



“Research on Irrigation management to increase Water Productivity ”



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Arable land: 5 million ha.

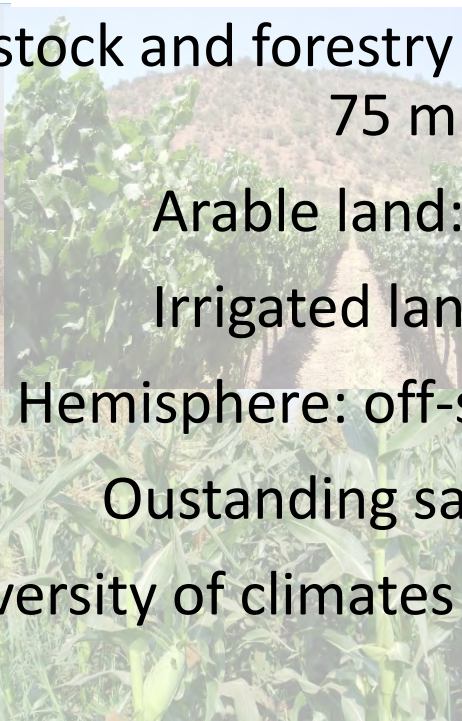
Irrigated land: 1 million ha.

Southern Hemisphere: off-season agricultural production

Outstanding sanitary conditions

Diversity of climates :diversity of production

Agricultural, lives



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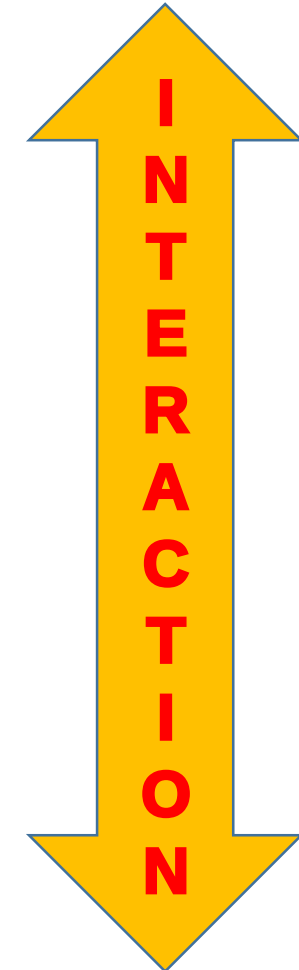
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STRATEGIC RESEARCH AREAS

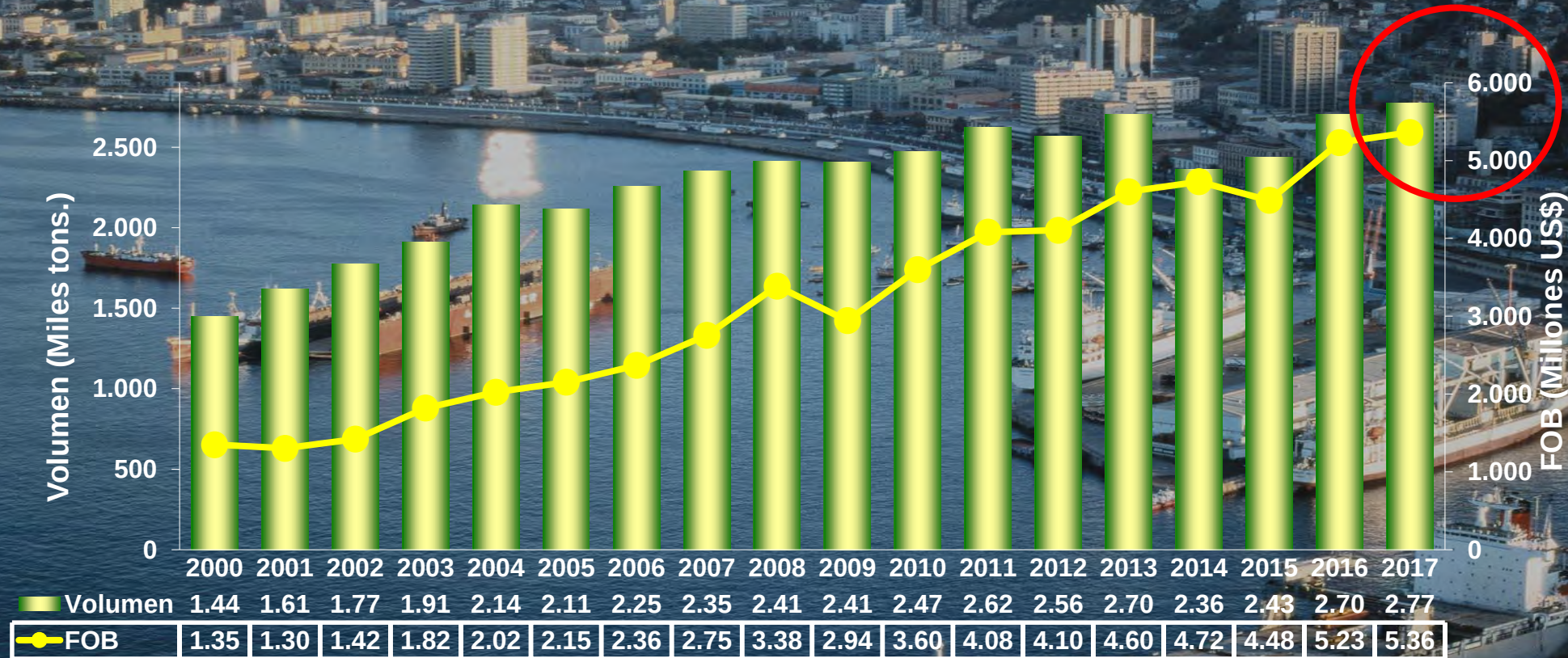
- **Climate Change**
- Climate Risk Management
- Water use efficiency and Water productivity
- Genetic Resources and plant breeding
- **Food Security**
- Agriculture with reduced agrochemical usage
- Dynamic, behavior, and risk analysis of the use of agrochemicals
- Plant breeding
- **Sustainability**
- Land management and use of organic waste



