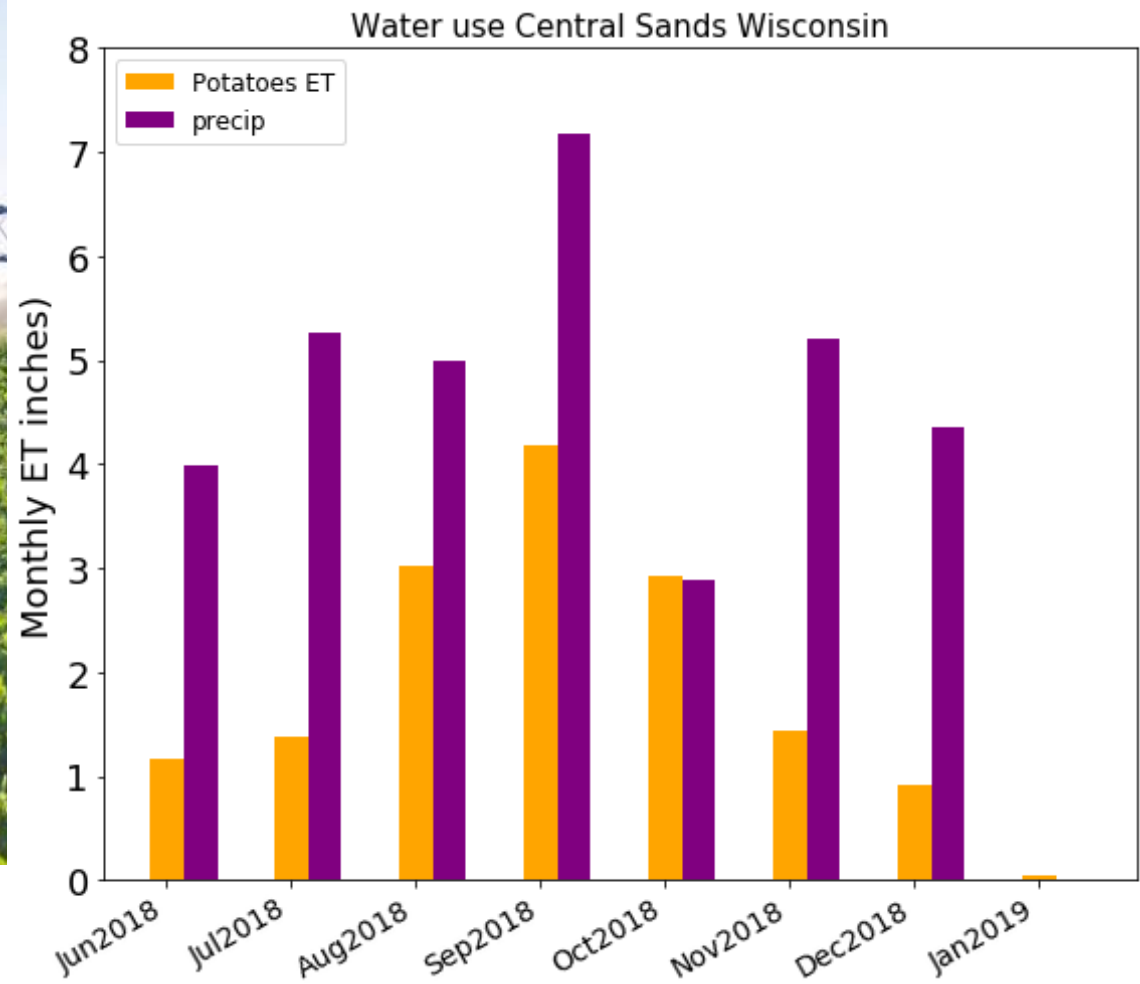


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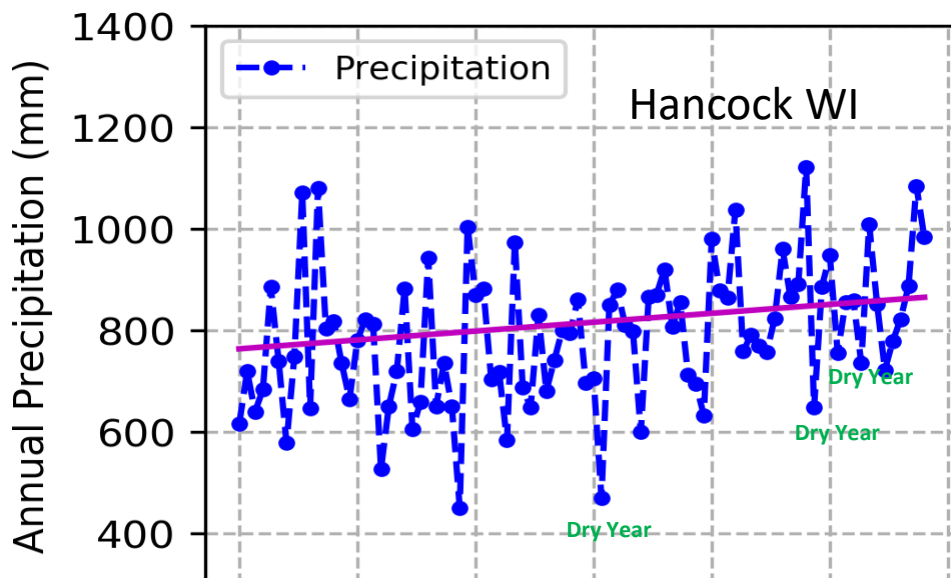


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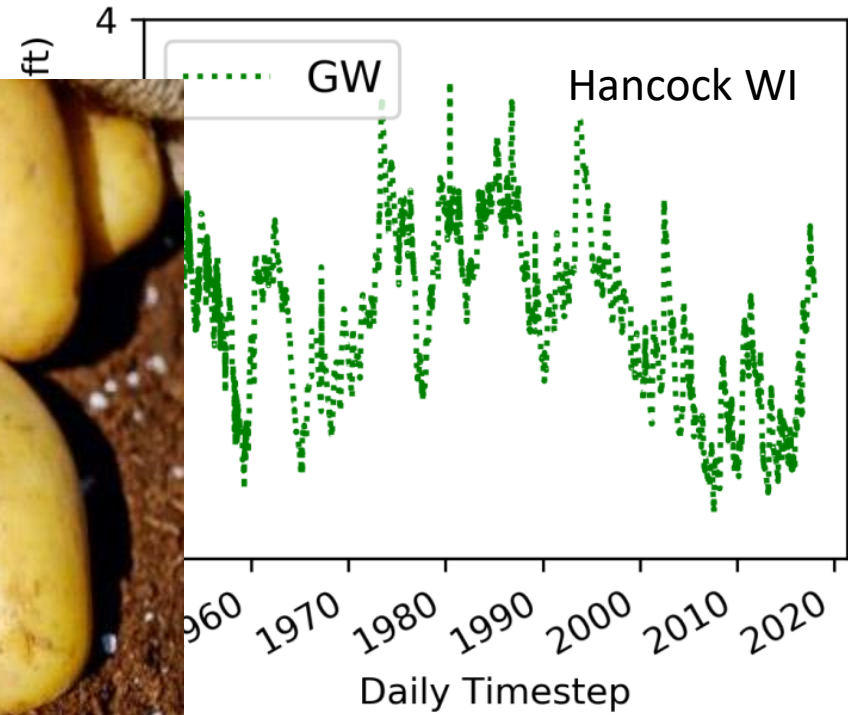
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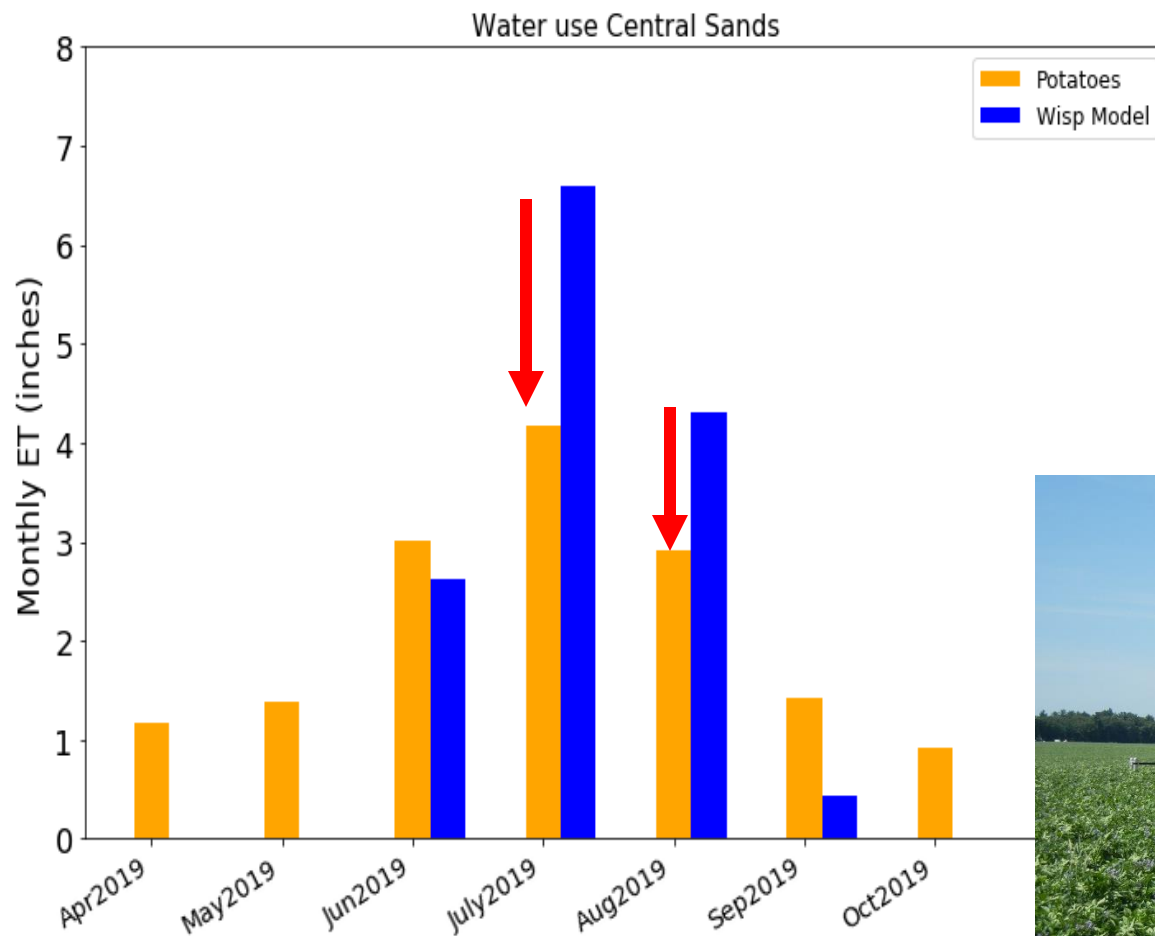




