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## Supplementary Information

Supplementary Table 1 | The 29 wheat crop models used in the AgMIP Wheat project and analyzed in this study.

Model (version)	Reference	Documentation
APSIM-Wheat-E	1-4	<a href="http://www.apsim.info/Wiki/">http://www.apsim.info/Wiki/</a>
APSIM-Nwheat (V.1.55)	2,5,6	<a href="http://www.apsim.info">http://www.apsim.info</a>
APSIM-Wheat (V.7.3)	2	<a href="http://www.apsim.info/Wiki/">http://www.apsim.info/Wiki/</a>
AQUACROP (V.4.0)	7	<a href="http://www.fao.org/nr/water/aquacrop.html">http://www.fao.org/nr/water/aquacrop.html</a>
CropSyst (V.3.04.08)	8	<a href="http://www.bsyse.wsu.edu/CS_Suite/CropSyst/index.html">http://www.bsyse.wsu.edu/CS_Suite/CropSyst/index.html</a>
DAISY (V.5.24)	9,10	<a href="http://daisy.ku.dk/">http://daisy.ku.dk/</a>
DSSAT-CERES (V.4.0.1.0)	11-13	<a href="http://www.icasa.net/dssat/">http://www.icasa.net/dssat/</a>
DSSAT-CROPSIM (V4.5.1.013)	12,14	<a href="http://www.icasa.net/dssat/">http://www.icasa.net/dssat/</a>
EPIC (V1102)	15-17	<a href="http://epicapex.brc.tamus.edu/">http://epicapex.brc.tamus.edu/</a>
Expert-N (V3.0.10) - CERES (V2.0)	18-21	<a href="http://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/en/iboe/expertn/">http://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/en/iboe/expertn/</a>
Expert-N (V3.0.10) – GECROS (V1.0)	20,21	<a href="http://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/en/iboe/expertn/">http://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/en/iboe/expertn/</a>
Expert-N (V3.0.10) – SPASS (2.0)	18,20-23	<a href="http://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/en/iboe/expertn/">http://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/en/iboe/expertn/</a>
Expert-N (V3.0.10) - SUCROS (V2)	18,20,21,24	<a href="http://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/en/iboe/expertn/">http://www.helmholtz-muenchen.de/en/iboe/expertn/</a>
FASSET (V.2.0)	25,26	<a href="http://www.fasset.dk">http://www.fasset.dk</a>
GLAM (V.2)	27,28	<a href="http://www.see.leeds.ac.uk/research/icas/climate-impacts-group/research/glam/">http://www.see.leeds.ac.uk/research/icas/climate-impacts-group/research/glam/</a>
HERMES (V.4.26)	29,30	<a href="http://www.zalf.de/en/forschung/institute/lisa/forschung/oekomod/hermes">http://www.zalf.de/en/forschung/institute/lisa/forschung/oekomod/hermes</a>
INFOCROP (V.1)	31	<a href="http://www.iari.res.in">http://www.iari.res.in</a>
LINTUL (V.1)	32,33	<a href="http://models.pps.wur.nl/models">http://models.pps.wur.nl/models</a>
LPJmL (V3.2)	34-39	<a href="http://www.pik-potsdam.de/research/projects/lpjweb">http://www.pik-potsdam.de/research/projects/lpjweb</a>
MCWLA-Wheat (V.2.0)	40-43	Request from taofl@igsrr.ac.cn
MONICA (V.1.0)	44	<a href="http://monica.agrosystem-models.com">http://monica.agrosystem-models.com</a>
OLEARY (V.7)	45-48	Request from gjoleary@yahoo.com
SALUS (V.1.0)	49,50	<a href="http://www.salusmodel.net">http://www.salusmodel.net</a>
SIMPLACE<LINTUL2-CC-HEAT> (V.1)	51	Request from frank.ewert@uni-bonn.de
SIRIUS (V2010)	52-55	<a href="http://www.rothamsted.ac.uk/mas-models/sirius.php">http://www.rothamsted.ac.uk/mas-models/sirius.php</a>
<i>SiriusQuality</i> (V.2.0)	56-58	<a href="http://www1.clermont.inra.fr/siriusquality/">http://www1.clermont.inra.fr/siriusquality/</a>
STICS (V.1.1)	59,60	<a href="http://www6.paca.inra.fr/stics_eng/">http://www6.paca.inra.fr/stics_eng/</a>
WHEATGROW	61-67	Request from yanzhu@njau.edu.cn
WOFOST (V.7.1)	68	<a href="http://www.wofost.wur.nl">http://www.wofost.wur.nl</a>

## Supplementary Table 2 | Summary of the temperature responses of physiological processes simulated in the 29 wheat models analysed in this study.

