



Comparing YieldSAFE and CABALA, two process-based models with contrasting parameter requirements

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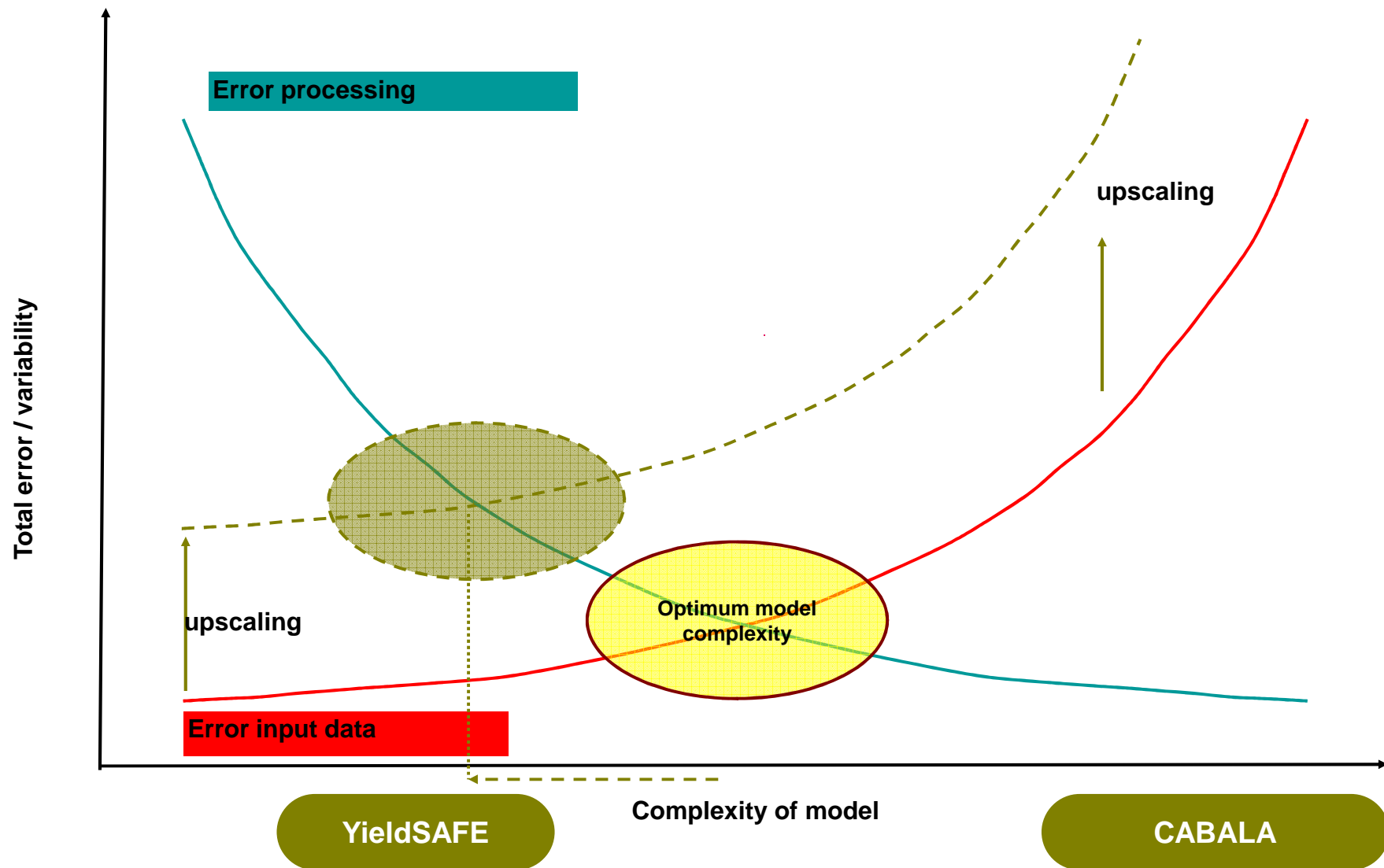
CABALA vs YieldSAFE

	CABALA	YieldSAFE
Parameters (and initial conditions)	102	11 (tree) + 13 (crop)
State variables	37 (+6)	22
Simulation time (10 years) (CPU @ 2.4 GHz)	26 sec	2 sec
Implementation	VB.net	MSExcel
reference	Battaglia et al 2004, For Ecol Man 193, 251-282	Van der Werf et al 2007, Ecol Eng 29 (4) 419-433



CABALA vs YieldSAFE

A **GOOD** model can only give **GOOD** results if **GOOD** input data is supplied





YieldSAFE : usage of available data

US 12 classes parameters for Mualem van Genuchten function

Schaap, M. G. and F. J. Leij (1998). "Database-related accuracy and uncertainty of pedotransfer functions." *Soil Science* 163(10): 765-779. [Cited 109 times](#)

EU – FAO 5 classes parameters for Mualem van Genuchten function

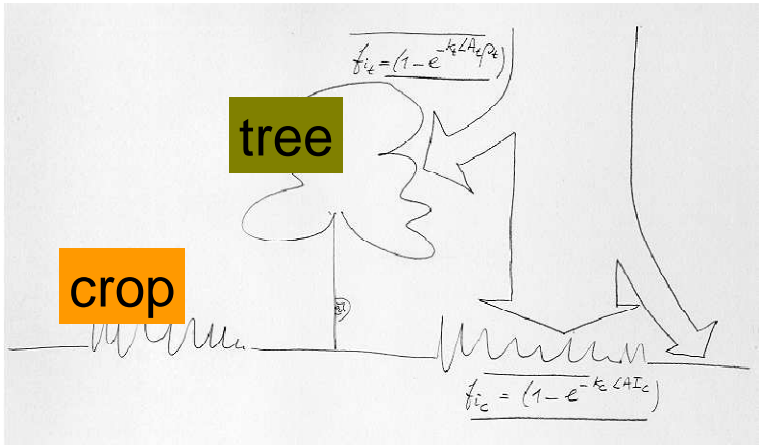
Wösten, J., A. Lilly, et al. (1999). "Development and use of a database of hydraulic properties of European soils." *Geoderma* 90: 169-185. [Cited 153 times](#)

Potential Yield is usually available in national databases

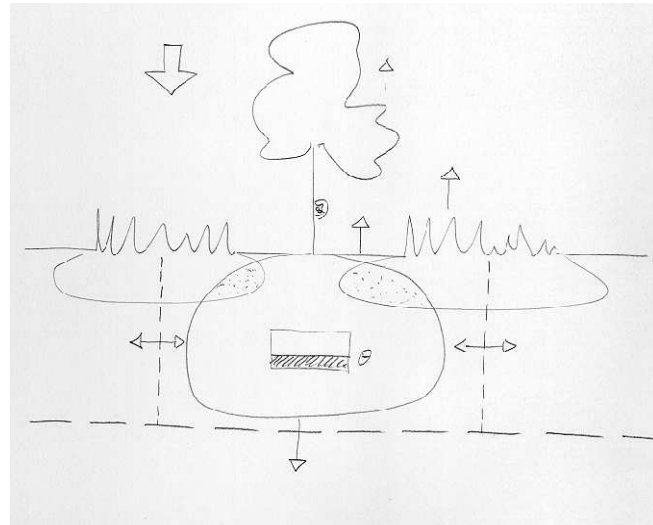


YieldSAFE : an agroforestry model

Light

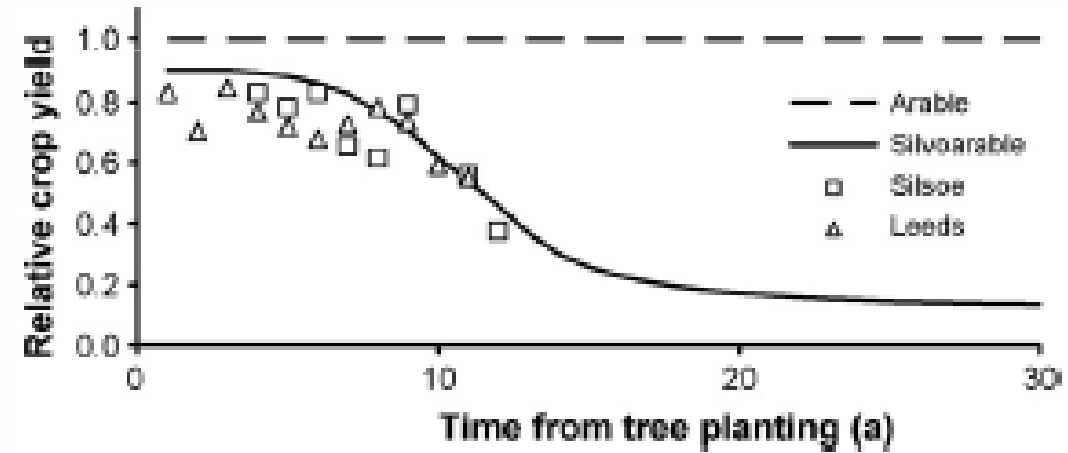


Water



Can work as:

- Forest Monoculture
- ~~Crop monoculture~~
- Agroforestry system





YieldSAFE Calibration Process

MODELED DATA

OBSERVED DATA

Potential Yield

Cabala run for **BEST** yield site with water table

Actual Yield (water reduced)

Compare models

- Best
- Northcliffe
 - Manjimup
 - Mumbalup
 - Darkan
 - Worst
 - NE Victoria

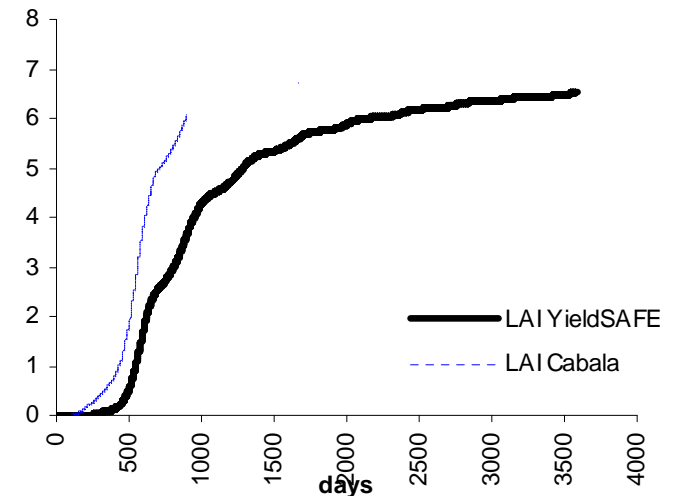
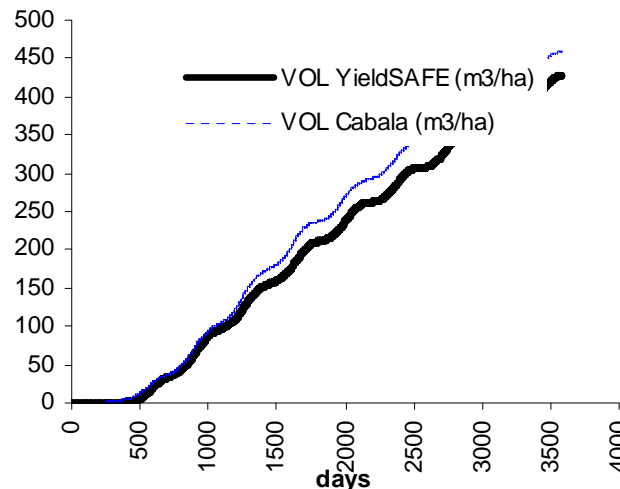
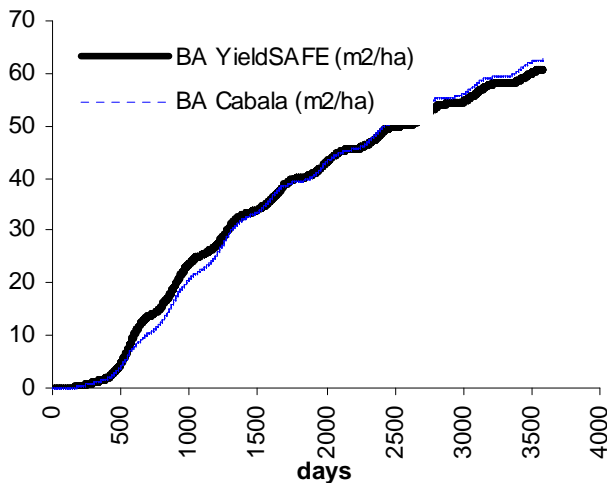
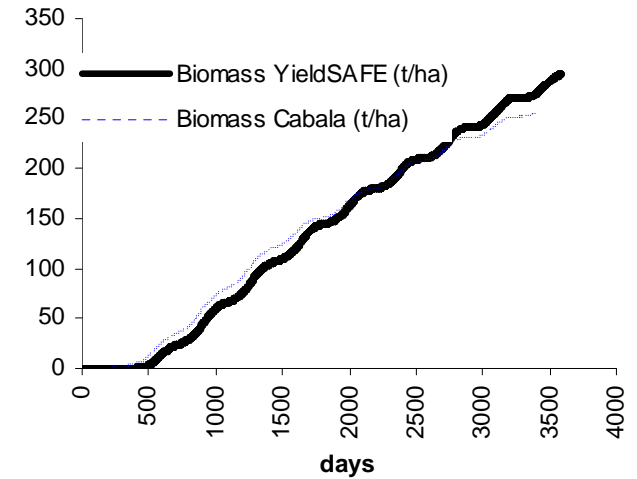
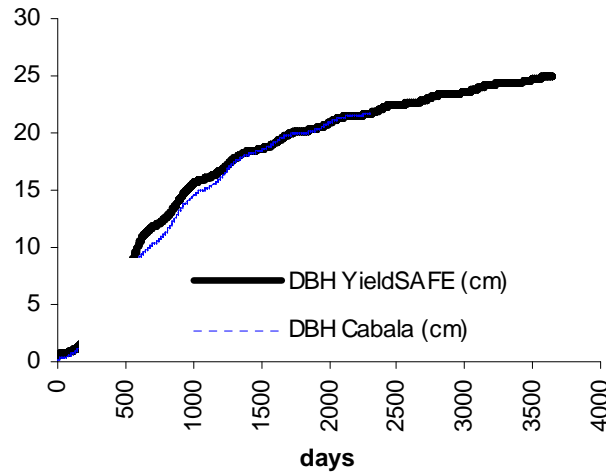
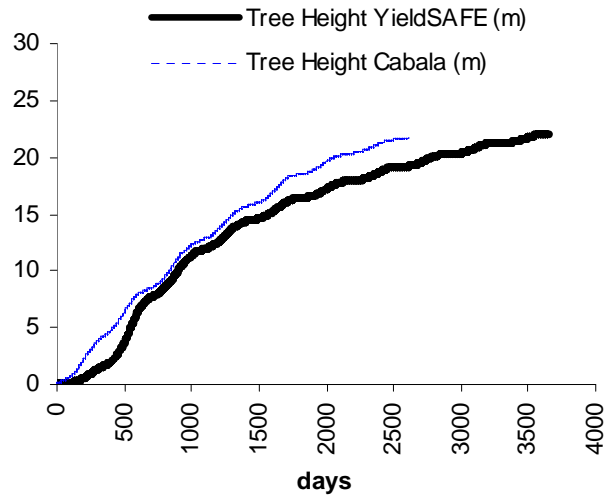
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Potential Yield

Fitted parameters for potential yield.



