

Soybeans resilience to heat stress during flowering and pod filling

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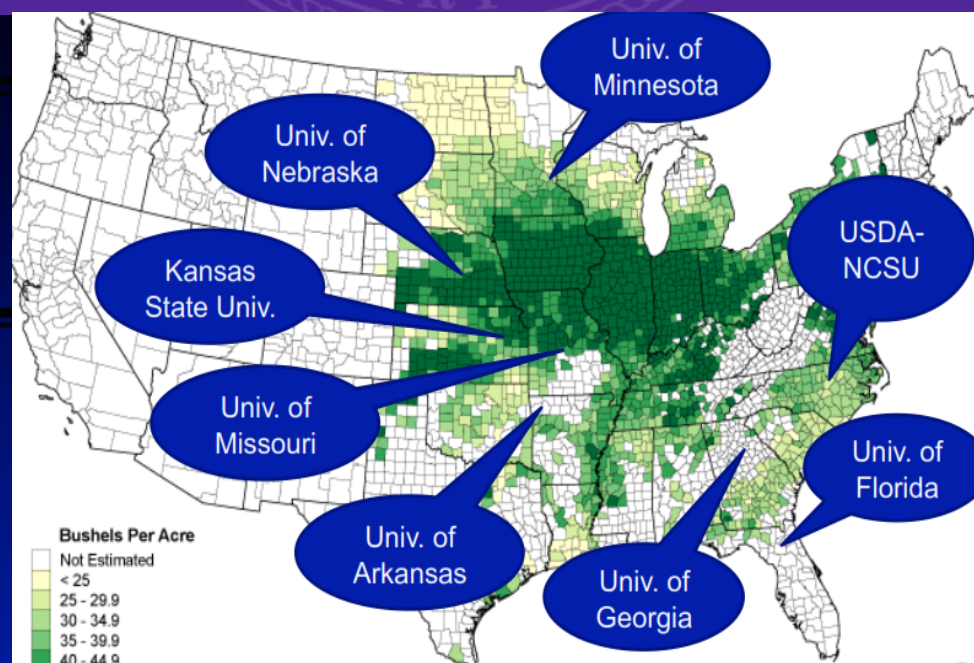
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Drought Tolerance Traits for Improving Soybean Yield Under Stress

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University of Arkansas



- Slow wilting (**Extensive use of canopy Temperature**)
- Rooting traits/structure
- N₂ fixation and
- Yield

https://soybase.org/meeting_presentations/soybean_breeders_workshop/SBW_2014/presentations/Chen_SBW2014.pdf

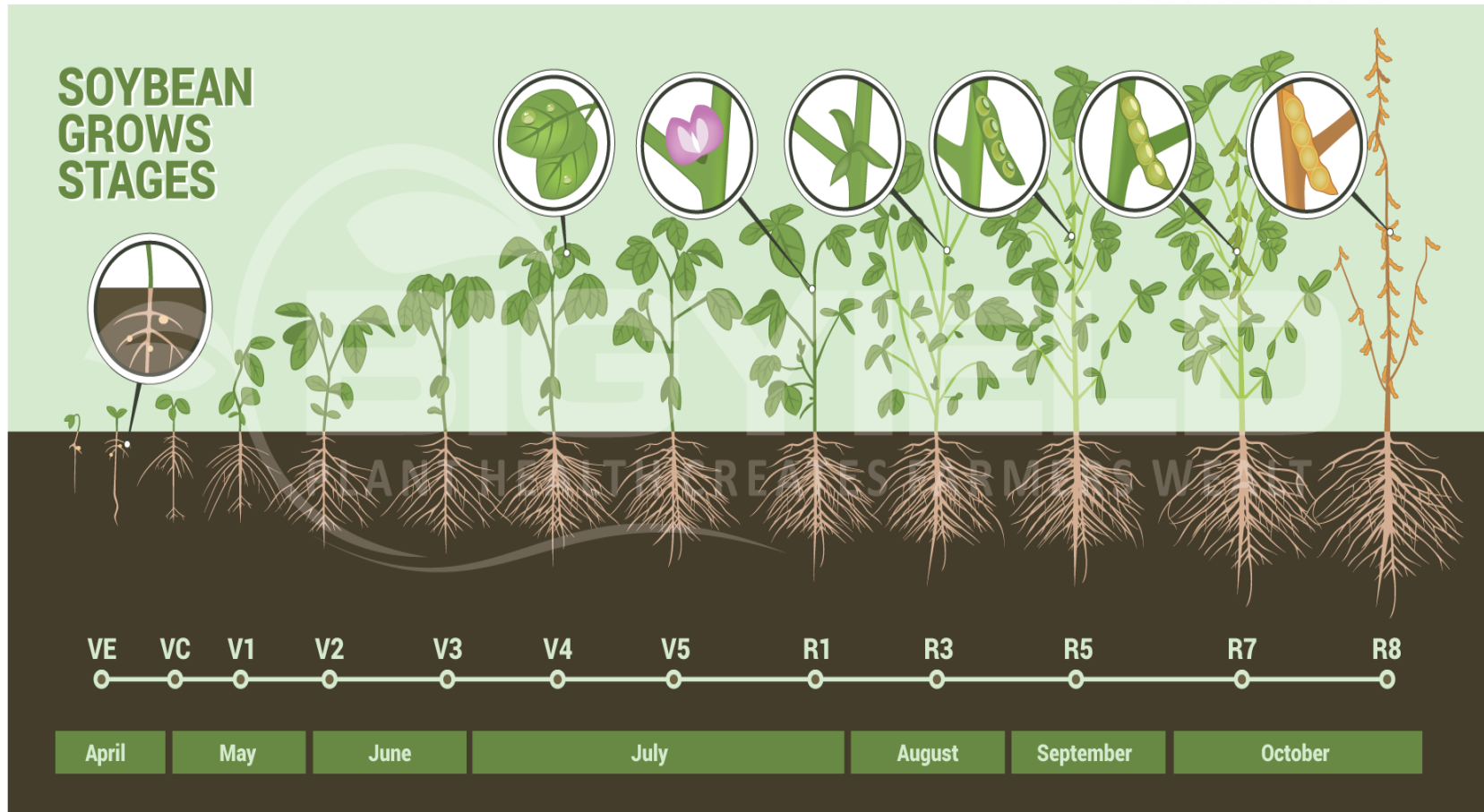
Thoughts for discussion

- **Resilience – escape, avoidance or true tolerance**
- **Differential high night and high day temperature?**
- **Yield and quality tradeoffs (Raju et al., Poster)**

Non-stress conditions

- **Plasticity in soybean cultivars CO₂ for responsiveness?**

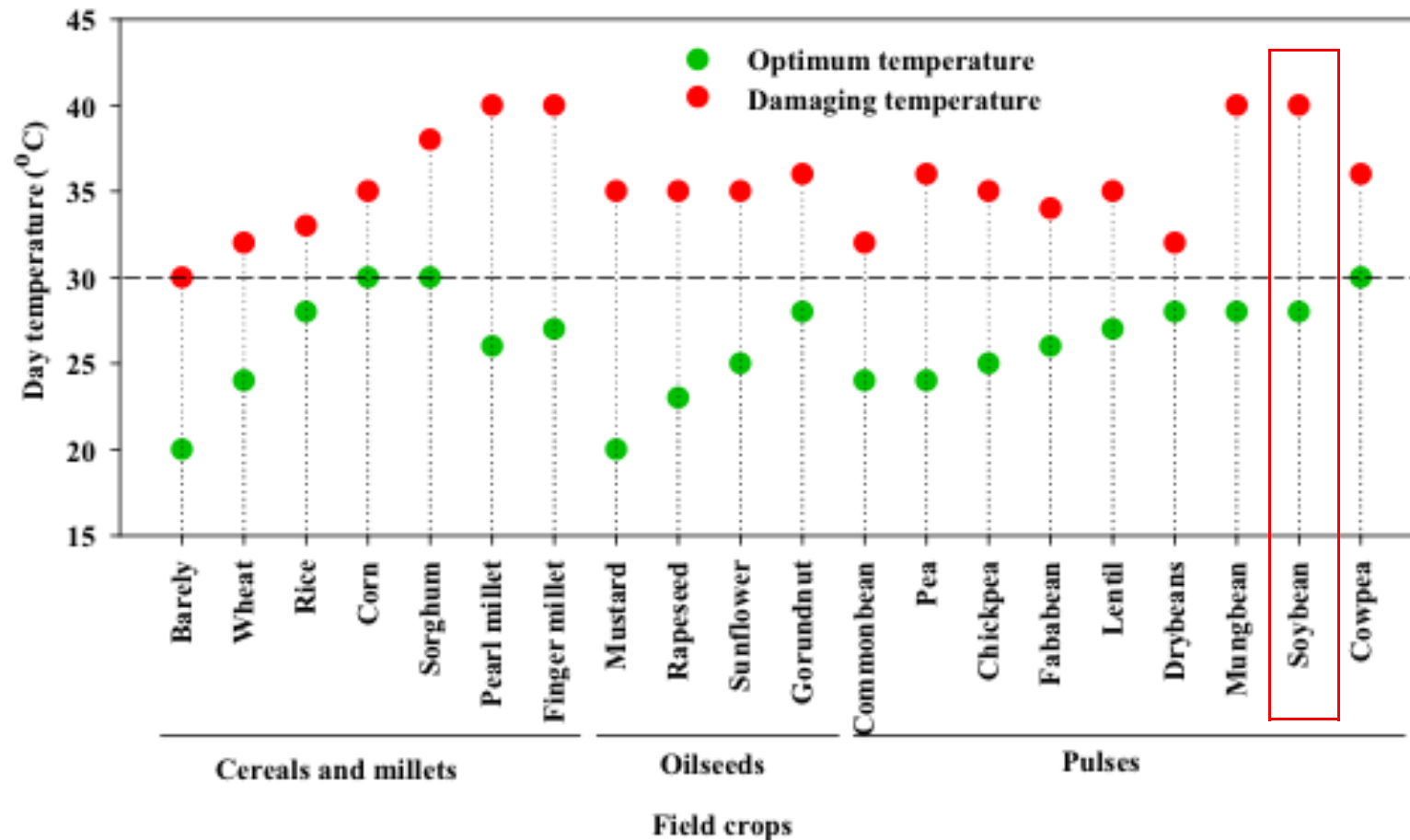
Soybean growth stages



Reproductive stage is extremely sensitive to moisture, **high temperature**, nutrient, deficiencies, lodging, or hail

Reproductive development typically has a lower temperature optimum (**26 °C**) than vegetative growth (**30 °C**; Hatfield et al., 2011)

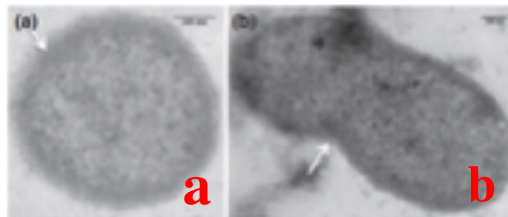
Day optimum and damaging temperature thresholds at reproductive stage in field crops



Soybean is generally considered to be relatively heat tolerant in comparison to other crop plants

