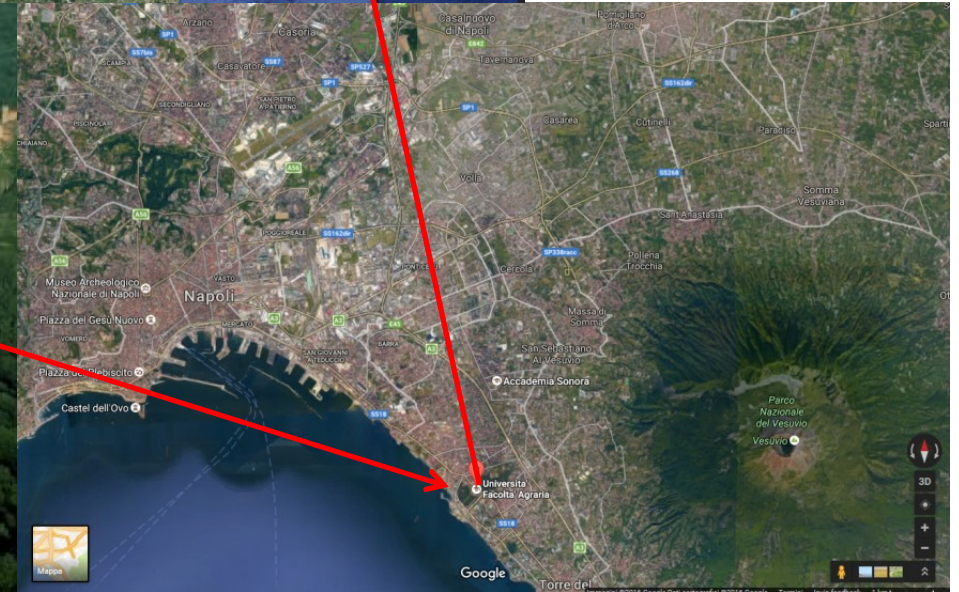
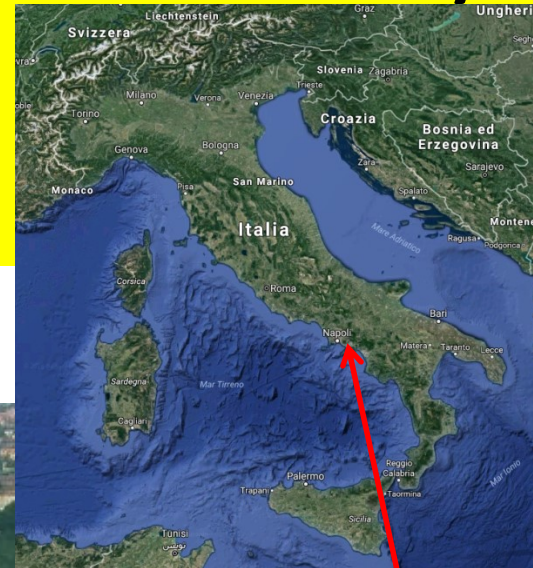


Effects of ozone pollution on crops subjected to the typical stresses of Mediterranean Environments: experiments in Southern Italy.

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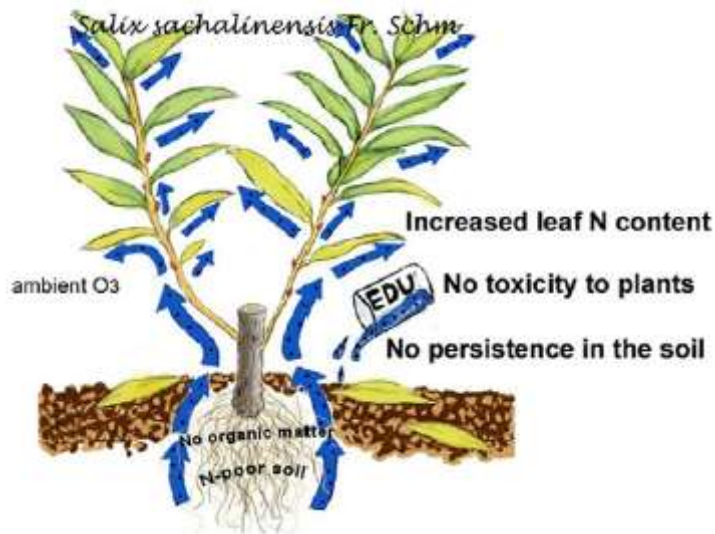
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Methods for assessing yield losses due to ozone

