

Supplemental Materials

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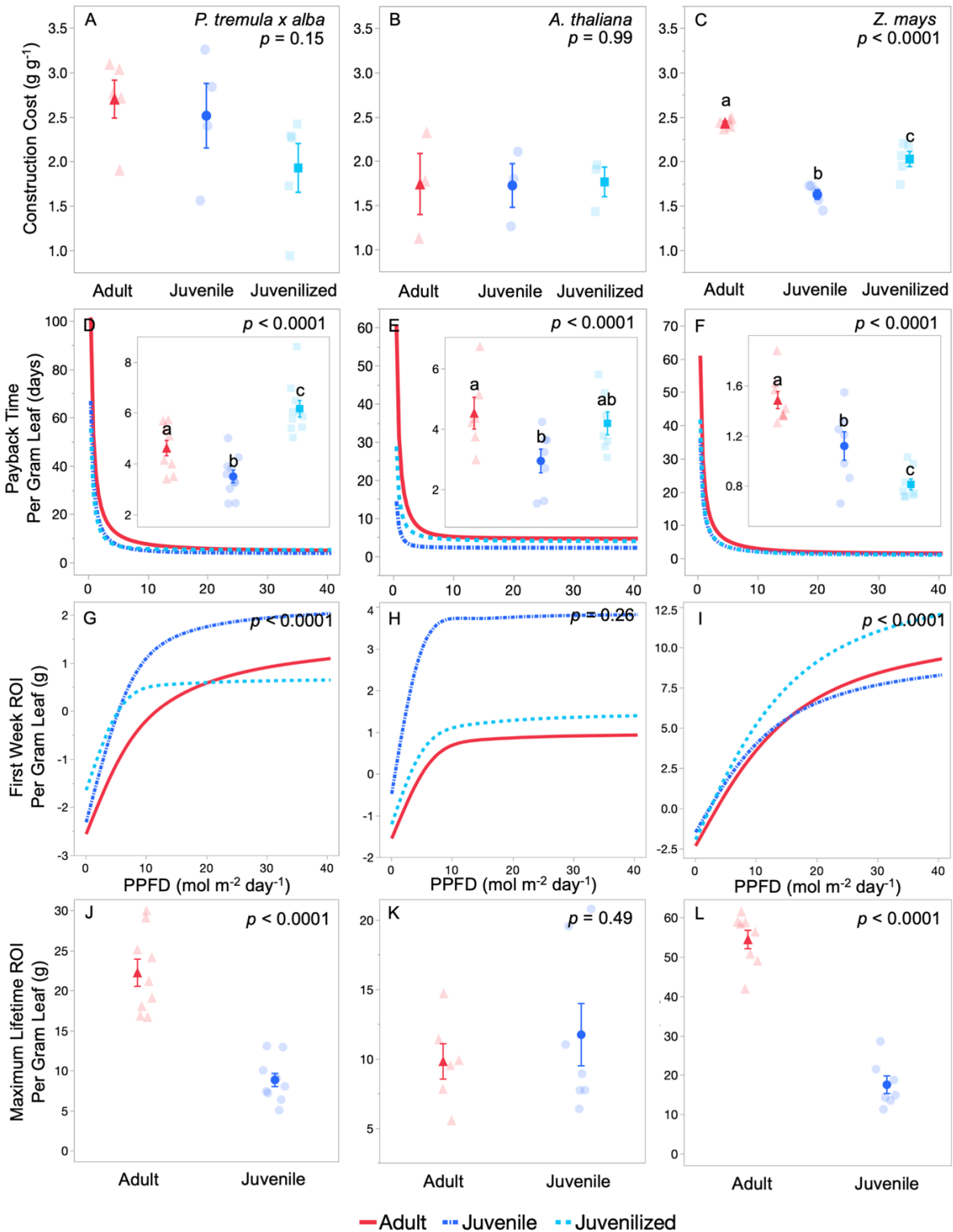


Figure S1. Payback time per gram of leaf tissue (A-C), and return on investment (ROI) per gram of leaf tissue in grams of glucose (D-F) for adult (red solid lines), juvenile (blue dash-dotted lines), and juvenilized (light blue dashed lines) leaves of *P. tremula x alba* (A, D), *A. thaliana* (B, E), and *Z. mays* (C, F). Payback time and ROI are modeled using photosynthetic light response parameters and 12-hour light periods with constant PAR levels between 10 and 2000 $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ and are plotted against the resulting daily integrated photosynthetic photon flux density (PPFD). *P*-values determined by ANCOVA.

