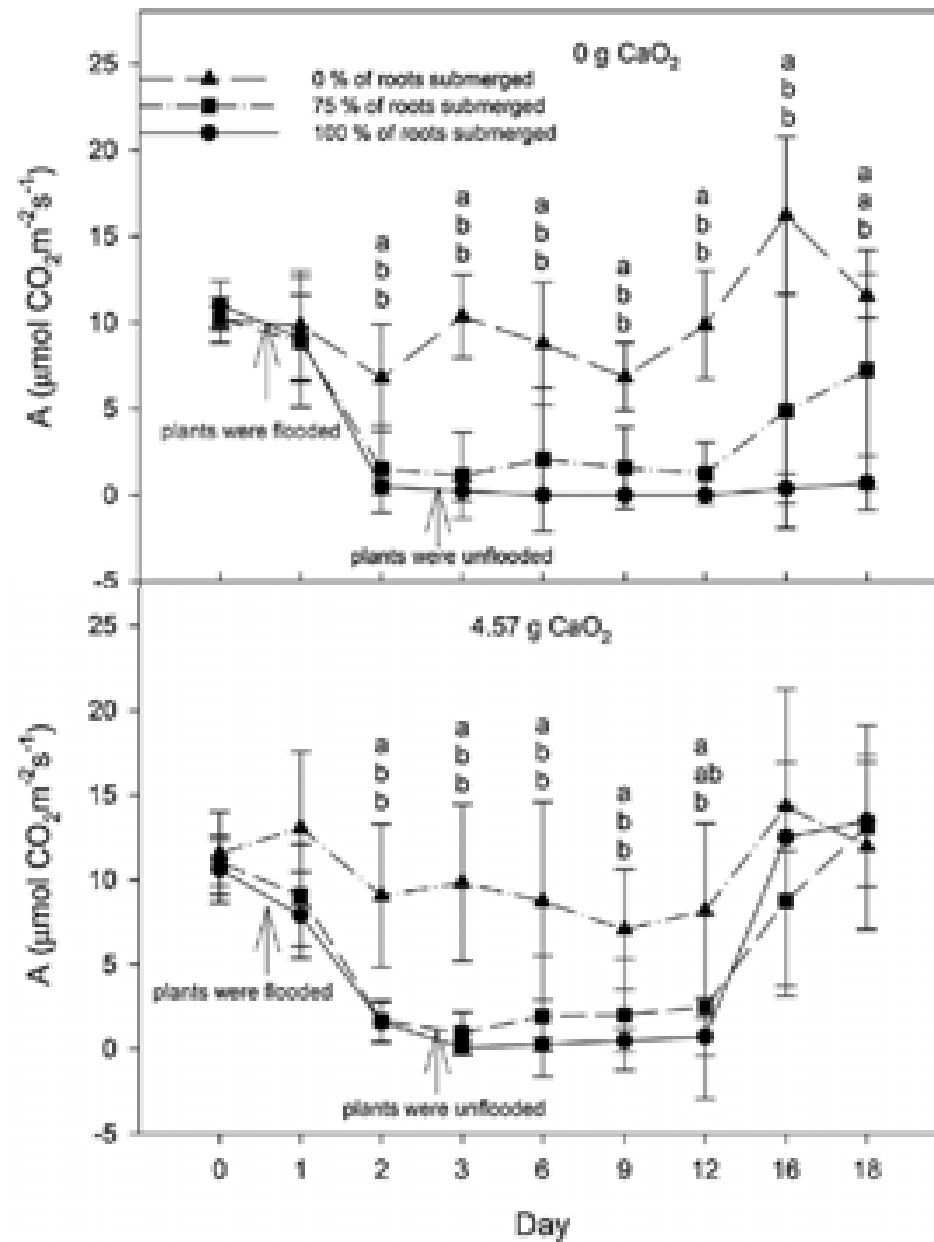
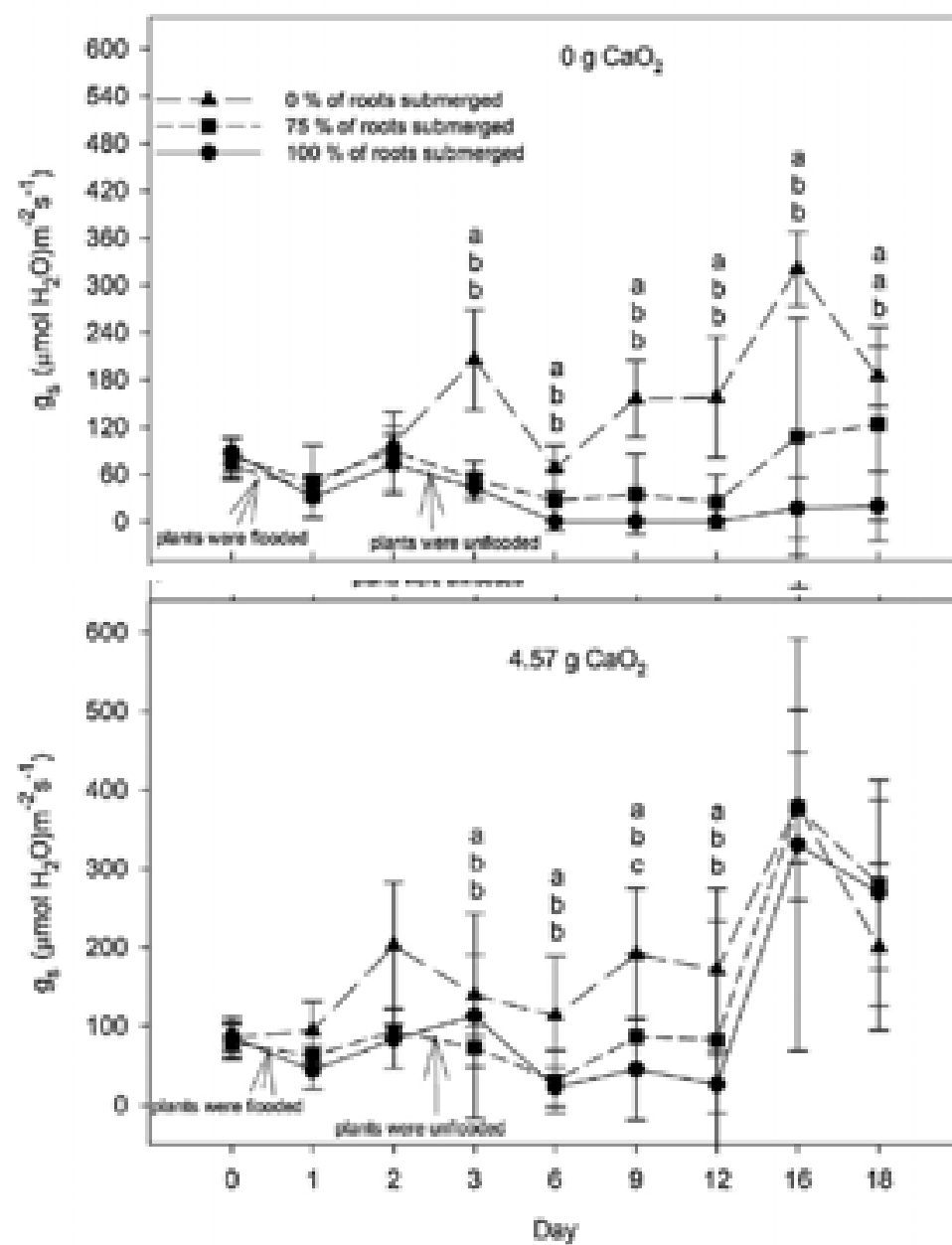
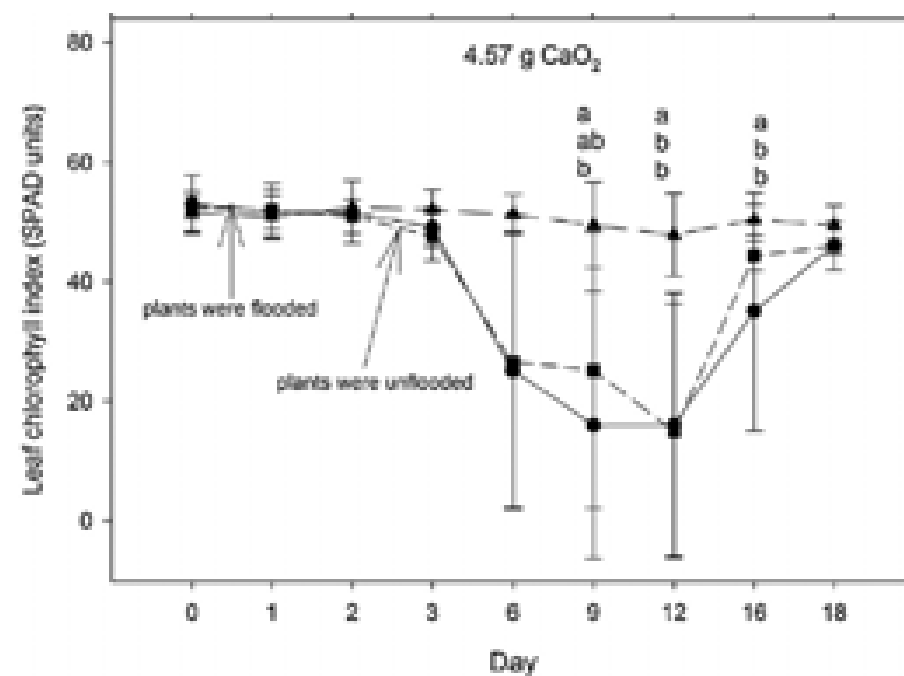
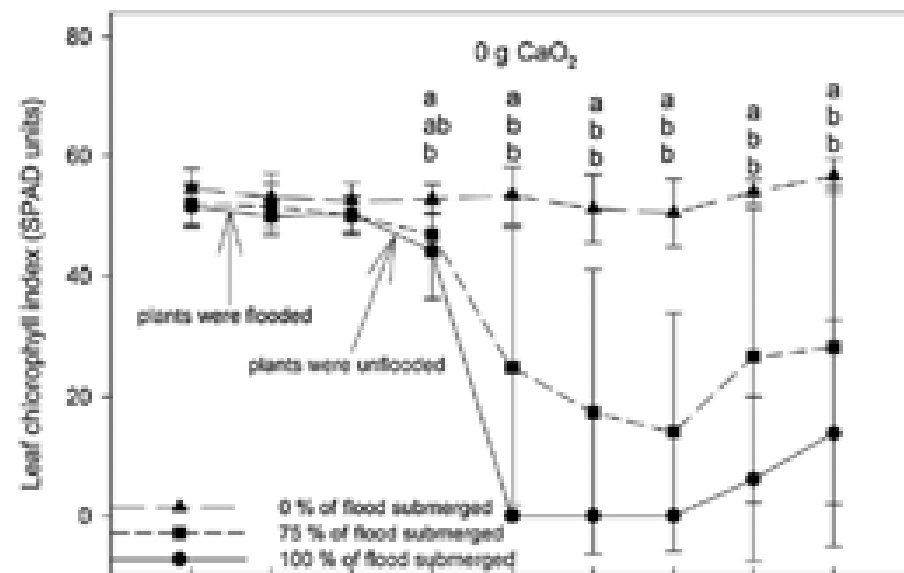


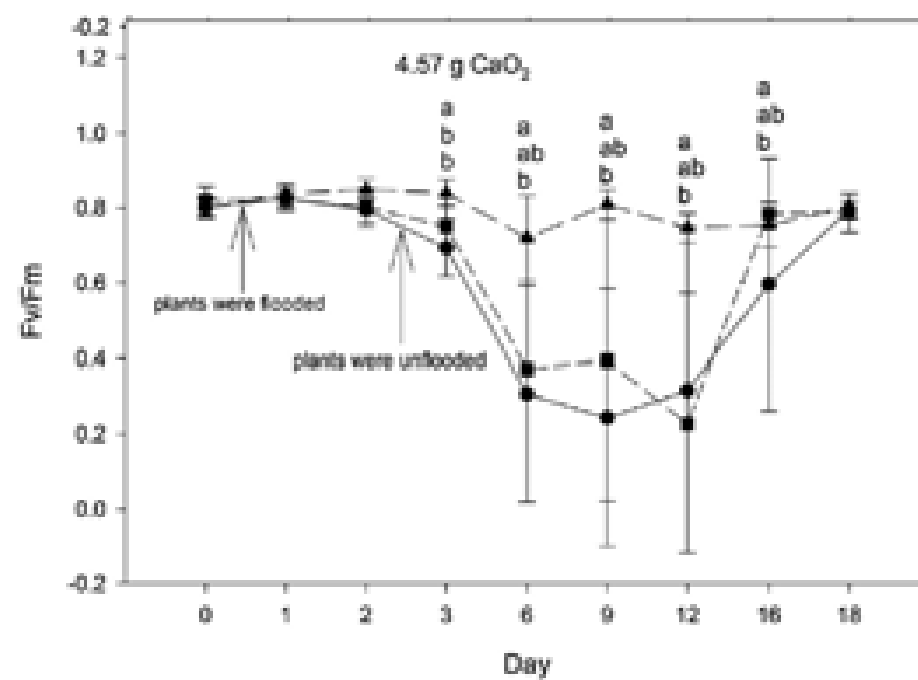
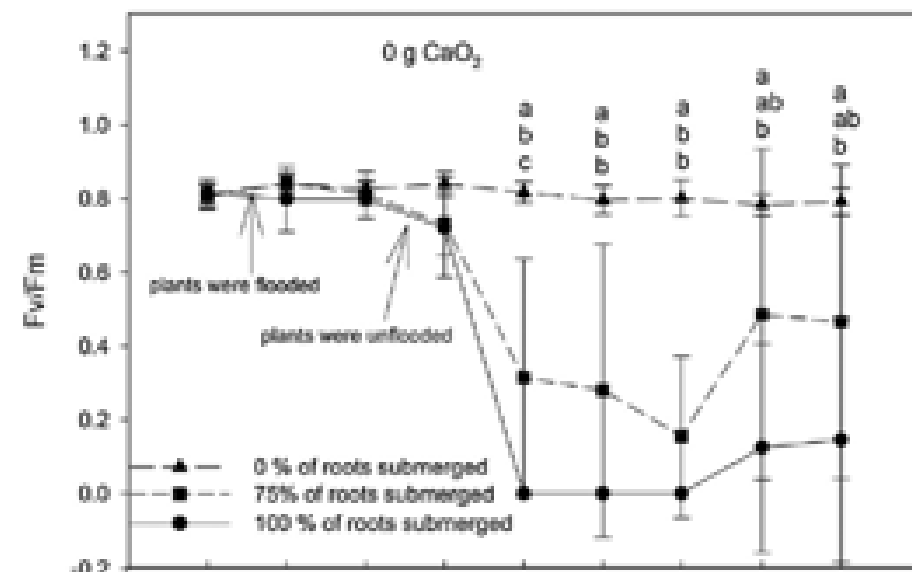
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pots (Thani, 2016). Calculations were then made to account for the smaller pot size in the present experiment.  $\text{CaO}_2$  was applied evenly to the soil surface a few minutes prior to beginning the flooding treatments. Treatments were arranged in a randomized complete



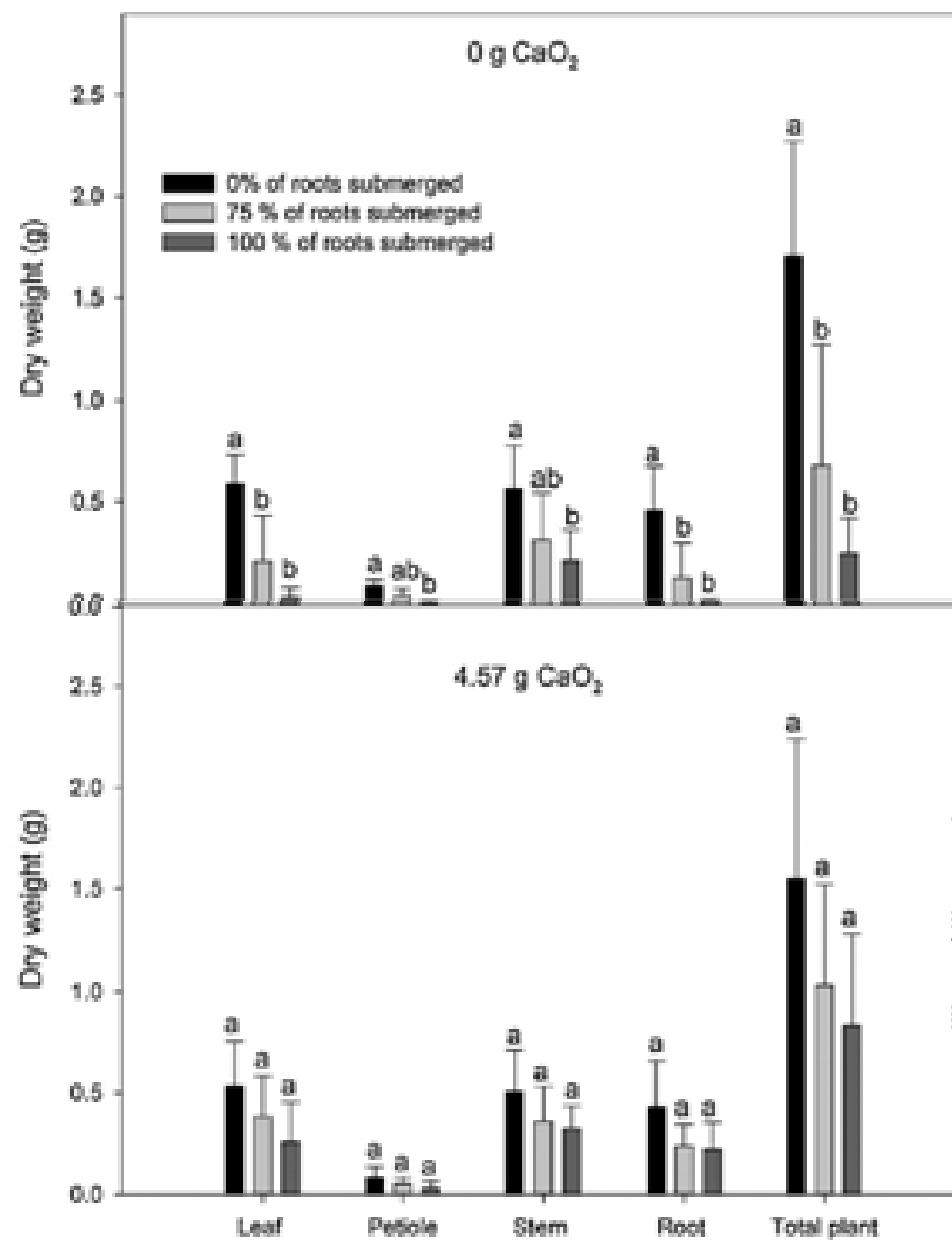




**Table 2**

Survival of papaya (*Carica papaya* L.) seedlings in Krome very gravelly loam soil with 0%, ~75%, or 100% of roots submerged in H<sub>2</sub>O with different concentrations of CaO<sub>2</sub> added to the soil (Experiment 1).

CaO <sub>2</sub> application rate (g)	Amount of roots submerged (%)		
	0	~75	100
	Plant survival (%)		
0	100	60	40
2.28	100	80	80
4.57	100	100	100



## Salinity

Papaya seed germination is inhibited by very low levels of salinity (Kottenmeier et al., 1983), yet seedling growth can be stimulated by 1/10 seawater salinity levels ( $8 \text{ mS cm}^{-1}$ ) when compared to a Hoagland's nutrient solution control (Kottenmeier et al., 1983)

Maas (1993), however, classified papaya production as moderately sensitive with salinity effects at  $3 \text{ mS cm}^{-1}$

Similarly Elder et al. (2000) found that moderately saline water ( $1.4 \text{ to } 4 \text{ mS cm}^{-1}$ ) applied in trickle or under-tree mini-sprinkler irrigation had no adverse affect on productivity but when overhead applied, there was leaf damage and reduced growth.

**3200 ppm ( $\text{mg L}^{-1}$ ) de NaCl equivale a  $5 \text{ dS m}^{-1}$**

**3.2 g NaCl 1Litro de água =  $5 \text{ dS m}^{-1}$**

**seawater:**

3.5% (35 g/L, or 599 mM)

$50\text{-}80 \text{ mS cm}^{-1}$

**Hoagland solution:**

$2.7 \text{ mS cm}^{-1}$

$1 \text{ mS cm}^{-1} = 1 \text{ dS m}^{-1}$

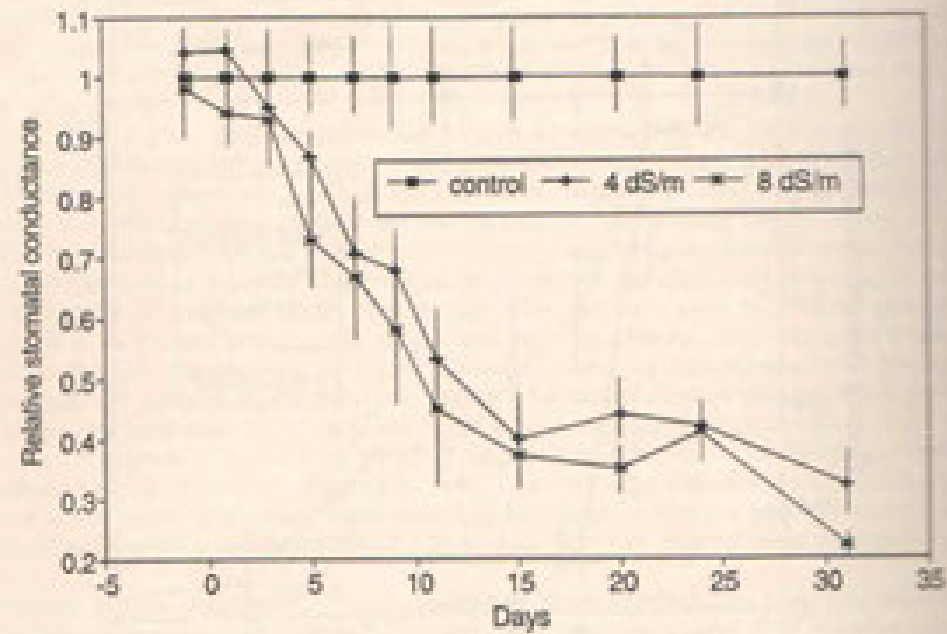


Figure 12: The time course of stomatal conductance of papaya leaves relative to that of control plants as influenced by salinity of irrigation water. Data were standardized as a fraction of control (Marlex, T. E. unpublished data, 1990.)



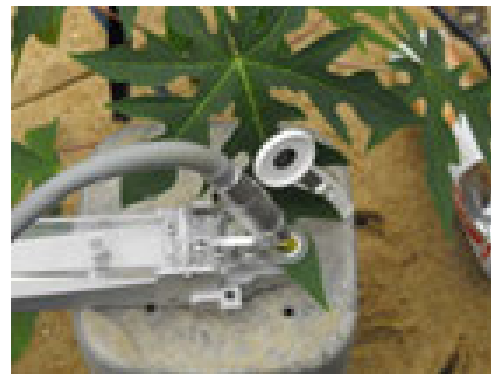
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100L pots

EC 1; 1.6; 2.2; 2.8; and 3.4 dS m<sup>-1</sup>

96 to 126 Days after transplanting



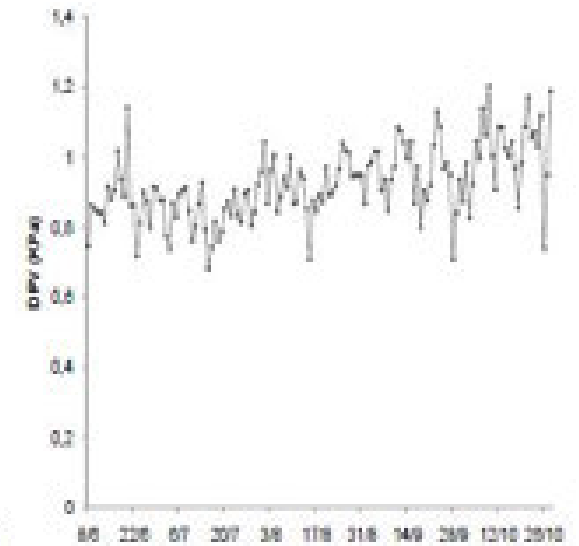
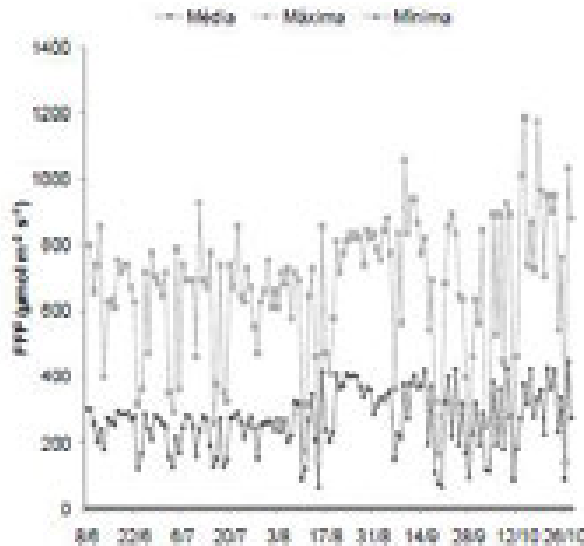
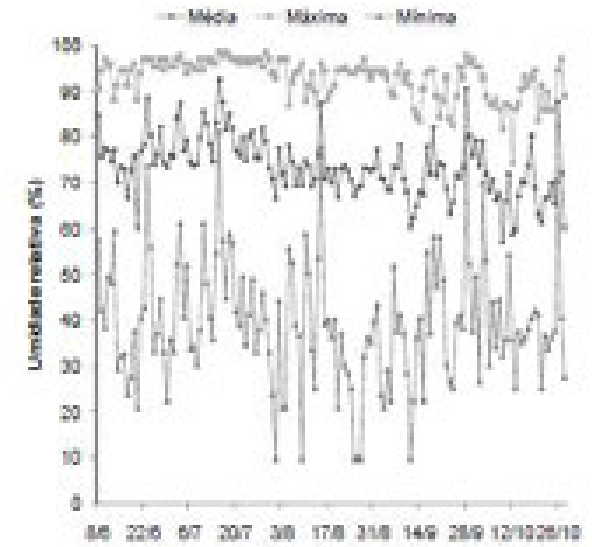
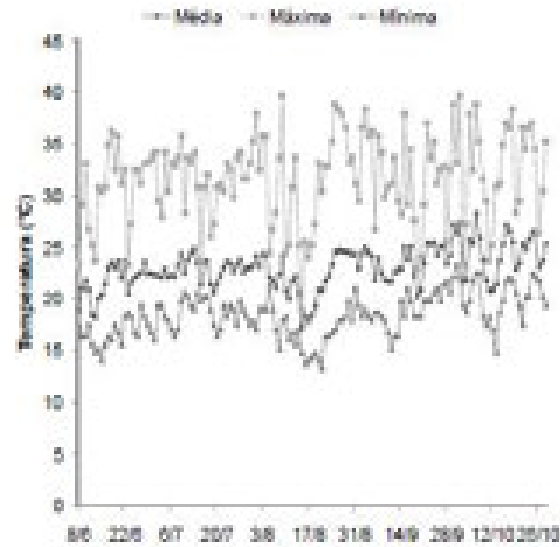
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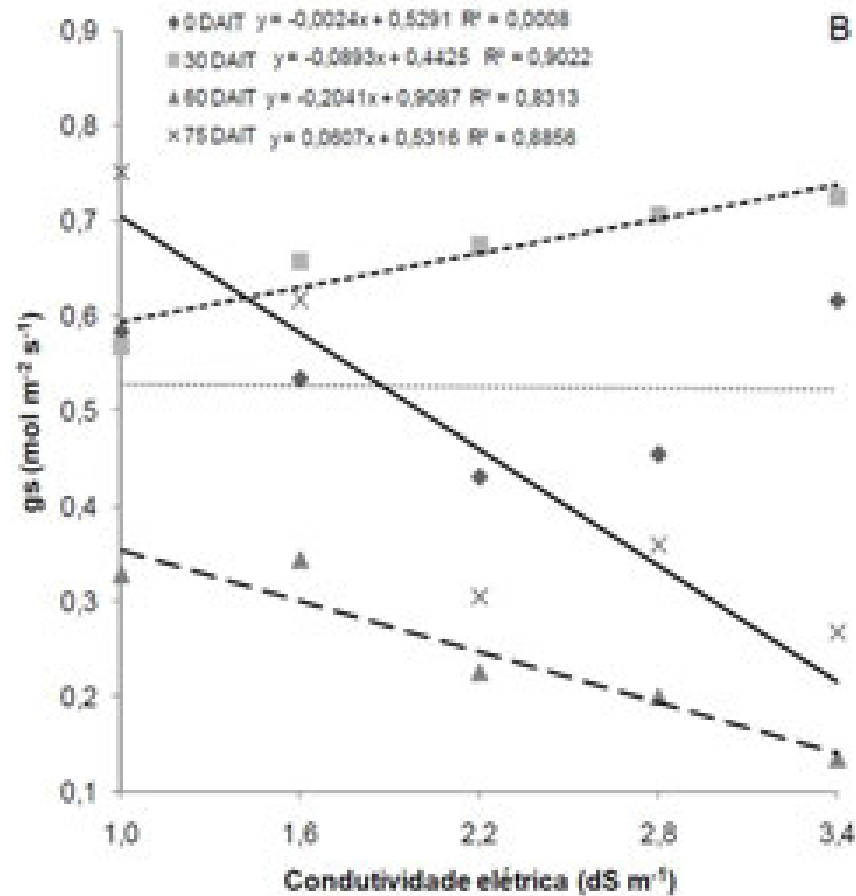
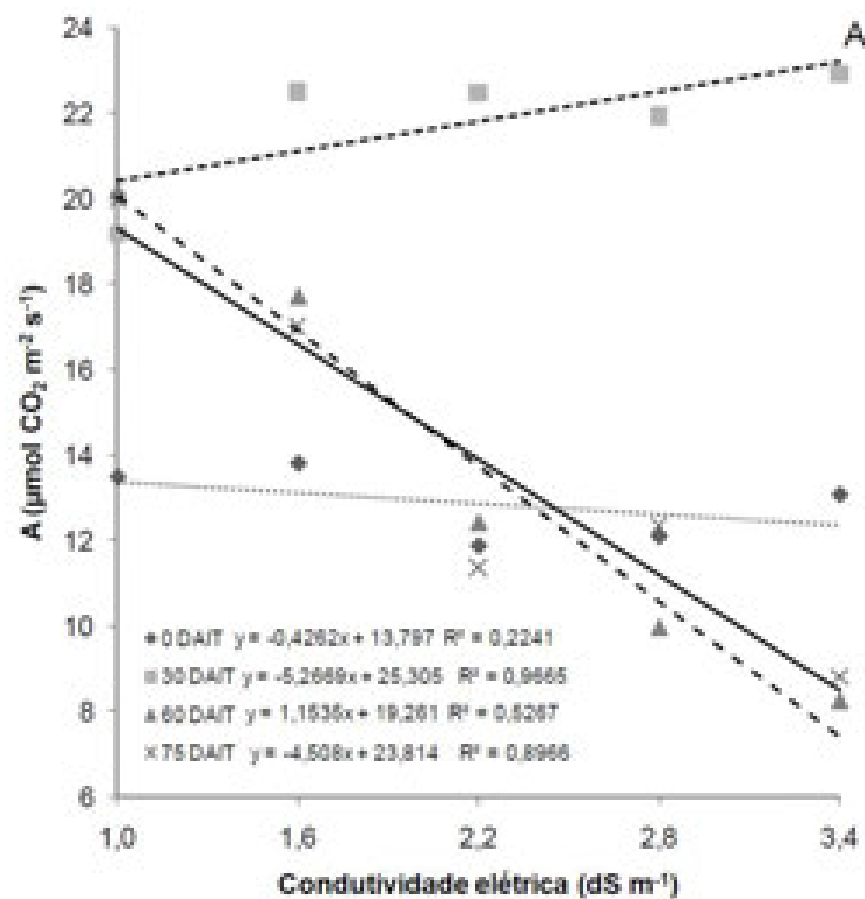
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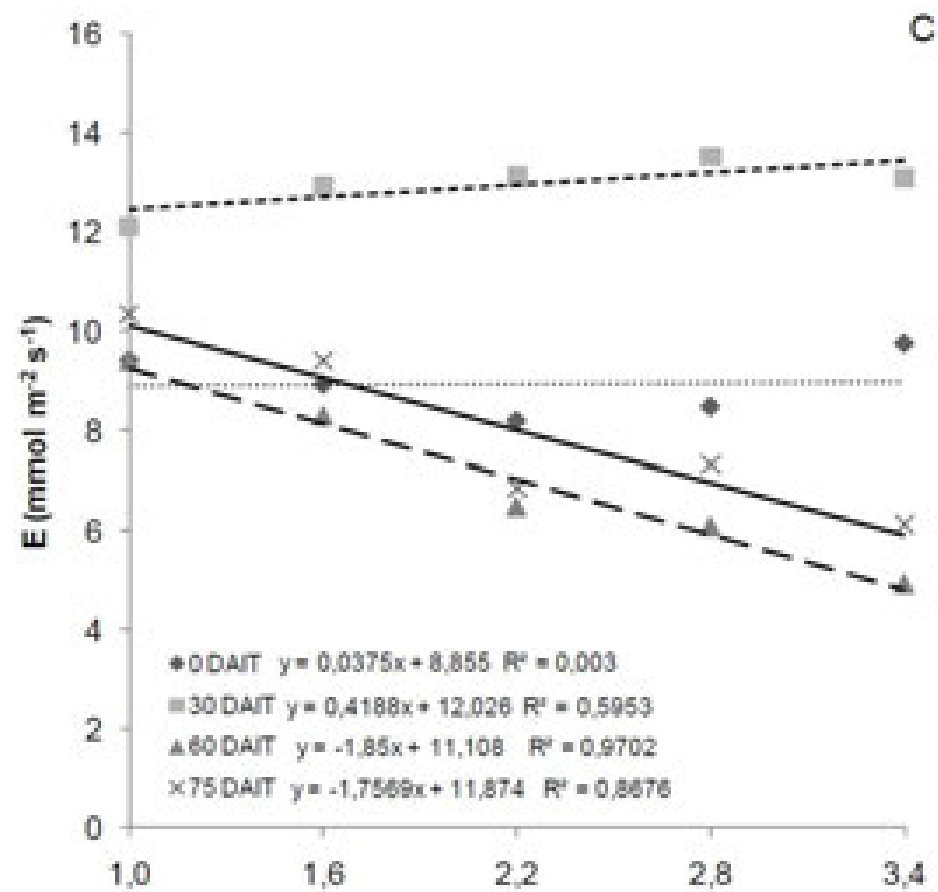
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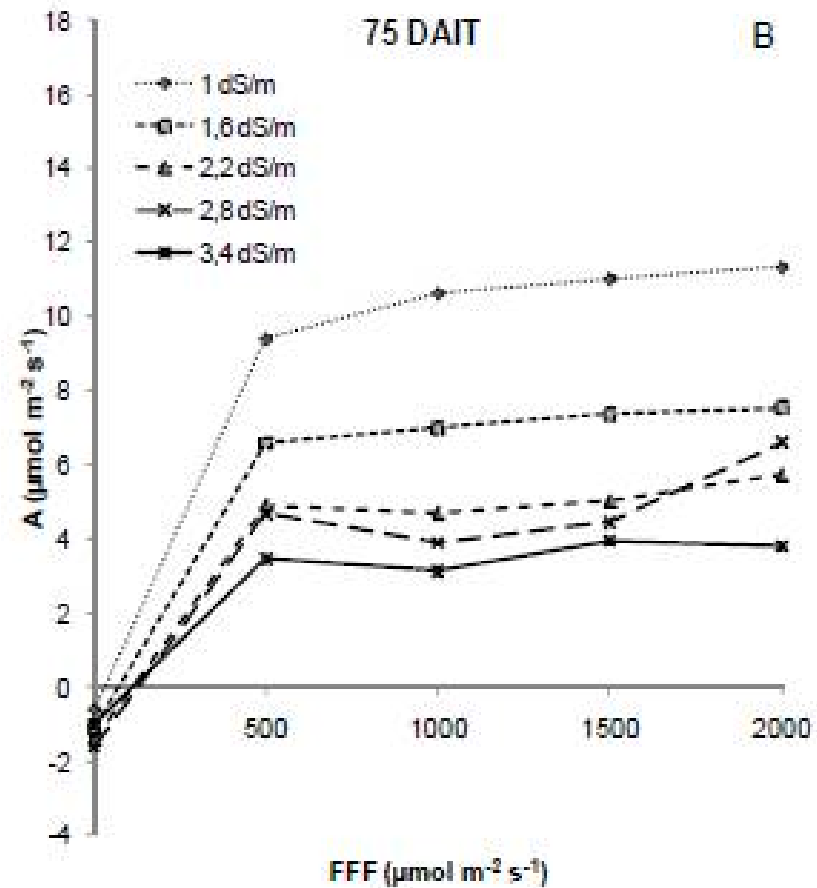
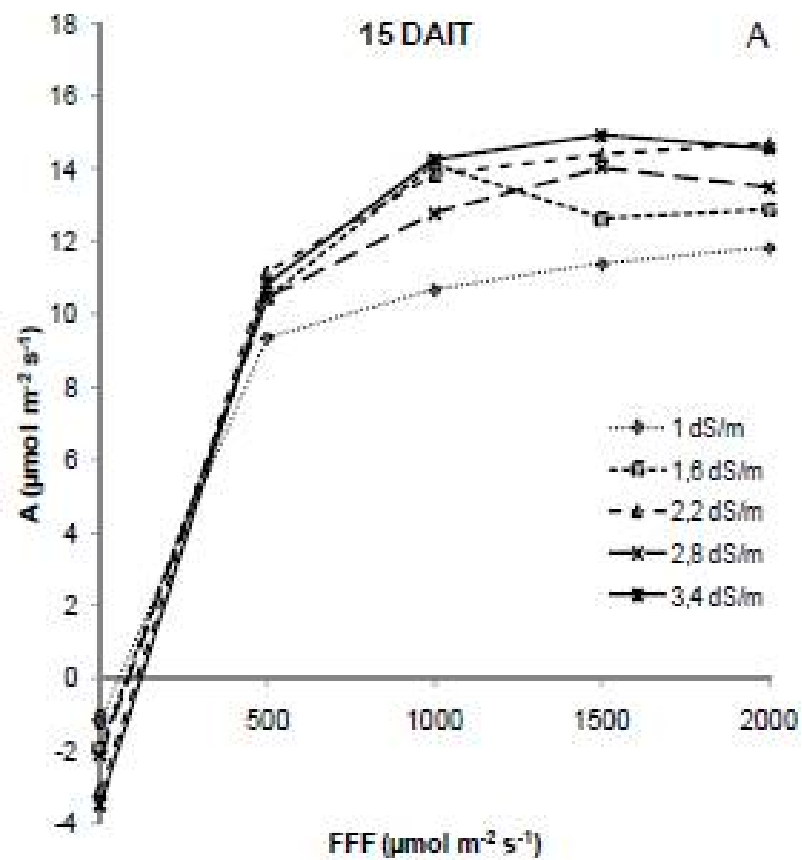


