



## Smart Irrigation monitoring and forecasting using satellite and hydro–meteorological modelling



SIM water balance models and interaction with satellite data

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#### **FEST-EWB model**

J. Dooge( 1986) observing internal state variables of hydrologic model ( $\theta$ ) & LST

Corbari & Mancini, 2014 (JHM) Corbari et al., 2014, (HSJ)



Dooge, J.C.I. (1986). Looking for hydrologic laws, Water Resour. Res., 22 (9) 46S-58S.



## **Consorzio della capitanata (Southern Italy):** experimental sites and water distribution network







## The Lisimeter Laboratory experience: verifying FEST-EWB



### model parameterization

Fully equipped to measure all the process of the hydrological cycle





#### DIMENSIONS Length, width =1.5 m height =1.0 m Weight = 956 kg without soil Weight about 4700 kg with soil





## **What happens with vegetation? When to irrigate?**



Triggering irrigation according to measured (or <u>forecasted</u>) soil moisture value and plant stress threshold



After 14 days the plant threshold (from FAO) is lowered

Stress threshold is a fucntion of: -soil type -vegetation type -vegetation growth strage -climatology

(http://www.fao.org/)



#### Basil planted on 12 october (day 286)

#### 17 november (day322)



## Irrigation water distribution aqueduct: on demand irrigation







#### Irrigated crops during the summer season:

-mainly tomatoes

-asparagus -vineyard

-olives trees

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2014	01/04/2014	31/12/2014
2015	23/03/2015	01/12/2015
2016	01/04/2016	01/12/2016

### Irrigation distribution into FEST-EWB hydrological model: which are the cultivated & irrigated areas?





## Crops areas and dynamic identification from satellite data for irrigation distribution







### Calibration of FEST-EWB model: soil surface parameters calibration pixel by pixel through minimising LST differences













**FEST-EWB** 

Statistics are computed for the same number of pixels (e.g. if MODIS is covered with clouds also FEST-EWB is clouded)



FEST-EWB model can help in creating complete long time series of LST data



Mean error 5 °C Mean error 2.5 °C



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#### Validation soil moisture and LST of FEST-EWB model





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When irrigation is applied only in SATELLITE vegetated area with ndvi>0.3, LST from FEST-EWB correcity reproduce the satellite observed LST



## Hydrological FEST-EWB model & satellite temperature data for soil moisture





Mean = 37 °C

Mean= 36.5 °C



## FEST-EWB model validation at FIELD scale: tomatoes field with sandy soil (2016)



RMSE		(Rn-G) = 1	m (H+LE)	R <sup>2</sup>		
SM	0.07					
LST	2.2	LST	1.00	LST	0.80	
LE	139.90	LE	0.84	LE	0.81	
G	46.88	G	0.94	G	0.61	
Rn	54.42	Rn	0.95	Rn	0.94	
Н	50.12	Н	1.10	Н	0.62	



**Cumulated evapotranspiration** 





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**Cumulated sensible heat flux** 





## FEST-EWB model validation at field scale: tomatoes field with clay soil (2016)

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RMSE		(Rn-G) = 1	m (H+LE)	R <sup>2</sup>		
SM	0.06					
LST	2.1	LST	0.9	LST	0.90	
LE	50.1	LE	0.89	LE	0.78	
G	39.4	G	1.1	G	0.61	
Rn	39	Rn	0.91	Rn	0.97	
Н	71.1	Н	0.9	Н	0.62	







Error between ET cum obs and sim= 7%







#### After calibration RMSE (Rn-G) = m (H+LE)R<sup>2</sup> SM 0.09 LST 2.3 LST 0.94 LST 0.95 60 LE 1.02 LE 0.7 LE G 0.68 G 0.61 51.1 G 39.4 0.94 0.96 Rn Rn Rn 53.4 0.62 Н 0.89 Н н





