

## Supplementary Material

### **Simulating daily field crop canopy photosynthesis: an integrated software package**

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## **APPENDIX 1: DIURNAL CANOPY PHOTOSYNTHESIS SIMULATOR (DCAPS) - MODEL DOCUMENTATION**

This document explains in detail the modelling and calculations in DCaPS. The source code of the DCaPS web-based application (v1.0) is available at <https://github.com/QAAFI/DCaPS.git>. Materials are categorised into sections, which reflect the model components shown in Figure 1 of the main text. Please refer to Table S1 and S2 (replicates of Table 1 and 2 in the main text, respectively) for parameter and variable descriptions.

### **Diurnal incident direct and diffuse radiation**

The total incident solar radiation ( $I_o$ , MJ m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) at any time ( $t$ ) consists of direct ( $I_{dir}$ , MJ m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) and diffuse ( $I_{dif}$ , MJ m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) components. They depend on latitude ( $Lat$ , radians), day of year ( $DAY$ ), time of day ( $t$ ) and the atmospheric transmission ratio ( $RATIO$ ) (Hammer and Wright 1994).  $RATIO$  is taken as 0.75 as it ranges from 0.7 to 0.8 for clear skies. Under such conditions with a  $RATIO$  of about 0.75 (Hammer and Wright 1994), 23% of  $S_g$  is diffuse radiation (Spitters 1986), which represents 17% of solar insolation ( $S_o$ ). Because the 17% atmospheric transmission ratio of diffuse radiation is insensitive to solar elevation and cloud conditions (Collares-Pereira and Rabl 1979), this proportion can be used for any  $Lat$ ,  $DAY$  and  $RATIO$  (Hammer and Wright 1994). Hence,  $I_{dif}$  can be simply calculated from extra-terrestrial radiation, which depends only on the solar constant ( $sc$ , 1360 J m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) and solar elevation angle ( $\alpha_{sun}$ ) (Hammer and Wright 1994):

$$I_{dif} = 0.17 \times sc \times \sin(\alpha_{sun})/1000000 \quad (A1)$$

The diurnal pattern of atmospheric transmission of direct radiation is more complex, so we obtain  $I_{dir}$  by difference once  $I_o$  is calculated (Hammer and Wright 1994):

$$I_{dir} = I_o - I_{dif} \quad (A2)$$

However, if  $I_o < I_{dif}$  then  $I_o = I_{dif}$  and  $I_{dir} = 0$  (Hammer and Wright 1994).

The instantaneous solar radiation above the canopy ( $I_o$ , MJ m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>) is estimated from the daily integral of solar radiation reaching the ground ( $S_g$ , MJ m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>), the daylength ( $Ll$ , hours), and the time of day as a fraction of  $Ll$  ( $t_{frac}$ ) (Charles-Edwards 1986):

$$I_o = S_g \pi \sin(\pi t_{frac}) / (2Ll \times 3600) \quad (A3)$$

where the unit m<sup>-2</sup> is referring to per ground area unless stated otherwise.

The daily integral of solar radiation reaching the ground ( $S_g$ ) is calculated as the product of daily extra-terrestrial radiation ( $S_o$ , MJ m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup>) by atmospheric transmission ratio (RATIO) (Hammer and Wright 1994):

$$S_g = S_o \times \text{RATIO} \quad (\text{A4})$$

The daily extra-terrestrial radiation is obtained from day of the year (determines various parameters related to sun's geometry) and the latitude via the following equation (Brock 1981):

$$S_o = \frac{24 \text{ sch}}{\pi R_l^2} \left( W_l^\circ \frac{\pi}{180} \sin Lat \sin Dl + \sin W_l \cos Lat \cos Dl \right) \quad (\text{A5})$$

where  $\text{sch}$  (4896000 J m<sup>-2</sup> hr<sup>-1</sup>) is the solar constant in energy units per hour,  $R_l$  is the radius vector of the Earth,  $W_l^\circ$  is the sunset hour-angle in degrees,  $Lat$  is latitude (negative in the southern hemisphere),  $Dl$  is solar declination.

The radius vector ( $R_l$ ), expressing the ellipticity of the Earth's distance to the Sun, depends on the day of the year ( $DAY$ ) and is given by:

$$R_l = 1 / \sqrt{\{1 + [0.033 \cos(360DAY/365)]\}} \quad (\text{A6})$$

Where  $DAY$  day of the year (the number of days after 1 January).

The angle between the setting Sun and the south point, which depends on the latitude, is the sunset hour-angle (given in degrees):

$$W_l^\circ = \text{acos}[-(\tan Lat \tan Dl)] \times \frac{180}{\pi} \quad (\text{A7})$$

The declination of the Earth is the angular distance at solar noon between the Sun and the Equator, named the solar declination, is dependent on  $DAY$  and is given by:

$$Dl = 23.45 \sin[2\pi (248 + DAY)/365] \times \frac{\pi}{180} \quad (\text{A8})$$

Cosine of the solar elevation angle:

$$\sin(\alpha_{\text{sun}}) = \sin LAT \sin Dl + \cos LAT \cos Dl \cos \left[ Ll \times (t_{\text{frac}} - 0.5) \times \frac{\pi}{12} \right] \quad (\text{A9})$$

where  $Ll$  (hour) is day length and  $t_{\text{frac}}$  is fraction of day passed at  $t$  from the time of sunrise.

The day length is given by:

$$Ll = (W_l^\circ / 15) \times 2 \quad (\text{A10})$$

where  $W_l^\circ$  (degrees) is the sunset hour-angle and is given by:

$$Wl^\circ = \text{acos}[-(\tan DAY \tan Dl)] \times \frac{\pi}{180} \quad (\text{A11})$$

Fraction of day ( $t_{\text{frac}}$ ) is given by:

$$t_{\text{frac}} = [t - (12 - 0.5Ll)]/Ll \quad (\text{A12})$$

Eqn A12 assumes that midday always occurs at 12:00 pm. Time at sunrise ( $t_{\text{sunrise}}$ ) and sunset ( $t_{\text{sunset}}$ ) are given by:

$$t_{\text{sunrise}} = 12 - 0.5 \times Ll \quad (\text{A13})$$

$$t_{\text{sunset}} = 12 + 0.5 \times Ll \quad (\text{A14})$$

### Daily air temperature

Using slightly modified methods from those developed by Parton and Logan (1981), diurnal air temperature at time  $t$  is calculated for both day-time and night-time temperatures using the following equations:

$$T_a = \begin{cases} (T_{a,\text{max}} - T_{a,\text{min}}) \sin\left(\frac{\pi m}{Ll + 2x_{\text{lag}}}\right) + T_{a,\text{min}}, & t_{T\text{min}} \leq t < t_{\text{sunset}} \\ T_{a,\text{min}} + (T_{\text{sunset}} - T_{a,\text{min}}) \exp\left(-\frac{ny_{\text{lag}}}{(24-Ll)}\right), & t < t_{T\text{min}}, t \geq t_{\text{sunset}} \end{cases} \quad (\text{A15})$$

where  $T_{a,\text{max}}$  and  $T_{a,\text{min}}$  are the maximum and minimum air temperature for  $DAY$ ,  $T_{\text{sunset}}$  is the air temperature at sunset (calculated using day-time formula above),  $t_{T\text{min}}$  is the time at the minimum temperature, calculated by  $t_{T\text{min}} = t_{\text{sunrise}} + z_{\text{lag}}$ ,  $m$  is the amount of time since  $t_{T\text{min}}$ , which is used between  $t_{T\text{min}}$  and  $t_{\text{sunset}}$ ;  $n$  is the amount of time since  $t_{\text{sunset}}$ , which is used between  $t_{\text{sunset}}$  and  $t_{T\text{min}}$ . The parameters  $x_{\text{lag}}$ ,  $y_{\text{lag}}$ , and  $z_{\text{lag}}$  are the lag coefficient for the maximum temperature, the night-time temperature coefficient and the lag of minimum temperature from the time of sunrise, respectively. The default values for  $x_{\text{lag}}$ ,  $y_{\text{lag}}$ , and  $z_{\text{lag}}$  are 1.8, 2.2 and 1 respectively.

