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How nitrogen and phosphorus availability modulates ecosystem
scale water-use efficiency?

Results from MaNiP – a large scale nutrient manipulation experiment

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Experiment

Conclusions

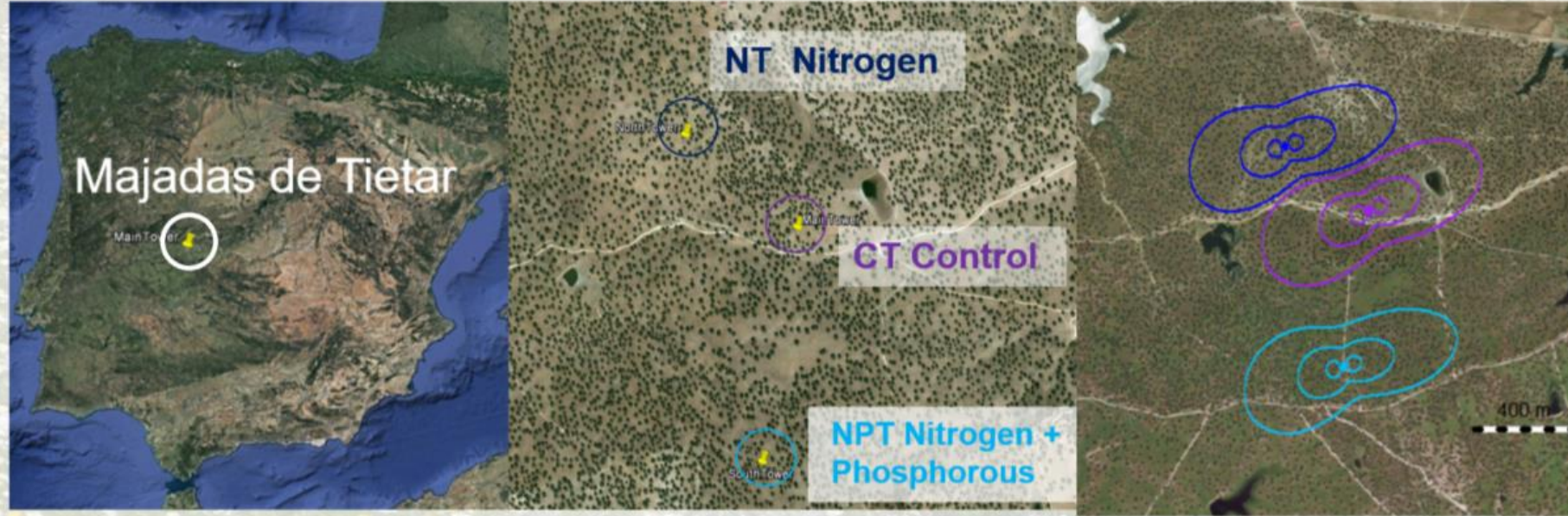
Site

Results

For the original Prezi presentation please use the link below:

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Site Location and background



- Center of Iberian Peninsula
- Typical Iberian Dehesa
- Three eddy covariance towers

Site description



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Winter

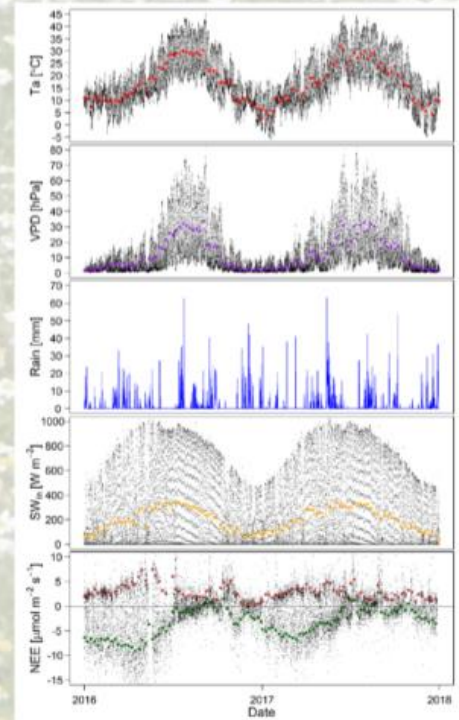


Spring



Summer

- *Quercus ilex* trees
- Canopy height 8.7 m
- 23 % canopy cover
- MAP 650 mm
- MAT 16.7 °C
- Slight N-limitation



