

Interaction of environmental factors affecting wheat performance

- A case for multidisciplinary research efforts

Topic:

There has been recent progress in individual scientific disciplines, but these advances within single disciplines, alone, cannot solve the challenges of increasing yield

Therefore multidisciplinary approaches must be implemented to tackle major constraints to achieving sufficient grain yield in the future

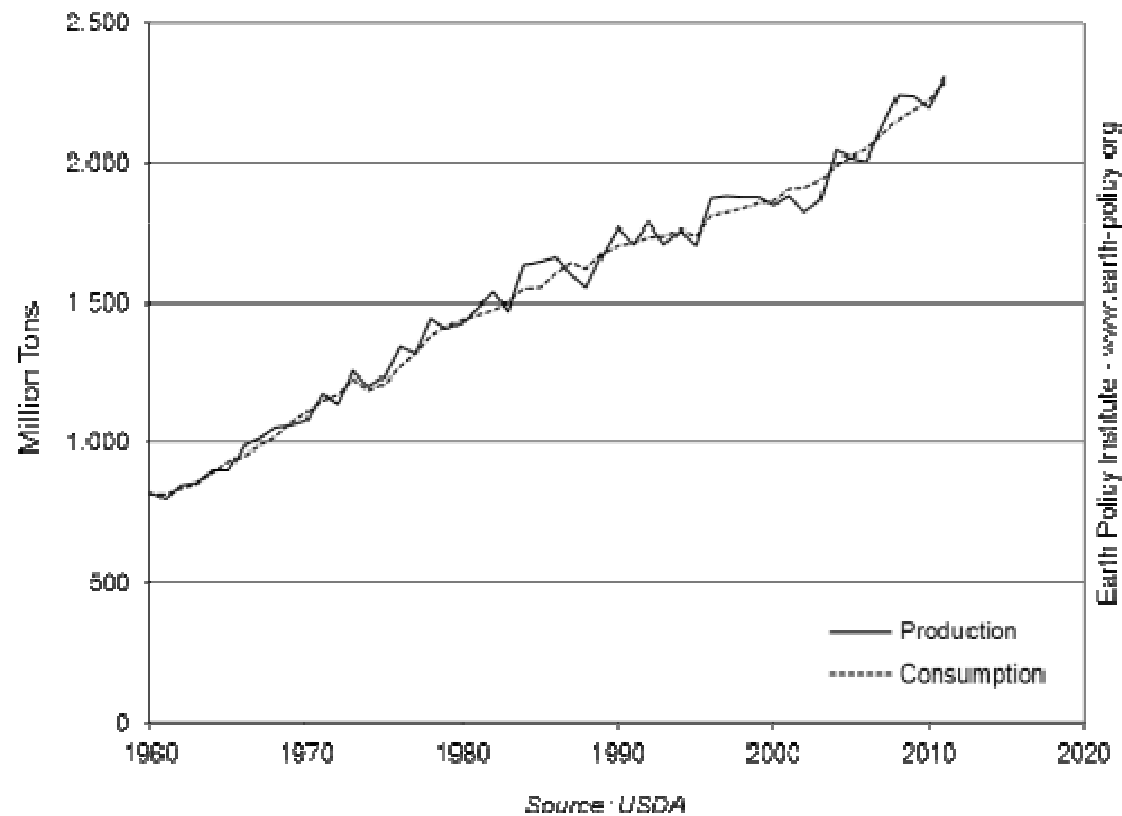


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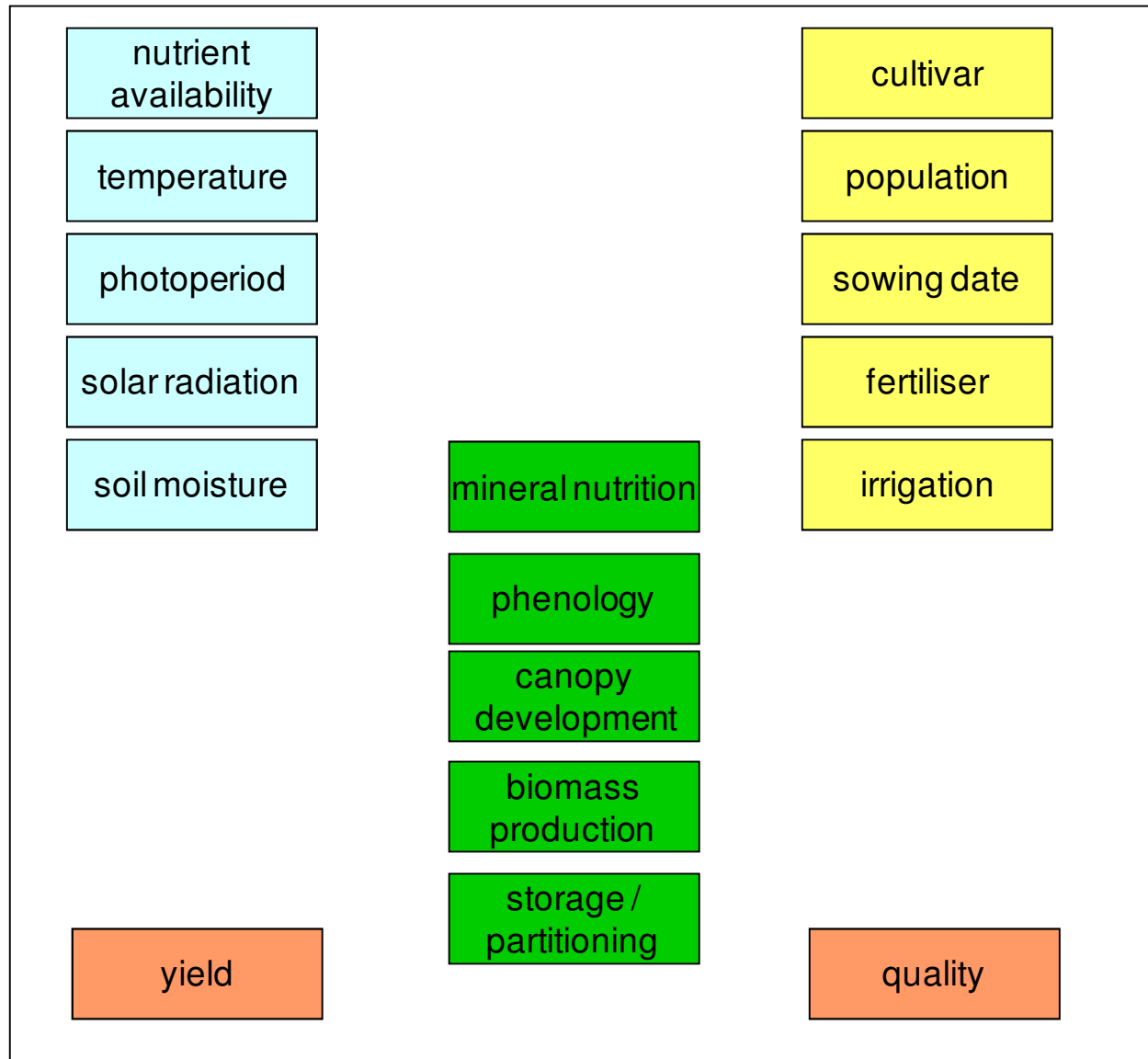
Grain production and consumption

World Grain Production and Consumption, 1960-2011



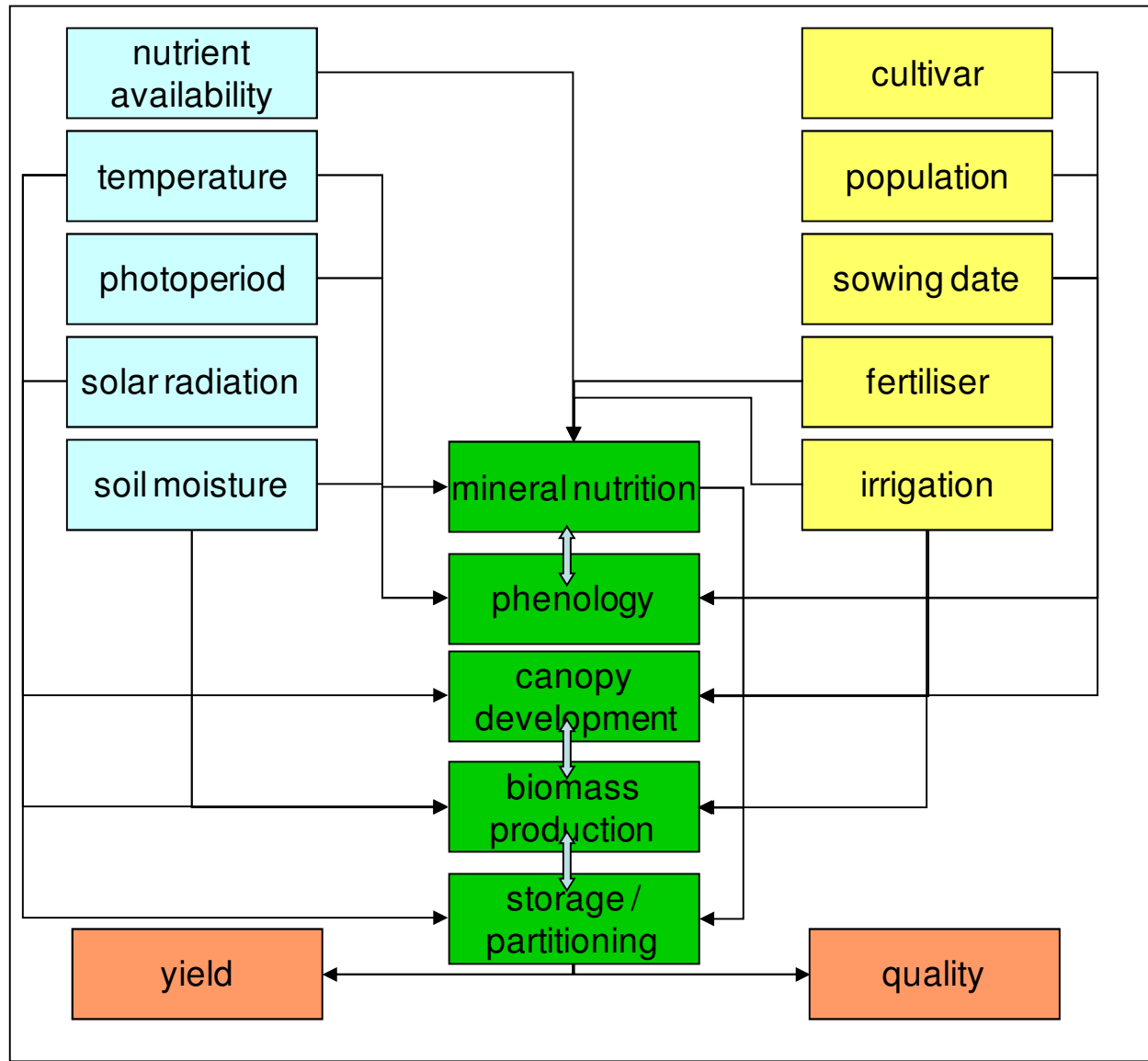
- Dangerously small margin between grain consumption and grain production
- We face long-term trends that:
 - increase food demand
 - limit food production

Environmental and agronomical constraints to crop yield and quality



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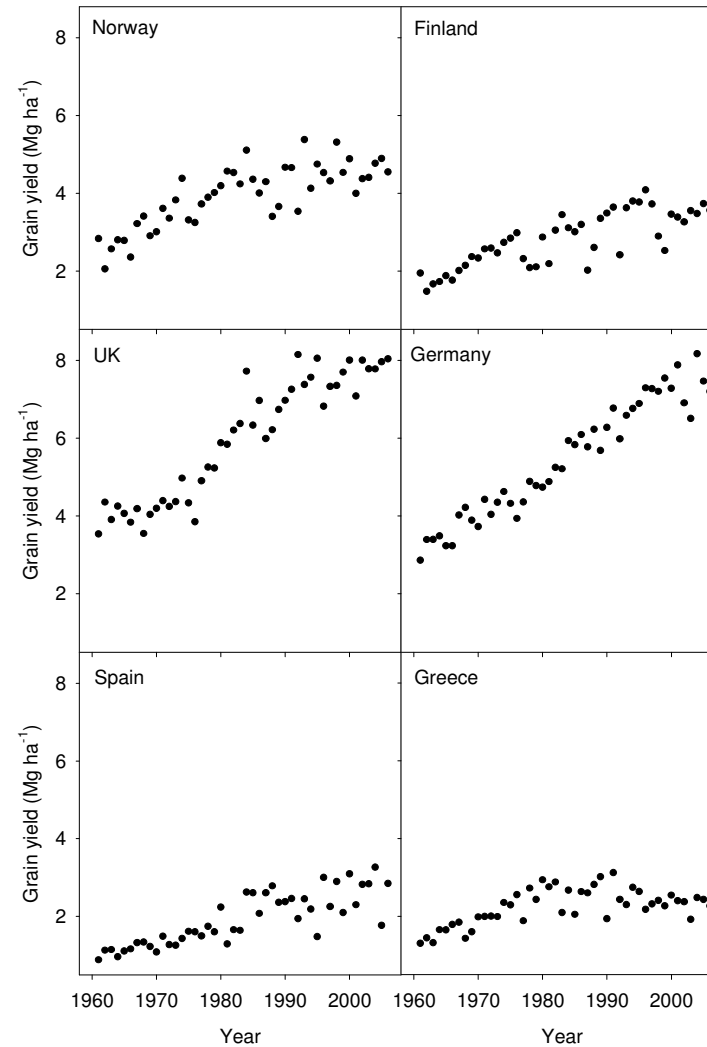
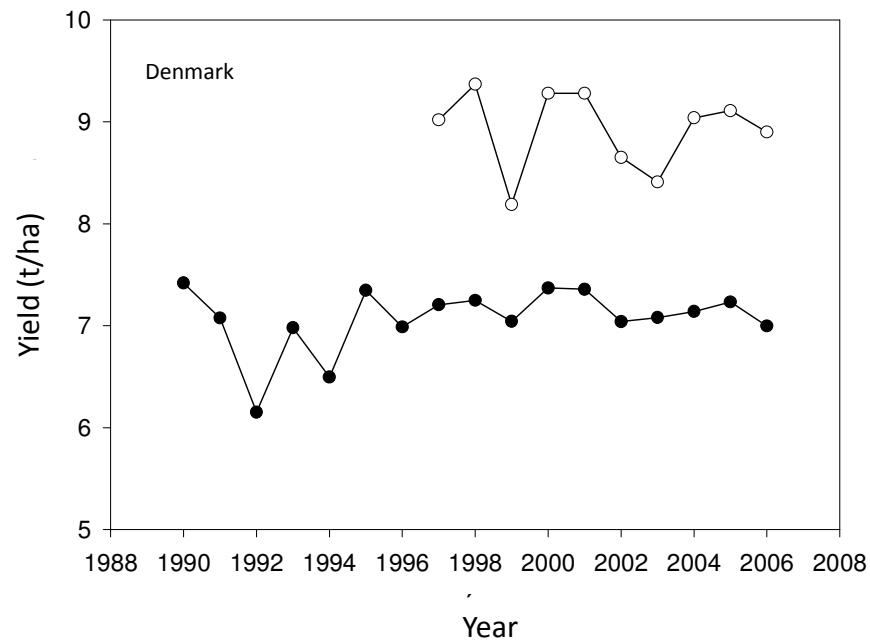
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Consequence:
The need to focus on

