

1 **Surprisingly weak coordination between leaf structure and function among closely-related**  
2 **tomato species**

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15 **Abstract**

16 Natural selection may often favor coordination between different traits, or phenotypic  
17 integration, in order to most efficiently acquire and deploy scarce resources. As leaves are the  
18 primary photosynthetic organ in plants, many have proposed that leaf physiology, biochemistry,  
19 and anatomical structure are coordinated along a functional trait spectrum from fast, resource-  
20 acquisitive syndromes to slow, resource-conservative syndromes. However, the coordination  
21 hypothesis has rarely been tested at a phylogenetic scale most relevant for understanding rapid  
22 adaptation in the recent past or predicting evolutionary trajectories in response to climate change.  
23 To that end, we used a common garden to examine genetically-based coordination between leaf  
24 traits across 19 wild and cultivated tomato taxa. We found surprisingly weak integration between  
25 photosynthetic rate, leaf structure, biochemical capacity, and CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion, even though all were  
26 arrayed in the predicted direction along a ‘fast-slow’ spectrum. This suggests considerable scope  
27 for unique trait combinations to evolve in response to new environments or in crop breeding. In  
28 particular, we find that partially independent variation in stomatal and mesophyll conductance  
29 may allow a plant to improve water-use efficiency without necessarily sacrificing maximum  
30 photosynthetic rates. Our study does not imply that functional trait spectra or tradeoffs are  
31 unimportant, but that the many important axes of variation within a taxonomic group may be  
32 unique and not generalizable to other taxa.

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## 34 **Introduction**

35 The ecology of organisms critically depends on their ability to obtain energy for growth and  
36 reproduction. In C<sub>3</sub> plants, both passive diffusion of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere to chloroplasts,  
37 via stomata and the leaf mesophyll, and biochemical capacity limit photosynthetic rates  
38 (Farquhar & Sharkey 1982; Parkhurst 1994; Evans *et al.* 2009; Flexas *et al.* 2015). Optimization  
39 theory predicts that these functions should be tightly coordinated: leaf anatomies that allow rapid  
40 diffusion of CO<sub>2</sub> should also have the biochemical capacity to take advantage of it and *vice versa*  
41 (Givnish 1986; Wright *et al.* 2004; Reich 2014). Natural selection on trait coordination, also  
42 known as phenotypic integration (Pigliucci 2003), should thus generate major functional trait  
43 spectra associated with different ecological strategies (Grime 1977; Westoby *et al.* 2002; Chave  
44 *et al.* 2009; Reich 2014). Indeed, intrinsic photosynthetic capacity varies widely between species,  
45 indicating that leaf-level CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion and biochemistry are major levers through which natural  
46 selection and crop breeders can alter plant performance and fitness in different environments. For  
47 example, selection might favor leaf traits that inhibit rapid CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion (e.g. lower stomatal  
48 density or thicker leaves) if doing so has an adaptive benefit, bringing about a tradeoff (e.g.  
49 sclerophyll leaves of species from water-limited environments [Medrano *et al.* 2009]). It is not  
50 clear whether most functional trait variation between species lies along a single major axis (e.g.  
51 fast-slow continuum [Reich 2014]) or orthogonally along multiple independent trait axes.

52 In particular, the presence of functional trait spectra has rarely been examined among  
53 closely-related species in a phylogenetic context (Edwards *et al.* 2014; Mason & Donovan 2015).  
54 However, for certain ecological questions, data on genetically-based variation among closely-  
55 related species, rather than broad comparisons across disparate families and plant functional  
56 types, are most appropriate (Donovan *et al.* 2014). Specifically, ecological diversification is not

57 always predictable because different groups of organisms find unique adaptive solutions, leading  
58 to multiple trait spectra. For example, the leaf economics spectrum (Wright *et al.* 2004) is not a  
59 one-size-fits-all trait axis, but rather a set of axes that vary between communities (Funk &  
60 Cornwell 2013) and taxa (Edwards *et al.* 2014; Mason & Donovan 2015). Second, the  
61 evolutionary routes (not) taken in the recent past among closely-related species may help predict  
62 how species will respond to natural and anthropogenic climate change (Kellerman *et al.* 2012;  
63 Donovan *et al.* 2014). Finally, crop breeders can take advantage of existing trait variation in  
64 crop-wild relatives to develop new varieties for sustainable agriculture (Moyle & Muir 2010;  
65 Dennison 2012; Giuliani *et al.* 2013). Hence, if coordination among leaf traits is limited among  
66 closely-related species, then broad-scale or global trait spectra may be of little use in addressing  
67 fundamental challenges like the ecology of local adaptation (Kawecki & Ebert 2004), near-term  
68 responses to climate change, and crop breeding. Conversely, weak coordination may indicate  
69 significant opportunities for natural and artificial selection to fine-tune leaf traits in response to  
70 different ecological circumstances.

71 We used a common garden experiment to measure coordination between leaf traits,  
72 specifically diffusive and biochemical limitations on photosynthesis and water-use efficiency as  
73 well as leaf structure. We considered these traits in relation to climate of origin among tomato  
74 species (*Solanum* sect. *Lycopersicon*) and their relatives (*Solanum* sect. *Juglandifolia* and  
75 *Lycopersicoides*). These species are closely related herbaceous perennials: fossil-calibrated  
76 molecular clocks put section *Lycopersicon* at approximately 2.48 my old, and the split between  
77 *Lycopersicon* and *Lycopersicoides* at approximately 4.7 my ago (Särkinen *et al.* 2013). Despite  
78 sharing a recent common ancestor, tomato species are ecologically and phenotypically diverse  
79 (Moyle 2008; Peralta *et al.* 2008; Nakazato *et al.* 2008, 2012; Chitwood *et al.* 2012; Haak *et al.*

80 2014; Muir & Thomas-Huebner 2015). Adaptation to different climates, especially along  
81 temperature and precipitation gradients, may have played an important role in diversification  
82 (Nakazato *et al.* 2010). Most wild tomato species are interfertile (e.g. Baek *et al.* 2015) with the  
83 domesticated tomato (*S. lycopersicum* var. *esculentum*), providing a valuable source of  
84 germplasm for crop improvement. In particular, altering leaf CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion properties may  
85 enhance photosynthetic rate and/or water-use efficiency (Tholen *et al.* 2012; Flexas *et al.* 2013;  
86 Gago *et al.* 2014; Buckley & Warren 2014; Flexas *et al.* 2015). Diffusion limits photosynthesis  
87 in some wild tomato species (Muir *et al.* 2014) and cultivars (Galmés *et al.* 2011, 2013), but we  
88 know little about the ecological and evolutionary significance of this variation.

89         More generally, we know relatively more about the mechanistic basis of variation in leaf  
90 photosynthesis than its ecological or adaptive significance. Stomatal and mesophyll CO<sub>2</sub>  
91 diffusion are strongly affected by leaf anatomy (Brown & Escombe 1900; Franks & Farquhar  
92 2001; Nobel 2009; Tholen and Zhu 2011; Tomás *et al.* 2013); biochemical limitations depend on  
93 the amount of Rubisco, its activation and catalytic rates (Farquhar *et al.* 1980; von Caemmerer  
94 2000; Galmés *et al.* 2014). Maximum photosynthetic rates are generally higher among certain  
95 plant functional types (herbs, C<sub>3</sub> graminoids, and crop plants) than others (trees, sclerophylls,  
96 and succulents) (Körner *et al.* 1979; Wullschleger 1993; Flexas *et al.* 2008). These broad-scale  
97 correlations suggest that slow growing plants tradeoff high photosynthetic rate in favor of leaf  
98 traits that may have other fitness benefits, such as durability, defense against herbivores, or  
99 increased resource-use efficiency (Turner 1994; Aerts 1995; Onoda *et al.* 2011).

100         We found surprisingly weak coordination among CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion, biochemical capacity,  
101 photosynthesis, water-use efficiency, and leaf structure among 19 wild and cultivated tomato  
102 taxa. The principal axis of variation indicates an expected tradeoff between robust leaf structure

103 and photosynthesis. However, there was substantial variation orthogonal to this axis that allowed  
104 some species simultaneously achieve relatively high photosynthetic rates and intrinsic water-use  
105 efficiency. Also, contrary to expectations from the literature, there was no indication that more  
106 conservative leaf traits were associated with drier or hotter environments. If anything, there was  
107 a signature of less robust leaf structure among species from the driest habitats. Thus, our data  
108 suggest that functional trait spectra inferred from global comparisons across plant families and  
109 functional types may be of limited utility for predicting short-term evolutionary responses.

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## 111 **Methods**

### 112 *Plant materials and cultivation*

113 We obtained seeds of 19 taxa, 16 wild species (Table S1) from the Tomato Genetics Resource  
114 Center at UC Davis (TGRC; <http://tgrc.ucdavis.edu>) as well as 3 cultivated accessions of *S.*  
115 *lycopersicum* var. *esculentum*, cv. ‘Roma VF’ (Batlle S.A.) and two Mediterranean ‘Tomàtiga de  
116 Ramellet’ accessions from the University of the Balearic Islands seedbank collection (UIB1-30  
117 and UIB1-48). To even out plant size during measurements, and following TGRC indications,  
118 slower growing species were germinated two weeks ahead of faster growing species. Seeds were  
119 soaked in 2.5% sodium hypochlorite (household bleach) for 30 or 60 minutes (following TGRC  
120 instructions for each species), rinsed thoroughly, and placed on moist paper to germinate. After  
121 one week, seedlings were transplanted to cell-pack flats. Two weeks later, five plants of each  
122 taxa were transplanted to 19 L pots where the experiment was performed. Pots contained a  
123 mixture of standard horticultural substrate mixed with perlite in a 4:1 proportion v/v. Plants  
124 were grown outdoors in an open experimental field under typical Mediterranean conditions at the  
125 University of the Balearic Islands (39° 38’ 14.9’’ N, 2° 38’ 51.5’’ E) during spring-summer

126 season. Plants were irrigated to field capacity daily to prevent drought stress and fertilized  
127 weekly with an NPK solution.

