

# "Remote Sensing information services to support irrigation management: 40 years of evolution"

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# Very early experiments



## The dawn of remote sensing and irrigation management: Mendoza 1981 – 1985



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#### DIGITAL ANALYSIS OF SATELLITE DATA AND NUMERICAL SIMULATION APPLIED TO IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT BY MEANS OF A DATABASE SYSTEM

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Early need 1978: how to estimate and locate the non irrigated fields in Mendoza? How large was the difference with the area having water rights? Early need 1985: how to estimate and map

crop water requirements?

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### HERRAMIENTAS PARA LA GESTIÓN FUTURA DEL AGUA **Early european projects**

## 1985 – 2005: STD1, STD2, STD3, FP4

SDT2: Watershed hydrology and irrigation water management

## **FP4 ASTIMWR 1997 - 1999:**

Water managers can find on the software market a very wide choice of 'horizontal' products that allow expert customer to perform a huge amount of GIS operations. Nevertheless, water managers request 'vertical' products, with few functionalities, tailored to the routine water problems and easy to use by their technicians.

System design: PC-based Visual Basic User Interface (UI) to link data with the Integrated Land and Water Information System' (ILWIS) through Dynamic Data Exchange (DDE)

The connection Wageningen – Mendoza – Albacete: crop water requirements, actual ET, irrigation performance Congreso Internacional Agua para el Futuro - Mendoza, Argentina 23 - 24 /11/2023



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ASTIMWR: A very important component of the system was the meta database in which all information on the capture, processing and output of data analysis is maintained.



- Loading into the system of the data sets.
- The conversion of these data to the formats of the ASTIMwR system required a carefully planned procedure
- The data base administrator had to control the quality of the data before loading.



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### From satellite data to HEP water information (TEP family)



Satellite data needs to be processed to obtain water information Data quality and realiability is a main requirement from users



### Main characteristics of HEP satellite data

### Spatial Resolution, Temporal Resolution and Accuracy shall be adequate for water resource management applications

| Variables             |                      | EO mission         | Time         | Spatial    | Accuracy        |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|
|                       |                      |                    | resolution   | resolution |                 |
| Water<br>Quality      |                      |                    | 2 d          |            |                 |
|                       | Surface temperature  | Sentinel 3 / SLSTR | 1d (from     | 1 km       | 0.3 K           |
|                       |                      |                    | 2017)        |            |                 |
|                       | Total Suspended      | S2/S3              | 1-8 d        | 10-500 m   | 20%             |
|                       | Matter               | Landsat 7/8        |              |            |                 |
|                       |                      | MODIS A/T          |              |            |                 |
|                       | Chlorophyll-a        | S2/S3              | 1-8 d        | 10-500 m   | 30%             |
|                       |                      | Landsat 7/8        |              |            |                 |
|                       |                      | MODIS A/T          |              |            |                 |
|                       | Total Organic Carbon | S2/S3              | 2-8d         | 10-300m    | 50%             |
|                       |                      | Landsat 7/8        |              |            |                 |
|                       | Cyanobacteria        | S2/S3              | 2-8 d        | 10-300 m   | False detection |
|                       |                      | Landsat 7/8        |              |            | 25%             |
|                       | Harmful algae bloom  | S2/S3              | 2-8 d        | 10-300 m   | False detection |
|                       | indicator            | Landsat 7/8        |              |            | 25%             |
| Soil Moisture         |                      | SMOS/              | 2-3 d        | 1 km       | 0.05 m3/m3      |
|                       |                      | SMAP/              |              |            |                 |
|                       |                      | AMSR-2/            |              |            |                 |
|                       |                      | ASCAT              |              |            |                 |
| Water Extent          |                      | Sentinel-1A        | 12 d         | 5 - 20  m  | 1 dB            |
|                       |                      | Sentinel-1B        | 6 d (from    |            |                 |
|                       |                      |                    | 2016)        |            |                 |
|                       |                      | Sentinel-3         | 1 d          | 1 km       | 95%             |
| Water Level           |                      | CryoSat -2/        | 30 d         | 300 m      | 10 cm           |
|                       |                      | Sentinel -3A/      | 13.5 d (from |            |                 |
|                       |                      | Sentinel -3B       | 2017)        |            |                 |
| Snow Water Equivalent |                      | SSMIS/ AMSR2       | 1 d          | 2.5 km     | 30 mm           |
| Evapotranspiration    |                      | AVHRR/MODIS/S3     | 1 d          | 5 km       | 85%             |

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### Selection of input data



Default area selected is Niger River wide area



### Community Sharing (2)



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# **Concluding remarks**



- D Platforms developed to support specific applications vs. Google Earth Engine
- Remote access to data and algorithms
- □ Validation of algorithms
- □ Quality assurance
- Well documented procedures







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