

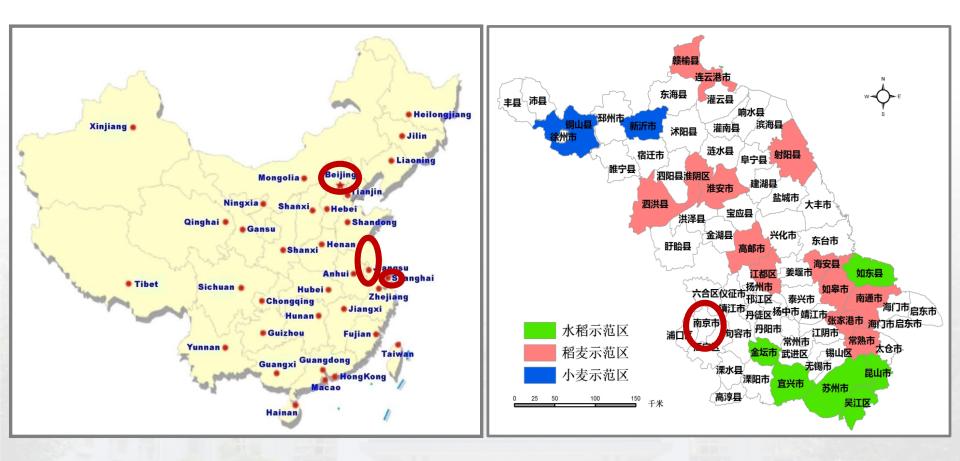
## Welcome to Nanjing Agricultural University

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# 国家信息农业工程技术中心

National Engineering and Technology Center for Information Agriculture



**Locations of Jiangsu Province and Nanjing City** 

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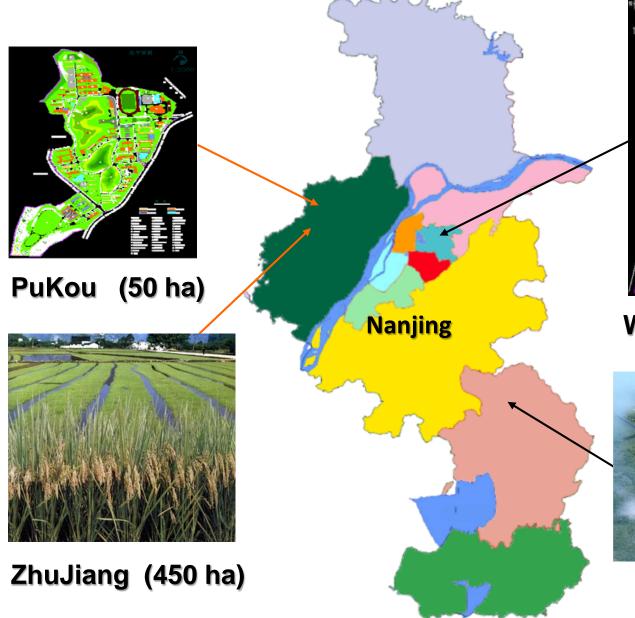


### Nanjing Agricultural University—NAU

### **Pioneer of modern agricultural education in China (since 1914)**

A state key university, member of "211 Project" (since 2000)







#### WeiGang (60 ha)



BaiMa (360 ha)



#### BaiMa (360 ha) --under construction

### Part of National Agricultural Sci-Tech Park

### Colleges (19)

<u>Agriculture</u> Horticulture Plant Protection **Grassland Science** Animal Sci. & Tech. **Veterinary Medicine** Engineering Food Sci. and Tech. Information Sci. and Tech. Life Sciences **Resource & Envi. Sci.** Sciences **Economics & Management** Finance **Foreign Studies** Humanities and Social Sci. **Public Administration Rural Development International Education** 



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### National Key Disciplines (14)

**Crop Cultivation & Farming** Crop Genetics & Breeding **Agri. Entomol. & Pest Control Pesticide Science Plant Pathology** Agri. Eco. & Mgmt. Land Resources & Mgmt.

**Clinical Vet. Med. Preventive Vet. Med. Theoretical Vet. Med. Plant Nutrition Soil Science Food Science Vegetable Science** 





### **Research facilities**

- National Key Lab (1)
- **National Key Engineering Center (5)**
- **Ministrial-level Key Lab and Research Center (28)**
- Jiangsu Provincial-level Lab and Research Center(32)





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## National Key Lab

### -- Crop Genetics & Germplasm Enhancement

- -Germplasm Resources
- -Genomics
- -Crop Breeding
- Rice, wheat, soybean,
- cotton, rapeseed, maize



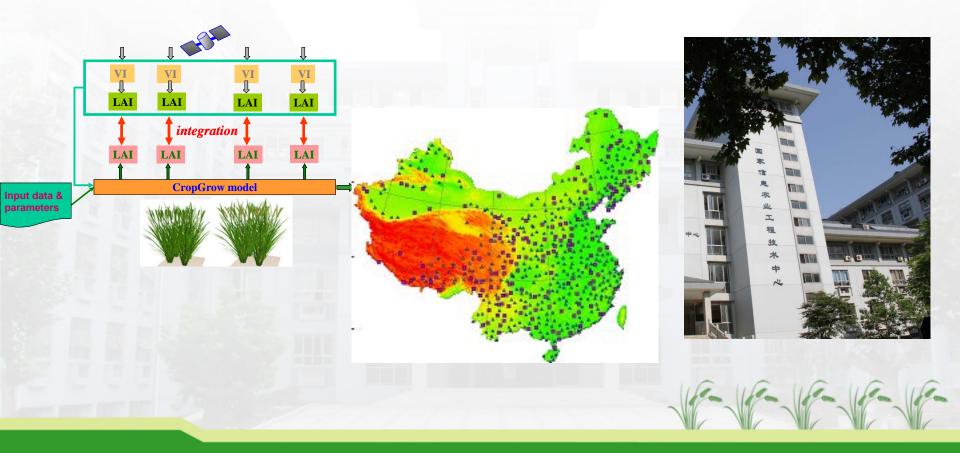






### **National Key Engineering Center**

#### --Information Agriculture





The NETCIA was established by the Ministry of Industry and **Information Technology of the People's Republic of China in** November, 2010. It is a national research center within NAU for conducting the researches on innovation, integration, and transfer of key technologies in information agriculture.







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#### **Research Members Agricultural Remote Sensing**

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Prof. Yan Zhu





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Administrative Staff

Research Secretary Yu Zhang Lab Administrator Xue Wang









Lab Administrator

Associate Prof. Bing Liu



- Faculty members (24)
  - Professors (14)
  - >Assoc. Profs. (7)
  - $\rightarrow$  Lecturer (3)
- Graduate students (>70)
- > Post-doctors (2)
- Visiting scholars (2)

All of them are from colleges of:

- > Agriculture
- Information Science & Technology
- Resource and Environmental Sciences
- Agricultural Engineering

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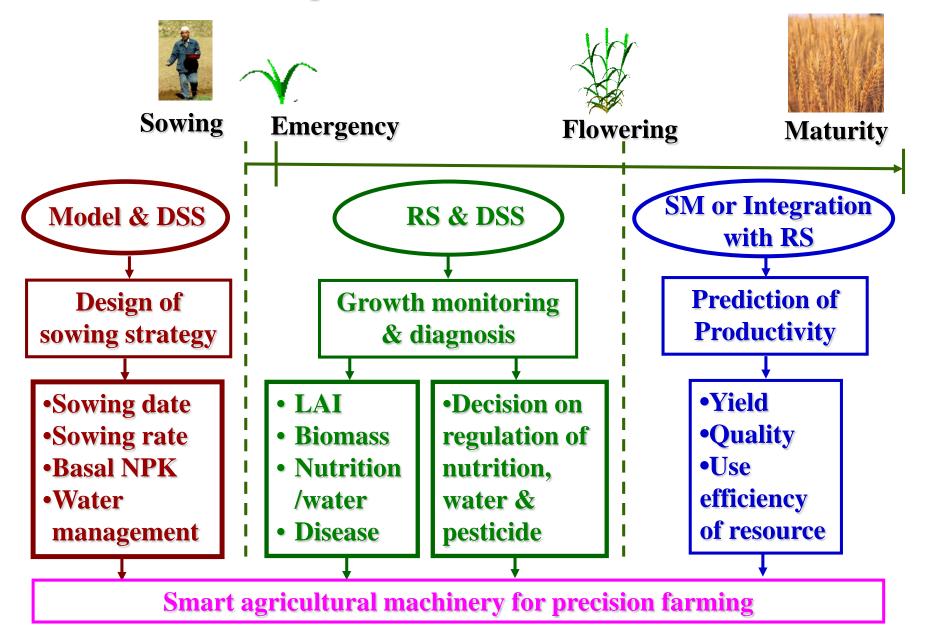
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### **Technique framework of NETCIA**



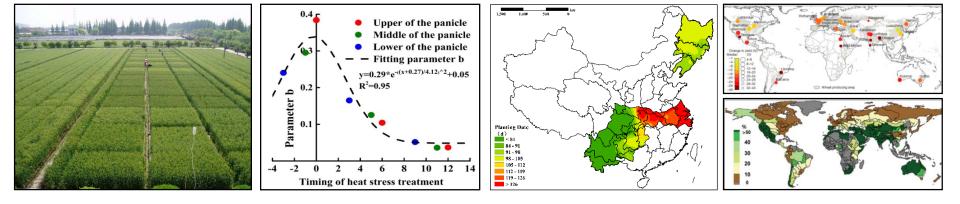


## **Research areas**

- Agricultural remote sensing
- Crop system modeling
- Precision farming and management

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>Agro-Information engineering



## Model-based prediction of regional productivity in rice and wheat crops of China

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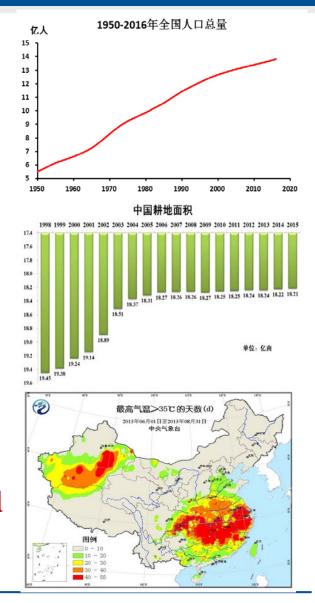
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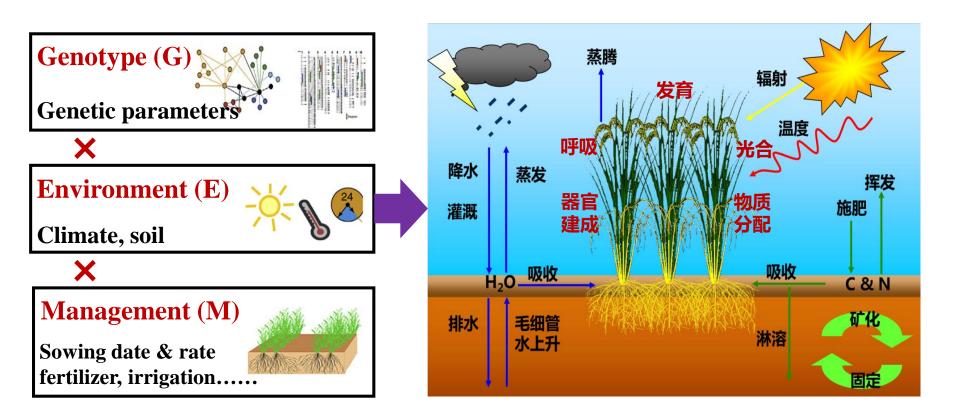
### **Urgent demand on food security**

### Challenges

- Rapid growth in population
- Limited farming acreage
- Increasing shortage of water resources
- Frequent extreme climate events
- Continues increase of industrial use
- Tension in international market
- Ensuring national food security is amajor task of each country for now anda long time in the future.



## **Quantitative prediction on crop productivity**

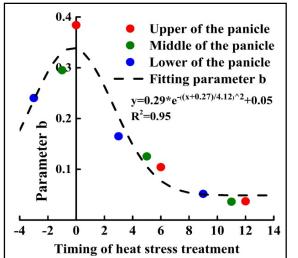


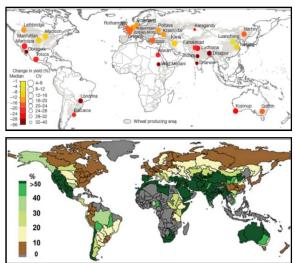
**Crop system model** can be used as the quantitative tool for crop productivity prediction and early warning of crop production risks based on the interaction of genotype (G), environment (E) and management strategy (M).