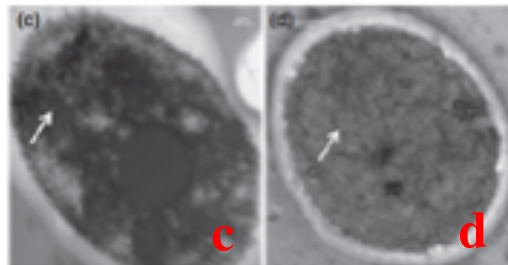
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Effect of high temperature on soybean pollen anatomy



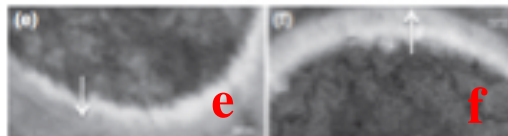
Optimum – (a) circular shaped pollen

Heat stress – (b) Pollen grains irregular shaped



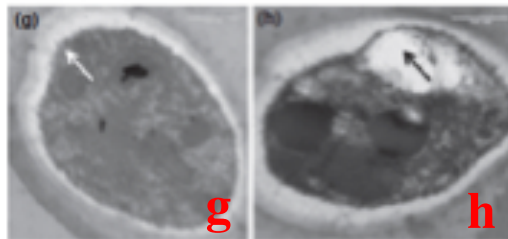
Optimum – (c) Dense cytoplasm

Heat stress – (d) Less dense cytoplasm



Optimum – (e) Thin exine wall

Heat stress – (f) Thick exine wall



Optimum - (g) Intact tapetal cells

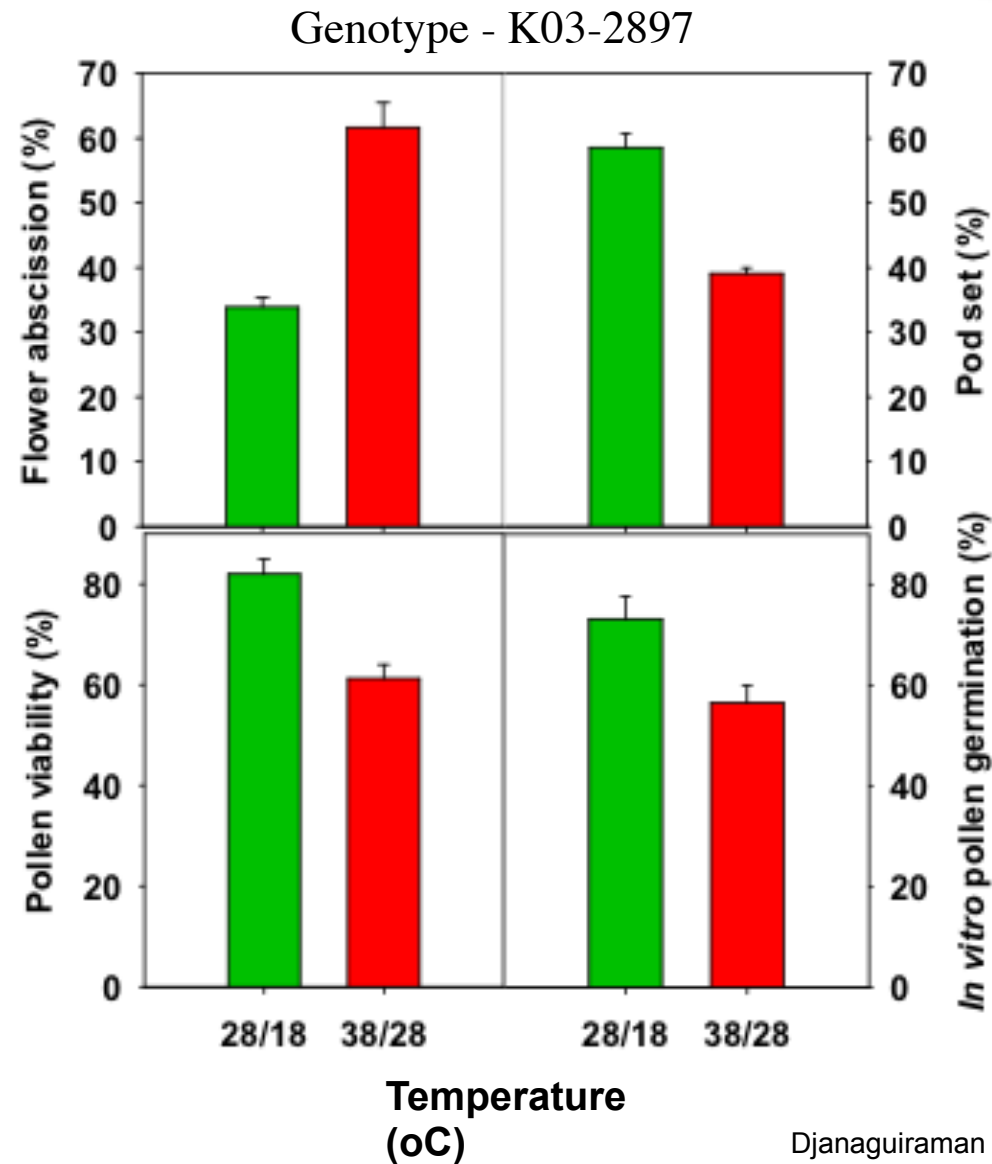
Heat stress - (h) Degradation of tapetal cells



Heat stress - I and J – Pattern of tapetal cell degradation; K – Chromatin condensation

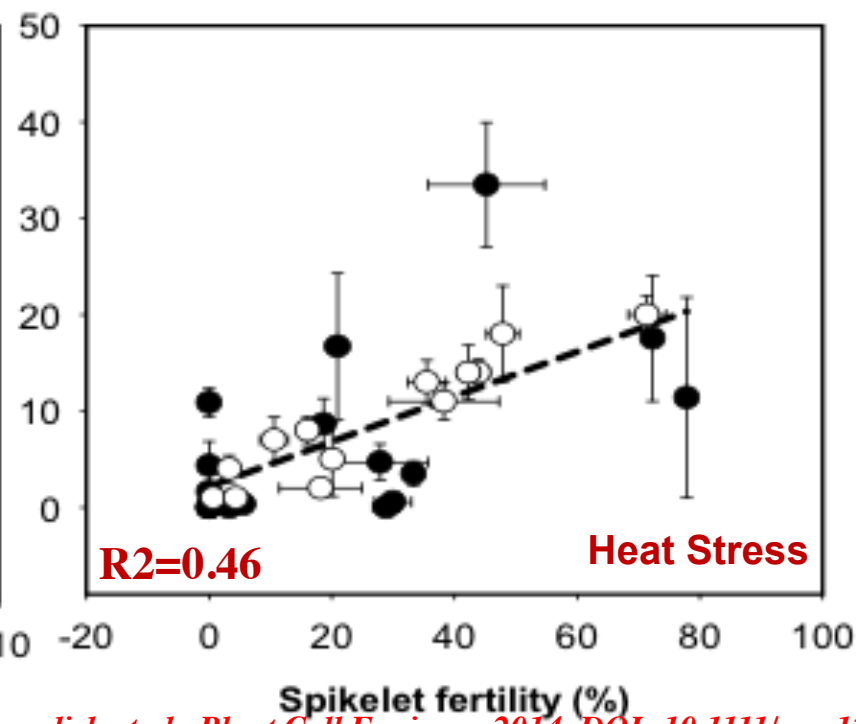
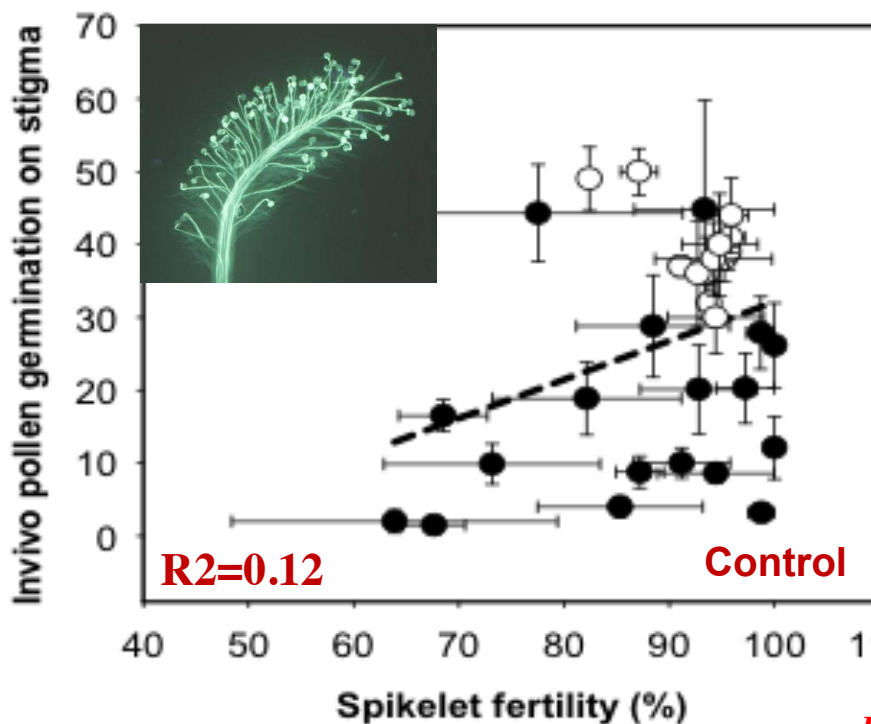
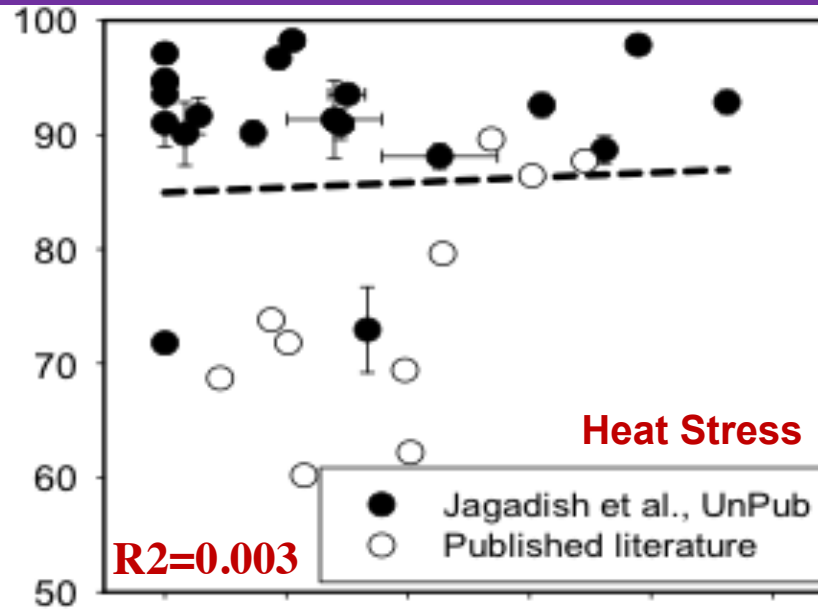
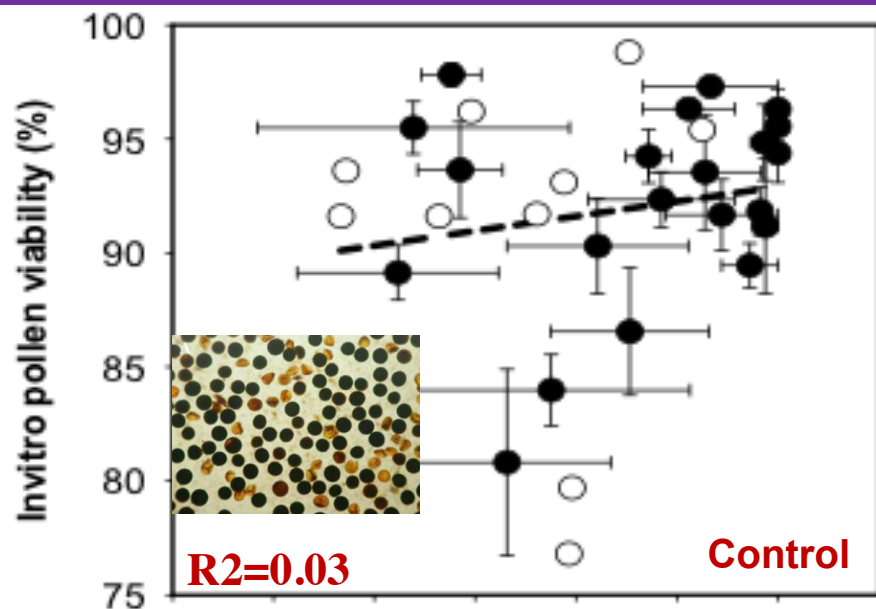
Djanaguiraman et al. 2013. J Agron Crop Sci, 199: 171–177

