

Efficient water and fertilizer management in processing tomato using AI to interpret field data

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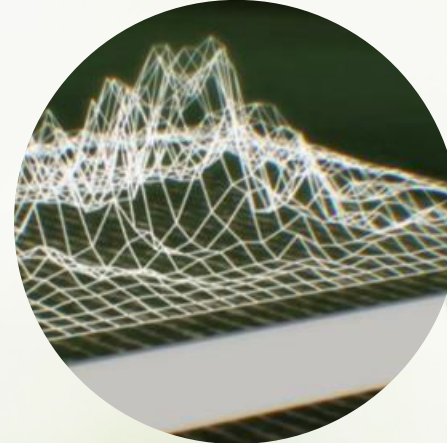
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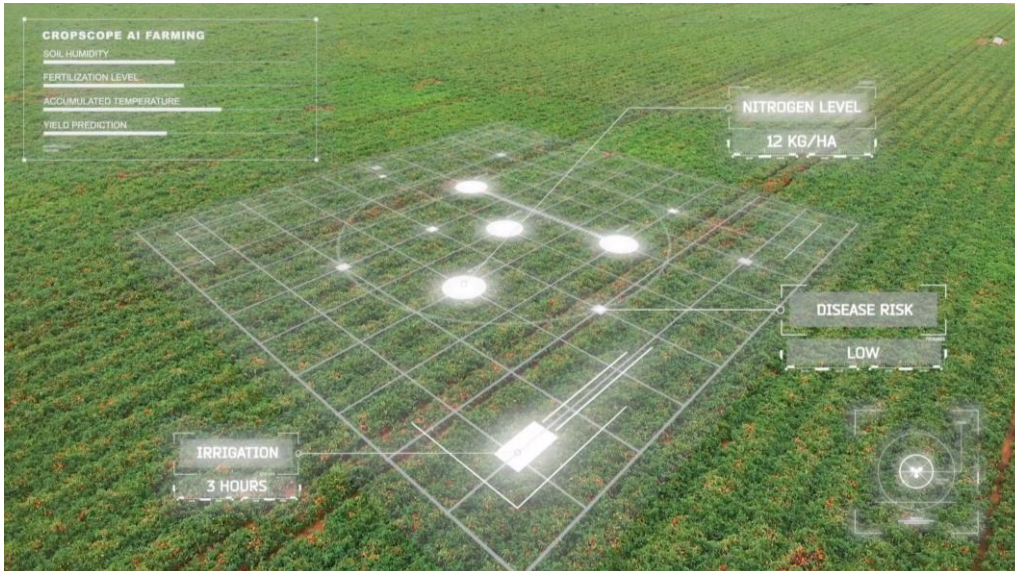
NEC

CropScope

Points to be strengthened in DXAS

- Accelerate creation of new value and enhancement of services from accumulated AI technologies
- Deployment of agronomy skilled personnel in each country to support optimal service proposals and technology application