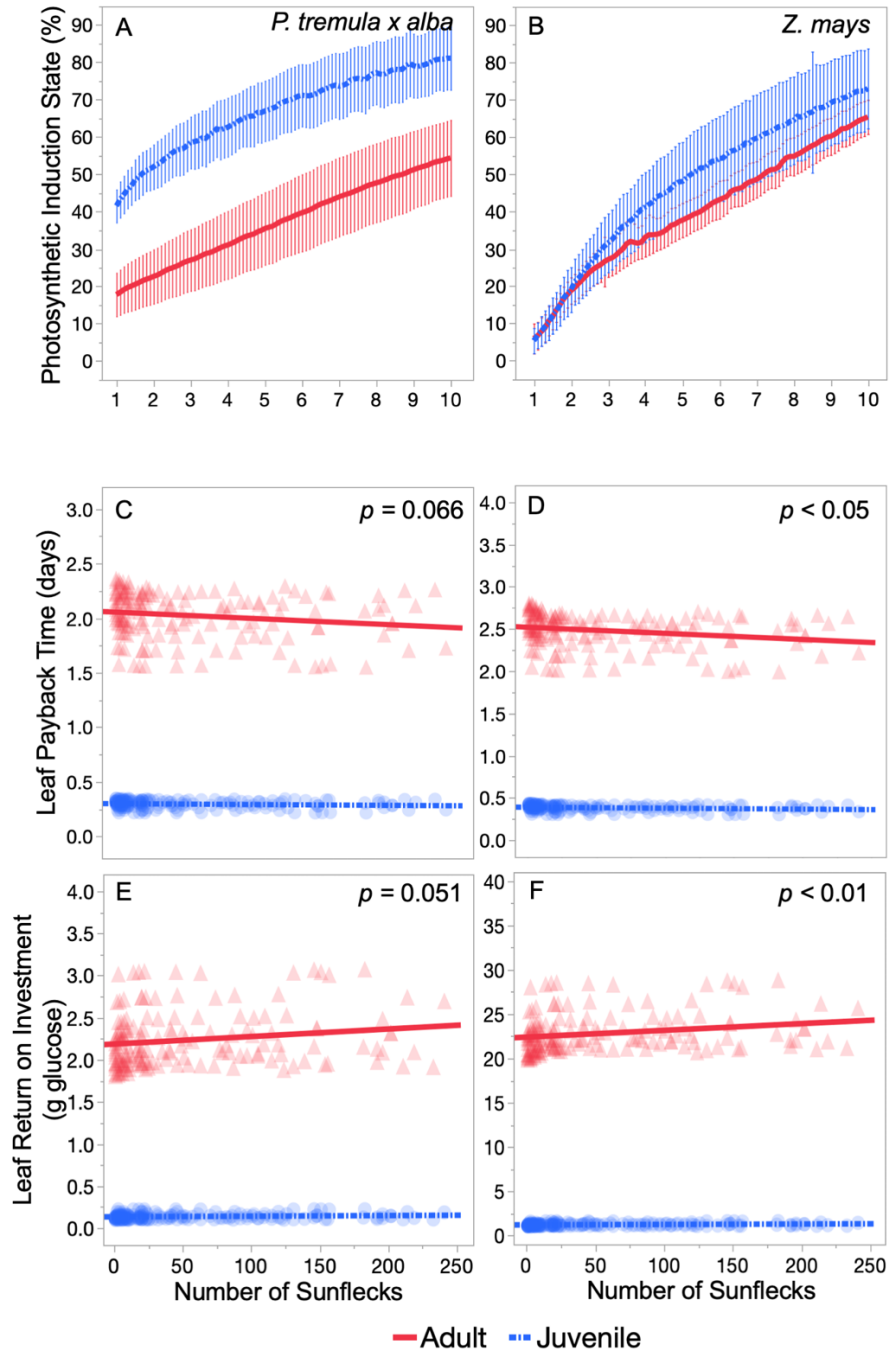


Figure S3. Photosynthetic induction state during minutes 1-10 of exposure to saturating light (A, B), leaf payback time (C, D) and leaf lifetime return on investment (E, F) for adult (solid, red) and juvenile (dash-dotted, blue) leaves of *P. tremula x alba* (A, C, E) and *Z. mays* (B, D, F) for adult (red triangles and solid lines) and juvenile (blue circles and dash-dotted lines). Payback time and ROI modeled from simulated dynamic light environments plotted against daily number of sunflecks. Photosynthetic induction data presented as the mean \pm s.e.m and payback time and ROI data presented as individual replicates by transparent symbols and linear line of best-fit. *P*-values determined by *ANCOVA*.

