

Supplementary Table S1. Summary of leaf gas exchange, resource use efficiency and activity of photosynthetic enzymes.

Ten grass species were grown at glacial ($180 \mu\text{l L}^{-1}$) or ambient ($400 \mu\text{l L}^{-1}$) [CO₂]. Values are means ($n = 3-4$) \pm SE. Superscripts indicate the ranking of species within each raw using a multiple-comparison, Tukey test. Values followed by the same letter are not significantly different at the 5% level. n/d = not detected.

Parameter	[CO ₂ ($\mu\text{l L}^{-1}$)	C ₃	C ₃ -C ₄	C ₄ , NAD-ME		C ₄ , PCK			C ₄ , NADP-ME		
		<i>P. bisulcatum</i>	<i>P. miliooides</i>	<i>A. lappacea</i>	<i>P. coloratum</i>	<i>H. contortus</i>	<i>P. monticola</i>	<i>P. maximum</i>	<i>C. gayana</i>	<i>Z. mays</i>	<i>E. frumentaceae</i>
Spot leaf gas exchange											
A_{sat} ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)	180 400	7 \pm 1 ^a 17 \pm 1 ^a	8 \pm 1 ^a 22 \pm 3 ^{ab}	25 \pm 0 ^c 39 \pm 0 ^{ef}	23 \pm 1 ^c 29 \pm 0 ^{bcd}	16 \pm 1 ^b 26 \pm 0 ^b	25 \pm 0 ^c 34 \pm 0 ^{bc}	23 \pm 0 ^c 27 \pm 0 ^{bc}	32 \pm 1 ^d 42 \pm 0 ^f	27 \pm 0 ^{cd} 33 \pm 1 ^{cde}	27 \pm 2 ^{cd} 38 \pm 1 ^{ef}
g_s (mol m $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$)	180 400	0.24 \pm 0.04 ^{ab} 0.21 \pm 0.02 ^{abc}	0.16 \pm 0.02 ^a 0.24 \pm 0.04 ^{bcd}	0.29 \pm 0.01 ^{ab} 0.21 \pm 0.01 ^{ab}	0.32 \pm 0.01 ^{abc} 0.19 \pm 0.01 ^{abc}	0.19 \pm 0.01 ^a 0.15 \pm 0.01 ^a	0.43 \pm 0.02 ^b 0.26 \pm 0.01 ^c	0.35 \pm 0.01 ^{a-d} 0.17 \pm 0.01 ^{ab}	0.53 \pm 0.08 ^{de} 0.33 \pm 0.02 ^{de}	0.48 \pm 0.02 ^{cde} 0.21 \pm 0.01 ^{abc}	0.64 \pm 0.09 ^e 0.35 \pm 0.04 ^e
C_i ($\mu\text{l L}^{-1}$)	180 400	115 \pm 4 ^e 231 \pm 3 ^e	93 \pm 4 ^{de} 210 \pm 19 ^{de}	21 \pm 1 ^a 57 \pm 9 ^a	36 \pm 1 ^{ab} 109 \pm 24 ^{abc}	35 \pm 8 ^{ab} 93 \pm 15 ^{abc}	47 \pm 3 ^{bc} 137 \pm 5 ^{bcd}	41 \pm 4 ^{ab} 103 \pm 12 ^{abc}	55 \pm 12 ^{bc} 159 \pm 13 ^{cde}	44 \pm 4 ^{ab} 80 \pm 19 ^{ab}	70 \pm 5 ^{cd} 162 \pm 23 ^{cde}
Analysis of A-C_i curves											
<i>in vivo V_{cmax}</i> ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)	180 400	83 \pm 5 104 \pm 8		35 \pm 2 ^{ab} 46 \pm 1 ^{bc}	34 \pm 2 ^{ab} 37 \pm 1 ^a	39 \pm 2 ^{ab} 34 \pm 1 ^a	38 \pm 2 ^{ab} 41 \pm 1 ^{ab}	32 \pm 2 ^a 37 \pm 1 ^a	50 \pm 2 ^c 46 \pm 1 ^{bc}	36 \pm 2 ^{ab} 41 \pm 1 ^{ab}	42 \pm 2 ^{bc} 52 \pm 1 ^c
<i>in vivo V_{pmax}</i> ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)	180 400			213 \pm 7 ^c 170 \pm 4 ^c	132 \pm 7 ^b 90 \pm 4 ^a	103 \pm 6 ^{ab} 82 \pm 4 ^a	108 \pm 7 ^{ab} 86 \pm 4 ^a	107 \pm 7 ^{ab} 84 \pm 4 ^a	115 \pm 7 ^{ab} 150 \pm 4 ^b	110 \pm 6 ^{ab} 86 \pm 4 ^a	91 \pm 7 ^a 80 \pm 4 ^a
V _p /V _c	180 400			6 \pm 0.2 ^f 3.7 \pm 0.1 ^c	3.9 \pm 0.2 ^e 2.5 \pm 0.1 ^b	2.6 \pm 0.2 ^{ab} 2.5 \pm 0.1 ^b	2.8 \pm 0.2 ^{bc} 2.1 \pm 0.1 ^{ad}	3.2 \pm 0.2 ^{ab} 2.3 \pm 0.1 ^b	2.3 \pm 0.2 ^{ab} 3.3 \pm 0.1 ^c	3 \pm .2 ^{de} 2 \pm 0.1 ^{ab}	2 \pm 0.2 ^a 1.5 \pm 0.1 ^a
Resource use efficiency											
PWUE ($\mu\text{mol mol}^{-1}$)	180 400	32 \pm 3 ^a 83 \pm 3 ^a	48 \pm 2 ^{ab} 94 \pm 12 ^{ab}	84 \pm 1 ^d 189 \pm 6 ^d	73 \pm 5 ^{cd} 158 \pm 15 ^{cd}	83 \pm 5 ^d 177 \pm 10 ^d	59 \pm 2 ^{bc} 131 \pm 2 ^{bc}	65 \pm 2 ^{bcd} 159 \pm 9 ^{cd}	63 \pm 7 ^{bc} 126 \pm 8 ^{bc}	55 \pm 2 ^{bc} 160 \pm 11 ^{cd}	45 \pm 5 ^{ab} 113 \pm 14 ^{ab}
PNUE (mmol mol $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$)	180 400	0.06 \pm 0.02 ^{ab} 0.20 \pm 0.05 ^{ab}	0.06 \pm 0.01 ^a 0.28 \pm 0.08 ^{ab}	0.16 \pm 0.02 ^{ab} 0.25	0.10 \pm 0.02 ^{abc} 0.18 \pm 0.02 ^a	0.15 \pm 0.05 ^{abc} 0.18 \pm 0.01 ^b	0.18 \pm 0.01 ^b 0.18 \pm 0.01 ^a	0.13 \pm 0.02 ^{abc} 0.28 \pm 0.04 ^{bc}	0.43 \pm 0.02 ^d 0.59 \pm 0.02 ^b	0.06 \pm 0.01 ^a 0.22 \pm 0.01 ^{ab}	0.19 \pm 0.02 ^c 0.32 \pm 0.04 ^{ab}
PDM (g plant $^{-1}$)	180 400	12 \pm 1 ^{ab} 41 \pm 1 ^{bc}	10 \pm 1 ^a 15 \pm 1 ^a	30 \pm 1 ^{cd} 35 \pm 1 ^b	18 \pm 1 ^b 15 \pm 1 ^a	31 \pm 1 ^{cd} 42 \pm 1 ^{bc}	36 \pm 1 ^{de} 33 \pm 1 ^b	27 \pm 1 ^c 45 \pm 1 ^{cd}	38 \pm 1 ^e 53 \pm 1 ^d	34 \pm 1 ^{de} 86 \pm 1 ^e	25 \pm 1 ^c 47 \pm 1 ^{cd}
Enzyme activity											
Rubisco activity ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)	180 400	55 \pm 15 ^c 23 \pm 2 ^{abc}	43 \pm 14 ^{abc} 44 \pm 11 ^{de}	64 \pm 2 ^{bc} 54 \pm 2 ^e	52 \pm 3 ^{bc} 33 \pm 2 ^{cd}	35 \pm 2 ^{abc} 19 \pm 1 ^{ab}	23 \pm 3 ^{ab} 28 \pm 1 ^{abcd}	30 \pm 1 ^{abc} 25 \pm 2 ^{abc}	31 \pm 3 ^{ab} 36 \pm 4 ^{bcd}	38 \pm 3 ^{abc} 33 \pm 2 ^{abcd}	15 \pm 3 ^a 17 \pm 2 ^a