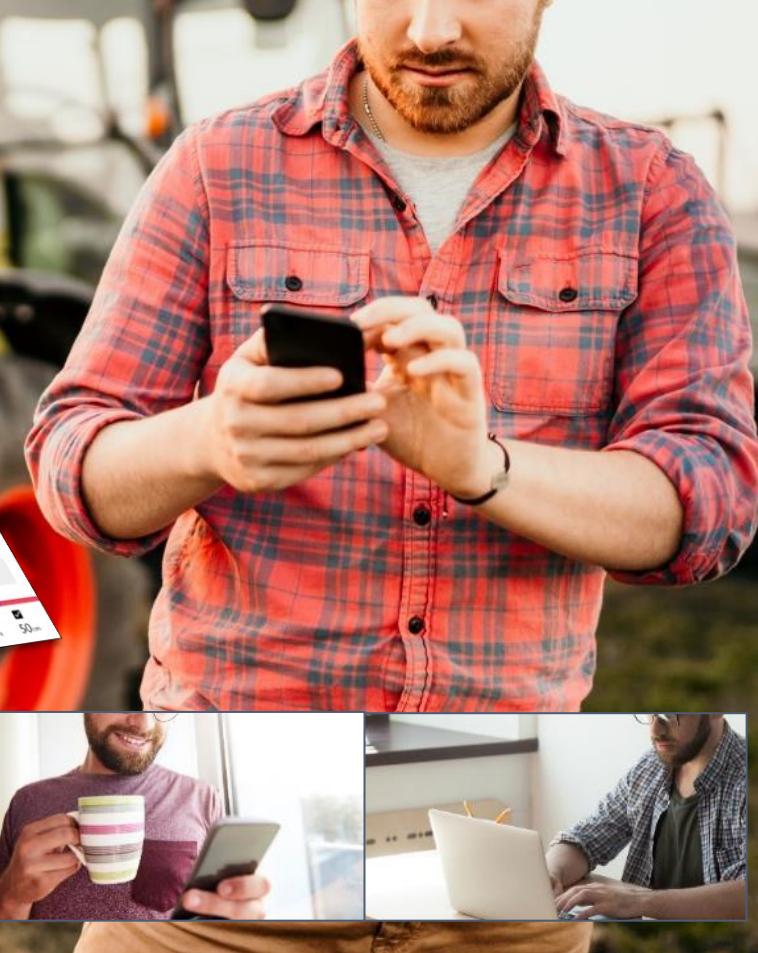
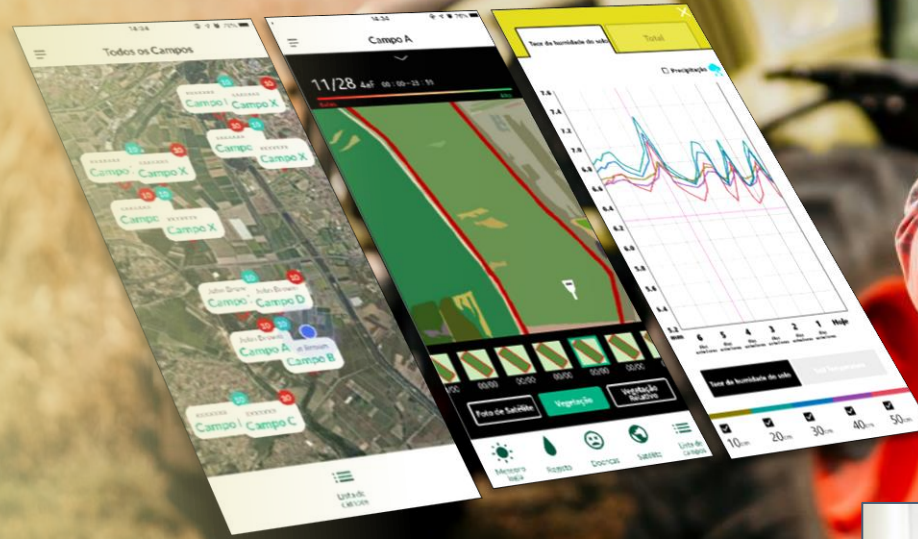
Acceleration of Technology Development



Strengthening of Service Delivery Organization



CropScope



- Smart Management -
by using AI and Data driven farming

Centralization

Automatically recording weather, crop growth status, soil moisture, disease status and work record. Changing field status can quickly be confirmed by smartphone.

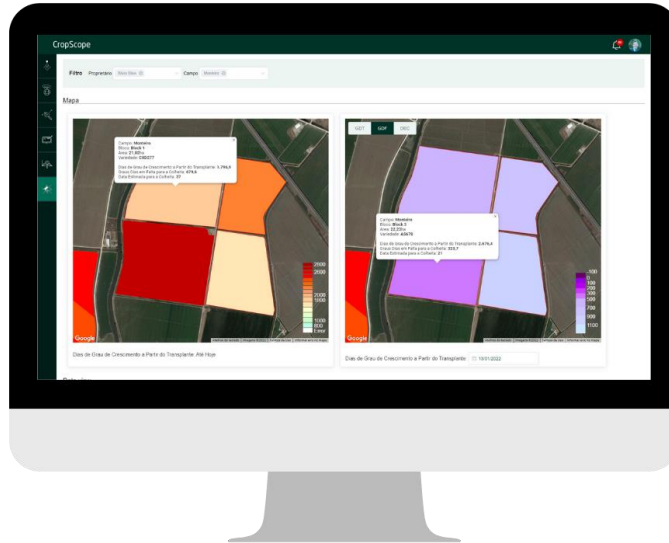
Insight

Field data and work record are shared with grower and farming instructor, effective advice is provided in timely manner.

