

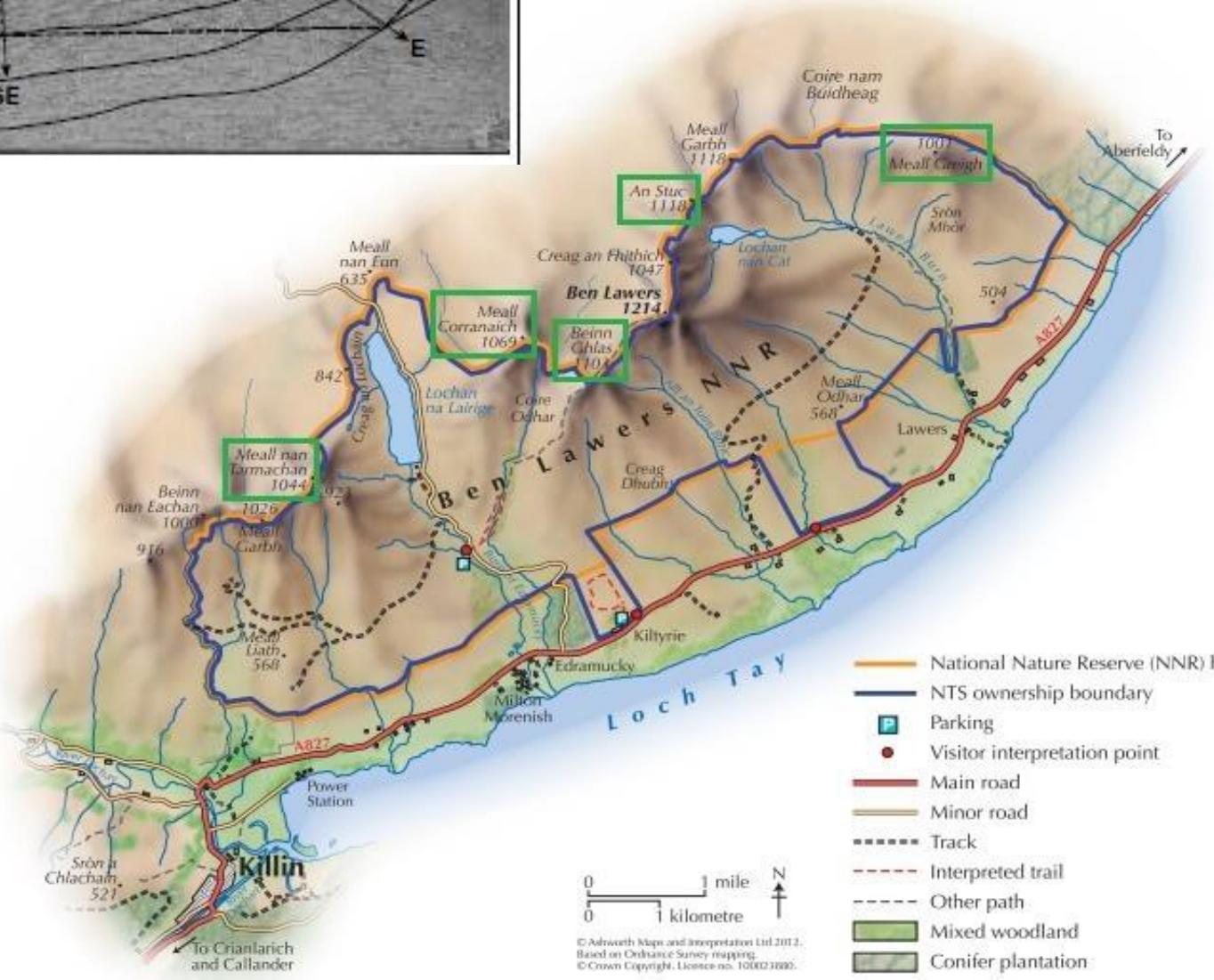
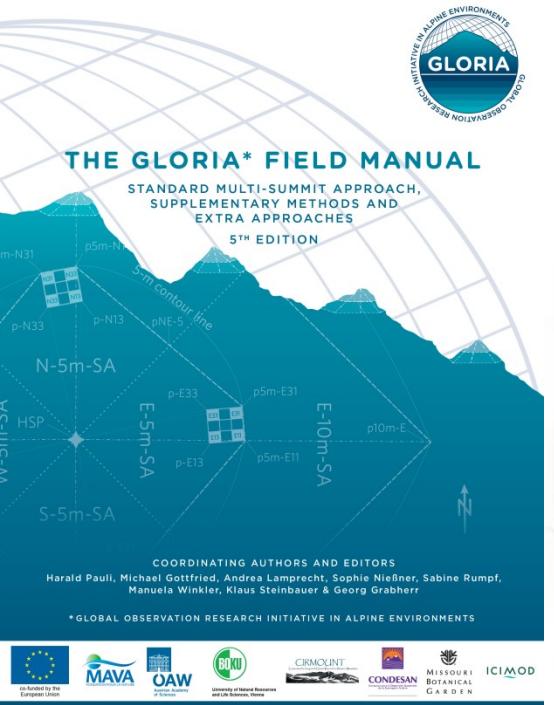