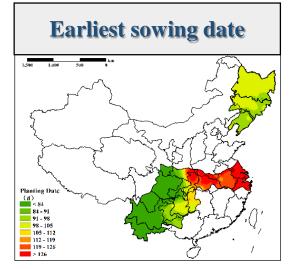
### Key problems to be solved

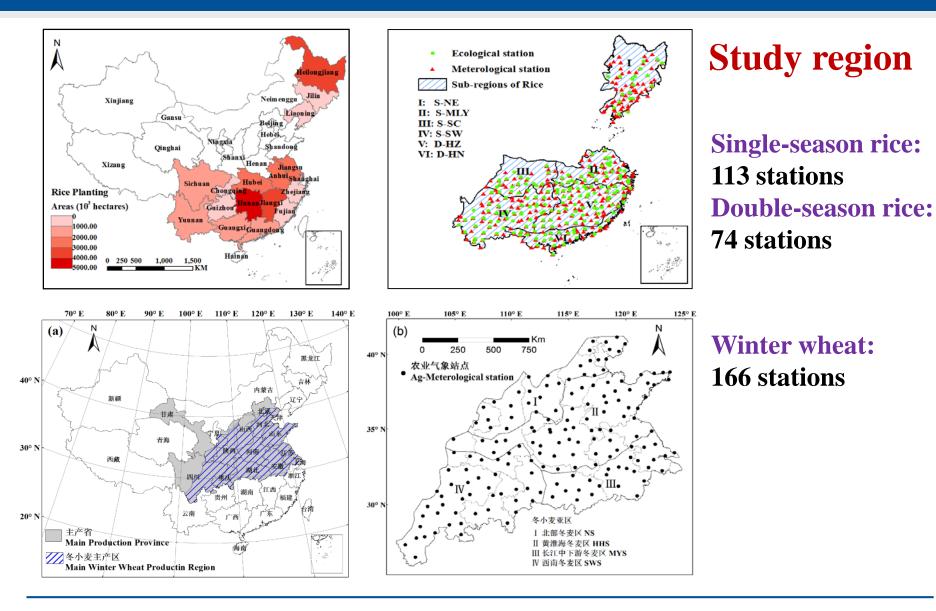
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How to improve the model performance under extreme climatic conditions? How to expand the point-based simulations to regional forecasting? How to design the adaptive strategies under future climate scenarios?

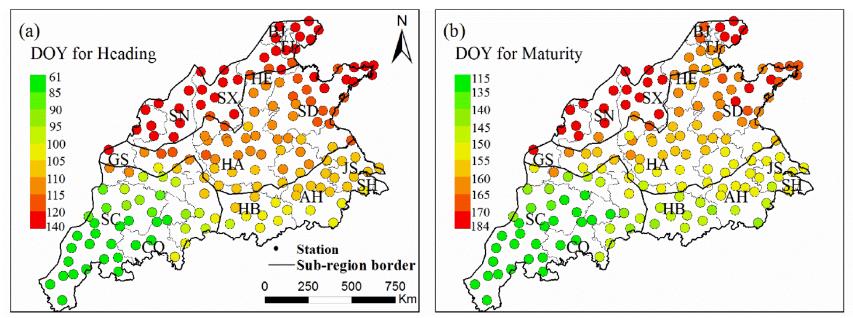








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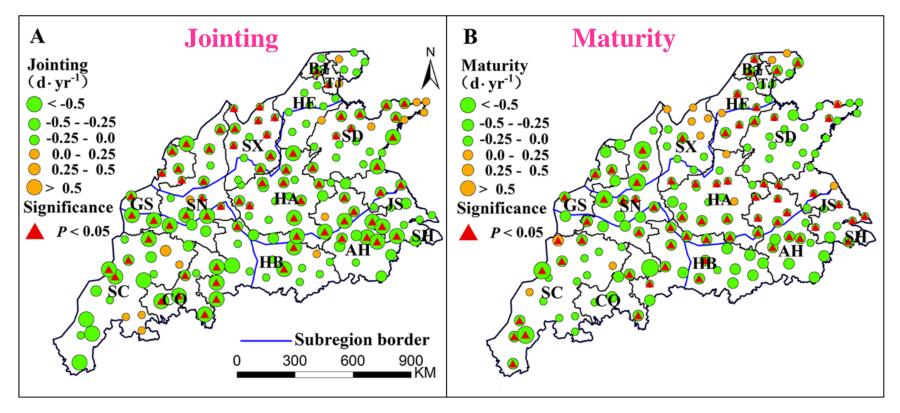


#### **Spatial variation of phenological dates**

Spatial distribution of DOY for heading (a) and maturity (b) in study region of winter wheat

The maximum differences due to spatial variation of heading and maturity are 77 and 68 days, respectively.

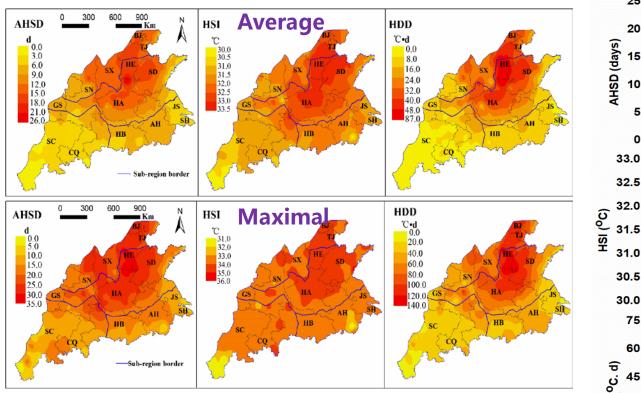
#### **Temporal trends of phenological dates**



Annual trends of jointing and maturity dates during last 30 years

Significant negative trends (p < 0.05) were observed at 45.3% and 42.3% of stations for jointing and maturity stages of winter wheat in China.

### **Spatial variation of post-heading heat stress** in winter wheat of China



33.0 32.5 31.1 31.5 32.0 31.5 31.0 32.0 32.1 30.5 30.0 75 28.7 28. 60 HDD (°C. d) 45 10.8 7.9 30 15 NS HHS MYS SWS Subregions

Post-heading heat stress was more severe in the two northern sub-regions than the two southern sub-regions

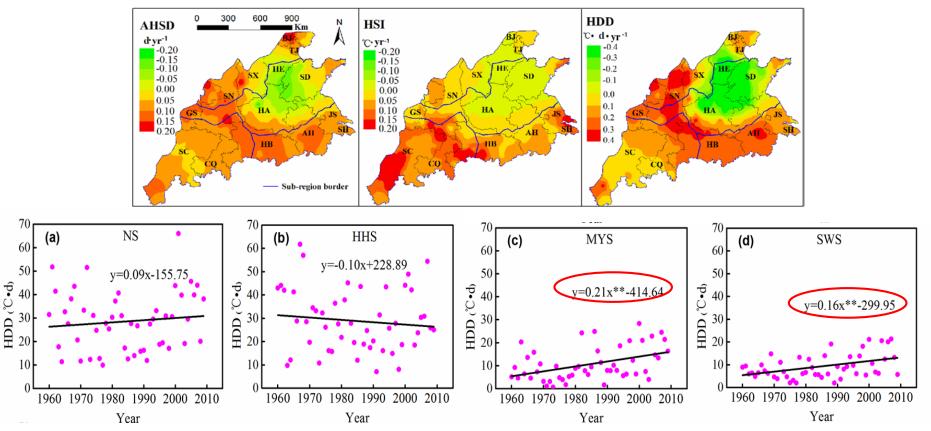
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Average

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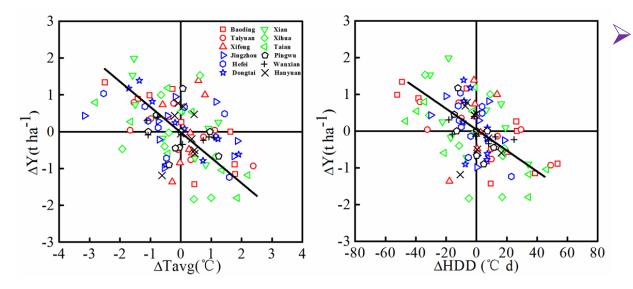
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#### **Temporal variation of post-heading heat stress** in winter wheat of China



The significantly increasing trend of post-heading heat stress was observed in two southern sub-regions during last few decades, while not for two northern sub-regions.

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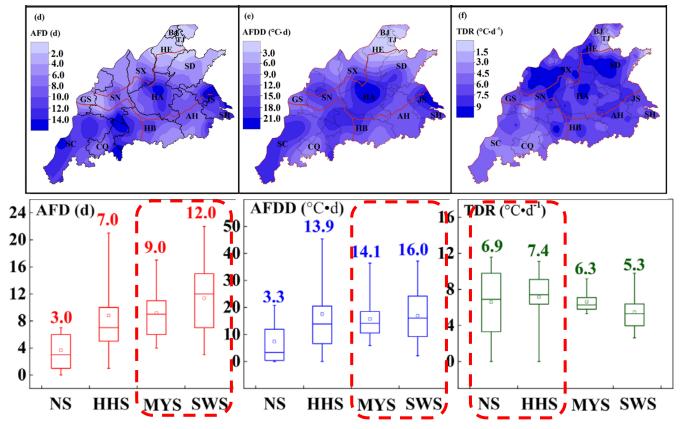
Subregion	$\beta_{Tavg}$	$\beta_{HDD}$	<b>R</b> <sup>2</sup>
NS	-0.06	-0.02	0.26**
HHS	-0.32	-0.01	0.37**
MYS	-0.20	-0.01	0.21*
SWS	0.15	-0.03	0.13
Entire region	-0.19	-0.01	0.29**

Heat stress and mean temperature explained about 29% yield variability in winter wheat of **China during last** 20 years, and varied in different sub-regions.

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#### **Spatial variation of spring frost** in winter wheat of China (Maximal value)



Maximal AFD and AFDD during last 30 years in MYS and SWS were larger than in NS and HHS, while stations with highest AFDD were found in HHS;

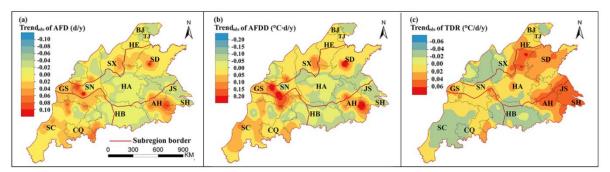
Higher TDRs were found in NS and HHS than MYS and SWS during last 30 years.

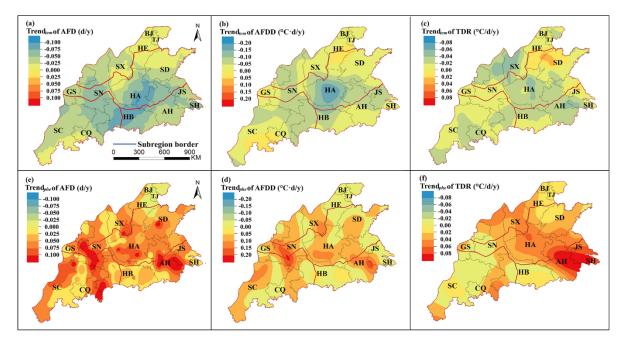
#### **Temporal variation of spring frost in winter wheat of China**

Observed value (Mixed effects of temperature variation & phenology shifting)

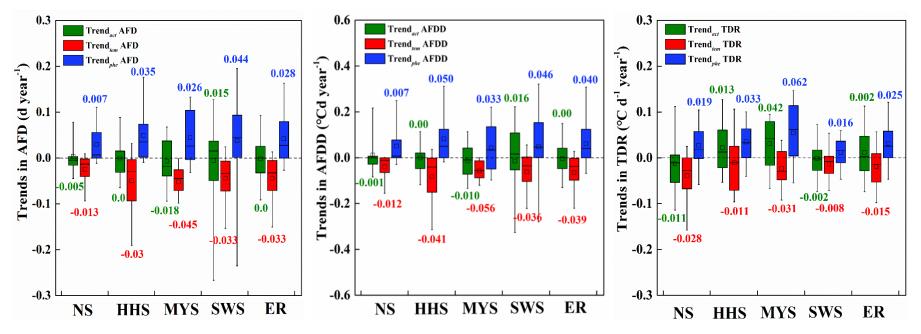
**Effect of temperature** variation

Effect of phenology shifting





#### **Temporal variation of spring frost in winter wheat of China**

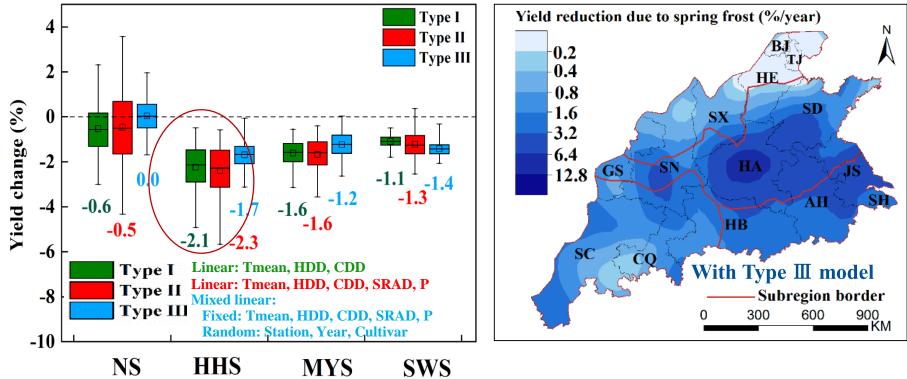


Spring frost risk has not decreased, despite of global warming.

Climate warming has reduced the spring frost in more than 75% of stations in the whole region, it also accelerated phenology and shifted the frost-sensitive crop stage to occur earlier;

Phenology shifting has increased the spring frost in more than 70% of stations in the whole region.





