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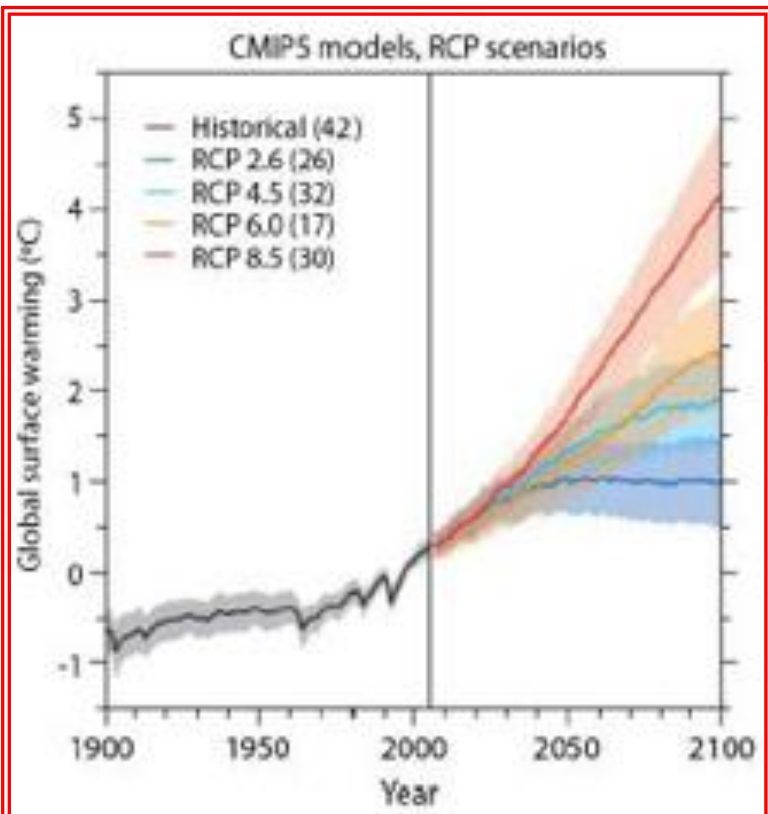
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**STICS: a generic model for the simulation of crops and their water and nitrogen balances.**  
**I. Theory and parameterization applied to wheat and corn**

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**Predicted variables**  
 Seedbed temperature  
 Seedbed water content

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**Daily predicted variables at a local scale**

Air temperatures, rainfalls, wind, global radiation,....

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**SIMPLE: A Model for SIMulation of PLant Emergence Predicting the Effects of Soil Tillage and Sowing Operations**

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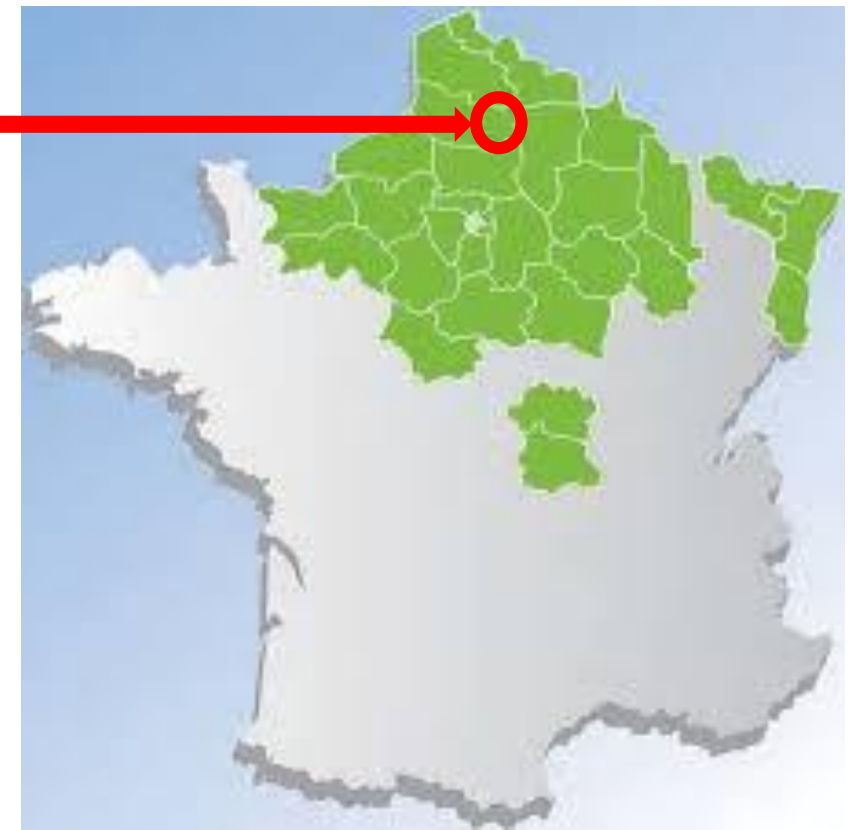
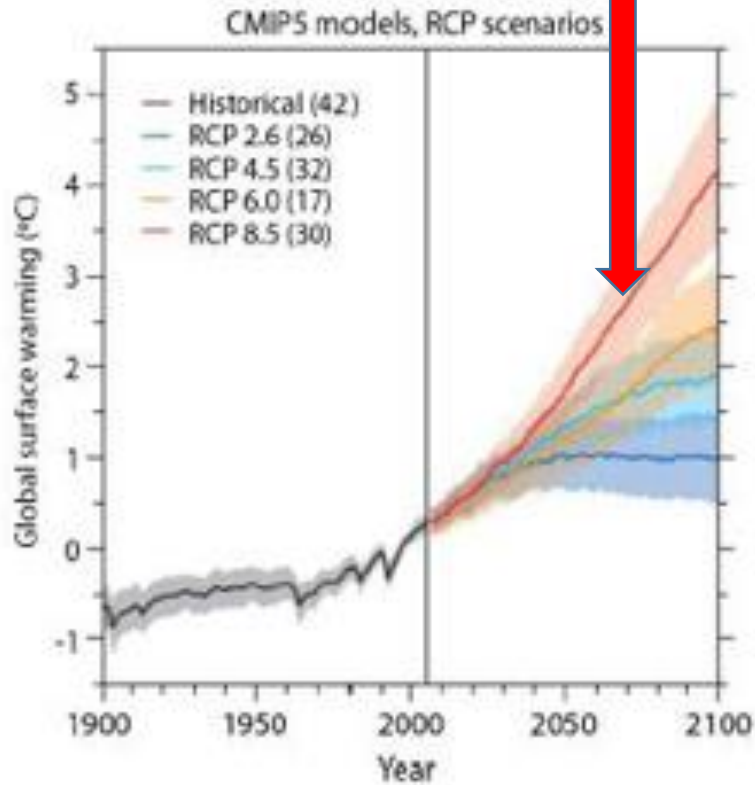
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**Predicted variables**  
 % germination  
 % emergence,  
 Time to Germ-Emer  
 Causes of non emergence  
 % of bolting