Ethylene diurea treatments

(Carnhan et al., 1978. Phytopathology, 68, 1225-1229)



uncertainties about the mechanism of its protective action, its phytotoxicity or its role as a source of nitrogen for plants, reduced the interest about his method.



High doses of ethylene diurea (EDU) are not toxic to willow and act as nitrogen fertilizer



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	Advantages	Disadvantages
EDU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possibility of using in both open field conditions and controlled environments. Possibility to couple with other techniques (i.e. fumigation). Easy to use. Extensive bibliography. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficulty to identify the right dose in relation to species, phenological stages, ozone levels. Low solubility at high concentration. Difficulty to find (it is not available in the regular market of chemicals). Treatments are not standardized (irrigation, stem injection, ...).

Sensitive and Resistant clover biotypes (Heagle et al. 1991.

New Phytologist 119:61-68) and **Open top chambers** (Sanders et al., 1991. New Phytologist 117:439-447)



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MONITORING YIELD LOSS FROM OZONE POLLUTION IN A MEDITERRANEAN ENVIRONMENT: A COMPARISON OF METHODS

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Advantages	Disadvantages
<p>OTC Full control of meteorological conditions ($T^{\circ}\text{C}$, RH, etc.). Full control of ozone levels (from 0, filtered air, to X, ozone enriched air). Consideration of the chamber effect through comparison with ambient air data. Possibility to use the normal cropping techniques. Possibility to split the chambers with the aim of studying the interaction with other stressors (i.e. drought or salinity). Relatively less expensive than other systems</p>	<p>Modification of microclimatic conditions (chamber effect). Need of ventilation (2–3 change of air per minute) that could not be representative of the field conditions. Relatively more expensive than other systems for field experiments (i.e. EDU).</p>

