

# NFDI4Earth Pilot

# SoilPulse

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## Towards Fair soil process data

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→ Metadataschema

# SoilPulse - Motivation

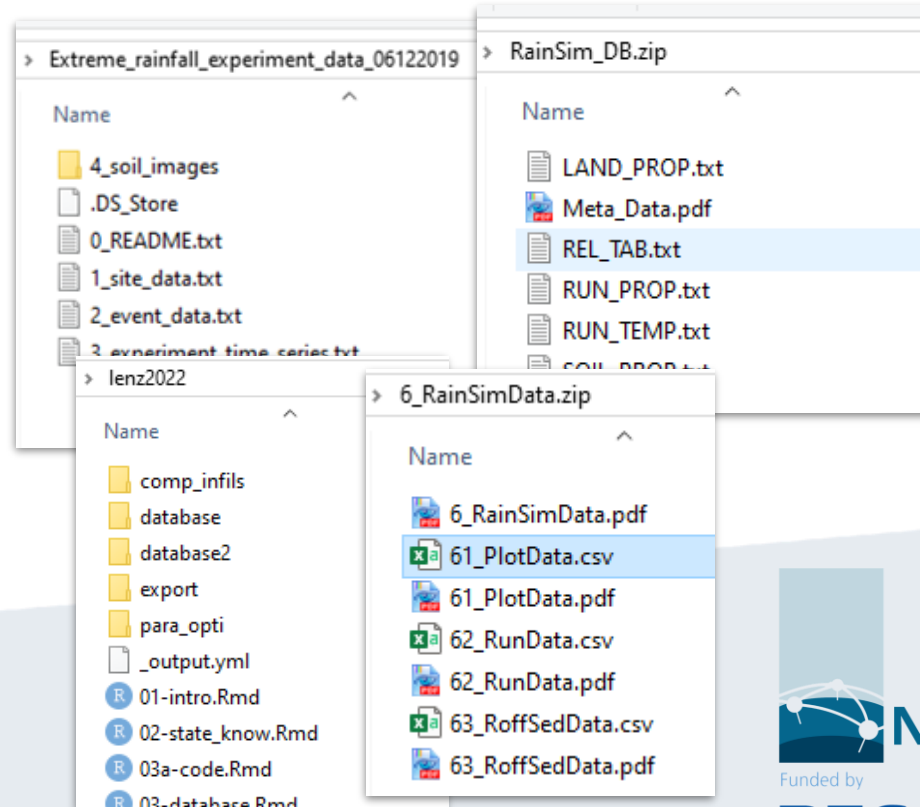
**Topic:** Observation data for model calibration

- e.g. rainfall-runoff simulations in field or lab



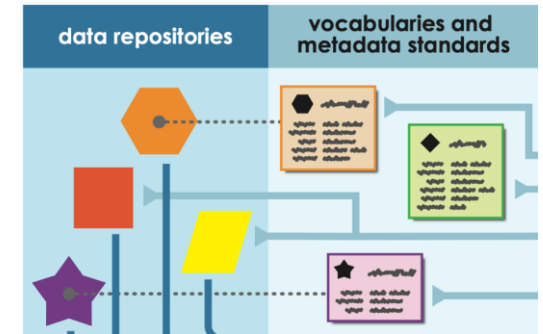
**Issue:** Missing standards

- In data management
- (In experimental methods)