Growth

Farming know how is accumulated and utilized for the effective control of more and more fields.

Services : Visualization Field Analysis

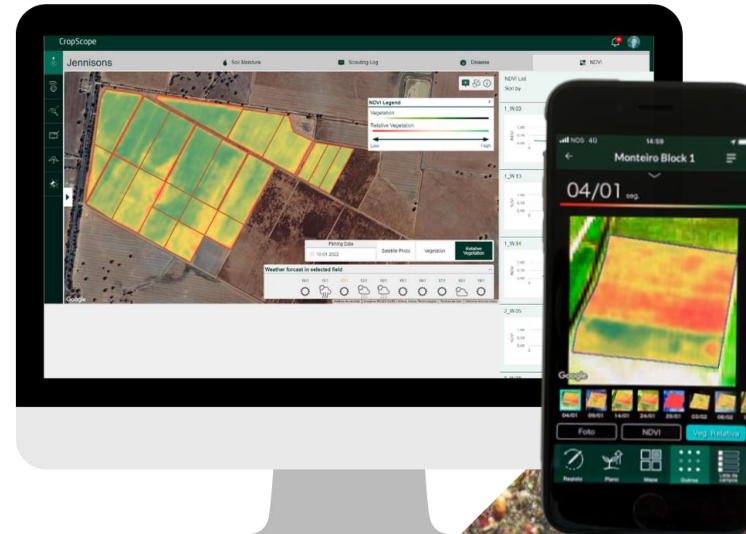


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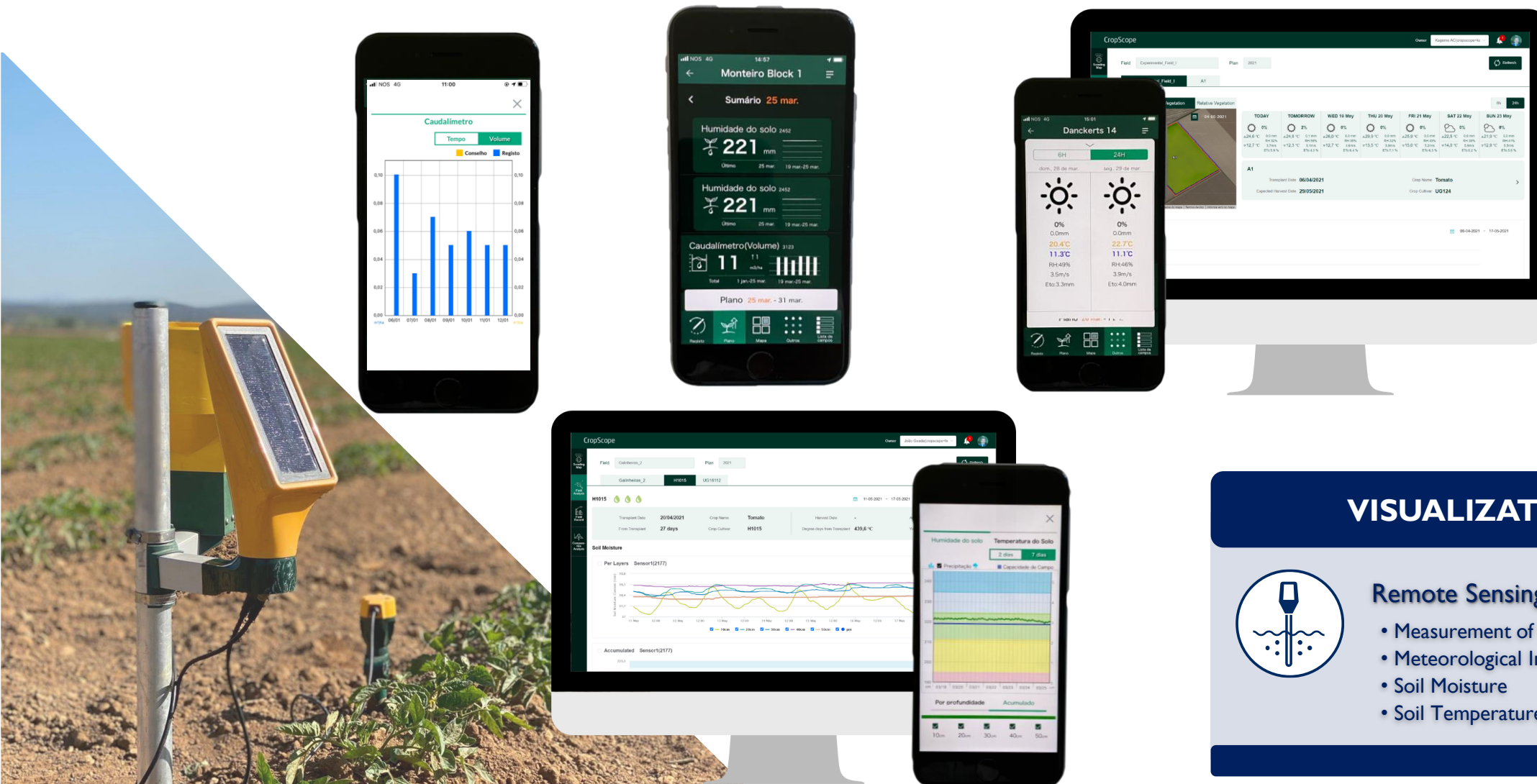


