

# Drought tolerance

WGIN-2 SG meeting

Limagrain Woolpit 6 December 2013



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## Activity 9, Drought tolerance (2009-14)

- Obj 1. Identify traits for WUE and drought tolerance (DT) in elite winter wheat varieties. (Yrs 1-2)**
- Obj 2. Identify QTLs for WUE and DT traits using one DH pop in an elite background. (Yrs 2-3)**
- Obj 3. Develop one new DH pop for drought research. (Yrs 2-4)**
- Obj 4. Identify novel genes and alleles for WUE and DT using the AE Watkins and Gediflux collections. (Yrs 2-4)**
- Obj 5. Collate germplasm (cvs, advanced lines) for future genetics studies. (Yrs 4 -5)**

# WGIN Objective 9.2 QTL Detection

2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 expts

- Rialto x Savannah DH population for phenotyping for yield physiological traits (94 lines and 2 parents)
- 2 sites: Nottingham - irrigated & unirrigated; JIC - unirrigated
- Target traits
  - $^{13}\text{C}$   $\Delta$  grain
  - senescence kinetic
  - stem WSC

# Measurements on DH pop

- **Combine grain yield, yield components**
- **% stem WSC at GS61+10d (unirrigated)**
- **Leaf senescence kinetics for flag-leaf, L2 and L3.**
- **Canopy temperature**
- **grain  $\Delta 13C$  (unirrigated)**
- **NDVI**

Drought effects 11 July 2011



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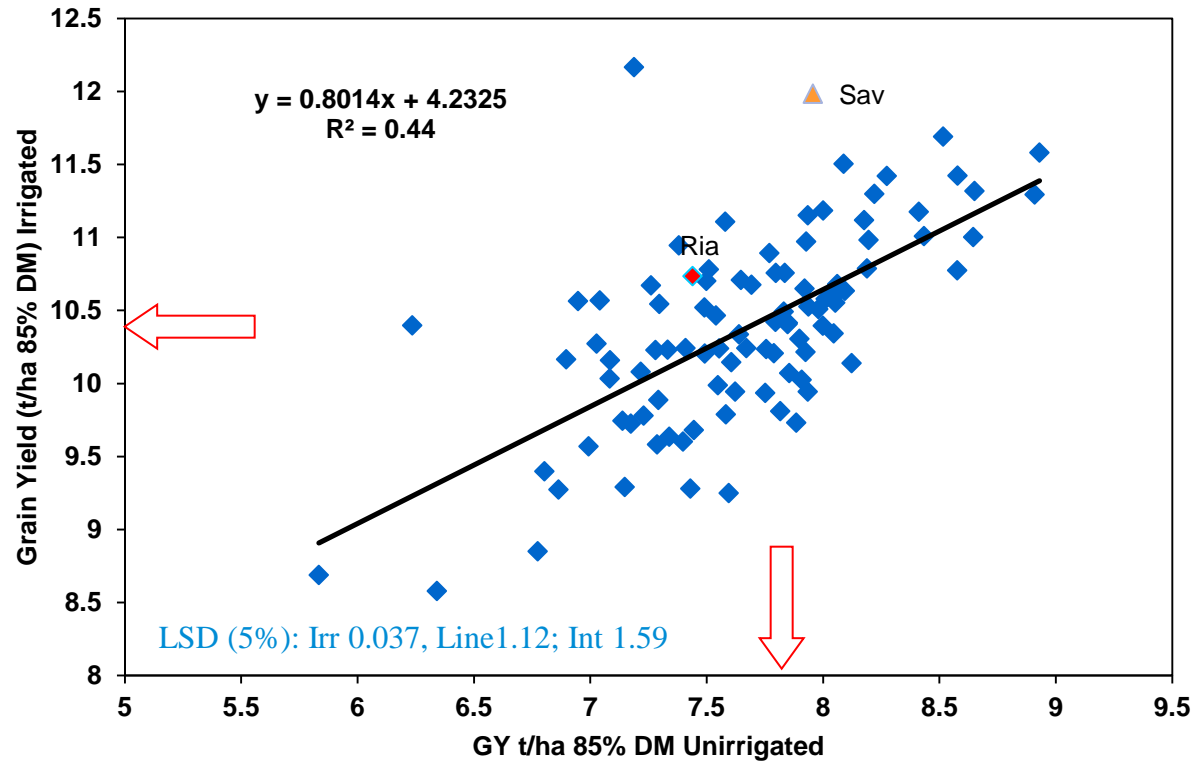


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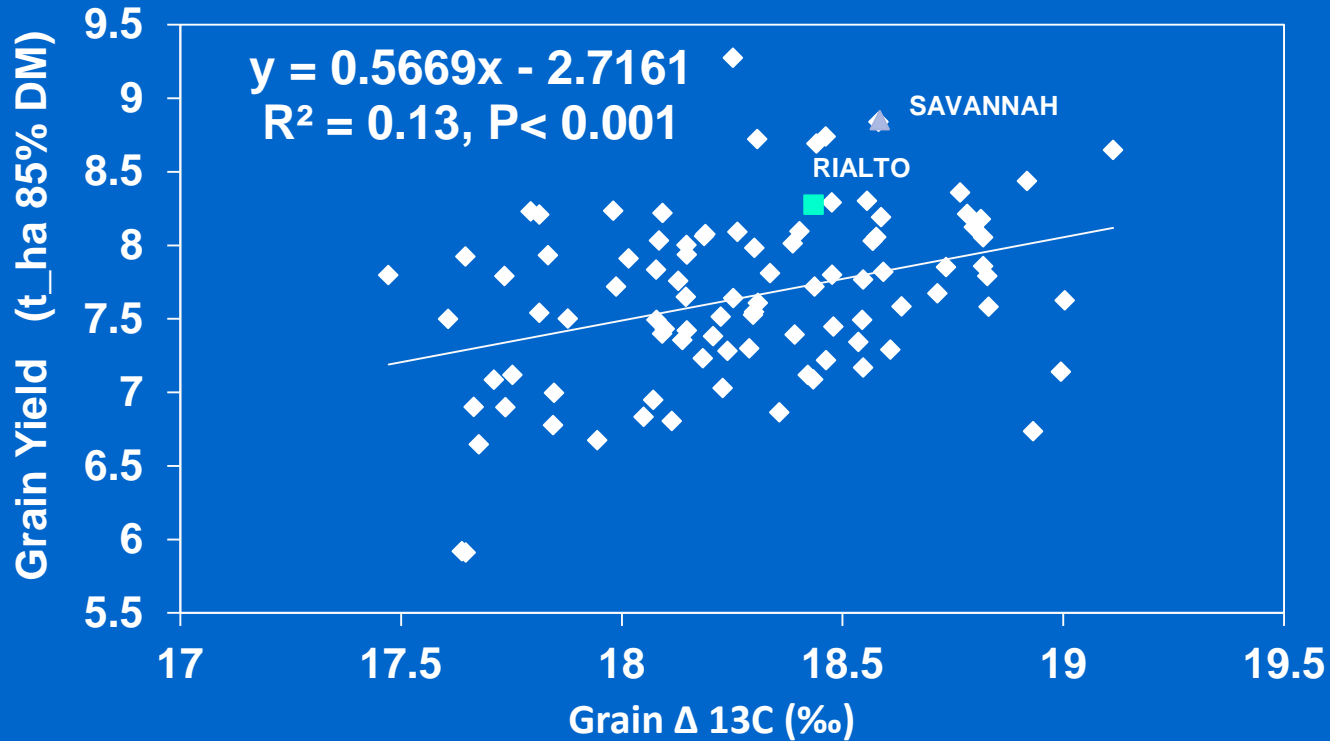


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# Grain yield responses to irrigation



# $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$ vs grain yield: Savannah x Rialto DH 2010-11



High WUE ← ————— → Low WUE



# SavXRia Sutton Bonnington QTLs 2010-11

chr	pos	LOD	var	mean	add eff	on	marker	trait	env
1D	28	3.1	12.9	0.5	-0.008	S	RAC875_c78062	HI	IRRI11
4D	17.8	2.7	11.1	0.5	0.008	R	GENE-2812	HI	IRRI11
4A	191.6	2.5	7.7	50.8	-0.8	S	BS00023164	TGRWT	IRRI11
5A	70.8	5.8	20.1	50.8	-1.35	S	Kukri_c61108	TGRWT	IRRI11
6A	129	4	13.1	50.8	-1.1	S	EXcalibur_c52196	TGRWT	IRRI11
2D	3	3	12	343	12.9	R	Kukri_c2912	EARNBpsqm	UNIRRI11
7A	0	3.9	16	343	15.1	R	EXcalibur_c48636	EARNBpsqm	UNIRRI11
2D	3	4.4	17.3	16267	703	R	Kukri_c2912	GRpsqm	UNIRRI11
3B	261	3	11.3	16266	-585	S	Ex_c14162_22093694	GRpsqm	UNIRRI11
3B	260	2.4	11.3	7.6	-0.19	S	Ex_c14162_22093694	GRYLD	UNIRRI11
3A	144.9	2.6	7.2	47	1.2	R	BS00110564	TGRWT	UNIRRI11
5A	337.3	2.8	7.7	47	-1.3	S	IAAV7514	TGRWT	UNIRRI11
7D	45	2.9	8.1	47.2	-1.1	S	Kukri_c48125	TGRWT	UNIRRI11
2D	34	8.2	30.3	4.4	0.28	R	BS00049370	LFCURL	UNIRRI11
2B		3.0	17.5	4.4	0.18	R	BS00098024	LFCURL	UNIRRI11
5A	119.8	1.4	4.2	4.4	0.18	R	RAC875_c61493	LFCURL	UNIRRI11
5A	249.8	3.2	15.1	0.32	-0.011	S	EXcalibur_rep_c68005	NDVI	UNIRRI11
2A	161	3.4	16.0	18.2	0.135	R	Tdurum_contig66015	DeltaC	UNIRRI11

- both environments: TGRWT (5A)
- irrigated: HI (1D, 4D), TGRWT (4A,6A)
- unirrigated: EARpsqm (2D, 7A), GRpsqm (2D,3B), GRYLD (3B), LFCURL (2B, 2D, 5A), NDVI (5A), Cdelta (2A)
- no qtls: AGDM, CTEMP, StemWSC

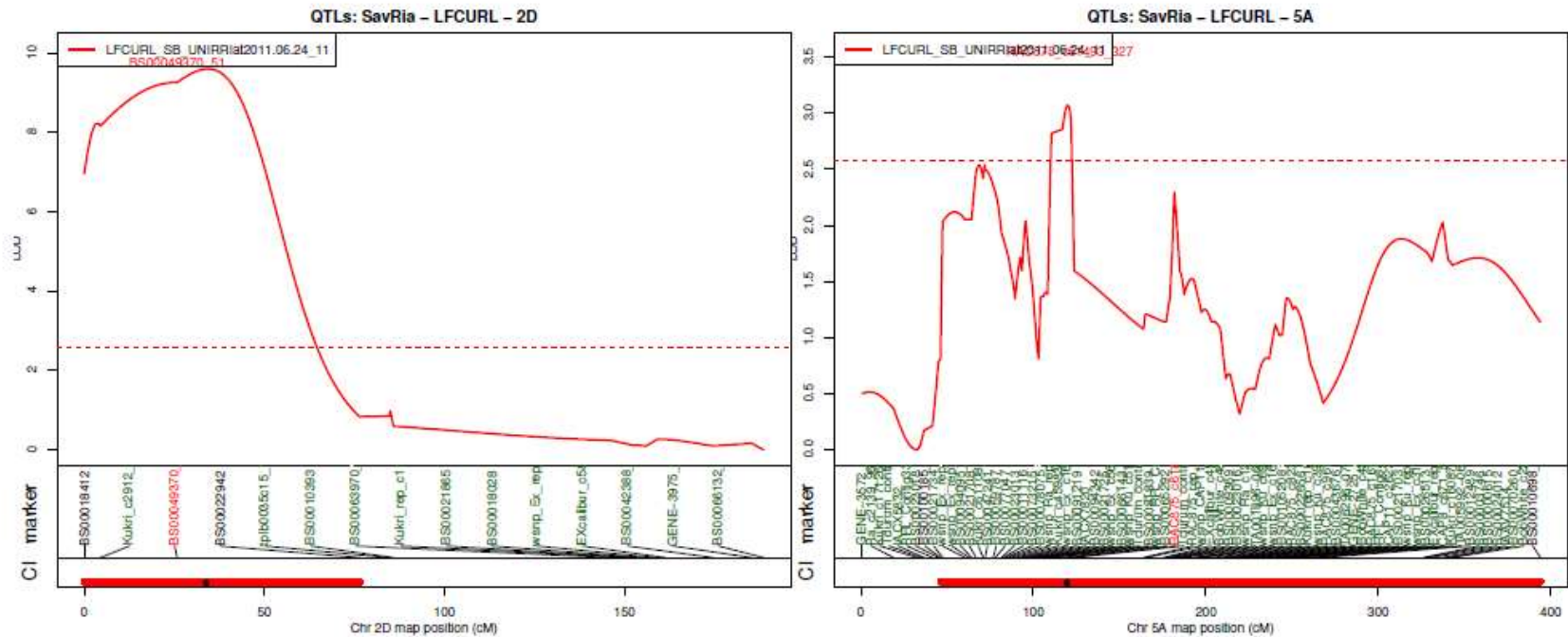
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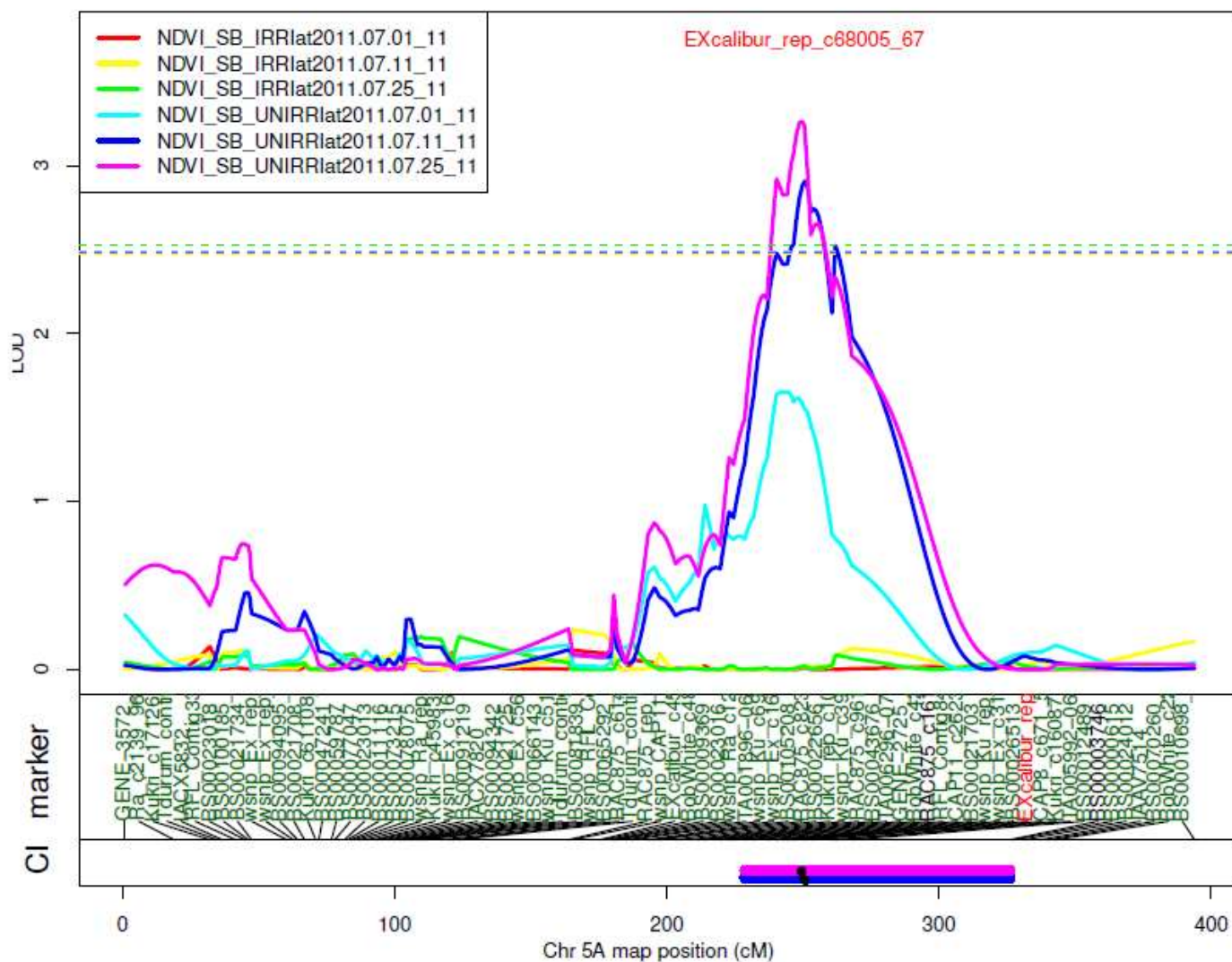


# QTLs for LFCURL



LEAF CURL QTL 2D coincides with GRpsqm, 5A NOT with NDVI.

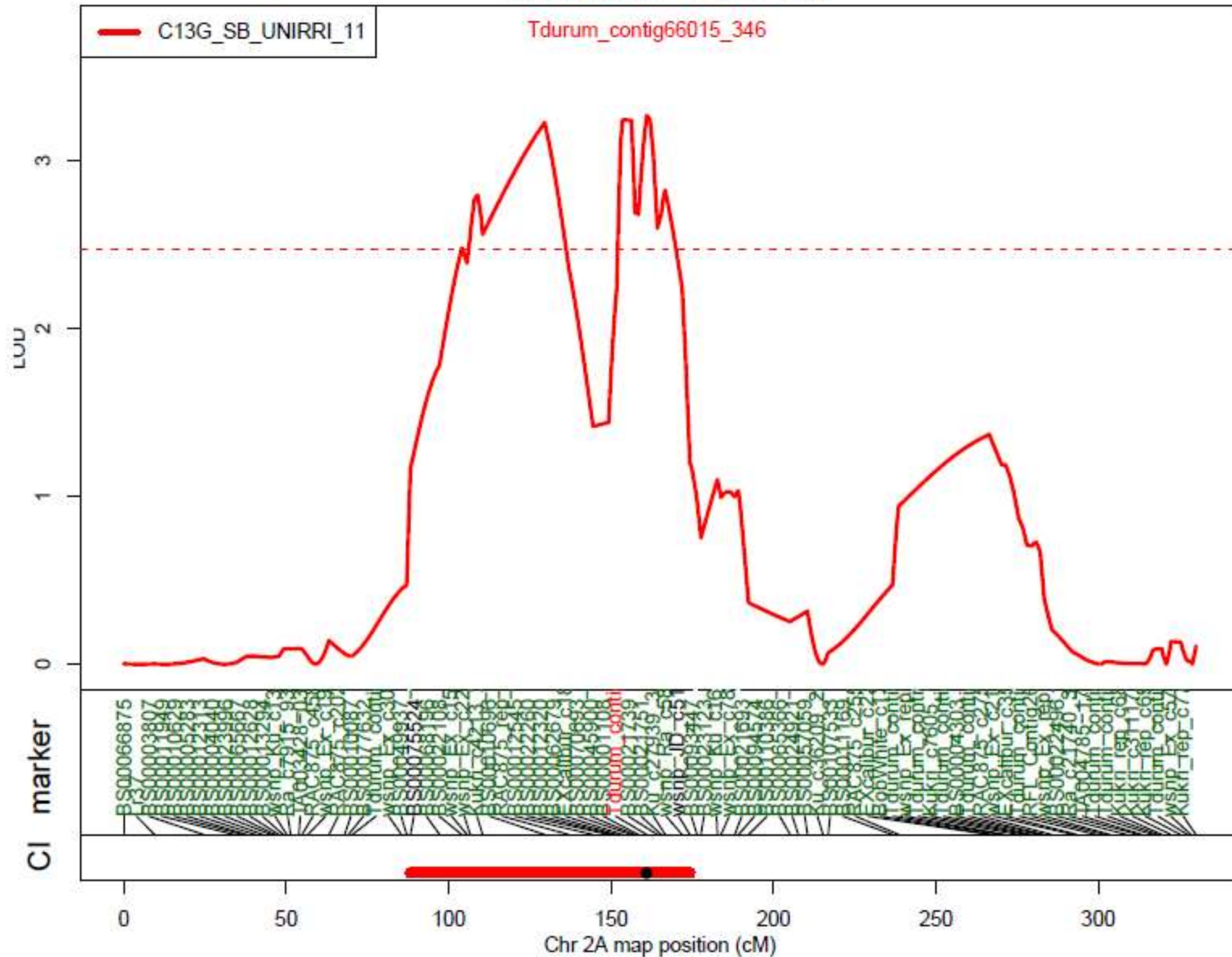
# QTL 5A for NDVI



NDVI QTL 5A only under 'drought'.

# QTLs for Cdelta

QTLs: SavRia - C13G - 2A



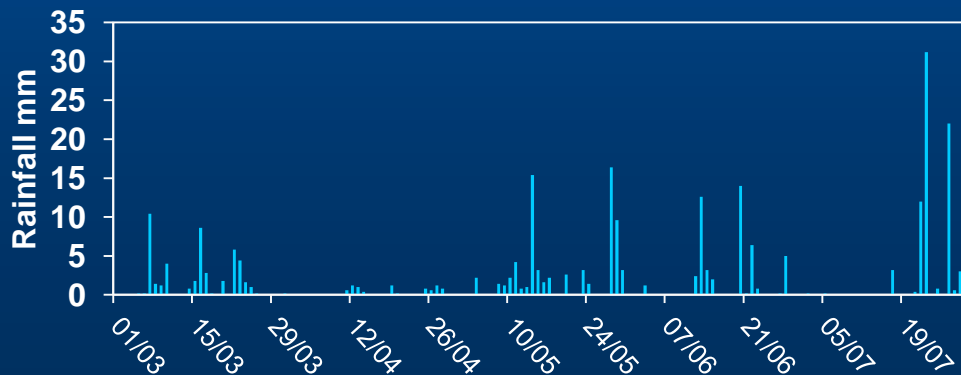
# Rialto x Savannah DH pop 2012-13



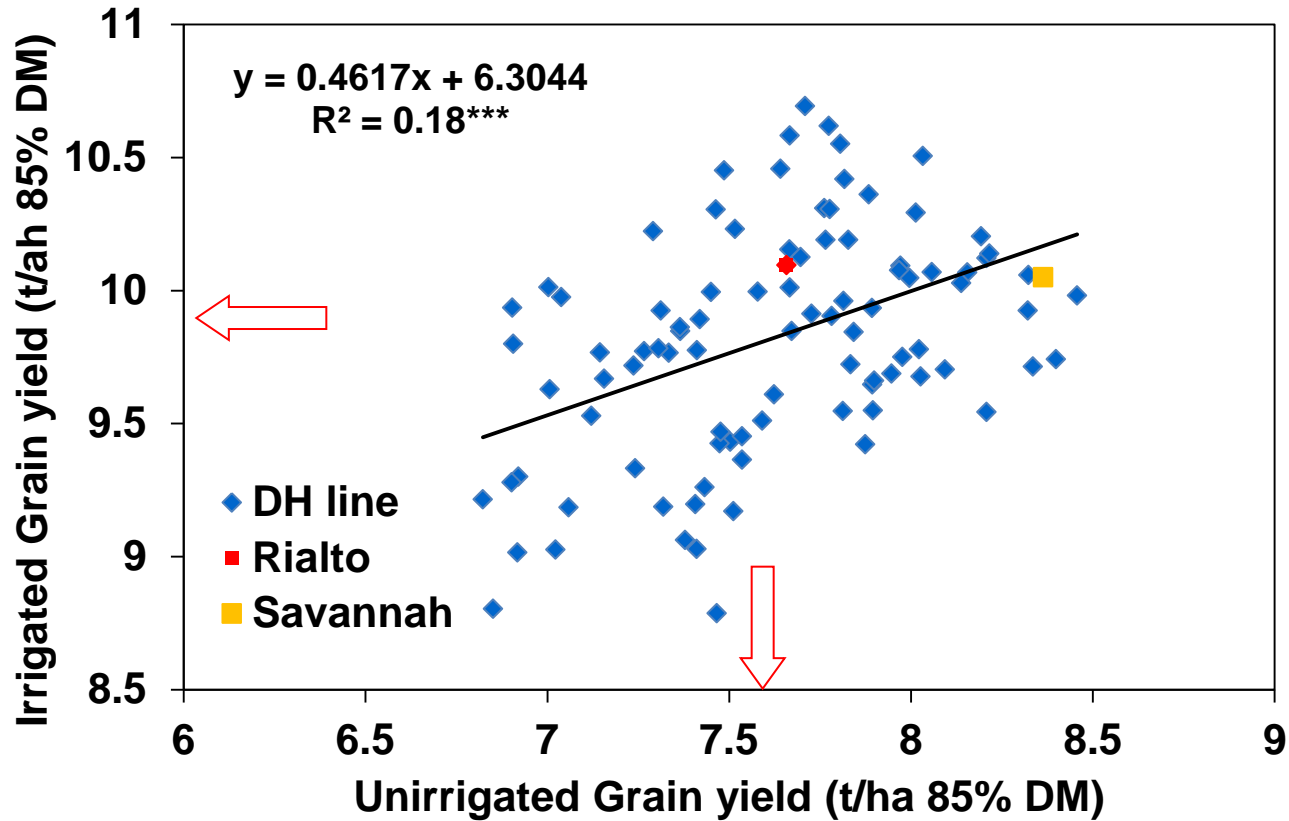
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## 2012-13 expt (Sown 16 October 2012)