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### 129 *Diffusional and biochemical constraints on photosynthesis and water-use efficiency*

130 We measured stomatal ( $g_s$ ), mesophyll ( $g_m$ ) conductance to  $\text{CO}_2$ , net  $\text{CO}_2$  assimilation rate ( $A_N$ )  
131 at ambient  $\text{CO}_2$  concentrations, and intrinsic water-use efficiency ( $iWUE = A_N / g_{sw}$ ) using an  
132 open-path infrared gas exchange analyzer (LI-6400 or LI-6400XT, LI-COR Inc., Lincoln, NE,  
133 USA) with a 2-cm<sup>2</sup> leaf chamber fluorometer. Note that  $g_s$  and  $g_{sw}$  refer to stomatal conductance  
134 to  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , respectively. Each leaf acclimatized in the chamber until steady state (usually  
135 15-30 min) under standardized conditions: ambient  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $C_a = 400$  ppm); constant leaf  
136 temperature ( $T_{\text{leaf}} = 25^\circ \text{C}$ ), saturating irradiance (photosynthetically active radiation, PAR =  
137  $1500 \mu\text{mol quanta m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ), and moderate humidity (relative humidity = 40-60%). We took point  
138 measurements of all traits under these steady-state conditions. Additionally, we calculated the  
139 maximum rate of carboxylation ( $V_{\text{cmax}}$ ) using  $A-C_c$  curves and leaf dark respiration ( $R_{\text{dark}}$ ) at  
140 predawn. Estimating  $g_m$  can be particularly sensitive to assumed parameter values. To accurately  
141 measure  $g_m$  we estimated species-specific parameters of leaf respiration, light  
142 absorbance/photosystem partitioning, and Rubisco kinetic parameters. Further detail on  
143 measuring  $g_m$  using combined gas exchange and chlorophyll fluorescence is provided in  
144 Methods S1. To investigate Rubisco kinetics, we also sequenced the *rbcL* gene encoding the  
145 Rubisco large subunit (LSu) from each species to identify amino acid sequence changes that  
146 could alter Rubisco kinetics (see Methods S1 for further detail). Next, we characterized Rubisco  
147 kinetic parameters directly from two species (*S. lycopersicum* var. *esculentum*, cv. ‘Roma VF’  
148 and *S. lycopersicoides*) representing the two Rubisco LSu types identified from sequence

149 analysis (Methods S1). Kinetic properties of the two Rubisco LSu types were compared using  
150 ANOVA.

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### 152 *Leaf anatomical measurements*

153 We used the youngest, unshaded, fully-expanded leaf from each individual. Leaves were  
154 immediately weighed and scanned to obtain fresh mass (FM) and leaf area (LA), respectively.  
155 Afterwards, leaves were dried for at least 48 h in a drying oven at 60 °C to obtain dry mass  
156 (DM). We report *LMA* (as DM/LA) on whole leaves, which in tomato are pinnately compound,  
157 but we excluded structural, non-laminar portions (petiole, rachis, and petioles) because we were  
158 particularly interested tradeoffs between leaf structure and diffusive conductance within the  
159 lamina. Because leaf thickness measurements using a micrometer are unreliable in tomato leaves  
160 (C.D. Muir, pers. obs), we estimated leaf thickness (*LT*) using the method of Vile *et al.* (2005):

$$LT = \frac{LMA}{LDMC} \quad (S1)$$

161 *LDMC* is the leaf dry matter content, the ratio of leaf DM to saturated FM. Leaf thickness  
162 calculated using Eq. 1 is closely correlated with leaf thickness measured from sections in  
163 tomatoes (Muir *et al.* 2014). We obtained leaf morphological data from 80 of 82 individuals.

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### 165 *Statistical analyses*

166 We used phylogenetic linear mixed effects models ('phyloLME') to estimate key relationships  
167 among traits while accounting for phylogenetic nonindependence. Specifically, we fit statistical  
168 models using a Bayesian Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) algorithm implemented in the R  
169 package MCMCglmm version 2.21 (Hadfield 2010). For all models, we ran the MCMC chain  
170 under diffuse priors for  $10^6$  steps after a burn-in of  $10^5$  steps, sampling the posterior distribution



171  $10^4$  times every  $10^2$  steps. We tested whether stomatal and mesophyll conductance were  
172 significantly correlated with  $A_N$  and  $iWUE$ . These variables were log-transformed for linearity  
173 and homoscedasticity. We estimated the effect of these diffusion traits on  $A_N$  and  $iWUE$  from the  
174 mode of the posterior distribution and inferred statistical significance if the 95% highest  
175 posterior density (HPD) interval did not overlap zero. We simultaneously tested whether  
176 phylogeny explained photosynthetic trait variation by including Species as a phylogenetically-  
177 structured random effect and compared that to a model without Species using the deviance  
178 information criterion (DIC), where a decrease of 2 or more is interpreted as a significant increase  
179 in model fit. We used a maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree inferred from 18 genes (Figure 1;  
180 Haak *et al.* 2014). Maximum likelihood analyses were conducted using RAxML version 8.1.24  
181 (Stamatakis 2014). The topology of the best tree agreed with previous Bayesian estimates  
182 (Rodriguez *et al.* 2009).

183 We used principal component analysis (PCA) to identify major axes of variation among  
184 nine leaf traits:  $g_m$ ,  $g_s$ ,  $A_N$ ,  $V_{cmax}$ ,  $R_{dark}$ ,  $iWUE$ ,  $LMA$ ,  $LT$ ,  $LDMC$ . All traits except  $V_{cmax}$  and  $R_{dark}$   
185 were log-transformed to make the distribution approximately multivariate normal. Parallel  
186 analysis of the trait correlation matrix using the ‘parallel’ function from the R package nFactors  
187 version 2.3.3 (Raiche 2010) indicated that the first four principal components explained  
188 significantly more variance, 90.0% cumulatively, than expected by chance from an uncorrelated  
189 matrix with rank 7 (we used 9 traits, but  $iWUE$  and  $LT$  are linear combinations of other traits).  
190 We focus on the first principal component, denoted PC1, which explained a moderate amount of  
191 variation (35.5%). For reference, PC1 loaded positively with leaf thickness and  $LMA$ , but  
192 negatively with  $A_N$  and components of  $CO_2$  diffusion ( $g_m$ ,  $g_s$ ).

193 To test the hypothesis that species from dry and/or hot environments tradeoff efficient  
194 CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion for a more robust, stress-tolerant leaf anatomy, we looked at the correlation  
195 between mean annual precipitation and temperature to species' average position along PC1. For  
196 this analysis, we removed the three cultivars of *S. lycopersicum* var. *esculentum* and one  
197 accession *S. lycopersicum* var. *cerasiforme*, an unimproved landrace. To reduce the influence of  
198 a single outlier species (*S. juglandifolium*), we shrank the interspecific variance of PC1 using a  
199 signed logarithm transformation:

$$PC1_T = \text{sign}(PC1) \log|PC1| \quad (S2)$$

200 We also performed analyses with and without this species. We obtained mean annual  
201 precipitation and temperature at the habitat of origin for each source population from Worldclim  
202 (Hijmans *et al.* 2005), which has been used previously to study climatic adaptation in wild  
203 tomatoes (Chitwood *et al.* 2012; Nakazato *et al.* 2008). Phylogenetic regression was carried out  
204 with the R package phylolm version 2.2 (Ho & Ané 2014) using the 'OUrandomRoot' model to  
205 account for phylogenetic nonindependence. Other trait-climate relationships were tested in the  
206 same way.

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## 208 **Results**

### 209 *CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion and biochemistry limit photosynthesis and alter water-use efficiency*

210 Tomato species vary considerably in photosynthetic rate ( $A_N$ ) and intrinsic water-use efficiency  
211 ( $iWUE$ ), driven by constraints on leaf CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion and the maximum rate of carboxylation  
212 ( $V_{cmax}$ ). Phylogenetic linear mixed effects models ('phyloLME') showed that between individual  
213 plants, stomatal ( $g_s$ ) and mesophyll ( $g_m$ ) conductance increased  $A_N$  (Table 1; Figure 2A,B), but  
214 had opposing effects on  $iWUE$  (Table 1). However, phylogenetic relationship explained little of

215 the trait variation, thus phylogenetic and nonphylogenetic gave nearly identical results (Table 1).  
216 Increased  $g_s$  was associated with lower  $iWUE$  (Figure 2C), whereas greater  $g_m$  was associated  
217 with greater  $iWUE$  (Figure 2D). Like  $g_m$ , greater biochemical capacity, as indicated by  $V_{cmax}$ , was  
218 associated with significantly greater  $A_N$  and  $iWUE$  (Figure 2). Thus, species achieved high  
219 photosynthetic rates via two routes: high  $g_s$ , but lower  $iWUE$  or high  $g_m$ , but relatively high  
220  $iWUE$ . The drawdown of  $CO_2$  concentration from the leaf interior ( $C_i$ ) to the chloroplast ( $C_c$ ),  
221 another indicator of diffusional constraint in the leaf mesophyll, was even more strongly  
222 correlated with  $iWUE$  than  $g_m$  (Figure S1), arguing that reduced internal diffusion enhances  
223  $iWUE$ .

