



VISCA Final conference

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Key results and round table
with end-users

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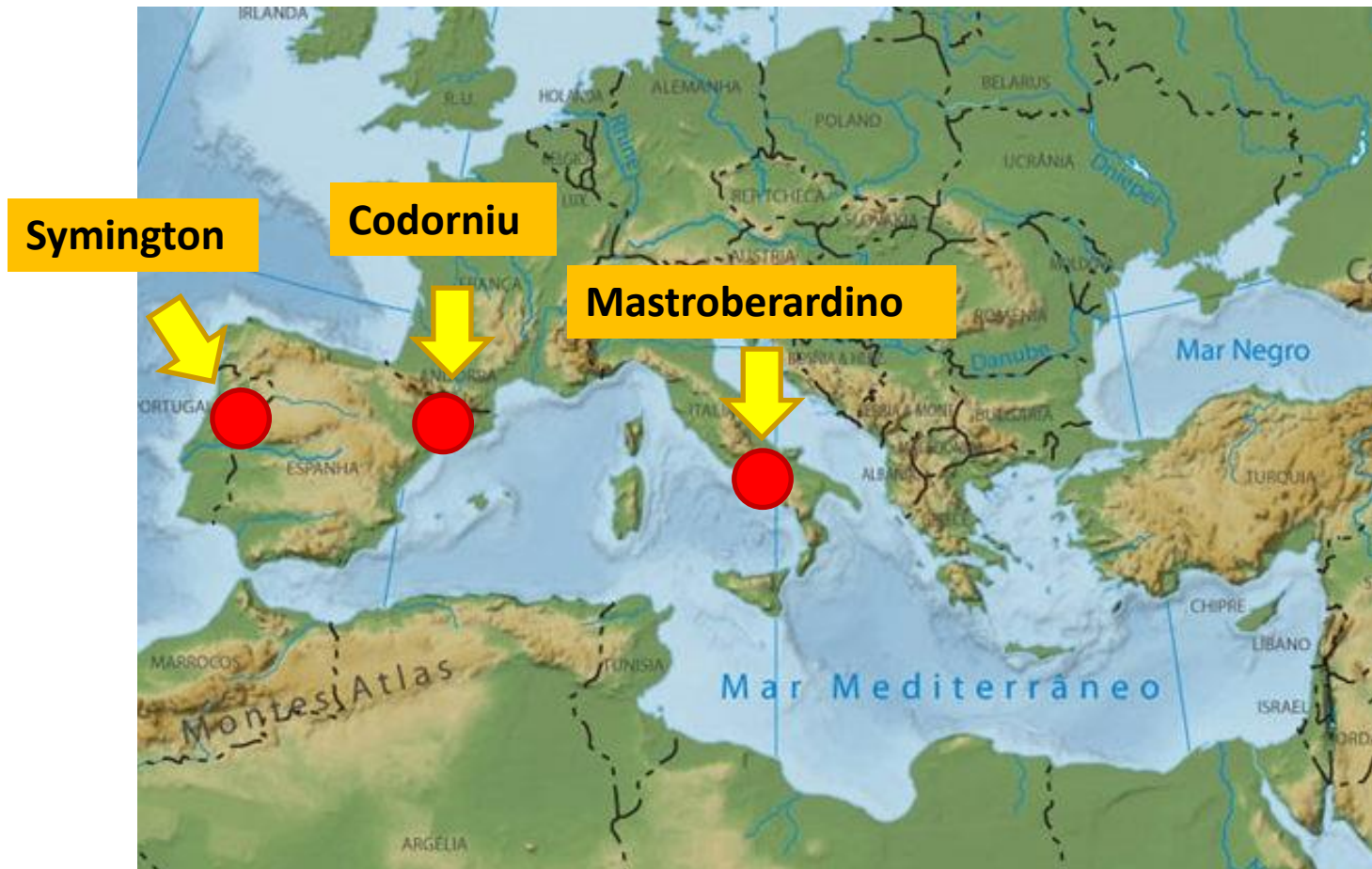
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Pilot plot locations



Main objectives of Pilot Plots

Test of different agronomic techniques to cope with climate change negative effects

