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*Exploring soil water
dynamics in the Alento
hydrological observatory*

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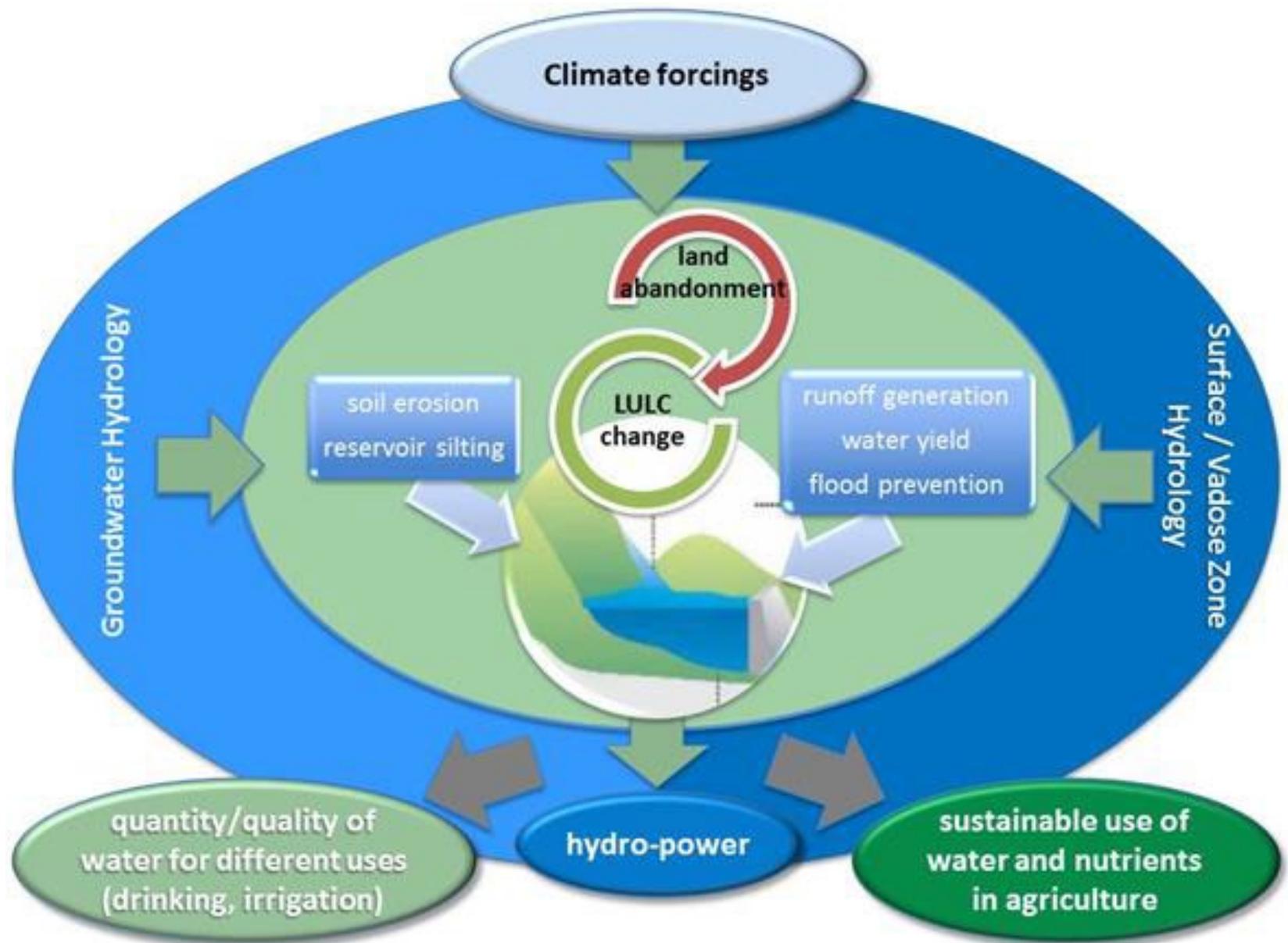
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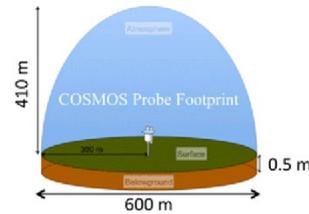
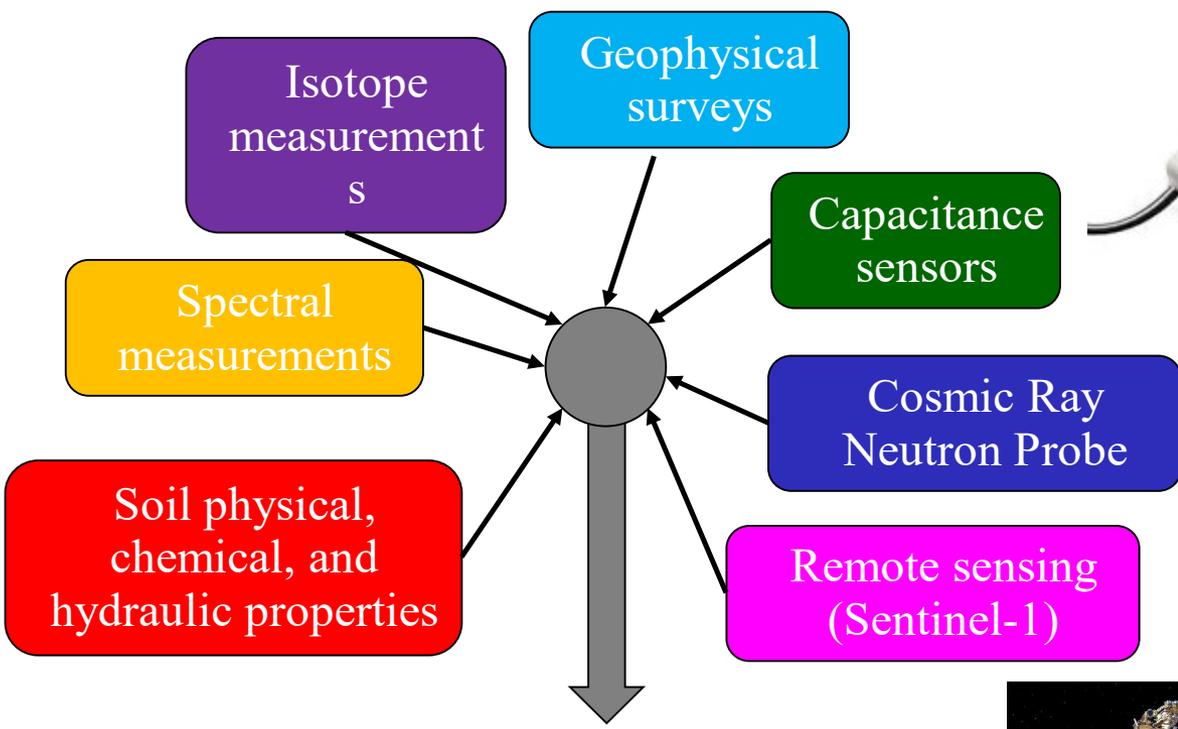
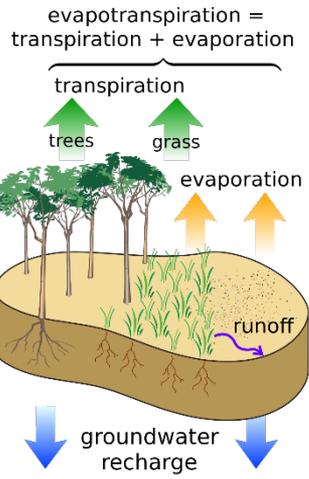
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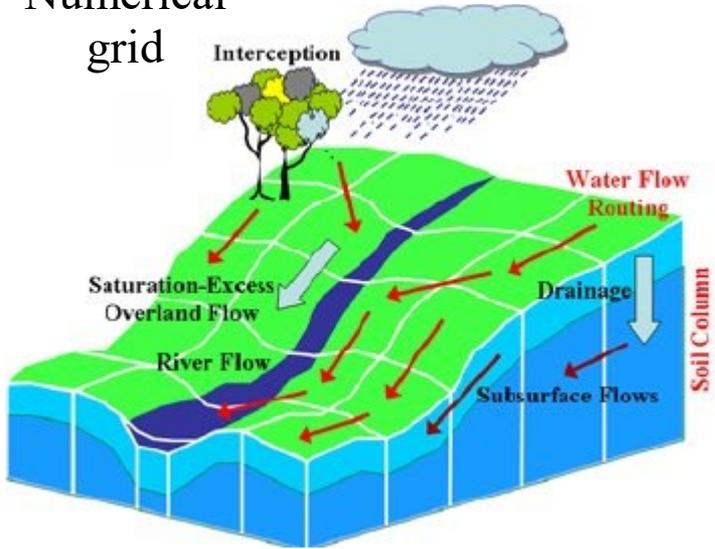
Overarching science questions in Mediterranean catchments



