

Combining a Process Based Model with Machine Learning for Potato Yield Prediction in Prince Edward Island, Canada

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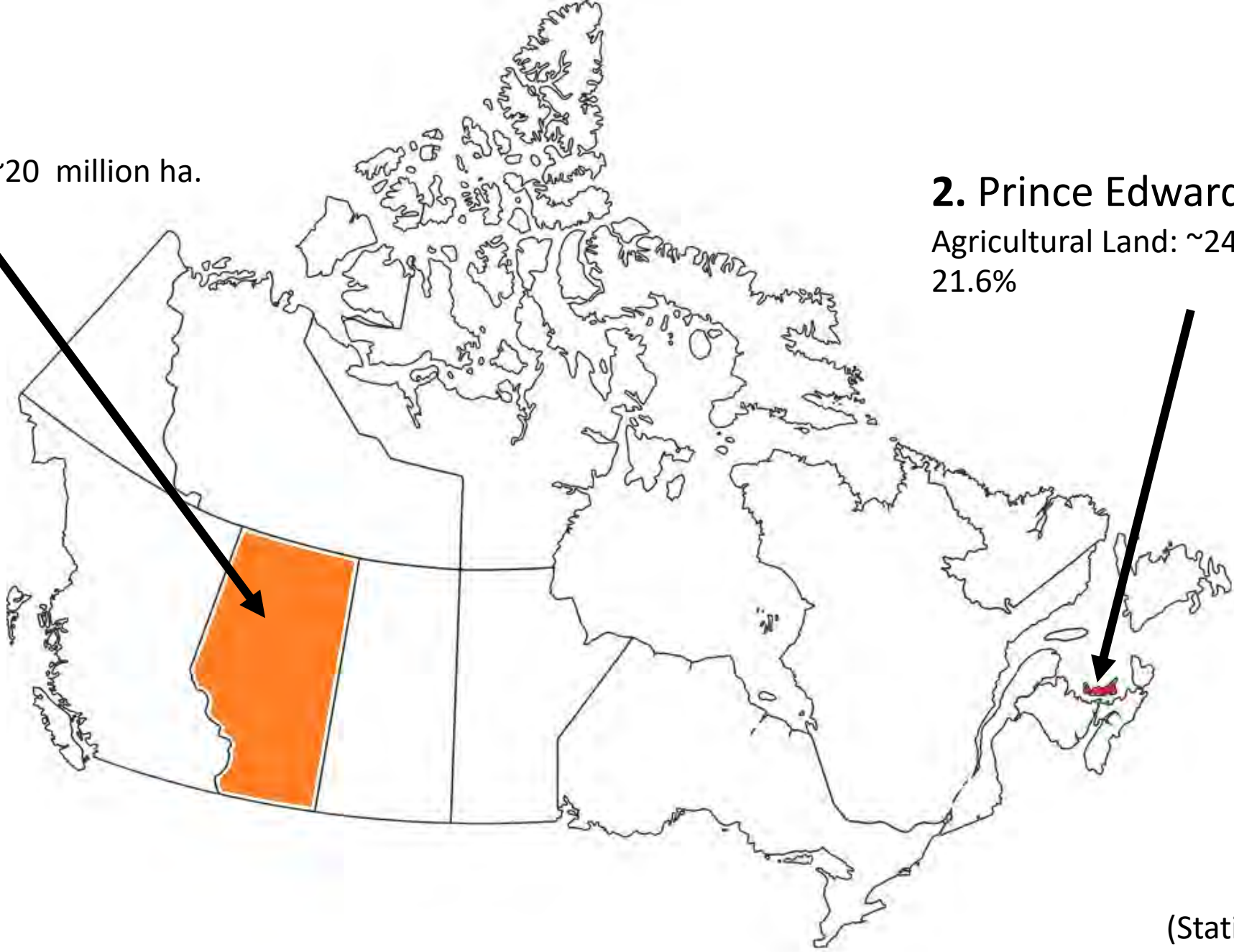
1. Alberta

Agricultural Land: ~20 million ha.
21.8%



2. Prince Edward Island

Agricultural Land: ~24,000 ha.
21.6%



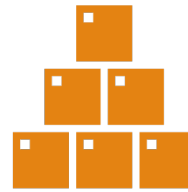
(Statistics Canada, 2022)

Potato Production in Prince Edward Island



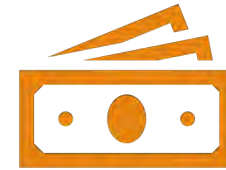
24.2%

of all land area



84%

of total exported
agrifood
products



10.8%

of the GDP

(Maqsood et al., 2020)

CFIA finds potato wart in 2 Prince Edward Island fields

Discovery has led to temporary suspension of seed potato export

Nancy Russell · CBC News · Posted: Dec 02, 2020 5:00 PM AST | Last Updated: Dec 02, 2020 5:00 PM AST



P.E.I. potato farmers worried excess n caused by Fiona may damage crops

Potato Board says three warehouses lost entire roofs during storm

Arturo Chang · CBC News · Posted: Sep 29, 2022 1:23 PM ADT | Last Updated: Sep 29, 2022 1:23 PM ADT



Record broken as P.E.I. enters 5th day of heat wave



Kevin Yarr · CBC News · Posted: Jul 25, 2022 7:53 AM ADT | Last Updated: July 25, 2022 7:53 AM ADT



<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/pei-heat-wave-july-2022-1.6530900#:~:text=The%20temperature%20at%20Charlottetown%20Airport,about%20%20C%20above%20normal>

Potato growers 'very concerned' by P.E.I. drought



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P.E.I. potato harvest yields fewer sp

Sara Fraser · CBC News · Posted: Oct 29, 2020 5:21 PM ADT | Last Updated: Oct 29, 2020 5:21 PM ADT



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Maritime farmers holding breath as record-dry spring wrings region

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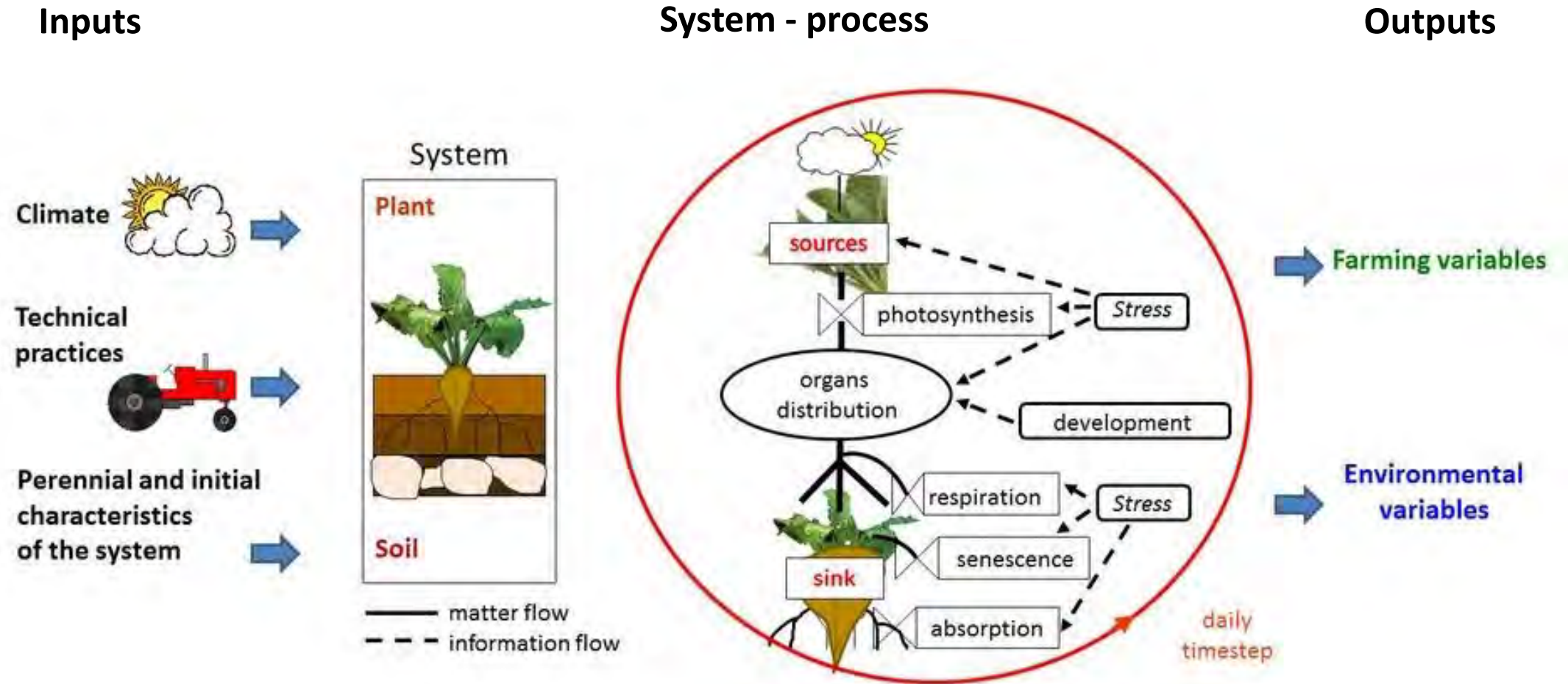
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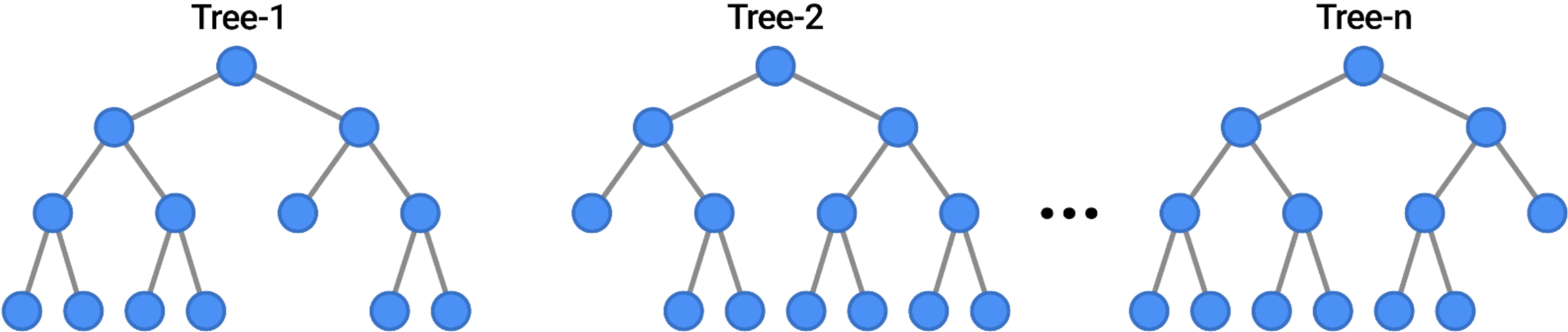
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(Brisson et al., 2003)

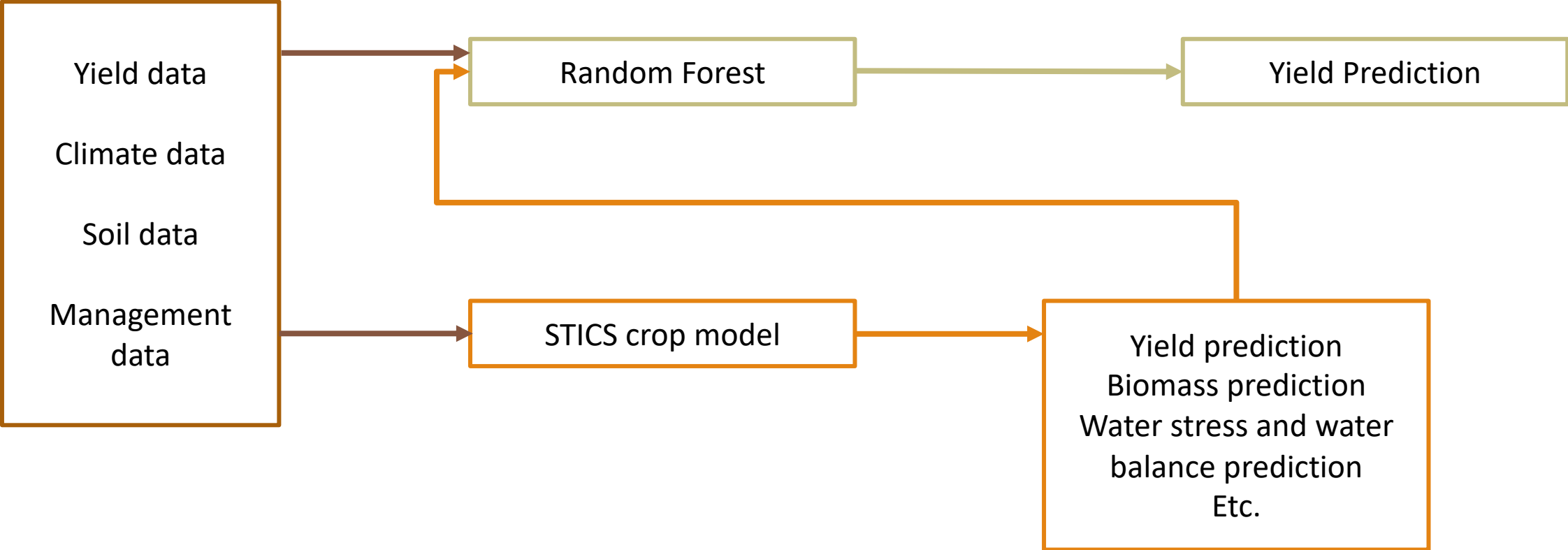
Random Forest (RF)

EXAMPLES



(Breiman, 2001)

Hybrid Approach



From Shahhosseini et al. (2021) Concept Framework

Research Questions



Can a crop model calibrated on research farm data be used for industrial fields?



Can Random Forest predict the yield of unseen fields-years?



Will a hybrid approach improve model performance?

Industrial Farm Data

Provided by Matt Ramsay
Oyster Cove Farms, Prince County, PEI
46°29'N, 63°42' W
2015-2021, excluding 2018



STICS Calibrated Model

- Morissette et al., 2016
- Calibrated and evaluated on research fields
- Russet Burbank
- Ste. Foy, Quebec and Fredericton, New Brunswick
- 2012-2013
- Crop Coefficient

Two Options for Water Balance Calculation:

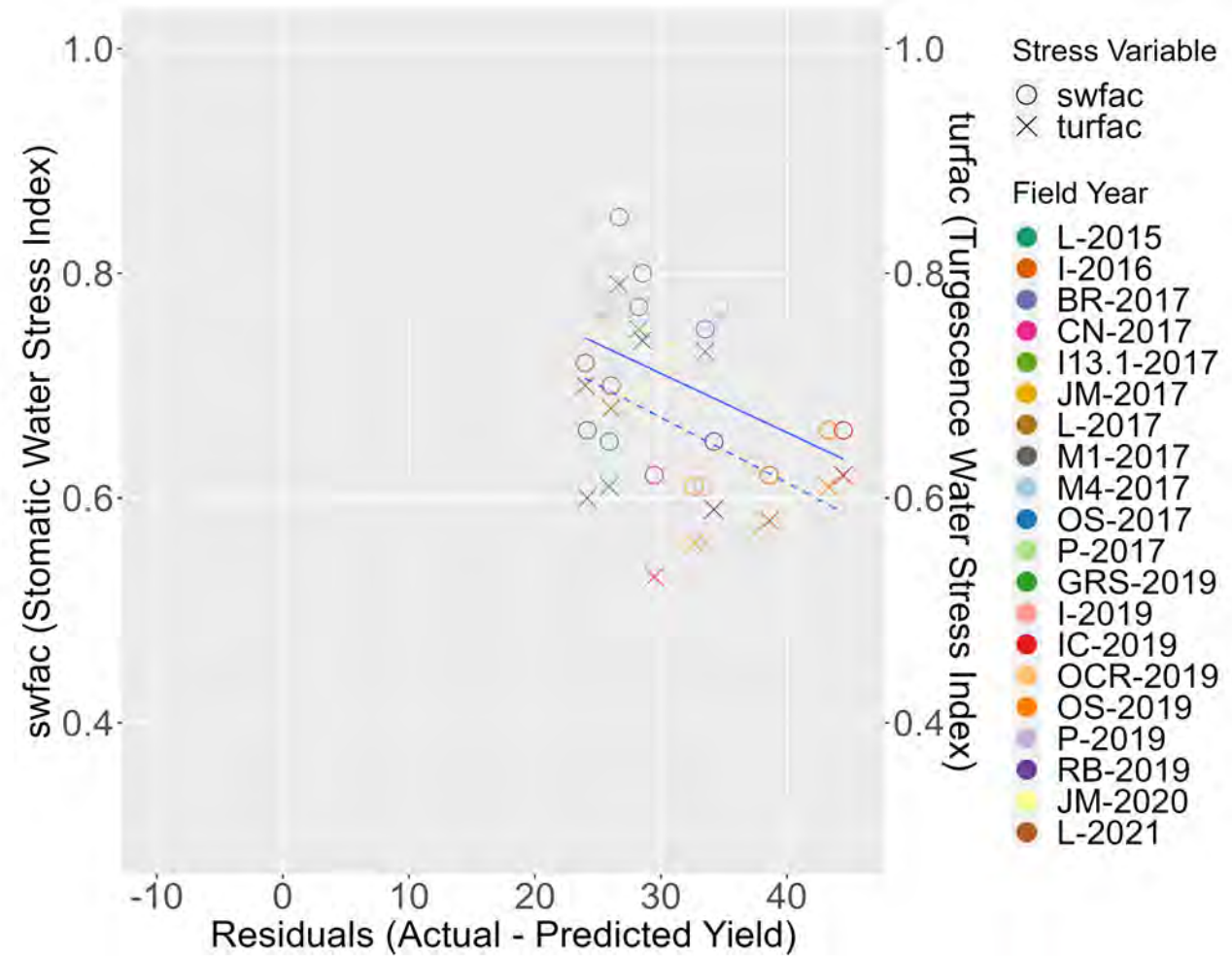
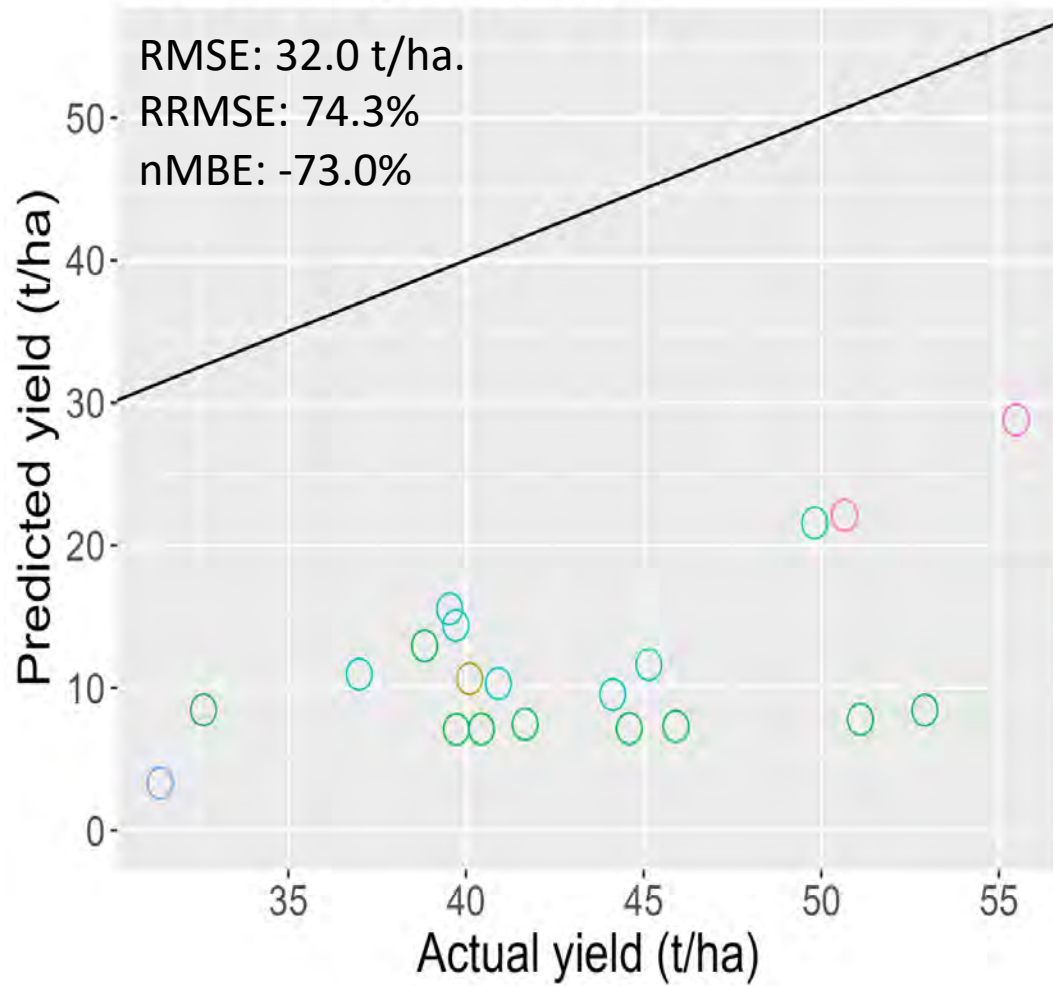
1. Crop Coefficient

- Simplified
- Reference crop evapotranspiration x Crop Coefficient

2. Resistance Approach

- More sophisticated
- Based on energy balance
- Soil evaporation and crop water requirement calculated separately