### Diurnal air vapour pressure deficit

Vapour Pressure Deficit of the air ( $VPD_a$ , kPa) is calculated by the difference between saturated vapour pressure of the air ( $SVP_a$ ) at  $T_a$  and the dew-point vapour pressure ( $SVP_d$ ) (Goudriaan and van Laar 1994):

$$VPD_a = SVP_a - SVP_d \quad (\text{A16})$$

The saturated vapour pressure of the air ( $SVP_a$ ) depends on  $T_a$  (Goudriaan and van Laar 1994):

$$SVP_a = 610.7 * \exp[17.4 \times T_a / (239 + T_a)] / 1000 \quad (\text{A17})$$

while the dew-point vapour pressure of the air ( $SVP_d$ ) is related to dewpoint temperature, which is assumed as  $T_{a,min}$ , so  $SVP_d$  is given by:

$$SVP_d = 610.7 * \exp[17.4 \times T_{min}/(239 + T_{min})]/1000 \quad (A18)$$

### **Absorbed PAR by sunlit and shaded fractions of canopy**

Absorbed irradiance is estimated using the sun-shade model developed in de Pury and Farquhar (1997). The model assumes that the canopy is a single layer with the total leaf area index (LAI,  $m^2$  leaf  $m^{-2}$  ground) partitioned into sunlit and shaded fractions. The total amount of absorbed photosynthetic active radiation (PAR) for absorbed by each fraction depends on direct and diffuse PAR above the canopy, leaf area index of the whole canopy, angle of solar elevation and leaf angle and transmissivity of PAR in the canopy.

Leaf area of the sunlit and shaded fractions, not explicitly used in this section, but in later sections, are given by de Pury and Farquhar (1997):

$$LAI_{sun} = [1 - \exp(-k_b LAI_{can})]/k_b \quad (A19)$$

$$LAI_{sh} = LAI_{can} - LAI_{sun} \quad (A20)$$

In a previous section,  $I_{dir}$  and  $I_{dif}$  were calculated (A2 and A1, respectively). These are converted to photosynthetic photon flux density (PPFD,  $\mu mol$  photon  $m^{-2} s^{-1}$ ) by assuming that the fraction of PAR to solar radiation above the canopy is 50% and that the ratio of quantum content and energy of direct and diffuse PAR are 4.56 and 4.25  $\mu mol$  per J of PAR, respectively (Monteith and Unsworth 2013). So PPFD in  $I_{dir}$  and  $I_{dif}$  are calculated by:

$$I_{dir\_PAR} = I_{dir} \times 0.5 \times 4.56 \times 1000000 \quad (A21)$$

$$I_{dif\_PAR} = I_{dif} \times 0.5 \times 4.25 \times 1000000 \quad (A22)$$

Absorbed PAR by the canopy ( $I_{abs,can}$ ,  $\mu mol$  PAR  $m^{-2} s^{-1}$ ) is given by de Pury and Farquhar 1997:

$$I_{abs,can} = (1 - \rho_{cb})I_{dir\_PAR}[1 - \exp(-k'_b LAI_{can})] + (1 - \rho_{cd})I_{dif\_PAR}[1 - \exp(-k'_d LAI_{can})] \quad (A23)$$

where  $\rho_{cb}$  and  $\rho_{cd}$  are the canopy-level reflection coefficient for direct and diffuse PAR [ $\rho_{cd} = 0.057$ ; Leuning *et al.* (1995); de Pury and Farquhar (1997)],  $I_{dir\_PAR}$  and  $I_{dif\_PAR}$  ( $\mu mol$  photon  $m^{-2} s^{-1}$ ) are direct and diffuse PAR at the top of the canopy,  $k'_b$  is direct and scattered direct

PAR extinction coefficient,  $k'_d$  is diffuse and scattered diffuse PAR extinction coefficient,  $LAI_{can}$  is the total LAI of the canopy.

The direct and scattered direct PAR extinction coefficient  $k'_b$  is given by:

$$k'_b = k_b \sqrt{1 - \sigma} \quad (A24)$$

where  $k_b$  is the direct radiation extinction coefficient of the canopy,  $\sigma$  is the leaf-level scattering coefficient for PAR [= 0.2; Leuning *et al.* (1995); de Pury and Farquhar (1997)].

The direct radiation extinction coefficient of the canopy  $k_b$  is given by:

$$k_b = G / \sin\{\alpha\} \quad (A25)$$

where  $\alpha$  (radians) is the sun angle and  $G$  is the leaf shadow projection coefficient. If the spherical leaf-angle distribution (de Wit *et al.* 1978) is assumed, for a wide range of leaf and sun angles,  $G$  is approximated by 0.5 (Goudriaan 1988; Sinclair and Horie 1989; de Pury and Farquhar 1997).  $k_b$  is then given by:

$$k_b = 0.5 / \sin(\alpha) \quad (A26)$$

However,  $G$  can be derived more precisely from leaf and sun angles (Duncan *et al.* 1967):

$$G = \begin{cases} \cos \alpha \sin \beta, & \alpha \leq \beta \\ \frac{2}{\pi} \sin \alpha \cos \beta \sin \theta + \left(1 - \frac{\theta}{90}\right) \cos \alpha \sin \beta, & \alpha > \beta \end{cases} \quad (A27)$$

where  $\beta$  (radians) is the canopy-average leaf inclination relative to the horizontal and  $\theta$  ( $\theta^\circ$  is  $\theta$  in degrees) can be calculated from

$$\cos \theta = \cot \alpha \sin \beta \quad (A28)$$

The canopy-level reflection coefficient for direct PAR ( $\rho_{cb}$ ) is given by:

$$\rho_{cb} = 1 - \exp[2\rho_h k_b / (1 + k_b)] \quad (A29)$$

where  $\rho_h$  is the reflection coefficient of the canopy with horizontal leaves and is given by:

$$\rho_h = \frac{1 - (1 - \sigma)^{1/2}}{1 + (1 - \sigma)^{1/2}} \quad (A30)$$

Absorbed PAR by the sunlit fraction of the canopy is given by the sum of direct, diffuse and the scattered components:

$$I_{abs,sun} = (1 - \sigma) I_{dir\_PAR} [1 - \exp(-k_b LAI_{can})]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + (1 - \rho_{cd}) I_{\text{dif\_PAR}} [1 - \exp(-(k'_d + k_b) LAI_{\text{can}})] \frac{k'_d}{k'_d + k_b} + \\
I_{\text{dir\_PAR}} & \left\{ \begin{aligned} & (1 - \rho_{cb}) [1 - \exp(-(k'_b + k_b) LAI_{\text{can}})] \frac{k'_b}{k'_b + k_b} \\ & - (1 - \sigma) [1 - \exp(-2k_b LAI_{\text{can}})] \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (\text{A31})
\end{aligned}$$

Absorbed PAR by the shaded fraction of the canopy can be calculated by subtracting A31 from A23:

$$I_{\text{abs,sh}} = I_{\text{abs,can}} - I_{\text{abs,sun}} \quad (\text{A32})$$

### Canopy specific leaf nitrogen profile

The profile of specific leaf nitrogen in the canopy is parameterised by specific leaf nitrogen averaged over canopy ( $SLN_{\text{av}}$ , g N m<sup>-2</sup> leaf) and SLN at the top layer of the canopy ( $SLN_o$ ), which is given by:

$$SLN_o = SLN_{\text{ratio\_top}} \times SLN_{\text{av}} \quad (\text{A33})$$

where  $SLN_{\text{ratio\_top}}$  is the ratio of  $SLN_o$  to  $SLN_{\text{av}}$ .