## Irrigation wells in Wisconsin



## Comparison of Central Sands Flux tower with Model Observation



**WISP Model : Wisconsin Irrigation and planning Scheduler based on remote sensing observation**



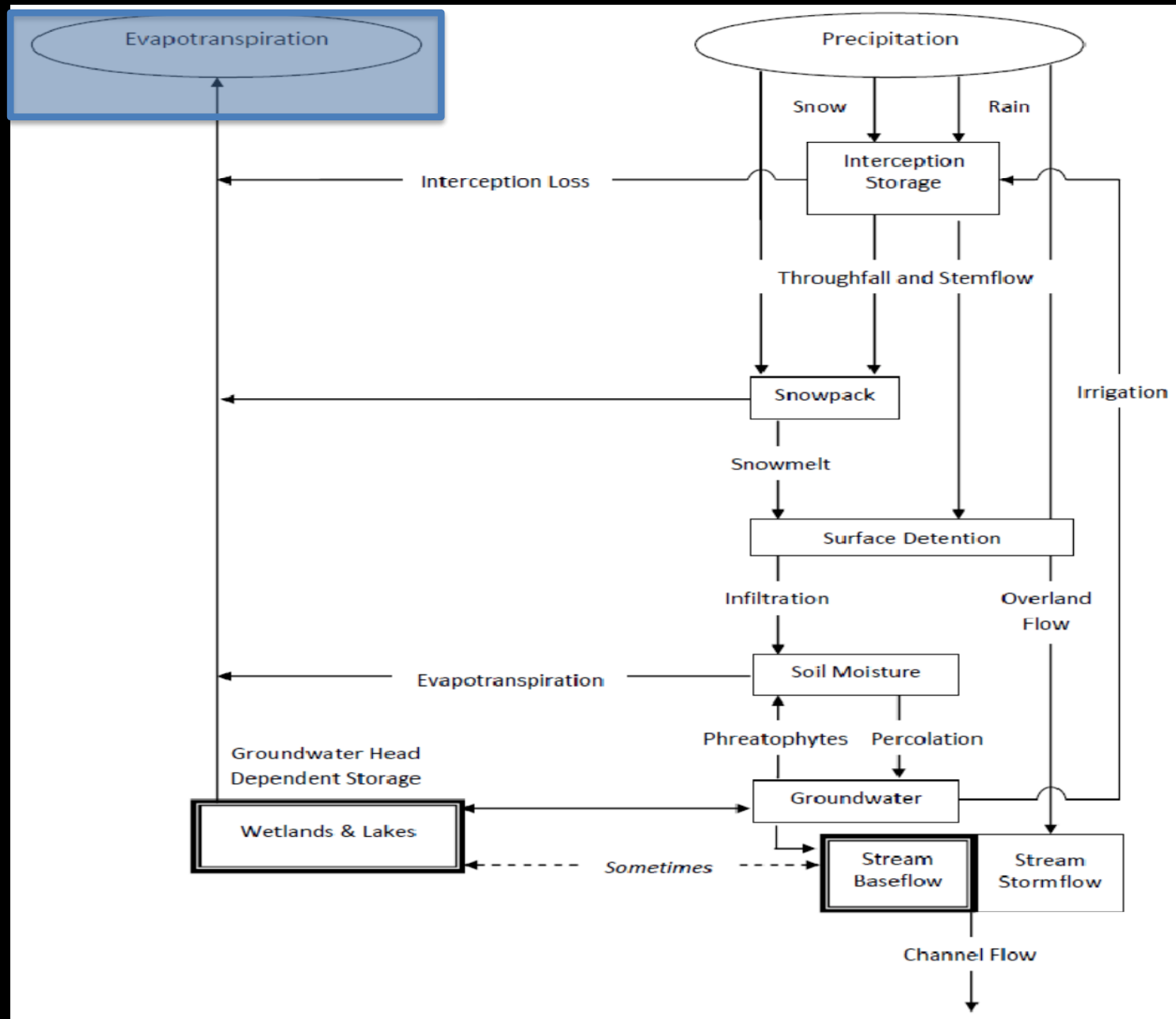
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# Goals/Objectives

Can we better quantify evapotranspiration (ET) to improve understanding of crops water use and improve irrigation demand forecasting?

- ❖ ET prediction in intensively irrigated agricultural ecosystem
- ❖ Forecasting of ET 3 days in advance

## Approach: Prediction and Forecasting of ET with Ensembles Methods

Year 2003-2019  
Soybean, Corn, Potatoes

### Model Inputs:

- ☐ Soil Type
- ☐ Solar Radiations (short wave/long wave)
- ☐ Vegetation indices
- ☐ Crop coefficients
- ☐ Zenith Angle
- ☐ Meteorological Variables
- ☐ NOAA ensemble forecasts (Temp, Prec, SW)

Random Forest Model

Recurrent Neural  
Network (RNN)

Prediction (daily  
ET)

Forecasting (3  
days ET)

