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## 1 Isoprenoid emission in trees of *Quercus pubescens* and *Quercus ilex* with lifetime 2 exposure to naturally high CO<sub>2</sub> environment.

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**21Abstract**

22We investigated the long-term effect of elevated atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> on isoprenoid emissions from  
23adult trees of two Mediterranean oak species (the monoterpene-emitting *Quercus ilex* L. and the  
24isoprene-emitting *Quercus pubescens* Willd.) native to a high-CO<sub>2</sub> environment. During two  
25consecutive years, isoprenoid emission was monitored both at branch level, measuring the *actual*  
26emissions under natural conditions, and at leaf level, measuring the *basal* emissions under the  
27standard conditions of 30°C and at light intensity of 1000 μ mol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. Long-term exposure to high  
28atmospheric levels of CO<sub>2</sub> did not significantly affect the *actual* isoprenoid emissions. However,  
29when leaves of plants grown in the control site were exposed for short-term to elevated CO<sub>2</sub> level  
30by rapidly switching the CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the gas-exchange cuvette, both isoprene and  
31monoterpene *basal* emissions were clearly inhibited. These results generally confirm the inhibitory  
32effect of elevated CO<sub>2</sub> on isoprenoid emission. The absence of CO<sub>2</sub> effect on *actual* emissions  
33might indicate higher leaf temperature at elevated CO<sub>2</sub>, or an interaction with multiple stresses some  
34of which (e.g. recurrent droughts) may compensate for the CO<sub>2</sub> effect in Mediterranean ecosystems.  
35Under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>, isoprene emission by *Q. pubescens* was also uncoupled from the previous  
36day's air temperature. In addition, pronounced daily and seasonal variations of *basal* emission were  
37observed under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> underlining that correction factors may be necessary to improve the  
38realistic estimation of isoprene emissions with empirical algorithms in the future. A positive linear  
39correlation of isoprenoid emission with the photosynthetic electron transport and in particular with  
40its calculated fraction used for isoprenoid synthesis was found. The slope of this relationship was  
41different for isoprene and monoterpenes, but in either case did not change whether plants were  
42grown in ambient or elevated CO<sub>2</sub>. This suggests that physiological algorithms may usefully predict  
43isoprenoid emission also under rising CO<sub>2</sub> levels.

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## 46Introduction

47The increase of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the Earth's atmosphere is a well-documented and recognized  
48part of current global changes caused by human activities (Houghton *et al.* 1995). The impact of  
49CO<sub>2</sub> increase on plants, especially trees, that form an important terrestrial carbon reservoir, is  
50receiving increasing attention. In spite of many studies carried out on the effect of elevated  
51atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> on primary physiological processes such as photosynthesis, transpiration, stomatal  
52activity, biomass growth, and allocation, there is still limited knowledge concerning the effect of a  
53high CO<sub>2</sub> world on biogenic emissions. Forests emit a wide range of VOC (volatile organic  
54compounds), mainly isoprenoids (Isidorov, Zenkevich & Ioffe 1985). It seems that isoprenoids are  
55emitted as protective compounds against biotic (Harrewijn, van Oosten & Piron 2001) and abiotic  
56stresses (Kesselmeier & Staudt 1999; Sharkey & Yeh 2001; Loreto *et al.* 2001). Moreover, these  
57natural emissions constitute a significant source of photochemically reactive carbon that affects the  
58formation of tropospheric air pollutants and greenhouse gases, such as ozone and carbon monoxide,  
59thus having an indirect contribution to global warming (Fehsenfeld *et al.* 1992; Fuentes *et al.* 2000).  
60Therefore, there is a pressing need to understand the effect of plant diversity and of global changes  
61on the forest VOC emission.

62Different experimental approaches have been applied to analyze the responses of plants to elevated  
63CO<sub>2</sub> in terms of VOC emission. Published data differ in species, age of plants, experimental design,  
64CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment facilities, time of exposure, and water and nutrient supply, thus complicating the  
65comparison of the results reported in the literature. Long-term effects on and adaptations of the  
66isoprenoid emissions of natural long-lived trees exposed to increasing atmospheric levels of CO<sub>2</sub> are  
67less studied than the effect of short exposure to elevated CO<sub>2</sub>, mainly because of the inherent  
68difficulty and the cost of the experimental set-up.

69An opportunity to overcome these problems and sources of uncertainty is offered by natural CO<sub>2</sub>  
70springs. All over the world there are sites where CO<sub>2</sub> is naturally released to the atmosphere from  
71geological sources (Miglietta *et al.* 1995). Plants living in the vicinity of these natural CO<sub>2</sub> springs  
72have experienced lifetime exposure, through many generations, to an elevated CO<sub>2</sub> environment.  
73Therefore, CO<sub>2</sub> springs offer an opportunity to study *in situ* the long-term physiological and genetic  
74adaptations of plants to a high CO<sub>2</sub> environment, and represent a promising experimental approach  
75to gain insight for predicting larger-scale responses that have implications for the global carbon  
76cycle or environmental quality (Norby 1996).

77The main objective of the present study was to examine in a field-study, the impact of long-term  
78exposure to a naturally high-CO<sub>2</sub> environment on the isoprenoid emission of two native species of  
79mature oak trees in a Mediterranean climate in central Italy, the deciduous downy oak (*Quercus*  
80*pubescens* Willd.) and the evergreen holm oak (*Quercus ilex* L.). *Q. pubescens* emits isoprene,  
81while *Q. ilex* emits monoterpenes that are not stored in secretory tissues but are synthesized from  
82photosynthetic carbon (Seufert *et al.* 1995; Staudt & Seufert 1995, Loreto *et al.* 1996), and likely  
83stored only in temporary pools in chloroplasts (Ciccioli *et al.* 1997; Loreto *et al.* 1998).

84*Q. ilex* and *Q. pubescens* represent two key plant species for the study of the effect of enhanced CO<sub>2</sub>  
85levels in the Mediterranean area because of their widespread distribution (Bernetti 1998; Gratani  
862000). Under the extreme conditions of the Mediterranean climate, such as high temperature and  
87high photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) combined with soil drought, isoprenoid emissions  
88could be very high (Loreto & Sharkey 1990, Sharkey & Loreto 1993, Guenther *et al.* 1995) and  
89may significantly affect the chemistry of the troposphere (Fuentes *et al.* 2001). Moreover,  
90Mediterranean-type ecosystems are expected to be particularly sensitive to any climate change  
91(IPCC 2001).

