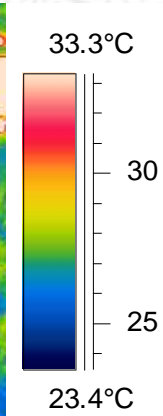
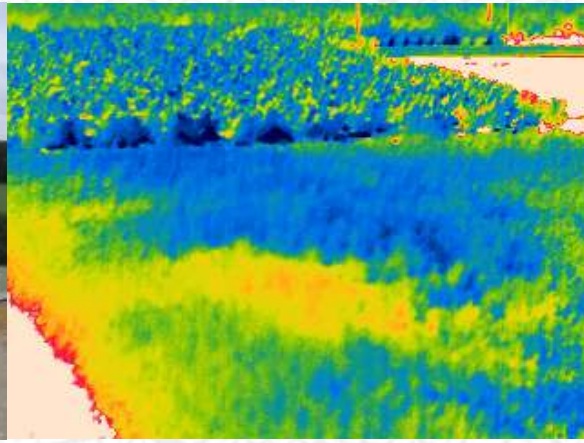


Irrigation research at Lancaster (Ian Dodd)



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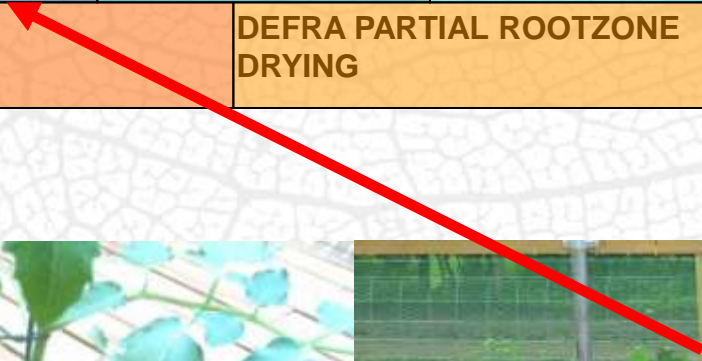
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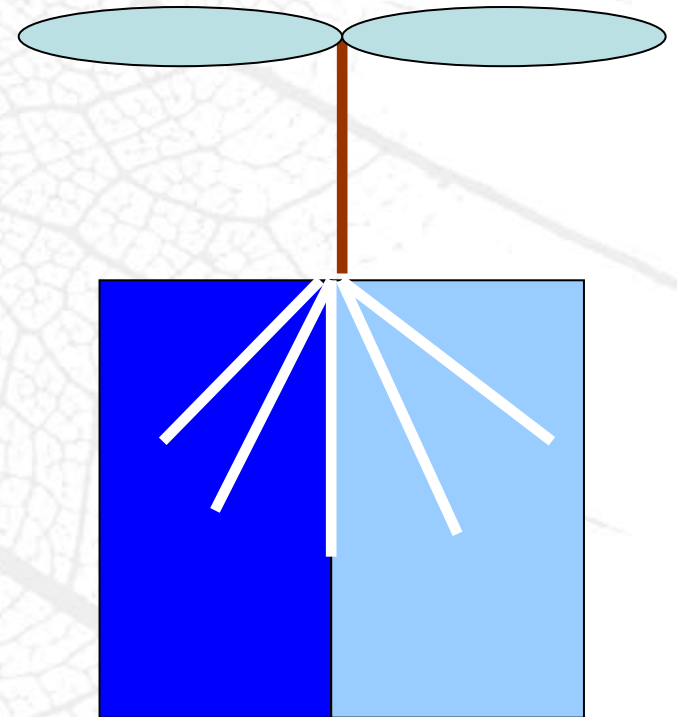
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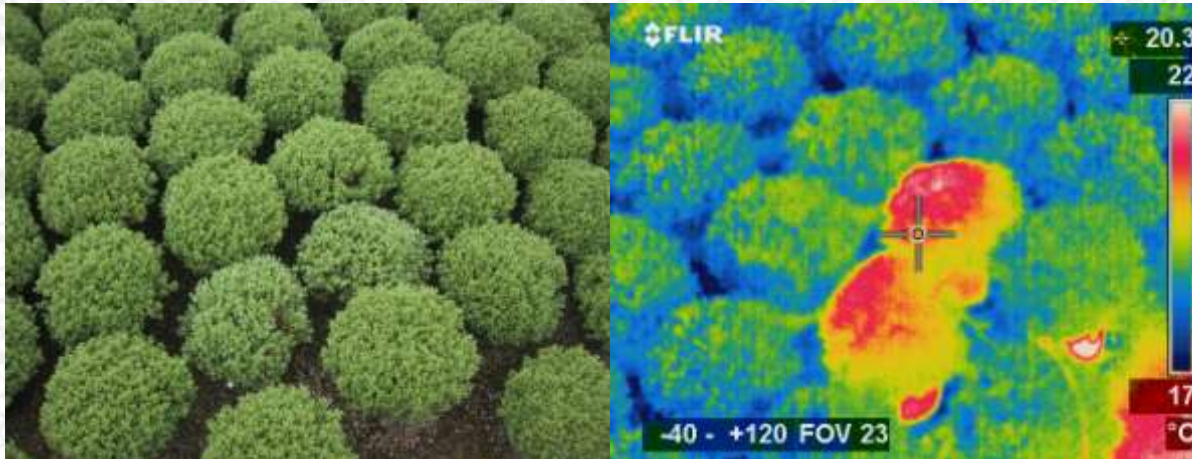


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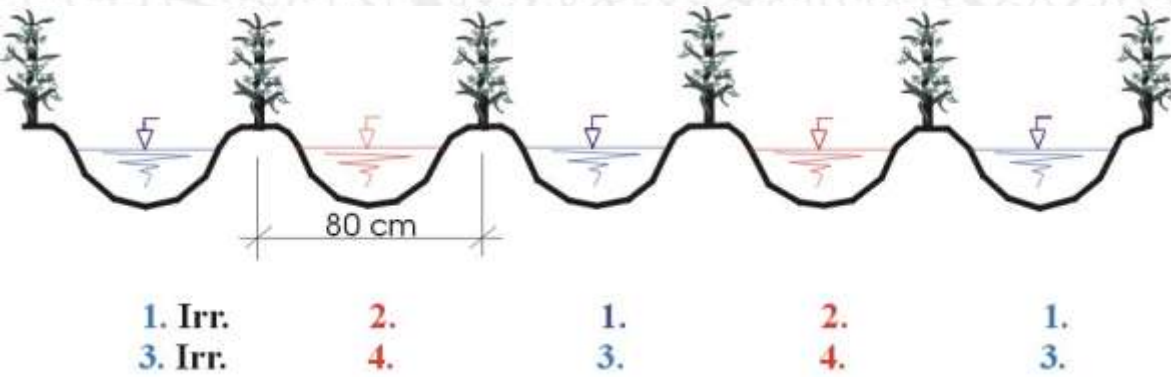
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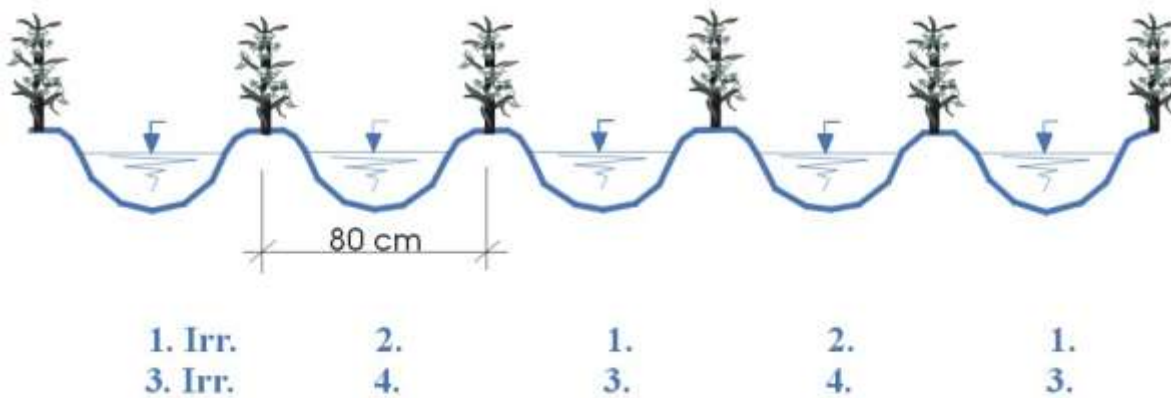
Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria



PRD irrigation systems (including furrows / drips)