Test of DSS

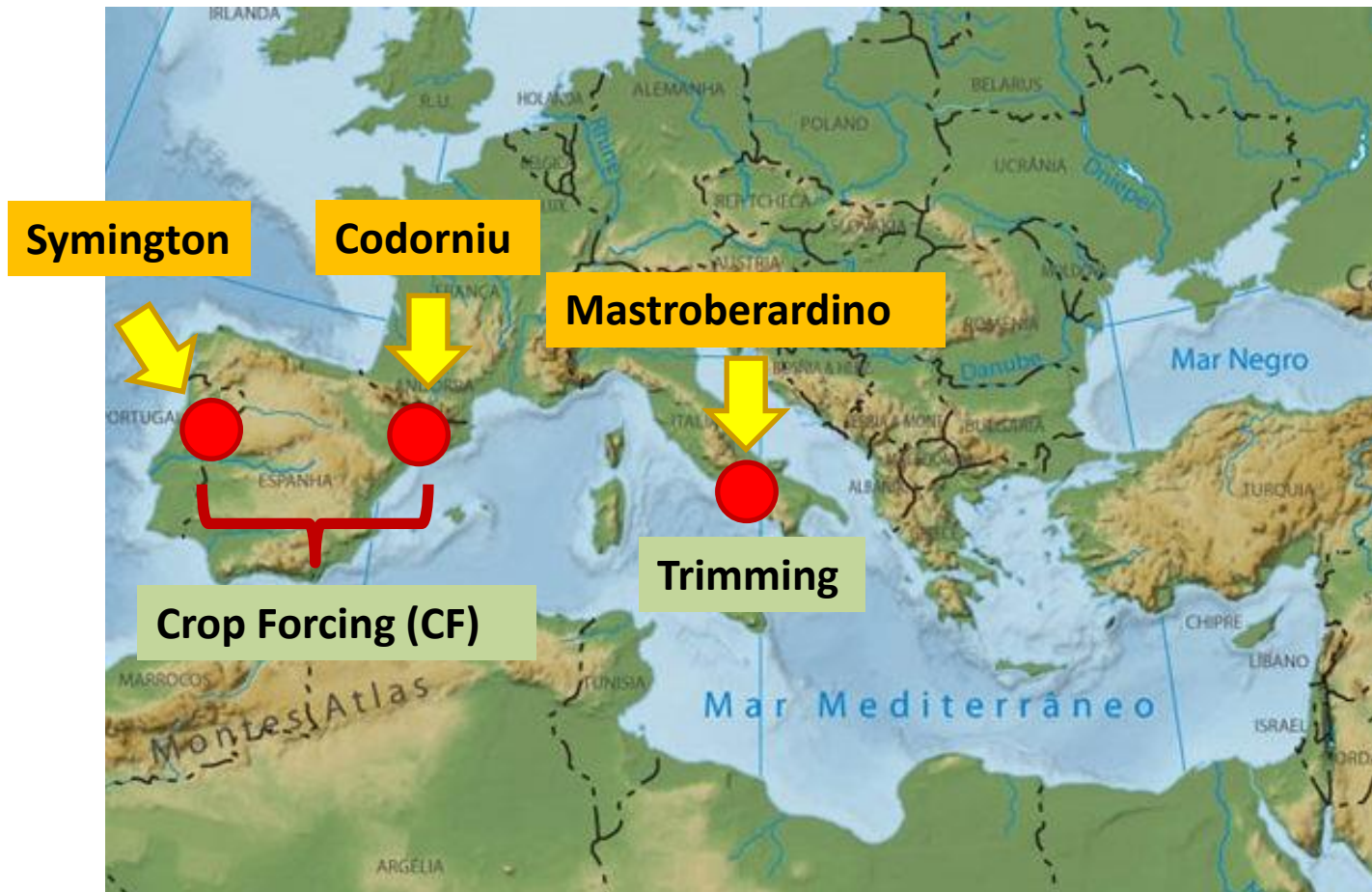


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Test of different agronomic techniques to cope with climate change negative effects



Tested techniques



CROP FORCING (CF)



Biomass sampling during CF at Raimat
 (Spain, 2019)



Crop Forcing at Quinta do Ataíde
 (Portugal, 2019)



CROP FORCING (CF)



CROP FORCING (CF)



**Comparing
different Crop
Forcing
Treatments**
(06/07/2017)

CROP FORCING (CF)



Control Tempranillo



CF I Tempranillo



CF II Tempranillo



CF III Tempranillo



Control Chardonnay



CF I Chardonnay



CF II Chardonnay



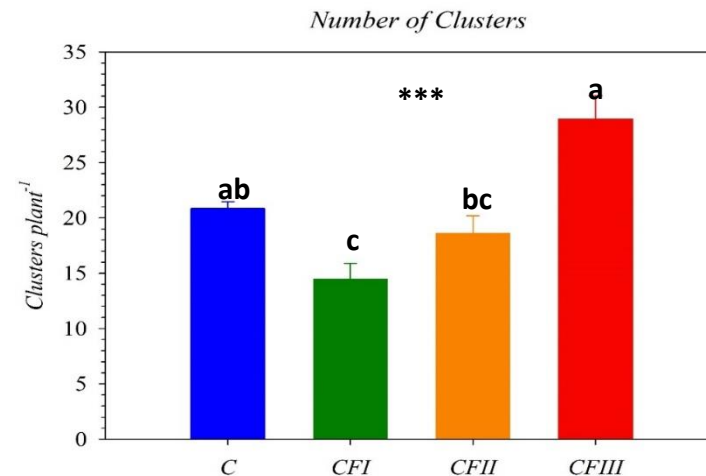
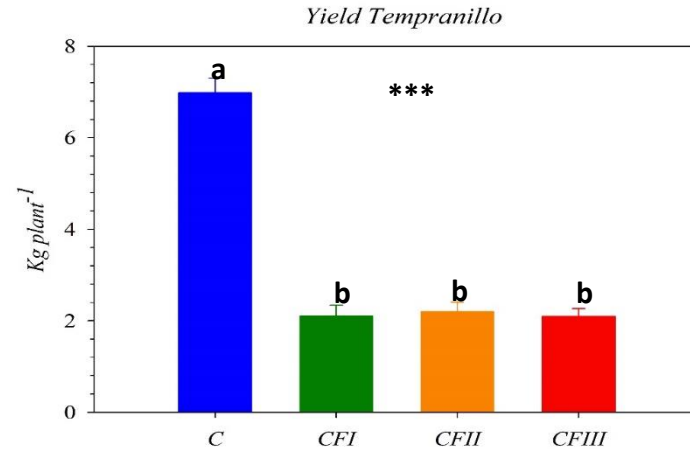
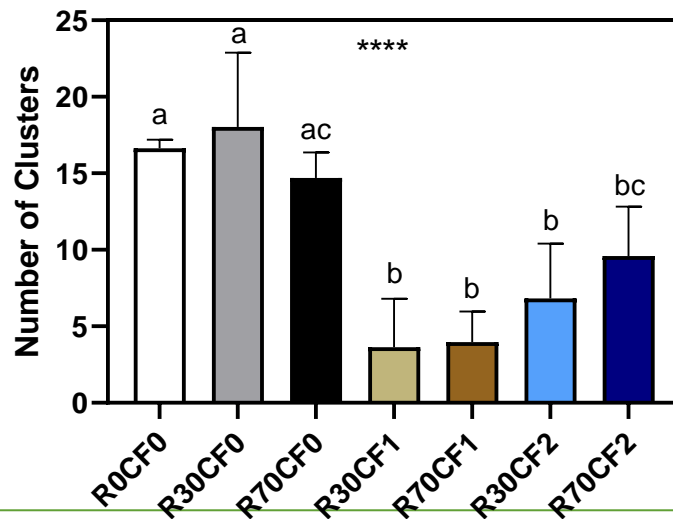
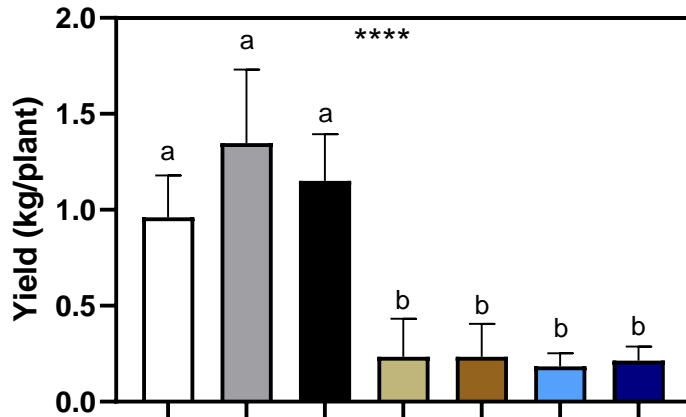
CF III Chardonnay