- Observed wheat yield was more sensitive to spring frost in HHS than other three sub-regions;
- Estimated yield reduction was 0.7% (log yield, %) for 1°C·d increase of AFDD (accumulated spring frost degree-days) for entire region.

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#### **Experiments of rice under extreme climate conditions**





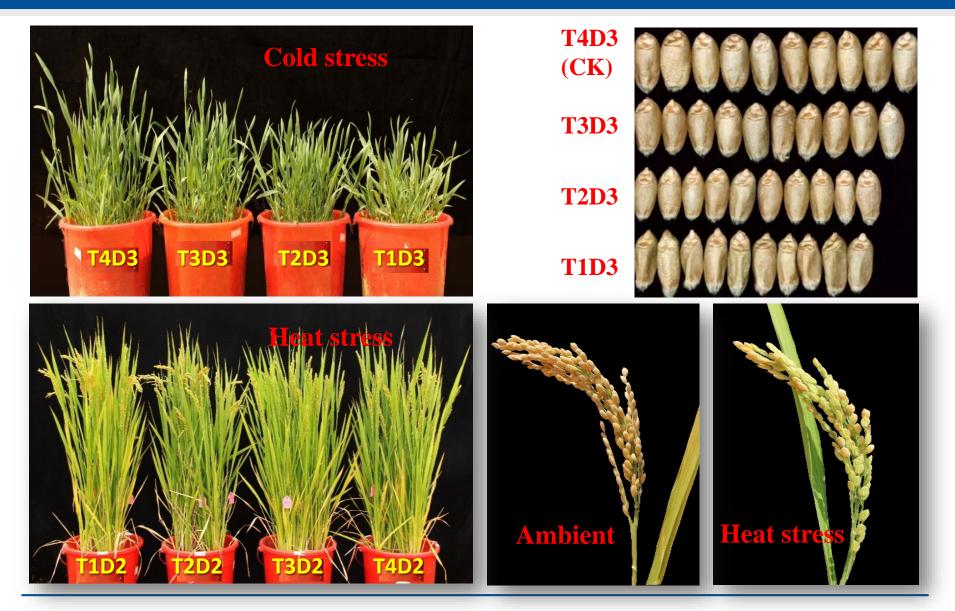
Treatment	Heat stress	Cold stress
Varieties	Nanjing41 (V1), Wuxiangjing (V2)	Huaidao5 (V1), Huaidao14 (V2)
Temperature levels (Min/Max, °C)	22/32 (T1), 25/35 (T2) 28/38 (T3), 31/41 (T4)	19/29 (T1), 13/23 (T2) 10/20 (T3), 7/17 (T4)
Durations	2 days (D1), 4 days (D2), 6 days (D3)	4 days (D1), 8 days (D2)
Treatment stages	Anthesis (S1), Grain filling (S2) Interaction of S1 and S2	Anthesis (S1), Grain filling (S2)

#### **Experiments of winter wheat under extreme climate conditions**

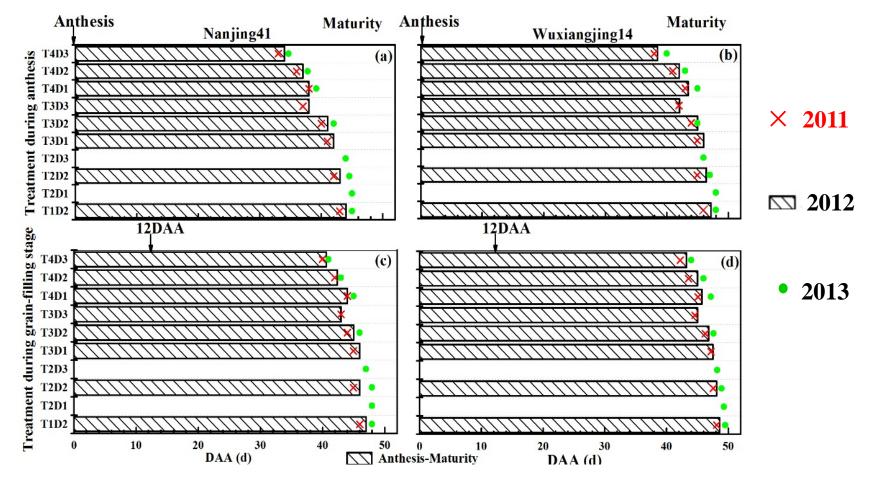




Treatment	Heat stress	Cold stress	
Cultivars	Yangmai16 (V1), Xumai30 (V2)		
Temperature levels (Max/Min, °C)	43/33 (T1), 39/29 (T2) 35/25 (T3), 27/17 (T4)	16/6 (T1), 8/-2 (T2) 6/-4 (T3), 4/-6 (T4)	
Durations	3 days (D1), 6 days (D2), 9 days (D3)	2 days (D1), 4 days (D2), 6 days (D3)	
Treatment stages	Anthesis (S1), Grain filling (S2) Interaction of S1 and S2	Jointing (S1), Booting (S2) Interaction of S1 and S2	

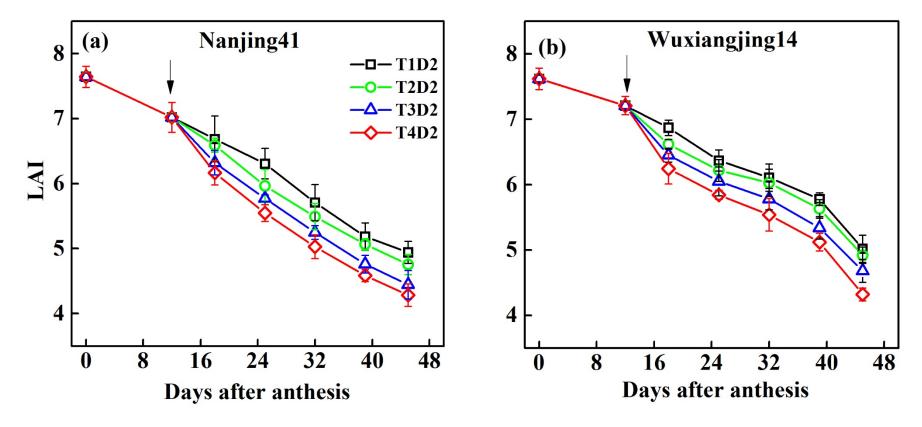


#### Phenology of rice under post-anthesis heat stresses



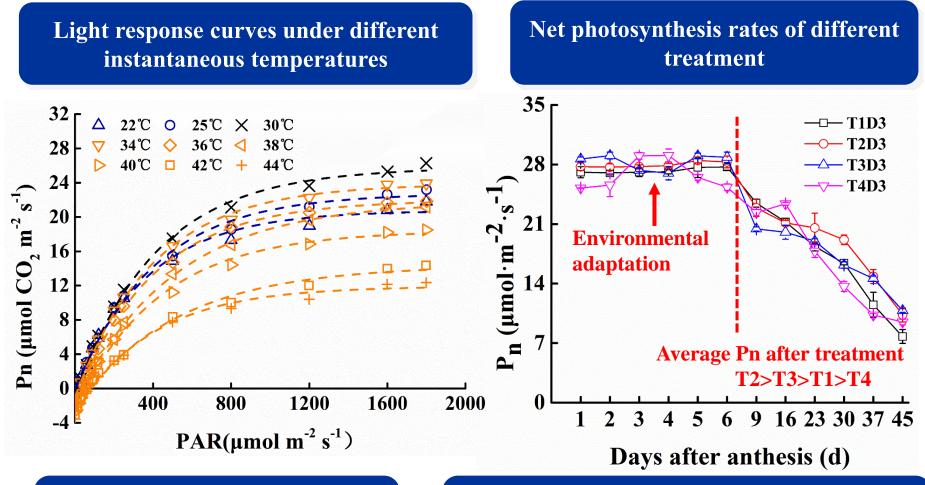
Developmental processes of (a, c) Nanjing41 and (b, d) Wuxiangjing14 under different temperature treatments at anthesis and 12 days after anthesis (12DAA).

#### Leaf area index (LAI) of rice under post-anthesis heat stresses



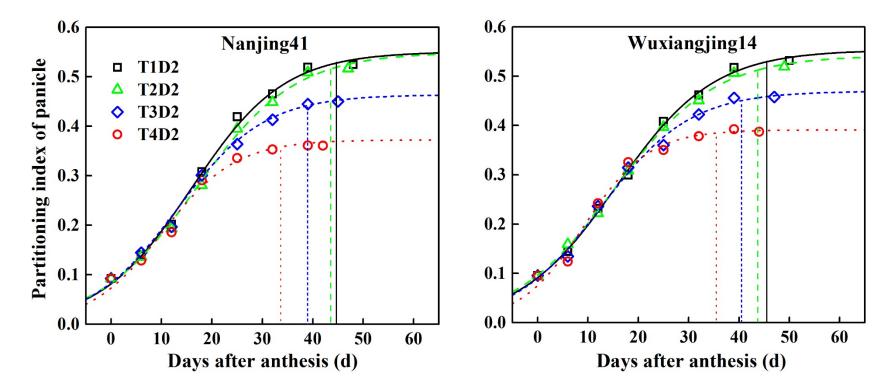
**Reduced LAI of rice under heat stress during grain filling stage** 

**↓**indicate the starting time for treatment



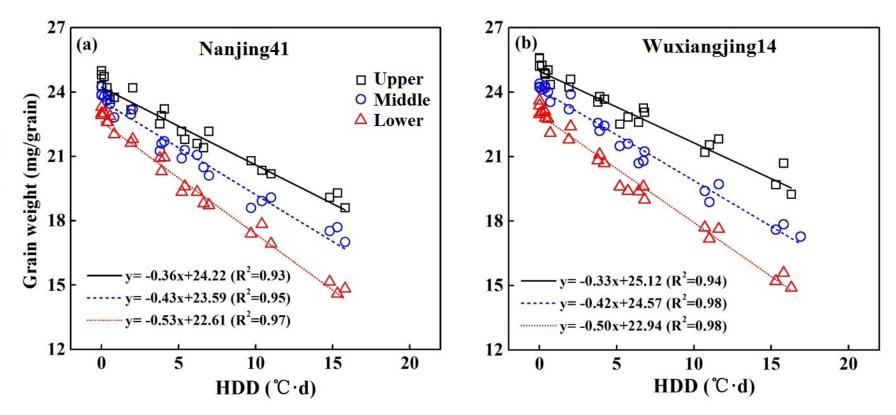
The threshold of photosynthesis is around 30 °C Photosynthesis rate can be effected by high temperature, but the slower leaf senescence alleviates the effects of heat stress

#### Dry matter partitioning (i.e. partitioning index of panicle) of rice under post-anthesis heat stresses



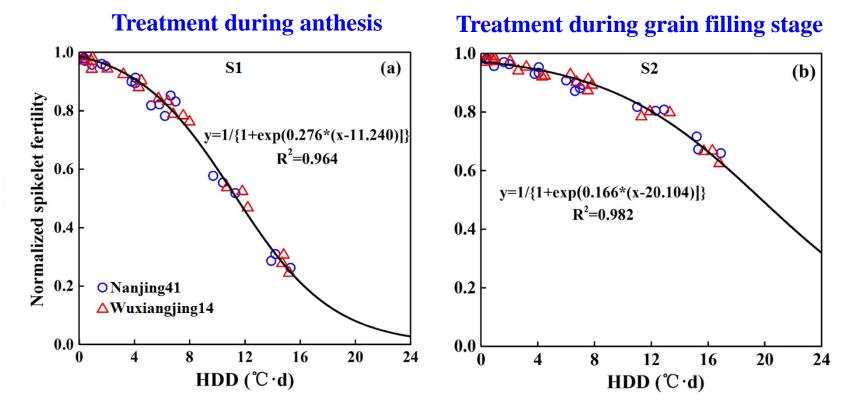
Heat stress affected dry matter partitioning of rice (e. x. panicle )

#### Grain weight in different positions of rice panicle under post-anthesis heat stresses



Heat stress reduced grain weight of rice, especially in the lower position of panicle

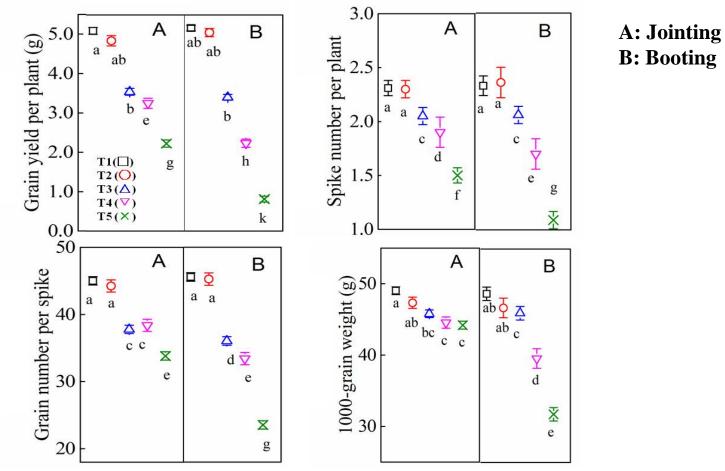
**Spikelet fertility of rice under post-anthesis heat stresses** 



Heat stress reduced spikelet fertility of rice, with different effects for the treatment during anthesis and grain filling stages

#### 2. Responses of productivity formation to extreme climate conditions

#### Yield and yield components of winter wheat under cold stresses

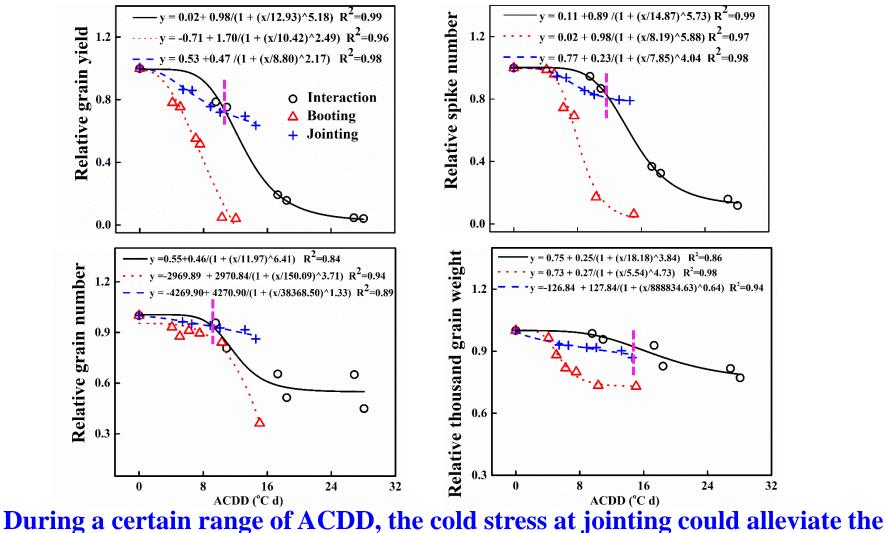


Cold stress reduced yield and yield components of wheat (Yangmai16), especially when cold stress occurred during the booting stage.