High temperature and pollen viability and pod set in soybean



Djanaguiraman et al. 2013. J Agron Crop Sci, 199: 171–177

Rice - Pollen viability the sole determining factor?



Flower opening time, pollen viability, Heat stress escape

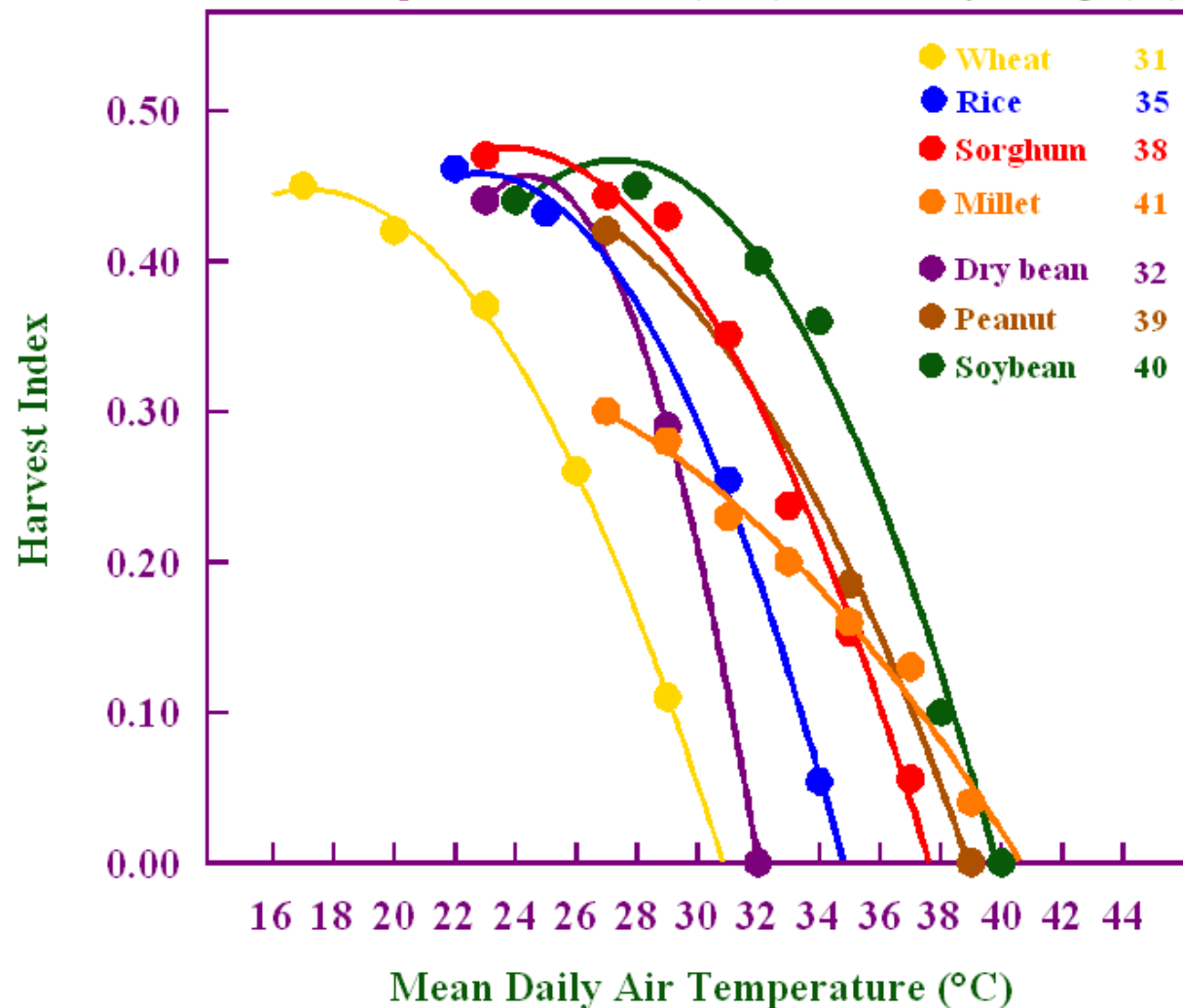


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Season long heat stress on harvest index among field crops

Diurnal Temperature Difference (10°C); Mean Daily Ceiling ~ (°C)



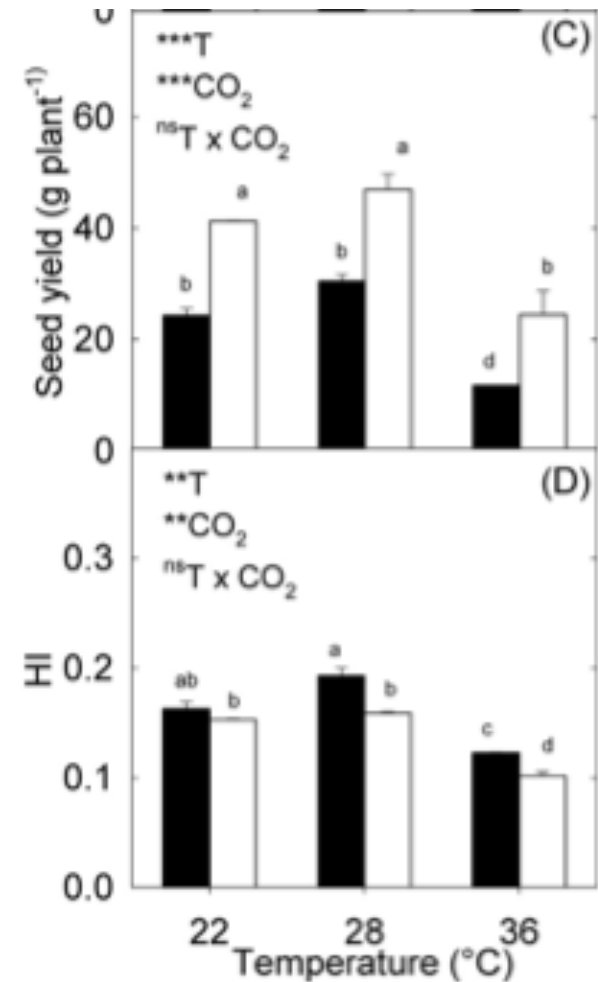
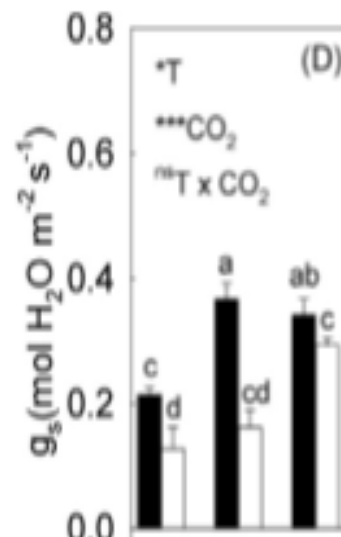
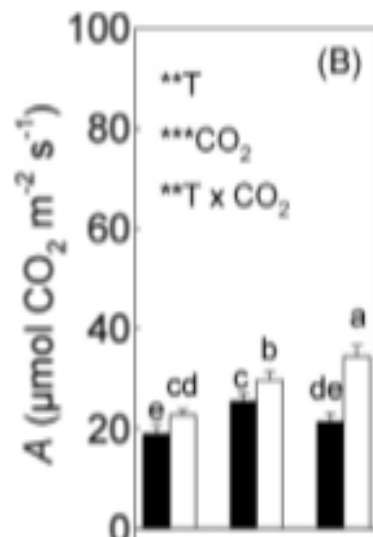
Avoidance through
transpiration
cooling?



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Elevated CO2 and high temperature interactions

aCO₂ = 400
ppm
eCO₂ = 800
ppm
aCO₂ = black
ppm
bars

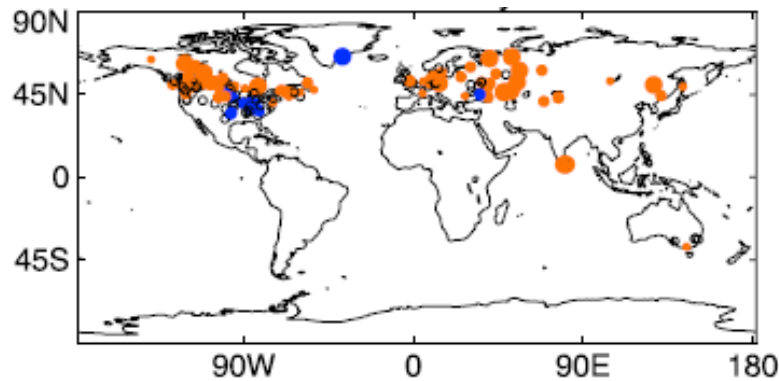


Soybean grown under elevated CO₂ benefits more under low temperature than high temperature stress

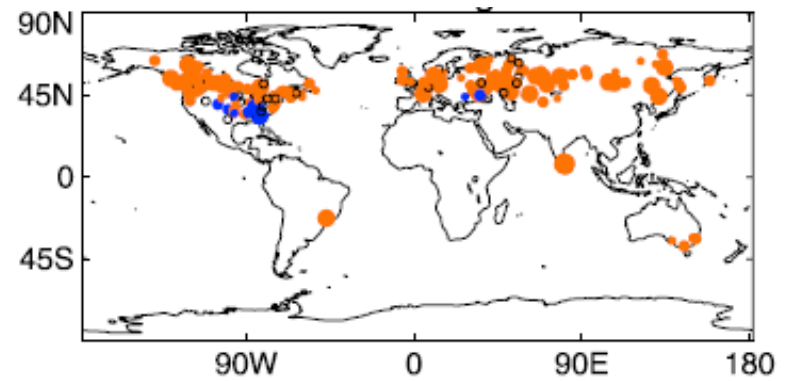
Xu et al., (2016) J Plant Physiol. 205, 205, 20–32

Global warming

- 0.1°C per decade since 1901 and 0.2°C per decade since 1970s
- 2001–2010 was the warmest decade
- **>3 times** increase in Tmin than Tmax.
- Estimated 10% yield loss for each 1°C increase in Tmin (Peng *et al.*, 2004).



