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### Content

Hydro-meteorological 1. monitoring in forests 2. Climate modeling 3. Precision Forestry 4. Smart Sensors 5. Smart Forest 6. Synthesis



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# 1. Hydro-meteorological monitoring

 Long experiment since 1980 Small water catchment area Several hydrological components Measuring runoff, ground water Hydro-meteorological gardens Traditional instruments Home developed instruments





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# 1.1. Hydro-meteorological analysis

 Long term analysis • Runoff, ground water Hydrological models Evapotranspiration Interception Model development Many scientific relationships Many publications





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### **1.2. Hydro-meteorological sensors**

 Analogue/Manual sensors Precipitation, Runoff Interceptions, Ground water Autonomous/Digital sensors Temperature, Precipitation • Air humidity, Wind • Digital data storage No communication





### **1.3. Home-developed sensors**

 Design and develop of sensors Open technology • ARM CPU, C programming Data storage • 3D printing No online communication





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# 2. Climate modeling

Climate change impact on forests
Investigation since 2001
Several related projects
AgroClimate 1, 2
Development of DSS
upcoming presentation



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# 2.1. Climate modeling

Past 1981-2010
Climate Zones
Tree species
Yield maps





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# 2.2. Climate modeling

Future 2041-2070
Climate Zones
Tree species
Yield maps





### **2.3. Project Conclusions**

- Weather stations are located in cities far from forest
- Forested areas are mainly hilly, mountainous areas
- Extrapolation of these data differs from reality
- We need sensors in the forests





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### **3. Precision Forestry**

 Meaning of Precision Accurate Geographic Position Geographic Information Systems Forestry GIS, Precision GIS Precision Forestry GIS: precise geospatial models of single trees Precision Forestry







### **3.1.** Laser scanning

- Very detailed 3D Survey
- Aerial, Terrestrial ...
- Point Cloud Processing
- Single tree models
- Stem, branches
- Crown, heightSocial situation





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### 3.2. Satellite & airborne sensing

 Sentinel-2 & UAV images 10 m & 1 cm spatial resolution 5 day temporal resolution Usage of satellite images: Tree species classification Forest cover changes Forest health changes



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### 4. Smart Sensors

 Meaning of "SMART" • Phone, TV, home, city, contract ... Autonomous, advanced tasks Sensors, programs, connections Smart Sensors Various digital sensors CPU and data storage Communication, Battery



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### 4.1. Smart Sensors

 Independent operation Can measure many environmental parameters • NB IoT: narrow band **Internet of Things sensor**  Sending data to Cloud Network of Sensors





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### 4.2. Smart Sensors

### Complex sensor

- Temperature
- Precipitation
- Soil moisture
- Diameter growth
- Small sensors
  - Temperature, humidity
  - Movement









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### 4.3. Smart Sensors

- Collected data transferred into the Cloud
  - Temperature
  - Precipitation
  - Humidity
  - Soil moisture
  - Diameter growth
  - Movement





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### 4.4. Web-based data analysis

• Warning, current conditions Climate and drought analysis Multivariate analysis & aggregation Temperature, Precipitation Hydrological models Soil moisture changes • Stem diameter increment Biotic damage analysis Number of visitors







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### **5. Smart Forest**

- Real time monitoring of trees' responses to the environment
- Smart Forest is a novel, precise and online model about our trees and forests
- This model can synthetize many forestry disciplines, and provide data for complex analyses





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### 5.1. Smart Forest

 Precision Forestry + Smart Sensors Short-term (days) Alarm system (motion, fire), environmental condition, response Mid-term (years) Monitoring, relations & trend analysis Long-term (decades) Tree species selection, adaptation and mitigation strategies



### 6. Further Synthesis

### Bioinformatics

- Pest analyses
- Selection of Resistant entities
- Bioremediation
- Preemptive forest protectionHydrological planning
- Disseminations







### 6.1. Dissemination

• 2021. University model change University contracted with a **Communication** Company Our innovations were reviewed Smart Sensors/Forest selected Communication campaign started





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# 6.2. Communication Campaign

• Fall 2021. – Spring 2022 • 2 pages press release "Smart options in Forests" 80+ written appearances 7 radio interviews 5 TV interviews









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