

SarraH

Radiation Efficiency • Biomass Evolution

Satisfaction

Water/Soil

Resource

Demand Evolution • Crop cover Evolution

CEREALES

Presentation : Christian Baron

The model needs:

input data and parameters

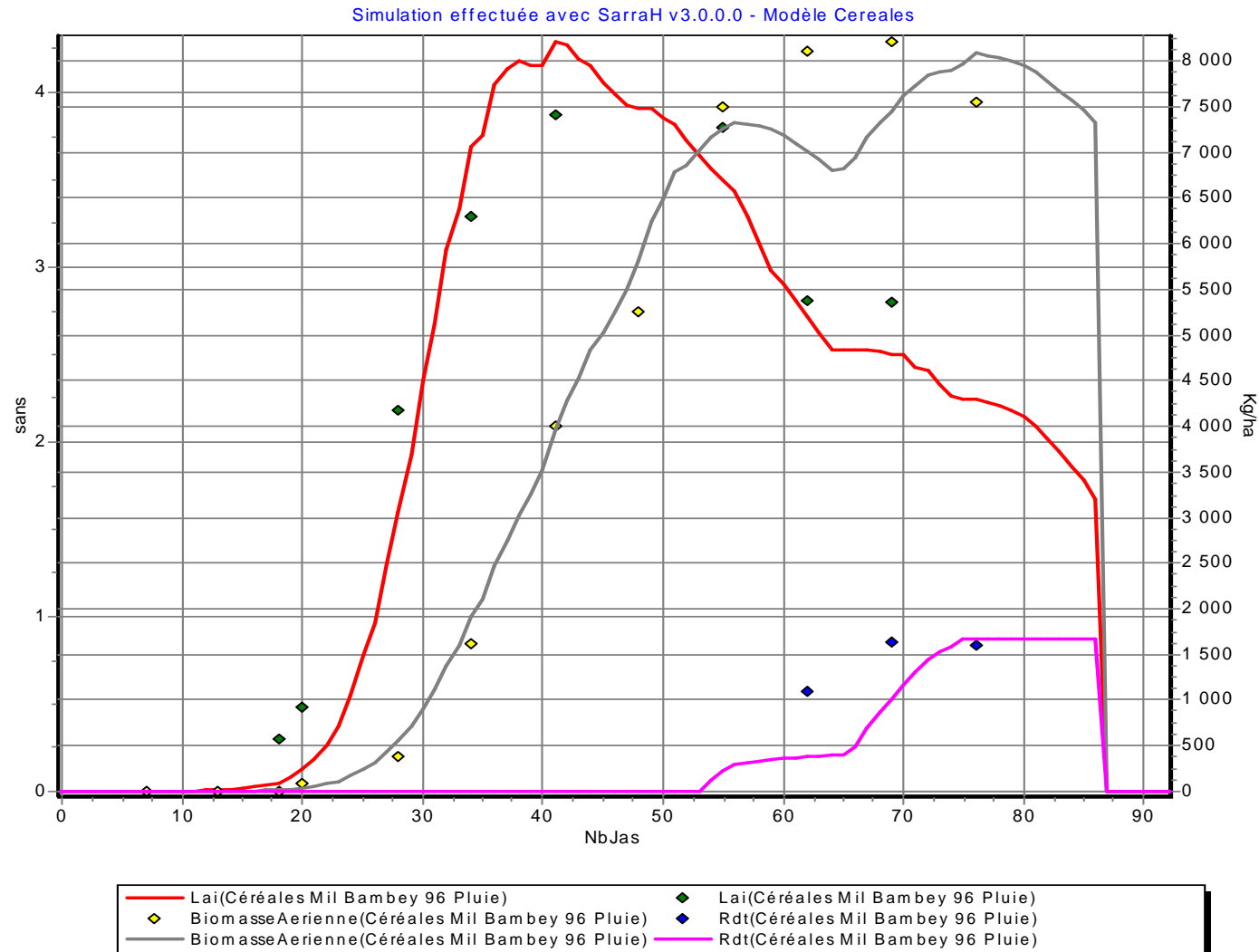
Simulating LOCAL PROCESS

Environmental.....	Agronomic.....	Genotype.....
Solar Radiation	Sowing date	Cardinal temperatures
Evaporative demand	Sowing density	Photoperiod sensitivity
Air temperature	Fertiliser level (Conceptual)	Extinction Coefficient (mean leaf angle)
Photoperiod	Irrigation	Assimilate partitioning parameters (roots, leaves, fruits...)
Soil texture (water holding capacity)	Mulch	Potential radiation use efficiency
		Potential root system depth and dynamics

Examples



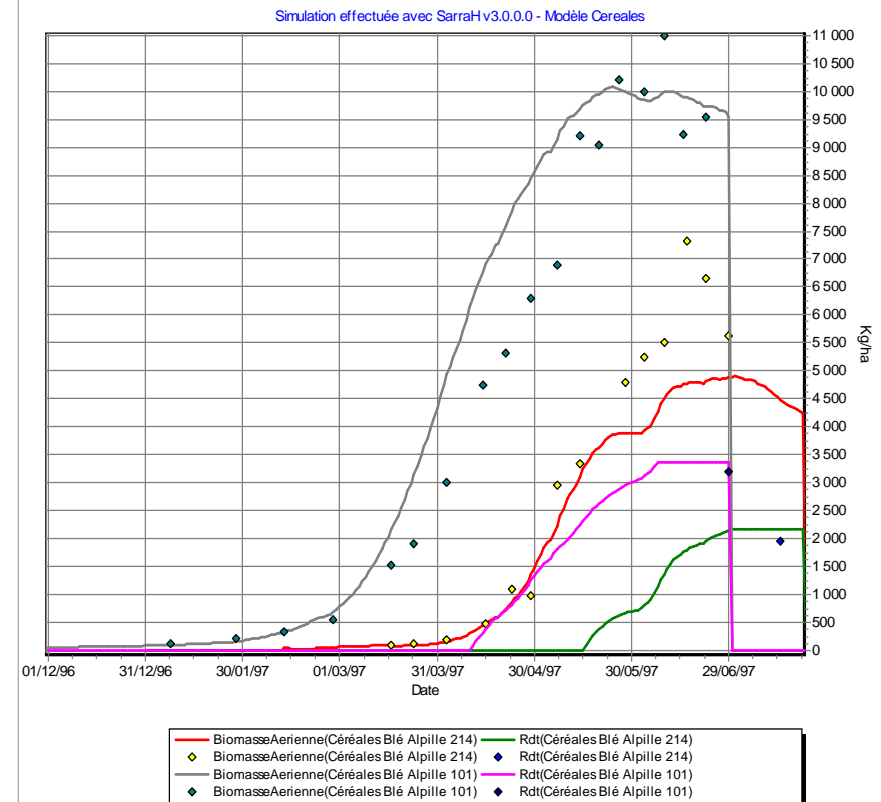
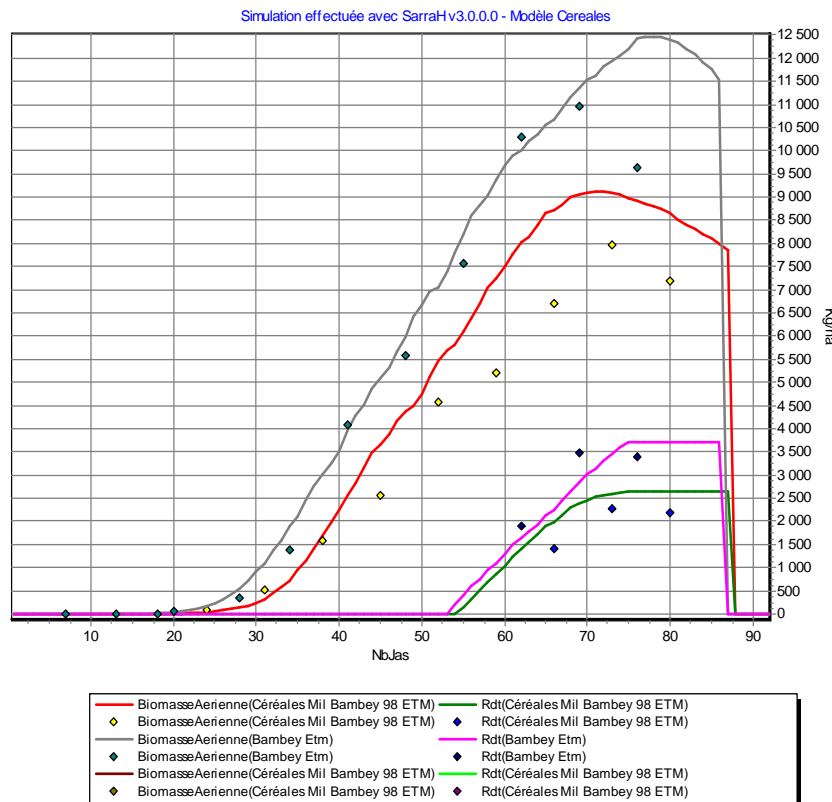
Observed (point) & Simulate (line): Rainfed (Calibration)



A robust modele : contrasting climate and other cereals

Mil Souna 3 experimentation
Senegal, Bambey in 1996 and 1998

Farmer fields, durum wheat Armet,
Avignon, sowing oct. 96 et fév. 97



Same moduls (model), only change plant parameters: C3, C4...
varities...

