



# Mitigazione del Cambiamento Climatico: il Contributo di Agricoltura e Foreste

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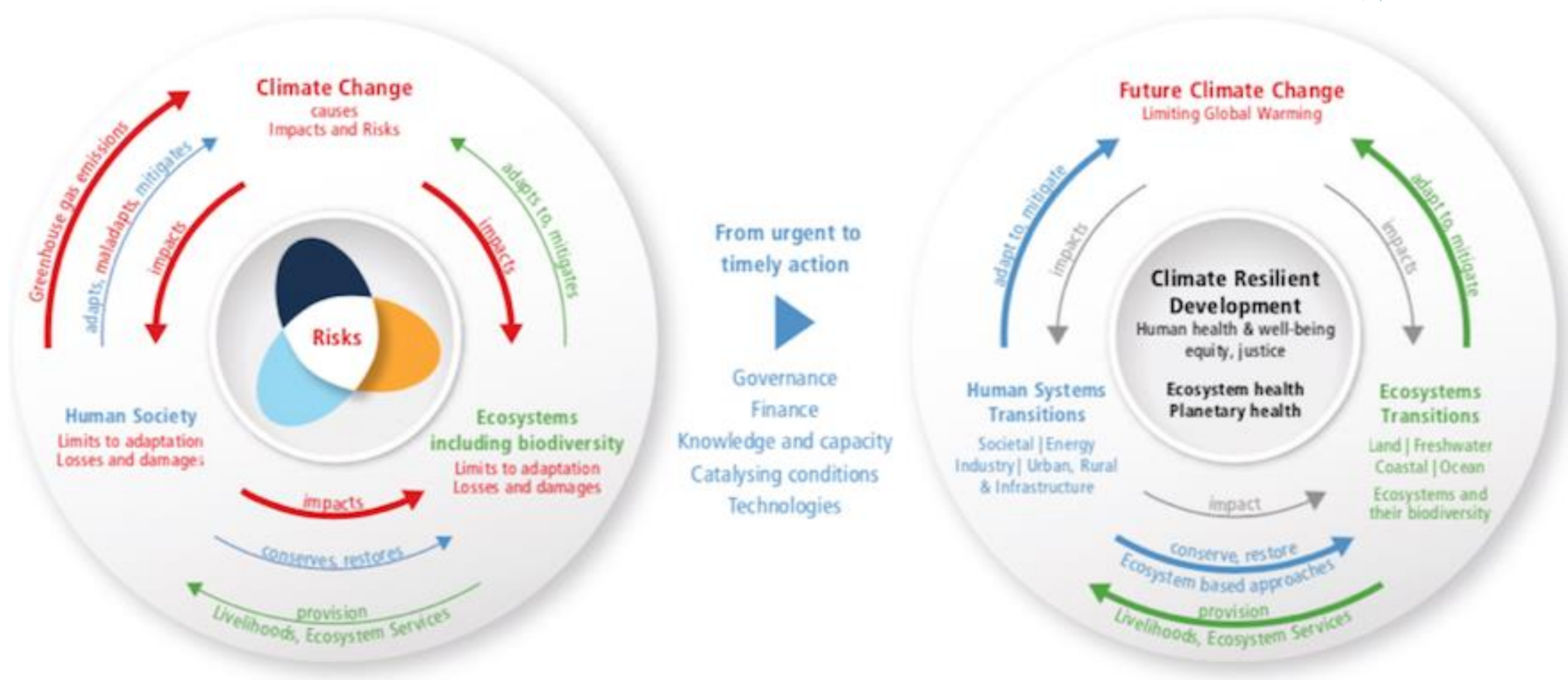
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## La mitigazione dei cambiamenti climatici attraverso la decarbonizzazione dei sistemi agricoli e forestali

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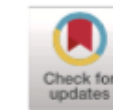


Review

Impacts of agronomic measures on crop, soil, and environmental indicators:  
A review and synthesis of meta-analysis

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**Goal:** to review studies assessing impacts of crop management measures (**rotation, cover cropping, residue retention**), soil and water measures (**irrigation, tillage**), soil **amendments** (enhanced efficiency products, biochar), **fertilizer** (organic, mineral, combined effects) and the **4R fertilizer strategies** (right source, rate, timing, placement)

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**production, soil quality and environment.** Focus was on improved management of arable farming systems including grains, maize and root crops.

## Indicators and variables included in each group

Group name	Variables included
Crop yield	Crop yield, grain yield, crop productivity
Crop N	Nitrogen use efficiency (NUE), N uptake, crop N content
Crop P	Phosphorus use efficiency (PUE), P uptake, crop P content
Soil organic carbon	Soil organic carbon content, soil organic carbon stock, soil organic matter
Soil organic nitrogen	Total organic N
Soil phosphorus	Available P
Soil compaction	Bulk density, aggregate stability
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	Soil carbon dioxide emissions
N <sub>2</sub> O emissions	Soil nitrous oxide emissions
NH <sub>3</sub> emissions	Soil ammonia emissions
N losses	N surplus, leaching or runoff as dissolved inorganic N, nitrate, or ammonium
P losses	P leaching or runoff

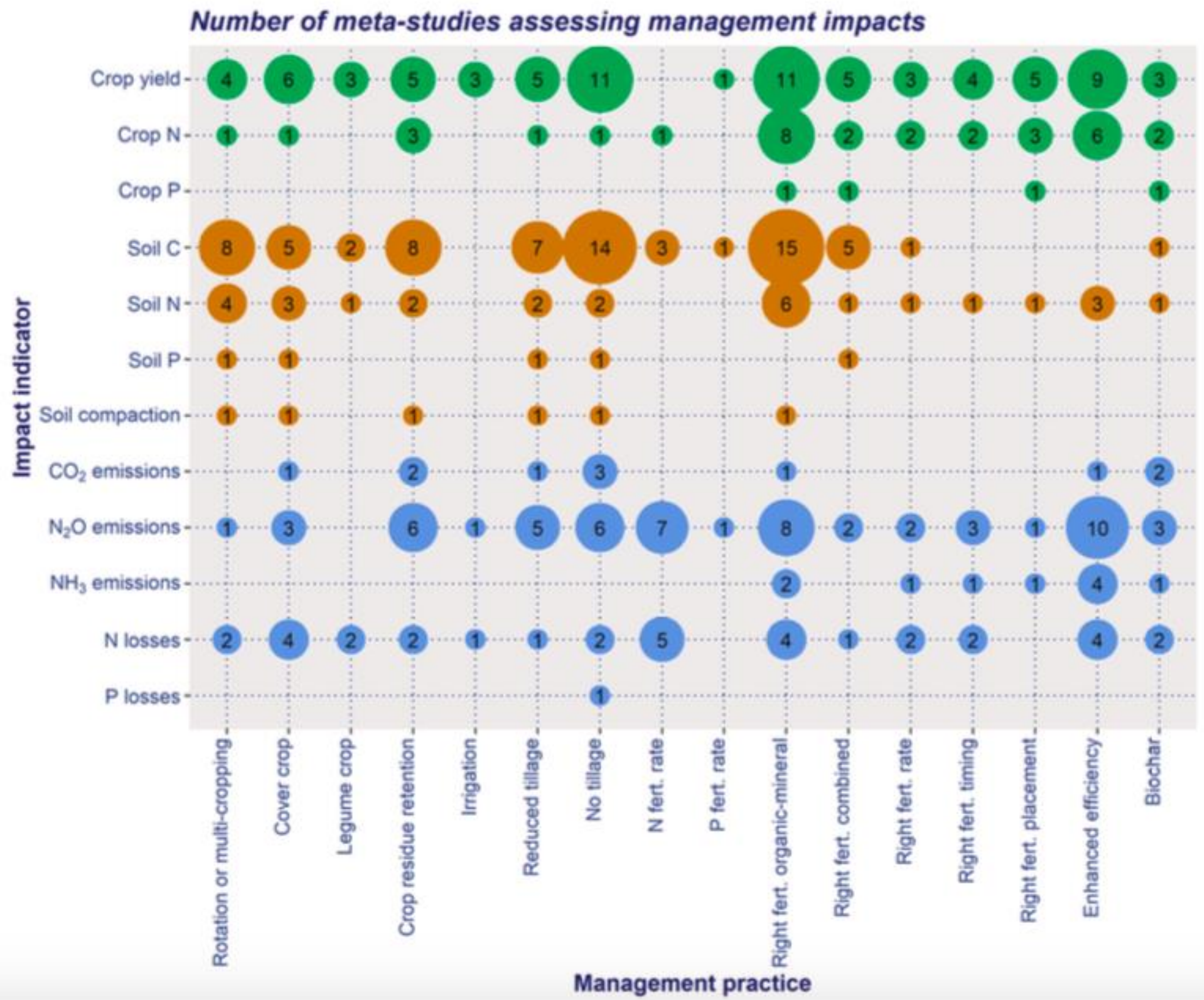
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Agronomic Practice	Treatment description	Control
Rotation or multi-cropping	crop rotation with a second crop type instead of single crop crop diversification by more than two crops in rotation double cropping for multiple crop harvests in one year intercropping to increase number of crops grown simultaneously on one field	monoculture 2 crop rotation / monoculture single cropping monoculture one crop monoculture
Cover crop Legume	cover cropping, catch cropping including a legume in rotation and addition effects of N fixation	no cover crop no legume in rotation
Residue retention	retaining or incorporating crop residues after harvest, mulching	removing
Irrigation	irrigation (not included in quantitative analysis)	rainfed
Reduced tillage	reduced or minimal tillage practices such as strip till, zone till ridge till, reduced tillage passes, medium intensity non-inversion tillage up to 40 cm depth	conventional tillage*
No tillage	no tillage	conventional tillage*