STICS with Crop Coefficient on Industrial Farm Data

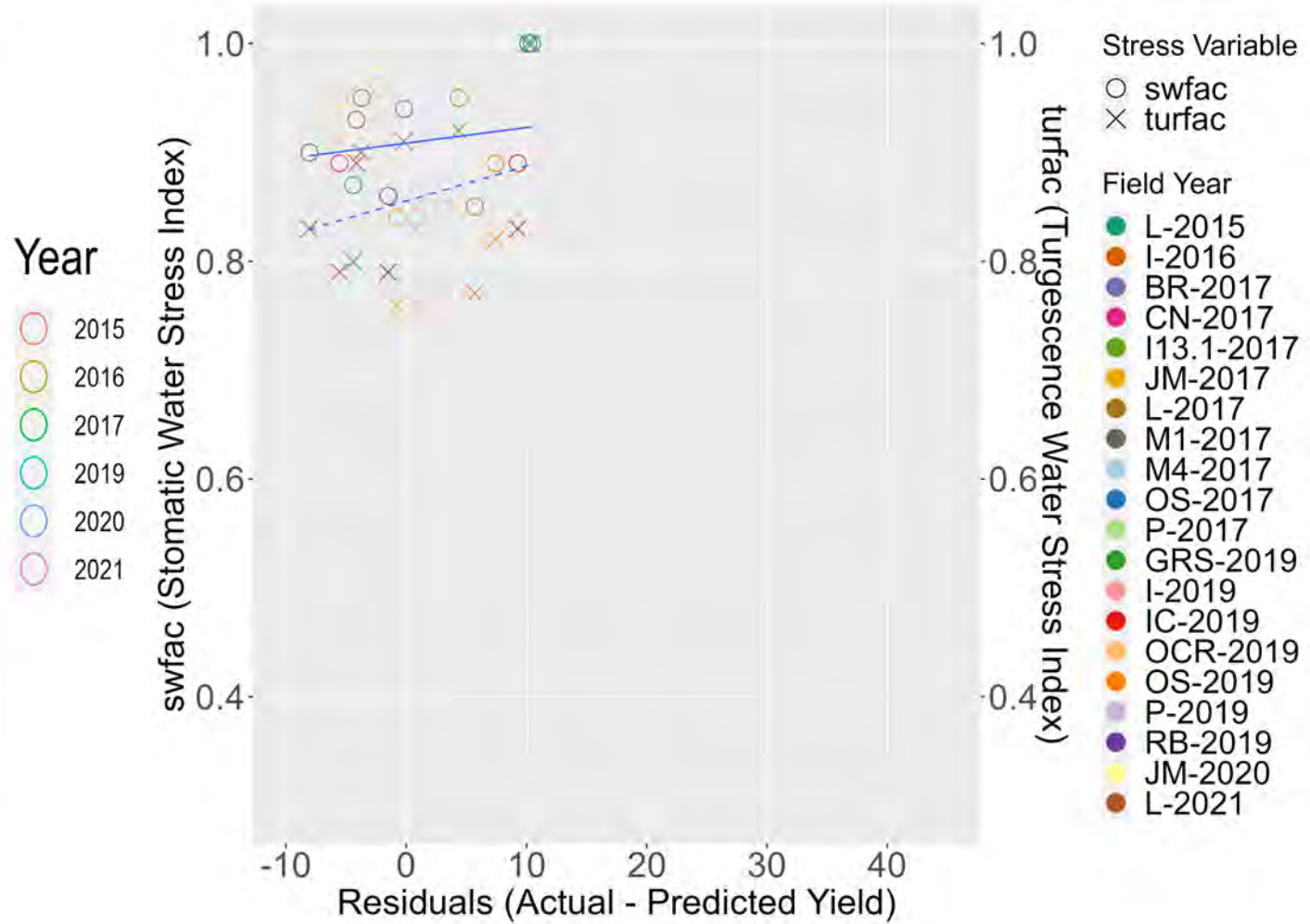
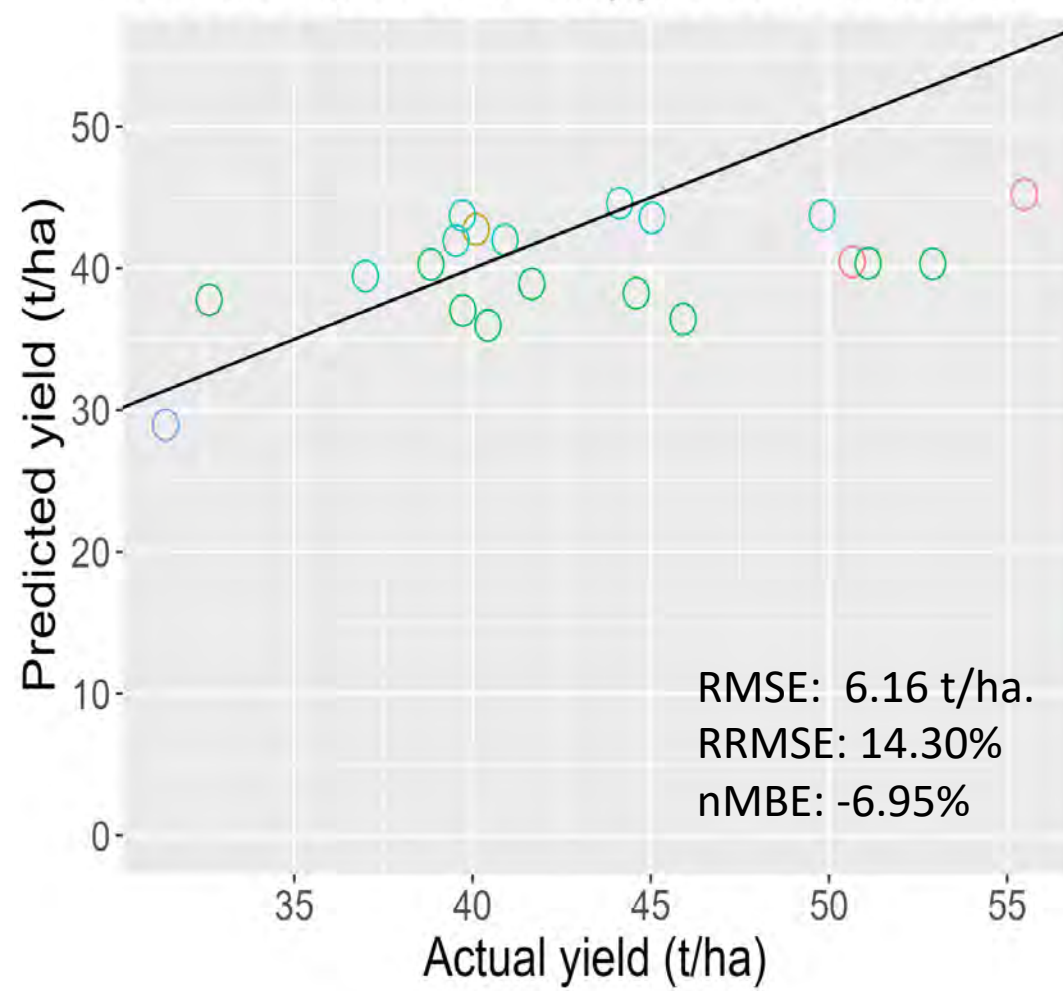


STICS Water Stress Parameters

Parameter	Description	Unit	Default	Adjusted
<i>aclim</i>	Climatic component for calculation of actual soil evaporation	mm	20	4
<i>rsmin</i>	Minimal stomatal resistance of leaves	s m ⁻¹	10	167

(Stark, 1987)

STICS with Calibrated Resistance Approach



Random Forest Alone

Top 10 from of 43 Total Features:

1. Cumulative GDD (base 5) to Harvest Date
2. Cumulative growing season GDD (base 5)
3. Total September Precipitation (mm)
4. Julian Harvest Date
5. Cumulative Growing Season Radiation (MJ m^{-2})
6. DEM Slope
7. Julian Sowing Date
8. % Clay (Top 20 cm)
9. Soil pH (Top 20 cm)
10. % Organic Matter (Top 20 cm)

Train/Test Split:

Test on specific field-year, train on the rest

Number of Features Sampled at Each Node Split:

6

Number of Trees:

300

Hybrid Approach

Top 18 from 68 Total Features (25 from **STICS**):

1. Cumulative growing season GDD (base 5)
2. Total September precipitation (mm)
3. Stomatic water stress index (**swfac**) (0-1)
4. Plant N uptake (kg h^{-1})
5. Julian start date of plant physiological maturity
6. DEM Slope
7. Cumulative crop cycle transpiration (mm)
8. Cumulative crop cycle evapotranspiration (mm)
9. Soil pH (Top 20 cm)
10. Average denitrification rate ($\text{kg h}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$)
11. Ratio of water content in top 30cm soil layer to field capacity (mm)
12. Above ground fresh matter (t ha^{-1})
13. Cumulative growing season radiation (MJ m^{-2})
14. % clay in soil (top 20cm)
15. Max depth of root system (cm)
16. % Organic matter in soil (top 20cm)
17. Cumulative $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ leached over crop cycle (kg h^{-1})
18. Amount of N in harvest organs (kg h^{-1})

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Test on specific field-year, train on the rest

Number of Features Sampled at Each Node Split:

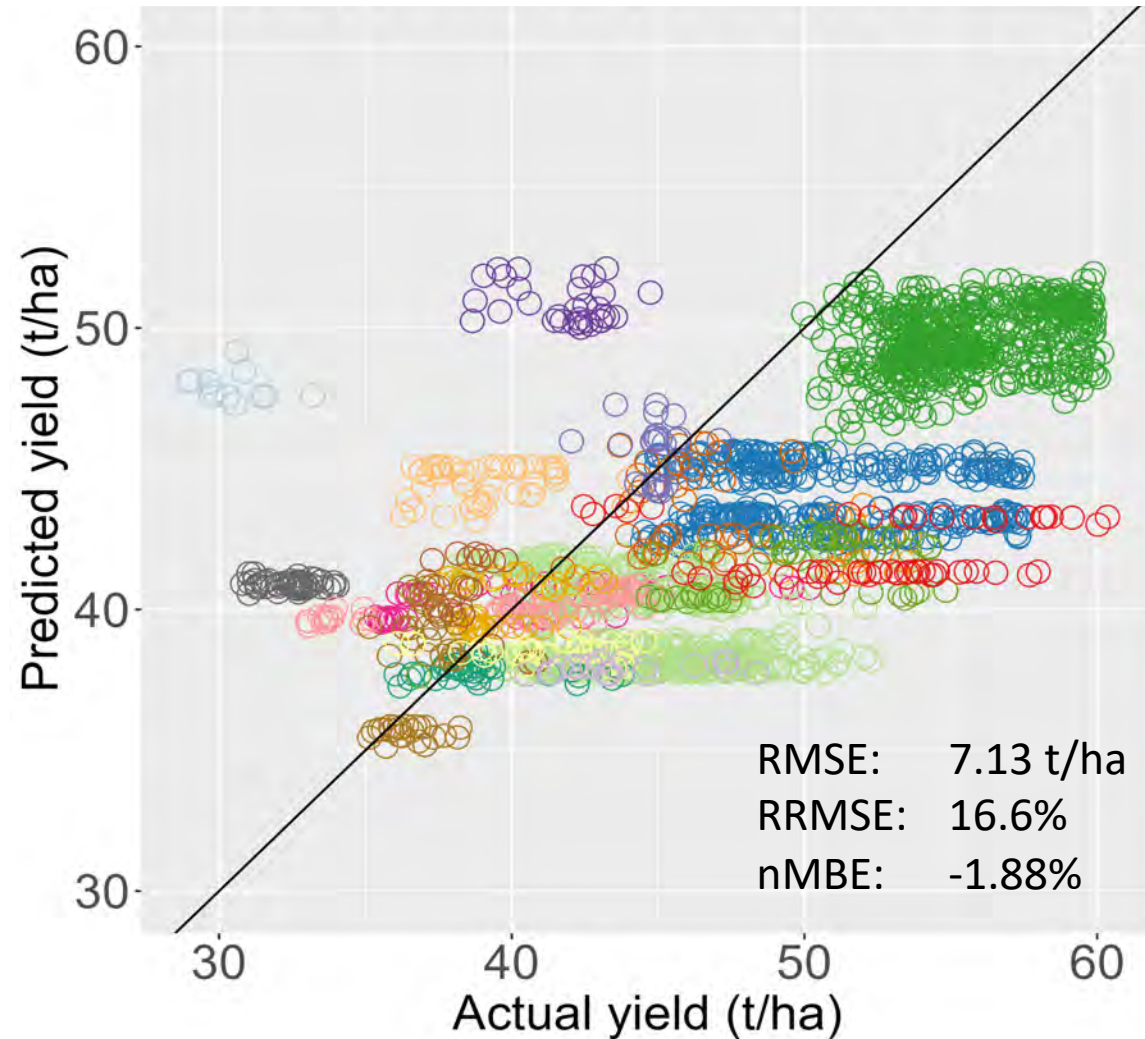
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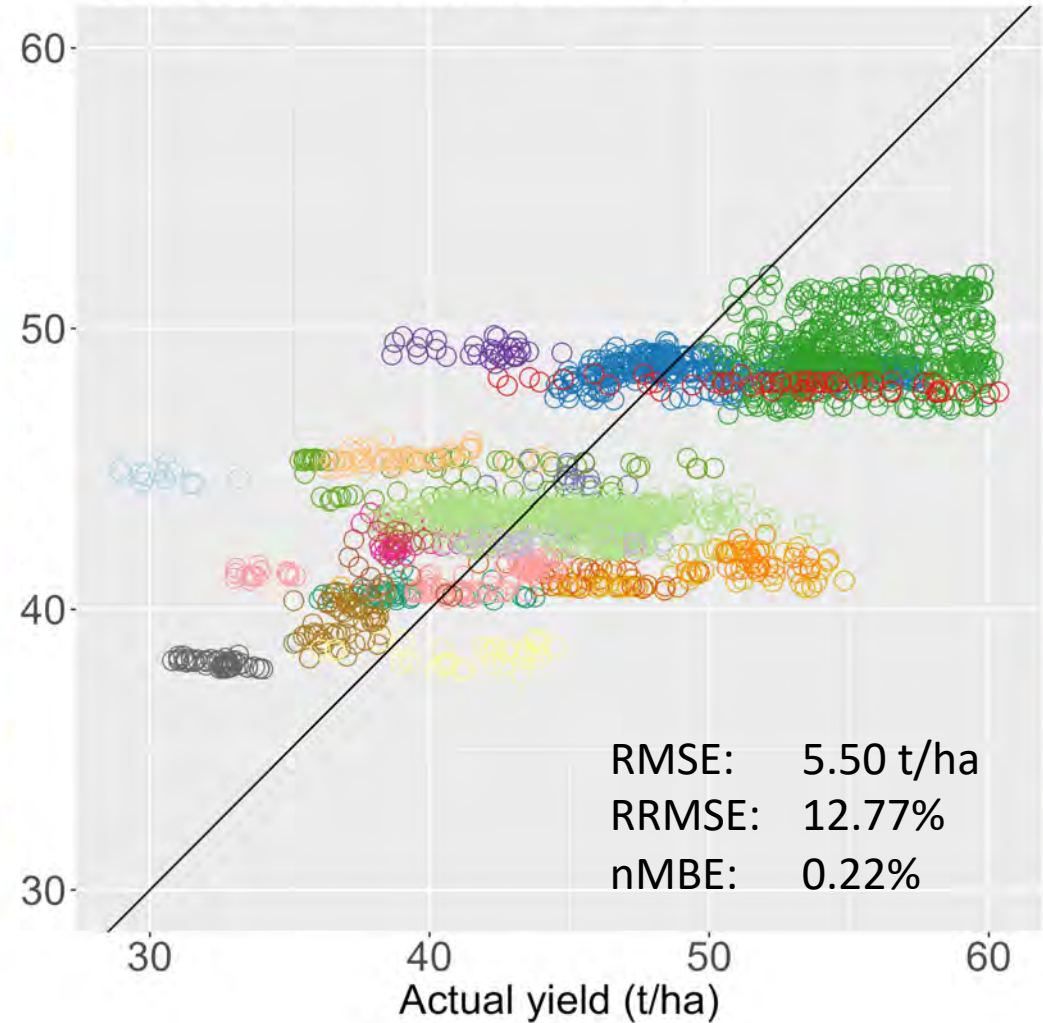
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Random Forests for Unseen Field-Years

Random Forest Alone



Hybrid

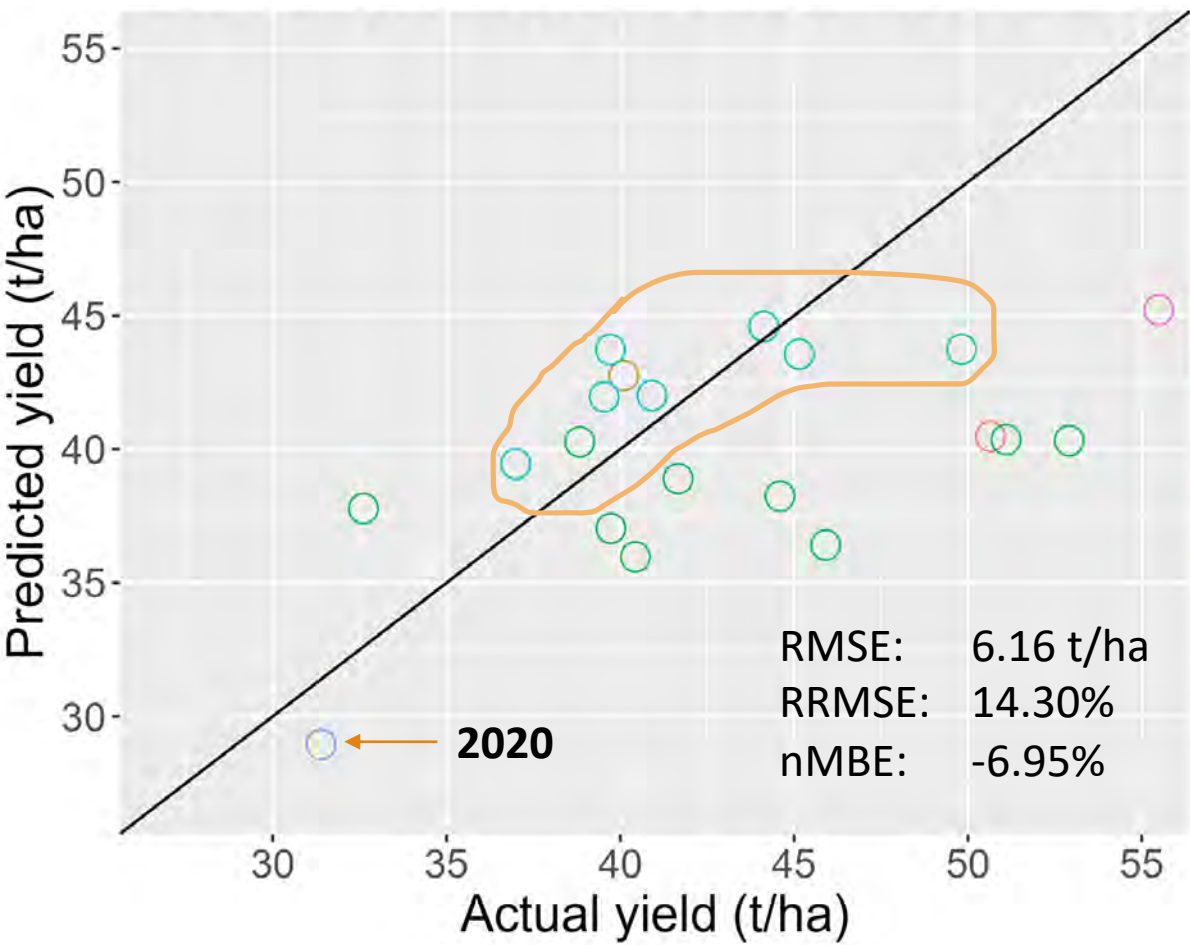


Field Year

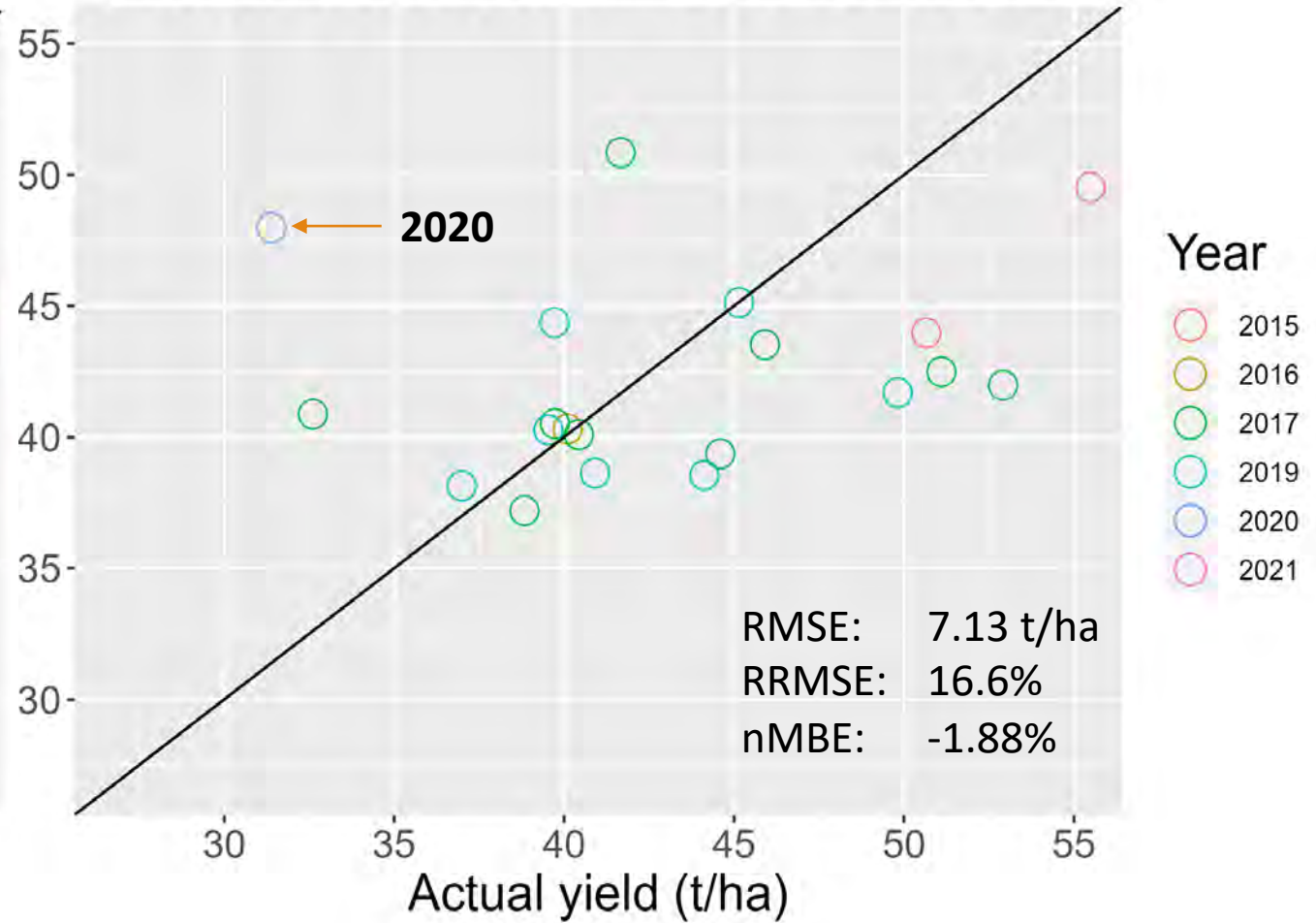
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Performance on Field-Years

