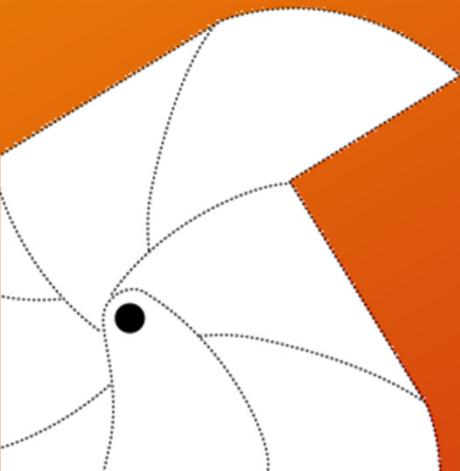


Stomatal response to VPD from gas exchange measurements conceptual and methodological challenges

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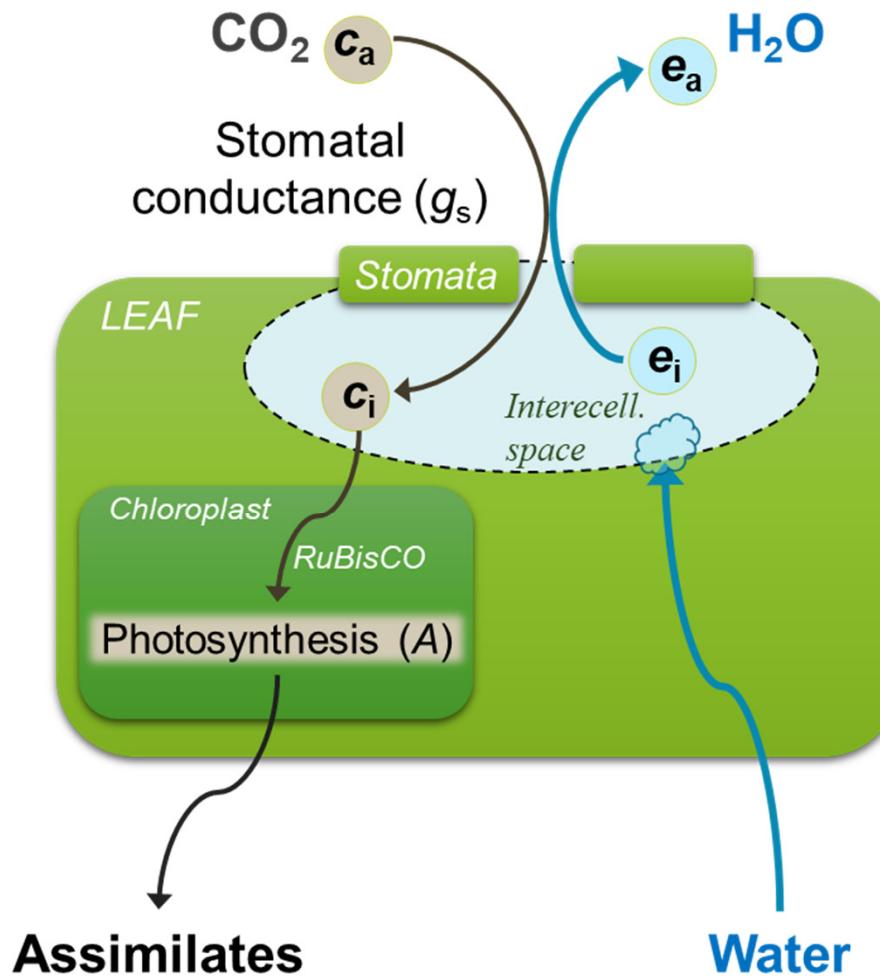
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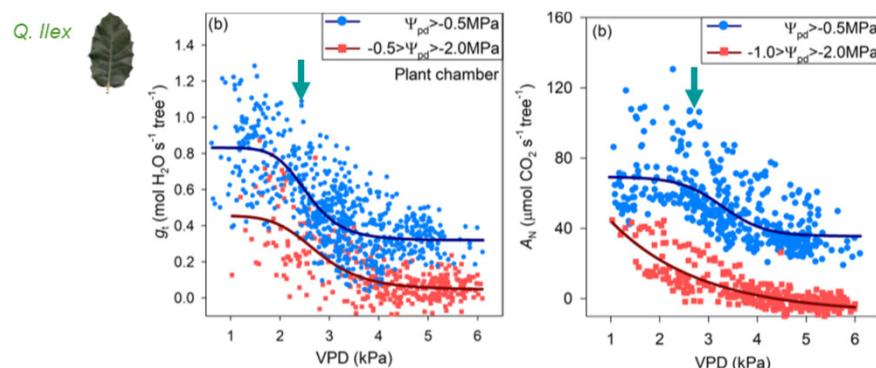
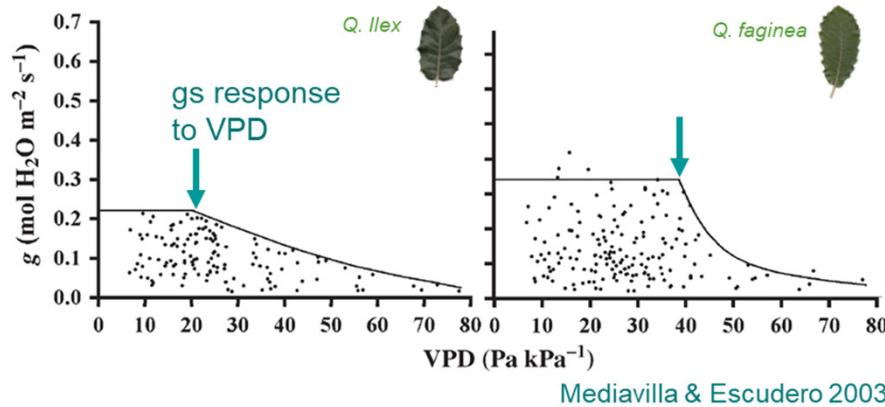