- Rialto x Savannah DH population (94 lines and 2 parents) - irrigated & unirrigated
- Traits
  - $^{13}\text{C}$   $\Delta$  grain (unirrigated)
  - senescence kinetics (flag leaf visual score, NDVI)
  - stem WSC at GS61+7d (unirrigated)
  - flag leaf Licor 6400 : Rialto, Savannah , 6 DH lines contrasting for  $^{13}\text{C}$   $\Delta$  grain (Licor 6400) (unirrigated)

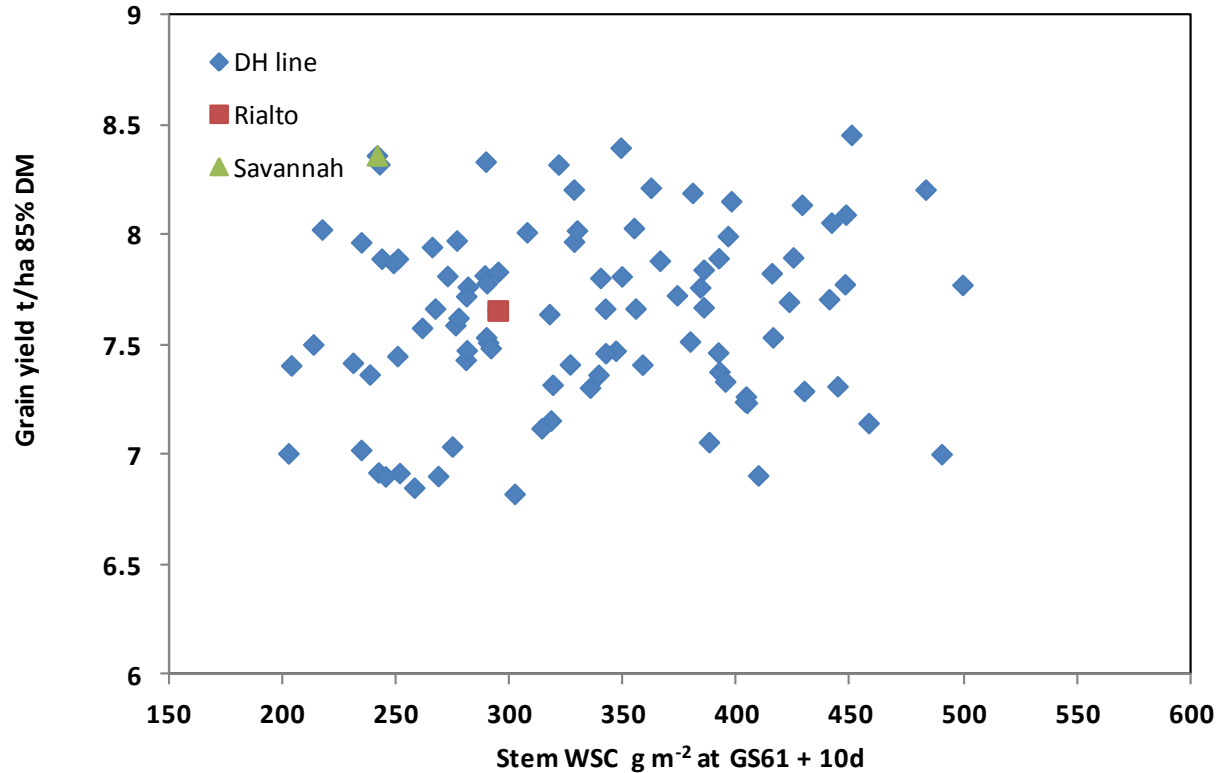


## Savannah x Rialto DHs



LSD (5%): Irr 2.97 (P = 0.06) , Line 0.51  
(P < 0.001) ; Int 0.95 (P < 0.01)

# Grain Yield versus Stem water sol. CHO (Savannah x Rialto DHs)

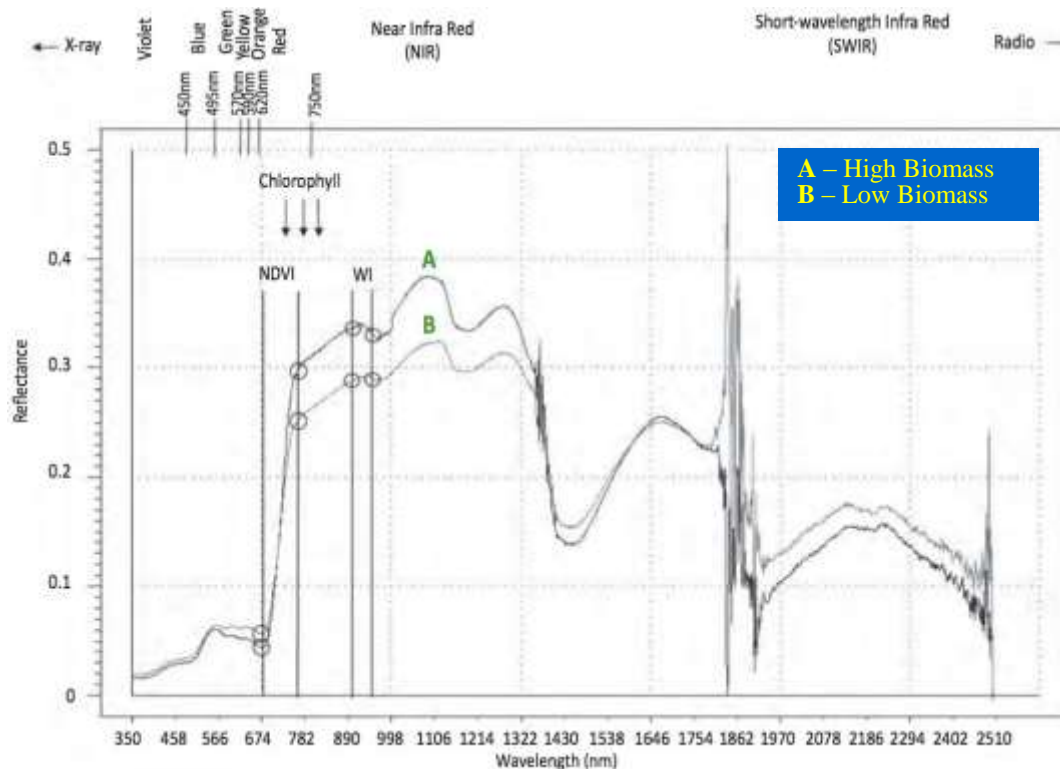


*Sutton Bonington 2012-13 Unirrigated*

# Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)

$$\text{NDVI} = \frac{R_{\text{NIR}} - R_{\text{RED}}}{R_{\text{NIR}} + R_{\text{RED}}} = \frac{R_{900} - R_{680}}{R_{900} + R_{680}}$$

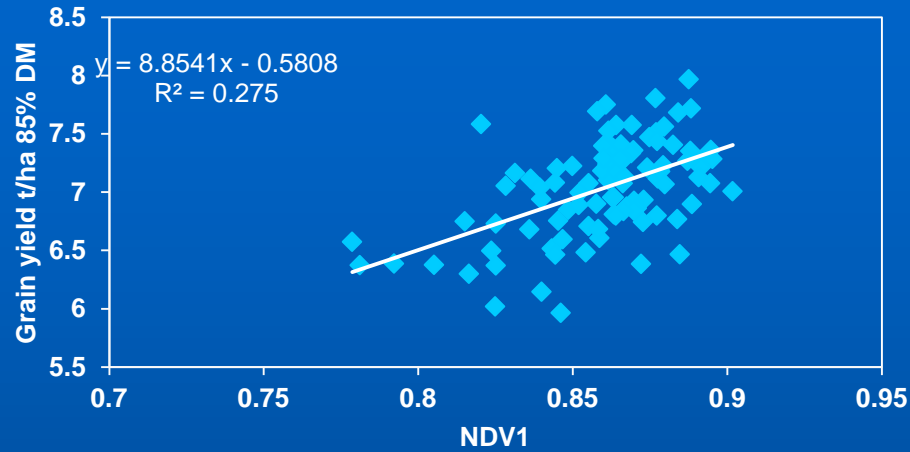
- Green area
- Photosynthetic capacity
- N status



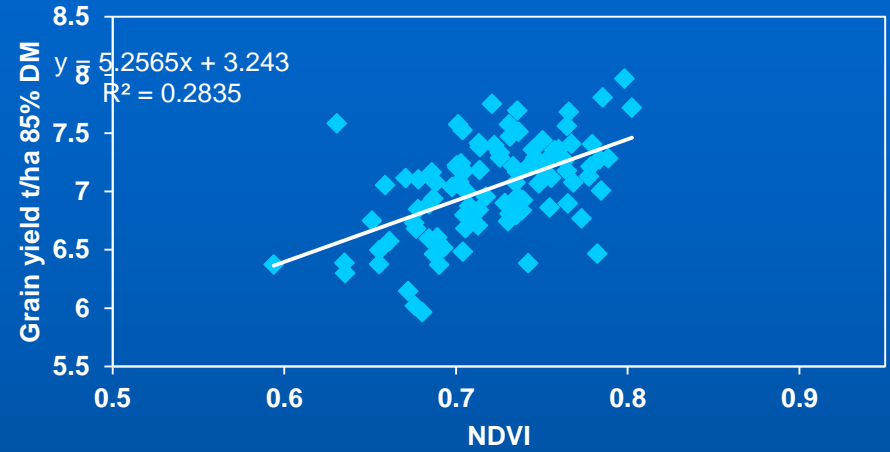


# Grain Yield versus NDVI (Savannah x Rialto DHs)

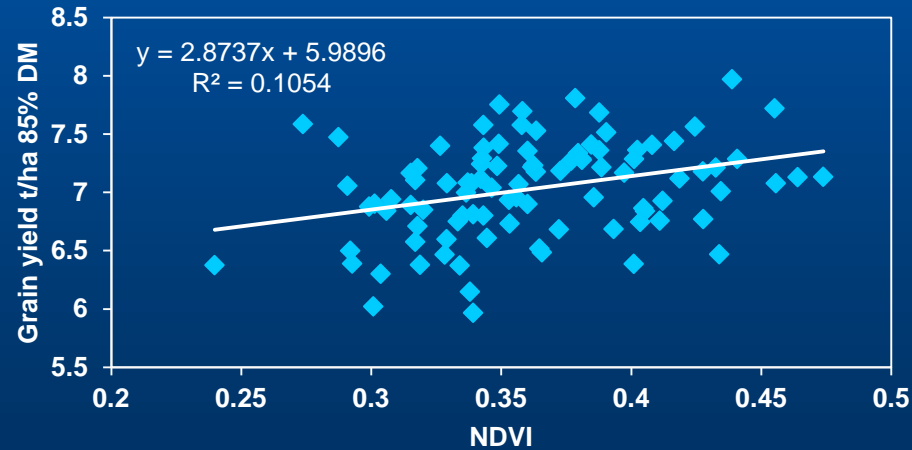
## 9 July Unirri



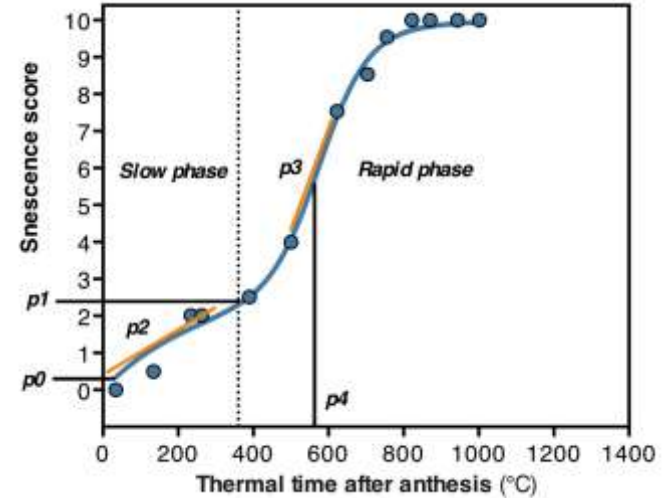
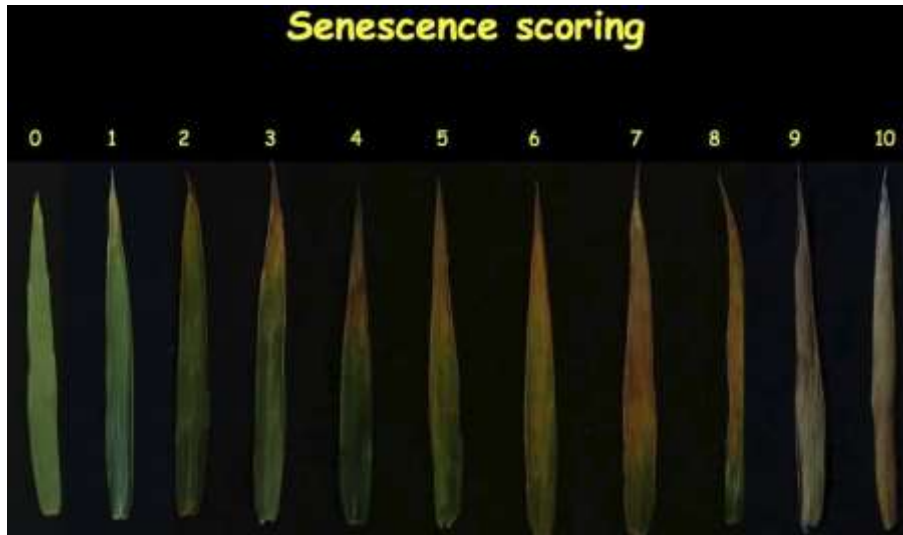
## 16 July Unirri



## 26 July Unirri



# Flag Leaf Senescence Kinetics



## Fitting the senescence data

$$\text{score} = p0 + p1 \times (1 - \exp((-p2 \times \text{STA}/p1))) + (10 - p1 - p0 / (1 + \exp(-4 \times p3 (\text{STA} - p4) / (10 - p1 - p0))))$$

**Score:** visual senescence score

**STA:** thermal time after anthesis (° C days)

**p0:** score at anthesis

**p1:** score at the end of the slow phase

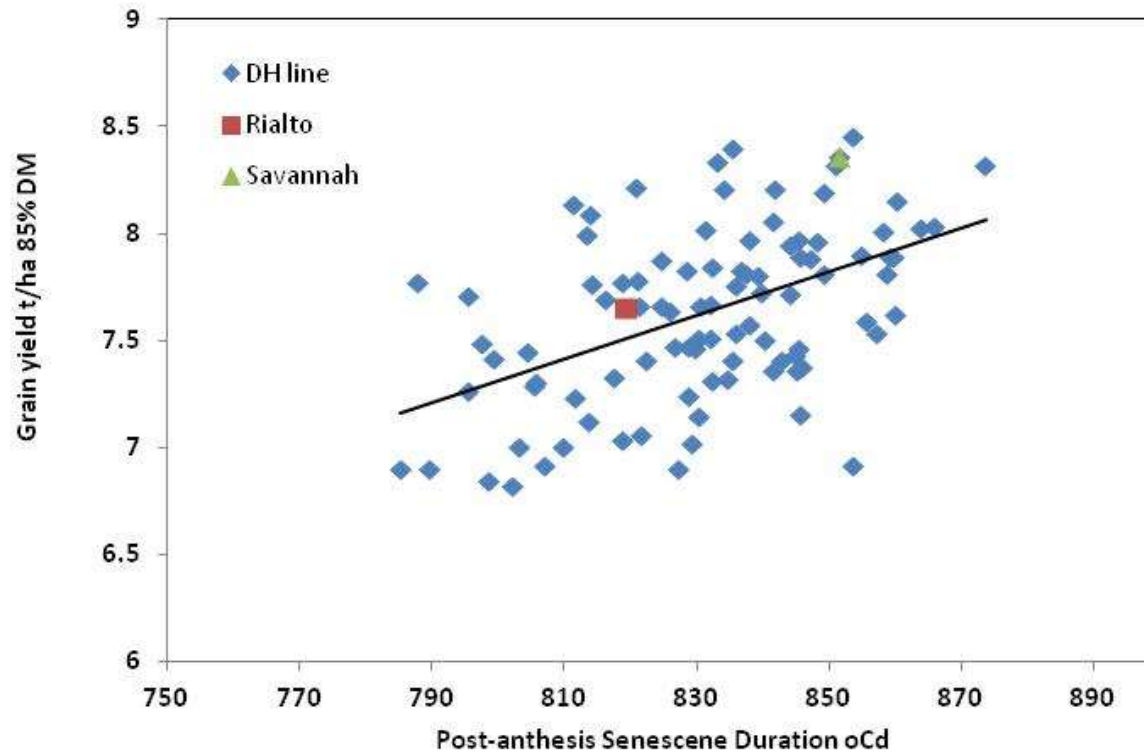
**p2:** maximum rate of the slow phase

**p3:** maximum rate at rapid phase

**p4:** date at which p3 is reached

**Stay-green** associated with p4.

# Grain yield versus Flag leaf senescence duration (Savannah x Rialto DHs)



*Sutton Bonington 2012-13 Unirrigated*

# Complete phenotyping data set for 2012/13 to be sent to SG/LW at JIC for QTL analysis (2nd week Jan 2014)

Geno site year and treatment	HD AD A DTT													Geno site year + treatment	HD AD A DTT																									
	GY			TGW			NGM2			NearM 2			AGDM			HI			NDVI-01			NDVI-11			NDVI-25			StemWS			LR_24			Delta			CT_24			
	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB		SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB			
mean phenotypes	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI	111RRI				
var	days	days	* C/d	t ha <sup>-1</sup>	g	m <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>	g m <sup>2</sup>		NearM 2	AGDM	HI	NDVI-01	NDVI-11	NDVI-25	StemWS	LR_24	G A	CT_24	phenotype				days	days	* C/d	t ha <sup>-1</sup>	g	m <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup>	g m <sup>2</sup>	%	%	%	%	%	%			
RIALTO	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.74	47.68	22529	417	2110	0.51	0.89	0.83	0.56	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	37	907	907	7.44	49.16	15136	316	1467	0.508	0.77	0.53	0.31	495.5	3	17.75	24.8
SAVANNAH	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	11.98	54.32	22070	436	2191	0.547	0.88	0.86	0.63	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	36	900	907	7.63	52.8	14452	307	1434	0.532	0.75	0.53	0.30	536.6	5	17.76	25.4
SXR001	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	9.74	48.96	19898	358	1892	0.516	0.86	0.82	0.54	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	37	907	907	7.14	42.38	16856	333	1478	0.484	0.78	0.59	0.33	#N/A	5	19.00	25.8
SXR002	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	9.68	53.4	18114	337	1775	0.545	0.89	0.84	0.51	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	37	907	907	7.45	51.62	14434	322	1482	0.502	0.74	0.47	0.30	557.1	4	3	25.2
SXR003	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.59	48.96	21642	412	2176	0.487	0.88	0.86	0.58	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	36	900	900	8.03	49.38	16268	353	1633	0.492	0.81	0.63	0.34	560.5	5	18.57	25.3
SXR005	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.03	48.88	20515	407	1919	0.522	0.87	0.78	0.39	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	36	900	900	7.91	45.48	17414	358	1563	0.506	0.78	0.53	0.29	537.9	5	17.97	26.1
SXR006	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.07	51.52	19650	367	1977	0.51	0.89	0.84	0.60	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	39	929	929	7.86	44.46	17652	363	1573	0.489	0.80	0.63	0.34	#N/A	4	18.60	24.8
SXR007	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.52	51.76	20328	385	1998	0.527	0.90	0.87	0.61	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	37	907	907	7.49	48.7	15379	342	1607	0.47	0.79	0.58	0.34	577.9	5	18.27	24.7
SXR008	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.24	52.34	19553	373	1970	0.52	0.90	0.85	0.60	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	37	907	907	7.76	45.8	16931	350	1510	0.515	0.77	0.55	0.31	546.8	5	18.13	25.4
SXR009	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.68	46.02	23233	381	1978	0.54	0.89	0.84	0.50	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	38	915	915	8.06	44.34	18178	356	1540	0.524	0.80	0.64	0.31	514.1	5	18.02	24.5
SXR010	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.63	49.52	21475	384	1993	0.534	0.88	0.84	0.49	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	38	915	915	8.09	49.14	16471	322	1455	0.558	0.80	0.58	0.31	444.9	5	18.32	26.1
SXR011	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.23	51.2	19963	395	2051	0.499	0.88	0.83	0.46	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	38	915	915	7.28	48.92	14892	318	1496	0.487	0.79	0.62	0.34	486.4	5	18.24	25.6
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SXR014	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.24	50.54	20264	394	1970	0.52	0.89	0.87	0.69	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	36	900	900	7.67	46.38	16534	344	1525	0.503	0.79	0.67	0.34	473.9	5	18.72	24.7
SXR016	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.57	50.12	21086	443	2006	0.527	0.89	0.86	0.65	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	38	915	915	7.04	47.32	14892	330	1373	0.513	0.75	0.52	0.31	378.8	5	18.42	25.4
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SXR018	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.39	55.18	18839	455	2338	0.446	0.88	0.86	0.70	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	38	915	915	8.00	50.5	15823	321	1596	0.502	0.79	0.68	0.37	387.3	4	17.90	24.9
SXR019	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	10.40	52.86	19667	410	1995	0.521	0.89	0.84	0.66	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	37	907	907	6.24	51.8	12049	281	3023	0.307	0.73	0.52	0.30	433.8	5	17.56	24.8
SXR020	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	11.32	53.58	21122	422	2122	0.533	0.88	0.82	0.54	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	39	929	929	8.65	48.66	17811	347	1651	0.525	0.80	0.57	0.31	#N/A	5	18.22	24.9
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# Preliminary Conclusions

- Ability to access water appears to be a key driver for productivity under UK drought.
- High  $^{13}\text{C}$   $\Delta$  correlated with grain yield under drought. Physiological basis ~ increased stomatal conductance, deeper roots?
- Work is ongoing to:
  - develop high-throughput screens for breeding
  - Understand the genetic basis of drought tolerance and WUE traits (QTL detection)



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## 9.3 Develop SSD population

- Paragon x Garcia (contrasting for drought tolerance traits)
- Population segregating for *Ppd1a*:
  - use WGIN resource to select against *PpdD1a* - ie make the pop photoperiod sensitive.
  - keep the pop large, so we can have flowering time strata and perform analysis within them
- F3 sown in October 2012, population is in excess of 350 lines
  -

# Obj 9.5. Collate germplasm (cvs, advanced lines) for genetics studies. (Yrs 4 -5)

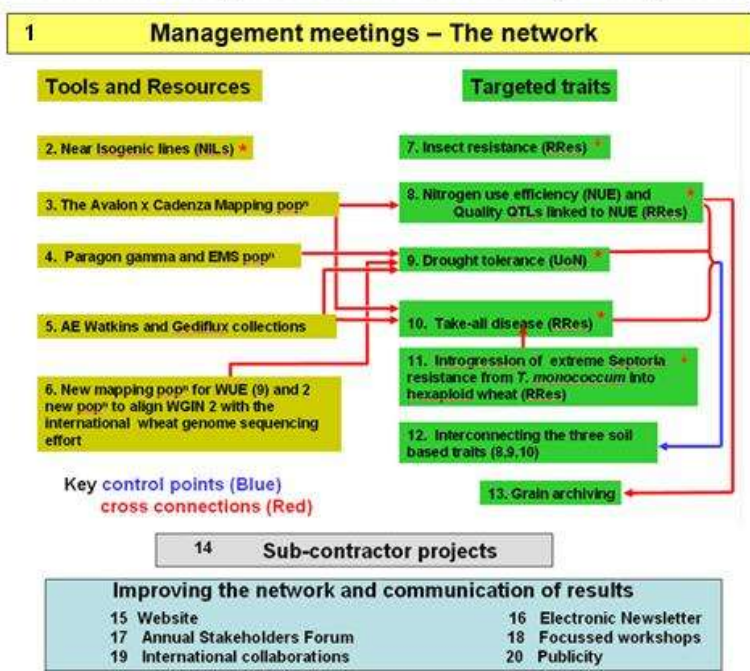
## CIMMYT Semi-arid Trials/Nurseries

Trial Name	Target environment	No Entries	No. Reps		
Semi-Arid Wheat Yield Trial (SAWYT)	Low rainfall environments	50	2	SAWYT*1 (Yield Trial with one 85g envelope/entry/rep, for machine sowing)	
Semi-Arid Wheat Screening Nursery (SAWSN)	Low rainfall environments	150	1	SAWSN (Screening Nursery with one 10g envelope/entry)	

- Standard Material Transfer Agreement (SMTA) signature
- Any additional declaration to be stated in the phytosanitary certificate issued by the Mexican phytosanitary authorities for the requested crop?