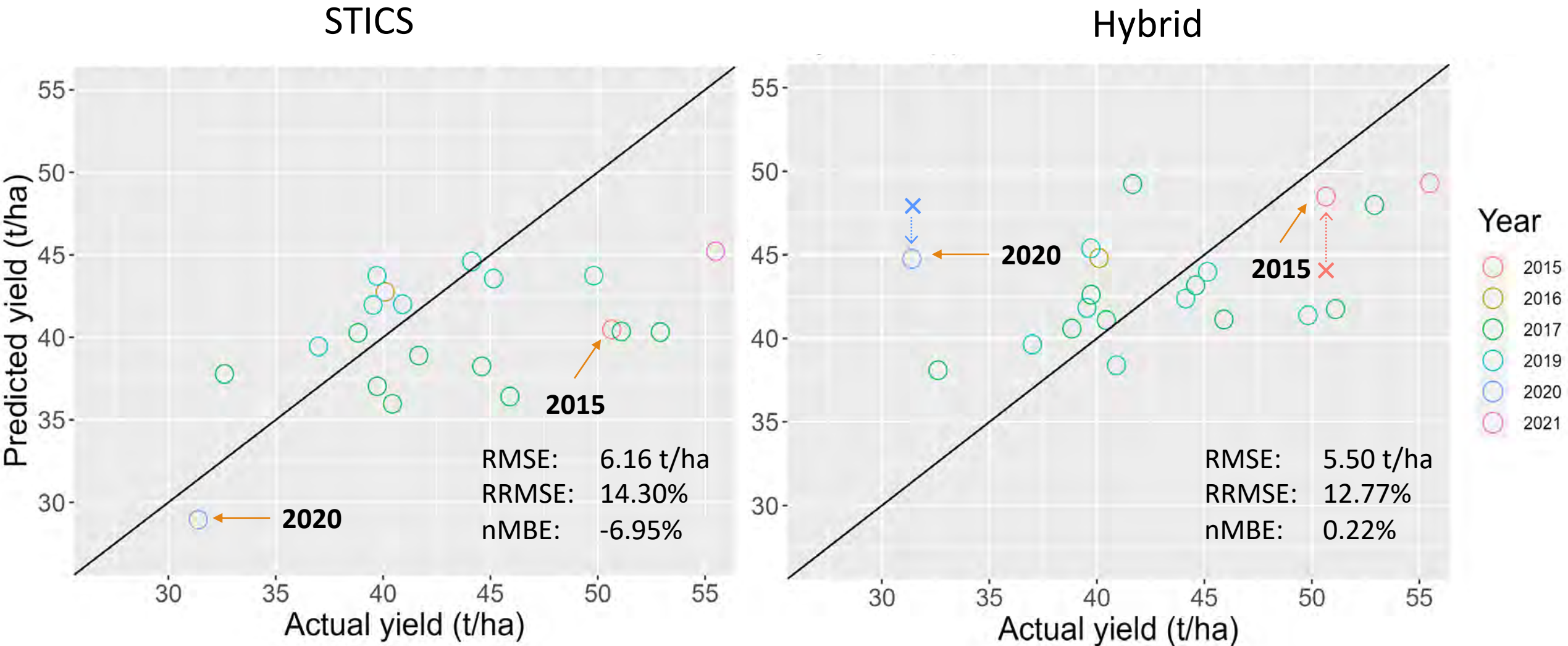
STICS



Random Forest



Performance on Field-Years



Conclusion

- All models had good performance overall
- Crop models calibrated using crop coefficient should be recalibrated for resistance approach
- STICS predicted drought year well
 - Did not predict higher yielding field-years well
- Random Forest produced good predictions at the field scale
 - Poor performance for extreme year
- The hybrid approach improved predictions of both crop model and random forest alone

Next Steps

- Increase dataset size including CANSIS (Canadian Soil Information Service) data
- Apply a blocked sequential procedure cross validation

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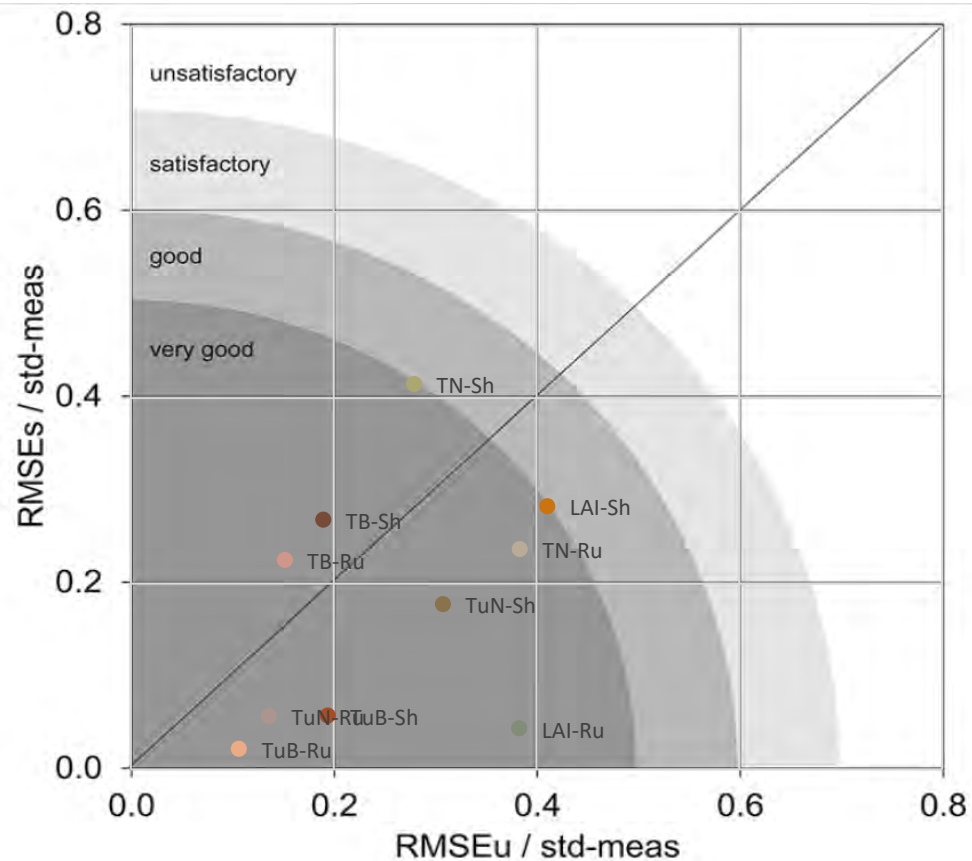
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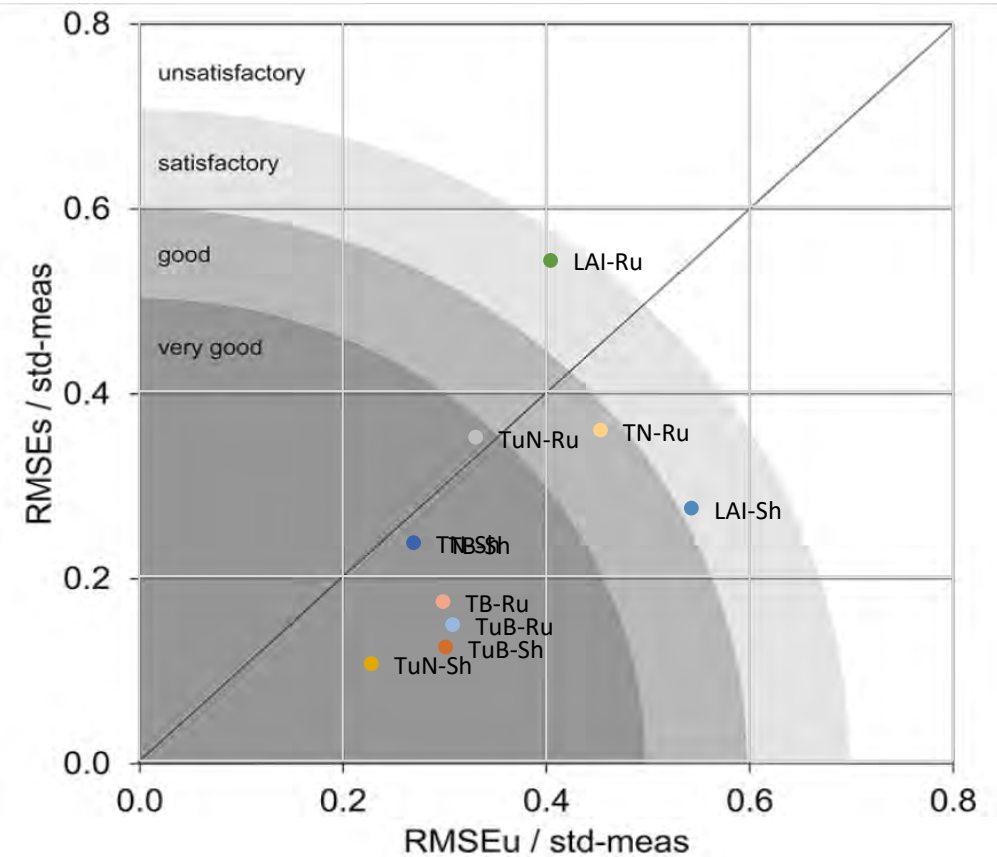
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Morissette et. al (2016) Original Calibration and Evaluation

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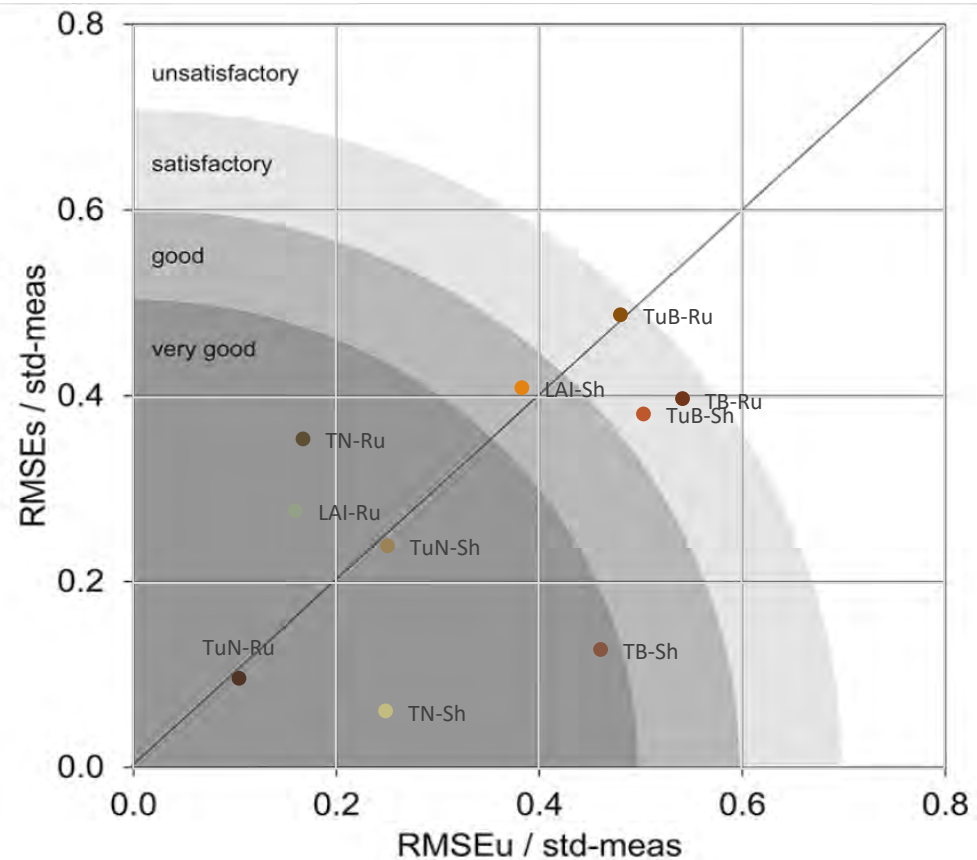


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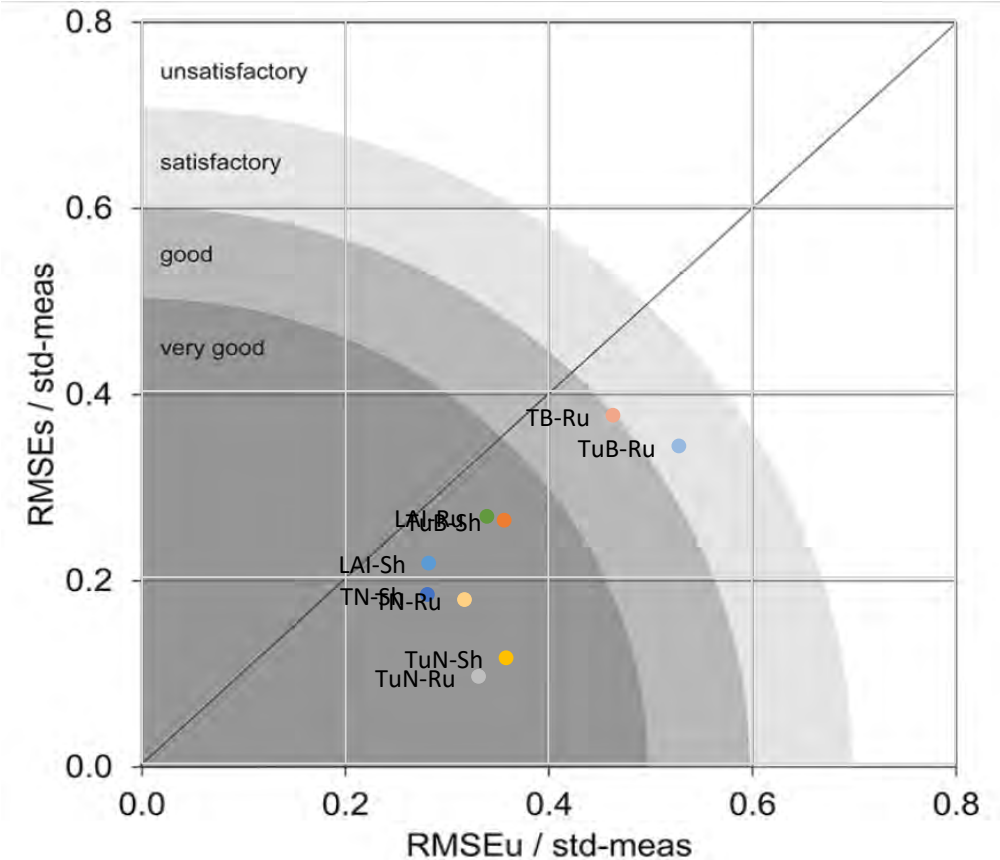


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Calibration



Evaluation



Model Performance

Model	RMSE	RRMSE	nMBE
STICS	6.16 t h ⁻¹	14.30%	-6.95%
Random Forest	7.13 t h ⁻¹	16.55%	-1.88%
Hybrid	5.50 t h ⁻¹	12.77%	0.22%

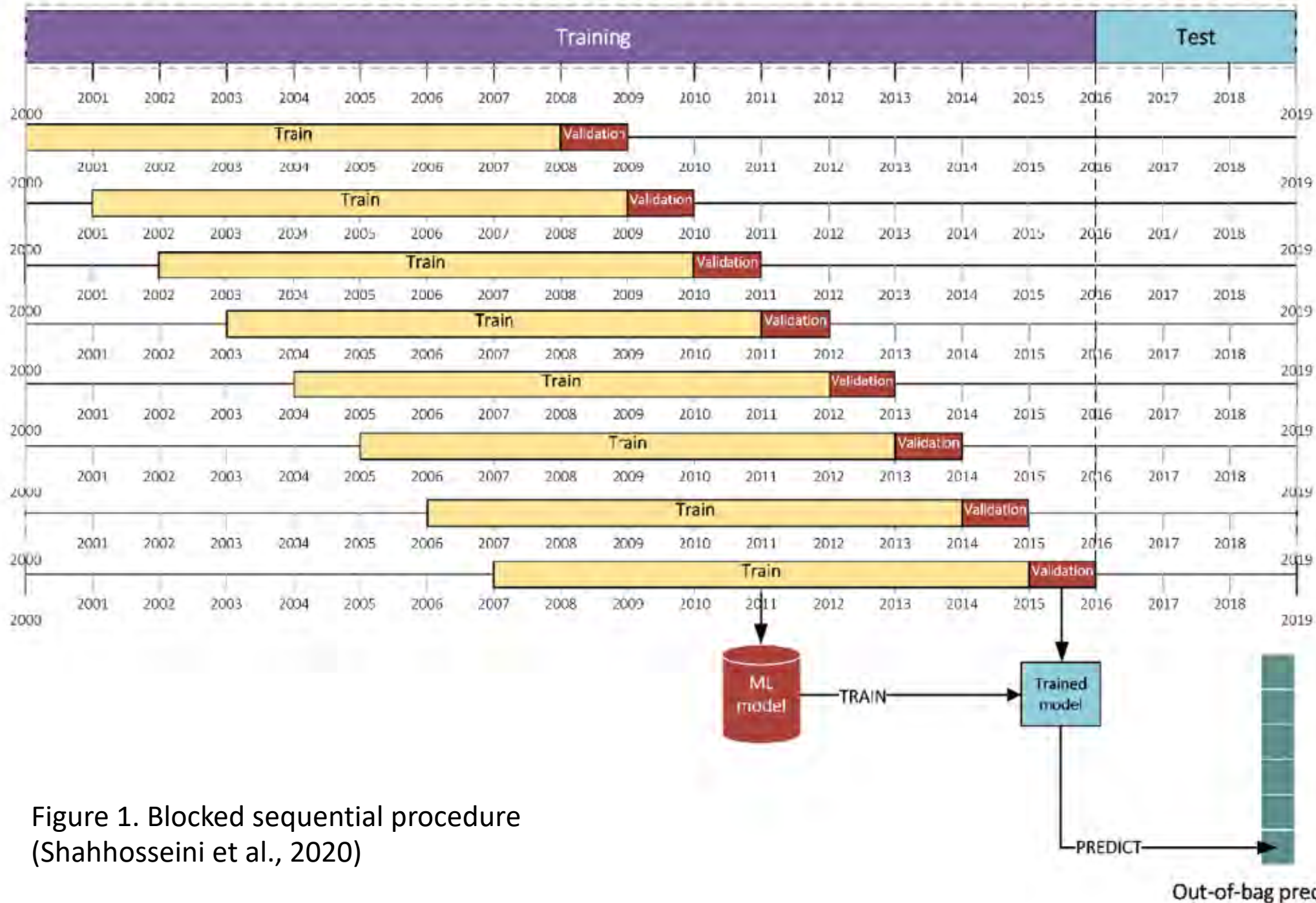
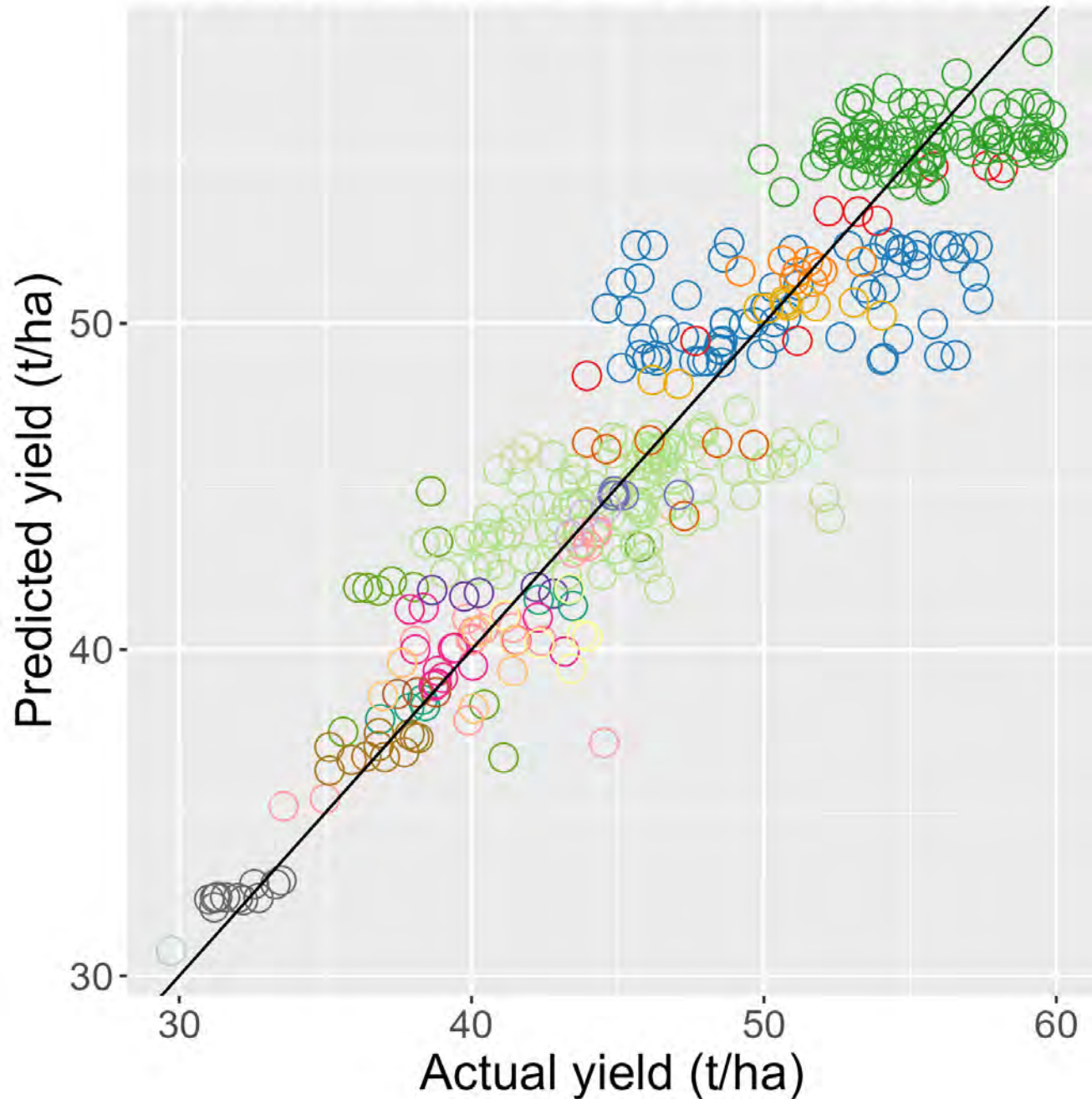