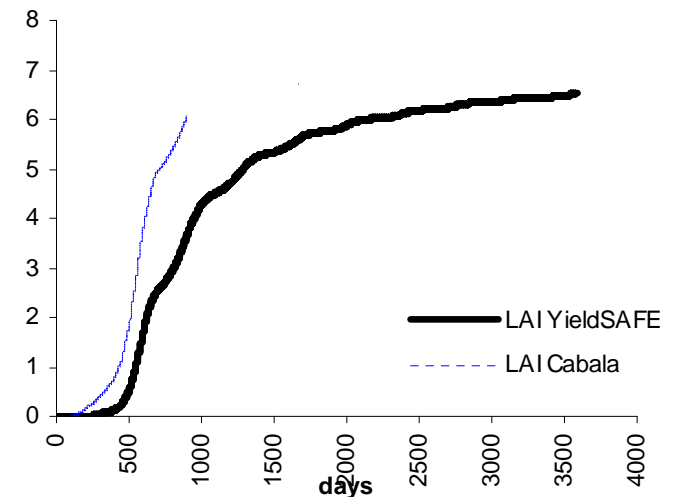
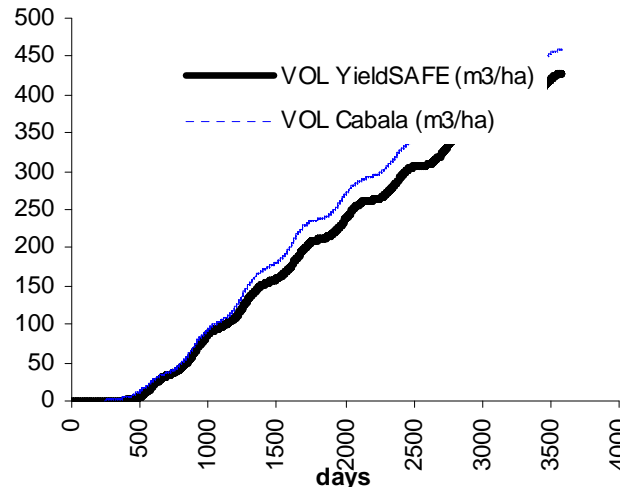
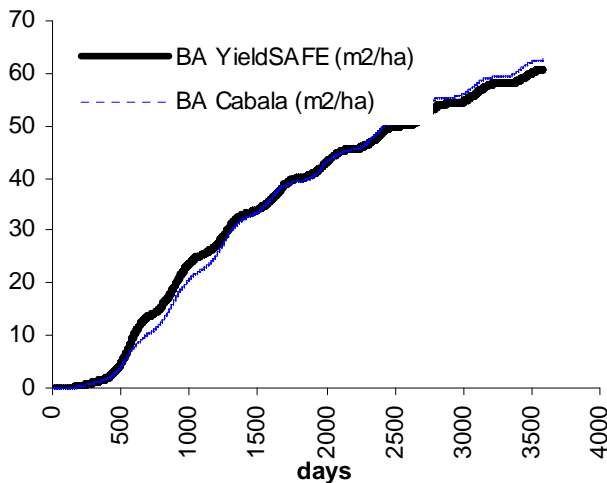
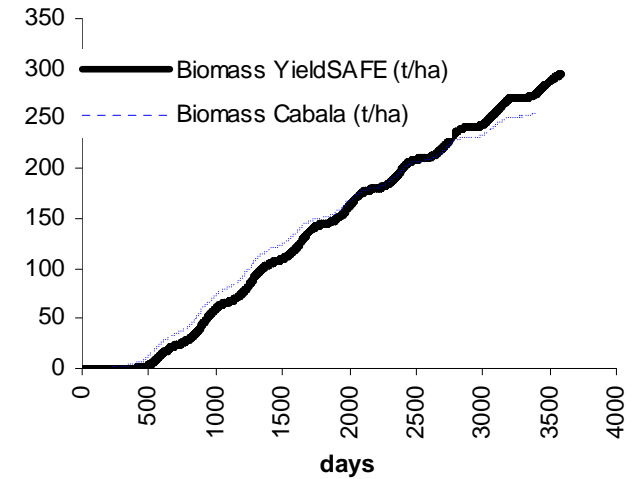
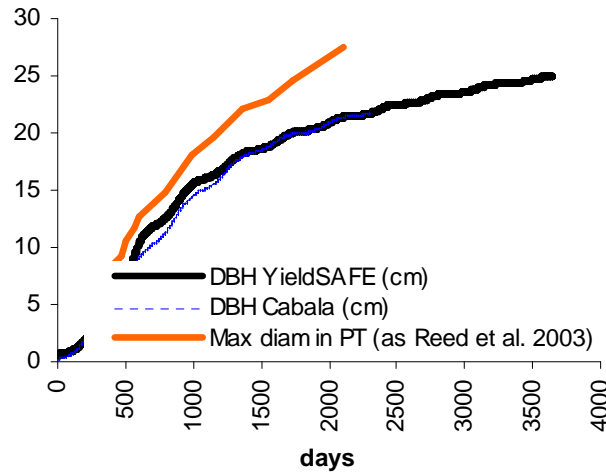
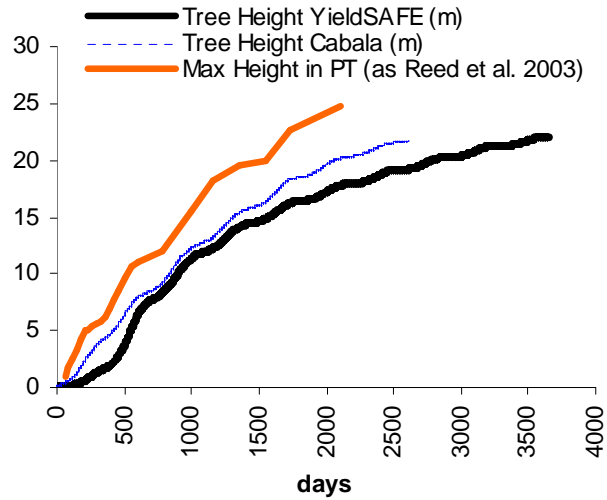
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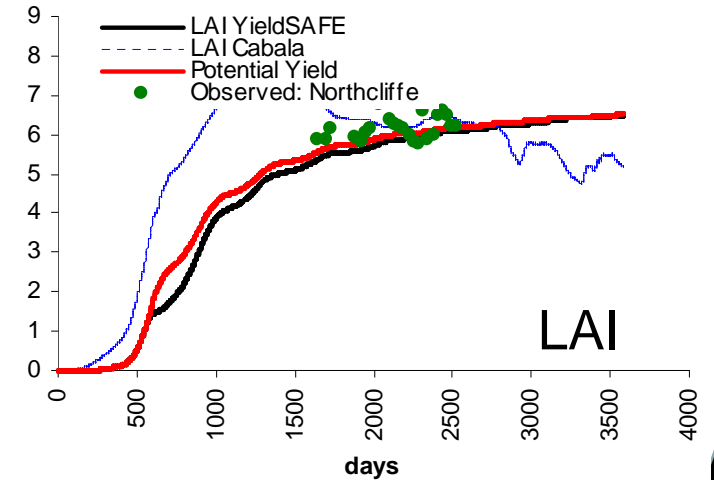
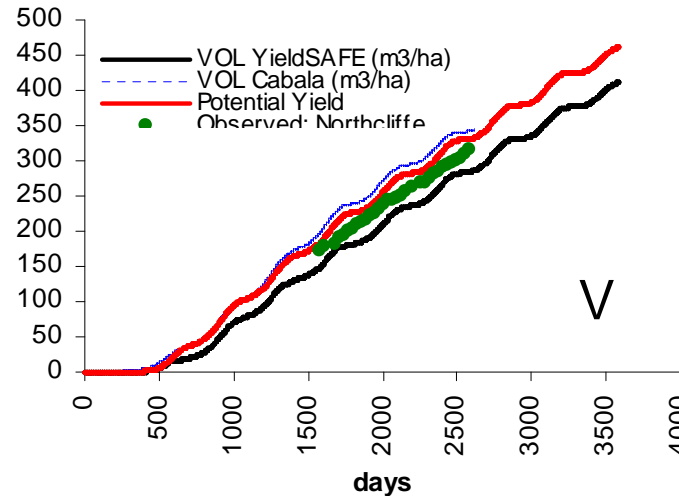
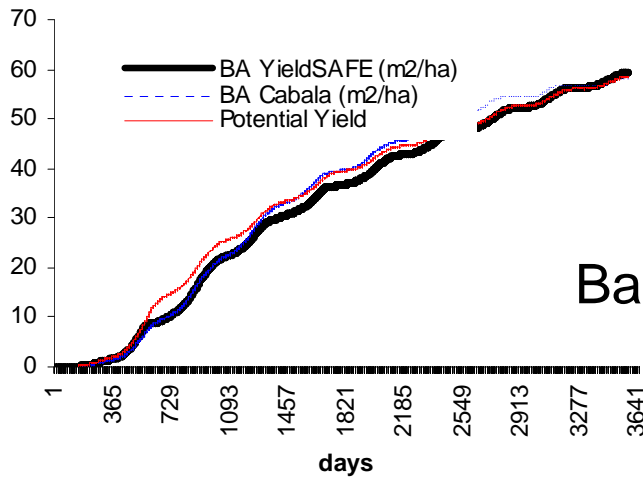
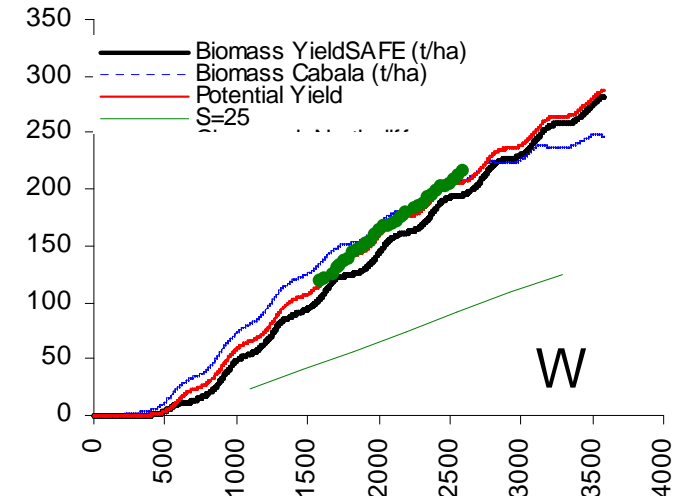
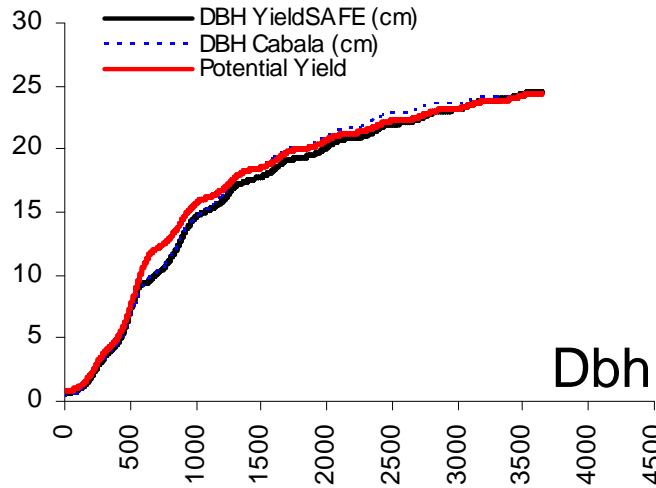
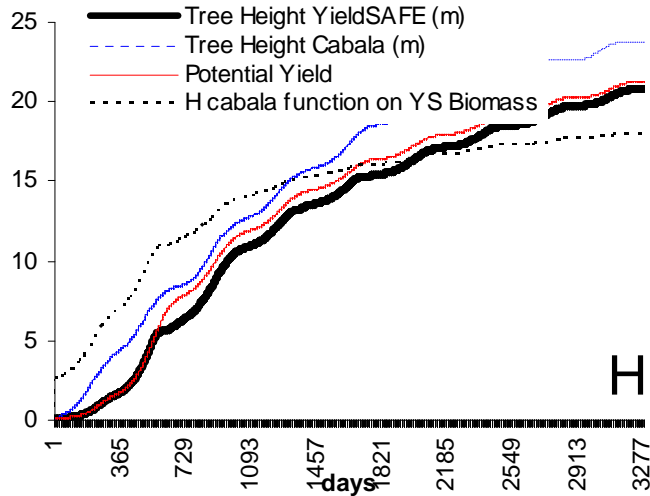
Actual Yield

Northcliffe

SoilDepth(mm)9000

Soil Texture US-LoamySand

Densitv 1250



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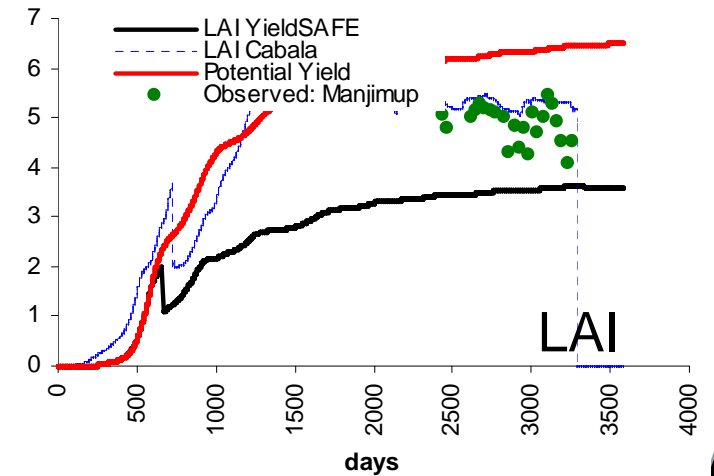
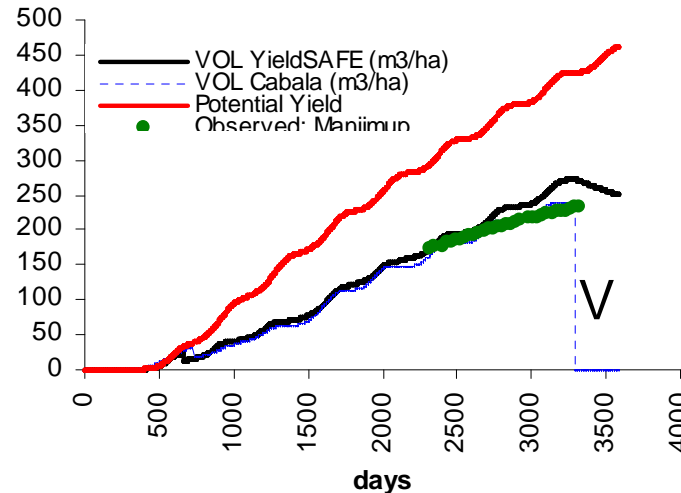
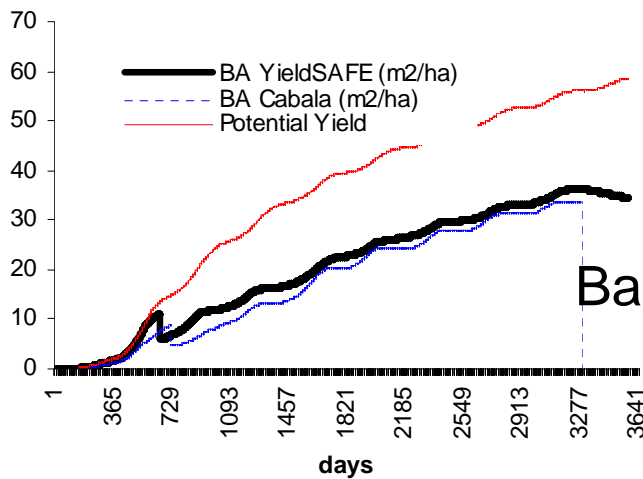
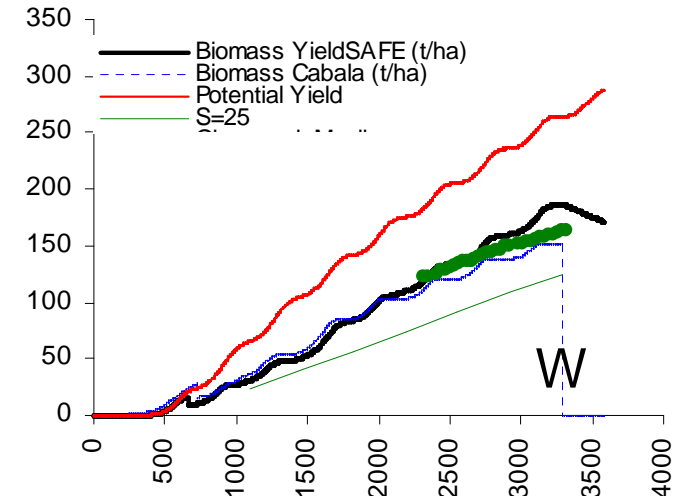
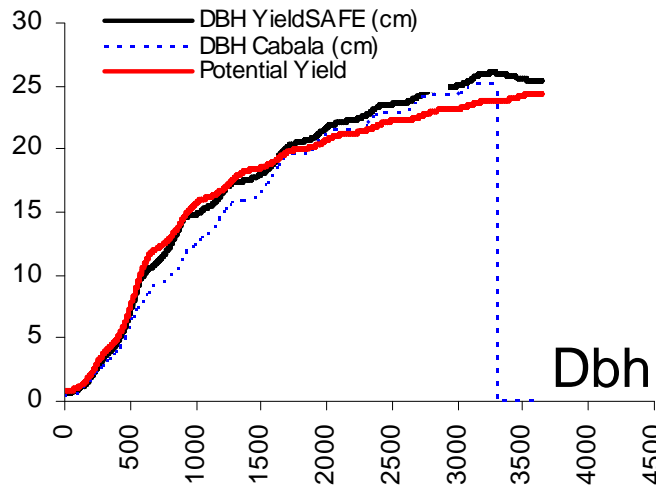
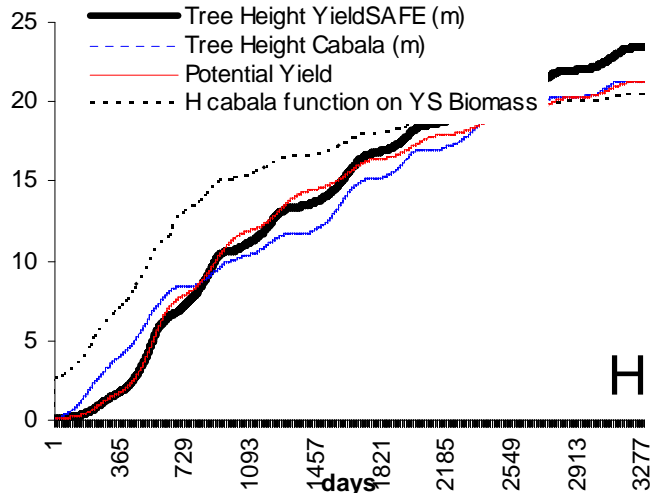
Actual Yield

