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Controlled environment systems such as glasshouses regularly utilise elevated CO<sub>2</sub> (eCO<sub>2</sub>) to boost yield and quality in the production of high-value crops. Although this approach is quite commonly practised in commercial horticulture, its implementation on major crops such as rice is technically not feasible, especially elevating CO<sub>2</sub> throughout the production field for the entire life cycle of the crop. During the early stage of rice plant development, the structure of the leaf is sensitive to environmental factors, including responses to CO<sub>2</sub> levels. In this project, the response of rice seedlings exposed to eCO<sub>2</sub> only during the initial nursery phase before field transplant can have a lasting impact until the harvest period was investigated. The study aims include understanding the effects of early-stage eCO<sub>2</sub> treatment on rice growth, leaf stomatal properties, photosynthetic performance and yield components at the rice seedling stage and mature stage. This experiment used two local rice varieties, namely MR219 and MR263. Rice plants were grown in a two-stage procedure. First, seedlings were grown in DIY ambient CO<sub>2</sub> (400 ppm) and elevated CO<sub>2</sub> (~800 ppm) chambers for 24 days and then transplanted to a rain shelter structure where the plants were grown to harvest. The eCO<sub>2</sub> source came from the fermentation of a mixture of sugar, distilled water, and baker's yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) granules. The first experiment showed that eCO<sub>2</sub> priming had significantly increased the seedling height (38-42%), the number of leaves (26-30%), leaf thickness (22-38%), leaf length (8-32%) and dry weight (58-69%) for MR219 and MR263 varieties. In general, eCO<sub>2</sub> treatment resulted in a larger stomatal complex (14-46%) and stomatal pore area dimensions (62-64%) with reduced stomatal density (11-19%) than aCO<sub>2</sub>-grown leaves also in both varieties. Moreover, the intrinsic water use efficiency (iWUE) of eCO<sub>2</sub> leaves was also 38-68% higher in both MR219 and MR263. In terms of photosynthetic performance, the maximum assimilation rate ( $A_{max}$ ), maximum Rubisco carboxylation rate ( $V_{cmax}$ ), maximum electron transport rate ( $J_{max}$ ), the quantum yield of PSII

( $\Phi$ PSII), and quantum yield of  $\text{CO}_2$  assimilation ( $\Phi\text{CO}_2$ ) were significantly higher for e $\text{CO}_2$  rice seedlings than a $\text{CO}_2$  for both rice varieties. In the second experiment, significant photosynthetic parameters enhancement ( $A_{\text{max}}$ ,  $J_{\text{max}}$ ,  $\Phi$ PSII, ETR,  $\Phi\text{CO}_2$ ) were quantified in e $\text{CO}_2$  MR263 flag leaves but not in MR219. Interestingly, both rice varieties' seedlings when exposed to e $\text{CO}_2$  maintained a significantly higher  $V_{\text{cmax}}$  (> 10%) during the mature phase of plant development than plants grown continuously under a $\text{CO}_2$ . In terms of yield components, both varieties exposed to early-stage e $\text{CO}_2$  treatment showed a significantly 14-27% higher filled spikelet number per panicle, 3% higher 1000-grain weight, 11.5-12.5% increase in tillers and 10-12% panicles numbers per plant with significantly 5-6% lower plant height. The yield potential shows an increase of 4-7% for MR219 and MR263 e $\text{CO}_2$ -treated seedlings compared to a $\text{CO}_2$ . In conclusion, brief and targeted e $\text{CO}_2$  enhancement during the seedlings phase demonstrates a promising way of improving plant growth development, photosynthetic properties and rice yield performance.  $\text{CO}_2$  priming has been suggested as a potential strategy for improving the productivity of rice crops, especially in regions where maintaining elevated  $\text{CO}_2$  levels throughout the entire crop life cycle is not feasible or practical. By exposing rice plants to elevated  $\text{CO}_2$  levels during their early growth stages, farmers may be able to take advantage of the benefits of  $\text{CO}_2$  priming without having to maintain elevated  $\text{CO}_2$  levels throughout the entire crop life cycle and, in turn, increase farmers' income. This study can contribute to the development of more sustainable and efficient agricultural practices that can meet the growing demand for food.

