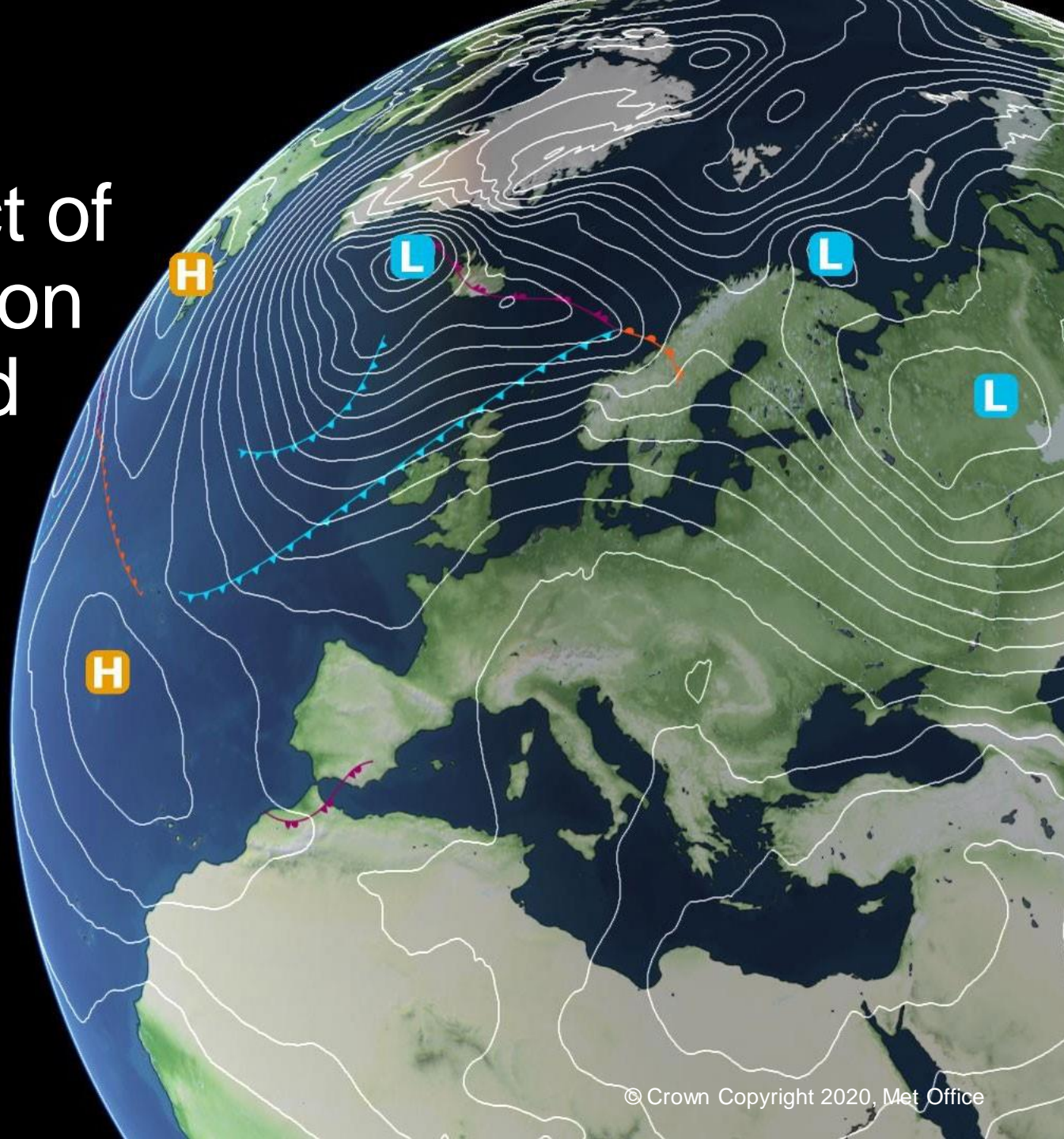


Demonstrating the impact of modelling coupled irrigation over the Iberian semi-arid environment

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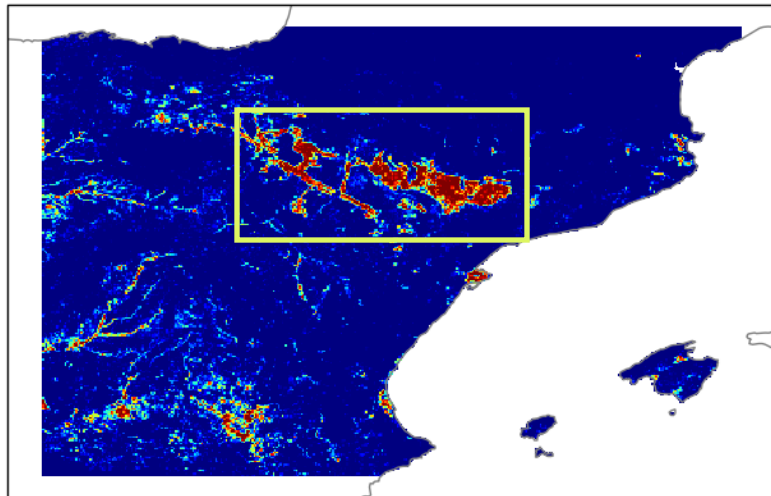


