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**Modelling the impact of extreme events on phenology and
fruit set in grapes**

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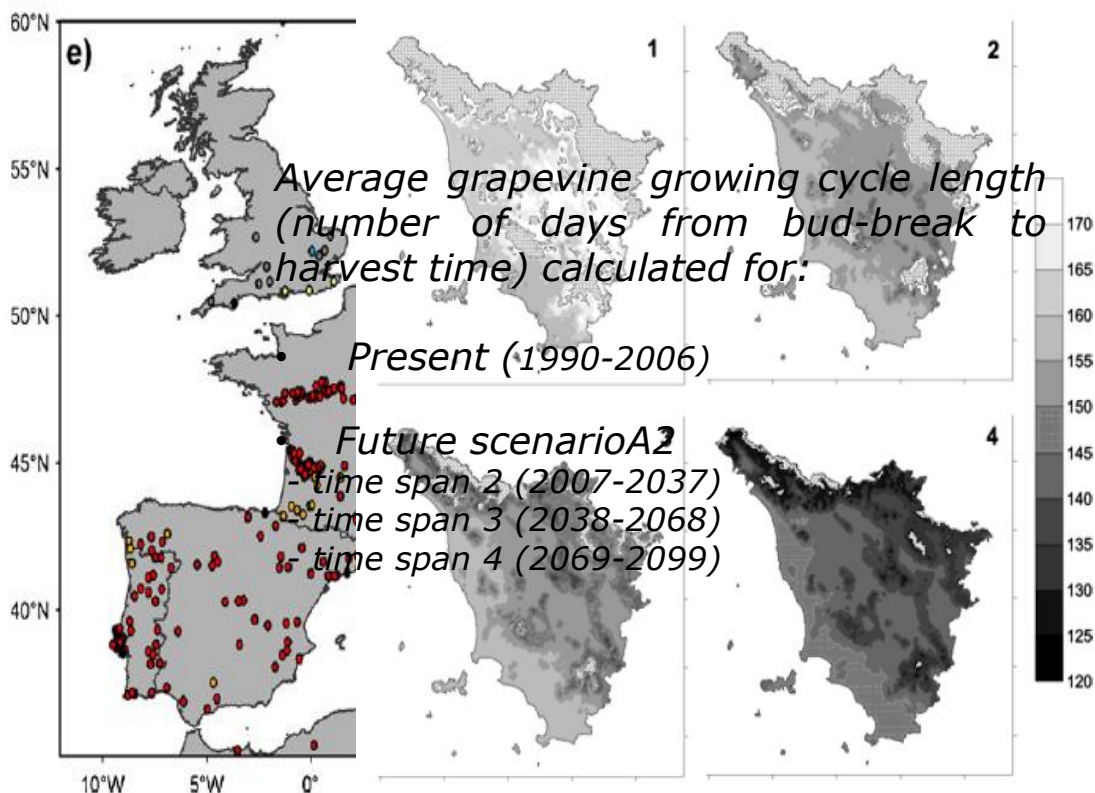
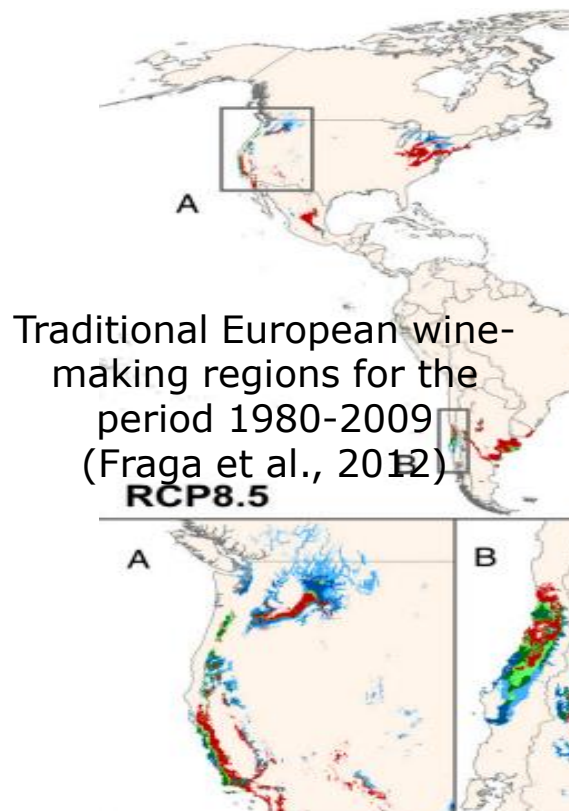


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Climate change impact on grapevine

Grape suitability is expected to decrease by mid-century in the most important and traditional wine-making regions, while an increase is projected for the North America and Europe (Hannah et al., 2013).