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Sistem persekitaran terkawal seperti rumah kaca kerap menggunakan CO<sub>2</sub> tinggi (eCO<sub>2</sub>) untuk meningkatkan hasil dan kualiti dalam pengeluaran tanaman bernilai tinggi. Walaupun pendekatan ini agak biasa diamalkan dalam hortikultur komersial, pelaksanaannya pada tanaman utama seperti padi secara teknikalnya tidak boleh dilaksanakan, terutamanya meningkatkan CO<sub>2</sub> di seluruh ladang pengeluaran untuk sepanjang kitaran hayat tanaman. Semasa peringkat awal perkembangan pokok padi, struktur daun adalah sensitif terhadap faktor persekitaran, termasuk tindak balas terhadap paras CO<sub>2</sub>. Dalam projek ini, tindak balas anak benih padi yang terdedah kepada eCO<sub>2</sub> hanya semasa fasa awal sebelum pemindahan ladang boleh memberi impak yang berpanjangan sehingga ke dalam tempoh penuaian telah dikaji. Kajian ini bertujuan untuk memahami kesan rawatan eCO<sub>2</sub> di peringkat awal terhadap pertumbuhan padi, sifat stomata daun, prestasi fotosintesis dan komponen hasil pada peringkat anak benih padi dan peringkat matang. Eksperimen ini menggunakan dua jenis padi tempatan iaitu MR219 dan MR263. Pokok padi ditanam dalam dua peringkat prosedur. Pertama, anak benih ditanam dalam ruang ambien DIY (aCO<sub>2</sub>) dan CO<sub>2</sub> tinggi (~800 ppm) selama 24 hari dan kemudian dipindahkan ke struktur perlindungan hujan di mana tumbuhan ditanam sehingga penuaian. Sumber eCO<sub>2</sub> yang digunakan berasal daripada penapaian campuran gula, air suling, dan butiran yis pembakar (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*). Eksperimen pertama menunjukkan bahawa rawatan eCO<sub>2</sub> telah meningkatkan ketinggian anak benih dengan ketara (38-42%), bilangan daun (26-30%), ketebalan daun (22-38%), panjang daun (8-32%) dan berat kering (58-69%) untuk varieti MR219 dan MR263. Secara amnya, rawatan eCO<sub>2</sub> menyebabkan stomata kompleks yang lebih besar (14-46%) dan dimensi kawasan liang stomata (62-64%) dengan ketumpatan stomata yang berkurangan (11-19%) daripada daun aCO<sub>2</sub> juga untuk kedua-dua varieti. Selain itu, kecekapan penggunaan air intrinsik (iWUE) daun eCO<sub>2</sub> juga adalah 38-68% lebih tinggi untuk MR219 dan MR263.

