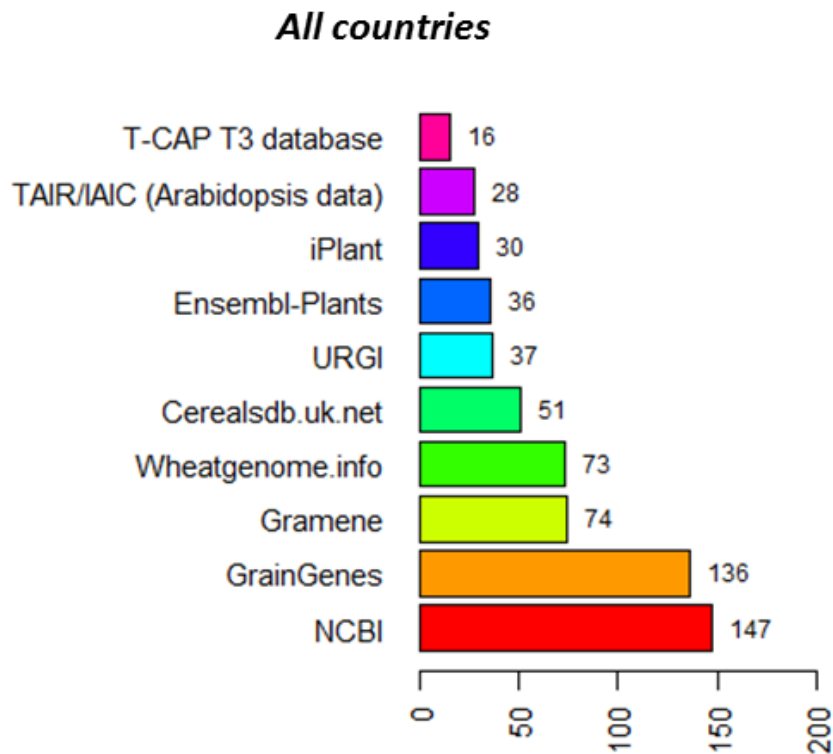
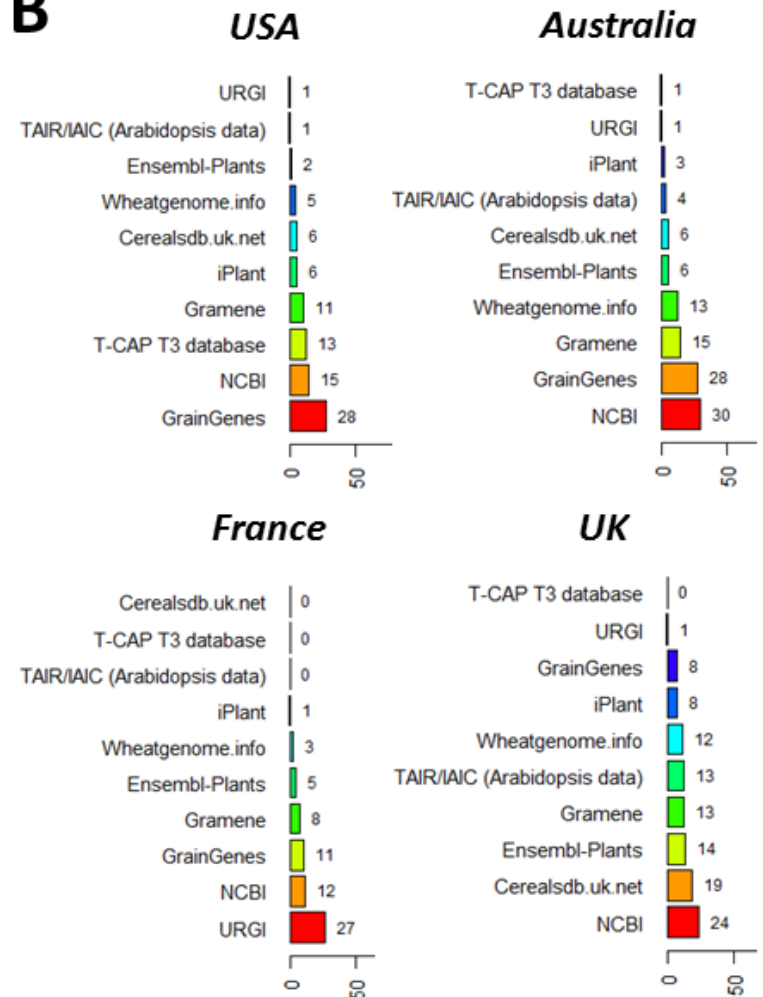


# Ideas for creating a website to host the new wheat genome and marker data



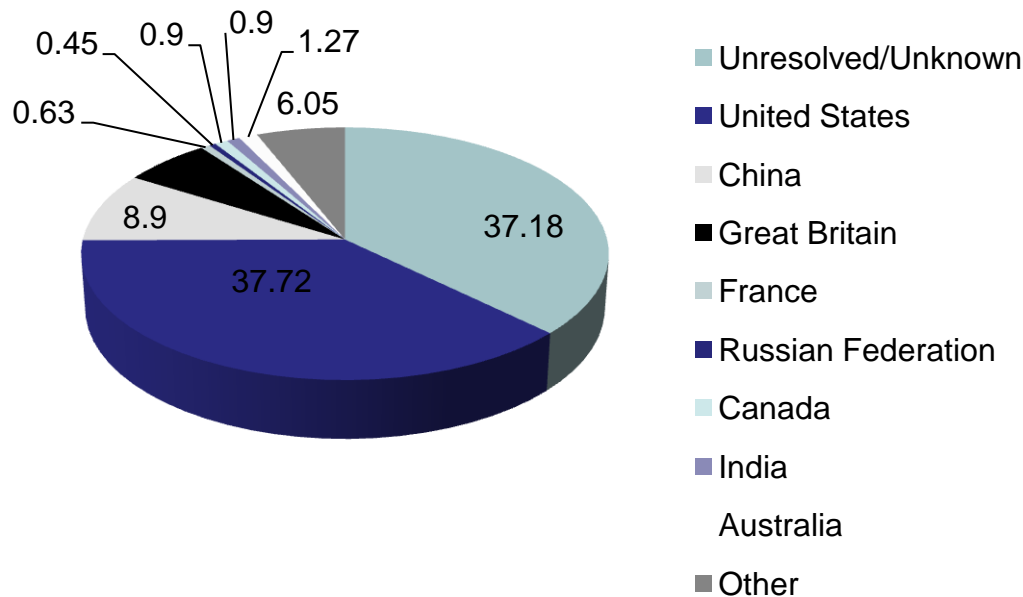


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**Figure 5:** Other bioinformatics portals where data would have to be accessible from (X axis: number of positive answers)

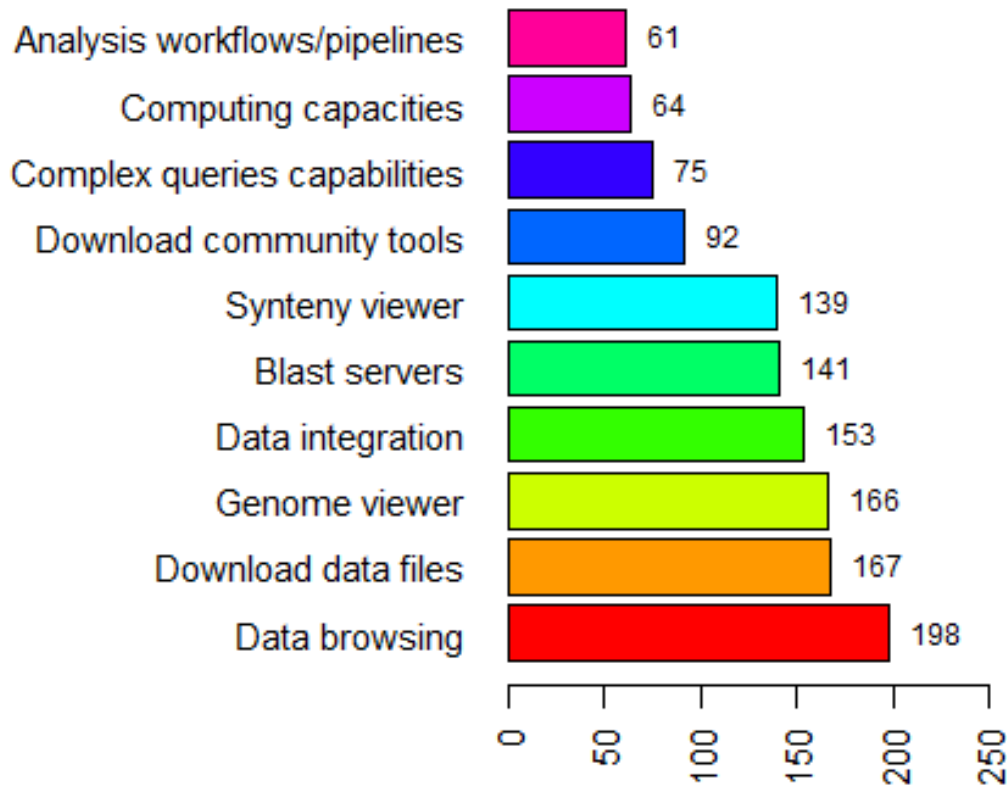
# Visits to CerealsDB web site (<http://www.cerealsdb.uk.net/>) during the period 2009-2012

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 (to 31 <sup>st</sup> May)
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,511</b>	<b>67,269</b>	<b>199,139</b>	<b>196,303</b>	<b>112,946</b>



Summary of the locations of the users of CerealsDB (during 2012)

## Services



When asked what kind of services (the WheatIS) should provide, wheat researchers placed data browsing, data downloading and genome viewer respectively in first, second and third position (Figure 6). Interestingly, data Integration was placed only in fourth position, indicating that this is not considered yet as a top priority. Surprisingly, we also noted that analysis workflows and computing capacities were ranked last. Again this might be due to current technological limitations and lack of access to more advanced bioinformatics tools.

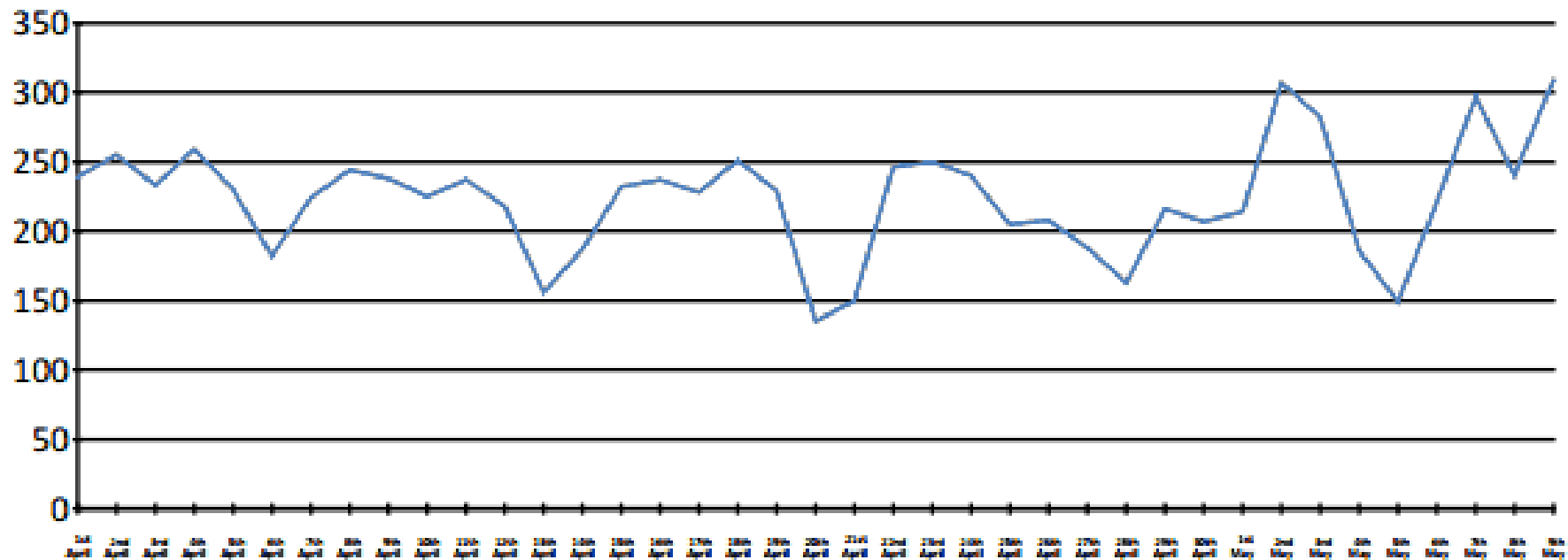
- Many web sites are created in the image of the group creating the site. i.e. they are designed for the creators not the wider community.



# To make a web site useful, it should:

1. Know who it is targeting
2. Make data browsing easy (for others)
3. Allow data to be downloaded in easy to use formats
4. If required provide a genome viewer, along with a variety of easy to use tools which add value to the data that can be downloaded
5. (in my view) Be designed by experts, but in conjunction with the users
6. Be updated at regular intervals
7. Avoid passwords





Unique hits April 2013 – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013-05-14





## Welcome to WGIN 2nd Phase (2009-2013)

*Defra Wheat Genetic Improvement Network - Improving the environmental footprint of farming through crop genetics and targeted traits analysis*

\*\*\*\*\*BREAKING NEWS ON WHEAT GENOME\*\*\*\*\*

### Background

The UK government is committed to more sustainable agriculture but this vision is facing an ever expanding range of environmental, energy and climate change challenges. Wheat is grown on a larger area and is more valuable than any other arable crop in the UK. Established in 2003, the Wheat Genetic Improvement Network (WGIN) arose directly from a realisation in the early 2000s that over the preceding two decades there had been a widening disconnection between commercial plant breeding activities and publicly funded plant and crop research. The overall aim of WGIN is to generate pre-breeding material carrying novel traits for the UK breeding companies and to deliver accessible technologies, thereby ensuring the means are available to produce new, improved varieties. An integrated scientific 'core' which combines underpinning work on molecular markers, genetic and genomic research, together with novel trait identification, are being pursued to achieve this goal. The predicted wider impacts of the project can be viewed in the impact networks which were developed for each of the scientific objectives.



### site guide

The site is grouped into the following four sections:

**ABOUT** - for general information about WGIN, including news items and contacts.

**INFORMATION** - for more detailed information about WGIN, including reports and information tools.

**RESOURCES** - for experimental resources and research related tools

**STAKEHOLDERS** - for information on the Stakeholders Forum

Please use our interactive dropdown menus, the side menus, or the link tracker to navigate the site.

--see site-map for overview

<http://www.wgin.org.uk/>

*"In the next 50 years, we will need to harvest as much wheat as has been produced since the beginning of agriculture, some 10,000 years ago."*

The [BBSRC](http://www.wheatisp.org/) wheat breeding programme is divided into 4 pillars (Landraces, Synthetics, Alien Introgression, Elite Wheats) and 2 themes (Phenotyping and Genotyping). These are represented by the 6 circles below; each is clickable and takes you to the website of the respective area).



<http://www.wheatisp.org/>



## Bristol's future plans for CerealsDB:

1. Incorporate CerealsDB with the WISP web site (underway)
2. Expand the remit of WISP to include a more extensive international profile
2. Expand WISP to include facilities for screening and analysing iSelect and Axiom based genotyping datasets
3. Develop an easy to use tool to identify and characterise functional SNPs
4. Provide the non-expert user community (breeders and others) with tools to link mapped and non-mapped SNPs/genes across a variety of wheat related species (the Bristol Burdock)
5. Develop Wheatbp (within WISP) to include a wheat genomics tool kit to stimulate the teaching of wheat genetics at the undergraduate level



The WGIN program has and continues to generate exciting data/resources of use to the wheat community.

One of the future objectives has to be to make these and the future resources more available and hence more useful. A useful interactive web site is one of the best ways to do this.



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# JIC germplasm resource update

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# Resources

- Segregating populations and genetic maps
  - Paragon x Chinese Spring
  - Paragon x Synthetic
  - Paragon x Garcia

# Resources

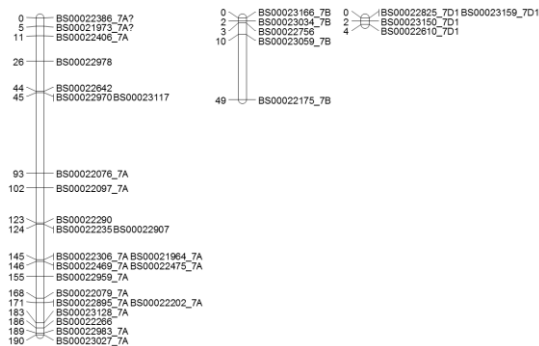
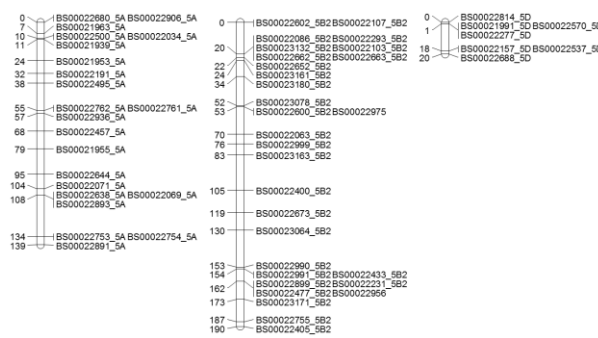
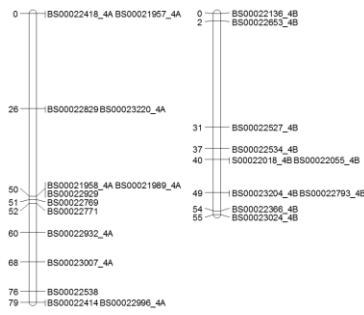
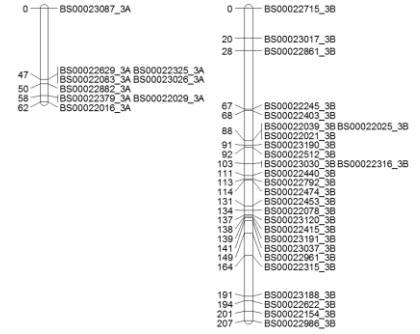
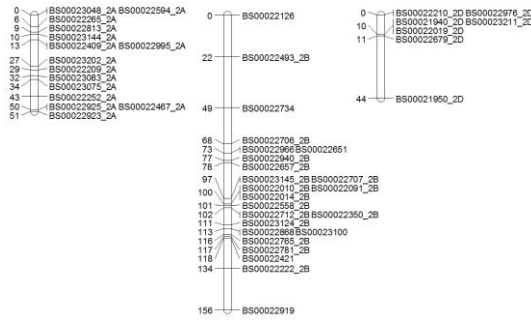
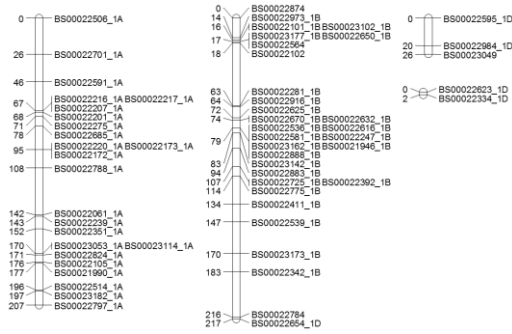
- Segregating populations and genetic maps

- Paragon x Chinese Spring
- Paragon x Synthetic
- Paragon x Garcia

Populations developed in WGIN  
genotyping done in CiRC



# Paragon X Chinese Spring



Paragon x Chinese Spring mapped with 345 KASpar markers on 283 lines



# Paragon X Garcia

- Relatively large segregating population developed -283
- Ready for mapping now
- Parents screened along with WISP panels
- Map by October (end of CiRC)

# Resources

- Near Isogenic Lines

- Stem solidity, grain shape/size, Malacca x Herward functionality, 3N, Lr19
- Avalon x Cadenza- 2012-13 trials 7.4m<sup>2</sup> x 600 entries x 3 reps

## Avalon x Cadenza NILs

	Avalon Background	Cadenza background
Number of lines	225	342
QTL	1B ear emergence	1B ear emergence
	1D ear emergence	1D ear emergence
	2A height	2A height
	2D height	2D height
	2D yield	3A height
	3A height	3B height
	3B height	3B yield
	5A yield	6A height
	6A height	6B ear emergence & height
	6B height	
	6B height & 7D yield	
	1D ear emergence & 5A yield	
	7B yield	
	7D yield	

# AvCad NIL Phenotyping

- Establishment - % cover
- GS31 – first node detectable
- Ear emergence
- Height
- Ear number/m<sup>2</sup>, grab samples
- Yield, Marvin (TGW)

# Heading date 1D AxC NILs

QTL	trait	stream	BCparent	no A	no B	t-stat	df	Ava mean	Cad mean	p.val	signif
1D	FT	AC49-E11-5	Ava	9	3	2.65	9.8	63.7	61.3	0.0249	**
1D	FT	AC49-E11-6	Ava	2	3	3.46	1.7	63	59	0.0941	*
1D	FT	AC49-E14-12	Ava	3	5	1.52	5.8	62.7	60.6	0.18	
1D	FT	AC120-E28-1	Cad	3	9	2.59	8.2	63.7	60.9	0.0315	**
1D	FT	AC120-E7-1	Cad	6	6	3.08	7	61.3	56.8	0.0181	**
1D	FT	AC120-E7-3	Cad	5	6	0.32	8.8	60.6	60.3	0.7581	
1D	FT	AC158-E14-1	Cad	12	6	2.12	8.4	63.2	60.7	0.065	*
1D	FT	AC163-E12-1	Cad	3	11	3.73	4.8	62.3	59.2	0.0146	**
1D	FT	AC33-E11-12	Cad	6	3	5.01	5.2	63.2	58.7	0.0036	***
1D	FT	AC33-E11-5	Cad	6	8	-0.23	11.9	60.7	60.9	0.8222	
1D	FT	AC33-E36-2	Cad	12	11	2.13	18	62.2	60.6	0.0469	**

# Heading date 6A AxC NILs

QTL	trait	stream	BCparent	no A	no B	t-stat	df	Ava mean	Cad mean	p.val	signif
6A	FT	AC43-E55-4	Ava	26	12	0.31	14.3	61.8	61.4	0.7625	
6A	FT	AC43-E55-6	Ava	41	12	-1.96	19.7	63.2	64.7	0.0649	*
6A	FT	AC104-E6-8	Cad	12	27	-1.94	21.1	59.2	60.4	0.0655	*
6A	FT	AC104-E6-9	Cad	15	13	-3.1	18	57.9	61.3	0.0062	***
6A	FT	AC89-E5-1	Cad	30	12	-0.49	17	60	60.4	0.6324	
6A	FT	AC89-E5-2	Cad	17	11	0.11	26	59.5	59.5	0.9163	



# Heading date 3A AxC NILs

QTL	trait	stream	BCparent	no A	no B	t-stat	df	Ava mean	Cad mean	p.val	signif
3A	FT	AC144-E32	Ava	3	2	-0.38	1.4	61.3	63	0.7536	
3A	FT	AC144-E32-7	Ava	14	12	-2.51	18.9	61.1	63.4	0.0215	**
3A	FT	AC179-E27	Ava	6	6	1.1	8.5	61.7	59.3	0.3009	
3A	FT	AC69-E44-4	Ava	12	6	-1.24	7.6	62.2	63.7	0.2518	
3A	FT	AC113-E113	Cad	3	3	-0.85	2.6	60.7	62	0.4647	
3A	FT	AC113-E113-10	Cad	27	17	-2.4	37.8	59.9	61.4	0.0213	**
3A	FT	AC113-E113-8	Cad	16	30	-1.72	30	61.1	62	0.096	*
3A	FT	AC179-E27-2	Cad	21	14	-3.54	27.5	58.2	60.5	0.0015	***
3A	FT	AC179-E27-8	Cad	5	6	-3.79	8.8	57.4	61.2	0.0045	***

# Conserved Orthologous Set (COS) Markers

- WGIN and BBSRC Tools and resources funded
- Published studies for B granules and Pch1
- New:

Syntenic relationships between the U and M genomes of Aegilops, wheat and the model species Brachypodium and rice as revealed by COS markers

István Molnár, Hana Šimková, Michelle Leverington-Waite, Richard Goram, András Cseh, Jan Vrána, András Farkas, Jaroslav Doležel, Márta Molnár-Láng, Simon Griffiths

PLOS ONE

Thanks to the current WGIN team at JIC –

Sue Freeman and Cathy Mumford

# Drought tolerance

WGIN-2 SG meeting

Rothamsted Research 3 July 2013



The University of  
**Nottingham**



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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*)**

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    |



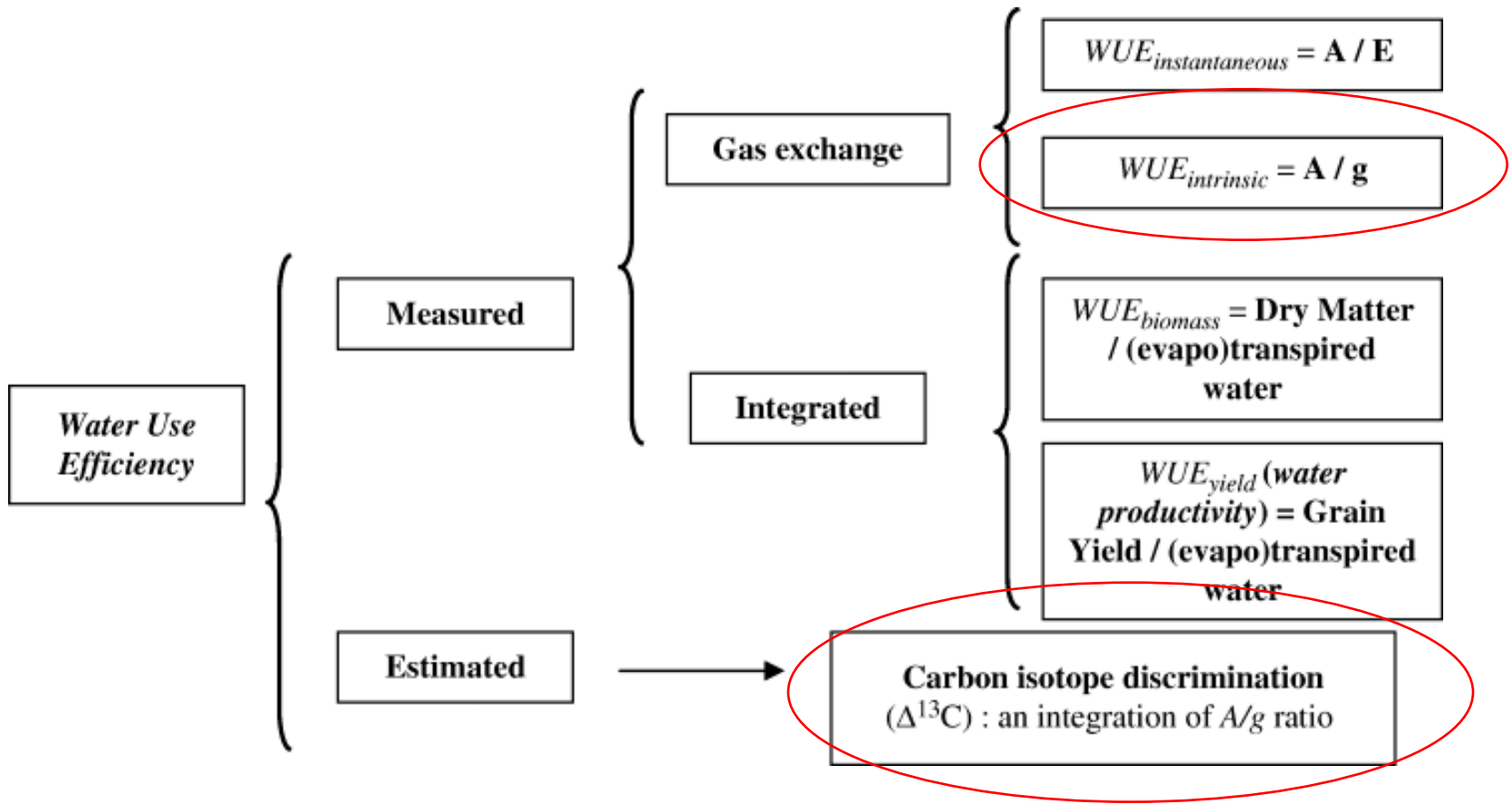


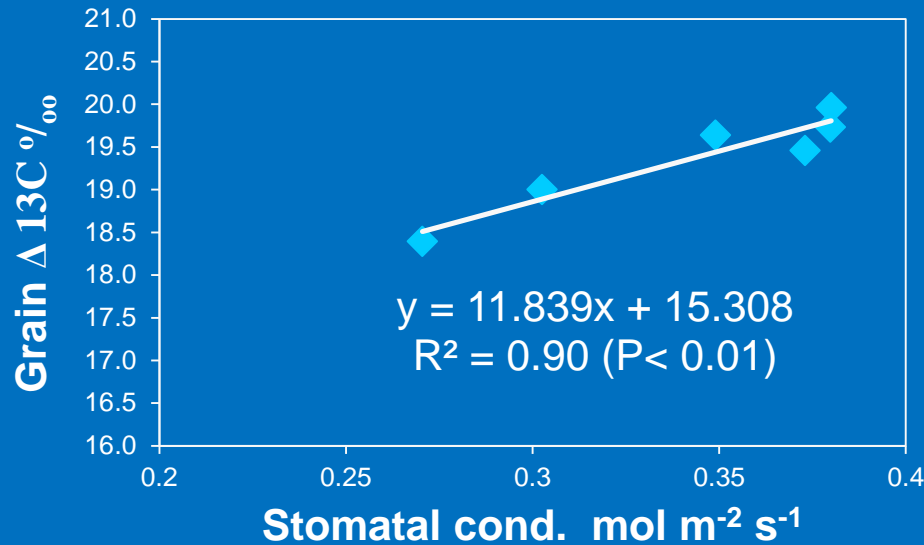
Figure 1. Definitions of ‘water use efficiency’. The scheme represents the several definitions of water use efficiency (WUE) used in the text.  $A$ , net photosynthetic rate expressed as  $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ;  $E$ , transpiration rate expressed as  $\text{mmol H}_2\text{O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



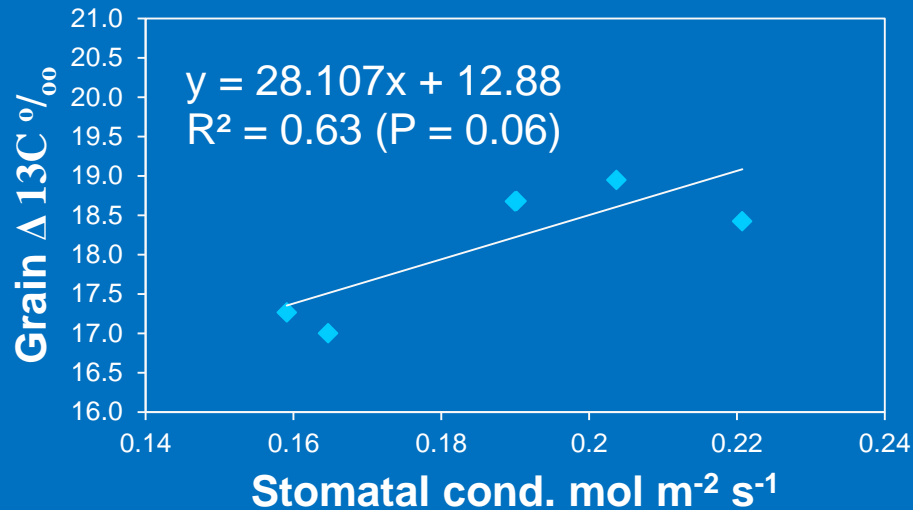


# Grain $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$ versus stomatal conductance (Unirrigated)

2009-10

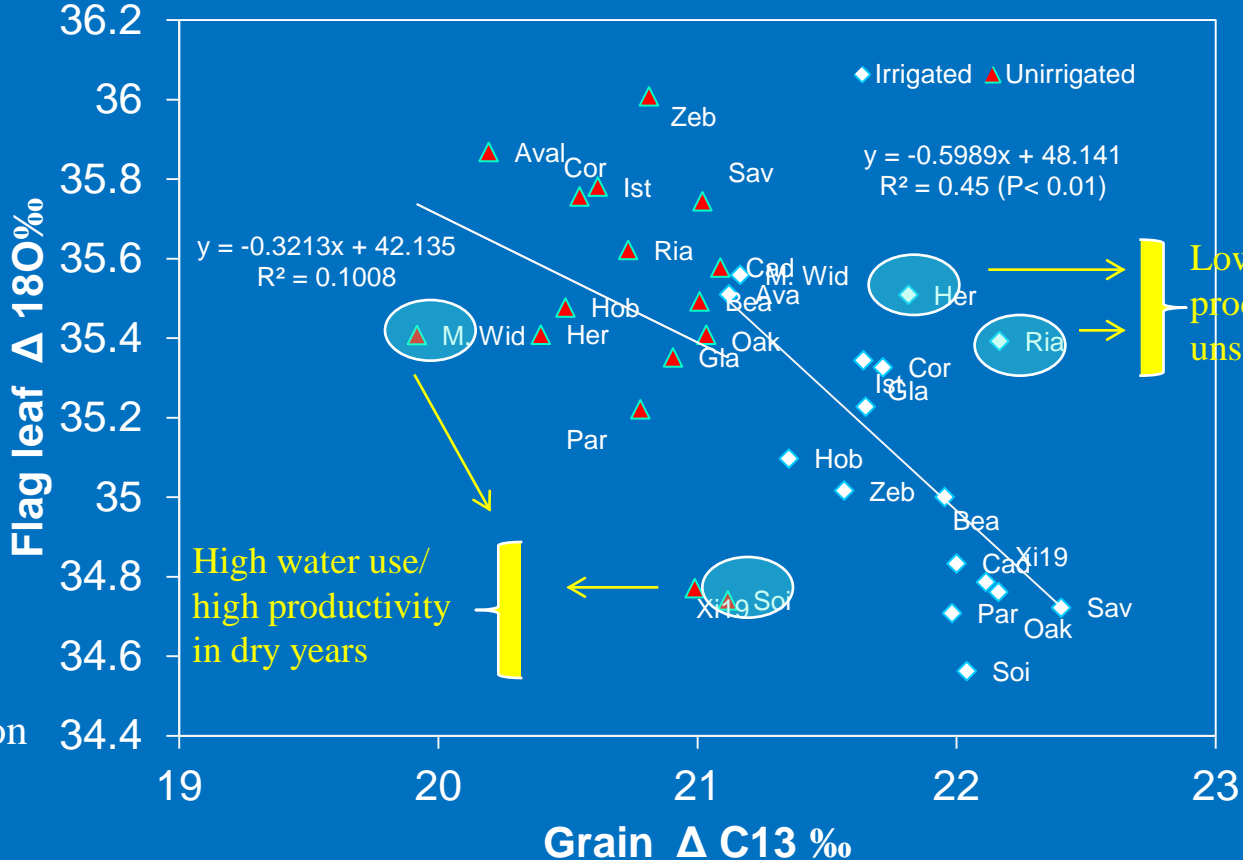


2010-11



# 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

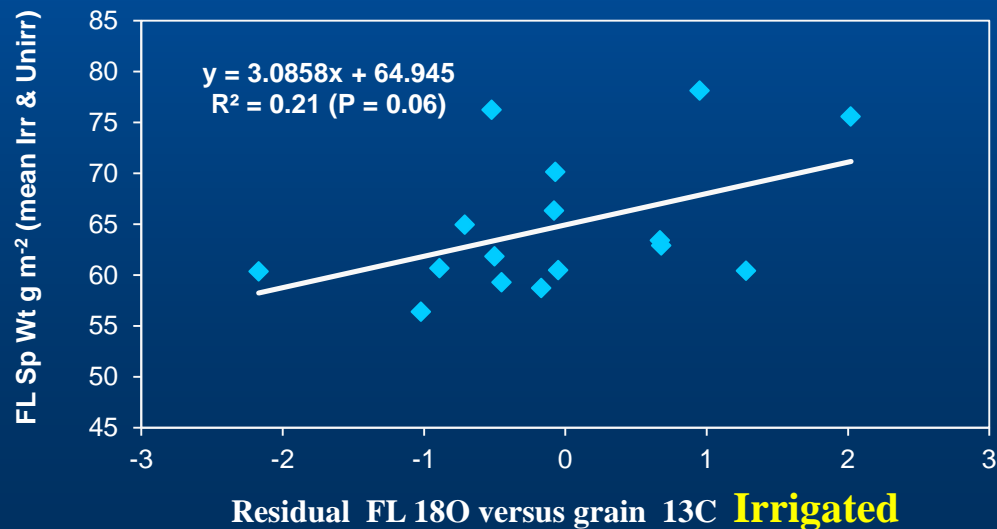
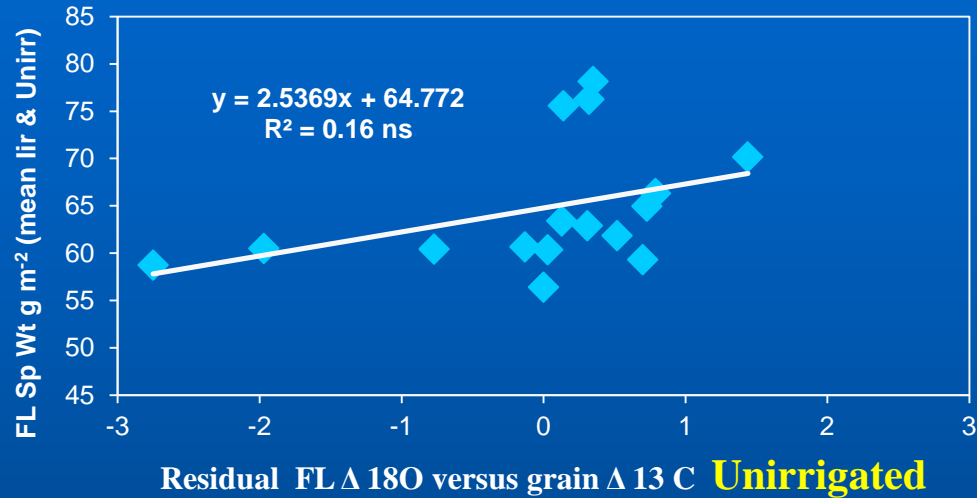
High water use/high productivity in dry years