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# Regionalized scenarios of climate change

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**Northern France**  
Air temperatures  
wind, global radiation  
Rainfalls

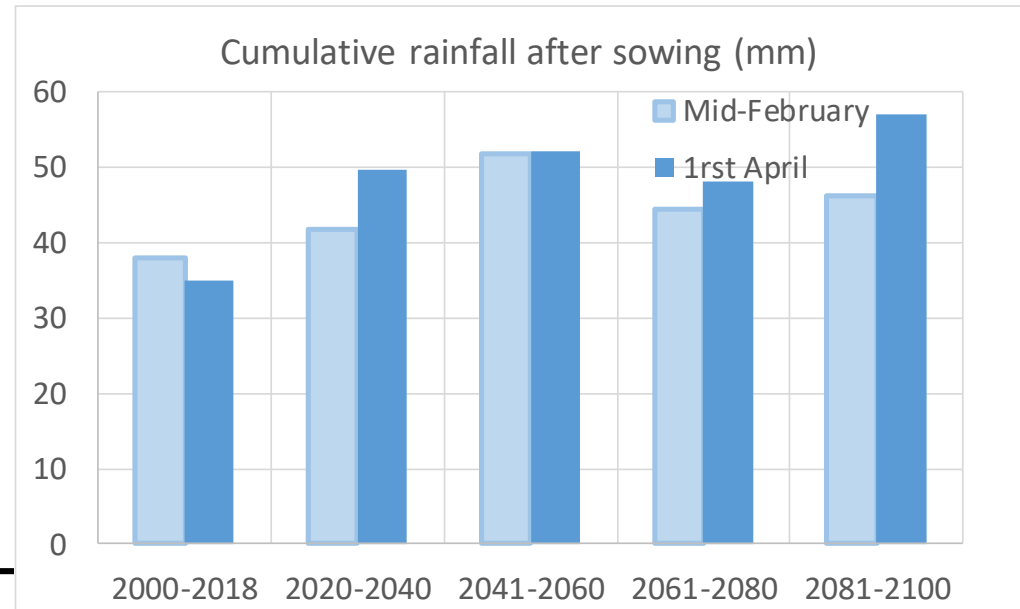
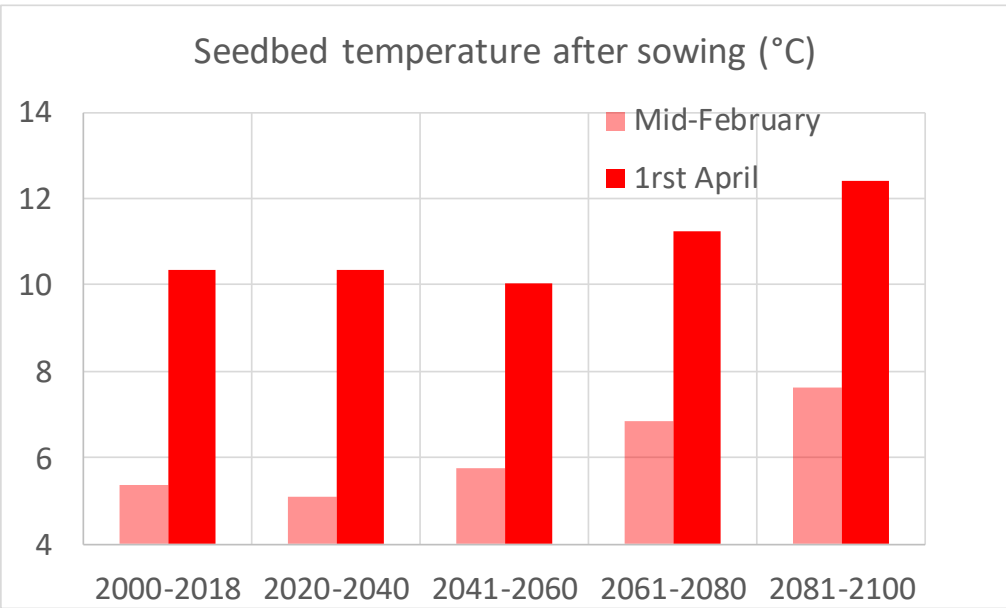
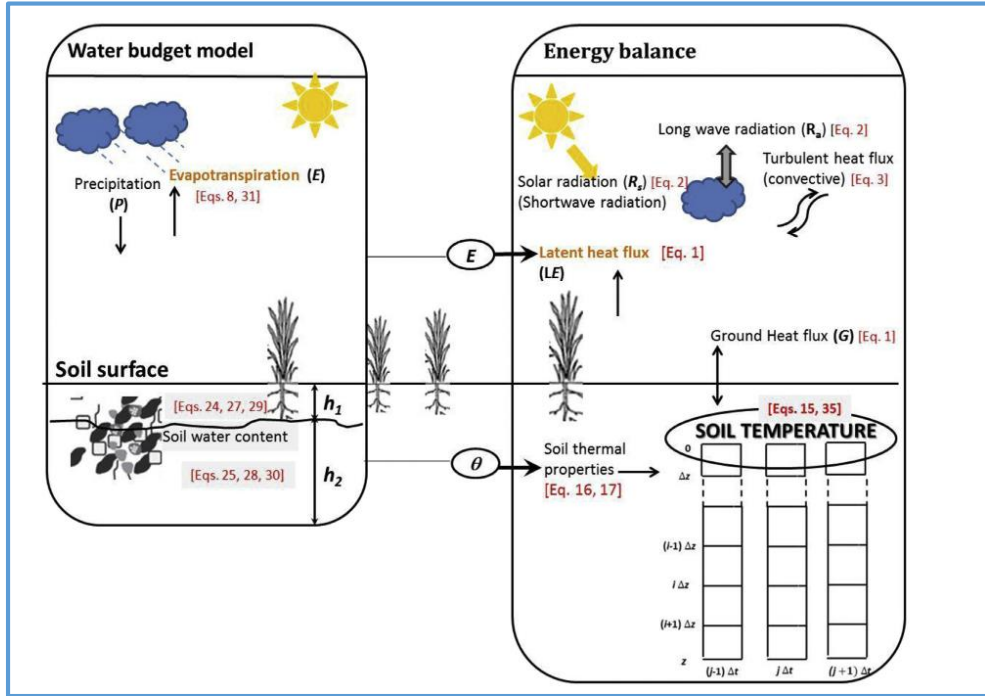
**2020 - 2100**

**Sugar beet cropping area in France**

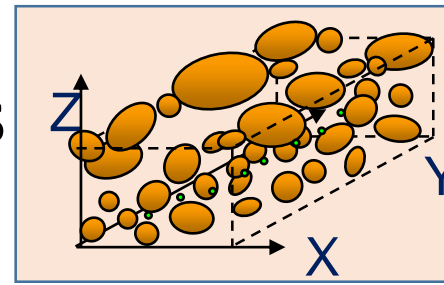
# Simulated seedbed climate

2

STICS



# The SIMPLE model's main principles



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## Input variables

Soil structure  
= f (tillage and sowing operations)