Dari segi prestasi fotosintesis, kadar asimilasi maksimum ( $A_{max}$ ), kadar karboksilasi Rubisco maksimum ( $V_{cmax}$ ), kadar pengangkutan elektron maksimum ( $J_{max}$ ), hasil kuantum PSII ( $\Phi_{PSII}$ ), dan hasil kuantum asimilasi  $CO_2$  ( $\Phi_{CO_2}$ ) adalah ketara lebih tinggi untuk anak benih padi  $eCO_2$  daripada  $aCO_2$  untuk kedua-dua varieti padi. Dalam eksperimen kedua, peningkatan parameter fotosintesis yang ketara ( $A_{max}$ ,  $J_{max}$ ,  $\Phi_{PSII}$ , ETR,  $\Phi_{CO_2}$ ) diperoleh dalam daun pengasuh  $eCO_2$  MR263 tetapi tidak pada MR219. Menariknya, kedua-dua anak benih varieti padi apabila terdedah kepada  $eCO_2$  mengekalkan  $V_{cmax}$  yang jauh lebih tinggi (> 10%) semasa fasa matang berbanding tanaman yang ditanam secara berterusan dengan  $aCO_2$ . Dari segi komponen hasil, kedua-dua varieti yang terdedah kepada rawatan  $eCO_2$  peringkat awal menunjukkan bilangan bulir biji padi terisi yang ketara 14-27% lebih tinggi bagi setiap tangkai, berat 1000 biji 3% lebih tinggi, peningkatan 11.5-12.5% dalam bilangan anak pokok dan peningkatan 10-12% bilangan tangkai bagi setiap rumpun dengan ketinggian pokok 5-6% lebih rendah dengan ketara berbanding  $aCO_2$ . Potensi hasil menunjukkan peningkatan sebanyak 4-7% untuk anak benih MR219 dan MR263 yang dirawat  $eCO_2$  berbanding dengan  $aCO_2$ . Secara kesimpulannya, rawatan peningkatan  $CO_2$  yang disasarkan semasa fasa awal anak benih padi mampu menjanjikan peningkatan pertumbuhan tanaman padi, tambahbaik ciri-ciri fotosintetik dan prestasi hasil padi. Rawatan  $eCO_2$  pada peringkat awal ini dicadangkan sebagai strategi yang berpotensi untuk meningkatkan produktiviti tanaman padi, ini memandangkan mengekalkan tahap  $CO_2$  yang tinggi sepanjang kitaran hidup tanaman padi adalah tidak praktikal. Petani mungkin dapat mengambil keuntungan dari manfaat dengan kaedah ini tanpa perlu mengekalkan tahap  $CO_2$  yang tinggi sepanjang kitaran hidup tanaman padi dan pada masa yang sama dapat meningkatkan pendapatan petani. Kajian ini dapat menyumbang kepada pembangunan amalan pertanian yang lebih mampan dan efisien yang dapat memenuhi permintaan makanan yang semakin meningkat.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

%	percentage
3-PGA	3-phosphoglyceric acid
A/C <sub>i</sub>	Assimilation versus intercellular CO <sub>2</sub> response curve
A400	Assimilation rate at 400 ppm CO <sub>2</sub>
aCO <sub>2</sub>	Ambient Carbon Dioxide
A <sub>max</sub>	Maximum rate of assimilation
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub>	Glucose
C <sub>i</sub>	Intercellular Carbon Dioxide
cm	Centimetre
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide
CO <sub>2</sub> _R	Carbon dioxide reference
D	Dimension
DAS	Day after sowing
eCO <sub>2</sub>	Elevated Carbon Dioxide
ETC	Electron transport chain
ETR	Electron transfer rate
ETR <sub>max</sub>	Maximum electron transfer rate
Eq.	Equation
FACE	Free-Air Carbon dioxide Enrichment
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
g	Gram
G3P	Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate
GMC	Guard mother cells
g <sub>s</sub>	Stomatal conductance

$g_{smax}$	Maximum stomatal conductance
$H^+$	Hydrogen ion
IG	Interveinal gap
IRGA	Infra-red gas analyser
200IRRI	International rice research institute
iWUE	Intrinsic water use efficiency
$iWUE_{max}$	Maximum intrinsic water use efficiency
$J_{max}$	Maximum light and CO <sub>2</sub> saturated electron transport rate
kPa	Kilopascal
l	Litre
LED	Light-emitting diode
LRC	Light response curve
m	Meter
MARDI	Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute
mm	Millimetre
mm <sup>-2</sup>	Millimetre square
MOP	Muriate of potash
MR	MARDI Rice
NADPH	Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate
nm	Nanometer
NPK	Nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium
O <sub>2</sub>	Oxygen
°C	Degree Celsius
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
PAR	Photosynthetically active radiation
PFD	Photon flux density
PPFD	Photosynthetic photon flux density

ppm	Part per million
PSI	Photosystem I
PSII	Photosystem II
PVC	Polyvinyl chloride
Rd	Dark respiration
rpm	Revolutions per minute
Rubisco	Ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase-oxygenase
RuBP	Ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate
SCA	Stomatal complex area
SCL	Stomatal complex length
SCW	Stomatal complex width
SD	Stomatal density
SMC	Subsidiary mother cells
SPA	Stomatal pore area
SPAD	Soil plant analysis development
TE	Trace element
TPU	Triose phosphate utilization
TSP	Triple superphosphate
UN	United nation
$V_{cmax}$	Maximum Rubisco carboxylation rate
W	Width
$\alpha$	Alpha
$\beta$	Beta
$\mu\text{mol}$	Micromole
$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$	Micromol per meter square per second
$\Phi\text{CO}_2$	Quantum yield of CO <sub>2</sub> assimilation

