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# Objectives and strategy

1. To quantify the uncertainty of wheat multi-model ensembles and to create simulation capacity to assist the assessment of impacts of climate change.
2. To improve identification of climate change hotspots, and promising regional-specific wheat breeding traits and crop management
3. To improve quantification of adaptation options across the globe.

Step-wise strategy to improve model accuracy through addressing physiological crop growth processes in increasing order of complexity.



# Hot Serial Cereal Experiment, Maricopa, AZ, USA

“Cereal” because it’s on wheat, “Serial” because the wheat is being planted serially every 6 wks for 2 y, “Hot” because IR heaters are deployed on some of the planting dates.

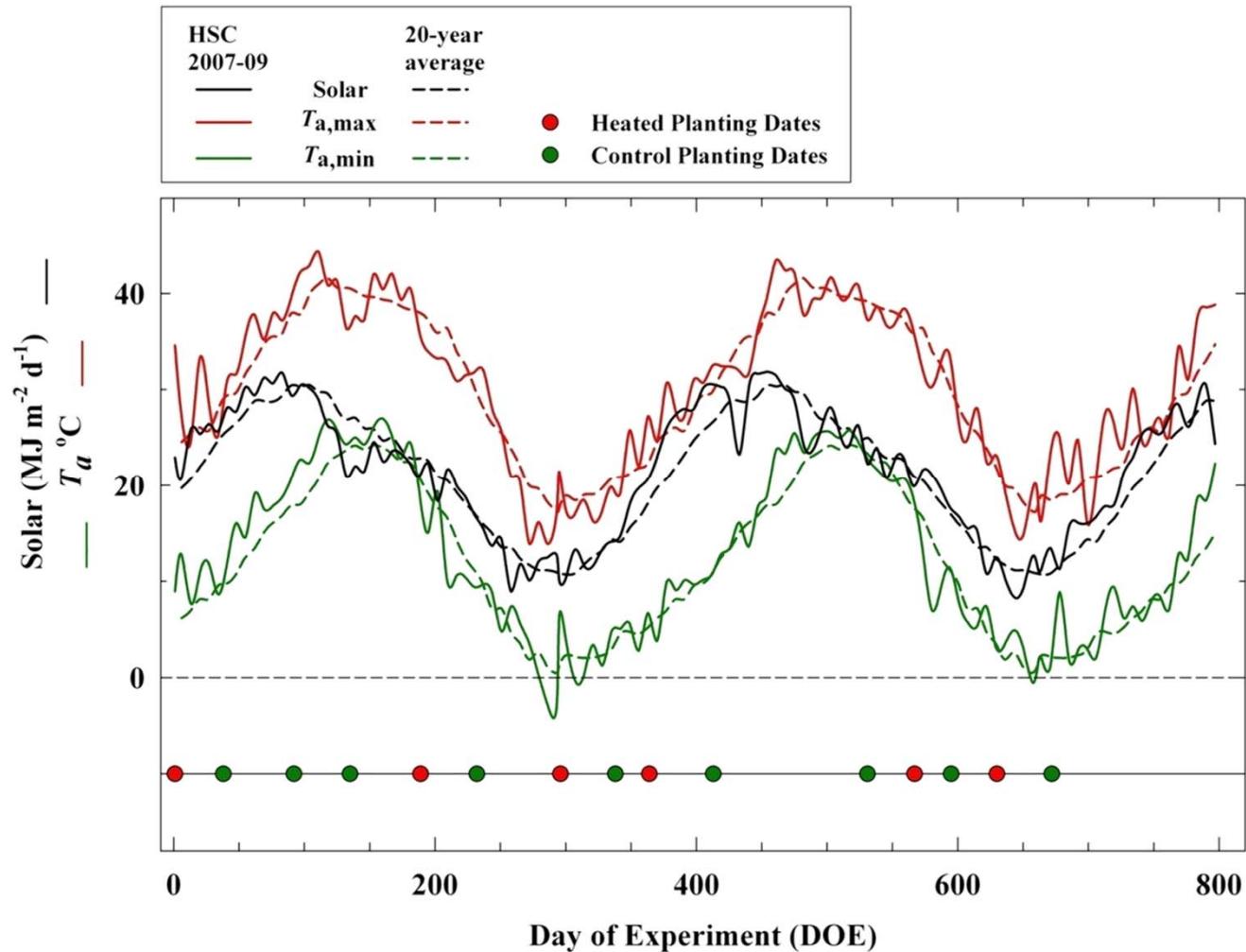


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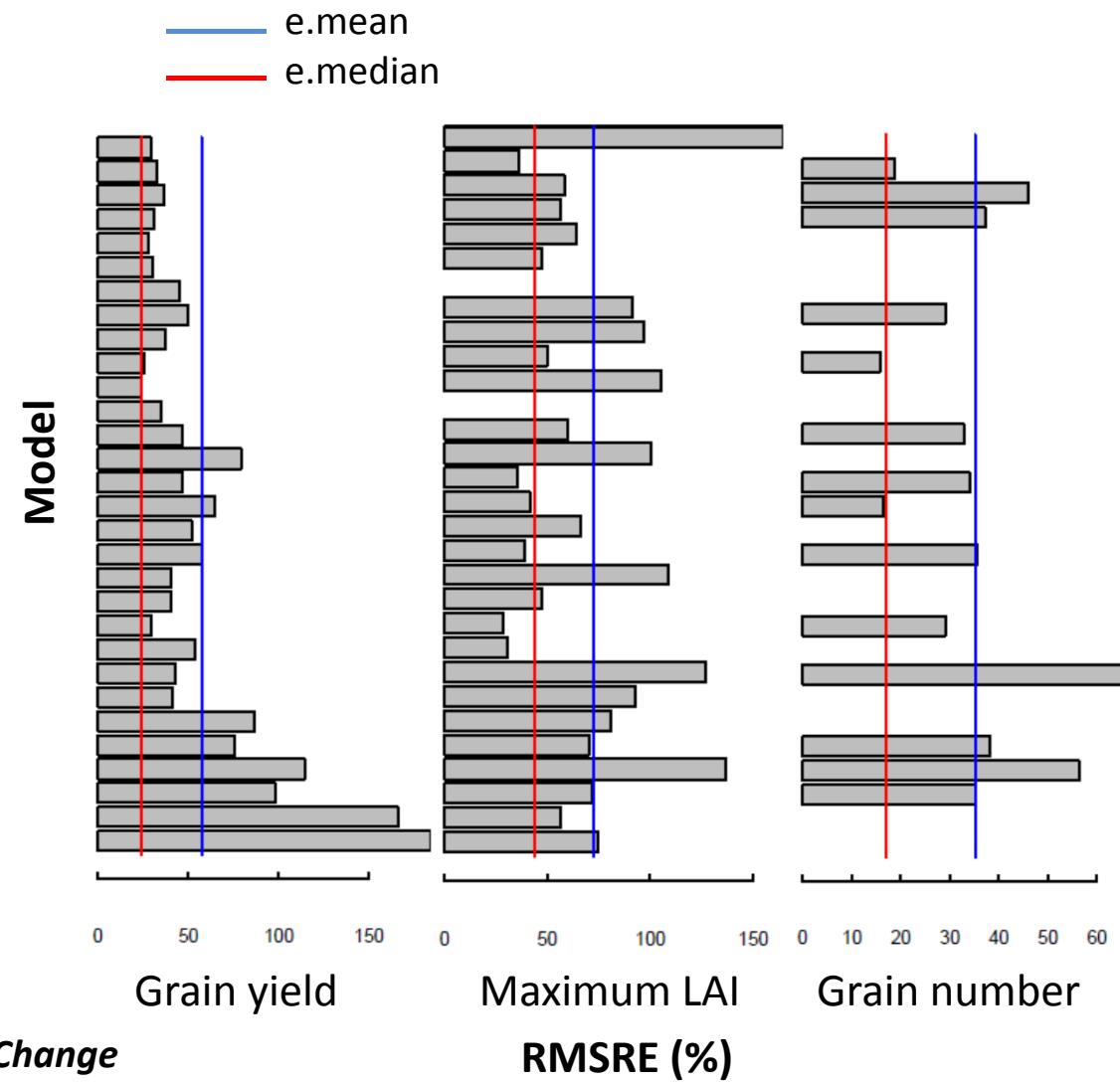
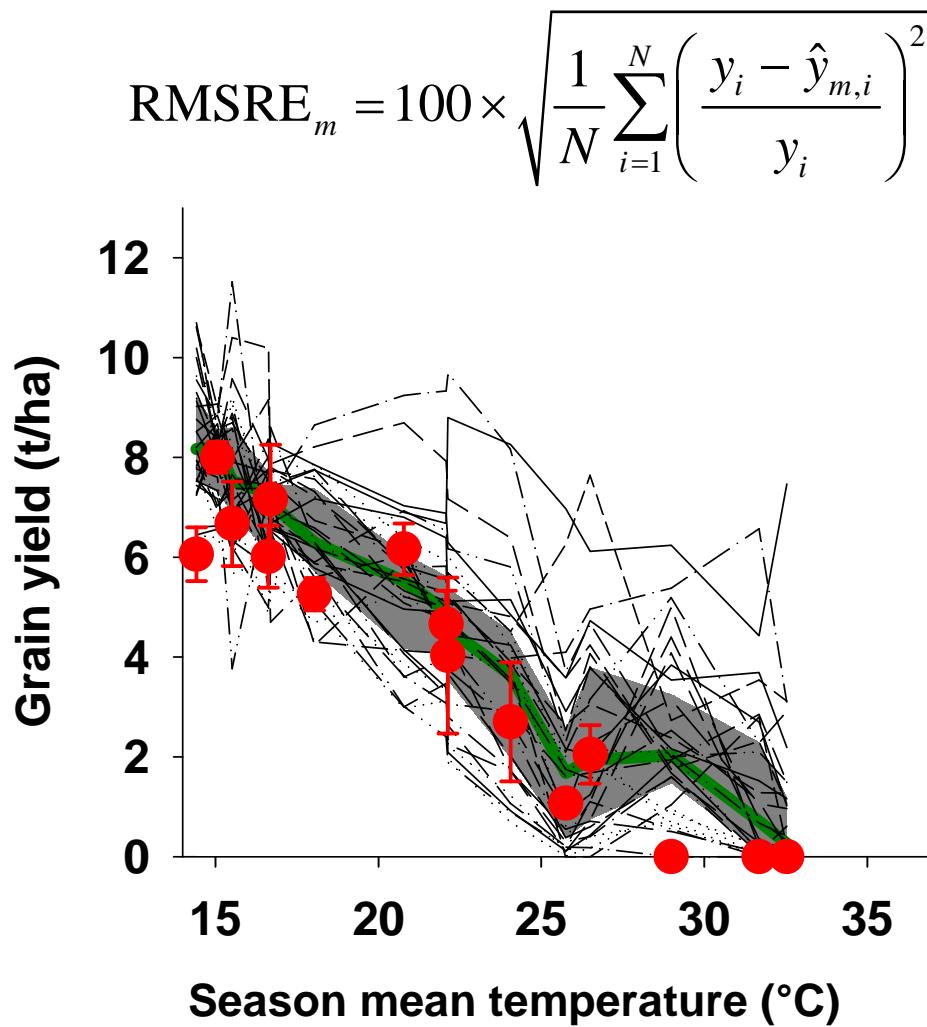


