

Nutrient availability as the key regulator of global forest carbon balance

Sources of data

We used data of mean annual carbon flux from a global forest database⁹. This data set contains complete measurements of carbon balance and uncertainties of gross primary production (GPP), ecosystem respiration (Re) and net ecosystem production (NEP) of forests around the world. Of these forests, we excluded those that had been disturbed less than one year before measurement and those for which we found no information on nutrient availability. The carbon balance of the remaining 129 forests was estimated by eddy covariance (N = 124) or by modelling with site-specific parameterization (N = 5). During the processing of eddy covariance data, any error in estimating Re from nighttime measurements would be translated into biased GPP, and a spurious correlation between Re and GPP would then be the consequence. However, problems related to the calculation of Re and GPP were previously shown important at shorter timescales, but irrelevant at annual time scale¹³. Carbon fluxes not captured by net ecosystem exchange (NEE), such as fluxes of volatile organic compounds, dissolved carbon or lateral fluxes (exportations), were assumed to be similar (and negligible) across forest sites.

The WorldClim database¹⁰ (resolution ~ 1km at the equator) and MODIS evapotranspiration time series (MOD15A2 product) provided climatic data [mean annual temperature (MAT) and mean annual precipitation (MAP) from WorldClim and potential and actual evapotranspiration (PET, AET) from MODIS]. The reliability of the data from the WorldClim database was tested with the available observed climatic values from the forests. Results indicated a strong correlation between observed and WorldClim values for annual temperature and precipitation ($R = 0.98$, $P < 0.001$ and $R = 0.91$, $P < 0.001$ respectively).

25 All continents were represented in our analyses (Supplementary Fig. 1), although most
26 of the forests studied were in Europe and North America. Boreal (N = 31) and especially
27 temperate (N = 68) sites outnumbered Mediterranean (N = 14) and tropical (N = 16) sites, and
28 61 forests were coniferous, 57 were broadleaved and 11 were mixed.

29 *Information on nutrient availability*

30 For each forest, we compiled all available information from the published literature (carbon,
31 nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations of soil and/or leaves, soil type, soil texture, soil C:N
32 ratio, soil pH, measures of nutrients, see Supplementary Table 1) related to nutrient
33 availability. Then we followed the criteria shown in Supplementary Table 3 to code these
34 variables as three-level factors indicating high, medium or low nutrient availability. Next, we
35 transformed these factors into dummy variables (e.g. 3 binary variables for pH indicating
36 high, medium or low nutrient availability) and performed a factor analysis in which we only
37 included those dummy variables indicating high and low nutrient availability. Those
38 indicating medium nutrient availability were excluded from the factor analysis (as well as
39 from all other analyses) to reduce the number of variables in the multivariate analysis and to
40 ensure a clear separation into two groups. The first factor extracted explained 14.8% of the
41 variance in the dataset and was related to nutrient-rich dummy variables whereas the second
42 factor explained 8.7% of the variance and was related to nutrient-poor dummy variables
43 (Supplementary Fig. 2A). Then, based on the aggregations across the two main factors
44 extracted (Supplementary Fig. 2B) we classified the forests as having clearly high or clearly
45 low nutrient availabilities. Those forests located near the threshold nutrient-rich/poor were
46 further analyzed, checking in detail all the information available for classification. The
47 remaining forests whose empirical evidence was not strong enough to be clearly classified
48 into the high or the low nutrient availability groups (due to lack of data, contradictory
49 information or simply presenting data indicating moderate nutrient availability) were
50 classified as medium nutrient availability.

51 To maximize robustness, we included only the forests with clearly high (N = 23) and
52 clearly low (N = 69) nutrient availabilities for the main analysis, discarding data from the 37
53 remaining forests of medium nutrient availability from the main analyses. In a second
54 analysis, those forests whose nutrient status was not completely certain were assigned an
55 alternative nutrient classification (the second most plausible nutrient availability level, e.g. if
56 a nutrient-rich forest did not present very strong evidence of belonging to the high category,
57 we assigned it to the medium category: the nutrient status changed in the direction that would
58 go against our main finding; thus potentially offsetting the observed increase of CUEe with
59 increasing nutrient availability), to perform a sensitivity analysis to test the robustness of our
60 results to possible misclassifications (Supplementary Table 2). This sensitivity analysis
61 supported the robustness of our results.

62 We further tested the objectiveness of our nutrient classification using logit models, in
63 which the response variable was the nutrient status of the forests (high or low availability),
64 and the predictor variables were those contained in Supplementary Table 1). Given the lack of
65 data for all variables for all forests, we categorized the predictor variables into four-level
66 factors (following the criteria shown in Supplementary Table 3), where na indicated that data
67 was not available, and high, medium and low indicated values or indications that suggested
68 high, medium or low nutrient availability.

69 From the saturated model (i.e. nutrient status [high or low] ~ all variables in
70 Supplementary Table S1), we constructed the minimum adequate model selecting the
71 predictor variables using stepwise backward selection and the Akaike information criterion
72 (AIC). We then cross-validated the saturated and the minimum adequate models using the
73 repeated random sub-sampling validation technique: 78 forests were randomly selected as the
74 training set for our nutrient classification models and were tested by predicting the 14
75 remaining forests for which the models were not previously fitted. This procedure was
76 repeated 1000 times. Both the saturated and stepwise-selected models performed well in the

77 classification of the nutrient status with the available data (100% and 99% of the cases were
78 correctly classified in the saturated and the stepwise model, respectively; see Supplementary
79 Table 4). To further test our classification, we tested the reports on nutrient availability
80 (“Report” column in Supplementary Table 1) available in the literature, considering them the
81 most objective classification, with the other predictor variables, except for the assessments by
82 the principal investigators because these assessments would mostly agree with those in the
83 publications. We applied the same model selection and cross-validation procedures to these
84 models predicting the reports from literature as to the models predicting our nutrient
85 classification. With all the available data, the saturated and stepwise models correctly
86 classified 95% and 93% of the forests, respectively (Supplementary Table 4).

87 *Statistical analyses*

88 We ran generalized linear models (GLM) to test for differences in CUEe, NEP, Re and GPP
89 between forests of high and low nutrient availability, accounting for the possible effects of
90 GPP, mean age of the stand (as a covariate), management (as a binary variable: managed or
91 unmanaged) and climate [MAT, MAP and water deficit (WD) = $1 - (\text{AET}/\text{PET}) * 100$]. In
92 addition, we tested for interactions up to the second order among GPP, nutrient availability,
93 age and management. Thus, the saturated model (e.g. for NEP) was: $\text{NEP} \sim (\text{GPP} + \text{nutrient}$
94 $\text{availability} + \text{Age} + \text{Management}) + \text{MAT} + \text{MAP} + \text{WD}$, where variables between brackets
95 where those for which we tested for interactions up to the second order. The significant
96 variables of the final model (minimum adequate model, all terms significant at the 0.05 level)
97 were selected using stepwise backward variable selection and the AIC of the respective
98 regression models. To evaluate the variance explained by each predictor variable, we used the
99 *averaged over orderings* method (the *lmg* metric, similar to hierarchical partitioning³¹) to
100 decompose R^2 from the R^{29} package *relaimpo* [Relative Importance for Linear Regression³⁰].
101 We further tested our results with model averaging [MuMIn R Package³²]. Model averaging
102 is a procedure based on multimodel inference techniques that computes an average model

103 from the estimates of the best models predicting the data and weighting their relative
104 importance according to the difference of the second-order AIC between each model and the
105 best model ³³. Finally, we tested whether nutrient status, management, age and climatic
106 variables could lead to changes in patterns of biomass allocation with stepwise forward
107 regressions. Model residuals met the assumptions required in all analyses.

108 The robustness of our analyses was tested by five different methods: i) running
109 weighted models using the inverse of the uncertainty of the estimates as a weighting factor, ii)
110 using only data derived from eddy covariance towers, iii) restricting comparison of nutrient-
111 rich and nutrient-poor forests to a common rank of GPP ($GPP < 2500 \text{ gC m}^{-2} \text{ year}^{-1}$, thus
112 excluding most of the tropical forests), iv) using an alternative classification of nutrient
113 availability (the second most plausible classification) as an analysis of sensitivity and v) using
114 the factors extracted for the classification of nutrients as nutrient richness covariates instead of
115 using the binary factor nutrient availability. We also present the analysis with all the data
116 available (including the medium nutrient availability category) in Supplementary Fig. 8 and in
117 the Supplementary Models. All analyses revealed very similar results.

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119 **Captions**

120 **Fig. S1. Global map of the forests used in this study.** Forests have been coded according to
121 their nutrient status: red indicates nutrient-rich forests whereas blue indicates nutrient-poor
122 forests.

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124 **Fig. S2. Summary of the factor analysis performed to evaluate nutrient availability.**

125 Graph A shows the factor loadings of the variables used in the analysis following the criteria
126 presented in Supplementary Table S3. A clear separation can be seen between those
127 indicating high (correlated with Factor 1, F1) and low (correlated with Factor 2, F2) nutrient
128 availability. Graph B shows the factor scores of the studied forests aggregated according to
129 the nutrient status. Note that in graph A FP is missing because no forest presented high values
130 of FP. Note also that in graph B some forests might present equal factor scores, resulting in
131 fewer points than expected. Abbreviations: ASI (additional soil information), CEC (cation
132 exchange capacity), CN (soil C:N ratio), FN (foliar nitrogen concentration), FP (foliar
133 phosphorus concentration), H (history of the stand), NDM (nitrogen deposition or
134 mineralization), ST (soil type), ON (other soil nutrients), PI (assessment by the principal
135 investigator of the forest), R (report about nutrient availability), SN (soil nitrogen
136 concentration).

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138 **Fig. S3. Influence of stand age and nutrient availability on NEP.** Nutrient availability
139 clearly influences NEP ($P < 0.0001$), but stand age has no significant effect ($P = 0.14$) when
140 GPP is not considered. Neither interaction between nutrient availability and stand age is
141 significant ($P = 0.50$).

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143 **Fig. S4. Relationships of NEP (A) and Re (B) with GPP in nutrient-rich and nutrient-**
144 **poor forests indicating the age category of each stand.** The age of the stand did not affect

145 the relationships of NEP (graphs **A, C, E**) and Re (graphs **B, D, F**) with GPP. The bar charts
146 inside the NEP graphs show the average CUEe of nutrient-rich and nutrient-poor forests.
147 Graphs **C** and **D** show forests older than 50 years old and graphs **E** and **F** show forests
148 younger than 50 years old. Red-like points indicate nutrient-rich forests and blue-like points
149 represent the nutrient-poor ones.

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151 **Fig. S5. Relationships of NEP (A) and Re (B) with GPP in nutrient-rich and nutrient-**
152 **poor forests weighted using the inverse of the uncertainty as a weighting factor.** The
153 uncertainty of the estimates did not change the results. Thus, as in Fig. 1, nutrient-poor forests
154 do not increase NEP when rates of carbon uptake increase. The bar chart inside graph **A**
155 shows the average CUEe of nutrient-rich and nutrient-poor forests. Error bars indicate the
156 uncertainty of the estimate on both the x- and y-axes (SE). In forests with $GPP < 2500$,
157 $Nutrients * GPP$ (where Nutrients = nutrient availability) interactions are not significant at the
158 0.05 level.

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160 **Fig. S6. Relationships of NEP (A) and Re (B) with GPP in nutrient-rich and nutrient-**
161 **poor managed forests.** The general pattern for NEP and Re versus GPP shown for nutrient-
162 rich forests was also evident here. Nutrients = nutrient availability.

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164 **Fig. S7. NEP to GPP ratio (CUEe) is influenced by nutrient availability but not by**
165 **management.** Different letters indicate significant differences between groups (Tukey's
166 HSD). The numbers beside the letters indicate the number of forest sites in the data base.

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168 **Fig. S8. Relationships of NEP (A) and Re (B) with GPP showing also the medium**
169 **nutrient availability category.** The general pattern for NEP and Re versus GPP in medium

170 nutrient availability forests fits between the patterns shown by the nutrient-rich and the
171 nutrient-poor forests. Nutrients = nutrient availability.

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173 **Fig. S9. Nutrient-rich forests have a lower fine-root to total biomass ratio and a higher**
174 **ratio of leaf area index (LAI) per unit of fine-root biomass.** Error bars indicate standard
175 errors. The numbers above the bars indicate the number of forest sites in the data base.
176 Significance was tested with ANOVA.

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178 **Fig. S10. Relationships of NEP (A) and Re (B) with GPP showing only forests presenting**
179 **1000 < GPP < 2500.** The results for this range of GPP indicate that the interaction between
180 GPP*nutrient availability is not significant neither for NEP nor for Re. However, nutrient
181 availability significantly increases the mean in NEP and reduces Re ($P = 0.0026$ and $P =$
182 0.0036 respectively). On the other hand, differences in CUEe between nutrient-rich and
183 nutrient-poor forests remained significant at the < 0.001 level (CUEe nutrient-rich = 0.33,
184 nutrient-poor = 0.17). Nutrients = nutrient availability.

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186 **Table S1: Information on the nutrient availability of the forests studied.** The term id
187 indicates the number of the site, referenced at the bottom of the table. NA indicates our
188 classification of nutrient status according to the provided information [high (H), medium (M)
189 or low (L) nutrient availability]. PI indicates the nutrient status suggested by the principal
190 investigators of the forests. The other columns provide information on nutrient availability as
191 follows: soil type, additional soil information, soil pH, soil carbon content (kg m^{-2}) or
192 concentration (per dry mass %), soil nitrogen content or concentration, carbon-to-nitrogen
193 ratio (C:N), information on other soil nutrients, cation exchange capacity (CEC), nitrogen
194 deposition (D) or mineralisation (M), foliar nutrient concentration (N: nitrogen, P:
195 phosphorus), history of the forest and reports in the published literature on soil or forest

196 nutrient availability. Units: Carbon (C) and nitrogen (N) in percentage of dry mass (when
197 indicated by %) or in kg m⁻²; CEC in meq 100 g⁻¹; nitrogen deposition and mineralization in
198 kg ha⁻¹ year⁻¹; foliar nutrient concentration in percentage of dry mass. Additional
199 abbreviations: L (lower soil horizons), Lt (litterfall), U (upper soil horizons).

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202 **Table S2. Analysis of sensitivity to a possible misclassification of nutrient availability.**

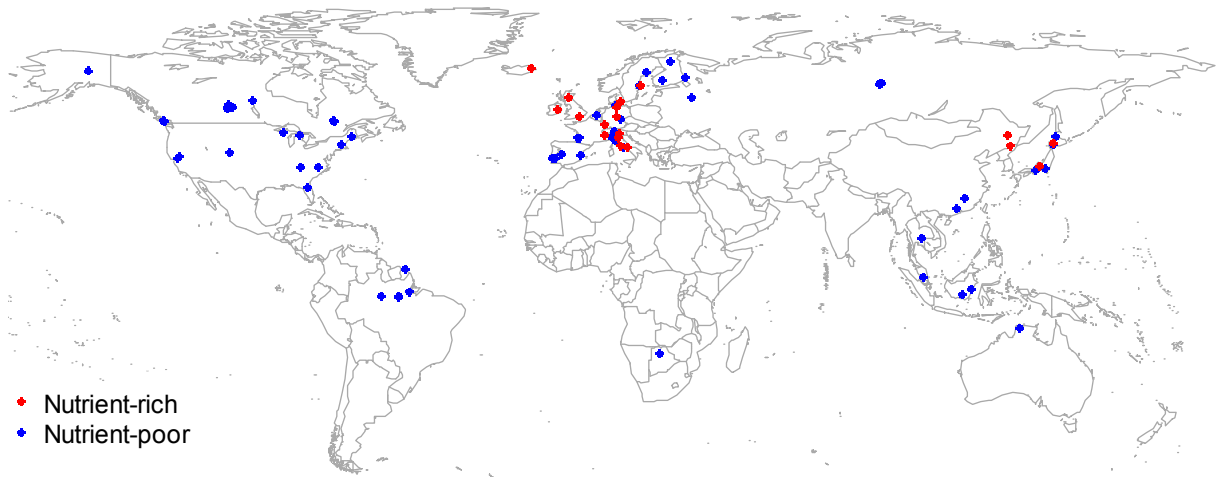
203 The table contains those forests for which information assessing nutrient status could lead to a
204 wrong classification. Each shows its values for CUEe, the uncertainty of this estimate (SE),
205 the original and most plausible classification of nutrient status and an alternative nutrient
206 classification. The *P*-values of the significant variables and the β weights of the covariates,
207 using the original and the alternative nutrient classification with stepwise backward
208 regressions, are shown at the bottom of the table. Possible predictors were GPP, nutrient
209 availability, stand age and management, including their interactions up to the second order,
210 MAT, MAP and WD. Significance levels: * *P* < 0.05, ** *P* < 0.01, *** *P* < 0.001. H high, M
211 medium and L low nutrient availability.