Large temperature range

Highly variable precipitation

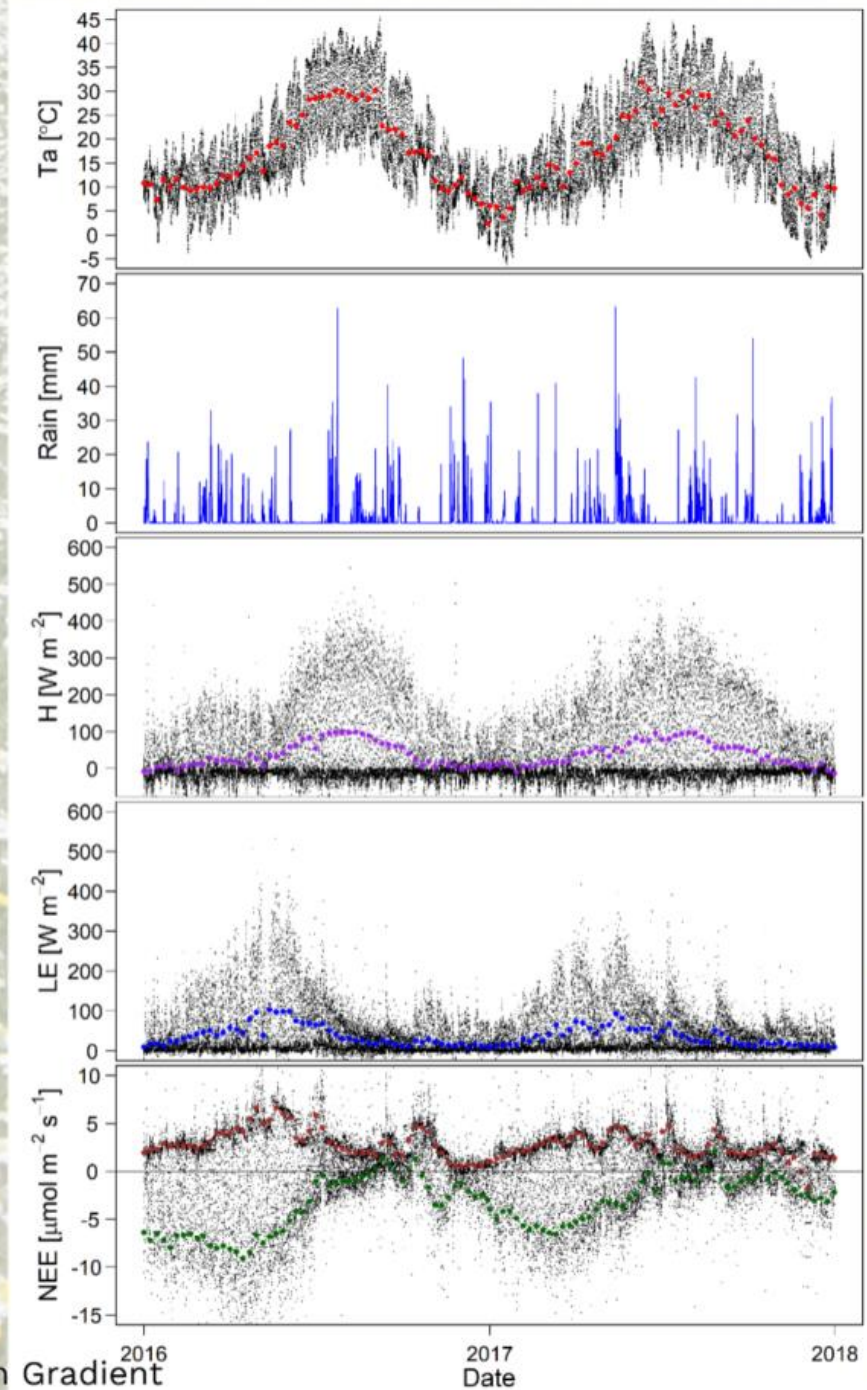
Energy limited winter

Water limited summer

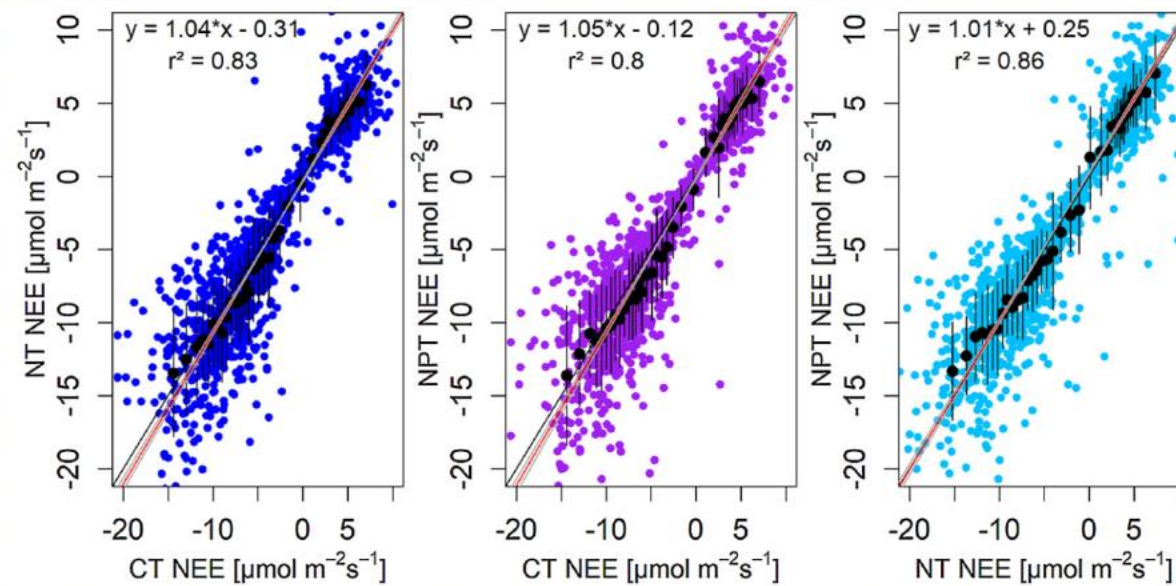
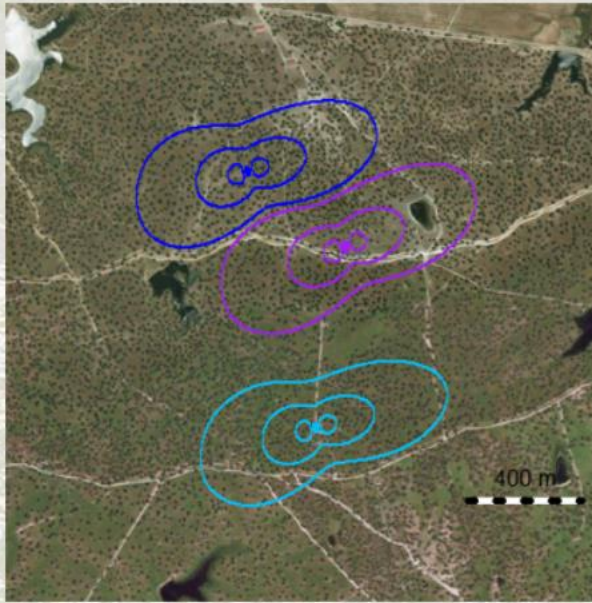
Growing season length and productivity are water driven

El-Madany et al., (2020)

Drought and Heatwave Impacts on Semi-Arid Ecosystems' Carbon Fluxes along a Precipitation Gradient



