

Real-time control of irrigation by assimilating measured soil moisture contents into CLM: a case study in Spain.

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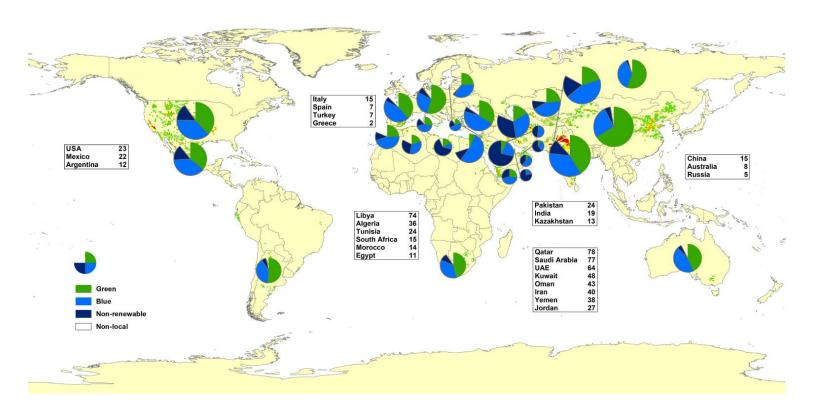
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Introduction



- Large regions with agricultural production are affected by water stress.
- Irrigation results in non-sustainable groundwater depletion in many regions.



From: Wada (2012)

Introduction



- Our approach to optimize irrigation has five components:
 - Soil moisture data from in situ probes.
 - Ensemble meteorological forecasts.
 - Land surface model to predict soil moisture evolution.
 - Data assimilation to update model predictions with data.
 - Optimization of needed irrigation.
- Operational application and test: Picassent area, Spain.

In situ soil moisture data





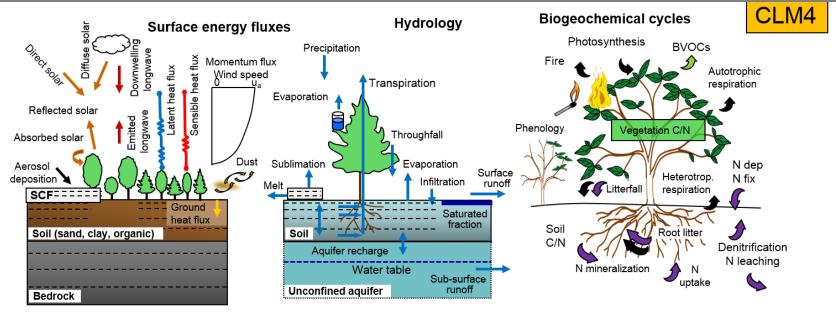
Soil capacitance sensors

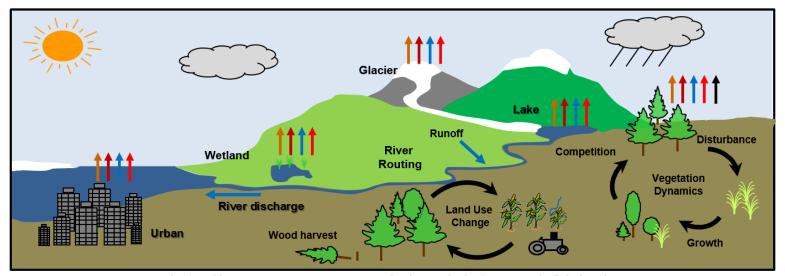


Cosmic ray probe

Land surface model CLM



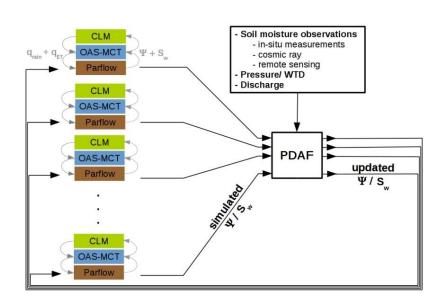




Data assimilation framework



- CLM4.5 in combination with LETKF (Xujun Han et al.):
 - Multivariate (brightness temp, land surface temp, neutron counts, latent heat flux, and others).
 - Parameter estimation possible.
 - Bias estimation possible.
- Current development (Kurtz et al.):
 - EnKF with TerrSysMP.
 - Massive parallel computing.
 - Good scaling for 8192 proc.
 - See poster!