G x E x M

Constraints to crop yield and quality

Stagnation of yield in winter wheat



Constraints to crop yield and quality

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Review

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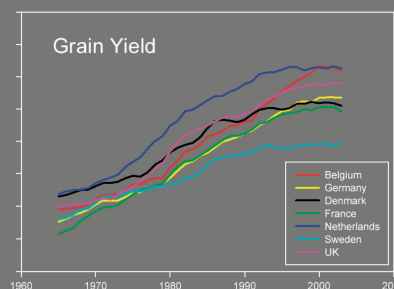
Stève de Bossoreille de Ribou^a, Florian Douam^a, Olivier Hamant^a, Michael W. Frohlich^{a,b}, Ioan Negrutiu^{a,*}

CAUSES OF YIELD STAGNATION IN WINTER WHEAT IN DENMARK

DJF REPORT PLANT SCIENCE NO. 147 • NOVEMBER 2010
PETERSEN, J., HAASTRUP, M., KNUDSEN, L. & OLESEN, J.E.



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Olesen, J. & Wollenweber, B. (2010) Environmental changes and impacts on yield of winter wheat. In: *Causes of yield stagnation in winter wheat in Denmark*. Petersen, J., Haastруп, M., Knudsen, L. & Olesen, J. (eds.) DJF Rapport 147, pp. 35–53.

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Global crop improvement networks to bridge technology gaps

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REVIEW PAPER

Raising yield potential of wheat. I. Overview of a consortium approach and breeding strategies

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GM as a route for delivery of sustainable crop protection

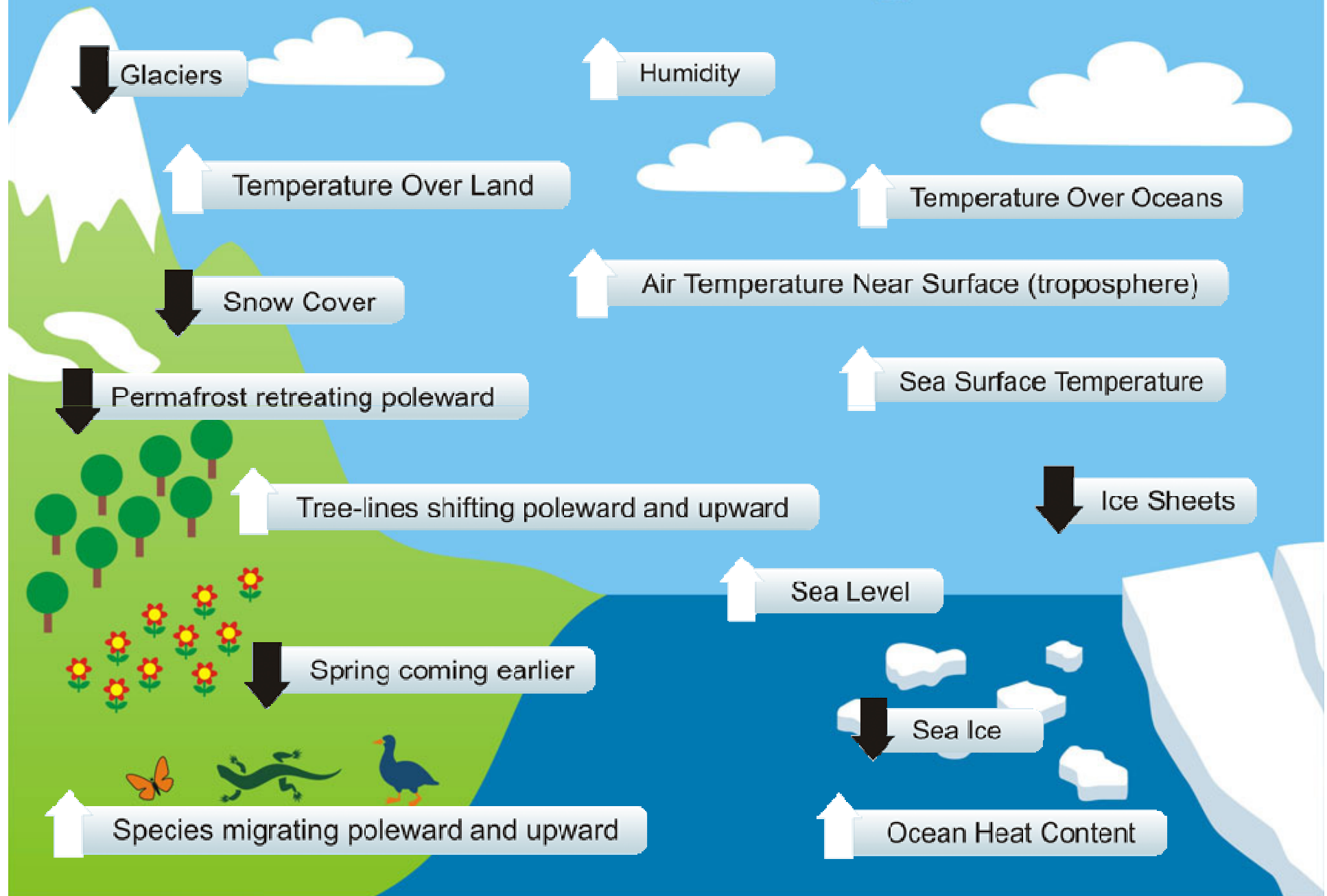
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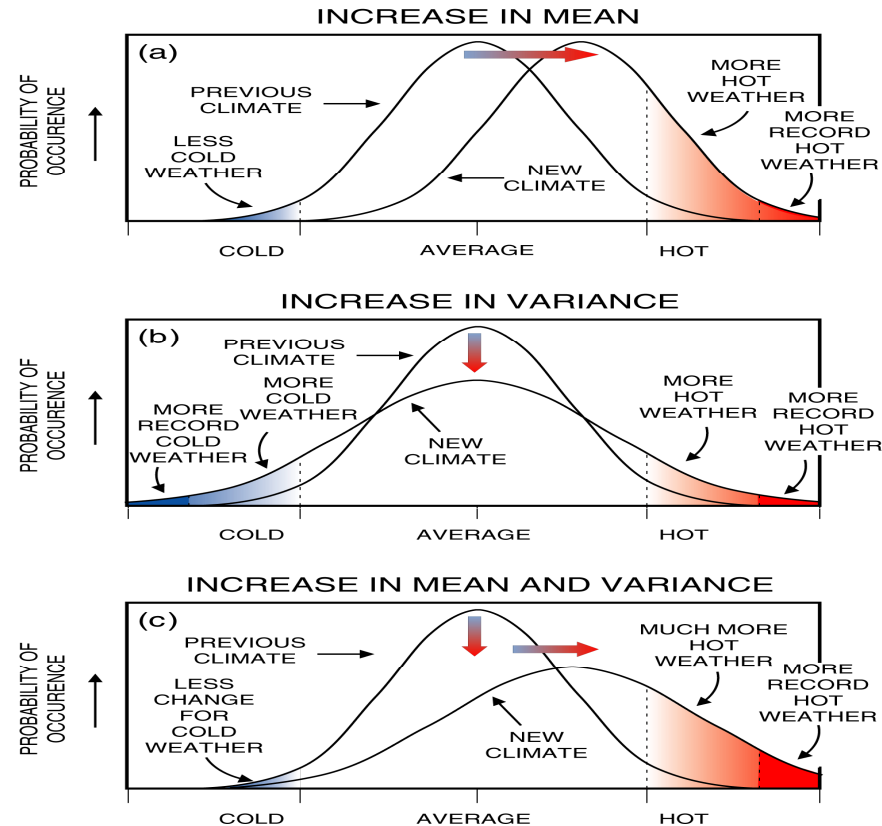
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Indicators of a Warming World

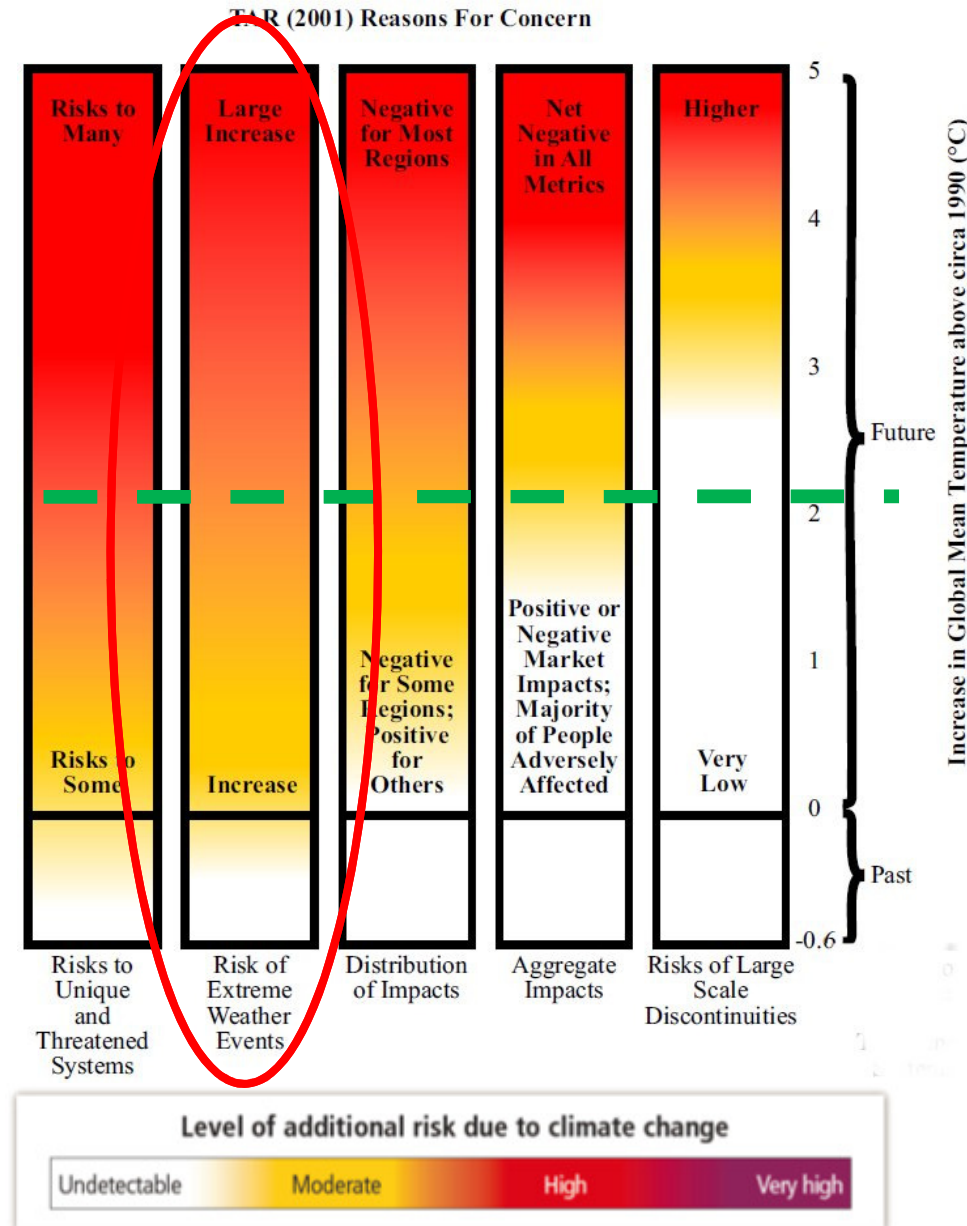


Climate change: What are the risks?