Applications

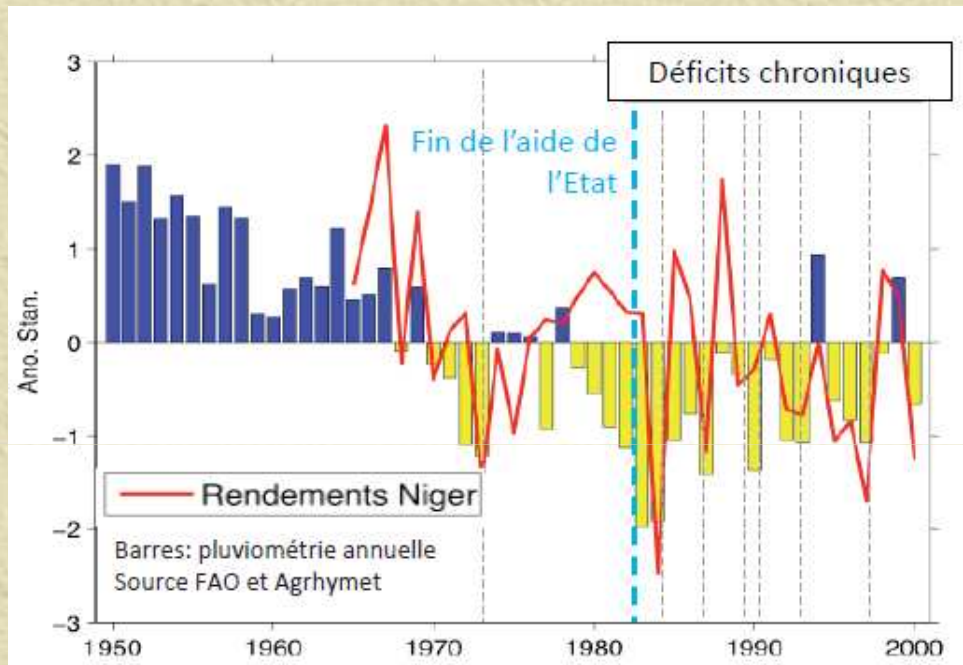


- Diagnostic and survey
- Early warning system
- Short term and seasonal forecast
- Informed basis for breeding

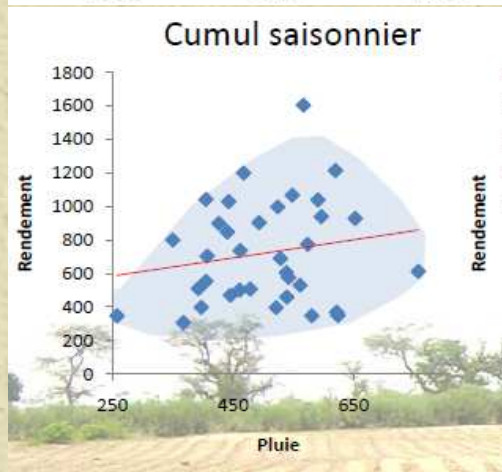
We may define:

- Climate Scenarios vs farmer's strategies
(practices & varieties)

BUT what are we talking about ?

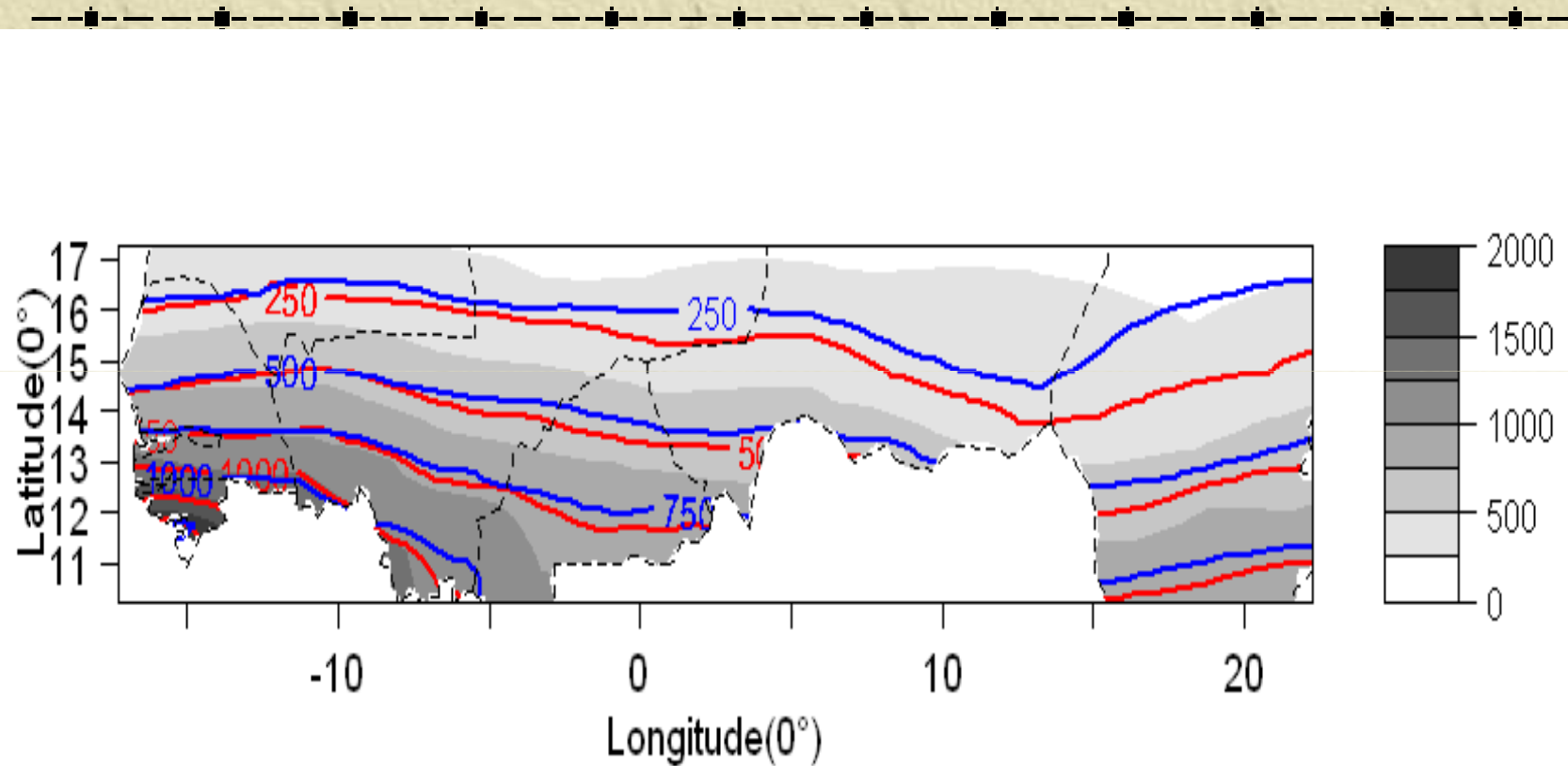


- Socio economic constraint (market, state...)
- environmental constraint (soil, climate..)
- farming practices
- ...



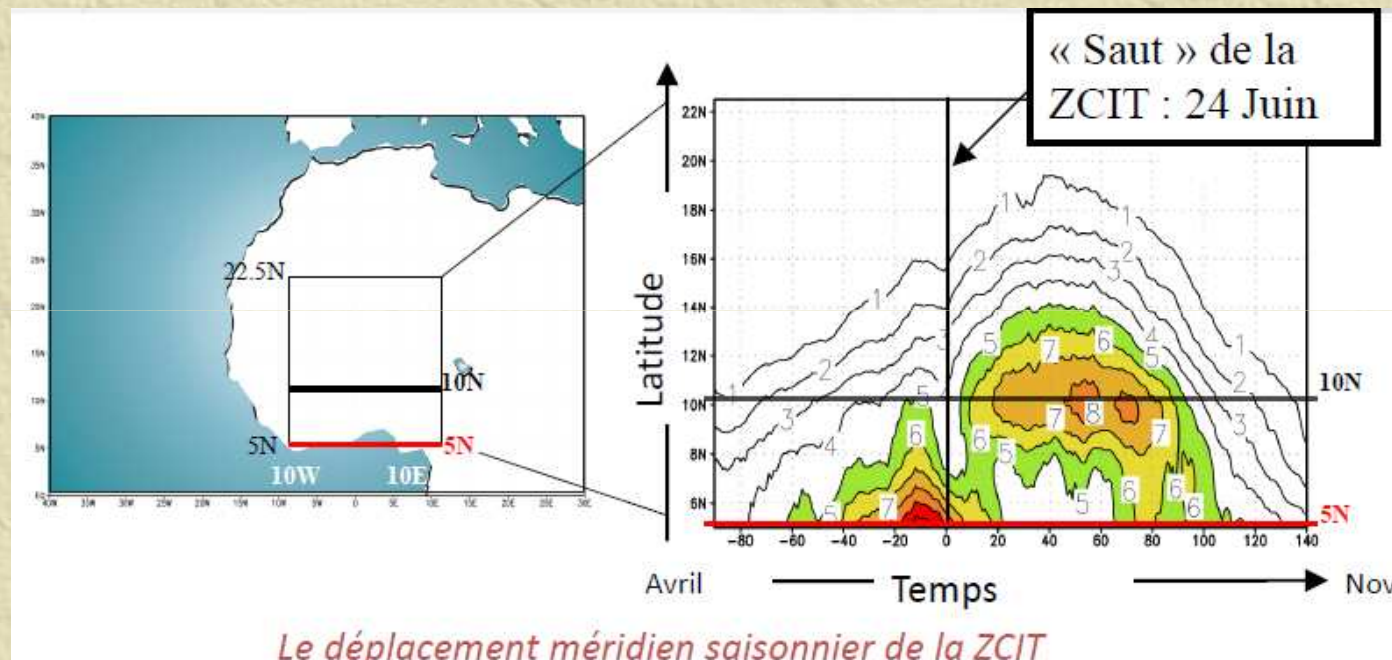
A simple seasonal rainfall approach is not enough

Wich time and space scale?



1950 – 1969 : grey boundaries, 1970 – 1989: red lines, 1990 – 2009: blue lines
Présentation Abdu Ali, SMHI, Ouaga 2010

Rainy season?