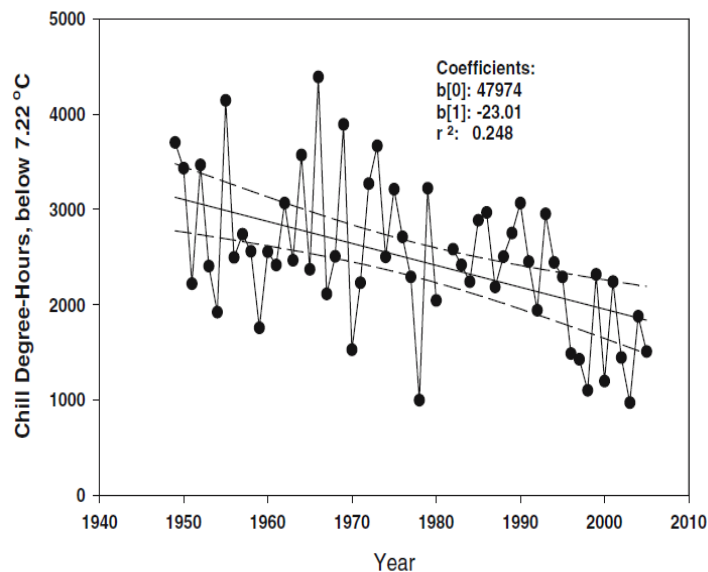




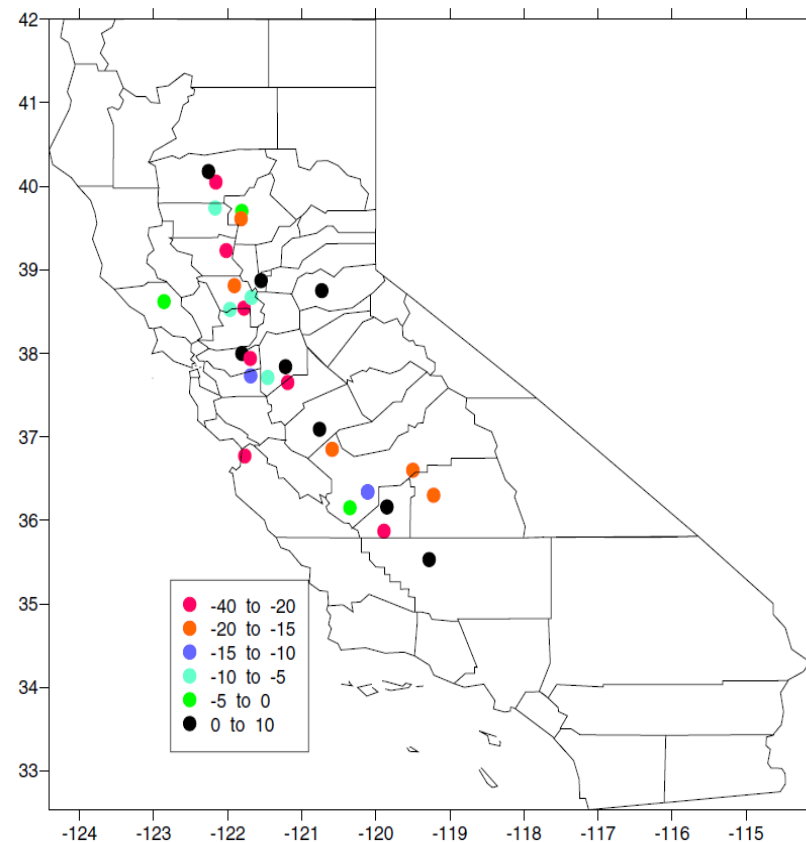
Effects of changes caused by mean climate

Phenology

- In a context of global warming, the number of chilling unit accumulated by fruit trees will be reduced (Baldocchi and Wong, 2008).



Long term trend in accumulated chill hours (Baldocchi and Wong, 2008)

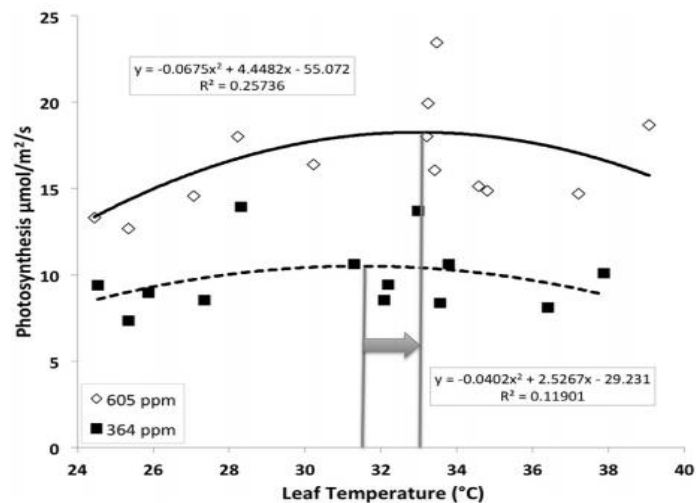


Trends in Winter Chill Hour Accumulation (hours per year) November-March, 0 to 7.22 C (Baldocchi and Wong, 2008)



Yield

- A future increase in temperature may lead to a higher level of photosynthesis in high CO₂ concentration levels (Moriondo et al., 2015).
- Grape yield may be reduced because of insect and diseases infestations.



