

## Calibration of new crops

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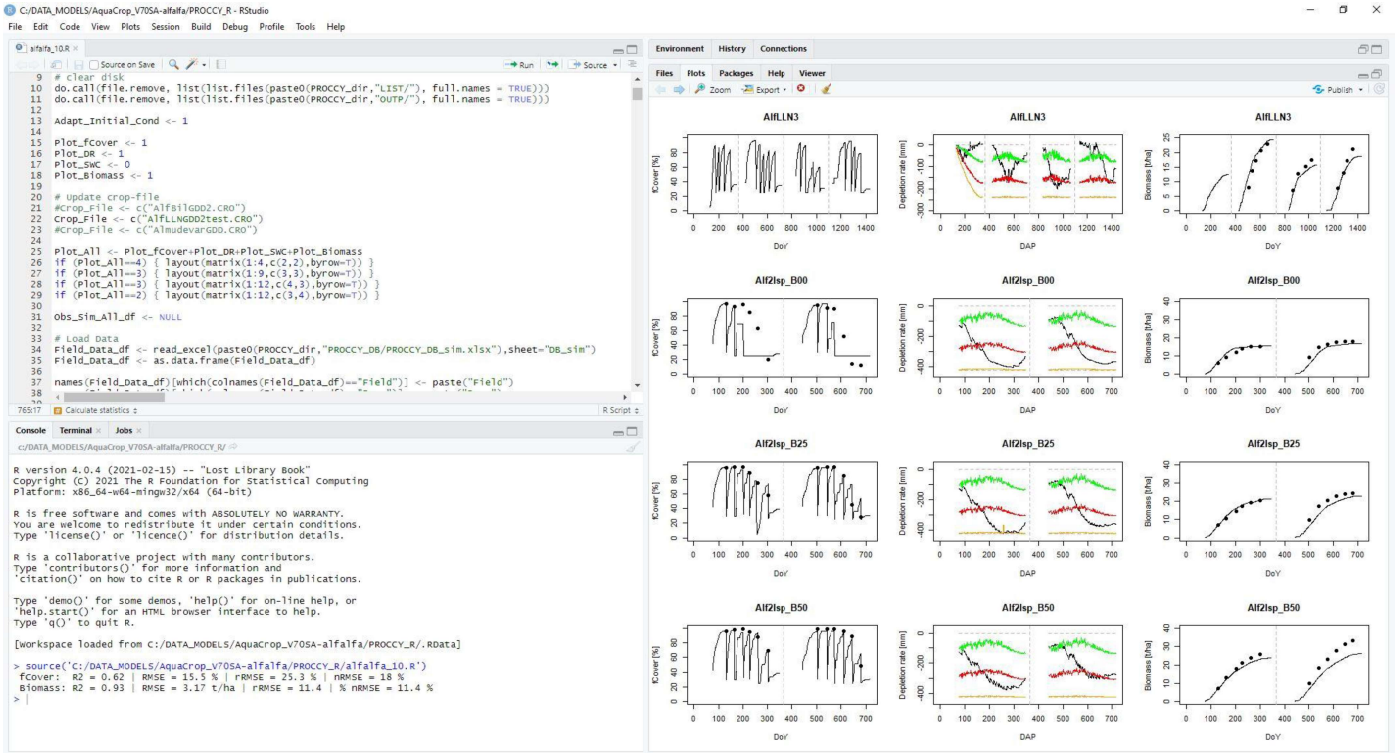