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

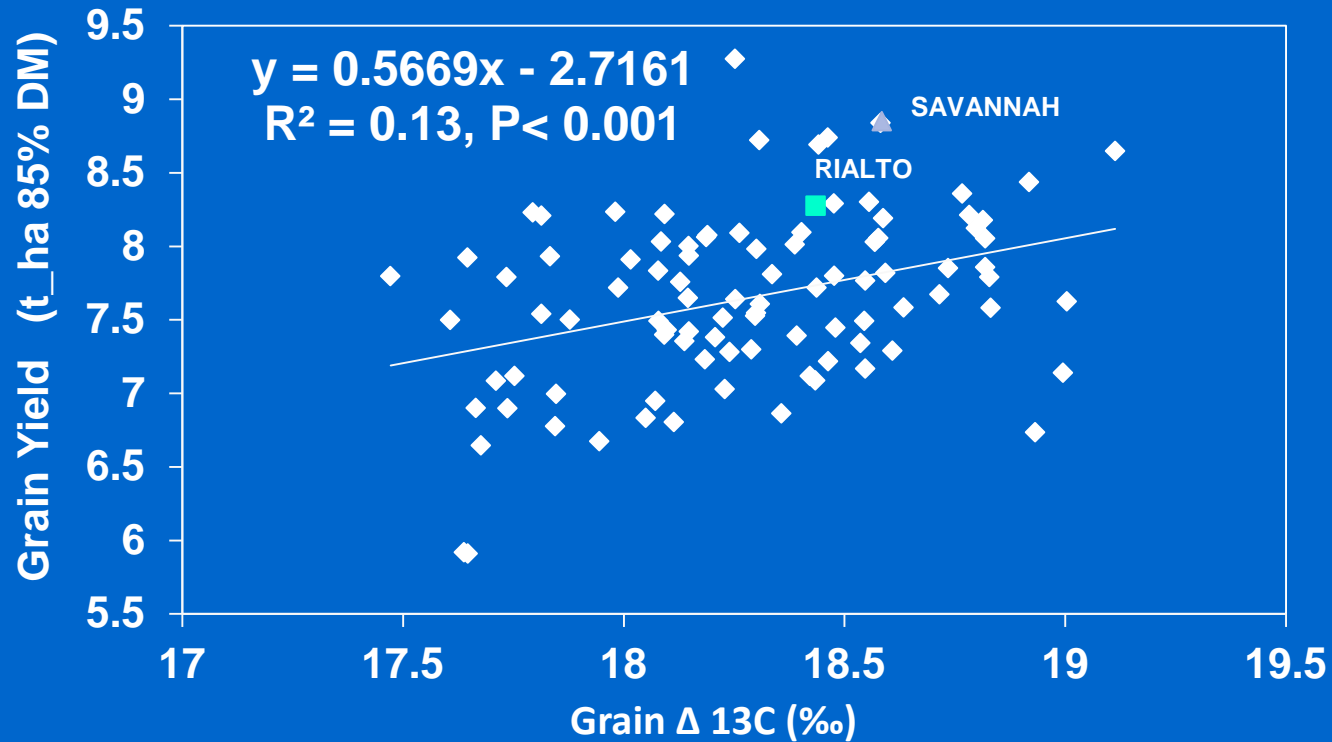


# WGIN Objective 9.2 QTL Detection

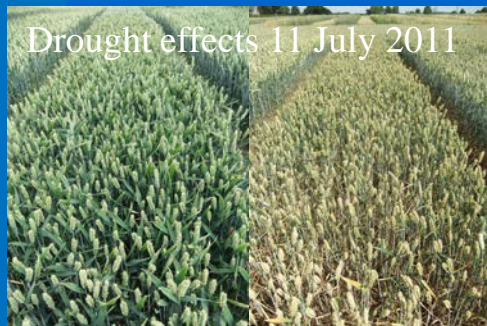
2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 expts

- 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

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



High WUE ← ————— → Low WUE



L2



L39



L47

# 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









# 9.2 QTL Detection

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

- Rialto x Savannah DH population for phenotyping for yield physiological traits (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)

SB Rainfall 2013	mm
January	29.80
February	27.40
March	46.40
April	8.00
May	71.80
June to 25th	45.40

Irrigation applied to 3 July : 60 mm



## 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?



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Simon Orford  
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# Increasing the efficiency of water use of wheat by isotope screens indicative of water use, transpiration efficiency and drought tolerance

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## AAB “Crop Resource Use Efficiency and Field Phenotyping”

Belton Woods Hotel, Grantham 25-26 March 2013

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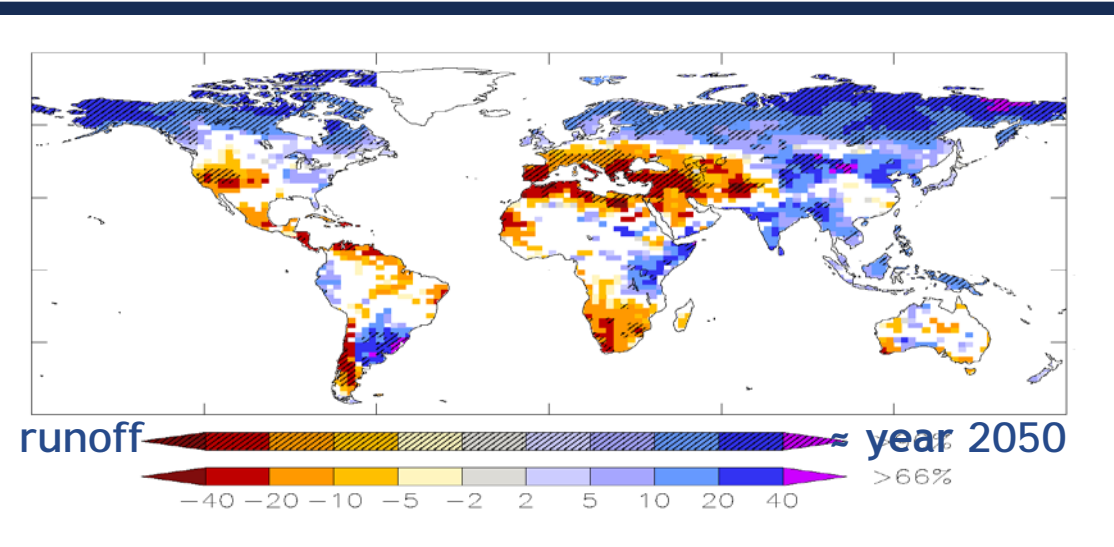
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# Background: Water supply and Productivity

## Climate change & water supply:



By 2025, two-thirds of the world population could be under “*stress conditions*” (500-1000 m<sup>3</sup> per year per capita), and 1800 million people are expected to be living in countries or regions with “*absolute water scarcity*” (<500 m<sup>3</sup> per year per capita)

**The Wet gets wetter! - The Dry gets drier!**

The good news is that **1%** of water productivity gain in agriculture means **10%** increase of availability for other uses



Litres per day per person

Drinking	2-4
Domestic	40-400
Food	1000-5000 (and more)



# Drivers for increasing WUE and drought tolerance in UK

- 30% of UK wheat on drought-prone land, losses are 1-2 t ha<sup>-1</sup> = >£50M per year.
- With climate change summer rainfall will decrease, potentially increasing these losses.
- Improving WUE will decrease crop water use in non-drought years, increasing water for:
  - use in irrigating other crops
  - increasing water flows in rivers and aquifer recharge.

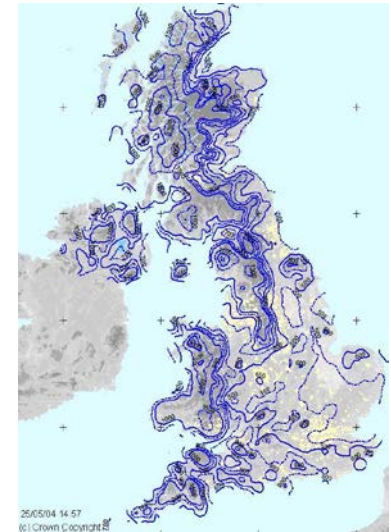


# Impact of drought on UK wheat yields

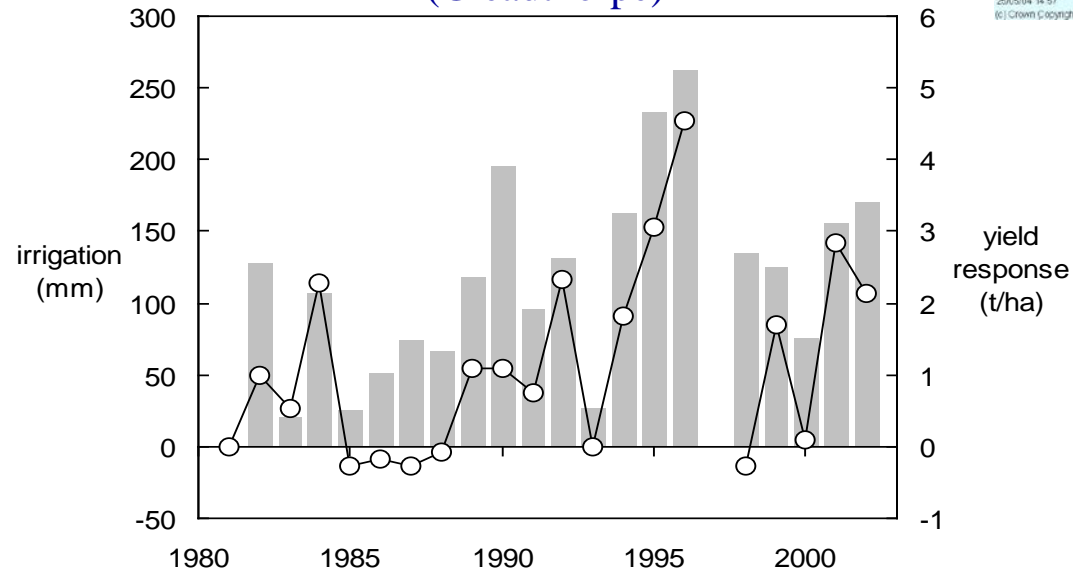
## Distribution of available water to 1.2 m in UK wheat

Soil AWC mm	%
126-150	12
151-175	26
176-200	13
201-225	39
226-250	9

## Rainfall contour map



Yield response to irrigation on light soil (Gleadthorpe)



*Gleadthorpe Notts*  
*AWC = 140 mm*

# How will UK weather change?

- **Summer rainfall to decrease by 11- 27% by 2080s; decrease 40% in S. England, less change in N. Scotland.**
- **Average summer temp. to rise by 3-4° C by 2080s; changes greatest in S. England (2.2-6.8°C) and least in N. Scotland (1.2-4.1°C).**
- **Sea levels are expected to rise by 36 cm by the 2080s.**
- **Extreme weather events are likely to become more common.**



# Traits associated with main drivers of yield under drought

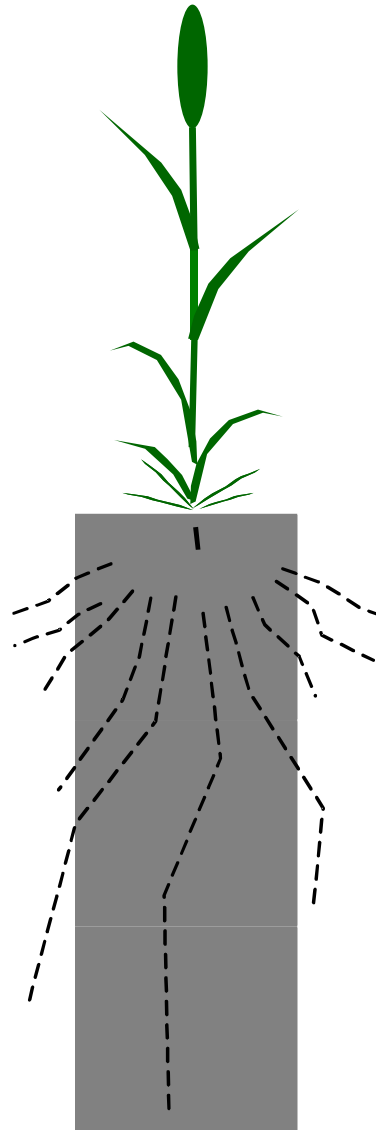
$$\text{Yield} = \text{WU} \times \text{WUE} \times \text{HI}$$

## 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

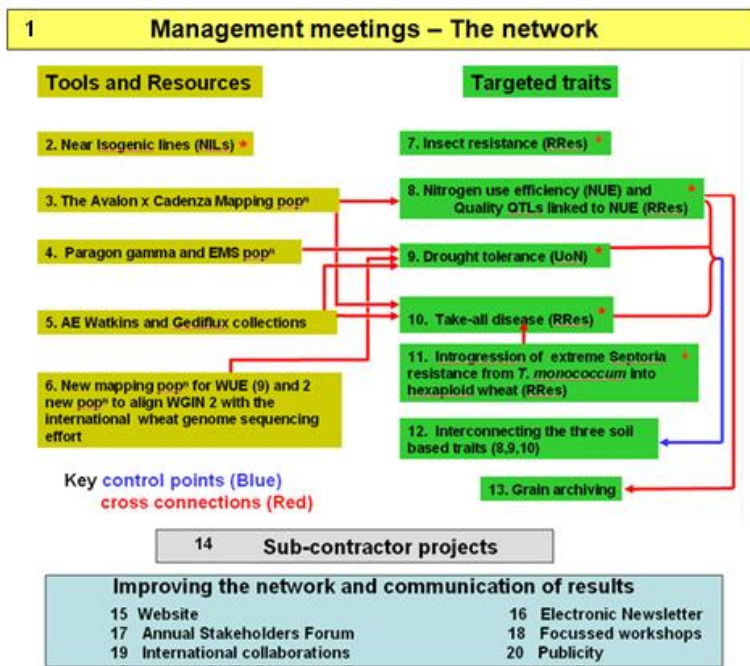


## MAXIMIZE WATER CAPTURE

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

## EARLINESS

- Extend stem elongation phase
- Early onset GS31



## Genetic Improvement of Drought Tolerance

### Target physiological traits:

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

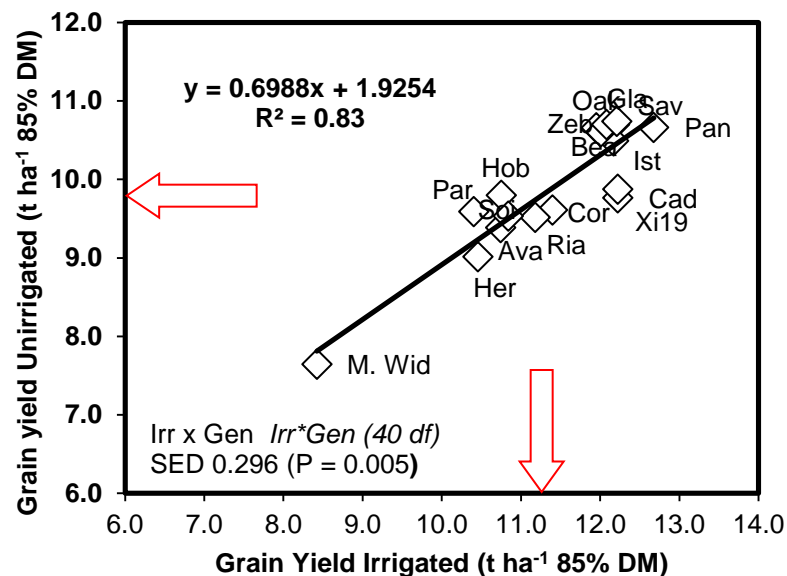
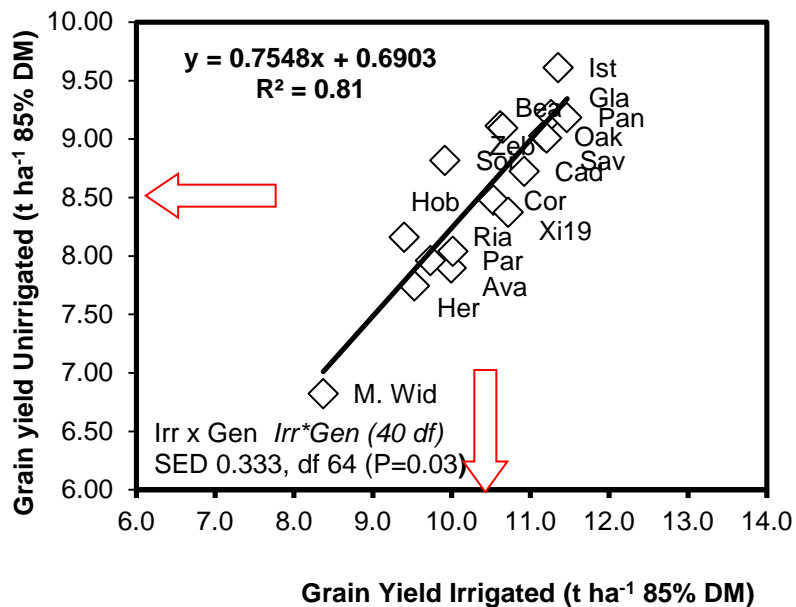
$$GY = \text{Water Use} \times \text{WUE} \times \text{HI}$$

Passioura 1977





## Grain yield responses to Drought

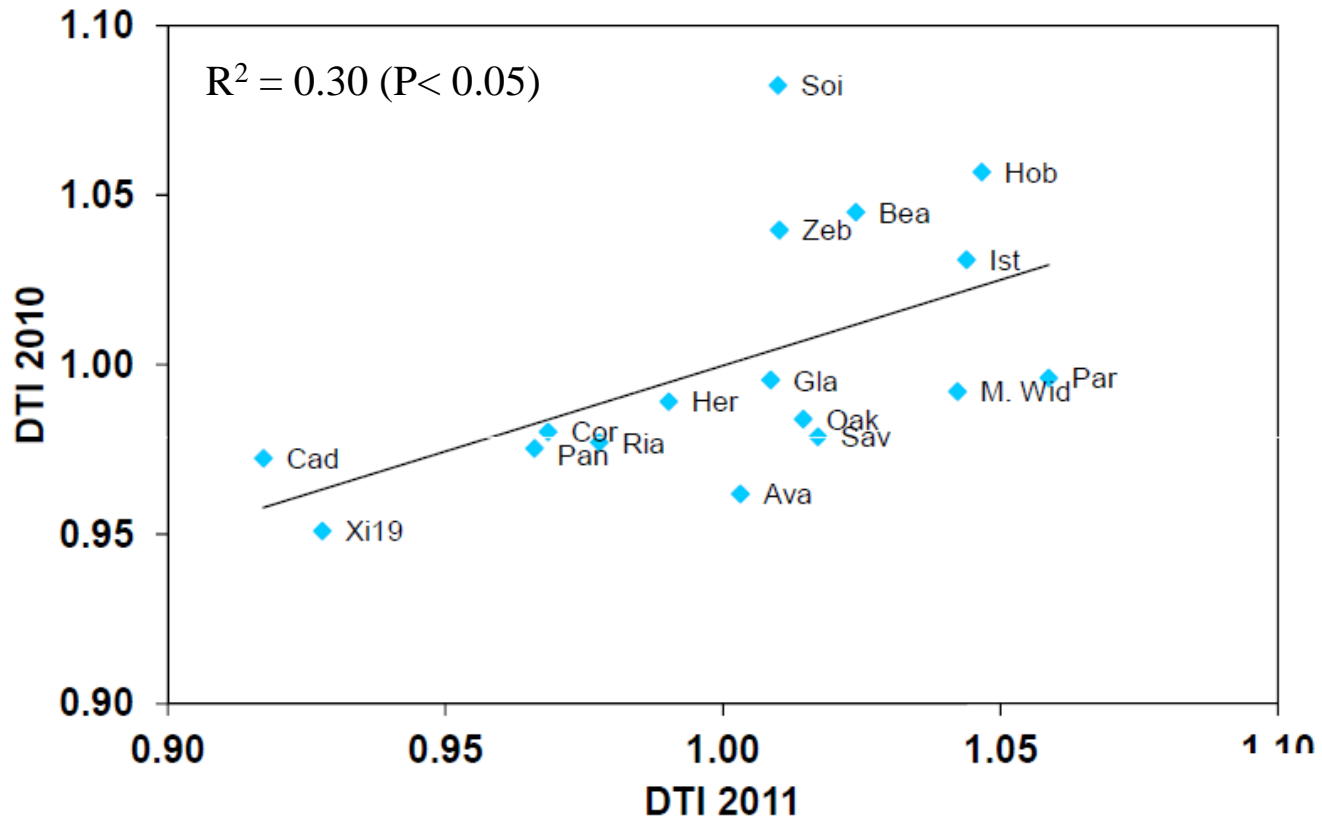


	Rainfall mm (% LTM)	
	2010	2011
January	33.0 (62)	33.2 (62)
February	41.6 (95)	44.6 (101)
March	36 (67)	1.2 (2)
April	24 (55)	23 (53)
May	16.2 (35)	27.8 (61)
June	69.2 (152)	45.4 (100)
July	42.6 (86)	17.8 (36)

Irrigated vs Unirrigated 19 July



Drought tolerance index:  $(Y_{Dr}/Y_{Irr}) / (\text{mean } Y_{Dr} / \text{mean } Y_{Irr})$



# Water use efficiency: definition and estimation

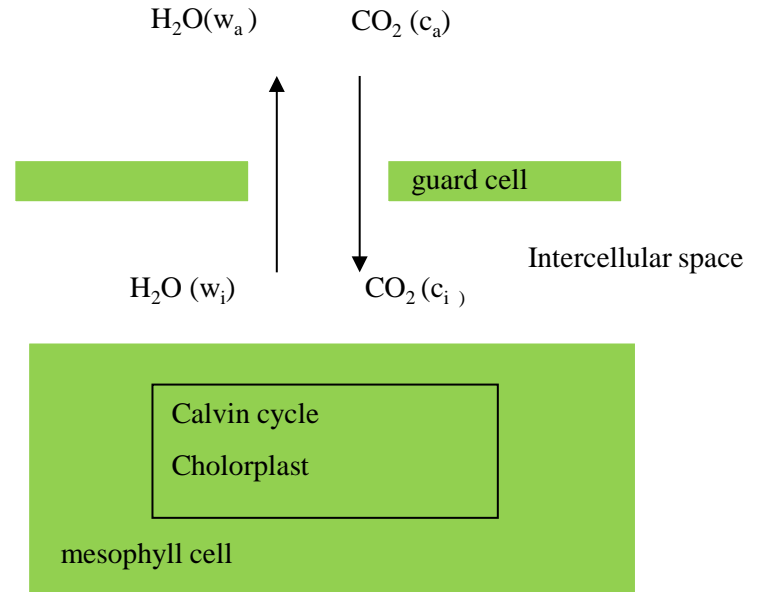
- **Water-use efficiency (WUE) is the ratio of above-ground dry matter production to evapotranspiration.**
- **$^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$  isotope ratio of fixed  $\text{CO}_2$  can be used to estimate WUE**
- **Low discrimination against  $^{13}\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow$  high WUE**



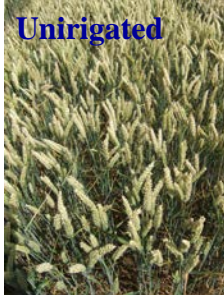
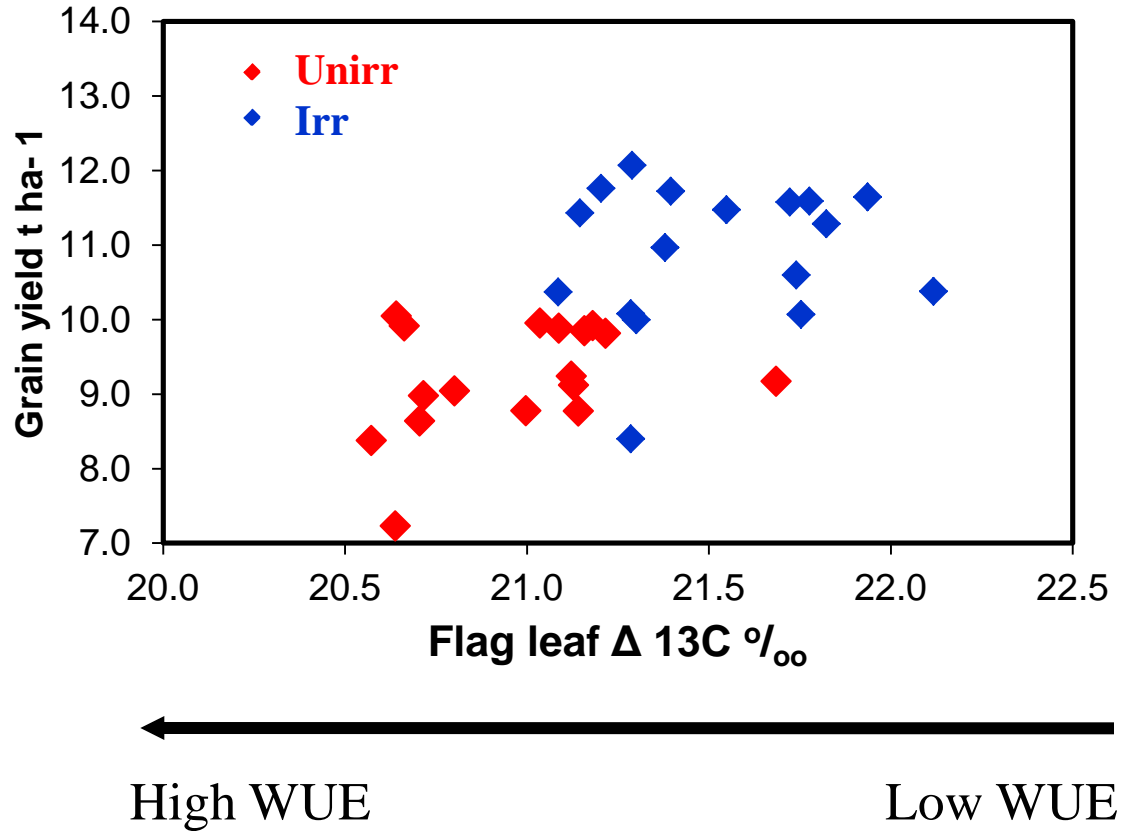
# Relationship between $c_i$ and leaf transpiration efficiency

- ***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.

Condon et al. (2002). Crop Science



# $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$ flag leaf vs grain yield

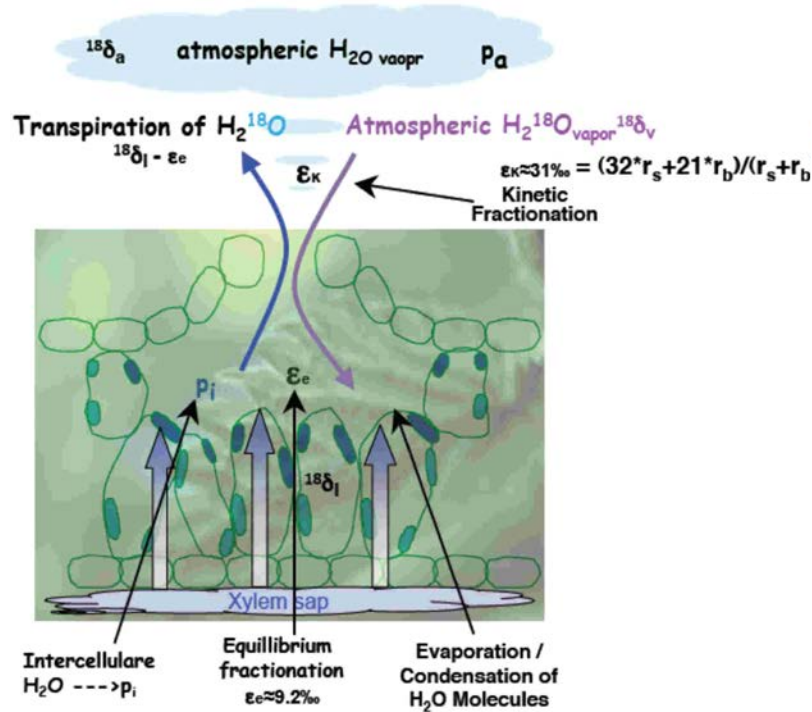


**Trade off between water-use efficiency  
and water use**

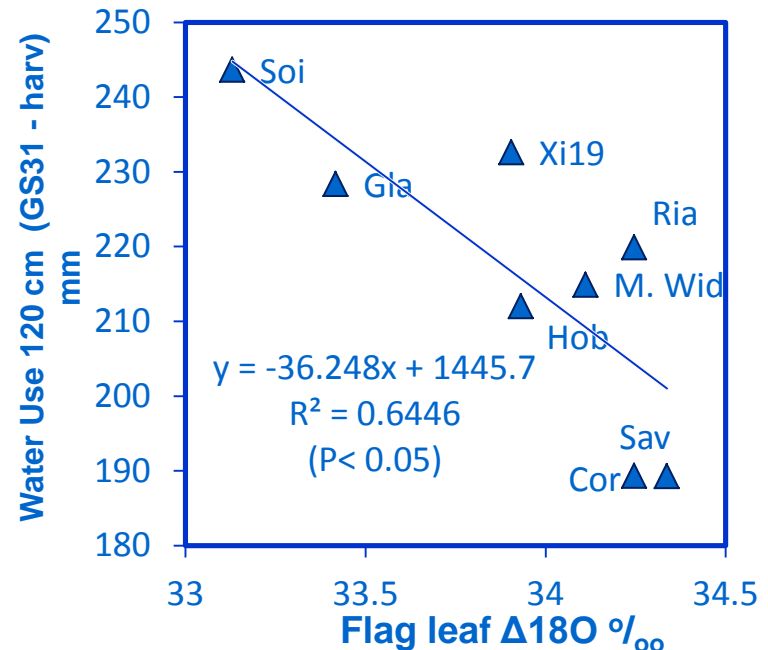
**Use  $\Delta^{18}\text{O}$  as an indicator of transpiration  
to allow stomatal and  $P_s$  effects on  
 $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$  to be teased apart**



# Oxygen isotope ratio technique ~ leaf transpiration



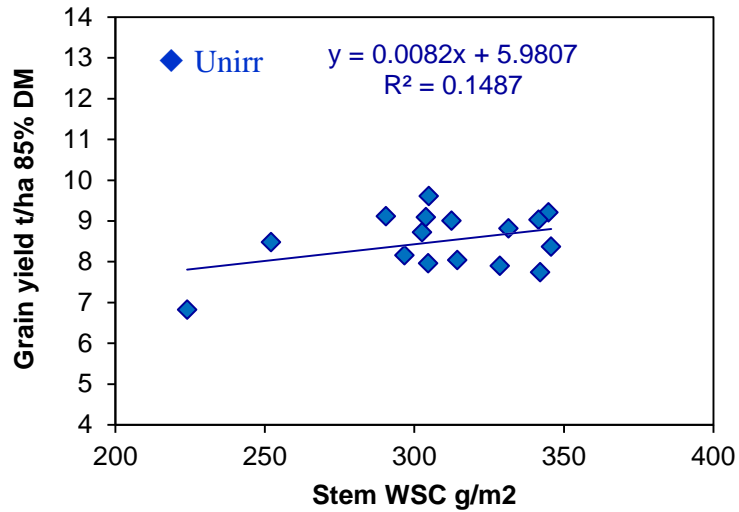
- $^{18}O/^{16}O$  ratio determined by enrichment in the leaf water due to transpiration.
- Leaf water enriched due to preferential loss of the lighter  $H_2^{16}O$  during evaporation.
- An increase in leaf transpiration decreases leaf  $T^\circ C$  (hence intercellular vapour pressure) resulting in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



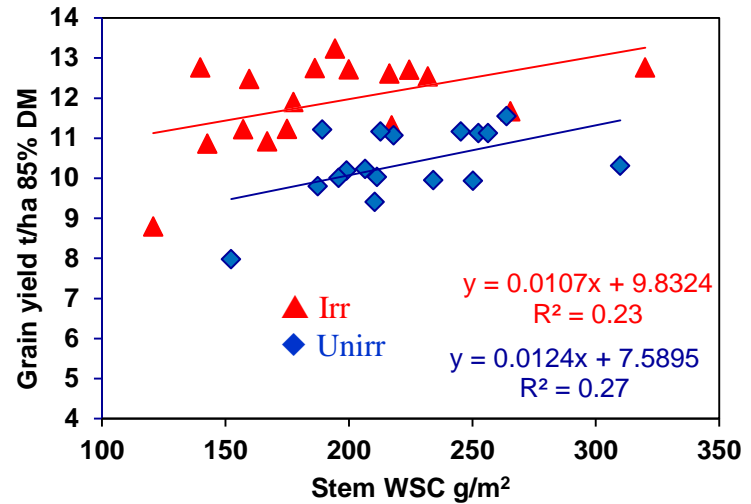
# Other traits correlations: Stem WSC @ GS61+9d



## Grain yield versus stem WSC reserves

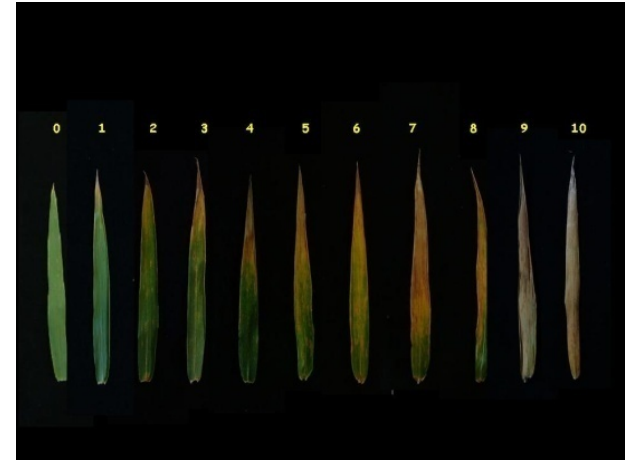


*Sutton Bonington 2009-10*



*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)

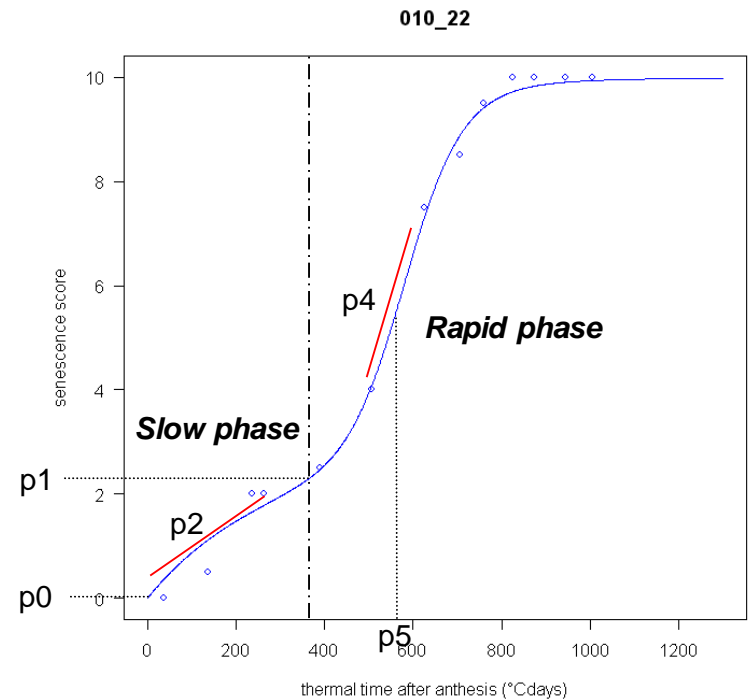
**p0** : score at anthesis

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

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

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

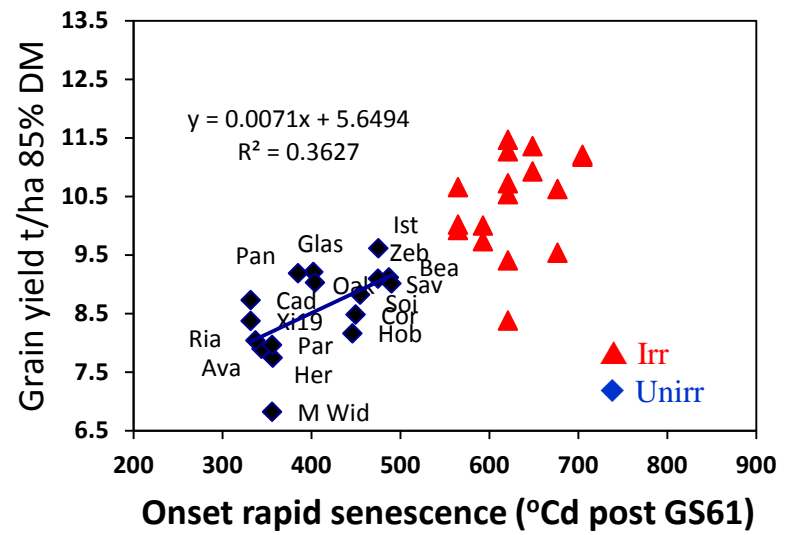
**p5** : date at which p4 is reached



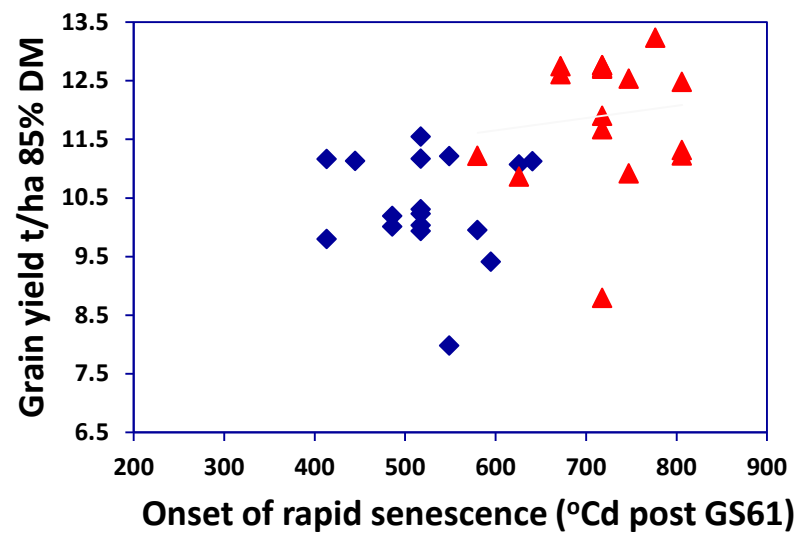
# Other traits correlations: Flag leaf senescence



