

1 **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL FOR:** “Nitrogen demand, supply, and acquisition strategy  
2 control plant responses to elevated CO<sub>2</sub>”

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4 **Results (cont.)**

5 *Leaf nitrogen content*

6 Elevated CO<sub>2</sub> reduced  $N_{\text{mass}}$  by 51% and increased  $M_{\text{area}}$  by 44% ( $p<0.001$  in both cases; Table  
7 S3; Fig. S1). Increasing nitrogen fertilization increased  $N_{\text{mass}}$  and  $M_{\text{area}}$  more strongly under  
8 ambient CO<sub>2</sub> than elevated CO<sub>2</sub> (CO<sub>2</sub>-by-nitrogen fertilization interaction:  $p<0.05$  in both cases),  
9 resulting in a stronger reduction in  $N_{\text{mass}}$  and a stronger increase in  $M_{\text{area}}$  under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> with  
10 increasing nitrogen fertilization than ambient CO<sub>2</sub> (Fig. S2). Increasing nitrogen fertilization  
11 increased  $N_{\text{mass}}$  and  $M_{\text{area}}$  more strongly in uninoculated plants compared to inoculated plants  
12 (inoculation-by-nitrogen fertilization interaction:  $p<0.05$  in all cases; Table S3; Fig. S1).

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14 *Organ biomasses*

15 Elevated CO<sub>2</sub> increased total leaf, stem, root, and root nodule biomass by 117%, 97%, 96%, and  
16 70%, respectively ( $p<0.001$  in all cases; Table S5). Increasing nitrogen fertilization increased  
17 total leaf, stem, and root biomasses ( $p<0.001$  in all cases; Table S5) more strongly under elevated  
18 CO<sub>2</sub> than ambient CO<sub>2</sub> (CO<sub>2</sub>-by-nitrogen fertilization interaction:  $p<0.001$  in all cases; Table S5)  
19 but decreased root nodule biomass ( $p<0.001$ ; Table S5) similarly between CO<sub>2</sub> treatments (CO<sub>2</sub>-  
20 by-nitrogen fertilization interaction:  $p>0.05$ ; Table S5). Inoculation increased root biomass  
21 ( $p<0.05$ ; Table S5), but this pattern was only observed under ambient CO<sub>2</sub> (CO<sub>2</sub>-by-inoculation  
22 interaction:  $p<0.05$ ; Table S5). Increasing nitrogen fertilization increased total leaf, stem, and  
23 root biomasses ( $p<0.001$  in all cases; Table S5) more strongly in uninoculated plants than  
24 inoculated plants (inoculation-by-nitrogen fertilization interaction:  $p<0.001$  in all cases; Table  
25 S5). Increasing nitrogen fertilization decreased root nodule biomass only in inoculated plants  
26 (inoculation-by-nitrogen fertilization interaction:  $p<0.001$ ; Table S5)

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28 *The ratio of total biomass to pot volume*

29 Total biomass: pot volume increased with elevated CO<sub>2</sub>, inoculation, and nitrogen fertilization  
30 ( $p<0.001$  in all cases; Table S7; Fig. S7). Increasing nitrogen fertilization increased biomass: pot  
31 volume ( $p<0.001$ ; Table S7) more strongly in uninoculated plants compared to inoculated plants  
32 (inoculation-by-nitrogen fertilization interaction:  $p<0.05$ ; Table S7; Fig. S7) and more strongly  
33 under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> than ambient CO<sub>2</sub> (CO<sub>2</sub>-by-nitrogen fertilization interaction:  $p<0.001$ ; Table  
34 S7; Fig. S7).

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**Table S1** Summary table containing volumes of compounds used to create modified Hoagland's solutions for each soil nitrogen fertilization treatment. All volumes are expressed as milliliters per liter (mL/L)

Compound	0 ppm N (0 mM N)	35 ppm N (2.5 mM N)	70 ppm N (5 mM N)	105 ppm N (7.5 mM N)	140 ppm N (10 mM N)
<b>1 M NH<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub></b>	0	0.165	0.33	0.5	0.67
<b>2 M KNO<sub>3</sub></b>	0	0.335	0.67	1	1.33
<b>2 M Ca(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub></b>	0	0.335	0.67	1	1.33
<b>1 M NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub></b>	0	0.165	0.33	0.5	0.67
<b>8 M NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub></b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>1 M KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub></b>	1	0.85	0.67	0.5	0.33
<b>1 M KCl</b>	3	2.45	2	1.5	1
<b>1 M CaCO<sub>3</sub></b>	4	3.33	2.67	2	1.33
<b>2 M MgSO<sub>4</sub></b>	1	1	1	1	1
<b>10% Fe-EDTA</b>	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Trace elements</b>	1	1	1	1	1