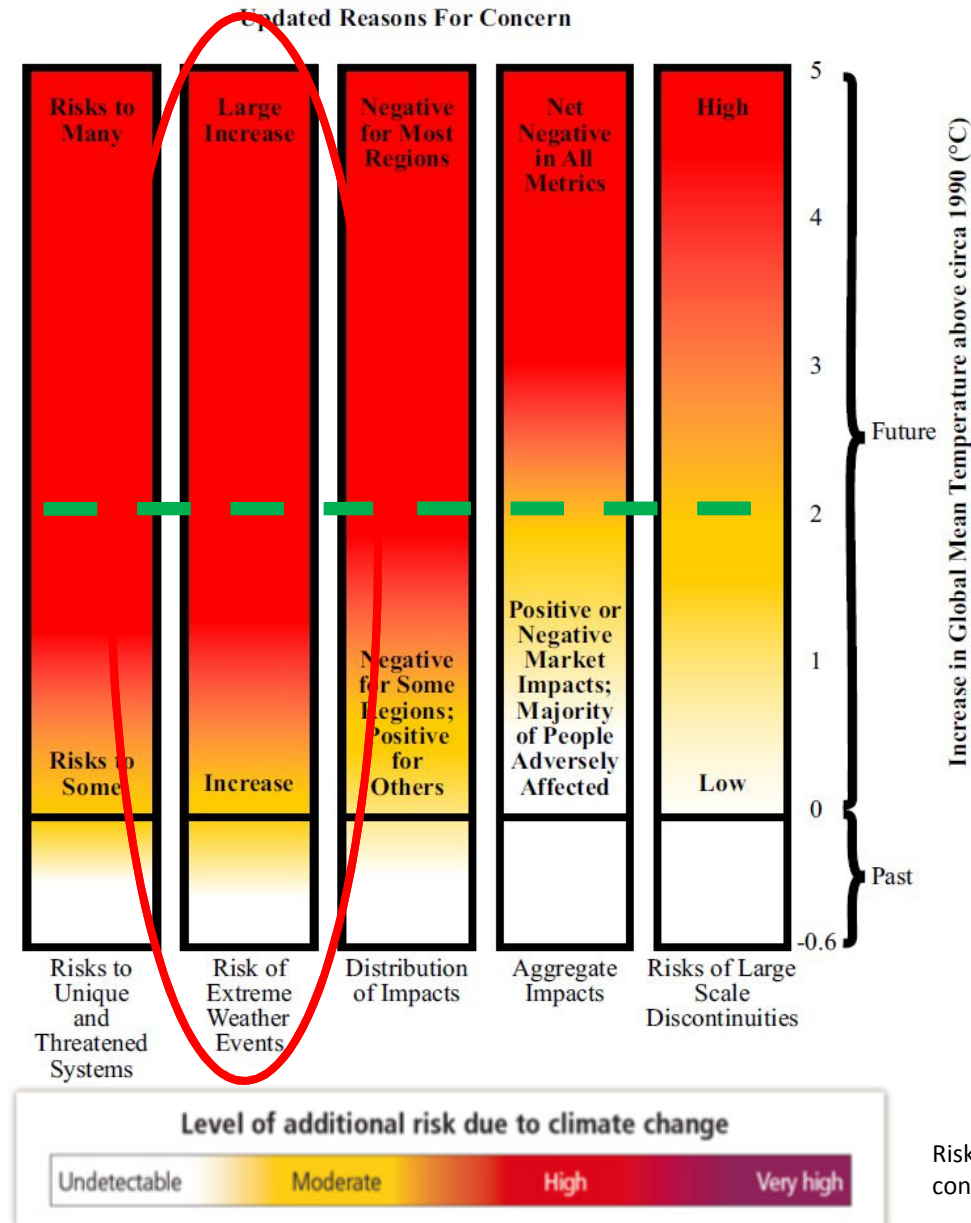


Climate change will increase the **frequency**, **intensity** and **duration** of periods with extreme climatic conditions

Climate change: What are the risks?



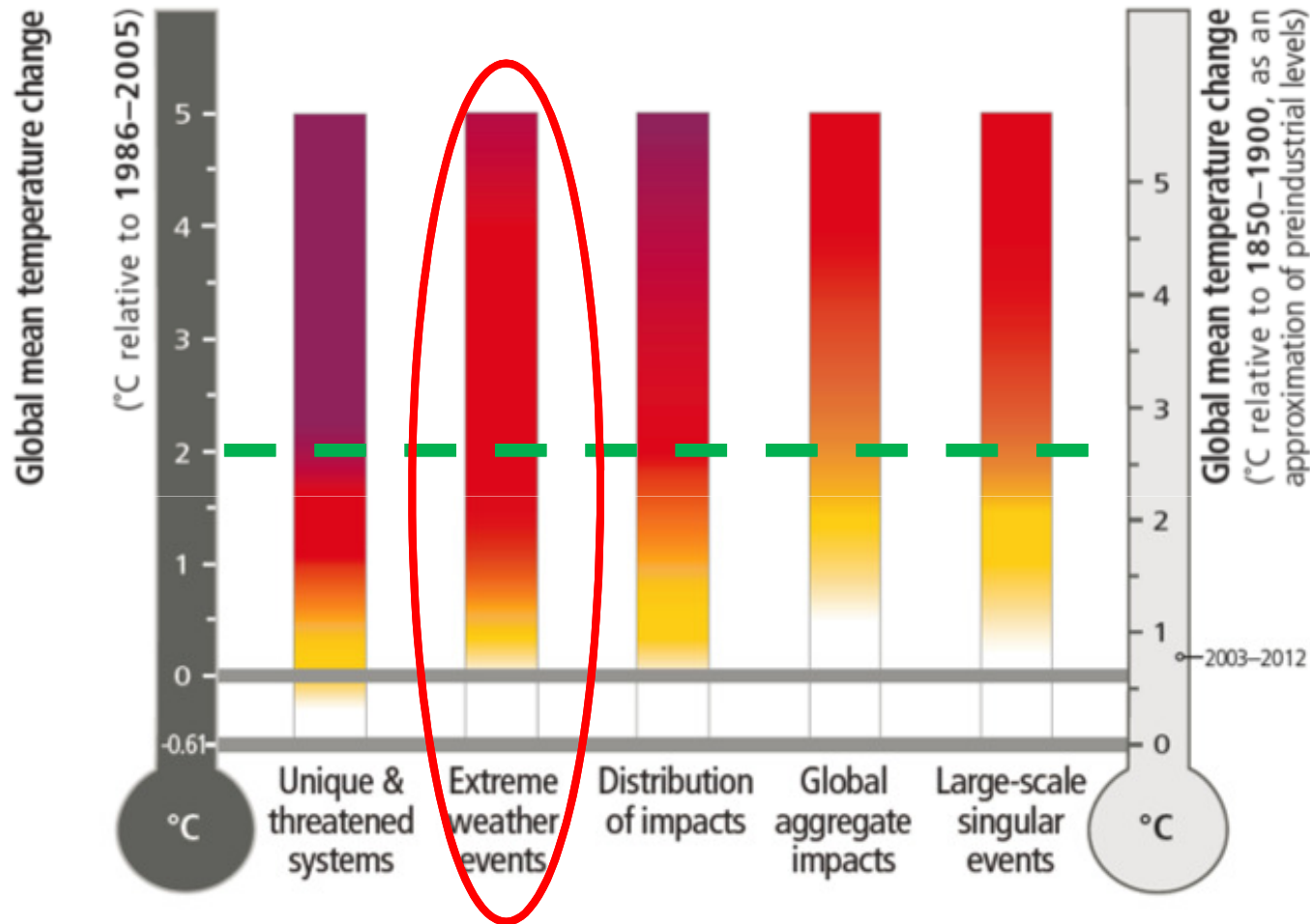
Climate change: What are the risks?



2009

Risks from climate change, by reason for concern [Smith *et al.* PNAS 2009]

Climate change: What are the risks?



2014

Level of additional risk due to climate change

Undetectable

Moderate

High

Very high

IPCC WGII AR5
Summary for Policymakers
(2014)

Climate change: Paradigm shift

Earlier research concluded that the initial stages of climate change would bring net benefits to global agriculture due to carbon fertilization and longer growing seasons

Newer experimental studies have sharply reduced older estimates of carbon fertilization effects

The effect of temperature on many crops has been found to involve thresholds, above which yields rapidly decline

Temperature thresholds

Table 1

Summary of mean (\pm se) of lethal minimum (TL_{min}), lethal maximum (TL_{max}), base (T_{min}), optimum (T_{opt}) and maximum (T_{max}) temperatures for various processes and phenological phases in wheat

Processes		Mean temperature (\pm se) ($^{\circ}$ C)	<i>n</i>
Lethal limits	TL_{min}	-17.2 (1.2)	17
	TL_{max}	47.5 (0.5)	2
Leaf initiation	T_{min}	-1.0 (1.1)	12
	T_{opt}	22.0 (0.4)	9
	T_{max}	24.0 (1.0)	5
Shoot growth	T_{min}	3.0 (0.4)	5
	T_{opt}	20.3 (0.3)	6
	T_{max}	> 20.9 (0.2)	6
Root growth	T_{min}	2.0	1
	T_{opt}	< 16.3 (3.7)	3
	T_{max}	> 25.0 (5.0)	3
Phenological phases			
Sowing to emergence	T_{min}	3.5 (1.1)	8
	T_{opt}	22.0 (1.6)	11
	T_{max}	32.7 (0.9)	10
Vernalization	T_{min}	-1.3 (1.5)	6
	T_{opt}	4.9 (1.1)	11
	T_{max}	15.7 (2.6)	7
Terminal spikelet	T_{min}	1.5 (1.5)	2
	T_{opt}	10.6 (1.3)	5
	T_{max}	> 20.0	1
Anthesis	T_{min}	9.5 (0.1)	3
	T_{opt}	21.0 (1.7)	2
	T_{max}	31.0	1
Grain-filling	T_{min}	9.2 (1.5)	6
	T_{opt}	20.7 (1.4)	7
	T_{max}	35.4 (2.0)	5

n is the number of literature sources used to calculate means and se.



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Temperatures and the growth and development of wheat: a review

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Global Change Biology (2014) 20, 408–417, doi: 10.1111/gcb.12389

Temperatures and the growth and development of maize and rice: a review

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Drought and heat waves reduce crop yield

Crop yields can drop by 3 – 5% with every 1°C increase in temperature

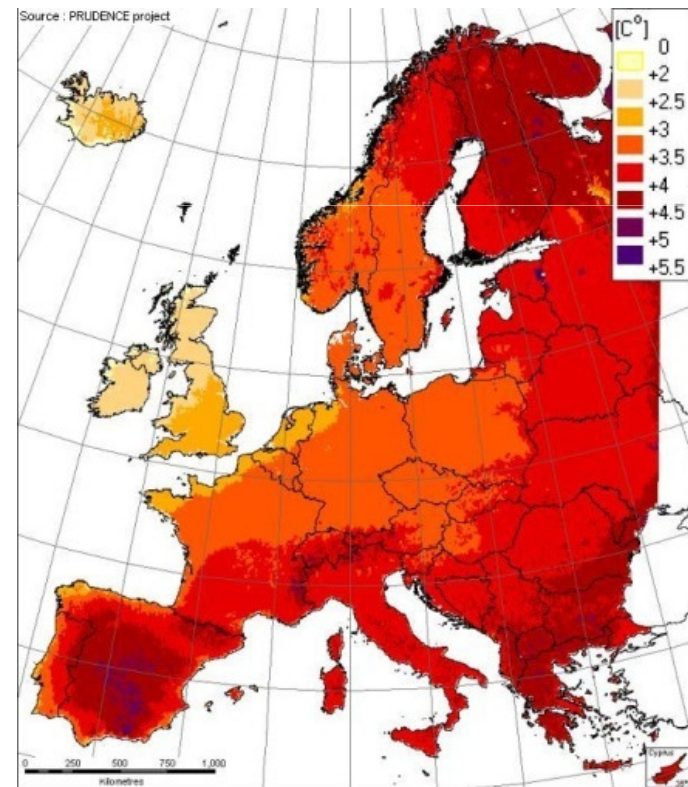
..Global maize and wheat production declined by 3.8% and 5.5%, respectively...

Climate trends were large enough in some countries to offset a significant portion of the increases in average yields that arose from technology, CO₂ fertilization, and other factors...

Climate Trends and Global Crop Production Since 1980

David B. Lobell, Wolfram Schlenker, Justin Costa-Roberts
Sciencexpress 5 May 2011

