

# Creation of high resolution soil parameter data by use of artificial neural network technologies (advangeo®)

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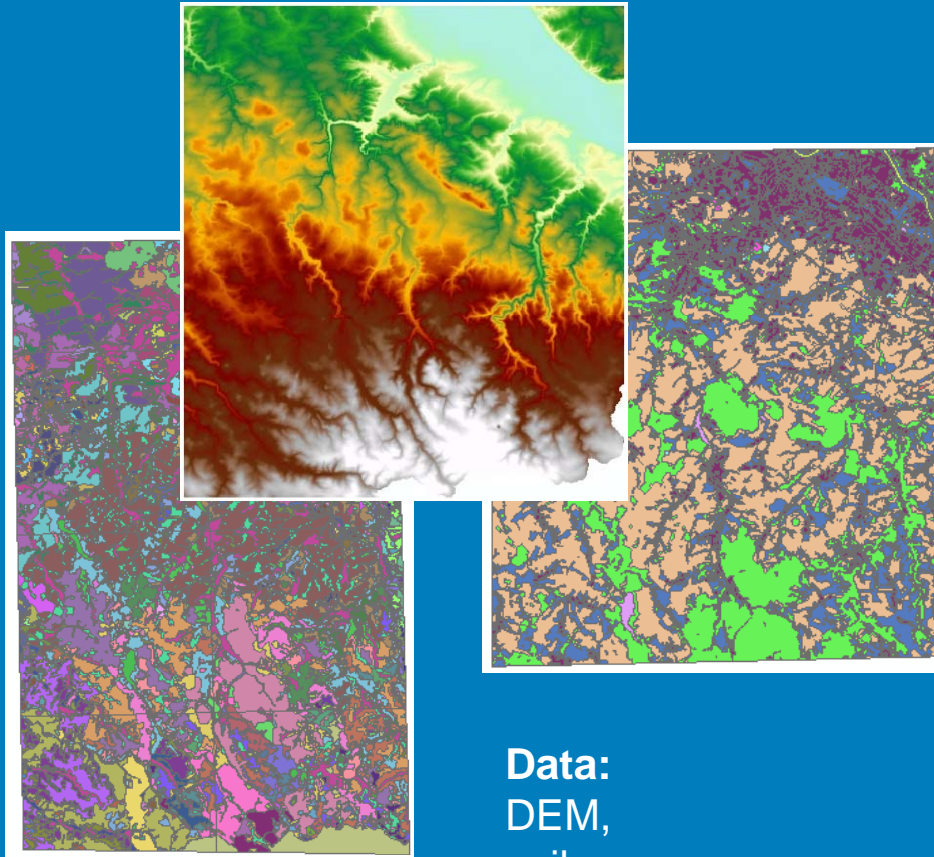


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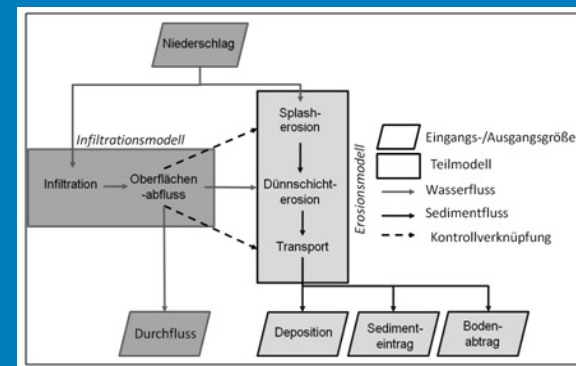
# Available Data and Knowledge



**Data:**  
DEM,  
soil map,  
land use,  
yield map



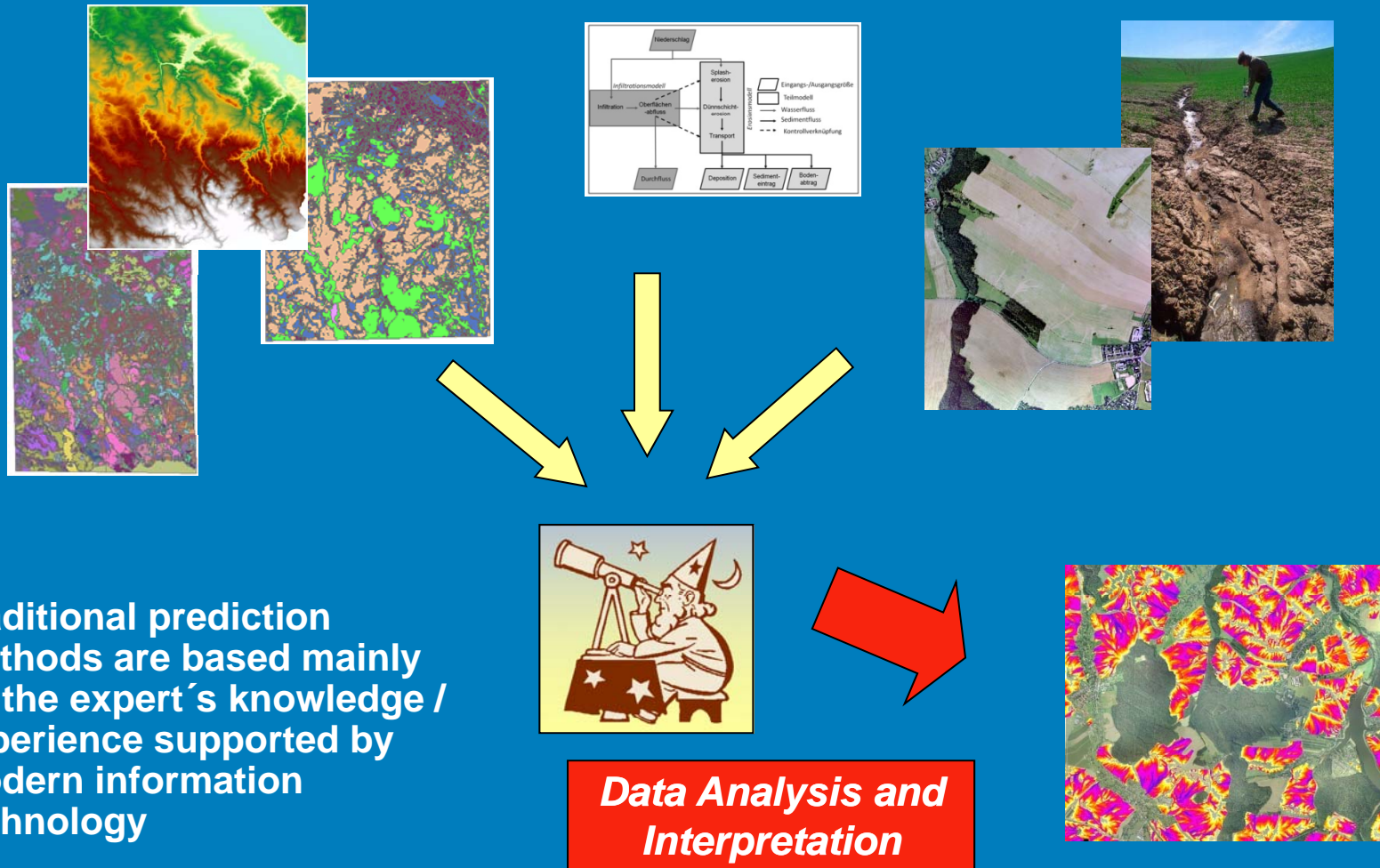
**Training Data:** Aerial Images,  
Field Observations



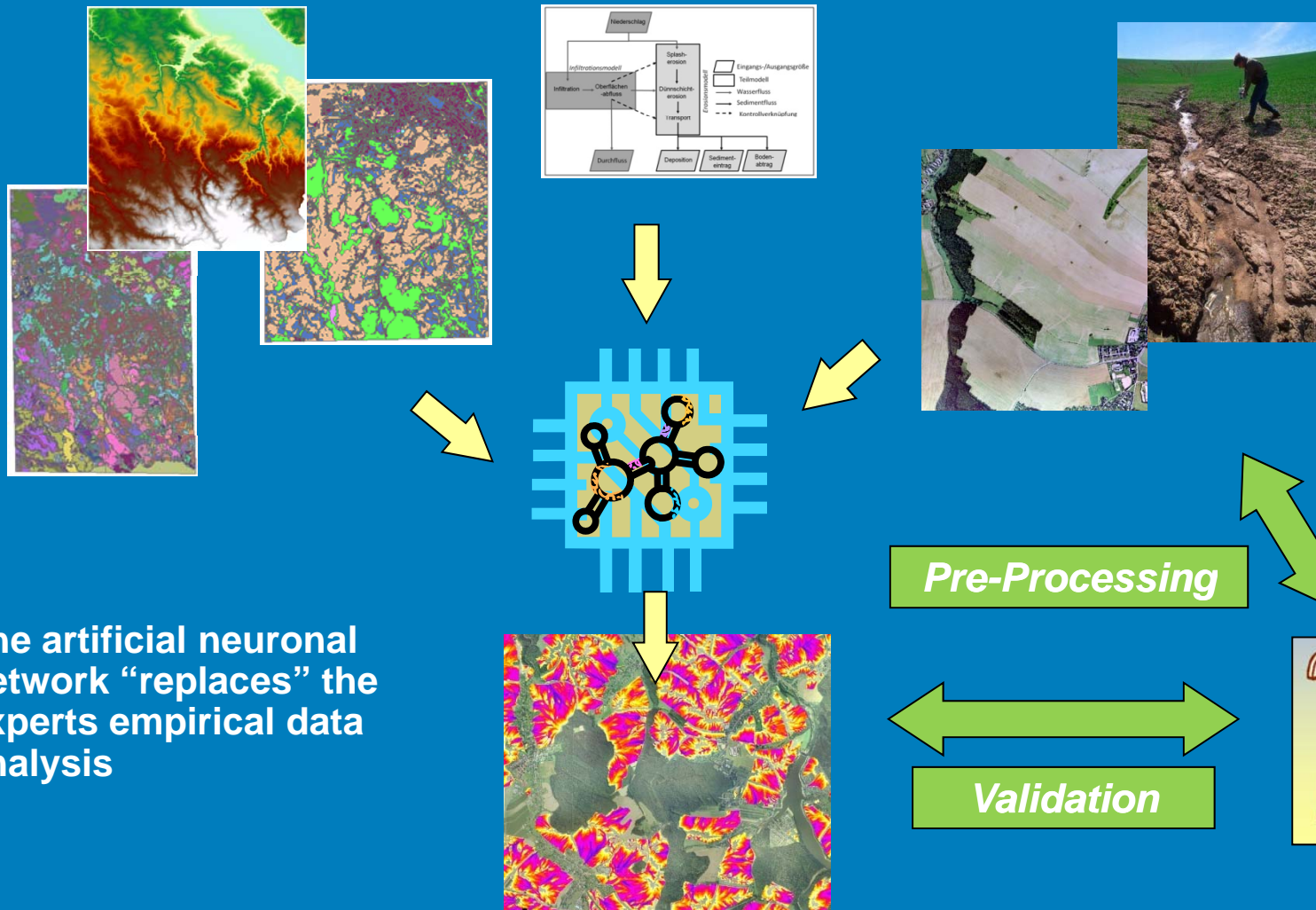
**Knowledge:** Natural Processes



# Traditional Approach



# Modern Approach Using Artificial Intelligence



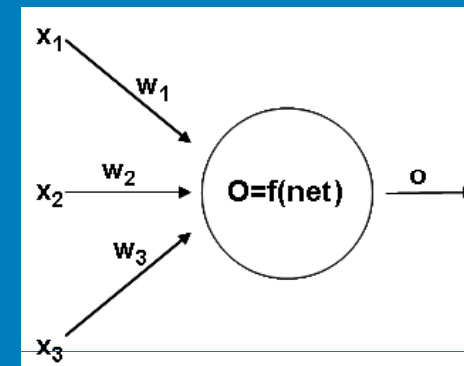
# Definition: Artificial Neural Network

## Model: Neuron Cell

- Functionality as a biological neural system
- Consists of artificial neuron cells
- Simulation of biological processes of neurons by use of suitable mathematical operations
- In most cases layer-like configuration of the neurons

