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A high-throughput method for measuring critical thermal limits of leaves by chlorophyll imaging fluorescence

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Table S1. A non-exhaustive sample of the variety of heating or cooling rates for temperature change used for measuring thermal tolerance limits of leaves from the literature

Cold tolerance limits	
Cooling rate	Reference
$2 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Taschler and Neuner (2004); Neuner and Pramsohler (2006); Sierra-Almeida and Cavieres (2012)
$3\text{--}4 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Robberecht and Junntila (1992)
$5 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Buchner and Neuner (2009)
$10 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Menon <i>et al.</i> (2015)
$1800 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Pospíšil <i>et al.</i> (1998)
Heat tolerance limits	
Heating rate	Reference
$30 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Frolec <i>et al.</i> (2008)
$42 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Bilger <i>et al.</i> (1984) Schreiber and Berry (1977); Schreiber and Armond (1978); (Smillie 1979; Smillie and Nott 1979); Smillie and Gibbons (1981); Bilger <i>et al.</i> (1984); Braun <i>et al.</i> (2002); Knight and Ackerly (2002); Kim and Portis (2005); Neuner and Pramsohler (2006); Frolec <i>et al.</i> (2008); O'Sullivan <i>et al.</i> (2013); Tovuu <i>et al.</i> (2013); Buchner <i>et al.</i> (2015); O'Sullivan <i>et al.</i> (2017); Zhu <i>et al.</i> (2018)
$90 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Macias (2011)
$120 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Bilger <i>et al.</i> (1984); Ilík <i>et al.</i> (2003); Frolec <i>et al.</i> (2008)
$180 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Frolec <i>et al.</i> (2008)
$240 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Nauš <i>et al.</i> (1992)
$300 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Tovuu <i>et al.</i> (2013)
$600 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Tovuu <i>et al.</i> (2013)
$648 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Tovuu <i>et al.</i> (2013)
$1800 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	Pospíšil <i>et al.</i> (1998)

Table S2. Mean \pm standard error values for CT_{MIN} , CT_{MAX} , and F_v/F_M for each species and experimental condition (Experiment 2 heating and cooling rates shown for 6, 15, 30, and 60°C h $^{-1}$)

Exp. 1 Dry surface					Exp. 1 Wet surface				
Trait	<i>W. ceracea</i>	<i>M. citrina</i>	<i>E. rubra</i>	<i>Q. phellos</i>	Trait	<i>W. ceracea</i>	<i>M. citrina</i>	<i>E. rubra</i>	<i>Q. phellos</i>
CT_{MIN}	$-13.8 \pm 0.4^\circ\text{C}$	$-16.9 \pm 0.37^\circ\text{C}$	$-14.0 \pm 0.3^\circ\text{C}$		NA	$-9.8 \pm 0.6^\circ\text{C}$	$-13.9 \pm 0.4^\circ\text{C}$	$-9.8 \pm 0.8^\circ\text{C}$	
CT_{MAX}	$43.2 \pm 0.9^\circ\text{C}$	$46.8 \pm 0.8^\circ\text{C}$		NA	$49.2 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$	$41.6 \pm 0.9^\circ\text{C}$	$47.2 \pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$		NA
F_v/F_M	0.81 ± 0.004	0.77 ± 0.009	0.74 ± 0.008	0.80 ± 0.007		0.80 ± 0.004	0.78 ± 0.008	0.74 ± 0.006	0.78 ± 0.013