Compound	210 ppm N (15 mM N)	280 ppm N (20 mM N)	350 ppm N (25 mM N)	630 ppm N (45 mM N)
<b>1 M NH<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub></b>	1	1	1	1
<b>2 M KNO<sub>3</sub></b>	2	2	2	2
<b>2 M Ca(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub></b>	2	2	2	2
<b>1 M NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub></b>	1	3.5	0	0
<b>8 M NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub></b>	0	0	0.75	2
<b>1 M KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub></b>	0	0	0	0
<b>1 M KCl</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>1 M CaCO<sub>3</sub></b>	0	0	0	0
<b>2 M MgSO<sub>4</sub></b>	1	1	1	1
<b>10% Fe-EDTA</b>	1	1	1	1
<b>Trace elements</b>	1	1	1	1

**Table S2** Summary of the daily growth chamber growing condition program

Time	Air temperature (°C)	PAR ± SD ( $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )
09:00	21	278±2
09:45		557±4
10:30	25	797±4
11:15		1230±12
22:45	21	797±4
23:30		557±4
00:15	17	278±2
01:00		0±0

**Table S3** Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, inoculation, and nitrogen fertilization on leaf nitrogen content and leaf mass per area\*

		<i>N</i> <sub>mass</sub>		<i>M</i> <sub>area</sub> <sup>a</sup>	
	df	$\chi^2$	p	$\chi^2$	p
CO <sub>2</sub>	1	272.362	< <b>0.001</b>	151.319	< <b>0.001</b>
Inoculation (I)	1	15.576	< <b>0.001</b>	19.158	< <b>0.001</b>
N fertilization (N)	1	106.659	< <b>0.001</b>	21.440	< <b>0.001</b>
CO <sub>2</sub> × I	1	2.025	0.155	0.029	0.866
CO <sub>2</sub> × N	1	22.542	< <b>0.001</b>	7.619	<b>0.006</b>
I × N	1	11.137	< <b>0.001</b>	5.022	<b>0.025</b>
CO <sub>2</sub> × I × N	1	0.041	0.839	0.208	0.649

\*Significance determined using Type II Wald  $\chi^2$  tests ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). P-values less than 0.05 are in bold. Key: <sup>a</sup>=variable was natural log transformed before model fitting, df=degrees of freedom,  $\chi^2$ =Wald chi-square test statistic, *N*<sub>mass</sub>=leaf nitrogen content (gN g<sup>-1</sup>), *M*<sub>area</sub>=leaf mass per unit leaf area (g m<sup>-2</sup>).

**Table S4** Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, inoculation, and nitrogen fertilization on dark respiration and photosynthetic nitrogen-use efficiency\*

		<i>R</i> <sub>d25</sub>		<i>PNUE</i> <sub>gc</sub>	
	df	$\chi^2$	<i>p</i>	$\chi^2$	<i>p</i>
CO <sub>2</sub>	1	0.256	0.613	300.202	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Inoculation (I)	1	3.094	0.079	9.899	<b>0.002</b>
N fertilization (N)	1	5.965	<b>0.015</b>	29.696	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
CO <sub>2</sub> × I	1	2.563	0.109	0.944	0.331
CO <sub>2</sub> × N	1	2.675	0.102	5.359	<b>0.021</b>
I × N	1	12.083	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	10.884	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
CO <sub>2</sub> × I × N	1	0.244	0.622	0.369	0.544

\*Significance determined using Type II Wald  $\chi^2$  tests ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). *P*-values less than 0.05 are in bold. Key: df=degrees of freedom,  $\chi^2$ =Wald chi-square test statistic, *PNUE*<sub>gc</sub>=photosynthetic nitrogen-use efficiency at growth CO<sub>2</sub> concentration ( $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ gN}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

**Table S5** Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, inoculation, and nitrogen fertilization on biomass partitioning\*