Response to VPD



→ Stomatal response to VPD is species-specific

... but difficult to assess



Leaf cuvette
+ manipulative experiments

- artificial conditions
- feedback leaf → chamber

Objectives



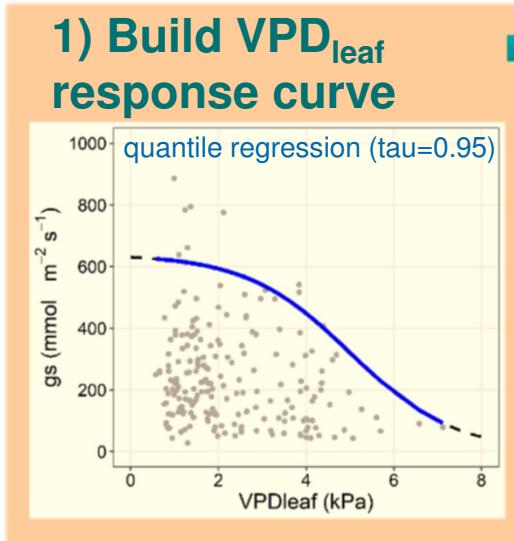
Best strategy to build VPD curves in leaf cuvette



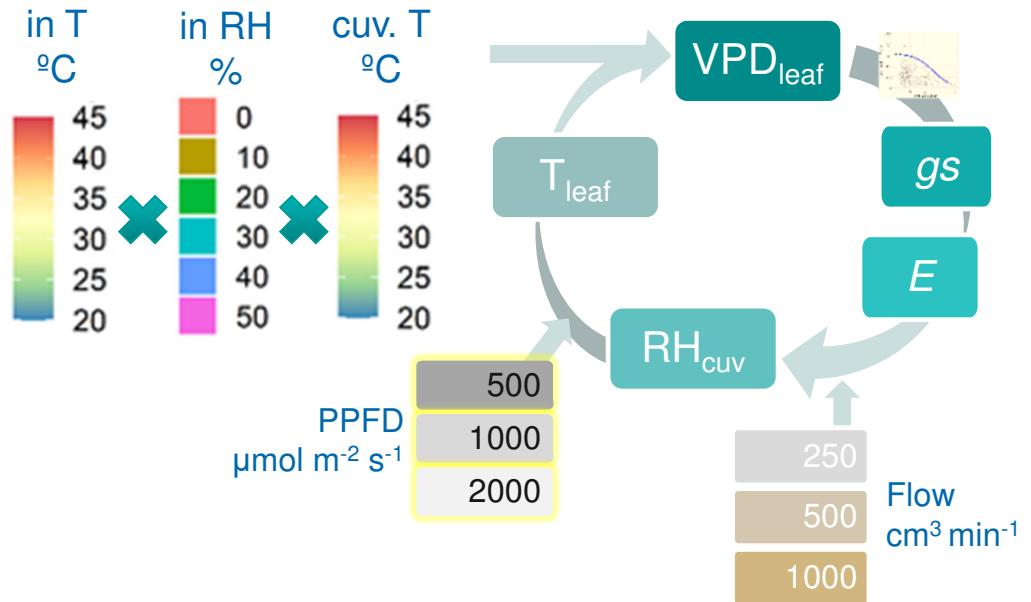
Differences between cuvette and open air response