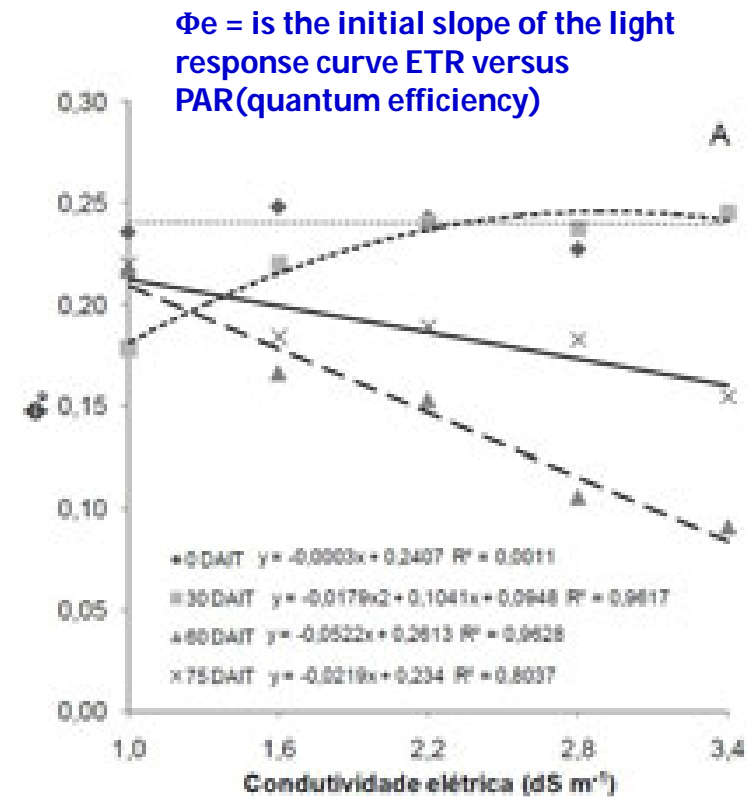
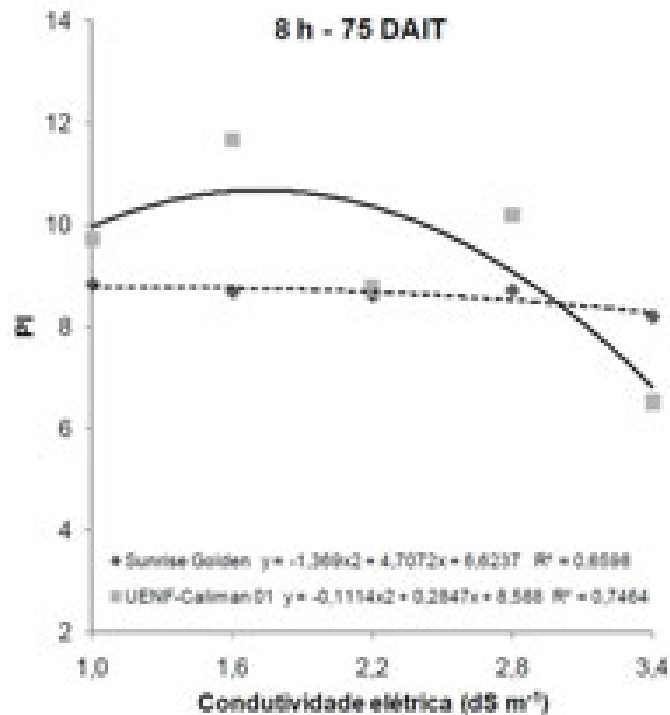
		Treat. 1	Treat. 2*	Treat. 3	Treat. 4	Treat. 5
	Fertilizers (g)	x 0.5	x 1	x 1.5	x 2	x 2.5
Solution A	Urea	23.7	47.5	71.3	95.1	118.8
	MAP	11.8	23.6	35.4	47.3	59.1
	K <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	29.6	59.3	88.9	118.6	148.3
	MgSO <sub>4</sub>	29.6	59.2	88.8	118.4	148
	Micronutrients	3.5	7.0	10.5	14	17.5
	<b>CE (dS m<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Solution B	Ca(NO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	56.2	112.4	168.6	224.8	281
	<b>CE (dS m<sup>-1</sup>)</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.2</b>

Maximum 3 L each treatment per day per plant. After each nutrient solution were applied 1.5 to 3L water in each plant per day; 3 times per day)







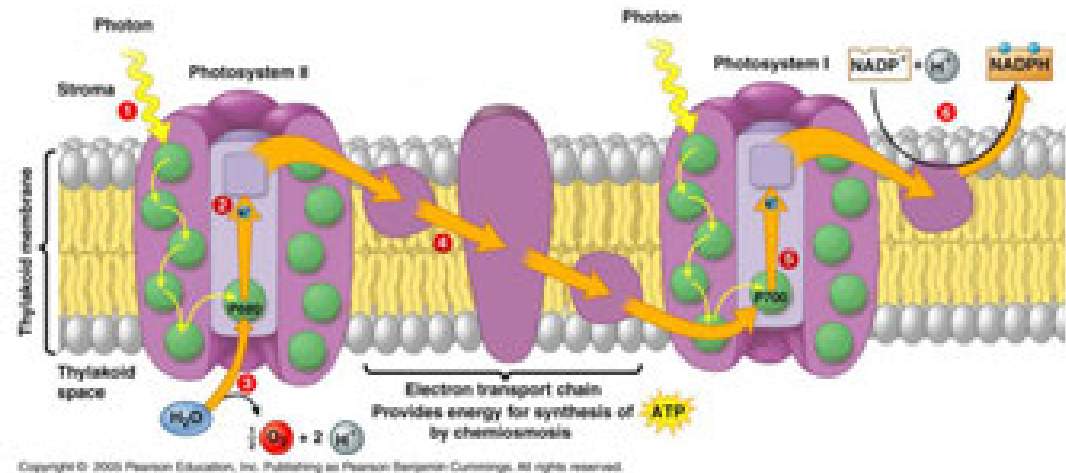


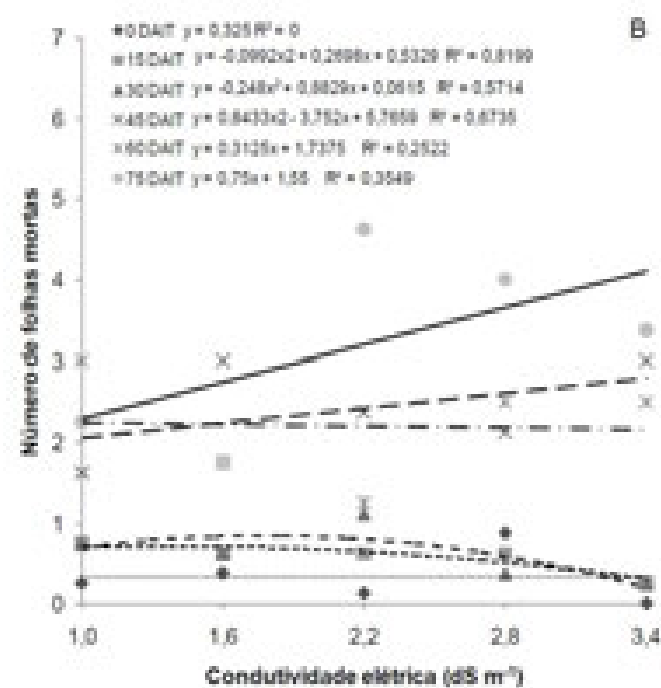
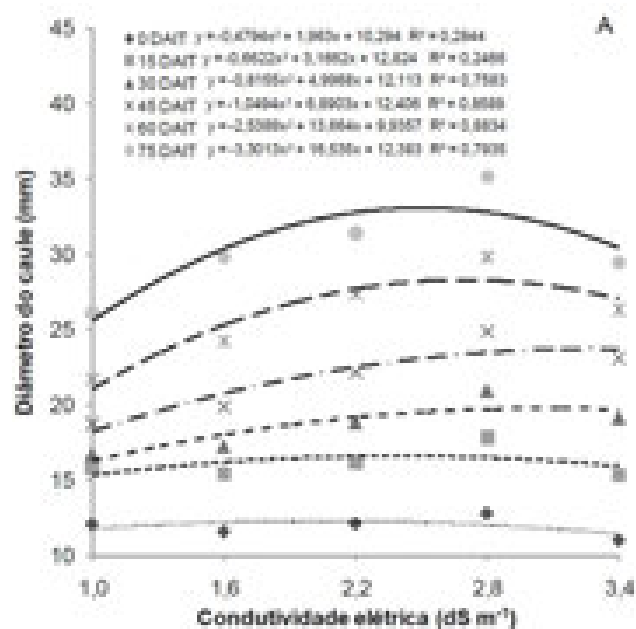
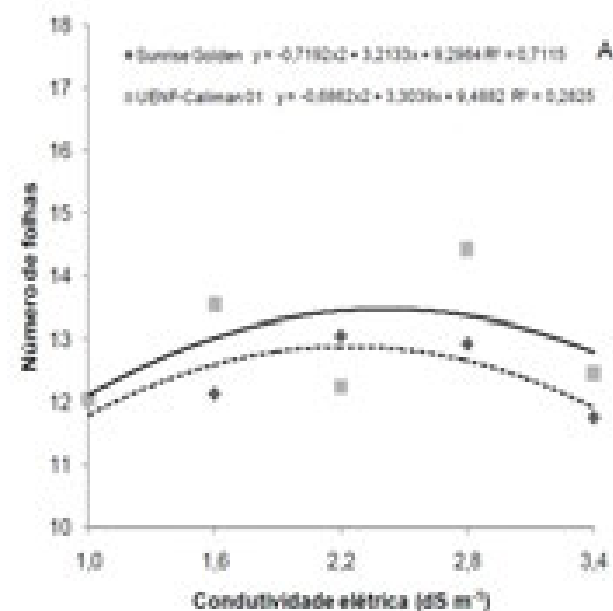
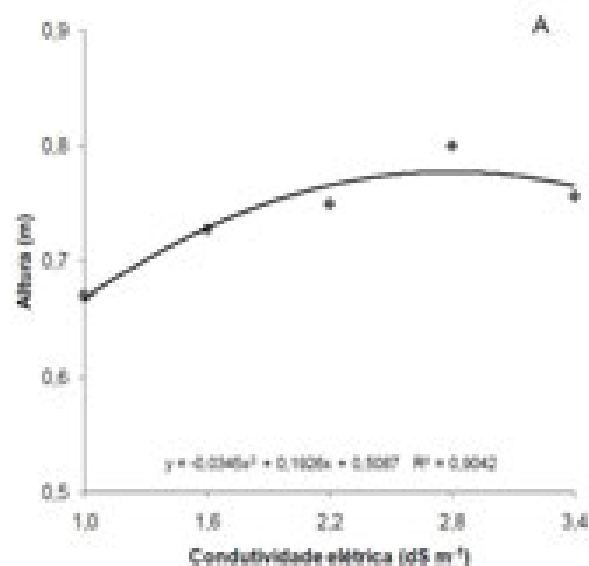
$$PI = (RC/ABS) \times (TR/DI) \times (ET/(TR-ET))$$

(RC/ABS): Active RC density on a Chl basis

( $F_v/F_0$ ): Performance due to trapping probability  
 $F_v/F_0 = TR/DI$

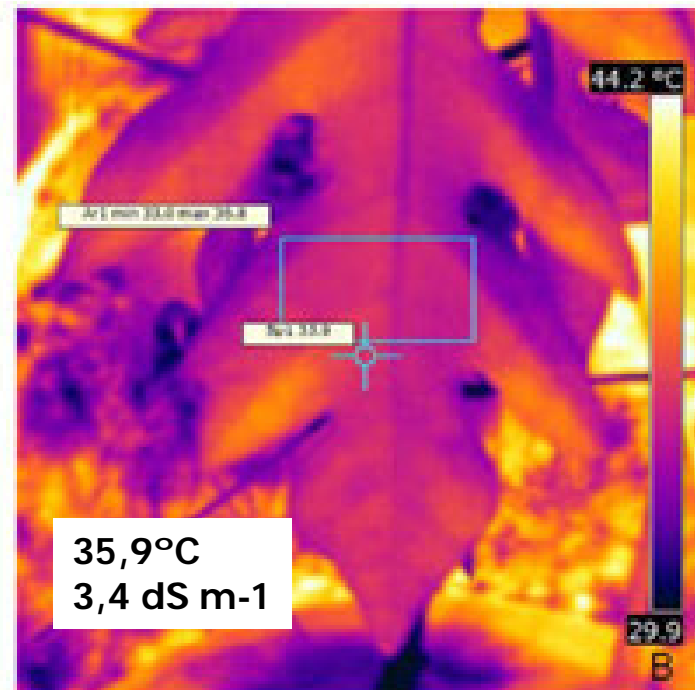
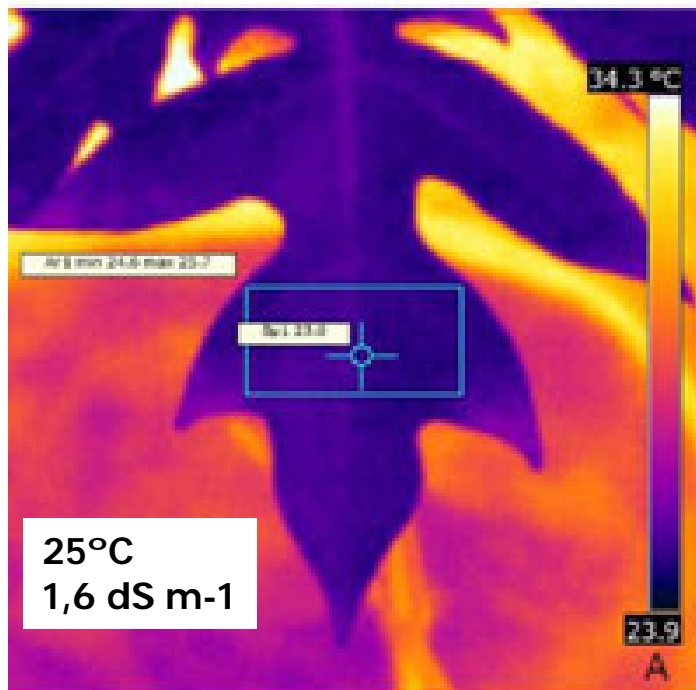
( $ET/(TR-ET)$ ): Performance due to electron-transport probability





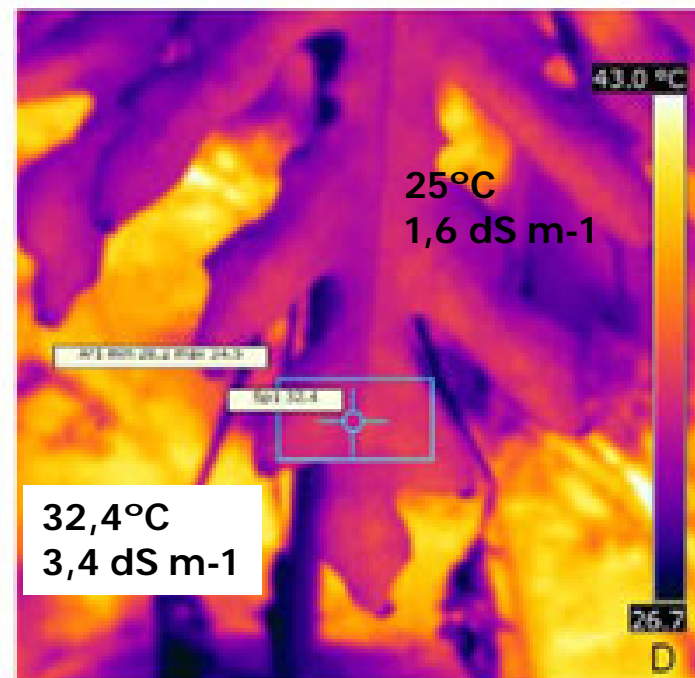
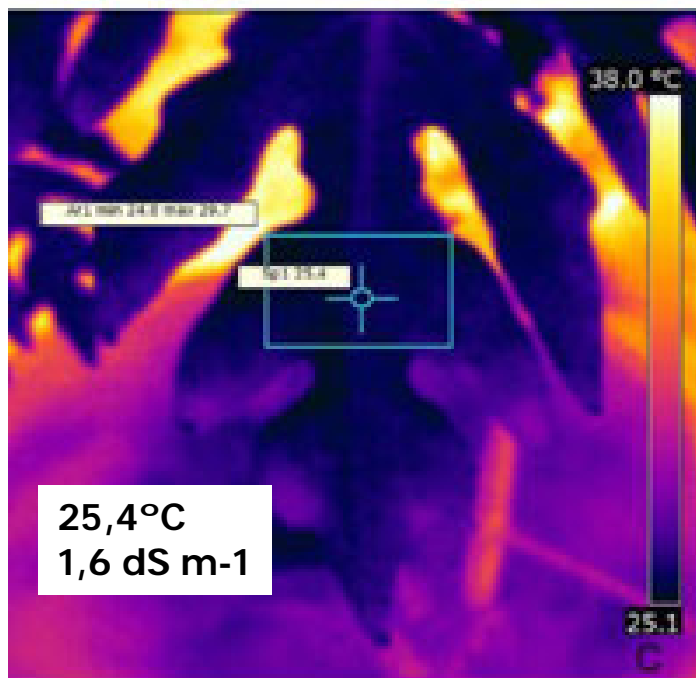


Golden



75 DAP

UENF/  
Caliman



**Relationships between sap-flow measurements, whole-canopy transpiration, and reference evapotranspiration in field-grown papaya (*carica papaya* L.)**



**Summer: (clear sky, during 4 days)**

**PPF<sub>max</sub>: 2400  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$**

**T<sub>max</sub>: 38°C**

**VPD<sub>max</sub>: 4 kPa**

**Winter: (clear sky during 4 days)**

**PPF<sub>max</sub>: 1400  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$**

**T<sub>max</sub>: 33°C**

**VPD<sub>max</sub>: 3.5 kPa**



The crop was irrigated with a drip/fertigation system providing supplemental irrigation of **10** (winter) and **16 L per plant per day** (summer)

Under the environmental conditions evaluated :  
(**4 sunny days**)

**Winter:**

Maximum vapor pressure deficit ( $VPD_{air}$ )=**3.5 kPa**

Air maximum temperature of **33°C**

Maximum PPf: **2400  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$**

**Summer**

Maximum  $VPD_{air}$ =**4.0 kPa**

Air maximum temperature of **38°C**

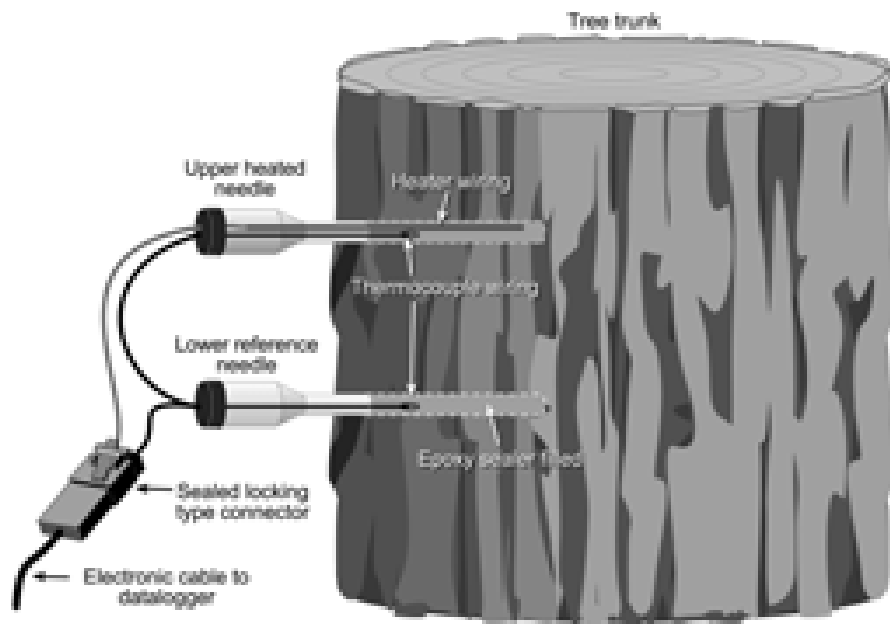
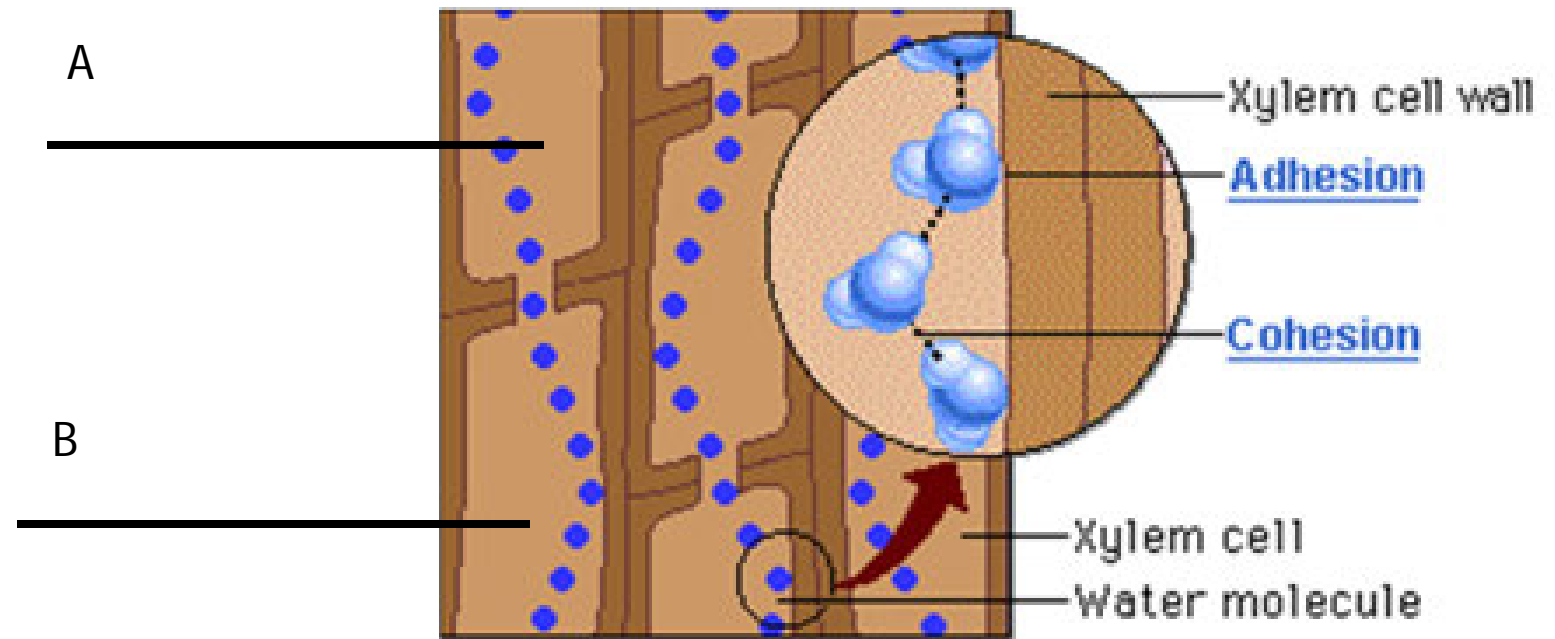
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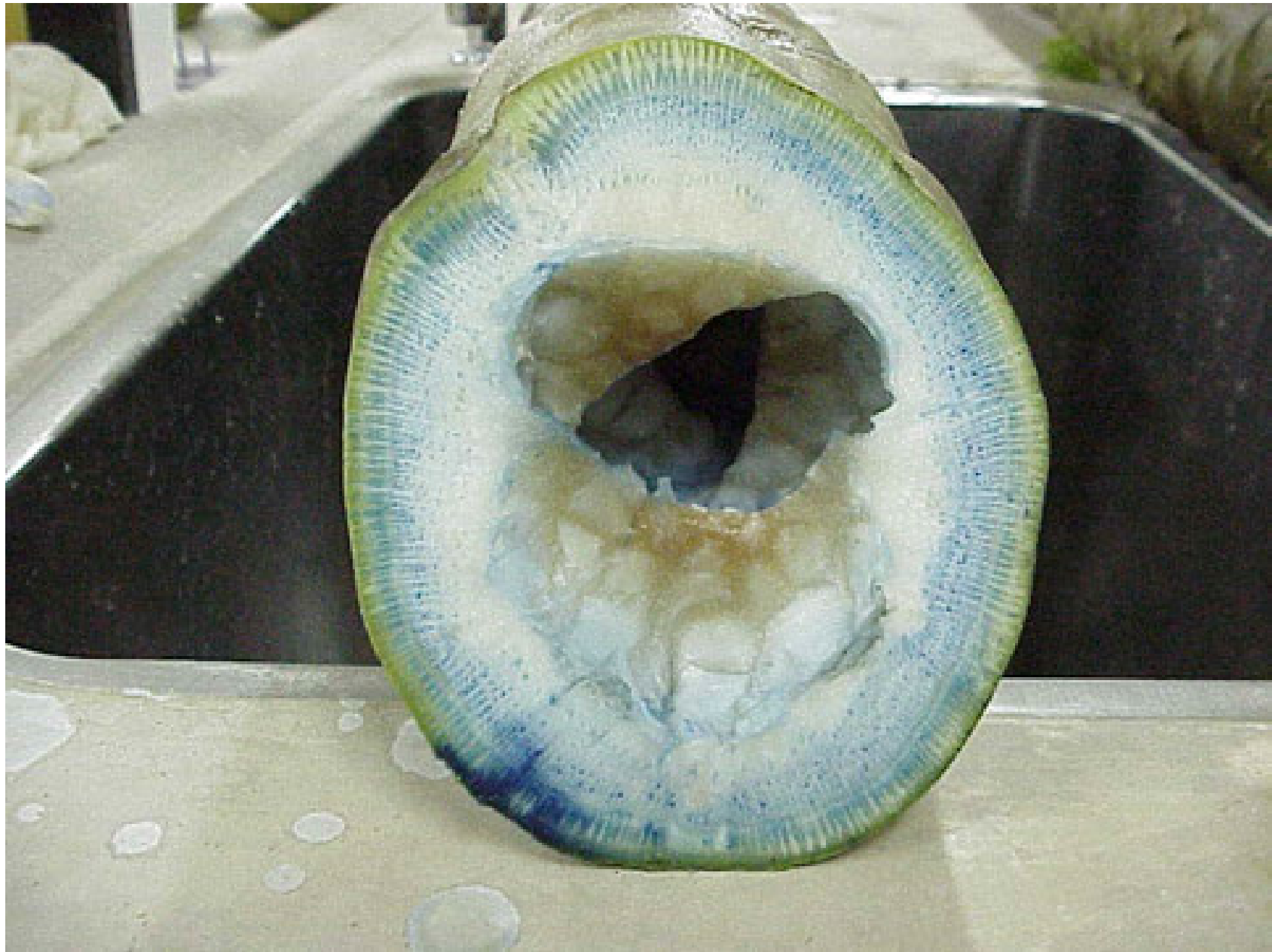
**Leaf area each plant**