In all these experiments, plants were grown with water reservoirs



for avoiding water limitations and the consequent closure of stomata



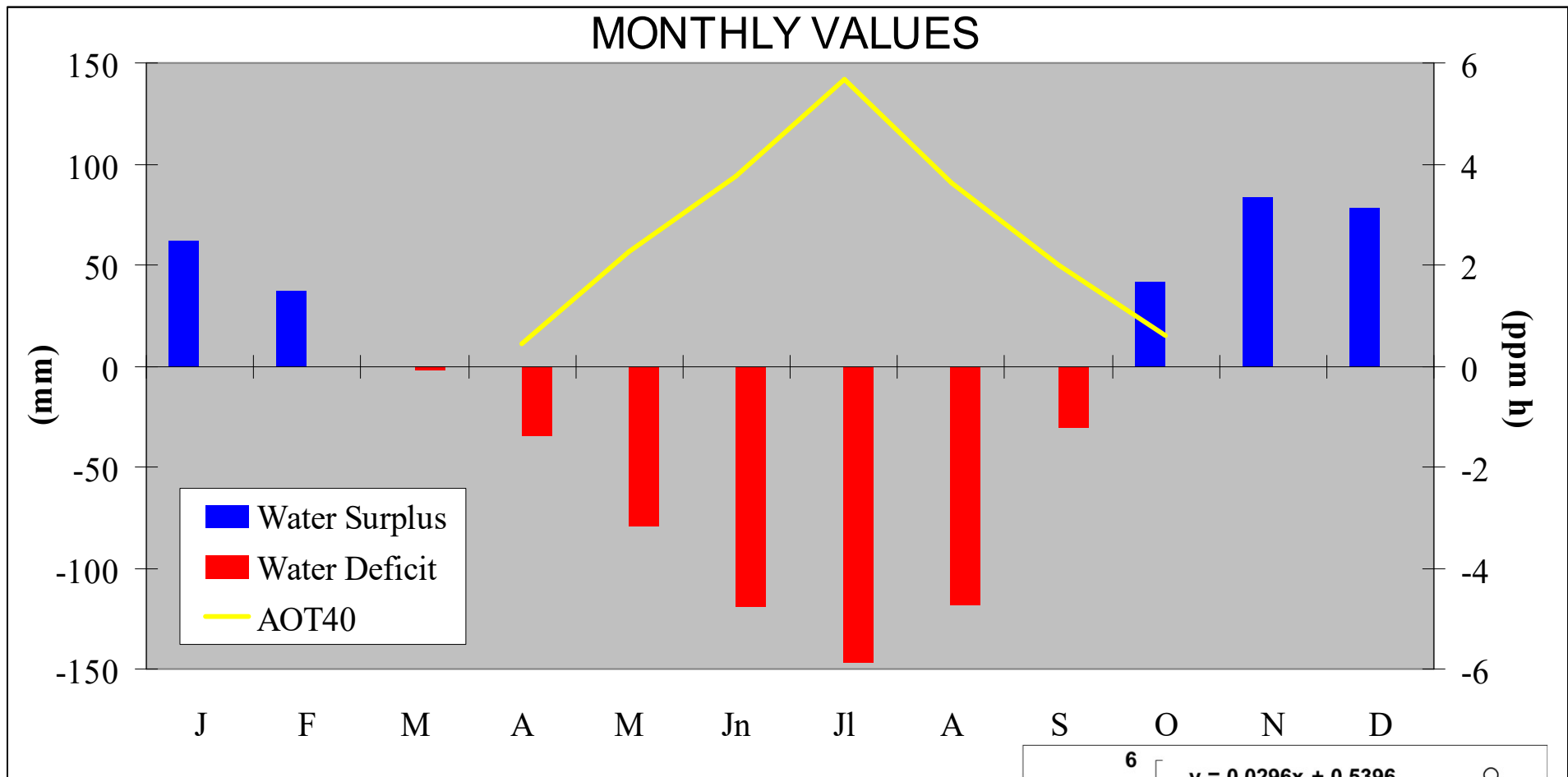
The response of plants to ozone pollution is not representative of the realistic response of cropping systems of those areas characterized by other environmental stresses

IN MEDITTANEAN CROPLANDS, PLANTS ARE CONTEMPORARILY EXPOSED TO MORE THAN ONE STRESS
(drought, salinity, high temperature, waterlogging and root anoxia)

The other major stresses typical of Mediterranean cropping systems

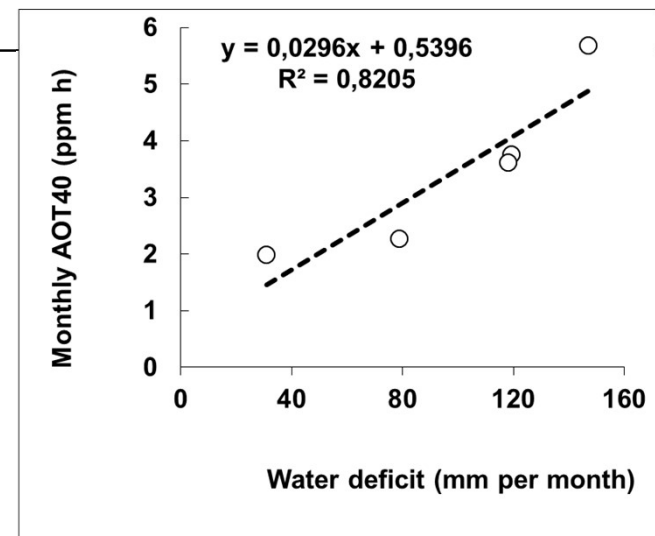
- **Summer drought**
 - **Salinification of coastal groundwater**
- (both are predicted to increase in Climate Change scenarios)





In Italy, summer rainfalls compensate from 20 % (in the South) to 35% (in the north) of crop water requirements.