PEPC activity ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)	180		$181 \pm 10^{\text{d}}$	$81 \pm 7^{\text{ab}}$	$112 \pm 12^{\text{bc}}$	$46 \pm 1^{\text{a}}$	$82 \pm 4^{\text{ab}}$	$96 \pm 13^{\text{bc}}$	$134 \pm 9^{\text{c}}$	$81 \pm 7^{\text{ab}}$
	400		$123 \pm 14^{\text{cd}}$	$42 \pm 3^{\text{ab}}$	$64 \pm 11^{\text{ab}}$	$55 \pm 5^{\text{ab}}$	$30 \pm 4^{\text{a}}$	$130 \pm 20^{\text{d}}$	$83 \pm 4^{\text{bc}}$	$73 \pm 6^{\text{ab}}$
PEPC/Rubisco	180		$3.1 \pm 0.3^{\text{cd}}$	$1.7 \pm 0.2^{\text{a}}$	$3.2 \pm 0.4^{\text{a-d}}$	$2.0 \pm 0.5^{\text{ab}}$	$2.8 \pm 0.3^{\text{abc}}$	$3.2 \pm 0.2^{\text{bcd}}$	$3.7 \pm 0.3^{\text{cd}}$	$4.7 \pm 0.3^{\text{d}}$
	400		$2.4 \pm 0.3^{\text{bc}}$	$1.4 \pm 0.1^{\text{a}}$	$3.2 \pm 0.6^{\text{bc}}$	$2.0 \pm 0.3^{\text{ab}}$	$1.2 \pm 0.1^{\text{a}}$	$2.8 \pm 0.3^{\text{bc}}$	$2.2 \pm 0.2^{\text{ab}}$	$4.3 \pm 0.4^{\text{c}}$
NADP-ME activity ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)	180		1 ± 0.3	3 ± 0.2	3 ± 0.2	n/d	n/d	n/d	33 ± 3	19 ± 2
	400		1 ± 0.2	1 ± 0.2	2 ± 0.2	n/d	n/d	n/d	34 ± 2	30 ± 6
PEP-CK activity ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$)	180		$43 \pm 12^{\text{b}}$	$40 \pm 8^{\text{b}}$	$59 \pm 7.4^{\text{bc}}$	$27 \pm 2^{\text{a}}$	$35 \pm 4^{\text{b}}$	$67 \pm 9^{\text{c}}$	$29 \pm 4^{\text{a}}$	$40 \pm 5^{\text{b}}$
	400		$44 \pm 6^{\text{c}}$	$20 \pm 3^{\text{a}}$	$39 \pm 6^{\text{b}}$	$33 \pm 2^{\text{b}}$	$22 \pm 2^{\text{a}}$	$64 \pm 14^{\text{d}}$	$31 \pm 2^{\text{b}}$	$36 \pm 7^{\text{b}}$