**From North to the South high seasonal variability,
Modal to bi-modal rainy season,
But also specific trends (Sultan & Janicot, 2000,2003)**

We have to adapt:

Same Plant



Semis 17 Juin

Same guy



Semis 17 juillet

Sowing dates
change

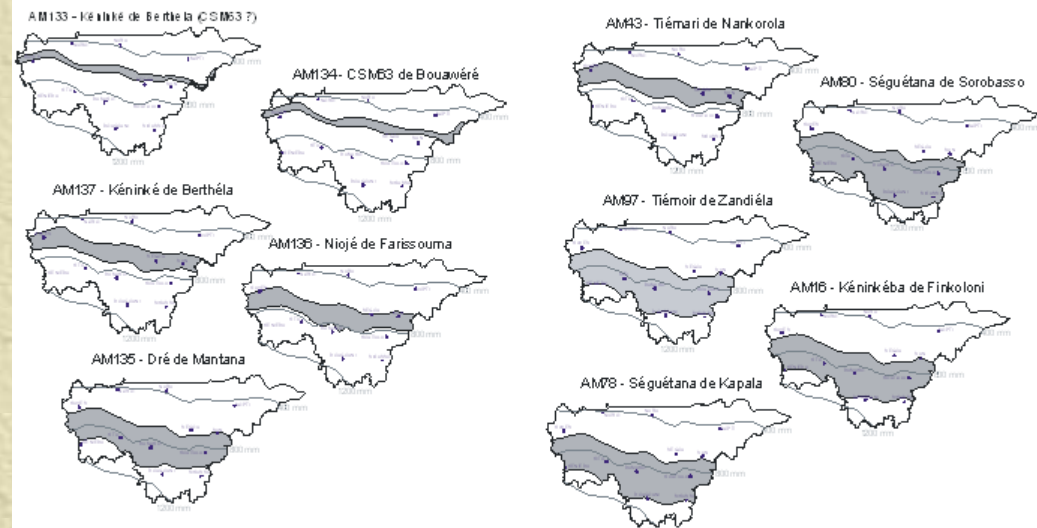


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Simulating biodiversity & Farmers strategies

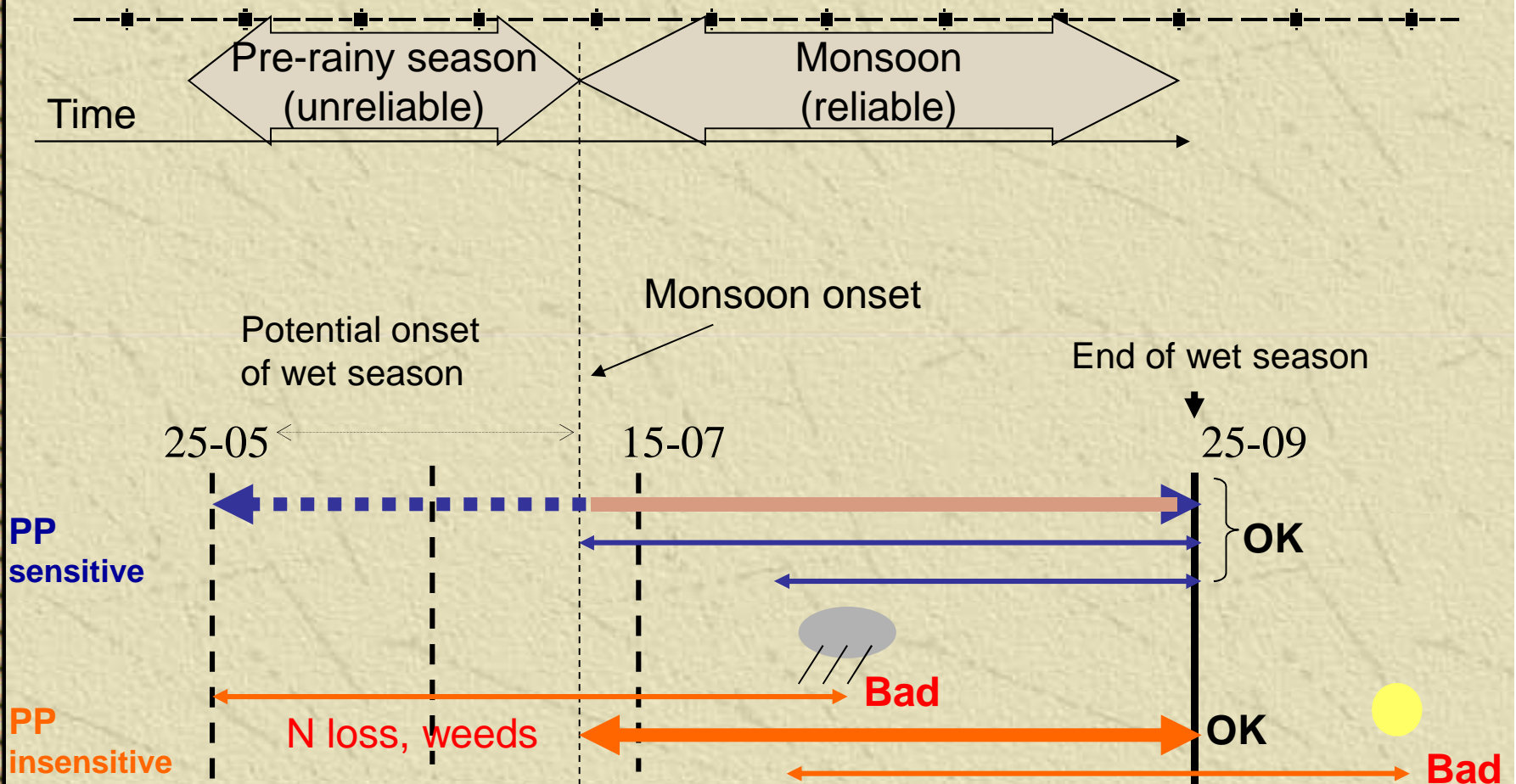
Locate this diversity

Détermination des zones optimales de cultures



Présentation M. Vaksman, AMMA WP 3.1, Burkina Faso 2008

We have to simulate this diversity



Dingkuhn & al., A model of sorghum photoperiodism using the concept of threshold-lowering during prolonged appetence, 2007

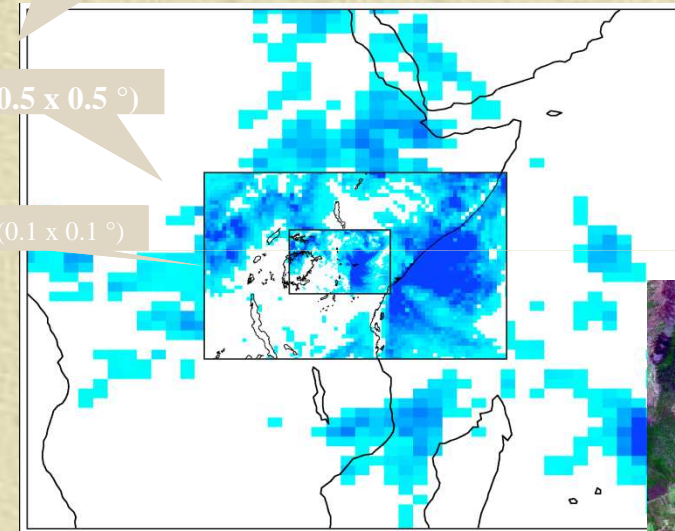
We have to adapt scales issues

GCM (2.5 x 2.5 °)

Crop Yield and production aggregate output:
field-> village -> region

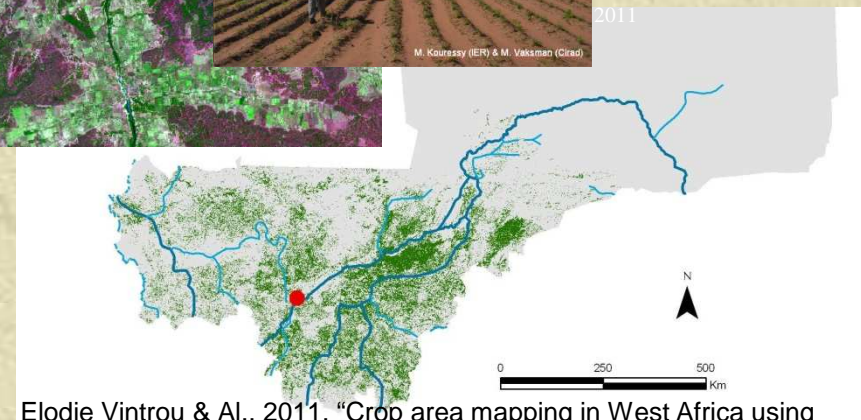
RCM (0.5 x 0.5 °)

RCM (0.1 x 0.1 °)



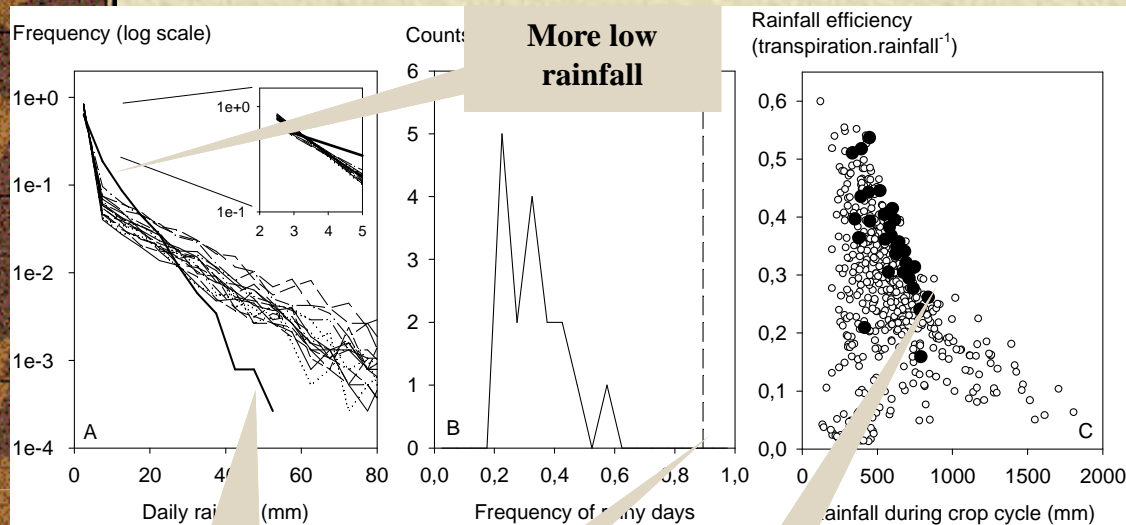
Disaggregation of climate
models output:

62 500 km² to 100 km² to 1 km²...