Temperature change forecast 2071-2100 period, relative to the 1961-1990 period



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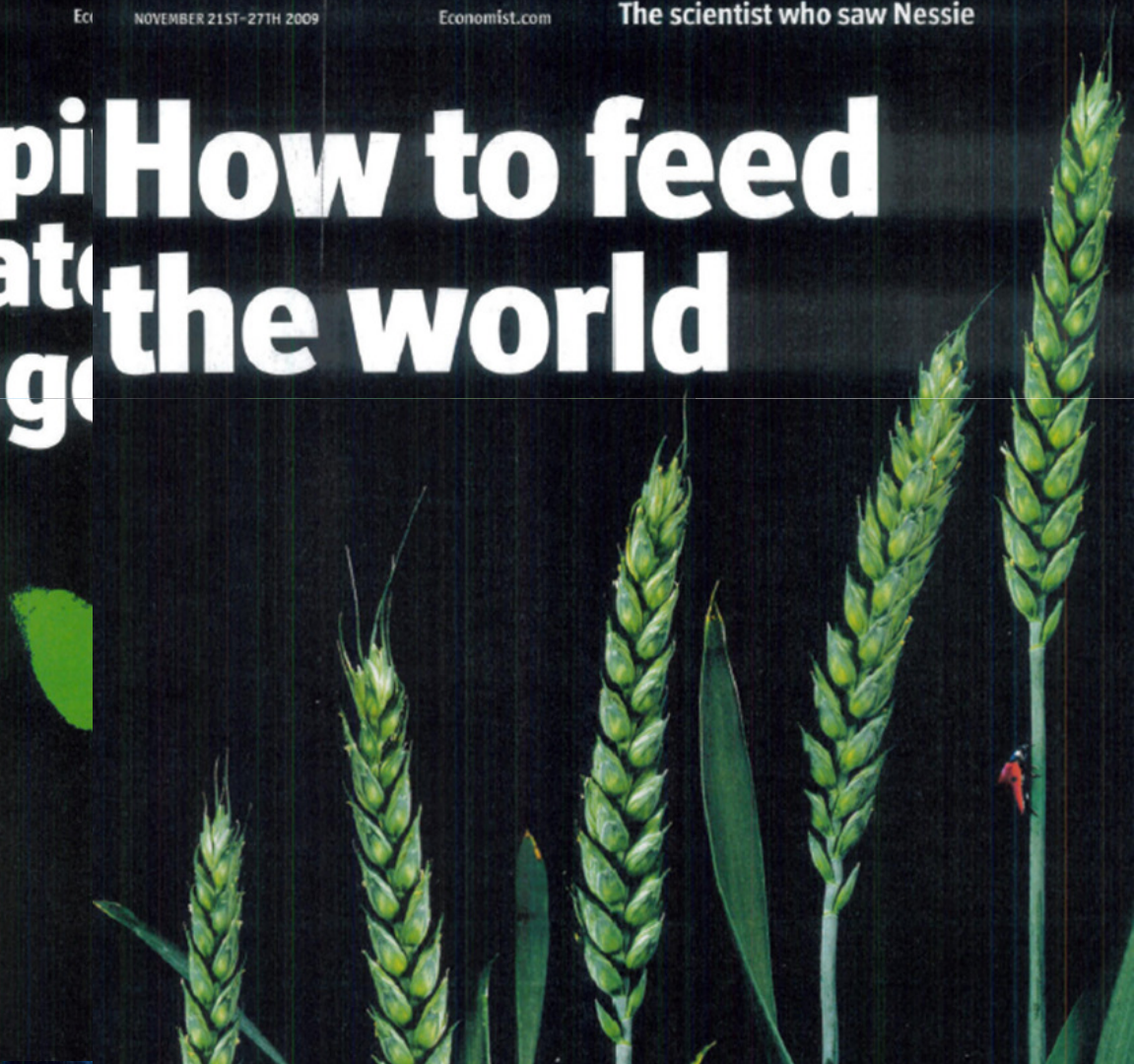
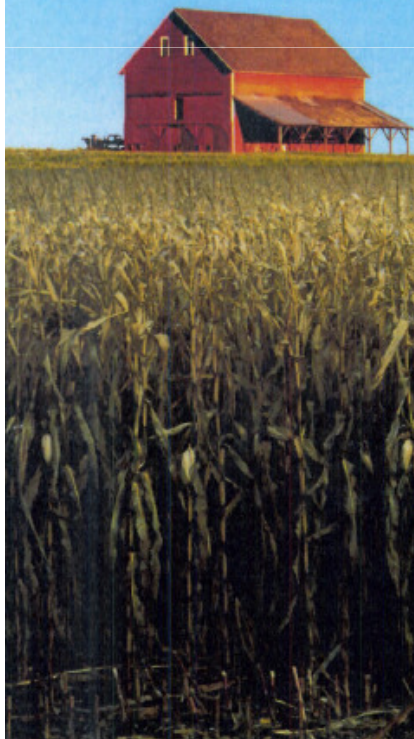
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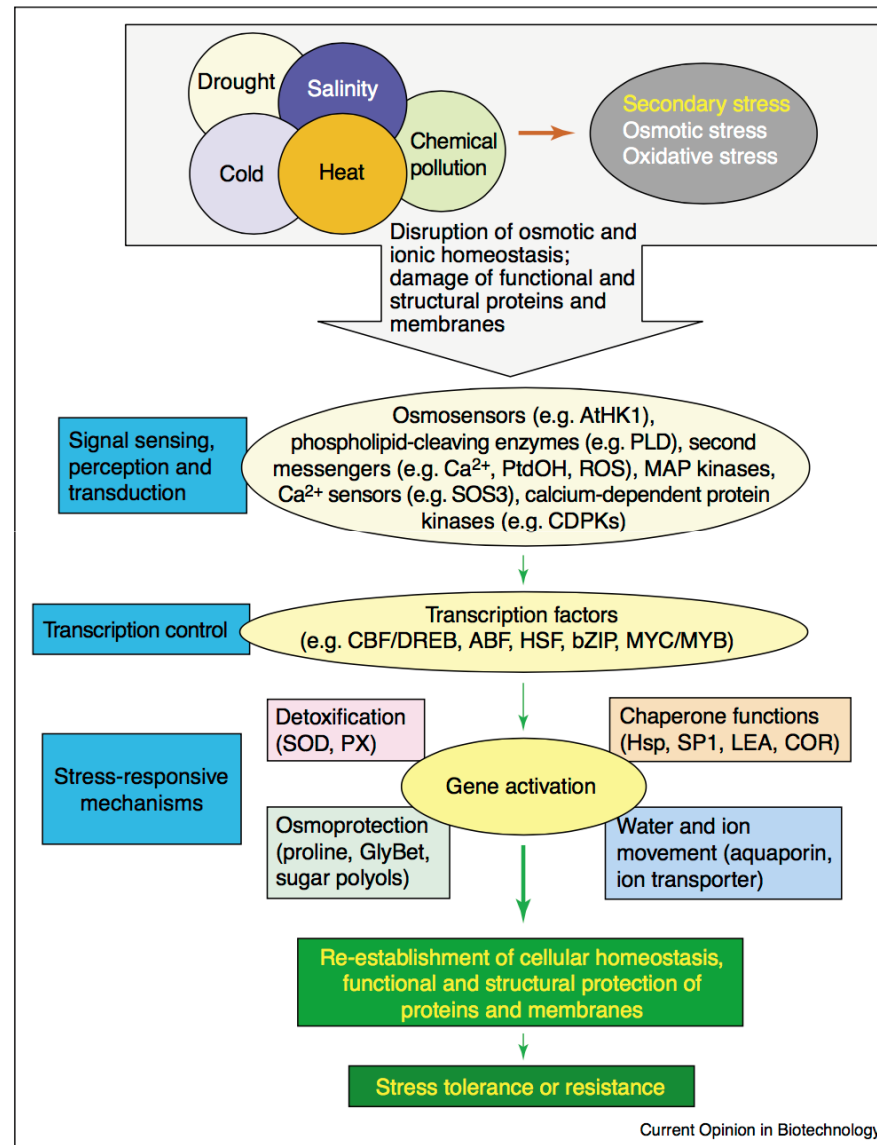
Stopping
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How to feed
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The response to environmental stress is complex



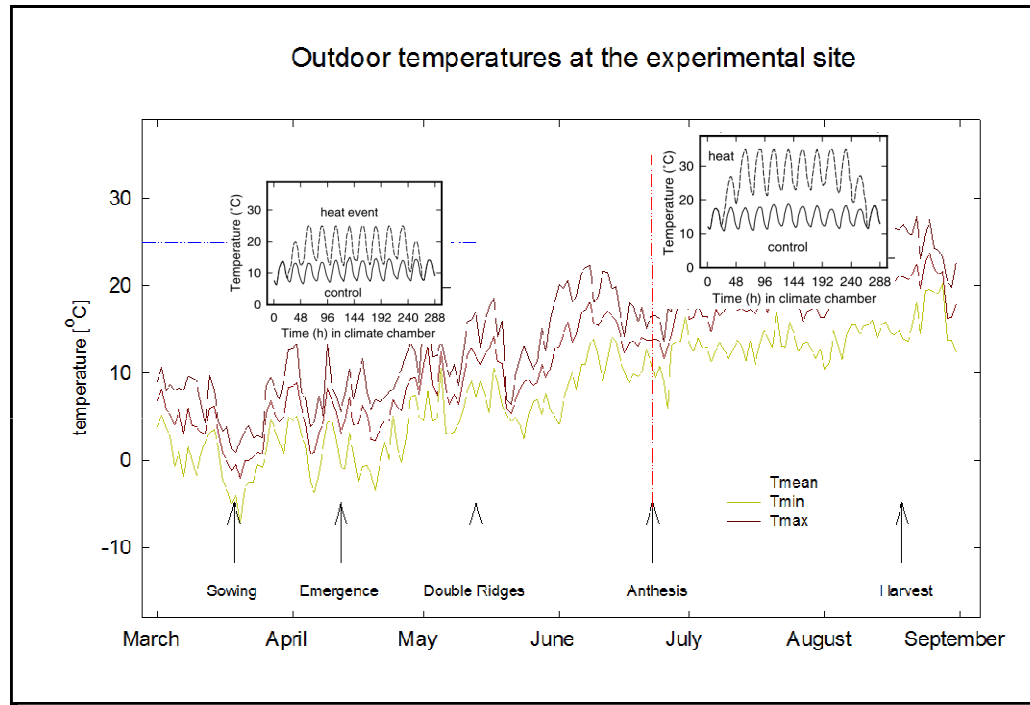
Imposition of stress – Proposition for research

- Biotic stress vs. abiotic stress
- Abiotic Stress Interactions:
 - single vs. multiple stress **events**
 - single vs. multiple stress **types**

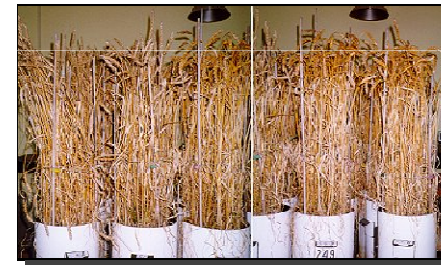
Little is known about the **interaction** of these stresses and the consequences for crop quality

Interaction of high-temperature events

Climate Change, Climatic Variability and Agriculture in Europe:
An integrated Assessment (CLIVARA)



Anthesis



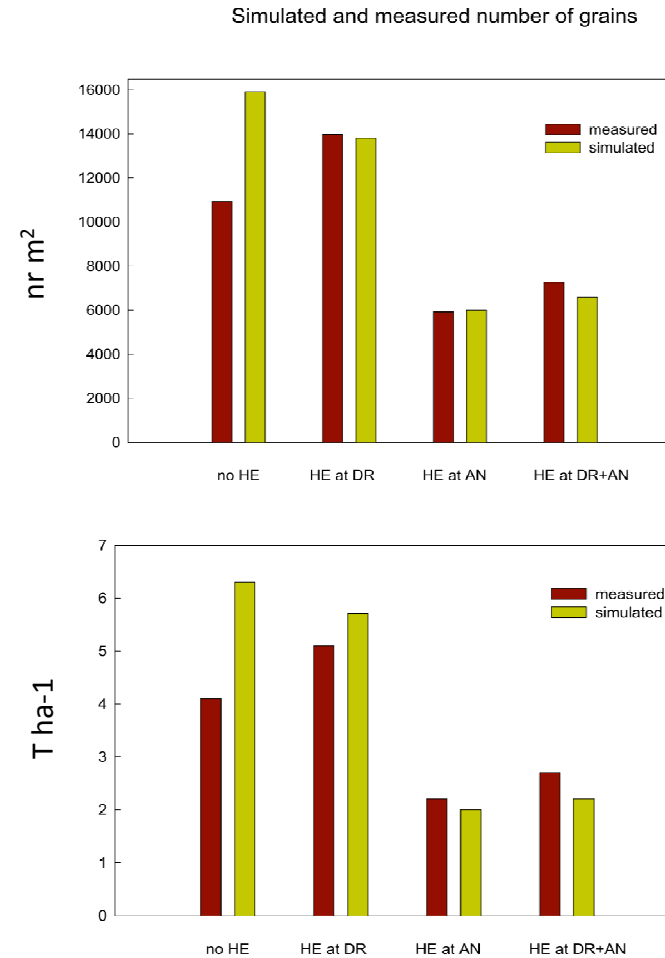
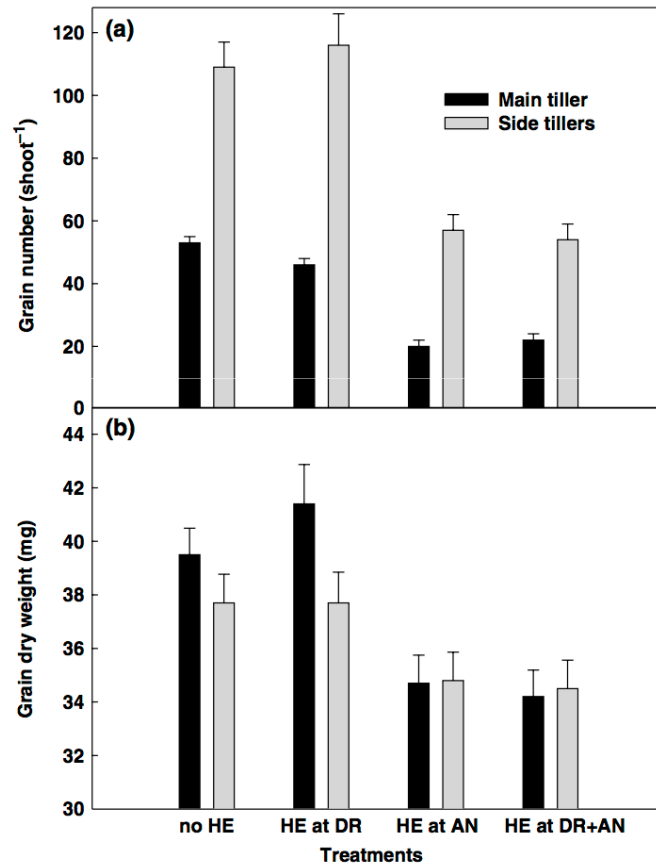
Final harvest



Double-ridge stage
(the spikelet formation
phase, in which two bracts
mark the end of the
spikelet)

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Lack of interaction between extreme high-temperature events at vegetative and reproductive growth stages in wheat.
Wollenweber, B., Schellberg, J. and Porter, J.R. *Journal of Agronomy and Crop Science* 189, 1-11 (2003)

Interaction between stress events & stress types

Water deficits:

Exploring the asynchronous protein metabolism in single kernels of wheat studied by NMR spectroscopy and chemometrics.

Winning, H.; Viereck, N.; Wollenweber, B.; Larsen, F.H.; Jacobsen, S.; Søndergaard, I.; Balling Engelsen, S.

Journal of Experimental Botany 60: 291-300 (2009)

Global dimming:

Long-term low radiation decreases leaf photosynthesis, photochemical efficiency and grain yield in winter wheat.

Mu, H.; Jiang, D.; Wollenweber, B.; Dai, T.; Jing, Q.; Cao, W.

Journal of Agronomy and Crop Science 196: 38-47 (2010)

Effects of shading on morphology, physiology and grain yield of winter wheat.

Li, H.; Jiang, D.; Wollenweber, B.; Dai, T.; Cao, W.

European Journal of Agronomy 33:267-275 (2010)

Waterlogging + water deficits:

Effects of post-anthesis drought and waterlogging on accumulation of high molecular-weight glutenin subunits and glutenin macro polymer content in wheat grain.