**EXTENSION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

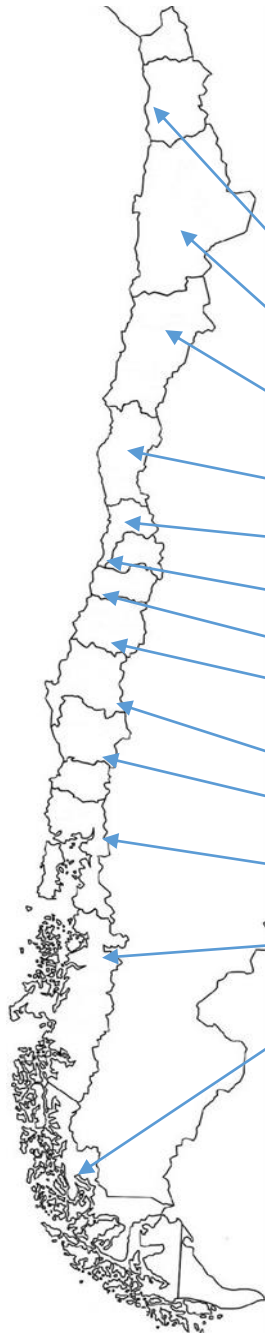
CHILEAN FRUIT EXPORTATION

Embarquement value vs Volumen



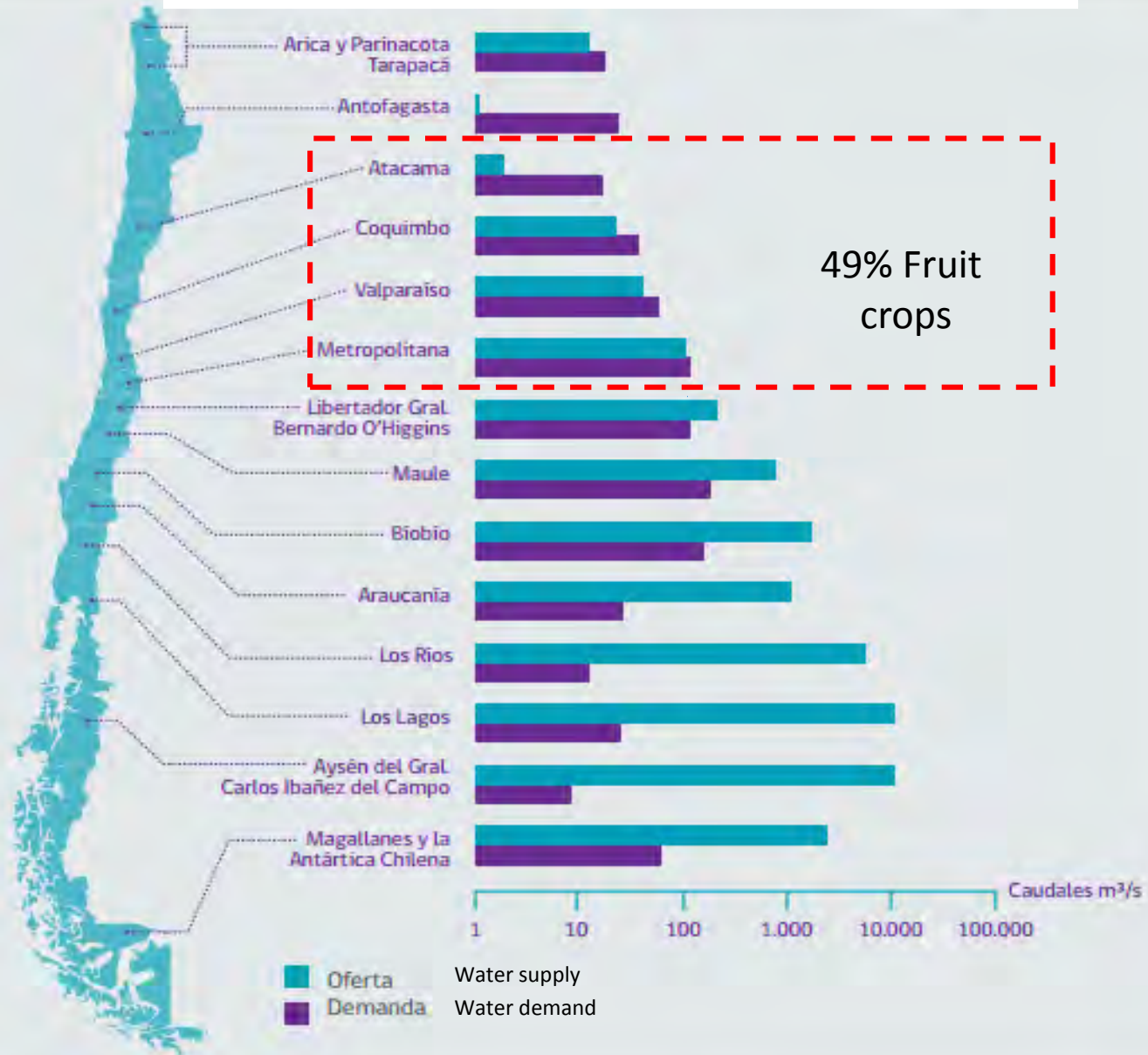
FUENTE : ODEPA

FRUIT CROPS IN CHILE : 285.700 hás



REGION	SUPERFICIE	SUPERFICIE	% Acumulado
	REGADA (Hás)	FRUTALES** (Hás)	
ARICA-PARINACOTA	12.301		
ANTOFAGASTA	2.294		
ATACAMA	19.354	10.794	4
COQUIMBO	75.714	29.863	14
VALAPARAISO	86.157	50.855	32
METROPOLITANA	136.757	48.063	49
O´HIGGINS	210.693	75.239	75
MAULE	299.102	48.28	92
BIO-BIO	166.574	11.231	96
ARAUCANIA	49.772	7.302	99
LOS RIOS-LOS LAGOS	12.535	4.073	100
AYSEN	2.717		
MAGALLANES	19.844		
TOTAL	1093814	285700	
Fuente (*) Censo 2006/07			
(**) CIREN 2012			

REGIONAL WATER BALANCE



• RESEARCH CHALLENGE:

Increase water use efficiency (m^3/ha) and Water productivity (Kg/m^3).