Experimental Design

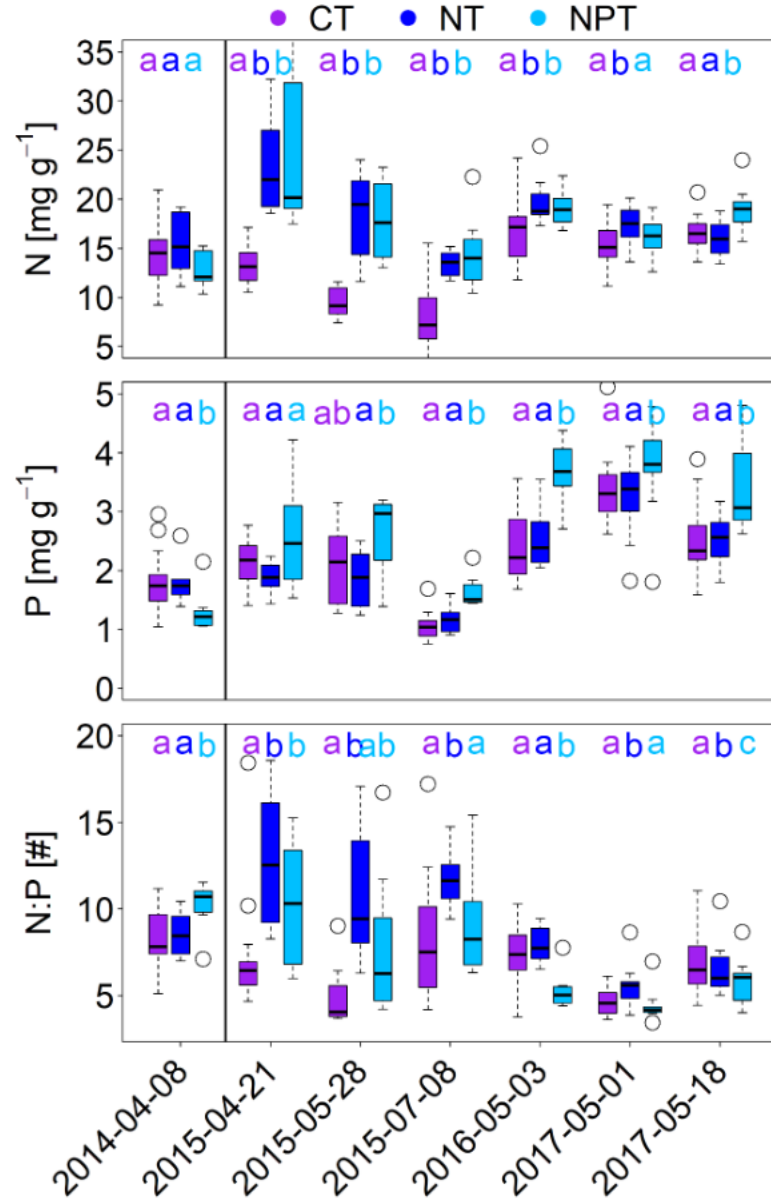


El-Madany et al., (2018)
Drivers of spatio-temporal
variability of carbon dioxide and
energy fluxes in a Mediterranean
savanna ecosystem

CT Control treatment background signal and IAV
NT High N-availability, wide N:P ratio, P-limitation
NPT High N and P-availability, P-limitation released