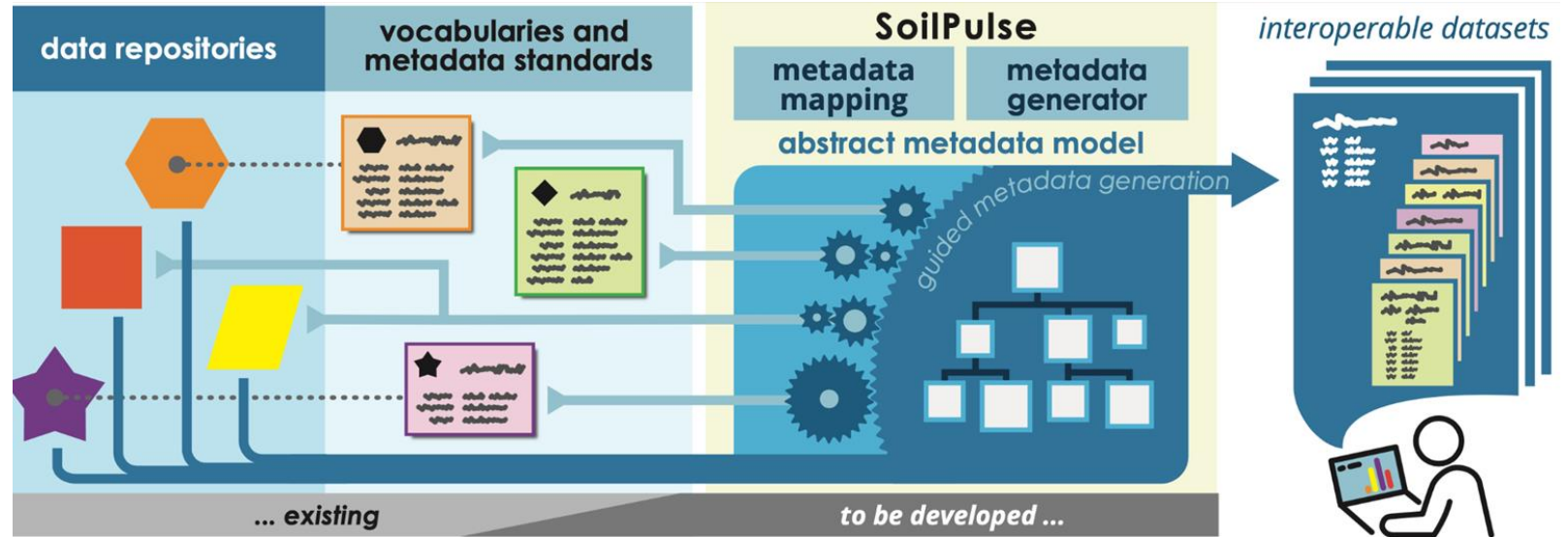
**State of data resources**

- incompatible
- unFAIR
- unpublished



# SoilPulse - Aims

- 1 - Data harmonization assisted by a tool for metadata generation.
  - 2 - Allow for semi-automatic analysis through (meta-)data querying.
  - 3 - Learn from others (meta-)data needs
- Make (existing) data sets reusable!**



**You are an experimenting / data wrangling / modelling / interested person?**

**→ See you on the screen!**



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# SoilPulse - Aims 1/2

**Metadata generation** in a web interface (Demo: [https://soilpulse-egu.streamlit.app/Metadata\\_retriever](https://soilpulse-egu.streamlit.app/Metadata_retriever))

- User/Data creator provides files (**non standardized structure**), metadata shall be generated as automatically as possible, so the user “only” needs to approve and complete it.
  - Data structure needs to be mapped within metadata.
  - User gets feedback how the machine understands his data, while preparing the metadata.
  - User gets feedback if his data complies with data of other resources.
  - Semi-automatic generation of submission ready metadata to data files.
- Also applicable to **already published** resources (e.g. Datasets on Zenodo) -> Reference to the resource is then included in metadata to avoid republication.

# SoilPulse - Aims 2/2

(Meta-)Data querying (Demo: <https://soilpulse-egu.streamlit.app/Explorer>)

- Metadata becomes access point for data
- Making data points queryable: “Get runoff values from all rainfall simulation experiments with total organic carbon content > 3% of a soil sample.”
- Feed data aggregates to models by defining model requirement templates.
- Combination with data from other resources.
  
- Requires (self-hosted) live system/ server holding (temporarily) all data.

**Which Metadata do we need to generate in addition to existing metadata schemas to increase data reusability?**

# SoilPulse - Metadata schema 1/2

## Adaptation of bonares metadata schema (Gärtner et al. 2017)

- Extensive soil specific schema, building upon INSPIRE and DataCite (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cageo.2019.07.005>)
- Bonares has metadata down to table structure and relation of tables

## Extension:

- Assignment of controlled vocabulary concepts to single data points/columns:
  - e.g. “SOC”/”TOC”/”Corg” of original datasets becomes “total organic carbon” of AGROVOC ([http://aims.fao.org/aos/agrovoc/c\\_c35fdd26](http://aims.fao.org/aos/agrovoc/c_c35fdd26)).
- Make metadata within files readable for machines (e.g. table structure, timesteps, experiment ID). → Map down to single values.