Alternate Furrow Irrigation



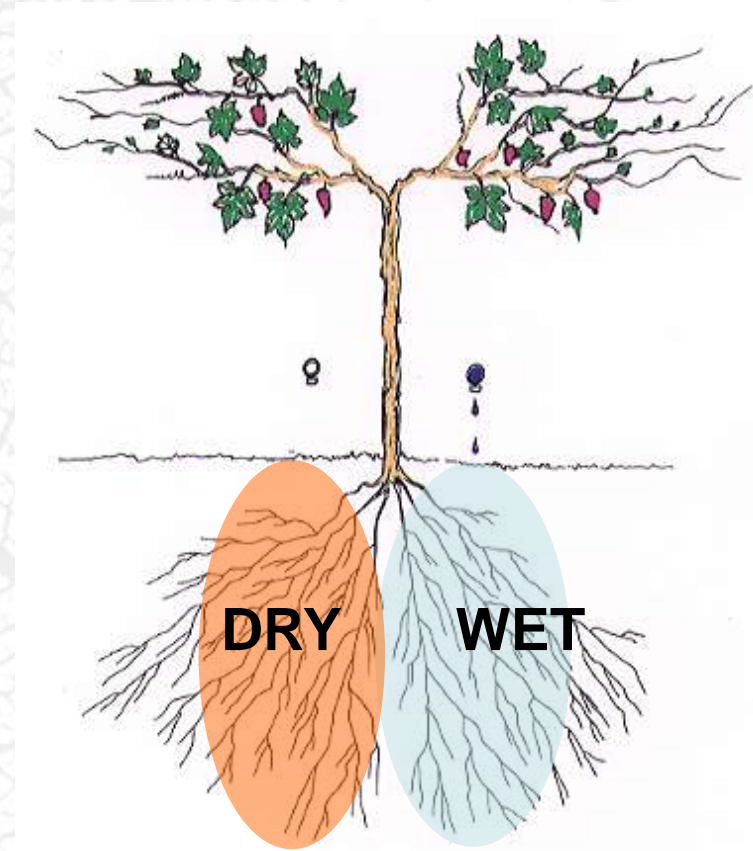
Conventional Furrow Irrigation



Early field data from PRD in grapevine

Dry, Loveys, Botting, During 1996 *Proc. 9th Aust. Wine Ind. Tech. Conf.*, 126-131

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>FULL</i>	<i>PRD</i>	<i>% change</i>
Irrigation (ML / ha)	0.92	0.56	-39%
Fruit weight (kg / vine)	4.73	4.88	+3%
Pruning weight (kg / vine)	4.62	3.47	-25%
Leaf Area (m² / vine)	9.2	5.5	-41%
g_s (mmol m⁻² s⁻¹)	280	150	-29%

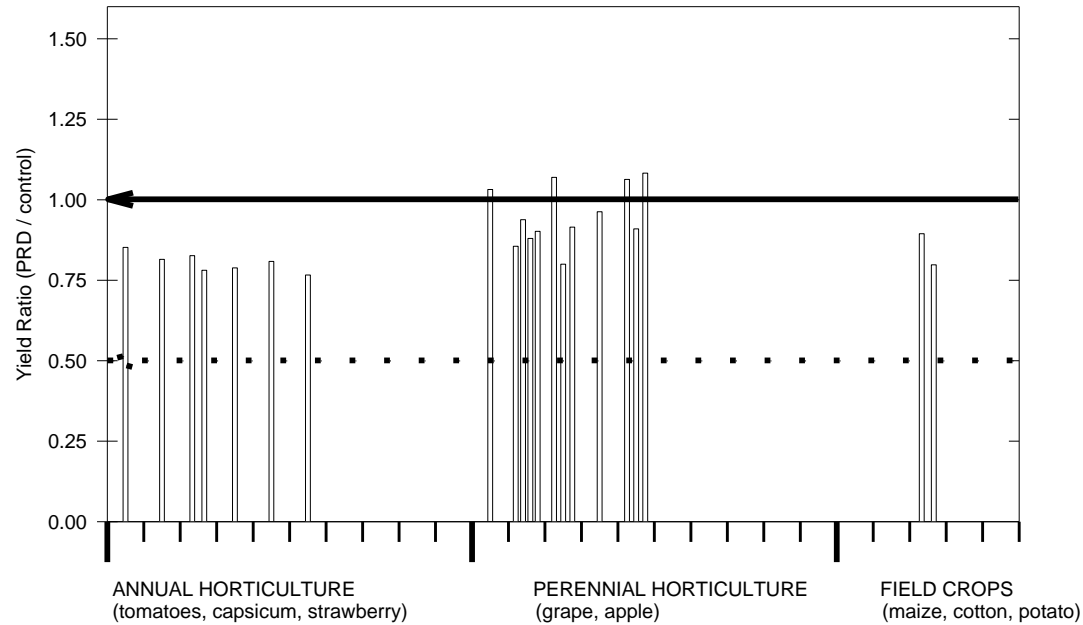
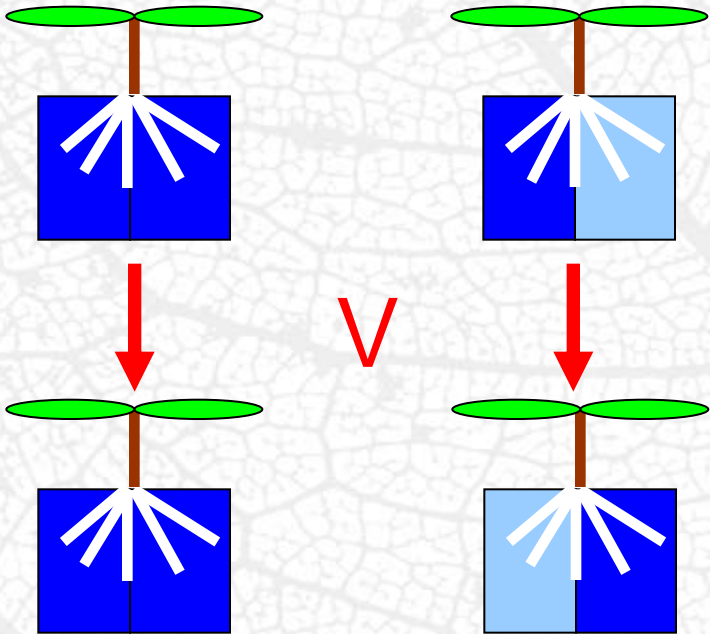


