

Crop Growth Models with Fewer Cultivar-Specific Inputs to Enhance Use in Research and Decision Support

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Outline

- ➔ Genotype-Specific Coefficients (GSCs)
- ➔ Evaluation
- ➔ Applications

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Genotype-specific inputs (minimum req.)

Hybrid-Maize

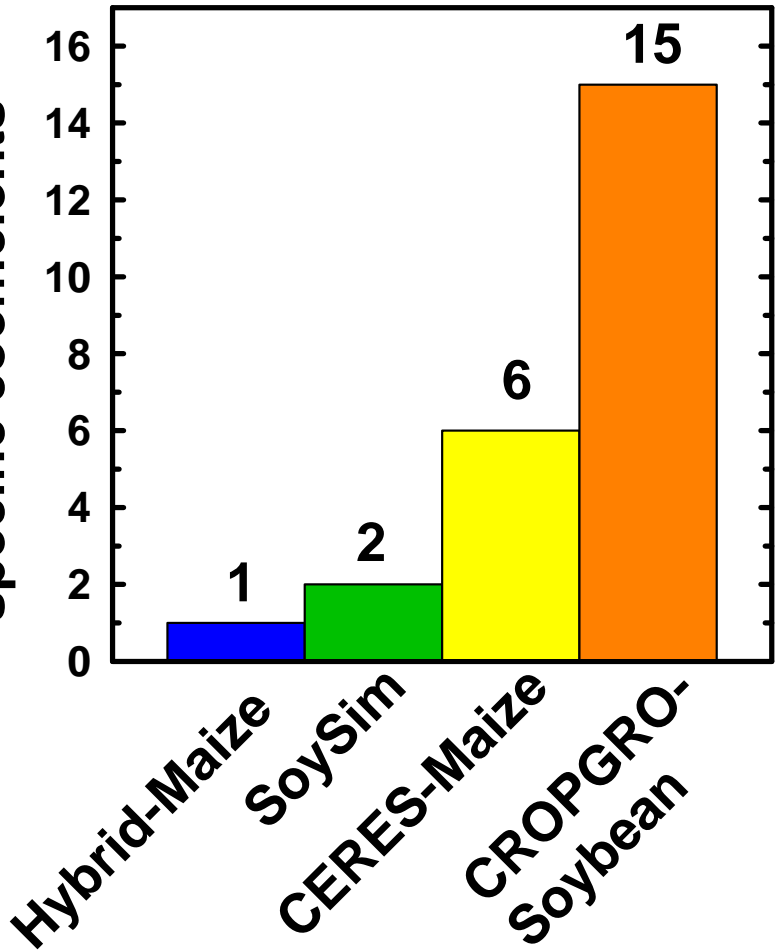
Thermal time
(EM to R6)

SoySim

Maturity group
Stem termination type

Ceres-Maize

Number of Genotype-specific coefficients



- Hybrid-Maize

Yang *et al.*, (2004)

- SoySim

Setiyono *et al.*, (2010)

- CERES-Maize*

Jones & Kiniry (1986)

- CROPGRO-Soybean*

Boote *et al.*, (1998)

* in DSSAT 4.0.2.0

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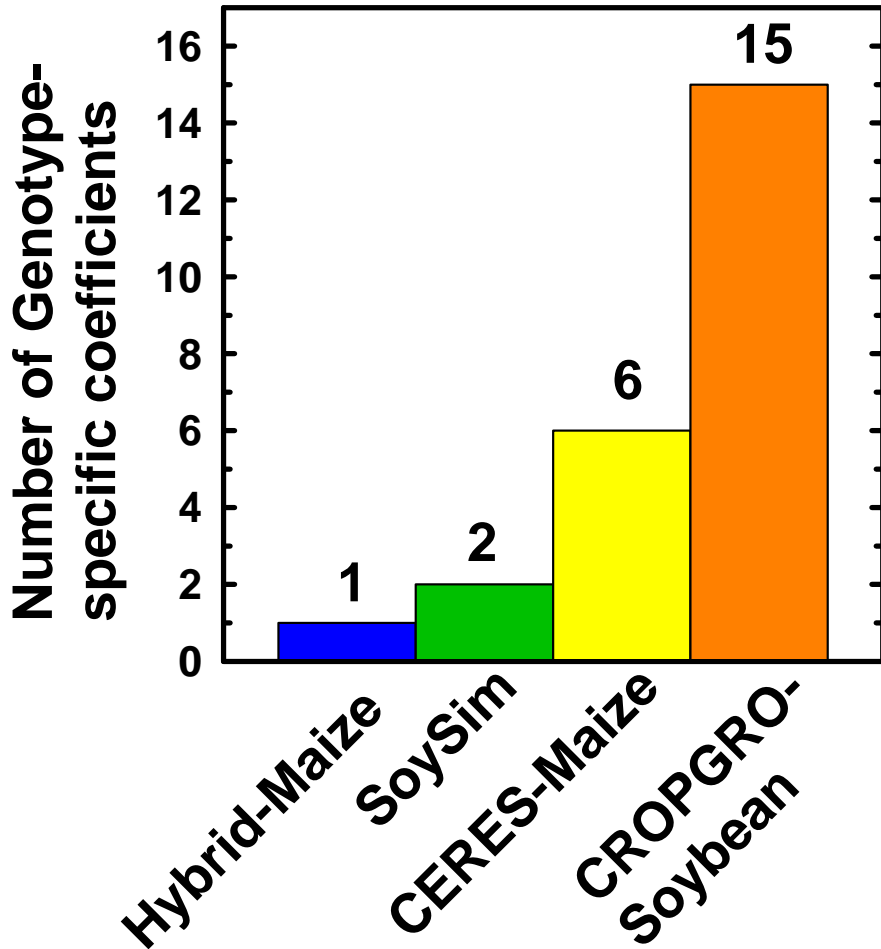
Thermal time coeffs (• EM to end of juvenile, • R1 to R6, • phyllochron)