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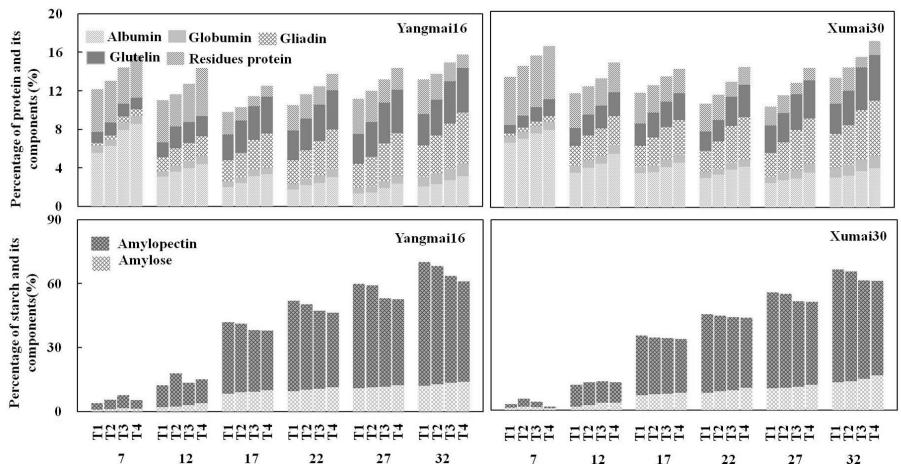
Agricultural and Forest Meteorology, 2017

#### 2. Responses of productivity formation to extreme climate conditions



loss of yield and yield components due to cold stress at booting.

#### 2. Responses of productivity formation to extreme climate conditions



#### Grain quality of winter wheat under heat stress

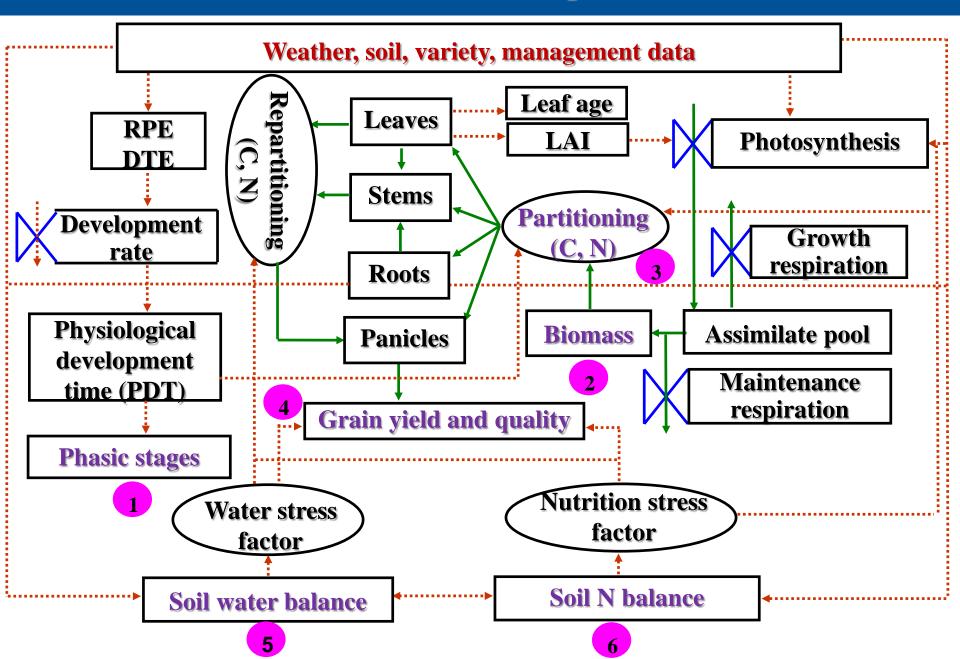
High temperature enhanced both protein and amylose concentrations, but reduced amylopectin and total starch concentrations in grains.

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- NAU-CropGrow was developed by National Engineering and Technology Center for Information Agriculture, Nanjing Agricultural University, from 1994.
- Crops: rice (RiceGrow) and wheat (WheatGrow)
- NAU-CropGrow can simulate crop growth and development under potential, water limited, and nitrogen limited situations, and runs at a daily time step.

## **Framework of NAU-CropGrow Model**



## **Sub-models of CropGrow**

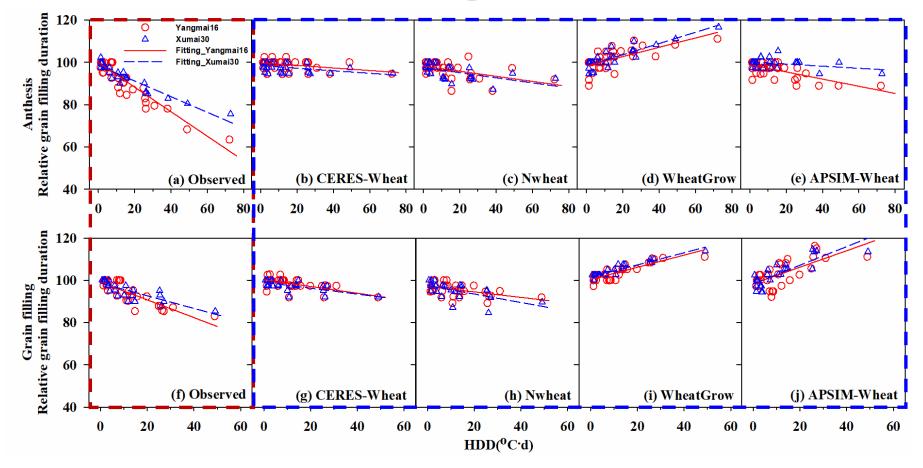
- Phasic and phenological development
- \* Photosynthesis and biomass production
- **\*** Partitioning and organ establishment
- Grain yield and quality formation
- Water balance
- Nutrient (N, P, K) dynamics

# How about the model performance under extreme climate conditions? Model evaluation with the data from AgMIP and NAU



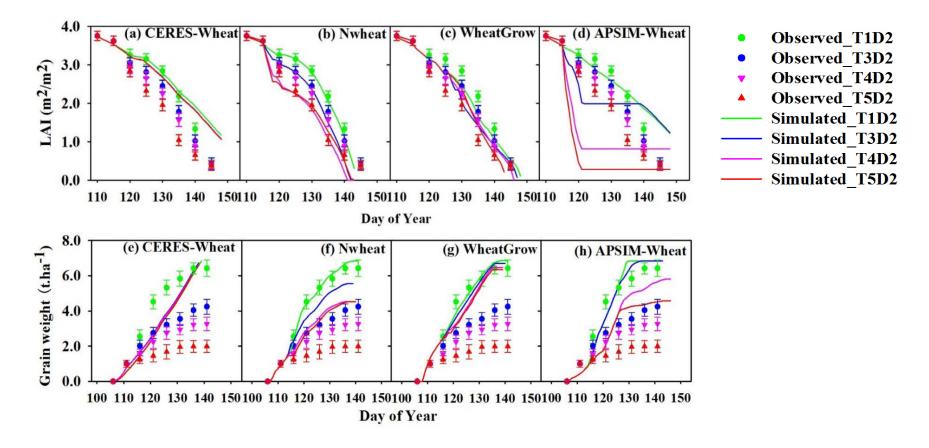
Model evaluation with the data under heat stress

#### **Grain filling duration**



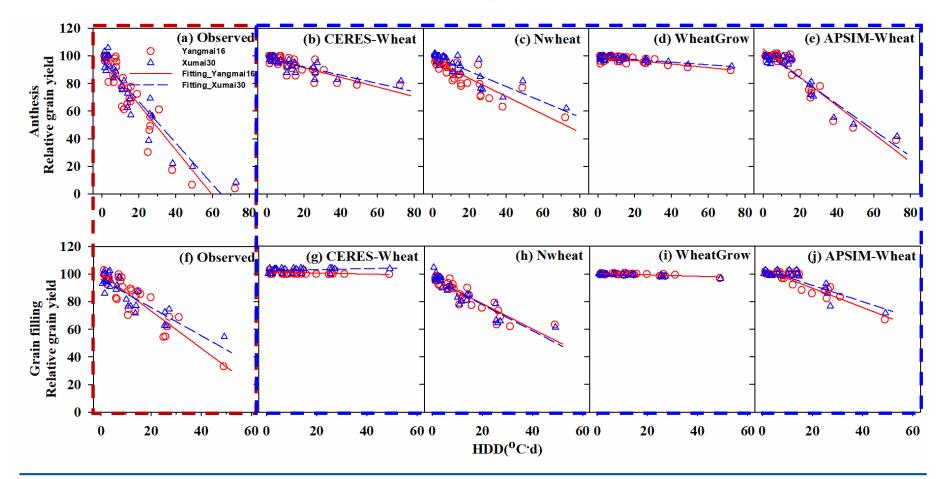
# Model evaluation with the data under heat stress

#### **Dynamics of LAI & grain weight**



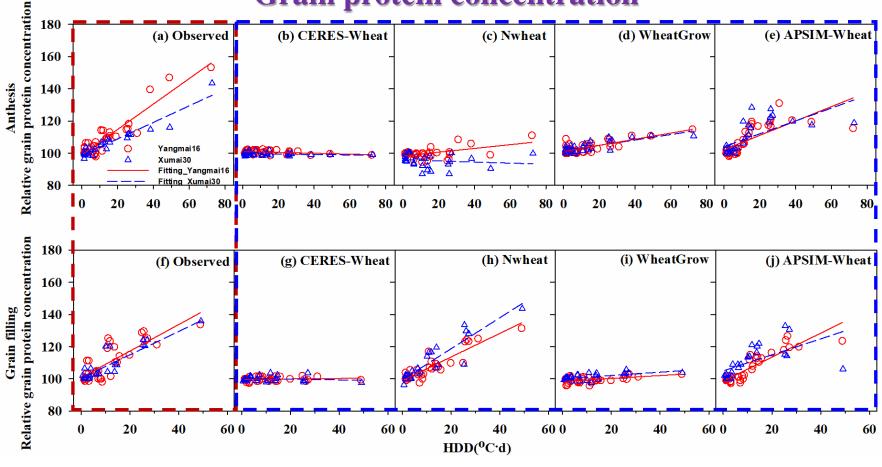
#### Model evaluation with the data under heat stress

## **Grain yield**



## Model evaluation with the data under heat stress

**Grain protein concentration** 



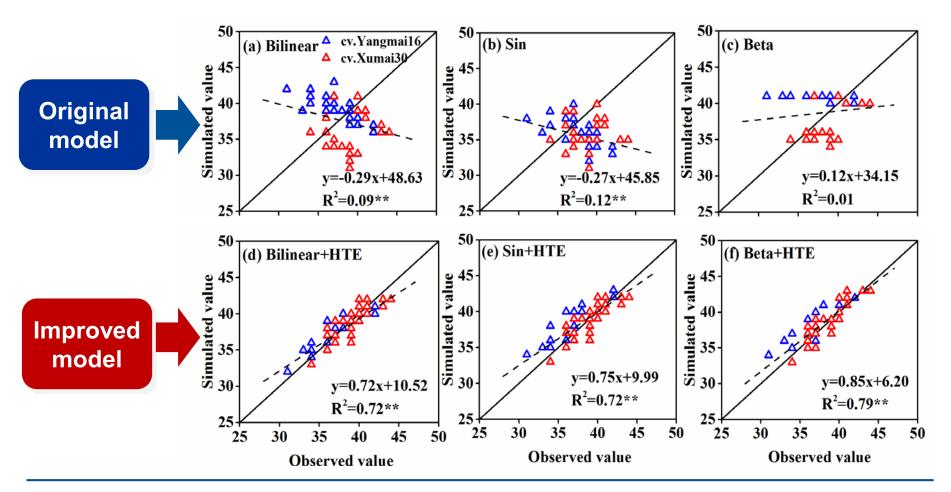
#### Model performance under heat stress needs to be improved.

