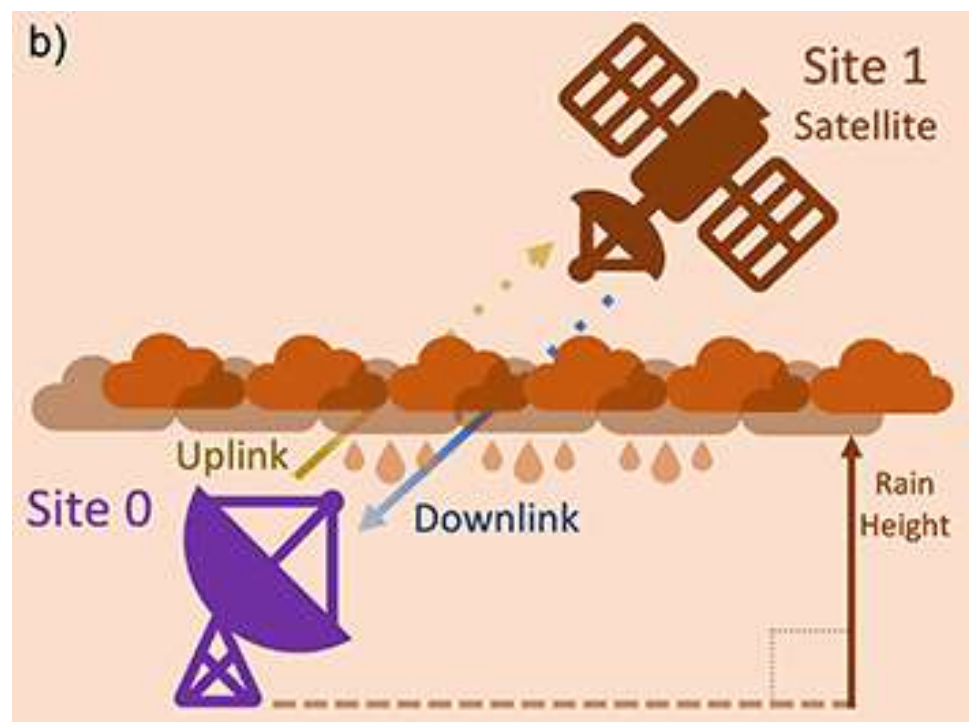


# Outlook

- Satellite microwave links
- EUMETNET IoT expert group
- OS and crowdsourcing at DWD