Integrated approach

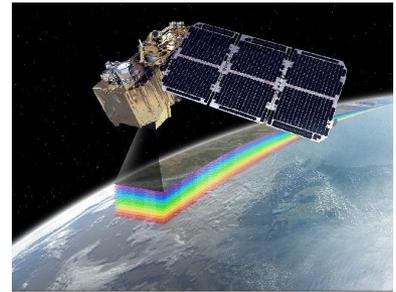


Numerical grid

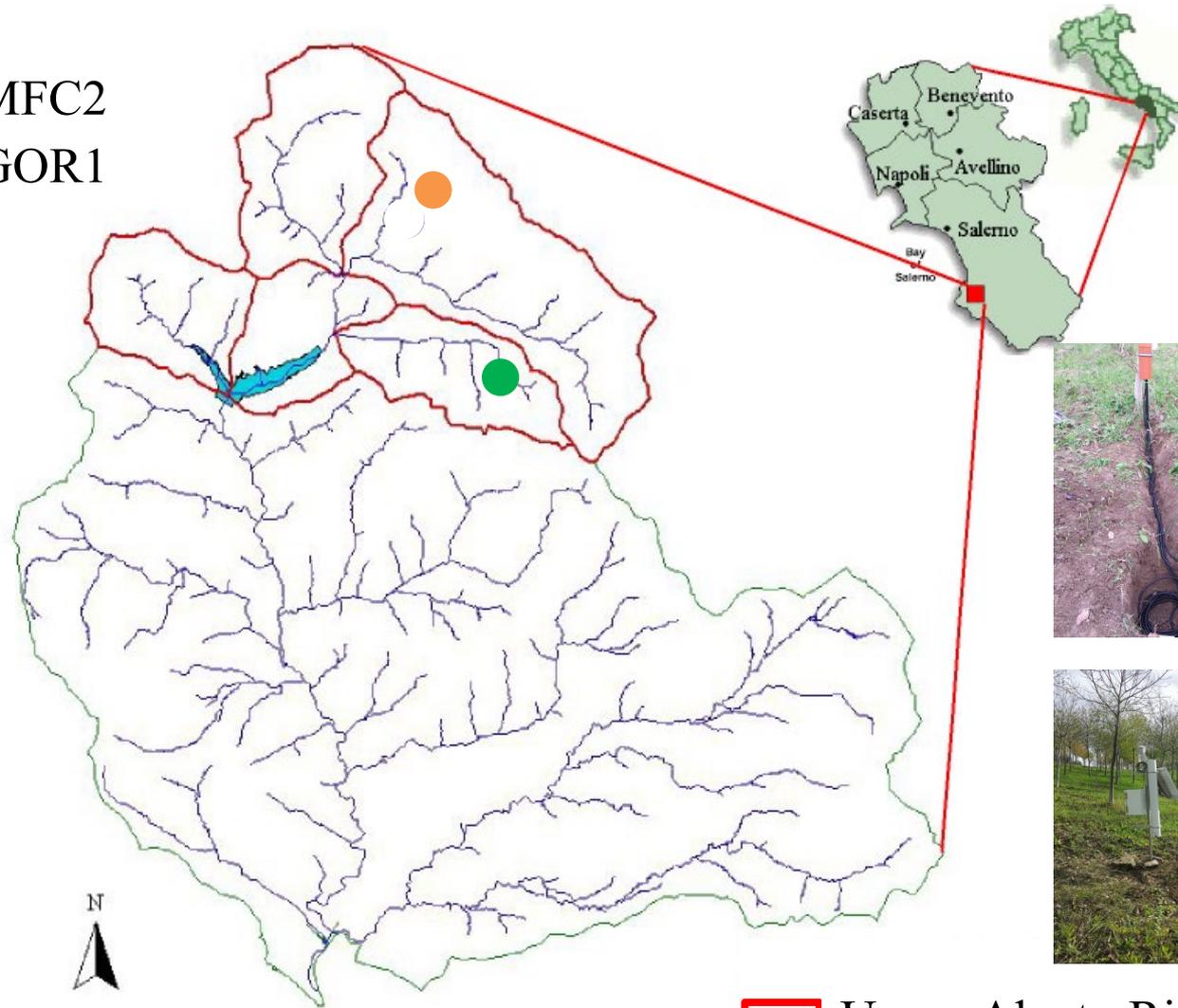


3D hydrological model (Richards equation)

