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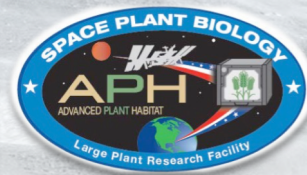
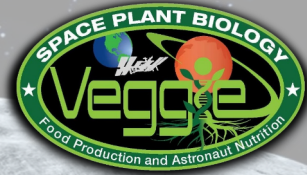
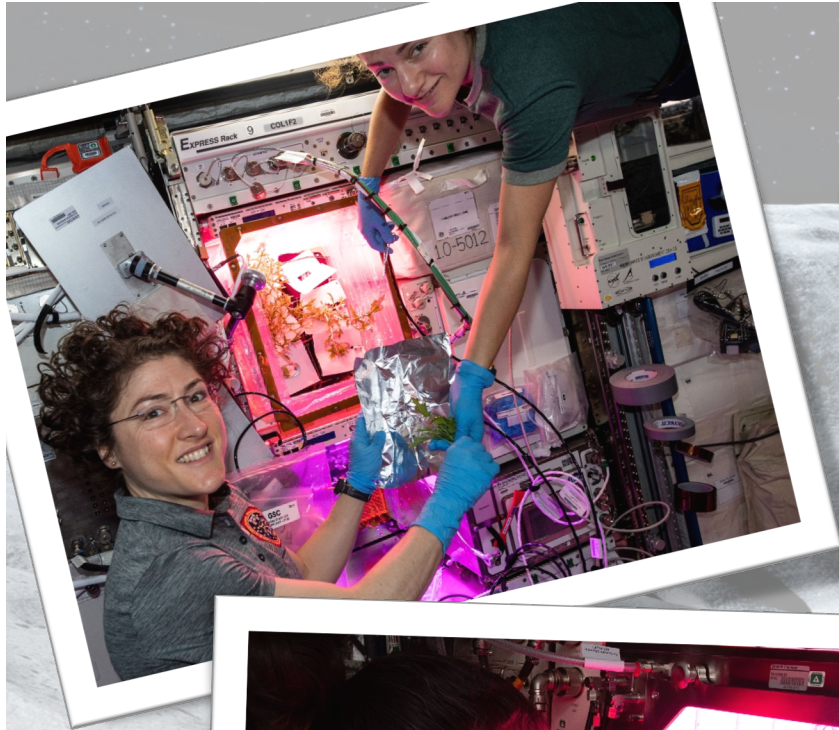
Plant gas exchange mechanistic modeling taking into account multiple timeframes and gravity levels

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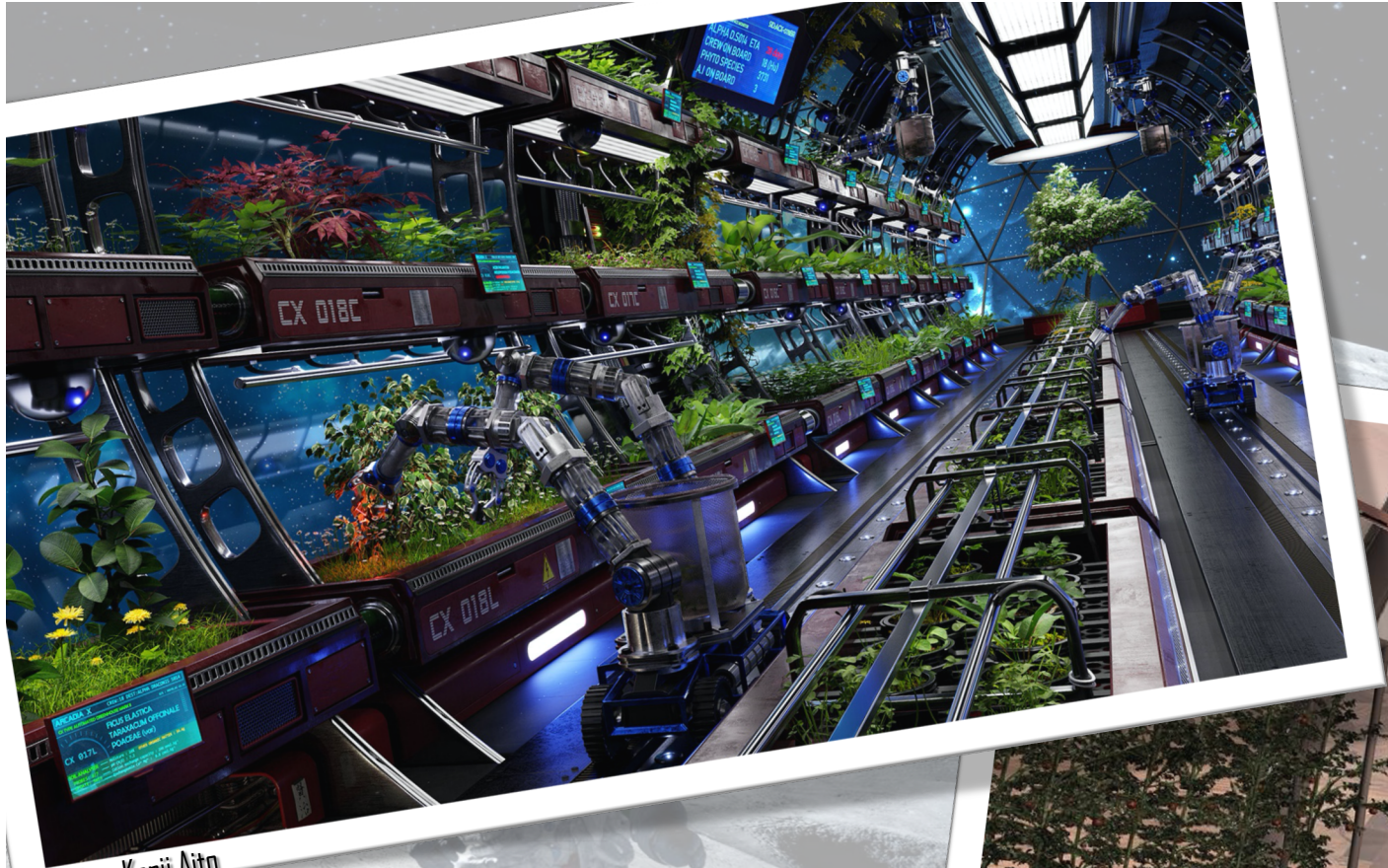
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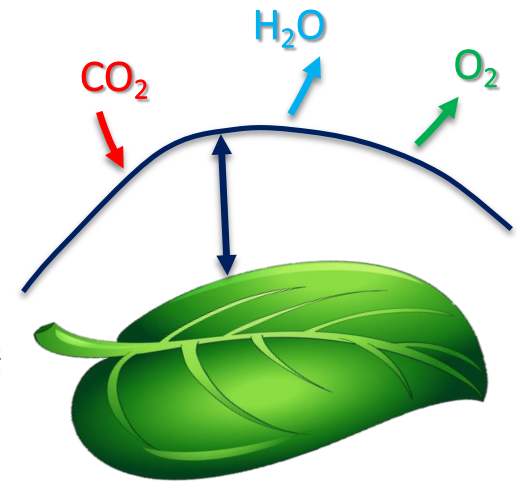
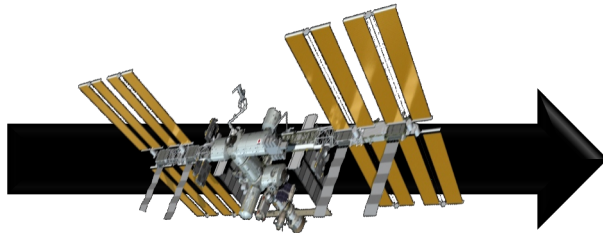
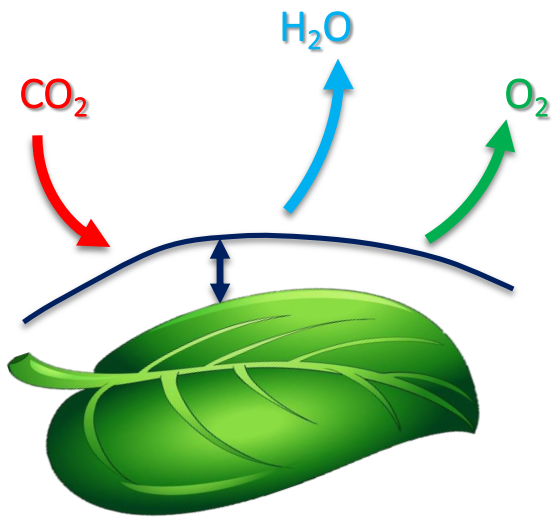


