

The WGIN Nitrogen-Diversity Trials

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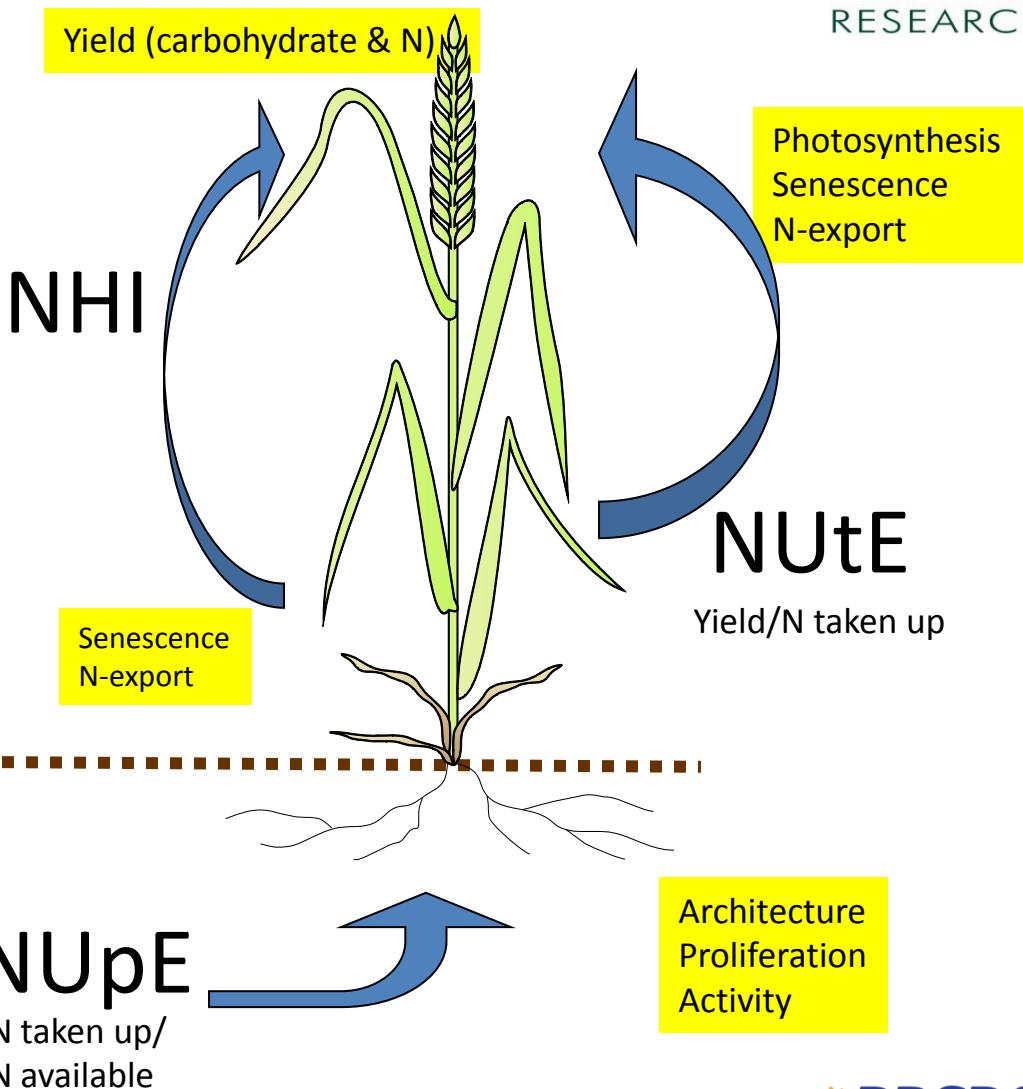
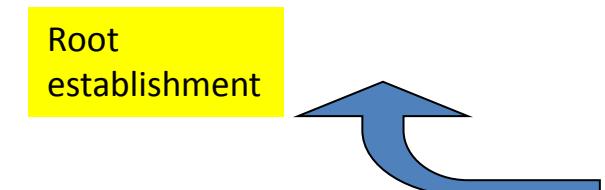
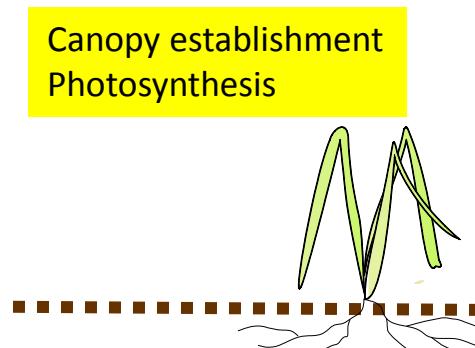
Complexity of the NUE trait



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$$\text{NUE} = \text{NUpE} \times \text{NtE}$$

(yield/ N_{av})



Overview

- The WGIN Diversity Trials
- Initial aim to examine diversity of NUE in UK wheats
- Example data on yield, stability, N uptake
- Spin-off projects: GPD project, take-all and TAB, WUE, photosynthesis, high throughput field phenotyping