- Photoperiod sensitivity for silking
- Maximum kernels per plant (G2)
- Potential grain filling rate (G5)

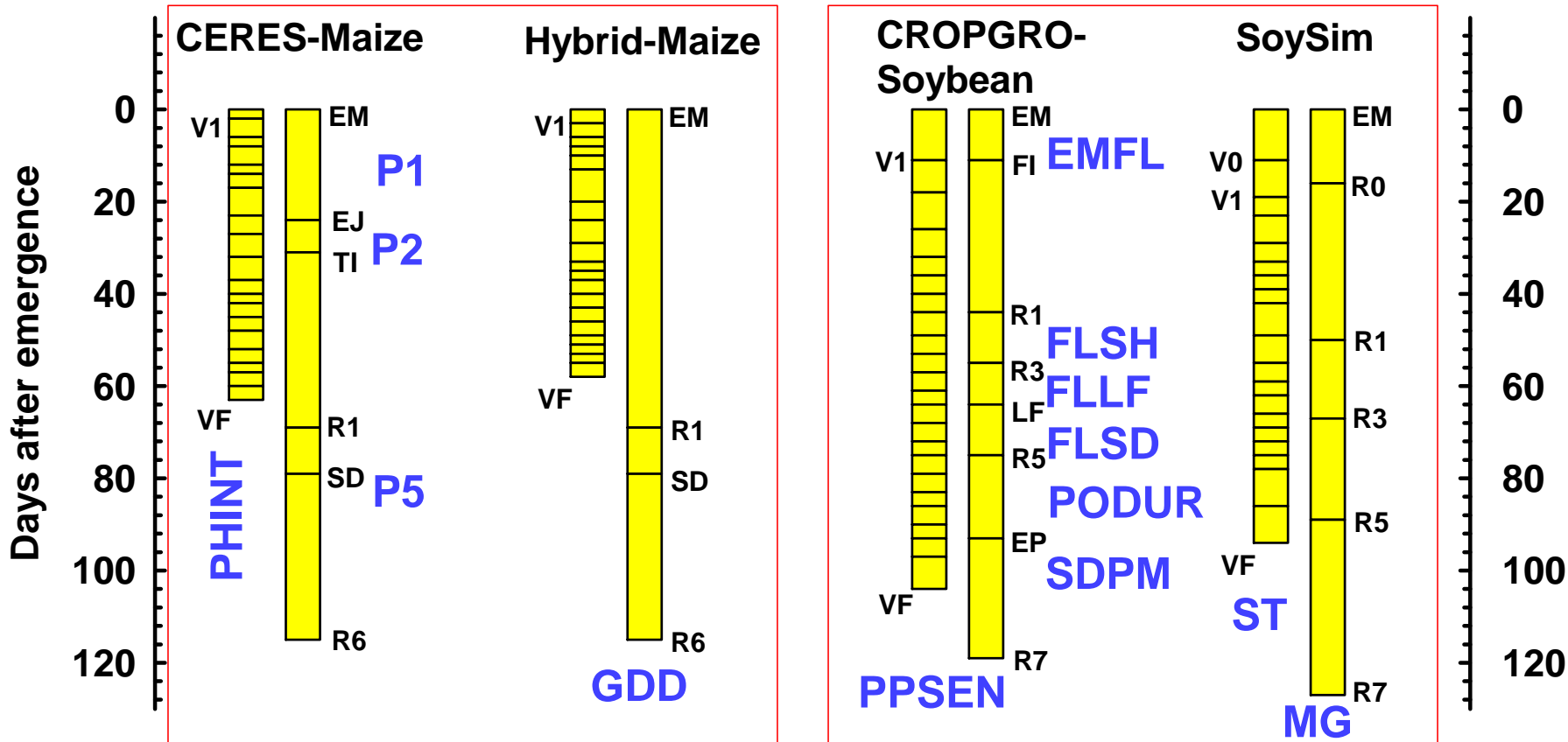
CROPGRO-Soybean

Photo-thermal coeffs (•EM to R1, • R1 to R3, • R1 to R5, • R5 to R7, • R1 to end of leaf exp., • seed filing duration, • pod filling duration)

- Critical short daylength
- Photoperiod sensitivity
- Specific leaf area (cm² g⁻¹)
- Max. leaf Ps (mg CO₂ m⁻² s⁻¹)
- Max. leaf size (cm²)
- Max. seed weight,
- Average seed per pod



Phenology & Genotype-Specific Coeffs.



EM = Seedling emergence, V1 = First leaf, VF = Final V-Stage

Maize

- EJ = End of juvenile
- TI = Tassel initiation
- R1 = Silking
- SD = Beginning grain filling
- R6 = Physiological maturity

Soybean

- R0 = Fully induced
- R1 = First flower
- R3 = First pod
- R5 = Beginning seed
- R7 = Physiological maturity

- V0 = Cotyledon stage
- FI = Floral induction
- LF = End of leaf expansion
- EP = End of pod

Simulated phenology is for P33P67 (1517°Cdays) and P93M11 (MG 3.1) in Lincoln, NE (2001) May-5 emergence