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Agronomic Practice	Treatment description	Control
Nitrogen rate	specific fertilizer rate assessed by levels or continuous data	no fertilizer
Phosphorus rate	specific fertilizer rate assessed by levels or continuous data	no fertilizer
Right fert. organic-mineral**	organic fertilizer, namely from animal waste or compost	mineral fertilizer
Right fert. Combined**	combined organic and mineral fertilizer	mineral fertilizer
Right rate**	improved/optimized or reduced fertilizer rate	conventional rate
Right timing**	improved/optimized timing of fertilizer application	conventional timing
Right placement**	improved/optimized placement of fertilizer	conventional placement
Enhanced efficiency	application of enhanced efficiency fertilizers which are inhibitors of nitrification	not applied
Biochar	application of biochar (most frequent), biofertilizer (not included in quantitative analysis)	not applied

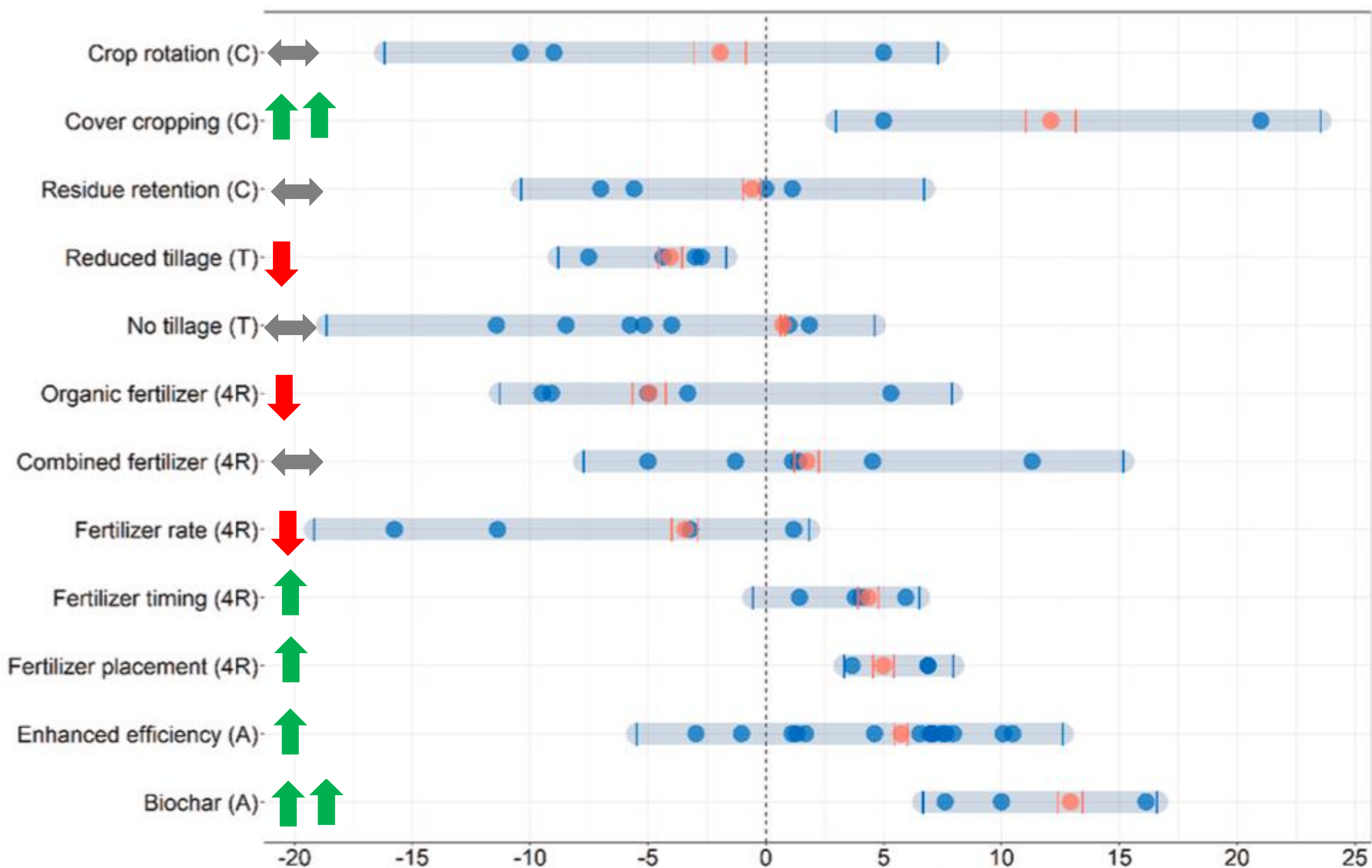
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**113 studies**

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# Change in Yield (% year<sup>-1</sup>)