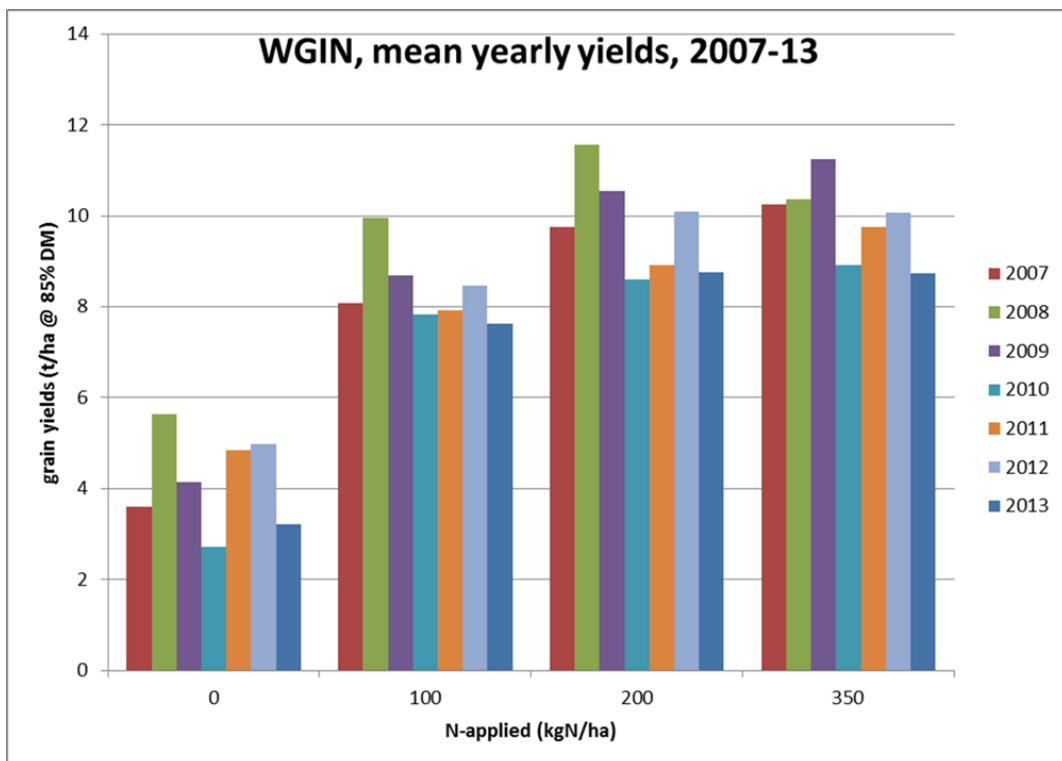


WGIN: The Nitrogen-Diversity trial



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- 2004-13
- 51 varieties
- 14 in at least 9 years
- All 4 nabim 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



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

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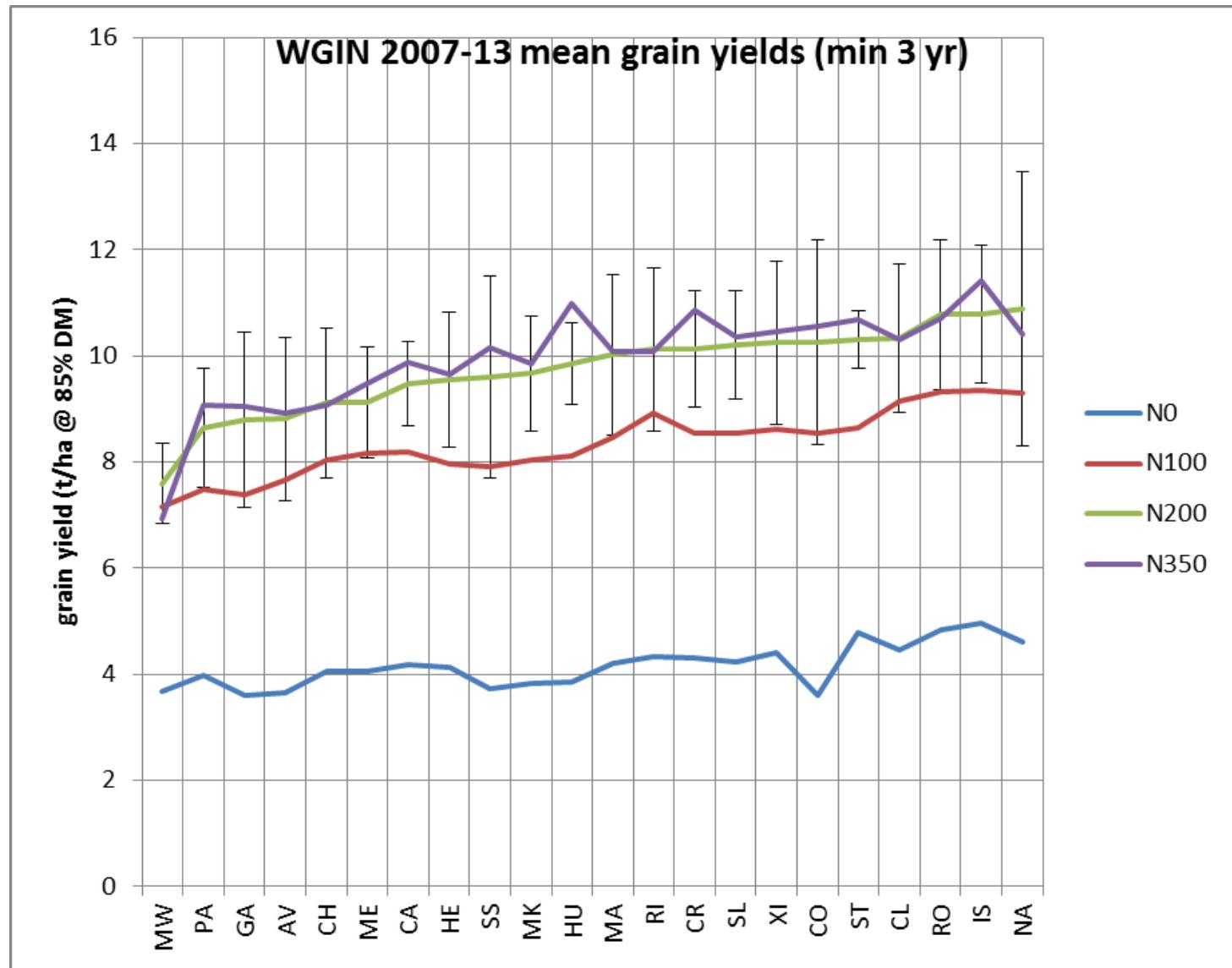
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Grain yields core set