Field Analysis

- Degree Day Map (DDM)
- Farm Register
- Field Analysis (Alert / Commentary Function)
- Satellite Maps (NDVI, NDRE)



Services : Visualization Remote sensing



VISUALIZATION



Remote Sensing

- Measurement of Irrigation Flow
- Meteorological Information
- Soil Moisture
- Soil Temperature

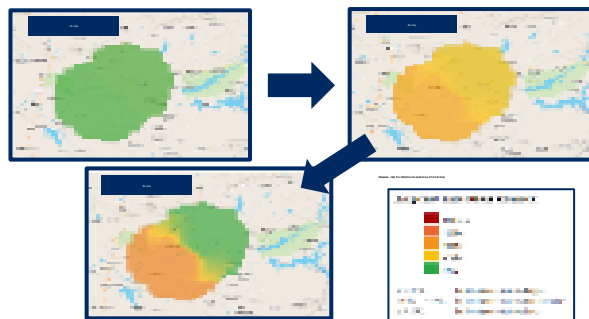
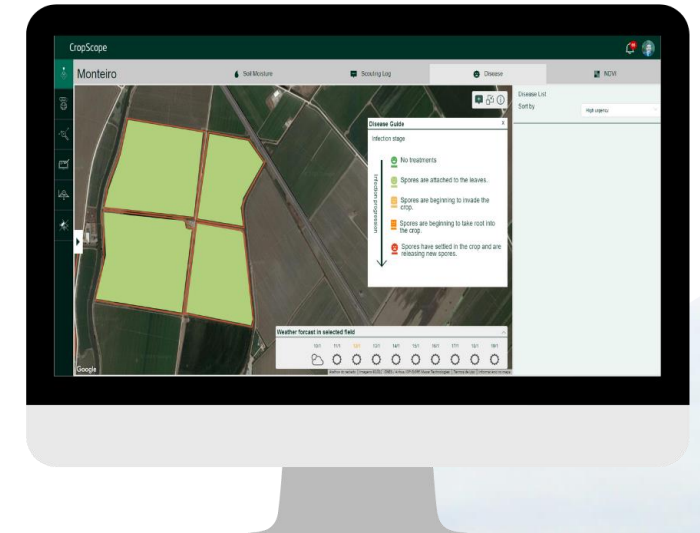
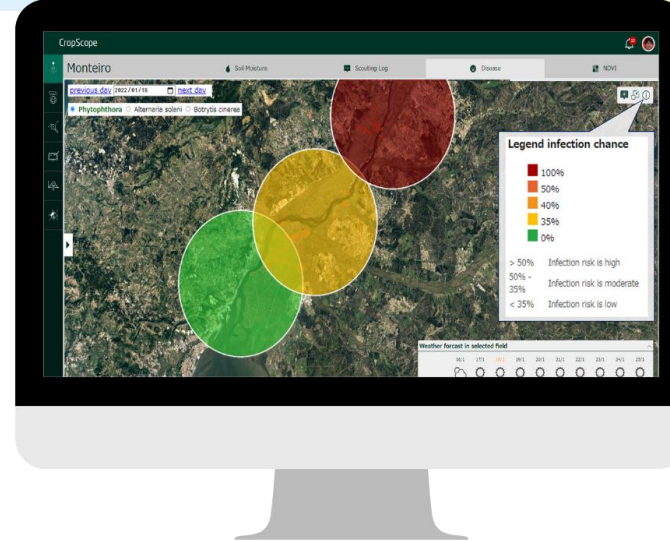
Services : Visualization Disease