Main research line:

- 1.- Soil-roots interaction (soil management and rootstock)
- 2.- Fruit crops water requirements (ETc , Kc , Kc-NVDI relationship)
- 3.- Irrigation management (soil and plant water threshold, water use efficiency).
4. –Strategies for reducción fruit crops water use (water use effectiveness) .
 - Sustained deficit irrigation(SDI) /Regulated Deficit Irrigation (RDI
 - Microclimatic modification
 - Reduction of evaporation losses.
5. Irrigation Management and fruit quality (postharvest)
- 6.- Extension activities for Producers and Advisers

1.-SOIL-ROOTS INTERACTION (SOIL MANAGEMENT AND ROOTSTOCK)

SUBSOILING

RIDGES

MULCHING

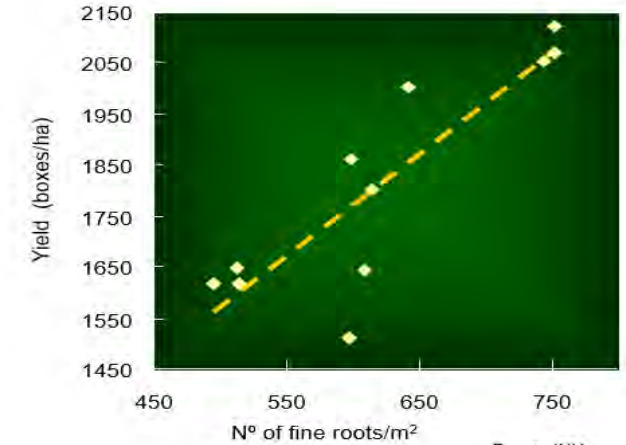
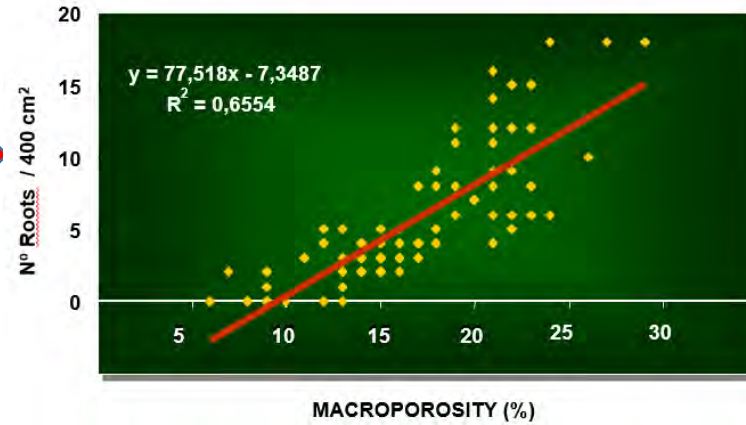
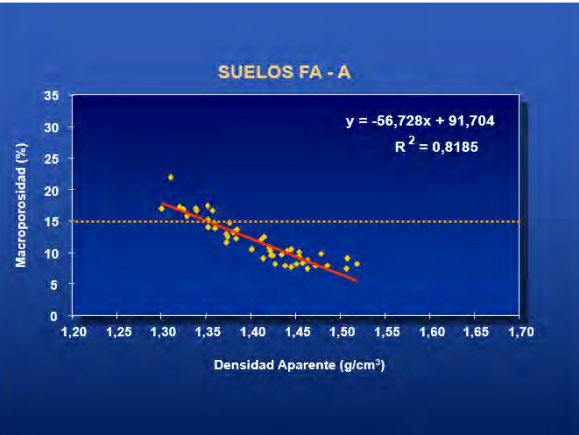
SOIL BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY

ROOTSTOCK SELECTION



ROOTS CONCENTRATION AND -MACROPOROSITY

Number of fine roots and yield
Thomson Seedless



Soil physical properties and roots growth : impact on fruit tree productivity



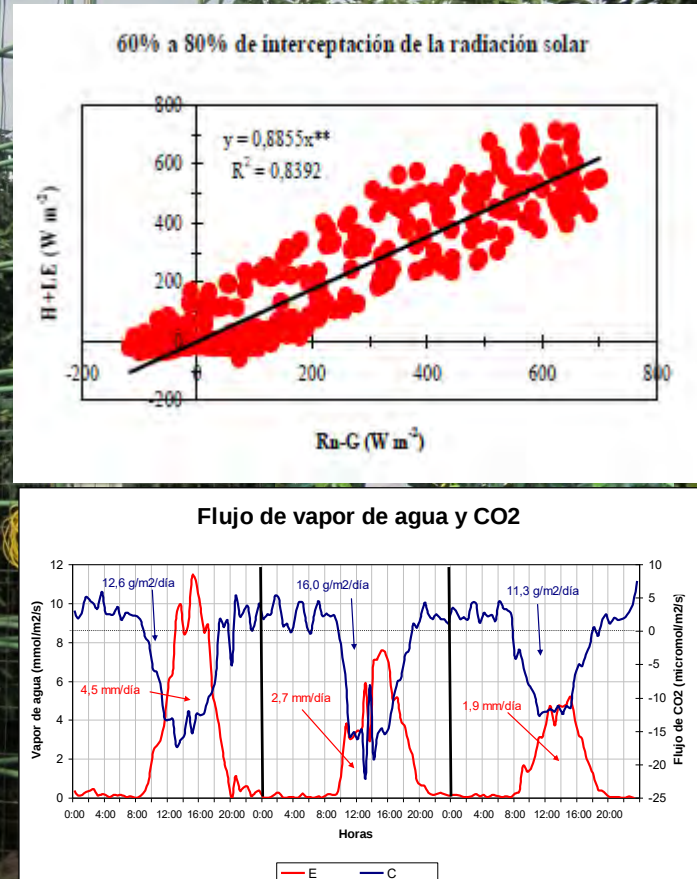