Exp. 2 6°C h $^{-1}$ rate					Exp. 2 15°C h $^{-1}$ rate				
Trait	<i>W. ceracea</i>	<i>M. citrina</i>	<i>E. rubra</i>		Trait	<i>W. ceracea</i>	<i>M. citrina</i>	<i>E. rubra</i>	
CT_{MIN}	$-14.1 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$	$-15.2 \pm 0.7^\circ\text{C}$	$-11.7 \pm 0.6^\circ\text{C}$		CT_{MIN}	$-14.9 \pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$	$-14.2 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$	$-11.6 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$	
CT_{MAX}	$45.8 \pm 1.1^\circ\text{C}$	$35.3 \pm 1.1^\circ\text{C}$	$46.7 \pm 0.2^\circ\text{C}$		CT_{MAX}	$42.8 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$	$38.6 \pm 1.0^\circ\text{C}$	$44.0 \pm 0.3^\circ\text{C}$	
F_v/F_M	0.82 ± 0.005	0.73 ± 0.008	0.72 ± 0.005		F_v/F_M	0.81 ± 0.004	0.74 ± 0.006	0.71 ± 0.006	

Exp. 2 30°C h $^{-1}$ rate					Exp. 2 60°C h $^{-1}$ rate				
Trait	<i>W. ceracea</i>	<i>M. citrina</i>	<i>E. rubra</i>		Trait	<i>W. ceracea</i>	<i>M. citrina</i>	<i>E. rubra</i>	
CT_{MIN}	$-12.7 \pm 0.6^\circ\text{C}$	$-12.5 \pm 0.6^\circ\text{C}$	$-12.2 \pm 0.4^\circ\text{C}$		CT_{MIN}	$-13.8 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$	$-16.9 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$	$-14.0 \pm 0.3^\circ\text{C}$	
CT_{MAX}	$41.6 \pm 0.4^\circ\text{C}$	$41.1 \pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$	$44.0 \pm 0.4^\circ\text{C}$		CT_{MAX}	$43.5 \pm 0.3^\circ\text{C}$	$42.5 \pm 0.9^\circ\text{C}$	$45.3 \pm 0.4^\circ\text{C}$	
F_v/F_M	0.83 ± 0.006	0.73 ± 0.006	0.76 ± 0.007		F_v/F_M	0.82 ± 0.006	0.74 ± 0.011	0.73 ± 0.007	

Table S3. Full statistical reporting for all species and species-specific effects of wet vs dry filter paper surface on CT_{MIN} and CT_{MAX}

Response: CT_{MIN}		All species			<i>W. ceracea</i>			<i>M. citrina</i>			<i>E. rubra</i>		
Fixed effects	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	
Dry surface / <i>E. rubra</i> (intercept)	-18.36	-32.49 – -4.22	0.011	Intercept: -5.71	-50.92 – 39.49	0.800	Intercept: -20.36	-35.80 – -4.93	0.012	Intercept: -31.26	-54.11 – -8.41	0.009	
Wet surface	3.81	2.77 – 4.85	<0.001	3.92	1.99 – 5.86	<0.001	2.98	1.31 – 4.65	0.001	3.99	2.34 – 5.63	<0.001	
<i>F_V/F_M</i>	6.19	-12.89 – 25.27	0.521	-9.89	-64.94 – 45.15	0.719	4.72	-16.14 – 25.58	0.645	23.54	-7.53 – 54.60	0.132	
<i>M. citrina</i>	-3.50	-4.92 – -2.07	<0.001	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
<i>W. ceracea</i>	-0.42	-2.36 - 1.51	0.664	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
R ²	0.464	--	--	0.288	--	--	0.374	--	--	0.527	--	--	
Response: CT_{MAX}		All species			<i>W. ceracea</i>			<i>M. citrina</i>			<i>Q. phellos</i>		
Fixed effects	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	
Dry surface / <i>M. citrina</i> (intercept)	32.76	18.03 – 47.49	<0.001	Intercept: 6.90	-27.59 – 41.40	0.683	Intercept: 36.31	4.91 – 67.71	0.025	Intercept: 47.34	31.89 – 62.79	<0.001	
Wet surface	-0.55	-1.63 – 0.54	0.317	-1.47	-3.93 – 1.00	0.232	0.32	-1.33 – 1.97	0.694	-0.63	-2.08 – 0.82	0.379	
<i>F_V/F_M</i>	18.20	-0.12 – 36.52	0.052	46.02	2.33 – 89.71	0.040	13.16	-26.19 – 52.50	0.497	2.32	-17.03 – 21.68	0.806	
<i>Q. phellos</i>	2.01	0.68 – 3.35	0.004	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
<i>W. ceracea</i>	-4.47	-5.80 – -3.14	<0.001	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
R ²	0.593	--	--	0.213	--	--	0.028	--	--	0.041	--	--	

