

Title: *Funneliformis mosseae* improves growth and nutrient accumulation in wheat by facilitating soil nutrient uptake under elevated CO<sub>2</sub> at daytime, not nighttime

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**Abstract** (300 words limitation)

Almost all reports of plant responses to elevated CO<sub>2</sub> (eCO<sub>2</sub>) concentrations have been executed under equal CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations over daytime and nighttime, while ambient CO<sub>2</sub> (ACO<sub>2</sub>) can be 10-20 % greater during nighttime than during daytime. A simulation of currently atmosphere daytime or nighttime CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations would provide a closer observation on how plants could respond to forthcoming CO<sub>2</sub> rising. Arbuscular mycorrhizal fungus (AMF) always improves plant nutrient absorption and growth. However, interactive effects of eCO<sub>2</sub> and AMF on accumulations of carbon (C), nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) in plant and soil, and thus plant growth are rarely elucidated. To understand mechanisms of eCO<sub>2</sub> plus AMF on crop growth and soil fertility, wheat (*Triticum aestivum* cv. Yunmai) were grown over 12-weeks under plus or minus AMF (*Funneliformis mosseae*) inoculation and four CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations, i.e. (1) daytime/nighttime ACO<sub>2</sub> (410/460 ppm), (2) sole daytime eCO<sub>2</sub> (DeCO<sub>2</sub>, 550/460 ppm), (3) sole nighttime eCO<sub>2</sub> (NeCO<sub>2</sub>, 410/610 ppm), and (4) dual daytime+nighttime eCO<sub>2</sub> ((D+N)eCO<sub>2</sub>, 550/610 ppm). Biomass of shoot and root, accumulations of plant C, N, P and K, activities of soil invertase and urease generally significantly enhanced, while concentrations of shoot and root N, P and K, and soil available N, P and K decreased under DeCO<sub>2</sub>, NeCO<sub>2</sub> and (D+N)eCO<sub>2</sub>. Compared with non-AMF control, effects of *F. mosseae* on above-mentioned characteristics were significantly positive under ACO<sub>2</sub>, DeCO<sub>2</sub> and (D+N)eCO<sub>2</sub>, while on accumulations of plant biomass, C, N, P and K were negative under NeCO<sub>2</sub>. *F. mosseae* association generally mitigated soil nutrient restraints on wheat's response to DeCO<sub>2</sub>, while NeCO<sub>2</sub> reduced AMF's positive effects on wheat. These results demonstrated that integrations of AMF's benefits to crops growing under natural habitats of DeCO<sub>2</sub> and/or NeCO<sub>2</sub> are vital in managing potential long-term consequences of forthcoming CO<sub>2</sub> rising on worldwide farming systems.

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