However, to adapt the SLN profile for  $V_{\text{cmax}}$ ,  $J_{\text{max}}$  and  $R_d$  estimation for sunlit and shade leaf fractions using the approach in de Pury and Farquhar (1997), the SLN profile was expressed by de Pury and Farquhar (1997):

$$N(L) = (N_o - N_b) \exp(-k_n L / LAI_{\text{can}}) + N_b \quad (\text{A34})$$

where  $L$  is the cumulative leaf area index (LAI, m<sup>-2</sup> leaf m<sup>-2</sup> ground) from top of canopy,  $N_o$  is  $SLN_o$  in mmol N m<sup>-2</sup> leaf,  $N_b$  is the minimum value of  $N$  at or below which CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation rate is zero (= 25 mmol N m<sup>-2</sup> for wheat (de Pury and Farquhar 1997); = 14 mmol N m<sup>-2</sup> for maize (Sinclair and Horie 1989)),  $k_n$  is the coefficient of  $N$  allocation in the canopy. Total canopy nitrogen content ( $N_c$ ) can be calculated by taking the definite integral of Eqn A34 between  $L = LAI_{\text{can}}$  and 0 (de Pury and Farquhar 1997):

$$N_c = LAI_{\text{can}} \{ (N_o - N_b) [1 - \exp(-k_n)] / k_n + N_b \} \quad (\text{A35})$$

The parameter  $k_n$  can be expressed in terms of  $SLN_{\text{av}}$  and  $SLN_{\text{ratio\_top}}$  by substituting Eqn A33 ( $SLN_{\text{av}}$  and  $SLN_o$  expressed in mmol N m<sup>-2</sup> leaf by multiplying by 1000/14) into A34 and rearrange for  $k_n$ :

$$k_n = -2 \ln \left( \frac{N_{\text{av}} - N_b}{N_o - N_b} \right) \quad (\text{A36})$$

### Dependence of $V_{cmax}$ , $J_{max}$ , $R_d$ and $V_{pmax}$ on specific leaf nitrogen

$V_{cmax}$ ,  $J_{max}$  and  $R_d$  (whole canopy values) are calculated as follows. Their values (per leaf area) at the reference temperature (i.e. 25°C) are assumed to be linearly correlated with specific leaf nitrogen [e.g. Evans (1983) and Harley *et al.* (1992)], which can be modelled by de Pury and Farquhar (1997):

$$V_{cmax,125} = \chi_{Vc}(N - N_b) \quad (A37)$$

$$J_{max,125} = \chi_J(N - N_b) \quad (A38)$$

$$R_{d,125} = \chi_{Rd}(N - N_b) \quad (A39)$$

$$V_{pmax,125} = \chi_{Vp}(N - N_b) \quad (A40)$$

where  $V_{cmax,125}$ ,  $J_{max,125}$ ,  $R_{d,125}$  and  $V_{pmax,125}$  are  $V_{cmax25}$ ,  $J_{max25}$ ,  $R_{d25}$  and  $V_{pmax25}$  on a per leaf area basis at the reference temperature.  $N$  is SLN expressed in g N m<sup>-2</sup> leaf,  $\chi_{Vc}$ ,  $\chi_J$ ,  $\chi_{Rd}$  and  $\chi_{Vp}$  are the slope of the linear correlation between  $V_{cmax,125}$ ,  $J_{max,125}$ ,  $R_{d,125}$ ,  $V_{pmax,125}$  and  $N$ , respectively.  $R_{d,125}$  is assumed as  $0.01V_{cmax,125}$  for C<sub>3</sub> wheat (de Pury and Farquhar 1997) and 0 for C<sub>4</sub> maize (Massad *et al.* 2007), which can be implemented with  $\chi_R = 0.01\chi_V$  and  $\chi_R = 0$ , respectively.  $V_{cmax,125}$ ,  $J_{max,125}$ ,  $R_{d,125}$  and  $V_{pmax,125}$  are integrated over the whole canopy by de Pury and Farquhar (1997):

$$P_{can25} = LAI_{can}\chi_P(N_o - N_b) \frac{[1 - \exp(-k_n)]}{k_n} \quad (A41)$$

where  $P_{can25}$  is the value of parameters at 25°C for the whole canopy,  $k_n$  is obtained from Eqn A36. Partitioning the parameters to sunlit and shaded fractions is achieved following the approach in de Pury and Farquhar (1997). Parameter for the sunlit fraction ( $P_{sun25}$ ) at 25°C is given by:

$$P_{sun25} = LAI_{can}\chi_P(N_o - N_b) \times \frac{[1 - \exp(-k_n - k_b LAI_{can})]}{k_n + k_b LAI_{can}} \quad (A42)$$

and that of the shaded fraction ( $P_{sh25}$ ) is given by the difference between the whole canopy and the sunlit fraction:

$$P_{sh25} = P_{can25} - P_{sun25} \quad (A43)$$

Responses of  $P_{sun25}$  and  $P_{sh25}$  to leaf temperature ( $T_i$ ) are modelled by Eqns 1 (for calculating  $V_{cmax}$ ,  $R_d$  and  $V_{pmax}$ ) and 2 (for calculating  $J_{max}$ ) using parameters in Table S2.



### Dependence of electron transport rate on absorbed PAR

A relationship between the electron transport rate of either the sunlit or shaded fractions ( $J_\varepsilon$ , where  $\varepsilon = \text{sun}$  or  $\text{sh}$  for indicating either the sunlit or shaded fraction) and absorbed PAR is required to define  $J_\varepsilon$ . At present, the relationship is empirical and the most frequently used expression is a non-rectangular hyperbola function (Farquhar and Wong 1984):

$$\theta J_\varepsilon^2 - J_\varepsilon(I_{2,\varepsilon} + J_{\max,\varepsilon}) + I_{2,\varepsilon}J_{\max,\varepsilon} = 0 \quad (\text{A44})$$

where  $I_2$  is the PPF on Photosystem II,  $J_{\max}$  is the maximum electron transport rate (see Eqn A41 to A43 for calculations) and  $\theta$  is an empirical curvature factor [ $\sim 0.7$ ; von Caemmerer (2013)] and assumed to be the same for both fractions).  $I_2$  is calculated from absorbed PAR ( $I_{\text{abs}}$ ) by either sunlit or shaded leaves by:

$$I_{2,\varepsilon} = I_{\text{abs},\varepsilon} \times (1 - f)/2 \quad (\text{A45})$$

where  $I_{\text{abs},\varepsilon}$  is either  $I_{\text{abs\_sun}}$  (Eqn A31) or  $I_{\text{abs\_sh}}$  (Eqn A32),  $f$  is the spectral correction factor [ $\sim 0.15$  (Evans 1987) and assumed to be the same for both fractions]. The 2 is in the denominator as we assume  $I_{\text{abs},\varepsilon}$  is partitioned evenly to both Photosystem II and I (von Caemmerer 2000). Eqn A44 can be solved for  $J_\varepsilon$  as follows:

$$J_\varepsilon = \frac{I_{2,\varepsilon} + J_{\max,\varepsilon} - \sqrt{(I_{2,\varepsilon} + J_{\max,\varepsilon})^2 - 4\theta J_{\max,\varepsilon} I_{2,\varepsilon}}}{2\theta} \quad (\text{A46})$$