04/08/2017

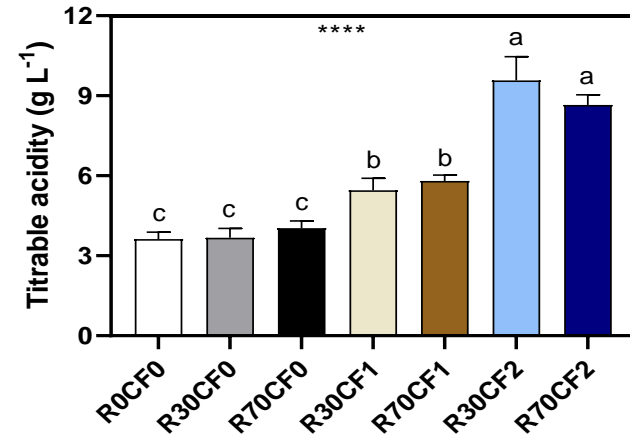
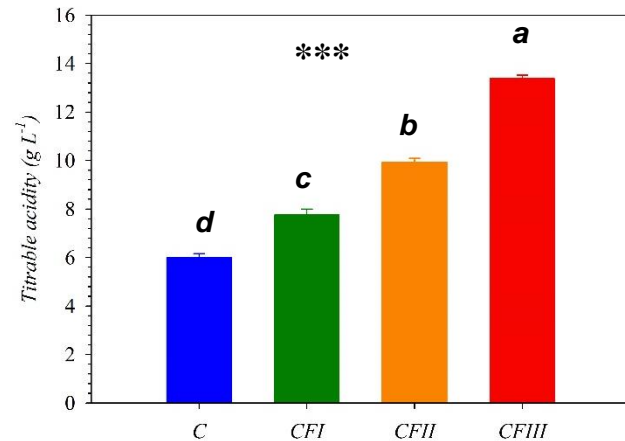
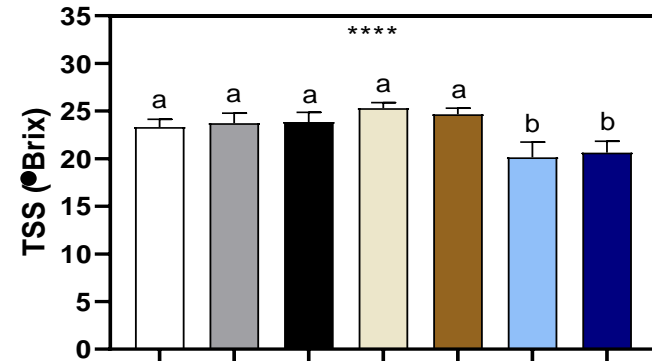
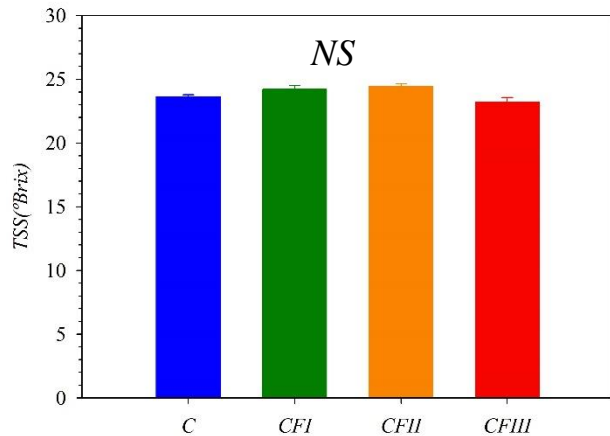
Results