Avoiding GSCs: SoySim Example

----- 20 cultivars (MG I to IV)-----

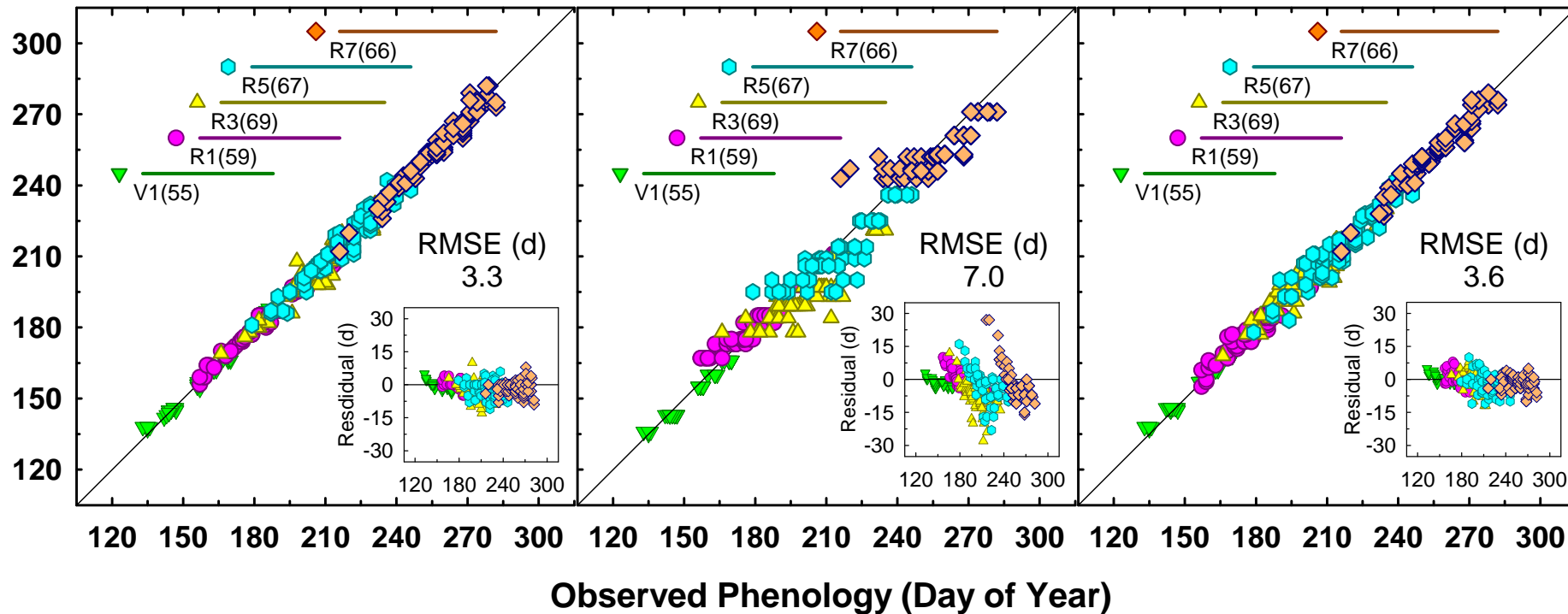
SoySim, developer version

GSCs as inputs
(20 x 7 coeffs)

1-set of GSCs applied
to all cultivars

SoySim
MG as input

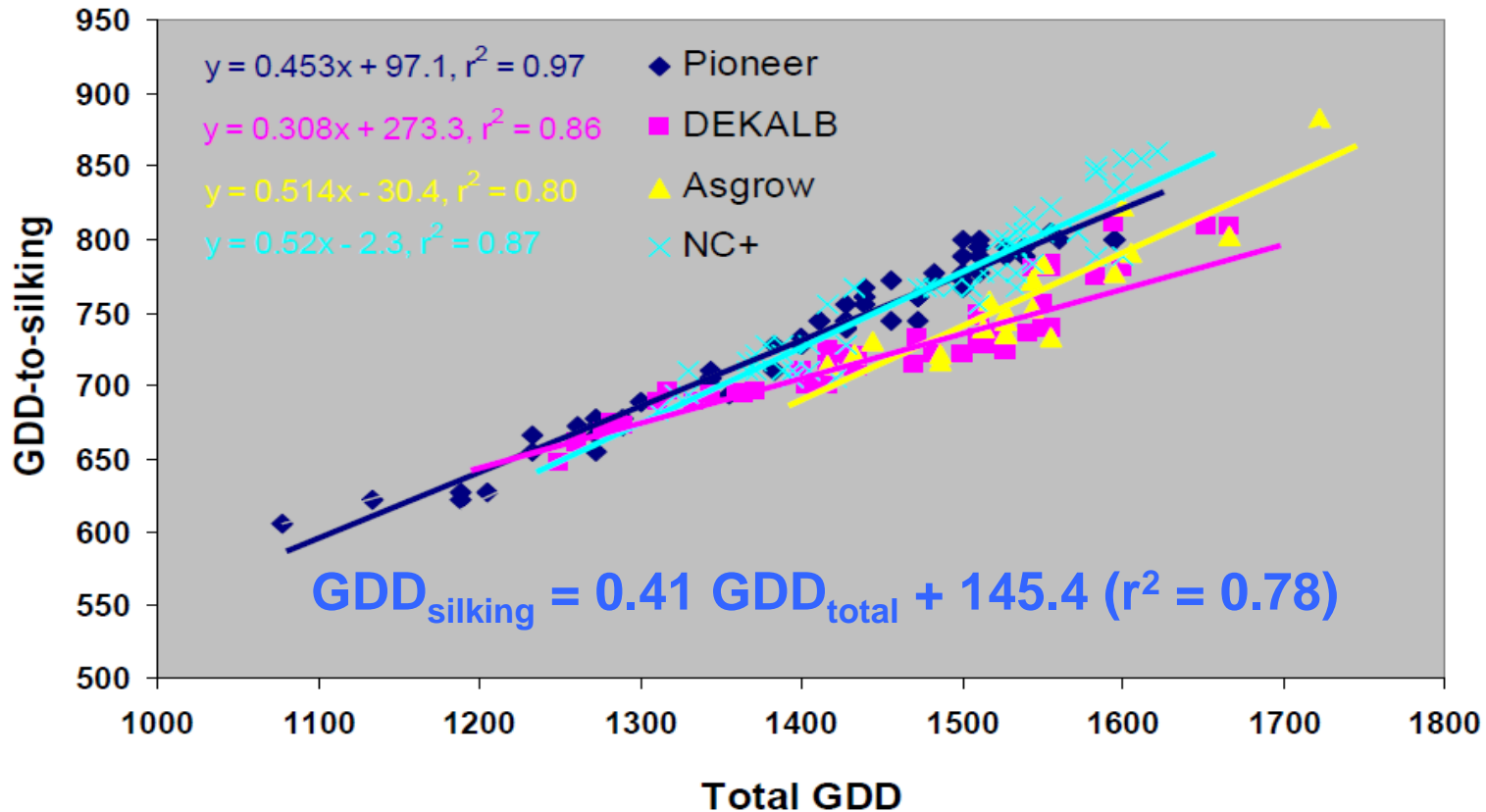
Simulated Phenology (Day of Year)



from Setiyono *et al.*, (2007)
Field Crop Res. 100, 257-271

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Avoiding GSCs: Hybrid-Maize Example