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#### 225 *Limited variation in Rubisco biochemistry between tomato species*

226 The two Rubisco LSU types showed significant differences in some of the kinetic parameters  
227 (Table 2; see Methods S1 for description of how types were identified and Results S1 for further  
228 detail on molecular evolution of *rbcL* in tomatoes). Interestingly, the Rubisco LSU type 2, which  
229 occurred in the domesticated clade species (*S. pimpinellifolium*, *S. cheesmaniae*, *S. galapagense*,  
230 *S. lycopersicum* var. *cerasiforme*, and the cultivars; see Figure S2) and *S. habrochaites*, had a  
231 higher  $S_{c/o}$  value, which was due to higher Michaelis-Menten constant for  $CO_2$  under atmospheric  
232 conditions ( $K_c^{air}$ ) and lower catalytic turnover rate for the oxygenase reaction ( $k_{cat}^o$ ) compared to  
233 the Rubisco LSU type 1. Non-significant differences were observed between the two Rubisco  
234 LSU types in the remaining kinetic parameters.

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#### 236 *Modest coordination between leaf physiological and structural traits*

237 The first principal component (PC1) accounted for 35.5% of the variation among individual leaf  
238 physiology ( $g_m$ ,  $g_s$ ,  $A_N$ ,  $V_{cmax}$ ,  $R_{dark}$ ,  $iWUE$ ) and bulk anatomy ( $LMA$ ,  $LT$ ,  $LDMC$ ). On one end of  
239 this axis were thin leaves with fast CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion and high  $A_N$ ; on the other were thick leaves  
240 with slower CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion and lower  $A_N$  (Figure 3). This principal component indicates an axis  
241 of leaf trait variation likely mediated by tradeoffs between more robust leaf structure (i.e. higher  
242  $LMA$  and  $LT$ ) and CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion. However, the modest amount of trait variance explained  
243 indicates that this tradeoff does not tightly constrain leaf trait evolution in tomatoes. The second  
244 principal component (PC2; 23.8% variance explained) was most strongly associated with  $iWUE$   
245 and showed that greater  $iWUE$  was associated with higher water content (lower  $LDMC$ ) leaves  
246 (Figure 3).

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#### 248 *Limited evidence leaf trait-climate associations*

249 Contrary to the hypothesis that dry, hot environments select for a stress-tolerant, robust leaf  
250 structure, thinner leaves and more rapid CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion (i.e. higher values of PC1) was associated  
251 with drier habitats (PC1-Precip,  $P = 0.012$ ), but not temperature (PC1-Temp,  $P = 0.069$ ).  
252 However, this correlation between PC1 and precipitation was strongly influenced by a single  
253 species, *S. juglandifolium* (Figure 4), and was not significant if this species was removed (PC1-  
254 Precip,  $P = 0.266$ ). Certain traits that loaded strongly with PC1, especially  $LMA$  and  $LT$ , were  
255 strongly associated with precipitation. Specifically, species from the driest habitats had the  
256 thinnest leaves, even when *S. juglandifolium* was excluded (Figure S3). Our data therefore do not  
257 support the hypothesis that species tradeoff slow CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion and lower metabolic rates for  
258 robust leaf structure in stressful environments. All trends in the data are actually in the exact  
259 opposite direction.

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## 261 **Discussion**

262 Many ecologists seek to distill organismal variation down to a manageable number of key  
263 functional traits (e.g. Perez-Harguindeguy *et al.* 2013). Leaf traits in particular, which are  
264 necessarily constrained by the need to capture sunlight, CO<sub>2</sub>, and manage nutrient/water, may  
265 fall along a single ‘fast-slow’ continuum (Reich 2014 and references therein) associated with  
266 resource acquisitive and resource conservative traits (Mason & Donovan 2015). The key  
267 assumptions are that leaf structural traits such as leaf mass per area (*LMA*) strongly constrain  
268 photosynthesis by reducing CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion and that there is strong selection for tight coordination  
269 between CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion and biochemical capacity for photosynthesis. These assumptions have  
270 been evaluated at broad phylogenetic scales, but rarely addressed among closely-related species.  
271 This is important because patterns among distantly related species can be driven primarily by  
272 disparate functional groups (e.g. deciduous versus evergreen species) that have little bearing on  
273 the incremental evolutionary steps taken as species adapt to new environments.

274 In tomatoes, we found evidence for a ‘fast-slow’ spectrum mediated by  
275 diffusional/biochemical constraints and leaf structure, but this spectrum explained a modest  
276 amount of total leaf trait variation. There is no precise prediction for exactly how much  
277 coordination we *should* have seen under the coordination hypothesis, but variation was well-  
278 distributed across the first four components, indicating multiple important axes. Furthermore,  
279 although thicker leaves with greater *LMA* were associated with reduced CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion, the  
280 relationships were weak (Figure S4), demonstrating ample scope for thick and/or dense leaves to  
281 have relatively high diffusion and *vice versa*. Finally, lack of coordination cannot be explained  
282 by relatively little physiological variation between species. Indeed, despite sharing a recent

283 common ancestor, we observed a dramatic range in traits like  $A_N$  ( $6.4 - 33.0 \mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) in  
284 wild tomatoes. In fact, our study should have been especially able to detect coordination, if it  
285 existed, because we measured plants with similar growth form and functional type in a common  
286 garden at the same age, eliminating sources of variation common in other studies. The lack of  
287 tight coordination between leaf structure,  $\text{CO}_2$  diffusion, and photosynthetic biochemistry means  
288 there may be multiple, loosely coordinated axes of leaf trait variation that provide a substrate for  
289 labile, unconstrained evolution in response to novel selective pressures from climate change and  
290 crop breeders.

291 In fact, many combinations of stomatal conductance ( $g_s$ ), mesophyll conductance ( $g_m$ ),  
292 and  $V_{\text{cmax}}$  resulted in similar photosynthetic rates but very different water-use efficiencies (Figure  
293 2). Typically, we expect that to increase photosynthetic rate, plants must increase stomatal  
294 conductance, increasing transpirational loss and decreasing water-use efficiency. If mesophyll  
295 conductance and biochemical capacity were closely coordinated with stomatal conductance, then  
296 there would be limited opportunity to increase water-use efficiency without sacrificing  
297 photosynthetic rate. However, we find that there may be substantial scope to increase  
298 photosynthetic rate while maintaining high water-use efficiency. Indeed, photosynthetic rate and  
299 water-use efficiency were essentially uncorrelated. This axis of variation was evident in a second  
300 principal component that loaded positively with  $iWUE$  but was orthogonal to  $A_N$  (Figure 3). Why  
301 don't all species have high photosynthetic rate and water-use efficiency? In nature, there are  
302 probably other tradeoffs, especially nitrogen limitation, that prevent species from having greater  
303 mesophyll conductance and/or  $V_{\text{cmax}}$ .

304 Photosynthetic variation in tomatoes is primarily mediated by anatomical differences in  
305 leaves rather than differences in Rubisco kinetics. In contrast to other clades of  $\text{C}_3$  plants that

306 have undergone rapid diversification into different environments, evolutionary changes in  
307 Rubisco kinetics (e.g. faster rates of carboxylation or greater affinity for CO<sub>2</sub> over O<sub>2</sub>) do not  
308 appear to play a major role in the evolution of tomatoes. This contrasts with other plant groups  
309 like *Limonium* (Galmés *et al.* 2014), which underwent adaptive evolution of Rubisco kinetics  
310 during their radiations into novel environments. Future work is needed to understand why some  
311 clades respond to selection through changes in protein biochemistry, whereas groups like tomato  
312 seem to primarily differ in anatomical traits.

313         We also find no evidence that drier or hotter environments favor robust leaf structure or  
314 ‘slow’, resource conservative strategies (low conductance, low  $V_{\text{cmax}}$ ) in wild tomatoes (Figure  
315 4). Obviously, our study does not have the statistical power of broad comparative analyses (e.g.  
316 Wright *et al.* 2005), but the trends in the data were not even in the predicted direction. If  
317 anything, there was a tendency for species from the driest habitats to be on the ‘fast’ end of the  
318 leaf trait spectrum (see also Easlon & Richards 2009), but this was largely influenced by a single  
319 species, *S. juglandifolium*. Thus, tomato species in dry habitats may rely primarily on a form of  
320 drought tolerance, growing fast when water is available and dying back or going dormant during  
321 droughts. Alternatively, leaf traits may be decoupled from other traits (e.g. root:shoot ratios) that  
322 confer alternative drought avoidance or tolerance mechanisms.

323         The modest coordination we observe between leaf structure and physiological function  
324 indicates that bulk structural traits like leaf mass per area are probably insufficient to identify the  
325 most important axes of trait variation (Figure S4). Traits like leaf thickness and leaf mass per  
326 area are probably important in setting the upper bounds on maximum potential CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion and  
327 photosynthetic rate (Flexas *et al.* 2008), but realized values depend on the precise anatomical and  
328 biochemical features of the leaf that are not well-captured by bulk structural traits (Tosens *et al.*

329 2012; Tomás *et al.* 2013). This suggests the possibility that there are many unique axes that vary  
330 leaf anatomy and photosynthesis without large effects on traits like *LMA*. Each of these axes may  
331 be a different tradeoff that could be evolutionarily important in some taxa, but not others.

