Response to the comments on the revised version of "Stomatal control of leaf fluxes of carbonyl sulfide and CO_2 in a *Typha* freshwater marsh"

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In this response, the text is formatted as: referees' comments (indented blocks), authors' response, **applied changes in the manuscript**. Locations in the revised manuscript are referenced by "P{#X}L{#Y}", meaning "Line Y on Page X".

Reply to comments by Teresa E. Gimeno (Referee #1)

> This is the second time I review this manuscript and I would like to highlight again the clarity of the text and the presentation of the results. I believe this manuscript has improved significantly with respect to its previous version. The theoretical framing of the study is more solid, I really appreciated the author's effort to formulate two specific hypotheses. I have some comments on that regard that I detail below. The technical clarifications added are pertinent and specific and I only have a few minor questions (again see below). I think the addition of the detailed explanation of the calculations underlying the different diffusion components and the inclusion of the stomatal conductance was needed. The discussion has vastly improved with respect to the previous version, being a lot more interesting and better suited to the results presented.

We'd like to thank Dr. Gimeno again for her time and effort devoted to the evaluation of the manuscript. We appreciate her helpful comments that have improved our manuscript. Below we address the new concerns.

> My biggest concern is still related to the limited scope of the paper. The authors need to acknowledge the limitations of their study clearly. As they stated in the response letter themselves, replication is always desirable in any study and although any potential reader (as well I myself or the handling editor) would recognise the technical and practical limitations of any field study, these limitations need to be stated clearly. The main limitation of this study is that only one set of six leaves (from the same plant?) was measured continuously and that the target species is a bit partic-

ular in terms of physiological behaviour. This study focuses on a salt-marsh plant, which undoubtedly serves as an excellent target for a proof-of-concept type study. However, it should be noted that the observed results might be influenced by its particular physiology and habitat preference, as noted on the comments to the previous version by Dr. M. E. Whelan and myself. Besides, it appears that these leaves might not necessarily be the most representative as "the chamber received slightly more light in the afternoon than in the morning due to a wider gap in the canopy to the west of the chamber than to other directions" (P10L9). I am not saying that these circumstances ought to be a weakness, but CO_2 and COS patterns could have coupled differently under different circumstances, and this is an important limitation that needs to be acknowledged very early in the discussion.

These limitations have now been acknowledged more explicitly. **We have clarified that the leaves were on the same plant (P4L5 in §2.2). Limitations regarding the lack of replication and the heterogeneity of the chamber light environment have been acknowledged in the Methods (P4L8–9 and P5L5–7 in §2.2).**

Furthermore, despite the limitations in our study, we expect the behavior to be a general characteristic. We have observed similar behavior in at least one other species, Scots pine, in a later study (manuscript submitted two weeks ago by Linda Kooijmans et al.).

All my comments below refer to the page and line numbers (PXLY) on the manuscript version with the track changes where insertions and deletions with respect to the previous version were indicated.

P3L11: Please correct me if I am wrong, but I believe that there is not "only one study reporting nighttime COS uptake at the leaf scale" since besides Berkelhammer et al. (*Global Biogeochemical Cycles*, 28, 161–179, 2014), Kooijmans et al. (*Atmos. Chem. Phys.*, 17, 11453–11465, 2017) also report chamber-level measurements of nocturnal COS uptake in the field and Stimler et al. (*New Phytologist*, 186, 869–878, 2010) report leaf level COS uptake under laboratory conditions in the dark. I believe the authors might want to consider rephrasing this statement and/or adding some citations.

We agree with the reviewer on the contributions of these works. There were some confusions about this statement. We intended to mean that there had only been one study (Berkelhammer et al., 2014) measuring nighttime COS uptake *both* at the leaf scale *and* in the field. Precisely,

the study of Stimler et al. (2010) was done in a laboratory setting, while Kooijmans et al. (2017) used ecosystem COS uptake *and* independent estimates of stomatal conductance (measured at the leaf scale) to reason about the nighttime canopy COS uptake. But by no means did we intend to omit their contributions. In fact, all of them were cited earlier in the same paragraph. **We have reworked this sentence to eliminate potential confusions, which now reads: "Most studies base their findings of nighttime COS uptake upon ecosystem scale observations, with only a handful of studies providing leaf-level evidence of nighttime COS uptake (Stimler et al., 2010; Berkelhammer et al., 2014; Kooijmans et al., 2017)."** See P2L29–31.

> P3L20–P4L9: In my opinion, and in line with the previous comments raised by Dr. M. E. Whelan, I believe the manuscript would benefit greatly from reducing the emphasis on the relevance of LRU. This paragraph provides a nice review of previously reported responses of LRU to environmental drivers, but it would be more appropriate to reduce it to one or two sentences targeted at formulating the study hypotheses at the relevant scale (leaf).

This paragraph has now been merged into the preceding paragraph to better serve the introduction of the hypotheses. It was not possible to cut it down to two sentences, because we have added some elaboration on the possible vapor deficit dependence of LRU per request of Reviewer #2. We have aimed to keep the whole paragraph concise without losing clarity.

> P4L12: I really appreciated the author's effort to formulate specific hypotheses; nevertheless, I do not follow what information given on the introduction leads to formulating hypothesis (ii). I think this needs to be clarified.

This hypothesis has been reframed for clarity. See P3L14–15.

> P5L10: How was leaf area 'estimated'?

The area of each leaf was approximated with a one-sided rectangle (i.e., length intersected by the chamber × width). This was because the leaves were vertically oriented and were bundled together such that only one side was exposed for gas exchange. **We have described this in P4L6–7.**

> Remove "reaffirming the shared stomatal control on both fluxes" (P11L23-25, on the top), also "This indicates that stomatal conductance exerted a stronger control on

COS uptake than CO_2 uptake" (P11L6-7) and "This difference may be attributed to changes in internal conductance terms entailed in g_{tot}, COS, namely, mesophyll conductance and biochemical activities." (P11L16-17). Speculations and suggestions on which processes underlie these correlations and patterns belongs to the discussion.

These sentences have been removed from the Results at the requests of both reviewers.

P11L20: I am not sure I understand how Figure 6b illustrates how stomata opening limited COS diffusion more strongly than for CO_2 since the 25–75th percentile intervals appear to overlap completely for these two gases. I would like to ask the authors to consider rephrasing or even removing this statement, or maybe to accompany with some sort of formal statistical test.

Uncertainties associated with the data have been addressed in P9L11–15 in §3.2. We have also added markers to indicated significance levels derived from the paired two-sample *t*-test in Fig. 6b for the comparisons.

P12L12-13: In agreement with my previous comments, I consider that this ["when the difference between stomatal limitation . . ."] could be viewed as an over-interpretation of the observed patterns.

This sentence has been removed from the Results section.

P12L19: Could you please provide the P-value for this correlation?

The *p*-value have been provided in P9L31 in §3.3.

P12L21-22: I would move the last part of this paragraph ["similar to (. . .) the daily timescale"] to the discussion.

Removed.

P12L24: I agree that stomatal and other internal diffusion resistances (which are not accounted for here) are likely to underlie the observed patters of COS and CO_2 uptake measured here. Nevertheless, maybe the authors should consider opening their discussion by briefly reminding the reader whether their results agree with their orig-

inal hypotheses. In addition, I think it is very important to state here, very clearly, the limitations of the study, mainly that observations are limited to one single set of leaves in a salt marsh plant, which has a very particular physiology. In the previous review, both Dr. M. E. Whelan and myself noted several particularities of the physiology of this plant and these need to be incorporated in the discussion as they might influence the coupling of COS and CO_2 fluxes and their underlying regulation by stomatal conductance.

We have rewritten the opening paragraph of the §4.1 to remind the audience about the hypotheses and also to state the limitations of the study, particularly the lack of replication. The limitation associated with the unique physiology of the marsh plant has been acknowledged in P12L8–12 in §4.3.

Figure 4. I understand that the correlation coefficient (r^2) from figure (a) corresponds to a linear fit between leaf CO_2 and COS fluxes, but I cannot see what would be the equivalent fit in (b). This needs to be clarified in the figure legend. Also, please consider providing P-values here too.

It is true that Pearson's correlation coefficient as a measure of dependence is biased by nonlinearity. In light of this issue, **we have also added the distance correlation (dCor) that suits the testing of nonlinear dependence.** See P8L26–27 in §3.1 and annotations on Fig. 4b.

p-values corresponding to the Pearson's correlation coefficients are not shown on the figure because they are smaller than the machine epsilon of double-precision floating point number ($\sim 1 \times 10^{-16}$), but they have nevertheless been provided in P8L23 and P8L25 in §3.1.

Reply to comments by Referee #2

General comments

This manuscript describes the efforts to characterize the leaf relative uptake (LRU) under natural field conditions. Understanding the variability of this parameter is necessary to link COS fluxes to gross primary production. This study is carried out adequately with a thorough analysis and interpretation of the available data and it

contributes to the understanding of the variability of LRU.

We thank the reviewer's evaluation of our manuscript.

The manuscript has improved now that it is shown with data that the share of stomatal resistance to the total resistance is larger for COS than for CO_2. This provides evidence that COS is indeed more stomatal limited than CO_2, which was hypothesized, but not shown with data in the previous version of the manuscript. The main concern that I have is that the second hypothesis in the introduction is not well introduced. The introduction describes the expected light dependence of LRU well (hypothesis 1), but the hypothesis that diurnal variation of vapor deficit will have effects on LRU is not explained here at all. This deserves some explanation in the introduction already.

We have now rewritten part of the introduction that leads to the second hypothesis. The hypothesis itself has also been rephrased for clarity.