## The Neuron Cell as a Processor

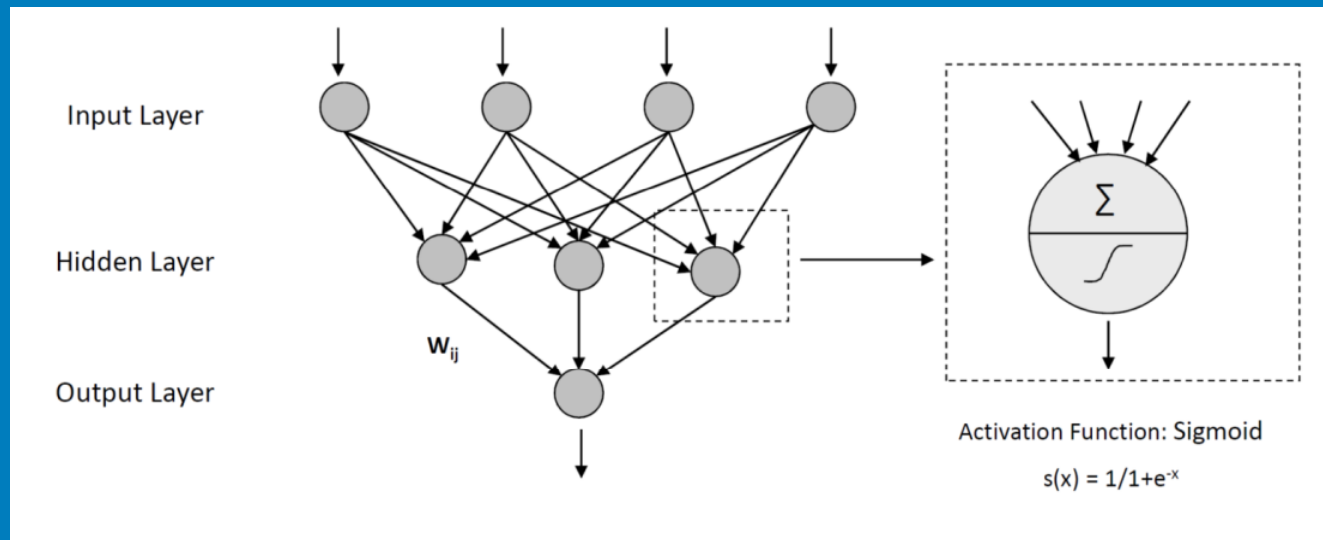
- **Connection between the neurons by weights  $w$** 
  - Enforce or reduce the level of the input information
  - Are directed, can be trained
- **Input signals**
  - Re-computed to a single input information: the propagation function
- **Output signals**
  - Activation function computes the output status of a neuron (often used: Sigmoid function)



# Principle Setup of Artificial Neural Networks

## Network Topology: MLP (Multi Layer Perceptron)

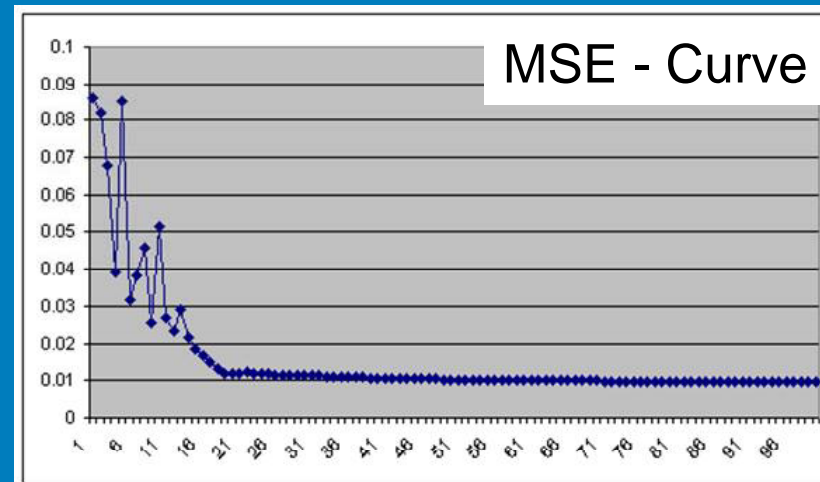
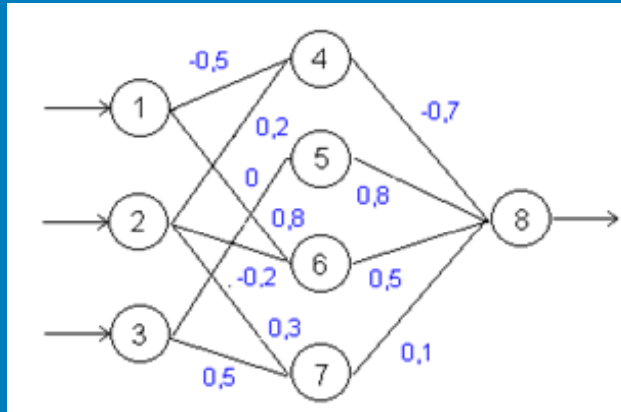
- Set-up of neurons in layers
- Direction and degree of connections
- Amount of hidden layers and neurons



# Training of Artificial Neural Networks

## Learning Algorithm: Back-Propagation

- Repeated input of training data
- Modification of weights  $w$
- Reduces error between expected and actual output of the network



# Advantages / Disadvantages of Artificial Neural Networks

## Advantages:

- **learnable**: learning from examples
- **generalization**: able to solve similar problems that have not been trained yet
- **universal**: prediction, classification, pattern recognition
- able to analyze complex, non-linear relationships
- **fault-tolerant** against noisy data (e.g. face recognition)
- **quickness**

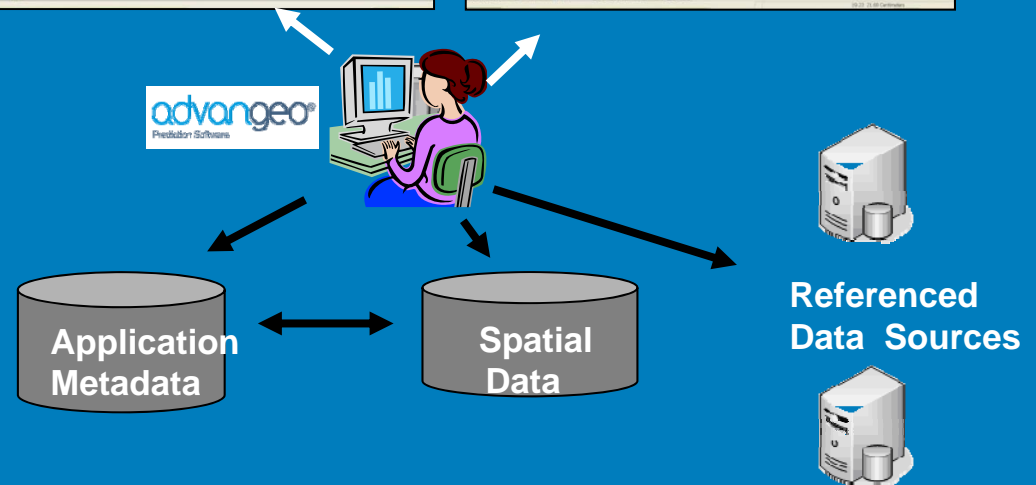
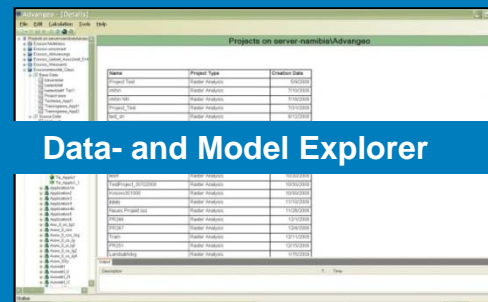
## Additional characteristics:

- choice of **topology** and **training algorithm**
- **black box system**: evaluation of weight of parameters



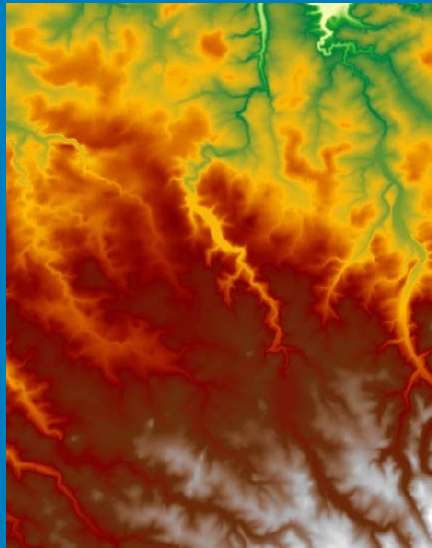


- Easy Access to Methods of Artificial Intelligence for Spatial Prediction
- Documentation of Working Steps
- Capture and Management of Metadata for Geodata
- Tools for Data Pre-Processing, Post-Processing and Cartographic Presentation
- Integration into Standard ESRI ArcGIS-Software

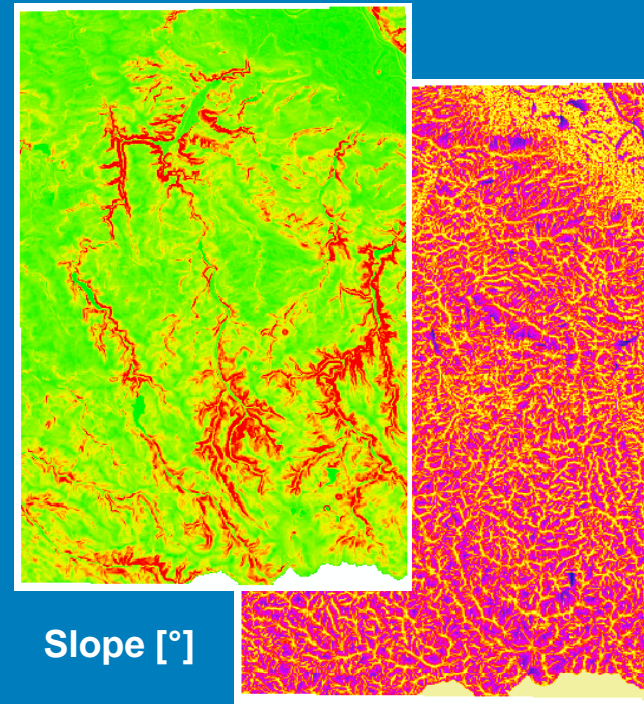
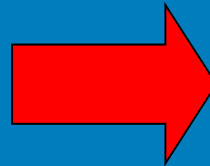


## Case Study 1: Extensive Soil Erosion

**Input Data:** Derivate of the Digital Elevation Model  
→ Slope



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Slope [°]

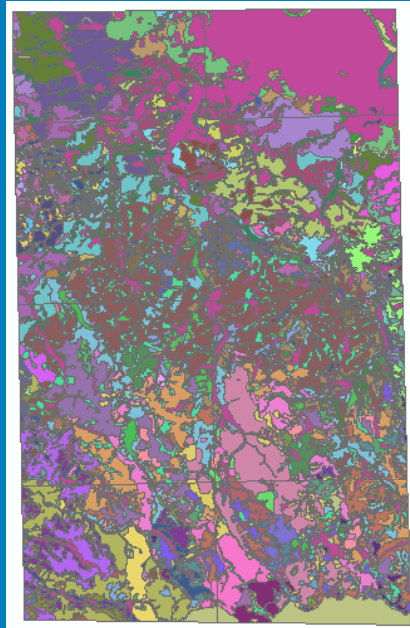
Log Flow Accumulation



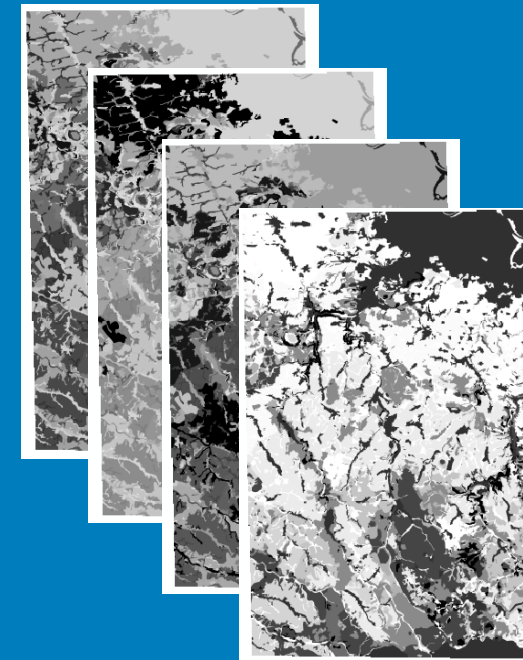
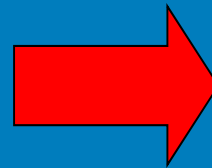
## Case Study 1: Extensive Soil Erosion