(Moriondo et al., 2015)



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Effects of changes caused by extreme events



Dormant

Early Bud Swell

Late Bud Swell

Bud Burst

1-to 3-inch
shoots



4-to 8-inch
shoots

10-to 16-inch
shoots

Immediate pre-
bloom

First bloom

Full bloom



Buckshot berries

Bunch closure

Veraison

Harvest

Budbreak

- At budbreak date, frost events (**T_{min} < -2°C**) cause shoot loss and lower yield (Narcico et al., 1992; Mullins et al., 1992).

Flowering

- A lower ovule fertility, caused by a decreasing in organic nutrients available to the ovaries, may occur at temperature of **35°C or 40°C** (Kliewer, 1977).

Veraison and Post-veraison

- Temperature higher than **35°C** during berry ripening cause lower yield and the production of small berries (Kliewer, 1977).



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Extreme events effect on grape flowering

Optimum temperature for ovule fertility and fruit-set range between 20°C and 30 °C (day) and 10-20°C (night) (Buttrose and Hale, 1973; Haeseler and Fleming, 1967; May 2004; Winkler et al., 1974).



Temperature of 25°C during bloom-fruit set period carried out to greater size and fresh weight of Cabernet Sauvignon berries respect to temperature of 32.5°C and higher (Kliewer, 1977) .



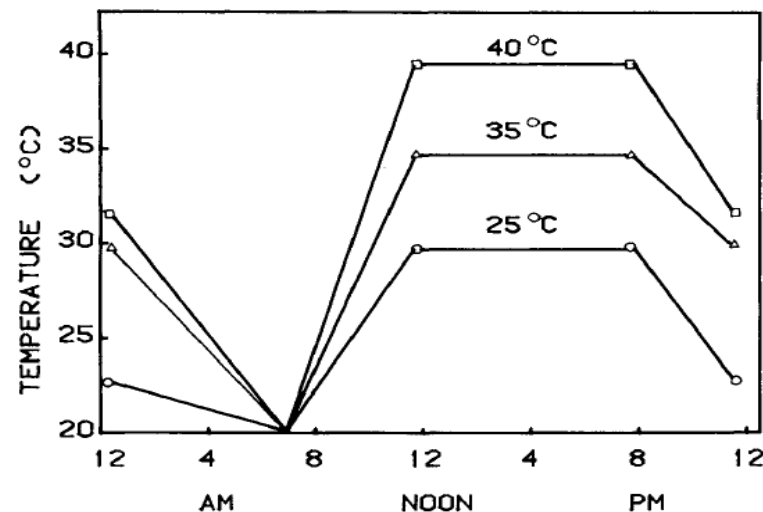
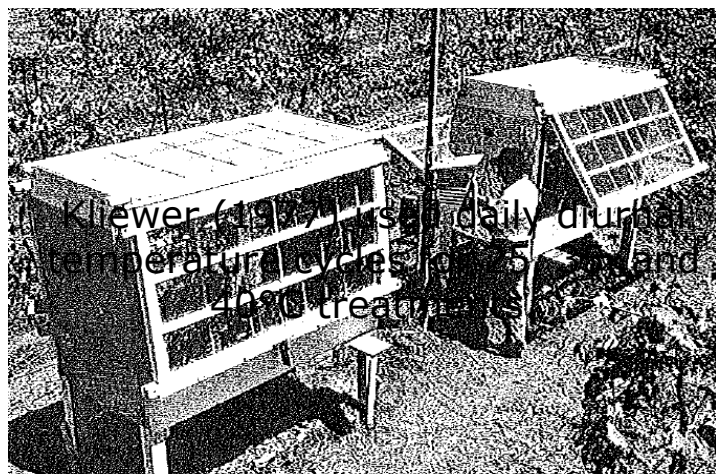
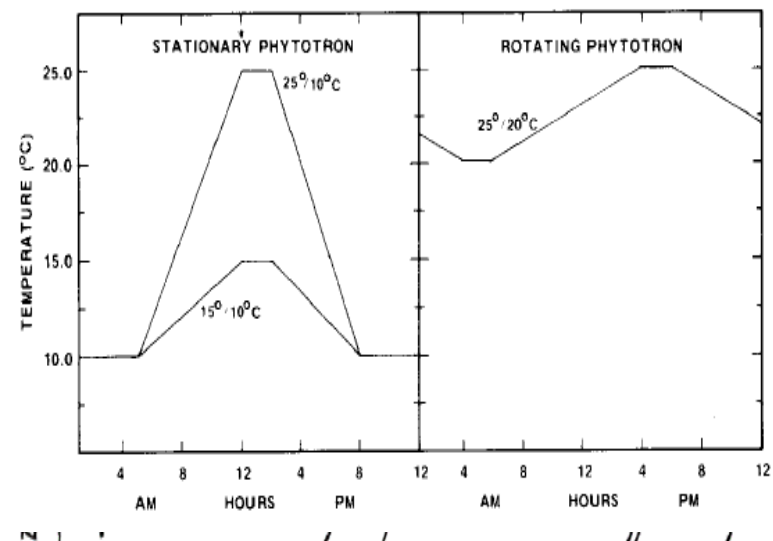
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Related studies