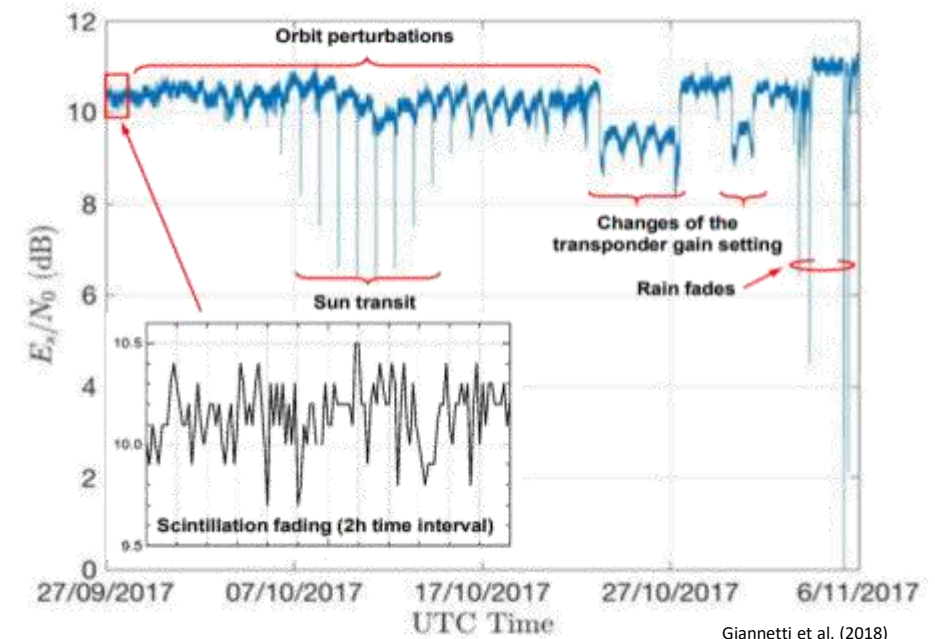
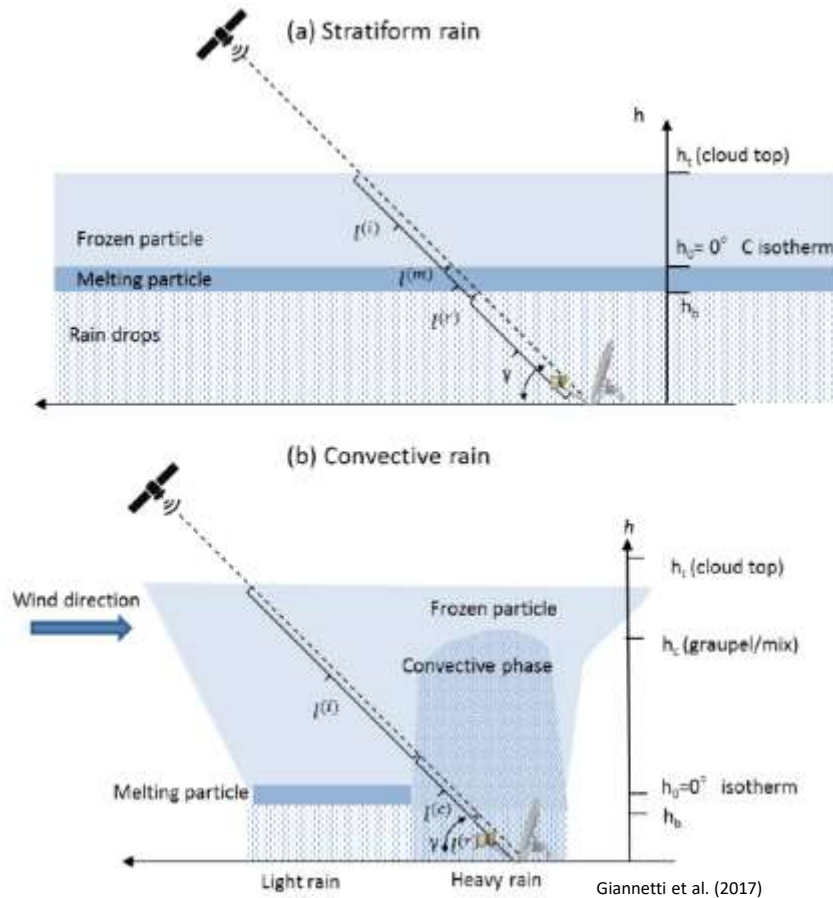
Satellite microwave links