		Leaf biomass <sup>b</sup>		Stem biomass <sup>b</sup>		Root biomass <sup>b</sup>		Root nodule biomass <sup>b</sup>	
	df	$\chi^2$	p	$\chi^2$	p	$\chi^2$	p	$\chi^2$	p
CO <sub>2</sub>	1	151.836	<0.001	98.264	<0.001	93.249	<0.001	19.258	<0.001
Inoculation (I)	1	51.267	<0.001	18.744	<0.001	6.983	0.008	755.020	<0.001
N fertilization (N)	1	312.022	<0.001	255.837	<0.001	195.843	<0.001	84.376	<0.001
CO <sub>2</sub> × I	1	0.087	0.768	0.046	0.831	3.873	0.049	0.950	0.330
CO <sub>2</sub> × N	1	17.727	<0.001	18.482	<0.001	11.456	0.001	2.106	0.147
I × N	1	24.442	<0.001	3.743	0.053	7.435	0.006	44.622	<0.001
CO <sub>2</sub> × I × N	1	0.194	0.659	0.483	0.487	0.064	0.800	0.196	0.658

		Leaf mass fraction		Stem mass fraction		Root mass fraction <sup>a</sup>	
	df	$\chi^2$	p	$\chi^2$	p	$\chi^2$	p
CO <sub>2</sub>	1	16.819	<0.001	1.695	0.193	2.430	0.119
Inoculation (I)	1	30.317	<0.001	24.839	<0.001	65.092	<0.001
N fertilization (N)	1	38.919	<0.001	12.466	<0.001	8.127	0.004
CO <sub>2</sub> × I	1	6.011	0.014	2.717	0.099	6.876	0.009
CO <sub>2</sub> × N	1	2.361	0.124	2.419	0.120	0.004	0.950
I × N	1	17.762	<0.001	32.436	<0.001	20.424	<0.001
CO <sub>2</sub> × I × N	1	0.553	0.457	0.020	0.888	0.161	0.688

\*Significance determined using Type II Wald  $\chi^2$  tests ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). P-values less than 0.05 are in bold, while p-values where  $0.05 < p < 0.1$  are in italic font. Key: <sup>a</sup>=variable was natural log transformed before model fitting, <sup>b</sup>=variable was square root transformed before model fitting, df=degrees of freedom,  $\chi^2$ =Wald chi-square test statistic, leaf biomass (g), stem biomass (g), root biomass (g), root nodule biomass (g), leaf mass fraction (unitless), stem mass fraction (unitless), root mass fraction (unitless)

**Table S6** Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, inoculation, and nitrogen fertilization on components of the carbon cost to acquire nitrogen\*

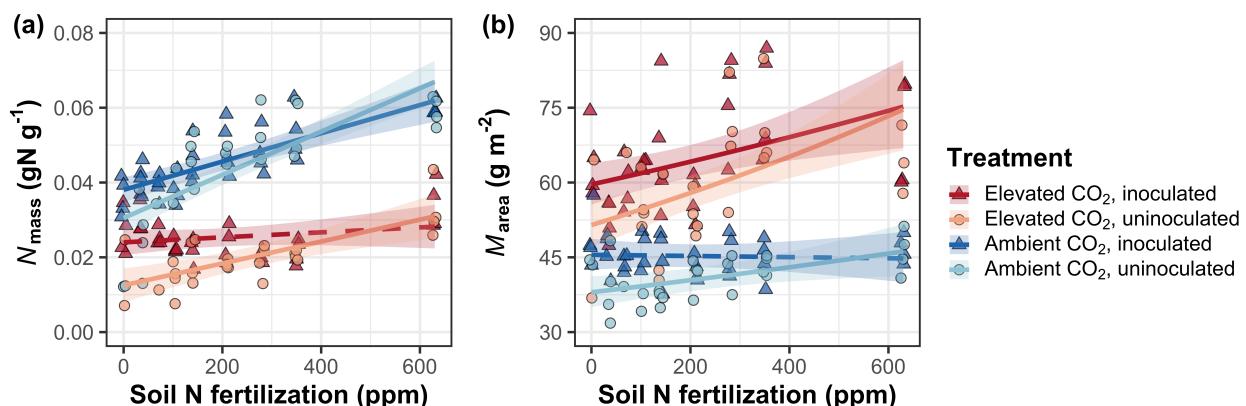
	Belowground		Whole-plant		
	biomass	carbon	nitrogen	biomass	
	df	$\chi^2$	p	$\chi^2$	p
CO <sub>2</sub>	1	83.286	<0.001	27.499	<0.001
Inoculation (I)	1	9.237	<b>0.002</b>	87.370	<0.001
N fertilization (N)	1	139.920	<0.001	584.694	<0.001
CO <sub>2</sub> × I	1	2.264	0.132	2.758	0.097
CO <sub>2</sub> × N	1	25.892	<0.001	25.009	<0.001
I × N	1	8.388	<b>0.004</b>	30.321	<0.001
CO <sub>2</sub> × I × N	1	1.169	0.279	2.139	0.144