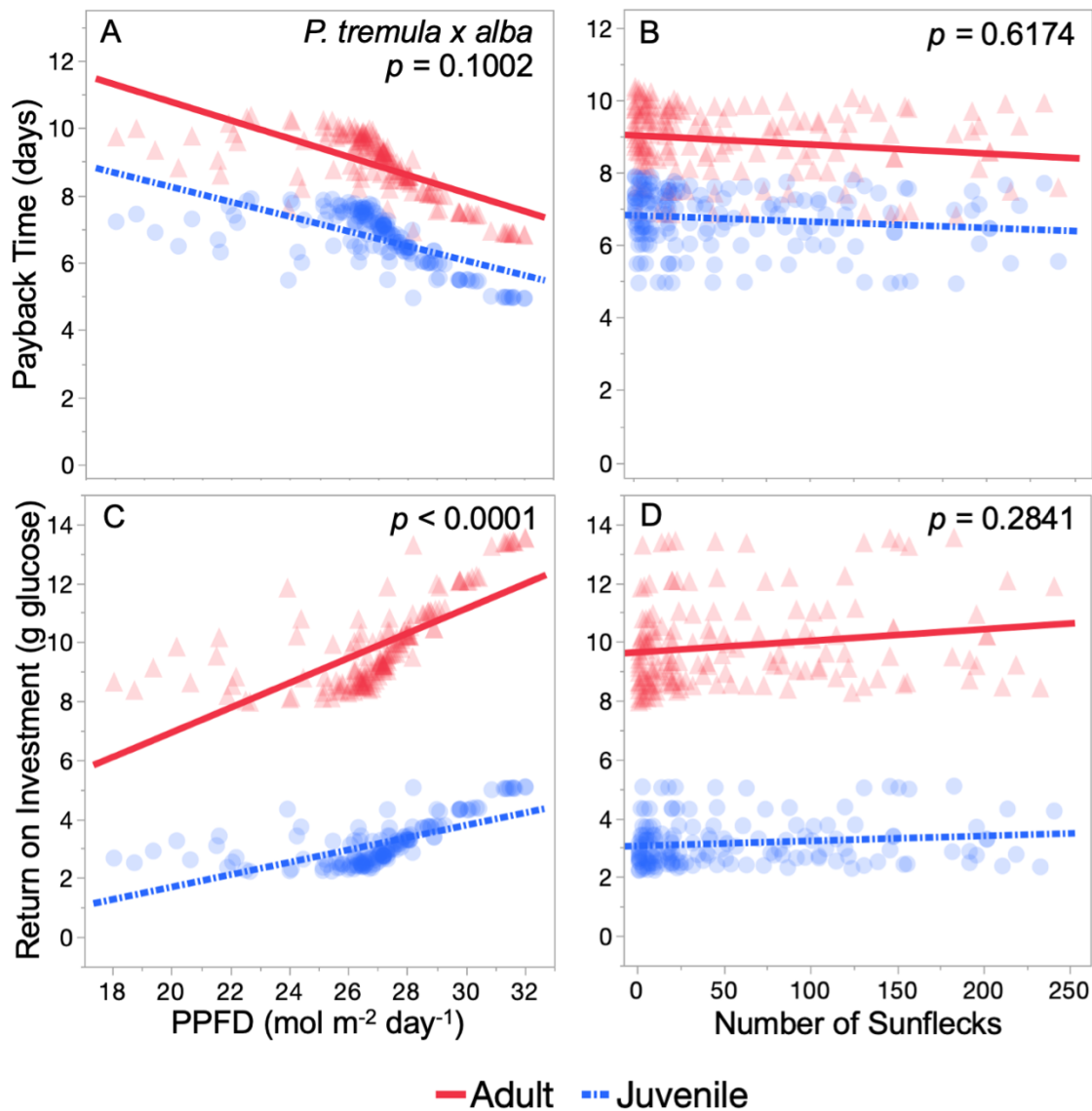


Figure S4. Payback time per gram of leaf tissue (A-B) and lifetime return on investment per gram of leaf tissue (C-D) for adult (red triangles and solid lines) and juvenile (blue circles and dash-dotted lines) leaves from simulated dynamic light environments in *P. tremula x alba* plotted against daily integrated PPFD (A, C) and number of sunflecks across the day (B, D). Data presented as individual replicates by transparent symbols and linear line of best-fit. *P*-values determined by ANCOVA.