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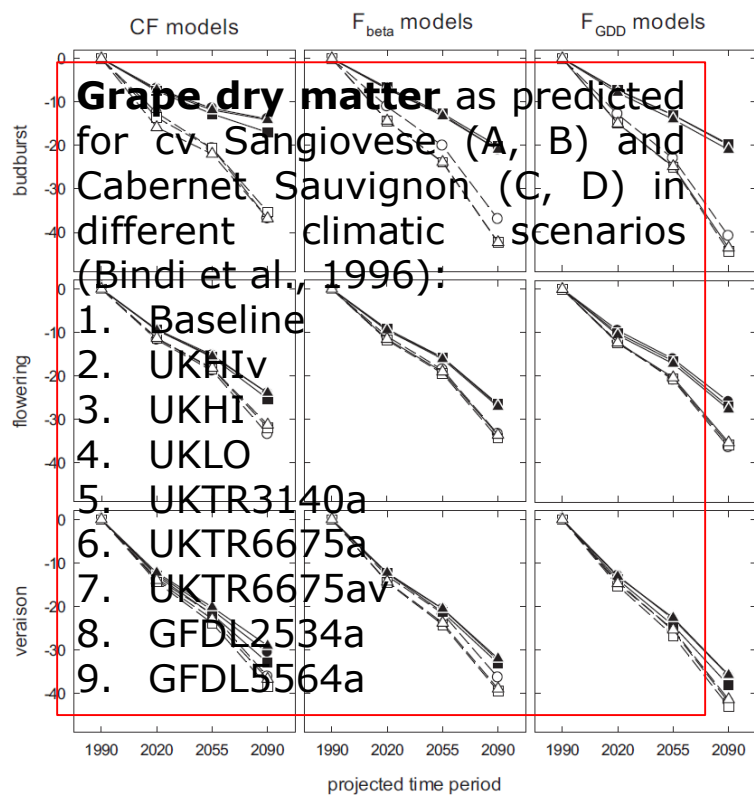
1954	1955	1956
treatments for maximum day/minimum night temperatures:		
68°F	61°F	65°F
78°F	25°/10°C 64°F	69°F
85°F	15°/10°C 59°F	79°F
---	25°/20°C 77°F	89°F
	82°F	89°F



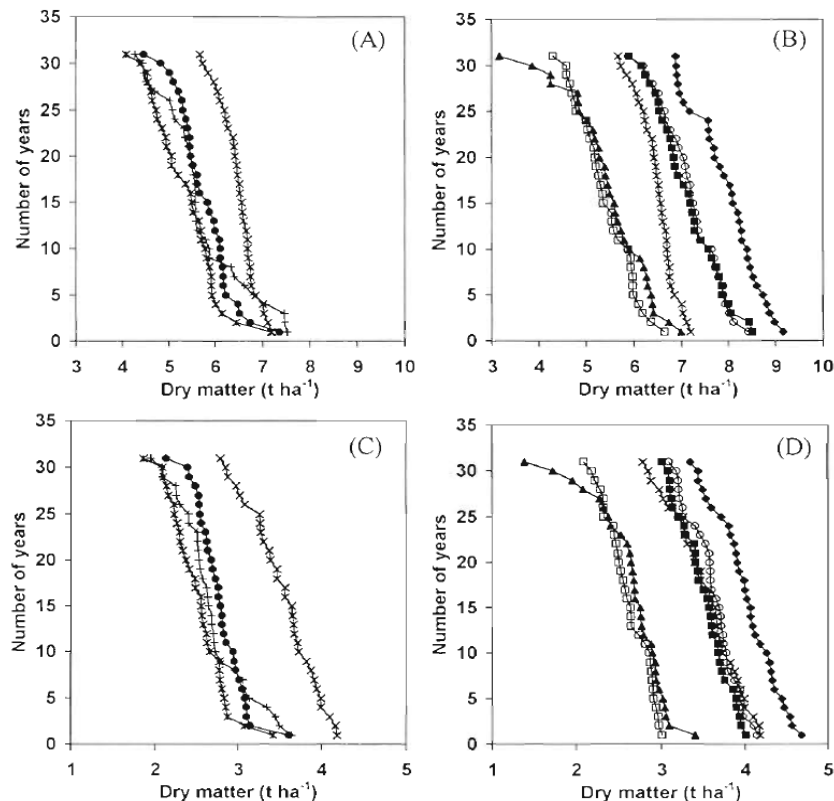


The contribution of the simulation models

Crop simulation models represent useful tools for evaluating the impact of mean climate change on crop growth and development in present and future scenarios.