During spring-summer AOT40 is significantly correlated with water deficit



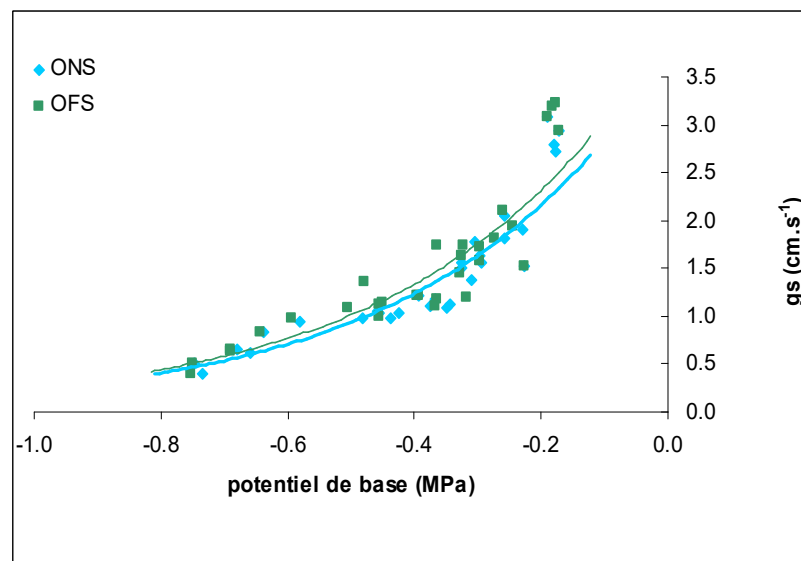
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**Ozone Damages to Italian Crops:
 Environmental Constraints**
 Massimo Fagnano*, Albino Maggio

ETc Replacement (%)	Ryegrass Biomass (g pt ⁻¹)		
	OTC NF		OTC AF
100	15.3 bc	<	20.8 a
66	17.8 ab	=	15.0 bc
33	12.9 b	=	14.7 bc

Plants grown with water deficit show:

- lower stomata conductance
- very lower biomass yield
- no responses to ozone

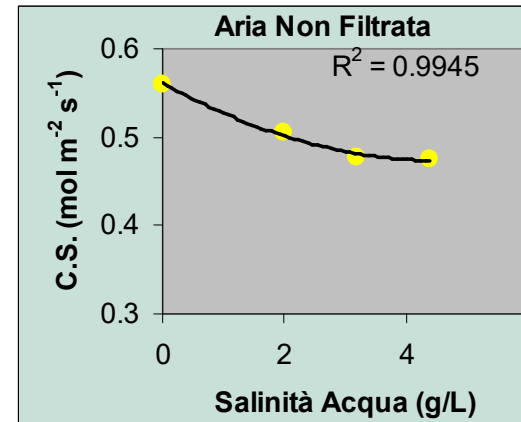
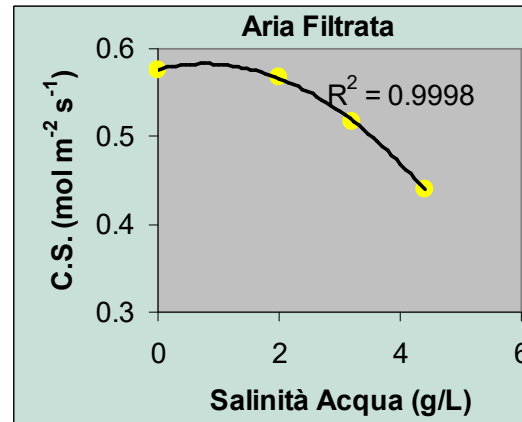
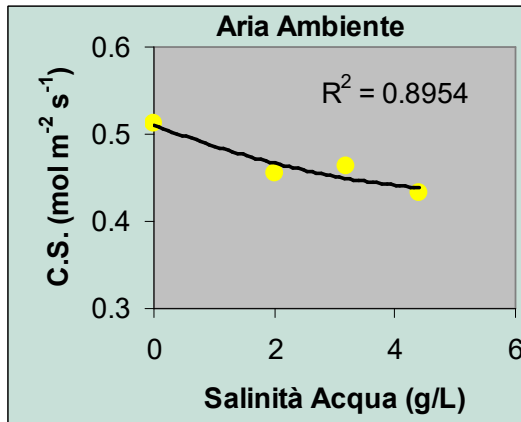
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Both ozone and water stress (and soil Ψ) reduce gs and yield

