# Grassland Precipitation Project

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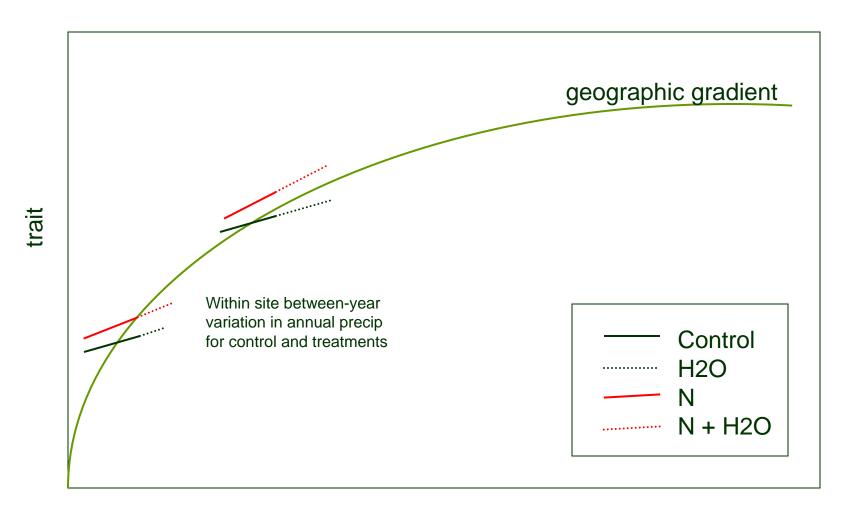
#### Our project

- 4 Experimental rainfall additions
  - □ Konza (KS), Sevilleta (NM), Short Grass Steppe (CO), Jasper Ridge (CA)
- 406 natural plots along a rainfall gradient
- Started with the FertSyn traits
- Expanded to the USDA traits



#### Questions

- What traits are associated with species that increase in precipitation manipulations?
- Do the same traits that become in more common in rainfall addition experiments become more abundant over a precipitation gradient?
- How does nitrogen addition in combination with water addition change the traits present?

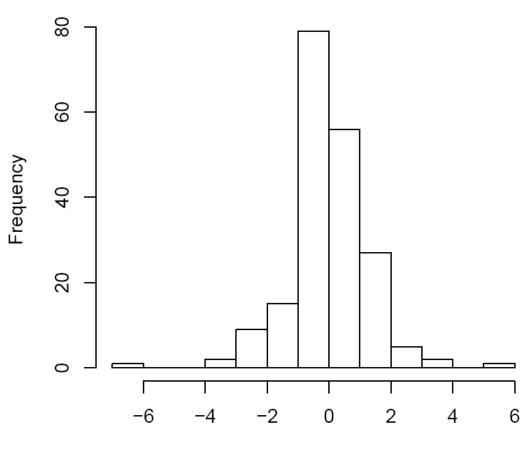


annual precipitation



#### Response to Watering Results

**Histogram of log(fuller\$water\_response)** 

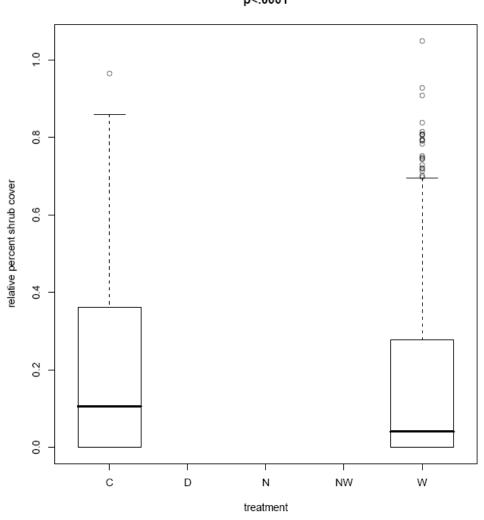


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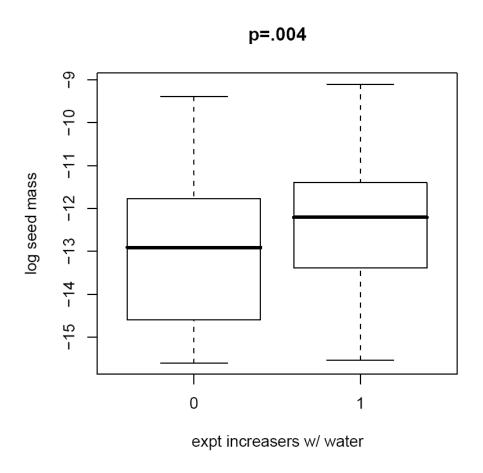
#### Response to water by % shrub





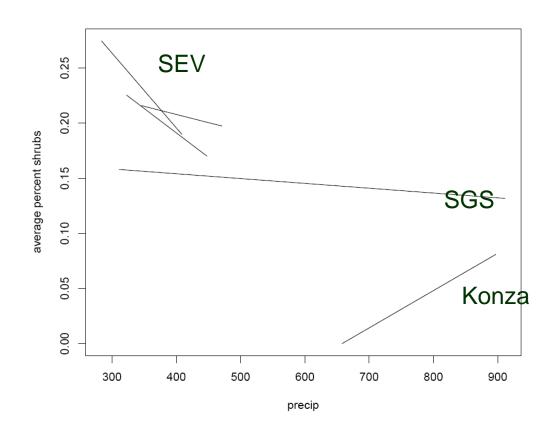


#### "Increasers" have bigger seeds





## Experimental % shrub changes (+/-) with water addition (sometimes?)



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### Natural plot precipitation with the Experimental plots