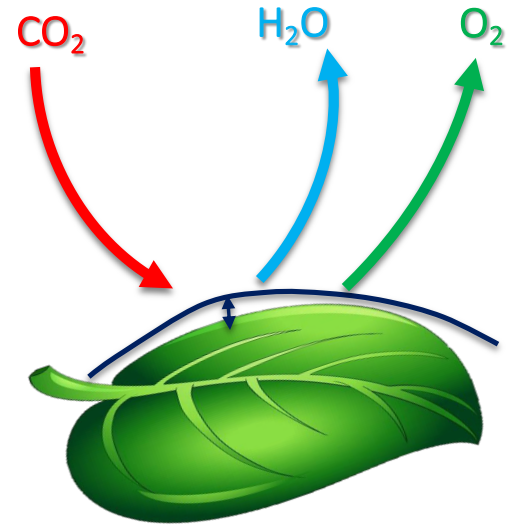
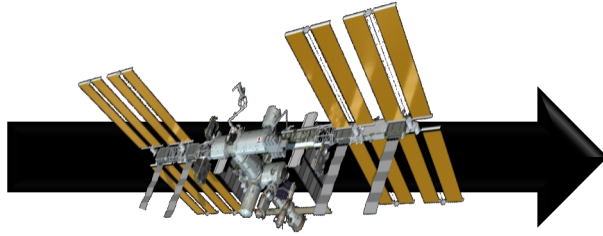
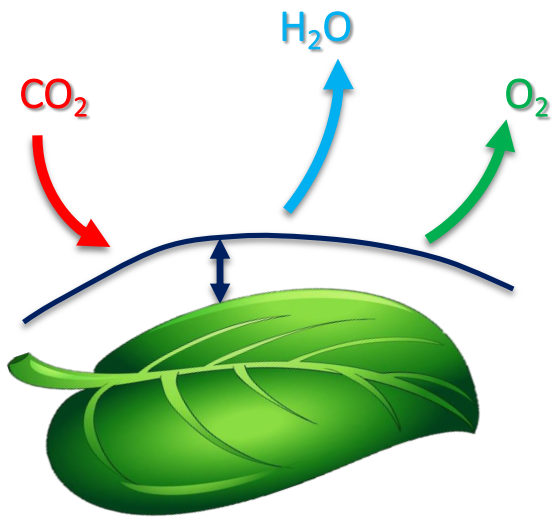
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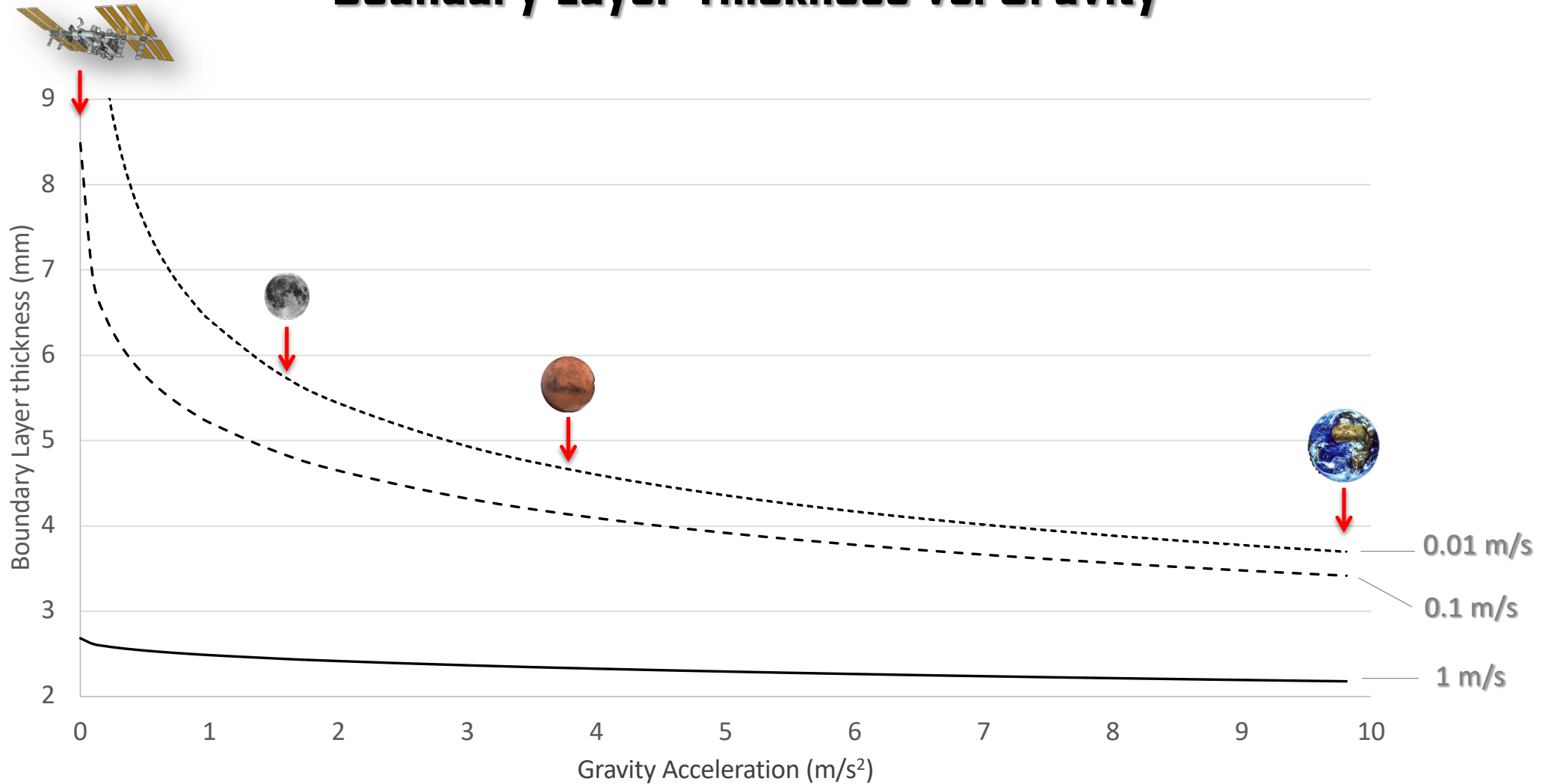
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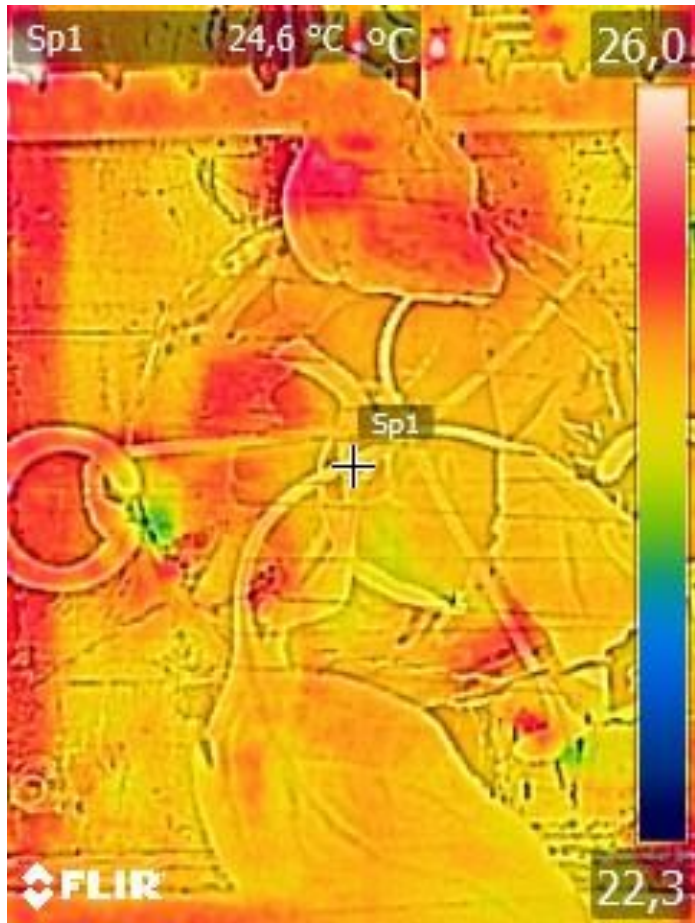




