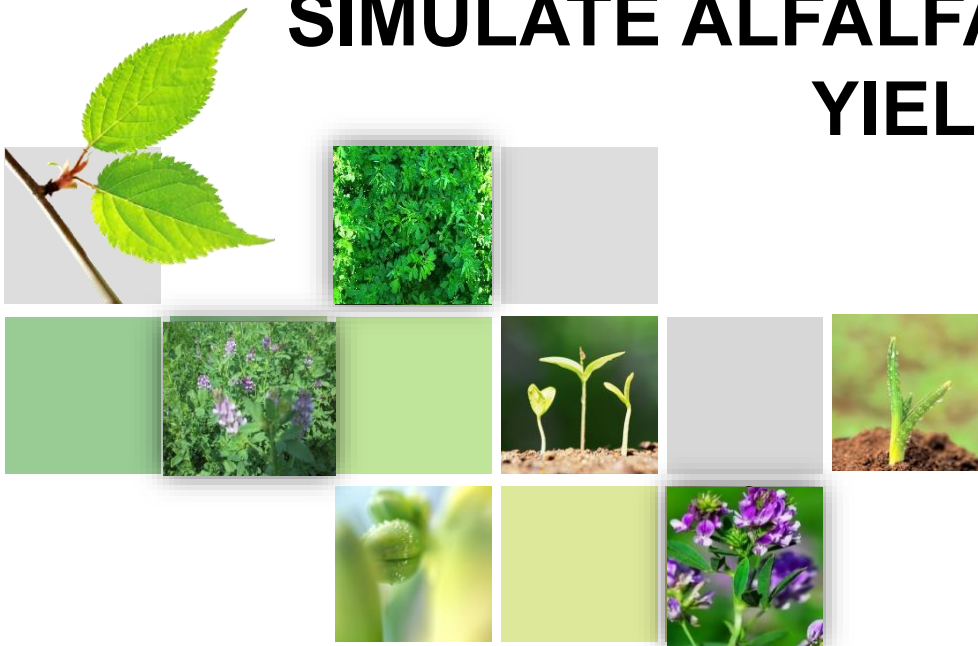


# ADAPTING CROPGRO MODEL TO SIMULATE ALFALFA GROWTH AND YIELD



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# Introduction



## Thesis title: **Modelling and environmental control of modernized sprinkler irrigated area in the Ebro Valley (Spain)**

**Objective:** Develop strategies for the control of diffuse pollution through models simulation in the Ebro Valley (Spain).

### **Sub-objectives**

✓ Calibrate and validate DSSAT and SWAT models for their application to estimate the quantity and quality of the irrigation returns flows under different scenarios.

✓ An diff DSSAT calibration and Validation for the main extended crops in La VID.

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- Alfalfa 
  - Maize
  - Barley
  - Wheat
  - Sunflower

# Introduction



## Research visit:

### Agronomy Department, University of Florida, USA

- Duration:
  - 3 monthes
  - 1st May until 31 th July of 2017
- Supervisor:
  - Kenneth J. Boote: Professor Emeritus,



Hoogenboom, G., J.W. Jones, P.W. Wilkens, C.H. Porter, **K.J. Boote**,  
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# Field data sets



## General Characteristics (study area):

- **Semiarid Mediterranean climate:**  
 Monthly average T max =34 °C : T min=0.4°C  
 Yearly average rainfall: 325 mm  
 Yearly average ET<sub>0</sub>: 1227 mm.
- **Sprinkler irrigation system:** (18x18m)
- **Soil characteristics:** clay-loam, 120 cm depth

## Field experiments:

- Experiment 1, 2, 3 and 4: La VID
- Experiment 5: CITA-finca (Ramón).
- Experiment 6: CITA-finca Caverro et al., 2017 (trt 100%)

