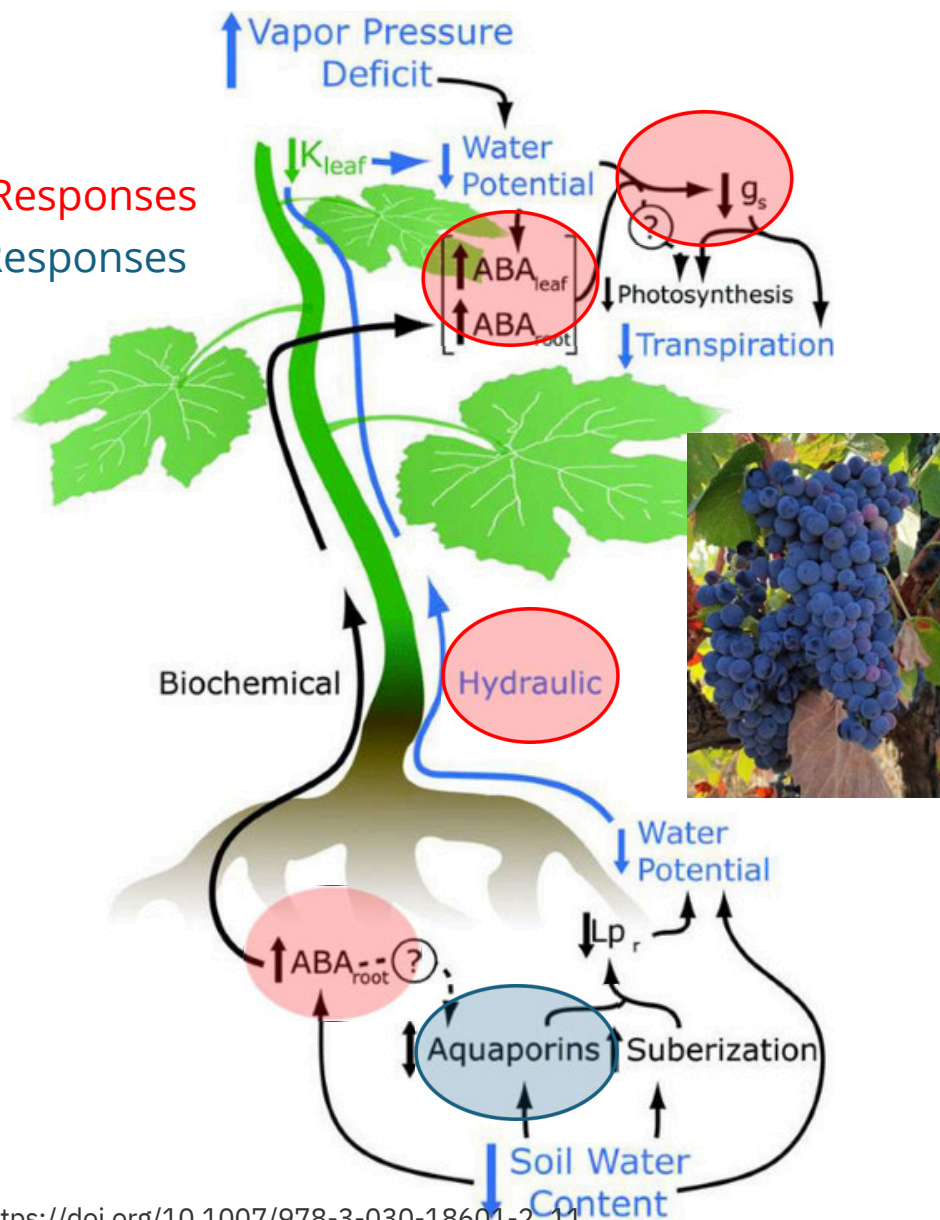


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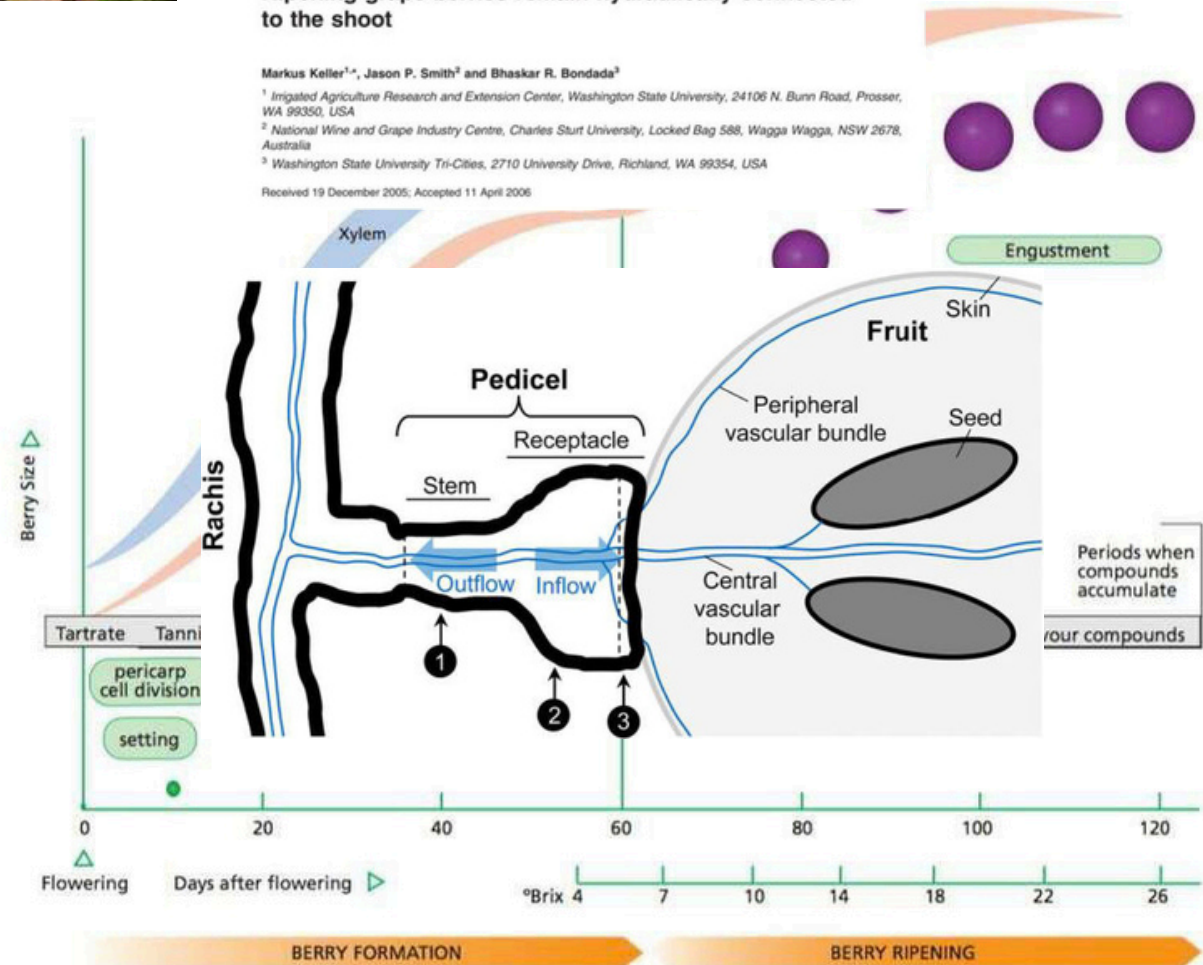