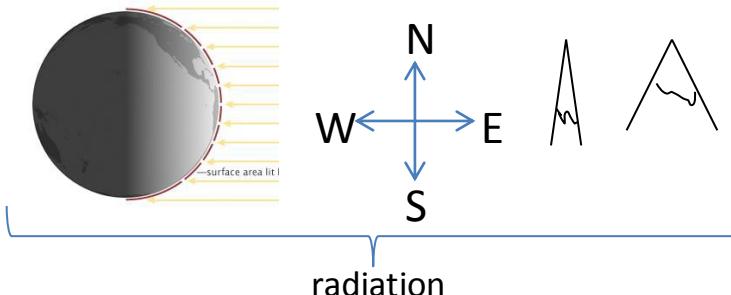
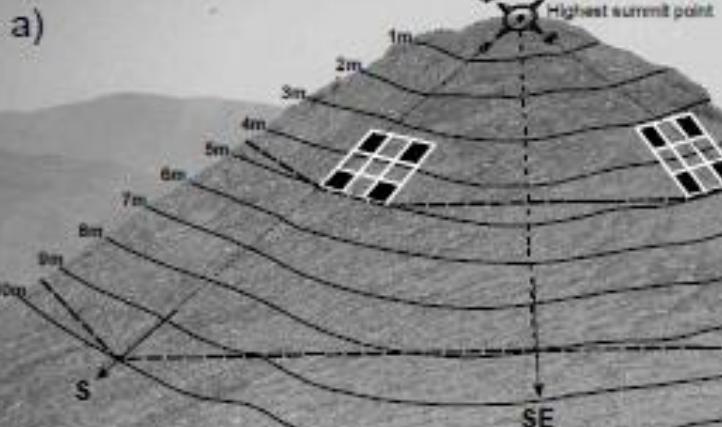


