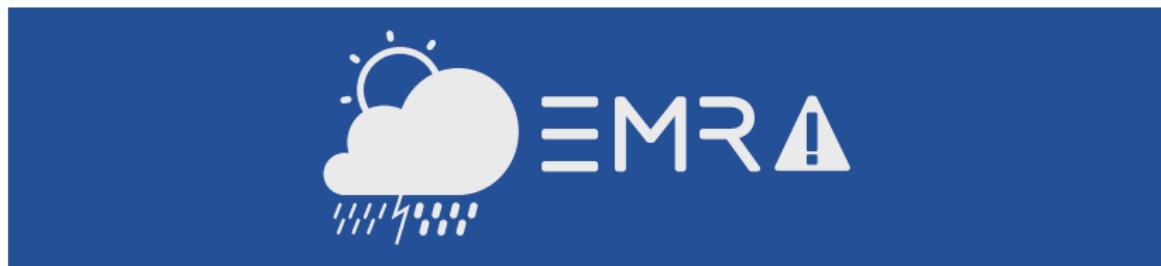


# Spatio-temporal Modeling And Monitoring Of Extreme Weather Events And Conditions

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# Extreme weather in Europe

## Situation

Global climate change leads to increasing occurrence of extreme weather, which can have an impact on crop yield levels and yield stability.

## Phenomena and impacts

**Conditions** heat, frost, drought ⇒ damages to tissue and reproductive organs, significant reduction of photosynthesis up to irreversible tissue damages due to water deficit

**Events** **heavy rainfall**, hail ⇒ root damages from oxygen deficit as a consequence of soil water logging, **soil erosion** and nutrient leaching



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# EMRA project objectives

## Practical decision support system ...

- ... for farms and agricultural advisers
- ... enabling a risk assessment of reference units (e.g., parcels) regarding extreme weather



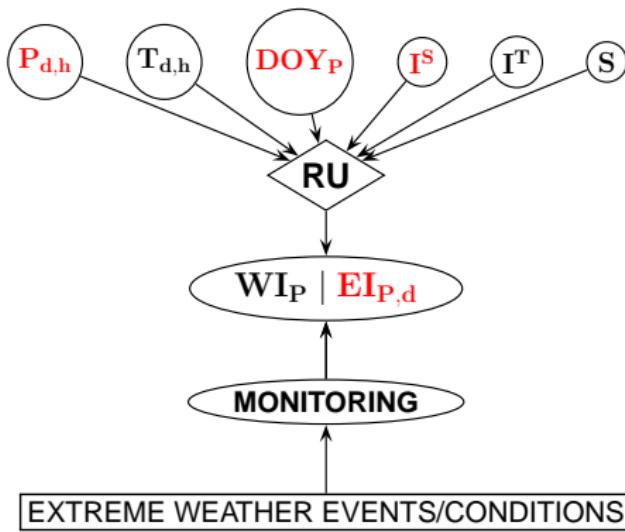
## Agricultural crop types and test sites

- Winter Wheat in the district of Uckermark
- Apple in Altes Land region (district of Stade)

## Components

- geodata integration
- dynamic risk assessment
- monitoring

# Geodata integration approach



## Dynamic WI/EI calculation

The impact of extreme weather events/conditions is related to phenological development stages/phases of crops.



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$P_{d,h}$  – daily and hourly precipitation |  $T_d$  – daily mean temperature |  $DOY^P$  – DOY of beginning phenological phases |  $I^S$  – spectral index |  $I^T$  – terrain index |  $S$  – soil data |  $RU$  – Reference unit |  $WI_P$  – Weather Index |  $EI_{P,d,h}$  – Erosion Index