Accuracy: definition  
Measurement



## Genetic Improvement of Drought Tolerance

### Target physiological traits:

- Grain  $\Delta$  13 C (WUE)
- Flag  $\Delta$  18 O (Water Use)
- Stem WSC Reserves (HI)
- Canopy water status (NIR - WI)

$$GY = \text{Water Use} \times \text{WUE} \times \text{HI}$$

Passioura 1977



# Traits associated with main drivers of yield under drought

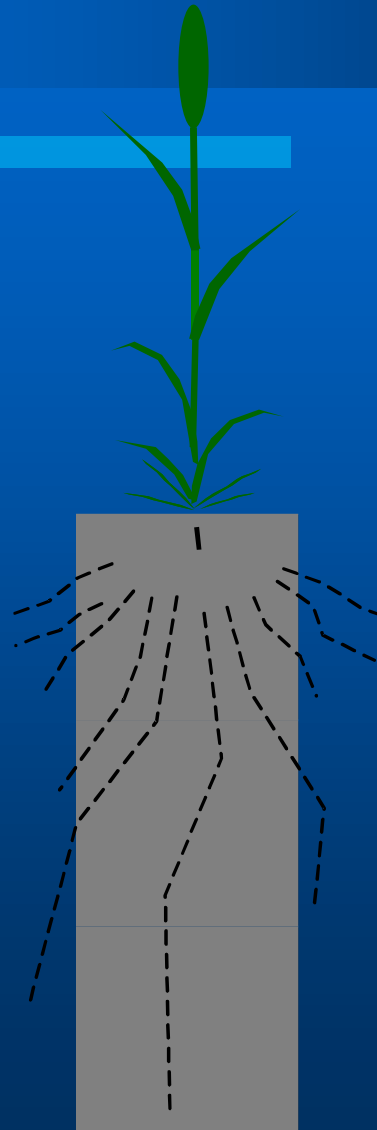
$$\text{Yield} = \text{WU} \times \text{WUE} \times \text{HI}$$

## OPTIMIZE WUE

- WUE of leaf photosynthesis
- Low  $^{13/12}\text{C}$  discrimination

## MAXIMIZE HARVEST INDEX

- Pre-anthesis partitioning to stem CHO reserves
- Functional stay green



## MAXIMIZE WATER CAPTURE

- Increase root density and depth
- Distribute roots deeper
- Access to water by roots indicated by cooler canopy

Optimised ABA root signalling

## EARLINESS

- Extend stem elongation phase
- Early onset GS31

18 Cultivar wheat panel selection informed by  
LINK 0986 Wheat WUE project, Eric Ober



Years: 2009-10 & 2010-11

Split plot design (3 reps): plot size 1.6 x 12 m

Main plot: Fully irrigated (trickle irrigation)  
Unirrigated

Split plot (variety):

- |                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Avalon                    | 10. M. Widgeon |
| 2. Beaver                    | 11. Oakley     |
| 3. Cadenza                   | 12. Panorama   |
| 4. Cappelle Desprez/Sterling | 13. Paragon    |
| 5. Cordiale                  | 14. Rialto     |
| 6. Glasgow                   | 15. Savannah   |
| 7. Hereward                  | 16. Soissons   |
| 8. Hobbit                    | 17. Xi 19      |
| 9. Istabraq                  | 18. Zebedee    |



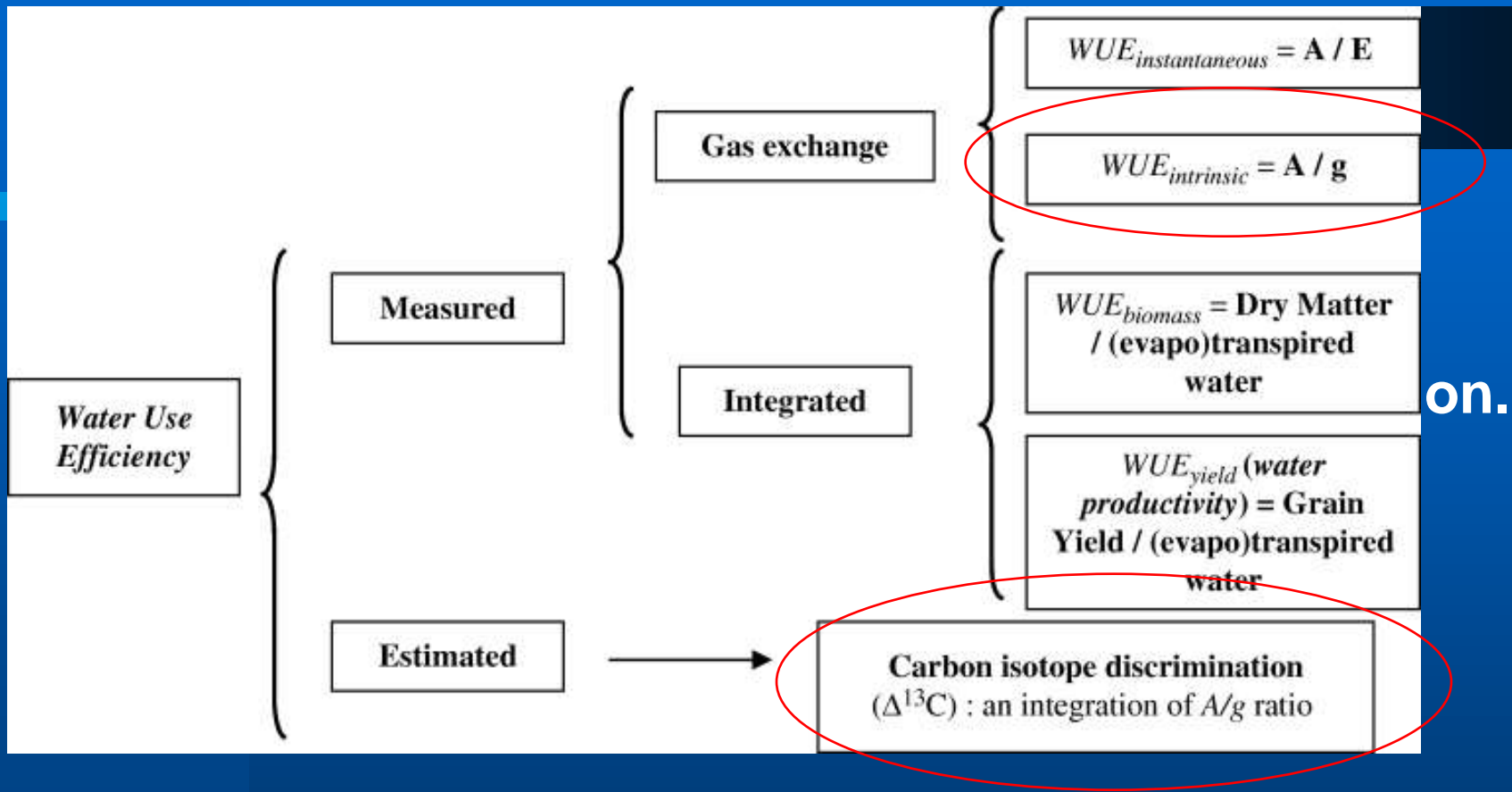
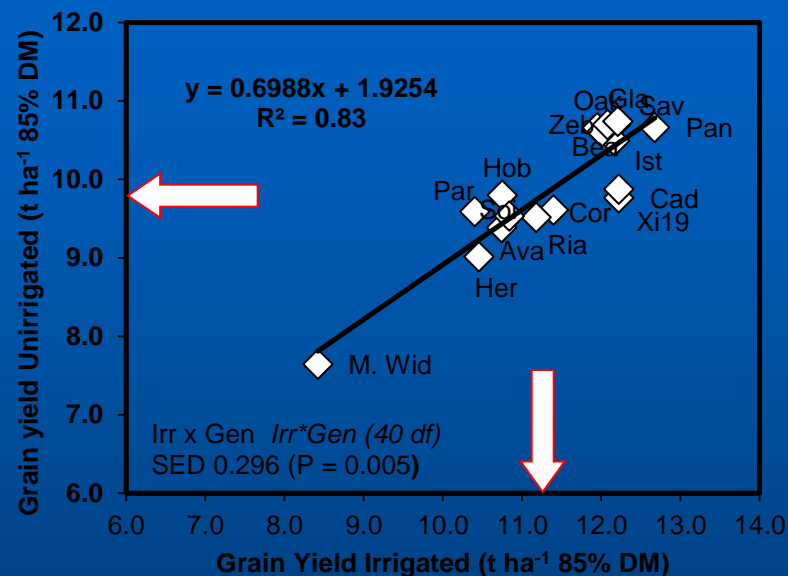
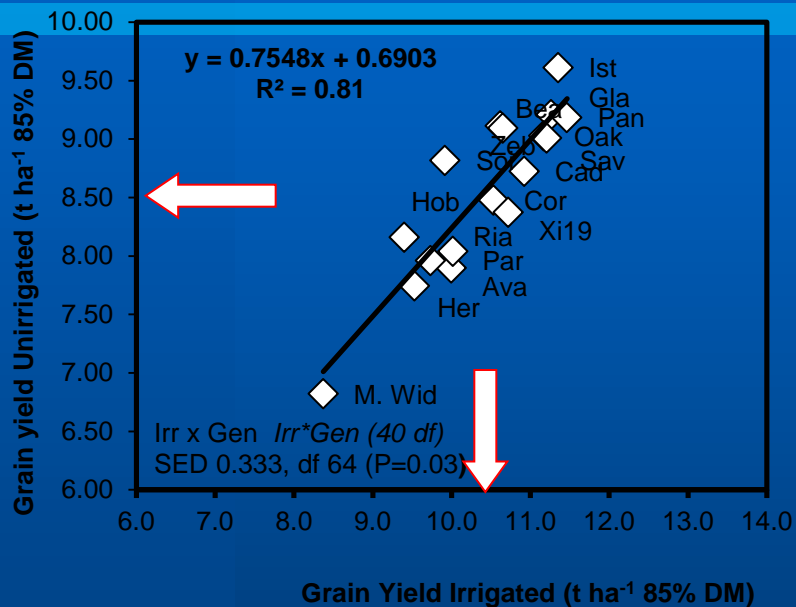


Figure 1. Definitions of ‘water use efficiency’. The scheme represents the several definitions of water use efficiency (WUE) used in the text. A, net photosynthetic rate expressed as  $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ; E, transpiration rate expressed as  $\text{mmol H}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ;  $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$ , carbon isotope discrimination.

# Grain yield responses to Drought

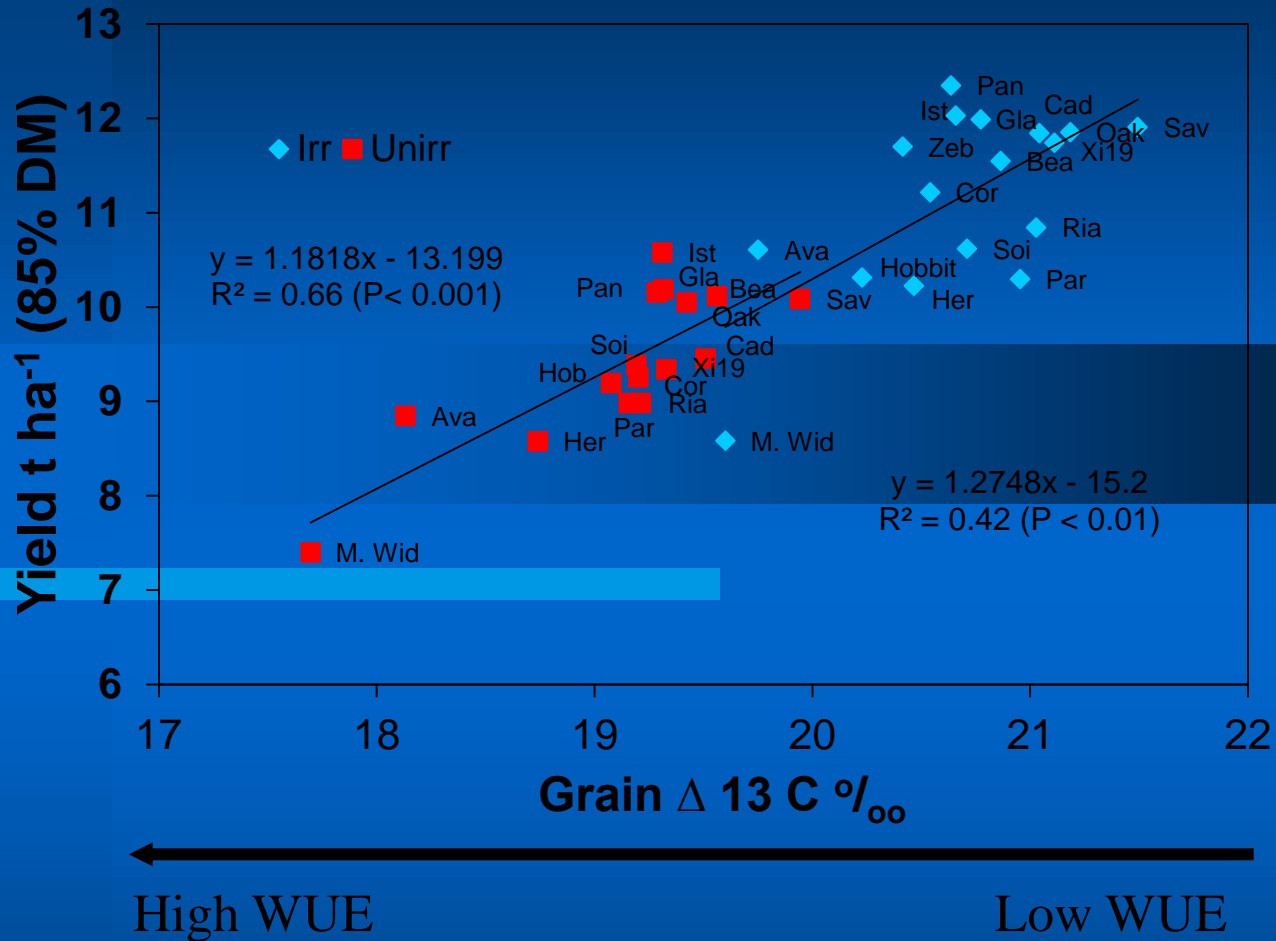


	Rainfall mm (% LTM)	
	2010	2011
January	33.0 (62)	33.2 (62)
February	41.6 (95)	44.6 (101)
March	36 (67)	1.2 (2)
April	24 (55)	23 (53)
May	16.2 (35)	27.8 (61)
June	69.2 (152)	45.4 (100)
July	42.6 (86)	17.8 (36)

Irrigated vs Unirrigated 19 July



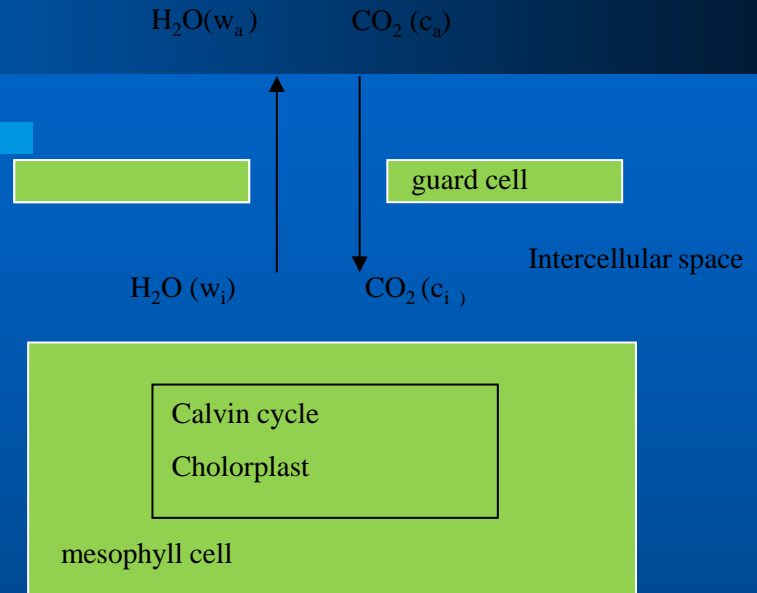
# $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$ vs grain yield in 18 wheat cultivars



- ❖ Grain  $^{13}\text{C}\Delta$  positively associated with yield under drought – indicator of ability to access water
- ❖ Trade-off between WUE and season-long water use

- ***Stomatal conductance:*** Lower conductance  
 $\downarrow c_i$  hence  $\uparrow$  TE.
- ***N or Rubisco content per unit leaf area:***  
 Greater photosynthetic activity  $\downarrow c_i$ , hence  $\uparrow$   
 TE.

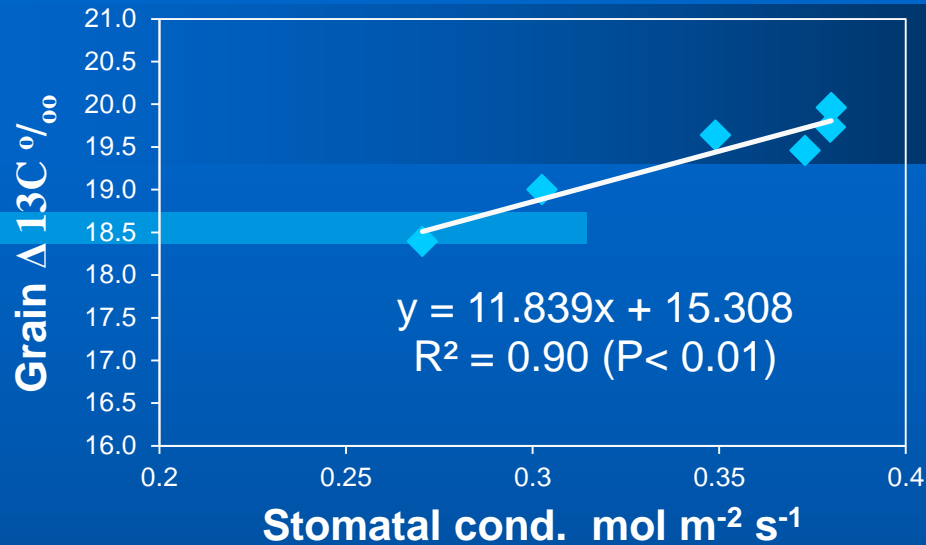
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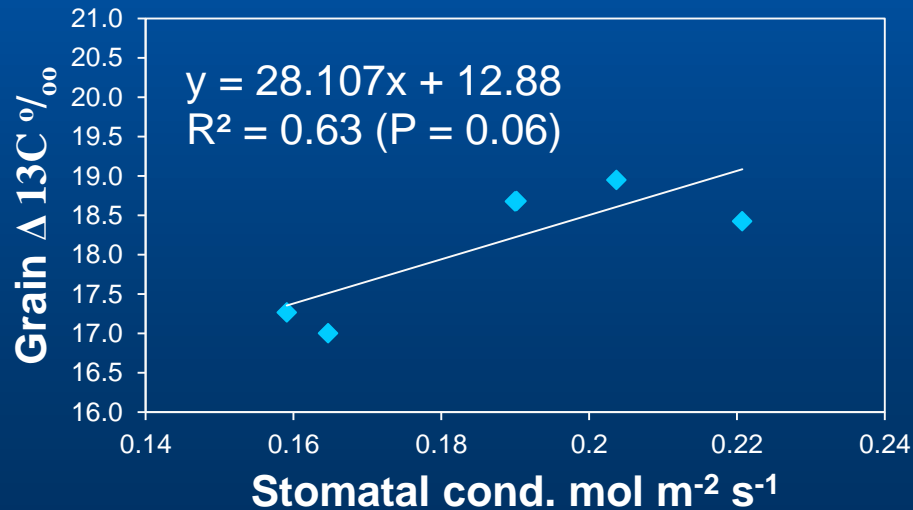


# Grain $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$ versus stomatal conductance (Unirrigated)

2009-10



2010-11

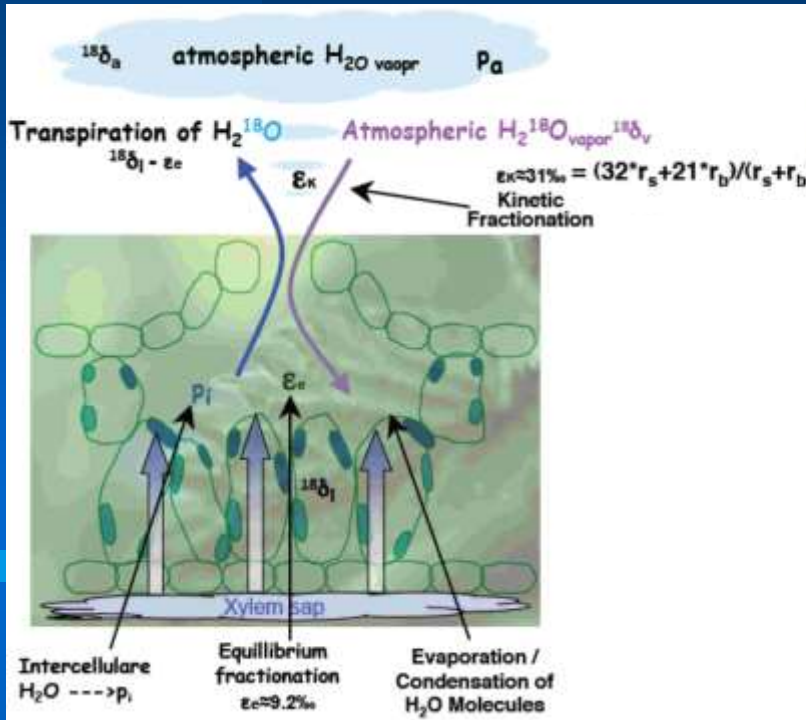


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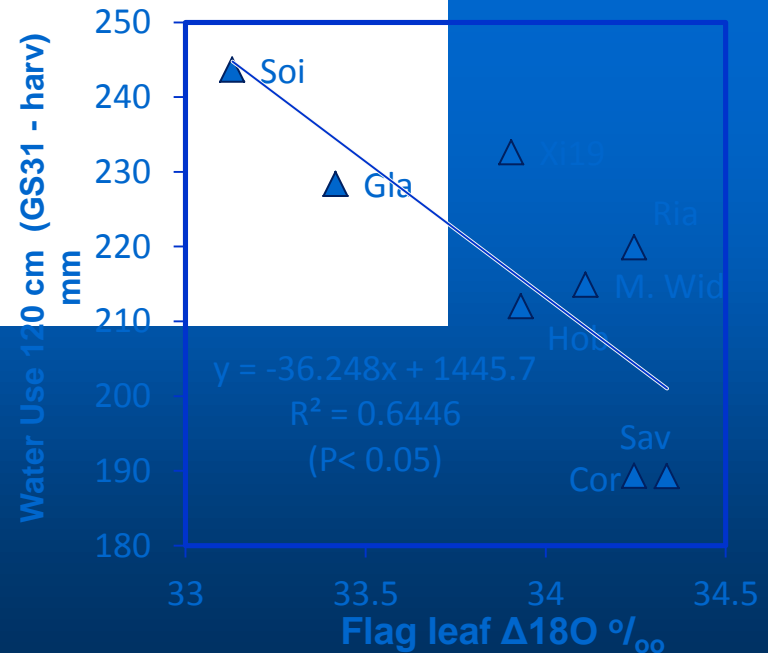
**Trade off between water-use efficiency  
and water use**

**Use  $\Delta^{18}\text{O}$  as an indicator of transpiration  
to allow stomatal and  $P_s$  effects on  
 $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$  to be teased apart**

# Oxygen isotope ratio technique ~ leaf transpiration

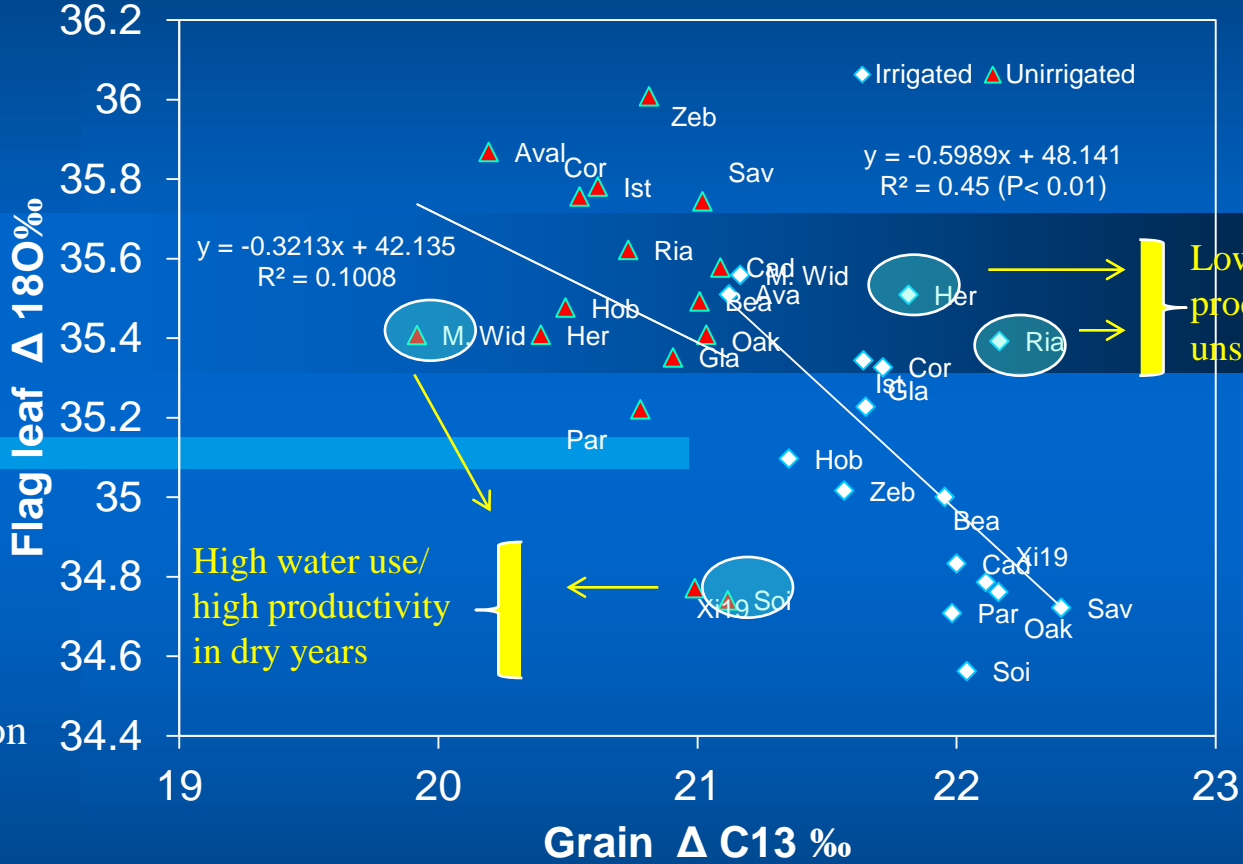


- $^{18}O/^{16}O$  ratio determined by enrichment in the leaf water due to transpiration.
- Leaf water enriched due to preferential loss of the lighter  $H_2^{16}O$  during evaporation.
- An increase in leaf transpiration decreases leaf  $T^\circ C$  (hence intercellular vapour pressure) resulting in less  $H_2^{18}O$  enrichment at the evaporating site.