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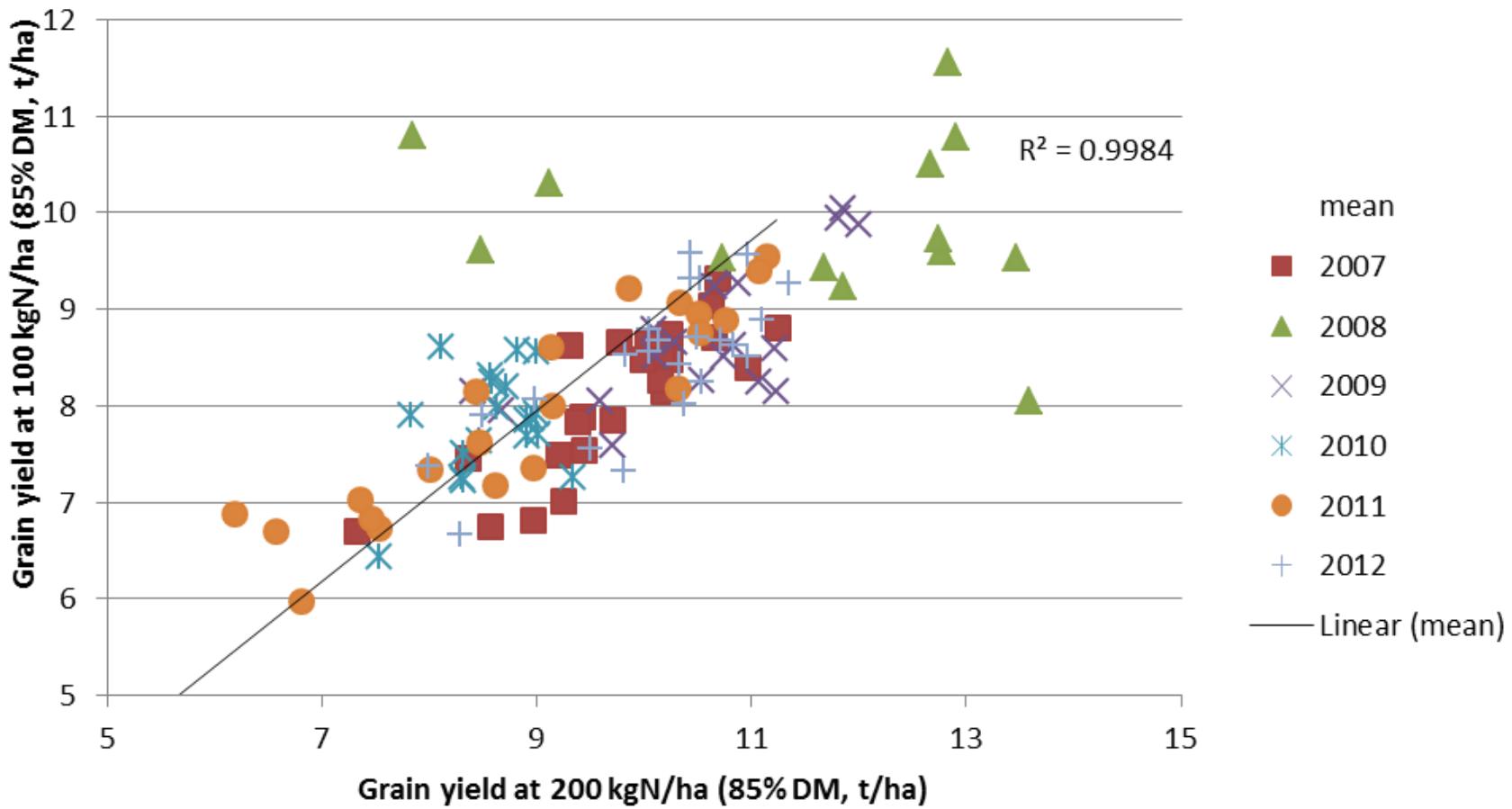


High v low inputs



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



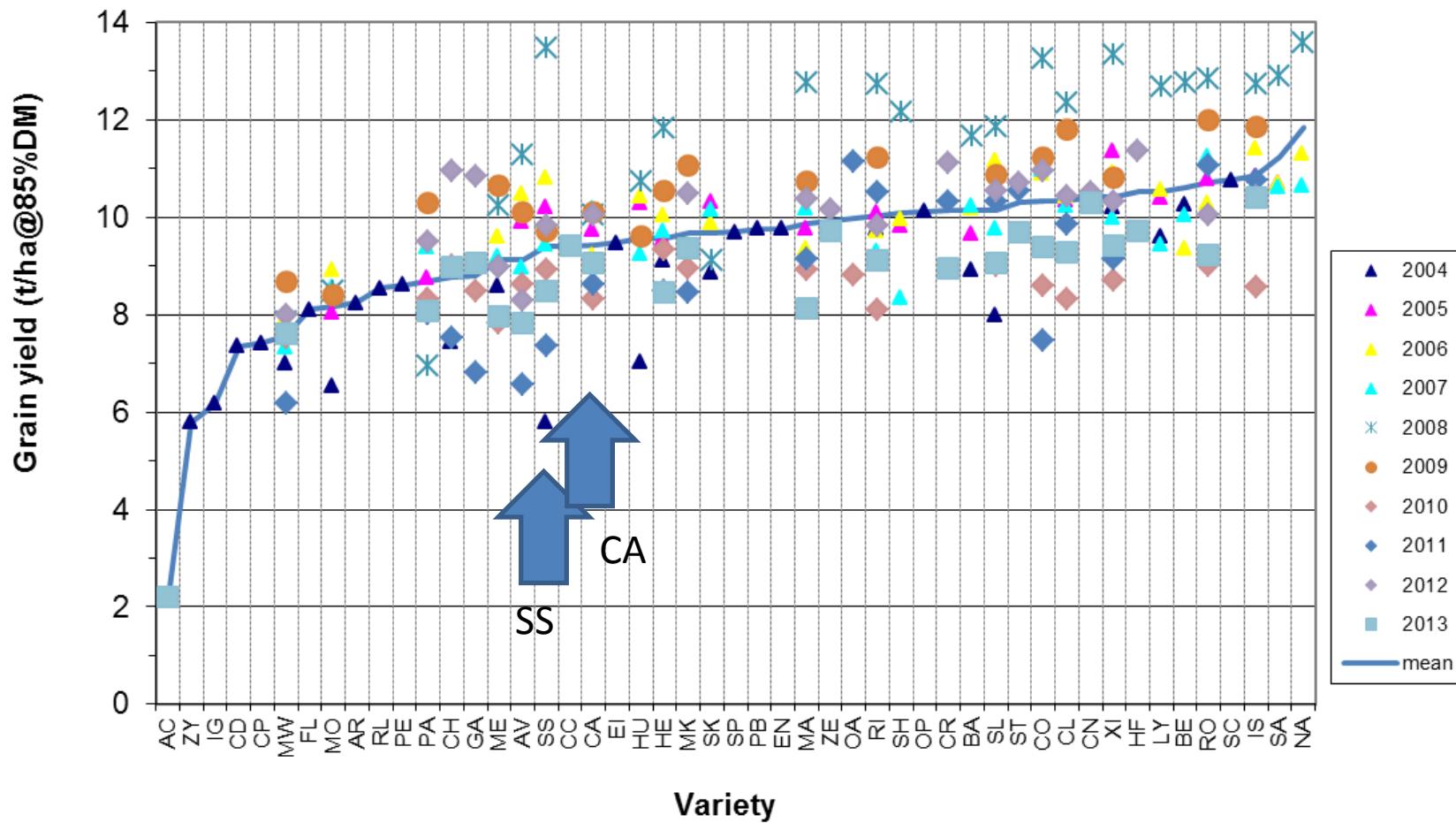
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Rothamsted WGIN-N200