→ **SIMULATION EXPERIMENT**

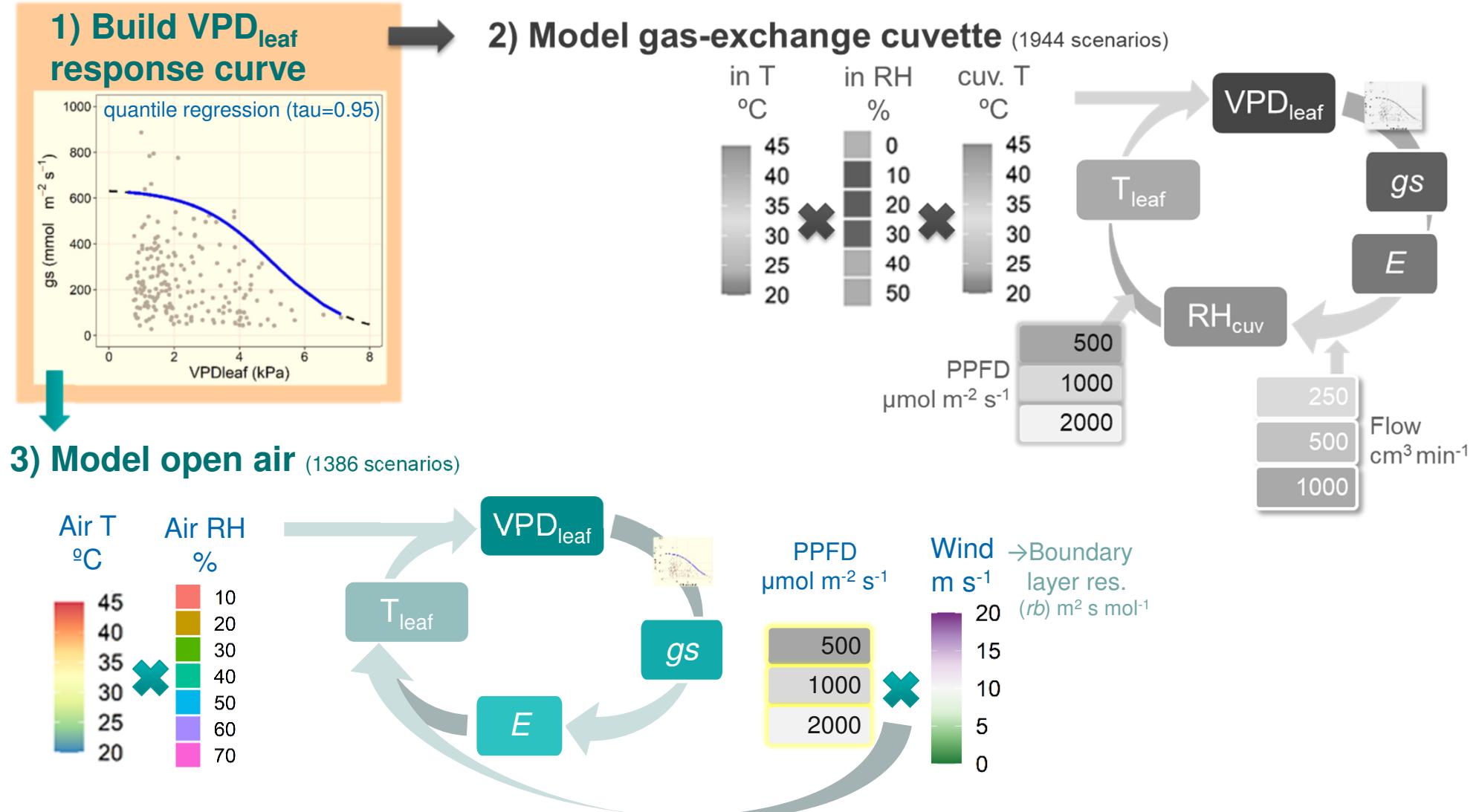
Methods



2) Model gas-exchange cuvette (1944 scenarios)



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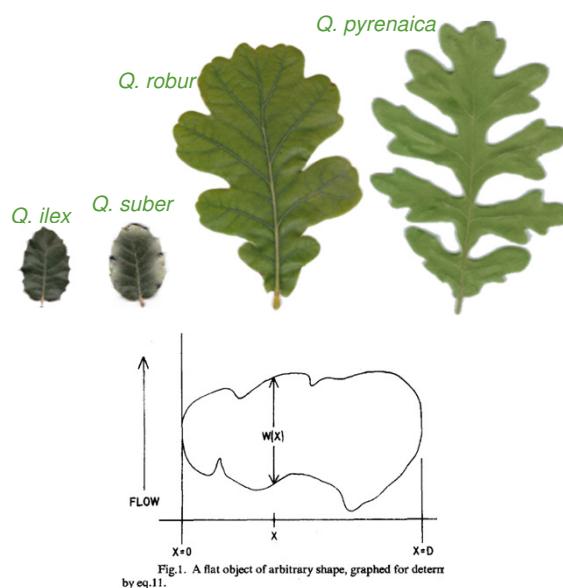
Boundary layer