\*Significance determined using Type II Wald  $\chi^2$  tests ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). P-values less than 0.05 are in bold, while p-values where  $0.05 < p < 0.1$  are in italic font. Key: df=degrees of freedom,  $\chi^2$ =Wald chi-square test statistic, belowground biomass carbon (gC, numerator of the belowground biomass carbon cost to acquire nitrogen), whole-plant nitrogen biomass (gN, denominator of the belowground biomass carbon cost to acquire nitrogen).

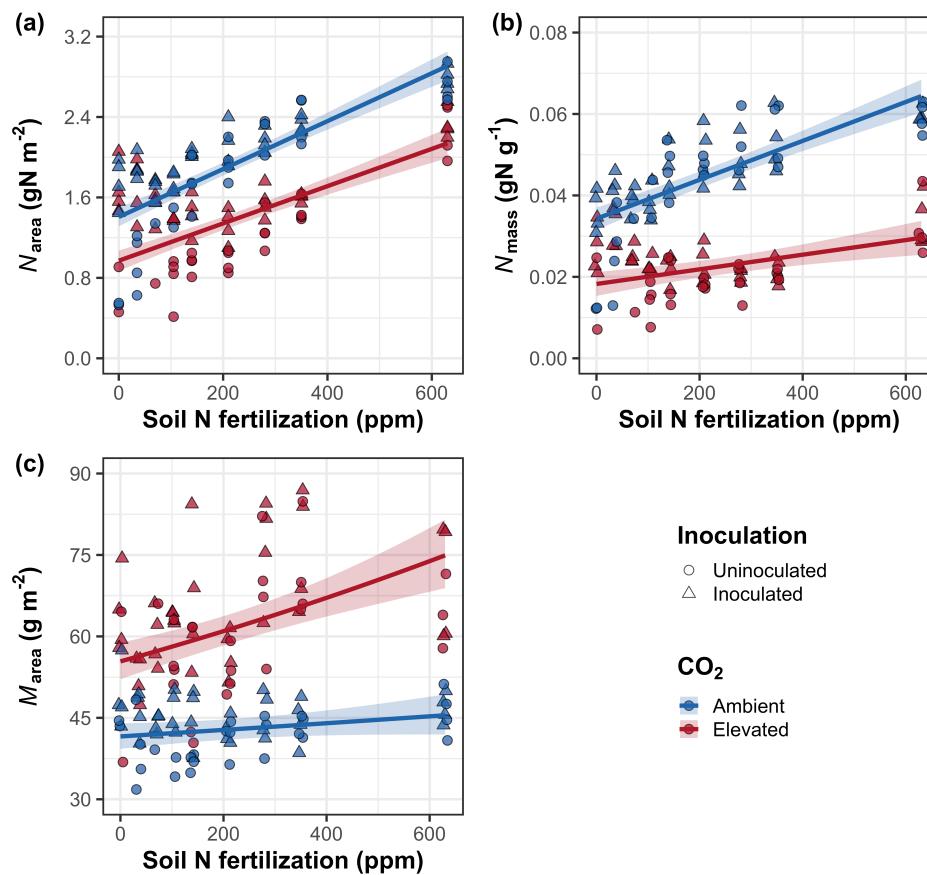
**Table S7** Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, inoculation, and nitrogen fertilization on the ratio of total biomass to pot volume (g L<sup>-1</sup>)<sup>\*</sup>

	df	$\chi^2$	p
CO <sub>2</sub>	1	146.004	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
Inoculation (I)	1	19.320	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
N fertilization (N)	1	279.388	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
CO <sub>2</sub> × I	1	0.007	0.934
CO <sub>2</sub> × N	1	49.725	<b>&lt;0.001</b>
I × N	1	9.007	<b>0.003</b>
CO <sub>2</sub> × I × N	1	0.640	0.434