Motivation

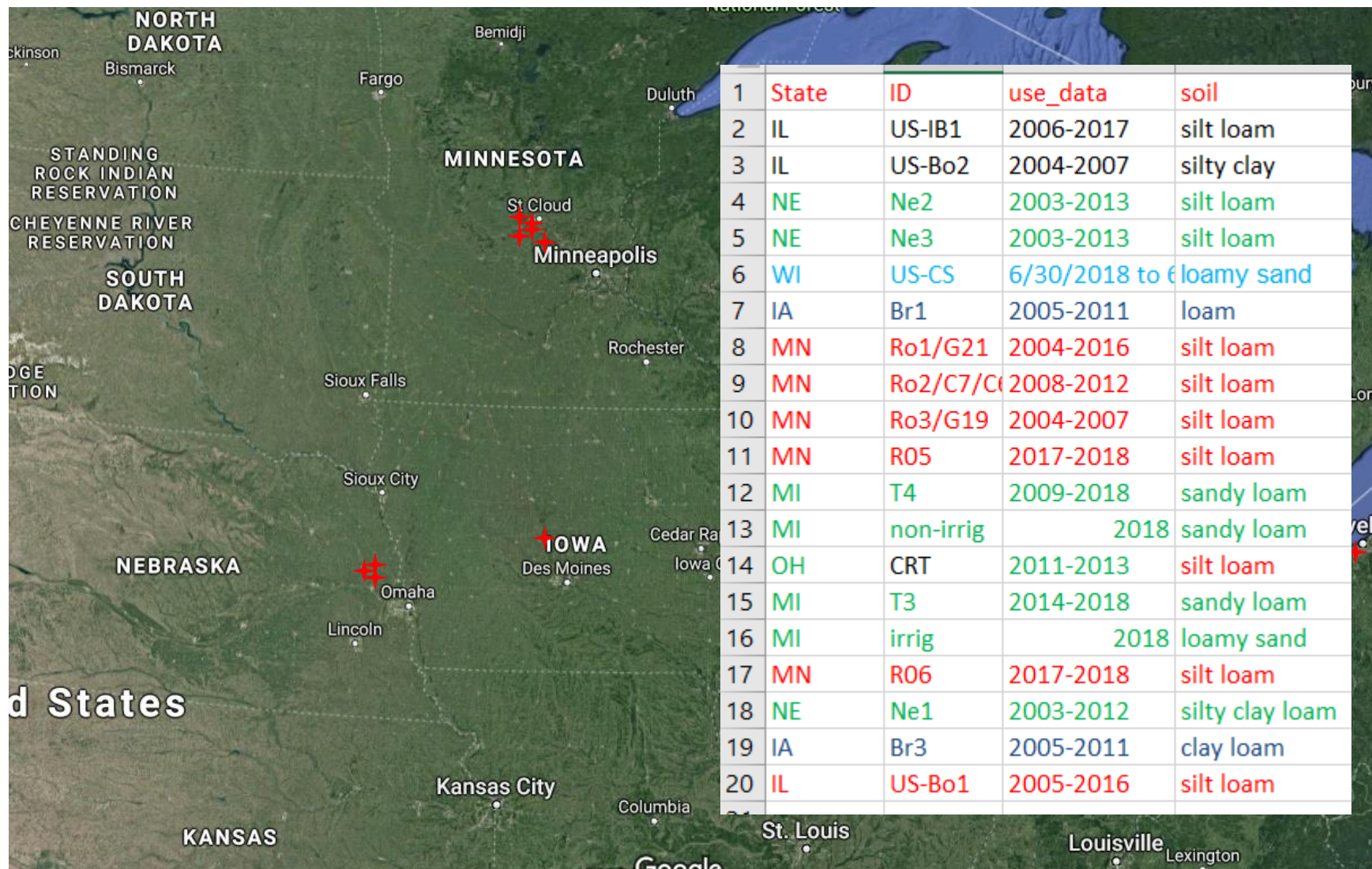
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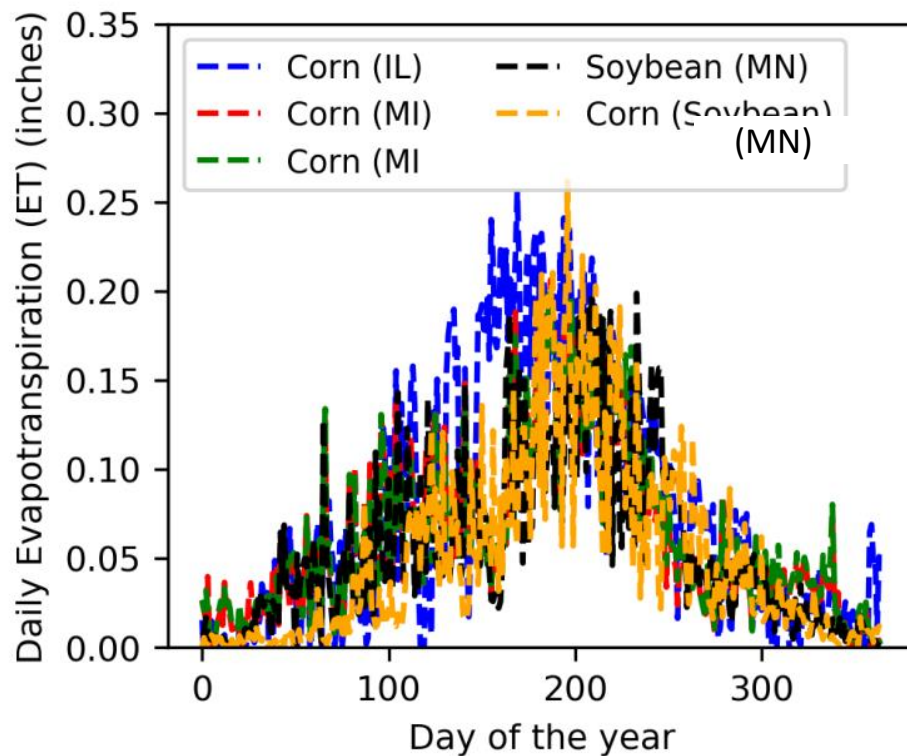
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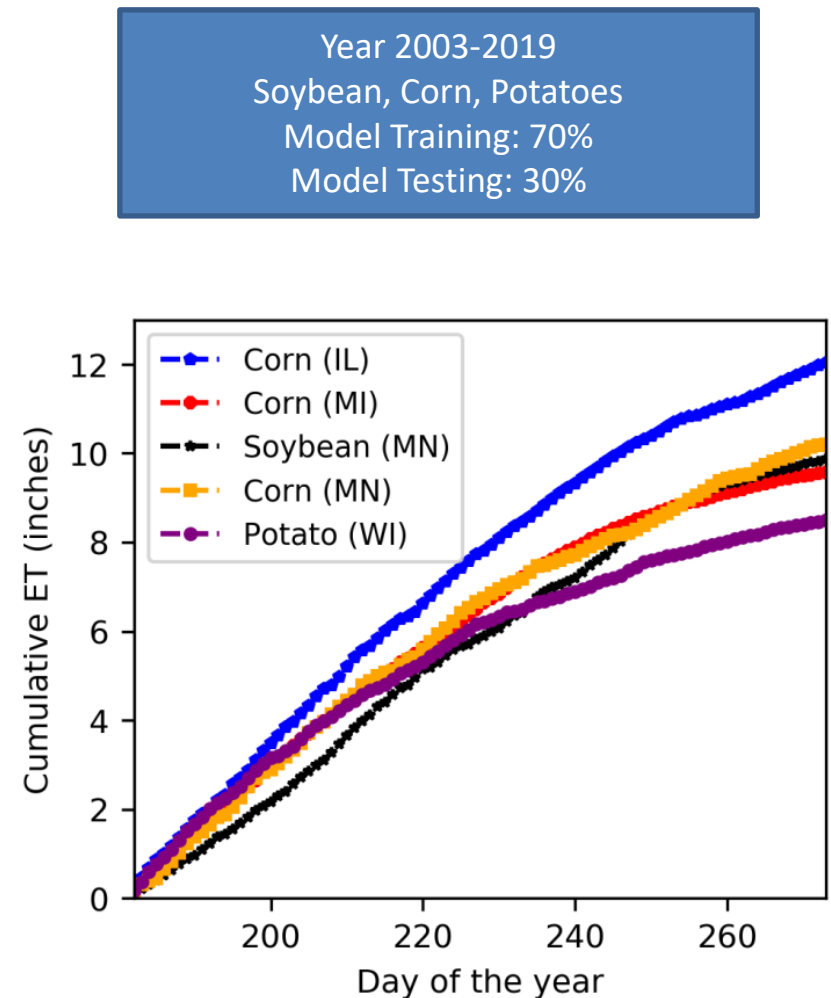