### Diffusion of CO<sub>2</sub> in the surrounding air into chloroplasts

In order for CO<sub>2</sub> in the surrounding air ( $C_a$ ,  $\mu\text{bar}$ ) to reach inside chloroplasts, we assume  $C_a$  has to diffuse through the leaf boundary-layer to reach leaf surface ( $C_s$ ), diffuse through the stomata to reach the intercellular air space ( $C_i$ ) and diffuse through the mesophyll component to reach inside chloroplasts ( $C_c$ ). Diffusion of CO<sub>2</sub> through a component is determined by the conductance of the component. Leaf boundary-layer and stomatal conductance are considered in this model based on the leaf transpiration model described in Goudriaan and van Laar (1994); the importance of mesophyll conductance has been recently reviewed (Flexas *et al.* 2008). Chloroplastic CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure for the sunlit and shaded fractions can be estimated based on Fick's first law of diffusion:

$$C_{c,\varepsilon} = C_a - \frac{A_\varepsilon}{g_{b,\varepsilon}} - \frac{A_\varepsilon}{g_{s,\varepsilon}} - \frac{A_\varepsilon}{g_{m,\varepsilon}} \quad (\text{A47})$$

where  $g_b$ ,  $g_s$  and  $g_m$  are leaf boundary, stomatal and mesophyll conductance for CO<sub>2</sub>, respectively (these conductances have units of  $\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ground s}^{-1}$ ) and  $A$  is CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation.  $\varepsilon = \text{sun}$  or  $\text{sh}$  for indicating either the sunlit or shaded fraction. The conductance units are per

ground area basis because they are the integrated value over the LAI of the fractions (Eqns A19 and A20), i.e.:

$$g_{\omega,\varepsilon} = g_{\omega,l} \times LAI_{\varepsilon} \quad (\text{A48})$$

where  $\omega$  = either b, s or m to indicate either leaf boundary-layer, stomatal or mesophyll conductance, respectively.

However,  $C_{i,\varepsilon}$  can be more simply estimated by using a  $C_i$  to  $C_a$  ratio ( $C_i/C_a$ ), which has been found to remain consistent with respect to changes in  $C_a$  and a wide range of irradiance (Wong *et al.* 1979). This bypasses the need to quantify  $g_{b,\varepsilon}$  and  $g_{s,\varepsilon}$ .  $C_{c,\varepsilon}$  is then estimated by:

$$C_{c,\varepsilon} = C_i/C_a \times C_a - \frac{A_{\varepsilon}}{g_{m,\varepsilon}} \quad (\text{A49})$$

where the  $C_i/C_a$  ratio is assumed to be the same for both fractions, but can change with VPD given by the correlation in Eqn 3 in the main text.

### C<sub>3</sub> photosynthesis model

Net CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation rate ( $A$ ,  $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) of the sunlit or shaded fractions in the canopy can be given by Farquhar *et al.* (1980) and von Caemmerer (2000), assuming no triose phosphate utilisation limitation:

$$A_{\varepsilon} = \min\{A_{c,\varepsilon}, A_{i,\varepsilon}\} \quad (\text{A50})$$

where  $\varepsilon$  = sun or sh for indicating either the sunlit or shade leaf fraction,  $A$  is given by the minimum RuBP-saturated (or Rubisco-limited) ( $A_c$ ) or RuBP-regeneration-limited (or electron-transport-limited) ( $A_j$ ) net CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation rate. For convenience, the subscription  $\varepsilon$ , used to indicate either the sunlit or shaded fraction, will be omitted in the rest of this and the subsequent sections.

RuBP-saturated (or Rubisco-limited)  $A$  ( $A_c$ ) is given by Farquhar *et al.* (1980):

$$A_c = \frac{(C_c - \Gamma^*)V_{c\max}}{C_c + K_c(1 + O_c/K_o)} - R_d \quad (\text{A51})$$

where  $C_c$  ( $\mu\text{bar}$ ) is the chloroplastic CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure,  $R_d$  ( $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is the day respiration of leaves,  $\Gamma^*$  ( $\mu\text{bar}$ ) is the CO<sub>2</sub> compensation point in the absence of  $R_d$ ,  $V_{c\max}$  ( $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is the maximum rate of Rubisco carboxylation (values for sunlit and shaded fraction can be calculated by Eqn A41 to A43),  $K_c$  and  $K_o$  are the Michaelis Menten constants of Rubisco carboxylation and oxygenation and have a unit of  $\mu\text{bar}$ ,  $O_c$  is the chloroplastic O<sub>2</sub> partial

pressure and is assumed to equal to the oxygen partial pressure measured in  $C_3$  leaves (= 210000  $\mu\text{bar}$ , ).

The  $\text{CO}_2$  compensation point in the absence of  $R_d$ ,  $\Gamma_*$ , is given by:

$$\Gamma_* = \gamma_* O_c \quad (\text{A52})$$

where  $\gamma_*$  is half the reciprocal of the relative  $\text{CO}_2/\text{O}_2$  specificity of Rubisco,  $S_{c/o}$ .  $S_{c/o}$  is given by:

$$S_{c/o} = \frac{K_o V_{cmax}}{K_c V_{omax}} \quad (\text{A53})$$

where  $V_{cmax}/V_{omax}$  is the maximum rate of Rubisco carboxylation over the maximum rate of Rubisco oxygenation.

RuBP-regeneration-limited (or electron-transport-limited)  $A$  ( $A_j$ ), assuming NADPH-limited electron transport rate (Farquhar *et al.* 1980), is given by:

$$A_j = \frac{(C_c - \Gamma^*)J}{4C_c + 8\Gamma^*} - R_d \quad (\text{A54})$$

where  $J$  ( $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) is the electron transport rate.

#### **$C_4$ photosynthesis model**

Enzyme-limited  $C_4$  photosynthesis is given by von Caemmerer (2000):

$$A_c = \frac{(C_s - \gamma_* O_s) V_{cmax}}{C_s + K_c(1 + O_s/K_o)} - R_d \quad (\text{A55})$$

where  $C_s$  is the bundle-sheath  $\text{CO}_2$  partial pressure,  $\gamma_*$  is half of the reciprocal of  $S_{c/o}$  (Eqn A53),  $O_c$  is the chloroplastic  $\text{O}_2$  partial pressure. Other parameters are the same as those defined for the  $C_3$  photosynthesis model and can also be found in Table S1.