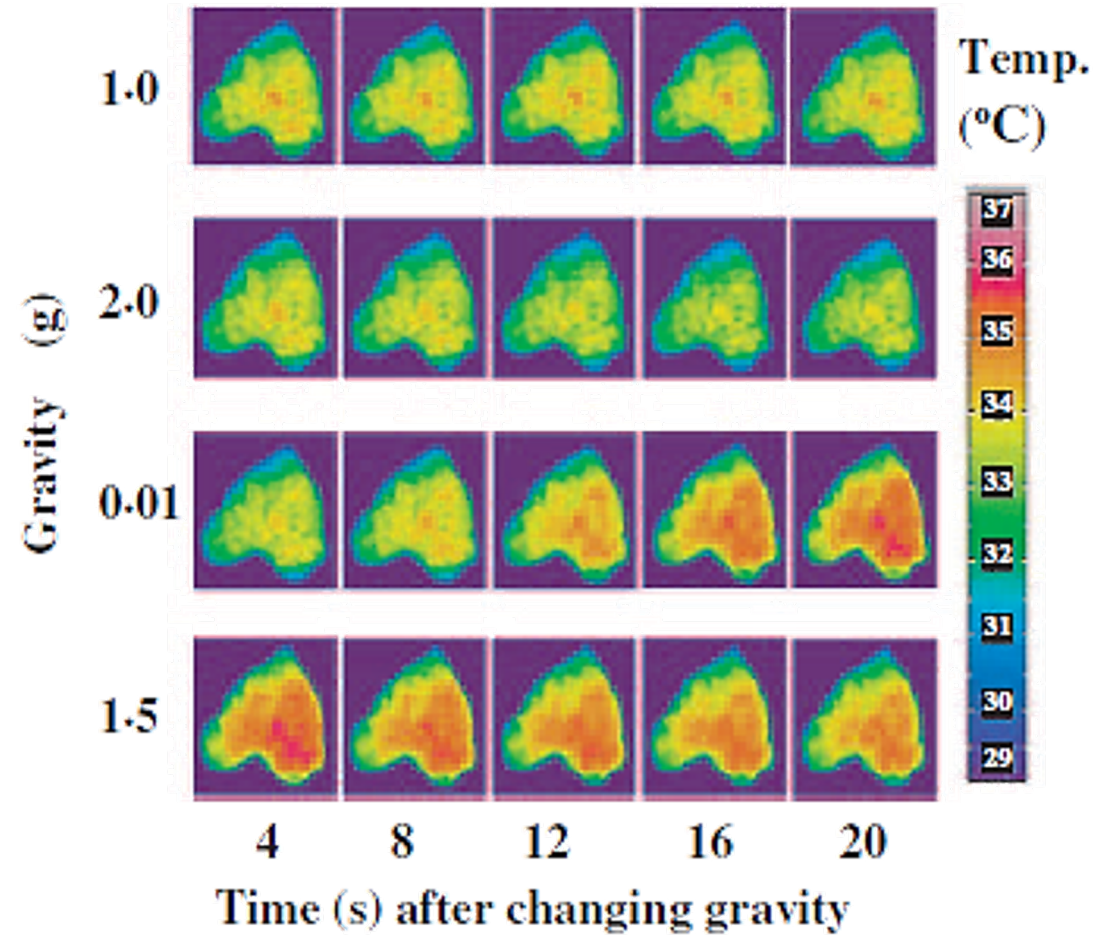


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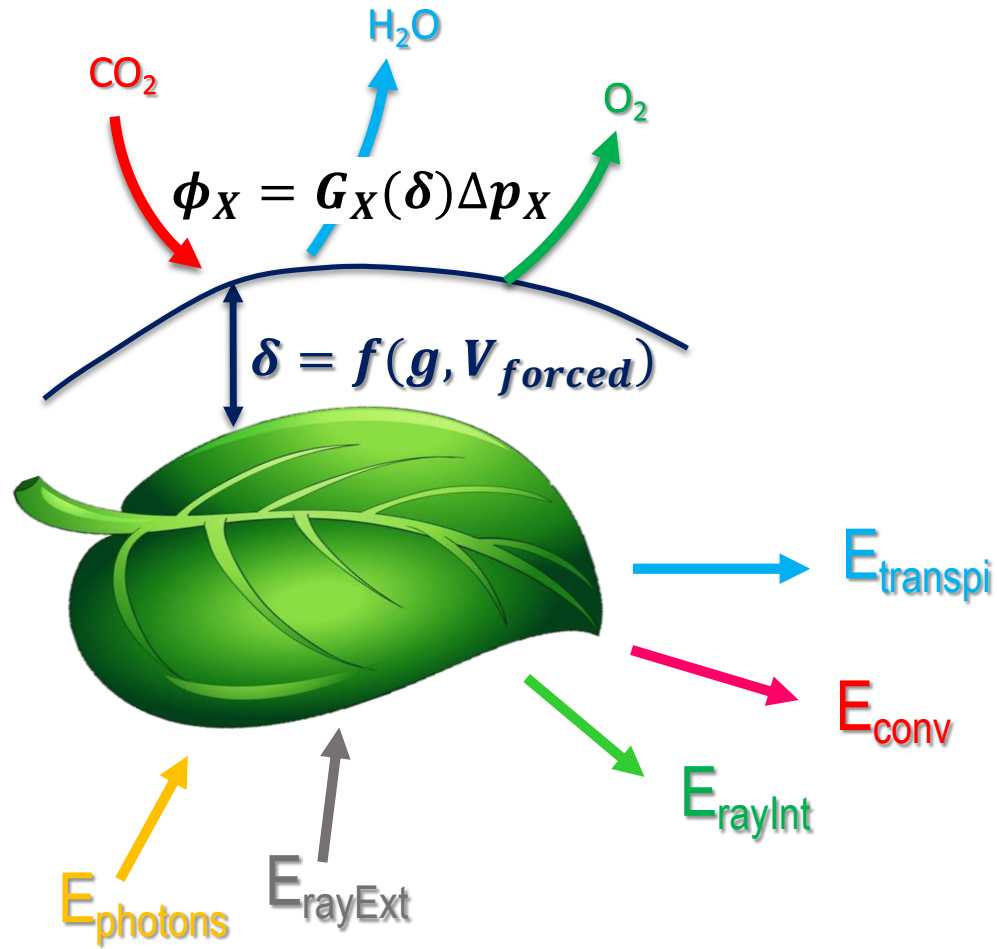
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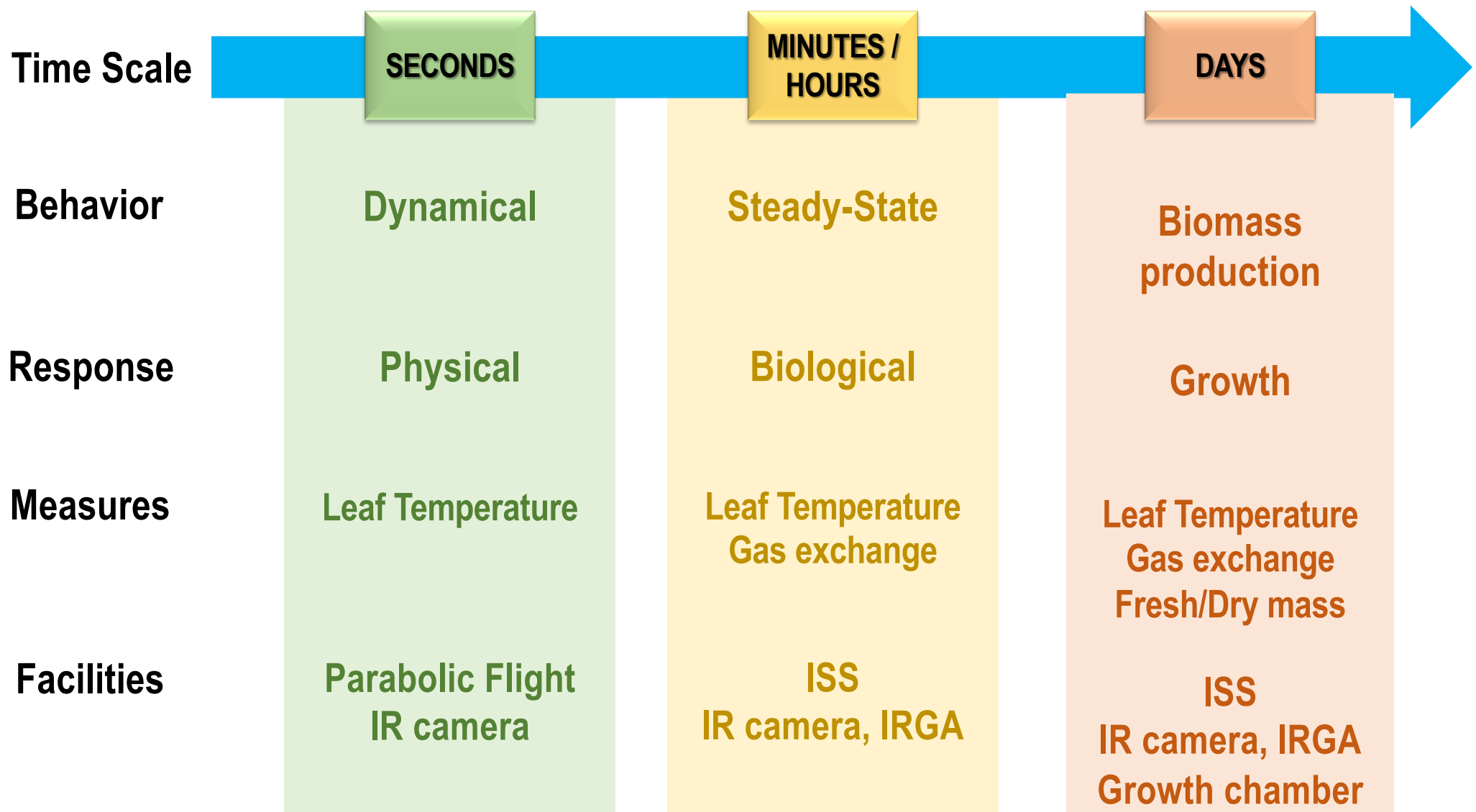
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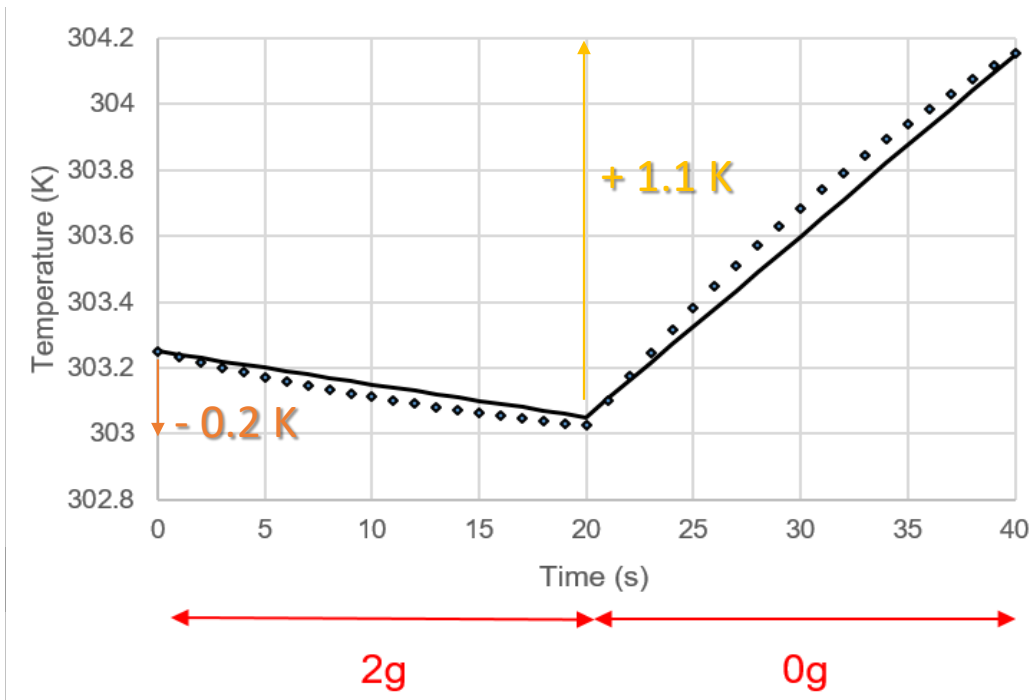