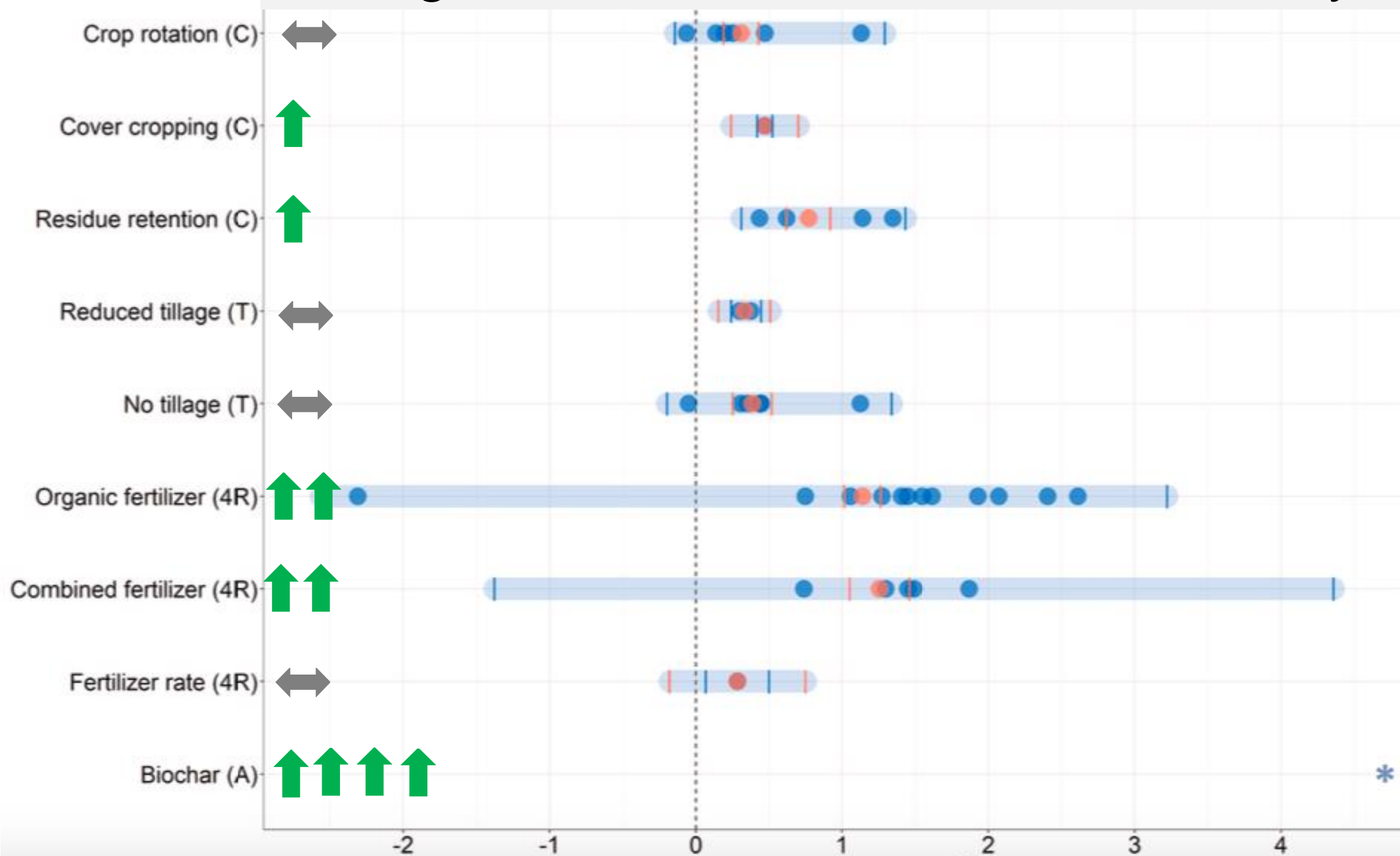


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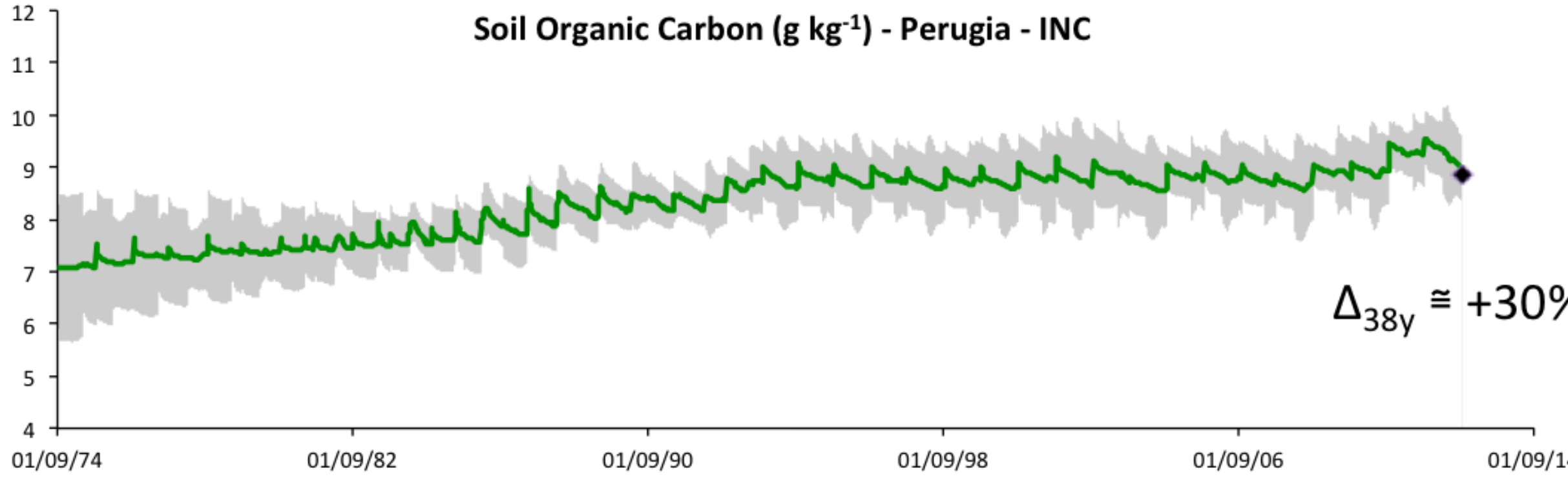
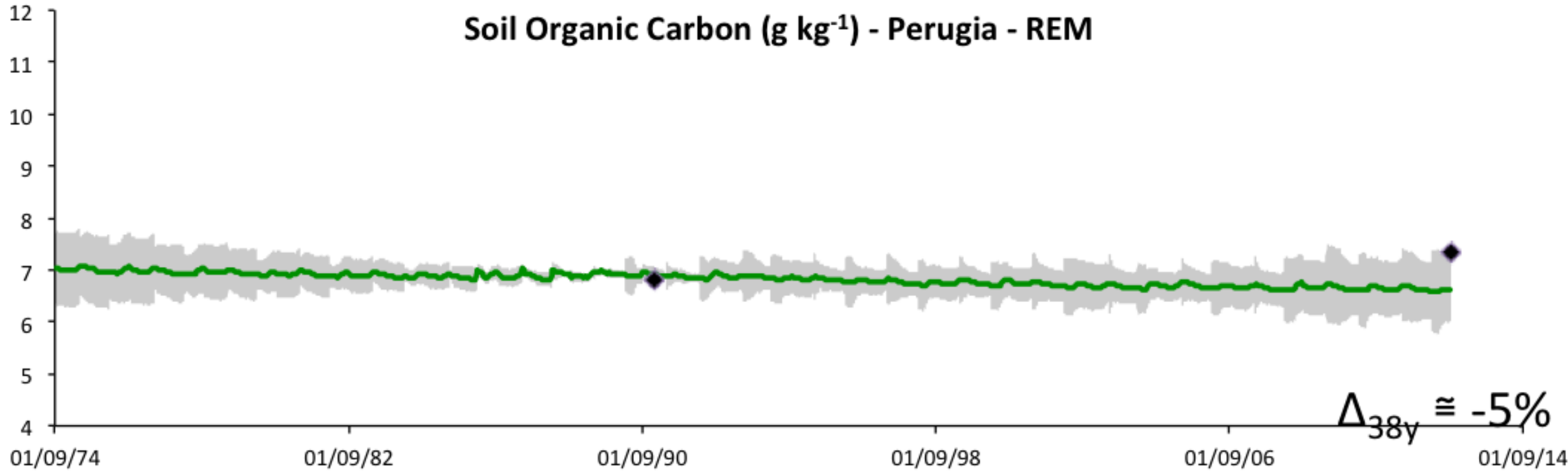
# Change in Soil Organic Carbon (% year<sup>-1</sup>)

$\Delta$  weighted means = +0.28  $\div$  +1.3 % y<sup>-1</sup>



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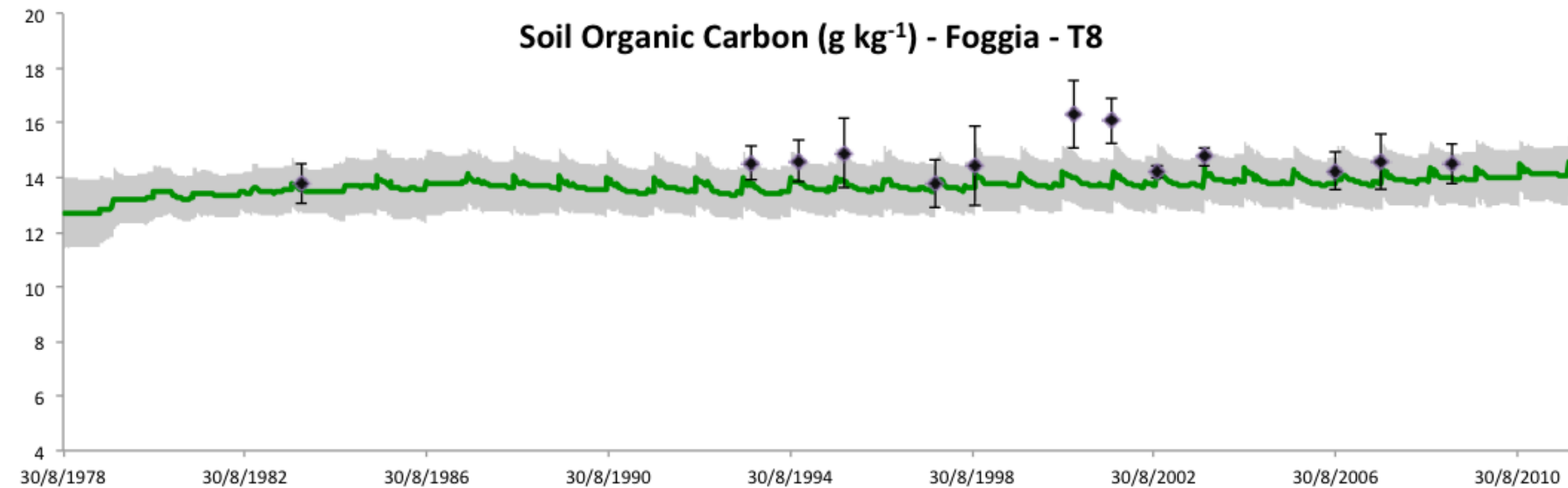
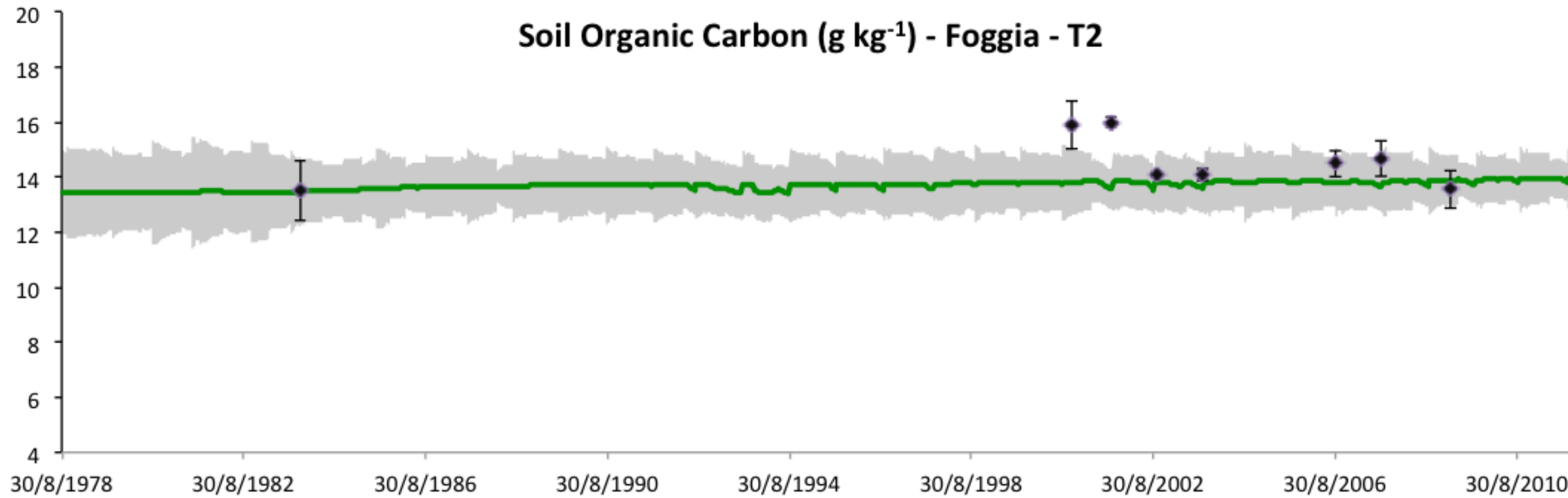
# Soil Organic Carbon in Long Term Experiment: mais monoculture



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# Modelling of Soil Organic Carbon as affected by Climate Change