Elodie Vintrou & Al., 2011, "Crop area mapping in West Africa using landscape stratification of MODIS time series and comparison with existing global land products"

From GCM to Plot!



More low rainfall

Less high rainfall and lowest amount

Nearly daily rainfall!

Most efficient for the plant

GCM are calibrated on historic data

reanalysis over grid where each cell

represent about 62 500 km²

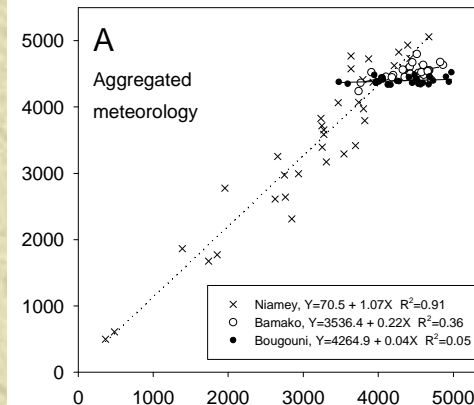
We aggregate the daily value of 17 ground

climatic stations covered same area of one cell

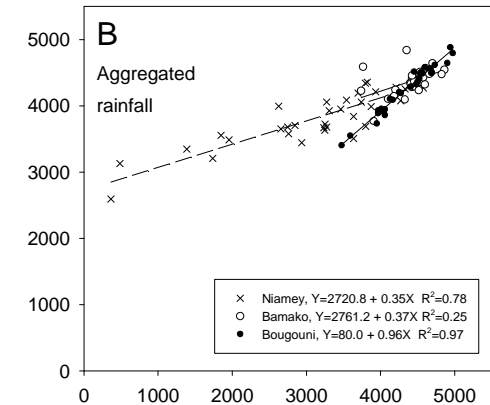
GCM grid in Senegal analysis the accuracy.

Impact differ from North to the South

Grain yield simulated with aggregated inputs (kg.ha⁻¹)



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At plant local scale, African monsoon looks like Indonesian monsoon !!!!

Baron & al., From GCM to plot, Royal Society, 2005



SARRAH

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Process simulated
by the crop model

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Combining two approach

✦ Under phenologic control

◆ Water Use Efficiency (WUE) :

Water-> biomass (WB based on reservoirs,
KC)

◆ Radiation Use Efficiency (RUE) :

Radiative Energie -> biomass

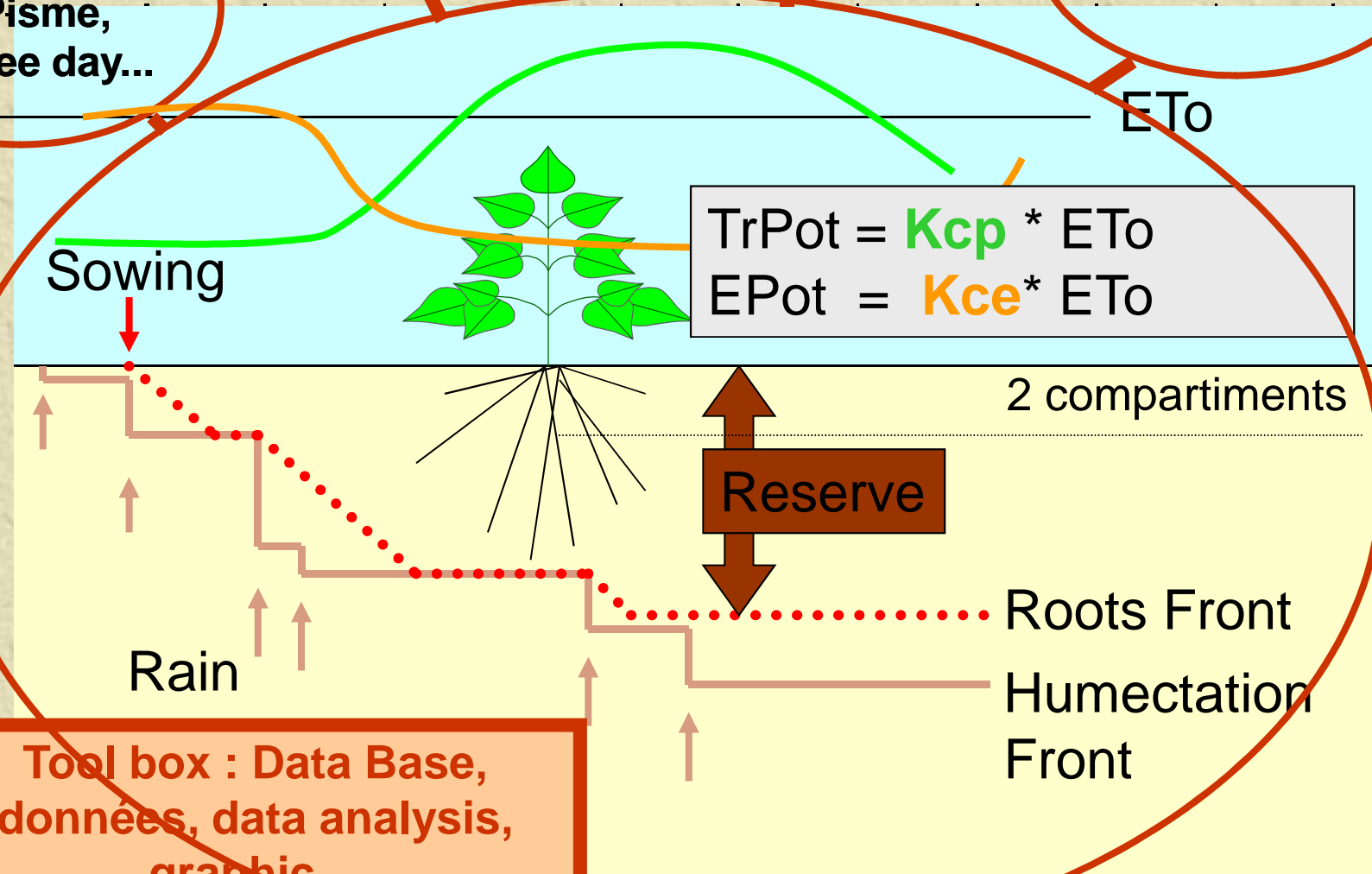
(CB based on Sinclair, LAI)

Phenologi
(PPisme,
degree day...

KC Simulation
(fonction of LAI
Beer law,
separation of E and Tr)

C Assimilation
(fonction of ε_a and ε_b
water stress index
FAO

BM Repartition
allométric Law



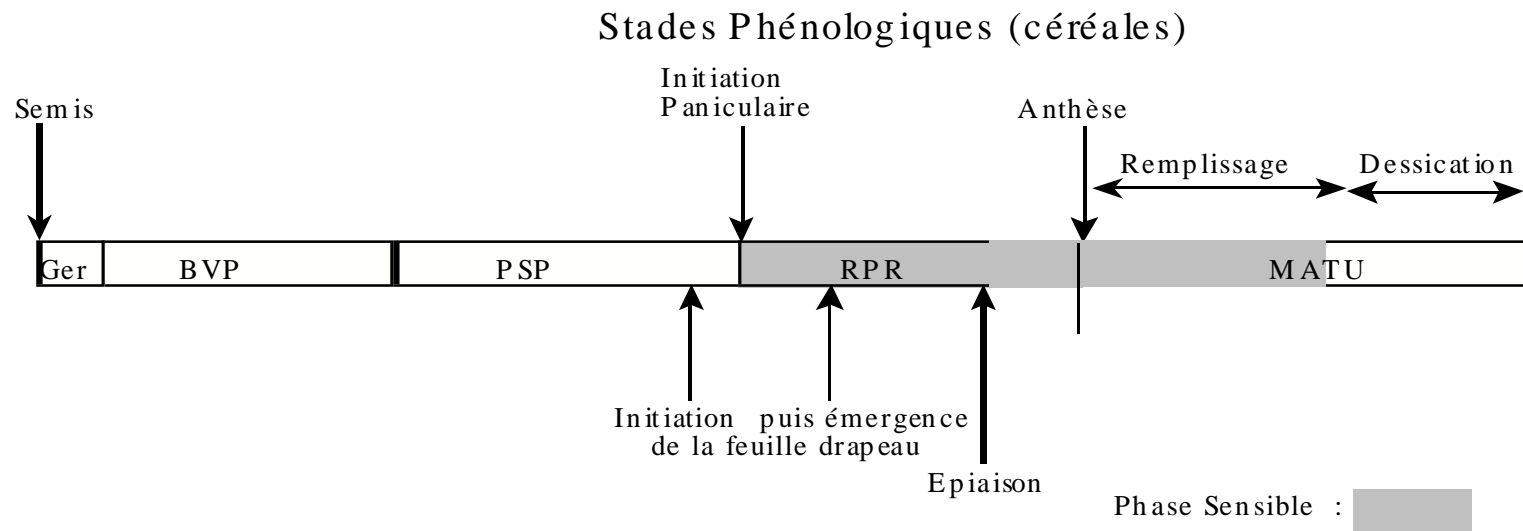
SARRAH : BH & BC (WUE x RUE)

✱ A phenological motor, control the process' evolutions

✱ *Water Balance: tanks dynamics*

✱ *Carbon Balance: biomass dynamics*

Six phenological stages



- Temperature thresholds delimit the degree-day calculation stages; When a threshold is reached (sum of temperatures, sum of $f(PP)$, we change phase
- PSP phase depends on the sensitivity of a variety to the photoperiod, duration varies depending on the latitude and sowing date

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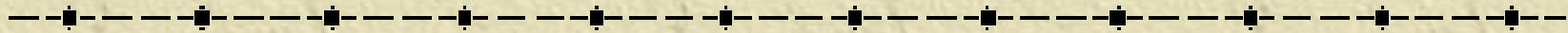
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Water Balance:

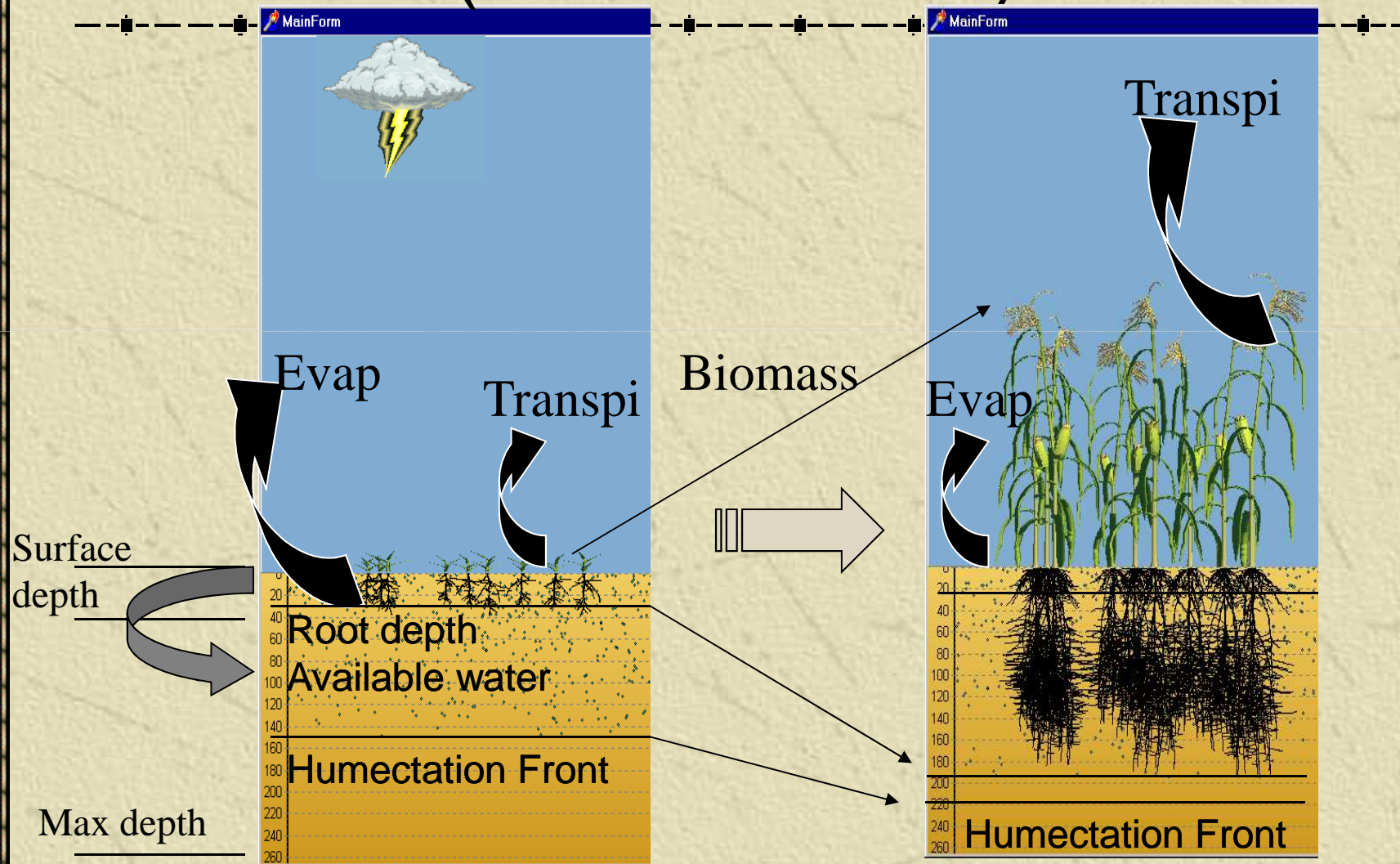
A reservoir type approach



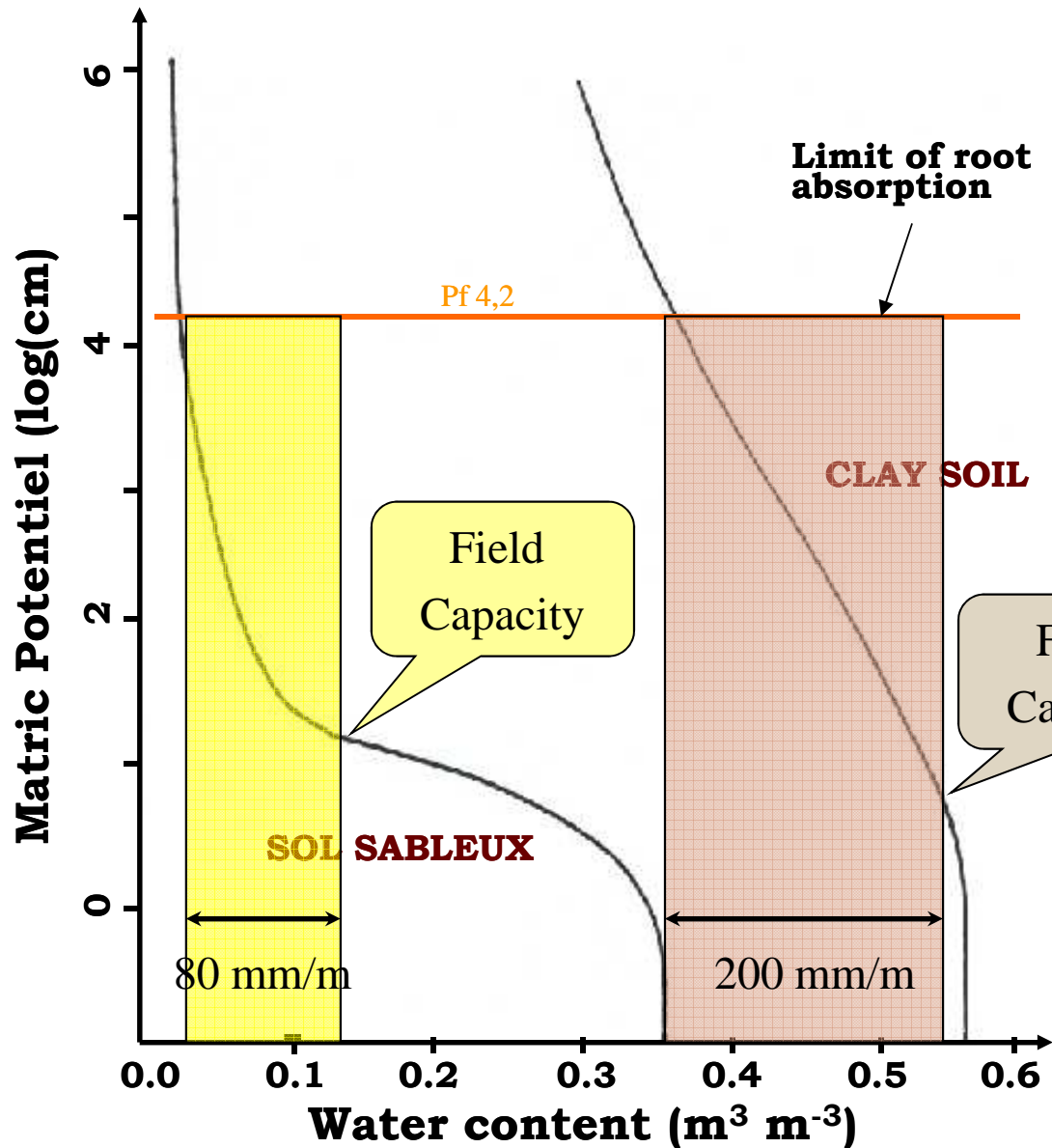
$$\text{Rain} + \text{IRR} - \text{RUNOFF} - \text{ETR} - \text{DR} = \Delta S$$

- ✦ Available water: Rainfall – Runoff + net irrigation
- ✦ Runof: treshold approach
- ✦ Filling: uniformly distributed inside a reservoir (from surface and overflows into the following reservoir)
- ✦ Drainage : overflowing from the last reservoir
- ✦ Evaporation : only calculated for the surface reservoir
- ✦ Transpiration : calculated for the entire root reservoir

Water balance: 2 reservoirs (base SARRA)



Matric Potential & Water Holding Capacity



Field Capacity :

Soil water storage

24 to 48 h after full

humectation , concept of

Flow rate

Nota :

volumetric moisture

$HV = HP * da$

with

$da \sim 1.5$ for sandy

1 for clay

Field scale process

✱ LTR : Soil Light transmission $\exp(-kdf * LAI)$

- ◆ kdf leaf angle indice
- ◆ LAI Leaf Area Indice (0 to 5-6...)

✱ Surface soil reservoir Evaporation :

- ◆ EvPot : $ET_o * LTR$
- ◆ Ev : $EvPot * (FESW)^2$

✱ Root reservoir Transpiration:

- ◆ TrPot : $ET_o * (1-LTR) * KcMax$
- ◆ Tr : $TrPot * Cstr$
 - Cstr : $fn(FTSW, ET_o)$ Pfactor FAO

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Assimilation : sugar amount

✠ Assimilates produced are simulated in sugar equivalent

✠ Assimilates :

$$\text{PAR} * \epsilon_a * \epsilon_b * \text{Water constraint}$$

PAR : photosynthetically active radiation ($\sim 0,5 * \text{RG}$)

ϵ_a : leaf cover rate ($1 - \text{LTR}$)

LTR : $\text{Exp}(-kdf * \text{LAI})$

ϵ_b : coefficient of light energy conversion into dry matter (génotype, ie C3 (stem cereals, colza, tournesol, soja...), C4 (sorghum, millet, maize, sugar canne))