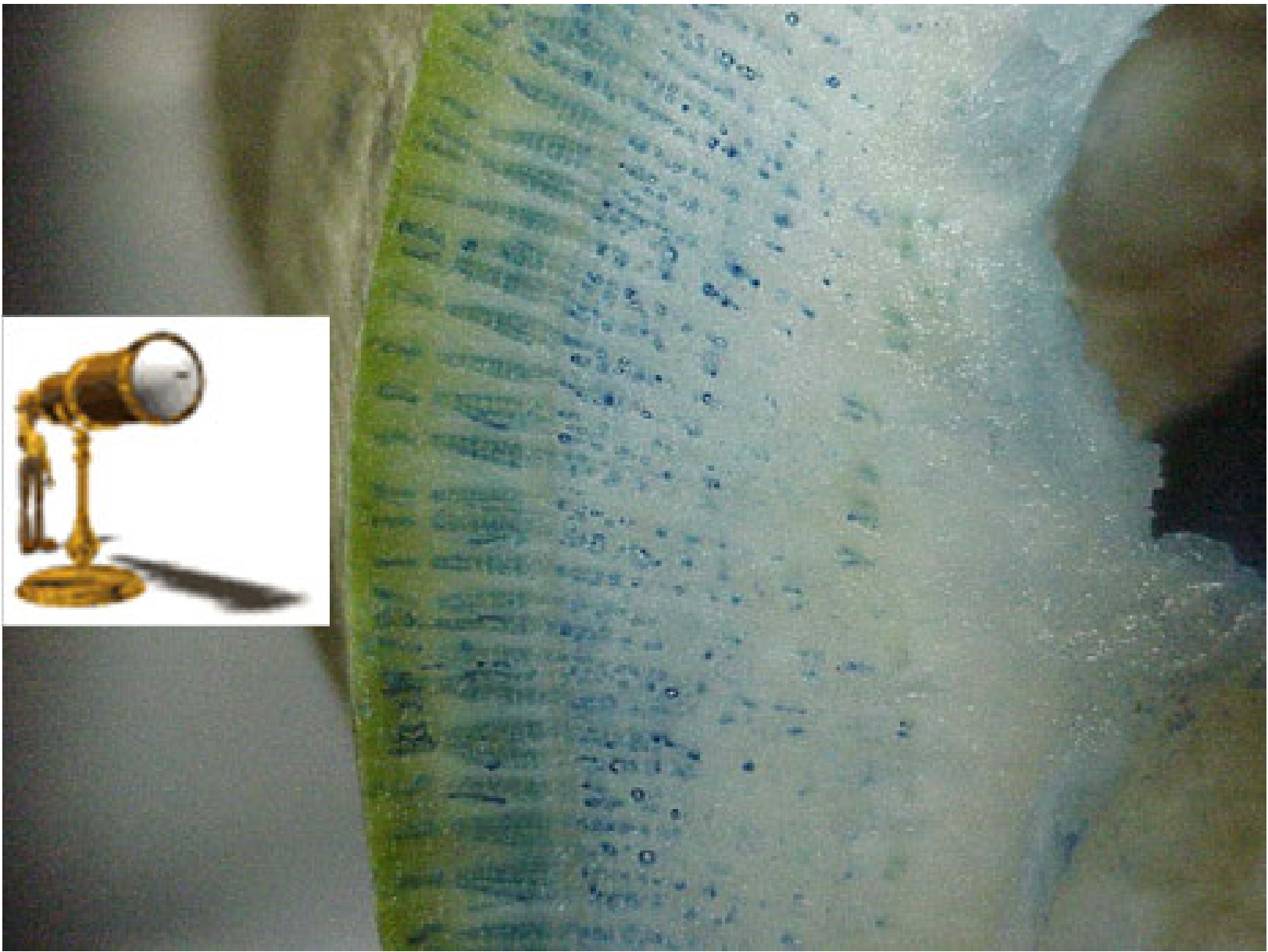
**5 months old**

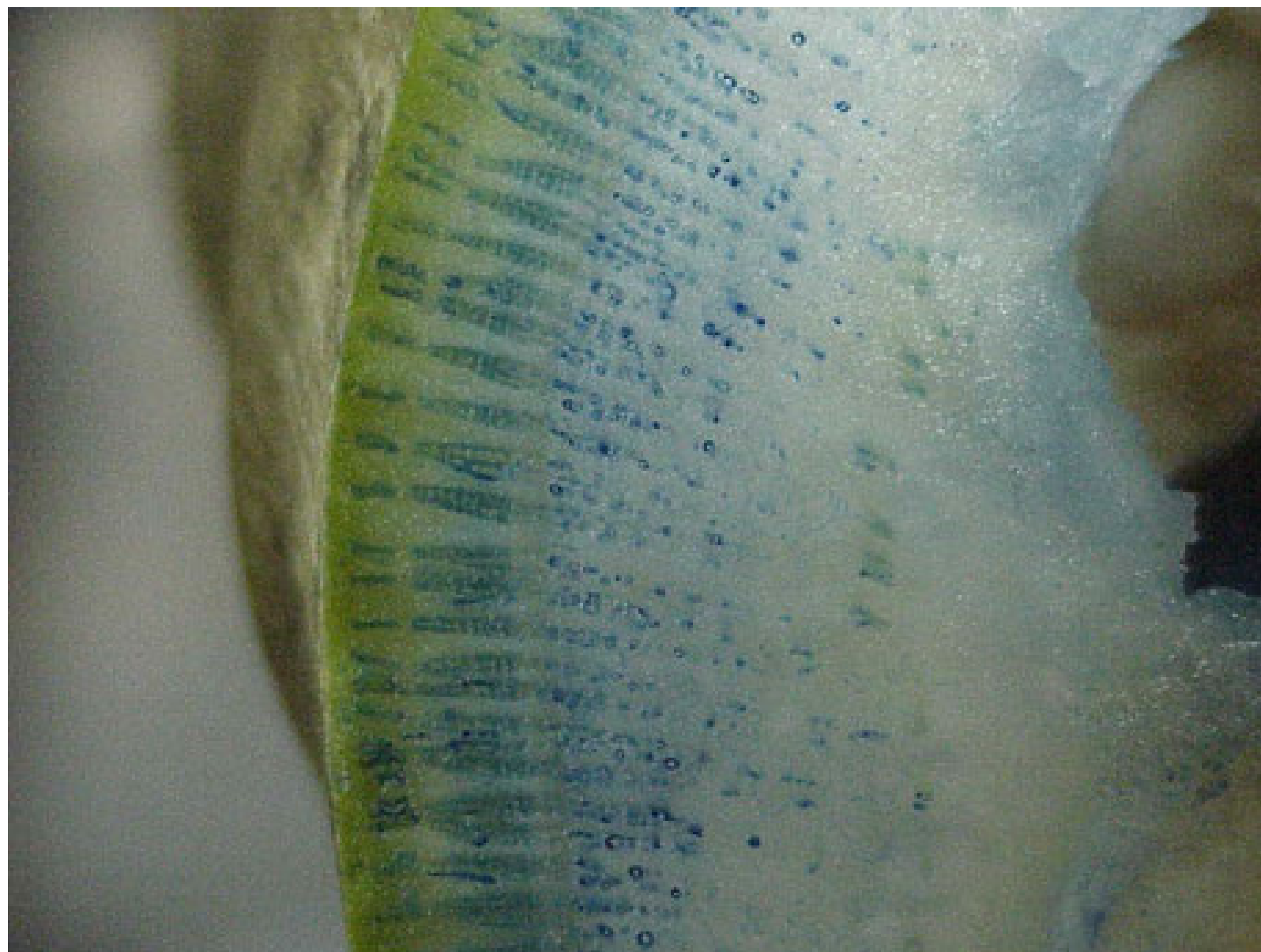
**Winter :3.5m<sup>2</sup>**

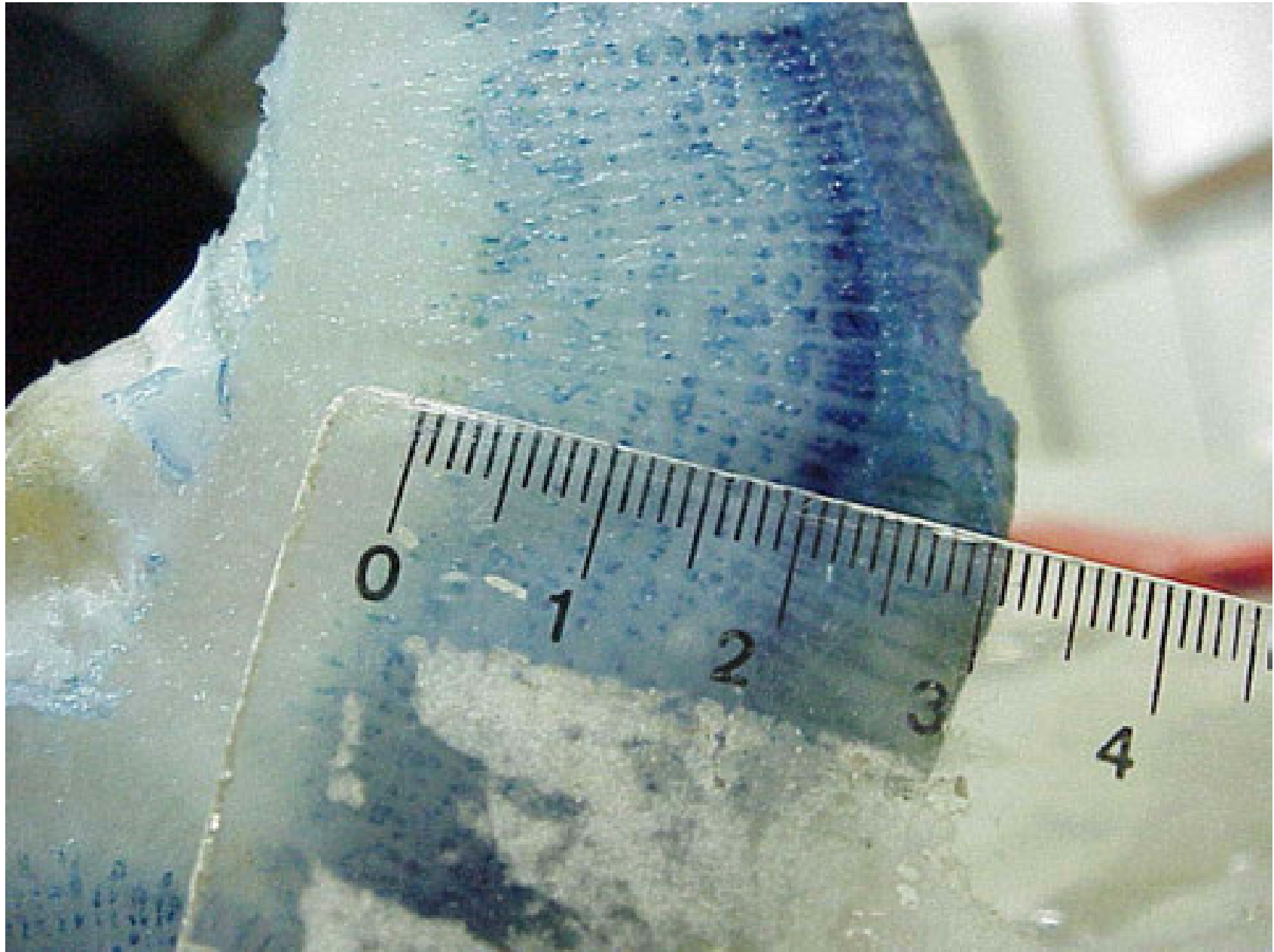
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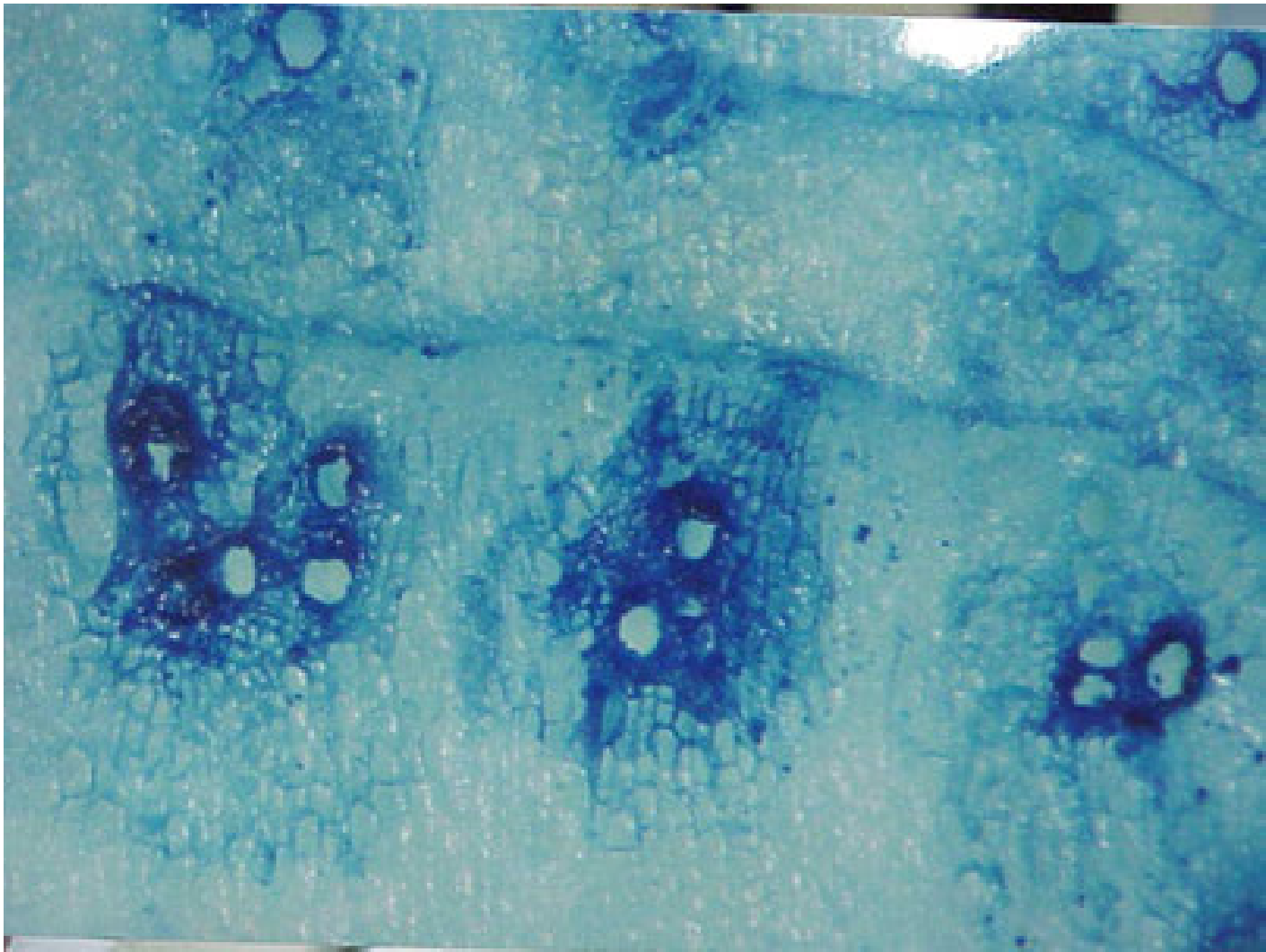


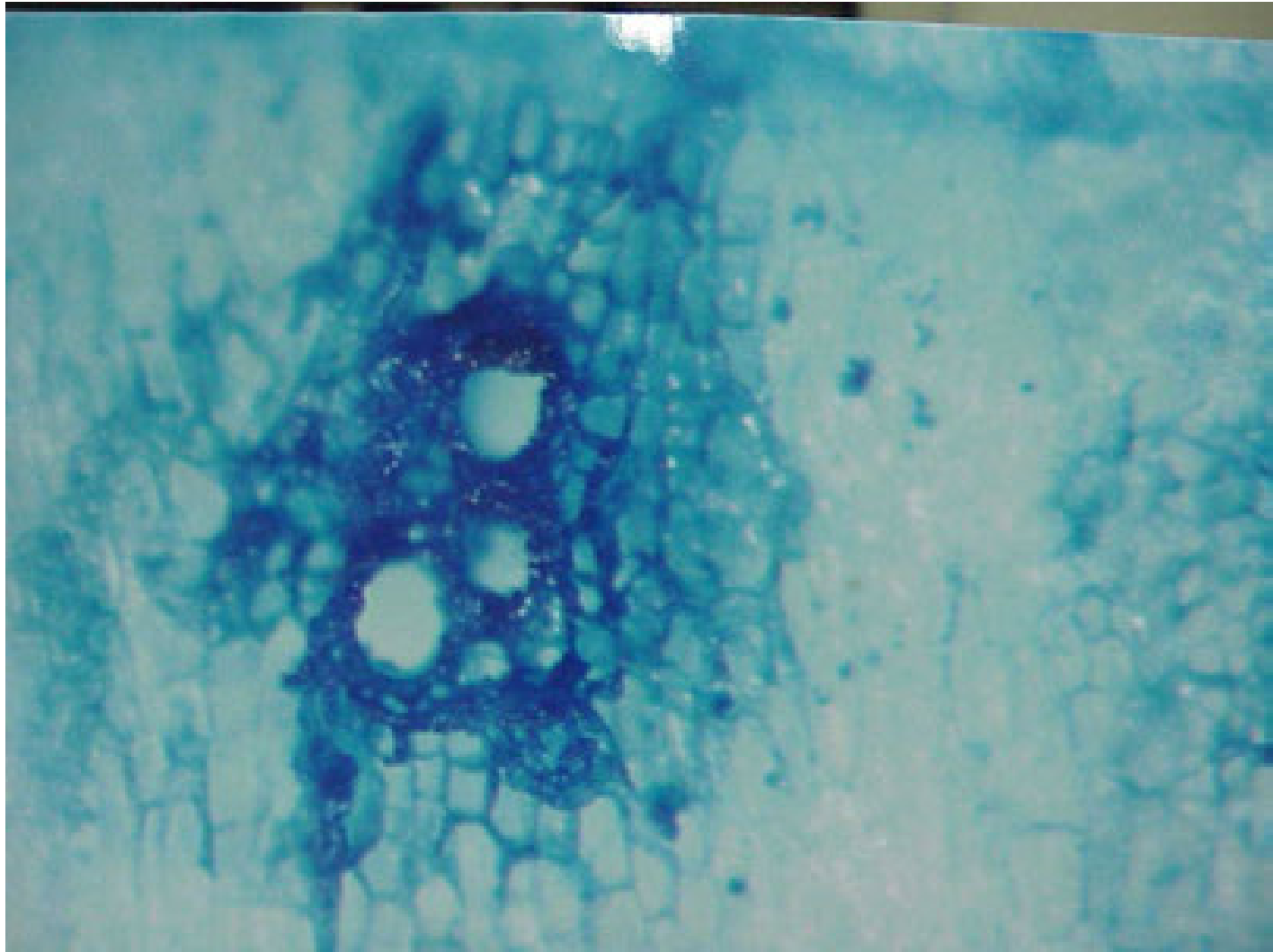


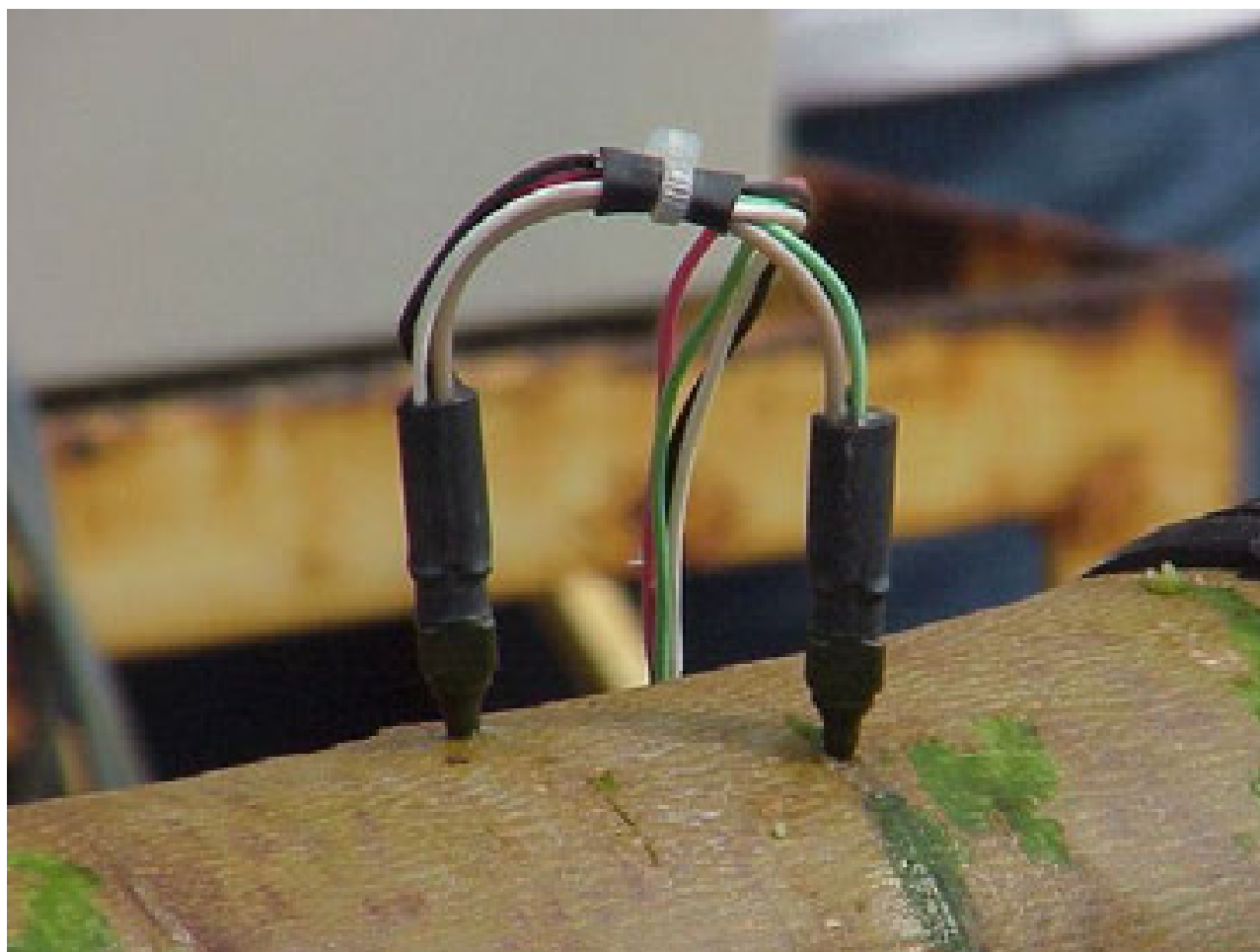




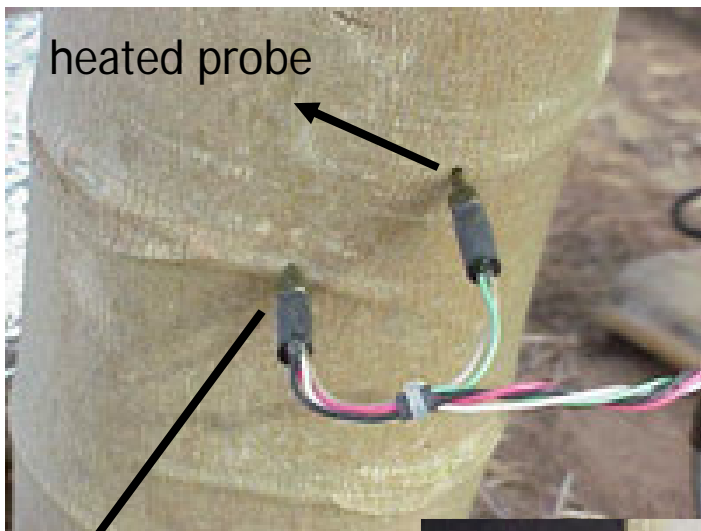






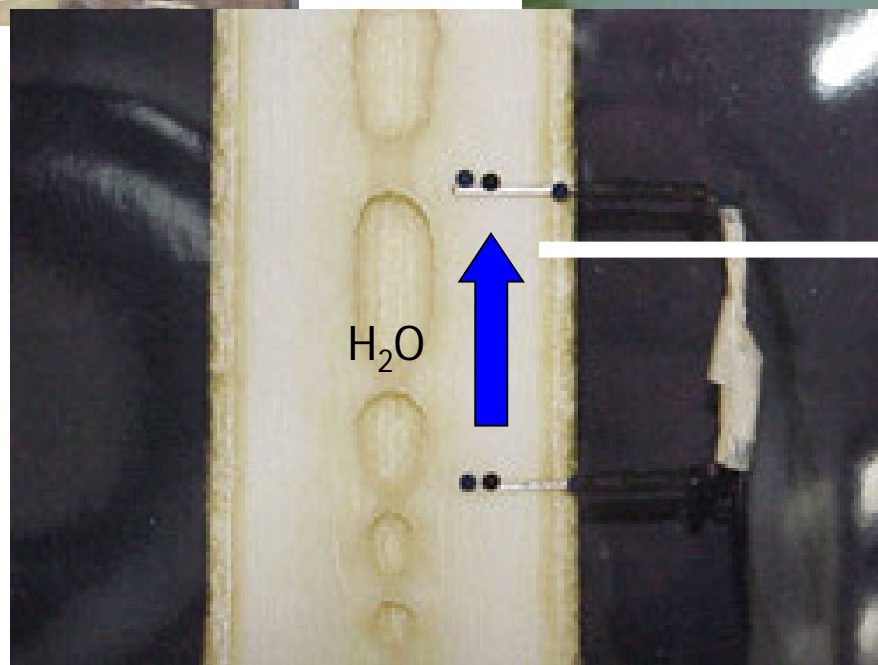


## Effects on sap flow

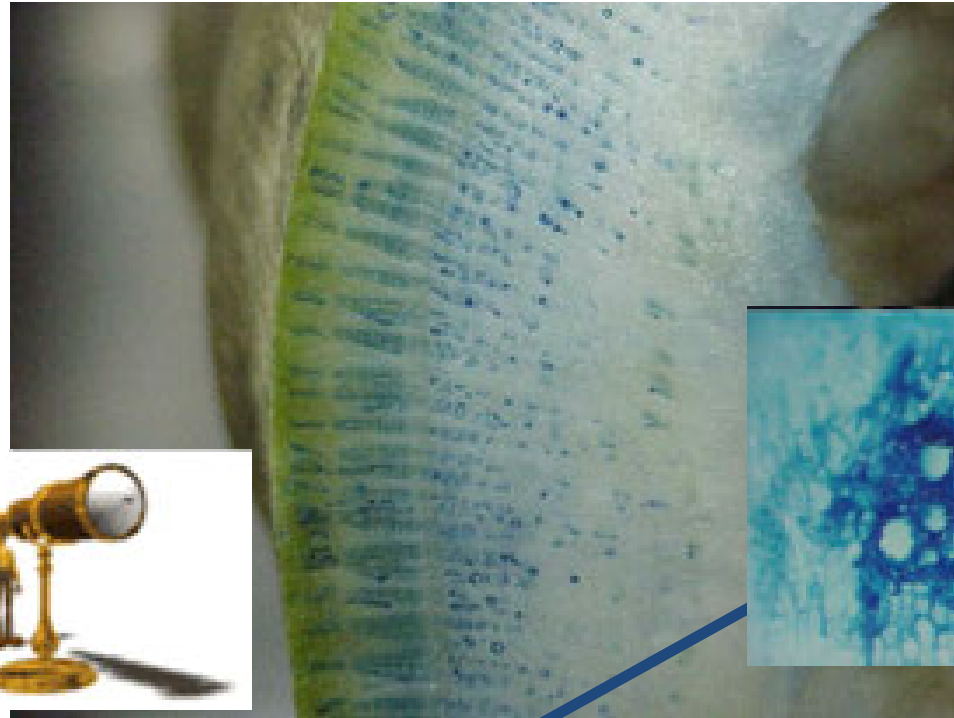


non-heated probe

Sap flow measure  
differences  
between  
heated and  
non-heated probe



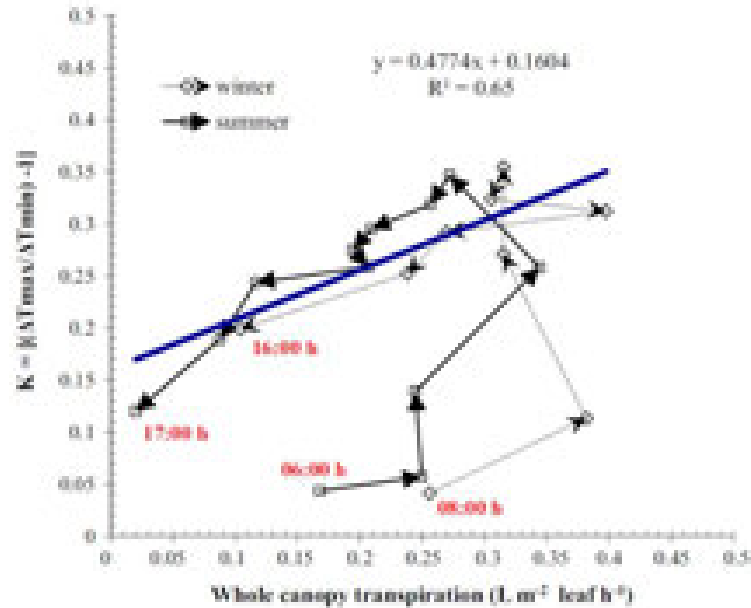
Water reduce  
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Xylem vessel

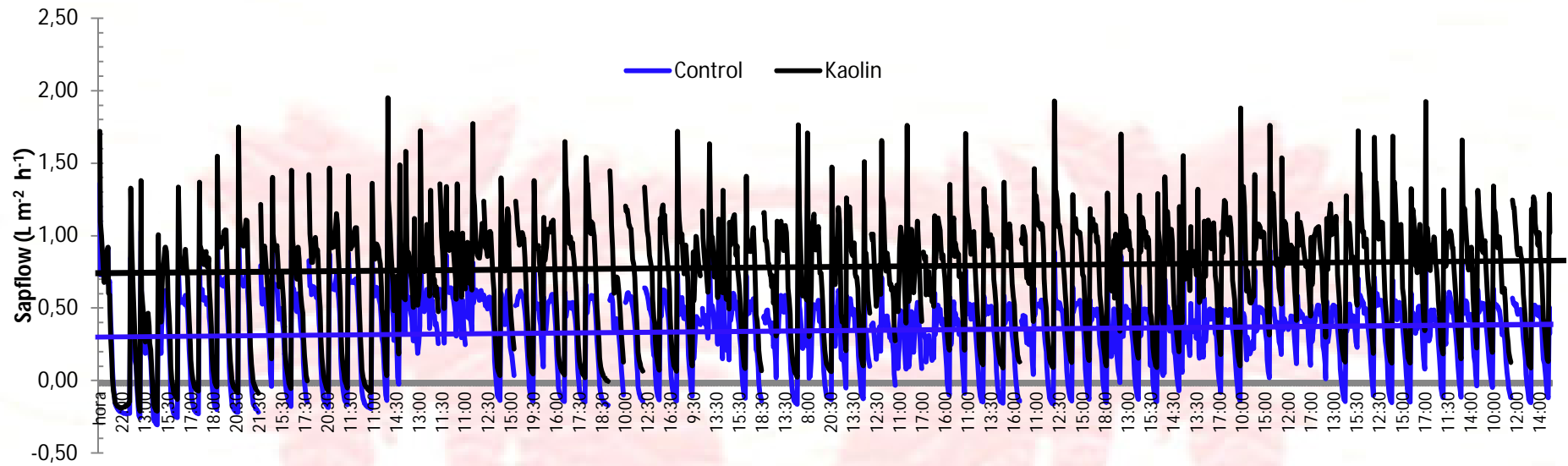


Fig. 5 Relationship between mean hourly whole-canopy transpiration and the xylem sap flow heat coefficient (K) in 'Gran Golden' papaya during four days in winter and summer. Arrows indicate the chronological progression during the day. Whole canopy transpiration data excluded from the regression were 8:00 to 9:00 h in winter related to dew on the leaf surfaces and Mylar chamber and lag phase in summer from 6:00 to 8:00 h



K is the heat coefficient:  
 $\Delta T_m$ : the maximum temperature difference (°C) between sensors in active xylem (night time), and  $\Delta T$  is the temperature difference (°C) between sensors in active xylem





May to July (winter dry season)(104days)

Plant leaf area:  $5\text{m}^2$

**Kaolin particles:**

$$0.70 \text{ L h m}^{-2} \times 5\text{m}^2 = 3.5 \text{ L h}^{-1} \text{ plant}^{-1} \times 8\text{h} = 28 \text{ L H}_2\text{O plant}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$$

**Control:**

$$0.32 \text{ L h m}^{-2} = 1.60 \text{ L h plant} \times 8\text{h} = 12.8 \text{ L H}_2\text{O plant}^{-1} \text{ day}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Maximum light} = 2300\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} = 1000 \text{ W m}^{-2}$$



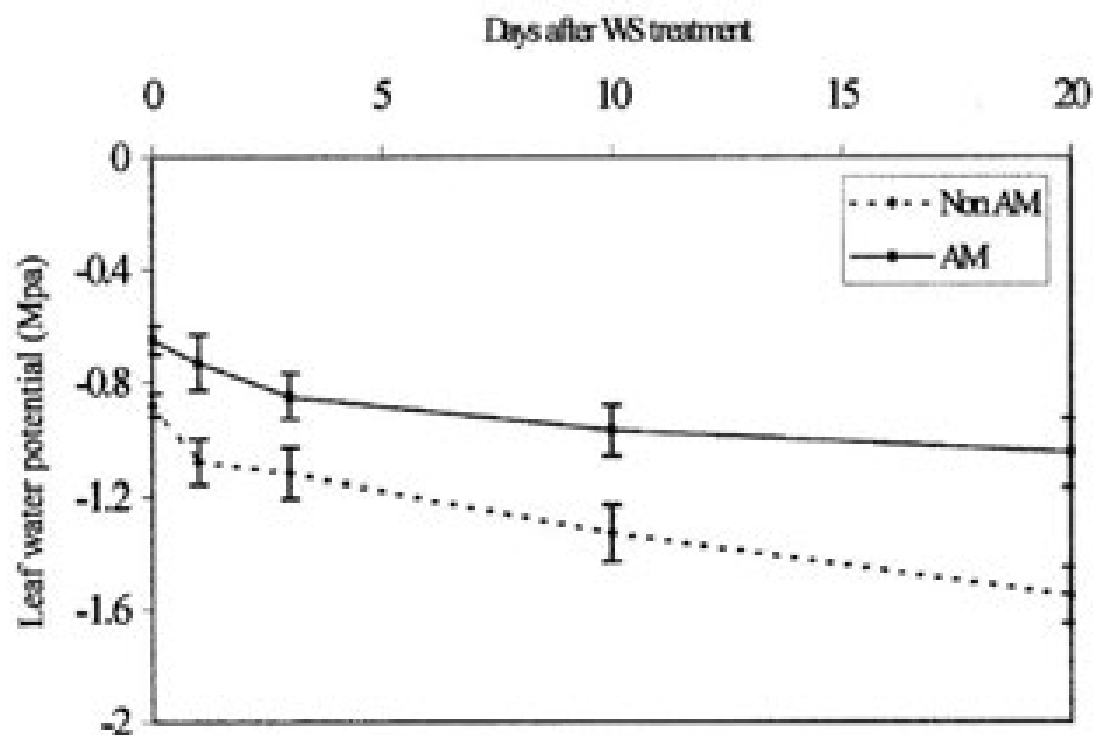
## **Mycorrhizal fungi effects on papaya productivity**

The beneficial effects of arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungi in the plant kingdom and agricultural cropping systems are well documented, and include increased P, water, and nutrient uptake as well as improved pest resistance (Harley and Smith, 1983; Bethlenfalvay and Linderman, 1992)

Arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi colonize papaya under natural conditions. Papaya appears to be very dependent on AM since [plants in sterilized soil](#), as compared to inoculated, showed [poor growth](#) and [particularly P uptake](#) (Habte, 2000)

Mohandas (1992) reported that AM inoculation of papaya seedlings increased growth, P concentration and acid phosphatase activity in leaves





**Fig. 1** Leaf water potential of papaya trees inoculated with an arbuscular mycorrhizal (*AM*) fungus, *Gigaspora margarita*, and non-inoculated (*Non AM*) trees during period of water stress (*WS*). Vertical bars indicate SE ( $n=3$ )

**Table 1** Biomass yield (g) of papaya trees inoculated with an arbuscular mycorrhizal (*AM*) fungus, *Gigaspora margarita*, and non-inoculated (*Non AM*) trees under irrigated and water-stress conditions. The data are means  $\pm$  standard error (SE) ( $n=3$ ) (*RFW* root fresh weight, *TFW* total fresh weight)

Treatment	Biomass yield			
	Irrigated		Water stressed	
	RFW	TFW	RFW	TFW
Non AM	55.2 $\pm$ 5.8	99.4 $\pm$ 9.8	44.0 $\pm$ 5.4	75.8 $\pm$ 7.3
AM	85.9 $\pm$ 6.5	141.1 $\pm$ 10.5	66.4 $\pm$ 4.9	119.6 $\pm$ 6.6

20 days of water-stress treatment

Treatments were applied 3 months after planting

**Table 2** Concentrations of 1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid (ACC) and ethylene in papaya roots inoculated with an arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungus, *Gigaspora margarita*, and non-inoculated (Non AM) trees under irrigated and water-stress conditions. The data are means  $\pm$  SE ( $n = 3$ )

20 days of water-stress treatment

Treatment	ACC (nmol/g fresh wt.)		Ethylene (ppm)	
	Irrigated	Water stressed	Irrigated	Water stressed
Non AM	$0.14 \pm 0.04$	$0.62 \pm 0.04$	$0.93 \pm 0.04$	$1.41 \pm 0.04$
AM	$0.06 \pm 0.01$	$0.41 \pm 0.04$	$1.35 \pm 0.04$	$1.23 \pm 0.03$

Mycorrhiza establishment may result in the control of ethylene levels as one mechanism of reducing damage by water stress in papaya plants.