\*Significance determined using Type II Wald  $\chi^2$  tests ( $\alpha=0.05$ ). P-values less than 0.05 are in bold. Key: df=degrees of freedom,  $\chi^2$ =Wald chi-square test statistic

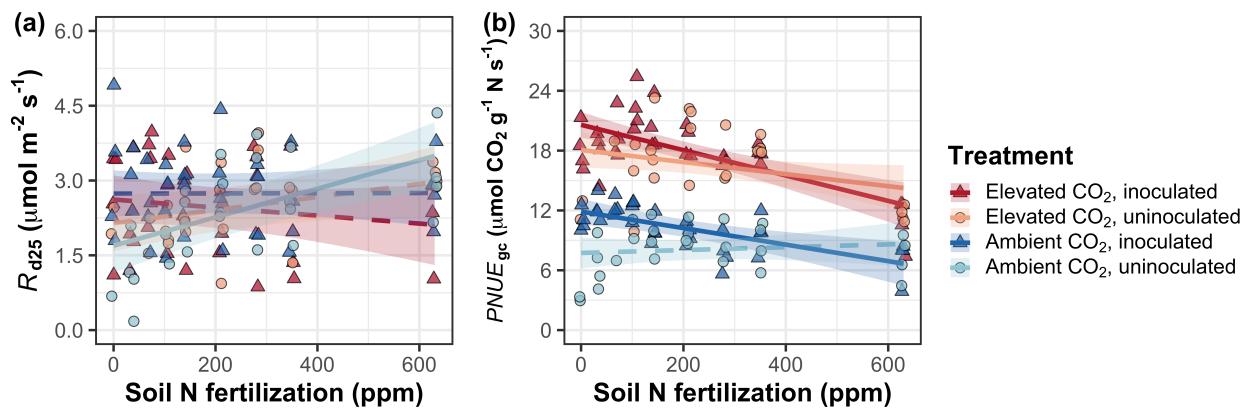
**Figure S1**

**Figure S1** Effects of CO<sub>2</sub>, nitrogen fertilization, and inoculation on mass-based leaf nitrogen content (a) and leaf biomass per unit leaf area (b). Nitrogen fertilization is on the x-axis in both panels. Red shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>, while blue shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under ambient CO<sub>2</sub>. Light blue and light red circular points and trendlines indicate measurements collected from uninoculated plants, while dark blue and dark red triangular points indicate measurements collected from inoculated plants. Solid trendlines indicate regression slopes that are different from zero ( $p < 0.05$ ), while dashed trendlines indicate slopes that are not distinguishable from zero ( $p > 0.05$ ). Error ribbons of each trendline represent the upper and lower 95% confidence intervals.

**Figure S2**

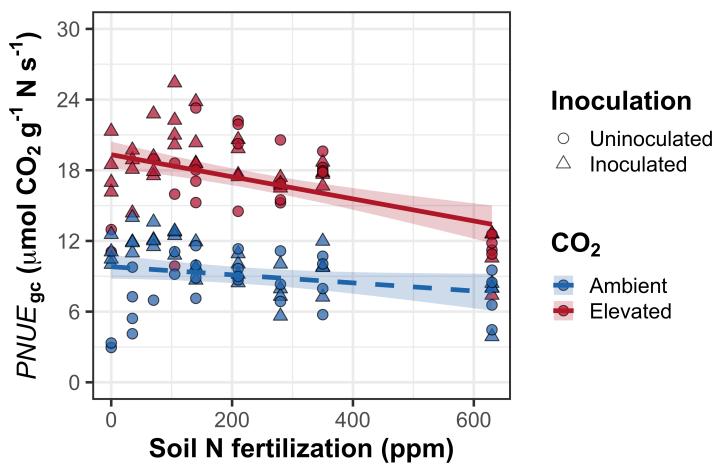
**Figure S2** Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> and fertilization inoculation on area-based leaf nitrogen content (a), mass-based leaf nitrogen content (b), and leaf biomass per unit leaf area (c). Nitrogen fertilization is on the x-axis. Red shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>, while blue shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under ambient CO<sub>2</sub>. Circular points indicate measurements collected from uninoculated plants, while triangular points indicate measurements collected from inoculated plants. Solid trendlines indicate regression slopes that are different from zero ( $p < 0.05$ ). Error ribbons of each trendline represent the upper and lower 95% confidence intervals.