Temperature response functions for each process and model are shown in Supplementary\_Data\_Set\_D1.xlsx.

Model	Development				Biomass accumulation		Grain growth / harvest index <sup>e</sup>	Canopy expansion/senescence			Heat stress response	
	Emergence (Germination) <sup>a</sup>	Pre-anthesis phenology <sup>a</sup>	Post-anthesis phenology <sup>a</sup>	Vernalization <sup>b</sup>	Photosynthesis / RUE <sup>c</sup>	Respiration <sup>d</sup>		Leaf growth <sup>f</sup>	Leaf senescence <sup>g</sup>	Root growth <sup>h</sup>	Grain number / harvest index <sup>i</sup>	Heat accelerated leaf senescence <sup>j</sup>
APSIM-E	TT-Ta(0,26,-35)	TT-Ta(0,26,-35)	TT-Ta(0,26,-35)	V-Tc,Tx,Tm(0,2,-,15)	RUE-Ta(0,20,-,35)	-	GR-Ta(0,26,-∞)	TT-Ta(0,26,-,35)	TT-Ta(0,26,-∞)	Rr-Ta(0,20,-,35)	-	-
APSIM-Nwheat	TT-Ta(0,28,32,45)	TT-Ta(0,28,32,45)	TT-Ta(0,28,32,45)	V-Tc,Tx,Tm(0,2,-,15)	RUE-Ta(0,10,22,35)	-	GR-Ta(0,26,-∞)	TT-Ta(0,11,24,35)	TT-Ta(0,28,32,45)	Rr-Ta(0,28,32,45)	-	Tx>34
APSIM-wheat	TT-Ta(0,26,-,34)	TT-Ta(0,26,-,34)	TT-Ta(0,26,-,34)	V-Tc,Tx,Tm(0,2,-,15)	RUE-Ta(0,10,20,35)	-	GR-Ta(0,26,-∞)	TT-Ta(0,26,-,34)	TT-Ta(0,28,32,45)	Rr-Ta(0,26,-,34)	-	Tx>34
AquaCrop	TT-Ta(0,26,-∞)	TT-Ta(0,26,-∞)	TT-Ta(0,26,-∞)	-	TE-TT(0,14,-,∞)	-	-	TT-Ta(0,26,-∞)	TT-Ta(0,26,-∞)	Rr-TT-Ta(0,26,-∞)	HI-Ta(0,5,35,40)	-
CropSyst	TT-Ta(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(0,-,33)	TT-Ta(0,-,33)	-	RUE-Ta(0,12,17,40)	-	-	-	-	-	HI<31	Th<0
DAISY	TT-Ta(0,25,-45)	TT-Ta(0,25,-45)	TT-Ta(0,25,35,45)	-	Ps-Ta(3,25,35,45)	Mr-Ta	-	-	-	-	-	-
DSSAT-CERES	TT-Ta(0,26,50,60)	TT-Ta(0,26,50,60)	TT-Ta(0,30,50,60)	V-Ta(-5,0,7,15)	RUE-Ta(0,5,25,35)	-	GR-Ta(0,16,35,45)	TT-Ta(0,10,20,35)	TT-Ta(0,10,20,35)	TT-Ta(0,26,50,60)	-	-
DSSAT-CROPSIM	TT-Ta(0,26,50,60)	TT-Ta(0,26,50,60)	TT-Ta(0,26,50,60)	V-Ta(-5,0,7,15)	RUE-Ta(0,5,25,35)	-	GR-Ta(0,26,50,60)	TT-Ta(0,26,50,60)	TT-Ta(0,26,50,60)	TT-Ta(0,26,50,60)	-	-
EPIC-wheat	TT-Ta(5,20,-,∞)	TT-Ta(5,20,-,∞)	TT-Ta(5,20,-,∞)	-	RUE-Ta(0,20,-,50)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expert-N-CERES	TT-Tc(2,26,34)	TT-Tc(2,26,34)	TT-Tc(2,26,34)	V-Tc(0,2,6,13)	RUE-Ta(-2,18,-,38)	-	GR-Ta(0,16,-∞)	La-Ta(0,17,-,34)	TT-Ta(5,29,-,40)	-	-	-
Expert-N-GECROS	TT-Thc(0,25,-,37)	TT-Thc(0,25,-,37)	TT-Thc(0,25,-,37)	V-Ta(-1,2,-,15)	Ps-Ta(0,10,25,35)	Mr-Q <sub>10</sub> <sup>Ta</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expert-N-SPASS	TT-Ta(0,24,-,35)	TT-Ta(0,24,-,35)	TT-Ta(0,24,-,35)	V-Ta(-1,2,-,15)	Ps-Ta(0,22,-,35)	Pr-Td, Mr-Ta	GR-Ta(0,24,-,35)	La-Ta(0,22,-,35)	-	Rr-Ta(0,25,-,40)	-	Ta>30
Expert-N-SUCROS	TT-Ta(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(0,∞,-,∞)	-	Ps-Ta(0,10,25,35)	Mr-Q <sub>10</sub> <sup>Ta</sup>	GR-Ta(0,16,-∞)	La-Ta(0,∞,-,∞)	-	Rr-Ta(0,31,-∞)	-	-
FASSET	TT-Ta(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(4,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(6,∞,-,∞)	-	RUE-Ta(4,10,-,∞)	-	GR-Ta(4,10,-,∞)	TT-Ta(0,10,-,∞)	TT-Ta(6,∞,-,∞)	Rr-Ts(4,∞,-,∞)	-	-