Figure 1. Blocked sequential procedure (Shahhosseini et al., 2020)

Test Set Predicted Vs. Actual Yield



Field Year

- BR-2017
- CN-2017
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Random Forest Fine-Tuning

RMSE

2.54 t/ha

RRMSE

5.35%

Bias(%)

0.28%

Test Sets for Random Forests for Individual Field Years

Field Year	Number of Datapoints	Field Year	Number of Datapoints
L-2015	347	P-2017	32
I-2016	57	GRS-2019	28
BR-2017	38	I-2019	54
CN-2017	40	IC-2019	56
I13-2017	47	OCR-2019	47
JM-2017	45	OS-2019	25
L-2017	518	P-2019	32
M1-2017	77	RB-2019	17
M4-2017	55	JM-2020	12
OS-2017	25	L-2021	516



Assessing the performance of crop forecasts for in-season nitrogen management of winter wheat

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Outline

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Introduction

- Increasing climate variability – decreasing frequency of average growing conditions (IPCC 2022)
- Crop management commonly relies on **empirical approaches** representing **average seasons**
 - Fertilization recommendations and practices do not consider **inter-seasonal variation in crop growth and demand for nutrients** (BMLFUW 2017)
- Low nutrient use efficiency – economic and ecological consequences
- Continuous **improvement of seasonal ensemble weather forecasting methods** (Johnson et al. 2019)

Objective

Develop and evaluate a forecasting tool for site- and season-specific crop management – case study nitrogen (N)

Crop Forecasts – Development

Field experiments

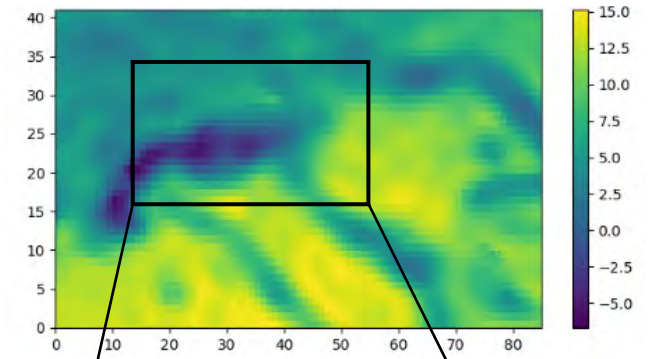
Winter wheat grown in three seasons (2017-2020) in Tulln, Austria
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4 cultivars (Arnold, Aurelius, Bernstein, Emilio)



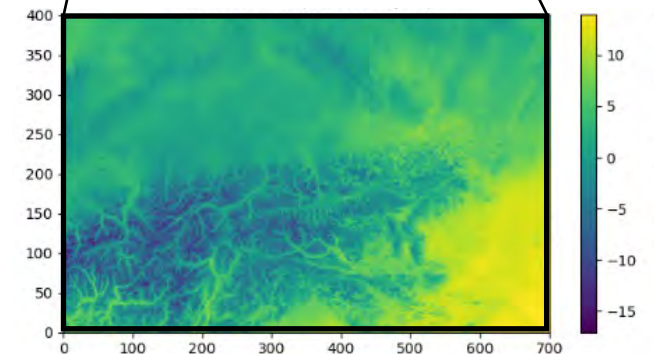
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INCA downscaling



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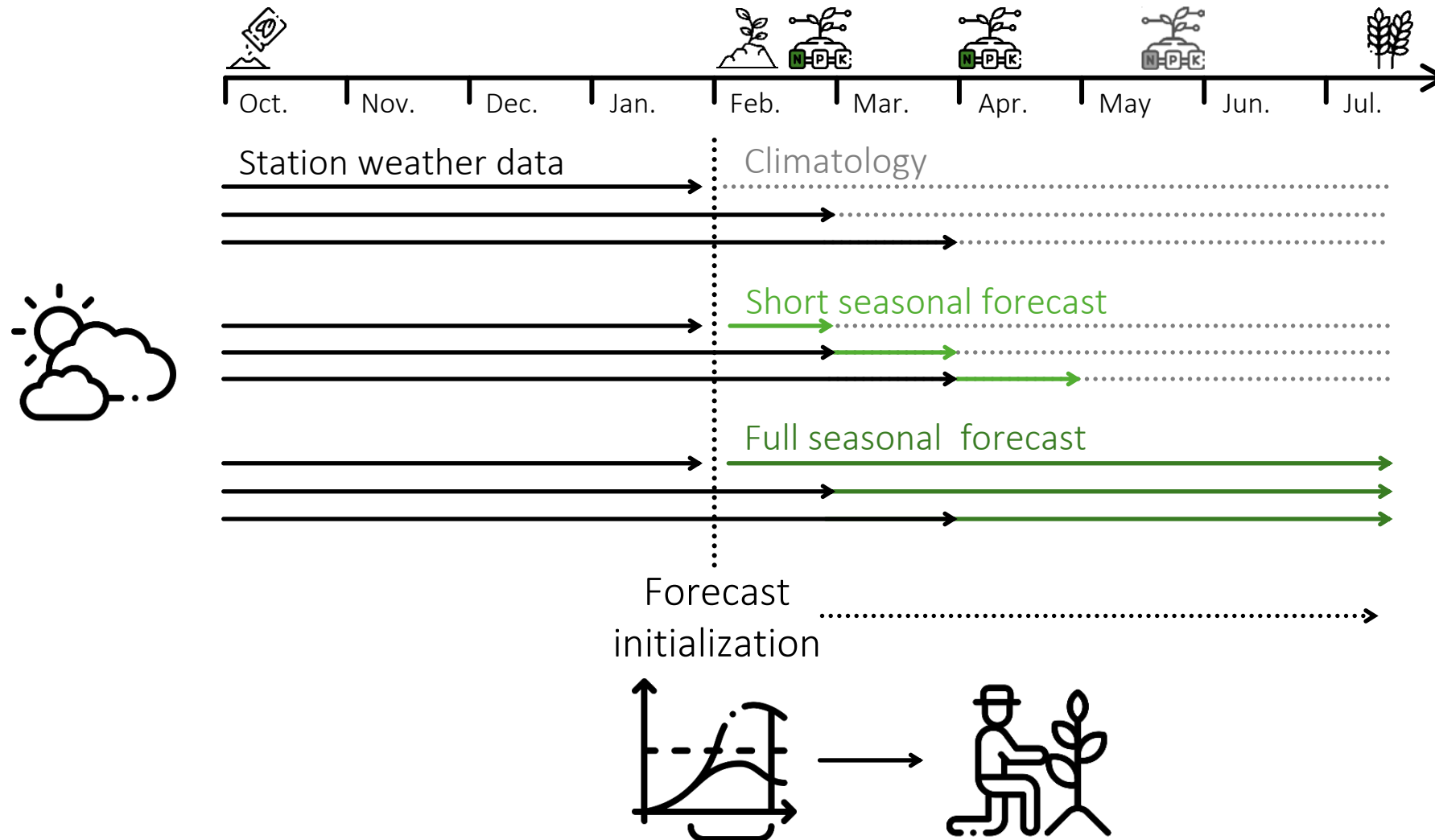


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Manschadi et al. (2021)
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Manschadi et al. (2022)

Crop Forecasts – Generation



Crop Forecasts – Performance and Skill

- High performance of crop forecasts over a wide range of simulated crop and soil variables (Reference: simulation dataset using observed weather data)

- Significantly higher skill of crop forecasts generated using seasonal ensemble weather forecasts, if:
 - Growing conditions deviate from long-term averages
 - Initial soil conditions at sowing are unfavorable

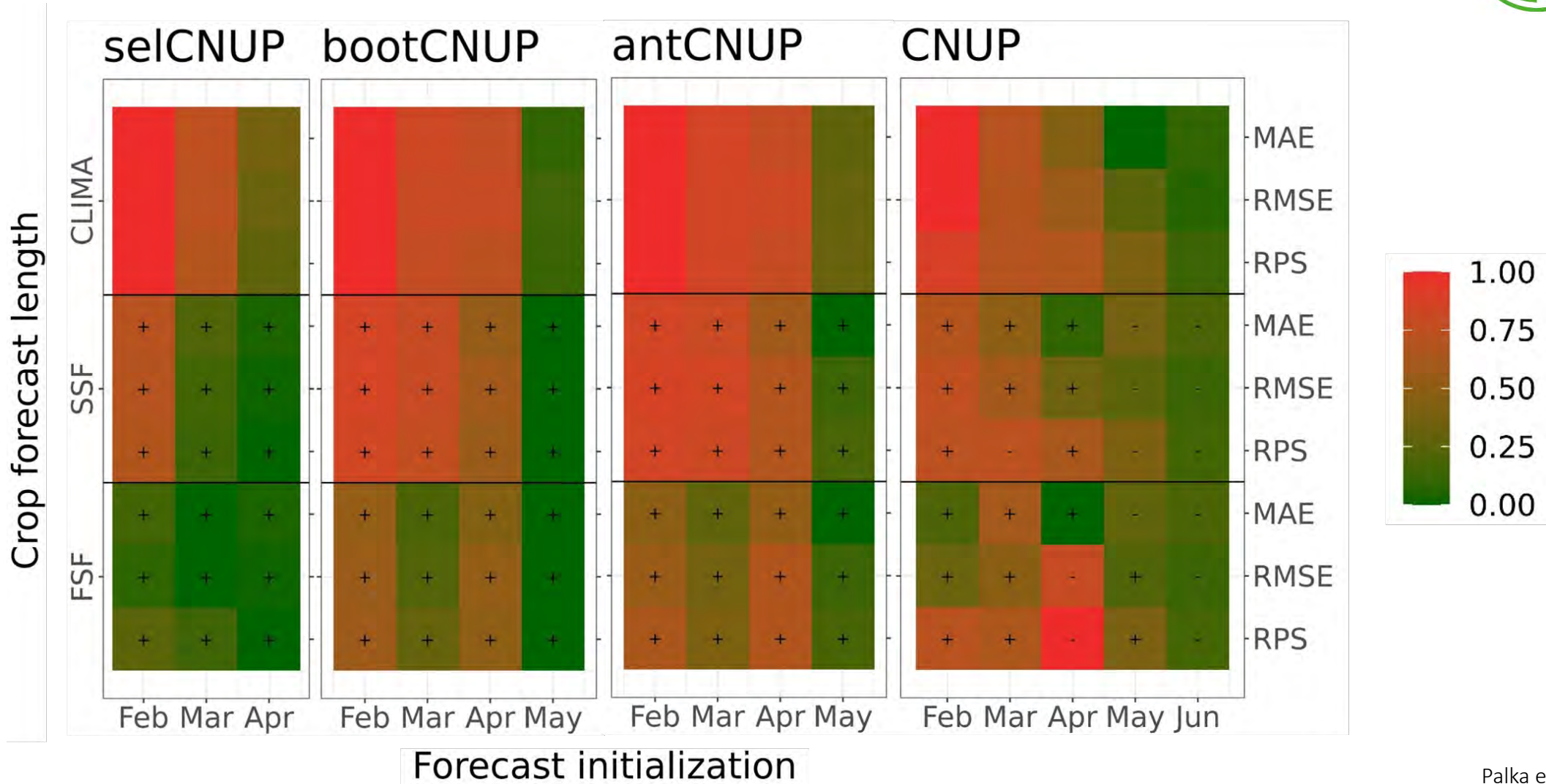
Variable	RMSE	rel. RMSE (%)
Phenology	5 DAS	2.49
Crop biomass	71.53 g m ⁻²	9.15
Yield	62.70 g m ⁻²	10.97
Total crop N-uptake	1.08 g m ⁻²	8.99
Plant-available soil water content	39.55 mm	20.45

Table 1: Root mean squared error (RMSE) and relative RMSE (rel. RMSE) of important crop and soil variables, forecasted over three experimental seasons at different phenological stages, and compared to a simulation dataset using observed weather data.

- Performance and skill improve with decreasing lead time

Palka et al. (under review)

Crop Forecasts – Performance and Skill



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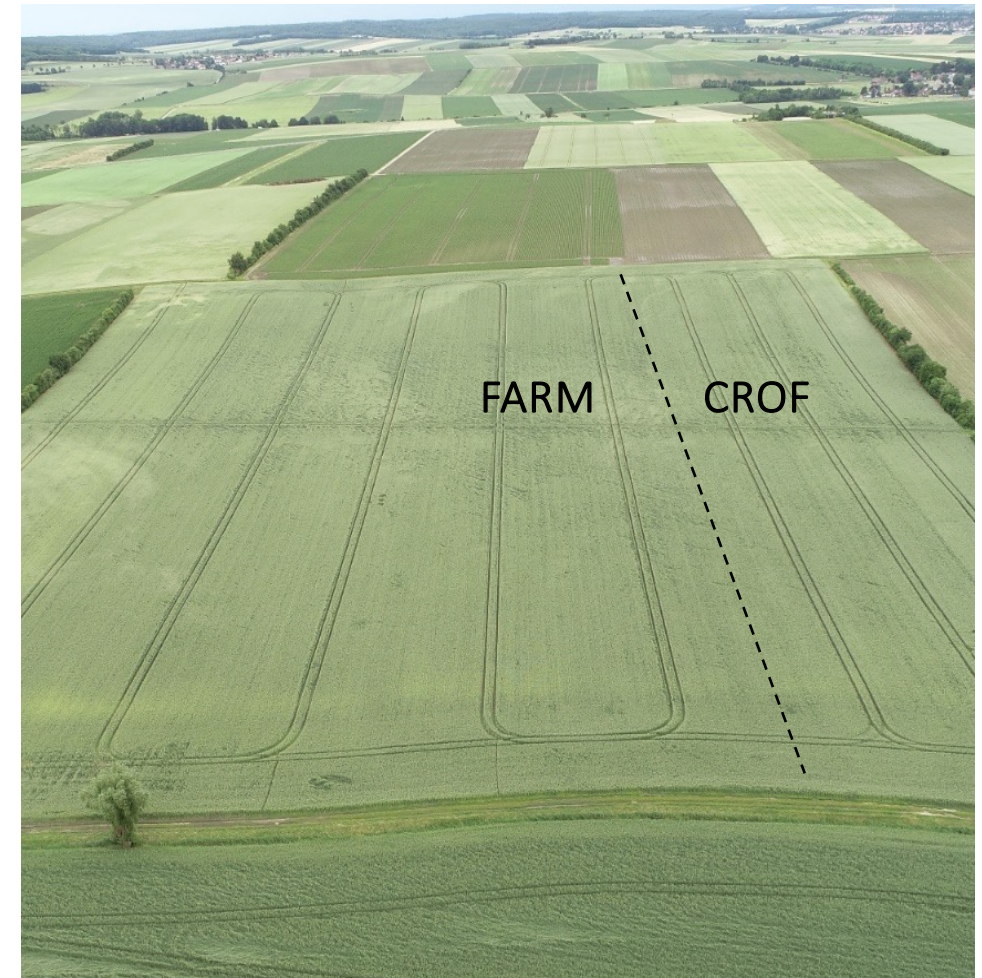
Crop Forecasts – Operational Potential

- On-farm testing in cooperation with local farmers in Eastern Austria
- 2 locations and 2 seasons (2020-2022)
- Two N-fertilization treatments:
 - FARM: N applied according to common farm practice
 - CROF: N applied according to site-specific ensemble crop forecasts

- Mean economic return to N (ERN):

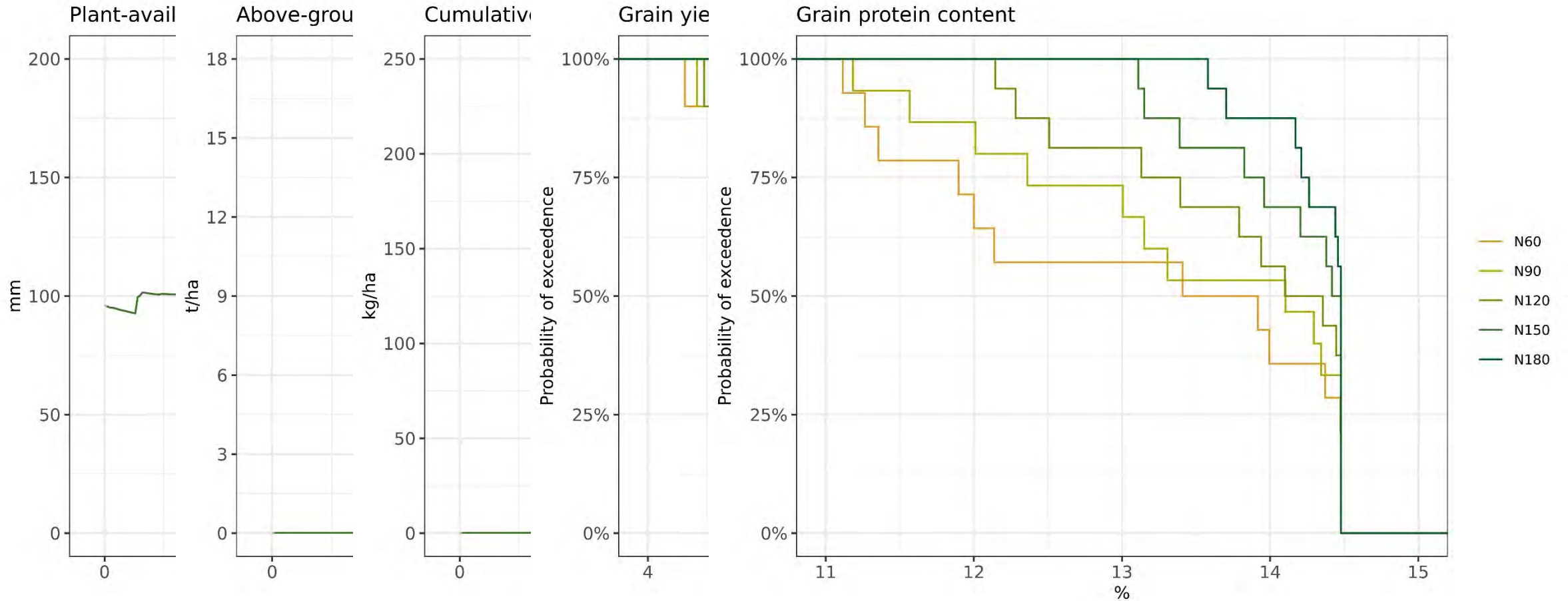
$$ERN = \frac{Revenue}{N_{applied}}$$

- Significant increase in ERN of CROF compared to FARM (+30.2 %), through reducing $N_{applied}$ (-23.4 %) while maintaining revenue (1320.2 € ha⁻¹)



Palka et al. (in preparation)

Crop Forecasts – Operational Potential



Conclusion

- **Generation and application** of crop forecasts: **well-parameterized** crop model and **downscaled** seasonal ensemble weather forecasts required
- “non-average” seasons and/or unfavorable initial soil conditions:
 - **Significantly higher skill** of crop forecasts using **seasonal ensemble weather forecasts**
- Significant **reduction in N fertilization** without sacrificing economic revenue

Outlook:

- Extending crop forecast-based management approach to other crops and measures (e.g., irrigation)
- Inclusion of remote sensing and AI for regional application

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IMPLICATIONS OF WHEAT SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS FOR GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

