

# 1 **Effect of mid-term drought on *Quercus pubescens* BVOCs** 2 **emissions seasonality and their dependence to light and/or** 3 **temperature**

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13 **Abstract.** Biogenic volatile organic compounds (BVOCs) emitted by plants represent a large source of carbon  
14 compounds released into the atmosphere where they account for precursors of tropospheric ozone and secondary  
15 organic aerosols. Being directly involved in air pollution and indirectly in climate change, understanding what  
16 factors drive BVOCs is a prerequisite for modelling their emissions and predict air pollution. The main  
17 algorithms currently used to model BVOCs emissions are mainly light and/or temperature dependent. Additional  
18 factors such as seasonality and drought also influence isoprene emissions, especially in the Mediterranean region  
19 which is characterized by a rather long drought period in summer. These factors are increasingly included in  
20 models but only for the principal studied BVOC, namely isoprene but there are still some discrepancies in  
21 estimations of emissions. In this study, the main BVOCs emitted by *Quercus pubescens*: isoprene, methanol,  
22 acetone, acetaldehyde, formaldehyde, MACR MVK and ISOPOOH (these 3 last compounds detected under the  
23 same ion), were monitored with a PTR-ToF-MS over an entire seasonal cycle, under both *in situ* natural and  
24 amplified drought which is expected with climate change. Amplified drought impacted all studied BVOCs by  
25 reducing emissions in spring and summer while increasing emissions in autumn. All six BVOCs monitored  
26 showed daytime light and temperature dependencies while three BVOCs (methanol, acetone and formaldehyde)  
27 also showed emissions during the night despite the absence of light under constant temperature. Moreover,  
28 methanol and acetaldehyde burst in the early morning and formaldehyde deposition/uptake were also punctually  
29 observed which were not assessed by the classical temperature and light models.

## 30 **1 Introduction**

31 Plants contribute to global emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) with an estimated emission rate of  
32  $10^{15}$  gC yr<sup>-1</sup> (Guenther *et al.* 1995; Harrison *et al.* 2013). The large variety of compounds released by plants  
33 represents, at the global scale, 2-3% of the total carbon released in the atmosphere (Kesselmeier & Staudt 1999).  
34 Under strong photochemical conditions, BVOCs, together with NO<sub>x</sub>, can significantly contribute to tropospheric  
35 ozone concentration (Xie *et al.* 2008; Papiez *et al.* 2009). In addition to its greenhouse effect, O<sub>3</sub> has strong  
36 effects on plant metabolism (Reig-Armiñana *et al.* 2004; Beauchamp *et al.* 2005) as well as on human health  
37 (Lippmann 1989). BVOCs are also rapidly oxidized by OH radical and NO<sub>3</sub> (Hallquist *et al.* 2009; Liu *et al.*  
38 2012), which account for an important fraction of the total mass of secondary organic aerosols (SOA, Jimenez *et al.*  
39 *et al.* 2009). Methanol and acetone are, after isoprene, the principal BVOCs released to the atmosphere. Isoprene  
40 emissions represent between 400-600 TgC yr<sup>-1</sup> at the global scale (Arneeth *et al.* 2008) whereas methanol  
41 emissions vary between 75 and 280 TgC yr<sup>-1</sup> (Singh *et al.* 2000; Heikes *et al.* 2002, respectively) and acetone  
42 emissions represent only 33 TgC yr<sup>-1</sup> (Jacob *et al.* 2002). Other compounds such as acetaldehyde, methacrolein  
43 (MACR), methyl vinyl ketone (MVK), isoprene hydroxy hydroperoxides (ISOPOOH) and formaldehyde, whose  
44 biogenic origin has been poorly investigated, are better known to be anthropogenic and/or secondary VOCs  
45 issued from atmospheric oxidations (Hallquist *et al.* 2009). However, acetaldehyde is also a by-product of plant  
46 metabolism and its emissions represent 23 Tg yr<sup>-1</sup> at the global scale (Millet *et al.* 2010). Formaldehyde, MACR,  
47 MVK and ISOPOOH are released by plants through oxidations of methanol and isoprene, respectively, within  
48 leaves but they can have other leaf precursors (Oikawa & Lerdau 2013). Thus, it is thereby important to model  
49 all this panel of BVOCs emissions with the aim of predicting their effect on secondary atmospheric chemistry.

50 Current models allow to predict BVOCs emissions according to the type of vegetation, biomass density, leaf age,  
51 specific emission factor for many vegetal species, as well as the impact of some environmental factors. Models,  
52 such as the MEGAN (Guenther *et al.* 2006; Guenther *et al.* 2012) or CHIMERE (Menuet *et al.* 2014) model,  
53 include at least two main algorithms that allow to model light and temperature emissions dependence (called  
54 *L+T* algorithm afterwards) and a temperature dependent algorithm (called *T* algorithm afterwards), both  
55 described in Guenther *et al.* (1995). The *L+T* algorithm is typically used for BVOCs emissions whose synthesis  
56 rapidly relies on photosynthesis, and hence include *de novo* emissions. The *T* algorithm is used for BVOCs  
57 emissions that do not directly rely on BVOCs synthesis when, for example, they originate from permanent large  
58 storage pools (Ormeno *et al.* 2011). The dependence to light and/or temperature is well documented for  
59 isoprenoids (Owen *et al.* 2002; Rinne *et al.* 2002; Dindorf *et al.* 2006) but there is still a lack of knowledge about  
60 highly volatile BVOCs (e.g. methanol, acetone, acetaldehyde). However, many of these compounds are very  
61 reactive in the atmosphere (Hallquist *et al.* 2009) and, could be emitted in large quantities to the atmosphere at  
62 global scale. The characterization of their emissions and sensitivity to light and/or temperature is, thus, necessary  
63 in order to obtain reliable predictions of atmospheric processes in order not to miss this important part of the  
64 atmospheric reactivity.

65 Other factors than light and temperature can drive BVOCs emissions such as water stress. Most studies dealing  
66 with BVOCs response to water stress have, however, focused on terpene-like compounds and have been carried  
67 out after weeks of watering restriction or removal under controlled conditions (for a review, see studies cited in  
68 Peñuelas and Staudt 2010). These studies reveal that there are still some misunderstandings at the level of  
69 emission mechanisms since some works showed increases (Funk *et al.* 2004; Monson *et al.* 2007) or decreases  
70 of isoprene emissions (Brüggemann & Schnitzler 2002; Fortunati *et al.* 2008) and there is a lack of knowledge

71 on the impact of water stress on highly BVOCs emissions. Moreover, the sensitivity of isoprene and highly  
72 volatile BVOCs emissions to recurrent water stress (few years) under *in situ* conditions is clearly missing.  
73 Likewise, the capacity of current *L+T* and *T* algorithms to predict emission shifts under different drought  
74 scenarios in the context of climate change needs to be addressed for isoprene and highly volatile compounds.  
75 This is of especial interest for the Mediterranean area where the most severe climatic scenario of the IPCC  
76 predicts an intensification of summer drought consisting on a rain reduction that can locally reach 30%, an  
77 extension of the drought period as well as a temperature rise of 3.4°C, (Giorgi & Lionello 2008; IPCC 2013;  
78 Polade *et al.* 2014) for 2100.

