

Land surface Interactions with the Atmosphere over the Iberian Semi-arid Environment (LIAISE) : Field Campaign at a glance

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Context :

- Semi-arid regions are hot spots for model bias.
- The coupling between soil moisture and precipitation is most important in semi-arid regions.
- Irrigation can impact local atmospheric boundary layer growth, mesoscale meteorology, low-level atmospheric conditions, possibly moist convection
- Human activities must be considered in climate projections
→ land cover/irrigation.

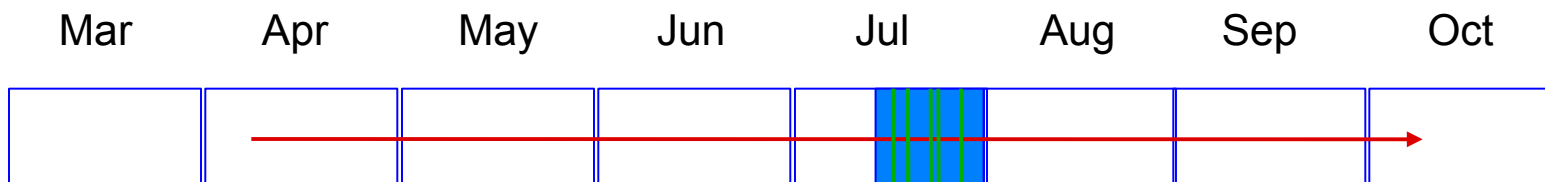
Campaign Objective: Combine ground and airborne measurements with modeling studies to improve our understanding of key natural and anthropogenic surface processes and resulting feedbacks with the Mediterranean boundary layer and basin-wide hydrological cycle.

* Close ties with the GEWEX-ET initiative

Strategy → Intense observations of surface and ABL when contrasts between anthropized (irrigated) and natural surfaces are a MAXIMUM and water needs LARGEST

LOP : April-October, 2021 → surface flux stations, sfc satellite products, lysimeters, soil moisture & T... → **SEB, ET & partitioning**

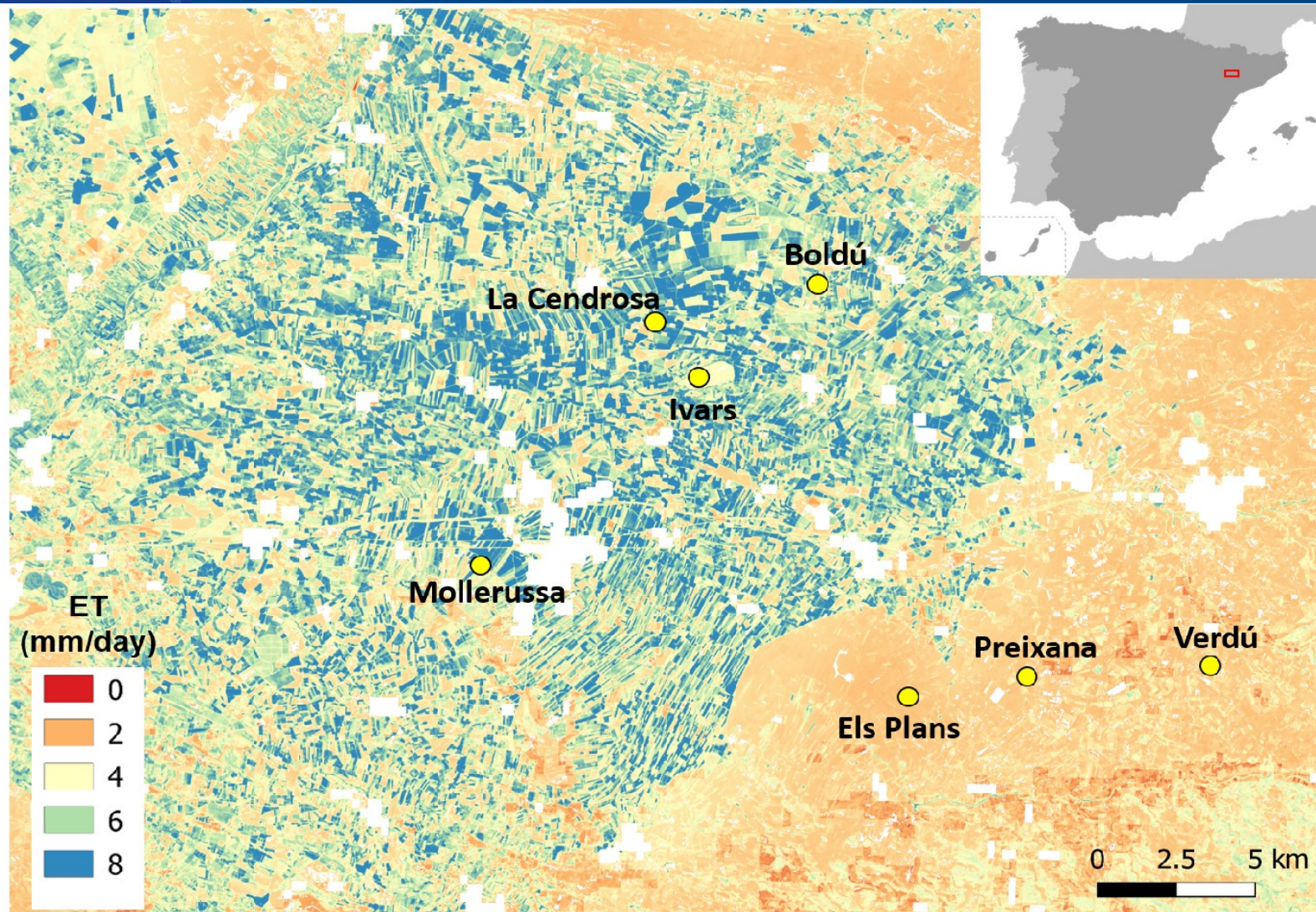
SOP Summer/July 15-29 → Lower atmosphere, spatially distributed surface hi-res (SIF, LST, SM) 11 **IOPs** (ATR42, RS, tethered balloons, biophysical sfc...)