Yield components



QUALITY



EXTRA RESULTS

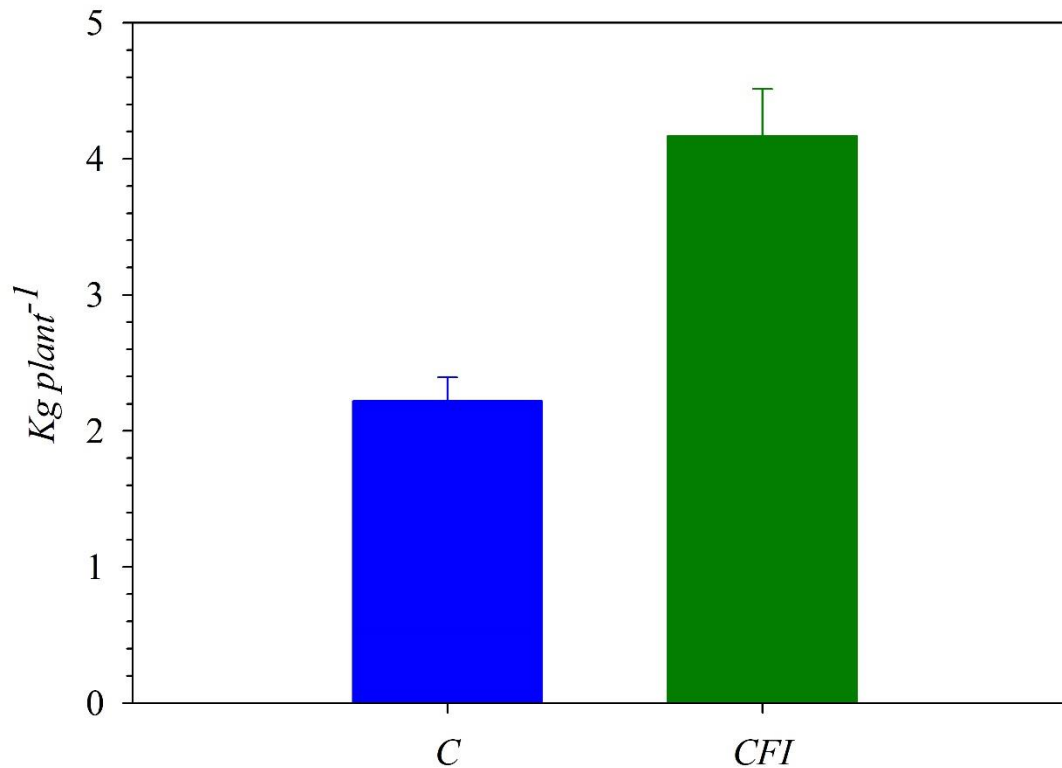


Downy Mildew



Downy Mildew

Yield Tempranillo



CROP FORCING

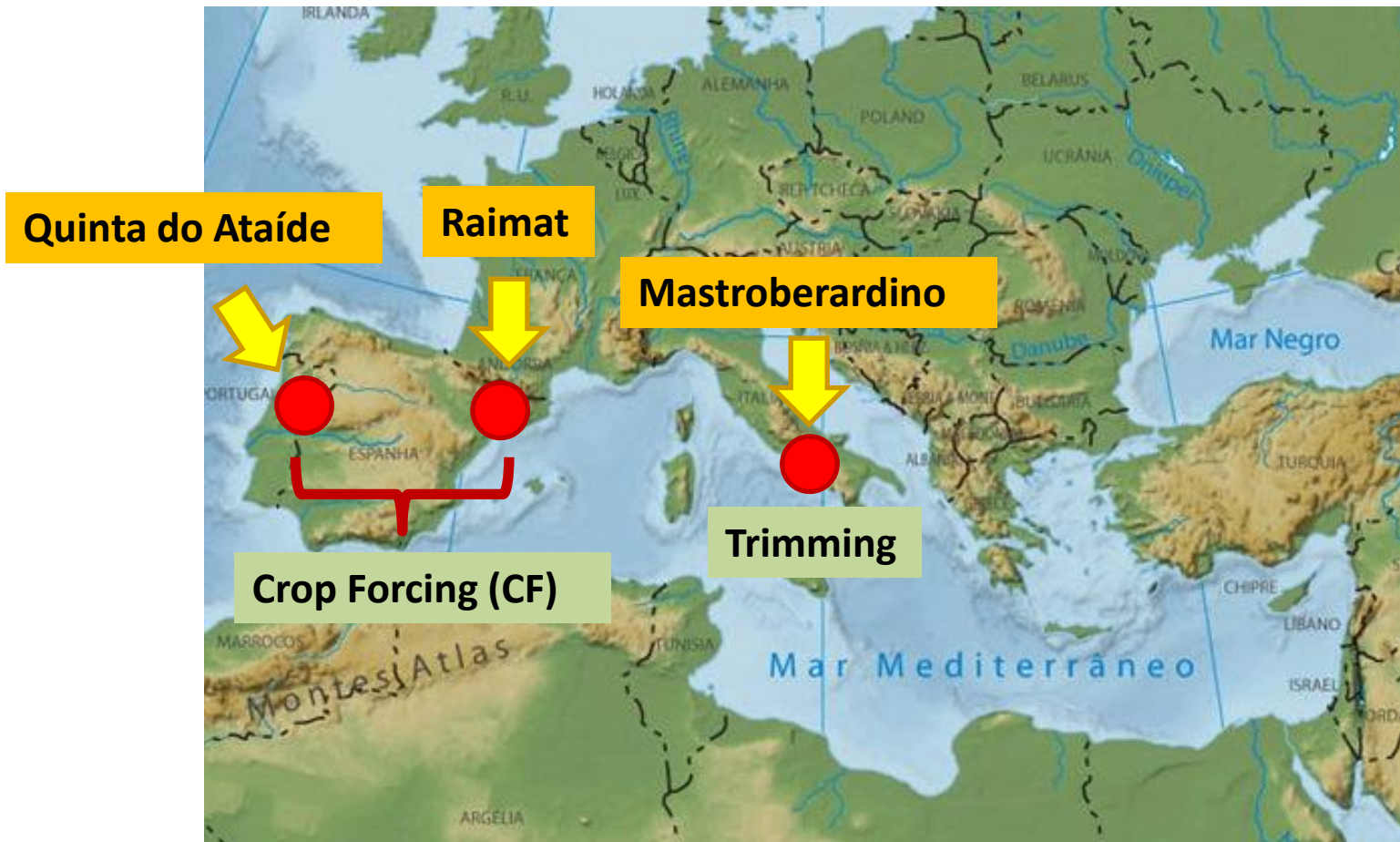
**Re-start the grapevine phenology
after a catastrophic crop failure**



Questions for Codorniu and Symington

- **Why did you decided to implement this technique?**
- **Did you know the technique before starting the VISCA project?**
- **Do you think that it would be suitable for your conditions?**