# Relationship between $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\Delta^{18}\text{O}$ in 18 wheat cultivars (mean 2010 and 2011)

Low transpiration



Low water use/high productivity in unstressed years

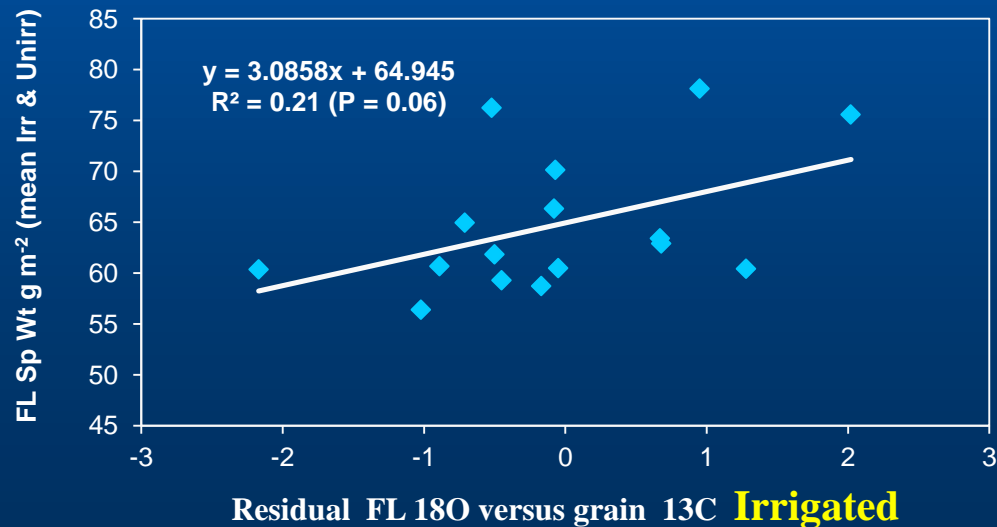
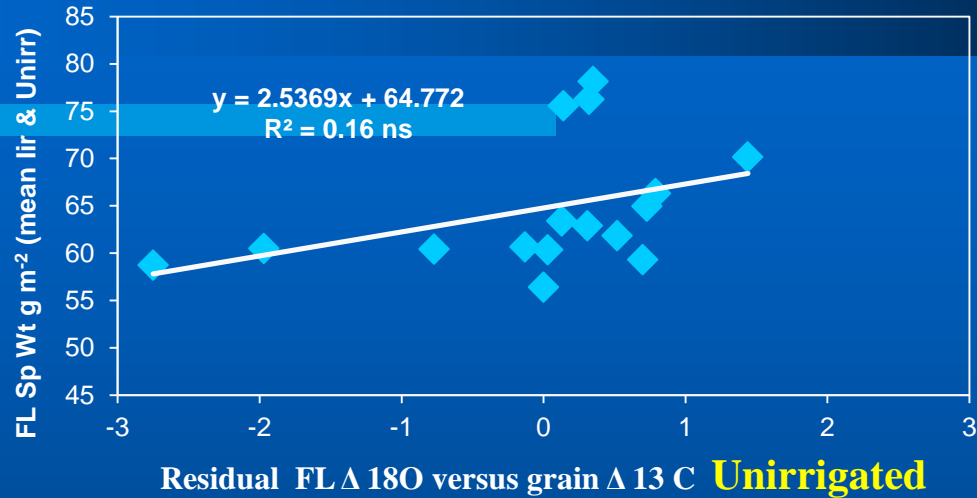
High water use/high productivity in dry years

High transpiration

High WUE

Low WUE

# Residual flag leaf $\Delta^{18}\text{O}$ vs grain $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$ relationship versus flag leaf specific weight at GS61



# WGIN 2 (9.2 QTL Detection)

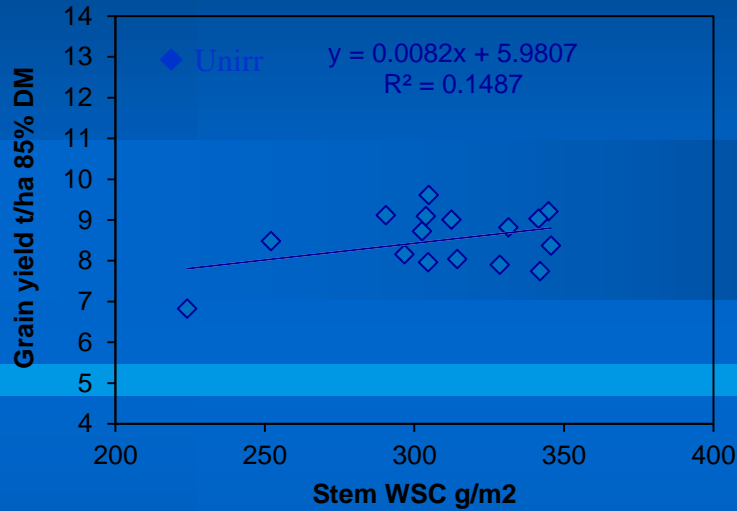
## 2010-11 and 2011-12 expts

- Rialto x Savannah DH population for phenotyping for yield physiological traits (94 lines and 2 parents)
- 2 sites: Nottingham - irrigated & unirrigated; JIC - unirrigated
- Target traits
  - $^{13}\text{C}$   $\Delta$  grain
  - senescence kinetics
  - canopy temperature
  - stem WSC

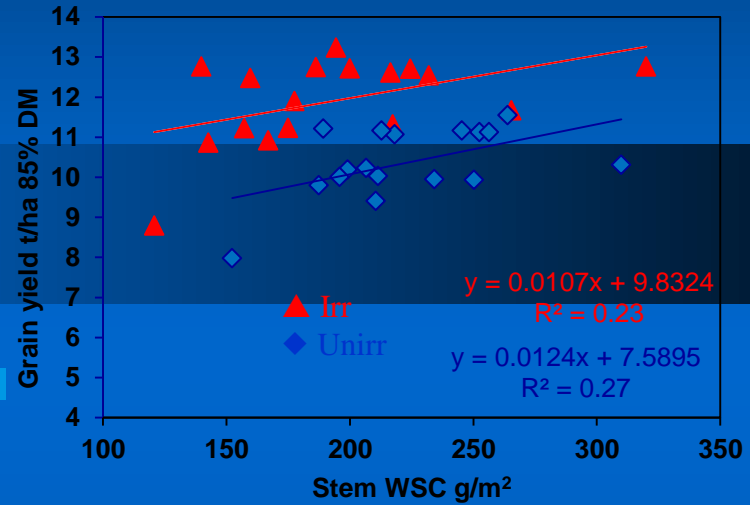


Other traits correlations: Stem WSC @ GS61+9d

Grain yield versus stem WSC reserves

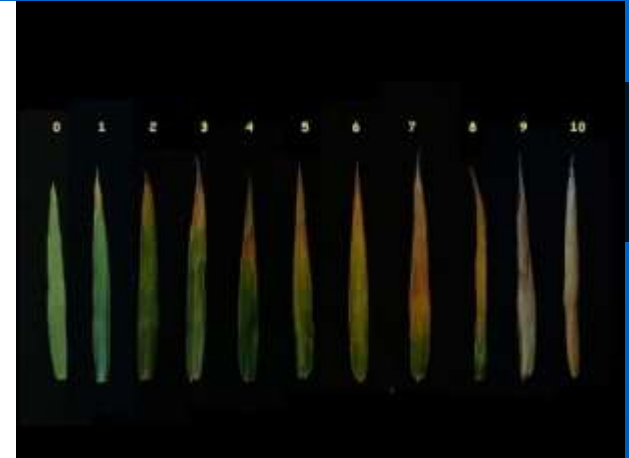


*Sutton Bonington 2009-10*



*Sutton Bonington 2010-11*

# Flag leaf senescence score



## Fitting the senescence data

$$\text{score} = p0 + p1 * (1 - \exp((-p2 * STA / p1))) + (10 - p1 - p0 / (1 + \exp(-4 * p4 * (STA - p5) / (10 - p1 - p0))))$$

**score** : visual senescence score

**STA** : thermal time after anthesis (°C.days)

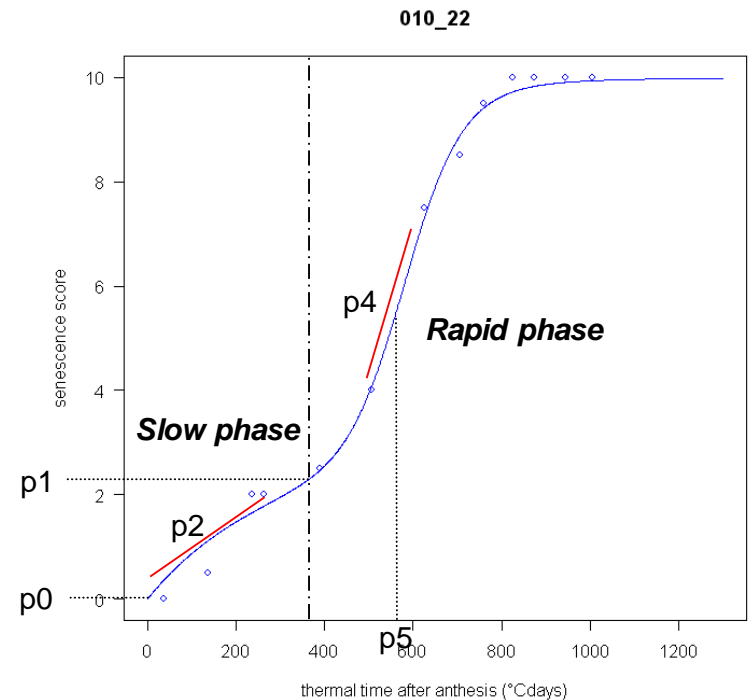
**p0** : score at anthesis

**p1** : score at the end of the slow phase

**p2** : max rate of the slow phase

**p4** : max rate of the rapid phase

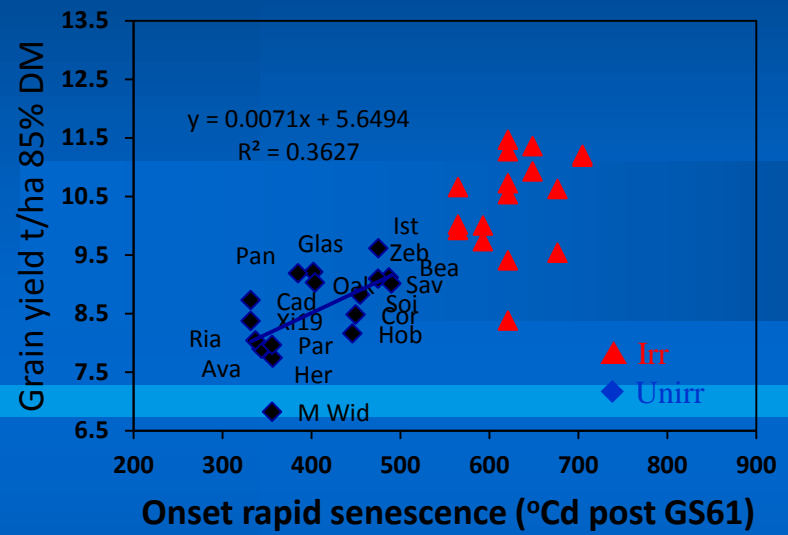
**p5** : date at which p4 is reached



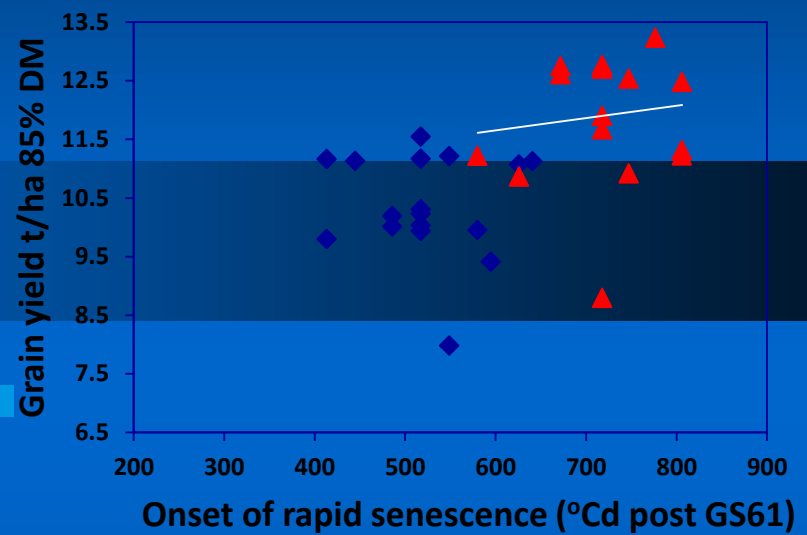


Other traits correlations: Flag leaf senescence

Grain yield versus Onset of Senescence

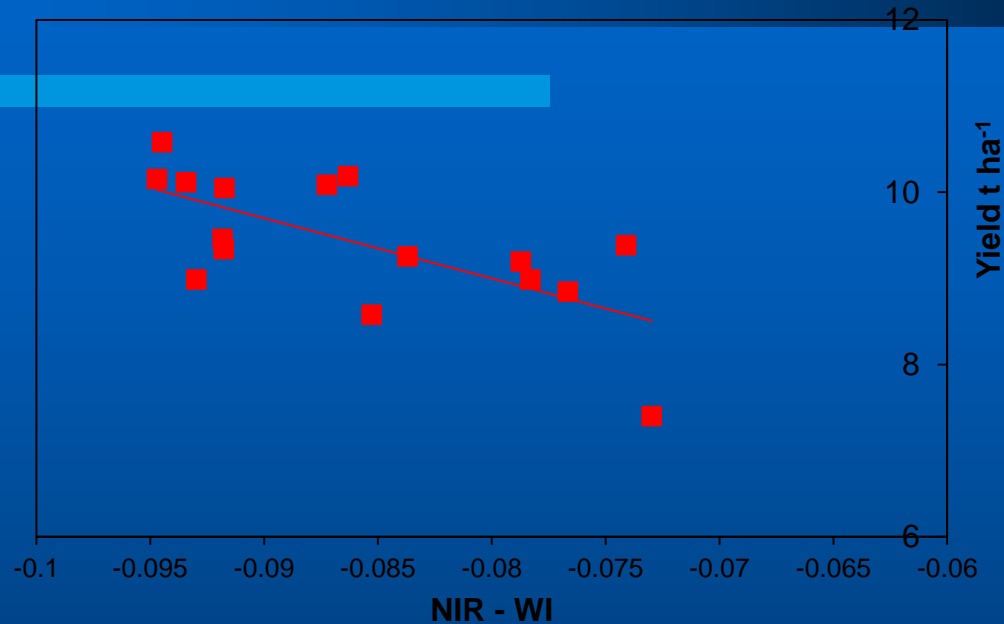


Sutton Bonington 2009-10



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# Spectral reflectance: Water index at GS61+14 d



$$WI = (R970 - R900) / (R970 + R900)$$

*Sutton Bonington Mean 2009-10 & 2010-11*



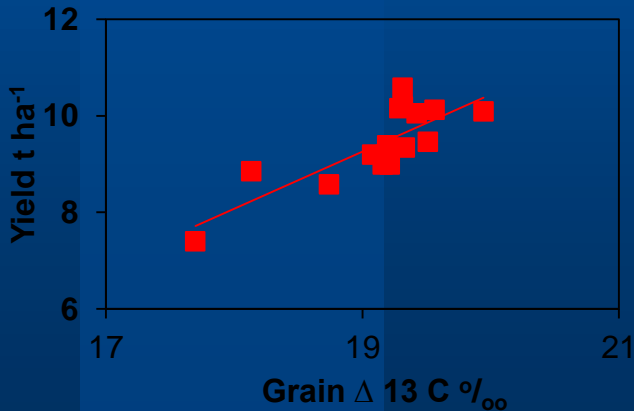
# Drought tolerant plant ideotype

- Multiple linear regression ( $P < 0.001$ ) accounted for 71% of the yield under drought and showed that:

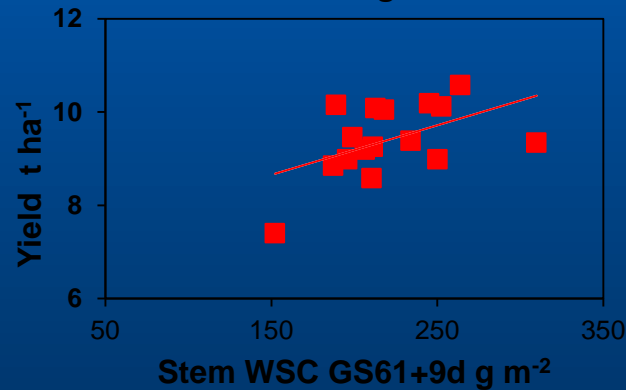
$$GY = -41.9 x_1 + 0.08 x_2 + 12.3 x_3$$

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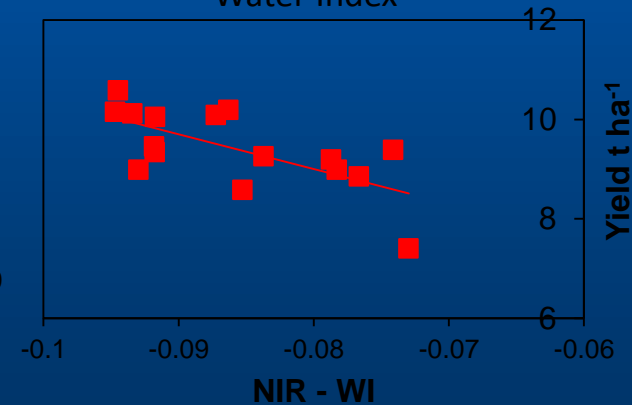
GY increases with increasing  $\Delta 13 C$  ( $\downarrow$ WUE):



Grain yield increases with increasing stem WSC



GY increases with decreasing Water Index



$$WI = (R970 - R900) / (R970 + R900)$$

# Traits summary

Estimated value of traits to avoid or minimise effects of drought in UK

Variety character	How it might work	Value
High $^{13}\text{C}$ $\Delta$ grain	Captures extra water	High
Flag leaf 'stay-green'	Extends grain filling during late drought	High
Low canopy $\text{T}^\circ\text{C}$ / deep roots	Captures extra water	High
High stem sugars	Buffers effects of post-flowering drought on grain filling.	Moderate
Early flowering	Advances grain filling before the drought risk period.	Neutral
Awns	Use less water per unit growth.	Slight

# NUE stuff

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# Current activities (nitrogen)

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- 2014 Diversity trial drilled
- Avalon x cadenza full field trial – to be use in root phenotyping + yield etc (but hesitation on line purity....)
- Rebulking A x C
- Using Diversity for UAV testing
- NIRS for N analysis of past Diversity samples
- Data collation.....

# Rothamsted 2013



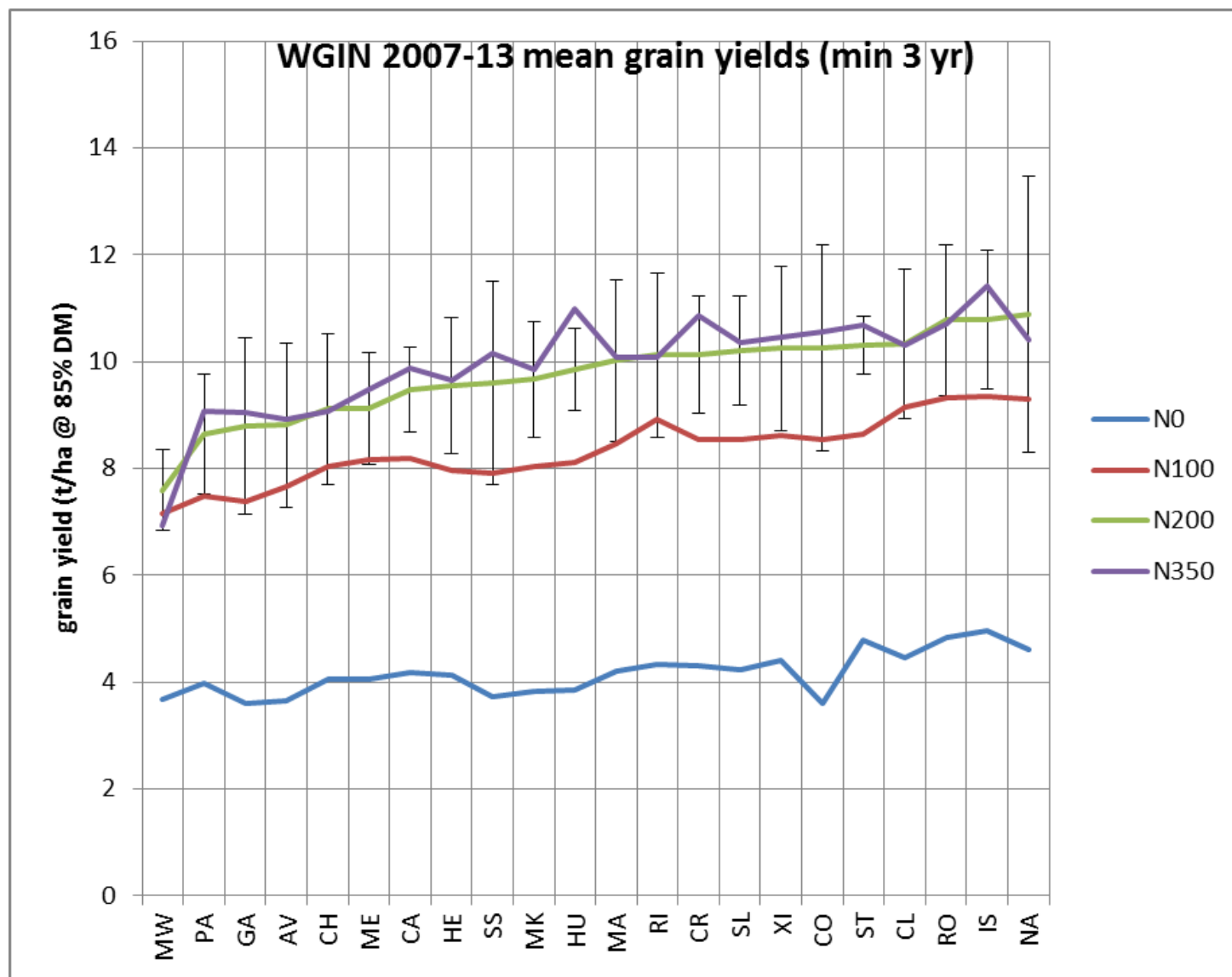
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# Grain yields core set



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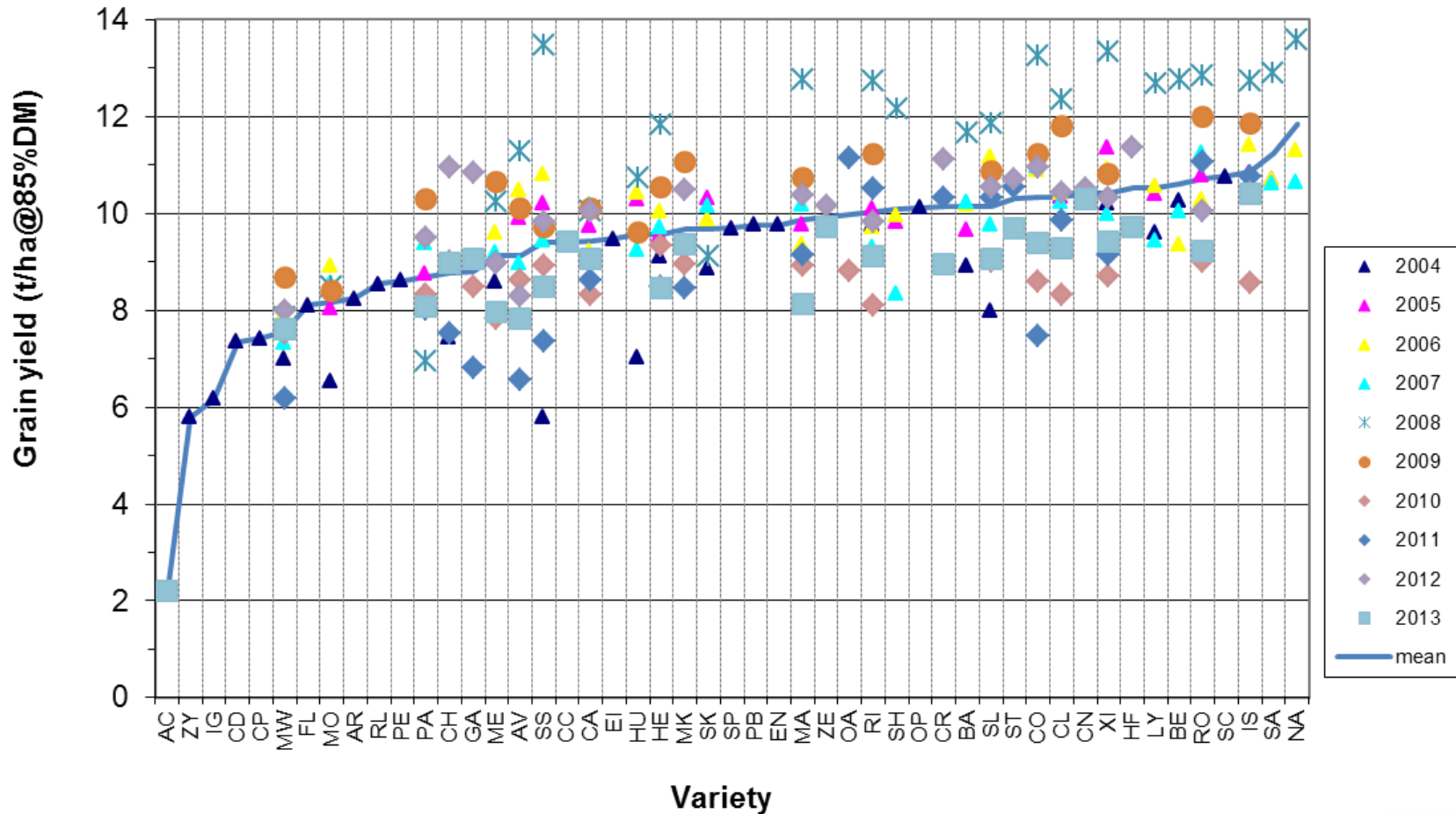
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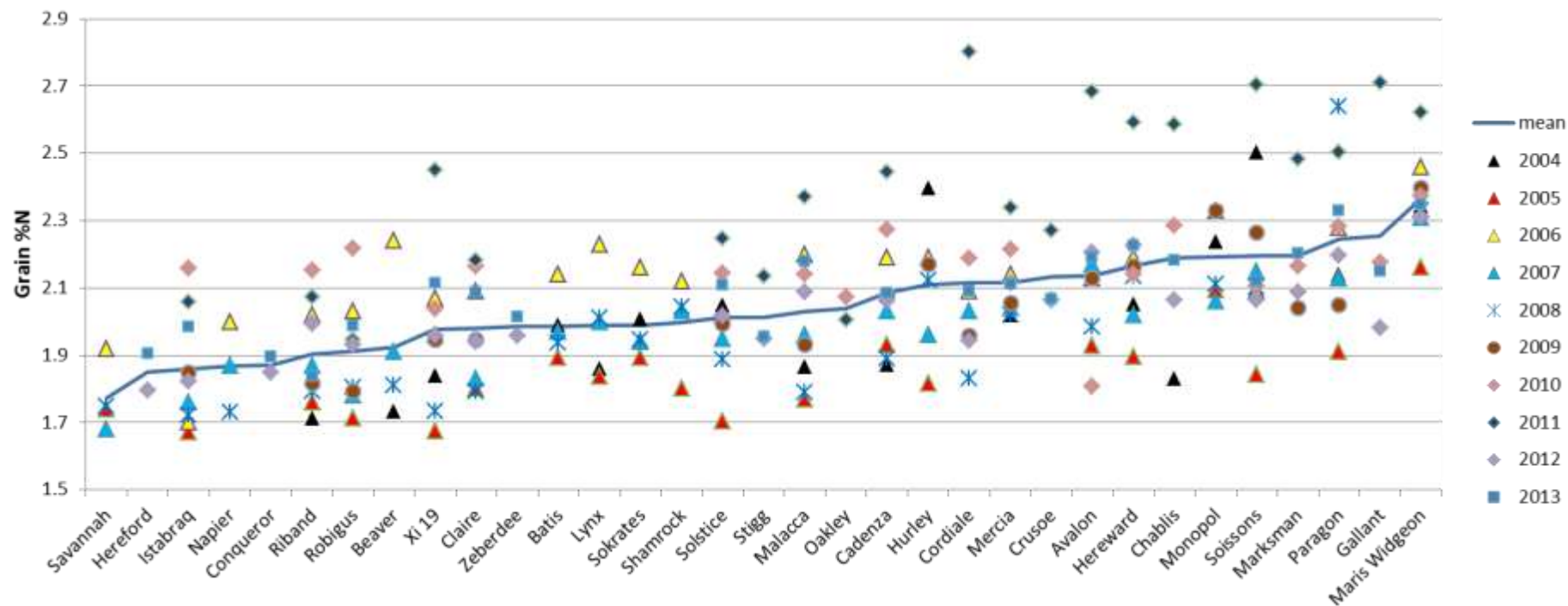
Combine Grain Yield (2004-13)