# The principle

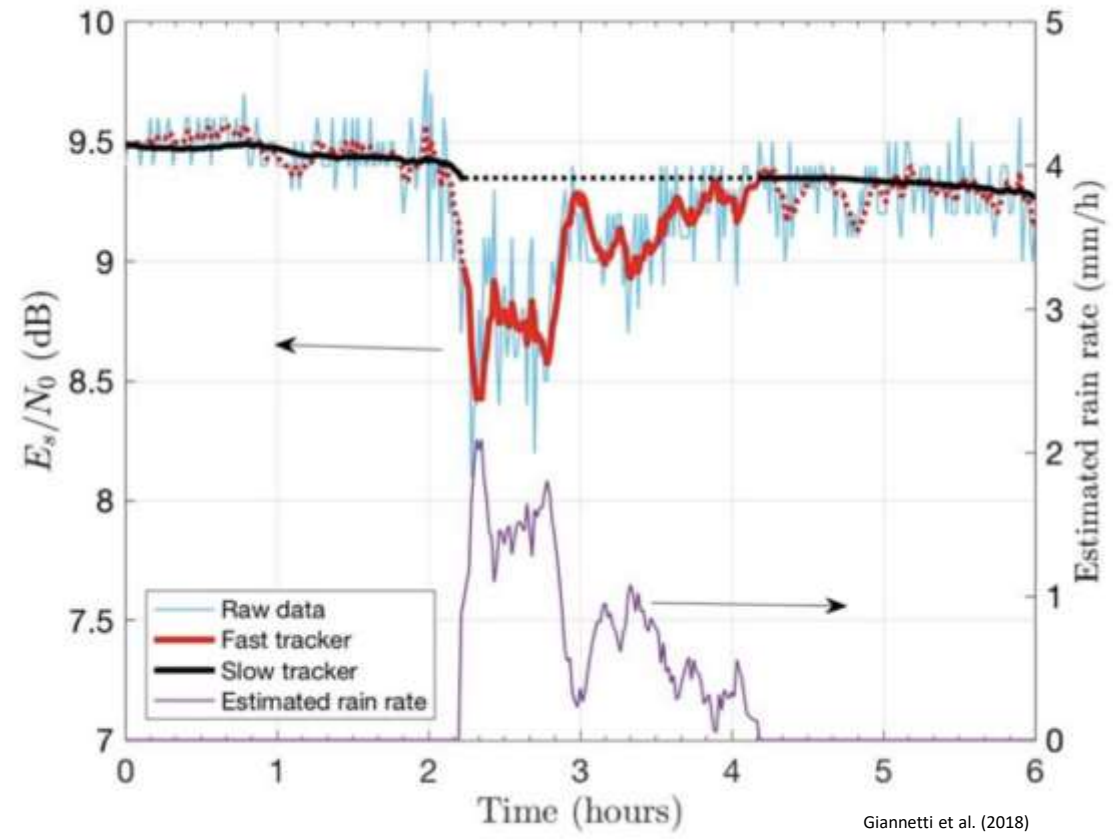


Satellite communication at Ku or Ka band

# Challenges



# Showcase



# Crowdsourcing and OS at DWD

Credits to Rafael Posada, DWD

# State of the art at DWD

- **Third-party-data**

- used at DWD (mostly classical synoptical data)
  - Precipitation data of the German federal states
  - Lightning data (company, data purchase)
  - These data are already collected by other organizations
- not used yet
  - Integration of **PWS** data (company, data purchase) → The executive board's decision is still pending BUT real time data flow from EUMETNET from July on for 6 months
  - Use data from communities/larger cities



*Precipitation stations from the German federal states.*

# State of the art at DWD

- **Projects**

- FloWKar (2017-2020)

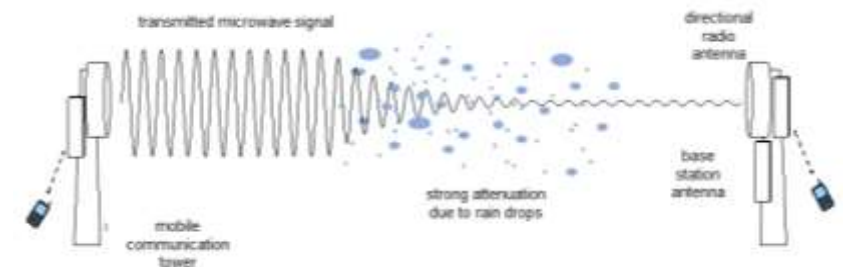
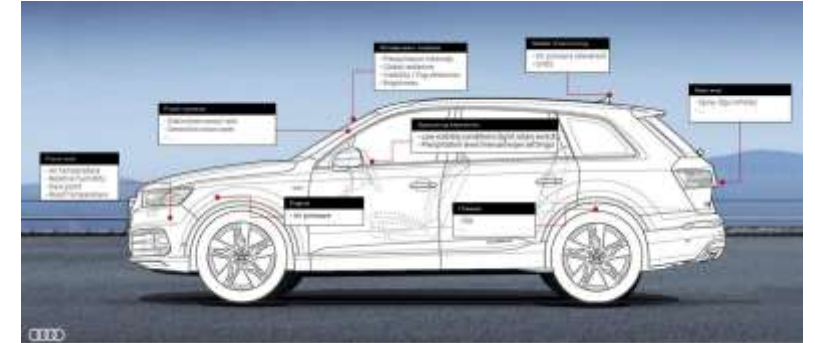
- Weather data from road traffic for weather forecasts
    - Netatmo dataset assimilated into ICON-LAM  
(<https://rmets.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/qj.4276>)

- HoWa-PRO (2022-2024)

- Improve early flood warning for small catchment areas
    - Use of commercial microwave links (CMLs)  
attenuation data to derive rainfall estimates in real time

- **CML**

- Market survey under way to get offers for CML data, → The executive board's decision is still pending