79 In the present investigation, we aimed (i) to study the standard emission factors of each studied BVOC released  
80 by *Q. pubescens*, including isoprene and highly volatile compounds that originate from plant metabolism under  
81 water stress (ii) to test the performance of the *L+T* and *T* algorithms to predict isoprene and highly volatile  
82 BVOCs emissions over the seasonal cycle and under two recurrent water stress treatments. *Q. pubescens* was  
83 chosen as vegetal model because this species is highly resistant to drought and well widespread in the Northern  
84 Mediterranean area occupying 2 million ha (Quézel & Médail 2003). It also represents the major source of  
85 isoprene emissions in the Mediterranean area and the second one at the European scale (Keenan *et al.* 2009).

## 86 **2 Material and methods**

### 87 **2.1 Experimental site**

88 Our study was performed at the O<sub>3</sub>HP site (Oak Observatory at OHP, Observatoire de Haute Provence), located  
89 60 km North of Marseille, France (5°42'44" E, 43°55'54" N), at an elevation of 650m above the sea level. The  
90 O<sub>3</sub>HP (955m<sup>2</sup>), free from direct human disturbance for 70 years, consists of a homogeneous forest mainly  
91 composed of *Q. pubescens* (≈ 90 % of the biomass and ≈ 75 % of the trees) with a mean diameter of 1.3 m. The  
92 remaining 10 % of the biomass is mainly represented by *Acer monspessulanum* trees, a very low isoprene-  
93 emitter species (Genard-Zielinski *et al.* 2015). The O<sub>3</sub>HP site was created in 2009 in order to study the impact of  
94 climate change on a *Q. pubescens* forest. Using a rainfall exclusion device (an automated monitored roof  
95 deployed during rain events) set up over part of the O<sub>3</sub>HP canopy, it was possible to reduce natural rain by 30%  
96 and to extend the drought period in an attempt to mimic the current climatic model projections for 2100 (Giorgi  
97 & Lionello 2008; IPCC 2013; Polade *et al.* 2014). Two plots were considered in the site; a plot receiving natural  
98 precipitation where trees grew under natural drought (300m<sup>2</sup> surface, used as control plot) and a second plot  
99 submitted to amplified drought (232m<sup>2</sup> surface, used as amplified drought plot). Rain exclusion on this latter plot  
100 started on April 2012 and was continuously applied every year, principally, during the growth period.  
101 Ombrothermic diagrams indicated that the drought period was extended for 2 months in 2012, 4 months in 2013  
102 and 3 months in 2014 for amplified drought relative to natural drought (Fig 1). Data on cumulative precipitation  
103 showed that 35% of rain was excluded in 2012 (from 29 April from to 27 October), 33.5% in 2013 (from 7 July  
104 from to 29 December), 35.5% in 2014 (from 8 April to 8 December). This experimental set up involved a  
105 recurrent drought in the amplified drought plot. Sampling was performed at the branch-scale at the top of the  
106 canopy during three campaigns from October 2013 to July 2014, covering an entire seasonal cycle: in autumn  
107 (14 to 28 October 2013, 2nd year of amplified drought), in spring (12 to 19 May 2014, 3rd year of amplified  
108 drought) and in summer (13 to 25 July 2014, 3rd year of amplified drought). Spring, summer and autumn

109 campaigns corresponded to the end of leaf growth, leaf maturation and the beginning of the leaf senescence,  
110 respectively. The same five trees per plot were selected and investigated throughout the study.

## 111 **2.2 Branch scale-sampling methods**

112 Two identical dynamic branch enclosures were used for sampling gas exchange (in terms of CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O and  
113 BVOCs) as fully described in Genard-Zielinski *et al.* (2015) with some modifications. Branches were enclosed  
114 in a  $\approx$  30L PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene) frame closed by a 50 $\mu$ m thick PTFE film. One tree from natural and  
115 one tree from amplified drought plot were analysed concomitantly during 1 or 2 days. Inlet air was introduced at  
116 9L.min<sup>-1</sup>, controlled by mass flow controllers (MFC, Bronkhorst), using an air generator made, inside, by PTFE  
117 (KNF N840.1.2FT.18®, Germany) allowing for air renewal inside the chamber every  $\sim$  3min. Ozone was  
118 removed from inlet air by placing PTFE filters impregnated with sodium thiosulfate (Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) as described by  
119 Pollmann *et al.* (2005), so that oxidation of BVOCs due to ozone within the enclosed atmosphere is negligible.  
120 The excess of air humidity was removed using drierite. A PTFE fan ensured a rapid mixing of the chamber air  
121 and a slight positive pressure within the enclosure enabled the PTFE film to be held away from leaves to  
122 minimise biomass damage. Microclimate (temperature, relative humidity and photosynthetically active radiation  
123 or PAR) was continuously (every minute) monitored by a data logger (LI-COR 1400®; Lincoln, NE, USA) with  
124 a relative humidity and temperature probe placed inside the chamber (RHT probe, HMP60, Vaisala, Finland) and  
125 a quantum sensor (PAR, LI-COR, PAR-SA 190®, Lincoln, NE, USA) placed outside the chamber. The climatic  
126 conditions in terms of PAR and temperatures are summarized in Fig. S1 (in supplementary files) for each field  
127 campaigns. All air flow rates were controlled by mass flow controllers (MFC, Bronkhorst) and all tubing lines  
128 were made of PTFE. Chambers were installed the day before measurements and flushed overnight. Enclosed  
129 branches contained 8 to 12 leaves corresponding to a range of 1.4 to 3.6g of dry matter and 110 to 320cm<sup>2</sup> of leaf  
130 surface, respectively

## 131 **2.3 Ecophysiological parameters**

132 Exchanges of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O from the enclosed branches were continuously (every min) measured using infrared  
133 gas analysers (IRGA 840A®, LI-COR) concomitantly with BVOCs emission measurements (cf. 2.4). Gas  
134 exchange values were averaged by taking into account all the data measured between 12h and 15h (local time).  
135 Net photosynthesis ( $P_n$ ,  $\mu$ molCO<sub>2</sub> m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) and stomatal conductance to water ( $G_w$ , mmolH<sub>2</sub>O m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) were  
136 calculated using equations described by Von Caemmerer and Farquhar (1981) as used in Genard-Zielinski *et al.*  
137 (2015) (for more details, see Appendix A, equations A1 to A4). Leaves from enclosed branches were directly  
138 collected after gas exchange sampling to accurately measure leaf surface with a leaf area meter. Gas exchange  
139 were hence expressed in a leaf surface basis. After that, leaves were freeze-dried to assess their dry mass.