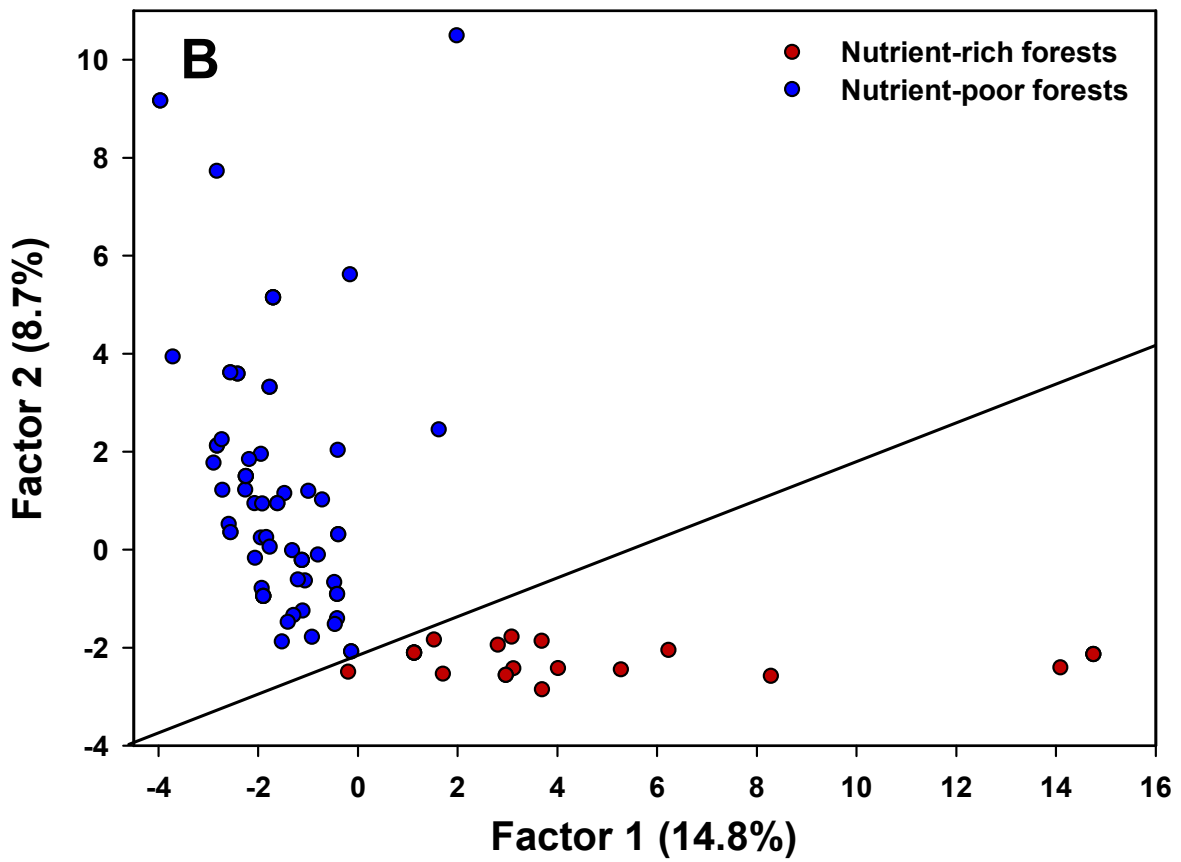
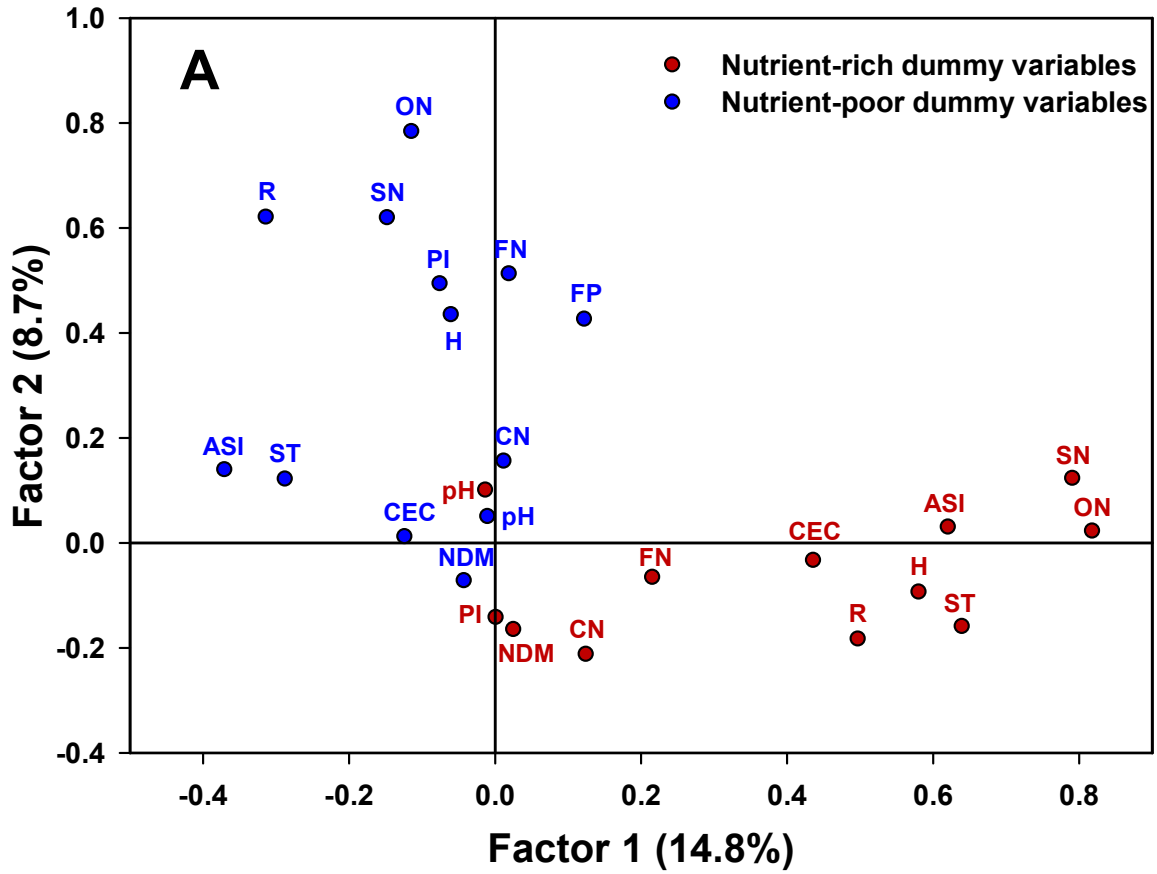
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213 **Table S3: Followed criteria for evaluating nutrient availability.** The table shows the code
214 assigned to the forests according to the values of the variables used for the nutrient
215 availability assessment.

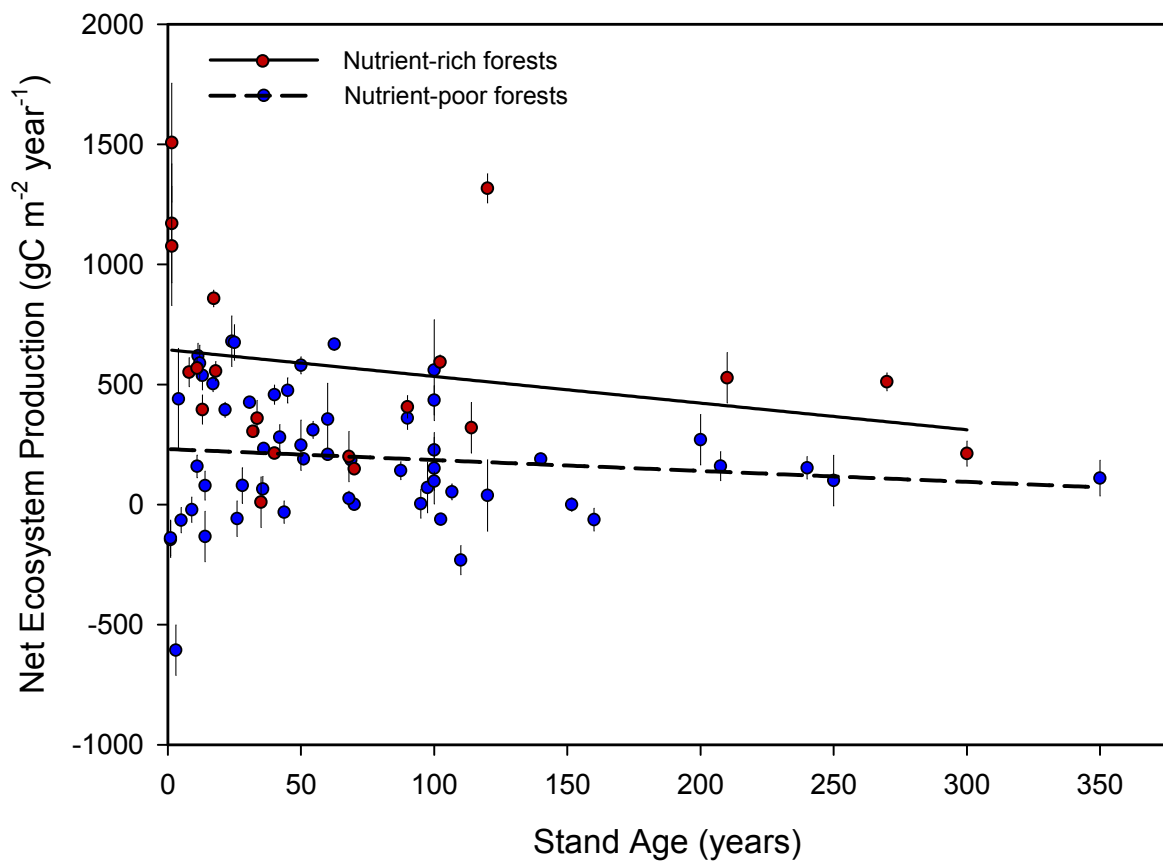
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217 **Table S4. Validation of the nutrient classification.** Summary of the percentage of
218 successfully classified forests of the different logit models used to validate the nutrient
219 classification. In general terms, our nutrient classification was successfully predicted with the
220 available data for nutrient status that, in turn, achieved a good percentage of successful
221 predictions of the reports found in the literature on the nutrient status of the forests.