**Figure S3**

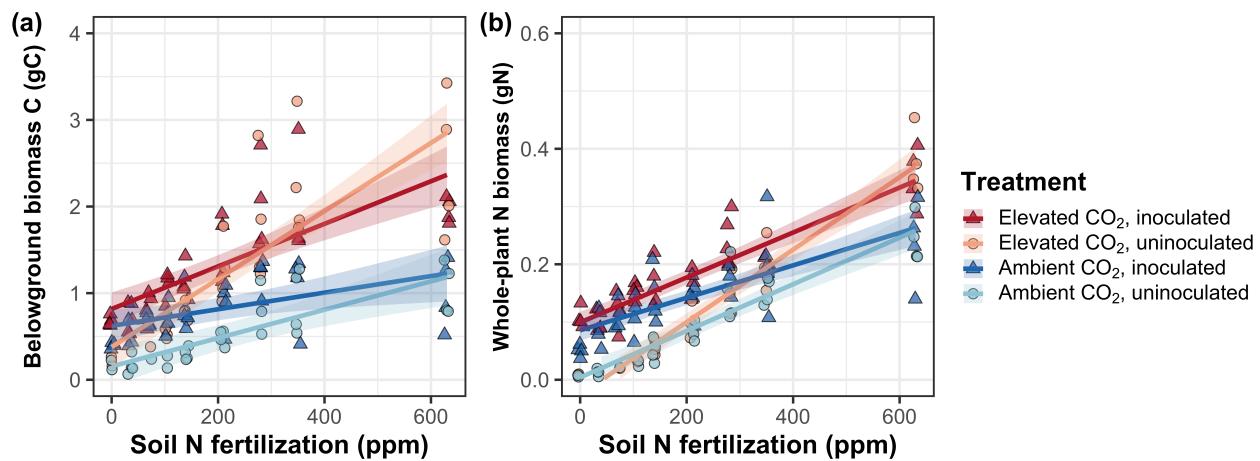


**Figure S3** Effects of nitrogen fertilization, inoculation treatment, and CO<sub>2</sub> treatment on dark respiration at 25°C (a) and photosynthetic nitrogen-use efficiency at growth CO<sub>2</sub> concentration (b). Nitrogen fertilization is on the x-axis in both panels. Red shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>, while blue shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under ambient CO<sub>2</sub>. Light blue and light red circular points and trendlines indicate measurements collected from uninoculated plants, while dark blue and dark red triangular points indicate measurements collected from inoculated plants. Solid trendlines indicate regression slopes that are different from zero ( $p < 0.05$ ), while dashed trendlines indicate slopes that are not distinguishable from zero ( $p > 0.05$ ). Error ribbons of each trendline represent the upper and lower 95% confidence intervals.