**Cumulated sensible heat flux** 



 $26/11/2013\,06/03/2014\,14/06/2014\,22/09/2014\,31/12/2014\,10/04/2015$ 

#### **Cumulated latent heat flux**



<sup>26/11/2013 06/03/2014 14/06/2014 22/09/2014 31/12/2014 10/04/2015</sup> 

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the SIM strategy allows to reduce the passage over the FC threshold reducing the percolation flux with a saving of irrigation volume

Irrigation intensity for irrigation system:

Drip Sprinkler furrow

The SIM strategy is based on irrigating only when the soil moisture reaches FAO

Stress threshold = FC-p \* (FC-WP)

where p is the average fraction of Total Available Soil Water (TAW) that can be depleted from the root zone before moisture stress (Soil water depletion fraction), FC=field capacity, WP= wilting point.



perculation losses



#### P is function of crop type

Crop	Threshold
Wheat	0,182
Corn	0,19
Sunflower	0,198
Barley	0,182
Рорру	0,166

FAO (Allen et al., 1996)

## SIM IRRIGATION STRATEGY: water saving



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## SIM IRRIGATION STRATEGY : REANALYSIS RESULTS on soil moisture



**Tomatoes comparison** 





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		Irrigation	Number of	Rainfall
		(mm)	irrigations	cum (mm)
Farm 1	Observed	547.9	27	145
(2016)	SIM	322.3	15	
Farm 2	Observed	646.6	43	150
(2016)	SIM	590	90	
Farm 3	Observed	1000	43	28
(2017)	SIM	850	25	

the SIM strategy allows to reduce the passage over the FC threshold reducing the percolation flux with a saving of irrigation volume



## SIM IRRIGATION STRATEGY: REANALYSIS RESULTS on irrigation, evapotranspiration, drainage



Rainfall + Irrigation = Evapotranspiration + Drainage + DW145 + 547= 450 + 320 - 70. (mm)145 + 322= 440 + 110 - 80 (mm) SIM



Rainfall + Irrigation = Evapotranspiration + Drainage + DW 150+ 696 = 260 + 730 - 140 150+ 590 = 260 + 620 - 140 SIM

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## AQUACROP FAO MODEL as Crop Yeld control:

crop modelling based on daily data with ET computed with kc

Crop yield: -with observed irrigation 120 ton/ha -with SIM strategies 116,3 ton/ha



Steduto, P., Hsiao, T.C., Fereres, E., and Raes, D. 2012. Crop yield response to water. FAO Irrigation and Drainage Paper Nr. 66. Rome, Italy.

## FARM 1 - Silty clay soil



## **SIM IRRIGATION STRATEGY: water indicators at field scale**



water use efficiency (WUE = yield/ET) [kg/m<sup>3</sup>] irrigation water use efficiency (IWUE = yield/irrigation [kg/m<sup>3</sup>] evaporation deficit =ETP – ET [mm] precipitation deficit = P – ETP [mm] Relative ET deficit = 1-ET/ETP [-] Percolation deficit =((rainfall+irrigation) - percolation) / (rainfall+irrigation) [-] Irrigation efficiency = ET /(rainfall+irrigation) [-]











#### Cumulated irrigation observed vs SIM



Water fluxes from fest-ewb with observed vs SIM irrigation



Cultivated area from satellite SENTINEL 2 – LANDSAT 7/8









## Operative tool for real time irrigation water needs forecast The SIM dashboard WATER INFORMATION SYSTEM

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water deficit

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## Soil moisture ground monitoring: 3 years of maize field







Eddy covariance station In a maize field (2016-2017, 2018)

40

35 30 25

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11/07/2017 17/07/2017 29/07/2017 04/08/2017

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23/06/2017 29/06/2017

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### FEST-EWB calibration using MODIS LST data (2005-2016) at 250 m (downscaled)