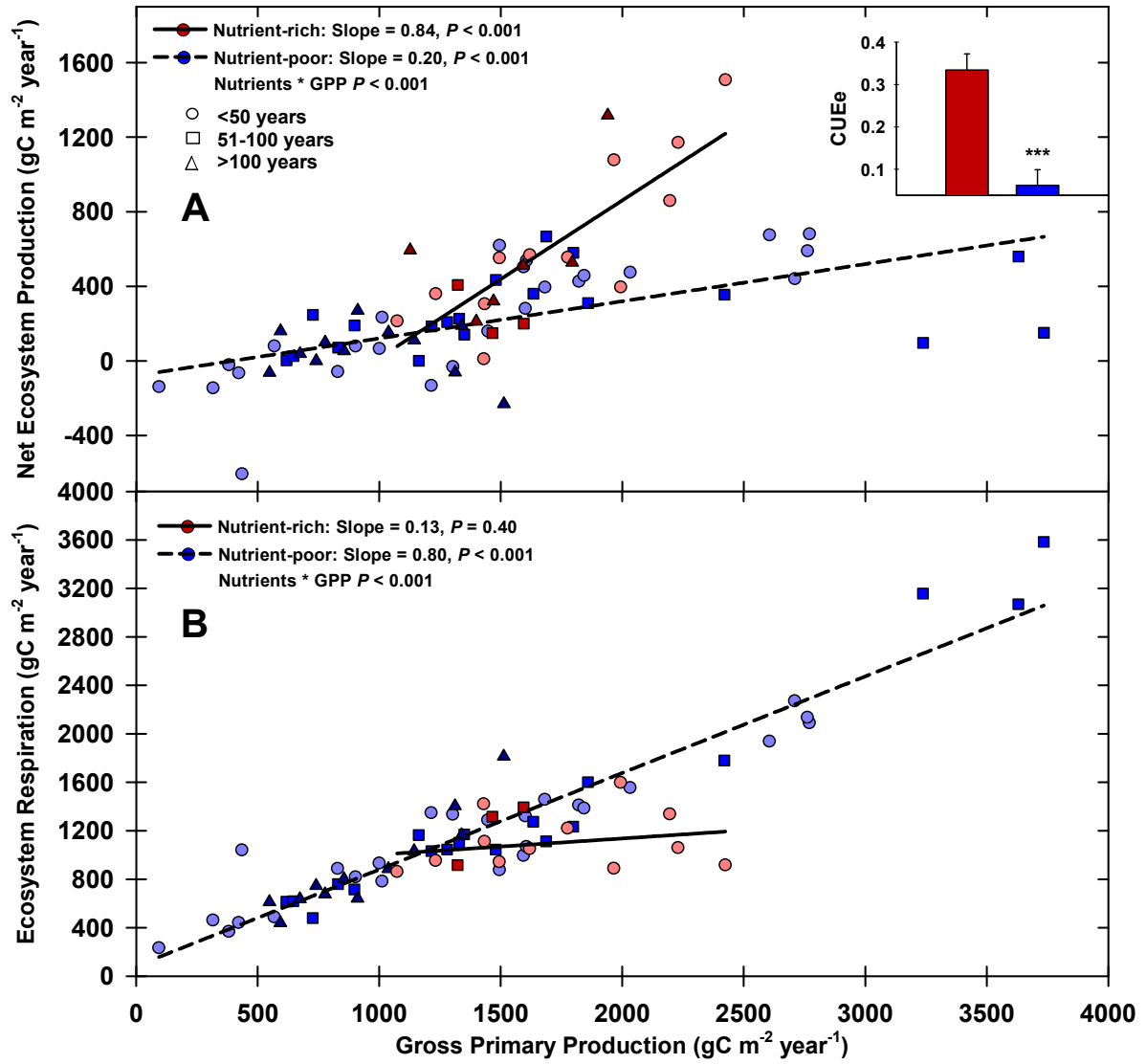


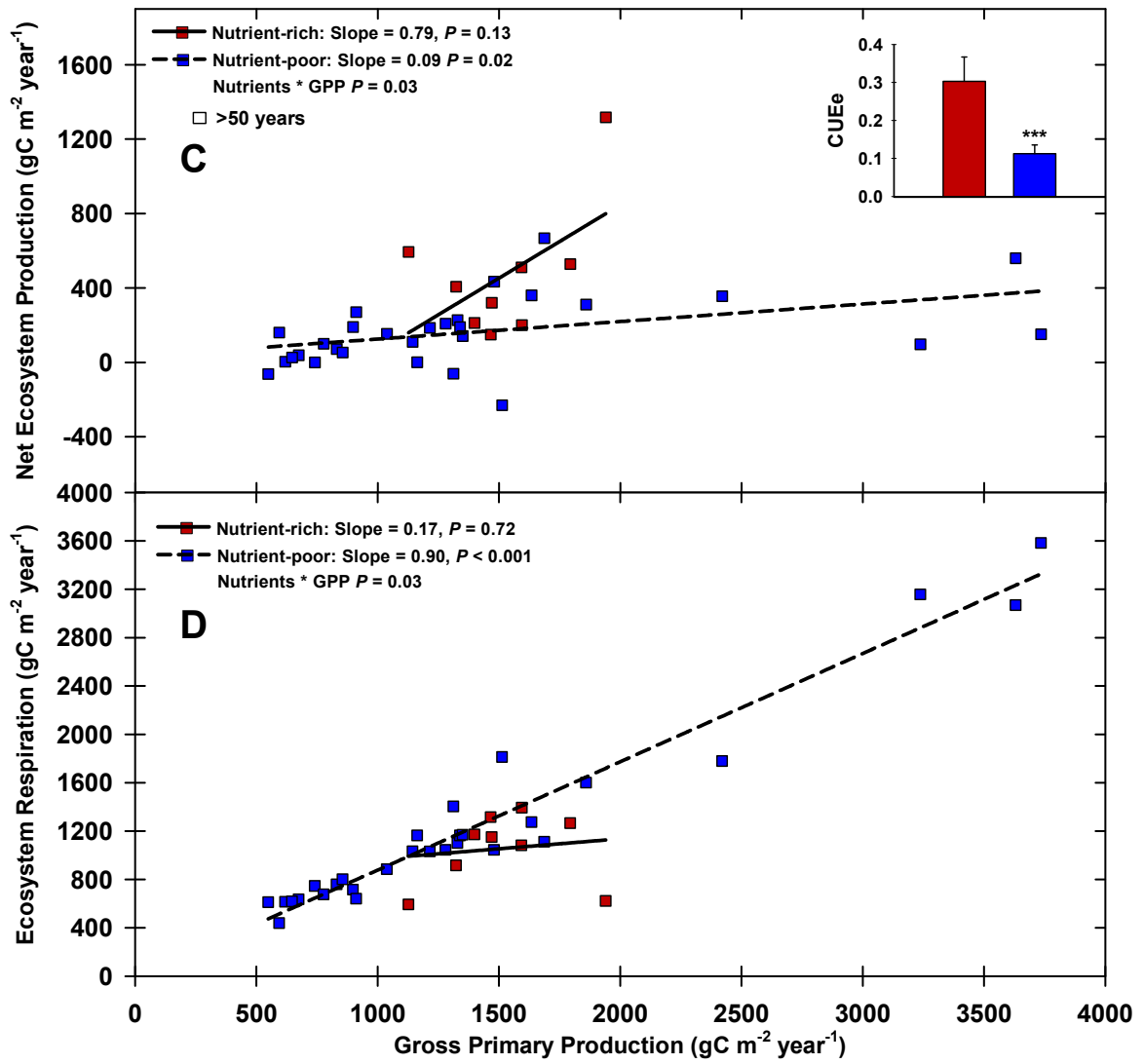


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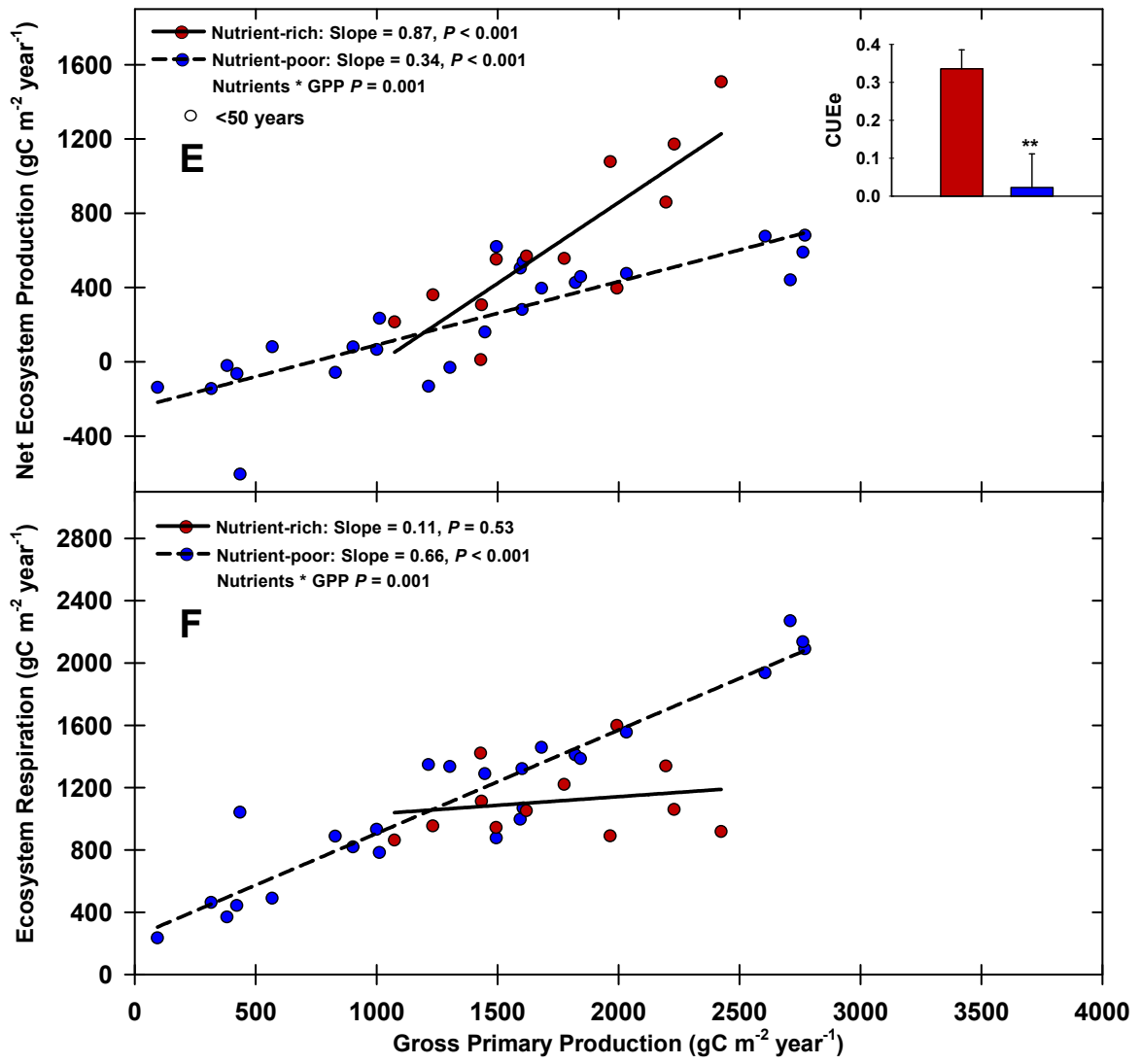
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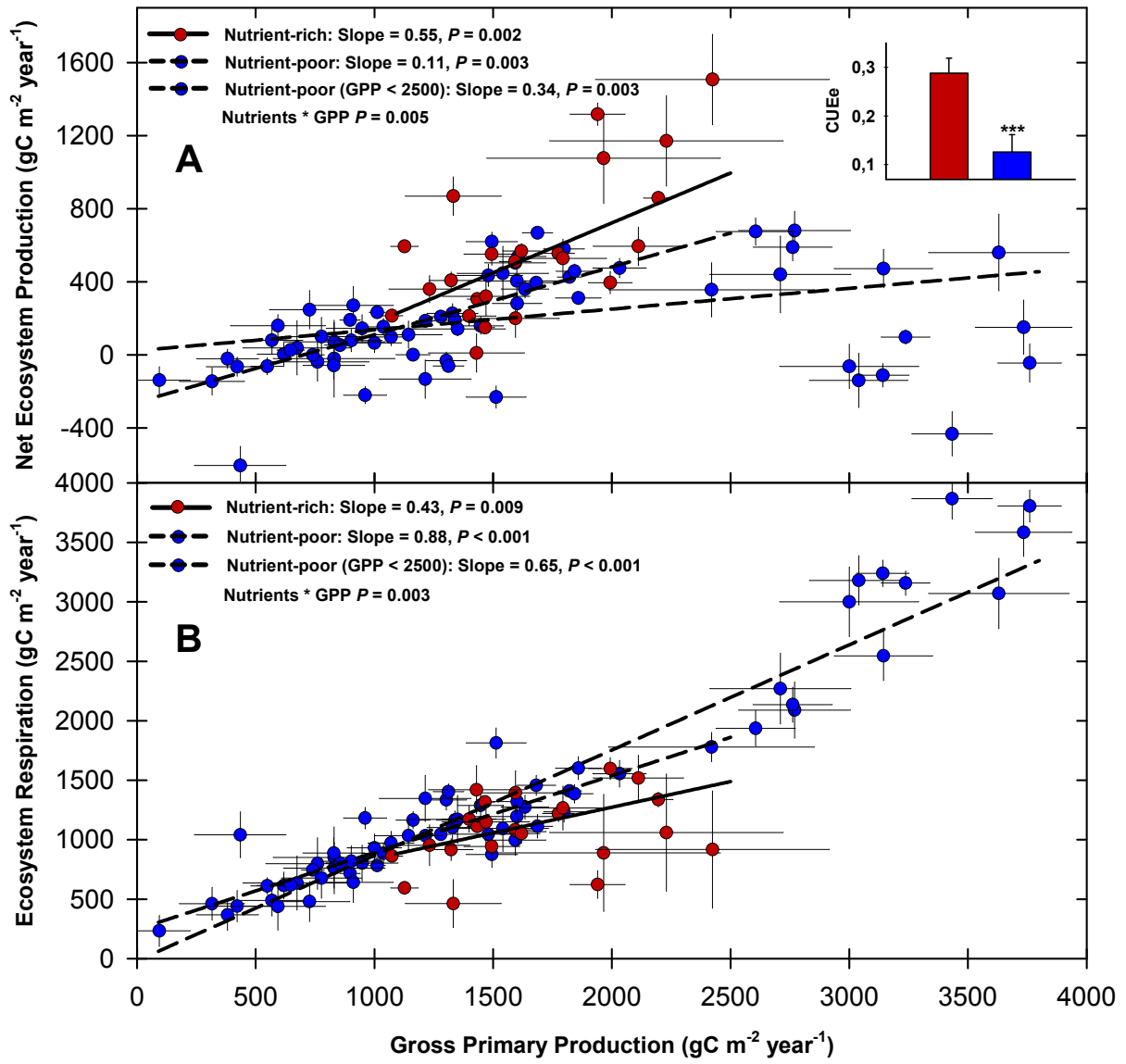


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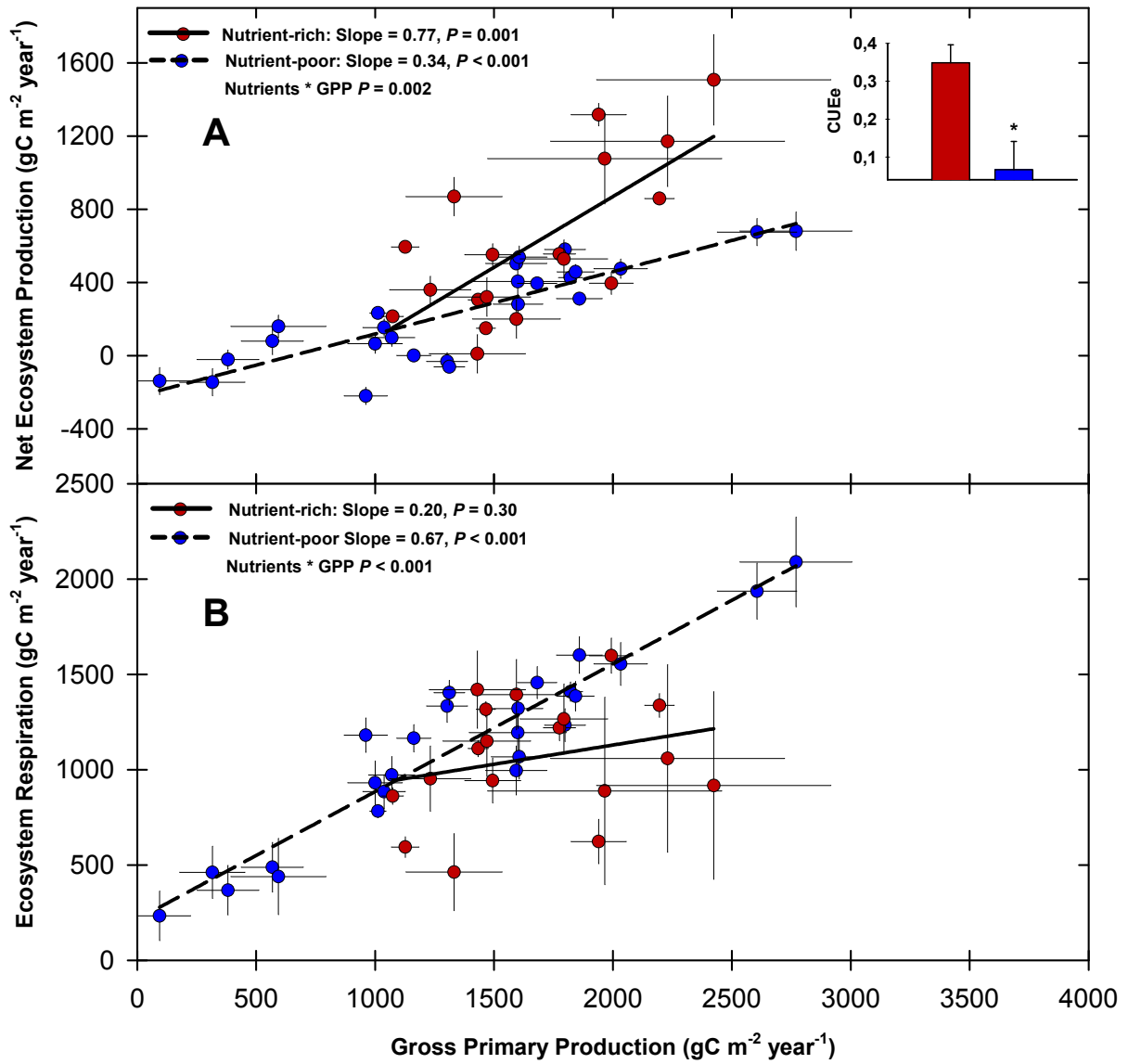