Manjimup

SoilDepth(mm)6000

Soil Texture US-ClayLoam

Densitv 680



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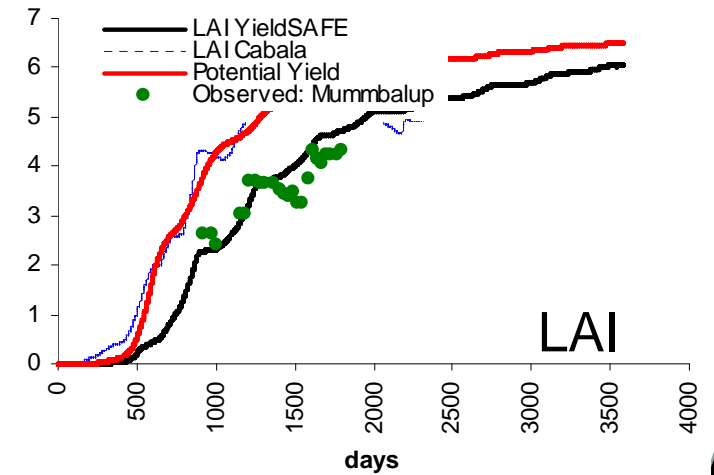
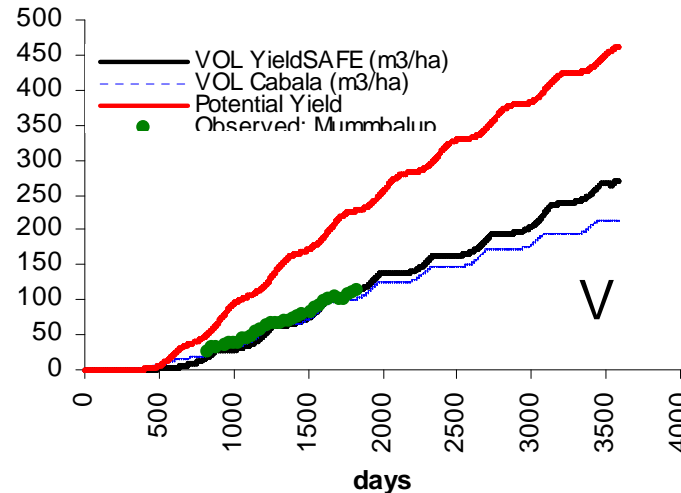
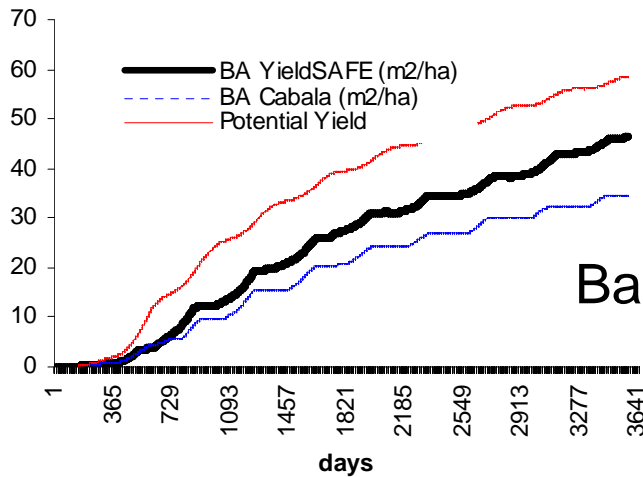
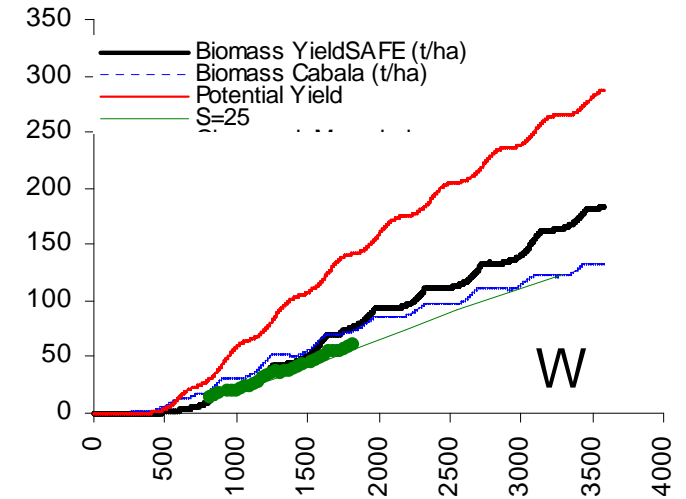
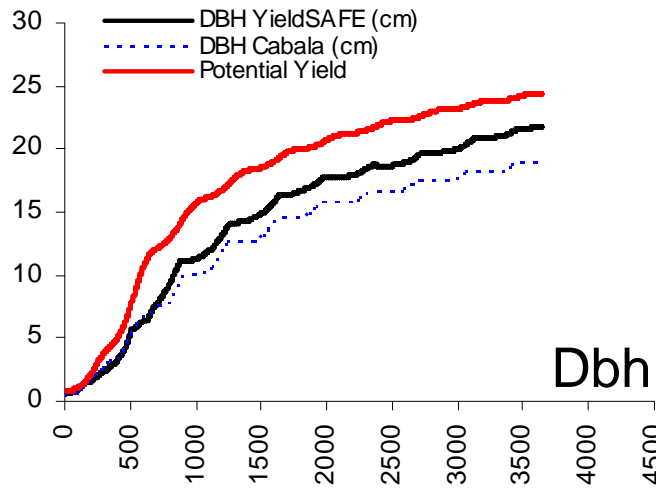
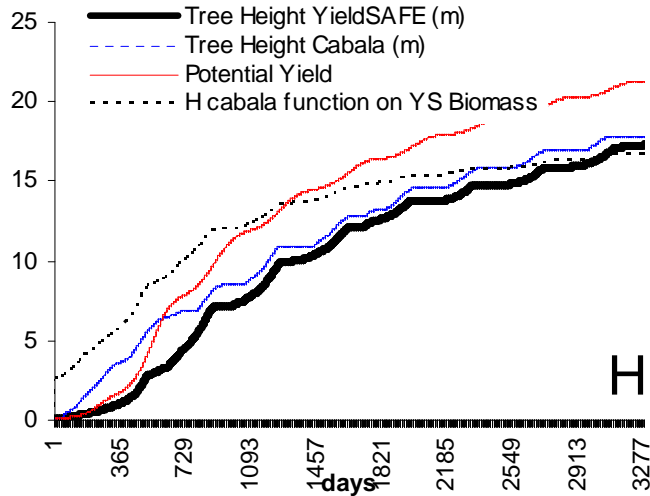
Actual Yield

Mumbalup

SoilDepth(mm) 1500

Soil Texture US-ClayLoam

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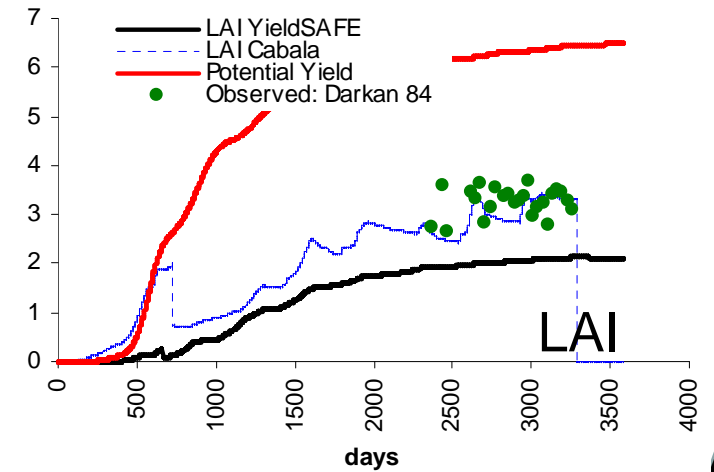
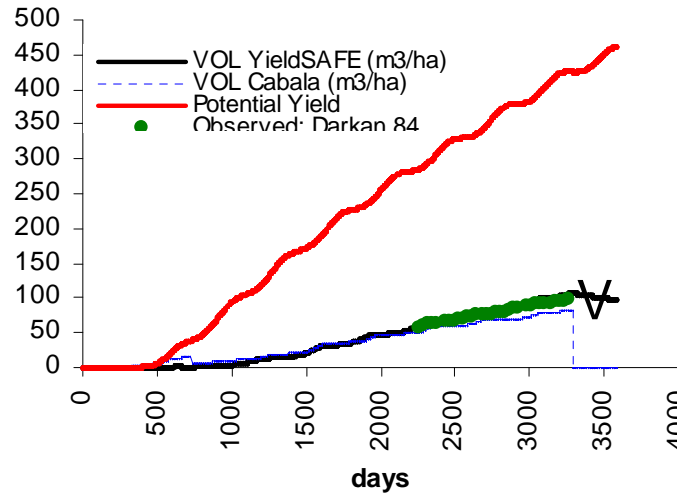
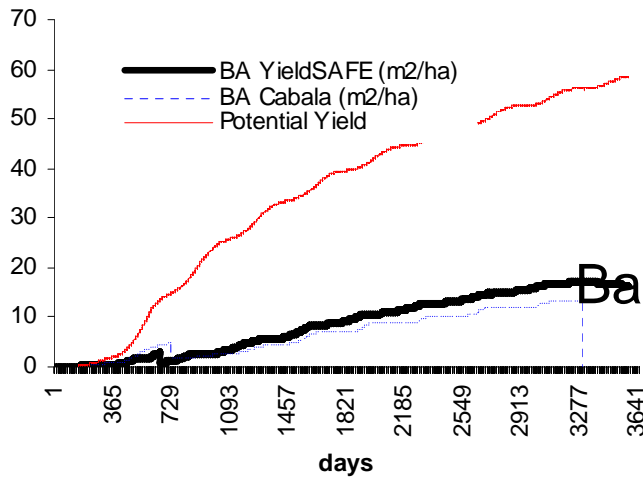
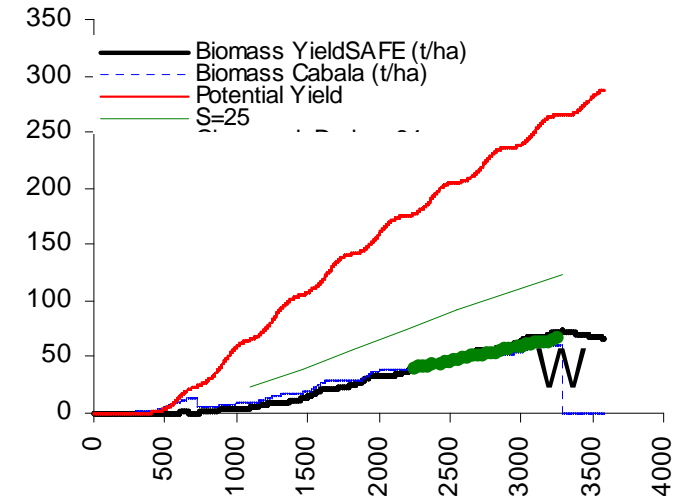
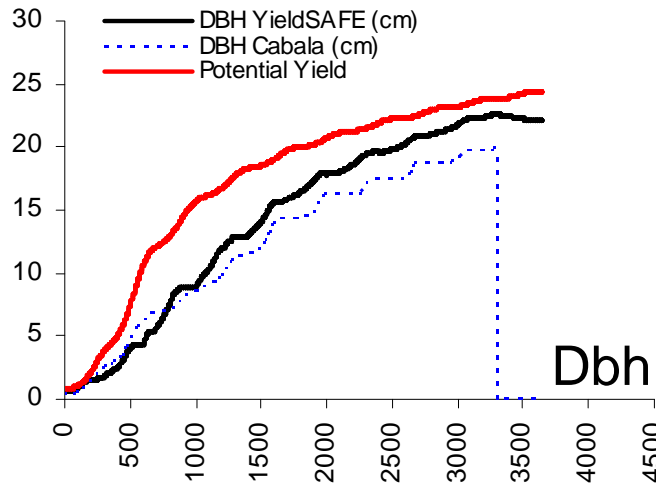
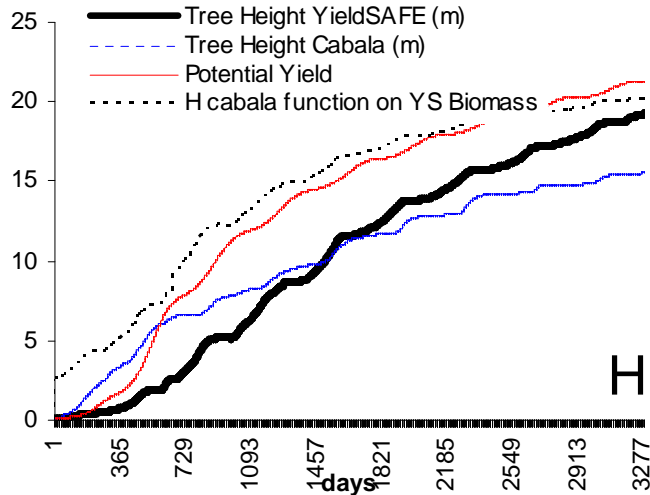
Actual Yield

Darkan

SoilDepth(mm) 3000

Soil Texture US-LoamySand

Densitv 430



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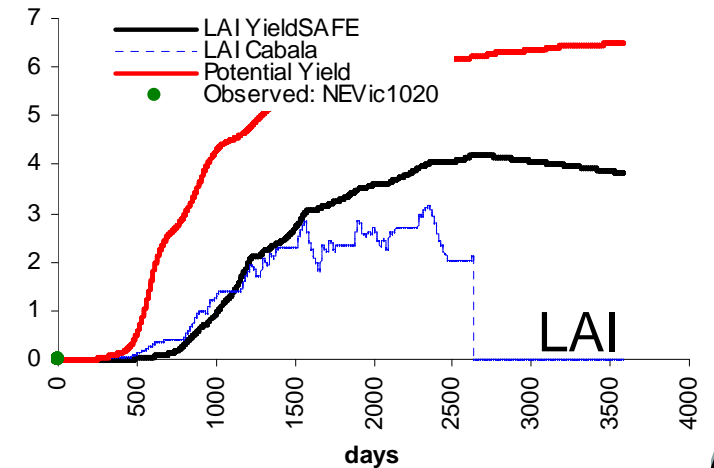
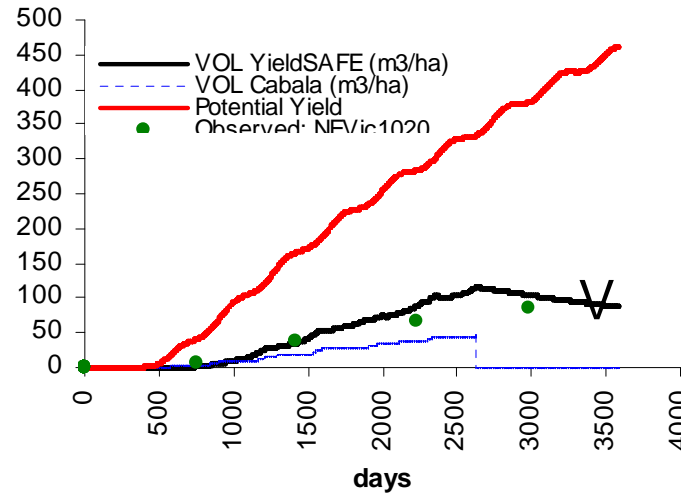
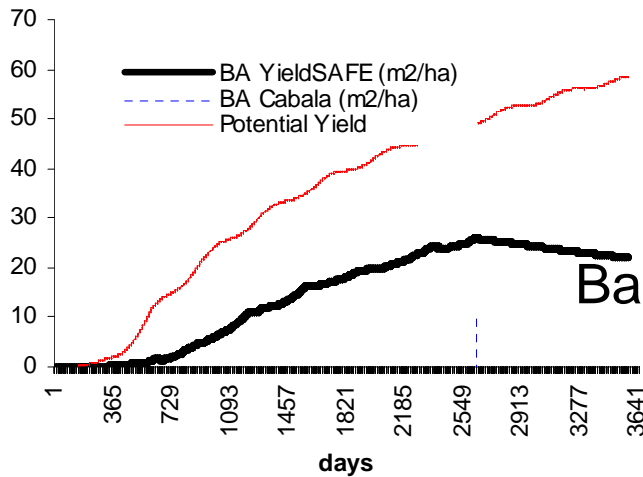
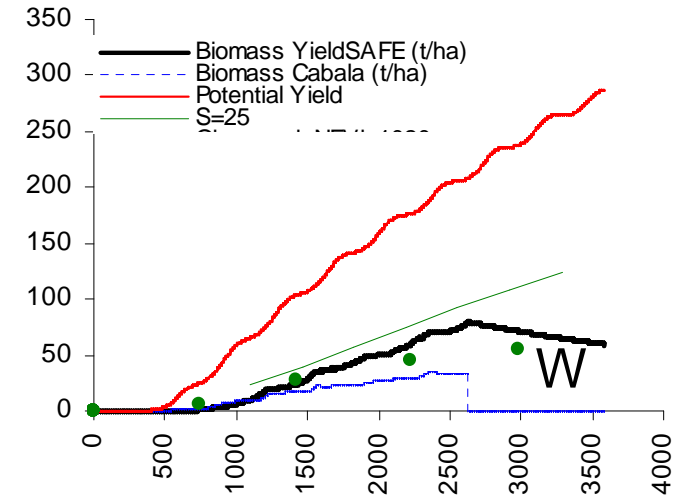
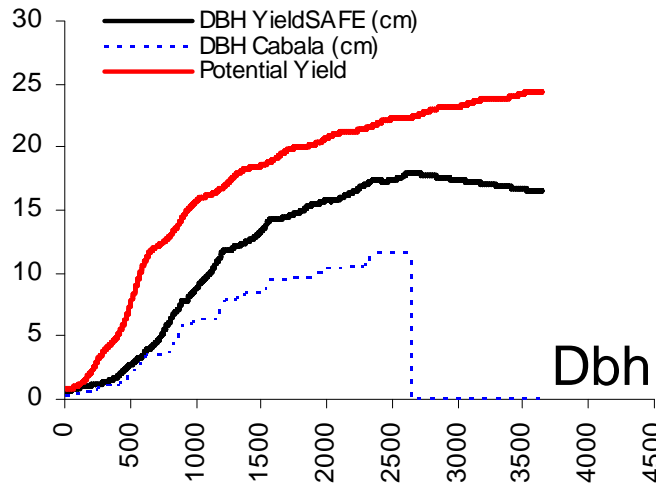
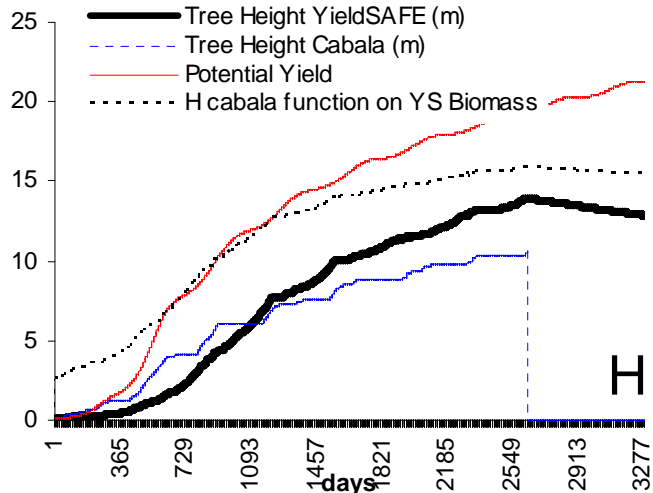
Actual Yield

