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3-PG FOREST GROWTH MODEL

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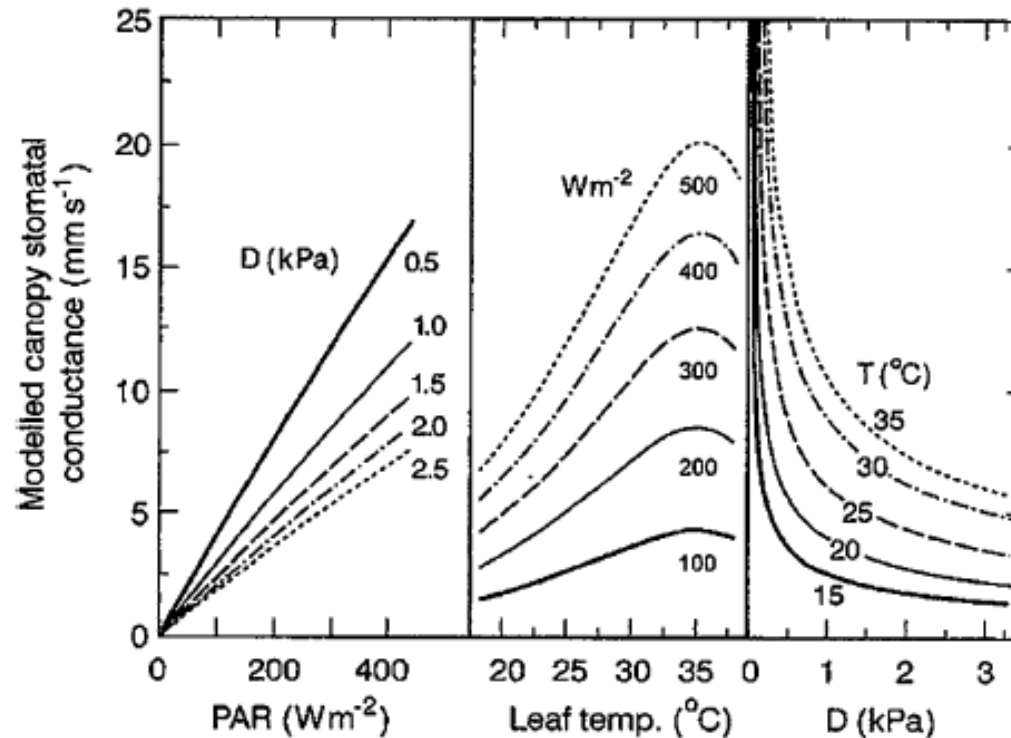
Lecture 2

Growth Modifiers



Tropical Rainforest : Canopy Stomatal Conductance Relationships

$$g_s = g_{smax} \cdot f(D) \cdot f(\delta\psi) \cdot f(PAR) \cdot f(N) \cdot f(T) \cdot f(CO_2)$$



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Light-Use and Water-Use Efficiency response to CO₂