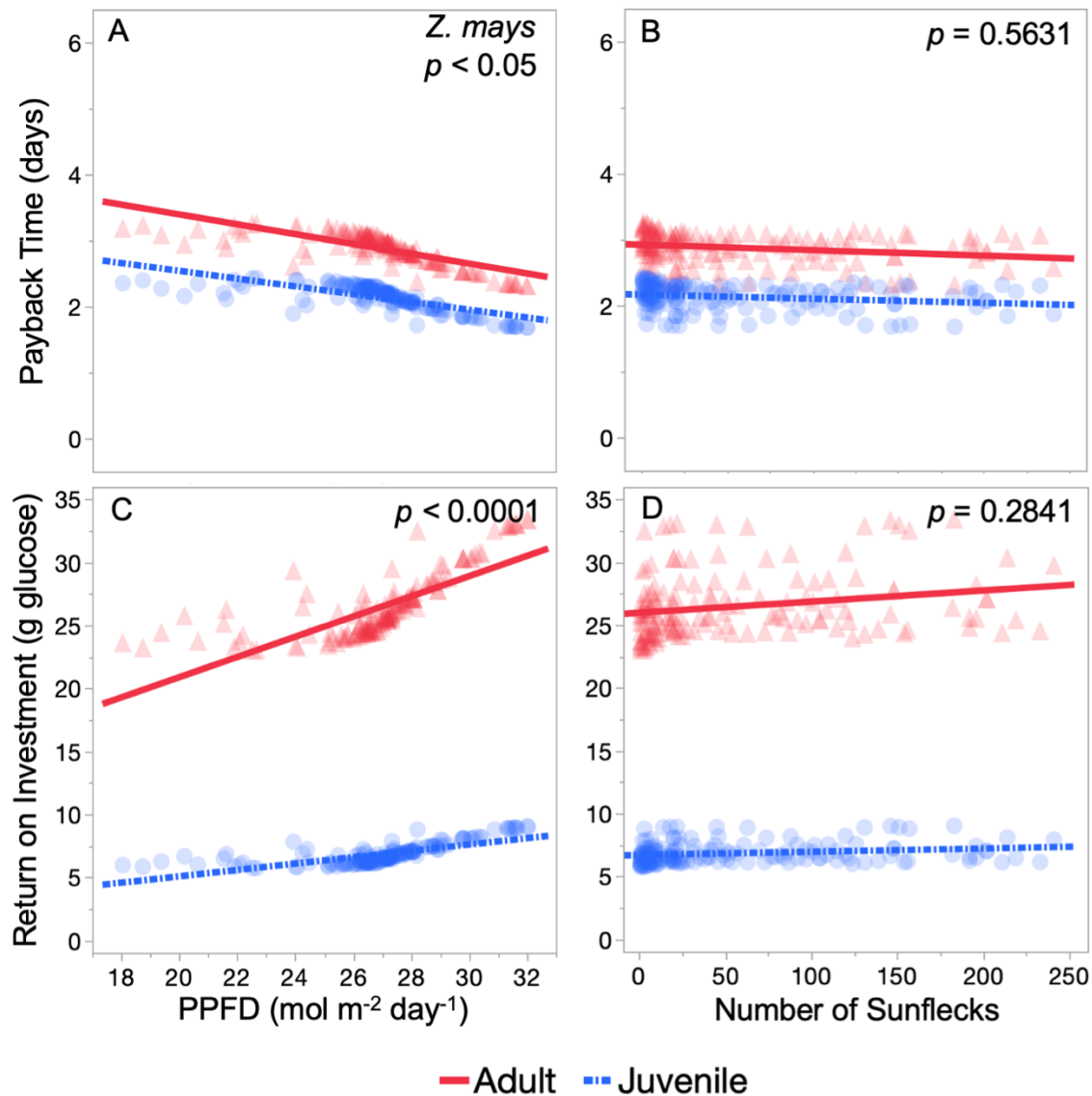


Figure S5. Payback time per gram of leaf tissue (A-B) and lifetime return on investment per gram of leaf tissue (C-D) for adult (red triangles and solid lines) and juvenile (blue circles and dash-dotted lines) leaves from simulated dynamic light environments in *Z. mays* plotted against daily integrated PPFD (A, C) and number of sunflecks across the day (B, D). Data presented as individual replicates by transparent symbols and linear line of best-fit. *P*-values determined by ANCOVA.

Table S1. Leaf morphological traits for adult, juvenile and juvenilized leaves of *P. tremula x alba*, *A. thaliana*, and *Z. mays*. Parameters presented as the median with interquartile range in parenthesis. Where one-way ANOVA showed significant differences ($p < 0.05$), a Student's *t* test was performed to determine significant differences between developmental groups ($p < 0.05$), shown by different lowercase letters. SLA = specific leaf area, LMA = leaf mass per area.

Species	Development	Leaf Area (cm ²)	Leaf Mass (mg)	SLA (cm ² g ⁻¹)	LMA (mg cm ⁻²)	n
<i>P. tremula x alba</i>	Adult	69.06 (12.65) ^a	226.85 (53.40) ^a	330.04 (103.66) ^c	3.04 (0.90) ^a	10
