Cyber-Physical System for Risk Management

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What is Farm Management?



Farm Manager Decision Process













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Input Optimization

- Timing of individual practices
 - Task specific
- Decision support systems (e.g.disease forecasting)
 - Generally based on historical data
 - Requires reaction often immediate
- Improving Methods
- Sprayer technology, automation, etc
- What's missing?











Risk Management

 Balancing threats and consequences with incomplete data to achieve the goal of not failing (managers are averse to ambiguity not risk)



Risk Perception













Risk Management Goal

Minimize Maximum Regret













The Risk Pool is Changing



Projected Viticulture Suitability 2050

Current Suitability
Suitability Retained > 50% GCMs
Suitability Retained > 90% GCMs
Novel Suitability > 50% GCMs
Novel Suitability > 90% GCMs

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Requirements of a Risk Management System

- Provide actionable information not just make decisions
- Be minimally invasive and low maintenance
- Predict what needs to be done ahead of time
- Be scalable
 - Multiple start points (e.g. cost to buy in) that build upon each other
 - Field, farm, region/hourly, daily, weekly
- Have known accuracy and robustness
 - i.e. what are the odds
- Learns
- Be intuitive, usable and flexible













Traditional Innovation Process



Simulation Environments















Proposed Innovation Process



Agriculture Risk Insight System and Cyber-physical
Environment for decision support







All models are wrong; some are useful

- George Box

Advantages of Simulations

- Face complex situations which encourage development of problem solving techniques
- Test decisions without fear of outcomes
- Learn to combine information that is taught in isolation or out of context
- Create adaptability
- Assess risk perception and reactions
- Woessner, M. 2015. Teaching with SimCity: Using Sophisticated Gaming Simulations to Teach Concepts in Introductory American Government. Political Science & Politics 48(02):358-363 doi:10.1017/s104909651400211x..







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Problems with Weather Data

Forecasts Delivered on 4K girds



4 km/pixel

Limited distribution of Sensors and temporal resolution of collection















Terrain and Climate have Signatures















Interpolation down to 100m grid



Probabilistic Sensor Deployment



USDA

Model Coupling and Feed Back



Measuring Canopy Structure

Brian Bailey



Ground based LiDAR











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Leaf Temperature

Brian Bailey















Brian Bailey







QUIC Dispersion Prediction













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Simulating an Epidemic











Crop Builder Tool





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Defining Simulation Boundries











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Defining Management Units









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Adding Crop Spacing













Adding Terrain Information













Importing Soil Data













Export to 3D Simulator



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Long-Range Vision: Cyber-Physical Systems













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Questions













Tech Transfer Pipeline



Risk Management System



Probabilistic Sensor Deployment

• where to take data so that P-TRAC parameter and prediction variances are minimized

Y: True Disease Spread

 $f(\beta; x, \theta): Spread predicted by P - TRAC$ $\varepsilon: Modelling + Measurement errors$ $Y \equiv f(\beta; x, \theta) + \varepsilon$

• Approaches:

- ✓ Latin hypercube sampling
- Optimizing Fisher information
- ✓ Bayesian nonlinear experimental design