OPEN AIR $rb = f(\text{wind speed}, \text{leaf size/shape})$

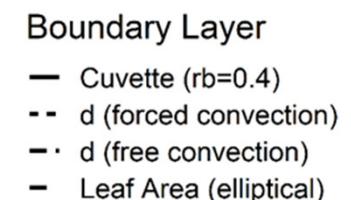
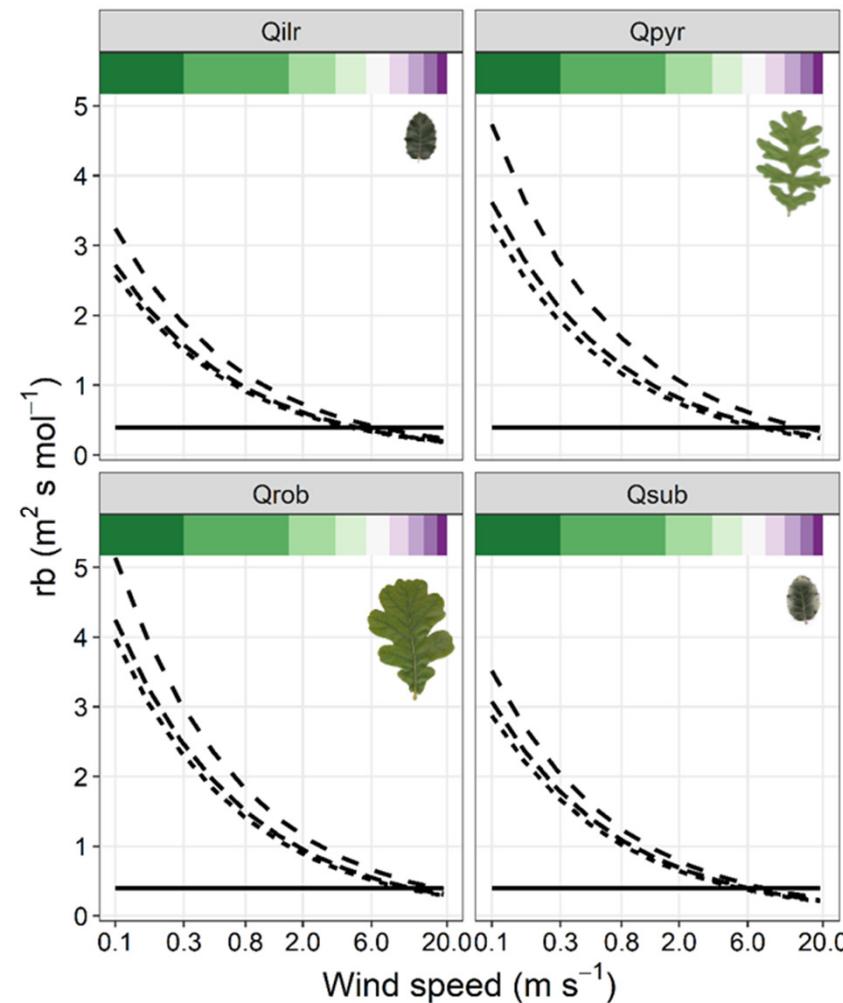
d (characteristic dimension) or Leaf Area (=elliptical)

Leaf cuvette $rb = 0.4 \text{ m}^2 \text{ s mol}^{-1}$

(CIRAS3 factory value for 18 x 25 mm window)



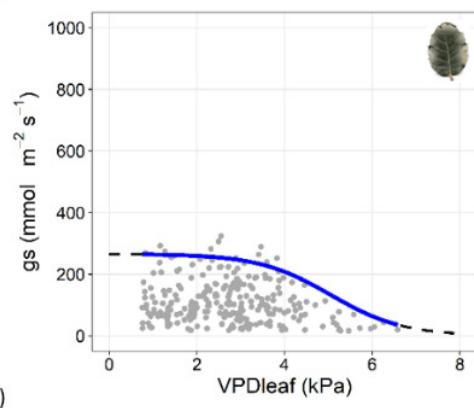
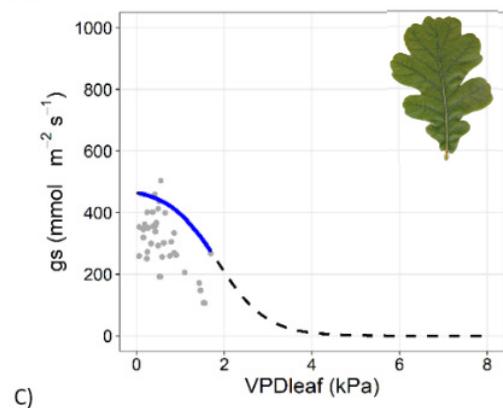
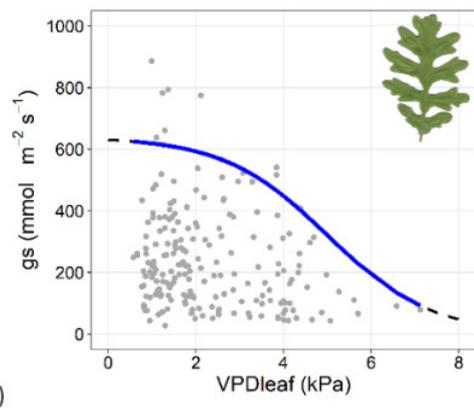
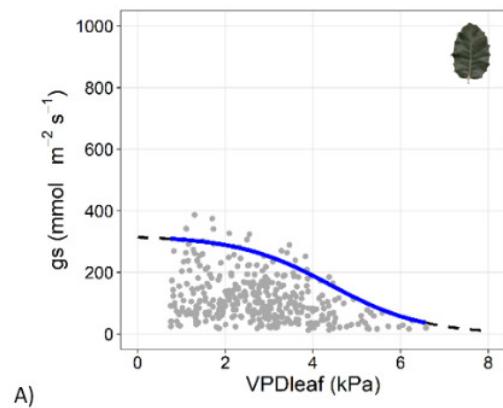
Parkhurst et al. 1968 *Agr. Meteo.*