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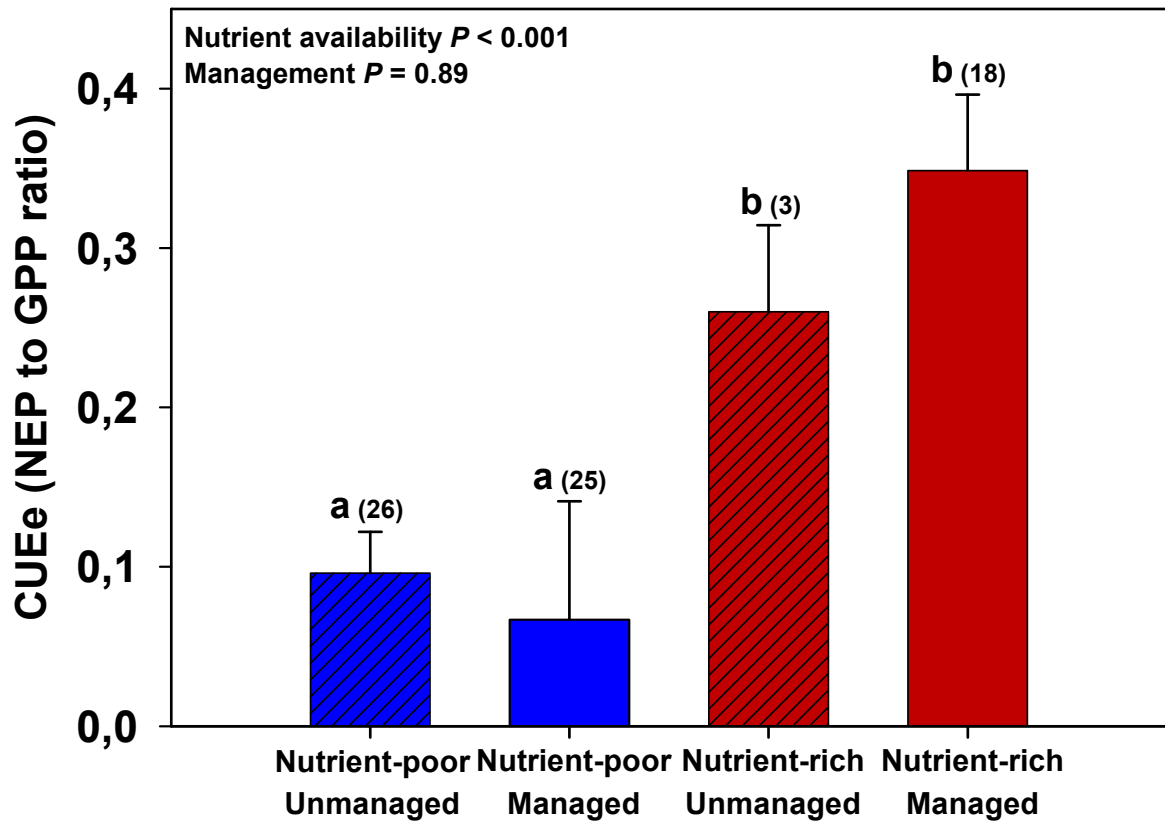
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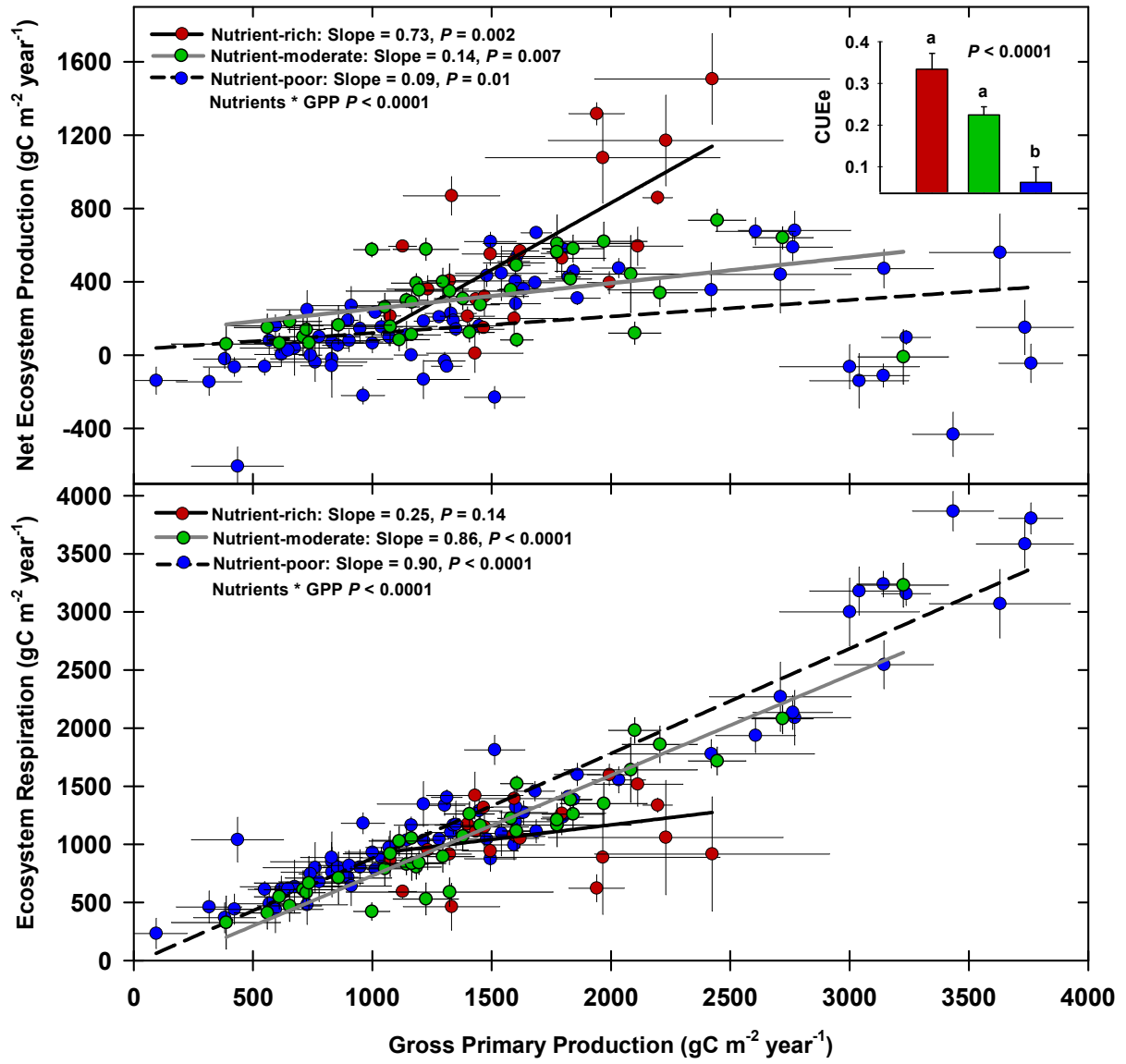
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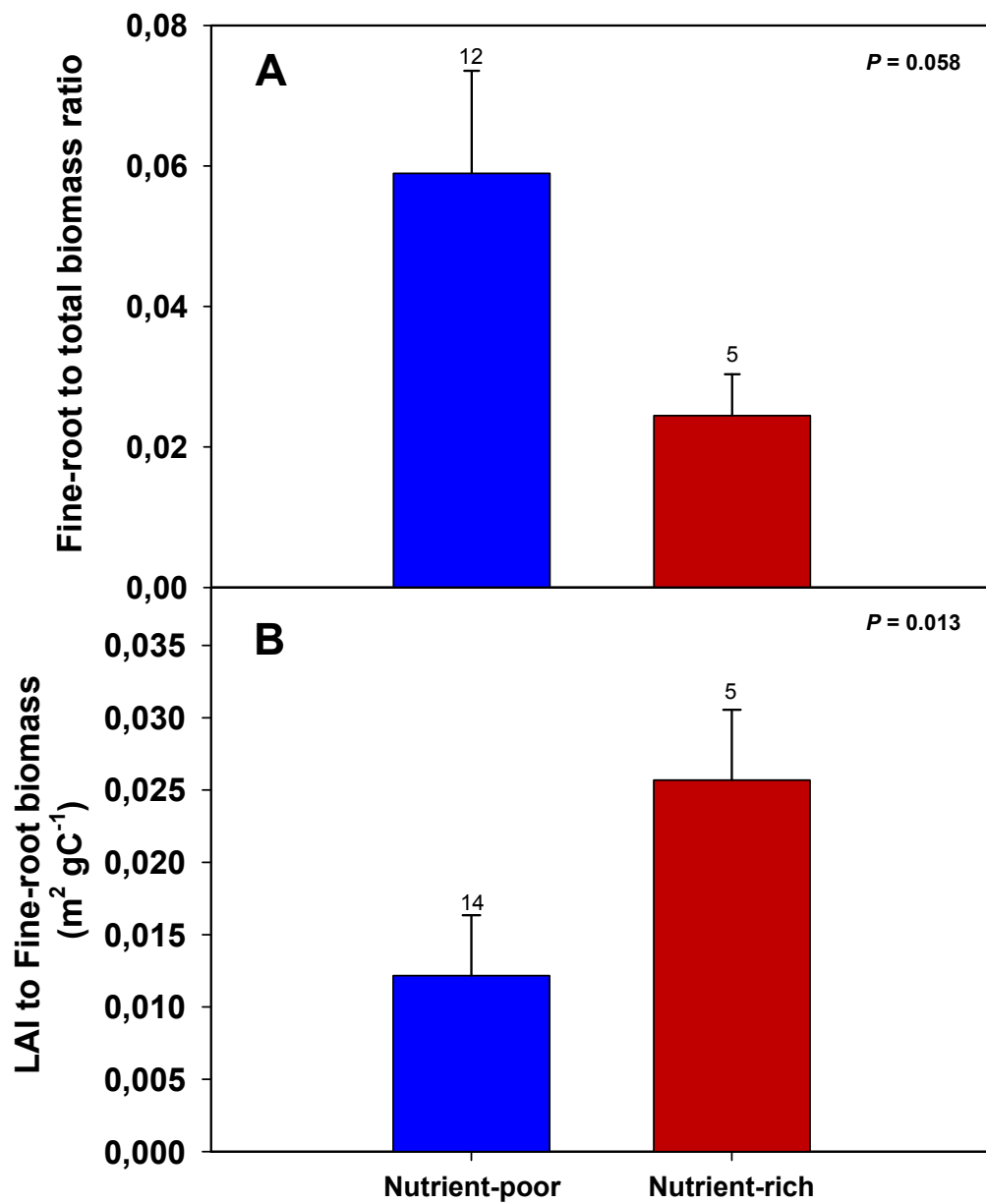
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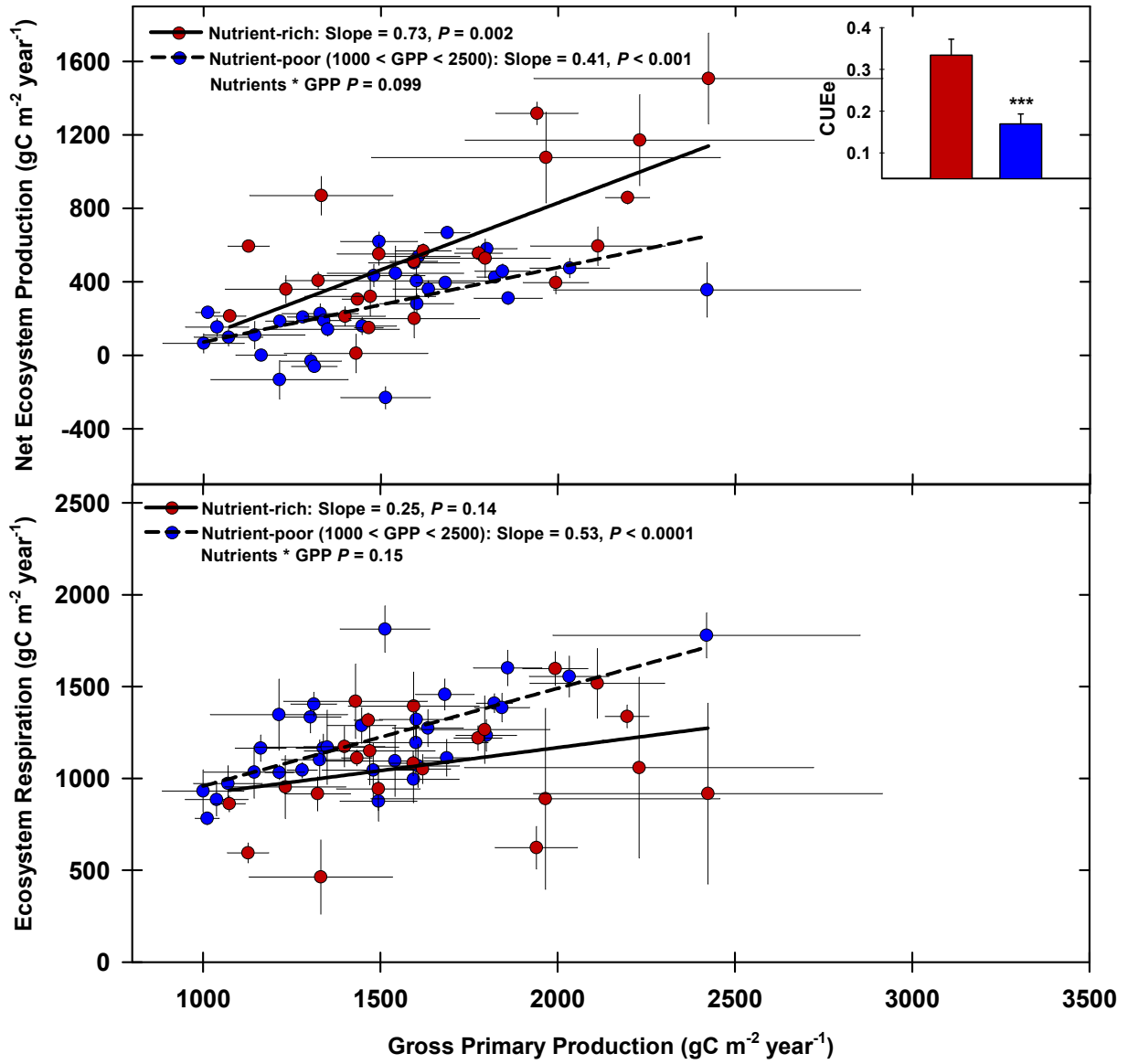
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250 **Table S1.**

Site id	NA	PI	Soil type	Additional soil info	pH	C	N	C:N	Other Nutrients	CEC	N D/M	Fol N	History	Report
1	H										D:10		Fertilized with 350 kg urea ha ⁻¹ , 46% N	
2	L	L	Spodosol (ultic alaquods)	Poorly drained, argilic horizon										Nutrient limited
3	M			Stony sandy loam										Adequate nutrient supply
4	M							24			M:65			
5	L		Dystric, podzolic brown soils or Gleysols	Sandy to loamy sandy texture, organic layer mod/moder	3 to 5					Low (Ca, Mg)	D: high			
6	L		Hydromorphic podzol	Sandy, surface water table in winter										
7	M	M	Haplic and Entic podzols				U: 1.53% L: 0.13%	U: 30 L: 21						
8	L		Mixed, mesic, ultic haploxeralf (Cohasset series)	Fine-loamy, clay-loam	5.5	U: 6.9%	U: 0.17%	U: 41						
9	L		Fibric Histosol	Very wet, waterlogged										Nutrient-poor
10	M		Dystri-cambic Arenosol, near id 10	Not waterlogged							D: high			
11	L		Haplic podzol	wet sandy soil with humus and/or iron B horizon (Al buffer region).	4					Low	D: 35			Poor in Mg and P foliar concentrations. Good N foliar concentration.
12	L		Ultisol											
13	M	M	Brown podzolic	well drained, stone free, fine sandy loam materials										Good potato production when fertilized.
14	L			Sandy, hummus rich in calcium carbonate	5.8	U: 1.9% L: 0.7%		U: 66 L: 100						
15	L								Low P	Low				Extremely nutrient limited
16	H		Brown forest earth	Deep and nutrient-rich soil layer										
17	L		Ferro-humic or humic podzols	Good drainage			0.01%	135				N:0.79%		
18	L													Similar to id 17

19	M		Histosol (Belhaven series)	Loamy mixed dysis thermic terric Haplosaprists (peat soils)	<4.5										Previously farmed; F at planting: 28–50 kg ha ⁻¹ (N and P); F mid-rotation: 140–195 kg ha ⁻¹ N and 28 kg ha ⁻¹ P
20	H		Humic alfisol	Silty loam-silty clay	5.2				Very high			Very high	D: high		
21	L		Oxisol	80% clay, high porosity (50-80%), low water capacity, highly weathered	4.3										Low nutrient content
22	L		Rustic podsol, Chromic cambisol	Reddish soils	4			U: 29					D: 13		
23	L		Lateritic red or yellow soil	63% clay, 19% silt	3.8										
24	H													Former agricultural land regularly fertilized	Nutrient rich
25	L		Ultic alfisol	Mixed clay mineralogy, poorly drained from fall to spring	5.8										
26	L		Arenosol	Dune system											
27	L		Dystric cambisols		4.8	0.35%	0.03%							P: 9 ppm	N: 1.17% P: 0.07%
28	L		Gelisol	Loamy sand to loam, thick organic horizon (30cm)				U: 40% L: 3%	U: 0.7% L: 0.17%	U: 50 L: 20					N: 0.84%
29	L														Strongly nutrient limited
30	L								Low				D: 5.7		Immature and nutrient-rich lava soil (64% N deficit)
31	L			Peat soil	<4.7										Nutrient limited
32	M		Orthic Gleysol												N: 0.7 - 2.1%
33	M		Andosol	Silty loam	5.8	U: 2.1%	Low						19		Nitrogen limited
34	L	L	Acrisol and ultisols	Sandy											Nutrient-poor
35	M		Brown alfisol	Sandy loam or loam											
36	H		Cambisol	4% sand, 56% lime, 44% clay											Nutrient-rich
37	H	H	Gleysol					U: 1.3%	U: 19 L: 30						
38	M		Gleysol	Peaty, seasonally waterlogged, black organic horizon										Fertilized 40 ago.	N increased after clear cutting

39	M		Gleysol	Peaty, seasonally waterlogged, black organic horizon									Fertilized 40 ago.	N increased after clear cutting
40	L			well drained, acidic sandy loam with some poorly drained peat soils									M: 34	Nutrient-poor
41	H		Luvisol or Stagnic luvisol											Typically very nutrient-rich soils
42	L	L		Well drained lateritic red and yellow earth soils with highly weathered sands	5.5		0.10%							Nutrient-poor
43	L	L			3.5			35					N: 1.06%	
44	L	M L	Haplic podzol						Low				M: low D: low	>99.9% soil N is unavailable for plants. Nitrogen limitation.
45	L			Sandy loam with limited water capacity	acid				Low		Low P			Bogs and peatland poor in N and very P limited
46	L	L	Lithic haploxerepts	Very rocky silt loam		1.1%	0.11%	10						
47	L			Heavily leached						Low P		Low		Nutrient-poor
48	H													Very nutrient-rich soil
49	H													Very nutrient-rich soil
50	H													Very nutrient-rich soil
51	M		Spodosol (or cryosol)	Coarse texture, highly leached, gray		2.2%	0.50%	4.4						
52	L		Entisol											
53	L		Dystric cambisol	90 cm depth, low water capacity, rocky and sandy (80%)	5.6	2.6%		14						
54	H	M	Typic Fragiudalf (Alfisol)	fine-silty	U: 3.7 L: 6.7	U: 6.2%	U: 0.5%	U: 12.6						
55	M		Haplic cambisol and rendzic leptosols (rendzina)	Very shallow	4 to 7.5	6.5	0.47	U: 15					D: 26	
56	H		Alfisol	Dark-brown										
57	H	H	Humic Umbrisol		6.1			15.8						
58	L		Hydromorphic podzol	Sandy, waterlogged in winter				26						
59	M			Sand dunes.									D: high	Nutrient-poor under natural conditions