Besmer and Koide (1999) showed that mycorrhizal colonization can decrease ethylene concentration in flowers, which might explain the increased vase-life of cut flowers.

AM colonization may act as an inhibitor of ethylene biosynthesis by influencing ACC conversion to ethylene

## Mechanical root restriction



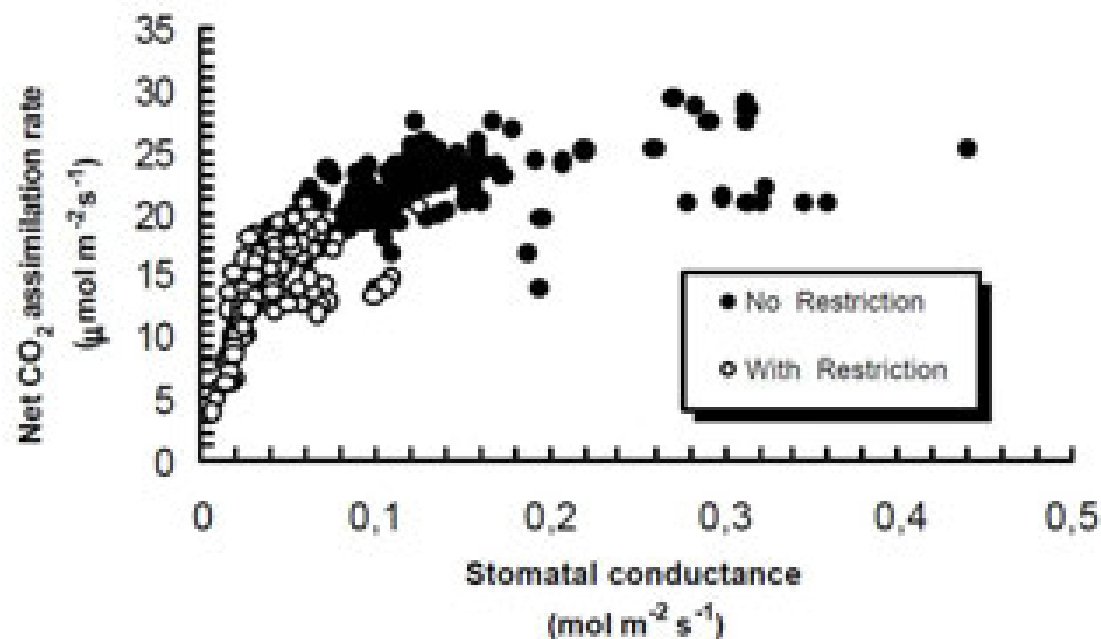


TABLE 1 - Textural class, bulk density, particle density, porosity and macroporosity of the soil in Macaé/RJ/Brazil

Horizon	$B_d^2$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	$P_d^2$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	Soil	
			Porosity	Macroporosity <sup>x</sup> (%)
A <sup>w</sup> (sandy-loam)	1.74	2.60	33.1	13.3
B <sup>y</sup> (clay)	1.64	2.61	37.2	7.9

$B_d^2$  = Bulk Density,  $P_d^2$  = Particle Density, Macroporosity<sup>x</sup> (0.1atm), (sandy-loam, 58% coarse, 15% fine sandy, 07% silt and 20% clay)<sup>w</sup>, (clay, 25% coarse, 19% fine sandy, 08% silt and 48% clay)<sup>y</sup>.

**TABLE 4** - Net CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation rate (*A*), stomatal conductance (*g<sub>s</sub>*), intercellular partial pressure CO<sub>2</sub> (*c<sub>i</sub>*) and leaf temperature (*T<sub>l</sub>*) of four papaya (*Carica papaya* L.) genotypes as influenced by root zone restriction in Macaé/RJ/Brazil. Determined in the third day after the irrigation.

Genotypes	<i>A</i> <sup>2</sup> ( $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )		<i>g<sub>s</sub></i> <sup>2</sup> ( $\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ )		<i>c<sub>i</sub></i> <sup>2</sup> ( $\mu\text{L L}^{-1}$ )		<i>T<sub>l</sub></i> <sup>2</sup> (°C)	
	NR <sup>7</sup>	WR <sup>8</sup>	NR	WR	NR	WR	NR	WR
Sunrise Solo TJ	17.1 Aa <sup>9</sup>	10.0 Bb	0.110 Ab	0.021 Ba	282.1 Ac	261.4 Bb	36.7 Ba	38.1 Aa
Sunrise Solo 72/12	22.0 Aa	11.5 Bb	0.226 Aa	0.052 Ba	296.7 Ab	271.3 Bab	35.3 Bb	36.5 Ad
Taimung 02	22.2 Aa	12.3 Bab	0.131 Ab	0.029 Ba	309.4 Aa	276.8 Ba	36.8 Ba	37.6 Ab
Know -You 01	21.8 Aa	15.2 Ba	0.210 Aa	0.062 Ba	293.2 Abc	282.8 Aa	35.7 Bab	37.8 Aab

<sup>2</sup> Determined 150 days after transplanting, on third day after irrigation; Quantum flux of photons  $1650.60 \pm 160.90 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ . Data collected at 9:00-11:00 AM. Air Temperature  $36.90 \pm 0.8^\circ\text{C}$ . CO<sub>2</sub> concentration into chamber  $360.00 \pm 11.70 \mu\text{L L}^{-1}$ . Partial pressure of water vapour into chamber  $3.59 \pm 0.11 \text{ kPa}$ ; Soil moisture on volume basis  $9.36 \pm 1.73 \%$ , [Field Capacity=11.00%]; <sup>7</sup> NR= Area with no restriction to root growth, <sup>8</sup> WR= Area with restriction of root growth; <sup>9</sup> Average followed by the same small letters in columns or capital letters in the rows (for each characteristic) did not differ at the probability level of 5% ( $p < 0.05$ ) using Duncan's Multiple Range Test.

## Tables

1. Total leaf number (TLN), average leaf area (ALA), length of leaf central vein (LLCV), total leaf area (TLA) of four papaya (*Carica papaya* L.) genotypes as influenced by root zone restriction in Macaé/RJ/Brazil.

Genotypes	TLN <sup>1</sup>		ALA <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )		LLCV <sup>3</sup> (m)		TLA <sup>4</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )	
	NR <sup>5</sup>	WR <sup>6</sup>	NR	WR	NR	WR	NR	WR
Sunrise Solo TJ	24.8 Aa	14.3Ba <sup>b</sup>	0.18Ab	0.15Bb	0.40Ab	0.35Bc	4.55Ab	2.09Bb
Sunrise Solo 72/12	22.0 Aa	17.0Ba	0.20Ab	0.17Bb	0.41Ab	0.38Bb	4.46Ab	2.88Ba
Tainung 02	25.5 Aa	10.7Bb	0.21Ab	0.15Bb	0.42Ab	0.34Bc	5.25Ab	1.61Bb
Know -You	24.3 Aa	16.8Ba	0.27Aa	0.22Ba	0.49Aa	0.44 Ba	6.52Aa	3.73Ba

<sup>1</sup> Determined at fifteen months after transplant.

<sup>2</sup> Determined by millimeter ruler.

<sup>3</sup> Determined by equation, fifteen months after transplant:  $\text{Log LA} = 0.315 + 1.85 \text{ Log LLCV}$ ,  $R^2=0.898$  were LA = Leaf Area and LLCV = length of leaf central vein.

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## Tables

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Genotypes	TLN <sup>2</sup>		ALA <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )		LLCV <sup>2</sup> (m)		TLA <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )	
	NR <sup>3</sup>	WR <sup>4</sup>	NR	WR	NR	WR	NR	WR
Sunrise Solo TJ	24.8 Aa	14.3Ba <sup>5</sup>	0.18Ab	0.15Bb	0.40Ab	0.35Bc	4.55Ab	2.09Bb
Sunrise Solo 72/12	22.0 Aa	17.0Ba	0.20Ab	0.17Bb	0.41Ab	0.38Bb	4.46Ab	2.88Ba
Tainung 02	25.5 Aa	10.7Bb	0.21Ab	0.15Bb	0.42Ab	0.34Bc	5.25Ab	1.61Bb
Know -You	24.3 Aa	16.8Ba	0.27Aa	0.22Ba	0.49Aa	0.44 Ba	6.52Aa	3.73Ba

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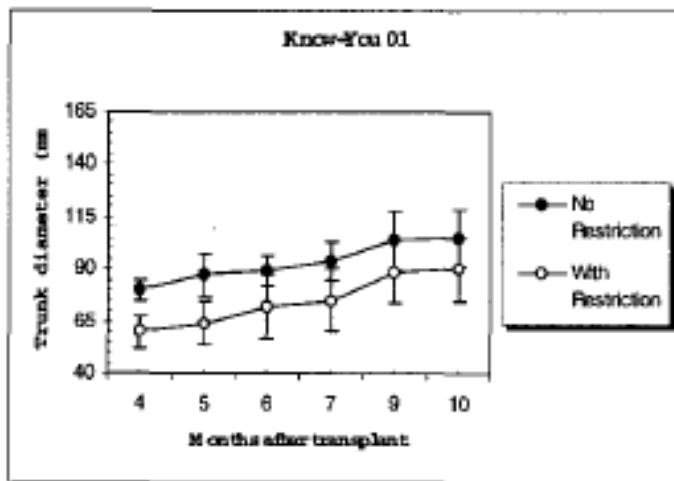
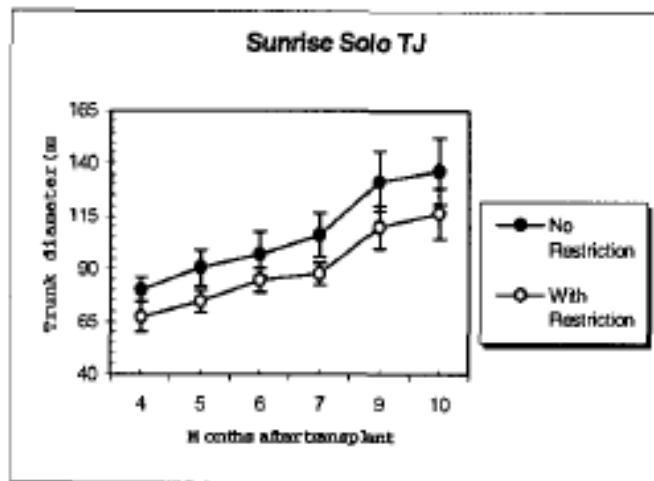
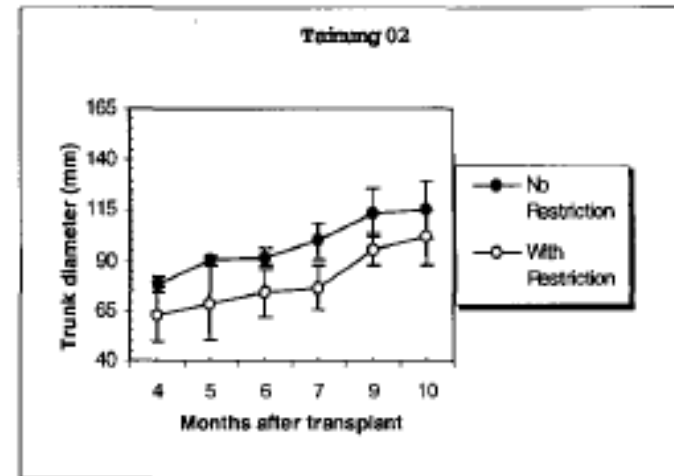
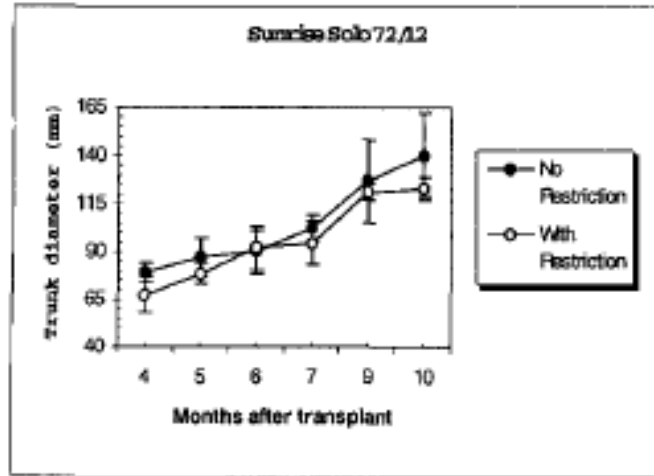
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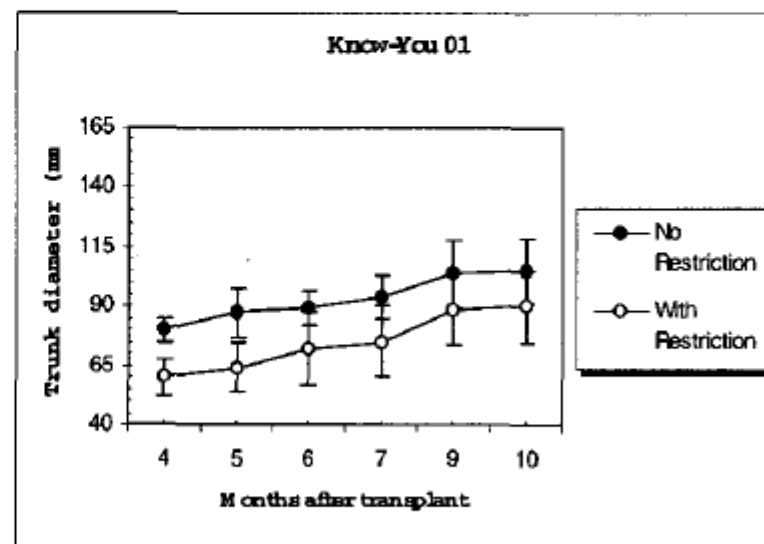
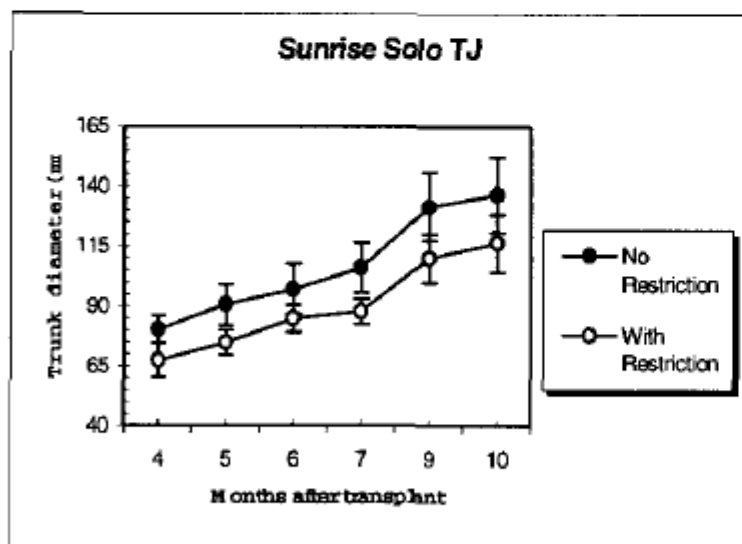
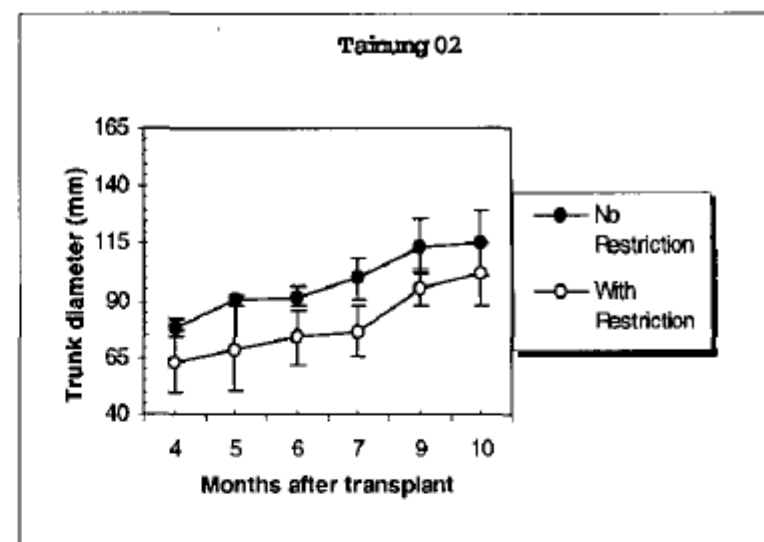
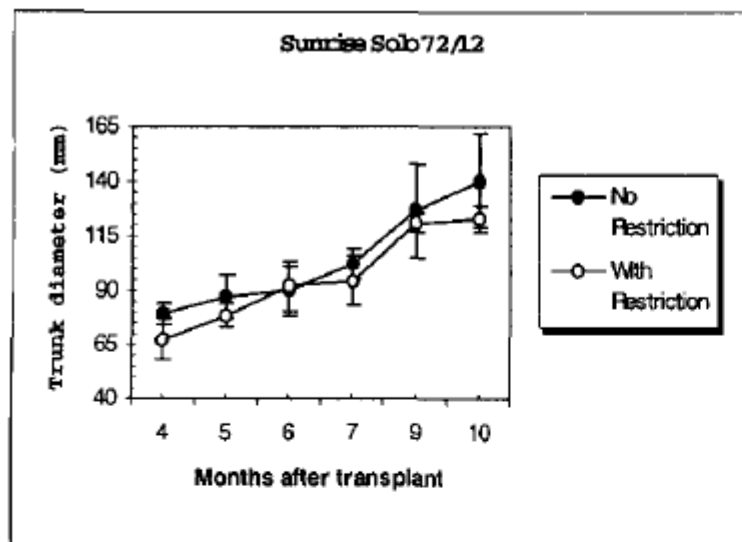
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## Wind

Table 1. Single leaf area, leaf expansion rate, and root extension rate of 'Tainung 2' and 'Sunrise' papaya plants exposed to or fully protected from ambient winds at the end of 3-week experiments conducted 3 to 24 May 2009 (mean wind speed =  $2.37 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ), 4 to 25 Sept. 2009 (mean wind speed =  $3.06 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ), and 6 to 27 Jan. 2010 (mean wind speed =  $3.77 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ).<sup>a</sup>

Response variable	Wind treatment		<i>P</i>
	Protected	Exposed	
	<i>Expt. 1</i>		
Leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	199	196	0.6087
Leaf expansion (mm·d <sup>-1</sup> )	6.83	5.85	0.0665
Root extension (mm·d <sup>-1</sup> )	6.39	6.48	0.9252
	<i>Expt. 2</i>		
Leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	303	149	0.0001
Leaf expansion (mm·d <sup>-1</sup> )	6.57	4.67	0.0003
Root extension (mm·d <sup>-1</sup> )	6.58	6.88	0.9692
	<i>Expt. 3</i>		
Leaf area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	320	123	0.0001
Leaf expansion (mm·d <sup>-1</sup> )	7.35	2.71	0.0001
Root extension (mm·d <sup>-1</sup> )	7.38	7.44	0.8359

<sup>a</sup>n = 12 (mean of six 'Tainung 2' and six 'Sunrise' plants).

During Expt. 1, plants experienced mean daytime wind speeds of  $3.11 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$  and night wind speeds of  $1.62 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ . Stem height, area

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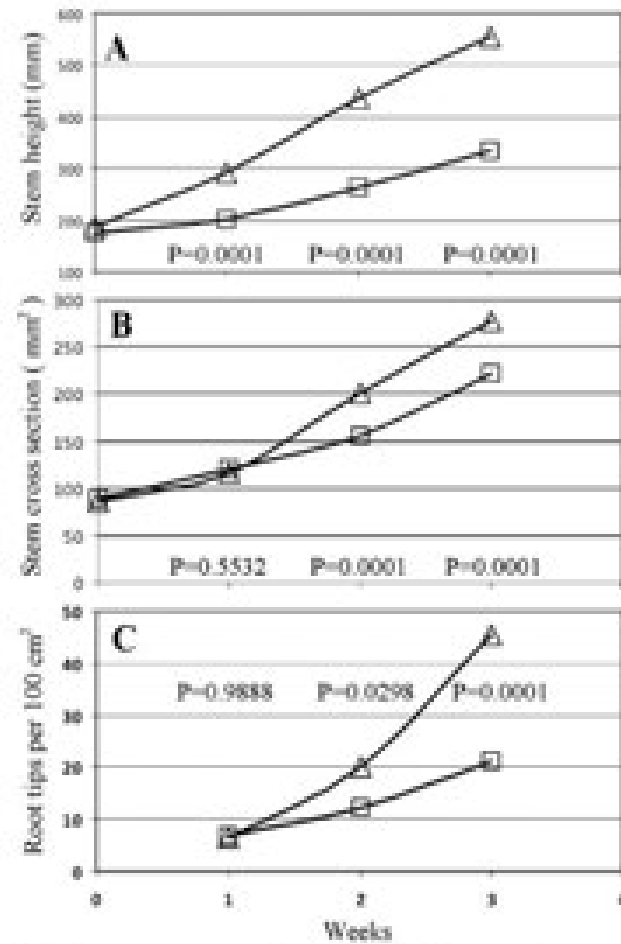


Fig. 2. Stem height (A), stem cross-section (B), and root tip density (C) of *Carica papaya* seedlings protected from (A) or exposed to (□) easterly ambient winds in north Guam from 4 to 25 Sept. 2009.  $n = 12$  (mean of six 'Tainung 2' and six 'Sunrise' plants).

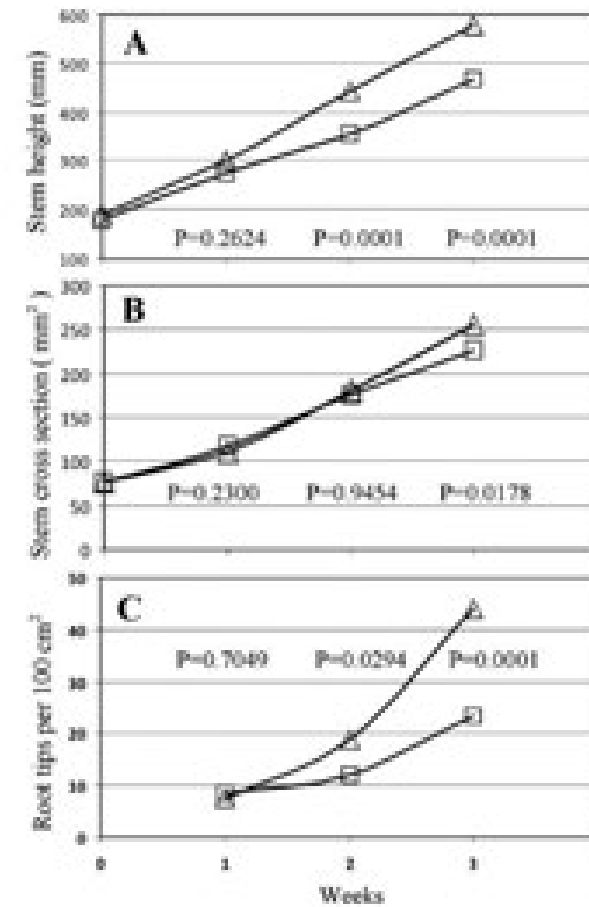


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Structures were constructed in a north-south direction to provide plants on the west side with one of three levels of wind exposure: 0 % (fully protected), 36 % or 100 % (fully exposed). Full protection was provided using a polypropylene sheet to exclude all ambient wind. Exposure to 36 % ambient wind was provided by covering the structure with a fabric screen. Plants receiving 100 % exposure received no protection from the ambient wind. A randomized complete block design was used, with nine structures established within three blocks.

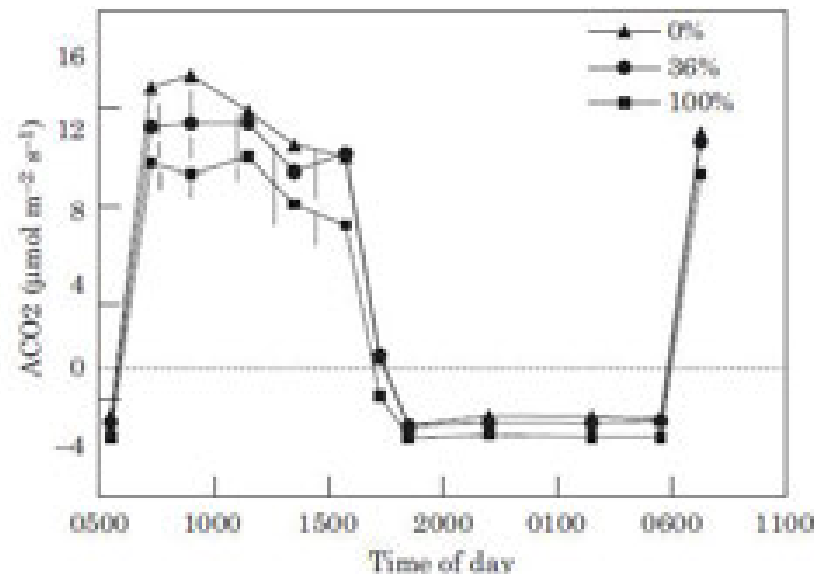


FIG. 2. Net CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation ( $A_{CO_2}$ ) of 'Tainung 2' leaves on 14 and 15 Dec. 1995 as influenced by time of day and exposure to wind. Sunrise was at 0635 h, and sunset was at 1756 h. Vertical bars represent standard error.  $n = 6$ .

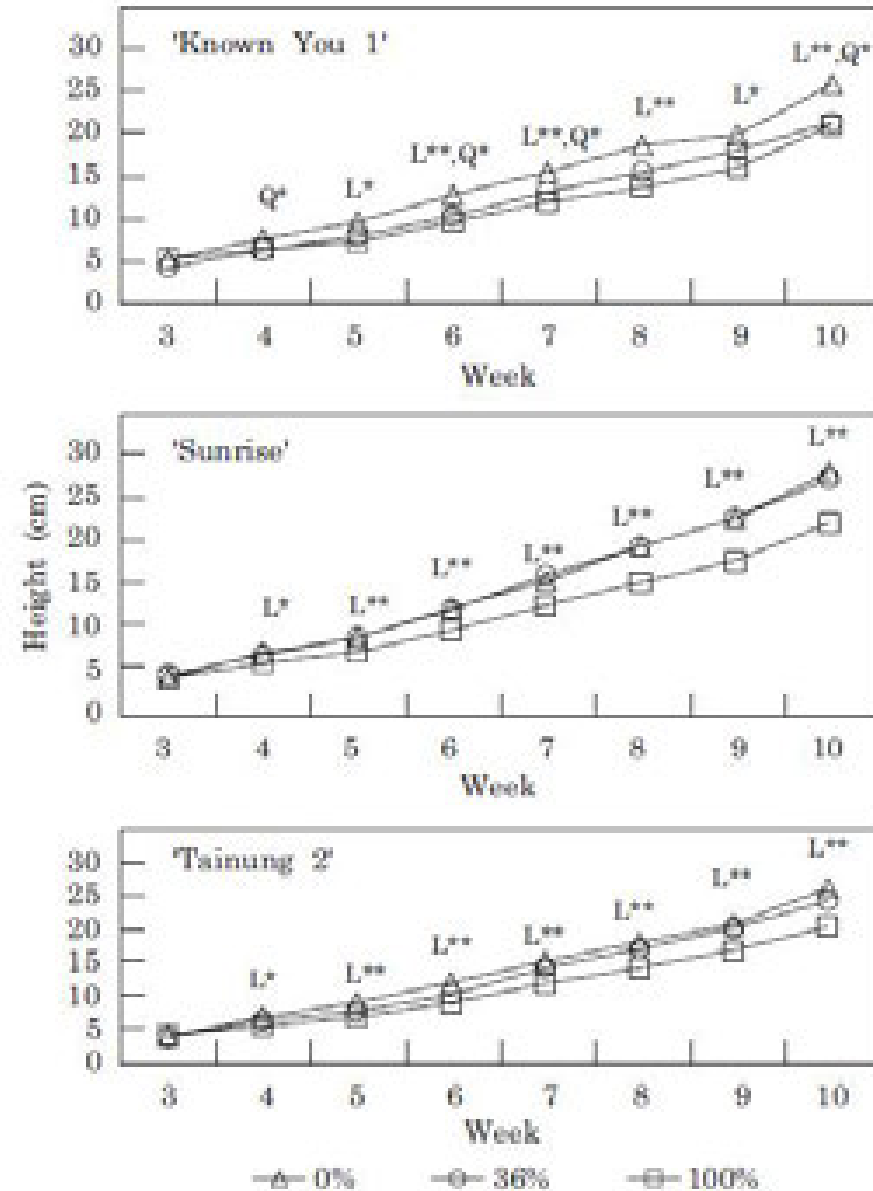


FIG. 1. Height of papaya seedlings receiving 0, 36 or 100 % wind exposure from 9 Mar. to 18 May 1996. Measurements began in week 3. \*,\*\* indicates linear (L) or quadratic (Q) regression models were significant at  $P \leq 0.05$  or  $P \leq 0.01$ .  $n = 6$ .

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TABLE 1. Leaf (LDW), stem (SDW), root (RDW), and total (TDW) dry weights, and root:canopy ratio (RCR) of papaya seedlings receiving 0, 36 or 100% wind exposure from 9 Mar. 1996 to 18 May 1996

	% Wind exposure				
Variable	0	36	100	Sig.	r <sup>2</sup>
‘Known You 1’					
LDW (g)	2.33	2.35	1.92	ns	0.46
SDW (g)	1.25	1.18	0.90	L**	
RDW (g)	3.12	3.30	3.78	ns	
TDW (g)	6.70	6.83	6.60	ns	
RCR	0.92	0.94	1.34	L* *	0.42
‘Sunrise’					
LDW (g)	1.95	2.11	1.72	ns	0.24, 0.69
SDW (g)	1.09	1.36	0.96	L* Q**	
RDW (g)	3.85	3.33	3.46	ns	
TDW (g)	6.89	6.81	6.05	ns	
RCR	1.27	0.97	1.36	Q**	0.45
‘Tainung 2’					
LDW (g)	2.05	2.29	1.61	L**Q**	0.38, 0.67
SDW (g)	1.63	1.24	0.77	L*	
RDW (g)	3.14	3.87	3.32	ns	
TDW (g)	6.81	7.39	5.70	ns	
RCR	0.97	1.15	1.40	ns	

ns, \*, \*\* Indicates non-significant, or linear (L) or quadratic (Q) regression models are significant at  $P \leq 0.05$  or  $P \leq 0.01$ , respectively.  
 $n = 6$ .

TABLE 2. Height (*Ht*), leaf (*LDW*), stem (*SDW*), and root (*RDW*) dry weight, dry weight gain, leaf area (*LA*), root:canopy ratio (*RCR*), and daytime and night-time whole plant evapotranspiration ( $E_{wp}$ ) of papaya seedlings receiving 0 or 100 % wind exposure from 11 Nov. to 16 Dec. 1995

Variable	% Wind exposure			Sig.	r <sup>2</sup>
	0	36	100		
‘Known You 1’					
Ht (cm)	40.7	39.2	30.8	L*	0.33
LDW (g)	4.76	5.02	2.85	L**	0.36
SDW (g)	3.04	3.24	2.24	ns	
RDW (g)	5.80	5.50	4.39	ns	
Dry wt (g)	13.32	13.46	9.19	L*	0.25
RCR	0.78	0.69	0.91	ns	
LA (cm <sup>2</sup> )	1186	1311	767	L*	0.30
Day E <sub>wp</sub> (mg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	77.1	70.8	49.0	L**	0.83
Night E <sub>wp</sub> (mg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	3.6	3.7	5.7	L**Q**	0.86, 0.95
‘Sunrise’					
Ht (cm)	47.0	46.5	41.3	L**	0.49
LDW (g)	4.18	4.93	3.57	Q**	0.49
SDW (g)	3.46	4.39	2.72	Q**	0.54
RDW (g)	4.61	6.06	5.08	ns	
Dry wt (g)	12.04	15.18	11.15	Q**	0.60
RCR	0.60	0.67	0.81	L*	0.24
LA (cm <sup>2</sup> )	1112	1186	936	L*,Q*	0.27, 0.43
Day E <sub>wp</sub> (mg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	74.7	62.7	57.6	L**Q**	0.67, 0.79
Night E <sub>wp</sub> (mg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	4.0	3.6	5.9	L**,Q**,L*	0.63, 0.84
‘Tainung 2’					
Ht (cm)	46.8	45.5	40.0	L**	0.42
LDW (g)	5.13	5.62	4.75	ns	
SDW (g)	3.75	4.76	3.62	ns	
RDW (g)	6.20	6.84	6.37	ns	
Dry wt (g)	14.84	16.98	14.49	ns	
RCR	0.69	0.72	0.77	ns	
LA (cm <sup>2</sup> )	1326	1482	1086	ns	
Day E <sub>wp</sub> (mg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	84.9	71.7	54.6	L**	0.87
Night E <sub>wp</sub> (mg m <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	3.0	3.6	5.6	L**	0.83



Figure 1. Cutting prepared for IBA treatment.