**Input Data: Soil Map**

→ Fine Soil (Clay, Silt, Sand), Skeleton Soil



Soil Map

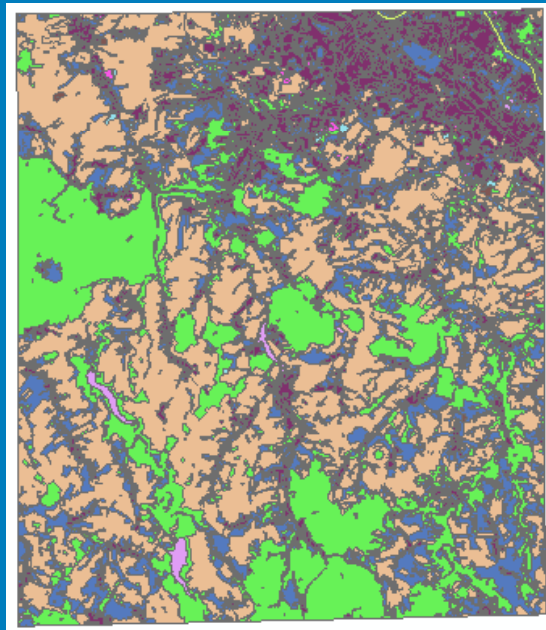


Fine Soil  
(Clay, Silt, Sand), Skeleton Soil

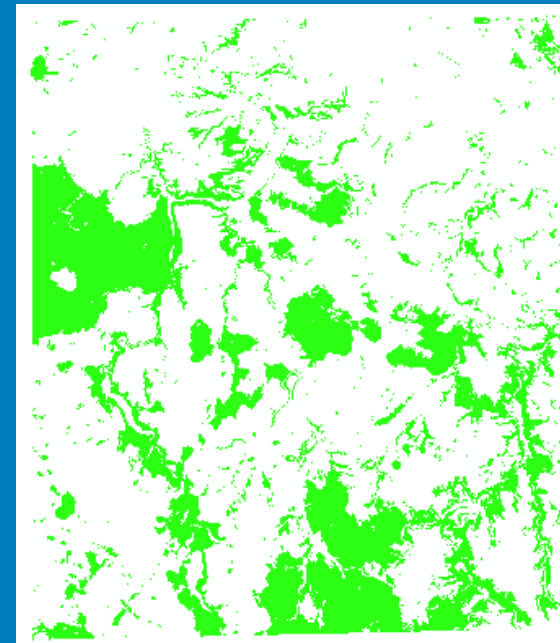
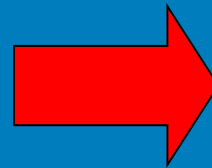


## Case Study 1: Extensive Soil Erosion

**Input Data:** Land use (ATKIS, Biotope Type Mapping)  
→ Forest, arable land, pastures, wetland, etc.



Land use (ATKIS, Biotope Types)



Single raster for each land use class  
(Forest, arable land, pastures, wetland., etc.)

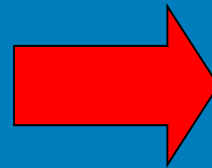


## Case Study 1: Extensive Soil Erosion

Training Data: Based on Aerial Images  
→ Mapping of Erosion Areas



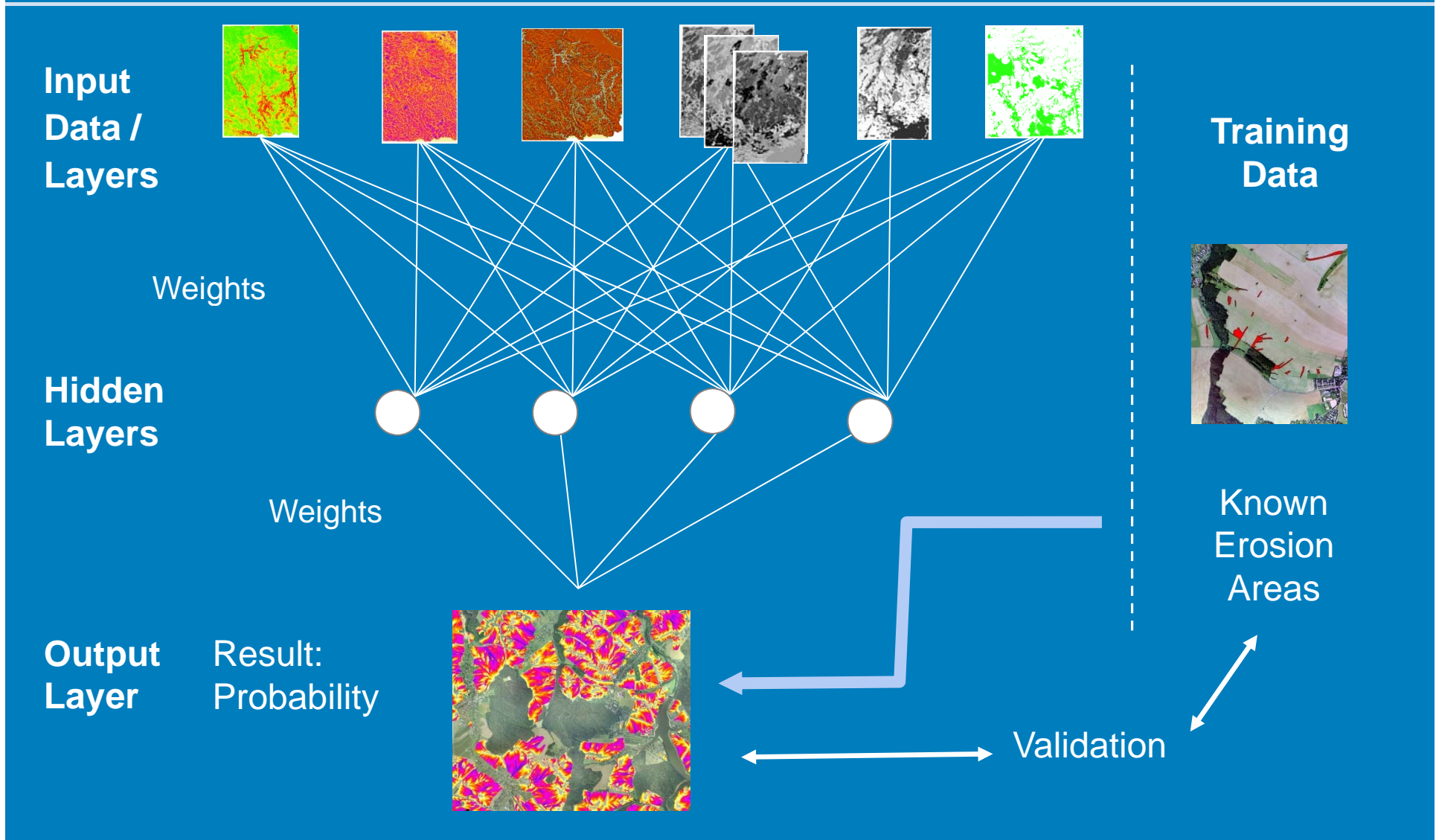
Aerial Images – intense rainfall/flood 2002



Mapped Erosion Areas



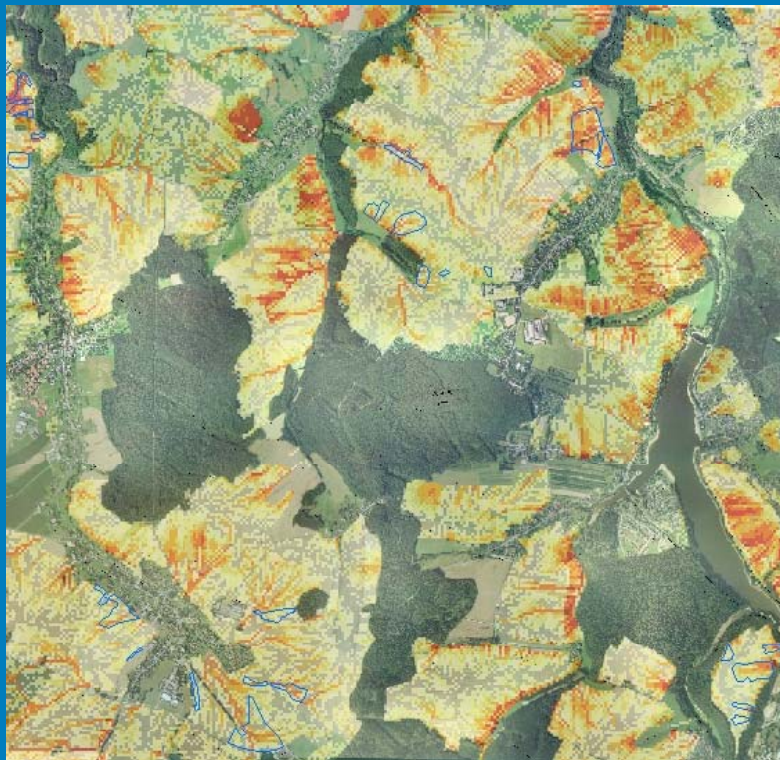
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## Input Data:

Slope, Silt, Clay, Sand, Landuse, Flow Accumulation  
+ *Horizontal curvature*



## Re-Modeled Erosion Areas: *Training Areas*

ca. 80 % of known erosion areas with  $p > 75\%$

## *Test Area:*

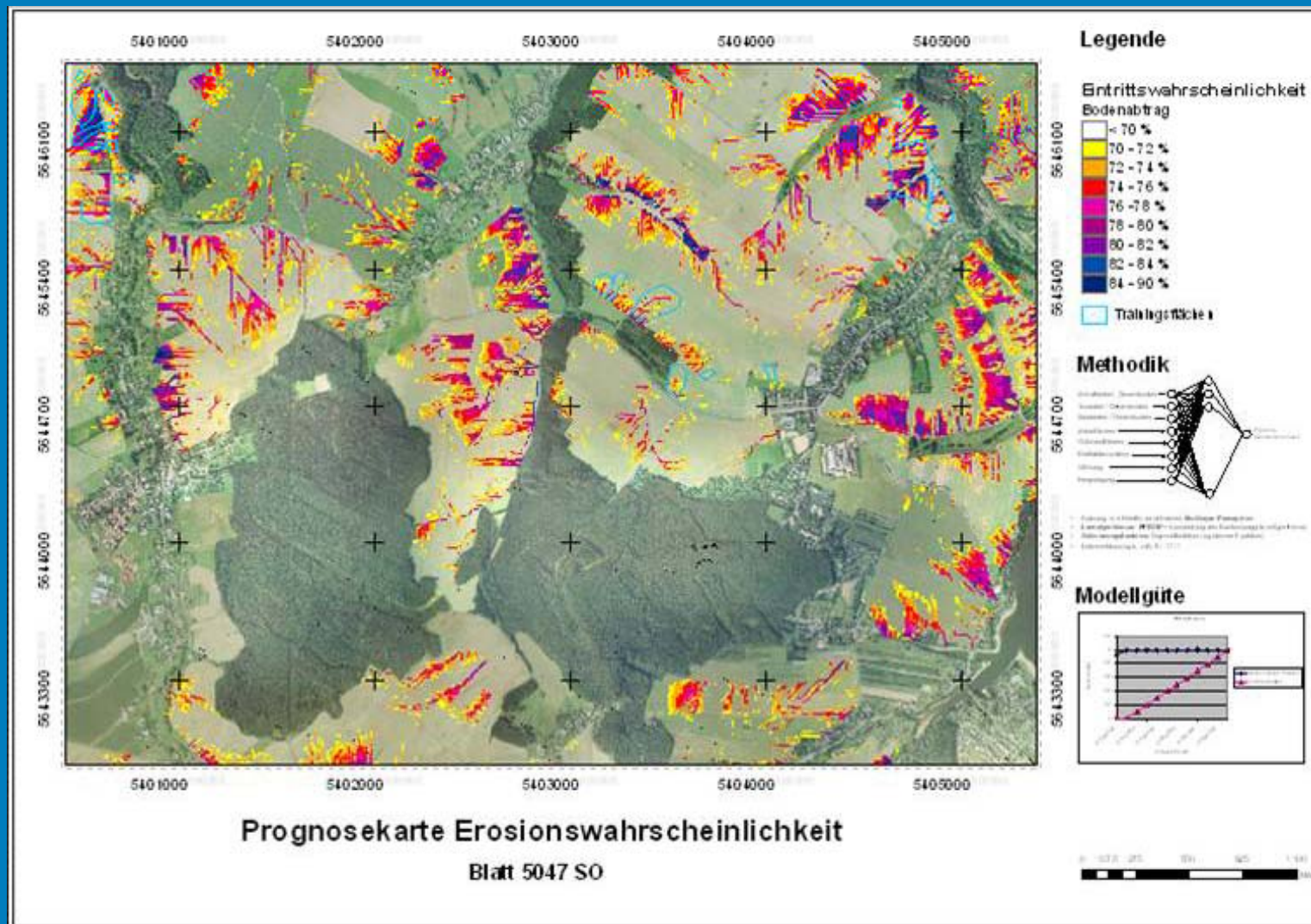
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### Probability:

□	0.5 - 0.55
□	0.55 - 0.6
□	0.6 - 0.65
□	0.65 - 0.7
□	0.7 - 0.75
□	0.75 - 0.8
□	0.8 - 0.85
□	0.85 - 0.9
□	0.9 - 1



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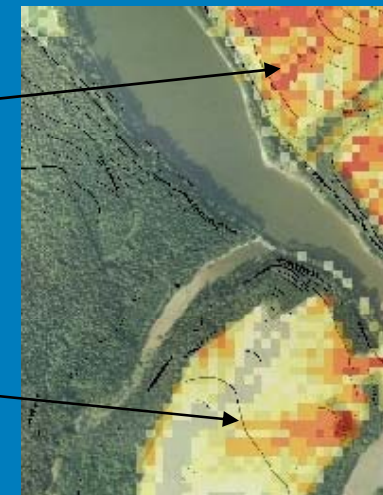
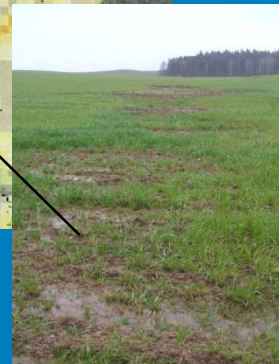
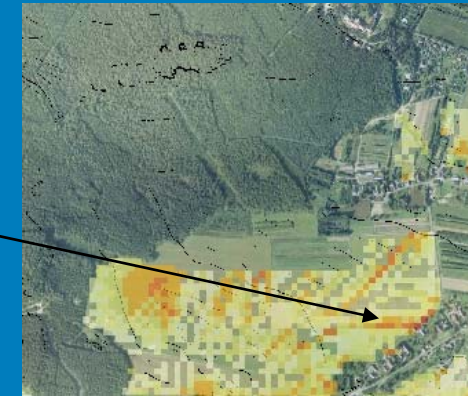
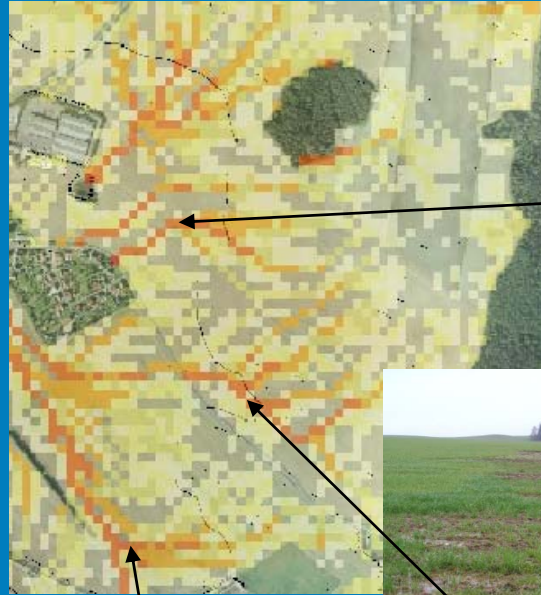
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## Validation of Prediction Results in the Field



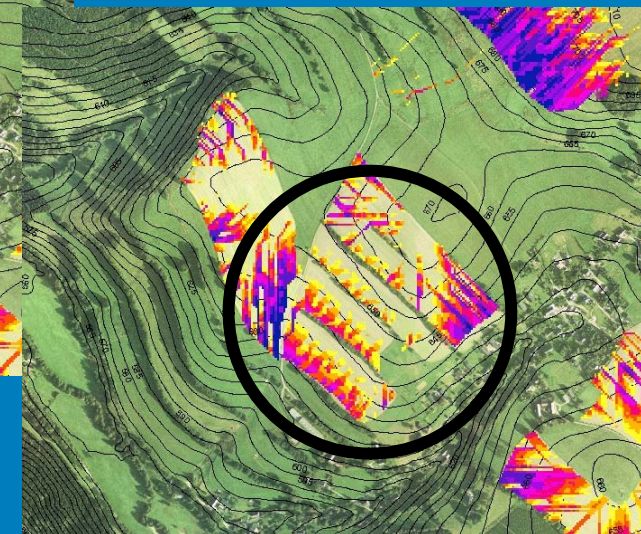
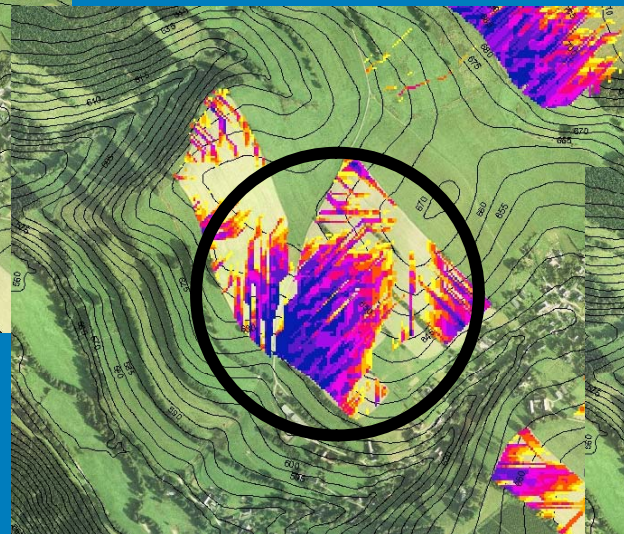
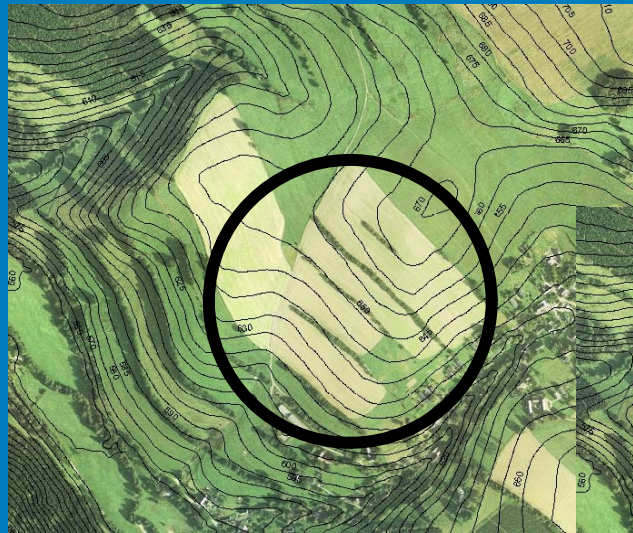
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# Case Study 1: Extensive Soil Erosion

## Optimization of Protection Measures



Alteration of Input Data:  
*DEM*



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## Case Study 2: Soil Creeping

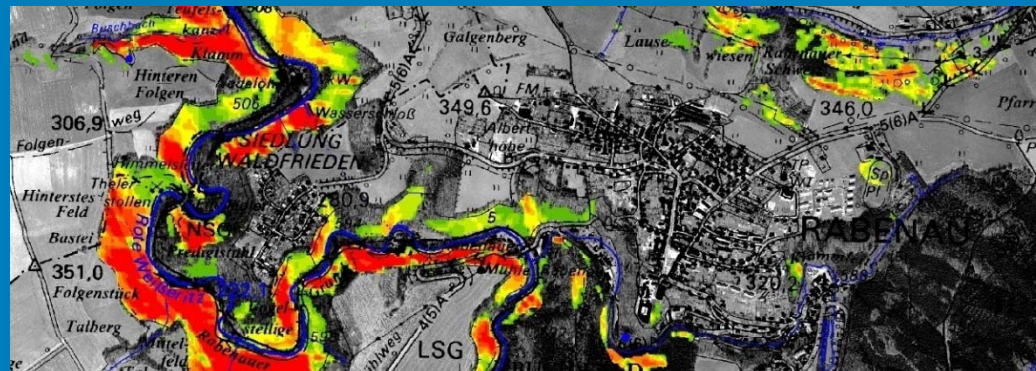
### Input Data

Elevation Model and its Derivates  
Geology: Lithology, Foliation  
Landuse  
Soil Types

### Training Data

Known Areas with  
Sliding / Creeping

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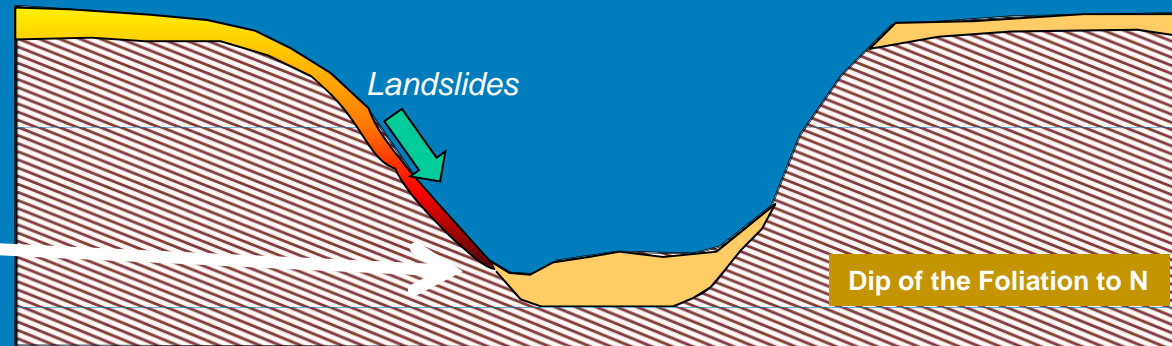
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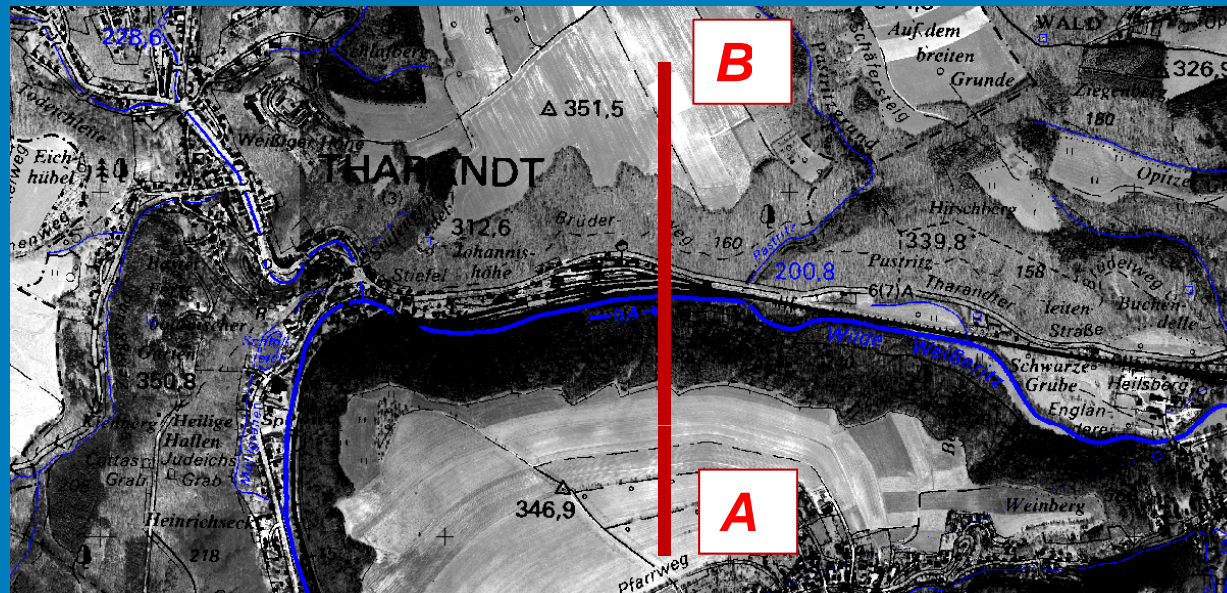
# Case Study 2: Soil Creeping