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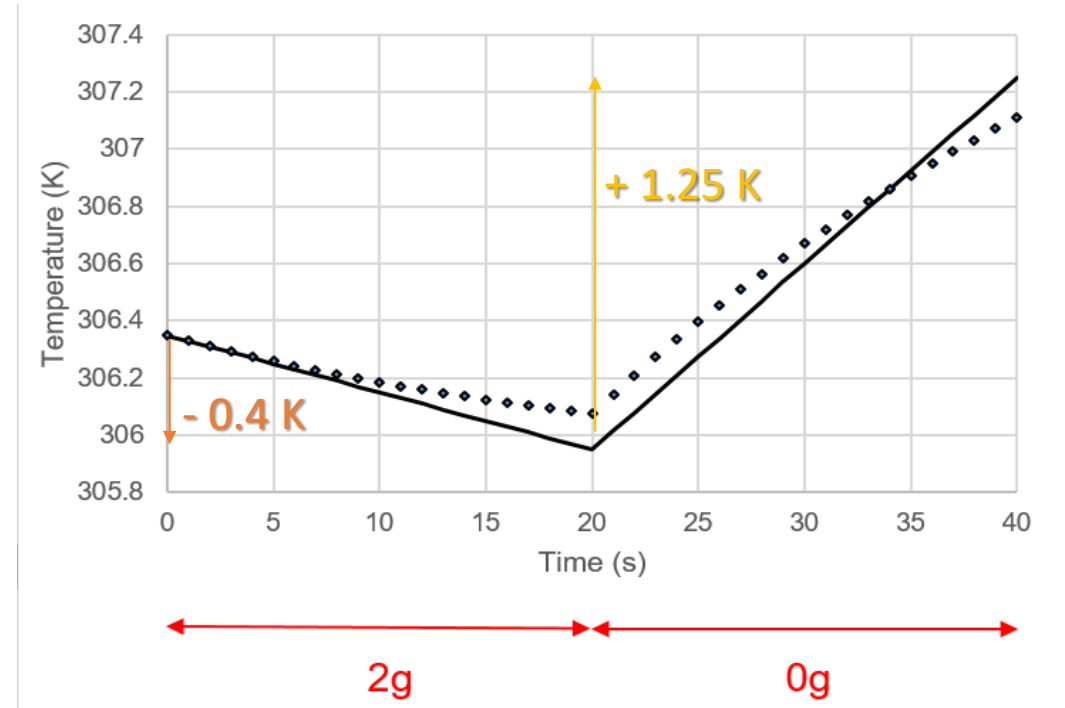
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Validation in short-term: leaf temperature at 0.2 m/s



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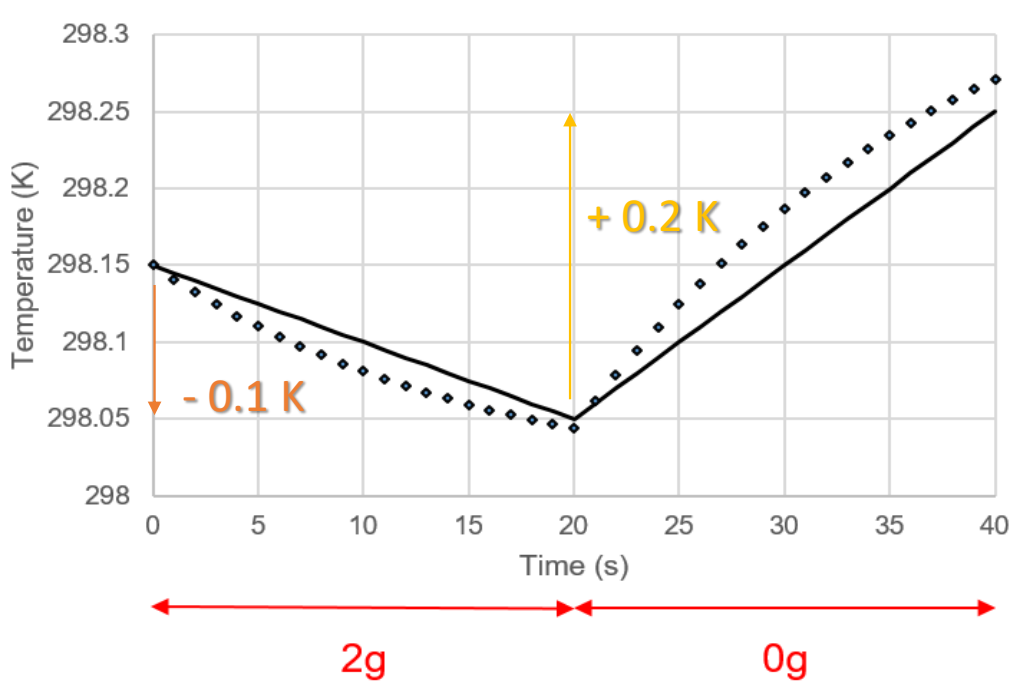