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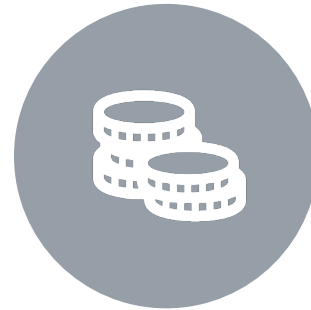
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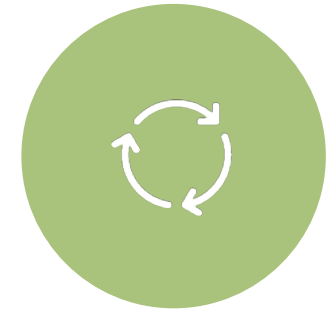
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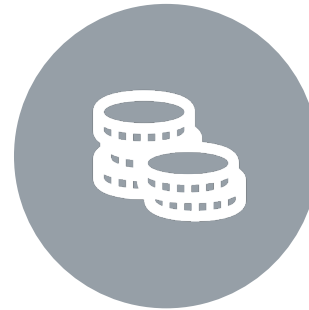
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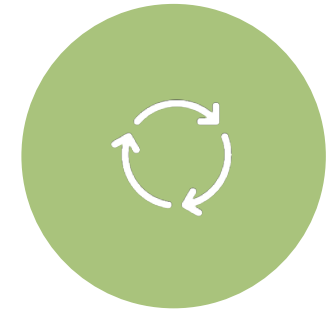
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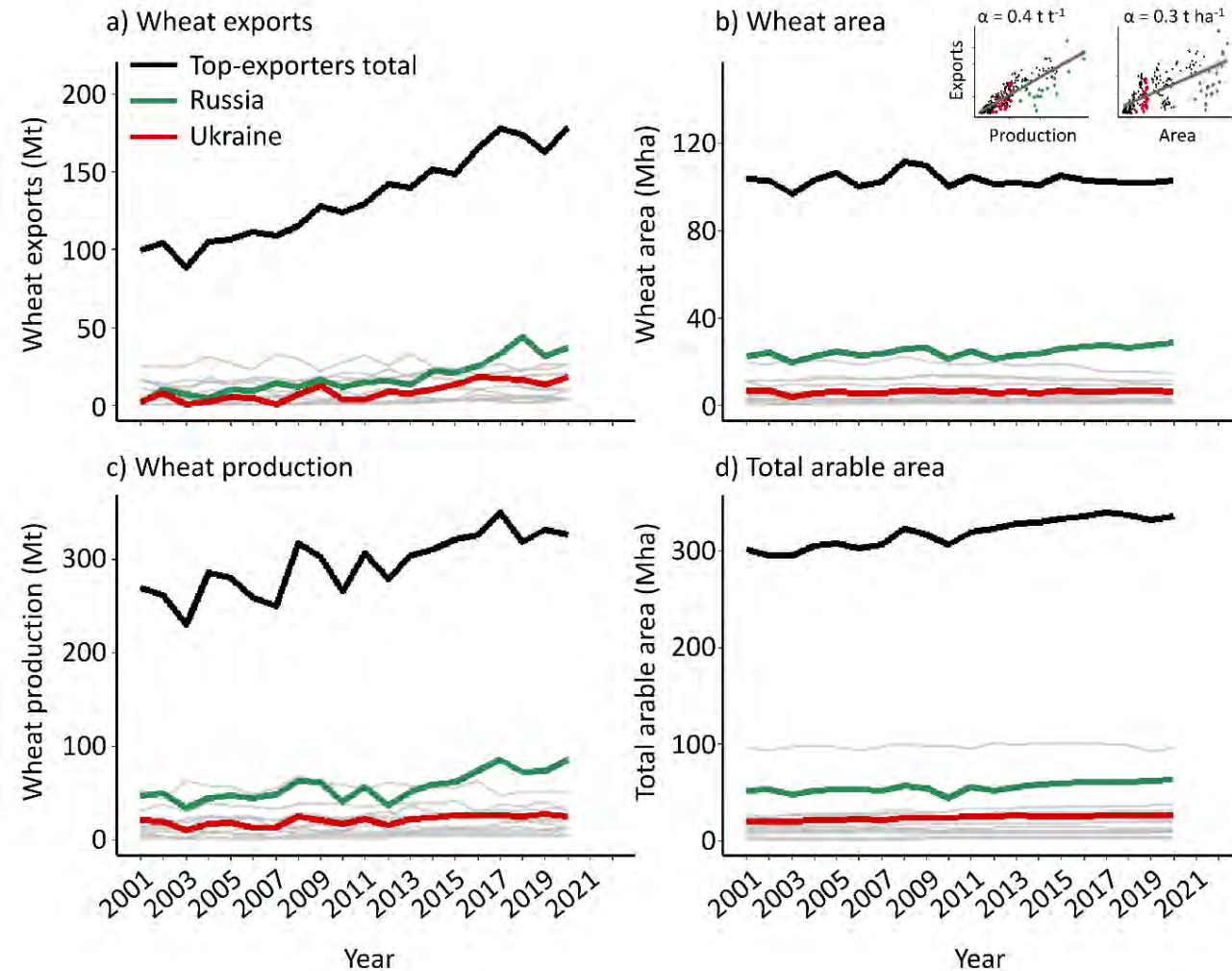
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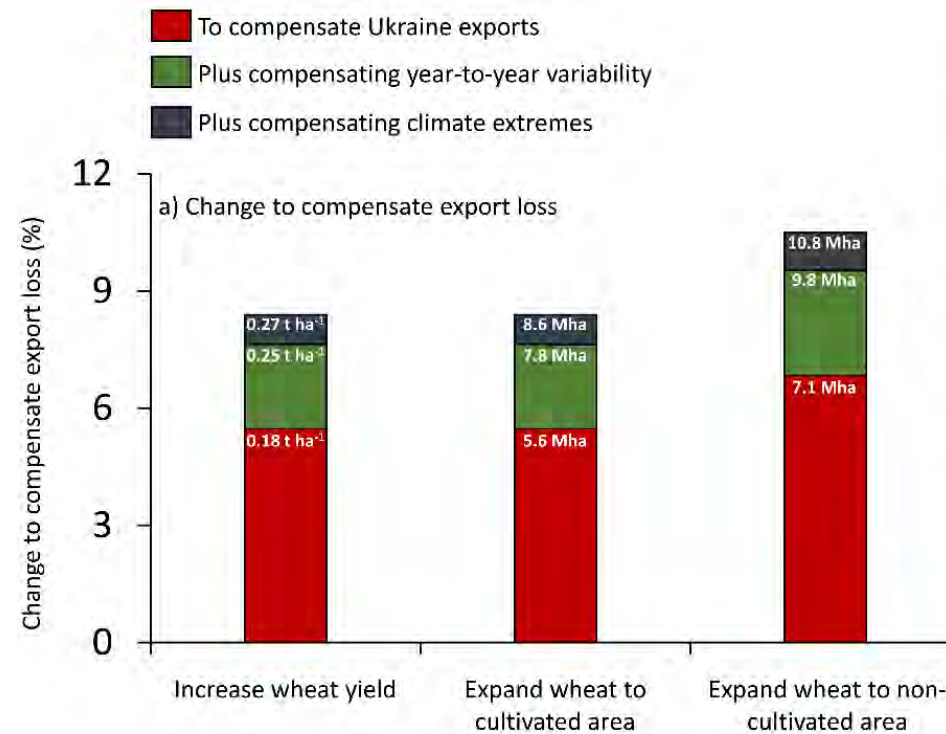
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Wars disrupt wheat production and trade, limiting availability and impacting the global market. (Example: Ukraine conflict)

UKRAINE'S SIGNIFICANCE IN GLOBAL WHEAT PRODUCTION



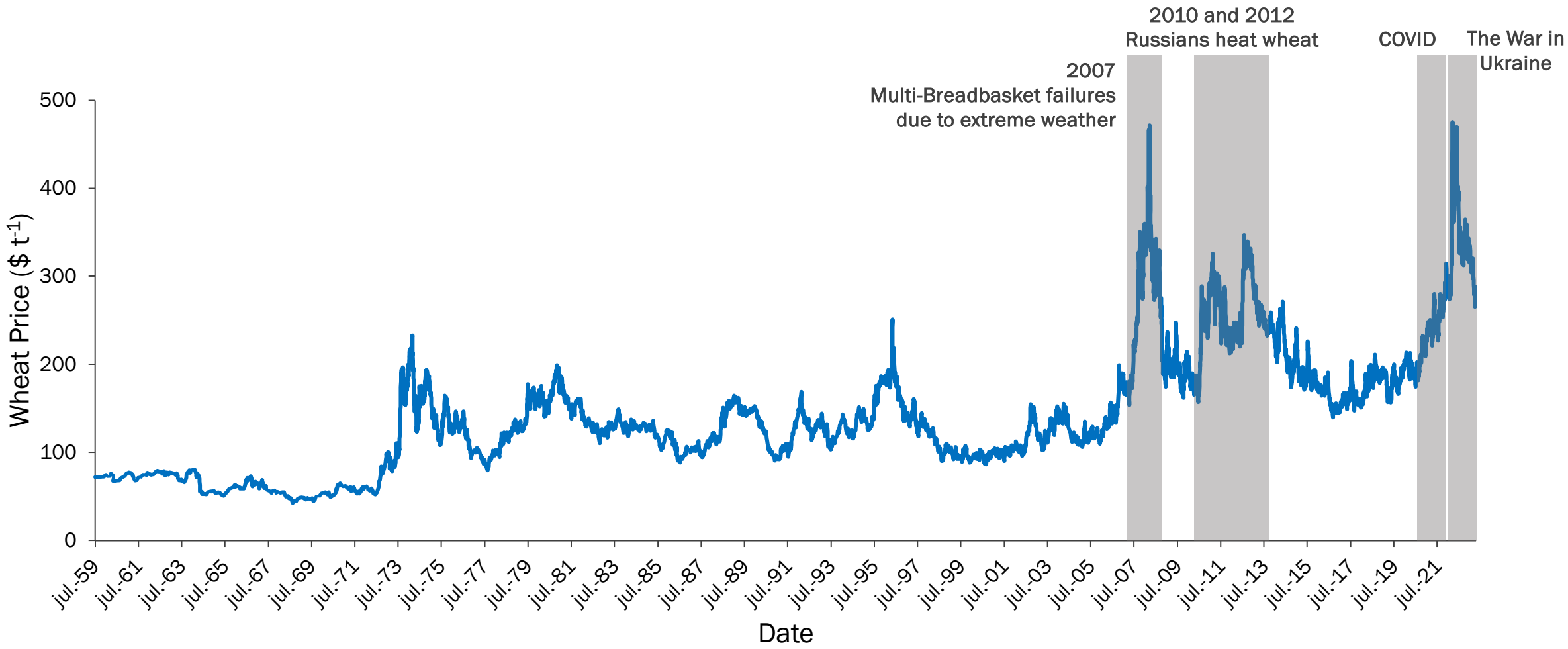
**In 2020, Ukraine produced
26 million tons (Mt) of
which they exported 72%,
which was valued at more
than 3.5 billion dollars**



GLOBAL WHEAT MANAGEMENT IN RESPONSE TO UKRAINE WAR

- Expand cropping or improve yields by 8% in top exporters.
- Production increase requires extra half a million tons of nitrogen fertilizer.
- Climate change and variability may reduce exports by 5-7 million tons.

GLOBAL WHEAT PRICE



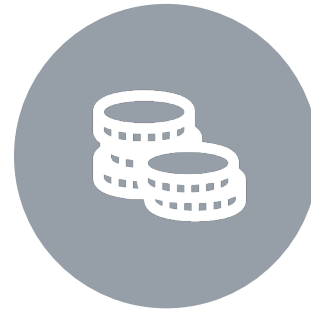
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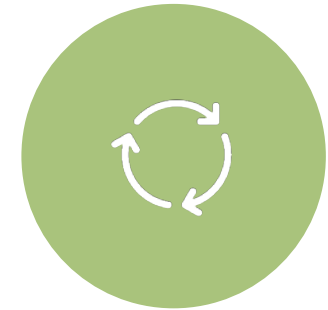
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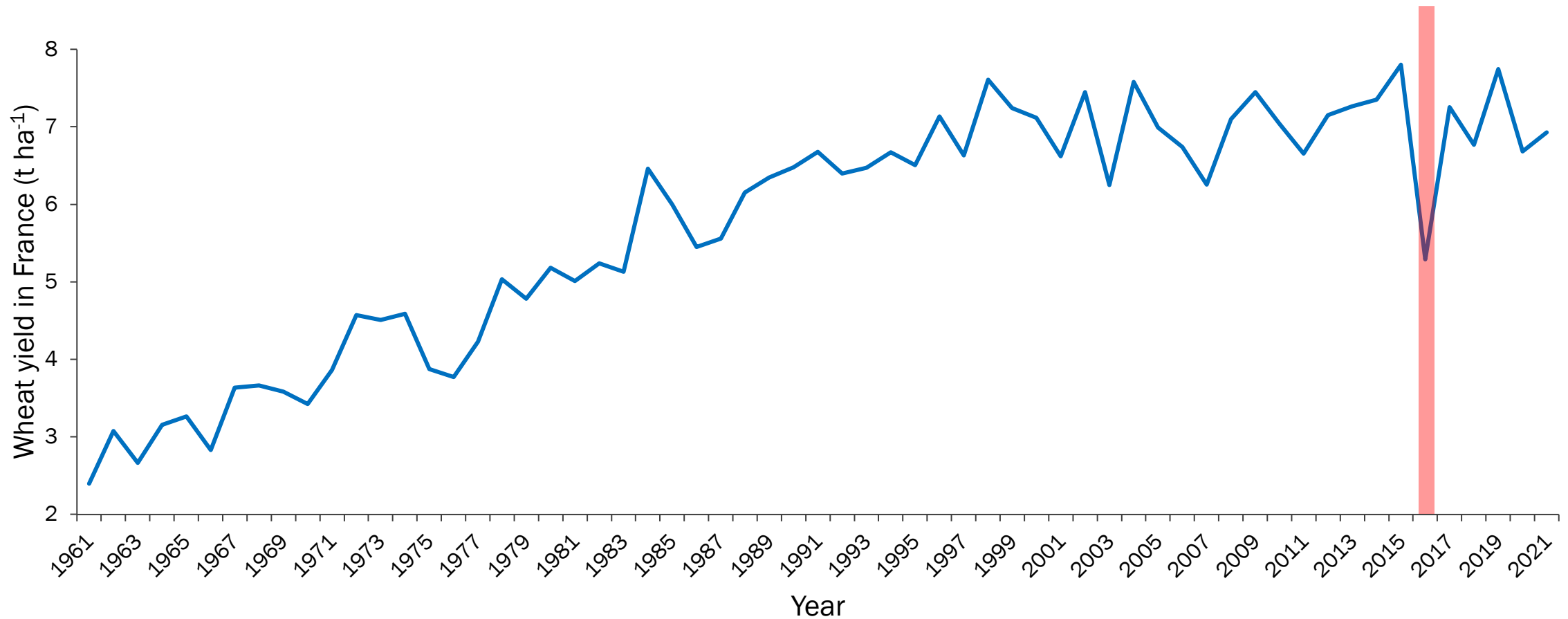


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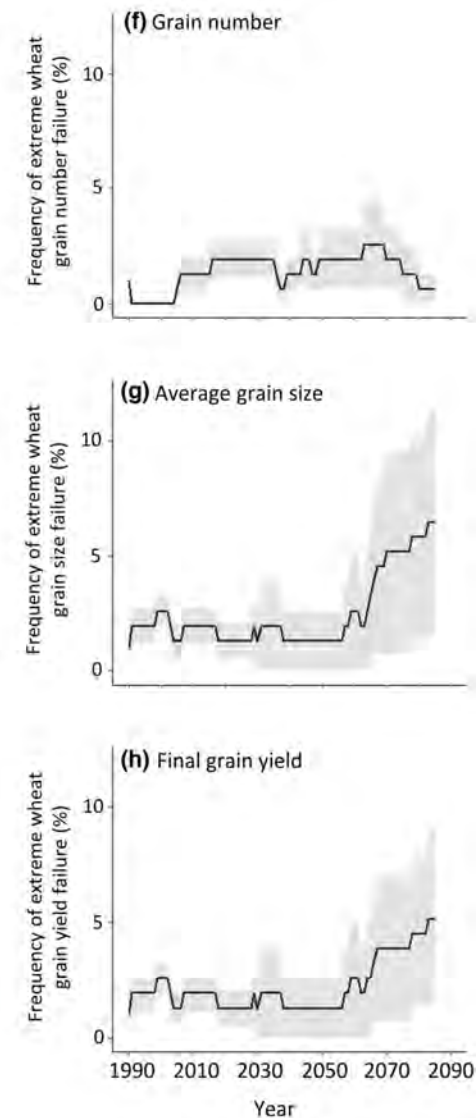
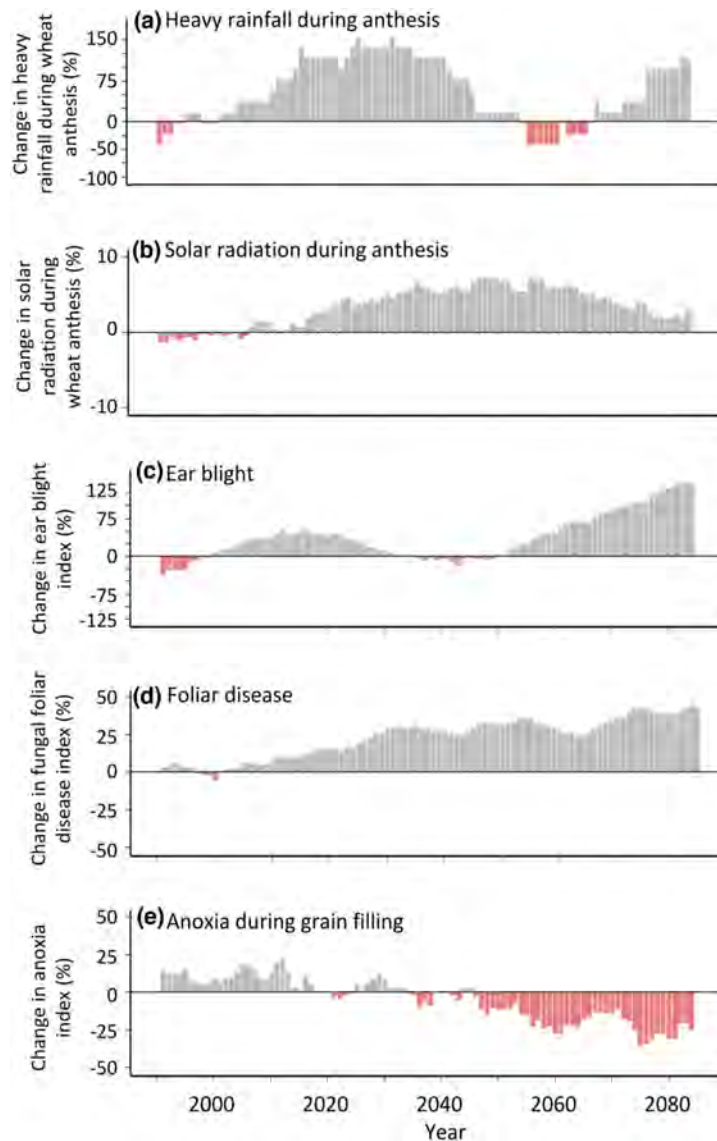


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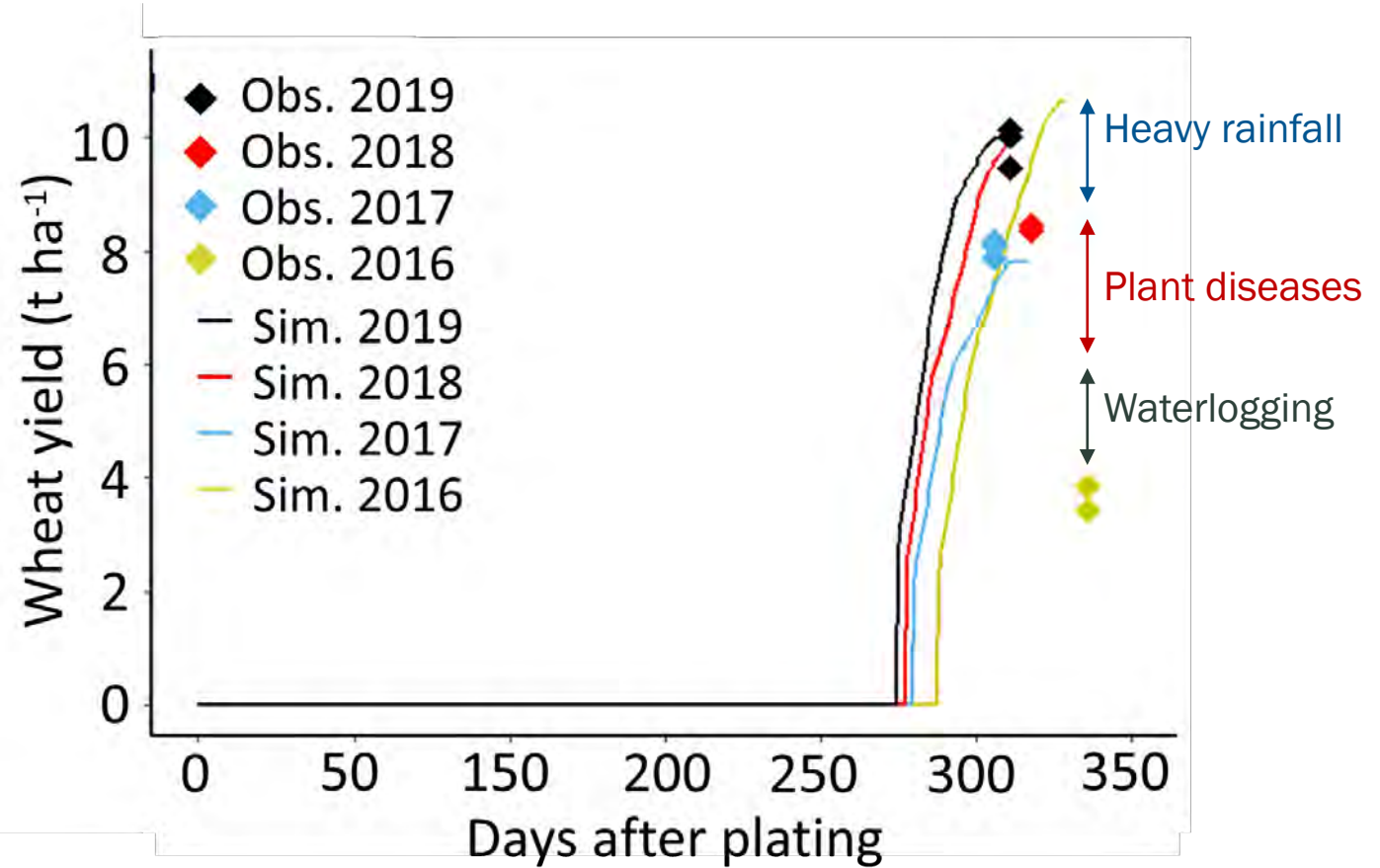
IN 2016, FRANCE EXPERIENCED ITS MOST SEVERE YIELD LOSS IN OVER 50 YEARS



WE ASSESSED THE CAUSES BEHIND FRANCE'S EXTREME WHEAT YIELD DECLINE IN 2016 AND PROJECTED THEIR FUTURE FREQUENCY.