Specific comments

Introduction

Page 3, line 6-7: reference missing.

This sentence has been rephrased, and references have been added. See P3L3–4.

Page 3, line 17-18: Introduce the hypothesis that LRU will depend on the diurnal variation of vapor deficit.

This hypothesis has been reframed for clarity. See P3L14–15. A priori information that leads to the formulation of this hypothesis has also been added in previous paragraphs.

Results

At the end of each results section (3.1, 3.2, 3.3) there is an interpretation of the data that I think would fit better in the discussion section: page 8, line 32–33; page 9, line 11–14; page 9, line 32.

These 'interpretations' have been removed from the Results and assimilated into the Discussion.

Page 9, line 12–13: "For COS, stomatal limitation is always a much stronger component compared with that of CO_2." Rather say how much the difference is on average, instead of stating "much stronger".

This sentence has been revised to incorporate quantitative information and statistical significance. See P9L11–13.

Page 9, line 22: "[. . .] due to the stronger stomatal limitation on fluxes as a response to the high vapor deficit." It has not been introduced here why stomatal limitation would affect LRU. Such interpretation would fit better in the discussion section, and it would have to be explained (preferably already in the introduction) why/how the stomatal conductance affects the LRU.

Agreed. **This sentence has been removed from the Results. In addition, the background knowledge that leads to this interpretation has been added in the Introduction.** See P2L21 and P3L6–8.

Discussion

Page 10, line 11–13: "This light response of LRU arises from the difference between the marginal gain (i.e., partial derivative) of COS uptake and that of CO_2 uptake with respect to the same increase of PAR (Fig. 5a, b)." It is not clear to me what you mean here, can you describe it in other words?

This has been clarified in P10L15–19.

Page 10, line 16–19: This is not easy to follow. Perhaps it is easier to comprehend if you explain it in terms of Fcos and Fco2 (Fig 5a–b?) than in terms of rcos and rco2? Also I do not find it that evident in Fig. 6b that the relative increase of rco2 is higher than that of rcos, it would be helpful if you can provide numbers of the relative increase of each.

We have clarified these explanations. However, both explanations have been kept because they provide multiple lines of evidence to support the mechanism. See P10L19–24.

Page 10, line 28-29: If you want to introduce the hypothesis that LRU depends on vapor deficit in the introduction section then it would be good to mention the difference between the catalytic efficiencies there already.

Agreed. **Moved to P2L15–17 in the Introduction.**

Supplement

S1: "For COS, the use of a correction factor of 1.0 was acceptable."

This is only in the case that the instrument software fitting parameters split the fit between the COS and H_2O peak, so that the H_2O peak does no longer influence the COS peak. Was that the case? If not, the correction factors −0.0146 (for CO_2) and 0.030 (for COS), e.g. $[CO_{2\,dry}] = [CO_{2\,wet}] / (\text{corr. fact.} * [H_2O] + 1)$ suggested by Kooijmans et al. (2016) should be used.

The broadening coefficients of 0.030 for COS and −0.0146 for CO_2 apply to the "standard fit, water correction off" case, which was not our case. We used "standard fit" but always had the water vapor correction option turned *on*. This was the setting recommended by the manufacturer back at the time when the fieldwork was carried out (which preceded the study of Kooijmans et al., 2016).

In Kooijmans et al. (2016), the broadening coefficient of COS was not given for the "standard fit, water correction on" case because it can range from 1.0 to 1.5. However, they also noted that this uncertainty has relatively little influence on COS concentration:

> "We find that the uncertainties of the broadening coefficients are equal to 0.5 (COS), 0.03 (CO_2) and 0.7 (CO). This means that varying the broadening coefficient of COS from 1.0 to 1.5 only changes the COS concentration by 2.9 ppt (at a concentration of 450 ppt COS)."

Therefore our choice of 1.0 was acceptable, although it was at the lower end of the possible range of COS broadening coefficients.

Please also note that the broadening coefficients for the "off" cases in Kooijmans et al. (2016) are given with respect to H_2O concentration in *percentage*, whereas the default broadening coefficients provided by the manufacturer for the "on" cases are given for H_2O concentration in *molar fraction* (we used the latter one). If the broadening coefficients in both "on" and "off" cases were to be converted to the same unit of H_2O concentration, they should be on the same order of magnitude.

Stomatal control of leaf fluxes of carbonyl sulfide and CO_2 in a *Typha* freshwater marsh

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Abstract. Carbonyl sulfide (COS) is an emerging tracer to constrain land photosynthesis at canopy to global scales, because leaf COS and CO_2 uptake processes are linked through stomatal diffusion. The COS tracer approach requires knowledge of the concentration normalized ratio of COS uptake to photosynthesis, commonly known as the leaf relative uptake (LRU). LRU is known to increase under low light, but the environmental controls over LRU variability in the field are poorly understood due to scant leaf scale observations.

Here we present the first direct observations of LRU responses to environmental variables in the field. We measured leaf COS and CO_2 fluxes at a freshwater marsh in summer 2013. Daytime leaf COS and CO_2 uptake showed similar peaks in the mid-morning and late afternoon separated by a prolonged midday depression, highlighting the common stomatal control on diffusion. At night, in contrast to CO_2, COS uptake continued, indicating partially open stomata. LRU ratios showed a clear relationship with photosynthetically active radiation (PAR), converging to 1.0 at high PAR, while increasing sharply at low PAR. Daytime integrated LRU (calculated from daytime mean COS and CO_2 uptake) ranged from 1 to 1.5, with a mean of 1.2 across the campaign, significantly lower than previously reported laboratory mean value (~1.6). Our results indicate two major determinants of LRU—light and vapor deficit. Light is the primary driver of LRU because CO_2 assimilation capacity increases with light, while COS consumption capacity does not. Superimposed upon the light response is a secondary effect that high vapor deficit further reduces LRU, causing LRU minima to occur in the afternoon, not at noon. The partial stomatal closure induced by high vapor deficit suppresses COS uptake more strongly than CO_2 uptake because stomatal resistance is a more dominant component in the total resistance of COS. Using stomatal conductance estimates, we show that LRU variability can be explained in terms of different patterns of stomatal vs.[..[1]] internal limitations on COS and CO_2 uptake. Our findings illustrate the stomata-driven coupling of COS and CO_2 uptake during the most photosynthetically active period in the field and provide an in-situ characterization of LRU—a key parameter required for the use of COS as a photosynthetic tracer.

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1 Introduction

Carbonyl sulfide (COS) is a [..[2]]tracer for land photosynthesis [..[3]](Montzka et al., 2007; Campbell et al., 2008; Berry et al., 2013; Campbell et al., 2017). Globally, COS is mainly emitted from the ocean and anthropogenic activities and consumed by leaves and soils (Berry et al., 2013; Launois et al., 2015; Campbell et al., 2015; Whelan et al., 2017). Since ecosystem COS exchange is dominated by plant uptake (Berry et al., 2013), concurrent measurements of COS and CO_2 fluxes [..[4]]offer a way to separate photosynthesis and respiration from [..[5]]net carbon fluxes (e.g., Asaf et al., 2013; Billesbach et al., 2014). Understanding the [..[6]]relationship between leaf COS and CO_2 fluxes is therefore critical to [..[7]]COS-based estimates of canopy and regional photosynthesis[..[8]].

In leaves, COS and CO_2 follow the same stomatal diffusional pathway and similar hydrolytic reactions catalyzed by carbonic anhydrase (CA), with the [..[9]]key difference being that the hydrolysis goes reversibly for CO_2 but one-way for COS (Protoschill-Krebs et al., 1996; Notni et al., 2007). The reaction of COS with CA yields H_2S and CO_2 (Schenk et al., 2004; Notni et al., 2007), without any [..[10]]COS re-emission from leaves (Stimler et al., 2010). In contrast, CO_2 hydration is subject to chemical equilibrium that depends on its diffusional supply versus its demand from fixation, leading to retrodiffusion to the atmosphere. CA-mediated hydrolysis therefore serves as the sink reaction of COS in leaves, but not of CO_2.

The COS hydrolysis via CA is light independent (Goldan et al., 1988; Protoschill-Krebs et al., 1996) [..[11]]and efficient (Ogawa et al., 2013). Since the catalytic efficiency of CA in COS hydrolysis (Protoschill-Krebs et al., 1996; Ogée et al., 2016) is much higher than that of RuBisCO in CO_2 fixation (Tcherkez et al., 2006), COS is readily consumed within leaves and the hydrolysis is limited by COS supply (Goldan et al., 1988; Sandoval-Soto et al., 2005; Seibt et al., 2010; Stimler et al., 2010). Leaf COS uptake should therefore be mostly controlled by the sequence of conductances along the diffusional pathway [..[12]]and respond to environmental variables that regulate [..[13]]stomatal diffusion. It is well known that stomatal conductance responds to photosynthetically active radiation (PAR), because of the feedback from photosynthesis to stomatal conductance (Ball, 1988; Collatz et al., 1991), and to vapor deficit (Leuning, 1995), due to the optimization of water cost (Farquhar and Sharkey, 1982). Thus, [..[14]]through stomatal conductance, light and vapor deficit may control leaf

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COS uptake, even though COS hydrolysis itself [..[15]]depends on neither. In laboratory and field settings, light dependence of leaf COS uptake has been commonly observed (e.g., Stimler et al., 2011; Commane et al., 2015), but vapor deficit dependence has yet to be confirmed with observations.