GLAM-Wheat	TT-Ta(0,23,-,35)	TT-Ta(1,23,-,35)	TT-Ta(1,22,-,35)	-	TE-Ta(-∞,28,-,36)	-	HI-Tx(-∞,28,-,36)	-	?	-	-	Tx>34
HERMES	TT-Ta(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(1,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(9,∞,-,∞)	V-Ta(-4,0,3,18)	Ps-Ta(4,15,25,35)	Mr-Q <sub>10</sub> <sup>Ta</sup>	-	-	-	Rr-TT-Ta(-1,∞,-,∞)	-	-
InfoCrop	TT-Th(3,6,25,-,40)	TT-Th(4,5,25,-,40)	TT-Th(7,5,25,-,40)	-	RUE-Ta(0,10,25,50)	-	GR-Ta(0,16,-,∞)	TT-Ta(4,5,25,-,40)	?	Rr-Th(4,5,25,-,40)	PLN(-∞,2,32,∞)	Ta>20
LINTUL4	TT-Ta(0,30,-,∞)	TT-Ta(0,45,-,∞)	TT-Ta(0,45,-,∞)	-	RUE-Td(0,15,30,35)	-	-	-	TT-Ta(-10,∞,-,∞)	-	-	-
LPmL	-	TT-Ta(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(0,∞,-,∞)	V-Ta(-4,3,10,17)	Ps-Ta(0,12,17,40)	Mr-Q <sub>10</sub> <sup>Ta</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
MCWLA-Wheat	TT-Ta(0,24,-,35)	TT-Ta(0,24,-,35)	TT-Ta(0,29,-,40)	V-Ta(-1,5,5,-,15,5)	Ps-Ta(0,10,30,40)	Mr-Q <sub>10</sub> <sup>Ta</sup>	GR-Ta(0,10,-,40)	TT-Ta(0,24,-,35)	TT-Ta(0,29,-,40)	Rr-Ta(0,24,-,35)	-	Tx>33
MONICA	TT-Ta(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(1,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(9,∞,-,∞)	V-Ta(-4,0,3,18)	Ps-Ta(-4,21,-,40)	Gr-(Tx,Tn), Mr-(Tx,Tn)	-	-	TT-Ta(9,∞,-,∞)	Rr-Ta(0,20,-,∞)	-	-
OLEARY	TT-Ta(2,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(2,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ta(8,∞,-,∞)	-	RUE-Ta(0,10,25,35)	-	GR-Q <sub>10</sub> <sup>T</sup>	-	-	Rr-Ta(-1,20,-,37)	-	-
SALUS	TT-Ta(0,26,-,∞)	TT-Ta(0,26,-,∞)	TT-Ta(0,26,-,∞)	V-Ta(-∞,7,-,18)	-	-	-	TT-Ta(0,8,26,35)	TT-Ta(0,8,26,35)	TT-Ta(0,8,26,35)	-	-
SIMPLACE<LINTUL2-CC-HEAT>	-	TT-Ta(1,32,-,40)	TT-Ta(9,32,-,40)	V-Ta(-4,4,10,17)	RUE-Ta(-4,7,17,32)	-	-	-	TT-Ta(-∞,10,30,∞)	-	-	Tx>34
Sirius	TT-Ts(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ts,Thc(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Th(0,∞,-,∞)	V-Ts,Thc(0,11,-,18)	RUE-Th(-2,18,-,38)	-	-	TT-Th(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Th(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Th(0,∞,-,∞)	-	-
SiriusQuality	TT-Ts(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ts,Thc(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Th(0,∞,-,∞)	V-Ts,Thc(0,15,5,-,48,5)	RUE-Ts,Thc(0,18,-,50)	-	-	TT-Ts,Thc(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ts,Thc(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Ts(0,∞,-,∞)	-	-
STICS	TT-Ts(0,∞,-,∞)	TT-Tc(0,33,-,∞)	TT-Tc(0,33,-,∞)	-	RUE-Tc(0,12,17,40)	-	GR-Tmc/Txc(0,-,∞,38)	TT-Tc(0,40,-,∞)	TT-Tc(0,40,-,∞)	Rr-Tc(0,40,-,∞)	-	Tc-Q <sub>10</sub> <sup>Tc</sup>
WheatGrow	TT-Th(0,20,-,32)	TT-Th(3,3,22,-,32)	TT-Th(5,1,25,-,35)	V-Th(-1,1,10,18)	Ps-Ta(0,12,27,45)	Mr-Q <sub>10</sub> <sup>Ta</sup>	-	-	-	Rr-Ta(0,26,50,60)	-	-
WOFOST	TT-Ta(-10,30,-,∞)	TT-Ta(0,30,-,∞)	TT-Ta(0,30,-,∞)	-	Ps-Ta(-2,15,25,38)	Mr-Q <sub>10</sub> <sup>Ta</sup>	-	-	-	TT-Ta(0,35,-,∞)	-	-