	Juvenile	20.05 (14.49) ^c	43.81 (64.16) ^c	547.48 (94.41) ^a	1.83 (0.31) ^c	10
	Juvenilized	57.27 (11.16) ^b	119.34 (30.83) ^b	467.58 (63.04) ^b	2.14 (0.29) ^b	10
<i>A. thaliana</i>	Adult	1.32 (0.41) ^a	3.28 (1.66) ^a	432.99 (156.24) ^c	2.35 (0.95) ^a	6
	Juvenile	0.88 (0.40) ^b	0.74 (0.39) ^b	1212.61 (522.06) ^a	0.82 (0.53) ^c	7
	Juvenilized	0.75 (0.27) ^b	1.21 (0.59) ^b	615.51 (144.35) ^b	1.62 (0.34) ^b	7
<i>Z. mays</i>	Adult	436.13 (56.28) ^a	861.95 (465.63) ^a	476.50 (75.26) ^c	2.10 (0.31) ^a	8
	Juvenile	95.18 (18.22) ^b	179.40 (46.63) ^b	516.61 (110.71) ^b	1.94 (0.38) ^b	7
	Juvenilized	65.89 (25.18) ^c	108.09 (73.00) ^c	710.73 (84.33) ^a	1.41 (0.16) ^c	8

Table S2. Light response curve parameters for adult, juvenile and juvenilized leaves of *P. tremula x alba*, *A. thaliana*, and *Z. mays*. Parameters are light saturated net photosynthetic rate (A_{sat}), light use efficiency (Φ), dark respiration (R_d), and curvature (θ). Parameters presented as the median with interquartile range in parenthesis. Where one-way ANOVA showed significant differences ($p < 0.05$), a Student's *t* test was performed to determine significant differences between developmental groups ($p < 0.05$), shown by different lowercase letters.