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Global Change Biology, 2016

#### New heat stress routines significantly improved the model performance

#### **Grain filling duration**

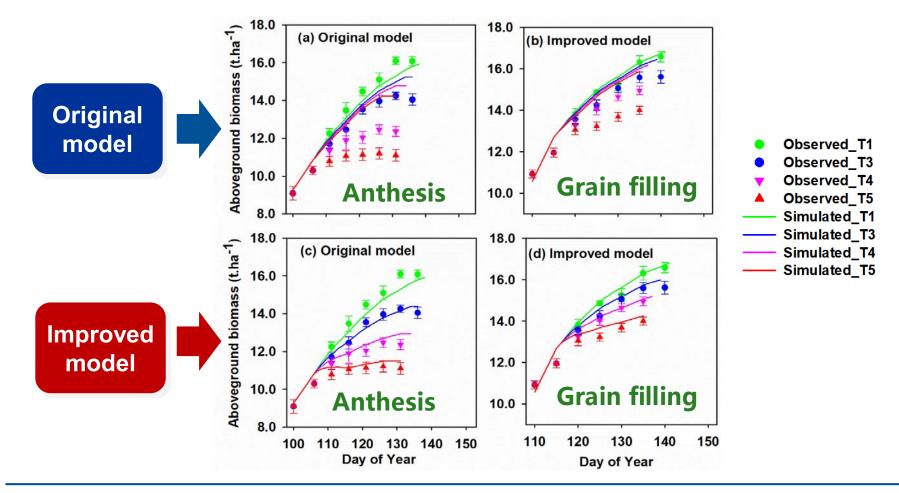


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#### Agricultural and Forest Meteorology, 2016

#### New heat stress routines significantly improved the model performance

**Dynamics of aboveground biomass** 



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Agricultural and Forest Meteorology, 2017

#### New heat stress routines significantly improved the model performance

8000 50 24 (c) Original modebooo (a) Original model (b) Original model ത്തത Simulated grain yield (kg.ha<sup>-1</sup>) Simulated grain weight (mg) 01 02 05 05 20 Simulated grain number (10<sup>3</sup># m<sup>-2</sup>) AD 40 AD 00 40 00 6000 16 **A** <u>۵</u> 4 Original 4000 12 model 2000 Yangmai16 Δ Xumai30 0 0 0 50 8000 24 (f) improved model (d) Improved model (e) Improved model Simulated grain yield (kg.ha<sup>-1</sup>) Simulated grain weight (mg) 0 0 0 0 0 0 20 Simulated grain number 6000 16 (10<sup>3</sup># m<sup>-2</sup>) 4000 12 Improved 0 model 2000 <mark>۵</mark>۵ 0 2000 4000 800 6000 8 12 16 20 24

Observed grain number (10<sup>3</sup># m<sup>-2</sup>)

#### Grain yield & yield components

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Observed grain yield (kg.ha<sup>-1</sup>)

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Observed grain weight (mg)

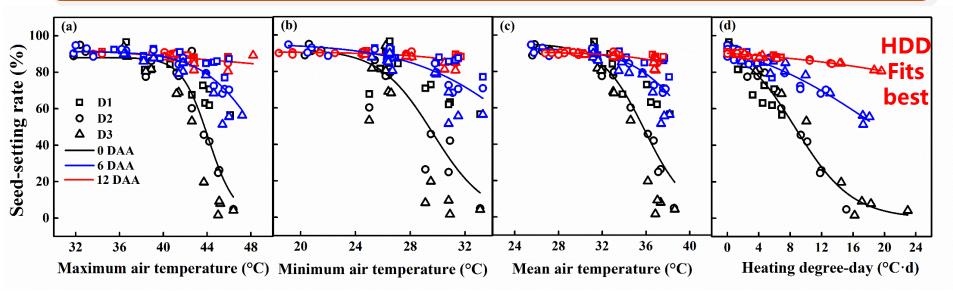
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Simulation of seed-setting rate under heat stress in rice

The seed-setting rates (SR) can be well expressed as a logistic function of heat stress indices (HSI)

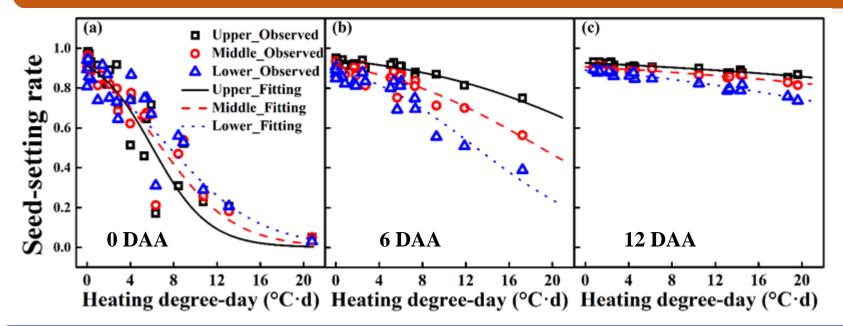


$$SR(HSI) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\{b(HSI - c)\}}$$

b and c are parameters of the logistic curve
Determining the shape of curve, & reflecting the responses of seed-setting rate to heat stress

#### Simulation of seed-setting rate under heat stress in rice

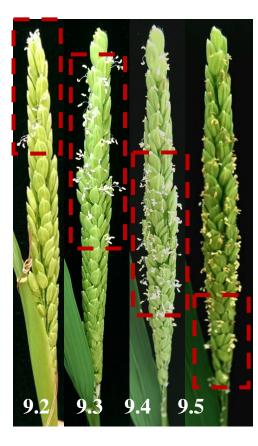
**Responses of seed-setting rates at different panicle positions to HDD under different treatment timings** 

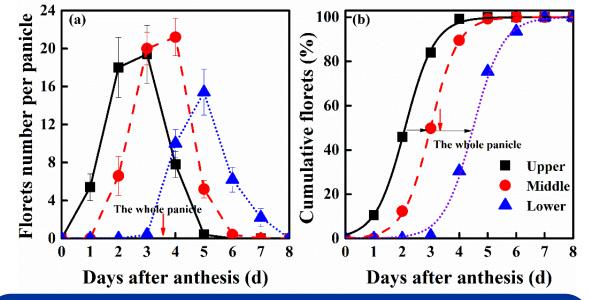


When seed-setting rates were fitted to the best heat stress index HDD, b & c, which were temperature sensitivity parameters, varied with different panicle positions & treatment timings.

#### Simulation of seed-setting rate under heat stress in rice

Flower distribution among different panicle positions

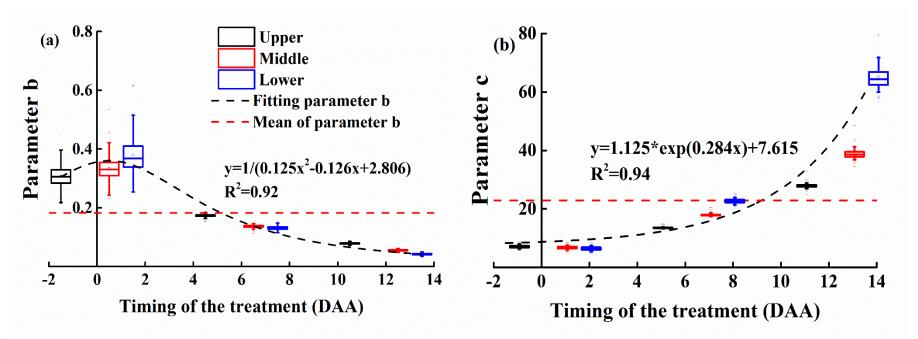




**1 & 1.5-day delay of anthesis for the spikelets on mid & lower parts of the panicle, respectively, compared with upper ones.** 

Hypothesis: The stage difference among panicle positions results in various temperature sensitivities.

#### Simulation of seed-setting rate under heat stress in rice

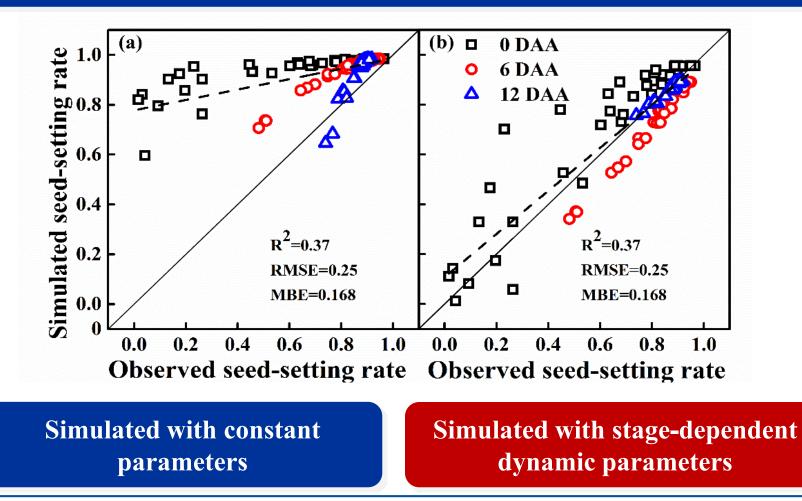


$$SR = SR_{max} \prod_{d_h}^{d_m} f(HDD_i)$$
$$f(HDD_i) = SR(HDD_i)/SR_{max}$$

The daily heat stress impacts  $f(HDD_i)$  can be obtained by daily SR / potential SR, and then at maturity SR is the product of multiplicative  $f(HDD_i)$  and potential SR

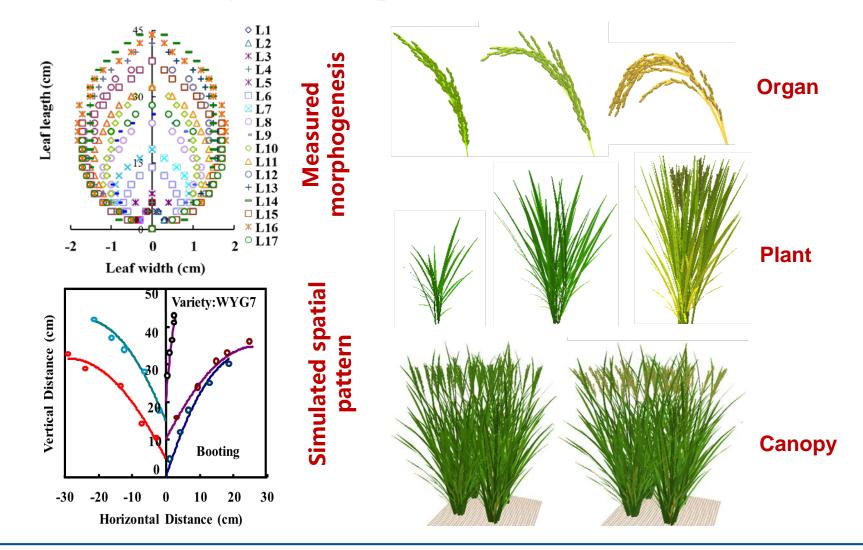
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The performance of new model was improved and virtually no bias if three stages combined.



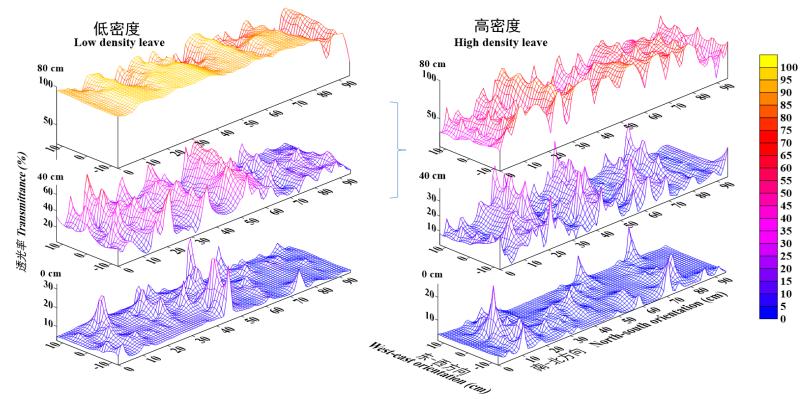
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#### 3.4 Built a 3D virtual system for crop visualization



European Journal of Agronomy, 2014

3.4 Built a 3D virtual system for crop visualization at organ/plant/canopy levels
Developed a light distribution sub-model based on the simulated canopy structure, which can be used for the design of optimal canopy structure.