Ta, mean daily air temperature; Tx, daily maximum air temperature; Tm, minimum air temperature; Th, hourly or subdaily air temperature; Tc, canopy temperature; Txc, daily maximum canopy temperature; Tmc, daily minimum canopy temperature; Thc, subdaily canopy temperature; Ts, soil temperature; TT, thermal time; RUE, Radiation use efficiency.

<sup>a</sup> TT-T or TT-T(T1,T2,T3,T4), Thermal time (TT) changes linearly (-) or curvilinearly (~) with temperature (T), with a base temperature of T1, optimal temperature between T2 and T3, and an upper most temperature of T4. Tx-(ws,vpd).

<sup>b</sup> V-T or V~T (T1,T2,T3,T4) - Vernalization is linearly (-) or curvilinearly (~) related to temperature with the cardinal temperatures T1,T2,T3, and T4.

<sup>c</sup> RUE-T or RUE~T(T1,T2,T3,T4), RUE approach linearly (-) or curvilinearly (~) related to temperature, with the cardinal temperatures T1,T2,T3, and T4; TE-T or TE~T(T1,T2,T3,T4), transpiration efficiency approach linearly (-) or curvilinearly (~) related to temperature; Ps-T or Ps~T(T1,T2,T3,T4) photosynthesis rate linearly (-) or curvilinearly (~) related to temperature; Ps-T (complex), photosynthesis is simulated as function of temperature in a complex manner.

<sup>d</sup> Pr-Td, photorepiration is simulated as a curvilinear function of daytime temperature (Td), Mr-Ta, maintenance respiration is simulated as a curvilinear function of daily mean temperature (T), Mr-Q<sub>10</sub><sup>T</sup> - maintenance respiration is simulated as a function of temperature using a Q<sub>10</sub> approach, Gr-T, growth respiration as a function of T.

<sup>e</sup> GR-T or GR~T(T1,T2,T3,T4), grain growth rate is a linearly (-) or curvilinearly (~) related to temperature T with the cardinal temperatures T1,T2,T3, and T4; HI-T(T1,T2,T3,T4), grain growth is simulated with harvest index that is affected by temperature T, GR-Q<sub>10</sub><sup>T</sup> - grain growth rate is simulated using a Q<sub>10</sub> function of T.

<sup>f</sup> TT-T or TT~T(T1,T2,T3,T4), leaf area growth is related to thermal time accumulation calculated as a linear or curvilinear function of temperature with the cardinal temperatures T1,T2,T3, and T4; La-T or La~T(T1,T2,T3,T4), leaf area growth is a linear or curvilinear function of temperature.