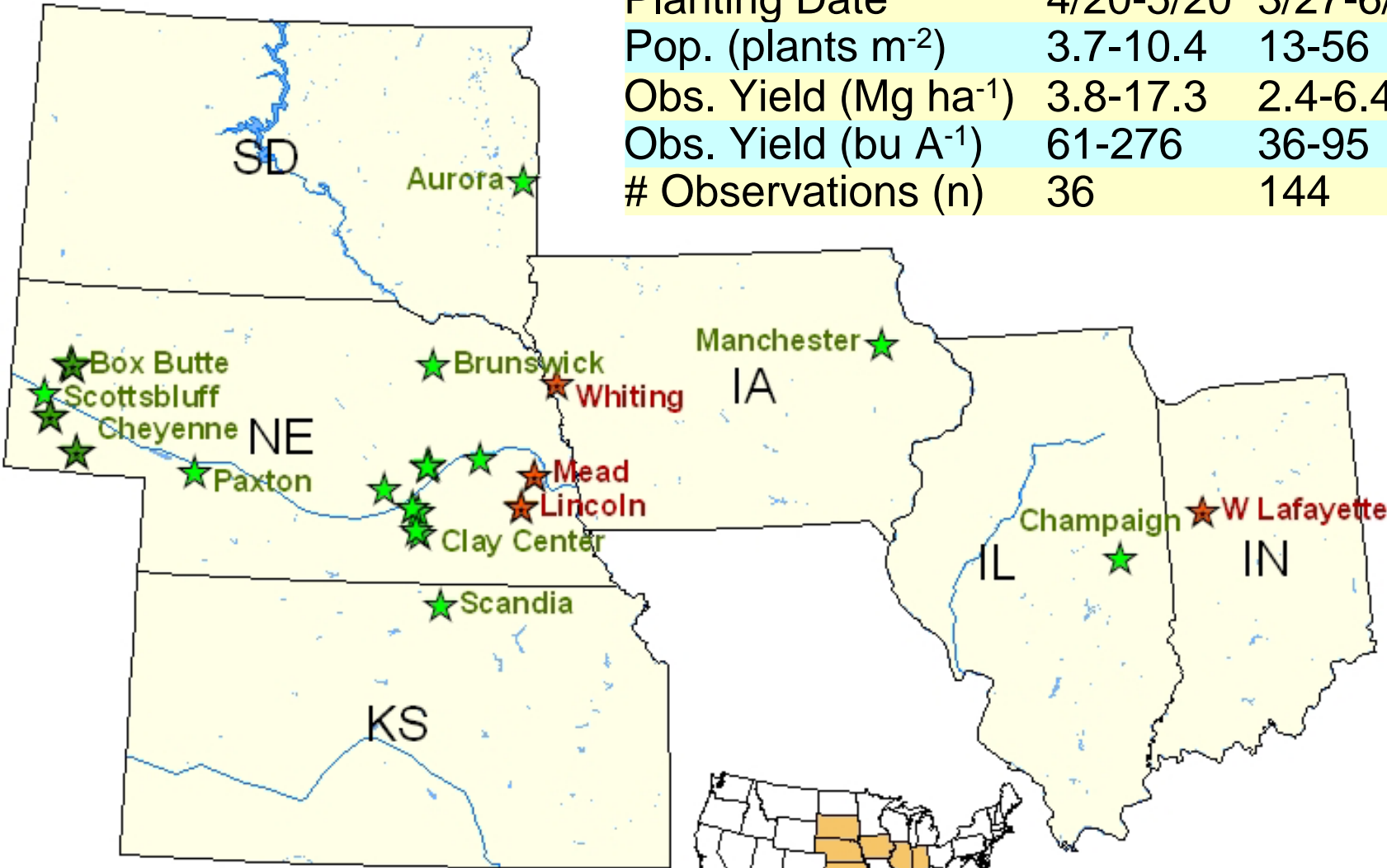


$$GDD_{\text{tassel to silking}} = 0.46 GDD_{\text{silking}} + 155.83$$

from Yang *et al.*, (2004)
Field Crop Res. 87, 131-154

Resp. coeffs are not cultivar-specific (Katsura *et al.* 2009,
Field Crop Res. 87, 131-154)

Aspects	Maize	Soybean
Planting Date	4/20-5/20	3/27-6/14
Pop. (plants m ⁻²)	3.7-10.4	13-56
Obs. Yield (Mg ha ⁻¹)	3.8-17.3	2.4-6.4
Obs. Yield (bu A ⁻¹)	61-276	36-95
# Observations (n)	36	144