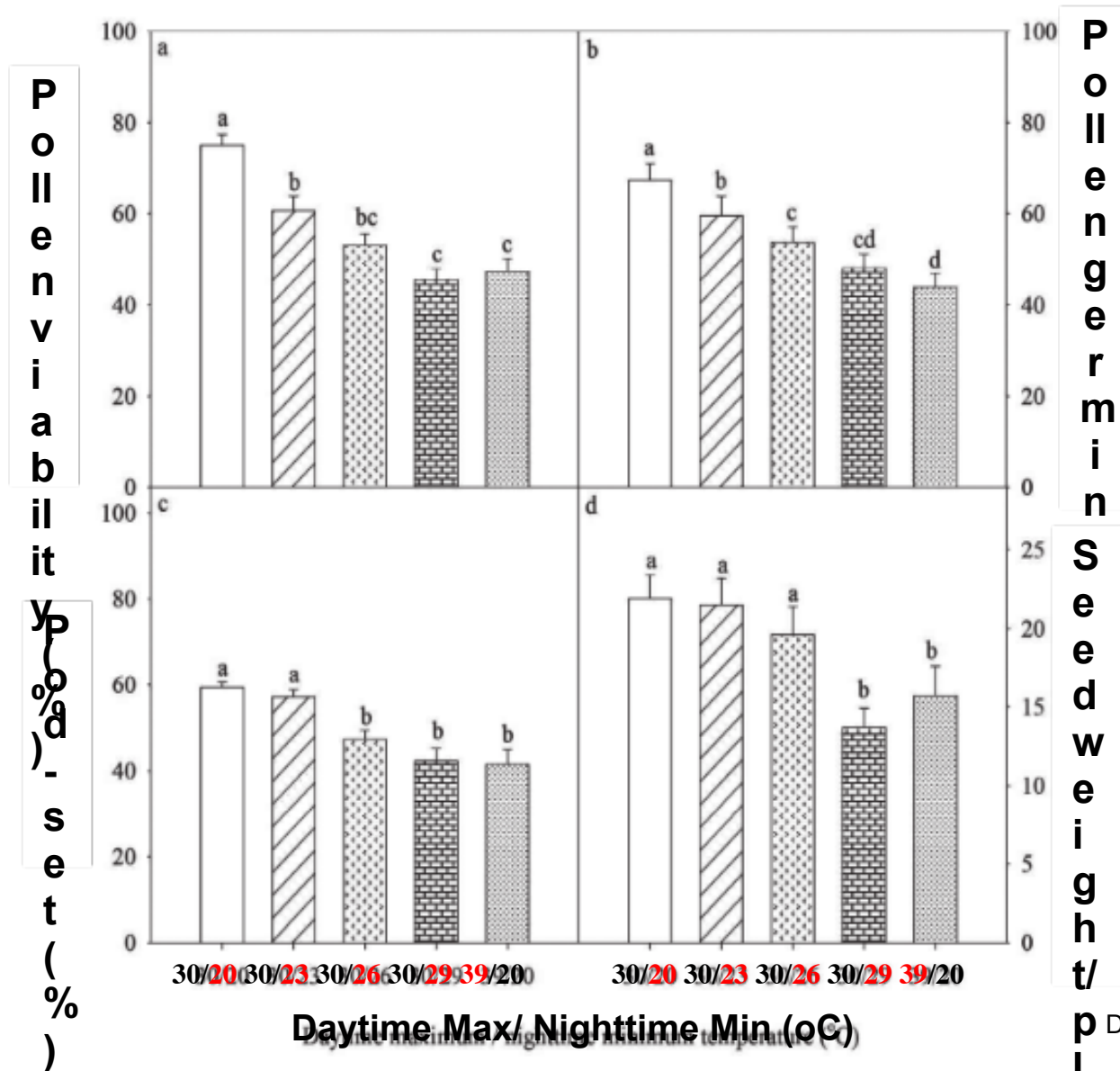
Warm days



Warm nights

Alexander et al., 2006; J. Geophys. Res.

High day and night temperature and reproductive success



Stress induced from R2 for 10 days

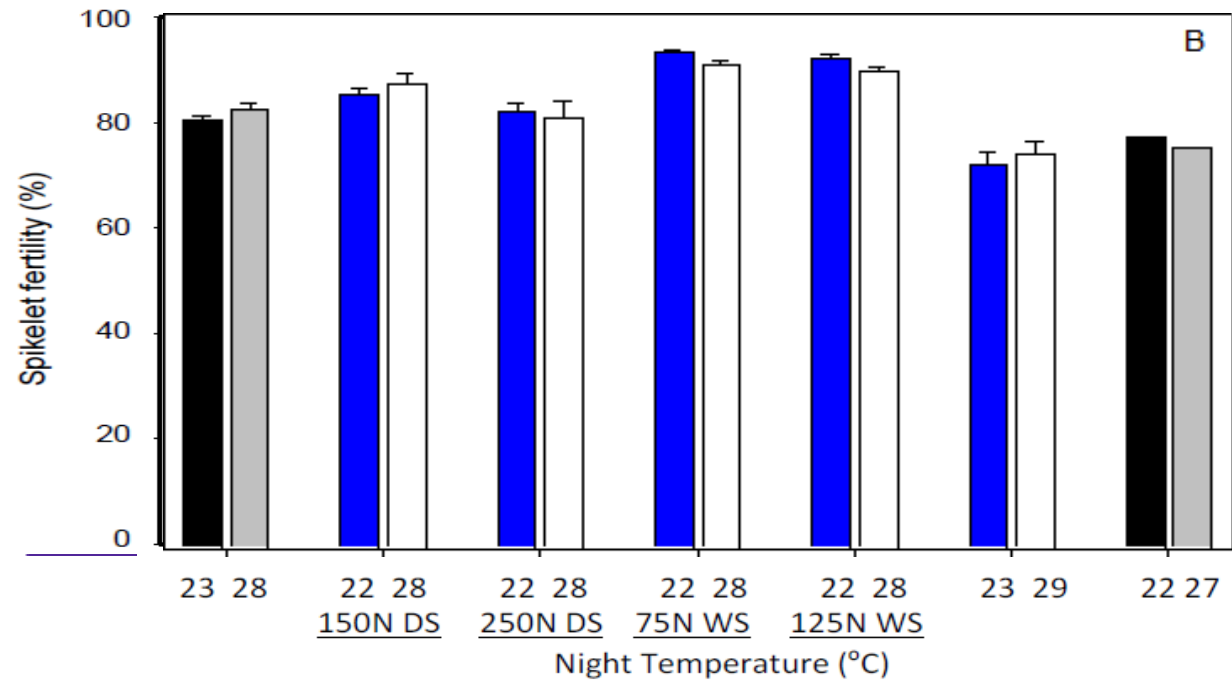
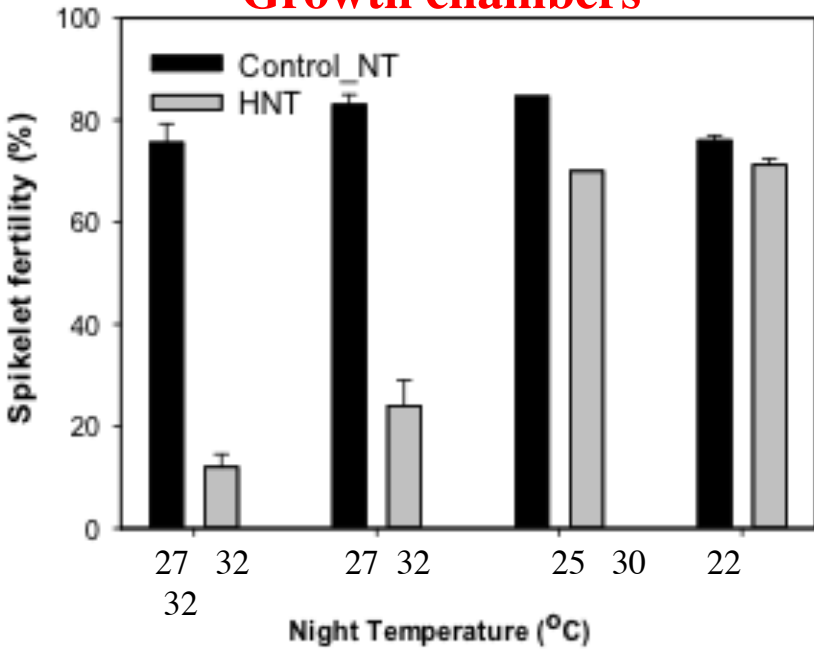
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High night temperature tents, IRRI, Philippines