60	M		Kandiustalfs		6.5										Relatively nutrient rich
61	L	L M	Kalahari sands	Presents a calcrete duricrust									N: 1 to 3%		Nutrient-poor
62	M			Sandy soils					Low						N-fixing shrubs increase N availability
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64	L	L		83% sand, 9% silt and 8% clay	5.6	1.6%	0.12%	133							
65	M		Typic Dystrochrept										M: 122		
66	M	M	Mollic Eutroboralf and Typic Argiboroll	Loam	5.3	2.5%	0.14	17.9	High P						Although N might be limiting, P is highly available
67	L	M L											N: 0.95%		
68	H		Eutric Vertisol	60% clay		5.6%	3.80%	8.5	P: 98ppm	27			N: 3%	Former fertilized agricultural land	
69	L		Podzolic glacial till	Sandy											Nutrient-poor
70	L	L	Ombrotrophic peat dome		<3	39%	1.30%	30	Low				P: very low N: low		Low availability of essential nutrients
71	L	L		58% sand, 32% silt, 10% clay	U: 6.4 L: 6.3	U: 1.2 L: 1.6	U: 0.08 L: 0.08	U: 15 L: 20					N: 0.71%		
72	L		Durian Series	Band of laterite, highly leached	3.5 to 4.8				Low P	Low					
73	H		Xeric Alfisol	Loam texture					High					Former agricultural land	Characterized by its high nutrient availability
74	H		Xeric Alfisol	Loam texture					High					Former agricultural land	Characterized by its high nutrient availability
75	H		Xeric Alfisol	Loam texture					High					Former agricultural land	Characterized by its high nutrient availability
76	L			Waterlogged											Nutrient availability restricted by slow decomposition rates
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78	L			Waterlogged											Nutrient availability restricted by slow decomposition rates
79	M	H		75% rocks, stone-free fraction is silty-clay loam (39% clay, 35% silt, 26% sand)		7.40%	0.48%	U: 15 L: 11						N: 1.26%	
80	L		Red earth				Low			Low					Very poor nutrient status
81	M				U: 3.9 L: 4.1	U: 27% L: 9%	U: 1.3% L: 0.4%	U: 20 L: 24		U: 0.08% L: 0.03%				N Lt: 1% P lt: 0.07%	
82	H		Luvisol	100 cm depth, 52% sand, 12% silt, 35% clay	5.7			12.6							
83	L		Utisol	Stony	5.1		Low			Low		Low			Nutrient-poor, especially P
84	L	L		93% sand, 3% silt, 4% clay	6.5 to >7.9	U: 0.9 L: 0.4	U: 0.03 L: 0.03	U: 30 L: 14		Low				N: 0.70%	Poor sandy soil
85	H			Loam, from volcanic ashes.										N: 2.30%	
86	M	M				U: 4.2%	U: 0.4%	10.5							
87	L			Sandy to sandy loam		3.1	0.14	22.0						N: 0.95%	
88	L			Sandy to sandy loam		2.3	0.19	12.1						N: 1.07%	
89	L			Sandy to sandy loam		3.3	0.17	19.4						N: 1.35%	
90	L			Sandy to sandy loam		1.7	0.08	21.3						N: 1.36%	
91	L			Sandy		1.8	0.1	18.0						N: 1.20%	HJP75 could be more nutrient limited due to higher tree competition
92	L			Sandy to sandy loam		1.4	0.1	14.0						N: 1.55%	
93	M	M													
94	M	M													
95	H														Fertilized
96	L	L	Ultic alaquods	Sandy, siliceous, thermic		Low	Low			Low			Trees responded drastically to fertilization experiment		Low in available nutrients
97	L	L	Ultic alaquods	Sandy, siliceous, thermic		Low	Low			Low			Trees responded drastically to fertilization experiment		Low in available nutrients
98	L		Haplic podzol				Low			Low					Nutrient-poor soil

99	M				Low					Low				Nutrients are sufficiently available in this forest	
100	H		Luvisol							High				Very nutrient rich	
101	L	M		57% sand, 36% silt and 6% clay						0.18%			M: 4.4		
102	H			Brown soil										Very nutrient rich	
103	M			Dystric Cambisol										Clay loam, from volcanic ash deposit	
104	L			Belterra clay Ferralsols						Low				Nutrient-poor	
105	L			Belterra clay Ferralsols						Low				Nutrient-poor	
106	L			Gleyic Cambisol									D: 5	Stream water chemistry revealed very low N concentrations	
107	M			Dystric Cambisol										Less nutrient rich than a eutric Cambisol	
108	L									Low				Severely nutrient limited	
109	L			Volcanogenous regosol						Low				Nutrient-poor	
110	M	M		Brunicollic grey brown luvisol	Sandy to loamy sand soil, low-to-moderate water-holding capacity	6.3	0.56%	U: 0.06%	L: 11.4				D: 7.5	Planted on former agricultural land	Have higher amounts of soil macronutrients (i.e. P, K, Ca, Mg) than id 111 and 112
111	M	M		Gleyed brunisolic luvisol	Sandy to loamy sand soil, low-to-moderate water-holding capacity	4.1	0.61%	U: 0.05%	L: 15.4				D: 7.5	Planted on cleared oak-savannah land	
112	M	M		Brunicollic grey brown luvisol	Sandy to loamy sand soil, low-to-moderate water-holding capacity	3.7	0.60%	U: 0.06%	L: 19.4				D: 7.5	Planted on cleared oak-savannah land	
113	M	M		Gleyed brunisolic luvisol	Sandy to loamy sand soil, low-to-moderate water-holding capacity	4.3	0.51%	U: 0.07%	L: 14.2				D: 7.5	Planted on former agricultural land	Same as id 110
114	L			Entic Haplothod	Sandy, well drained					Low					Nitrogen limited
115	H			Brown Andosol				U: 8.1% L: 3.0%	U: 0.4% L: 0.2%	U: 20 L: 15				Grazed heathland pasture prior to afforestation	
116	L	L M			Gravelly loamy sand, 19 cm depth			U: 39% L: 4.6%	U: 0.9% L: 0.3%	U: 43 L: 15					Presents low nitrogen availability

117	L	L M		Gravelly loamy sand to sand, 19 cm depth	U: 45% L: 6.9%	U: 1% L: 0.2%	U: 45 L: 35		
118	L	L M		Gravelly loamy sand, 19 cm depth	U: 46% L: 18%	U: 1% L: 0.8%	U: 46 L: 23		
119	M	M							Fertilization stimulated tree growth
120	L		Typic Paleudult	Highly weathered, acidic		Low		low P	Low
121	M		Podzols and Cambisols						
122	M		Enthic Haplorthod					M: > id 114	Nutrient-poor soil similar to id 114
123	M		Stagni-vertic Cambisol	Some areas of arenihaplic Luvisols and calcaric Cambisols					Vegetation is typical for relatively nutrient-rich soils
124	M		Rendzina	Above chalk and limestone			11		Poor soil conditions
125	M		Brown	Loam		Low		Low	Nutrient limitations
126	L		Cambisols	Sandy silt		Low		Low	see report
127	L		Cambisols	Sandy silt		Low		Low	Idem id 126
128	L		Cambisols	Sandy silt		Low		Low	Idem id 126
129	L		Cambisols	Sandy silt		Low		Low	Idem id 126

251 **Site id: 1.** Aberfeldy/Griffins; **2.** Austin; **3.** Balmoral; **4.** Barlett; **5.** Bayreuth/Weiden Brunnen; **6.** Bilos; **7.** Bily Kriz Forest; **8.** Blodgett Forest; **9.** Bornhoved Alder;

252 **10.** Bornhoved Beech; **11.** Brasschaat; **12.** Bukit Soeharto; **13.** Camp Borden; **14.** Castelporziano; **15.** Caxiuana; **16.** Changbai Mountains; **17.** Chibougamau EOBS; **18.**

253 Chibougamau HBS00; **19.** Coastal plain North Carolina; **20.** Collelongo; **21.** Cuieiras/C14; **22.** Davos; **23.** Dinghushan DHS; **24.** Dooary; **25.** Duke Forest; **26.** El Saler; **27.**

254 Espirra; **28.** Fairbanks; **29.** Flakaliden C; **30.** Fujiyoshida; **31.** Fyedorovskoye; **32.** Groundhog; **33.** Gunnarsholt; **34.** Guyaflux; **35.** Gwangneung; **36.** Hainich; **37.** Hampshire;

255 **38.** Hardwood; **39.** Hardwood_21; **40.** Harvard; **41.** Hesse; **42.** Howards spring; **43.** Howland; **44.** Hyytiala; **45.** Ilomantsi Mekrijärvi; **46.** Ione; **47.** Jacaranda/K34; **48.**

256 Kannenbruch Alder/Ash; **49.** Kannenbruch Beech; **50.** Kannenbruch Oak; **51.** Khentei Taiga; **52.** Kiryu; **53.** La Majadas del Tietar; **54.** La Mandria; **55.** Lägeren; **56.** Laoshan;

257 **57.** Lavarone; **58.** Le Bray; **59.** Loobos; **60.** Mae Klong; **61.** Maun Mopane; **62.** Metolius; **63.** Metolius young; **64.** Mitra; **65.** Morgan Monroe; **66.** NAU Centennial; **67.**
258 Niwot Ridge; **68.** Nonantola; **69.** Norunda; **70.** Palangkaraya; **71.** Parco Ticino; **72.** Pasoh; **73.** Popface alba; **74.** Popface euamericana; **75.** Popface nigra; **76.** Prince Albert
259 SSA (SOAS); **77.** Prince Albert SSA (SOBS); **78.** Prince Albert SSA (SOJP); **79.** Puechabon; **80.** Qianyanzhou Ecological Station; **81.** Renon; **82.** Roccarespampami 2; **83.**
260 Sakaerat; **84.** San Rossore; **85.** Sapporo; **86.** Sardinilla; **87.** Saskatchewan F77; **88.** Saskatchewan F89; **89.** Saskatchewan F98; **90.** Saskatchewan HJP02; **91.** Saskatchewan
261 HJP75; **92.** Saskatchewan HJP94; **93.** Sky Oaks old; **94.** Sky Oaks young; **95.** Skyttorp2; **96.** Slash pine Florida Mid; **97.** Slash pine Florida old; **98.** Sodankylä; **99.** Solling;
262 **100.** Soroe; **101.** Sylvania; **102.** Takayama; **103.** Takayama 2; **104.** Tapajos 67; **105.** Tapajos 83; **106.** Teshio CC-LaG; **107.** Tharandt; **108.** Thompson NSA (NOBS); **109.**
263 Tomakomai; **110.** Turkey Point TP02; **111.** Turkey Point TP39; **112.** Turkey Point TP74; **113.** Turkey Point TP89; **114.** University of Michigan; **115.** Vallanes; **116.**
264 Vancouver Island DF49; **117.** Vancouver Island HDF00; **118.** Vancouver Island HDF88; **119.** Vielsalm; **120.** Walker Branch; **121.** Wet-T-57; **122.** Willow Creek; **123.**
265 Wytham Woods; **124.** Yatir; **125.** Yellow River Xiaolangdi; **126.** Yenisey Abies; **127.** Yenisey Betula; **128.** Yenisey Mixed; **129.** Yenisey/Zotino.

Table S2.

Forest name	CUEe	SE	Original Classification		Alternative Classification	
Bayreuth/Weiden Brunnen	-0.02	0.04	L		M	
Bilos	0.25	0.07	L		M	
Blodgett Forest	0.11	0.03	L		M	
Bornhoved Alder	0.15	0.07	L		M	
Brasschaat	0.00	0.02	L		M	
Camp Borden	0.12	0.05	M		L	
Castelporziano	0.32	0.02	L		M	
Guyaflux	0.04	0.04	L		M	
Hampshire	0.28	0.06	H		M	
Hardwood	0.32	0.05	M		H	
Hardwood_21	0.31	0.06	M		H	
Lägeren	0.23	0.03	M		H	
Lavarone	0.68	0.05	H		M	
Loobos	0.23	0.02	M		L	
Maun Mopane	-0.03	0.25	L		M	
Prince Albert SSA (SOAS)	0.15	0.02	L		M	
Prince Albert SSA (SOBS)	0.06	0.06	L		M	
Prince Albert SSA (SOJP)	0.05	0.08	L		M	
Sylvania	0.10	0.07	L		M	
Teshio CC-LaG	0.05	0.08	L		M	
Vielsalm	0.31	0.02	M		L	
Wet-T-57	-0.03	0.04	M		H	
Willow Creek	0.25	0.06	M		H	
Yatir	0.28	0.11	M		L	
Yellow River Xiaolangdi	0.30	0.05	M		L	
			Effect (β)	R^2	Effect (β)	R^2
Nutrient availability			H>L; -0.32**	0.12	H>L; -0.29**	0.07
GPP			0.91***	0.14	0.59**	0.12
Age			1.13***	<0.01	1.22***	0.01
GPP*Age			-1.17***	0.17	-1.18***	0.18
MAT			-	-	0.39*	0.06
Adjusted R^2			0.40		0.39	

267 **NOTE:** Depending on the classification, the number of replicates varies (because the number of forests of medium
268 nutrient availability changes).

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Table S3.

Variable	Code	Variable	Code
Soil Additional Info		Soil type	
Poorly drained, argilic horizon	Low	Acrisol and ultisols	Low
100 cm depth, 52% sand, 12% silt, 35% clay	Medium	Alfisol	High
4% sand, 56% lime, 44% clay	Medium	Andosol	Medium
57% sand, 36% silt and 6% clay	Low	Arenosol	Low
58% sand, 32% silt, 10% clay	Medium	Belterra clay Ferralsols	Low
60% clay	Medium	Brown Andosol	High
63% clay, 19% silt	Low	Brown podzolic	Low
75% rocks, stone free fraction is silty-clay loam (39% clay, 35% silt, 26% sand)	Medium	Brown soil	High
80% clay, high porosity (50-80%), low water capacity, highly weathered	Low	Brunicollic grey brown luvisol	High
83% sand, 9% silt and 8% clay	Low	Cambisol	Medium
90 cm depth, low water capacity, roky and sandy (80%)	Low	Dystric cambisol	Medium
93% sand, 3% silt, 4% clay	Low	Entic Haplorthod	Low
Above chalk and limestone	Low	Entisol	Low
Band of laterite, highly leached	Low	Eutric Vertisol	Low
Clay loam, from volcanic ash deposit	Medium	Fibric Histosol	Low
Coarse texture, highly leached, gray	Low	Gleyed brunisolic luvisol	High
Dark-brown	High	Gleyic Cambisol	Medium
Deep and fertile soil layer	High	Gleysol	Medium
Drained, peat-rich	Low	Haplic cambisol and rendzic leptosols	Medium
Dune system	Low	Histosol	Low
Fine-loamy, clay-loam	Medium	Humic umbrisol	Medium
Fine-silty	Medium	Kalahari sands	Low
Good drainage	High	Kandiustalfs	Medium
Gravelly loamy sand to sand, 19 cm depth	Medium	Lateritic red or yellow soil	Low
Gravelly loamy sand, 19 cm depth	Medium	Lithic haploxerepts	Low
Heavily leached	Low	Luvisols	High
Highly weathered, acidic	Low	Mixed mesic ultic haploxeralf	Low
Loam	High	Mollic Eutroboralf and Typic Argiboroll	Medium
Loam, from volcanic ashes.	High	Ombrotrophic peat dome	Low
Loamy mixed dysis thermic terric Haplosaprists (peat soils)	Low	Orthic Gleysol	Medium
Loamy sand to loam, thick organoz horizon (30cm)	Medium	Oxisol	Low
Mixed clay mineralogy, poorly drained from fall to spring	Low	Podzol	Low
Not waterlogged	Medium	Red earths	Low
Peat soil	Low	Spodosol	Low
Peaty, seasonally waterlogged, black organic horizon	Low	Stagni-vertic Cambisol	Medium
Peaty, seasonally waterlogged, black organic horizon	Low	Typic Dystrichrept	Medium
Presents a calcrete duricrust	Low	Typic Paleudult	Low
Sand dunes	Low	Ultic alaquods	Low
Sandy	Low	Ultic alfisol	Low
Sandy loam or loam	Medium	Ultisol	Low
Sandy loam with limited water capacity	Low	Volcanogenous regosol	Medium
Sandy silt	Medium		

Sandy to loamy sand soil, low-to-moderate water holding capacity	Medium	Other Nutrients (soil P)	
Sandy to loamy sandy texture, organic layer mod/moder	Medium	9 ppm	Low
Sandy to sandy loam	Medium	98 ppm	High
Sandy, hummus rich in calcium carbonate	Low	0.08-0.03%	Medium
Sandy, siliceous, thermic	Low		
Sandy, surface water table in winter	Low	C:N ratio	
Sandy, waterlogged in winter	Low	> 30	Low
Sandy, well drained	Low	30 - 20	Medium
Silty loam	Medium	<20	High
Silty loam-silty clay	Medium		
Some areas of arenihaplic Luvisols and calcareic Cambisols	Medium	CEC (meq L⁻¹)	
Stony	Low	>20	High
Stony sandy loam	Medium	>10	Medium
Very rocky silt loam	Low	<10	Low
Very shallow	Low		
Very wet, waterlogged	Low	N deposition (kg ha⁻¹ year⁻¹)	
Waterlogged	Low	>20	High
Well drained	Medium	20 - 10	Medium
Well drained lateritic red and yellow earth soils with highly weathered sands	Low	<10	Low
Well drained, acidic sandy loam with some poorly drained peat soils	Low		
Well drained, stonefree, fine sandy loam materials	Medium	N mineralization (kg ha⁻¹ year⁻¹)	
Wet sandy soil with humus and/or iron B horizon (Al buffer region).	Medium	4.4	Low
		34	Low
		65	Medium
Soil pH		122	High
0 - 5	Low		
5.1 - 6	Medium		
6.1 - 8	High	Foliar N%	
		>2%	High
Soil N%		2 - 1%	Medium
>0.8%	High	<1%	Low
>0.1%	Medium		
<0.1%	Low	Foliar P%	
		0.07%	Low

272 **Table S4.**

Dependent variable	Model selection	AIC	Correct cases	Failed cases	Success (%)
Nutrient status	Saturated	110	92	0	100%
Nutrient status	Stepwise	37	91	1	99%
Report	Saturated	130	55	3	95%
Report	Stepwise	37	54	4	93%

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275 **List of Models**

276 Here, we present the minimum adequate models exposed in Table 1 followed by its homologous final model
 277 achieved by the model averaging procedure. Predictor variables were: GPP, Nutrient availability (NA), Age,
 278 Management (MNG), and its interactions up to second order, MAT, MAP and WD. Forests whose category
 279 of management was not managed or unmanaged were excluded. In model averaging summaries, R imp
 280 indicates the relative importance of the variables in the final model.