Fila et al. (2014)



Bindi et al. (1996)



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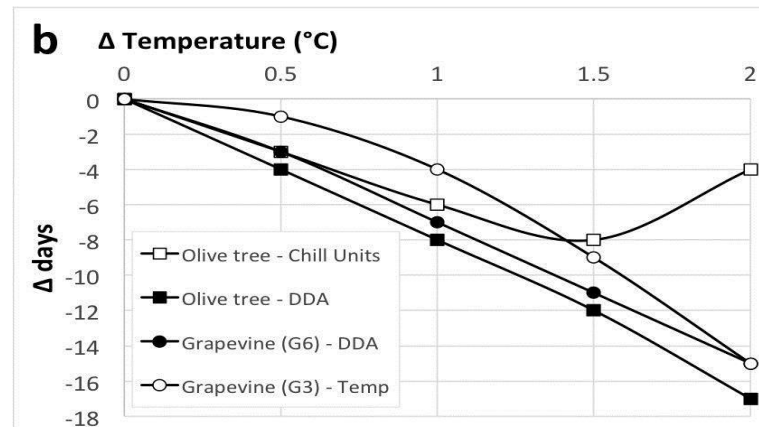


Objective

Grape model implementation

a) Phenology:

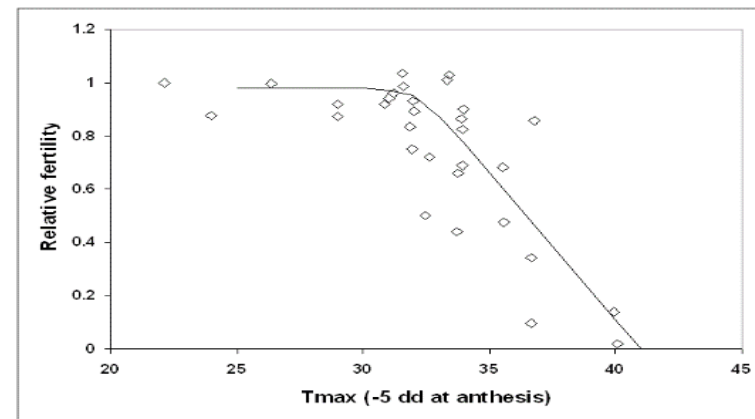
Chilling unit will be implemented in order to define better the budbreak date.



Temperature increase cause changes in anthesis days
(Moriondo et al., 2015)

b) Extreme events:

Extreme events consider the effects on:
fertility and yield



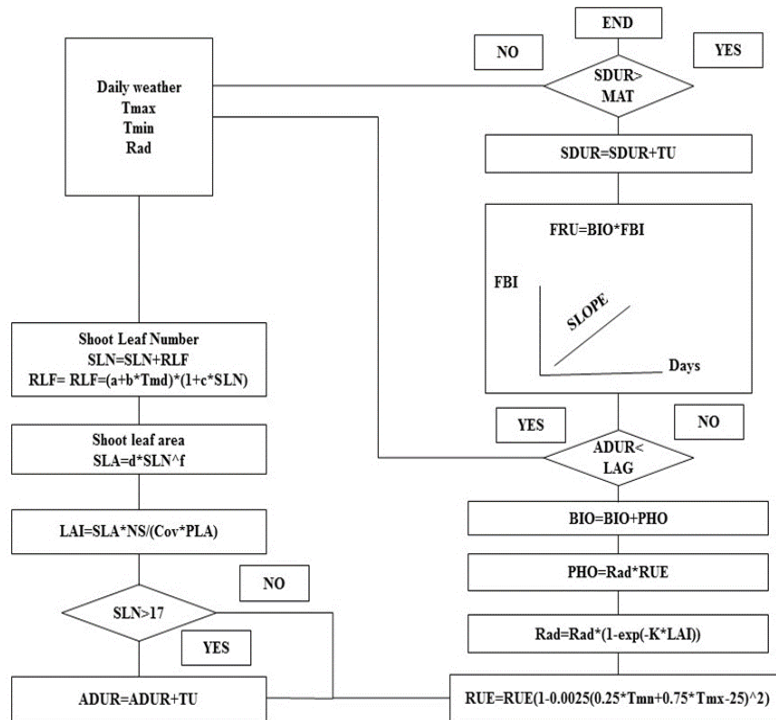
Relationship between Relative fertility and Maximum temperature
(Moriondo et al., 2011)



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Methodology



Phenology: was estimated using cumulative maximum temperature and degree days.