## 140 **2.4 BVOCs analysis**

141 A PTR-ToF-MS 8000 instrument (Ionicon Analytik GmbH, Innsbruck, Austria) was used for online  
142 measurements of BVOCs emitted by the enclosed branches. A multi-position common outlet flow path selector  
143 valve system (Vici) and a vacuum pump were used to sequentially select air samples from: amplified drought,  
144 inlet air, natural drought, ambient air and catalyser. Each sample was analysed every hour, with 15min of

145 analysis. Mass spectra in the range 0-500amu were recorded at 1min integration time. The reaction chamber  
146 pressure was fixed at 2.1mbar, the drift tube voltage at 550V and the drift tube temperature at 313 K  
147 corresponding to an electric field strength applied to the drift tube (E) to a buffer gas density (N) ratio of 125Td  
148 ( $1Td = 10^{-17} \text{ V cm}^2$ ). A calibration gas standard (TO-14A Aromatic Mix, Restek Corporation, Bellefonte, USA,  
149  $100 \pm 10\text{ppb}$  in Nitrogen) was used to experimentally determine the ion relative transmission efficiency. BVOCs  
150 targeted in this study and their corresponding ions include formaldehyde (m/z 31.018), methanol (m/z 33.033),  
151 acetaldehyde (m/z 45.03), acetone (m/z 59.05), isoprene (m/z 41.038, 69.069) and MACR+MVK+ISOPOOH  
152 (m/z 71.049, these three compounds were detected with the same ion with PTR-MS). The signal corresponding  
153 to protonated VOCs was converted into mixing ratios by using the proton transfer rate constants k given by  
154 Cappellin *et al.* (2012). Formaldehyde concentrations were calculated according to the method described by  
155 Vlasenko *et al.* (2010) to account for its humidity dependent sensitivity.

156 BVOCs emissions rates (ER) were calculated by considering the BVOCs concentrations in the inlet and outlet  
157 air as follows (equation 1):

$$158 \quad ER = \frac{Q_0 * (C_{out} - C_{in})}{B} \quad (1)$$

159 where ER was expressed in  $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ ,  $Q_0$  was the flow rate of the air introduced into the chamber ( $\text{L h}^{-1}$ ),  
160  $C_{out}$  and  $C_{in}$  were the concentrations in the inflowing and outflowing air ( $\mu\text{gC L}^{-1}$ ), respectively, and B was the  
161 total dry biomass matter ( $\text{g}_{\text{DM}}$ ). Daily cycles were made by averaging measured emissions of all trees every hour.

## 162 2.5 Emission algorithms

163 The light and/or temperature dependence of *Q. pubescens* BVOCs (isoprene and highly volatile compounds)  
164 under natural and amplified drought was tested using both the *L+T* and *T* algorithms. Emission rates calculated  
165 according to these algorithms (called afterwards  $ER_{L+T}$  and  $ER_T$ , respectively) were calculated using the equation  
166 described in Guenther *et al.* (1995) (for more details, see Appendix B, equations B1 to B5). The empirical  
167 coefficient  $\beta$  (used in the *T* algorithm) was determined for each compound according to the season and the  
168 treatment through the slope of correlation between the natural logarithm of emissions rates (measured emissions,  
169  $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ ) and experimental temperature (K). Standardised emissions rates (*EF*, emissions rates at standard  
170 conditions of light and temperature,  $1000\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $30^\circ\text{C}$ ), were used to calculate modelled emissions. *EF*  
171 were determined for each compound according to the season and the treatment and corresponded to the slope of  
172 the correlation between experimental emission rates and values of  $C_i * C_i$  when using the *L+T* algorithm or  $C_T$   
173 when using the *T* algorithm (see Appendix B for a full description of  $C_i * C_i$  and  $C_T$ ). All parameters used for the  
174 calculation of modelled emissions are presented in supplementary files (Table S1).

## 175 2.6 Data treatment

176 Data treatment was performed with the software STATGRAPHICS® centurion XV (Statpoint, Inc). After  
177 having checked the normality of the data set, two-way repeated measures ANOVA were performed to evaluate  
178 the variability of *Pn*, *Gw* and BVOCs emission rates according to the drought treatment and the season.  
179 Pearson's correlations between measured and modelled emissions were performed to evaluate the algorithm  
180 (*L+T* or *T*) that better predicted *Q. pubescens* emissions under the different drought conditions and over the

181 seasonal cycle. Afterwards, linear regressions tests and slope comparison tests (equal to 1, referred to “sl”  
182 afterwards) were also performed to evaluate the good fit of tested algorithms with BVOCs emissions rates.

### 183 **3. Results and discussion**

#### 184 **3.1 Ecophysiological parameters**

185 The physiology of *Q. pubescens* was slightly impacted by amplified drought (Fig. 2), over the whole study, with  
186 a decrease of  $G_w$  under amplified drought compared to natural drought, by 44 % in spring ( $P < 0.1$ ) and 55 % in  
187 summer ( $P < 0.01$ , Table 1). In autumn, there was no significant difference between both treatments.  $P_n$  was  
188 only reduced in summer by 36 % ( $P < 0.1$ ) and there was no difference for the others season. Thus, the stomatal  
189 closure observed had a slight impact on carbon assimilation. Indeed, *Q. pubescens* has a high stem hydraulic  
190 efficiency (Nardini & Pitt 1999) which compensates the stomatal closure since it allows to use water more  
191 efficiently, thus, maintaining  $P_n$ . Moreover, it must be noted that an increase of  $P_n$  was observed in autumn and  
192 could likely be attributed to the autumnal rains. These results showed that the amplified drought artificially  
193 applied to *Q. pubescens* at O<sub>3</sub>HP led to a moderate drought for this species, based on a moderate reduction of the  
194 physiological performances (Niinemets 2010).

#### 195 **3.2 Effect of drought on BVOCs emissions**

196 The emissions of all BVOCs followed during this experimentation were reduced under amplified drought  
197 compared to natural drought, especially in spring and summer (Table 1) except for acetaldehyde emissions.  
198 Indeed, for this compound, there was no significant difference between both treatments probably due to a large  
199 variability of the data set. In autumn, for all BVOCs, there was no difference between both plots. The decrease of  
200 oxygenated BVOCs in spring and summer under amplified drought (e.g. methanol, MACR+MVK+ISOPOOH,  
201 formaldehyde, acetone) could be explained by the concomitant stomatal closure in spring and summer under  
202 amplified drought. Indeed, the emissions of these compounds are strongly bound to  $G_w$  (Niinemets *et al.* 2004).  
203 Isoprene emissions were also reduced in spring and summer during the third year of this experiment whereas an  
204 increase was observed in the first year (personal communication from A.C Génard-Zielinski) as well as what had  
205 been shown by Brüggemann and Schnitzler (2002) but this work was conducted with potted plants. The isoprene  
206 decrease observed in our experiment cannot be explained by the stomatal closure because this compound could  
207 also be emitted through the cuticle (Sharkey & Yeh 2001). It could rather be due to the decrease of  $P_n$  which  
208 reduced the carbon availability to produce isoprene. Moreover, carbon assimilated through  $P_n$  can be also  
209 invested into the synthesis of other defense compounds leading to a decrease of isoprene production and  
210 emission.

#### 211 **3.3 Effect of drought on light and/or temperature dependence through a seasonal cycle**

212 All six BVOCs monitored showed daytime light and temperature dependencies (isoprene, degradation products  
213 of isoprene and acetaldehyde), while three BVOCs (methanol, acetone and formaldehyde) also showed  
214 emissions during the night despite the absence of light under constant temperature.