Dynamics :
-Wind profilers
-hourly RS

Turbulence :
-50m mast,
- tethered balloon,
- ATR42 aircraft
+SEB

+ numerical simulations
LES and sensitivity tests



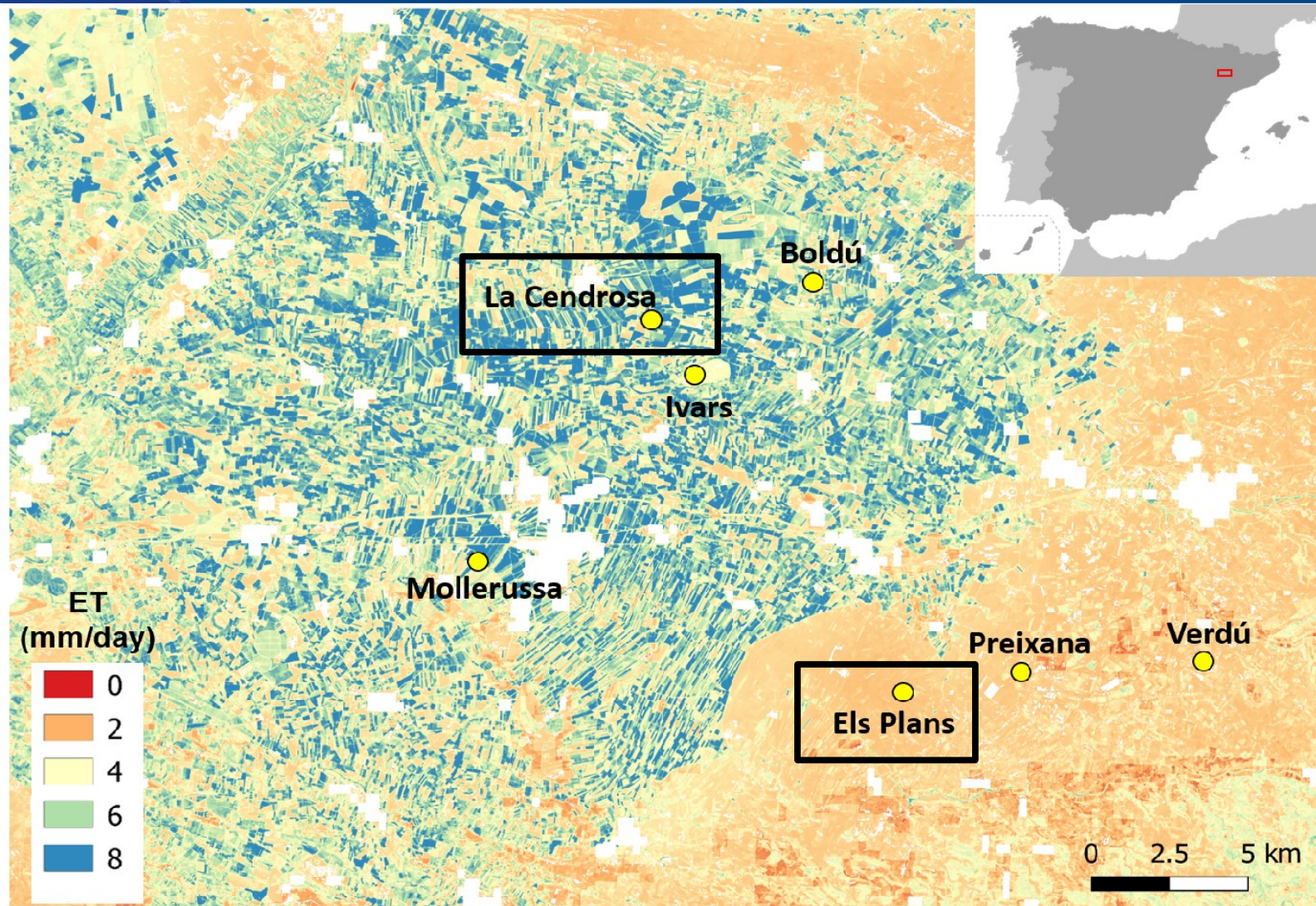
**9 SEB stations:
Land cover, 7 sites**

- Irrigated alfalfa
- Irrigated apple trees
- Irrigated cut grass (ET0)
- Irrigated corn

- Irrigated vineyard (dry zone)
- Natural grass/bare soil
- Rain-fed Almond trees

- Lake

The LIAISE study zone in NE Spain (Catalonia) with surface site locations plotted over a map of crop evapotranspiration corresponding to 17th July 2021 obtained through a Two-Source Energy Balance (TSEB) model using images from Sentinel-2 and Sentinel-3. Prepared by IRTA (J. Bellvert)



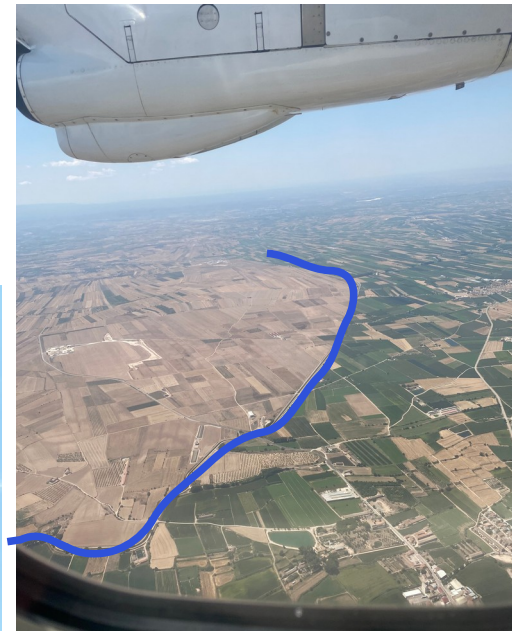
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Els Plans: arid zone



Common Observations:

- 50m mast: turb. & rad Fluxes, soil T, w
- veg (LAI...) measures
- wind profilers (UHF)
- radiosoundings (hourly)
- airborne (atmos & sfc)



La Cendrosa: humid zone



Other observations:

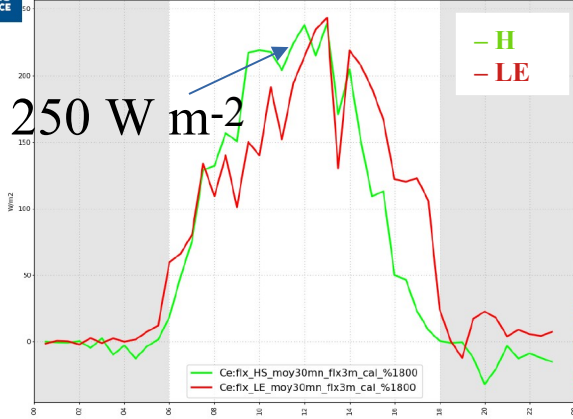
- Lidar: water vapor, temperature
- Turb. Fluxes → tethered balloon
- Temperature profile (vertical et horizontal) by DTS (distributed temperature sensing)