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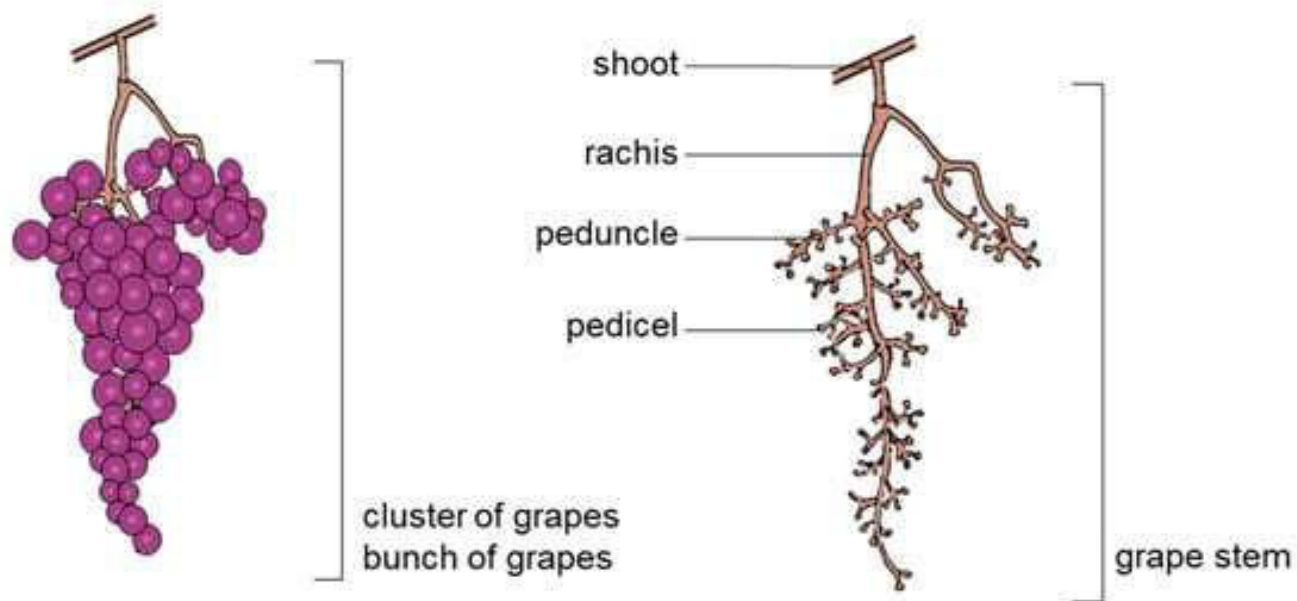