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216 Regarding the light and temperature dependencies, the daily cycle of isoprene emissions (Fig. 3) showed that this  
217 compound responds strongly to light and temperature as already known (Guenther *et al.* 1993) and that this  
218 response was not impacted by amplified drought. Isoprene can protect thylakoids from oxidative damage  
219 (Velikova *et al.* 2011) occurring mainly during the day which can explain this kind of dependence. Yet, our  
220 results showed the importance to take into account the effect of amplified drought on emission factors because  
221 the intensity of isoprene emissions between natural and amplified drought was very different independently of  
222 the season. The modelled emissions were very representative of measured emissions except in spring for natural  
223 drought when we obtained a slight underestimation of emissions ( $sl = 0.84$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ) maybe, because light and  
224 temperature, in spring, were not the only parameters driving isoprene emissions. At this season, plants likely  
225 needed to produce more isoprene to protect the establishment of photosystems in the new leaves.

226 MACR+MVK+ISOPOOH emissions, as isoprene, seemed to respond better to light and temperature than to only  
227 temperature (Fig. S2 in supplementary files) since correlations between measured emissions and  $ER_{L+T}$  were  
228 always better than correlations with  $ER_T$ . Since MACR+MVK+ISOPOOH are oxidation products of isoprene  
229 (Oikawa & Lerdau 2013), it is not surprising that these compounds followed the same pattern than isoprene in  
230 terms of dependence to light and temperature. The estimations of  $ER_{L+T}$  were quite good except in spring under  
231 natural drought where a slight underestimation was observed ( $sl = 0.87$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ).

232 The dependence of acetaldehyde emissions to light and/or temperature is very contrasted; studies have shown  
233 that they are bound to both light and temperature (Jardine 2008; Fares *et al.* 2011) or to temperature only  
234 (Hayward *et al.* 2004). Our results suggested that acetaldehyde emissions were mainly bound to light and  
235 temperature (Fig. 4). Indeed, correlations between measured and  $ER_{L+T}$  were always better than with  $ER_T$ .  
236 However, some discrepancies were observed. Under natural drought, underestimations were observed in spring  
237 and summer ( $sl = 0.72$ , and  $sl = 0.57$ ,  $P < 0.05$ , respectively) whereas in autumn, there was a good estimation ( $sl$   
238  $= 0.86$ ,  $P > 0.05$ ). Under amplified drought, underestimation was only observed in summer ( $sl = 0.80$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ).

239 Daily cycles of acetaldehyde emissions presented also an emissions burst in the morning (at 7h, local time) in  
240 spring (under both treatments) and in summer (only under natural drought). Acetaldehyde can be produced due  
241 to an overflow of pyruvic acid during light-dark transitions. Cytosolic pyruvic acid levels rise rapidly and it can  
242 be converted into acetaldehyde by pyruvate decarboxylase (Fall 2003). This mechanism could explain the  
243 morning burst for this compound and the fact that no emissions during the night was observed

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245 We observed emissions of methanol, acetone and formaldehyde during the night under no light and constant  
246 temperature (around 20°C, see supplementary files S1). Correlations between  $ER_{L+T}$  or  $ER_T$  and measured  
247 methanol emissions were very similar especially in spring and summer (Fig. 5). However, some observed  
248 phenomena suggested that methanol emissions was sustained by temperature alone at certain moment of the day.  
249 Indeed, the burst in the early morning (at 7h, local time), similar to acetaldehyde, was observed when stomata  
250 opened in spring and summer, independently of the drought treatment although it was clearer under natural than  
251 amplified drought. This burst can be explained by a strong release of this compound that has been accumulated  
252 in the intercellular air space and leaf liquid pools (due to the relative high polarity of methanol) at night when  
253 stomata are closed (Hüve *et al.* 2007). Moreover, for both drought treatments, methanol emissions during the  
254 night were observed at any seasons (especially autumn) which could be explained by nocturnal temperatures  
255 (roughly constant) that sufficed to maintain the biochemical processes involved in methanol formation. Methanol

256 emissions, which result from the demethylation of pectin during the leaf elongation, has already been described  
257 to be temperature dependent alone (Hayward *et al.* 2004; Folkers *et al.* 2008). However, our results suggest that  
258 methanol emissions respond strongly to light and temperature during the day. This kind of diurnal emissions  
259 cycle has already been described by Smiatek and Steinbrecher (2006). Our results about daily cycles of acetone  
260 emissions (Fig. S3 in supplementary files) showed that this compound responded better to light and temperature  
261 than only temperature since correlations were better with  $ER_{L+T}$ . Under natural drought, the modelled emissions  
262 were well representative of measured emissions in summer. By contrast, in spring and in autumn, slight  
263 underestimations were observed ( $sl = 0.88$ ,  $P < 0.05$  and  $sl = 0.69$ ,  $P < 0.05$ , respectively). Under amplified  
264 drought, good estimations were observed in summer and autumn but in spring, there was an overestimation of  
265 modelled emissions ( $sl = 1.27$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ). Previous studies have shown that acetone rather depends on  
266 temperature alone (Fares *et al.* 2011) or to light and temperature (Jacob *et al.* 2002), indicating that its  
267 dependence to light and/or temperature remains unclear. During the day, acetone emissions were dependent to  
268 light and temperature and emissions still occurred during the night, especially in autumn. Alike methanol,  
269 nocturnal temperatures could allow to maintain acetone formation (Smiatek & Steinbrecher 2006). Acetone is a  
270 by-product of plant metabolism (Jacob *et al.* 2002) and its production can be enzymatic and non-enzymatic (Fall  
271 2003) which can explain these observed differences through the day. We can suppose that acetone emissions  
272 observed during the day could come from the enzymatic activity and, on the contrary, during the night, they  
273 could come from the non-enzymatic production.

274 Formaldehyde emissions followed the same pattern than methanol and acetone emissions (Fig. S4 in  
275 supplementary files), especially in autumn. By considering only the daytime (correlation with  $L+T$  modelled  
276 emissions), there were good estimations in summer and autumn and a slight underestimation was observed in  
277 spring ( $sl = 0.89$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ) for natural drought. Under amplified drought, correlations indicated that  $L+T$   
278 modelled emissions were well representative of measured emissions, but some negative emissions were observed  
279 in summer which suggested a deposition or an uptake of this compound by leaves as already highlighted by Seco  
280 *et al.* (2008). This phenomenon could have a role in stress tolerance, since formaldehyde can be catabolised  
281 (mainly through oxidations) within leaves leading to  $CO_2$  formation (Oikawa & Lerdau 2013). Emissions during  
282 the night suggest that formaldehyde came from another source than oxidation within leaves since oxidations  
283 occur mainly during the day due to an excess of light in chloroplasts, principal place of reactive oxygen species  
284 production (Asada 2006). Thus, formaldehyde emissions observed during the night could result from, for  
285 example, the glyoxylate decarboxylation or the dissociation of 5,10-methylene-THF (Oikawa & Lerdau 2013).

#### 286 **4 Conclusion**

287 After 3 years of amplified drought, all BVOCs emissions were reduced in spring and summer compared to  
288 natural drought whereas, in autumn, an increase was observed for some compounds. These results are in  
289 opposition with the results obtained after only one year of amplified drought (2012), especially for isoprene,  
290 where an increase was observed for this compound (personal communication from A.C. Génard-Zielinski).  
291 Amplified drought did not seem to shift the dependence to light and/or temperature which remained unchanged  
292 between treatments.