At night, in contrast to the CO_2 emission, COS uptake may continue if stomata are not fully closed (Stimler et al., 2010). [..[16]]Constraining nighttime COS uptake is important for regional flux [..[17]]inversions (e.g., Berry et al., 2013; Hilton et al., 2017), because it may introduce biases when using large-scale COS drawdown patterns to infer changes in photosynthesis. Nighttime COS uptake has been observed in a wheat field (Maseyk et al., 2014), a boreal pine forest (Kooijmans et al., 2017), and temperate forests (Berkelhammer et al., 2014; Commane et al., 2015; Wehr et al., 2017). Most [..[18]]studies base their findings of nighttime COS uptake upon ecosystem scale observations, with only [..[19]]a handful of studies providing leaf-level evidence of nighttime COS uptake [..[20]](Stimler et al., 2010; Berkelhammer et al., 2014; Kooijmans et al., 2017).

The [..[21]]relationship between leaf COS uptake and photosynthesis required for COS-based photosynthesis [..[22]]estimates is commonly expressed in [..[23]]a simple metric: leaf relative uptake (LRU). LRU is the ratio of leaf COS : CO_2 fluxes normalized by their respective ambient concentrations (Sandoval-Soto et al., 2005; Campbell et al., 2008). [..[24]]

[..[25]][..[26]]Laboratory studies have shown that LRU varies with environmental conditions, especially PAR, and also by plant species (Stimler et al., 2010, 2011, 2012). In low light conditions, LRU decreases sharply with increasing PAR but becomes stable at PAR above ca.[..[27]] 500 µmol m^{-2} s^{-1} [..[28]](Stimler et al., 2010, 2011). This LRU vs. PAR pattern is shared among many species despite interspecies variations of LRU values (Stimler et al., 2011). It results from the diverging responses of COS and CO_2 uptake in low light: CO_2 assimilation that is [..[29]]limited by both light and stomatal

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conductance decreases more rapidly than COS uptake that is [..[30]]controlled only by stomatal conductance. [..[31]]In addition, as COS uptake is more limited by stomatal conductance than CO_2 uptake due to the high efficiency of COS hydrolysis, high vapor deficit that triggers stomatal closure (also known as "midday depression") may have a stronger impact on COS uptake than on CO_2 uptake, and thus may lower LRU. In the field, the LRU–PAR relationship has only been approximated with ecosystem fluxes (Maseyk et al., 2014; Commane et al., 2015), not directly determined from leaf fluxes. The influence of vapor deficit on LRU has also not been studied. For COS-based canopy photosynthesis estimates, we need direct measurements of how LRU responds to PAR and [..[32]]vapor deficit in the field.

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This study aims to characterize how light and vapor deficit drive variabilities in leaf COS uptake and LRU and to probe the stomatal mechanism [..[34]]behind LRU responses to these drivers. [..[35]]We hypothesize that (i) light dependence of instantaneous LRU is analogous to that reported in laboratory conditions, and this relationship is also preserved in daily integrated LRU; and (ii) [..[36]]high vapor deficit conditions reduce COS uptake more than CO_2 uptake and cause LRU to decrease. We report leaf COS and CO_2 fluxes measured in a *Typha latifolia* freshwater marsh during the peak growing season of June and July 2013. The *T. latifolia* at the site has high productivity and stomatal conductance (Tinoco Ojanguren and Goulden, 2013), which suits our study. We then examine how environmental variables control fluxes and LRU through stomatal mechanisms, and discuss the implications for COS-based photosynthesis estimates.

2 Methods

2.1 Site description

We measured leaf fluxes of COS, CO_2, and water from 31 May to 6 July 2013 (day of year 151–187) at the San Joaquin Freshwater Marsh (SJFM, 33°39′44.4″ N, 117°51′6.1″ W). The SJFM is located near the campus of the University of California, Irvine, at 3 m above sea level and 8 km northeast of the Pacific Ocean (Goulden et al., 2007). The SJFM is part of the University of California's Natural Reserve System. The site's history and management practices have been described in Goulden et al. (2007). Briefly, the SJFM is a mature freshwater marsh, the remnant of [..[37]]a once 2100 ha wetland along the San Diego Creek. Since the 1960s, the SJFM has been managed by flooding the area annually to a depth of approximately 1 m from December/January to March. The standing water recedes by evapotranspiration and subsurface drainage and eventually disappears by midsummer (Goulden et al., 2007). A flux tower (5 m tall) is located on a floating wooden platform near the

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northeastern edge of the SJFM. The platform is surrounded by dense vegetation dominated by *Typha latifolia* (broadleaf cattail). In contrast to [..[38]]upland species in a mediterranean climate that grow in the rainy winter or early spring, the growing season of the marsh plants is summer due to the standing water.

2.2 Experimental setup

Leaf fluxes of COS, CO_2, and H_2O were measured with a flow-through (dynamic) chamber (Fig. 1a). The cylindrical chamber (18 cm diameter, 38 cm height, 10.3 L volume) consisted of PFA Teflon film stretched between two aluminum rings connected by rods. The PFA film was laid inside the structure such that only the film was in contact with the sampled air. The chamber enclosed the upper sections of six tall *T.[..[39]] latifolia* leaves of the same plant with an average width of 1.5 cm. The leaves extended above and below the chamber. The total leaf area in the chamber was estimated as 409.5 cm^2 by approximating the area of each leaf with a one-sided rectangle (length intersected by the chamber × width). Skirts of Teflon film were wrapped around the leaves to provide a seal at both ends of the chamber. Due to limitations on the sampling time of the COS analyzer, we did not install a replicate leaf chamber, but instead chose a high sampling frequency for the single leaf chamber.

Two fans were installed in the chamber for ventilation and mixing, respectively. On the inlet end, a high-speed axial fan (D344T, Micronel; 40×40 mm) provided ventilation to keep the chamber at ambient conditions (i.e., within 1 ppmv of ambient CO_2, tested at the start of the campaign). A second, smaller flat fan (F62, Micronel; 16×16 mm), attached to a stainless steel rod, was placed near the center of the chamber for air mixing. During the measurement period, the ventilation fan was turned off and its opening served as the inlet to allow airflow through the chamber. The mixing fan, in contrast, was kept running at all times.

The chamber was connected via a 0.25-inch PFA Teflon tubing to a Quantum Cascade Laser (QCL) analyzer (CW-QC-TILDAS, Aerodyne Research Inc., Billerica, MA, USA), with a 1 µm Teflon filter attached at the inlet of the analyzer. The analyzer was placed in an instrument enclosure on the platform. Flow through the analyzer was provided by a Varian TriScroll 600 pump (Agilent Technologies Inc., Santa Clara, CA, USA). Flow rate in the sampling tube was 6.4 standard liter per minute (slm), which corresponded to a chamber air turnover time of around 1.5 minutes. The pump was placed next to the nearest main power line near the entrance to the marsh site, and connected to the analyzer by a 150 m long 2-inch vacuum line. A solenoid valve at the inlet to the QCL was used to switch from the sampling line to a stream of dry N_2 (ultrahigh purity) for a one-minute background correction every hour. Data from the QCL analyzer were recorded at 10 Hz and stored on the QCL hard drive. The root-mean-square deviation of COS measurements at 10 Hz was 11–18 parts per trillion in volume (pptv).

Correction for water vapor effects on the dry mixing ratios of COS and CO_2 was done in the TDLWintel data acquisition software on the analyzer (Nelson, 2012). We did not use the same correction factors reported in Kooijmans et al. (2016) for the same make of QCL analyzer; however, a mock run of data processing with CO_2 concentration recalculated using their

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correction factor value resulted in a potential bias of only 0.12% ($r^2 = 0.999$). Thus, the flux uncertainty associated with the correction factor of water vapor effects was negligible (see the Supplement for details).

The leaf chamber was measured once per hour. Chamber operations were programmed on a CR1000 datalogger (Campbell Scientific, Inc., Logan, UT, USA). We monitored chamber air concentrations for a five-minute measurement period (i.e., while the ventilation fan was off), as well as the ambient air for one minute before and after measurement periods (i.e., while the ventilation fan was running). Leaf fluxes were calculated from the transient changes with respect to the interpolated inlet (ambient) concentrations (Fig. 1b). The apparent fluxes from the chamber material (PFA), characterized post hoc, were negligible—the blank effects translated to apparent fluxes of 0.05 ± 0.29 pmol m^{-2} s^{-1} for COS and 0.02 ± 0.15 μmol m^{-2} s^{-1} for CO_2 when normalized against the leaf area (see the Supplement).

Various sensors were installed to record environmental data, including photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) (SQ-215, Apogee Instruments), ambient air temperature and humidity (HMP45AC, Vaisala), and chamber air and leaf temperature (type T thermocouples, PFA coated). These data were recorded at 10 s intervals on the CR1000 datalogger. [..[40]]Because of a wider gap in the canopy to the west of the chamber than to other directions, the chamber received slightly more light in the afternoon than in the morning. To account for the heterogeneity of the light microenvironment of the chamber, the PAR sensor was collocated with the chamber. All sensor data are released alongside the flux data (see Data Availability).