Field discussion with fruits advisers

Soil variability

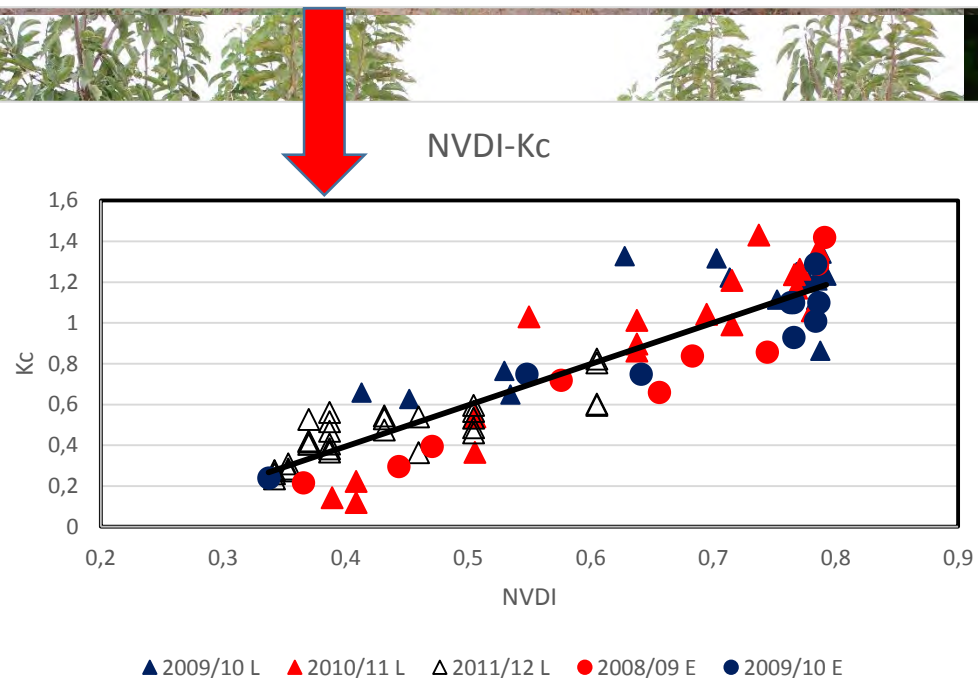
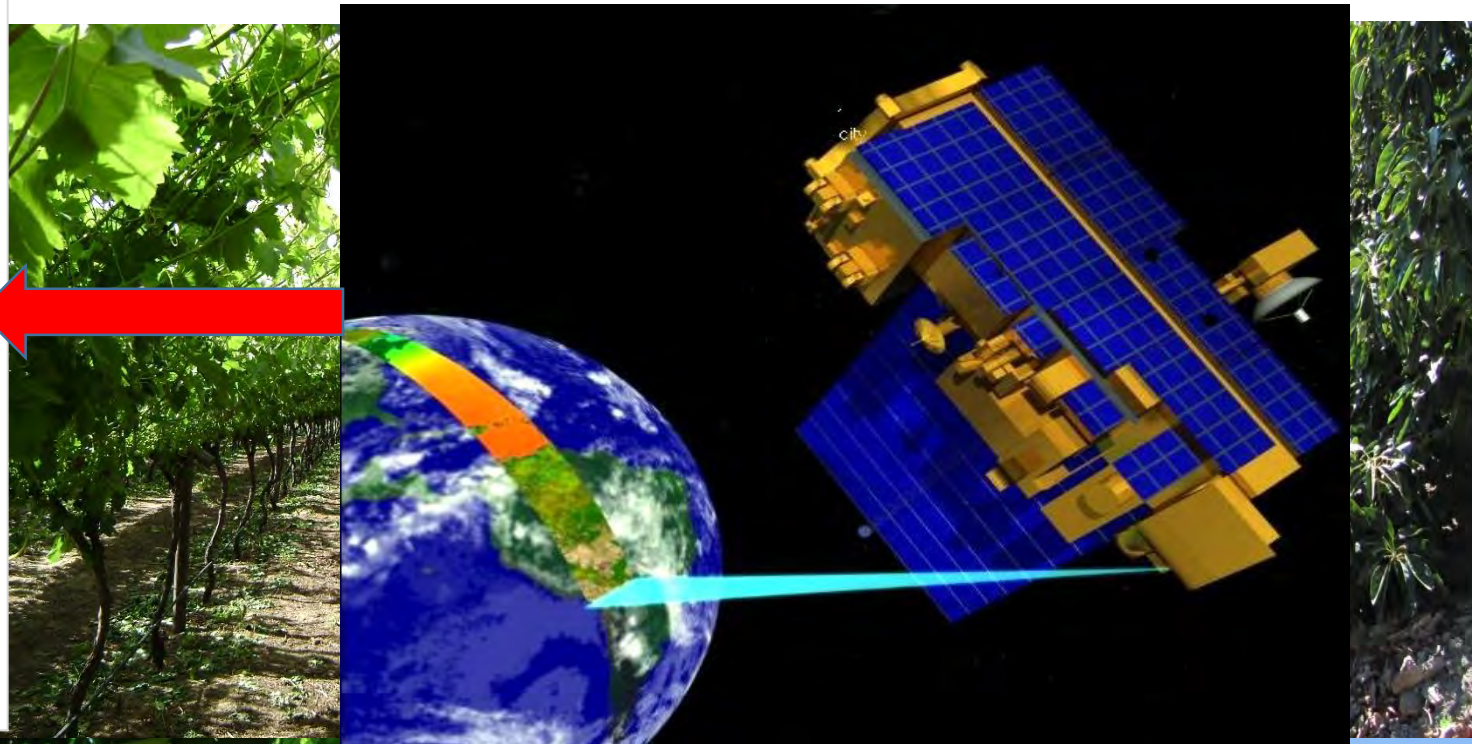
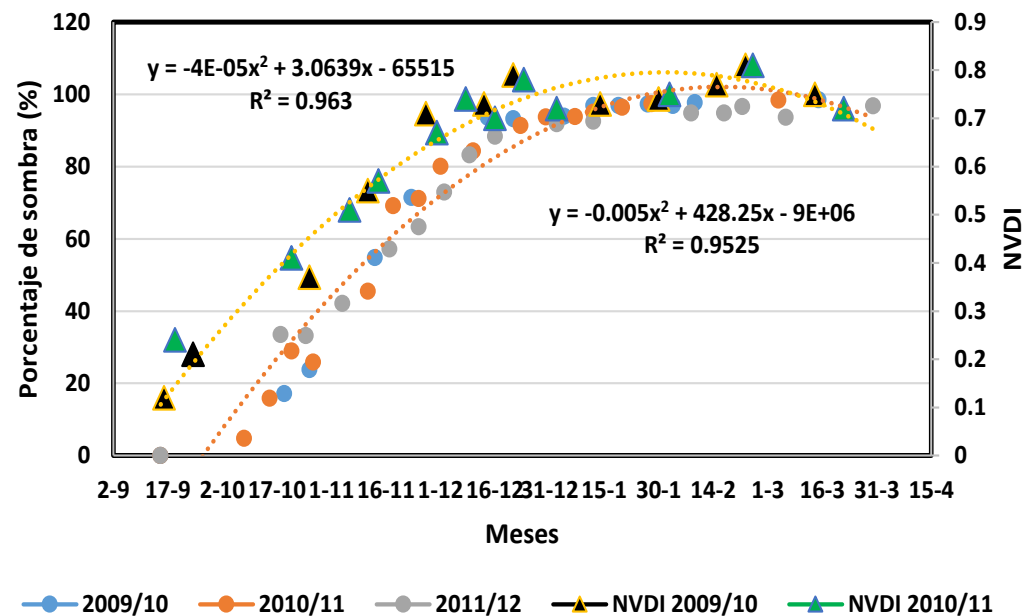
Rootstock selection