92In the past, models were used to predict isoprene emissions as influenced by meteorological  
93parameters, namely light intensity and leaf temperature (Guenther *et al.* 1993). More recently, the  
94physiological model developed by Niinemets *et al.* (1999, 2002a; b) provided evidence of close

95relationships between isoprenoid emissions and foliar photosynthetic characteristics. Plants grown  
96at elevated CO<sub>2</sub> apparently uncouple isoprenoid emissions from photosynthesis (Loreto *et al.* 2001,  
97Rosenstiel *et al.* 2003) and perhaps also from other environmental factors. A side objective of this  
98study was therefore to test whether the empirical and the physiological models may be able to  
99describe isoprenoid emission under future CO<sub>2</sub> levels.

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## 101**Materials and methods**

### 102 *In situ isoprenoid emission and gas-exchange measurements*

103The research was conducted at the Bossoleto natural CO<sub>2</sub> spring, situated near Rapolano Terme  
104(Siena, central Italy) and at a nearby control site (see Scholefield *et al.* 2003,).

105We measured isoprenoid emissions of two representative plant species of the Mediterranean  
106vegetation growing in the spring and at the adjacent control site. Plants were located facing  
107southward at 1.5-2 m above ground in both the spring and the control site.

108During the first year of the project (2000), leaf level measurements were made during June, July,  
109August, and September, while branch level measurements were made during June and September.  
110During the second year (2001), both leaf and branch measurements were made in June and late  
111September. Emissions were estimated approximately every hour during the sampling period (9 am  
112to 4 pm), over 2 or 3 days. All the measurements were made simultaneously at elevated and  
113ambient CO<sub>2</sub> concentration.

114At the leaf level, basal emission,  $E_B$ , defined as the emission that occurs when a leaf is exposed to  
11530°C and 1000  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  PAR, was measured with a leaf cuvette. *Basal* emission,  
116photosynthesis (A), and stomatal conductance ( $g_s$ ) were measured by clamping a portion of fully  
117expanded leaves of the canopy of adult trees in the cuvette of the portable gas-exchange system Li-  
118Cor 6400 (Li-Cor, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA), as described by Scholefield *et al.* (2003). This system  
119also allowed immediate switching from elevated to ambient CO<sub>2</sub> and *vice versa*, as explained by

120 Scholefield *et al.* (2003).  $E_B$  was measured 30 min after switching  $CO_2$ , when  $A$  and  $g_s$  had reached  
121 a new steady-state.

122 At the branch level, the emission measured under actual environmental conditions,  $E_A$ , was  
123 measured by enclosing sun-exposed branches in translucent Teflon bags mounted on an aluminum  
124 frame with a volume of 12 L. Briefly, the bags, flushed with charcoal-filtered air at a rate of about  
125 12 L min<sup>-1</sup>, were equipped with a fan and a sensor for bag air temperature. The difference between  
126 temperature inside the bag and the outside air temperature was around 2-3°C. A quantum sensor  
127 mounted outside close to the top of the chamber measured PAR. Air samples were withdrawn from  
128 the Teflon lines by using an aspirating pump at a flow rate of 100-200 mL min<sup>-1</sup>. Both inlet and  
129 outlet air flows were measured with mass-flow meters, and the data were stored using a data logger.  
130 Both in the leaf and branch enclosures, compounds entering and leaving the bag were collected on  
131 two-stage traps consisting of glass tubes filled with 0.034 g of Carbograph 1 and 0.17 g of  
132 Carbograph 2 (Lara, Rome, Italy). Isoprenoids retained on carbon traps were thermodesorbed at  
133 250°C and cryofocused at -150°C on a fused silica liner connected to a 5890 gas chromatograph  
134 (Hewlett Packard, Palo Alto, CA, USA) and using a 5970 quadrupole mass spectrometer (Hewlett  
135 Packard) as detection system (Baraldi *et al.* 1999; Rapparini *et al.* 2001). Isoprenoids were  
136 transferred to a capillary column (60 m x 0.25 mm I.D.; 0.25 µm film of polymethylsiloxane; HP1,  
137 Hewlett Packard). The column was maintained at 40°C for 10 min and then heated to 220°C at 5°C  
138 min<sup>-1</sup>. The identity of the compounds of interest was determined by comparison of their retention  
139 time and mass spectra to that of authentic standards. Quantification of isoprenoids was performed  
140 after calculation of standard curves and response factors for each compound, and using d<sub>14</sub>-cymene  
141 as internal standards. The biogenic VOC emission rates were calculated by multiplying the  
142 concentration difference between the chamber's inlet and outlet air with the air flow through the  
143 chamber divided by leaf area.

144 PAR and cuvette air temperature were measured while emission samples were taken. During each  
145 measuring campaign, the branches enclosed in the bag were cut to determine the leaf area and dry

146weight. Leaf area was measured by Video Image. For the image acquisition, a CCD camera (JVC  
147model TK-880) was used, interfaced with a computer by an ELVIS board and Chameleon software  
148(Sky Instr. Ltd., UK). Leaf dry weight was determined after drying at 70°C in a ventilated oven  
149until the weight stabilized.

150In the July and August 2000 field campaigns, measurements of predawn leaf water potentials were  
151used as stress indices. They were measured on 16 fully expanded leaves of different plants with a  
152pressure chamber (Model 3005; Soil Moisture Equipment Corp., Santa Barbara, CA, USA).

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#### 154Emission modelling

155Branch-level isoprenoid emission measured under experimental conditions were normalized to  
156standard conditions, based on algorithm of Guenther *et al.* (1993). This algorithm usefully  
157described isoprene emission as dependent to PAR and leaf temperature. As *Q. ilex* monoterpene  
158emissions has been found to have temperature and light dependencies very similar to those of  
159isoprene emissions (Staudt & Seufert 1995), the model of Guenther *et al.* (1993) has also been  
160applied to monoterpene emissions of *Q. ilex* in the field (Ciccioli *et al.* 1997; Kesselmeier *et al.*  
1611996, 1997; Bertin *et al.* 1997).

162In the model of Guenther *et al.* (1993) isoprene emission (E) is given as the product of the *basal*  
163emission factor ( $E_B$ ) at temperature of 30°C and a PAR of 1000  $\mu\text{ mol m}^{-2}\text{ s}^{-1}$  and two correction  
164factors to account for temperature ( $C_T$ ) and light ( $C_L$ ) dependencies:

$$165E = E_B C_T C_L$$

166To check the possible influence of CO<sub>2</sub> air concentration on the temperature dependence of isoprene  
167emission, we correlated averaged  $E_A$  for branches of plants growing at ambient and elevated CO<sub>2</sub>  
168with temperatures of single sampling day and with temperature averaged over a growing number of  
169days before measurements.