Methods

VPD_{leaf} response curve 4 oak species

Different sensitivity and leaf morphology



Q. ilex



Q. pyrenaica



Q. robur



Q. suber

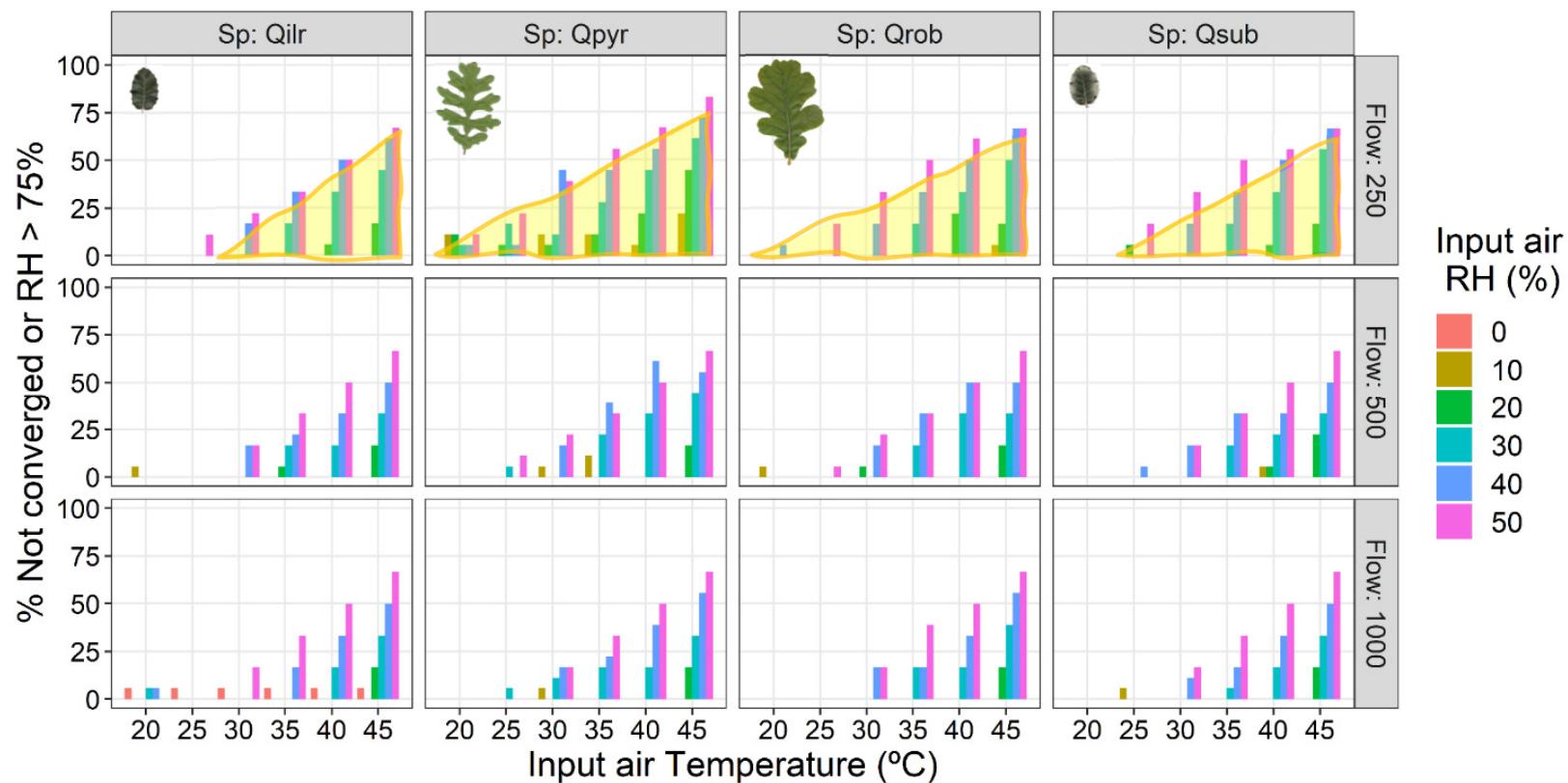


Results: gas exchange cuvette



Check 'failure' scenarios
(not converged or cuvette RH>75%)

- ↑ input T
- ↓ Flow
- High gs (e.g. *Q. pyr*)