**RE:** asportazione dei residui colturali (RC) e aratura

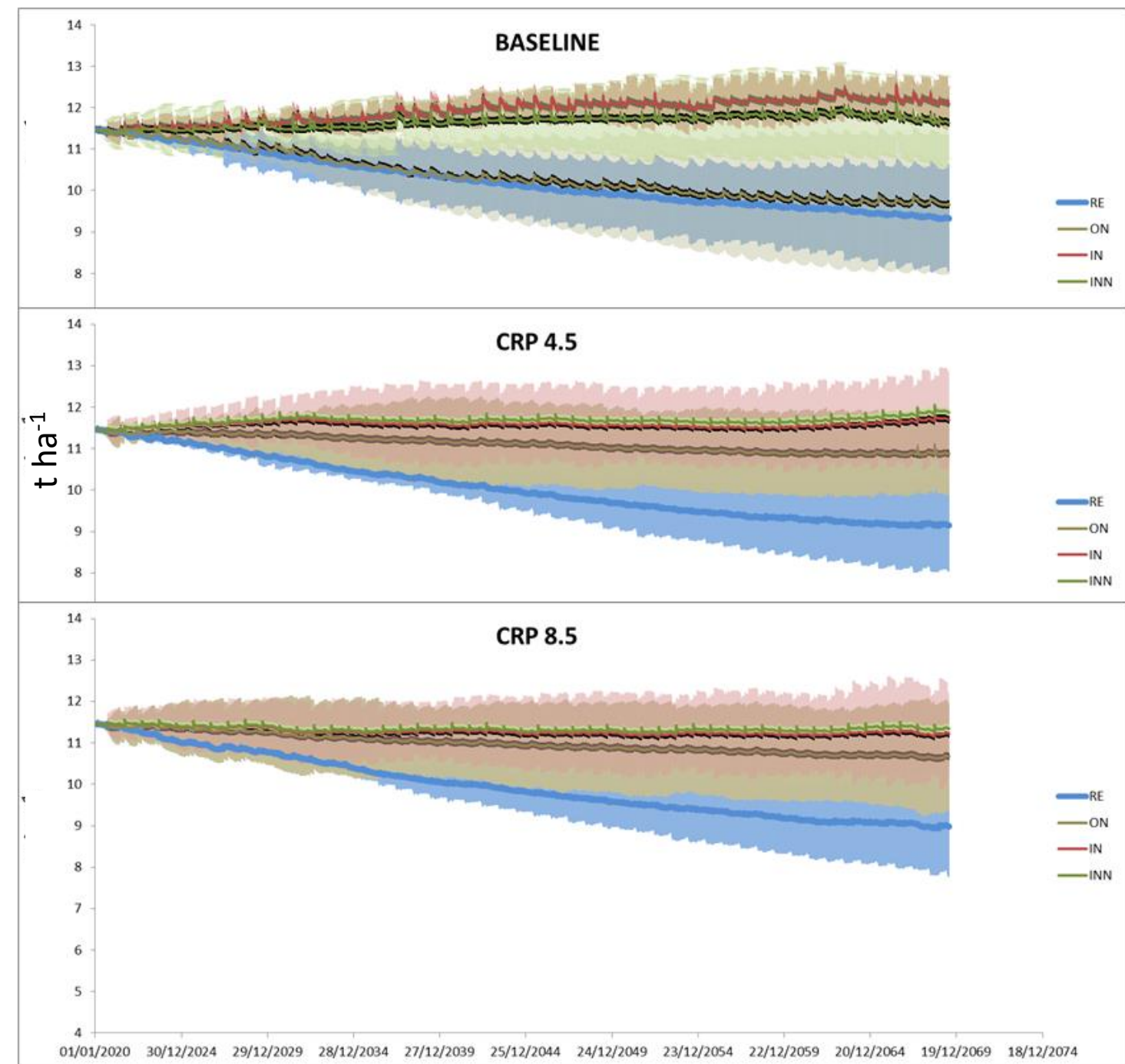
**ON:** mulch di RC (agric. Conservativa: no-tillage)

**IN:** interramento di RC con aratura

**INN:** aggiunta di N-urea (50 kg N ha<sup>-1</sup>) pre-interramento

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**Foggia** - Soil organic carbon (median  $\pm$  s.d.) - 0 – 40 cm

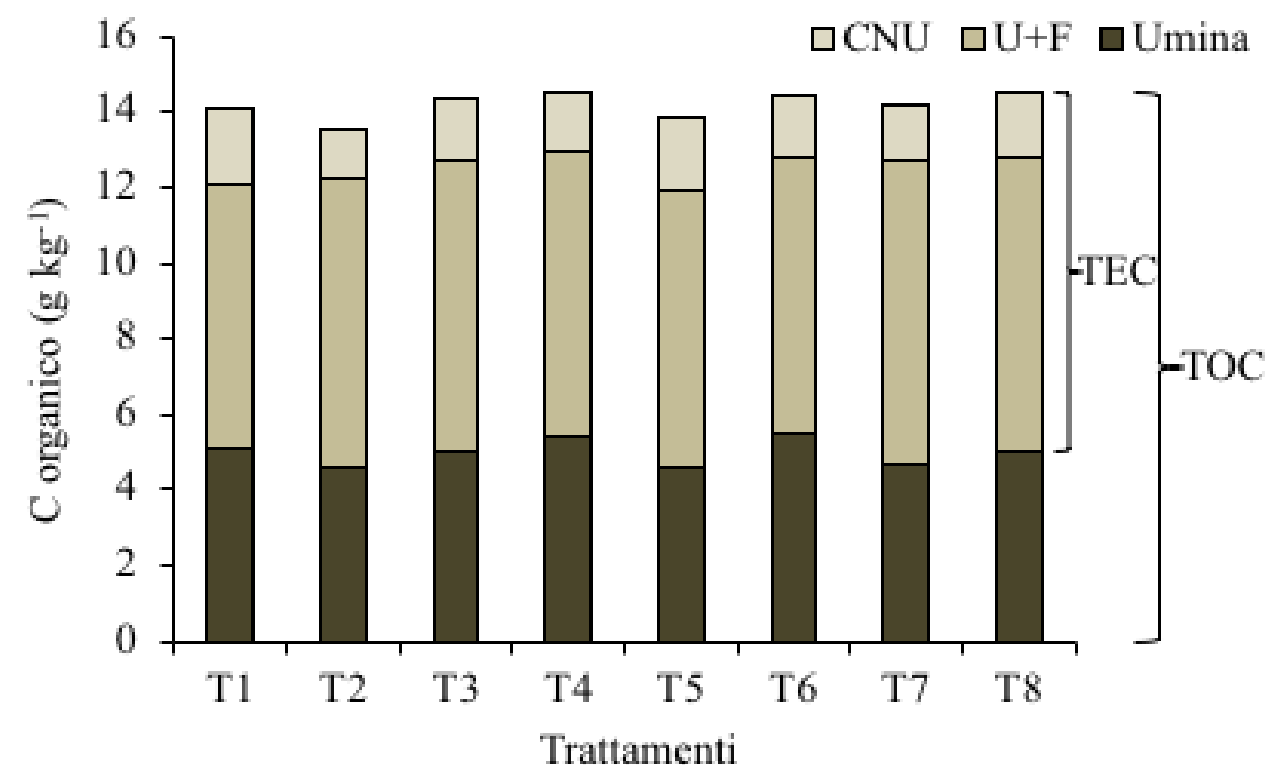


# Change in Soil Organic Carbon (% year<sup>-1</sup>)



Azienda Sperimentale “Podere 124” in Foggia (CREA-AA). Dal 1977, Long Term Experiment di grano duro in monosuccessione sottoposto a 8 trattamenti di gestione dei residui colturali. Analisi della fertilità del suolo effettuata dopo 32 anni di trattamento (Marzo 2009)

<b>T1</b>	<b>Bruciatura dei residui del frumento</b>
<b>T2</b>	Interramento dei residui del frumento
<b>T3</b>	Interramento + 50 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> N (urea) sui residui prima dell'interramento
<b>T4</b>	Interramento + 100 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> N sui residui prima dell'interramento
<b>T5</b>	Interramento + 150 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> N sui residui prima dell'interramento
<b>T6</b>	Come T4 + 50 mm di acqua sui residui prima dell'interramento
<b>T7</b>	Come T5 + 50 mm di acqua sui residui prima dell'interramento
<b>T8</b>	Come T6 + 50 mm di acqua sui residui prima dell'interramento
100 kg P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> (perfosfato min) e 100 kg ha N (nitrato ammonico) tranne la T9	
Blocco randomizzato con 5 ripetizioni	



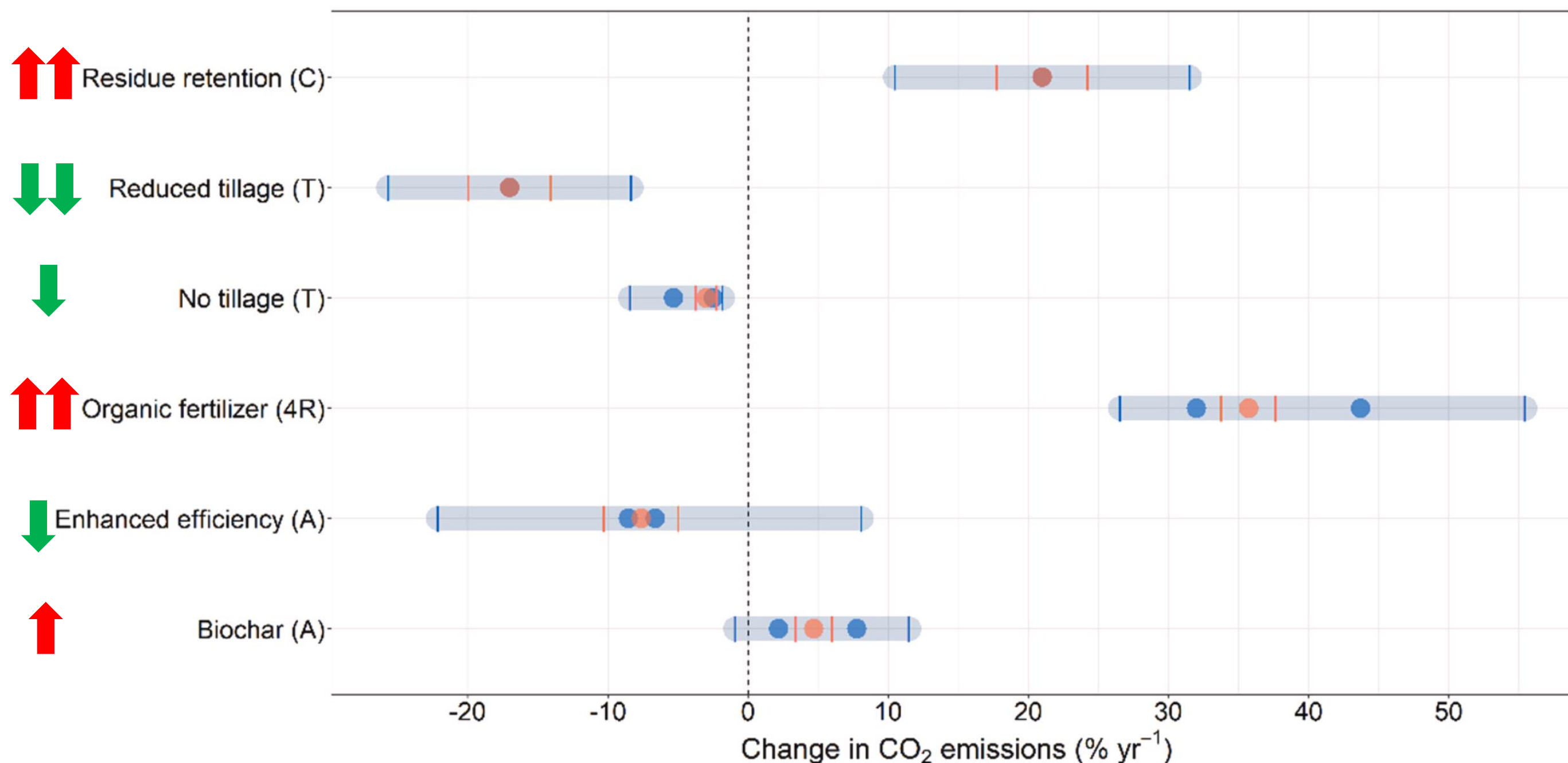
**TEC**=Total Extracted Carbon; **CNU**=Not Humified Carbon