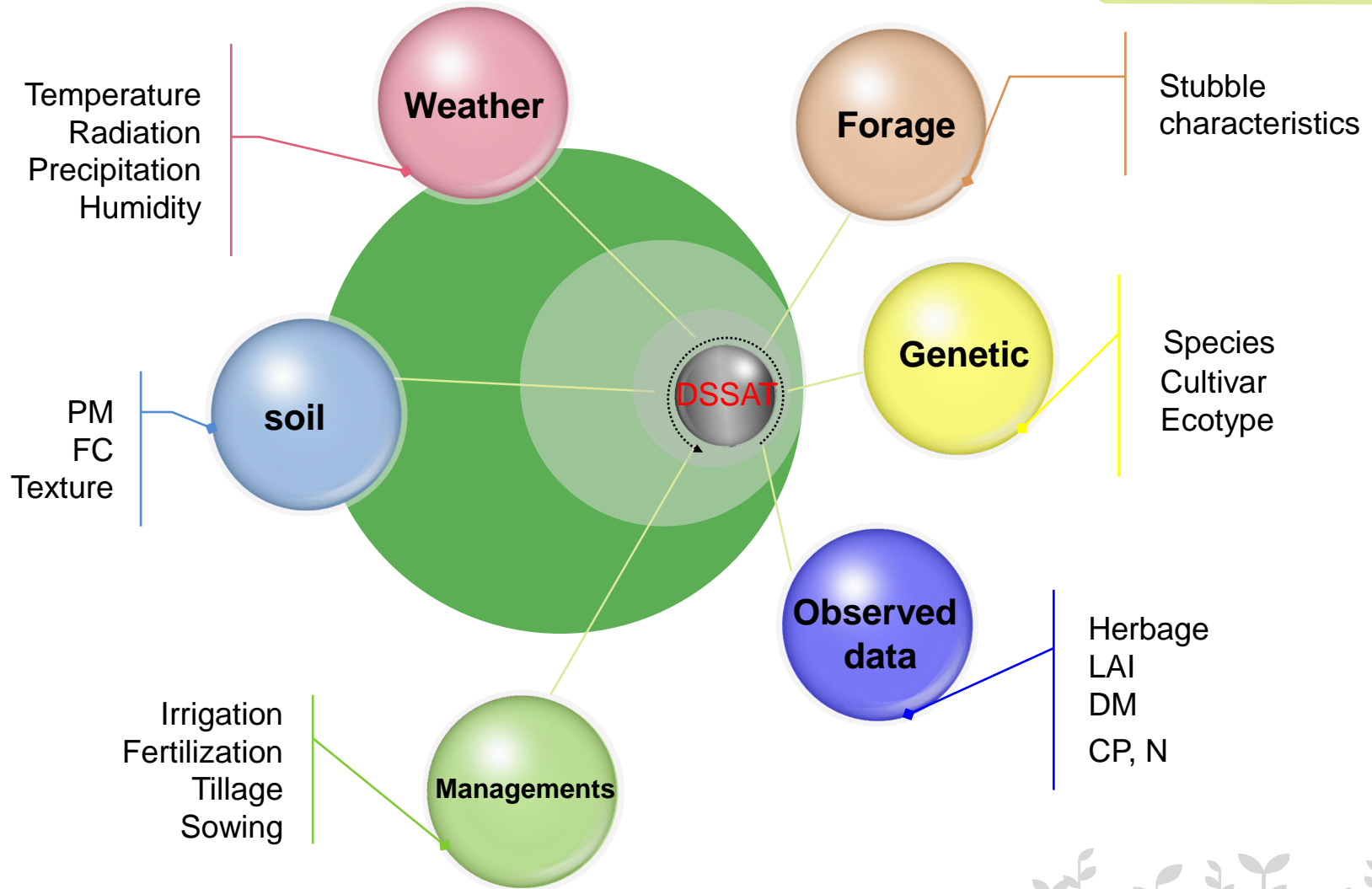


## Collected data:

- Leaf area index (LICOR-LAI-2000) weekly.
- Herbage DM.
- N concentrations (herbage): (TruSpec CN, LECO, St. Joseph, MI, USA).
- Crude protein (herbage): x 6.25 (FAO 2003).
- Crop management (farmer's survey).
- Soil analysis.