Jiang, D, Yue, H., Wollenweber, B., Tan, W., Dai, T., Jing, Q., Cao, W.

Journal of Agronomy and Crop Science 195 (2): 89-97 (2009)

Waterlogging pretreatment during vegetative growth improve tolerance to waterlogging after anthesis in wheat.

Li, C; Jiang, D.; Wollenweber, B.; Li, Y.; Dai, T.; Cao, W.

Plant Science 180: 672-678 (2011)

High-temperature + water deficits:

Implications of high-temperature events and water deficits on protein profiles in wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L. cv. Vinjett) grain.

Yang, F., Dysted Jørgensen, A., Li, H., Søndergaard, I., Finnie, C., Jiang, D., Wollenweber, B., Jacobsen, S.

Proteomics 11: 1684-1695 (2011)

Interaction between stress events & stress types

Temperature-extremes are more important than CO₂-increases for crop yields

Critical temperature thresholds need identification

The study of adaptation to extreme weather conditions requires a more integrated research approach

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The need for an integrated research approach

Despite recent achievements in conventional plant breeding and genomics, the rate of increase of crop yields is declining.

Advances within single disciplines, alone, cannot solve the challenges of increasing yield.

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Advances in Genetics

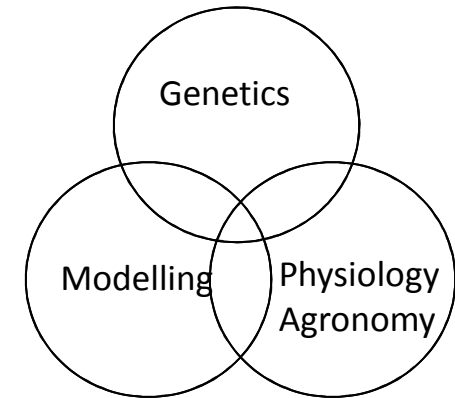
- enhanced marker technology
- enhanced QTL detection methods
- enhanced genotype to phenotype linkages

Advances in Physiology

- the plants perspective (sensing stress)
- complex trait physiology
- prediction of consequences of genetic variation

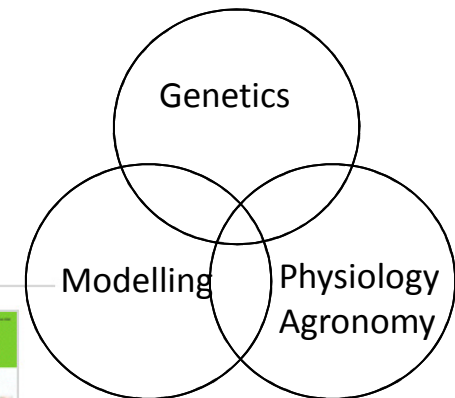
Advances in Modelling

- Climate, agronomical, physiological & biochemical models



The need to understand the effects of gene function on crop performance under various environmental conditions and the processing of this knowledge into robust simulation models

The need for an integrated research approach



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FAO Director-General appeals for second Green Revolution

Vast effort needed to feed billions and safeguard environment

Commentary

Need for multidisciplinary
revolution

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13 September 2006, Rome/San Francisco – FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf today called for a second Green Revolution to feed the world's growing population while preserving natural resources and the environment.

Addressing a meeting of the World Affairs Council of Northern California in San Francisco, Dr Diouf said:

"In the next few decades, a major international effort is needed to feed the world when the population soars from six to nine billion. We might call it a second Green Revolution."

The San Francisco-based World Affairs Council of Northern California, which has 10 000 members, is one of the United States' leading non-governmental fora for discussion and debate of international affairs.



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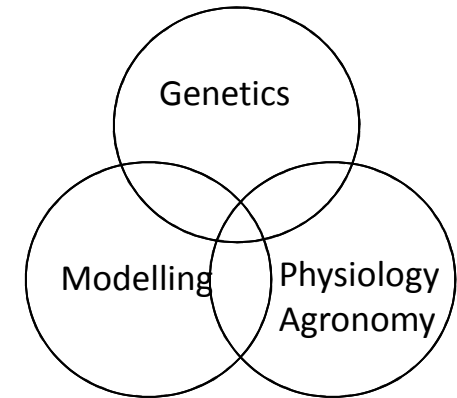
FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf

Implementation – The ‘Heat-Wheat’ project

Strategic research objectives

to exploit synergies between agronomic, physiological and genetic research and crop modeling

to screen for key regulatory processes of adaptation to high-temperature episodes



Key traits

Photosynthesis

Stress response

Grain yield and quality

'Heat-Wheat' project - Framework

Physiology - development of phenotyping tools

Screening for heat stress tolerance

Genetics - QTL's

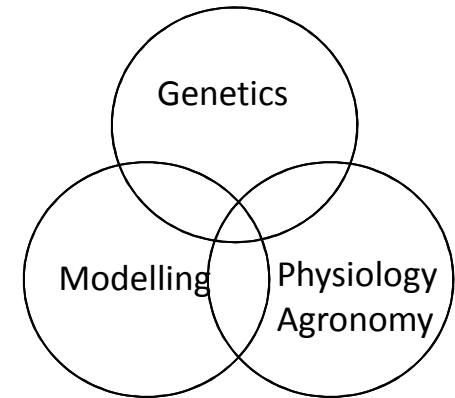
Introduction of genes by marker assisted backcrossing
Detailed mapping of major genes for stress tolerance

Agronomy - Impact assessment

Genotypic stress responses on phenology, yield and quality

Modelling - Impact prediction

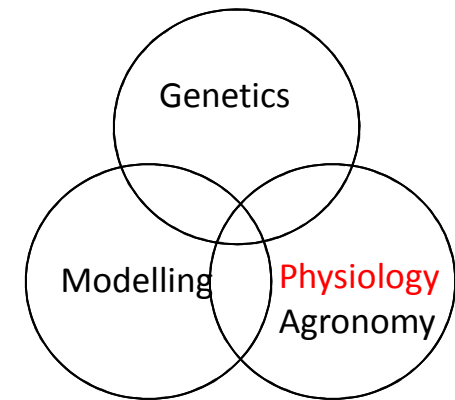
Modeling genotype responses to heat stress



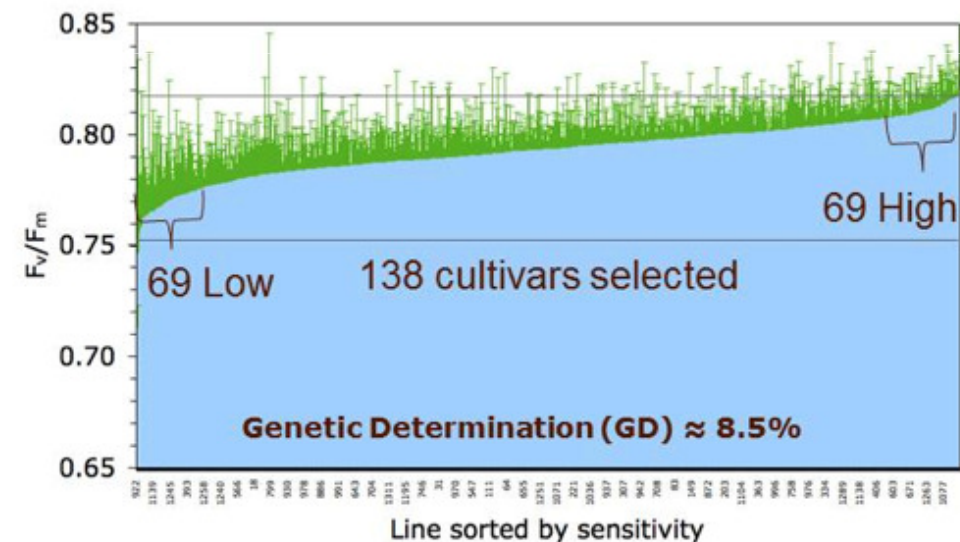
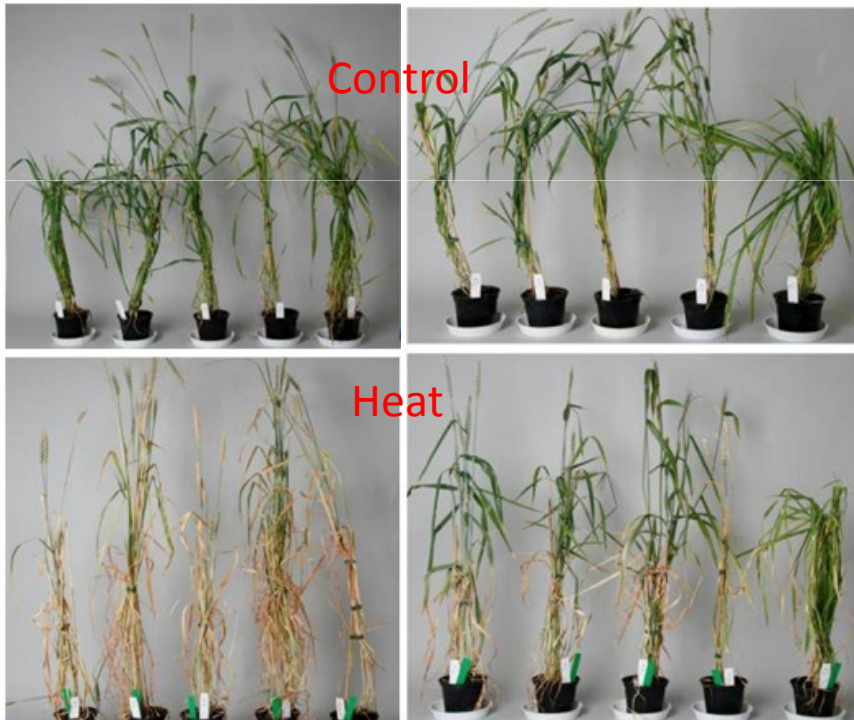
Phenotyping leaves

F_v/F_m (maximum quantum efficiency of PS_{II}) in leaves can be used as a phenotyping tool to screen for heat tolerance

1274 cultivars scanned → 138 → 41 cultivars selected



Lowest Performance Highest

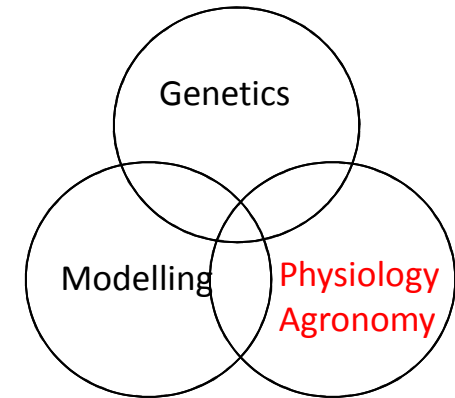


Phenotyping grains

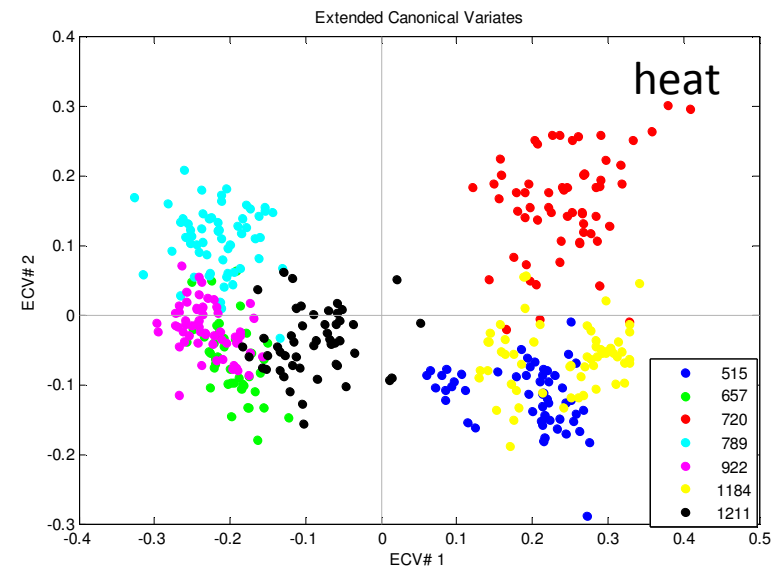
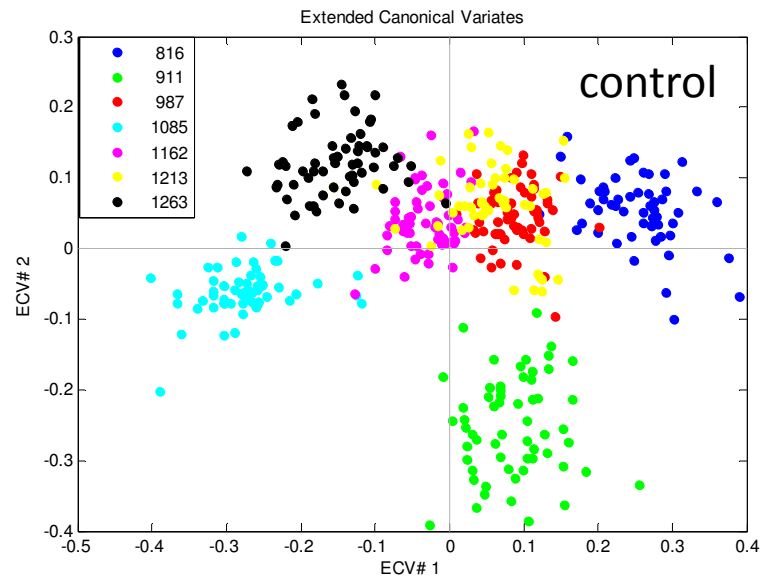
Heat stress effects on phenology and yield

