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# Why grain legumes?



# Objectives

- What will be the potential impact of climate change on legume performance ?
  - Faba bean (*Vicia Faba*) (winter cultivar)
  - Field Pea (*Pisum sativum*) (spring – winter cultivars)

= The two most widely grown legumes in Europe
- What are the factors responsible for changes in legume performance ?

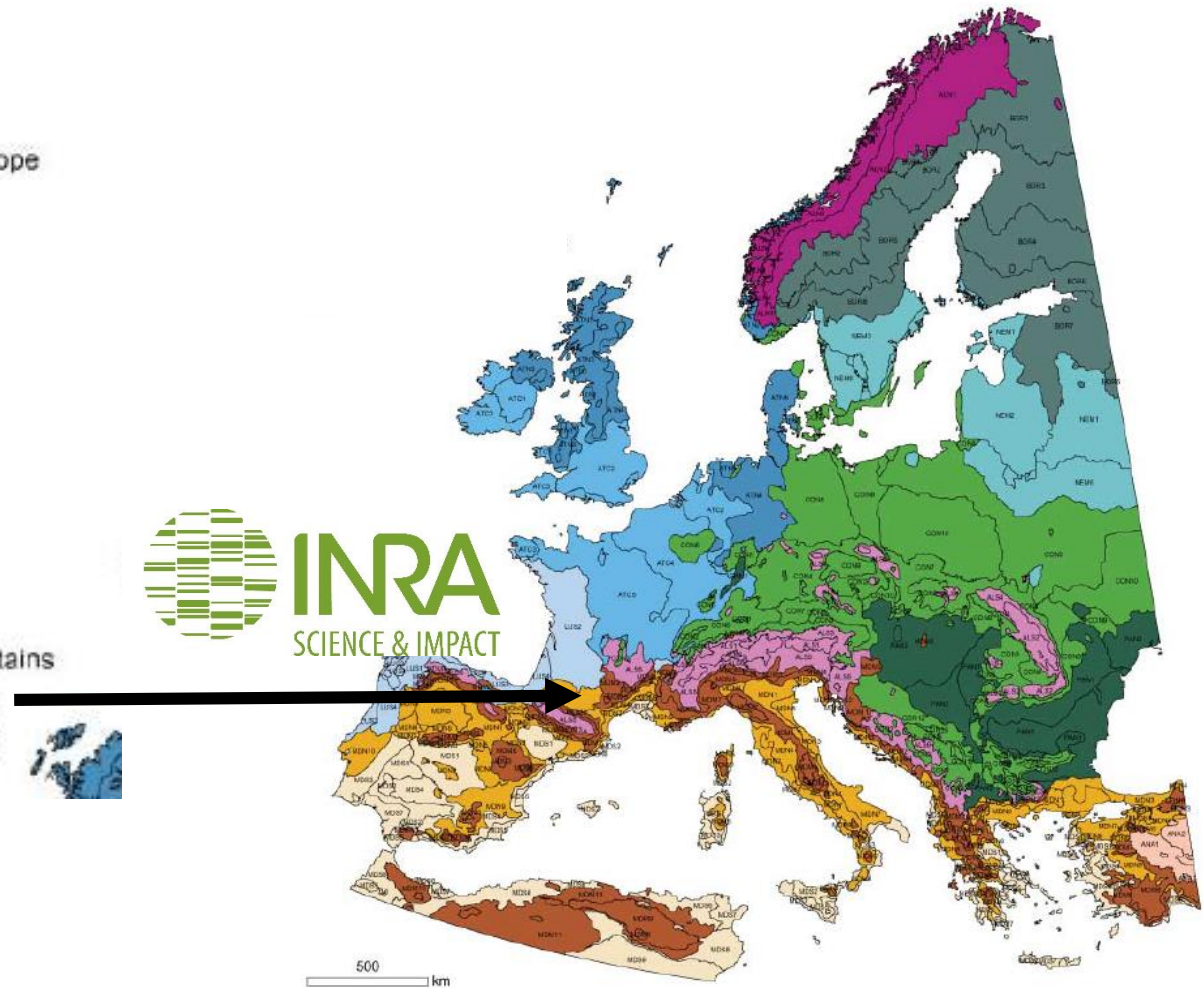


# Auzeville – Southwestern France

Environmental Stratification of Europe


**Environmental Zone**

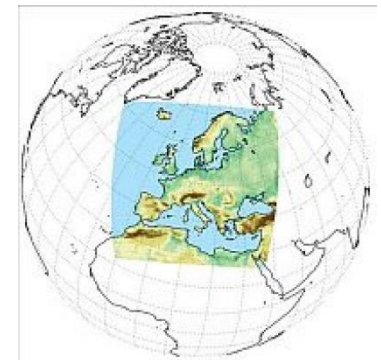
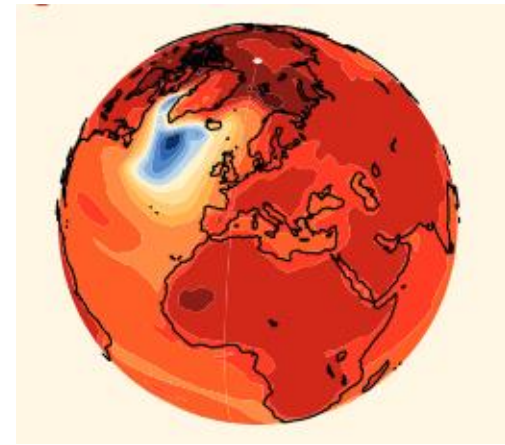
- ALN - Alpine North
- BCR - Boreal
- NEM - Nemoral
- ATN - Atlantic North
- ALS - Alpine South
- CON - Continental
- ATC - Atlantic Central
- PAN - Pannonian
- LUS - Lusitanian
- ANA - Anatolian
- MDM - Mediterranean Mountains
- MDN - Mediterranean North
- MDS - Mediterranean South



Metzger, et al (2005) *A climatic stratification of the environment of Europe*. *Global Ecology and Biogeography* 14, 549–563.

# Climate scenarii

- Baseline : Meteorological record a t Auzeville station (1995-2015) 
- Mid-term (2020-2040) and long-term (2060-2080) periods
  - Two emission scenarios
    - Medium stabilization scenario « RCP 4.5 »
    - High emission scenario « RCP 8.5 »
  - 3 climate models = GCM/RCM combinations (Euro-CORDEX, <http://www.euro-cordex.net/>)