Scenario-based projections



- MFC2
- GOR1



Weather station



SoilNet wireless sensor network

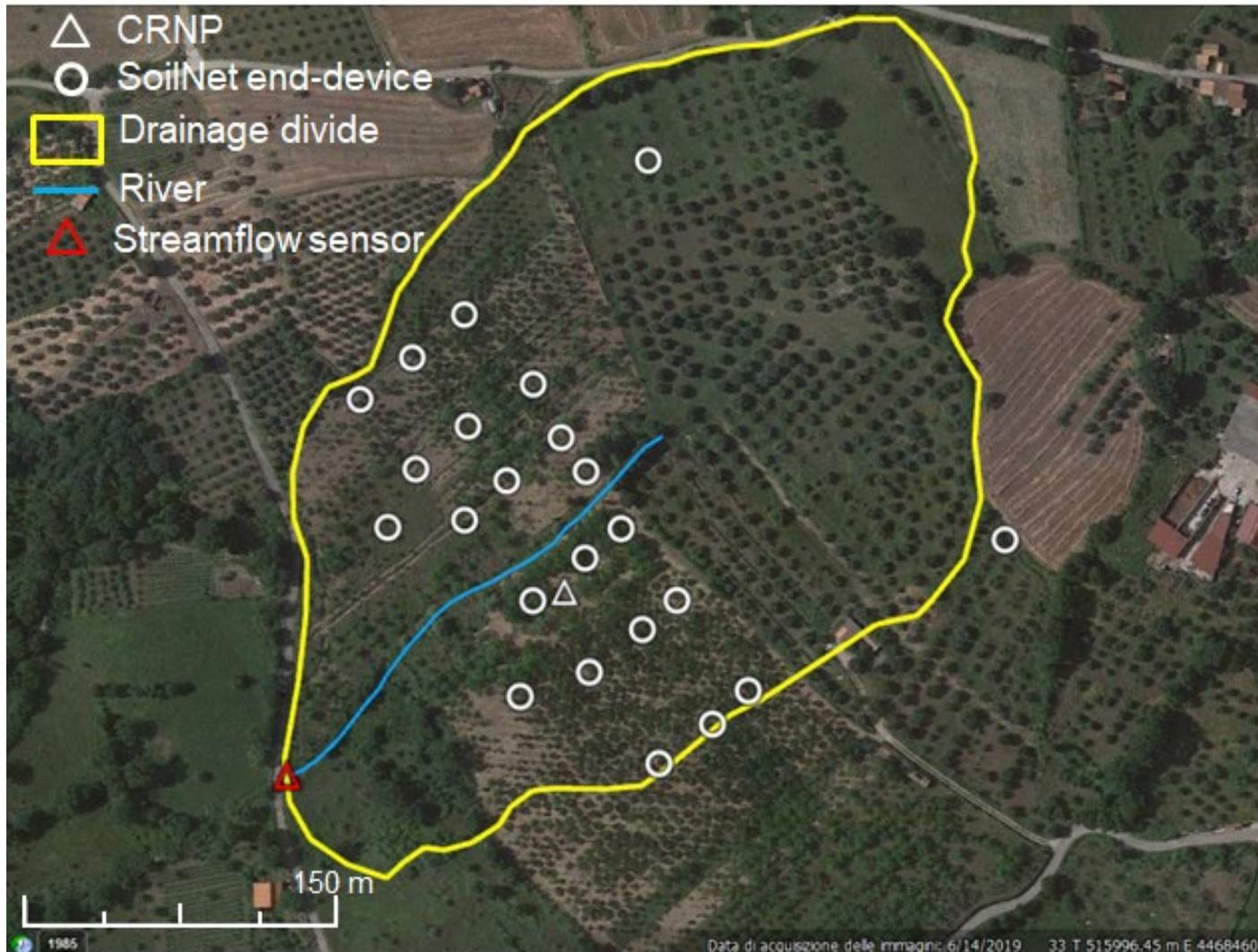


Cosmic Ray Neutron Sensor (Hydroinnova)



- Upper Alento River Catchment (101 km²)
- Lower Alento River Catchment (308 km²)
- Water reservoir

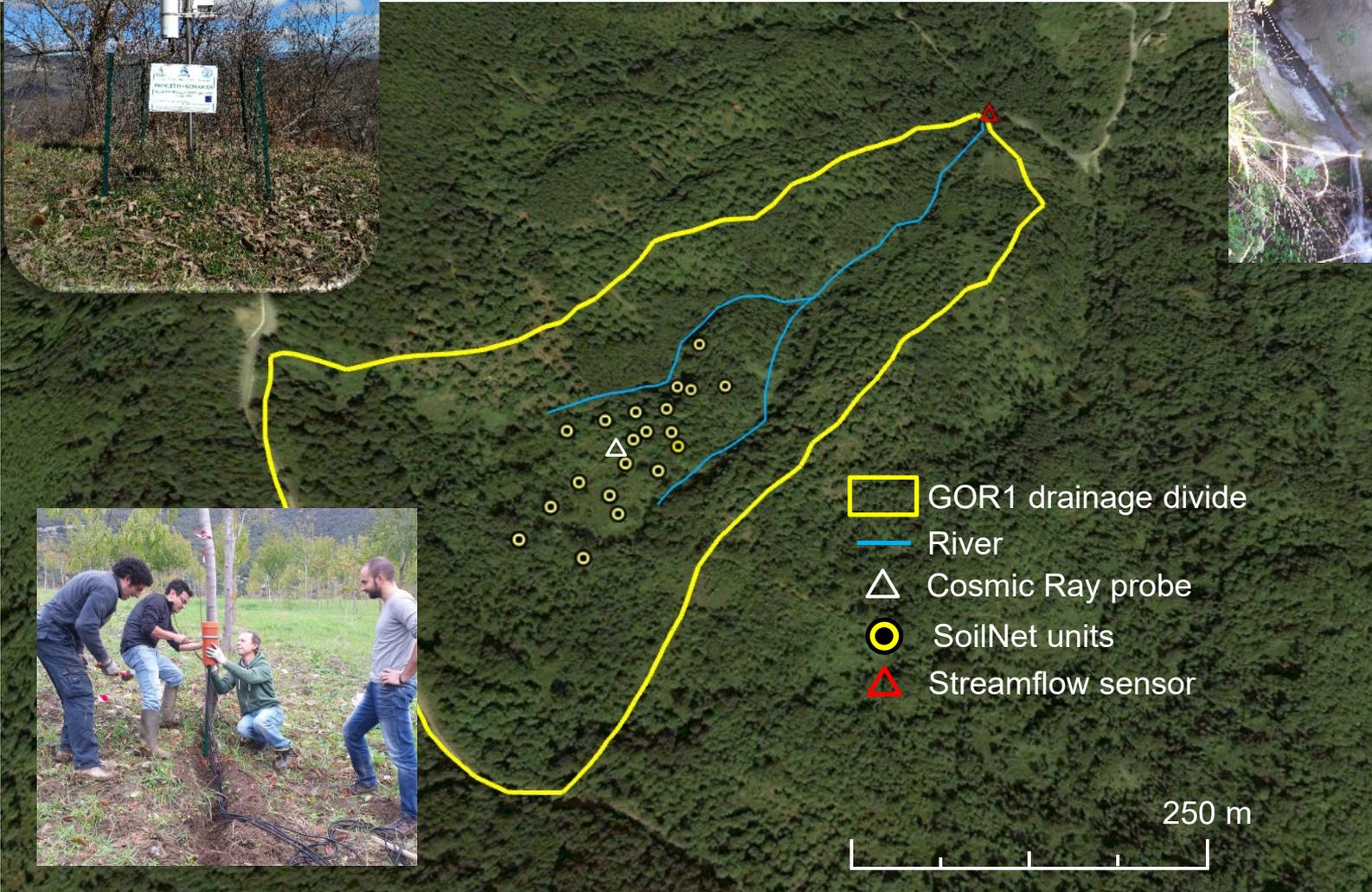
MFC2 experimental site



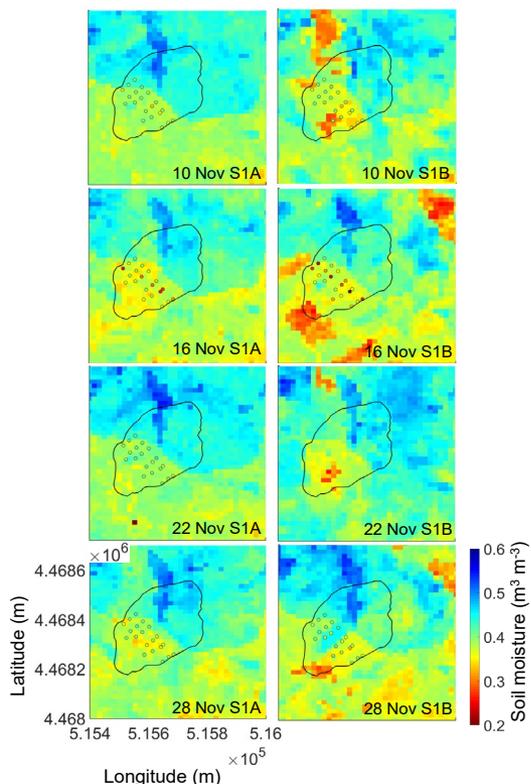
GOR1 site (forest)