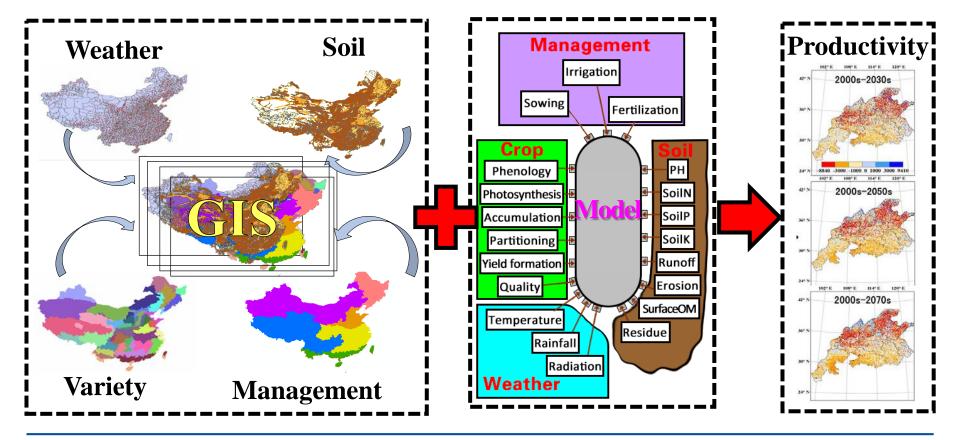


Distribution of light transmittance among canopy at anthesis under different planting densities (cv.Yangmai12)

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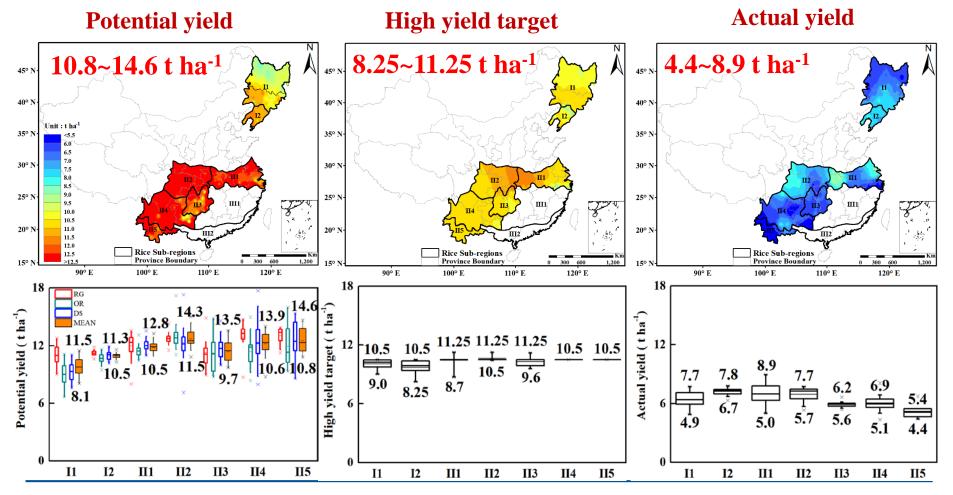
European Journal of Agronomy, 2015

Developed the technology for predicting the regional crop productivity based on the integration of model, GIS and RS, and realized the expansion from point simulation to the regional prediction.



#### 4.1 Predicting yield potential & yield gap with multi-models

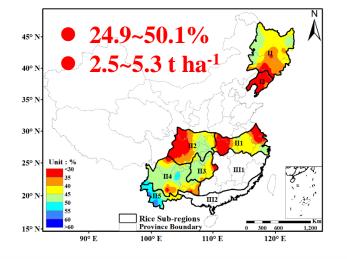
**Yield** in single-season rice cropping region

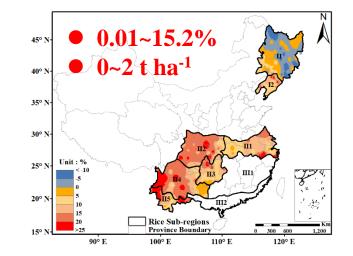


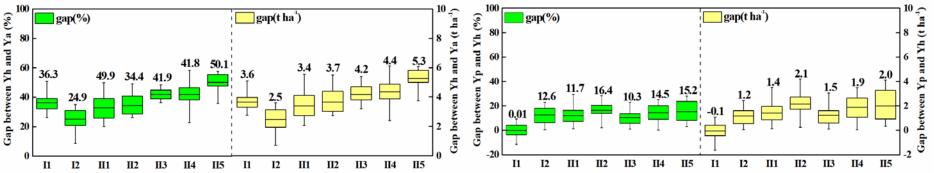
Yield gap in single season rice cropping region

Gap between high yield target & actual yield (%)

#### Gap between potential yield & high yield target (%)





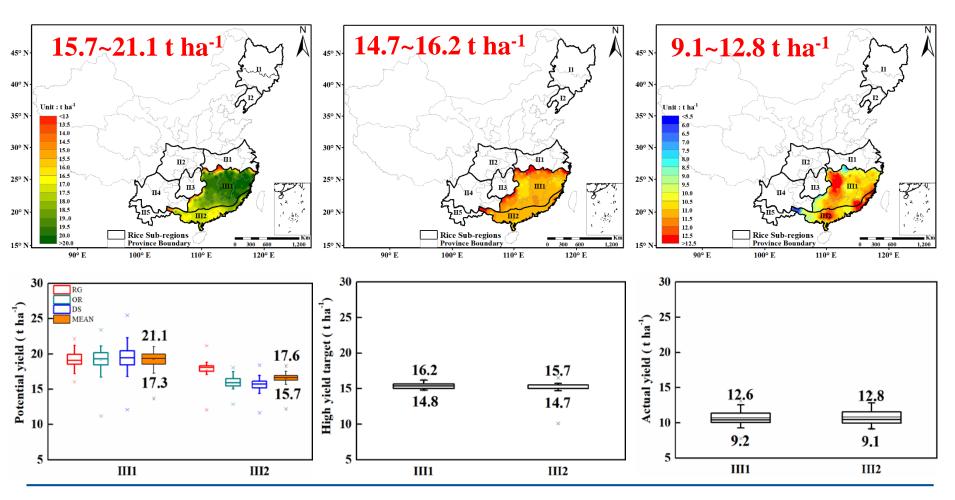


Yield in double-season rice cropping region (Two seasons)

**Potential yield** 

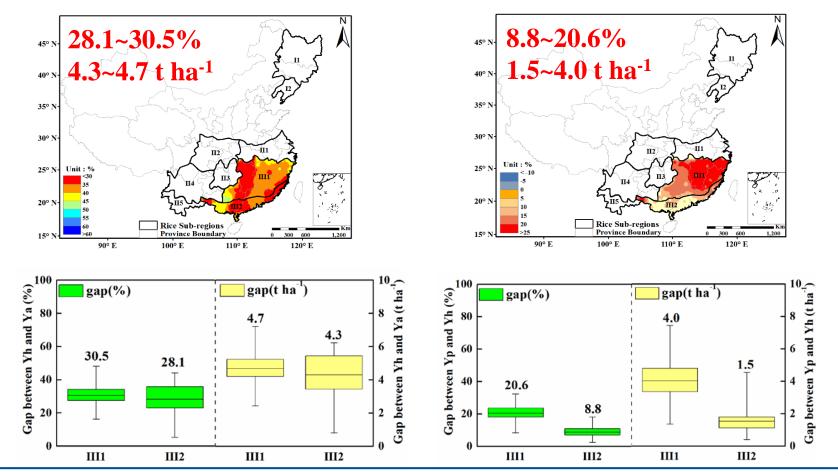
High yield target

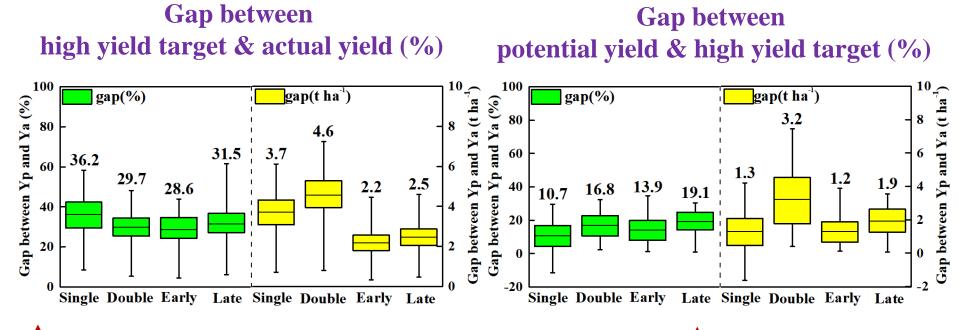
Actual yield

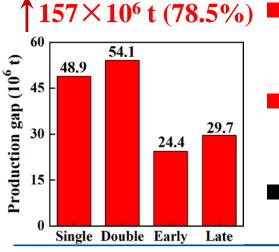


#### Yield gap in double season rice cropping region (Two seasons)

Gap between high yield target & actual yield (%) Gap between potential yield & high yield target (%)

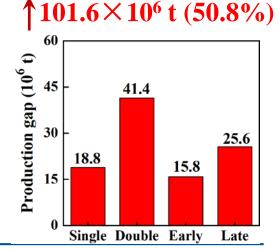




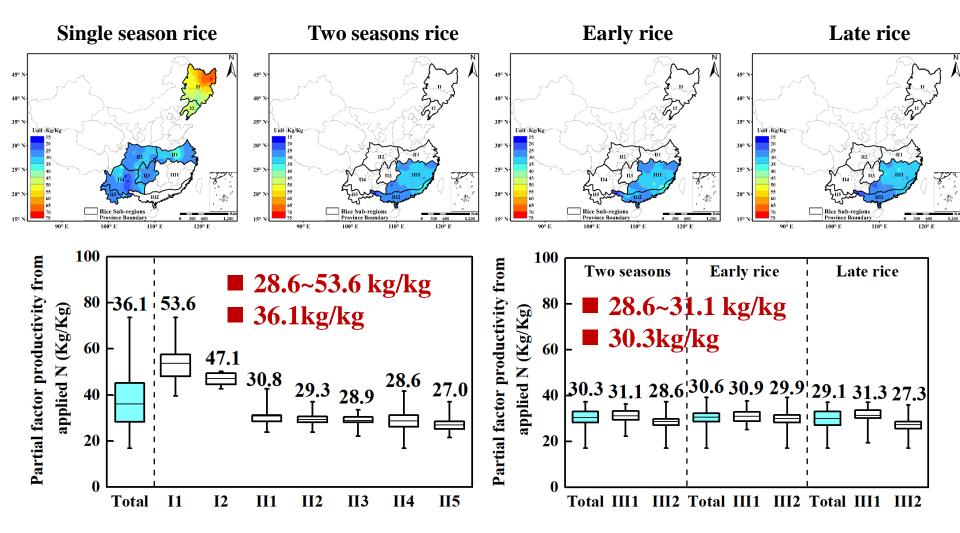


- **Double-season rice** has more yield increasing potential than the single-season rice
- Late rice has more yield increasing potential than the early rice.
- Current rice production in

China is about  $200 \times 10^6$  t.

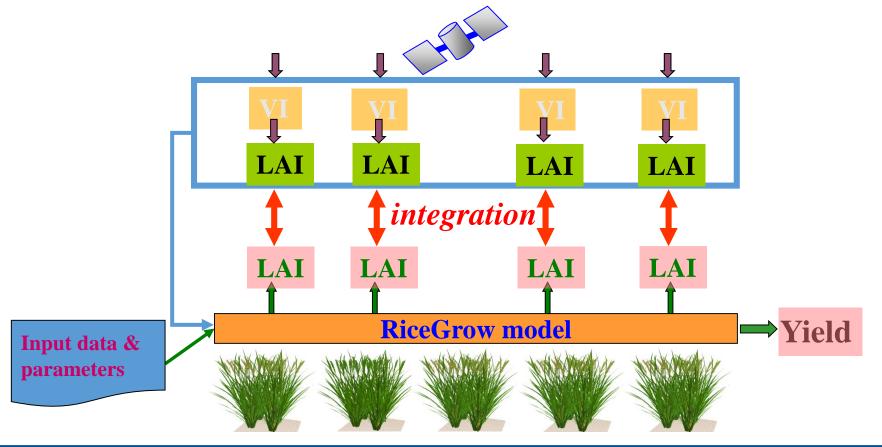


Partial factor productivity from applied N (kg/kg)

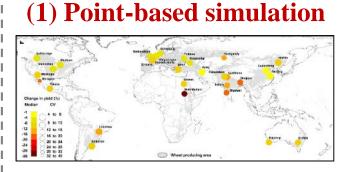


4.2 Predicting the regional productivity by integrating SM & RS

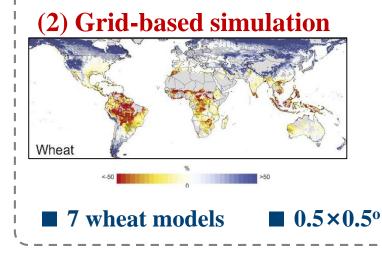
- Calibration of model prediction with RS monitoring
- Complement of temporal dynamics and spatial distribution



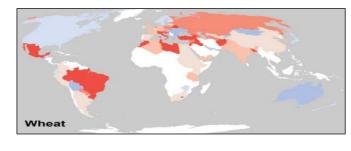
#### 4.3 Comparison of temperature impacts estimated with different methods