# Changes in Temperature and Rainfall

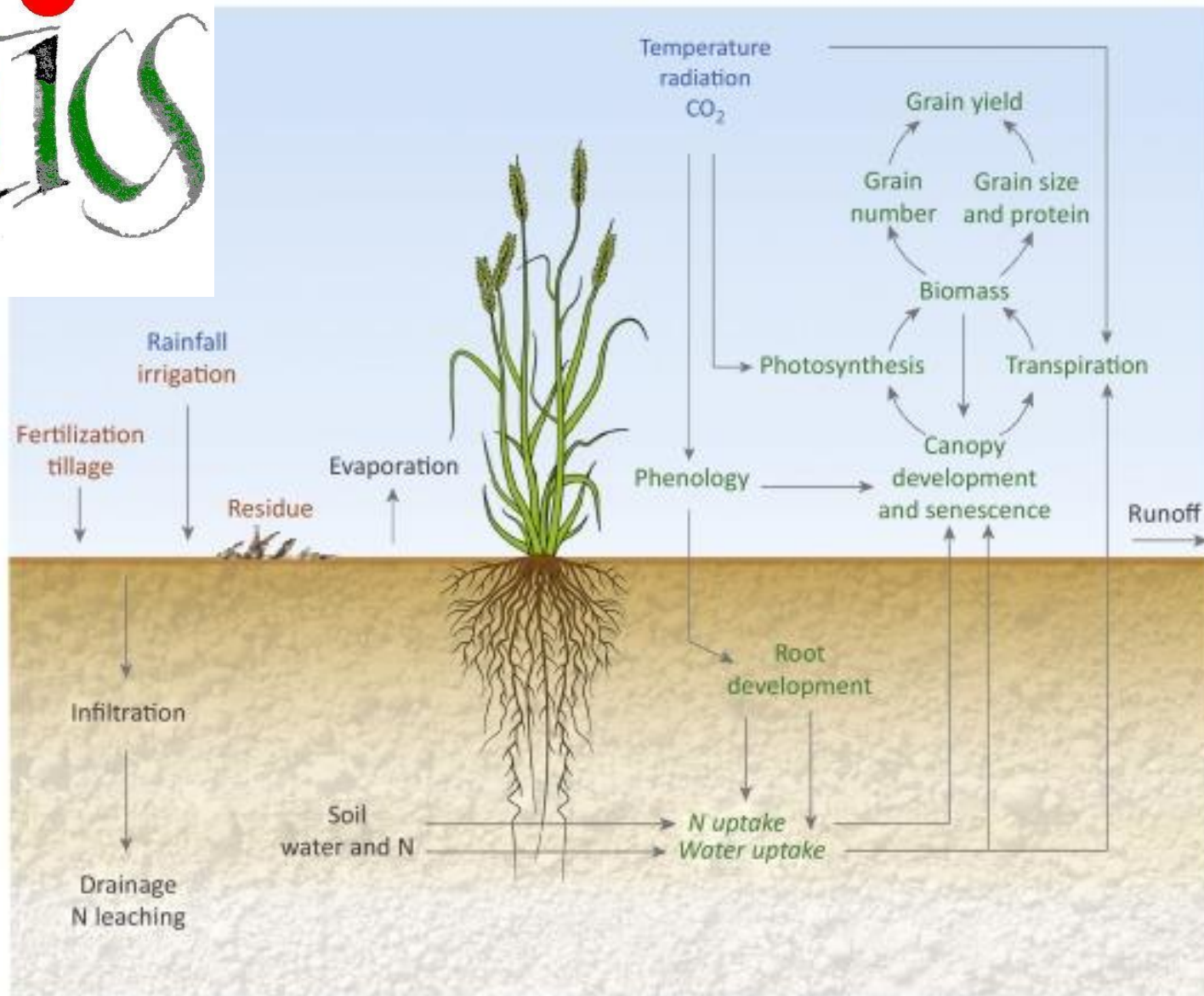
- Daily average temperature (averaged across the growing season)
  - Medium emission scenario (RCP 4.5): +1°C to +2.6 °C
  - High emission scenario (RCP 8.5) : +2.4°C to +4.1 °C
