Calibration of simulation models by integrating remote sensing estimates of leaf area index

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Aim: potato yield prediction for any parcel in NL

Data (IoT, sensors, databases, ..)
Crop growth models (Tipstar, Wofost, Lintul-DSS)
Data + model → interpretation → advice







## Data

- Daily weather data
  - KNMI (web)
  - Local weather stations
- Soil data
  - Soil map (web)
  - Sensors (ECa, soil moisture)]
  - Soil analysis
- Crop reflectance
  - Satellites (web)
  - Cropscan (hand-held)
  - drones, tractor-mounted

- Management data
  - Cultivar
  - Fertilization (dates, amounts, type)
  - Irrigation (dates, amounts)
  - Crop protection (date, amounts)
  - Planting date
  - End date (crop dead)
- Yield history data



## Crop growth models





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and more...

## Selection of field specific properties

### Abbenes

#### Reusel



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## Crop reflectance: www.groenmonitor.nl pixels 25 x 25 m. 1/20 days (except 2017: 1/40 days)



## Crop reflectance: www.groenmonitor.nl pixels 40 x 40 m. 1/20 days (except 2017: 1/40 days)



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## Crop reflectance: Cropscan



## Crop growth models

Model	Potential	Water- limited	Water & N limited	Other stress (P, K, S, phytoptera, etc)
Tipstar				
Wofost	V			
LINTUL				

☑ Operational: Tipstar potential & Wofost potential

- Ongoing work: water & N limited
- Ongoing work: calibrate variety parameters

#### **Variety calibration status**

Model / cv	Agria	Fontane
Tipstar		
Wofost		
LINTUL		

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## Results: Canopy cover 2017





## Model parameters from satellite images



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## Preliminary results: potential biomass Forecast vd Borne 2018 (Reusel, Grensweg)





## Preliminary results: potential biomass Forecast Abeness 2018





## Summary and discussion

#### Operational framework

- stochastic yield forecasting
- Operational 2 out of 3 models
- Preliminary results (requires more calibration)
- Under construction: Simulation water & N-limited
- Calibration is a challenge:
  - 1/6 varieties calibrated
  - Groenmonitor limited data in 2017 (1/40 days)
  - Cropcan to the rescue, but limited available
  - Which model parameters to calibrate?
- Long term challenge:
  - After simulation USE models for decision support

# Thanks for your attention





## Data needs water & N limited

#### Minimum

- Irrigation data (date, mm applied)
- Soil moisture data (date, depth, moisture content) + metadata
- N fertilisation data (date, kg N/ha)

If available Soil N content Crop biomass

Crop N