# Grain %N (2004-13)



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NB only for varieties with more than single year data

# Uptake and partitioning



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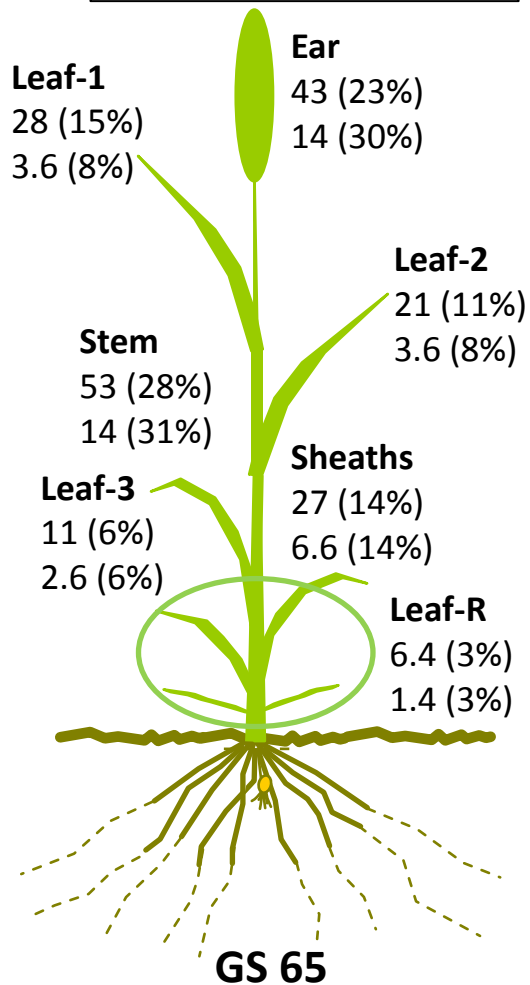
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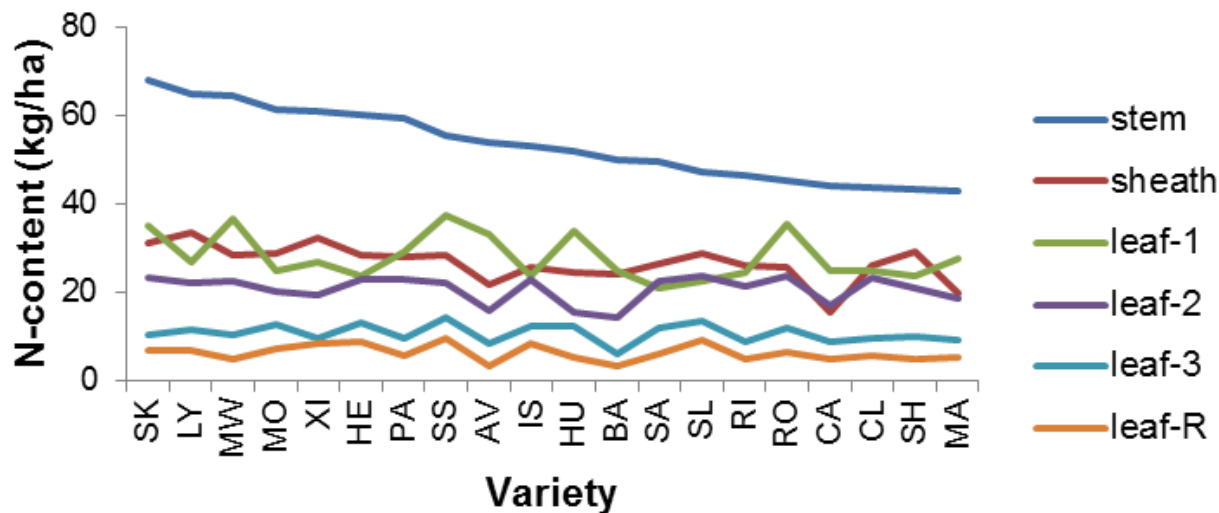


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**Shoot total**  
**N200** - 189 kg/ha (100%)  
**N0** - 46 kg/ha (100%)



GS65-N200 N-content



# Post anthesis N uptake

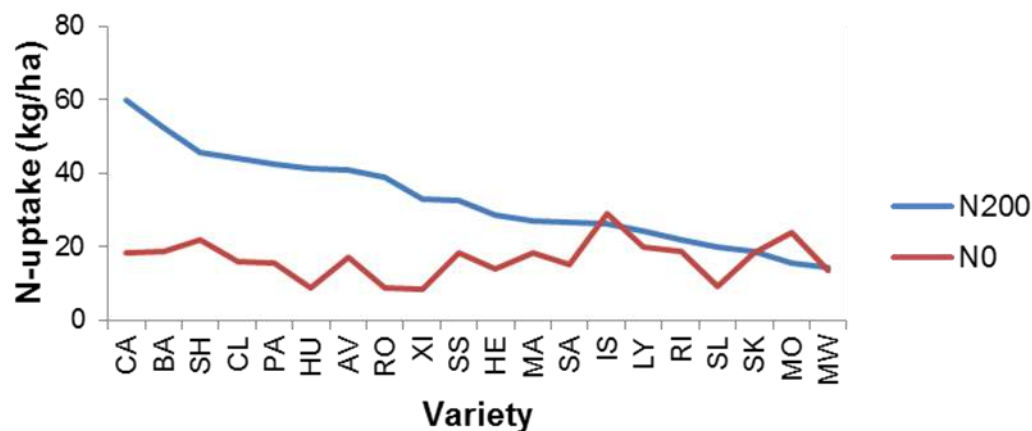


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**Shoot total**  
**N200** - 213 kg/ha (100%)  
**N0** - 61 kg/ha (100%)



Post-anthesis shoot N-uptake

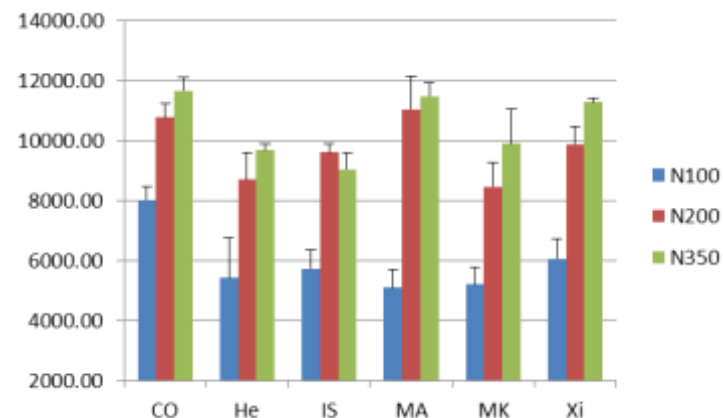


# Grain protein N response



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- Part of BBSRC-HGAC GPD project
- See HGCA report number 521
- Papers on gamma and omega gliadins
  - J. Exp Bot
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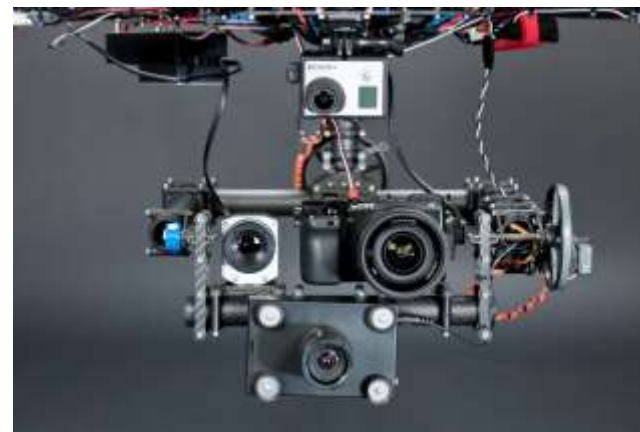
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Real Mode

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 Total estimated time of one way: 00:07:46  
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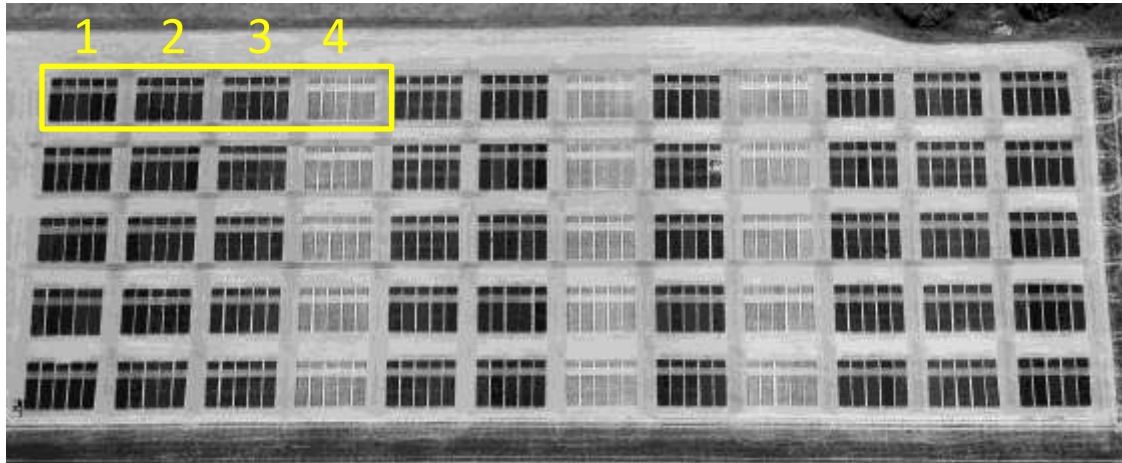
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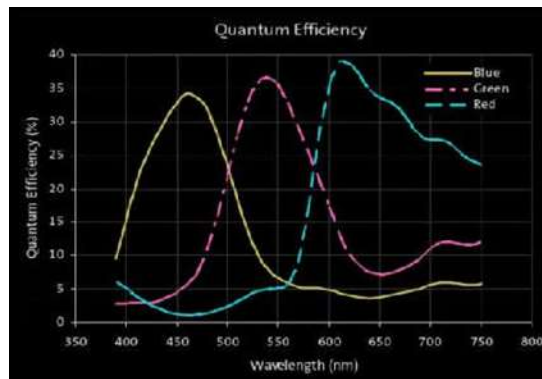
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Plot	Nitrogen	Crop density index
1	350	105
2	200	100
3	100	66
4	0	29





# Summary



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- Large data set
- Multiple years
- Trait breakdown
- Spin off projects
- More publications in the pipeline
- Trial continuing in 2014



# Thanks



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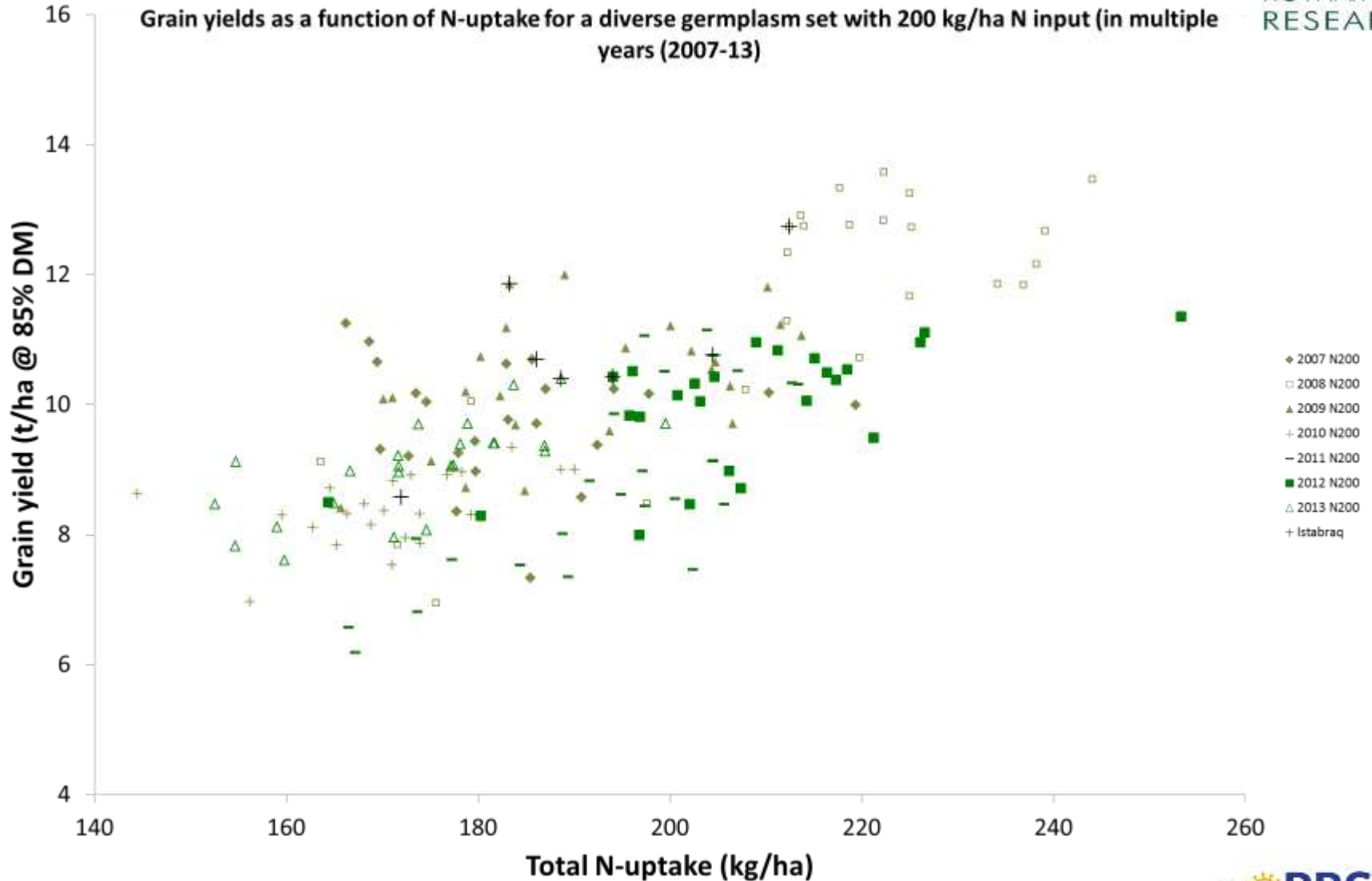
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# Yield and N-uptake at N200



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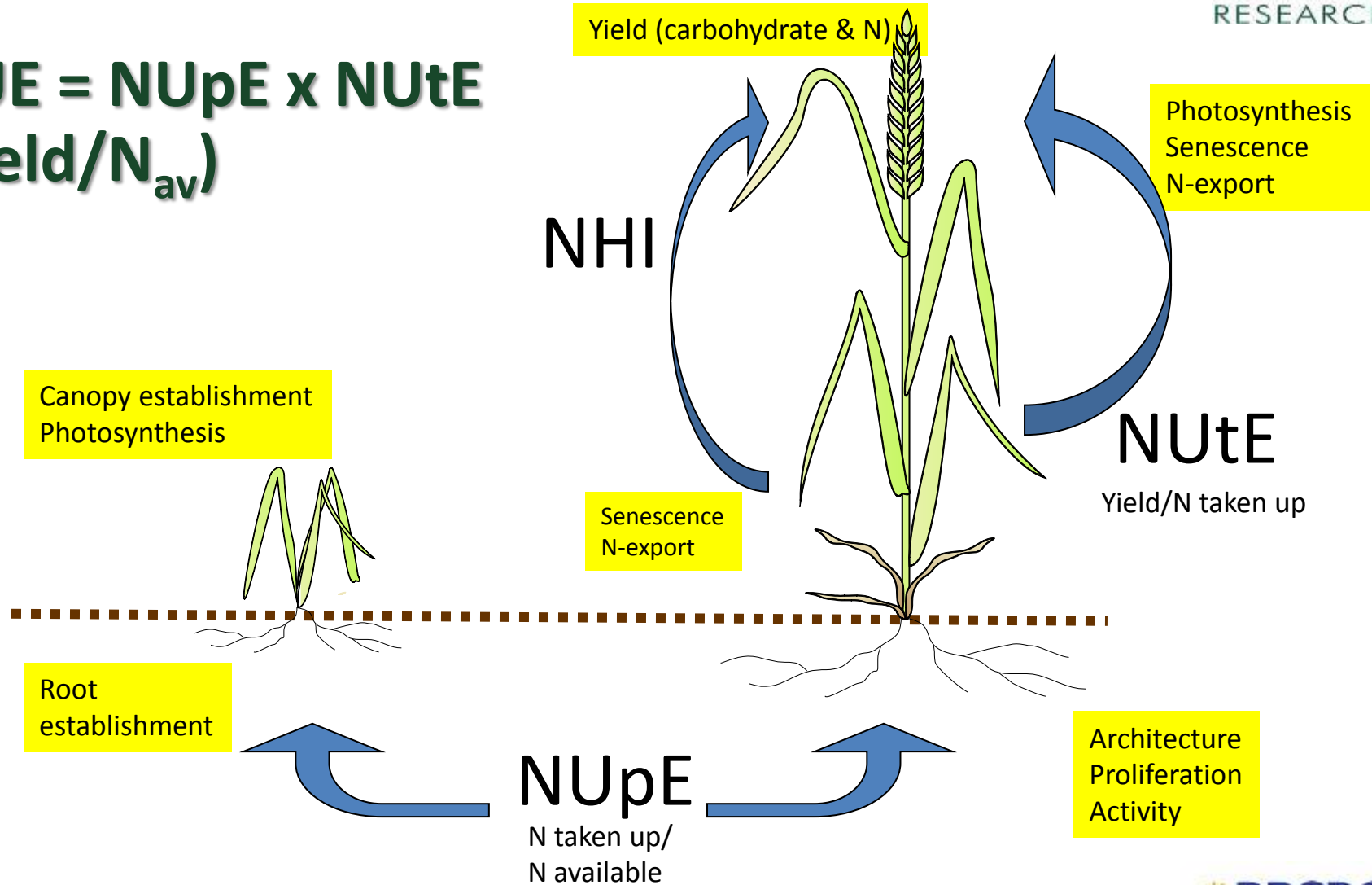
# Definitions



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$$\text{NUE} = \text{NU}_{\text{pE}} \times \text{NU}_{\text{tE}}$$

(yield/ $N_{\text{av}}$ )



# Overview



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- The trials
- WGIN Diversity Trial: example data on yield, stability, N uptake, GPD project
- Spin-off projects
- High throughput field phenotyping

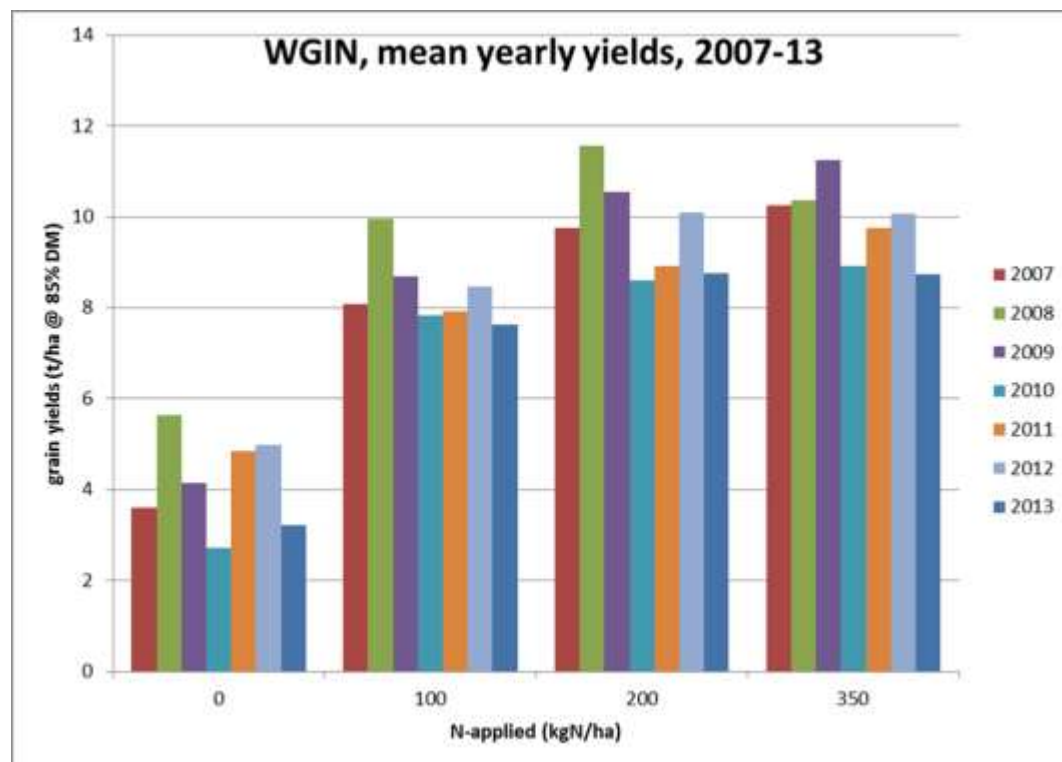


# WGIN: The Nitrogen-Diversity trial



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- 2004-13
- 51 varieties
- 14 in at least 9 years
- All 4 groups
- 4 N levels in all except 2 years
- Grain and straw, yield and %N
- Archived fresh grain
- Archived dry milled grain and straw
- Many spin-off projects