Irrigated Alfalfa growth $\rightarrow \sim 3-4$ cm/day



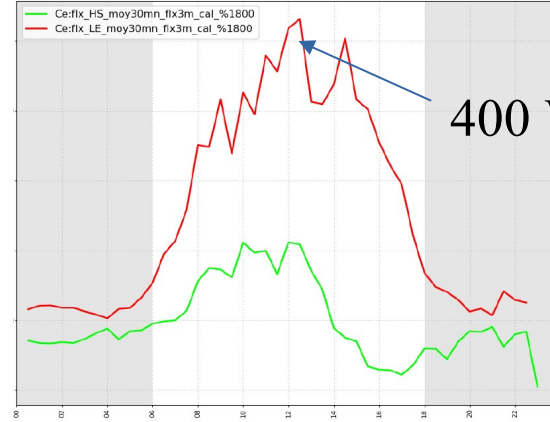
15/07/2021 La-Cendrosa

Flux HS-LE 3m



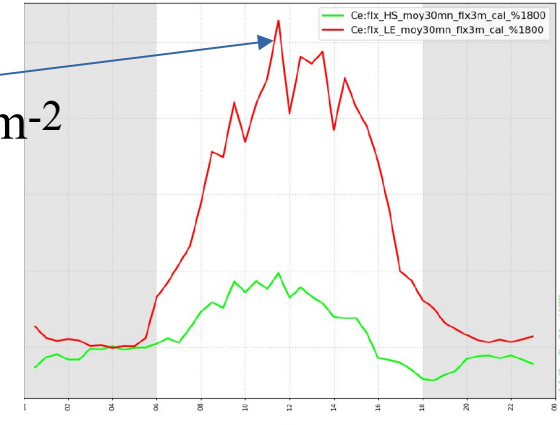
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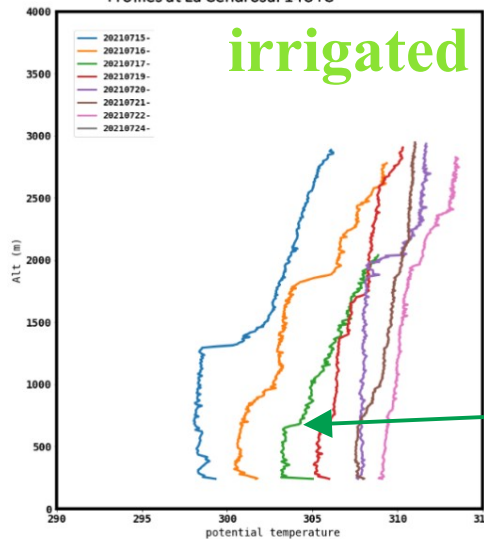


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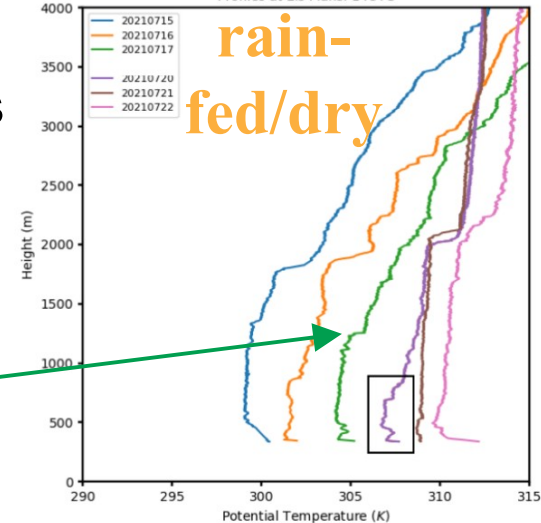


Profiles at La Cendrosa: 14UTC



Temperature profiles
(theta) from RS

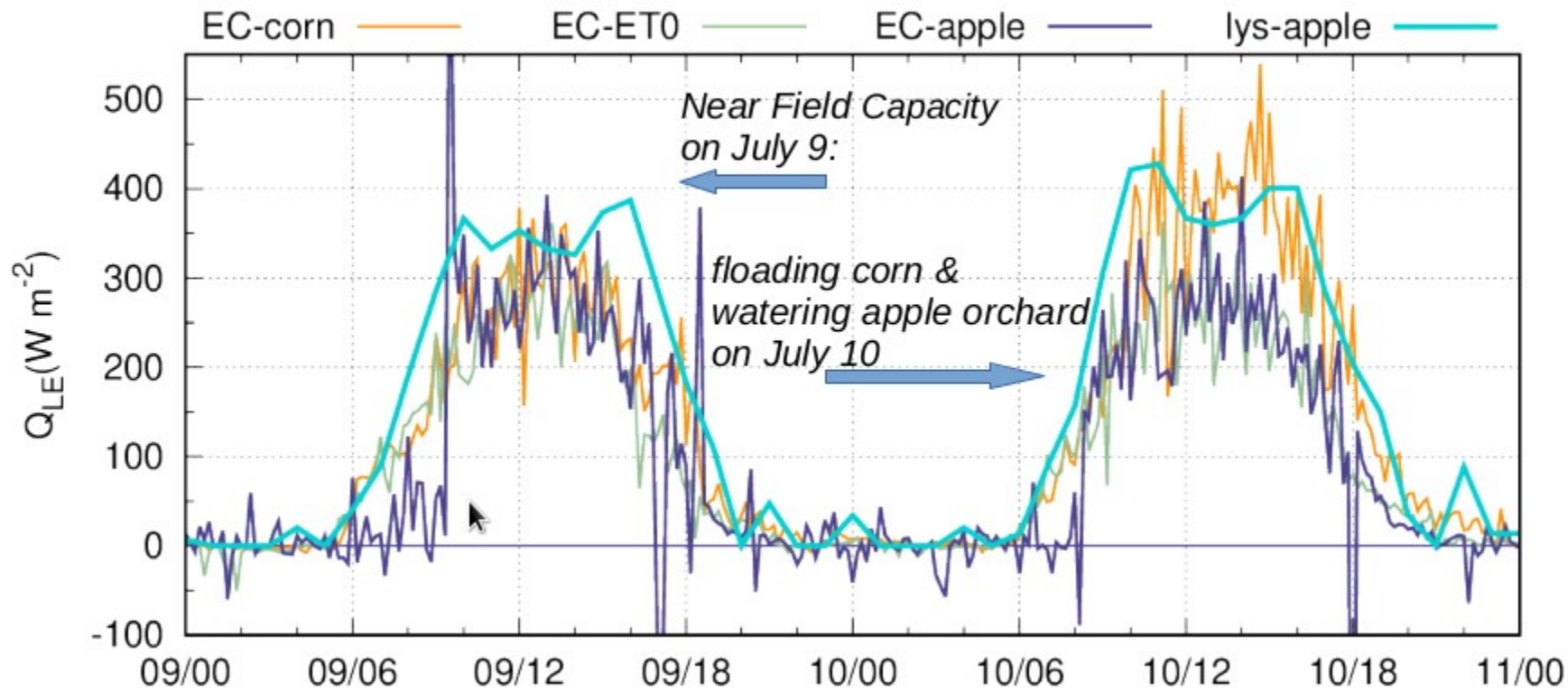
Profiles at Els Plans: 14UTC



Central site: IRTA (Mollerussa)

