catchment aggregated rainwater isotope data to improve isotope assessments.

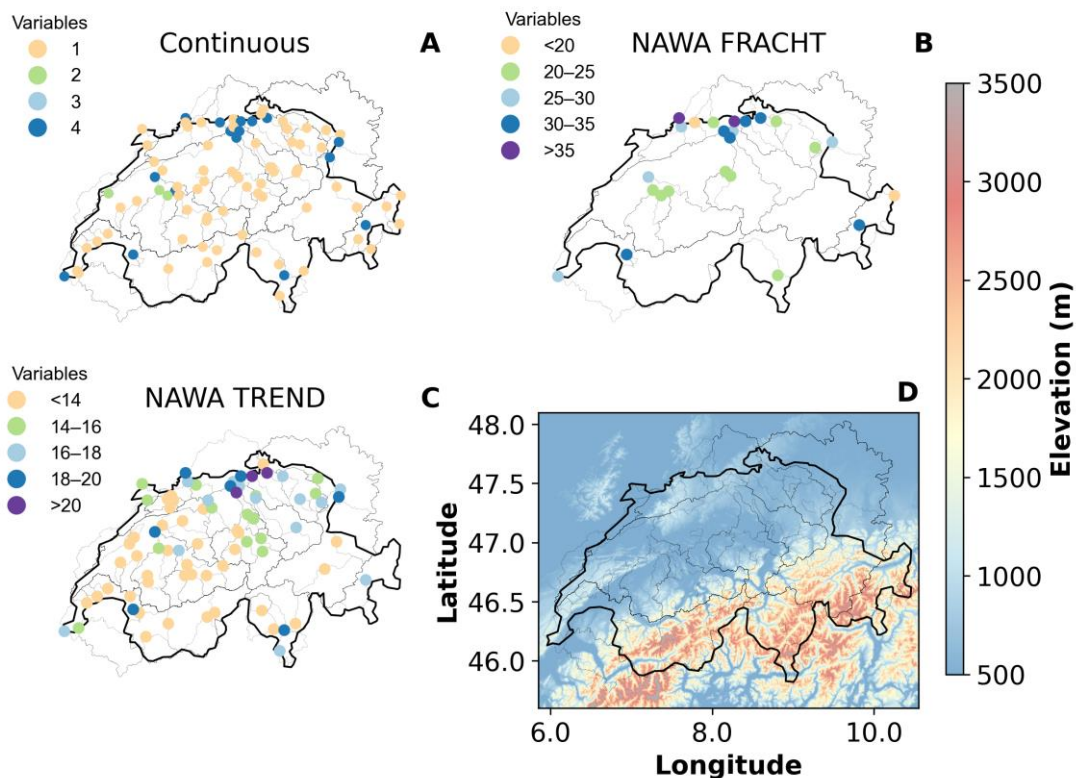
93 The manuscript is structured as follows: the Methods section describes the original data
94 sources and the methodology used for compiling it into the CAMELS-CH-Chem dataset. The
95 Data Records section describes the structure of the CAMELS-CH-Chem dataset. Finally, the
96 Technical Validation section provides a first order validation of the CAMELS-CH-Chem dataset
97 based on selected hypotheses.

98 **Methods**

99 **Stream water chemistry data**

100 Water chemistry data was collected within the framework of national monitoring
101 programmes. The continuous water temperature data was obtained from the surface water
102 temperature monitoring network of the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN, in
103 German BAFU). The water quality data was collected within the National Surface Water
104 Quality Monitoring Programme (NAWA). Within NAWA TREND, the surface water quality is
105 monitored in more than 100 catchments in cooperation with the FOEN and the cantonal
106 authorities. In NAWA FRACHT (previously called NADUF), the continuous parameters and
107 pollutant loads are monitored in about 15 selected catchments in collaboration with the FOEN,
108 the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag) and the Swiss Federal
109 Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research (WSL). The three sources encompass both
110 unique and redundant information for a few variables, whereby continuous (sensors) data
111 comprises the most complete daily and hourly time series.

112 **Figure 1** shows the distribution of the stream water chemistry measurement stations across
113 Switzerland with their respective catchment boundaries in background. The colors of each dot
114 represent the maximum number of chemical variables observed at a given location. Note that
115 some locations of the three different data sources overlap, consequently we provide data for
116 115 unique locations. **Figure 1** also illustrates that these catchments are well distributed across
117 Switzerland capturing the complex topography (**Figure 1d**) and climatology of the country. In
118 total, 86 locations have available continuous measurement data, 24 have available water
119 sampling data from NAWA FRACHT and 76 from NAWA TREND.



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 121 **Figure 1.** Spatial distribution of the measurement locations with data available in CAMELS-CH-
 122 Chem encompassing (a) Sensor data, (b) NAWA FRACHT and (c) NAWA TREND data. The dots
 123 in each subplot have different colors representing the number of available parameters at each
 124 location. Note that for the same location, we might provide data from continuous
 125 measurements, NAWA FRACHT and NAWA TREND. The upstream catchment area of each station
 126 is displayed in background. Additionally, subplot (d) shows a map of the elevation, with
 127 the boundaries of Switzerland and the catchment areas of each station.

128 In the following section, we describe the main data sources. A detailed description of the
 129 measurements and information on data acquisition and processing, such as sensor types,
 130 accuracy, and methods used, are available in Supplementary Material.

131 **Continuous (sensors) data**

132 The FOEN¹³ and NAWA FRACHT¹⁵ programme provided hourly and daily time series of stream
 133 water temperature, pH, electric conductivity, and oxygen concentration from 1981 to 2020 for
 134 the 86 stations shown in **Figure 1a**. It is important to note that most of the 86 stations have
 135 temperature only. These data are continuously measured with online sensors. Here we refer
 136 to them as "continuous data". A further overview of these four variables regarding the dataset-
 137 specific information (name and description), units and resolution is shown in **Table 1**.

138 **Table 1.** Overview of the stream water chemistry data obtained from the continuous data
 139 provided by FOEN and the NAWA FRACHT programme.

Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
date	Date of the measurement.	-	Hourly, daily	FOEN ¹³ and NAWA FRACHT ¹⁵
temp_sensor	Water temperature	°C		

Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
ec_sensor	Electrical conductivity at 25 °C	µS/cm		
O2C_sensor	Oxygen concentration	mg/l		
pH_sensor	pH	-		

140 **NAWA FRACHT**

141 Further water chemistry data was obtained from the NAWA FRACHT programme¹⁵ (**Figure 1b**).
 142 The dataset provides 38 variables obtained from either installed online sensors (six variables
 143 with "**_sensor**" in their names) or measured in the laboratory (remaining variables) (**Table 2**).
 144 This data has a measurement resolution of 7 to 14 days collected between 1982 and 2020,
 145 whereby time series provide the mean of measurements between **date_start** and **date_end**.
 146 Note that the NAWA FRACHT program also has overlapping measurement locations with the
 147 continuous data (described above) and NAWA TREND (described below). An overview of the
 148 38 measured variables, i.e., dataset-specific information, units and resolution, is shown in
 149 **Table 2**.

150 **Table 2.** Overview of the stream water chemistry variables obtained from the National River
 151 Monitoring and Survey Programme (NAWA FRACHT, previously called NADUF). The time series
 152 provide the mean of measurements between **date_start** and **date_end**.

Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
date_start	Measurement start date.	-	7-14 days mean	NAWA FRACHT ¹⁵
date_end	Measurement end date.	-		
alk	Alkalinity	mmol/l		
As	Arsenic	µg/l		
Ba	Barium	µg/l		
Br	Bromide	mg/l		
Cd	Cadmium	µg/l		
Ca	Calcium	mg/l		
Cl	Chloride	mg/l		
Cr	Chromium	µg/l		
Cu	Copper	µg/l		
doc	Dissolved Organic Carbon	mg/l		
drp	Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus	mg/l		
ec25_sensor*	Electrical conductivity at 25 °C	µS/cm		
ec20_lab	Electrical conductivity at 20 °C	µS/cm		
F	Fluoride	mg/l		
Fe	Iron	mg/l		
Pb	Lead	µg/l		
Mg	Magnesium	mg/l		
q_mean_sensor*	Mean discharge	m ³ /s		
Hg	Mercury	µg/l		
Ni	Nickel	µg/l		
NO3_N	Nitrate	mg/l		
O2C_sensor*	Oxygen concentration	mg/l		
O2S_sensor*	Oxygen saturation	%		

Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
pH_lab	pH	-		
pH_sensor*	pH	-		
K	Potassium	mg/l		
H4SiO4	Silicate	mg/l		
Na	Sodium	mg/l		
Sr	Strontium	µg/l		
SO4	Sulphate	mg/l		
tfp	Total filtered phosphorus	mg/l		
th	Total hardness	mmol/		
tn	Total nitrogen	mg/l		
toc	Total organic carbon	mg/l		
tp	Total phosphorus	mg/l		
tss	Total suspended solids	mg/l		
temp_sensor*	Water temperature	°C		
Zn	Zinc	µg/l		

153 * These values are averages computed for the **date_start** and **date_end** measurement interval
154 and derived from sensors installed at the measurement location with an original resolution of
155 10-minutes (FOEN and NAWA FRACHT).