Exp.	Duration	Harvest N°	LAI	N	CP	Canopy height
1	2016-2017	7	37	6	6	14
2	2016-2017	7	37	6	6	14
3	2016-2017	2	23	1	1	-
4	2016-2017	2	23	1	1	-
5	2013-2017	19	28	5	5	-
6	2012-2014	18	-	18	18	16

# CROPGRO files inputs



# Forage characteristics



## MOW input file

- ✓ **DATES:** Harvest dates,
- ✓ **MOW** = stubble mass: the amount of live forage mass remaining → 1000 kg/ha, Wiersma and Wiederholt, (2007)
- ✓ **RSPLF:** percentage leaf of the stubble → 20%
- ✓ **MVS:** a “re-staged” leaf number → 2
- ✓ **RSHT:** shoot height 5 cm

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!for CROPGRO-Forage model.
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      1 17143  1000    20      2    5.0
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## Ecotype file

Perennial forages remain vegetative during most of the year; therefore, the model was set to remain in the vegetative phase, basically by skipping the juvenile phase and creating a very long vegetative phase (**JU-R0** in the ‘Eco file’) by setting it to **9999** photothermal days.

## Simulation methods used (recommended)

- ✓ The Penman-Monteith FAO 56
- ✓ The CENTURY SOC model
- ✓ Leaf photosynthesis mode

# Adaptation approach



DSSAT version 4.6 (Hoogenboom et al., 2015)

## 1. Comparison to observed experimental data

- Plot against available data
- Ratio = observed/simulated
- RMSE: root mean square error:
- Willmott agreement index, d-Statistic:

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}$$

$$d = 1 - \left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (|\hat{Y}_i - \bar{Y}| + |Y_i - \bar{Y}|)^2} \right]$$

## 2. Values and relationships from the literature



## 3. Inverse modeling techniques



## 4. Bayesian optimization approach

Hybrid algorithm program incorporating a Gibbs sampler (Casella and George, 1992) within a version of the Metropolis–Hastings algorithm (Chib and Greenberg, 1995).



# Results and discussion



## Adaptation process

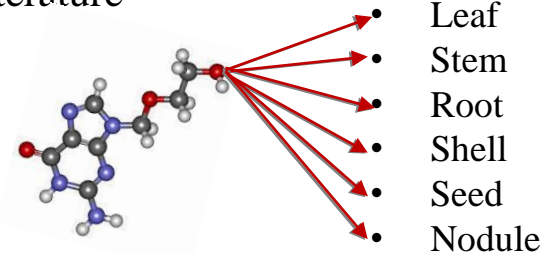
➤ Bracharia brizantha – Marandu: (Diego Pequeno et al., 2014) was used as a starting point.

➤ Photosynthesis parameters: C<sub>4</sub> → C<sub>3</sub> for Ps

- 1.90 5.50 FNPGN(1-2), TYPPGN-LEAF N EFFECT ON PG
- -5.1 10.2 FNPG(2-3), TYPPGL-TMIN EFFECT-LEAF PG
- 0.2 35.2 Tb and Topt for leaf Ps (XLMAXT)
- 0.0 1.0 YLMAXT

➤ Plant composition tissues: Soybean composition and literature

- Protein concentration ("Maximum", "normal growth", and "final" )
- Carbohydrate-cellulose concentration
- Lignin concentration
- Mineral concentration



➤ Phenology parameters: cardinal Temperatures (°C)

TB	TO1	TO2	TM	
3.0	25.0	33.0	45.0	1 VEGETATIVE DEVELOPMENT
4.0	28.0	33.0	45.0	2 EARLY REPRODUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT

➤ Leaf senescence parameters: dormancy-freezing, 5% foliage loss per C below -2C



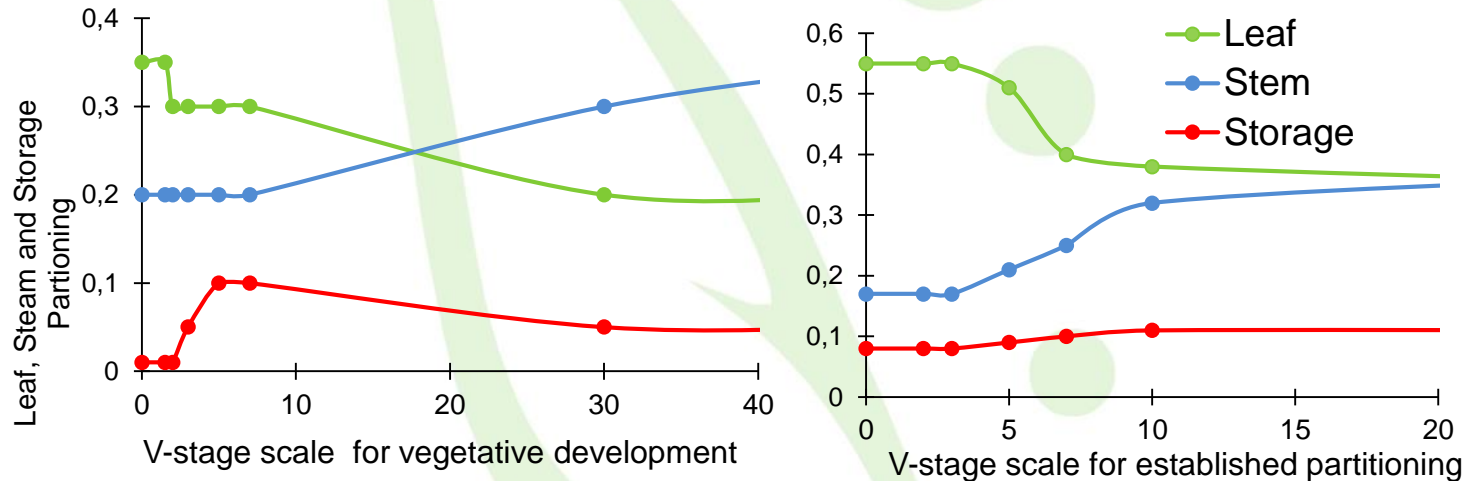
# Results and discussion



## Adaptation process

### ➤ Calibration of vegetative and perennial partitioning

Dry matter partitioning among leaf, stem, storage and roots (transition from seedling partitioning to perennial partitioning, after SDLEST=60ptd), comparisons of predicted vs. observed data and literature (more leaf allocation)



➤ Nodule Growth and N<sub>2</sub> Fixation (symbiosis “on”) adjustments of temperature sensitivities affecting nodule growth and N<sub>2</sub> fixation rate, also initial nodule mass.

-1.00	19.0	30.0	44.0	LIN	FNNGT(4),TYPNGT-TEMP EFF ON NODULE GROWTH
-2.00	15.0	30.0	44.0	LIN	FNFXT(4),TYPFXT-TEMP EFF ON N FIXATION



# Results and discussion



**Total biomass, herbage yield, leaf area index (LAI), herbage crude protein (CP), shoot nitrogen concentration (N) and the corresponding statistics averaged over 6 experiments (n=58 herbage harvests).**

	Observed data		Simulated data		Ratio (obs./sim.)	RMSE	d- Statistic
	Mean	Range	Mean	Range			
<b>Total biomass (kg DM ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	3889	1706-5617	3751	1983-6434	1.04	728	0.76
<b>Herbage yield (kg DM ha<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	2907	990-4617	2810	1278-5475	1.03	760	0.75
<b>LAI (m<sup>2</sup>m<sup>-2</sup>)</b>	2.5	0.1-6.7	3.0	0.41-9.6	0.81	2.0	0.71
<b>CP (% of DM)</b>	20.3	16-27	19.9	14-26	1.02	5.2	0.39
<b>N (% of DM)</b>	3.7	2.5-5.5	2.8	1.8-3.7	1.3	1.0	0.3