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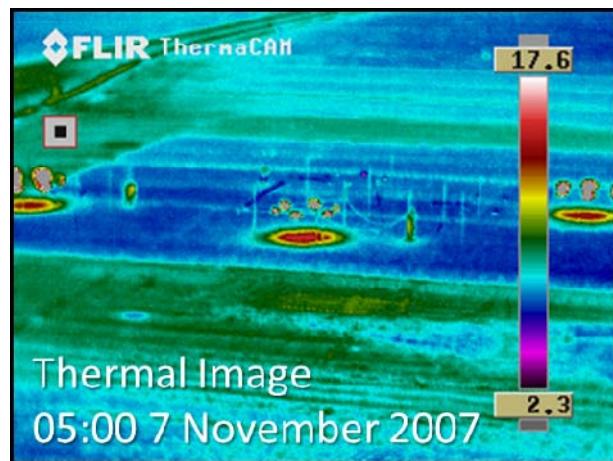
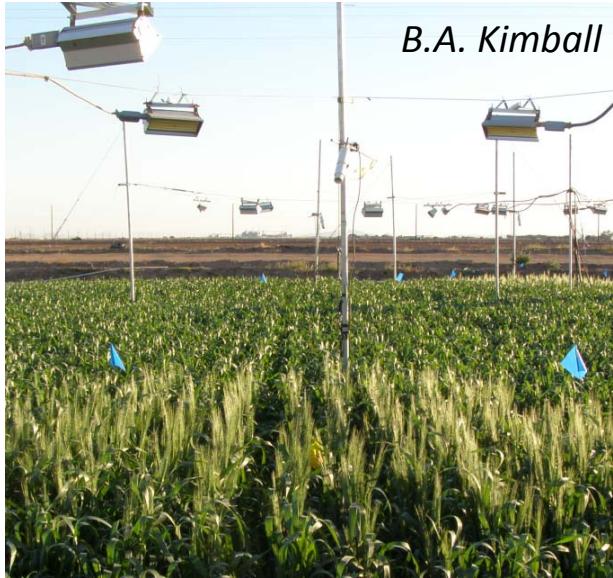
Wall et al. 2011 Global Change Biology

# Simulation of wheat response to temperature in the HSC experiment

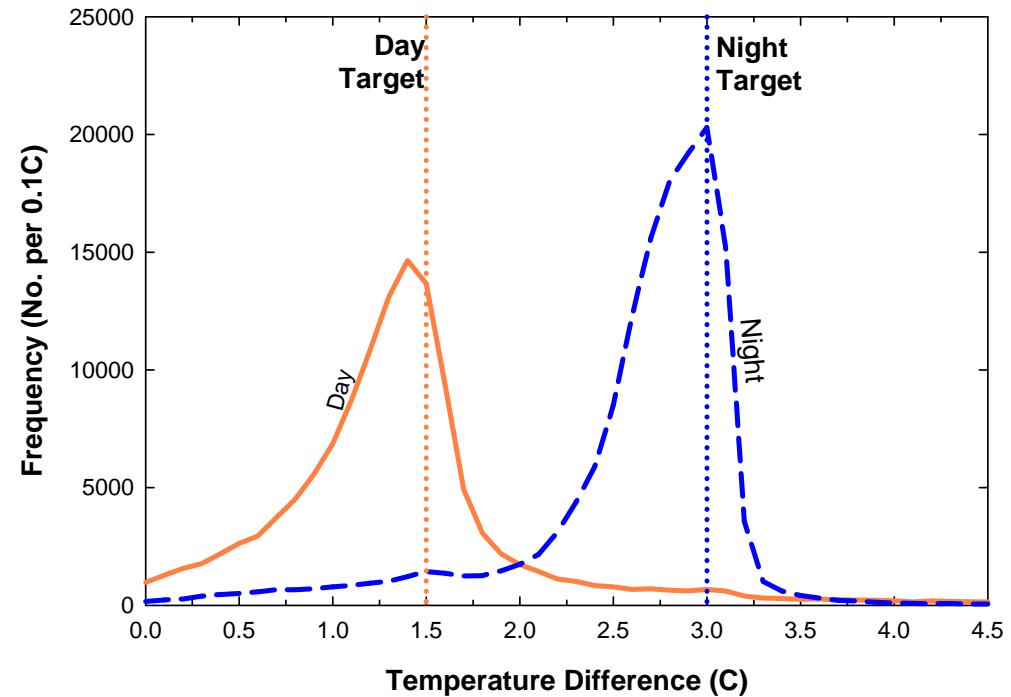


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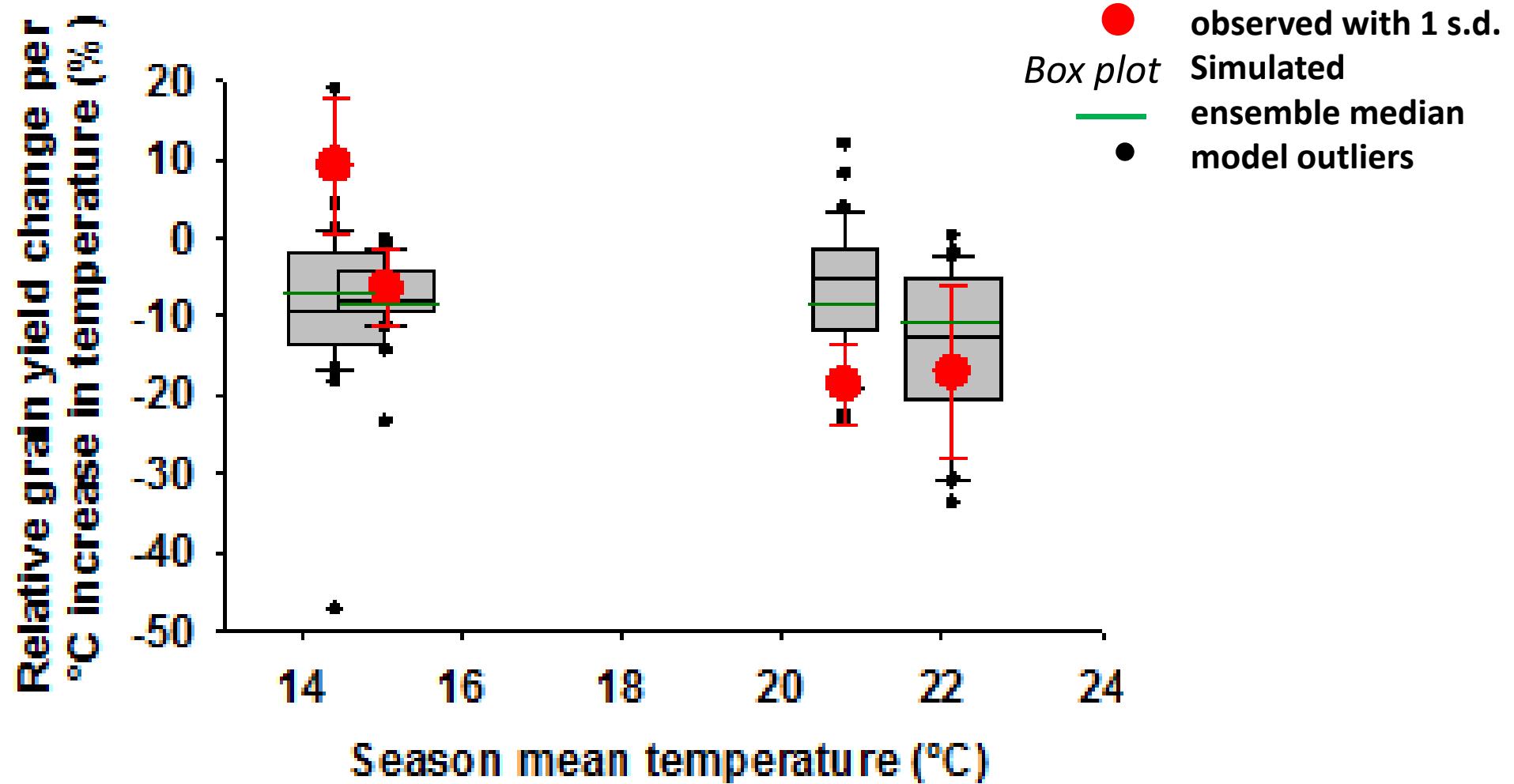
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Frequency distribution of 10-min. average wheat canopy temperature differences from day- and nighttime setpoints.



