

Wireless Underground Sensor Solution

World's first truly wireless, underground soil condition sensor



## WHY SOIL SCOUT?

Understanding what is happening underground is critical in agriculture!



2/3 of agronomic phenomena occur underground!





We waste precious resources!











Precision farming enables higher efficiency of inputs!





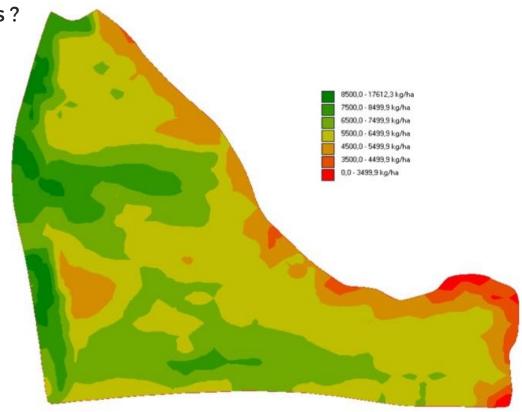
## FIELDS ARE NOT UNIFORM

But what is variation telling us?

Precision Agriculture = Data Driven Farming

- Measure growth variability
- Identify cause(s) of poor growth
- Remove growth restrictors
- Manage inputs spatially

The most important phenomena occur underground!





## BETTER SOLUTION WAS NEEDED

In-field obstacles or expensive & labour-intensive manual sampling is often not an option!

No Spatial Variability or No Dynamics?









**SOIL** SCOUT



# THE FIRST FULLY WIRELESS UNDERGROUND AGRICULTURE SENSOR

Make informed decisions based on accurate and permanent measurements



Soil Moisture



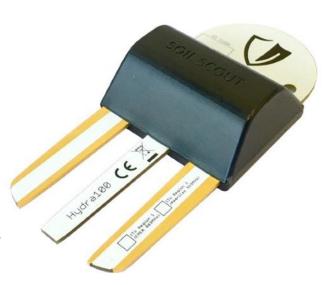
Temperature



Salinity (EC)



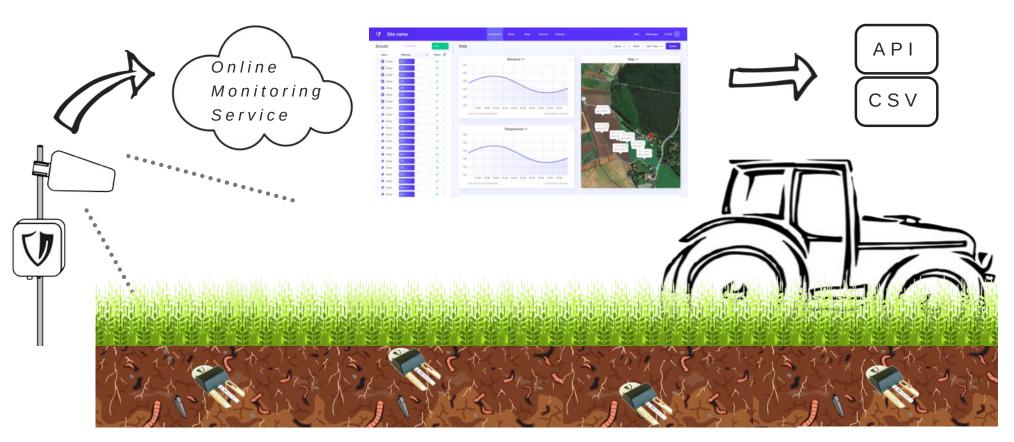
Up to 20 years



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**MORE THAN 2000 SENSORS PRODUCED** 

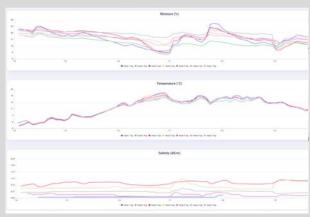
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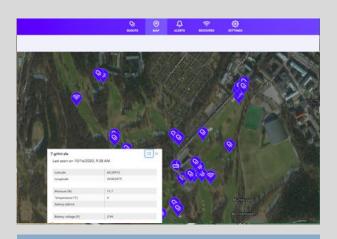




Maximum achievable distance from sensor to receiving antenna varies depending on antenna height, sensor depth and line of sight. For details, visit www.soilscout.com