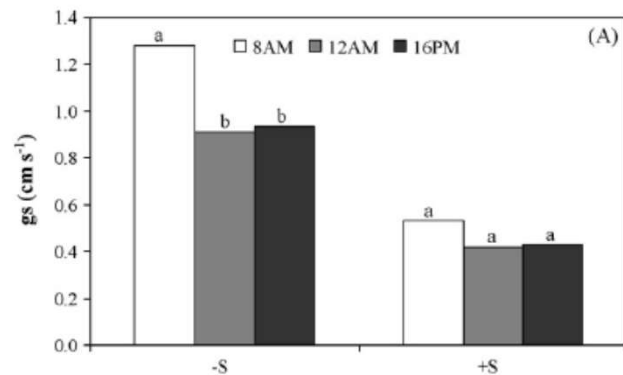
Stomatal conductance: average values

	2001	2002
Ambient		
NF-OTC	0.32	0.35
CF-OTC	0.38	0.39
Date		
July	0.43 a	0.33 b
August	0.32 b	0.32 b
September	0.27 b	0.37 b
October	0.39 a	0.46 a
Hour		
9-10	0.36 b	0.36
13-14	0.42 a	0.39
17-18	0.28 c	0.36
Water supply		
100%	0.39 a	0.39 a
50%	0.31 b	0.34 b
Biotype		
Resistant	0.32 b	0.36
Sensitive	0.38 a	0.38
Grand mean	0.35	0.37



$(Gs = 0.6 - 0.127 \text{ dS m}^{-1}; R^2 = 0.99, P \leq 0.01)$

Also irrigation with saline water, and soil salinization, reduces GS (in alfalfa, **Maggio et al., 2009**) and increases antioxidant activity (+33% in tomato, **Maggio et al., 2007**)



