

**Table 1** Model Notation

Symbol	Definition	Value	Units	Source	
$c_x$	$\text{CO}_2$ concentrations	Base	$+\text{P}+\text{CO}_2^{\text{a}}$		
$b_x$	$\text{HCO}_3^-$ concentrations	Varies	$\mu\text{M}$		
$k_{uf}$	Uncat	$3.7 \times 10^{-2}$	$\text{s}^{-1}$	Johnson (1982)	
$k_{cf}$	Cytoplasm	450	$\text{s}^{-1}$	Hopkinson et al. (2011)	
$k_{pf}$	Plastid-stroma	$3.7 \times 10^{-2}$	$\text{s}^{-1}$	Johnson (1982)	
$k_{yf}$	Pyrenoid	$1.8 \times 10^4$	$\text{s}^{-1}$	Hopkinson et al. (2011)	
$\text{pH}_e$	Extracellular pH	8.0	—	Measured, Zhang and Byrne (1996)	
$\text{pH}_c$	Cytoplasmic pH	7.3	—	Herve et al. (2012)	
$\text{pH}_p$	Chloroplast pH	8.15	—	Anning et al. (1996)	
$U_c$	$\text{HCO}_3^-$ uptake rate into cytoplasm	Varies	$\text{mol cell}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$		
$V_{m-Bc}$	Maximal $\text{HCO}_3^-$ uptake rate into cytoplasm	$4 \times 10^{-18}$	$\text{mol cell}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	Badger et al. (1994)	
$K_{m-Bc}$	Half-saturation constant for $\text{HCO}_3^-$ uptake into cytoplasm	140	$\mu\text{M}$	Knauf et al. (2002)	
$U_p$	$\text{HCO}_3^-$ uptake rate into chloroplast	Varies	$\text{mol cell}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$		
$V_{m-Bp}$	Maximal $\text{HCO}_3^-$ uptake rate into chloroplast	$7 \times 10^{-17}$	$\text{mol cell}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$	Hopkinson et al. (2011)	
$K_{m-Bp}$	Half-saturation constant for $\text{HCO}_3^-$ uptake into chloroplast	140	35	$\mu\text{M}$	Knauf et al. (2002)
$P$	Photosynthetic rate ( $\text{CO}_2$ fixation rate)	Varies	$\text{mol cell}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$		
$m_R$	RubisCO content	$6.3 \times 10^{-18}$	$7.0 \times 10^{-18}\text{b}$	$\text{mol cell}^{-1}$	Losh et al. (2013)
$k_{cat}$	RubisCO turnover rate	3.4	$\text{s}^{-1}$	Whitney et al. (2001)	
$K_{m-R}$	RubisCO half-saturation constant for $\text{CO}_2$	41	$\mu\text{M}$	Whitney et al. (2001)	
$f_{c-c}$	$\text{CO}_2$ mass transfer coefficient from solution to cytoplasm	$2.3 \times 10^{-8}$	$\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$	Hopkinson et al. (2011)	
$f_{c-p}$	$\text{CO}_2$ mass transfer coefficient from cytoplasm to chloroplast	$6 \times 10^{-9}$	$\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$	Hopkinson et al. (2011)	
$f_{c-y}$	$\text{CO}_2$ mass transfer coefficient from chloroplast to pyrenoid	$6.7 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.0 \times 10^{-10}\text{b}$	$\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$	Hopkinson et al. (2011)
$f_{b-y}$	$\text{HCO}_3^-$ mass transfer coefficient from chloroplast to pyrenoid	$7.5 \times 10^{-9}$	$\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$	Hopkinson et al. (2011)	
$V_e$	Volume of extracellular solution	1	$\text{cm}^3$	Measured	
$V_c$	Cytoplasmic volume	$6.6 \times 10^{-11}$	$\text{cm}^3 \text{cell}^{-1}$	Measured, Coulter counter	
$V_p$	Chloroplast stroma volume	$6.0 \times 10^{-12}$	$\text{cm}^3 \text{cell}^{-1}$	Hopkinson et al. (2011)	
$V_y$	Pyrenoid volume	$2.1 \times 10^{-13}$	$\text{cm}^3 \text{cell}^{-1}$	Hopkinson et al. (2011)	
$N$	Cell number	Varies	cell	Measured, Coulter counter	

<sup>a</sup> parameters are the same in the naïve and refined models unless listed<sup>b</sup>  $f_{c-y}$  was decreased and  $m_R$  was increased in the base+P model to increase the  $C_i$ -saturated rate of photosynthesis