2,- FRUIT CROPS WATER REQUIREMENTS (Energy balance, Etc, Kc, Kc-NVDI)

$$ET_c = ET_o * K_c$$

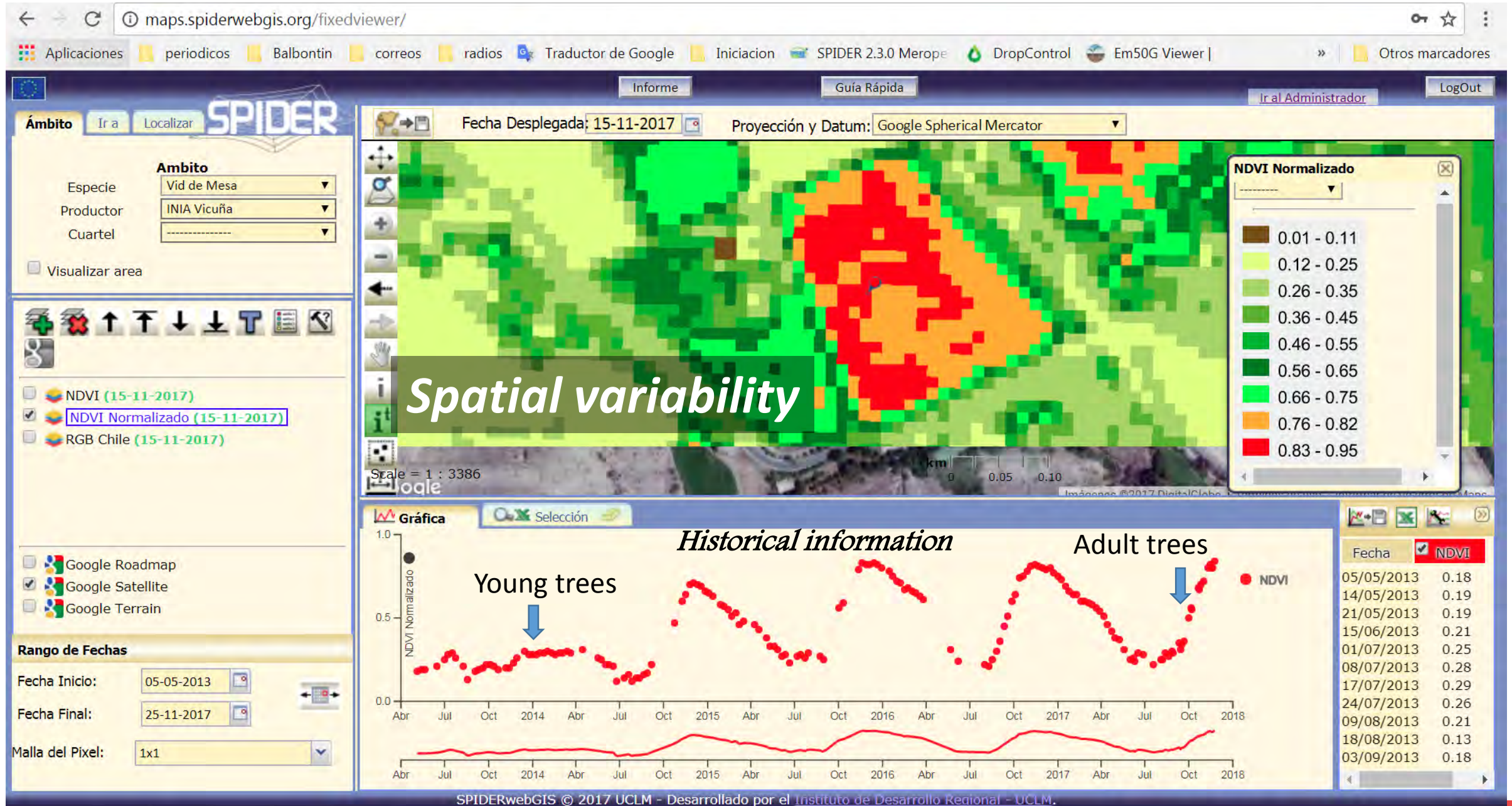


Evolución del % de sombra y del NVDI



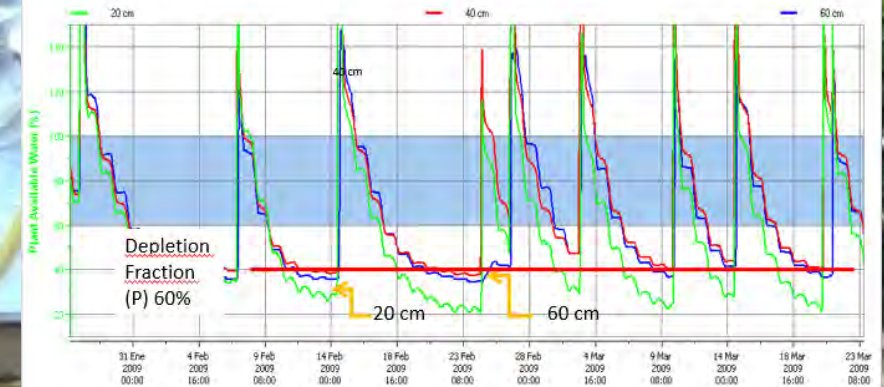
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Evolution of NDVI at field scale (web page)

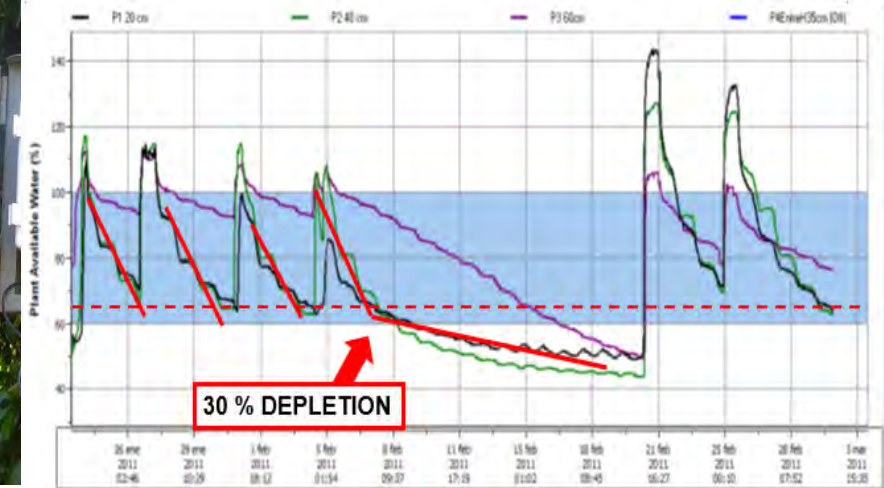


3.-IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT IN LOCALIZED SYSTEMS(DRIP AND MICROSPRINKLER)

- **SOIL WETTED AREA:**
 - Number of driper lines / Soil physical properties
 - Irrigation efficiency
- **IRRIGATION SCHEDULING**
 - Water balance
 - Trunk growth (dendrometers)
 - Stem water potential
 - Soil available water