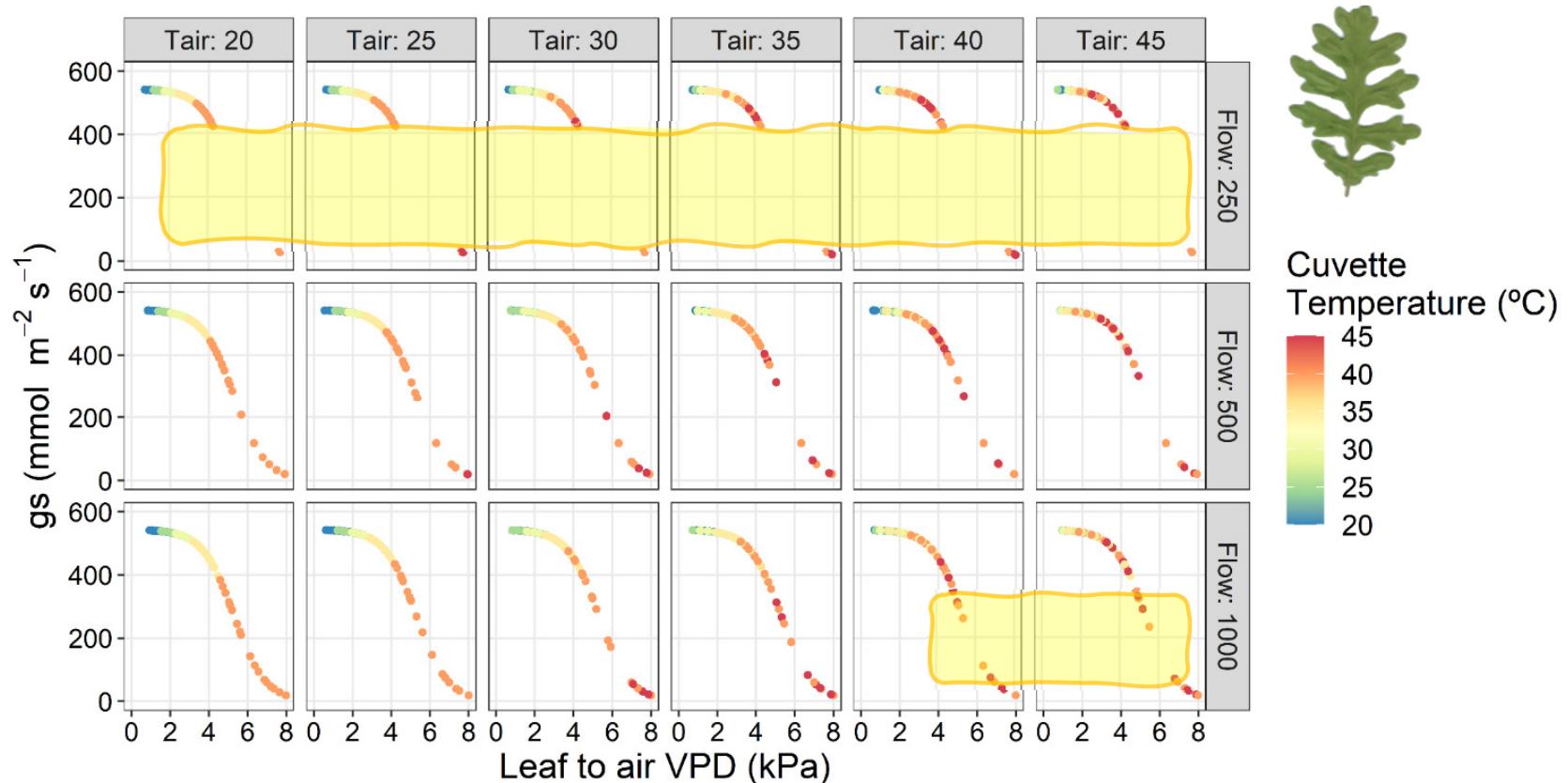


Results: gas exchange cuvette



'Failure' conditions removed

Still difficult to attain intermediate VPD with ↓ Flow / ↑ input Tair



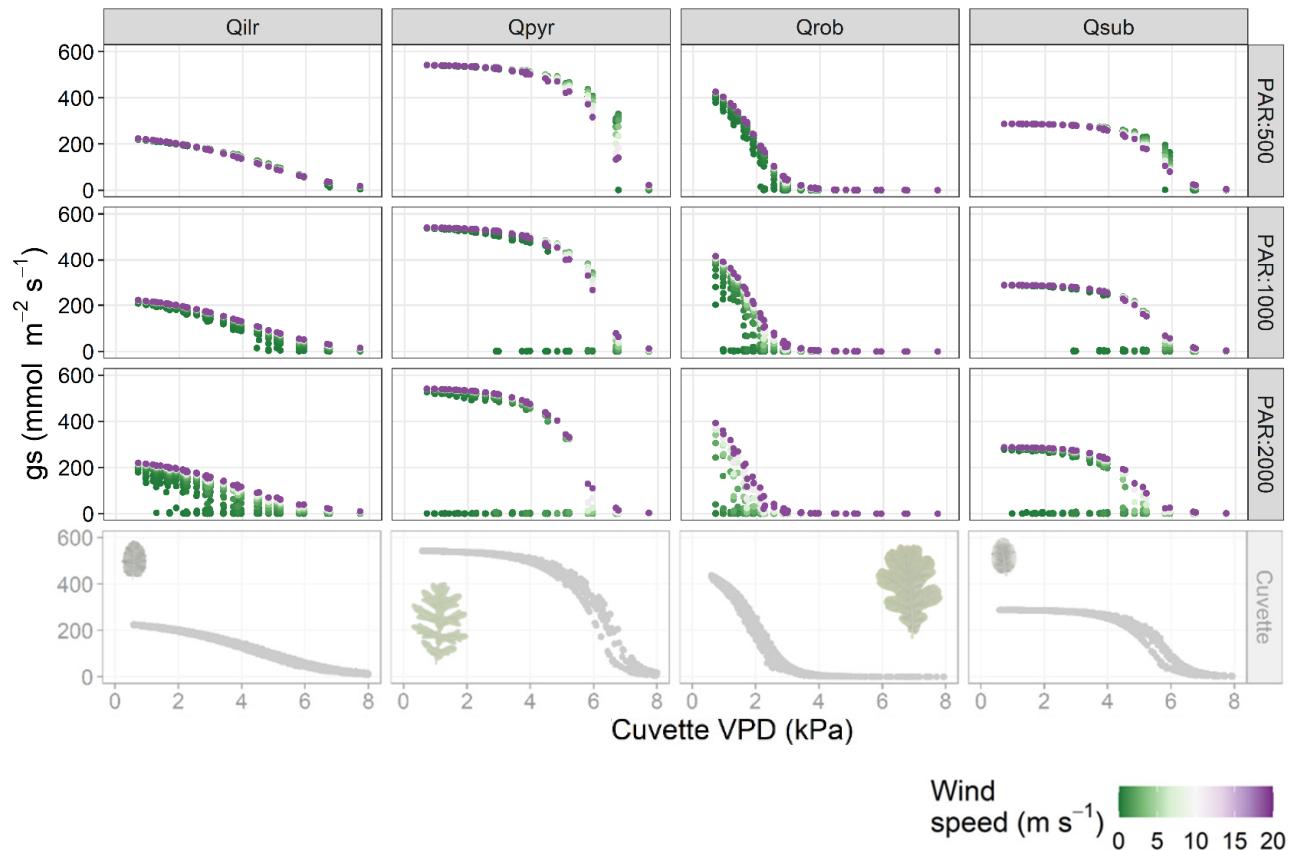
Results: open air



How different is cuvette from open air?