Table S4. Full statistical reporting for effects of wet vs dry surface in combination with cooling rate on CT_{MIN}

Response: CT_{MIN}		All species			<i>W. ceracea</i>			<i>M. citrina</i>			<i>E. rubra</i>		
Fixed effects	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	
Dry surface / Rate = 15 °C h ⁻¹ / <i>E. rubra</i> (Intercept)	-11.49	-21.77 – -2.01	0.019	Intercept: -4.23	-43.83 – 35.37	0.832	Intercept: -12.39	-24.09 – -0.69	0.038	Intercept: -20.60	-32.47 – -8.74	0.001	
Wet surface	4.72	3.45 – 5.99	<0.001	6.42	3.90 – 8.94	<0.001	4.03	2.10 – 5.95	<0.001	3.73	2.17 – 5.30	<0.001	
Rate = 60 °C h ⁻¹	-1.11	-2.14 – -0.08	0.034	1.17	-0.77 – 3.11	0.235	-2.69	-4.13 – -1.25	<0.001	-2.70	-4.15 – -1.26	<0.001	
Wet surface × rate = 60 °C h ⁻¹	-0.90	-2.53 – 0.73	0.279	-2.53	-5.74 – 0.68	0.121	-0.98	-3.42 – 1.45	0.420	0.34	-1.81 – 2.48	0.754	
F_V/F_M	-0.55	-14.28 – 13.19	0.938	-13.12	-61.73 – 35.48	0.592	-2.44	-18.29 – 13.41	0.758	12.71	-3.99 – 29.40	0.133	
<i>M. citrina</i>	-3.07	-4.11 – -2.02	<0.001	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
<i>W. ceracea</i>	-0.95	-2.50 - 0.59	0.225	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Marginal R ²	0.458	--	--	0.387	--	--	0.538	--	--	0.552	--	--	

Table S5. Full statistical reporting for all species and species-specific effects of variable cooling rate on CT_{MIN}

Response: CT_{MIN}		All species			<i>W. ceracea</i>			<i>M. citrina</i>			<i>E. rubra</i>		
Fixed effects	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	
Rate = 3 °C h ⁻¹ / <i>E. rubra</i> (Intercept)	-11.38	-17.01 -- -5.75	<0.001	-40.89	-70.67 -- -11.10	0.008	-16.82	-25.42 -- -8.21	<0.001	-11.58	-19.21 -- -3.96	0.003	
Rate = 6 °C h ⁻¹	-0.33	-1.14 -- 0.48	0.422	0.62	-0.67 -- 1.92	0.343	-1.81	-3.49 -- -0.12	0.036	-0.15	-1.29 -- 0.98	0.790	
Rate = 15 °C h ⁻¹	-0.32	-1.12 -- 0.49	0.438	-0.12	-1.42 -- 1.19	0.859	-0.80	-2.43 -- 0.84	0.335	-0.10	-1.22 -- 1.03	0.864	
Rate = 30 °C h ⁻¹	0.75	-0.05 -- 1.55	0.065	1.67	0.37 -- 2.97	0.012	0.91	-0.70 -- 2.51	0.265	-0.74	-1.93 -- 0.45	0.220	
Rate = 60 °C h ⁻¹	-1.34	-2.15 -- -0.53	0.001	0.75	-0.47 -- 1.97	0.225	-3.51	-5.19 -- -1.82	<0.001	-2.47	-3.69 -- -1.25	<0.001	
Rate = 240 °C h ⁻¹	-0.80	-1.60 -- 0.01	0.052	0.70	-0.62 -- 2.02	0.298	-1.74	-3.35 -- -0.13	0.035	-1.90	-3.11 -- -0.70	0.002	
<i>F_V/F_M</i>	-0.89	-8.55 -- 6.78	0.82	32.04	-4.23 -- 68.32	0.083	4.66	-6.84 -- 16.16	0.422	0.12	-10.42 -- 10.66	0.982	
<i>M. citrina</i>	-2.18	-2.76 -- -1.60	<0.001	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
<i>W. ceracea</i>	-1.50	-2.36 -- -0.63	0.001	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Marginal R ²	0.230	--	--	0.126	--	--	0.332	--	--	0.220	--	--	