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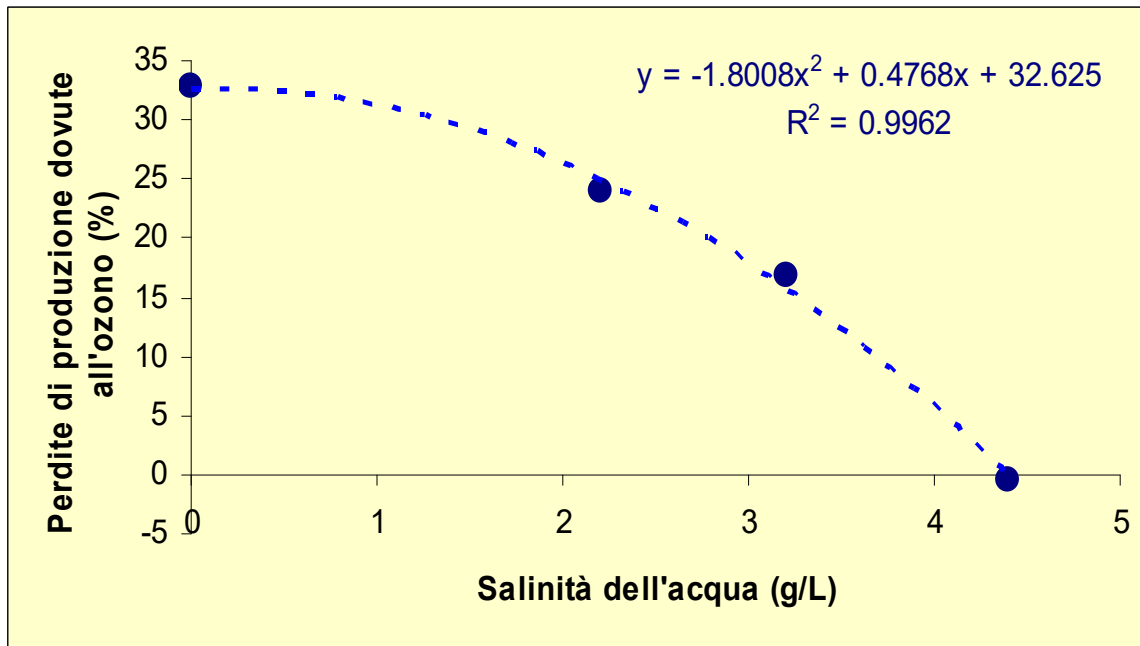
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Can salt stress-induced physiological responses protect tomato crops from ozone damages in Mediterranean environments?

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Plant species	Salinity (dS/m)	Stomatal conductance (cm/sec)	LAA (BHT µg/ml)	HAA (AA µg/ml)
Eggplant	0.5	0.53	-	-
	8.5	0.36	-	-
	15.7	0.33	-	-
Pepper	0.5	0.75	-	-
	4.4	0.41	-	-
	8.5	0.40	-	-
Tomato ¹	0.5	2.73	12.1	5.5
	4.4	2.18	13.0	5.7
	15.7	1.61	14.2	6.7
Tomato ²	2.5	0.33	-	-
	6.0	0.22	-	-
	9.6	0.15	-	-
	15.0	0.08	-	-



Responses to ozone pollution of alfalfa exposed to increasing salinity levels
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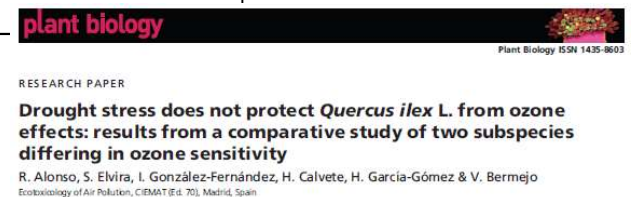


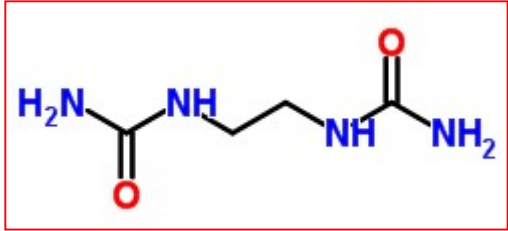
Yield losses due to ozone decrease (from 33% to 0) as water salinity increases (from 0 to 4,4 g/L) with a rate of -7,8% per g/L.

CL based on accumulated stomatal fluxes (that take into account all the environmental limitation to Gsto) is a better predictor of ozone risk than concentration-based CL. (Ferretti et al., 2007)

Nevertheless, the flux-based approach has to be weighted by the physiological defense capacity of the different genotypes. (Tausz et al., 2007)

Because not only inter-, but also intra-specific differences are reported about the interactions between ozone and other environmental stresses (drought and salinity). (Alonso et al., 2014; Gerosa et al., 2014; Zheng et al., 2014,.....)





Thank you for your kind attention !!!!