VISUALIZATION



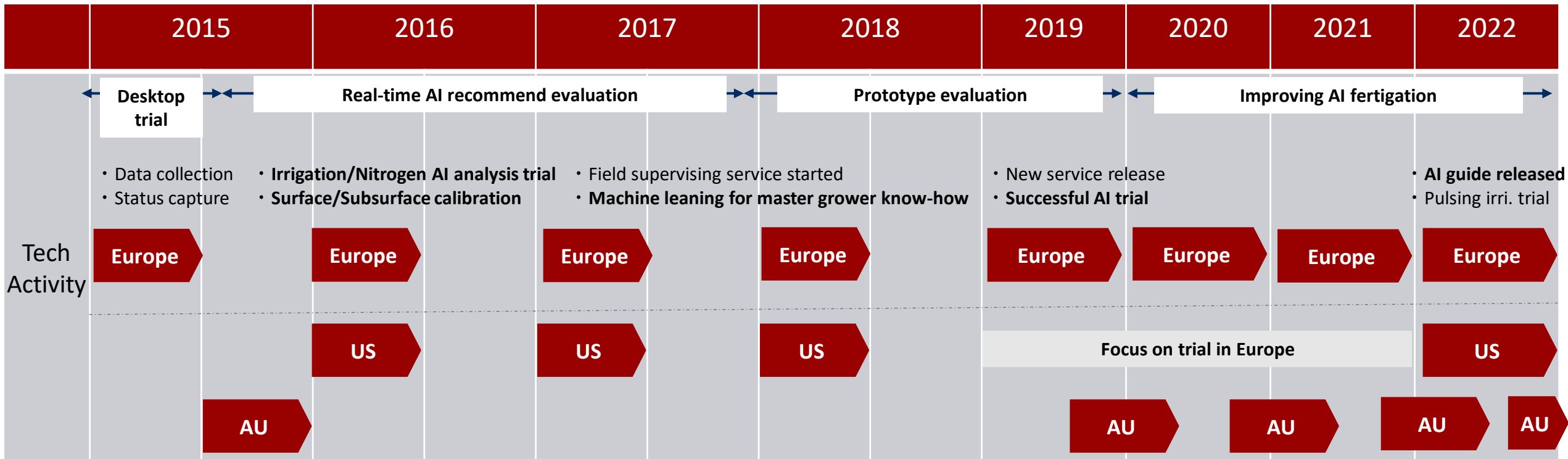
Disease Prevention

- Disease risk information



History

- NEC and Kagome has tried AI evaluation for 7 years aiming to achieve Low Input/High Output and proved master grower equivalent result in 2019
- CropScope keep continue to improve AI and Data driven farming decision and adapting each local farming policy