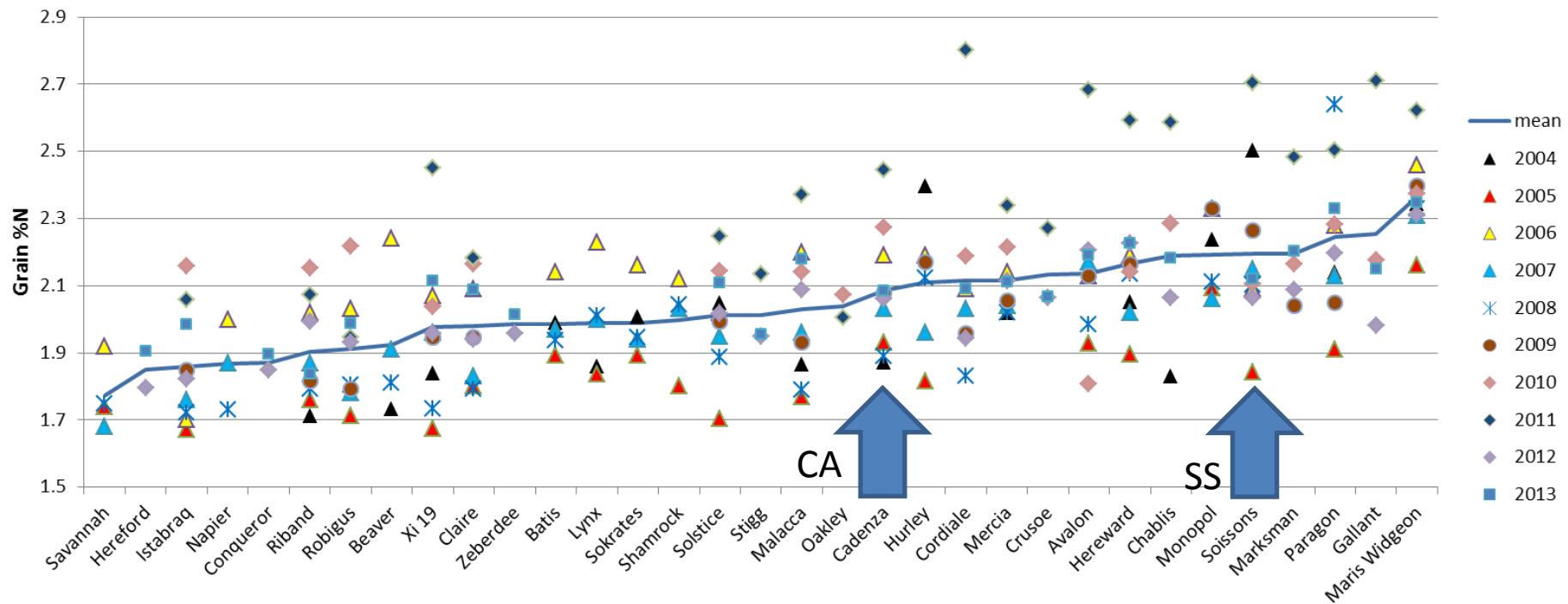
Combine Grain Yield (2004-13)



Grain %N (2004-13)



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NB only for varieties with more than single year data

N-supply impacts on yields and quality



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Grain yields as a function of N-utake for a diverse germplasm set with variable N inputs (0-350 kg/ha) in multiple years (2007-13)

Increasing N-supply
(kg/ha)