A snapshot of > 200 studies

Yield reductions < 25% despite 50% less irrigation

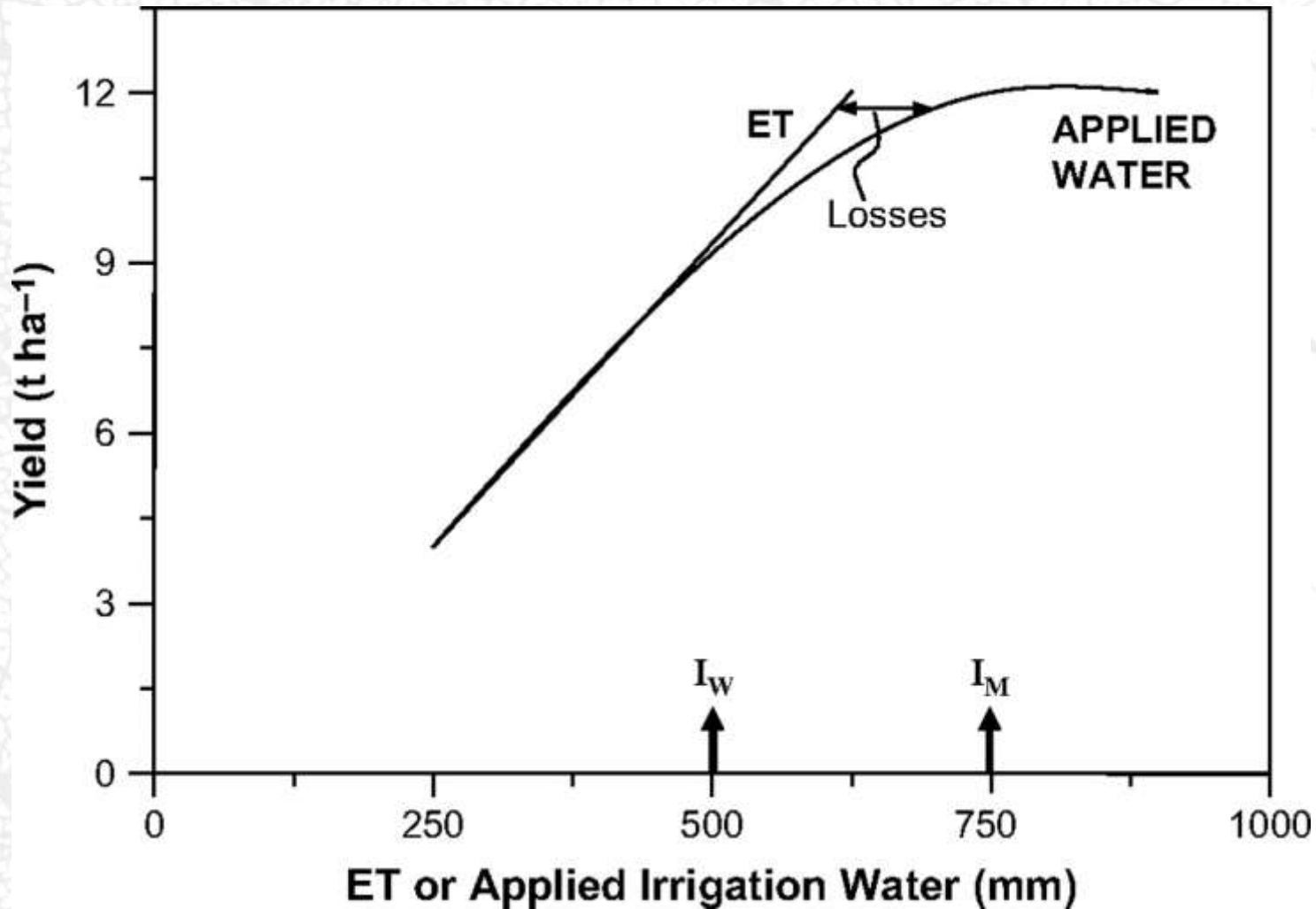
Full irrigation

Alternate PRD



Deficit irrigation to maximise water use efficiency

Fereres and Soriano 2007 *Journal of Experimental Botany* 58, 147-159



Partial rootzone drying (PRD):

delivering water saving with sustained high quality yield into UK horticulture
Defra Open Contract HH3609STX



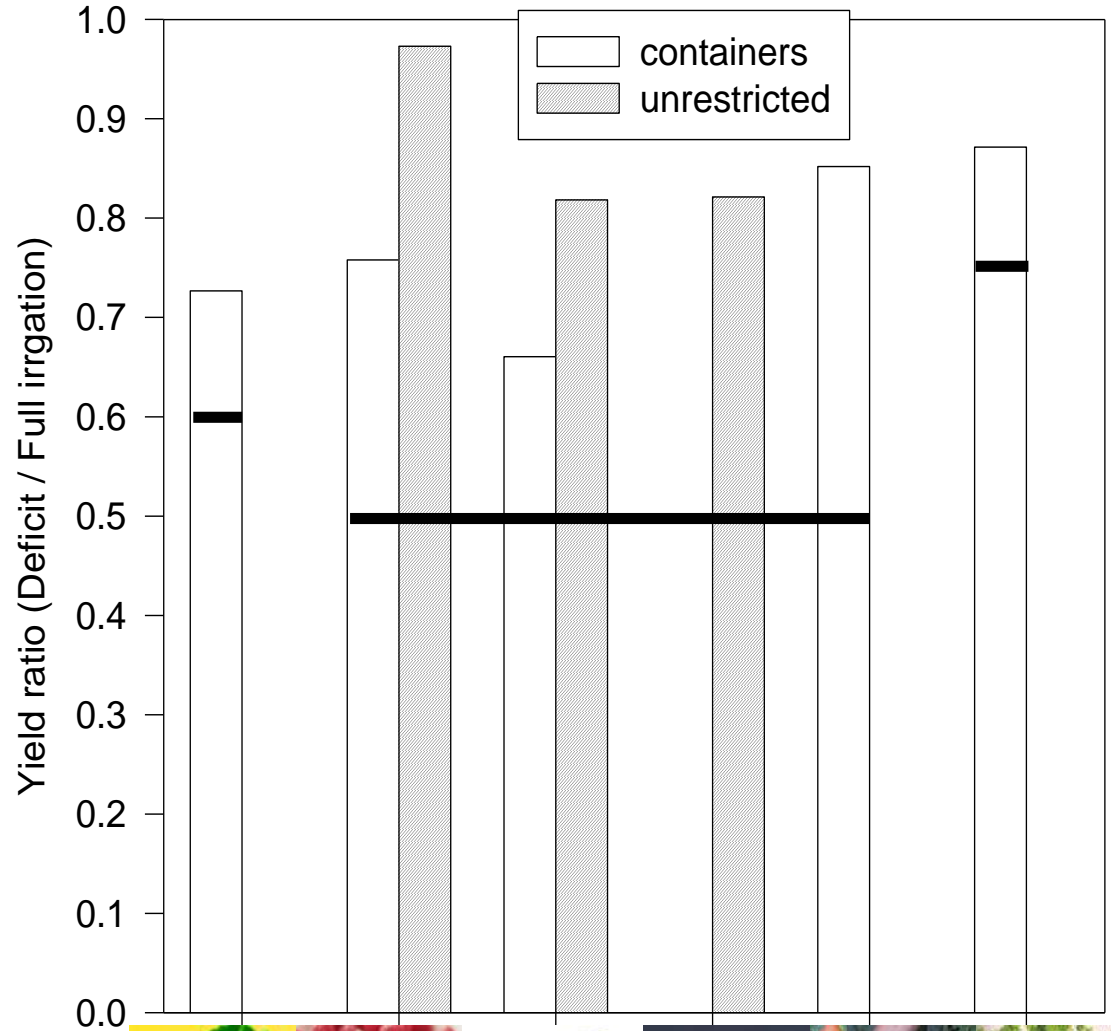
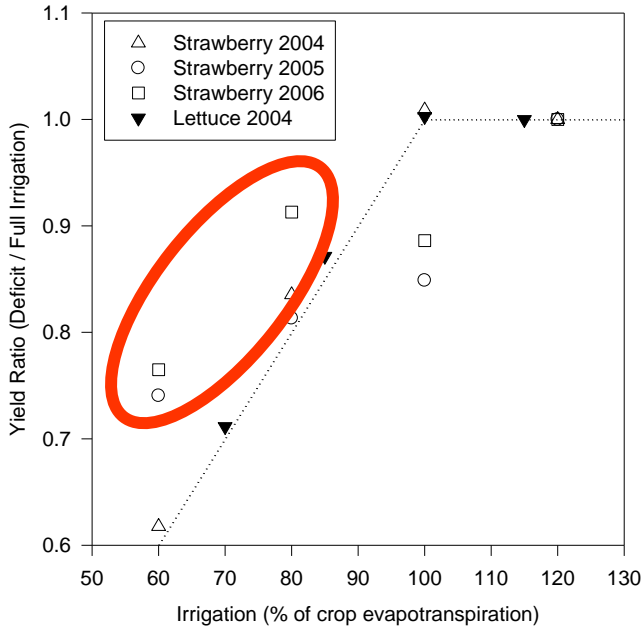
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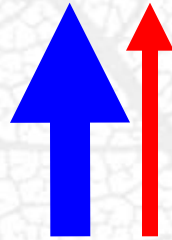
Generally, less water = less yield but not strictly in proportion



Deficit irrigation : manipulating signalling to restrict water use

How to operate partial rootzone drying effectively ?

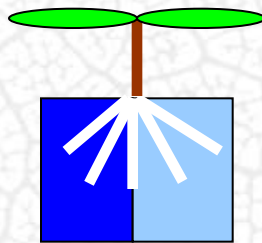
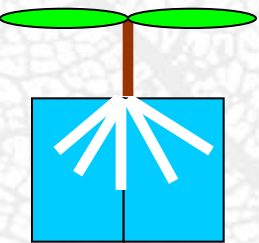
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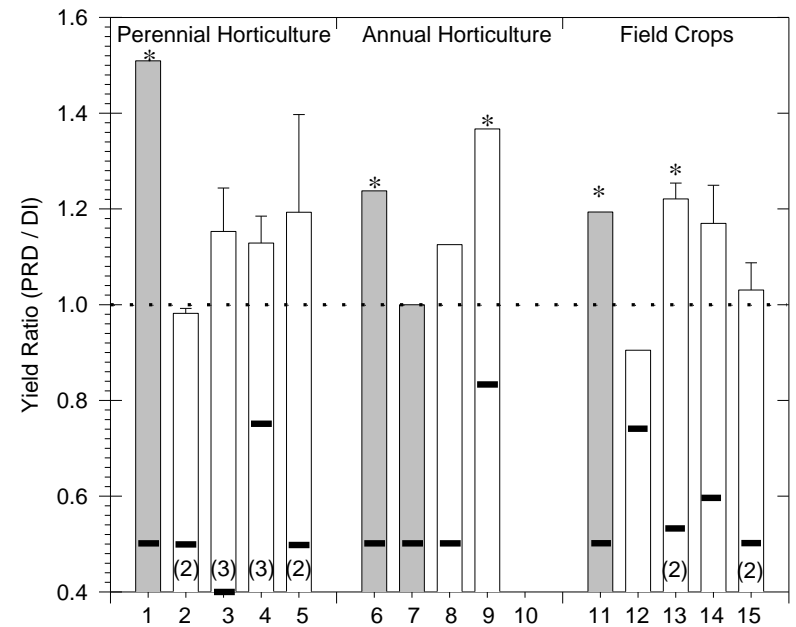
SIGNALS
(eg. ABA)

Deficit irrigation (DI)

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Study (see Figure legend)

Dodd 2009, *J. Exp. Bot.* 60, 2454-2459

PRD decreased xylem ABA concentration compared to DI

Dodd 2007 *Functional Plant Biology* 34, 439-48

	θ_{pot} (g g ⁻¹)		θ_{dry} (g g ⁻¹)		θ_{wet} (g g ⁻¹)		Ψ_{leaf} (MPa)		[X-ABA] (nM)	
DI	0.26	0.01	0.27	0.02	0.27	0.02	-0.70	0.04	350	45
PRD-F	0.27	0.01	0.23	0.02	0.29	0.02	-0.75	0.06	235	24
P Values	0.36		0.33		0.47		0.47		0.04	



How to account for different effects of PRD and DI ?