Contrasti Significativi	TOC			U+F		
	C1	C2	D(%)	C1	C2	D(%)
<b>Bruc</b> <sub>(T1)</sub> vs. All <sub>(T2_T8)</sub>				7.0	7.6	<b>-7.7</b>
<b>Nres</b> <sub>(T3_T8)</sub> vs. <b>No_N</b> <sub>(T2)</sub>	14.3	13.6	<b>+5.7</b>			

# Change in CO<sub>2</sub> emission (% year<sup>-1</sup>): few studies

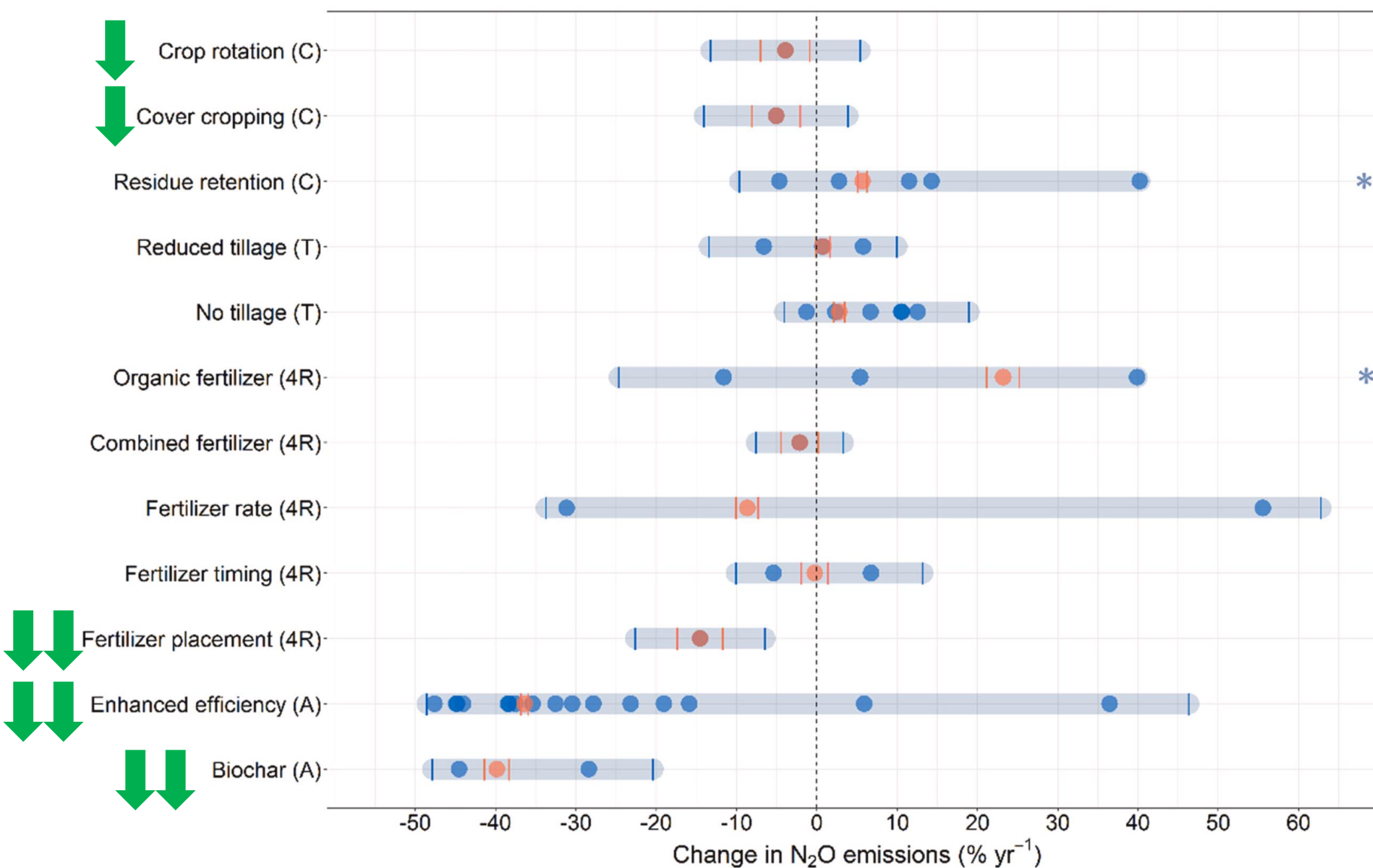
➔ Pratiche che apportano C stimolano l'attività dei micorganismi del suolo aumentando il tasso di decomposizione

➔ Il minor disturbo del suolo del minimum- no-tillage tende a ridurre le emissioni di CO<sub>2</sub>, insieme all'applicazione di inibitori della nitrificazione (enhanced efficiency)



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# Change in N<sub>2</sub>O emission (% year<sup>-1</sup>)



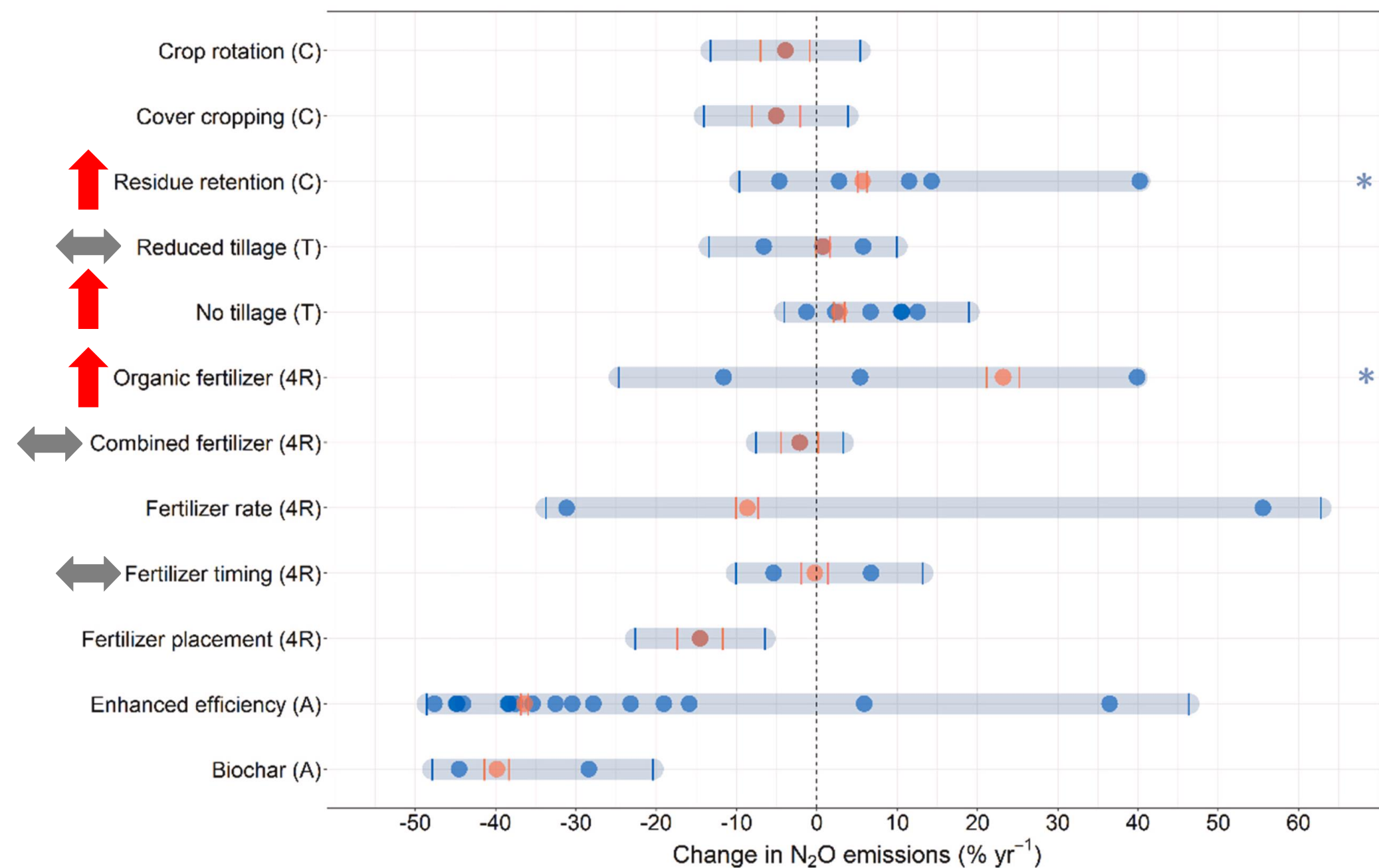
I risultati in generale non mostrano chiari impatti.

Quasi tutti i range di medie individuali comprendono lo zero

Biochar: effetto su potenziale redox o per durata breve degli studi?