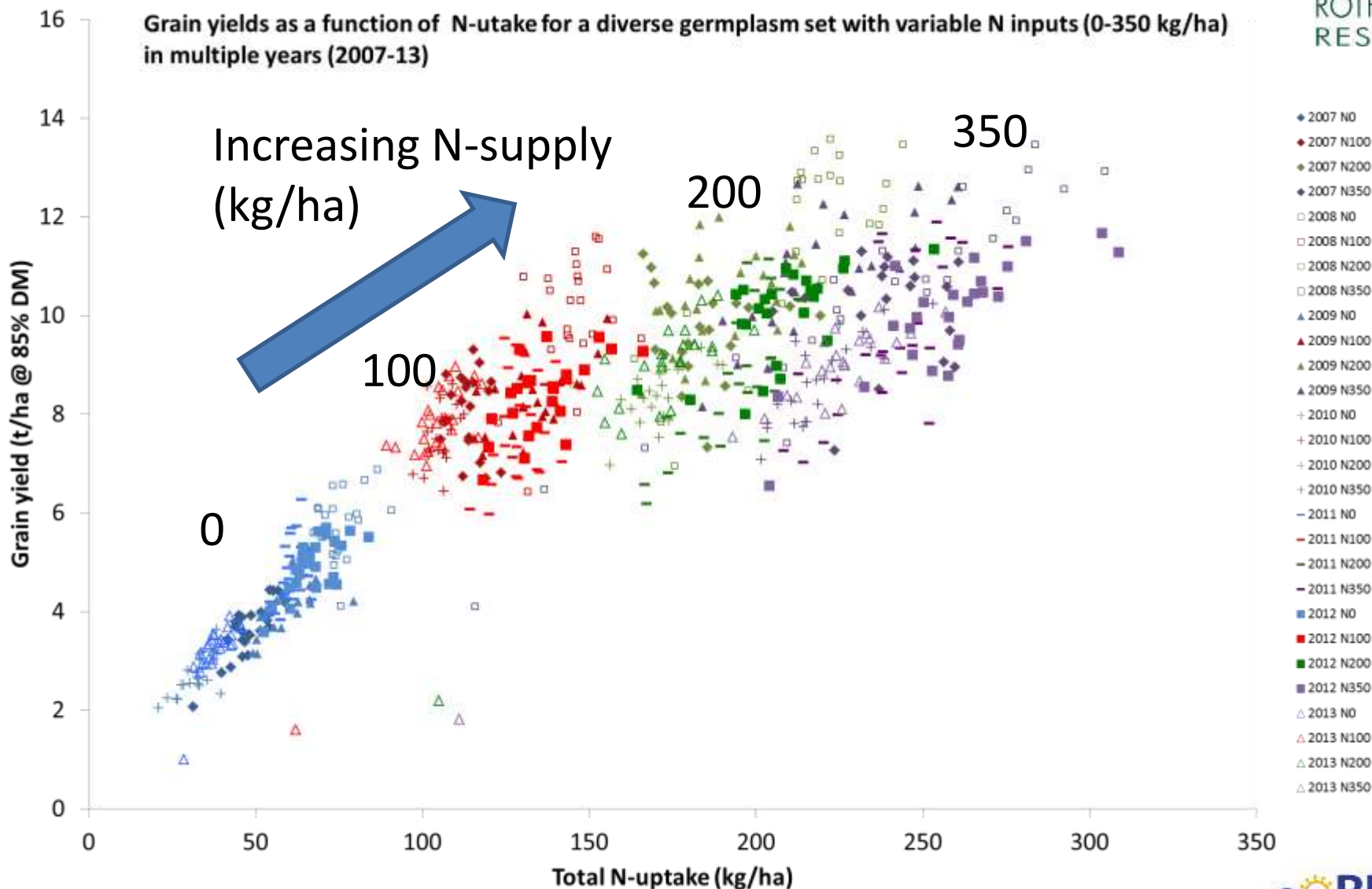




# N-supply impacts on yields and quality



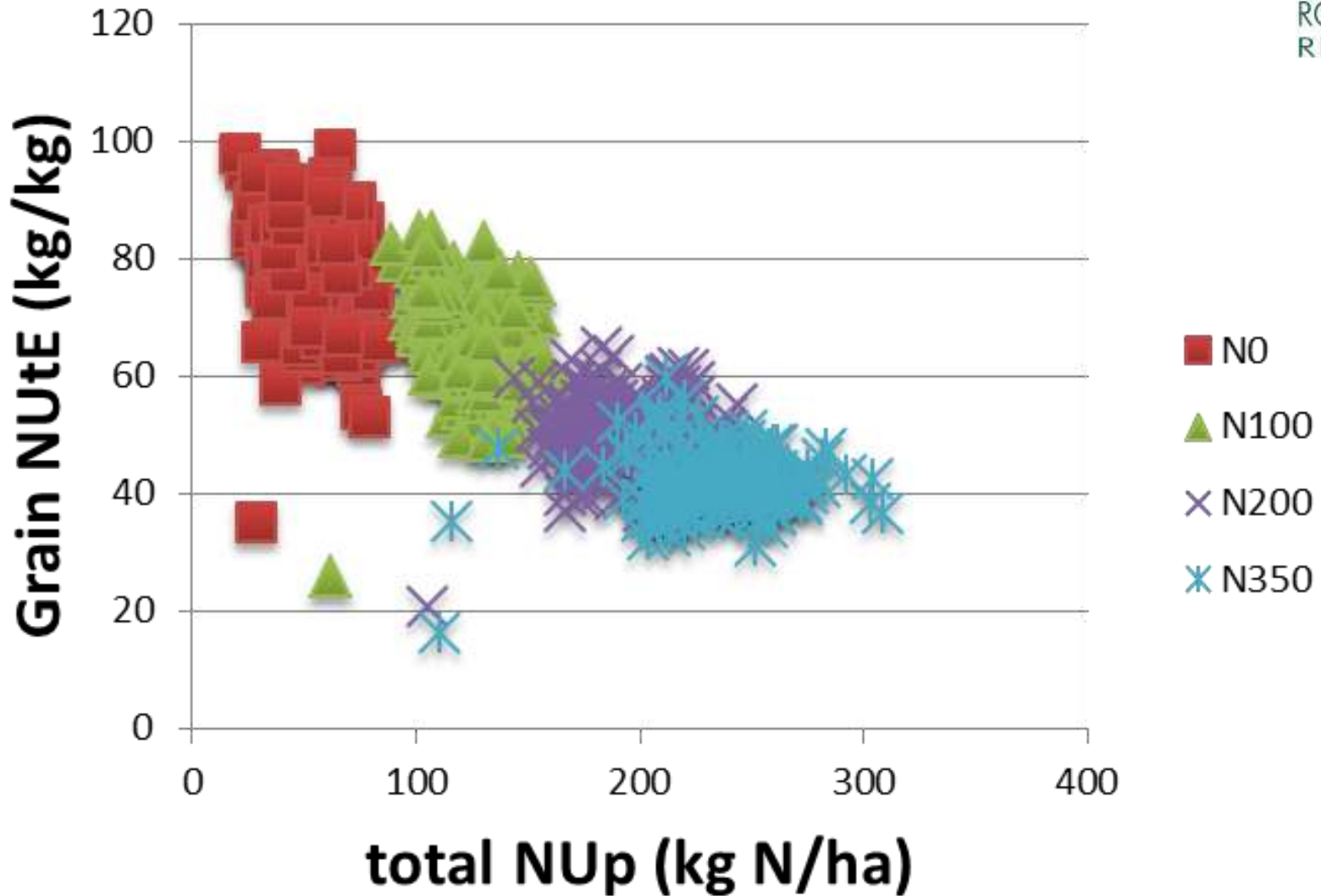
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# Do NUtE and NUp correlate?



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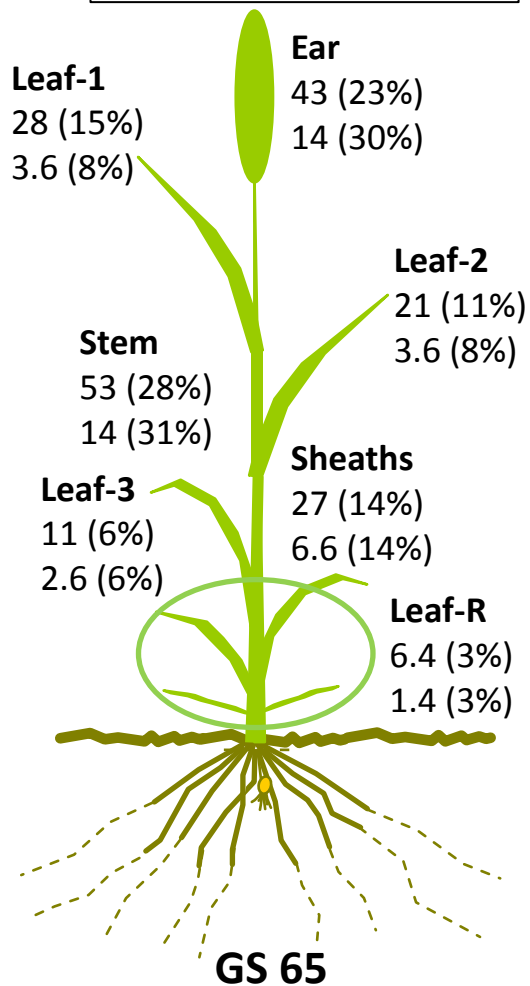


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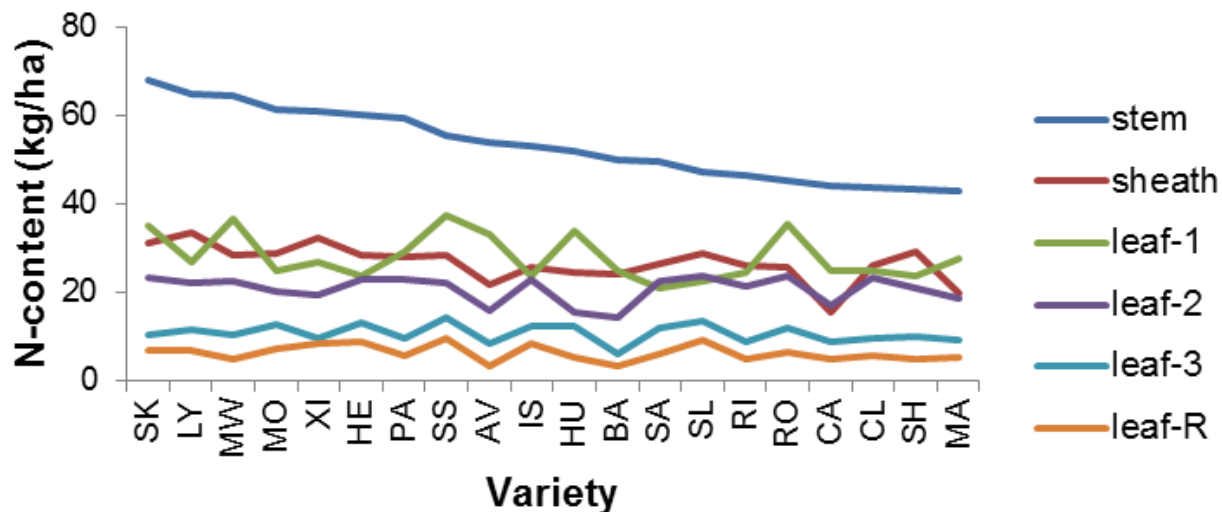


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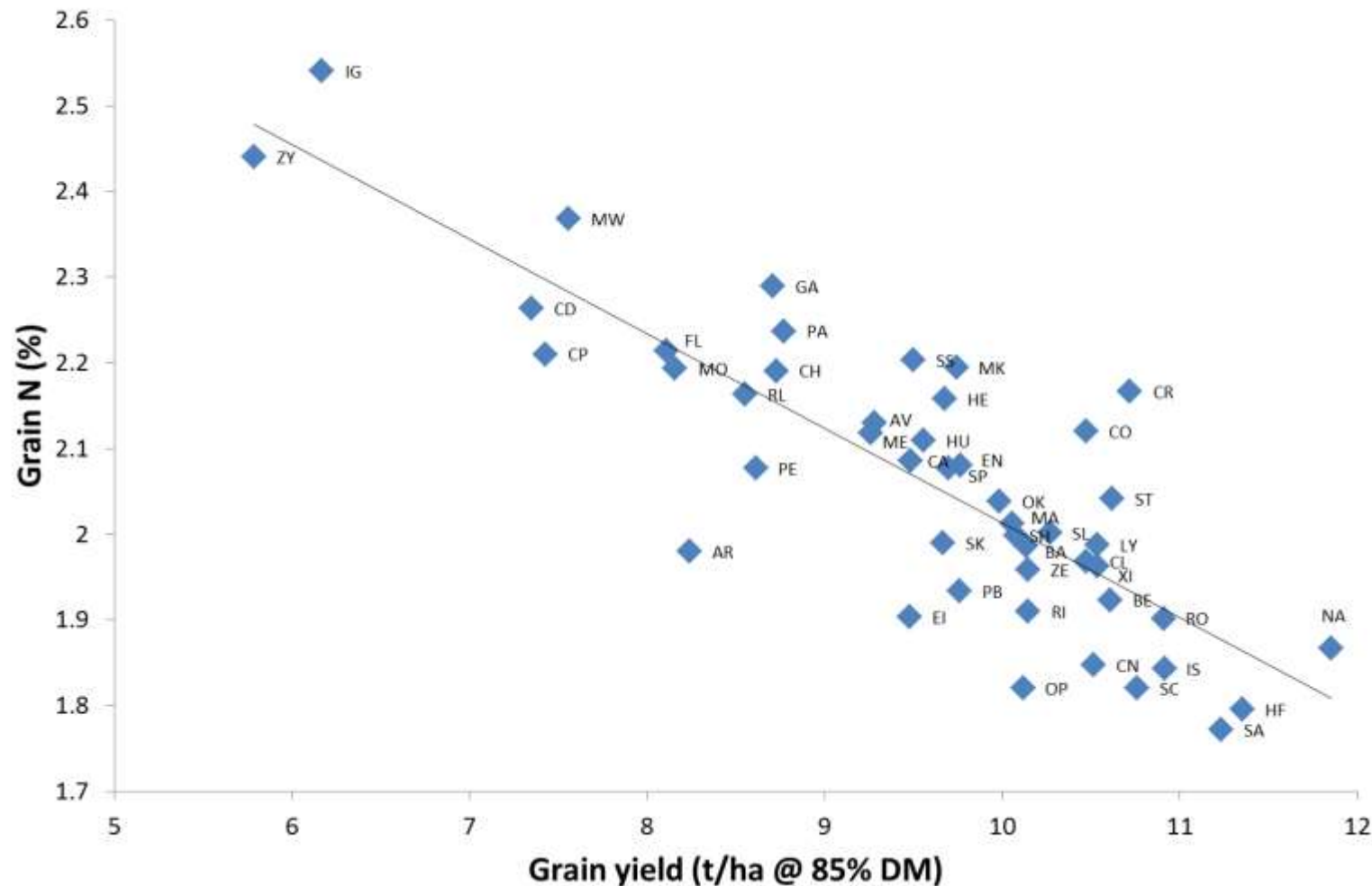
**Shoot total**  
**N200** - 189 kg/ha (100%)  
**N0** - 46 kg/ha (100%)



GS65-N200 N-content



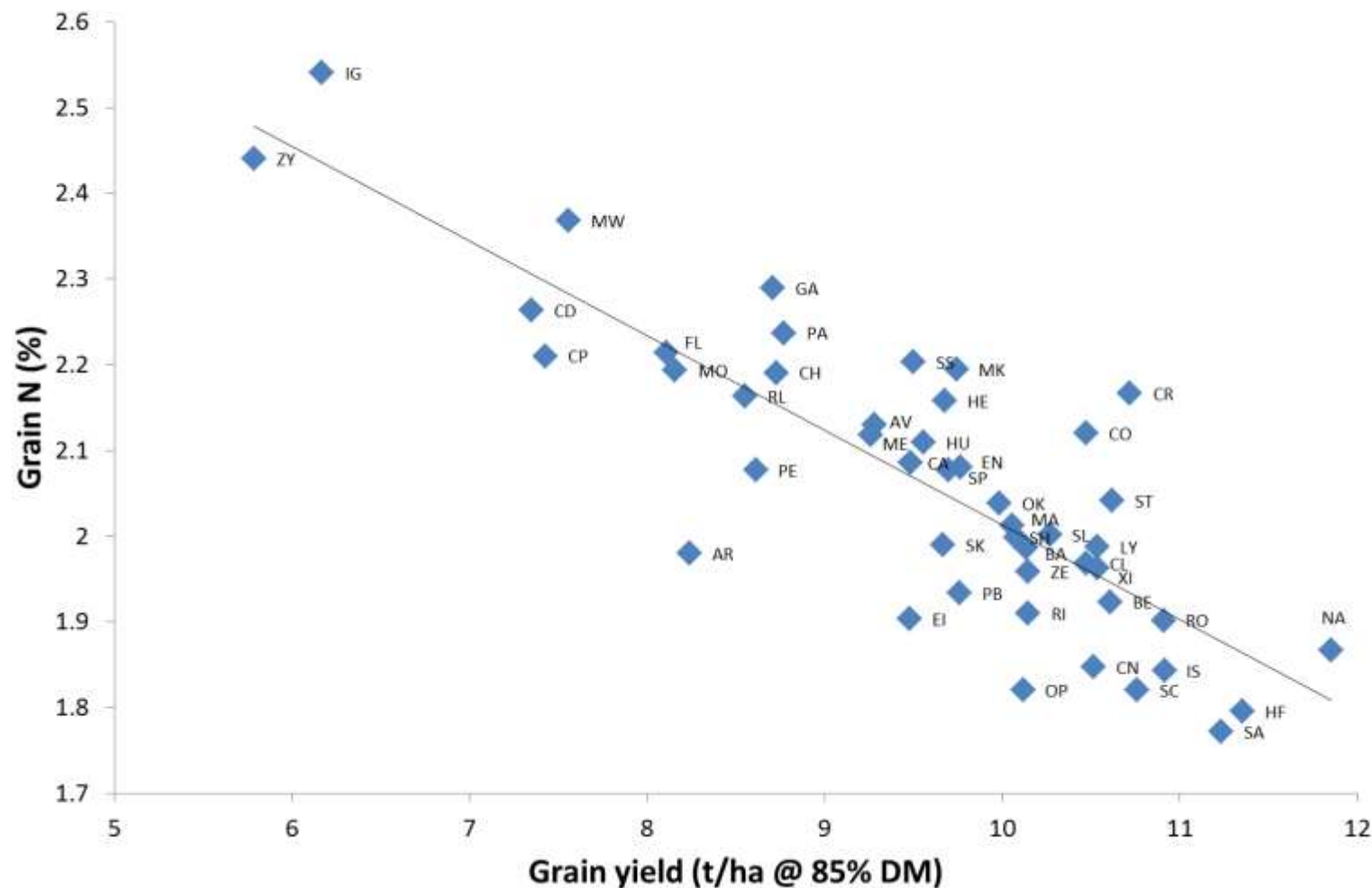
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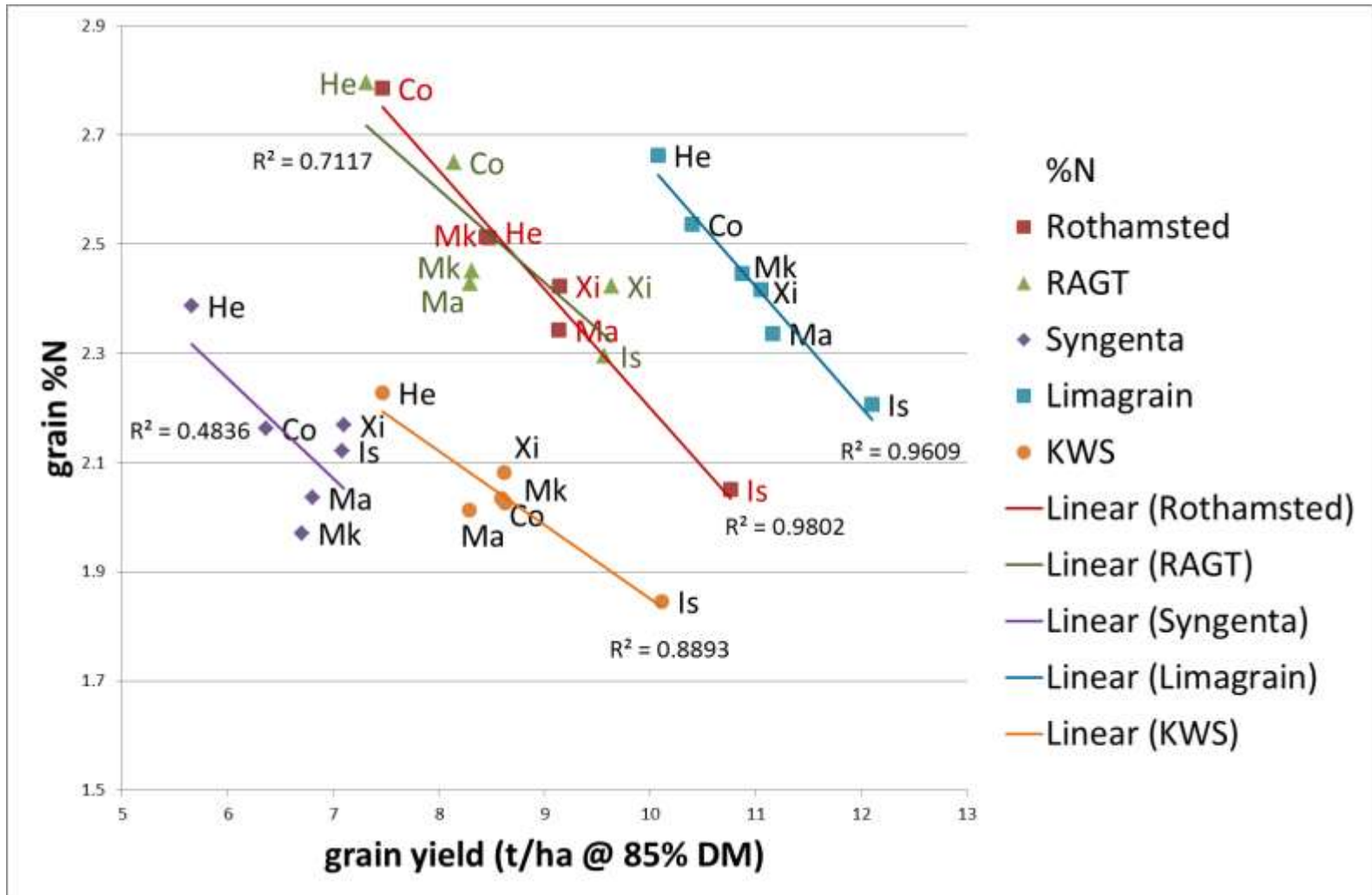
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# GPD, different sites



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# No varieties are perfect!



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Variety Performance at 200 kg-N/ha (2004-08)

Variety	Code	Nabim	Years	Yield	%N	Uptake	Utilisation
Avalon	AV	1	5				
Flanders	FL	1	1				
Hereward	HE	1	5				
Hurley	HU	1	5				
Malacca	MA	1	5				
Mercia	ME	1	4				
Maris Widgeon	MW	1	5				
Shamrock	SH	1	4				
Solstice	SL	1	5				
Spark	SP	1	1				
Xi 19	XI	1	5				
Cadenza	CA	2	5				
Cordiale	CO	2	3				
Einstein	EI	2	1				
Lynx	LY	2	5				
Rialto	RL	2	1				
Scorpion	SC	2	1				
Soissons	SS	2	5				
Beaver	BE	3	4				
Claire	CL	3	4				
Riband	RI	3	5				
Robigus	RO	3	4				
Istabraq	IS	4	4				
Napier	NA	4	3				
Savannah	SA	4	4				
Paragon (spring)	PA	1	5				
Chablis (spring)	CH	2	1				
Arche	AR	F	1				
Batis	BA	G	5				
Caphorn	CP	F	1				
Cappelle Desprez	CD	F	1				
Enorm	EN	G	1				
Isengrain	IG	F	1				
Monopol	MO	G	5				
Opus	OP	G	1				
PBis	PB	G	1				
Petrus	PE	G	1				
Sokrates	SK	G	5				
Zyta	ZY	P	1				

Upper-Q  
Inter-Q  
Inter-Q  
Lower-Q

Summary of variety performance (quartile rankings) based on 2004-07 WGIN datasets

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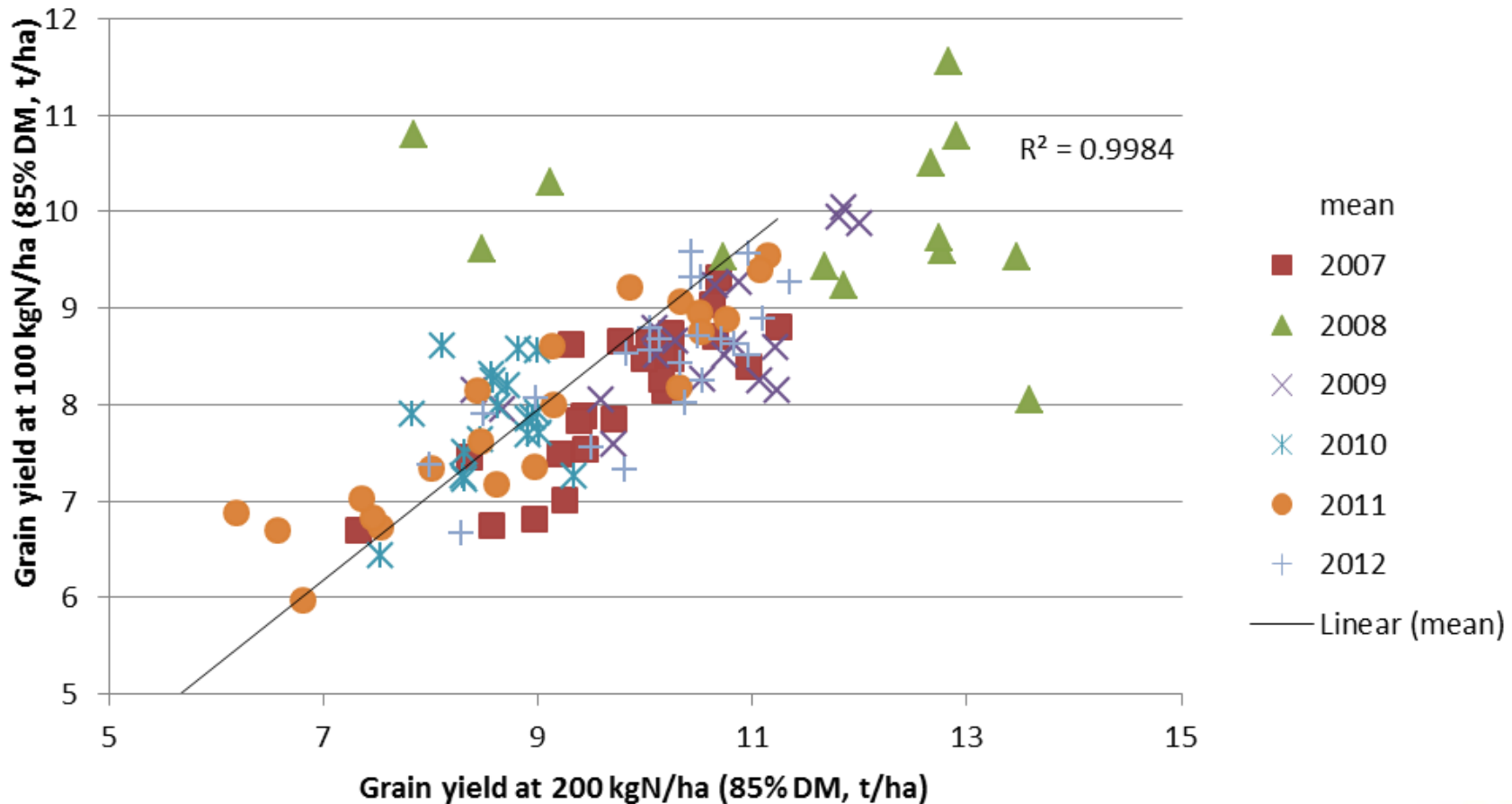
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# High v low inputs