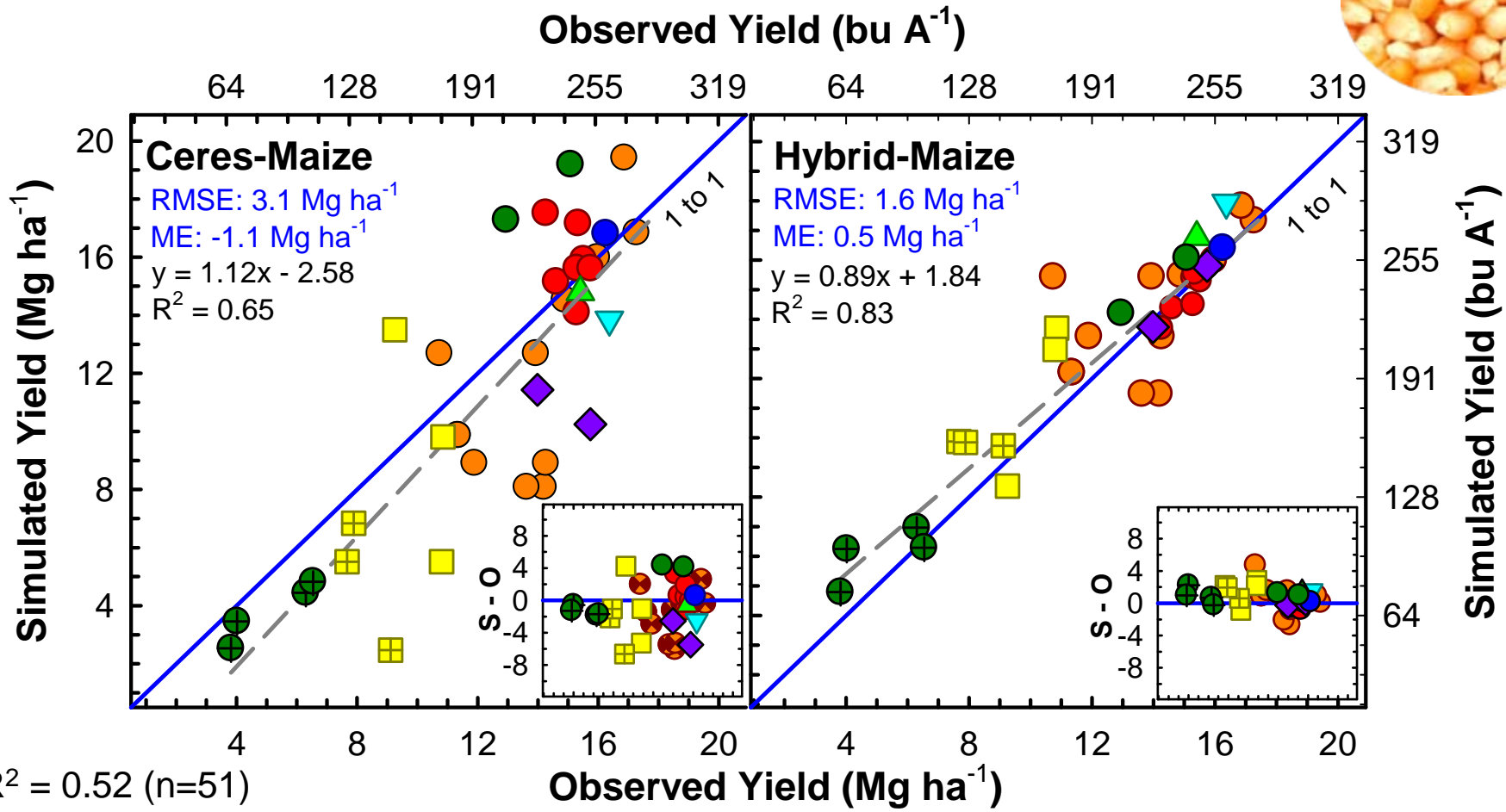


150 Miles

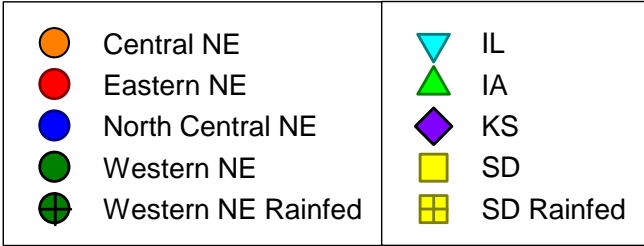
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Evaluation: Maize

