

1 **Supporting information (SI)**

2  $F_W$ , the denitrification response factor to soil WFPS, is defined as:

$$\text{If } WFPS < 0.62, F_W = 0$$

Eq. SI1

$$\text{If } WFPS \geq 0.62, F_W = \left( \frac{WFPS - 0.62}{0.38} \right)^{1.74}$$

3  $F_N$  the denitrification response factor to soil nitrate content  $[NO_3^-]$  (mg-N kg<sup>-1</sup> soil) is  
4 defined as:

Eq. SI2

$$F_N = \frac{[NO_3^-]}{(K_m)_1 + [NO_3^-]}$$

5 Where  $[NO_3^-]$  is nitrate concentration (mg-N kg<sup>-1</sup> soil) and  $(K_m)_1 = 22$  (mg-N kg<sup>-1</sup>  
6 soil) (Hénault and Germon, 2000).

7  $F_T$  the denitrification response factor to soil temperature, corresponding to two  
8 different biological reaction rates: one for temperature ( $t$ ) below and one for above 11  
9 °C, as follows:

Eq. SI5

$$F_T = \exp \left[ \frac{(t - 11) \ln(89) - \ln(2.1)}{10} \right], t < 11^\circ\text{C}$$

$$F_T = \exp \left[ \frac{(t - 20) - \ln(2.1)}{10} \right], t \geq 11^\circ\text{C}$$

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11 **Table SI-1.** Simulation results: Average ratios between ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-N) and  
12 nitrate (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>-N) concentrations (mgL<sup>-1</sup>), nitrous oxide emissions (mg-N m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>), and  
13 water-filled pore space (WFPS) at 10, 20, and 30 cm below chambers with a dripper  
14 at their bases (In) and under a standard representative dripper with no base (No).

Fertilizer	Depth	NH <sub>4</sub> -N-In/ NH <sub>4</sub> -N-No	NO <sub>3</sub> -N-In/ NO <sub>3</sub> -N-No	N <sub>2</sub> O-N-In/ N <sub>2</sub> O-N-No	WFPS-In/ WFPS-No
Yes	10cm	185±9%	97±4%	97±4%	100±0%
Yes	20cm	179±9%	100±4%	98±4%	100±0%
Yes	30cm	189±10%	101±4%	101±4%	102±0%
No	10cm	209±10%	81±5%	78±6%	99±0%
No	20cm	205±11%	84±6%	83±5%	98±0%
No	30cm	220±13%	84±6%	85±5%	99±0%
$p^*$	10cm	0.085	0.017	0.013	0.017
$p^*$	20cm	0.063	0.025	0.018	0.005
$p^*$	30cm	0.060	0.024	0.026	0.005

15 \*represents the  $p$  value of the t-test between the In/No ratios at all the measuring days  
 16 with and without fertilizer application.

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18 **Table SI-2.** Simulation results: Correlations between N<sub>2</sub>O-N fluxes and ammonium-N  
 19 (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-N) and nitrate-N (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>-N) concentrations in the top soil (0 – 10cm) under  
 20 bases of variable sizes (i.e., no-base, 20, 30, and 40 cm internal diameter, ID) with a  
 21 dripper at their centers.

Base ID	N <sub>2</sub> O-N/NO <sub>3</sub> -N		N <sub>2</sub> O-N/NH <sub>4</sub> -N	
	R <sup>2</sup>	<i>P</i>	R <sup>2</sup>	<i>P</i>
No-base	0.996	>0.001	0.298	>0.001
20-cm	0.996	>0.001	0.001	0.796
30-cm	0.997	>0.001	0.006	0.527
40-cm	0.999	>0.001	0.111	0.004