100

0

350

200

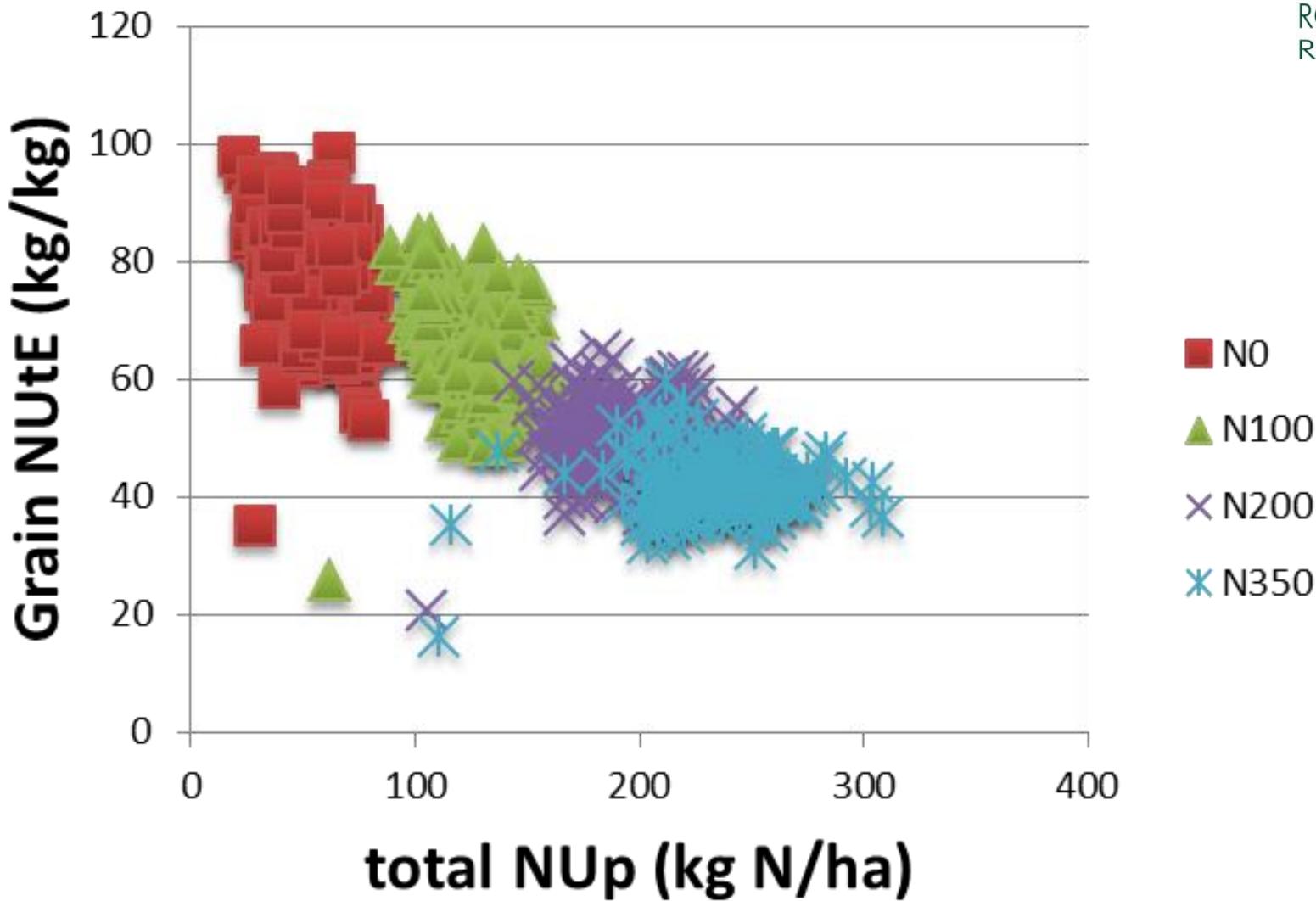
Grain yield (t/ha @ 85% DM)

0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350

Total N-uptake (kg/ha)

- ◆ 2007 N0
- ◆ 2007 N100
- ◆ 2007 N200
- ◆ 2007 N350
- 2008 N0
- 2008 N100
- 2008 N200
- 2008 N350
- ▲ 2009 N0
- ▲ 2009 N100
- ▲ 2009 N200
- ▲ 2009 N350
- + 2010 N0
- + 2010 N100
- + 2010 N200
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- 2011 N0
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- △ 2013 N0
- △ 2013 N100
- △ 2013 N200
- △ 2013 N350

Do NUtE and NUp correlate?



Uptake and partitioning



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Genotypic variation in the uptake, partitioning and remobilisation
of nitrogen during grain-filling in wheat[☆]

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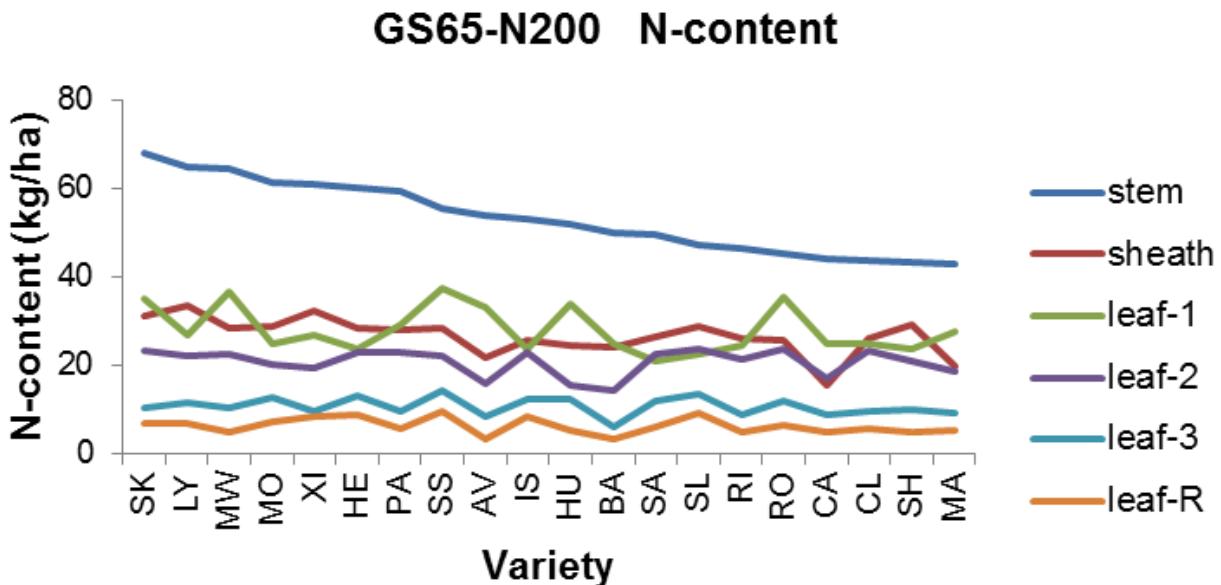
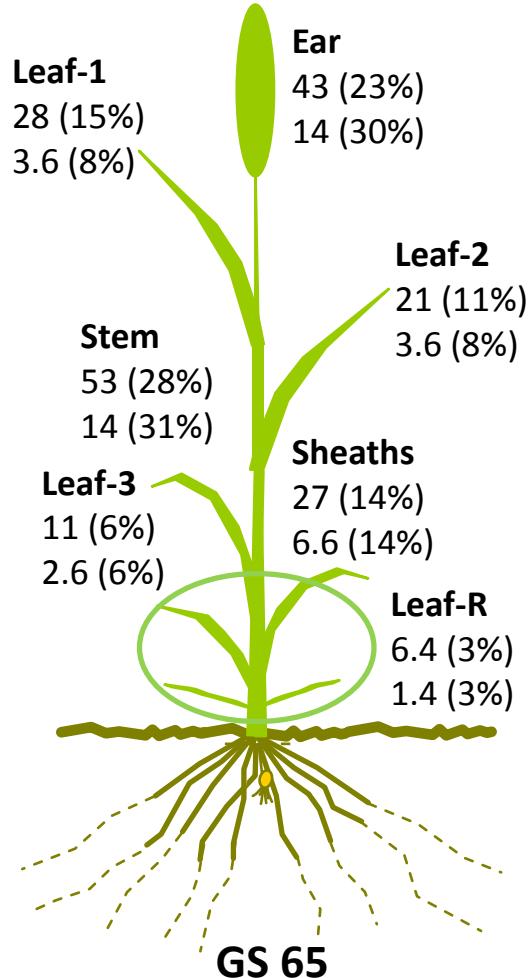
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Partitioning at anthesis