332 From the modest coordination between leaf structure and function in wild tomatoes, we  
333 can make three major conclusions:

- 334 1. The leaf functional traits most commonly used comparative ecology (e.g. *LMA*) may not be  
335 good proxies for leaf function, especially among closely-related species. This is not because  
336 there was little variation among tomatoes. Tomato leaves varied widely in diffusional,  
337 biochemical, and structural traits, but there was remarkably little covariation between bulk  
338 structure and function.
- 339 2. Hence, broad-scale patterns of functional trait covariation may not be useful in predicting  
340 adaptive evolution in the recent past or in response to climate change. Nor should we expect  
341 that the relationship between traits and environments observed at broad phylogenetic scales  
342 (e.g. thick leaves in hot, dry environments) will hold at smaller scales. If anything, we found  
343 that low-*LMA*, resource acquisitive traits were associated with dry environments, the  
344 opposite of what is commonly predicted (see also Mason & Donovan 2015).
- 345 3. Although our study challenges commonly-held assumptions about the relationships between  
346 leaf structure and function, this does not refute that intimate structure-function relationships  
347 exist. Rather, detailed anatomical traits such as guard cell dimensions, mesophyll structure,  
348 and photochemical enzyme concentrations are needed to identify the most important  
349 tradeoffs defining leaf anatomy and physiology.



350 Adaptive radiation of tomatoes and other plant groups undoubtedly requires evolution of new  
351 morphological and physiological traits, but this study suggests that we do not yet have a general  
352 explanation for variation in the most important leaf traits affecting photosynthesis.

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492 **Table 1:** Diffusional and biochemical constraints drive variation in photosynthetic rate ( $A_N$ ) and  
 493 intrinsic water-use efficiency ( $iWUE$ ) among tomato species. For both  $A_N$  and  $iWUE$ ,  
 494 phylogenetic linear mixed effects models including ‘Species’ as a random effect improved model  
 495 fit (lower Deviance Information Criterion [DIC]) over nonphylogenetic linear models, indicating  
 496 some effect of phylogenetic relatedness. Greater stomatal ( $g_s$ ) and mesophyll ( $g_m$ ) conductance  
 497 significantly increased  $A_N$  but had opposing effects on  $iWUE$ . Likewise, greater maximum  
 498 carboxylation rates ( $V_{cmax}$ ) increased both  $A_N$  and  $iWUE$ . Parameters were estimated from the  
 499 mode of  $10^4$  samples drawn from the posterior distribution using MCMCglmm. The effects of  $g_s$ ,  
 500  $g_m$ , and  $V_{cmax}$  are highly significant (95% high posterior density [HPD] intervals do not overlap  
 501 zero) in all models.

Response	Fixed	Random		Parameter	95% HPD	
Variable	Effects	Effects	DIC	estimate	Interval	
$\log(A_N)$	$\log(g_s)$			$\log(g_s)$	0.39	0.35 – 0.43
	$\log(g_m)$	(none)	-233.4	$\log(g_m)$	0.31	0.28 – 0.34
	$V_{cmax}$			$V_{cmax}$	$9.7 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.2 - 12.5 \times 10^{-3}$
	$\log(g_s)$			$\log(g_s)$	0.36	0.32 – 0.40
	$\log(g_m)$	Species	-250.5	$\log(g_m)$	0.32	0.28 – 0.35
	$V_{cmax}$			$V_{cmax}$	$9.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.4 - 12.0 \times 10^{-3}$
$\log(iWUE)$	$\log(g_s)$			$\log(g_s)$	-0.61	-0.64 – -0.57
	$\log(g_m)$	(none)	-233.1	$\log(g_m)$	0.31	0.28 – 0.34
	$V_{cmax}$			$V_{cmax}$	$9.7 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.1 - 12.3 \times 10^{-3}$
	$\log(g_s)$			$\log(g_s)$	-0.64	-0.67 – -0.60
	$\log(g_m)$	Species	-250.5	$\log(g_m)$	0.32	0.28 – 0.35



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$V_{\text{cmax}}$   $V_{\text{cmax}}$   $9.2 \times 10^{-3}$   $6.3 - 12.0 \times 10^{-3}$

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503 **Table 2.** Comparison of the Rubisco kinetics at 25°C for the two Rubisco LSu types detected

504 among wild and domesticated tomatoes based on the amino acid sequence, namely LSu types 1

505 and 2. Parameters, measured in a representative species of each Rubisco type, describe the

506 Michaelis-Menten constant for CO<sub>2</sub> under 0% O<sub>2</sub> ( $K_c$ ) and 21% O<sub>2</sub> ( $K_c^{\text{air}}$ ), the maximum rates of

507 carboxylation ( $k_{\text{cat}}^c$ ) and oxygenation ( $k_{\text{cat}}^o$ ), carboxylation catalytic efficiency ( $k_{\text{cat}}^c/K_c$ ), and

508 specificity factor ( $S_{c/o}$ ). Data are means  $\pm$  SE of four replicates per Rubisco type. Significant

509 differences between both Rubisco types are indicated by the ANOVA  $P$ -value, \* <0.05; \*\*

510 <0.01.

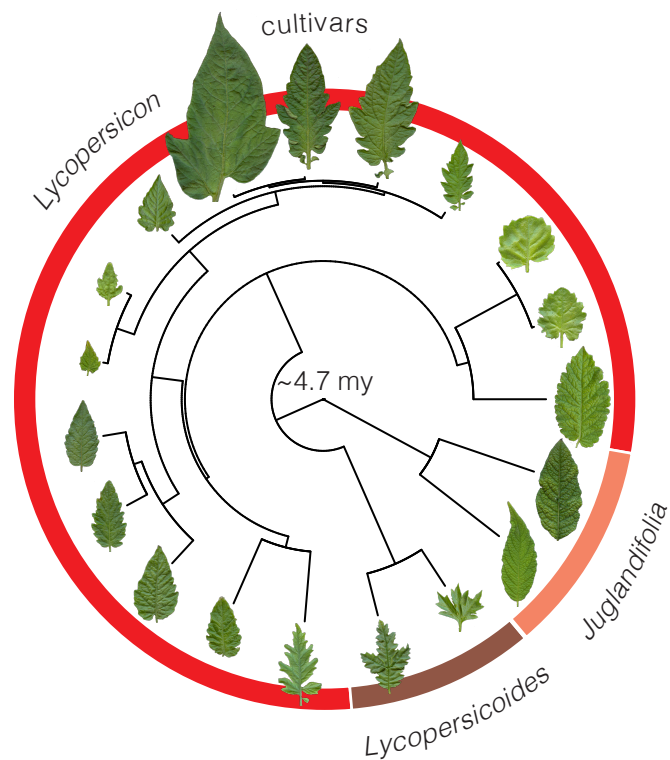
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Rubisco LSu type	1	2	$P$ value
Species measured	<i>S. lycopersicoides</i>	<i>S. lycopersicum</i>	
$K_c$ (mM)	9.3 $\pm$ 0.9	8.2 $\pm$ 0.7	0.308
$K_c^{\text{air}}$ (mM)	16.6 $\pm$ 0.8	13.5 $\pm$ 0.8	0.020*
$k_{\text{cat}}^c$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	2.430 $\pm$ 0.138	3.142 $\pm$ 0.518	0.176
$k_{\text{cat}}^o$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	0.892 $\pm$ 0.099	1.359 $\pm$ 0.108	0.010**
$k_{\text{cat}}^c/K_c$ (s <sup>-1</sup> mM <sup>-1</sup> )	0.261 $\pm$ 0.026	0.391 $\pm$ 0.075	0.127
$S_{c/o}$ (mol mol <sup>-1</sup> )	99.4 $\pm$ 3.5	115.0 $\pm$ 2.1	0.007**

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514 **Figures**



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516 **Figure 1:** Wild tomatoes and cultivars are closely-related, yet phenotypically-diverse taxa.