New crops  
calibration & validation

- ① Cassava
- ② Alfalfa
- ③ Cabbages

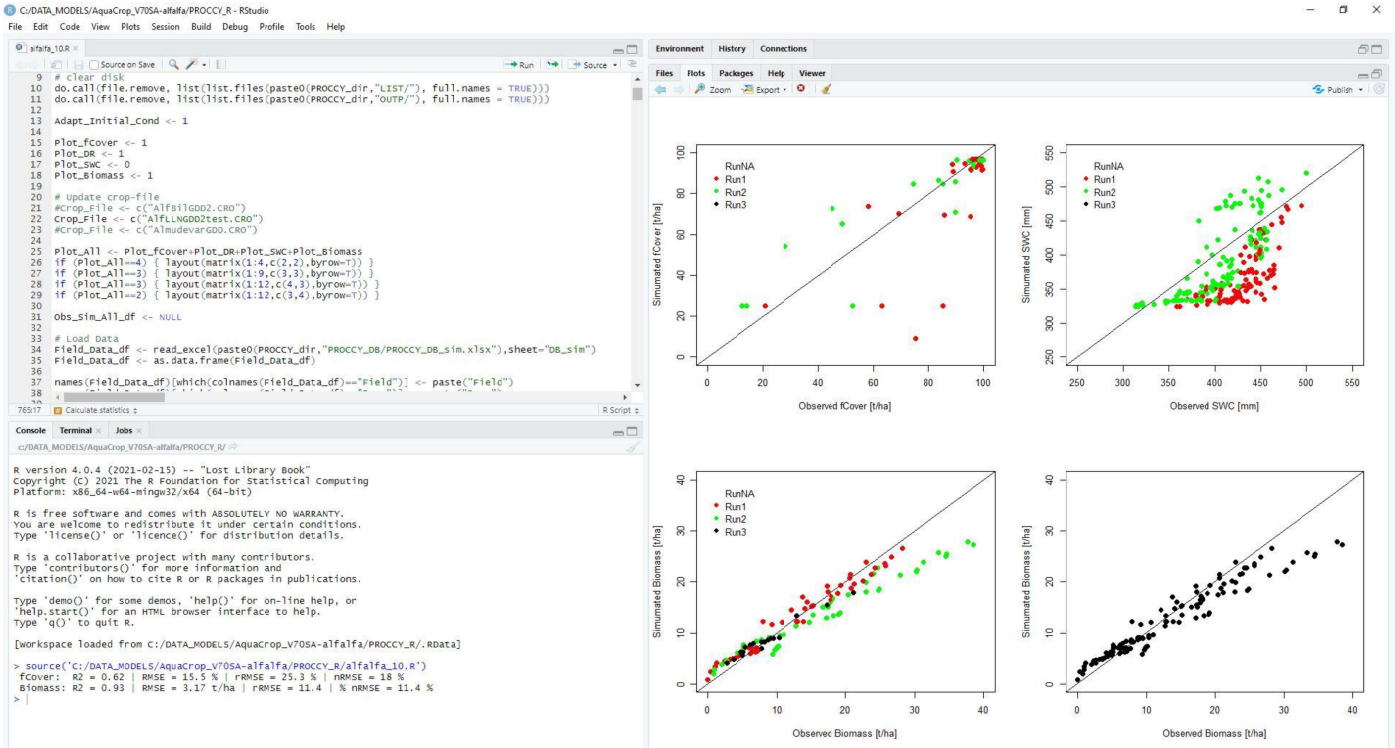
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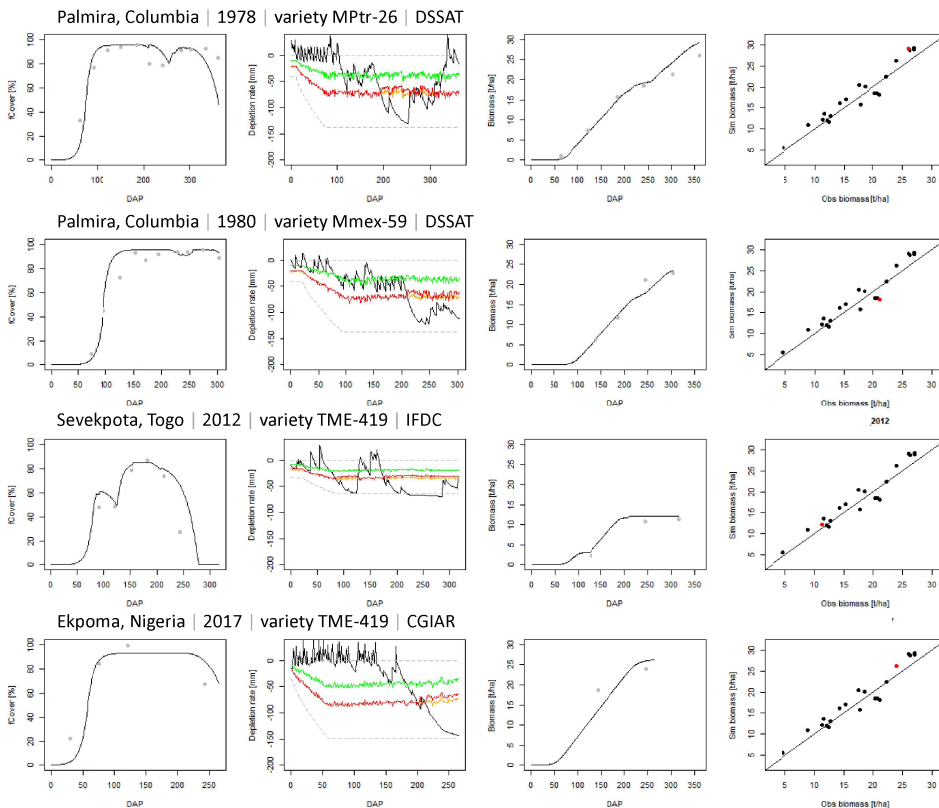
# 1/2 Cassava

