



## *E-crops -- Technologies for Digital and Sustainable Agriculture*

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A project toward the development of Agriculture 4.0 (Digital, Sustainable) in southern Italy, centered on data

develop sensors and technologies to manage crops and risks

realize field pilots to validate the technologies  
– *crop-specific and size-specific* –

develop decision support tools  
– *goal-specific*

# Public & Private partnerships



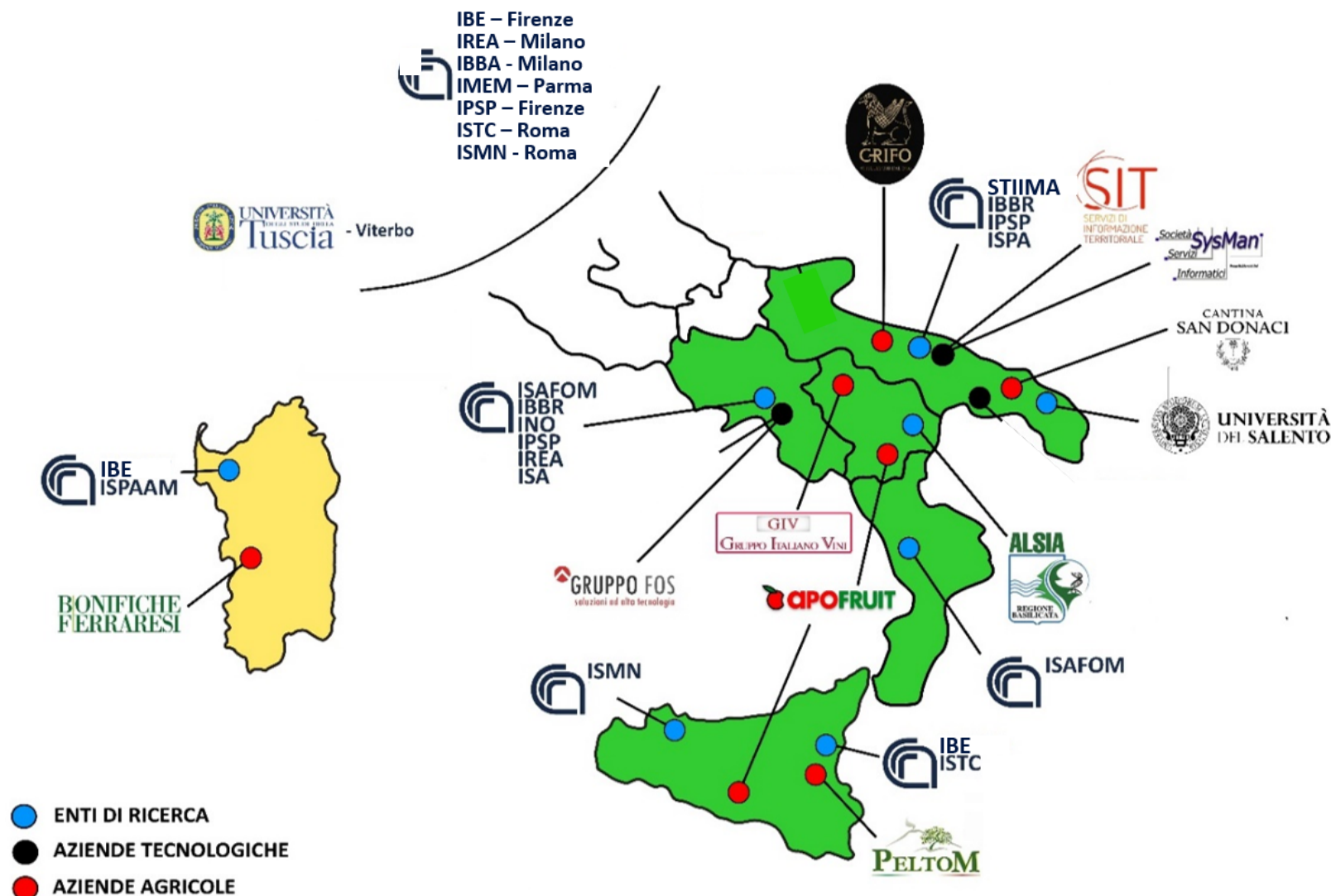
Public Research Bodies

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ICT companies

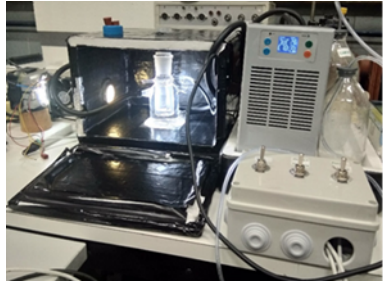
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Farms