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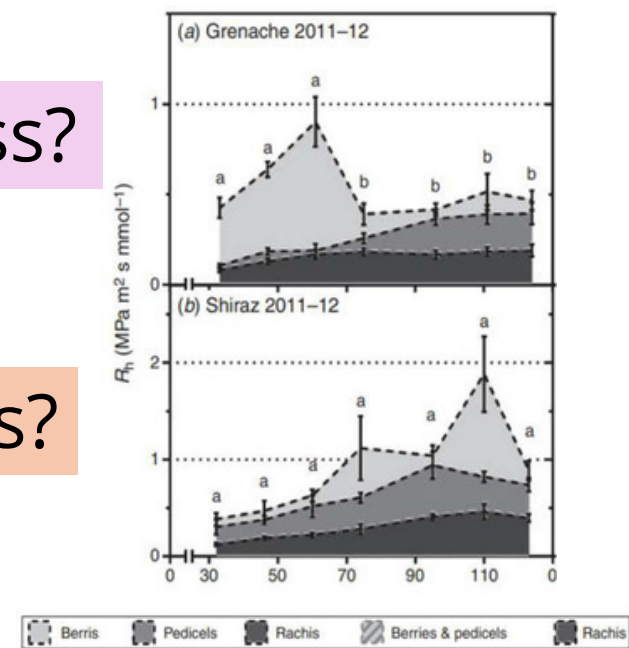
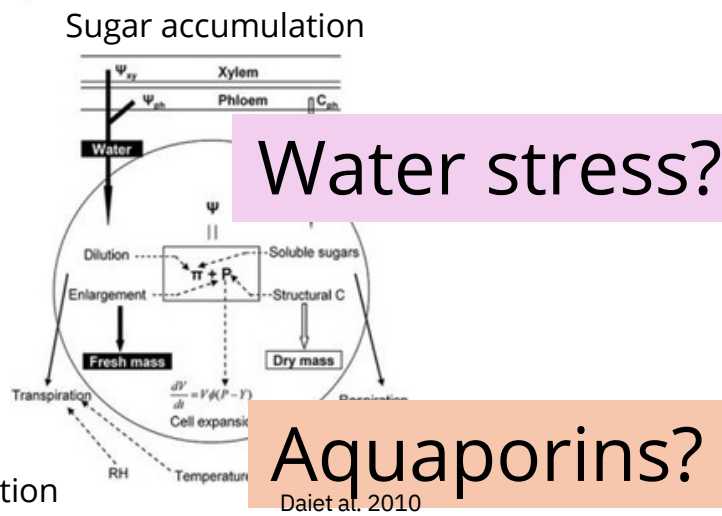