2.3 Calculation of leaf fluxes

A mass balance equation is formulated for the gas species being measured (COS, CO_2, or H_2O),

$$V\frac{\mathrm{d}C}{\mathrm{d}t} = q\,(C_\mathrm{a} - C) + FA \tag{1}$$

where C (mol m^{-3}) is the chamber headspace concentration of the gas, C_a (mol m^{-3}) is the inlet (ambient) concentration, q (m^3 s^{-1}) is the inlet flow rate, V (m^3) and A (m^2) are the chamber volume and leaf area, respectively, and F (mol m^{-2} s^{-1}) is the flux rate to be calculated. Solving the mass balance equation with the initial condition $C(t = 0) = C_\mathrm{a}$, we obtain

$$C\,(t) = -\frac{FA}{q}\exp(-qt/V) + C_\mathrm{a} + \frac{FA}{q} \tag{2}$$

The flux rate F is

$$F = \frac{q}{A}\cdot\frac{C - C_\mathrm{a}}{1 - \exp(-qt/V)} \tag{3}$$

Let $\hat{y} = C - C_\mathrm{a}$ and $\hat{x} = \exp(-qt/V)$ be the variables for the regression, hence,

$$\hat{y} = \frac{FA}{q}(1 - \hat{x}) \tag{4}$$

The flux rate F is then solved from the slope of the regression $\hat{y} \sim (1 - \hat{x})$. The standard error of the estimated F is also obtained from the regression. The flux calculation method described above does not require a steady state to be reached in the chamber. A typical example of the chamber measurement period with the fitted curve of COS concentration changes is shown in Fig. 1b.

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2.4 Data quality control

All leaf flux and meteorological data have been quality checked and filtered. Conspicuously unrealistic data points in the meteorological data were removed. For the flux data, we used several independent criteria to filter measurements. First, measurement periods with serious misfit of the shape of concentration changes during chamber closure or with strong drift in the ambient concentrations were discarded. Second, flux estimates associated with large root-mean-square errors between fitted and observed concentrations were also discarded. [..[41]]Next, outliers in flux data were detected using the Tukey's interquartile range method (Wilks, 2011). In addition, strongly positive CO_2 fluxes during the day and strongly negative CO_2 fluxes at night were also removed. Only the data points that passed all these filtering criteria were kept in the final data for analysis. After the filtering, 73.9% of COS flux observations and 54.3% of CO_2 flux observations were retained.

2.5 Calculation of flux-derived variables

2.5.1 Stomatal conductance of water and total conductances of CO_2 and COS

Stomatal conductance of water ($g_{s,\,H_2O}$, mol m^{-2} s^{-1}) is calculated from water flux measurements,

$$g_{s,\,H_2O} = \frac{F_{H_2O}}{D} \tag{5}$$

where F_{H_2O} is the water flux (mmol m^{-2} s^{-1}), D is the leaf-to-air water vapor deficit expressed in mole fraction (mmol mol^{-1}). The mole-fraction vapor deficit D is calculated from

$$D = \frac{e_{sat}\,(T_{leaf})}{p} - \chi_{H_2O} \tag{6}$$

where e_{sat} (Pa) is the saturation water vapor pressure as a function of temperature (Goff and Gratch, 1946), T_{leaf} (°C) is the leaf temperature (see the Supplement for details), p (Pa) is the ambient pressure, and χ_{H_2O} (mmol mol^{-1}) is the water vapor mixing ratio in the chamber air.

The total conductances of COS ($g_{tot,\,COS}$, mol m^{-2} s^{-1}) and CO_2 ($g_{tot,\,CO_2}$, mol m^{-2} s^{-1}) are calculated from:

$$g_{tot,\,COS} = -\frac{F_{COS}}{\chi_{COS}} \tag{7}$$

$$g_{tot,\,CO_2} = -\frac{F_{CO_2}}{\chi_{CO_2}} \tag{8}$$

where F_{COS} (pmol m^{-2} s^{-1}) and F_{CO_2} (µmol m^{-2} s^{-1}) are leaf COS and CO_2 fluxes, χ_{COS} (pmol mol^{-1}) and χ_{CO_2} (µmol mol^{-1}) are mixing ratios of COS and CO_2 in the chamber air, respectively. Note that the intercellular concentrations of COS and CO_2 are canceled out from these equations by approximating their biochemical reaction rates with hypothetical (but mathematically convenient) 'biochemical conductances' (Stimler et al., 2010; Berry et al., 2013), which are then included in the total conductances.

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2.5.2 Instantaneous and time-integrated leaf relative uptake ratios

Instantaneous leaf COS : CO_2 relative uptake (LRU) is defined as the ratio of COS and CO_2 fluxes normalized by their respective mixing ratios (Sandoval-Soto et al., 2005; Campbell et al., 2008; Whelan et al., 2017),

$$\mathrm{LRU} = \frac{F_{\mathrm{COS}}}{F_{\mathrm{CO_2}}} \cdot \frac{\chi_{\mathrm{CO_2}}}{\chi_{\mathrm{COS}}}, \text{ where } F_{\mathrm{COS}} < 0 \text{ and } F_{\mathrm{CO_2}} < 0 \tag{9}$$

LRU is a dimensionless quantity. We confine our LRU analysis to occasions where both COS and CO_2 fluxes are negative (i.e., showing net uptake). Hence, LRU is only calculated during the daytime and is always positive.

We also calculate the all-day mean LRU ($\mathrm{LRU_{all\text{-}day}}$) and the daytime mean LRU ($\mathrm{LRU_{daytime}}$) of each day using

$$\mathrm{LRU_{all\text{-}day}} = \frac{\left(\sum_{i=0}^{23} F_{\mathrm{COS}}^{i}\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=0}^{23} \chi_{\mathrm{CO_2}}^{i}\right)}{\left(\sum_{i=0}^{23} F_{\mathrm{CO_2}}^{i}\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=0}^{23} \chi_{\mathrm{COS}}^{i}\right)} \tag{10}$$

$$\mathrm{LRU_{daytime}} = \frac{\left(\sum_{i=6}^{19} F_{\mathrm{COS}}^{i}\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=6}^{19} \chi_{\mathrm{CO_2}}^{i}\right)}{\left(\sum_{i=6}^{19} F_{\mathrm{CO_2}}^{i}\right) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=6}^{19} \chi_{\mathrm{COS}}^{i}\right)} \tag{11}$$

where i is the truncated hour number (integer), in local daylight-saving time (UTC–7). The daytime period is determined with solar elevation angle > 0°, which translates roughly to between 06:00 and 20:00. In each period of calculation, missing data points are gap-filled with the mean in that period.

2.5.3 Contributions of stomatal component to the total resistance

To assess the relative importance of the stomatal limitation on COS and CO_2 uptake with respect to internal limitations (mesophyll conductance and biochemical reactions), we calculate the ratios of stomatal resistance to total resistance for COS (r^{*}_{COS}) and CO_2 ($r^{*}_{\mathrm{CO_2}}$),

$$r^{*}_{\mathrm{COS}} = \frac{r_{\mathrm{s,\,COS}}}{r_{\mathrm{tot,\,COS}}} = \frac{g_{\mathrm{tot,\,COS}}}{g_{\mathrm{s,\,COS}}} = \frac{g_{\mathrm{tot,\,COS}}}{g_{\mathrm{s,\,H_2O}}/2.01} \tag{12}$$

$$r^{*}_{\mathrm{CO_2}} = \frac{r_{\mathrm{s,\,CO_2}}}{r_{\mathrm{tot,\,CO_2}}} = \frac{g_{\mathrm{tot,\,CO_2}}}{g_{\mathrm{s,\,CO_2}}} = \frac{g_{\mathrm{tot,\,CO_2}}}{g_{\mathrm{s,\,H_2O}}/1.66} \tag{13}$$

where 2.01 is the water-to-COS ratio of diffusivity in air, and 1.66 is the water-to-CO_2 ratio of diffusivity in air (Seibt et al., 2010). The reason to switch from conductance to its reciprocal—resistance—is simply that different resistance components are [..[42]]*additive*.

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2.6 Fitting light response curves for leaf COS and CO_2 fluxes and LRU

We used the LOWESS (locally weighted scatterplot smoothing) regression method to obtain smooth light response curves for COS flux, CO_2 flux, and LRU (see Fig. 5). The LOWESS regression method is a nonparametric method that does not require any a priori known relationship between the predictor (here, PAR) and the response variables (COS flux, CO_2 flux, and LRU). At each point in the range of the predictor, a low-degree polynomial is fitted to all the neighboring points to estimate the least squares response, weighted by the distances between the neighboring points and the current point (Cleveland et al., 1992). The calculation was performed with the Python statsmodels package, version 0.8.0 (Seabold and Perktold, 2010).

3 Results

3.1 Leaf fluxes of COS, CO_2, and water

During the campaign period in [..[43]]summer 2013 covering the peak growing season of *Typha latifolia*, meteorological conditions changed little except for a few cloudy days (8, 9, and 30 June 2013 in Fig. 2d), and the diurnal patterns of leaf COS, CO_2, and H_2O fluxes therefore also remained similar (Fig. 2a–c). The diurnal patterns of leaf fluxes and related variables are visualized with hourly binned medians and quartiles (Fig. 3).

In the daytime, leaf uptake of COS and CO_2 showed similar patterns (Fig. 3a, b), with uptake peaks in the morning and afternoon separated by a prolonged midday depression around local noon (13:00). The midday depression was up to 36% for COS (5.5 pmol m^{-2} s^{-1} at 14 h versus 8.5 pmol m^{-2} s^{-1} at 11 h) and 40% for CO_2 (3.7 µmol m^{-2} s^{-1} at 13 h versus 6.1 µmol m^{-2} s^{-1} at 17 h), respectively. The morning peaks coincided for the two fluxes at around 11:00, whereas the afternoon peak occurred a bit later for COS (18:00) than for CO_2 (17:00). The afternoon peak of CO_2 flux was slightly stronger than its morning peak (Fig. 3b[..[44]]), probably because the chamber received slightly more light in the afternoon than in the morning (Fig. 3e)[..[45]]. Leaf transpiration showed a decline at 11:00 (Fig. 3c), but with an earlier afternoon peak (16:00) that coincided with the maximum vapor deficit (Fig. 3f). Contrary to COS and CO_2 fluxes, the diurnal pattern of water flux was strongly asymmetric due to the high vapor deficit in the afternoon (Fig. 3f).