156 NAWA TREND

157 Water chemistry data is also provided from the NAWA TREND programme¹⁶ (**Figure 1c**). This
158 dataset provides 22 variables (**Table 3**), measured from grab samples covering 2011 through
159 2020 at monthly resolution. Thus, the time series represents the measurement taken at the
160 respective **date**. An overview of the 22 variables, including dataset-specific information, units,
161 and resolution, is shown in **Table 3**.

162 **Table 3.** Overview of the stream water chemistry variables obtained from the National Surface
163 Water Quality Monitoring Programme (NAWA TREND). The measurements were taken as grab
164 samples, typically once per month. The precise sampling dates are provided in the **date**
165 column in the final dataset.

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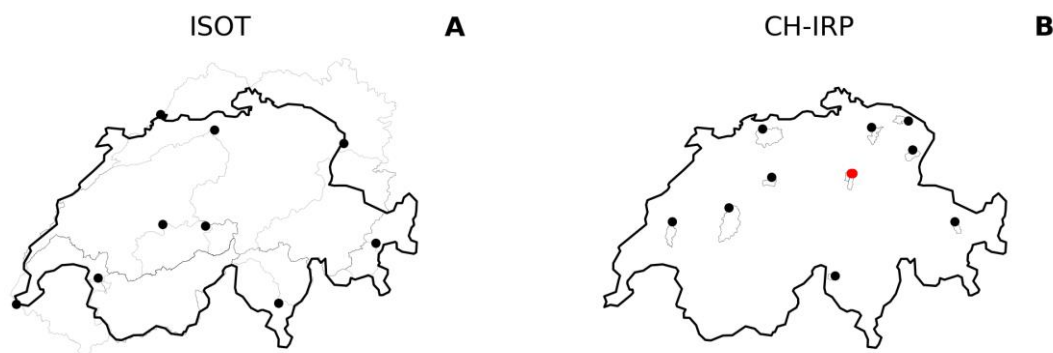
Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
date	Date the measurement was taken.	-	One grab sample per month, between 2011 and 2020	NAWA TREND ¹⁶
NH4_N	Ammonium nitrogen	mg/l		
Cl	Chloride	mg/l		
q_max_kanton	Daily maximum discharge measured or estimated from cantons	m ³ /s		
q_min_kanton	Daily minimum discharge measured or estimated from cantons	m ³ /s		
q_mean_kanton	Daily mean discharge measured or estimated from cantons	m ³ /s		
q_mean_sensor*	Mean discharge	m ³ /s		
doc	Dissolved organic carbon	mg/l		
drp	Dissolved reactive phosphorus	mg/l		
ec25_lab	Electrical conductivity at 25 °C measured in the lab	µS/cm		

ec25_sensor*	Electrical conductivity at 25 °C	μS/cm		
NO3_N	Nitrate nitrogen	mg/l		
NO2_N	Nitrite nitrogen	mg/l		
O2_lab	Oxygen concentration measured in the lab	mg/l		
O2_sensor*	Oxygen concentration	mg/l		
O2S_sensor*	Oxygen saturation	%		
pH_lab	pH measured in the lab	-		
pH_sensor*	pH	-		
temp_lab	Water temperature measured in the lab	°C		
temp_sensor*	Water temperature	°C		
turbidity_sensor*	Turbidity	NTU		
tn	Total nitrogen	mg/l		
tp	Total phosphorus	mg/l		

167 * These values are averages computed from sensors installed at the measurement location at
168 a resolution of 10-minutes (FOEN¹³ and NAWA FRACHT¹⁵) for the respective measurement
169 date.

170 Stream water isotopes

171 We also provide stream water measurements of deuterium and oxygen-18 data with a
172 resolution from 14 days to monthly for all locations where such data is available across
173 Switzerland from the ISOT module¹⁷ (nine stations) of the National Groundwater Monitoring
174 (NAQUA) and from the CH-IRP dataset¹⁸ (11 stations). The spatial distribution of such stations
175 is shown in **Figure 2**.



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178 **Figure 2.** Spatial distribution of the measurement locations with stream water isotope data
179 available in CAMELS-CH-Chem encompassing (a) ISOT data and (b) CH-IRP. Their respective
180 catchment delineations are shown in background for both datasets. Moreover, for CH-IRP, it
181 is worth noting that stations Biberbrugg (2604) and Einsiedeln (2609), both depicted as red
182 dots, are located very close but in two different rivers (Biber and Alp). Therefore, due to scale
183 reasons this figure gives the impression of having only 10 stations.

184 ISOT module

185 The ISOT module provides isotopes measurement time series covering the period from 1992
186 through 2022. For two stations (i.e., Thun: 2030 & Brienzwiler: 2019), the measurements are
187 from grab samples taken at the respective time or a mixed sample for multiple timesteps of
188 the same month in case multiple dates are provided. Information on the data is summarized
189 in (Table 4). Finally, **Figure 2a** shows the distribution of these nine measurement locations.

190 **Table 4.** Overview of the ISOT isotope data available in CAMELS-CH-Chem. The resolution is
 191 variable for each time-step, and ranges from 14 days to monthly. The provided measurements
 192 are the average from daily samples between **date_start** and **date_end**, whereas aggregation
 193 intervals vary up to a maximum of 30 days.

Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
date_start	Measurement start date.	-	Monthly or 14-day average	ISOT ¹⁷
date_end	Measurement end date.	-		
delta_2h	Deuterium (² H)	δ ² H ‰ SMOW		
delta_18o	Oxygen-18 (¹⁸ O)	δ ¹⁸ O ‰ SMOW		

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195 **CH-IRP dataset**

196 Apart from the nine stations monitored by the ISOT module, here we also provide data for 11
 197 stations monitored and made available by the CH-IRP dataset and project (Staudinger, 2019¹⁸),
 198 covering the period from 2010 through 2020. The CH-IRP original dataset covers a total of 22
 199 medium-sized alpine and pre-alpine Swiss catchments. It is worth noting that we deliberately
 200 provide data only for the 11 stations overlapping with the original CAMELS-CH stations. For a
 201 full description of the CH-IRP dataset, users should refer to their original publication
 202 (Staudinger, 2019¹⁸). Information on the data is summarized in (**Table 5**), while **Figure 2b**
 203 shows the distribution of these monitoring stations.