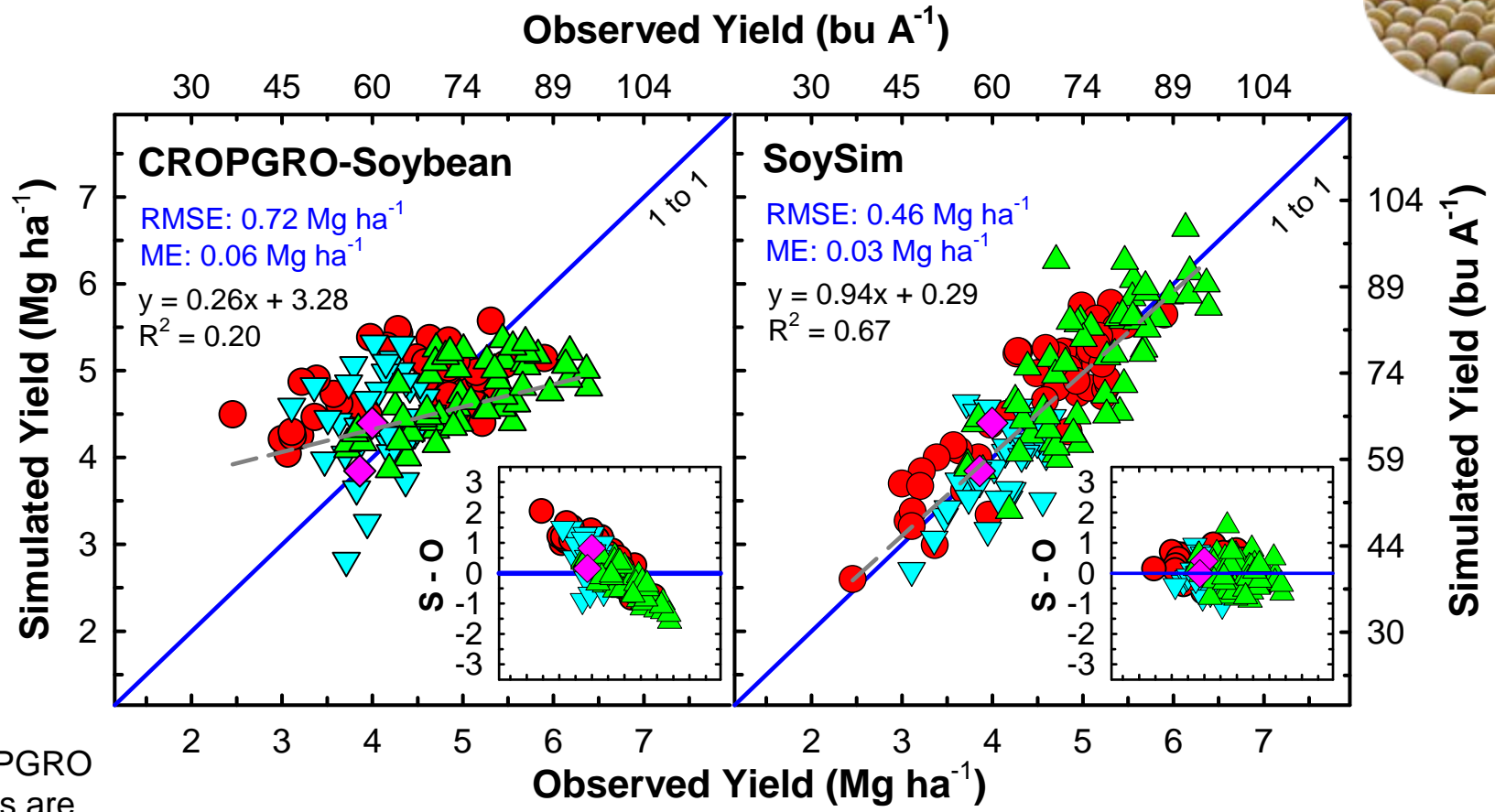


$R^2 = 0.52$ (n=51)
 in Jones & Kiniri (1986)
 CERES-Maize:
 A Simulation Model for
 Maize Growth and Dev.



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Evaluation: Soybean



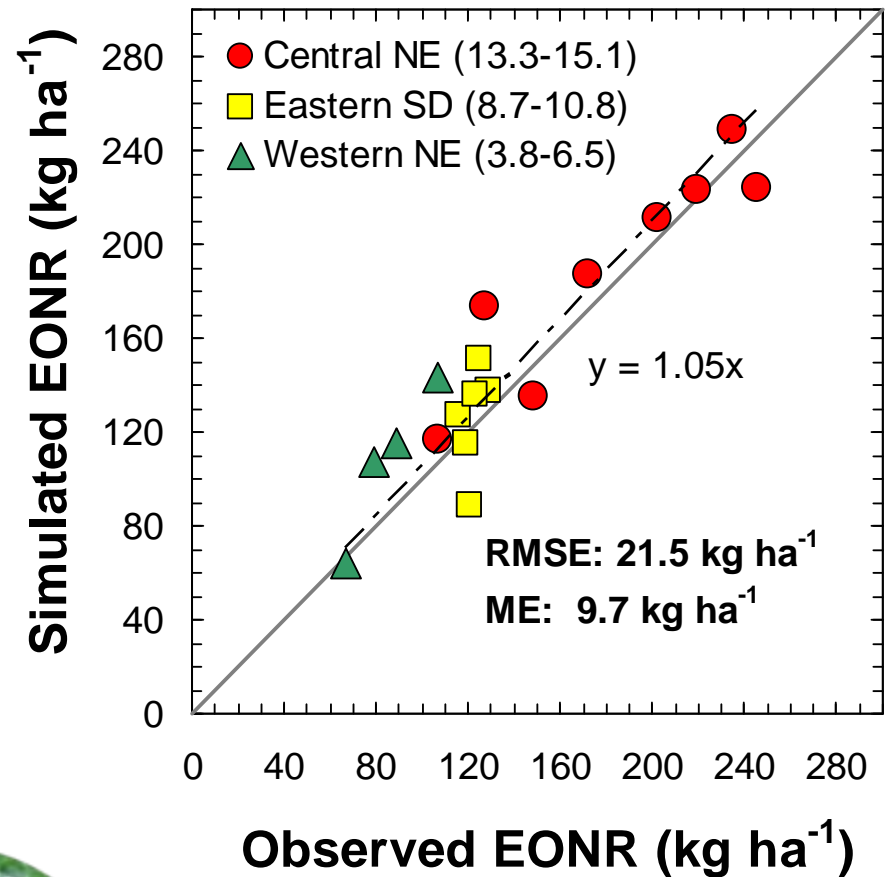
CROPGRO results are similar to the exp.by Pedersen *et al.* (2004) in upper Midwest (Agron. J. 96, 556-564)

- Lincoln, NE (PLT 4/26 to 6/14, MG 3.0 to 3.9, Y 99 to 07)
- ▼ W. Lafayette, IN (PLT 3/27 to 6/07, MG 2.6 to 3.6, Y 06 & 07)
- ▲ Whiting, IA (PLT 4/27 to 6/06, MG 1.9 to 2.9, Y 04 to 06)
- ◆ Mead, NE (PLT 5/12 to 6/02, MG 3.0 & 3.1, Y 02 to 06)

from Setiyono *et al.*, (2010) Field Crop Res. 119, 161-174

Applications: Decision Supports

- Hybrid-Maize:
 - Estimating maize N fertilizer requirements (Maize-N)
 - Evaluating maize productivity and water use in western corn-belt (Grassini *et al.*, 2009, Agric. Forrest. Meteorol. 149, 1254-1265)
- SoySim:
 - Soybean Irrigation Scheduling for Nebraska



EONR = Economically optimum N rate
 RMSE = Root Mean Square Error
 ME = Mean Error