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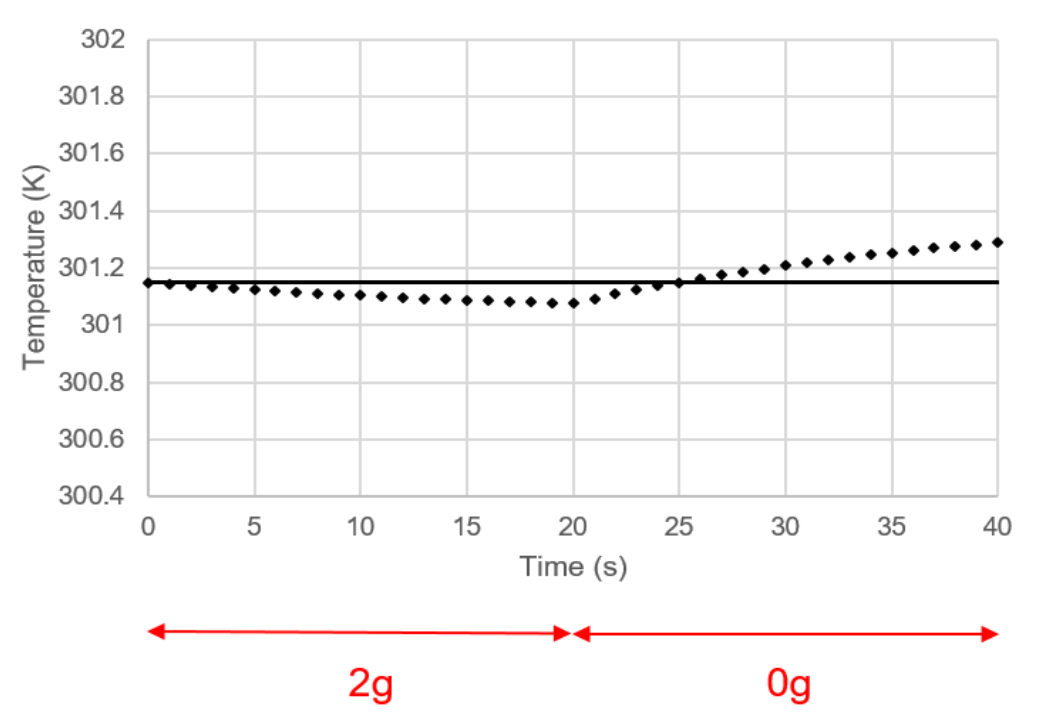
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Validation in short-term: leaf temperature at 1 m/s



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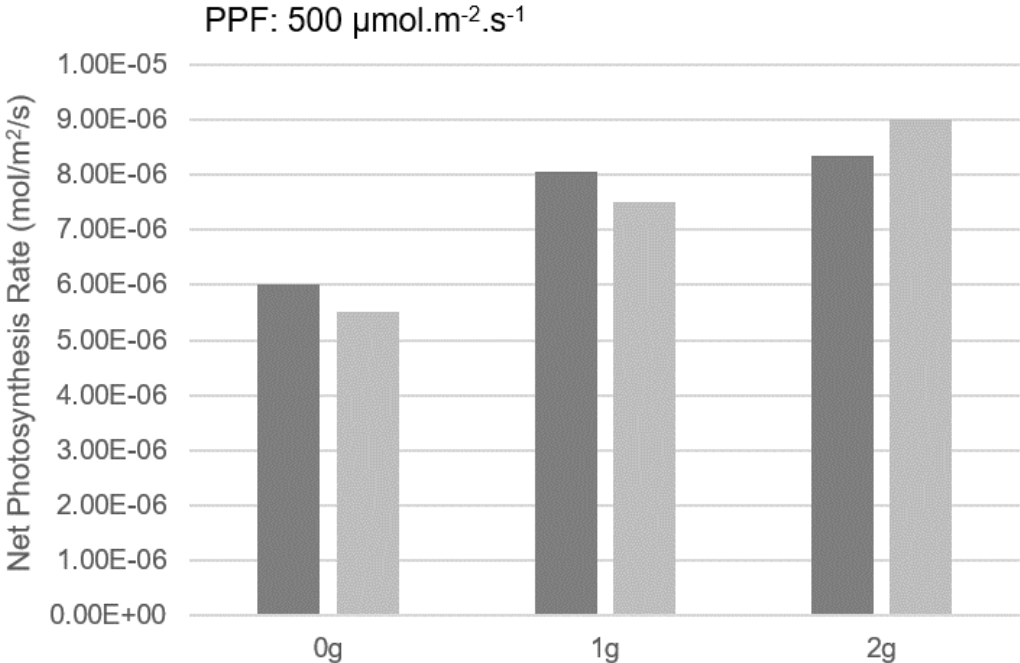
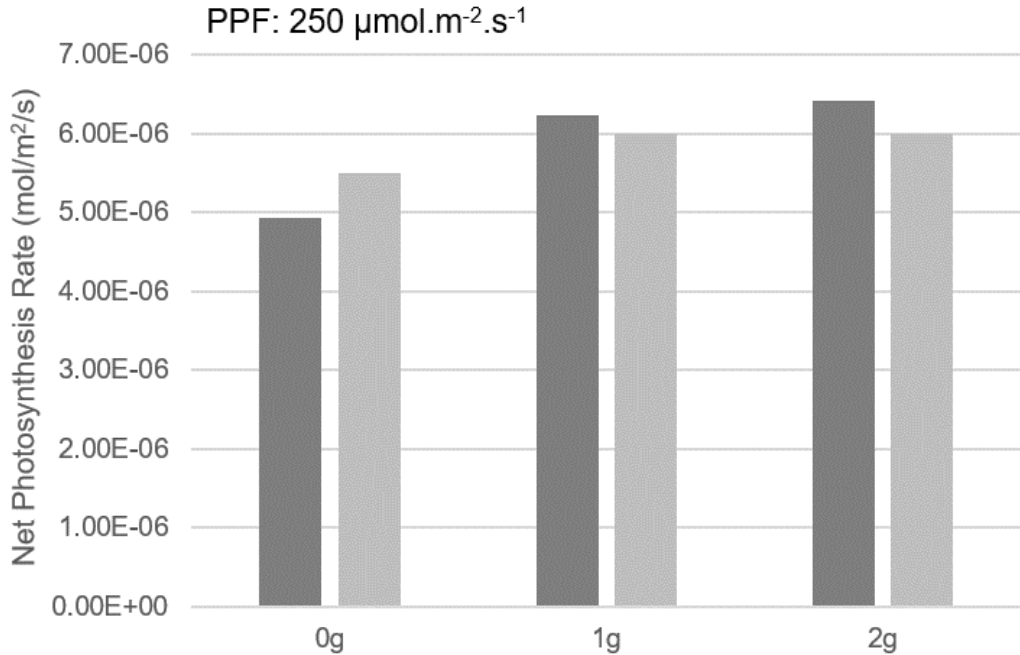
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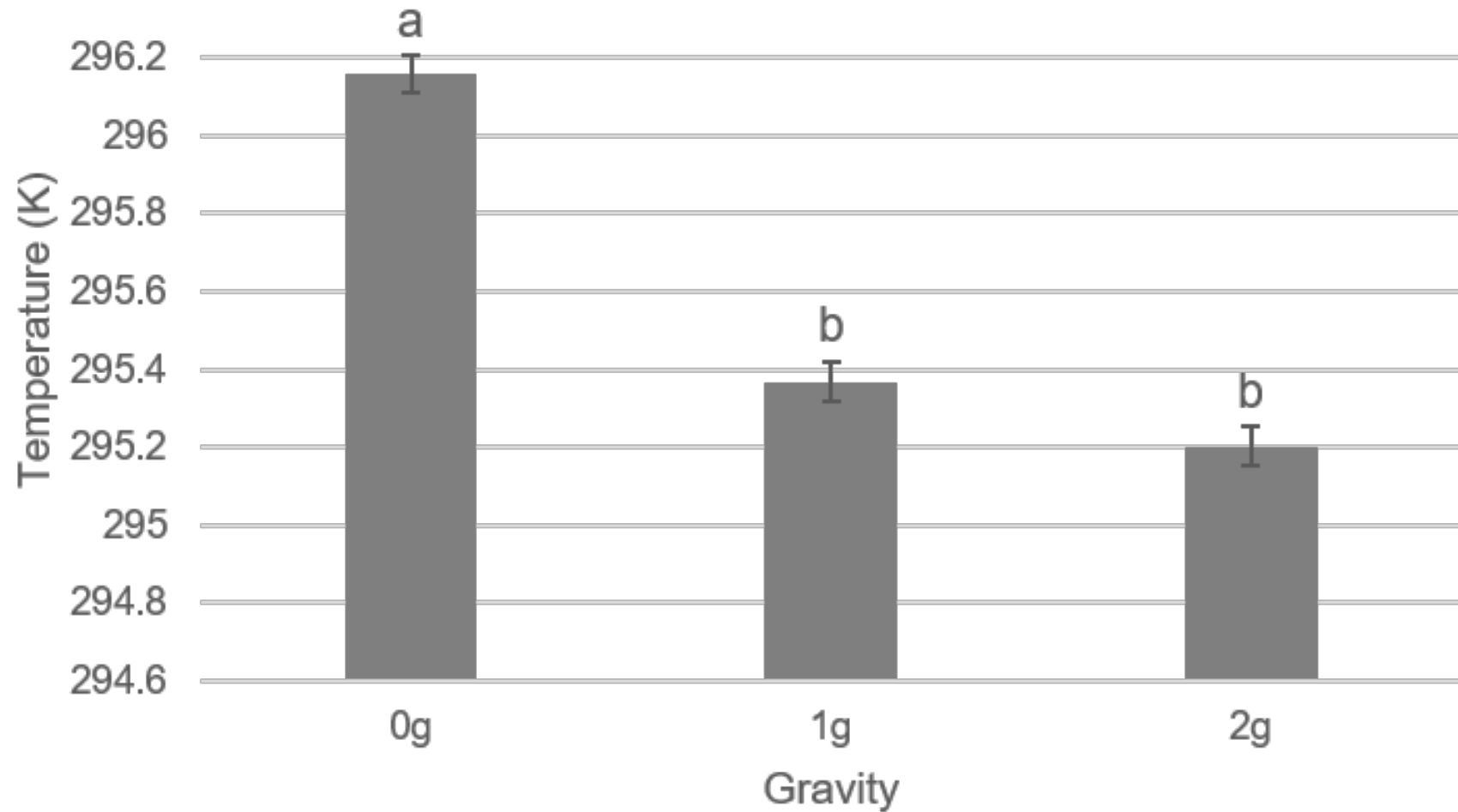
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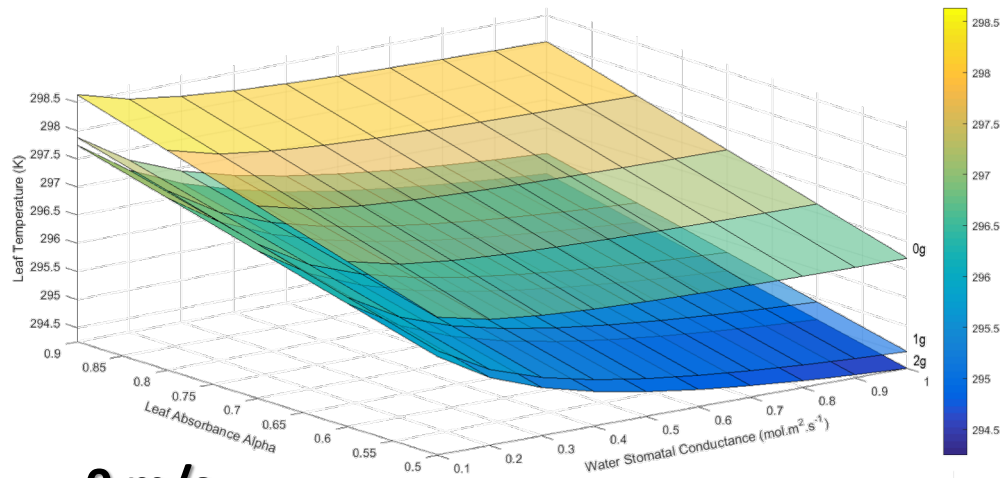
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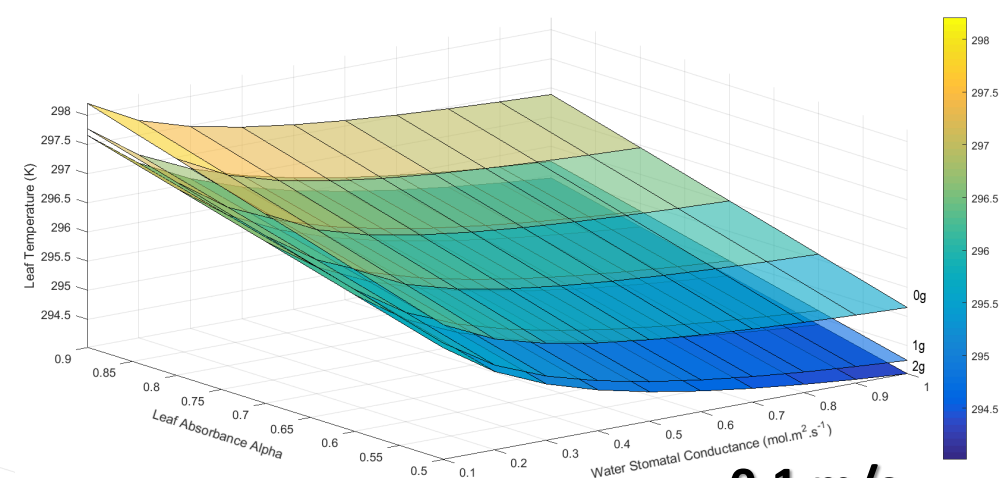
Gravity influence on leaf surface temperature after 20 s