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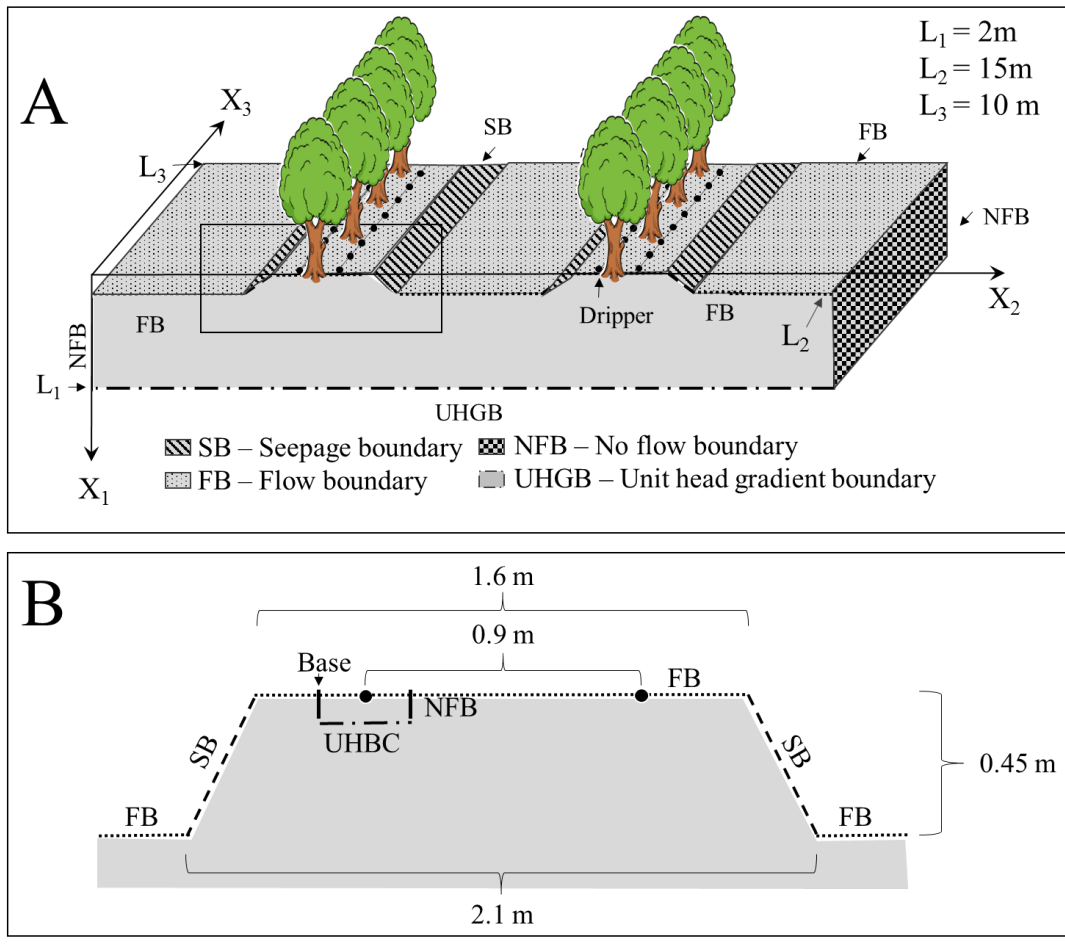
23 **Table SI-3.** Simulation results: Correlations (R<sup>2</sup>) between N<sub>2</sub>O-N fluxes and the  
 24 water-filled pore-space (WFPS), ammonium-N (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>-N), and nitrate-N (NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>-N)  
 25 concentrations at depths of 10, 20 and 30 cm below the base of a static chamber, with  
 26 a dripper at its center (In), and under a dripper without a base (No).

	N <sub>2</sub> O-N/WFPS		N <sub>2</sub> O-N/NH <sub>4</sub> -N		N <sub>2</sub> O-N/NO <sub>3</sub> -N	
	R <sup>2</sup>	<i>p</i>	R <sup>2</sup>	<i>p</i>	R <sup>2</sup>	<i>p</i>
10cm-In	0.000	0.951	0.0001	0.944	0.972	0.000
20cm-In	0.001	0.845	0.0039	0.599	0.983	0.000
30cm-In	0.004	0.598	0.0117	0.363	0.996	0.000
10cm-No	0.093	0.009	0.2249	0.000	0.995	0.000
20cm-No	0.104	0.005	0.1884	0.000	0.993	0.000
30cm-No	0.117	0.003	0.1999	0.000	0.992	0.000

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31 **Fig. SI-1.** (A) Schematic representation of the simulated subplot that includes two  
32 adjacent drip irrigated tree rows on ridges, located 6m apart, with four trees, located  
33 3.5m apart, along each row. (B) Blowup of the ridge, and the boundary conditions used  
34 in the simulations. Boundary conditions are indicated by different border lines,  
35 acronames, and fillings.

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