Yield response to climate change (CO₂), simulation study using SoySim

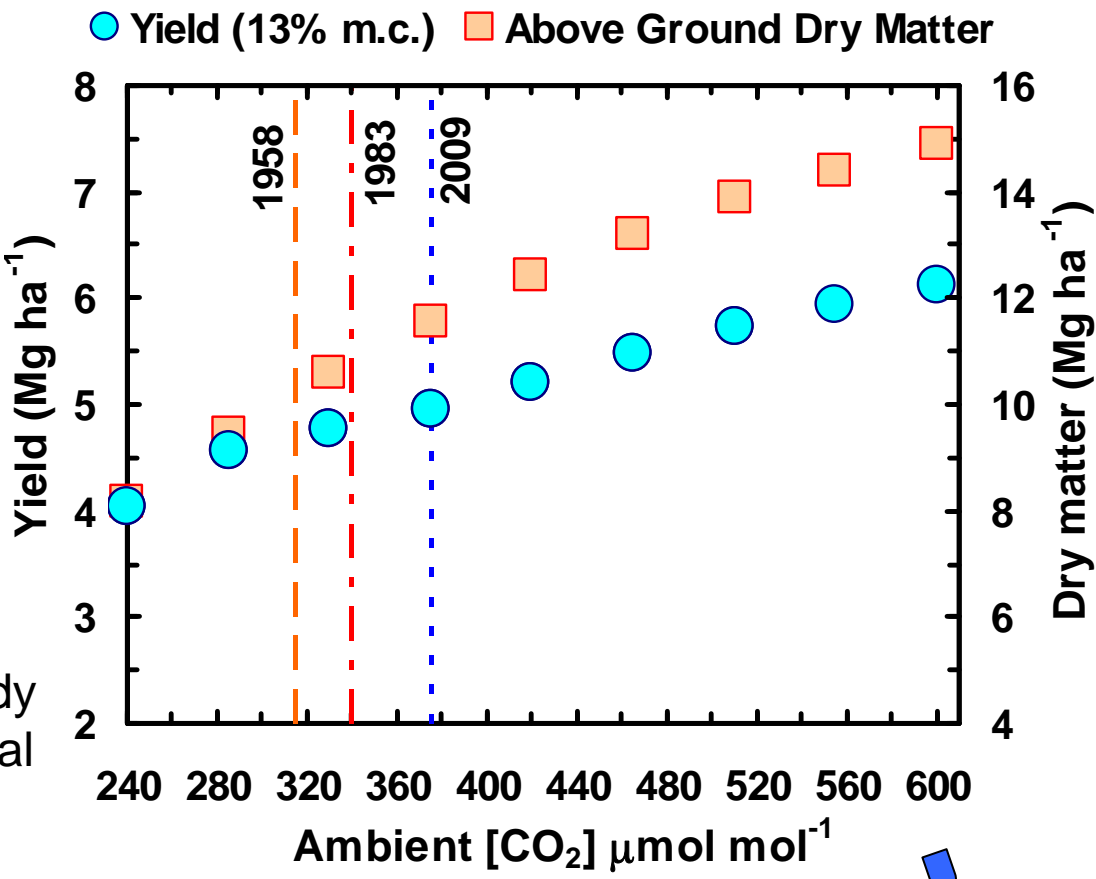
Hist. yield increase from CO₂

6 kg year⁻¹ (Simulated)
5 kg year⁻¹ (Specht *et al.*, 1999)

From 315 to 630 μmol mol⁻¹ CO₂

30% increase in yield (SoySim)
24 % (Ainsworth *et al.*, 2002, Global Change Biol., 8, 695-709)
35 % (Allen & Boote, 2000, *In* Reddy & Hodges, Climate Change & Global Climate Crop Productivity)

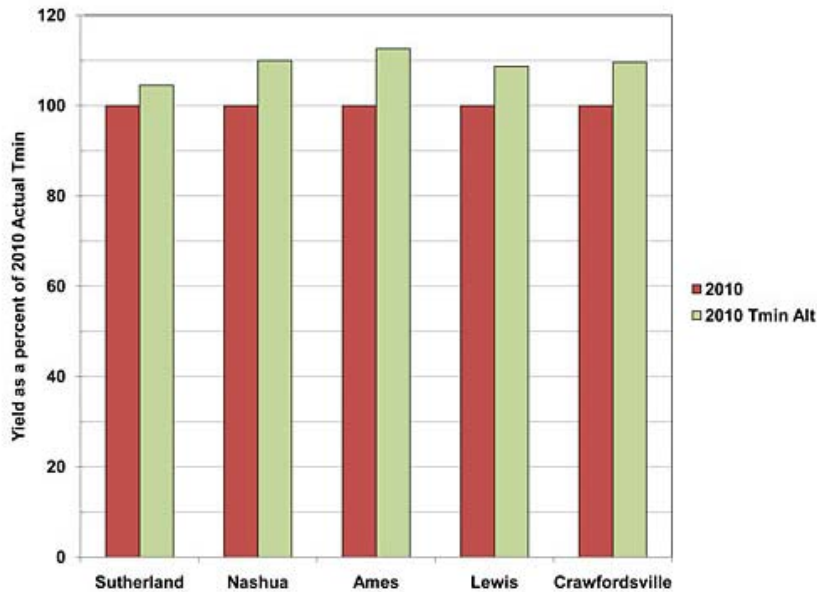
51% increase in ADM (SoySim)
Decrease in HI (Allen *et al.*, 1991, Agron, J., 83,875-883)



24-year simulation for MG 3.1 in Lincoln, NE with 30 plants m⁻²

Applications: Hybrid-Maize

Warm night temperature & the drop in Oct 2010 yield forecast for Iowa



October's corn yield forecast for Iowa dropped to 169 bushels per acre, a significant reduction from the August and September forecasts of 179 bushels per acre (see October [USDA-NASS forecast](#)). If realized, 2010 yields will rank 6th among the last seven years - higher only than the yields of 2006 (166 bushels per acre). Numerous yield reports substantiate lower than expected yields this year.

