

Non-destructive assessment of plant nitrogen status in hops using leaf chlorophyll measurements

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Objective:

- Determination of hop plant's nitrogen status
 - Developing of fertilization algorithms
- Optimizing of nitrogen fertilization

Methods:

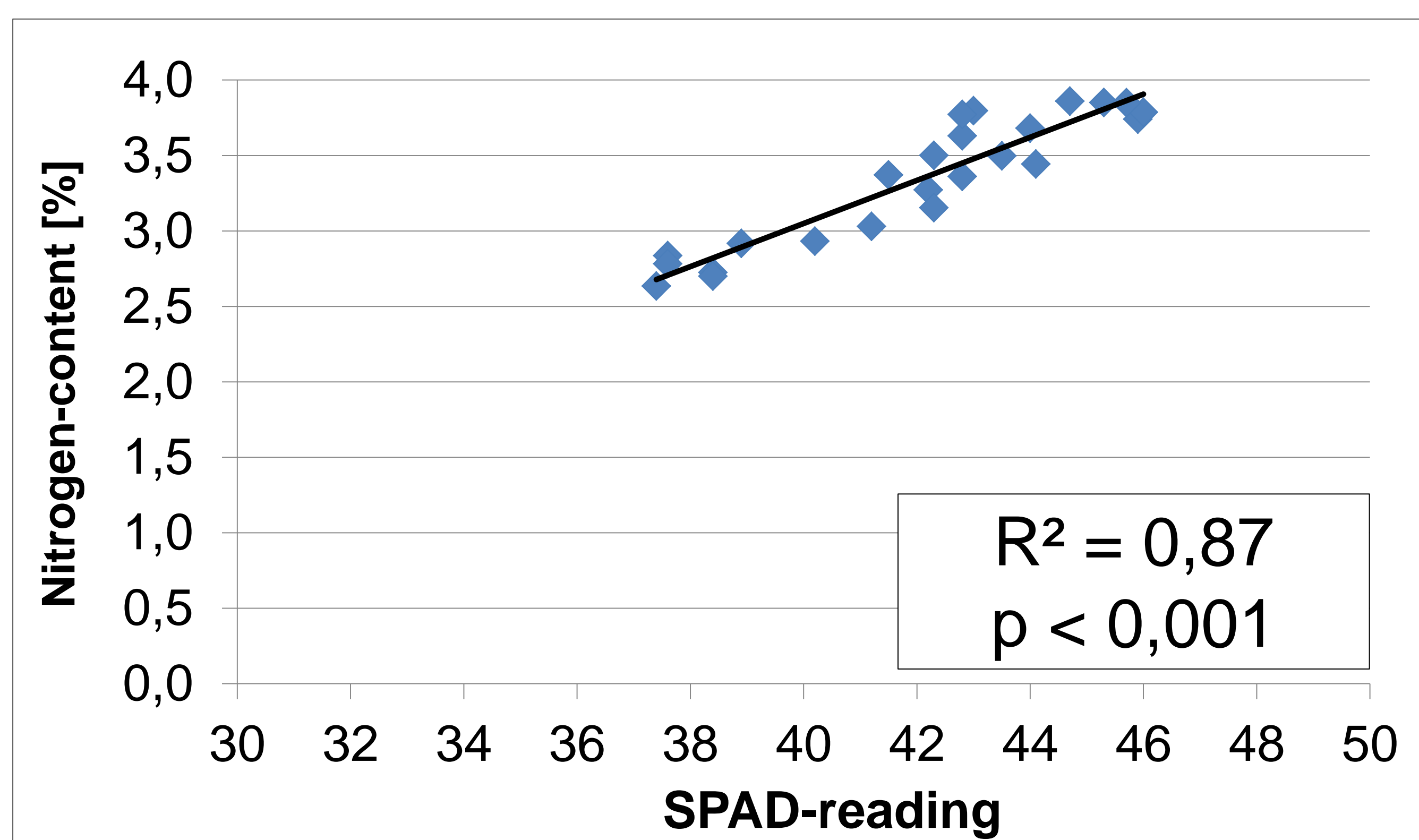
- Measurement of leaf chlorophyll content (SPAD)
 - Analysis of leaf-nitrogen-content
 - Determination of cone-yield and quality
- Linear regression analysis