# Yield response to artificial temperature increase

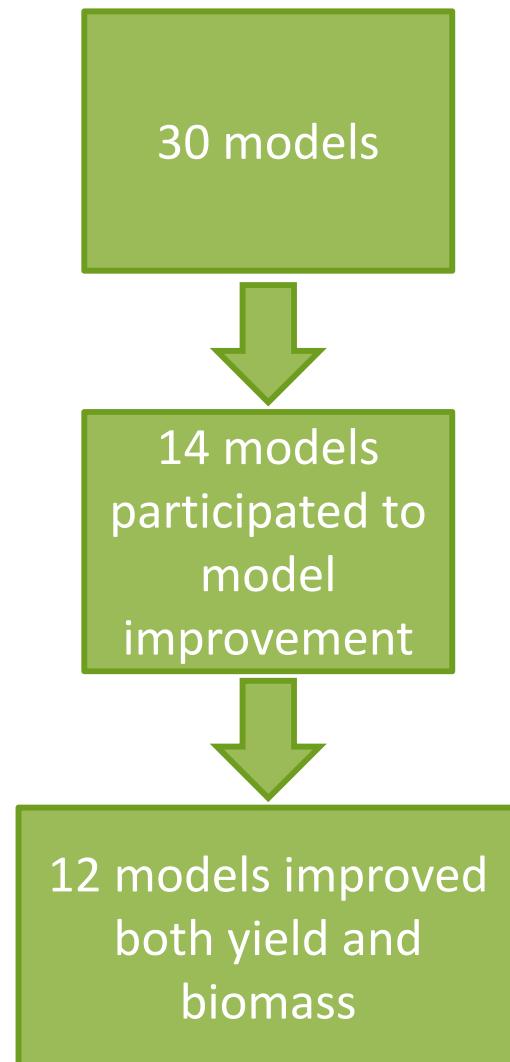


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# Multivariate analysis of model error

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# AgMIP Wheat model improvement



IMPROVED MODELS
APSIM-E
APSIM-Nwheat
APSIM-Wheat
FASSET
GLAM
HERMESS
N-SPASS
N-SUCROSS
O'LEARY MODEL
SIMPLACE
SIRIUS2010
SIRIUSQUALITY

A. Maiorano, P. Martre, AgMIP Wheat Team, unpublished

# Outlines of model improvement

Temperature related processes	No. of models
Leaf senescence	6
Grain number	4
Grain weight	3
Development (phenology)	3
Leaf growth	2
Potential harvest index	1
Yield reduction	1
Photosynthesis/respiration	1
Bug correction	1
Parameters calibration	2

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# Improvement of grain yield simulations in the HSC experiment

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# Models were more improved at higher temperature

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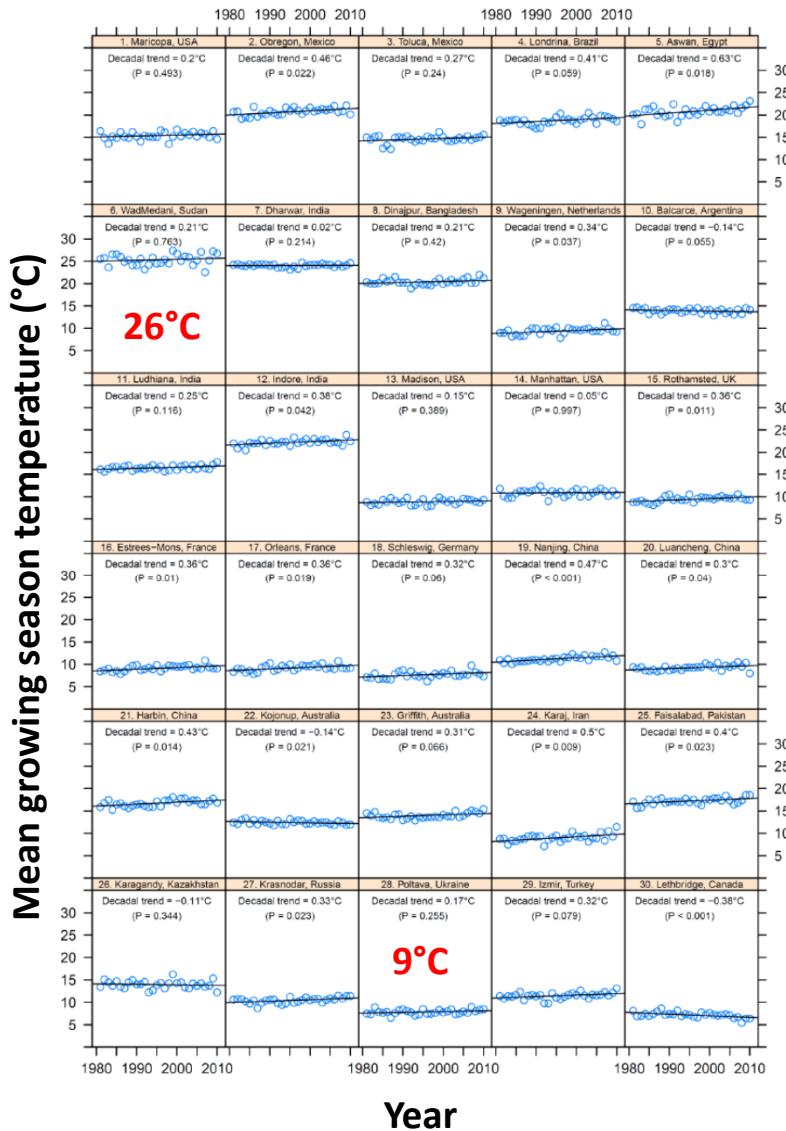
# Propagation of model improvements