**A**



**B**



**B**

**A**



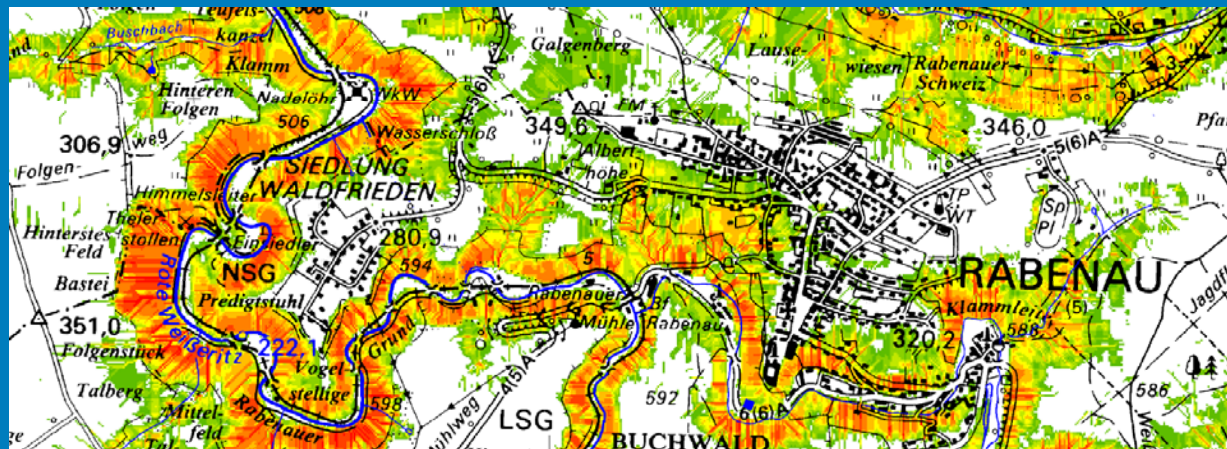
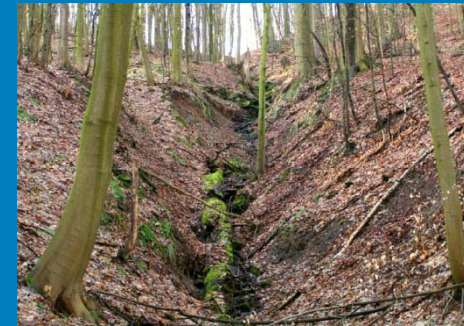
# Case Study 3: Erosion Gullies

## Input Data

Elevation Model and its Derivates  
Geology: Lithology, Foliation  
Landuse  
Soil Types

## Training Data

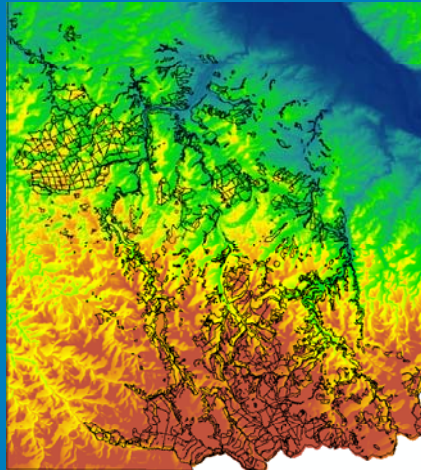
Known Areas with  
Gullies



# Case Study 4: Spread of Forest Pests

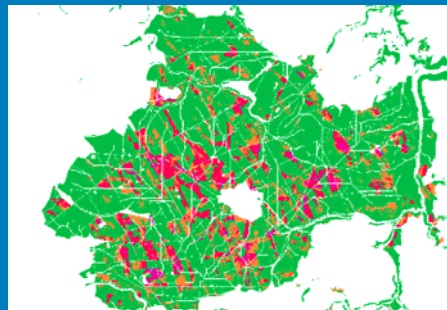
## Input Data:

Elevation Model and its Derivates,  
Soil Map,  
Forest Inventory Data



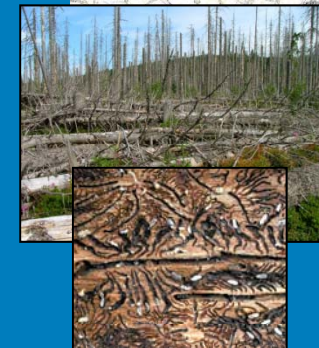
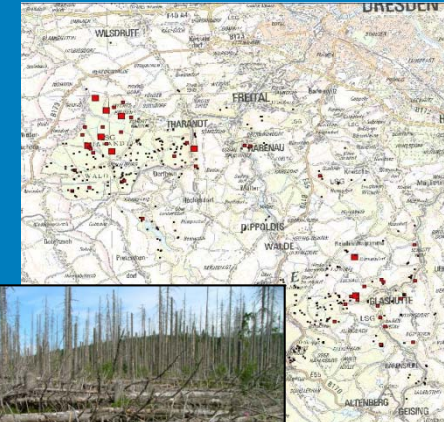
## Investigation Area:

Forests in Eastern Erzgebirge,  
Tharandter Wald



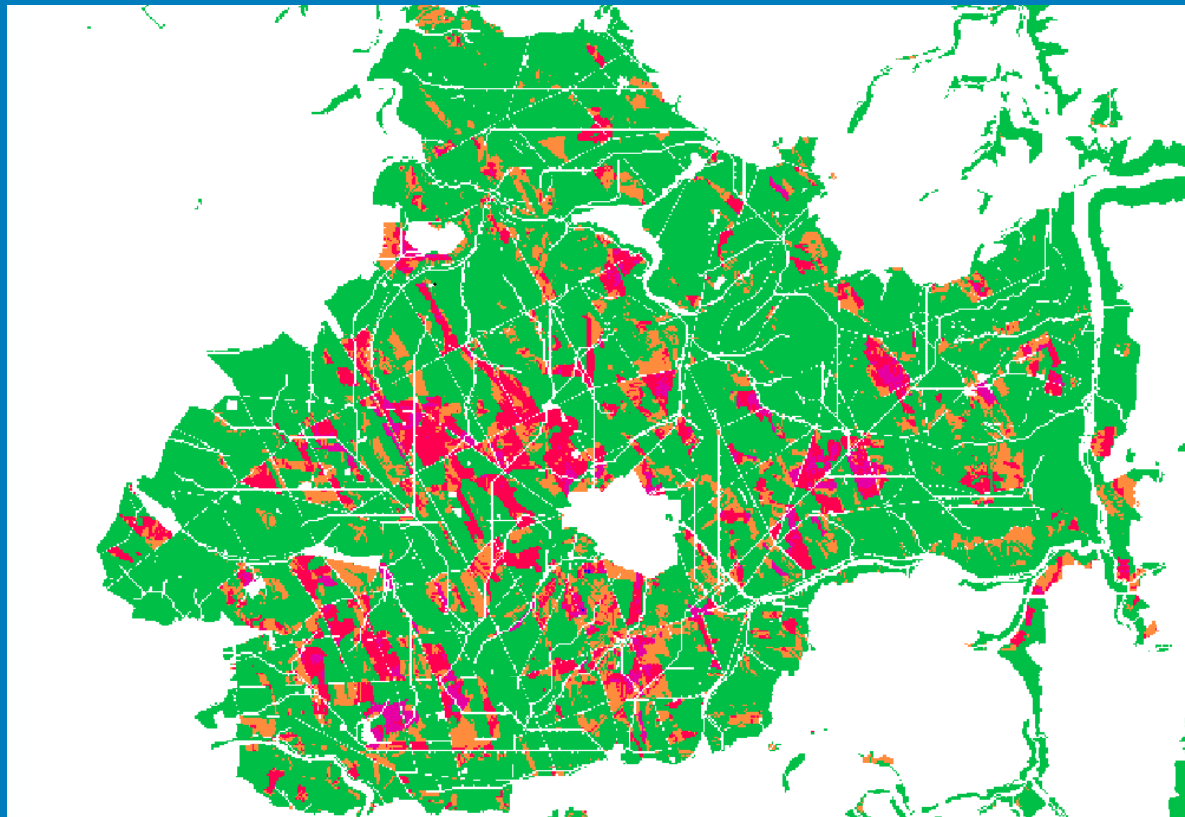
## Training Data:

Qualitative/  
Quantitative  
Infection Data








## Case Study 4: Spread of Forest Pests

### Average Result from a Total of 15 Different Models with Different Input Data



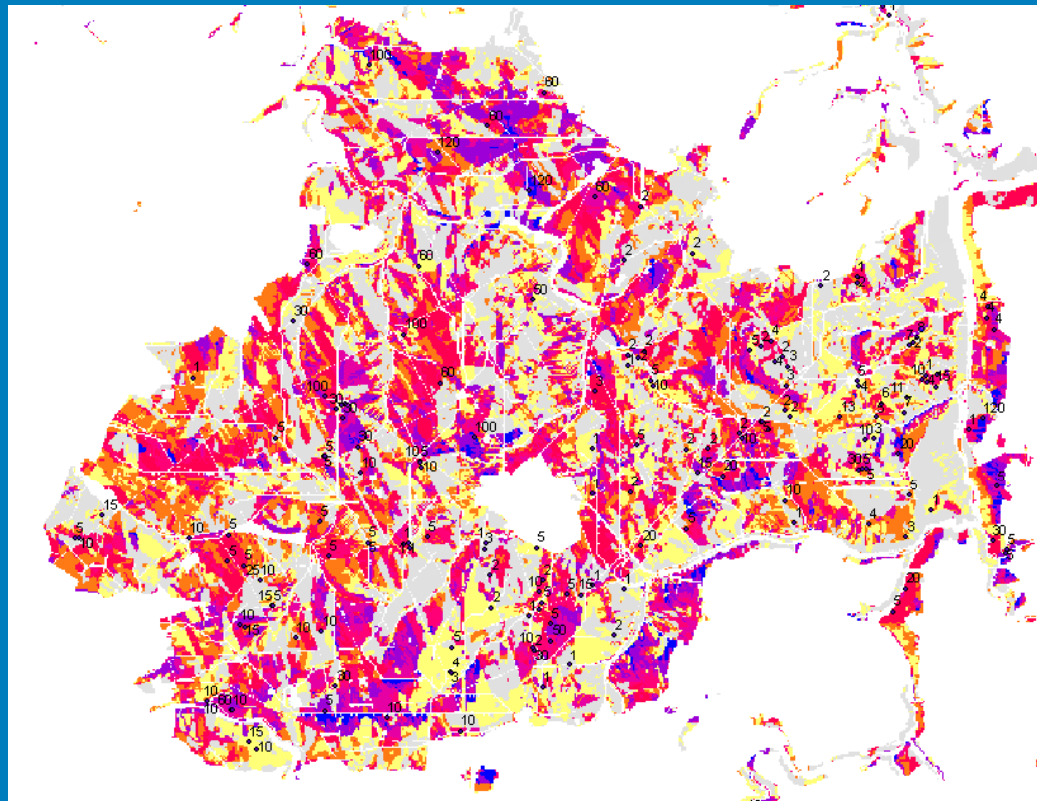
**Training Data:**  
Infection Data 2008  
Coded as:  
*Infected = 1*  
*Rest = 0*