Species and seed lot characteristics

Climate and soil characteristics

3D seedbed generator

Equations for prediction of Germination and seedling growth

T°, H<sub>2</sub>O, soil surface crusting

## Output variables

Germination times and rates

Emergence times and rates

Seedling's early growth

# Simulation of sugar beet establishment

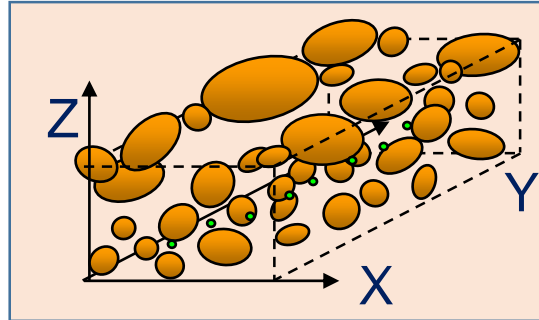
## 5 sowing dates

- Mid-February
- 1st March
- **Mid-March**
- 1st April
- Mid-April

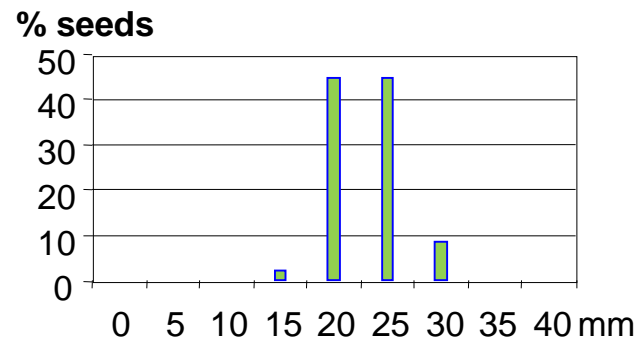
## 2020 -2100

- Seedbed temperatures
- Seedbed water content
- Daily rainfalls
- Air temperatures