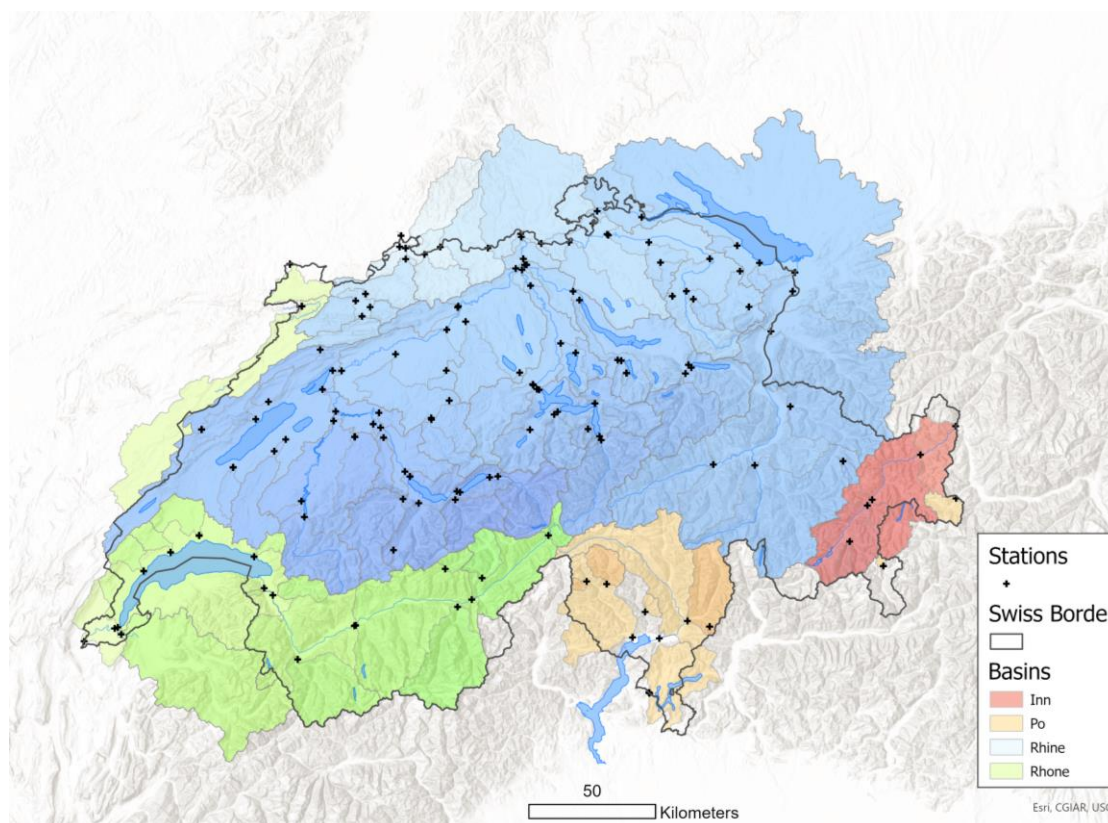
204 **Table 5.** Overview of the CH-IRP isotope data available in CAMELS-CH-Chem. This data is
 205 measured every 14 days. The **date** attribute corresponds to the sampling date.

Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
date	Measurement date.	-	Every 14-days	Staudinger, 2019 ¹⁸
delta_2h	Deuterium (² H)	δ ² H ‰ SMOW		
delta_18o	Oxygen-18 (¹⁸ O)	δ ¹⁸ O ‰ SMOW		

206 **Catchment aggregated data**

207 Complementing the stream water chemistry and isotope data, CAMELS-CH-Chem also
 208 provides five types of catchments aggregated data: yearly time series of i) atmospheric
 209 deposition, ii) land cover percentage, iii) crop types and iv) livestock unit data, along with (v)
 210 monthly time series of rainwater isotopes data. **Figure 3** shows the locations of the 115
 211 catchments across Switzerland where these aggregated data is available. Note that these
 212 catchments correspond to those with stream water chemistry data.

213 It is important to note that, except for land cover data, this aggregated information was
 214 derived from data sources covering solely Switzerland. Since 23 of the 115 catchments have a
 215 part located outside Switzerland, users should be careful when dealing with the data. To
 216 provide an initial filter for users, the variable **area_perc_swiss**, which will be further described
 217 in the Gauge metadata section (**Table 11**), provides the percentage of the catchment located
 218 in Switzerland.



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 220 **Figure 3.** Spatial distribution of the 115 catchments used to derive the catchment aggregated
 221 data provided in CAMELS-CH-Chem. Each of their respective gauging stations is shown as black
 222 crosses. In the background, the four major basins are shown, along with their main river
 223 networks and major lakes.

224 **Atmospheric deposition**

225 CAMELS-CH-Chem also provides time series of annual atmospheric deposition of NO_3^- , NH_4^- ,
 226 NH_3 , NO_2^- , HNO_3 , and total inorganic nitrogen aggregated from gridded data provided by Rihm
 227 and Künzle, 2019¹⁹. Specifically, the gridded data of individual nitrogen components was based
 228 on i) emission inventories and statistical dispersion models (NH_3 and NO_2^-), ii) monitoring data
 229 and spatial interpolation methods (HNO_3 , wet deposition of NO_3^- and NH_4^-), and iii) monitoring
 230 data, inferential models, and spatial interpolation (dry deposition of NO_3^- and NH_4^-). Finally, the
 231 gridded data of total atmospheric nitrogen deposition is based on the combination of the
 232 above-mentioned components.

233 Further details on the methods used to model and spatially aggregate nitrogen deposition are
 234 available in Rihm and Achermann, 2016²⁰ and Rihm and Künzle, 2019¹⁹. The original gridded
 235 nitrogen deposition data is available at a 1 km x 1 km resolution in 5-year intervals starting in
 236 1990. Here, we provide catchment averages, which were calculated using the area-weighted
 237 mean of all map pixels inside a catchment. **Table 6** provides an overview of this dataset. It is
 238 worth noting that since this data exists only for the years 1990, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and
 239 2020, we applied a linear interpolation between these to fill the years in between.

240 **Table 6.** Overview of the atmospheric deposition data available in CAMELS-CH-Chem.

Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
date	Year of the measurement.	-		19,21

Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
dhno3gas	Gaseous deposition of HNO ₃	kg N/ ha	Yearly, between 1990 and 2020	
dnh3gas	Gaseous deposition of NH ₃			
dnh4total	Sum of wet and dry deposition of NH ₄ ⁻			
dno2gas	Gaseous deposition of NO ₂ ⁻			
dno3total	Sum of wet and dry deposition of NO ₃ ⁻			
dntotal	Total nitrogen deposition as a sum of wet, dry and gaseous deposition			

241 **Landcover data**

242 We provide land use coverage for the 115 catchments included in CAMELS-CH-Chem,
 243 recomputed following the same procedure as in CAMELS-CH⁵, also using the CORINE Land
 244 Cover (CLC) dataset²². As CLC data is available for the years 2000, 2006, 2012 and 2018, we
 245 applied linear interpolation to fill the years in between and repeated the value 2018 for the
 246 last two years. The data was divided into 12 classes: agriculture, forest (coniferous, deciduous,
 247 and mixed), grass and herb vegetation, scrub vegetation, wetlands, ice and perpetual snow,
 248 inland water surface, rock (loose and solid), settlements/urban and unknown/blank. **Table 7**
 249 summarizes this information. Users may refer to CAMELS-CH⁵ and the official CORINE²²
 250 publication for further details.

251 **Table 7.** Overview of the land cover data provided in CAMELS-CH-Chem.

Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
date	Year of the measurement.	-	Yearly, between 2000 and 2020	CORINE ²²
crop_perc	Agriculture	%		
dwood_perc	Deciduous forest			
ewood_perc	Coniferous forest (evergreen)			
grass_perc	Grass and herb vegetation			
ice_perc	Glaciers and perpetual snow			
inwater_perc	Inland water			
loose_rock_perc	Loose rocks and bare soils			
mixed_wood_per c	Mixed forest			
rock_perc	Hard rocks and bare soils			
scrub_perc	Percentage of medium-scale vegetation			
urban_perc	Urban and settlements			
wetlands_perc	Wetlands			

252 **Crop types data**

253 We also estimated the area within the 115 catchments covered by certain crops and provided
 254 these data annually from 1980 to 2020. The following 10 crop types were considered: cereals,
 255 maize, sugar beet, potatoes, rapeseed, pulses, vegetables, total arable land (= sum of all
 256 crops), as well as grapevines and orchards. We utilized the Swiss census of agricultural farms,
 257 provided by FSO, 2023²³, for the annual statistics of all crops in Switzerland.

258 Until 2019, yearly crop statistics were recorded only at the municipal level, meaning the
 259 precise location of crops within each municipality was unknown. Hence, to improve spatial
 260 localization, we distributed the statistical crop data by aggregating such yearly values across
 261 the land use class 41 (period 2004-09, and standard nomenclature NOAS04) obtained from the
 262 *Arealstatistik Schweiz* dataset²⁴ for the arable land; and the classes “grapevine” and “orchard”
 263 from the Topographic Landscape Model (TLM) from the Swisstopo²⁵ dataset. This step
 264 resulted in the total crop data being divided into 10 different classes for each Swiss
 265 municipality.