Species	Development	A_{sat} ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)	Φ	R_d ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)	θ	n
<i>P. tremula x alba</i>	Adult	15.72 (2.48) ^a	0.07 (0.02)	0.40 (0.20) ^b	0.50 (0.18) ^b	6
	Juvenile	11.5 (3.42) ^b	0.06 (0.06)	0.94 (0.21) ^c	0.79 (0.05) ^a	5
	Juvenilized	6.02 (1.38) ^c	0.05 (0.01)	0.12 (0.18) ^a	0.88 (0.19) ^a	6
<i>A. thaliana</i>	Adult	7.47 (1.60) ^a	0.05 (0.02)	0.38 (0.33)	0.89 (0.04)	7
	Juvenile	5.19 (2.69) ^b	0.07 (0.07)	0.83 (1.63)	0.89 (0.36)	7
	Juvenilized	5.86 (0.46) ^b	0.08 (0.02)	0.71 (1.28)	0.62 (0.28)	6
<i>Z. mays</i>	Adult	28.10 (2.90) ^{ab}	0.06 (0.01)	1.04 (0.44)	0.78 (0.12)	12
	Juvenile	24.07 (5.81) ^b	0.07 (0.01)	0.84 (0.48)	0.65 (0.22)	15
	Juvenilized	30.70 (5.74) ^a	0.07 (0.01)	0.97 (0.65)	0.68 (0.10)	10

Table S3. Light induction parameters for adult and juvenile leaves of *P. tremula x alba* and *Z. mays*. Relaxation time for Rubisco activation (tau) determined from the slope of the linear relationship between $\ln(Af^*-A^*)$ vs. time during minutes 1-10 of induction described in the table below. Data presented as the median with interquartile range in parenthesis. A student's *t* test was performed to determine significant differences between developmental groups ($p < 0.05$), the intercept in *P. tremula x alba* was the only significantly different trait.

Species	Development	tau (min)	slope	intercept	R ²	n
<i>P. tremula x alba</i>	Adult	11.40 (12.41)	-1.58e-3 (1.59e-3)	2.61 (0.34)	0.98 (0.04)	6
	Juvenile	5.73 (0.32)	-2.91e-3 (1.68e-4)	1.88 (1.03)	0.93 (0.24)	5
<i>Z. mays</i>	Adult	2.06 (1.32)	-8.35e-3 (5.3e-3)	4.96 (0.22)	0.83 (0.07)	4
	Juvenile	2.08 (2.12)	-8.41e-3 (5.77e-3)	4.70 (0.35)	0.88 (0.11)	4

Table S4. Linear relationships for carbon economic traits in simulated dynamic light environments depicted in figures 4, 5, S2, and S3 for adult and juvenile leaves of *P. tremula x alba* and *Z. mays*. *P*-values determined by ANCOVA.