■ **30** wheat models ■ **30** locations



#### (3) Statistical regression

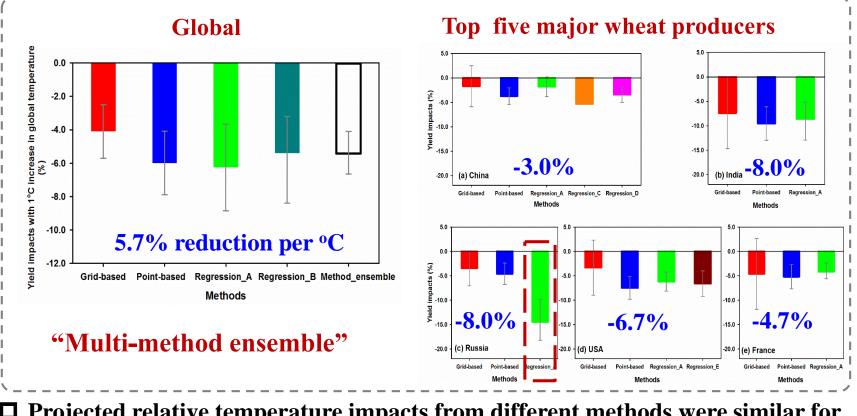


$$Log(Y_{i,t}) = c_i + d_{1i} * year + d_{2i} * year^2 + \beta \cdot X_{i,t} + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

 Crop yields (FAO STAT, 1980-2008)
 All wheat production countries (Planting area >10<sup>4</sup> ha)

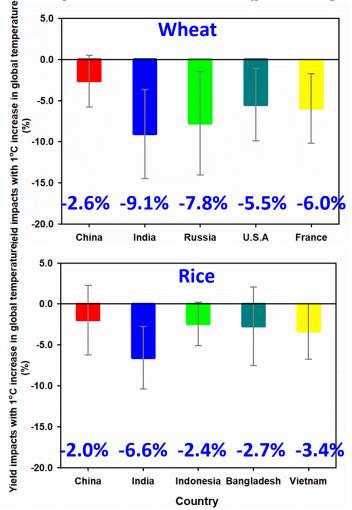
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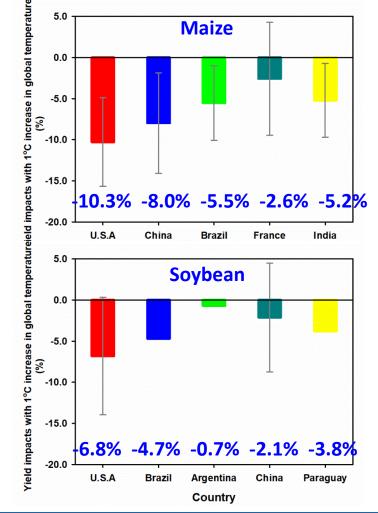
4.3 Comparison of temperature impacts estimated with different methods Impacts on wheat production with 1°C warming



- Projected relative temperature impacts from different methods were similar for Globe, China, India, USA and France, but less so for Russia.
- □ Warmer regions are likely to suffer more yield loss with increasing temperature than cooler regions.

#### 4.3 Comparison of temperature impacts estimated with different methods Impacts on four major crops for top five countries with 1°C warming





#### 4.3 Comparison of temperature impacts estimated with different methods

#### А A 1.5 Wheat 2 Temperature impact on crop yield (% per °C) Rice Temperature anomaly (<sup>o</sup>C) Errorbar: 95% CI Maize 1 Soybear -2 0.5 -4 1% -6 -8 -3.2% -1 -10 -6.0% Grid-Sim 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010 1910 1920 -12 Point-Sim Year Point-Obs Future temperature change (°C) -14 Reares A 6 Regres B -16 RCP4.5 RCP6.0 5 Wheat Rice Maize Soybean **RCP8.5** Crop 4 В Yield changes (%) due to temperature changes by the end of century 3 Wheat Scenario Rice Maize Soybear Mean -3.3 -8.6 -3.6 -6.9 -5.6 RCP2.6 [-15.0, -1.4] [-9.2, 0.8] [-18.6, -1.8] [-11.2,1.7] [-14.4, -0.1] -11.4 -5.5 -14.2 -5.9 -9.2 RCP4.5 [-21.7, -3.9] [-13.8, 1.0] [-27.9, -4.9] [-17.0, 3.1] [-21.2, -0.3] 0 Rice Wheat Maize Soybean Globe -14.0 -6.8 -17.4 -7.2 -11.3 RCP6.0 Area [-25.7, -5.1] [-16.8, 1.3] [-33.1, -5.8] [-20.2, 3.6] [-25.6, 0.1]

-22.4

[-40.2, -8.5]

**RCP8.5** 

-10.8

[-25.3, 2.4]

-27.8

[-50.4, -9.7]

-11.6

[-31.0, 6.0]

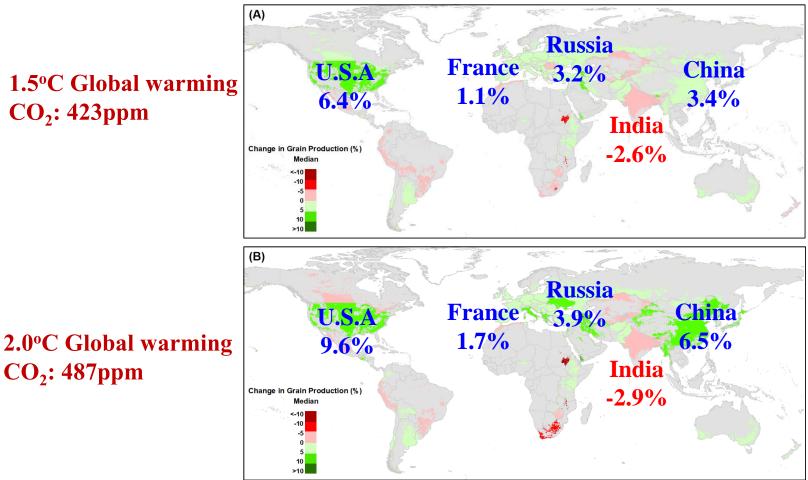
-18.2

[-38.6, -0.7]

#### **Global impacts for four major crops**

#### 4.4 Assessing 1.5/2.0°C global warming impacts on wheat production

#### **Global wheat production (31 wheat models)**



**1.5°C Global warming CO<sub>2</sub>: 423ppm** 

# **CO<sub>2</sub>: 487ppm**

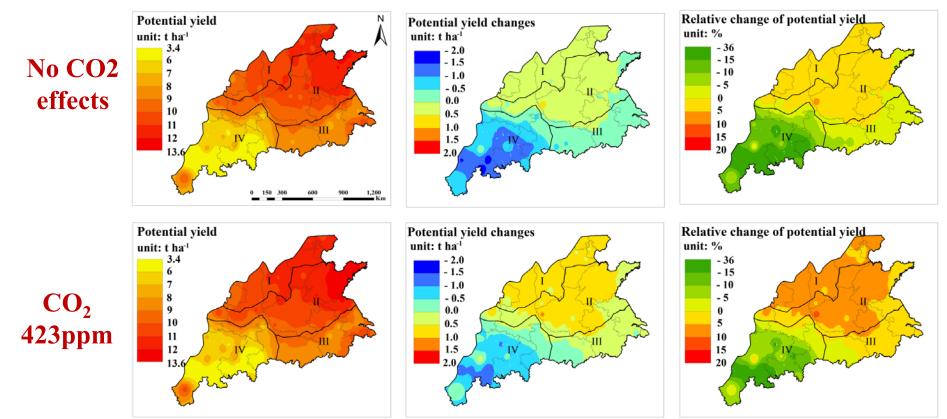
#### 4.4 Assessing 1.5/2.0°C global warming impacts on wheat production

Wheat production in China under 1.5°C global warming (2 wheat models)

**Potential yield** 

Absolute changes in Yp

#### **Relative changes in Yp**



#### 4.4 Assessing 1.5/2.0°C global warming impacts on wheat production

#### Wheat production in China under 2.0°C global warming (2 wheat models)

Potential yield changes

2.0

- 1.5

- 1.0

- 0.5

0.0

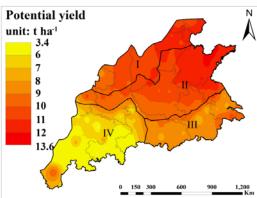
0.5

1.0

1.5

unit: t ha-1

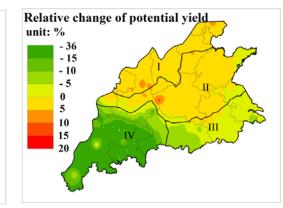
No CO2 effects

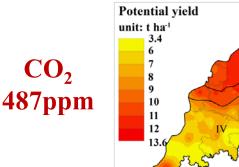


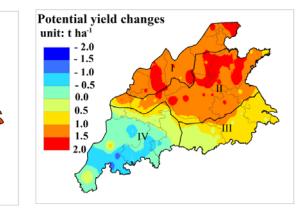
**Potential yield** 

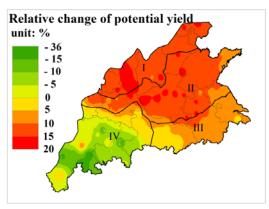
Absolute changes in Yp

#### **Relative changes in Yp**



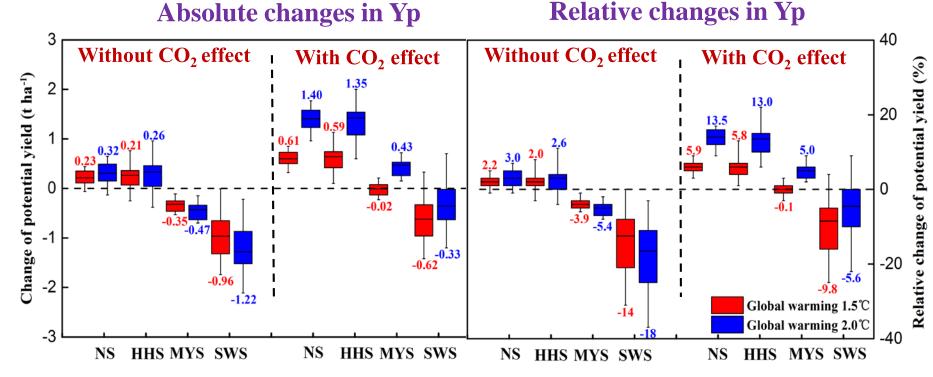






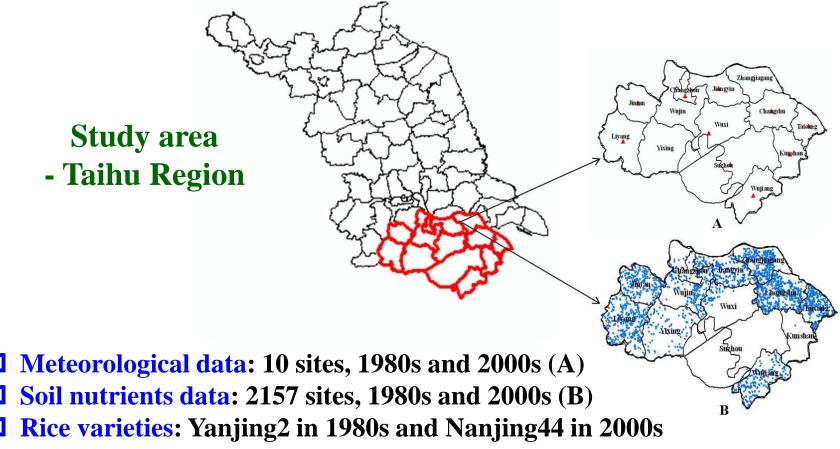
4.4 Assessing 1.5/2.0°C global warming impacts on wheat production

Wheat production in different sub-regions in China (2 wheat models)



1.5/2.0°C global warming was projected to increase wheat yields in two cool northern sub-regions, but decrease wheat yields in the two warm southern sub-regions.

4.5 Quantifying the impacts of climate change, soil improvement, variety updating and management



**Management practices:** representative in the 1980s and 2000s

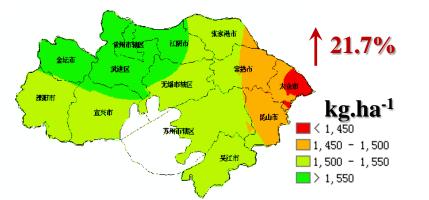
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#### Field Crops Research, 2013

# 4.5 Quantifying the impacts of climate change, soil improvement, variety updating and management



#### **Contribution rate of climate change**



**Contribution rate of variety updating** 



#### **Contribution rate of soil nutrients**



**Contribution rate of management** 

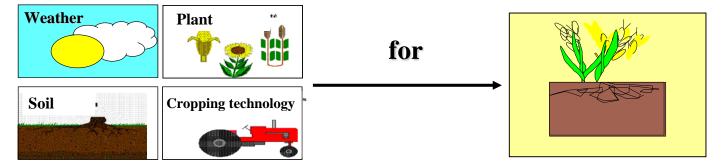
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# 4.6 Designing the optimal strategy for high yield, superior quality and high efficiency crop production

#### **Optimum combination**

High yield, quality, efficiency



#### ✓Cultivar

(yield, quality, resource use efficiency, stress resistance...)