The Sunny Sides of Summits:

Influence of aspect on diversity, distribution and leaf size of plant species in an alpine environment

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U10(x3) *Carex bigelowii*-
Racomitrium lanuginosum
moss-heath
U8, U13



U7 (x4) *Nardus stricta*-*Carex bigelowii* grass-heath
U8



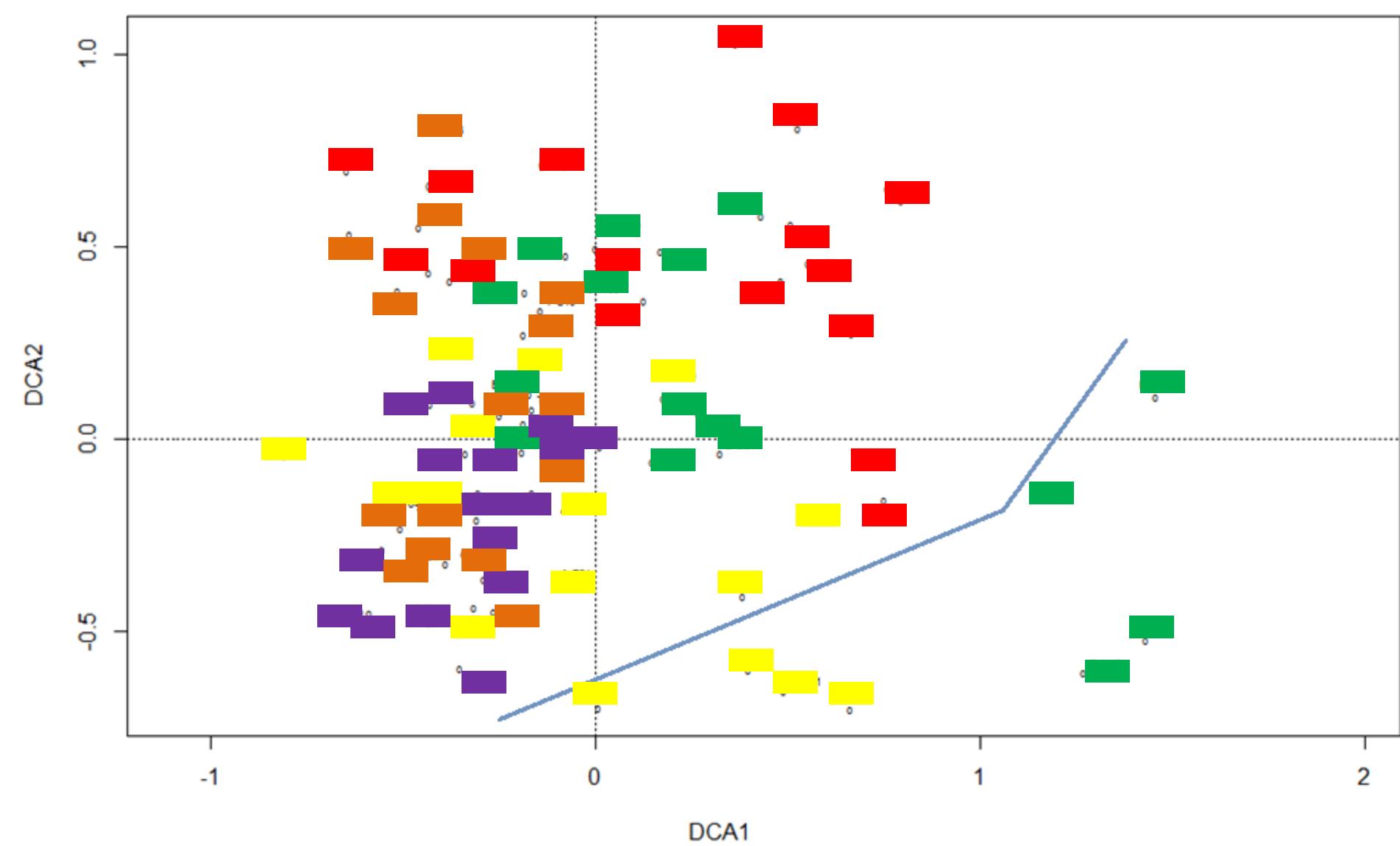
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Polytrichum alpinum
sedge-heath
U13 *Deschampsia cespitosa*-
Galium saxatile grassland