‘Semi-field’ experiments with 140 -> 15 cultivars

Single seed near infrared (NIR) transmission spectroscopy



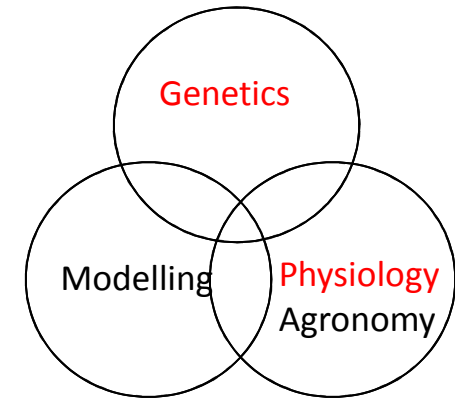
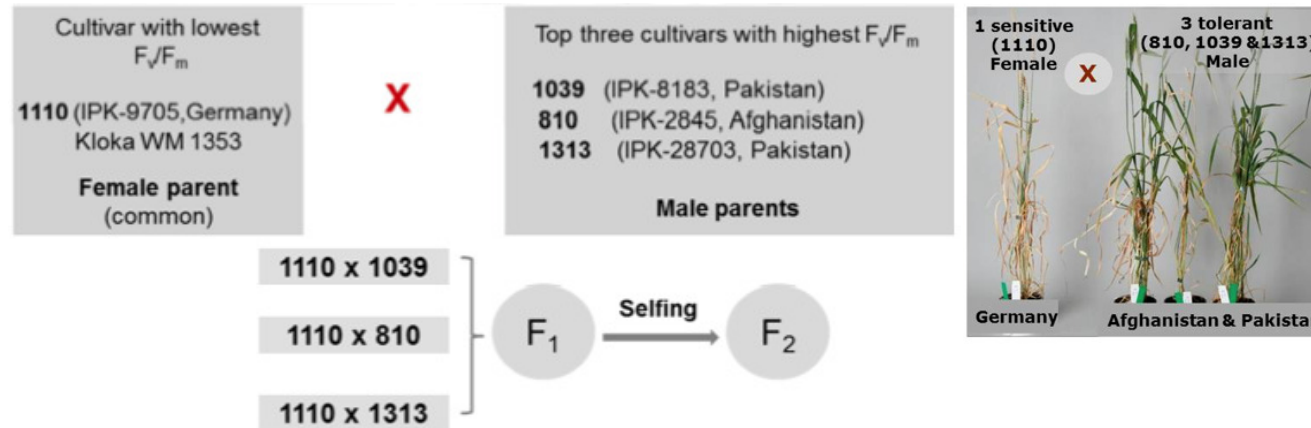
ECVA score plot of two first components of selected samples for control and heat treatments



Identification of extreme winter wheat varieties using single seed near infrared (NIR) diffuse transmission spectroscopy in combination with Puchweins algorithm and extended canonical variates analysis (ECVA). Gislum, R.; Shetty, N.; Jørgensen, J.R.; Wang, X.; Li, H.; Wollenweber, B. *in preparation*

Genetics and Biotechnology

Generation of mapping population



Genotyping -> Linkage analysis -> QTL mapping

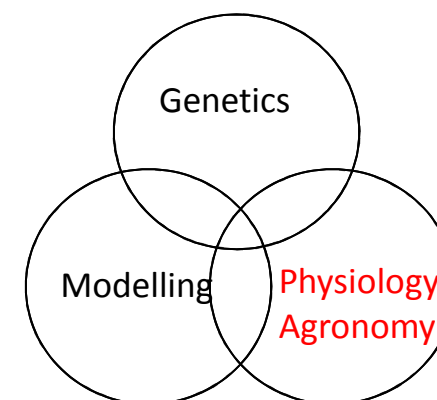
- 3 heat inducible QTLs related to F_v/F_m mapped

Heat stress effects on phenology

Heat stress impact

'Semi-field' experiments 15 cultivars

Field experiment with 9 cultivars



>> Reduction in grain filling duration

Cultivar number	Cultivar name	Source	Geographical origin	Height (cm)	GS31	GS65	GS92		Treatment effect
							Control	Heat	(ΔDays)
810	N/A	IPK	Afghanistan	100	31	53	107	104	-3
490	Balady 16	NGB	Denmark	75	31	54	107	102	-5
1039	C518	IPK	Pakistan	90	29	56	110	105	-5
1110	Kloka WM1353	IPK	Germany	95	28	57	110	102	-8
Taifun	Taifun	NGB	Denmark	64	32	58	112	105	-7
Tercie	Tercie	NGB	Denmark	67	33	58	112	106	-6
Vinjett	Vinjett	NGB	Denmark	76	31	59	107	102	-5
1216	N/A	IPK	Slovakia	94	27	60	114	106	-8
1159	8156 White	IPK	Turkey	76	32	61	115	109	-6
1194	Omskaja 9	IPK	Soviet Union	96	30	64	113	110	-3
882	N/A	IPK	Romania	110	31	64	117	110	-7
579	Postelberger Wechsel St. 61	IPK	Germany	120	33	69	118	111	-7
844	N/A	IPK	Afghanistan	122	35	70	130	118	-12
633	Hörnings Grüne Dame	IPK	Germany	110	40	84	130	123	-7
830	N/A	IPK	Afghanistan	97	42	84	133	125	-8

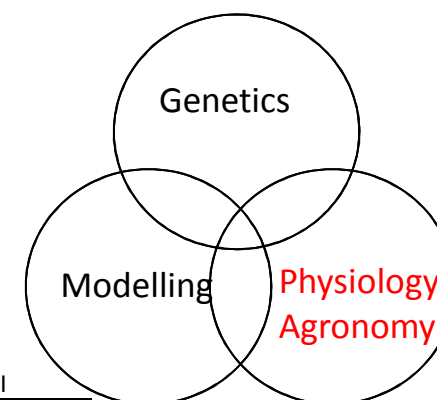
GS31: the start of stem elongation; GS65 is the mid-flowering stage; GS92 is maturity (BBCH scale); expressed as days after sowing (DAS).

Traits in spring wheat cultivars associated with yield loss caused by a heat stress episode after anthesis.
Vignjevic, M.; Wang, X.; Olesen, J.; Wollenweber, B. *Journal of Agronomy and Crop Science* 201: 32-48 (2015)

Heat-stress effects on yield

Genotype response -yield traits

Average **grain weight** (GW, mg dry matter), **grain dry matter yield** (GY, mg plant⁻¹), **grain N yield** (GNY, mg plant⁻¹), **stem water soluble carbohydrates** (S WSC, mg plant⁻¹) and **harvest index** (HI) at maturity.



	TREATMENT EFFECTS					TREATMENT EFFECTS				
	GW	GY	GNY	S WSC	HI	GW	GY	GNY	S WSC	HI
810	47 ^{abc}	1224 ^{de}	247 ^{bcde}	61 ^e	0.52 ^d	-4 ^{ef}	-171 ^{ef}	-73 ^{cd}	-2 ^b	-0.05 ^{bcd}
490	38 ^{fgh}	1044 ^e	287 ^{abcd}	67 ^e	0.48 ^{de}	-1 ^f	-116 ^{ef}	-70 ^{bcd}	296 ^a	-0.12 ^{fg}
1039	52 ^a	1339 ^{cd}	207 ^{ef}	55 ^e	0.49 ^{de}	-12 ^{bc}	-336 ^{cd}	-12 ^{abc}	-12 ^b	-0.06 ^{cde}
1110	36 ^{hi}	1317 ^{cd}	225 ^{de}	120 ^e	0.48 ^{de}	-4 ^{ef}	-164 ^{ef}	-30 ^{abcd}	-16 ^{bc}	-0.13 ^{fg}
Taifun	46 ^{bc}	1489 ^{bc}	291 ^{abc}	63 ^e	0.61 ^{ab}	-12 ^b	-195 ^{ef}	-56 ^{bcd}	-30 ^{bc}	-0.02 ^{abc}
Tercie	39 ^{efgh}	1958 ^a	276 ^{abcd}	35 ^e	0.65 ^a	-9 ^{cd}	-291 ^{def}	-60 ^{bcd}	1 ^b	-0.07 ^{cde}
Vinjett	44 ^{cde}	1677 ^b	320 ^a	42 ^e	0.54 ^{cd}	-16 ^a	-541 ^a	-93 ^{cd}	0 ^b	-0.14 ^g
1216	41 ^{defg}	1499 ^{bc}	240 ^{cde}	101 ^e	0.53 ^{cd}	-13 ^b	-491 ^{bc}	-47 ^{abcd}	-50 ^{bc}	-0.10 ^{def}
1159	39 ^{defgh}	1667 ^b	147 ^{fg}	16 ^f	0.59 ^{bc}	-5 ^{de}	-138 ^{ef}	43 ^a	5 ^b	0.01 ^a
1194	43 ^{cdef}	1571 ^{bc}	300 ^{ab}	224 ^d	0.35 ^h	-18 ^a	-560 ^{ab}	-130 ^d	79 ^b	-0.03 ^{ab}
882	33 ⁱ	1580 ^{bc}	231 ^{cde}	387 ^{bc}	0.44 ^{ef}	-12 ^b	-498 ^{ab}	-62 ^{bcd}	-336 ^d	-0.09 ^{efg}
579	37 ^{ghi}	1209 ^{de}	201 ^{ef}	281 ^d	0.41 ^{fg}	-6 ^{de}	-217 ^{ef}	-21 ^{abc}	-183 ^{cd}	-0.05 ^{bcd}
844	44 ^{bcd}	1320 ^{cd}	186 ^{efg}	1607 ^a	0.36 ^{gh}	7 ^g	-118 ^f	32 ^{ab}	-1033^f	-0.02 ^{abc}
633	49 ^{ab}	1202 ^{de}	188 ^{efg}	1292 ^b	0.32 ^h	-10 ^{bc}	-248 ^{de}	-21 ^{abc}	-851 ^e	-0.02 ^{abcd}
830	50 ^{ab}	1097 ^{de}	138 ^g	1536 ^a	0.36 ^{gh}	-15 ^{ab}	-558 ^{ab}	-28 ^{abcd}	-240 ^d	-0.15 ^g

Also highest reduction in grain filling duration

Traits in spring wheat cultivars associated with yield loss caused by a heat stress episode after anthesis.
Vignjevic, M.; Wang, X.; Olesen, J.; Wollenweber, B. *Journal of Agronomy and Crop Science* 201: 32-48 (2015)

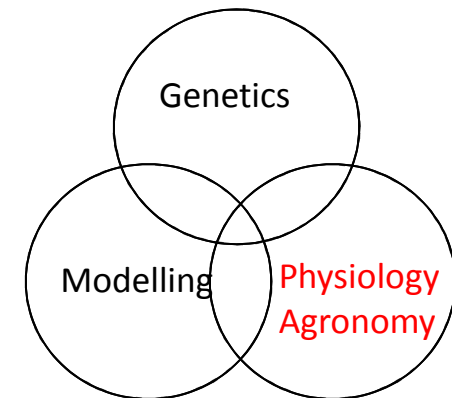
Heat-stress effects on photosynthesis

Effects of heat stress on net photosynthetic CO₂ assimilation rate (Pn), stomatal conductance (gs), transpiration rate (Tr), and chlorophyll content (SPAD) in leaves

Varieties	Pn		gs		Tr		Chl content	
	Control	Heat	Control	Heat	Control	Heat	Control	Heat
490	20.1a ^A	12.0bcd ^B	0.74a ^A	0.34b ^B	2.0cd ^B	3.9fg ^A	53.0a ^A	41.1d ^B
579	13.5c ^A	9.6d ^B	0.26b ^A	0.35b ^A	2.0cd ^B	7.3bc ^A	49.2b ^A	44.7c ^B
633	13.5c ^A	8.4d ^B	0.40b ^A	0.59ab ^A	4.2b ^B	8.0b ^A	39.8c ^A	30.5e ^B
810	17.4ab ^A	18.7a ^A	0.51ab ^A	0.74a ^A	5.9a ^B	11.9a ^A	49.9b ^A	47.9b ^A
1039	15.2bc ^A	1.6e ^B	0.42b ^A	0.03c ^B	2.6cd ^A	0.8h ^B	48.7b ^A	32.1e ^B
1110	13.5c ^A	12.1bcd ^A	0.33b ^A	0.36b ^A	1.6cd ^B	3.3g ^A	48.4b ^A	47.6b ^A
1159	13.7c ^A	10.3cd ^B	0.38b ^A	0.25bc ^A	3.0bc ^A	4.3efg ^A	49.8b ^A	42.5d ^B
Taifun	11.7c ^B	15.6ab ^A	0.20b ^A	0.35b ^A	1.2d ^B	5.9cde ^A	53.8a ^A	51.2a ^B
Terice	12.7c ^A	11.4cd ^A	0.45b ^A	0.42b ^A	2.2cd ^B	6.2bcd ^A	54.3a ^A	50.4a ^B
Vinjett	13.1c ^A	13.9bc ^A	0.21b ^B	0.48ab ^A	1.8cd ^B	5.2def ^A	49.2b ^A	42.0d ^B
<i>Varieties</i>	***		**		***		***	
<i>Treatments</i>	***		ns		***		***	
<i>Varieties × Treatments</i>	***		**		***		***	

Pn (μmol CO₂ m⁻² s⁻¹); gs (mol H₂O m⁻² s⁻¹); Tr (mmol H₂O m⁻² s⁻¹); Chl content (SPAD: Soil Plant Analysis Development meter value). Data are means of the three biological replicates (n=3). Different lowercase letters denote statistically significant differences (P<0.05) among varieties as analysed by Duncan's Multiple Range Test. Different superscript uppercase letters indicate statistically significant differences (P<0.05) between control and heat treatment within the same variety. **: significant difference at P<0.01. ***: significant difference at P<0.001. ns: no significant difference.