266 Finally, we aggregated the municipality data per catchment and estimated the area of each
 267 crop type for each of the 115 catchments. Each catchment has, therefore, a yearly time series
 268 for each of the 10 crop classes (**Table 8**). It is important to note that the data before 1996 was
 269 provided at 5-year intervals (1980, 1985, 1990 and 1996), and after 1996, at yearly time-steps
 270 until 2019. Therefore, we applied a linear interpolation between the 5-year data in the 1980–
 271 1996 period and repeated the values from 2019 for the last year.

272 **Table 8.** Overview of the crop type data available in CAMELS-CH-Chem, along with their
 273 respective temporal resolution and source.

Attribute		Units	Temporal resolution	Source
date	Year of the measurement.	-	Yearly, between 1980 and 2020	23–25
Arable land	cereal	m ²		
	maize			
	sugarbeet			
	potato			
	rapeseed			
	pulse			
	vegetable			
	total_arable			
grapevine				
orchard				

274 **Livestock unit data**

275 The term livestock unit (here referred to as GVE, from the German word *Grossvieheinheiten*)
 276 is a reference unit that facilitates the aggregation of livestock across different species and age
 277 groups based on a standardized convention from Eurostat²⁶. Here, we used yearly livestock
 278 unit data from the Swiss Federal Statistical Office (FSO, 2023²⁴), covering the years 1980 to
 279 2020. The original data was recorded at the municipal level, meaning the exact location of
 280 livestock within a municipality could not be determined.

281 Therefore, to improve spatial localization, we distributed the livestock data across the land
 282 use categories alpine and jura pastures, natural meadows, and farm pastures within each
 283 municipality. This was done by using land use classifications from the *Arealstatistik Schweiz*

284 dataset (FSO, 2024²⁷), allowing us to estimate livestock density (livestock units per hectare)
 285 for different land use types, including natural meadows, pastures, and Alpine and Jura
 286 pastures.

287 We distinguished between two types of areas:

- 288 1. Alpine and Jura Pastures: It is estimated that 20% of the total Swiss livestock
 289 population spends three months annually on these pastures. To calculate livestock
 290 density in these areas, we multiplied the total Swiss livestock units by 0.05 (20% × 1/4
 291 year). This value was then divided by the total area of Alpine and Jura pastures,
 292 resulting in a uniform livestock unit per hectare for all such pastures.
- 293 2. Natural Meadows and Farm Pastures: We used land use categories 15 (natural
 294 meadows) and 16 (home pastures) from the Swiss land use statistics²⁴. Each area was
 295 assigned a weighting factor of 1 and multiplied by the total livestock unit of the
 296 respective municipality. The resulting value was then multiplied by 0.95 (i.e., 1-0.05)
 297 and divided by the total area of natural meadows and home pastures within the
 298 municipality, yielding a municipality-specific livestock unit per hectare.

299 Finally, we aggregated the livestock data for the 115 catchments. An overview of the final
 300 livestock unit data is presented in **Table 9**.

301 It is important to note that similarly to the crop-types data, livestock unit data before 1996
 302 were provided at 5-year intervals (1980, 1985, 1990 and 1996) and after 1996, at yearly time-
 303 step until 2020. Therefore, we applied a linear interpolation between the years 1980 and 1996.

304 **Table 9.** Overview of the livestock unit data (GVE) available in CAMELS-CH-Chem, alongside
 305 their description, units, temporal resolution, and sources. Note that from 1980 to 1990, data
 306 is provided every five years, and from 1996 to 2022, data is provided yearly.

Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
date	Year of the measurement.	-	Yearly, between 1980 and 2020	24,26,27
gve_sum	Number of livestock units per catchment.	unit		
gve_ha	Number of livestock units per hectare.	unit/ha		

307 **Rainwater isotopes data**

308 Stable isotopes of oxygen (¹⁸O) and deuterium (²H) in precipitation and in stream water serve
 309 as natural tracers of hydrological processes. Hence, besides the stream water isotopes time
 310 series (previously described), we provide monthly catchment-aggregated rainwater isotopes
 311 for the 115 catchments from 2007 to 2020.

312 In Switzerland, stable isotopes of oxygen in precipitation are monitored through the ISOT¹⁷
 313 observation network, which is part of the NAQUA National Groundwater Monitoring
 314 Programme. Here, we used monthly precipitation isotope values from the ISOT network²⁸,
 315 which were originally spatially interpolated into gridded isotope maps ("isoscapes") using a
 316 regression-kriging approach²⁹.

317 According to the isoscapes publication²⁸, this interpolation method involves a multiple linear
 318 regression model relating isotope values to a set of geographic and climatic variables, including

319 elevation, coordinates, and monthly precipitation totals. The spatially correlated residuals
 320 from this regression are then interpolated using ordinary kriging to account for local deviations
 321 not explained by the predictors.

322 **Table 10.** Overview of the isoscapes rainwater isotope data available in CAMELS-CH-Chem.
 323 The data is provided at a monthly resolution. The **date** attribute is the sampling date.

Attribute	Description	Units	Temporal resolution	Source
date	Measurement date.	-	Monthly between the years 2007 and 2020	Isoscapes ²⁸
delta_2h	Deuterium (² H)	δ ² H ‰ SMOW		
delta_18o	Oxygen-18 (¹⁸ O)	δ ¹⁸ O ‰ SMOW		

324 **Catchment delineation**

325 We used the catchment boundary shapefiles from the CAMELS-CH dataset to calculate
 326 catchment aggregated data (i.e., atmospheric deposition and agricultural data). Catchment
 327 outlets in CAMELS-CH are defined based on the discharge gauging location. However, some
 328 chemical measurement locations in the NAWA FRACHT and NAWA TREND datasets are slightly
 329 different from the CAMELS-CH streamflow gauging stations. For these cases, we adjusted the
 330 CAMELS-CH catchment areas using the new outlet information. Information regarding these
 331 shifts is provided in the gauge metadata (**Table 11**) with details regarding the distance
 332 between streamflow and the water chemistry measurement locations. For the respective
 333 catchments, we also provide the adjusted shapefile delineation for users to decide whether to
 334 use the original CAMELS-CH or the adjusted CAMELS-CH-Chem catchment boundaries. All the
 335 remaining catchment aggregated data were derived exclusively using the catchment
 336 boundaries provided by CAMELS-CH.

337 **Data Records**

338 The current version of the CAMELS-CH-Chem dataset (v0.1)³⁰ is stored in a Zenodo repository
 339 at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14980027>. The repository is organized into the following
 340 (sub)folders:

- 341 • **catchment_aggregated_data:** contains five subfolders. Each contains one csv file per
 342 catchment, with 115 files in total. The files are organized by time series (rows) and
 343 attribute variables (columns).
 - 344 ○ **agricultural_data:** contains one csv file per catchment with the variables
 345 described in **Table 8**.
 - 346 ○ **atmospheric_deposition:** contains one csv file per catchment with the
 347 variables described in **Table 6**.
 - 348 ○ **landcover_data:** contains one csv file per catchment with the variables
 349 described in **Table 7**.
 - 350 ○ **livestock_data:** contains one csv file per catchment with the variables
 351 described in **Table 9**.
 - 352 ○ **rain_water_isotopes:** contains one csv file per catchment with the variables
 353 described in **Table 10**.
- 354 • **shapefiles:** contains three subfolders.
 - 355 ○ **camels_ch_del:** contains two shapefiles. One shapefile includes the derived
 356 catchment boundaries associated with each gauge, and the other shapefile
 357 marks the location of the gauge stations. Both files are referenced in the Swiss
 358 coordinate system LV95 (sometimes also referred to as CH1903+) and were
 359 copied from the original CAMELS-CH.
 - 360 ○ **nawa_trend_del:** provides the alternative delineation shapefile for the NAWA
 361 TREND catchments.