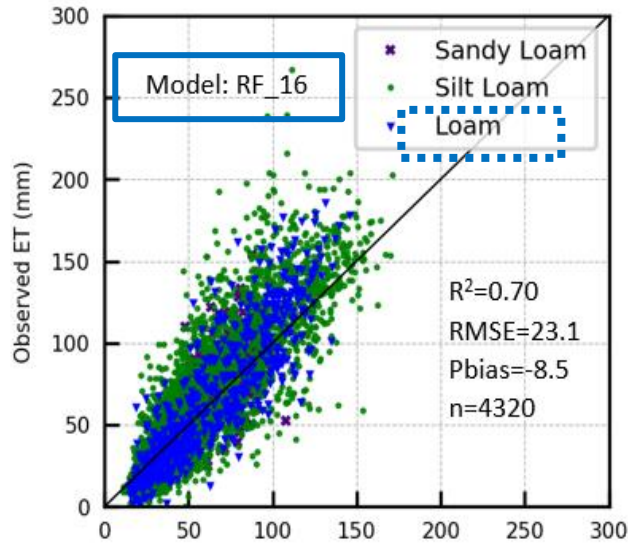


Water use by different crop types in Midwest (2017,2018) under different soil types. Even same crop type can lead to different water used based on soil condition

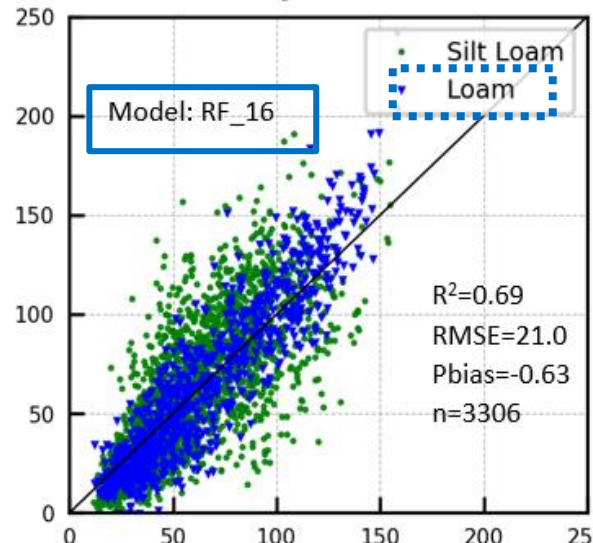


## Prediction Model: Validation results

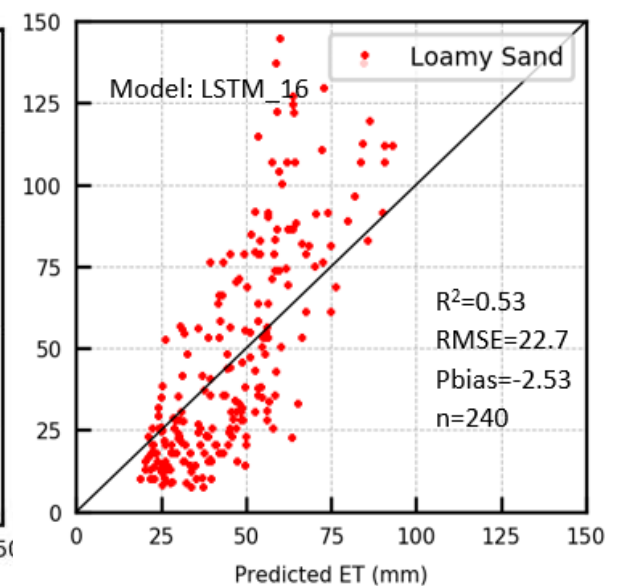