In contrast to daytime fluxes, nighttime fluxes of COS and CO_2 showed diverging patterns. At night, CO_2 was emitted from leaf respiration (Fig. 3b), whereas COS uptake continued (Fig. 3a). Both fluxes had significantly smaller magnitudes than during the day, with CO_2 emissions of around 1 µmol m^{-2} s^{-1}, and COS uptake of around 2–3 pmol m^{-2} s^{-1}. Note that although COS emissions were occasionally observed at night (Fig. 2a), they were likely caused by random error due to high flow rates (~6 slm), and the hourly medians indeed showed a robust pattern of nighttime COS uptake (Fig. 3a). When averaged over the whole campaign, nighttime COS uptake was 23% of the total daily COS uptake by leaves. Nighttime transpiration was minimal (Fig. 3c) as the vapor deficit was close to zero at night (Fig. 3f).

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COS flux was [..[46]]linearly correlated with CO_2 flux [..[47]](Fig. 4a), [..[48]]with $r^2 = 0.49$ ($p = 7.6 \times 10^{-64}$). The relationship between COS and water fluxes was [..[49]]nonlinear (Fig. 4b) [..[50]]and showed a wide spread in the daytime due to the asymmetric diurnal pattern of water fluxes (Fig. 3c). As a result, the correlation between them was lower (Fig. 4b), showing an r^2 of 0.32 ($p = 4.7 \times 10^{-57}$). The unbiased distance correlation (dCor; Székely et al., 2007) was also calculated as a more robust measure for the nonlinear correlation between COS and water fluxes, and $dCor^2 = 0.37$. At night, COS fluxes showed [..[51]]stronger variability than water fluxes because vapor deficit that drives transpiration was small (Fig. 3f).

The midday depression was also evident in the light responses of fluxes. Both COS and CO_2 uptake rates increased with PAR until they became light saturated, and then decreased at high light and high vapor deficit (Fig. 5a, b). According to the smoothed light response curves, at a typical midday light level (1800 μmol m^{-2} s^{-1}), COS uptake drops by 37% from the peak value of 7.5 pmol m^{-2} s^{-1} (at PAR = 493 μmol m^{-2} s^{-1}) to 4.7 pmol m^{-2} s^{-1}, while CO_2 uptake drops by 31% from the peak value of 5.3 μmol m^{-2} s^{-1} (at PAR = 740 μmol m^{-2} s^{-1}) to 3.7 pmol m^{-2} s^{-1}.

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3.2 Diurnal patterns of stomatal conductance and total conductance

Stomatal conductance (g_{s,H_2O}) derived from water measurements showed a distinct period of midday depression in its diurnal pattern (Fig. 6a). g_{s,H_2O} was the highest in the early morning after daybreak, but started to drop quickly as the vapor deficit picked up, reaching its minimum at local noon (13:00). In the late afternoon, stomatal conductance slowly rebounded and remained relatively stable, but was still lower than the early morning level. Nighttime stomatal conductance was unable to be estimated from water measurements due to large uncertainty introduced by low vapor deficit and water flux.

The total conductance of COS ($g_{tot,COS}$) exhibited broadly similar diurnal pattern to that of g_{s,H_2O}, but lagged by 1 hour (Fig. 6a). [..[53]]A midday depression period was also visible in the diurnal trend of $g_{tot,COS}$. At night, $g_{tot,COS}$ remained at a stable, low level.

The ratios of stomatal resistance to total resistance of COS (r^*_{COS}) and of CO_2 ($r^*_{CO_2}$) indicated that stomatal limitation was the dominant component in the diffusional pathways of both gases during most of the daytime (Fig. 6b). [..[54]]Despite large uncertainties associated with these ratios, r^*_{COS} was higher than $r^*_{CO_2}$ by 20–40% around midday (10:00–13:00) at a significance level of $p < 0.05$ (paired two-sample t-tests), indicating stronger stomatal limitation on COS uptake. However,

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[..[55]]in the late afternoon (15:00–17:00) the difference between stomatal [..[56]]limitations on COS uptake and [..[57]]on CO_2 uptake was small and statistically insignificant (Fig. 6b).

3.3 Leaf relative uptake ratios

The instantaneous leaf relative uptake (LRU) showed an asymmetric U-shape diurnal pattern (Fig. 3d). LRU had highest values of 2–3 (medians binned by the hour) near dawn or dusk, with a gradual decrease throughout the morning and early afternoon, and then had minima around 0.9 at 15:00.

The diurnal pattern of LRU (Fig. 3d) was consistent with the LRU response to PAR (Fig. 5c). With increasing PAR, LRU decreased to around 1.0 at PAR above 500–600 μmol m^{-2} s^{-1} (Fig. 5c). Surprisingly, the lowest LRU values during the day did not occur at the time of the highest PAR (Fig. 3d), but rather at the time of the highest vapor deficit (Fig. 3f) and moderately strong PAR (1000–1400 μmol m^{-2} s^{-1}) due to the stronger stomatal limitation on fluxes as a response to the high vapor deficit. The timing of the lowest LRU (Fig. 3d), around 15:00, [..[58]]coincided with the timing of the highest vapor deficit.

The all-day mean LRU at this site showed large day-to-day variations (1.4–3.6) and also had large uncertainty due to the random error in nighttime CO_2 fluxes (Fig. 7a). In contrast, the daytime mean LRU, averaged over the daylight period of 14 hours, did not show strong variability (1.0–1.8) and had an average value of 1.2 across the campaign. The daytime mean LRU was consistently lower than the all-day mean LRU, since the latter included nighttime COS uptake and CO_2 emissions (Fig. 7a). [..[59]]Following Maseyk et al. (2014), a power law relationship was fitted between daytime mean LRU and daytime mean PAR[..[60]]: $\mathrm{LRU} = a \cdot \mathrm{PAR}^b$ (or rather, a linear model between ln LRU and ln PAR), which yielded $a = 24.0689$ and $b = -0.4620$, with $r^2 = 0.28$ and $p = 0.012$ (Fig. 7b)[..[61]]. On overcast days, the daytime mean LRU values were higher than on clear days (Fig. 7a), as is expected from the light response of LRU.

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4 Discussion

4.1 Competition between stomatal and internal limitations underlie the responses of leaf relative uptake to light and vapor deficit

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We have reaffirmed in field conditions that LRU decreases with increasing PAR (Fig. 5c), consistent with laboratory studies (Stimler et al., 2010, 2011). The large sample size from high frequency measurements supported a robust analysis of LRU variability despite experimental limitations. Thanks to a strong diurnal variation of vapor deficit in this ecosystem, we were able to identify a further reduction in LRU caused by high vapor deficit—a secondary effect superimposed on the light dependence of LRU. But how are stomata responsible for the observed LRU responses?

Using the ratio of stomatal resistance to total resistance as a metric of the relative importance of stomatal limitation (Fig. 6b), we can recognize how the dynamics of stomatal vs.[..63] internal limitations regulate LRU. At the leaf scale, LRU manifests the ratio between the stomatal limitation on COS uptake (r^*_{COS}) and that on CO_2 uptake ($r^*_{\mathrm{CO_2}}$) (compare Eqs. 12 and [..64]13 to Eq. 9):

$$\mathrm{LRU} \equiv \frac{g_{\mathrm{tot,\,COS}}}{g_{\mathrm{tot,\,CO_2}}} = \frac{0.83 \cdot r^*_{\mathrm{COS}}}{r^*_{\mathrm{CO_2}}} \tag{14}$$

where 0.83 is the COS-to-CO_2 ratio of diffusivity in air (Seibt et al., 2010). The equation shows that LRU becomes smaller when r^*_{COS} and $r^*_{\mathrm{CO_2}}$ get closer, providing a simple mechanistic interpretation of LRU variability.

[..65]The light response of LRU arises from the [..66]fact that with respect to the same increase of PAR, the relative increase of COS uptake [..67]is less than that of CO_2 uptake [..68](Fig. 5a, b)[..69], i.e.,

$$\frac{\partial \mathrm{LRU}}{\partial \mathrm{PAR}} < 0 \Longleftrightarrow \frac{1}{|F_{\mathrm{COS}}|}\frac{\partial |F_{\mathrm{COS}}|}{\partial \mathrm{PAR}} < \frac{1}{|F_{\mathrm{CO_2}}|}\frac{\partial |F_{\mathrm{CO_2}}|}{\partial \mathrm{PAR}} \quad (F_{\mathrm{COS}} < 0 \text{ and } F_{\mathrm{CO_2}} < 0) \tag{15}$$

Increasing PAR drives an increase in CO_2 assimilation rates, which in turn leads to an increase in stomatal conductance to facilitate optimal CO_2 uptake. This increase in stomatal conductance also enables higher COS uptake rates, but as COS hydrolysis is light independent (Protoschill-Krebs et al., 1996), there is a proportionally [..70]less increase in COS than CO_2 uptake. In other words, with the increase of PAR, both stomatal and biochemical limitations for CO_2 assimilation are relaxed, whereas for COS only the stomatal limitation is relaxed. This explanation is supported by indirect evidence in r^*_{COS} and $r^*_{\mathrm{CO_2}}$[..71]: from 06:00 to 13:00 [..72]there was a higher relative increase of $r^*_{\mathrm{CO_2}}$ than that of r^*_{COS} (Fig. 6b)[..73], which

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means the reduction of non-stomatal [..[74]]limitation—attributed mainly to the increases in biochemical reaction rates—is higher for CO_2 than for COS.