## Grain yield versus Onset of Senescence



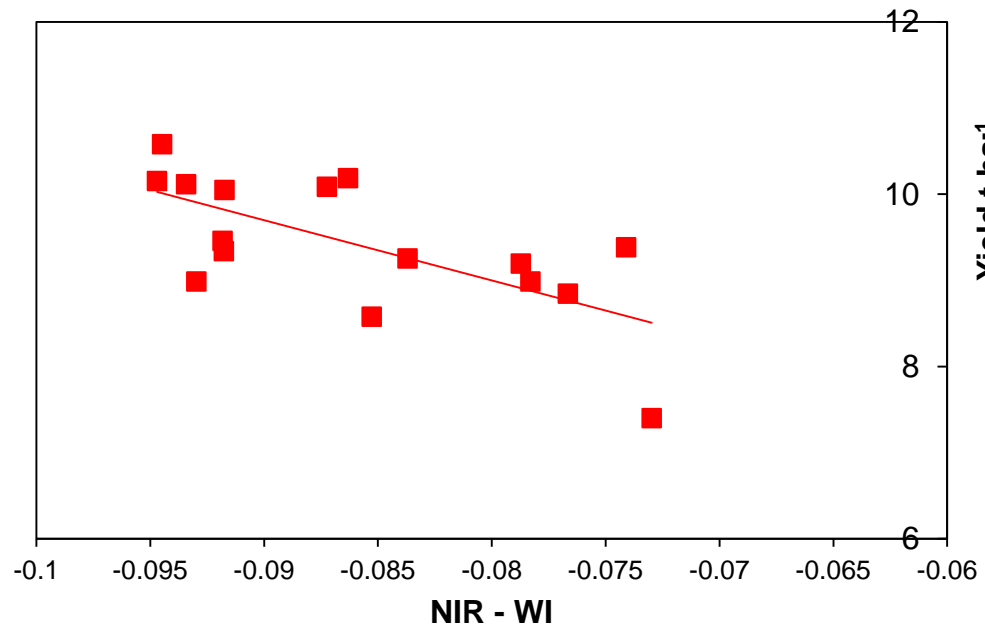
*Sutton Bonington 2009-10*



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# Spectral reflectance: Water index at GS61+14 d



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

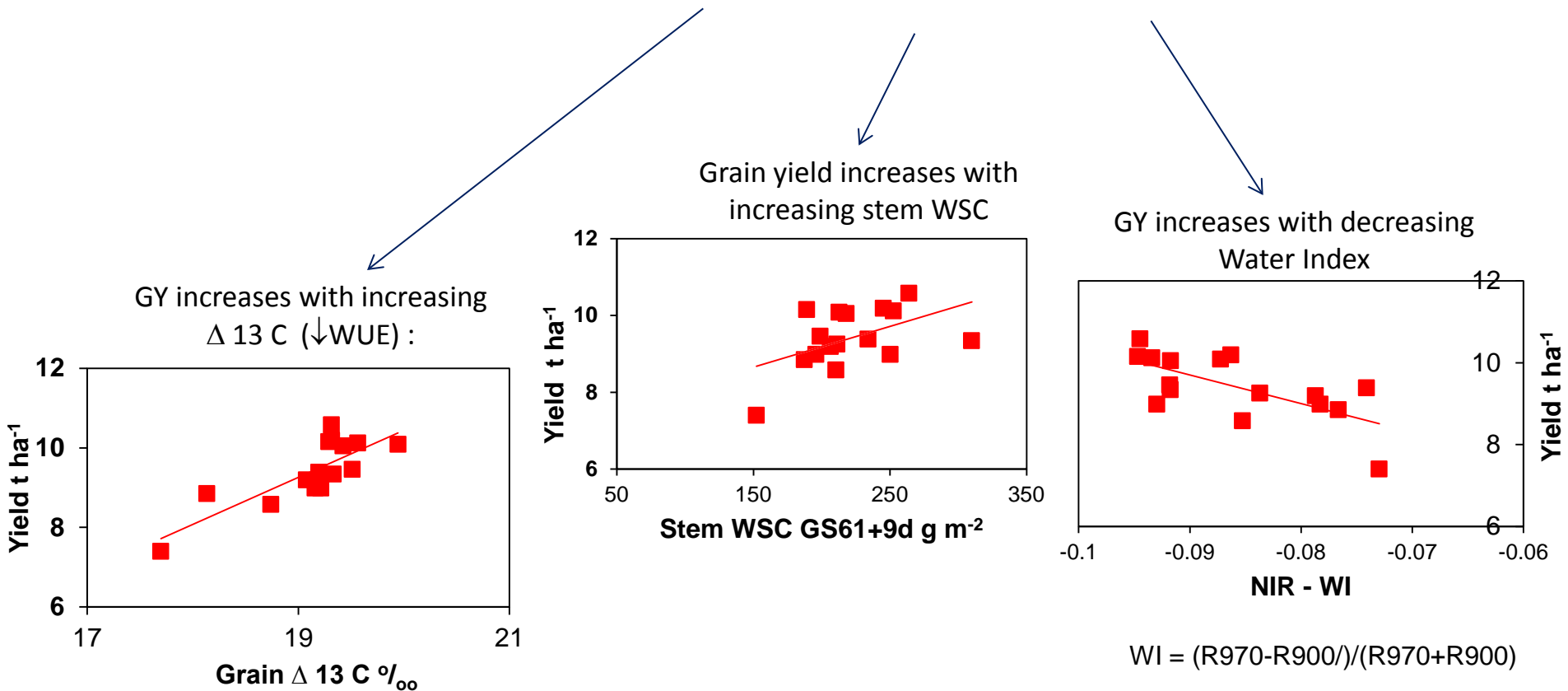
*Sutton Bonington Mean 2009-10 & 2010-11*



# Drought tolerant plant ideotype

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

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



# 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 T°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

# 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



L2

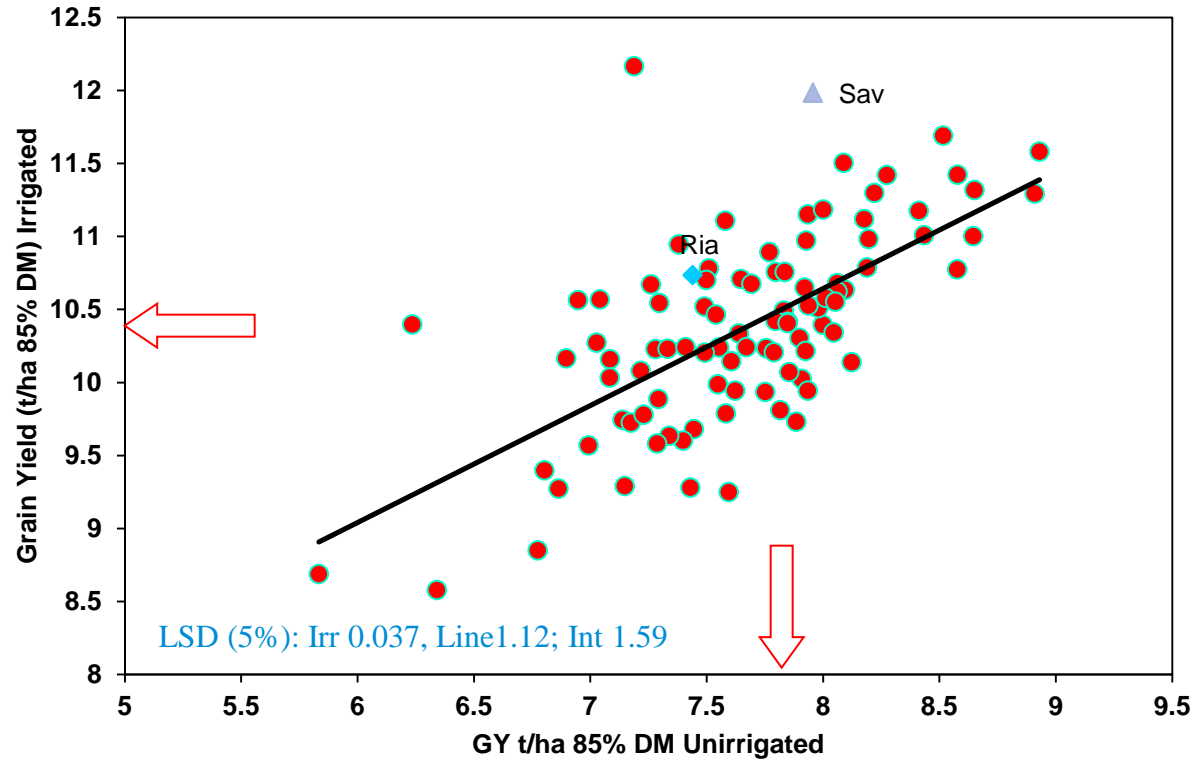


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# Grain yield responses to irrigation



# Spectral Reflectance Indices vs Grain Yield

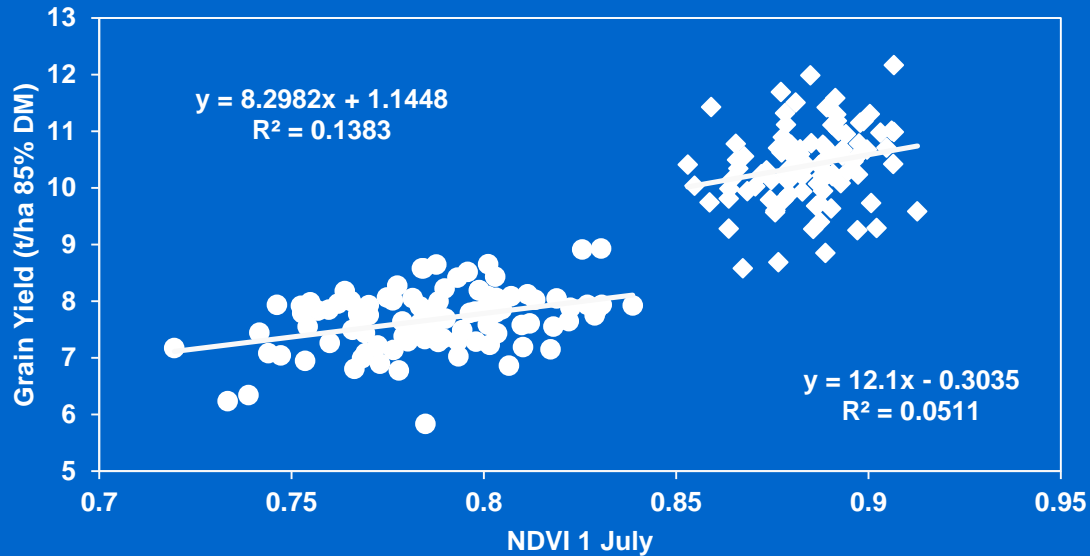
## NDVI

LSD:

Irr 0.074 \*\*\*;

Line 0.061 ns

Int 0.042 ns



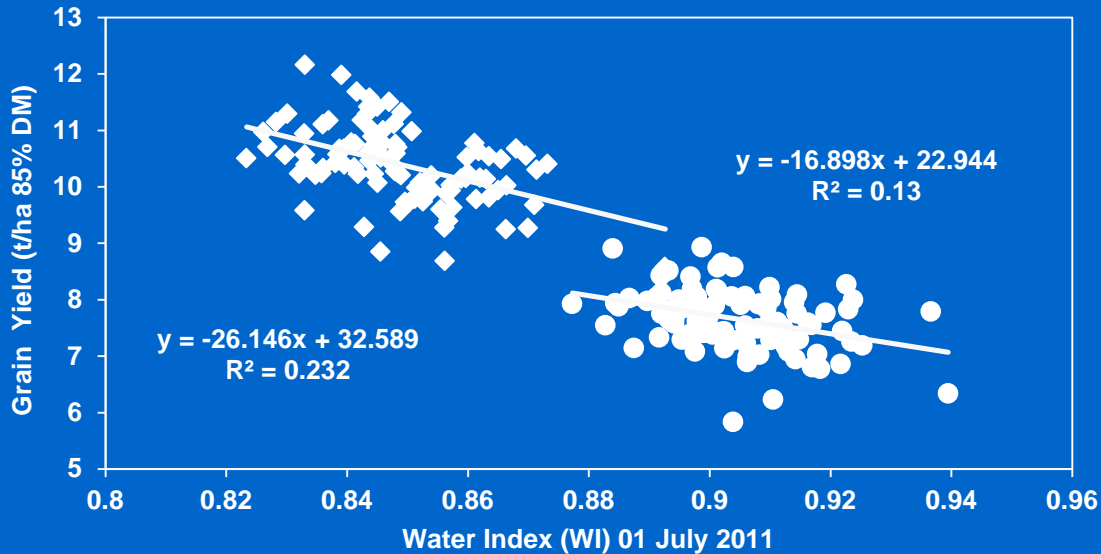
## Water Index

LSD:

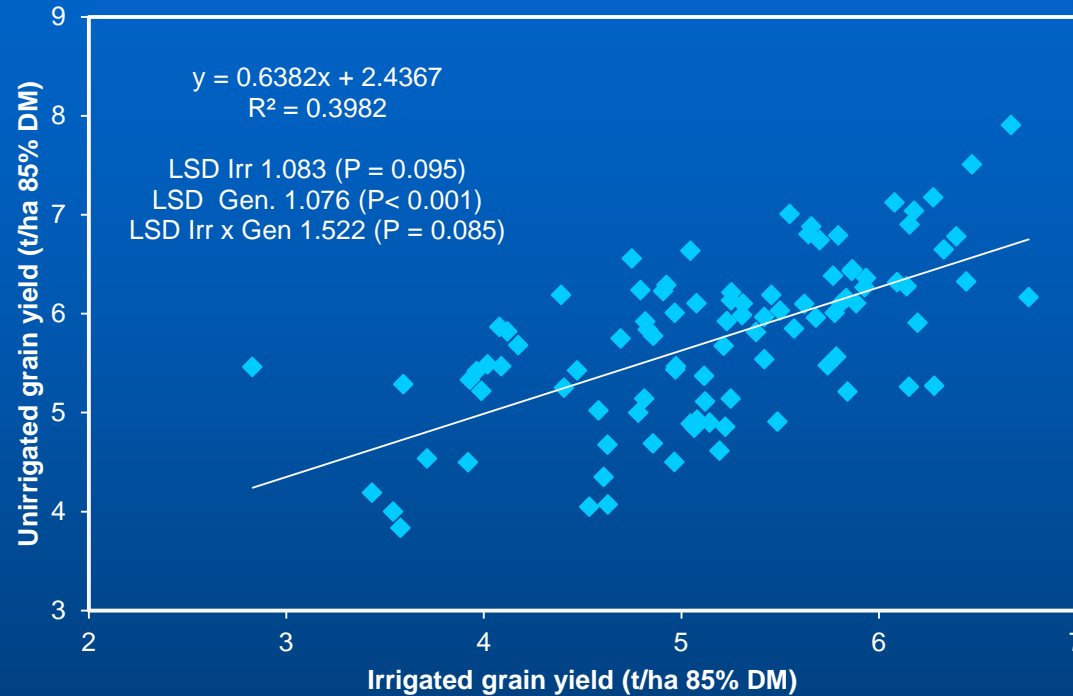
Irr 0.003 \*\*\*

Line 0.002 \*\*

Int 0.004 ns



# Rialto x Savannah DH exp 2011-12



## Rainfall (mm)

2012

LTM 75-09

January

54.2

54.3

February

13.2

44

March

24.4

46.2

April

111.4

46.8

May

26.2

44.3

June

110.6

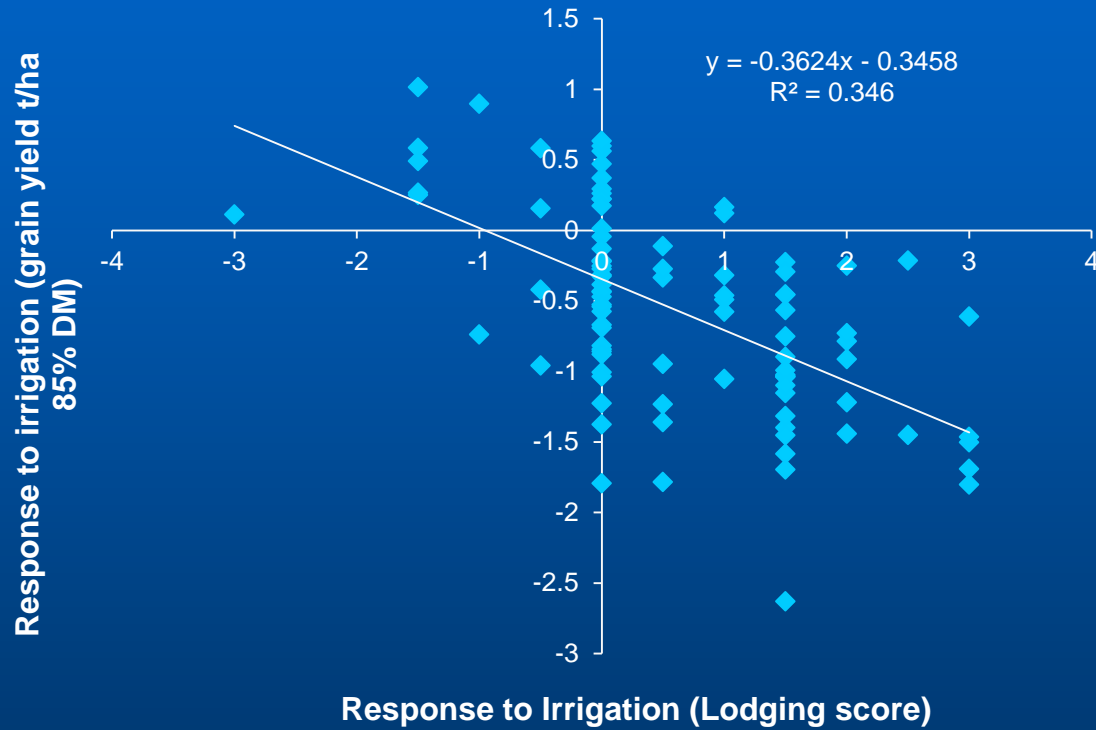
58.7

July

107.1

49.8

# Rialto x Savannah DH exp 2011-12

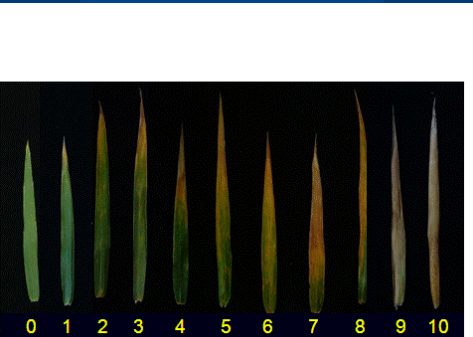




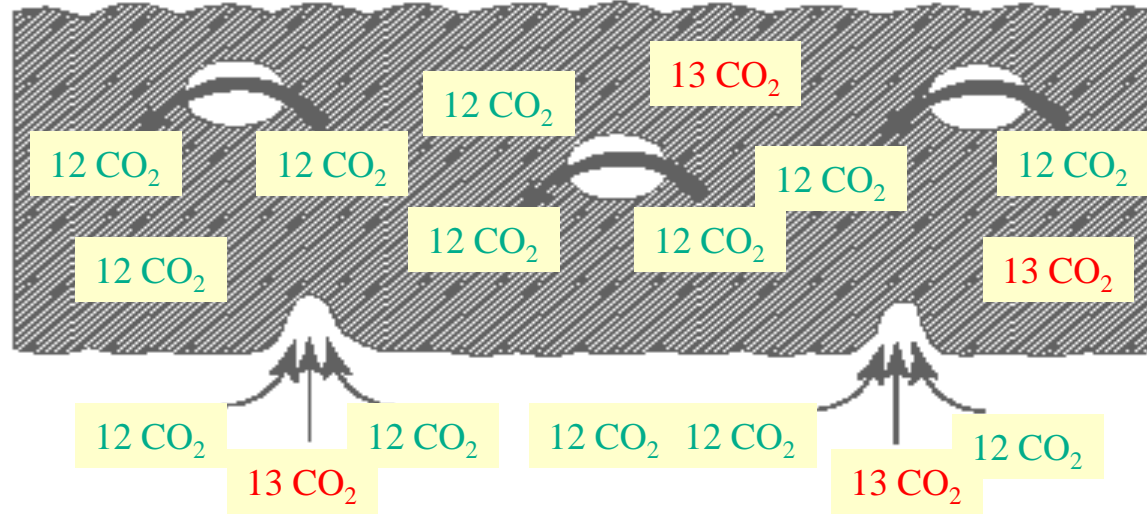
# WGIN 2 (9.4 Association Genetics)

Project Month	Milestone
31/03/2012 40	Act 9 Obj3. Complete development of one new DH population in an elite modern background segregating for drought-tolerance traits.

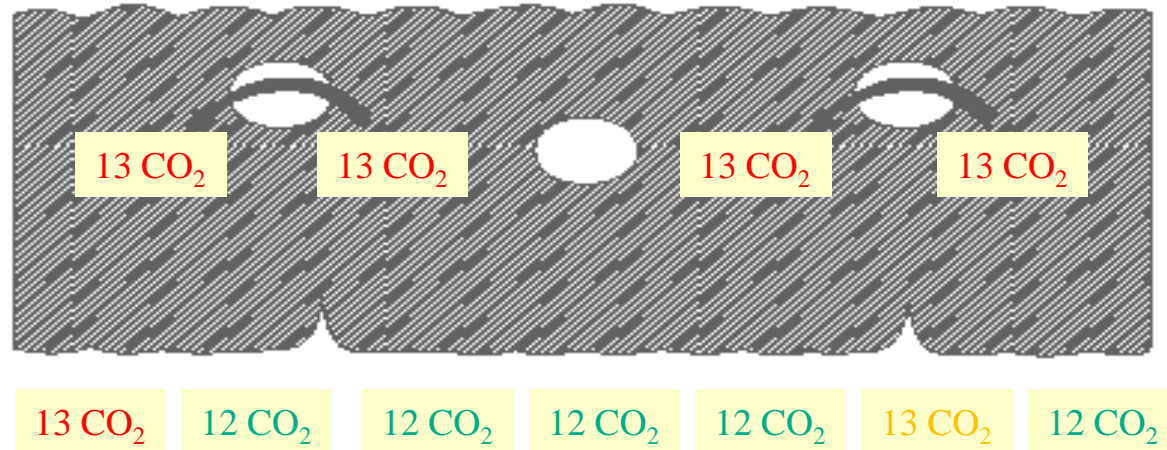
**120 Watkins lines assessed for leaf Ps rate (quantum yield, fluorpen) and visual senescence scores (weekly post anthesis) in 2010-11 and 2011-12**



**Stomata open (irrigated conditions):** Discrimination in favour of  $^{12}\text{CO}_2$  isotope form at high internal  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration.



**Stomata closed (moisture stress):** Discrimination less favourably to  $^{12}\text{CO}_2$  as internal  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration falling.



### Irrigated conditions

Stomata open (high stomatal conductance)

High  $C_i$

High Discrimination against  $^{13}\text{CO}_2$  -----> Low WUE

### Drought conditions

Stomata close (low stomatal conductance)

Low  $C_i$

Low Discrimination against  $^{13}\text{CO}_2$  -----> High WUE

Diagram 1. Carbon isotope discrimination under irrigated and dry conditions.

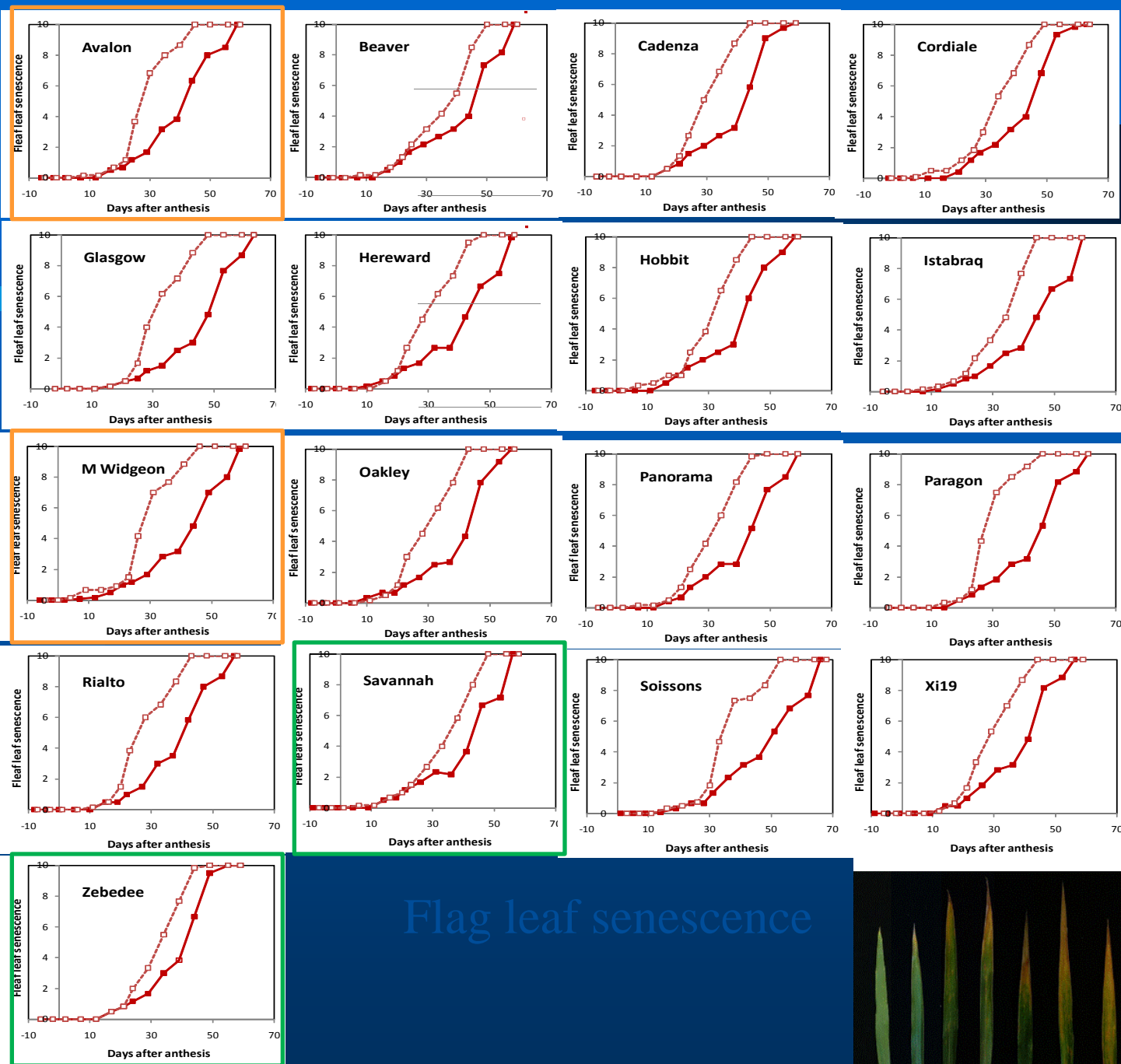
# Preliminary Conclusions

- **Consistent differences in Drought Tolerance Index identified amongst panel of 18 cultivars**
- **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?**
- **Measurement of stable isotopes in plant dry matter may a useful phenotypic tool for speeding up breeding**
  - Grain  $^{13}\text{C}$   $\Delta$
  - Flag leaf  $\Delta$   $^{18}\text{O}$
- **Work is ongoing to:**
  - identify opportunities to break linkage between WU and WUE
  - develop high-throughput screens for breeding
  - Understand the genetic basis of drought tolerance and WUE traits (QTL detection)

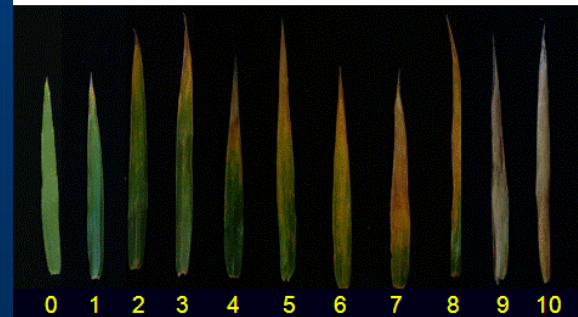
# WGIN Drought tolerance (2009-14)

## OBJECTIVES

- Identify traits for WUE and drought tolerance (DT) in elite winter wheat varieties. (*Yrs 1-2*)
- Identify QTLs for WUE and DT traits using one DH pop in an elite background. (*Yrs 2-3*)
- Develop one new DH pop for UK drought research. (*Yrs 2-4*)

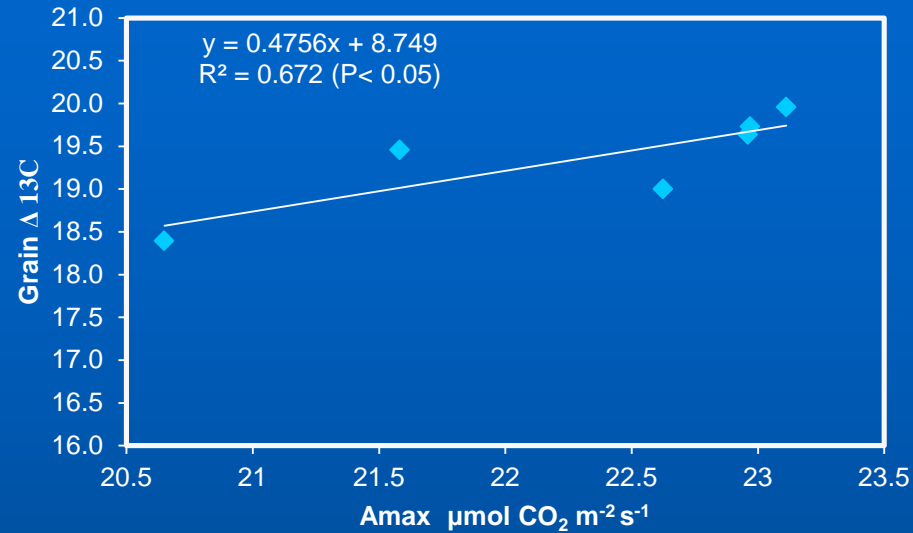


Flag leaf senescence

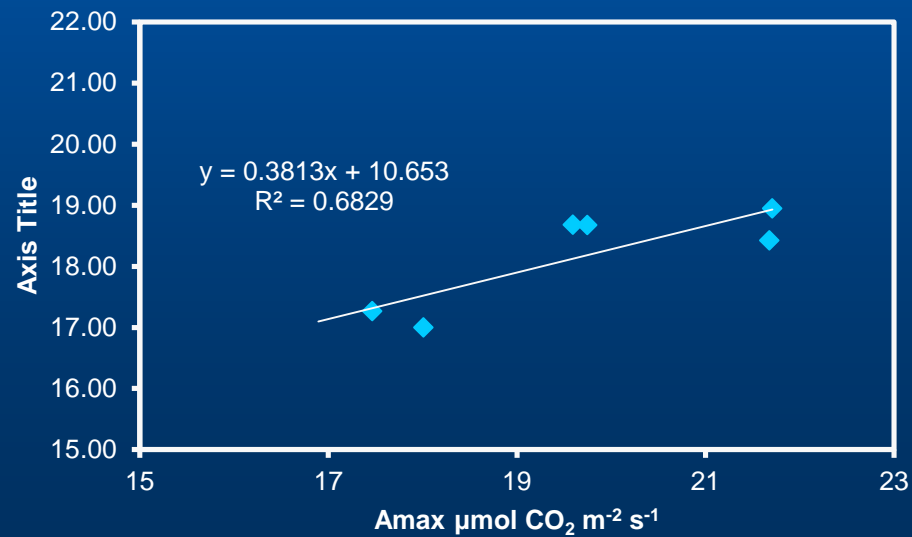


# Grain $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$ versus Pn rate (Amax) (Unirrigated)

2009-10

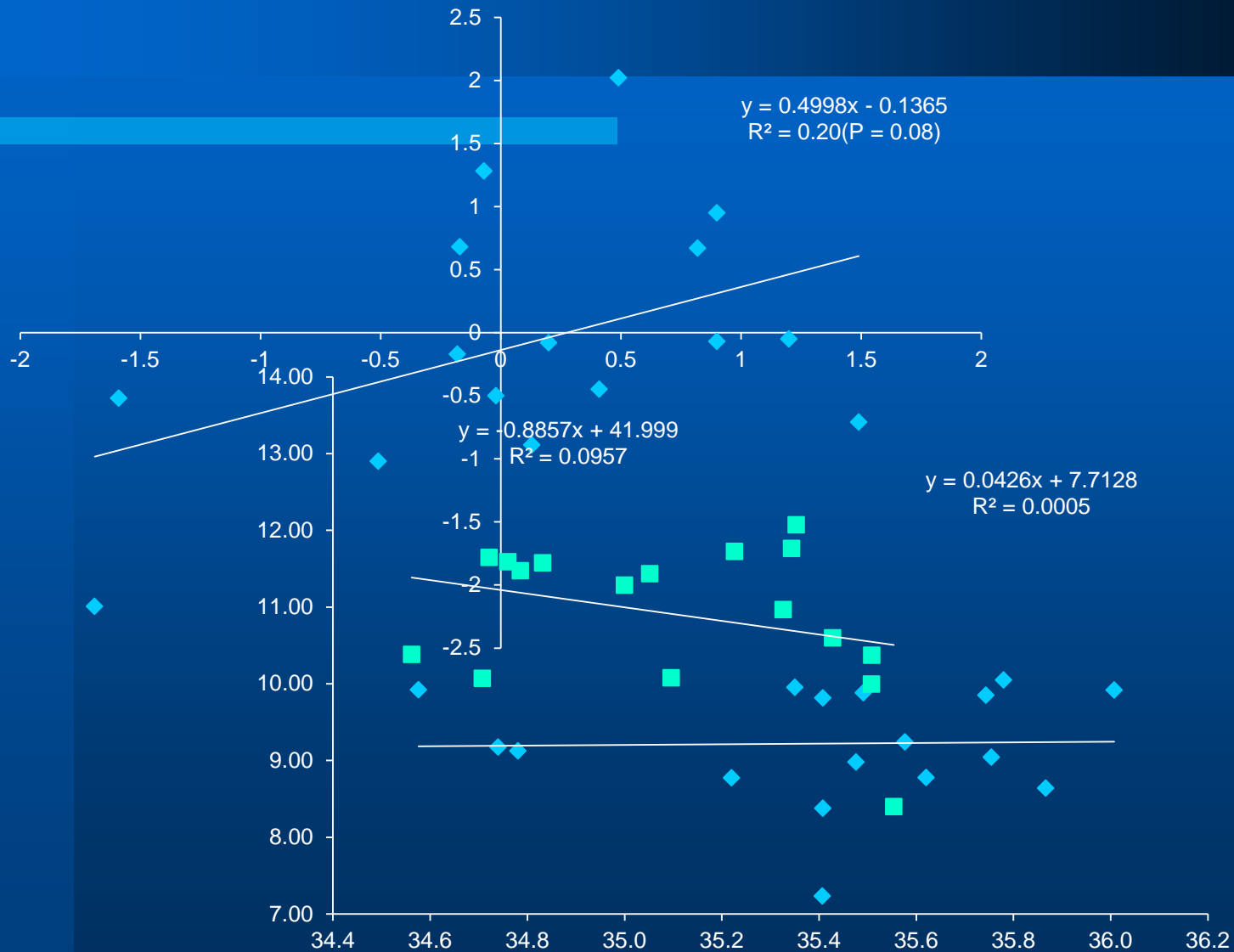


2010-11



**Table 7.1. Commonly used spectral reflectance indices (SRI) for wheat canopy analysis where index types are: VI – vegetation index; PI – pigment related index; WI – water index.**

Index	Name	Physiological process	Type	Calculation
NDVI	Normalized difference vegetation index	Green area, photosynthetic capacity, N status	VI	$[R_{900}-R_{680}]/[R_{900}+R_{680}]$
R-NDVI	Red normalized difference vegetation index	Green area, photosynthetic capacity, N status	VI	$[R_{780}-R_{670}]/[R_{780}+R_{670}]$
G-NDVI	Green normalized difference vegetation index	Green area, photosynthetic capacity, N status	VI	$[R_{780}-R_{550}]/[R_{780}+R_{550}]$
SRa	Simple Ratio	Green biomass	VI	$[R_{800}/R_{680}]$ and $[R_{900}/R_{680}]$
RARS <sub>a</sub>	Ratio analysis of reflectance spectra chlorophyll a	Chlorophyll a content	PI	$[R_{675}/R_{700}]$
RARS <sub>b</sub>	Ratio analysis of reflectance spectra chlorophyll b	Chlorophyll b content	PI	$R_{675}/[R_{650} * R_{700}]$
RARS <sub>c</sub>	Ratio analysis of reflectance spectra carotenoid	Carotenoid content	PI	$[R_{760}/R_{500}]$
NPQI	Normalized pheophytinization index	Normal chlorophyll degradation; can be used to estimate phenology, pest and diseases	PI	$[R_{415}-R_{435}]/[R_{415}+R_{435}]$
SIPI	Structural independent pigment index	Senescence related to stress	PI	$[R_{800}-R_{435}]/[R_{415}+R_{435}]$
PRI	Photochemical reflectance index	Dissipation of excess radiation	PI	$[R_{531}-R_{570}]/[R_{531}+R_{570}]$
WI	Water index	Plant water status	WI	$[R_{970}/R_{900}]$
NWI-1	Normalized water index 1	Plant water status	WI	$[R_{970}-R_{900}]/[R_{970}+R_{900}]$
NWI-2	Normalized water index 2	Plant water status	WI	$[R_{970}-R_{850}]/[R_{970}+R_{850}]$
NWI-3	Normalized water index 3	Plant water status	WI	$[R_{970}-R_{880}]/[R_{970}+R_{880}]$
NWI-4	Normalized water index 4	Plant water status	WI	$[R_{970}-R_{920}]/[R_{970}+R_{920}]$



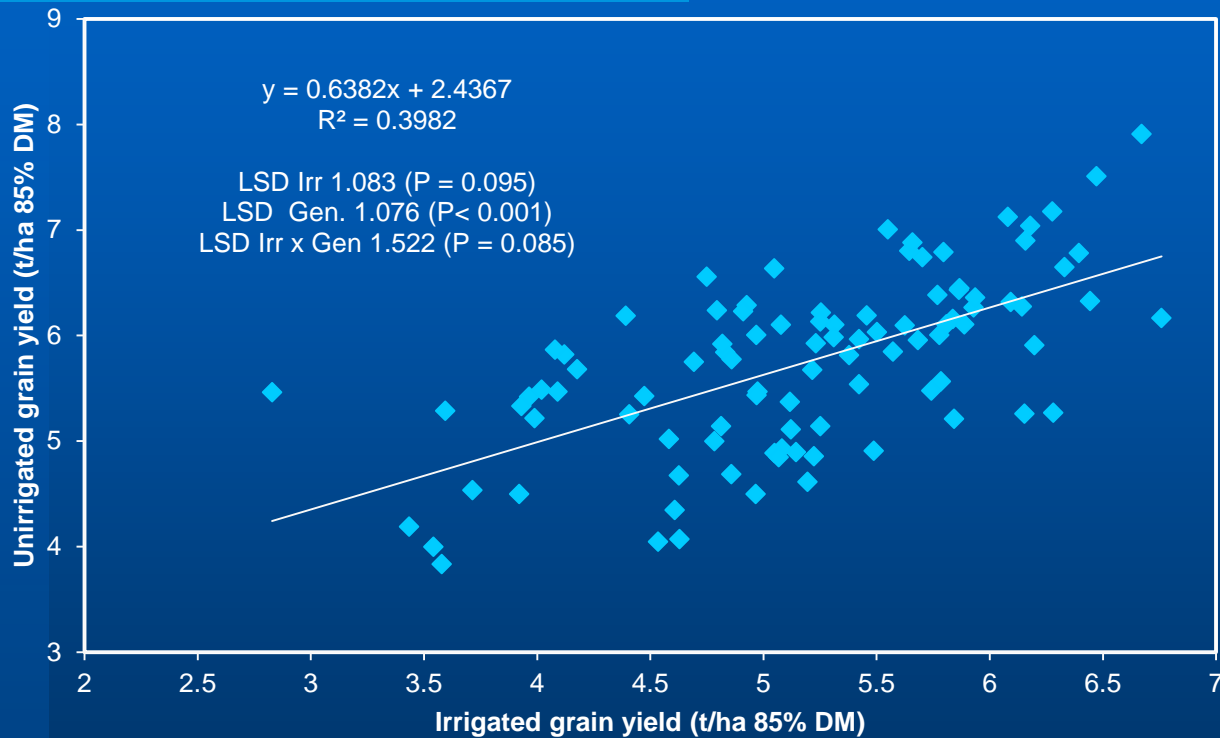


# WGIN 2 (9.3 Develop new SSD pop)

	Project Month	Milestone
31/03/2012	40	Act 9 Obj3. Complete development of one new SSD population in an elite modern background segregating for drought-tolerance traits.