Bundle-sheath  $\text{O}_2$  partial pressure is given by Berry and Farquhar (1978):

$$O_s = \frac{\alpha A}{0.047 g_{bs}} + O_m \quad (\text{A56})$$

where  $\alpha$  is the fraction of PSII activity in the bundle sheath, which can range from 0 to 1 (von Caemmerer 2000) and is taken as 0.1 (Yin and Struik 2009),  $g_{bs}$  is bundle-sheath conductance (with units of  $\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ground s}^{-1} \text{bar}^{-1}$ , whereas  $g_{bs,l}$  has units of  $\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{leaf s}^{-1} \text{bar}^{-1}$ ) for  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $O_m$  is mesophyll  $\text{O}_2$  partial pressure and is assumed to equal to the oxygen partial pressure measured in  $C_3$  leaves (= 210000  $\mu\text{bar}$ ).

The bundle-sheath CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure is given by:

$$C_s = C_m + \frac{V_p - A_c - R_m}{g_{bs}} \quad (\text{A57})$$

where  $C_m$  is the mesophyll CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure,  $V_p$  is the rate of phosphoenolpyruvate (PEP) carboxylation,  $R_m$  is mesophyll mitochondrial respiration.

The rate of PEP carboxylation is given by:

$$V_p = \min \left\{ \frac{C_m V_{p\max}}{C_m + K_p}, V_{pr} \right\} \quad (\text{A58})$$

where  $V_{p\max}$  is the maximum PEP carboxylase activity,  $K_p$  is the Michaelis-Menten constant of PEP carboxylase for CO<sub>2</sub> and  $V_{pr}$  is the PEP regeneration rate. The left term in the argument occurs when CO<sub>2</sub> is limiting PEP carboxylation rate, while the right term occurs when the rate of PEP regeneration is limiting.

Light- and electron-transport-limited C<sub>4</sub> photosynthesis is given by von Caemmerer (2000):

$$A_j = \frac{(1-\gamma^* O_s / C_s)(1-x)J_t}{3(1+7\gamma^* O_s / (3C_s))} - R_d \quad (\text{A59})$$

where  $x$  is the fraction of electron transport partitioned to mesophyll chloroplasts,  $J_t$  is the total electron transport rate from both the mesophyll and bundle-sheath cells, which can be calculated by Eqn A46 (von Caemmerer 2000), assuming  $J_t$  and  $J$  are synonymous.

The bundle-sheath CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure is given by:

$$C_s = C_m + \frac{xJ_t/2 - A_j - R_m}{g_{bs}} \quad (\text{A60})$$

### **Couple photosynthesis with CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion model**

Analytical solution of C<sub>3</sub> photosynthesis model coupled with the CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion model can be obtained by combining Eqn A49 and A51 for  $A_c$  calculation; and combining Eqn A49 and A54 for  $A_j$  calculation and solving for  $A$ . Remember these are done for both sunlit and shaded fractions of the canopy. The resulting analytical solution is:

$$A = (-\sqrt{a^2 - 4b} + c)/2d \quad (\text{A61})$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$  are lumped coefficients as follows.

$$a = -x_a C_a g_m - g_m x_2 + R_d - x_1 \quad (\text{A62})$$

$$b = -x_a C_a g_m R_d + x_a C_a g_m x_1 - g_m R_d x_2 - g_m \Gamma^* x_1 \quad (\text{A63})$$

$$c = x_a C_a g_m + g_m x_2 - R_d + x_1 \quad (\text{A64})$$

$$d = 1 \quad (A65)$$

where  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are lumped coefficients and are given in the following table.

Table A3.

	$x_1$	$x_2$
$A_c$	$V_{cmax}$	$K_c(1+O_c/K_o)$
$A_j$	$J/4$	$2\Gamma_*$

Once  $A_c$  or  $A_j$  are calculated,  $C_c$  can be back calculated by Eqn A49 and reported.

An analytical solution of the  $C_4$  photosynthesis model coupled with the  $CO_2$  diffusion model can be obtained by combining Eqn A49, A55, A56 and A57 for  $A_c$  calculation; and combining Eqn A49, A56, A59 and A60 for  $A_j$  calculation. An approximation is made to allow analytical solution of  $A_c$  (Eqn A55) when the left element in the argument in Eqn A58 applies:

$$\frac{C_m V_{pmax}}{C'_m + K_p} \approx \Delta C_m \quad (A66)$$

where  $\Delta$  is the slope of a line from the origin to a point on the Michaelis-Menten curve (described by the left-hand side of Eqn A66) at an arbitrary  $C_m$ ,  $C'_m$ , and is given by:

$$\Delta = V_{pmax} / (C'_m + K_p) \quad (A67)$$

Sufficiently accurate calculation of  $A_c$  (within  $\pm 1\%$ ), when Eqn A66 is applied, can be obtained by optimising  $C'_m$  in Eqn A67, involving just three iterative calculations. In the first iterative step,  $C'_m$  is set to 160, the resulting calculated  $C_m$  (Eqn A49) is input into A67 for the second iterative step, and repeated again for a third time. Testing with  $C_a$  between 400 and 1200  $\mu$ bar show  $A_c$  converged to within  $\pm 1\%$  of the fully optimised value with this optimisation procedure.

The lumped coefficients in Eqn A61 with the  $C_4$  photosynthesis model are as follows.

$$a = -0.047x C_a g_m g_{bs} - 0.047x C_a g_m x_4 - \alpha g_m R_d x_2 - \alpha g_m \gamma_* x_1 - 0.047 O_m g_m g_{bs} x_2 - 0.047 g_m g_{bs} x_3 + 0.047 g_m R_m + 0.047 g_m R_d - 0.047 g_m x_1 - 0.047 g_m x_5 + 0.047 g_{bs} R_d - 0.047 g_{bs} x_1 + 0.047 R_d x_4 - 0.047 x_1 x_4 \quad (A68)$$

$$b = (-\alpha g_m x_2 + 0.047 g_m + 0.047 g_{bs} + 0.047 x_4) [-0.047 x C_a g_m g_{bs} R_d + 0.047 x C_a g_m g_{bs} x_1 - 0.047 x C_a g_m R_d x_4 + 0.047 x C_a g_m x_1 x_4 - 0.047 O_m g_m g_{bs} R_d x_2 - 0.047 g_m g_{bs} R_d x_3 - 0.047 O_m g_m g_{bs} \gamma_* x_1 + 0.047 g_m R_m - 0.047 g_m R_m x_1 - 0.047 g_m R_d x_5 + 0.047 g_m x_1 x_5] \quad (A69)$$

$$c = 0.047xC_a g_m g_{bs} + 0.047xC_a g_m x_4 + \alpha g_m R_d x_2 + \alpha g_m \gamma_* x_1 + 0.047O_m g_m g_{bs} x_2 + 0.047g_m g_{bs} x_3 - 0.047g_m R_m - 0.047g_m R_d + 0.047g_m x_1 + 0.047g_m x_5 - 0.047g_{bs} R_d + 0.047g_{bs} x_1 - 0.047R_d x_4 + 0.047x_1 x_4 \quad (A70)$$

$$d = -\alpha g_m x_2 + 0.047g_m + 0.047g_{bs} + 0.047x_4 \quad (A71)$$

where  $x_1$  through to  $x_5$  are lumped coefficients and are given in the following table.

Table S4.