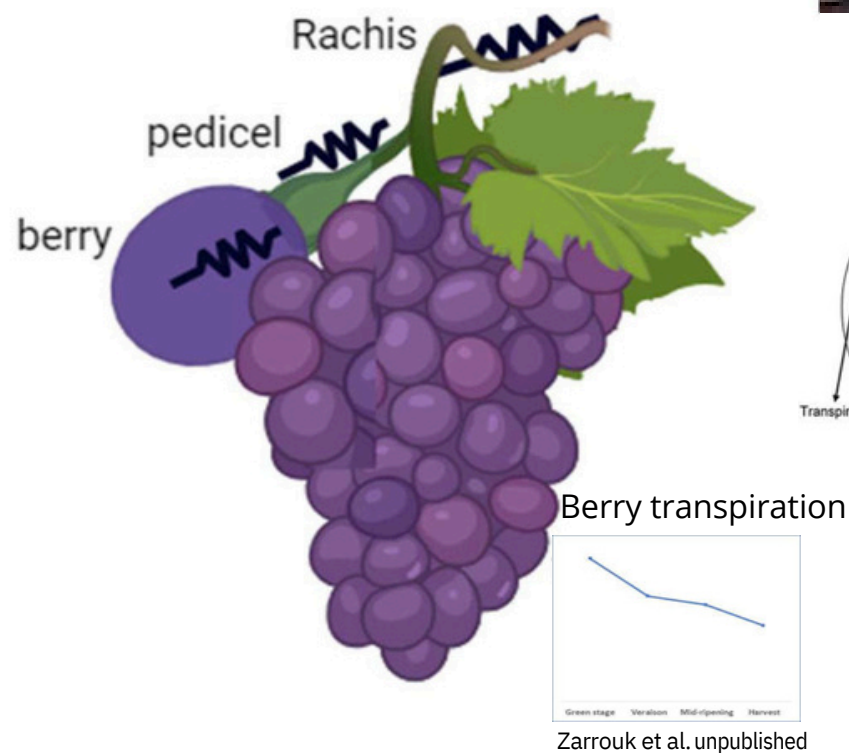
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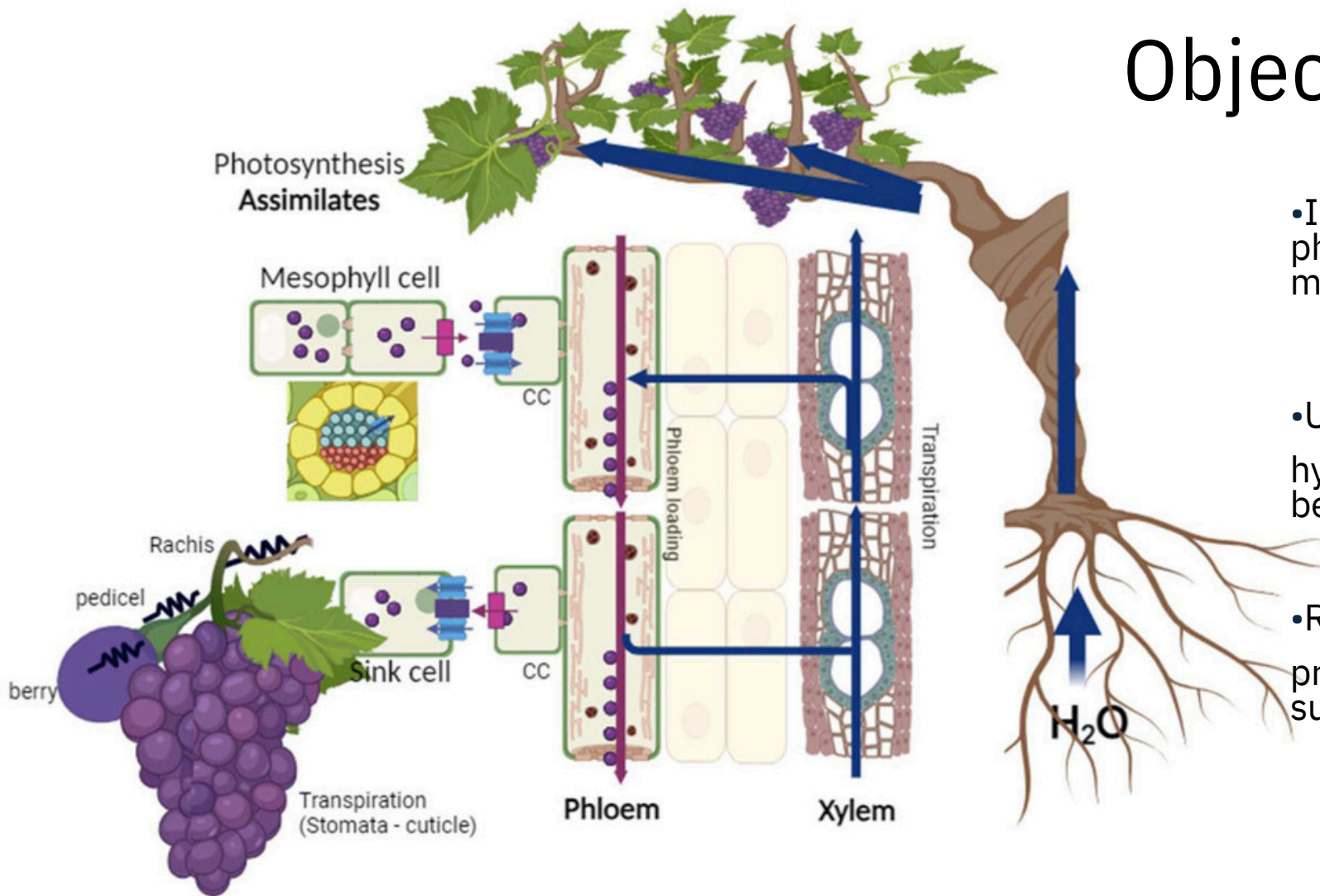