293 Moreover, two different dependence behaviours were found: (i) all six BVOCs monitored showed daytime light  
 294 and temperature dependencies while (ii) only three BVOCs (methanol, acetone and formaldehyde) also showed  
 295 that their emissions were maintained during the night with no light at rather constant nocturnal temperatures.  
 296 Moreover, some phenomena, such as methanol and acetaldehyde emissions bursts in early morning or the  
 297 formaldehyde deposition/uptake (formaldehyde), were not assessed by either  $L+T$  or  $T$  algorithm.

## 298 **Appendix A: calculation of ecophysiological parameters**

299 Net photosynthesis ( $P_n$ ,  $\mu\text{molCO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) was calculated using equations described by Von Caemmerer and  
 300 Farquhar (1981) as follows:

$$301 \quad P_n = \frac{F*(Cr-Cs)}{S} - CS * E \quad (\text{A1})$$

302 Where  $F$  is the inlet air flow ( $\text{mol s}^{-1}$ ),  $C_s$  and  $C_r$  are the sample and reference  $\text{CO}_2$  molar fraction respectively  
 303 (ppm),  $S$  is the leaf surface ( $\text{m}^2$ ),  $C_s * E$  is the fraction of  $\text{CO}_2$  diluted in water evapotranspiration and  $E$  ( $\text{molH}_2\text{O}$   
 304  $\text{m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  then transformed in  $\text{mmolH}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , afterward) is the transpiration rate calculated as follow:

$$305 \quad E = \frac{F*(Ws-Wr)}{S*(1-Ws)} \quad (\text{A2})$$

306 where  $W_s$  and  $W_r$  are the sample and the reference  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  molar fraction respectively ( $\text{molH}_2\text{O mol}^{-1}$ ).

307 Stomatal conductance to water ( $G_w$ ,  $\text{molH}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  then transformed in  $\text{mmolH}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) was calculated using  
 308 the following equation:

$$309 \quad G_w = \frac{E*(1-\frac{Wl-Ws}{2})}{Wl-Ws} \quad (\text{A3})$$

310 where  $W_l$  is the molar concentration of water vapour within the leaf ( $\text{molH}_2\text{O mol}^{-1}$ ) calculated as follows:

$$311 \quad W_l = \frac{v_{psat}}{P} \quad (\text{A4})$$

312 where  $v_{psat}$  is the saturated vapour pressure (kPa) and  $P$  was the atmospheric pressure (kPa).

## 313 **Appendix B: Modelled emissions calculation**

314 The modelled emissions rates according to light and temperature ( $ER_{L+T}$ ) or the temperature algorithm ( $ER_T$ )  
 315 were calculated according to algorithms described in Guenther *et al.* (1995) as follows :

$$316 \quad ER_{L+T} = EF_{L+T} * Cl * Ct \quad (\text{B1})$$

317 where  $EF_{L+T}$  is the emission factor at  $1000 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  of photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) and  $30^\circ\text{C}$   
 318 of temperature (obtained with the slope of the correlation between experimental emissions and  $Cl * Ct$ ),  $Cl$  and  
 319  $Ct$  correspond to light and temperature dependence factors respectively and were calculated with the following  
 320 formulae:

$$321 \quad Cl = \frac{\alpha C_{L1} L}{\sqrt{1 + \alpha^2 L}} \quad (\text{B2})$$

$$322 \quad Ct = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{C_{T1}(T-T_s)}{RT_s T}\right)}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{C_{T2}(T-T_M)}{RT_s T}\right)} \quad (\text{B3})$$

323 where  $\alpha = 0.0027$ ,  $C_{LI} = 1.066$ ,  $C_{T1} = 95000\text{J mol}^{-1}$ ,  $C_{T2} = 230000\text{J mol}^{-1}$ ,  $T_M = 314\text{K}$  are empirically derived  
324 constants,  $L$  is the photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) flux ( $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ),  $T$  is the leaf experimental  
325 temperature (K) and  $T_S$  is the leaf temperature at standard condition (303K).

326 Modelled emissions according to temperature alone that is  $ER_T$ , was calculated as follows:

$$327 \quad ER_T = EF_T * C_T \quad (B4)$$

328 where  $EF_T$  is the emission factor at 30°C of temperature (obtained with the slope of the correlation between  
329 experimental emissions and  $C_T$ ) and  $C_T$  is a temperature dependence factor calculated as follows:

$$330 \quad C_T = \exp[\beta(T - T_S)] \quad (B5)$$

331 where  $\beta$  is an empirical coefficient (with a standard variation value of  $0.09\text{K}^{-1}$  used in literature when not  
332 measured) determined, in this study, for each compound according to the season and the treatment through the  
333 slope of the correlation between the natural logarithm of measured emissions rates ( $ER$ ,  $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{h}^{-1}$ ) and  
334 experimental temperature (expressed in K),  $T$  is the leaf experimental temperature (K) and  $T_S$  is the standard  
335 temperature (303K).

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521 **Table:**

522 **Table 1:** Net photosynthesis ( $P_n$ ,  $\mu\text{molCO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ), stomatal conductance to water ( $G_w$ ,  $\text{mmolH}_2\text{O m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and  
523 emission rates ( $\mu\text{gC g}_{\text{DM}}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ ) according to treatment and season. Values represent an average of all data  
524 measured between 12h and 15h (local time). Letters denote the difference between drought treatments with  $a > b$   
525 ( $P < 0.05$ ) and values showed represent the mean  $\pm$  SE,  $n=5$ . ND: natural drought and AD: amplified drought.

Season	Spring		Summer		Autumn	
	ND	AD	ND	AD	ND	AD
<b>Pn</b>	10.6 $\pm$ 0.7a	9.1 $\pm$ 1.7a	13.6 $\pm$ 2.3a	8.7 $\pm$ 1.2b	7.2 $\pm$ 0.8a	9.1 $\pm$ 1.0a
<b>Gw</b>	107.7 $\pm$ 18.6a	56.6 $\pm$ 13.1b	285.4 $\pm$ 37.7a	125.9 $\pm$ 17.4b	122.5 $\pm$ 23.4a	74.1 $\pm$ 21.1a
<b>Isoprene</b>	20.3 $\pm$ 3.8a	10.2 $\pm$ 2.3b	124.3 $\pm$ 10.2a	81.1 $\pm$ 11.0b	3.0 $\pm$ 0.6a	5.2 $\pm$ 1.5a
<b>MACR+MVK</b>	0.12 $\pm$ 0.03a	0.06 $\pm$ 0.01a	0.4 $\pm$ 0.05a	0.2 $\pm$ 0.02b	0.04 $\pm$ 0.01a	0.06 $\pm$ 0.01a
<b>+ISOPOOH</b>						
<b>Methanol</b>	0.8 $\pm$ 0.1a	0.5 $\pm$ 0.04b	1.0 $\pm$ 0.2a	0.6 $\pm$ 0.03b	0.2 $\pm$ 0.03a	0.2 $\pm$ 0.05a
<b>Acetaldehyde</b>	1.4 $\pm$ 0.4a	0.9 $\pm$ 0.3a	2.0 $\pm$ 0.5a	1.1 $\pm$ 0.1a	1.2 $\pm$ 0.3a	1.2 $\pm$ 0.3a
<b>Acetone</b>	0.5 $\pm$ 0.1a	0.2 $\pm$ 0.02a	1.1 $\pm$ 0.2a	0.5 $\pm$ 0.04b	0.4 $\pm$ 0.1a	0.4 $\pm$ 0.1a
<b>Formaldehyde</b>	0.2 $\pm$ 0.05a	0.1 $\pm$ 0.01a	0.4 $\pm$ 0.07a	0.1 $\pm$ 0.02b	0.2 $\pm$ 0.05a	0.3 $\pm$ 0.06a

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536 **Figure legends**

537 **Figure 1:** Ombrothermic diagram for natural and amplified drought in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Bars represent  
538 mean monthly precipitation (mm) and curves represent mean monthly temperature (°C). On each amplified  
539 drought graph, the percentage represents the proportion of excluded rain compared to natural drought plot.