[..[75]][..[76]]Stomatal response to vapor deficit, such as the midday depression (Fig. 6a), is a well-known behavior that serves to optimize water [..[77]]cost against carbon gain (e.g., Tenhunen et al., 1984; Collatz et al., 1991). However, the fact that vapor deficit has differential effects on COS and CO_2 uptake appears puzzling, since it does not affect [..[78]]COS and CO_2 biochemical reactions, and nor is it known to affect mesophyll conductance. A closer scrutiny of the stomatal limitations of COS and CO_2 (Fig. 6b) shows that the difference between r^*_{COS} and $r^*_{CO_2}$ became smaller during the period of peak vapor deficit (14:00–17:00). Although vapor deficit has the same effect on $g_{s,\,COS}$ and $g_{s,\,CO_2}$, it can change the proportion of stomatal vs.[..[79]] internal components in the total resistance to the uptake, because COS uptake is always more stomatal-conductance-limited than CO_2 uptake (r^*_{COS} always higher than $r^*_{CO_2}$ in Fig. 6b)—a direct consequence of the higher catalytic efficiency [..[80]]of CA than RuBisCO. Thus, vapor deficit controls LRU variability, but is less influential than PAR.

Since the mesophyll conductance is also a component in the internal conductance, it is worthy of note that the increase of mesophyll conductance with leaf temperature (Bernacchi, 2002) may have contributed to the dynamics of stomatal vs.[..[81]] internal limitations over the course of the daytime, as is shown in Wehr et al. (2017), although we lack relevant data to separate biochemical limitation from mesophyll limitation.

4.2 Nighttime COS uptake is a significant portion of COS budget

During this campaign, nighttime uptake contributed to 23% of the total daily leaf COS uptake. This fraction is comparable to those reported from a wheat field (29 ± 5%, Maseyk et al., 2014), an alpine temperate forest (25–30%, Berkelhammer et al., 2014), a boreal pine forest (17%, Kooijmans et al., 2017), and a New England mixed forest (< 20% after subtracting soil uptake, Commane et al., 2015; Wehr et al., 2017). Collectively, these studies indicate that nighttime uptake is typically 17–30% of the total canopy COS budget, a fraction too large to be ignored in ecosystem or regional COS budget. Understanding nighttime COS uptake is necessary for the success of COS-based photosynthesis estimates on daily and longer timescales.

The *T. latifolia* leaves showed a mean value of 5.0 mmol m^{-2} s^{-1} for the total conductance of COS ($g_{tot,\,COS}$) at night (Fig. 6a). Assuming that the internal conductance of COS at night is the same as its daytime average, we obtain an estimate of nighttime $g_{s,\,COS}$, 6.4 mmol m^{-2} s^{-1} (see the Supplement for detailed calculations). This estimate of the nighttime $g_{s,\,COS}$ is at the lower end of values reported from other ecosystems: 1.6 mmol m^{-2} s^{-1} for a New England mixed forest (Wehr et al., 2017), 5–30 mmol m^{-2} s^{-1} for a Scots pine forest (Kooijmans et al., 2017), 11.5 mmol m^{-2} s^{-1} for a wheat field (Maseyk et al., 2014),

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and 13–20 and 22–66 mmol m^{-2} s^{-1} for pine and poplar trees, respectively, in an alpine temperate forest (Berkelhammer et al., 2014). The nighttime stomatal conductance shows a large variability among different species.

In land biosphere models, nighttime stomatal conductance is often a fixed value regardless of plant type and water status, e.g., g_{s,H_2O} = 10 mmol m^{-2} s^{-1} in the Community Land Model v4.5 (Oleson et al., 2013). The fixed-value parameterization may introduce biases to the nighttime COS fluxes and long-term COS budget in regional simulations, which may in turn propagate into the COS-based photosynthesis estimates. To constrain nighttime COS uptake requires an understanding of the variability of nighttime stomatal conductance among plant species and ecosystem types. Water and COS flux measurements need to be used in conjunction to derive robust estimates of nighttime stomatal conductance. We expect COS measurements to be particularly useful for stomatal conductance estimates in tropical rainforests and other environments that experience high humidity conditions, provided that the variability of the internal conductance of COS is well understood.

4.3 Implications on COS-based [..[82]]photosynthesis estimation

LRU is an important empirical parameter used to derive [..[83]]ecosystem photosynthesis (also known as gross primary productivity, GPP) from COS measurements on spatial scales ranging from the ecosystem to the continent (Asaf et al., 2013; Commane et al., 2015; Hilton et al., 2015). Choosing a representative LRU for COS-based GPP estimation is crucial and challenging.

In addition to its environmental controls, LRU also varies among plant species (Stimler et al., 2012). For the *T. latifolia*, the asymptotic LRU value at high light (PAR > 600 µmol m^{-2} s^{-1}) is around 1.0 (Fig. 5c). This value is much lower than the mean LRU of 1.61 ± 0.26 from laboratory measurements across a range of species (Stimler et al., 2012), which has been used as a representative LRU in ecosystem-scale (e.g., Asaf et al., 2013) and regional-scale GPP inversion studies (e.g., Hilton et al., 2015). The low asymptotic LRU of *T. latifolia* is, however, not surprising according to the mechanistic LRU model in Seibt et al. (2010), which describes that LRU is positively related to the ratio of intercellular CO_2 to the ambient CO_2 (C_i/C_a). [..[84]]As *T. latifolia* often has a high photosynthetic capacity (e.g., Tinoco Ojanguren and Goulden, 2013; Jespersen et al., 2017), [..[85]]its C_i/C_a ratio may be lower than other species, thus contributing to the low LRU. Additionally, it has been noted that the aerenchyma of *T. latifolia* serves as a conduit to transport reduced gases from the rhizosphere to the atmosphere (Bendix et al., 1994; Yavitt and Knapp, 1998), which may act as a hidden COS source. Although the presence of this mechanism cannot be ruled out with our method, as it is an intrinsic process of the marsh plant and part of the plant–atmosphere COS exchange, and therefore the LRU measured here remains relevant for larger scale applications in this, and similar, ecosystems. Relatively low LRU values have also been reported from other ecosystems, for example, 1.3 in a wheat field (Maseyk et al., 2014) and 1.2 in a mixed temperate forest at high PAR (Commane et al., 2015). This suggests that for the success of COS-based GPP estimation, LRU needs to be locally constrained on the dominant species in an ecosystem, rather than assumed to be a constant.

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For regional scale applications, the time-integrated LRU can be more relevant than the instantaneous LRU. Large scale patterns of COS and CO_2 drawdown imprinted in an air parcel are spatiotemporally integrated features, because the transport of surface uptake signals to the planetary boundary layer takes time and may be affected by the entrainment with other parcels along the way. Our results of time-integrated LRU show that although daytime mean LRU and PAR are correlated, nighttime leaf respiration and COS uptake create large variability in the all-day mean LRU, which decouples it from PAR (Fig. 7b). This suggests that a bottom-up scaling is unlikely to offer reliable daily LRU values for regional scale applications. Instead, LRU that is diagnostically calculated from biosphere models such as the Simple Biosphere model (Berry et al., 2013; Hilton et al., 2015) would be more appropriate for COS–GPP inversion studies, provided that model parameterizations are validated against observations.

5 Conclusions

Our field study has shown that leaf COS and CO_2 fluxes share similar diurnal patterns driven by the common stomatal responses to light and vapor deficit, showing dual peaks of uptake separated by a prolonged midday depression period. We have validated the light dependence of LRU directly at the leaf level in field conditions. LRU converges to around 1.0 at light-saturated conditions for *Typha latifolia*, much lower than many other species due possibly to its high photosynthetic capacity. In addition to light, vapor deficit is identified as a secondary driver of LRU, acting to reduce LRU further in the afternoon (15:00–17:00) from its light-saturated value.

Stomatal conductance derived from water measurements has provided process-level insights into the diurnal variability of LRU. Since the biochemical sink of COS is light independent, COS uptake is less reaction-limited compared with CO_2 uptake. With increasing light, the assimilation capacity for CO_2 increases but is unchanged for COS, causing LRU to decrease regardless of the stomatal coupling between COS and CO_2. The reduction in stomatal conductance induced by high vapor deficit affects COS uptake more than CO_2 uptake, since COS uptake is more stomatal-conductance-limited, causing a further reduction in LRU. In [..[86]]summary, LRU variability is regulated by the relative influences of stomatal limitation vs.[..[87]] internal limitation on COS and CO_2 uptake.

The coupling between leaf COS and CO_2 fluxes and the predictability of LRU lend strong support to the use of COS as a quantitative tracer of canopy photosynthesis. More unknowns exist in the process-level controls of LRU, especially the variability of internal conductance. We expect that future studies may find the use of LRU as a diagnostic of stomatal processes to be interesting.