Decrease Increase

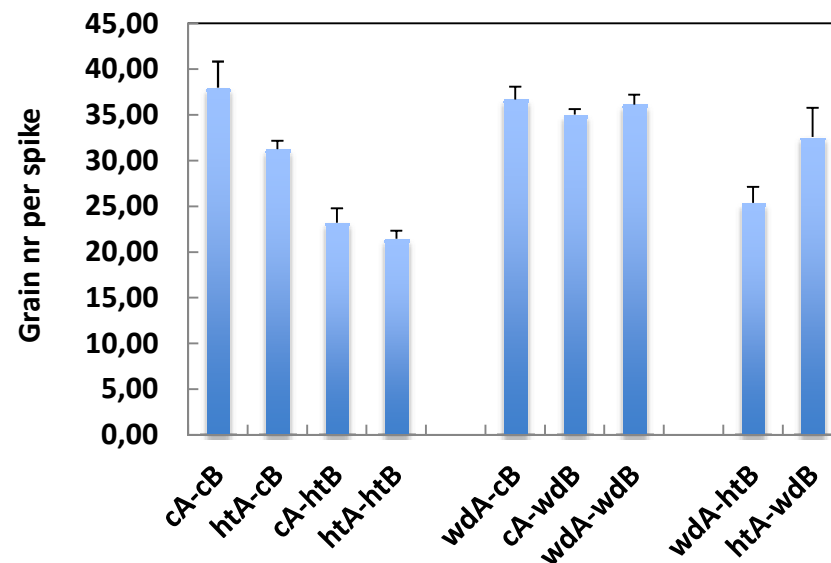
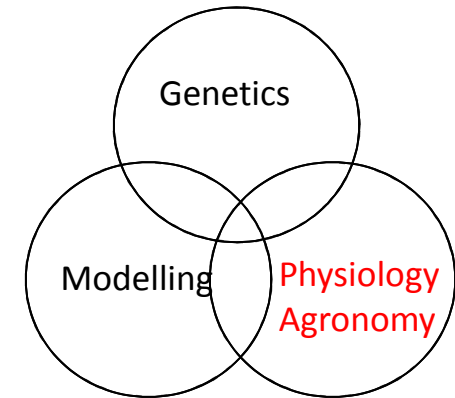


Multiple stress events and multiple stress types

Treatments

c: control; **wd:** water deficits; **ht:** high temperature

Treatments were applied at end of spikelet initiation (**A**) and/or anthesis (**B**)

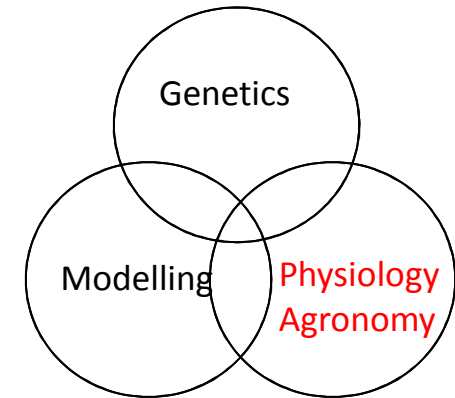
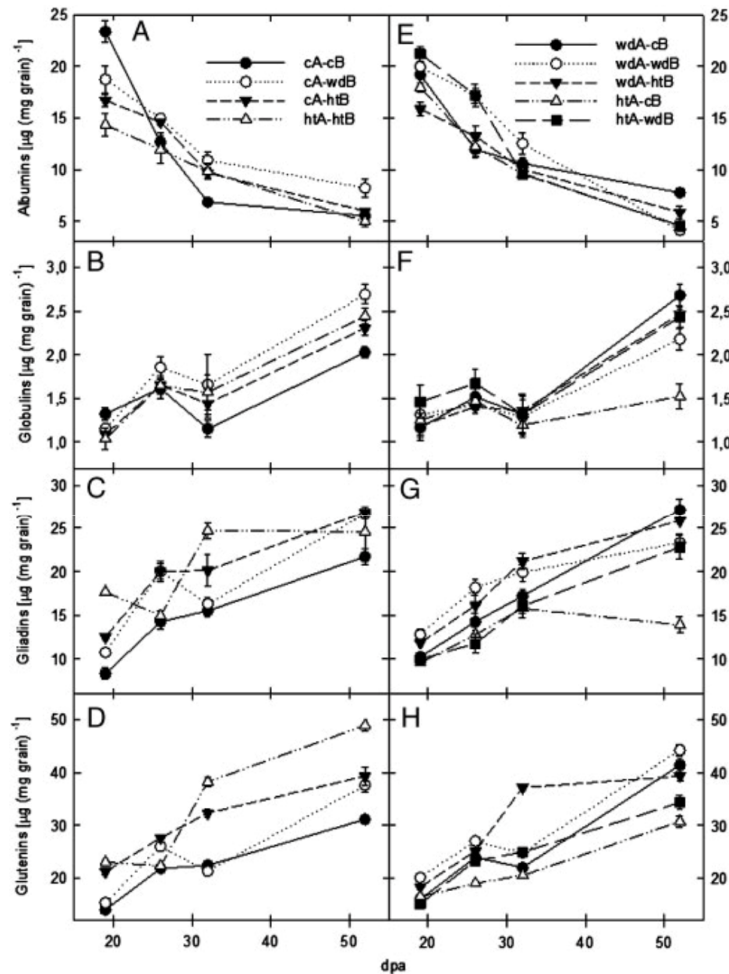


Changes in grain nr

Conclusions

Heat had a larger impact than drought
Larger impact when applied at anthesis
Drought - no significant differences

Multiple stress events and multiple stress types



Changes in grain protein fractions

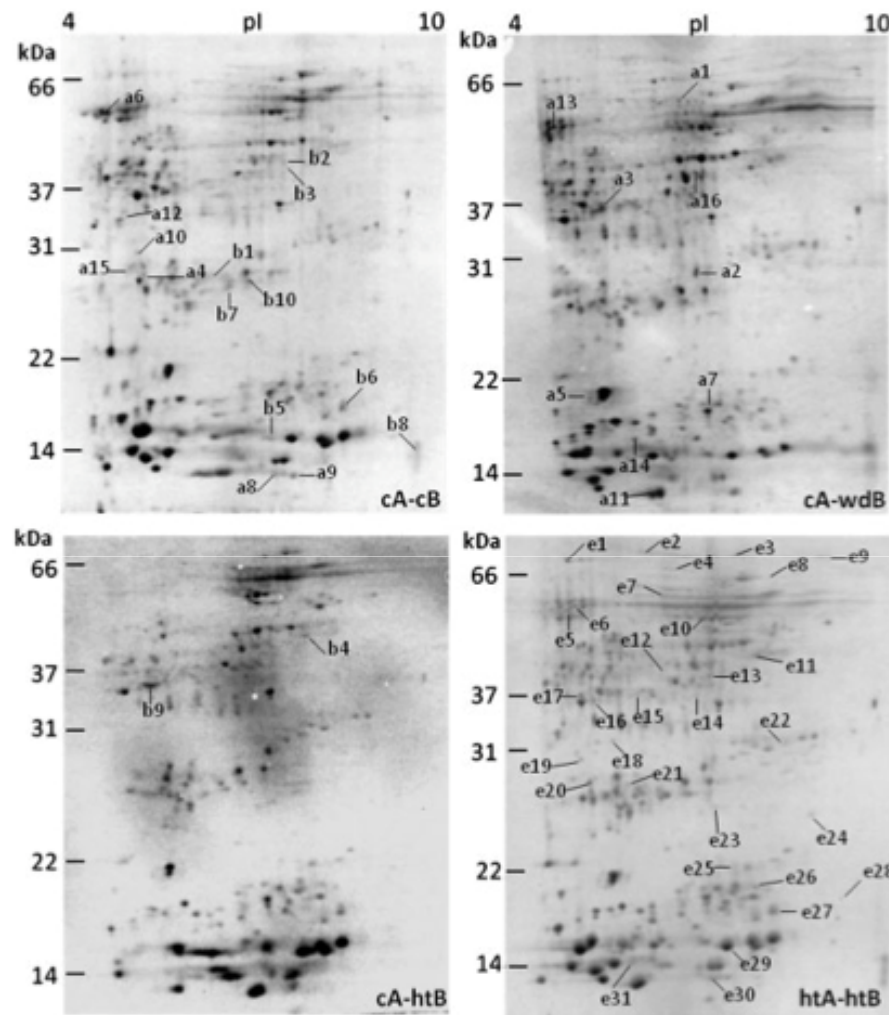
Conclusions

Albumin, globulin and gliadin contents:
Stress combinations did not have a significant effect compared to individually applied stresses

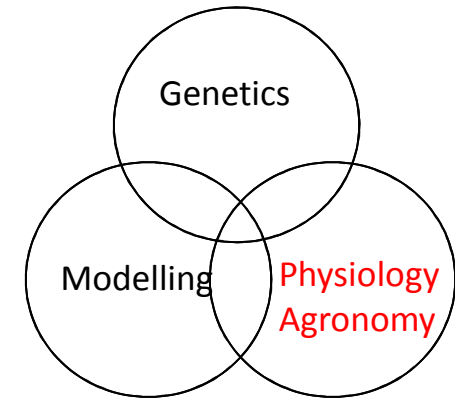
Stress combinations resulted in significantly higher contents of glutenins than in the single stress treatments

Accumulation of albumins, globulins, gliadins and glutenins in wheat grains under high- temperature and/or water-deficits applied at terminal spikelet and/or anthesis.

Multiple stress events and multiple stress types



2-DE gels of the **albumin** fraction from wheat grains
Treatments: cA-cB cA-wdB cA-htB htA-htB



Changes in grain albumin fraction

Conclusions

Changes in grain protein contents strongly depended on the type of stress interactions applied

Identified proteins responsive to stress episodes play roles in:
anti-desiccation,
anti-oxidation,
carbohydrate metabolism

Priming

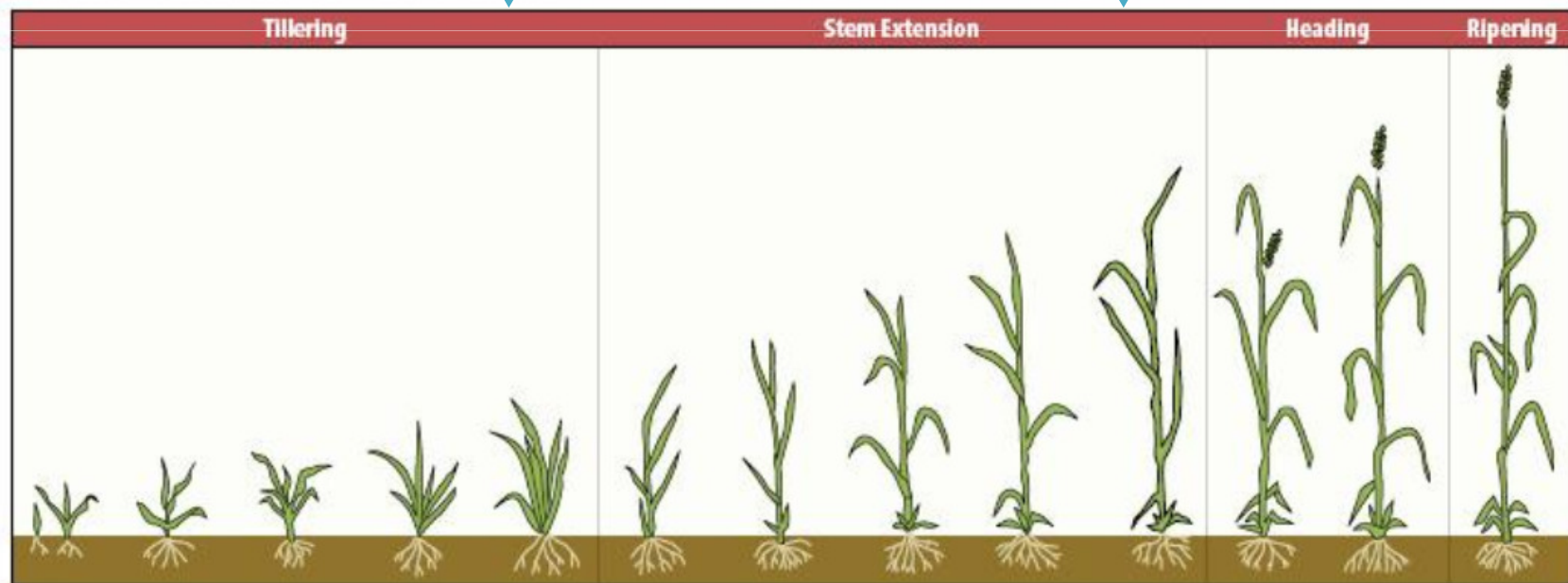
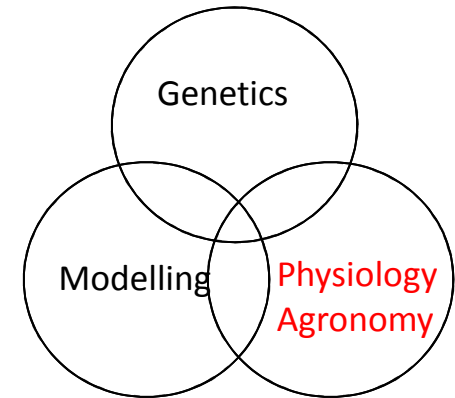
Beneficial interaction of multiple stress events?