Growth chambers

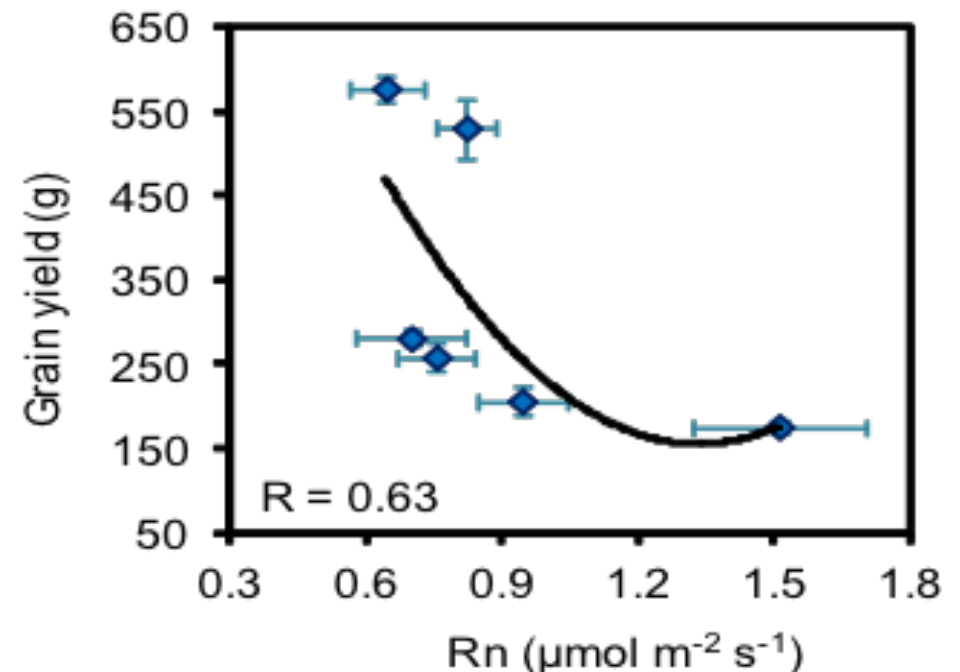
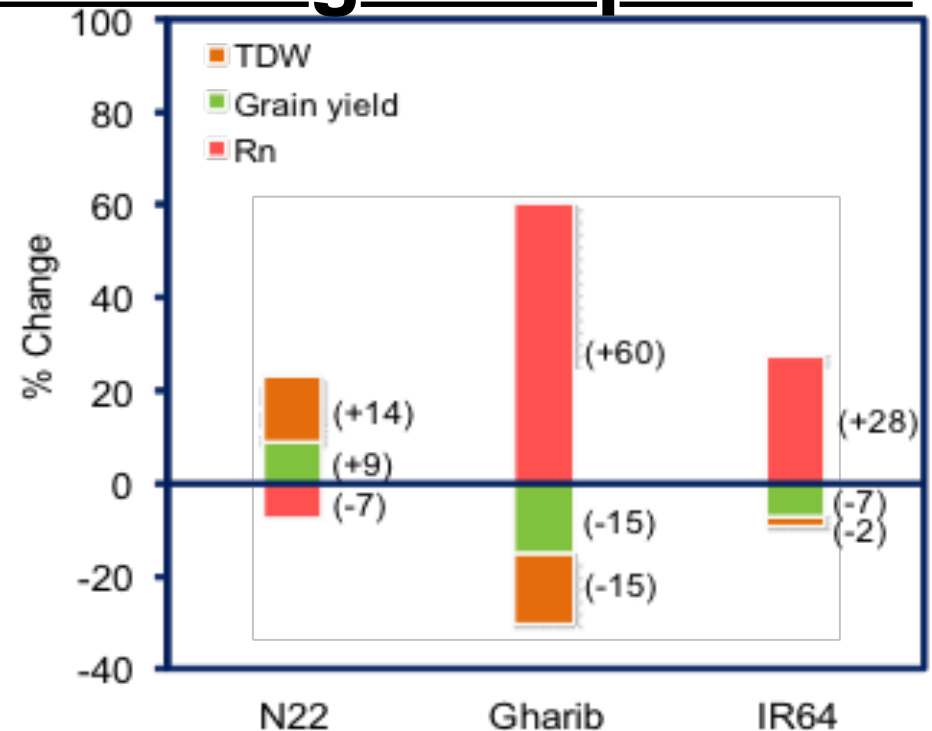
Field – heat tents



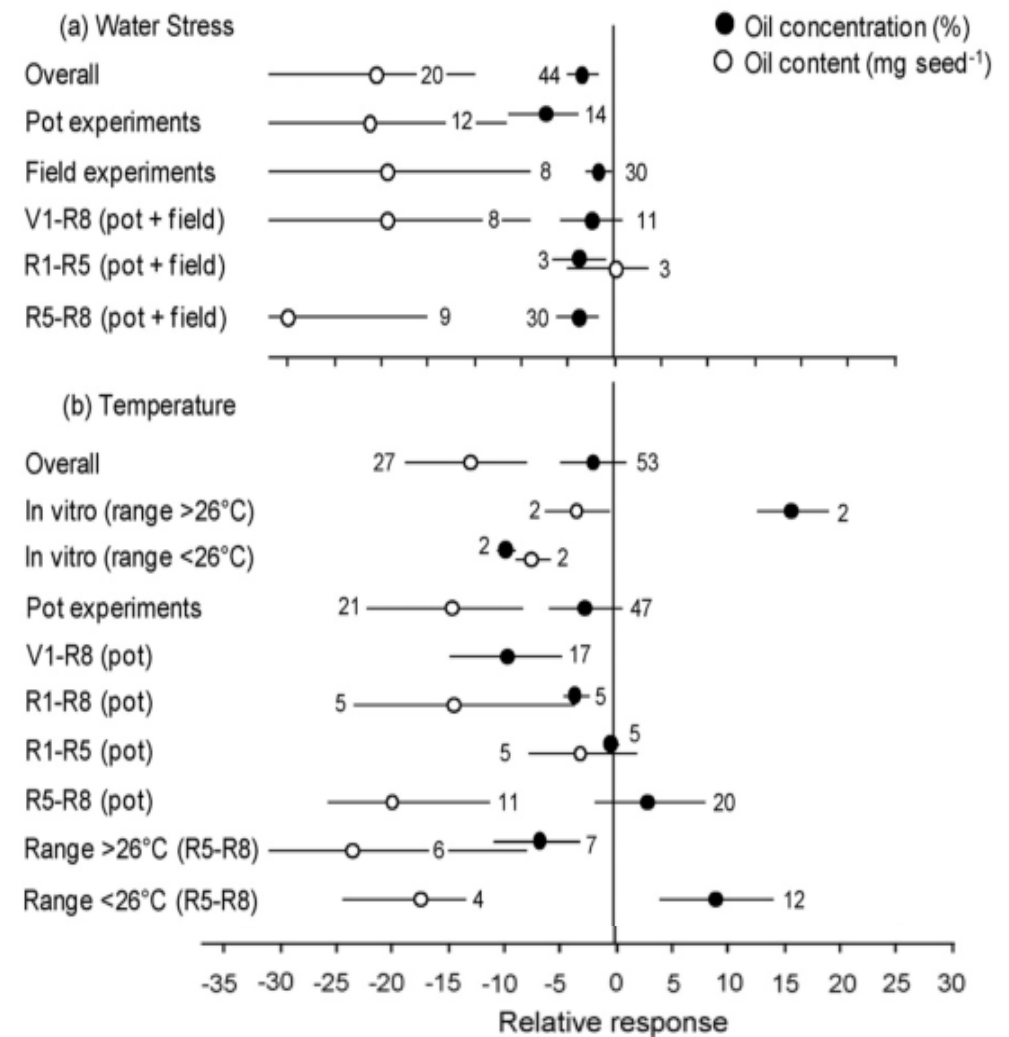
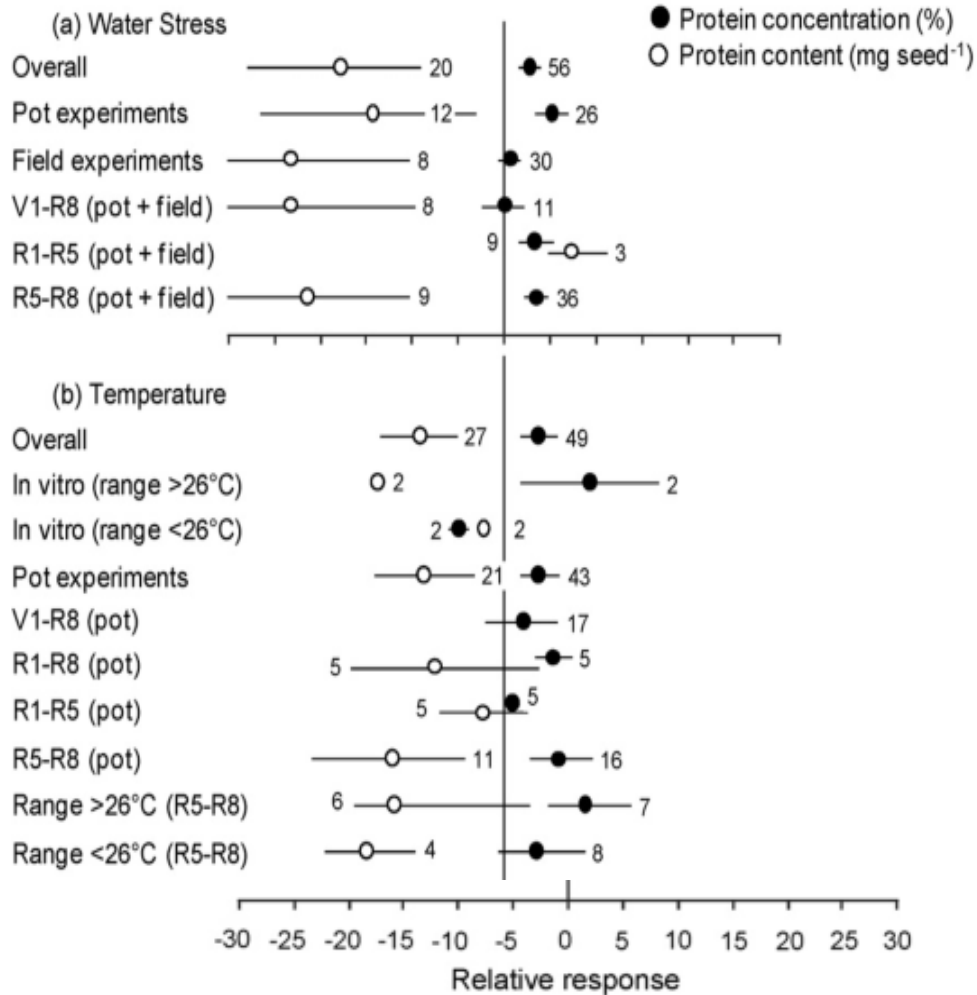
High Night Temperature and Night respiration



- 43 entries screened
- Contrasting entries identified
- In susceptible entry
 - Spikelet fertility not reduced**
 - Biomass, N, NSC reduced
 - Rate of grain filling reduced
 - Grain width reduced
 - Quality deteriorated



Environmental effect on seed component content



Rotundo and Westgate 2009, Field Crops Res, 110:147–156

Developing high yielding quality beans

Genetic materials

Elite/ breeding lines

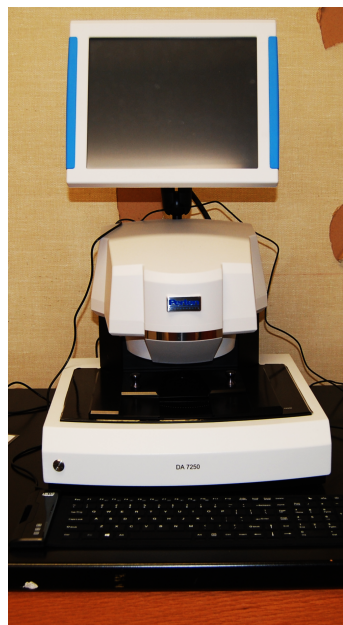
Samples from 2 to 3 environments

Plant introductions

Mapping populations

Production plots

Reflectance based (Screening)



DA 7250 (Perten)
950 to 1650 nm

Validation

- Wet lab
- GC-MS (2)*
- Outsourcing

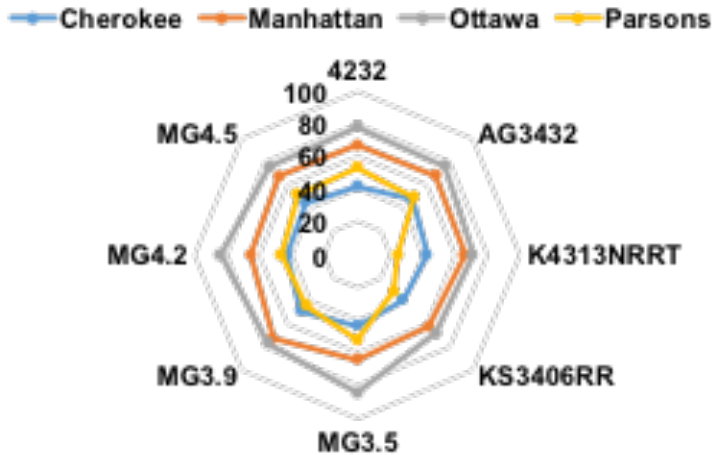
To establish
spectral curve
using samples
covering the
diversity