- Candidate F1(s) made at JIC informed by data analysis from LK0986 project
- 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

# Rialto x Savannah DH exp 2011-12



- Conflicting results obtained in various crops under different growing conditions on the association between  $\delta^{13}C$  and yield - range from no relationship between  $\delta^{13}C$  and yield to negative or positive relationships, depending on the crop and the environment.
- Deep or dense root system which would promote soil moisture capture and WU is correlated across genotypes with low WUE (Pinheiro et al., 2005; Kobata et al., 1996) but high ability to
- Favorable genotypic plant waterstatus under drought stress as reflected in measurements of canopy temperature is correlated with low WUE across genotypes (Araus et al., 1993; Frank et al., 1997; Read et al., 1991; Zong et al., 2008).
- Genotypic variation in WUE under limited water regimes is affected more by variation in the denominator (WU) rather than by variation in the nominator (biomass) (Blum, 2005).
- The successful and widely cited case for dryland wheat grain yield improvement with selection for high WUE (low carbon isotope discrimination) in NSW Australia (Condon et al., 2002) can be explained by the fact that wheat is grown there mainly on stored soil moisture. (Fig. 6 in Condon et al., 2002).

5. Drought resistance was found to be associated with low WUE when analyzed by  $\delta^{13}C$  under limited water supply (e.g. Araus et al., 2003; Morgan et al., 1993; Ngugi et al., 1994; Solomon and Labuschagne, 2004).

“water uptake (WU), water-use efficiency (WUE), and harvest index (HI) are drivers of yield.” Whereas HI is also largely influenced by WU and plant water status, it can be concluded that WU alone is the main (not the **exclusive**) **driver of yield under drought stress.**

The  $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$  ratios ( $R$ ) of leaves grains analysed using an elemental analyser (Carlo Erba 2100) interfaced to an isotope ratio mass spectrometer. Results expressed as  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  values, using a secondary standard calibrated against Vienna Pee Dee Belemnite calcium carbonate (VPDB).

$$\delta^{13}\text{C} = (R_{\text{sample}} - R_{\text{standard}}) - 1$$

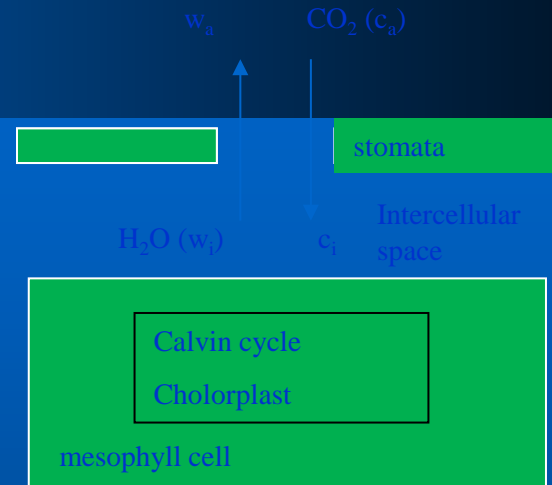
The C isotope discrimination ( $\Delta^{13}\text{C}$ ) of plant parts is then calculated as:

$$\Delta^{13}\text{C} = (\delta^{13}\text{C}_a - \delta^{13}\text{C}_p) / [1 + (\delta^{13}\text{C}_p/1000)]$$

where  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_a$  and  $\delta^{13}\text{C}_p$  refer to air and plant C isotope compositions, respectively.  $\delta^{13}\text{C}$  of free atmospheric  $\text{CO}_2$  taken as -8‰ (Farquhar et al., 1989).

# Effects of leaf activity traits on WUE

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



The  $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$  ratios ( $R$ ) of irrigation water were determined by the  $\text{CO}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$  equilibration technique and using an isotope ratio mass spectrometer

Results were expressed as  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  values, using two secondary standards (IAEA 601 and IAEA 602) calibrated against to the Vienna Standard Mean Oceanic Water (VSMOW)

$$\delta^{18}\text{O} = (\delta R_{\text{sample}} / \delta R_{\text{standard}} - 1)$$

Then, the  $^{18}\text{O}$  enrichment in grains ( $\Delta^{18}\text{O}$ ) was calculated as:

$$\Delta^{18}\text{O} = (\delta^{18}\text{O}_p - \delta^{18}\text{O}_w) / [1 + \delta^{18}\text{O}_w/1000]$$

where  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_p$  and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}_w$  refer to the oxygen isotope compositions of plant sample and rain water, respectively ( $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  rain water was approx. 210.78 ‰).

# Objective 8 – Nitrogen update

M J Hawkesford

WGIN Management Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013

# 2013 Diversity Trial





# Diversity trial history

Trial	Year	Varieties (core of 9)	N-levels	kg N/ha	
1	2004	32	4	0,50,200,350	Blackhorse
2	2005	20	2	0,200	Fosters
3	2006	24	3	0,100,200	Meadow
4	2007	24	4	0,100,200,350	Blackhorse
5	2008	24	4	0,100,200,350	Meadow
6	2009	24 (include 6 x A x Cs)	4	0,100,200,350	Summadells
7	2010	25 (include 6 x A x Cs)	4	0,100,200,350	Blackhorse
8	2011	25 (include 4 x A x Cs)	4	0,100,200,350	Meadow
9	2012	25 (include WUE/take-all lines)	4	0,100,200,350	Summardell
10	2013	25 (include WUE/take-all lines)	4	0,100,200,350	Blackhorse
11	2014	25?			

# WGIN 2004-08 & 2009-13

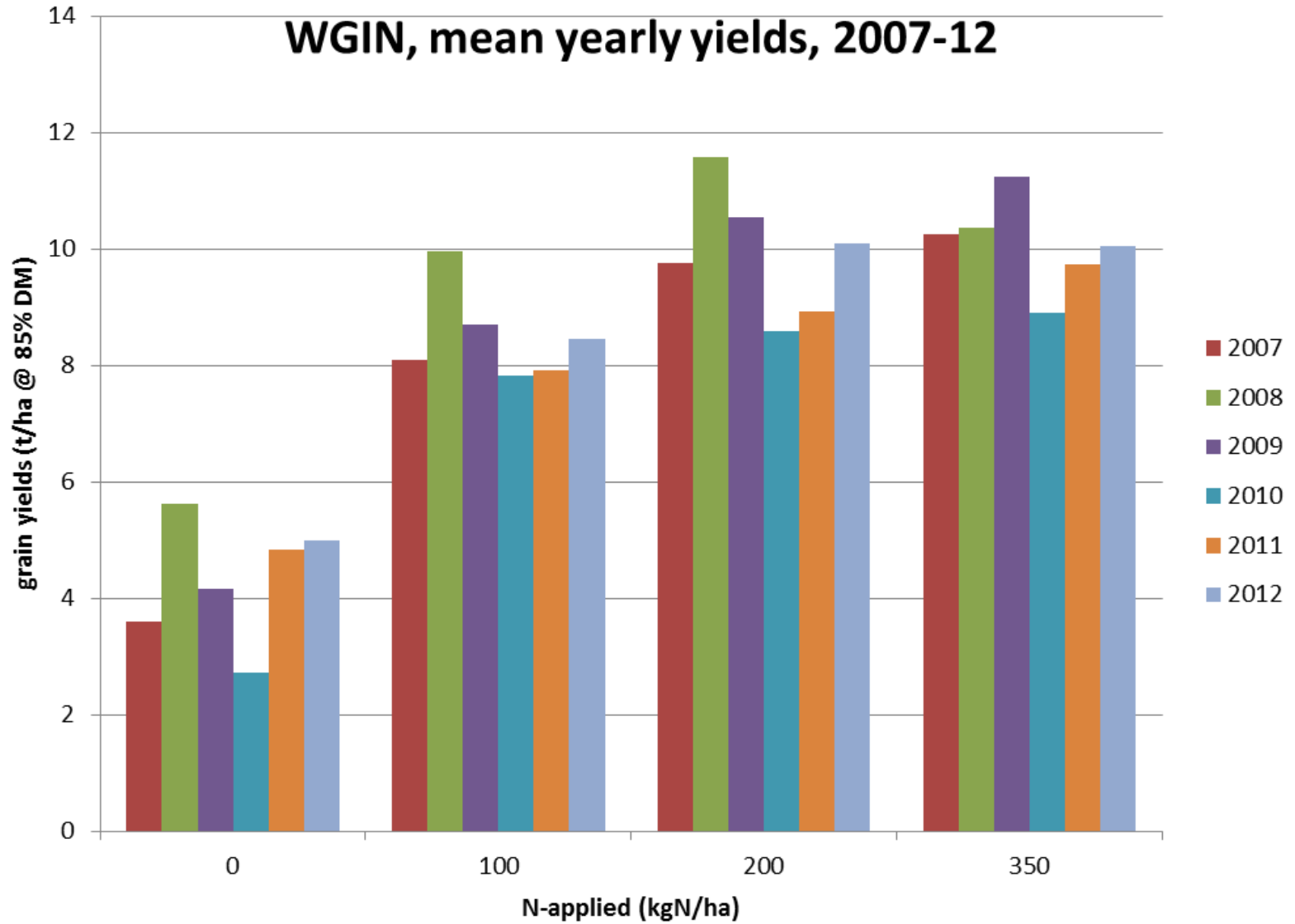
- 49 varieties
- 14 in at least 9 years
- All 4 groups
- 4 N levels in all except 2 years
- Grain and straw, yield and %N
- Archived fresh grain
- Archived dry milled grain and straw



# Varieties summary

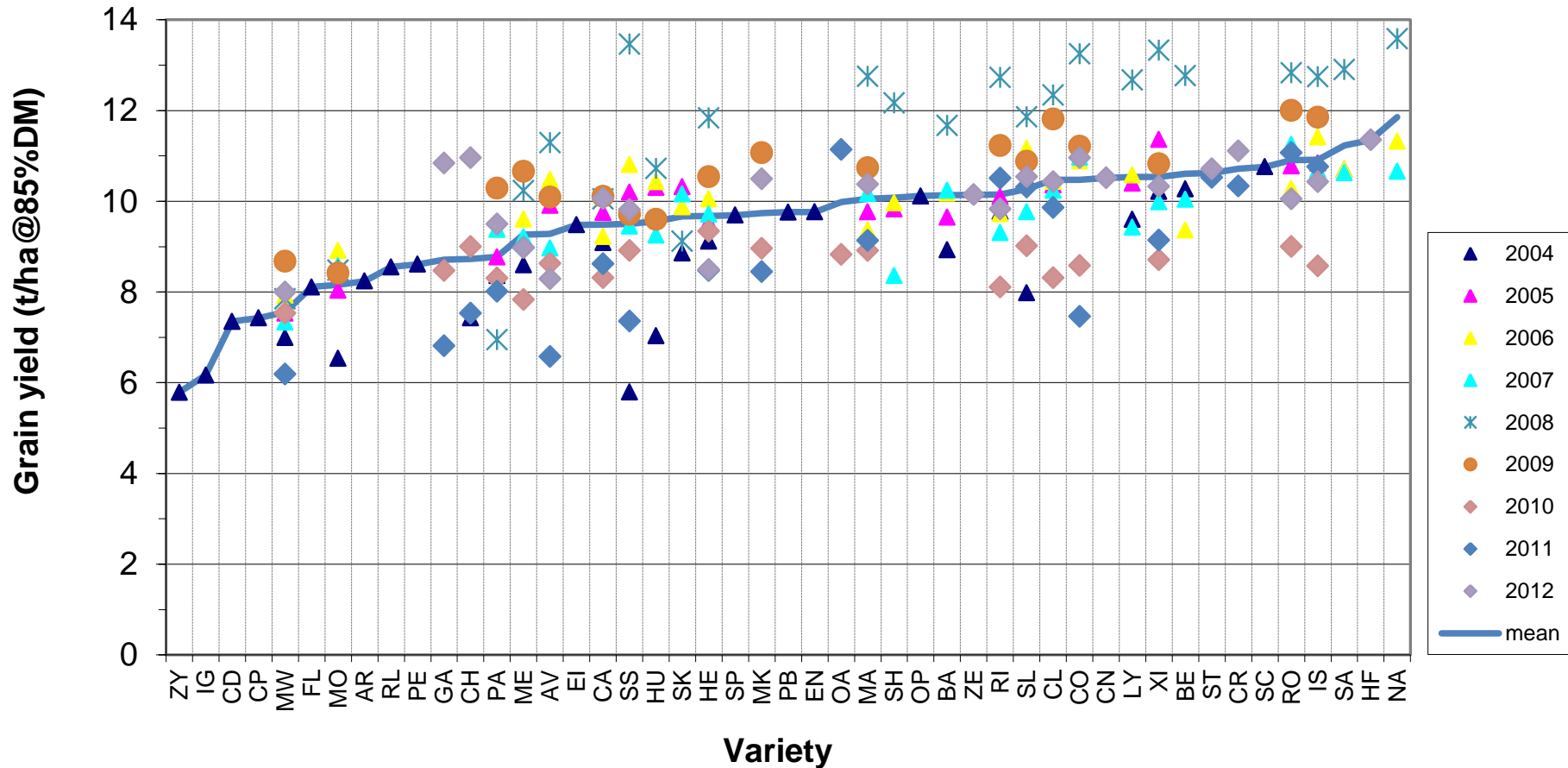
No.	Variety	Code	Years	WUE trial?					
1	Arche	AR	1						
2	Avalon	AV	9	Y	26	Mercia	ME	9	Y
3	Batis	BA	5		27	Monopol	MO	6	
4	Beaver	BE	4		28	Napier	NA	3	
5	Cadenza	CA	10	Y	29	Oakley	OK	2	
6	Caphorn	CP	1		30	Opus	OP	1	
	Cappelle				31	Paragon	PA	10	
7	Desprez	CD	1		32	Pbis	PB	1	
8	Chablis	CH	4		33	Petrus	PE	1	
9	Claire	CL	9		34	Rialto	RL	1	
10	Conqueror	CN	2		35	Riband	RI	10	
11	Cordiale	CO	8	Y	36	Robigus	RO	9	Y
12	Crusoe	CR	3			Savanna			
13	Einstein	EI	1		37	h	SA	4	
14	Enorm	EN	1		38	Scorpion	SC	1	
15	Flanders	FL	1			Shamroc			
16	Gallant	GA	4		39	k	SH	4	
17	Hereford	HF	2		40	Soissons	SS	10	Y
18	Hereward	HE	10	Y	41	Sokrates	SK	5	
19	Hurley	HU	6		42	Solstice	SL	10	
20	Isengrain	IG	1		43	Spark	SP	1	
21	Istabraq	IS	9	Y	44	Stigg	ST	3	
22	Lynx	LY	5		45	Xi 19	XI	10	Y
23	Malacca	MA	10		46	zeberdee	ZE	2	Y
	Maris				47	Zyta	ZY	1	
24	Widgeon	MW	10	Y					
25	Marksman	MK	5						

## WGIN, mean yearly yields, 2007-12

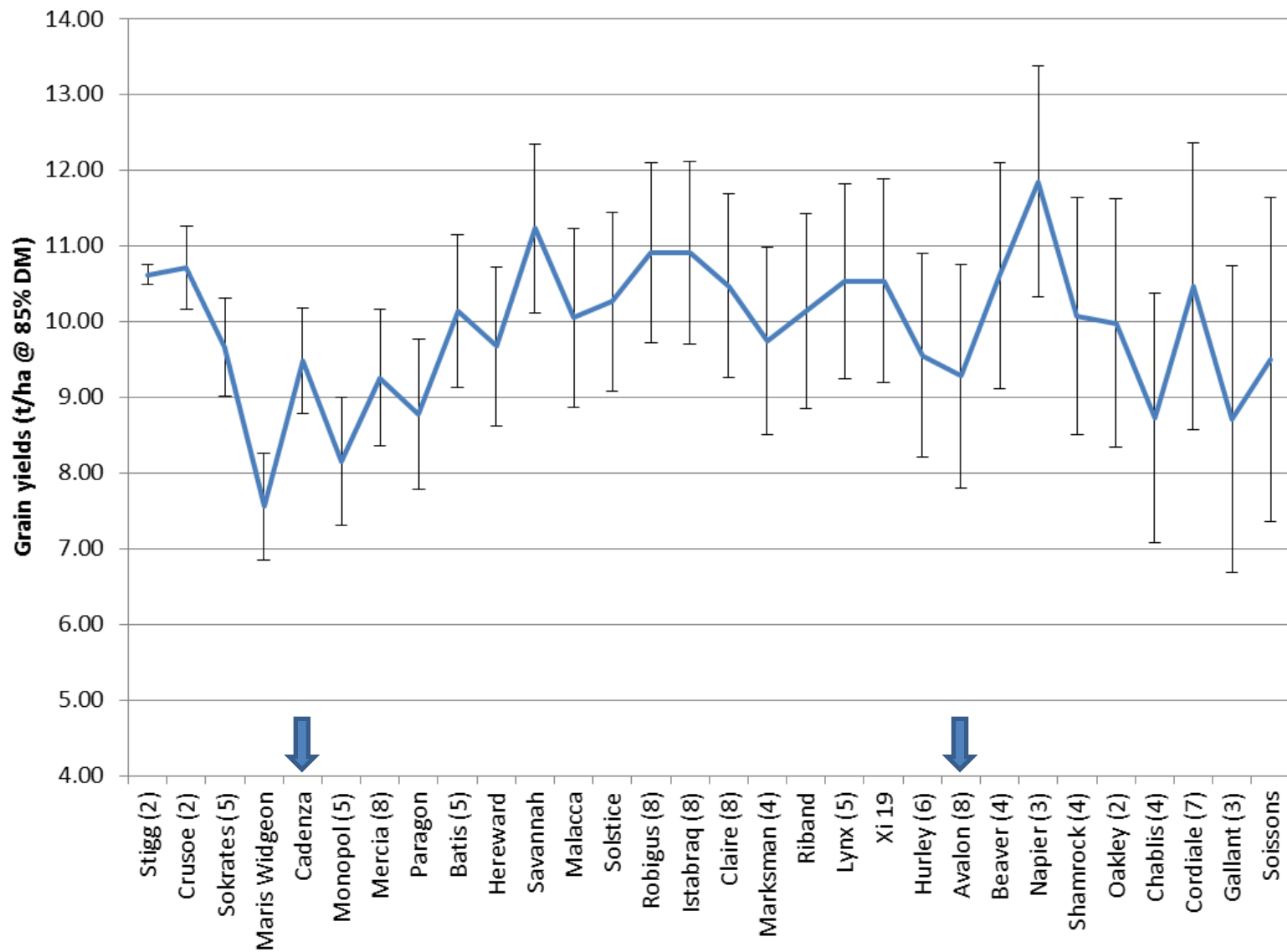


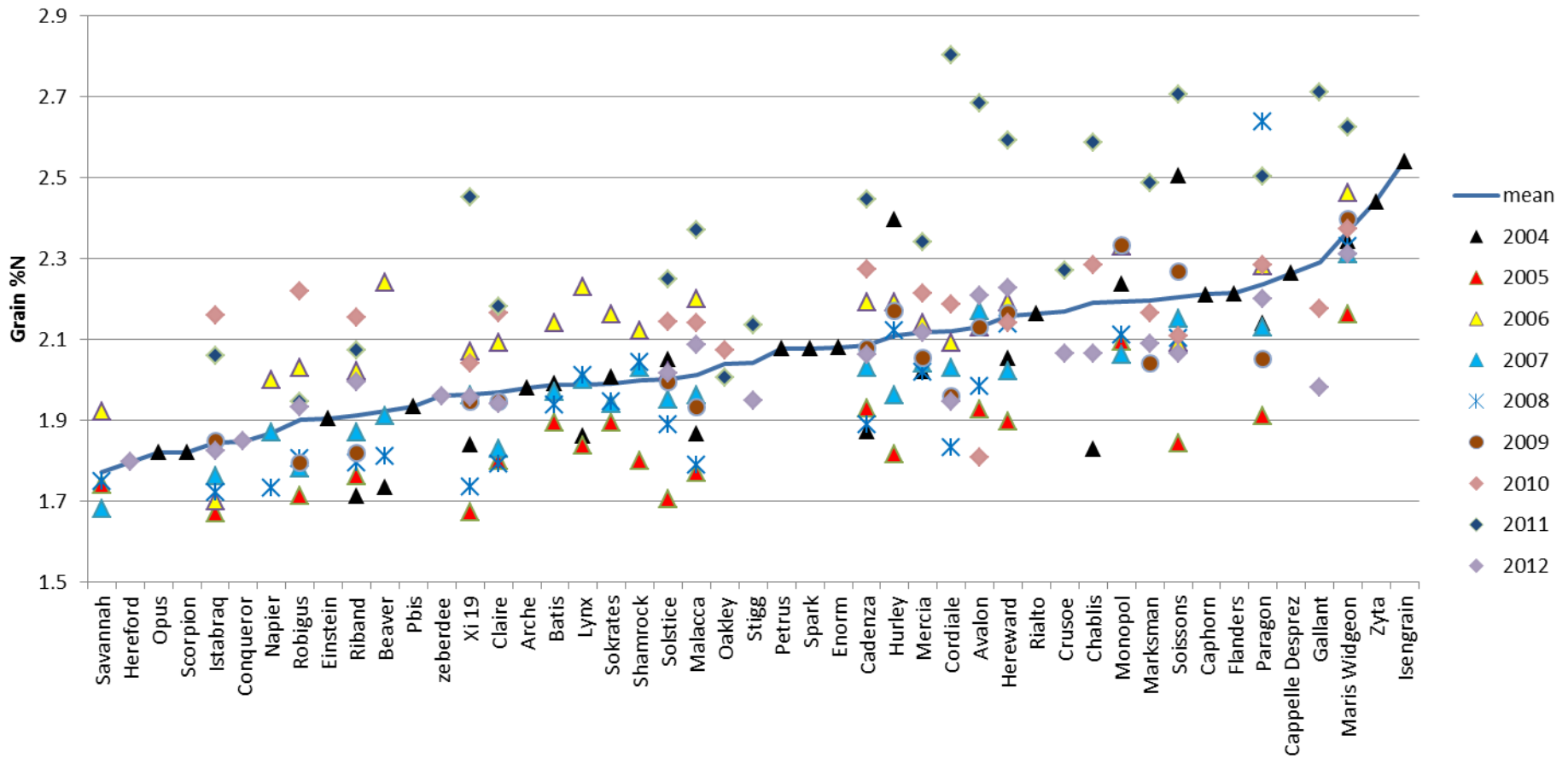
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# Combine Grain Yield (2004-12)

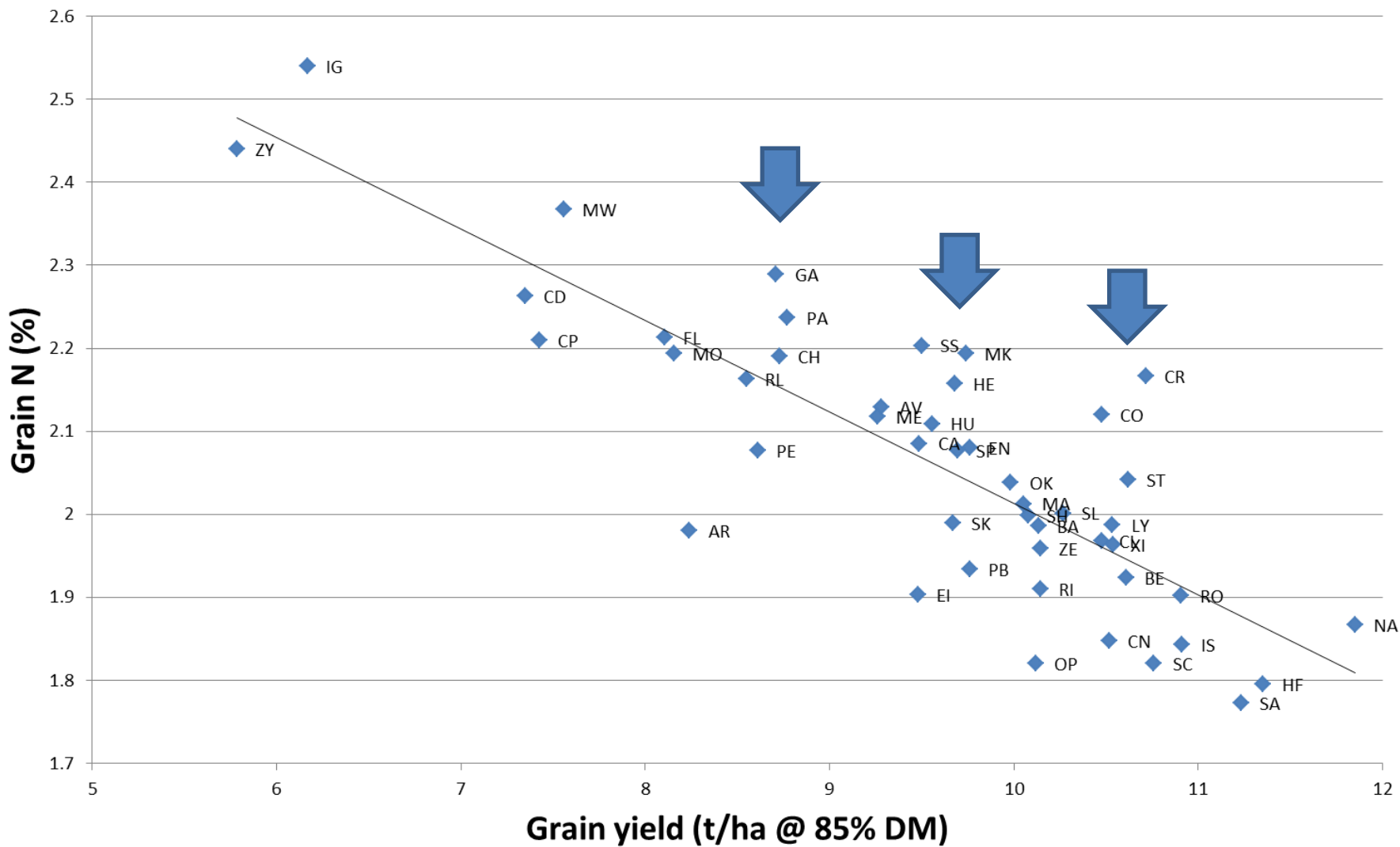


# WGIN 9 year grain yield with standard deviations





## Grain yield and %N (mean of WGIN trials 2004-12, N200)



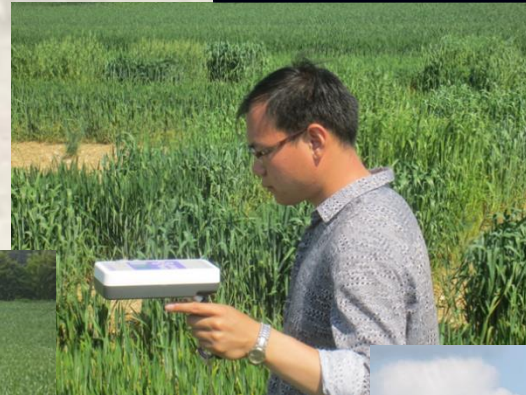
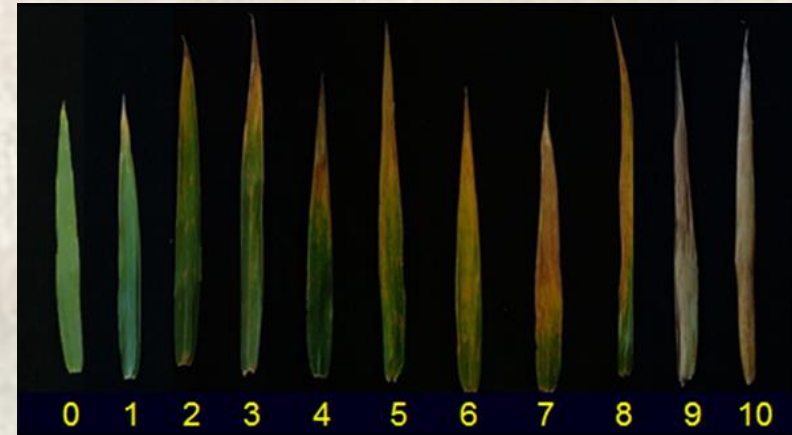


# In use, 2013....

- Take-all samples (Vanessa)
- Root sampling – N transporters (Buchner)
- Grain development (Tosi)
- NDVI validations (Riche/Iola)
- Aerial measurements
- Bionut training course (Malcolm)



# Measuring growth and maturation



# 2013 harvest season (drilled 13<sup>th</sup> October)

Wheat varieties for WGIN-NUE 2012/13

W=WGIN data, D=desk study

Variety	Source	Dressing	Code	Nabim	Rationale	inclusion in trial requested by	Previous years of trials (harvest year)
1. A C Barrie	Premium Crops		AB		Canadian re wheat. Disease sensitive. Tall. High grain N. Low yield. Spring type.	MH	new
2. Avalon		recleaned	AV	1	WGIN DH parent; Low NupE & NutE (D) WUE trial	PB, RG, MJH	05-12
3. Cadenza		recleaned	CA	2	WGIN DH parent; Best NupE (W) WUE trial	PB, RG, MJH	04-12
4. Chablis	KWS		CH	2	SPRING variety (previous grown in 2004 trial) as very N-responsive variety	MH	only in 04, 10, 11, 12
5. Claire	LIM	kinto	CL	3	Was biggest area on RL; WGIN DH parent; Good second wheat	PB,PS	05-12
6. Cocoon	Agrii/Secobra		CC	3	Tall variety. High yield. 2010 introduction. Eyespot and rust resistant.	MH	New
7. Conqueror	KWS		CN	4	New Grp 4, very high yielding	MH	12
8. Cordiale	KWS	redigo deter	CO	2	Good second wheat. BBSRC Quality project WUE trial	RG	06-12
9. Crusoe	LIM		CR	2	Carries dicoccoides. Shows the 'stay green' character		11, 12
10. Gallant	Syn		GA	1	new claimed high yield and high protein type	MH	10, 11, 12
11. Hereford	Syn		HF	4	Feed (not on RL), high yield, brown rust susceptible, possible low take-KHK/RG all build-up and good resistance. Multi trait.		12
12. Hereward	RAGT	anchor	HE	1	Best protein on RL; benchmark bread variety. BBSRC Quality project WUE trial	PB,PS	04-12
13. Istabraq	LIM	kinto + lattitude	IS	4	Best yield on RL; Distilling cultivar; In LINK 'GREENgrain'; Good second wheat. BBSRC Quality project. WUE trial	PB,PS	05-12
14. Malacca	KWS	redigo deter	MA	1	Biggest Group 1 area; DH choice; Low NupE, high NutE (W). BBSRC Quality project	PS	04-12
15. Marksman	RAGT	redigo	MK	2	new for 2009, PRS request for BBSRC Quality project	PS	09-12
16. Maris Widgeon		sibutol	MW	1	Tall (rht), old cultivar WUE trial	PB, AM	04-12
17. Mercia		recleaned	ME	1	Low NupE & NutE (desk); Low Canopy N requirement; In IGF micro-RG array. WUE trial. RHT series	RG	04, 06-12
18. Paragon	RAGT	redigo twin	PA	1	Spring variety; WGIN mutagenesis population; High NupE (W)	PB	04-12
19. Riband	RAGT	recleaned	RI	3	WGIN DH parent; Distilling cultivar; In LINK 'GREENgrain'; High NutE (W)	ERG	04-12
20. Robigus	KWS	redigo deter lattitude	+RO	3	Best Group 3 yield; Best NUE, high NupE & NutE (D); Good second wheat. WUE trial	PB, AM	05-12
21. Stigg	LIM		ST	?4	Carries dicoccoides. High disease resistance. Shows the 'stay green' character		11, 12
22. Soissons	Elsoms	redigo	SS	2	WGIN DH parent; Early maturing; High NupE, low NutE (W) WUE trial	PB, RG, AM	04-12
23. Solstice	LIM	beret gold lasttitude	+SL	2	Biggest Group 2 area; DH choice; Worst NupE (W)	RG	04-12
24. Xi19	LIM	redigo deter	XI	1	Best Group 1 yield; High NUE, NupE, NutE (D); Low NupE (W). BBSRC Quality project WUE trial	PB, PS	04-12
25. Zebedee	LIM		ZE	3	High WUE, grp 3. Multi trait. WUE trial	JFoulkes	12

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# ROTHAMSTED EXPERIMENTAL STATION