Pre-exposure to mild drought stress during vegetative growth

NN: Non-primed

NP: Priming at stem-elongation

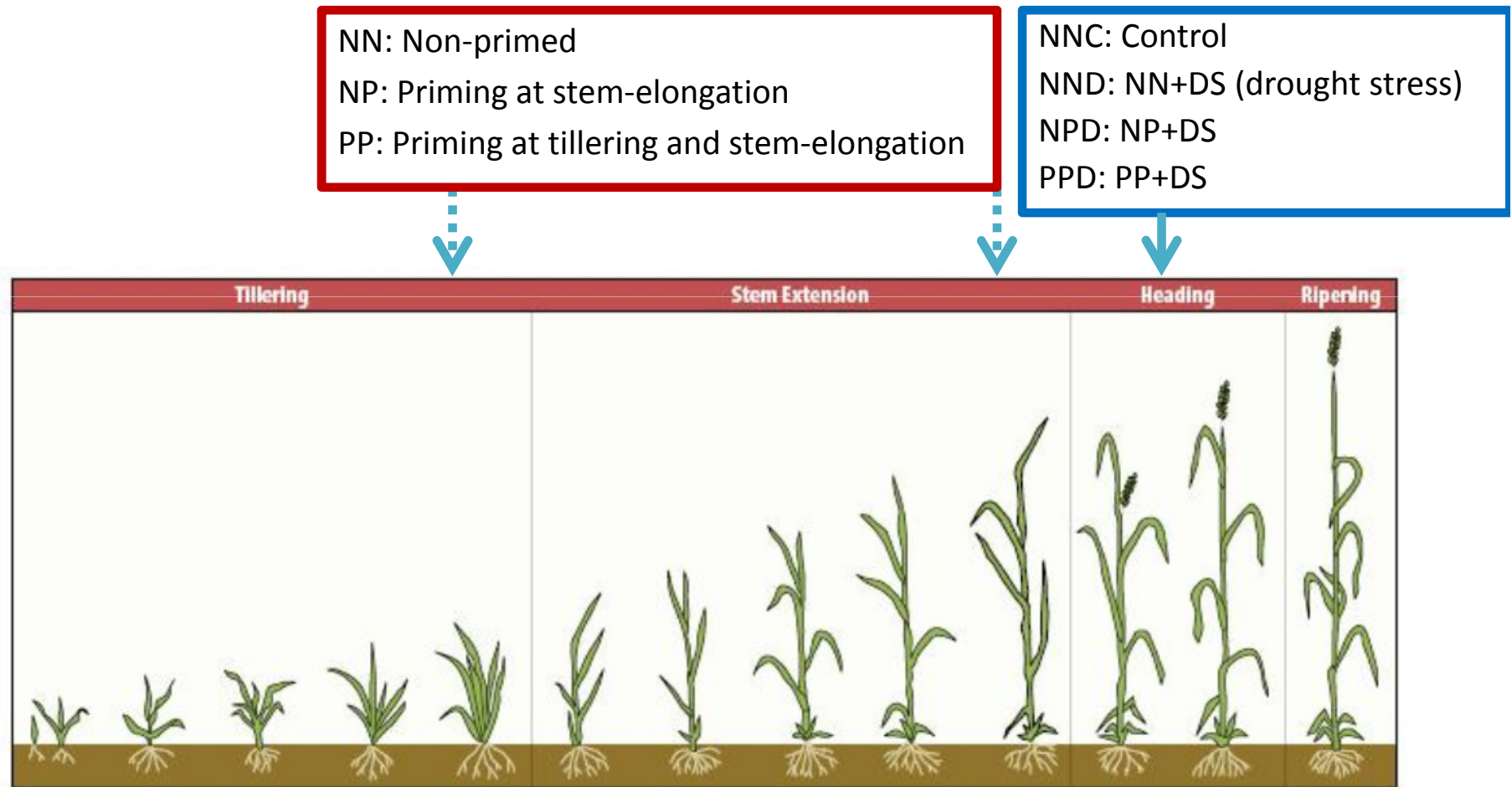
PP: Priming at tillering and stem-elongation



Priming

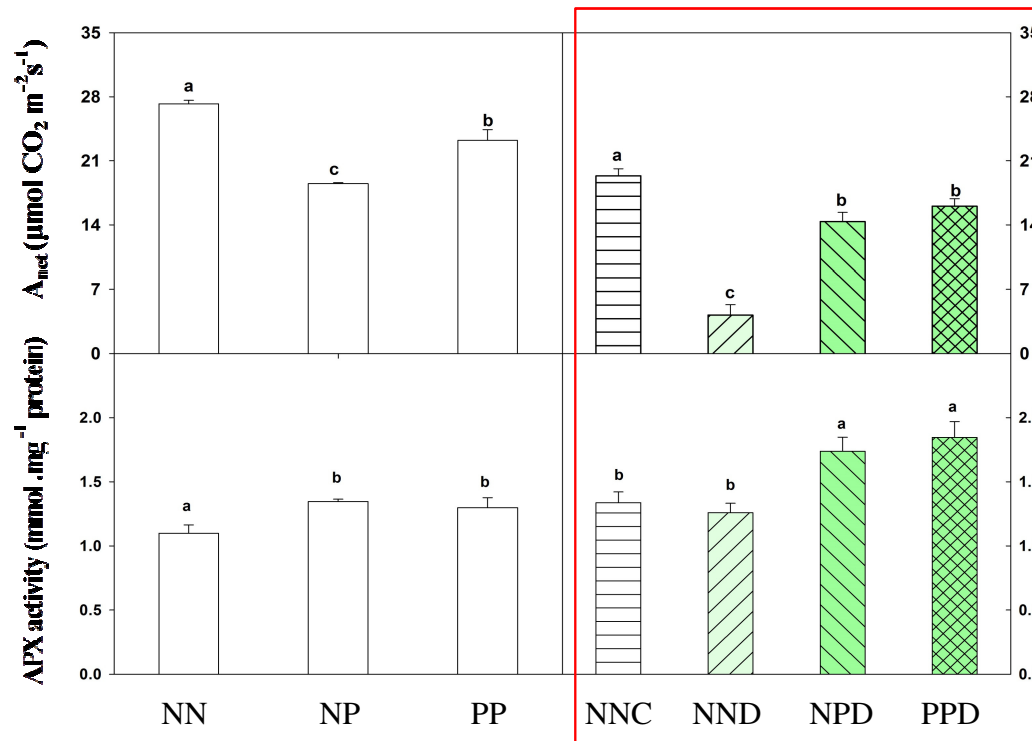
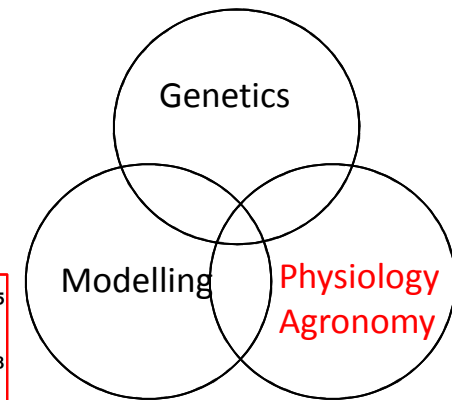
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Pre-exposure to mild stress during vegetative growth → effects on stress after anthesis



Priming

Primed plants improved photosynthesis and ROS scavenging efficiency under drought stress



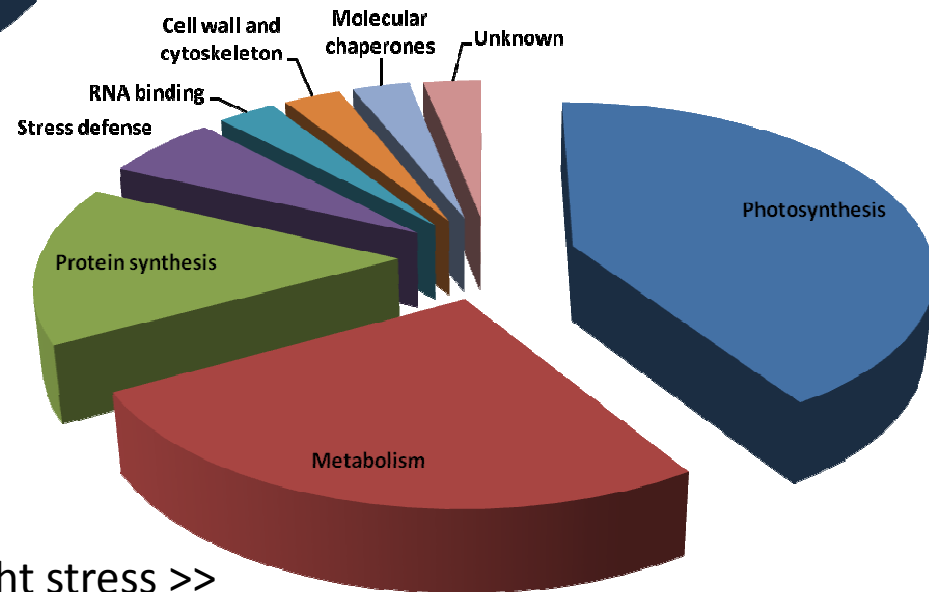
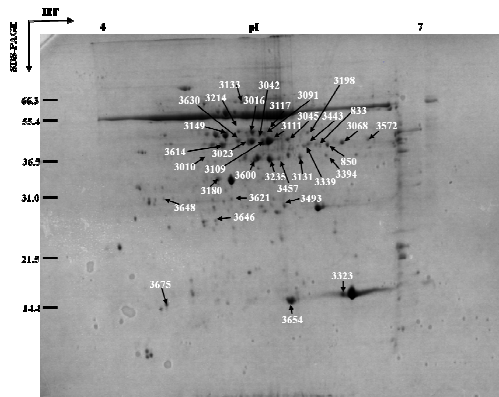
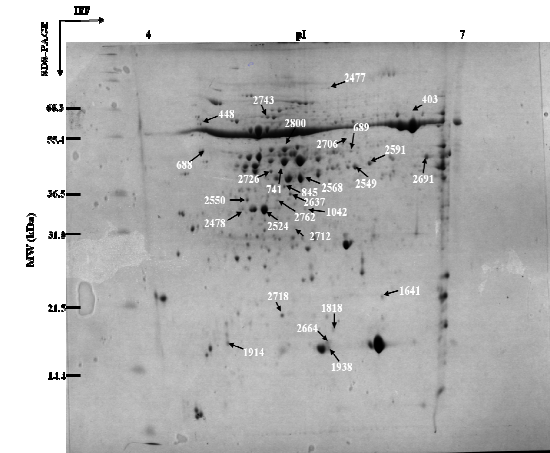
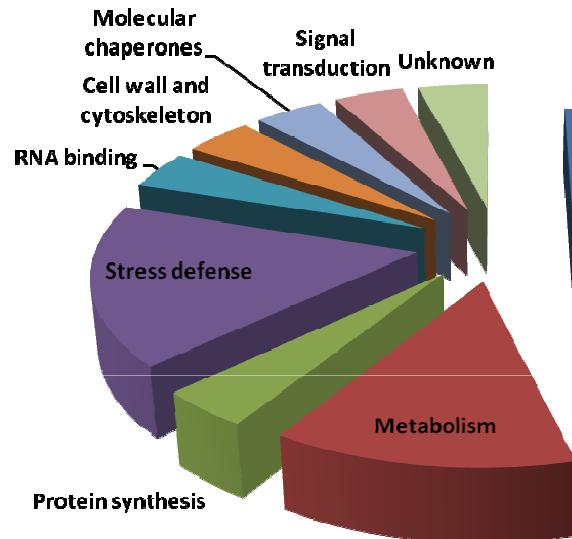
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Priming

Differently expressed leaf proteins in primed plants

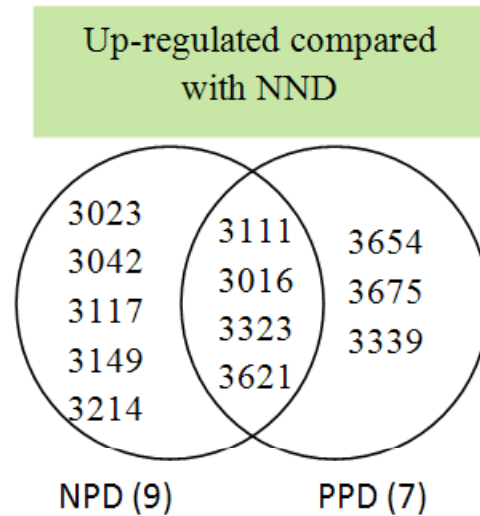
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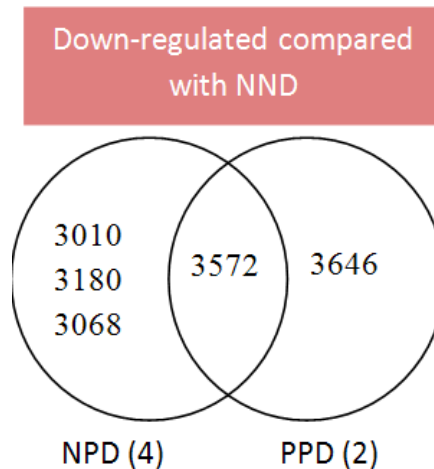
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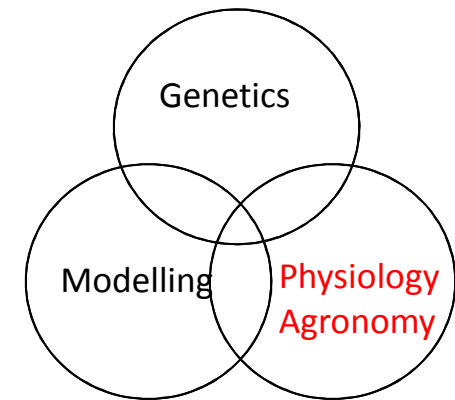
Primed plants modified protein expression



Rubisco activase
 Rubisco small subunit
 Ascorbate peroxidase



Cytosol fructose biphosphate aldolase
 Plastid glutamine synthetase isoform GS2c
 Oxygen-evolving enhancer protein 1



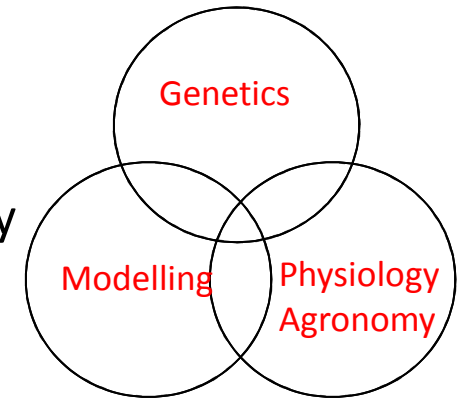
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'Heat-Wheat' project - Conclusions

Physiology - Phenotyping tools established

Screening for heat stress with F_v/F_m

Single seed near infrared (NIR) transmission spectroscopy



Genetics - QTL's

3 heat inducible QTLs related to F_v/F_m mapped

Agronomy - Impact assessment

Genotype responses to heat and drought stress & combinations

Priming might have the potential to contribute to enhanced tolerance

Modeling - Impact prediction

Modeling genotype response to changes in temperature

Final 'take-home' message



To tackle the challenges facing society (energy, water, climate, food, health), **scientists and social scientists must work together.**

Yet research that transcends traditional academic boundaries is still unfashionable and poorly rewarded.

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