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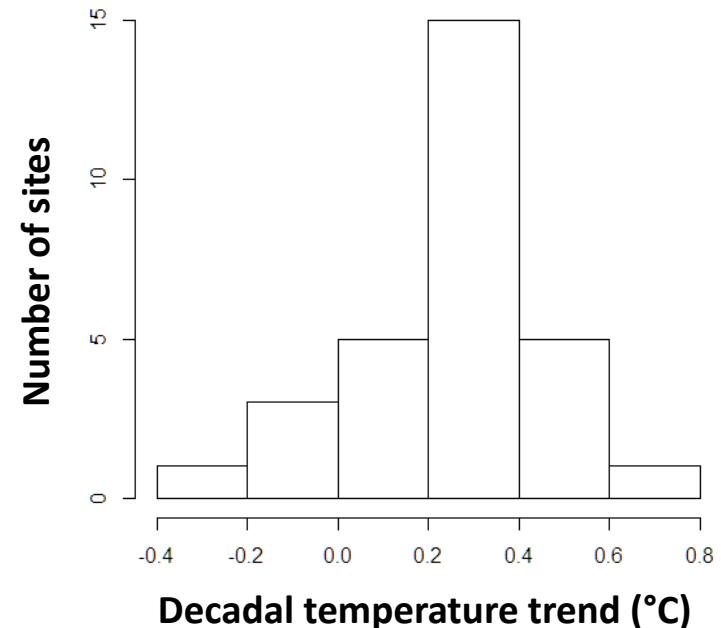
# Can model improvement reduce the size of crop model ensembles?

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# Temperature trends at 30 global irrigated or high rainfall wheat growing sites



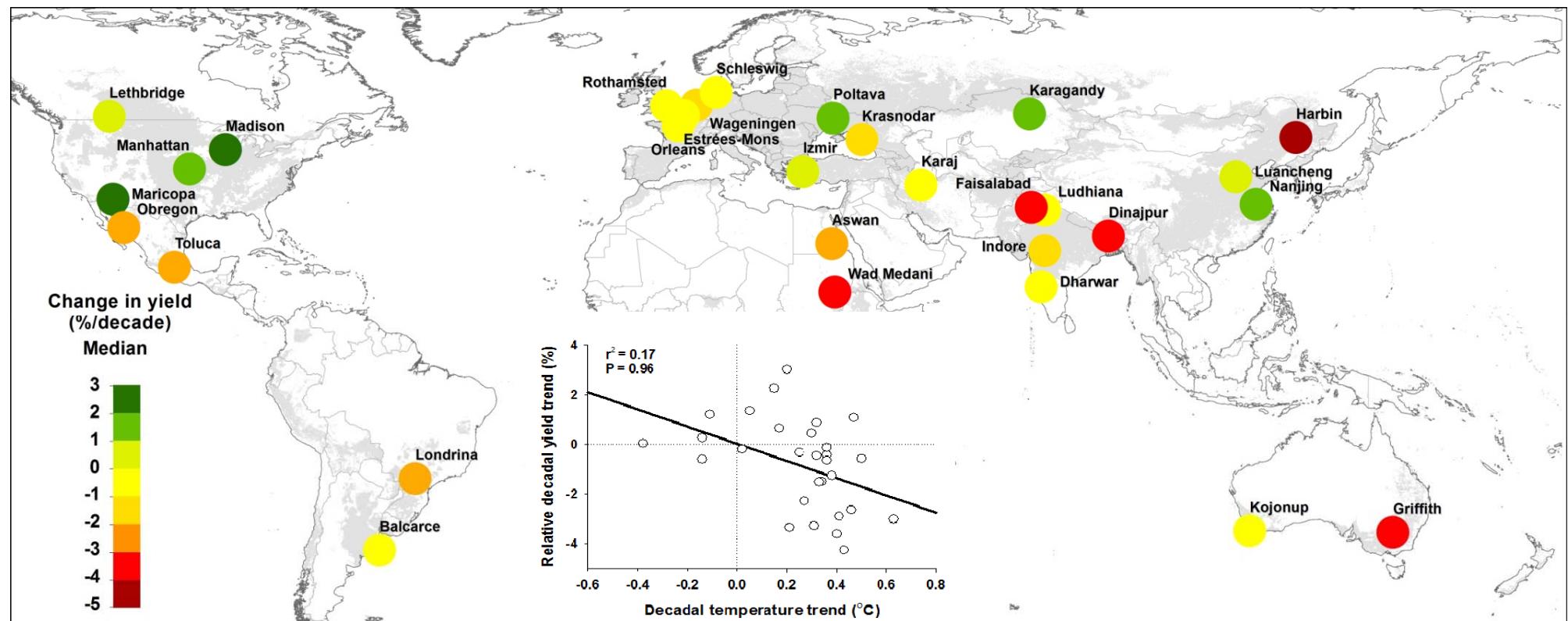
Mean = 0.22 °C  
10%- 90%-tiles = [-0.11 — 0.46]