## Seedbed structure



## Sowing depths

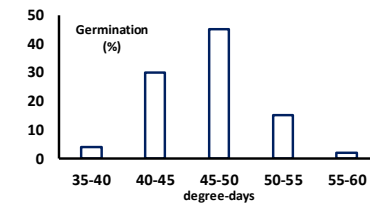


**Total : 405 simulations**  
(405 000 individual seeds)

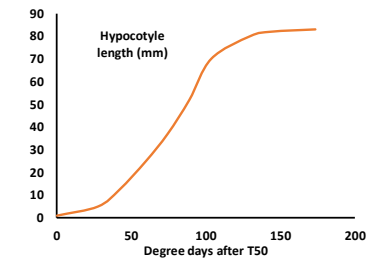
## Sugar beet parameter values

Tb 3.5°C;  $\psi_b$  1.96 MPa

Germination speed



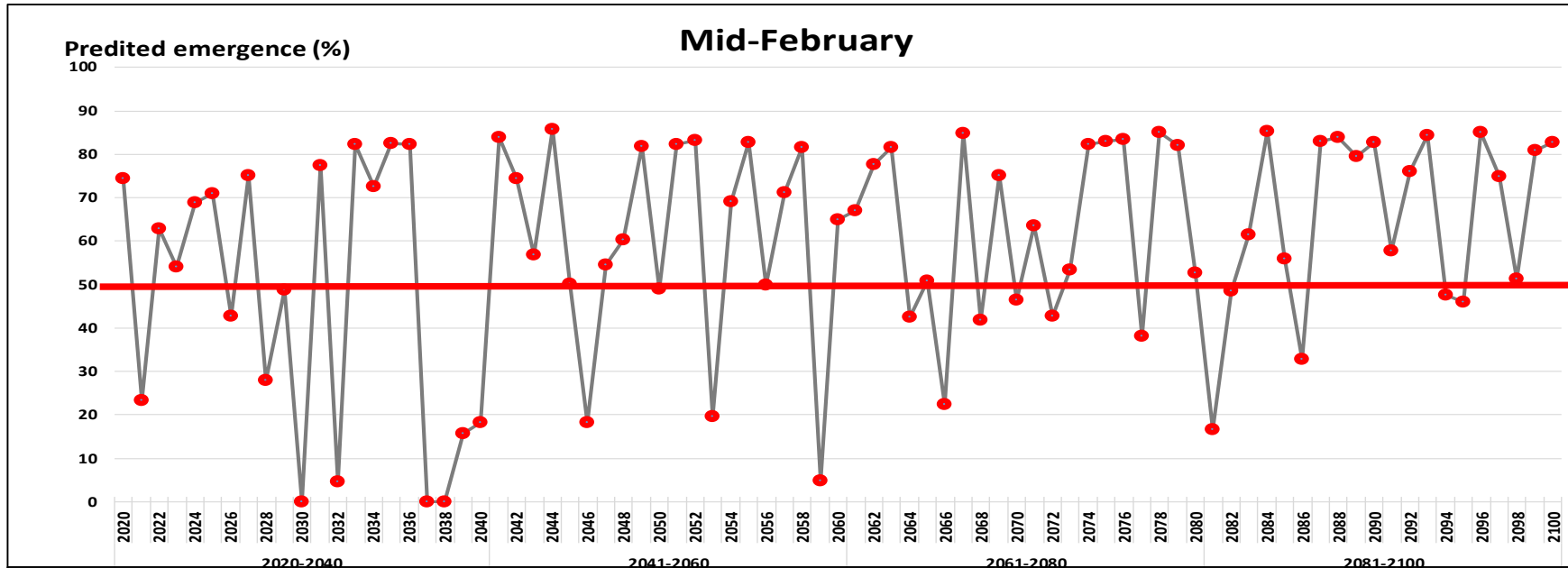
Radicle and hypocotyl elongation



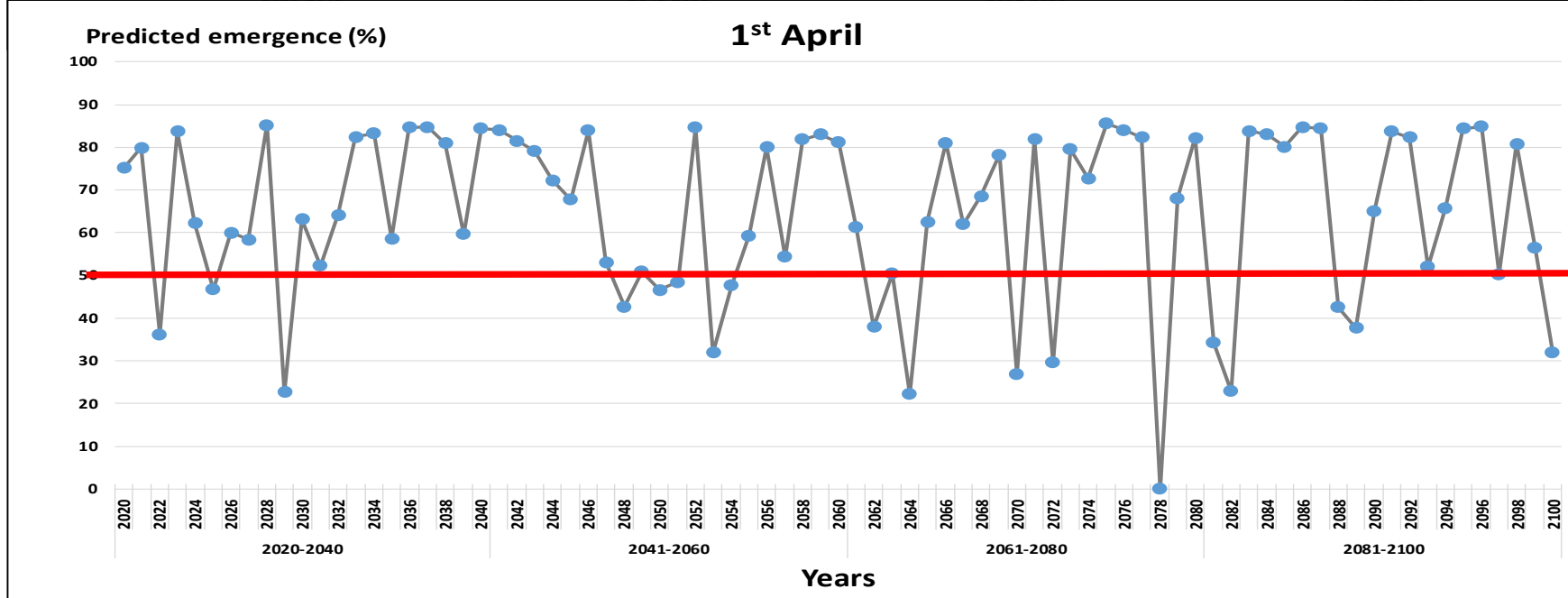
Clods and crust sensitivity



# Results



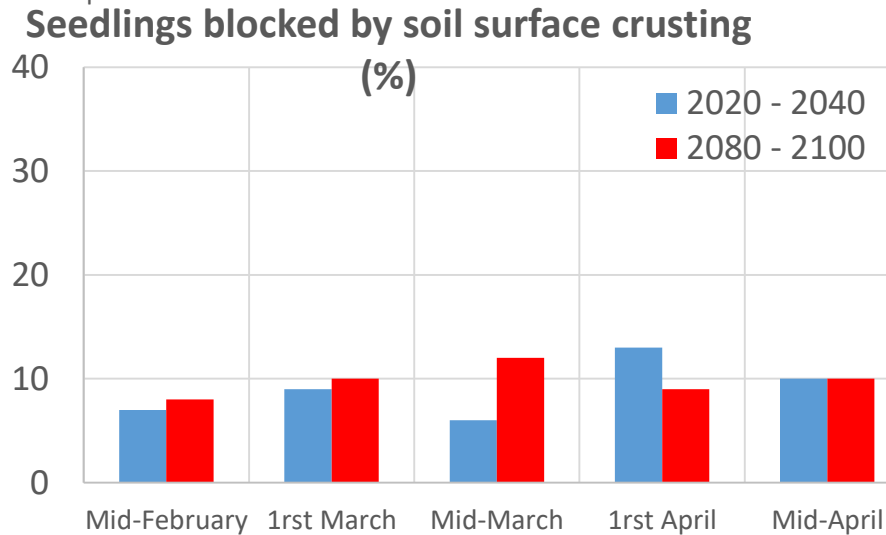
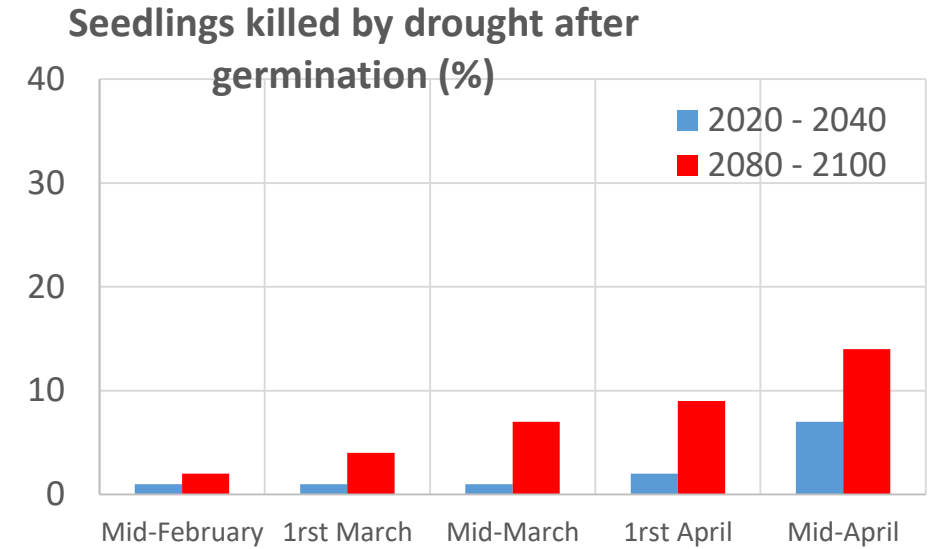