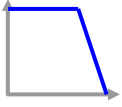
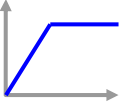
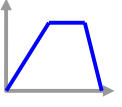
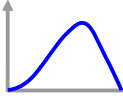
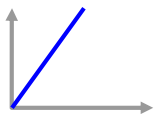
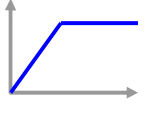
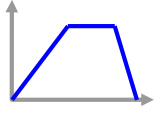
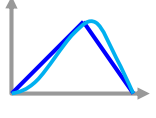
<sup>g</sup> TT-T or TT~T(T1,T2,T3,T4) - leaf senescence follows thermal time TT calculated as a linear or curvilinear function of temperature with the cardinal temperatures T1,T2,T3, and T4, T> Tv - Leaf senescence is enhanced when certain temperature goes beyond the defined threshold Tv, (Q<sub>10</sub>)<sup>Tc</sup> - leaf senescence follows a Q<sub>10</sub> function of Tc.

<sup>h</sup> Rr-T or Rr~T(T1,T2,T3,T4), root depth/length growth follows a linear (-) or curvilinearly (~) function of temperature with the cardinal temperatures T1,T2,T3, and T4.

<sup>i</sup> PLN-T - Pollination is affected by extreme temperature, HI - harvest index is affected by extreme temperatures.

<sup>j</sup> T>Tv - leaf senescence is enhanced when temperature is above a certain threshold temperature Tv.

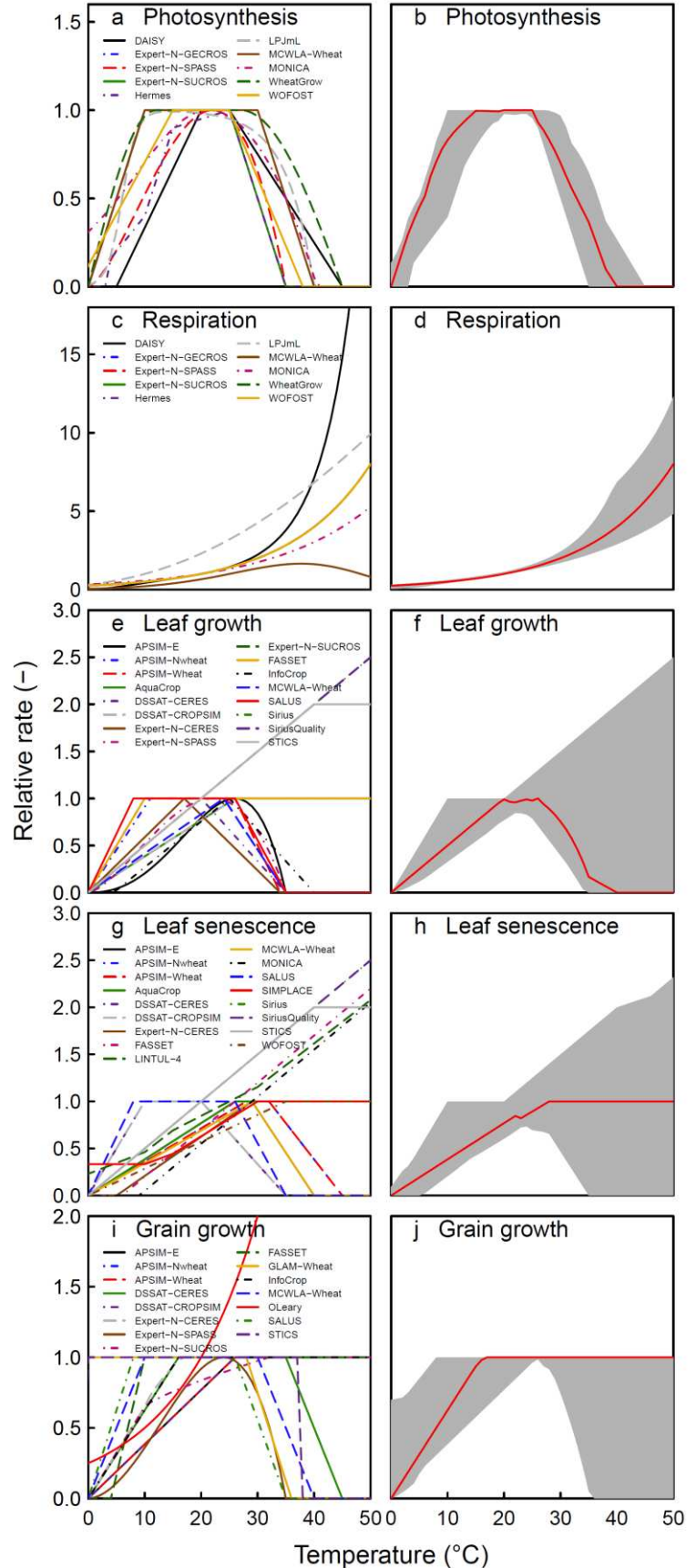
**Supplementary Table 3 | The four main temperature response types for pre-anthesis phenological development and radiation use efficiency (RUE) used in the wheat models analysed in this study.** For the models that explicitly simulate photosynthesis and respiration, they are grouped based on the temperature response types used for phenological development. The numbers in brackets indicate the cardinal temperatures implemented in APSIM and *SiriusQuality* models to test the impact on simulated phenology, biomass and grain yield. The models in which the new temperature response function were evaluated are highlighted in bold font.