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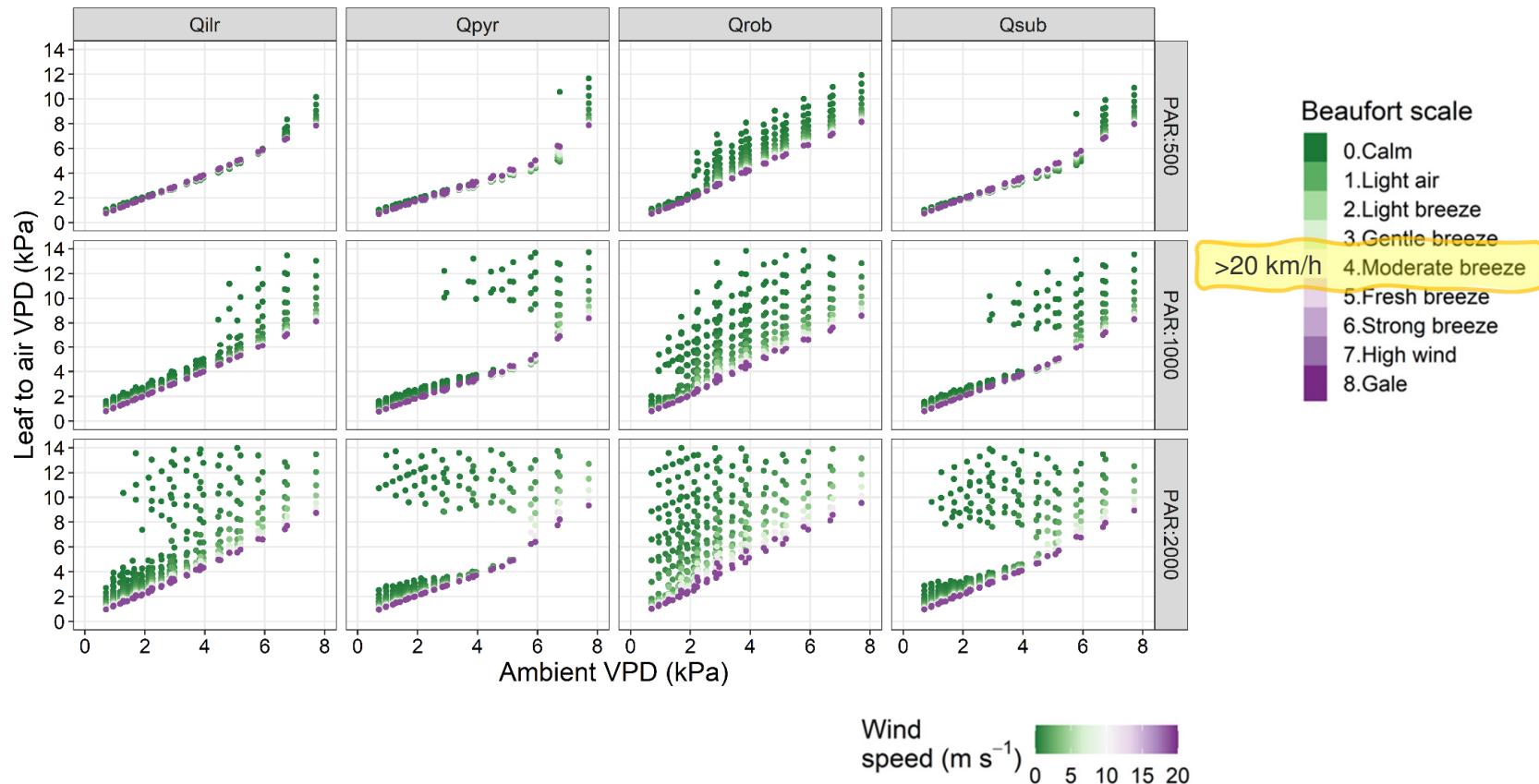
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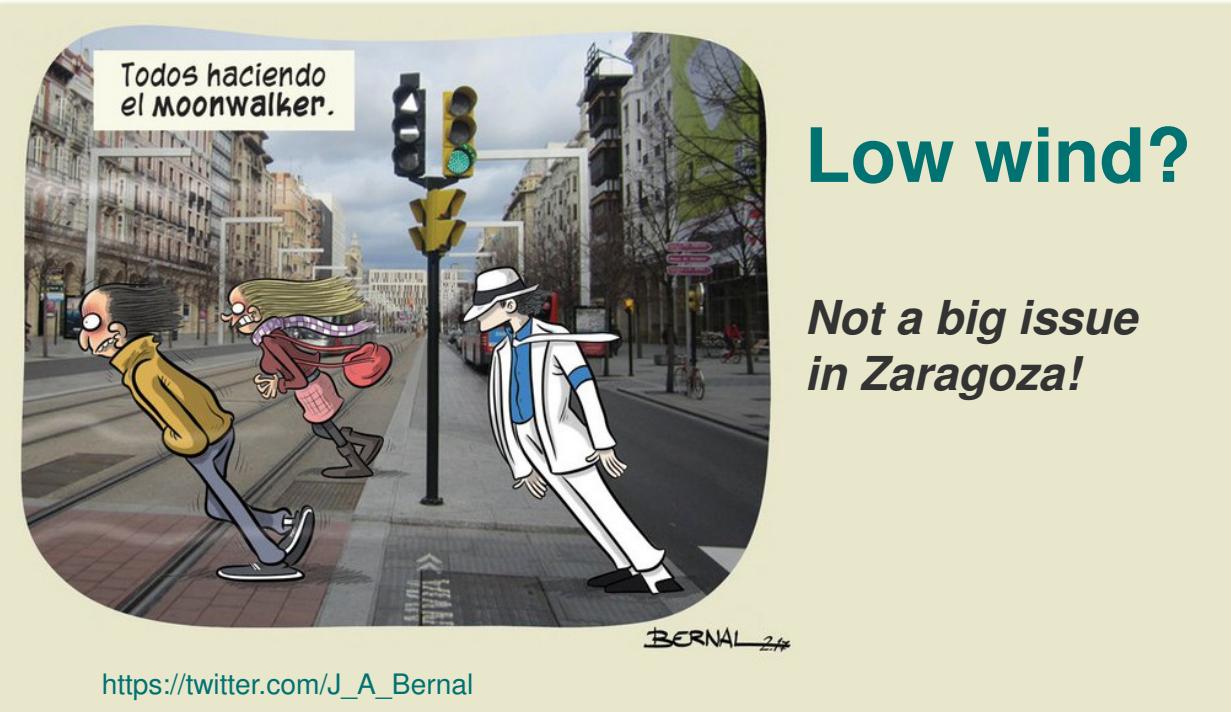
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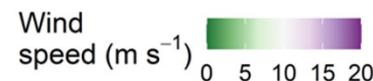
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Beaufort scale