## Effects of indol butyric acid concentration on propagation from cuttings of papaya cultivars 'Golden' and 'Uenf/Caliman 01'

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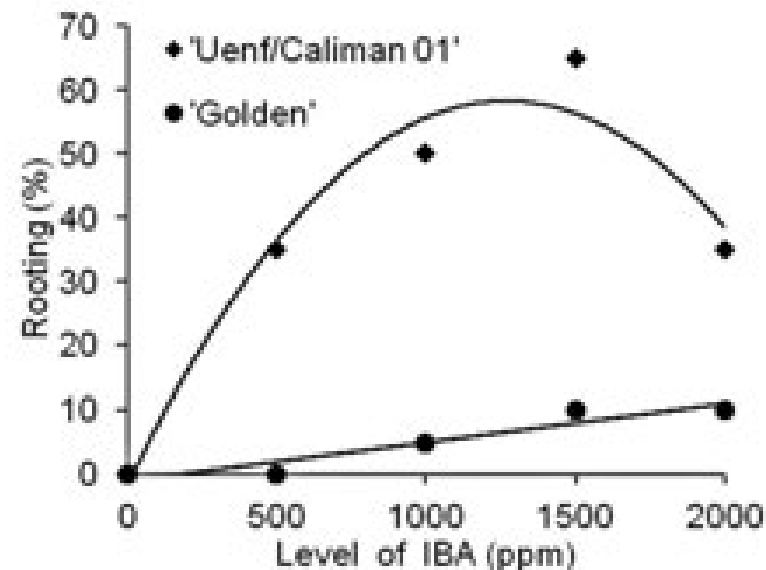


Figure 2. Rooting success in cvs 'Golden' and 'Uenf/Caliman 01', in response to different levels of IBA 70 days after treatment.  $N = 120$  cuttings per cultivar (24 cuttings per cultivar and dose). Equations: 'Golden',  $Y_i = -1.0 + 0.006x$ ,  $R^2 = 0.90$ ; 'Uenf/Caliman 01',  $Y_i = -1.57 + 0.093x - 0.000037x^2$ ,  $R^2 = 0.95$ .







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**Table I.** Vegetative characteristics of cv. 'Uenf/Caliman 01' papaya cuttings *versus* seedlings: plant height at transplanting (PH1) and after 4.5 months in the field (PH2), trunk diameter (Trunk), leaf number (Leaves) and canopy diameter (Canopy).

Propagation procedure	Vegetative characteristics <sup>‡</sup>				
	PH1 (cm)	PH2 (cm)	Trunk (cm)	Leaves	Canopy (cm)
Cuttings	21.3 ± 0.9	67.2 ± 2.8	6.6 ± 0.3	21.3 ± 1.0	187.3 ± 9.9
Seeds	9.3 ± 0.3	126.8 ± 2.2	8.3 ± 0.3	25.2 ± 0.6	179.5 ± 3.8
<i>P</i> value <sup>‡</sup>	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.0001	0.0027	0.4677

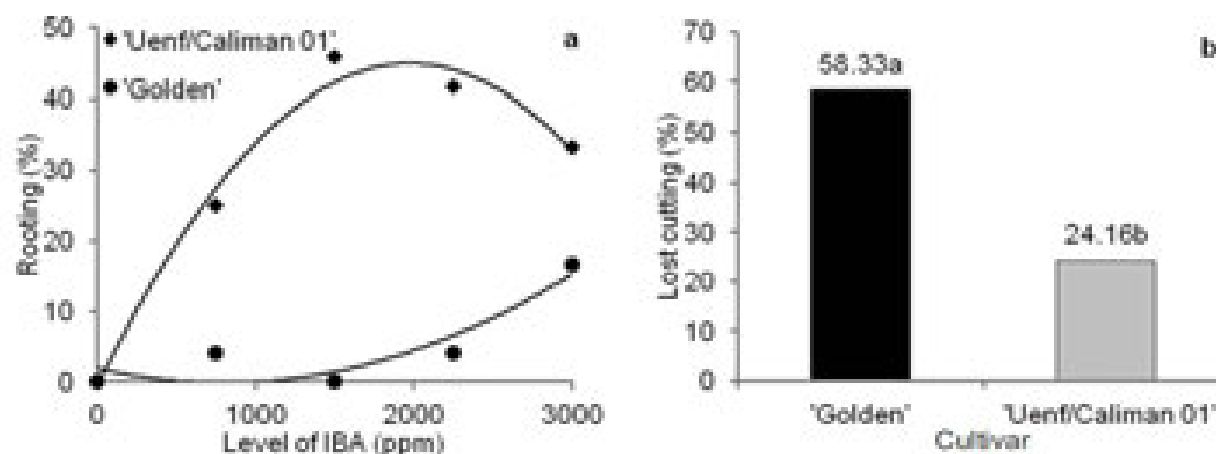
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**Table II.** Reproductive characteristics of cv. 'Uenf/Caliman 01' in papaya cuttings *versus* seedlings after 4.5 months growing in the field: flowering onset (Flowering, in days after transplanting - DAT), flowers per plant (Flowers), height for first fruit (HFruit), fruit number per plant (NbFruits), length of the portion of the stem bearing fruits (SRLength).

Propagation procedure	Reproductive characteristics <sup>‡</sup>				
	Flowering (DAT)	Flowers	HFruit (cm)	NbFruits	SRLength (cm)
Cuttings	0.0 ± 0.0	12.3 ± 0.4	25.6 ± 2.3	9.7 ± 0.5	41.6 ± 3.1
Seeds	90.6 ± 1.2	15.4 ± 0.5	68.1 ± 1.4	12.8 ± 0.8	58.7 ± 2.6
<i>P</i> value <sup>‡</sup>	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	0.0002

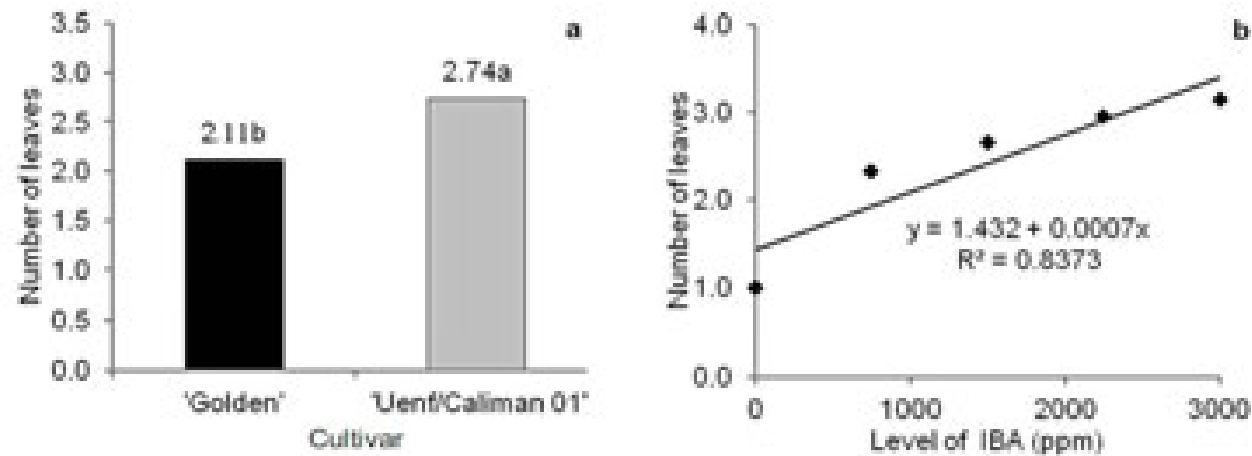
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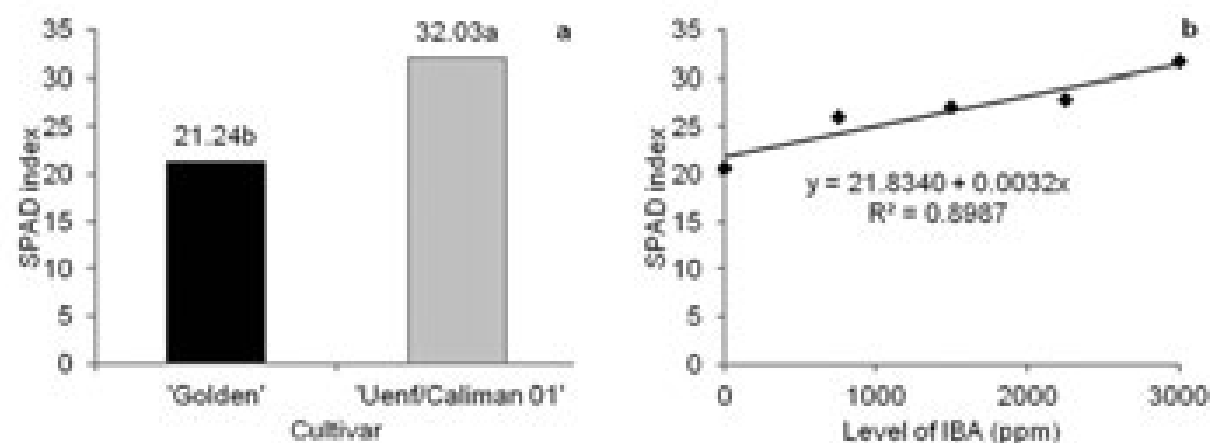


**Figure 3.** Rooting success 70 days after treatment in papaya cvs 'Golden' and 'Uenf/Caliman 01', in response to different concentrations of IBA. (a) Percentage of rooted cuttings.  $N = 120$  cuttings per cultivar (24 cuttings per cultivar and dose). Equations: 'Golden',  $Y_1 = 1.9054 - 0.0051x + 0.0000032x^2$ ,  $R^2 = 0.83$ ; 'Uenf/Caliman 01',  $Y_1 = -0.5957 + 0.046x - 0.00001164x^2$ ,  $R^2 = 0.98$ ; (b) Losses due to stem rot. Means followed by different letters are significantly different. Separation of means by Tukey test ( $P < 0.05$ ).





**Figure 4.** Leaf number in cvs 'Golden' and 'Uenf/Caliman 01' cuttings after 70 days of acclimatization: (a) Cultivar comparison; (b) Effect on leaf number of the levels of IBA applied to the base of 'Uenf/Caliman 01' cuttings. Means followed by different letters are significantly different. Separation of means by Tukey test ( $P < 0.05$ ),  $N = 120$  cuttings per cultivar (24 cuttings per cultivar and dose).



**Figure 5.** Chlorophyll content estimated by SPAD values in cvs 'Golden' and 'Uenf/Caliman 01' cuttings after 70 days of acclimatization: (a) Cultivar comparison; (b) Effect on SPAD values of the levels of IBA applied to the base of 'Uenf/Caliman 01' cuttings. Means followed by different letters are significantly different. Separation of means by Tukey test ( $P < 0.05$ ).  $N = 120$  cuttings per cultivar (24 cuttings per cultivar and dose).

**Table III.** Linear correlation of the cutting height, cutting diameter, leaf number and root volume with photosynthesis rate (A) and efficiency of photosystem II (Fv/Fmax ratio) in papaya cvs 'Golden' and 'Uenf/Caliman 01'.

Variables	A ( $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )		Fv/Fmax ratio	
	Golden ( <i>n</i> = 9)	Uenf/Caliman 01 ( <i>n</i> = 37)	Golden ( <i>n</i> = 9)	Uenf/Caliman 01 ( <i>n</i> = 37)
Cutting height	0.3413 <sup>ns</sup>	-0.0280 <sup>ns</sup>		
Cutting diameter	0.7499 <sup>**</sup>	0.2053 <sup>ns</sup>		
Leaf number	0.8409 <sup>**</sup>	0.4266 <sup>**</sup>	0.0962 <sup>ns</sup>	-0.2745 <sup>ns</sup>
Root volume	0.2666 <sup>ns</sup>	0.2912 <sup>ns</sup>	0.0270 <sup>ns</sup>	-0.0962 <sup>ns</sup>

ns = not significant at 5% by *t*-test; \*\* significant at 1% by *t*-test.



## Conclusões

Em estacas de mamoeiro 'Golden', em novos estudos, e para a indução de enraizamento, indica-se aumentar a concentração de AIB acima de 3000 mg L<sup>-1</sup>;

Estacas de mamoeiro 'Uenf/Caliman 01' enraízaram 65% quando tratadas com AIB a 1500 mg L<sup>-1</sup>; Poucas raízes nas estacas do mamoeiro são suficientes para manter um bom estado hídrico, uma boa taxa fotossintética, uma significativa quantidade de clorofilas nas folhas e com boa eficiência na utilização de energia luminosa;

Plantas de mamoeiro propagadas por estaquia, quando cultivadas no campo apresentaram iniciação precoce de flores, menor altura de inserção dos primeiros frutos e baixa estatura, o que antecipa e facilita a colheita.

## Gas-Exchange and Photochemical Efficiency in Seedling and Grafted Papaya Tree Grown under Field Condition

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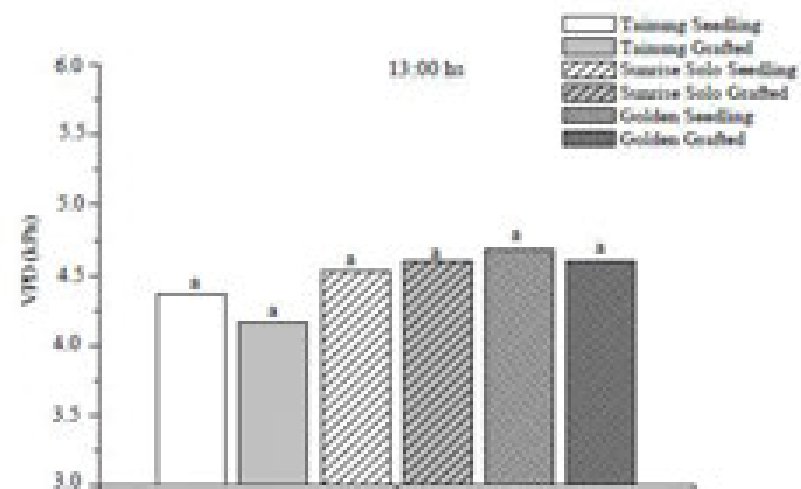
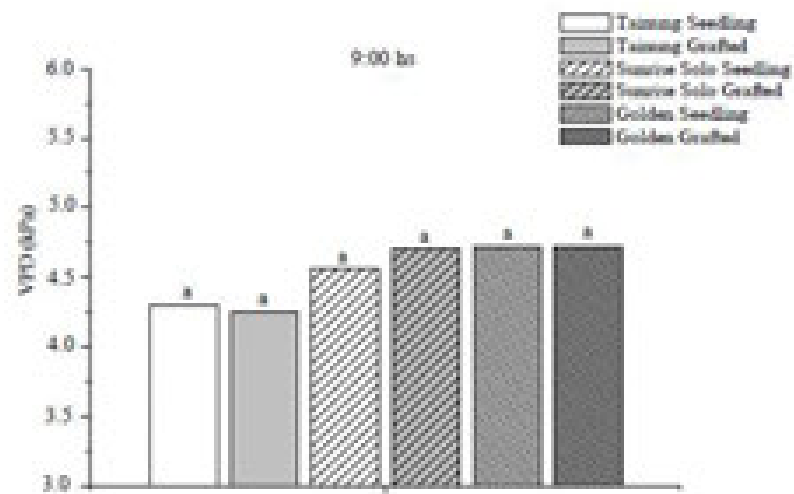
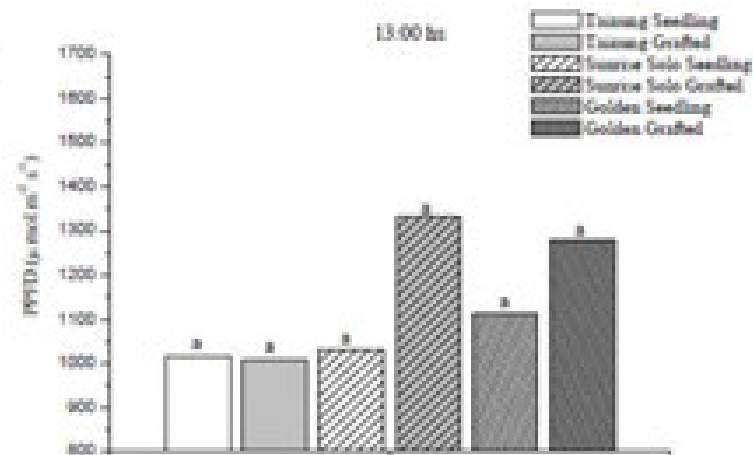
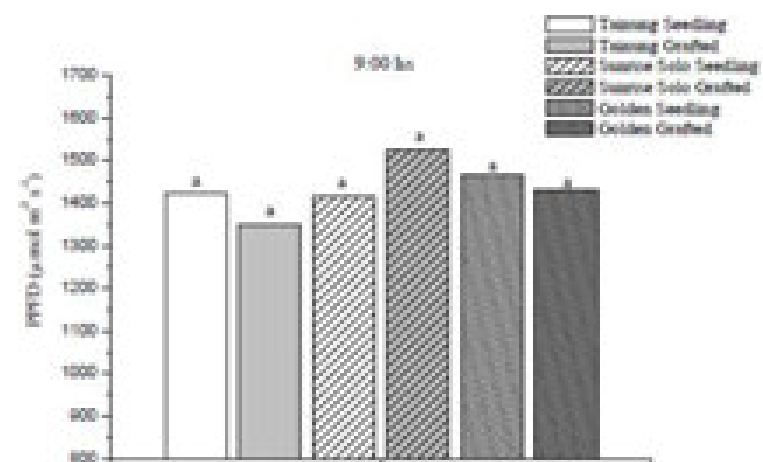
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Table 1. Grafting treatments.

Scion/stock combination	Treatment code
Tainung seedlings	TS
Tainung 01/Tainung 01	TT
Sunrise Solo seedlings	SSS
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Golden seedlings	GS
Golden/Tainung 01	GT



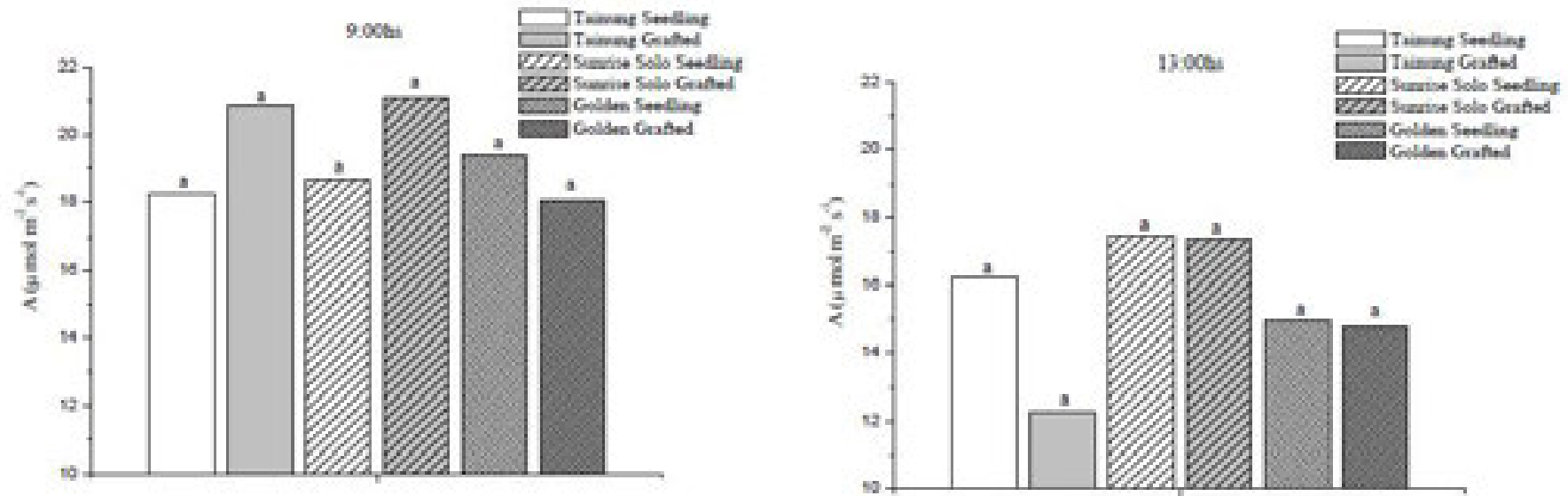
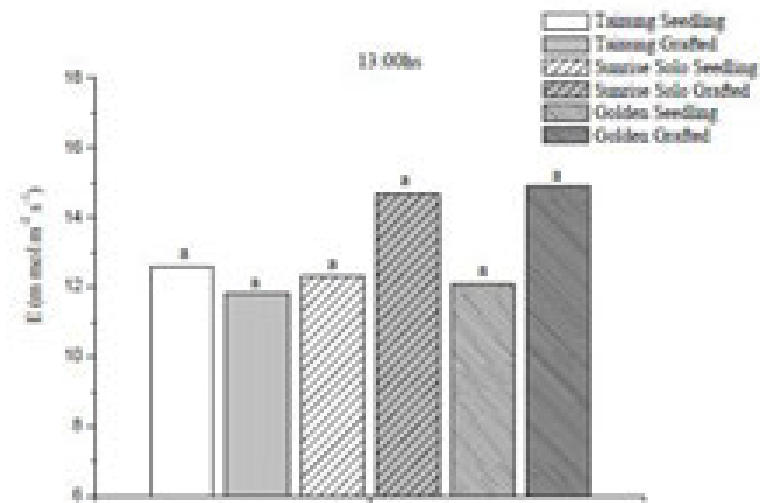
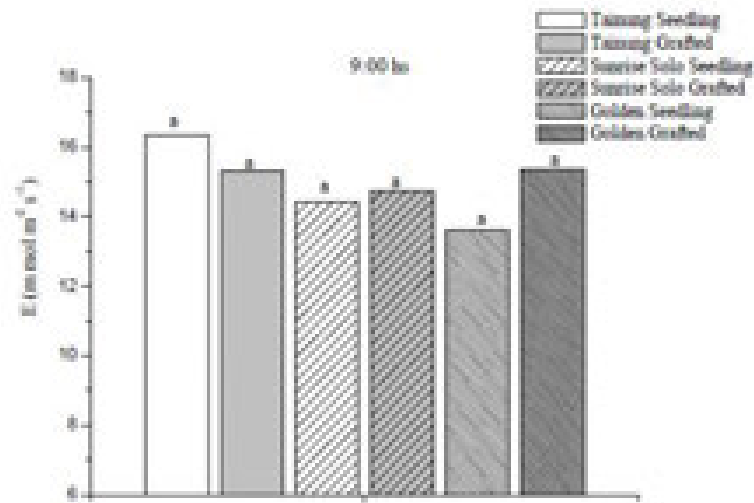
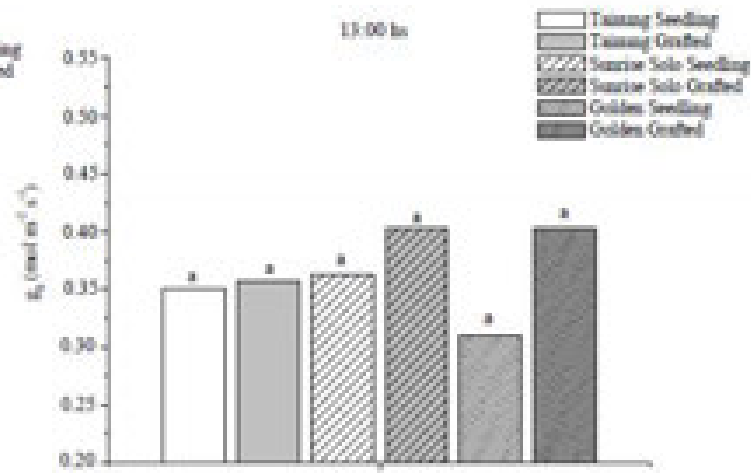
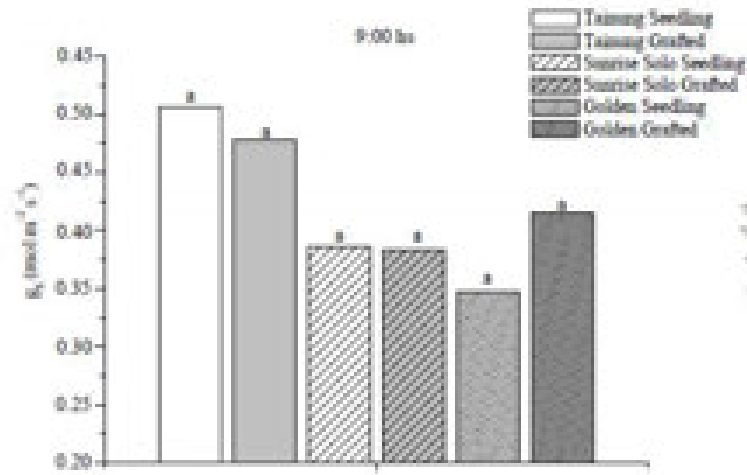
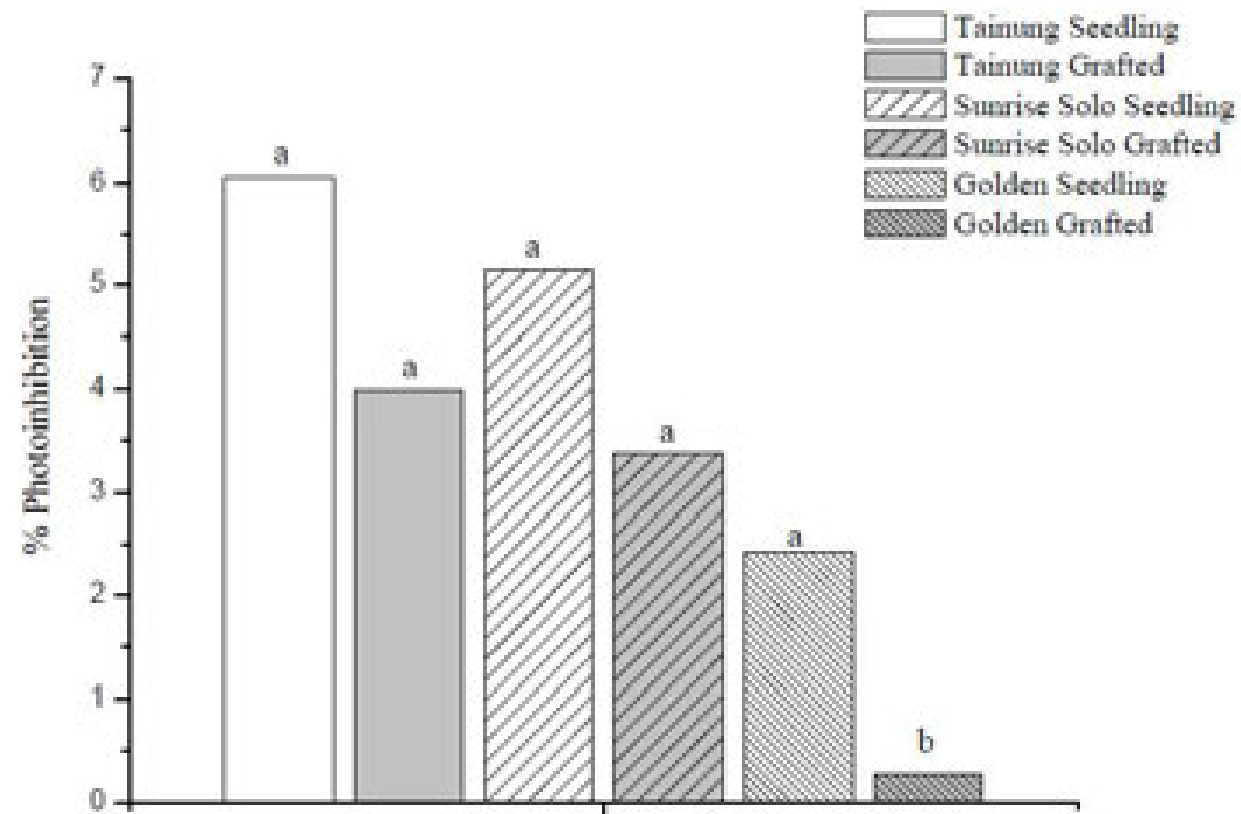


Fig. 1. Photosynthetic photon flux density (PPFD), leaf-to-air vapor pressure deficit ( $VPD_{leaf-air}$ ), net photosynthetic rate ( $A$ ) in papaya (*Carica papaya* L) cv. Golden, cv. Sunrise Solo and hybrid Tainung 01 grafted on open pollinated Tainung 01 (F2) seedlings and their respective seedlings ( $n=4$ ). Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different, Tukey's test 5%.







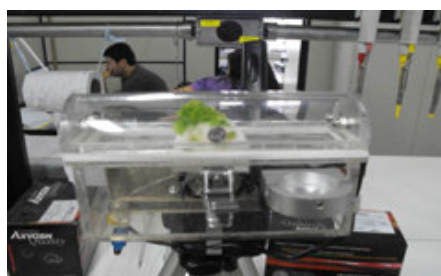
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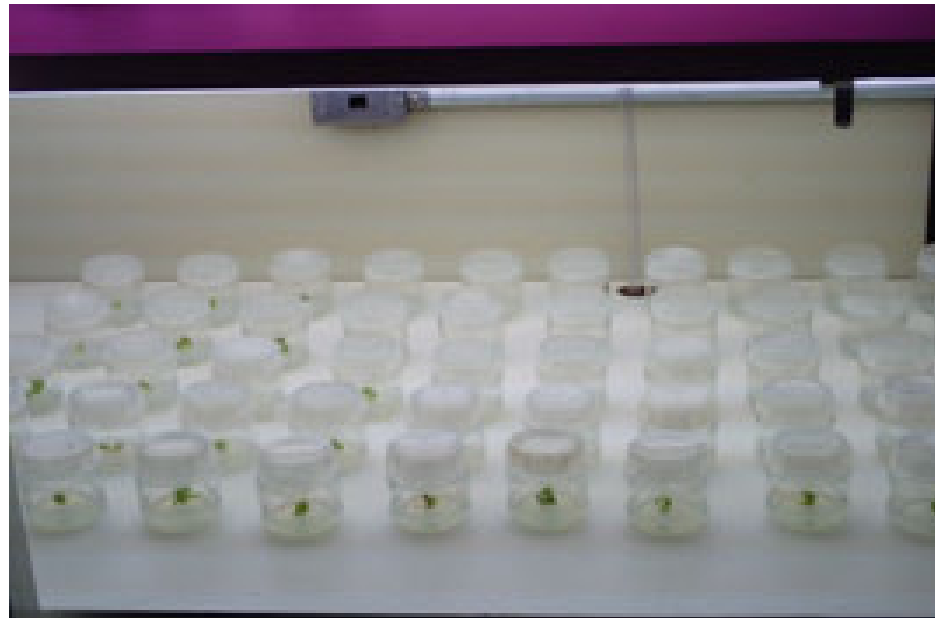
## **CONCLUSIONS**

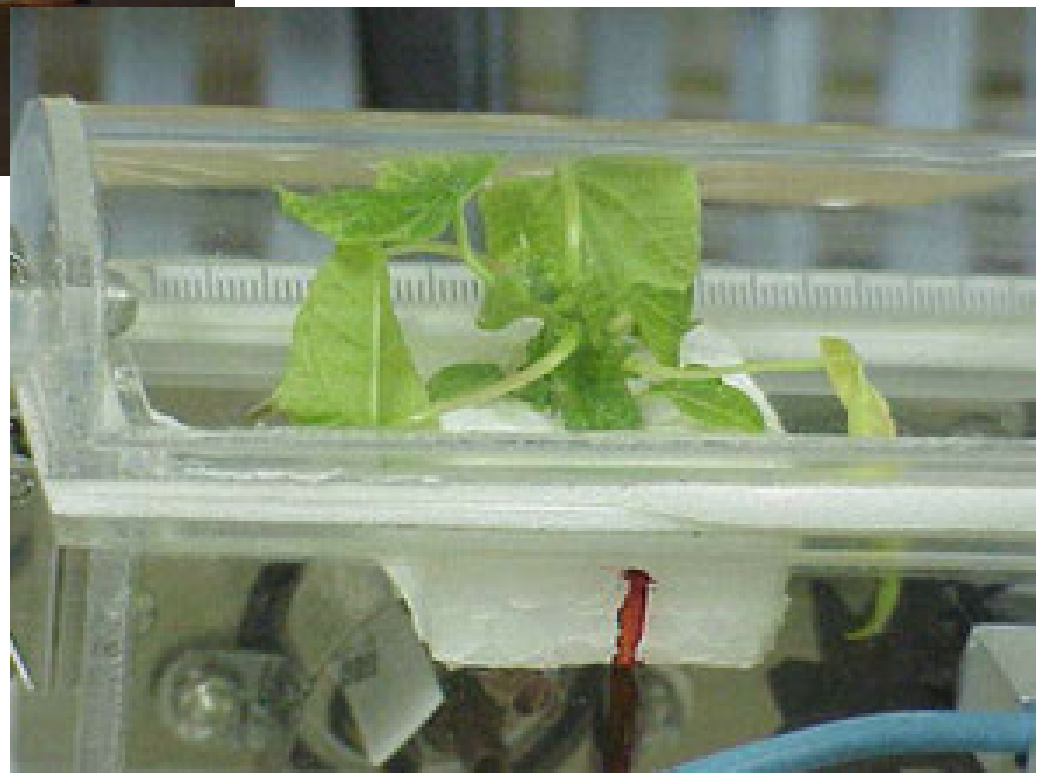
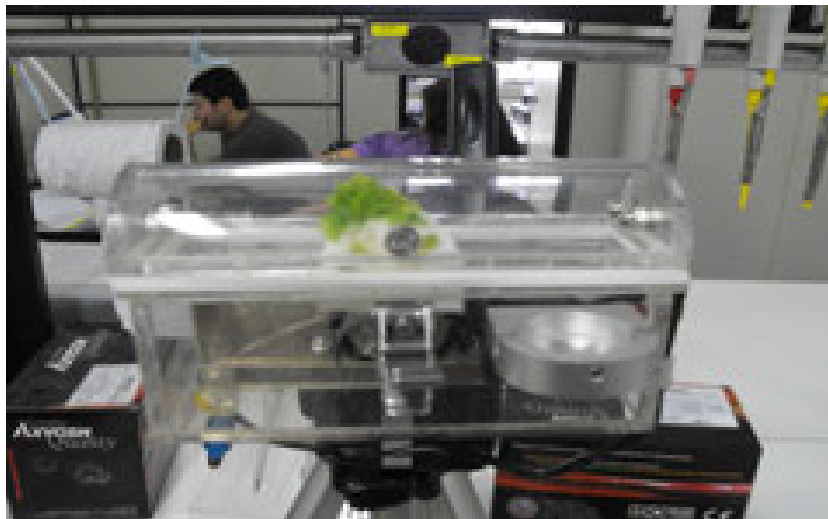
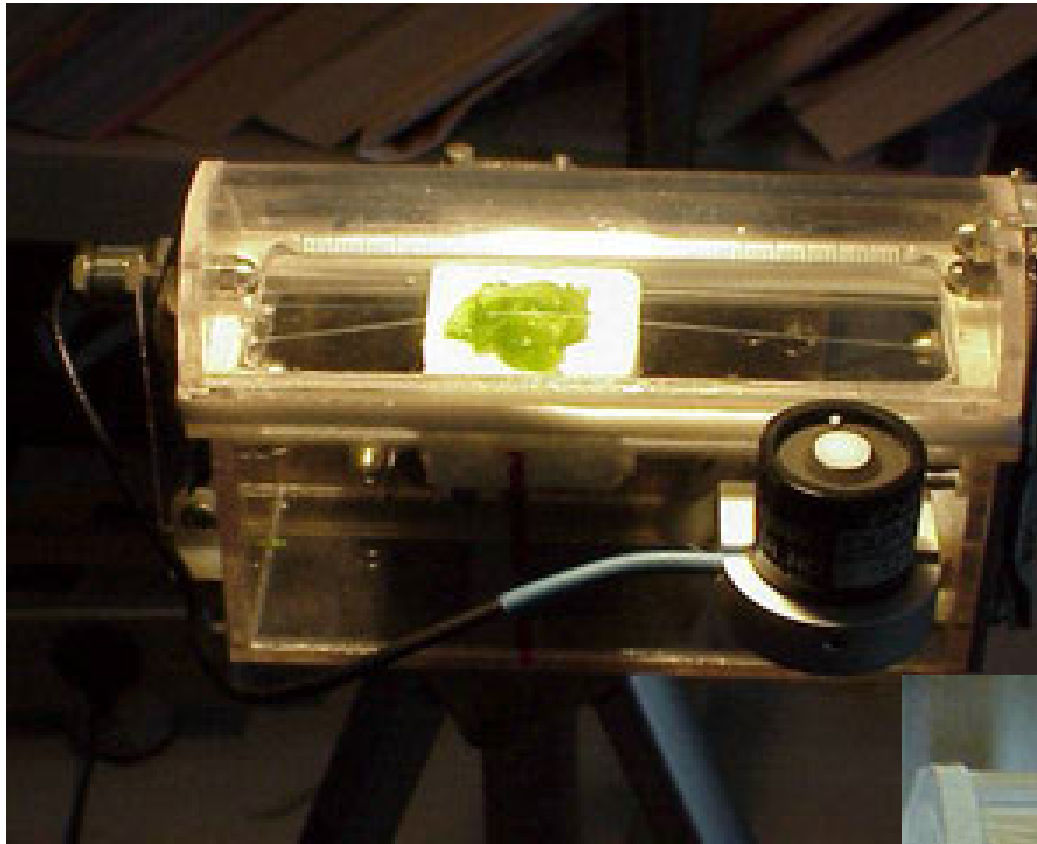
Transpiration and stomatal conductance were not affected by rootstock which means that grafting does not jeopardize the water intake in all papaya trees and the new xylem connection seems to maintain stable the root-trunk-atmosphere system. The results suggest that the performance of the grafted plants during the period was due to the capacity of the root system of Tainung 01 to provide water to the shoot and a good vascular connection between the scion and rootstock thereby maintaining high gas exchange and photochemical efficiency in the leaves and consequently a greater carbon gain.