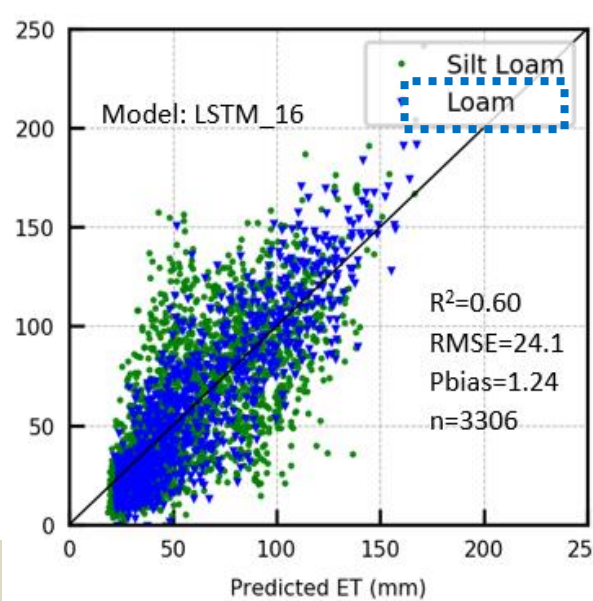
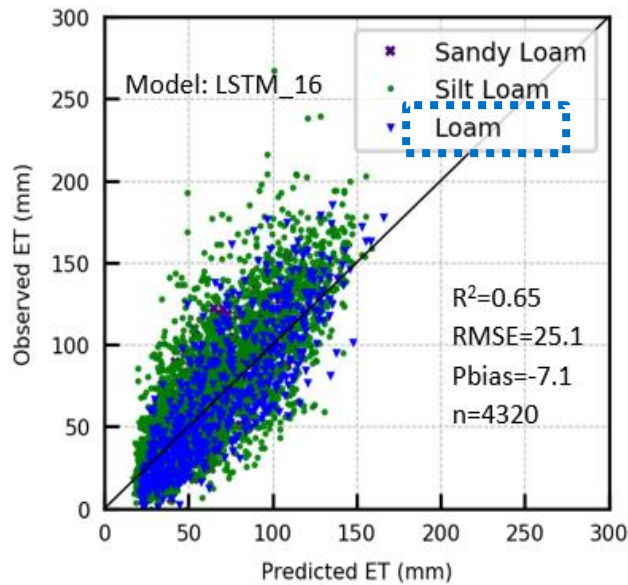
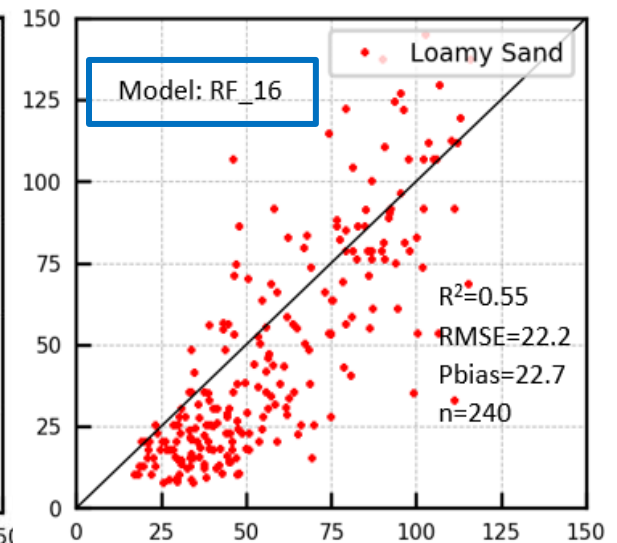
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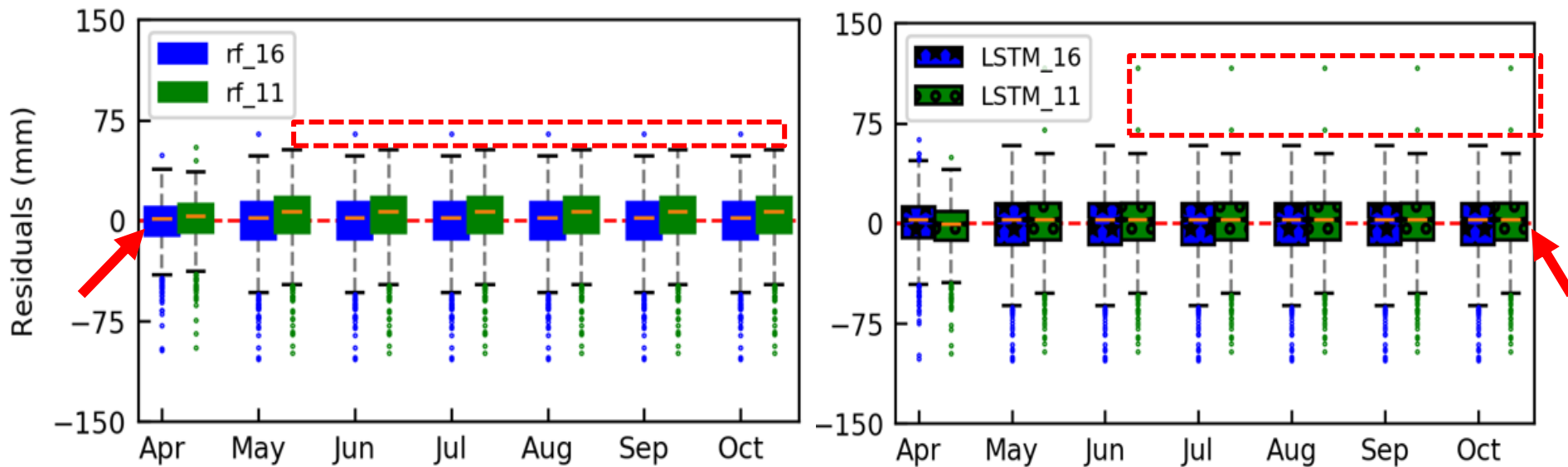
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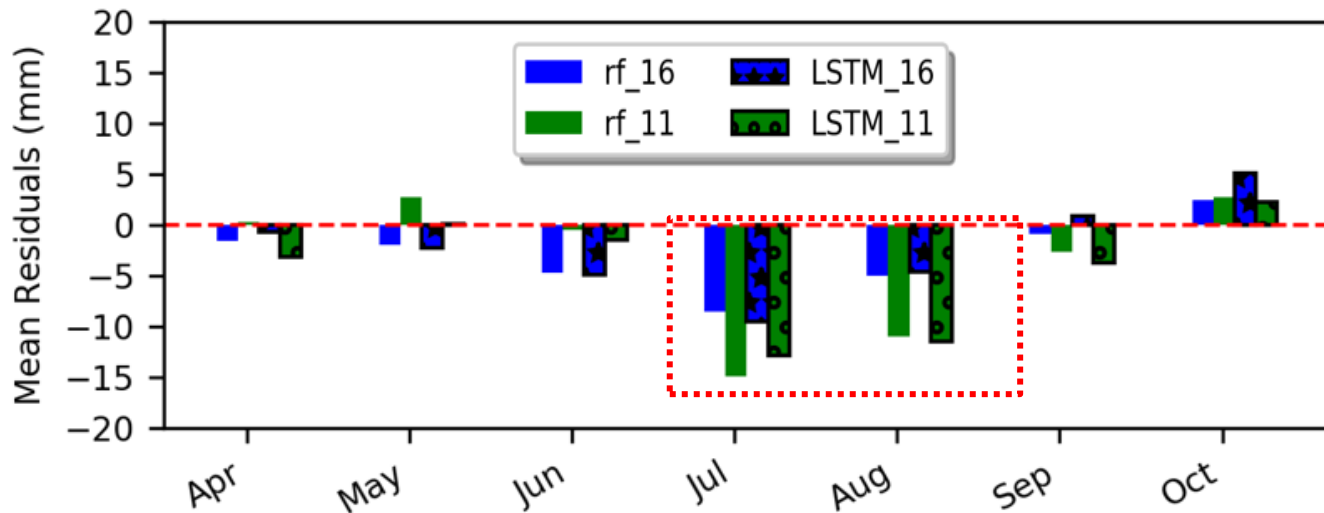
Potatoes