**CURRENT CROP
MODELING
APPROACHES
OFTEN OVERLOOK
NUMEROUS
CLIMATE-RELATED
EVENTS DURING
CROP GROWTH AND
DEVELOPMENT.**



**The 2016 event indicates
that the projected impacts
of climate change on
agriculture may be
underestimated.**

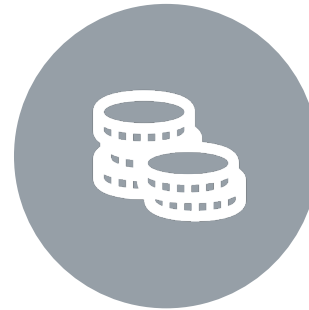
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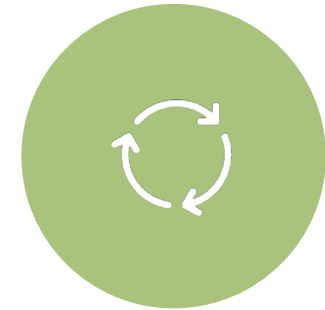
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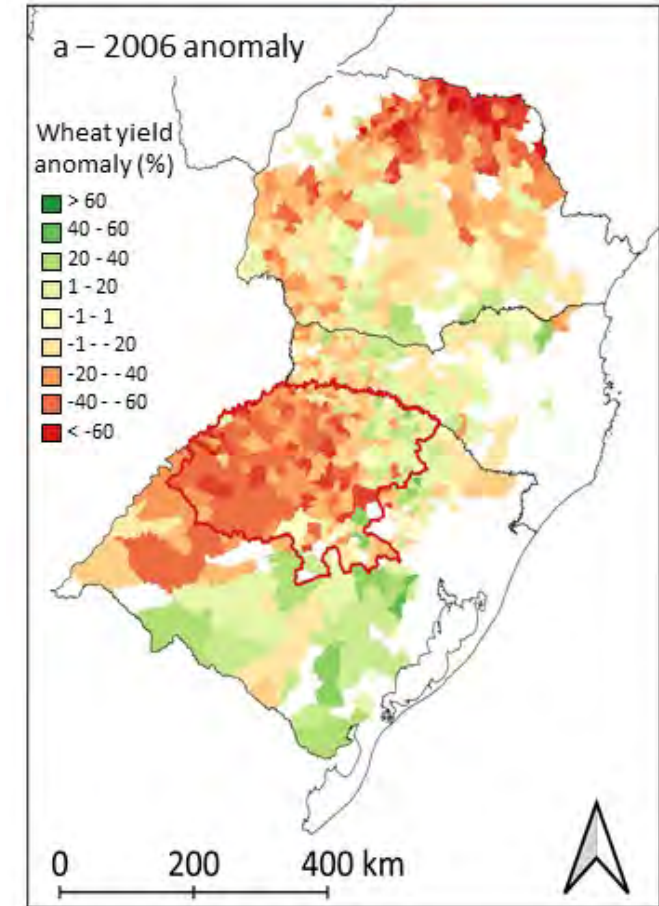
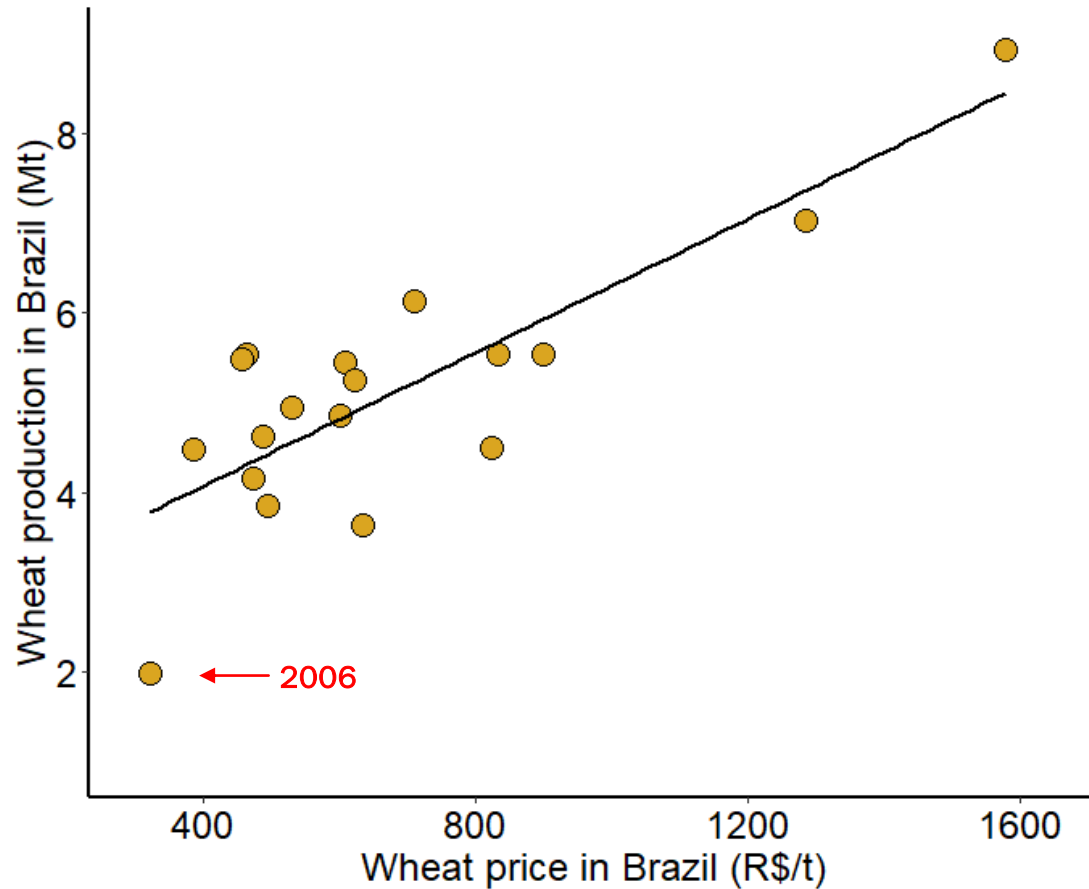
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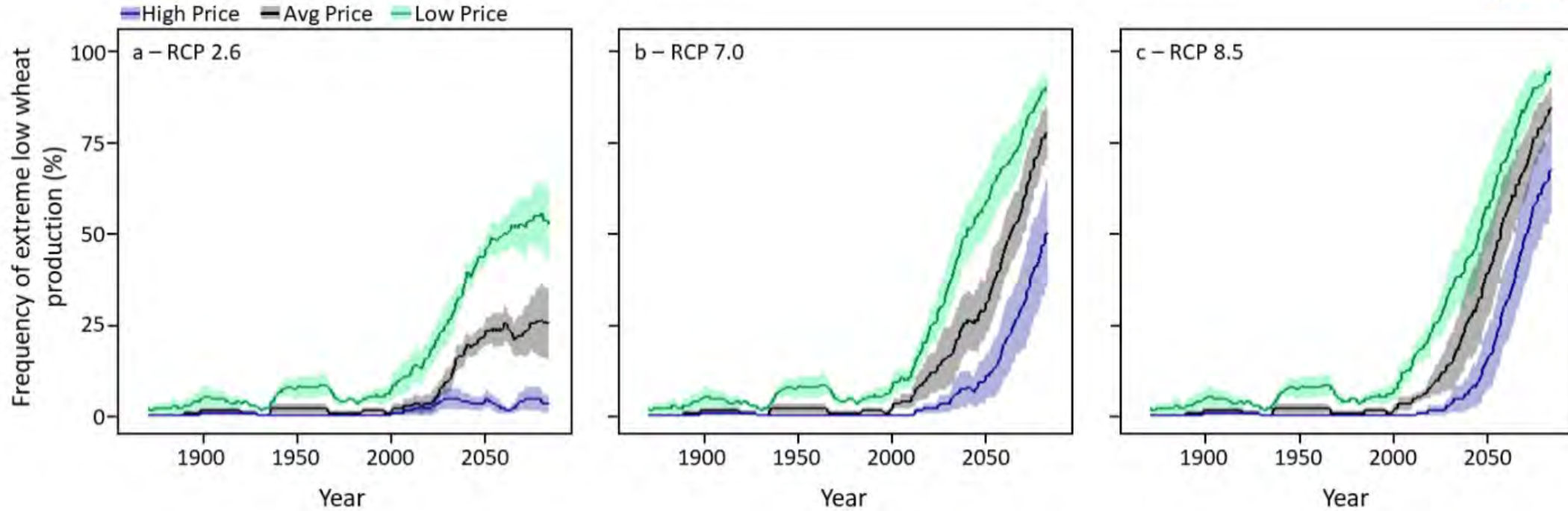


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Low prices discourage investments for wheat cultivation, further impacting production.

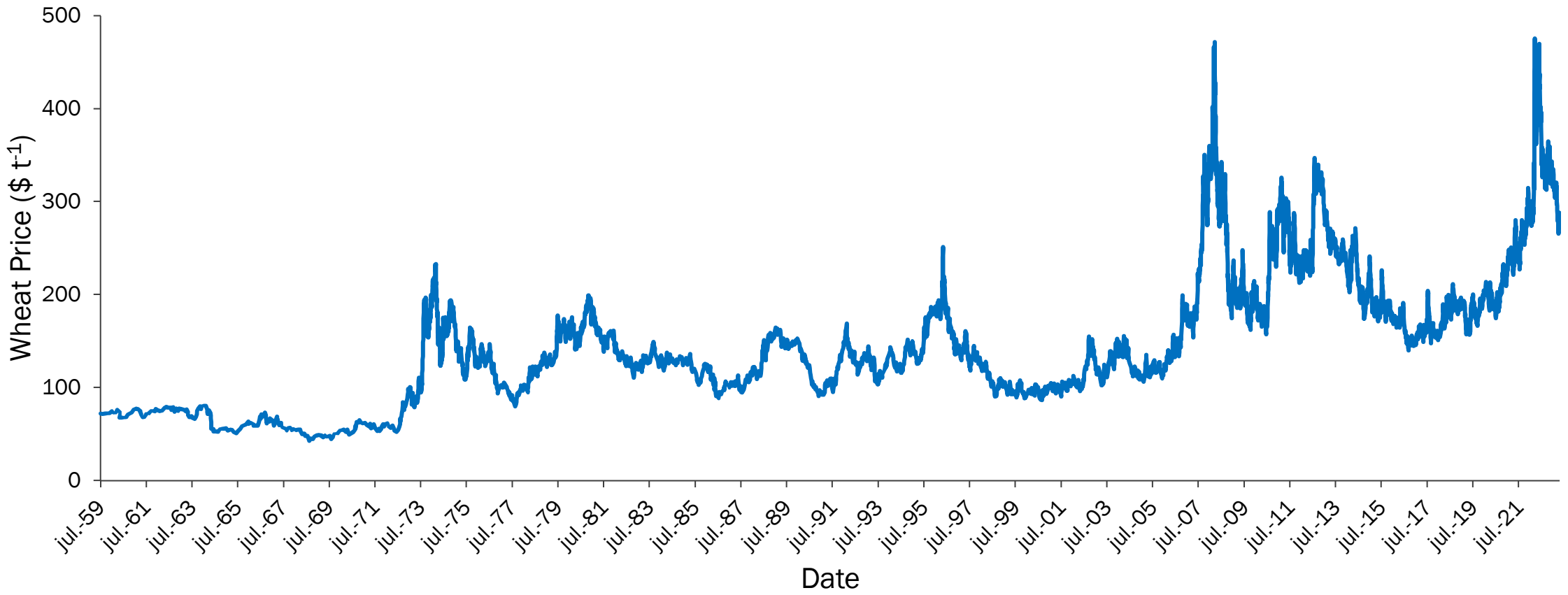
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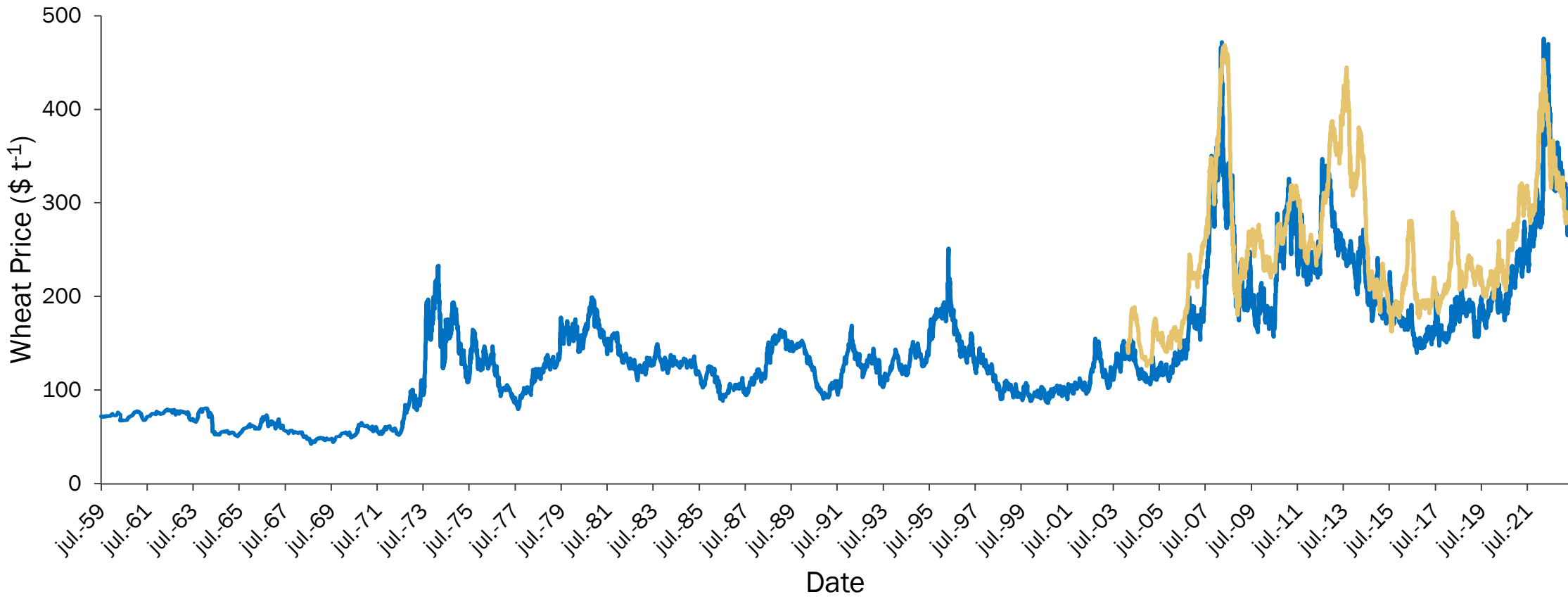


CMIP6 CLIMATE CHANGE MODELS SUGGEST INCREASED FREQUENCY OF LOW WHEAT PRODUCTION EVENTS, AMPLIFIED BY WHEAT PRICE.

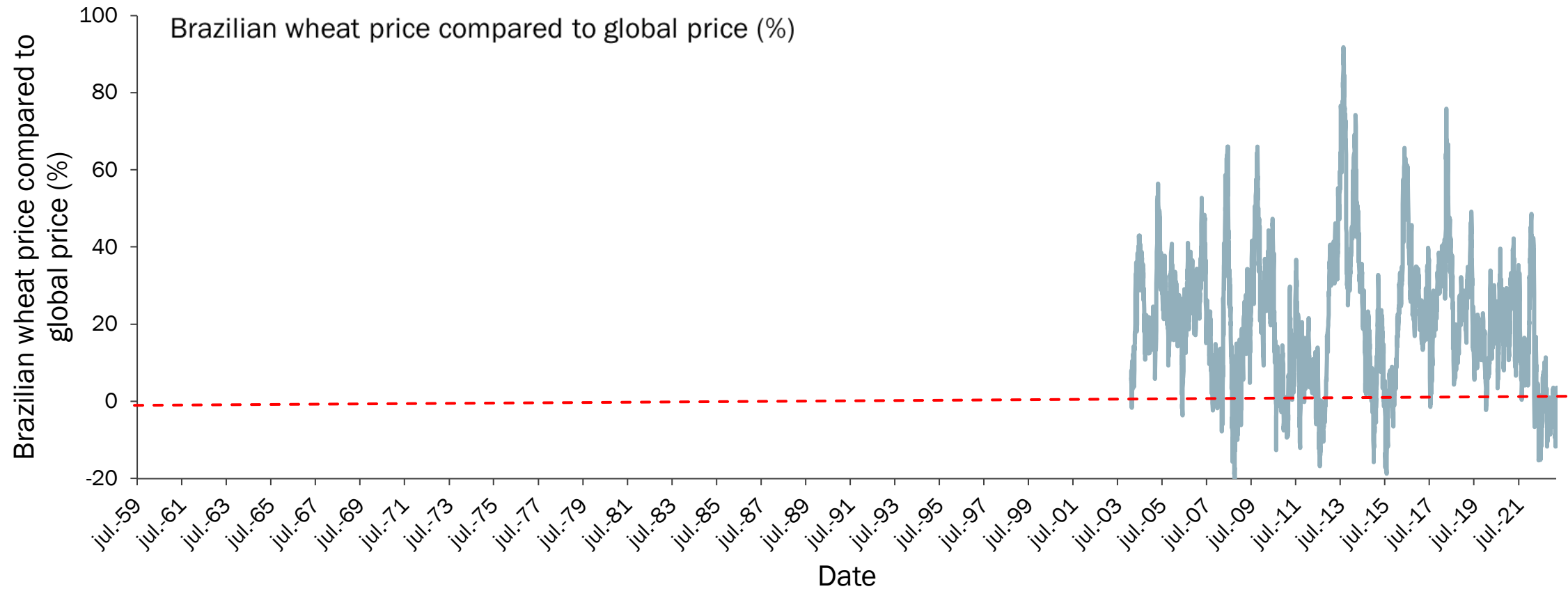
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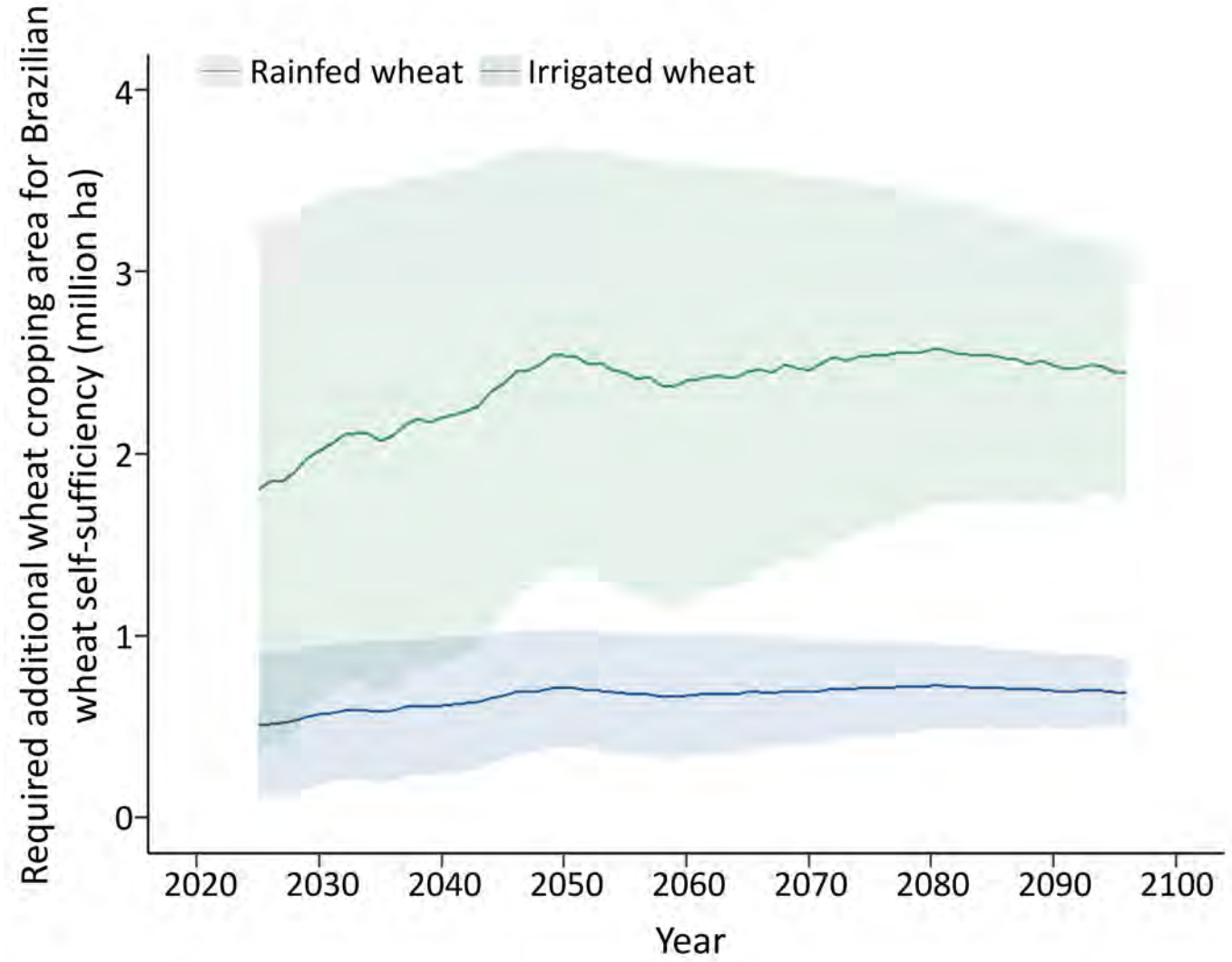
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BRAZIL SEEKS WHEAT SELF-SUFFICIENCY THROUGH EXPANDED PLANTING.



Tomorrow in **Session 1B** titled "Improving Crop Models to Capture Extreme Climate Responses."

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Multi-Breadbasket Failures and Shocks to Food Systems: AgMIP Simulations

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Multi-Breadbasket Failures

Research Questions

1. What is the potential for food shocks caused by simultaneous breadbasket failures in multiple locations across the globe to overwhelm food systems?
2. What are the economic and food system responses to multi-breadbasket failures?

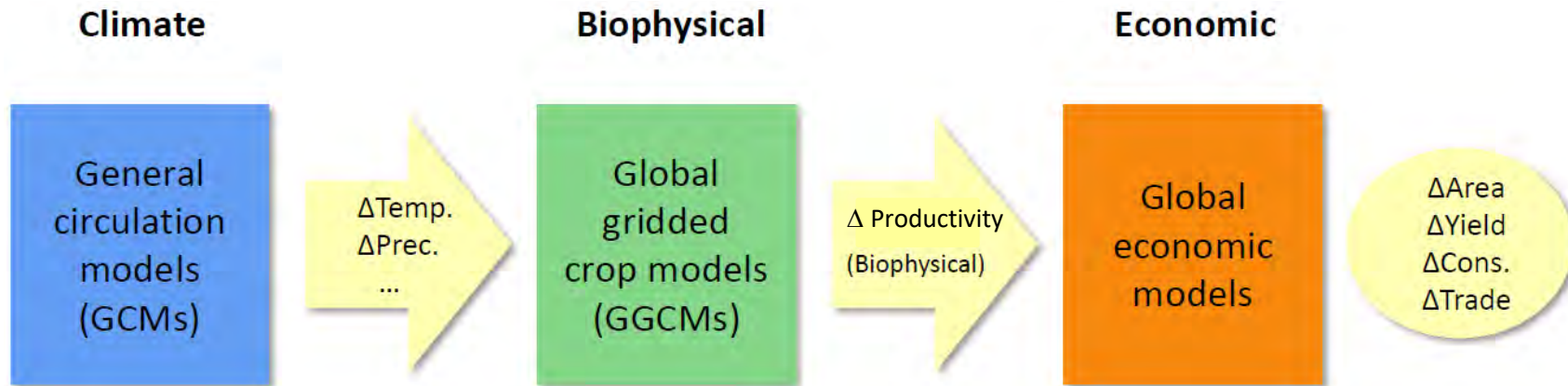
This project was motivated by a 2019 Aspen Global Change Institute workshop on modeling food shocks.