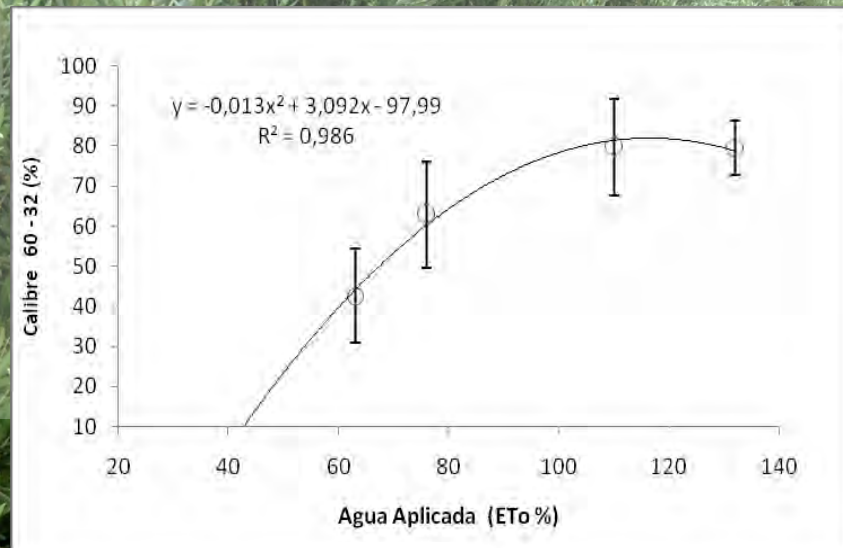
Soil water threshold in Avocado



4. –STRATEGIES FOR REDUCCIÓN FRUIT CROPS WATER USE

- **REGULATED DEFICIT IRRIGATION (RDI) :**

- **SUSTAINED DEFICIT IRRIGATION(SDI)**



Avocado

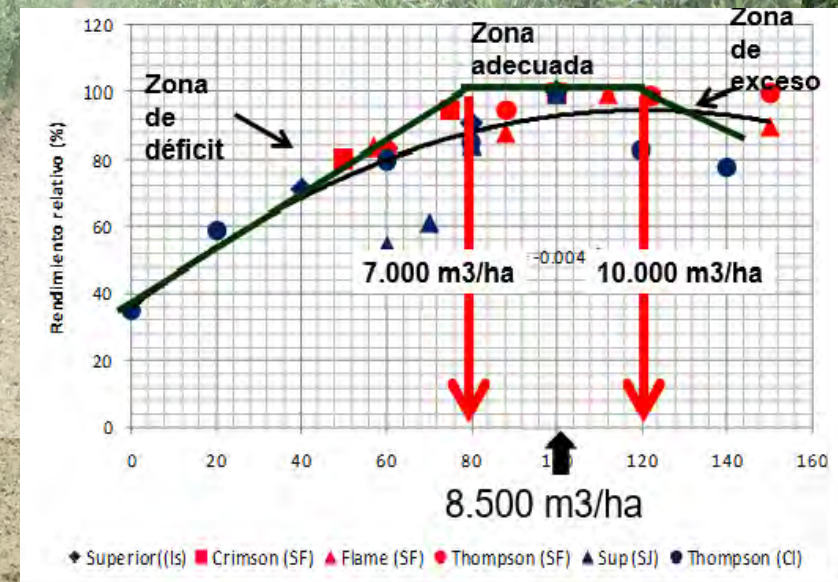


Table grape

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Microclimatic modification :Nets and plastic covers

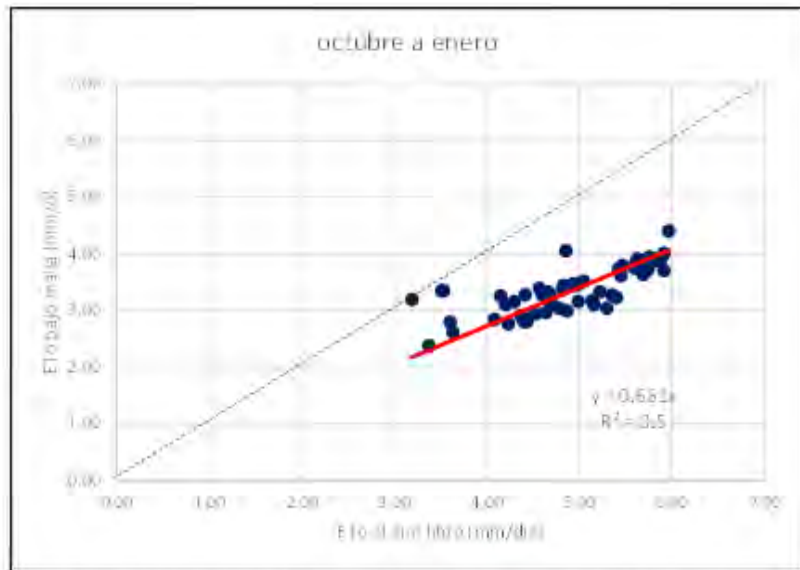
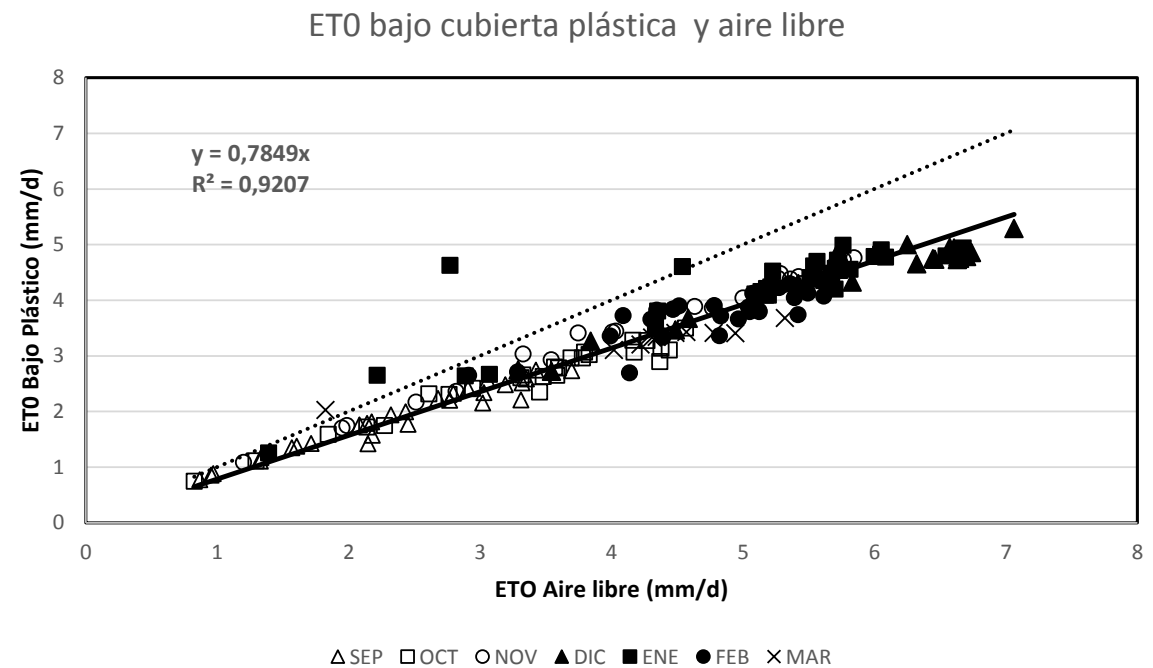


