1 Supplementary Table S1

2 Coefficients, r^2 value, and the irradiance at which J_{NPQ} /ETR=1 presented from polynomial 3 regression (y=ax²+bx+c, c=0) applied to the dataset for each cultivar in Figure 8.

	Cultivar	Coefficient a	Coefficicent b	r²	Irradiance where J_{NPQ} /ETR =1, (µmols m ⁻² s ⁻¹)
	Azucena	9.78	2.4	0.92	817.04
	MAGIC	1.09	1.74	0.86	814.04
	Moroberekan	9.12	-2.04	0.85	1125.22
	IR64-21	2.003	-1.9	0.9	565.06
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23 Supplementary Table S2

Plant architectural measurements made in 5 cultivars of Oryza sativa grown and analysed in

quarantine glasshouse facilities at CSIRO, Black Mountain, Canberra, Australia. Measurements
 were made by hand at 100 days after sowing (DAS).

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Genotype	Plant Height	Leaf width	Leaf angle	SPAD ^b	Tillers28	aver
	(mm)	(mm) <i>,</i>	from stem ^a		at 100DAS	age
	at 100DAS	Leaf 8	(°)		30	of
Azucena	1203.75 ± 15.6	15.25 ± 0.9	18.75 ± 1.3	37.75 ± 0.6	$11 \pm 0.4_{32}$	– leaf 8, 9,
IR64-21	700 ± 7.4	9.25 ± 0.5	32.5 ± 1.3	42.63 ± 0.9	>15 33	10,
Moroberekan	1168.75 ± 28.6	15 ± 0.4	23.75 ± 1.4	36.58 ± 0.7	$>9 \pm 0.4_{35}^{34}$	and 11in
Nipponbare	765 ± 9.3	11 ± 0.4	31.25 ± 1.2	36.9 ± 1.7	>15 36	all
MAGIC	732.5 ± 11.3	8.5 ± 0.3	30 ± 0	41.92 ± 0.7	>15 37	geno
Significance ^c	p<0.001	p<0.001	p<0.001	p<0.01	38 	types

40 SPAD gives surrogate leaf chlorophyll with non destructive measurement. See section 2.6. Unit is arbitrary,

41 proportional to chlorophyll content.

42 ^csingle factor ANOVA variation between genotypes.

60 Supplementary Table S3

61 Absorption values for 5 cultivars of *Oryza sativa*. Calculations are made from measurements of

62 four repetitions of leaf 8, with an integrating sphere (ASD Inc. Boulder, CO, USA) across the full

63 spectrum (400-2500 nm). Presented values are the average across the PAR spectrum range (460-

64 700 nm) with the standard error of the mean for the averaged value. Calculations are given in

65 supplementary Appendix.

	Cultivar	Absorption value		
	Azucena	0.84 ± 0.0036		
	IR64-21	0.84 ± 0.033		
	MAGIC	0.85 ± 0.0066		
	Moroberekan	0.87 ± 0.0059		
	Nipponbare	0.84 ± 0.0029		
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The response of CO₂ assimilation and ETR to irradiance in leaf 8 on four plants of Nipponbare (A). Conventional light response curves (total time 40mins) were made with LiCor fluorescence chamber head (0-2000 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹ irradiance at 25°C with 400 μ mol/mol CO₂) n=4. The relationship between ETR and CO₂ assimilation, regression f=8.46+5.87*x (B) and the relationship between ϕ PSII and ϕ CO₂ , regression f=0.015+10.99*x (C) was calculated for the curves in panel A.

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100 Figure S2

Mini canopies of *Oryza sativa*, sown in a controlled environment glasshouse at CSIRO, Black Mountain, Canberra. Plants were transplanted with 25x25cm spacing, in 650 litre bins (1162x1162x650mm), into 'puddled' soil (A). In the layout of mini canopies, aerial view, (B), X represents plants sown directly into soil. X inside squares represents plants sown into smaller pots (220mm x 220mm, 10 ltr), placed into the soil of larger bin, to allow temporary removal for architectural analysis of single plants, but to ensure growth in realistic canopy light environment. Two bins next to each other compose a mini canopy.

108 Monitoring PAM measuring head set to take a conventional light response curve measurement 109 (C). Aluminium foil blocks out natural intercepted light to allow the actinic light source to apply 110 increasing irradiance (0-1500 μ mol m⁻² s⁻¹) with 3min acclimation time at each irradiance. Rapid 111 light response curves were made without moving the measuring heads on the same leaf area 112 measured diurnally.

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122 The measured response of ETR to irradiance compared with model predictions in leaf 13 of cv.

123 Nipponbare at 122 DAS for conventional light response curves (A) and diurnally from saturating

124 PAM fluorescence flashes made at 30 minute intervals throughout the day (B). The model was

125 generated with Equation 3 using the Microsoft Excel curve fitting utility attached as supplemetary

126 material. For the rapid response curve data and model at three timepoints, n=3 (A), while diurnal

127 measurements from leaf 13 of three plants are shown individually (B).

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143Supplementary Appendix

Calculation of leaf absportion values with an integrating sphere and Fieldspec4 (*Analytical Spectral Devices (ASD) Inc., Boulder, CO, USA*).

Leaf 8 from 4 plants of 5 cultivars of *Oryza sativa* (Azucena, IR64-21, Moroberekan, Nipponbare and

- MAGIC), were analysed with the integrating sphere. Fractionating reflection and transmittance across
 the PAR spectrum (400-700nm) allowed calculation of absorption in the PAR range with for each
- 149 genotype according to:
- 150 $\alpha\lambda = 1 \rho\lambda \tau$
- 151 Where $(\rho\lambda)$ is radiation reflected or transmitted $(\tau\lambda)$ transmitted and $(\alpha\lambda)$ is absorption
- 152 The device was set up and located outside of the glasshouse, in the adjacent anteroom in darkened
- 153 conditions. To make a measurement, a leaf was detached from the plant in a mini canopy in the glass154 house.
- 155 The device was set to make measurements in 'ratio mode', and for greater accuracy a stray light
- 156 measurement was made across the full spectrum prior to measurement on each leaf. Thus the
- 157 reflectance value as a ratio of total radiation at a given wavelength was calculated as:

$$Rs = \frac{(R's - Rd) \cdot Rr}{(1 - Rd)}$$

- where Rs is the corrected sample reflectance, R's is measured sample reflectance, Rr is reference samplereflectance, and Rd is the stray light measurement.
- 160 In a similar way, but with a dark reading rather than a stray light measurement, transmittance value for161 each wavelength was calculated as:

$$T = \frac{(Is - Id) \cdot Rr}{(1 - Id)}$$

- 162 where T is corrected transmittance, Is is the transmittance sample measurement, and Id is the
- 163 transmittance dark reading. Stray light measurements were always below 0.08, and dark measurements
- always below 0.009, and considered very low.
- 165 An average of the absorption values in the PAR spectrum only were used to calculate leaf absorption.

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