## CLASSICAL FIELD EXPERIMENTS

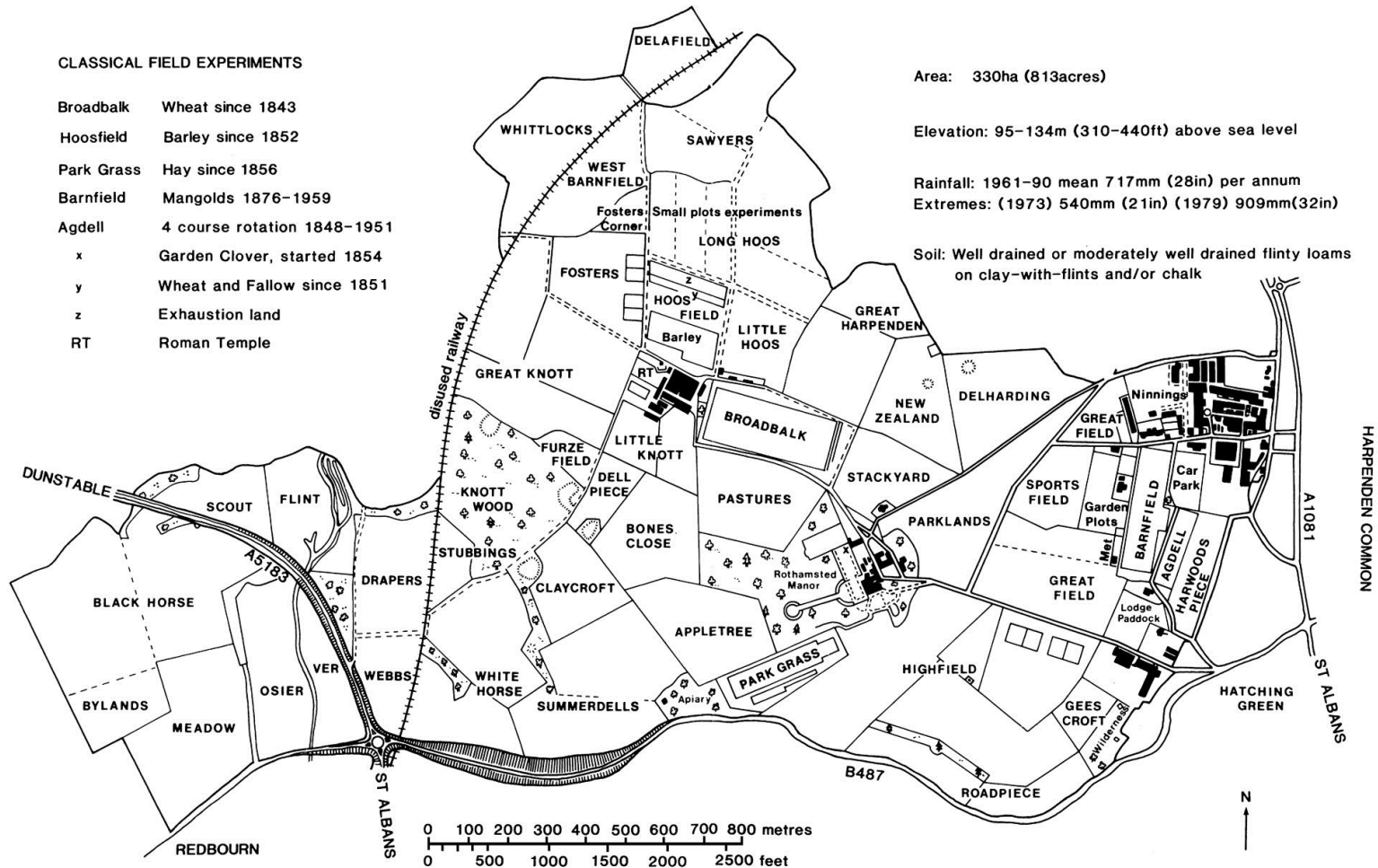
Broadbalk	Wheat since 1843
Hoosfield	Barley since 1852
Park Grass	Hay since 1856
Barnfield	Mangolds 1876–1959
Agdell	4 course rotation 1848–1951
x	Garden Clover, started 1854
y	Wheat and Fallow since 1851
z	Exhaustion land
RT	Roman Temple

Area: 330ha (813acres)

Elevation: 95–134m (310–440ft) above sea level

Rainfall: 1961–90 mean 717mm (28in) per annum  
 Extremes: (1973) 540mm (21in) (1979) 909mm(32in)

Soil: Well drained or moderately well drained flinty loams  
 on clay-with-flints and/or chalk



# 2013 Diversity Trial

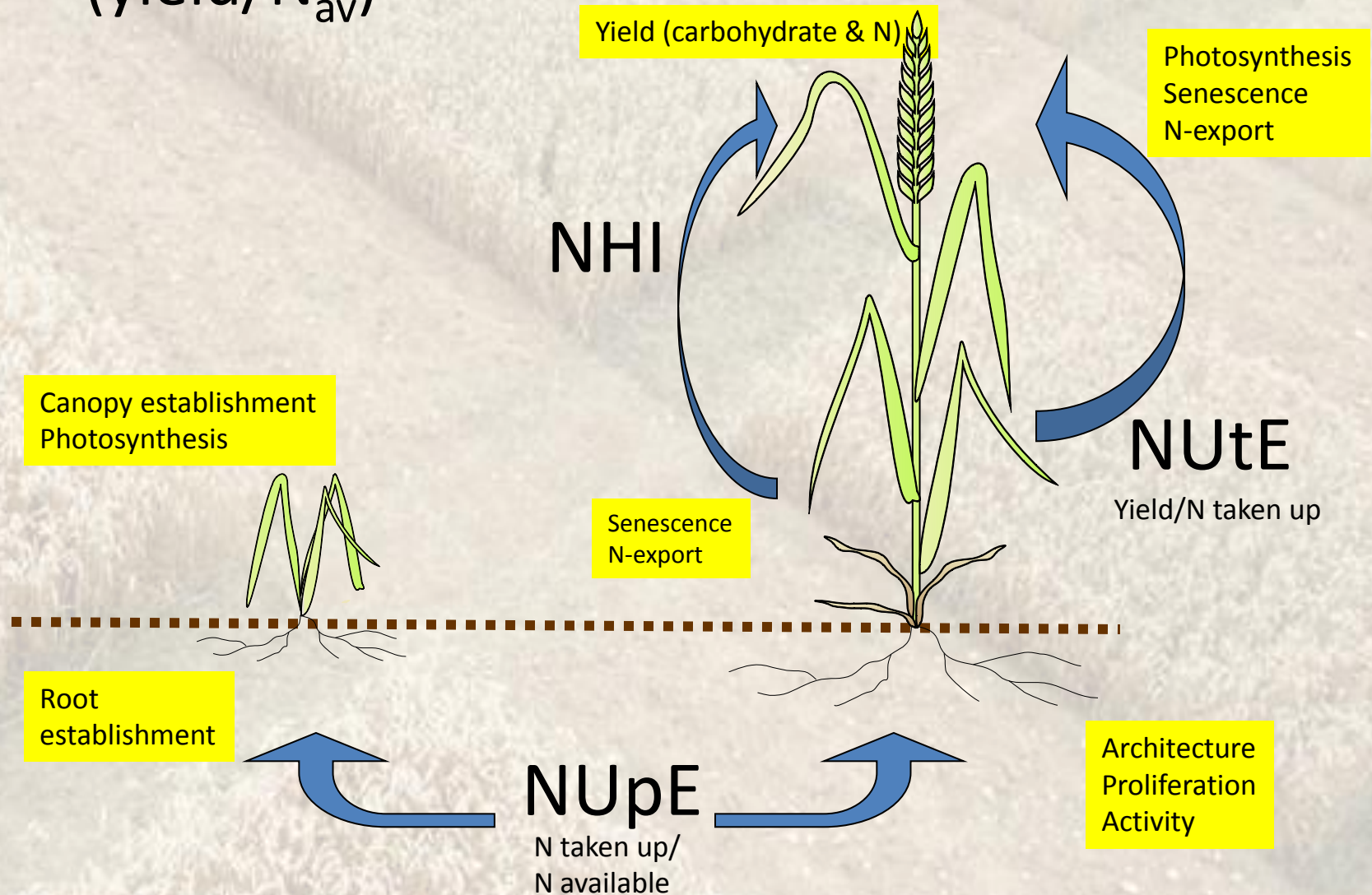




WGIN July 2013

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

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





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  
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Lower-Q

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



Nitrogen efficiency of wheat: Genotypic and environmental variation and prospects for improvement

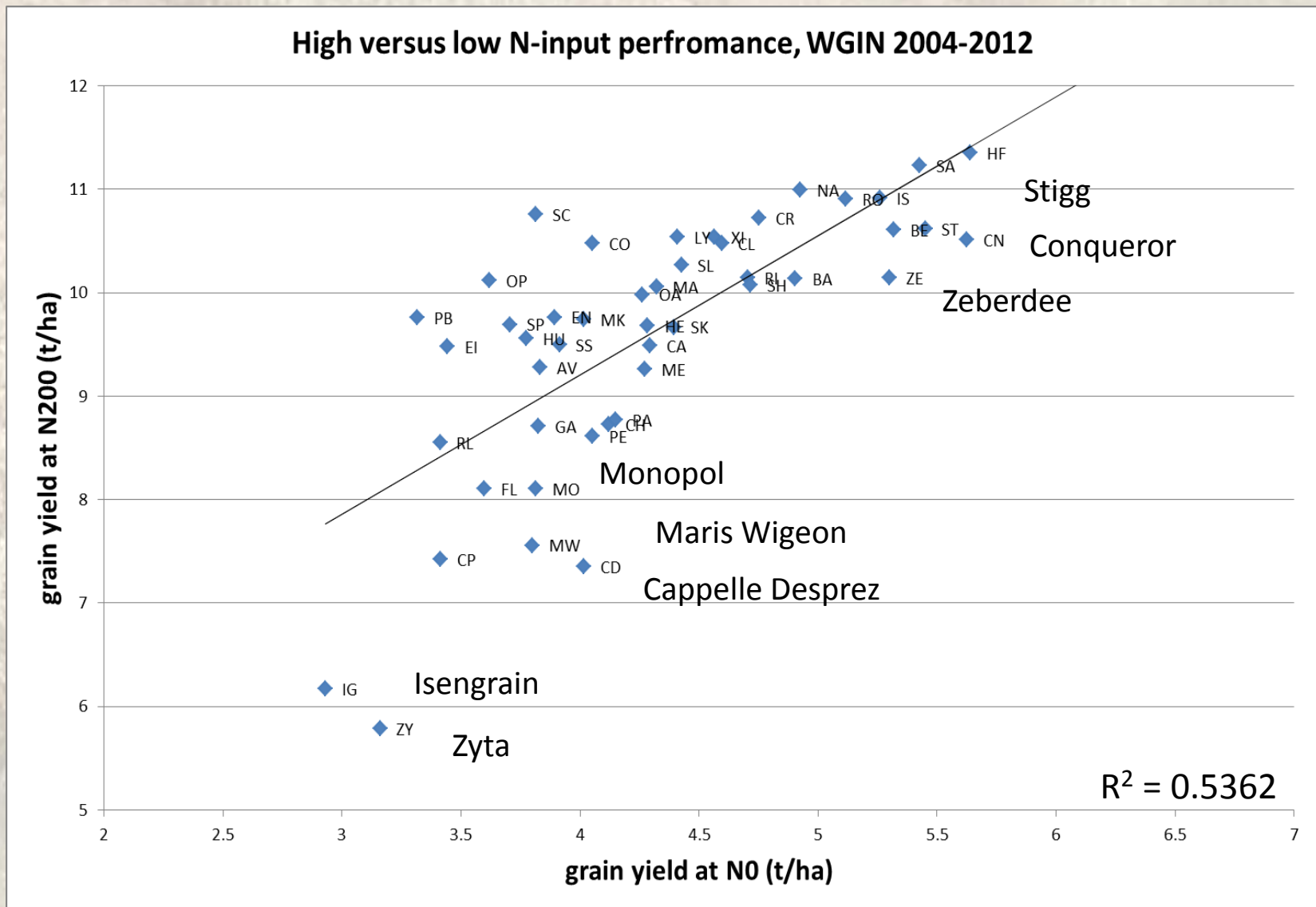
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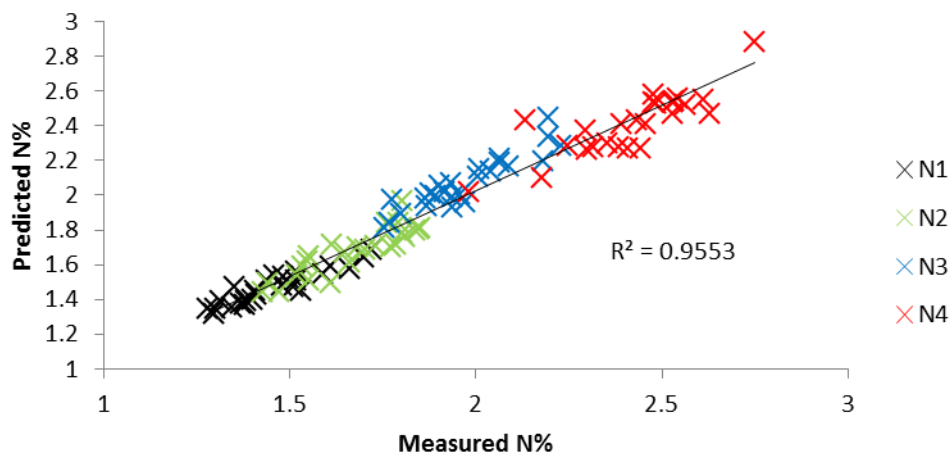


# Grain yields, high v low N input performance, 2004-12



# NIRS - Predicting Grain Nitrogen

**WGIN Diversity whole grain 2012  
Independent test block 3**



The grain from 2 blocks was used to build a grain N prediction model, and the model was independently tested on the grain from block 3.

Whole grain is scanned on a sample turntable. Up to 240 samples can be scanned/day. Milling, weighing and measuring N conventionally would take about about 5 days per 240 samples, and be expensive.



# Avalon x Cadenza 2012 trial



# Avalon x Cadenza Trials

Trial	Harvest year	Sites	Notes	kg N/ha applied (+ c 50 kg/ha N <sub>min</sub> )	Soil N (kg/ha to 90 cm)
1 (719)	2007	Blackhorse		200	49.9
2, 3 (817; 851-3)	2008	Bones and Woburn	Woburn trial split	Both 100	78.3; 34.4,36.1, 36.7
4 (903, 904)	2009	Fosters/Summardells	Split over 2 fields (wet)	100	48.2; 40.7
5 (1035)	2010	Blackhorse	(very dry)	200	39.8
6(1103)	2011	Great Harpenden	(very dry)	200	44.0
7*(1202)	2012	Bones	(wet May/June)	50	69.5
8*(1319)	2013	Blackhorse	Abandoned		

\*= not directly WGIN funded

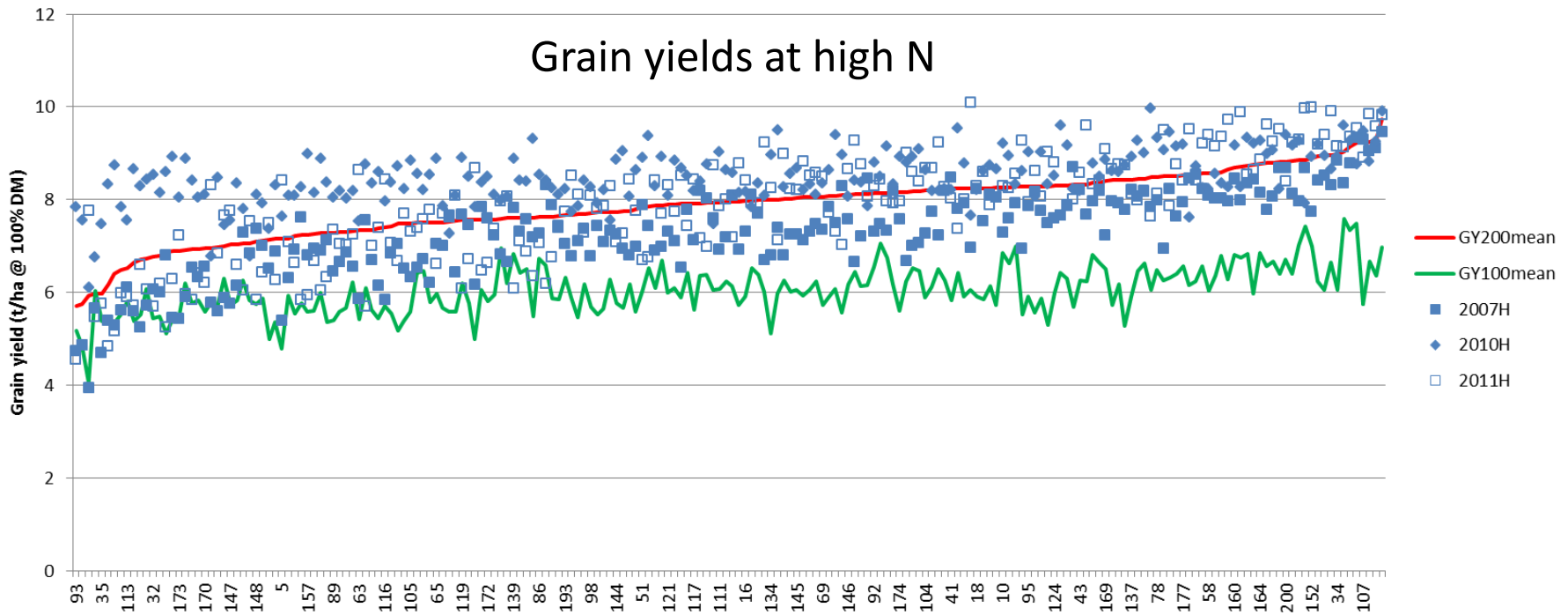
# Avalon x Cadenza

- Traits being measured

- Flowering time and height
- Yield (grain and straw) and TGW
- Nitrogen (grain and straw)
- NUtE, N uptake (final)
- Leaf N and SPAD (anthesis and 21 dpa)
- Leaf size
- Canopy longevity, reflectance, rate of senescence
- Early N uptake
- Gene expression
- Roots

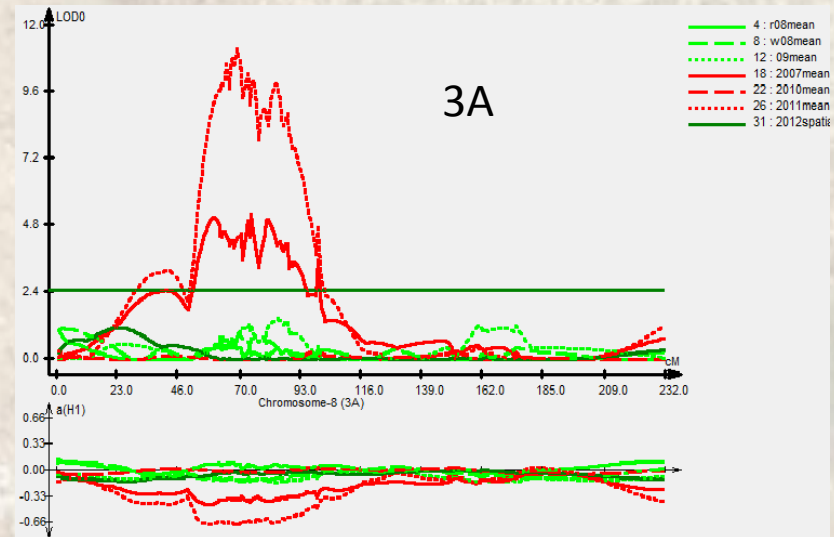


## Grain yields at high N



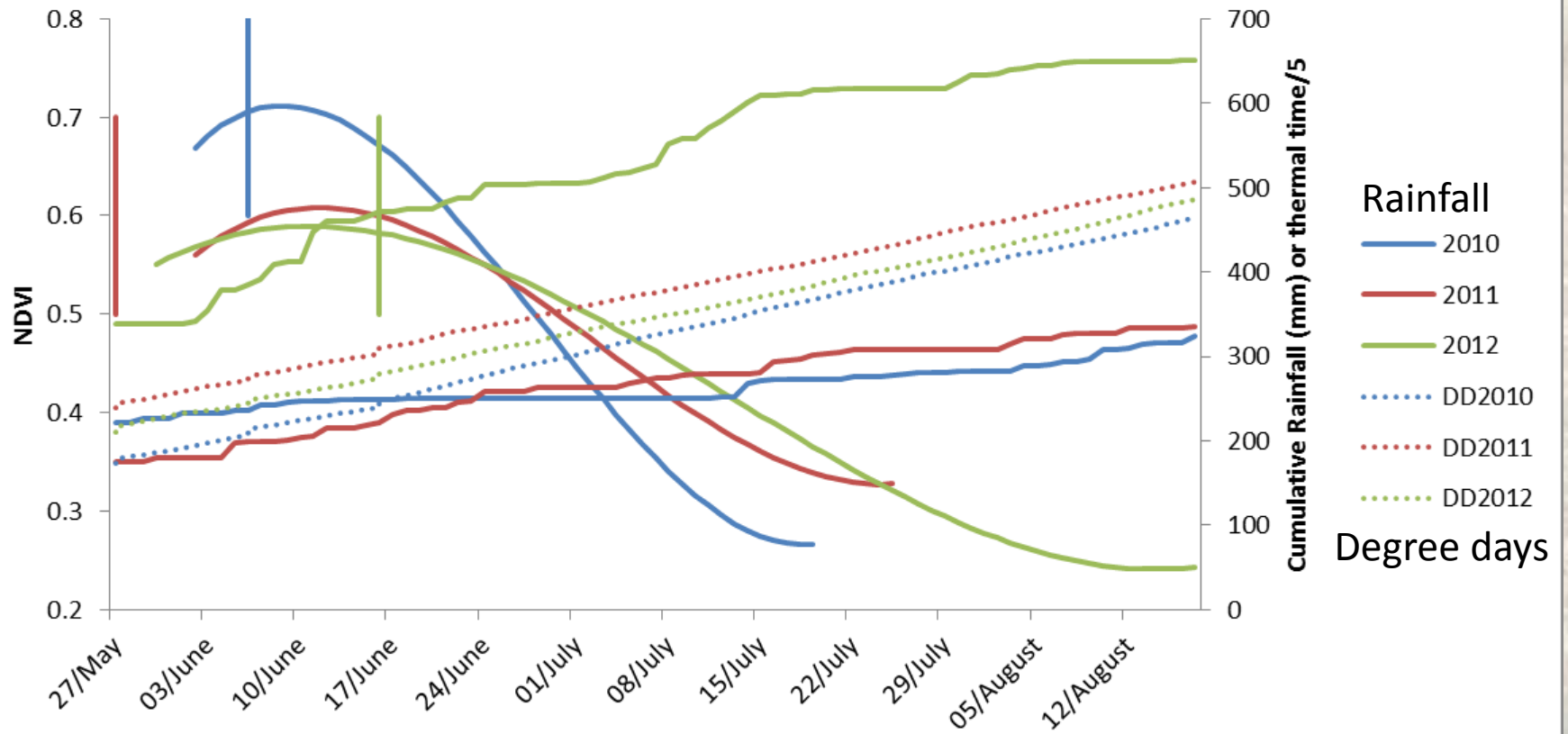
Monthly rainfall in spring and summer (mm) at Rothamsted in the years 2007-2011. Six-monthly totals and 30-year averages (1971-2000) are shown.

Year	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
2007	57.6	2.8	135.8	72.4	86.8	64.4	<b>419.8</b>
2008	108.5	53.5	87	35.3	90.3	107.8	<b>482.4</b>
2009	37.3	46.7	24.8	68.1	73.3	63.4	<b>313.6</b>
2010	45.2	18.7	38.4	23.5	31.6	127.6	<b>285</b>
2011	10	5.2	23.6	83	44.6	81.2	<b>247.6</b>

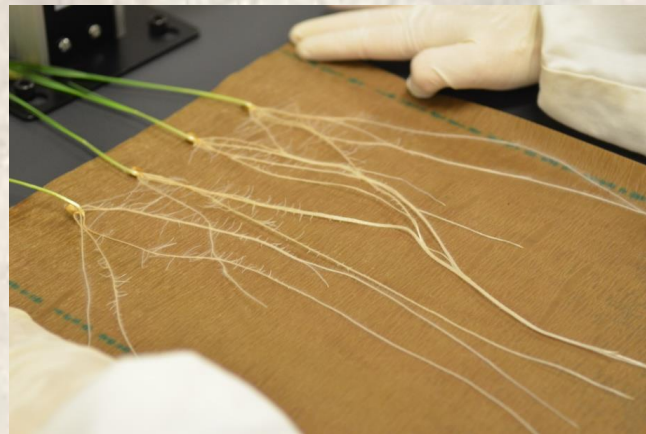




## Mean senescence curves, cumulative rainfall, thermal time (Day degrees, dotted lines) and mean anthesis dates (vertical lines) for three years 2010-2012



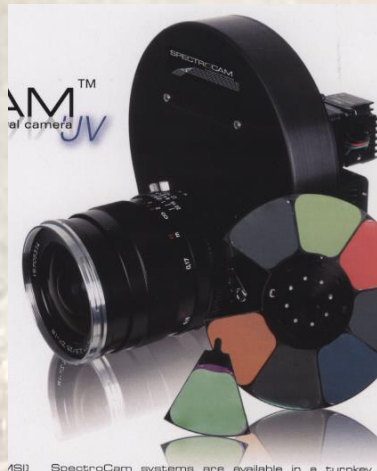
# Variation in root traits: mapping QTLs





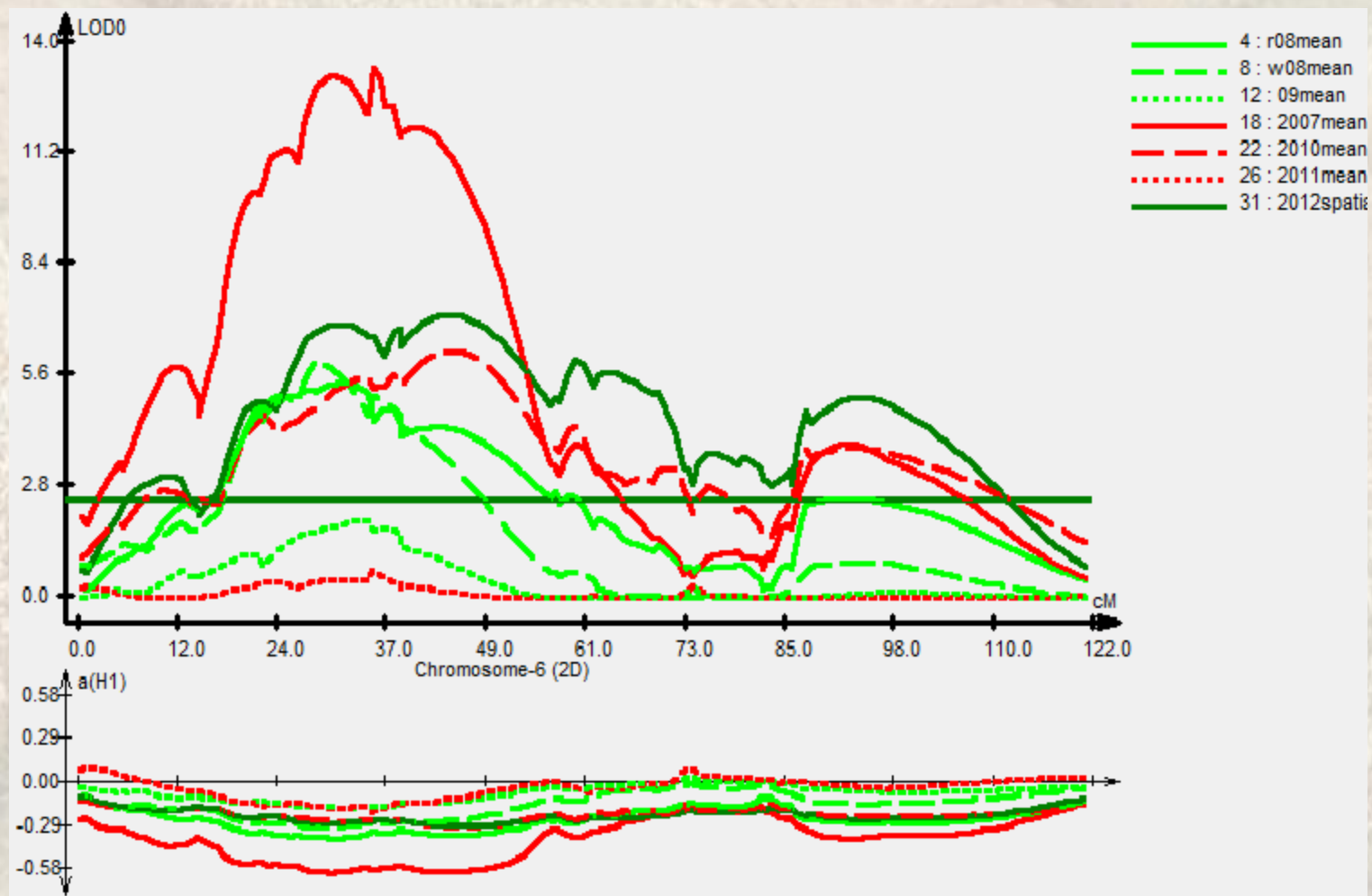
# Forward plans....

- Final evaluation of modern diversity trial
- Evaluate field phenotype methodologies: NDVI, canopy multispectral data, NIRS and imaging
- Cross reference NUE/RUE/Take-all interactions

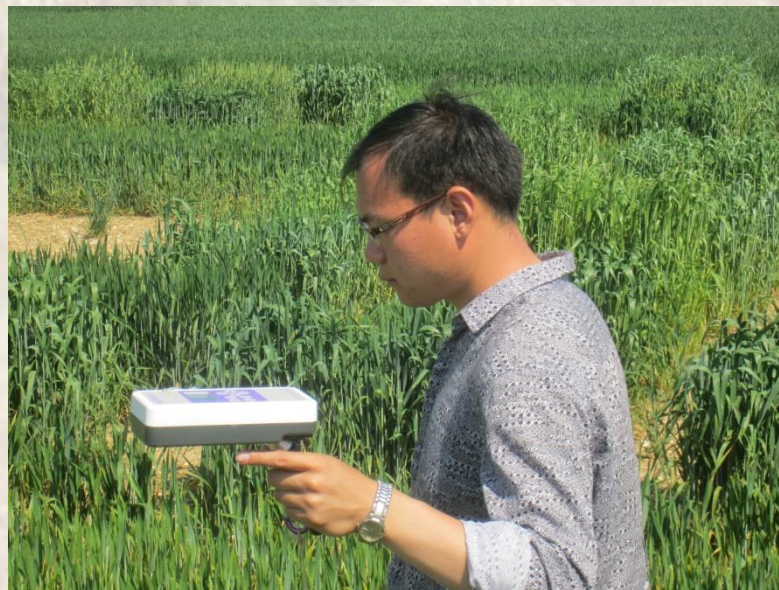


MSU SpectroCam systems are available in a turnkey

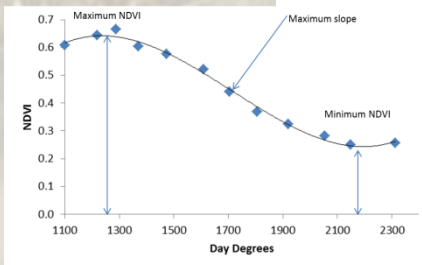
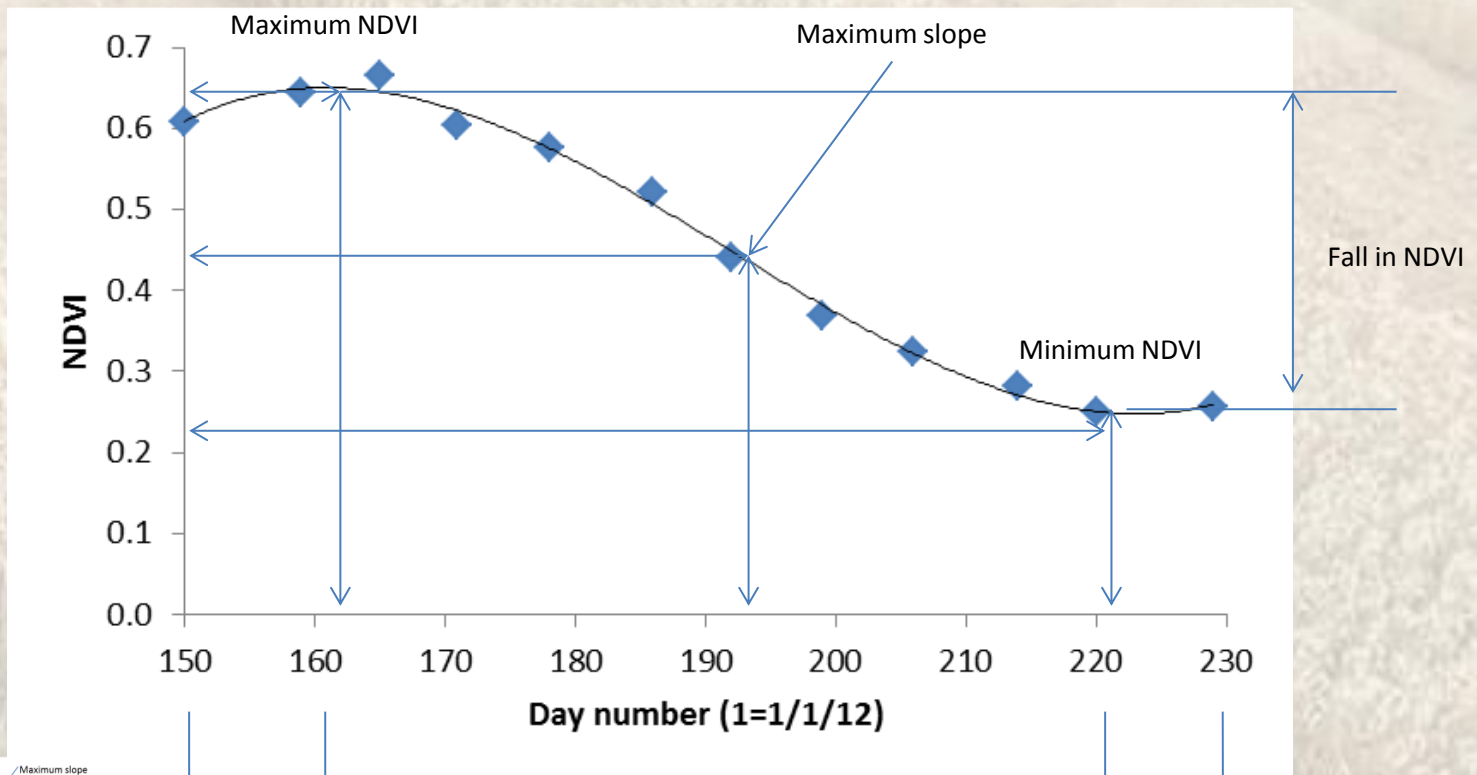