Tested techniques



TRIMMING

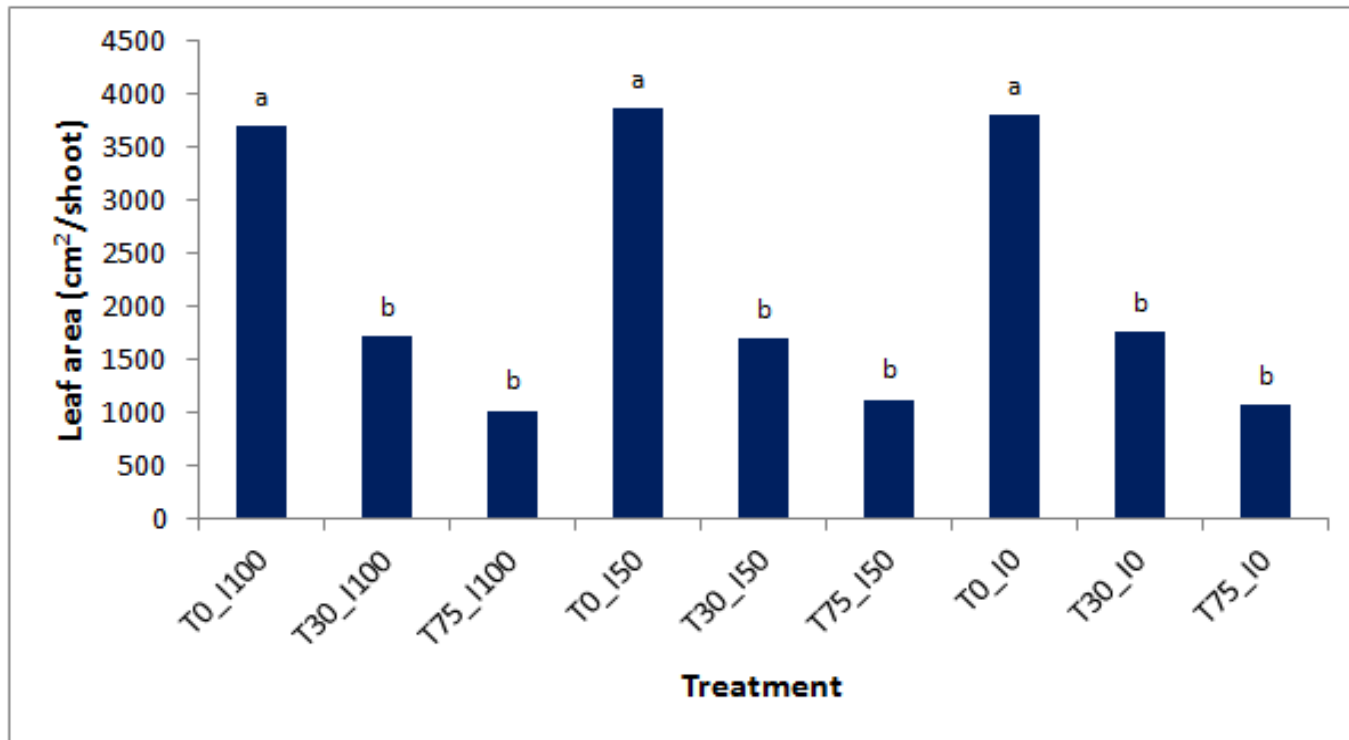
T0 (no trimming)

T30 (30% of LA removed)

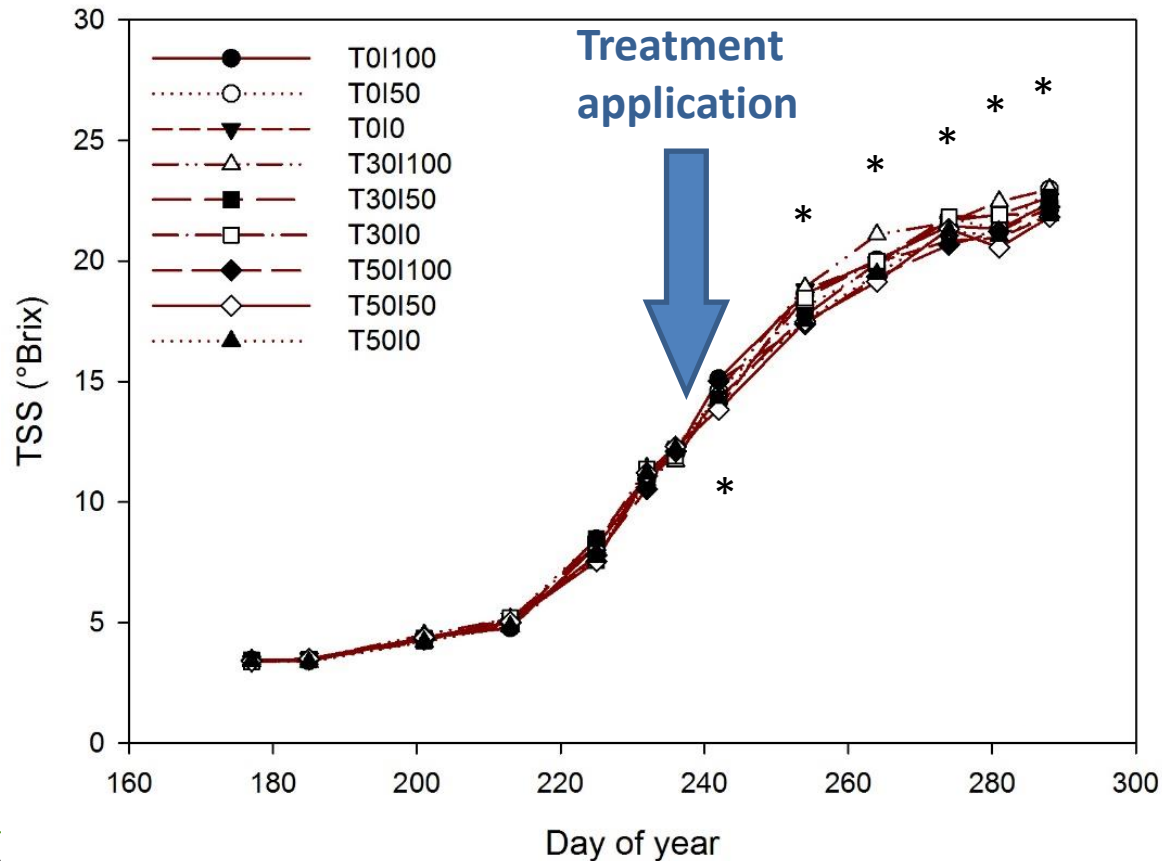