- Total growing season rainfall :
  - Medium emission scenario (RCP 4.5): -4% to +5%
  - High emission scenario (RCP 8.5) : -4% to +3%



# Cropping system experiments





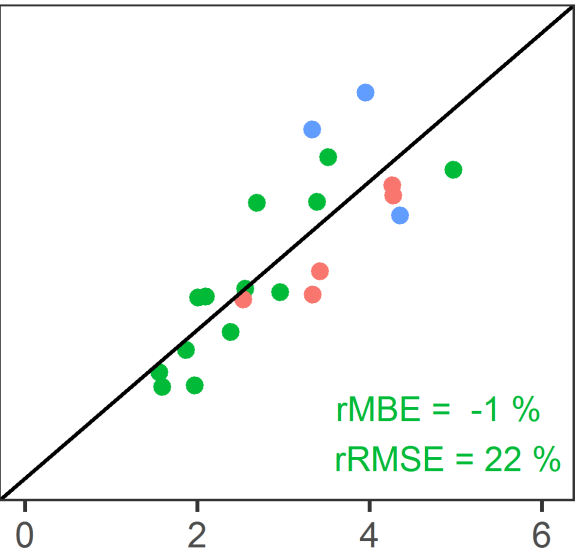
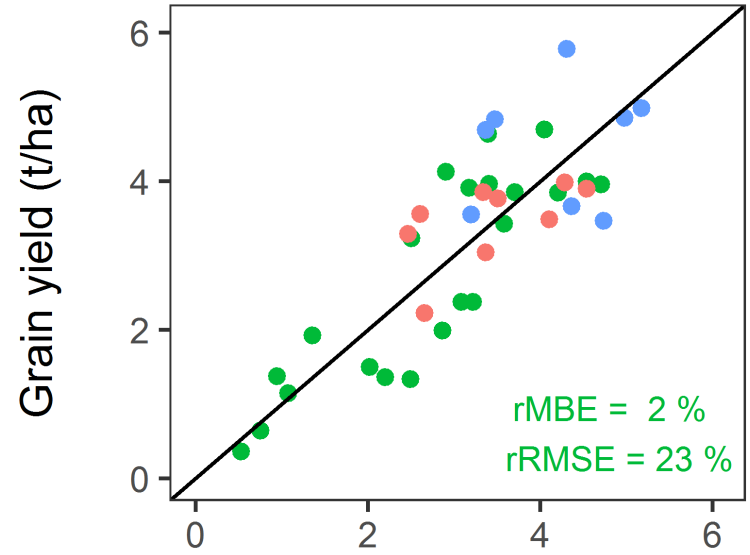