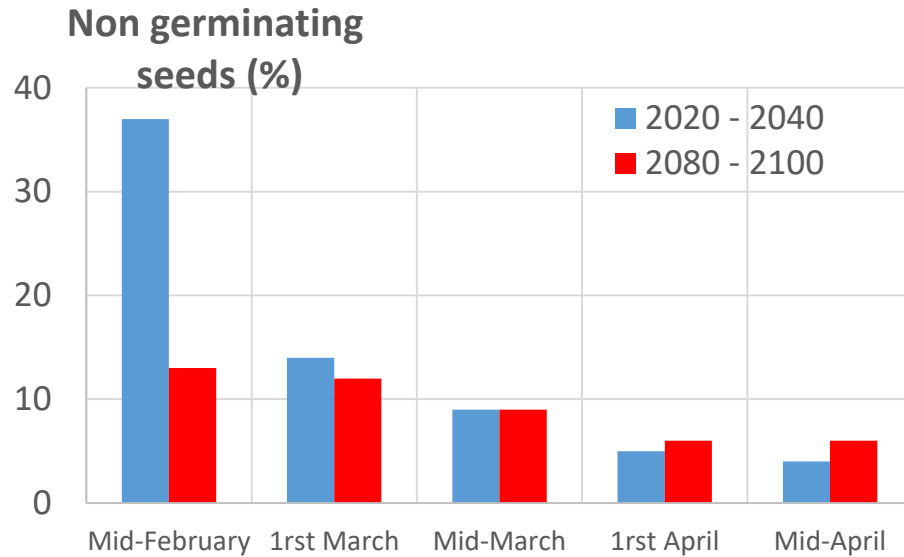
	2020 -2040	2080 -2100
Emergence rate %	<b>48</b> ± 32	<b>68</b> ± 20
Nb days to max emergence	45 ± 24	37 ± 10



	2020 -2040	2080 -2100
Emergence rate %	<b>69</b> ± 15	<b>74</b> ± 15
Nb days to max emergence	28 ± 7	23 ± 8