# Geodata integration approach

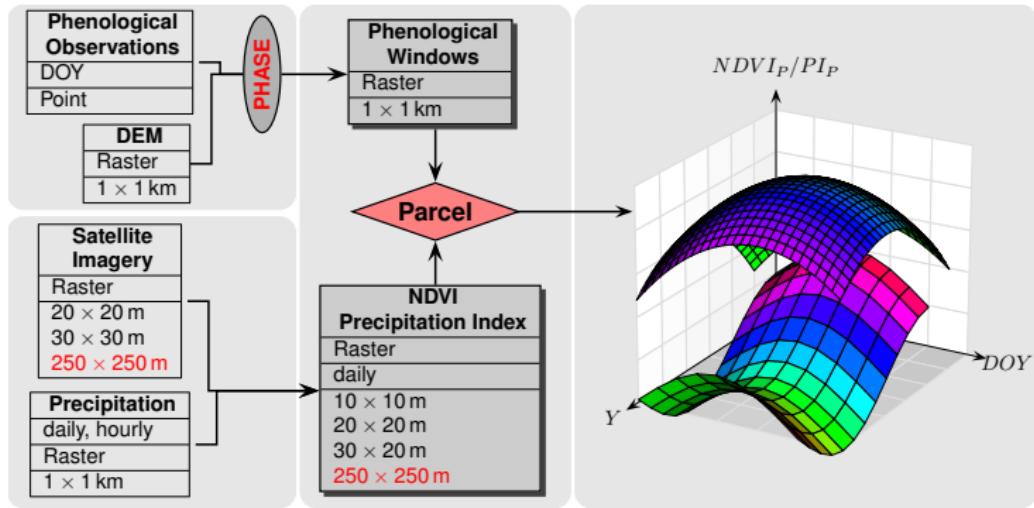
## Localization of soil erosion events



- Soil erosion occurs when a heavy rain event coincides with no or sparse vegetation cover on parcels.
- Event-specific information about parcel-specific crop coverage and precipitation on particular development stages/phases are needed.

# Geodata integration approach

## Parcel-specific time series of phenological soil cover and precipitation



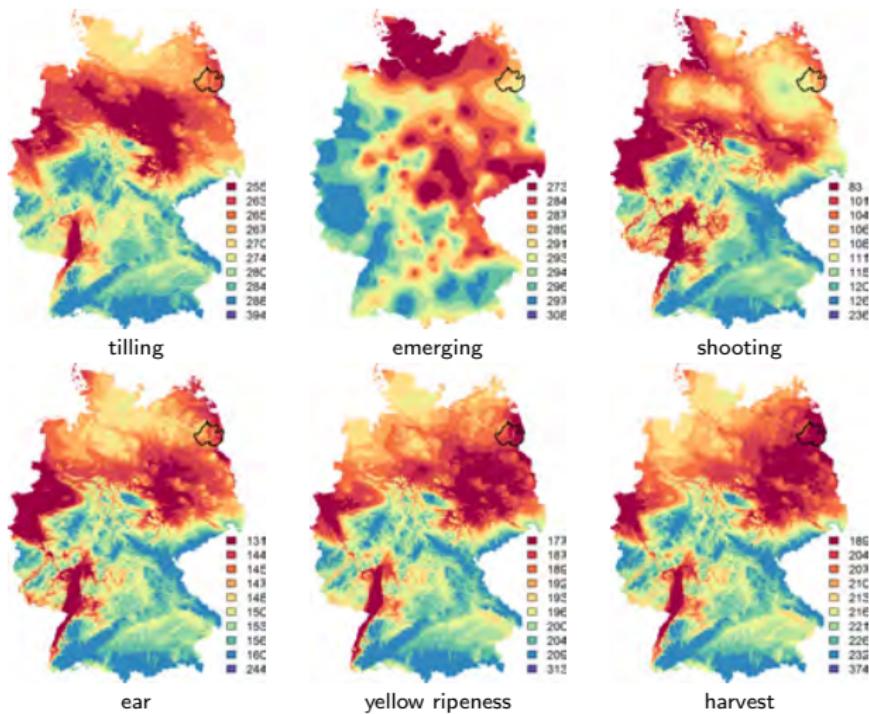
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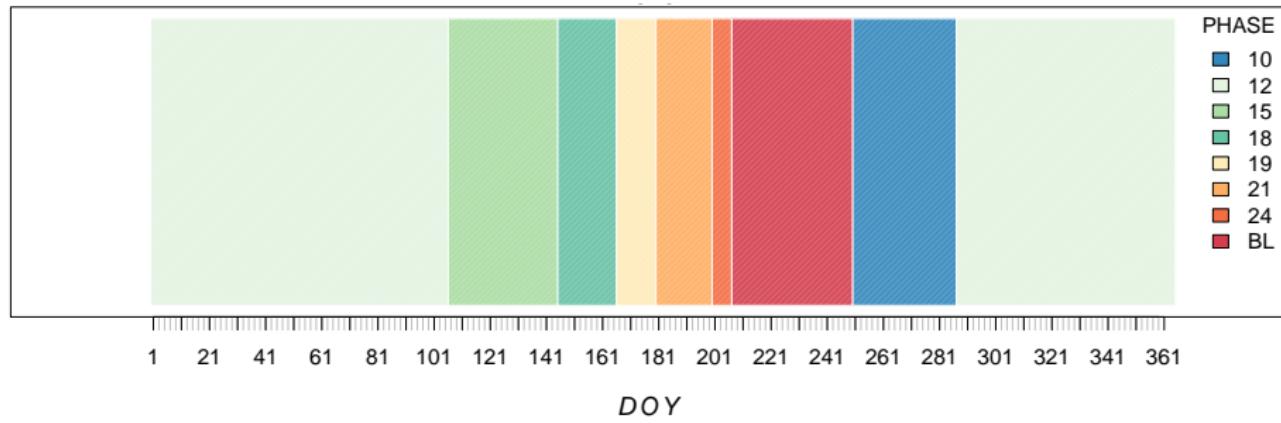
# Interpolation of phenological observations

