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### **EARTH OBSERVATION DATA FOR OPTIMIZED PRECISION FARMING**

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# BMEL TRIAL FIELDS FOR IMPROVING DIGITIZATION IN AGRICULTURE





Explore digital techniques for crop production and animal husbandry and test their practicality

Knowledge transfer in practice: e.g. information material, training

#### 14 trial fields

- 8 crop production
- 3 in livestock farming
- 3 cross-sectoral

















# DIGITAL TRIAL SITE AGRISENS DEMMIN 4.0

## AgriSens DEMMIN 4.0

#### Remote sensing in crop production



#### **Objectives**

- Showing possibilities, but also limits
- Joint work on ...
  - ... identifying specific applications for remote sensing data
  - ... defining criteria for reliability and accuracy of remote sensing information
- Promoting the use of geoinformation in crop production

















## AGRISENS DEMMIN 4.0

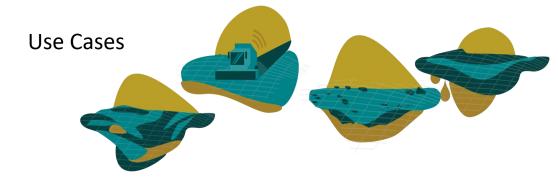




Status of digitisation

Information about plants and soil

Geo-data handling



Knownledge and technology transfer



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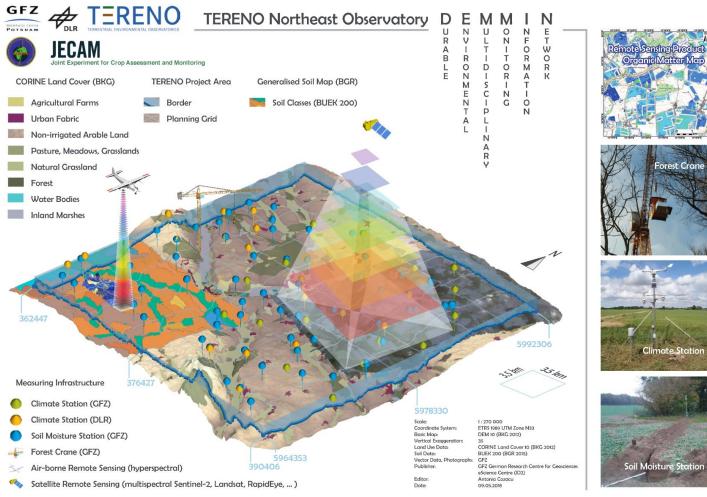


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Projektträger

## TEST SITE DEMMIN







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Joint Experiment for Crop Assessment and Monitoring



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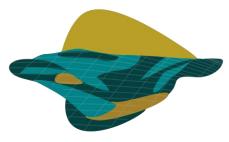






## **USE CASES**

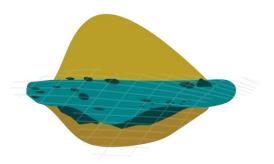




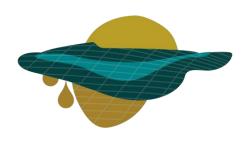
Crop monitoring and yield estimation



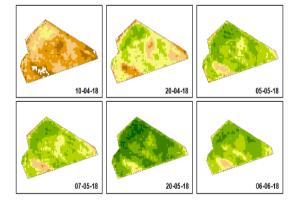
**Sustainable farming** 



**Detection of stones** 

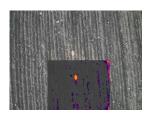


Irrigation































## USE CASE: CROP MONITORING & YIELD ESTIMATION

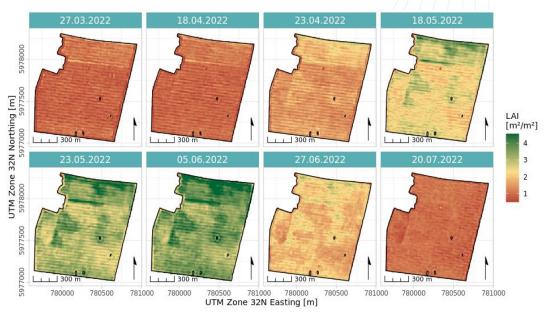


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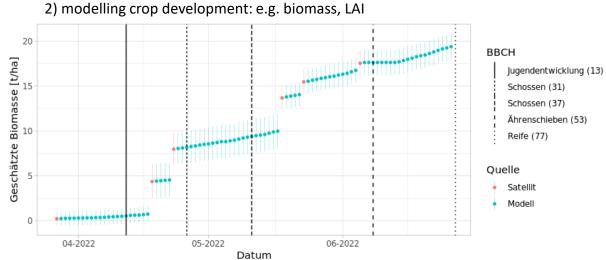
Sentinel-2 based monitoring of crop development over the year

- Assessment of leaf area index and biomass
- Modelling crop development
- Yield estimation