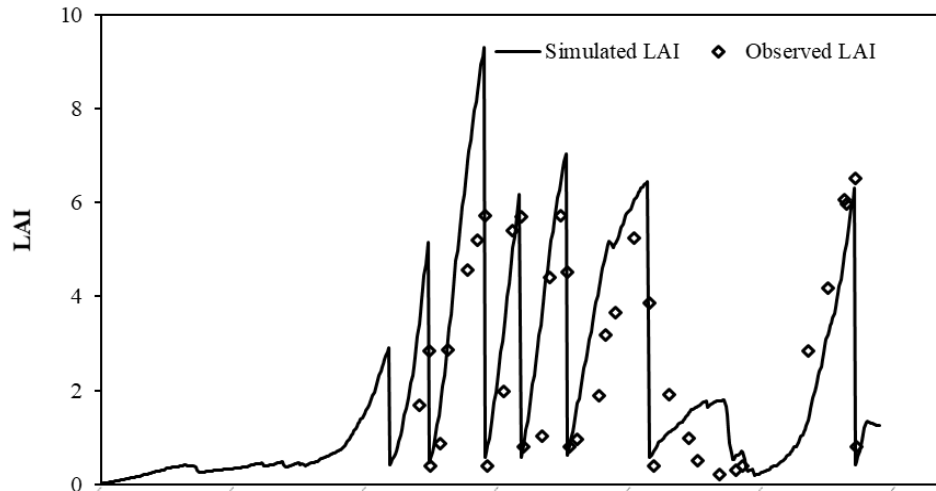
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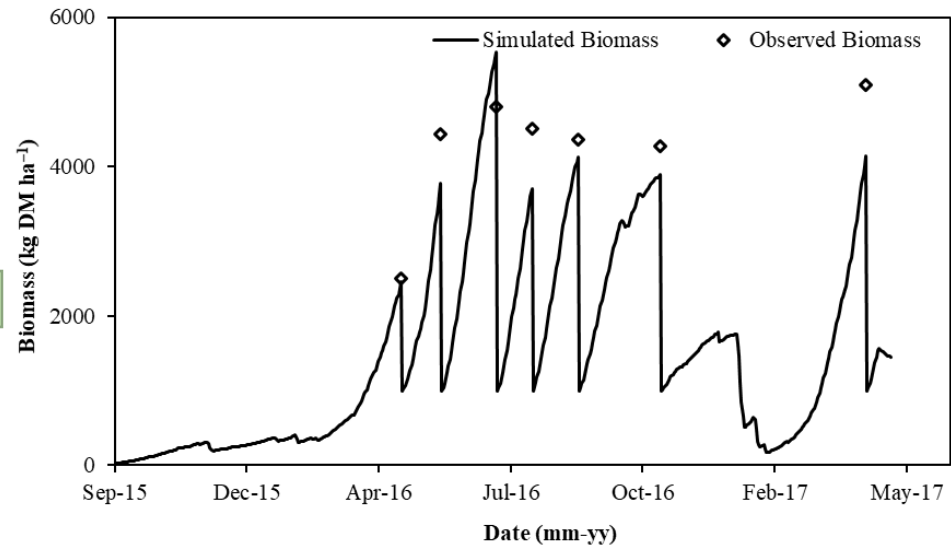


## Exp. 1 ("H 209-A" case)



(n=37)	LAI (m <sup>2</sup> m <sup>-2</sup> )
<b>Observed</b>	<b>2.83</b>
<b>Simulated</b>	<b>2.65</b>
<b>RMSE</b>	<b>2.15</b>
<b>d-Statistic</b>	<b>0.73</b>

(n=7)	Biomass (kg DM ha <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>Observed</b>	<b>4281</b>
<b>Simulated</b>	<b>3947</b>
<b>RMSE</b>	<b>625</b>
<b>d-Statistic</b>	<b>0.85</b>



# Conclusion (summary)



- ❖ Adaptation of the CSM-CROPGRO-PFM model for alfalfa was accomplished by changing parameters and relationships describing species tissue compositions, partitioning, and the species' cardinal temperatures for responses of processes to environmental variables.
- ❖ The CROPGRO-PFM is able to simulate alfalfa growth and yield.
- ❖ As a first working version, the modified forage version of CROPGRO model marks a significant step in adapting the model to simulate the growth and yield of alfalfa.
- ❖ Further improvement and adaptation for composition tissues and dynamics of carbon and nitrogen remobilization during regrowth. Parameters may be easily adjusted as new knowledge becomes available.



# Conclusion (summary)



## DSSAT Interfaz Windows

DSSAT version 4.7 (Hoogenboom et al., 2017)

DSSAT Version 4.7.0.0

File Data Model Documentation Help

New Run

Tools

- Crop Management Data
- Graphical Display
- Soil Data
- Experimental Data
- Weather Data
- Seasonal Analysis
- Rotational Analysis
- Genotype Coefficient Calculator

Accessories Utilities Reference My Shortcuts

Selector

- Crops
  - Cereals
  - Legumes
  - Root Crops
  - Oil Crops
  - Vegetables
  - Fiber
  - Forages
    - Alfalfa
    - Bahia Grass
    - Bermuda Grass
    - Brachiaria
  - Sugar/Energy
  - Fruit Crops
  - Various
- Applications
  - Seasonal
  - Sequence
  - Spatial
- Data
  - Soil
  - Weather
  - Genetics
  - Economics
  - Pests
  - Standard Data

Data

Experiments Data Outputs

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Treatments

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## Journal Impact Factor

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# Thank You!



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