**Prediction Model:** Box plots of **daily residuals** (simulated minus observed) for validation results of rf and LSTM prediction models for sample size



Higher Positive outliers for Complex(rf) model but overall lower mean errors



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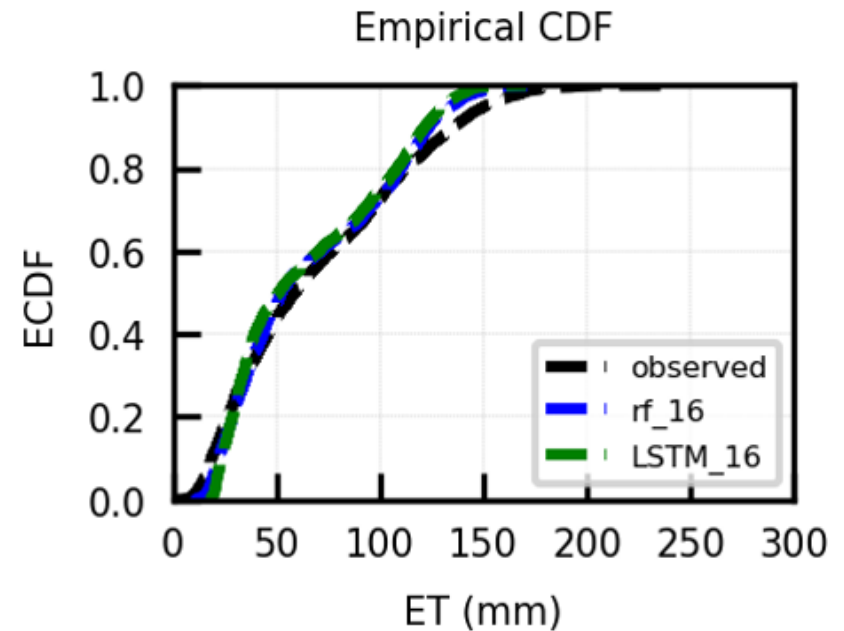
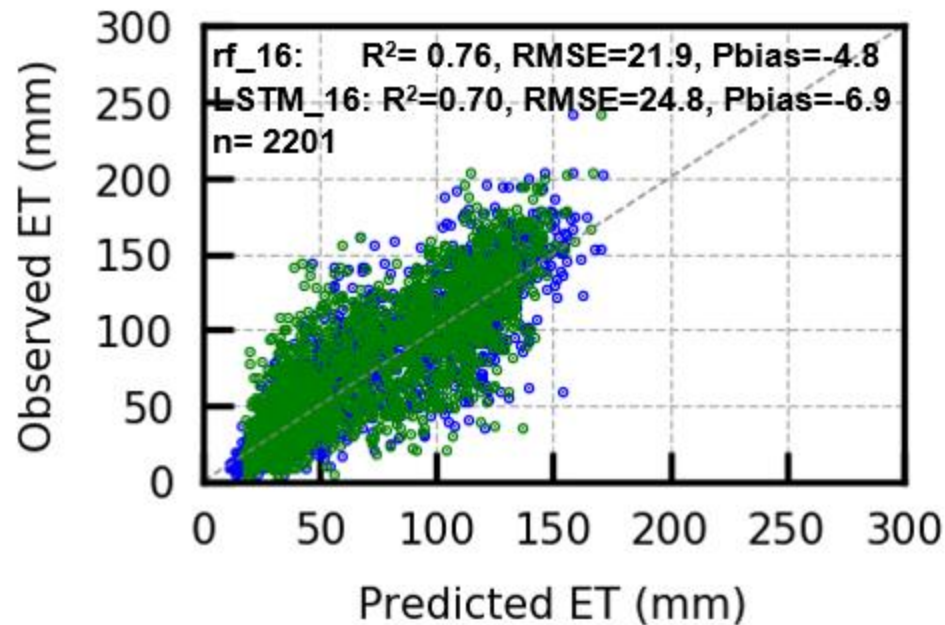
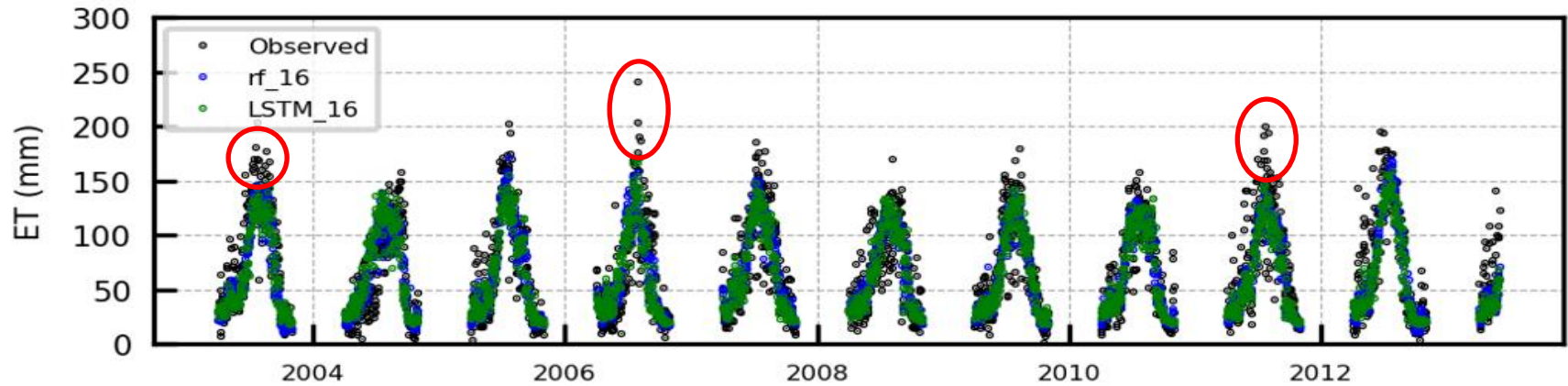
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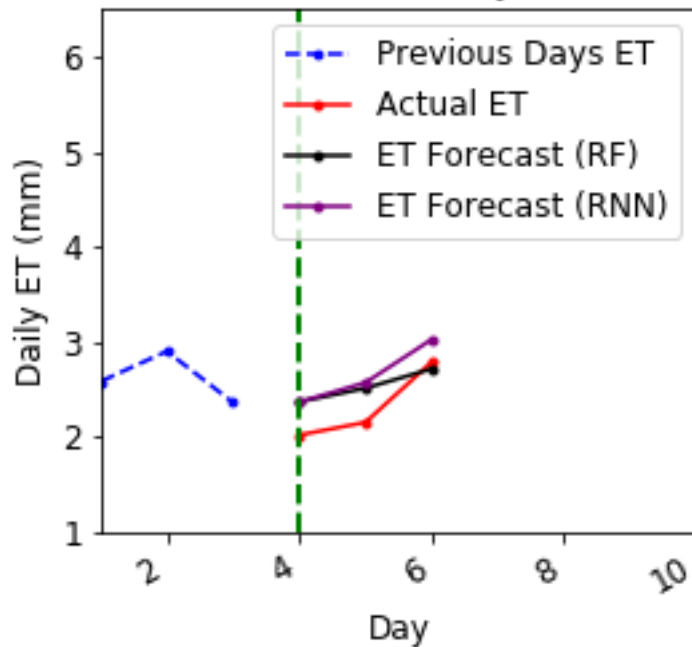
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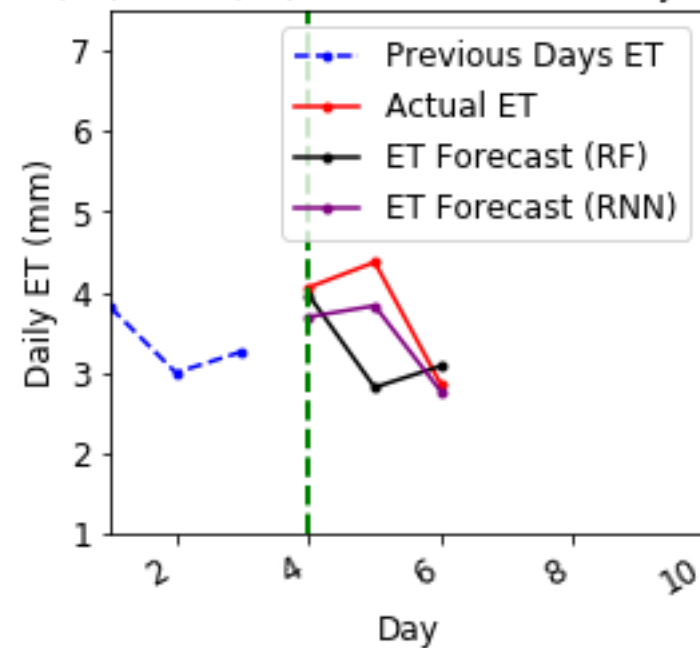