# SoilPulse - Metadata schema 2/2

## Implementation (in progress):

- Devátý, J., Lenz, J., and Jackisch, C.: SoilPulse – A software package for semi-automated metadata management and publication, EGU General Assembly 2024, Vienna, Austria, 14–19 Apr 2024, EGU24-18775, <https://doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-egu24-18775>, 2024.
- will be available as python package





# SoilPulse - Data and issues 1/2

## Soil, Erosion/Infiltration Experiments

- at the boundary between hydrology, agriculture and soil properties
- various process' observation
- state dependent (initial water content, plant development, ...)
- functional characteristics of soils/ experimental sites

## Data types

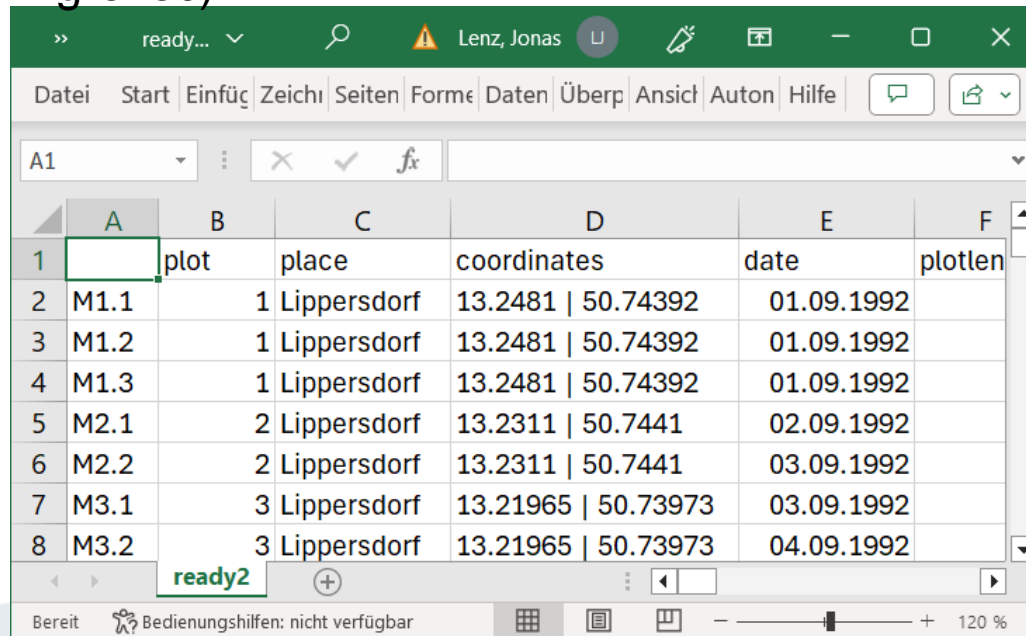
- single measurements of soil properties
- descriptions of treatment (last or history), plant development
- time series of processes (runoff, irrigation intensity)
- images
- ...