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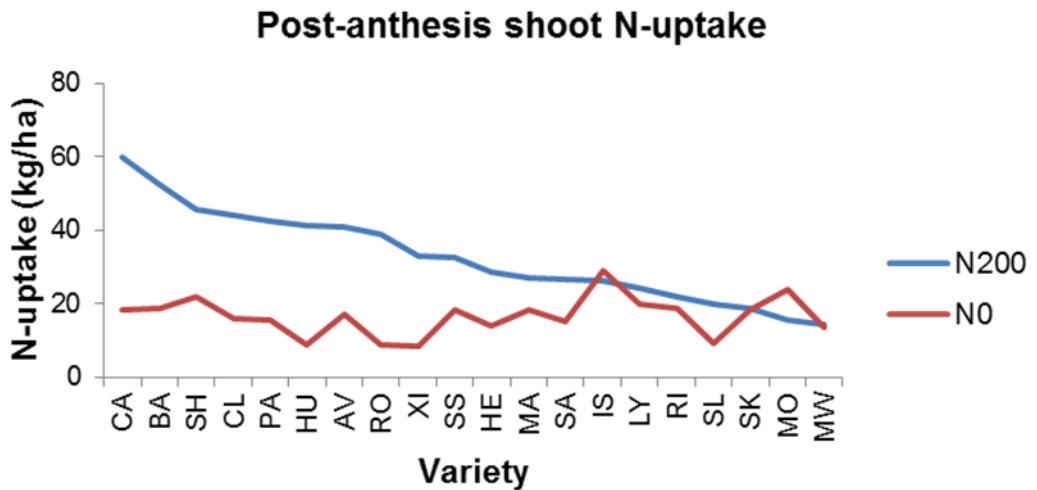
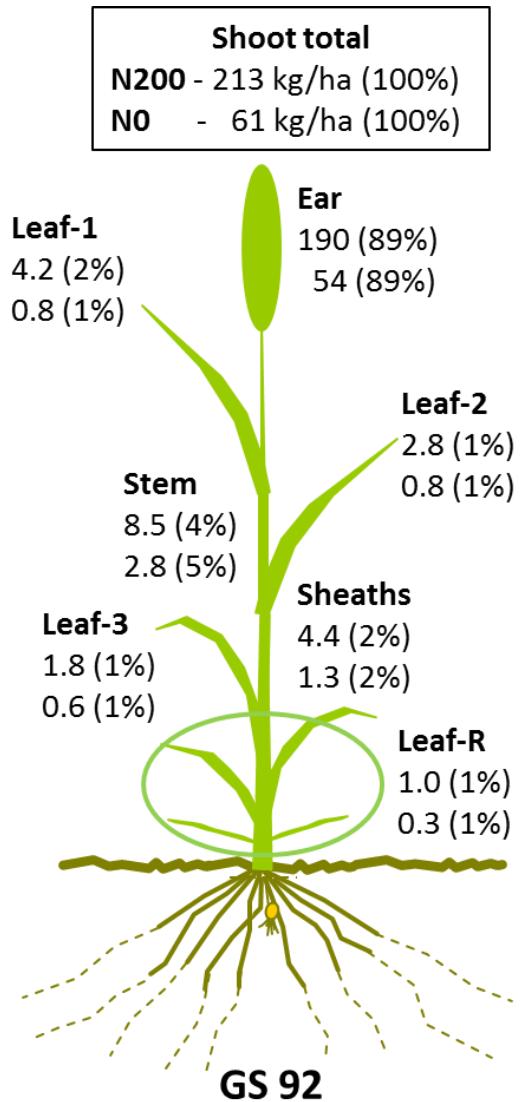
Shoot total	
N200	- 189 kg/ha (100%)
NO	- 46 kg/ha (100%)