Table S6. Full statistical reporting for all species and species-specific effects of variable heating rate on CT_{MAX}

Response: CT_{MAX}			All species			<i>W. ceracea</i>			<i>M. citrina</i>			<i>E. rubra</i>		
Fixed effects	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P	Estimate	95% CI	P		
Rate = $60\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$ / <i>E. rubra</i> (Intercept)	27.79	20.09 – 35.50	<0.001	Intercept: 14.87	-0.48 – 30.22	0.058	Intercept: 27.79	18.26 – 37.32	<0.001	Intercept: 41.75	31.47 – 52.03	<0.001		
Rate = $6\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	-0.68	-1.86 – 0.50	0.259	1.60	0.24 – 2.96	0.021	-7.71	-9.48 – -5.93	<0.001	1.38	-0.19 – 2.94	0.085		
Rate = $15\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	-2.43	-3.62 – -1.24	<0.001	-2.00	-3.47 – -0.52	0.008	-4.68	-6.43 – -2.94	<0.001	-1.40	-2.98 – 0.17	0.080		
Rate = $30\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	-1.74	-2.72 – -0.77	0.001	-2.11	-3.18 – -1.03	<0.001	-2.10	-3.66 – -0.54	0.009	-1.31	-2.61 – -0.01	0.048		
Rate = $45\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	-1.48	-2.44 – -0.51	0.003	-0.72	-1.80 – 0.36	0.188	-0.95	-2.53 – 0.62	0.232	-2.68	-3.96 – -1.40	<0.001		
Rate = $120\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	1.00	-0.06 – 2.07	0.065	1.78	0.62 – 2.95	0.003	2.24	0.48 – 3.99	0.013	-0.45	-1.95 – 1.05	0.554		
Rate = $240\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$	2.03	0.95 – 3.12	<0.001	2.78	1.58 – 3.98	<0.001	3.76	1.86 – 5.67	<0.001	-0.13	-1.56 – 1.29	0.853		
F_V/F_M	23.79	12.68 – 34.91	<0.001	38.48	17.91 – 59.05	<0.001	21.98	7.80 – 36.16	0.003	5.15	-9.68 – 19.99	0.492		
<i>M. citrina</i>	-1.30	-1.96 – -0.63	<0.001	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
<i>W. ceracea</i>	-1.24	-2.02 – -0.45	0.002	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Marginal R ²	0.429	--	--	0.619	--	--	0.863	--	--	0.319	--	--		