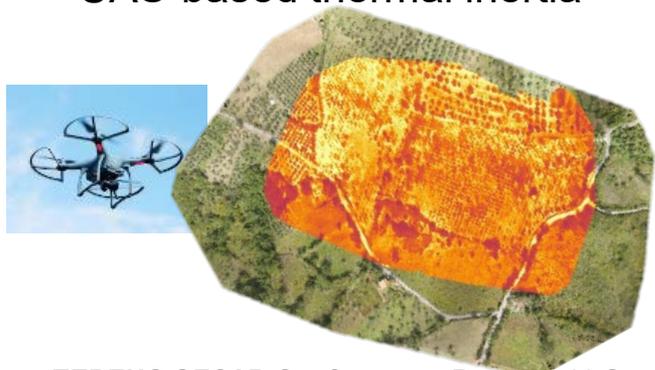
Streamflow sensor



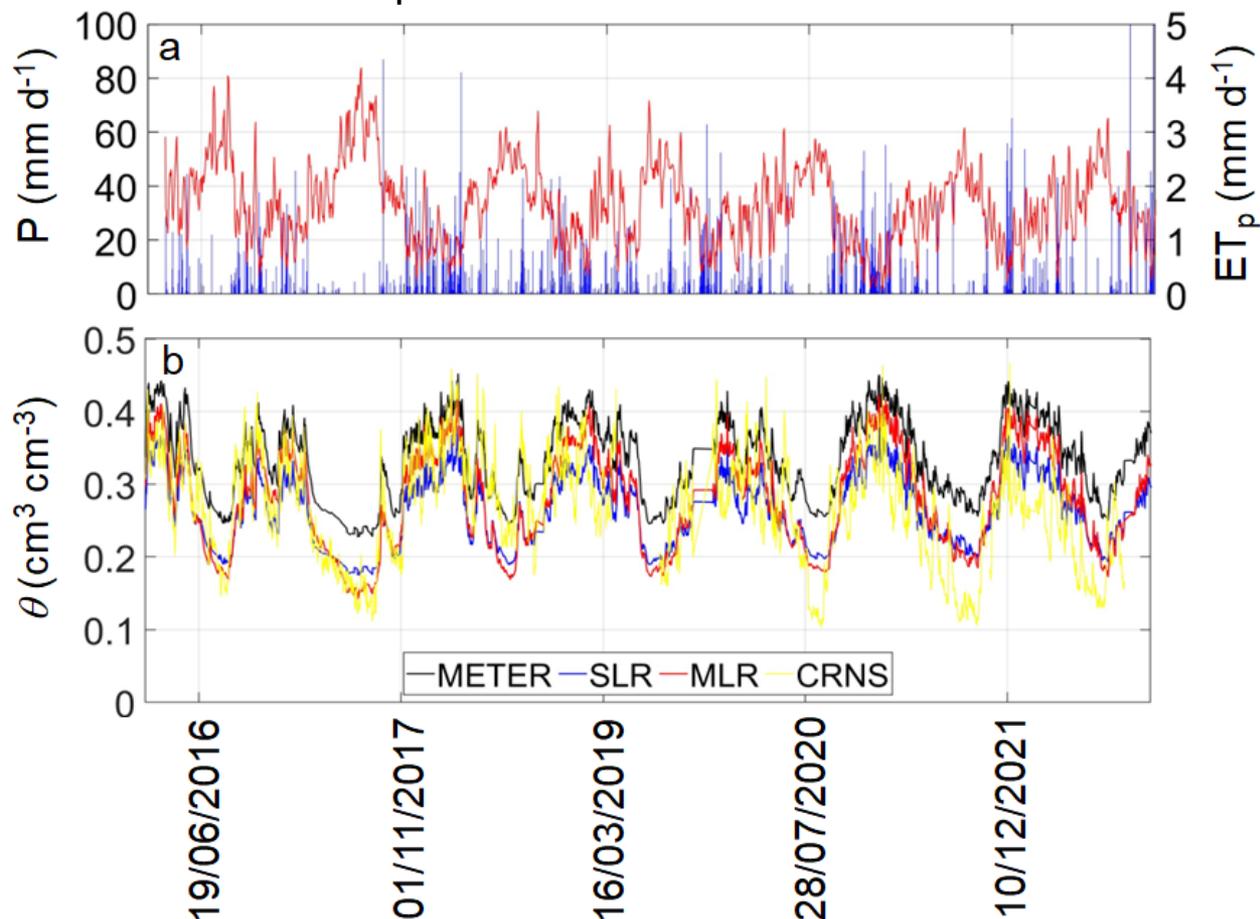
Sentinel-1



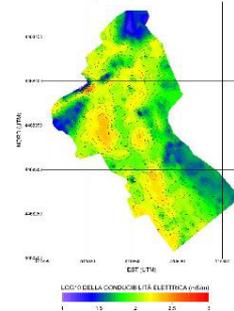
UAS-based thermal inertia



Capacitance sensors and CRNS



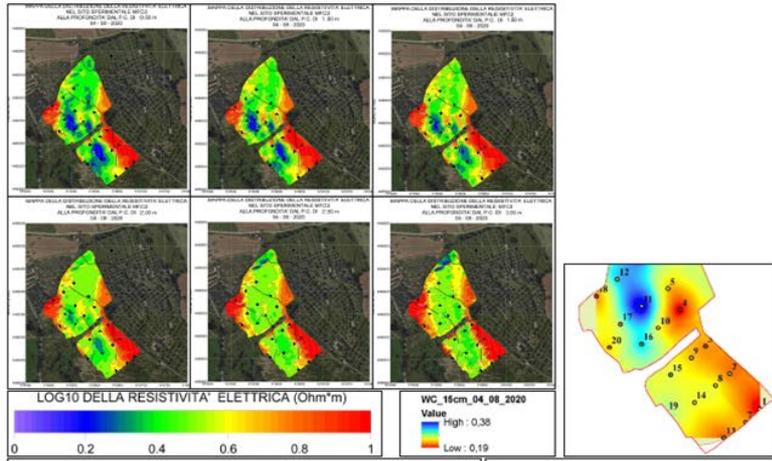
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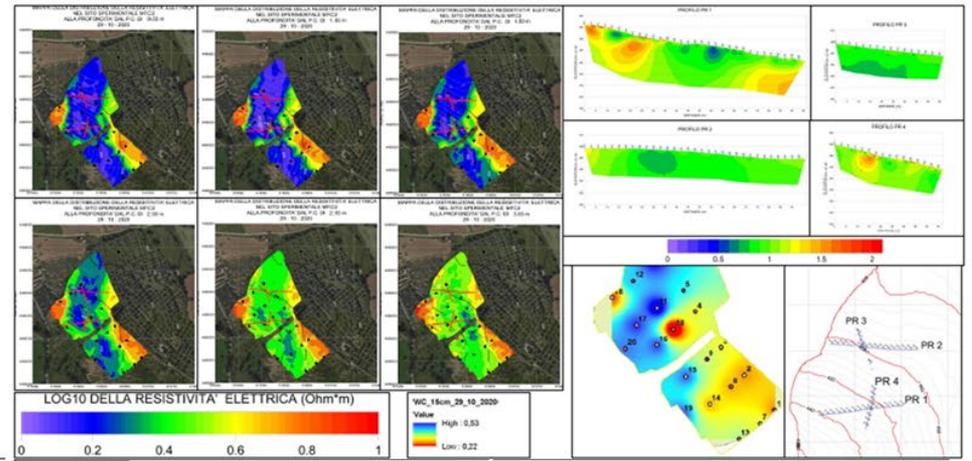
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Geophysical measurements