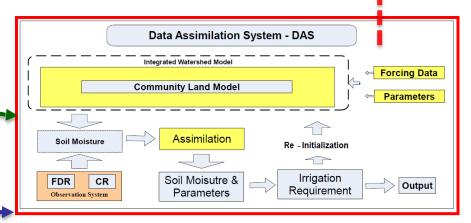
Real-time Measurement





Irrigation time setting system (SCADA)

Irrigation Time Estimation



Real-time Weather Forecast

Model and Assimilation System

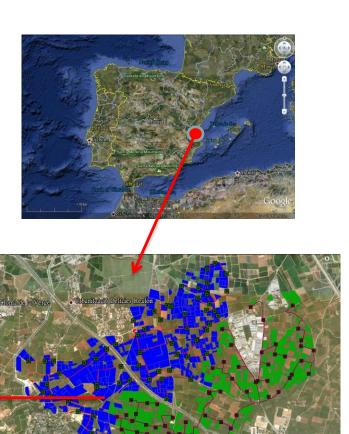
Study Area: Picassent - Spain



Crop type: Citrus - Picassent







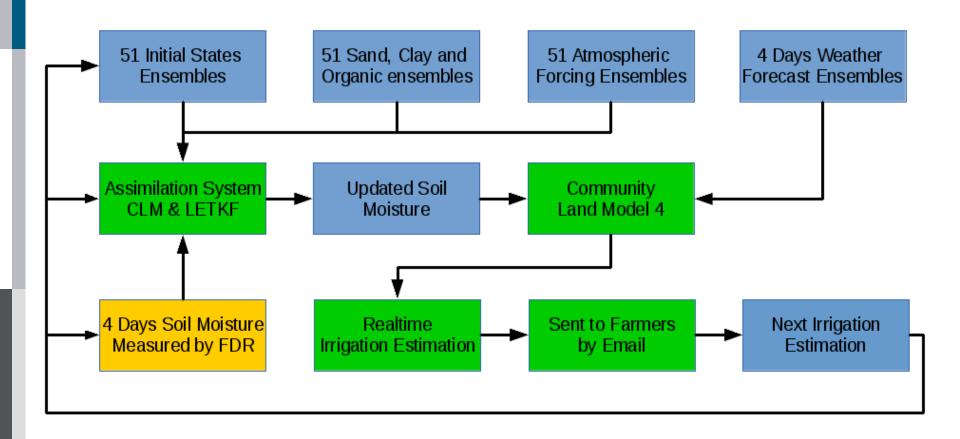
Real-world Experiment 2013



- Real-time, operational scheduling of irrigation for the year 2013.
- Three fields traditional FAO-based irrigation, three fields CLM-based irrigation.
- Each field equipped with one capacitance probe (four depths), used for DA four times per day. Soil moisture measured at 10cm and 30cm assimilated.
- Ensemble weather forecast (51 members) used for next days (Meteo France).
- Operational approach: automatic data delivery, automatic model runs/optimization, automatic sending of optimization results.
- Water board in Spain implements optimized amounts, but includes logistic/hydraulic constraints.

Operational irrigation optimization

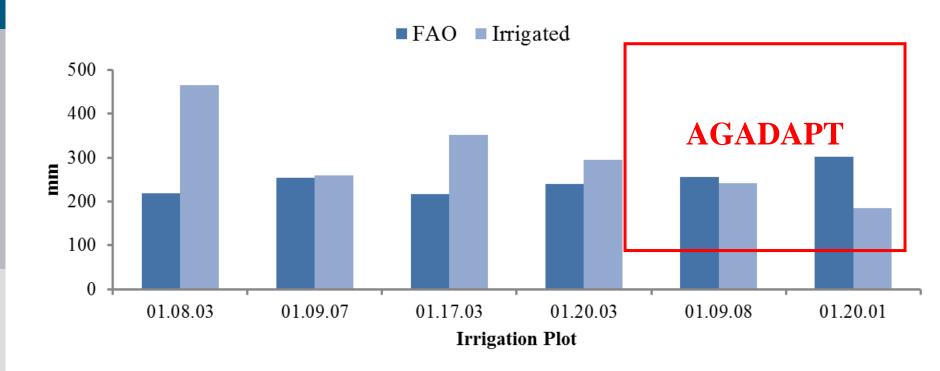




Real-world Experiment 2013



 Predicted soil moisture contents for next 1-4 days at sensors have errors of 0.02-0.07 cm³/cm³.



CLM-fields: ca. 30% less irrigation.