281 **General Model**

282 **NEP (Fig. 1)**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
Intercept	-1056	219.8	-4.803	0.0000124	***
gpp	0.8679	0.1235	7.029	3.38E-09	***
age	4.76	1.319	3.609	0.000664	***
nutrient.classLOW	934.9	229.4	4.076	0.000149	***
mat	20.67	6.186	3.342	0.001502	**
gpp:age	-0.00293	0.0007656	-3.828	0.000333	***
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	-0.6802	0.1318	-5.162	0.00000346	***
age:nutrient.classLOW	-1.862	0.7679	-2.425	0.018614	*

R²= 0.7356 adj R²= 0.702

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R ²
(Intercept)	809163	1	23.0691	0.00001244	***	
gpp	1732864	1	49.4036	3.384E-09	***	0.18
age	456867	1	13.0252	0.0006645	***	0.03
nutrient.class	582787	1	16.6151	0.0001486	***	0.19
mat	391717	1	11.1678	0.0015015	**	0.09
gpp:age	513890	1	14.6509	0.0003332	***	0.09
gpp:nutrient.class	934745	1	26.6494	3.465E-06	***	0.15
age:nutrient.class	206289	1	5.8813	0.0186138	*	0.01
Residuals	1929161	55				

283 **NEP model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	-935.8	239.8	244.1	3.833	0.00013	*** (Intercept)	1.00
age	3.947	2.058	2.075	1.902	0.05715	. gpp	1.00
gpp	0.7856	0.1379	0.1404	5.597	<0.00001	*** gpp:NA	1.00
mat	18.69	6.871	7.011	2.667	0.00766	** NA	1.00
NA.LOW	731.9	287.5	291.9	2.507	0.01217	* mat	0.97
age:gpp	-0.00284	0.00081	0.000824	3.445	0.00057	*** MNG	0.62
age:NA.LOW	-1.865	0.7762	0.7939	2.349	0.01881	* gpp:MNG	0.55
gpp:NA.LOW	-0.5897	0.164	0.1668	3.536	0.00041	*** age	0.53
MNG.UM	280.4	156.1	158.2	1.773	0.07628	. wd	0.50
wd	2.738	1.733	1.768	1.549	0.12146	. age:gpp	0.45
gpp:MNG.UM	-0.2451	0.0736	0.07525	3.257	0.00112	** age:NA	0.42
MNG.UM:NA.LOW	-72.39	136	139.1	0.52	0.60276	map	0.15
map	-0.0281	0.09175	0.0938	0.3	0.76454	MNG:NA	0.08
						age:MNG	0.00

16 models $\Delta < 4$

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285 **Re (Fig. 2)**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	1097	228.8	4.794	0.0000129	***
gpp	0.09329	0.1285	0.726	0.471097	
age	-4.788	1.373	-3.487	0.000968	***
nutrient.classLOW	-955.6	238.8	-4.002	0.00019	***
mat	-17.02	6.44	-2.643	0.010676	*
gpp:age	0.00294	0.000797	3.688	0.000519	***
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	0.6805	0.1372	4.961	0.00000712	***
age:nutrient.classLOW	1.967	0.7995	2.46	0.017077	*

R²= 0.9108 adj R²= 0.8995

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R ²
(Intercept)	873556	1	22.9785	0.00001286	***	
gpp	20021	1	0.5266	0.4710968		0.64
age	462225	1	12.1587	0.0009684	***	0.01
nutrient.class	608864	1	16.0159	0.0001896	***	0.03
mat	265614	1	6.9869	0.0106758	*	0.16
gpp:age	517154	1	13.6035	0.0005186	***	0.03
gpp:nutrient.class	935495	1	24.6078	7.125E-06	***	0.05
age:nutrient.class	230005	1	6.0502	0.0170767	*	0.01
Residuals	2090888	55				

286 **Re model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	1028	252.1	256.7	4.004	6.2E-05	*** (Intercept)	1.00
age	-4.61	1.463	1.492	3.089	0.00201	** gpp	1.00
gpp	0.1505	0.1434	0.146	1.031	0.30247	NA	1.00
mat	-15.27	7.095	7.242	2.108	0.03502	* gpp:NA	1.00
NA.LOW	-765.2	303.2	307.8	2.486	0.01293	* mat	0.85
age:gpp	0.00283	0.00083	0.00085	3.332	0.00086	*** age	0.71
age:NA.LOW	1.971	0.8094	0.8277	2.382	0.01723	* age:gpp	0.71
gpp:NA.LOW	0.5838	0.1719	0.1747	3.342	0.00083	*** age:NA	0.68
wd	-3.12	1.809	1.845	1.691	0.09077	. wd	0.59
MNG.UM	-214.4	164.1	165.9	1.292	0.1963	MNG	0.39
gpp:MNG.UM	0.2253	0.07724	0.07896	2.853	0.00434	** gpp:MNG	0.29
map	0.05755	0.09505	0.09721	0.592	0.55382	map	0.15
MNG.UM:NA.LOW	76.51	142	145.3	0.527	0.59841	MNG:NA	0.03
						age:MNG	0.00

13 models $\Delta < 4$

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288 **Models weighted by the uncertainty of the estimates (Supplementary Fig. 5)**

289 **NEP**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-848.4	226.4	-3.747	0.000431	***
gpp	0.7368	0.1328	5.548	8.53E-07	***
age	5.099	1.522	3.349	0.001468	**
nutrient.classLOW	719.1	240.9	2.985	0.004221	**
mat	17.79	6.842	2.6	0.011953	*
gpp:age	-0.00308	0.0009198	-3.346	0.001484	**
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	-0.515	0.1536	-3.352	0.001457	**
age:nutrient.classLOW	-2.288	0.8235	-2.778	0.007462	**

R²= 0.614 adj R²= 0.5648

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R ²
(Intercept)	15401	1	14.0377	0.0004313	***	
gpp	33773	1	30.783	8.532E-07	***	0.20
age	12308	1	11.2187	0.0014678	**	0.02
nutrient.class	9778	1	8.9126	0.0042208	**	0.14
mat	7416	1	6.7591	0.011953	*	0.08
gpp:age	12281	1	11.1935	0.0014844	**	0.06
gpp:nutrient.class	12327	1	11.2351	0.001457	**	0.08
age:nutrient.class	8469	1	7.7187	0.0074616	**	0.03
Residuals	60343	55				

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291 **NEP model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	1028	252.1	256.7	4.004	6.2E-05	*** (Intercept)	1.00
age	-4.61	1.463	1.492	3.089	0.00201	** gpp	1.00
gpp	0.1505	0.1434	0.146	1.031	0.30247	NA	1.00
mat	-15.27	7.095	7.242	2.108	0.03502	* gpp:NA	1.00
NA.LOW	-765.2	303.2	307.8	2.486	0.01293	* mat	0.85
age:gpp	0.002829	0.00083	0.000849	3.332	0.00086	*** age	0.71
age:NA.LOW	1.971	0.8094	0.8277	2.382	0.01723	* age:gpp	0.71
gpp:NA.LOW	0.5838	0.1719	0.1747	3.342	0.00083	*** age:NA	0.68
wd	-3.12	1.809	1.845	1.691	0.09077	. wd	0.59
MNG.UM	-214.4	164.1	165.9	1.292	0.1963	MNG	0.39
gpp:MNG.UM	0.2253	0.07724	0.07896	2.853	0.00434	** gpp:MNG	0.29
map	0.05755	0.09505	0.09721	0.592	0.55382	map	0.15
MNG.UM:NA.LOW	76.51	142	145.3	0.527	0.59841	MNG:NA	0.03
						age:MNG	0.00

13 models $\Delta < 4$

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294 **Re**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	843.6	226	3.733	0.000451 ***
gpp	0.257	0.1309	1.963	0.054717 .
age	-4.752	1.544	-3.078	0.003249 **
nutrient.classLOW	-710.6	240.3	-2.957	0.004569 **
mat	-14.44	6.942	-2.08	0.042228 *
gpp:age	0.002832	0.0009312	3.041	0.003608 **
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	0.5055	0.1522	3.321	0.001596 **
age:nutrient.classLOW	2.252	0.8341	2.7	0.009199 **

R²= 0.8781 adj R²= 0.8626

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)	R ²
(Intercept)	10232	1	13.9334	0.0004507 ***	
gpp	2830	1	3.8532	0.0547171 .	0.65
age	6956	1	9.4726	0.0032495 **	0.00
nutrient.class	6421	1	8.7445	0.0045687 **	0.02
mat	3176	1	4.3251	0.0422277 *	0.15
gpp:age	6791	1	9.2477	0.0036078 **	0.02
gpp:nutrient.class	8101	1	11.032	0.0015956 **	0.03
age:nutrient.class	5353	1	7.2893	0.009199 **	0.01
Residuals	40389	55			

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296 **Re model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	787.1	271	275.3	2.858	0.00426 **	(Intercept)	1.00
age	-4.66	1.566	1.602	2.91	0.00362 **	gpp	1.00
gpp	0.2976	0.1511	0.1536	1.937	0.05273 .	NA	1.00
mat	-13.85	7.181	7.34	1.887	0.05921 .	gpp:NA	0.97
NA.LOW	-557	302.8	307	1.814	0.06964 .	mat	0.73
age:gpp	0.00279	0.00094	0.00097	2.889	0.00387 **	age	0.70
age:NA.LOW	2.252	0.8484	0.8675	2.596	0.00942 **	age:gpp	0.70
gpp:NA.LOW	0.4508	0.1705	0.1735	2.598	0.00938 **	age:NA	0.70
wd	-2.856	1.872	1.913	1.493	0.1354	wd	0.51
MNG.UM	-185.5	162	163.9	1.132	0.25761	MNG	0.30
gpp:MNG.UM	0.2135	0.09021	0.09213	2.317	0.02049 *	gpp:MNG	0.22
map	-0.03157	0.08994	0.09188	0.344	0.73117	map	0.11
						age:MNG	0.00
						MNG:NA	0.00

15 models $\Delta < 4$

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299 **Models forests Eddy Covariance data**

300 **NEP**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-575.607	257.70547	-2.234	0.029924	*
gpp	0.58016	0.1567	3.702	0.000525	***
nutrient.classLOW	468.7595	281.1306	1.667	0.101563	
managementUM	321.0978	119.82562	2.68	0.009896	**
mat	18.41545	7.09241	2.597	0.012274	*
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	-0.43306	0.18555	-2.334	0.02358	*
gpp:managementUM	-0.25613	0.07463	-3.432	0.001197	**

R²= 0.58 adj R²= 0.5306

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R ²
(Intercept)	181821	1	4.9889	0.029924	*	
gpp	499578	1	13.7077	0.000525	***	0.18
nutrient.class	101326	1	2.7803	0.101563		0.11
management	261706	1	7.1808	0.009896	**	0.04
mat	245706	1	6.7418	0.012274	*	0.09
gpp:nutrient.class	198516	1	5.447	0.02358	*	0.06
gpp:management	429267	1	11.7785	0.001197	**	0.11
Residuals	1858698	51				

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302 **NEP model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	-541.6	328.6	333.1	1.626	0.10396	(Intercept)	1.00
gpp	0.5573	0.1879	0.1907	2.922	0.00348	gpp	1.00
MNG.UM	328.7	130.2	133.2	2.467	0.01361	NA	1.00
mat	17.67	7.436	7.606	2.323	0.02018	MNG	0.91
NA.LOW	391.7	370.2	374.8	1.045	0.29596	gpp:MNG	0.91
gpp:MNG.UM	-0.2623	0.07625	0.07807	3.36	0.00078	mat	0.90
gpp:NA.LOW	-0.4468	0.1904	0.1948	2.293	0.02183	gpp:NA	0.83
wd	1.995	1.977	2.023	0.986	0.32403	age	0.18
MNG.UM:NA.LOW	-91.61	138.1	141.5	0.648	0.51729	wd	0.18
age	2.343	2.424	2.434	0.963	0.33564	MNG:NA	0.11
age:gpp	-0.00275	0.0008	0.000822	3.341	0.00083	age:gpp	0.09
age:NA.LOW	-1.928	0.799	0.8188	2.354	0.01855	age:NA	0.09
map	0.02251	0.09908	0.1015	0.222	0.82458	map	0.08
						age:MNG	0.00

9 models $\Delta < 4$

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305 **Re**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	627.57583	260.16476	2.412	0.01949 *
gpp	0.38836	0.1582	2.455	0.01754 *
nutrient.classLOW	-522.60114	283.81343	-1.841	0.07139 .
managementUM	-314.55694	120.96911	-2.6	0.01215 *
mat	-17.83373	7.16009	-2.491	0.01605 *
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	0.46899	0.18732	2.504	0.01554 *
gpp:managementUM	0.2495	0.07534	3.311	0.00171 **

R²= 0.9163 adj R²= 0.9065

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)	R ²
(Intercept)	216134	1	5.8188	0.01949 *	
gpp	223853	1	6.0266	0.01754 *	0.67
nutrient.class	125940	1	3.3906	0.07139 .	0.01
management	251153	1	6.7616	0.01215 *	0.01
mat	230428	1	6.2036	0.01605 *	0.19
gpp:nutrient.class	232822	1	6.2681	0.01554 *	0.01
gpp:management	407320	1	10.966	0.00171 **	0.02
Residuals	1894342	51			

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307 **Re model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	643	310.3	315.7	2.037	0.04166 *	(Intercept)	1.00
gpp	0.3806	0.1769	0.1803	2.111	0.03475 *	gpp	1.00
MNG.UM	-321.6	134.1	137.2	2.344	0.01908 *	NA	1.00
mat	-17.6	7.308	7.486	2.351	0.01871 *	gpp:NA	0.95
NA.LOW	-509.2	338.6	344.3	1.479	0.1391	mat	0.90
gpp:MNG.UM	0.2514	0.07647	0.07833	3.21	0.00133 **	MNG	0.89
gpp:NA.LOW	0.4727	0.1973	0.2017	2.344	0.01908 *	gpp:MNG	0.89
wd	-1.792	1.933	1.981	0.905	0.36569	age	0.20
MNG.UM:NA.LOW	109.1	139.1	142.6	0.765	0.44426	wd	0.14
age	-2.459	2.41	2.421	1.016	0.3098	MNG:NA	0.12
age:gpp	0.00268	0.00081	0.00083	3.236	0.00121 **	age:gpp	0.11
age:NA.LOW	1.953	0.8048	0.8247	2.367	0.01791 *	age:NA	0.11
map	-0.01641	0.1001	0.1025	0.16	0.87287	map	0.09
						age:MNG	0.00

8 models $\Delta < 4$

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310 **Models without nutrient status**

311 **NEP**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-594.399	133.86874	-4.44	4.1E-05	***
gpp	0.511744	0.0616439	8.302	1.9E-11	***
managementUM	355.4655	131.84313	2.696	0.00917	**
wd	5.280222	1.6748899	3.153	0.00256	**
gpp:managementUM	-0.36777	0.0796442	-4.62	2.2E-05	***

R²= 0.5974 adj R²= 0.5697

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R ²
(Intercept)	998461	1	19.7151	4.09E-05	***	
gpp	3490265	1	68.9169	1.92E-11	***	0.31
management	368140	1	7.2691	0.009166	**	0.08
wd	503344	1	9.9388	0.002562	**	0.05
gpp:management	1079913	1	21.3234	2.20E-05	***	0.15
Residuals	2937383	58				

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313 **NEP model averaging**

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	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R
(Intercept)	-571.522	154.13	157.1015	3.638	0.00028	*** (Intercept)	1.00
gpp	0.51726	0.06999	0.07143	7.241	2.0E-16	*** gpp	1.00
MNG.UM	331.4987	138.953	141.85	2.337	0.01944	* MNG	1.00
wd	5.23634	1.73593	1.7725	2.954	0.00314	** gpp:MNG	1.00
gpp:MNG.UM	-0.3526	0.08492	0.08666	4.069	4.7E-05	*** wd	1.00
map	-0.11618	0.09751	0.09959	1.167	0.24337	map	0.38
age	0.3439	0.45327	0.46312	0.743	0.45774	age	0.22
mat	3.80219	7.9414	8.10027	0.469	0.63879	mat	0.19
						age:gpp	0.00
						age:MNG	0.00

