

Irrigation Improvement for the Punjab Region

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Background: Punjab

- "India's Bread Basket"
- 1.7% of land area, 21% of wheat, 8% of rice

- Primary crops:
 - Wheat
 - Rice
 - Cotton
 - Pulses





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Problem: Water

Rainfall
Seasonal (monsoons)
Highly variable
Pervasive water shortages
Irrigation required
Groundwater depletion



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Rainfall: Andhra Pradesh

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Green = Worst water stress

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Possible Solutions: Water



Stress can be reduced by
 Investing in Storage Infrastructure
 Improve Irrigation Efficiency
 Shift Crop Acreage
 Correct Pricing of Electricity

Current State/Objective

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Current State

• Cell phone notification Rainfall predictions Irrigation recommendation

• Wide forecast variability

Project

• Improve Irrigation Efficiency Utilize rainfall Limit GW depletion

- Evaluate forecast accuracy for each coordinate
- Determine best model for each coordinate



Data Sources

- Historical observed rainfall data (1901 2012)
 - India meteorological department gridded rainfall product



- Historical predicted rainfall data (2007 2012)
 - ECMWF European Centre for Medium–Range Weather Forecasts
 - NCEP National Centers for Environmental Predictions
 - UKMO United Kingdom Meteorological Office

**Five day foreword forecast for each model

Evaluation Procedure

o Excel

Focus data (2007 - 2012)
Growing season (Jun - Sep)

Compare predicted to observed rainfall
 Each model

• Each coordinate

• Identify best model for each coordinate

Evaluation Procedure

 Calculate mean/deviation of predicted vs observed rainfall

- 2x2 Contingency Table
 Without threshold
 With threshold
- Threshold of 15mm rainfall/day to support rice cultivation









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Day 1 Day 2 Day 3 Day 4 Day 5





Summary

- NCEP model under predicts rainfall
 Standard deviation increases with prediction days
- Threshold value has a significant impact on accuracy of predicting rain
- UKMO is good at predicting hits (rain)
- NCEP is good at predicting correct rejection (irrigation)

Next Steps

• Decide on regional evaluation • Recommend model for each region



Questions?