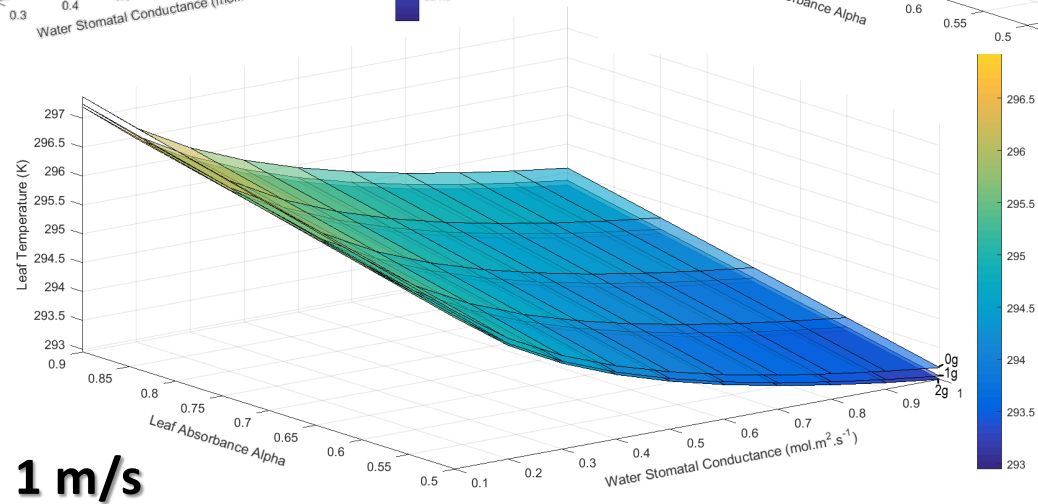
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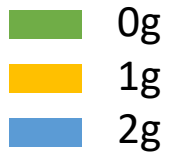
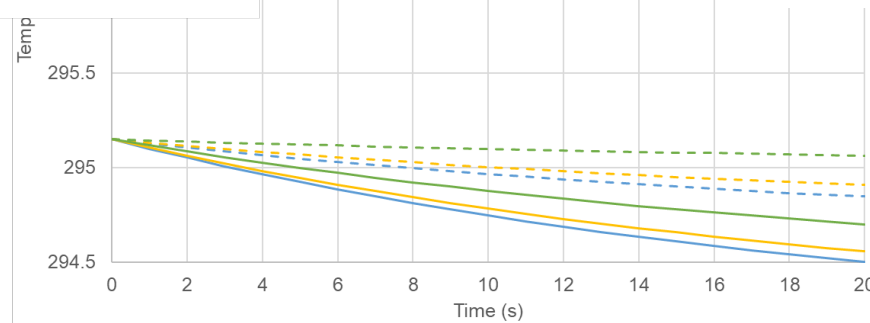
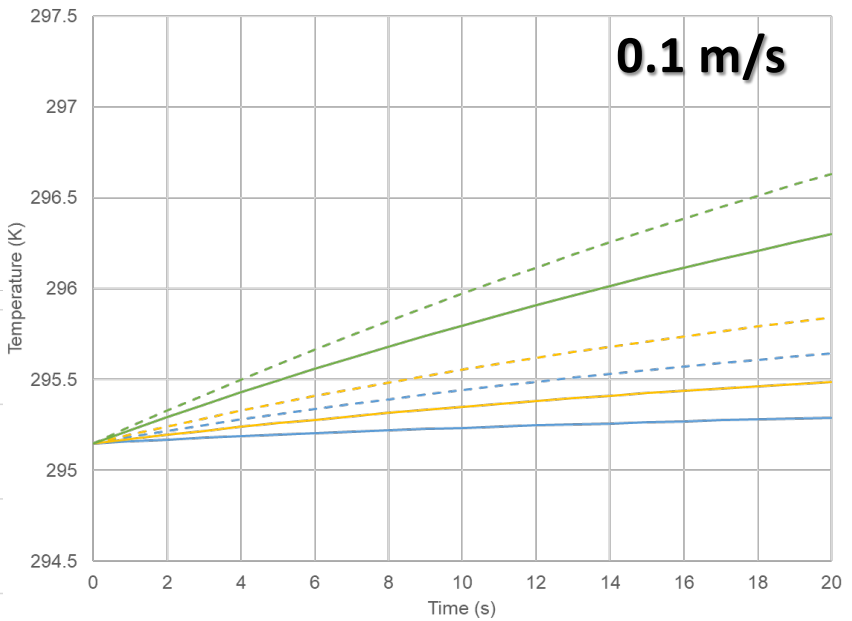
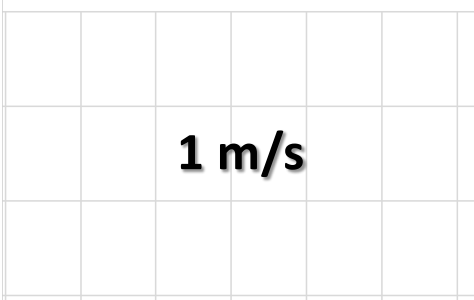
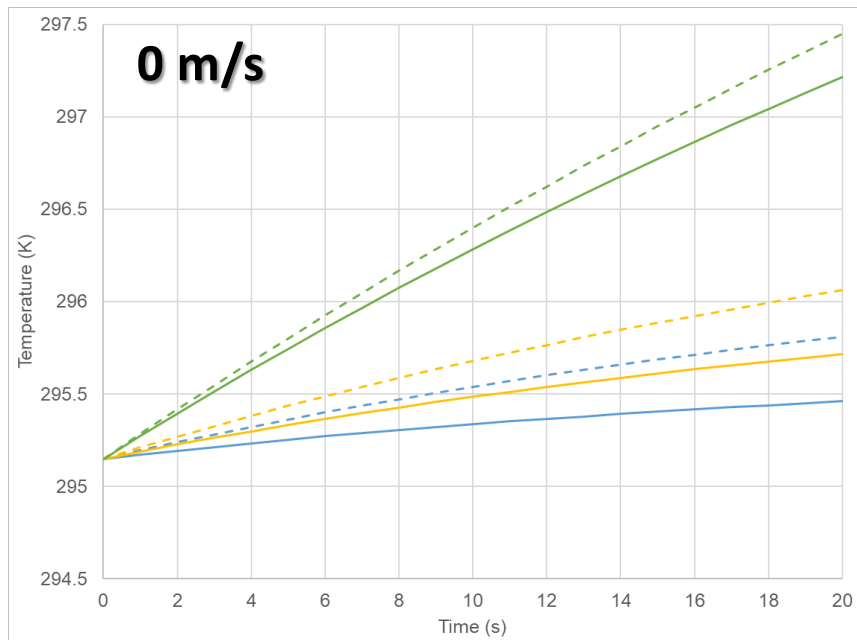


