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A Model-based Real-time Decision Support System for Irrigation Scheduling to Improve Water Productivity

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Supplemental material



(a) installation of the sedimentation tank

(b) construction of the house

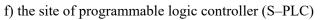


- (c) outlooking of the system
- (d) inside settings in the house





e) software activated







(g) frequency conversion controller (FCC) (h) a cotton plot

Supplement Figure 1. Field experiment facilities.

Supplement Table 1. Economic analysis of the newly developed DSSIS applied to a 10-ha

field with a 10-year operational lifetime.

Irrigation scheduling	Total investment for the infrastructure \$ ha ⁻¹ y ⁻¹	Labor salary \$ ha ⁻¹ y ⁻¹	Irrigation m ³ ha ⁻¹	Water price \$ m ⁻³	Water bill \$ ha ⁻¹ y ⁻¹	Other cost * \$ ha ⁻¹ y ⁻¹	Total cost \$ ha ⁻¹ y ⁻¹	Yield Mgha ⁻¹	Cotton price \$ kg ⁻¹	Total revenue \$ ha ⁻¹ y ⁻¹	Net profit \$ ha ⁻¹ y ⁻¹
DSSIS-based	449	350	3250	0.04	130	1500	2429	4.44	1.3	5772	3343
Sensor-based	389	250	3160	0.04	126	1500	2265	3.4	1.3	4420	2155
Experience-based	0	500	4760	0.04	190	1500	2190	3.71	1.3	4823	2633

*Note: other cost includes fertilizer, seed, and other essential basic costs.