2022 Trial design in Portugal

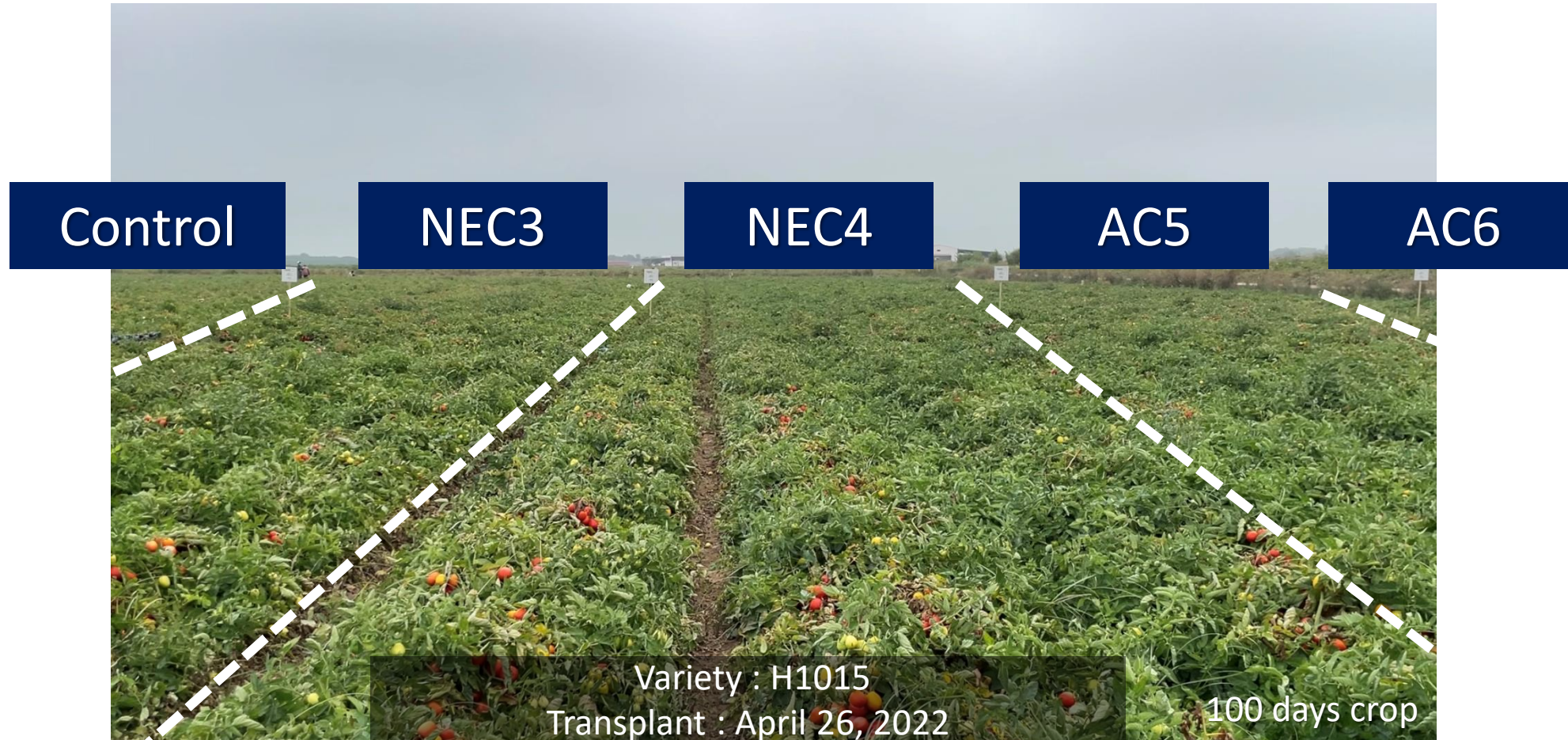
	Exp. 2 (Control)	NEC3	NEC4	AC5	AC6
Planner	Kagome Agri-Center	NEC	NEC	Kagome Agri-Center	Kagome Agri-Center
Pulse irrigation	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Surface or Sub-surface irrigation	Surface	Surface	Surface	Surface	Sub-surface



NEC4 as of Aug-9

2022 Trial design in Portugal

- ◆ Evaluating 4 types of farming decided by CropScope data-driven fertigation management engine
- ◆ CropScope recommends weekly water amount for each block, applying water along with grower's irrigation timing