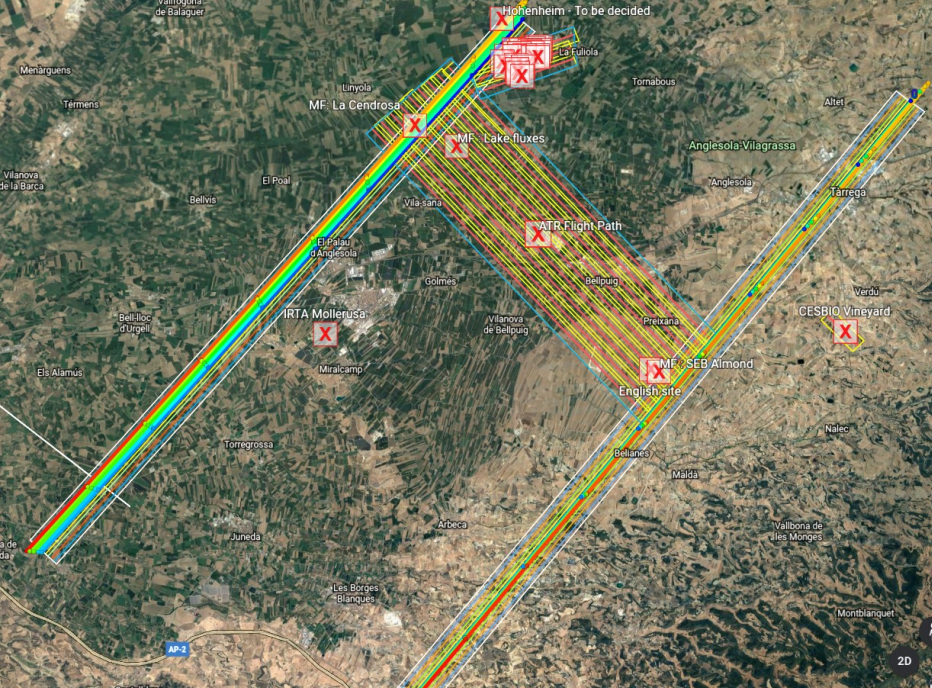
- 3 independent **ET estimates** (IRTA, UIB, SMC) → SEB stations (irrigated apple orchard, corn, grass-ET0)
- Satellite/remote sensing: LST-based ET & model derived (data assimilation in LSMs, merged products...)
- Lysemeters (2 fixed, + 1 mobile → corn site)
- Long path Scintillometer (WUR)





On July 10 corn is flooded.
 The apple orchard is irrigated more than usual.
 The lysimeter reacts stronger than the EC system

(J. Cuxart, UIB)



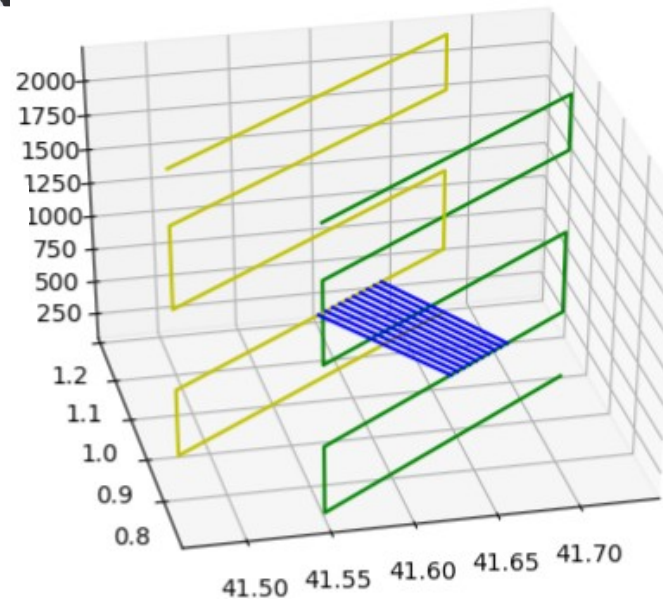
- 4-5 flight hours from Toulouse → **8 flights**
- Stacked 30-km-long legs within the CBL
- 2 vertical plans, above irrigated and semi-arid areas
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Surface (airborne remote sensing) →

- SM from GLORI (CESBIO)
- SIF from HyPlant (JFZ, CNRM, CNES)

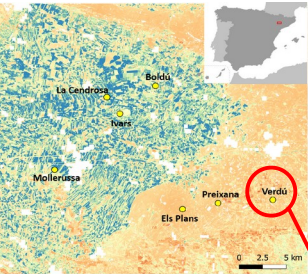
ALSO...2 additional planes:

- SM from SLAP (NASA SMAP simulator)
- LST (CzechGlobe, ESA)

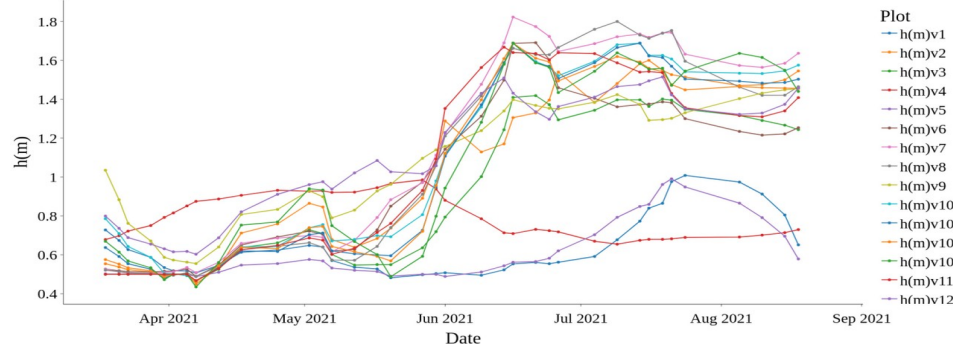


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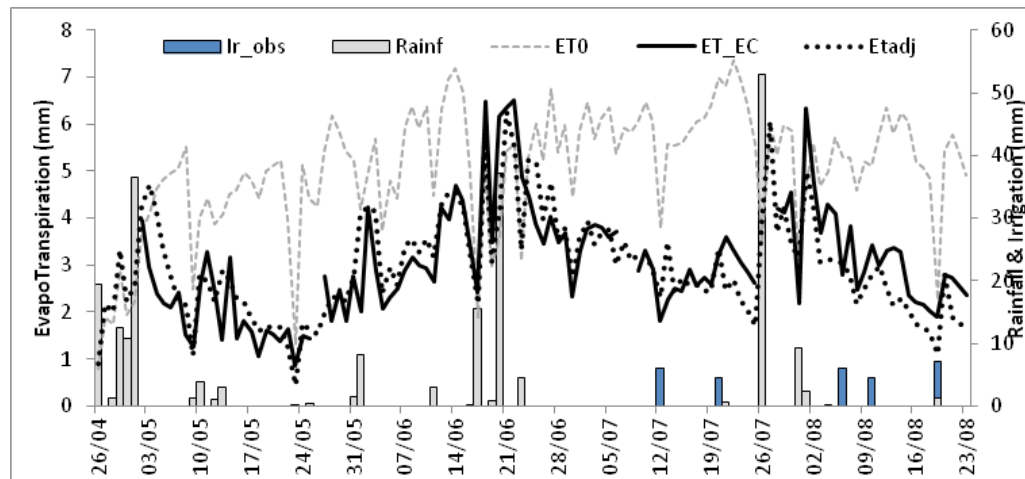
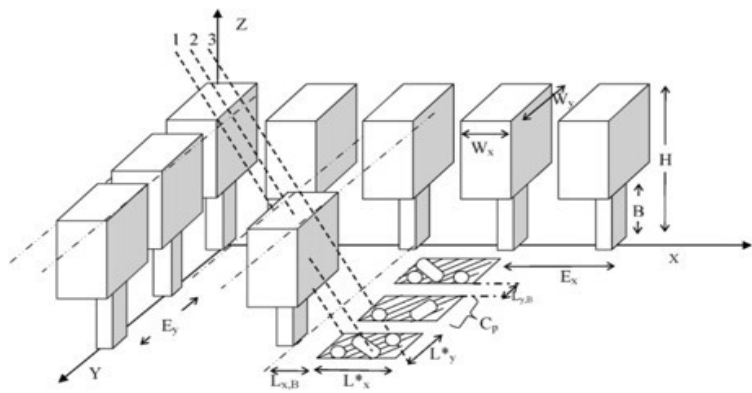
Verdu drip-irrigated vineyard. Mixing satellite observations and a 3D model to estimate ET