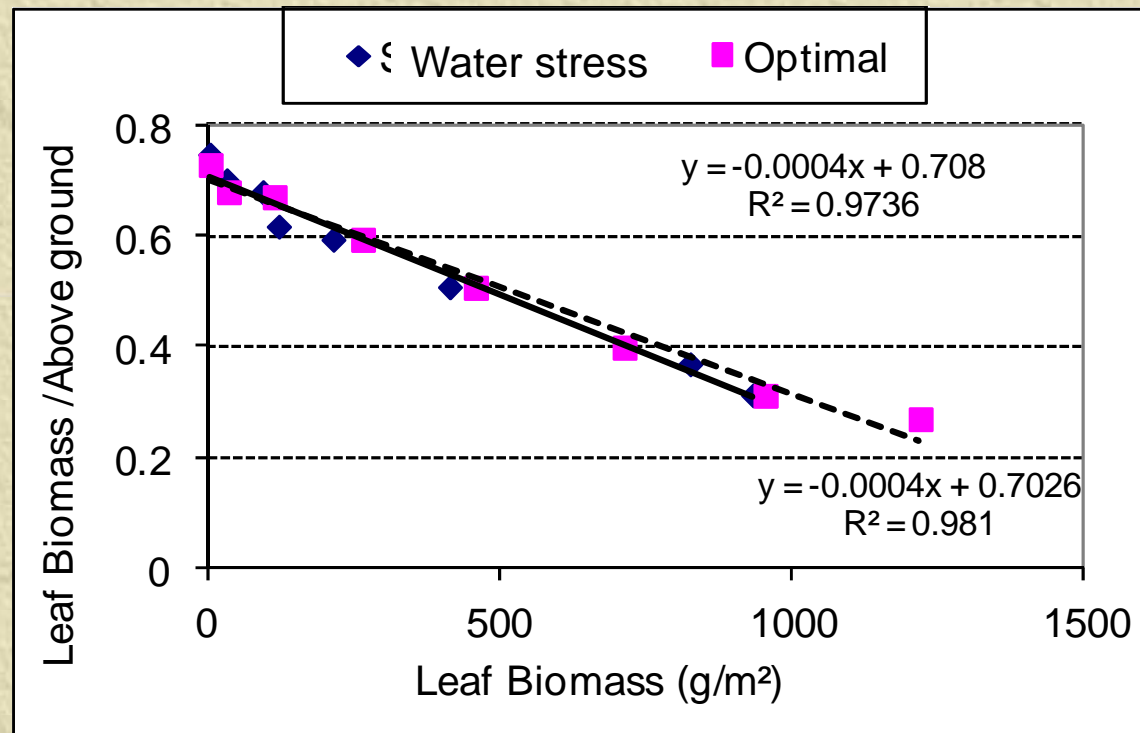
Water constraint: Tr/TrPot

Biomass Dynamic

✦ Two main assimilate repartition dynamic in links with two main stages:

- ✦ Before flowering: vegetativ and reproductiv phase (total biomass elaboration & size of reproductive organs)
- ✦ *After flowering: grain filling and dessication phase*

Robustness based on allometric relation



Experimental Station, B. Sarr, Ceraas, Senegal, 1996

Assimilation: a big leaf type approach

$$\text{Assim} = \underbrace{f(\text{RG}, \varepsilon_a, \varepsilon_{\text{btot}}, \text{constraints})}_{\text{Allometrie 1}} \underbrace{f(\text{T}, \text{BM}_i)}_{\text{Allometrie 2}}$$

$$\text{BM}_{i+1} = \text{BM}_i + \text{dBM} - \text{Rm}$$

$$\text{BM}(\text{AG}) + \text{BM}(\text{root})$$

$$\text{BM}(\text{leaf}) + \text{BM}(\text{stem})$$

$$\text{LAI} = \text{BM}(\text{leaf}) \times \text{SLA}$$

* BM(AG) = Above Ground biomass

Allometrie 1

$$\frac{\text{BM}(\text{AG})}{\text{BM}}$$

1

BM

0

Allometrie 2

$$\frac{\text{BM}(\text{leaf})}{\text{BM}(\text{AG})}$$

1

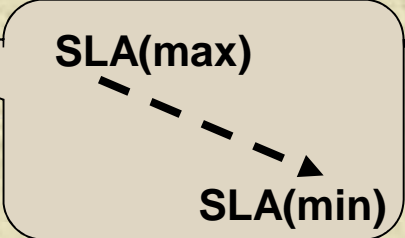
BM(aér)

0

SLA(max)

SLA(min)

LAI: deduced from leaf biomass

$$\text{LAI} = \text{BM(leaf)} \times \text{SLA}$$


A callout box containing a dashed arrow pointing from 'SLA(max)' to 'SLA(min)', indicating a range or scale for the Specific Leaf Area (SLA) variable.

Variation in SLA

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Objectif : How simulate the conversion of leaf biomass in leaf area

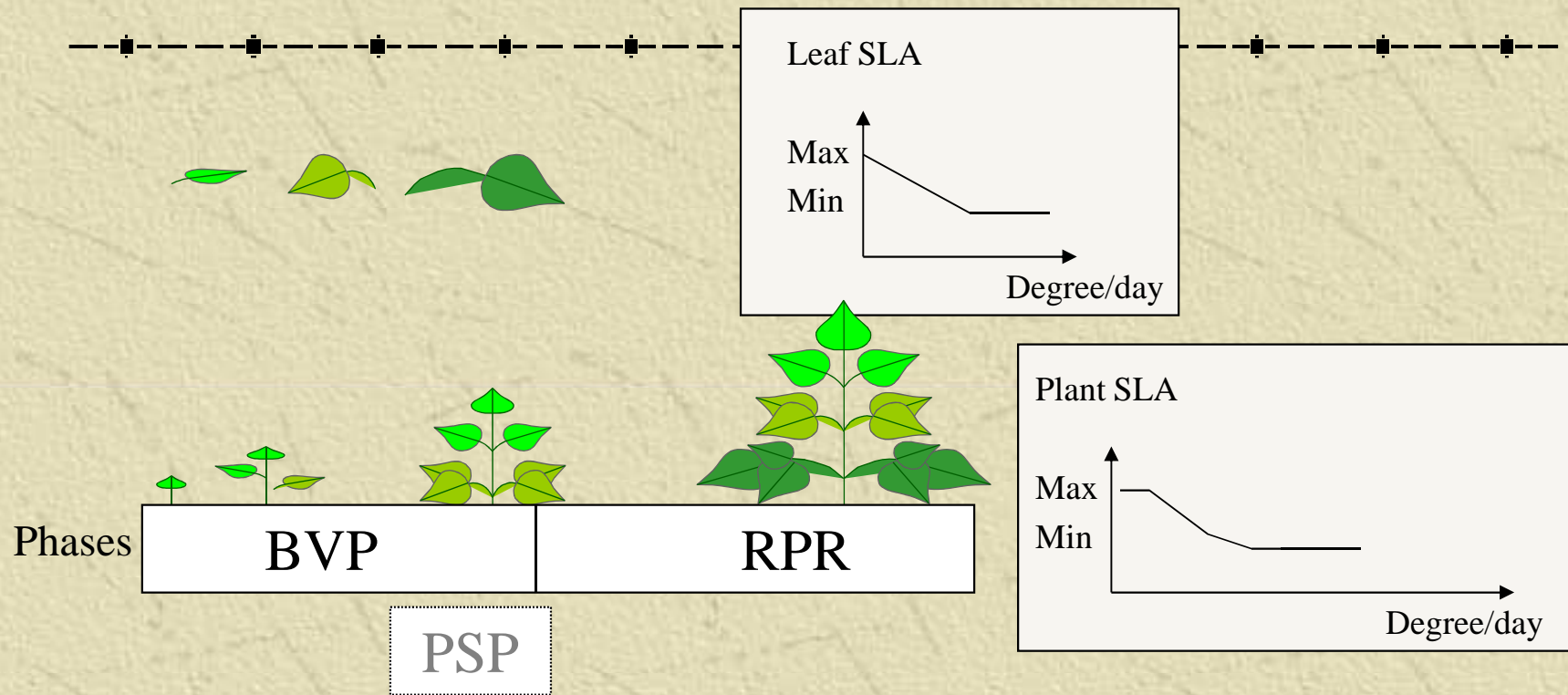
- Decreasing SLA = épaississement des feuilles
 - leaf scale (phyllochron)
 - plant scale (length cycle)

Inovative concept:

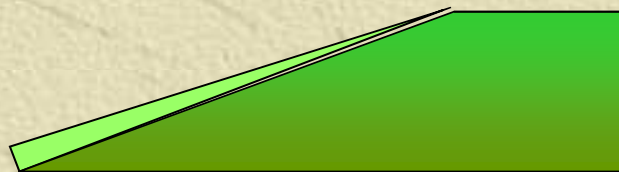
- Leave: SLA_{max} , SLA_{min} , slope= genetic parameter
- Couvert : SLA_{daily}
 - New leaf biomass have higher SLA_{max} later decrease
 - Compute SLA_{daily} weighting by...
 - new leaves = SLA_{max}
 - present leaves (SLA decrease from max to min)

Result: SLA value is a function of relative growth rate

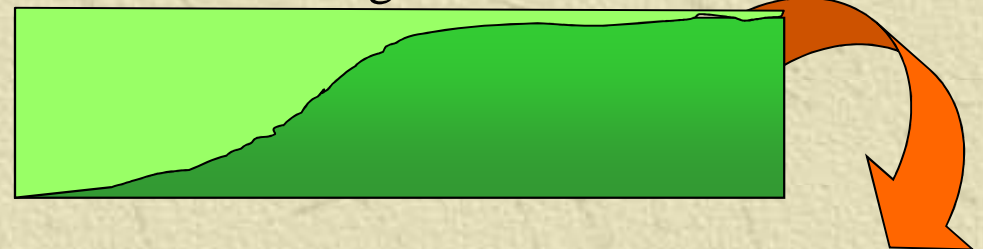
Specific leaf area dynamic (SLA)



