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ALGORITHMS AND TOOLS FOR OPTIMUM SCHEDULING OF ON-DEMAND IRRIGATION FOR EFFECTIVE ENERGY COST REDUCTION

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THE STRATEGY...





- Pressurized irrigation can be efficiently introduced by means of collective water distribution pipe networks.
- When pressurization requires pumping systems, two extreme schemes are found: pumping to a intermediate reservoir or direct pumping to the network (Mixed solutions may be recommended. Ask me why during coffee break)-





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- The pressure supplied by pumping stations can be modulated (Inverters)









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Demand / pressure management

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• Goal is to fulfill all the hydrants demands (meting many different REQUERIMENTS: flow rate, irrigation duration, time window, minimum pressure, max velocity, and others,...) at minimum energy cost (kWh and billing) by appropriate scheduling (and pumping station pressure control if possible). => Optimization problem with multiple decision variables and restrictions.

• The most cost/benefict effective strategy (minimum or no investment required, maximum savings, i.e. 12-35% or more), and complementary with others

• It allows renewable and conventional/combined energy sources exploitation.

• Over sizing associated to on demand designs, helps to introduce the strategy in existing networks (but specific methodology must be introduced in design of new systems to be operate under this advanced scheme, in order to obtain the most of the its advantages).

• Adaptable to (continuous) changing conditions.



Idea formulation is easy, but requires specific tools:

- Because of the network hydraulic constrains (head loses, max velocities,..) not any demand combination followingg the idea can be satisfied
- Hundreds of billions of demand combinations will not meet these requirements (pressure, velocity, ...).
- A small set (thousands /tens of thousand) of demand combinations will achieve the requirements (pressure, velocity, ...) ¿how we found those?
- Among these, we should find the combination with minimum (or nearly minimum) cost

This calls for appropriate ICT providing Decision Support System in management (and design). Specially success and effectiveness in irrigation networks as they have low uncertainty, limited extensions and feasible demand control/conditioning



THE TOOL ...

... GESTAR, a SOFTWARE PACKADGE for DESIGN and MANAGEMENT of IRRIGATION NETWORKS, INCLUDES the NECESARY DSS to ACHIVE the GOALS

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Multiple tools for collective distribution network (plus on plot network: sprinkle and drip irrigation).







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SOME GESTAR ENERGY RELATED TOOLS

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- Accurate modelling of pumps and pumping stations curves using splines and uncoupled nodal equations.

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- Synthetic modelling of Direct Pumping Stations and their regulation with virtual characteristic curves..

- Automatic configuration of Direct Pumping Stations with any composition and regulation

- Direct Pumping Station efficiency optimizer

-Statistical and deterministic (simulation) prediction of energy consume and costs.



PRO_RIEGO (PROGRAM IRRIGATION): Scheduling for minimum energy cost in TeleGESTAR (evolutionary optimization algorithm)





THE EVOLUTIONARY ALGORITHM,





- Meta heuristic algorithm inspired in the ants strategies for search food
- Initially ants search for food and return to anthill by random walks, but they deposit pheromone along the way, More intense pheromone in return way if they have been success.
- The pheromones are volatile substances that attracts to other ants, reinforcing the best paths and making disappear the unfruitful.
- After some cycles, the preferred route is optimum, (It goes straight and safely from the anthill to the feeding source)



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THE RESULTS...



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Pumping Station flow rate after optimized scheduling for 24 h





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PRESSURE DEFICIT (OPTIMIZED SCHEDULLING)





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CASE STUDY A) LAVIOLADA NETWORK





Energy saving July month: ≈ (1.820-1.410) €/year* 22 days = 9.020 €

TOTAL SAVING : 74.000 € year (32%)



CASE B) CALLEN WUA NETWORK





- Pure on demand: Energy cost 298 €/day, July
- Demand optimized 1 pressure level: Cost 278,56 €/day., July
- Demand optimized 2 pressure levels: Cost 245,5 €/day., July

Yearly energy bill savings: 20% (20.550 € /year)







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Name of the network with DPS	WUA	Area (ha) (n. ^{o.} of hydrants)	Nominal pressure on demand (m)	Total energy costs on demand (€/year)	% Saving achieved using PRORIEGO		
LAVIOLADA	(Almudevar)	1,335 (106)	66	231,000	32%		
NETWORK 3	(Mequinenza)	1,000 (101)	65	88,000*	16 %		
NETWORK A and B	(Callén)	1,135 (89)	70 -44.5 50 -25	216,000	18%		
PHASE II	(Molinar)	3,644 (273)	68 -48	963,000	16%-20% (Estimated)		



- Water distribution by pressurized networks is increasing in irrigation applications with remarkable consume of water an energy, not to be neglected
- Demand characteristics and infrastructure constrains in irrigation networks make them vulnerable, but at the same time irrigation networks allow to implement efficient demand management thanks to ICT and DSS technologies, specifically developed for such a systems.
- The Decision Support tool presented for optimum demands scheduling, based on Ant Colony evolutionary algorithms, achieves significant **savings in energy cost** (15-35%) and improve of **service** and **water efficient** use (pressure satisfaction).
- The tools can be applied in any context, with any level of technology implementation
- The negotiated demand oriented to minimize energy cost calls for specific design metrologies
- It constitutes and **excellent showcase** about ICT and DSS technologies benefits applied to water and energy management in distribution networks, and a example of positive technology cross transfers



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PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION NETWORKS

- **Branched networks**, (more vulnerable to over demands and breakouts) sized with criteria of **minimum cost**.
- **Disperse** networks and **limited number of users**.
- **Intermittent** (not continuous) use of the **demand** nodes (hydrants)
- **High flow rates** at hydrants (decisions of individual users affect the network)
- High variability in flow demands (along the day along the season)-
- Quite **different pressure requirements** at hydrants can be found
- Preferred use is "on demand" scheme, freedom to use the hydrant at any time (but network is not designed to supply water to all hydrants simultaneously).