Beginning phenological phases (Winter Wheat, 2016)



# Crop-specific phenological windows

## Winter Wheat in the district of Uckermark (2016)



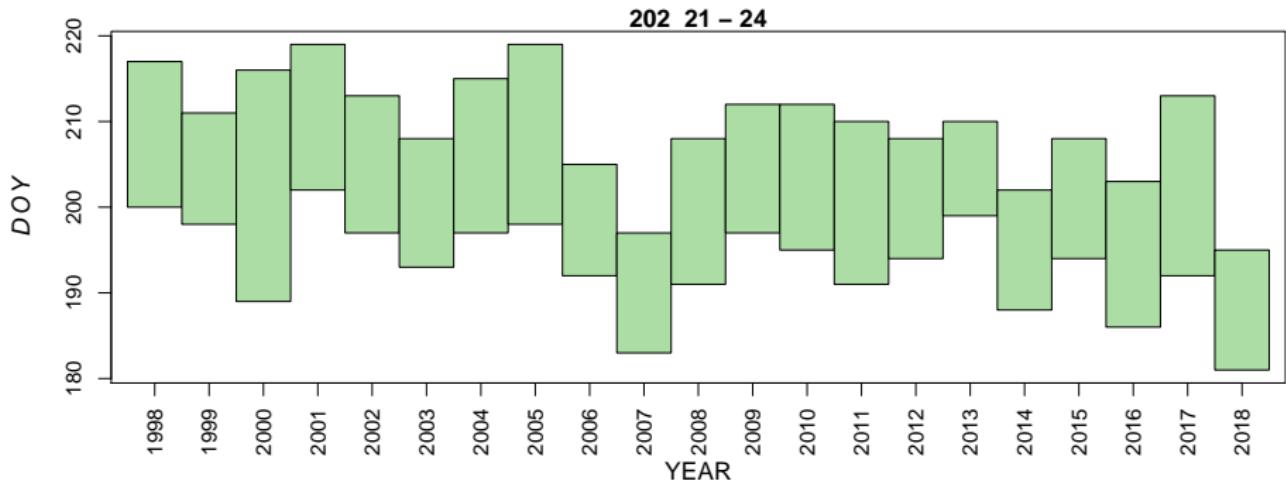
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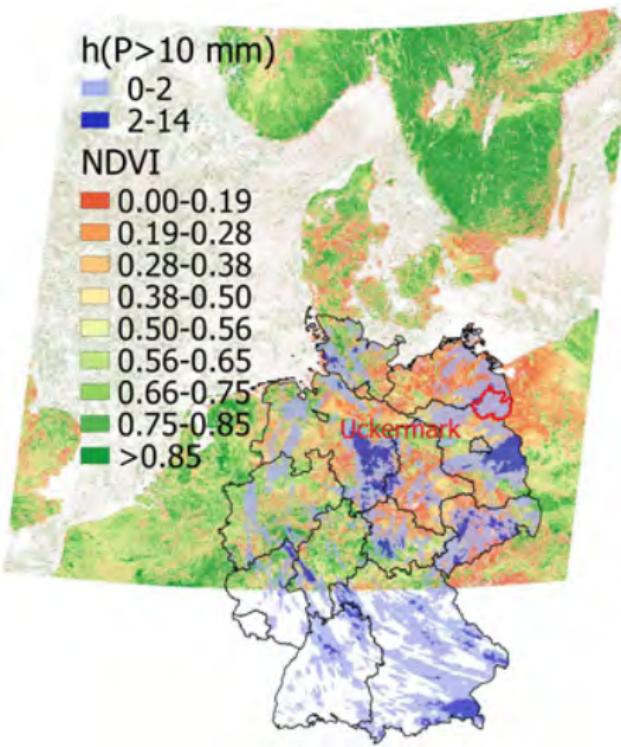
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# Crop-specific phenological windows