Source: Chenu et al. (2017) *Contribution of Crop Models to Adaptation in Wheat*. Trends in Plant Science 22, 472–490.

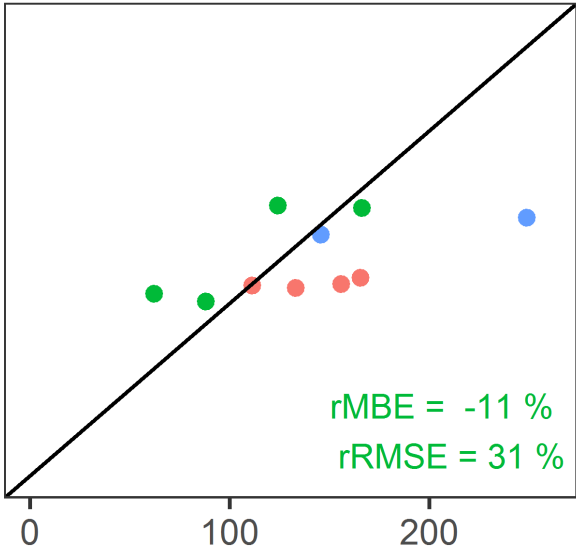
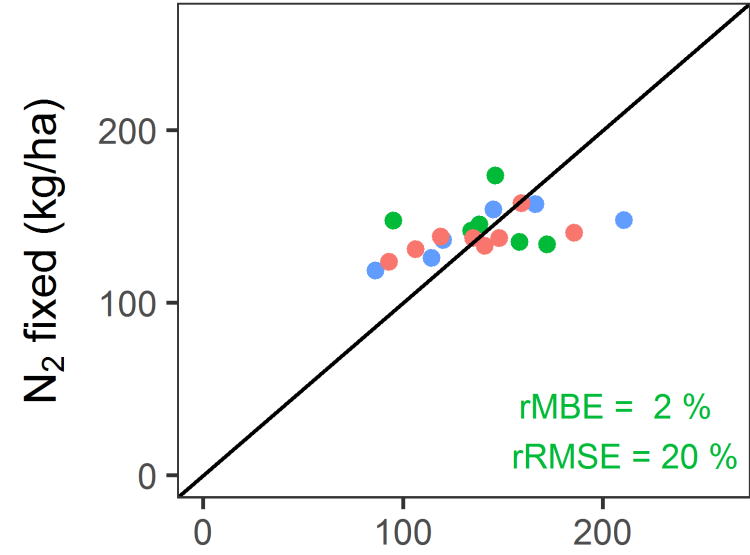
Simulated