NE Victoria

SoilDepth(mm) **220**

Soil Texture US-siltyCLOam

Densitv 1020



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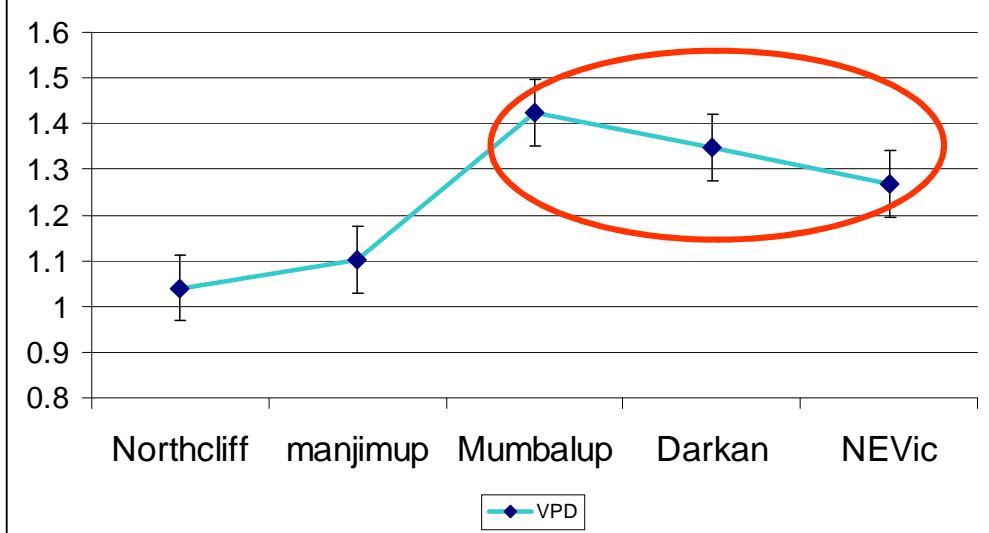


CABALA vs YieldSAFE

Improving simulations...

Quick look at VPD

Vapour Pressure Deficit
(9 Years average - approx)



The higher the VPD,
The higher the transpiration rate

Adjust site transpiration rate γ_t
(water needed to produce biomass)



CABALA vs YieldSAFE

Actual Yield

Mumbalup

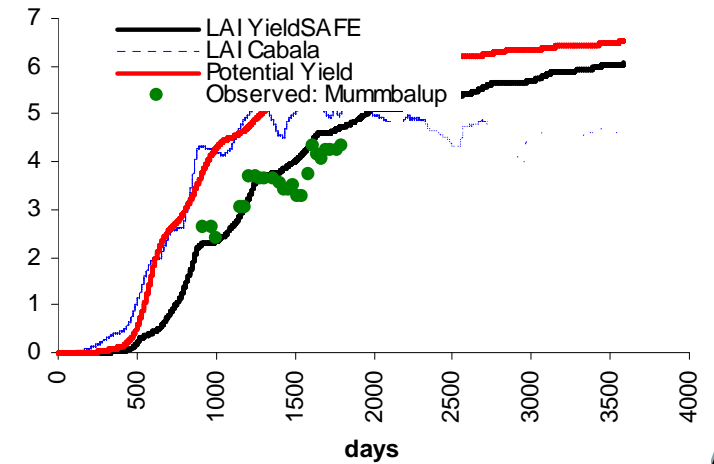
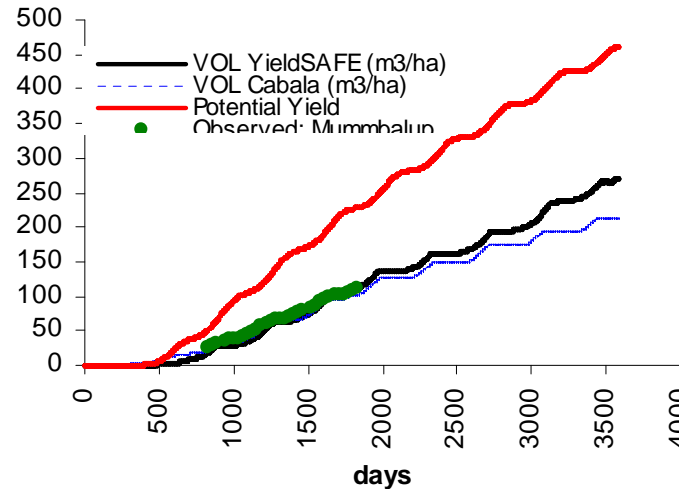
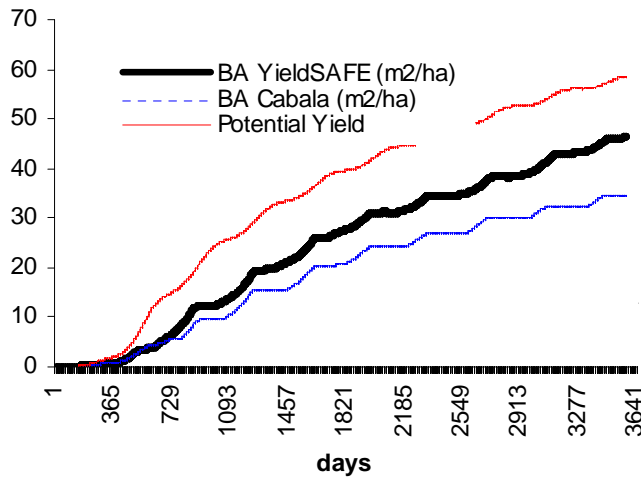
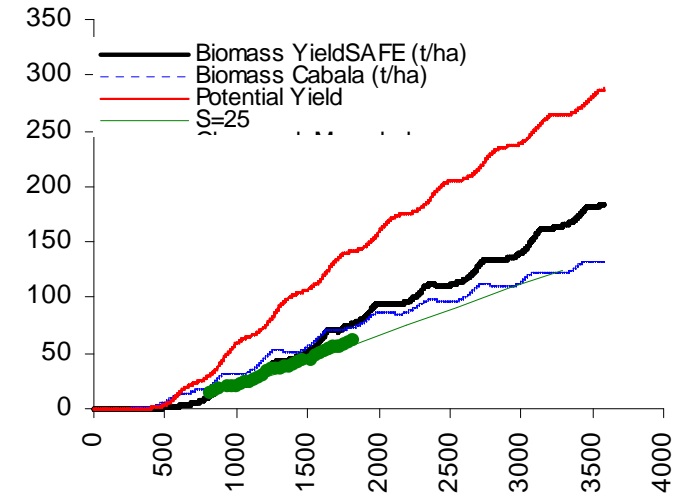
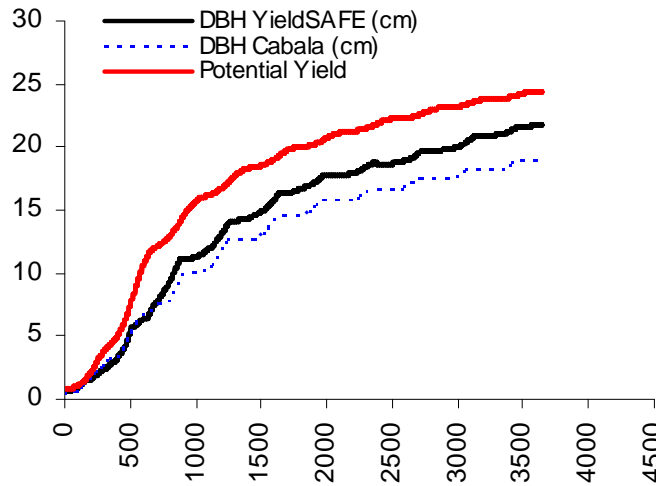
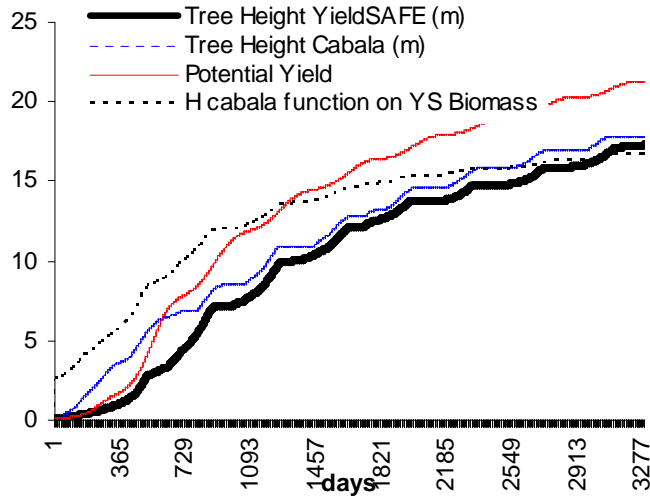
Before

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SoilDepth(mm) 1500

Soil Texture US-ClayLoam

Density 1250



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CABALA vs YieldSAFE

Actual Yield

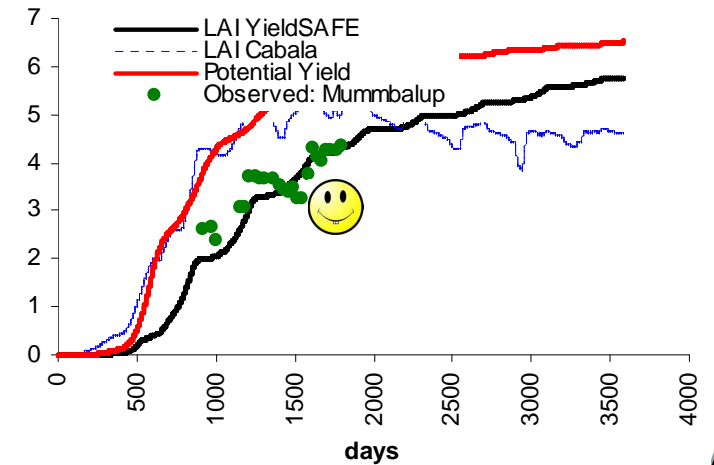
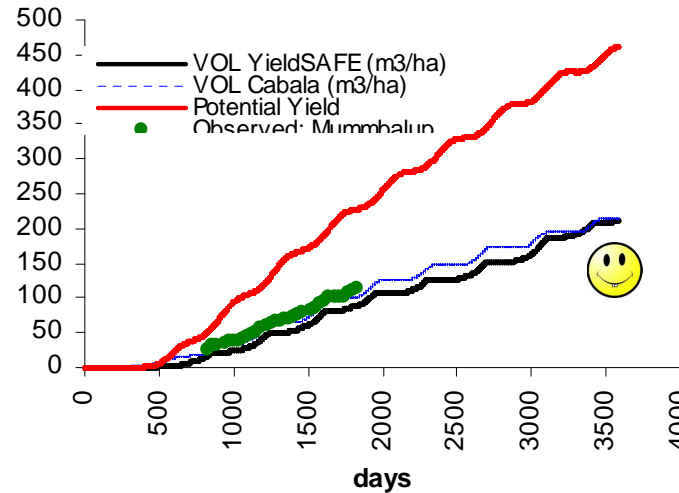
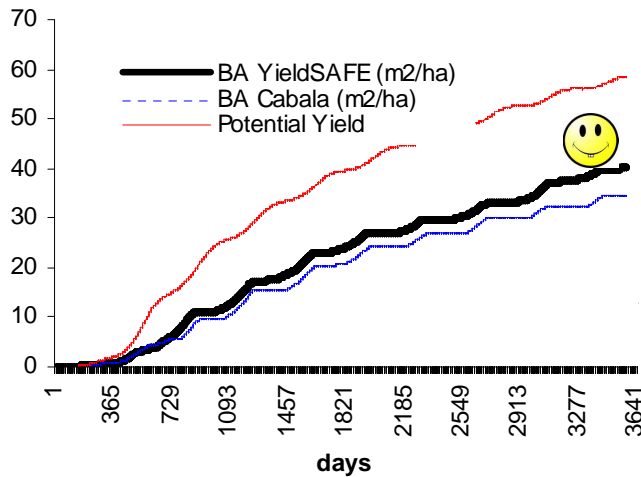
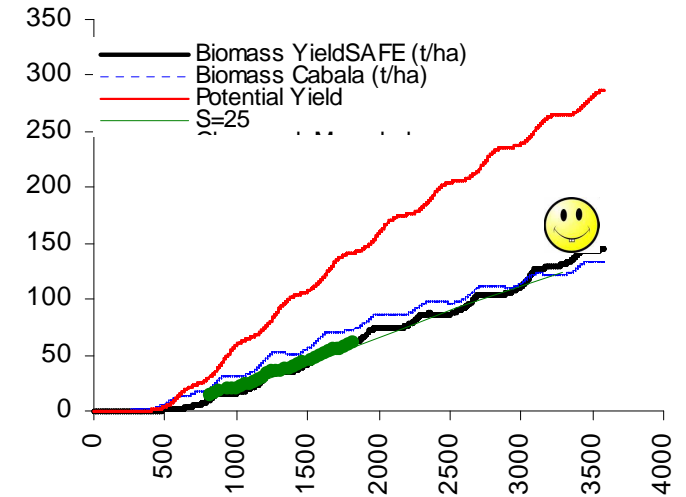
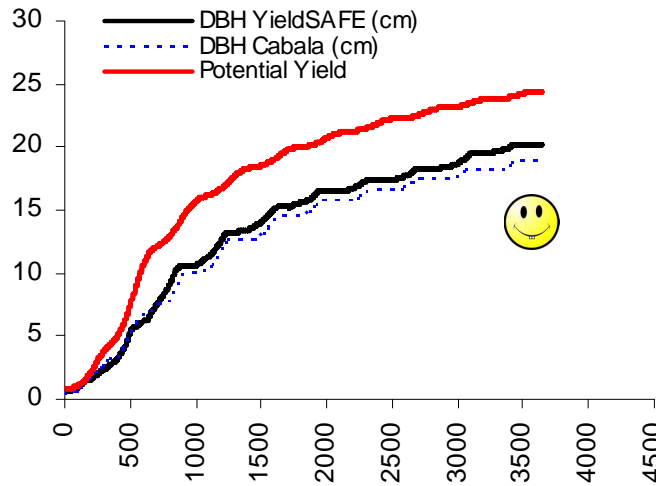
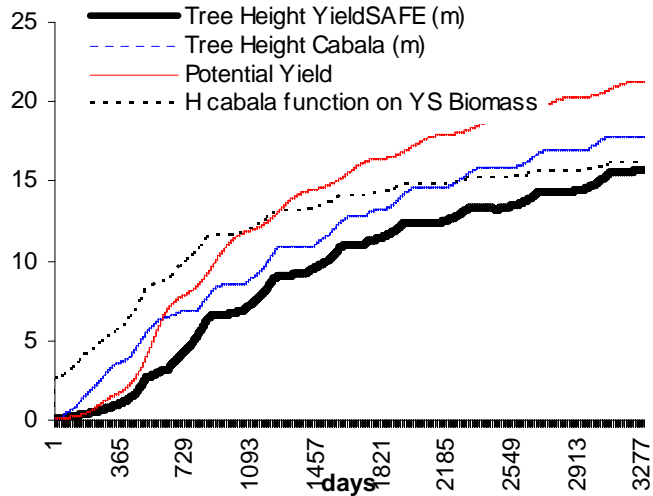
Mumbalup