6 models $\Delta < 4$

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318 **Re**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	608.429056	137.84864	4.414	0.0000448	***
gpp	0.4893964	0.0634765	7.71	1.88E-10	***
managementUM	-348.463312	135.7628	-2.567	0.01287	*
wd	-5.4720214	1.7246841	-3.173	0.00242	**
gpp:managementUM	0.3532584	0.082012	4.307	0.0000646	***

$R^2 = 0.8672$ $adj R^2 = 0.858$

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R^2
(Intercept)	1046150	1	19.481	4.48E-05	***	
gpp	3192086	1	59.442	1.88E-10	***	0.70
management	353779	1	6.588	0.01287	*	0.02
wd	540575	1	10.066	0.002415	**	0.11
gpp:management	996345	1	18.554	6.46E-05	***	0.04
Residuals	3114635	58				

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320 **Re model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R
(Intercept)	553.652	163.49	166.527	3.325	0.00089	*** (Intercept)	1.00
gpp	0.46987	0.07201	0.07349	6.393	2.0E-16	*** gpp	1.00
MNG.UM	-301.36	144.967	147.921	2.037	0.04162	* MNG	1.00
map	0.16497	0.09806	0.10018	1.647	0.09961	. gpp:MNG	1.00
wd	-5.33181	1.77344	1.811	2.944	0.00324	** wd	1.00
gpp:MNG.UM	0.31923	0.0905	0.09226	3.46	0.00054	*** map	0.57
mat	-1.60924	8.40043	8.56236	0.188	0.85092	mat	0.18
age	-0.27027	0.46671	0.47681	0.567	0.57084	age	0.20
						age:gpp	0.00
						age:MNG	0.00

6 models $\Delta < 4$

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323 **Models excluding forests with GPP>2500**

324 **NEP (Fig. 1)**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
Intercept)	-862.685	196.8156	-4.383	0.0000557	***
gpp	0.7604	0.1203	6.32	5.59E-08	***
nutrient.classLOW	441.8157	226.904	1.947	0.05682	.
wd	4.2971	1.5516	2.77	0.00772	**
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	-0.4184	0.1396	-2.998	0.00413	**

R²= 0.7179 adj R²= 0.6966

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R ²
(Intercept)	706098	1	19.2125	0.00005568	***	
gpp	1467744	1	39.9365	5.592E-08	***	0.44
nutrient.class	139341	1	3.7914	0.056824	.	0.17
wd	281899	1	7.6703	0.007721	**	0.05
gpp:nutrient.class	330378	1	8.9894	0.004128	**	0.06
Residuals	1947852	53				

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326 **NEP model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	-869.3	197.7	202.4	4.295	1.7E-05	*** (Intercept)	1.00
gpp	0.7416	0.1187	0.1215	6.105	<0.00001	*** gpp	1.00
mat	17.13	6.702	6.847	2.502	0.01233	* NA	1.00
NA.LOW	700.2	250.3	255.2	2.744	0.00607	** gpp:NA	1.00
wd	2.96	1.667	1.705	1.737	0.08247	. mat	0.95
gpp:NA.LOW	-0.5919	0.1571	0.1602	3.696	0.00022	*** wd	0.63
age	0.4008	0.6631	0.6738	0.595	0.55191	age	0.20
MNG.UM	28.78	57.71	59.08	0.487	0.6262	MNG	0.15
map	0.003563	0.09553	0.09778	0.036	0.97093	map	0.13
age:gpp	-0.00076	0.00076	0.000778	0.982	0.32601	age:gpp	0.04
						age:MNG	0.00
						age:NA	0.00
						gpp:MNG	0.00
						MNG:NA	0.00

10 models $\Delta < 4$

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329 **Re (Fig. 2)**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	904.8063	195.6001	4.626	0.0000244	***
gpp	0.2193	0.1196	1.834	0.07224	.
nutrient.classLOW	-460.8056	225.5027	-2.043	0.04599	*
wd	-4.3754	1.542	-2.838	0.00643	**
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	0.4221	0.1387	3.043	0.00364	**

R²= 0.7411 adj R²= 0.7215

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)	R ²
(Intercept)	776734	1	21.398	0.00002441	***
gpp	122124	1	3.3644	0.072238	.
nutrient.class	151576	1	4.1757	0.045992	*
wd	292264	1	8.0515	0.006429	**
gpp:nutrient.class	336102	1	9.2592	0.003641	**
Residuals	1923867	53			

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331 **Re model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	911.146	200.906	205.649	4.431	9.4E-06	*** (Intercept)	1.00
gpp	0.22852	0.12099	0.12381	1.846	0.06494	. gpp	1.00
mat	-12.4522	6.86698	7.01552	1.775	0.07591	. NA	1.00
NA.LOW	-586.236	259.596	264.532	2.216	0.02668	* gpp:NA	1.00
wd	-3.77785	1.69819	1.73473	2.178	0.02942	* wd	0.86
gpp:NA.LOW	0.50671	0.16353	0.16657	3.042	0.00235	** mat	0.63
age	-0.14644	0.34228	0.35019	0.418	0.67582	MNG	0.17
MNG.UM	-24.049	60.7591	62.0809	0.387	0.69847	age	0.14
map	-0.01268	0.09794	0.10008	0.127	0.89922	map	0.13
						age:gpp	0.00
						age:MNG	0.00
						age:NA	0.00
						gpp:MNG	0.00
						MNG:NA	0.00

10 models $\Delta < 4$

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334 **Weighted models excluding forests with GPP>2500**

335 **NEP**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
Intercept)	-567.832	201.3927	-2.82	0.00675	**
gpp	0.5898	0.1245	4.737	0.0000167	***
nutrient.classLOW	484.8521	235.3754	2.06	0.04433	*
mat	16.0388	6.577	2.439	0.01813	*
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	-0.4356	0.1585	-2.748	0.00818	**

R²= 0.6143 adj R²= 0.5852

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R ²
(Intercept)	8623	1	7.9497	0.00675	**	
gpp	24335	1	22.435	0.00001666	***	0.34
nutrient.class	4603	1	4.2432	0.044333	*	0.11
mat	6450	1	5.9468	0.018128	*	0.12
gpp:nutrient.class	8191	1	7.5515	0.008178	**	0.05
Residuals	57488	53				

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337 **NEP model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	-630.542	240.08	244.2723	2.581	0.00984	** (Intercept)	1.00
gpp	0.58475	0.13469	0.13717	4.263	2E-05	*** gpp	1.00
mat	13.9113	7.15618	7.30633	1.904	0.05691	. NA	1.00
NA.LOW	313.3486	302.626	306.4643	1.022	0.30656	gpp:NA	0.87
wd	3.69658	1.81166	1.85251	1.995	0.04599	* wd	0.76
gpp:NA.LOW	-0.37807	0.17028	0.17373	2.176	0.02954	* mat	0.75
map	0.07223	0.08776	0.08967	0.806	0.4205	map	0.19
MNG.UM	29.63878	54.6654	55.95706	0.53	0.59634	MNG	0.12
age	0.11882	0.35025	0.35868	0.331	0.74045	age	0.10
						age:gpp	0.00
						age:MNG	0.00
						age:NA	0.00
						gpp:MNG	0.00
						MNG:NA	0.00

12 models $\Delta < 4$

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339 **Re**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	330.71463	132.59705	2.494	0.01572 *
gpp	0.58081	0.05895	9.852	1.16E-13 ***
nutrient.classLOW	170.1716	56.38605	3.018	0.00388 **
wd	-3.91987	1.78531	-2.196	0.03243 *

R²= 0.7128 adj R²= 0.6968

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)	R ²
(Intercept)	4639	1	6.2207	0.01572 *	
gpp	72381	1	97.0636	1.156E-13 ***	0.58
nutrient.class	6792	1	9.1082	0.003878 **	0.03
wd	3595	1	4.8208	0.032435 *	0.11
Residuals	40268	54			

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341 **Re model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	614.725	234.124	238.326	2.579	0.0099 **	(Intercept)	1.00
gpp	0.40001	0.13299	0.13544	2.953	0.00314 **	gpp	1.00
mat	-11.4335	7.2117	7.36514	1.552	0.12057	NA	1.00
NA.LOW	-303.751	284.67	288.541	1.053	0.29247	gpp:NA	0.90
wd	-3.46331	1.80117	1.8424	1.88	0.06014 .	wd	0.72
gpp:NA.LOW	0.35391	0.16485	0.16807	2.106	0.03523 *	mat	0.56
map	-0.04307	0.08784	0.08976	0.48	0.63136	MNG	0.14
MNG.UM	-19.3384	58.1629	59.4065	0.326	0.74478	map	0.14
age	-0.05802	0.34906	0.35716	0.162	0.87094	age	0.12
						age:gpp	0.00
						age:MNG	0.00
						age:NA	0.00
						gpp:MNG	0.00
						MNG:NA	0.00

15 models $\Delta < 4$

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343 **Models using only managed forests**

344 **NEP**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-857.573	205.9132	-4.165	0.000201	***
gpp	0.7092	0.1253	5.661	0.00000237	***
nutrient.classLOW	257.9824	249.5965	1.034	0.308621	
wd	6.39	1.8149	3.521	0.001247	**
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	-0.2955	0.1474	-2.005	0.053009	.

$R^2 = 0.7857$ $\text{adj } R^2 = 0.7605$

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R^2
(Intercept)	619836	1	17.345	0.0002014	***	
gpp	1145367	1	32.0511	2.372E-06	***	0.52
nutrient.class	38177	1	1.0683	0.3086206		0.14
wd	443006	1	12.3967	0.0012471	**	0.09
gpp:nutrient.class	143617	1	4.0189	0.0530094	.	0.04
Residuals	1215014	34				

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346 **NEP model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	-872.4	254.7	261.1	3.341	0.00083	*** (Intercept)	1.00
gpp	0.6644	0.1388	0.1426	4.66	3.2E-06	*** gpp	1.00
mat	16.51	9.362	9.723	1.698	0.08957	. NA.	1.00
NA.LOW	282.1	334.3	341	0.827	0.408	wd	1.00
wd	6.396	2.165	2.229	2.869	0.00412	** gpp:NA	0.85
gpp:NA.LOW	-0.3741	0.172	0.1776	2.107	0.03516	* mat	0.49
age	0.9862	0.8297	0.8554	1.153	0.24892	age	0.46
age:NA.LOW	-1.362	1.124	1.168	1.166	0.24349	map	0.13
map	-0.02869	0.118	0.1222	0.235	0.81435	age:NA	0.11
age:gpp	0.00027	0.00105	0.001097	0.246	0.80581	age:gpp	0.03

13 models $\Delta < 4$

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349 **Re**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	909.3045	208.0546	4.371	0.000111	***
gpp	0.2617	0.1266	2.067	0.04639	*
nutrient.classLOW	-323.2086	252.1922	-1.282	0.208656	
wd	-6.2747	1.8337	-3.422	0.001636	**
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	0.3361	0.1489	2.257	0.03055	*

R²= 0.8121 adj R²= 0.79

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)	R ²
(Intercept)	696872	1	19.1014	0.0001107	***
gpp	155911	1	4.2735	0.0463903	*
nutrient.class	59923	1	1.6425	0.2086559	
wd	427173	1	11.7089	0.0016363	**
gpp:nutrient.class	185837	1	5.0938	0.0305504	*
Residuals	1240417	34			

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351 **Re model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	928.819	249.516	256.331	3.624	0.00029	*** (Intercept)	1.00
gpp	0.29454	0.14175	0.14572	2.021	0.04325	* gpp	1.00
NA.LOW	-353.056	325.228	332.658	1.061	0.28855	NA	1.00
wd	-6.27146	2.166	2.23117	2.811	0.00494	** wd	1.00
gpp:NA.LOW	0.3958	0.17112	0.17674	2.239	0.02513	* gpp:NA	0.90
mat	-15.2377	9.50801	9.87347	1.543	0.12276	mat	0.44
age	-1.00995	0.8149	0.83836	1.205	0.22833	age	0.41
age:NA.LOW	1.42601	1.14127	1.18605	1.202	0.22924	age:NA	0.12
map	0.03553	0.11456	0.11897	0.299	0.76523	map	0.10
						age:gpp	0.00

10 models $\Delta < 4$

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354 **Models using an alternative nutrient availability classification**

355 **NEP**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
Intercept)	-926.2	195.4	-4.74	0.0000165	***
gpp	0.7644	0.1093	6.994	4.6E-09	***
age	5.143	1.253	4.104	0.000141	***
alternutrLOW	769.5	203	3.79	0.000387	***
mat	20.21	5.225	3.869	0.000302	***
gpp:age	-0.00337	0.0007395	-4.557	0.0000309	***
gpp:alternutrLOW	-0.5263	0.1166	-4.515	0.0000357	***
age:alternutrLOW	-1.918	0.7773	-2.468	0.016854	*

$R^2 = 0.7553$ $adj R^2 = 0.723$

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R^2
Intercept)	623153	1	22.4697	0.00001645	***	
gpp	1356752	1	48.9219	4.604E-09	***	0.25
age	467161	1	16.8449	0.0001407	***	0.04
alternutr	398366	1	14.3643	0.000387	***	0.12
mat	415043	1	14.9657	0.0003016	***	0.11
gpp:age	575924	1	20.7667	0.00003088	***	0.1
gpp:alternutr	565233	1	20.3812	0.0000357	***	0.11
age:alternutr	168904	1	6.0903	0.0168544	*	0.02
Residuals	1469850	53				

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357 **NEP model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R
Intercept	-924.6	208.3	212.8	4.344	1.4E-05	*** (Intercept)	1.00
age	5	1.387	1.413	3.539	0.0004	*** age	1.00
alternutrLOW	761.1	213.8	218.6	3.482	0.0005	*** alternutr	1.00
gpp	0.7599	0.1127	0.1152	6.598	2E-16	*** gpp	1.00
mat	20.18	5.445	5.572	3.622	0.00029	*** mat	1.00
age:alternutrLOW	-1.943	0.7858	0.8042	2.416	0.01571	* age:gpp	1.00
age:gpp	-0.00331	0.0008	0.000812	4.077	4.6E-05	*** alternutr:gpp	1.00
alternutrLOW:gpp	-0.5283	0.1217	0.1245	4.244	2.2E-05	*** age:alternutr	0.93
map	0.05238	0.08533	0.08736	0.6	0.54879	map	0.15
MNG.UM	25.84	60.62	62.06	0.416	0.67716	MNG	0.14
wd	0.508	1.615	1.653	0.307	0.7586	wd	0.13
						age:MNG	0.00
						alternutr:MNG	0.00
						gpp:MNG	0.00

5 models $\Delta < 4$

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360 **Re**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	977.7	198	4.939	0.00000824	***
gpp	0.2071	0.1107	1.87	0.067002	.
age	-5.106	1.27	-4.022	0.000184	***
alternutrLOW	-828.8	205.7	-4.029	0.00018	***
mat	-19.72	5.294	-3.725	0.000475	***
gpp:age	0.003305	0.0007492	4.41	0.0000508	***
gpp:alternutrLOW	0.5626	0.1181	4.763	0.0000152	***
age:alternutrLOW	1.975	0.7876	2.508	0.015246	*

R²= 0.9122 adj R²= 0.9006

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R ²
(Intercept)	694393	1	24.3888	8.243E-06	***	
gpp	99570	1	3.4971	0.0670024	.	0.67
age	460518	1	16.1745	0.0001841	***	0.01
alternutr	462143	1	16.2316	0.0001799	***	0.02
mat	395084	1	13.8763	0.0004749	***	0.13
gpp:age	553836	1	19.4521	0.0000508	***	0.04
gpp:alternutr	645866	1	22.6844	0.00001521	***	0.04
age:alternutr	179061	1	6.2891	0.0152462	*	0.01
Residuals	1509004	53				

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362 **Re model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	988.9	205.1	209.8	4.713	2.4E-06	*** (Intercept)	1.00
age	-5.131	1.284	1.314	3.905	9.4E-05	*** age	1.00
alternutrLOW	-830.8	212.8	217.7	3.815	0.00014	*** alternutr	1.00
gpp	0.2053	0.1117	0.1143	1.796	0.07251	. gpp	1.00
mat	-19.53	5.501	5.63	3.469	0.00052	*** mat	1.00
age:alternutrLOW	1.996	0.7959	0.8146	2.451	0.01425	* age:alternutr	1.00
age:gpp	0.00332	0.00076	0.00078	4.272	1.9E-05	*** age:gpp	1.00
alternutrLOW:gpp	0.5642	0.1231	0.126	4.479	7.5E-06	*** alternutr:gpp	1.00
map	-0.04651	0.08653	0.08859	0.525	0.59959	map	0.16
MNG.UM	-24.53	61.43	62.9	0.39	0.69654	MNG	0.15
wd	-0.5608	1.636	1.675	0.335	0.7377	wd	0.14
						age:MNG	0.00
						alternutr:MNG	0.00
						gpp:MNG	0.00

4 models $\Delta < 4$

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365 **Models with the factors extracted from the nutrient classification**