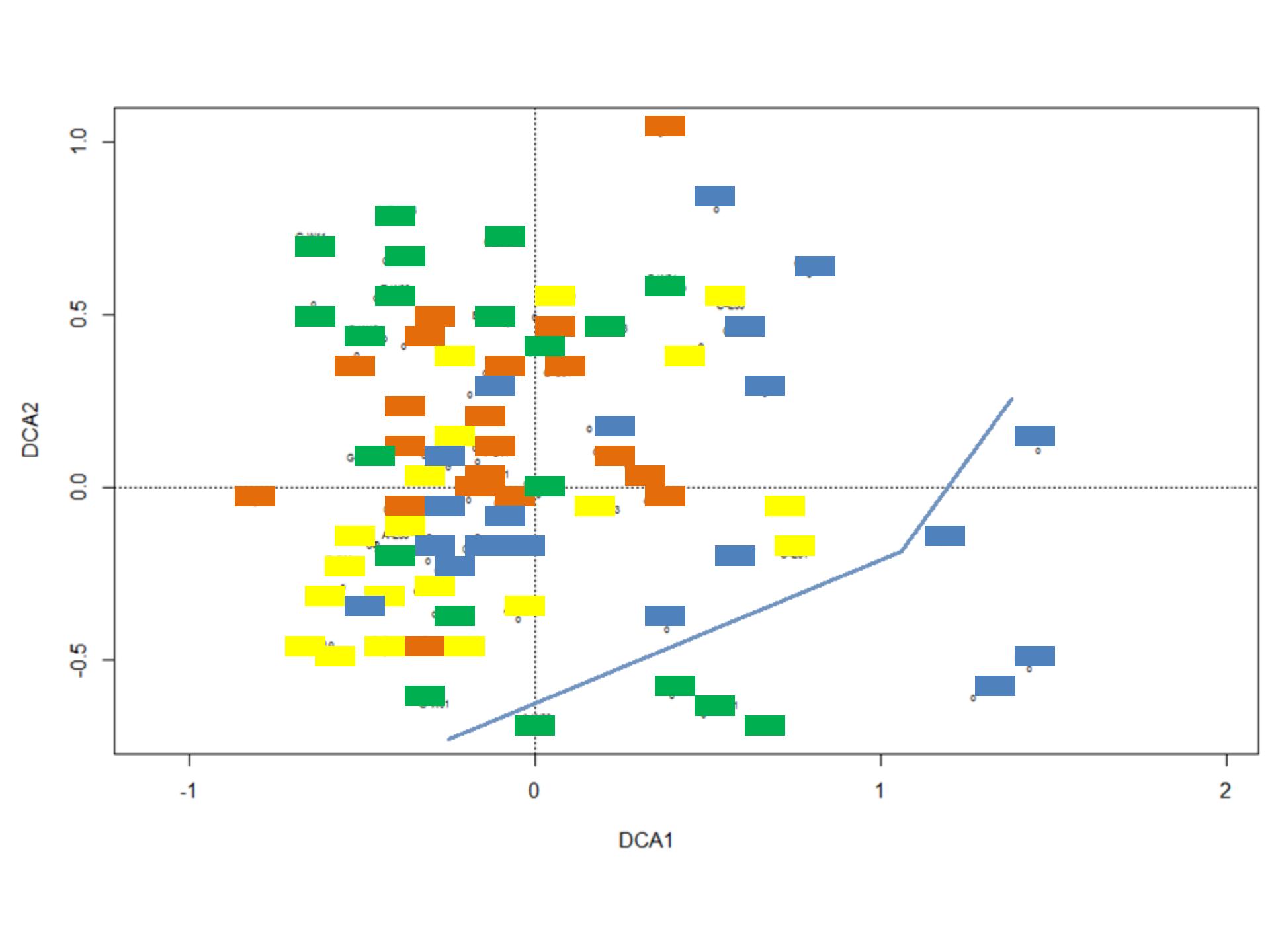


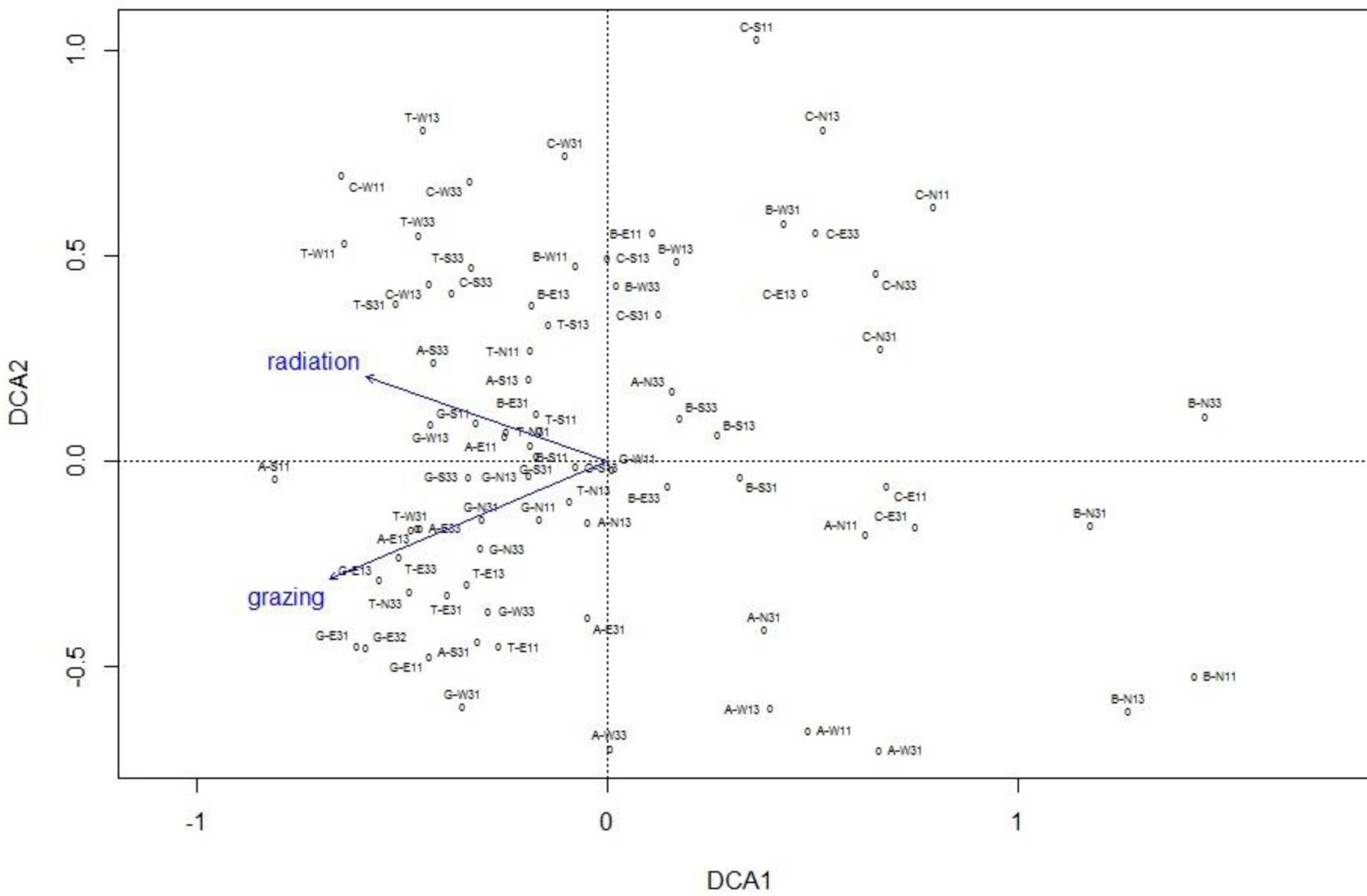