Estimation of Height= $f(\text{NDVI})$, Width= $f'(\text{NDVI})$ on 12 different plots

Measurement of λE from March to Sep. 2021

R.A. Oyarzun et al. / Agricultural and Forest Meteorology 142 (2007) 12–24



Estimation of ET. RMSE=0.62 mm/day, $R^2=0.54$

Estimation of fIPAR

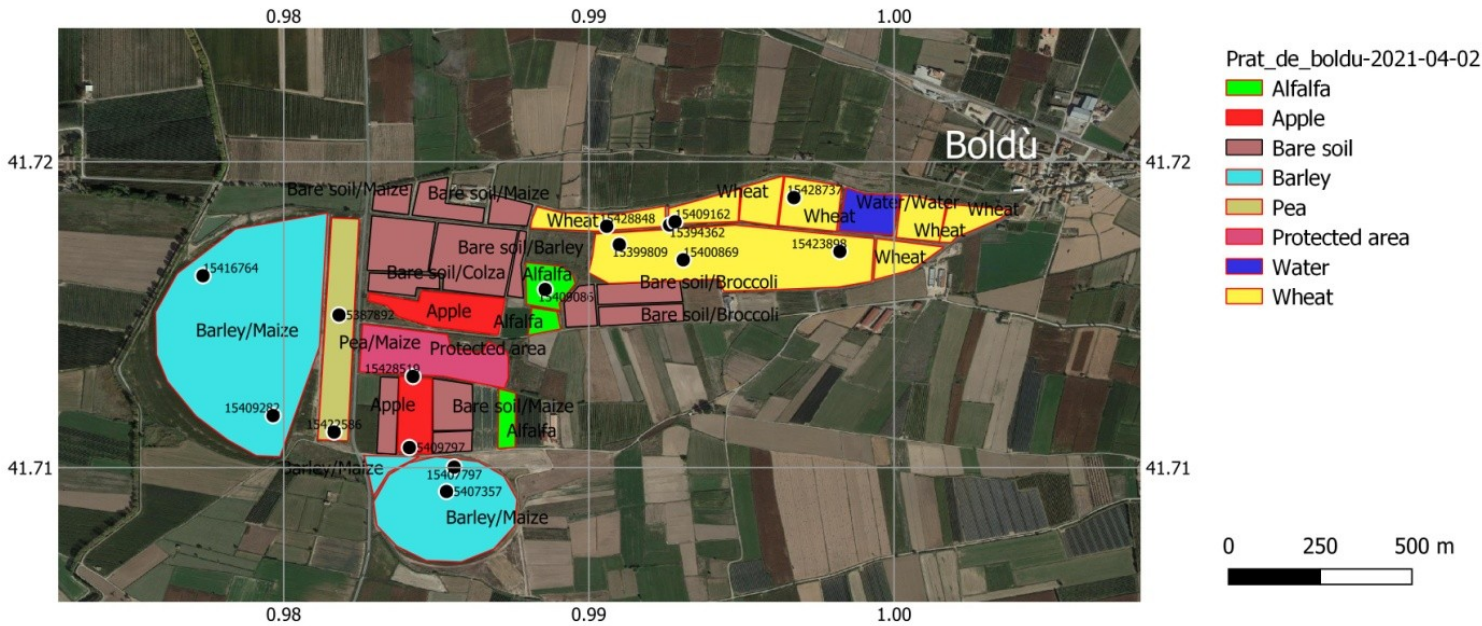
Summary:

- A successful campaign (weather was nearly perfect!) despite Covid, complexities to prepare....
- 11 IOPs out of 15 SOP days (originally hoped for 10!)
- Flights by ATR42, *also* NASA-SLAP, Czechglobe (Tsfc)
- +150 RS by CNRM, 116 by UKMO, 100 hours of tethered balloon flights (with turb. measures), growing season by SEB stations (UKMO will continue through spring 2022, SMC will maintain ET0 station....)
- very strong sfc contrasts found → big ABL contrasts obs'd → circulations?
- Multitude of in-situ (leaf → plant → field) biophysical measures!
(see LIAISE web site & GEWEX News)

Data processing starting (DB → <https://liaise.aeris.fr>) → GEWEX-ET & Eventual GEWEX projects (Best & Brooke at AMS 2021) See <https://www.hymex.fr/liaise>