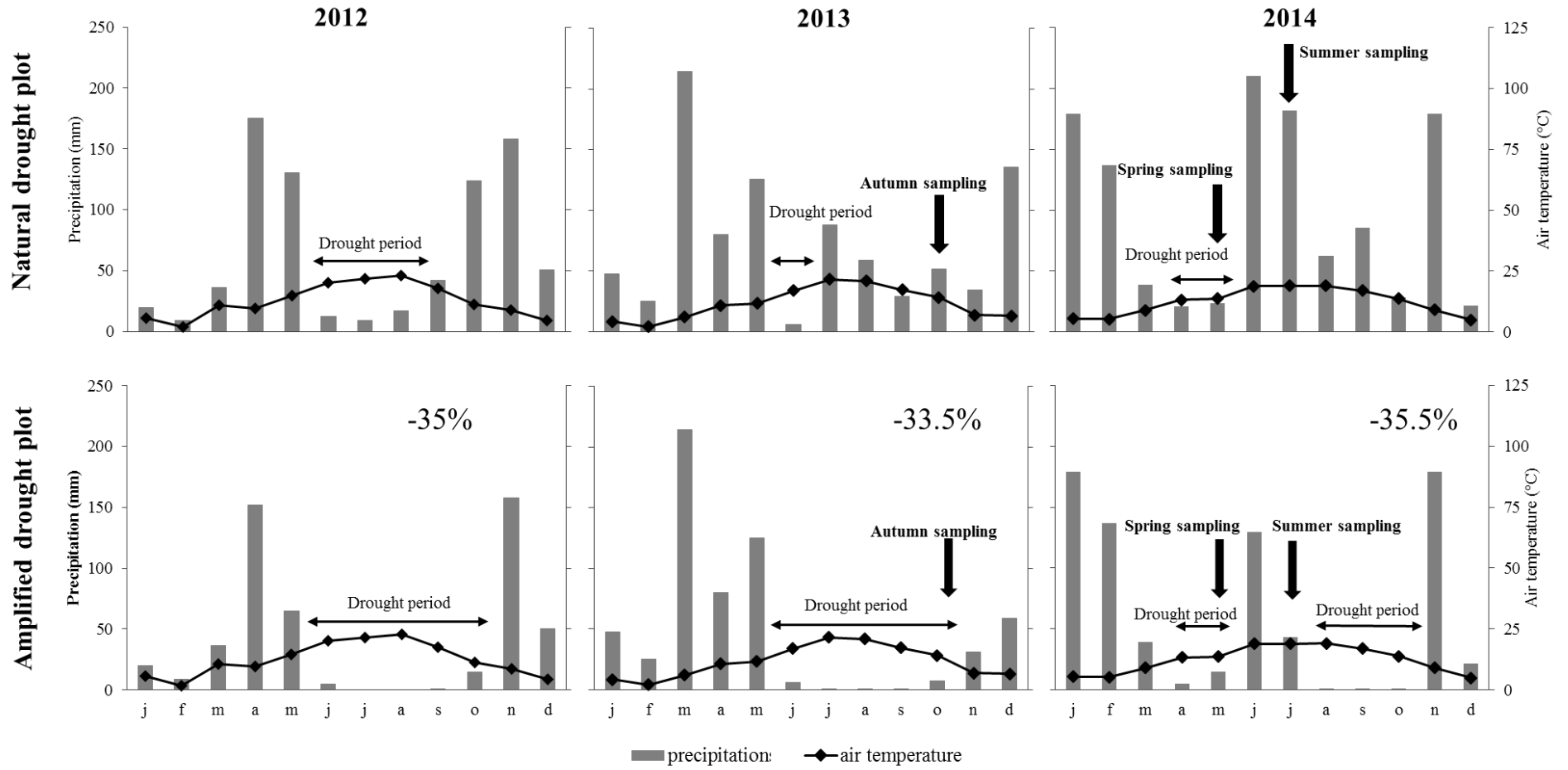
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541 **Figure 2:** Diurnal pattern of stomatal conductance ( $G_w$ ) and net photosynthesis ( $P_n$ ) according to drought  
542 treatment and season. Values showed represent means  $\pm$  SE, n=5.

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544 **Figure 3:** Diurnal pattern of isoprene emissions rates, where points represent measured emissions, and the  
545 yellow line correspond to modelled emissions rates according to the  $L+T$  algorithm ( $ER_{L+T}$ ) Values are mean  $\pm$   
546 SE, n=5.  $R^2$  and slope (sl) of correlations between measured and modelled emissions are presented in the yellow  
547 frame. Correlations were obtained without forcing data through the origin.

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549 **Figure 4:** Diurnal pattern of acetaldehyde emissions rates, where points represent measured emissions, the  
550 yellow line correspond to modelled emissions rates according to the  $L+T$  algorithm ( $ER_{L+T}$ ) and dotted line is  
551 modelled emissions rates according to  $T$  algorithm ( $ER_T$ ). Values are mean  $\pm$  SE, n=5.  $R^2$  and slope (sl) of  
552 correlations between measured and modelled emissions are presented in the yellow frame for  $L+T$  and in the  
553 white frame for  $T$ . Correlations were obtained without forcing data through the origin.