2022 Trial Results in Portugal

	Control	NEC3	NEC4	AC5	AC6
Planner	Kagome Agri-Center	NEC	NEC	Kagome Agri-Center	Kagome Agri-Center
Pulse irrigation	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Surface or Sub-surface irrigation	Surface	Surface	Surface	Surface	Sub-surface
Irrigation amount (mm)	451.0	468.1 (+3.8%)	414.1 (-8.2%)	384.8 (-14.7%)	384.8 (-14.7%)
Fertilization amount (kg N/ha)	260.4	265.5 (+2.0%)	265.0 (+1.8%)	250.6 (-3.8%)	250.6 (-3.8%)
Yield (t/ha)	95	120 (+26.3%)	142 (+49.5%)	120 (+26.3%)	124 (+30.5%)

Our proven values & Commercialization

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CropScope

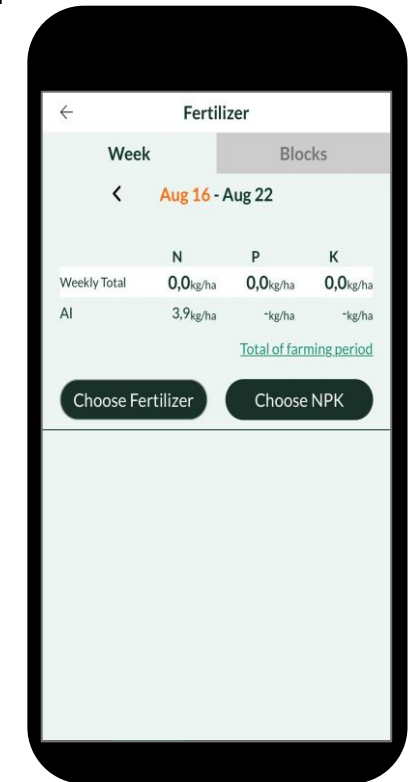
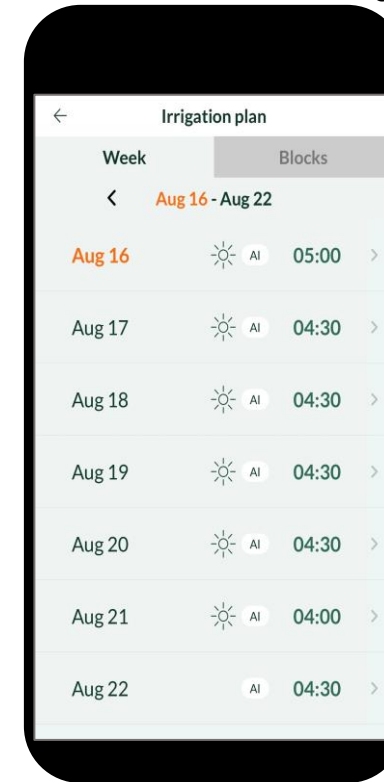
Yield
↑ 20% UP



Water
↓ 15% Down



AI farming proven values
(FY2022 in Portugal experimental field)



AI guide commercialization

2022 Trial design in California

- ◆ Evaluating 2 types of farming decided by CropScope data-driven fertigation management engine
- ◆ CropScope recommends weekly water amount for each block, applying water along with grower's irrigation