Leaf area: was estimated using the number of actively growing shoots and the rate of leaf appearance and expansion.

Total biomass: was calculated from radiation intercepted and radiation use efficiency (RUE).

Harvest index: The increase allows to estimate daily fruit growth.

Original Bindi's model (Fortran code)



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Phenology

$$C_c = \sum_{n=1^{st} \text{ August}}^{N_{db}} C_u$$

$$\text{where } C_u = Q_{10c}^{\frac{-Tx(n)}{10}} + Q_{10c}^{\frac{-Tn(n)}{10}}$$

C_c = chilling unit requirement

N_{db} = threshold for dormancy break

C_u = critical amount of chilling units

T_x = daily maximum temperature

T_n = daily minimum temperature

Q_{10c} = rate of the geometric progression of the thermal dormancy response.



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Extreme events

$$f_t = \left(\frac{T - T_0}{T_{opt} - T_0} \right)^q \cdot \left(\frac{T'_0 - T}{T'_0 - T_{opt}} \right)$$

f_t = temperature factor

T = daily temperature

T_0 = base temperature

T_{opt} = optimum temperature

T'_0 = cut off temperature

q = exponent that determines the shape of the curve



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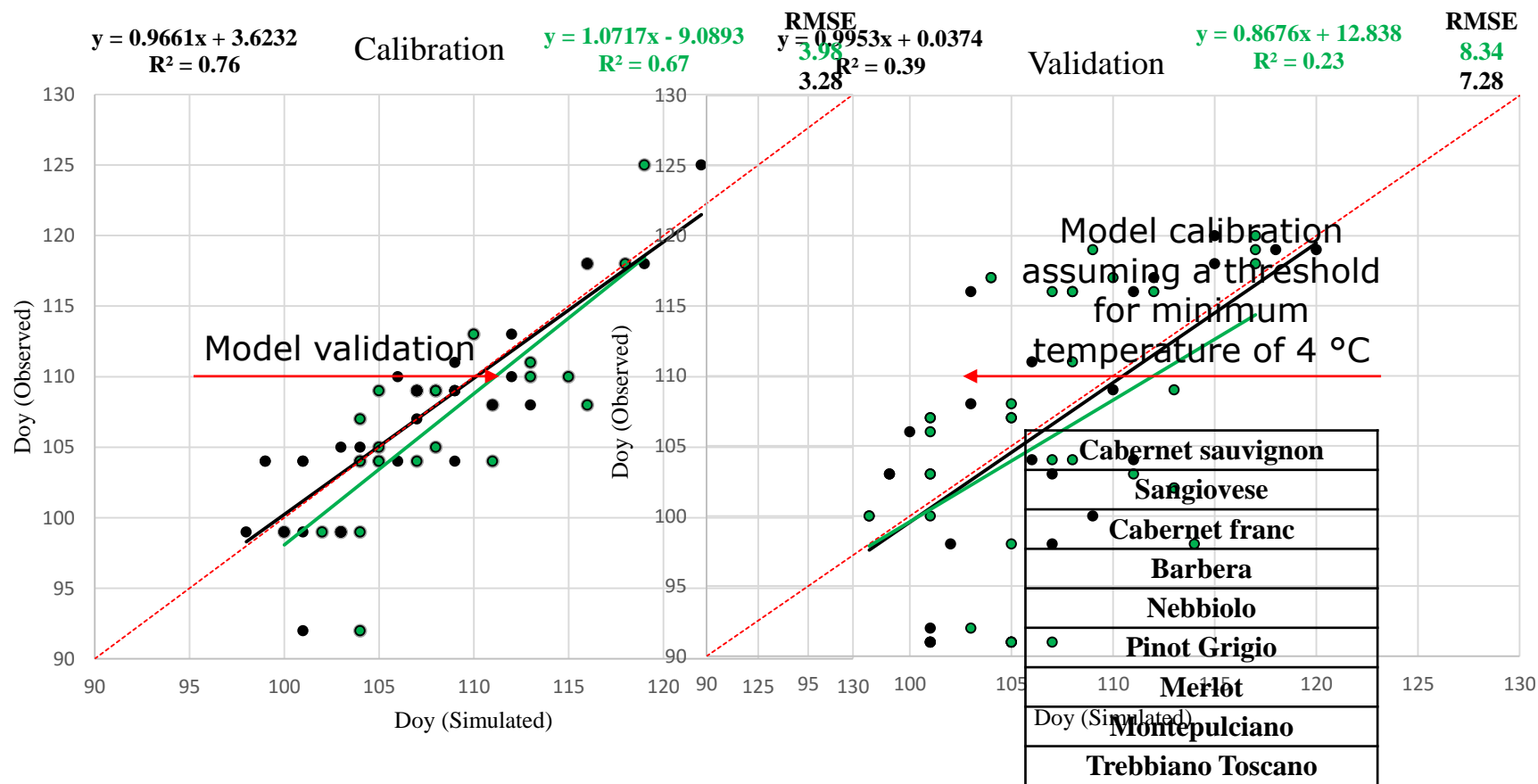
First Results