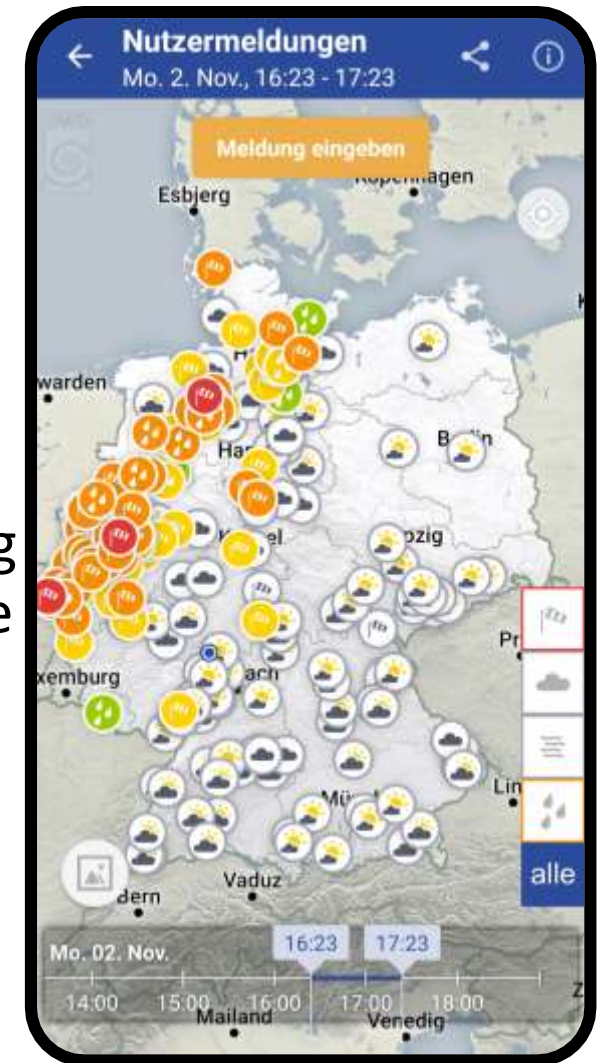




# Crowd sourcing (WarnWetter-App)

- **Weather reports**

- Since July 2020
- Offer a chance to collect previously unavailable data (e.g. hail)
- Complement existing synoptic station network by providing meteorological information at ground level at places where no weather station is located
- 10 standardized meteorological categories
- Automatic plausibility check
- Number of reports per day very variable (over 1 Mio/Year)