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# Past yield trends (1981-2010)

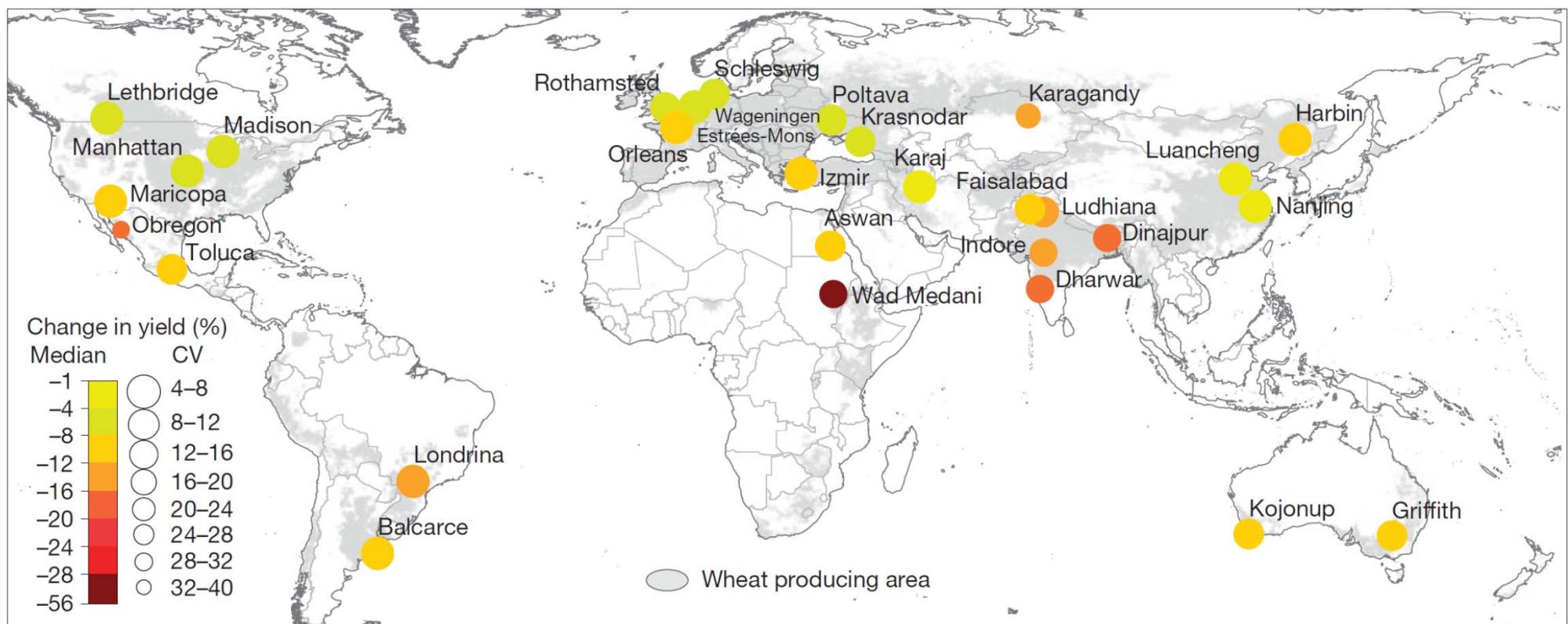
30 model ensemble median



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# Assessment of the global impact of temperature increase

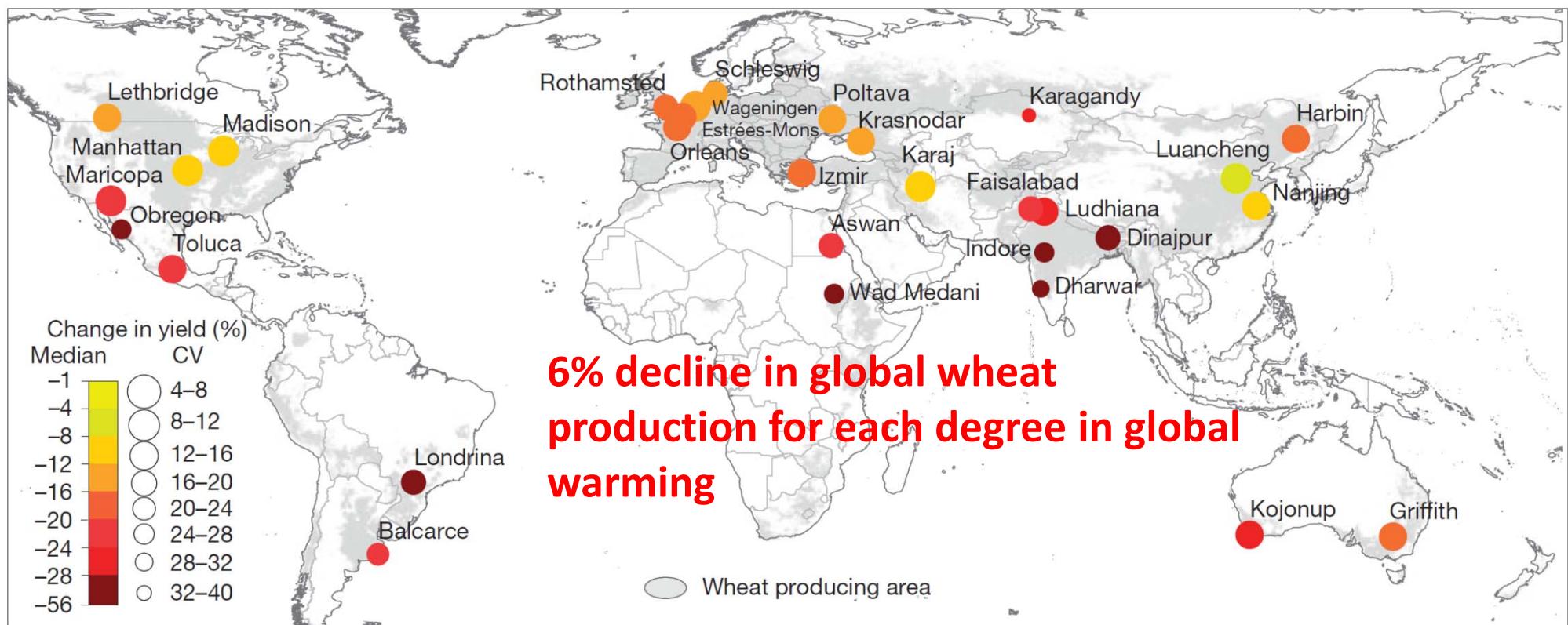
+2 °C temperature increase imposed on the 1981-2010 period