Species	Development	dependent variable	independent variable	slope	intercept	R ²	<i>P</i> -value
<i>P. tremula x alba</i>	Adult	Leaf payback time	PPFD	-0.06	3.66	0.49	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	-5.7e-4	2.05	0.03	<0.05
	Juvenile		PPFD	-9.5e-3	0.55	0.41	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	-7.6e-5	0.3	0.02	0.0963
	Adult	Leaf ROI	PPFD	0.1	-0.32	0.49	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	8.9e-4	2.2	0.03	<0.05
	Juvenile		PPFD	9.2e-3	-0.11	0.43	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	7.5e-5	0.14	0.02	0.0832
	Adult	Payback time per gram	PPFD	-0.27	16.12	0.49	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	-2.52e-3	9.02	0.02	<0.05
	Juvenile		PPFD	-0.22	12.57	0.41	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	-1.7e-3	6.82	0.02	0.0963
Adult	ROI per gram	PPFD	0.42	-1.41	0.49	<0.0001	
		Sunflecks	3.93e-3	9,7	0.03	<0.05	
Juvenile		PPFD	0.21	-2.46	0.43	<0.0001	
		Sunflecks	1.7e-3	3.1	0.02	0.0832	
<i>Z. mays</i>	Adult	Leaf payback time	PPFD	-6.3e-2	4.17	0.6	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	-7.1e-4	2.5	0.05	<0.01
	Juvenile		PPFD	-0.01	0.66	0.56	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	-1.1e-4	0.39	0.04	<0.01
	Adult	Leaf ROI	PPFD	0.69	4.37	0.58	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	7.6e-3	22.6	0.05	<0.01
	Juvenile		PPFD	0.05	0.01	0.55	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	4.7e-4	1.21	0.04	<0.05
	Adult	Payback time per gram	PPFD	-0.07	4.83	0.6	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	-8.2e-4	2.9	0.05	<0.01
	Juvenile		PPFD	-0.06	3.68	0.56	<0.0001
			Sunflecks	-6.1e-4	2.15	0.04	<0.01
Adult	ROI per gram	PPFD	0.8	5.07	0.58	<0.0001	
		Sunflecks	8.9e-3	26.22	0.05	<0.01	
Juvenile		PPFD	0.25	0.08	0.55	<0.0001	
		Sunflecks	2.6e-3	6.75	0.04	<0.05	

Table S5. Inputs for each dynamic light simulation and the daily integrated PPFD and number of sunflecks resulting for that simulation.

Inputs							Outputs	
Simulation	LAI	Initial Sunfleck Length	day	latitude	off	random # range	Daily integrated PPFD	# of sunflecks
S1	2	0.001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.49	6
S2	2	0.002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	20.18	3
S3	2	0.0009	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.21	6
S4	2	0.0008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.40	7
S5	2	0.0006	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.84	8
S6	2	0.0004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.10	11
S7	2	0.0002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.82	20
S8	2	0.00009	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.04	43
S9	2	0.00007	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.99	51
S10	2	0.00005	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.08	71
S11	2	0.00003	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.99	116
S12	2.2	0.00003	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.62	53
S13	2.2	0.00005	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.71	33
S14	2.2	0.00009	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.77	21
S15	2.2	0.0004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.08	6
S16	2.2	0.0008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	21.53	3
S17	2.2	0.002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.53	2
S18	2.5	0.002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.53	1
S19	2.5	0.0004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	19.38	2
S20	2.5	0.00005	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.66	11
S21	2.5	0.00003	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.33	19
S22	2.5	0.00001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.33	50
S23	2.5	0.000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.81	58
S24	2.5	0.000006	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.41	83
S25	2.5	0.000004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.48	121
S26	2.8	0.000004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.99	41
S27	2.8	0.000002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.35	78
S28	2.8	0.0000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.03	220
S29	2.8	0.000006	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.06	25
S30	2.8	0.000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.09	21
S31	2.8	0.00001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.13	18
S32	2.8	0.0008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.30	1
S33	3	0.00001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.20	9

S34	3	0.0008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.18	1
S35	3	0.00003	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	22.20	4
S36	3	0.00005	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	18.05	2
S37	3	0.000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.26	10
S38	3	0.000006	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.55	13
S39	3	0.000004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.22	20
S40	3	0.000002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.20	36
S41	3	0.0000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.21	85
S42	3.2	0.0000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.31	42
S43	3.2	0.0000006	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.65	52
S44	3.2	0.0000004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.20	80
S45	3.2	0.0000002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.19	183
S46	3.2	0.000002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.81	19
S47	3.2	0.000004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.23	10
S48	3.2	0.000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.21	6
S49	3.2	0.00001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	24.48	5
S50	3.2	0.00003	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	20.64	2
S51	3.5	0.00003	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.94	2
S52	3.5	0.00001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	22.07	2
S53	3.5	0.000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	18.74	2
S54	3.5	0.000002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.60	7
S55	3.5	0.0000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.35	14
S56	3.5	0.0000006	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.56	19
S57	3.5	0.0000004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.42	24
S58	3.5	0.0000001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.18	93
S59	3.8	0.0000001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.42	29
S60	3.8	0.00000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.04	39
S61	3.8	0.00000005	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.10	55
S62	3.8	0.00000002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.46	155
S63	3.8	0.0000003	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.81	11
S64	3.8	0.0000005	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.71	8
S65	1.8	0.001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.36	10
S66	1.8	0.002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.44	6
S67	1.8	0.003	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	24.26	4
S68	1.8	0.004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	21.62	3
S69	1.8	0.0008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.41	11
S70	1.8	0.0006	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.12	15
S71	1.8	0.0004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.92	22
S72	1.8	0.0002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.05	42
S73	1.8	0.00008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.89	98