Figura 3. Evapotranspiración de referencia (ETo) al aire libre y bajo malla.





Determination of the water requirements of the main crops using satellite information

Determination of Crops water requirements using satellite information

CONCEPTUAL BASES



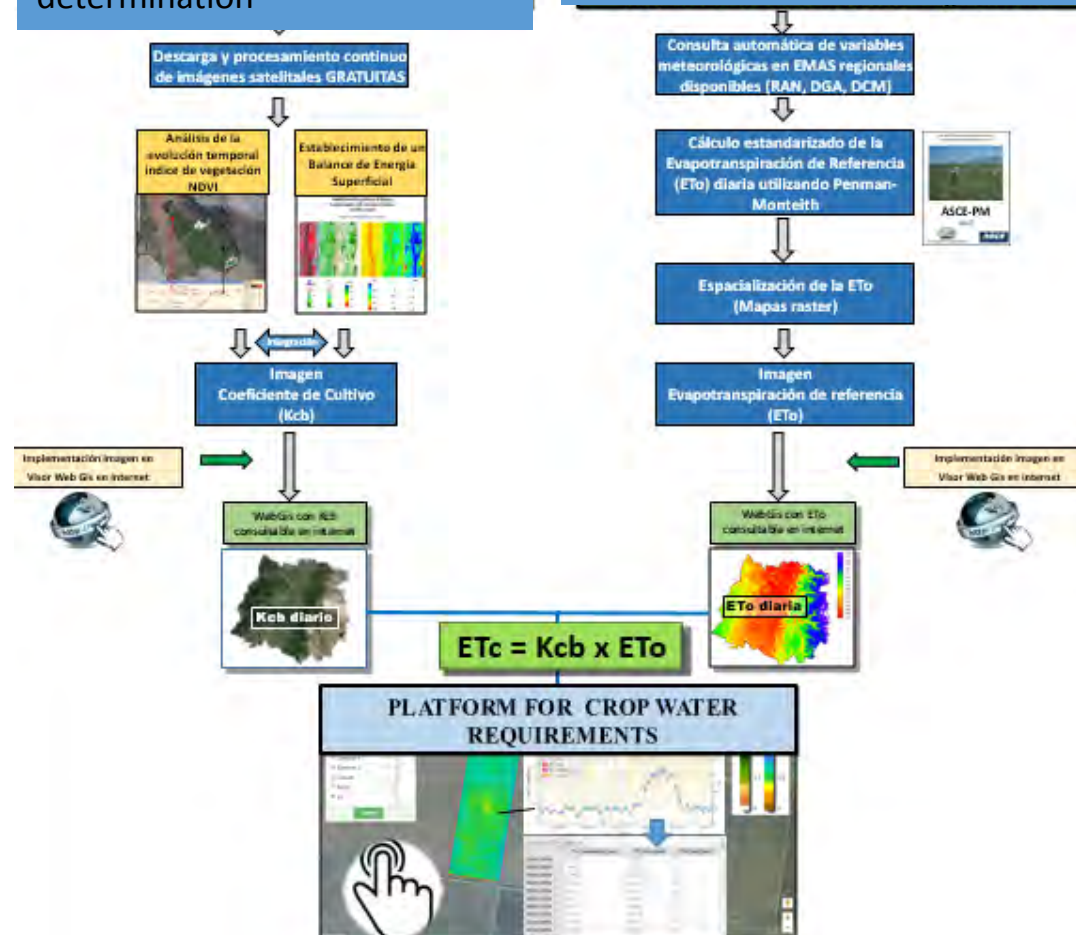
Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



$$ET_c = K_{cb} \times ETo$$

Satellite platform to monitor
crops development and Kc
determination

ETo dynamic map at daily scale





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