

Supplementary Materials 1:

Estimating the impact of reduced temperature on phloem sap

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Dependence of phloem sap viscosity and density on temperature

To quantify the effect of chilling on dynamic viscosity of phloem sap and thus resistance to phloem transport, we estimate the effect of temperature (T_{phl}) on the viscosity of water (η_w) using the Vogel-Fulcher-Tamman equation:

$$\eta_w = \eta_0 e^{\frac{B}{(T_{phl} - T_{VF})}} \quad (1)$$

, where η_0 , T_{VF} and B are empirical constants. In addition to water phloem sap contains sugar, the sugar concentration (c in %weight/weight) also affect the phloem sap viscosity. According to Jensen et al. (2013), phloem sap viscosity (η_s) can be estimated from sap sugar concentration as follows:

$$\eta_s = \eta_w e^{(Ac - (Bc)^2 + (Cc)^3)} \quad (2)$$

, where A, B, and C are empirical constant, which we set to 0.032, 0.012, and 0.023 according to Jensen et al. (2013). At low Reynolds numbers, viscous forces dominate laminar flow, such as phloem flow through sieve tubes (Jensen et al., 2012). While temperature also affects sap density, the effects of density on flow are comparatively negligible with about 10% variation for realistic temperatures and sugar concentrations compared to up to 500% for viscosity (Fig.??). Knowing the sugar concentration and viscosity of the phloem sap we can then estimate the resistance to flow in the lumen of sieve tubes according to the Hagen-Poiseuille equation.

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