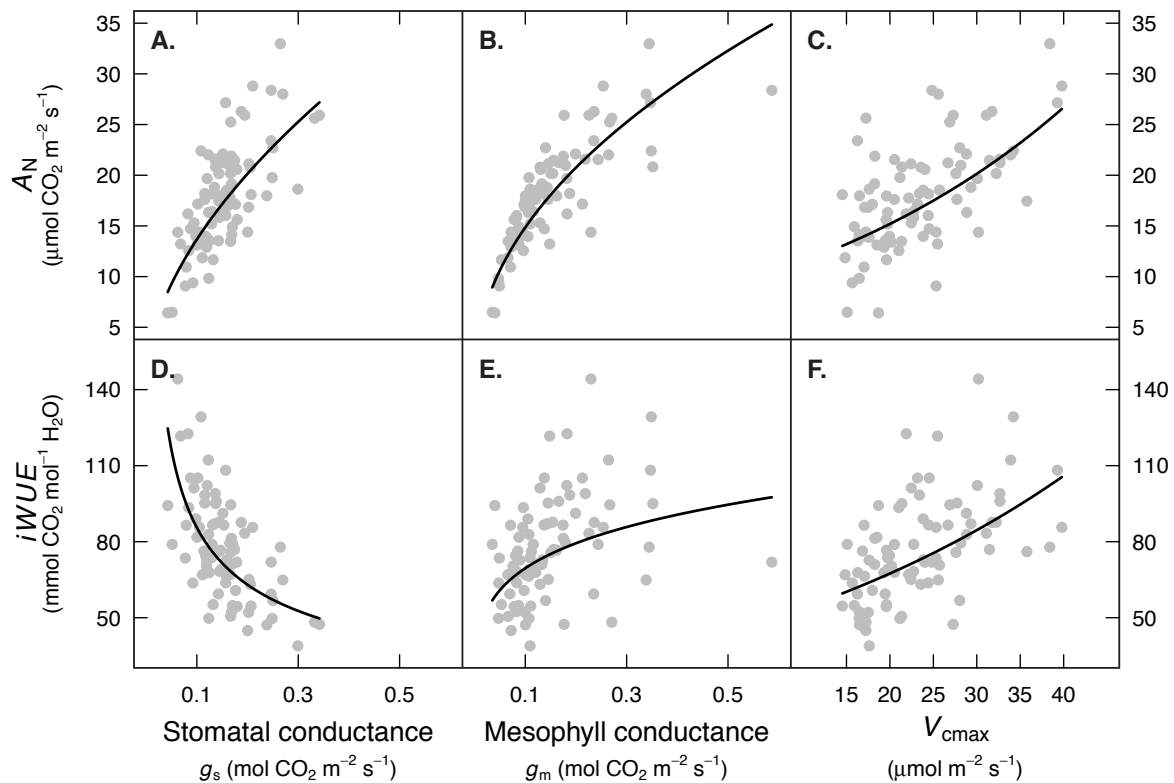
517 Among species investigated here, the oldest split is approximately 4.7 my based on a fossil-

518 calibrated phylogeny (Särkinen *et al.* 2013). Functional traits like terminal leaflet size, depicted

519 for each species at the tips of the phylogeny, as well as leaf physiological and structural traits

520 used in this study vary widely among species.

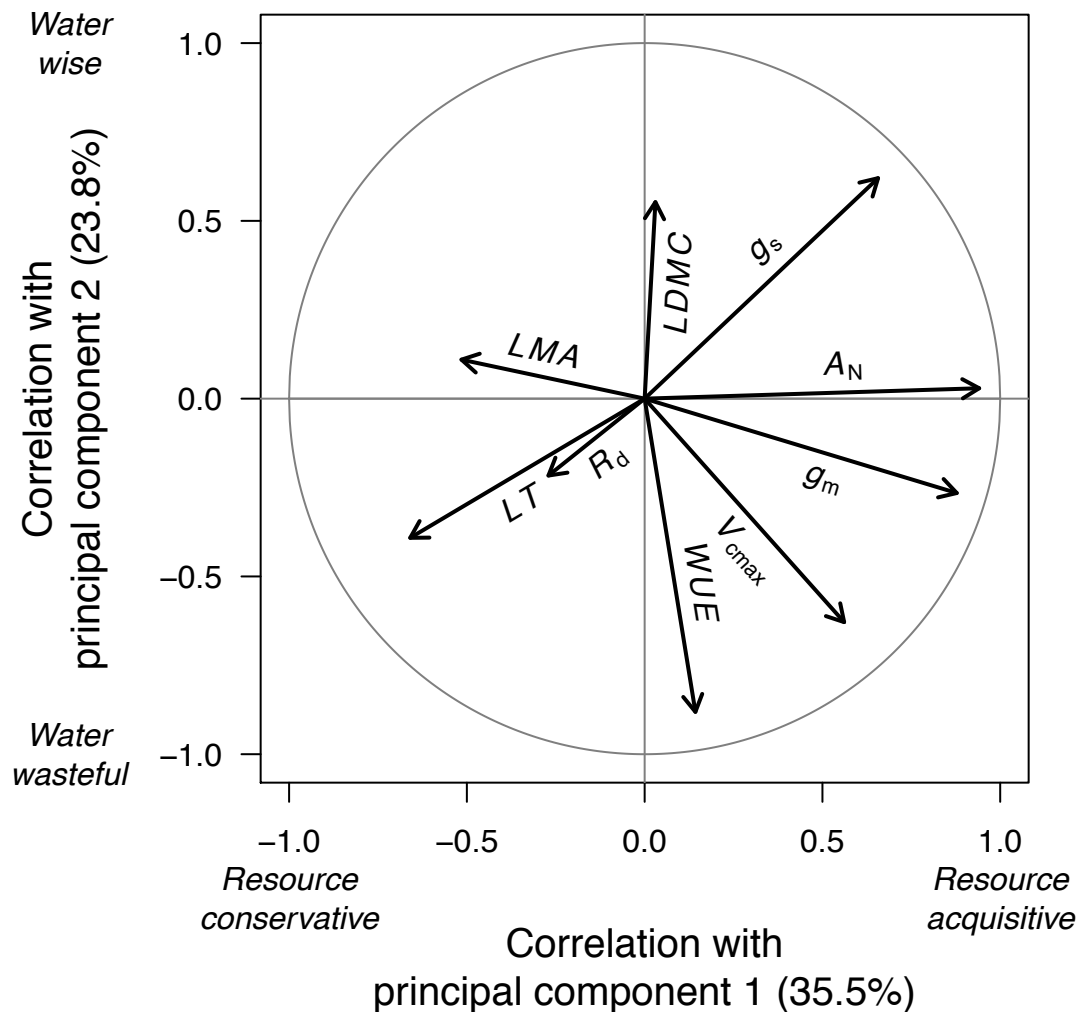
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523 **Figure 2:** Leaf CO<sub>2</sub> diffusion and biochemistry limit net CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation rates ( $A_N$ ) and alter  
 524 intrinsic water-use efficiency ( $iWUE$ ). Each point is data from one of 82 individual plants across  
 525 19 wild and cultivated tomato taxa. Panels A. and B. show that faster diffusion through stomata  
 526 ( $g_s$ ) and mesophyll ( $g_m$ ) resulted in higher  $A_N$ . However, these parameters had opposing effects  
 527 on  $iWUE$ . Greater  $g_s$  lowered  $iWUE$  (panel D.), whereas greater  $g_m$  increased  $iWUE$  (panel E.).  
 528 Leaf biochemistry, specifically the maximum rate of carboxylation ( $V_{\text{cmax}}$ ) also increased  $A_N$   
 529 (panel C.) and  $iWUE$  (panel F.). Fitted lines are based on a Bayesian phylogenetic mixed models  
 530 treating Species as a random effect:  $\log(A_N) \sim \log(g_s) + \log(g_m) + V_{\text{cmax}} + (1|\text{Species})$  and  
 531  $\log(iWUE) \sim \log(g_s) + \log(g_m) + V_{\text{cmax}} + (1|\text{Species})$ . For visual aid, lines were drawn to  
 532 account for positive covariation between  $g_s$ ,  $g_m$ , and  $V_{\text{cmax}}$  (data not shown). For example, panel

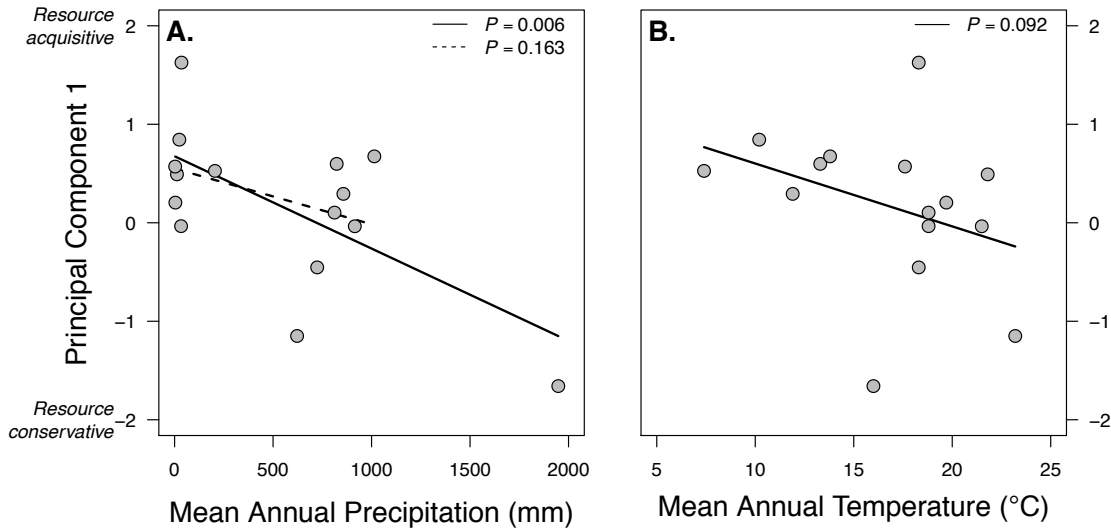
533 A. shows the predicted  $A_N$  at a given  $g_s$  with  $g_m$  and  $V_{\text{cmax}}$  set to the predicted value at a given  $g_s$ .  
534 All slopes were significantly different than zero ( $P < 0.0001$ ) based on  $10^4$  MCMC samples from  
535 the posterior distribution of the model.  
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538 **Figure 3:** Major axes of leaf trait variation in tomato. The first axis, principal component 1,  
539 explains 35.5% of the total variation. It delineates plants along a continuum from resource  
540 acquisitive (higher PC1, greater  $A_N$ , thinner leaves) to resource conservative (lower PC1, lower  
541  $A_N$ , thicker leaves). The second axis, principal component 2, explains 23.8% of the trait variation  
542 and delineates an axis from more water wise (higher PC2, greater  $iWUE$ ) to water wasteful  
543 (lower PC2, lower  $iWUE$ ). The arrows are vectors showing the correlation across individual  
544 plants between a trait and both principal components. For example,  $A_N$  is positively correlated