0.1 m/s



1 m/s

Leaf shape influence on leaf surface temperature after 20 s



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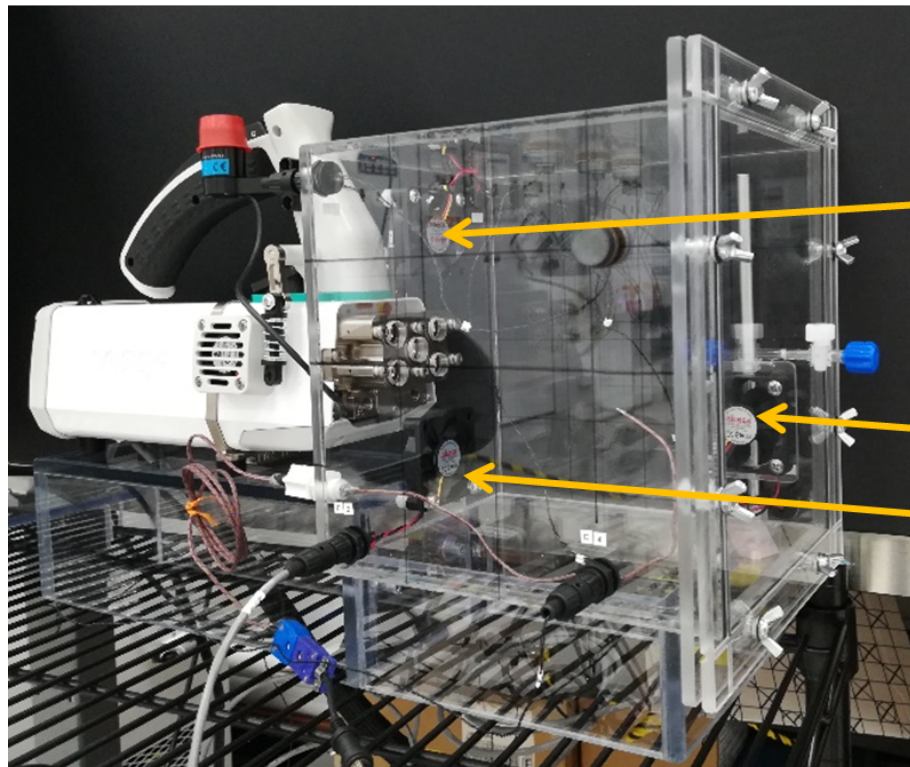
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Validation in steady-state: Gas exchange



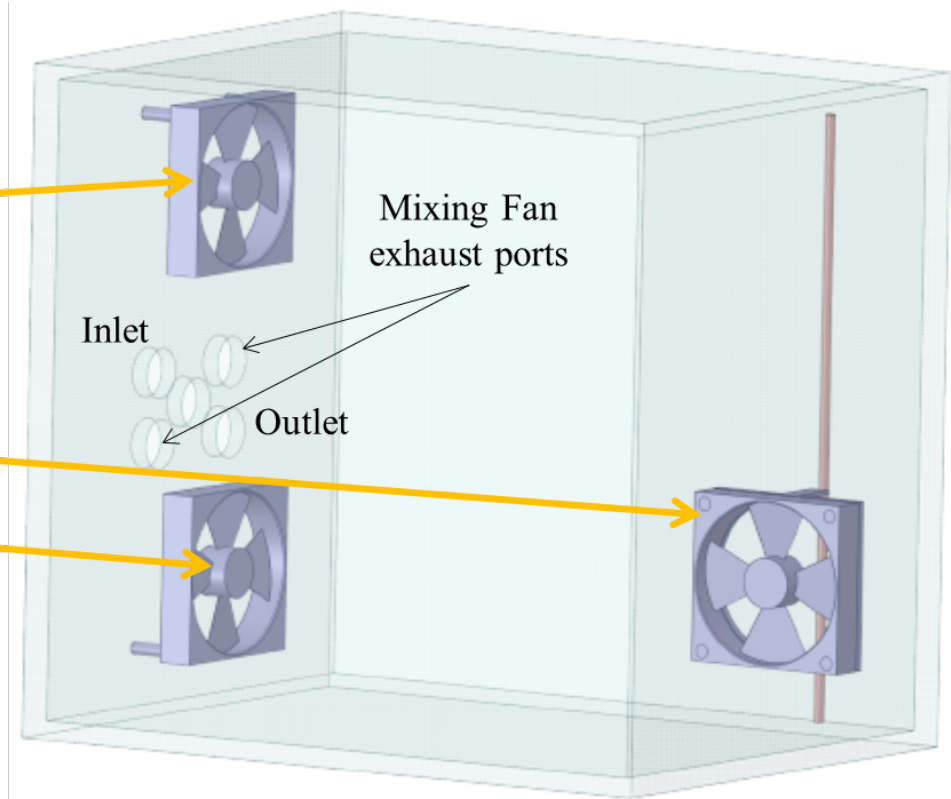
Custom-made photosynthesis measurement chamber