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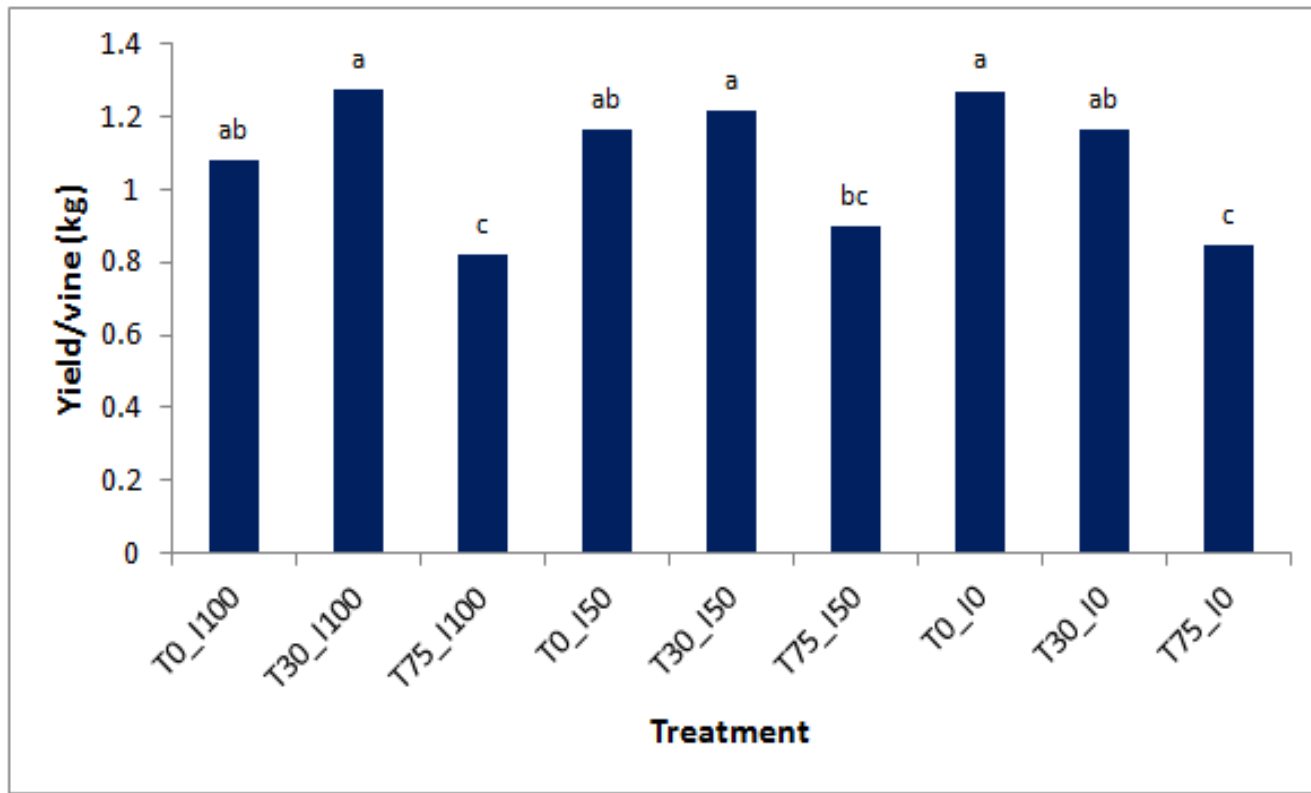
Mastroberardino - Results