#### ✓ Climate year

(cool, normal, hot; dry, wet; extreme climate...)

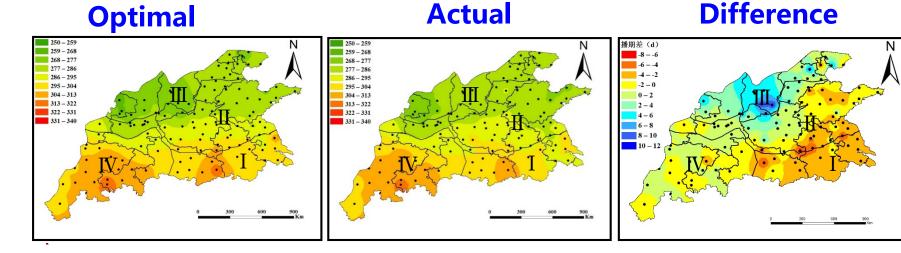
#### ✓ Soil characteristics

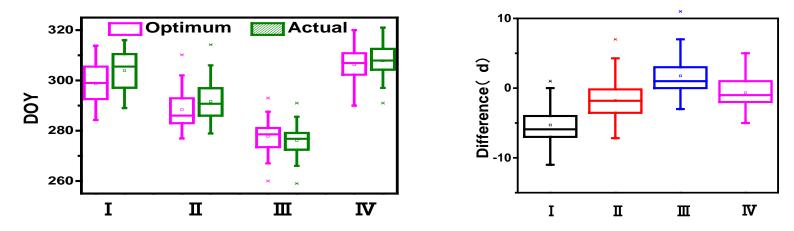
(good, normal, poor...)

#### ✓Management strategy

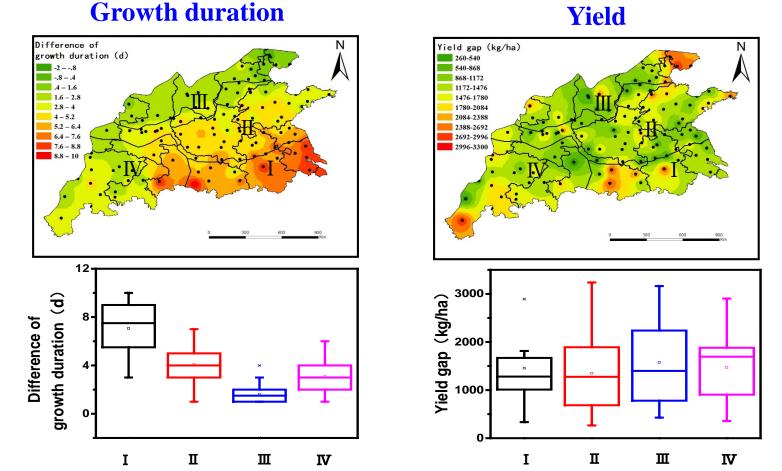
(sowing date & rate, nutrient and water management...)

#### Optimal sowing date for winter wheat of China



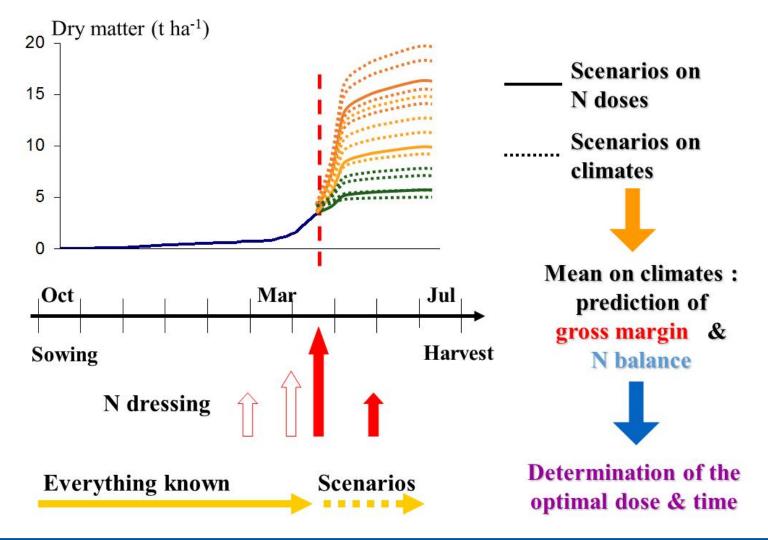


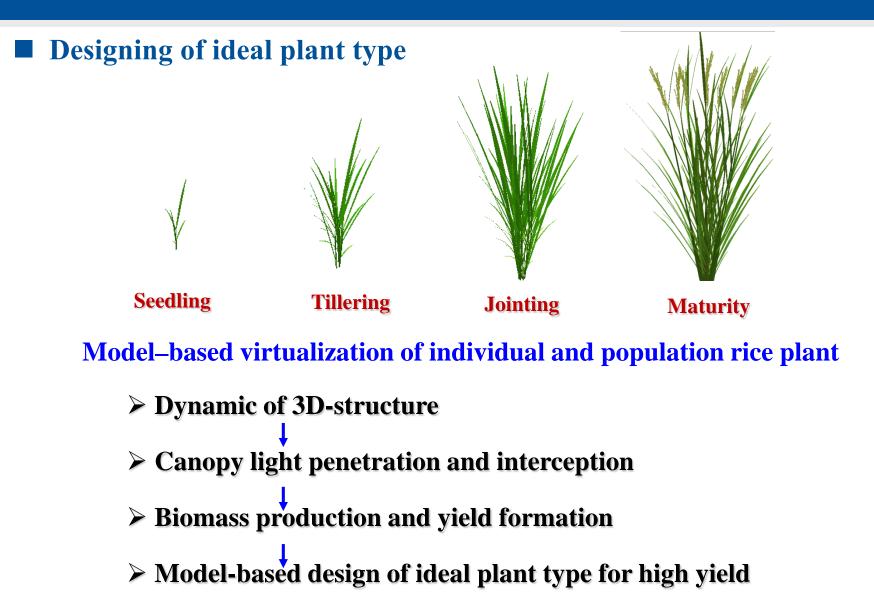
Changes of growth duration and yield with optimal sowing date for winter wheat



Differences of growth duration and yield between optimal and actual sowing dates

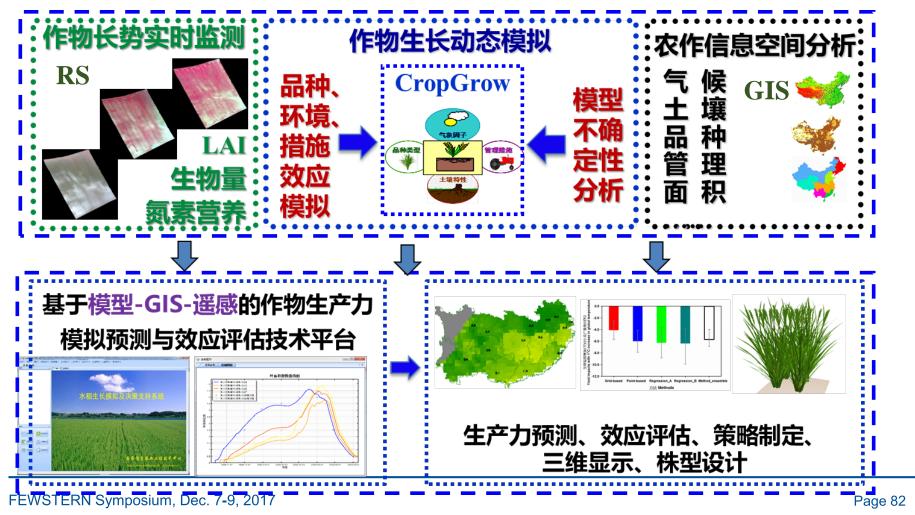
#### Designing of optimal nitrogen rate



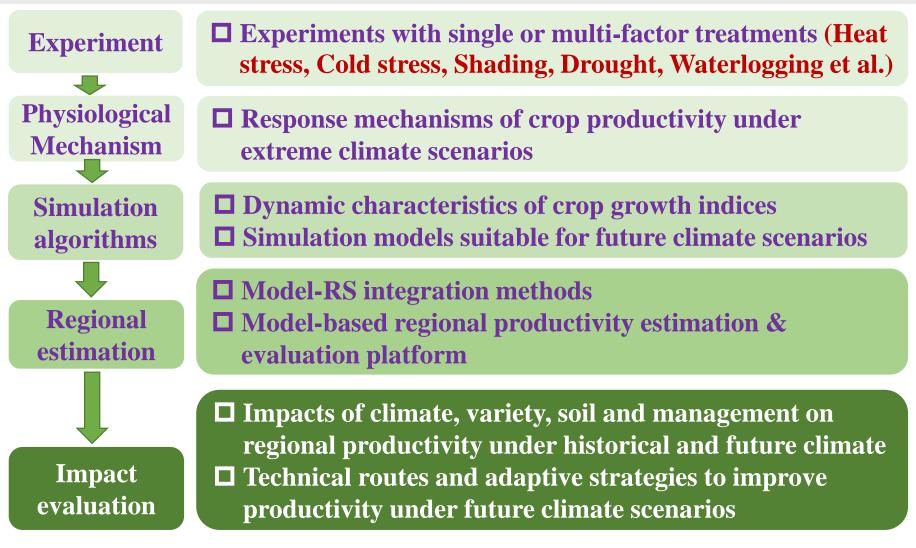


### 5. Platform for crop productivity estimation & impact evaluation

**5.1 Developed a platform by integrating SM with RS and GIS for crop productivity estimation, impact evaluation, optimal strategy design, and 3D visualization.** 



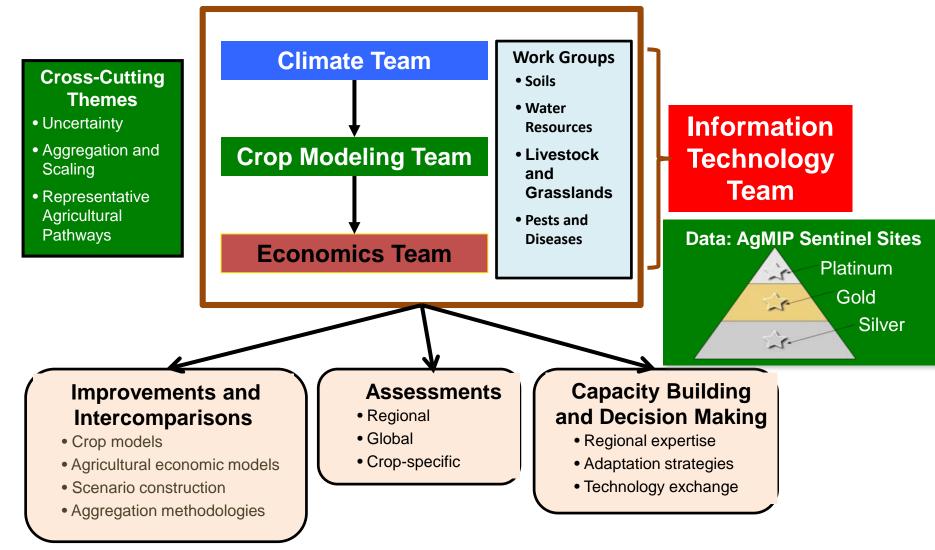
## **Future Prospects**



**Estimation of food crop productivity and early warning of food security** 

G MIP The Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Proje

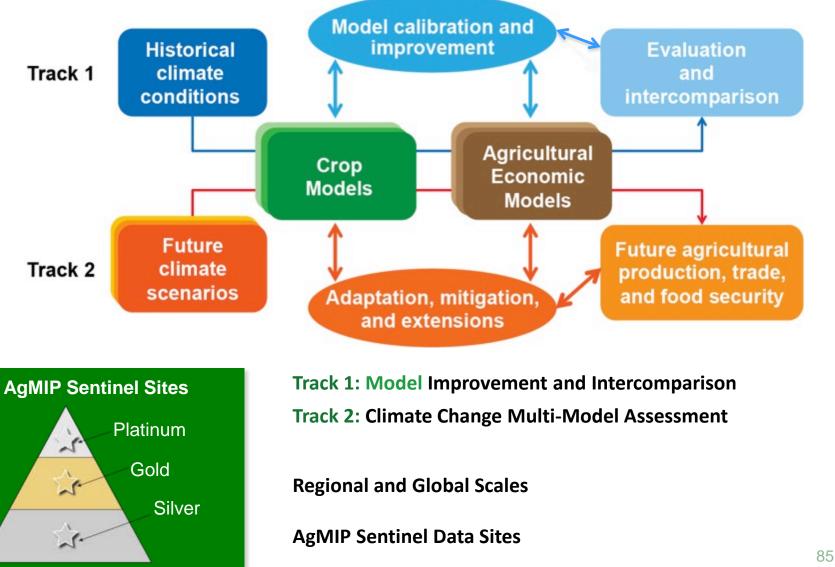
## **AgMIP Global Community of Science**



Links to CCAFS, Global Yield Gap Atlas, Global Futures, etc.



## **Two-Track Science Goals**



Rosenzweig et al., 2013 AgForMet



## **AgMIP: Global Community of Science**



# **Any questions?**

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