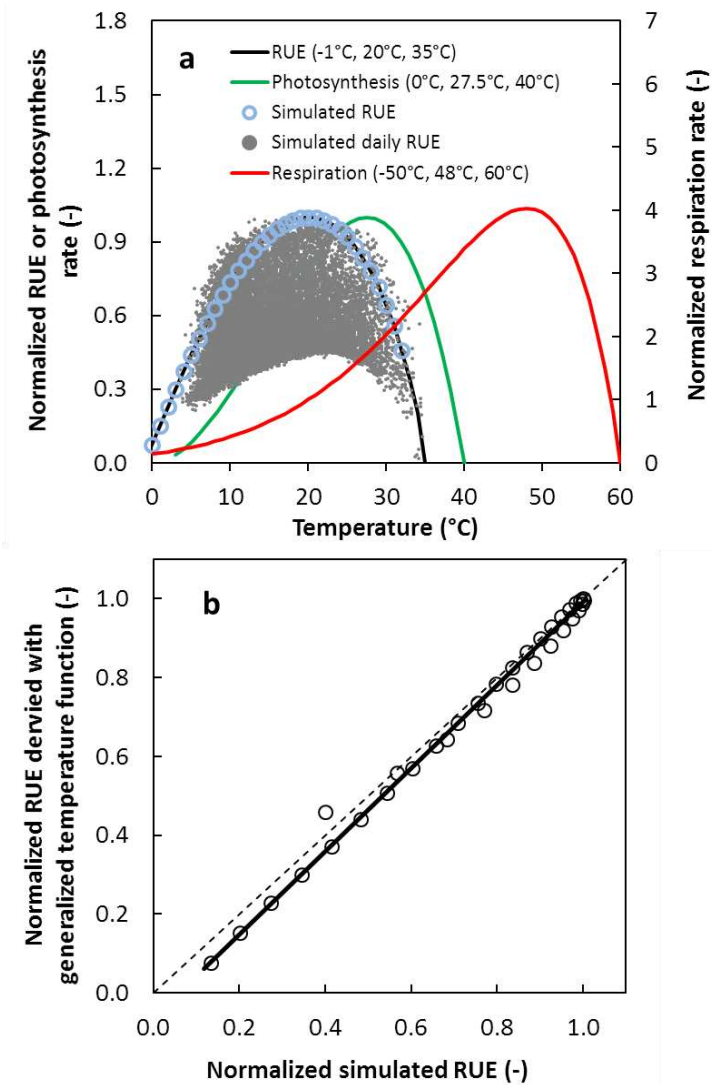
<p>RUE</p> <p>Pre-anthesis phenological development</p>	<p>Type 1 – No reduction towards base temperature</p> <p>(<math>\infty</math>, <math>\infty</math>, 25°C, 35°C)</p> 	<p>Type 2 – No maximum temperature</p> <p>(0°C, 20°C, <math>\infty</math>, <math>\infty</math>)</p> 	<p>Type 3 – A range of optimum temperatures</p> <p>(0°C, 15°C, 20, 35)</p> 	<p>Type 4 - Minimum, optimum and maximum temperatures</p> <p>(0°C, 20°C, 35°C)</p> 	<p>Photosynthesis and Respiration</p>
<p>Type 1 - No optimum and maximum</p> <p>(0°C, <math>\infty</math>, <math>\infty</math>, <math>\infty</math>)</p> 		<p>FASSET</p>	<p>O'Leary</p>	<p>SIRIUS <b>SiriusQuality</b></p>	<p>HERMES LPJmL MONICA Expert-N-SUCROS</p>
<p>Type 2 - No maximum temperature</p> <p>(0°C, 25°C, <math>\infty</math>, <math>\infty</math>)</p> 		<p>Aquacrop EPIC-Wheat</p>	<p><b>SALUS</b> DSSAT-CERES DSSAT-CROPSIM LINTUL-4</p>	<p>STICS</p>	<p>WOFOST</p>
<p>Type 3 - A range of optimum temperatures</p> <p>(0°C, 25°C, 35°C, 45°C)</p> 	<p>GLAM-Wheat</p>		<p>APSIM-Nwheat Cropsyst Expert-N-CERES</p>		
<p>Type 4- Min, optimum &amp; max temperature</p> <p>(0°C, 25°C, 35°C)</p> 			<p>APSIM-Wheat InfoCrop MCWLA-Wheat</p>	<p><b>APSIM-Wheat-E</b> Expert-N-CERES</p>	<p>Expert-N-SPASS Expert-N-GECROS DAISY SIMPLACE <b>WheatGrow</b></p>

