Adapting STICS-MILA crop model to Yellow Rust of Winter Wheat

from calibration to simulation of climate change impacts

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- Importance of plant diseases
 - Foliar diseases reduce green area, thus impacting yield in the absence of control
 - A limited number of diseases cause extensive yield losses



Savary et al. (2019)



Importance of plant diseases



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- Disease propagation

AUDPC

(% degree.day)

80000

40000

feb-04

• Impact of climate change on leaf rust

RCP 2.6

mar-26

may-15



Caubel et al. (2017)

Avignon

Date at which 5% of disease severity is reached

Impact of climate change on yellow rust epidemics ?

- Case of yellow rust (YR), caused by *Puccinia striiformis* f.sp. tritici (Pst)
- Adaptation of leaf rust model based on data from litterature
- Comparison of model simulation with field data
- Numerical experiments: impact of climate change on epidemics





STICS-MILA coupled model

Parameterizing STICS Mila for yellow rust



Assessement of model behaviour

- Model assessment dataset (Arvalis)
- Non treated and inoculated field trials
- 10 trials in 7 different sites (favorable to YR)
- 7 cultivars (+/- resistant to YR)



Adjusting the model to experimental data



case of a susceptible cultivars

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 - Conches-en-Ouches



Date (julian days)







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secondary inoculum

A tendency for reduced YR epidemics



Evolution of pathogen performance

Mean pathogen performance during stem elongation (BBCH 31-39, RCP8.5)



Impact of primary inoculum



Delay between start of the epidemy and crop growth

RCP 4.5 • RCP 8.5

Date of flag leaf ligulation – date of start of the epidemic (5% severity)

Discussion

- Under-estimation of current performance under high temperatures ?
 - Thermal response curves were based on historical datasets
 - Adaptation to high temperature has been characterized for recent european isolates
 - YR causes high impacts in some warm regions of the world
 - High light intensity can compensate for high temperature
 - Low temperature can allow infection at night when it is impossible during the day
- Possible adaptation of fungi populations to future climatic conditions
- Primary inoculum has a large impact
 - Importance of oversummering and overwintering

Next step

- A first assessment of model behaviour
 - Extend assessment dataset
 - More trials in contrasted pedoclimatic conditions
 - More information on trial conditions (soil, crop management, ...)
 - More dates of observations of epidemics
- Numerical experiments on one site
 - Extend to larger scale
- Sensitivity analysis
 - Impact of pathogen parameters
 - Response to climatic conditions
- To go fowards: factors determining primary inoculum
 - From arbitrary parameter setting to mechanistic understanding ?

Thank you for your attention

Questions ?

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