### Calibration

### Evaluation



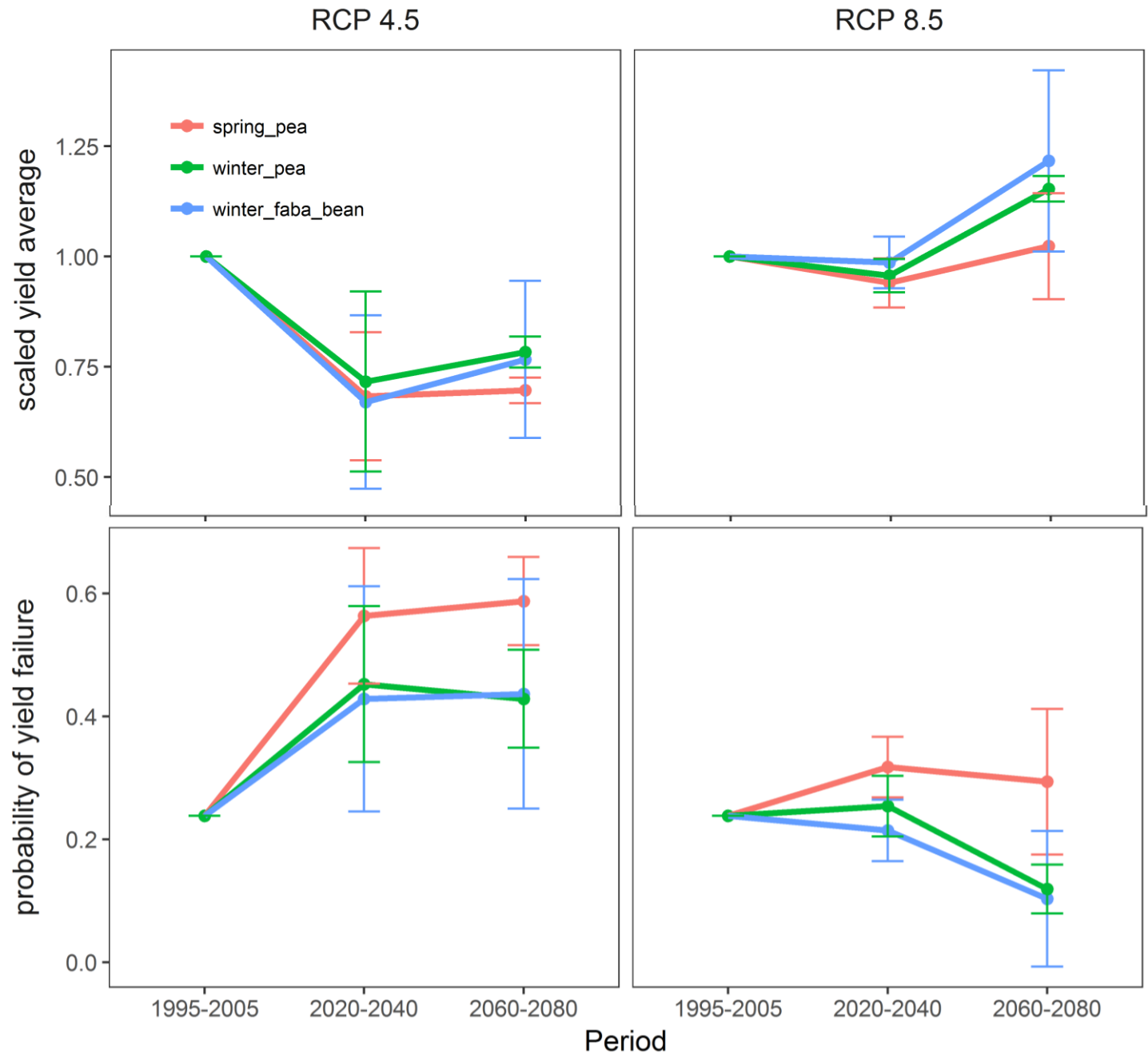
- spring pea
- winter fb
- winter pea



Falconnier et al.  
*Calibration and evaluation of the STICS soil-crop model for faba bean to explain variability in yield and N<sub>2</sub> fixation.* Submitted to European Journal of Agronomy