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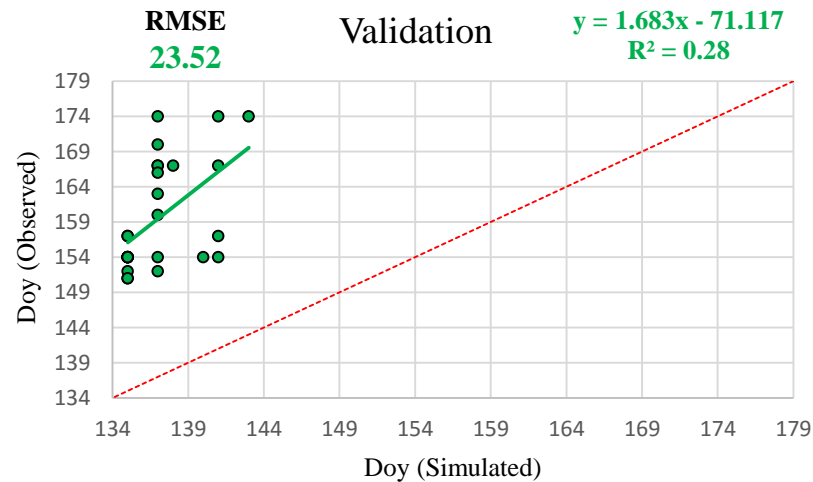
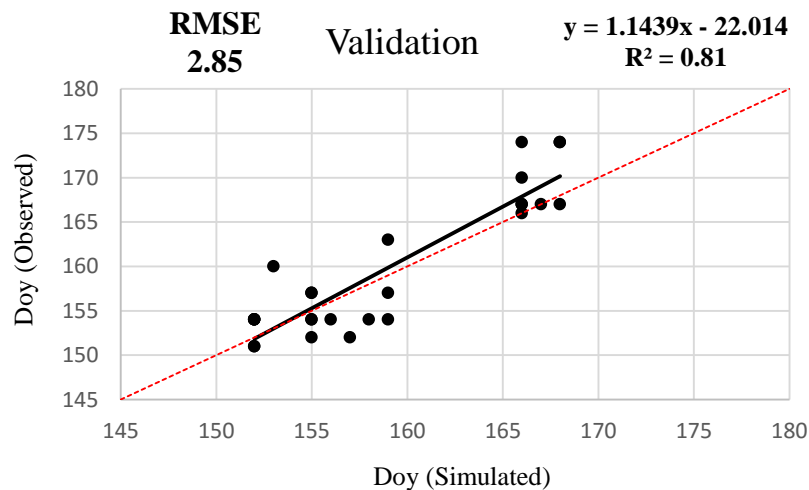
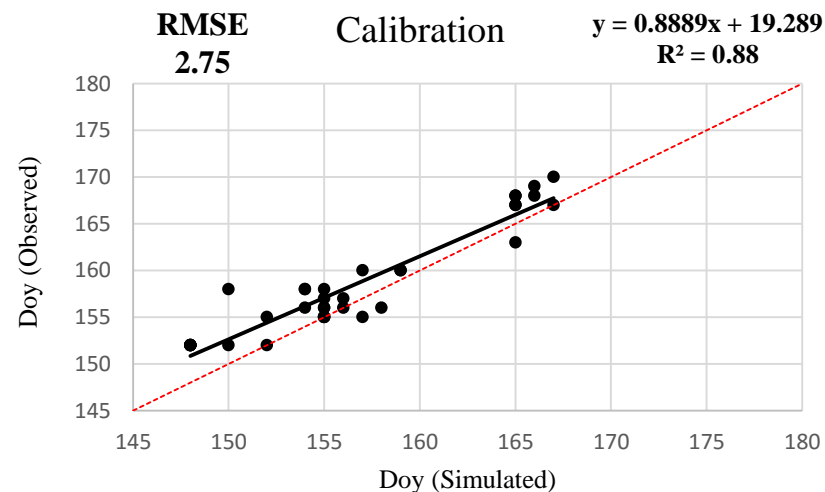
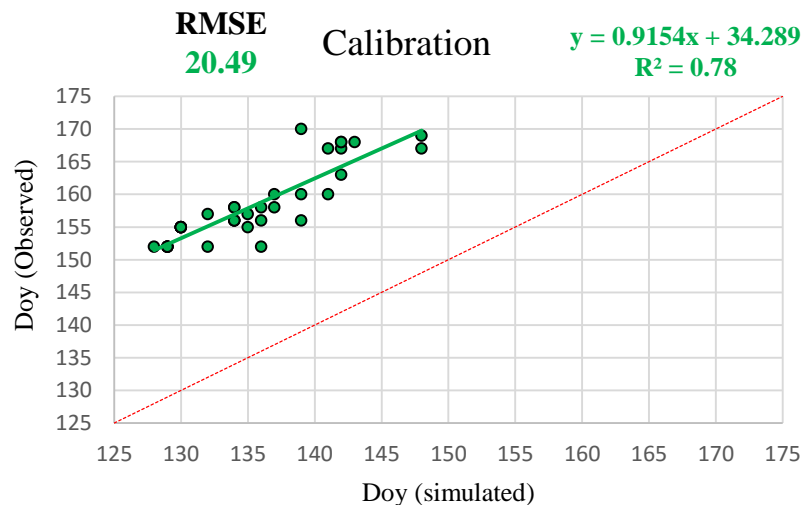
Chilling units requirement