Winter Wheat in the district of Uckermark: Periods between *beginning of yellow ripeness* and *harvest* from 1998 to 2018



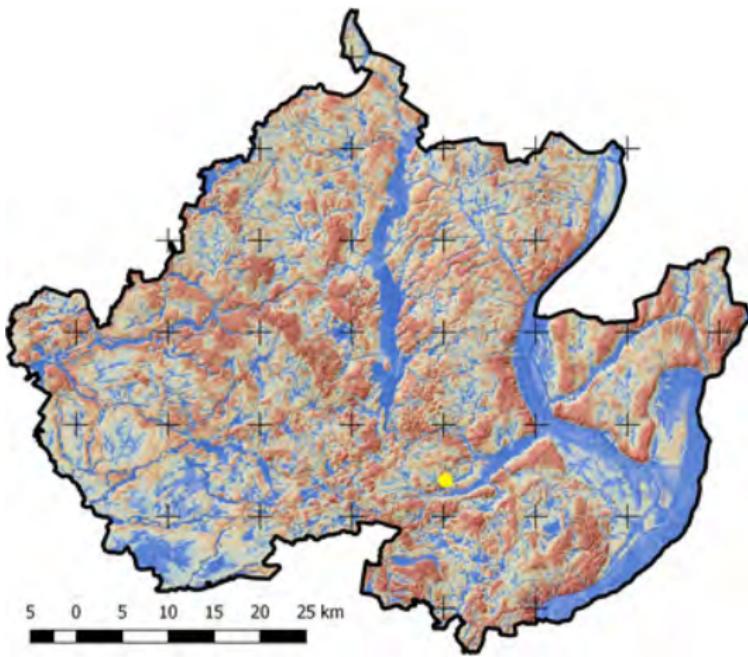
# Satellite and precipitation data



## Germany-wide geodata sets

- MODIS (7th Oct 2016)
  - Terra Surface Reflectance 8-Day L3 Global 250 m SIN Grid V006 (MOD09Q1; © USGS)
  - NDVI/SAVI
  - $250 \times 250 \text{ m}$
- Precipitation (3rd Oct 2016)
  - highly resolved (5 min) and adjusted radar rain data (RADOLAN, © DWD)
  - aggregated to hours per day exceeding a threshold of  $P > 10 \text{ mm}$
  - $1 \times 1 \text{ km}$