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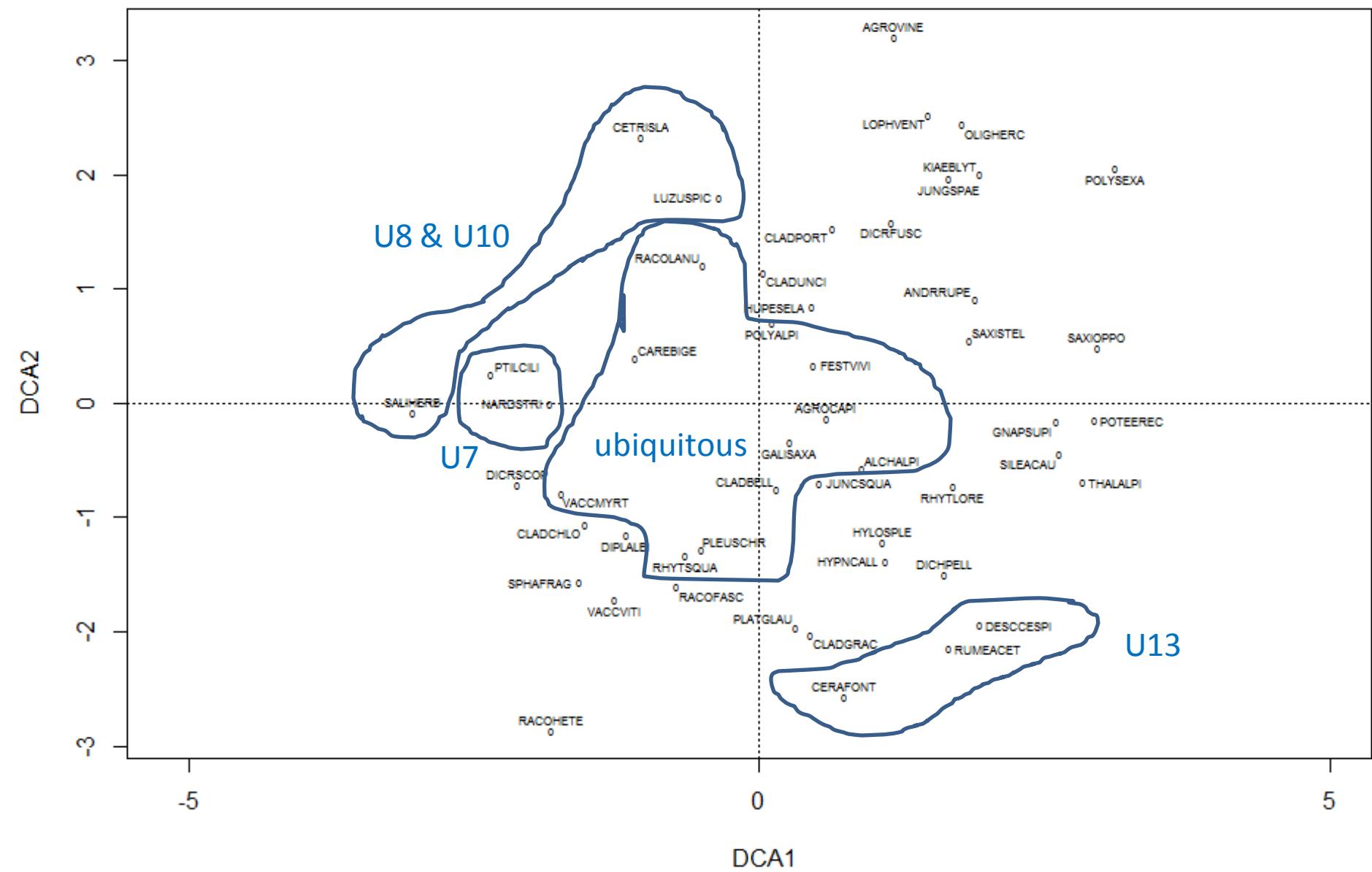