Transpiration

Leaf water potential

Root water potential

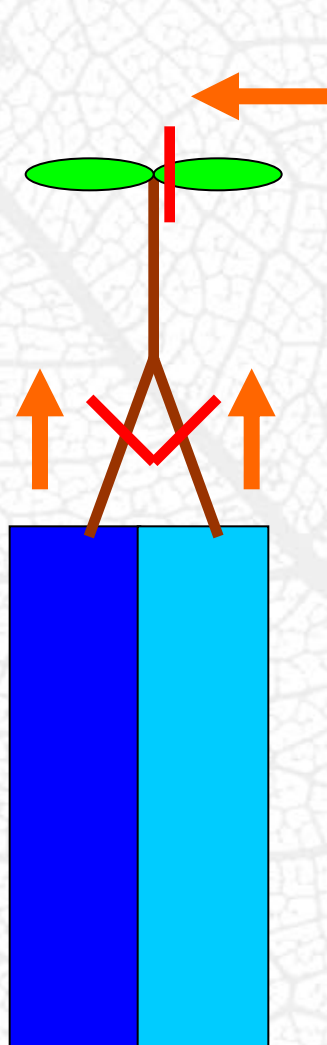
Soil moisture

Total sap flux (J_{total})

Wet (J_{wet}) and dry (J_{dry})
side sap flux

Leaf xylem sap [ABA]

Wet and dry side root
xylem [ABA]



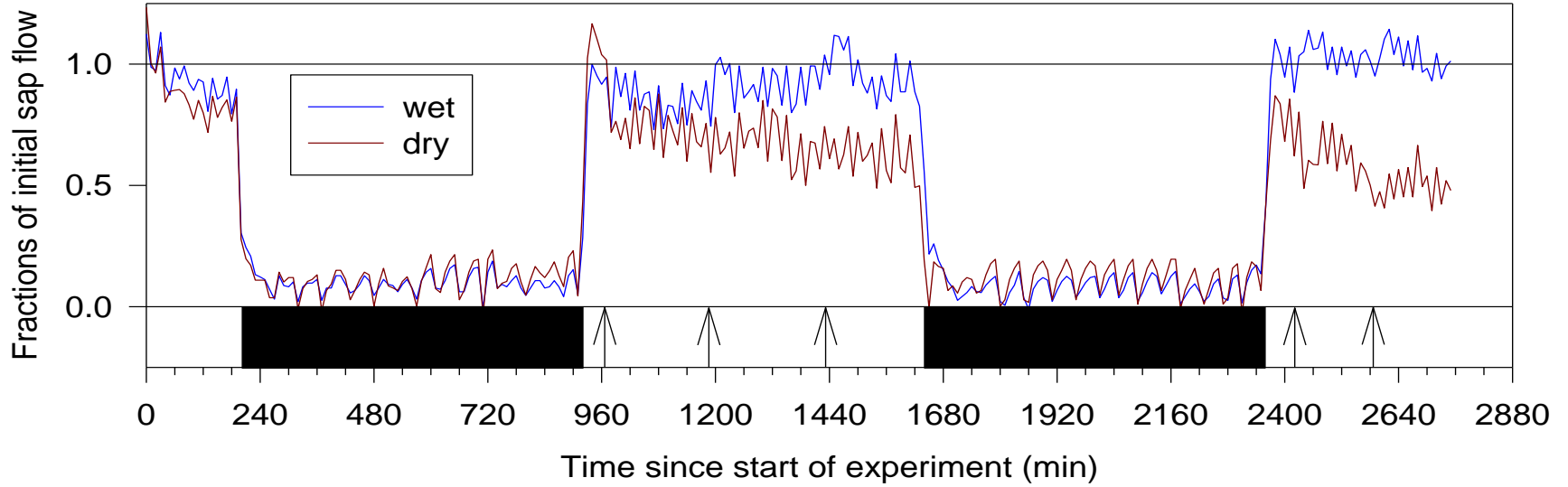
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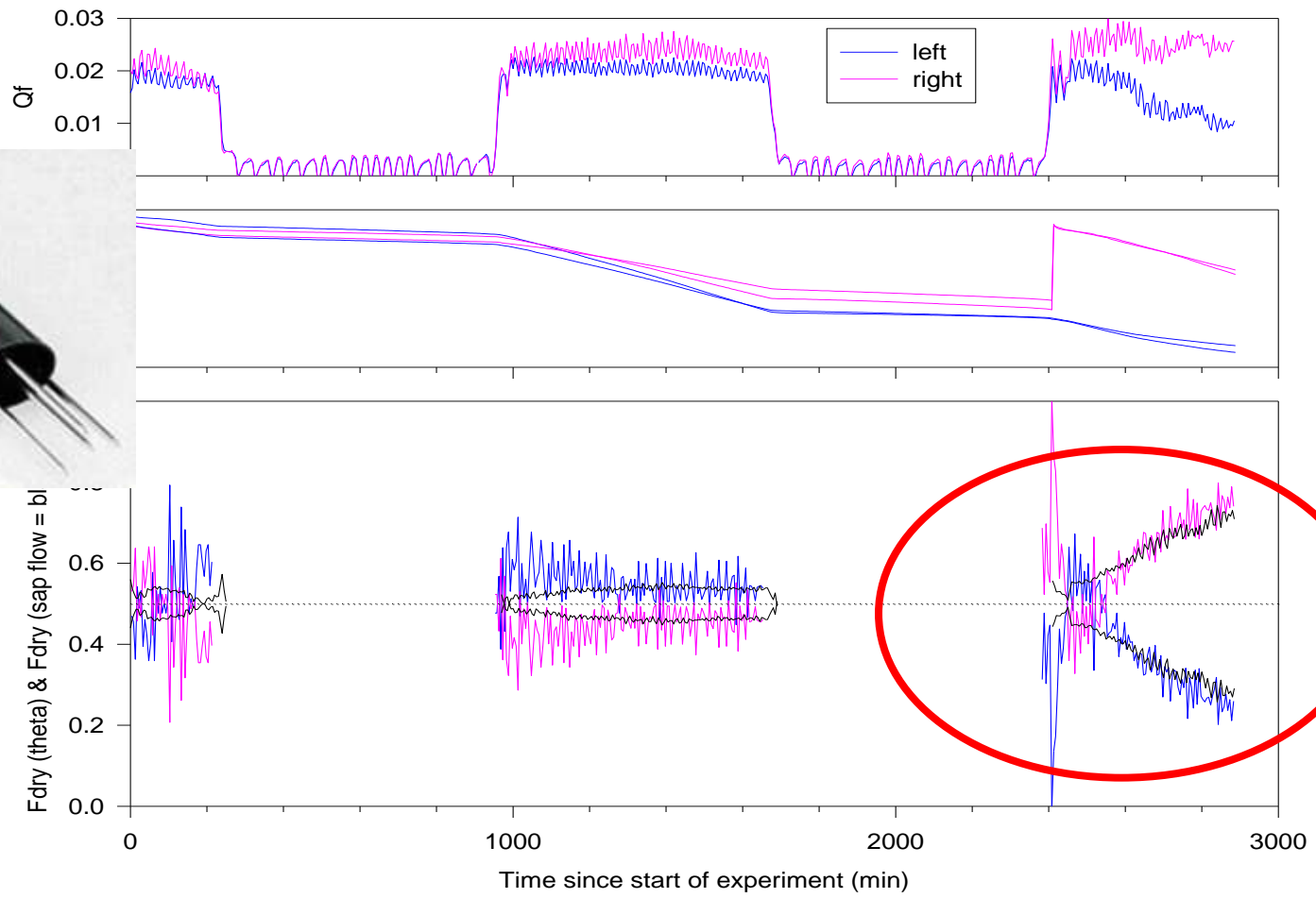
PRD decreases sap flow from roots in drying soil