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Grape flowering date

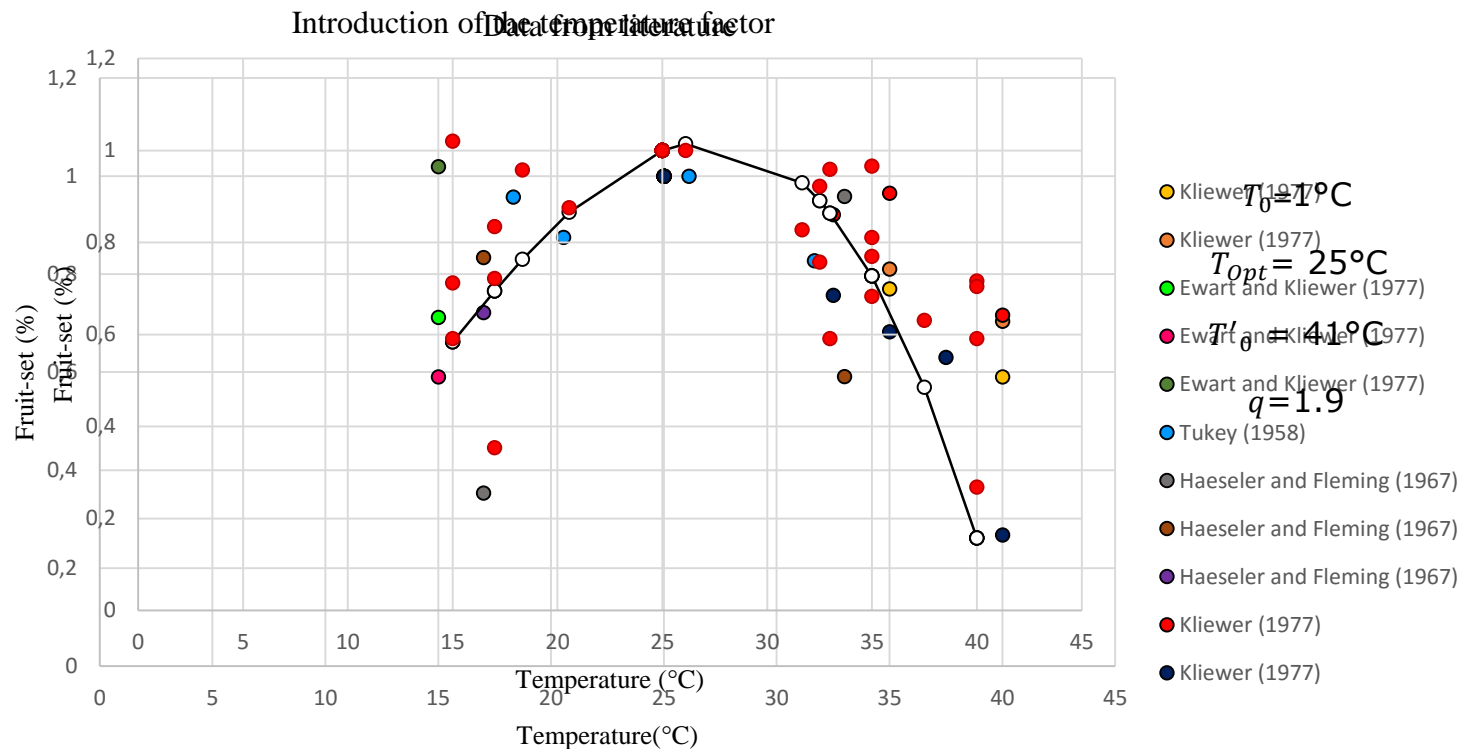


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Effects of extreme events on grape flowering

A relationship between high temperature and the percentage of fruit set was established using data from literature
(Haeseler and Fleming, 1967; Ewart and Kliever, 1977; Kliever, 1977; Tukey, 1958)



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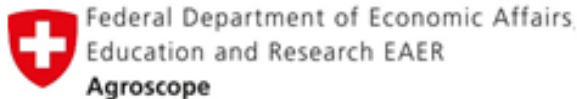


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