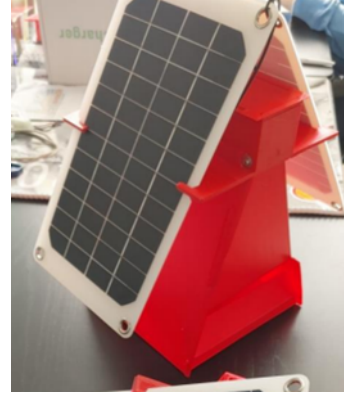
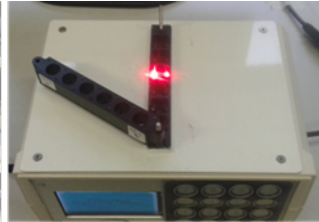


# New sensors

development of innovative sensors & integration with existing technologies

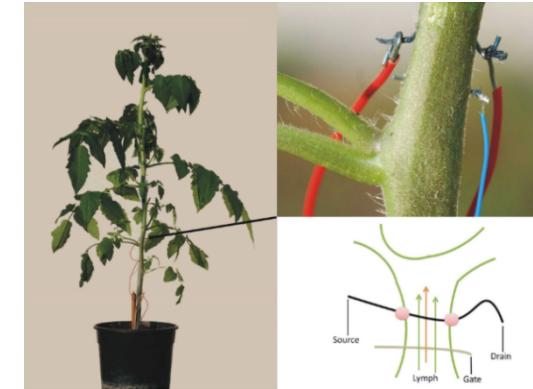


Sensors for pesticide detection

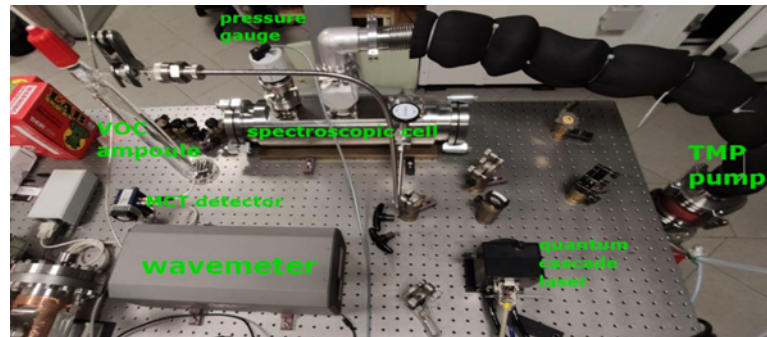
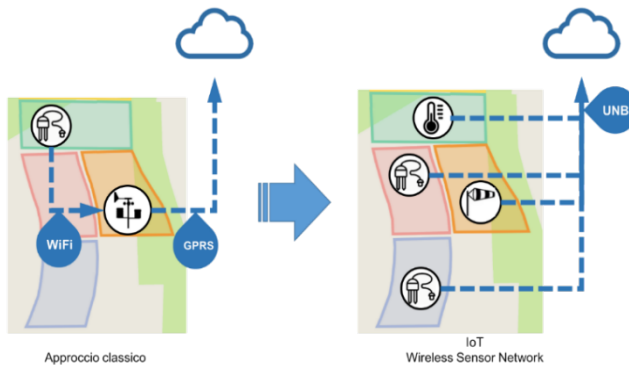


Sensors for AI-driven pathogen detection

in-vivo biophysical sensors for stress detection



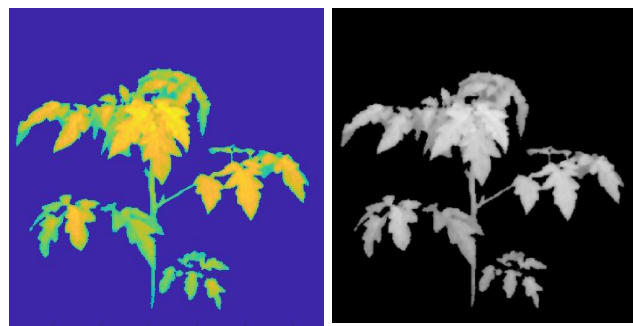
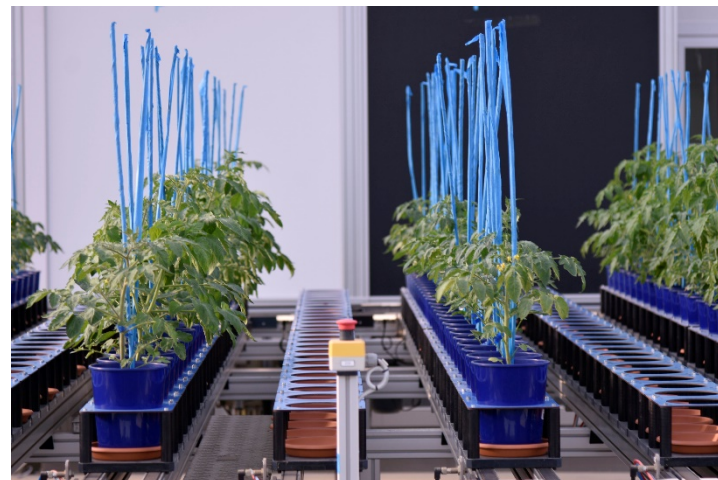
IoT sensor networks