- 362 ○ **nawa_fracht_del**: like the anterior, but for NAWA FRACHT catchments.
- 363 • **gauges_medatada**: contains one csv file covering all the metadata associated with
- 364 each of the 115 gauging stations that will be described in **Table 11**.
- 365 • **stream_water_chemistry**: contains two subfolders.
 - 366 ○ **timeseries**: contains two nested sub-sub folders. The csv files in both are
 - 367 organized by time series (rows) and attribute variables (columns), and each
 - 368 column represents one of the four water quality variables as described in
 - 369 **Table 1**. Both nested subfolders contain 86 files.
 - 370 ▪ **daily**: contains one csv file per catchment at daily resolution.
 - 371 ▪ **hourly**: contains one csv file per catchment at hourly resolution.
 - 372 ○ **interval_samples**: contains three nested sub-subfolders.
 - 373 ▪ **nawa_fracht**: contains one csv file per catchment covered (24 files).
 - 374 The rows represent the dates, and each column represents one of the
 - 375 water quality variables, as described in **Table 2**.
 - 376 ▪ **nawa_trend**: contains one csv file per catchment covered (76 files)
 - 377 and presents a similar structure as the anterior, but now with each
 - 378 column covering one of the variables in **Table 3**.
- 379 • **stream_water_isotopes**: contains two subfolders. Each contains one csv file per
- 380 catchment with any isotope data. The rows represent the dates, and each column
- 381 represents either deuterium or oxygen-18 data.
 - 382 ○ **isot**: contains one csv file per catchment covered (nine files).
 - 383 ○ **ch-irp**: contains one csv file per catchment covered (11 files).

384 Gauge metadata

385 The gauge metadata csv file contains the basic information to allow a proper use of the
 386 dataset. Many attributes are a repetition of those provided by CAMELS-CH. Note that the
 387 coordinate information on northing and easting is always provided in the Swiss reference
 388 system LV95, while the **gauge_lon** and **gauge_lat** are provided in WGS84. Additionally, due to
 389 the potential location difference between the measurement point of the CAMELS-CH
 390 streamflow gauge and both NAWA FRACHT and NAWA TREND, further fields were added to
 391 ensure consistency when using the data.

392 The attributes **gauge_name_{}**, **gauge_easting_{}**, **gauge_northing_{}** and **area_{}** refer to
 393 specific information from either NAWA FRACHT or NAWA TREND when applicable. The
 394 attribute **area_swiss_perc** represents the percentage of the upstream catchment area located
 395 in Switzerland and might be useful for users when using the catchment aggregated data.

396 The field **foen_{}_dist** represents the distance in kilometres between the CAMELS-CH
 397 streamflow gauge and the NAWA FRACHT or NAWA TREND measurement points (when
 398 applicable). Additionally, we also added a correction factor (**q_nawat_corrector**) for the
 399 NAWA TREND measurement points, which can be used to correct the streamflow discharge
 400 (as provided in CAMELS-CH) to the new catchment area when using the chemistry data. Finally,
 401 the field **remarks** summarize additional potential information about the gauges that should
 402 be considered before using the data.

403 **Table 11.** Overview of the gauges metadata structure with their respective variables name,
 404 description, and units.

Attribute name	Description	Units
gauge_id*	Catchment identifier according to FOEN notation.	-
sensor_id	The same as gauge_id for stations where water chemistry measurements from continuous measurements data are available	-
nawaf_id	Catchment identifier according to NAWA FRACHT notation.	-

Attribute name	Description	Units
nawat_id	Catchment identifier according to NAWA TREND notation.	-
isot_id	Catchment identifier according to ISOT notation.	-
chirp_id	Catchment identifier according to CH-IRP notation.	
gauge_name*	Gauging station name.	-
water_body_name*	Water body name.	-
gauge_easting*	Gauging station easting.	m
gauge_northing*	Gauging station northing.	m
gauge_lon*	Gauging station longitude.	°
gauge_lat*	Gauging station latitude.	°
area*	Catchment area derived using the FOEN outlet.	km ²
area_swiss_perc	Percentage of the upstream catchment area located in Switzerland. A value of 100 means that the catchment is located completely within Swiss borders.	%
Q	Information if discharge time series from CAMELS-CH is available.	yes/no
level	Information if water level time series from CAMELS-CH is available.	yes/no
gauge_name_nawaf	Gauging station name according to NAWA FRACHT.	-
gauge_easting_nawaf	Gauging station easting according to NAWA FRACHT.	m
gauge_northing_nawaf	Gauging station northing according to NAWA FRACHT.	m
area_nawaf	Catchment area derived using the NAWA FRACHT sampling location.	km ²
foen_nawaf_dist	Distance between the gauging station from CAMELS-CH and the NAWA FRACHT sampling location (0 when both are at the same location).	km
gauge_name_nawat	Monitoring site name according to NAWA TREND.	-
gauge_easting_nawat	Monitoring site easting according to NAWA TREND.	m
gauge_northing_nawat	Monitoring site northing according to NAWA TREND.	m
area_nawat	Catchment area derived using the NAWA TREND sampling location.	km ²
foen_nawat_dist	Distance between the gauging station from CAMELS-CH and the NAWA TREND sampling location (0 when both are at the same location).	km
q_nawat_corrector	Weighting factor available to adjust the streamflow time series to the NAWA TREND catchment area.	-
remarks		-

405 * This information is the same as already provided in CAMELS-CH⁵.

406 **Catchment delineations metadata**

407 The delineated geometry of each catchment is stored in the catchment layer. This layer
408 includes the **gauge_id** field, which is also used for the gauges, allowing for a link between the
409 two datasets. Additionally, the catchment layer also has the fields shown in **Table 12**. These
410 fields ensure consistency between the catchment and gauge datasets, facilitating seamless
411 integration and analysis.

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413 **Table 12.** Catchment delineations metadata structure with their respective variables name,
414 description, and units.

Attribute name	Description	Units
gauge_id	Catchment identifier according to FOEN notation.	-
sensor_id	The same as gauge_id for stations where water chemistry measurements from continuous measurements data are available.	-
nawaf_id	Catchment identifier according to NAWA FRACHT notation ¹⁶ .	-
nawat_id	Catchment identifier according to NAWA TREND notation ¹⁷ .	-
isot_id	Catchment identifier according to ISOT notation ¹⁸ .	-
gauge_name	Gauging station name	-
water_body	Water body name.	-
gauge_east	Gauging station easting.	m
gauge_nort	Gauging station northing.	m
gauge_lon	Gauging station longitude.	°
gauge_lat	Gauging station latitude.	°
area	Catchment area derived using the FOEN outlet.	km ²
area_swiss	Percentage of the upstream catchment area located in Switzerland. A value of 100 means that the catchment is located completely within Swiss borders.	

415 **Technical Validation**

416 **Calibration of the sensor data**

417 The devices used to measure the variables available from sensor data are calibrated twice per
418 year; if there was significant deviation from manual measurements, they are corrected
419 accordingly. Whenter needed, calibration of physico-chemical sensors at NAWA FRACHT^{13,15}
420 stations is performed monthly.

421 **Water chemistry measurements first "sanity check"**

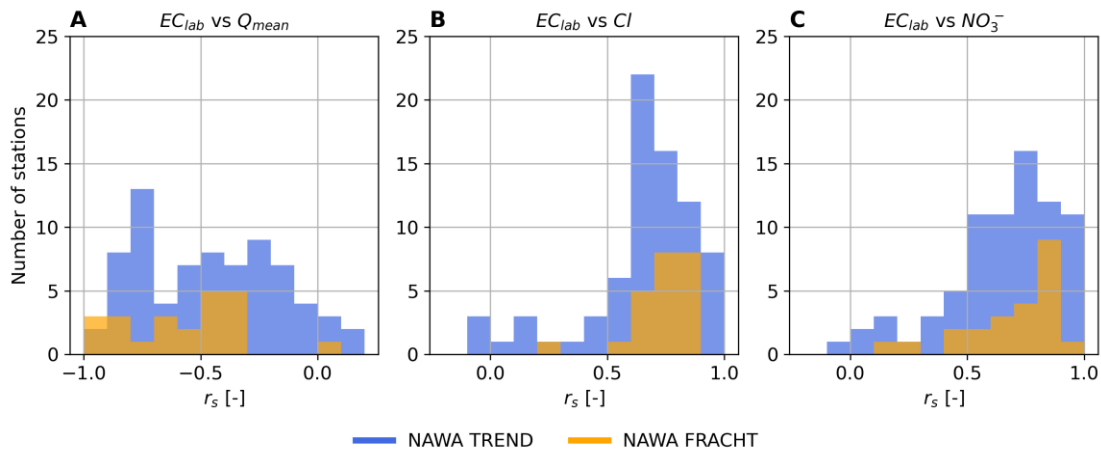
422 We provided a first assessment of the validity of some of the measured variables. Based on
423 previous literature, we formulated three main hypotheses on the expected variable
424 correlations among themselves. We then tested these hypotheses to determine whether the
425 observed water chemistry measurements are consistent with expectations. Here we
426 computed the correlations using the Spearman correlation coefficient (r_s). Our hypotheses are
427 as follows:

- 428 (i) Stream water EC is broadly negatively correlated with mean discharge, as
429 demonstrated by previous studies^{31,32}.
- 430 (ii) EC is positively correlated to the measurements of major anions, such as Cl⁻ and NO₃⁻.
431 Conductivity measures the ability of the stream water to conduct electricity, which is
432 directly correlated to the amount of dissolved ions^{33,34}.
- 433 (iii) Stream water temperature and oxygen concentration are negatively correlated.
434 Increasing temperature decreases the solubility of oxygen in water, moreover, the
435 increase in water temperature leads to an increase in biological activity, which can
436 consequently reduce the concentrations of dissolved oxygen in the stream water^{35,36}.