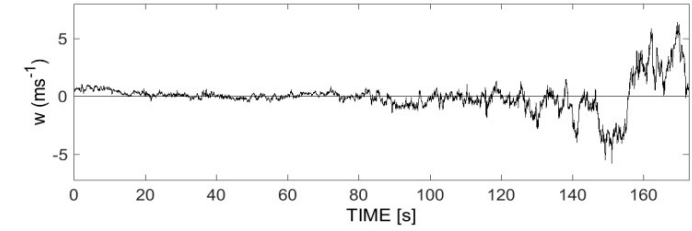
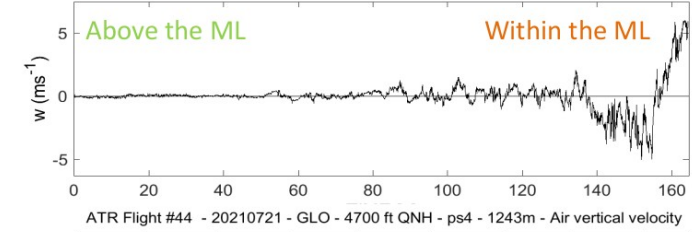
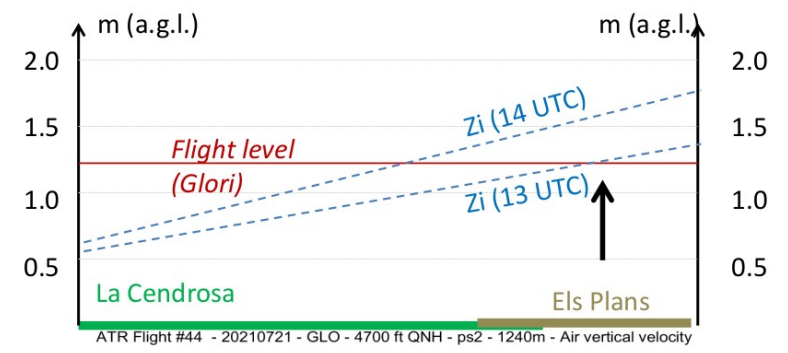
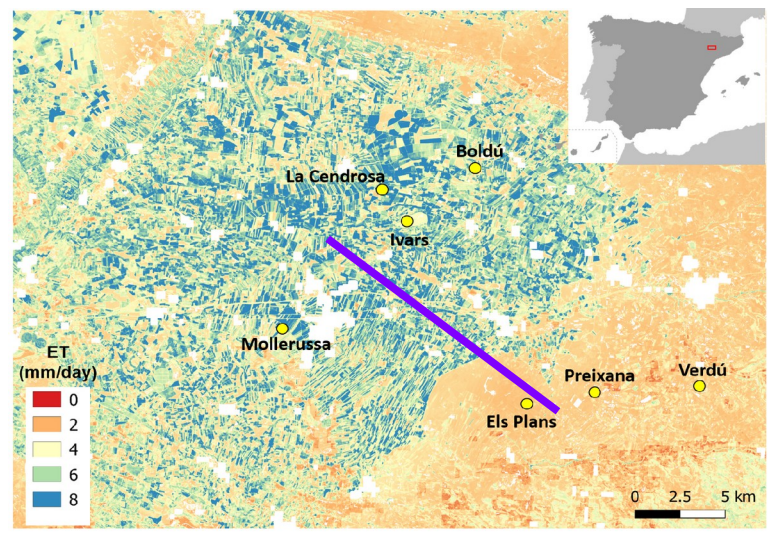
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Soil Moisture/Irrigation Monitoring Network



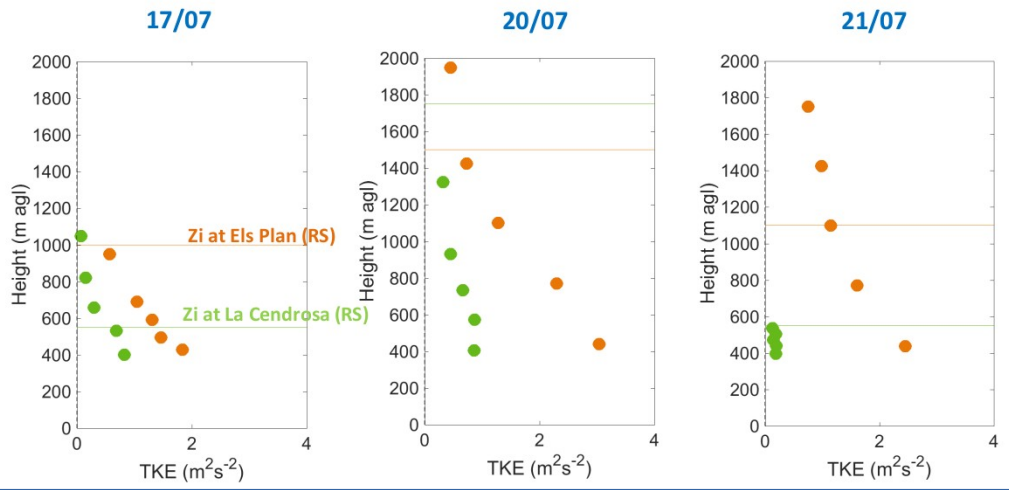
- The map of crops and the soil moisture network deployed in late March 2021 (M. Le Page, CESBIO and D. Tous de Moner, SAF-Sampling) → Irrigation+ project (ESA & HILIAISE)

- SEB station from Univ. Hohenheim → irrigated corn



Vertical profiles of TKE

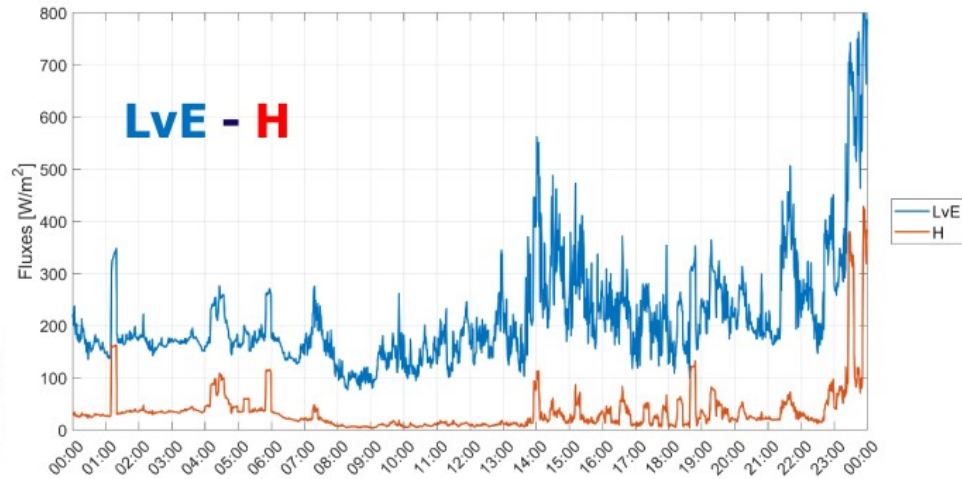
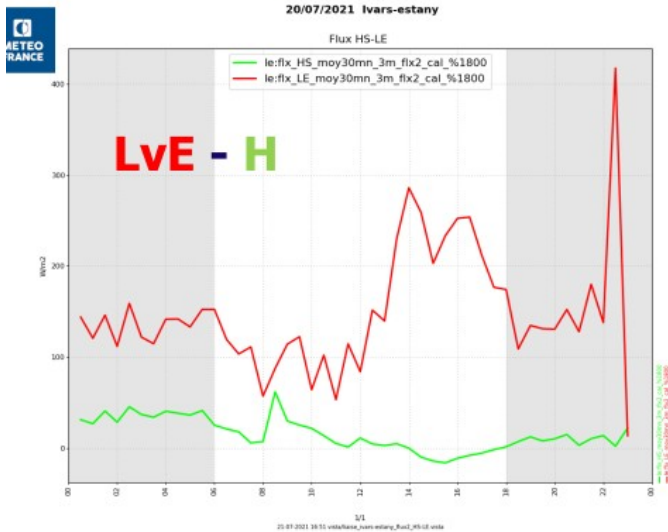
over irrigated area (La Cendrosa), and over dry area (Els Plan)