366 **NEP**

	Estimate	Std.Err	β	β Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-269.131	88.209304	0	0	-3.051	0.00346	**
f1	-27.8263	25.151078	-0.358	0.3235612	-1.106	0.27322	
gpp	0.414041	0.0556693	0.87959	0.1182636	7.438	<.0001	***
managementUM	269.0477	124.50198	0.38392	0.1776568	2.161	0.03491	*
f1:gpp	0.030442	0.0129536	0.7639	0.3250582	2.35	0.02226	*
gpp:managementUM	-0.2593	0.0770538	-0.6833	0.2030509	-3.365	0.00137	**
	R2= 0.6811		adj R2= 0.6532				

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R2
(Intercept)	379989	1	9.3089	0.003459	**	
f1	49966	1	1.224	0.273216		0.23008
gpp	2258026	1	55.3167	5.93E-10	***	0.25579
management	190625	1	4.6699	0.034912	*	0.05029
f1:gpp	225437	1	5.5227	0.022257	*	0.05242
gpp:management	462245	1	11.324	0.001374	**	0.09254
Residuals	2326737	57				

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368 **NEP model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	-283.9	117.3	119.3	2.38	0.01733	*	(Intercept) 1.00
f1	-23.95	29.63	30.08	0.796	0.42587		F1 1.00
gpp	0.3949	0.0736	0.07487	5.274	1.00E-07	***	gpp 1.00
managementUM	287.8	129	131.8	2.184	0.02897	*	MNG 1.00
f1:gpp	0.03079	0.01348	0.01376	2.236	0.02532	*	F1:GPP 0.91
gpp:managementUM	-0.2697	0.07942	0.08109	3.326	0.00088	***	gpp:MNG 1.00
mat	8.61	6.457	6.599	1.305	0.19198		mat 0.40
wd	1.836	1.88	1.917	0.958	0.33831		wd 0.23
f1:managementUM	10.99	24.14	24.68	0.445	0.65613		age 0.14
age	0.1778	0.4022	0.411	0.433	0.66526		f1:MNG 0.11
map	-0.00703	0.09706	0.09907	0.071	0.94347		map 0.11

13 models $\Delta < 4$

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371 **Re**

	Estimate	Std.Err	β	β Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	262.962863	95.062739	0	0	2.766	0.007595	**
fl	-29.580566	6.7969963	-0.2122776	0.04877697	-4.352	5.54E-05	***
gpp	0.592046	0.0600396	0.7015992	0.0711494	9.861	5.20E-14	***
managementUM	-354.527459	127.54614	-0.2821977	0.10152452	-2.78	0.007325	**
gpp:managementUM	0.3044804	0.0785227	0.4475773	0.11542614	3.878	0.000272	***
	R2= 0.8825	adj R2= 0.8744					

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R2
(Intercept)	363520	1	7.6519	0.0075953	**	
fl	899786	1	18.94	5.54E-05	***	0.04064662
gpp	4619512	1	97.2379	5.20E-14	***	0.79499854
management	367050	1	7.7262	0.0073248	**	0.01205423
gpp:management	714312	1	15.0358	0.0002716	***	0.03479453
Residuals	2755424	58				

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373 **Re model averaging**

	Estimate	SE	Adj SE	z val	Pr(> z)	Variables	R Imp
(Intercept)	304.659	129.075	131.275	2.321	0.0203	*	(Intercept) 1.00
fl	23.8269	30.8621	31.3221	0.761	0.4468		F1 1.00
gpp	0.5864	0.06759	0.06894	8.506	<2e-16	***	gpp 1.00
managementUM	-269.56	134.21	137.027	1.967	0.0492	*	MNG 1.00
fl:gpp	-0.03089	0.01409	0.01439	2.146	0.0319	*	F1:GPP 0.89
gpp:managementUM	0.24987	0.08332	0.08504	2.938	0.0033	**	gpp:MNG 1.00
wd	-2.08056	1.89952	1.93923	1.073	0.2833		wd 0.30
mat	-5.51703	6.9059	7.05402	0.782	0.4341		mat 0.18
map	0.05393	0.09743	0.09953	0.542	0.5879		map 0.15
fl:managementUM	-10.2502	25.1642	25.7219	0.398	0.6903		fl:MNG 0.11
age	-0.10723	0.41819	0.42727	0.251	0.8018		age 0.11

13 models $\Delta < 4$

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376 **Models using the “medium” nutrient availability category**

377 **NEP**

	Estimate	Std.Err	β	β Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-650.147	207.74185	0	0	-3.13	0.00221	**
gpp	0.689827	0.1239448	1.68764	0.30322786	5.566	1.66E-07	***
nutrient.classLOW	258.9967	227.36606	0.41185	0.36154805	1.139	0.25696	
nutrient.classMEDIUM	391.1855	238.17323	0.56405	0.34342186	1.642	0.10316	
managementOTHR	110.4697	116.18876	0.13705	0.14414666	0.951	0.34366	
managementUM	270.503	103.77753	0.38345	0.14710976	2.607	0.01032	*
wd	3.125687	1.1435189	0.20683	0.07566875	2.733	0.00723	**
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	-0.32062	0.1365047	-1.0328	0.43971008	-2.349	0.0205	*
gpp:nutrient.classMEDIUM	-0.37808	0.1422941	-0.8666	0.32615306	-2.657	0.00898	**
gpp:managementOTHR	-0.20223	0.0766118	-0.3909	0.14808735	-2.64	0.00942	**
gpp:managementUM	-0.3007	0.0626977	-0.8944	0.18649016	-4.796	4.77E-06	***

R2= 0.5834 adj R2= 0.548

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R2
(Intercept)	438923	1	9.7943	2.21E-03	**	
gpp	1388151	1	30.9759	1.66E-07	***	0.12
nutrient.class	149973	2	1.6733	0.192051		0.17
management	312383	2	3.4853	0.033835	*	0.10
wd	334825	1	7.4714	7.23E-03	**	0.03
gpp:nutrient.class	316390	2	3.53	0.032437	*	0.05
gpp:management	1030957	2	11.5026	2.73E-05	***	0.10
Residuals	5288049	118				

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381 **Re**

	Estimate	Std.Err	β	β Std.Err	t	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	946.1472	225.7538	0	0	4.191	6.42E-05	***
gpp	0.1500605	0.1312338	0.17799832	0.15566652	1.143	0.255847	
nutrient.classLOW	-598.9845	238.7771	-	0.19726044	-2.509	0.013893	*
nutrient.classMEDIUM	-769.0284	254.6037	-	0.19182404	-3.02	0.003276	**
age	-2.345405	0.7963151	-	0.08718799	-2.945	0.004096	**
managementOTHR	112.3993	62.51324	0.06759027	0.03759176	1.798	0.075492	.
managementUM	171.6502	60.24119	0.12208751	0.04284699	2.849	0.005417	**
wd	-2.910387	1.324959	-	0.04379972	-2.197	0.030591	*
gpp:nutrient.classLOW	0.5007344	0.1411159	0.75653774	0.21320593	3.548	0.000615	***
gpp:nutrient.classMEDIUM	0.5897503	0.1492076	0.7248549	0.18338927	3.953	0.000153	***
gpp:age	0.00160319	0.0005973	0.24371494	0.09080813	2.684	0.008647	**

R2= 0.8971 **adj R2=** 0.8858

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R2
(Intercept)	741158	1	17.565	6.42E-05	***	
gpp	55170	1	1.3075	2.56E-01		0.71958764
nutrient.class	393809	2	4.6665	0.0117675	*	0.01904361
age	366040	1	8.6749	4.10E-03	**	0.00879914
management	397873	2	4.7147	1.13E-02	*	0.01802822
wd	203592	1	4.825	0.0305909	*	0.09880494
gpp:nutrient.class	659885	2	7.8194	0.0007349	***	0.02221301
gpp:age	303933	1	7.203	8.65E-03	**	0.01059682

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	Estimate	Std.Err	β	β Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-0.05665285	0.0929213	0	0	-0.61	0.5435	
gpp	0.00030991	5.251E-05	0.79007388	0.1338564	5.902	5.51E-08	***
nutrient.classLOW	-0.173781	0.064971	-0.3085533	0.1153579	-2.675	0.0088	**
nutrient.classMEDIUM	-0.02722514	0.0697433	-0.04408481	0.1129332	-0.39	0.6971	
age	0.00290722	0.0008546	0.68411616	0.2010993	3.402	0.001	***
map	-0.00016161	6.121E-05	-0.29530044	0.1118445	-2.64	0.0097	**
gpp:age	-1.9465E-06	6.354E-07	-0.63595917	0.2076081	-3.063	0.0028	**

R2= 0.3763 **adj R2=** 0.3369
ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R2
(Intercept)	0.0197	1	0.3717	0.5435249		
gpp	1.8473	1	34.8383	5.51E-08	***	0.1446
nutrient.class	0.5977	2	5.6359	0.0048644	**	0.1056
age	0.6137	1	11.5728	9.81E-04	***	0.0117
map	0.3696	1	6.9711	0.0096844	**	0.0468
gpp:age	0.4976	1	9.3836	0.0028486	**	0.0677
Residuals	5.0375	95				

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387 **GPP Models**

388 **General**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)		R ²
(Intercept)	1306.23	137.051	9.531	1.28E-13 ***		
mat	74.397	6.163	12.072	2E-16 ***		0.65
wd	-8.874	2.581	-3.438	0.00107 **		0.1
	R ² = 0.7514		adj R ² = 0.7432			

389 **Weighted**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)		R ²
(Intercept)	1379.807	140.646	9.811	4.39E-14 ***		
mat	63.475	6.473	9.805	4.47E-14 ***		0.56
wd	-10.171	2.751	-3.697	0.000474 ***		0.15
	R ² = 0.7056		adj R ² = 0.6958			

390 **GPP < 2500**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)		R ²
(Intercept)	1406.357	135.555	10.375	1.83E-14 ***		
NA.LOW	-263.7	97.152	-2.714	0.0089 **		0.11
mat	56.63	7.272	7.787	2.18E-10 ***		0.47
wd	-5.408	2.517	-2.149	0.0362 *		0.04
	R ² = 0.6223		adj R ² = 0.6013			

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392 **GPP < 2500 Weighted**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)		R ²
(Intercept)	1386.784	133.901	10.357	1.57E-14	***	
mat	51.652	7.161	7.213	1.69E-09	***	0.44
wd	-9.159	2.644	-3.464	0.00104	**	0.14
	R ² = 0.5799		adj R ² = 0.5646			

393 **Only Managed forests**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)		R ²
(Intercept)	1048.172	119.347	8.783	1.77E-10	***	
NA.LOW	-309.188	117.171	-2.639	0.0122	*	0.07
mat	74.979	9.498	7.894	2.29E-09	***	0.59
	R ² = 0.6598		adj R ² = 0.6409			

394 **Only Eddy covariance data**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)		R ²
Intercept)	1223.0939	167.9484	7.283	1.43E-09	***	
mat	51.4191	8.761	5.869	2.76E-07	***	0.38
map	0.363	0.1423	2.551	0.0136	*	0.27
wd	-12.0537	2.6356	-4.573	0.0000284	***	0.16
	R ² = 0.811		adj R ² = 0.8005			

395 **Alternative Classification**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)		R ²
(Intercept)	1569.856	123.786	12.682	2E-16	***	
alternutrLOW	-216.12	90.99	-2.375	0.0209	*	0.04
mat	67.954	5.944	11.433	2E-16	***	0.58
wd	-11.626	2.252	-5.163	0.00000321	***	0.13
	R ² = 0.7514		adj R ² = 0.7384			

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397 General

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-0.2251	0.113	-1.993	0.050969	.
gpp	0.0003517	0.0000645	5.452	0.00000107	***
age	0.004071	0.0009644	4.221	0.0000866	***
NA.LOW	-0.1956	0.05992	-3.264	0.001843	**
gpp:age	-2.944E-06	7.065E-07	-4.168	0.000104	***
R ² = 0.4349		adj R ² = 0.3959			

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R ²
(Intercept)	0.1901	1	3.9722	0.050969	.	
gpp	1.42266	1	29.7273	1.068E-06	***	0.14
age	0.85283	1	17.8204	0.00008656	***	0.004
NA.	0.50995	1	10.6556	0.0018432	**	0.12
gpp:age	0.83122	1	17.3688	0.0001038	***	0.17
Residuals	2.7757	58				

398 Weighted

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-0.03192	0.1037	-0.308	0.75943	
gpp	0.0001887	0.0000578	3.265	0.00185	**
age	0.003124	0.001041	3.001	0.00398	**
NA.LOW	-0.03051	0.05347	-0.571	0.57044	
gpp:age	-1.967E-06	6.16E-07	-3.193	0.0023	**
age:NA.LOW	-0.001373	0.0005272	-2.604	0.01173	*
R ² = 0.3448		adj R ² = 0.2873			

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R ²
(Intercept)	0.043	1	0.0947	0.759431		
gpp	4.8367	1	10.6612	0.001854	**	0.01
age	4.087	1	9.0088	0.003982	**	0.03
NA.	0.1478	1	0.3257	0.570442		0.16
gpp:age	4.6239	1	10.1922	0.002296	**	0.09
age:NA.	3.0765	1	6.7813	0.011726	*	0.05
Residuals	25.8594	57				

399 GPP<2500

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	-0.504	0.1096	-4.598	0.0000261	***
gpp	0.0004657	7.229E-05	6.442	3.31E-08	***
age	0.003238	0.001097	2.952	0.00466	**
gpp:age	-2.172E-06	8.525E-07	-2.548	0.01371	*
R ² = 0.4552		adj R ² = 0.4249			

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)		R ²
(Intercept)	1.03712	1	21.1416	0.00002612	***	
gpp	2.03587	1	41.5013	3.308E-08	***	0.38
age	0.42758	1	8.7162	0.00466	**	0.01
gpp:age	0.31848	1	6.4922	0.01371	*	0.07
Residuals	2.64901	54				

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401 **GPP<2500 weighted**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)		R ²
(Intercept)	0.187674	0.036618	5.125	0.00000396	***	
NA.LOW	-0.126927	0.035287	-3.597	0.00069	***	0.15
mat	0.012343	0.003086	4	0.000191	***	0.19
	R ² = 0.3397		adj R ² = 0.3157			

402 **Only Managed**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)		R ²
(Intercept)	-0.3887	0.1444	-2.693	0.0109	*	
gpp	0.0004172	7.783E-05	5.36	0.00000585	***	0.37
age	0.00461	0.001737	2.655	0.012	*	0.03
NA.LOW	-0.171	0.08213	-2.082	0.0449	*	0.09
gpp:age	-2.712E-06	1.304E-06	-2.079	0.0452	*	0.05
	R ² = 0.5477		adj R ² = 0.4945			

403 **Eddy covariance**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)		R ²
(Intercept)	-0.2325	0.1195	-1.945	0.057055	.	
gpp	0.0003537	7.426E-05	4.763	0.0000152	***	0.12
age	0.004067	0.001055	3.857	0.000313	***	0.02
NA.LOW	-0.1892	0.06651	-2.845	0.006295	**	0.09
gpp:age	-2.933E-06	8.006E-07	-3.663	0.000576	***	0.15
	R ² = 0.3728		adj R ² = 0.3255			

404 **Alternative Classification**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)		R ²
Intercept)	-0.2209	0.115	-1.921	0.05998	.	
gpp	0.0002462	7.852E-05	3.136	0.00275	**	0.12
age	0.004683	0.001057	4.43	0.0000453	***	0.01
alternutrLOW	-0.1627	0.06088	-2.672	0.0099	**	0.07
mat	0.01454	0.006533	2.225	0.03017	*	0.06
gpp:age	-3.202E-06	7.429E-07	-4.31	0.000068	***	0.18
	R ² = 0.4426		adj R ² = 0.392			

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407 **Using Factor 1 and 2 from the nutrient classification analysis**

	Estimate	Std.Err	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-0.09955499	0.0714464	-1.393	0.17
f1	0.01556442	0.0053638	2.902	0.01 **
f2	0.04844199	0.0200583	2.415	0.02 *
gpp	0.00020052	4.541E-05	4.416	<0.0001 ***
managementUM	0.1584173	0.0931077	1.701	0.09 .
f2:gpp	-2.6022E-05	1.143E-05	-2.277	0.03 *
gpp:managementUM	-0.0001458	5.589E-05	-2.609	0.01 *
R2=	0.4812	adj R2=	0.4246	

ANOVA table (type III)

	SumSq	DF	F value	Pr(>F)	R ²
(Intercept)	0.03965	1	1.9416	0.169098	
f1	0.17194	1	8.4201	0.005328 **	0.18
f2	0.1191	1	5.8325	1.91E-02 *	0.02
gpp	0.39819	1	19.4996	4.76E-05 ***	0.09
management	0.05912	1	2.8949	0.094507 .	0.04
f2:gpp	0.1059	1	5.186	0.02668 *	0.07
gpp:management	0.13899	1	6.8064	0.011675 *	0.09
Residuals	1.12313	55			

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