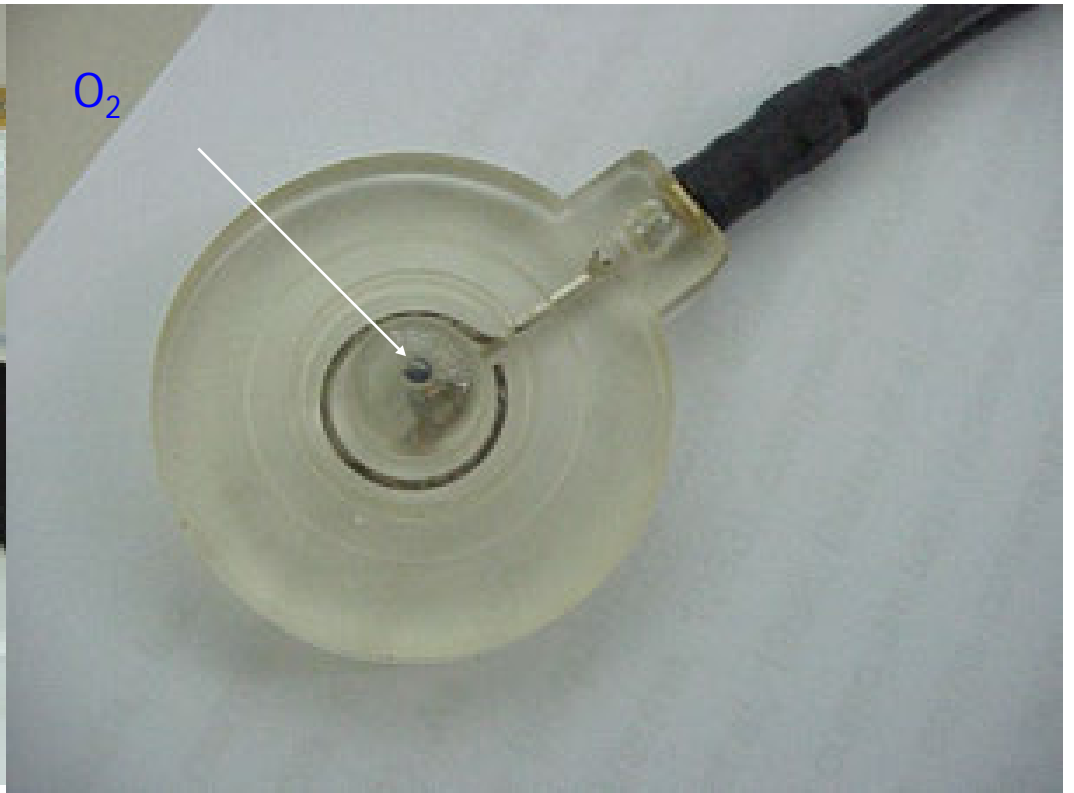
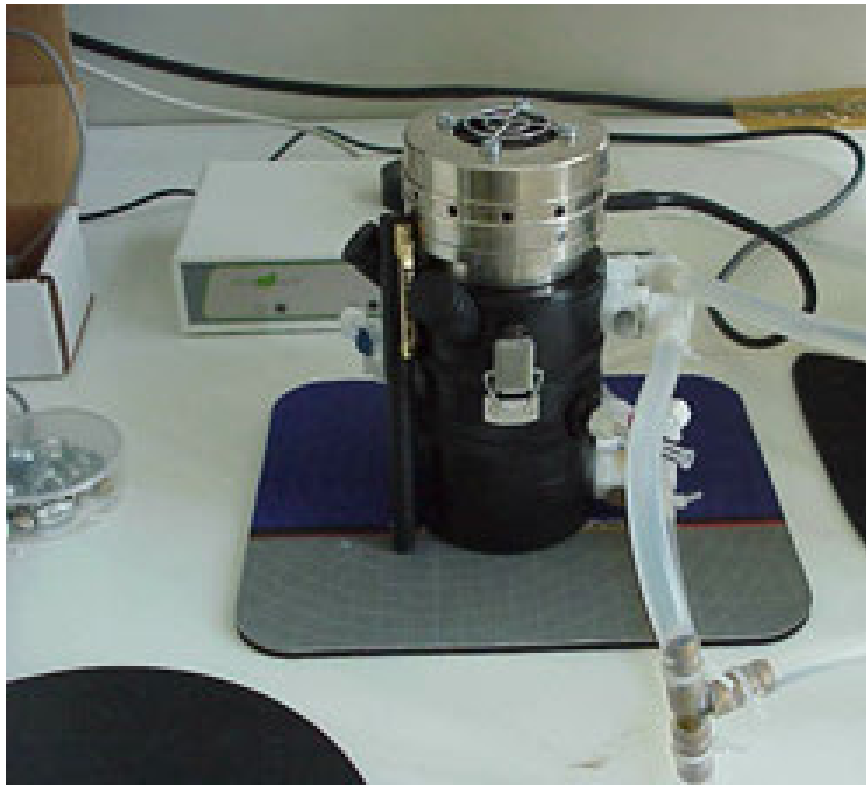
## Photosynthetic capacity, growth and water relations in 'Golden' papaya cultivated in vitro with modifications in light quality, sucrose concentration and ventilation

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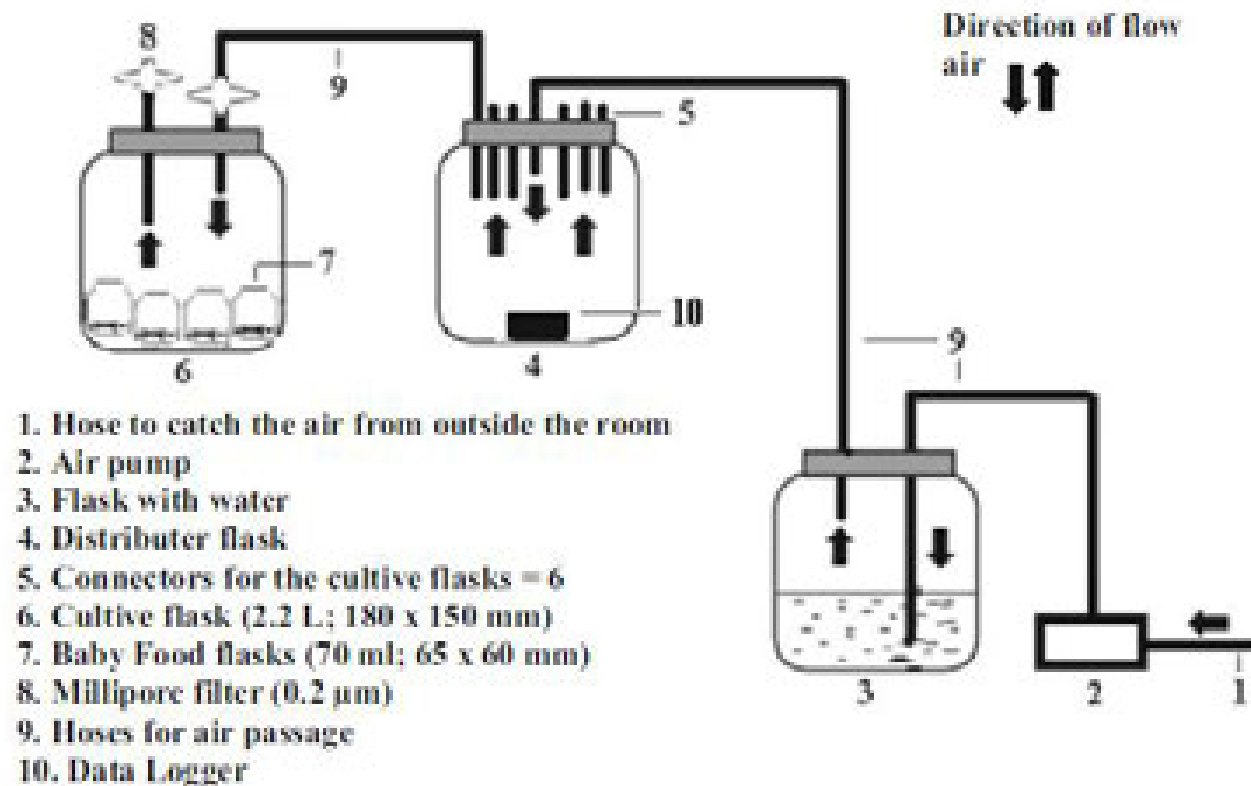








**Fig. 2** A forced-air circulation system (ventilated system) used for culturing seedlings in vitro





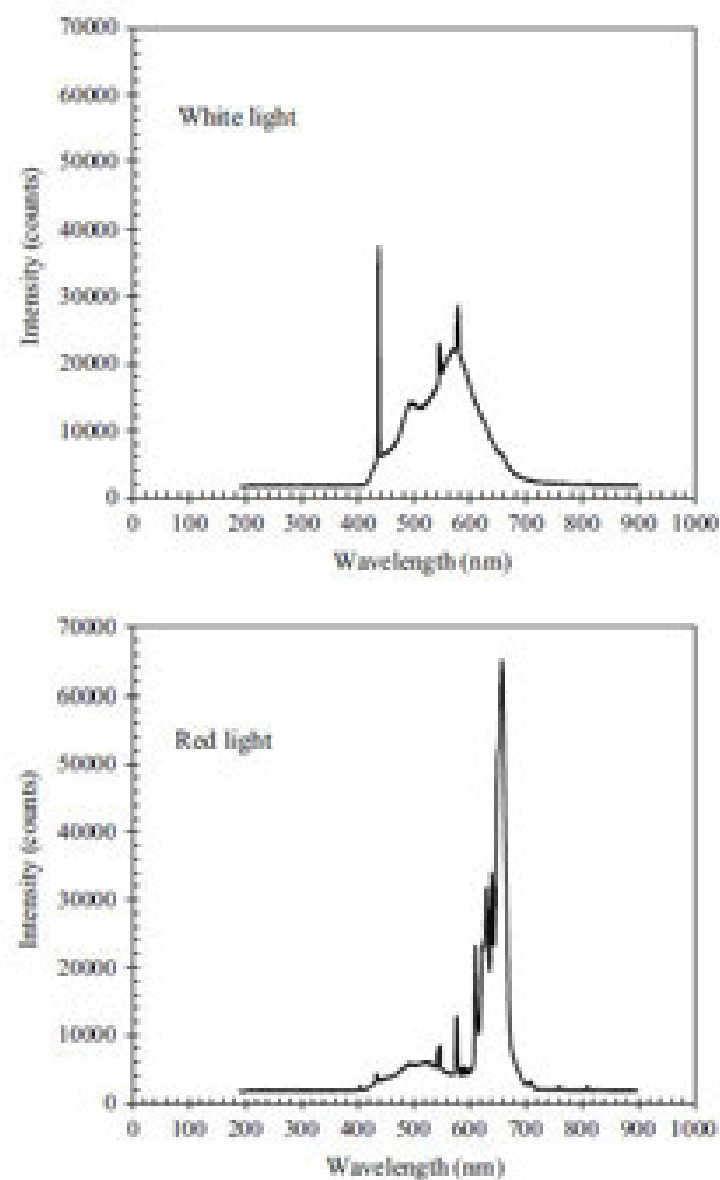


Fig. 1 Spectral energy distribution of *white* and *red* lights provided by fluorescent *white* lamps and *red* GroLux lamps respectively. Both provided a photosynthetic photon flux density of  $90 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

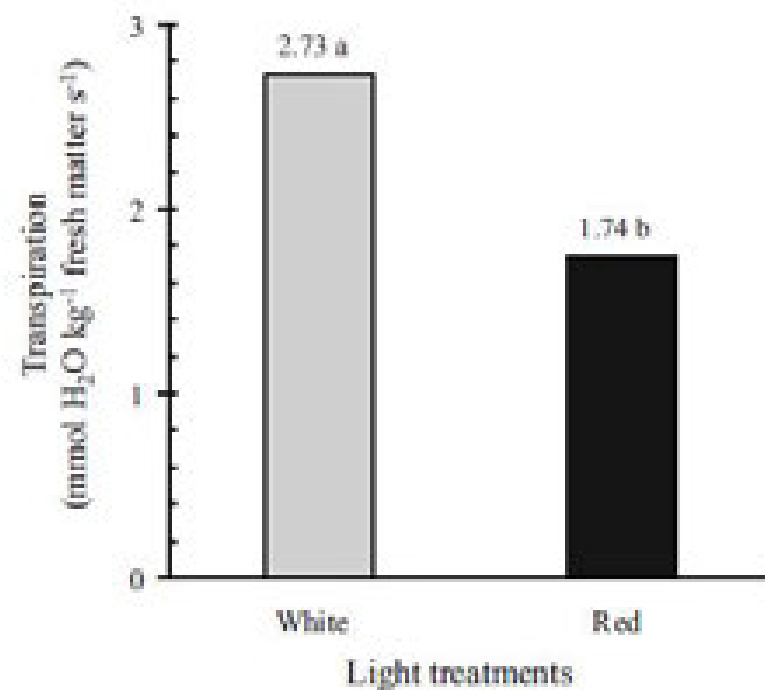


Fig. 3 Transpiration (E) in 'Golden' papaya plantlets cultured *in vitro* in MS multiplication culture medium under *white* or *red* light

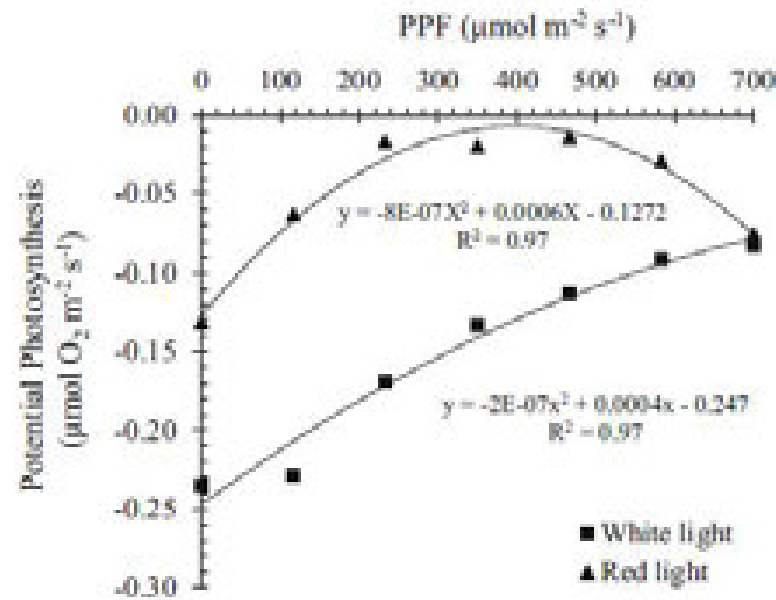


Fig. 4 The potential photosynthetic rate ( $\mu\text{mol O}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) in relation to the photosynthetic photon flux in 'Golden' papaya plantlets cultured in vitro in MS multiplication culture medium under *white* or *red* light

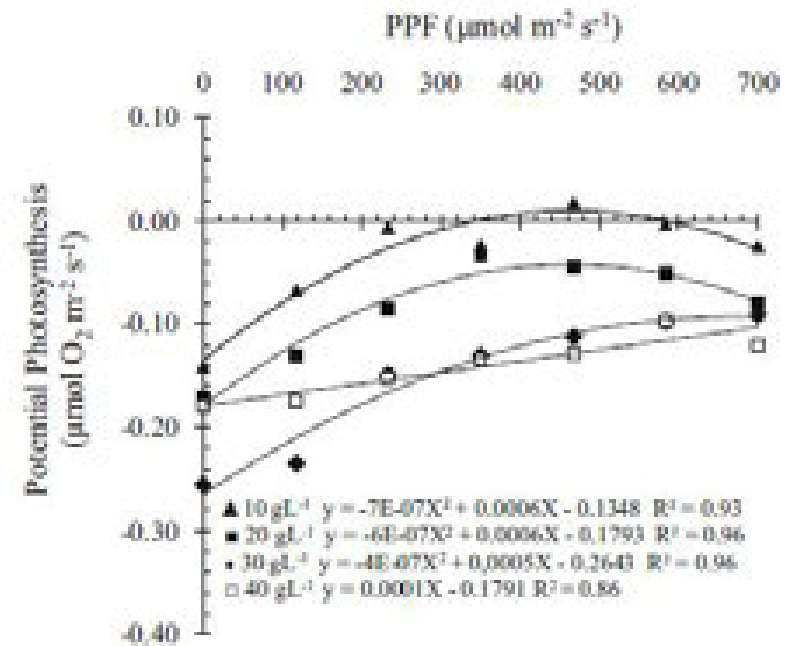


Fig. 6 The potential photosynthetic rate ( $\mu\text{mol O}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) in 'Golden' papaya plantlets leaves cultured in vitro in MS multiplication culture medium containing different light intensities and sucrose concentrations

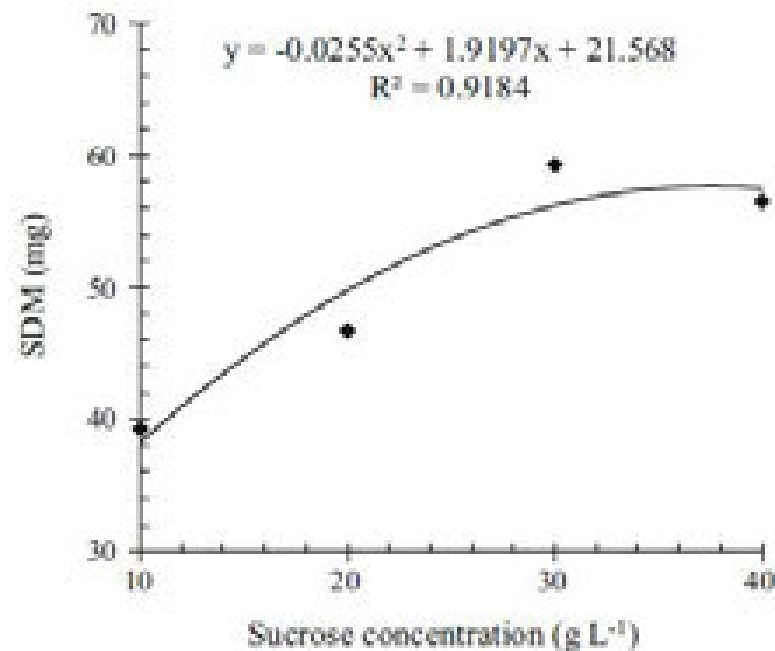


Fig. 5 Shoot dry matter (SDM) of 'Golden' papaya plantlets cultured in vitro in MS multiplication culture medium containing different sucrose concentrations

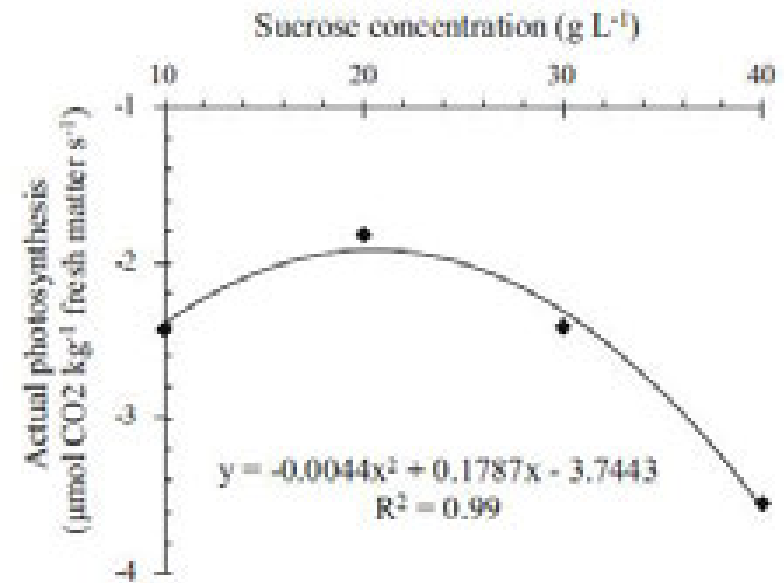


Fig. 7 The actual photosynthetic rate (A) (μmol of CO<sub>2</sub> kg<sup>-1</sup> of fresh matter s<sup>-1</sup>) of 'Golden' papaya plantlets leaves cultured in vitro in MS multiplication culture medium containing different sucrose concentrations

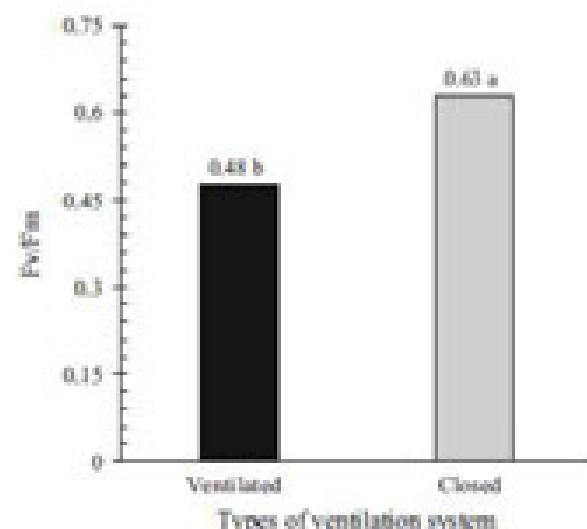


Fig. 8 The quantum efficiency in open photosystem II centres ( $F_v/F_m$ ) in 'Golden' papaya plantlets cultured in vitro in MS multiplication culture medium in ventilated or closed systems.

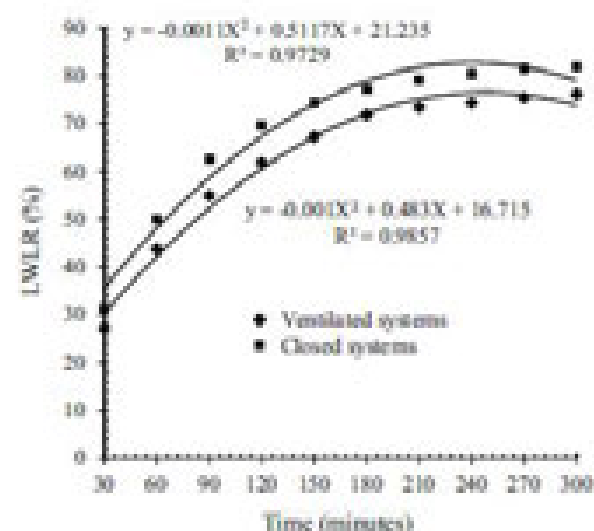


Fig. 9 The leaf water loss rate (LWLR) in 'Golden' papaya plantlets cultured in vitro in MS multiplication culture medium in ventilated or closed systems.

In the present study, the increase in papaya dry matter production was due to the exogenous carbon provided by sucrose in the culture medium. No photosynthetic carbon assimilation or oxygen evolution by PS II was observed. This photochemical damage was attributable to the reduced maximum PS II quantum yield and the efficiency of the oxygen-evolving complex (OEC). We hypothesized that the reduced assimilation of carbon may have occurred due to the decreased activity in the Calvin-Benson cycle. Such damage to photosynthetic capacity was related to the presence of sucrose in the culture medium. The attempt to induce photoautotrophic metabolism in the papaya seedlings by the use of ventilated culture flasks, reduced sucrose ( $10 \text{ g L}^{-1}$ ) and a PPF of  $90 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  was not successful. In this species, alternative strategies to achieve a photoautotrophic metabolism and the expected biomass gain include the use of a greater photosynthetic photon flux density and an increased  $\text{CO}_2$  concentration in the ventilated flasks in association with a markedly lower concentration ( $<10 \text{ g L}^{-1}$ ), or even the absence of sucrose in the culture medium.

## Soil and air water

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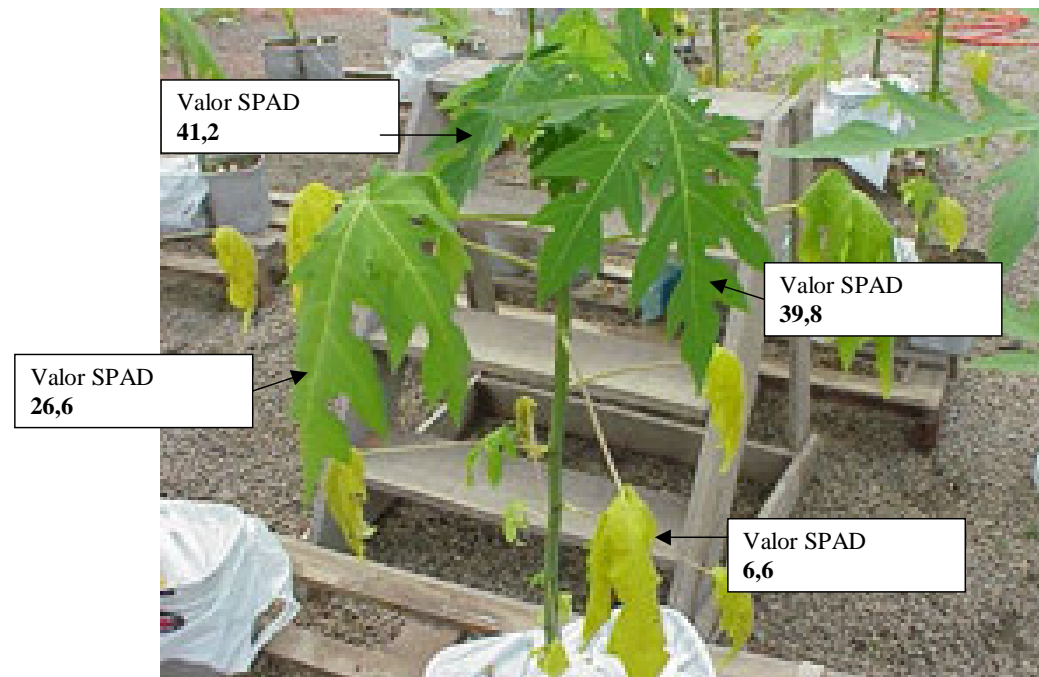
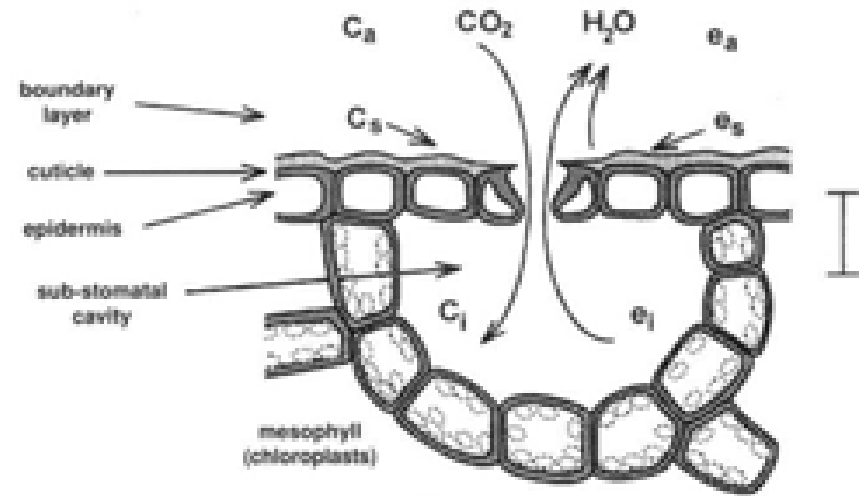
Threshold VPD values to papaya:

$$VPD_{\text{air}} = < 1\text{kPa} (e_{\text{sair}} - e_{\text{air}})$$

$$VPD_{\text{leaf-air}} = < 2\text{kPa} (e_{\text{sleaf}} - e_{\text{air}})$$

### 2) Soil water:

Papaya exhibits both stomatal and non stomatal response to soil water deficits and the source of the response signals are both hydraulic and non-hydraulic in nature



## Responses of papaya seedlings (*Carica papaya* L.) to water stress and re-hydration: growth, photosynthesis and mineral nutrient imbalance

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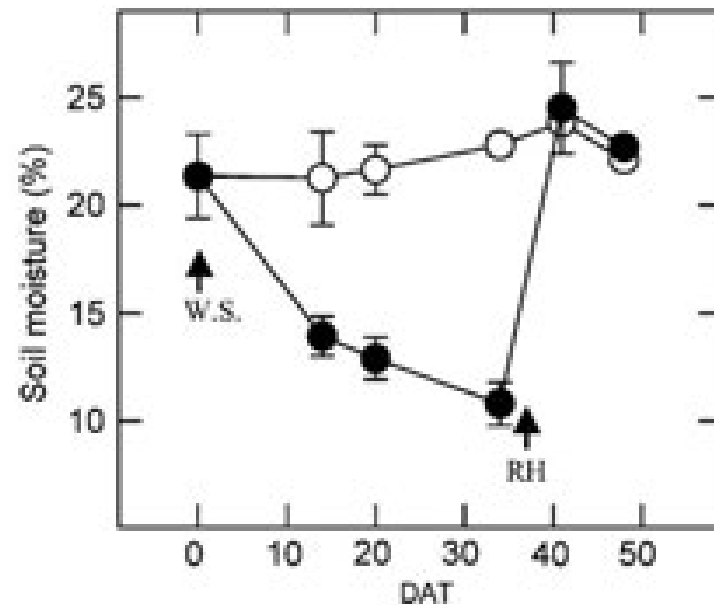


Figure 2. Moisture (%) in watered (○) and non-watered pot soils (●) of papaya seedlings. In non-watered soils, irrigation was suspended during 34 days and re-established thereafter until the end of experiment. Data are means  $\pm$  SE and each value was determined by three TDR probes with three replicates per treatment ( $n \geq 9$ ) (one probe per pot). DAT = days after treatment. WS: Water Stress. RH: Re-hydration.