data received from ≠ authors

Columbia: 3 years; 4 trials/year; irrigated & rainfed; ≠ varieties.	Veltkamp, H.J., 1985. Physiological causes of yield variation in cassava ( <i>Manihot Esculenta Crantz</i> ). PhD Dissertation. Wageningen University, The Netherlands. 132 p.
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# 2/2 Cassava



Biomass:  
 $R^2 = 0.93$  |  $RMSE = 2$  t/ha  
 $rRMSE = 3.5\%$  |  $nRMSE = 11\%$

~~Yield:  
 $R^2 = 0.76$  |  $RMSE = 4$  t/ha  
 $rRMSE = 9.8\%$  |  $nRMSE = 45\%$~~



# 1/2 Alfalfa

2 sets of field data + grabbed from article

Belgium: 3 years;  
1 trial/3 years;  
farmer's field;  
rainfed.

Data received from farmers' association. No publication available.

Turkey: 2 years;  
5 trials/2 years;  
experimental trials;  
≠ irrigation schedules.

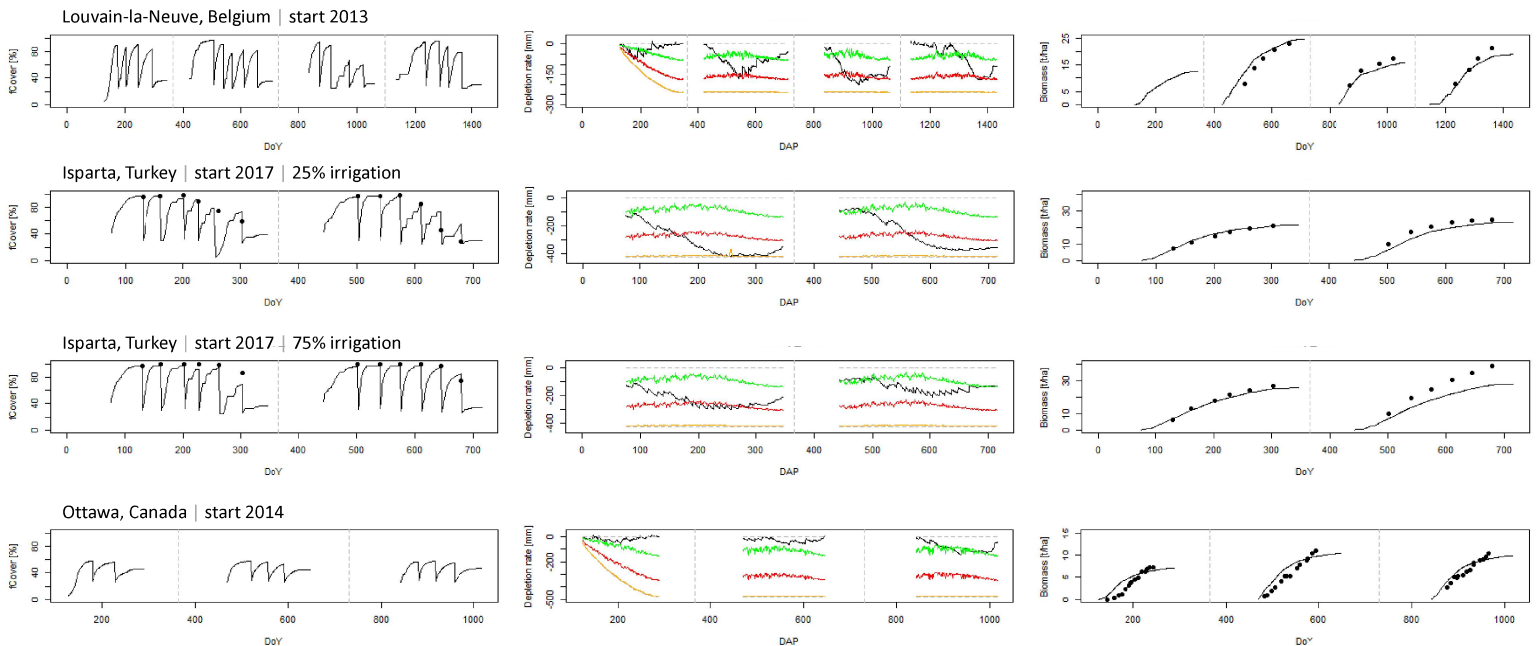
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Canada: 3 years;  
1 trial/3 year;  
farmer's field;  
rainfed.