Dodd et al. 2008a
Plant, Cell and Environment 31, 1263-74



Similar fractions : soil water depletion & sap flow

Dodd, Egea, Davies 2009 *Acta Horticulturae* in press



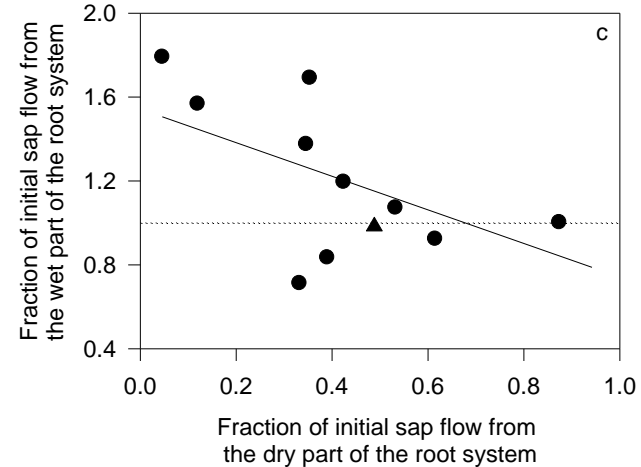
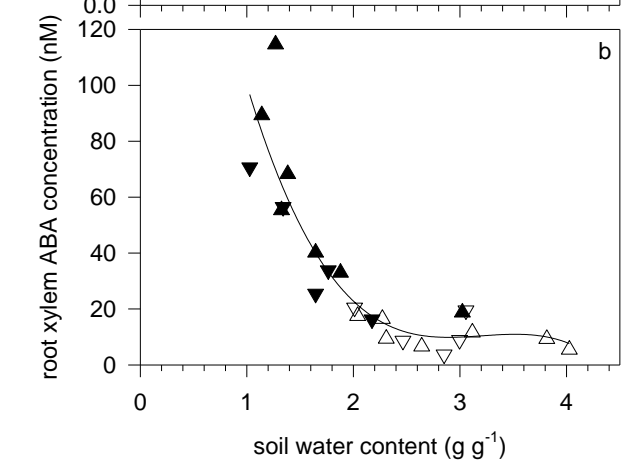
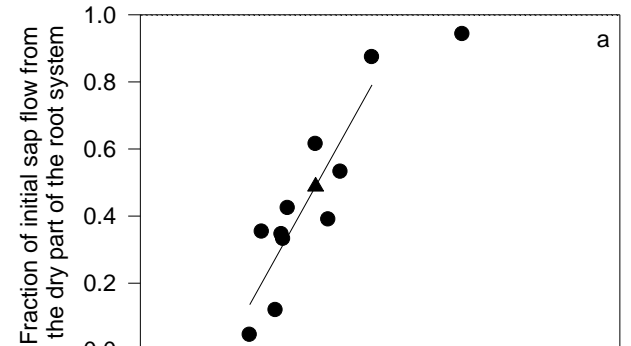
PRD decreases sap
flow from roots
in drying soil

AND

Root xylem ABA
concentration increases

BUT

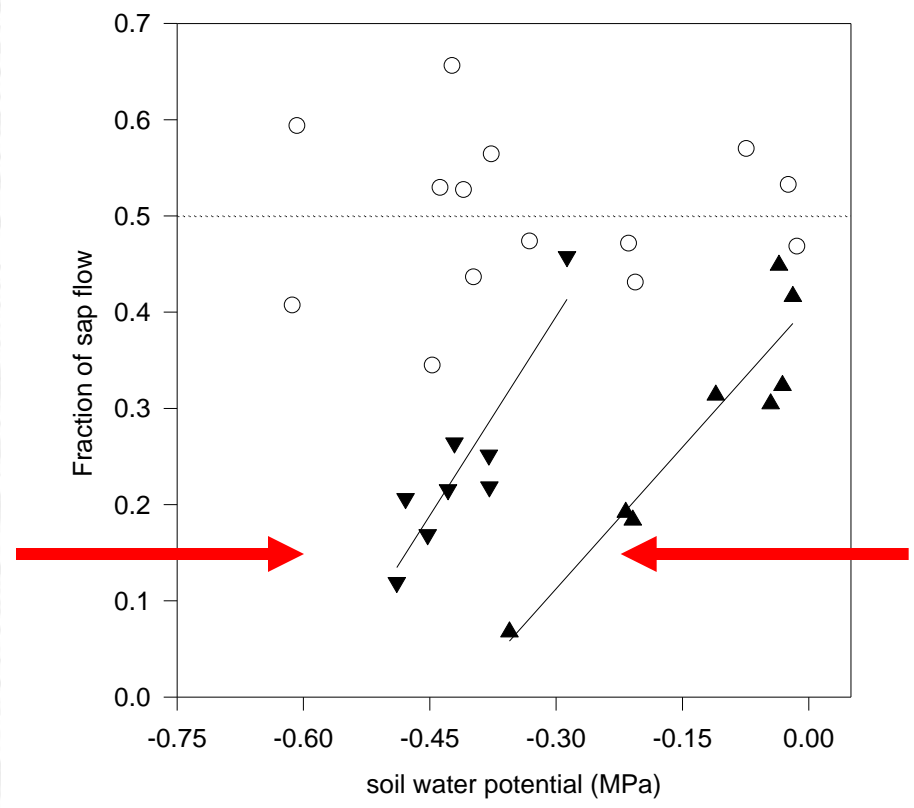
Compensatory water
uptake from
irrigated roots



Variation in the sap flow ν soil water status relationship I.

Soil water status of the wet side

Dodd et al 2008b *Journal of Experimental Botany* 59, 4083-93

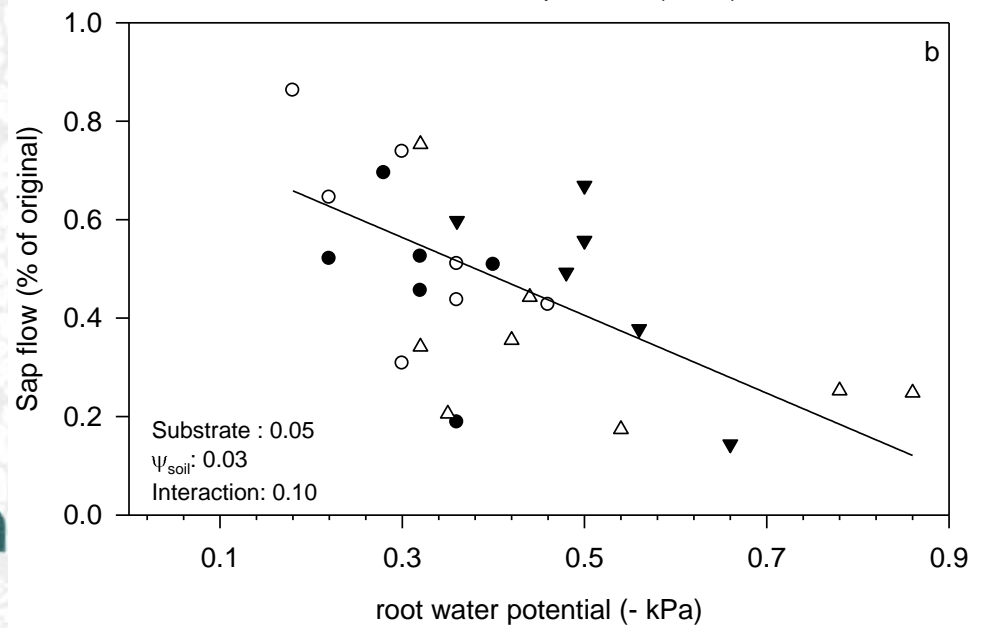
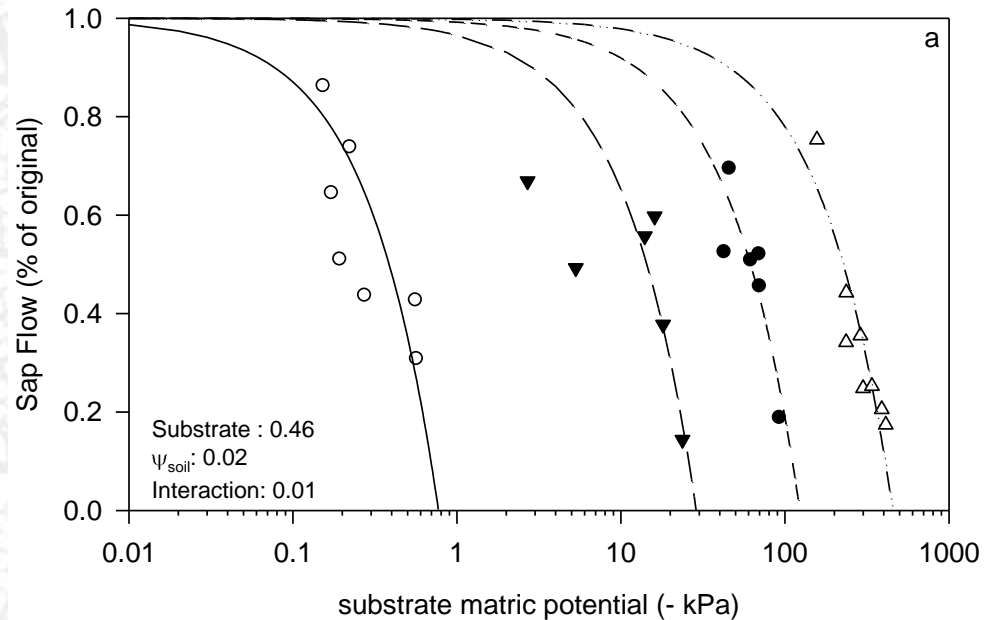