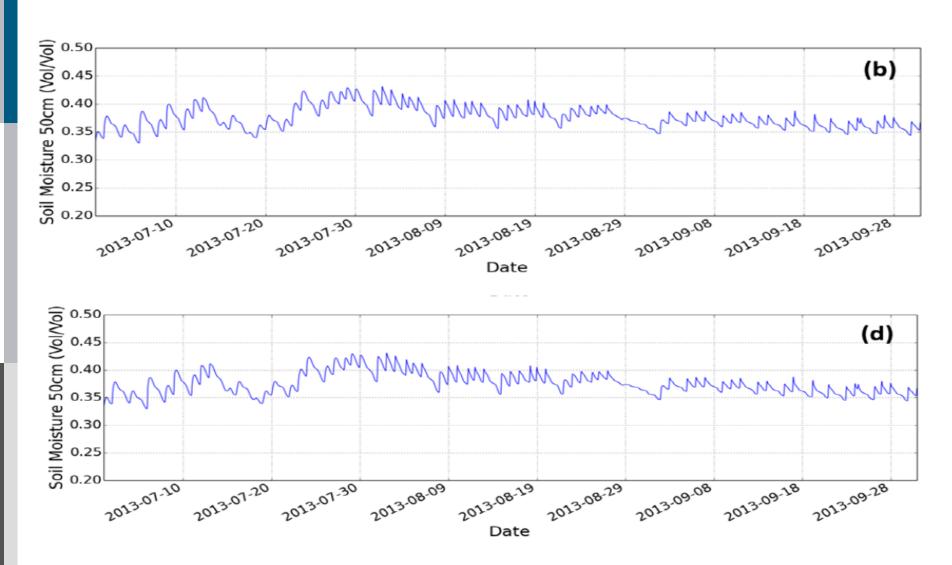
Evaluation of irrigation strategy



- Soil moisture data, also at 50cm and 70cm depth.
- Stem water pot meas, clear sky noons, 52-56 trees in total, 9 campaigns Jul-Sep.
- Production evaluated at end of season.

Evaluation: Soil moisture 50cm depth



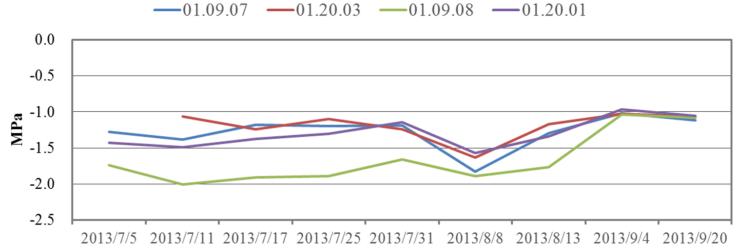


Evaluation with stem water potential data





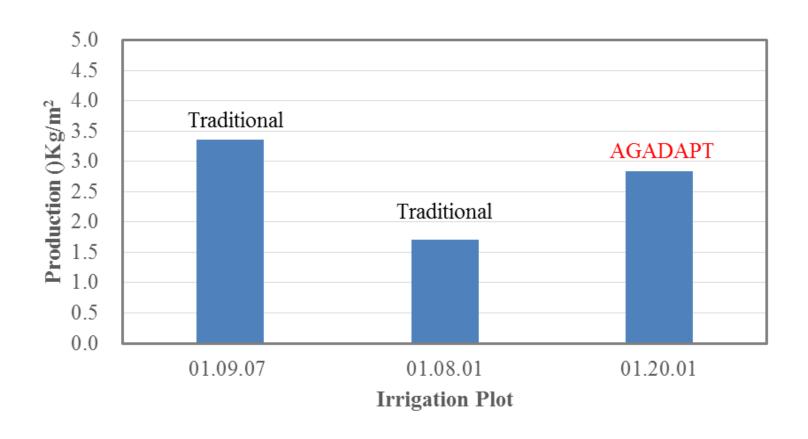




Evaluation: production data



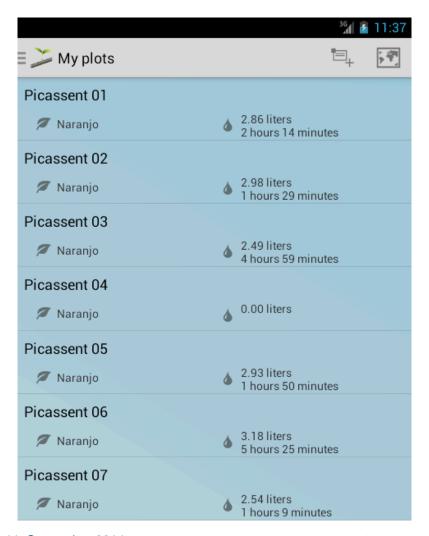
Measurement at end of season for only three out of six plots.



Application for smartphone, tablet or PC



Application at parcel with real-time information (e.g., irrigation amount)





Conclusions / Limitations / Outlook



- Potential of optimization of irrigation scheduling with data assimilation shown.
- Operational framework was developed and shown to work.
- Significant water saving possible.
- Experimental data from 2013 not conclusive, further tests needed/ongoing.
- Outlook: Cosmic ray probe: large scale soil moisture. Potential for additional improvement.
- Web application will be further developed.



Thanks for your attention!