Approach

- Economic responses to biophysical shocks assessed with two global agri-economic models:
 - International Model for Policy Analysis of Agricultural Commodities and Trade (IMPACT)
 - Future Agricultural Resources Model (FARM)
- Food shock scenarios:
 - Uniform global productivity deficits of 5%, 10%, and 15% for three major field crops
 - Vary distribution of global productivity shocks to be concentrated in major breadbaskets



The climate modeling chain: From biophysical to socioeconomic



Climate change effects on agriculture: Economic responses to biophysical shocks

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Agricultural production is sensitive to weather and thus directly affected by climate change. Plausible estimates of these climate change impacts require combined use of climate, crop, and economic models. Results from previous studies vary substantially due to differences in models, scenarios, and data. This paper is part of a collective effort to systematically integrate these three types of models. We focus on the economic component of the assessment, investigating how nine global economic models of agriculture represent endogenous responses to seven standardized climate change scenarios produced by two climate and five crop models. These responses include adjustments in yields, area, consumption, and international trade. We apply biophysical shocks derived from the intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's representative concentration pathway with end-of-century radiative forcing of 8.5 W/m². The mean biophysical yield effect with no incremental CO₂ fertilization is a 17% reduction globally by 2050 relative to a scenario with unchanging climate. Endogenous economic responses reduce yield loss to 11%, increase area of major crops by 11%, and reduce consumption by 3%. Agricultural production, crop-land area, trade, and prices show the greatest degree of variability in response to climate change, and consumption the lowest. The sources of these differences include model structure and specification; in particular, model assumptions about ease of land use conversion, intensification, and trade. This study identifies where models disagree on the relative responses to climate shocks and highlights research activities needed to improve the representation of agricultural adaptation responses to climate change.

in climate model projections (4, 5). However, these studies still relied on a single crop model and a single economic model. The number of economic models used for these types of analysis has remained relatively limited, and there has been no attempt to compare their behavior systematically. The Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) (6) renewed the call to “enhance crop model inter-comparison” and noted that “economic, trade and technological assumptions used in many of the integrated assessment models to project food security under climate change were poorly tested against observed data” (ref. 6, p. 285).

This paper is part of a collective effort (7) to make progress in this direction by systematically integrating results from the three types of models—climate, crop, and economic—to assess how agriculture responds to climate change. The modeling chain is portrayed in Fig. 1. General circulation models (GCMs) use a

Significance

Plausible estimates of climate change impacts on agriculture require integrated use of climate, crop, and economic models. We investigate the contribution of economic models to uncertainty in this impact chain. In the nine economic models included, the direction of management intensity, area, consumption, and international trade responses to harmonized crop yield shocks from climate change are similar. However, the magnitudes differ significantly. The differences depend on model structure, in particular the specification of endogenous yield effects, land use change, and propensity to trade. These results highlight where future research on modeling climate change impacts on agriculture should focus.

climate change adaptation | model intercomparison | integrated assessment | agricultural productivity

Climate change alters weather conditions and thus has direct, biophysical effects on agricultural production. Assessing the ultimate consequences of these effects after producers and consumers respond requires detailed assessments at every step in the impact chain from climate through to crop and economic modeling.

Comparisons of results from global studies that have attempted such model integration in the past show substantial differences in effects on key economic variables. Studies in the early 1990s found that climate change would have limited agricultural impacts globally, but with varying effects across regions (1–3). Adaptation and carbon dioxide (CO₂) fertilization effects were the two largest sources of variation in the results. New simulation approaches emerged in the mid-2000s, with gridded representation of yield impacts and more comprehensive coverage of variability

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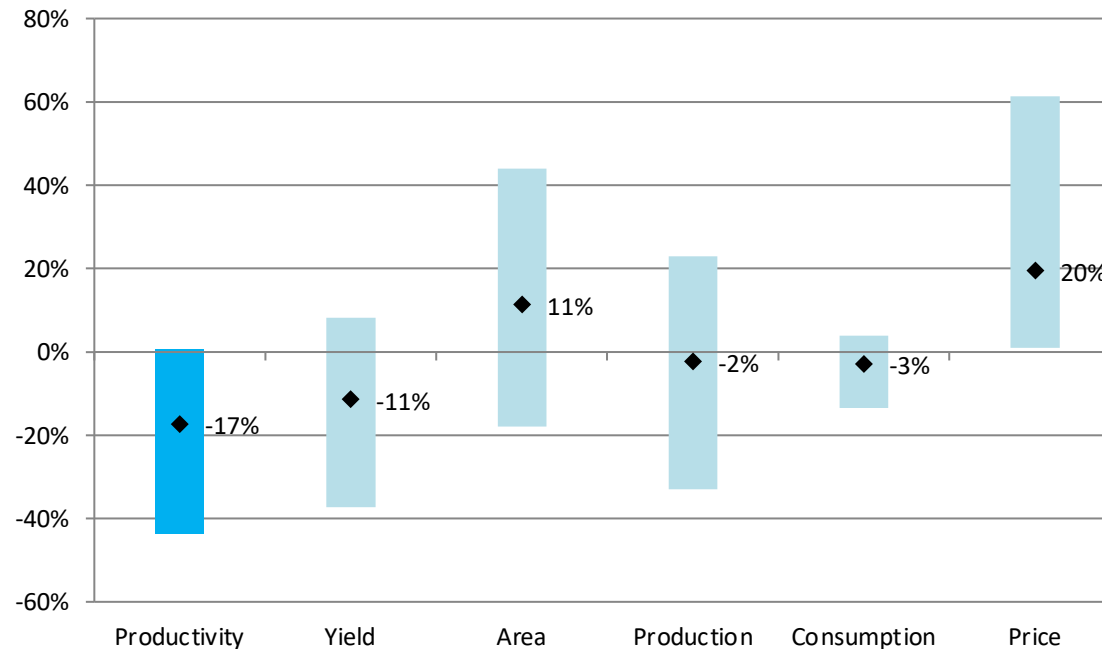
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Economic responses to a decline in agricultural productivity due to climate change in 2050



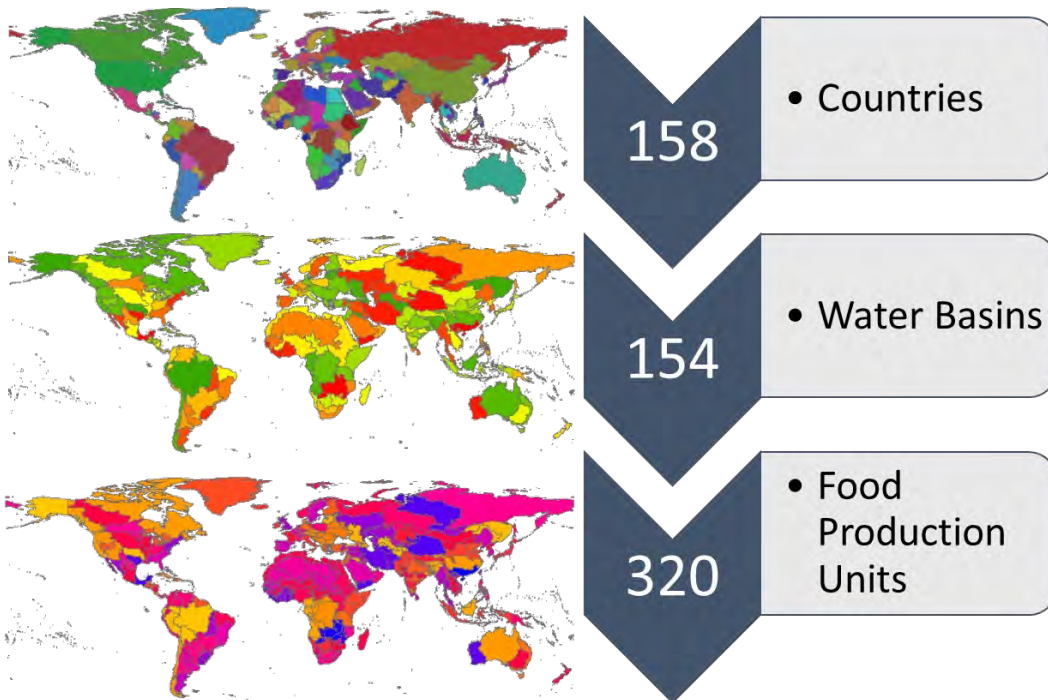
Change in **Productivity** is the exogenous shock. All other changes are endogenous responses relative to baseline. The black diamond is the average (mean) percent change with climate change compared to no climate change in year 2050; the height of a column is the range across climate models, crop models, and nine economic models. Results are a world average across major field crops: wheat, rice, coarse grains, and oil seeds.

Source: Nelson et al. (2014) “Climate change effects on agriculture: Economic responses to biophysical shocks,” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Vol. 111(9): 3274-3279.



The IMPACT modeling framework

- Highly disaggregated regionally and by commodity
=> 320 geographic units, 60+ commodities, irrigated/rainfed agriculture



Cattle	Barley	Bananas
Dairy	Maize	Plantains
Eggs	Millet	Sub-tropical fruits
Pigs	Rice	Temperate fruits
Poultry	Sorghum	Vegetables
Sheep/goat	Wheat	
Groundnuts	Cocoa	Beans
Oil palm	Coffee	Chickpeas
Rapeseed	Cotton	Cowpeas
Soybeans	Tea	Lentils
Sunflower		Pigeonpeas
Cassava	Sugarbeet	Others...
Potato	Sugarcane	
Sweet potatoes	Refined sugar	
Yams		

Future Agricultural Resources Model (FARM)

Global computable general equilibrium (CGE) model with 13 world regions, 38 production sectors, and five-year time steps from 2011 through 2101.

Region name	Notes
Sub-Saharan Africa	
India	
Other Asia (south)	
Brazil	
Other South America	Including Central America, Caribbean, and Mexico
Middle East and North Africa	Including Turkey
Economies in Transition	Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan
China	
Southeast and East Asia	Including Japan
United States	
Canada	
Europe	Including Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania
Australia and New Zealand	Including Oceania

Group	Subgroup	Production Sector	
Primary agriculture	Crops	Wheat	
		Paddy rice	
		Other grains	
		Oilseeds	
		Sugar (cane and beet)	
		Vegetables and fruits	
		Plant fibers	
		Other crops	
		Animal products	Cattle and other ruminants
	Fisheries	Raw milk	Wool
Other animal products			
Forestry		Fish	
Food processing	Forestry	Vegetable oils	
		Processed rice	
		Sugar	
		Beverages and tobacco products	
	Production	Other food	Meat from cattle and other ruminants
			Dairy products
		Transformation	Other meat products
			Coal
			Crude oil
			Natural gas
Energy-intensive industries	Transformation	Refined coal and petroleum products	
		Electricity	
		Wood products	
	Other industry	Paper and pulp	
		Chemicals, rubber, and plastic	
		Nonmetallic minerals	
		Iron and steel	
	Transportation	Services	Nonferrous metals
			Other industry
			Land transportation
Services	Services	Water transportation	
		Air transportation	
		Services	



Table of Scenarios

Magnitude of production deficit	1A	IMPACT	FARM	Uniform global negative yield shocks to maize, rice, wheat of 5% with immediate rebound
	1B	IMPACT	FARM	Uniform global negative yield shocks to maize, rice, wheat of 10% with immediate rebound
	1C	IMPACT	FARM	Uniform global negative yield shocks to maize, rice, wheat of 15% with immediate rebound
Distribution of production deficit	2A		FARM	10% productivity deficit from losses in United States
	2B		FARM	10% productivity deficit from losses in 3 major breadbaskets (United States, Russia, Ukraine and other Economies in transition)
	2C		FARM	10% productivity deficit from losses in many minor breadbaskets (countries other than scenario 2B)
Sequential effects	3A			10% global productivity deficit in 1 st year; 2 nd year normal
	3B	IMPACT		Uniform global negative yield shocks to maize, rice, wheat of 10% WITHOUT immediate rebound (persistence of yield shock for 3 years)
Buffers	4A			10% global reduction from 2 major breadbaskets, but good year elsewhere mean only 5% global production deficit
	4B	IMPACT		Uniform global negative yield shocks to maize of 10% and positive yield shock to wheat of 5% with immediate rebound
	4C	IMPACT		Uniform global negative yield shocks to maize of 10% and positive yield shock to rice of 5% with immediate rebound
Alternative futures	5A			10% global productivity deficit with severe climate change impacts
	5B			10% global productivity deficit with bioenergy competition

Additional results from the IMPACT model

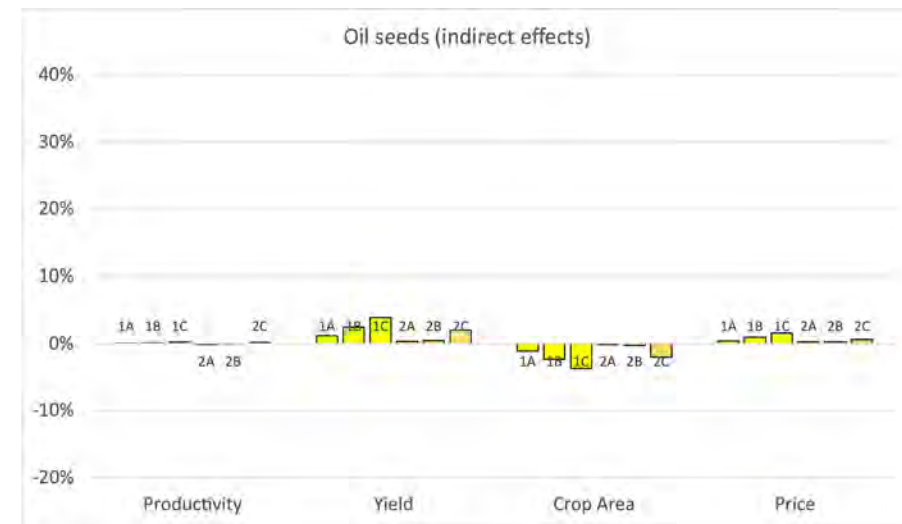
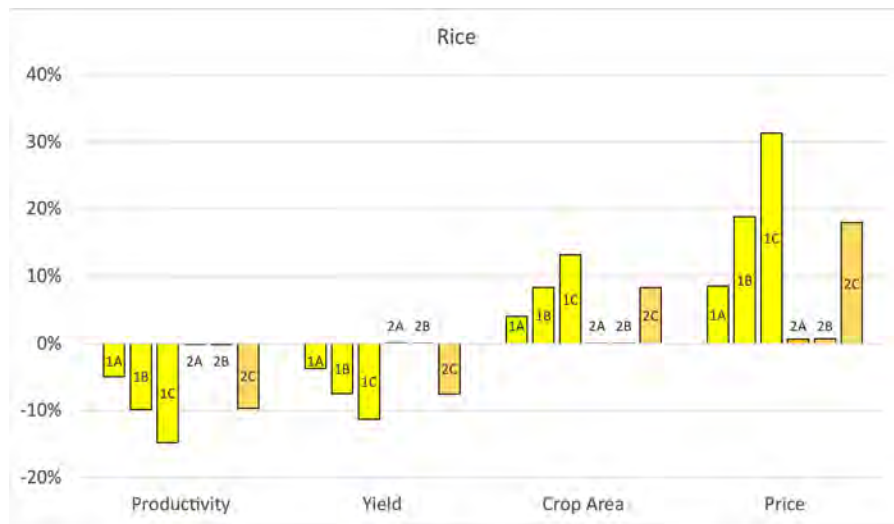
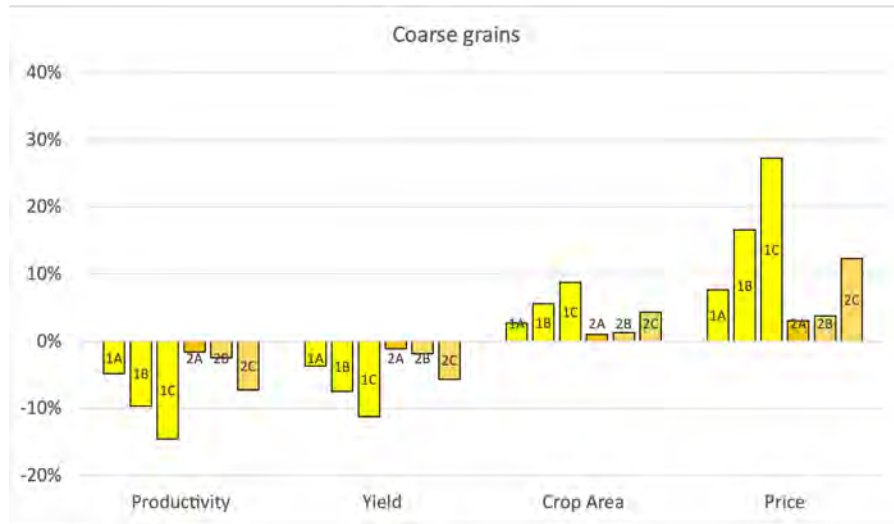
Price index (REF = 1.0) with shock in 2015

		2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020											
WLD	Maize	REF	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
		1A	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.07	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
		1B	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.16	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
		1C	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.26	0.99	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00
		3B	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.16	1.15	1.15	0.99	1.00	1.00
		4B	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.16	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
		4C	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.16	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Rice	REF	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
		1A	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.11	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
		1B	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.24	0.99	0.99	0.99	1.01	1.00
		1C	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.40	0.98	0.99	0.99	1.01	1.00
		3B	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.24	1.23	1.22	0.98	0.99	1.00
		4B	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
4C		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.92	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Wheat	REF	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
	1A	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.09	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
	1B	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.20	0.99	0.99	0.99	1.00	1.00	
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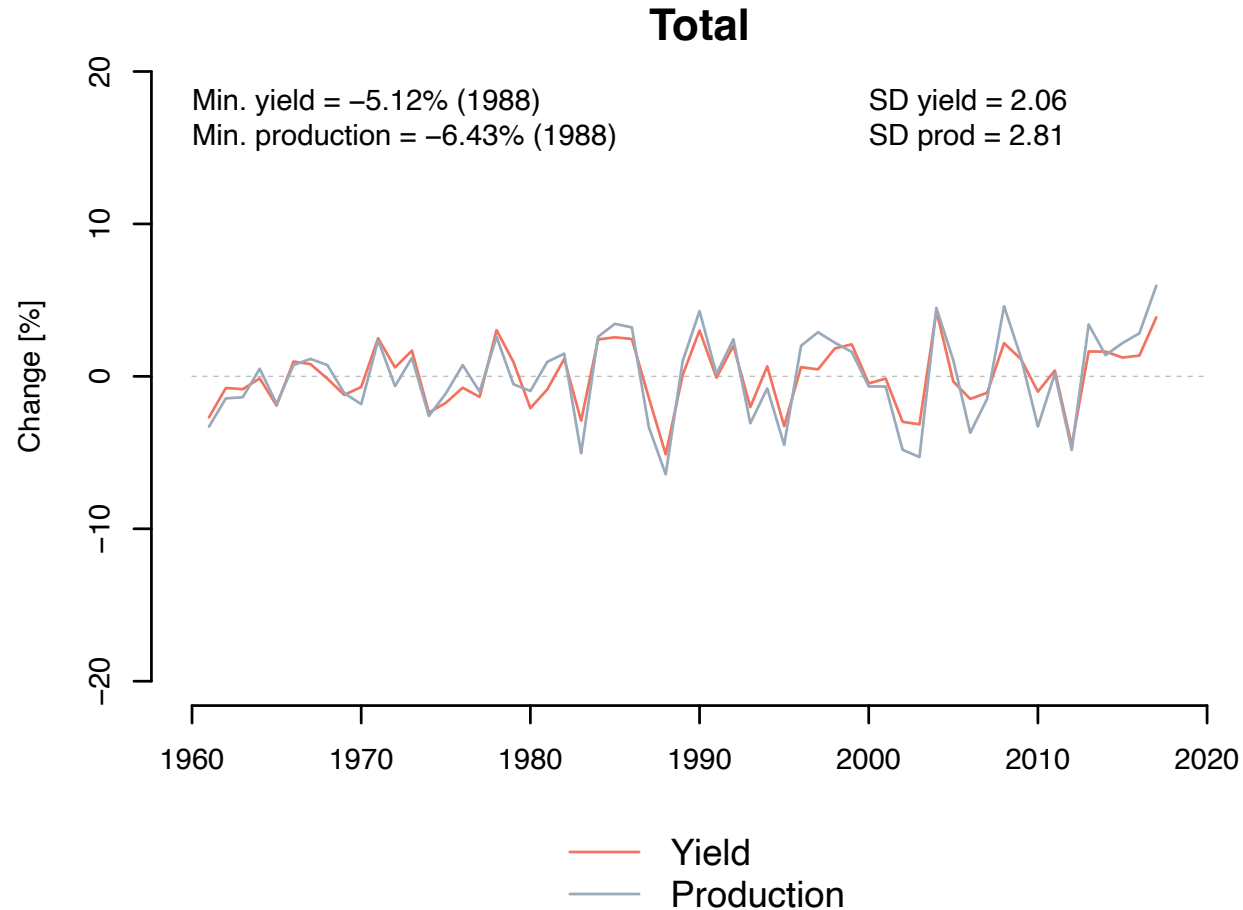
Per capita calorie (kcal) availability levels and index

		Levels			Index		
		2010	2015	2020	2010	2015	2020
WLD	REF	2,798	2,841	2,894	1.00	1.00	1.00
	1A	2,798	2,809	2,894	1.00	0.99	1.00
	1B	2,798	2,776	2,894	1.00	0.98	1.00
	1C	2,798	2,742	2,893	1.00	0.97	1.00
	3B	2,798	2,776	2,894	1.00	0.98	1.00
	4B	2,798	2,845	2,894	1.00	1.00	1.00
	4C	2,798	2,844	2,894	1.00	1.00	1.00