**Supplementary Table 4 | Parameters used for simulating the response of radiation use efficiency to temperature in the SPASS photosynthesis model<sup>69</sup>.**

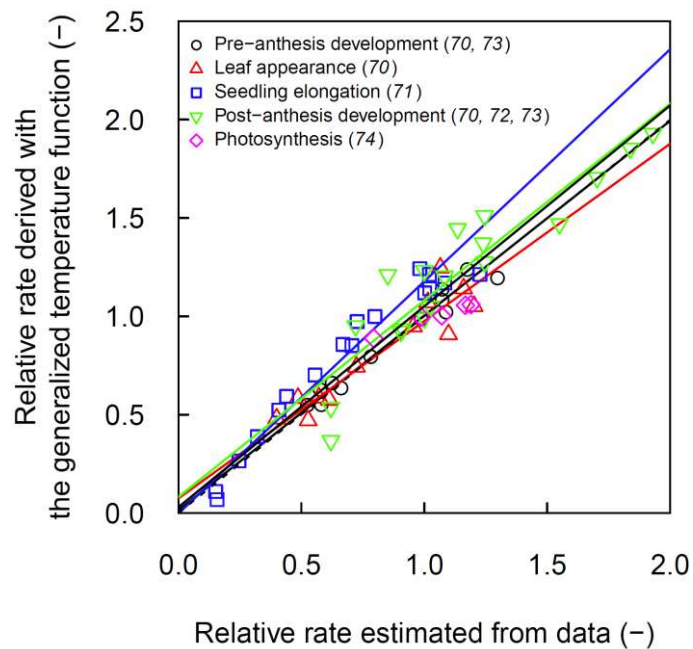
Parameter	Value	Unit	Explanation
AMAX	40	kg CO <sub>2</sub> ha <sup>-1</sup> h <sup>-1</sup>	Maximum photosynthesis rate of leaf
EFF	0.6	g CO <sub>2</sub> J <sup>-1</sup>	Light use efficiency at low light
K <sub>L</sub>	0.7	m <sup>2</sup> ground m <sup>-2</sup> leaf	Radiation extinction coefficient of leaf canopy
Γ	73.6	mg CO <sub>2</sub> m <sup>3</sup> air	CO <sub>2</sub> compensation point
DarkResp	0.03	g CO <sub>2</sub> g <sup>-1</sup> d <sup>-1</sup>	Maintenance respiration at 20°C
Temperature	-5 to 35	°C	Temperature range simulated
Radiation	10 to 32	MJ d <sup>-1</sup>	Radiation range simulated
CO <sub>2</sub>	736	mg CO <sub>2</sub> m <sup>3</sup> air	Atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub> concentration
LAI	3	m <sup>2</sup> leaf m <sup>-2</sup> ground	Leaf area index
Biomass	3	t ha <sup>-1</sup>	Total above ground biomass
Root	0.2	-	Partition of photosynthate to root

Supplementary Figure 1 | Temperature response functions in 29 wheat simulation models. (a and b) photosynthesis. (c and d) respiration. (e and f) leaf area growth. (g and h) senescence. (i and j) grain growth. Models are listed in Supplementary Table 1. (b, d, f, h, and j) Summaries of temperature responses from all models with red lines representing the median and shaded areas the 10% and 90% quantiles.