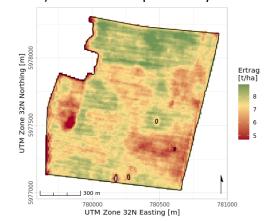
#### 1) LAI estimation of winter wheat using Sentinel-2



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#### 3) estimation of potential yield





Information services for farmers

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# USE CASE: SUSTAINABLE FARM MANAGEMENT AgriSens



#### EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT AREAS OF LOW YIELD (ALY)

#### **Objectives**

#### Prototype for a mobile App FieldMApp

Recording the characteristics of LYAs by farmers during management





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#### Method Development and user test

... with farmers under real conditions

#### **Feedback**

• Farmers experiences, further options for uses

#### Future perspective

- Linking remote sensing data with FieldMApp data for methods calibration and validation
- Support of interpretation of anomalies in remote sensing data
- Scaling from local to regional analysis



input information e.g. for crop monitoring services













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### **USE CASE: STONE DETECTION**



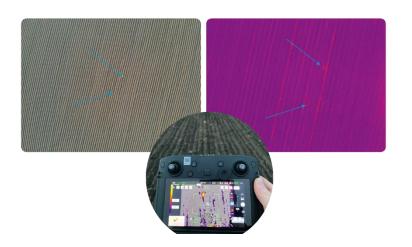




- Development of a workflow for drone-based detection of stones (>10cm)
- Drone-based maps as support for farmers

#### **Service prototype**

- Based on thermal imagery → lead to best results!
- Prototype OGC-conform service will be implemented and tested on the terminal of the agricultural machinery of a regional practice partner (AEVZ Merbitz, Deppe & Stücker)





#### Methods

- Test of different sensors (optical, thermal, LiDAR)
- Test of different recording scenarios
- Development of best practice applications































### **USE CASE: IRRIGATION**





#### **Objectives**

- Optimisation of site-specific irrigation by means of coupled analysis of soil water balance models and remote sensing
- Analysing potentials for saving water
- Analysing economic effects

#### Methods

- Combining evapotranspiration and soil moisture-based approaches to estimate plant water requirements.
- Use of spatial patterns of plant population, soil type and weather conditions
- Incorporating the efficiency of irrigation systems to derive actual irrigation needs



#### **Field Trials 2020/2021**

- potato variety "Henriette,
- Fields equipped with sensors
- Different irrigation strategies

#### **Results**

- 10-15% saving of irrigation water is possible at the same yield stability and quality
- Identification of subplots whose yields could have been optimised by higher irrigation



Modelled water balance High water balance

→ lower irrigation need

Low water balance

→ Higher irrigation need





















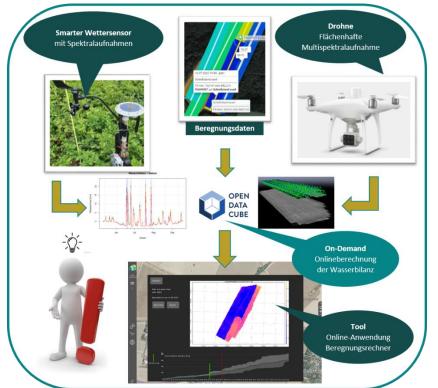
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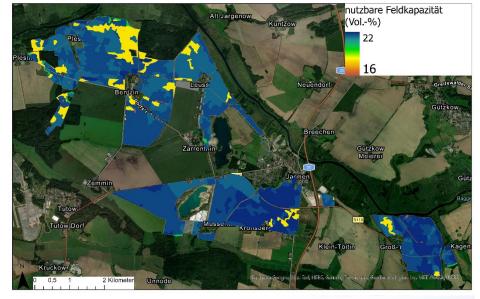
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Regional scaling



App development

























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## TRANSFER TO AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES







#### **Development of trainings**

- => Module 1: Introducing QGIS to farmers
- => Module 2: Use of remote sensing data in QGIS
- => further, practical relevant modules planned

- Online an offline training for modules 1 & 2 for farmers
- => courses in Nov/Dez 2021, Jan/Feb 2022 + Jan 2023
- => Online and Present formats
- => Feedback is supporting further optimization / new module focus

















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# REGIONAL CONFERENCE UND PRACTICE DAY – DEMMIN (MECKLENBURG VORPOMMERN)



"Fernerkundung ganz nah!"

- 15.02.2023 Regional Conference
  - Scientific presentations and workshops with focussed topics of AgriSens DEMMIN 4.0
- 16.02.2023 Practice Day
  - Demonstration of applications / services
  - Panel Discussion
- Registration:

www.agrisens-demmin.de

https://events.dlg.org/booking-event?id=1134

www.instagram.com/agrisens\_demmin/

























### **EXPERIENCES AND** IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES



- Farmers are interested and open for field trials and new digital techniques
- See high potentials and needs for area wide information → so far rarely integrated into the real agricultural practice
- High barrier to integrate new digital techniques into practice
- Especially for geodata / remote sensing data
  - > potentially intermediate actors are needed, like agricultural advice services, machinery companies
- Economic benefits needs to be analysed better
  - → should be presented best on local specific use cases





















## Thank you very much!

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