Nutrients in herbaceous layer

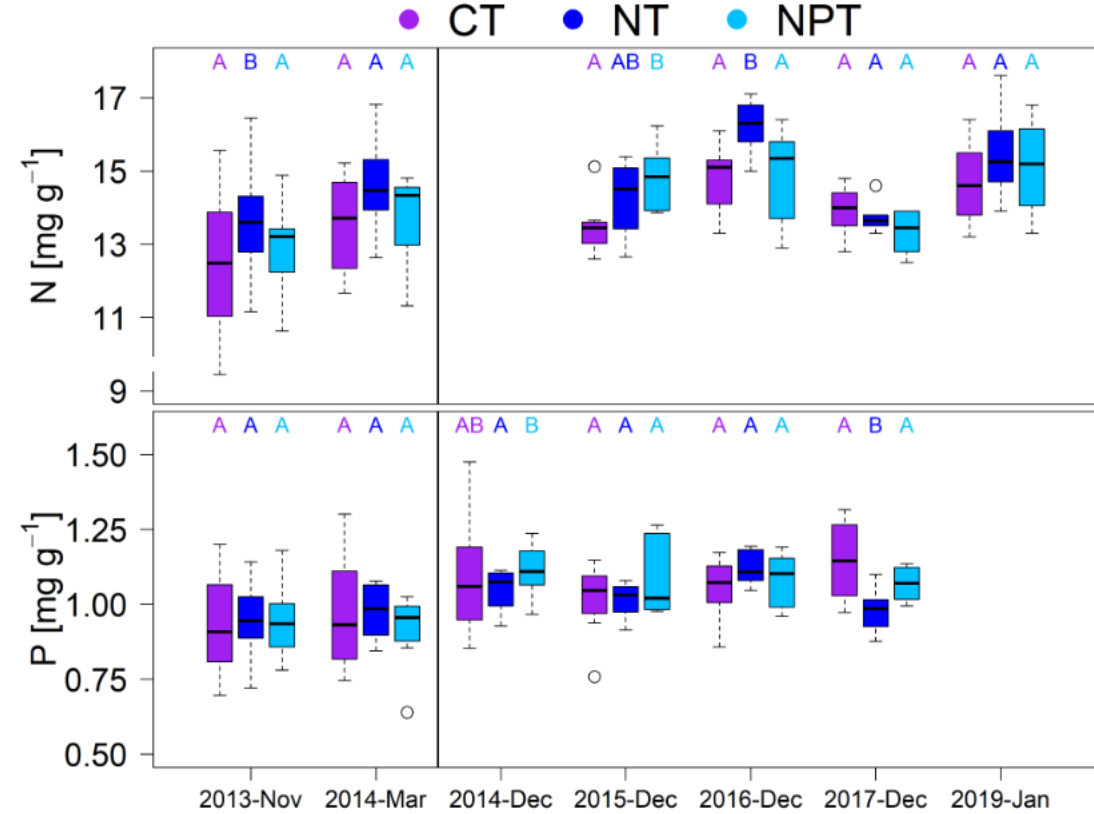


Significant increase in leaf nitrogen at NT and NPT

Significant increase in leaf phosphorus in NPT

Wide N:P ratio at NT
narrow N:P ratio at NPT

Nutrients in tree leaves



No systematic change in leaf nutrient content of the trees

Carbon fluxes across seasons and treatments

Season	Spring			Summer			Winter		
Variable	NEE	GPP	<u>Reco</u>	NEE	GPP	<u>Reco</u>	NEE	GPP	<u>Reco</u>
Unit	<u>gC m⁻² month⁻¹ ± unc</u>								
ΔC-Flux NT	-11.4 ± 0.2	14.0 ± 0.2	2.4 ± 0.3	3.3 ± 0.2	-1.2 ± 0.2	2.5 ± 0.4	-13.2 ± 0.4	15.1 ± 0.4	1.7 ± 0.4
ΔC-Flux NPT	-11.7 ± 0.2	7.9 ± 0.2	-3.6 ± 0.3	7.0 ± 0.2	-8.9 ± 0.2	-1.6 ± 0.3	-11.9 ± 0.4	13.1 ± 0.5	0.1 ± 0.4
C-Flux CT	-89.6	167.6	78.1	0.1	40.1	39.8	42.8	68.2	24.9

Delta-C-Flux = Change due to fertilization at nitrogen treatment (NT) and nitrogen+phosphorus treatment (NT)
 C-Flux = Reference flux at control tower (CT)

Growing season (winter spring):

Strong increase in GPP in both fertilized treatments

Senescent period (summer):