437 Therefore, we selected the variables: ec25_lab, Cl, NO3_N and q_mean_sensor from NAWA
438 TREND; ec20_lab, Cl, NO3_N and q_mean_sensor from NAWA FRACHT; and temp_sensor, and
439 O2C_sensor from the continuous measurements data.

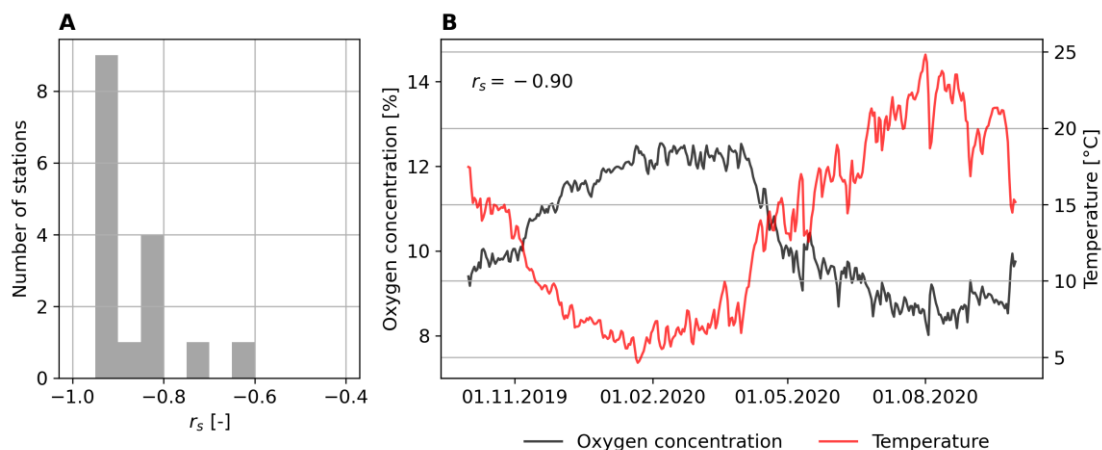
440 **Figure 4** shows the histogram of the distribution of the Spearman correlation coefficients (r_s)
 441 computed between electrical conductivity and either mean discharge (a), Cl (b) and NO₃-N (c)
 442 for NAWA TREND and NAWA FRACHT data. Overall, the correlations between electrical
 443 conductivity and mean discharge in **Figure 4a** were largely negative, with values close to r_s of
 444 -0.50 for the three data sources. NAWA FRACHT only had one station out of 24 with a positive
 445 value, while there were 7 out of 76 for NAWA TREND. These findings are aligned with our
 446 hypothesis (i).

447 Moreover, **Figure 4b** shows histograms for the correlation between electrical conductivity and
 448 Cl⁻, while **Figure 4c** shows the histograms between conductivity and NO₃⁻. Both subplots show
 449 that most of the stations exhibit a correlation above 0.50, which supports our expectation
 450 from hypothesis (ii).



451
 452 **Figure 4.** Histograms of the Spearman correlation coefficient between (a) EC_{lab} and Q_{mean} , (b)
 453 EC_{lab} and Cl^- , and (c) EC_{lab} and NO_3^- . The different colors in the subplots represent different data
 454 sources, i.e., NAWA TREND in blue and NAWA FRACHT in orange.

455 **Figure 5** shows the correlation between temperature and oxygen concentration. **Figure 5a**
 456 shows the histogram of the r_s computed for the daily time series of oxygen and temperature
 457 for each of the 16 stations with continuous measurement data for these two variables (**Table**
 458 **1**). All correlations were negative, with only one station with $r_s > -0.70$. **Figure 5b** shows an
 459 example of a daily resolution time series of these two variables for the Mellingen gauge (2018)
 460 between 01.10.2019 and 30.09.2020. The figure indicated the expected pattern for the two
 461 variables, with oxygen concentrations increasing during the colder months and decreasing
 462 with rising temperatures during the summer period. Overall, these results corroborate our
 463 hypothesis (iii), which suggested a negative correlation between these two variables.

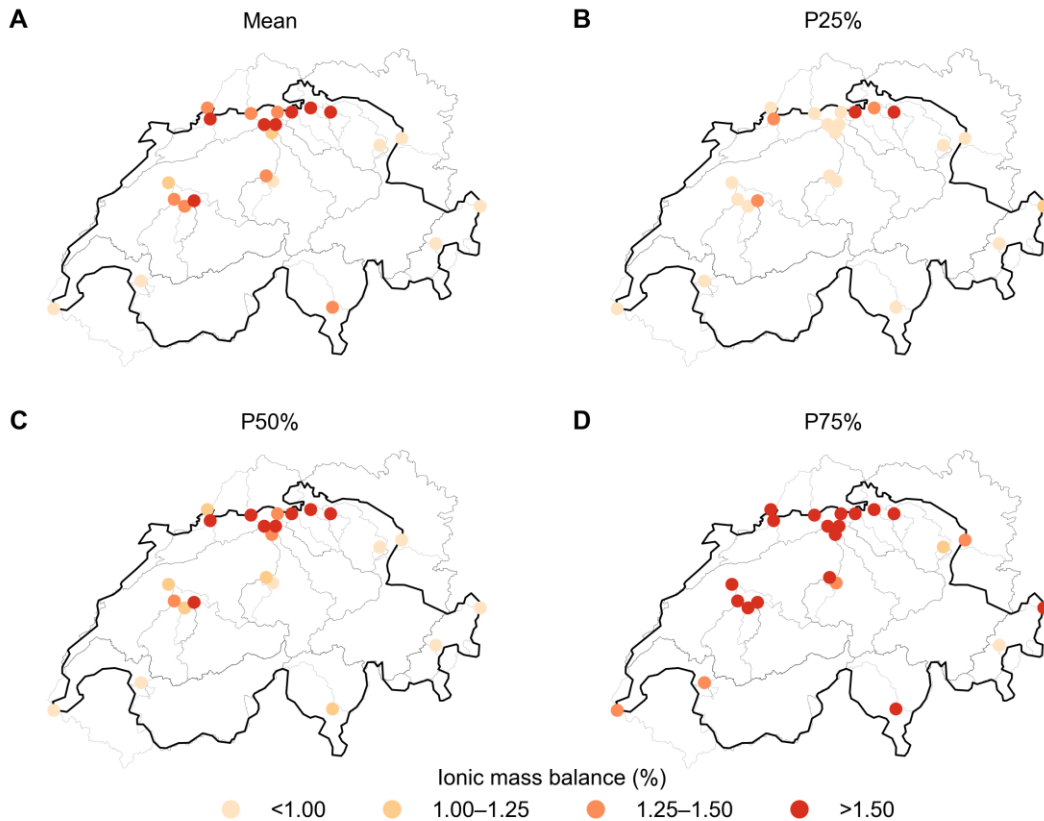


464
 465 **Figure 5.** (a) Histograms of the Pearson correlation coefficient between the time series of
 466 oxygen concentration and temperature for all 16 stations covered by the continuous (sensors)
 467 data. (b) Daily time series of oxygen concentration and temperature between 01.10.2019 and
 468 30.09.2020 for gauge Mellingen (2018) used as an example of the typical annual course of the
 469 two variables.