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171 To model isoprenoid emission at different CO<sub>2</sub> levels we also applied the algorithm developed by  
 172 Niinemets *et al.* (1999; 2002a) using the E<sub>B</sub>, and the corresponding photosynthetic parameters.  
 173 The rate of photosynthetic electron transport (J) is calculated from leaf gas exchange measurements  
 174 as (Brooks and Farquhar 1985):

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$$176 \quad J = \frac{(A + R_d)(4C_i + 8\Gamma^*)}{(C_i - \Gamma^*)} \quad \text{Eqn 1}$$

178 Where R<sub>d</sub> is the rate of mitochondrial respiration continuing in the light (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>), Γ\* is the  
 179 CO<sub>2</sub> compensation point in the absence of R<sub>d</sub> (μ mol mol<sup>-1</sup>, Laisk 1977), and C<sub>i</sub> is the intercellular  
 180 CO<sub>2</sub> concentration (μ mol mol<sup>-1</sup>).

181 Taking into account the different coenzyme (NADPH and ATP) cost of isoprenoids per mole CO<sub>2</sub>  
 182 assimilated as compared to that for sugar synthesis, and according to the methyl erythritol 4-  
 183 phosphate pathway, the rate of electron transport necessary to support the measured isoprenoid  
 184 emissions (J<sub>E</sub>) and the extra photosynthetic electron transport required to increase the reduction state  
 185 from the level of sugar to isoprenoids (J<sub>e</sub>) are given by:

186 for isoprene (Niinemets *et al.* 1999)

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$$188 \quad J_E = \frac{6E(4.67C_i + \Gamma^*)}{(C_i - \Gamma^*)} \quad \text{Eqn 2}$$

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$$190 \quad J_e = \frac{6E(0.67C_i + \Gamma^*)}{(C_i - \Gamma^*)} \quad \text{Eqn 3}$$

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192 for monoterpenes (Niinemets *et al.* 2002a)

$$193 \quad J_E = \frac{12E(4C_i + 8\Gamma^*)}{(C_i - \Gamma^*)} \quad \text{Eqn 4}$$

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Eqn 5



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$$J_e = 2E(\vartheta - 24)$$

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205 Where  $\vartheta$  is the NADPH cost of monoterpenes ( $\text{mol m}^{-1}$ )

206 From Eqns 1-5, the fraction of photosynthetic electron transport used for isoprenoid emission,  $\epsilon$ , is  
207 determined as the ratio between the rate of electron transport necessary to support the measured  
208 isoprenoid emission ( $J_E$ ) and the total photosynthetic electron transport ( $J_T$ ).  $J_T$  is calculated from  
209 foliar photosynthesis and isoprenoid emission as  $J$  (Eqn 1) +  $J_e$  (Eqn 3 or 5).

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### 211 *Statistical analysis*

212 One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) was performed for all the parameters to test the effect of  
213 growth under different  $\text{CO}_2$  level on physiological characteristics of *Q. ilex* and *Q. pubescens* plants  
214 for individual field campaign in 2000 and 2001. Regression analysis was used to detect the  
215 influence of temperature of the sampling day or averaged over a growing number of days before  
216 measurements, and of photosynthetic characteristic parameters calculated applying the Niinemets  
217 algorithm (1999, 2002a) on isoprenoid emission, determining if the parameters of the regression are  
218 significantly different from zero. All statistical analyses were performed in SAS (SAS System 8.1,  
219 SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA).

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## 221 **Results**

### 222 *In situ isoprenoid emission and physiological measurements*

223 The profile of the emitted monoterpenes by *Q. ilex* was similar at both branch and leaf level. The  
224 major emitted compounds were  $\alpha$ -pinene,  $\beta$ -pinene, sabinene and  $\beta$ -myrcene, which accounted

225for more than 60-70% of the total emission, as commonly found for this species (Bertin *et al.* 1997;  
226Staudt & Seufert 1995; Csiky & Seufert 1999; Sabillon & Cremades 2001). The proportions of the  
227main compounds were constant and independent of daytime, season, environmental conditions and  
228CO<sub>2</sub> level (data not shown).

229Days were cloudless and dry over most of the experiments. During the sampling period (9 am-4 pm  
230solar time), PAR showed a typical daily cycle with maximum values at midday (around 1700  
231μ mol<sup>-2</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> and 1300 μ mol<sup>-2</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> in June and September field campaigns, respectively), and  
232minimum values in the late afternoon (approximately 100-250 μ mol<sup>-2</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>). Bag air temperature  
233varied between 25°C and 37°C.

234E<sub>A</sub> were in the range previously reported in literature for the two different oak species (Biogenic  
235Emissions in the Mediterranean Area - BEMA project 1997). Only *Q. ilex* monoterpene emissions  
236in September 2000 under ambient CO<sub>2</sub> were significantly higher than in the other months (Tab 1).  
237During the June 2000 field campaign, monoterpene E<sub>A</sub> of *Q. ilex* was not affected by long-term  
238exposure to high CO<sub>2</sub>, with a daily average emission rate of 8.2 nmol m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> and  
239of 8.6 nmol m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> under ambient CO<sub>2</sub>. In September 2000, the monoterpene emissions of plants  
240grown under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> were comparable to those found in June, but E<sub>A</sub> was significantly higher  
241in plants grown under ambient CO<sub>2</sub> than under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> (Tab 1).

242During June 2000, E<sub>A</sub> measured at branch level in *Q. pubescens* plants under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> were  
243significantly lower (3.5 nmol<sup>-2</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) than those determined under ambient CO<sub>2</sub> (7.8 nmol<sup>-2</sup> m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>),  
244while in September 2000 and in both 2001 field campaigns no significant differences between the  
245two sites were observed, except in some hours of the day (Tab 1).

246Leaf weight per leaf area was 152 and 72 g m<sup>-2</sup> for *Quercus ilex* and *Quercus pubescens* in the  
247control site respectively, and 172 and 81 g m<sup>-2</sup> for the same species under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>.  
248Consequently when isoprene and monoterpene emission rates were expressed on leaf mass basis,  
249differences between ambient and elevated CO<sub>2</sub> were maintained or, in some cases, even more  
250evident.

