

# Geodata analysis with decentralized cloud-integrated infrastructures: Lessons learned and solutions for public authorities

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## What is the JKI?

- ... is the Federal Research Centre for Cultivated Plants in Germany.
- ... was constituted on January 1st, 2008, as the research branch of the German Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL).
- ... is both a research institute and a higher federal authority.

## Who was Julius Kühn?

He lived from 1825 till 1910, established and developed the agrarian sciences as part of university education in Germany.



## Research topics

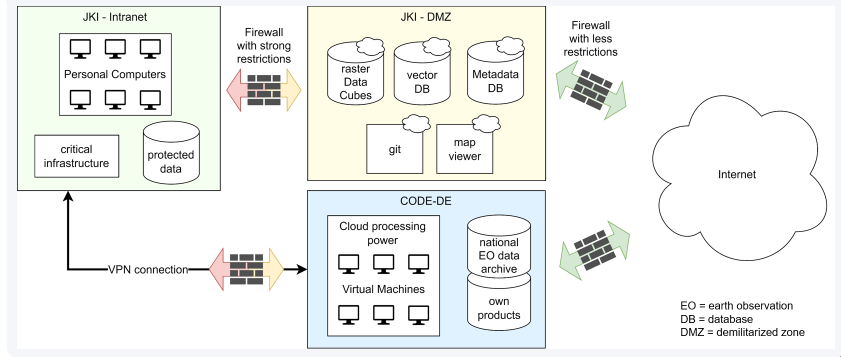
- plant nutrition, agronomy and soil science
- plant genetics, breeding research
- plant protection and plant health

## Organization

- 17 specialized institutes & several service units
- federal budget  $\approx$  90 Million € ...  
third-party funds  $\approx$  20 Million €
- $\approx$  750 permanent positions ...  
 $\approx$  450 time contracts ...  $\approx$  350 scientists

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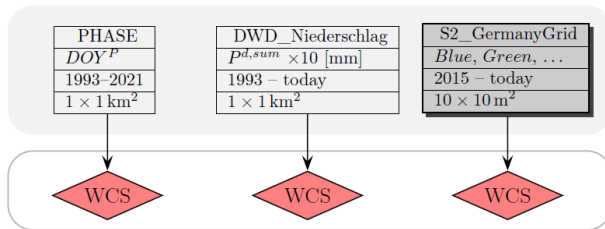
## Spatial Data Infrastructure at JKI (JKI SDI)



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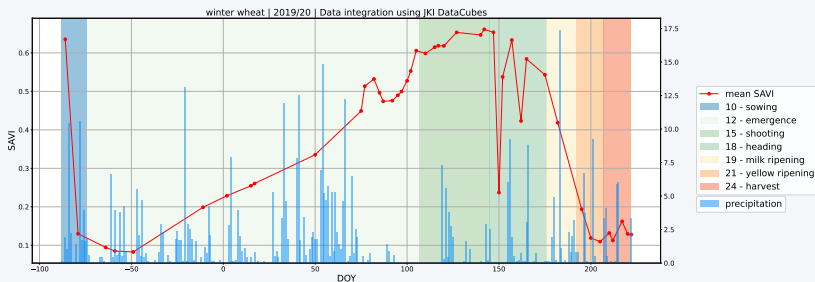
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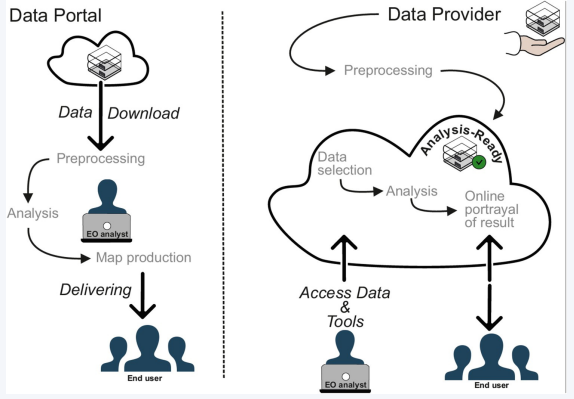
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## Real-time WCS-based data integration



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## Paradigm shift

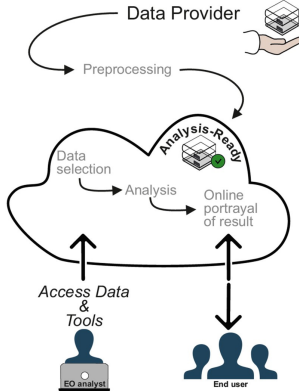
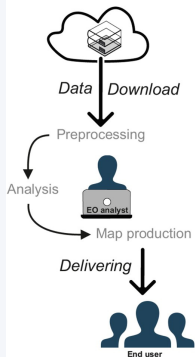