Strong reduction in GPP and more positive NEE in both treatments



Water fluxes across seasons and treatments

Season	Spring			Summer			Winter		
Variable	ET	T	E	ET	T	E	ET	T	E
Unit	$\text{kgH}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{ month}^{-1} \pm \text{unc}$								
$\Delta\text{H}_2\text{O-Flux NT}$	0.9 ± 0.1	3.1 ± 0.1	-2.3 ± 0.1	0.7 ± 0.1	-1.6 ± 0.1	1.6 ± 0.1	-0.3 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.1	-1.0 ± 0.1
$\Delta\text{H}_2\text{O-Flux NPT}$	-3.6 ± 0.1	-1.2 ± 0.1	-2.8 ± 0.1	-3.6 ± 0.1	-3.8 ± 0.1	1.0 ± 0.1	-0.5 ± 0.1	1.5 ± 0.0	-2.0 ± 0.1
$\text{H}_2\text{O-Flux CT}$	62.3	52.5	13.1	25.4	15.6	10.4	13.7	8.6	5.8

Delta-H₂O-Flux = Change due to fertilization at N treatment (NT) and N+P treatment (NT)

H₂O-Flux CT = Reference flux at control tower (CT)

Growing season (winter spring):

Strong reduction in E in both fertilized treatments

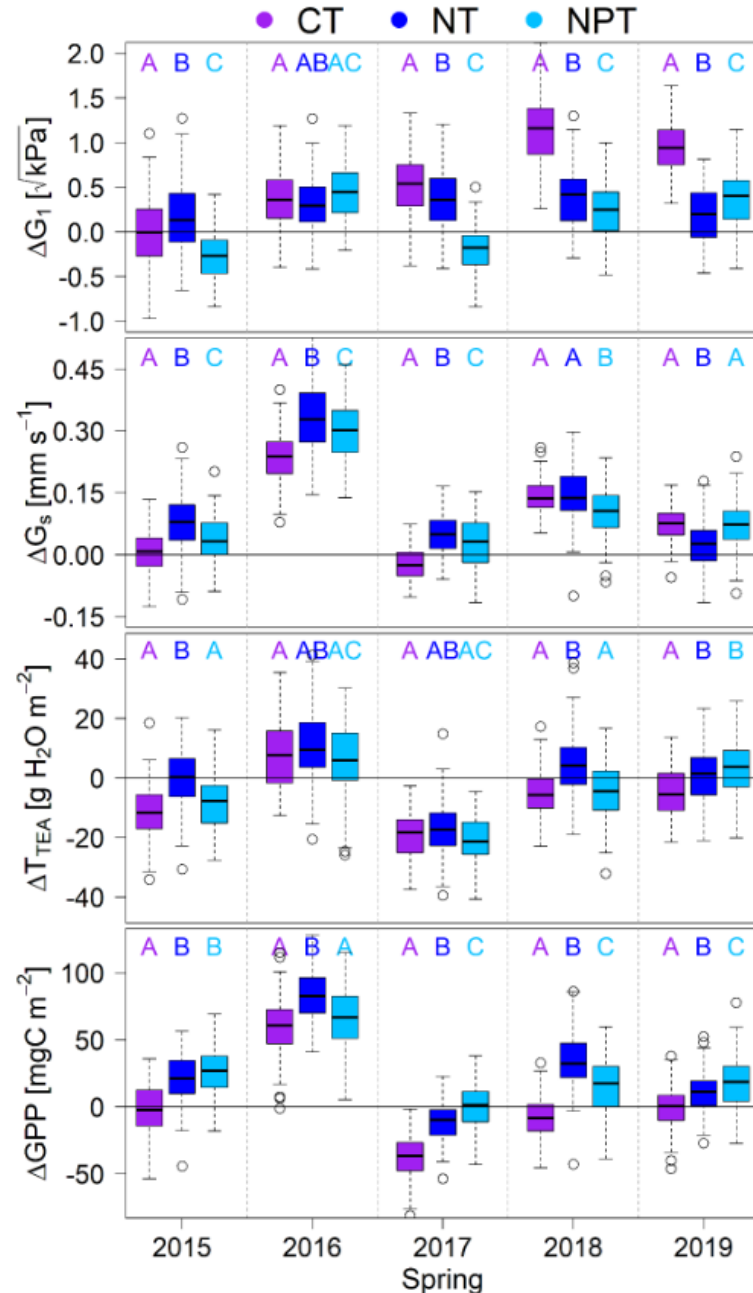
More reduction of ET and T in NPT compared to NT