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Darkan

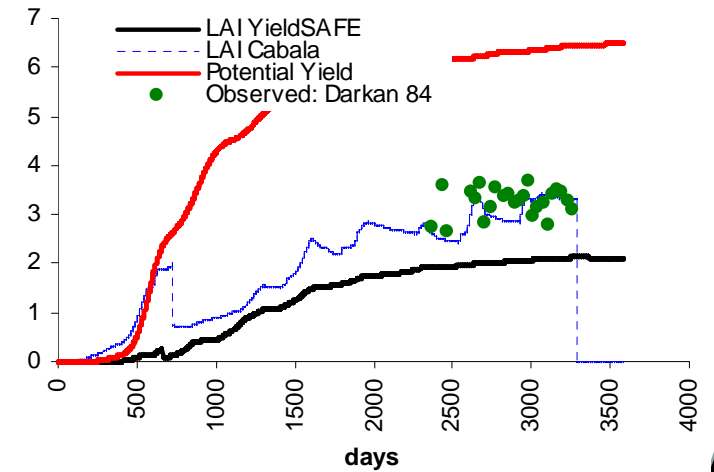
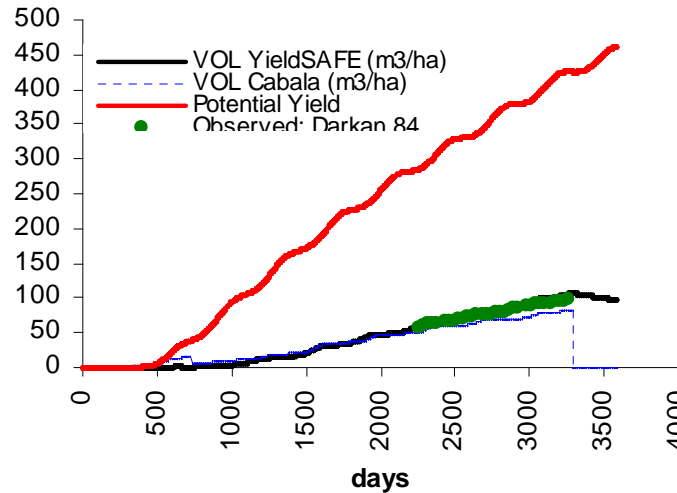
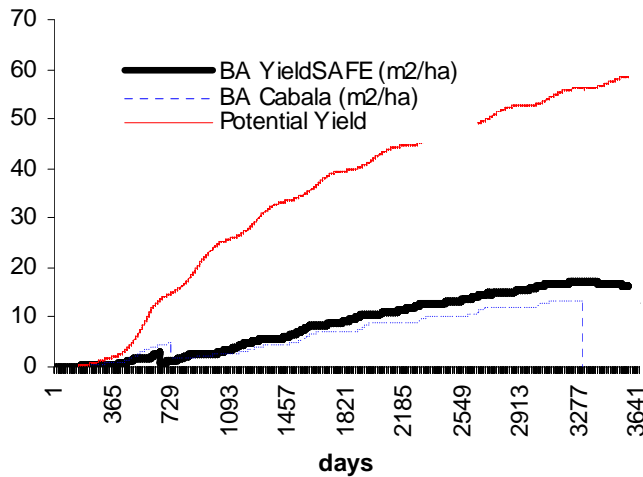
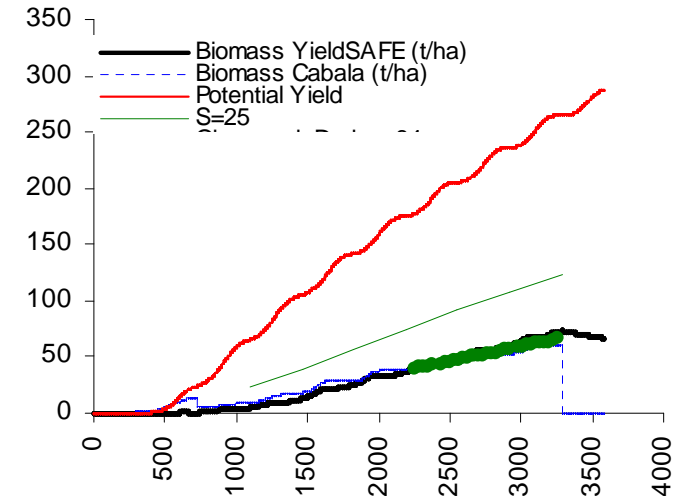
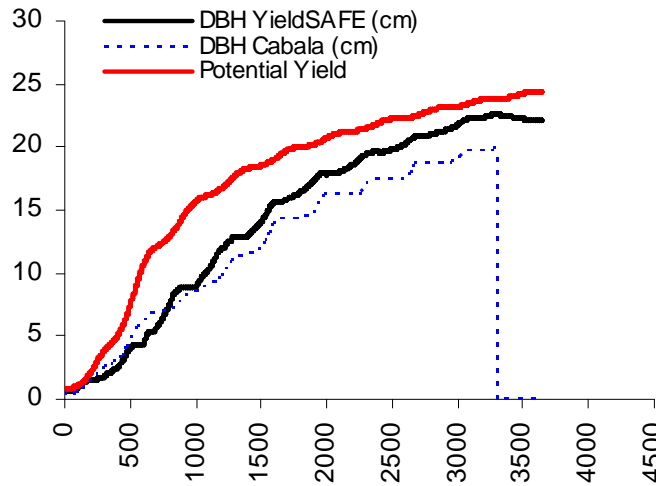
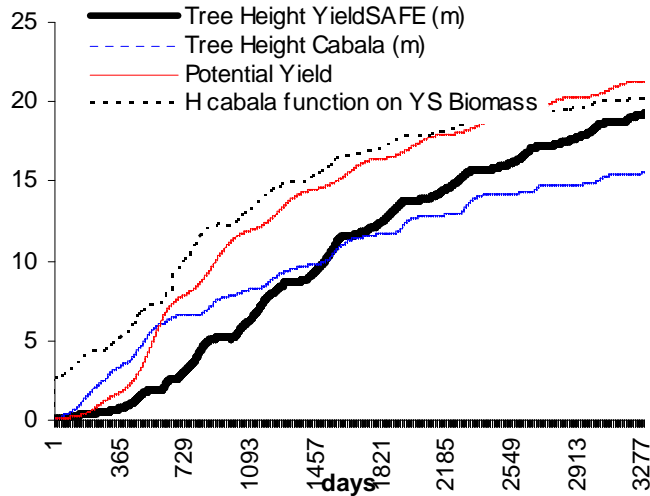
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SoilDepth(mm) 3000

Soil Texture US-LoamySand

Densitv **430**



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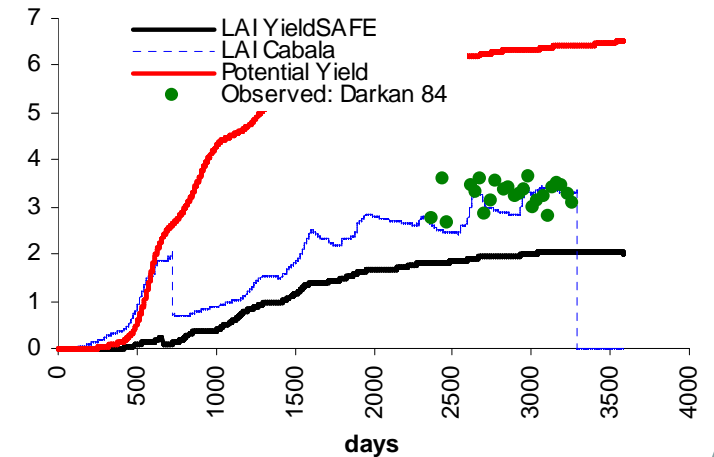
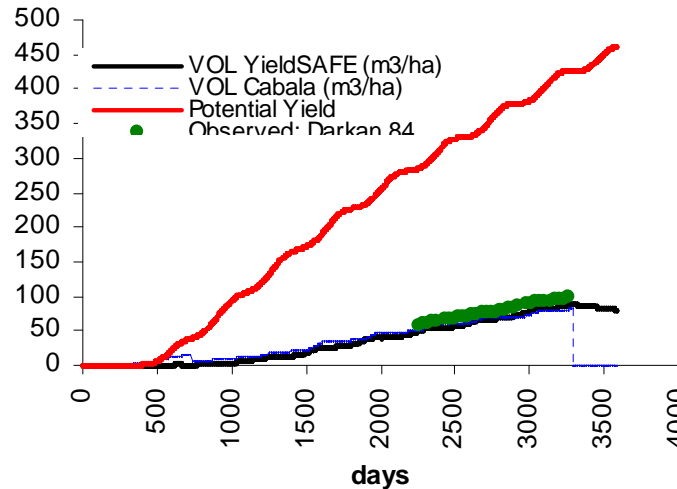
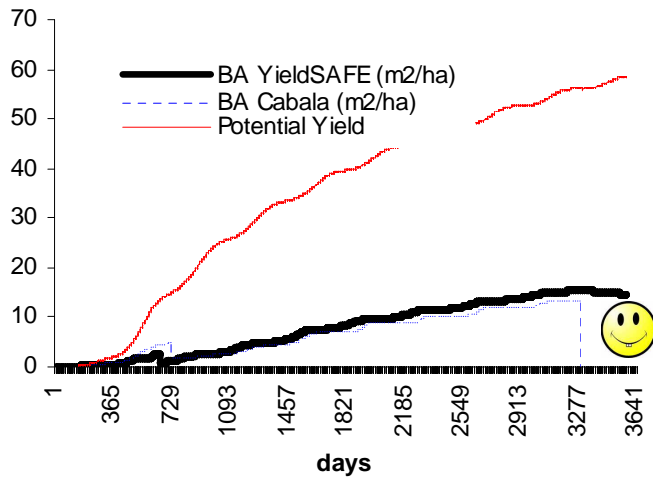
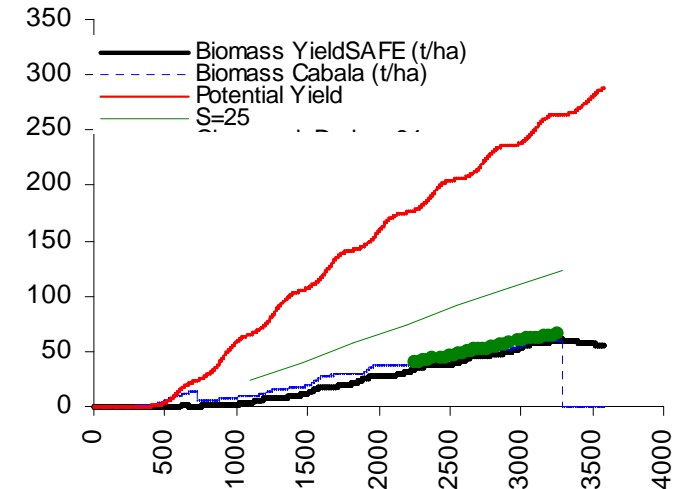
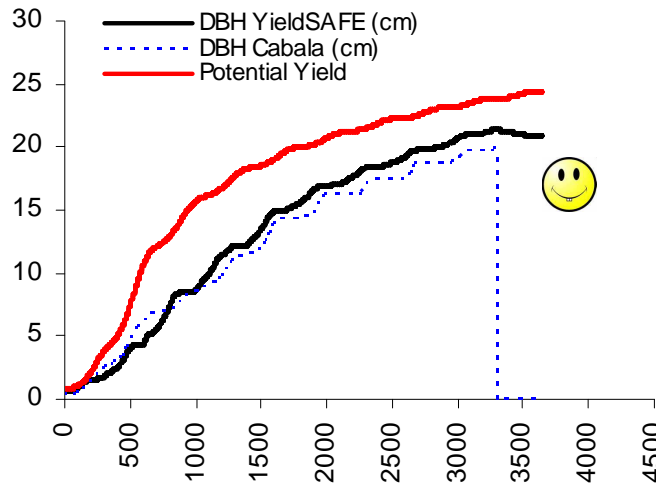
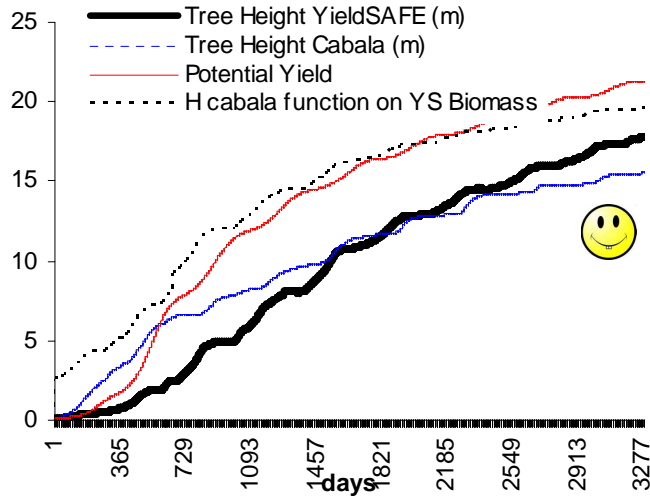
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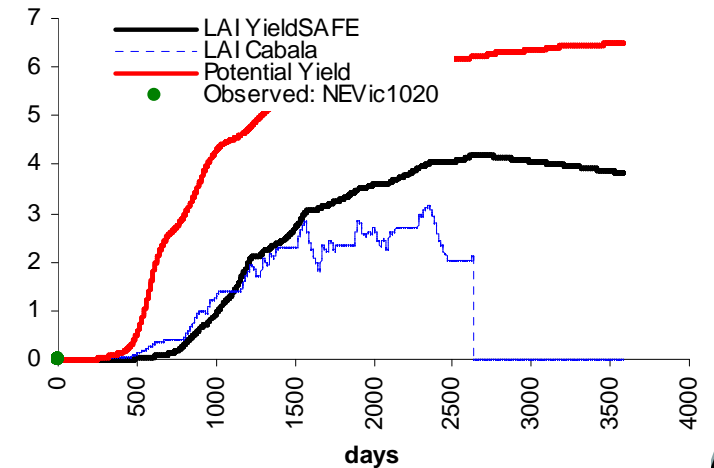
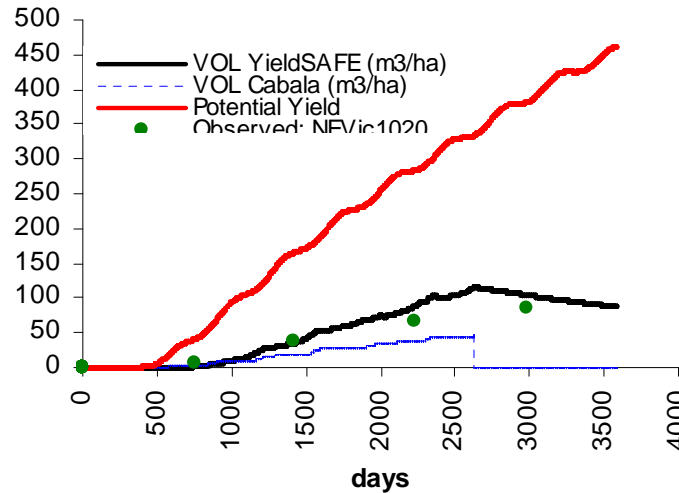
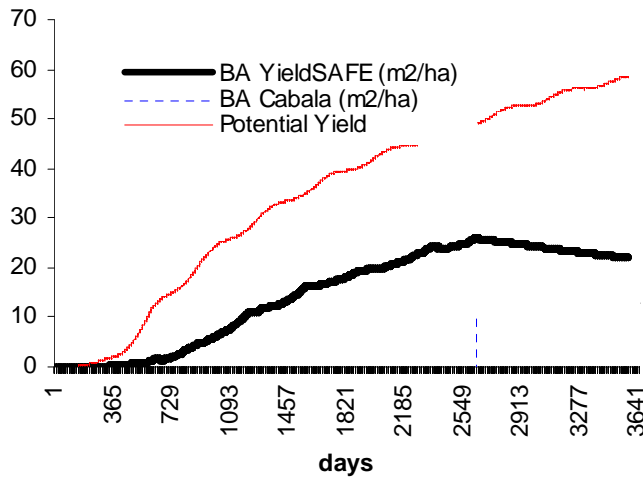
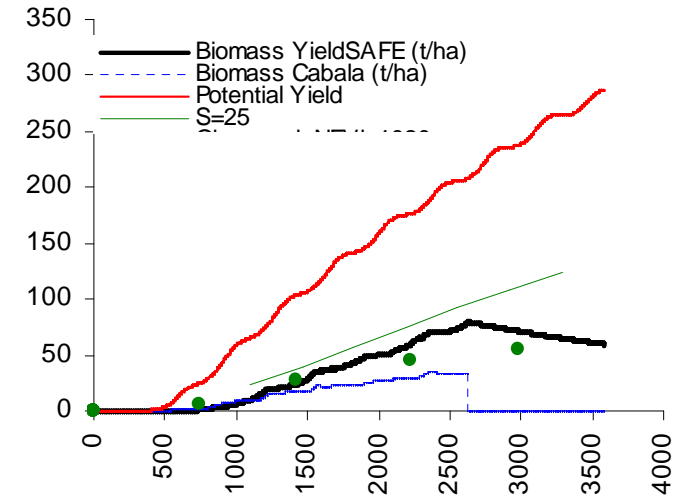
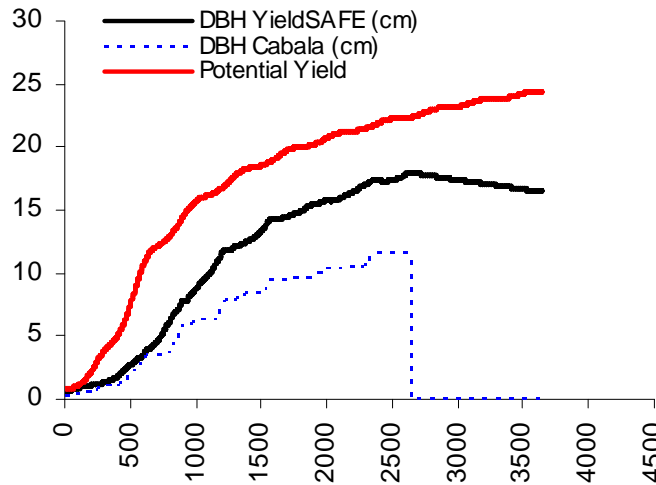
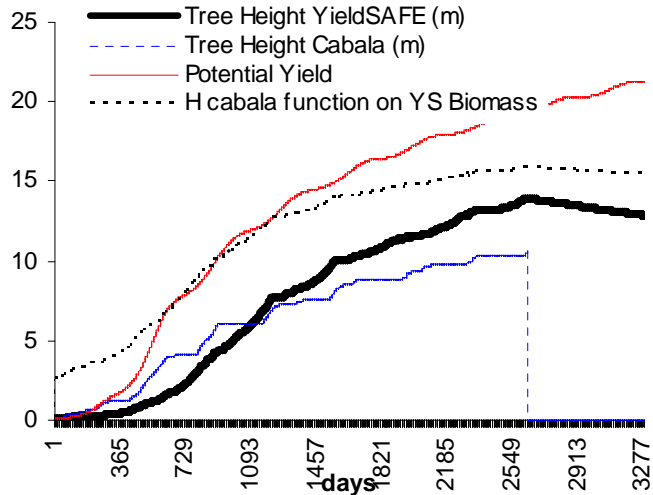
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SoilDepth(mm) **220**