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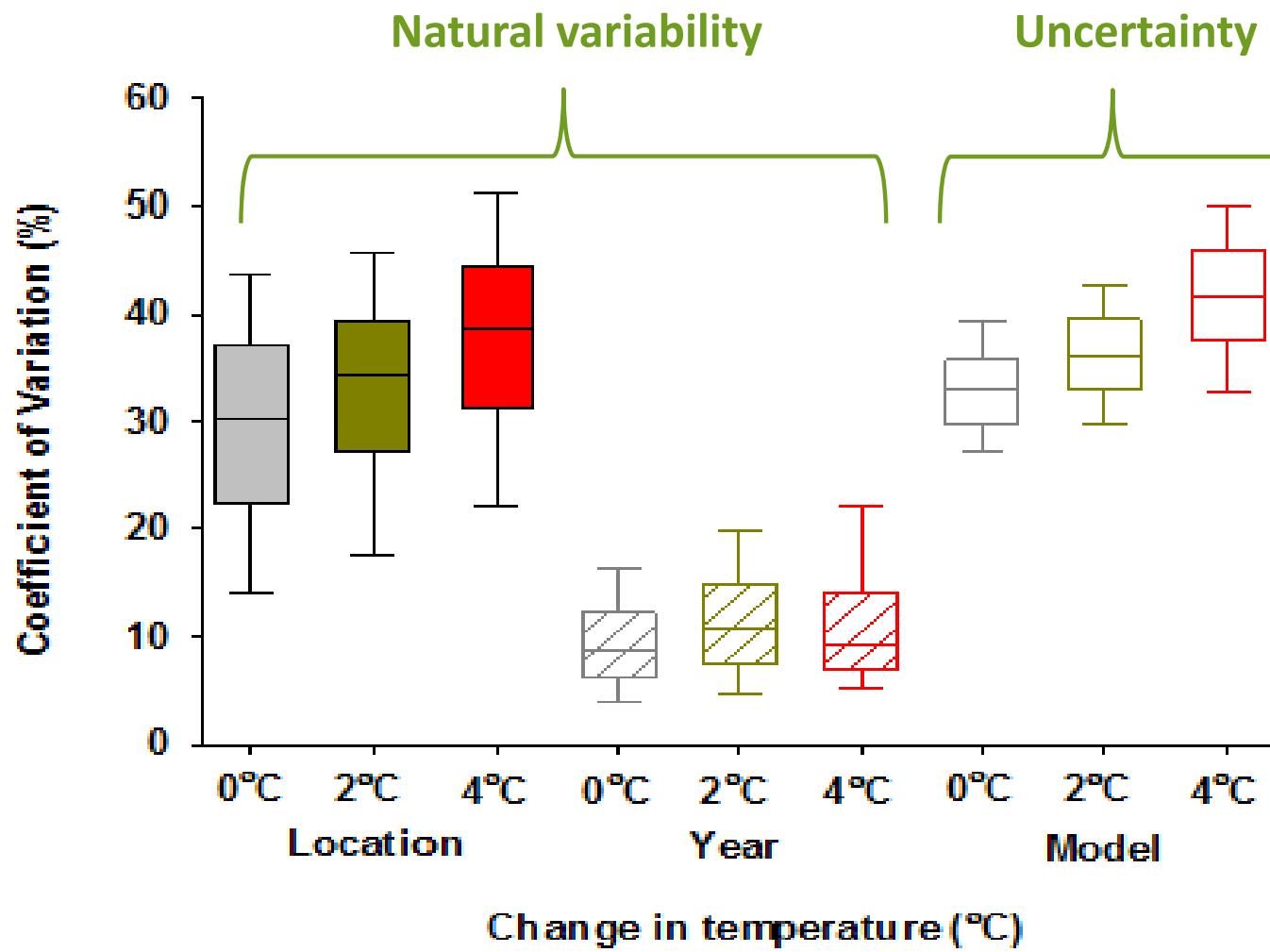
# Assessment of the global impact of temperature increase