We've talked a lot this year about 2010 conditions and the possibility of reduced yields resulting from rapid crop development following silking. Statewide Growing Degree Day (GDD) accumulations were 116% of normal during most of the seed fill period - silk to dent - this year (see my September 10th and 15th postings).

Remember that cool night temperatures after silking in 2009 resulted in the highest average yield ever recorded in Iowa: 182 bushels per acre. In contrast, warm night temperatures after silking typically reduce yields.



Roger Elmore
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► **Above:** Crop consultant Jerry Mulliken uses the *Hybrid-Maize* model to monitor corn-yield potential through the growing season.

Summary

Genotype-Specific Inputs can be minimized in crop simulation models

- ➔ Reasonable phenology predictions
- ➔ Allow robust simulation of yield
- ➔ Enhance effective use for decision support and in research

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Crop Models

Crop	Model	Version	Interface
Maize	CERES-Maize (Jones & Kiniry, 1986)	3.0 RUE	DSSAT 4.0.2.0 (Jones <i>et al.</i> , 2003)
Soybean	CROPGRO-Soybean (Boote <i>et al.</i> , 1998)	2004 Phs, Resp	DSSAT 4.0.2.0 (Jones <i>et al.</i> , 2003)
Maize	Hybrid-Maize (Yang <i>et al.</i> , 2004)	2006 Phs, Resp	Hybrid-Maize (Yang <i>et al.</i> , 2006)
Soybean	SoySim (Setiyono <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	2009 Phs, Resp	SoySim (Setiyono <i>et al.</i> , 2010)

Calibration Datasets:

Maize: Lincoln NE (2001)

Soybean: Lincoln NE (2004, 2005), Mead NE (2002)

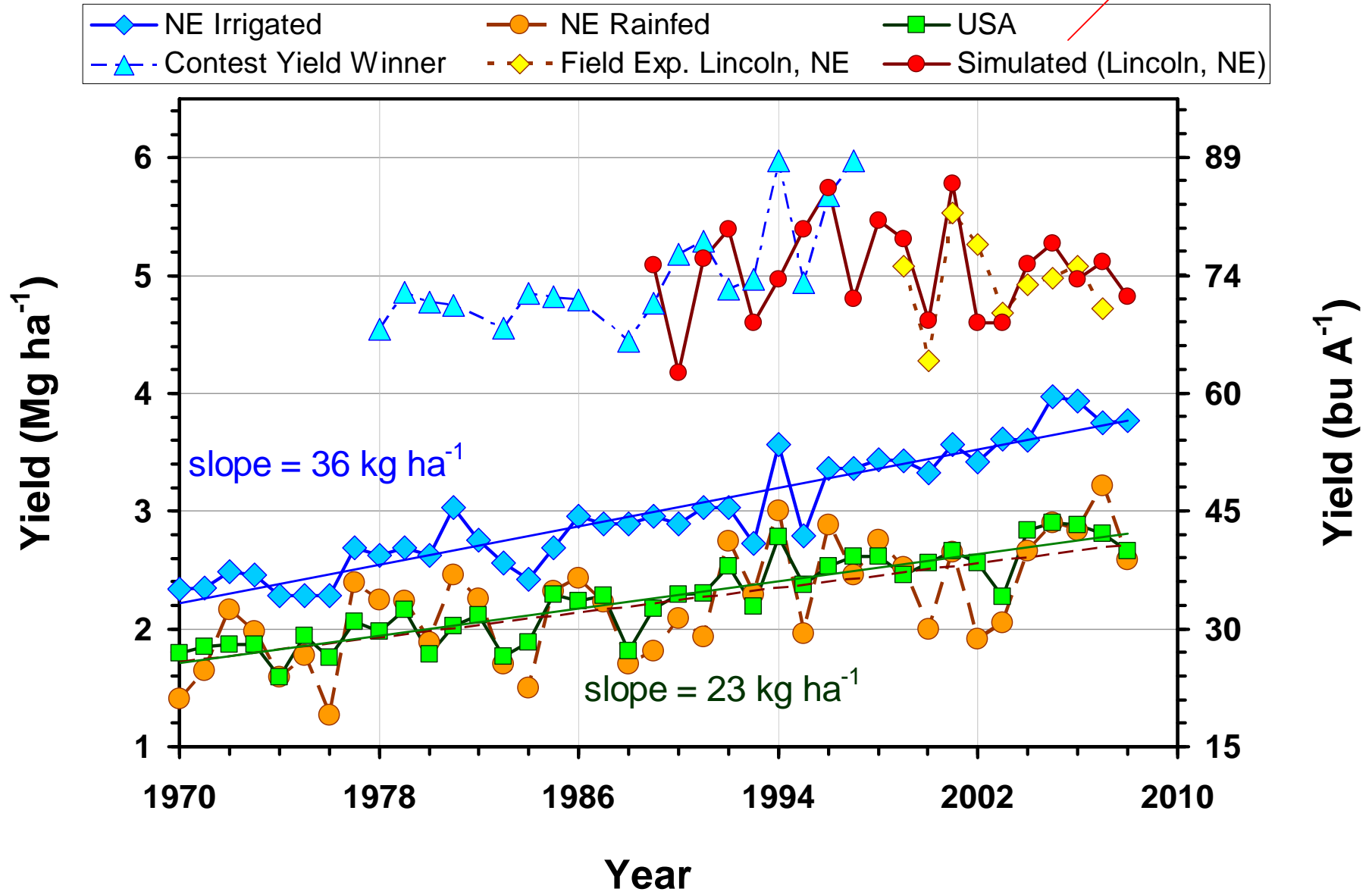
CERES, Crop-Environment Resource Synthesis

DSSAT, Decision Support System for Agrotechnology Transfer

RUE, Radiation Use Efficiency; Phs, Photosynthesis; Resp, Respiration

Soybean Yield vs. Year

SoySim



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