Resistors in the grape cluster



Scharwiesand Tyerman, 2016

Objectives



- Impact of vine water status and phenological stage on water movement in berry clusters
- Understand if water stress hydraulic response is coordinated between leaf and berry cluster
- Role of aquaporins in these processes and interaction with sugar pathway

Experimental set up

≠ Irrigation
Management
For 5 years

Full irrigation
(FI)
90-100% ETC

Deficit
irrigation (DI)
50% FI

No irrigation
(NI)
Rain-fed



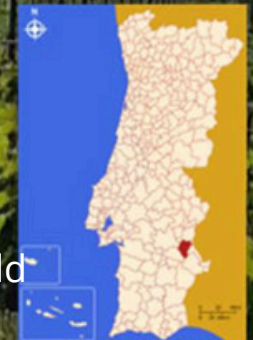
Touriga
Nacional/P1103



Syrah/P110
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Hot and dry
summers and mild
rainy winters



Procedures



Field

measurements



Hydraulic

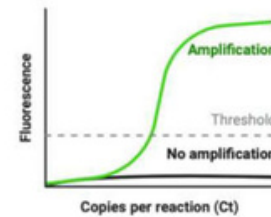
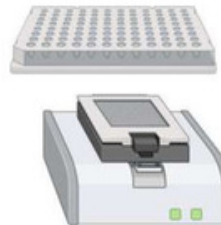
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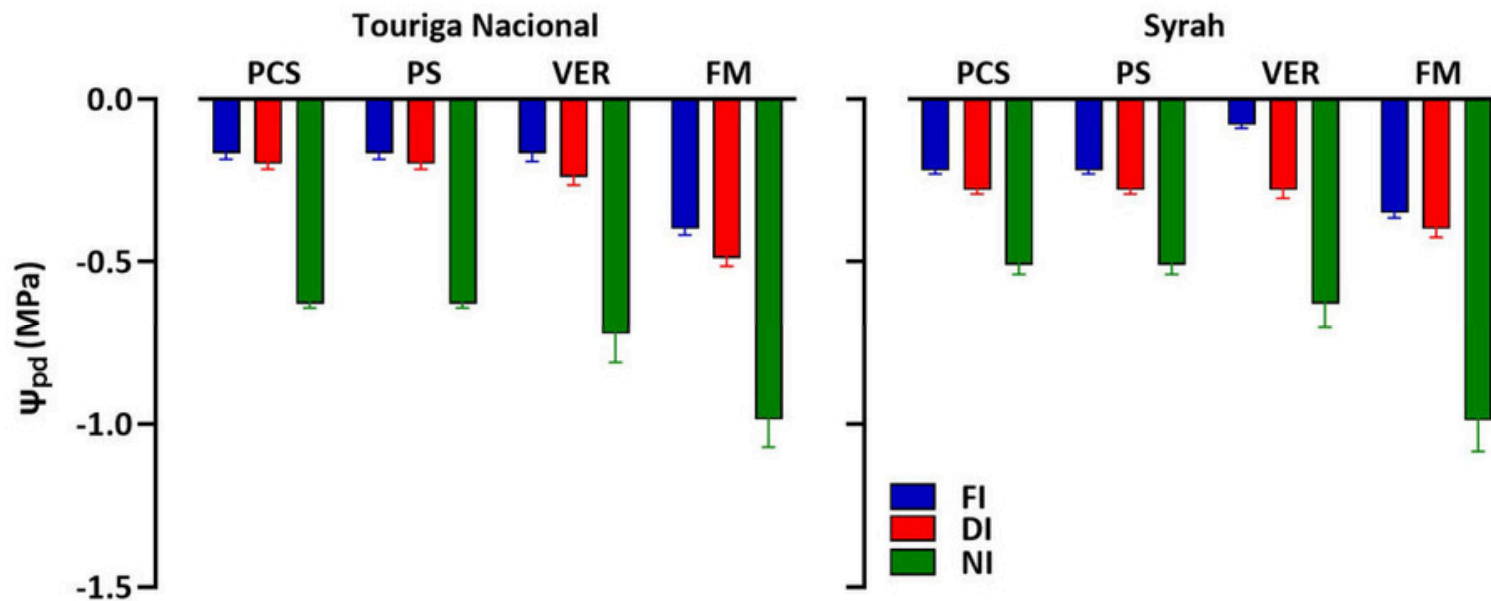
Aquaporins and sugar transporters gene expressions

PIP1s
PIP2s
TIP1s
TIP2s
SWEETs
GIN1
HTs
TMTs

RT-qPCR



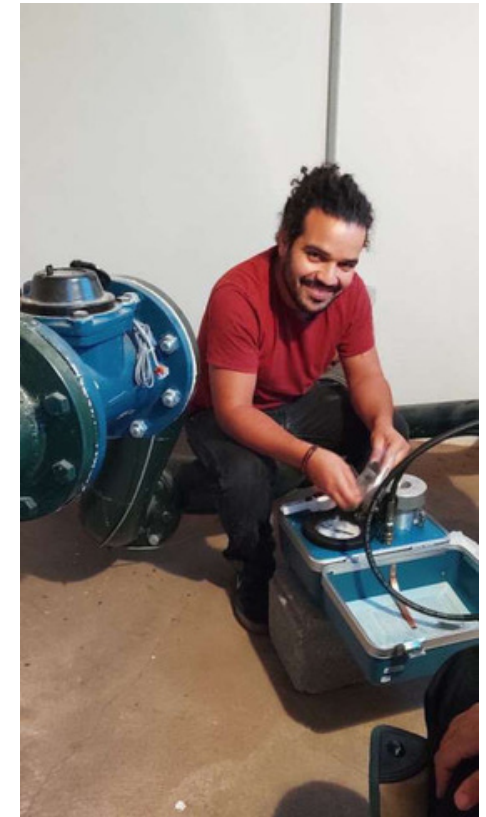
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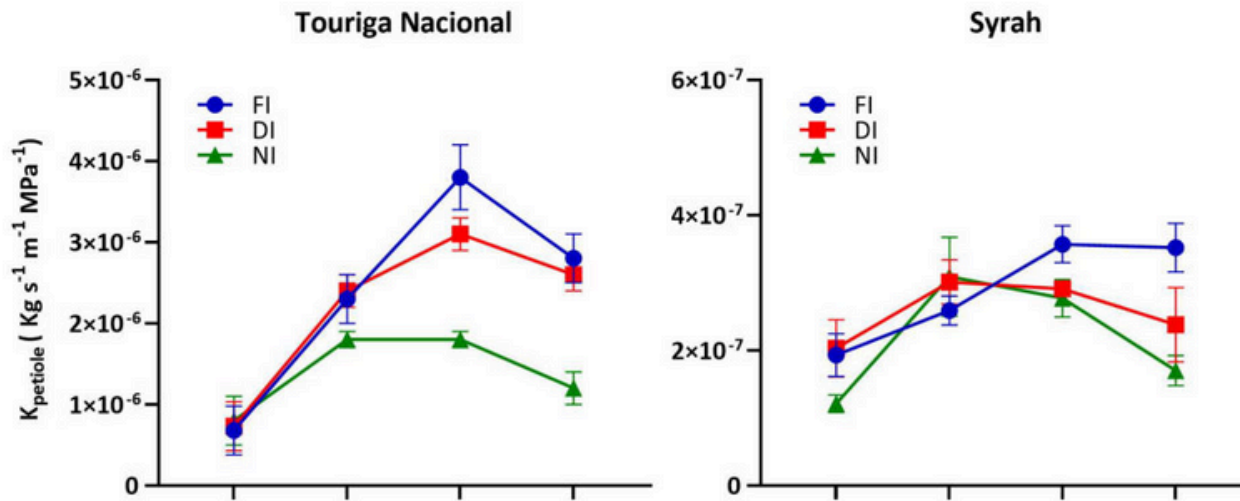
FI $\approx$ DI