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# Change in N<sub>2</sub>O emission (% year<sup>-1</sup>)



**Residue Retention:** N<sub>2</sub>O soprattutto in condizioni aerobiche e con residui con C:N alti, interazioni con mineralizzazione e SWC

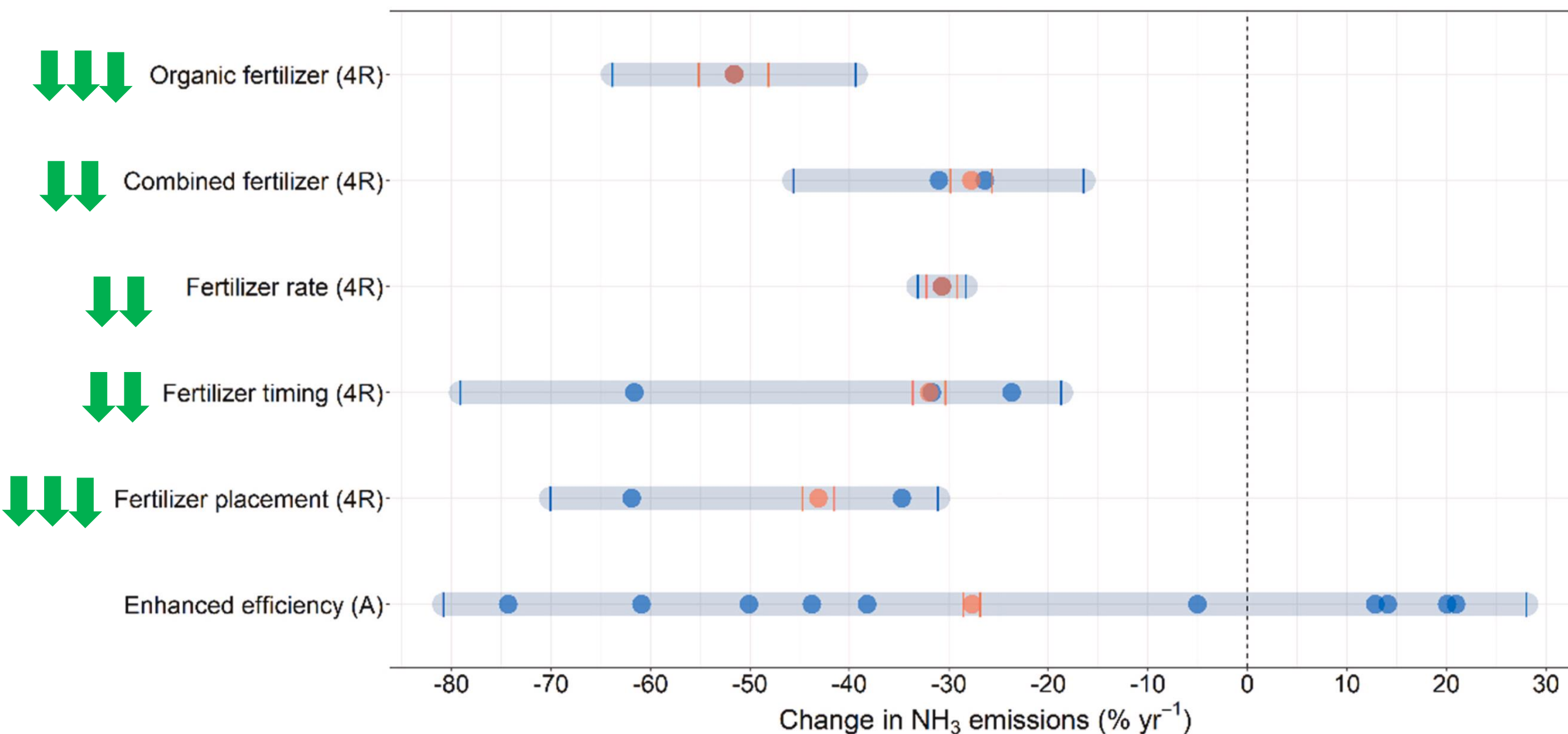
**Organic fertilizer:** Elevata incertezza per la varietà di matrici considerate (liquami, letame, ecc.), quantità apportate, ecc.

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# Change in $\text{NH}_3$ emission (% year<sup>-1</sup>)

Le emissioni di ammoniaca possono essere contenute agendo sul tipo di fertilizzante, ottimizzazione della dose e modalità di spandimento. Valide le raccomandazioni di interramento subito dopo l'applicazione di letami/liquami e fertilizzanti ammoniacali.



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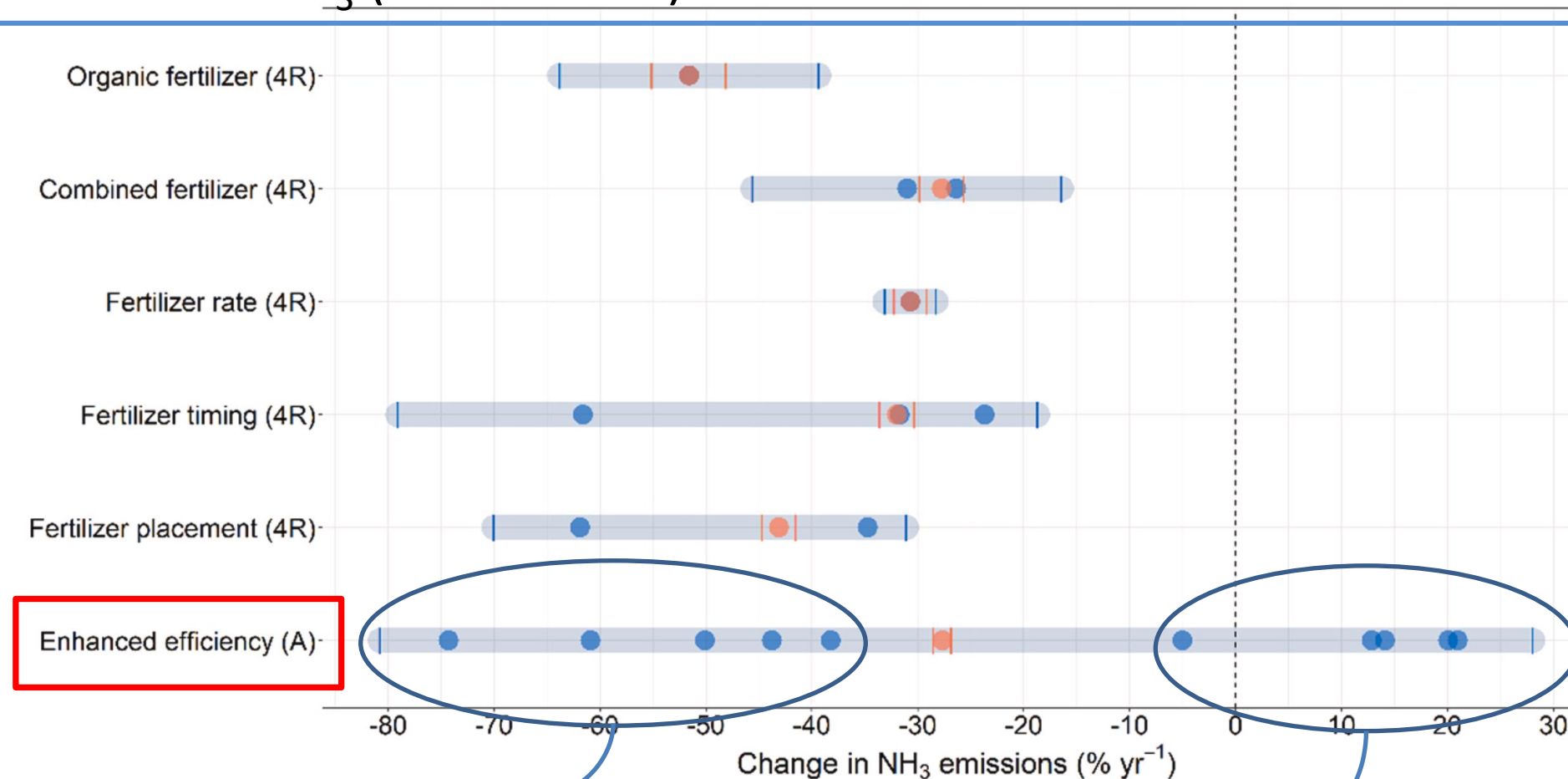
# Change in $\text{NH}_3$ emission (% year<sup>-1</sup>)

«Enhanced efficiency» mostra un forte decremento (-28%), ma con grande incertezza.

Variabilità dovuta ai diversi ammendanti utilizzati.

Inibitori dell'ureasi sono efficaci nel ridurre le emissioni di  $\text{NH}_3$  (da -74% -44%)

Gli inibitori della nitrificazione sono efficaci nel ridurre le emissioni di  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$ , mentre gli studi riportano incrementi di emissioni di  $\text{NH}_3$  (dal 5 al 21%)



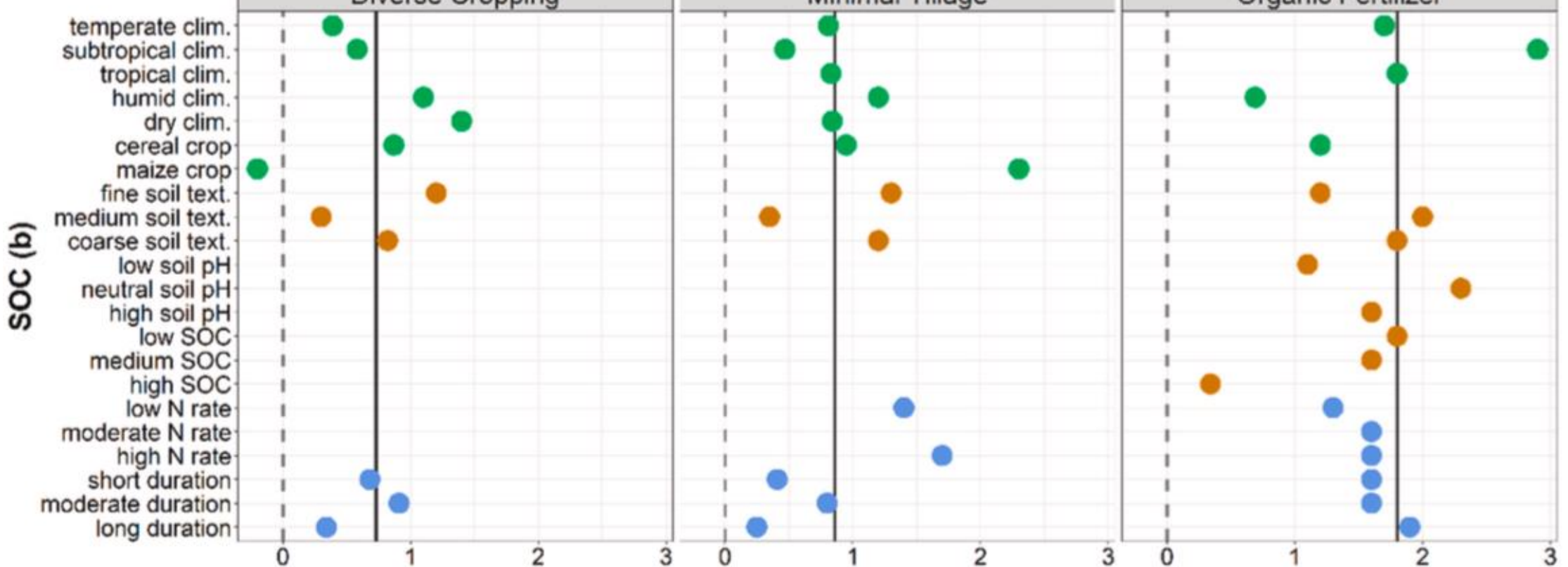
➤ Urease in-hibitors  
➤ Controlled-release fertilizers