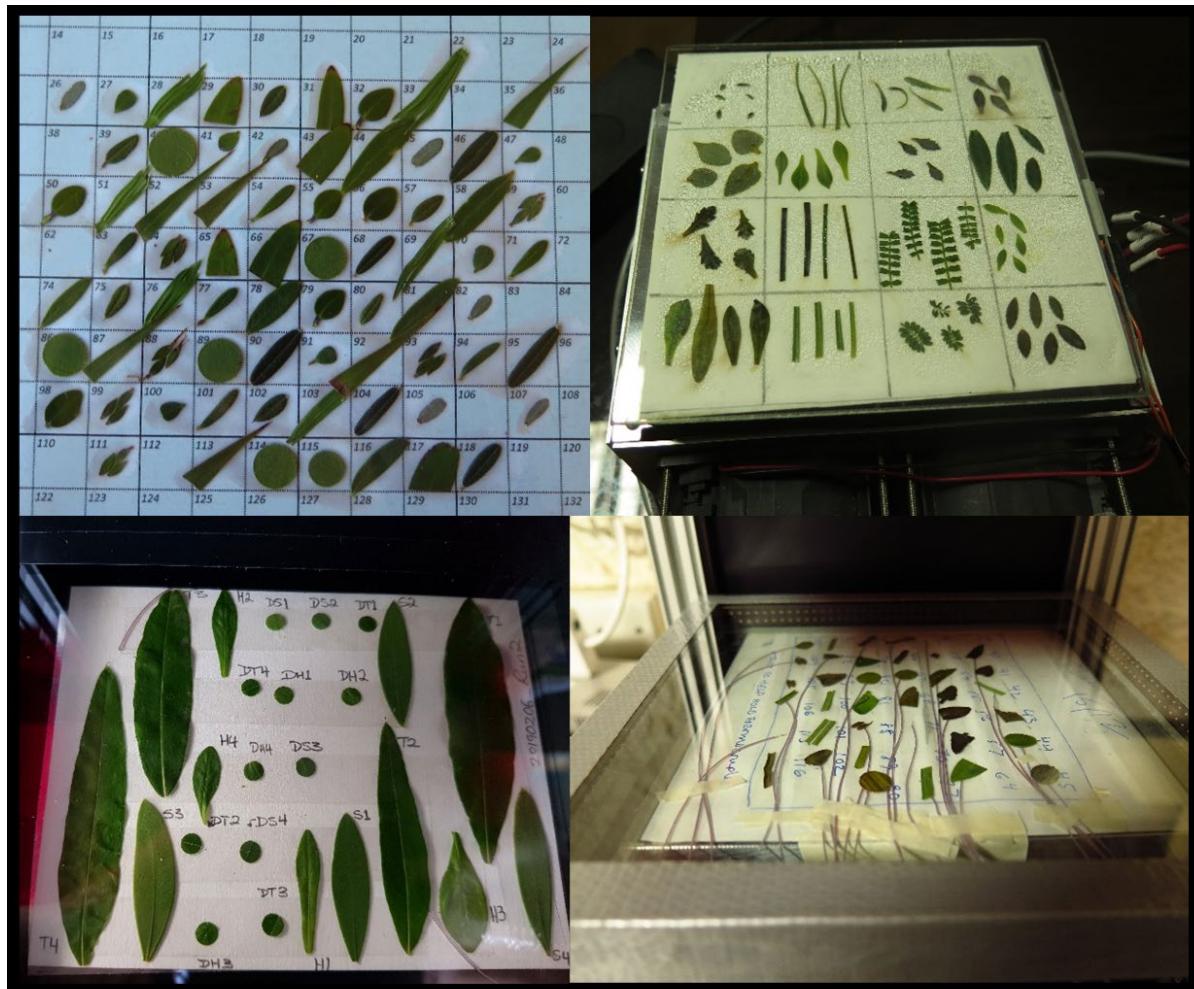


Fig. S1. Various experimental applications of the Peltier plate and chlorophyll fluorescence Maxi-Imaging-PAM system using whole leaves, leaf sections, and leaf discs of multiple species, and the potential application of type-T thermocouples for recording the temperature of individual samples. Images taken by Verónica F. Briceño and Pieter A. Arnold.