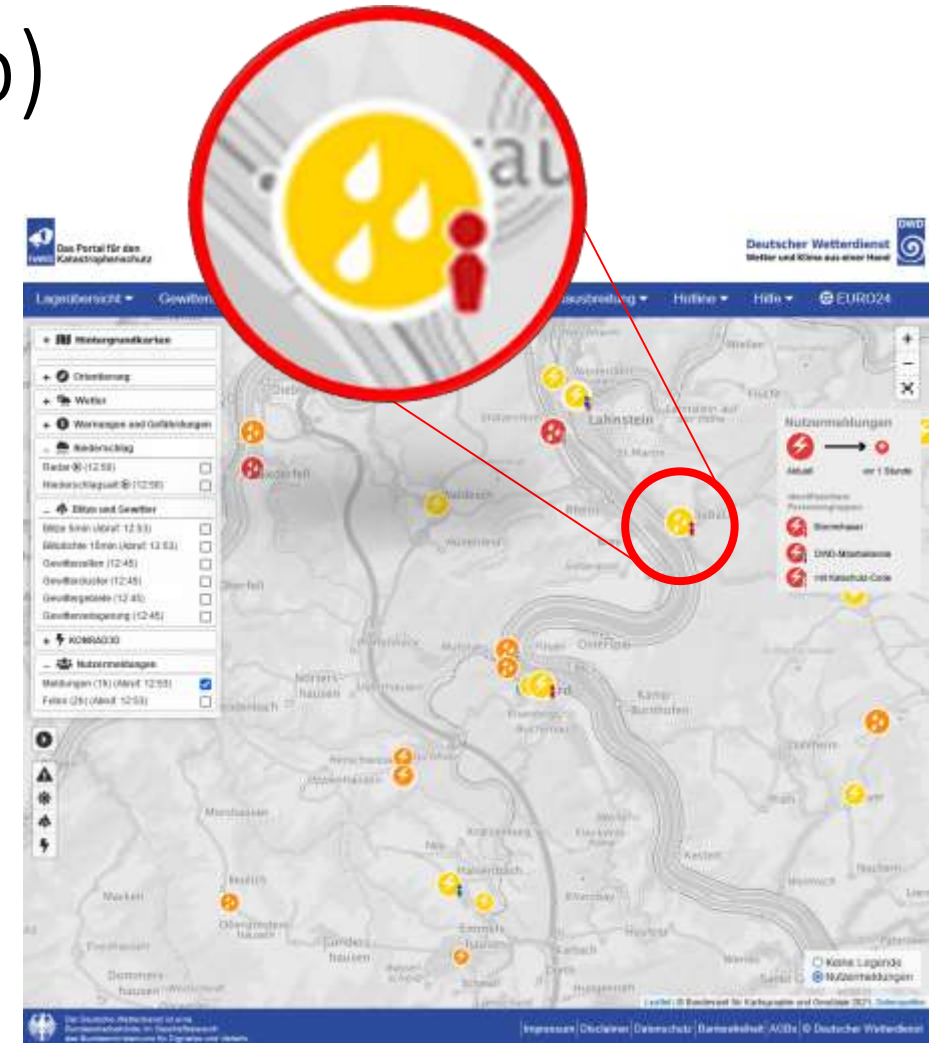


# Crowd sourcing (WarnWetter-App)

- **Weather reports**

- Observations from „qualified users“ are shown to forecasters
- Used for research (e.g. to verify nowcasting method of DWD, KONRAD3D)
- No manpower available for working with weather reports
- Data available online in real time under

<https://opendata.dwd.de/weather/crowdsourcing>

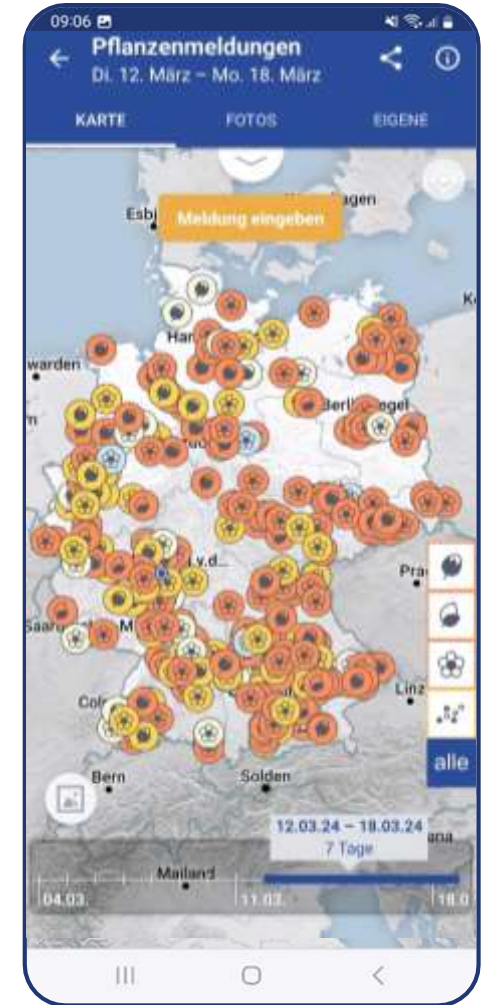




# Crowd sourcing (WarnWetter-App)

- **Phenological reports**

- Since March 2023
- Users provide information about the stage of plant development
- Complements stationary network of DWD (volunteer observers)
- Currently 95 default phases can be reported
- If possible, a climate categorization is provided
- Maximum number of reports per day in spring (up to 600)
- Automatic plausibility check & manual check
- Number of total reports: 11.500 (2023) / 13.200 (2024)