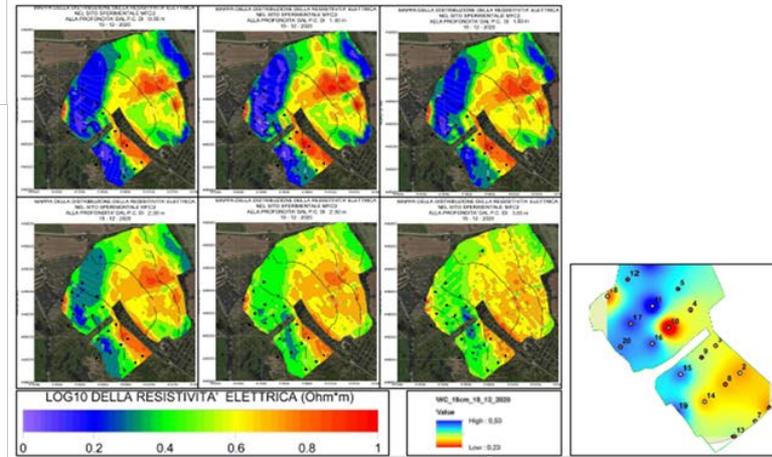
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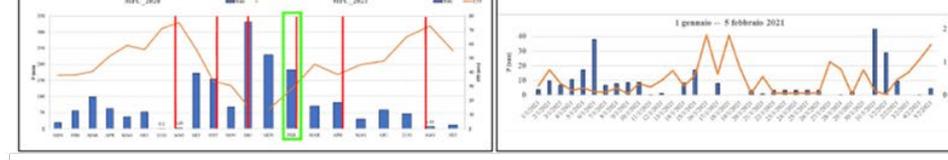
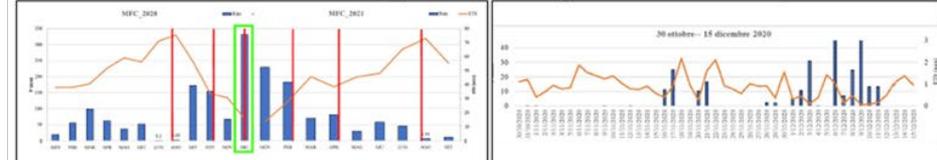
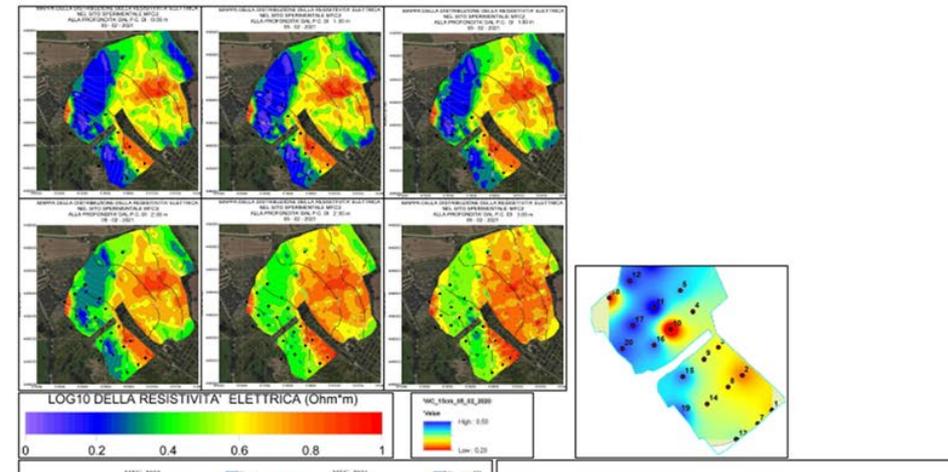
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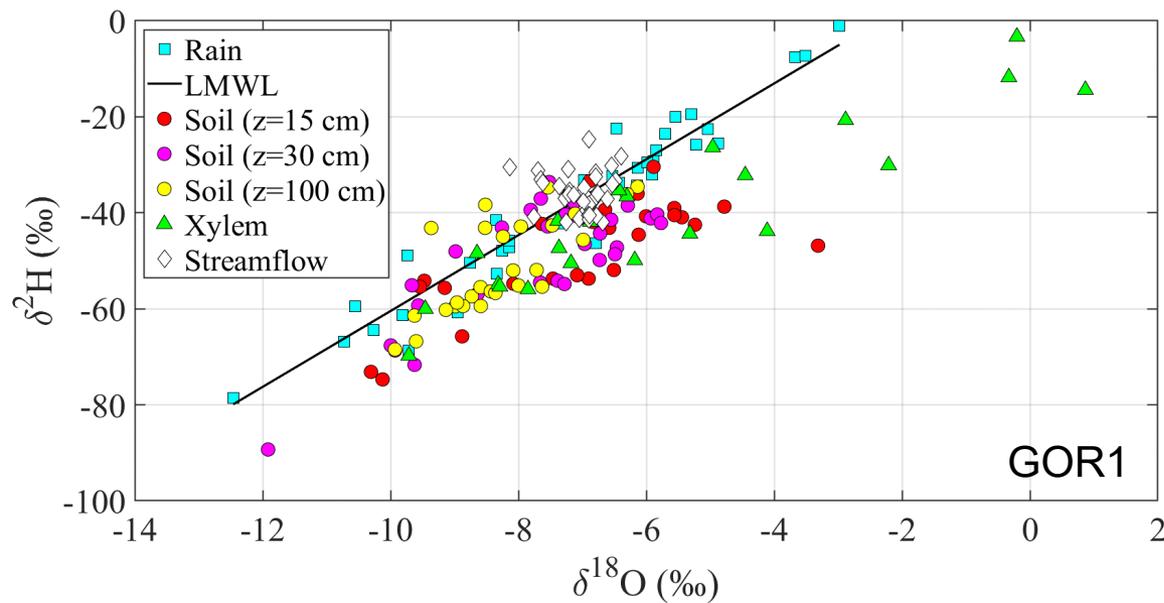
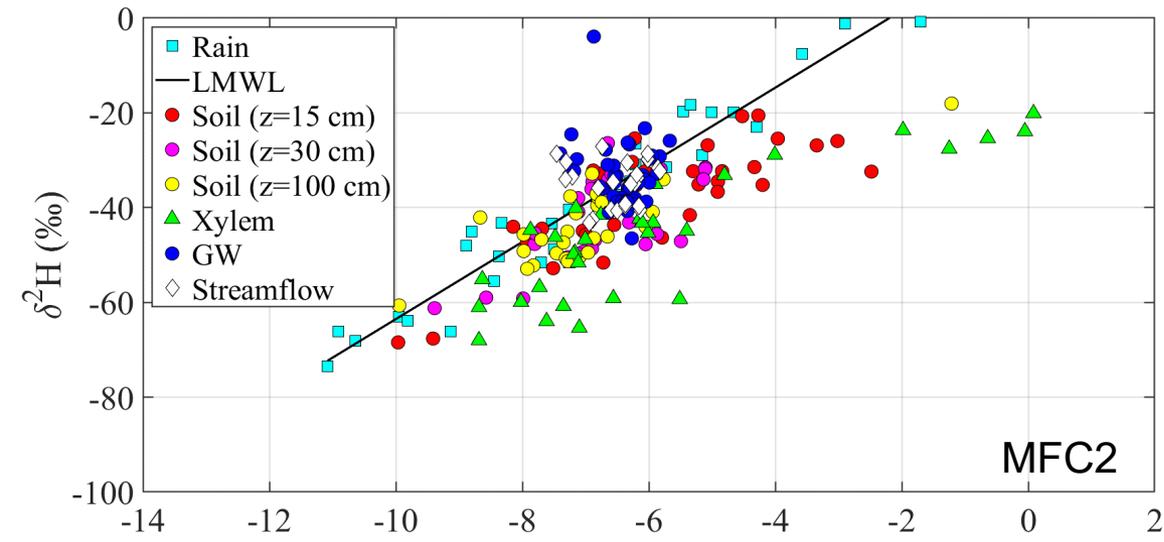