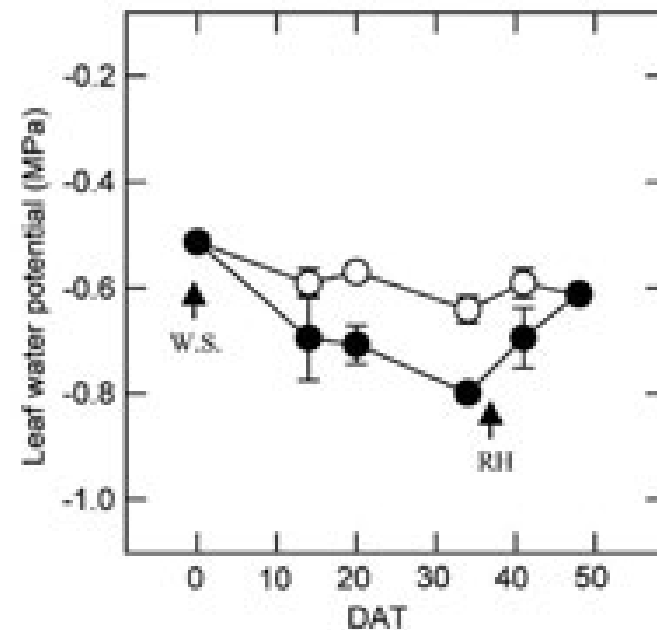


Figure 1. Leaf water potential in papaya seedlings. Treatments were: regular irrigated plants (○) and non-irrigated plants during 34 days followed by re-watering until the end of experiment (●). Data are means  $\pm$  SE and each value was determined in at least three different plants with three replicates per treatment ( $n \geq 9$ ). DAT = days after treatment. WS: Water Stress. RH: Re-hydration.

Baixinho de Santa Amália genotype  
70L pots  
Greenhouse  
Maximum PAR  $1200 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$   
Severe water stress:  $\psi_{\text{leaf}} = -0.8 \text{ MPa}$   
Regular irrigated plants:  $\psi_{\text{leaf}} = -0.6 \text{ MPa}$

*Table 1.* Plant height and stem circumference of papaya seedlings subjected to water stress and re-hydration. The treatment consisted of irrigation suppress during 34 days and re-watering establishment thereafter until 48 days (total experimental period). The data ( $n \geq 9$ ) presented in each line followed by dissimilar letters differ significantly at ( $P \leq 0.05$ ). \*:  $P \leq 0.01$ . \*\*:  $P \leq 0.001$

Treatments	Plant height (cm)		Stem circumference (cm)	
	Control	Water stress	Control	Water stress
Water stress (Days)				
0	$38.45 \pm 0.67a$	$38.50 \pm 0.56a$	$8.23 \pm 0.09a$	$8.08 \pm 0.15a$
14	$41.67 \pm 0.80a$	$39.63 \pm 0.58a$	$9.04 \pm 0.10a$	$8.72 \pm 0.13a$
20	$42.21 \pm 1.06a$	$39.88 \pm 0.60b$	$9.51 \pm 0.11a$	$8.94 \pm 0.15b^*$
34	$43.83 \pm 1.15a$	$40.13 \pm 0.67b$	$9.79 \pm 0.12a$	$8.98 \pm 0.12b^{**}$
Rehydration (Days)				
41	$46.13 \pm 1.28a$	$41.20 \pm 0.87b$	$10.10 \pm 0.23a$	$8.98 \pm 0.19b^*$
48	$46.83 \pm 1.86a$	$43.25 \pm 1.75b$	$10.60 \pm 0.32a$	$9.40 \pm 0.35b$

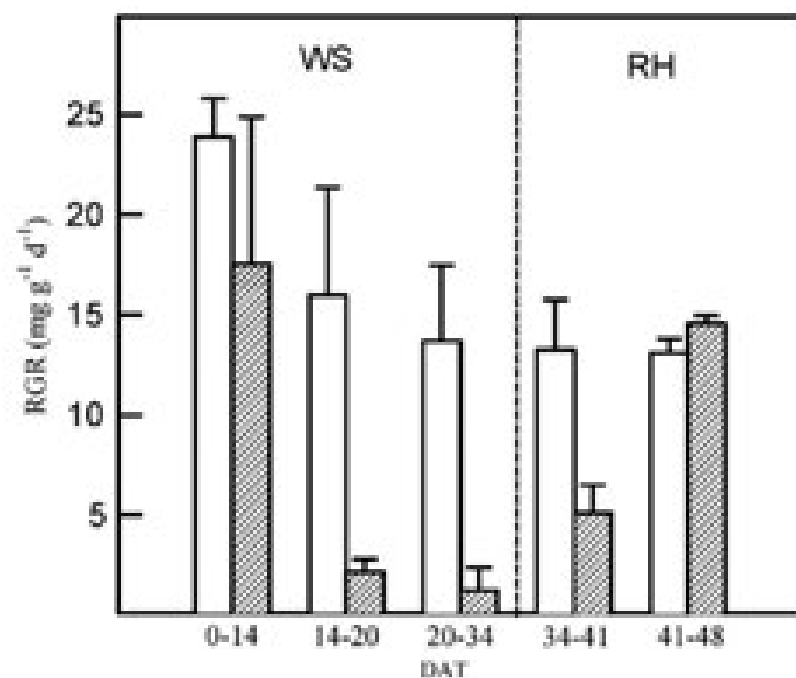


Figure 3. Relative growth rate using stem DW of papaya seedlings. Treatments were: regular irrigated plants (□) and non-irrigated plants during 34 days followed by re-watering until the end of experiment (▨). Data are means  $\pm$  SE and each value was determined in at least three different plants with three replicates per treatment ( $n \geq 9$ ). DAT = days after treatment, WS: Water Stress, RH: Re-hydration.

Table 2. Root fresh weight of papaya seedlings subjected to water stress and re-hydration. The treatment consisted of irrigation suppress during 34 days and re-watering establishment thereafter until 48 days (total experimental period). The data ( $n \geq 9$ ) presented in each line followed by dissimilar letters differ significantly at ( $P \leq 0.05$ )

Treatments	Root fresh weight (g)	
	Control	Water stress
Water stress (Days)		
34	181.9 $\pm$ 16.5a	101.4 $\pm$ 18.7b
Rehydration (Days)		
48	183.0 $\pm$ 23.5a	119.7 $\pm$ 8.70b



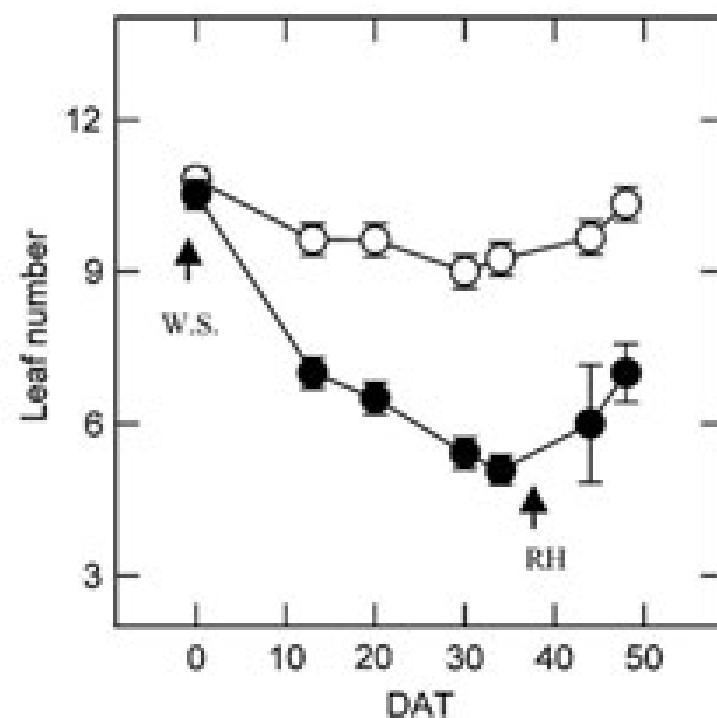


Figure 4. Number of remaining leaves in papaya seedlings. Treatments were: regular irrigated plants (○) and non-irrigated plants during 34 days followed by re-watering until the end of experiment (●). Data are means  $\pm$  SE and each value was determined in at least three different plants with three replicates per treatment ( $n \geq 9$ ). DAT=days after treatment. WS: Water Stress. RH: Re-hydration.

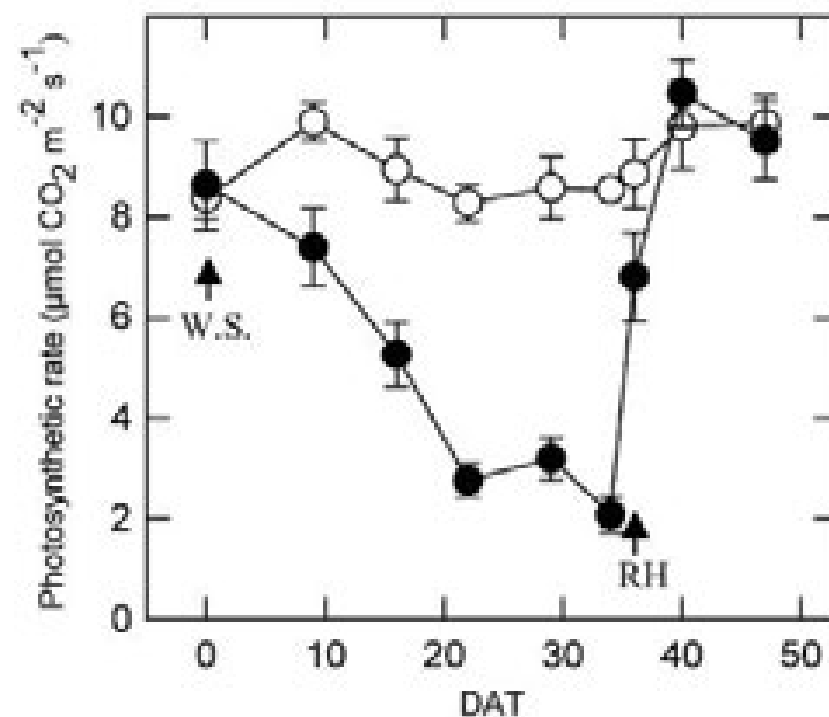


Figure 5. Photosynthetic rate (a) in fully expanded leaves in papaya seedlings. Treatments were: regular irrigated plants (○) and non-irrigated plants during 34 days followed by re-watering until the end of experiment (●). Data are means  $\pm$  SE and each value was determined in at least three different plants with three replicates per treatment ( $n \geq 9$ ). DAT=days after treatment. WS: Water Stress. RH: Re-hydration.

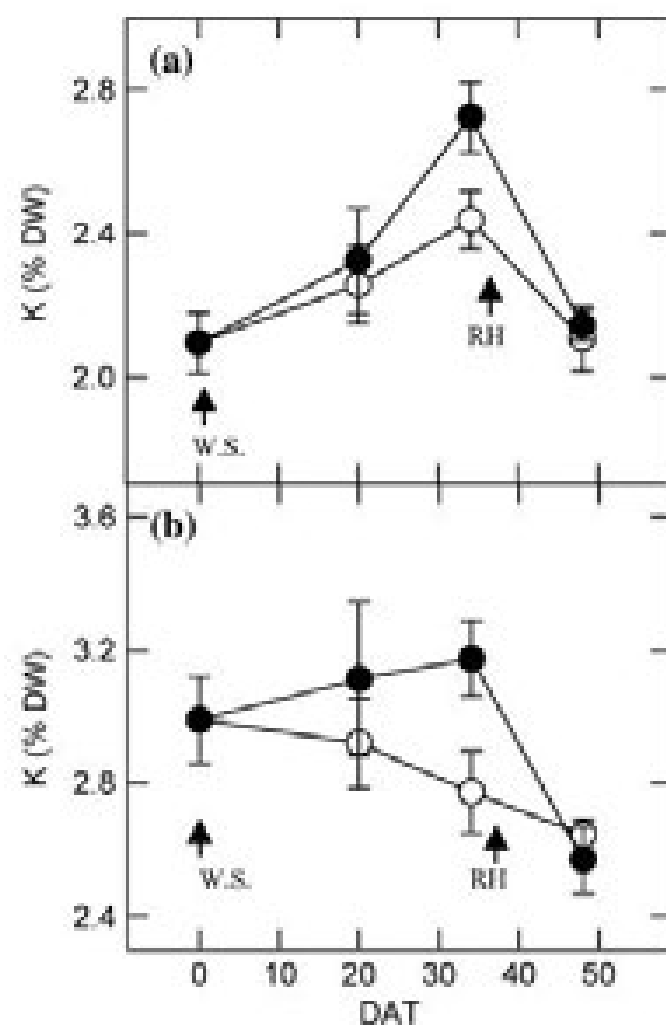


Figure 7. Potassium content in leaf (A) and root (B) tissues in papaya seedlings. Treatments were: regular irrigated plants (○) and non-irrigated plants during 34 days followed by re-watering until the end of experiment (●). Each value is the mean of at least three independent measurements ( $n \geq 3$ )  $\pm$  SE. DAT=days after treatment, WS: Water Stress, RH: Re-hydration.

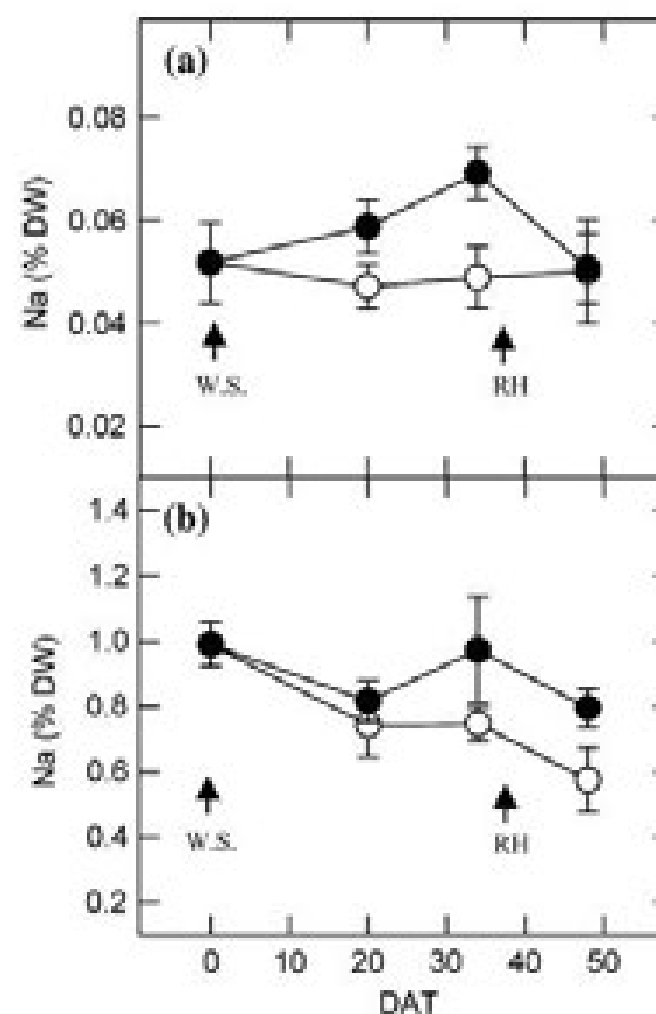


Figure 8. Sodium content in leaf (A) and root (B) tissues in papaya seedlings. Treatments were: regular irrigated plants (○) and non-irrigated plants during 34 days followed by re-watering until the end of experiment (●). Each value is the mean of at least three independent measurements ( $n \geq 3$ )  $\pm$  SE. DAT=days after treatment, WS: Water Stress, RH: Re-hydration.

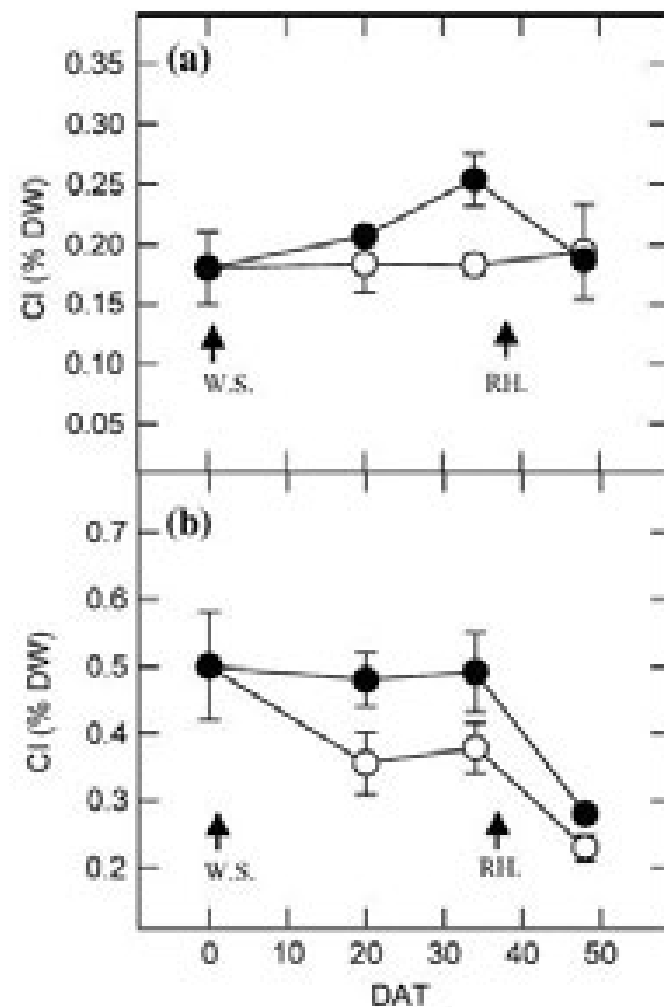
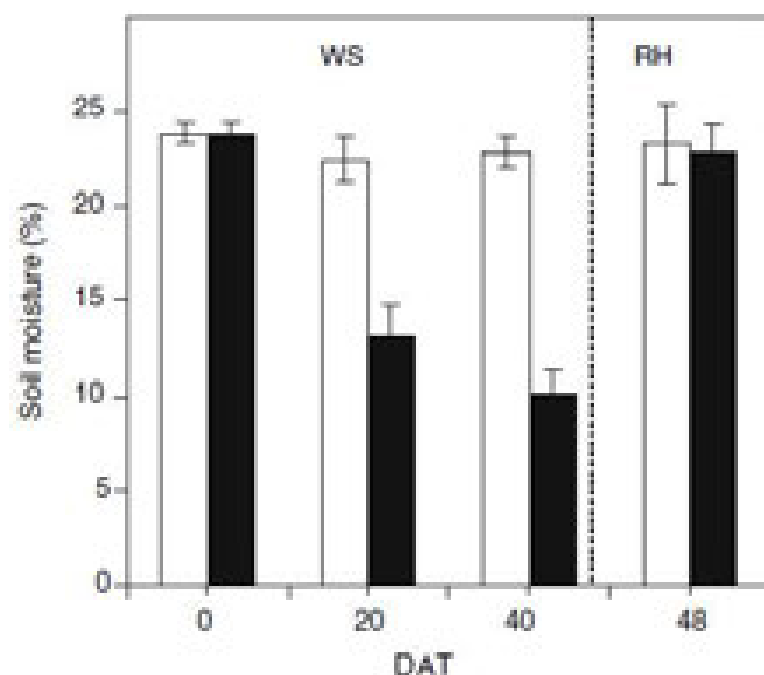


Figure 9. Chloride content in leaf (a) and root (b) tissues in papaya seedlings. Treatments were: regular irrigated plants (○) and non-irrigated plants during 34 days followed by re-watering until the end of experiment (●). Each value is the mean of at least three independent measurements ( $n \geq 3$ )  $\pm$  SE. DAT=days after treatment. WS: Water Stress. RH: Re-hydration.

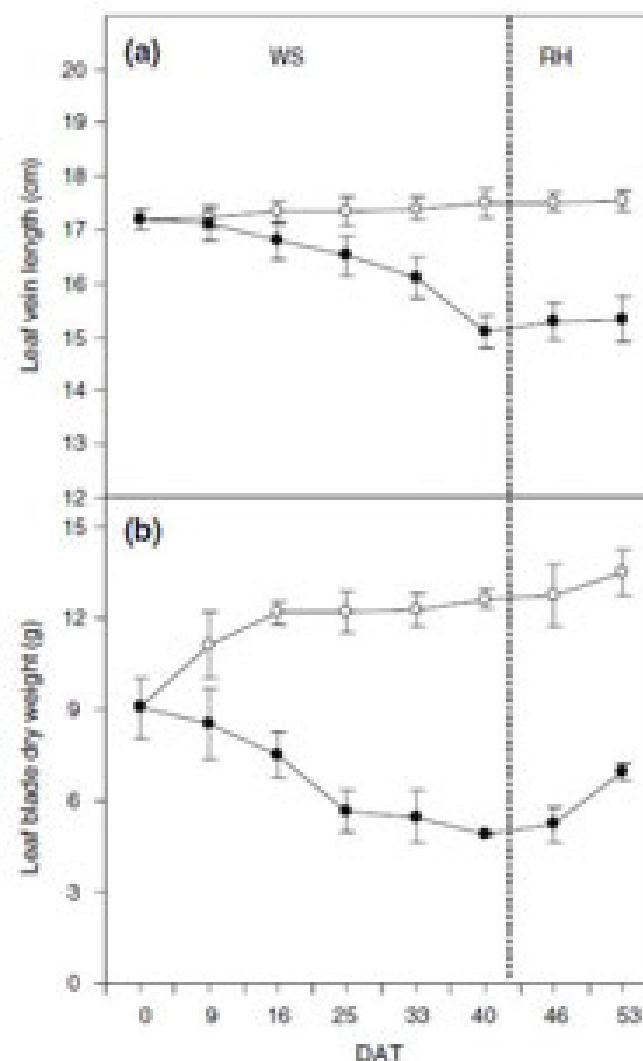
In conclusion, papaya plants subjected to water stress showed a tendency to accumulate ions such as  $K^+$ ,  $Na^+$  and  $Cl^-$ . The ion increases that were registered on per DW basis might apparently contribute for osmotic adjustment, enhancing water stress tolerance of these plants. The data also indicate that stress tolerance was not mediated through the reduction of leaf abscission, the detention of growth or decrease of net  $CO_2$  assimilation. Re-irrigation induced plant morphological and physiological recovery without irreversible effects of water stress.

## Hormonal changes in papaya seedlings subjected to progressive water stress and re-watering

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**Fig. 1** Soil moisture (%) in irrigated (□) and non-irrigated pot soils (■) of papaya seedlings. In water-stressed soils, irrigation was released during 40 days and re-established thereafter until the end of experiment. Data are means  $\pm$  SE and each value was determined by three TDR probes with three replicates per treatment ( $n \geq 9$ ) (one probe per pot). DAT = days after treatment. WS: water stress, RH: rehydration



**Fig. 2** Principal leaf vein length (a) and leaf blade dry weight (b) in papaya seedlings. Treatments were: regular irrigated plants (○) and water-stressed plants during 40 days followed by re-watering until the end of experiment (●). Data are means  $\pm$  SE and each value was determined from at least three different plants with three replicates per treatment ( $n \geq 9$ ). DAT = days after treatment. WS: water stress, RH: rehydration

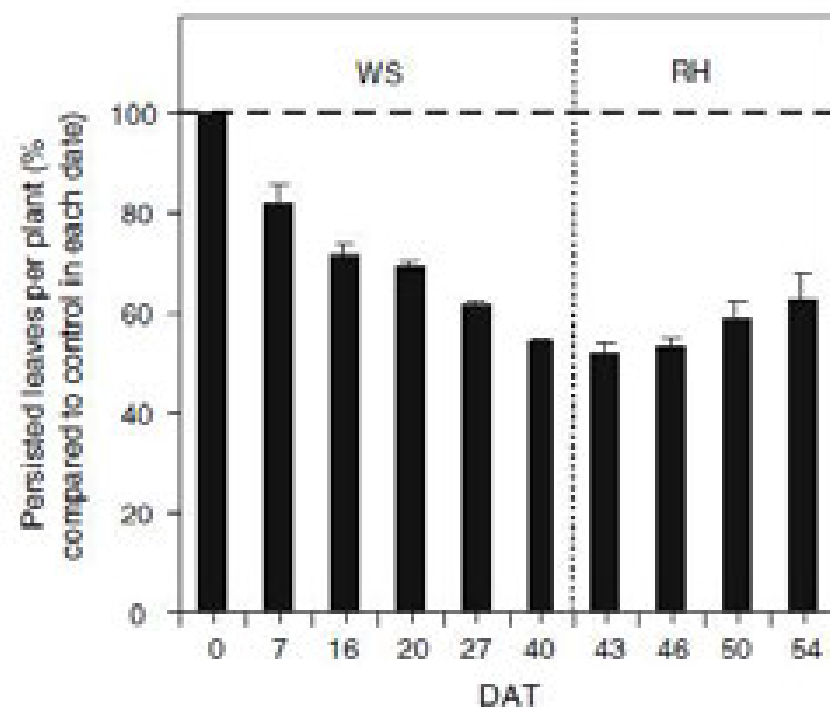


Fig. 3 Percentage of leaves present in papaya plants subjected to WS during 40 days and subsequent RH (■). Data are expressed as percentages with respect to control plants (---) in each date. Data are means  $\pm$  SE and each value was determined in at least three different plants with three replicates per treatment ( $n \geq 9$ ). DAT = days after treatment. WS: water stress, RH: rehydration

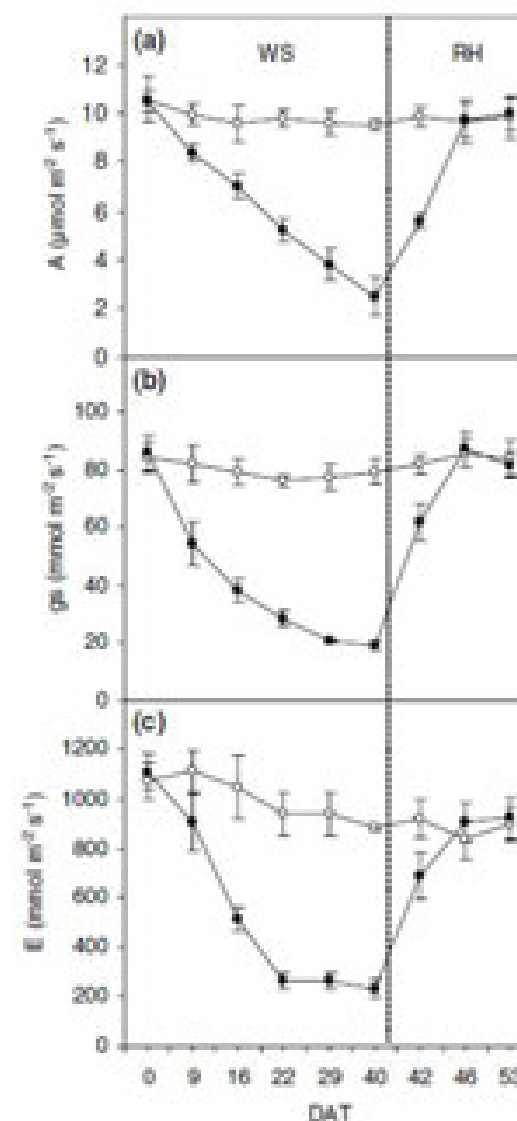


Fig. 4 Photosynthetic rate (A, (a)), stomatal conductance (gs, (b)) and transpiration rate (E, (c)) in fully expanded leaves in papaya seedlings. Treatments were: regular irrigated plants (○) and water-stressed plants during 40 days followed by re-watering until the end of experiment (●). Data are means  $\pm$  SE and each value was determined in at least three different plants with three replicates per treatment ( $n \geq 9$ ). DAT = days after treatment. WS: water stress, RH: rehydration

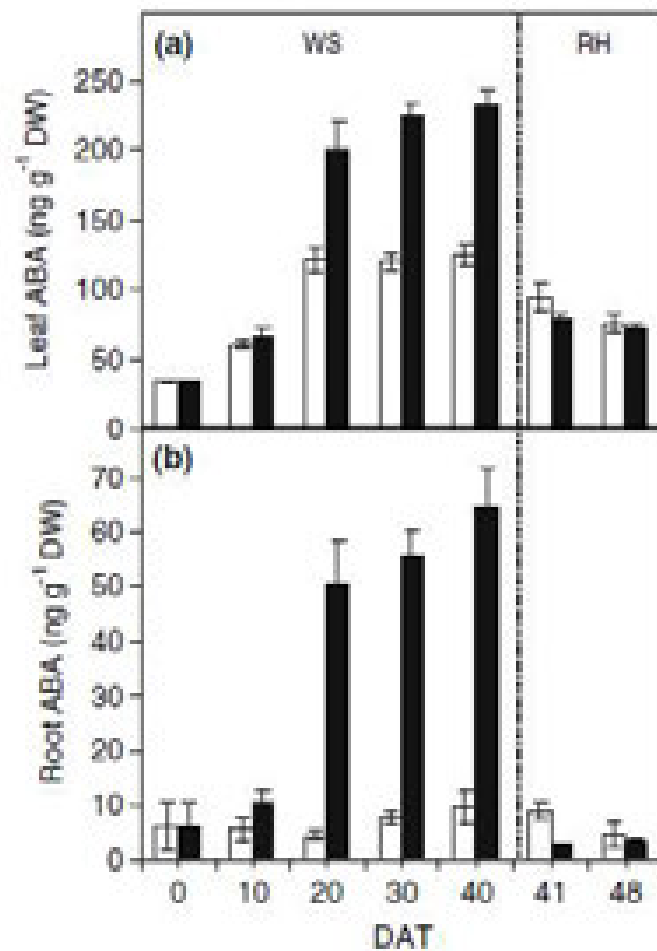
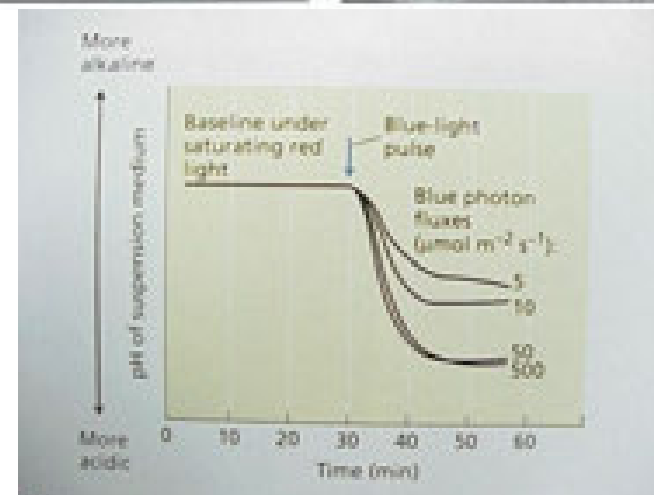
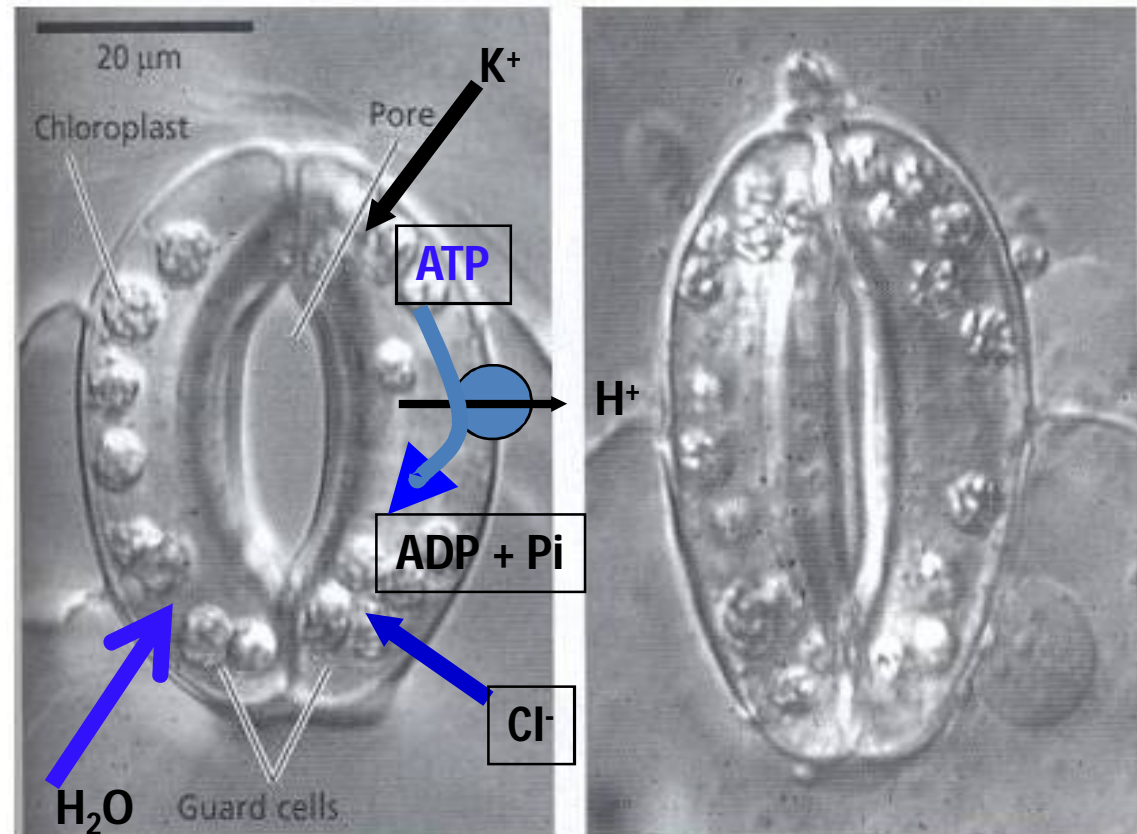
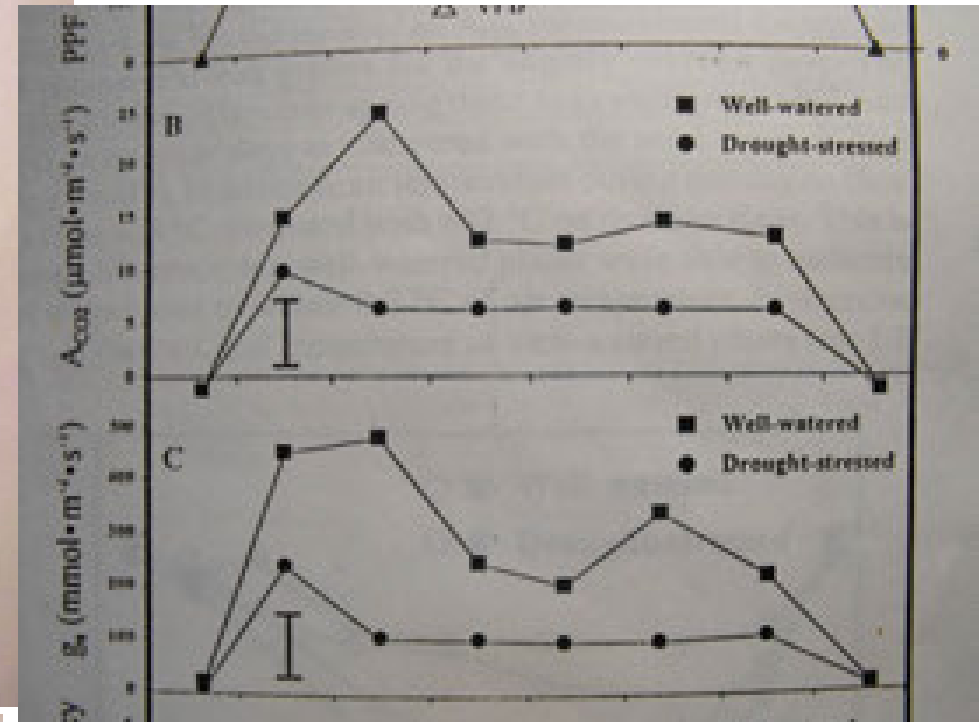
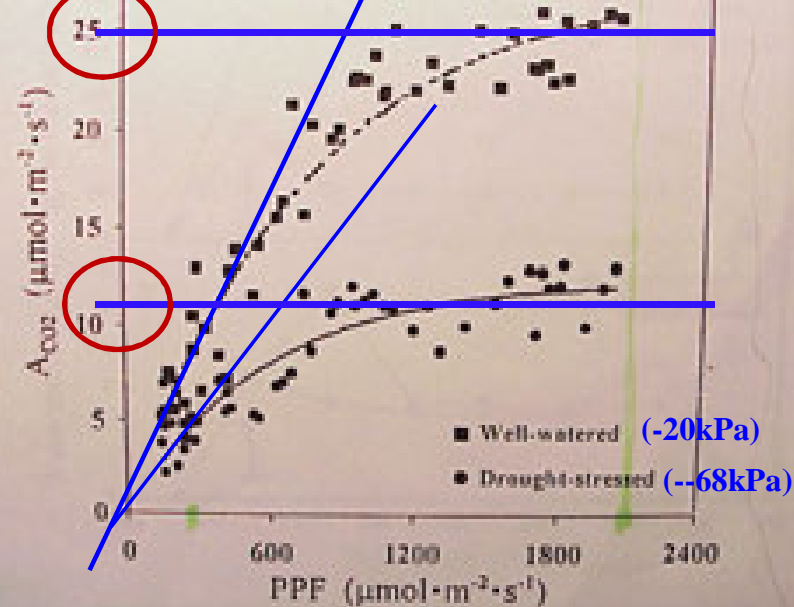