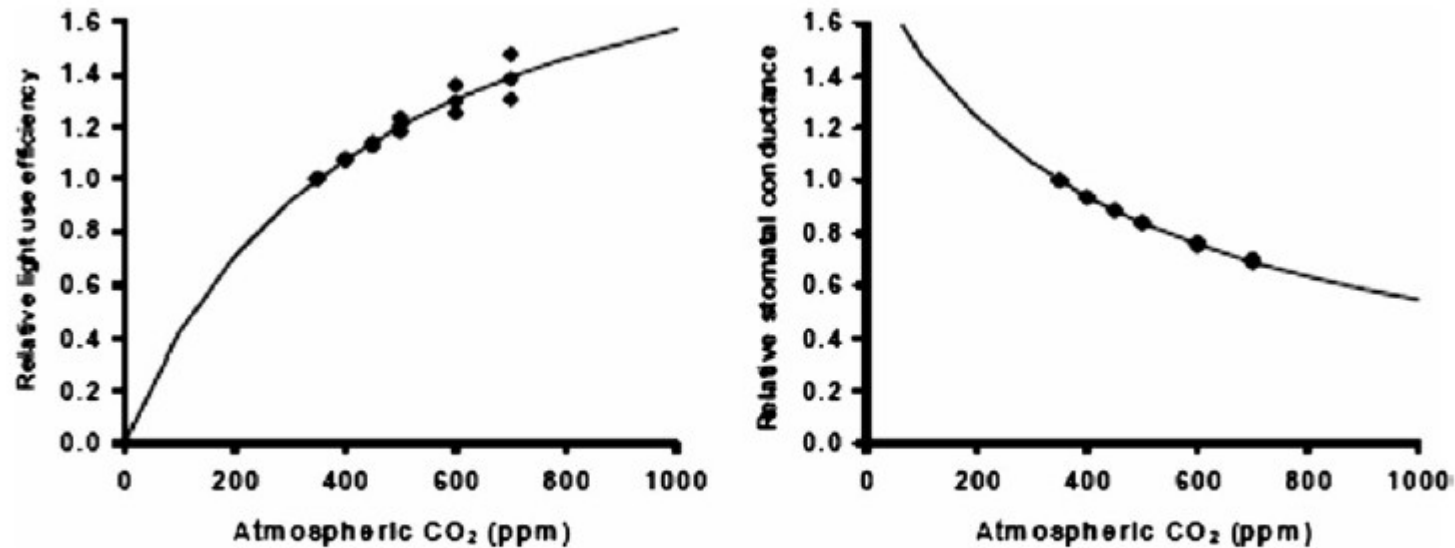
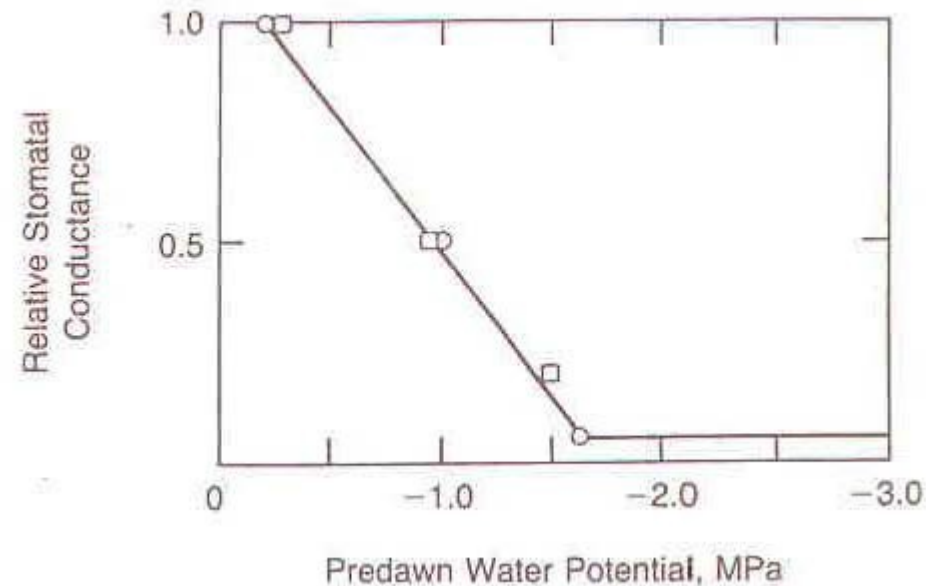


Figure 5: modeled relationship light-use efficiency (left) and relative leaf stomatal conductance (g_s) (right) with ambient CO₂ concentrations. © The Modeling and Simulation Society of Australia and New Zealand Inc., with permission, taken from Almeida *et al.* (2009).