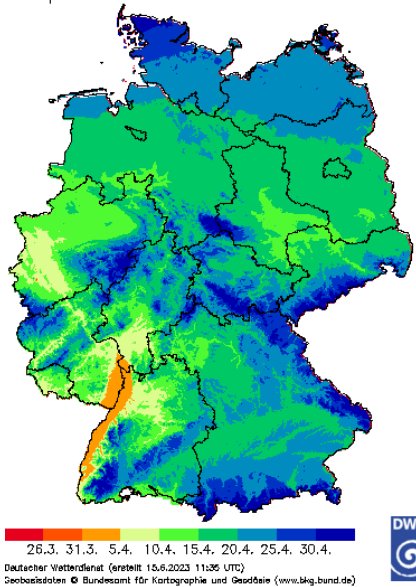


# Crowd sourcing (WarnWetter-App)

## Start of flowering – sweet cherry (2023)

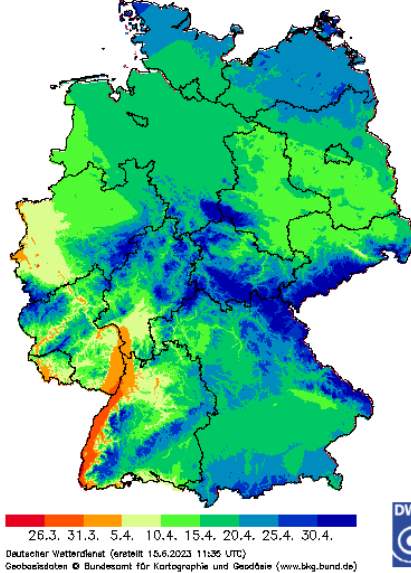
Stationary observers

Süßkirsche: Blühbeginn 2023  
Datenquelle: 269 Sofortmelder



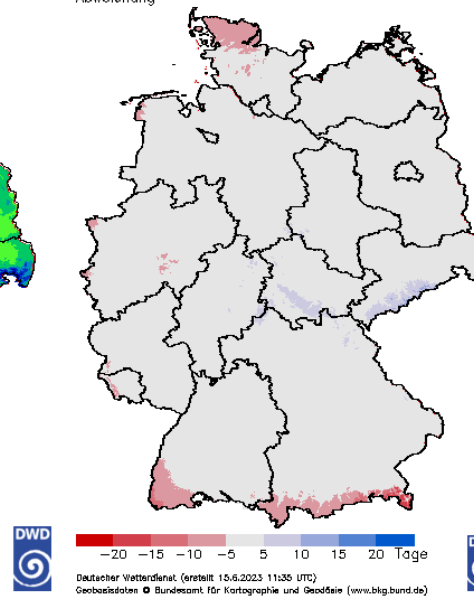
Pheno reports

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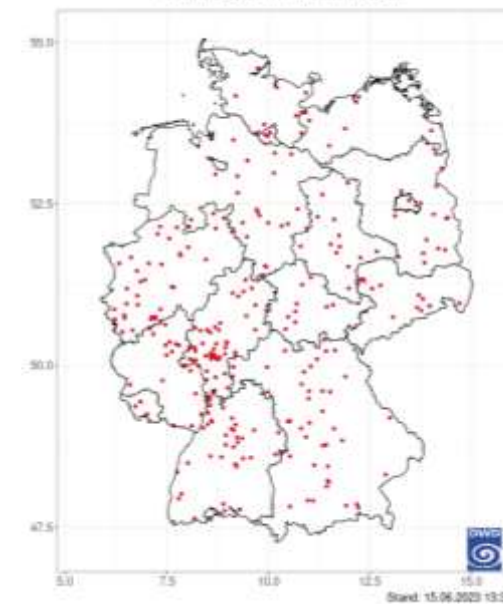
Difference

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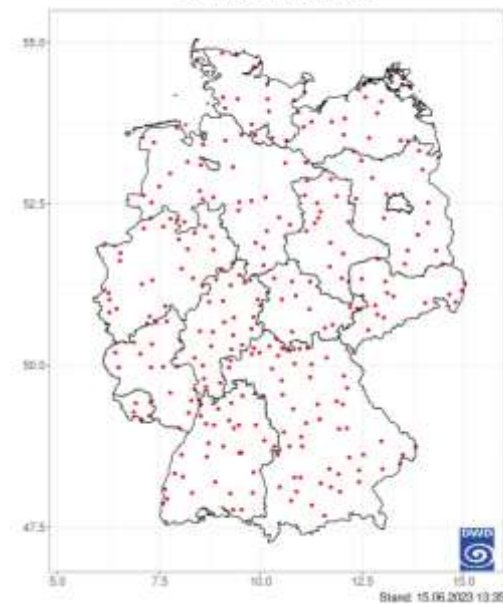
Pheno reports

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Verteilung der Pflanzenmeldungen



Stationary observers

Süßkirsche: Blühbeginn 2023  
Verteilung der Sofortmelder



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