251 The photosynthetic rates ( $A$ ) of *Q. ilex* plants were always higher under elevated  $\text{CO}_2$  with respect  
252 to ambient  $\text{CO}_2$  (Tab 1). The percentage of carbon emitted as monoterpenes relative to carbon fixed  
253 by photosynthesis was always higher under ambient  $\text{CO}_2$  compared to elevated  $\text{CO}_2$ , reaching 4% in  
254 September. In *Q. pubescens* plants the stimulation of photosynthesis at elevated  $\text{CO}_2$  was observed  
255 only in September 2000 and in June 2001. As in *Q. ilex*, the percentage of carbon lost as isoprene  
256 was higher under ambient  $\text{CO}_2$  compared to elevated  $\text{CO}_2$ .

257 The diurnal trends of  $E_A$  and  $E_B$  of isoprene emitting *Q. pubescens* plants grown at elevated  $\text{CO}_2$   
258 showed in September 2001 a clear daily change with lower values early in the morning and  
259 maximum values in the afternoon (Fig. 1a, b). The same trend was observed in plants grown under  
260 ambient  $\text{CO}_2$  (data not shown). The diurnal trend of  $E_B$  and  $E_A$  was associated to a similar trend of  
261 photosynthesis, at both  $\text{CO}_2$  levels (Fig. 1a). In *Q. pubescens* there was also evidence of seasonality-  
262 related variability in isoprene  $E_B$  measured along 2000 at both sites, with peaks of emission during  
263 July and September (Fig. 2a, b). Photosynthesis maximum was also observed in July 2000 (Fig. 2a,  
264 b).

265 At the control site, rapid switches of the  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration from 350 to 1000 ppm had a strong  
266 and very rapid negative effect on  $E_B$  of both species (Fig. 3a, b). Photosynthesis increased (Fig. 3c,  
267 d) and  $g_s$  decreased (Fig. 3e, f) in response to  $\text{CO}_2$  rise. At the Bossoleto site,  $E_B$  slightly increased  
268 or remained unchanged in response to  $\text{CO}_2$  switches from 1000 to 350 ppm (Fig. 3a, b).  
269 Photosynthesis was also unaffected (Fig. 3c, d), but  $g_s$  increased in response to  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction (Fig.  
270 e, f)

271 Predawn leaf water potentials measured in July and August 2000 were particularly low in both oak  
272 species compared to values reported for the same species in the same Mediterranean area (Schwanz  
273 & Polle 1998; Loreto *et al.* 2001), indicating a high drought stress (Fig. 4a, b). The predawn leaf  
274 water potential was slightly lower in *Q. ilex* than in *Q. pubescens*, reaching mean values of about  
275 10.3 MPa and 7.2 MPa, respectively, independently of  $\text{CO}_2$  growth conditions (Fig. 4a, b).

277 *Emission modelling*

278 Normalization of  $E_A$  according to Guenther (1993) on the basis of meteorological factors (light and  
 279 temperature) (i.e. Tab 1) would not be correct if the relationship between these factors and emission  
 280 is affected by growth at elevated  $CO_2$ . Day time changes of light intensity should cause only limited  
 281 changes in isoprenoid emission (Guenther *et al.* 1993). Temperature represents a more important  
 282 factor in controlling isoprenoid emission and recent works showed the influence of past temperature  
 283 conditions on the temperature dependence of isoprene emission (Guenther *et al.* 1999; Sharkey *et*  
 284 *al.* 1999; Geron *et al.* 2000; Hanson & Sharkey 2001; Pétron *et al.* 2001). To test the influence of  
 285 temperature on the  $E_A$  of *Q. pubescens* plants, we correlated average isoprene  $E_A$  (Tab 1) with the  
 286 temperature of the sampling day and the calculated average temperature of 1 to 15 days before  
 287 measurements. At ambient  $CO_2$  there was a clear increase of the correlation between isoprene  
 288 emission and air temperature by increasing the number of days over which the air temperature was  
 289 averaged, and the strongest relationship was observed when the temperature was averaged over 14  
 290 days (Tab 2). However, no strong relationship was found under elevated  $CO_2$ .

291 In alternative to the empirical model based on environmental factors, isoprenoid emission can also  
 292 be estimated with a physiological model based on photosynthesis (Niinemets *et al.* 1999; 2002a,b).  
 293 For both *Quercus* species and both field campaigns,  $E_B$  tended to scale positively with  $A$  and the  
 294 photosynthetic electron flux ( $J$ ) under ambient  $CO_2$  concentrations ( $r^2 = 0.43$   $P < 0.02$  and  $r^2 = 0.60$   
 295  $P < 0.005$  for photosynthesis and electron transport, respectively), while no correlation was found in  
 296 plants grown at the Bossoleto site ( $r^2 = 0.04$   $P > 0.50$  and  $r^2 = 0.13$   $P > 0.20$  for photosynthesis and  
 297 electron transport, respectively) (data not shown).

298 Isoprenoid  $E_B$  of both species correlated positively with the photosynthetic electron transport rate  
 299 required to sustain the observed isoprenoid emission ( $J_E$ ), independently of the year and of the  $CO_2$ -  
 300 growth conditions ( $r^2 = 0.73$   $P < 0.0005$  and  $r^2 = 0.92$   $P < 0.0001$  for *Q. pubescens* and *Q. ilex*,  
 301 respectively) (Fig. 5a). Isoprenoid  $E_B$  also correlated positively with the fraction of electrons going  
 302 into the isoprenoid synthesis pathway,  $\epsilon$  ( $r^2 = 0.77$   $P < 0.0002$  and  $r^2 = 0.43$   $P < 0.05$  for *Q.*

303 *pubescens* and *Q. ilex*, respectively) (Fig. 5b). In both species, the intercepts were not statistically  
304 different from zero, but the slope was higher in *Q. pubescens* than in *Q. ilex* plant. We did not  
305 observe any significant effect of growth under different CO<sub>2</sub> conditions on this positive correlation  
306 (data not shown).