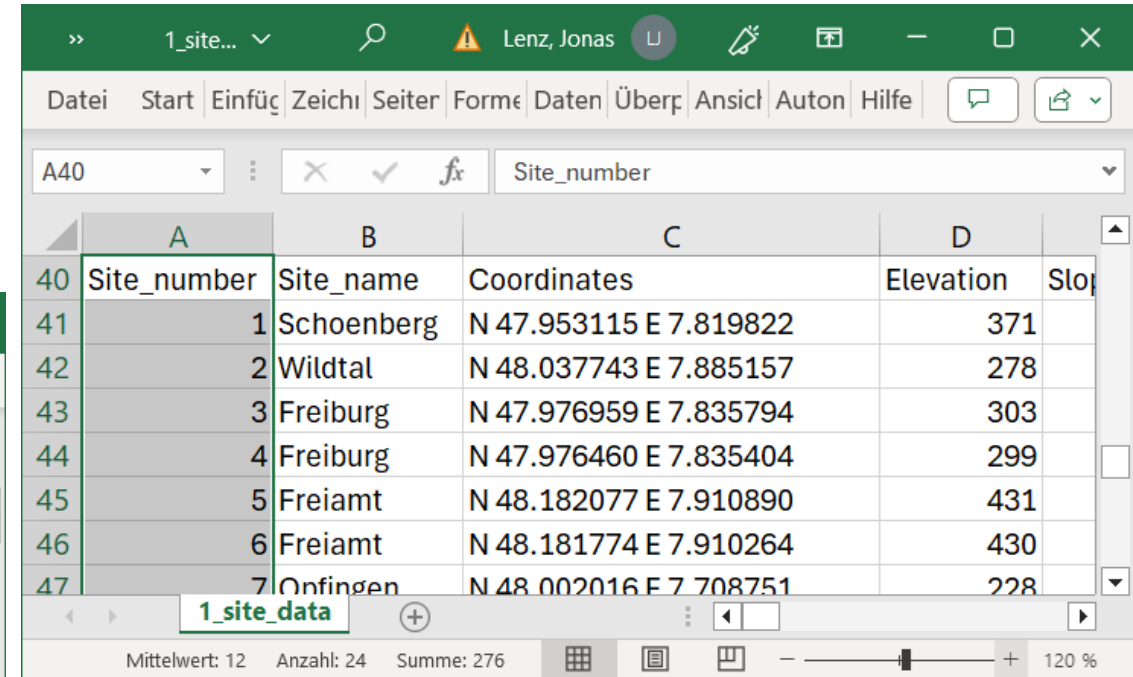
# SoilPulse - Data and issues 2/2

## Missing standards in datamanagement

- Differing table structures → capture table reading instructions in metadata
- Differing namings → Use controlled Vocabulary (e.g. Agrovoc)



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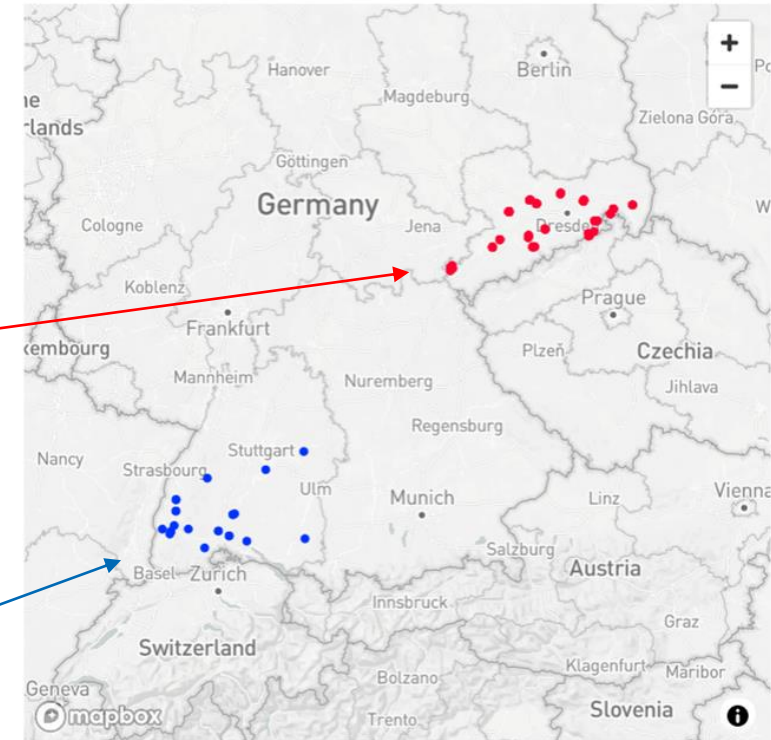
# SoilPulse - (Meta-)Data queries 1/1

- Query multiple data sets at once
- Define your queries in templates
- Easier analysis

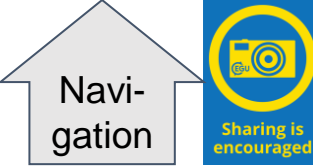
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# SoilPulse - Links



More on the project:



<https://soilpulse.github.io/>

Test it on streamlit:



<https://soilpulse-egu.streamlit.app>

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