➤ Nitrification inhibitors

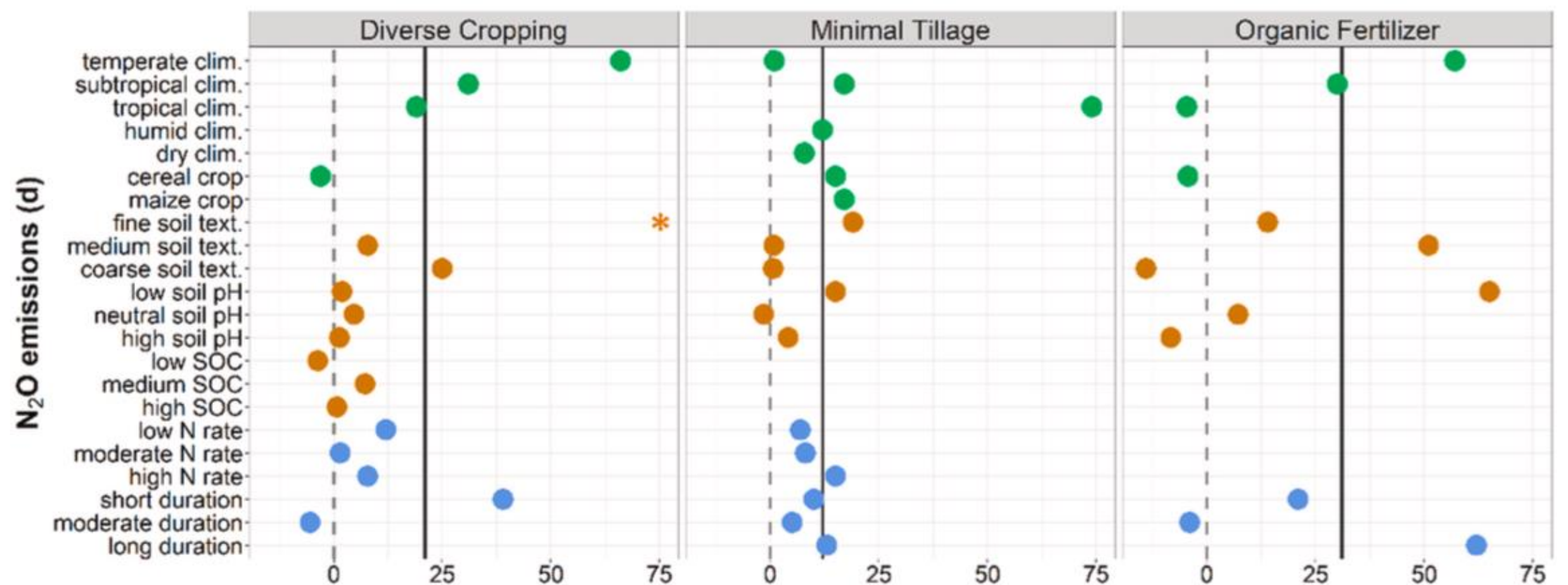
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# Covariate analysis for SOC and N<sub>2</sub>O emission (% year<sup>-1</sup>)

Site-specific factors: Crop rotation, Cover, Residue (Diverse Cropping); Reduced- and no-tillage (Minimal Tillage); Organic and combined fertilizer (Organic Fertilizer)



- ✓ **Diverse Cropping:** basso impatto, meglio in climi aridi e suoli argillosi.
- ✓ **Minimum tillage:** basso impatto, meglio in suoli argillosi e per il mais
- ✓ **Organic fertilizer:** alto impatto, meglio con applicazioni di lunga durata



	Yield	SOC sequestration	Soil Emissions		
			N <sub>2</sub> O	NH <sub>3</sub>	CO <sub>2</sub>
Crop rotation		+	-		
Residue retention		+	+		
Cover cropping	+	+	-		
Nitrif. inhibitors	+		--		-
Ureasi inhibitors	+			--	
Biochar	+	++	--		
4R strategies	+	+	--	--	
Minimum tillage	-	+	+/-		-

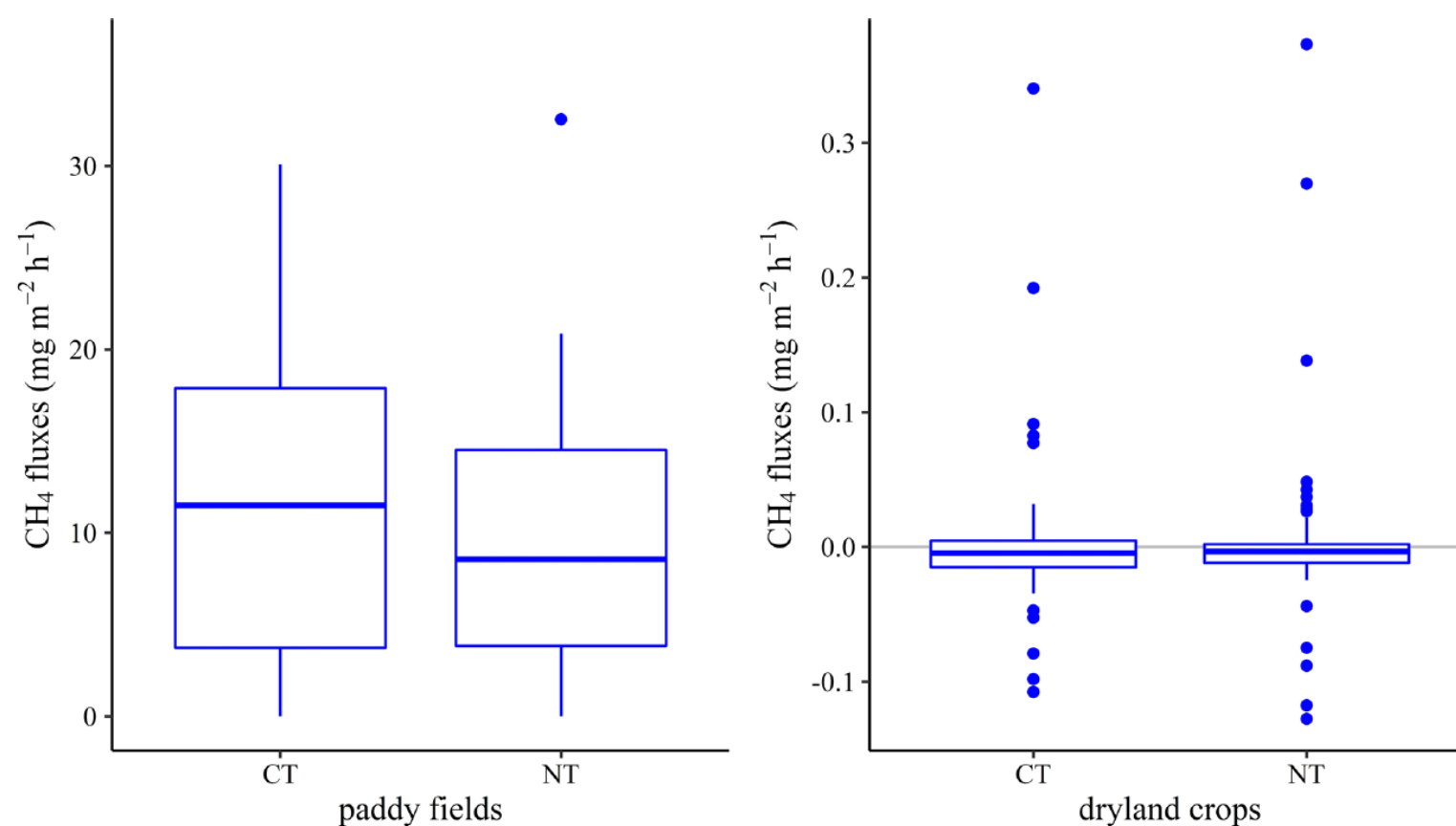
# Effetto del no-tillage su emissioni di CH<sub>4</sub>

In una recente review, Maucieri et al. hanno valutato la gestione del suolo come potenziale strumento la mitigazione delle emissioni di CH<sub>4</sub> di origine antropica.

NT ha ridotto significativamente le emissioni di CH<sub>4</sub> dalle risaie (o suoli in sommersione con altre colture) e una non significativa tendenza ad aumentare le emissioni di CH<sub>4</sub> in campi coltivati a mais.

I risultati indicano che il NT sulle emissioni di CH<sub>4</sub> è nullo per colture non-sommerse.

E' possibile una notevole riduzione delle emissioni di CH<sub>4</sub> in sistemi risicoli o altri sistemi di produzione che utilizzano suoli in sommersione.