* Post doc (
chemist)

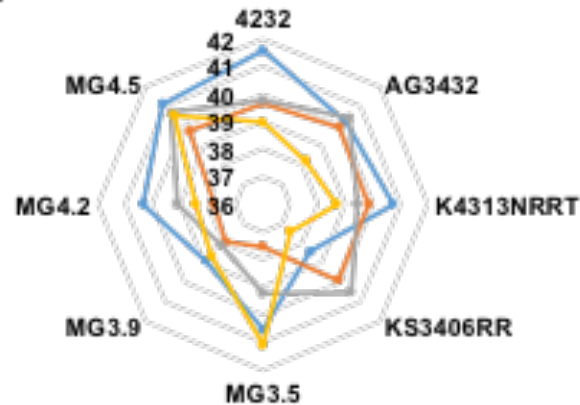
Soybean yield and quality tradeoffs

Raju BR et al., (Poster)

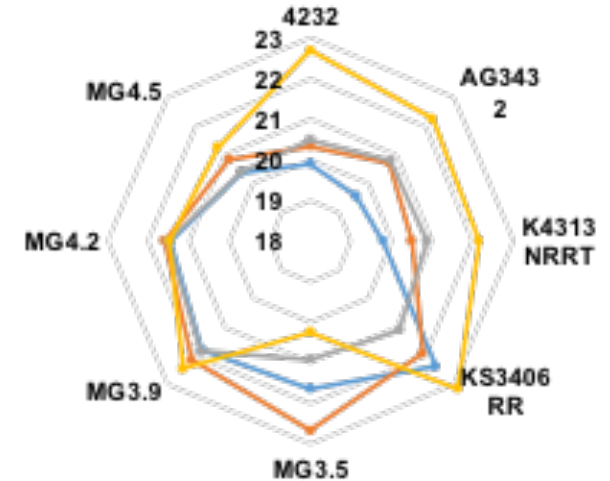
Yield



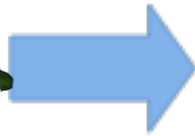
Protein (%)



Oil (%)



ADDITIONALLY All Amino acids and Fatty acids

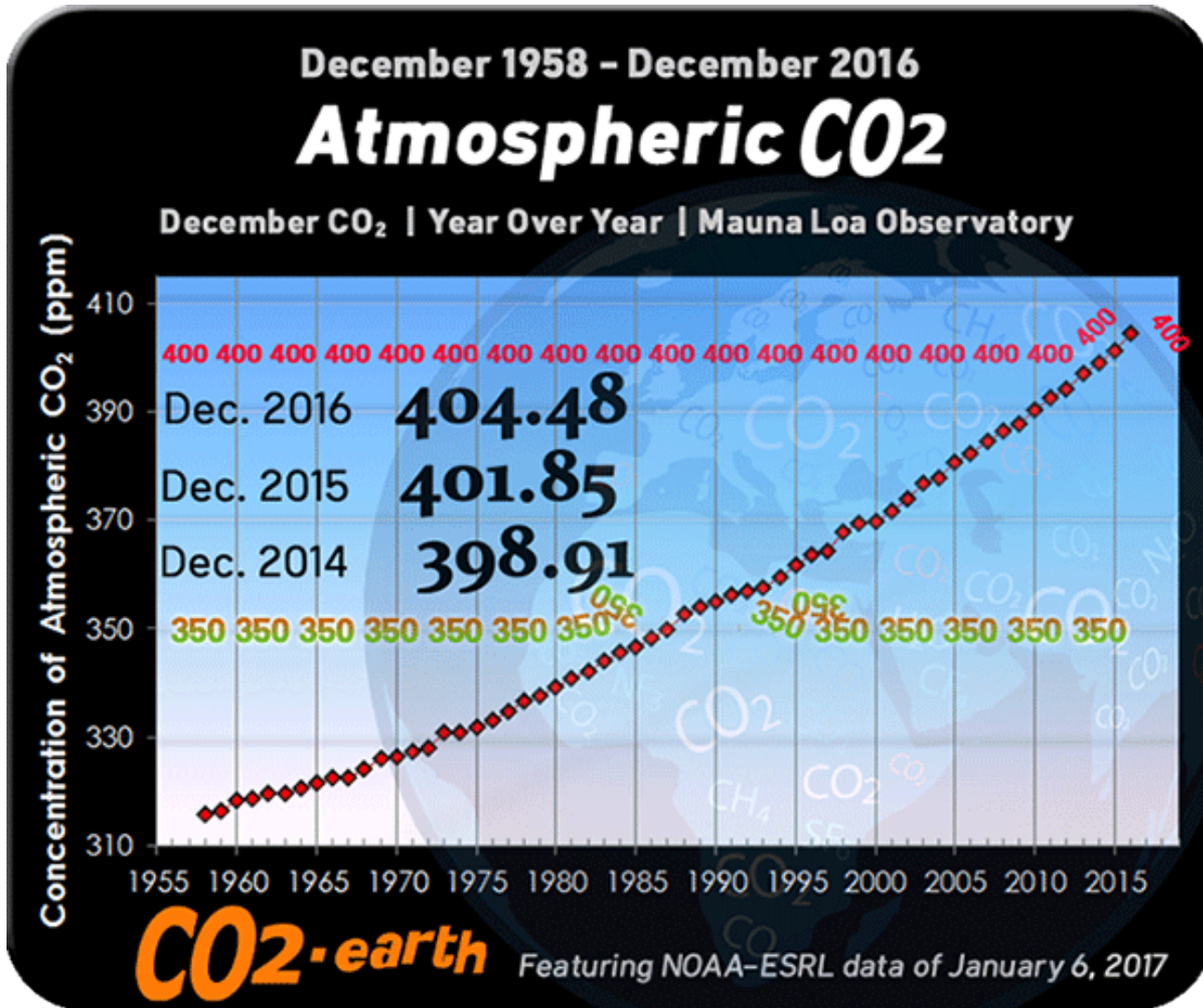


G x E x M
(mapping) yield and quality tradeoffs
G = genotype
E = Environment
M = Management



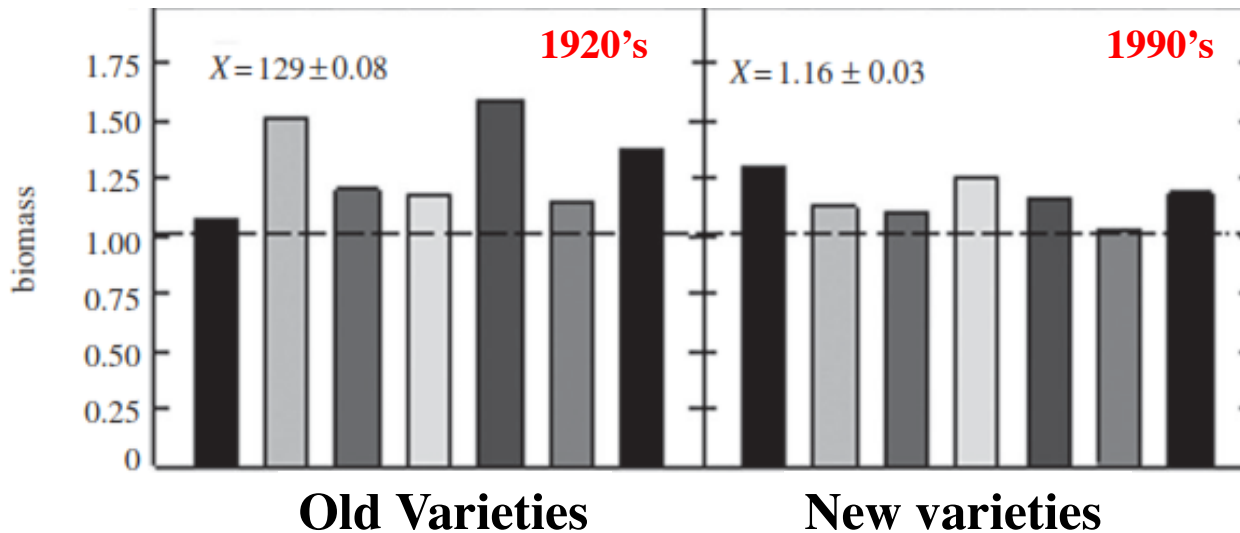
**Have we been breeding beans for
CO₂ responsiveness under NON-STRESS
conditions**

Are we benefitting from increasing CO₂?



Are we not automatically selecting for CO₂ responsiveness through breeding efforts?

Do newer lines perform better than old releases?



Released varieties of **Oats** (*Avena sativa*) for 7 geographical locations exposed to $100 \mu\text{mol mol}^{-1} \text{CO}_2$

Ziska et al., 2012, Proc. R. Soc. B, 279, 4097–4105

CO₂ enrichment (control – **379** and elevated **689** ppm) and yield components in old and newer released **spring wheat** cultivars (# Varieties = 6). Values are ratio of high/low

Variable	1890	1914	1943	1965	1979	1988
Kernal weight (mg)	1.03	1.04	1.08	1.06	1.06	1.12
Grain number/plant	1.35	1.42	1.36	1.13	1.11	1.16
Grain number/ear	1.12	1.11	1.04	0.94	0.98	1.01
Grain yield/plant	1.39	1.47	1.51	1.21	1.20	1.38

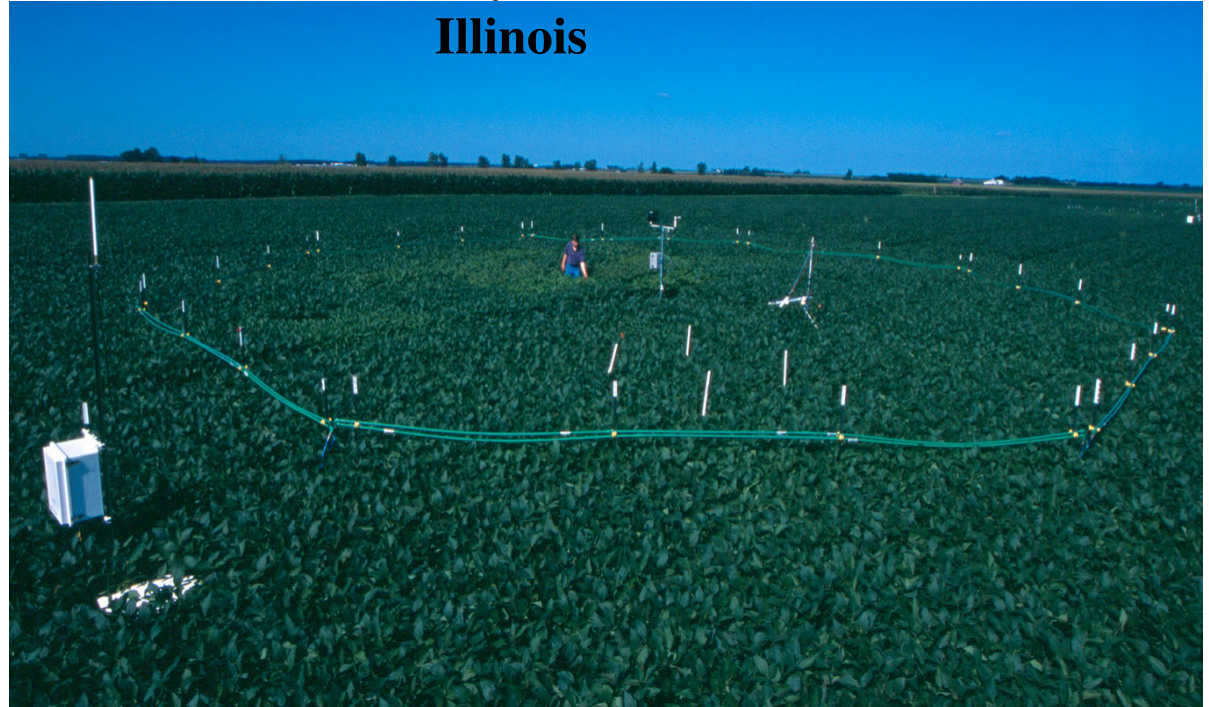
Manderscheid and Weigel, 1997, Agric. Eco. Environ. 64, 65-73