# Parcel and event-specific soil erosion assessment

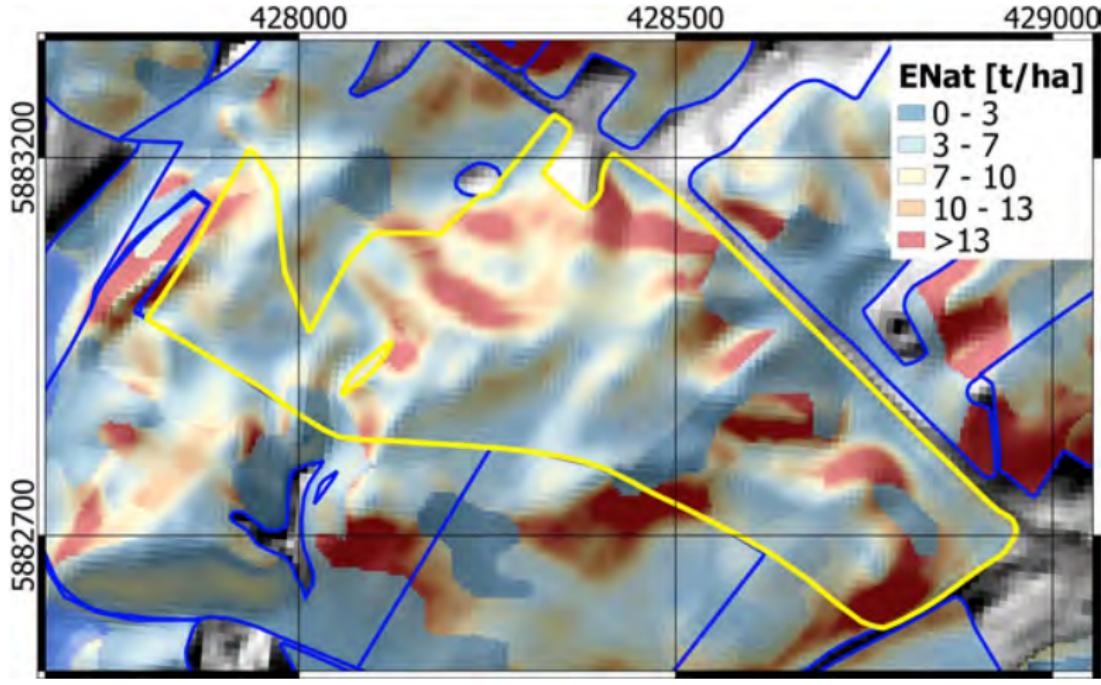


## Regional geodata

- DEM & soil erodibility
  - $10 \times 10 \text{ m}$
  - © Soil survey of Brandenburg (<https://lbgr.brandenburg.de>)

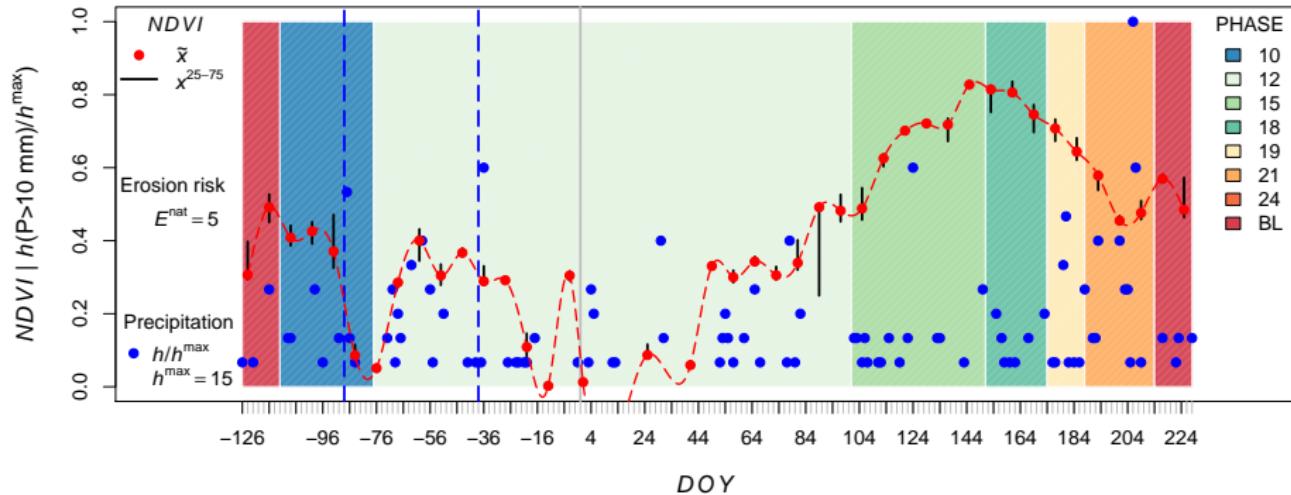
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Parcel DEBBLI0373300339-3901: Winter Wheat in 2017 | 32 ha



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- NDVI and Precipitation Index profile for Winter Wheat in 2016/2017

# Summary

Scale-specific geodata integration of current and historical geodata for the assessment of extreme weather

- phenological information
- daily weather data
- satellite imagery

⇒ Parcel-specific localization of historical/up-to-date soil erosion events of high probability

## Challenges

- Applying ML techniques to detect Germany-wide pattern of extreme weather risk
- Integration and visualization of spatio-temporal data qualities/inaccuracies



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