470 Overall, the rough confirmation of the three hypotheses stated in this section can be used as
 471 broad indication of the reliability of the current water chemistry datasets provided in CAMELS-
 472 CH-Chem. We acknowledge that this section does not contain a complete validation of the
 473 dataset, yet we believe that it is enough as a first sanity check of the overall validity of CAMELS-
 474 CH-Chem.

475 **Ionic mass balance for NAWA FRACHT stations**

476 In this section we present the mean, and the 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of ionic mass
 477 balance for all 24 NAWA FRACHT stations, based on the computation of the ionic mass balance
 478 for each measurement. The full description of the method, along with detailed information
 479 about the respective ionic balance of each station, is available in the **Supplementary Material**.
 480 The stations presented a maximum 75th values of 4.3 and 70% of them presented a mean
 481 ionic balance below 1.5%. Established literature³⁷ suggests that values below 5% ionic
 482 imbalance are typically deemed acceptable, while discrepancies exceeding 10% may suggest
 483 anomalies in measurement or incomplete data. Hence, the present analysis can be used as a
 484 validation of most of the NAWA FRACHT measurements. **Figure 6** shows the spatial
 485 distribution of such values.



487
488 **Figure 6.** Distribution of the long-term (a) mean, (b) 25th percentile, (c) 50th percentile, and (d)
489 75th percentile ionic mass balance for the NAWA FRACHT stations.

490 **Distance between measurement stations**

491 Regarding the distance between the streamflow measurement gauges and the NAWA FRACHT,
492 16% of the stations (4 out of 24) were more than 5 km away from the respective CAMELS-CH
493 outlet. The maximum distance was 10 km for station 2068, located in the very south of
494 Switzerland (on the Ticino River), with an overall catchment area of 1613.3 km². Furthermore,
495 for NAWA TREND, 14% of the stations (10 out of 72) were more than 5 km away from the
496 CAMELS-CH outlet. Only two gauges had a distance greater than 10 km between the gauge
497 and the sampling location. The station with the maximum distance (20 km) is 2288, located at
498 the Rhine River, and with an overall catchment area of more than 11,000 km².

499
500 These results suggest that the distance between the discharge station and the water chemistry
501 measurement locations of either NAWA FRACHT or NAWA TREND might be neglectable for
502 most basins. For stations where the derived catchment area is considerably different, we
503 suggest users to use the `q_nawat_corrector` to correct the discharge.

504 **Isotopes measurements validation**

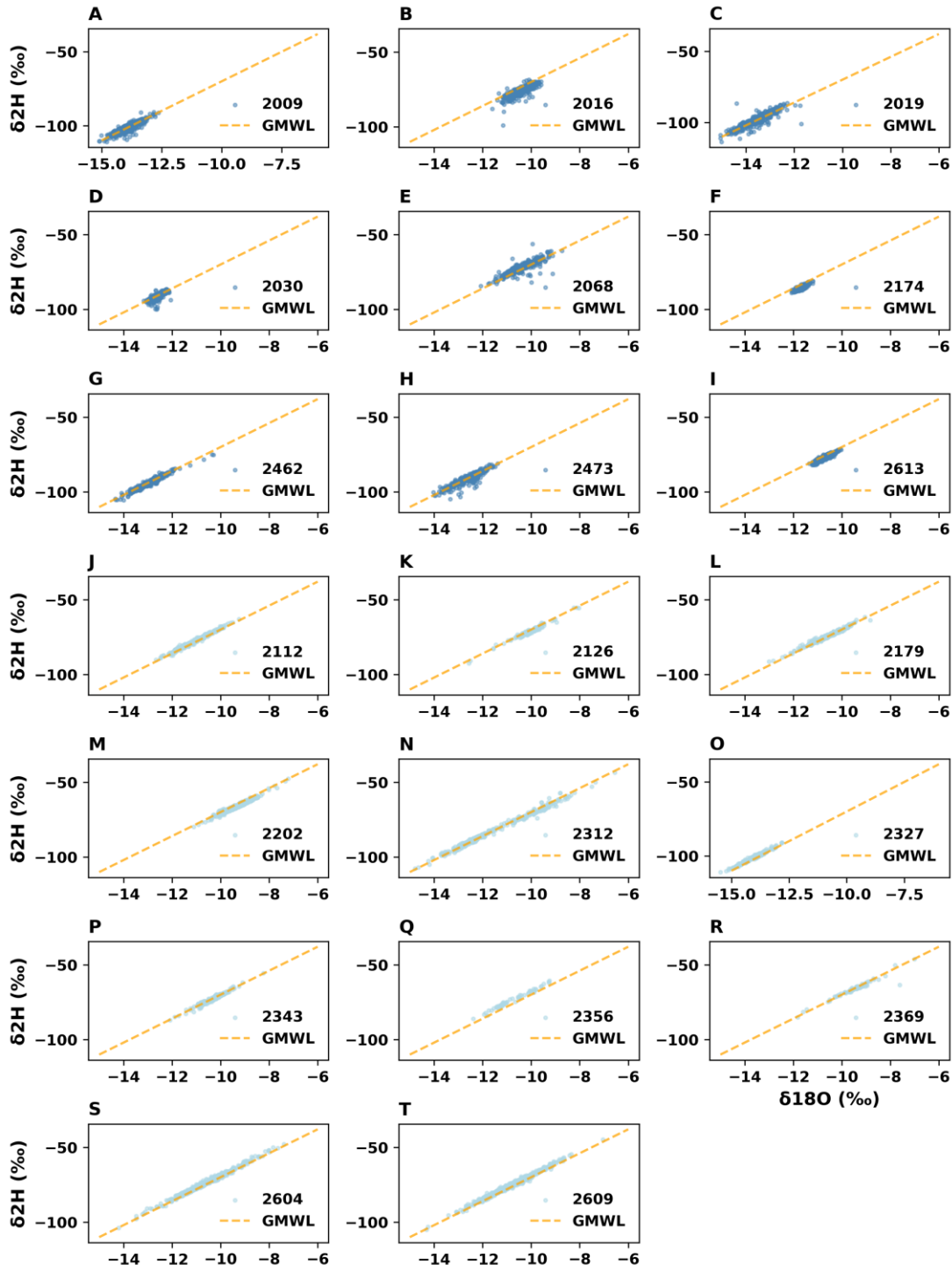
505 The isotopic composition of water samples, specifically $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, was analyzed to assess
506 potential deviations from the Global Meteoric Water Line (GMWL). The GMWL serves as a
507 reference for the isotopic compositions of meteoric water, following **Eq. (1)**. This step was
508 included in the CAMELS-CH-Chem validation phase to demonstrate the usability of the
509 collected data for future users.

$$\delta^2\text{H} = 8 \delta^{18}\text{O} + 10 \text{‰} \quad \text{Eq. 1}$$

510 where $\delta^2\text{H}$ is the deuterium fraction and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ the Oxygen-18. Both measurements are in
511 permille (‰) notation according to VSMOW.

512 **Figure 7** shows the individual subplots **A** to **T** for the total 20 stations with isotope data (nine
 513 from ISOT and 11 from CH-IRP), with the $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ values plotted alongside the GMWL.
 514 The axis limits were set on the basis of the observed range of isotope values across all nine
 515 datasets. This comparative approach allowed for a clear identification of any deviations from
 516 the GMWL and provided insight into potential fractionation processes in the catchments.

517 Overall, the alignment of the isotope data with the GMWL showed low deviation, with only
 518 few samples with apparent evaporative fractionation, indicating that this data provide a
 519 reliable basis for future hydrological studies in the provided catchments. For CH-IRP, users can
 520 also refer to their original publication, where Staudinger, 2019¹⁹ also provides lab standards
 521 and errors for their measurement stations, along with potentially problematic measurements.



522

523 **Figure 7.** Dual isotope plots of $\delta^2\text{H}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ for the nine ISOT and 11 CH-IRP sampling locations
524 in reference to the Global Meteoric Water Line (GMWL, dashed orange line). Blue circles (dark
525 for ISOT and light for CH-IRP) represent individual water samples covering their respective
526 entire timeseries.