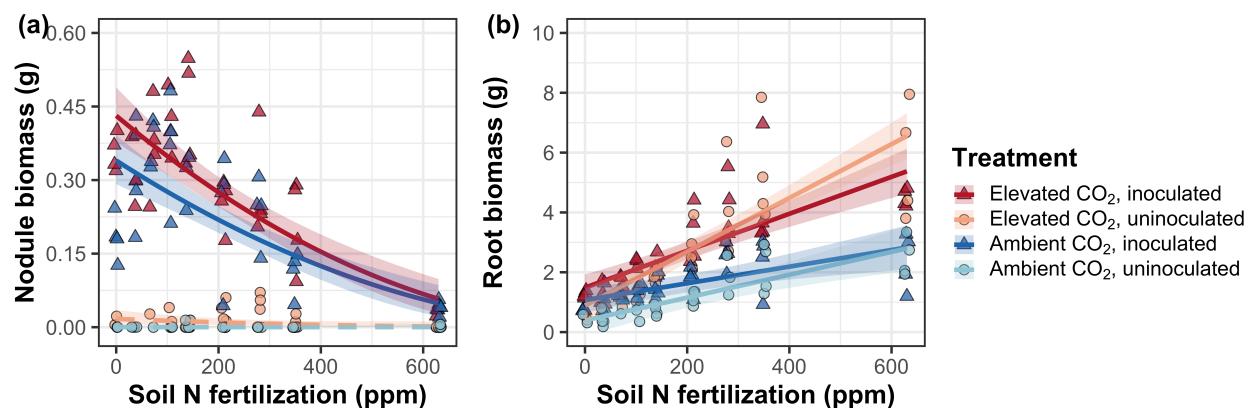
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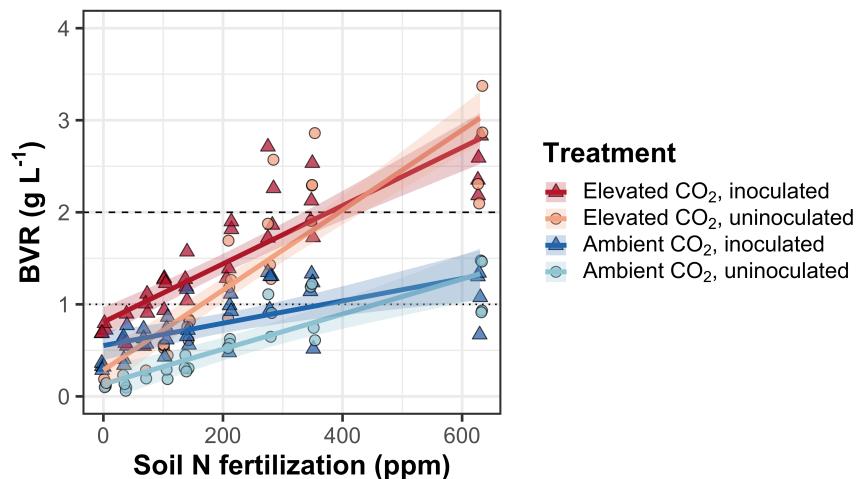
**Figure S4** Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> and fertilization inoculation on photosynthetic nitrogen-use efficiency at growth CO<sub>2</sub> concentration. Nitrogen fertilization is on the x-axis. Red shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>, while blue shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under ambient CO<sub>2</sub>. Circular points indicate measurements collected from uninoculated plants, while triangular points indicate measurements collected from inoculated plants. Solid trendlines indicate regression slopes that are different from zero ( $p<0.05$ ). Error ribbons of each trendline represent the upper and lower 95% confidence intervals.

**Figure S5**

**Figure S5** Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> and fertilization inoculation on belowground biomass carbon (a) and total nitrogen biomass (b). Belowground biomass carbon is the numerator of  $N_{cost}$ , while total nitrogen biomass is the denominator of  $N_{cost}$ . Nitrogen fertilization is on the x-axis in both panels. Red shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>, while blue shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under ambient CO<sub>2</sub>. Light blue and light red circular points and trendlines indicate measurements collected from uninoculated plants, while dark blue and dark red triangular points indicate measurements collected from inoculated plants. Solid trendlines indicate regression slopes that are different from zero ( $p < 0.05$ ), while dashed trendlines indicate slopes that are not distinguishable from zero ( $p > 0.05$ ). Error ribbons of each trendline represent the upper and lower 95% confidence intervals.

**Figure S6**

**Figure S6** Effects of nitrogen fertilization, inoculation treatment, and CO<sub>2</sub> treatment on root nodule biomass (a), and root biomass (b). Nitrogen fertilization is on the x-axis in both panels. Red shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>, while blue shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under ambient CO<sub>2</sub>. Light blue and light red circular points and trendlines indicate measurements collected from uninoculated plants, while dark blue and dark red triangular points indicate measurements collected from inoculated plants. Solid trendlines indicate regression slopes that are different from zero ( $p<0.05$ ), while dashed trendlines indicate slopes that are not distinguishable from zero ( $p>0.05$ ). Error ribbons of each trendline represent the upper and lower 95% confidence intervals.

**Figure S7**

**Figure S7** Effects of CO<sub>2</sub>, fertilization, and inoculation on the ratio of whole-plant biomass to pot volume. Nitrogen fertilization is on the x-axis in both panels. Red shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>, while blue shaded points and trendlines indicate plants grown under ambient CO<sub>2</sub>. Light blue and light red circular points and trendlines indicate measurements collected from uninoculated plants, while dark blue and dark red triangular points indicate measurements collected from inoculated plants. Solid trendlines indicate regression slopes that are different from zero ( $p < 0.05$ ). Error ribbons of each trendline represent the upper and lower 95% confidence intervals. The dotted horizontal line indicates the point where biomass: pot volume exceeds 1 g L<sup>-1</sup>, and the dashed line indicates the point where biomass: pot volume exceeds 2 g L<sup>-1</sup>.