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## Paradigm shift: **Obstacles**

### Data Portal



## Answers to seven questions not asked

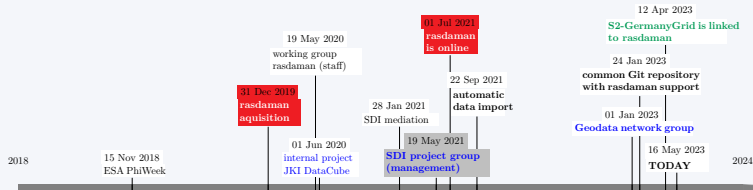


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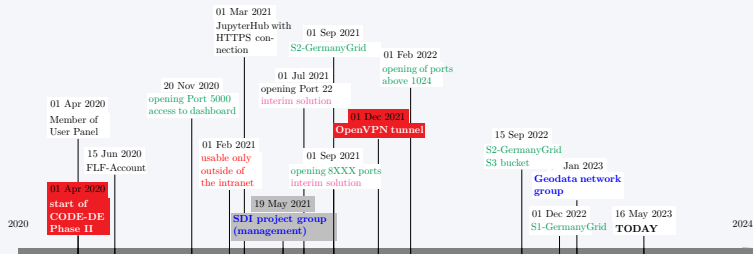
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## JKI Data Cube



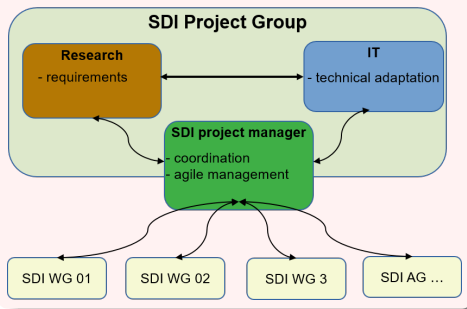
## CODE-DE





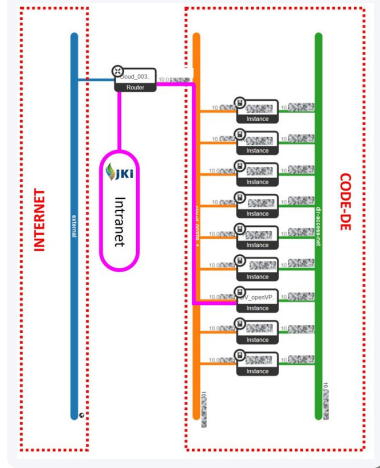
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## SDI project group



solving higher-level structural, strategic, network, and security issues related to JKI SDI outside the IT ticket and hotline systems

## OpenVPN tunnel



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# Obstacles: Organisational structure

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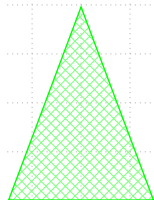
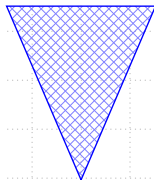
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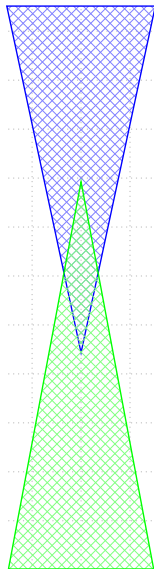
Definition of concrete technical, financial, personnel and IT security requirements

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# Lessons learned

- Cloud-integrated data infrastructures are key for big data storage and processing in agriculture.
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- Technical solutions exist to integrate innovative digital products.
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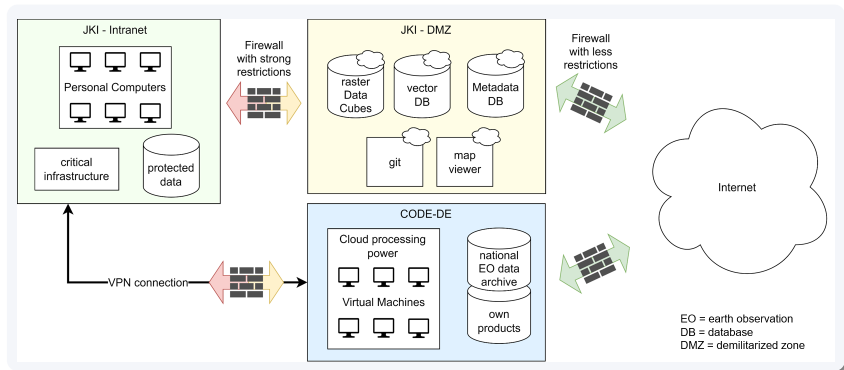
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## Implementation framework for public authorities!

You are invited to participate in a white paper on pragmatic solutions for (German) authorities!

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# Thank you for your attention!



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