Top black fan

Side black fan

Bottom black fan

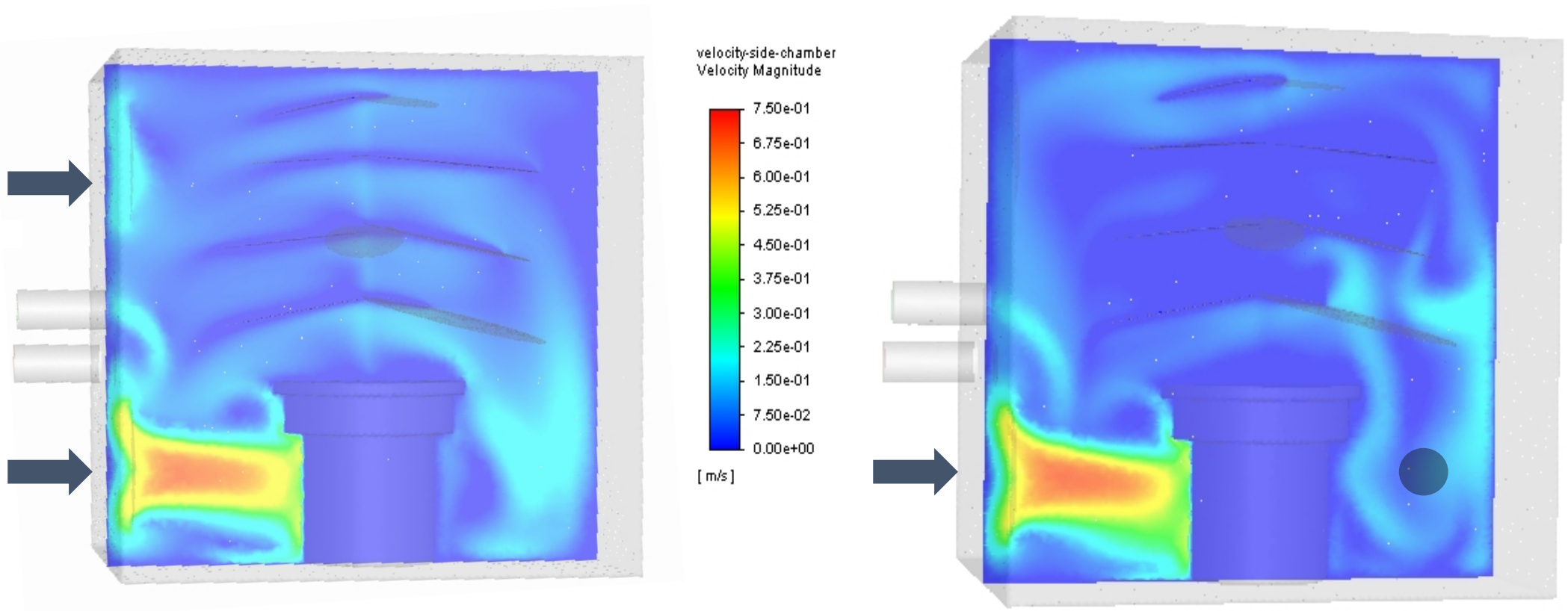


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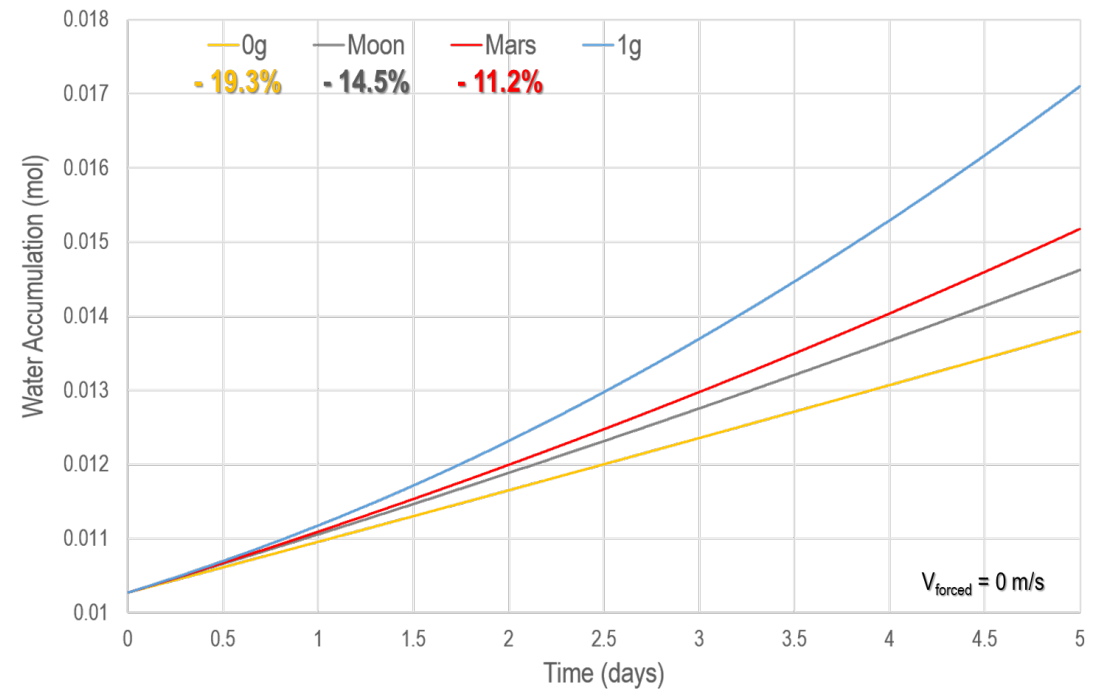
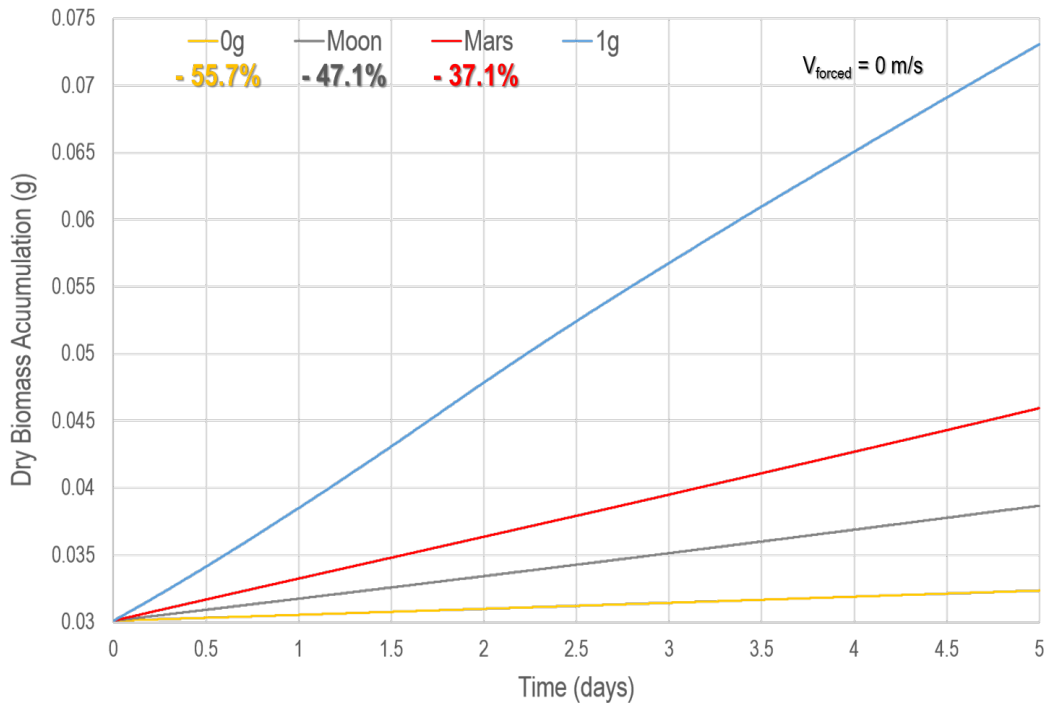
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Long-term predictions: Biomass accumulation



Conclusion

- This mechanistic model
 - Robustness for a wide range of environmental parameters
 - Prediction with good accuracy order of magnitude of photosynthesis rate
- Importance of mechanistic models for bioregenerative LSS design
 - Can be used for predictions in lower gravity environments
- Custom photosynthesis measurement chamber with LI-6800
 - CSTR assumption
 - Low airspeeds (<0.1 m/s) can be maintained on top of the chamber
 - Used for 1g model validation / calibration

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