Expensive and hard to excite breeders

Open top field chambers



**SoyFACE -
Illinois**

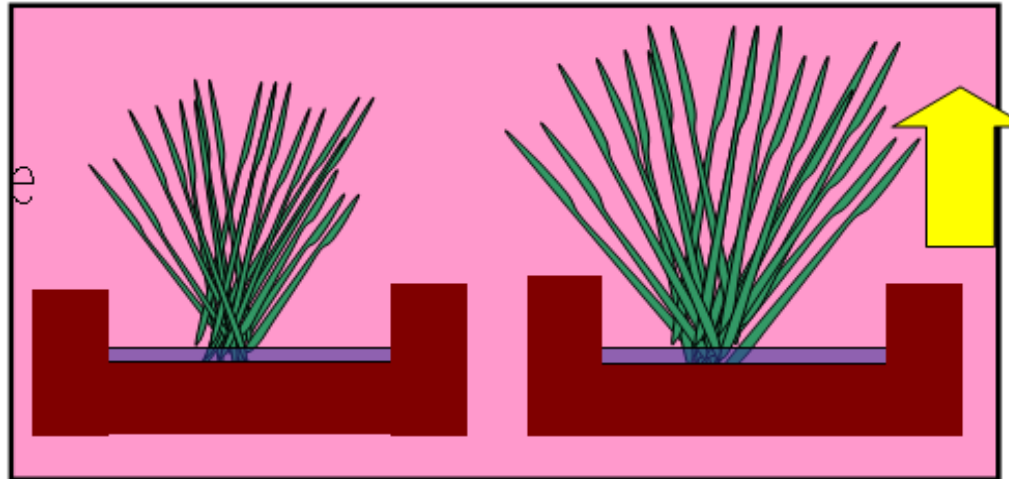


Alternative (pre) screening for CO₂ responsiveness

Normal

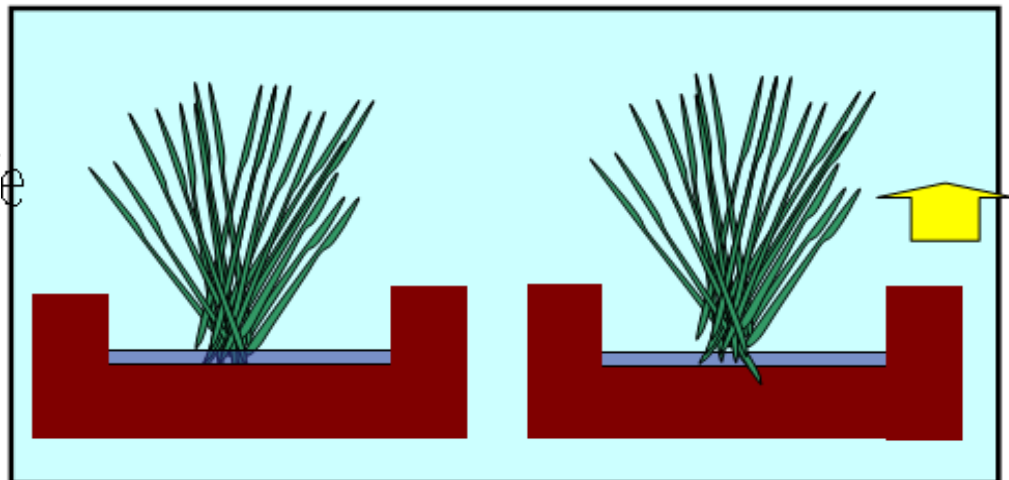
Elevated CO₂

High
Responsive
Cultivars



Mechanism Elevated CO₂ increases carbohydrate supply due to increased photosynthesis

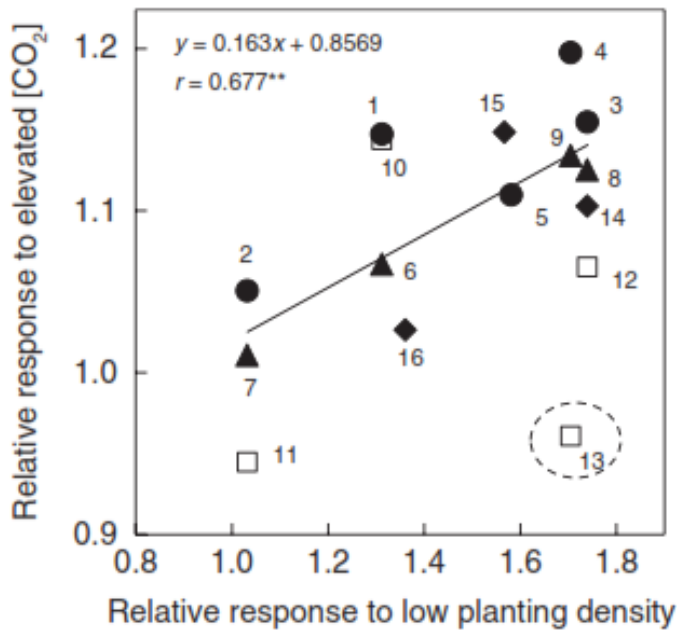
Low
Responsive
Cultivars



Screening FACE, OTC reliable but too expensive and unsustainable

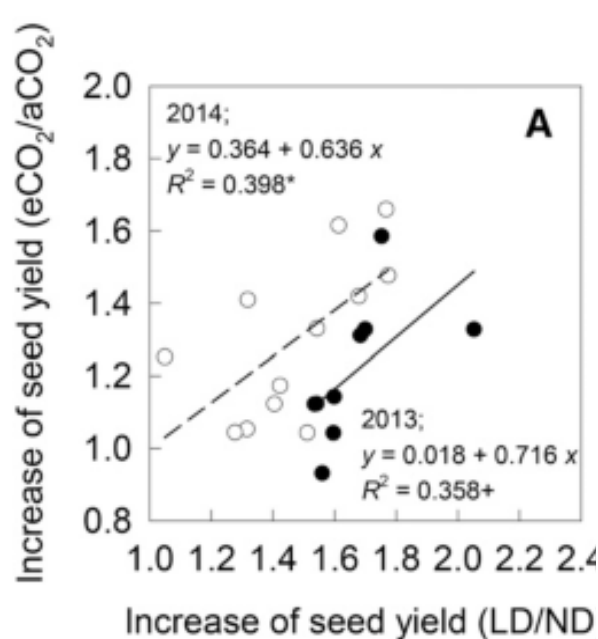
Cheaper option?

Low planting density for CO₂ responsiveness tested and



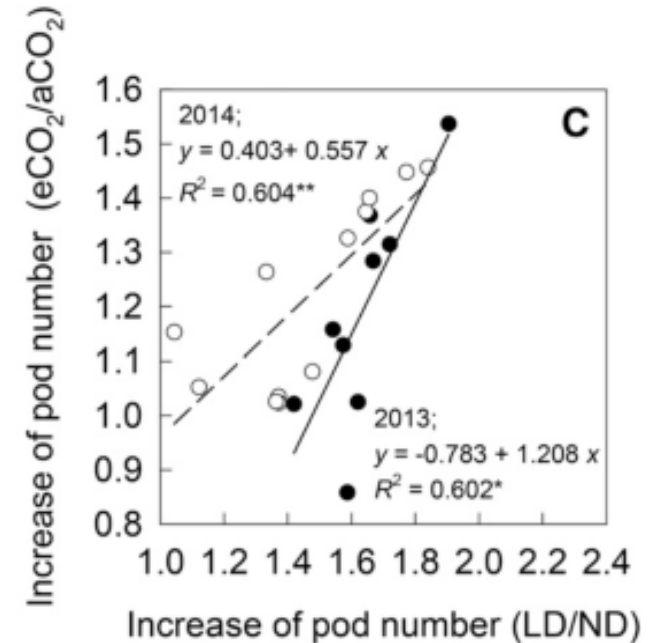
Rice - Free Air CO₂ Enrichment (1-5), Temperature Gradient Chamber (6-9), TGC low temperature (10-13) IRRI, Philippines (14, 15 and 16 from Moya et al., 1998.