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## WGIN Comparative low N v high N performance (2007-12)





# Diversity trial history



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Trial	Year	Varieties (core of 9)	N-levels	kg N/ha
1	2004	32	4	0,50,200,350
2	2005	20	2	0,200
3	2006	24	3	0,100,200
4	2007	24	4	0,100,200,350
5	2008	24	4	0,100,200,350
6	2009	24 (include 6 x A x Cs)	4	0,100,200,350
7	2010	25 (include 6 x A x Cs)	4	0,100,200,350
8	2011	25 (include 4 x A x Cs)	4	0,100,200,350
9	2012	25 (include WUE/take-all lines)	4	0,100,200,350
10	2013	25 (include WUE/take-all lines)	4	0,100,200,350

WGIN MM

6<sup>th</sup> December 2013

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# Reducing the risk of take-all disease in wheat

Vanessa McMillan

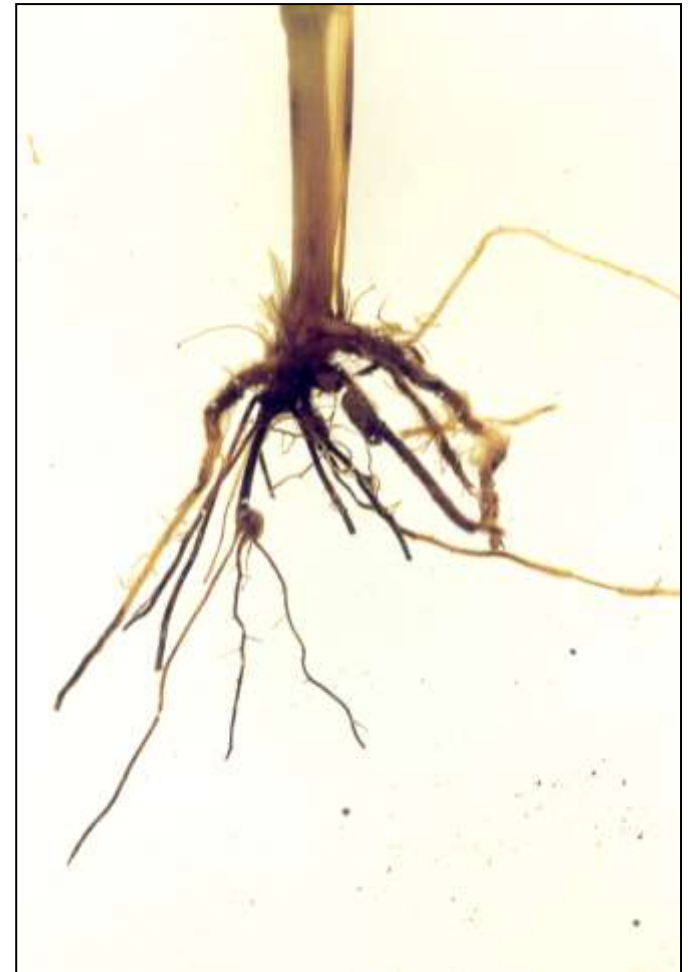
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# Take-all disease

- *Gaeumannomyces graminis* var. *tritici* (*Ggt*)
- ascomycete soil-borne fungus
- *Ggt* infects the roots
- No genetic solution to the control of take-all disease available



Severely infected plant

Typical take-all patch showing stunting and premature ripening of the crop



**Grain: small shrivelled or plump**



# Disease development

- **1<sup>st</sup> wheat crop**- very little disease provided break crop is free from take-all carriers
- **2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> wheat crop**- severe disease can occur during this period
- **5<sup>th</sup> wheat crop onwards**- take-all severity decreases compared to a crop at its peak. This is known as Take-all Decline (TAD)

# WGIN2 Cultivar Rotation trial

Hypothesis: 1<sup>st</sup> wheat genetics can be used to improve 2<sup>nd</sup> wheat crop yield performance

**1<sup>st</sup> wheat**

**Inoculum build-up  
in the soil at harvest**



**2<sup>nd</sup> wheat**

**Grain Yield  
Straw Yield**

**1. Soil core taken angled underneath row**



**THE  
SOIL CORE  
BIOASSAY**

**2. Core inverted into plastic cup**



**3. Ten bait wheat (cv Hereward) seeds sown**



**4. Growth room for 5 weeks**



# Soil core bioassay plants



**Severe take-all infection**

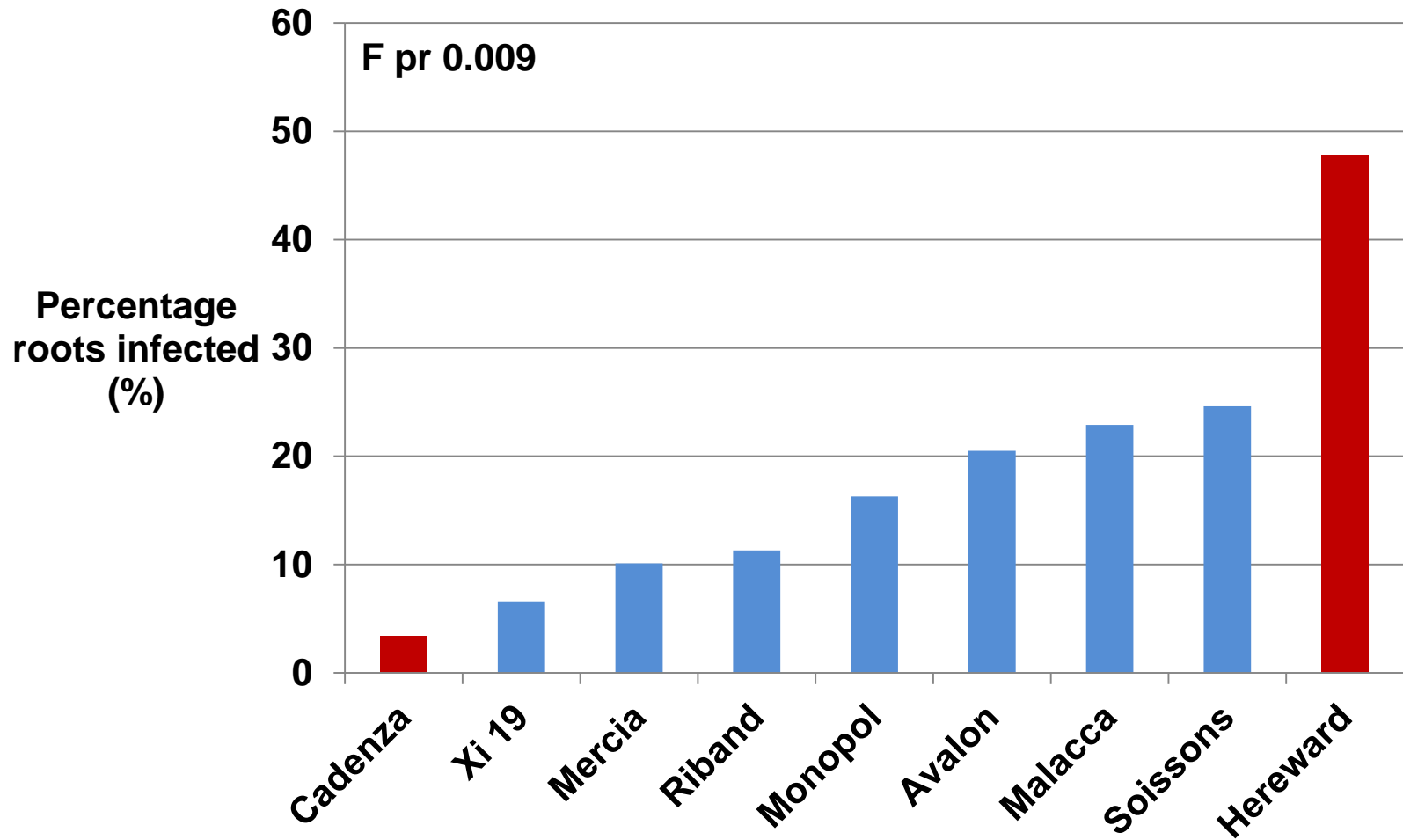


**Slight take-all infection**



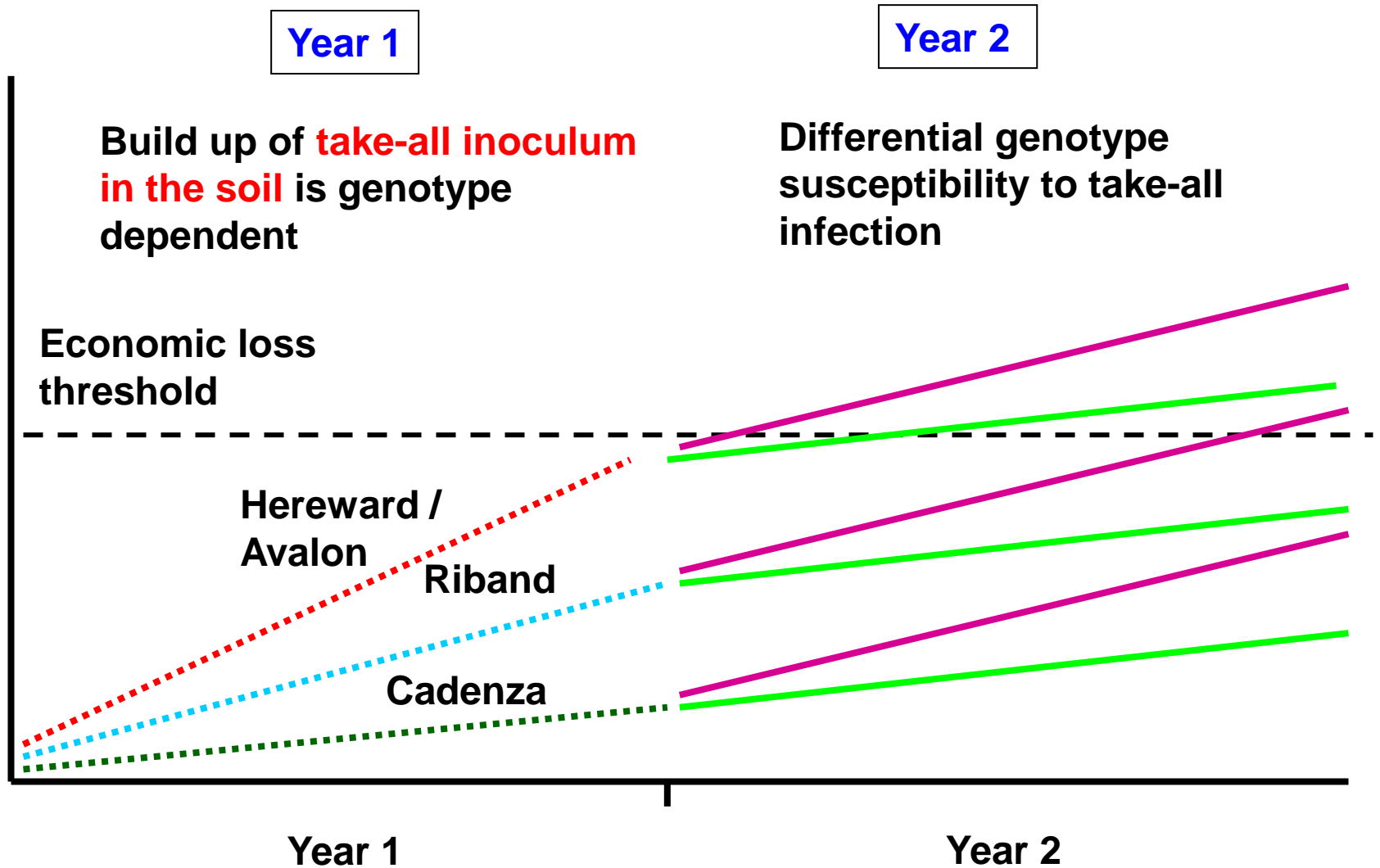
# Soil infectivity post harvest is influenced by variety (WGIN1 Diversity 4 year means)

New trait is called **TAB** (Take-All inoculum Build-up)



# Cultivar rotation trials

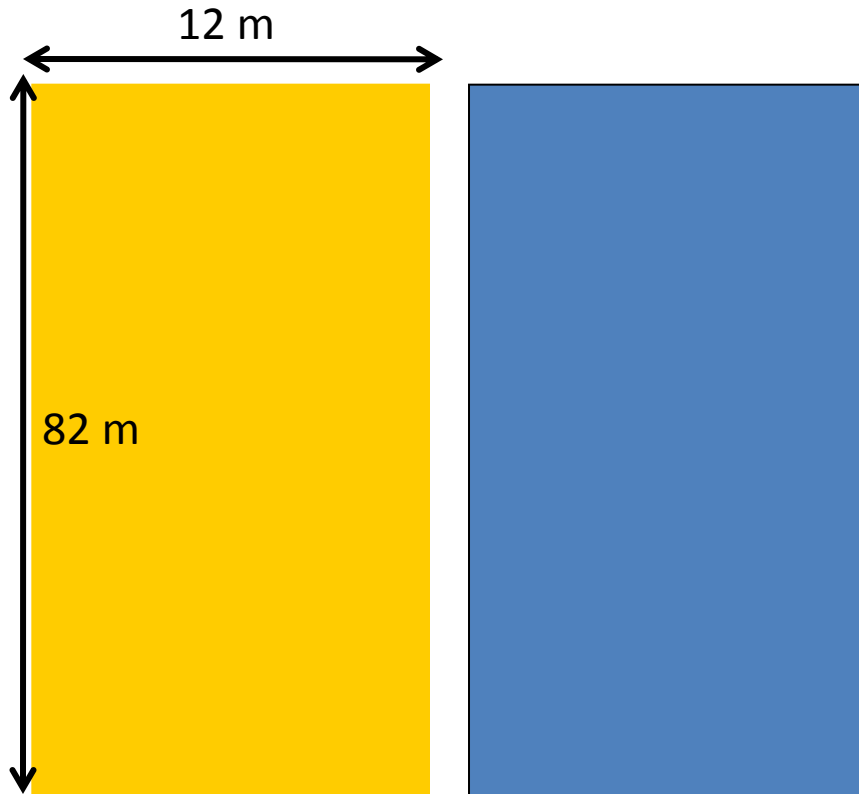
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# Cultivar rotation trials

**Overall objective:** Explore the effect of different cultivar sequences on take-all disease pressure

**Step 1: Year 1** To create different take-all disease pressures in the field using the varieties **Hereward** (high inoculum build up) and **Cadenza** (low inoculum build up)

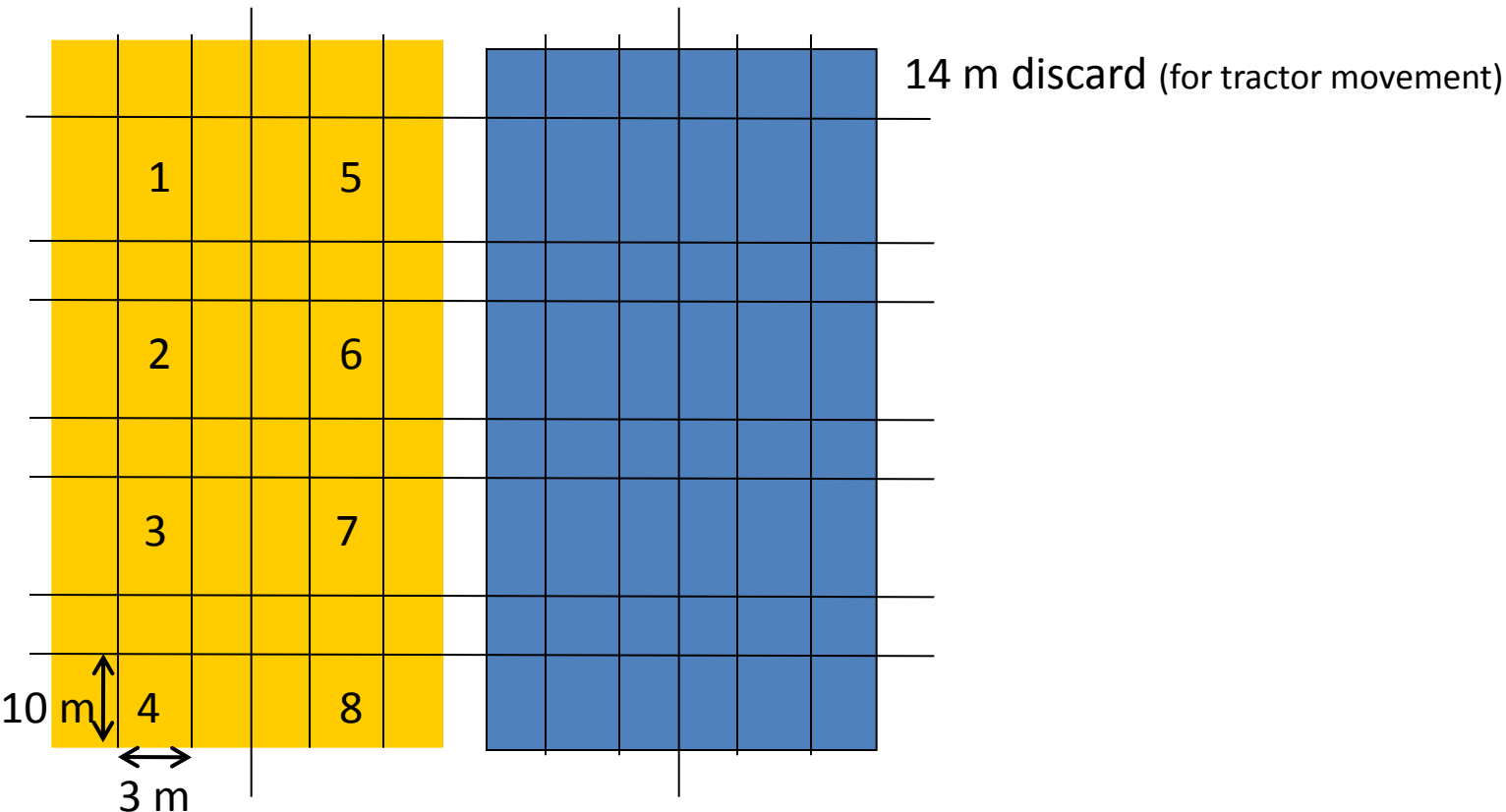


12m x 82m, of each variety  
4 replicates of each

# Cultivar rotation trials

**Overall objective:** Explore the effect of different cultivar sequences on take-all disease pressure

**Step 2: Year 2** Each of the Year 1 large plots **divided into eight 10m x 3m** for the Year 2 field season.

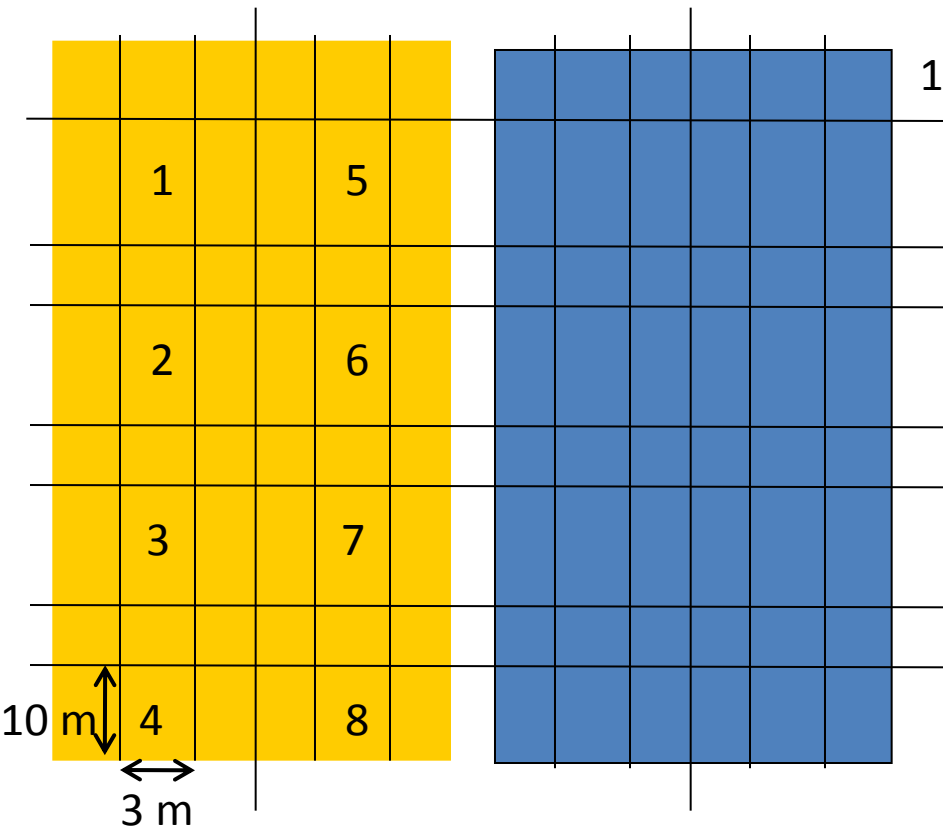


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14 m discard (for tractor movement)

**Year 1:** After harvest of year 1, five soil cores were taken from each of the designated Year 2 plots i.e. 64 plots x 5 = 320 cores.

**Year 2:** Eight different winter wheat cultivars chosen for Year 2. Plant samples taken in spring and summer for take-all disease assessment. Yields taken by the Rothamsted farm.

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# The eight selected cultivars for the rotation trial

Drilled as the 2<sup>nd</sup> wheat

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Variety	Nabim group
Hereward	1
Gallant	1
Xi19	1
Solstice	1
Cordiale	2
Einstein	2
Robigus	3
Duxford	4

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# The WGIN Cultivar Rotation Trial

## Field: Drapers (October 2011 to August 2013)

Take-all infectivity of the soil after the first wheat source varieties **Cadenza and Hereward**, and take-all disease and yield data in the subsequent second wheat over-sow.