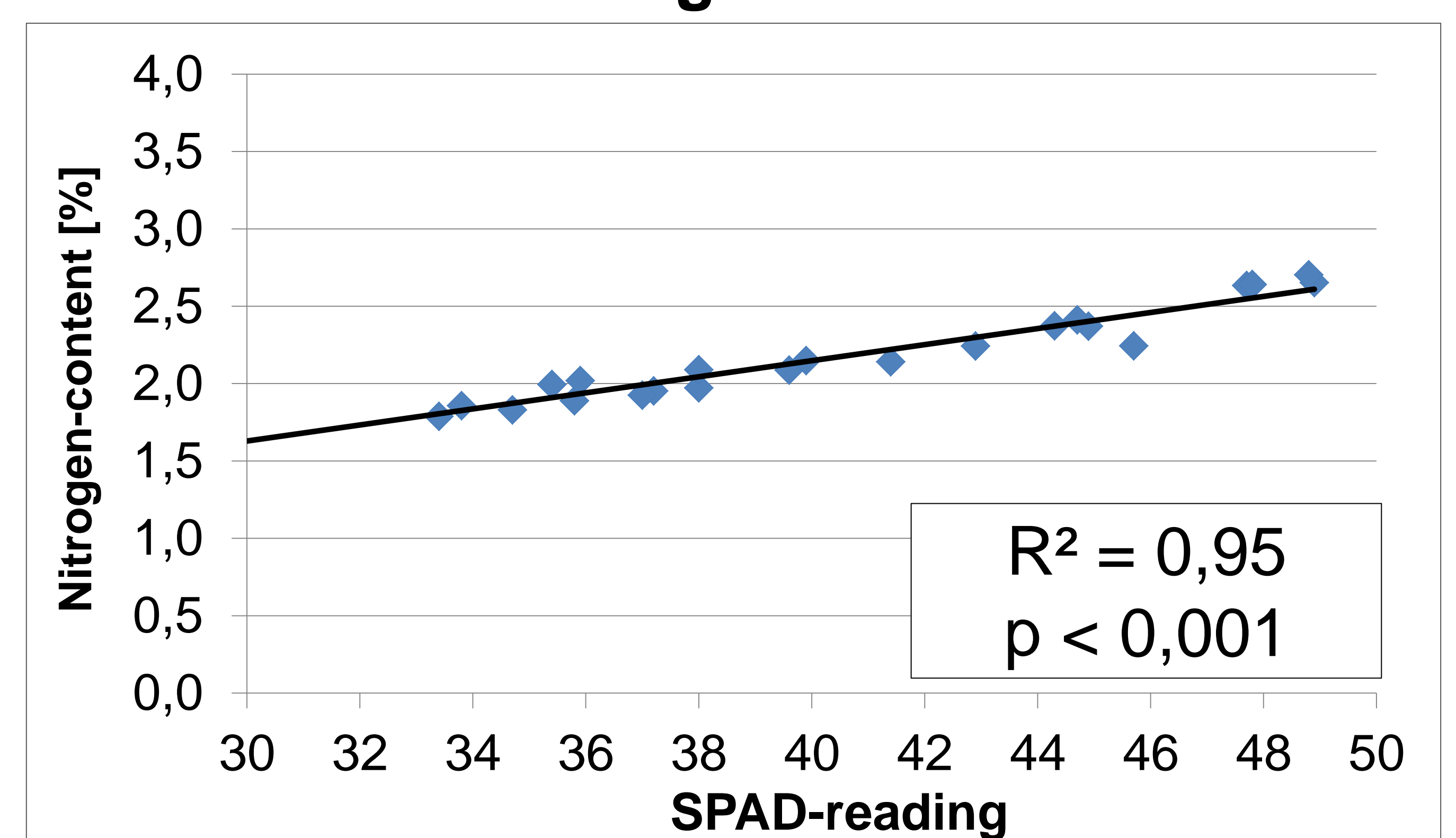
SPAD-Measurement

Regression analysis: correlation SPAD ~ leaf-nitrogen-content

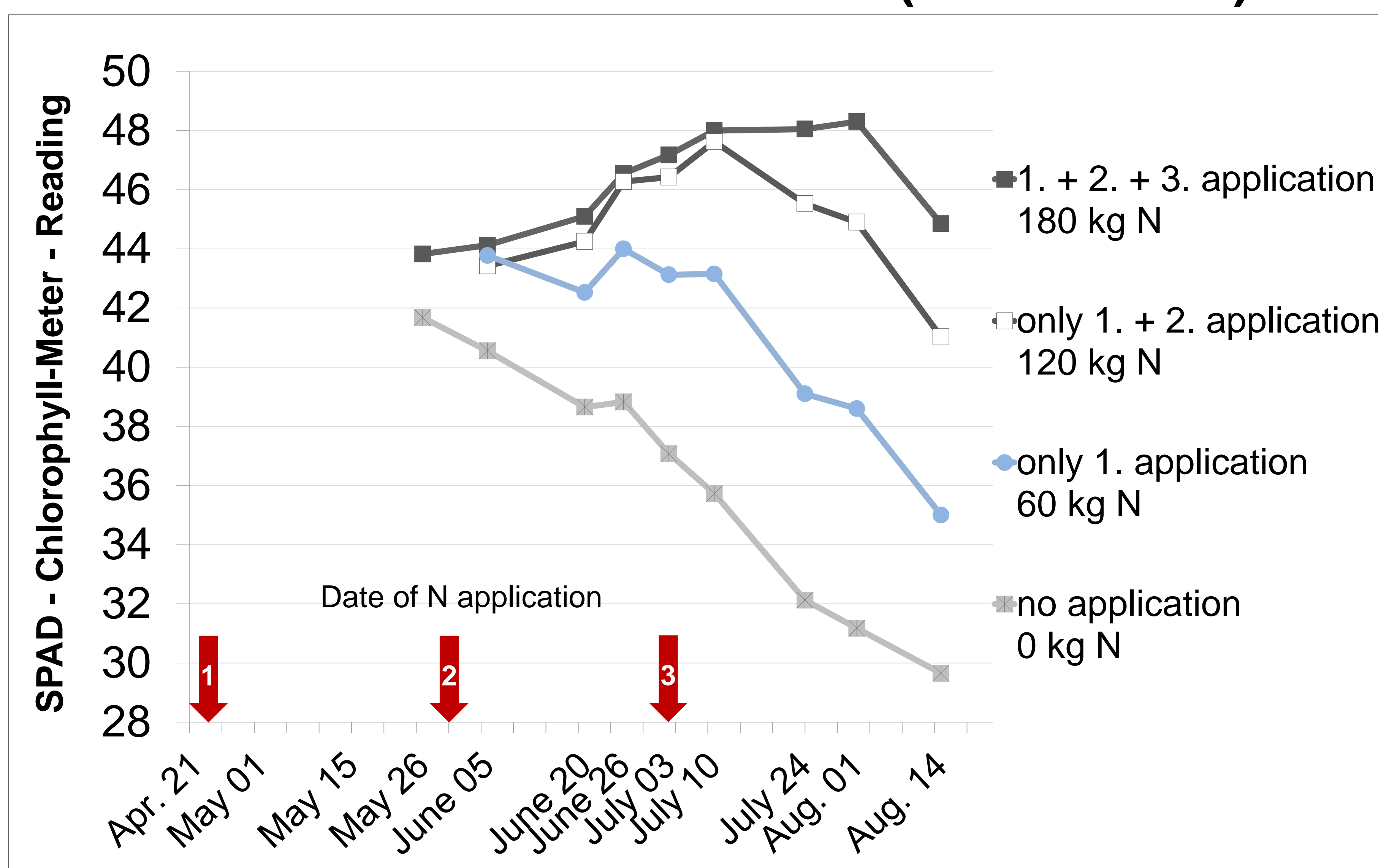
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August 01



Measurements in fertilization trial (cv. Herkules)



Results:

- Measurement of different N-nutrition-levels
- Significant relationship between SPAD-reading and leaf-nitrogen-content
- Calibration for different varieties and growth stages
- High chlorophyll contents do not necessarily result in yield increase