-  No Endangerment
-  Low Endangerment
-  Medium Endangerment
-  High Endangerment
-  Very High Endangerment



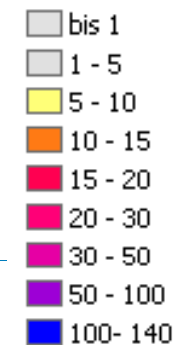
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Training Data:  
Infection Data 2008  
Coded as:  
*Infection Rate*

#### ***Infection Rate*** ***(m<sup>3</sup>/Infection Area)***

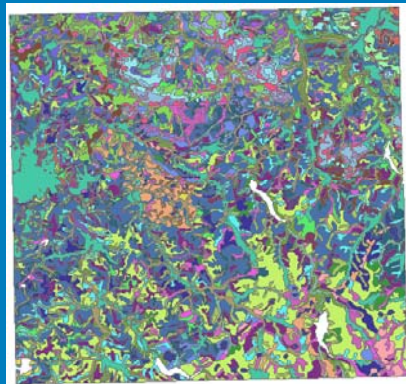




## Case Study 5: Regionalization of Soil Parameters: *Humidity Level*

### Input Data:

Elevation Model and its Derivates  
Soil Map  
Climate Data  
Landuse



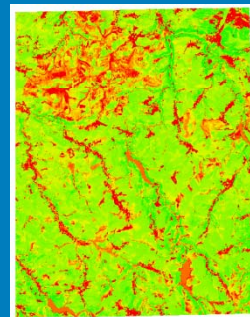
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Training Data:  
Sounding Rods /  
Auger  
(1252 Points)



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→ feu1 – feu6

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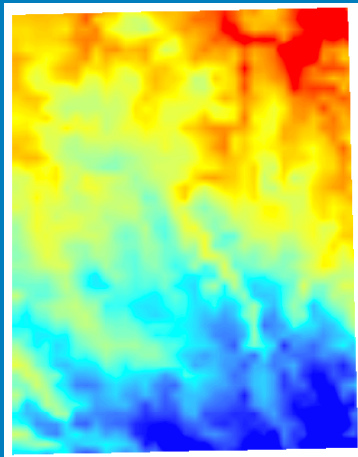
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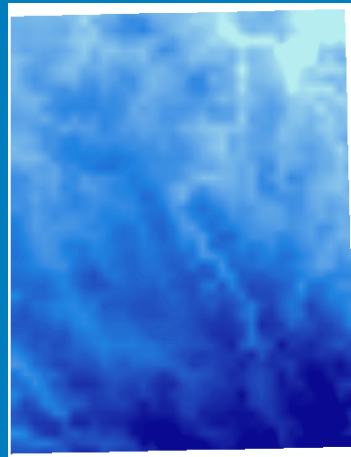
## Case Study 5: Regionalization of Soil Parameters: *Humidity Level*

### Additional Input Data: Climate Data

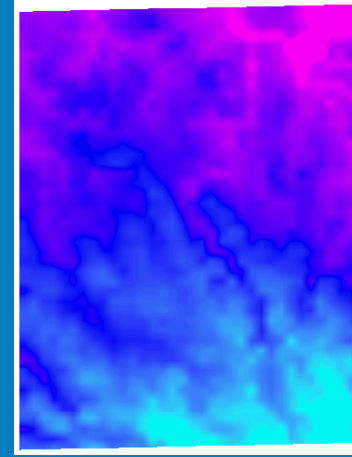
→ Evaporation, Rainfall, Relative Humidity



Evaporation [mm]



Rainfall [mm]



Relative Humidity [%]