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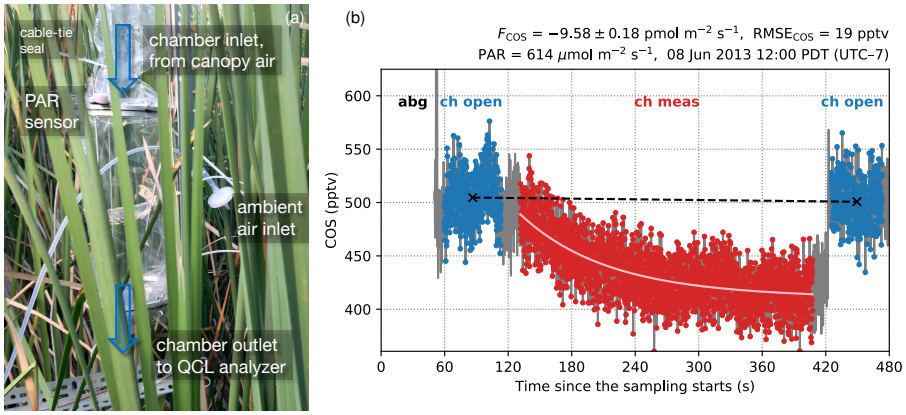


Figure 1. (a) A schematic diagram of the leaf chamber. (b) A typical sampling period on the leaf chamber illustrated with COS concentration measurements. The first minute is for auto-background spectral correction (abg) using N_2 gas. The sampling system then switches to the chamber line with the ventilation fan turned on (ch open) for one minute. Then the ventilation fan is turned off for five minutes to measure flux signals in the chamber (ch meas), and after that is turned on again for one minute (ch open). The fitted curve for concentration changes is shown in light pink. The black dashed line represents the zero-flux baseline correction to account for the drift in the measured ambient concentrations.

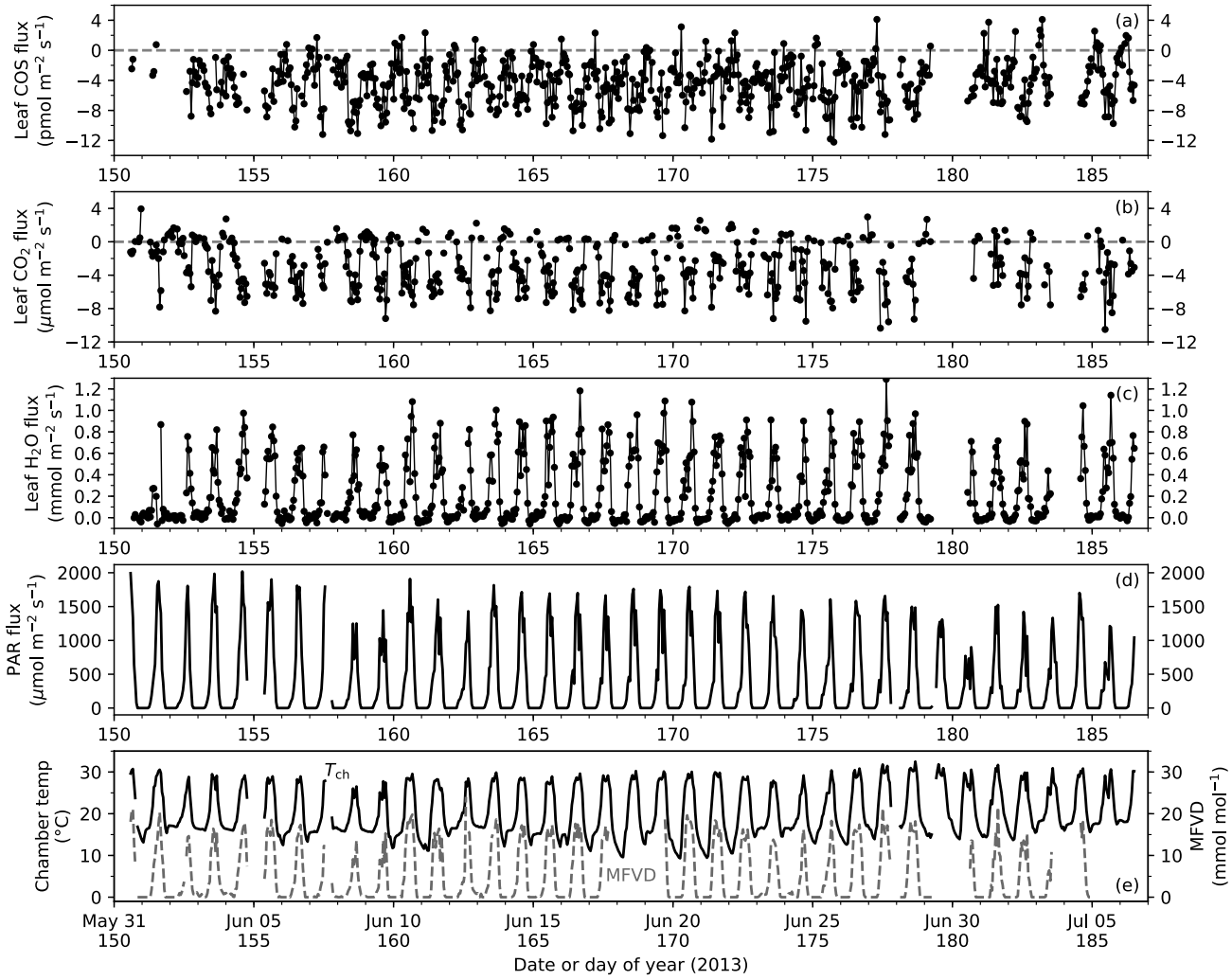
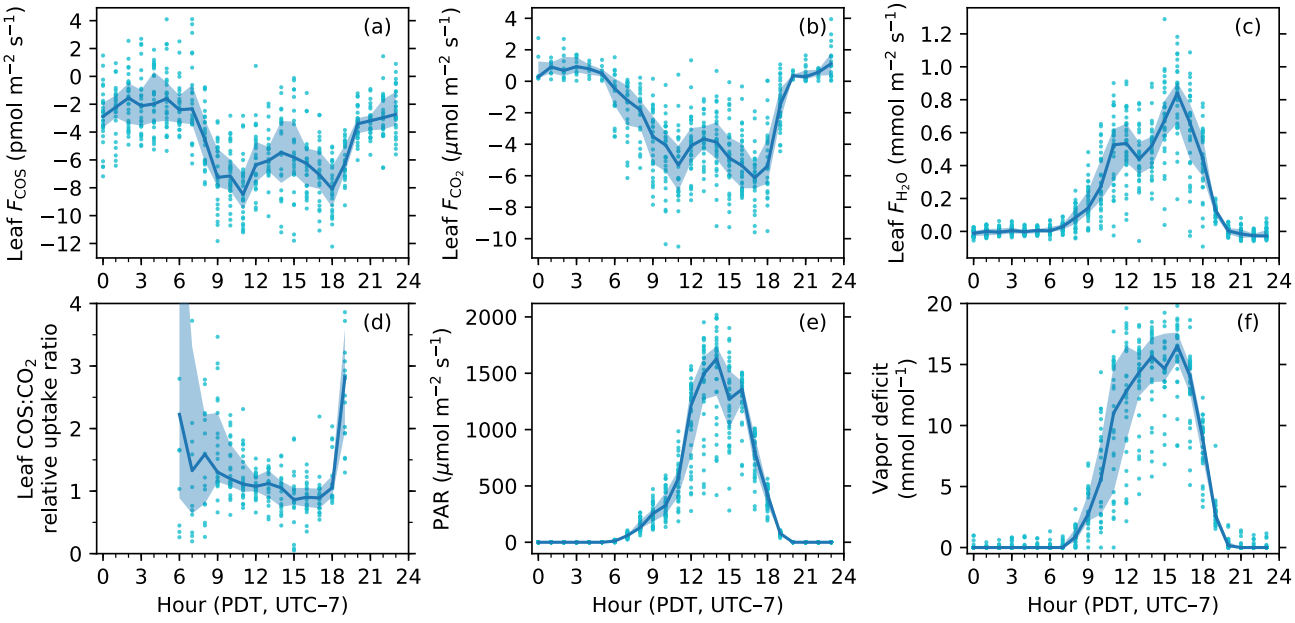


Figure 2. Time series of leaf COS (a), CO_2 (b) and water (c) fluxes, photosynthetically active radiation (PAR) at the leaf chamber (d), chamber air temperature (e, black solid line; T_{ch}) and leaf-to-air vapor deficit in mole fraction (e, gray dashed line; MFVD). Ticks on x-axes indicate the starts of the days (0000 h).



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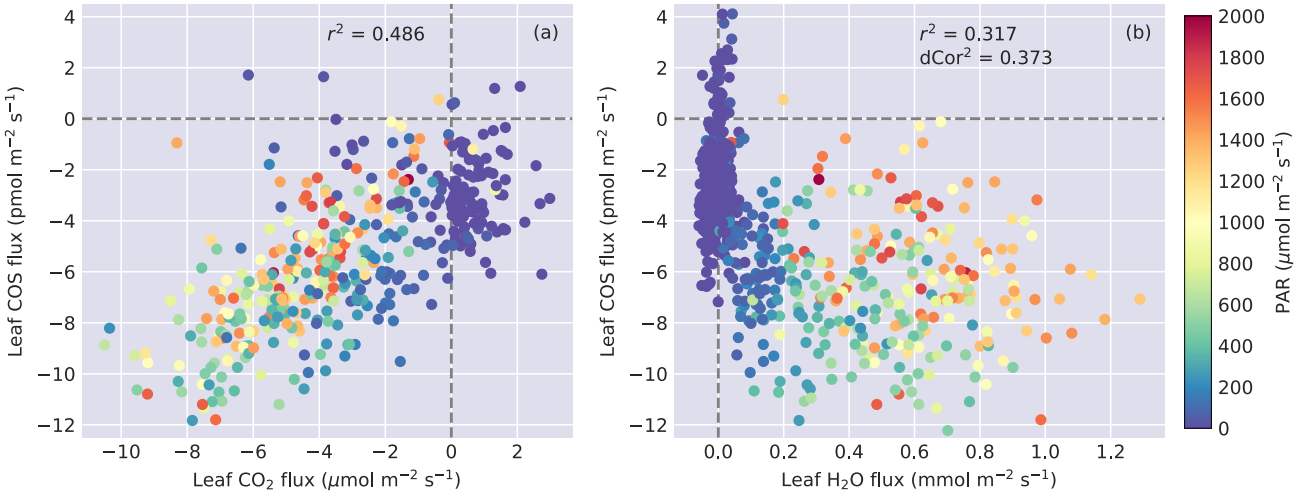