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CABALA vs YieldSAFE

Actual Yield

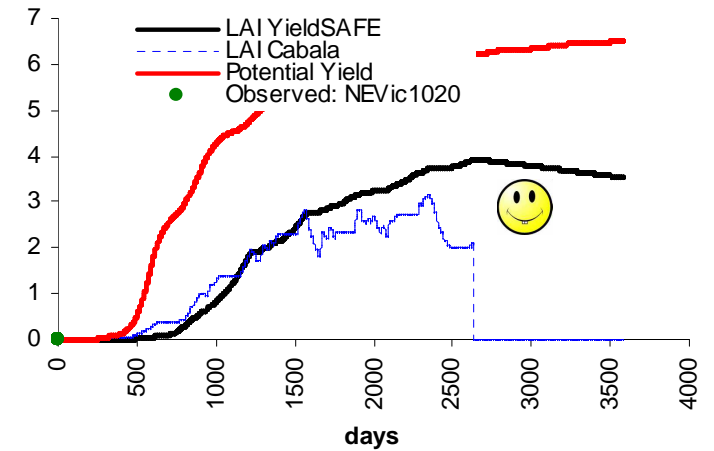
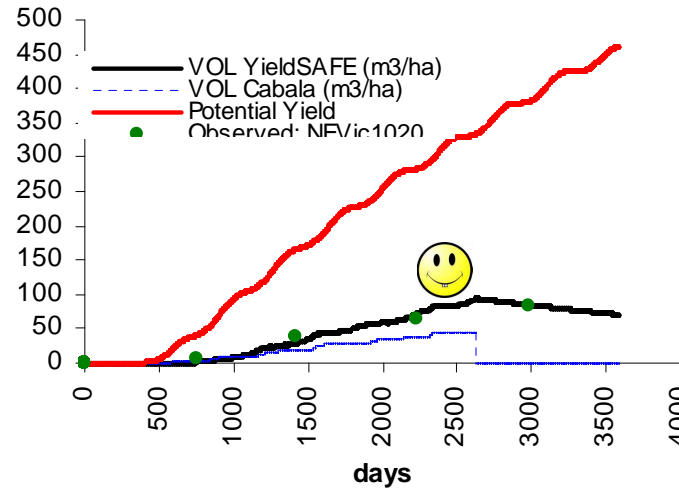
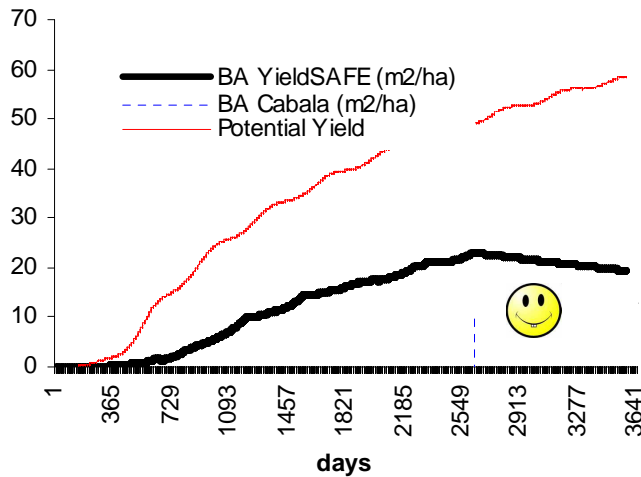
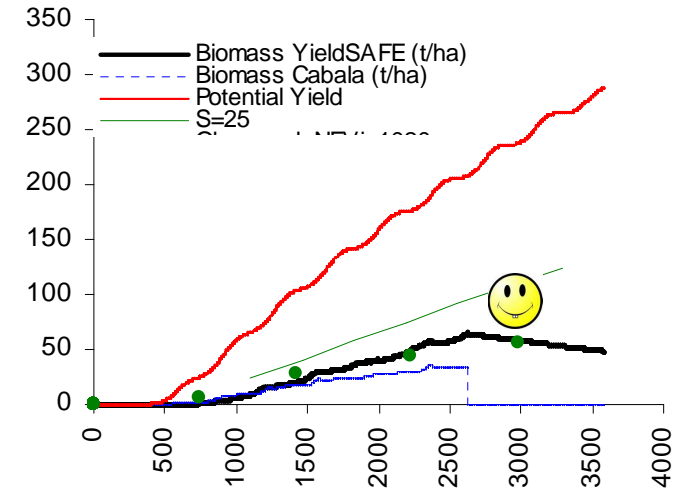
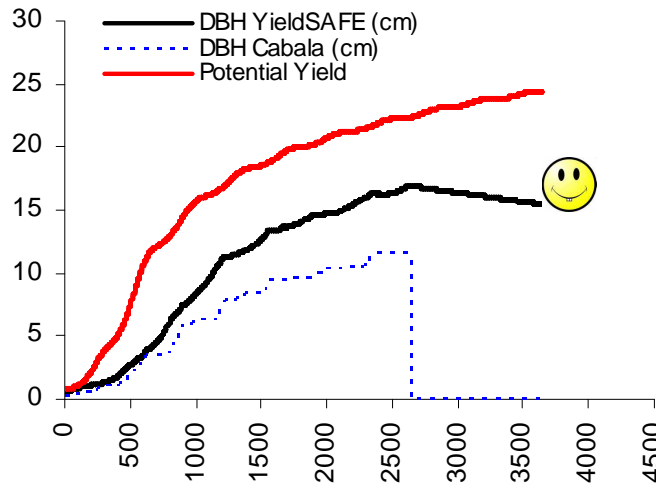
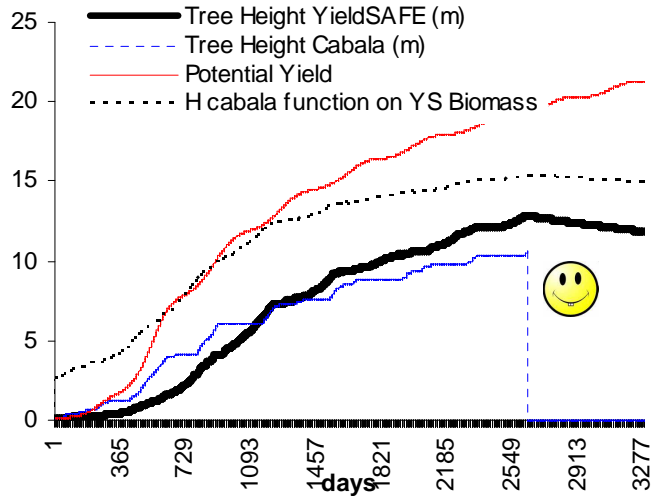
NE Vic

After
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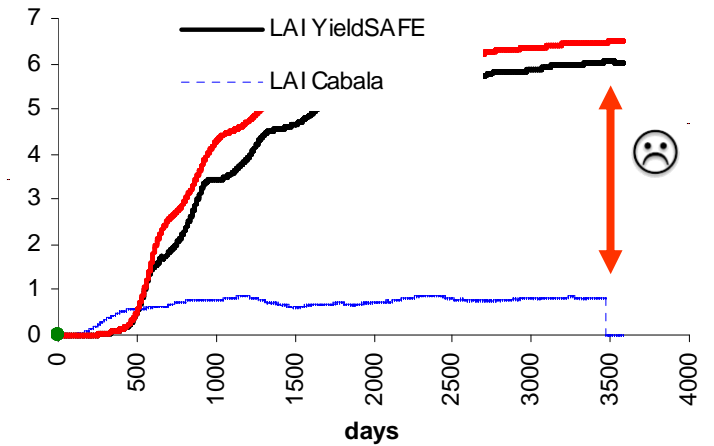
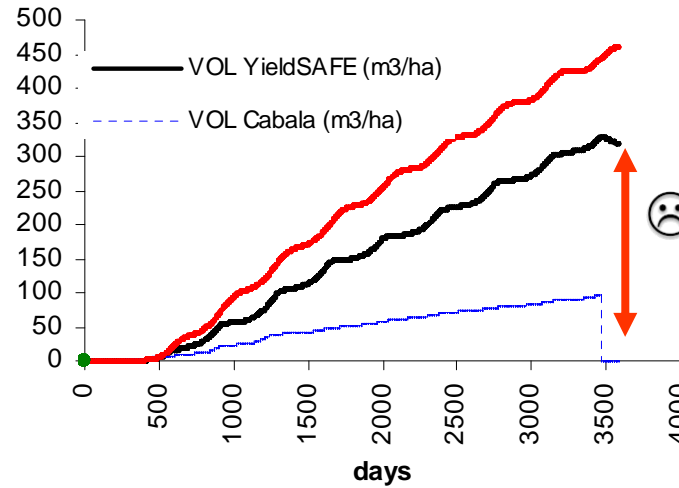
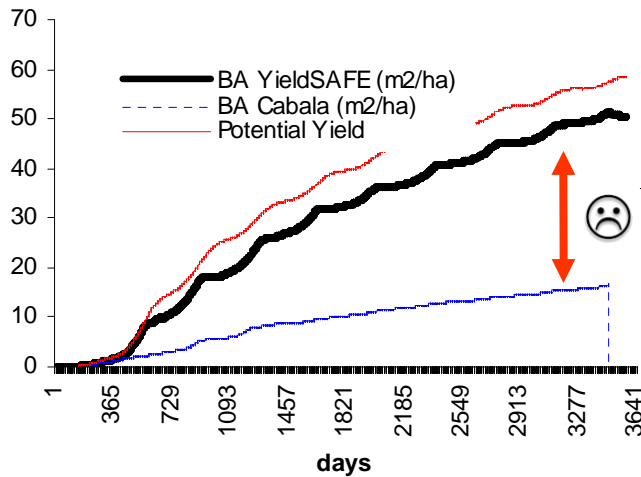
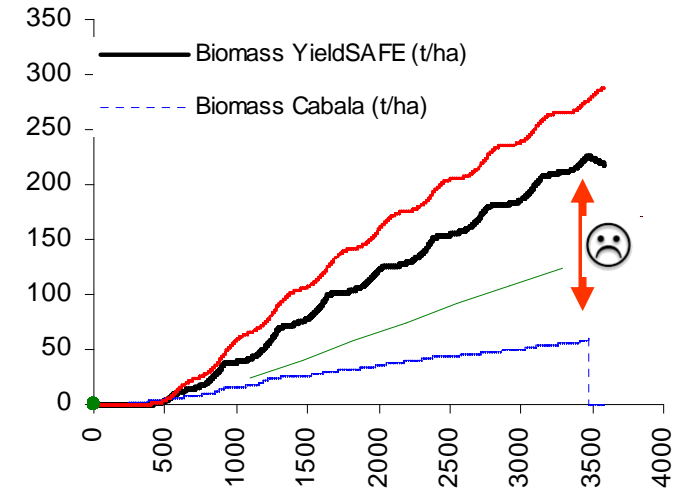
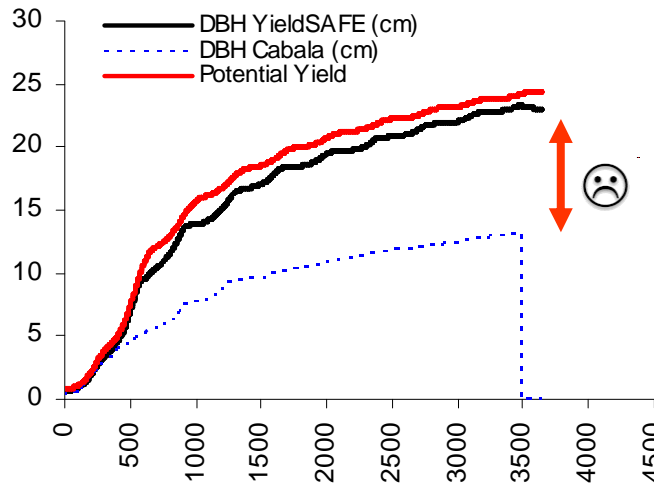
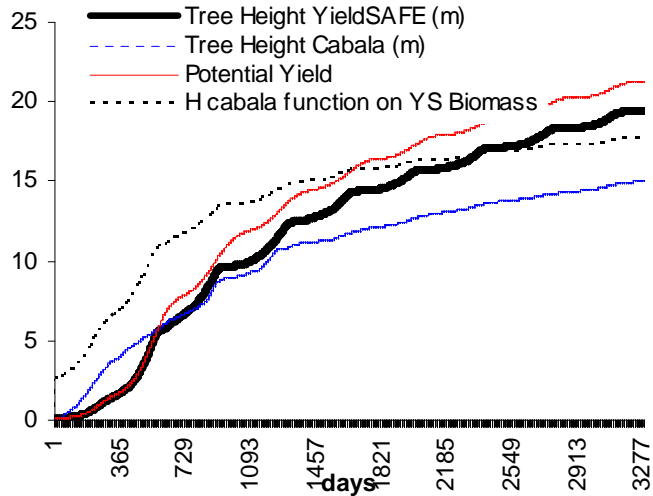