# Causes of non emergence

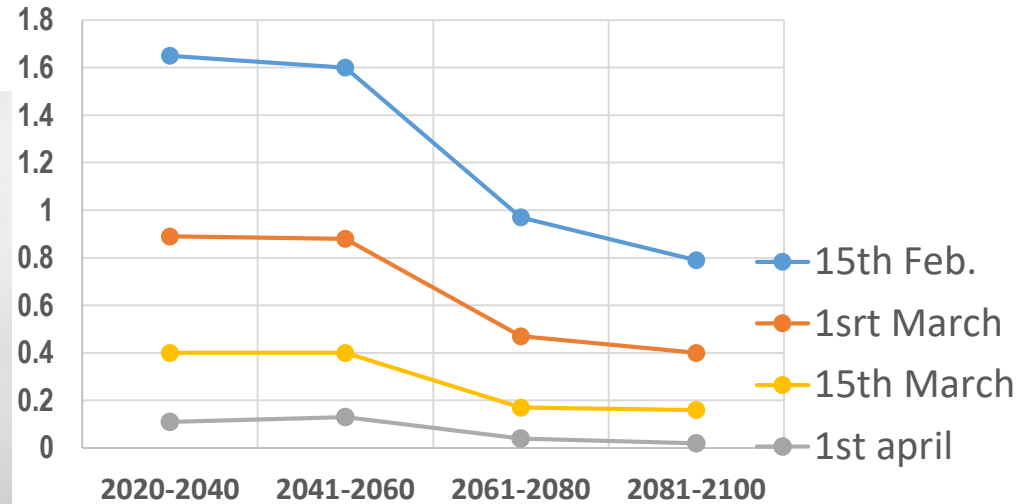


# Bolting risks

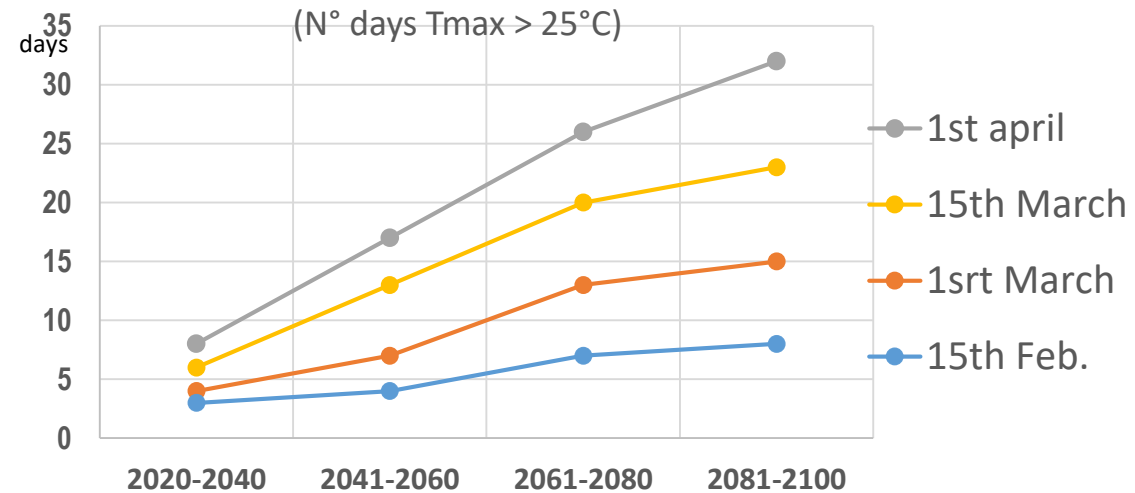


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### Predicted bolting rate (%)