AI + Pulsing irrigation

AI Farming decision

Variety : N6434
Transplant : May-6

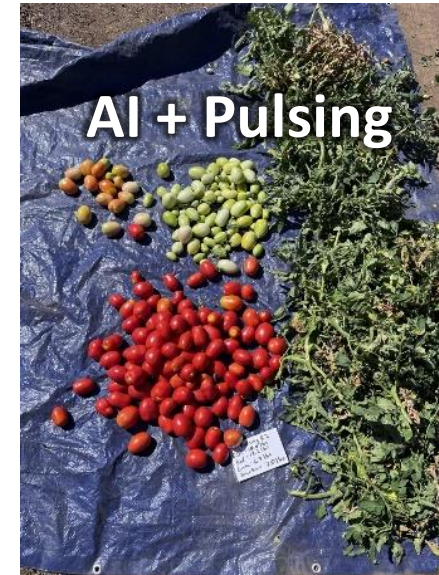
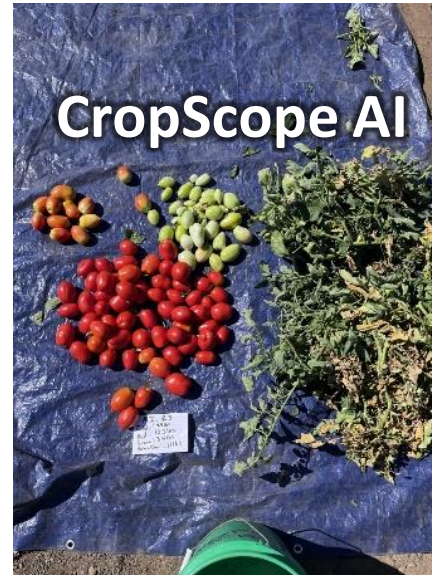
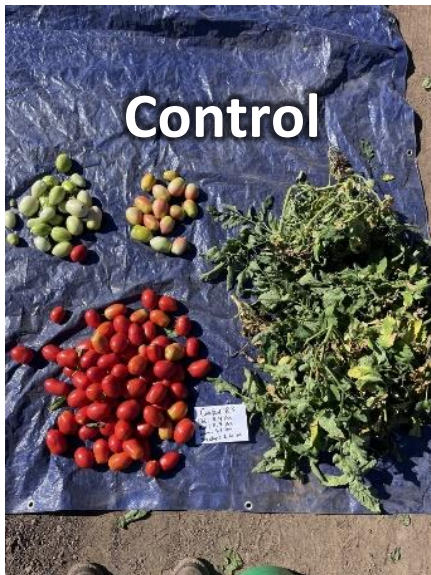
39days crop

Shake Test Results as of Aug-25 (111 days)

We took 3 plants from each block for preliminary analysis

Sampling average Weight (lbs.)/Plant

	Red	Breaker	Green	Total
Control	11.9	2.3	3.2	17.3
CropScope AI	14.5	2.4	4.0	21.0
AI+Pulsing	17.1	2.2	3.9	23.2



Summary of Trial Results in California

	Harvest date	Total irrigation	Total N fertilizer	Yield
Grower Control	Early Sep	30.1 inches	231.3 lb N/ac	160.3 t/ha
NEC AI	Sep 24(141days)	29.9 inches (-0.8%)	213.5 lb N/ac (-8.7%)	145.2 t/ha (-9.4%)
NEC Pulse	Sep 24(141days)	27.5 inches (-8.7%)	239.0 lb N/ac (+3.3%)	138.4 t/ha (-14.7%)

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Variety	Days to maturity	Company	Disease Tolerance	Plant Size	Brix	Viscosity
N6434	128	Nunhems	VFFFNTsw	Large	Medium	Medium

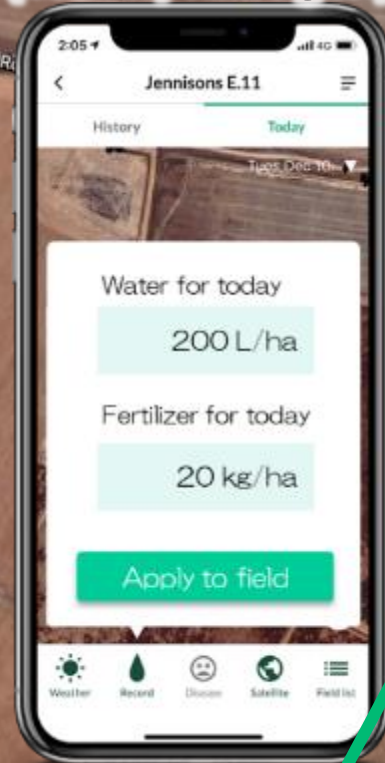
Other data from Plant petiole sample nitrate-N on August 19 (105days)

Plant petiole sample nitrate-N, August 19	NO3-NPPM	NO3-PPM
Grower Control	263.3	1165.7
NEC AI	283.3	1254.2
NEC Pulse	160.0	708.3

New function will be available from April 2023



AI guide
(Water, Nitrogen)



Automated



Apply water,
fertilizer



Thank you.