Post anthesis N uptake



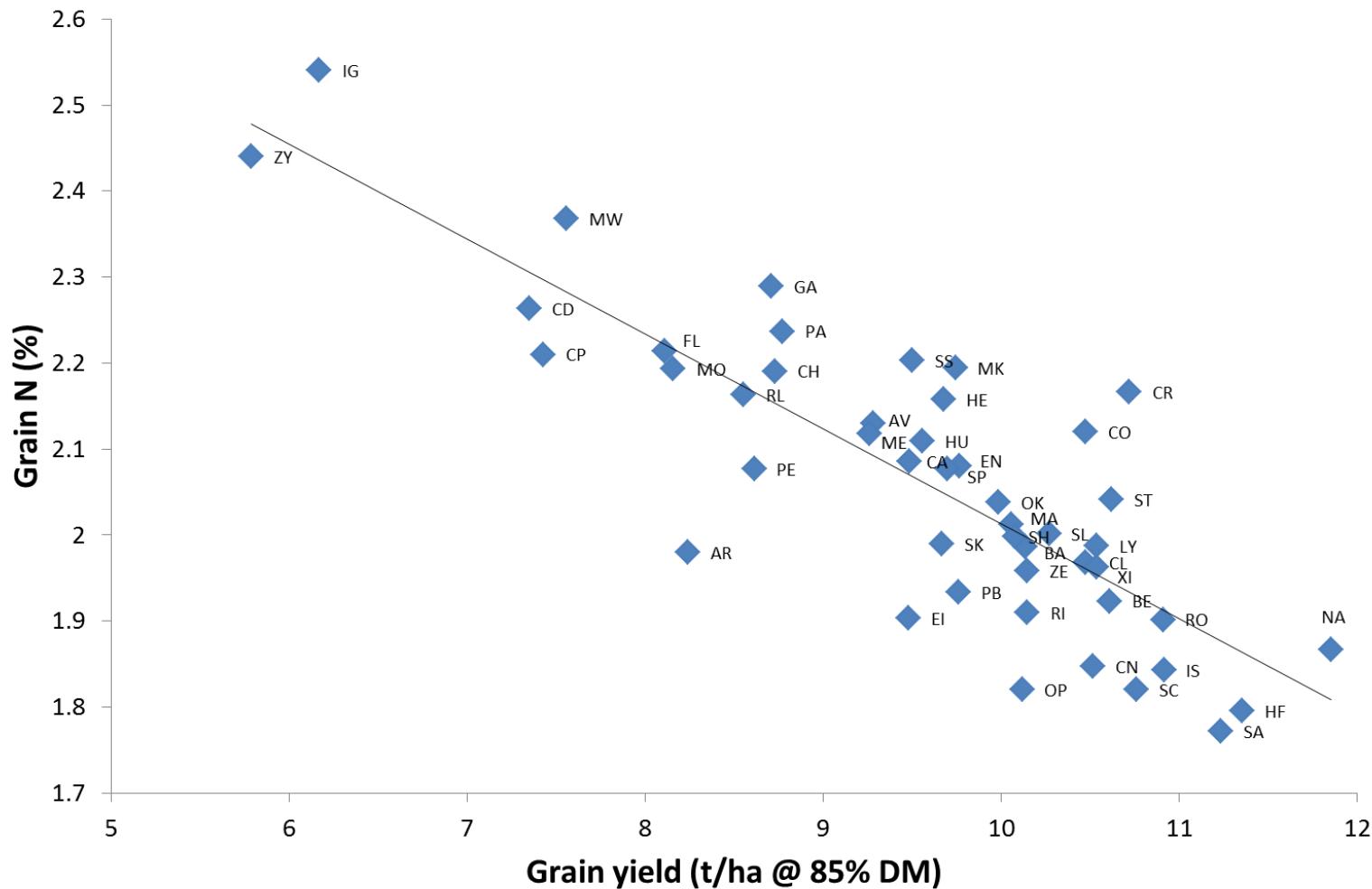
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GPD, WGIN trials, 2004-12



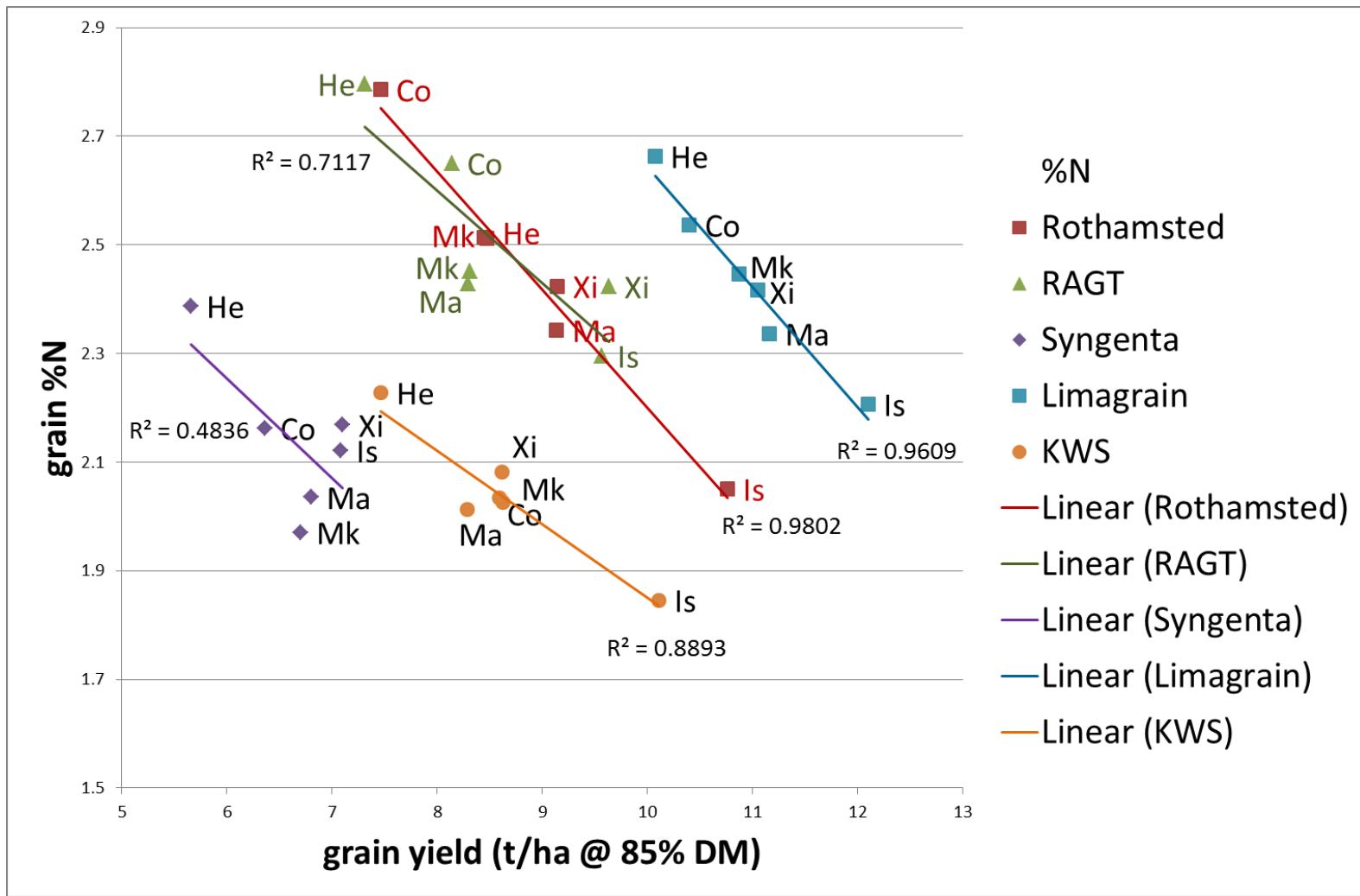
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GPD, different sites