# A x C and senescence



# A x C senescence curve parameters

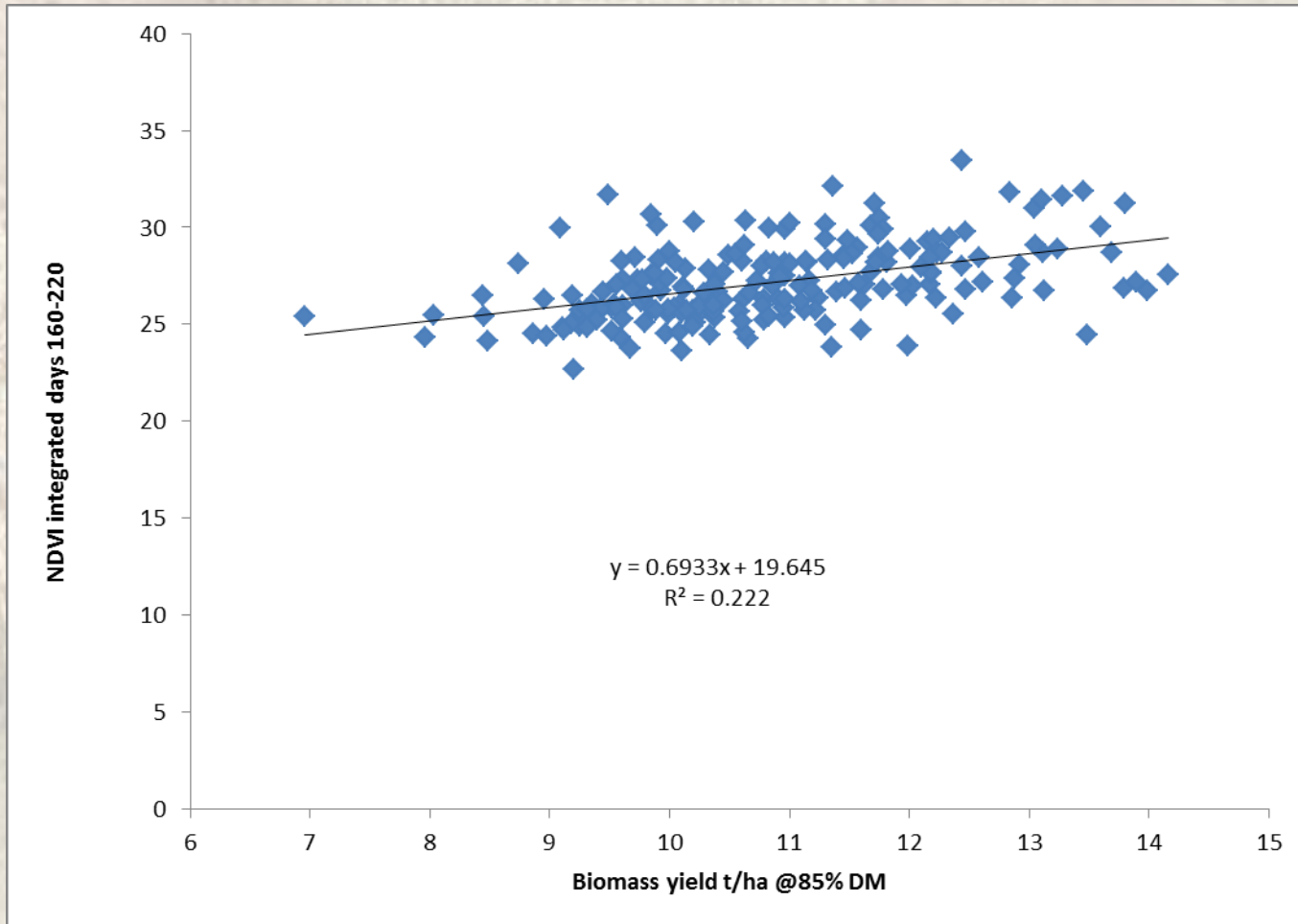


Sum of daily NDVI's day 160-220

Sum of daily NDVI's day 150-229

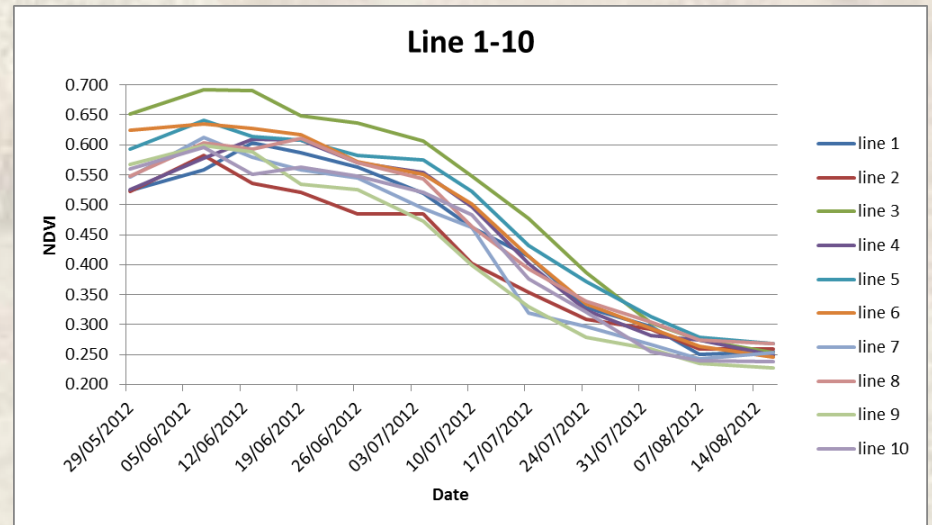
# Integration relates to yield

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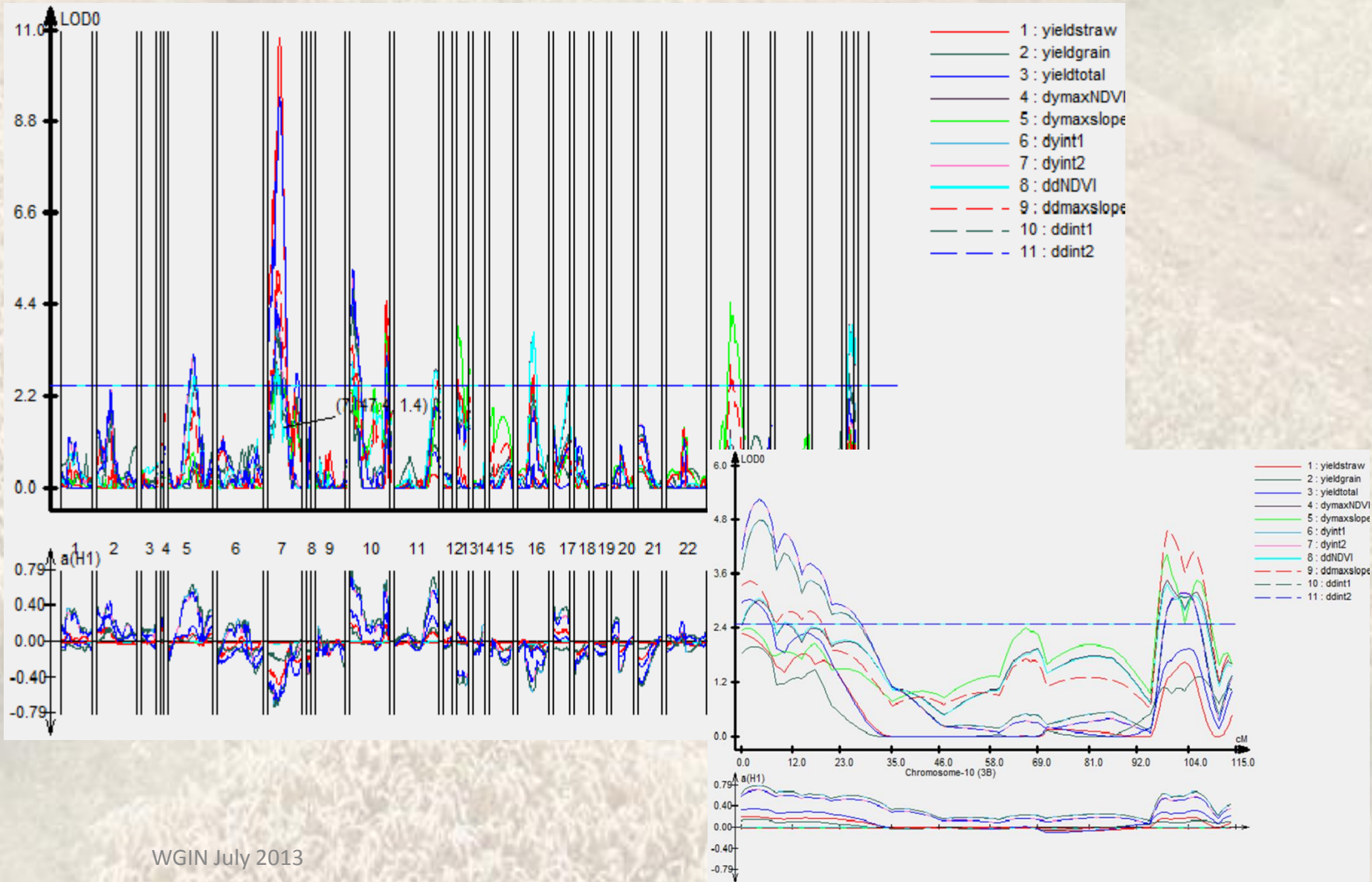


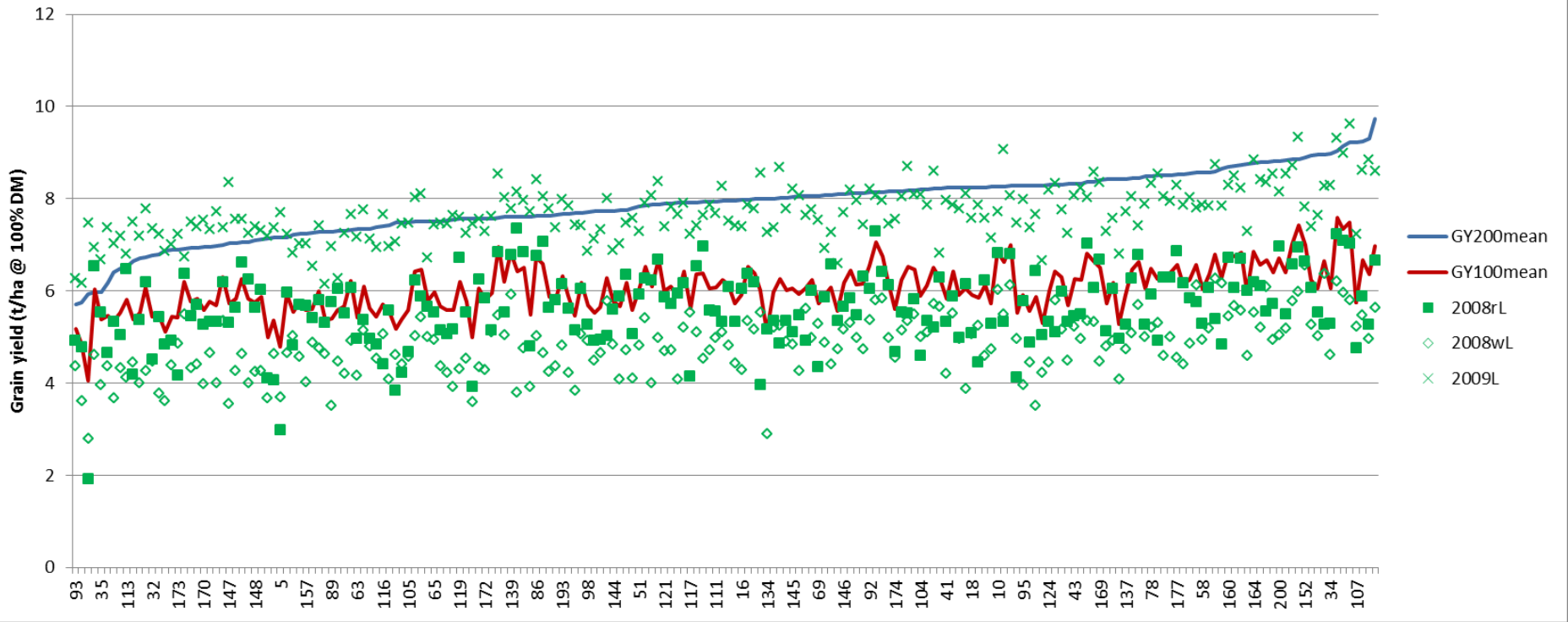


# Quantifying senescence characteristics



# Senescence and yield QTL



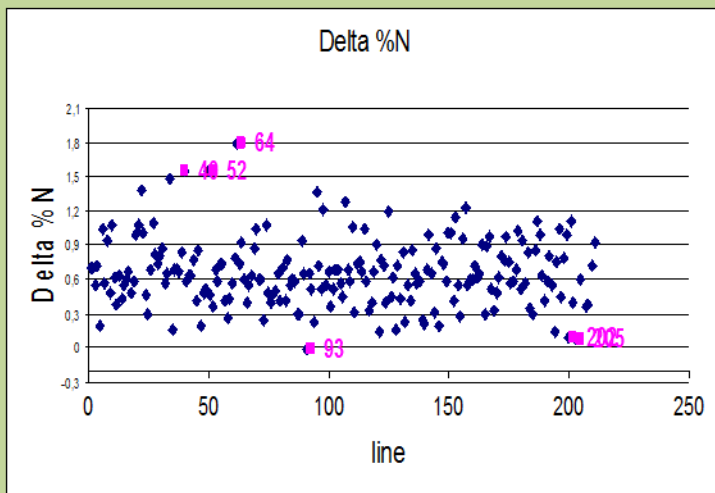


# Canopy longevity as a target

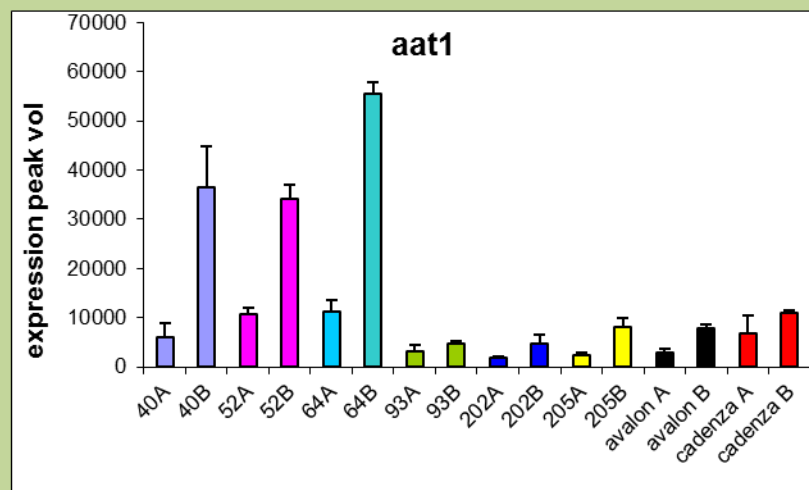
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## Wheat amino acid transporter TaAAT1 expression in leaf 2 of AxC double haploid lines (field grown) differing in their N-remobilisation capacity



Lines 40, 52 and 64 with a high delta N and lines 93, 202 and 205 with a low delta N (red dots). Delta N was measured on leaf 2 between anthesis and day 21.

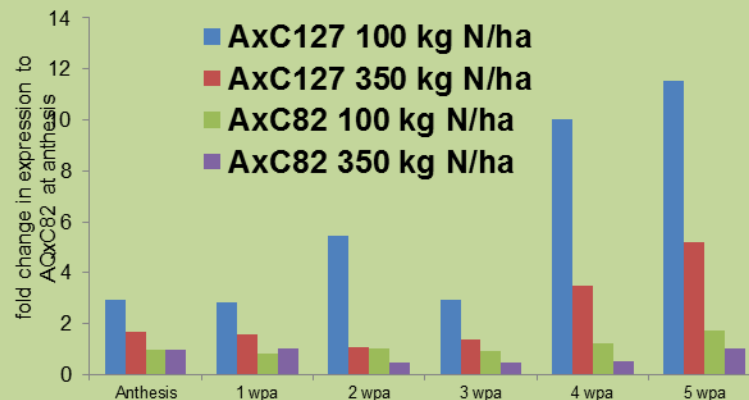


Positive correlation with increasing expression of TaAAT1 in AxC lines with high leaf 2 N-remobilisation capacity 3 weeks post anthesis compared to low expression in AxC lines with low N-remobilisation capacity.

A = anthesis; B = 3 wpa)

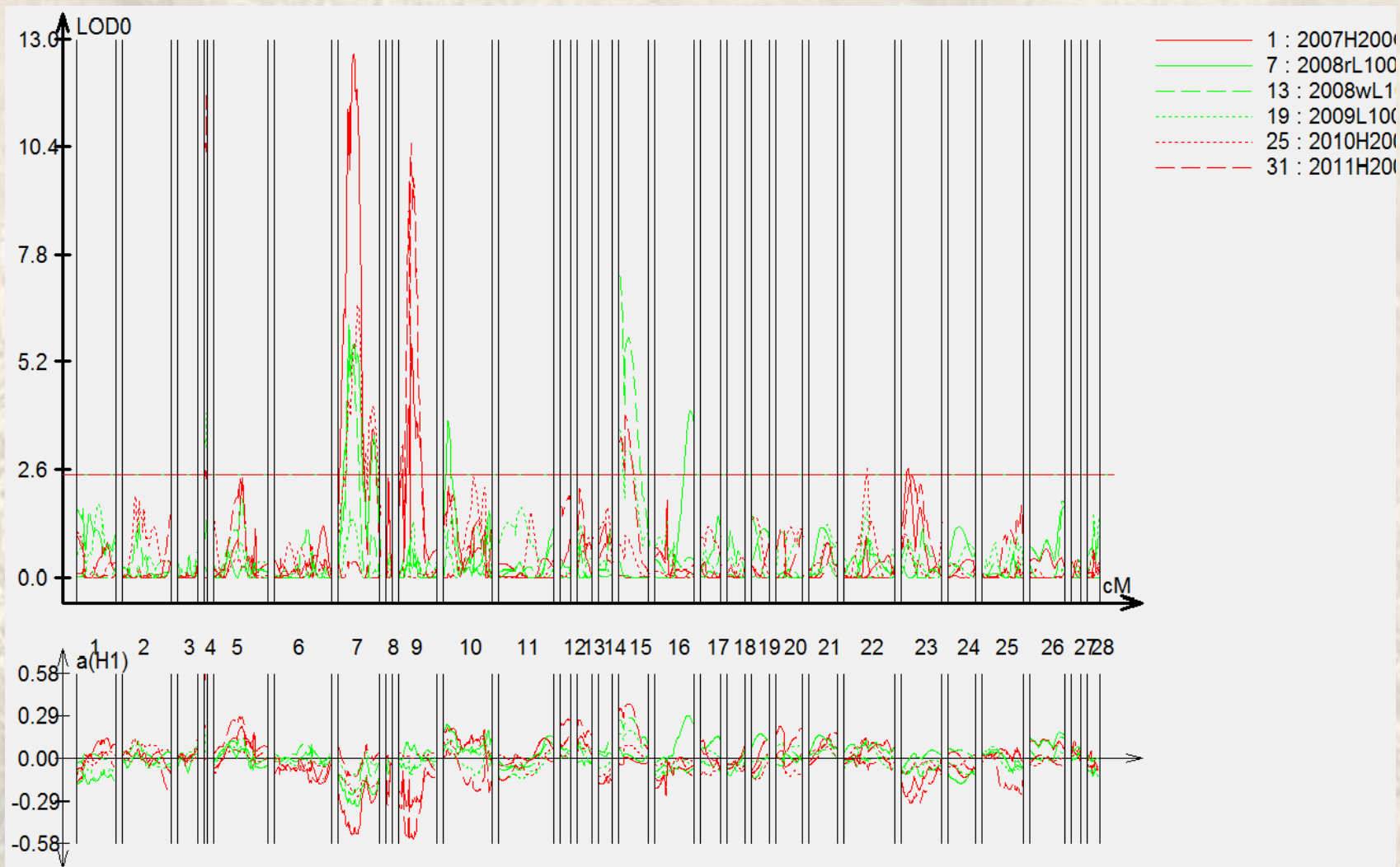
## Field experiment (WGIN)

AxC lines 127 and 82 are characterised by early N export (127) compared to slow export (82). The lines were grown in the field under different nitrate fertilization (0, 100, 200, 350 kg/ha N). With anthesis leaf 2 were harvested every week until 5 weeks post-anthesis (wpa) and gene expression studies were performed.

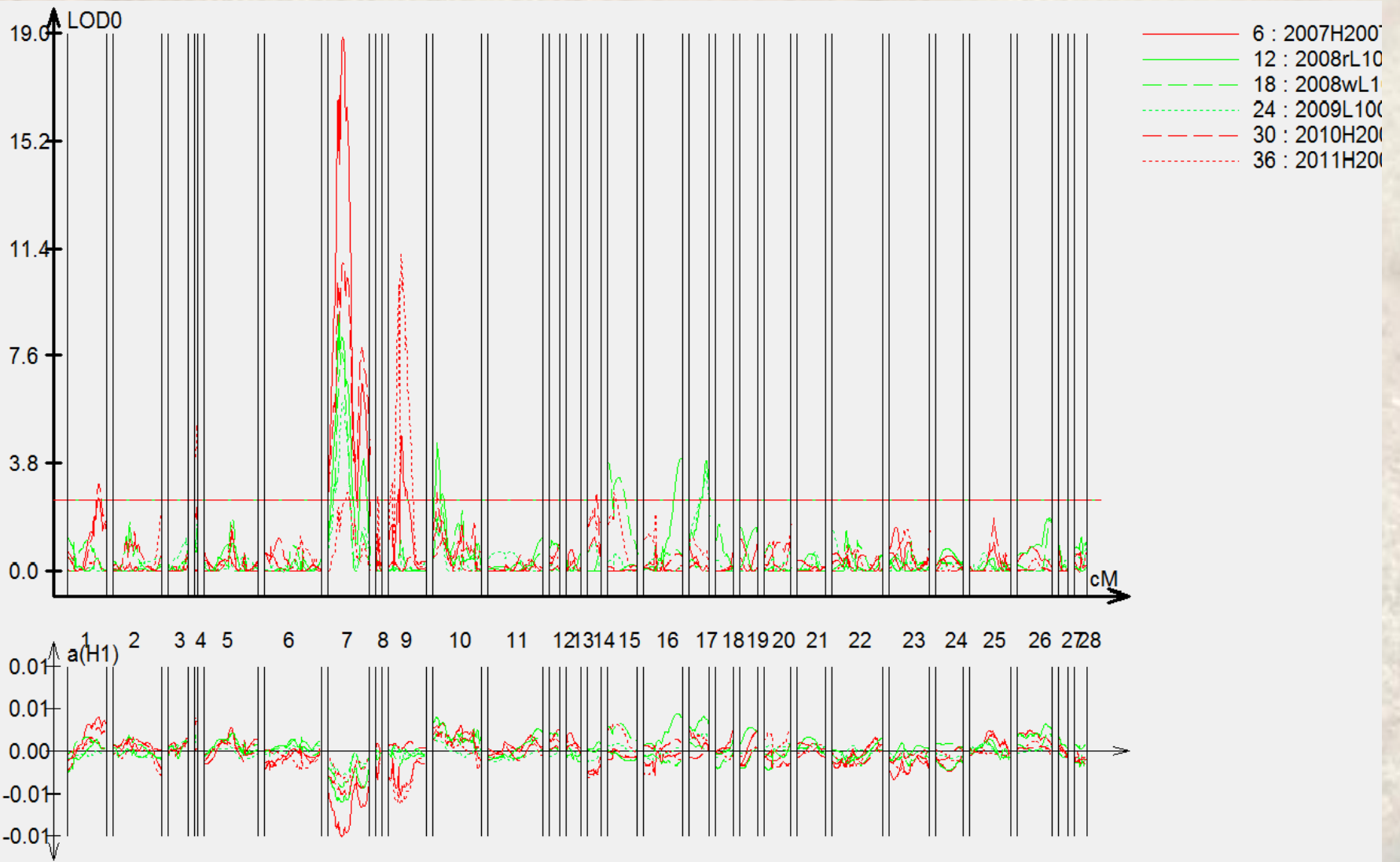


Under field conditions insufficient N-fertilization (100 kg N/ha) results already in an up-regulation of TaAAT1 gene expression in leaf 2 of AxC line 127 which further increases with more N-demand during remobilisation/grain filling compared to high 350 kg N/ha which shows only a small increase with ongoing senescence. There is a positive correlation of TaAAT1 expression to the early N export capacity of AxC line 127 compared to the much reduced TaAAT1 gene expression in the slow N exporter line AxC line 82 especially with increasing senescence.

# Grain yield

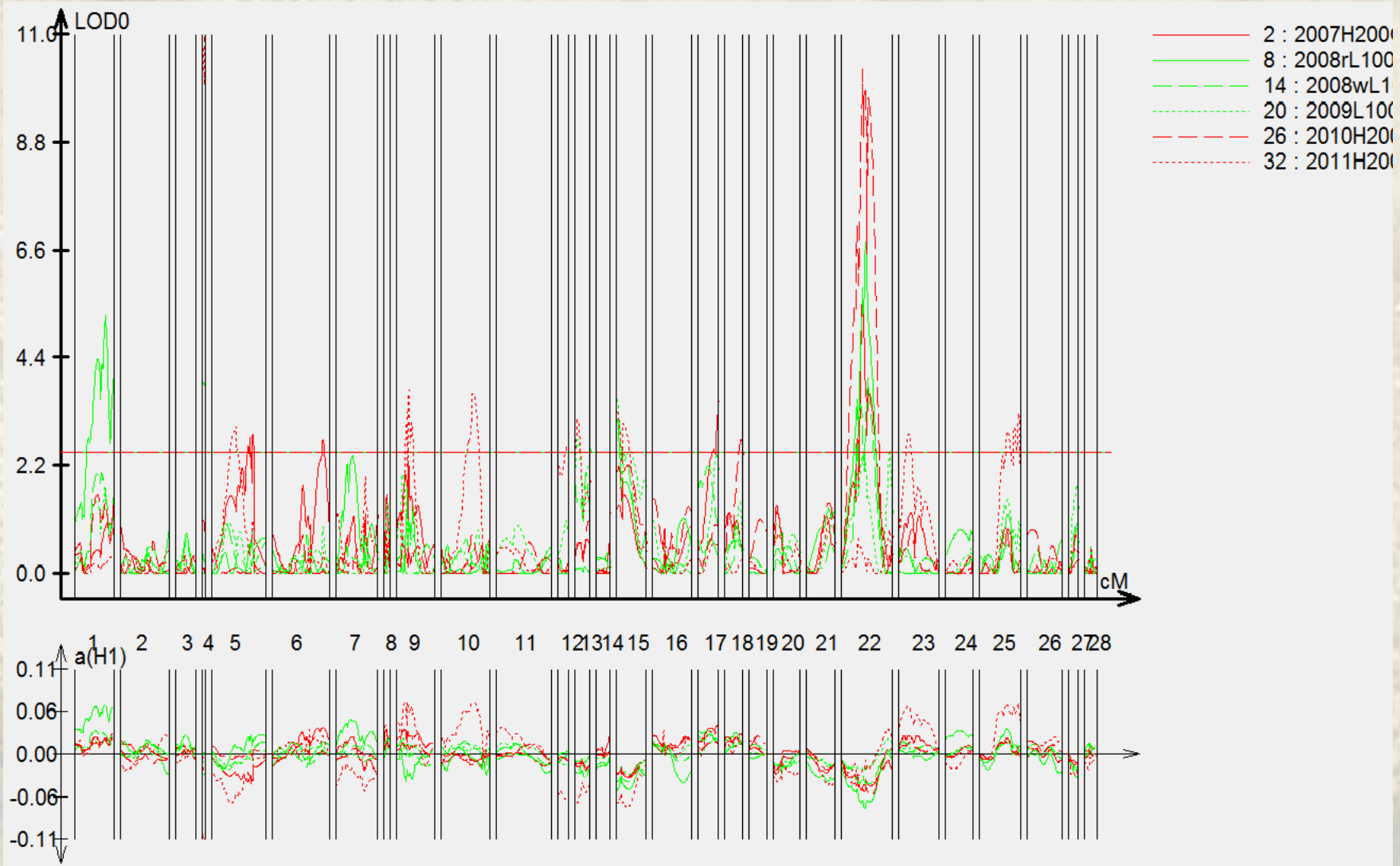


# Total N





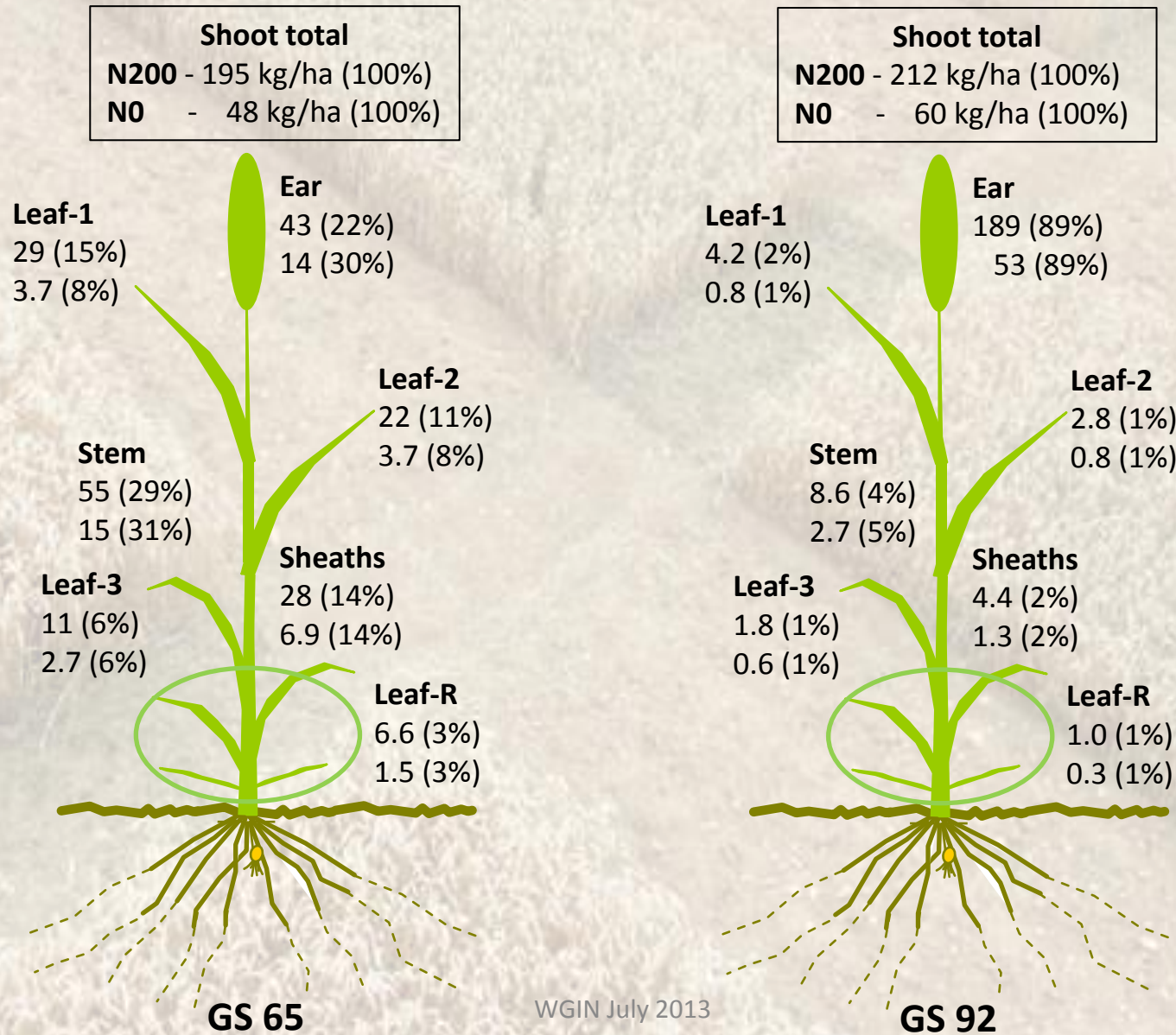
# Grain %N



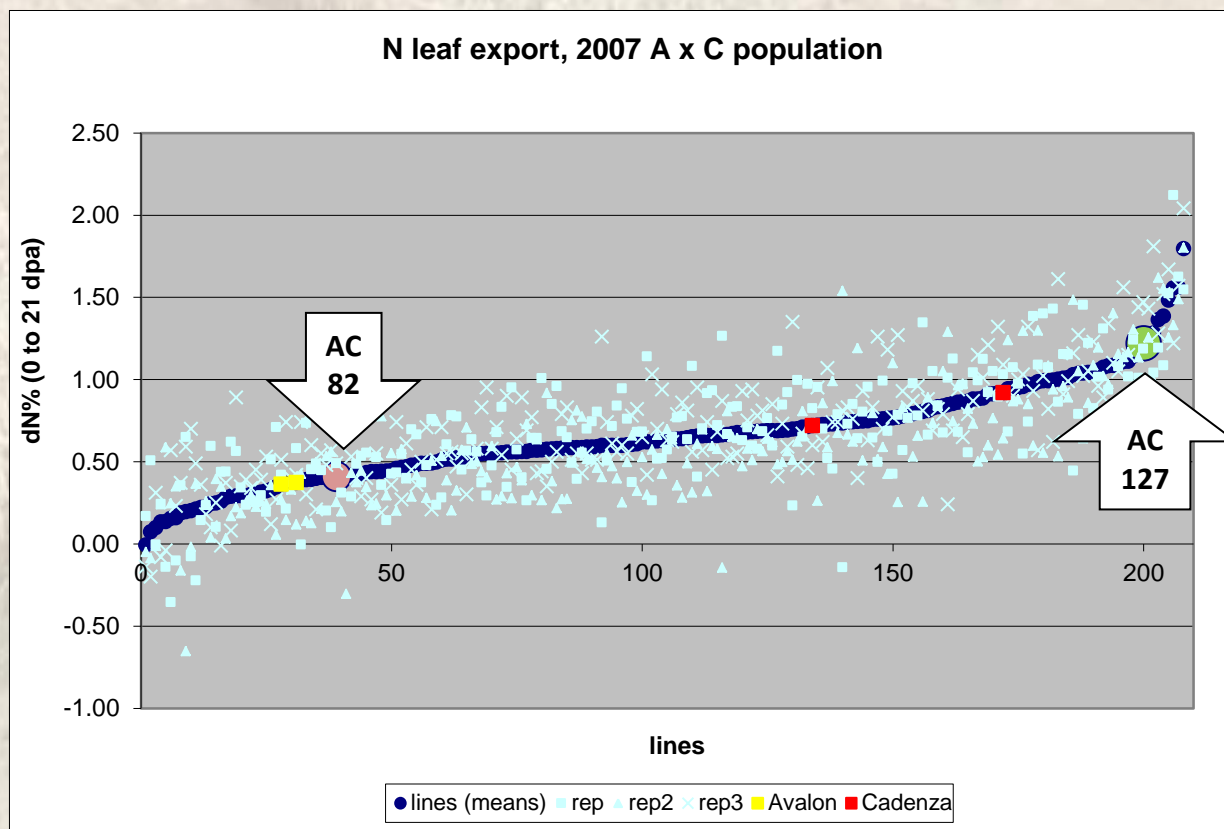
# WGIN Diversity harvesting DH line 127 (D5) and line 82 (D6)



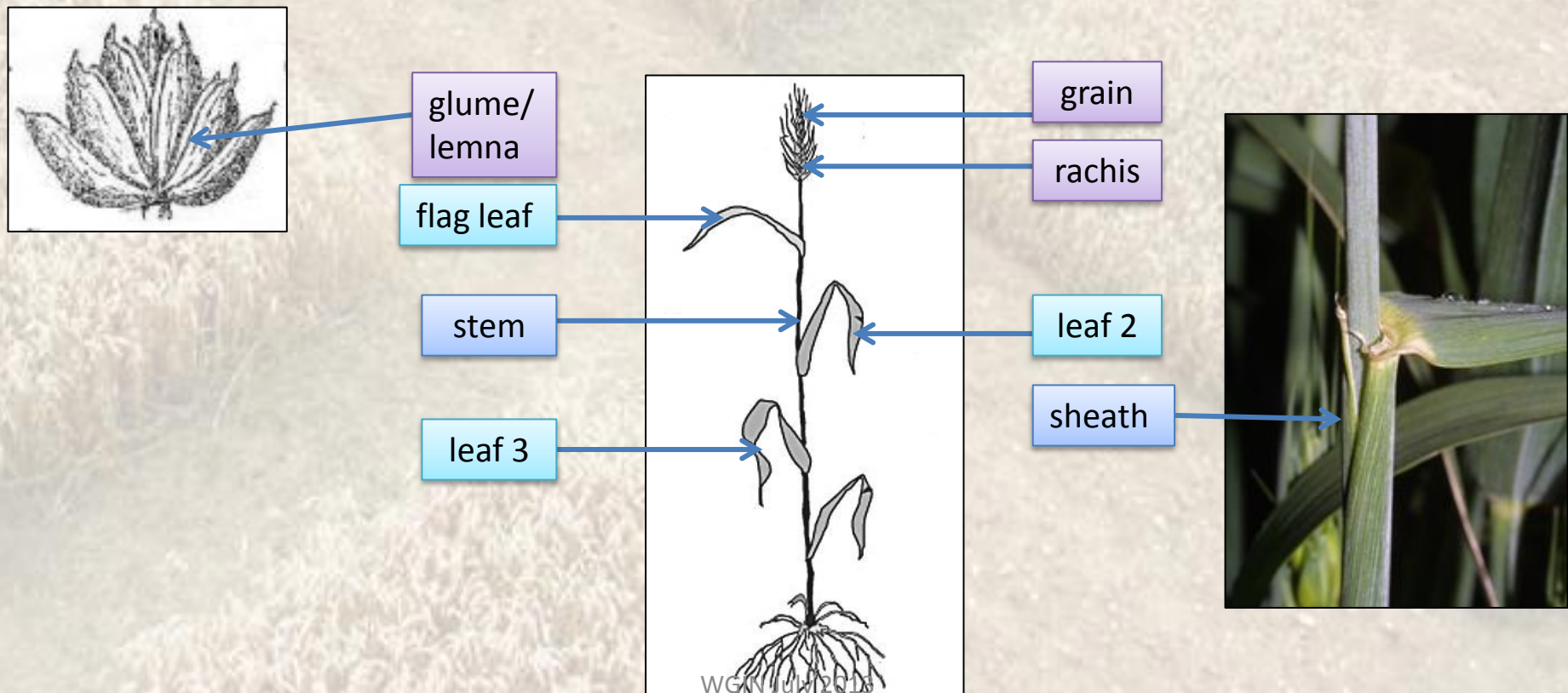
# N distribution in wheat main-stems at flowering and maturity



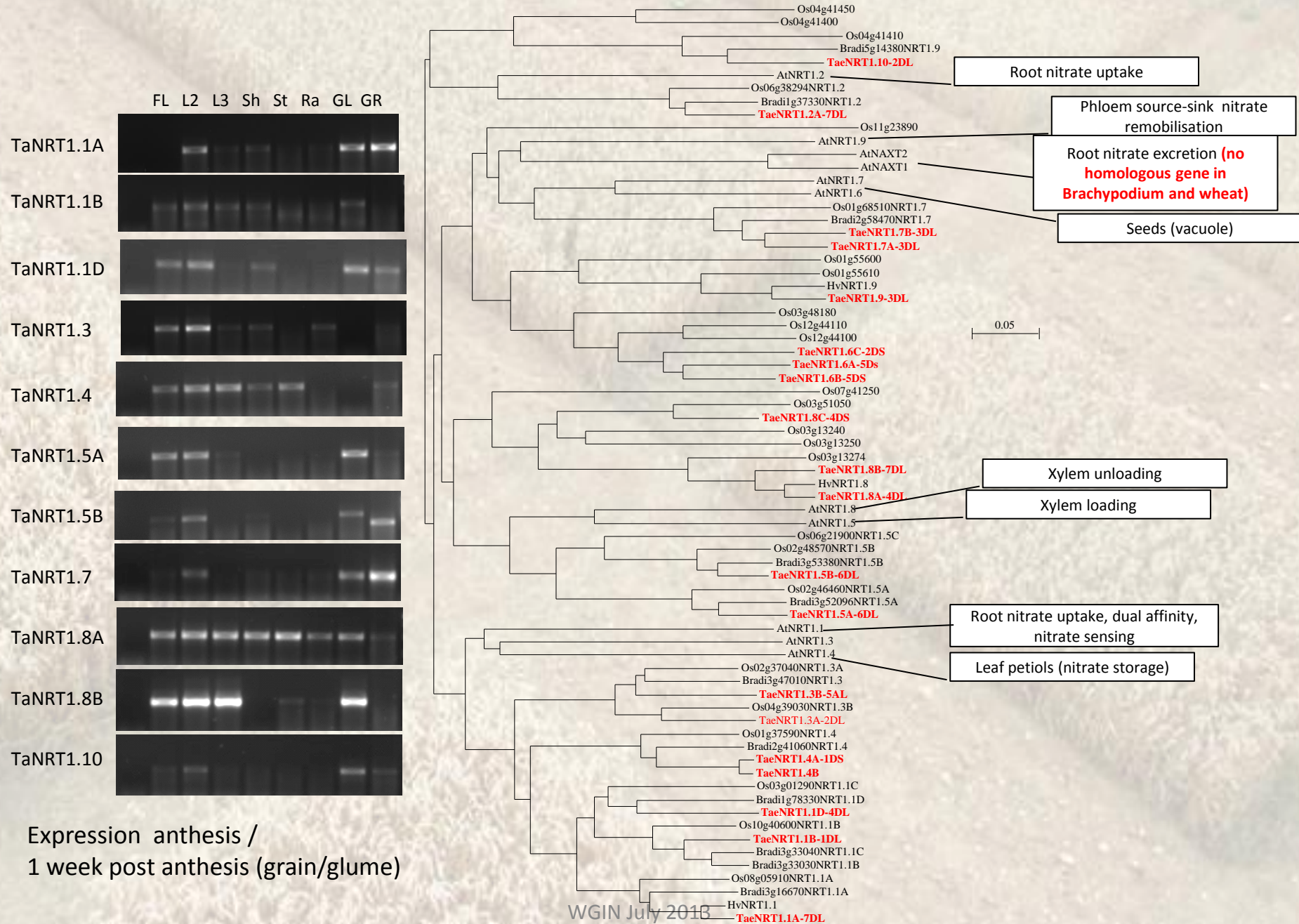
Double haploid lines 127 and line 82 were chosen from a Avalon/Cadenza double haploid mapping population because of their contrast characteristics in relation N leaf export (data 2007: early versus late leaf N-export).