Stomatal Conductance and Soil Drought



[Waring, R.H., and W.E. Winner. 1995. Assessing the availability of resources and quantifying their constraints upon terrestrial primary productivity. IN: E. Fuentes and R. Lawford \(eds.\). p. 89-102. High latitude rainforests and river systems. Springer Verlag, New York.](#)

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Soils differ in how they release water

Landsberg & Waring (1997)

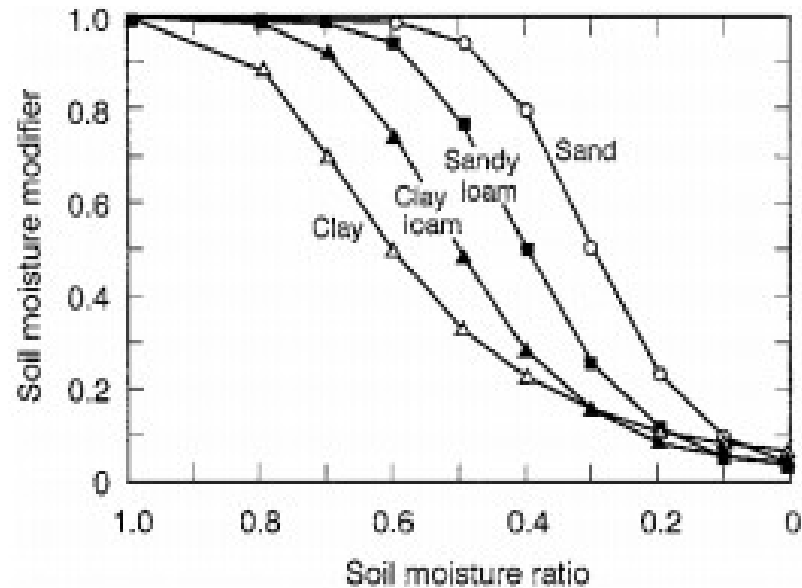
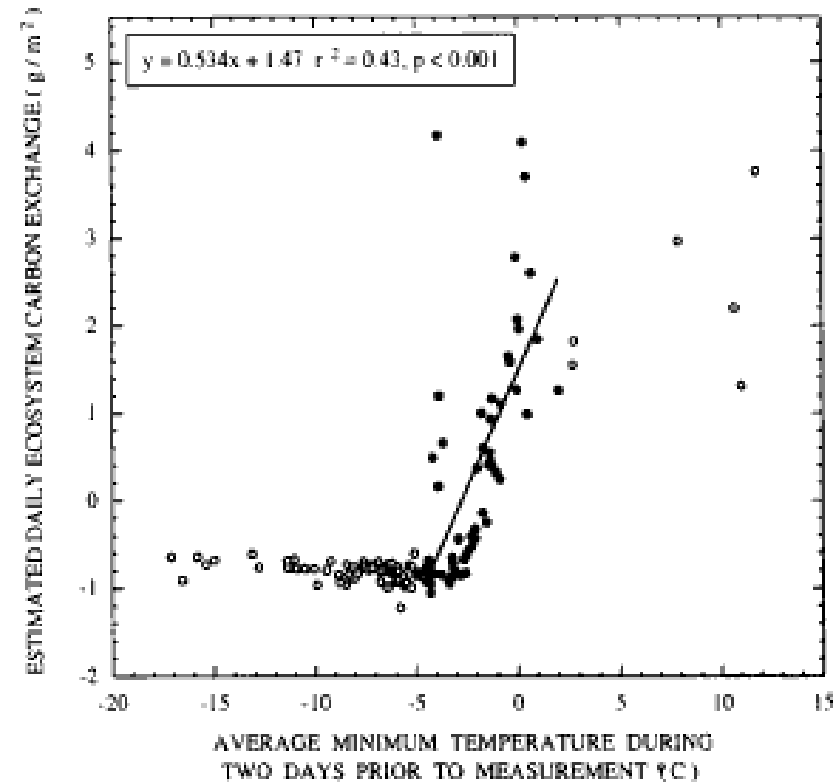


Fig. 2. Relationship between the soil water modifier (f_θ) and the moisture ratio (r_θ) for four soil types.

Effect of Subfreezing Temperature on Stomata and GPP

Hadley (2000) Arctic, Antarctic and Alpine Res. 32:368-374.