0.Calm
1.Light air
2.Light breeze
3.Gentle breeze
4.Moderate breeze
5.Fresh breeze
6.Strong breeze
7.High wind
8.Gale

>20 km/h



Conclusions



**VPD curve in cuvette is easier with
high flow, low T_{in}**

Species with high transpiration

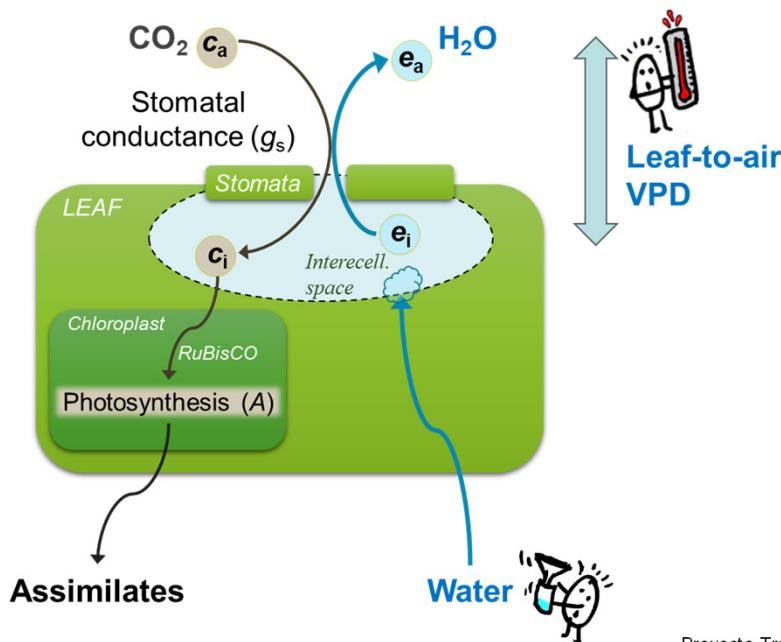


**Open air conditions show larger uncertainty
 $VPD_{air} \neq VPD_{leaf}$**

FUTURE CHALLENGE:

Response to cuvette vs. surrounding conditions

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