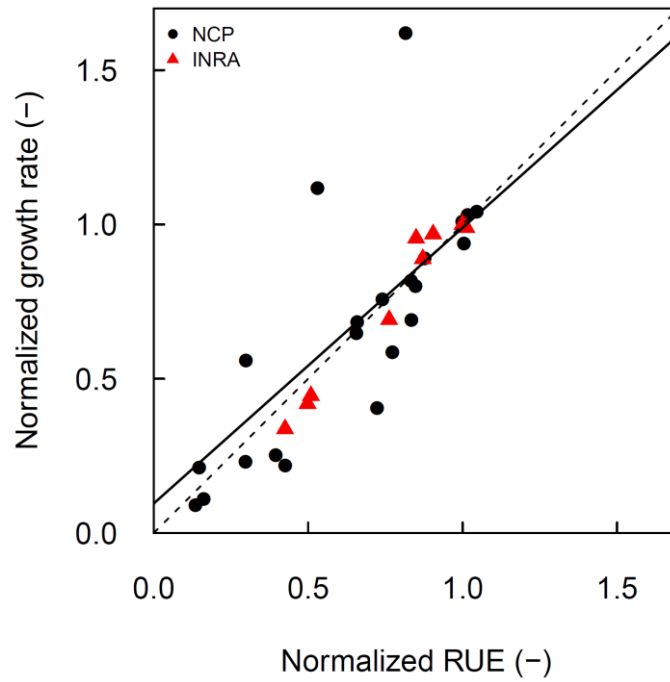


**Supplementary Figure 2 | Radiation use efficiency (RUE) temperature dependency derived from photosynthesis and respiration.** (a) RUE temperature response functions averaged under low ( $10 \text{ MJ m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$ ; circles) and high ( $30 \text{ MJ m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$ ; blue circles) conditions, and RUE under various (grey dots) radiation conditions calculated with the SPASS photosynthesis and plant growth model<sup>69</sup>. Red and green solid lines are the derived temperature response functions for photosynthesis and respiration rates used in SPASS to calculate daily RUE, respectively. The temperature responses for photosynthesis (green line), respiration (red line), and RUE (black line) were produced using the cardinal temperatures shown in parenthesis with  $\beta = 1.0$  for photosynthesis and respiration and 0.8 for RUE. The black line roughly captures the envelope of the simulated daily RUE response to temperature by the SPASS model. (b) Comparison of normalized RUE calculated using the derived temperature response function shown in (a) with mean daily RUE calculated using the SPASS model for temperatures ranging from 0°C to 32°C. Solid and dashed lines are the standardized linear regression ( $y = -1.0556 [1.0305, 1.0814] x - 0.0643 [-0.0844, -0.0441]$ ,  $r^2 = 0.99$ ,  $P < 2.22 \times 10^{-16}$ ) and the 1:1 line, respectively. All rates were normalized at 20°C.



Supplementary Figure 3 | Performance of the improved temperature response functions in capturing the phenological development, tissue expansion, and photosynthesis rates derived from experimental data. The numbers in the brackets in the legend indicate the literature sources<sup>70-74</sup> of the data. Solid lines are standardized regressions for pre-anthesis development rate (black;  $y = 0.83 [0.734, 0.943] x + 0.15 [0.045, 0.2598]$ ,  $r^2 = 0.90$ ,  $P < 9.59 \times 10^{-14}$ ), leaf appearance rate (red;  $y = 0.91 [0.734, 1.120] x + 0.07 [-0.102, 0.233]$ ,  $r^2 = 0.88$ ,  $P < 6.56 \times 10^{-6}$ ), seedling elongation rate (blue;  $y = 1.18 [1.058, 1.315] x - 0.002 [-0.0985, 0.0946]$ ,  $r^2 = 0.95$ ,  $P < 2.94 \times 10^{-11}$ ), and post-anthesis development rate (green;  $y = 0.95 [0.822, 1.099] x + 0.14 [-0.056, 0.329]$ ,  $r^2 = 0.84$ ,  $P < 6.77 \times 10^{-13}$ ). The dashed line is the 1:1 line. All rates were normalized at 20°C.





**Supplementary Figure 4 | Relationship between net biomass growth rate and radiation use efficiency.** Data are from the NCP<sup>75</sup> (black circles) and outdoor semi-controlled environment<sup>72</sup> (red triangle) experiments. There was no difference in the slope ( $P = 0.20$ ) and intercept ( $P = 0.97$ ) among datasets, therefore, a single standardized regression was fitted to all data (solid line;  $y = 0.8934 [0.7814, 1.0214] x + 0.0958 [-0.0078, 0.1837]$ ,  $r^2 = 0.65$ ,  $P = 4.42 \times 10^{-8}$ ). Dashed line is the 1:1 lines. All rates were normalized at 20°C.

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