$\Phi_{CO_2,2500}$	Quantum yield of CO <sub>2</sub> assimilation at 2500 $\mu\text{mol photon m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
$\Phi_{PSII}$	Quantum yield of Photosystem II
$\Phi_{PSII_{2500}}$	Quantum yield of Photosystem II at 2500 $\mu\text{mol photon m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$
$\Phi$	Phi



# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is indeed an important cereal for its role as the staple food for almost half of the world's population (Sekhar, 2018). GRiSP (2013) reported that over half of the world's population relies on rice for at least 20% of their daily caloric intake. However, rice production is not keeping pace with the demand stemming from the ever-rising global human population. As a result, agricultural productivity is in the need to improve remarkably to cater for the hungry people who are going to reach 9.9 billion by 2050, an increase of more than 25% from the current population of around 7.8 billion (PRB, 2021) .

CO<sub>2</sub> is one of the substrates that limits photosynthesis, particularly in the C3 plant system living at the current CO<sub>2</sub> level. Thus increasing CO<sub>2</sub> levels in crop production has been employed as a way to enhance the carboxylation rate of photosynthesis while minimizing photorespiration through oxygenation reaction suppression of Rubisco (Bhagat et al., 2014). This simple method increases photosynthesis efficiency which generally results in better plant performance that leads to a higher yield (Sakai et al., 2019; Usui et al., 2016). In the Free-Air Carbon dioxide Enrichment (FACE) experiment, elevated CO<sub>2</sub> (eCO<sub>2</sub>) will promote the net photosynthetic of the plant and thus plant productivity, according to Long et al., 2004 and Leakey et al., 2009. eCO<sub>2</sub> also has been used widely for many years as a CO<sub>2</sub> gas fertilizer to increase photosynthetic performance and yield in vegetables and high-value crops grown in greenhouses (Bisbis et al., 2018).

### 1.2 Problem Statement

The CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment method is relatively common in commercial horticultural crop production, due to the massive areas involved in major food crops such as rice, it is technically not feasible to elevate CO<sub>2</sub> throughout the whole rice crop life cycle. In addition, large-scale manipulation of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> levels is not practical or economically feasible. Furthermore, rice is a unique crop that is typically grown in flooded paddies, which complicates attempts to manipulate CO<sub>2</sub> levels. The flooded fields make it difficult to regulate CO<sub>2</sub> levels within the rice canopy, as the water covering the fields can trap and release CO<sub>2</sub> at different rates, making it difficult to maintain consistent CO<sub>2</sub> levels. Given these limitations, CO<sub>2</sub> priming is suggested as a potential alternative to continuous CO<sub>2</sub> elevation for rice crops.



Early-stage CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment or CO<sub>2</sub> priming is a technique that involves exposing crops to elevated levels of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) for a short period during their early growth stages. The idea behind this technique is that by subjecting plants to higher concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> early on, they can become more efficient at utilizing CO<sub>2</sub> throughout their life cycle, even when grown under normal CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations. This technique can help to increase rice yields and improve crop productivity more practically and sustainably.

### **1.3 Objectives**

In this study, we aim to investigate the effects of early-stage CO<sub>2</sub> enrichment on fundamental photosynthetic properties, growth, and yield in two rice varieties, MR219 and MR263. The objective of this study is:

1. To evaluate how eCO<sub>2</sub> influences rice seedling establishment before they could be transplanted into the field for MR219 and MR263 rice varieties.
2. To assess the efficacy of growing rice in eCO<sub>2</sub> during the seedling stage in improving rice harvest components in both MR219 and MR263 rice varieties.

The results of this study could have significant implications for rice production and food security in the face of climate change. By identifying a potential method for enhancing the efficiency of photosynthesis and improving growth and yield in rice plants, this study may contribute to the development of more sustainable and efficient agricultural practices that can meet the growing demand for food.

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