+4 °C temperature increase imposed on the 1981-2010 period



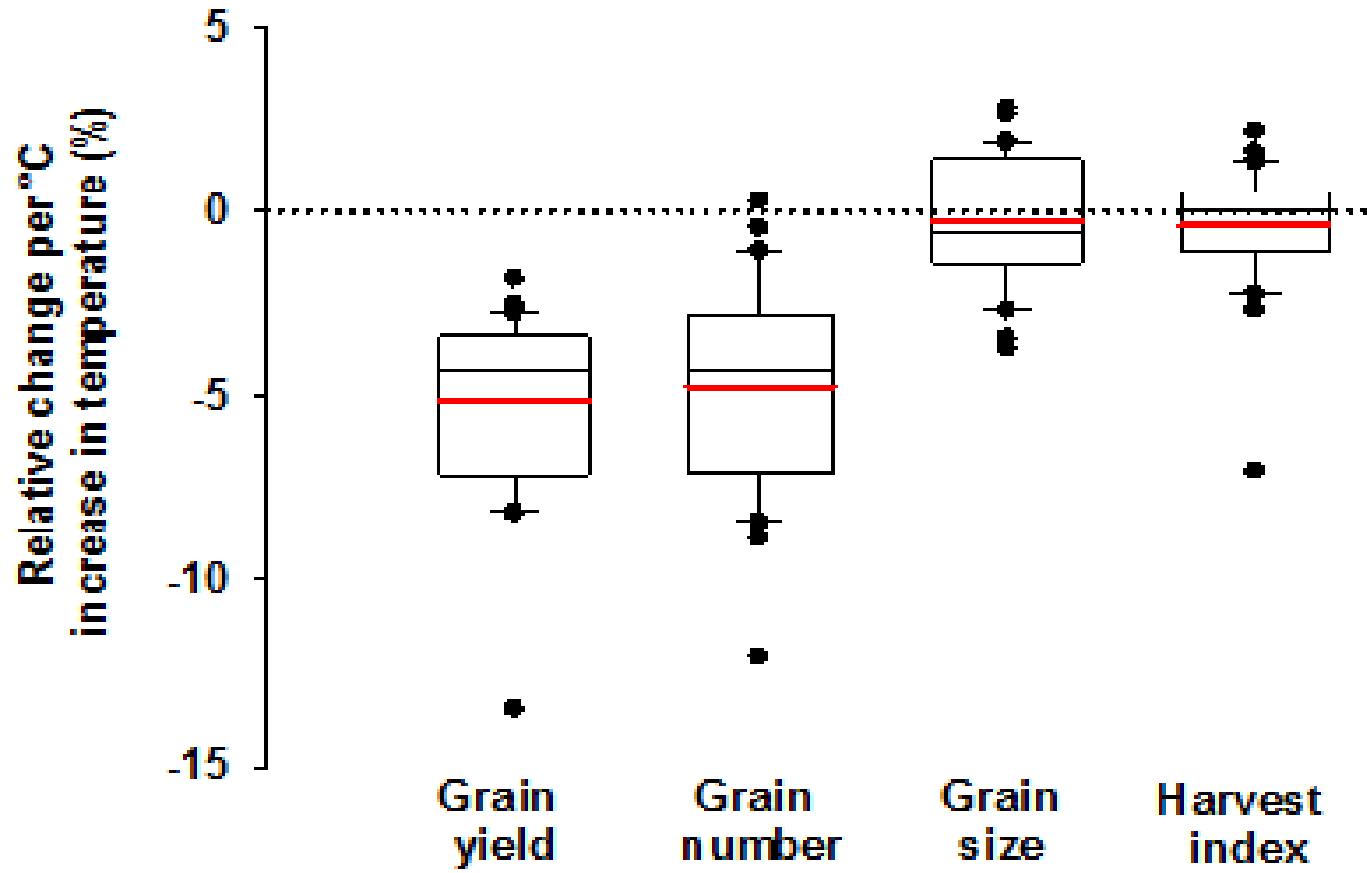
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# Natural variability vs. uncertainty



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# Components of yield change with increasing temperature



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# Conclusions

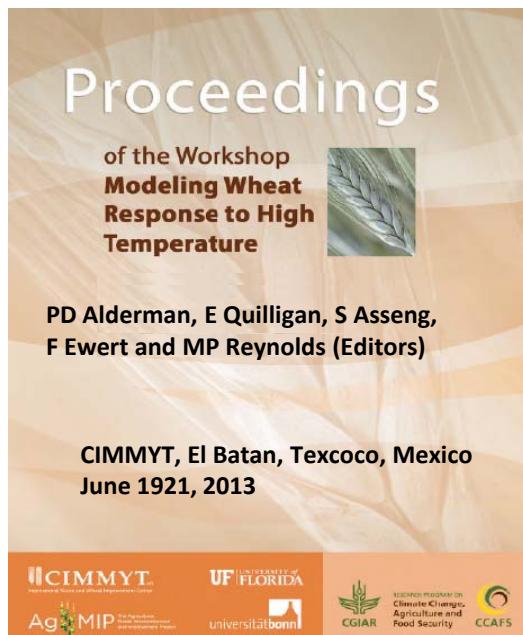
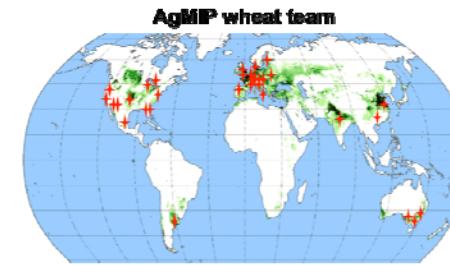
1. Many of the crop models can reproduce observed temperature response,
2. Yet the median of multi-model ensembles is consistently more accurate in simulating the crop temperature response than any single model.
3. Uncertainty in simulated grain yield shows a strong dependency on temperature.
4. Extrapolating the model ensemble temperature response (at current atmospheric [CO<sub>2</sub>]) indicates that warming is already slowing yield gains at a majority of wheat-growing locations.
5. Global wheat production is estimated to fall by 6% for each °C of further temperature increase and to become more variable over space and time (at current atmospheric [CO<sub>2</sub>]).
6. Model improvement can reduce the number of models required to reduce projection uncertainty

# Publications



## Uncertainty in simulating wheat yields under climate change

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## COMMENTARY: Making the most of climate impacts ensembles

Andy Challinor, Pierre Martre, Senthil Asseng, Philip Thornton and Frank



Global Change Biology (2014), doi:10.1111/gcb.12768

## Multimodel ensembles of wheat growth: many models are better than one

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## Rising temperatures reduce global wheat production

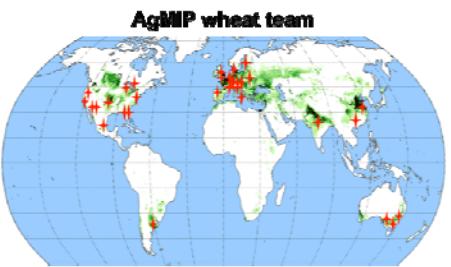
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## Response of wheat growth, grain yield and water use to elevated CO<sub>2</sub> under a Free Air CO<sub>2</sub> Enrichment (FACE) experiment and modelling in a semi-arid environment

O'Leary G.J, Christy B. Nuttall J, Huth N, Cammarano D, Stöckle C, Basso B, Shcherbak I, Fitzgerald G, Luo Q, Farre-Codina I, Paita J, Asseng S.



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