## Forecast Model: ET three days in Advance

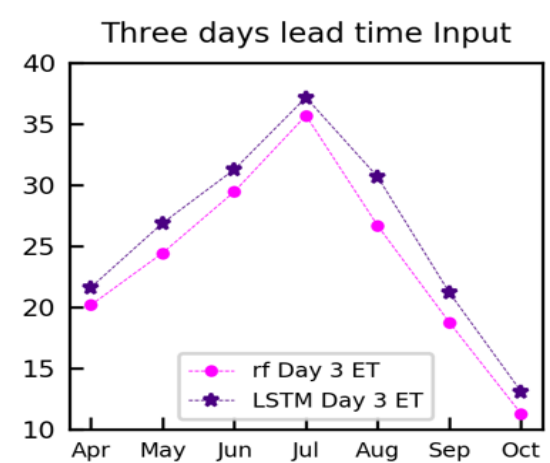
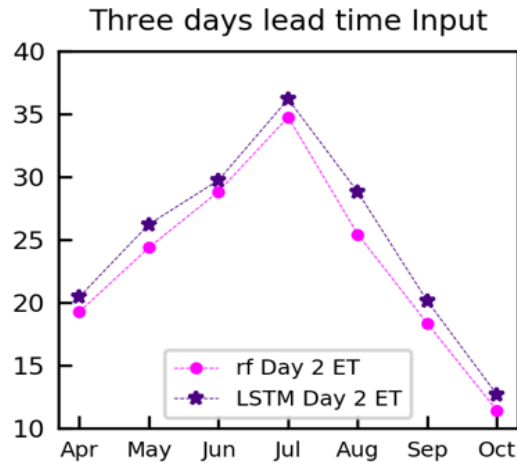
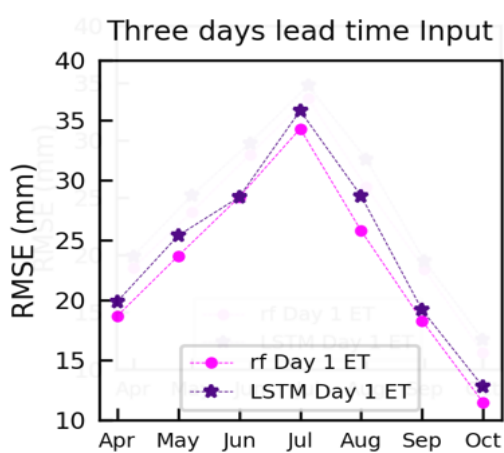
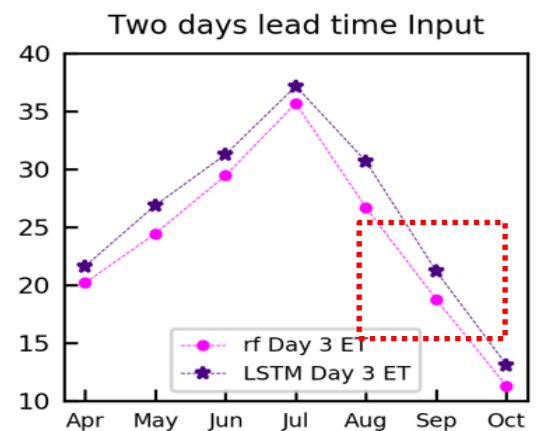
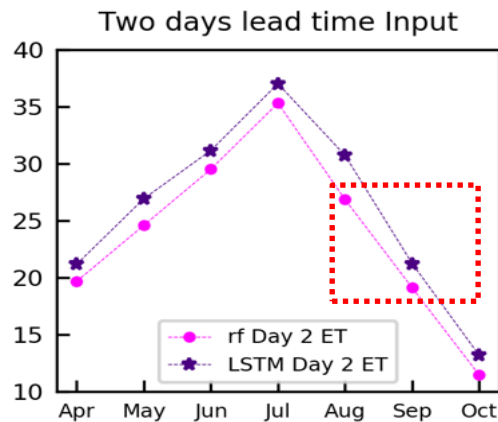
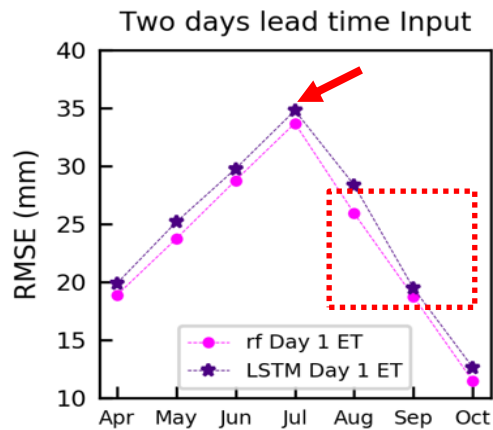
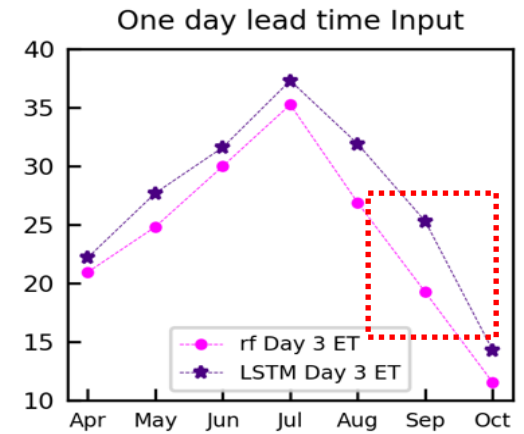
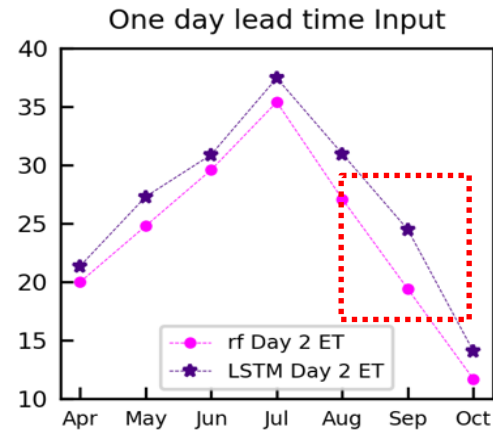
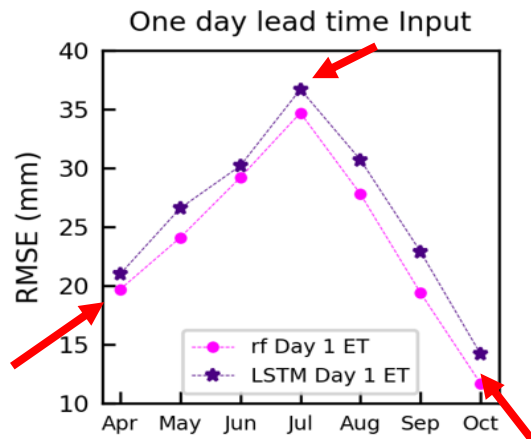
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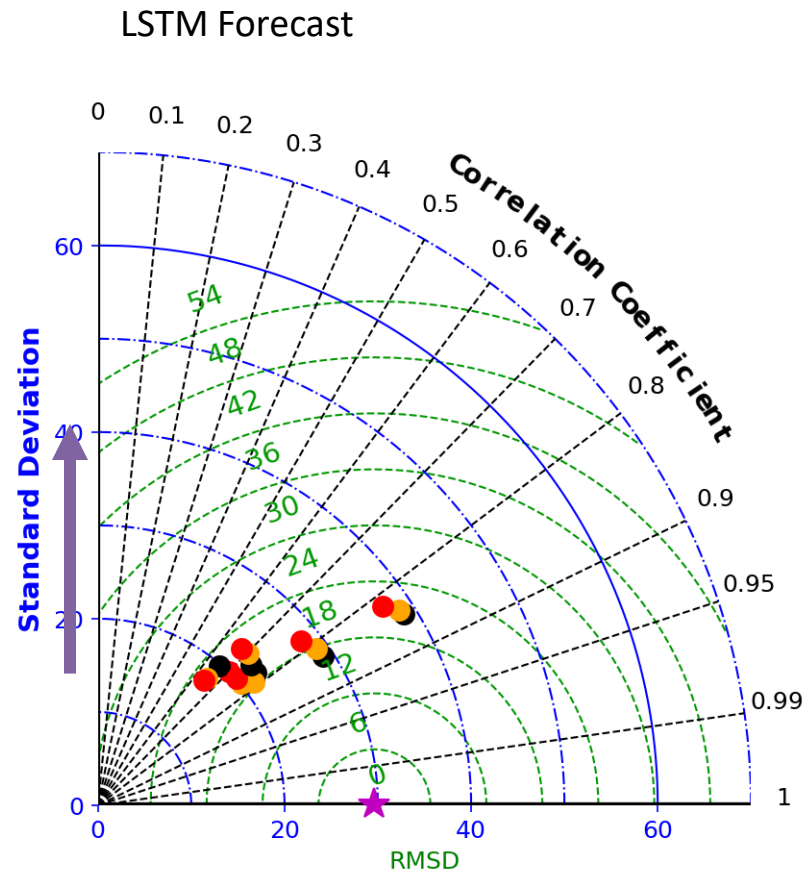
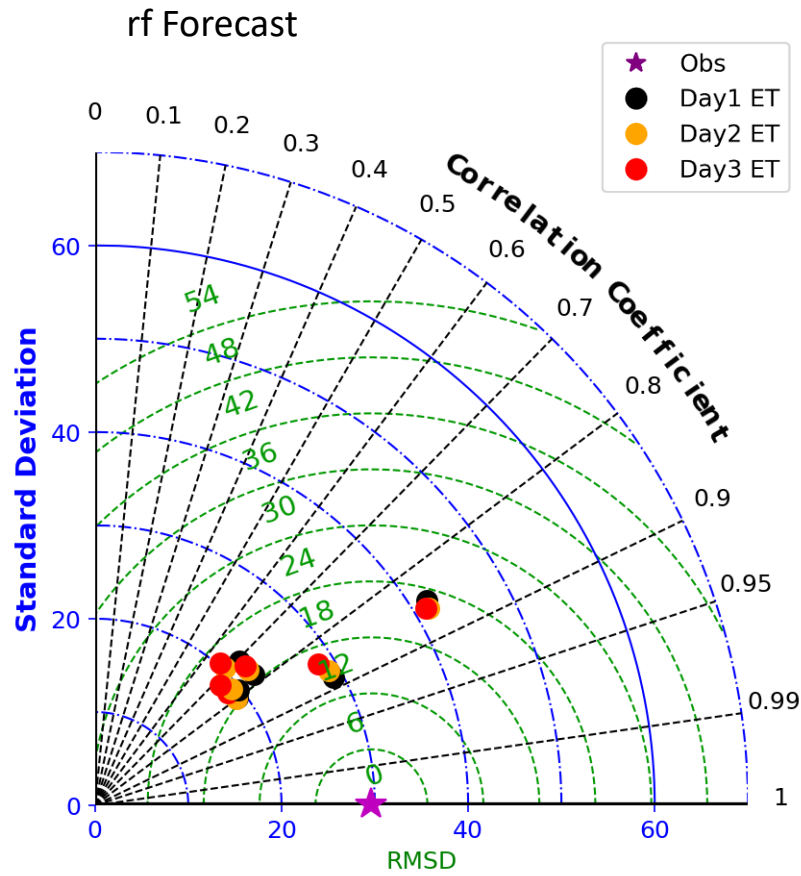
7/22/2018-7/27/2018 (WI-Potato Loamy sand)