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555 **Figure 5:** Diurnal pattern of measured methanol emissions rates. Points (means  $\pm$  SE, n=5) represent measured  
556 emissions, yellow line correspond to modelled emissions rates according to the  $L+T$  algorithm ( $ER_{L+T}$ ) and  
557 dotted line is modelled emissions rates according to  $T$  algorithm ( $ER_T$ ). Values are mean  $\pm$  SE, n=5.  $R^2$  and slope  
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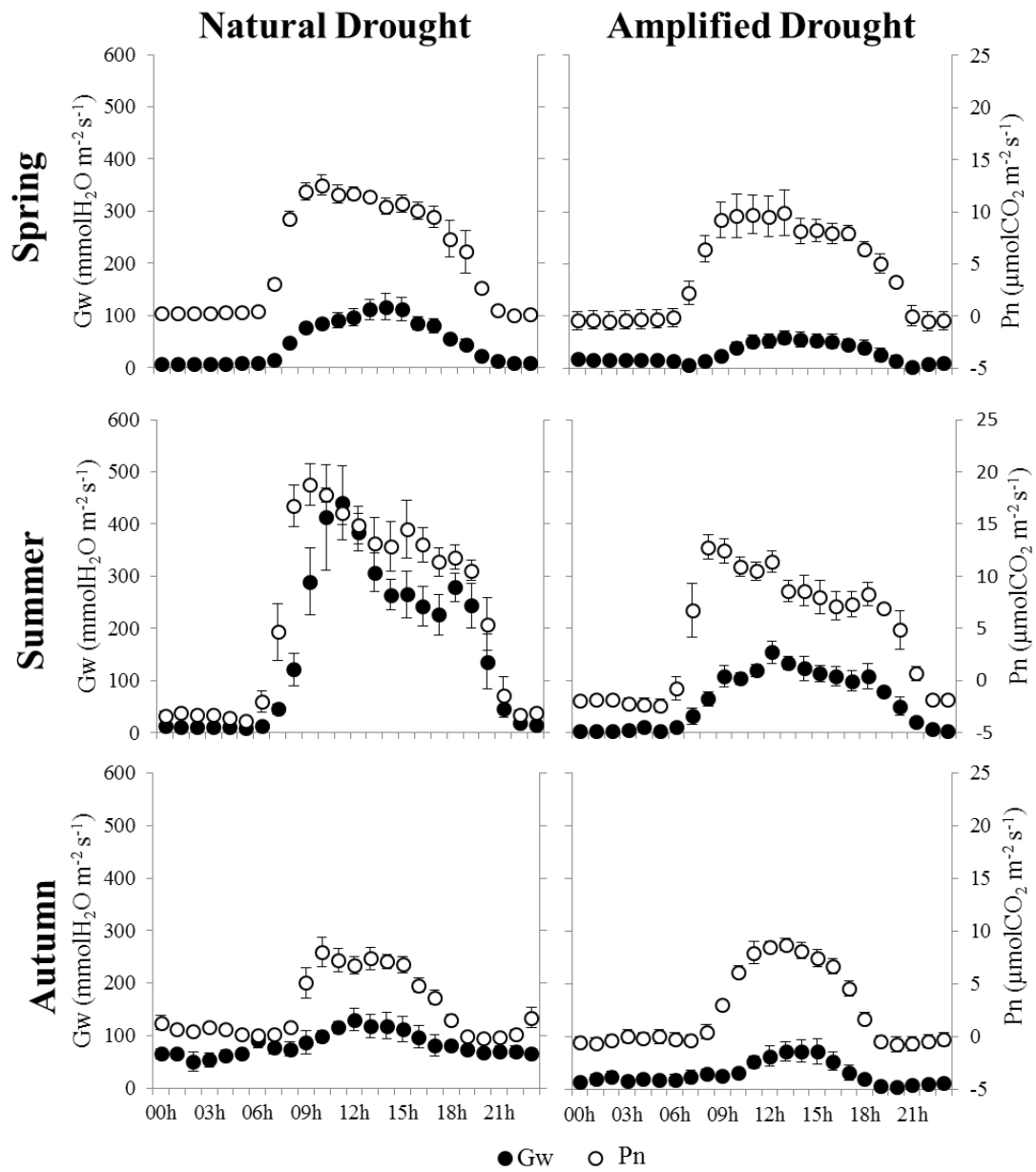
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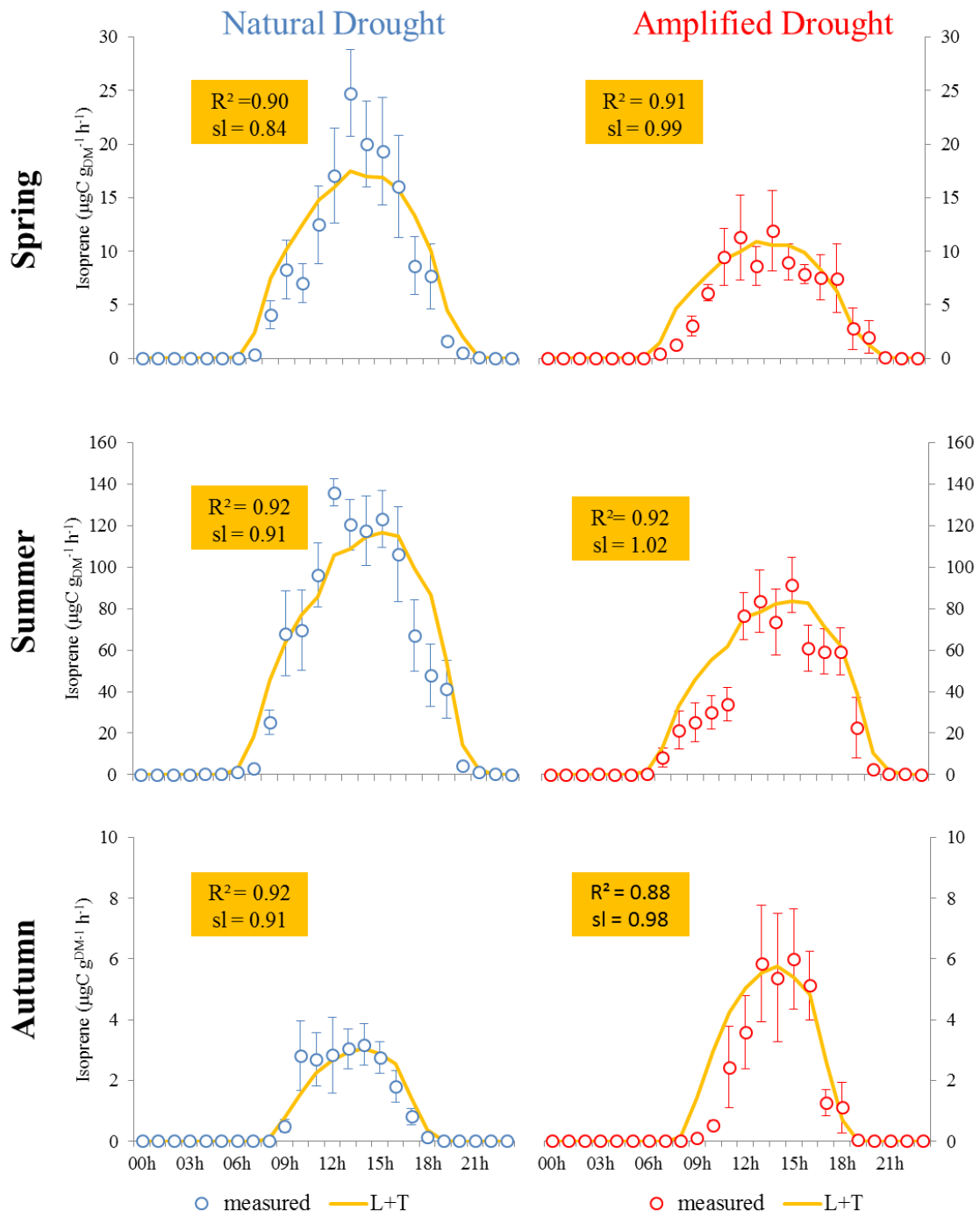
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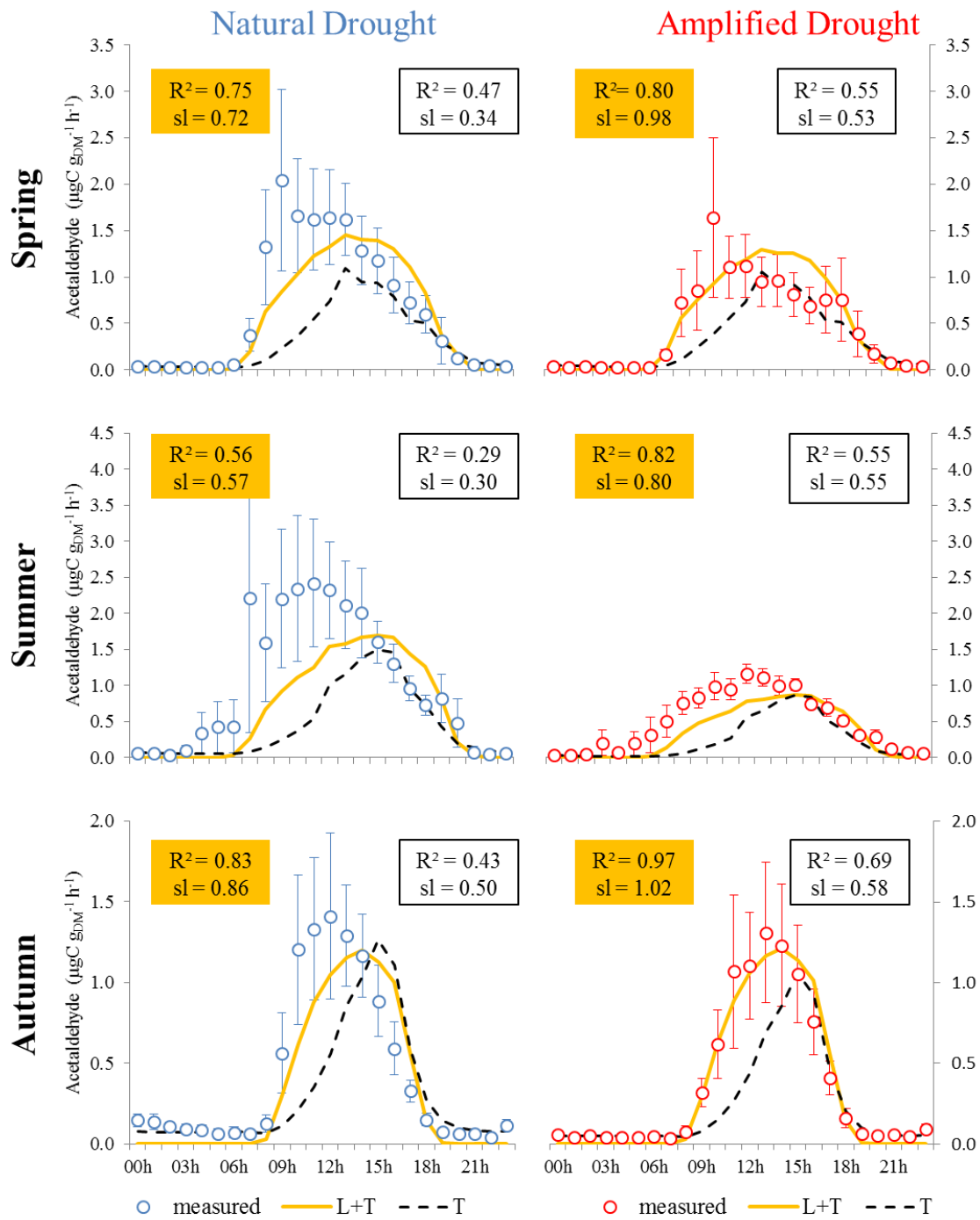