VOC sensors for stress detection - plant signaling



# Platforms for Sensing and Phenotyping



high-throughput phenotyping → sensors → drones → rovers → plant traits



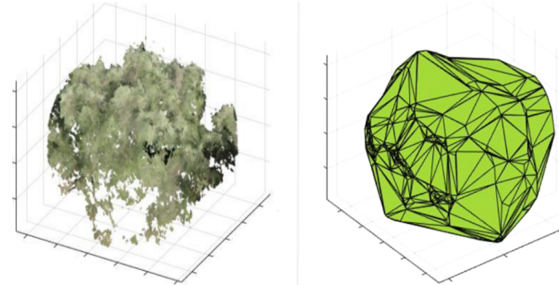
# Field Pilots – from sensors to data



Field

Plant

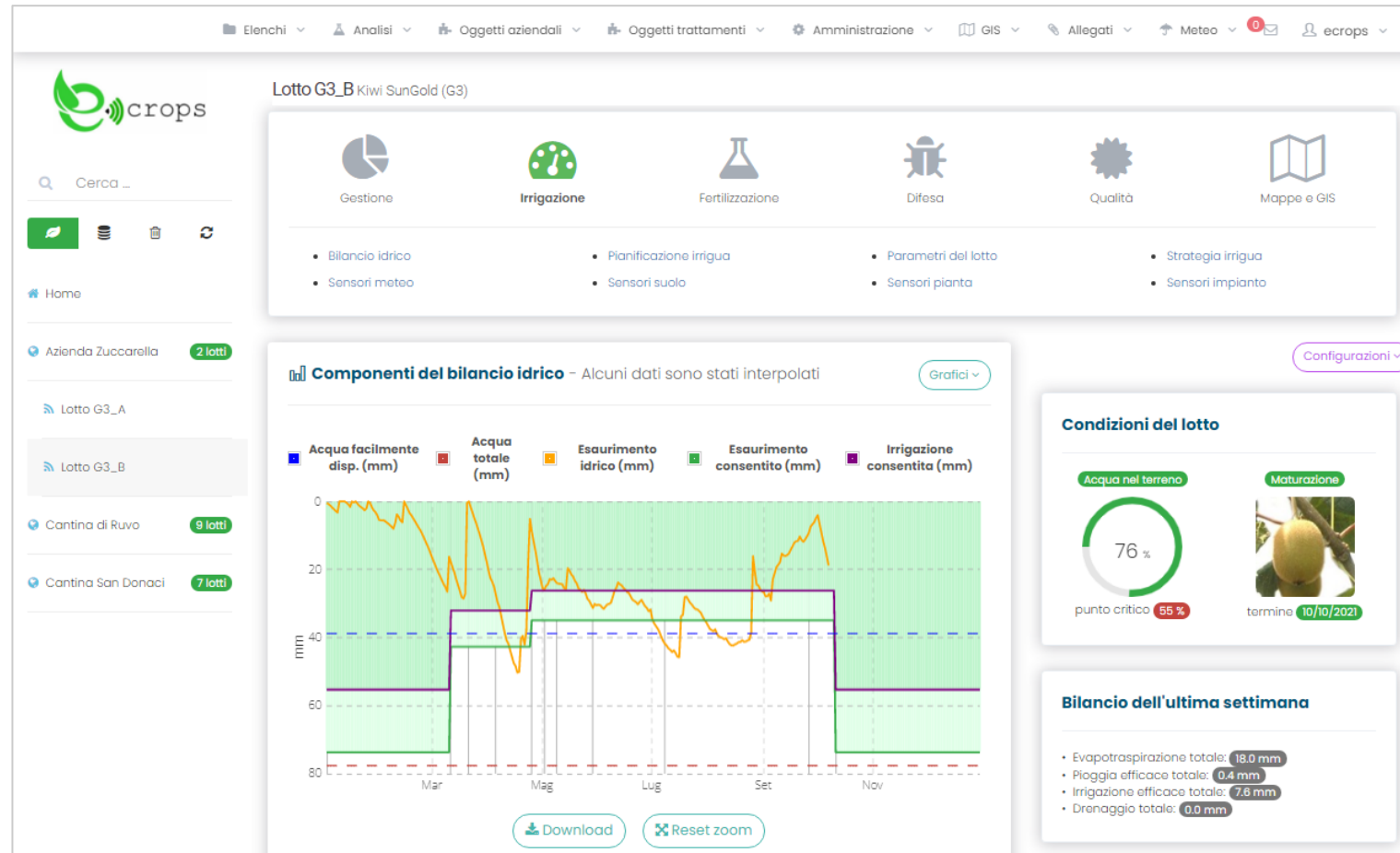
Fruit



data → plant biomass → LAI → yield → fruit counts → fruit maturity...



# Close the loop – from data to decision support



management support: → irrigation → fertilization → pruning ....



## Where we are

Year 1: technology development, requirements definition

→ Year 2: field pilot deployments – data acquisitions

Year 3: finalize decision support

## The Challenges

- multi-disciplinary actors
- bridge role of public bodies
- introduce technologies into agriculture SME



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