### 307Discussion

308Exposure to or growth at elevated CO<sub>2</sub> often reduces isoprenoid emission by vegetation (Monson &  
309Fall. 1989; Loreto & Sharkey 1990; Sharkey *et al.* 1991; Loreto *et al.* 2001; Scholefield *et al.* 2003;  
310Rosenstiel *et al.* 2003), with few exceptions (Tognetti *et al.* 1998; Constable *et al.* 1999; Sharkey *et*  
311*al.* 1991; Buckley 2001; Staudt *et al.*, 2001). A clear enzymological and biochemical regulation has  
312been recently demonstrated to occur under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> and is likely to account for this effect  
313(Loreto *et al.* 2001; Scholefield *et al.* 2003; Rosenstiel *et al.* 2003). We showed that short term  
314exposure to elevated CO<sub>2</sub> induced in both *Quercus* species a rapid and clear inhibition of leaf-level  
315isoprenoid emission, confirming the results obtained in *Phragmites* in the same CO<sub>2</sub> spring site by  
316Scholefield *et al.* (2003). However, branch-level isoprenoid emissions from trees of *Q. ilex* and *Q.*  
317*pubescens* grown in the Bossoleto spring were not significantly different than at ambient CO<sub>2</sub>, even  
318after normalization, which indicates that both *actual* and *basal* emissions were not reduced by  
319growth at elevated CO<sub>2</sub>. In the Mediterranean region, multiple stresses, such as high temperature  
320and irradiance combined with limited water availability (Scarascia-Mugnozza *et al.* 2000) could  
321have strong effects on isoprenoid emission, especially in summer. Elevated temperatures stimulate  
322isoprenoid emission (Loreto & Sharkey 1990), probably because of activation of isoprene synthase  
323(Monson *et al.* 1992). It may be that temperatures in the Bossoleto spring were slightly higher than  
324in the control site, therefore compensating for the inhibitory effect of elevated CO<sub>2</sub>. Certainly the  
325night temperature of the spring was higher than in the surrounding since CO<sub>2</sub> formed overnight a  
326dense layer covering the bottom of the spring (see cover picture).

327Isoprene emission has been found to be scarcely inhibited by environmental stresses, and recovery  
328from stresses, particularly drought, can even temporarily stimulate the emission of isoprene (Loreto  
329& Delfine, 2000; Sharkey & Loreto 1993; Llusià & Penuelas 1998; Bruggemann & Schnitzler  
3302002).

331In a Mediterranean area, limited water availability represents a major environmental stress. Loreto  
332*et al.* (2001), in a long-term study on field-grown *Q. ilex* plants growing under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>

333conditions, did not observe the inhibitory effect of high CO<sub>2</sub> on monoterpene emission when plants  
334experienced a very severe summer drought, suggesting that the effect of these environmental  
335stresses can counteract and overcome the negative effect of elevated CO<sub>2</sub>. Similar results have been  
336reported by M.J. Potosnak, K.L. Griffin, R.K. Monson, R. Murthy, J. van Haren, A. Wright, B.  
337Farnsworth, C.A. Klimas, T. N. Rosenstiel and V.C. Engel (2002, personal communication) for  
338isoprene emission by poplar plants grown under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> in the mesocosms of Biosphere-2  
339Center.

340In our experimental conditions, very low predawn water potentials were measured, especially  
341during summer 2000. Thus, it may be speculated that severe drought stress conditions stimulated  
342the isoprenoid emission and counteracted the negative effect of elevated CO<sub>2</sub> in our experiments.

343We have shown that isoprene E<sub>B</sub> by *Q. pubescens* is subjected to daily and seasonal variations.  
344Pronounced daily and seasonal variations of E<sub>B</sub> were observed by other authors (Fuentes *et al.*  
3451995; Ciccioli *et al.* 1997; Street *et al.* 1997) and in few recent models an additional factor to  
346account for seasonal influences on emission has been introduced (Guenther 1997; Pier & McDuffie  
3471997; Guenther *et al.* 1999; Lehning *et al.* 2001; Ciccioli *et al.* 2003). It is clear that similar  
348correction factors should be used also when monitoring emission under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>. However, at  
349least seasonal variations of E<sub>B</sub> seems to be similar under ambient and elevated CO<sub>2</sub>. Rapid  
350temperature fluctuations (Singsaas *et al.* 1999; Singsaas & Sharkey 2000), usually occurring in our  
351experimental conditions, and past temperatures experienced by the plants prior to measurements  
352(Guenther *et al.* 1999; Sharkey *et al.* 1999; Geron *et al.* 2000; Hanson & Sharkey 2001; Pétron *et*  
353*al.* 2001) could have influenced isoprenoid emissions, particularly under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>. Our  
354experiments have shown that isoprene E<sub>A</sub> in ambient CO<sub>2</sub> is positively correlated with previous day  
355temperature. The best correlation was found by averaging two week temperature before  
356measurements, which suggests that weather regulation on isoprene may be even more (Sharkey *et*  
357*al.* 1999; Geron *et al.* 2000; Hanson & Sharkey 2001) or similarly (Guenther *et al.* 1999; Petron *et*  
358*al.* 2001) long-lasting than previously reported. However, under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> E<sub>A</sub> did not well  
359correlate with air temperature of the sampling day as well as with long-term variations of this

360parameter. One explanation for this might be related to stomatal closure under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> leading  
361to raising leaf temperature with respect to air temperature. Irrespective of the physiological reason,  
362this may reduce the model performance under elevated CO<sub>2</sub>.

363Under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> modelling based on physiological traits may be more successful than that on  
364meteorological parameters. In general, when we compared the calculated photosynthetic parameters  
365(A, J) with E<sub>B</sub> of isoprenoids, we found a positive relationship, in ambient but not at elevated CO<sub>2</sub>.  
366In contrast, a positive relationship was always found when E<sub>B</sub> was compared with the  
367photosynthetic electron transport necessary to support the measured isoprenoid emissions or with  
368the fraction of photosynthetic electron transport used for isoprenoid synthesis. These positive  
369correlations between were, to a certain extent, expected, as the basal emission is a factor to calculate  
370J<sub>E</sub> and  $\epsilon$  (Niinemets *et al.* 1999; 2002a, b). But our results indicate that these relationships are not  
371influenced by CO<sub>2</sub> level and suggest that the physiological algorithm may usefully predict  
372isoprenoid emission also under rising CO<sub>2</sub>, and even under multiple stress conditions such as those  
373probably experienced by plants during our experiments. On the other hand, differences between the  
374*Quercus* species in the slope of  $\epsilon$  versus isoprenoid emissions reflect a higher electron cost for  
375monoterpenes than for isoprene, which is consistent with the higher metabolic energy of  
376monoterpene compared to that of isoprene synthesis (Niinemets *et al.* 1999; 2002a).

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549 **Figure legends**

550 Fig. 1. Diurnal trend of isoprene *basal* (a) and *actual* (b) emission (closed diamond) and of  
 551 photosynthesis (open squares) from *Q. pubescens* leaves. Measurements were taken under elevated  
 552 CO<sub>2</sub> at the Bossoleto site during September 2001 field campaign. Means  $\pm$  S.E.,  $n=3-4$ , are shown.