545 with PC1, but uncorrelated with PC2. The grey circle shows the outer possible set of correlation  
546 combinations. Abbreviations:  $R_{\text{dark}}$  = dark respiration rate;  $iWUE$  = intrinsic water-use efficiency;  
547  $V_{\text{cmax}}$  = maximum rate of carboxylation;  $g_m$  = mesophyll conductance;  $A_N$  = net CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation  
548 rate;  $g_s$  = stomatal conductance;  $LDMC$  = leaf dry matter content;  $LMA$  = leaf mass per area;  $LT$   
549 = leaf thickness.  
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552 **Figure 4:** The resource conservative to acquisitive axis of leaf trait variation was uncorrelated

553 with mean annual precipitation (A.) and temperature (B.). Each point shows the climate at

554 habitat of origin for a different wild tomato taxon and its position, averaged from multiple

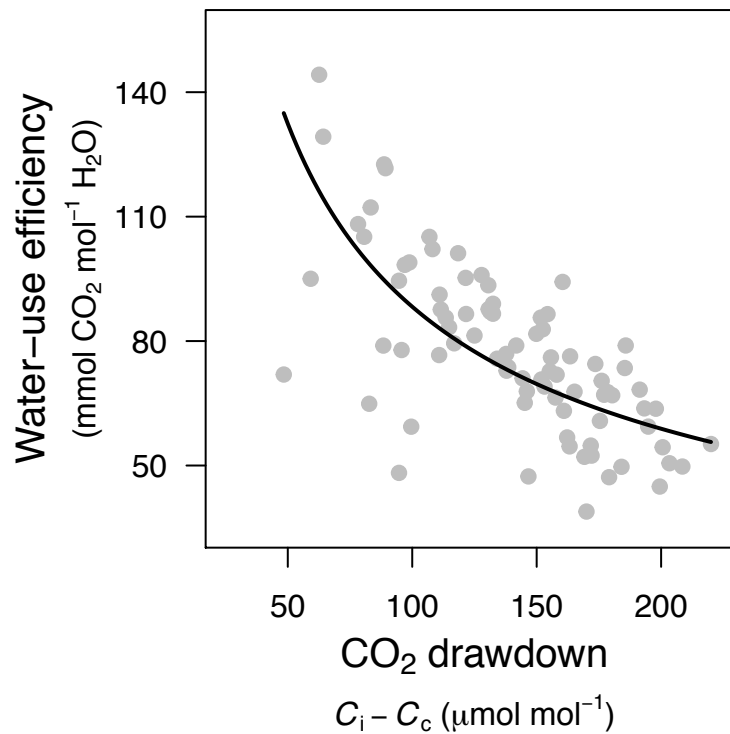
555 individuals in the experiment, along the resource acquisitive to conservative axis. There was a

556 significant positive correlation between PC1 and precipitation, but this was driven by a single

557 influential species, *S. juglandifolium*; the correlation was not significant once this species was

558 removed. All *P*-values are from phylogenetic linear regression.

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561 **Figure S1:** CO<sub>2</sub> drawdown from the leaf interior ( $C_i$ ) to the chloroplast ( $C_c$ ) is negatively  
562 associated with  $iWUE$  in tomatoes, indicating that reduced diffusional constraints (lower  $C_i - C_c$ )  
563 leads to increased  $iWUE$ . Fitted line is based on a Bayesian phylogenetic mixed models treating  
564 Species as a random effect:  $\log(iWUE) \sim \log(C_i - C_c) + (1|Species)$ . The slope is significantly  
565 different than zero ( $P < 0.0001$ ) based on  $10^4$  MCMC samples from the posterior distribution of  
566 the model.

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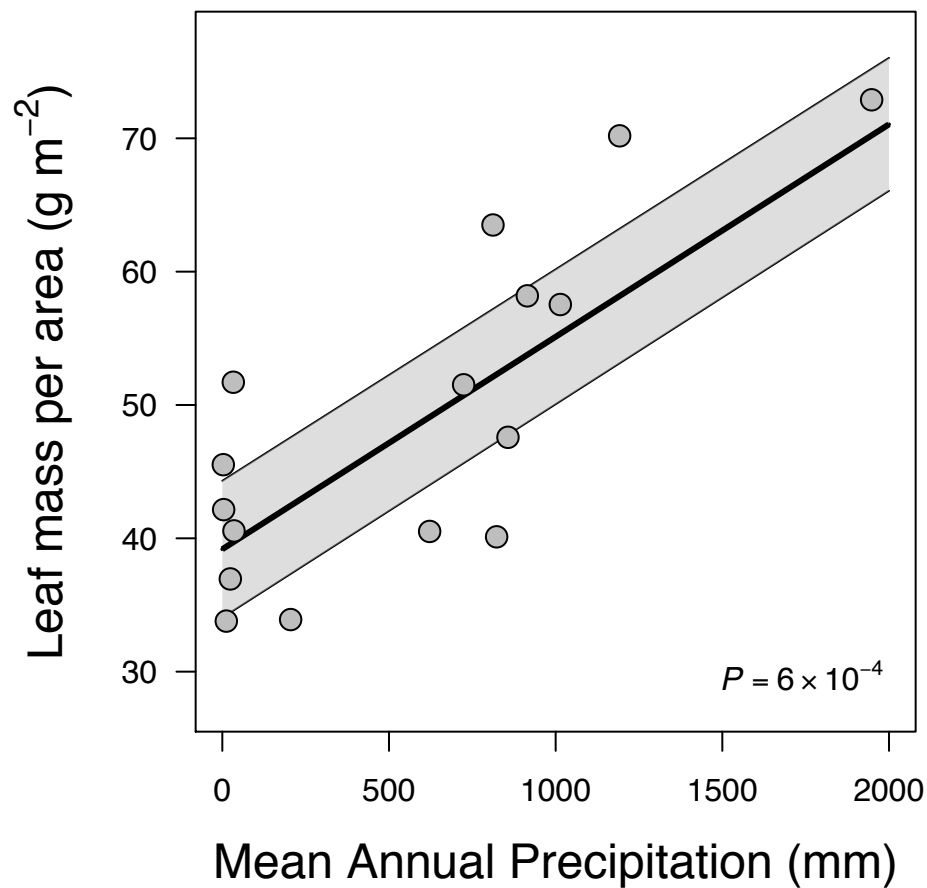


Taxon	Nucleotide					Amino acid		
	81	255	573	688	822	Haplotype	230	LSu type
<i>S. lycopersicoides</i>	T	C	A	G	C	1	A	1
<i>S. sitiens</i>	T	C	A	G	C	1	A	1
<i>S. ochranthum</i>	G	T	A	G	C	2	A	1
<i>S. juglandifolium</i>	G	T	G	G	C	3	A	1
<i>S. pennellii</i>	T	C	A	G	C	1	A	1
<i>S. pennellii</i> var. <i>puberulum</i>	T	C	A	G	C	1	A	1
<i>S. habrochaites</i>	T	C	A	A	C	5	T	2
<i>S. chilense</i>	T	C	A	G	C	1	A	1
<i>S. peruvianum</i>	T	C	A	G	C	1	A	1
<i>S. arcanum</i>	T	C	A	G	C	1	A	1
<i>S. neorickii</i>	T	C	A	G	C	1	A	1
<i>S. chmielewskii</i>	T	C	A	G	C	1	A	1
<i>S. pimpinellifolium</i>	T	C	A	A	T	4	T	2
<i>S. cheesmaniae</i>	T	C	A	A	T	4	T	2
<i>S. galapagense</i>	T	C	A	A	T	4	T	2
<i>S. lycopersicum</i> var. <i>cerasiforme</i>	T	C	A	A	T	4	T	2
Ramellet tomato 1-48	T	C	A	A	T	4	T	2
Ramellet tomato 1-30	T	C	A	A	T	4	T	2
Commercial tomato 'Roma VF'	T	C	A	A	T	4	T	2

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569 **Figure S2:** Evolutionary patterns of the Rubisco large subunit (LSu) among wild and  
 570 domesticated tomato species. The species relationships shown are based on an 18-gene  
 571 phylogeny from Haak *et al.* (2014; see Methods). Nucleotide differences in the *rbcL* gene are  
 572 indicated, giving rise to five different haplotypes. Those mutations result in a single difference at  
 573 amino acid level and thus two Rubisco LSu types within tomatoes.