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$
$A_c$ (PEP-saturated rate)	$V_{cmax}$	$K_c/K_o$	$K_c$	$\Delta$ (Eqn A67)	0
$A_c$ (PEP-regeneration-limited rate)				0	$V_{pr}$
$A_j$	$(1-x)J/3$	$7/3\gamma_*$	0	0	$xJ/2$

Once  $A_c$  or  $A_j$  are calculated using the analytical solutions,  $O_s$ ,  $C_m$ ,  $V_p$ ,  $C_s$ , and  $\phi$  can be back calculated and reported.  $O_s$  and  $C_m$ , can be back calculated by Eqns A56 and A49, respective. In the case of  $A_c$ ,  $V_p$  can be back calculated by the expression  $x_4 C_m + x_5$  for either the PEP-saturated or PEP-regeneration-limited rate (Table S4); for  $A_j$ , the same expression applies, but the corresponding parameter is no longer called  $V_p$ .  $C_s$  can be back calculated by Eqns A57 and A60 for  $A_c$  and  $A_j$ , respectively.  $\phi$  is back calculated for  $A_c$  by Farquhar (1983):

$$\phi = g_{bs}(C_s - C_m)/V_p \quad (A72)$$

### Diurnal canopy photosynthesis and daily above-ground canopy (shoot) biomass increment

Diurnal canopy photosynthesis ( $A_{can, DAY}$ ) is calculated by summing the calculated  $A$  (Eqn A50) of the sunlit and shaded fractions of the canopy at the start of the  $i^{th}$  hour ( $A_{can, inst, i}$ ), integrating hourly by multiplying by 3600 and summing over a diurnal period:

$$A_{can, DAY} = \sum_{i=[t_{sunrise}] }^{[t_{sunset}]} (A_{can, inst, i} \times 3600) \quad (A73)$$

the subscript DAY is used despite this being a diurnal calculation as photosynthesis only occurs in the diurnal period, but it represents the assimilated CO<sub>2</sub> over a day.  $[t_{sunrise}]$  is the ceiling function applied to  $t_{sunrise}$  (giving the first whole hour after  $t_{sunrise}$ ) and  $[t_{sunset}]$  is the floor function applied to  $t_{sunset}$  (giving the whole hour just before  $t_{sunset}$ ). The reason for this set up is that  $t_{sunrise}$  and  $t_{sunset}$  (Eqns A13 and A14, respectively) vary with  $LAT$  and  $DAY$ . The calculated  $A_{can, DAY}$  represents the gross carbon gain for  $DAY$ .

To calculate daily above-ground canopy biomass increment ( $BIO_{shoot, DAY}$ , g biomass  $day^{-1}$ ) firstly, a conversion ratio ( $B$ , g biomass  $g^{-1} CO_2$ ) was assumed to convert  $A_{can, DAY}$  to daily whole-plant biomass increment ( $BIO_{total, DAY}$ , g biomass  $day^{-1}$ ). The conversion ratio combined factors allowing for biochemical conversion of  $CO_2$  to biomass and  $CO_2$  loss due to maintenance respiration (Sinclair and Horie 1989), which is consistent with the conservative respiration:photosynthesis ratio approach (Gifford 2003). Secondly, the fraction of  $BIO_{total, DAY}$  partitioned to shoot is given by  $P_{shoot}$ , which is the fraction of above-ground (shoot) biomass to the total (shoot + root). Therefore,  $BIO_{shoot, DAY}$  is calculated as:

$$BIO_{shoot, DAY} = A_{can, DAY} \times B \times P_{shoot} \quad (A74)$$

where  $B$  is taken as  $0.41$  g biomass  $(g CO_2)^{-1}$  for cereal crops such as rice and maize (Sinclair and Horie 1989) and  $P_{shoot}$  is stage dependent

(<https://www.apsim.info/Portals/0/Documentation/Crops/WheatDocumentation.pdf>).

#### **Daily canopy radiation use efficiency and extinction coefficient**

Radiation use efficiency on a daily basis ( $RUE_{DAY}$ , g biomass  $MJ^{-1}$ ) is calculated as the ratio of  $BIO_{shoot, DAY}$  to total solar radiation intercepted by the canopy ( $RAD_{DAY}$ ,  $MJ m^{-2} ground day^{-1}$ ) on  $DAY$ .

$$RUE_{DAY} = BIO_{shoot, DAY} / RAD_{DAY} \quad (A75)$$

Where  $RAD_{DAY}$  is given by:

$$RAD_{DAY} = \sum_{[t_{sunrise}]^{[t_{sunset}]}} (I_{o,i} \times F_{can,i} \times 3600) \quad (A76)$$

where  $I_{o,i}$  is defined by Eqn A3 at the  $i^{th}$  hour and  $F_{can,i}$  is the proportion of solar radiation intercepted by the canopy at the  $i^{th}$  hour given by:

$$F_{can,i} = 1 - \exp(-LAI_{can} \times k_{b,i}) \quad (A77)$$

where  $k_b$  is defined by Eqn A25.

Canopy radiation extinction coefficient on a daily basis ( $k_{DAY}$ ) is given by:

$$k_{DAY} = -\ln \left( 1 - \frac{RAD_{DAY}}{S_g} \right) / LAI_{can} \quad (A78)$$

which depends on the ratio of intercepted solar radiation by the canopy solar radiation reaching the ground,  $S_g$  (Eqn A4).

## Appendix 2: List of symbols

**Table S1. Description of symbols used in the Diurnal Canopy Photosynthesis Simulator (DCaPS).**

Symbol	Description	Units	Note	Value and reference	Equation
<b>Daily Canopy Summary</b>					
$A_{can,inst}$	Instantaneous canopy CO <sub>2</sub> assimilation	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$			A73
$A_{can,DAY}$	Diurnal canopy CO <sub>2</sub> assimilation	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground day}^{-1}$			A73
$B$	Conversion ratio combines factors allowing for biochemical conversion and maintenance respiration	$\text{g biomass (g CO}_2\text{)}^{-1}$	A	0.41 (wheat and sorghum) (Sinclair and Horie 1989)	A74
$BIO_{total,DAY}$	Daily total biomass increment	$\text{g biomass m}^{-2} \text{ ground day}^{-1}$			A74
$P_{shoot}$	Fraction of above-ground (shoot) biomass to the total (shoot + root)	$\text{g shoot biomass (g total biomass)}^{-1}$	A		A74
$BIO_{shoot,DAY}$	Daily above-ground canopy (shoot) biomass increment	$\text{g biomass m}^{-2} \text{ ground day}^{-1}$	E		A74
$k_{DAY}$	Canopy solar radiation extinction coefficient on daily basis				A78
$RAD_{DAY}$	Total daily intercepted solar radiation	$\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{ ground day}^{-1}$			A76
$RUE_{DAY}$	Radiation use efficiency on daily basis	$\text{g biomass MJ}^{-1}$			A75
<b>Environmental Parameters</b>					
$S_o$	Total daily extra-terrestrial solar radiation	$\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{ ground day}^{-1}$			A5
$S_g$	Total daily incident solar radiation	$\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{ ground day}^{-1}$			A4
$RATIO$	Atmospheric transmission ratio		A,D		A4
$sc$	Solar constant	$\text{J m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$	A	1360	A5
$Lat$	Latitude in radians (negative in the southern hemisphere)	radians	A		A5
$Rl$	Radius vector	radians			A6
$Dl$	Solar declination	radians			A8
$Wl^\circ$	Sunset hour-angle	°			A7
$Ll$	Day length	hr			A10
$DAY$	Day of year		A,D		
$t_{frac}$	$t$ as a fraction of $Ll$				A12
$t_{sunrise}$	Time of sunrise	hr			A13
$t_{sunset}$	Time of sunset	hr			A14
$\alpha_{sun}$	Angle of solar elevation	radians or degree			A9
$T_a$	Air temperature	°C			A15
$T_{a,max}$	Maximum $T_a$ of $DAY$	°C	A,D		A15
$T_{a,min}$	Minimum $T_a$ of $DAY$	°C	A,D		A15
$m$	Amount of time since time of minimum temperature	hr			A15
$n$	Amount of time since $t_{sunset}$	hr			A15
$x_{lag}$	Lag coefficient for the maximum temperature from $t_{sunrise}$		A	1.8 (Parton and Logan 1981)	A15
$y_{lag}$	Lag coefficient for the night-time temperature from $t_{sunrise}$		A	2.2 (Parton and Logan 1981)	A15



