**SOILAssist**

**Sustainable protection and improvement of soil functions with intelligent land management strategies**

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**Development of practically usable methods and tools for optimal field management strategies with a focus on soil protection**

In the last years automation and optimisation have become increasingly important in agricultural processes. In addition to improvements in efficiency, soil protection is gaining attention in modern agricultural engineering. The project SOILAssist addresses both topics. It aims at the development of practically usable methods and tools for optimal field management strategies with a focus on soil protection.

**Integration of an adaptive real-time assistance system for agriculture machines**

In the project SOILAssist the DFKI Robotics Innovation Center develops an adaptive real-time assistance system for agriculture machines. The assistance system facilitates spatial and temporal process planning and coordination of several cooperative machines. Input for the planning system is sensor information about soil pressure and soil deformation as well as a soil model. The soil model takes soil characteristics and the driving parameters into account. The planning system will coordinate the harvester and additional machines by providing the drivers with plans that ensure soil protection. These plans will be adapted online on new information.

The effects of driving on the soil structure will be analysed by the Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel.

The Thünen-Institute will record and evaluate sensor information and develop the soil model in cooperation with the Christian-Albrechts-University of Kiel.

The project's results will be made publicly available in a modular, framework-independent open source library.

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