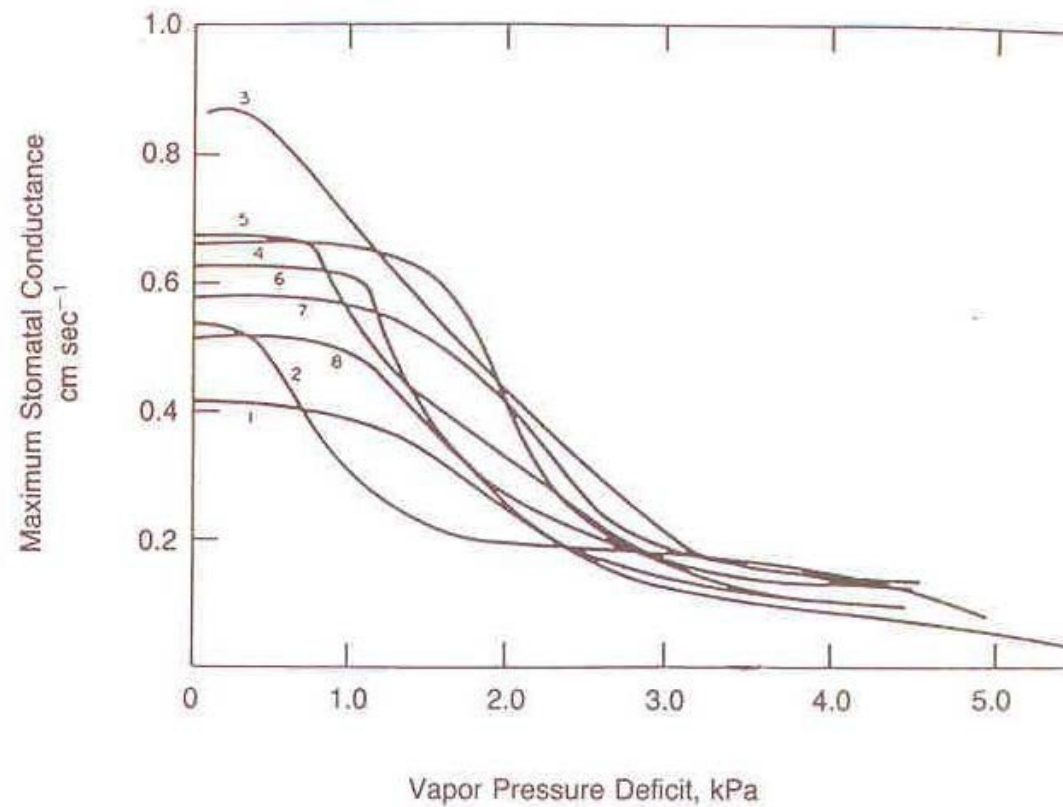
Optimum Temperature

Table 6.2. Optimum Temperature for Photosynthesis Compared with Actual Mid-summer Temperatures for Five Genera of Native New Zealand and North American Tree Species. From Hawkins and Sweet, 1989

| Species | Optimum Temperature, °C | Mid-Summer Temperature, °C | Difference, °C |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| New Zealand | | | |
| <i>Agathis australis</i> | 27.0 | 22.2 | 4.8 |
| <i>Dacrycarpus dacrydiodes</i> | 27.0 | 17.9 | 9.1 |
| <i>Dacrydium cupressinum</i> | 27.0 | 16.8 | 10.2 |
| <i>Nothofagus solandri</i> | 27.0 | 17.0 | 10.0 |
| <i>Podocarpus totara</i> | 27.0 | 21.5 | 5.5 |
| Mean | 27.0 | 19.1 | +7.9 |
| North America | | | |
| <i>Larix decudua</i> | 17.0 | 19.0 | -2.0 |
| <i>Pinus radiata</i> | 23.0 | 21.0 | 2.0 |
| <i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> | 21.0 | 20.2 | 0.8 |
| <i>Sequoia sempervirens</i> | 19.0 | 17.0 | 2.0 |
| <i>Tsuga heterophylla</i> | 18.0 | 20.2 | -2.2 |
| Mean | 19.6 | 19.4 | +0.2 |

VPD Response of Northwest Forest Species

Waring and Franklin, 1979. Science



As Trees Grow, They Produce Less Foliage and More Branches

Waring et al. (2016) For. Ecol. & Manage.