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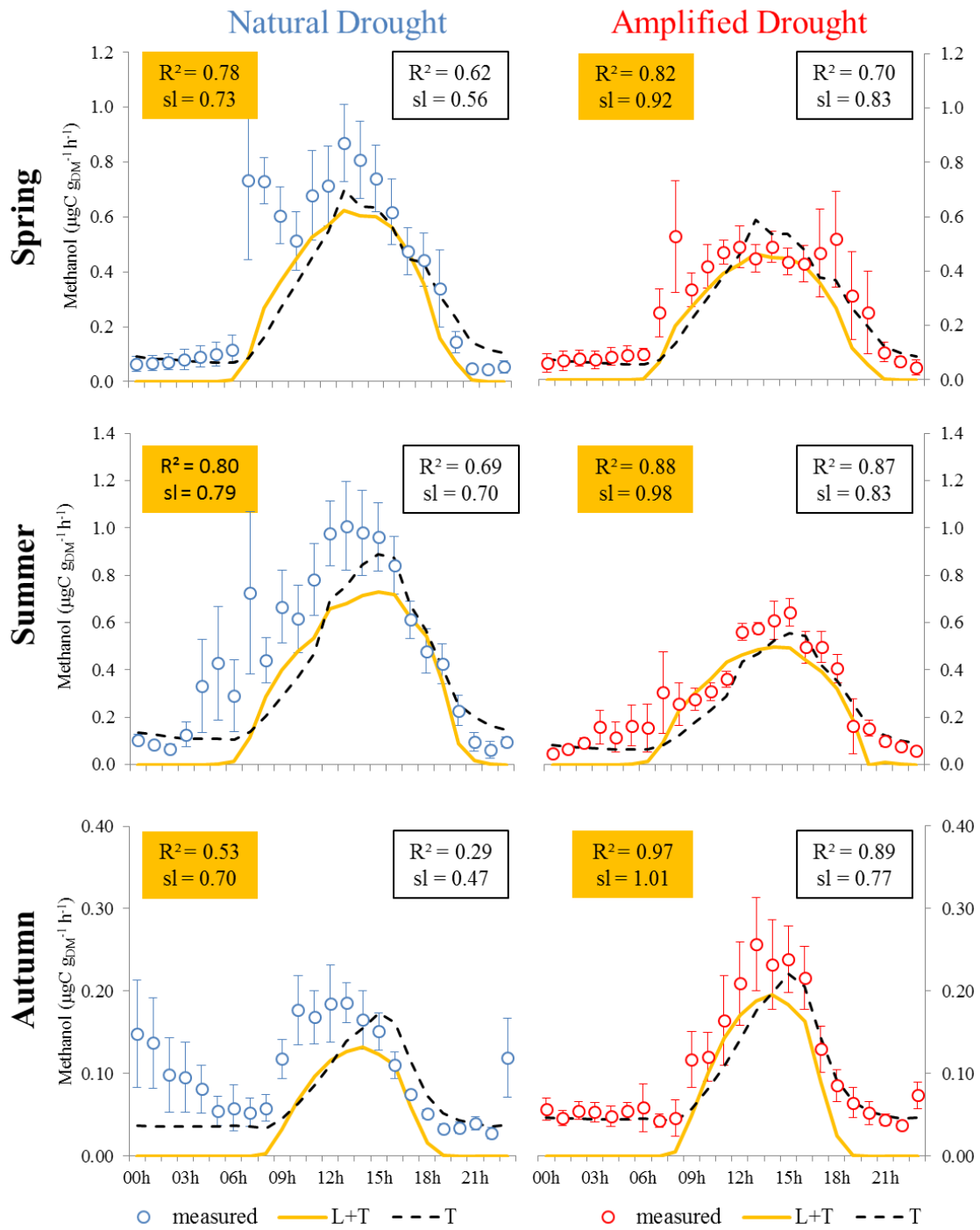
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