Study of STICS behavior in response to climate change in wheat crops

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> Effects of climate change on wheat crops



- Increase in CO2 340 ppm (1980) → 415 ppm (2020) → 540-970 ppm (2100)
- Increase in temperatures +2-4°C in 2100
- Intensification of thermal and water stress
- Understand the effects on wheat growth and production
 - Limited experiments
 - Use of crop models
- Issue of model validity
 - Little validation on experimental data
 - Diversity of implementation of CO2 effects (AgMIP CO2, D. Cammarano)

Research question : Better understand the behavior of our models in response to climate change for wheat crops

\rightarrow STICS ?

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 Specific stress (temperature, drought)



Structural variability

- CO2 processes
 - Increased RUE

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- Decreased conductance $fco2s = 1 + 0.77 \left(1 - \frac{fco2}{2.5}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{CO2}{330}\right)$
- Parameters
 - CO2 (sensitivity)
 - Temperature (development, LAI, stress RUE and grain filling)
 - Water (stress on development, LAI, RUE and senescence)

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Simulation framework

- 4 contrasted sites (Asseng et al., 2013)
 - Netherlands
 - India
 - Argentina
 - Australia
- Data on soil, cultivar parameters and crop management
- Climate data 1980-2010
- Preliminary calibration



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> Climatic sensitivity analysis

Protocole

• CO2 \rightarrow homogeneous variations 350-1000 ppm

• Temperature

- Homogeneous increase (+0 to +6°C) on mean temperatures
- Variation thermal stress at flowering \rightarrow modulation of duration and intensity
- Water
 - Variation water stress at flowering \rightarrow modulation of duration and intensity

Preliminary results

- Reduced sensitivity analysis with AgMIP CO2 (B. Dumont, P. Aubry) on 4 sites 1980-2010
- Homogeneous climatic variations
 - CO2 360-990 ppm
 - Temperatures +0, +3 and +6°C

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> Climatic sensitivity analysis

Relative biomass anomalies vs 360 ppm at harvest



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> Climatic sensitivity analysis

Stress indicators on RUE at flowering

- Water
 - Australia reduction of water stress with CO2
 - Little variation for the other sites (0.998-1)
- Thermique
 - Little variation (0.95-0.99)

→ Need to simulate specific stress to generate stressful conditions



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> Structural sensitivity

CO2 effects

Sequential activation of CO2 effects

- Desactivated $\rightarrow \emptyset$
- RUE
- Conductance (gs)
- Activated \rightarrow RUE + gs

Variation of CO2 factors

- RUE (fco2) \rightarrow only depending on CO2
- gs (fco2s) \rightarrow depending on CO2 and fco2

ightarrow What effects on biomass at harvest ?



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> Structural sensitivity analysis

Relative biomass anomalies vs 360 ppm at harvest



Increased biomass with CO2 linked to the RUE effect

- In Argentina, India and Netherlands
 - Weak effect of the gs option on biomass
- In Australia

Important impact of the gs option compared to « Desactivated » and « Only RUE »

 \rightarrow Why ?

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> Structural sensitivity analysis n RUE at flowering +/- 150°Cd in Australia



- Moderate water stress in Australia (0.85 at 360 ppm) → decreased transpiration with CO2 allow to reduce water stress on RUE and increase biomass
- No water stress elsewhere → no impact of decreased transpiration on biomass



The effect of CO2 on conductance impacts biomass in situations with water stress, even moderate.

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Model parameters

Joint variation of STICS parameters linked to climatic variables

- Choice of parameters (~14)
 - CO2 \rightarrow sensitivity to CO2 alphaCO2
 - Temperature → development (tdmax, tcxstop), LAI (tcmax), stress on RUE (temin, teopt, teoptsbis, temax) and grain filling (tminremp, tmaxremp)
 - Water stress (swfacmin, psisto, psiturg, rsmin)
- Choice of variation ranges for identified parameters
- Study at different CO2 concentrations 350, 700 et 1000 ppm for 4 sites 1980-2010



> Conclusion and perspectives

Multi-sensitivity analysis

- Better understand the behavior of STICS in response to climate change
- Prioritise climatic variables and identify their interaction effects
- Link these climatic interactions to the structure of the model to better question its functioning

Perspectives

- Development of sensitivity analysis methodology (collab. S. Buis) and implementation of multisimulations (SIWAA, collab. P. Chabrier)
- Apply the same multi-sensitivity analysis protocole to APSIM (K. Chenu, A. Severini) to compare the two models