NI $\neq$ all

$\Psi_{pd} \text{ Syrah} > \Psi_{pd} \text{ Touriga Nacional}$

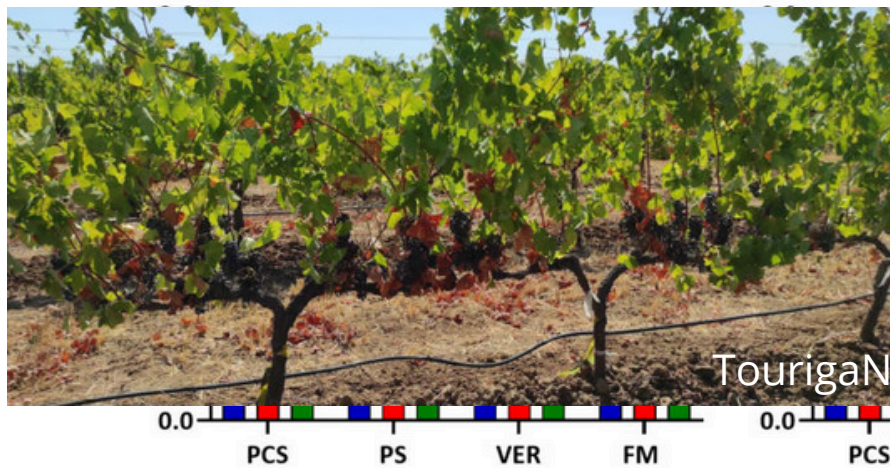


Leaf Hydraulics



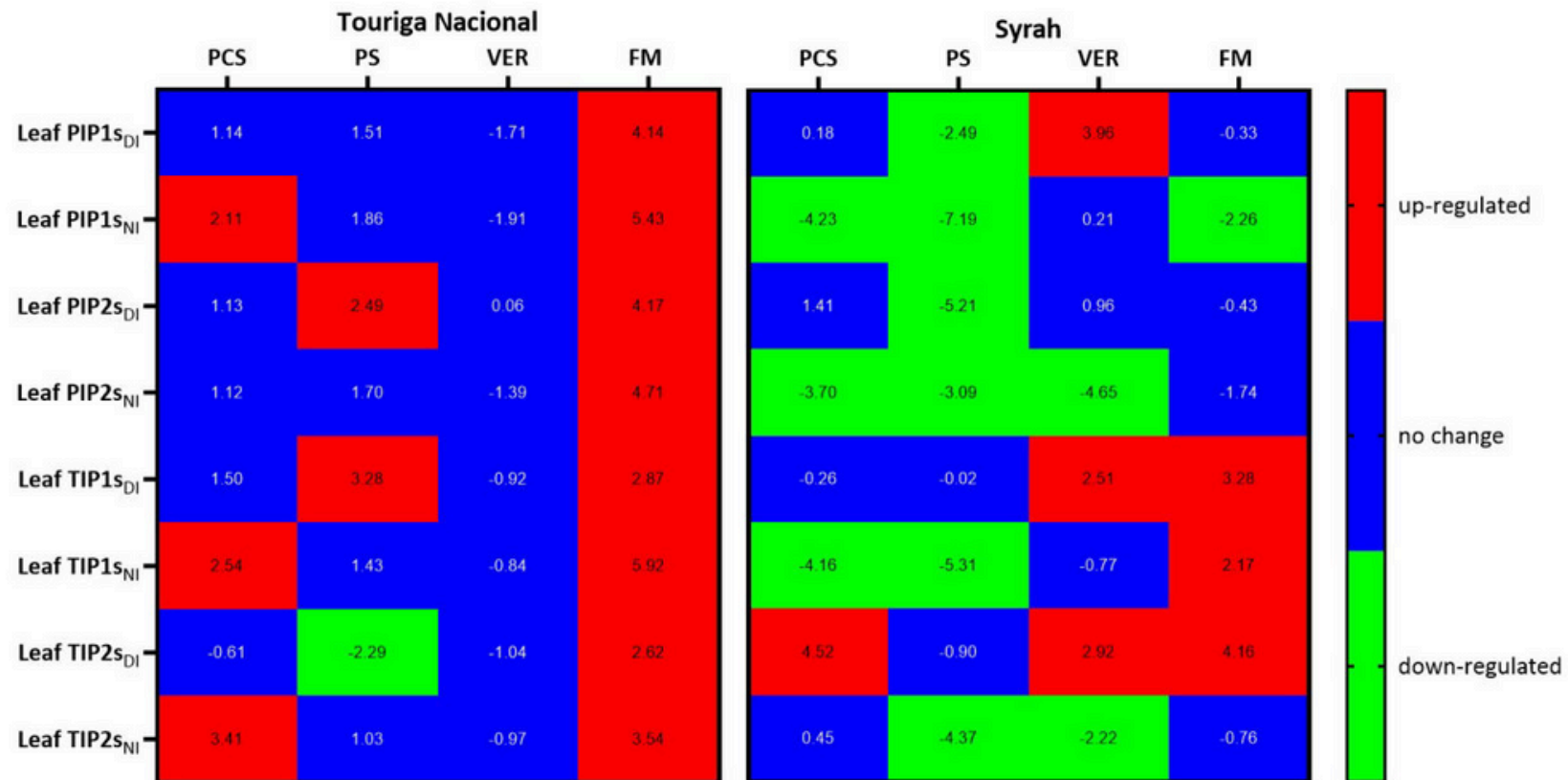
Different hydraulic strategies

Hydraulic conductivity
 FI ≈ DI
 NI ≠ all
 Stomatal conductance
 all ≠



Heat stress incidence > Syrah

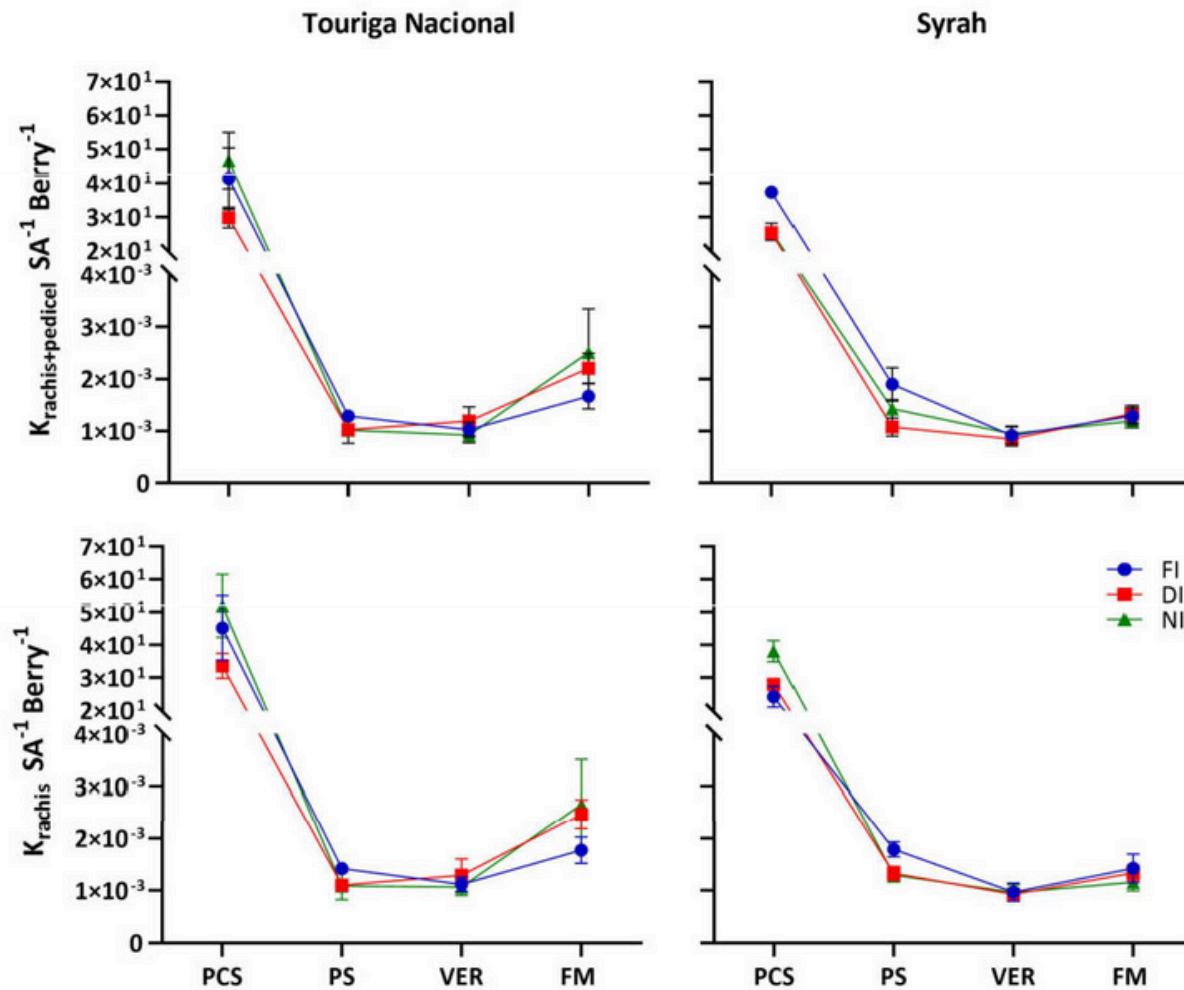
Leaf aquaporins



TourigaNacional $\neq$ Syrah

Down-regulation of AQP in Syrah but not in Touriga Nacional