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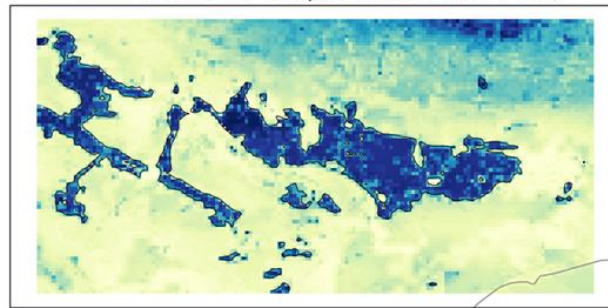
- Improve our ability to model a heterogeneous irrigated land surface
 - Understand the impact of irrigation on the terrestrial water fluxes, surface fluxes and the atmospheric evolution in UM simulations.
- Testing irrigation code using the UM Regional Nesting Suite over a 2.2km domain centred around the LIAISE field campaign area of north-eastern Spain

Irrigated Fraction Ancillary

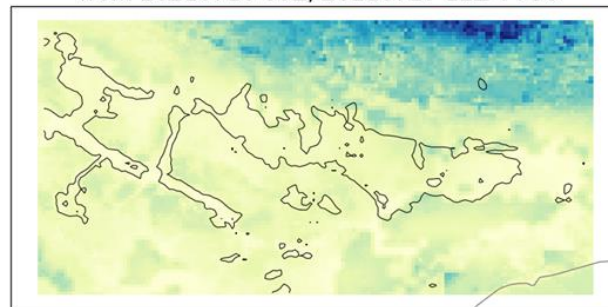


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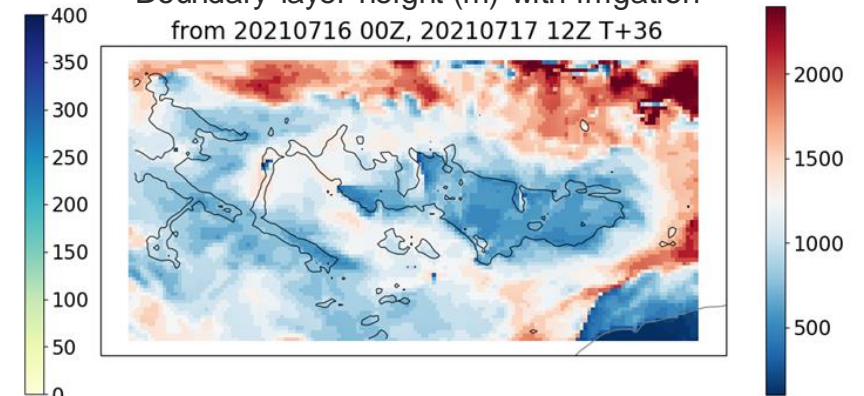