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Question for Mastroberardino

- **Why did you decided to implement this technique?**
- **Did you know the technique before starting the VISCA project?**
- **After this Do you think that it would be suitable for your conditions?**

Main objectives of Pilot Plots

DSS Evaluation

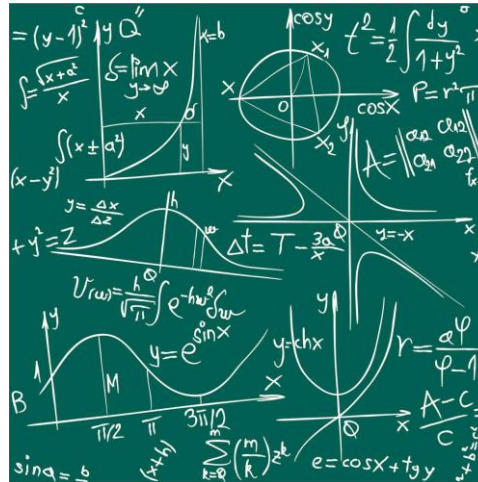


VISCA DSS

Weather forecasts

Crop data

Real weather



Predictions



Decision Tree

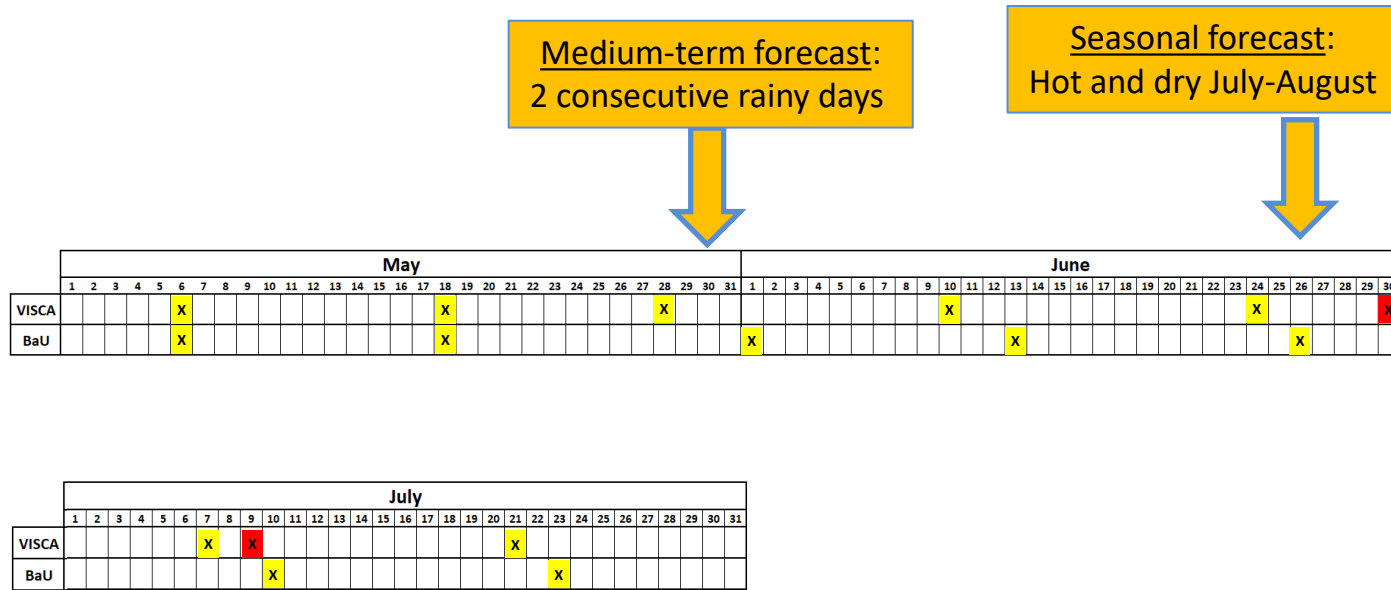
DSS Widget	Month/Season of the Effect *	Event	Effect	Action	Time of taking the Action (months/weeks/days in advance) **	Action taken if forecast is NOT AVAILABLE or no skill (Business as Usual scenario)	Target	Expected impacts if forecast is correct	Expected impact if forecast is incorrect	Expected impact if there is no forecast (no skill or Business as Usual scenario)
Seasonal	Jun - Jul - Aug	Higher rainfall than normal	High Vigour	Leaf removal Pay close attention to short/mid term precipitation forecast	May	None or light leaf removal	Sugar content	Higher sugar content	Higher sugar content	Lower sugar content
							Acidity (Ph)	Lower acidity	Higher acidity	Higher acidity
							Yield (m3)	Higher Yield	NO DIRECT IMPACT	Higher Yield
							Labour cost (manpower, products, equipment, etc)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Diseases impact			Higher probability of diseases
Seasonal / Phenology	Mar-Apr	Lower temperature than normal Delayed Budbreak	Delayed Budbreak	Delay pruning	Nov - Dec- Jan	Average pruning timing Pruning young vineyards as frost prevention	Sugar content	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Acidity (Ph)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Yield (m3)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Labour cost (manpower, products, equipment, etc)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Diseases impact			
Seasonal	Jun - Jul - Aug	Lower temperature than normal Delayed Budbreak	Ripening delayed	Crop thinning	May	No crop thinning	Sugar content	Higher sugar content	Lower sugar content	Lower sugar content
							Acidity (Ph)	UNKOWN IMPACT	UNKOWN IMPACT	Higher acidity
							Yield (m3)	UNKOWN IMPACT	Higher Yield	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Labour cost (manpower, products, equipment, etc)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Diseases impact			
Seasonal / Phenology	Mar	Higher temperature than normal Early Budbreak	Early budbreak Frost risk damage	Check Phenology Forecasts to confirm; If true advance/boost pruning	Nov - Dec- Jan	Delay pruning	Sugar content	Higher sugar content	Lower sugar content	Lower sugar content
							Acidity (Ph)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Yield (m3)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Labour cost (manpower, products, equipment, etc)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Diseases impact			
Seasonal	Jun - Jul - Aug	Higher temperatures than normal	Water stress, faster ripening, sunburst	Light shoot thinning, No leaf removal	May	Normal shoot thinning and leave removal Pay Attention to short/mid temperature forecast	Sugar content	Higher sugar content	Lower sugar content	Lower sugar content
							Acidity (Ph)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Yield (m3)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Labour cost (manpower, products, equipment, etc)	Saving costs	Overspending	Overspending
							Diseases impact			
Seasonal	Jun - Jul - Aug	Higher temperatures than normal	Yield below normal (except if irrigation exists)	Buying more grapes	Apr - May	No buying extra grapes	Sugar content	Higher sugar content	Lower sugar content	Lower sugar content
							Acidity (Ph)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT
							Yield (m3)	Higher Yield	Lower Yield	Lower Yield
							Labour cost (manpower, products, equipment, etc)	Saving costs	Overspending	Overspending
							Diseases impact			
		Lower precipitation	Yield below normal	If buying grapes, contract more hectares			Sugar content	Higher sugar content	Lower sugar content	Lower sugar content
							Acidity (Ph)	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT	NO DIRECT IMPACT

Questions (All)

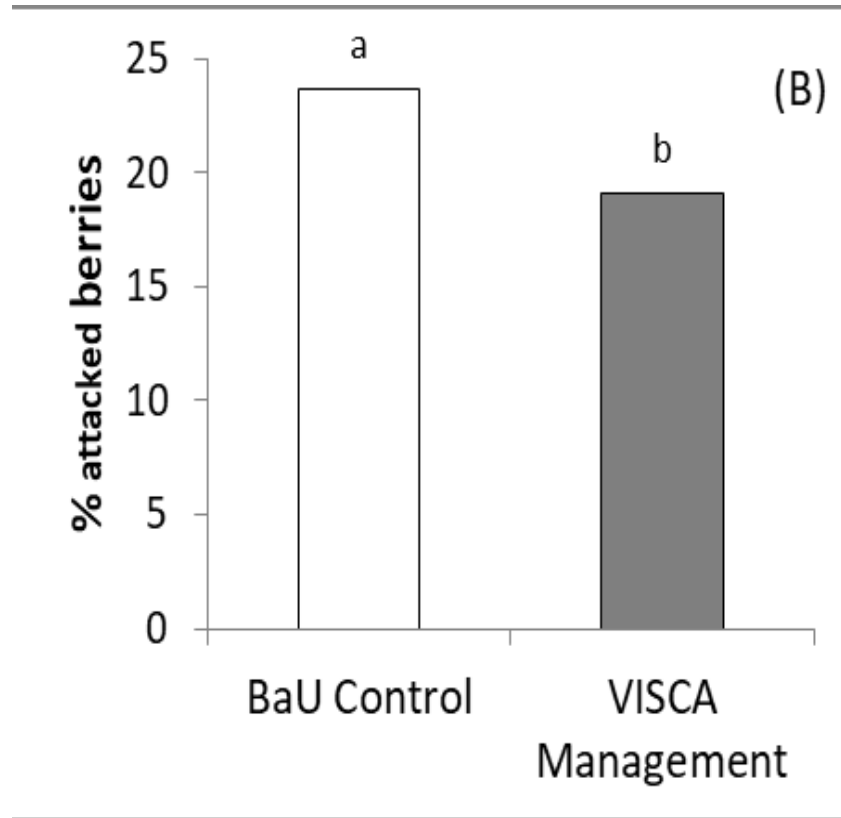
- **Why did you choose this branch of the decision tree?**
- **Have you ever worked with a DSS before to take decisions?**
- **How do you normally integrate weather forecasts in your decision-making process?**

Anticipate spraying (ITALY)

