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陆地生态系统植被生产力及碳汇对降水的非对 称性响应

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Background: Global precipitation variability is increasing

• Global warming intensifies the water cycle, leading to higher precipitation variability



Zhang et al., 2015, Science advances

• In temporal, precipitation variation also showed an increasing trend, especially in arid regions



Ru et al., 2021, Functional Ecology

How global terrestrial ecosystem carbon sink respond to increasing global precipitation variability?

Increased or decreased ?

- > It is difficult to assess the effects of increasing precipitation variation on carbon sink directly with experiments.
- There are very few precipitation variation experiments in the world.



RESEARCH ARTICLE

Functional Ecology

Increased interannual precipitation variability enhances the carbon sink in a semi-arid grassland



How about the other ecosystems in the world?

Precipitation variability on ecosystem carbon budget depend on the exact form of the relationship between precipitation and the ecosystem carbon budget



Case 1 No impact, pulse=decline



Case2 Negative impact, pulse < decline



Case3 Positive impact, pulse > decline

Some evidence from meta-analysis



PRIMARY RESEARCH ARTICLE

Asymmetric responses of primary productivity to precipitation extremes: A synthesis of grassland precipitation manipulation experiments

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Global evidence on the asymmetric response of gross primary productivity to interannual precipitation changes

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Asymmetric response of productivity to changes in precipitation



Three scenarios in GPP and ER response would cause positive AS in NEP

NEP=GPP-ER

- (1) GPP主导(wet) + ++ +
- (2) ER主导(dry) + --
- (3) 共同决定 + + -

We need quantify the degree of asymmetry of GPP and ER, independently.

Methods: Meta analysis + Models (Trendy models) + Remote Sensing Data (SIF)



> Meta analysis

- 145 papers with 800 paired
- Grouped into arid areas
 (MAP<500 mm) and humid areas (MAP>500 mm).

> Global SIF products

CSIF, 0.05° 4-day, 2000-2018

TRENDY models

Six models for 0.5° : DLEM、ISAM、LPJwsl, ORCHIDEE、VEGAS、VISIT

> Calculation of the asymmetry index

$$AS = \frac{IP}{DP}$$

IP: Increased percentage in ANPP, BNPP, R_s and NEP corresponding to 40 % increased in precipitation

DP: Decreased percentage in ANPP, BNPP, R_s and NEP corresponding to

40 % reduction in precipitation

Note: AS=1 is symmetry, AS>1 positive asymmetry, and AS<1 represents negative asymmetry.

Normalization

$$\overline{X}_{NT} = \overline{X_{C}} + \frac{\overline{X_{T}} - \overline{X_{C}}}{P_{c}} \times 40\%$$

 \overline{X}_{NT} : the normalized value under 40% above or below the MAP;

 P_c : Percentage change in precipitation; \overline{X}_T : Treatment group; \overline{X}_C : control group



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Results: Relationships between changes in precipitation and carbon fluxes



Asymmetric responses of carbon fluxes to normalized precipitation changes

- NEP, ANPP and BNPP display positive asymmetric responses to precipitation changes
- $R_{\rm s}$ display negatively asymmetric in response to precipitation changes
- Arid VS humid regions •



ANPP

60

R.

60

using only the 40-50% precipitation change treatments



Asymmetric response of SIF

 Asymmetric index showed a decreasing trend with MAP

• Arid > Humid



Asymmetric response of SWC

- Consistent with ANPP response to changes in precipitation
- SWC display a positive asymmetry in response to precipitation change
- Positive asymmetry in arid areas, negative asymmetry in humid areas





Response of carbon fluxes to normalized SWC

Same magnitude of change in SWC did not result in asymmetric responses for most carbon processes, suggesting that precipitation change-induced asymmetry in SWC was the key factor causing the asymmetric response of NEP



Mechanism of the asymmetric responses of carbon fluxes to precipitation changes

- The positive asymmetry of NPP (arid region) and negative ER (humid region) was mainly contributed to the positive asymmetry of NEP
- SWC is the key factor determining the asymmetric responses



Performance of land models

- Models captured the overall positive asymmetry of NEP in response to precipitation change at global scale
- Poor performance in simulating GPP in humid region and ER
- The simulated positive asymmetry of ER was attributed to an overestimated pulse in wet years but an underestimated reduction in dry years



Performance of land models in simulating asymmetric responses of SWC

• Model overestimated the pulse in wet years but underestimated reduction in dry years for SWC, especially in humid regions





Conclusions

• Positive asymmetry of NEP in respond to precipitation changes

NEP=GPP-ER

arid regions	+	++	+
humid regions	+	-	

suggests that intensified precipitation IAV may favor terrestrial carbon sink under future climate change scenarios (except extreme anomalies)

- Models can capture the overall positive asymmetry of NEP in response to precipitation change at global scale
- Models display poor performance in GPP response in humid regions and ER response for the whole world.
- Improvements in simulating the SWC responses is critical to promote model performance

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