SLA of crop canopy: a big leaf



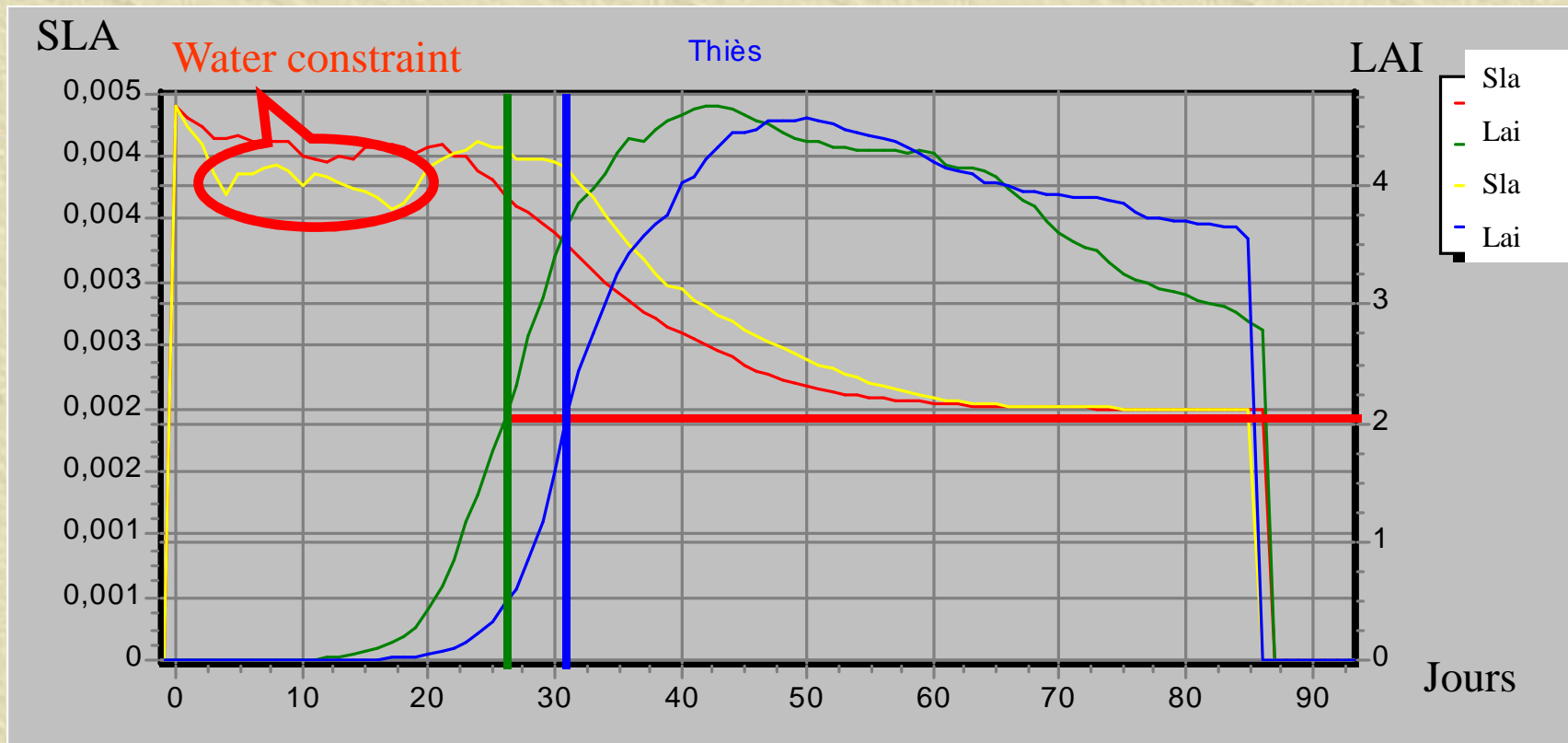
→ Relative growth rate



Trophic Relationship: LAI & SLA

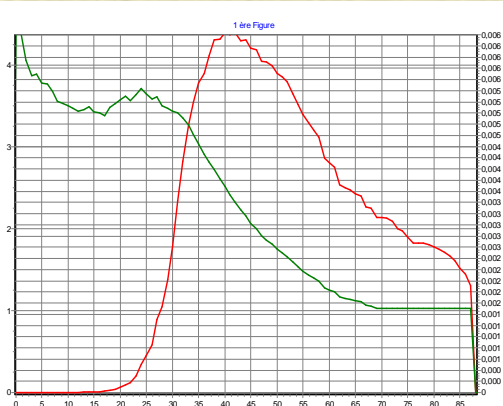
LAI = Leaf Biomass * SLA

SLA $F_n(\text{dBMLeaf}/\text{BMLeaf}...)$

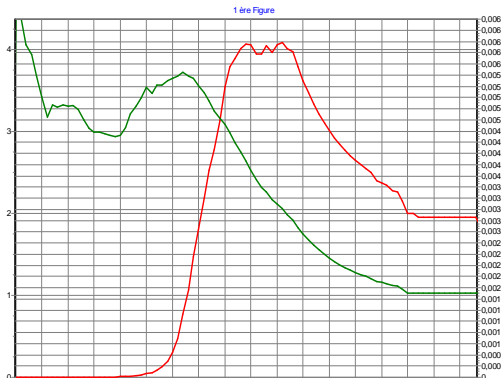


Constraints & dynamics

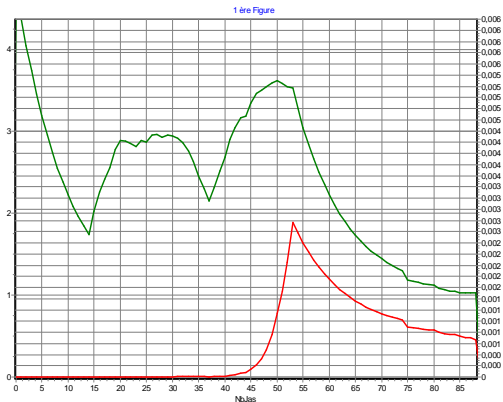
LA et SLA



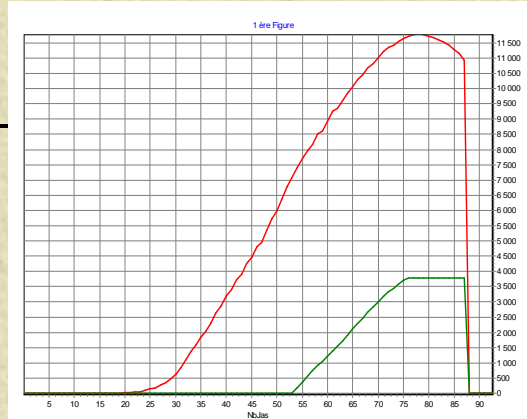
Low constraint
Normal dynamic



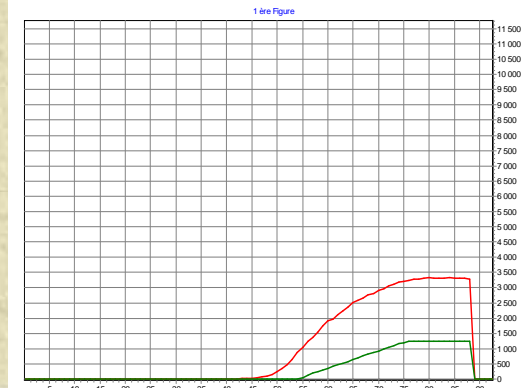
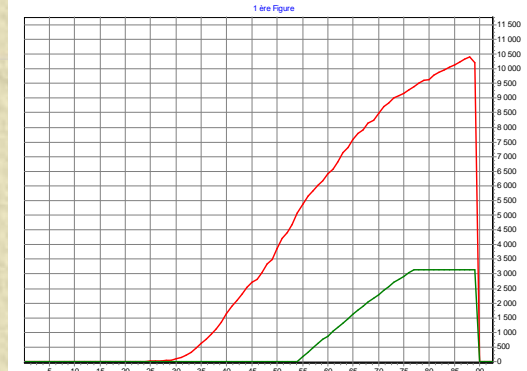
High initial constraint
Retrieve the dynamic



High initial constraint
During 2 periods
dynamic completely
disrupted



BiomAero et RDT



Justification

Trophic controlled by LAI:

- Physiologic reality, resources sensitivity
- Control the hypersensitivity to initial values:
 - Thanks to the control of the assimilates repartition through the allométric relationship (concept of dilution curves) **and not by phenologic stade**
 - Easy to configure (mesurable), robust

Adoption of SLA concept:

- Distinction between ecotypes (=> Functional ecology)

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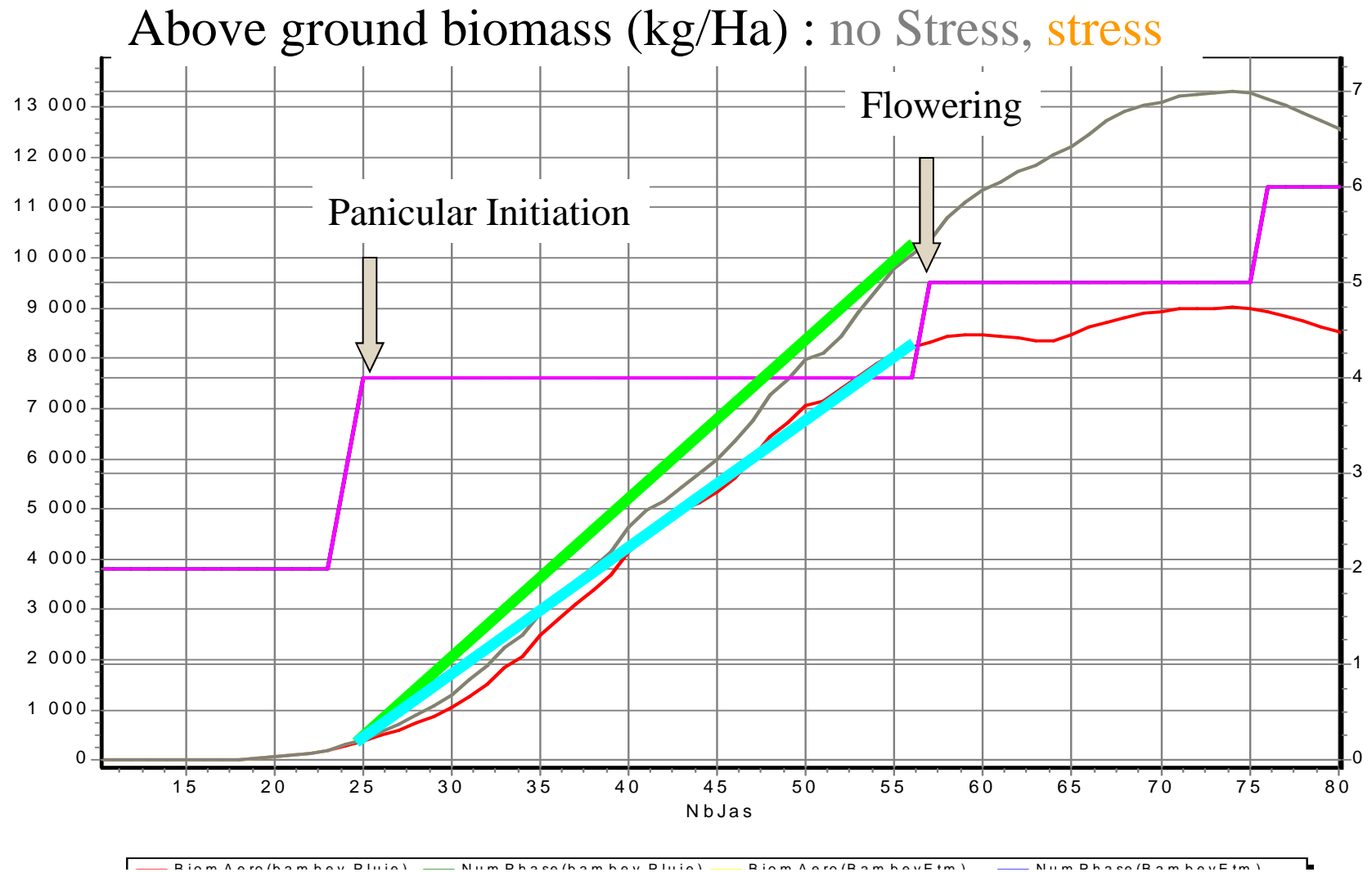
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Yield Elaboration