$\Psi_{\text{wet}} =$
-0.09 MPa

$\Psi_{\text{wet}} =$
-0.01 MPa

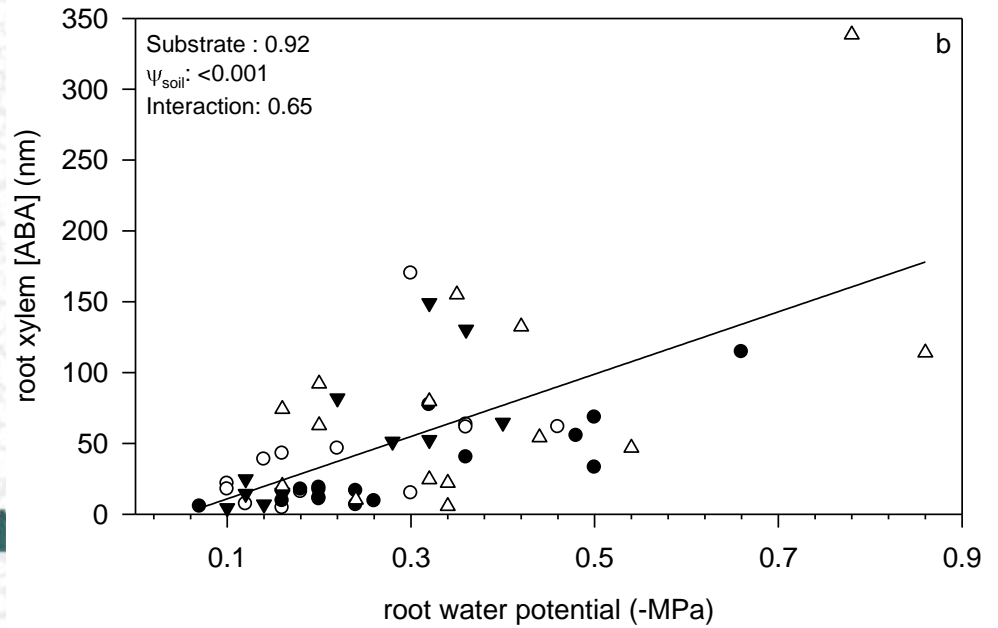
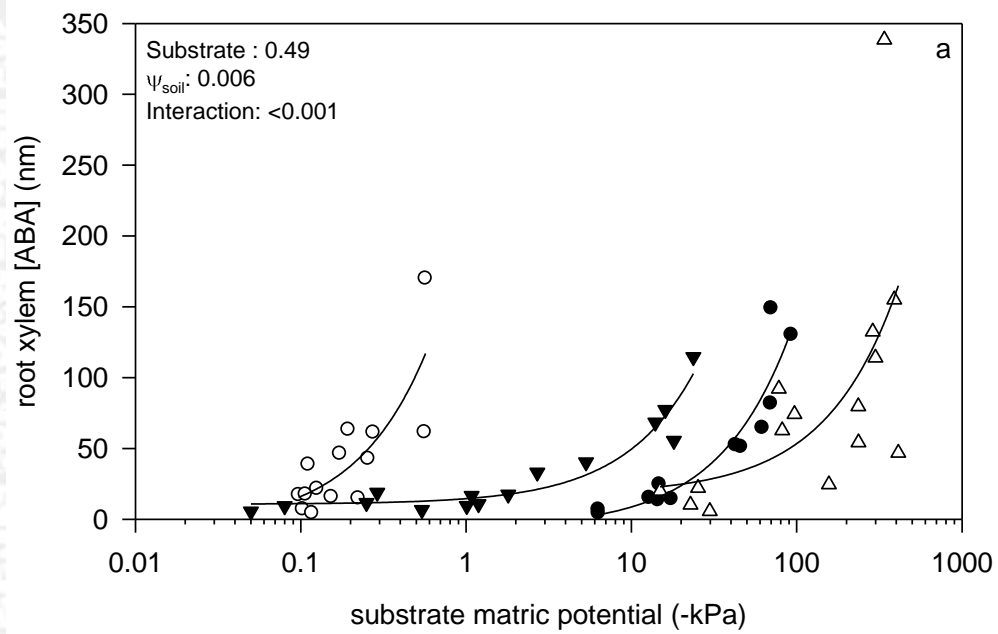
Variation in the sap flow ν soil water status relationship II.

Substrate effects ? Dodd et al *Journal of Experimental Botany* submitted



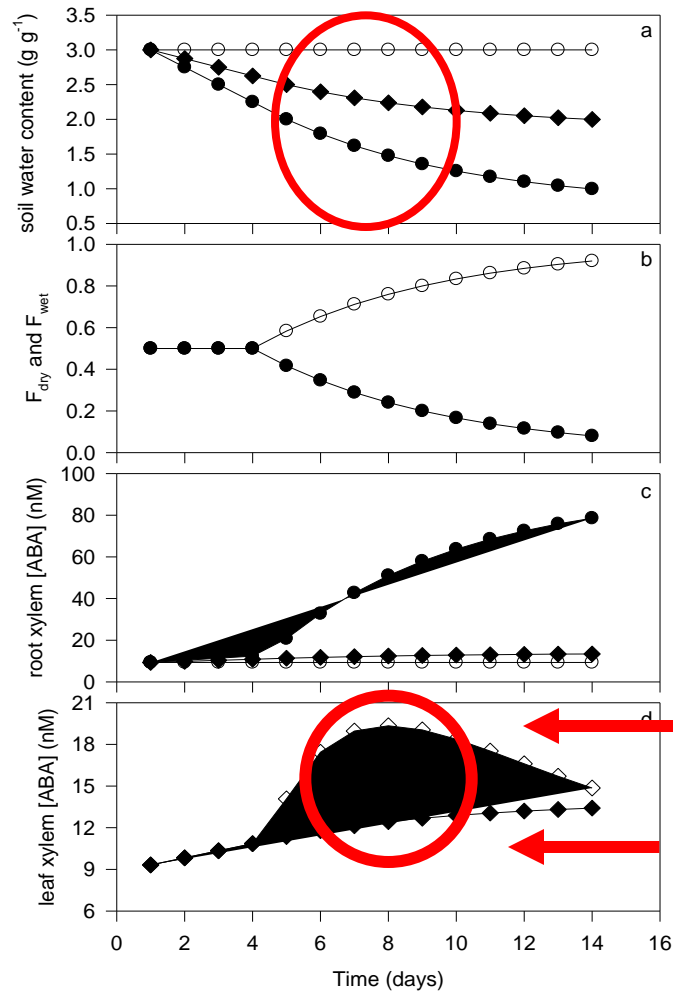
Variation in the [ABA] versus soil water status relationship