Shimono et al., 2014 *Physiol Plant.* 152: 520-528

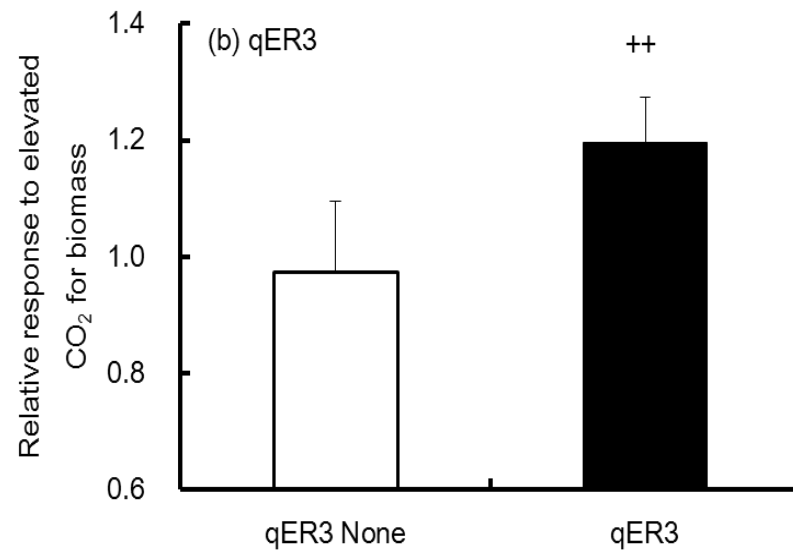
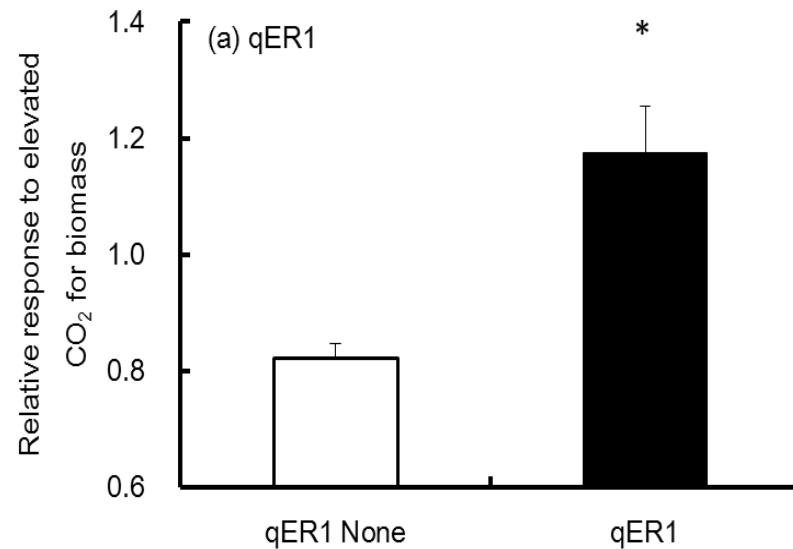
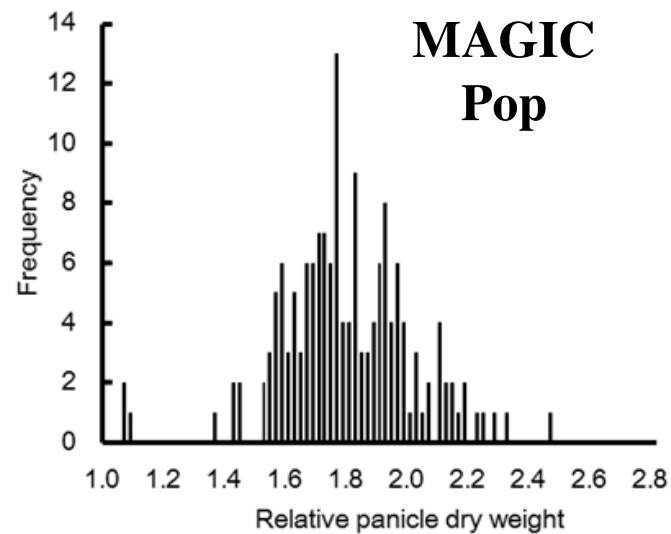
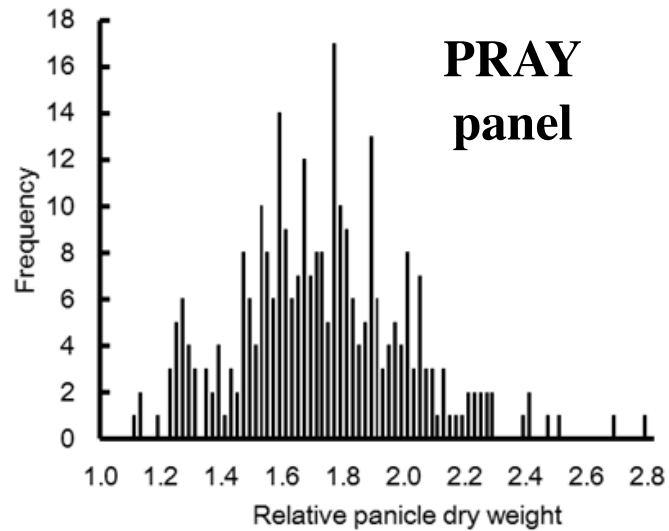


Soybean – Relationship between ratio of values at eCO₂ and aCO₂; and the ratio of Low density to normal density in 2013 (black circles) and 2014 (white circles). **12 cultivars with maturity groups I to IV and VII**

Kumagai et al., 2015, *Plant Phys.* 169, 2021–2029

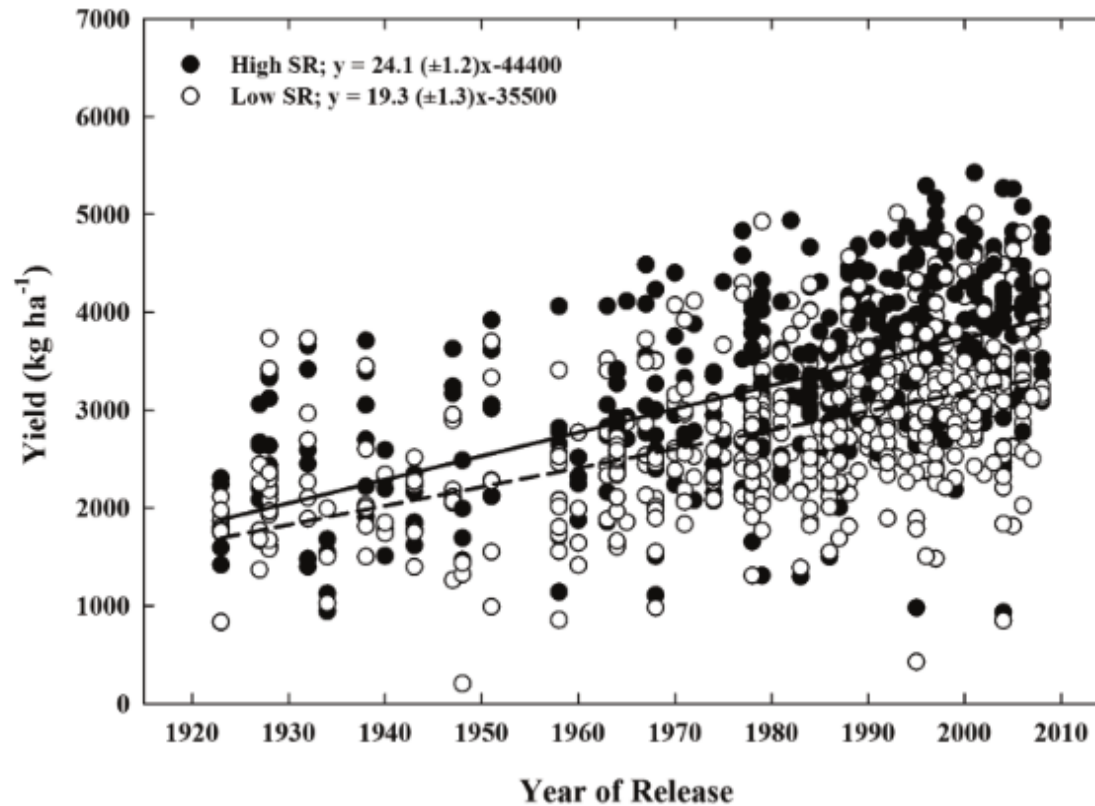


Genetic mapping for CO₂ responsiveness in rice



Kikuchi et al., Plant Cell Environ (Minor Revisions)

Soybean breeding and management efforts

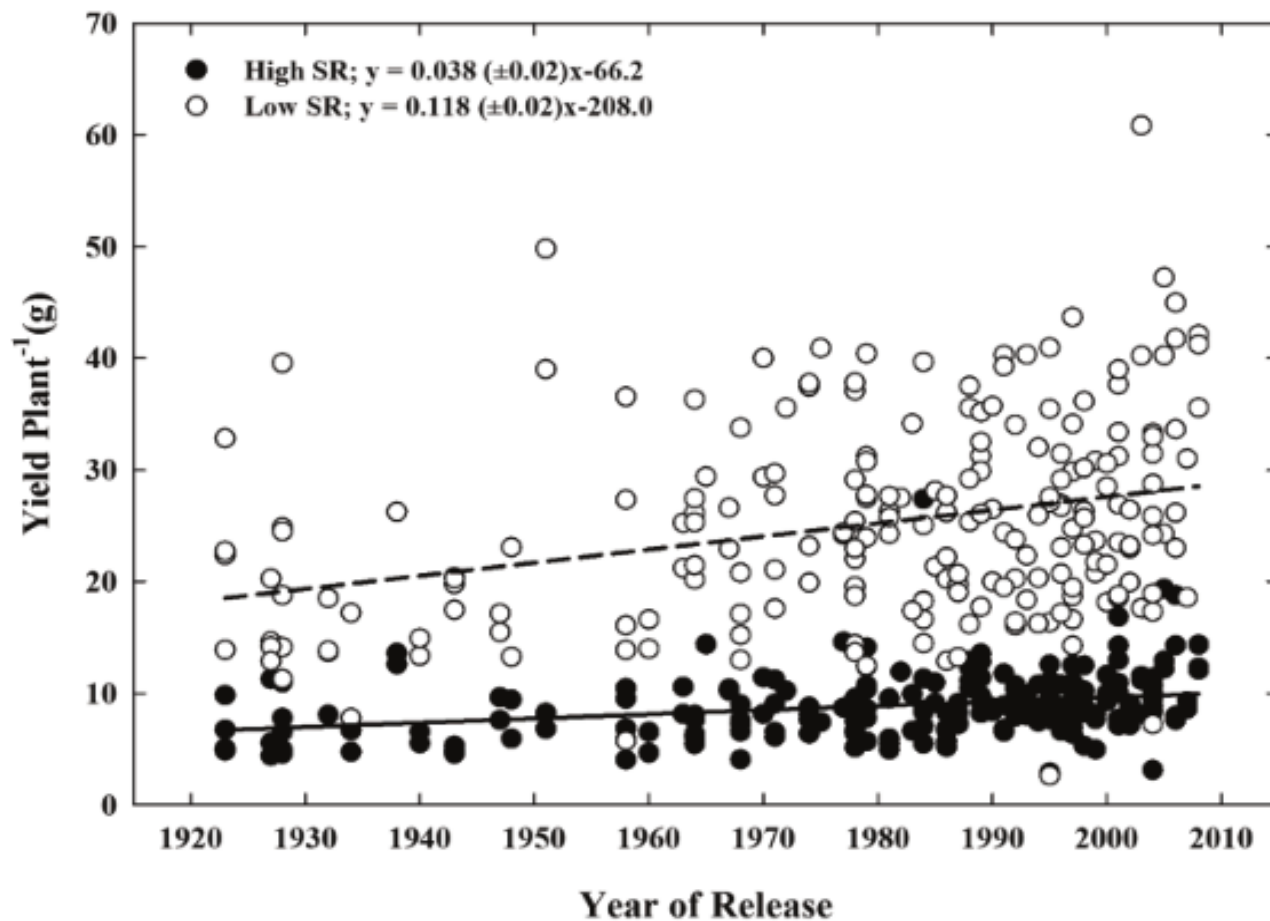


High seed rate – 445,000/ha
Low seed rate – 148,000/ha

- Achieved considerable seed yield gains over the last century
(23.4 kg ha⁻¹ yr⁻¹ between 1924 and 2011 (USDA-ERS, 2011; Suhre et al. 2014))
- Limited amount of genetic diversity explored

Suhre et al., 2014 Crop Ecol Physiol 106, 1631-1642; Chebroly et al., 2016 Metabolomics, 12, 28

Plasticity exists



Suhre et al., 2014 Crop Ecol Physiol 106, 1631-1642

Summary and future direction

- **Soybean resilience to heat stress could be either due to escape, avoidance or true tolerance**
- **Pollen germination alone may not capture the entire impact of heat stress at flowering**
- **Impact of high day and night temperatures cannot be assumed to be same – would need alternative breeding strategies?**
- **Environment, yield and quality interact strongly**
- **Under non-stress conditions – Can we breed soybean varieties that can be more CO₂ responsive?**