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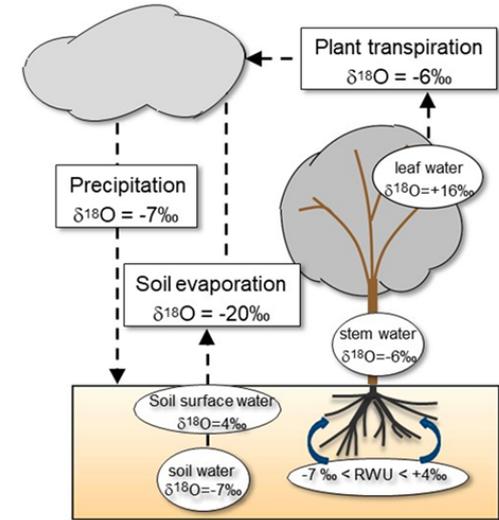
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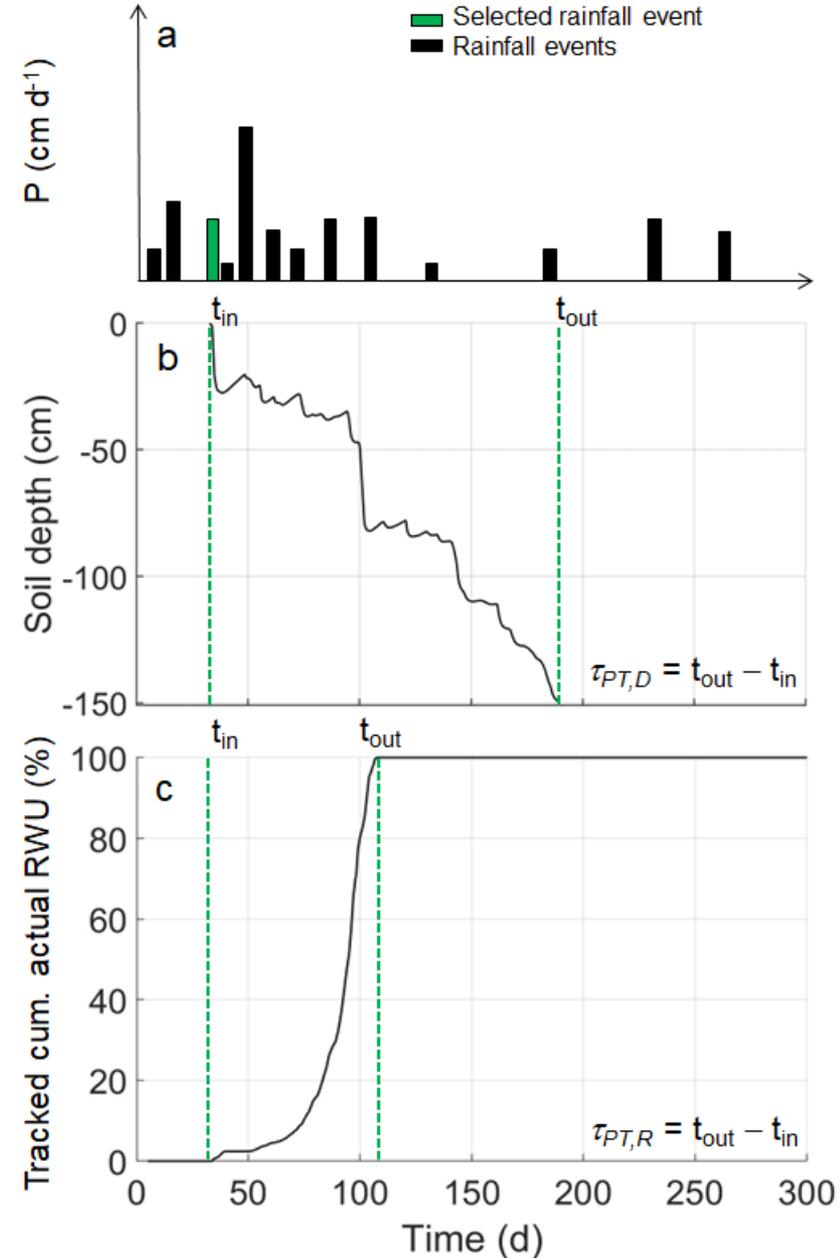
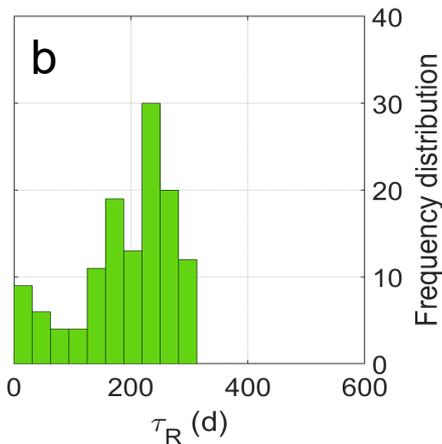
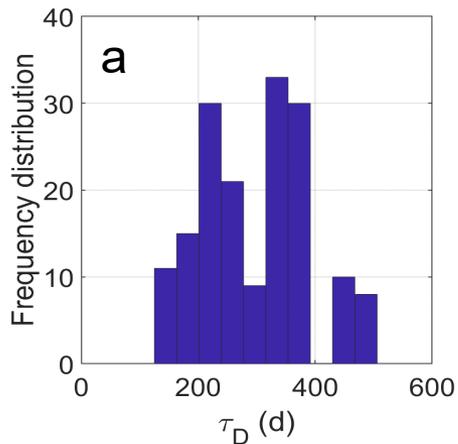
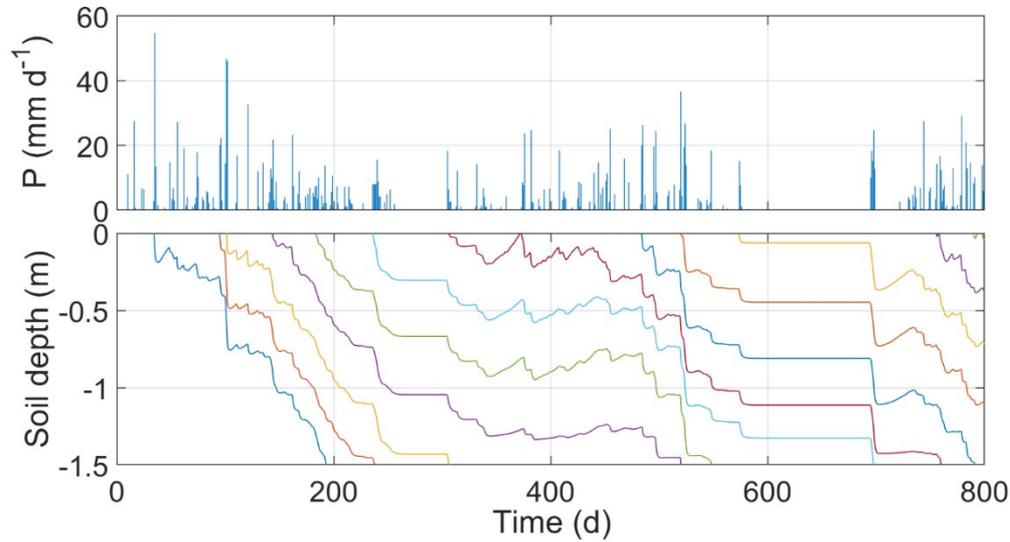
Environmental tracers: measurement of stable isotopes