Fig. 5 Abscissic acid (ABA) levels in leaves (a) and roots (b) from well-watered plants (□) and from plants subjected to WS during 40 days and subsequent RH (■) in papaya seedlings. Each value is the mean of at least three independent measurements ( $n \geq 3$ )  $\pm$  SE. DAT = days after treatment. WS; water stress, RH: rehydration



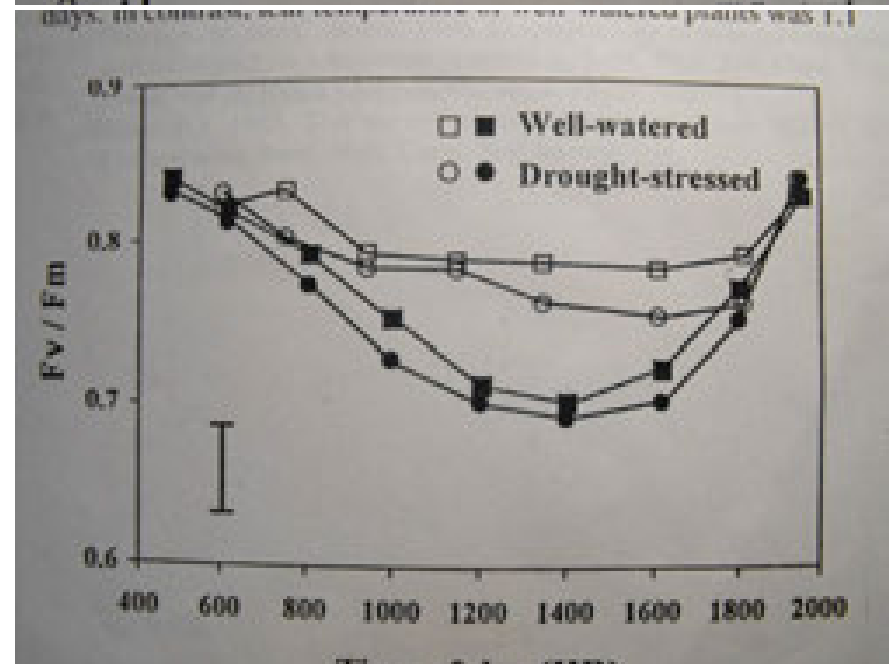
## Field-grown papaya



21 Mar. 1996, when  $\psi_m$  was  $-62$  kPa for the drought-stressed obtained on 29 Mar., when  $\psi_m$  was  $-68$  kPa for the drought

Treatment	$\phi_i$ (mol CO <sub>2</sub> /mol incident quanta)
Control	$0.039 \pm 0.001$
Drought	$0.025 \pm 0.001^{**}$
Control	$0.044 \pm 0.001$
Drought	$0.024 \pm 0.001^{**}$
Control	$0.040 \pm 0.001$
Drought	$0.024 \pm 0.001^{**}$

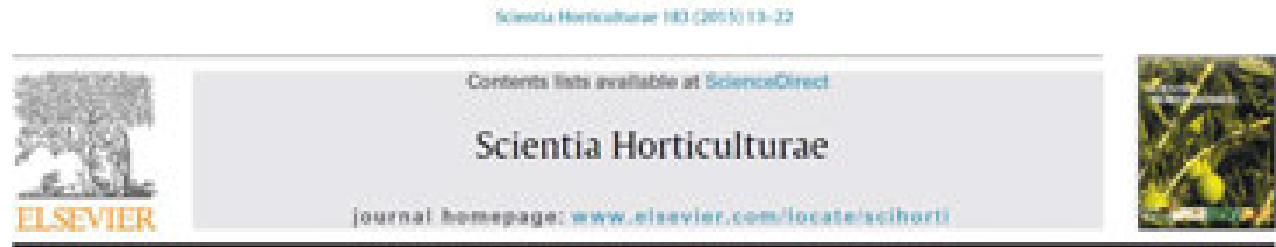
<sup>\*\*</sup>Significant at  $P = 0.01$ .



Marler e Mickelbart, 1998

# Strategies to increase effective use of water in papaya

- Regulated deficit irrigation (RDI)
- Partial rootzone drying (PRD)



## Partial rootzone drying (PRD) and regulated deficit irrigation (RDI) effects on stomatal conductance, growth, photosynthetic capacity, and water-use efficiency of papaya<sup>a</sup>



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15L pots

Substrate soil, sand and cattle manure (2:1:2)

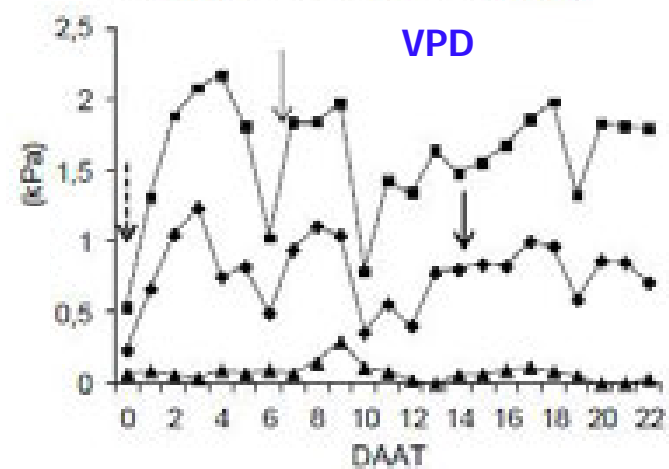
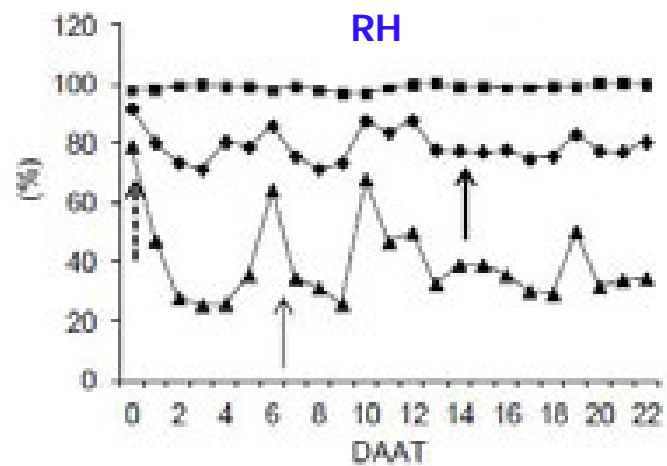
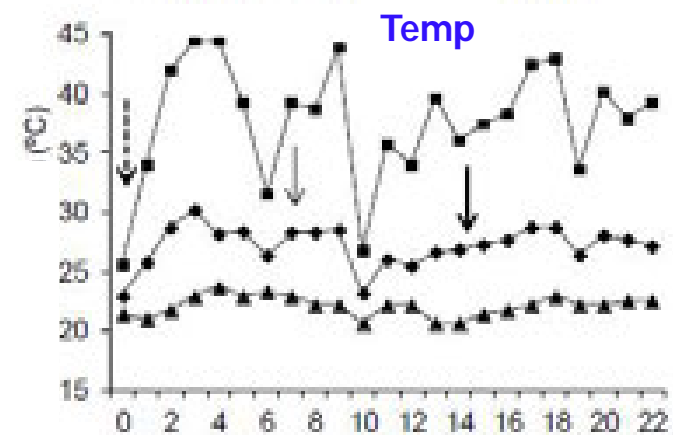
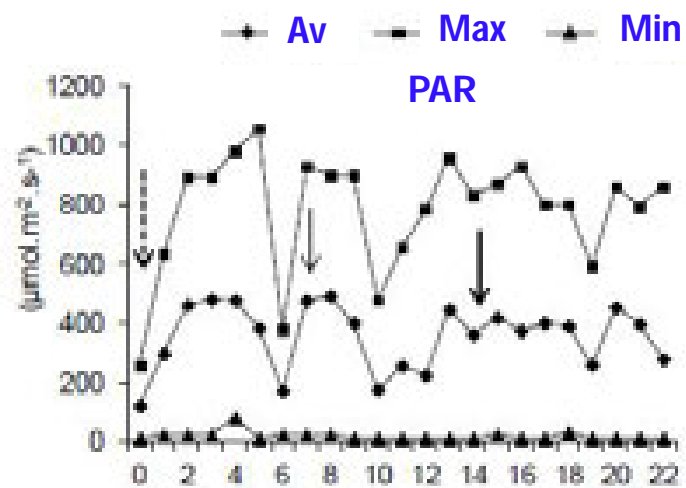
The plants were kept at field capacity (FC) until they were 96 days old.







- Gas exchange
- Chlorophyll fluorescence
- Growth (central vein length, root dry biomass, stem dry biomass, leaf dry biomass, total dry biomass, root volume)
- Proline
- Carbon isotope discrimination
- Agronomic water use efficiency
- Thermal imaging



The plants were kept at field capacity (FC) until they were 96 days old.

**Table 1**  
Timeline of irrigation treatments.

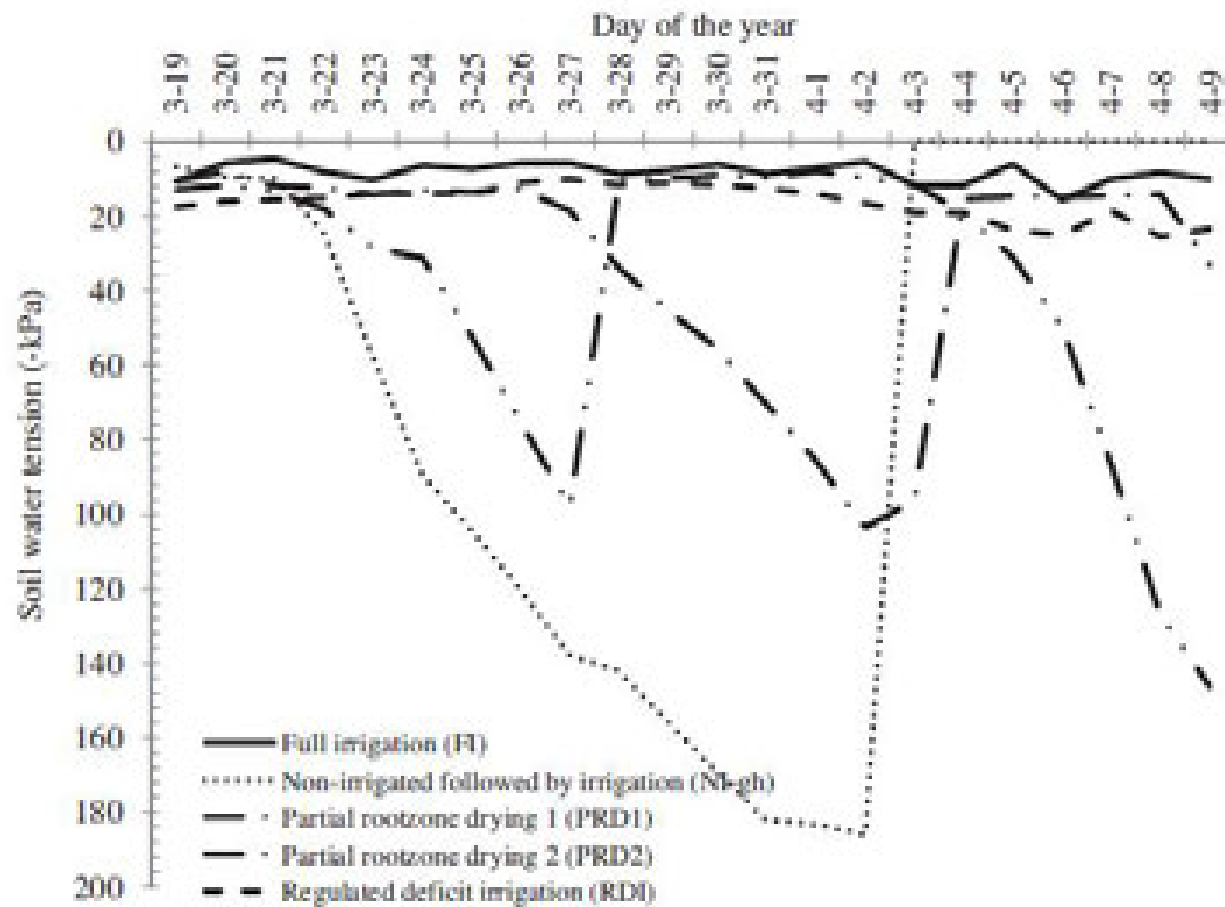
		Days after irrigation treatment application																					
Treatment	Pot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
FI	1	100% FC																					
	2	100% FC																					
PRD	1	100% FC															100% FC						
	2										100% FC												
RDI	1											50% FC											
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NI	1															100% FC							
	2															100% FC							

Full irrigated (FI); partial-root-zone drying (PRD); regulated deficit irrigation (RDI); non-irrigated (NI). Dark-grey represents the period of days in which irrigation was applied at 100% of field capacity (FC). The light grey represents the days with irrigation at 50% of field capacity. The white color represents the period of time with no irrigation.

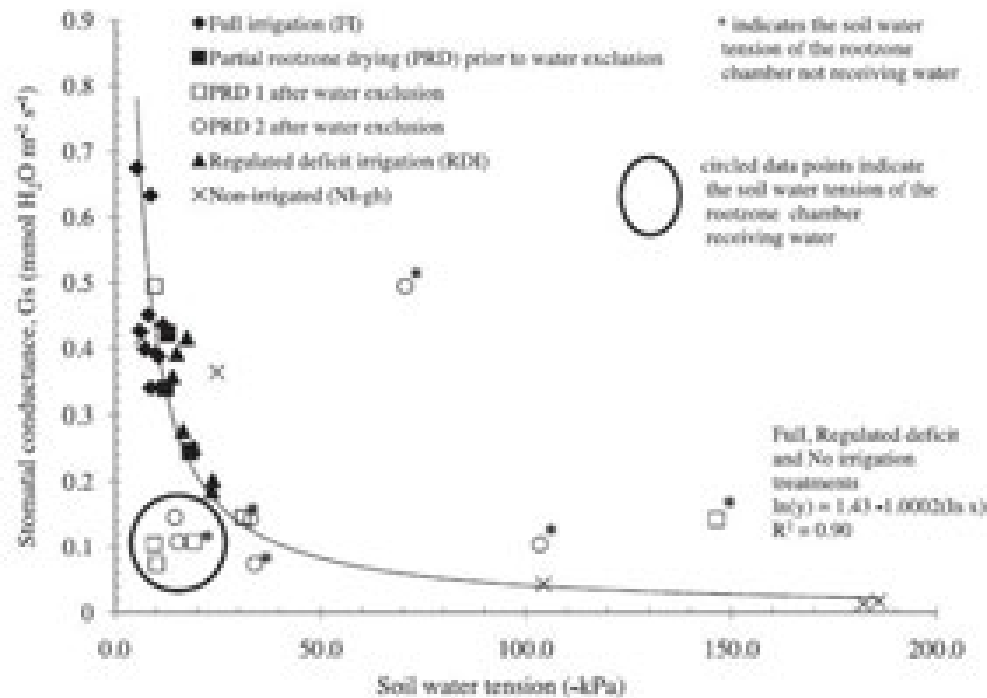
**Table 1**

Total volume of water applied, and volume applied per day of greenhouse-grown papaya (*Carica papaya* L.) in splitroot pots with four different irrigation treatments: full irrigated (FI), Partial Rootzone Drying (PRD), Regulated Deficit Irrigation (RDI), and non-irrigated followed by 6 days of FI (NI-gh).

Treatment	Total volume of water applied (L)	Volume of water applied per day (L)
FI	47.50	2.3
PRD	23.8	1.1
RDI	23.8	1.1
NI-gh	21.3	1.0



**Fig. 1.** Daily soil water potential (-kPa) planted with 'Grand Golden' papaya with four irrigation treatments. PRD-1 and PRD-2 indicate the two sides of the PRD pots.

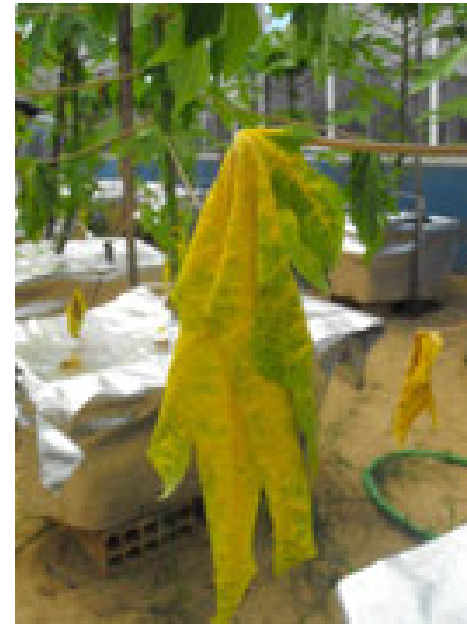


NI

PRD

14 days after planting  
maximum stress

Fig. 10. Relationship between stomatal conductance and soil water potential in papaya in four irrigation treatments in the greenhouse.



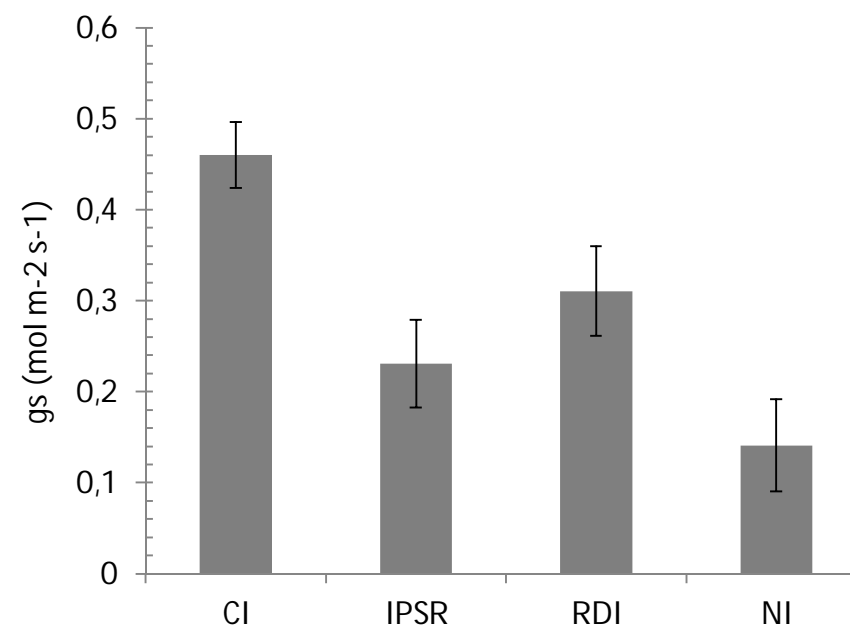
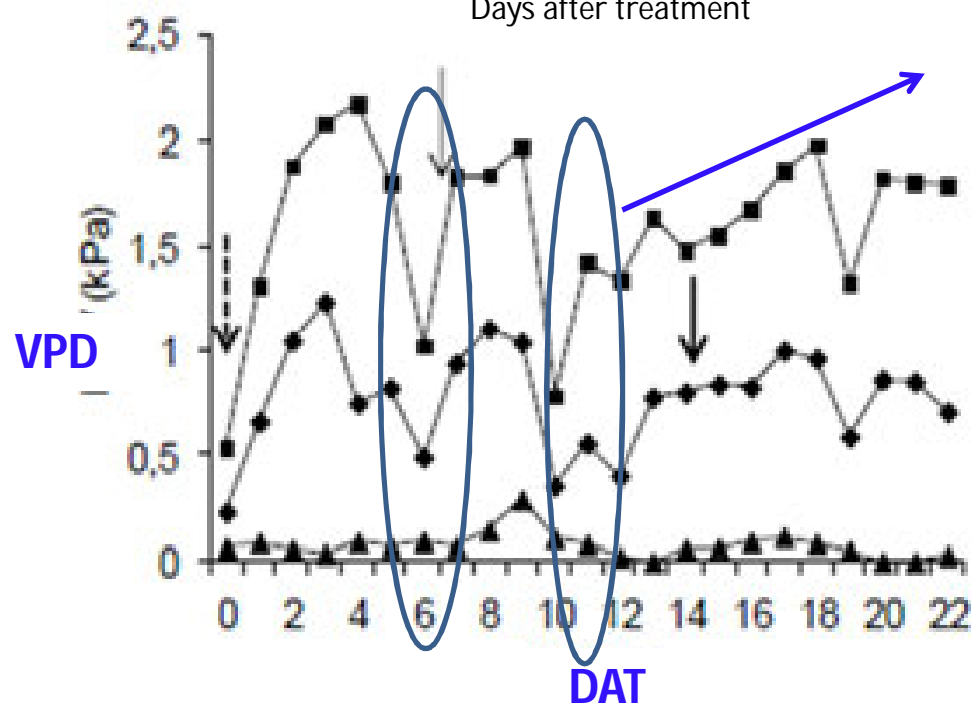
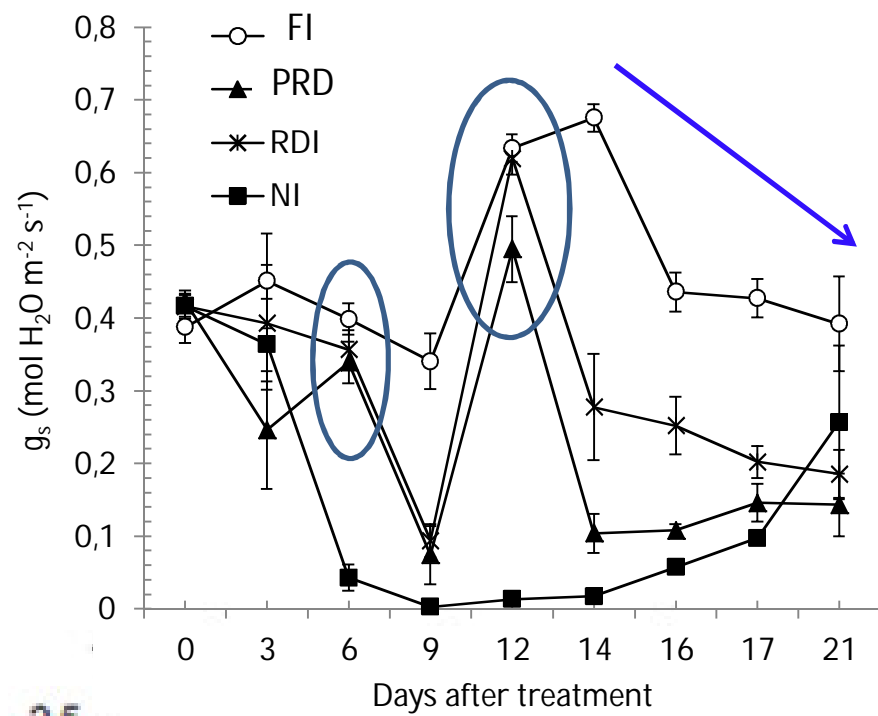
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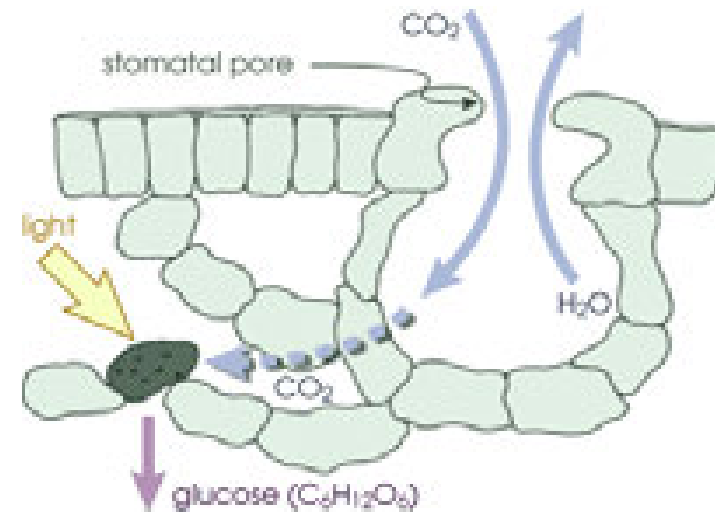
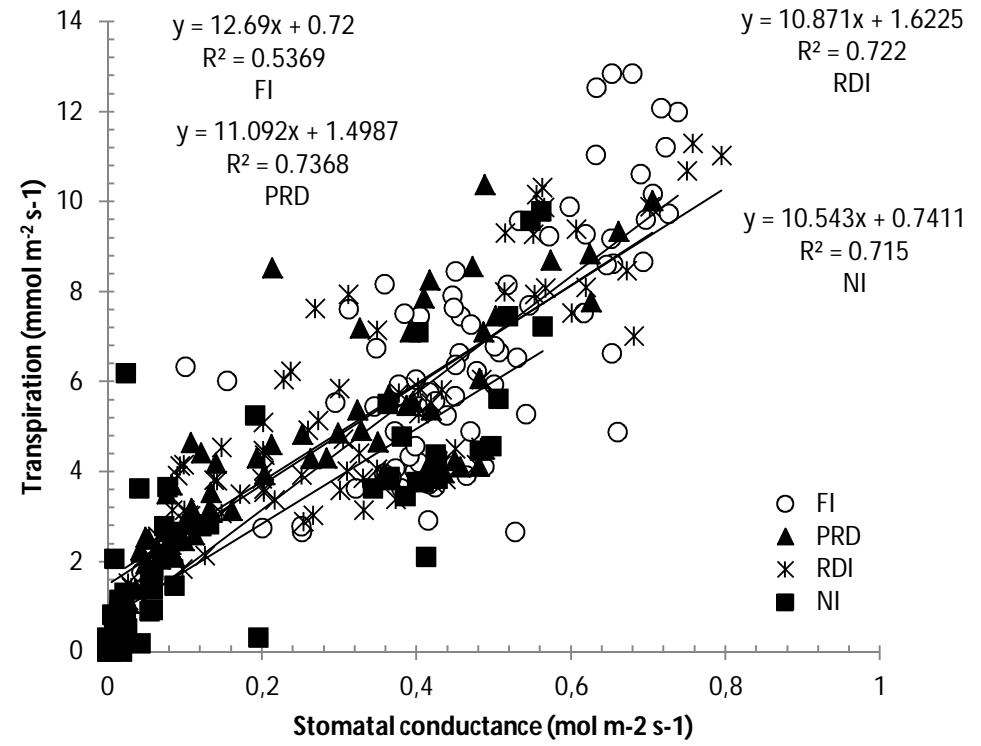
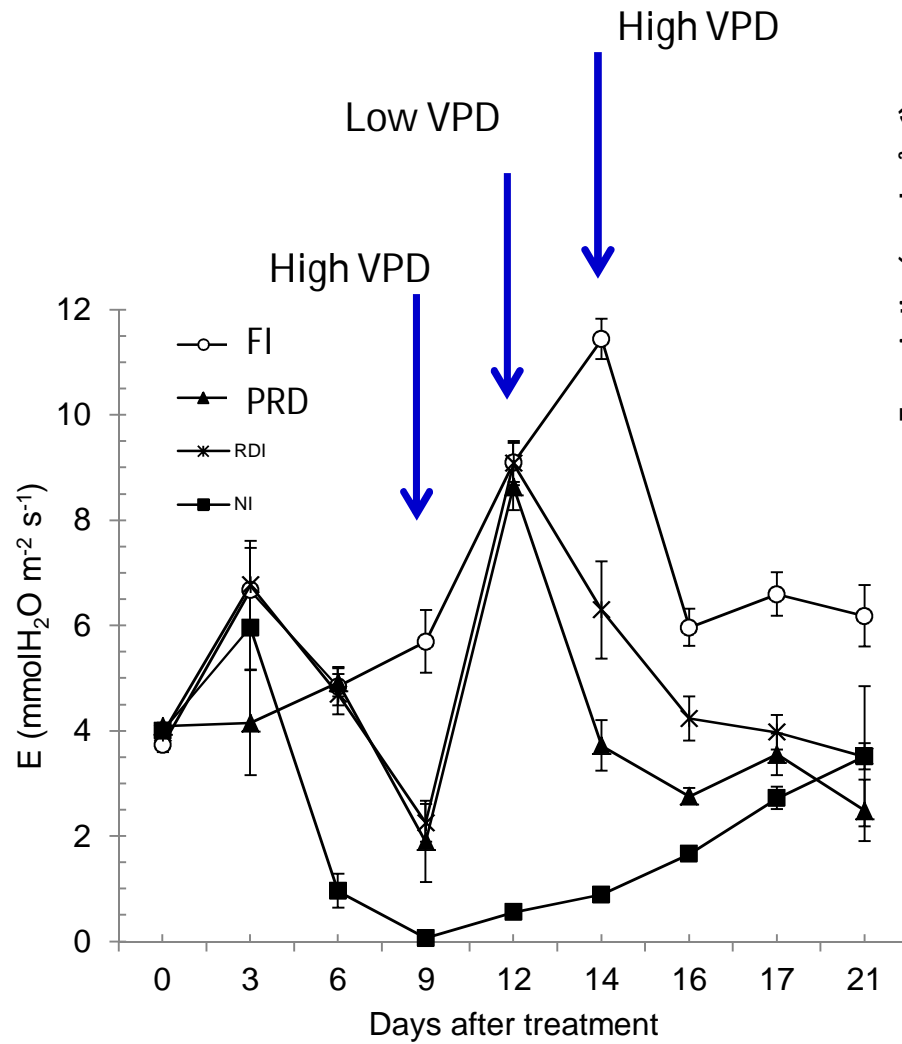
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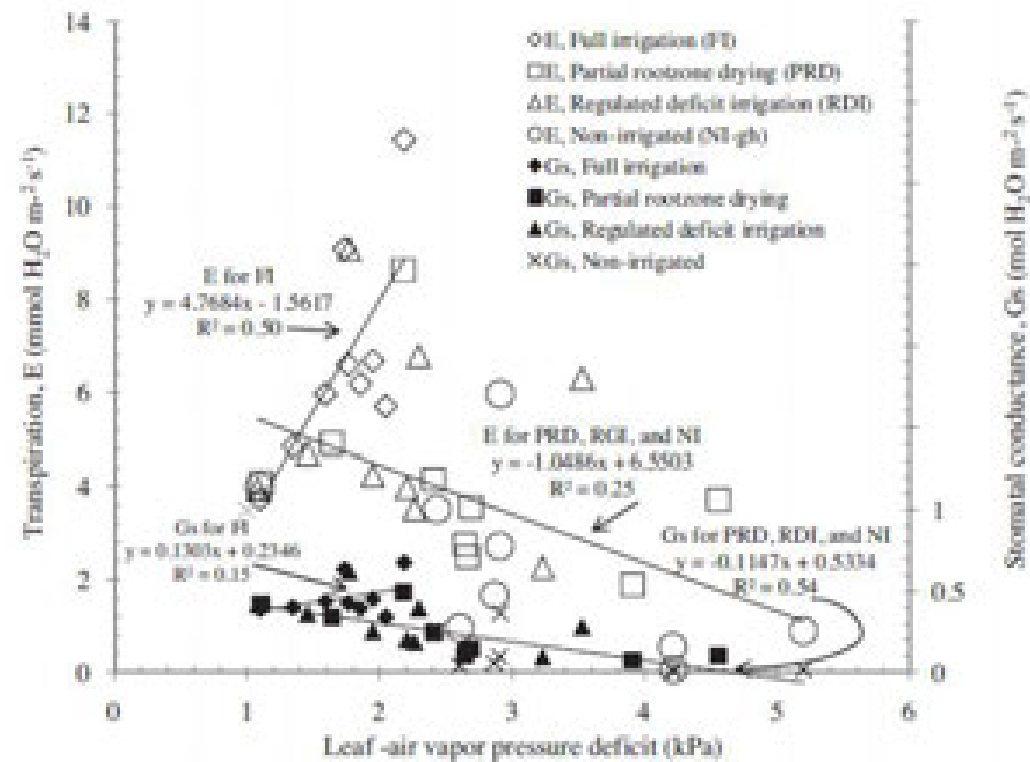


14 days after planting  
maximum stress









**Fig. 6.** Relationship of leaf-air vapor pressure deficit to transpiration and stomatal conductance in papaya in four irrigation treatments in a greenhouse.