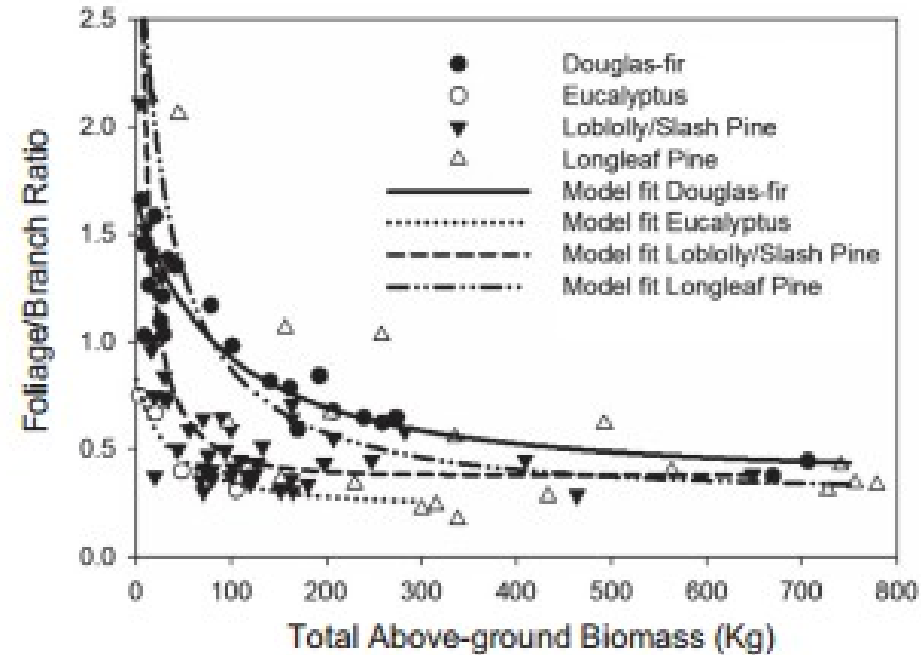
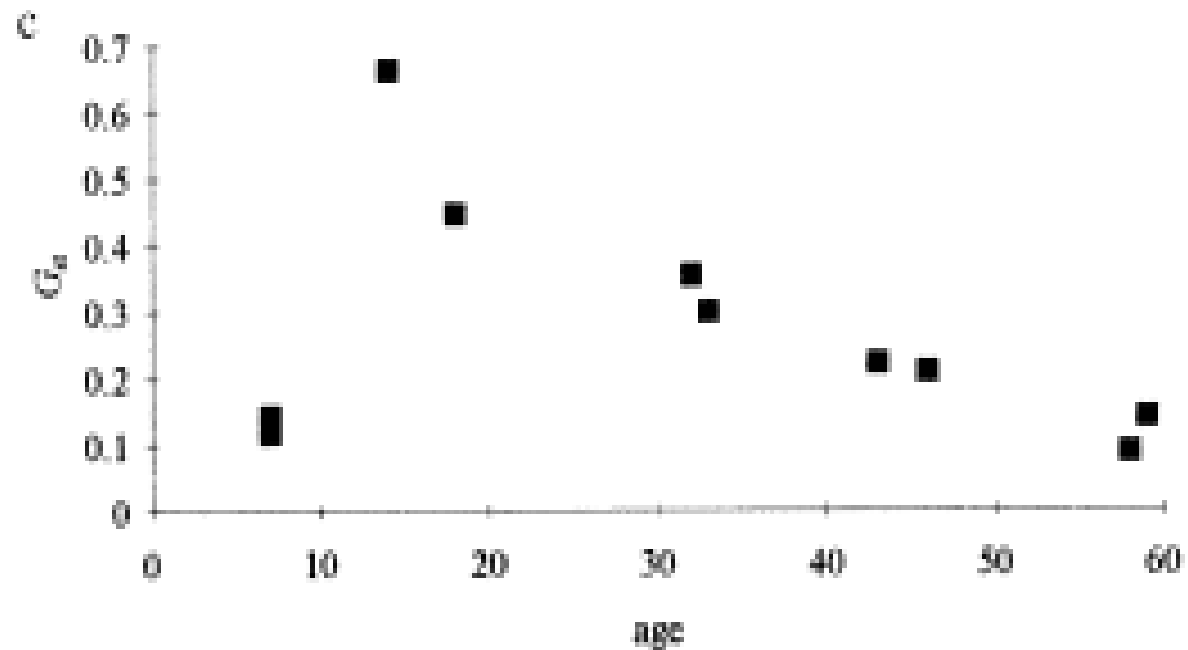