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554 Fig. 2. Seasonal trend of isoprene *basal* emission and of photosynthesis from *Q. pubescens* leaves  
 555 under ambient (a) and elevated (b) CO<sub>2</sub> level. Measurements taken along 2000. Means  $\pm$  S.E.,  
 556  $n=3-4$ , are shown.

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558 Fig. 3. Response of isoprenoid *basal* emission, photosynthesis and stomatal conductance of *Q.*  
 559 *pubescens* (a, c, e) and *Q. ilex* (b, d, f) plants to CO<sub>2</sub> switches. CO<sub>2</sub> was suddenly decreased from  
 560 1000 to 350 ppm for plants growing at the Bossoleto site, while it was suddenly increased from 350  
 561 to 1000 ppm for plants growing in the control site. Measurements taken at both sites during  
 562 September 2001 are relative to emission before switching (shown as 1; dashed line). Means ( $n = 5$ )  
 563  $\pm$  S.E.

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565 Fig. 4. Predawn water potential of (a) *Q. pubescens* and (b) *Q. ilex* leaves of plants grown under  
 566 high-CO<sub>2</sub> air concentrations at the Bossoleto site or under ambient CO<sub>2</sub> conditions in the control  
 567 site. Means ( $n = 16$ )  $\pm$  S.E. Differences between control and Bossoleto site were not statistically  
 568 significant at  $P < 0.1$ .

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570 Fig. 5. Isoprenoid *basal* emissions in relation with (a) photosynthetic electron transport rate  
 571 required to sustain the observed rates of isoprenoid emission ( $J_E$ ) and with (b) the fraction of  
 572 electrons for the isoprenoid synthesis ( $\epsilon$ ) in leaves of *Q. pubescens* (closed diamond) and *Q. ilex*  
 573 (open squares). Each point corresponds to a separate field campaign of measurements.



574 Tab.1. Daily average *actual* emission ( $E_A$ ) measured at branch level, photosynthesis (A) measured  
 575 at leaf level from *Q. ilex* and *Q. pubescens* plants, and percent of photosynthetic carbon lost as  
 576 isoprenoid during 2000 and 2001 field campaigns. The values shown in the parenthesis represent  
 577  $E_B$  estimated using the equations of Guenther *et al.* (1993). Values are means  $\pm$  standard error  
 578 (S.E.),  $n = 3-4$ . \*  $P < 0.1$ , \*\*  $P < 0.05$ , \*\*\*  $P < 0.01$ .

		<b><i>Q. ilex</i></b>			<b><i>Q. pubescens</i></b>		
		$E_A$	A	% C	$E_A$	A	% C
		( $\text{nmol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	( $\mu \text{ mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )		( $\text{nmol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	( $\mu \text{ mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )	
June 2000	Ambient CO <sub>2</sub>	8.6 $\pm$ 1.7 (5.7 $\pm$ 1.4)	4.8 $\pm$ 0.7	1.2	7.8 $\pm$ 1.5 (4.4 $\pm$ 0.7)	12.9 $\pm$ 0.4	0.2
	Elevated CO <sub>2</sub>	8.2 $\pm$ 1.2 (4.9 $\pm$ 0.7)	8.5 $\pm$ 2.0*	0.6	3.5 $\pm$ 0.7** (2.6 $\pm$ 0.6)**	11.9 $\pm$ 2.1	0.1
September 2000	Ambient CO <sub>2</sub>	16.9 $\pm$ 2.1 (18.9 $\pm$ 2.1)	4.7 $\pm$ 1.3	4.0	7.7 $\pm$ 0.5 (8.7 $\pm$ 0.6)	6.3 $\pm$ 0.3	0.7
	Elevated CO <sub>2</sub>	6.1 $\pm$ 1.0*** (3.3 $\pm$ 0.8)***	10.8 $\pm$ 0.3**	0.3	8.4 $\pm$ 2.1 (7.9 $\pm$ 1.9)	10.2 $\pm$ 2.0*	0.4
June 2001	Ambient CO <sub>2</sub>				17.6 $\pm$ 2.2 (24.1 $\pm$ 2.8)	7.0 $\pm$ 0.8	5.6
	Elevated CO <sub>2</sub>				20.2 $\pm$ 2.7 (17.6 $\pm$ 2.4)	17.4 $\pm$ 5.2**	1.3
September 2001	Ambient CO <sub>2</sub>				5.9 $\pm$ 0.9 (5.6 $\pm$ 1.1)	10.1 $\pm$ 1.3	4.6
	Elevated CO <sub>2</sub>				8.2 $\pm$ 1.7 (6.4 $\pm$ 0.9)	8.8 $\pm$ 1.6	2.7

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580Tab. 2. Parameters estimated by linear regression analysis between the mean daily (24-hr)  
 581temperature of the sampling day (0) and that averaged over 1 to 15 days prior to midnight before the  
 582day of measurement and *actual* isoprene emissions of *Q. pubescens* plants grown under ambient  
 583CO<sub>2</sub> concentration at the control site and those grown under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> conditions at the  
 584Bossoleto site.