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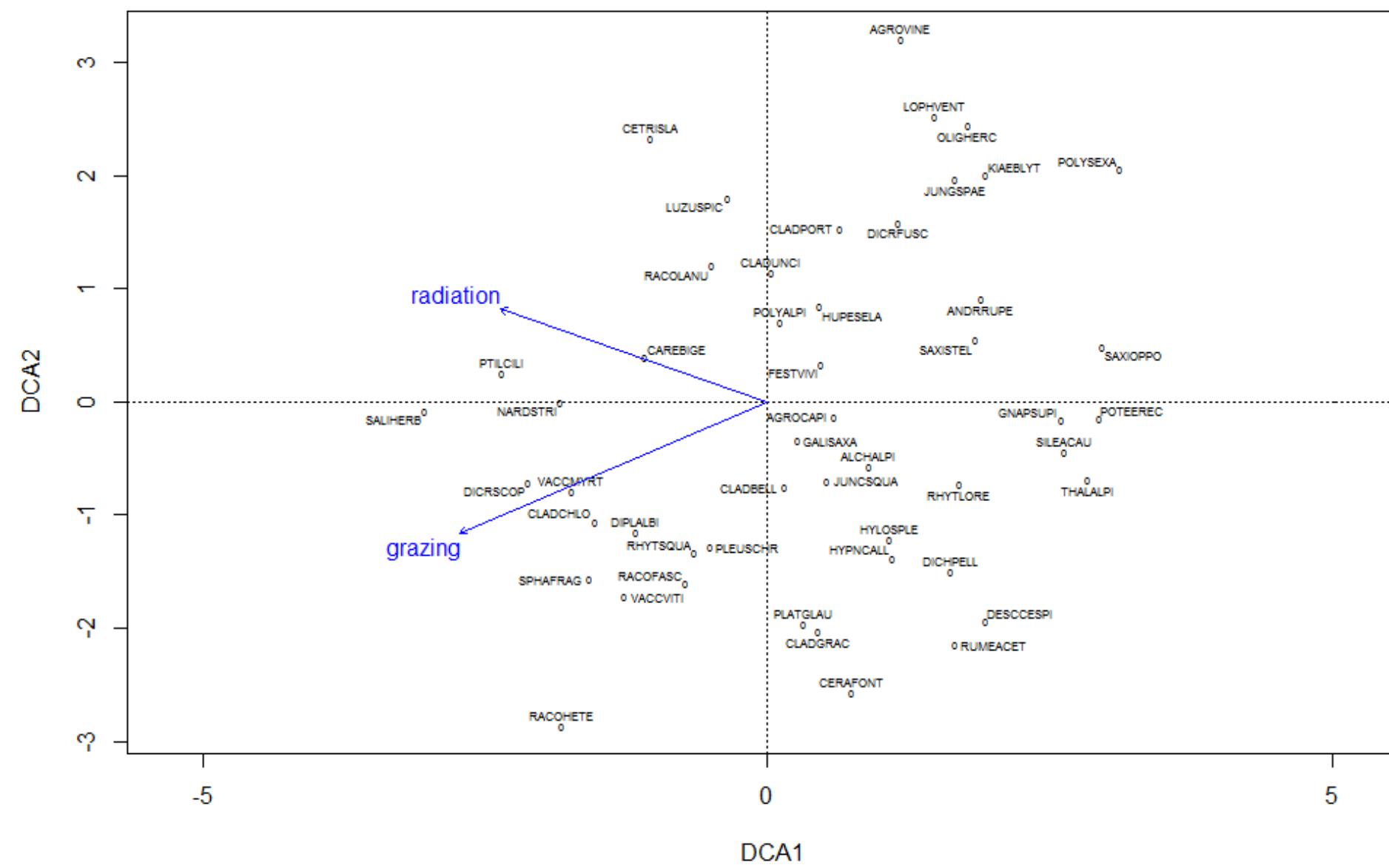