## Case Study 5: Regionalization of Soil Parameters: *Humidity Level*

Training Data: 1252 Sounding Rods / Auger with Humidity Level  
→ feu1 – feu6

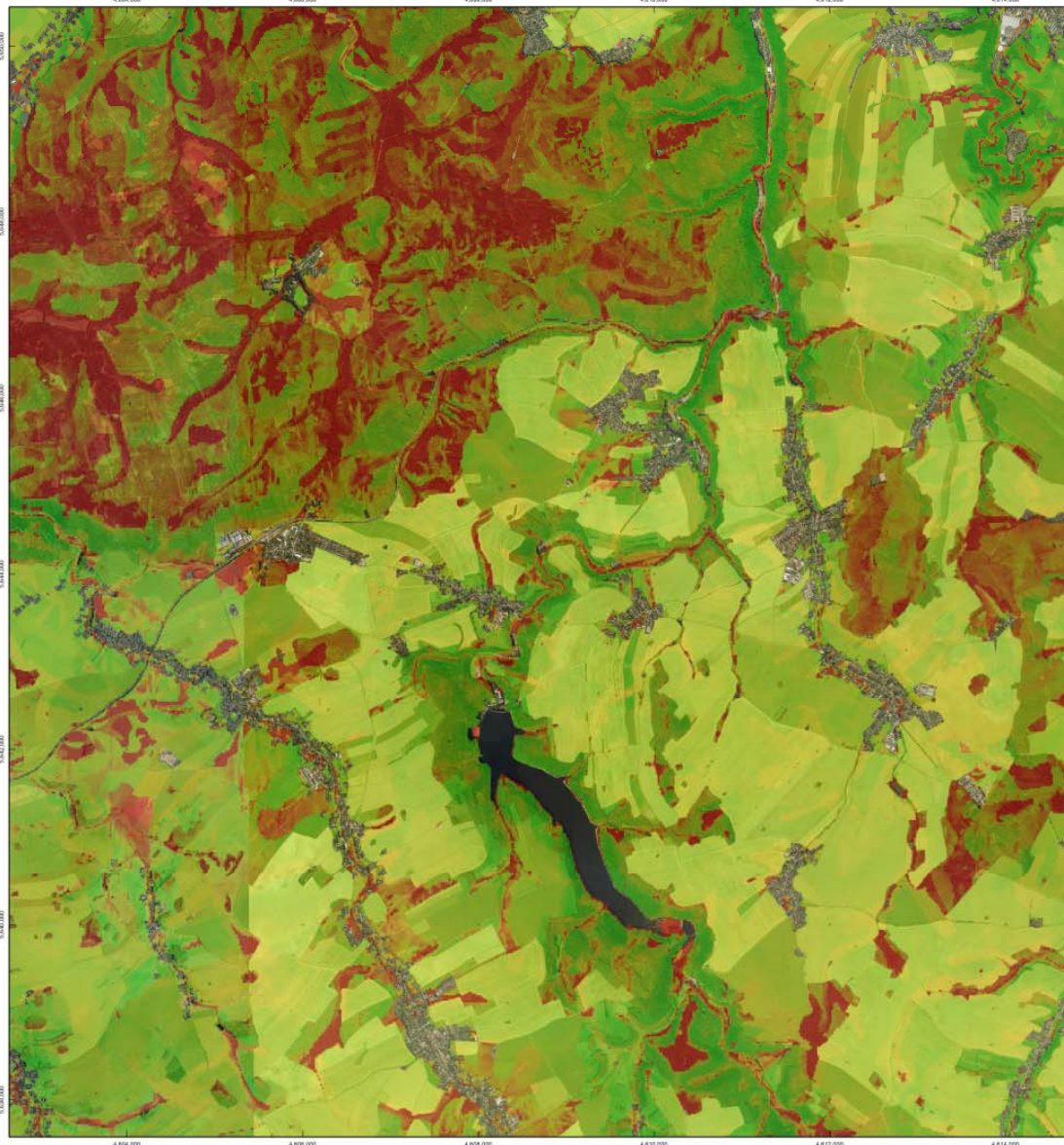


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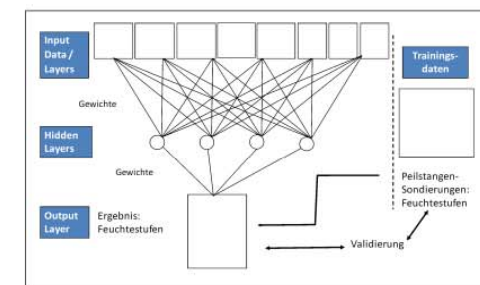
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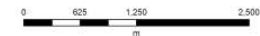
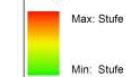
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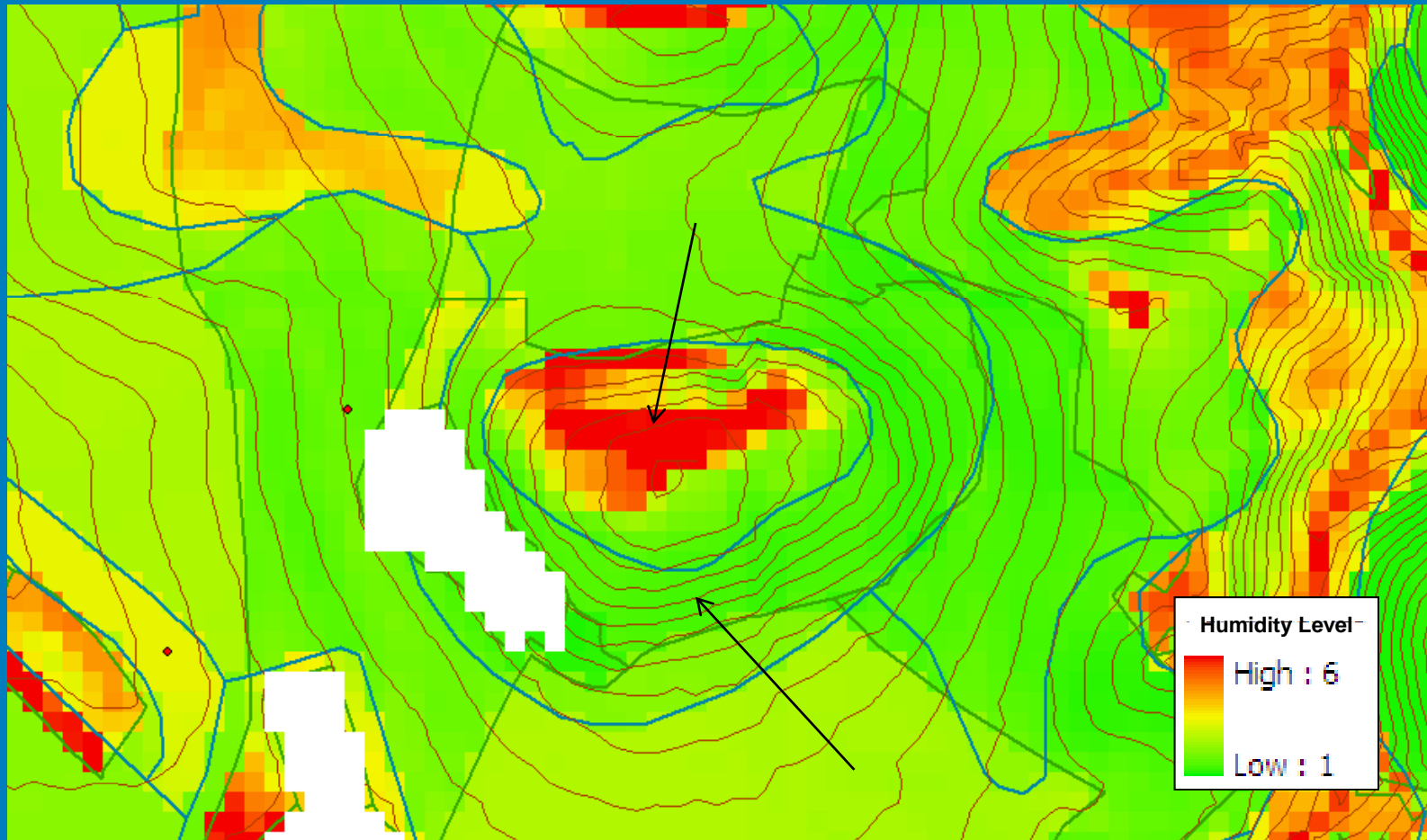
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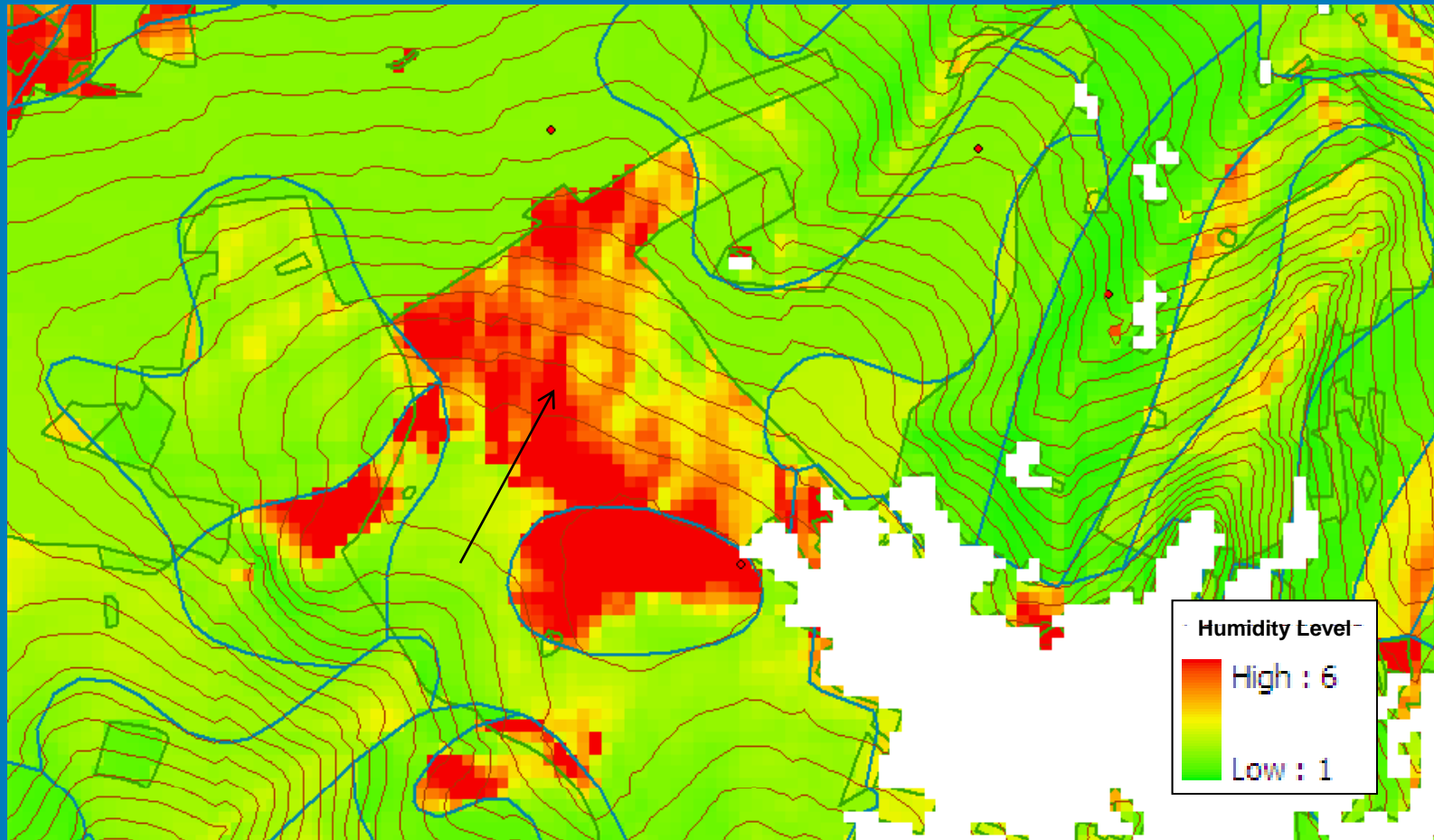
## Case Study 5: Regionalization of Soil Parameters: *Humidity Level*



Influence of Exposition (here: N-Hillside) and Climate (Rainfall Distribution)



## Case Study 5: Regionalization of Soil Parameters: *Humidity Level*



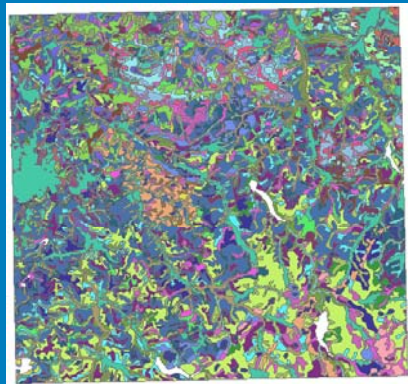
Visible Gradient of Humidity Level within Biotope Types (here: Grassland)



## Case Study 6: Regionalization of Soil Parameters: *Humus Level*

### Input Data:

Elevation Model and its Derivates  
Soil Map  
Climate Data  
Landuse

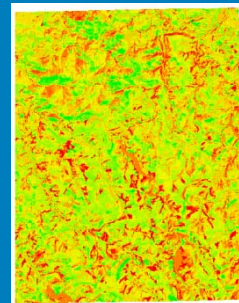


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Training Data:  
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Auger  
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→ h0 – h7

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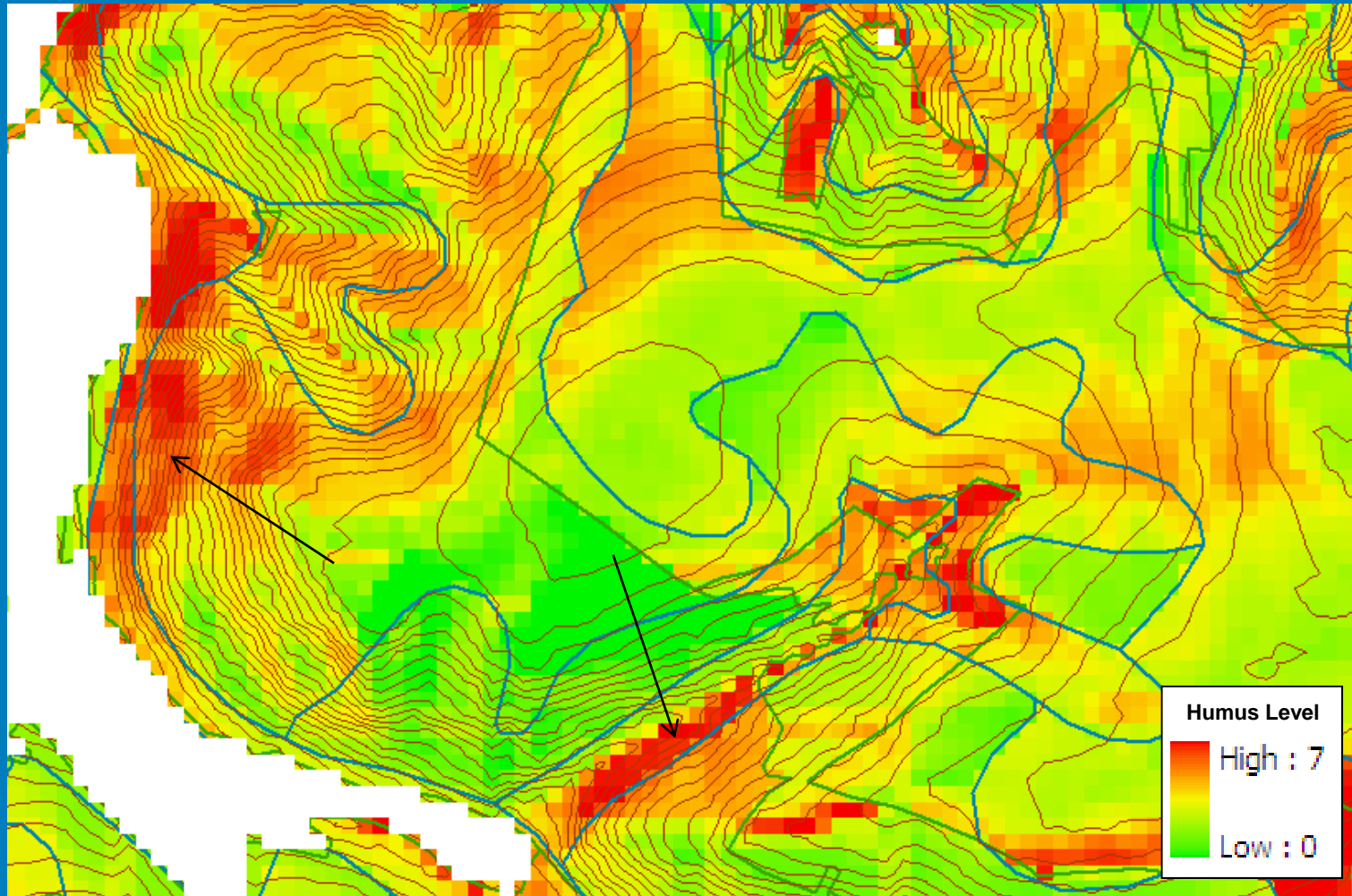


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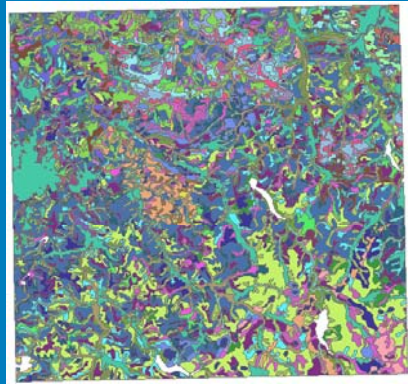
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## Case Study 7: Regionalization of Soil Parameters: *TOC [%]*

### Input Data

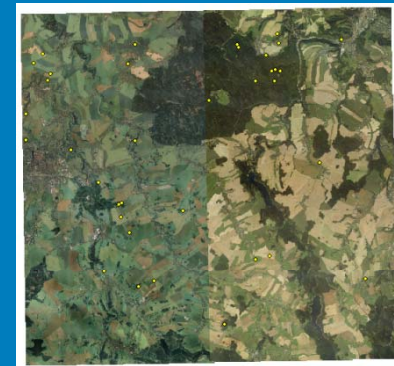
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Soil Map  
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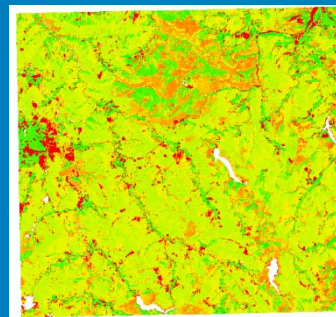
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Training Data:  
Exploratory Soil  
Excavation  
(38 Points)