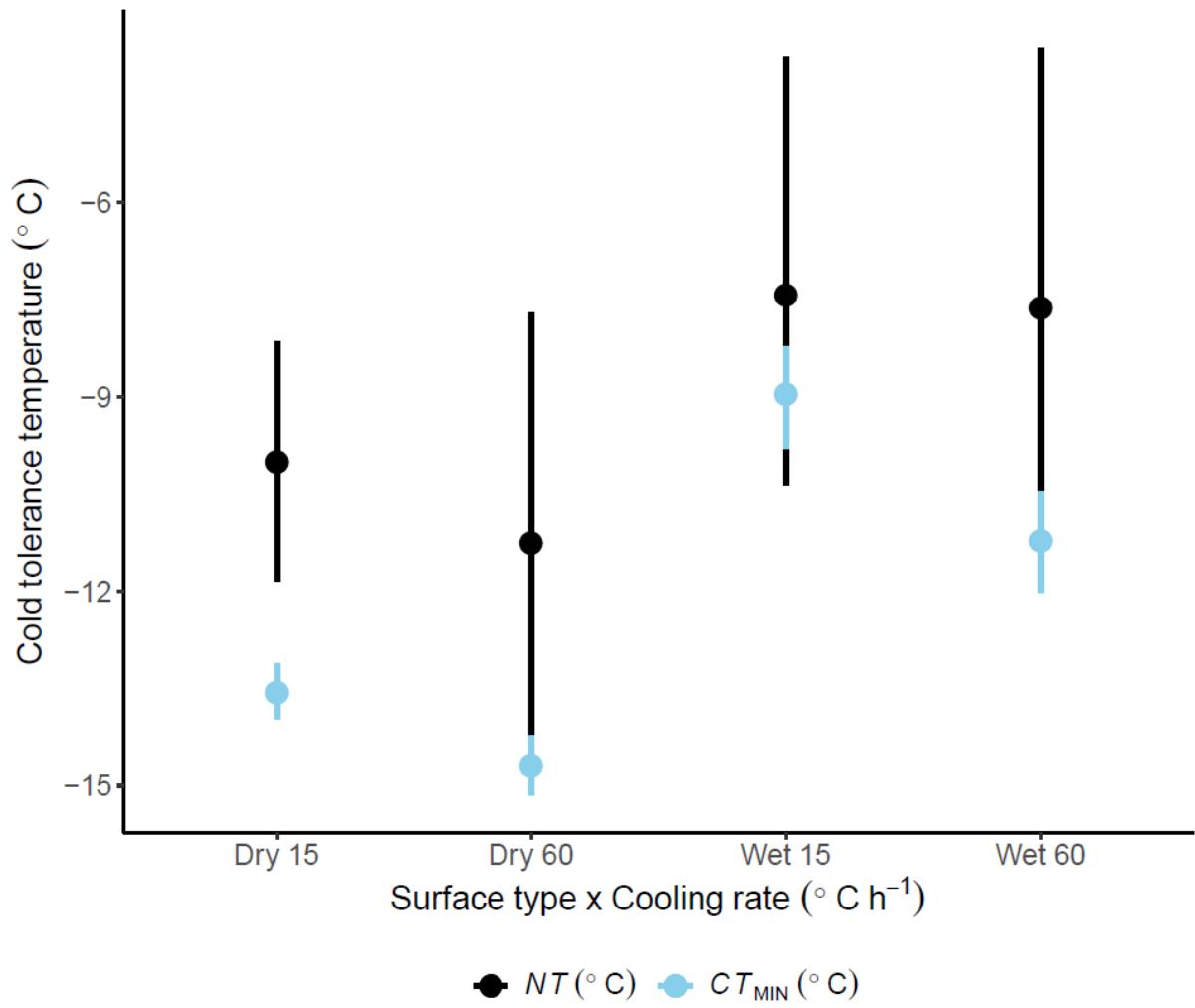


Fig. S2. The effect of varying cooling rate ($^{\circ}\text{C h}^{-1}$) in combination with varying surfaces (dry vs wet filter paper) on the NT (black circles) and CT_{MIN} (light blue circles) estimates ($^{\circ}\text{C}$). NT was measured only on a small, random subset of leaves using the two thermocouples attached to leaves from various species on the Peltier plate (total $n = 17$, therefore the 95% CIs are much larger than those of CT_{MIN} . For consistency in comparison, the CT_{MIN} values are also grouped across the three species.

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