$\tau_{\text{lag}}$	Lag coefficient for the minimum temperature from $t_{\text{sunrise}}$		A	1 (parameterised with hourly temperature data at Gatton, Australia)	A15
$VPD_a$	Air vapour pressure deficit	kPa			A16
$C_a$	Air CO <sub>2</sub> partial pressure	μbar	A	400	
$O_a$	Air O <sub>2</sub> partial pressure	μbar	A	210000	
$I_o$	Total incident solar radiation	MJ m <sup>-2</sup> ground s <sup>-1</sup>			A3
$I_{\text{dir}}$	Incident direct radiation	MJ m <sup>-2</sup> ground s <sup>-1</sup>			A2
$I_{\text{dif}}$	Incident diffuse radiation	MJ m <sup>-2</sup> ground s <sup>-1</sup>			A1
$I_{o,\text{PAR}}$	Total incident photosynthetic active radiation	μmol PAR m <sup>-2</sup> ground s <sup>-1</sup>		$I_{\text{dir,PAR}} + I_{\text{dif,PAR}}$	
$I_{\text{dir,PAR}}$	Direct incident photosynthetic active radiation	μmol PAR m <sup>-2</sup> ground s <sup>-1</sup>			A21
$I_{\text{dif,PAR}}$	Diffuse incident photosynthetic active radiation	μmol PAR m <sup>-2</sup> ground s <sup>-1</sup>			A22
$I_{\text{abs,can}}$	Absorbed PAR by the canopy	μmol PAR m <sup>-2</sup> ground s <sup>-1</sup>			A23
$I_{\text{abs,sun}}$	Absorbed PAR by the sunlit fraction of the canopy	μmol PAR m <sup>-2</sup> ground s <sup>-1</sup>			A31
$I_{\text{abs,sh}}$	Absorbed PAR by the shaded fraction of the canopy	μmol PAR m <sup>-2</sup> ground s <sup>-1</sup>			A32
<b>Canopy Attribute and Architecture Parameters</b>					
$LAI_{\text{can}}$	Canopy leaf area index	m <sup>2</sup> leaf m <sup>-2</sup> ground	A,D		A20
$LAI_{\text{sun}}$	LAI of the sunlit leaf fraction	m <sup>2</sup> leaf m <sup>-2</sup> ground			A19
$LAI_{\text{sh}}$	LAI of the shade leaf fraction	m <sup>2</sup> leaf m <sup>-2</sup> ground			A20
$L$	Cumulative LAI from the top of canopy	m <sup>2</sup> leaf m <sup>-2</sup> ground			
$k_b'$	Direct and scattered direct PAR extinction coefficient				A24
$k_d'$	Diffuse and scattered diffuse PAR extinction coefficient				A24
$k_b$	Direct radiation extinction coefficient		D		A25
$k_d$	Diffuse PAR extinction coefficient		A	0.78 (de Pury and Farquhar 1997)	
$\sigma$	Leaf-level scattering coefficient for PAR		A	0.15 (de Pury and Farquhar 1997)	
$\rho_{\text{cb}}$	Canopy-level reflection coefficient for direct PAR				A29
$\rho_{\text{cd}}$	Canopy-level reflection coefficient for diffuse PAR		A	0.036 (de Pury and Farquhar 1997)	
$G$	Leaf shadow projection coefficient				A27
$\beta$	Canopy-average leaf inclination relative to the horizontal	radians	A	60° (spherical leaf angle distribution) (de Pury and Farquhar 1997)	A27
$T_l$	Leaf temperature	°C	A	$T_a$	1, 2

### Canopy Nitrogen Status Parameters

$SLN_{av}$	Specific leaf nitrogen averaged over the whole canopy	g N m <sup>-2</sup> leaf	A,D	1.45 (wheat) (de Pury and Farquhar 1997), 1.36 (sorghum) (van Oosterom <i>et al.</i> 2010)	A33
$SLN_{ratio\_top}$	Ratio of $SLN_o$ to $SLN_{av}$	g N m <sup>-2</sup> leaf	A,D	1.32 (wheat) (de Pury and Farquhar 1997), 1.30 (sorghum) (van Oosterom <i>et al.</i> 2010)	A33
$SLN_o$	SLN at the top of canopy	g N m <sup>-2</sup> leaf			A33
$N(L)$	SLN at $L$	mmol N m <sup>-2</sup> leaf			A34
$N_o$	SLN at the top of canopy	mmol N m <sup>-2</sup> leaf			A33
$N_b$	Base SLN at or below which leaf photosynthesis = 0	mmol N m <sup>-2</sup> leaf	A	25 (wheat) (de Pury and Farquhar 1997), 14 (sorghum) (Sinclair and Horie 1989)	A34
$k_n$	Coefficient of nitrogen allocation through canopy				A36

### Photosynthesis Parameters

$\chi_V$	Slope of linear relationship between $V_{max}$ per leaf are at 25°C and N	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ mmol}^{-1} \text{ N s}^{-1}$	B	1.16 (de Pury and Farquhar 1997) (wheat), 0.35 (sorghum) (Massad <i>et al.</i> 2007)	A37
$\chi_I$	Slope of linear relationship between $J_{max}$ per leaf are at 25°C and N	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ mmol}^{-1} \text{ N s}^{-1}$	B	2.4 (wheat) (de Pury and Farquhar 1997), 2.4 (sorghum) (Massad <i>et al.</i> 2007)	A38
$\chi_R$	Slope of linear relationship between $R_d$ per leaf are at 25°C and N	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ mmol}^{-1} \text{ N s}^{-1}$	B	0.01 $\chi_V$ (wheat) (de Pury and Farquhar 1997), 0 (sorghum) (Massad <i>et al.</i> 2007)	A39
$\chi_P$	Slope of linear relationship between $V_{pmax}$ per leaf are at 25°C and N	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ mmol}^{-1} \text{ N s}^{-1}$	B,C <sub>4</sub>	1.1 (sorghum) (Massad <i>et al.</i> 2007)	A40
$V_{cmax}$	Maximum rate of Rubisco carboxylation	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$		Table 2	
$J_{max}$	Maximum rate of electron transport	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$		Table 2	
$R_d$	Leaf day respiration	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$		Table 2	