- Already observed differential expression of specific target genes in the A xC lines 127 and 82 in leaves post anthesis
- In 2012 different tissues will be harvested at anthesis and weekly post-anthesis until complete senescence
- Extensive gene expression analysis of the different tissues will be performed to identify candidate genes involved in N-distribution and remobilisation in relation to post-anthesis grain N-filling.



# Wheat low affinity Nitrate transporter in comparison to Barley, Brachypodium and Arabidopsis



# 2012 varieties list (part 1)

Wheat varieties for WGIN-NUE 2010/11

W=WGIN data, D=desk study

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1. Avalon	Av	AV	1	WGIN DH parent; Low NupE & NutE (D)	PB, RG, MJH	05-10
2. Cadenza	Ca	CA	2	WGIN DH parent; Best NupE (W)	PB, RG, MJH	04-10
3. Chablis NEW 09/10	KWS		2	SPRING variety (previous grown in 2004 trial) as very N-MH responsive variety		only in 04 and 10
4. Claire NEW 2005	Nick	CL	3	Biggest area on RL; WGIN DH parent; <b>Good second wheat</b>	PB,PS	05-10
<b>5. Conqueror</b>	<b>KWS</b>	<b>CN</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>New Grp 4, very high yielding</b>	<b>MH</b>	<b>new</b>
6. Cordiale NEW 2006	KWS	CO	2	<b>Good second wheat. BBSRC Quality project</b>	RG	06-10
7. Crusoe NEW 10/11	Nick	CR	2	Carries dicoccoides. Shows the 'stay green' character		
8. Gallant NEW 09/10	Syn	GA	1	new claimed high yield and high protein type	MH	
<b>9. Hereford</b>	<b>Syn</b>	<b>HF</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Feed (not on RL), high yield, brown rust susceptible, KHK/RG possible low take-all build-up and good resistance.</b>		<b>new</b>
10. Hereward	RAGT	HE	1	Best protein on RL; benchmark bread variety. <b>BBSRC Quality project</b>	PB,PS	04-10
11. Istabraq NEW 2005	Nick	IS	4	Best yield on RL; Distilling cultivar; In LINK 'GREENgrain'; <b>Good second wheat. BBSRC Quality project. WUE trial</b>		05-10
12. Malacca	KWS	MA	1	Biggest Group 1 area; DH choice; Low NupE, high NutE (W). <b>BBSRC Quality project</b>		04-10
13. Marksman	RAGT	MK	2	new for 2009, PRS request for <b>BBSRC Quality project</b>		only 09 and 10

# 2012 varieties list (part 2)

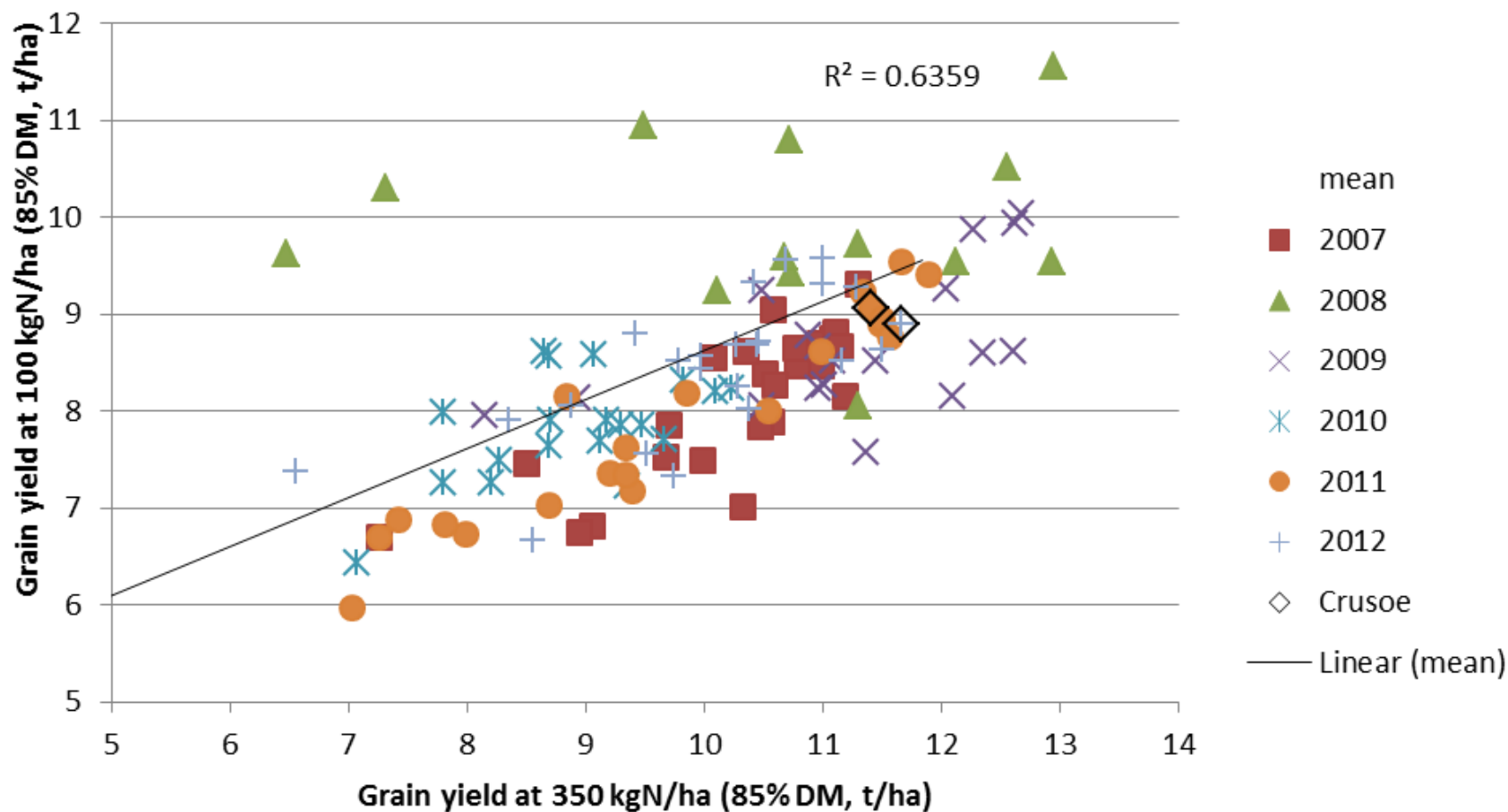
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15. Mercia		ME	1	Low NupE & NutE (desk); Low Canopy N requirement; In IGF micro-array. <a href="#">WUE trial</a> . RHT series	RG	04 and 06-10
16. Paragon	RAGT	PA	1	Spring variety; WGIN mutagenesis population; High NupE (W)	PB	04-10
17. Riband	RAGT	RI	3	WGIN DH parent; Distilling cultivar; In LINK 'GREENgrain'; High NutERG (W)		04-10
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24. AxC line 127		D5		new in 2009 - good early export from leaves	MJH	09/10/
25. AxC line 82		D6		new in 2009 - slow early export from leaves	MJH	09/10/

Removed from trial: 2 A x C lines and Oakley

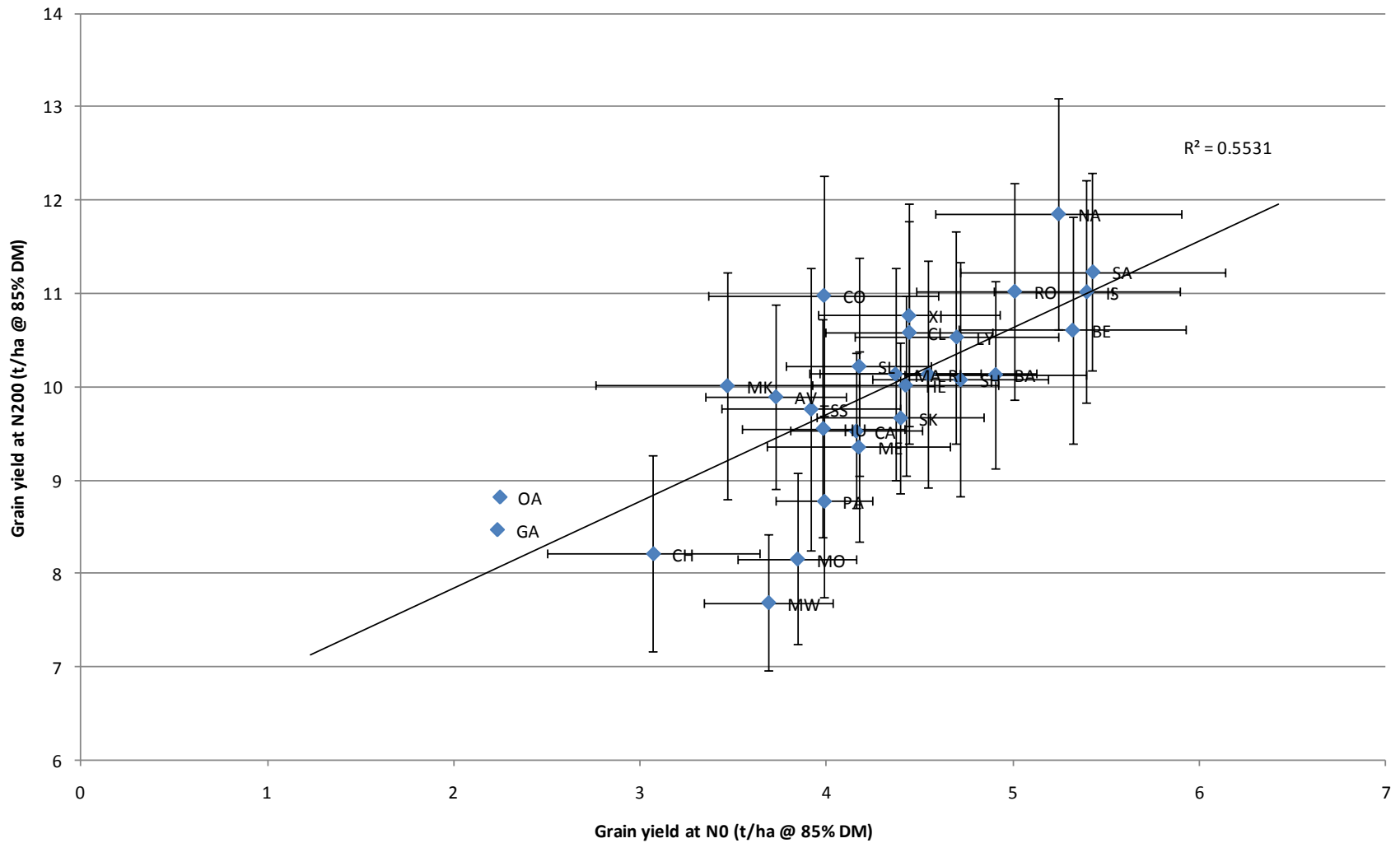


# WGIN Comparative low N v high N performance (2007-12)

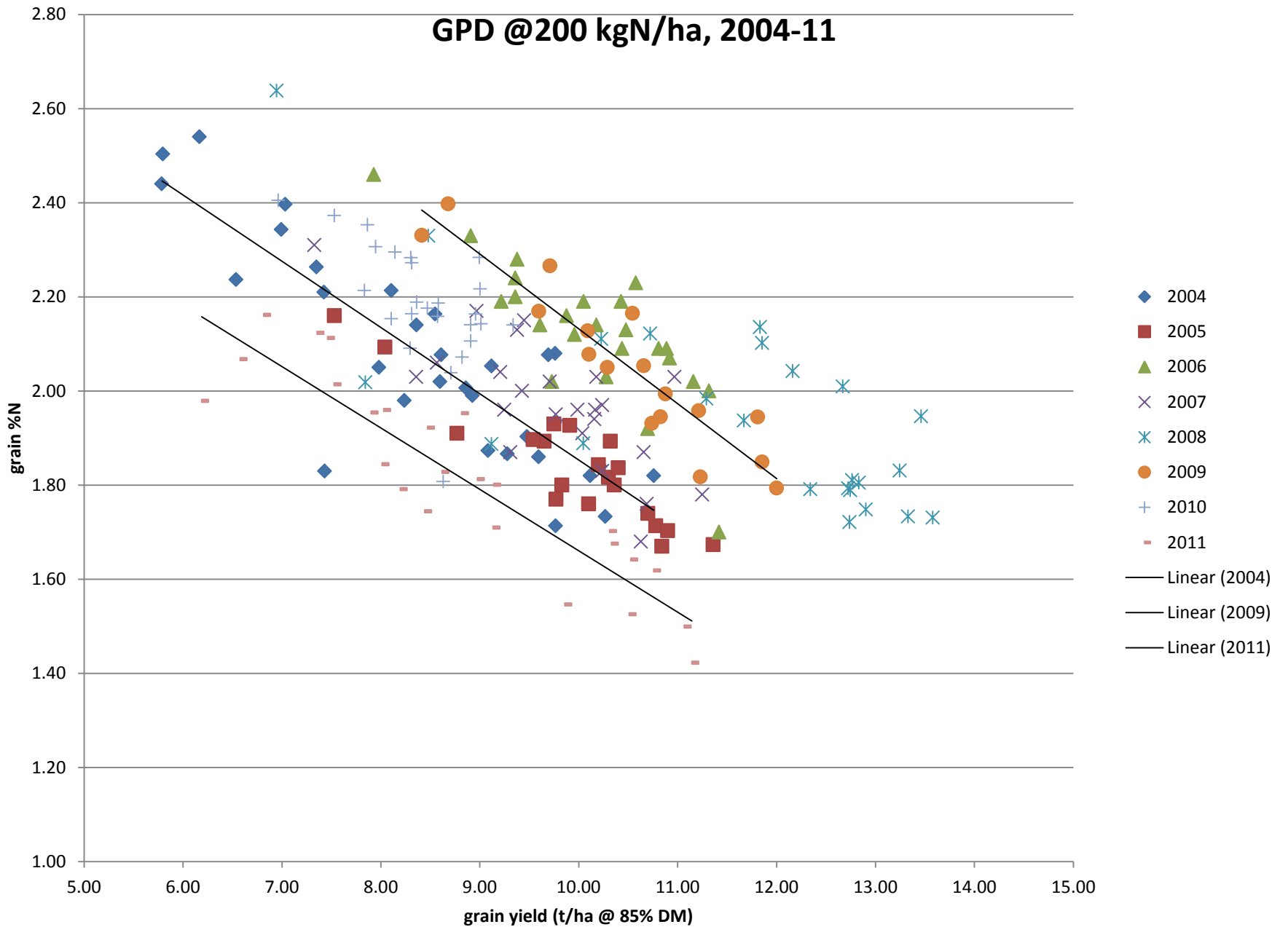


# Performance at N200 compared to N0

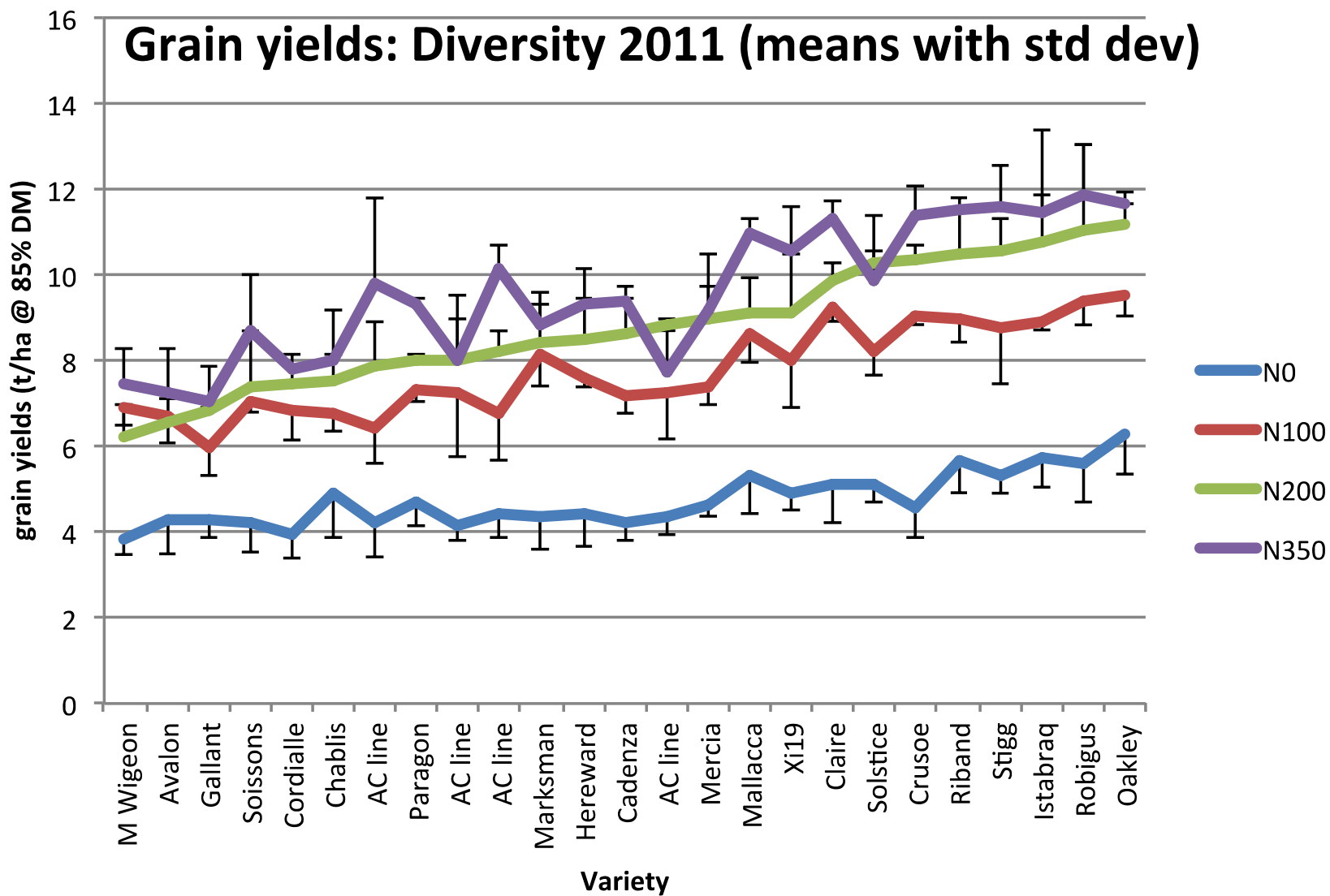
Mean grain yields, WGIN 2004-10 data except single 2004 datapoints



# GPD @200 kgN/ha, 2004-11



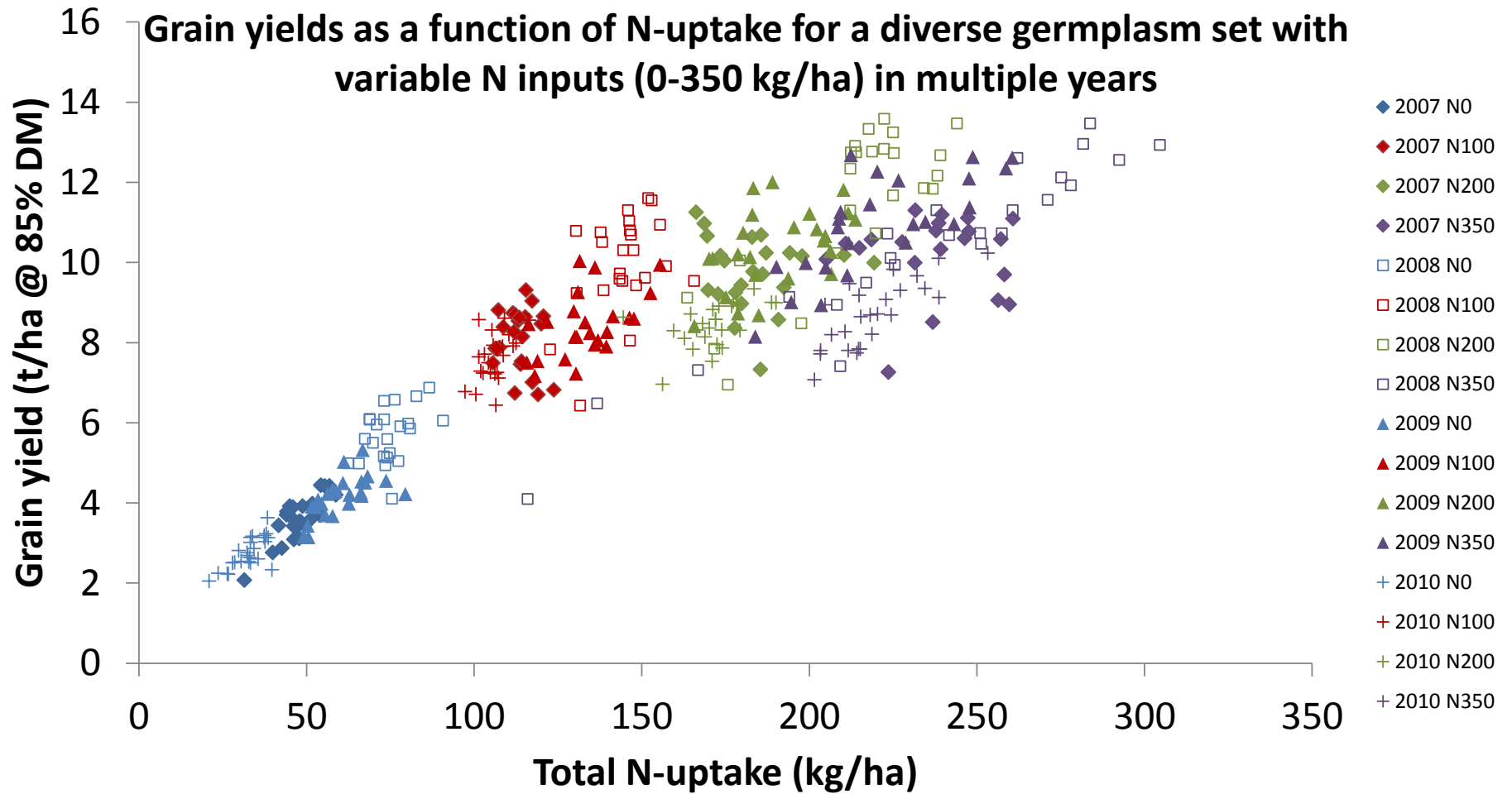
# Grain yields: Diversity 2011 (means with std dev)





# Avalon x Cadenza 2011





# Diversity Trial 2011

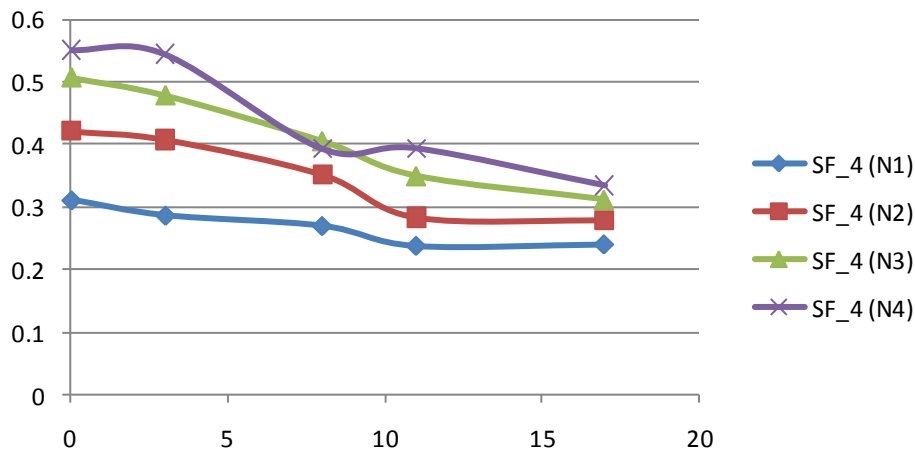


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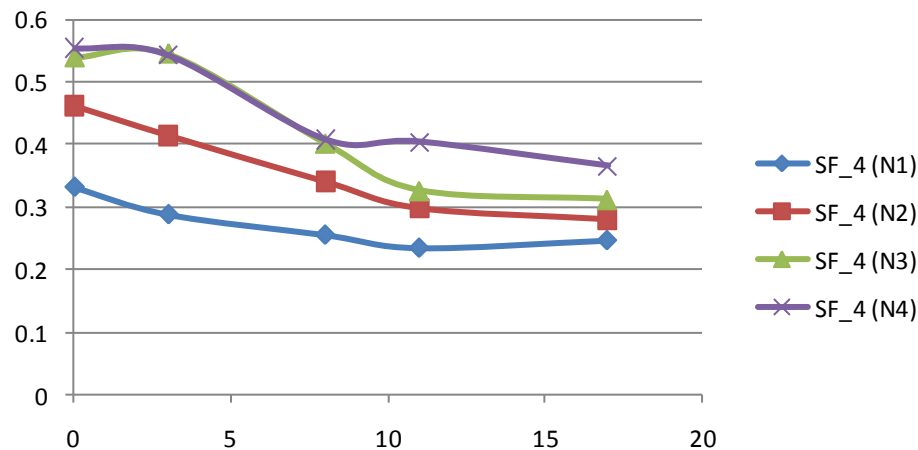


# CropCircle (Holland Scientific), WGIN Diversity 2011

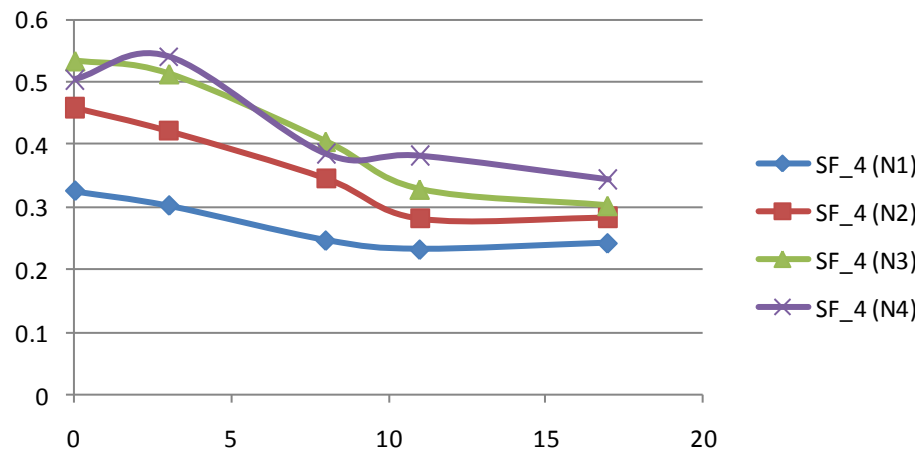
## ACline 112 Slow senescence



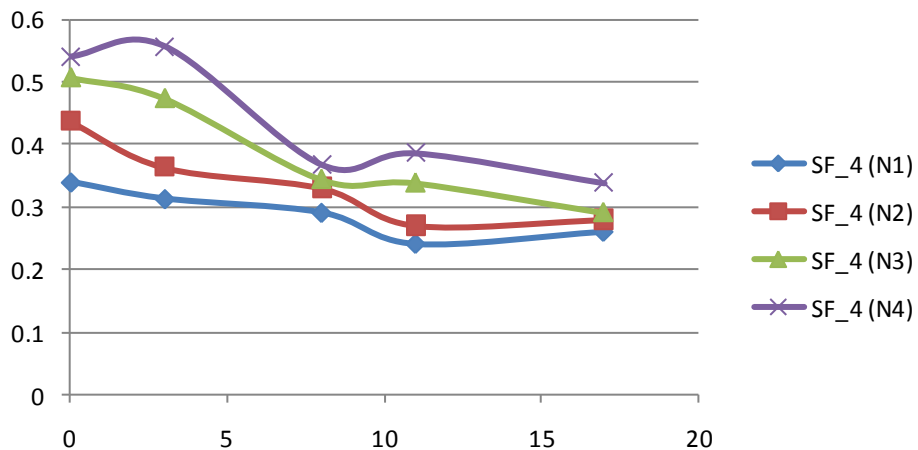
## ACline 82 Late exporter

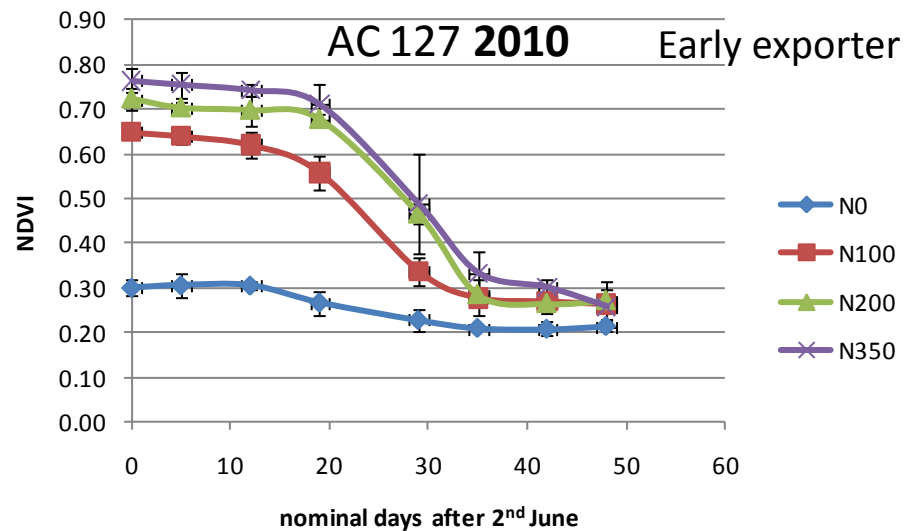
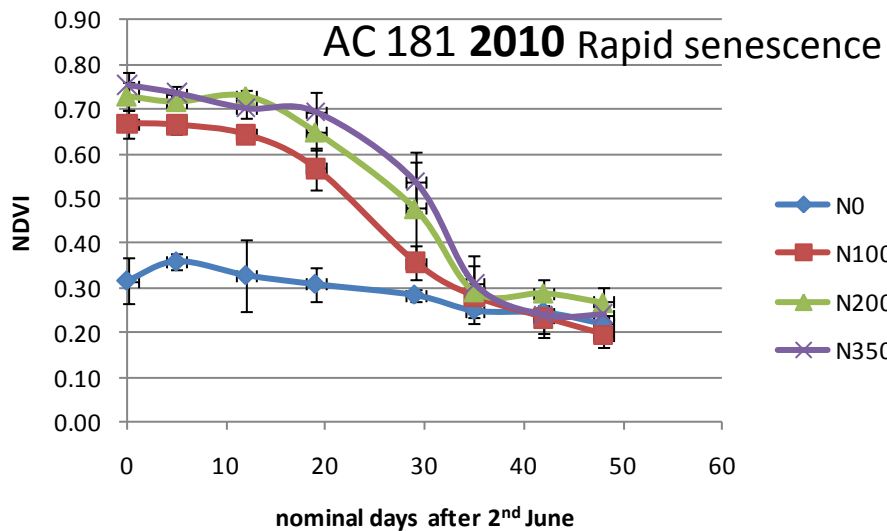
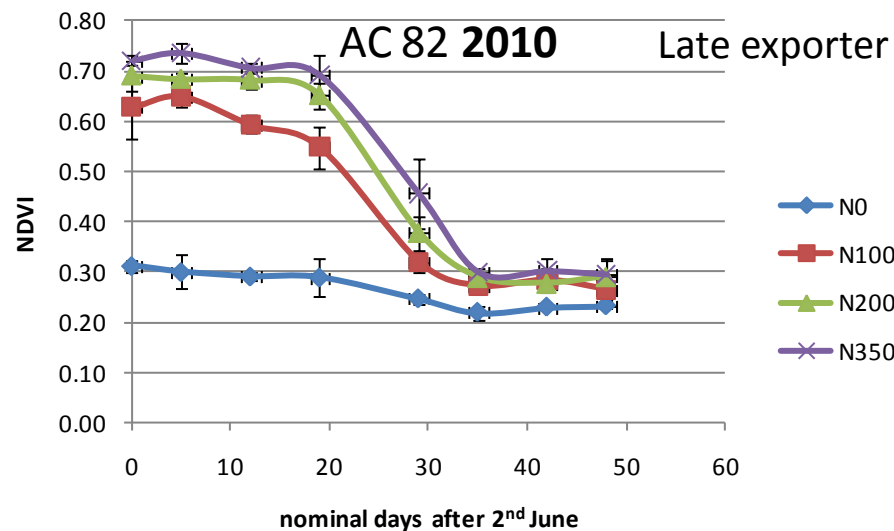
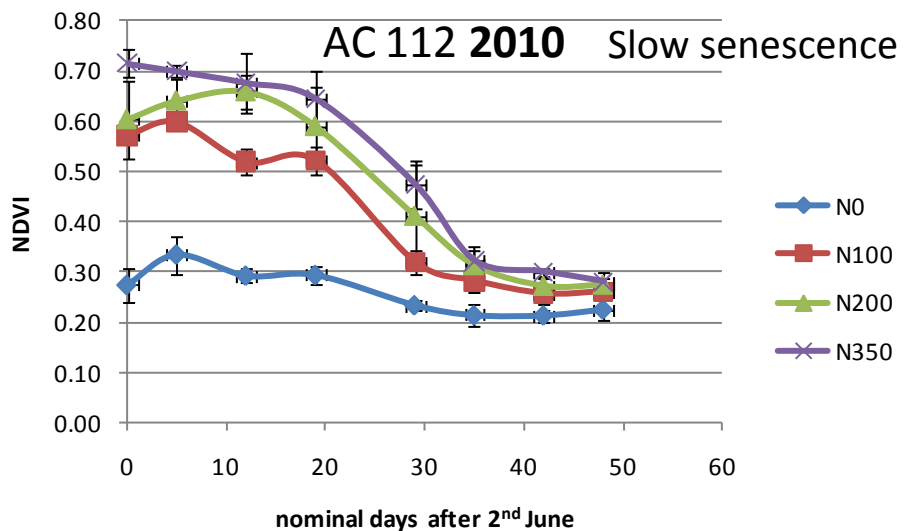


