



A crop-specific dynamic irrigation scheme in NOAH-HMS for improving human water-use estimation

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Introduction



Rice: rice growing area

Irrigation: area equipped with irrigation



• Climate changes (extremes) have direct impacts on water & food security.



Motivation – regional scales

- **Droughts** frequently occur in humid regions especially in China.
- **Research gap** for an irrigation scheme, that is applicable for **multi-cropping**, **humid regions**.

Objectives

- to introduce a crop-specific dynamic irrigation scheme into NOAH-HMS;
- to apply the model to drought-prone, humid region;
- to quantify the impacts of irrigation on the terrestrial water cycle.









Model: NOAH-HMS (WRF-NOAH-HMS)



HMS: hydrologic model (hori. proc.)

• **NOAH**: land-surface model (vert. proc.)



 WRF-NOAH-HMS: fully-coupled with atmosphere at regional/long-term scales from atmosphere to groundwater



A crop-specific dynamic irrigation scheme



- Concept: different irrigation practices for different types of crops



Rice: surface-water balance method

Non rice: soil-moisture deficit method





Irrigation scheme for rice



Method:

Paddy field water balance method (Wada et al., 2014)

Implementation:

- Extra surface water balance equation is added;
- 50 mm is maintained during growing seasions;
- Sub-grid evaporation due to irrigation is parameterized by considering irrigated area fraction;
- Irrigation water demand is determined by "surface water deficit".





Irrigation scheme for non-rice crops







• Method:

Soil moisture deficit method (Ozdogan et al., 2010)

Implementation:

- Irrigation period is determined by using a threshold of greenness fraction (> GF_{thresh});
- Irrigation practice is trigged by the root-zone moisture availability (<60%);
- Irrigation water demand is determined by "soil water deficit" (field capacity).

Coupling irrigation scheme to NOAH-HMS



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• Storage:

an virtual "reservoir" (VR) stores and releases water for irrigation

• Storing water:

from surface runoff according to Z_f ratios of irrigation water to total water

Releasing water:

estimated irrigated water (IW) is added into precipitation



Case study – Poyang Lake basin in China

- Setup: 9 years: 2007-2015, 10 km
- 3 Runs: CTL no irrigation; CDI crop-specified irrigation; DI no crop-specified irrigation





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— Main Rivers Mangtze River Basin Poyang Lake Basin

how to irrigate





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Validation @ hydrological. & agricultural stations









Evaluation of the estimated irrigation water use







Added values of crop-specified irrigation scheme





Spatial impacts of irrigation on soil and land surface



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Sensible heat







Temporal impacts of irrigation under diff. conditions







Summary & Conclusion



- □ We have developed **an crop-specific dynamic irrigation scheme** in a regional land surface-hydrologic modeling framework.
- □ We have applied the irrigation-enabled model to an important cropping region in **humid**, **Poyang Lake region** in Southeast China.
- Compared with the soil moisture deficit method, the enhanced model has better performance in simulating irrigation water amount over the basin (MRE -39% and R +0.26).
- □ The newly developed scheme is highly advantageous for **multi-cropping humid region**, and has the potential for expansion into the **fully-coupled modeling**.



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NOAH-HMS-reservoir

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□ NOAH-HMS-irrigation

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