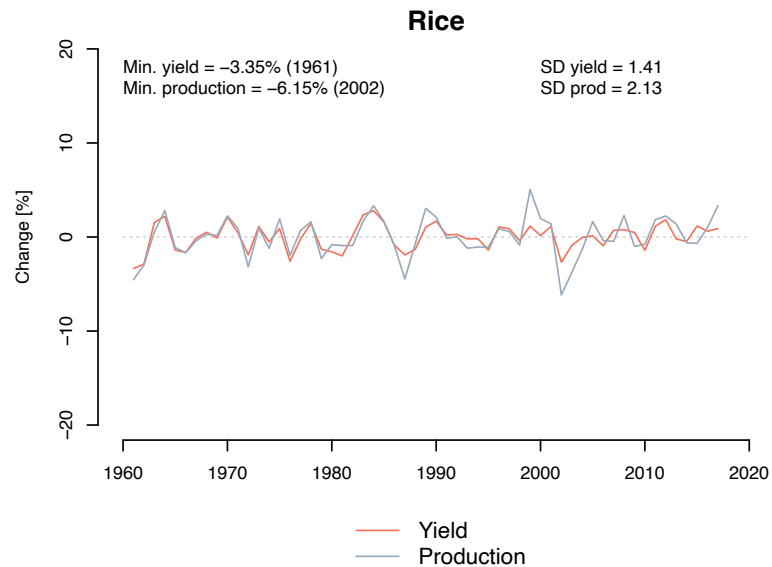
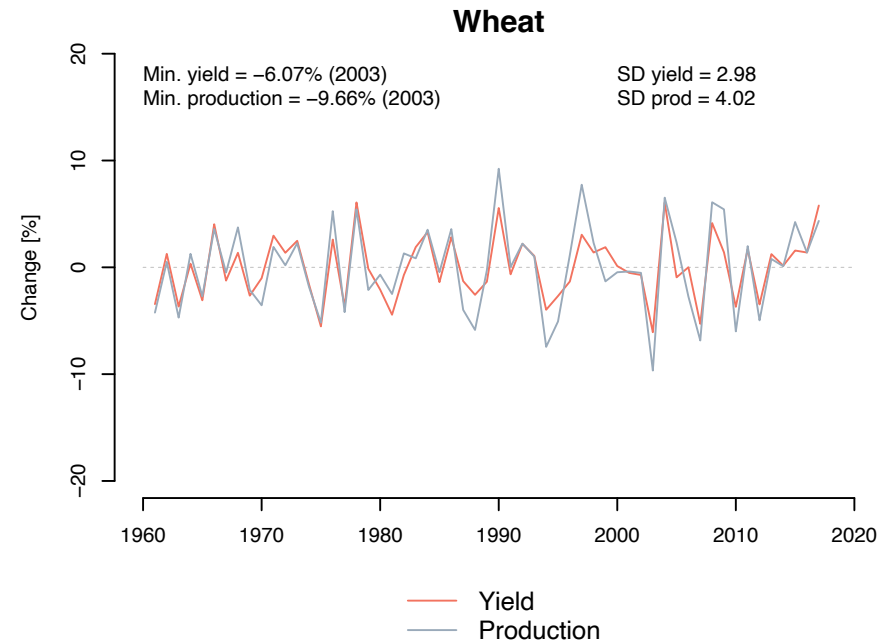
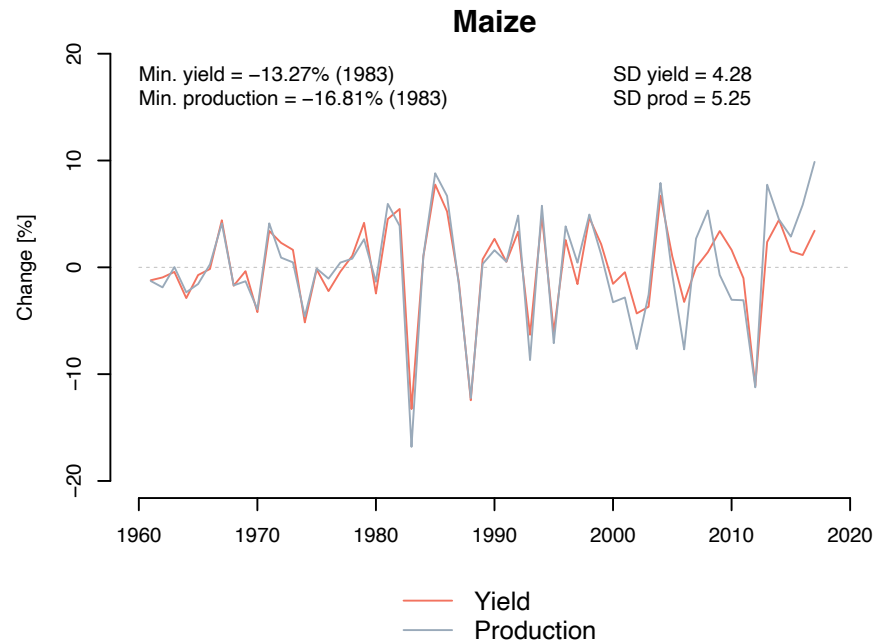
Selected results from the FARM model (World)



Scenario 1A – Historical global production deficit in maize, wheat, rice



- Largest FAO-observed historical production loss was 6.4%, a 10% and 15% global shock would be 55% and 133% larger than the observed extreme
- Losses >4% occurred in 1983, 1988, 1995, 2002, 2003, 2012
- Yield variability (Standard Deviation) smaller than production variability, changes in harvested area exacerbate production fluctuations



- Individual crops have larger inter-annual variation than total production
- Different crops have worst losses in different years
- **Maize** had global losses >10% in 3 years (1983, 1988, 2012) and >5% in 7 years (1983, 1988, 1993, 1995, 2002, 2006, 2012)
- **Wheat** had losses >5% in 7 years (1975, 1988, 1994, 1995, 2003, 2007, 2010)
- **Rice** had losses >5% in 1 year (2002) and losses >3% in 5 years (1961, 1972, 1987, 2002, 2003)
- Maize variability highest among the three crops, more than twice the rice variability

Takeaways

Results

- Decline in consumption is much less than decline in productivity or yield
- Food price increases bring more non-land inputs into production and increase area harvested
- Changes in yield and area depend on flexibility of production structure
- Increase in area of crops affected by food shock is partly offset by a decline in area of other crops

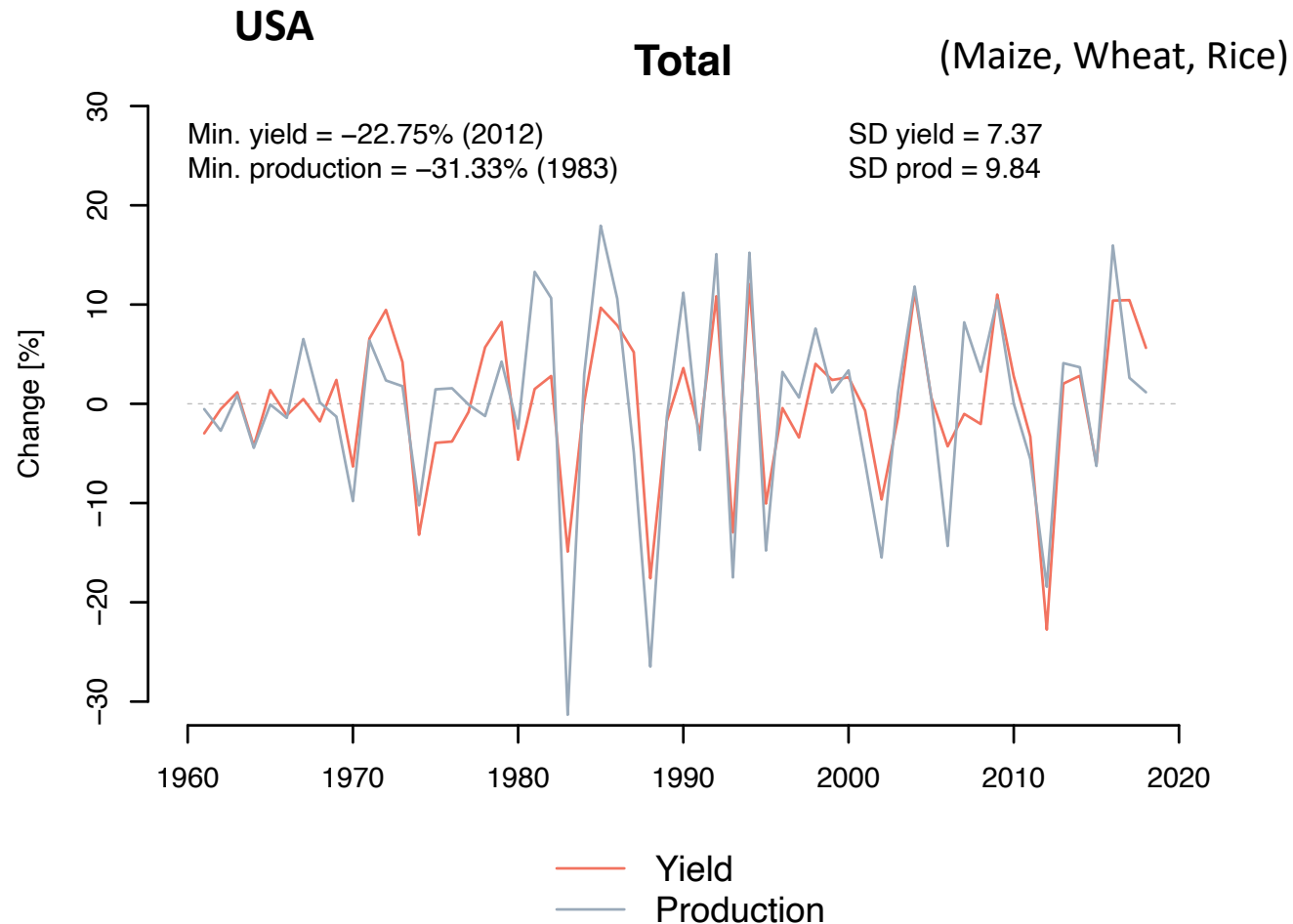
Modeling Challenges

- How should productivity changes from crop models be interpreted in economic production functions?
- Dynamics and drawdown of food stocks
- Results depend on whether the shock is known in advance or is a surprise after planting



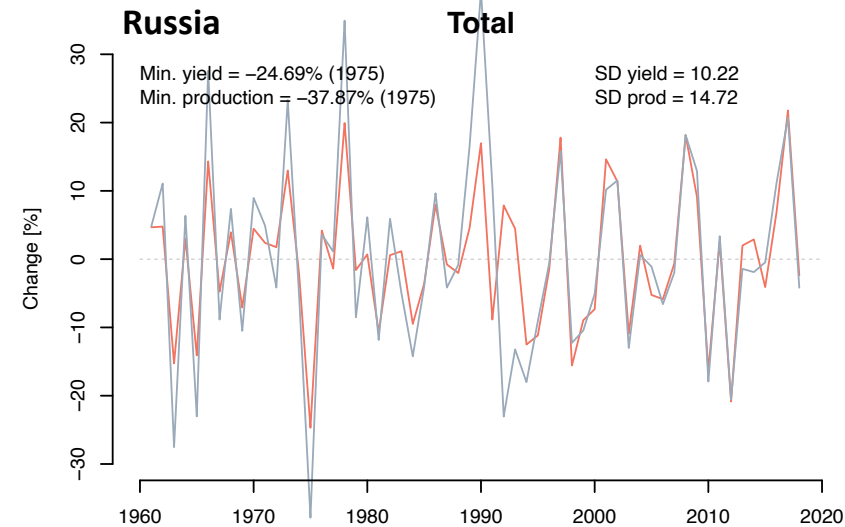
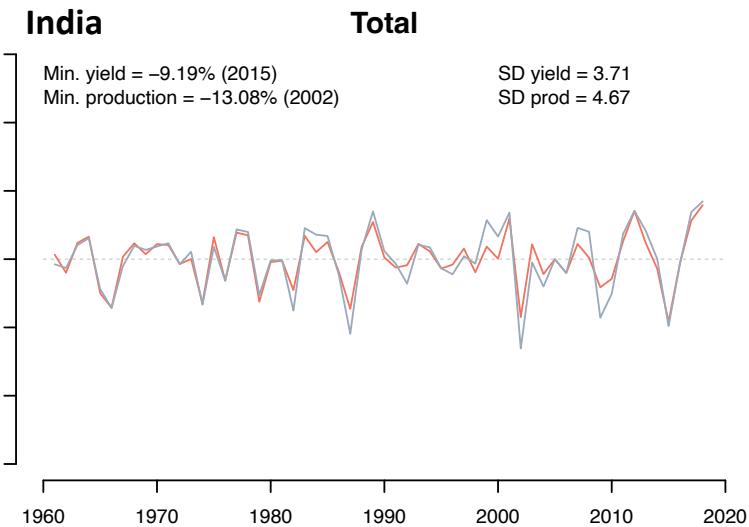
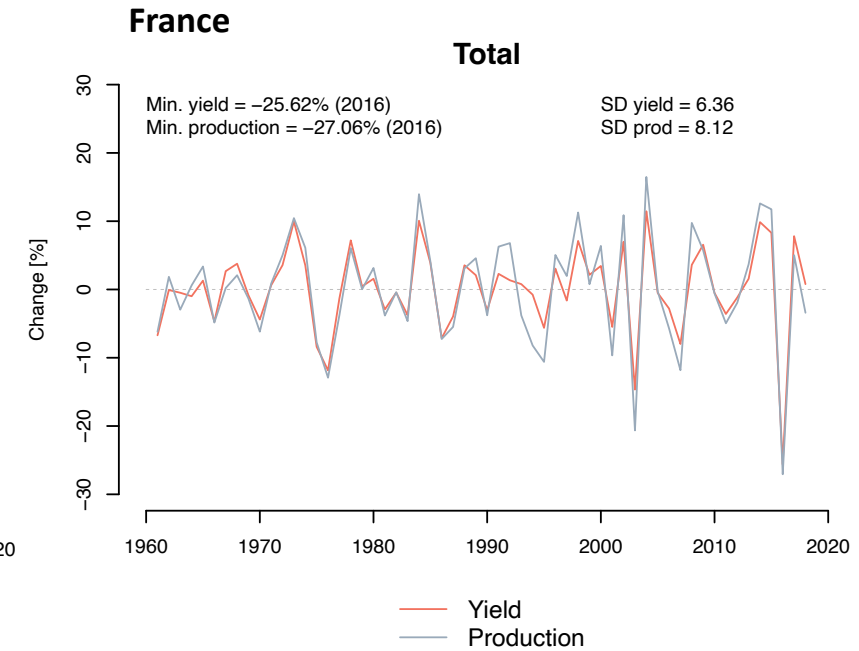
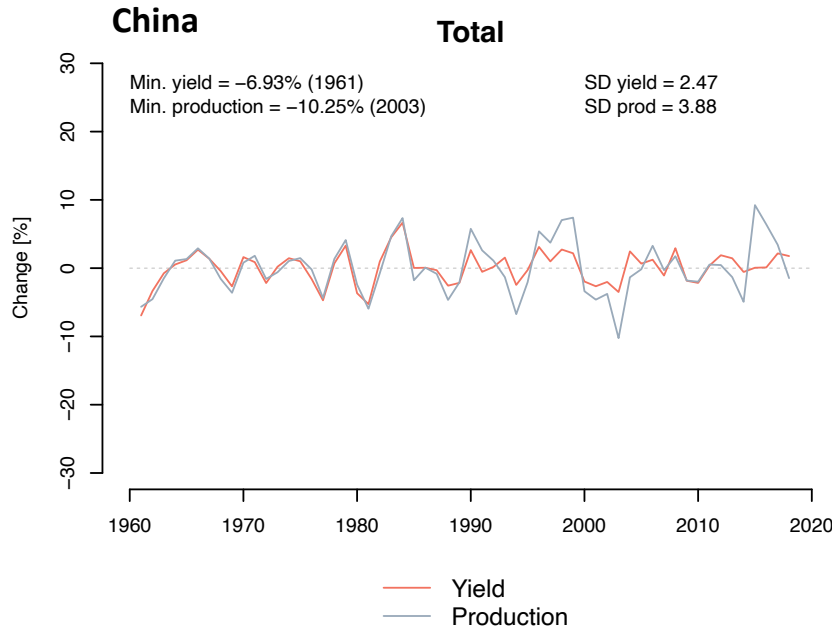
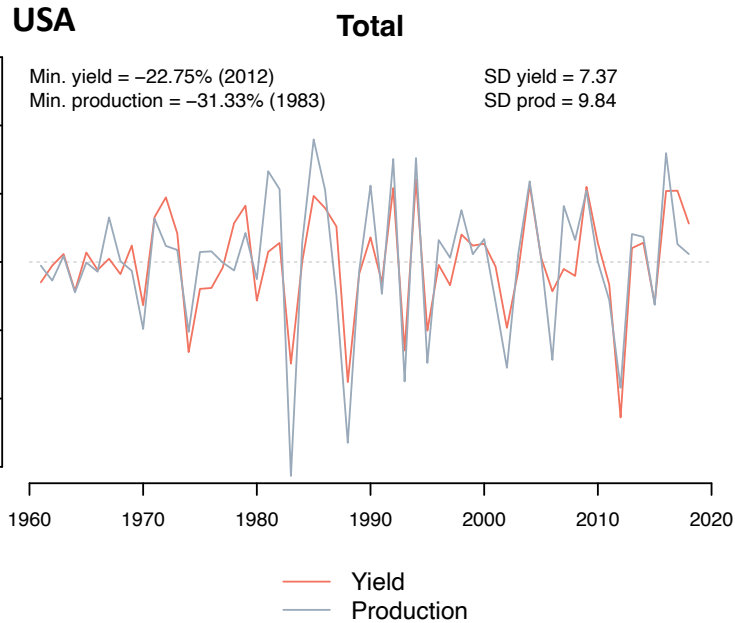
Extra Slides

Scenario 2A – 10% global production deficit from losses in USA



- US production had largest deficit in 1983 with -31%
- Largest yield losses occurred in 2012 (-23%)
- Dust bowl had yield losses up to 32% in 1933 (before FAO observations start)
- US contribution to global production of maize, wheat, and rice is 17% (past 10 years)
- To generate a global loss of 10%, US production would need to fall by 59% (down to 41% of average level in past 10 years)
- Largest historical production losses (1983) caused a global production deficit of 5.8%, today the same shock would cause a global deficit of 5.3%

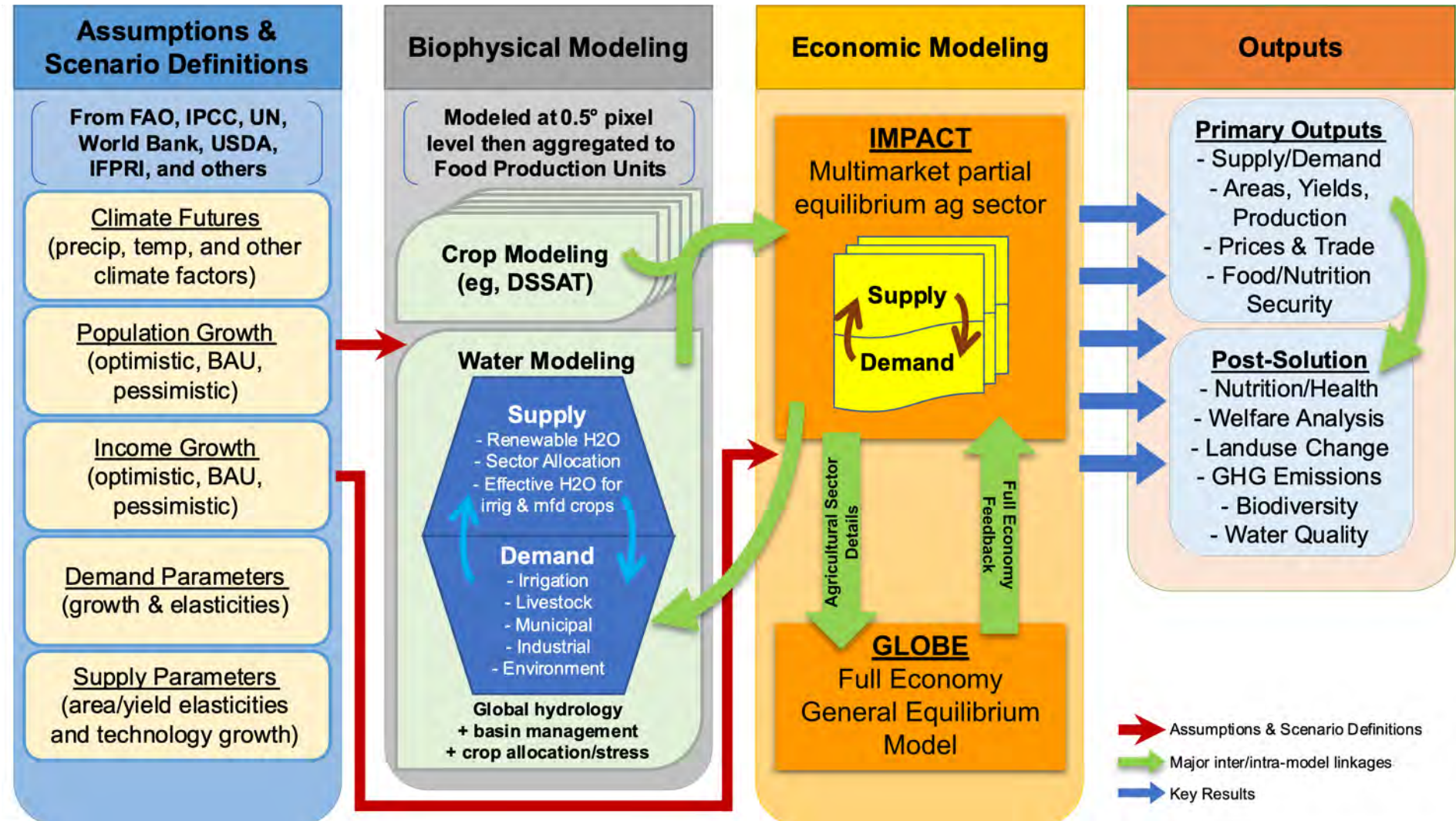
Scenario 2B – 10% global production deficit from losses in various breadbaskets



- US largest production losses 31% (1983)
- China largest production losses 10% (2003)
- France largest production losses 27% (2016)
- Contribution to global production (past 10 years) of maize, wheat, and rice is 39.6% (USA + CHN), 41.74% (USA + CHN + FRA), 56% (USA + CHN + FRA + IND + RUS)
- If the largest losses occurred in the same year, the global deficit would be
 - 7.6% USA + China
 - 8.2% USA + China + France
 - 10.1% USA + China + France + India + Russia

The IMPACT modeling framework

- International Model for Policy Analysis of Agricultural Commodities and Trade
- Advanced, interconnected framework of different types of models (micro to macro)



more info at <https://www.ifpri.org/project/ifpri-impact-model>

Future Agricultural Resources Model (FARM)

- The FARM model simulates six major drivers of global change into the future
 - population (U.N. World Population Prospects)
 - per capita income growth
 - agricultural productivity
 - dietary preference
 - climate change effects on agriculture
 - large-scale demand for bioenergy as part of a climate change mitigation strategy
- Time dimension
 - Five-year time steps starting in 2011
 - Time horizon of 2050 or 2100 depending on application
- Shared Socio-economic Pathways (SSPs)
 - GDP projections
 - Narratives for productivity growth, per-capita food consumption, international trade flexibility
- Computable general equilibrium (written in GAMS)
- Spatial dimension
 - 13, 15, or 20 world regions
 - Up to 18 agro-ecological zones (AEZs) in each world region
- Data sources
 - Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) for base-year social accounts and land use by AEZ
 - International Energy Agency (IEA) for energy balances
 - Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations for production statistics and food balance sheets
- Productivity and efficiency assumptions
 - Labor-augmenting parameter adjusted to roughly match SSP GDP projections
 - Land-augmenting parameter adjusted to match external sources on changes in crop yield
- Production sectors
 - Start with 38 production sectors from GTAP
 - Eight crop types (plus a stylized switchgrass crop) compete for land with ruminant livestock and forests
 - Ten electricity generation technologies including two bio-electricity technologies (switchgrass and forest residue)
 - Carbon dioxide capture and storage (CCS) can be either on or off for fossil-electricity and bio-electricity