S74	1.5	0.0008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.53	33
S75	1.5	0.0006	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.72	45
S76	1.5	0.0004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.80	62
S77	1.5	0.0002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	29.29	127
S78	1.5	0.001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.72	25
S79	1.5	0.003	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.19	10
S80	1.5	0.005	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.41	8
S81	1.5	0.007	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.35	6
S82	1.5	0.01	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	24.40	4
S83	1	0.01	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	29.80	21
S84	1	0.008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	29.80	24
S85	1	0.006	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	29.76	31
S86	1	0.004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	30.21	47
S87	1	0.002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	30.44	89
S88	1	0.0009	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	29.11	242
S89	1	0.01	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	29.80	21
S90	1	0.03	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	29.01	8
S91	1	0.05	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.34	5
S92	1	0.08	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	23.94	3
S93	0.5	0.08	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	31.49	19
S94	0.5	0.06	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	31.62	23
S95	0.5	0.03	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	31.60	46
S96	0.5	0.009	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	30.88	158
S97	0.5	0.1	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	31.35	15
S98	0.5	0.4	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.22	4
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S104	2	0.000025	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.92	149
S105	2	0.000035	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.81	102
S106	2	0.00004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.65	87
S107	1.5	0.00015	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.56	197
S108	1.5	0.00025	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.83	103
S109	1.5	0.00027	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	28.97	93
S110	1.5	0.00023	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	29.09	111
S111	1	0.001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	30.10	215
S112	1	0.0015	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	30.36	121
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S121	2.5	0.000003	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.10	193
S122	2.5	0.0000035	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.24	147
S123	2.5	0.0000045	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.65	110
S124	3	0.0000007	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.76	98
S125	3	0.00000065	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.21	106
S126	3	0.00000055	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.99	123
S127	3	0.0000004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.19	197
S128	3.5	0.00000009	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	27.34	106
S129	3.5	0.00000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.53	116
S130	3.5	0.00000007	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.61	140
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S133	4	0.0000002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.82	9
S134	4	0.0000003	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.30	7
S135	4	0.00000007	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.60	21
S136	4	0.00000005	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.49	26
S137	4	0.00000002	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.25	64
S138	4	8E-09	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.94	193
S139	4	9E-09	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.84	157
S140	4	0.00000001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.33	132
S141	4.5	0.00000001	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.53	21
S142	4.5	0.00000004	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.15	7
S143	4.5	0.00000008	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	21.90	4
S144	4.5	7E-09	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.06	26
S145	4.5	4E-09	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.58	47
S146	4.5	1E-09	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.50	212
S147	4.5	2.5E-09	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.65	74
S148	5	2.5E-09	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.64	12
S149	5	3E-09	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.73	10
S150	5	8E-09	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	24.08	5
S151	5	8E-10	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.48	33
S152	5	2E-10	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.00	125
S153	6	2E-10	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	22.52	4
S154	6	2E-11	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.21	24
S155	7	2E-12	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.14	7
S156	8	2E-13	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	22.67	2
S157	8	2E-14	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	25.44	11

S158	8	2E-15	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.71	88
S159	8	9E-16	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	26.82	234
S160	8	2.1E-13	180	0.697	6	0.8-1.2	24.02	2