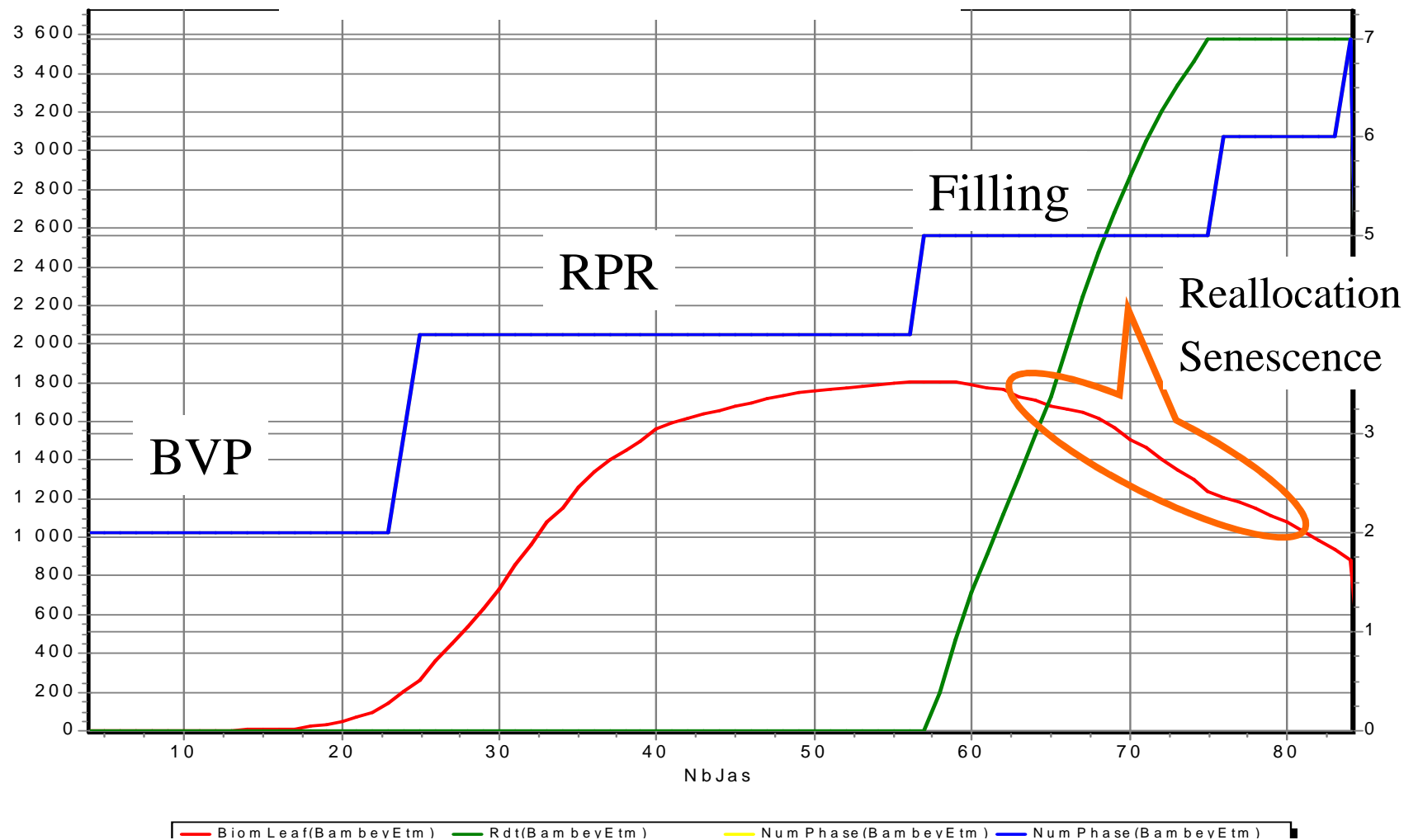
- ✦ Sink dimensioning (garins number) during reproductiv phase depending of plant state
RPR : panicles initiation to flowering,
State: fn(biomass dynamic)
- ✦ Grain filling, source/sink concept : competition index
(IC = Supply/Demand)
ie : net assimilates / reproductive demand
- ✦ Leaves reallocation : $IC < 1$ and senescence
(reducing the conversion rate ε_b)
- ✦ Green biomass reduction

Sink dimensionning



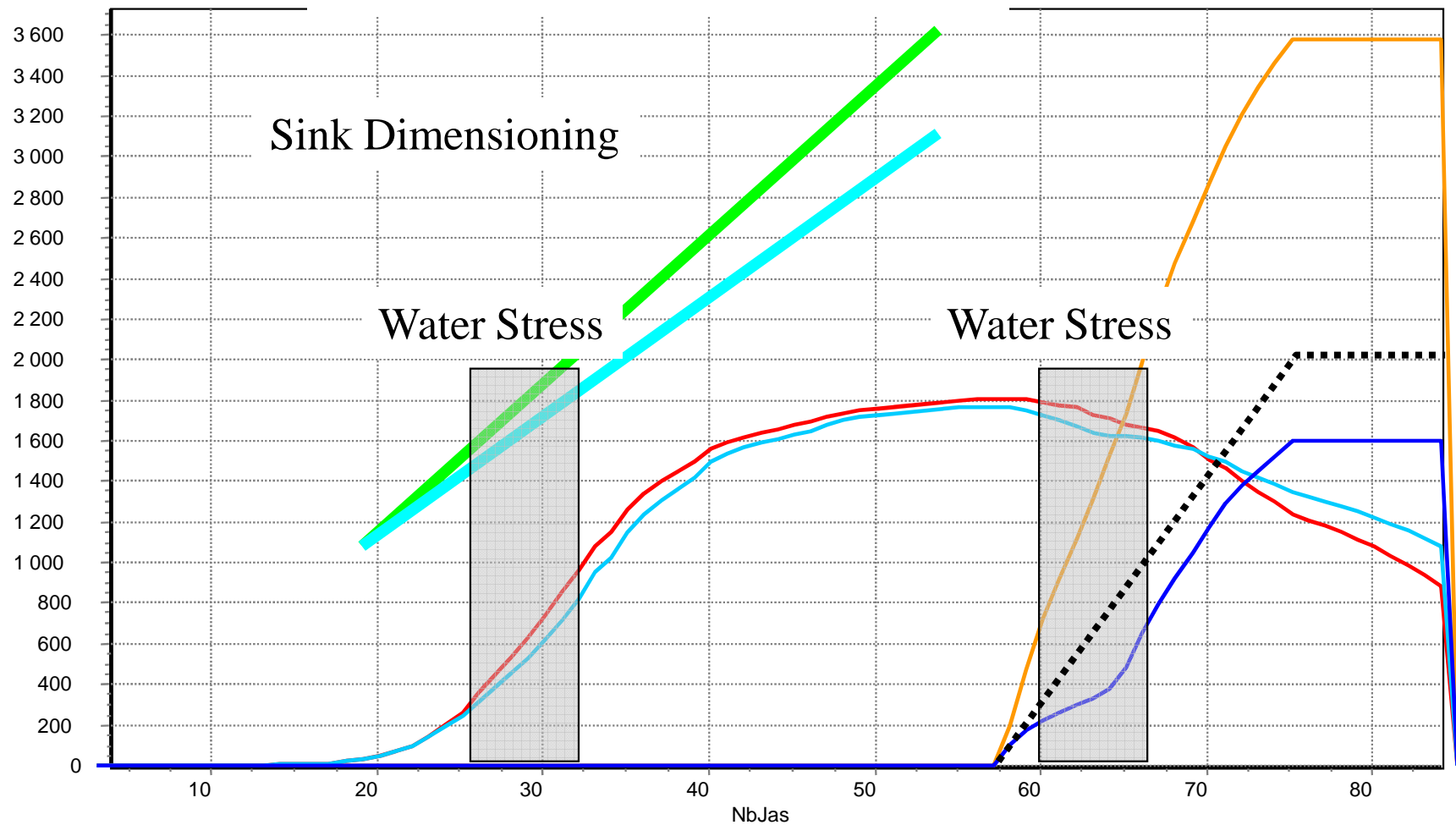
Source/sink competition (IC)

Green leaves biomass & Yield



Competition : stress & No stress

Green leaves Biomass et Yield



SARRAH some publication

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