Fig. 4. As tree above-ground biomass increases, the ratio of needle to branch biomass in Douglas-fir decreases exponentially (Bartelin, 1996). Similar plots are presented for three species of southern pines: loblolly (*Pinus taeda*), longleaf (*P. palustris*), and slash (*P. elliottii*). *Eucalyptus grandis* data were obtained from Almeida (2012). Graph drafted by Carlos Gonzalez-Benecke using some original data (Gonzalez-Benecke et al., 2014, 2015).

Hydraulic Conductance in Function of Age

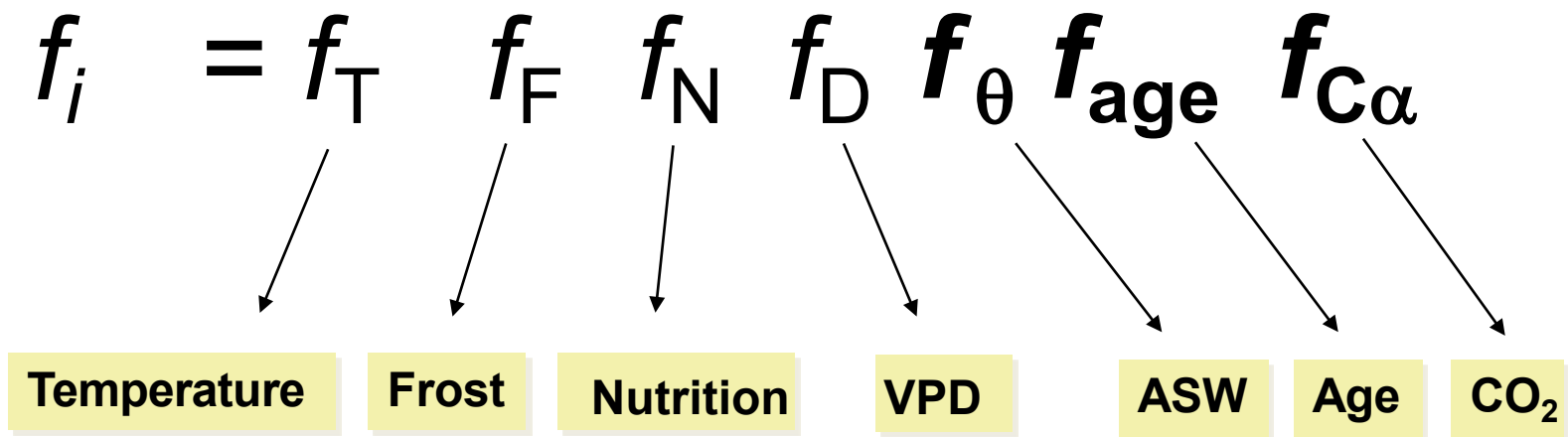
As a result of the shift in the partitioning of growth in mass, photosynthesis is constrained by less efficient plumbing as expressed by a drop in total hydraulic conductance (G_a)



All Modifiers Affect Canopy Production and Transpiration



$$\text{NPP} = Q_0 * \left(1 - e^{-k * \text{LAI}} \right) * \alpha_{cx} * R * f_i$$



$$(0 \leq f_i \leq 1)$$

$$G_c = G_{cmax} * f_j$$

$$f_j = f_D f_{\theta} f_F f_{Cg}$$

VPD ASW Frost CO₂

$$(0 \leq f_i \leq 1)$$

General References

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