

Table S1: description and units of parameters, constants and variables

Denomination	Description	Units
Parameters and constants		
C_m	Maximum absolute growth rate of pulp dry weight	g day^{-1}
$C_{\text{pyr}_{\text{cyt}}}$	Concentration of pyruvate in the pulp cytosolic compartment	mmol L^{-1}
$C_{\text{mal}_{\text{cyt}}}$	Concentration of malate in the pulp cytosolic compartment	mmol L^{-1}
DAE_{ref}	Reference day after ethylene treatment	day
f_{NH}	Fraction of N used in growth that is assimilated heterotrophically	dimensionless
$k_{i,g}$		$\text{L}^2 \text{day}^{-1} \text{mmol}^{-1}$ or L day^{-1}
$K_{i,g}$		L day^{-1}
$k_{i,r}$	Parameter of the equations to calculate the rate constants and membrane permeabilities (Eq. 18-21)	$\text{L}^2 \text{day}^{-1} \text{mmol}^{-1}$ or L day^{-1}
$K_{i,r}$		L day^{-1}
m_i		dimensionless
j_i		dimensionless
M_c	Molar mass of carbon	g mol^{-1}
q_{m1}		$\text{mmol CO}_2 \text{g}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$
q_{m2}	Parameters of the equation to calculate the maintenance coefficient during post-harvest ripening (Eq. 28)	dimensionless
q_{m3}		dimensionless
q_g	Growth respiration coefficient	$\text{mmol CO}_2 \text{g}^{-1}$
q_m	Maintenance coefficient at 20 °C	$\text{mmol CO}_2 \text{g}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$
Q_{10}	Temperature ratio of maintenance respiration	dimensionless
r_T	Added cost of translocating photosynthetates from sources to sink	%
R_m	Maximum relative growth rate of pulp dry weight	$\text{g g}^{-1} \text{day}^{-1}$
SDW_{ref}	Reference structural dry weight	g
t_b	x axis intercept of the linear growth phase of pulp dry weight	day
α	Concentration of carbon in glucose	dimensionless
Variables		
A	Ash concentration in the pulp	g g DW^{-1}
C	Carbon concentration in the pulp	g g DW^{-1}

CC	Construction cost	g glucose g ⁻¹
Ccit	Citrate concentration in the pulp	mmol 100g FW ⁻¹
Ccit _{mt}	Concentration of citrate in the pulp mitochondrial compartment	mmol L ⁻¹
Ccit _{cyt}	Concentration of citrate in the pulp cytosolic compartment	mmol L ⁻¹
Cmal _{mt}	Concentration of malate in the pulp mitochondrial compartment	mmol L ⁻¹
Cpyr _{mt}	Concentration of pyruvate in the pulp mitochondrial compartment	mmol L ⁻¹
DAE	Day after ethylene treatment	day
DW	Pulp dry weight	g
FW	Pulp fresh weight	g
k _{i,g} (t)	Rate constant during fruit growth	L ² day ⁻¹ mmol ⁻¹ or L day ⁻¹
k _{i,r} (t)	Rate constant during fruit post-harvest ripening	L ² day ⁻¹ mmol ⁻¹ or L day ⁻¹
K _{i,g} (t)	Membrane permeability during fruit growth	L day ⁻¹
K _{i,r} (t)	Membrane permeability during fruit post-harvest ripening	L day ⁻¹
MCit _{t0}	Initial citrate amount in the pulp	mmol fruit ⁻¹
Mcit _{mt}	Amount of citrate in the pulp mitochondrial compartment	mmol
Mmal _{mt}	Amount of malate in the pulp mitochondrial compartment	mmol
Mpyr _{mt}	Amount of pyruvate in the pulp mitochondrial compartment	mmol
N	Nitrogen concentration in the pulp	g g DW ⁻¹
Resp	Pulp respiration	mmol day ⁻¹
SDW	Pulp structural dry weight	g
φ _i	Metabolic fluxes of the TCA cycle	mmol day ⁻¹
θ	Air temperature	°C