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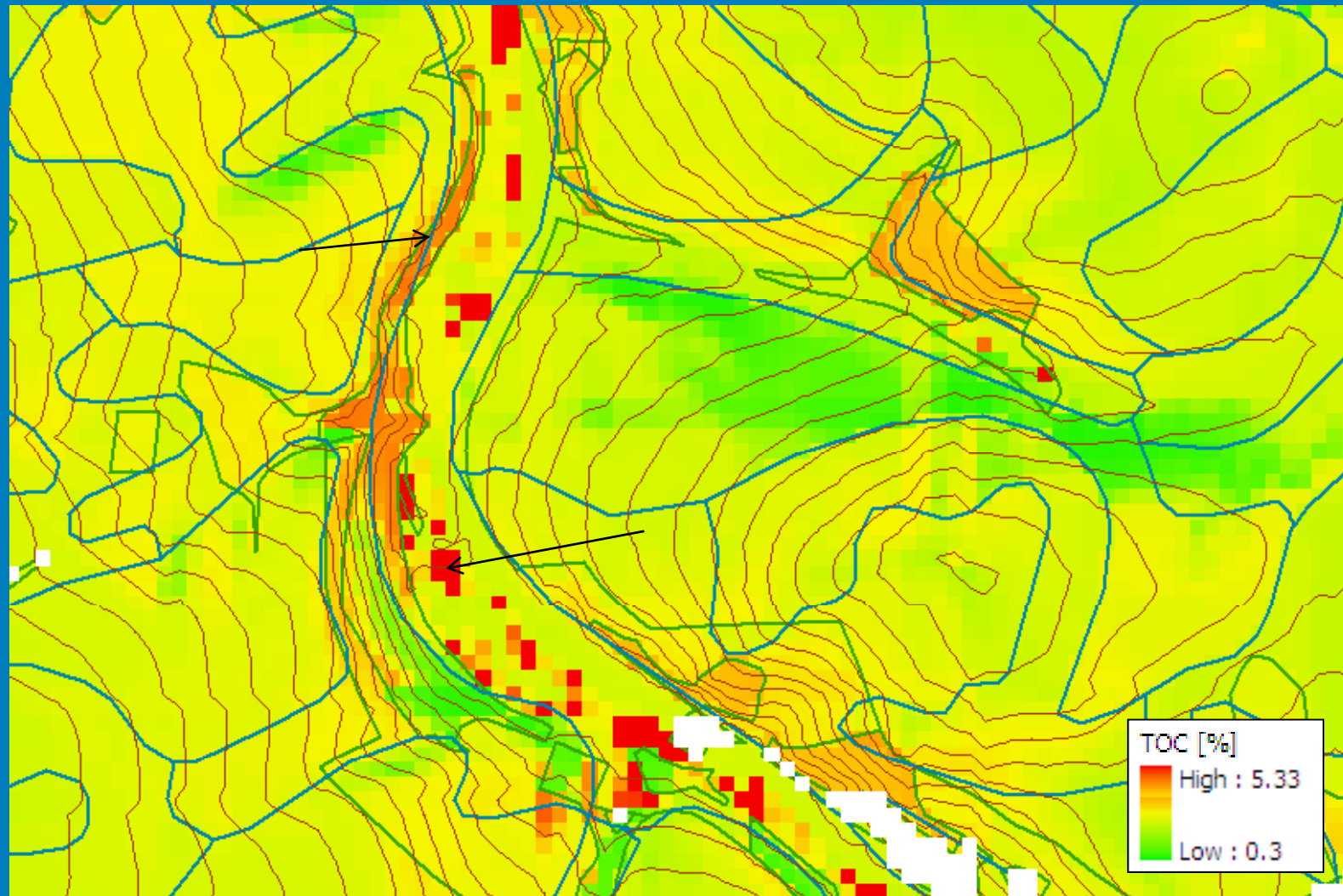


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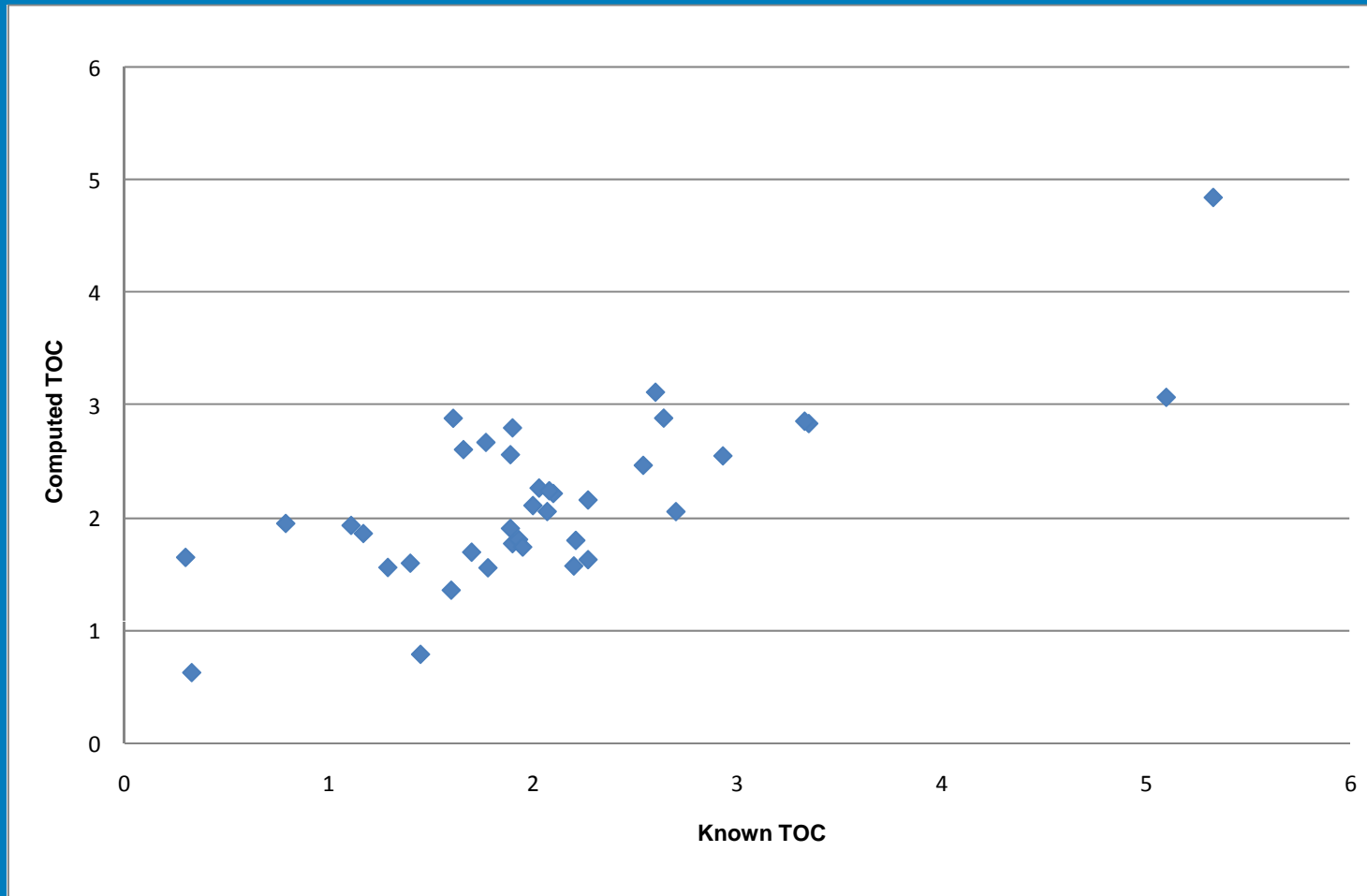
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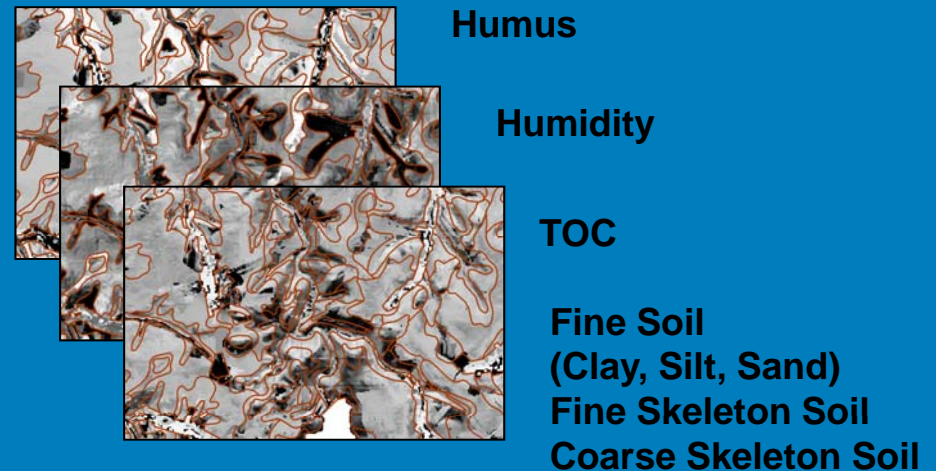
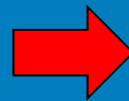
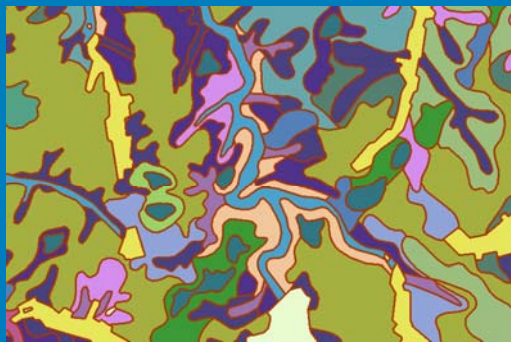
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## Outlook: Vision of a „Rasterised Soilmap“



### CURRENT:

#### Vector Soil map

with defined polygon boundaries  
with the same parameters inside  
a polygon (without gradient)

### VISION:

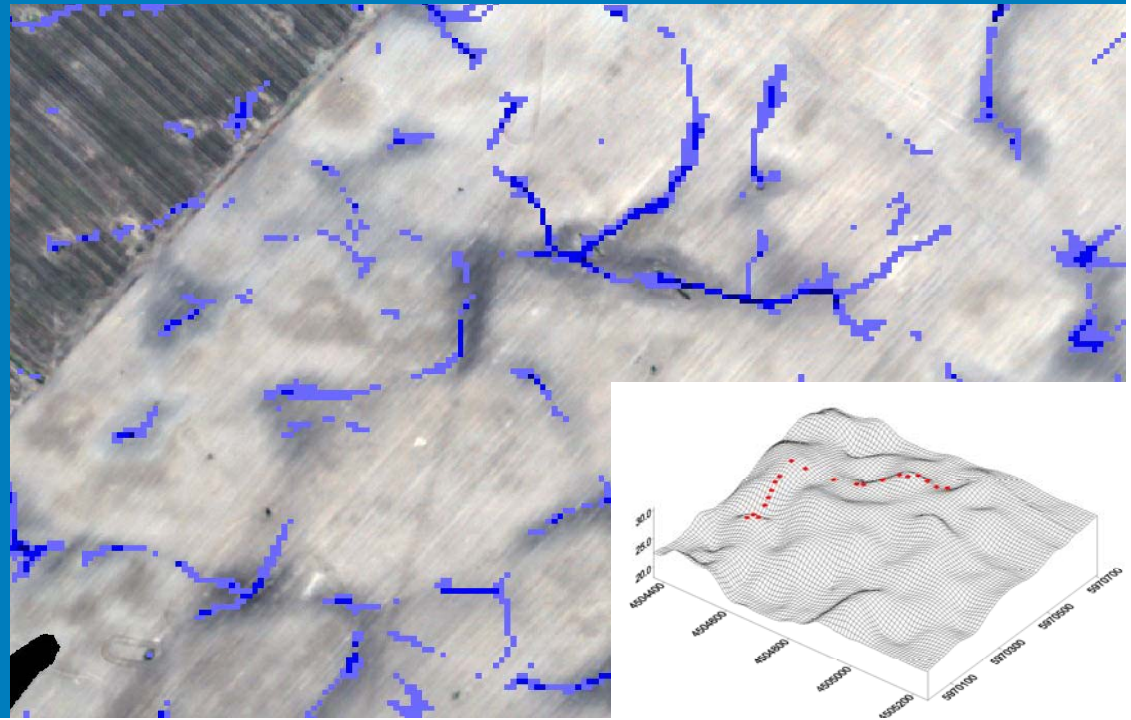
#### Raster Soil map

with separate raster layers for  
each parameter and gradient  
inside the original polygon



# Outlook: Application of Artificial Neural Networks in Precision Farming

- **Input Data:**
  - Various soil data
  - Water balance data
  - DEM and derivations
  - Phenomena mapped from aerial images
  - ECa maps
  - Yield maps
- **Possible Results**
  - Enhanced raster soil maps
  - Prediction of pests
  - All other spatial phenomena that are based on various controlling (spatial) factors



## Summary: Application of Artificial Neural Networks

- Various applications are possible, e.g.:
  - Regionalization of soil parameters,
  - Time series analysis,
  - "Raster soil map",
  - Analysis of influencing factors

→ We are looking forward to your comments, knowledge sharing and collaboration!

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