Substrate effects Dodd et al. *Journal of Experimental Botany* submitted



Modelling leaf xylem [ABA] during DI and PRD

Dodd et al. 2008 *Plant, Cell and Environment* 31, 1263-74



← WET
 ← DI
 ← DRY
 ← WET
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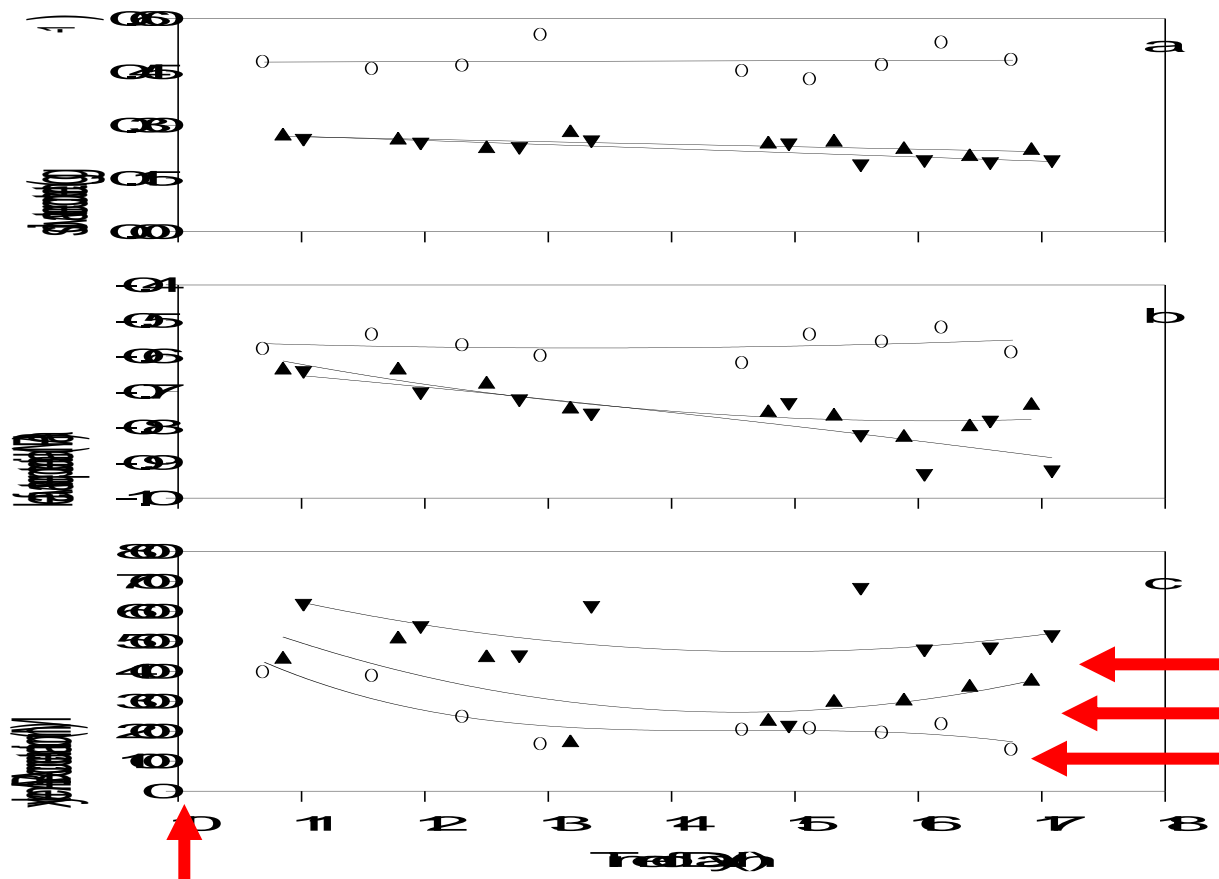
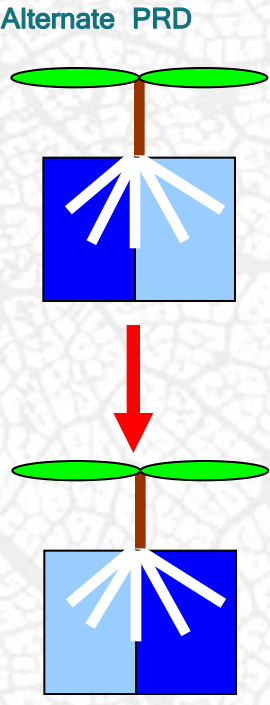
PRD where $[X-ABA] = X_{dry} F_{dry} + X_{wet} F_{wet}$

DI where $[X-ABA] = \text{mean of two sides}$

Staying in the "PRD signalling zone" I.

Alternation of wet and dry sides increases root export of ABA

Dodd et al. 2006 *Functional Plant Biology* 33, 1081-89



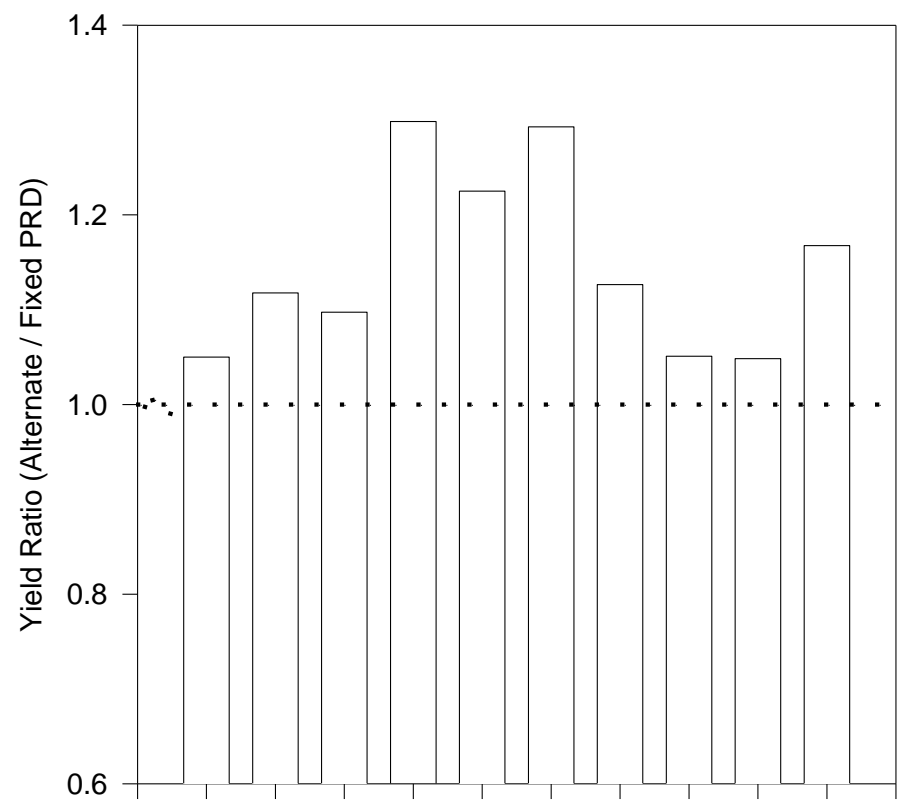
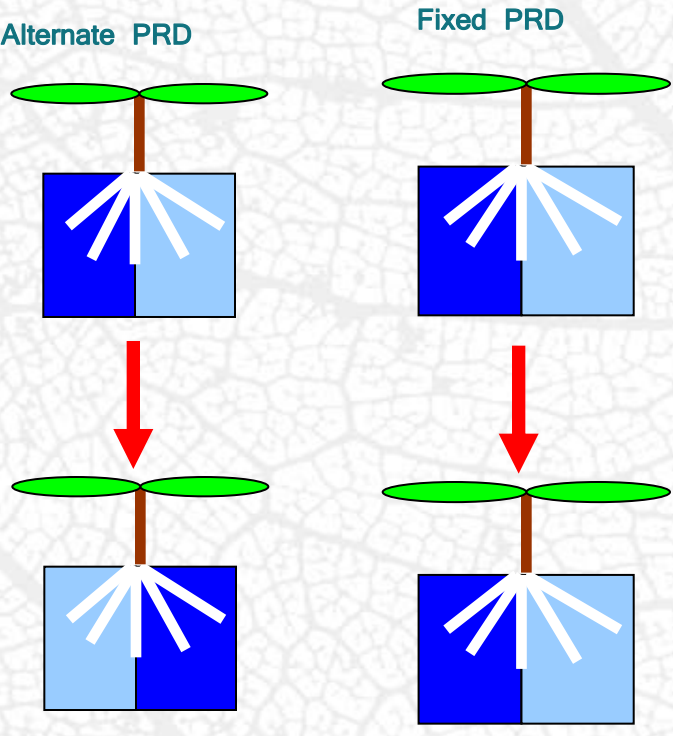
Same θ

Same Ψ

Different [ABA]