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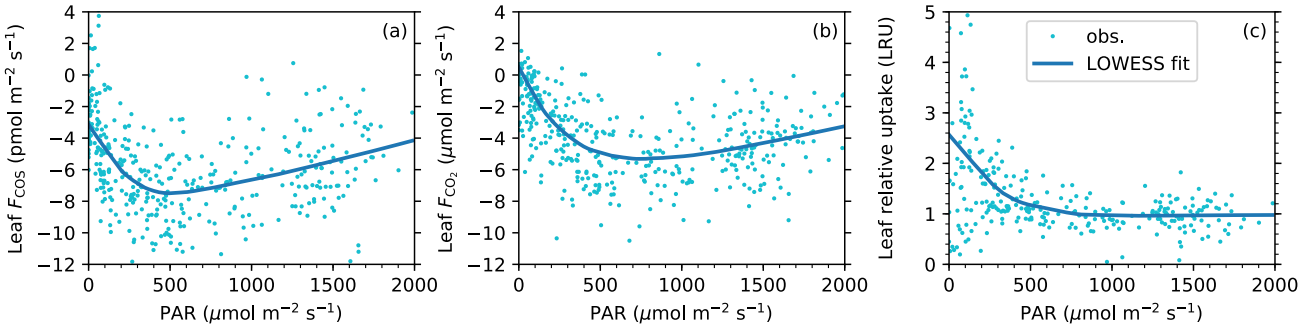

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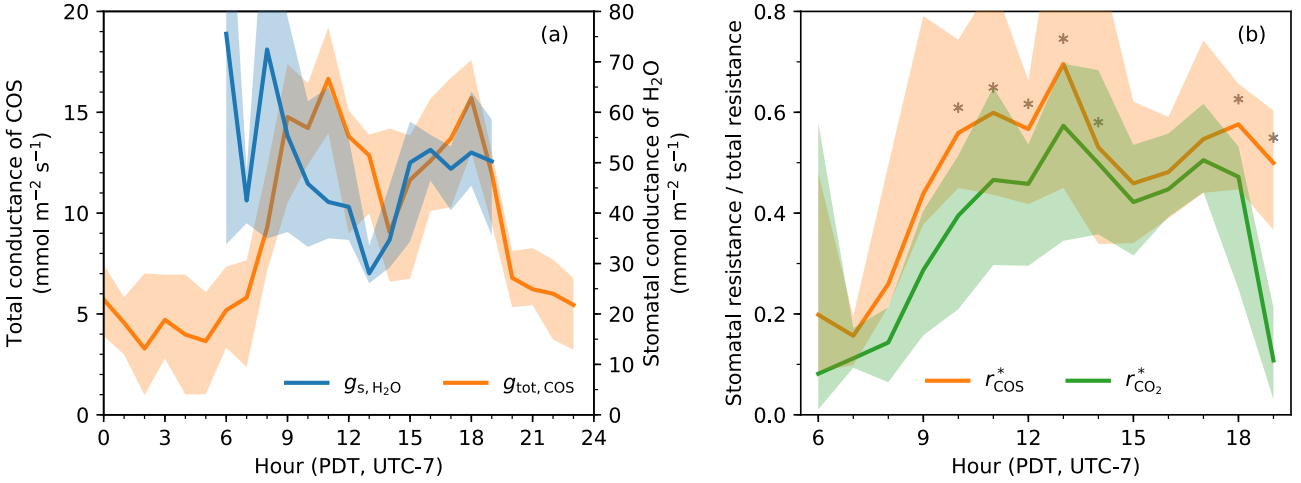

Figure 6. (a) Diurnal patterns of the stomatal conductance of water (blue, right y-axis) and the total conductance of COS (orange, left y-axis). Note that the two variables were on different scales for visual comparison. (b) Daytime patterns of the fraction of stomatal resistance in the total resistance for COS (orange) and for CO_2 (green). Similar to Fig. 3, in both panels solid curves indicate medians and shaded areas are between 25th and 75th percentiles, binned by the hour of the day. The asterisk markers in panel (b) indicate that the difference between r^*_{COS} and $r^*_{CO_2}$ for that time of the day is significant at $p < 0.05$ level in a paired two-sample t-test.

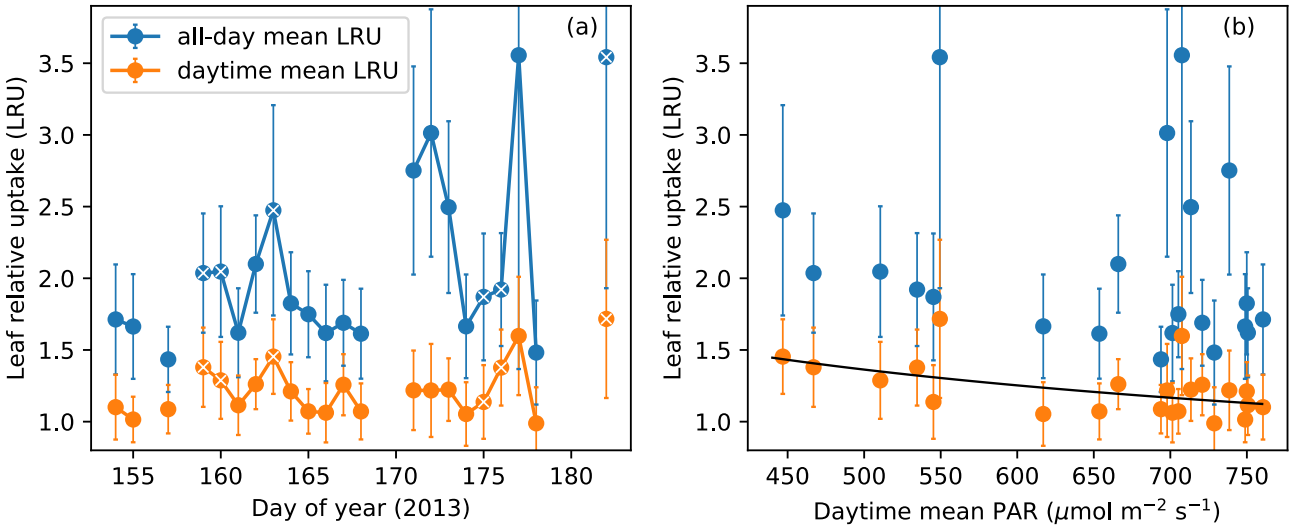

Figure 7. (a) All-day mean (blue) and daytime mean (orange) leaf relative uptake (LRU) ratios during the campaign. Data points from overcast days (daytime mean PAR < 550 μmol m^{-2} s^{-1}) are labeled with additional white cross signs. (b) All-day mean and daytime mean LRU values vs.[..[90]] daytime mean PAR. Daytime mean LRU vs.[..[91]] PAR follows a response curve (black): LRU = 24.0689 $PAR^{-0.4620}$. Error bars in both panels show ranges of ±1 standard error.

Table 1. List of variable symbols

Symbol	Description
χ_{COS}	COS mixing ratio (pptv or pmol mol^{-1})
χ_{CO_2}	CO_2 mixing ratio (ppmv or µmol mol^{-1})
χ_{H_2O}	H_2O mixing ratio (mmol mol^{-1})
F_{COS}	COS flux (pmol m^{-2} s^{-1})
F_{CO_2}	CO_2 flux (µmol m^{-2} s^{-1})
F_{H_2O}	H_2O flux (mmol m^{-2} s^{-1})
$g_{s,\,COS}$	Stomatal conductance of COS (mol m^{-2} s^{-1})
$g_{s,\,CO_2}$	Stomatal conductance of CO_2 (mol m^{-2} s^{-1})
$g_{s,\,H_2O}$	Stomatal conductance of water (mol m^{-2} s^{-1})
$r_{s,\,COS}$	Stomatal resistance of COS (mol^{-1} m^2 s)
$r_{s,\,CO_2}$	Stomatal resistance of CO_2 (mol^{-1} m^2 s)
$r_{s,\,H_2O}$	Stomatal resistance of water (mol^{-1} m^2 s)
$g_{tot,\,COS}$	Total conductance of COS (mol m^{-2} s^{-1})
$g_{tot,\,CO_2}$	Total conductance of CO_2 (mol m^{-2} s^{-1})
$r_{tot,\,COS}$	Total resistance of COS (mol^{-1} m^2 s)
$r_{tot,\,CO_2}$	Total resistance of CO_2 (mol^{-1} m^2 s)
$r^*_{CO_2}$	Ratio of stomatal resistance to total resistance of CO_2
r^*_{COS}	Ratio of stomatal resistance to total resistance of COS
T_{ch}	Chamber air temperature (°C)
T_{leaf}	Leaf temperature (°C)
e_{sat}	Saturation vapor pressure (Pa)
MFVD or D	Leaf-to-air vapor deficit in mole fraction (mmol mol^{-1})
LRU	Instantaneous leaf relative uptake
$LRU_{all\text{-}day}$	All-day mean leaf relative uptake
$LRU_{daytime}$	Daytime mean leaf relative uptake