## ACline 181 Rapid senescence

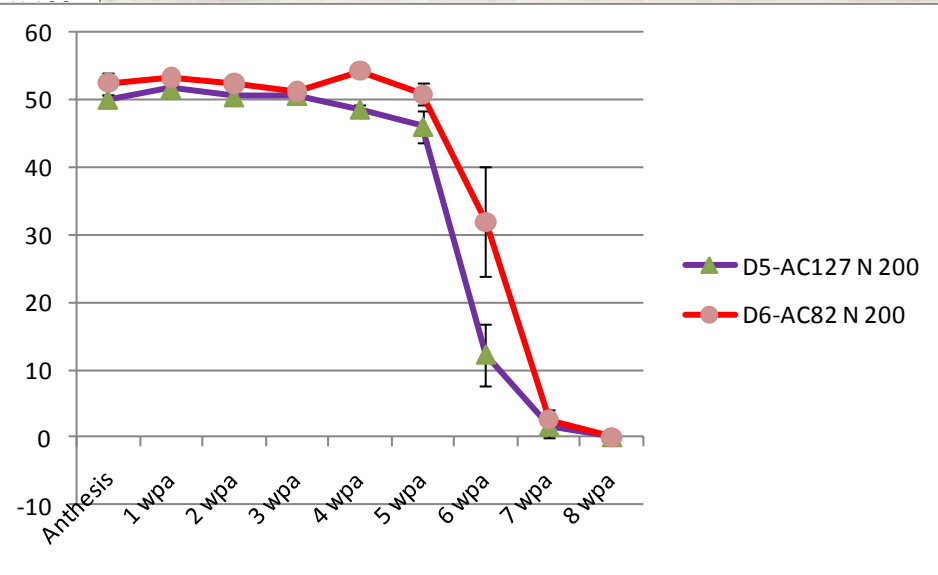
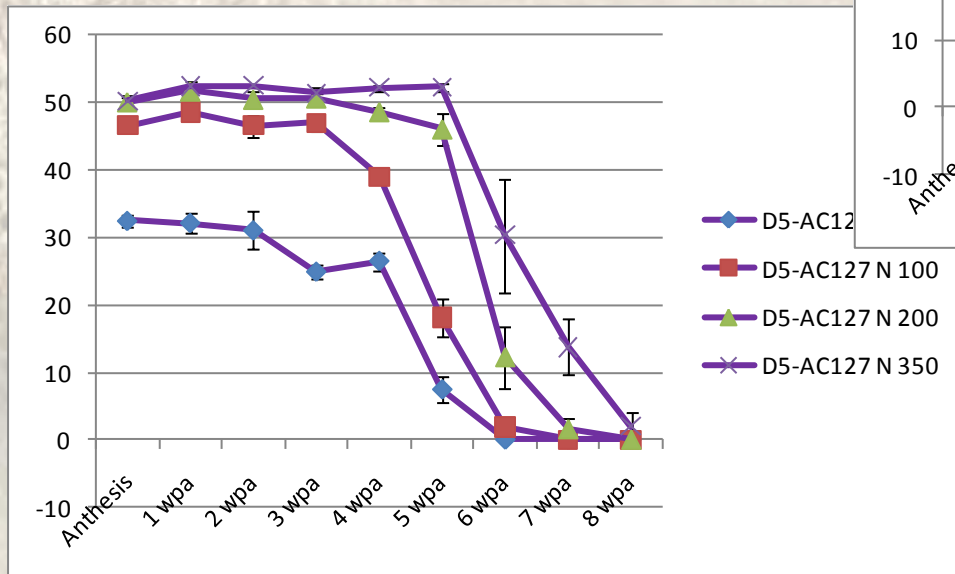
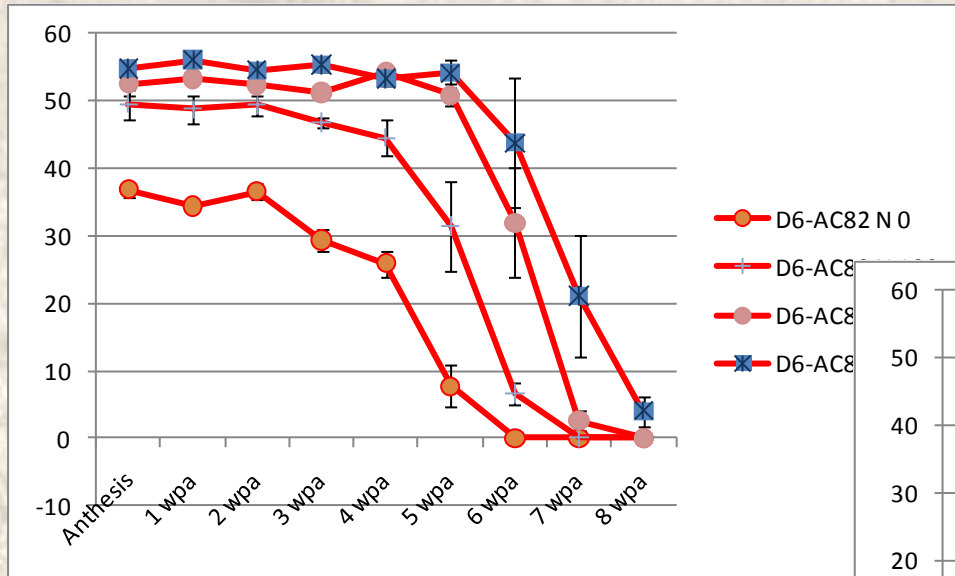


## ACline 127 Early exporter





# Spad data 2011 WGIN Diversity



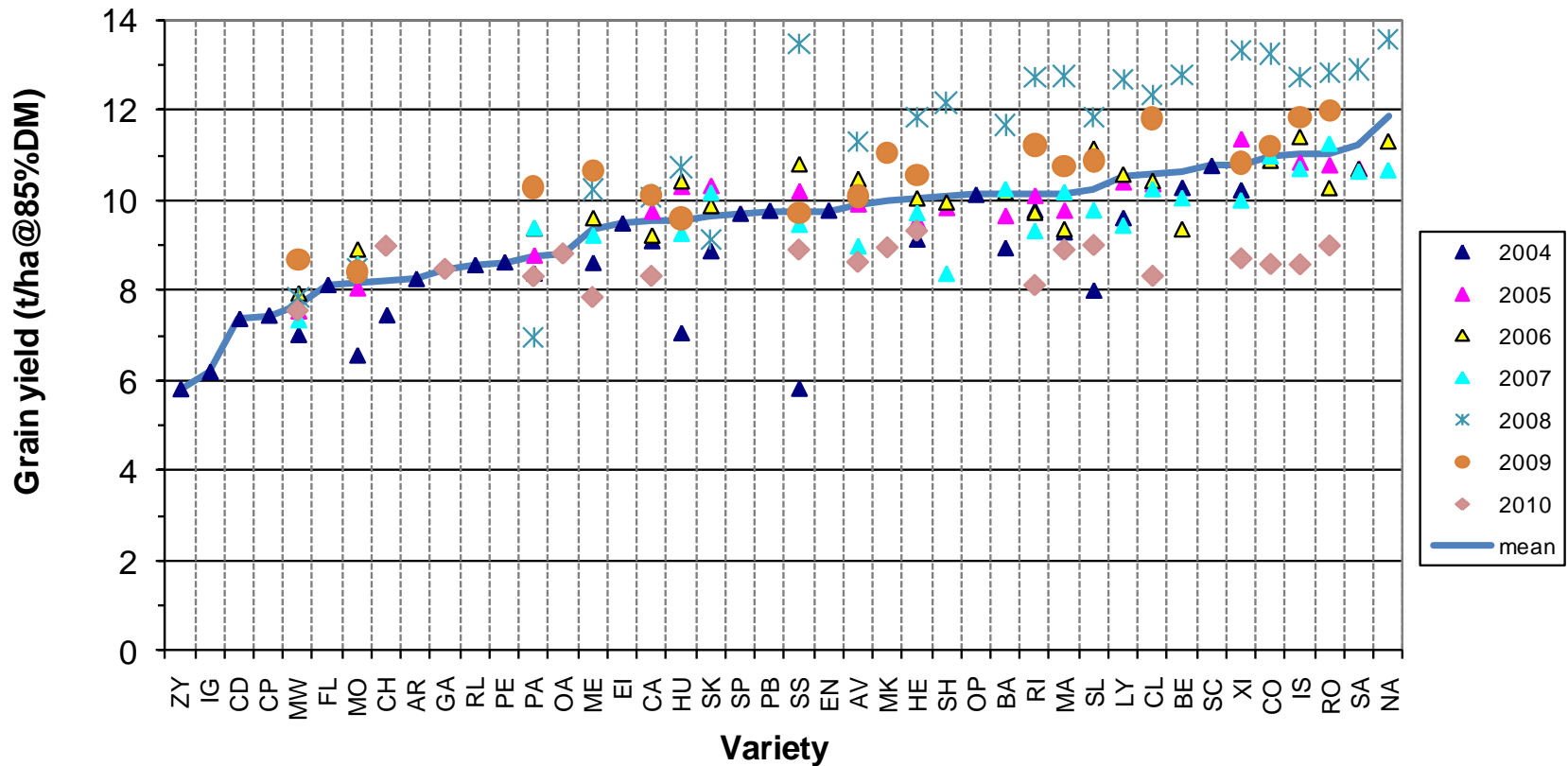
# Why nitrogen?

- Required for yield
- Required for protein
- Costs – financial/environmental
- Low efficiency on worldwide scale but higher in UK
- Management and genetic components



# Stability

Rothamsted WGIN-N200 Combine Grain Yield (2004-10)



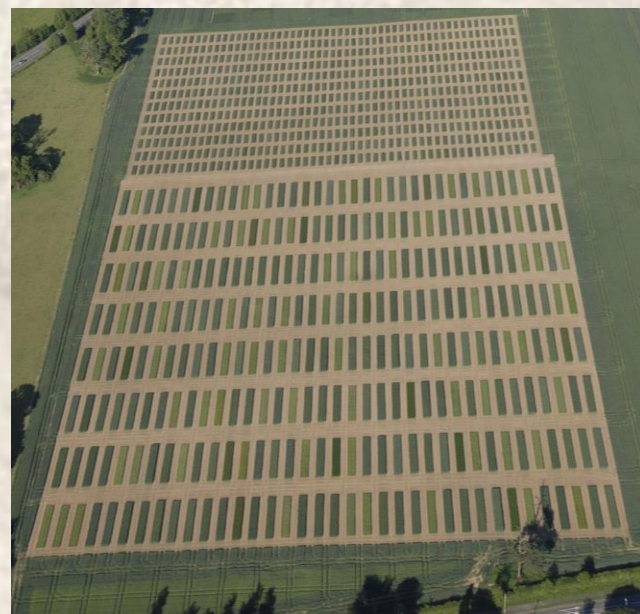
# WGIN NUE Objectives

- Define important NUE traits
- Identify and evaluate diversity
- Determine mechanisms
- Provide leads for markers and genes
- Examine trait stability over multiple years
- Trials and basic datasets



# Approaches

- Modern commercial germplasm (Diversity) and mapping population (Avalon x Cadenza) trials
- Assessment of trial diversity in the field
- Identify QTL

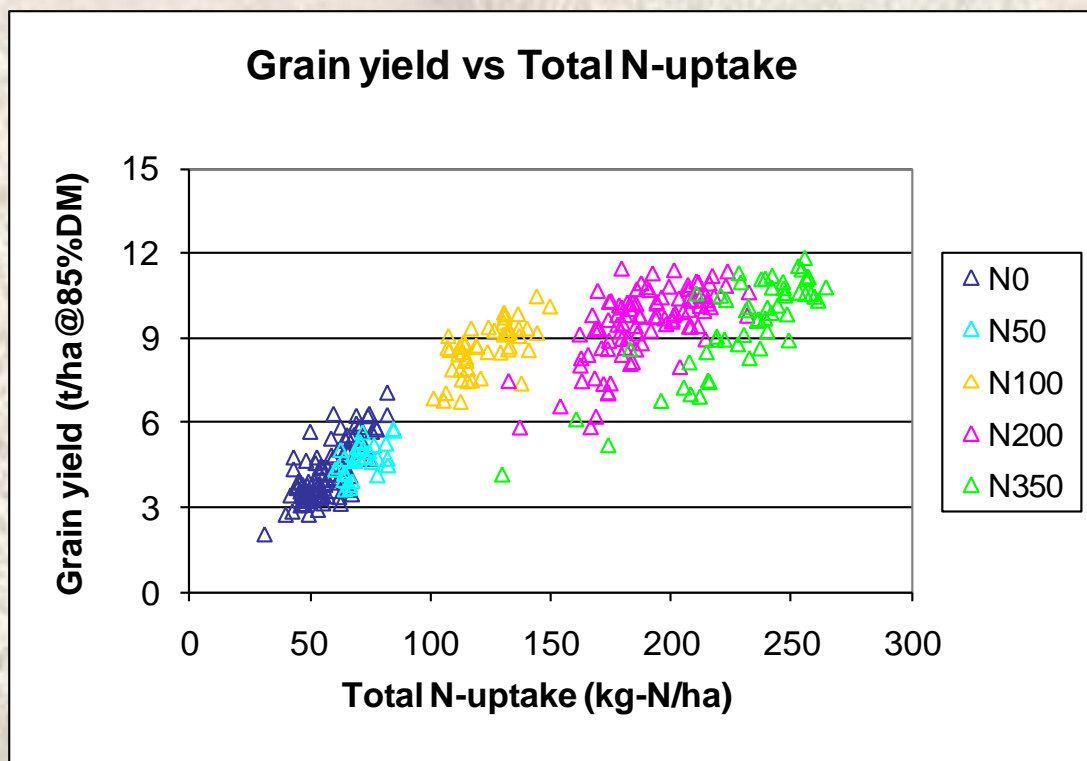


# Example results

- Trait performance rankings
- Stability
- Yield plateauing
- Performance at low compared to high N input
- qtls



# Grain yield plateau



(mean data 2004-07)

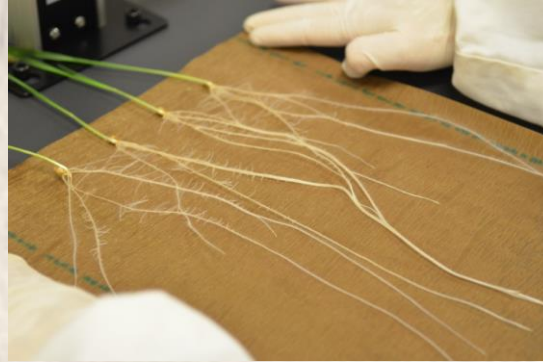
- Grain yield less strongly related to N uptake
- Plateau of yield although uptake increases with increasing N supply
- Cluster (no relationship between yield and uptake) at any one N supply both between treatments and between varieties
- Factors other than uptake limiting yield

# Avalon x Cadenza mapping population

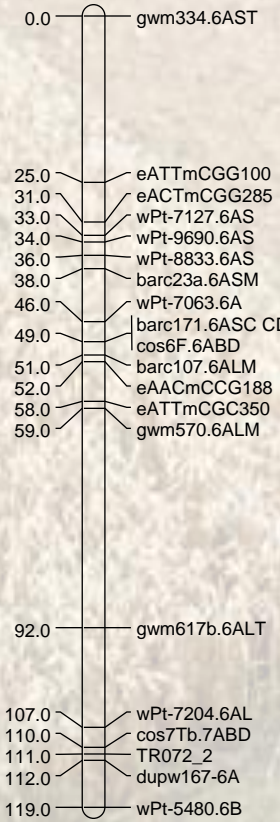
- Traits for NUE – grain/straw yields/N uptake
- High and low N inputs
- Multiple years
- Analysis of post anthesis canopy dynamics and function
- Assessment of variability in uptake capabilities



# Variation in root traits: mapping QTLs



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Total Root Length

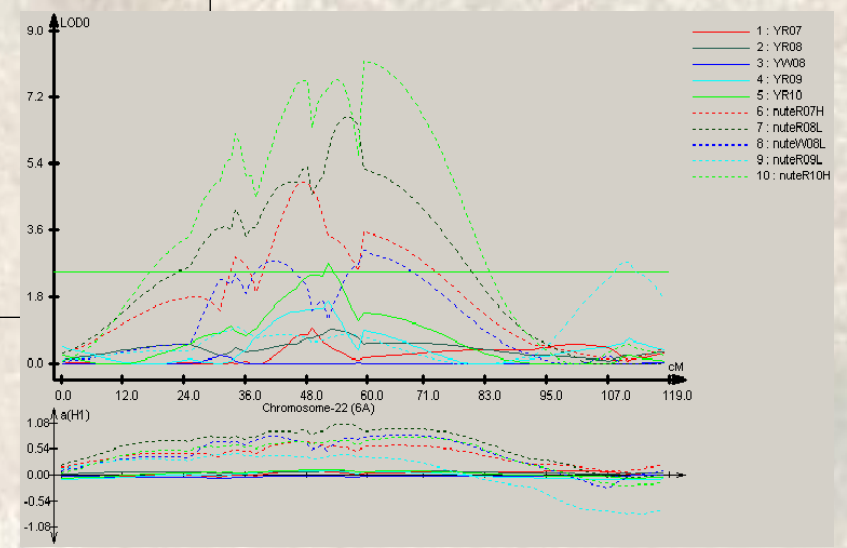
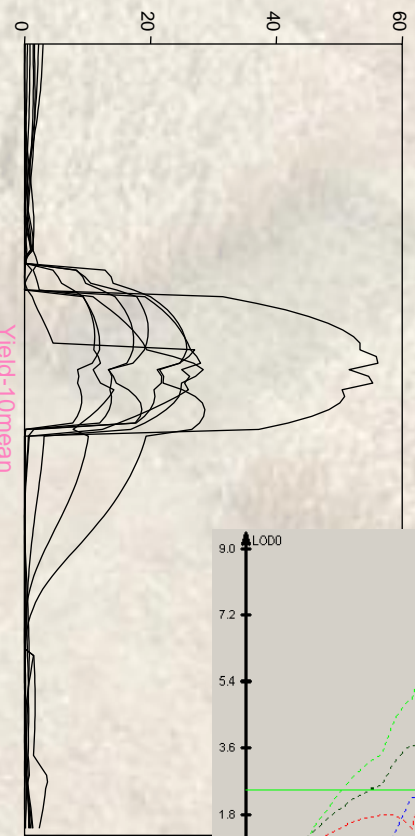
Lateral root Length

Main root Length

Height

2010TGW

Yield-10mean



# 2011 varieties list (part 1)

Wheat varieties for WGIN-NUE 2010/11 W=WGIN data, D=desk study

Variety	Source	Code	Nabim	Rationale	inclusion in trial requested by	Previous years of trials (harvest year)
1. Avalon	Av	AV	1	WGIN DH parent; Low NupE & NutE (D)	PB, RG, MJH	05-10
2. Cadenza	Ca	CA	2	WGIN DH parent; Best NupE (W)	PB, RG, MJH	04-10
3. Chablis NEW 09/10	KWS		2	SPRING variety (previous grown in 2004 trial) as very N-responsiveMH variety		only in 04 and 10
4. Claire NEW 2005	Nick	CL	3	Biggest area on RL; WGIN DH parent; <b>Good second wheat</b>	PB,PS	05-10
5. Cordiale NEW 2006	KWS	CO	2	<b>Good second wheat. BBSRC Quality project</b>	RG	06-10
6. Crusoe NEW 10/11	Nick	CR	2	Carries dicocoides. Shows the 'stay green' character		
7. Gallant NEW 09/10	Syn	GA	1	new claimed high yield and high protein type	MH	
8. Hereward	RAGT	HE	1	Best protein on RL; benchmark bread variety. <b>BBSRC Quality project</b>	PB,PS	04-10
9. Istabraq NEW 2005	Nick	IS	4	Best yield on RL; Distilling cultivar; In LINK 'GREENgrain'; <b>Good second wheat. BBSRC Quality project. WUE trial</b>	PB,PS	05-10
10. Malacca	KWS	MA	1	Biggest Group 1 area; DH choice; Low NupE, high NutE (W). <b>BBSRC Quality project</b>	PS	04-10
11. Marksman	RAGT	MK	2	new for 2009, PRS request for <b>BBSRC Quality project</b>		only 09 and 10
12. Maris Widgeon		MW	1	Tall (rht), old cultivar	PB, AM	04-10
13. Mercia		ME	1	Low NupE & NutE (desk); Low Canopy N requirement; In IGF micro-RG array. <b>WUE trial. RHT series</b>		04 and 06-10

# 2011 varieties list (part 2)

W=WGIN data, D=desk study

Variety	Source	Code	Nabim	Rationale	inclusion in trial requested by	Previous years of trials (harvest year)
14. Oakley NEW 09/10	KWS		4 (hard)	Hard milling type. Highest yielding wheat on RL.	MH	
15. Paragon	RAGT	PA	1	Spring variety; WGIN mutagenesis population; High NupE (W)	PB	04-10
16. Riband	RAGT	RI	3	WGIN DH parent; Distilling cultivar; In LINK 'GREENgrain'; High NutE (W)	RG	04-10
17. Robigus NEW 2005	KWS	RO	3	Best Group 3 yield; Best NUE, high NupE & NutE (D); <b>Good second wheat</b> . WUE trial	PB, AM	05-10
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					MJH	10/
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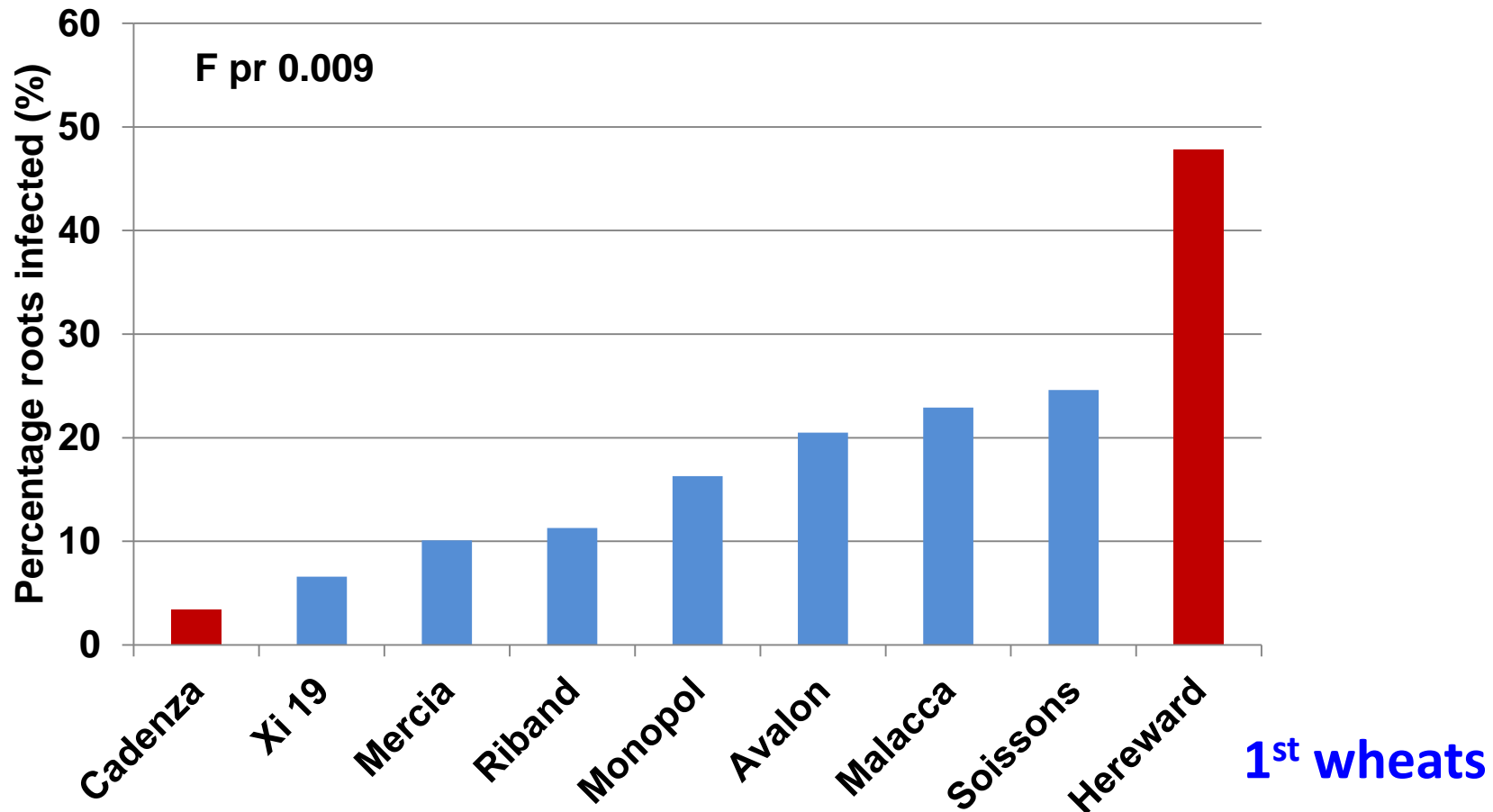
# Objective 10: Take-all disease Cultivar Rotation Trial Update

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# WGIN winter wheat soil core bioassay (4 year means)

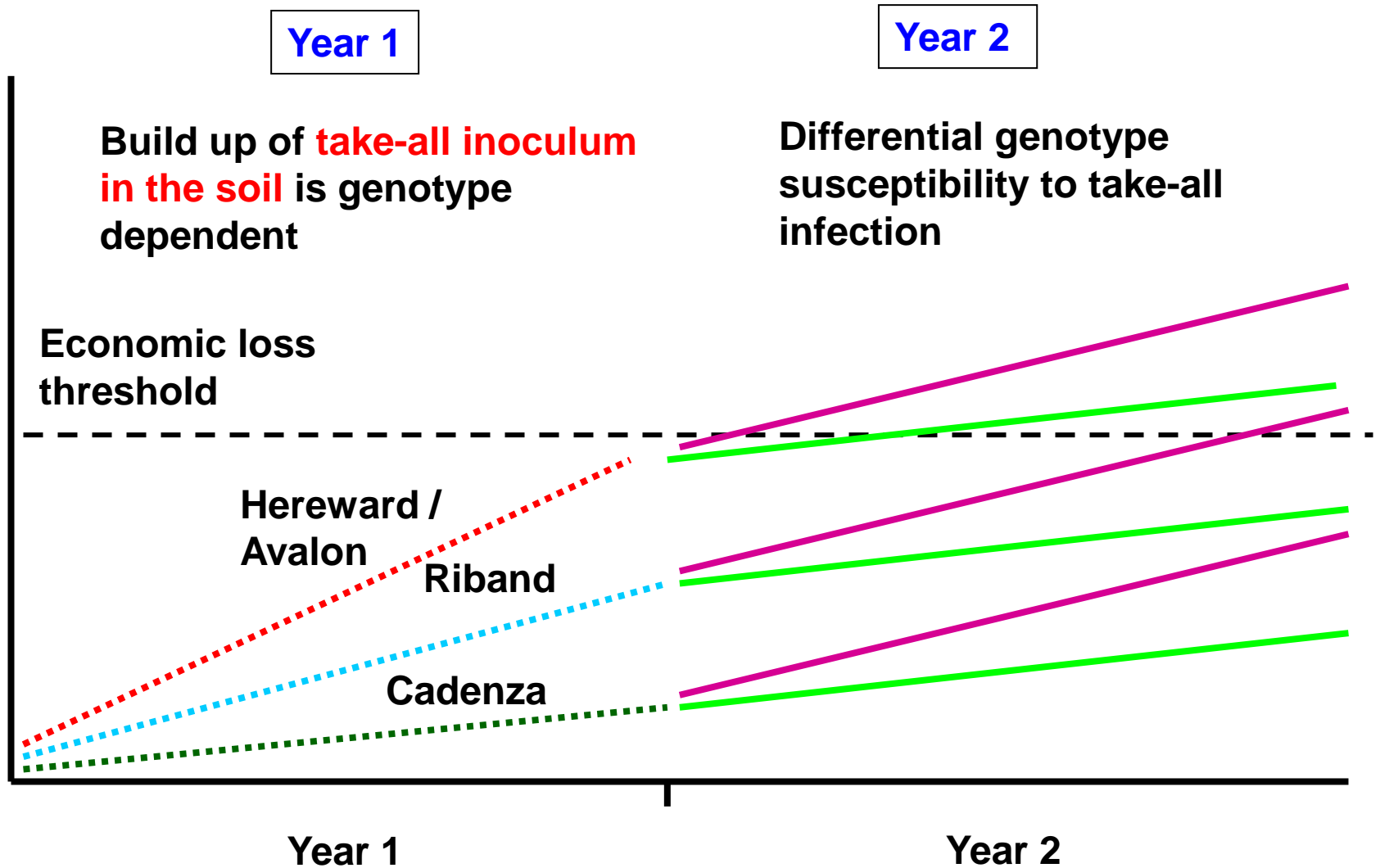
New trait is called **TAB** (T**A**ke-**A**ll inoculum **B**uild-up)





# Cultivar rotation trials

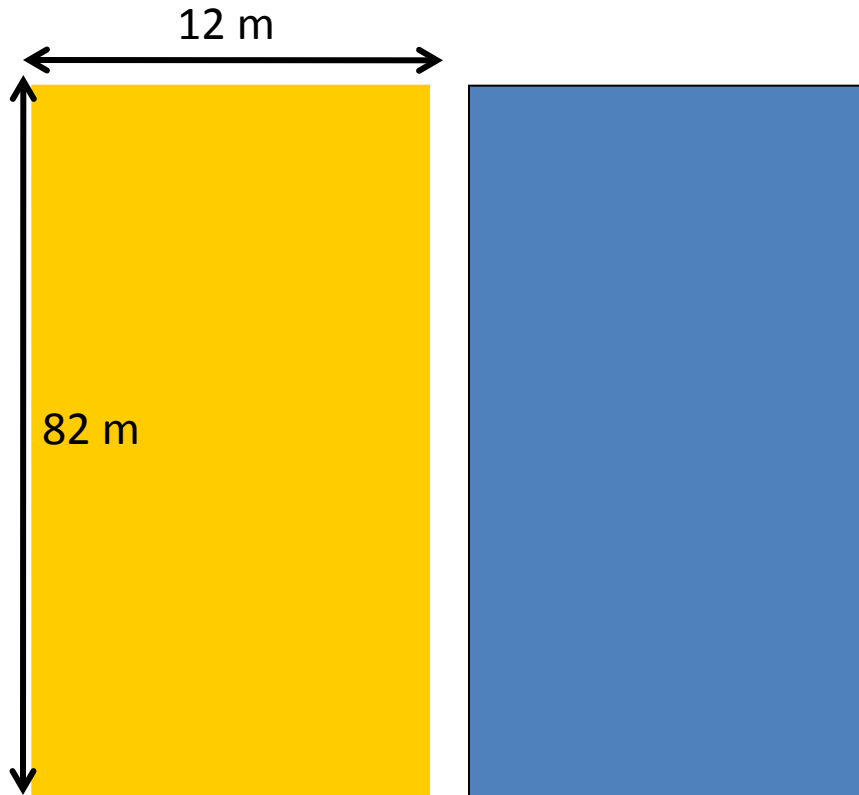
**Overall objective:** Explore the effect of sowing different sequences of cultivars on take-all disease pressure



# 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)

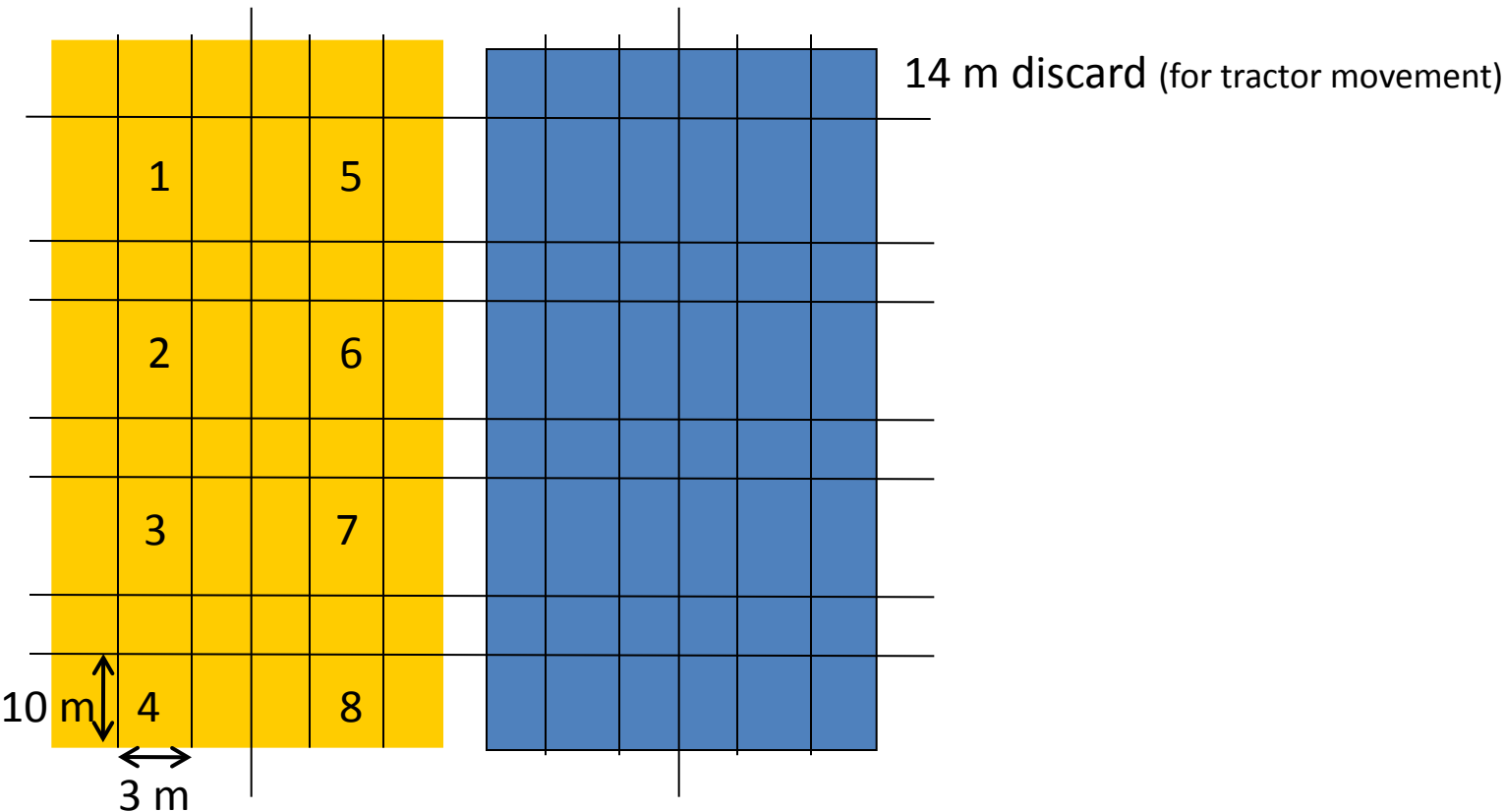


12m x 82m, of each variety  
4 replicates of each

# 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.

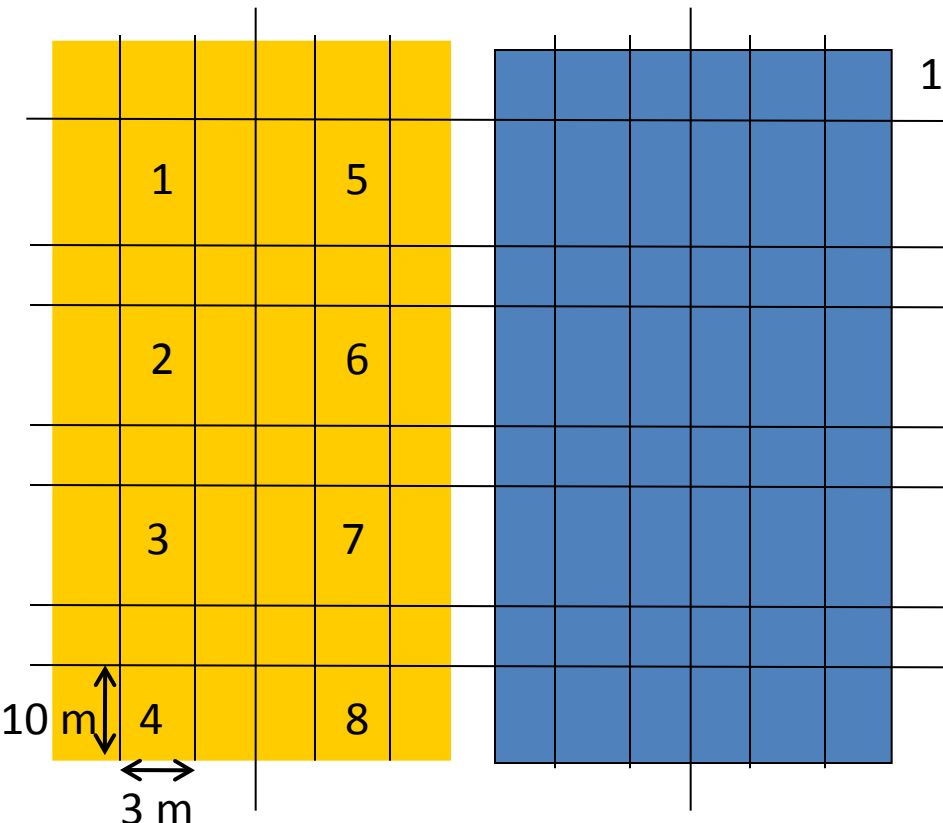


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# Cultivar rotation trials

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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.

Plan NOT drawn to scale

# 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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# Results Summary : Cultivar rotation trials

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** (good growing season – 2011)

**2.42 t /ha** (difficult growing season – 2012)

# The current WGIN Cultivar Rotation Trial

## Field: Drapers

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 % plants infected (Back-transformed means)	Logit % roots infected (Back-transformed means)
Cadenza	0.002 ( <b>49.6%</b> )	-0.94 ( <b>12.8%</b> )
Hereward	1.275 ( <b>92.3%</b> )	-0.24 ( <b>37.6%</b> )
d.f.	3	3
SED	0.186	0.15
F Pr	<b>0.006</b>	<b>0.019</b>
Grand mean	0.64 (71.0%)	-0.59 (25.2%)

# The current WGIN Cultivar Rotation Trial

## Field: Drapers

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 2 (2012-2013)	
	Over-sow <b>Spring</b> plant samples (24 <sup>th</sup> April 2013, GS 24-27)	
Source variety	Percentage plants infected with take-all	Number of take-all infected roots per plant
Cadenza	<b>28.8%</b>	<b>0.52</b>
Hereward	<b>75.1%</b>	<b>1.94</b>
d.f.		
SED		
F Pr		
Grand mean	52.0%	1.23



# The current WGIN Cultivar Rotation Trial

## Field: Drapers

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 2 (2012-2013)	
	Over-sow	
	<b>Spectral ratio meter</b> (26 <sup>th</sup> June 2013, GS 64)	
<b>Source variety</b>	NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index)	Crop cover (%)
<b>Cadenza</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>86.1%</b>
<b>Hereward</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>72.0%</b>
<b>d.f.</b>		
<b>SED</b>		
<b>F Pr</b>		
<b>Grand mean</b>	0.87	79.05%