CABALA vs YieldSAFE

Actual Yield

Averys

Too complex for YieldSAFE
No nitrogen model



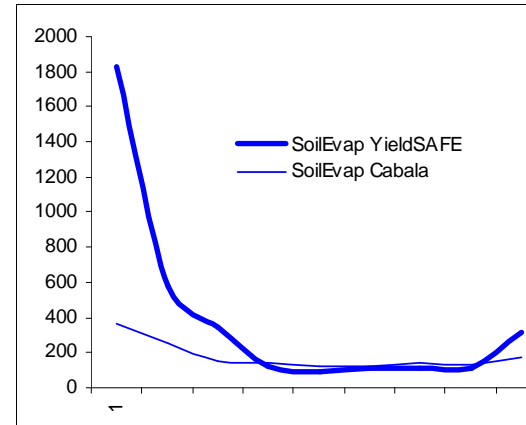
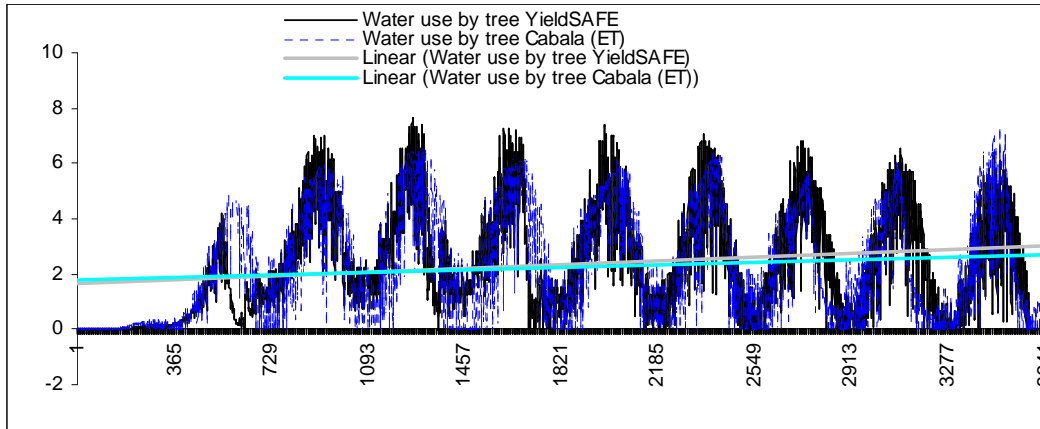
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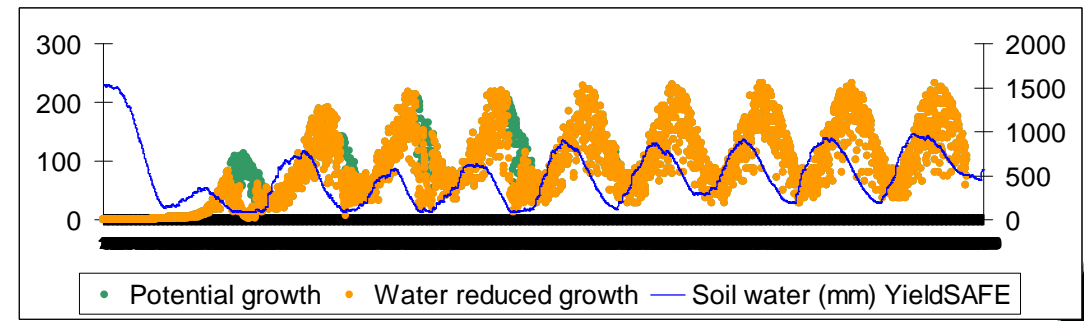
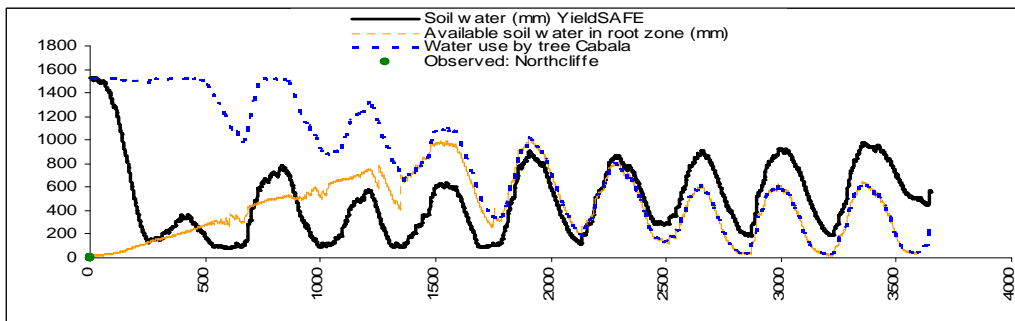
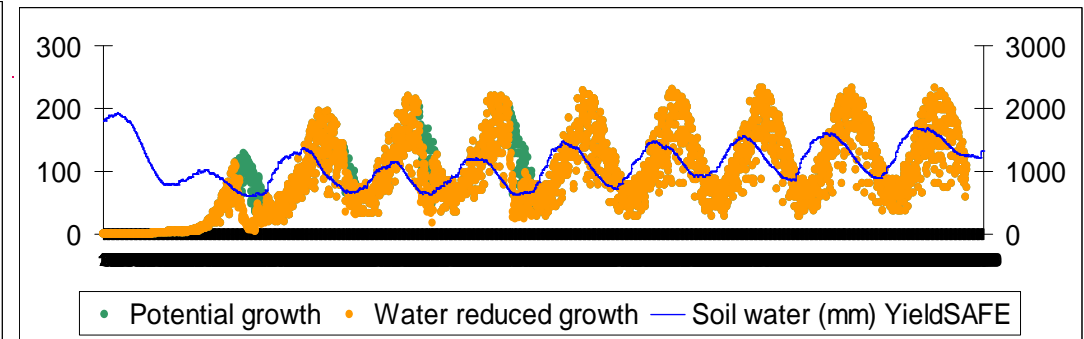
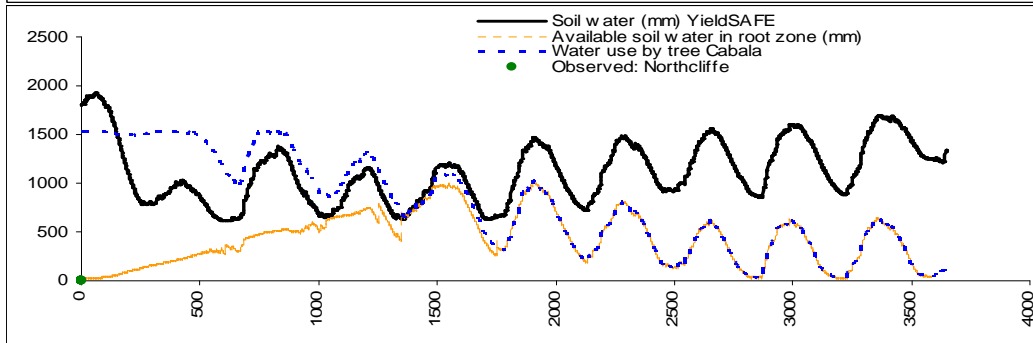
Looking at water dynamics...

Northcliffe



YieldSAFE – Total soil water, using general parameters for soil type

Cabala – Available soil water



Exercise...

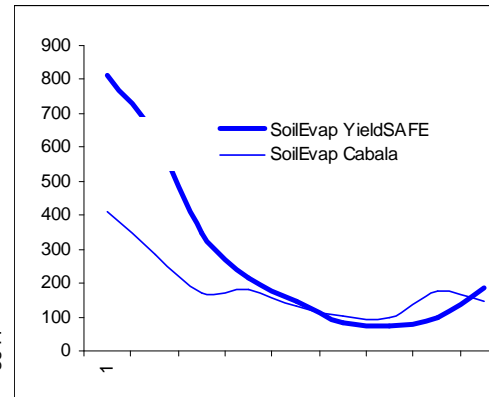
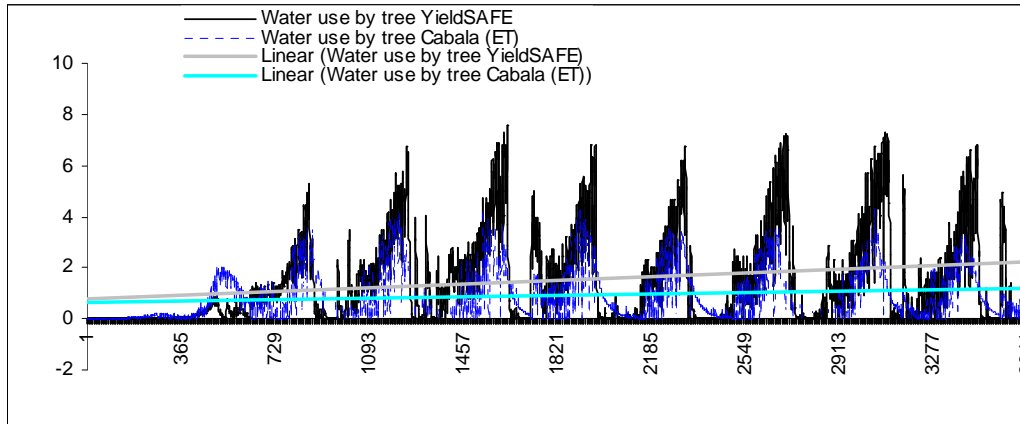
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CABALA vs YieldSAFE

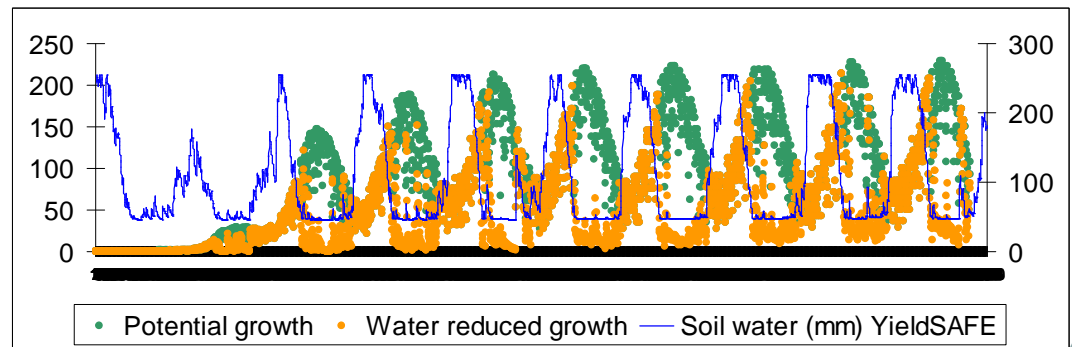
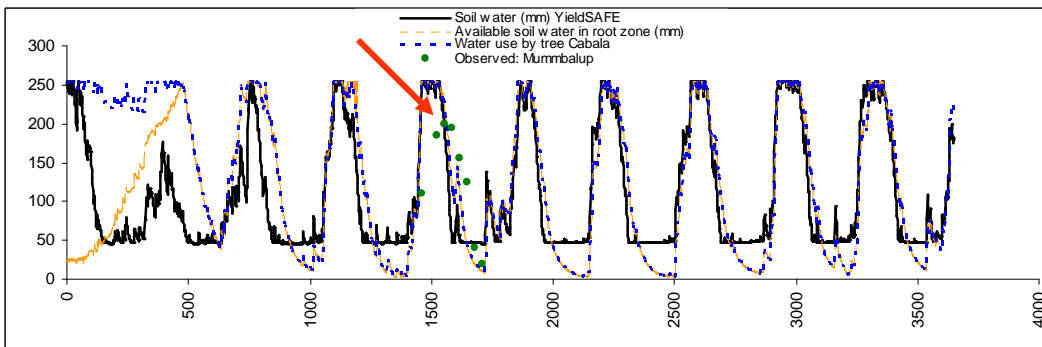
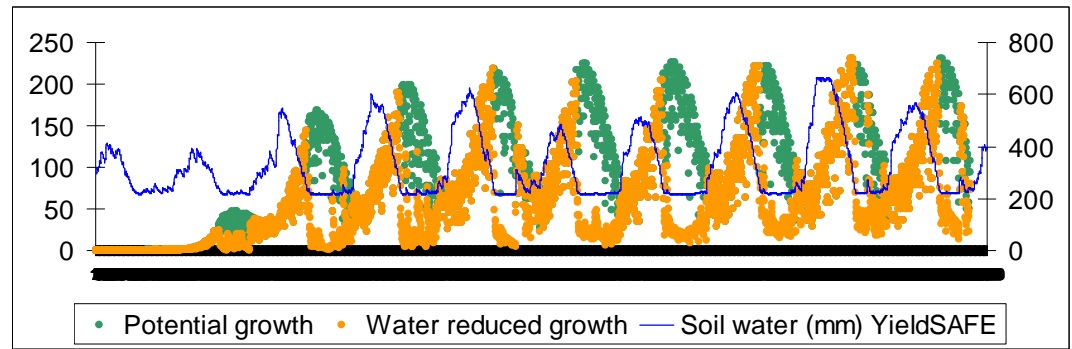
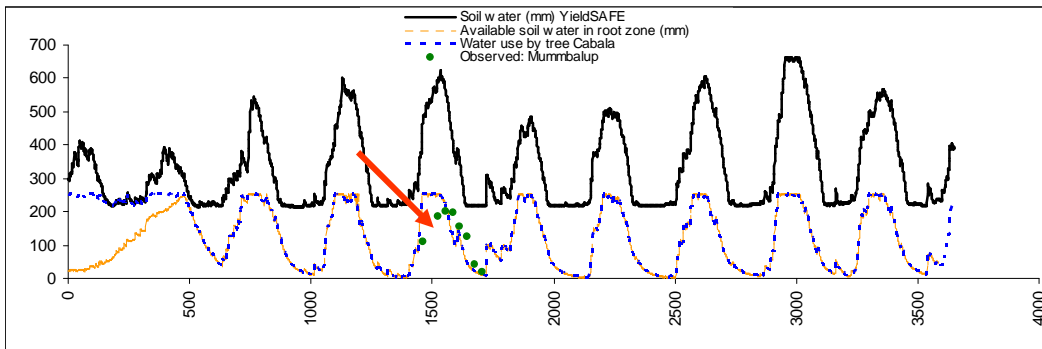
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Mumbalup



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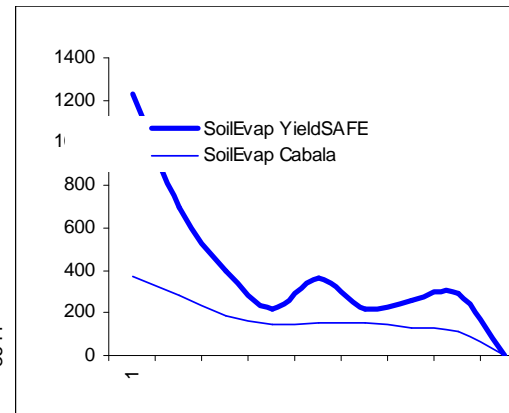
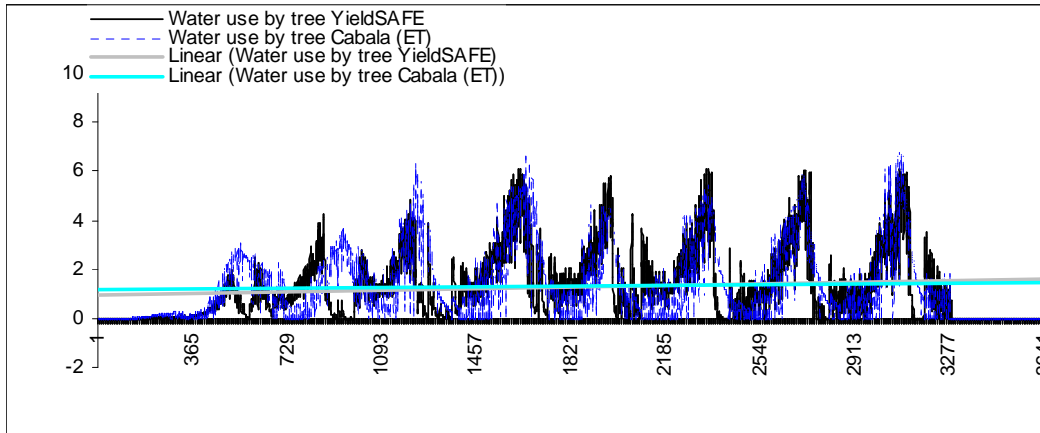
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CABALA vs YieldSAFE

