**SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL FOR: “Optimal coordination and progressive nitrogen limitation control plant responses to elevated CO2 at difference scales”**

**Results (cont.)**

*Nitrogen fixation*

Nodule biomass was stimulated by 30% under elevated CO2 (*p*<0.001; Table S3), a pattern that was modified across the fertilization gradient (p>0.05; Table S3), but not between inoculation treatments (*p*>0.05; Table S3). Specifically, the general negative effect of increasing fertilization on nodule biomass (*p*<0.001; Table S3) was stronger under elevated CO2 than ambient CO2 (Tukey: *p*<0.001; Fig. S3a), which reduced the stimulation in nodule biomass under elevated CO2 with increasing fertilization. A strong interaction between fertilization and inoculation (*p*<0.001; Table S3) was driven by a stronger negative effect of increasing fertilization in inoculated pots (Tukey: *p*<0.001; Fig. S3a).

There was no effect of CO2 on nodule: root biomass (*p*>0.05; Table S3b), although an interaction between CO2 and inoculation (*p*<0.001; Table S3) indicated that the general positive effect of inoculation on nodule: root biomass (*p*<0.001; Table S3) was stronger under ambient CO2 (3129% increase; Tukey: *p*<0.001) than elevated CO2 (379% increase; Tukey: *p*<0.001). The null effect of CO2 on nodule: root biomass was consistently observed across the fertilization gradient (*p*>0.05; Table S3; Fig. S3b). An interaction between fertilization and inoculation (*p*<0.001; Table 6) indicated that the general negative effect of increasing fertilization on nodule: root biomass (*p*<0.001; Table S3) was stronger in inoculated pots (Tukey: *p*<0.001; Fig. S3b).

**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** | **35 ppm N** | **70 ppm N** | **105 ppm N** | **140 ppm N** |
| **1 M NH4H2PO4** | 0 | 0.165 | 0.33 | 0.5 | 0.67 |
| **2 M KNO3** | 0 | 0.335 | 0.67 | 1 | 1.33 |
| **2 M Ca(NO3)2** | 0 | 0.335 | 0.67 | 1 | 1.33 |
| **1 M NH4NO3** | 0 | 0.165 | 0.33 | 0.5 | 0.67 |
| **8 M NH4NO3** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **1 M KH2PO4** | 1 | 0.85 | 0.67 | 0.5 | 0.33 |
| **1 M KCl** | 3 | 2.45 | 2 | 1.5 | 1 |
| **1 M CaCO3** | 4 | 3.33 | 2.67 | 2 | 1.33 |
| **2 M MgSO4** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **10% Fe-EDTA** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| **Trace elements** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Compound** | **210 ppm N** | **280 ppm N** | **350 ppm N** | **630 ppm N** |  |
| **1 M NH4H2PO4** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| **2 M KNO3** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |
| **2 M Ca(NO3)2** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |  |
| **1 M NH4NO3** | 1 | 3.5 | 0 | 0 |  |
| **8 M NH4NO3** | 0 | 0 | 0.75 | 2 |  |
| **1 M KH2PO4** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| **1 M KCl** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| **1 M CaCO3** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| **2 M MgSO4** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| **10% Fe-EDTA** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |
| **Trace elements** | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |

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

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Time** | **Air temperature (ºC)** | **PAR ± SD (μmol m-2 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 soil nitrogen fertilization, inoculation, and CO2 on the root nodule biomass: root biomass ratio and root nodule biomass\*

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | **Root nodule biomassb** | | | **Root nodule: root biomassb** | | |
|  | df | Coefficient | *χ*2 | *p* | Coefficient | *χ*2 | *p* |
| (Intercept) | - | 9.41E-03 | - | - | 1.32E-02 | - | - |
| CO2 | 1 | 1.20E-01 | 19.258 | **<0.001** | 9.95E-02 | 0.010 | 0.921 |
| Inoculation (I) | 1 | 5.74E-01 | 755.02 | **<0.001** | 5.45E-01 | 902.063 | **<0.001** |
| N fertilization (N) | 1 | 7.71E-06 | 84.376 | **<0.001** | -5.59E-06 | 254.741 | **<0.001** |
| CO2\*I | 1 | -4.68E-02 | 0.950 | 0.330 | -1.42E-01 | 21.632 | **<0.001** |
| CO2\*N | 1 | -1.59E-04 | 2.106 | 0.147 | -1.74E-04 | 1.590 | 0.207 |
| I\*N | 1 | -5.82E-04 | 44.622 | **<0.001** | -7.51E-04 | 132.463 | **<0.001** |
| CO2\*I\*N | 1 | 7.26E-05 | 0.196 | 0.658 | 1.82E-04 | 2.481 | 0.115 |

\*Significance determined using Type II Wald χ2 tests (α=0.05). A superscript “b” is included after trait labels to indicate if models were fit with square-root transformed response variables. *P*-values less than 0.05 are in bold and p-values where 0.05<p<0.1 are italicized. Key: df=degrees of freedom.

**Figure S1**

**A graph of different types of mass

Description automatically generated**

**Figure S1** Relationships between area-based leaf nitrogen content (a), mass-based leaf nitrogen content (b), and leaf mass per unit leaf area (c) measured on the focal leaf used to generate CO2 response curves (x-axis) and leaf nitrogen content measured on the leaf used for chlorophyll extractions (y-axis). Blue points refer to leaves grown under ambient CO2 and red points refer leaves grown under elevated CO2. Square points indicate uninoculated pots and circular points indicate inoculated pots. Pearson’s correlation coefficient, associated p-values, and the line of the regression line that described each bivariate are included in the top left corner of each plot. The solid black line visualizes the trend given a 1:1 bivariate relationship.

**Figure S2**

**A graph of different colored lines

Description automatically generated**

**Figure S2** Effects of CO2, fertilization, and inoculation on the ratio of whole plant biomass to pot volume. Soil nitrogen fertilization is represented on the x-axis. Yellow points and trendlines indicate inoculated individuals grown under ambient CO2, blue points and trendlines indicate uninoculated individuals grown under ambient CO2, red points and trendlines indicate inoculated individuals grown under elevated CO2, and gray points indicate uninoculated individuals grown under elevated CO2. Solid trendlines indicate regression slopes that are different from zero (*p*<0.05). The dotted horizontal line indicates the point where biomass: pot volume exceeds 1 g L-1, and the dashed line indicates the point where biomass: pot volume exceeds 2 g L-1.

**Figure S3**

A diagram of soil fertilization

Description automatically generated

**Figure S3** Effects of nitrogen fertilization, inoculation treatment, and CO2 treatment on nodule biomass (a) and root nodule biomass: root biomass (b). Soil nitrogen fertilization is represented on the x-axis. Yellow points and trendlines indicate inoculated individuals grown under ambient CO2, blue points and trendlines indicate uninoculated individuals grown under ambient CO2, red points and trendlines indicate inoculated individuals grown under elevated CO2, and grey points indicate uninoculated individuals grown under elevated CO2. Solid trendlines indicate slopes that are different from zero (*p*<0.05), while dashed trendlines indicate slopes that are not different from zero (*p*>0.05). Curvilinear trendlines occur as a result of back-transforming models where response variables received either a natural log or square root transformation prior to fitting. Error ribbons represent upper and lower 95% confidence intervals, calculated using the ‘emmeans’ R package (Lenth, 2019).