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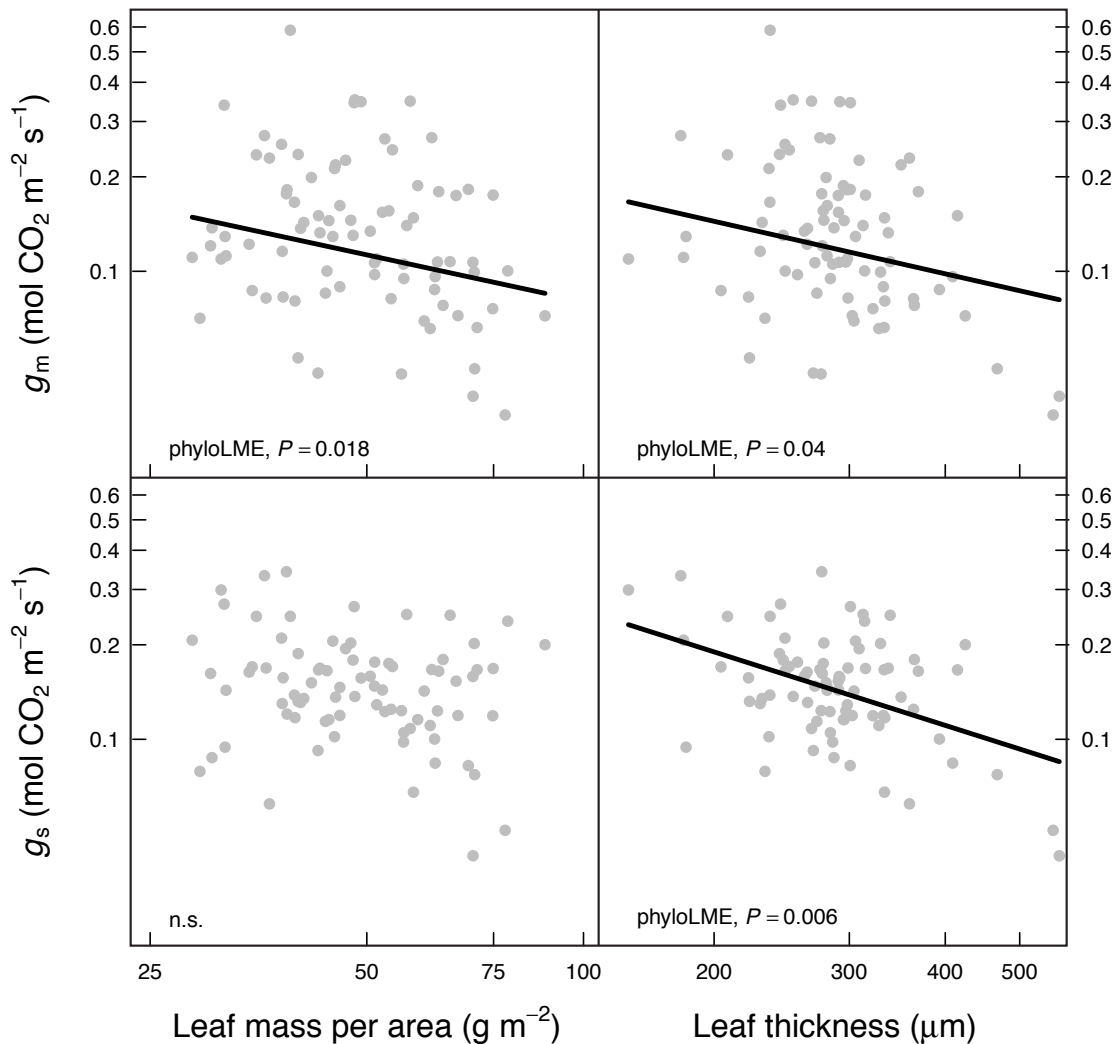
576 **Figure S3:** Leaf mass per area ( $LMA$ ) was positively correlated with mean annual precipitation.

577 Each point shows the climate at habitat of origin for a different wild tomato taxon and its  $LMA$ ,

578 averaged from multiple individuals in the experiment. There was a significant positive

579 correlation between PC1 and precipitation. All  $P$ -values are from phylogenetic linear regression.

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582 **Figure S4:** Bulk leaf structure (leaf mass per area [*LMA*] and leaf thickness [*LT*]) weakly  
583 constrain leaf CO<sub>2</sub> diffusive conductance through stomata (*g<sub>s</sub>*) and mesophyll (*g<sub>m</sub>*). Each point is  
584 data from one of 80 individual plants across 19 wild and cultivated tomato taxa. Panels A. and B.  
585 show that diffusion through mesophyll (*g<sub>m</sub>*, mesophyll conductance) was limited by higher *LMA*  
586 and *LT*. Additionally, *LT* (panel D.), but not *LMA* (Panel C.) were associated with decreased  
587 stomatal conductance (*g<sub>s</sub>*) parameters. Fitted lines are based on Bayesian phylogenetic mixed

588 models treating Species as a random effect. Mixed models with *LT* also included *LDMC*, but this  
589 did not have a significant effect (results not shown). All *P*-values are based on  $10^4$  MCMC  
590 samples from the posterior distribution of the model.  
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## 592 **Methods S1**

### 593 *Gas exchange*

594 We used an open path infrared gas exchange analyzer with a 2-cm<sup>2</sup> leaf chamber fluorometer  
595 (LI-6400-40, LI-COR Inc., Lincoln, NE, USA) to simultaneously measure leaf gas exchange and  
596 chlorophyll *a* fluorescence. To minimize leaf position and age effects, all measurements were  
597 made on young, fully-expanded leaves ( $\bar{n} = 4.3$ , range = [3, 5]). The ambient CO<sub>2</sub> concentration  
598 in the chamber ( $C_a$ ) was 400  $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  air, leaf temperature was 25° C, photosynthetic  
599 photon flux density (PPFD) was 1500  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$  with 90:10 red:blue light, and relative  
600 humidity was between 40 – 60%. Once a leaf reached steady-state photosynthesis ( $A$ ) and  
601 stomatal conductance ( $g_s$ ), usually after ~30 min, we measured the response to changing  
602 substomatal CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations ( $C_i$ ) by adjusting the ambient CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the leaf  
603 chamber ( $C_a$ ). We used 11 concentrations between 0 and 1750  $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  air. The flow rate  
604 was 300  $\mu\text{mol s}^{-1}$ . Diffusional leaks for CO<sub>2</sub> were corrected for using the methods of Rodeghiero  
605 *et al.* (2007). We observed no differences between diffusion coefficients calculated for leaves of  
606 different species or an empty chamber (data not shown).

607 From fluorescence measurements and  $A - C_i$  curves, we determined the net CO<sub>2</sub>  
608 assimilation rate at  $C_a = 400 \mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  air ( $A_N$ ), stomatal conductance ( $g_s$ ), mesophyll  
609 conductance to CO<sub>2</sub> ( $g_m$ ), and the maximum rate of carboxylation ( $V_{cmax}$ ). For all analyses, we  
610 used  $g_s$  and  $g_m$  at ambient  $C_a$  (400 +/- 5  $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ mol}^{-1}$  air) because these values are most  
611 ecologically relevant and allowed us to directly analyze how  $g_s$  and  $g_m$  limited  $A_N$ . Photosynthetic  
612 rate and stomatal conductance are estimated directly from gas exchange measurements. We  
613 estimated mesophyll conductance using from the equation (Harley *et al.* 1992):

$$g_m = \frac{A}{C_i - \frac{\Gamma^*[J+8(A+R_d)]}{J-4(A+R_d)}} \quad (\text{S1})$$

614 We measured the mitochondrial respiration rate ( $R_{\text{dark}}$ ) for each plant at predawn and used the  
615 common assumption  $R_d = R_{\text{dark}} / 2$ . As described below, we measured the chloroplastic  $\text{CO}_2$   
616 compensation point ( $\Gamma^*$ ) *in vitro* from two species, *S. lycopersicoides* and *S. lycopersicum* var.  
617 *esculentum* cv. ‘Roma’, one each from the two LSu amino acid sequences among tomato species  
618 (see Results). For *S. lycopersicoides* (Rubisco LSu Type 1, Figure S2), we estimated  $\Gamma^* = 40.46$   
619  $\mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ air}$ ; for *S. lycopersicum* (Rubisco LSu Type 2, Figure S2) we estimated  $\Gamma^* =$   
620  $35.39 \mu\text{mol CO}_2 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ air}$ . These values were applied to the other species with the same Rubisco  
621 LSu Type (Figure S2).

622 The electron transport rate of photosystem II ( $J_f$ ) was calculated from fluorescence  
623 measurements as  $J_f = \Phi_{\text{PSII}} I \alpha \beta$ , where  $\Phi_{\text{PSII}}$  is the quantum yield (moles of  $\text{CO}_2$  fixed per mole  
624 of quanta absorbed) of photosystem II,  $I$  is irradiance,  $\alpha$  is the leaf light absorptance, and  $\beta$  is the  
625 photosystem partitioning factor.  $\Phi_{\text{PSII}}$  was estimated from the chlorophyll fluorescence data. We  
626 estimated the product  $\alpha\beta$  separately for each species using the relationship  $\Phi_{\text{PSII}} = \frac{\alpha\beta\Phi_{\text{CO}_2}}{4}$   
627 under nonphotorespiratory conditions (Genty, Briantis & Baker, 1989). To vary the quantum  
628 yield, we measured photosynthetic light response curves under 2%  $\text{O}_2$ . In summary, we  
629 incorporated data on species-specific respiration ( $R_d$ ), Rubisco kinetics ( $\Gamma^*$ ), and light  
630 absorptance/photosystem partitioning ( $\alpha\beta$ ) to improve the accuracy of  $g_m$  estimates.

631 Using the calculated values of  $g_m$ , we used the relationship:

$$C_c = C_i - A/g_m \quad (\text{S2})$$

632 to determine  $A - C_c$  curves to estimate the maximum velocity of carboxylation ( $V_{\text{cmax}}$  [ $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2}$   
633  $\text{s}^{-1}$ ]), which is proportional to the concentration of activated Rubisco. We estimated  $V_{\text{cmax}}$

634 following Long & Bernacchi (2003) from the linear, Rubisco limited portion of the  $A - C_c$  curve,  
635 empirically determined to be  $C_i < 200 \text{ mol CO}_2 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ air}$ . We used kinetic values from Table 2  
636 (methods described below) to calculate effective Michaelis-Menten constants for each LSu type.