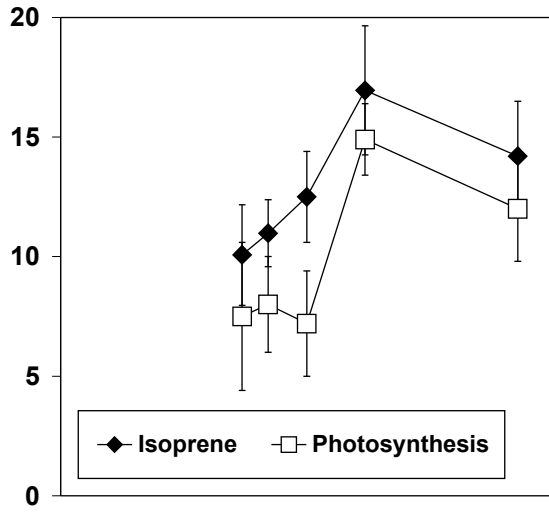
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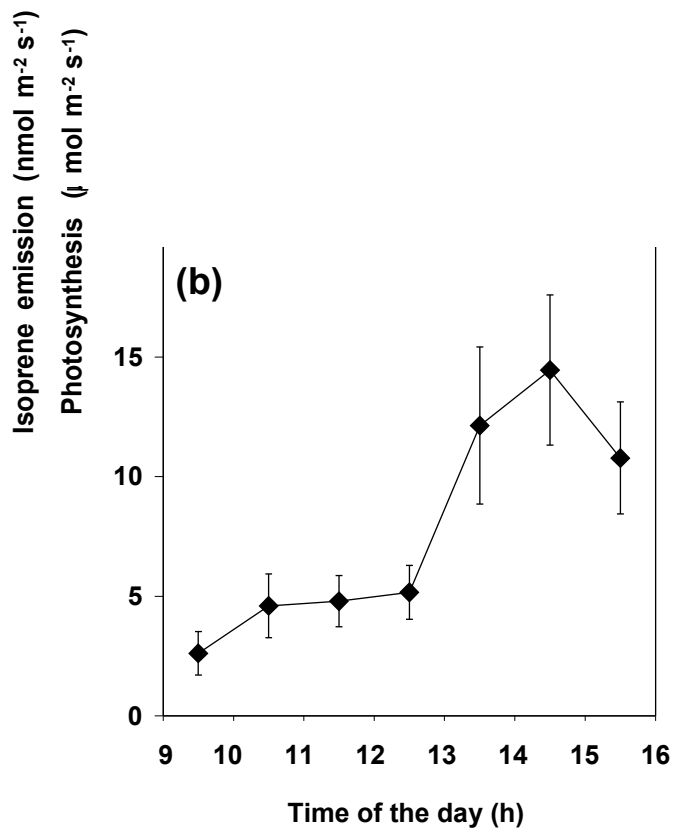
	<b>N° of days</b>	<b>Intercept</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Slope</b>	<b>r<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>P</b>	<b>n</b>
<b>Ambient</b>	<b>0</b>	-20.66	0.294	1.53	0.33	0.135	8
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>1</b>	-36.35	0.113	2.37	0.49	0.055	8
	<b>2</b>	-34.53	0.090	2.32	0.53	0.041	8
	<b>3</b>	-38.64	0.054	2.57	0.61	0.023	8
	<b>4</b>	-37.84	0.062	2.56	0.59	0.027	8
	<b>5</b>	-38.72	0.061	2.63	0.59	0.027	8
	<b>6</b>	-38.61	0.073	2.64	0.56	0.030	8
	<b>7</b>	-39.55	0.064	2.70	0.58	0.029	8
	<b>8</b>	-43.24	0.033	2.89	0.66	0.014	8
	<b>9</b>	-45.50	0.018	3.02	0.73	0.007	8
	<b>10</b>	-47.03	0.011	3.11	0.76	0.005	8
	<b>11</b>	-49.54	0.009	3.27	0.78	0.004	8
	<b>12</b>	-50.49	0.006	3.33	0.81	0.002	8
	<b>13</b>	-45.33	0.005	3.06	0.82	0.002	8
	<b>14</b>	-40.95	0.005	2.82	0.83	0.002	8
	<b>15</b>	-36.85	0.011	2.59	0.79	0.003	8
<b>Elevated</b>	<b>0</b>	-13.69	0.716	1.15	0.07	0.070	8
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>1</b>	-38.22	0.397	2.43	0.18	0.296	8
	<b>2</b>	-39.94	0.327	2.57	0.23	0.233	8
	<b>3</b>	-50.45	0.209	2.16	0.32	0.144	8
	<b>4</b>	-51.95	0.192	3.27	0.34	0.132	8
	<b>5</b>	-51.84	0.204	3.30	0.32	0.141	8
	<b>6</b>	-47.71	0.260	3.10	0.27	0.188	8
	<b>7</b>	-50.98	0.228	3.28	0.30	0.161	8
	<b>8</b>	-56.06	0.178	3.55	0.35	0.124	8
	<b>9</b>	-60.52	0.135	3.79	0.40	0.092	8
	<b>10</b>	-61.52	0.127	3.86	0.41	0.086	8
	<b>11</b>	-65.77	0.110	4.12	0.44	0.075	8
	<b>12</b>	-71.96	0.070	4.48	0.52	0.046	8
	<b>13</b>	-68.27	0.051	4.28	0.56	0.032	8
	<b>14</b>	-62.45	0.048	3.97	0.58	0.029	8
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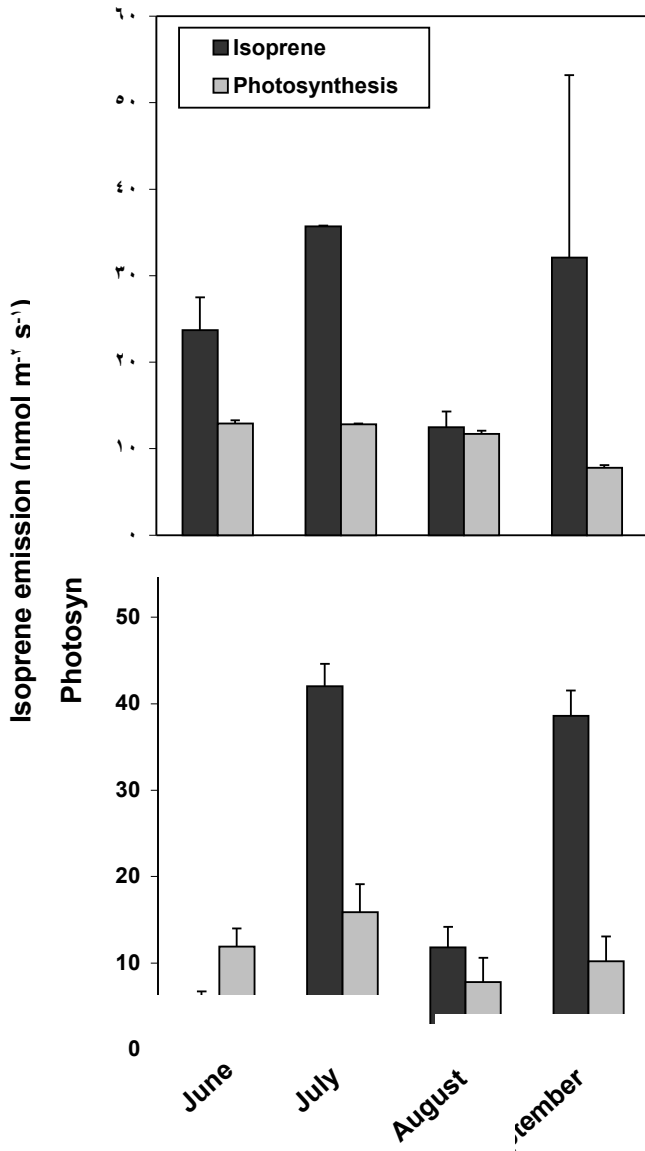