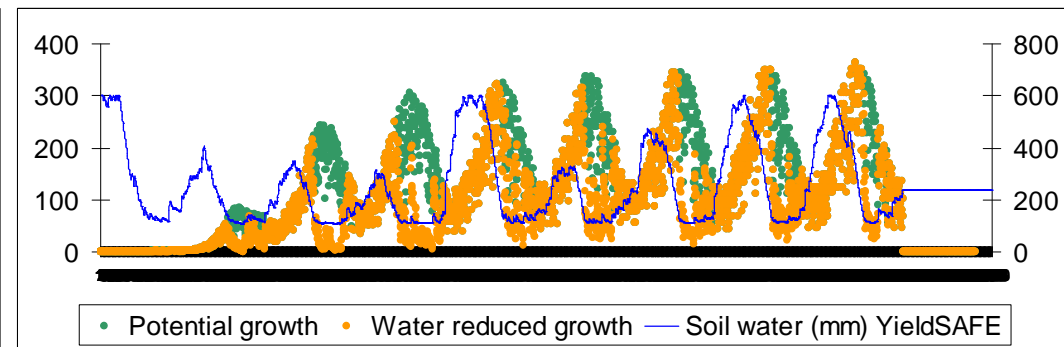
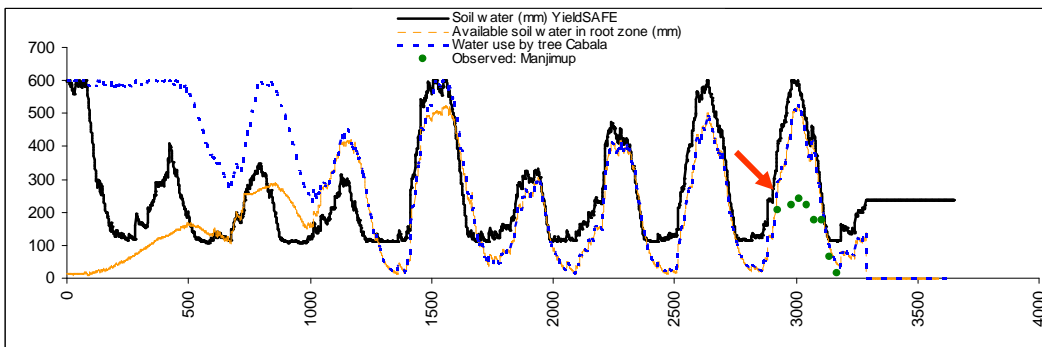
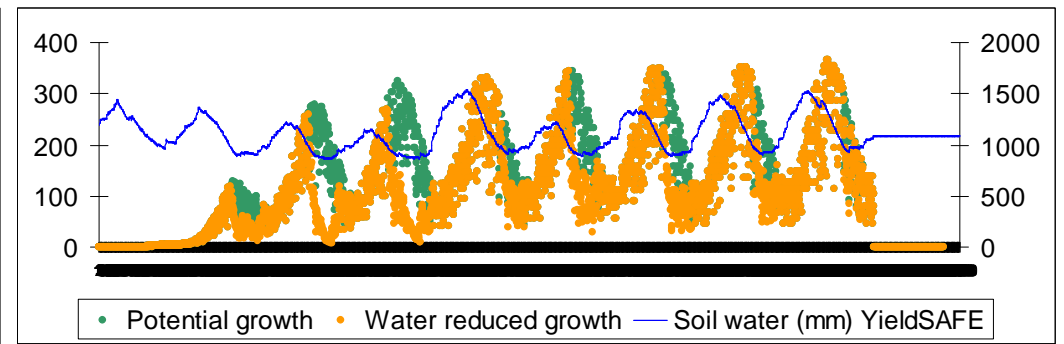
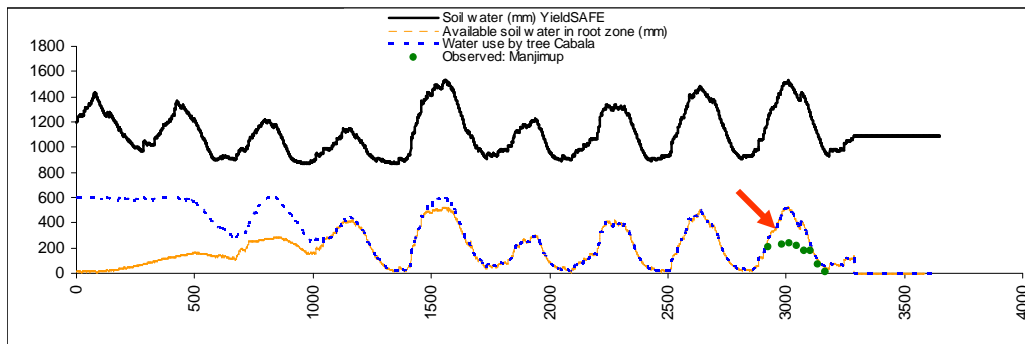
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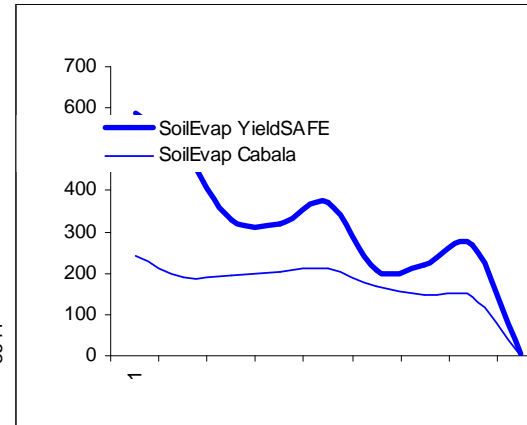
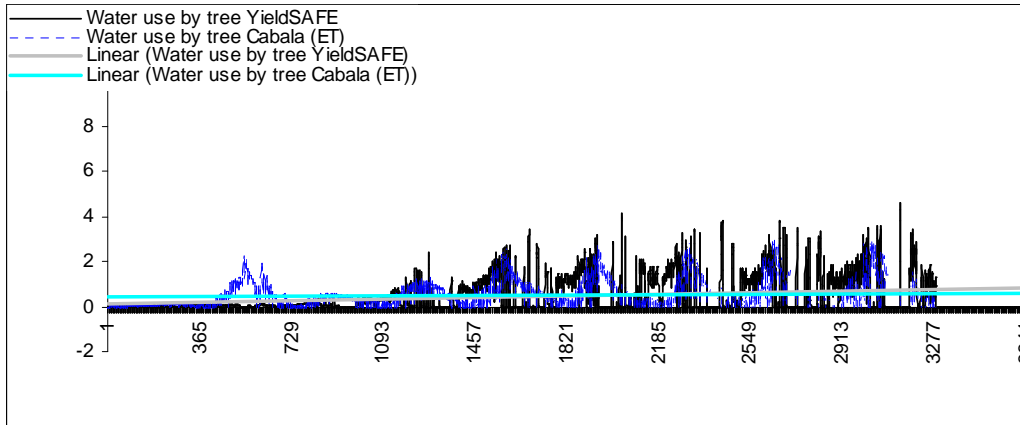
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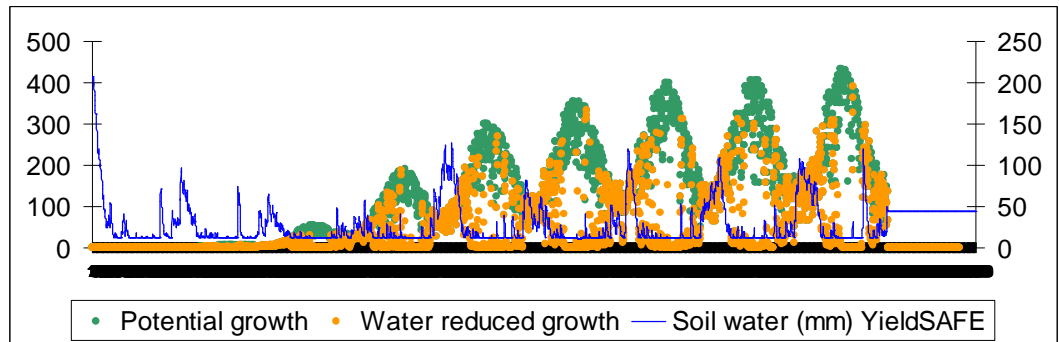
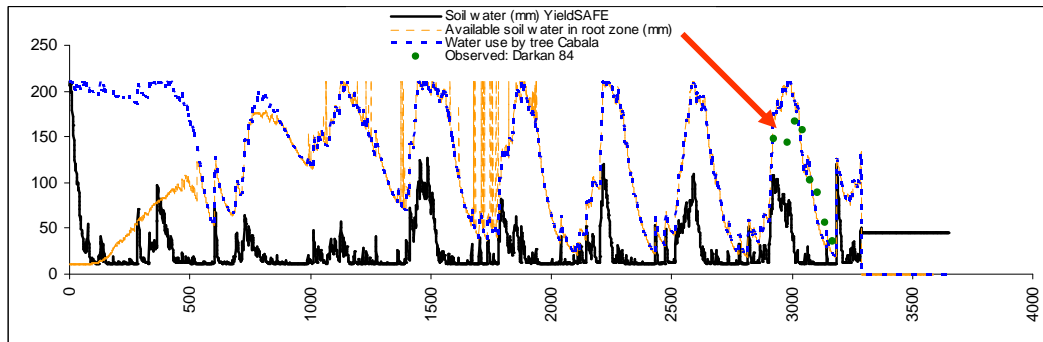
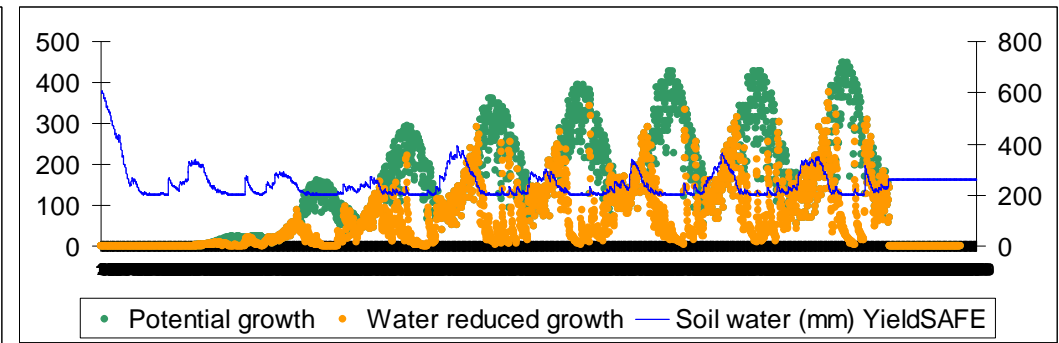
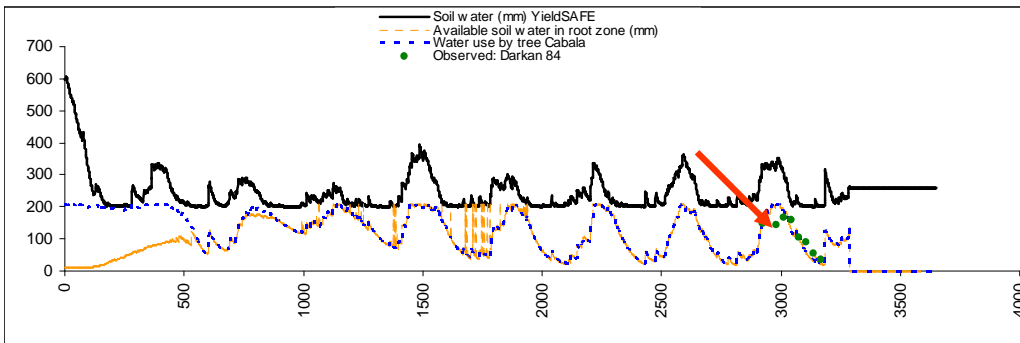
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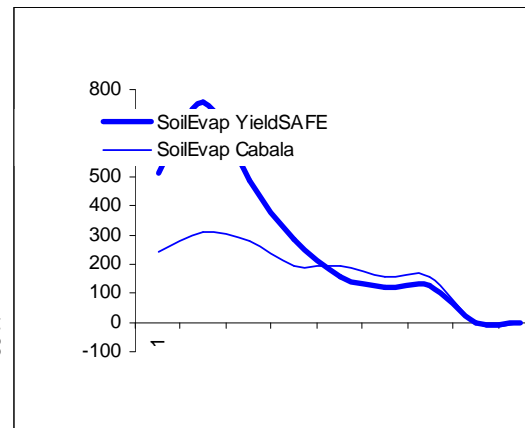
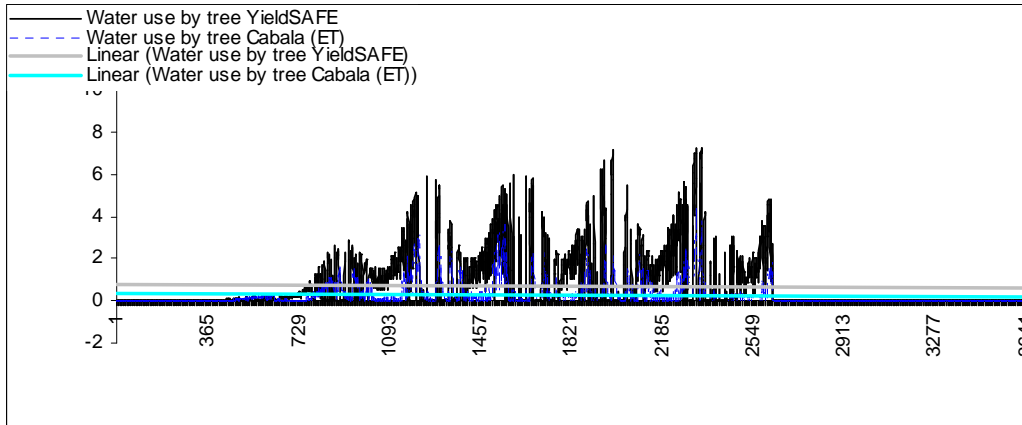
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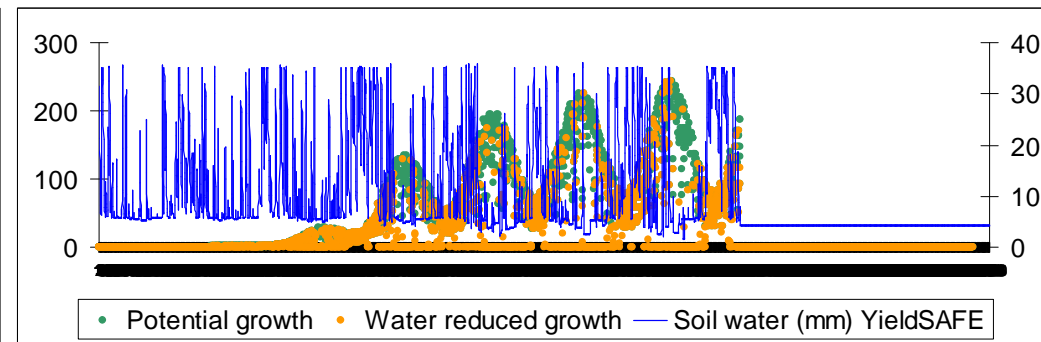
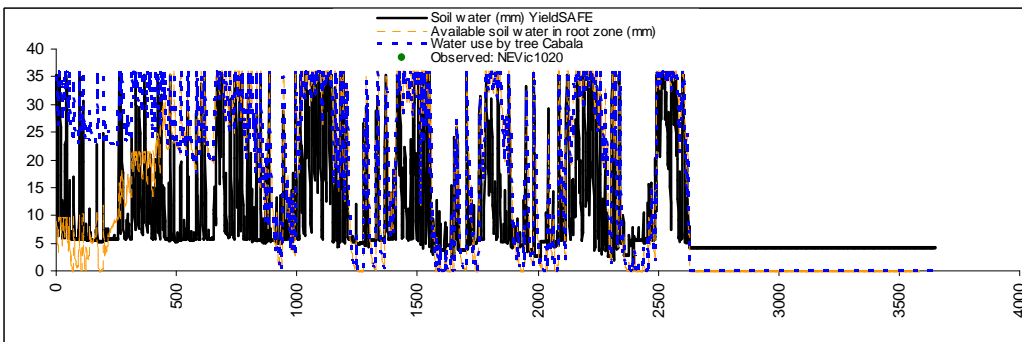
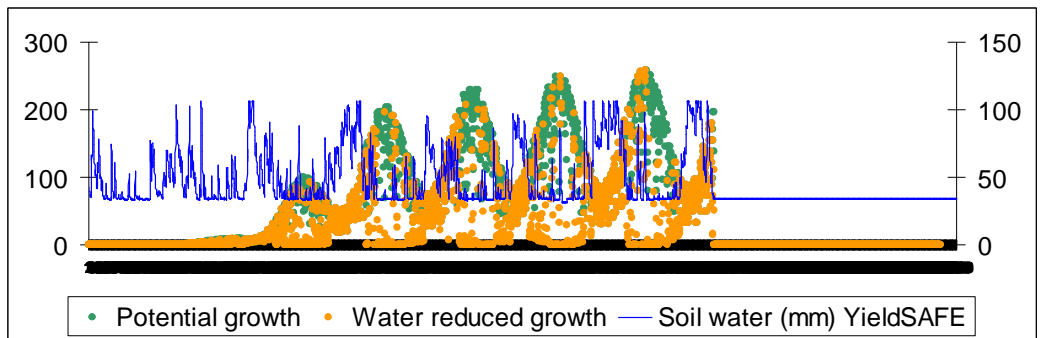
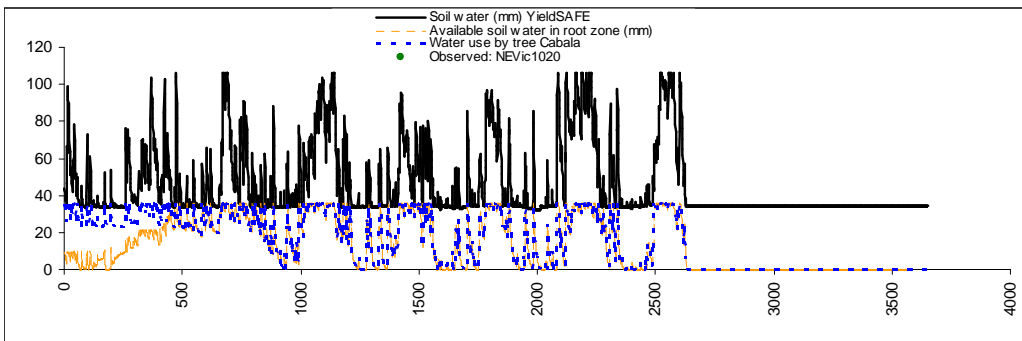
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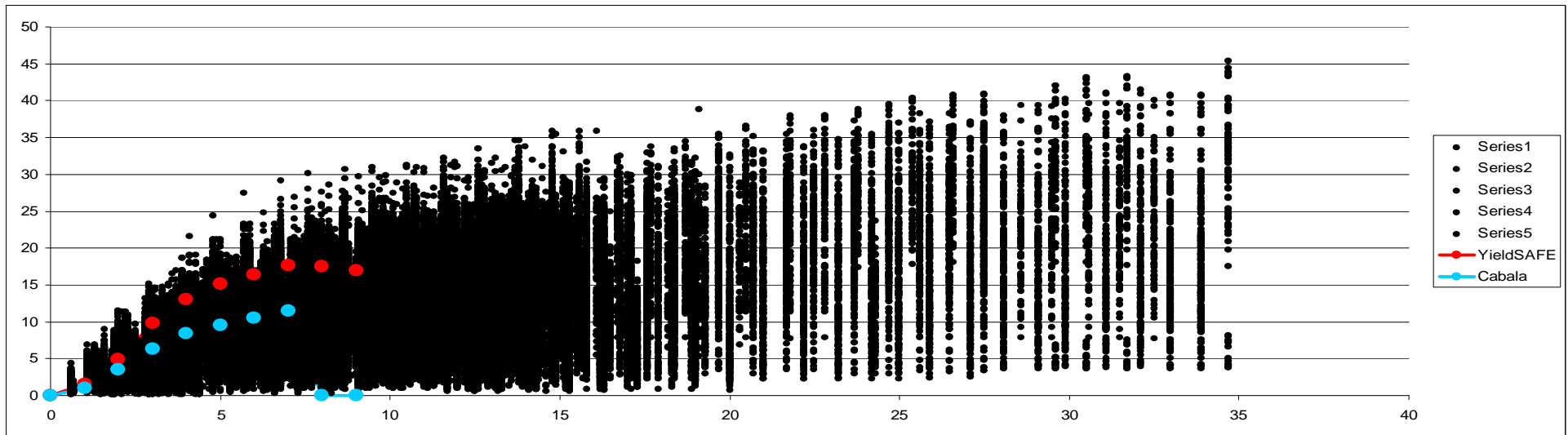
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CABALA vs YieldSAFE

Portugal data...

Dbh



- Potential (best)
- NE Victoria (worst)
- Inventory, measured



Mission resume...

To bring home...

YieldSAFE satisfactorily mimics CABALA for “Normal” conditions

Only water reduced impacts should be considered

Australia is BIG! Corrections for higher VPD areas should be made

YieldSAFE can be used for preliminary assessments, followed by Cabala

Soil is “tricky” to compare as Cabala calculates AW and YieldSAFE calculates total

US soil parameters (12 classes) seem to have has an acceptable behaviour

Still have to work the results with empirical models and inventory data “back home”

Good stimulus to continue working with yieldSAFE. Possibly with CC data

To eventually stay here...

YieldSAFE might be useful for the 1 000 000 simulations as “preliminaries”.

YieldSAFE is “Open Source”... no restrictions/license for use



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WODERFULL Time

(although ferociously rainy!)



Tanks for listening

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