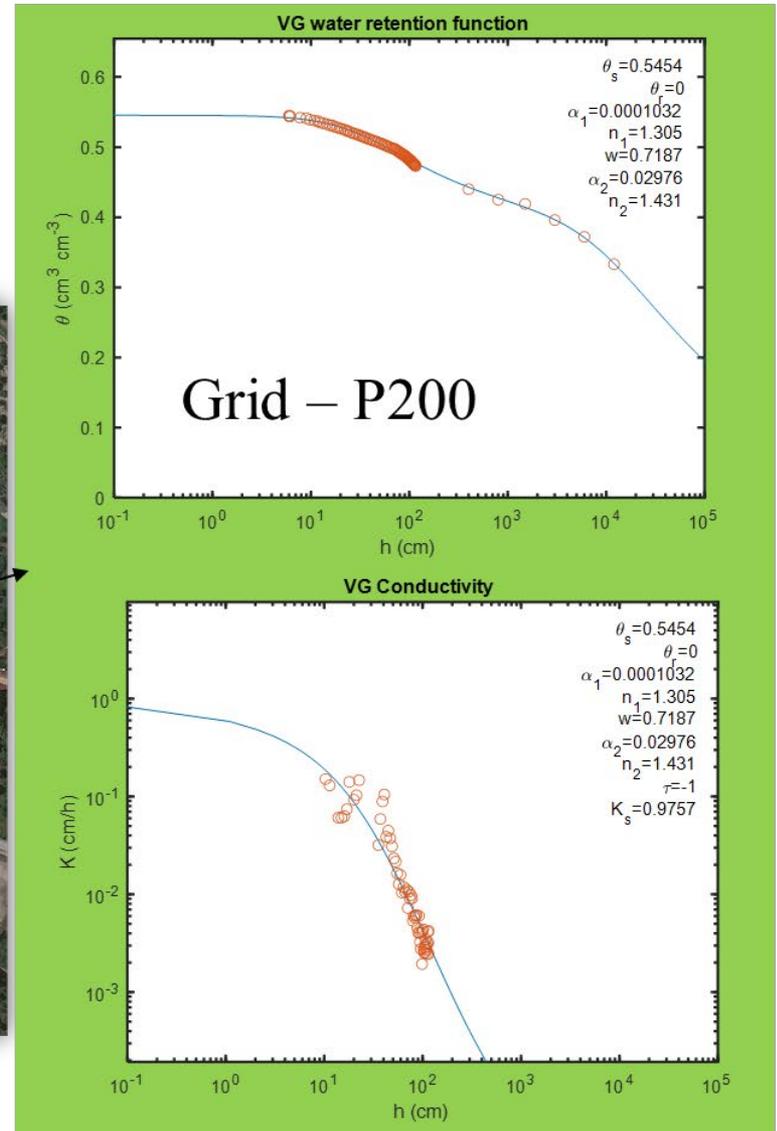
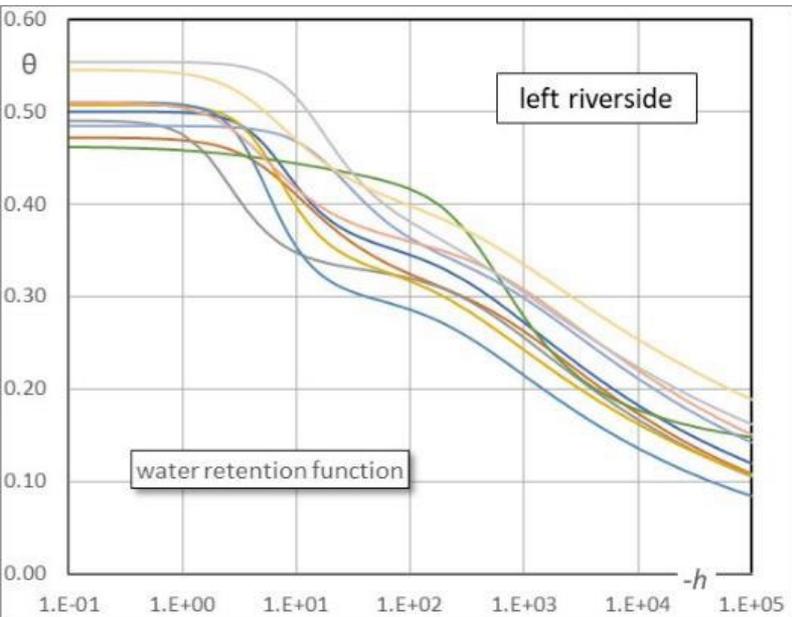
Estimation of Travel Time Distribution, TTD
(using stable isotopes as tracers)



