

# Forest fertilization impact on soil and soil water quality

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## Study area



- 63 research objects (Fig. 1.)
- Tree species of stands: Norway spruce, Scots pine and birch
- Fertilizers: wood ash (WA), ammonium nitrate (N), combined fertilizer (WAN)
- Soil and moisture conditions: dry mineral soil, wet mineral soil, drained mineral soil and drained organic soil



**Figure 1.** Location of the demonstration objects. Dots identifies different treatments: brown – wood ash; blue – ammonium nitrate, black – combined.

#### Soil carbon stock I



**Figure 2.** The average C<sub>ORG</sub> stock in O horizon.

**Figure 3.** The average  $C_{ORG}$  stock in soil horizons at N experiment objects (a: p< 0.05).



#### Soil carbon stock II





Figure 4. The average  $C_{\text{ORG}}$  stock in soil horizons at WA experiment objects.

**Figure 5.** The average  $C_{ORG}$  stock in soil horizons at WAN experiment objects.

# C/N ratio









**Figure 6.** The average C/N ratio in soil horizons at WA experiment objects (b: p<0.05).

**Figure 7.** The average C/N ratio in soil horizons at N experiment objects.

**Figure 8.** The average C/N ratio in soil horizons at WAN experiment objects.

#### Soil water





**Figure 9.** The average concentration of  $N_{TOT}$  and  $NO_3^-$  in soil water (a: p<0.01; b: p<0.05).

**Figure 10.** The average concentration of DOC in soil water (a: p<0.01).



### Thank you for your attention!

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