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Process-based models for analysing grapevine genotype adaptation to climate changes: issues and challenges

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Designing genotypes better adapted to future climate is a promising way to sustain high qualitative viticulture.

Target traits for genetic improvement are complex with many interactions and trade-offs among processes and are environment-dependent.



Plant processes

Soil N nutrition Canopy microclimate Vine development Net carbon assimilation Plant water use Source-sink balance Root morphology C allocation to fruits Berry growth & composition



Need for a holistic approach to tackle phenotypic traits of interest.

Process-based ecophysiological models (PBM) ?

- A tool for quantifying plant behaviour within a mathematical framework.
- PBMs describe temporal variations of processes involved in final traits, and interactions with ExM.



Predicting the impacts of climate change for a given G and assessing virtual phenotyping across many contrasting E.

Grapevine PBM: where are we ?



Choice of which processes and level of detail is :

- limited by scientific knowledge and available datasets
- governed by research focus and intented model use.

Where are we ? Example 1/3



TOPVINE: a 3D reconstruction of grapevine canopy structure from probabilistic rules.



Syrah

VSP 2W



(Prieto et al. 2012) (Albasha et al., poster)

Where are we ? Example 2/3



Where are we? Example 3/3

Integrating water and sugar fluxes into a 3D functional-structural plant model (FSPM).



Grapevine PBM: where to go ?

- PBM predicts quantitive traits of a given G in any E
 - **PBM** combined to **genetic** approaches for analysing genetic diversity of traits and enhancing plant breeding.



First step to design and test in silico plants for future E

Where we go ? Focus 1/3

Genetic determinism of rootstock control of scion transpiration in response to drought.

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Phenotyping a progeny (138 genotypes)



1 scion CS 138 rootstocks F1: CS × RGM 2 Fitting plasticity response curves





4 QTLs analysis

- > Measured traits
- > Model parameter

Marguerit et al. 2009, 2012 Marguerit, oral presentation

Focus 2/3 Genetic determinism of sugar accumulation in ripening berries.

Developing a PBM of sugar accumulation.



Dai et al. 2009, 2011

Output Deciphering the genetic variability of berry sugar content with the model.

- 120 genotypes, progeny from a Riesling x Gewurztraminer cross.
- K is dependent on G but independent of E.
- K values segregate in the population and explain the genetic variability in berry [sugar].



Duchêne et al., unpublished

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Focus 3/3 Testing *in silic*o genotypes for future environments.



Durations of phenological stages (in degree-days)

Analyzing the genetic variability of the parameters in a Ri x Gw progeny.

G Creating a virtual late ripening genotype (≈ ideotype).

 Assessing its performance to projected climatic scenarios.



 $HS = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Max(T_i - T_b; 0)$

Modelling phenological stages.

Predicting G-to-P relationships under contrasted E is still a challenge ... but we are in progress !