## Forecast Model with Forecast Meteorology Input



# Forecast Model: Validation across Different Sites



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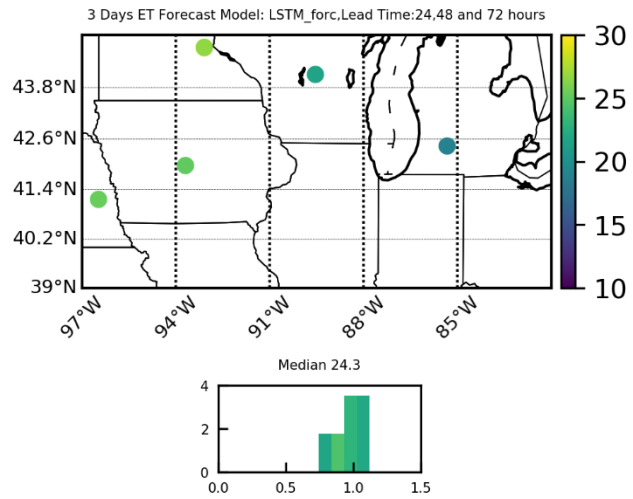
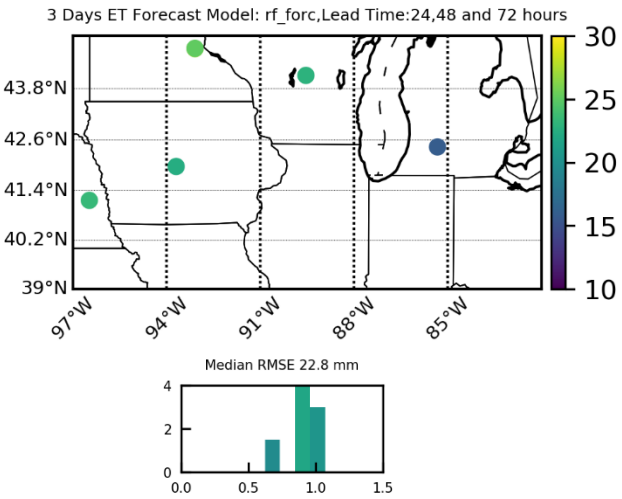
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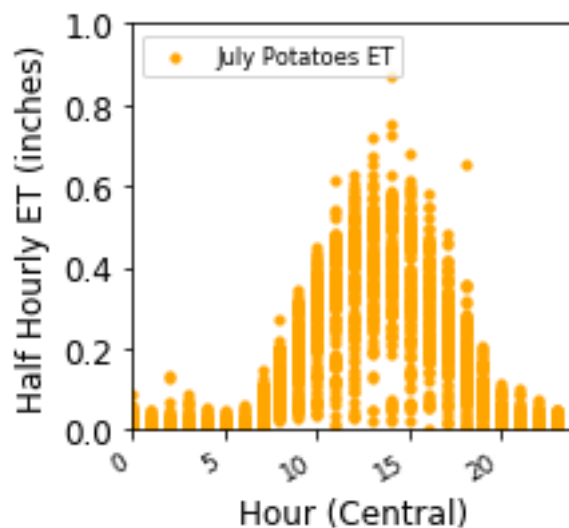
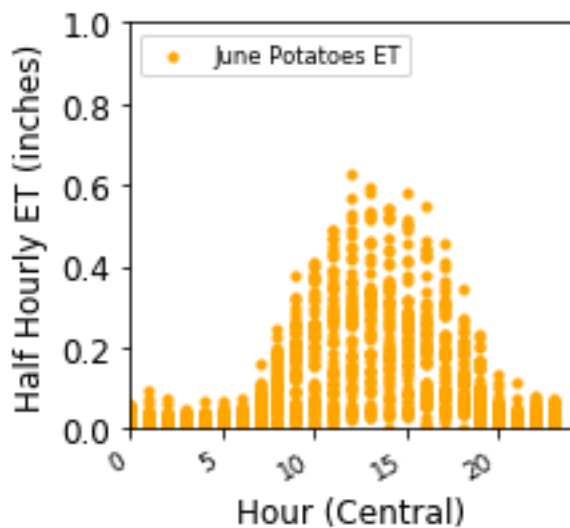
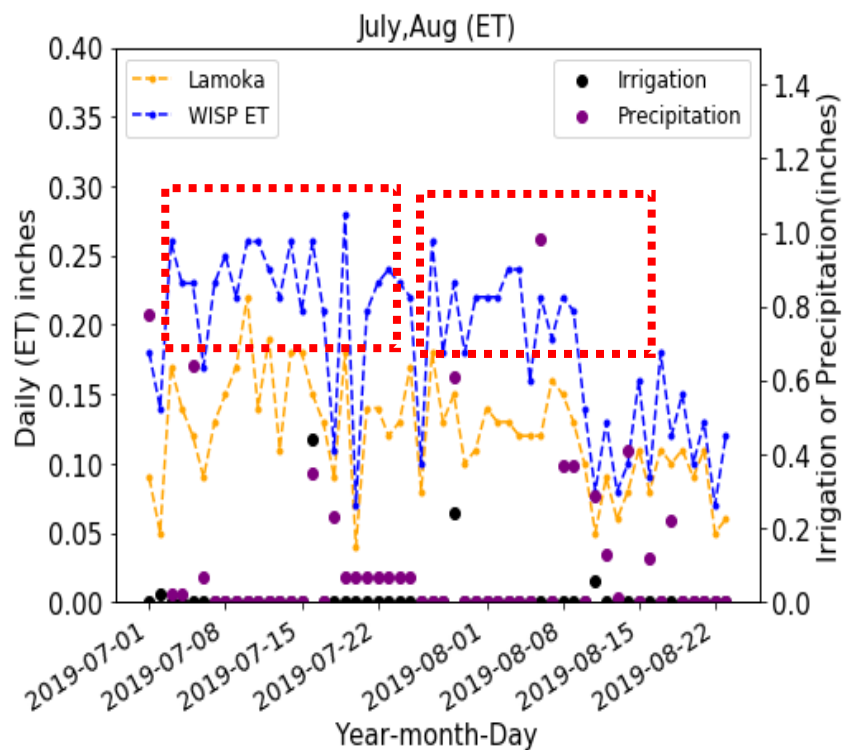
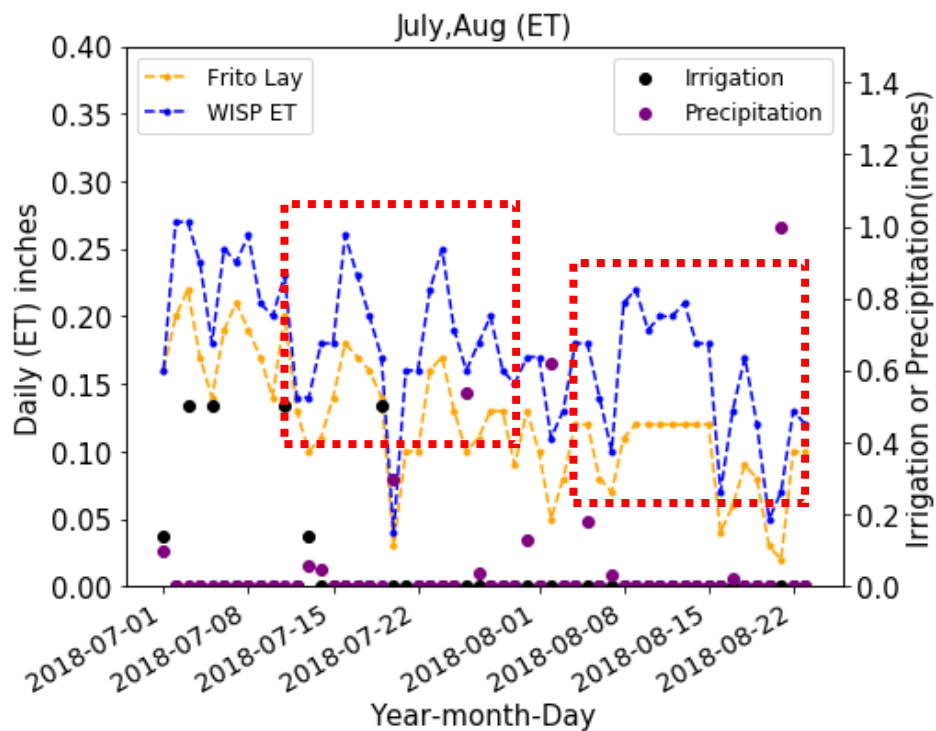
# Conclusion

- ET forecast Ensembles models provide promising results for prediction and 3 days ET forecast.
- Ensemble models have the ability to learn and store long-term dependencies of the input–output relationship.
- Pre-trained knowledge can be transferred into different areas, which might be a possible approach for reducing the data demand and/or regionalization applications



Looking to the future





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# QUESTIONS