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### 638 *Sequencing the Rubisco large subunit*

639 Total DNA was extracted from fresh leaf tissue using the DNeasy Plant MiniKit (Qiagen). The  
640 *rbcL* gene coding for the Rubisco large subunit (LSu) was amplified using primers specifically  
641 designed for *Solanum*, the forward primer SoSpaF (5'-ATGAGTTCTAGGGAGGGAT-3') and  
642 the reverse primer So1462R: (5'-GCAGGAAATAAAGAAGGATAAGG-3'). The BioMix Red  
643 reaction mix (Bioline Ltd., London, UK) was used to carry out the polymerase chain reaction  
644 (PCR) with the following conditions: an initial cycle of 95 °C, 2 min; 55 °C, 30 s; 72 °C, 4 min,  
645 followed by 36 cycles of 93 °C, 30 s; 53 °C, 30 s; 72 °C, 3.5 min. PCR products were visualized  
646 on 1% agarose gels, purified using the High Pure PCR Product Purification Kit (Roche,  
647 Germany) and sequenced with an ABI 3130 Genetic analyzer using the ABI BigDye™  
648 Terminator Cycle Sequencing Ready Reaction Kit (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, California).  
649 Due to the *rbcL* length, sequences were obtained in a two-fragment fashion, using the primer  
650 So1462R and the primer *rbcL*638R (5'-CGCATAAATGGTTGGGAATTC-3') (Chen 1998).  
651 Sequence chromatograms were checked and corrected with the Chromas software and the  
652 contigs were assembled using BioEdit v7.1.3 software (Hall 1999). MEGA 5 (Tamura *et al.*  
653 2011) was used to convert DNA to amino acid, and to align both sequence types.

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### 655 *Rubisco catalytic characterization*

656 Based on the two different amino acid sequences detected, a representative species for each type  
657 was selected, *S. lycopersicoides* for Rubisco LSu Type 1, and a domesticated accession *S.*  
658 *lycopersicum* var. *esculentum* cv. ‘Roma’ for the Rubisco LSu Type 2. We characterized Rubisco  
659 kinetics following Galmés *et al.* (2014). Rates of Rubisco  $^{14}\text{CO}_2$  fixation using fresh leaf protein  
660 extract were measured in 7 ml septum-capped scintillation vials, containing reaction buffer  
661 (yielding final concentrations of 100 mM Bicine-NaOH, pH 8.0, 20 mM  $\text{MgCl}_2$ , 0.4 mM RuBP  
662 and ca. 100 W-A units of carbonic anhydrase) and one of nine different concentrations of  $\text{CO}_2$   
663 (0-80  $\mu\text{M}$ , each with a specific radioactivity of  $3.7 \times 10^{10}$  Bq  $\text{mol}^{-1}$ ), each at two concentrations  
664 of  $\text{O}_2$  (0 and 21% v/v), as described previously (Parry *et al.* 2007). Assays (1.0 ml total volume)  
665 were started by the addition of activated leaf extract, and the maximum velocity of carboxylase  
666 activity ( $V_{\text{max}}$ ) together with the Michaelis-Menten constant ( $K_m$ ) for  $\text{CO}_2$  ( $K_c$ ) determined from  
667 the fitted data. The  $K_m$  for the oxygenase activity was calculated from the relationship  $K_{c,(21\%\text{O}_2)}$   
668  $= K_{c,(0\%\text{O}_2)} \cdot (1 + [\text{O}_2]/K_o)$ . The  $[\text{O}_2]$  was assumed to be 265  $\mu\text{M}$ , but corrected for partial pressure  
669 by taking account of the atmospheric pressure and water saturated vapor pressure. Replicate  
670 measurements ( $n = 4$ ) were made using protein preparations from different leaves of different  
671 individuals. For each sample, the maximum rate of carboxylation ( $k_{\text{cat}}^c$ ) was extrapolated from  
672 the corresponding  $V_{\text{max}}$  value after allowance was made for the Rubisco active site concentration,  
673 as determined by  $^{14}\text{C}$ CPBP binding (Yokota & Canvin 1985). Rubisco  $\text{CO}_2/\text{O}_2$  specificity ( $S_{c/o}$ )  
674 was measured as described previously (Galmés *et al.* 2005) using enzyme purified by  
675 polyethylene glycol (PEG) precipitation and ion exchange chromatography, and the values given  
676 for each species were the mean of 7-8 repeated determinations. The maximum oxygenation rate  
677 ( $k_{\text{cat}}^o$ ) was calculated using the equation  $S_{c/o} = (k_{\text{cat}}^c / K_c) / (k_{\text{cat}}^o / K_o)$ . All kinetic measurements  
678 were performed at 25°C.



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680 **Results S1: Sequence comparisons reveal two Rubisco LSu types in tomatoes**

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682 We identified five mutations in the *rbcL* gene sequence (Figure S2), encoding for the Rubisco  
683 LSu. However, only one of these five mutations altered the amino acid sequence. The limited  
684 variability in LSu among tomato species contrasts with previous studies reporting large  
685 variability among closely related taxa in *Limonium* (Galmés *et al.* 2014), *Schiedea* (Kapralov &  
686 Filatov 2006), *Amanthaceae* (Kapralov *et al.* 2012), and *Quercus* (Hermida-Carrera *et al.* unpub.  
687 data). The single mutation leading to a different amino acid sequence for the LSu at position 230  
688 (Figure S2) resulted in improved  $S_{c/o}$  (i.e., higher specificity of the enzyme for CO<sub>2</sub>), but did not  
689 reduce the enzyme velocity ( $k_{cat}^c$ ; Table 2). The same amino acid replacement A230 to T230 was  
690 observed in the Hawaiian endemic genus *Schiedea* (Kapralov & Filatov 2006). *Schiedea*  
691 represents one of the largest plant adaptive radiations on Hawaii and, similarly to the wild  
692 species of tomato in the present study, comprises closely related species with a broad range of  
693 morphological and ecological forms, inhabiting diverse environments from rainforest to desert-  
694 like conditions. According to Kellogg & Juliano (1997), residue 230 interacts with the  $\beta A$ - $\beta B$   
695 loop of small subunit, and replacement A230 to T230 causes a decrease in the hydrophobicity of  
696 the residue with effects in the stability at this position.

697 We designate the sequence associated with lower  $S_{c/o}$  ‘Rubisco LSu Type 1’ and that with  
698 higher  $S_{c/o}$  ‘Rubisco LSu Type 2’. Interestingly, the Rubisco LSu Type 2 occurs in the closest  
699 wild relatives of the domesticated tomato (i.e., from here on “the domesticated clade”: *S.*  
700 *pimpinellifolium*, *S. cheesmaniae*, *S. galapagense*, *S. lycopersicum* var. *cerasiforme*, and the  
701 domesticated accessions; see Figure S2), maybe pointing to this biochemical improvement at

702 Rubisco level to one of the reasons triggering the diversification of the most recent tomato  
703 species, and from which the domesticated tomato was originated. Also, the lack of DNA  
704 mutations in the *rbcL* among those species could reflect a very recent occurrence of this Rubisco  
705 LSU type.

706 The phylogenetic relationship among sections *Lycopersicoides*, *Juglandifolia* and  
707 *Lycopersicon* is consistent both based on nuclear markers and cpDNA markers (Peralta *et al.*  
708 2008; Robertson *et al.* 2011), and indicates that sect. *Lycopersicoides* diverged before sect.  
709 *Juglandifolia* (Figure 1). Therefore, since the cpDNA of sect. *Lycopersicon* is identical to that of  
710 sect. *Lycopersicoides* but different to that of sect. *Juglandifolia*, mutations in the latter section  
711 may have occurred after the split from sect. *Lycopersicon*, which maintained the original sect.  
712 *Lycopersicoides* cpDNA. Therefore, sect. *Juglandifolia* shows two exclusive mutations (in  
713 positions 81 and 255), and within *S. juglandifolium* has a third one (in position 573; Figure S2),  
714 which shows that this section has the most divergent *rbcL* sequences among tomatoes. However,  
715 these mutations did not alter the amino acid sequence of the LSU, suggesting that negative  
716 selection on the majority of nonsynonymous substitutions.

717 As an exception to the above is *S. habrochaites*, which diverged early on in the sect.  
718 *Lycopersicon* clade with *S. pennellii*. This species has the Rubisco LSU Type 2, but a different,  
719 exclusive haplotype as compared to that in the domesticated clade. Therefore, it appears that the  
720 mutation in the DNA position 688, resulting in the amino acid change leading to Rubisco LSU  
721 Type 2, may have occurred independently in *S. habrochaites* and in the domesticated clade  
722 species. Evidence for convergence is reinforced by the mutation in the DNA position 822, which  
723 occurs exclusively in all the domesticated clade species, whereas the *S. habrochaites* haplotype  
724 resembles other species in the Rubisco LSU Type 1 at this position. This apparently convergent

725 origin of the mutation leading to an improved Rubisco would reflect 1) the importance of  
726 maintaining the ancestral (i.e., Type 1, sect. *Lycopersicoides*) Rubisco LSU across the tomato  
727 radiation, because it has been maintained in most species, and 2) little positive selection on the  
728 LSU, because only a single amino acid change was detected, in the amino acid position 230, and  
729 moreover, it may have occurred twice.

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