From M.Lothon & F.Lohou, LA



Ivars – Flux regime – 2021-07-21



CNRM/
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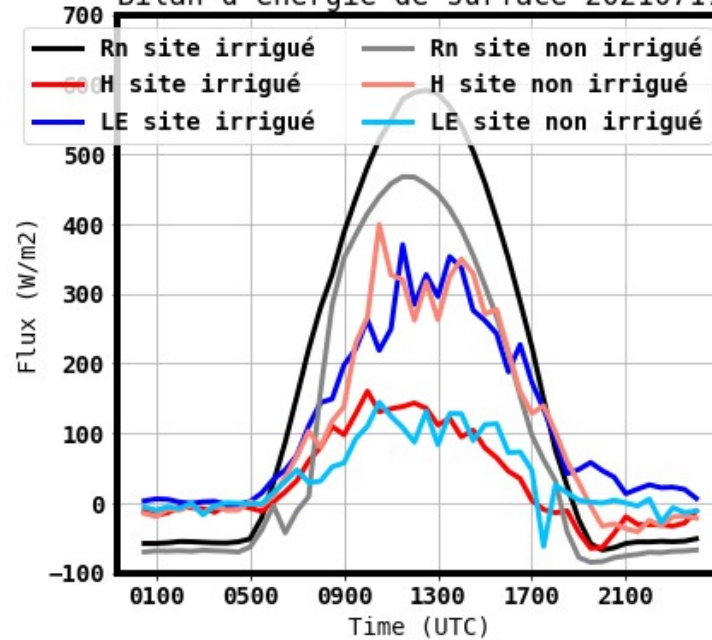
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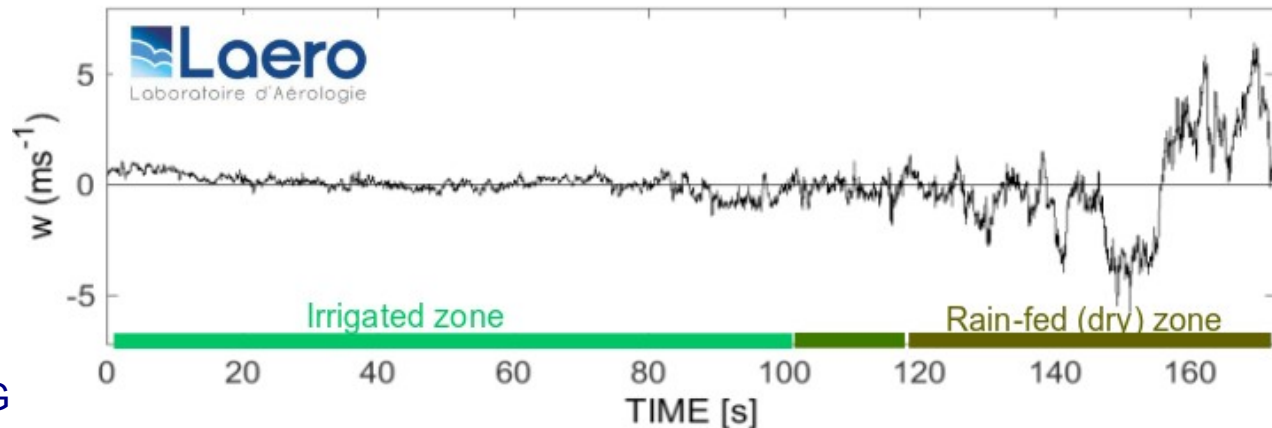
Photo aérienne à bord de l'avion ATR42 (SAFIRE) au cours de la campagne en juillet. Région de Lleida dans le nord-est de l'Espagne (bassin de l'Èbre)

Le 21 juillet, à partir de 13:47 UTC à une hauteur de 1240 m de NE à SO. Vitesse verticale de l'air (w).

Bilan d'énergie de surface 20210717

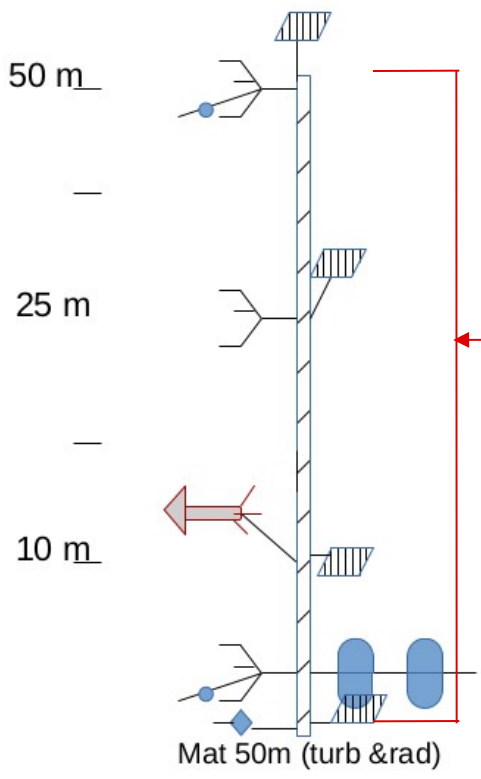


Evolution journalière du bilan d'énergie de surface sur un site irrigué (CNRM) et non irrigué (UKMO). Les paramètres représentés sont le rayonnement net (Rn), le flux de chaleur sensible (H) et le flux d'évapotranspiration (LE).



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Turbulence on the 50m mast- 3 levels



RS (3+ km)



Turb. (T,q,V)



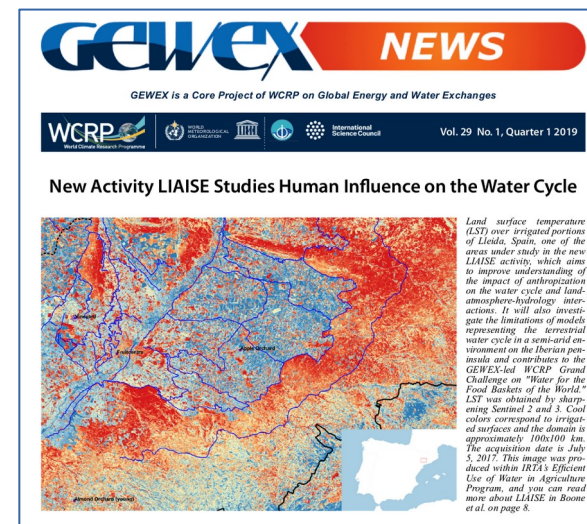
UHF: V → 500-3000m



Results/Outcome : Scientific, Socio-Economic impact

- A **comprehensive database** : surface-based and aircraft measurements of surface and hydrological fluxes and states, and properties of the PBL - **MISTRALS/HyMeX database** → **projects GEWEX**
- Better representation of **semi-arid surface processes** : LST, Evap (soil & veg), sfc hydrology... **hydrological monitoring, weather forecasting and climate studies**
- Improved understanding and representation of **anthropogenic processes** in LSMs used for **hydrological monitoring, weather forecasting and climate studies**
- Improved anthropization - for **water resource** impact studies under **future climate change**-communicated to water management services within the Ebro basin.