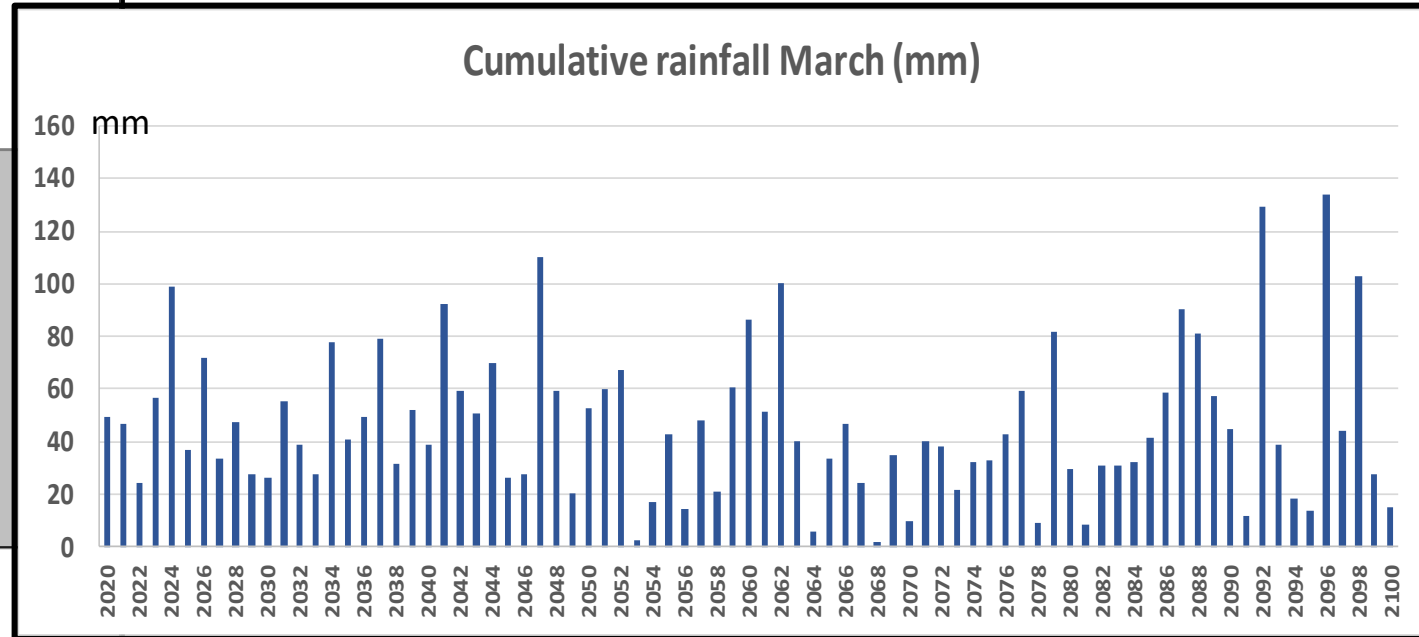
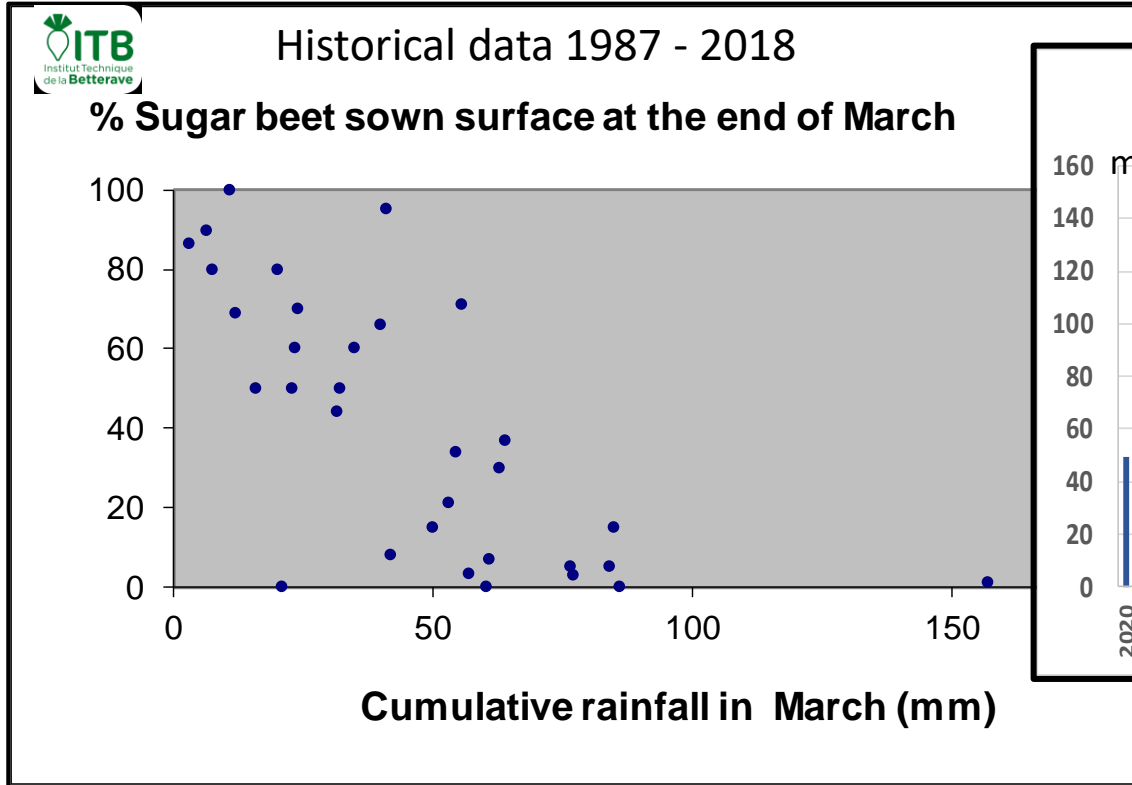
### Probability of devernalization



Bolting rate =  $f(T < 12^{\circ}\text{C}$  after sowing;  
and  $T_{\text{max}} > 25^{\circ}\text{C}$  60-120 days after sowing over 7 days)

Longden et al, 1975; Fauchère et al, 2003

# Field access during the sowing period



Predicted cumulative rainfalls 2020 - 2100

# Conclusions

**An insight into the future has been possible** with the help of

- Precise geolocalized climatic scenario
- Detailed crop models for simulation

## Main results

- Main changes will occur **after 2060**
- An **increase in temperatures** will favor **crop establishment** and **decrease bolting risk**
- **Rainfalls will be a main limit preventing field access**

## Limits

- Quality of models and hypothesis
- Biotic stresses

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