#### at FIELD scale: maize field (2016)

RMSE		(Rn-G)	= m (H+LE)	R <sup>2</sup>		
SM	0.07					
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## SIM IRRIGATION STRATEGY: reduction of percolation losses a different irrigation schedule and volume









		Irrigation	Number of	Rainfall
		(mm)	irrigations	cum (mm)
2016	Observed	1426	11	269
	SIM	301	5	
2017	Observed	1480	17	223
	SIM	488	10	
2018	Observed	1750	13	515
	SIM	200	5	



## SIM IRRIGATION STRATEGY: REANALYSIS RESULTS on irrigation, evapotranspiration, drainage









 Rainfall + Irrigation = Evapotranspiration + Drainage + DW

 205 + 1450
 = 500 + 870 - 285 (mm)

 205 + 290
 = 295 + 170 - 30 (mm) SIM

Rainfall + Irrigation	<b>n</b> = Evapotranspiration + Drainage + DW
225 <b>+ 1470</b>	= <mark>600 + 950 –</mark> 145 (mm)
225 <b>+ 500</b>	= 550 + 170 - 5 (mm) SIM

Rainfall + Irrigation	<b>a</b> = Evapotranspiration + Drainage + DW
515 <b>+ 1250</b>	= <mark>540 + 1270 –</mark> 45 (mm)
515 <b>+ 200</b>	= <mark>540 + 200 - 25 (mm) SIM</mark>



### **SIM IRRIGATION STRATEGY:** water indicators



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#### Crop yield:

#### 2016

-with observed irrigation 8,93 ton/ha -with SIM strategies 8,9 ton/ha **2017** 

-with observed irrigation 8,87 ton/ha -with SIM strategies 8,67 ton/ha











#### Meteorological data and LST in continuous from 2013 to 2017







HETEROGENEUS AREA: During the campaign, a large part of the crops were already harvested with the exception of maize, vineyard, sunflower, orchards and forest nursery (1500 ha)



### The SIM operative dashboard

Airborne data: AHS (3m spatial resolution) VIS + NIR + TIR

Intensive field campaigns: 2005, 2009, 2011, 2012: (REFLEX) - EUFAR (Timmermans et al. 2014)

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## Irrigation scheme: on demand irrigation with central pivot sprinkler







210

210



## P3 – corn from May to September 2014: SIM Strategy







## Case study: Aa en Maas – Raam district (The Netherlands)

VARIABLE

Irrigation

MAX

(mm/d) MIN (mm/d)

AV (mm/d)

Total Vol

(Mmc/y) Area of

Raam

2011

6,00

2012

2.8

0.0

0.2

2,87

16%



2016

Irrigation is made both from surface and groundwater (75 %)

Area = 420 km2 Agricultural area= 40 % Irrigated area= 25 %

2015

10.3

0.0

0.7

10,74

26%

2014

8.3

0.0

0.2

2,60

18%



Fig 3.60 –Irrigation network in Raam district





2013

3.9

0.0

0.5

7,58

29%

#### AQUIFER DEPTH with MONITORING WELLS chosen for groundwater level analysis









#### **FEST-EWB is calibrated against MODIS LST images**



## Heihe River (黑 河) basin, PR China













120

240

480

720

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< -5
-4.9999 - 0
0.0001 - 5
5.0001 - 10
10.0001 - 15
15.0001 - 20
20.0001 - 25
25.0001 - 30
30.0001 - 35
35.0001 - 40
40.0001 - 45
> 45

Land cover classification



#### Land Surface Temperature [°C]

	Calibration statistics (FEST v. MODIS)			
Parameter configuration s	Avg. RMSE	Avg. RMSE/σ	Average Bias (FEST-MODIS)	Avg. Nash- Sutcliffe Efficiency (NSE)
Initial	7.7°C	2.96	+2.88°C	+0.067
Final	8.1°C	3 01	-2 69°C	-0 039



## FEST-EWB v. Etmonitor: Average differences





# Thanks!







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