→ <https://www.hymex.fr/liaise>





Drip-Irrigated Almond Grove

- Near Preixana (dry zone)
- 10m winds, radiation components, eddy-cov
- soil moisture, T
- 2 source-energy budget (LSM) modeling
- CNRM

Drip-Irrigated vinyard (ESA-WineEO project)

- Near Voldu (SE domain)
- remote sensing applications, ET estimation
- LSM modeling
- CESBIO



Lac Estany d'Ivars

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Optical Large Aperture
Scintillometer

- Mm-wave scintillometer (2.8mm)
- Path length ~720m
- H + LvE

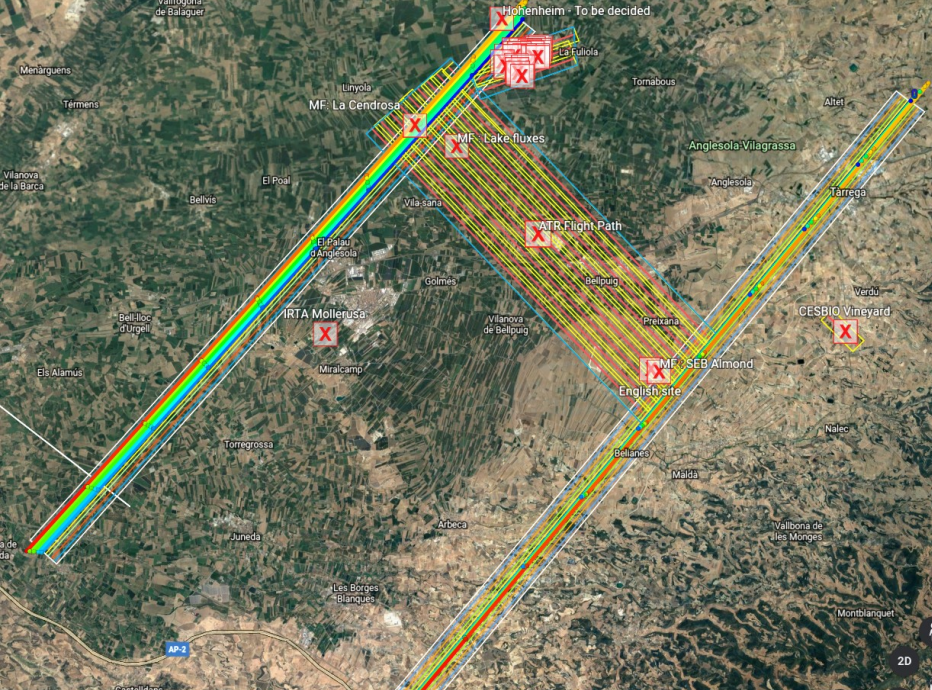
Heterogeneity of land cover



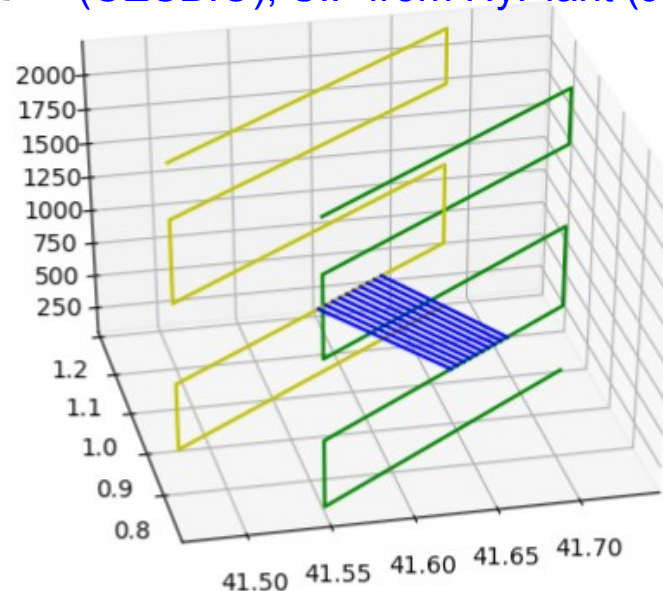
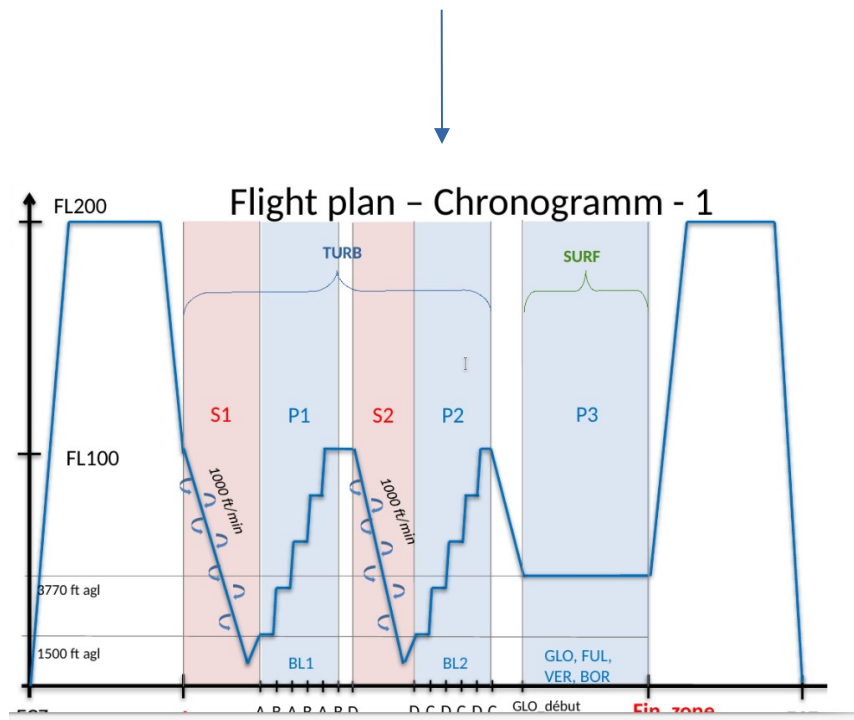
Science Questions

- 1) What are the key **natural and anthropogenic semi-arid surface processes** that modulate or control infiltration and runoff and govern turbulent fluxes and their spatial heterogeneity?
2. How does the highly heterogeneous (natural and anthropized) **surface** impact boundary layer development, mesoscale circulations and potentially precipitation recycling over this region via **feedbacks with the atmosphere**?
3. What is the **sustainability** of ground water and reservoirs in the face of expanding agricultural and farming activities, especially in light of **projected future warming and drying** over this region?





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