

SIM: smart irrigation from soil moisture forecast using satellite and hydro –meteorological modelling

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EGU^{General} 2020 SIM: objectives and stakeholders

Monitor and forecast crop water need for: parsimonious & precise irrigation
Setting a irrigation strategy for: Increasing irrigation efficiency (ton/m³) and economic

water productivity (€/m³)



- irrigation strategy at field scale: water amount and timing;
- economic analysis of parsimonious irrigation;
- satellite land surface temperature data for soil moisture hydro model update;
- dynamic actual evapotranspiration;
- satellite Fraction Cover and Leaf Area Index for cultivated area identification and parametrization;
- Impacts of meteorological forecast ;
- impacts on existing irrigation disribution network. Mancini M. et al.

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SIM: WHERE AND WHY ?



SIM CASE STUDIES

DIFFERENT CLIMATATES DIFFERENT PRACTICES



Irrigation supply and rainfall in the crop season (mm)



irrigation timing

fix scheduled 7,5 days
on demand
on demand
on demand
fix schedule

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EGU^{General} 2020 How Satellite data supporting Hydrological model







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







FEST-EWB not







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





FEST-EWB hydrological model LST estimates with irrigation distribution



Irrigation is applied, according to local practice only in SATELLITE vegetated area with ndvi>0.3, LST from FEST-EWB reproduces the satellite observed LST



Satellite temperature data and Hydrological FEST-EWB model from consortium to field scale





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0.4

0.35

0.3

0.2

0.15

20/04/2016

10/05/2016

30/05/2016

Capitanata irrigation consortium

SM observed

07/09/2016

FEST-EWB original irrigations

17/10/2016

27/09/2016

EST-EWB SIM irrigations

stress thresholds



		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

on demand pressurized Irrigation

Farm 2

Sandy soil

09/07/2016

19/06/2016

29/07/2016

18/08/2016



Sim Irrigation Strategy: water indicators at field scale South Italy Capitanata consortium Tomatoes field



INDICATORS: water use efficiency (WUE = yield/ET) [kg/m³] irrigation water use efficiency (IWUE = yield/irrigation [kg/m³] 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) [-]







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Northern Italy: Chiese consortium Fields , Maize fields



		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	

Scheduled flooding irrigation



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Capitanata Tomatoes field drip irrigation

Irrigation water use efficiency or physical water productivity

$$IWUE = PWP = \frac{Ya}{AWU} = \frac{k g/h a}{m^3/h a}$$

Economic Water Productivity

$$EWP = \frac{Gross\ margin}{AWU} = \frac{\pounds/ha}{m^3/ha}$$



EU Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN)



CHIESE IRRIGATION CONSORTIUM flood irrigation Maize

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PROJECT STAKEHOLDER INTERACTIONS

Zhangye (China) during a meeting between the **Heihe water basin authority**, and the chinese partner RADI-CAS and the italian partner





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The SIM at the «The consortium and its territory» meeting organized by **Capitanata Irrigation Consortium** (Foggia – Italy), many other meetings (2015, 2017)

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Satellite data may provide a significant help in distributed hydrology, in particular for field and basin surface hydrology. This is assessed especially if hydrologic models equations make explicit those variables retrievable directly from Satellite remote sensing.

The synergism with remote sensing data helps in achieving these results in: a) soil surface model calibration; b) state variable retrieval c) irrigation management

Precise irrigation controlling soil moisture between percolation thresholds and stress thresholds save consistent amount of water and improve economic gain

Monitoring and forecast soil moisture using the above concepts may be transferred in a operative dashboard

From the SIM website **www.sim.polimi.it** You can access the operative dashboards