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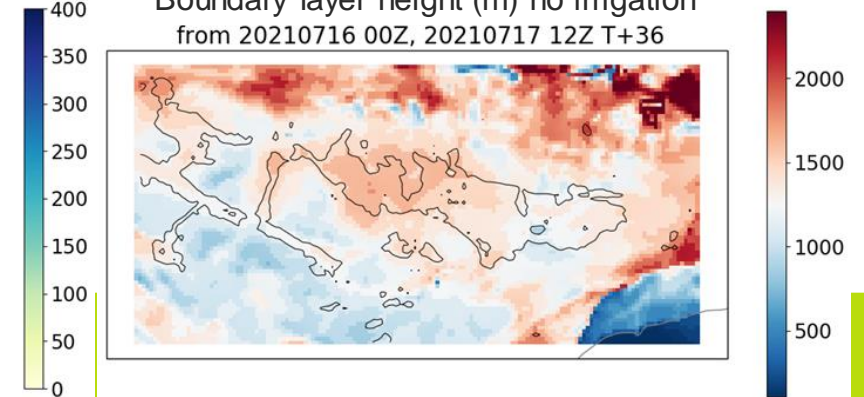
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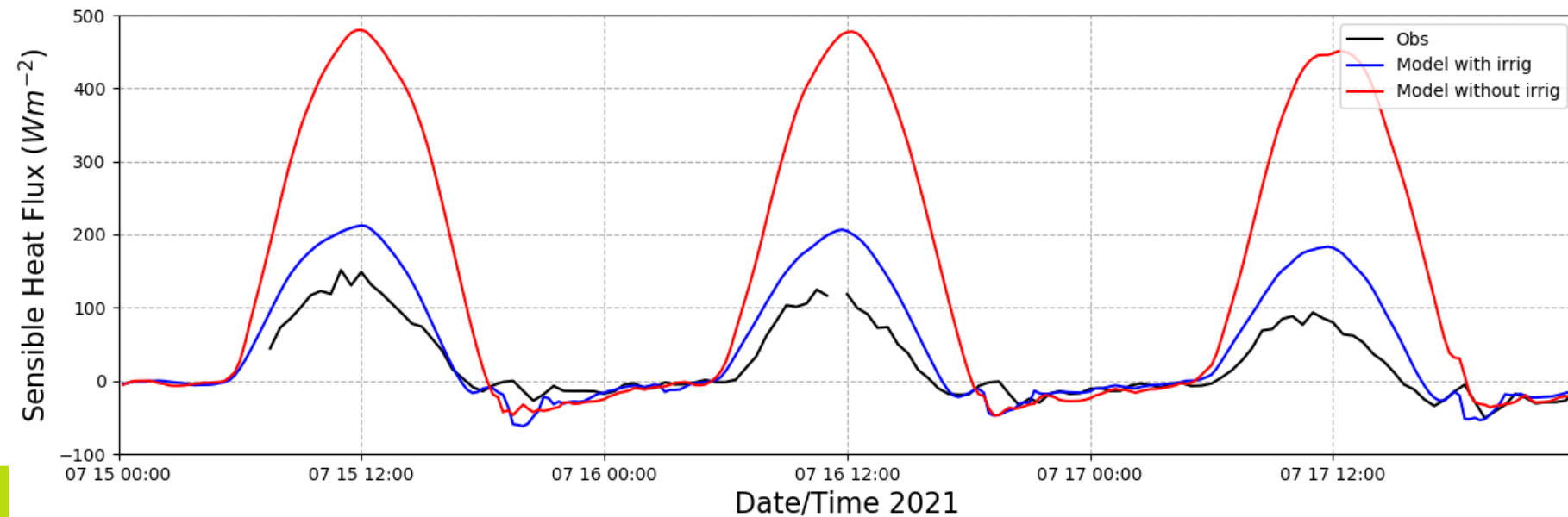
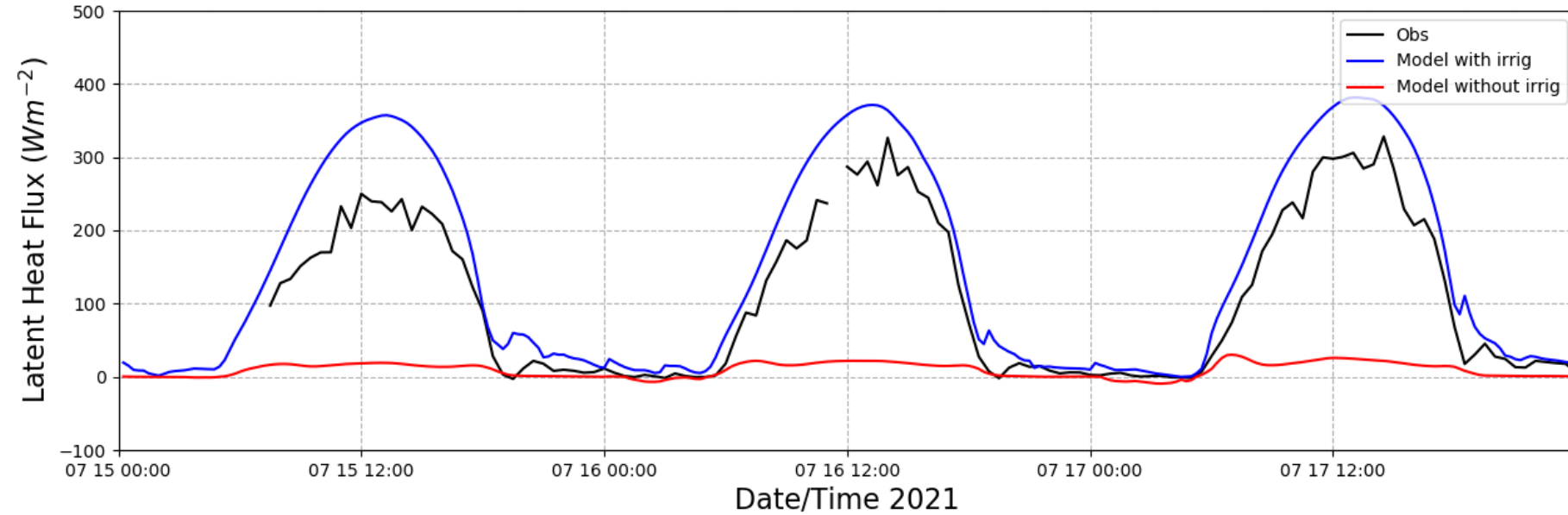
Boundary layer height (m) with irrigation
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Met Office Latent & Sensible Heat Flux, La Cendrosa



Irrigated site

Fast growing Alfalfa crop

Subjected to flood
irrigation:
~10th, 23rd – 25th

Observations

Model with irrigation

Model without irrigation

**IOP days 15th/16th/17th
July 2021**