Senescent period (summer):

Increase in E and reduction in T in both treatments



Spring WUE and related parameters across treatments



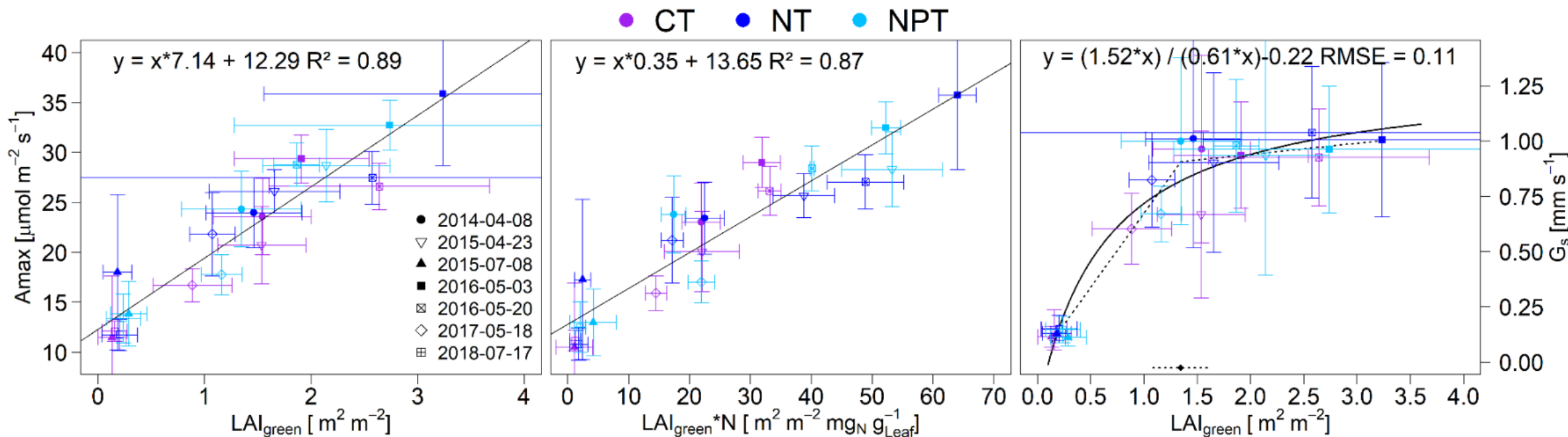
G_1 : stomatal slope parameter inversely related to WUE
 G_1 on average highest at CT and lowest at NPT
 Order of WUE: NPT > NT > CT

G_s : surface conductance (includes E and T)
 G_s on average highest at NT and lowest at CT
 Order of G_s : NT > NPT > CT

T_{TEA} : transpiration based on Nelson et al., (2018)
 T_{TEA} on average highest at NT and similar at NPT and CT
 Order of T_{TEA} : NT > NPT ~ CT

GPP: gross primary productivity
 GPP on average highest at NT and lowest at CT
 Order of GPP: NT ~ NPT >> CT

Who is responsible?



Amax vs LAI_{green}

- Linear relation across treatments
- Offset from trees
- Summer variability smallest

Amax vs LAI_{green} * N

Basically same as Amax vs LAI_{green}

No significant influence of N on relation

G_s vs LAI_{green}

- No linear relation
- reached max at low LAI (segmented regression change point at LAI = 1.4)

Conclusions

- Increased N availability yields to higher LAI
- higher LAI results in more carbon uptake
- Especially during winter relative changes in carbon uptake are large
- Stoichiometric imbalance in N:P results in increased transpiration and respiration
- WUE is driven by increased C-uptake and between treatment differences are driven by increased transpiration at NT



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