	Year 1 (2011-2012)
	Soil bioassay after harvest of 1 <sup>st</sup> wheat plots
Source variety	Logit % roots infected (Back-transformed means)
Cadenza	-0.94 ( <b>12.8%</b> )
Hereward	-0.24 ( <b>37.6%</b> )
d.f.	3
SED	0.15
F Pr	<b>0.019</b>
Grand mean	-0.59 (25.2%)

# The WGIN Cultivar Rotation Trial

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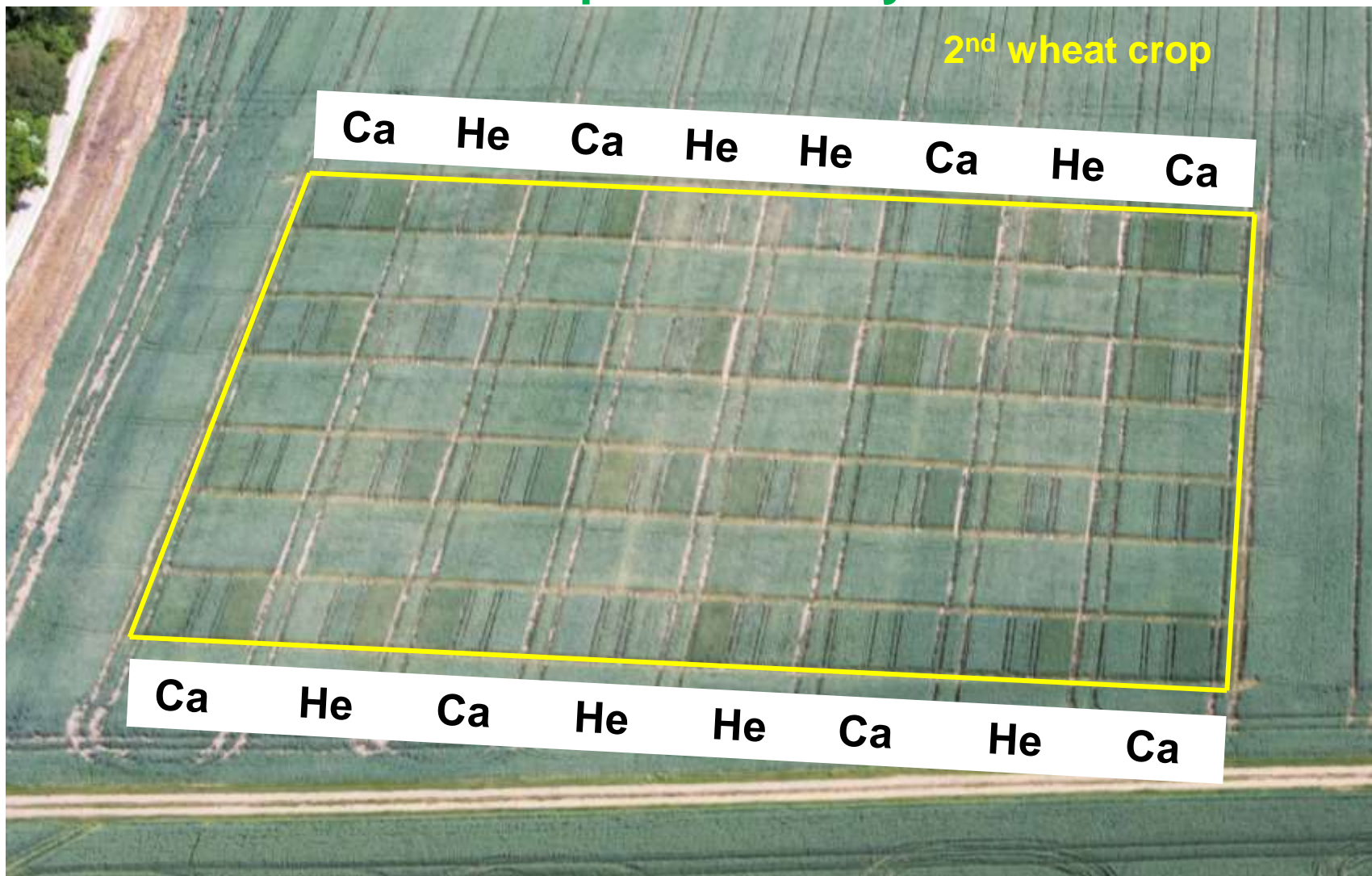
	Year 1 (2011-2012)	Year 2 (2012-2013)	
	Soil bioassay after harvest of 1 <sup>st</sup> wheat plots	Over-sow <b>Spring</b> plant samples (24 <sup>th</sup> April 2013, GS 24-27)	
<b>Source variety</b>	Logit % roots infected (Back-transformed means)	Logit % plants with take-all (Back-transformed means)	Take-all roots per plant
<b>Cadenza</b>	-0.94 ( <b>12.8%</b> )	-0.48 ( <b>27.6%</b> )	<b>0.55</b>
<b>Hereward</b>	-0.24 ( <b>37.6%</b> )	0.65 ( <b>78.9%</b> )	<b>1.95</b>
<b>d.f.</b>	3	3	3
<b>SED</b>	0.15	0.08	0.029
<b>F Pr</b>	<b>0.019</b>	<b>&lt;.001</b>	<b>&lt;.001</b>
<b>Grand mean</b>	-0.59 (25.2%)	0.09 (53.3%)	1.25



# The WGIN 2 Cultivar Rotation Trial – 2<sup>nd</sup> year over sown with 8 cultivars

Field: Drapers

July 2013



**The current WGIN Cultivar Rotation Trial**  
**Field: Drapers      July 17th 2013**



Solstice after Cadenza

Solstice after Hereward

# The WGIN Cultivar Rotation Trial

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Year 2 (2012-2013)			
	Oversow		Oversow
	Summer measurements		Summer plant samples
Source variety	Take-all patch score (% area)	Canopy height pre-harvest (cm)	TAI (0-100)
Cadenza	<b>38</b>	<b>59.05</b>	<b>Still to be assessed</b>
Hereward	<b>65</b>	<b>53.61</b>	
d.f.			
SED			
F Probability			

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Cadenza	<b>38</b>	<b>59.05</b>	<b>Still to be assessed</b>	<b>7.52</b>	<b>3.21</b>
Hereward	<b>65</b>	<b>53.61</b>		<b>5.79</b>	<b>2.25</b>
d.f.				3	3
SED				0.217	0.155
F Probability				<b>0.004</b>	<b>0.009</b>

# Rotation trial: harvest years 2012 and 2013

## Second wheat yields

Main effect of:

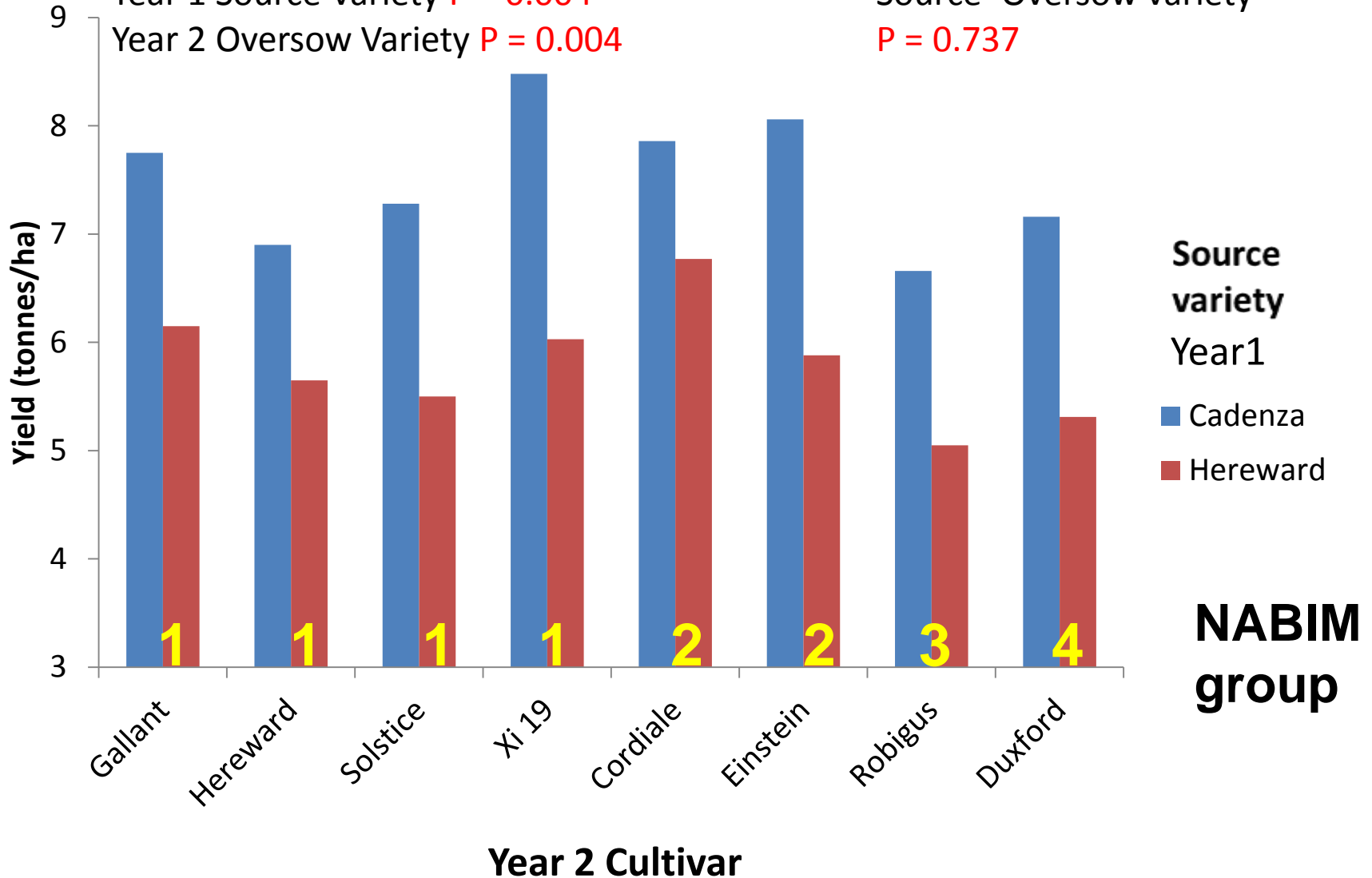
Year 1 Source Variety  $P = 0.004$

Year 2 Oversow Variety  $P = 0.004$

Interaction:

Source\*Oversow variety

$P = 0.737$



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Cadenza	-0.73 (18.4%)
Hereward	-0.31 (34.7%)
d.f.	3
SED	0.115
F Probability	0.034
Grand mean	-0.52 (26.6%)

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<b>Source variety</b>	Logit % roots infected (Back-transformed means)	Logit % plants with take-all (Back-transformed means)	Take-all roots per plant
<b>Cadenza</b>	-0.73 ( <b>18.4%</b> )	0.56 ( <b>75.5%</b> )	<b>2.18</b>
<b>Hereward</b>	-0.31 ( <b>34.7%</b> )	1.82 ( <b>97.9%</b> )	<b>4.29</b>
<b>d.f.</b>	3	3	3
<b>SED</b>	0.115	0.216	0.268
<b>F Probability</b>	<b>0.034</b>	<b>0.010</b>	<b>0.004</b>
<b>Grand mean</b>	-0.52 (26.6%)	1.19 (86.7%)	3.23

# Rotation trial: harvest years 2011 and 2012

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Source variety	Take-all patch score (% area)	Canopy height pre-harvest (cm)	TAI (0-100)
Cadenza	<b>49.4</b>	<b>63.55</b>	<b>72.98</b>
Hereward	<b>81.3</b>	<b>57.75</b>	<b>93.62</b>
d.f.	3	3	3
SED	3.72	0.818	1.79
F Probability	<b>0.003</b>	<b>0.006</b>	<b>0.001</b>
Grand mean	65.4	60.65	83.30



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d.f.	3	3	3	3	3
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F Probability	<b>0.003</b>	<b>0.006</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.006</b>	<b>0.004</b>
Grand mean	65.4	60.65	83.30	7.39	4.91

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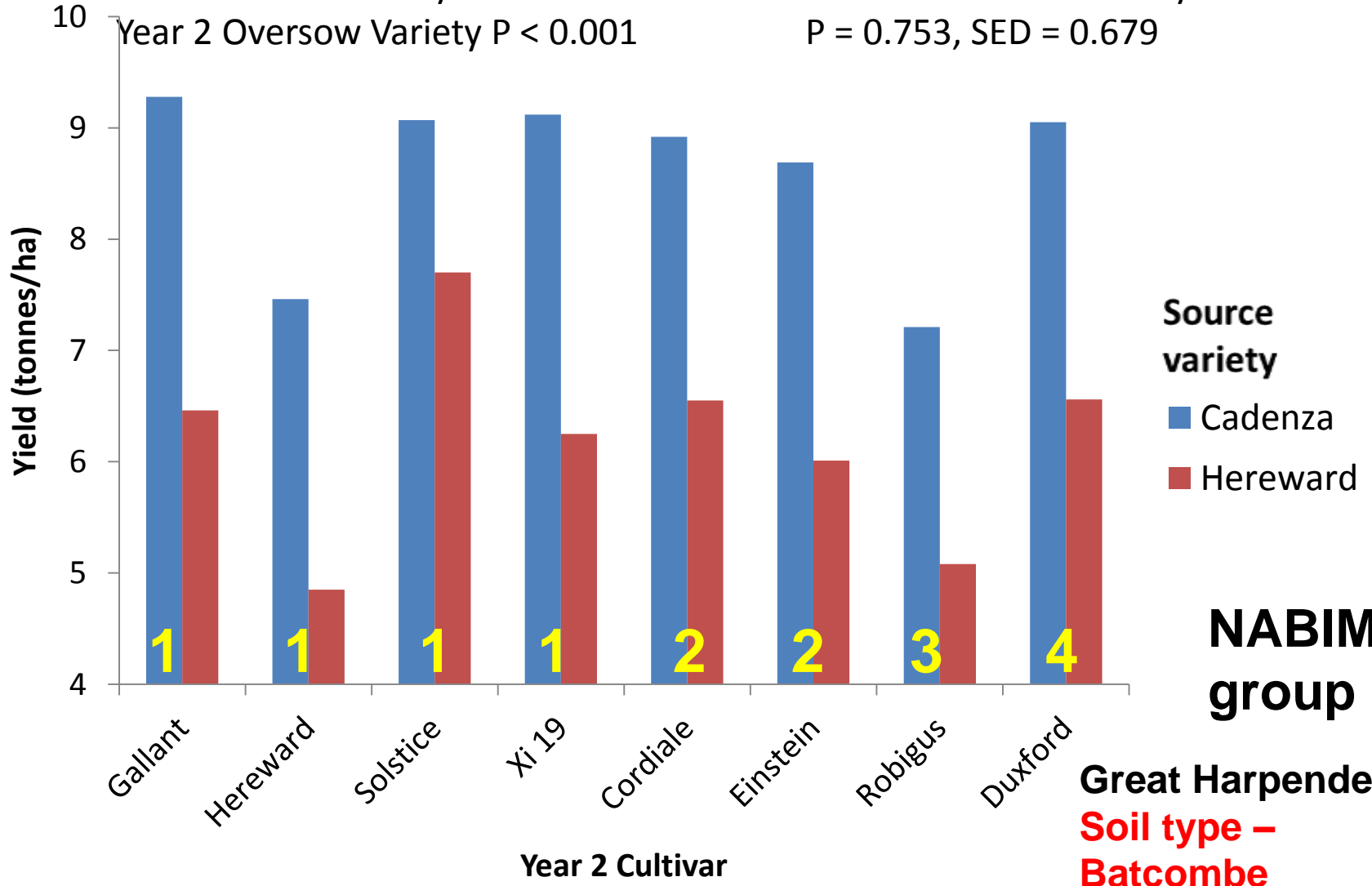
Year 1 Source Variety P = 0.006

Year 2 Oversow Variety P < 0.001

Interaction:

Source\*Oversow variety

P = 0.753, SED = 0.679



# Rotation trial: harvest years 2012 and 2013

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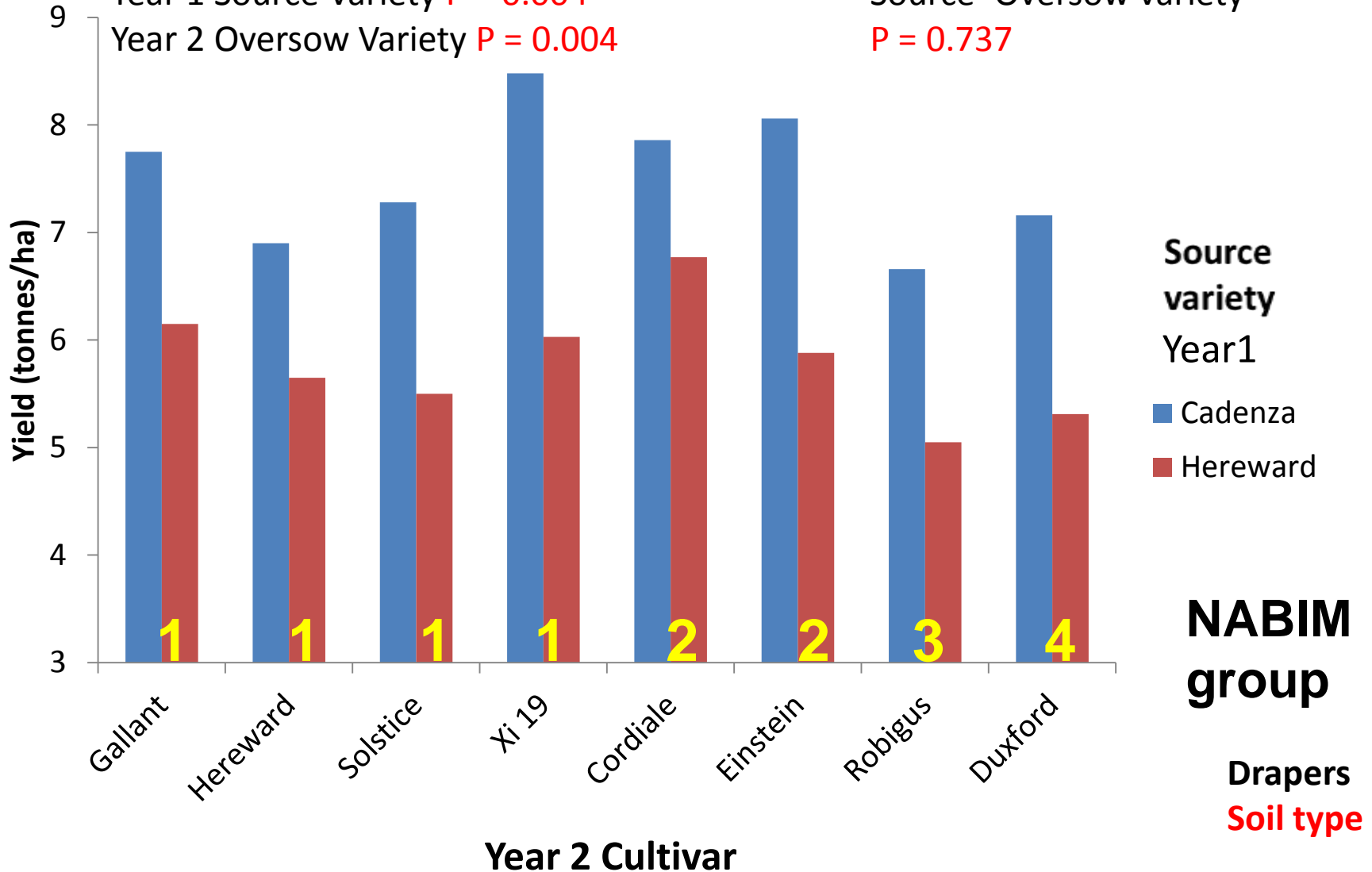
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## Take-all inoculum build-up trait

Using 1<sup>st</sup> wheat genetics to improve 2<sup>nd</sup> wheat crop yield performance

- **Less take-all disease in a 2<sup>nd</sup> wheat crop when Cadenza is grown as the 1<sup>st</sup> wheat (n = 8 cultivars, 2<sup>nd</sup> wheats)**
- **Fewer plants infected and less severe root disease**
- **Grain yield advantage in the 2<sup>nd</sup> wheat crop**

**0.2 t /ha (2011)**

**2.42 t /ha (2012)**

**1.73 t /ha (2013)**

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- Yield advantage in the 2<sup>nd</sup> wheat crop

Grain	Straw
0.2 t /ha (2011)	not measured
2.42 t /ha (2012)	1.32 t /ha
1.73 t /ha (2013)	0.96 t /ha

- Occurs on 2 different soil types @Rothamsted

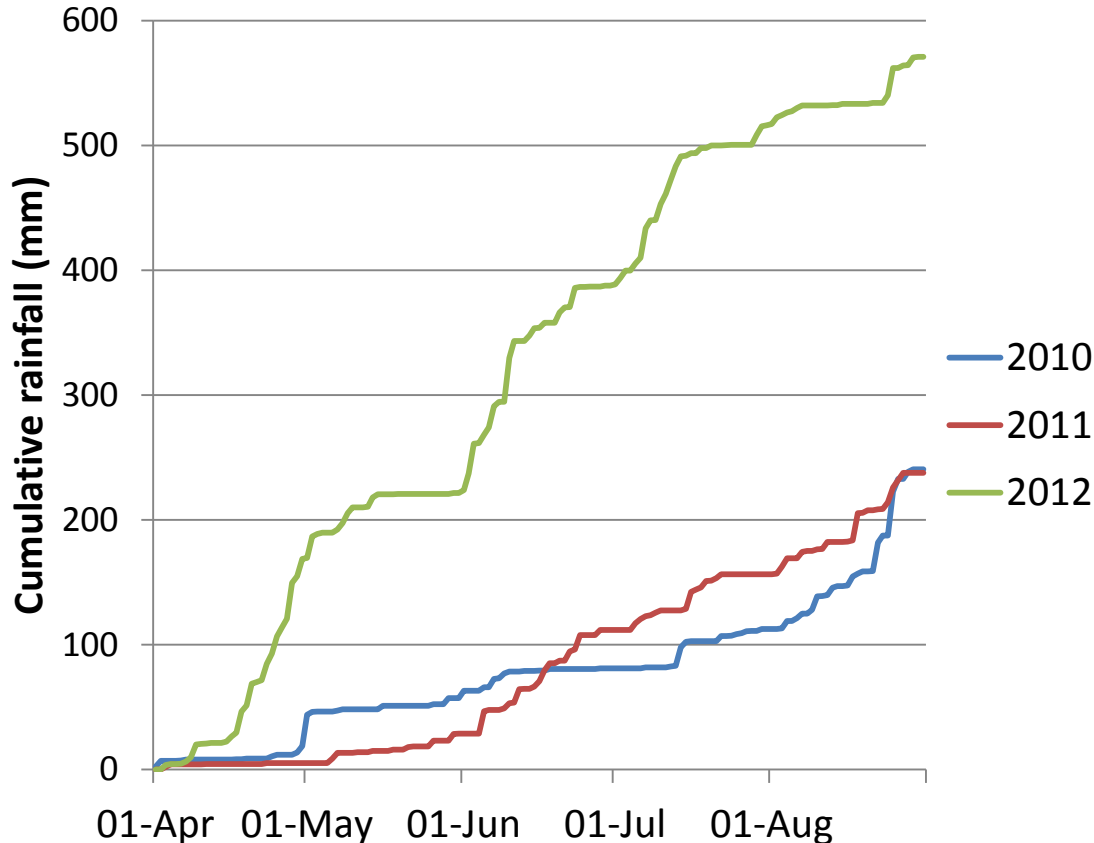
**Batcombe (2012)** - Fine silty /fine loamy over clayey soils with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal water logging

**Panholes (2013)** - Well drained calcareous fine silty soils over chalk



# Why is the effect on yield increase variable between years?

Harvest years	Year 1 TAB % roots infected	Year 2 Yield advantage tonnes/ha
2010-2011	2.2	0.2
2011-2012	<b>26.6</b>	2.42
2012-2013	<b>25.2</b>	1.73



- **Year 1 differences in the amount of take-all inoculum that built up in the soil**
- Summer 2010 was very dry - unfavourable for take-all inoculum build-up
- Summer 2012 was very wet, waterlogging – reduced inoculum build-up?

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2012-2013	<b>25.2</b>	<b>53.3</b>	currently being assessed	<b>1.73</b>

- Year 1 TAB very similar for 2011 and 2012 but the amount of take-all disease in the spring is different
- Length of intercrop period?

## 2011-2012

Year 1 Harvested 31<sup>st</sup> Aug

Year 2 Sown 29<sup>th</sup> Sept (**29 days**)

## 2012-2013

Year 1 Harvested 14<sup>th</sup> Aug

Year 2 Sown 03<sup>rd</sup> October (**49 days**)

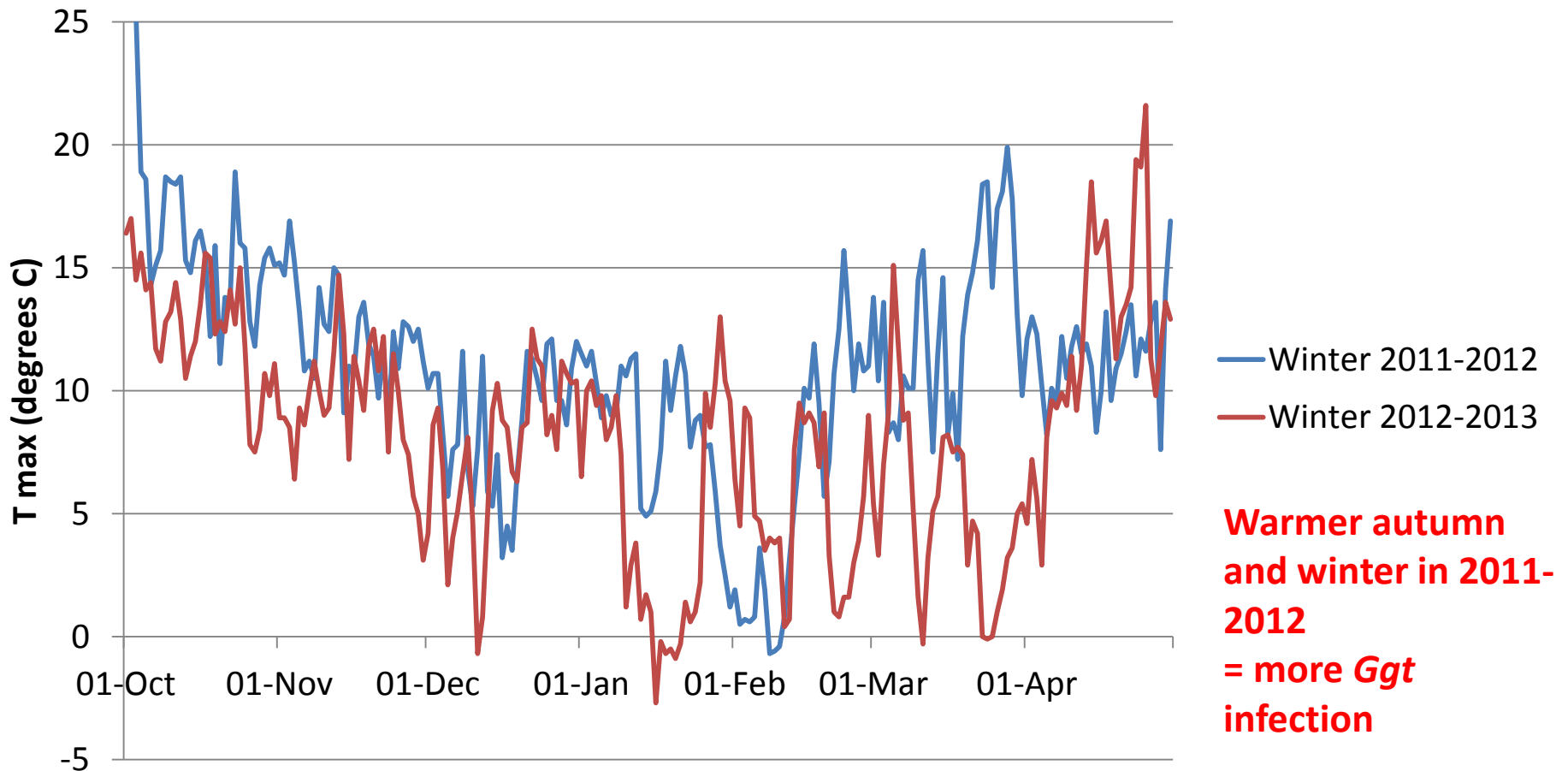
**Longer intercrop period = inoculum declines**

- Autumn weather after sowing 2<sup>nd</sup> wheat crop?



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# WGIN Take-all inoculum build-up trait - What else ?

- Diploid wheat (*T. monococcum*) – Does the Take-all inoculum build-up (TAB) phenotype exist?

**YES**

**Eight *T. monococcum* genotypes  
All build-up take-all inoculum in the soil**

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