- Calendar of treatments against Downy and Powdery Mildews



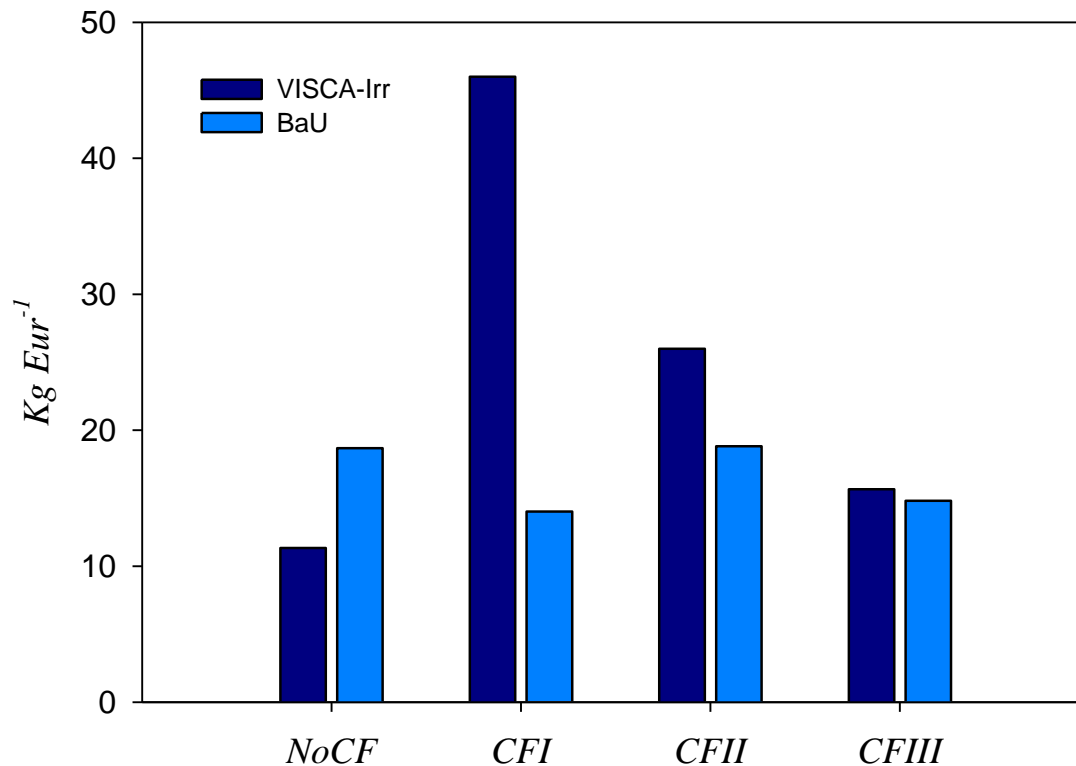
Anticipate spraying (ITALY)



Irrigation strategies comparisons (SPAIN)

- **Compare VISCA irrigation module with business as usual (BaU) irrigation.**
 - VISCA irrigation was blind, i.e., no interaction with the tool
 - BaU is performed by a highly qualified technician. Schedules irrigation based on weekly values of stem water potential.
 - Comparison was performed on No CF and CF treatments

VISCA DSS Evaluation Results (SPAIN)

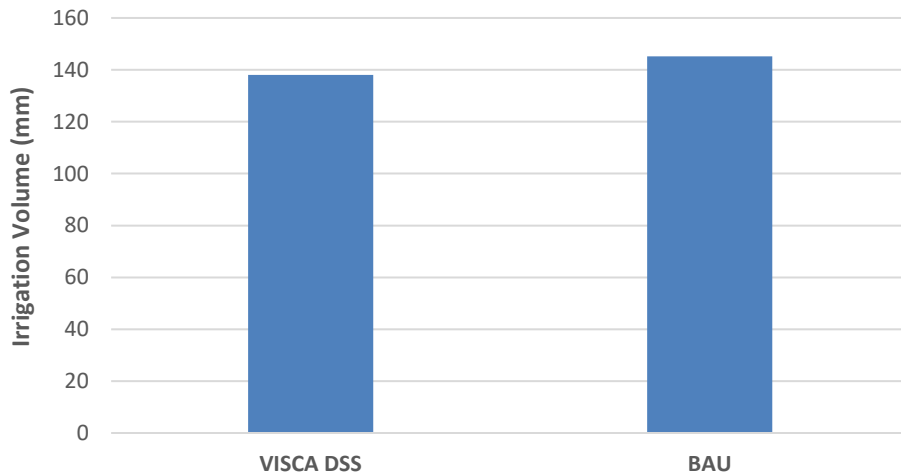


VISCA Irrigation optimization (PORTUGAL)

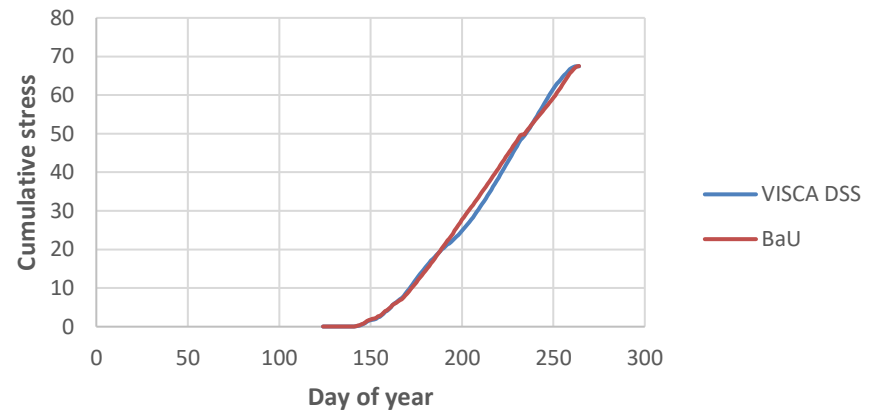
- **Propose an optimized irrigation strategy.**
 - Reduce irrigation volume while maintaining the desired stress.
- **Used the irrigation model to compare the BaU irrigation program to an optimized irrigation schedule.**
 - Performed during the irrigation months

VISCA Irrigation optimization (PORTUGAL)

Total water applied



Cummulative Stress



Conclusions

- **VISCA DSS was effective improving the decision making process**
- **Creates synergies between end-users' know-how and VISCA tool**
- **There is an economic benefit**

Questions (All)

- **After the experience acquired in VISCA, are you willing to use a DSS?**
- **In your opinion, which should be the next steps?**



Thank you for you Attention!

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