527 **Code Availability**

528 The code used to produce the current dataset is available at: [https://github.com/camels-](https://github.com/camels-ch/camels-ch-chem)
529 [ch/camels-ch-chem](https://github.com/camels-ch-chem). The scripts are organized to enable users to follow a logical sequence
530 during code usage. Finally, the code used to derive all figures and the technical validation is
531 available at https://github.com/thiagovmdon/camels-ch-chem_paper.

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646 **Supplementary material**

647 **Continuous measurements data**

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Name of attribute	Years	Manufacturer/Type	Accuracy according to manufacturer	Remarks
temp_sens or	1976 -1991	Hartmann u. Braun / CMR TEUC with PT100 (3 conductors)	0.2°C	-
	since 1991	Camille Bauer / Eurax V601 with PT100 (3 Leiter)	0.15 + 0.02 °C/°C	-
	since 1991	Camille Bauer / Eurax V604 mit PT100 (3 conductors)	0.15 + 0.02 °C/°C	-
	since 2002	Rotax PT100 3-conductors resistance thermometer	0.15 + 0.02 °C/°C	-
	since 2011	Rotax PT100 3-conductors resistance thermometer	0.15 + 0.02 °C/°C	-
	since 2018/19	Rotax PT100 4-conductors resistance thermometer	0.1°C +0.0017 °C/°C	-
ec_sensor	1976 - 1991	Wösthoff / EMHD 1	5 - 10 µS/cm	-
	since 1991	Siemens / SIPAN 4EL	4 - 7 µS/cm	-
	since 2002	Quadroline LF296 with Tetracon 700	0.5% + 1Digit	-
	since 2018/19	Endress+Hauser / Memosens CLS82D	< 4 %	-
	since 2022	WTW TetraCon 700 IQ	< 4 %	only Andelfingen

				hydro_id_2 044, Rekingen hydro_id_2 143, Weil hydro_id_2 613
O2C_sensor	1976 - 1981	WTW / OX1 39	0.23 mg/l	-
	1981 - 1991	Orbisphère / Modèle 2116	0.2 mg/l	-
	2005 /2006	Hach-Lange / LDO oxygen measurement	± 0.2 mg/l	-
	since 2018/19	Endress+Hauser / Oxymax COS61D	± 2 %	-
pH_sensor	1976 - 1991	Hartmann u. Braun / UPY3	0.02	-
	since 1990	Jenco / Modell 6300N	0.10%	-
	since 1993	Endress+Hauser / Mycom CPM 121 mit Ceratex CPS 31	0.03 - 0.04	-
	since 2018/19	Endress+Hauser / Memosens CPS31D	< 0.05	-

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650 **Supplementary Table 1.** Overview of the manufacturer type, accuracy and general remarks
651 for the instruments used for obtaining the continuous measurements data.

652 **NAWA FRACHT (previously called NADUF)**

653 Details are in a separate table depending on station, year, and parameter.
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Name of attribute	Units	Method	min loq	max loq
alk	mmol/l	acidimetric titration (automated)	0.02	0.2
As	µg/l	ICP-MS	0.5	0.5
Ba	µg/l	ICP-MS	0.5	0.5
Br	mg/l	IC	0.01	0.05
Cd	µg/l	ET AAS / ICP-MS	0.01	0.02
Ca	mg/l	calculated from hardness minus magnesium		
Cl	mg/l	CFA (photometric) / IC	0.5	1.5
Cr	µg/l	ET AAS / ICP-MS	0.1	0.5
Cu	µg/l	ET AAS / ICP-MS	0.05	0.5
doc	mg/l	combustion-infrared / wet-oxidation-infrared	0.1	0.5
drp	mg/l	CFA (photometric) / photometric	0.001	0.005
ec25_online	µS/cm			
ec20_lab	µS/cm			
F	mg/l	IC	0.01	0.05
Fe	mg/l	ET AAS / ICP-MS	0.1	0.5
Pb	µg/l	ET AAS / ICP-MS	0.1	0.2
Mg	mg/l	AAS / ICP-AES / IC	0.05	1
q_online	m ³ /s			
Hg	µg/l	Cold-vapour-AAS	0.002	0.05

Ni	µg/l	ET AAS / ICP-MS	0.1	0.5
NO3_N	mg/l	CFA (photometric) / IC / photometric	0.005	0.2
O2C_online	mg/l			
O2S_online	%	calculated from oxygen concentration, water temperature and elevation		
pH_lab	-			
pH_online	-			
K	mg/l	AAS / ICP-AES / IC / IC	0.05	0.5
H4SiO4	mg/l	CFA (photometric)	0.35	1
Na	mg/l	AAS / ICP-AES / IC / IC	0.05	2
Sr	µg/l	ICP-MS	5	5
SO4	mg/l	titration / FIA (photometric) / IC	1	5
tfp	mg/l	persulfate digestion	0.003	0.003
th	mmol/	EDTA titration (automated)	0.09	0.2
tn	mg/l	persulfate digestion / combustion-chemiluminescence	0.1	0.5
toc	mg/l	combustion-infrared	0.1	0.5
tp	mg/l	hydrogen peroxide digestion / Persulfate digestion	0.003	0.02
tss	mg/l	filtration and weighing	1	1
temp_online	°C			
Zn	µg/l	AAS / ICP-MS	0.1	1

655 **Supplementary Table 2.** Overview of the methods and instruments accuracy used obtaining
656 the NAWA FRACHT data.

657 **NAWA TREND**

658 These data are measured by cantonal authorities according to the Swiss Modular Stepwise
659 Procedure (<https://modul-stufen-konzept.ch/en/nutrients/>). No detailed measurement
660 methods are recorded, only the range of the limits of quantifications. Detailed limits of
661 quantifications depending on stations are given in the appendix.

Name of attribute	Units	min loq	max loq
NH4_N	mg/l	0.002	0.096
Cl	mg/l	0.005	5.6
q_canton_max	m ³ /s		
q_canton_mean	m ³ /s		
q_canton_min	m ³ /s		
doc	mg/l	0.1	1
drp	mg/l	0.001	0.05
ec25_lab	µS/cm	0.3	10
ec25_online	µS/cm		
q_online	m ³ /s		
NO3_N	mg/l	0.002	1
NO2_N	mg/l	0.0006	1
O2_lab	mg/l	0.1	0.5

O2_online	mg/l		
O2S	%		
pH_lab	-	1	1
pH_online	-		
temp_lab	°C		
temp_online	°C		
turbidity_online	NTU		
tn	mg/l	0.041	1
tp	mg/l	0.0008	1.7

662 **Supplementary Table 3.** Overview of the instruments accuracy used obtaining the NAWA
663 TREND data.

664 **Ionic balance of NAWA FRACHT data**

Gauge id	Ionic mass balance (%)			
	Mean	P25	Median	P75
2009	0.435985	-0.545902	0.359950	1.299944
2016	1.639680	0.733901	1.594390	2.505173
2018	1.205843	0.271829	1.278908	2.133413
2044	2.099322	1.391718	2.050711	2.778935
2067	0.398352	-1.059095	0.216745	1.551320
2068	1.320987	0.111855	1.115087	2.224546
2085	1.191098	0.441571	1.173093	1.783882
2106	2.179472	1.479517	2.168280	2.797340
2112	0.522289	-0.073699	0.377360	1.071219
2130	1.289813	0.740609	1.562212	2.164777
2135	1.844861	1.389279	1.911113	2.438441
2143	1.321940	0.553701	1.265323	2.021457
2174	0.628014	-0.233800	0.510192	1.335572
2179	1.292728	0.817671	1.239803	1.714320
2243	1.544782	0.565584	1.515227	2.398968
2386	2.531875	2.043512	2.423313	3.009654
2415	3.148087	2.032618	2.854008	4.268473
2462	-0.064403	-0.901463	-0.148776	0.720982
2467	1.449764	0.803557	1.405023	2.055323
2473	0.587801	-0.299268	0.457965	1.363267
2608	1.311412	0.905194	1.240102	1.643632
2613	1.329235	0.510777	1.241231	2.178189

665 **Supplementary Table 4.** Mass balance statistics for each of the stations with NAWA FRACHT
666 measurements.

667 **Additional stations**

668 NAWA FRACHT: Alplhal stations [https://opendata.eawag.ch/dataset/naduf-national-long-](https://opendata.eawag.ch/dataset/naduf-national-long-term-surveillance-of-swiss-rivers-2024-2)
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