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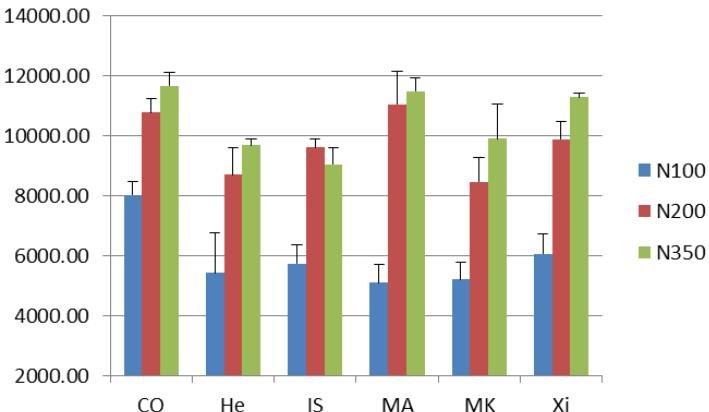


Grain protein N response



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- Part of BBSRC-HGAC GPD project
- See HGCA report number 521
- Papers on gamma and omega gliadins
 - J. Exp Bot
 - Anal Bot (in press)



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A novel family of γ -gliadin genes are highly regulated by nitrogen supply in developing wheat grain

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No varieties are perfect!



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

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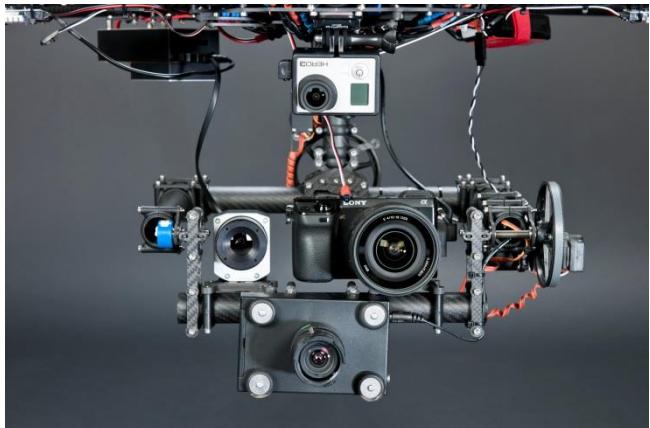
Nitrogen efficiency of wheat: Genotypic and environmental variation and prospects for improvement

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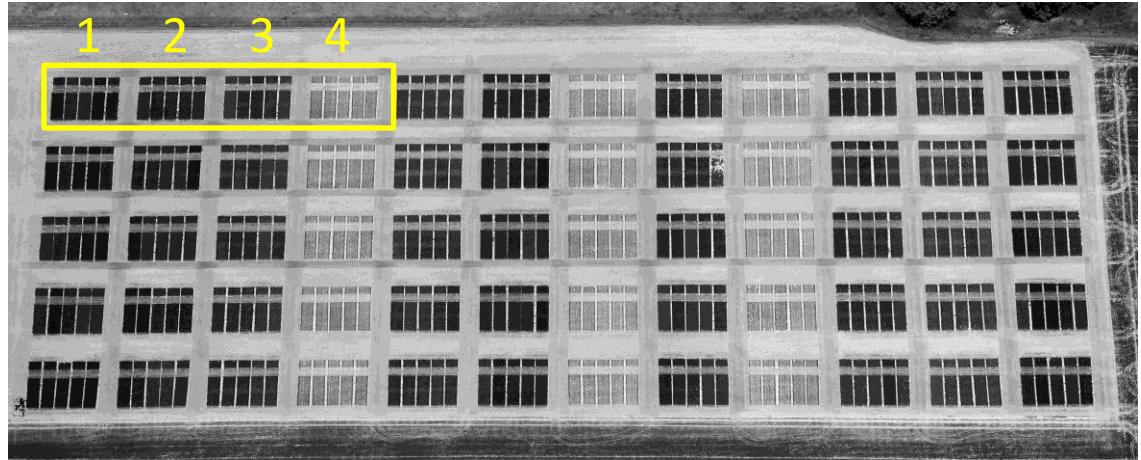
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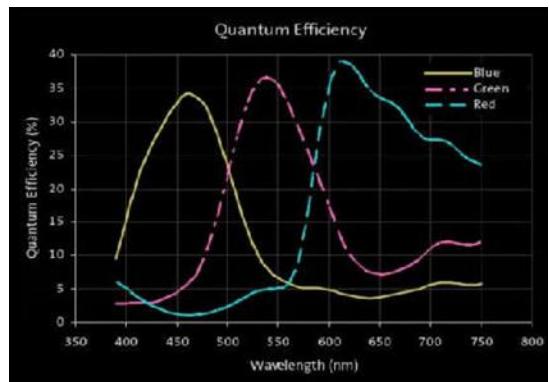
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Plot	Nitrogen	Crop density index
1	350	105
2	200	100
3	100	66
4	0	29



Summary

- Large data sets (see website)
- Multiple years
- Trait breakdown
- Spin off projects
- More publications in the pipeline
- Trial continuing in 2014



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