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# SOILAssist – Sustainable protection and improvement of soil functions with intelligent land management strategies - a practical on-board assistance system for farmers -

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#### **Project SOILAssist**

#### **Motivation**

Increasing sizes and masses of agricultural machinery may cause negative changes in soil structure and functionality and on soil fertility



# **Main Topics**



#### Methods

- Investigations of wheeling effects considering the characteristics of the machinery for typical crop rotations
- Continuous RTK-GPS surveys of agricultural traffic (field scale)  $\bullet$
- Multi-Sensor-System measurements (e.g. deflection, rut depth, total mass, inflation pressure, contact area)
- Soil analysis, field and lab measurements (e.g. penetration lacksquareresistance, hydraulic conductivity, pore size distribution)
- 2-3D soil modeling (integration of soil-information-model, field lacksquaretraffic model, soil pressure, deformation and functionality model)

## **Objectives**

- Prevention of negative changes in soil structure and functionality by agricultural field traffic
- Minimization of soil erosion and compaction
- Strengthening and protection of soil structure
- Optimizing field traffic, machinery specification and tillage practices



## **On-board assistance system for soil protection**



#### **Recommendations for farmers, extensionists and** political consultancy

#### **Socio-economic assessment of different** management options

#### **On-board Assistance System for Soil Protection**

#### **Decision Matrix Trafficability**







3D-soil pressuredeformationfunctionalitymodel



**Graphical user interface** 



**Optimization of:** 

- Machine parameters/specifications
- Routes in the field
- Rendezvous points of machinery









#### **Stakeholder Integration**

#### **Socio-economic Assessment and Recommendations**

- Temporal and spatial differentiated risk analysis in terms of soil compaction
- Identification of locally adapted mitigation strategies and soil protection measures
- Evaluation of mitigation strategies and soil protection measures on farm scale  $\bullet$ concerning costs and benefits
- Acceptance of on-farm soil protection measures  $\bullet$
- Stakeholder knowledge improves knowledge transfer and the transfer of research to  $\bullet$ soil management
- Stakeholder-oriented communication and advice strategies
- Promoting new governance principles to guide decisions on field traffic



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