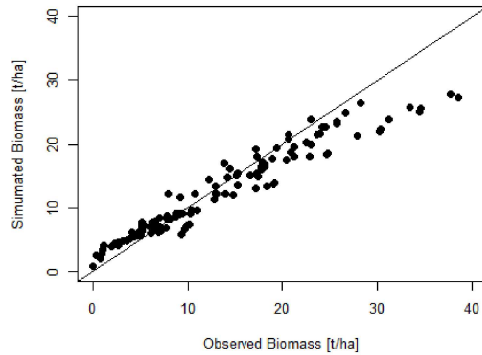
Jing, Q., Qian, B., Bélanger, G., VanderZaag, A., Jégo, G., Smith, W., Grant, B., Shang, J., Liu, J., He, W., Boote, K., Hoogenboom, G., 2020. Simulating alfalfa regrowth and biomass in easter Canada using the CSM-CROPGRO-perennial forage model. European Journal of Agronomy, 113, 125971.



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Biomass:

$R^2 = 0,93$  |  $RMSE = 3,17$  t/ha |  $rRMSE = 11,4\%$

## 1/2 Cabbages

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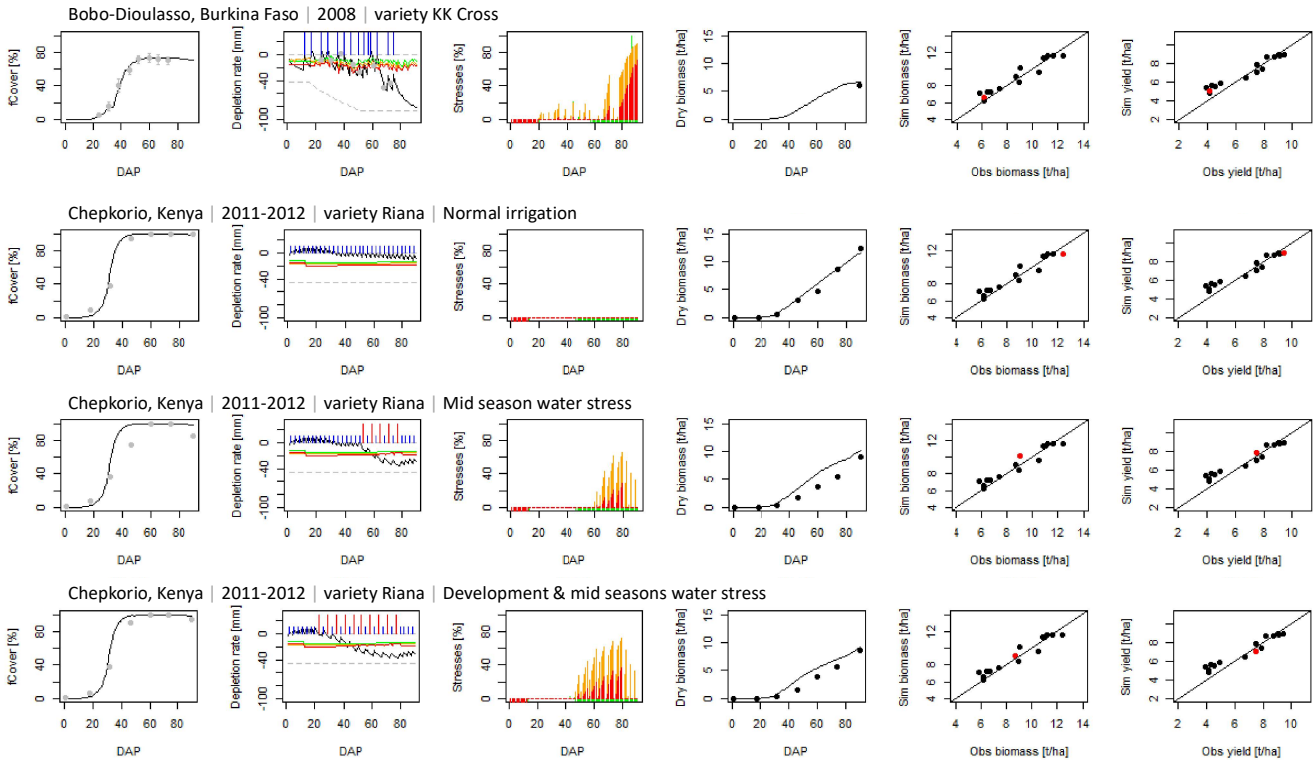
Burkina Faso: 2 years;  
4 & 2 trials/year;  
farmers' fields;  
irrigated.

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Kenya: 1 year;  