Assessing the travel time with isotope transport simulations



Soil sampling



Spectral measurements

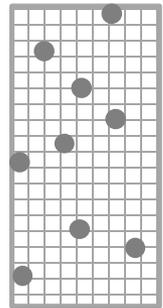
AGRIFAST: The Italy-Israel joint lab for hyperspectral remote sensing of agricultural soils

Spectral measurements

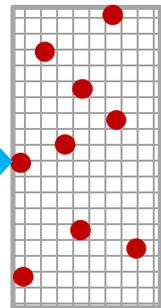
Soil physical/hydraulic properties

Map of the soil physical/hydraulic property

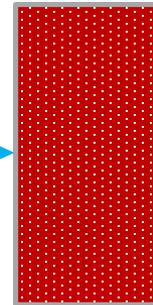
Simulated water fluxes and soil moisture in all cells of the numerical grid



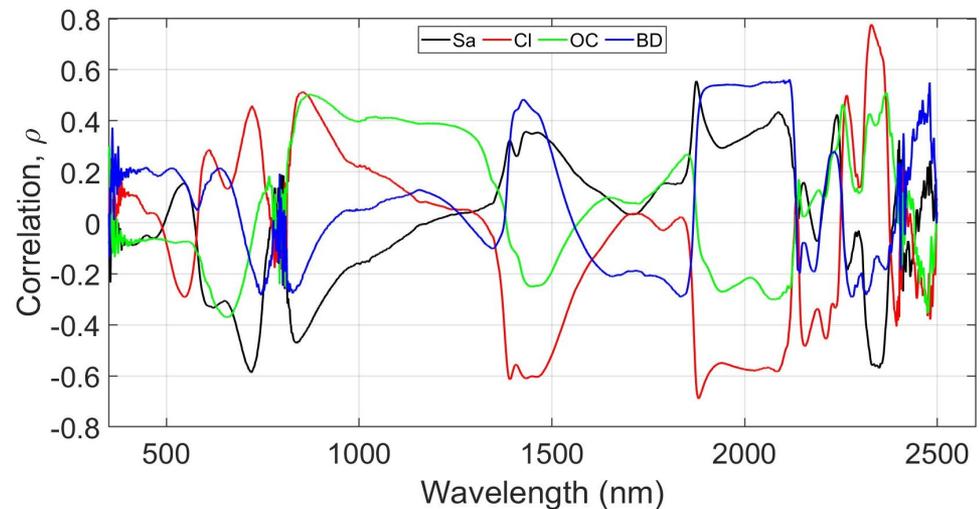
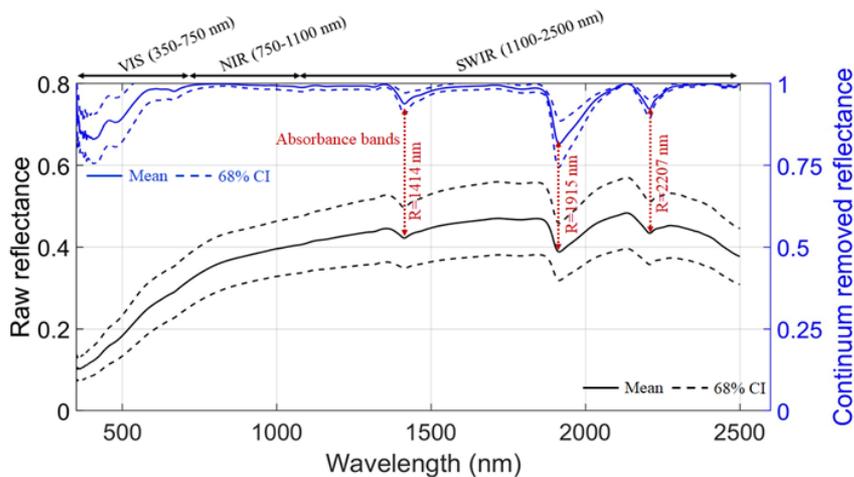
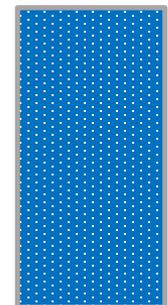
prediction



interpolation

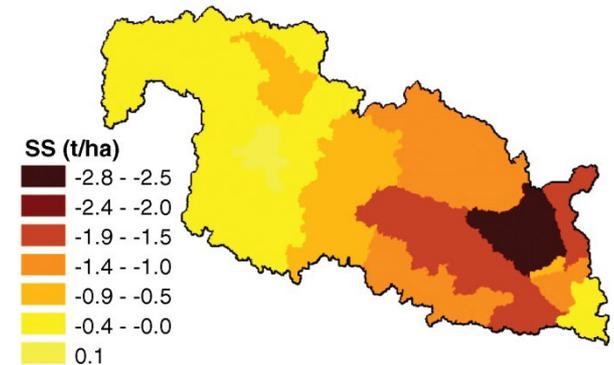


Hydrological model

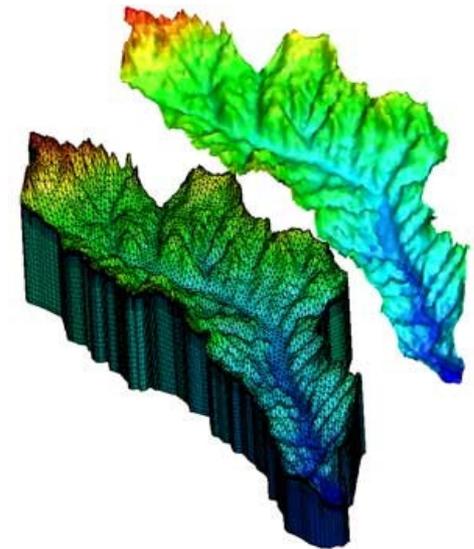


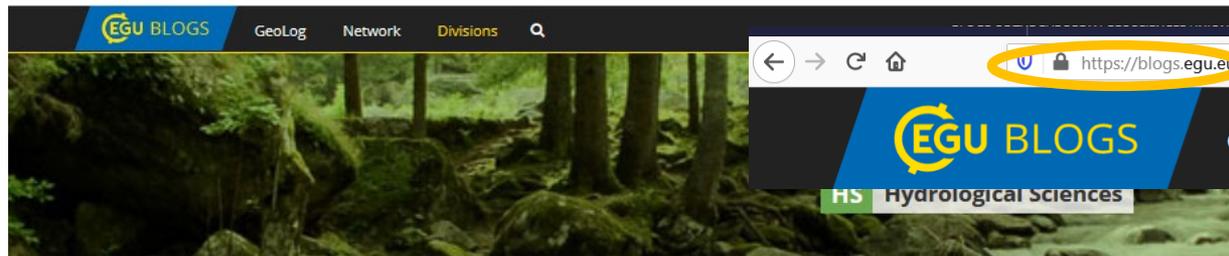
Conclusions:

- Hypothesis-testing vs. exploratory to advance in hydrology
- Application of 3D Richards-based hydrological models (i.e., HGS)
- Scenario-based projections to support decision-making
- Dynamic resilience and vulnerability indicators (i.e, travel time)
- Sharing our data set to compare the Alento Observatory with other TERENO observatories across Europe.



(B) Change (t/ha) in sediment





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Viewpoint of the water reservoir in the Upper Alento River Catchment (UARC). Photo was taken from the village of Monteforte Cilento (Photo credit: Nunzio Romano)

Importance of investigating water fluxes in Mediterranean catchments

MOSAIC (Modeling and Observing a mosaic of processes for Soil and water resources management in the Alento

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