## **MONITORING**

Detailed real-time view



### **ANALYSIS**

Make informed decisions based on accurate data

## SHARE

Download and share the data through an API



**Monitoring Service** 

## SOLUTION ELEMENTS



#### Hydra Scout

- Permanently buried sensor
- Up to 20 yrs battery life



#### Echo Repeater

Boosts the signal up to 10km to next receiver



#### Base Station

- GSM modem
- Can handle over 1000Scouts

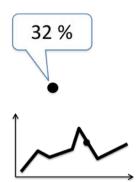


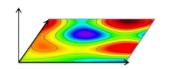
#### Antennas

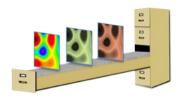
- O m n i directional
- Directive Yagi
- Stub Antenna

## FROM GUESSWORK TO MANAGEMENT

- 1. Real time actual conditions instead of guess work
- 2. View into dynamic behaviour
- 3. A view into spatial and depth variability in 3D
- 4. Saved records from year to year for analysis and planning ahead









## INSTRUMENTATION EXAMPLE

EXAMPLE: 20ha field growing Strawberry, using drip-irrigation system

- •1 Base Station located at the farm center
- •30 Scouts in predefined locations across the site
- 3 ECHO Repeaters
- ·Scouts can be placed anywhere
- More sensors can be added anytime
- Echo Repeaters used to catch the signals from the sensor
- Site design provided to ensure appropriate configuration





#### CASE STUDIES

#### MÄKELÄ STRAWBERRY FARM. FINLAND

- Soil temperature and moisture are critical in strawberry farming
- •The data provides an accurate information to optimize irrigation, protect plants from frost and select the right plant varieties
- 25 ha monitored with 30 Scouts.

#### KLEEMOLA SEED FARM, FINLAND

- •The seed production farm is equipped with controlled drainage, which is managed based on soil moisture data from two depths.
- In-season fertilization is decided according to moisture availability. The insight into dynamic soil conditions including moisture, temperature and EC is the everyday basis for field management decisions.
- •11 ha monitored with 17 Scouts.





#### **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE**

We compete with few wireless sensors and wired solutions

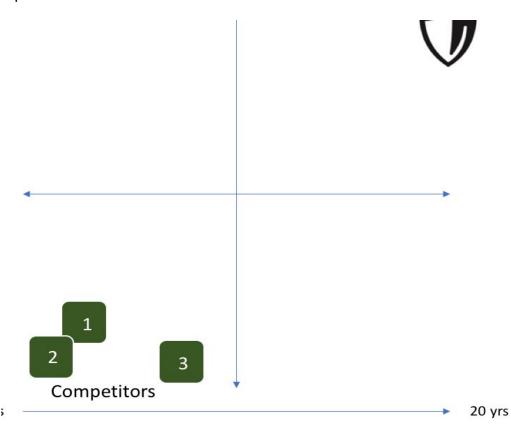
The most significant competitor is "old habits"

We are patent protected

Soil Scout is the only technology that can reach up to 2m depth wirelessly

#### **Competitor Comparison**

Soil Sensors with above ground wireless repeaters





#### Selected Agri References

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- 3. Royal Agriculture Univ. Cirencester, UK
- 4. Salix Morava, Horni Mostenice, CZ
- 5. Natural Resources Institute Finland
- 6. RISE Uppsala, SE
- 7. Waitatapia Farm, New Zealand
- 8. ProAgria, Elimäki, Fl
- 9. Kleemola Seed Farm, Ulvila, Fl
- 10. Du Roi Nurseries, South-Africa







## UNLEASH THE TRUE POTENTIAL OF YOUR FIELDS!

## **SAVE MONEY**

Optimized irrigation and work planning Less fertiliser runoff Less manual sampling work



## **MAKE MONEY**

Optimized soil conditions and inputs
Produce more yield
Meet the standards



## **MAKE IMPACT**

Save precious water resources Reduced water table pollution Less greenhouse emissions



## The Soil Scout story....



Soil Scout was formed through the collaboration of a 19th generation farmer and soil agronomist with a technology specialist, focused on wireless solutions



The Company has designed, created, patented and commercialised an underground wireless soil monitoring solution



Our mission is to give soil experts the insights and data they need to manage their lands in the most efficient and effective ways.