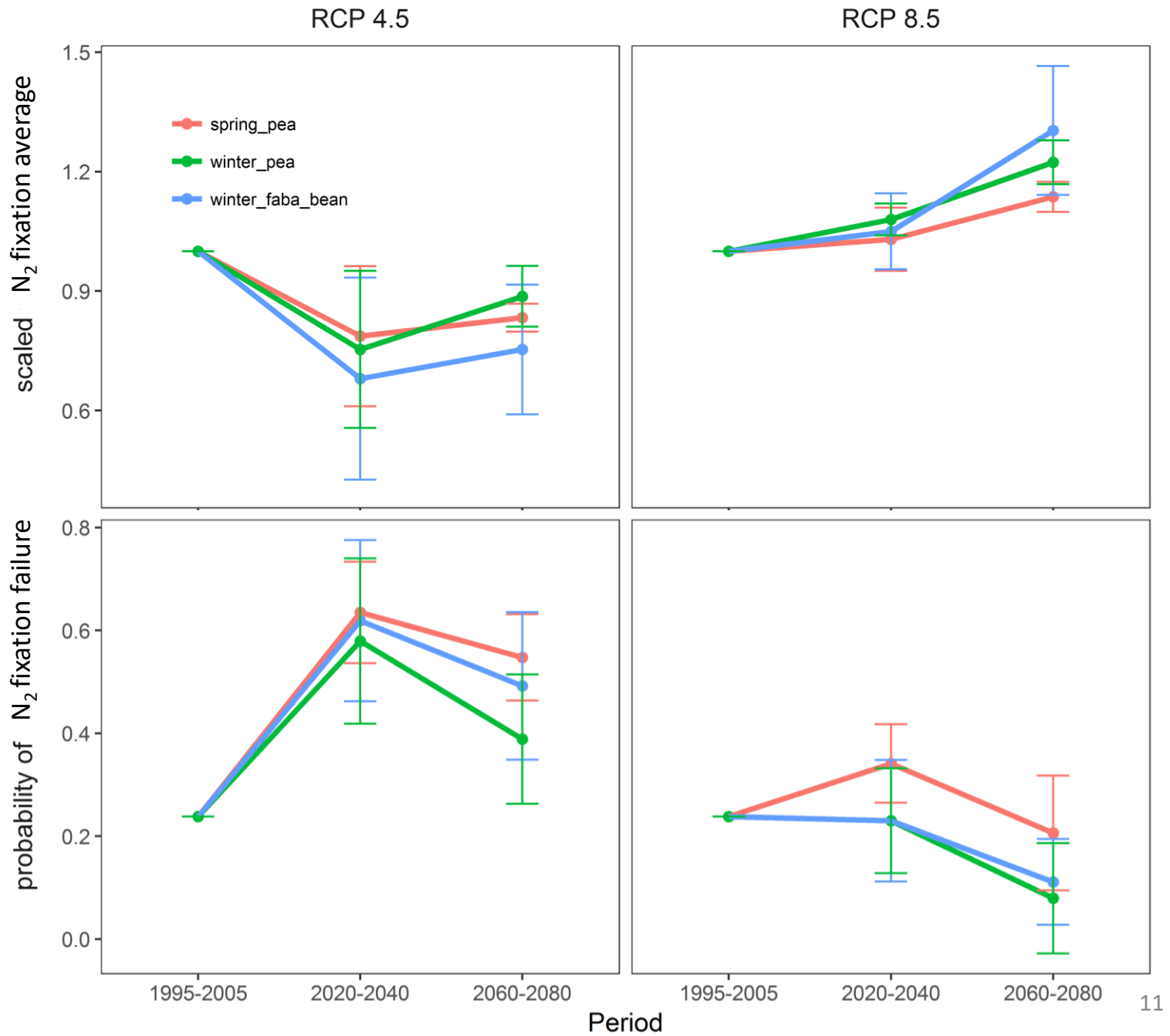
Observed

# Grain Yield

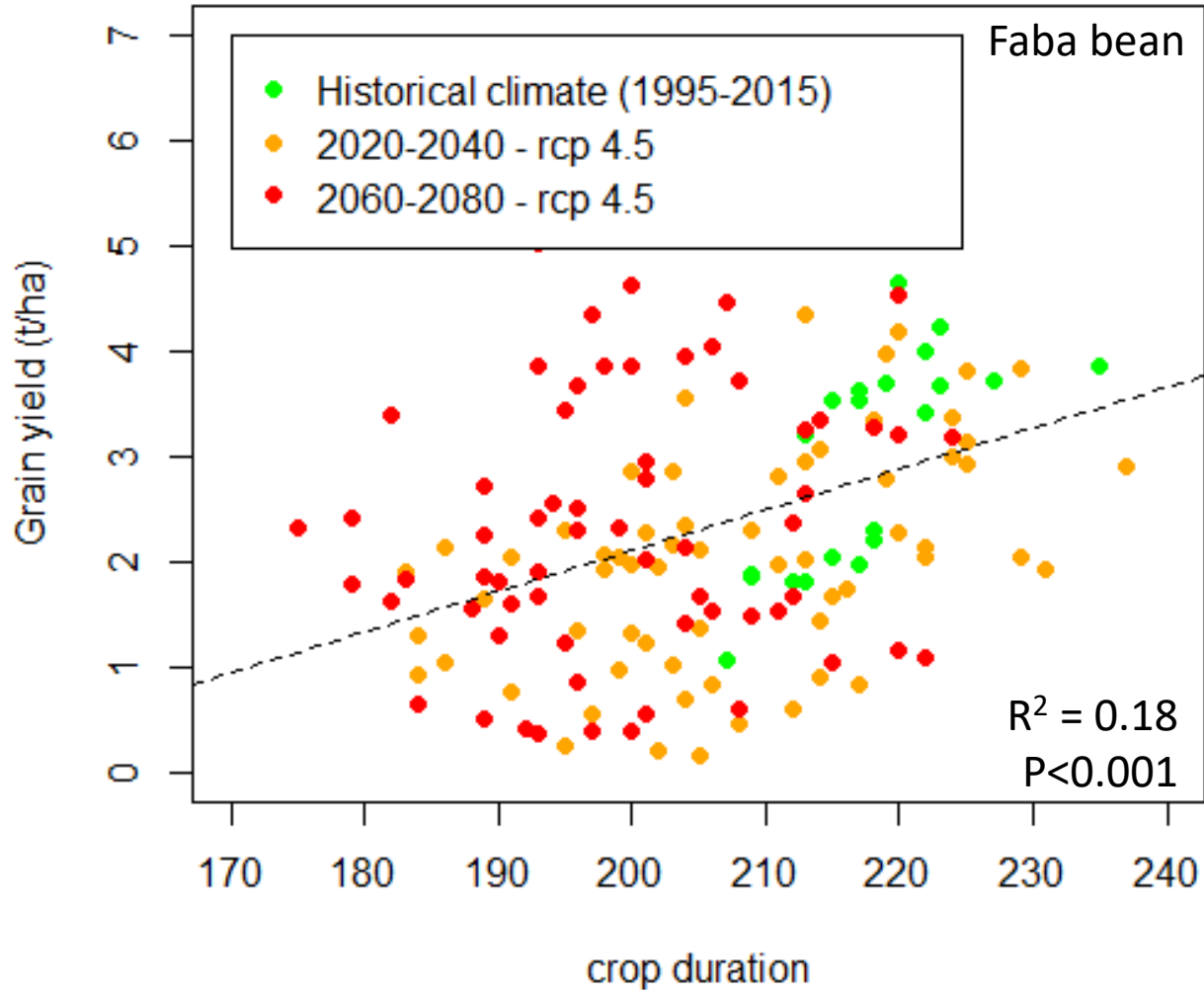




# N<sub>2</sub> fixation

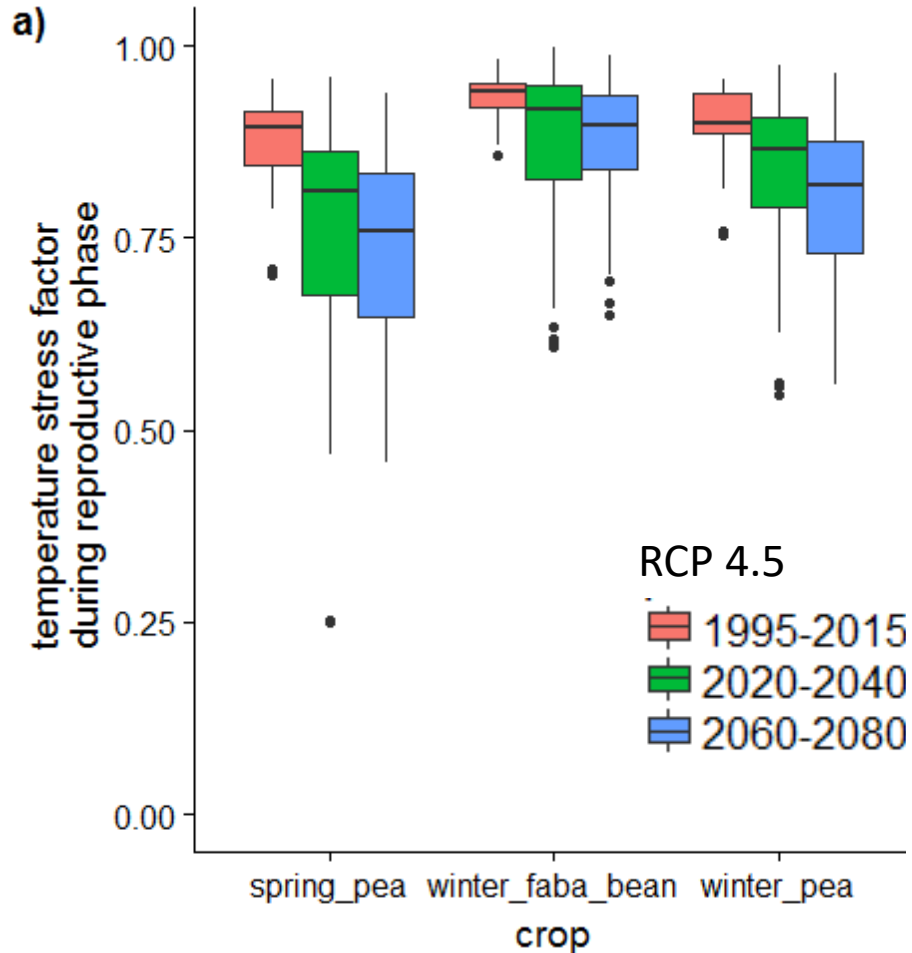


# Higher temperatures reduce crop duration



# Higher temperatures reduce radiation use efficiency- interrupt grain filling

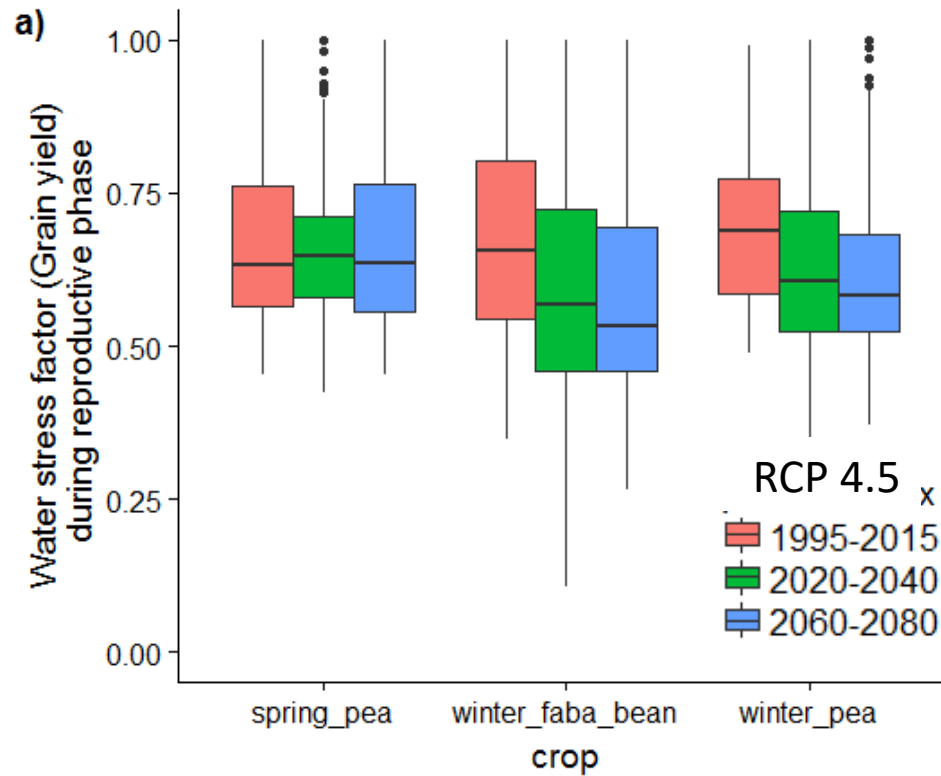
*Reduction of radiation use efficiency*





# Water stress

*Actual: maximal plant transpiration*



# Conclusion

- Potential impact of climate change on legume performance ?

Depend on the emission scenario

e.g faba bean a 25% decrease in  $N_2$  fixation = 30 kg of Nitrogen loss for cropping systems.

- Main driving abiotic stresses ?

Higher temperatures : decrease in crop duration, RUE, stop grain filling

Water stress: reduces biomass accumulation and more severely nitrogen fixation

CO<sub>2</sub> fertilisation compensates for these stresses, but only under high emission scenario.

Thank you !