Cluster Hydraulics

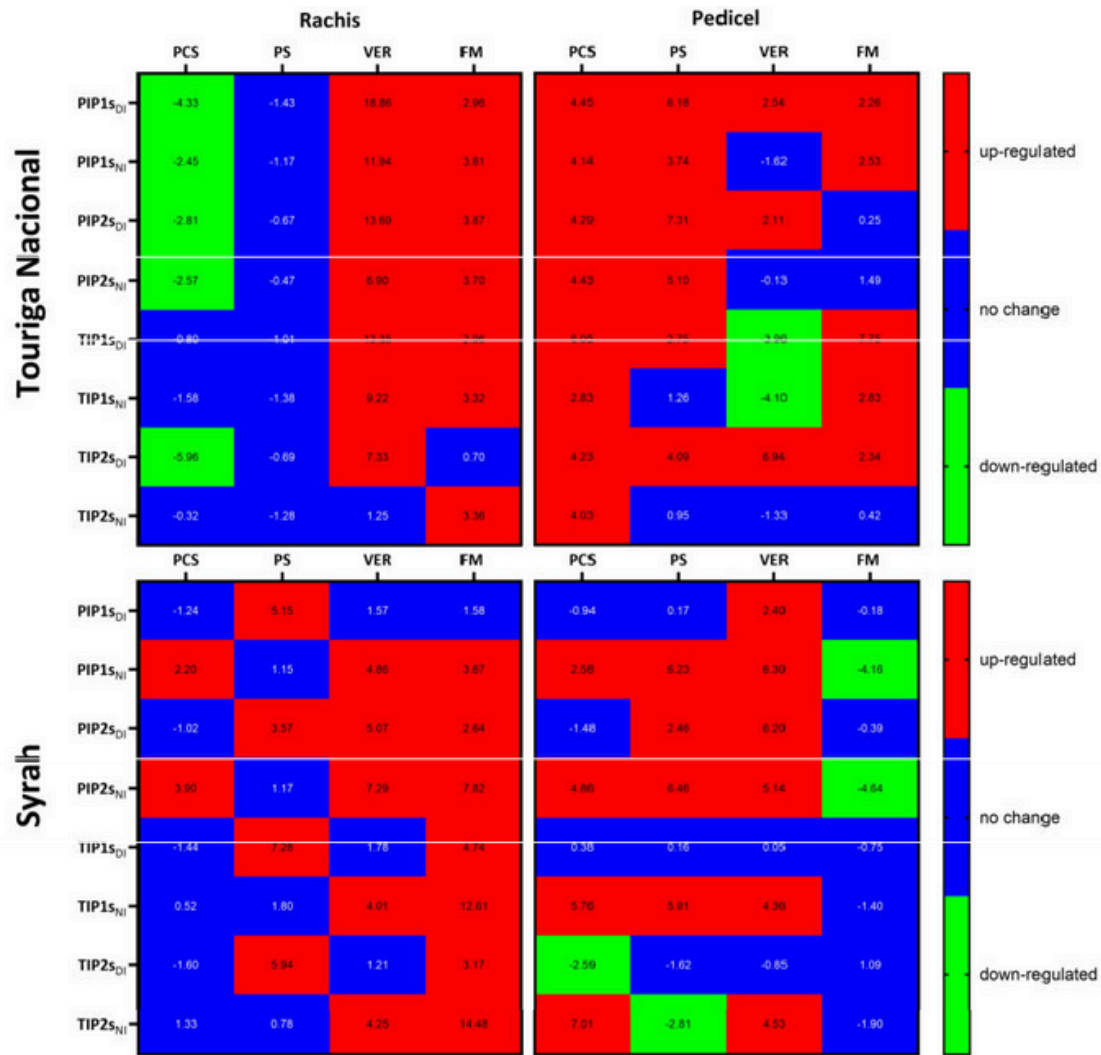


BERRY GROWTH PROGRAM
CONSERVED MECHANISM

Sharp decrease of K after PCS

K increase after veraison □ less in Syrah

Berrycluster aquaporins



Touriga Nacional
Up-regulation at VER and FM in rachis and pedicel

Syrah
Up-regulation at VER in rachis and pedicel and only in Rachis at FM



Take home messages

- Cluster hydraulic conductivity is conserved vs. leaves and peaks before the lag phase.
- Touriga Nacional shows higher xylem demand and aquaporin upregulation at cluster level $\square$ cultivar-specific response.
- Syrah shows limited aquaporin regulation $\square$ different multistress strategy response.
- Aquaporins are key in cluster water homeostasis.
- Genotypic plasticity impacts water use $\square$ irrigation should be tailored to cultivar needs to match its phenology-dependent water demands.



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