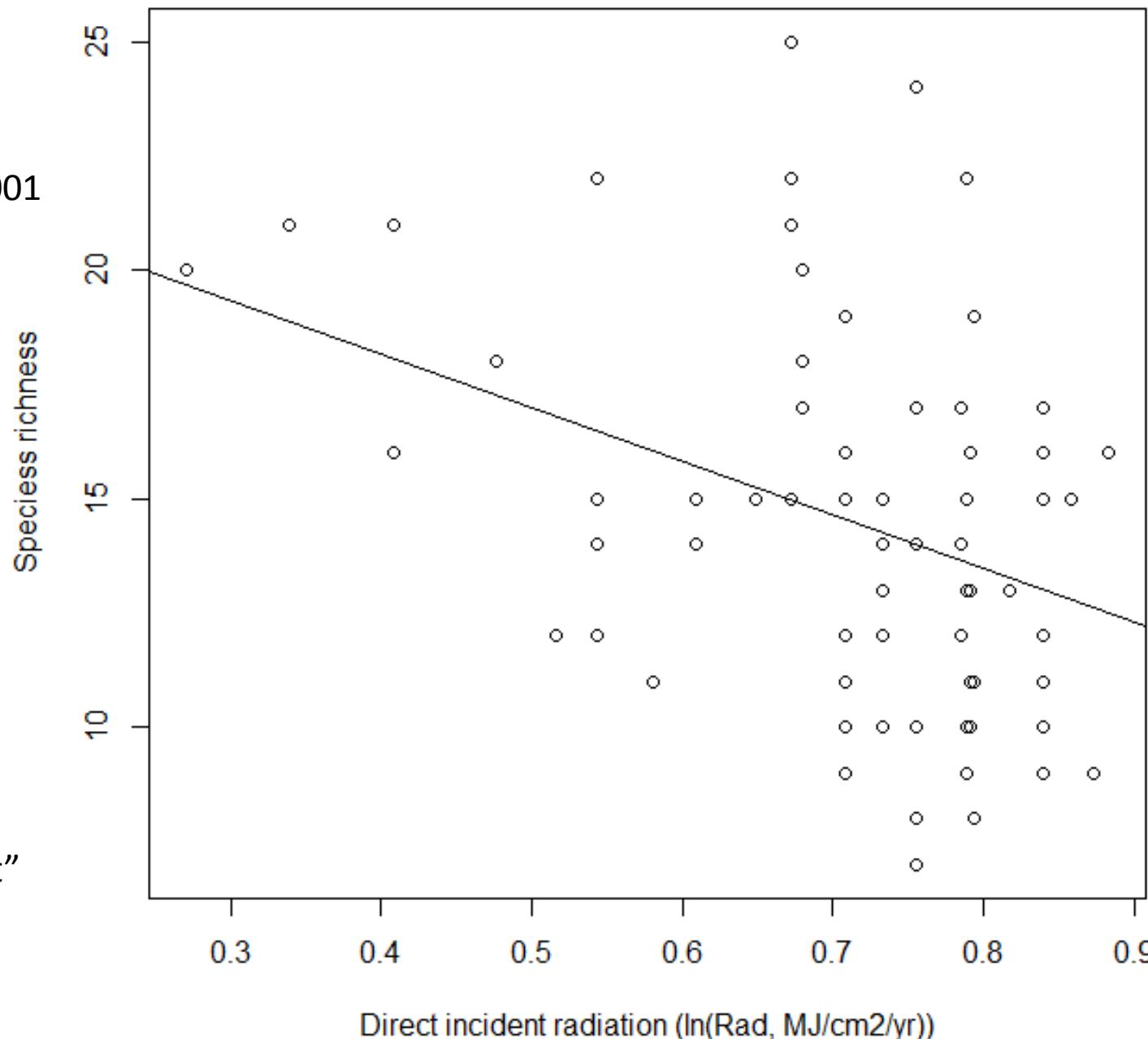


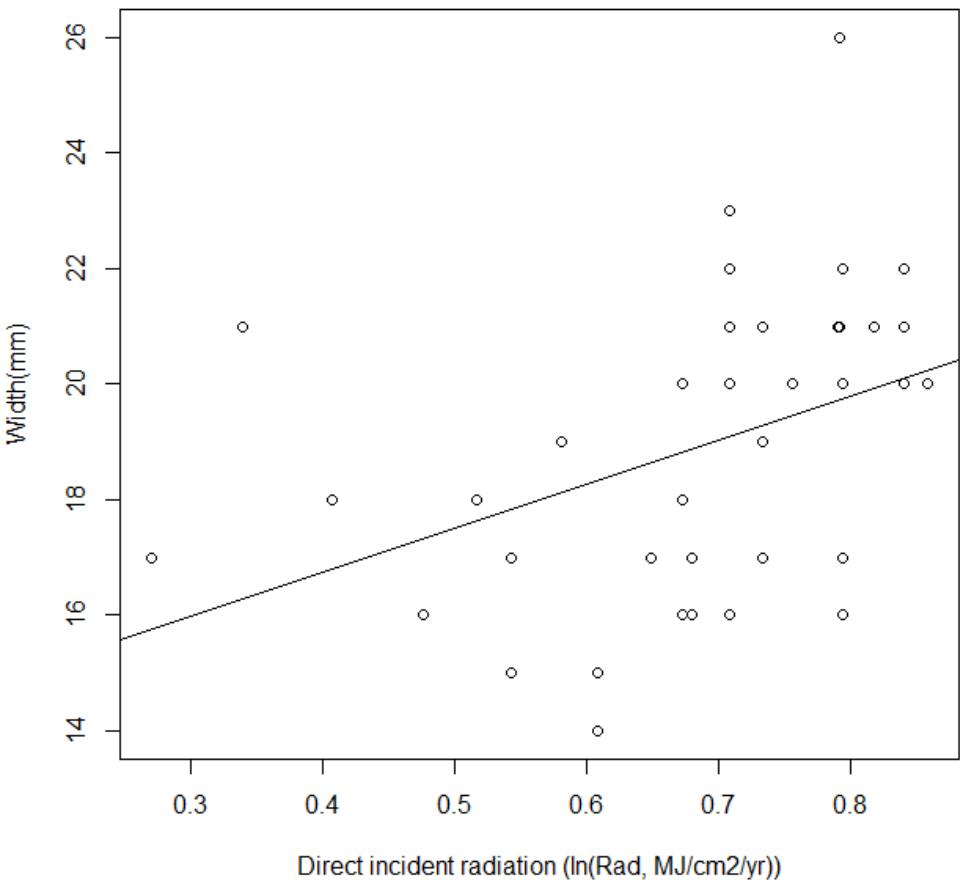






Linear regression
 $F=11.83$, $df=1,78$, $P<0.001$

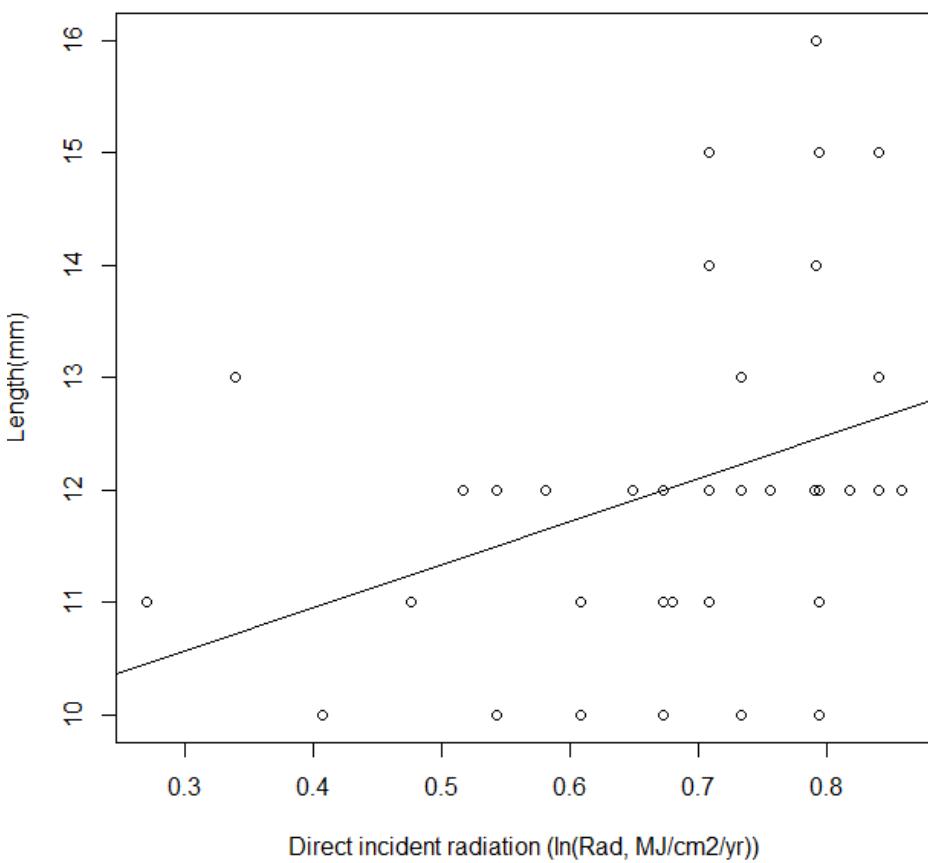




$F=8.4$, $df=1,39$, $P<0.01$

Increase in leaf dimensions (for each 0.1 unit increased) was 4% in width

17.72% of variation in the leaf width explained by incident radiation



$F=5.63$, $df=1,39$, $P<0.05$

Increase in leaf dimensions (for each 0.1 unit increased) was 3.33% in length.

12.62% of the variation in the leaf length explained by incident radiation

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