Maucieri et al. (2021: No-tillage effects on soil CH<sub>4</sub> fluxes: A meta-analysis. Soil & Tillage Research: 212, 105042

# Capacità di mitigazione della gestione dei residui colturali



## Per ridurre emissioni di N<sub>2</sub>O:

- Rimozione dei residui colturali
- Interramento superficiale
- Interramento di residui con rapporto C:N > 30
- Interramento di residui colturali maturi

## Minore efficacia di mitigazione:

- Epoca di interramento
- Impiego di fertilizzanti

Necessità di valutare effetti collaterali negativi su resa, sequestro di Carbonio, lisciviazione dei nitrati e/o volatilizzazione dell'ammoniaca.

## Strategie Win-Win:

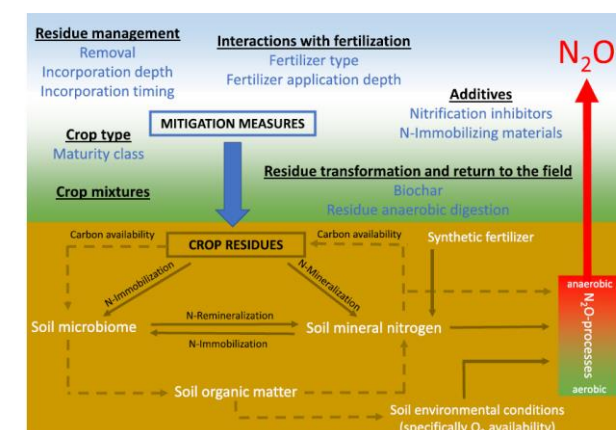
- Trattamento dei residui colturali prima dell'applicazione in campo, ad es. conversione dei residui in biochar o digestato anaerobico,
- Co-applicazione con inibitori della nitrificazione o materiali N-immobilizzanti come il compost con un elevato rapporto C:N, scarti di carta o segatura
- Utilizzo di residui ottenuti da miscele colturali



A review and meta-analysis of mitigation measures for nitrous oxide emissions from crop residues

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# Global Warming Potential

**Wang et al. 2019 (Soil & Tillage Research)**

$$SOC \text{ sequestration rate} = \frac{SOC \text{ stock}_{2016} - SOC \text{ stock}_{2007}}{T}$$

$$NGWP = CH_4 \times 28 + N_2O \times 265 - SOC \text{ sequestration rate} \times 44/12$$

$$NGWP = [kg \text{ CO}_2eq \text{ ha}^{-1}y^{-1}]$$

$$GHGI = \frac{NGWP}{\text{yield}}$$

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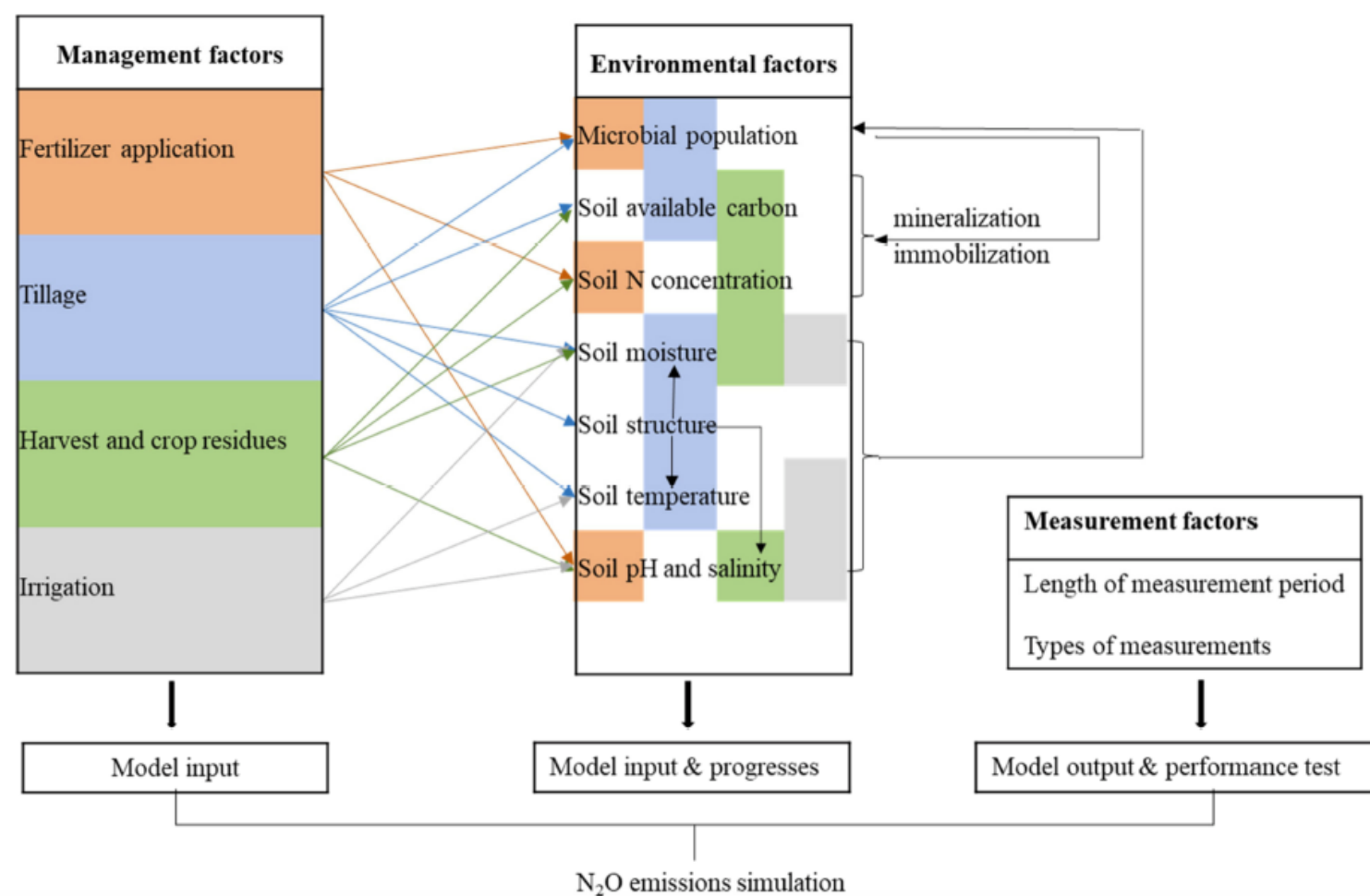
**Ghimire et al. 2017, Nutr Cycl Agroecosyst**

$$\text{Net GWP} = (\text{GWP}_{\text{inputs.}} + \text{GWP}_{\text{CH}_4} + \text{GWP}_{\text{N}_2\text{O}} + \text{GWP}_{\text{SOC}})$$



CO<sub>2</sub> eq. For irrigation, tillage, fertilations, etc.: West and Marland 2002, Agr. Ecosyst Environ

# Global Warming Potential del sistema colturale



Wang C., Amon B., Schulz K., Mehdi B. 2021. Factors That Influence Nitrous Oxide Emissions from Agricultural Soils as well as Their Representation in Simulation Models: A Review. *Agronomy* 2021, 11, 770.

Numerosità dei fattori coinvolti (Clima, Suolo, Pianta, Microrganismi, Falda, Agronomia), la complessità delle relazioni e delle interazioni, anche di tipo nonlineare, richiedono strumenti di analisi potenti, affidabili e scientificamente basati.

- Necessario determinare il GWP dei Sistemi Colturali e non delle singole pratiche agronomiche
- Riprogettare i Sistemi Colturali, ottimizzandoli per ridurre il loro GWP per aumentare la loro sostenibilità in termini di Mitigazione e Adattamento



# Modellizzazione del Global Warming Potential del sistema colturale per aumentarne la resilienza



Table 4. Dynamic models used to simulate nitrification and denitrification in agricultural fields and the impact factors considered.

Model	Description	Nitrification					Denitrification					Reference
		N	SOC	WFPS	T	pH	N	SOC	WFPS	T	pH	
APEX	APEX is a field-scale model and is used to evaluate various land management strategies at a daily time step.	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Williams et al. [159]
CERES_EGC	CERES-EGC is a field-scale and process-based agro-ecosystem model and is used to simulate NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> leaching, emissions of N <sub>2</sub> O and nitrogen oxides at a daily time step.	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		Lehuger et al. [160]
Daily Century (DAYCENT)	DAYCENT is the daily time step version of the CENTURY, and is used to simulate exchanges of C, nutrients, and trace gases among the atmosphere, soil and plants.	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Parton et al. [30]
DNDC	DNDC is a field-scale and process-based model and is used to study N and C dynamics in agroecosystems at daily time step.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	Li et al. [31]
DRAINMOD-N II	DRAINMOD-N II is a field-scale, daily time step and process-based model and is used to simulate C and N dynamics for artificially drained soils.	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		Youssef et al. [161]
EPIC	EPIC is a field-scale agroecosystem model that simulates crop production.	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Gassman et al. [162]
FASSET	FASSET is used to simulate crop growth and yield, as well as daily soil N and C fluxes in the plant-soil-atmosphere continuum.	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		Chatskikh et al. [163]
SPACSYS	SPACSYS is a field-scale model and is used to simulate daily N and C emissions from arable land and grassland.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	Wu et al. [33]
SWAT	SWAT is a field or catchment scale, process based model and is run at the daily time step for simulating the impacts of agricultural management practices on hydrology and water quality.	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		Arnold et al. [32]
TRIPLEX_GHG	TRIPLEX-GHG is developed to simulate N <sub>2</sub> O emissions from global forests and grassland.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	Zhang et al. [164]

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- Ottimizzazione dei Sistemi Colturali a scala territoriale, in determinati contesti pedoclimatici, agronomici e sociali
- Modelli di simulazione sempre più numerosi, potenti ed affidabili (accoppiati a remote sensing, intelligenza artificiale, LCA, ecc.)
- Modello ARMOSA (Disaa, Università degli studi di Milano)
- BioMA – CRONO (CREA-AA)