9 trials/year;  
experimental trials;  
 $\neq$  irrigation schedules.

Kiptum, C.K., Kipkorir, E.C., Munyao, T.M., Ndambuki, J.M., 2013. Application of AquaCrop model in deficit irrigation of cabbages in Keiyo Highlands. *International Journal of Water Resources and Environmental Engineering*, 5(7), 360-369

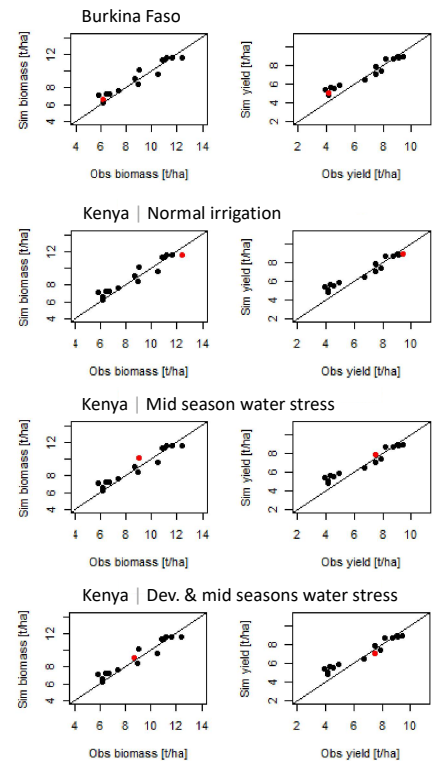
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Biomass:  
 $R^2 = 0.93$  |  $RMSE = 0.6$  t/ha  
 $rRMSE = 1.7\%$  |  $nRMSE = 7.3\%$

Yield:  
 $R^2 = 0.94$  |  $RMSE = 0.7$  t/ha  
 $rRMSE = 2.0\%$  |  $nRMSE = 11.3\%$



*Thank you!*

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