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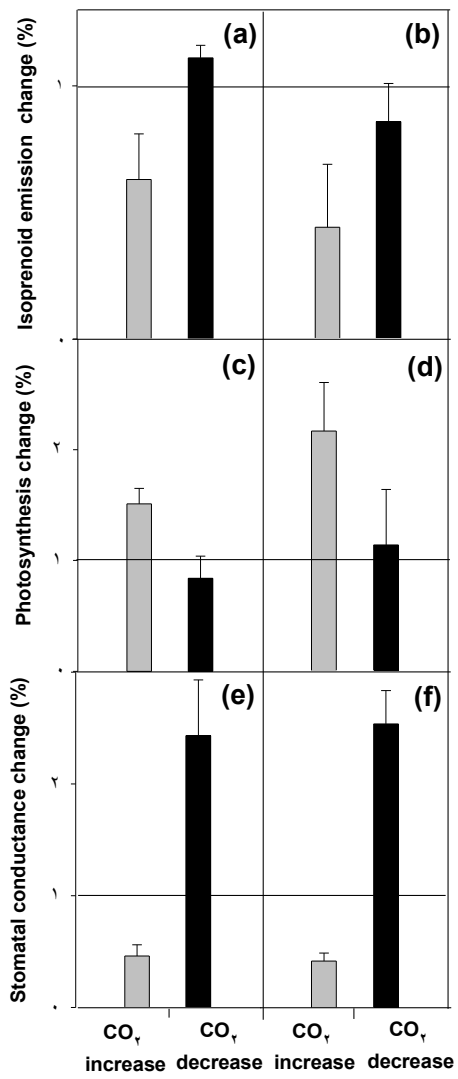
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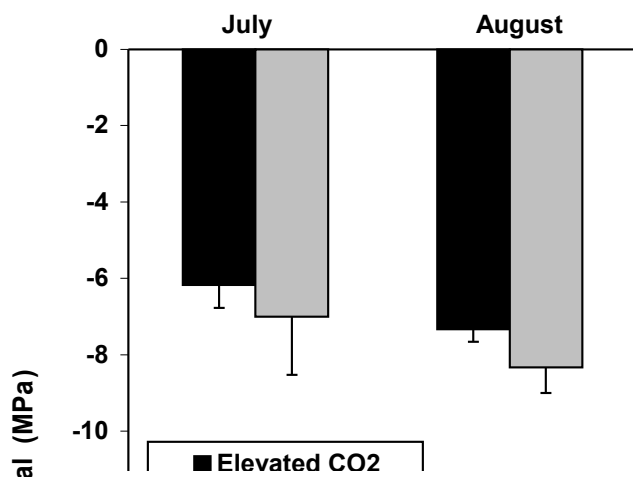
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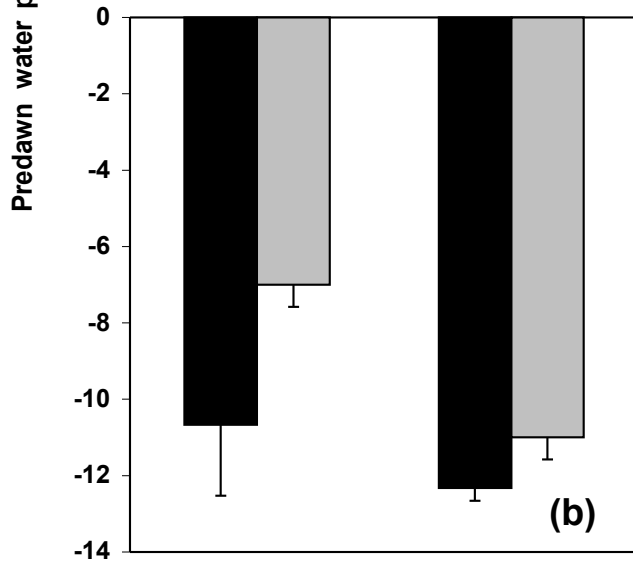
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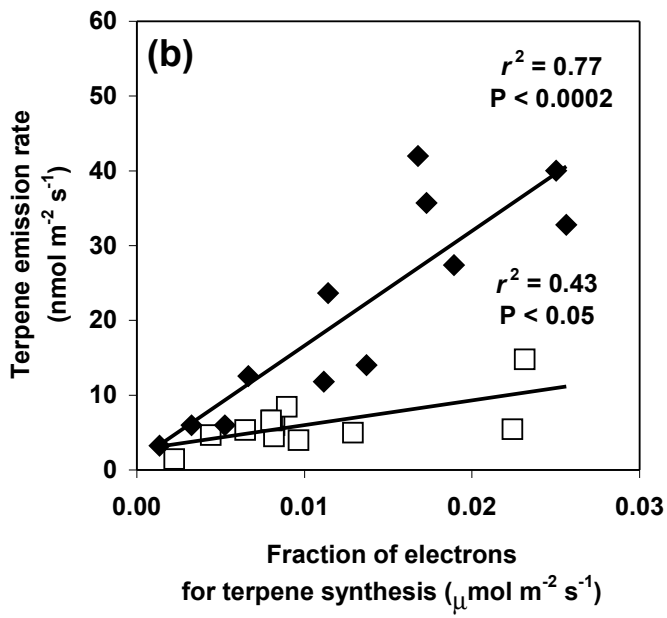
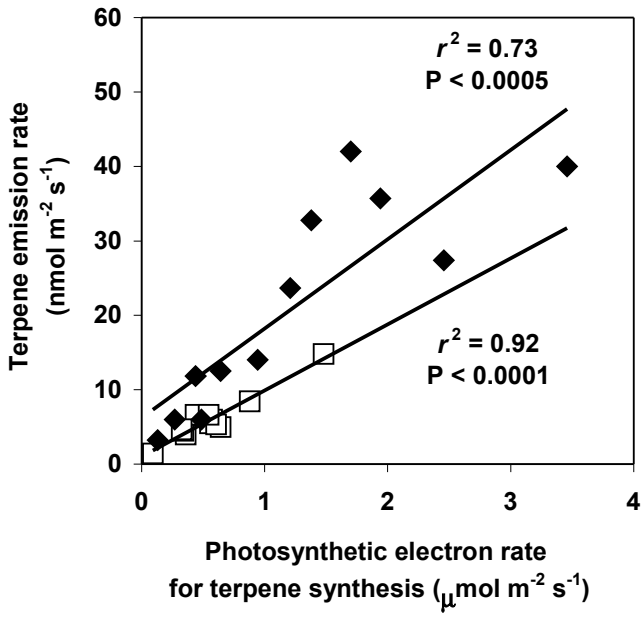
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