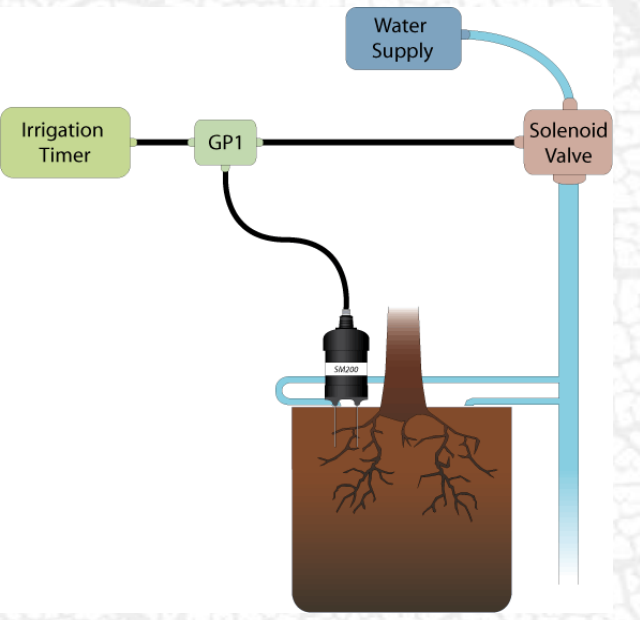
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- PRD-F
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Meta-analysis of fixed v alternate PRD

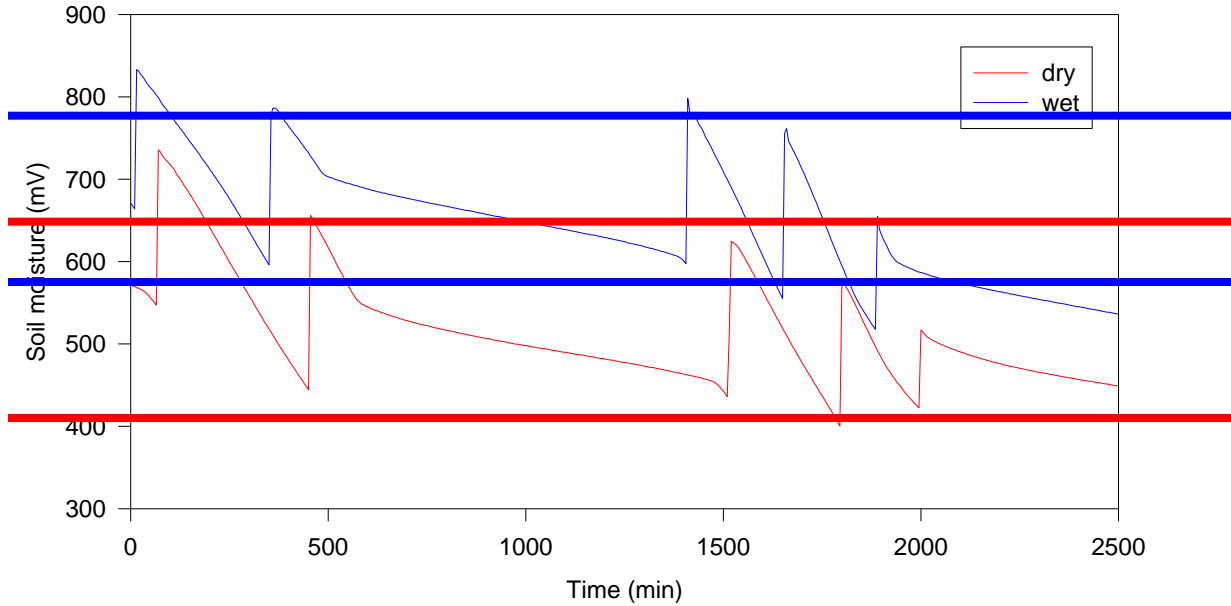


Staying in the “PRD signalling zone” II.

Maintain soil moisture levels at optimum for signalling



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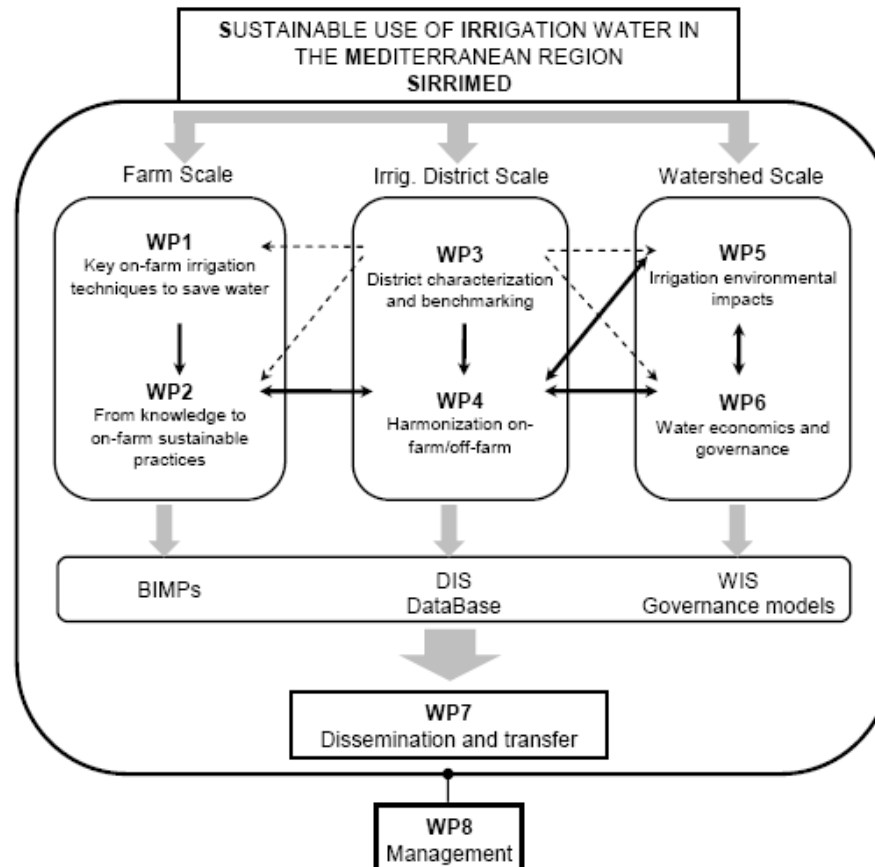
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Graphical presentation of the components showing their interdependencies



Precise Irrigation
Scheduling

Physiology under
Deficit Irrigation

WP 1 within SIRRIMED



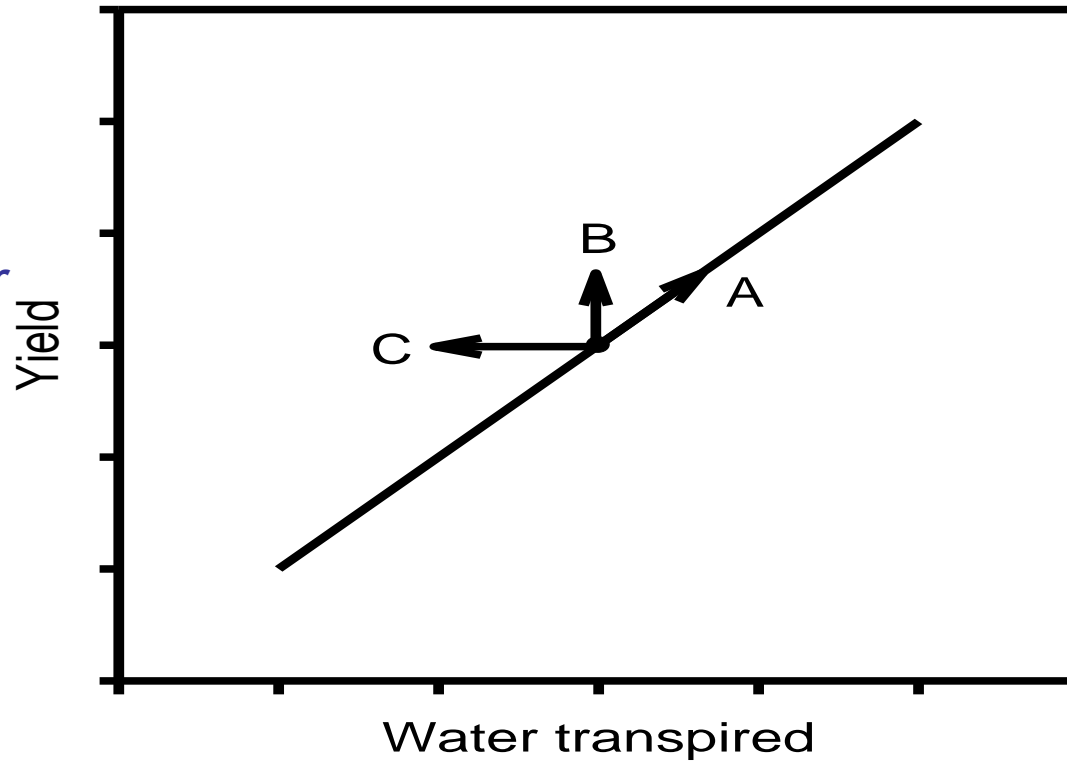
Using Poor
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Greenhouse
Water Saving



Agronomic means to improve crop yield (after Passioura 1977)

Increase Harvest Index



Increase water use efficiency

Use more water



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