$R_m$	Mesophyll mitochondrial respiration	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$	$C_4$	$0.5R_d$ (von Caemmerer 2000)	
$K_c$	Michaelis-Menten constant of Rubisco for $\text{CO}_2$	$\mu\text{bar}$		Table 2	
$K_o$	Michaelis-Menten constant of Rubisco for $\text{O}_2$	$\mu\text{bar}$		Table 2	
$A_c$	RuBP-saturated (or Rubisco-limited) net $\text{CO}_2$ assimilation rate	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$			
$A_j$	RuBP-regeneration-limited (or electron-transport-limited) net $\text{CO}_2$ assimilation rate	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$			
$\Gamma^*$	$\text{CO}_2$ compensation point in the absence of $R_d$	$\mu\text{bar}$			A52
$\gamma^*$	Half the reciprocal of $S_{c/o}$			$0.5/S_{c/o}$	
$S_{c/o}$	Relative $\text{CO}_2/\text{O}_2$ specificity of Rubisco	$\text{bar bar}^{-1}$			A53
$V_{c\text{max}}/V_{o\text{max}}$	Ratio of maximum rate of Rubisco carboxylation to maximum rate of Rubisco oxygenation			Table 2	A53
$J$	Potential electron transport rate	$\mu\text{mol e}^- \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$			A46
$\theta$	Empirical curvature factor		A	$0.7$ (de Pury and Farquhar 1997)	A46
$f$	Spectral correction factor		A	$0.15$ (de Pury and Farquhar 1997)	A46
$I_2$	PAR absorbed by Photosystem II	$\mu\text{mol PAR m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$			A45
$\alpha$	Fraction of PSII activity in the bundle sheath		$C_4$	$0.1$ (Yin and Struik 2009)	A56
$V_p$	Rate of PEP carboxylation	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$	$C_4$		A58
$V_{p\text{max}}$	Maximum PEP carboxylase activity	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$	$C_4$	Table 2	
$K_p$	Michaelis-Menten constant of PEP carboxylase for $\text{CO}_2$	$\mu\text{bar}$	$C_4$	Table 2	
$V_{pr,1}$	PEP regeneration rate per leaf area	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ leaf s}^{-1}$	A, $C_4$	$80$ (von Caemmerer 2000)	
$V_{pr}$	PEP regeneration rate	$\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$	$C_4$		A58
$J_t$	Potential electron transport rate (symbol for $C_4$ )	$\mu\text{mol e}^- \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1}$	$C_4$		A46
$x$	Fraction of electron transport partitioned to mesophyll chloroplasts		A, $C_4$	$0.4$ (von Caemmerer 2000)	A59
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> Diffusion Parameters</b>					
$C_i$	Intercellular airspace $\text{CO}_2$ partial pressure	$\mu\text{bar}$			
$C_m$	Mesophyll $\text{CO}_2$ partial pressure	$\mu\text{bar}$	$C_4$		A57, A60
$C_c$	Chloroplastic $\text{CO}_2$ partial pressure at the site of Rubisco carboxylation	$\mu\text{bar}$			A51, A54
$C_s$	Bundle-sheath $\text{CO}_2$ partial pressure	$\mu\text{bar}$	$C_4$		A55, A59
$O_i$	$\text{O}_2$ partial pressure inside $C_3$ and $C_4$ leaves	$\mu\text{bar}$		$O_a$	
$O_c$	Chloroplastic $\text{O}_2$ partial pressure at the site of Rubisco carboxylation	$\mu\text{bar}$		$O_i$	
$O_m$	Mesophyll $\text{O}_2$ partial pressure	$\mu\text{bar}$	$C_4$	$O_i$	A56
$O_s$	Bundle-sheath $\text{O}_2$ partial pressure	$\mu\text{bar}$	$C_4$		A56

$a$	Slope of linear relationship between $C_i/C_a$ and $VPD_a$	$\text{kPa}^{-1}$		-0.12 ( $C_3$ ), -0.19 ( $C_4$ ) (Zhang and Nobel 1996)	3
$b$	Intercept of linear relationship between $C_i/C_a$ and $VPD_a$			0.9 ( $C_3$ ), 0.84 ( $C_4$ ) (Zhang and Nobel 1996)	3
$C_i/C_a$	Ratio of $C_i$ to $C_a$		A		3
$g_m$	Mesophyll conductance for $\text{CO}_2$	$\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1} \text{ bar}^{-1}$	B	Table 2 0.003 (von Caemmerer 2000)	A47
$g_{bs}$	Bundle-sheath conductance for $\text{CO}_2$	$\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ ground s}^{-1} \text{ bar}^{-1}$	$C_4$		A56

A: DCaPS input parameters that could be assigned *a priori*; B: DCaPS input parameters that require calibration for different crop species; D: connector with crop models;  $C_4$ : parameters specific to the  $C_4$  photosynthesis model; E: DCaPS output to crop models; blank in the note column means symbol is a calculated variable.

**Table S2.  $C_3$  and  $C_4$  temperature response parameters used in equations 1 ( $P = P_{25} e^{(c-b/(T_1+273))}$ ) and 2 ( $P = P_{25} e^{-\left(\frac{T_1-T_{\text{opt}}}{\Omega}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{25-T_{\text{opt}}}{\Omega}\right)^2}$ ) in the main text**

Parameter	Units	$C_3$		$C_4$			
		$P_{25}$	$c$ (dimensionless)	$b$ (K)	$P_{25}$	$c$ (dimensionless)	$b$ (K)
$K_c$	$\mu\text{bar}$	272.4 <sup>1</sup>	32.7 <sup>1</sup>	9741.4 <sup>1</sup>	1210 <sup>4</sup>	25.9 <sup>4</sup>	7721.9 <sup>4</sup>
$K_o$	$\mu\text{bar}$	165800 <sup>1</sup>	9.6 <sup>1</sup>	2853.0 <sup>1</sup>	292000 <sup>4</sup>	4.2 <sup>4</sup>	1262.9 <sup>4</sup>
$V_{c\text{max}}/V_{o\text{max}}$	-	4.6 <sup>1</sup>	13.2 <sup>1</sup>	3945.7 <sup>1</sup>	5.4 <sup>4</sup>	9.1 <sup>4</sup>	2719.5 <sup>4</sup>
$V_{c\text{max}}$	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	A	26.4 <sup>2</sup>	7857.8 <sup>2</sup>	A	31.5 <sup>4</sup>	9381.8 <sup>4</sup>
$R_d$	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	A	18.7 <sup>2</sup>	5579.7 <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-
$K_p$	$\mu\text{bar}$	-	-	-	139	14.6 <sup>4</sup>	4366.1 <sup>4</sup>
$V_{p\text{max}}$	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	-	-	-	A	38.2 <sup>4</sup>	11402.4 <sup>4</sup>
		$P_{25}$	$T_{\text{opt}}$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	$\Omega$ (K)	$P_{25}$	$T_{\text{opt}}$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	$\Omega$ (K)
$J_{\text{max}}$	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	A	28.8 <sup>3</sup>	15.5 <sup>3</sup>	A	32.6 <sup>5</sup>	15.3 <sup>5</sup>
$g_m$	$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ bar}^{-1}$	0.55	34.3 <sup>1</sup>	20.8 <sup>1</sup>	0.55	34.3 <sup>1</sup>	20.8 <sup>1</sup>

A: variable. -: not applicable (see the main text). References: <sup>1</sup> (Bernacchi *et al.* 2002), <sup>2</sup> (Bernacchi *et al.* 2001), <sup>3</sup> (Farquhar *et al.* 1980), <sup>4</sup> (Boyd *et al.* 2015), <sup>5</sup> (Massad *et al.* 2007).

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