



Coaching session ERC StG

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Disclaimer: All a personal experience so
take it with a pinch of salt



- ▶ ERCStg 2023- METACAM
- ▶ LS9

Slides

Presentation



Q&A

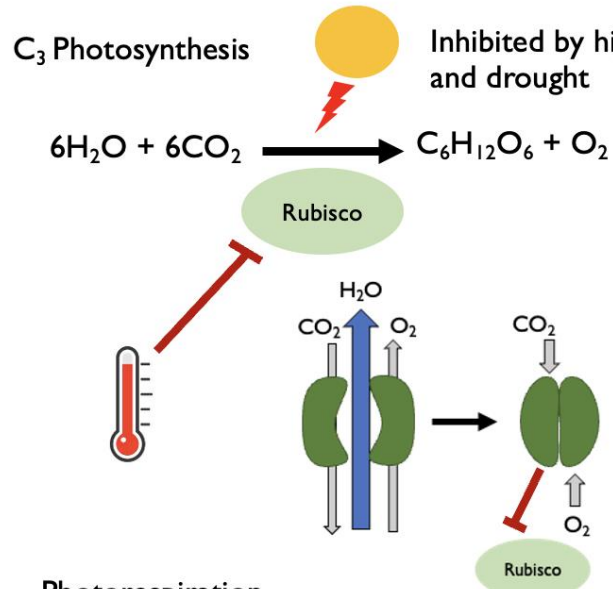
The slides

- ▶ 7' presentation + 23' Q&A
- ▶ Online
- ▶ 14 slides + 10 supps

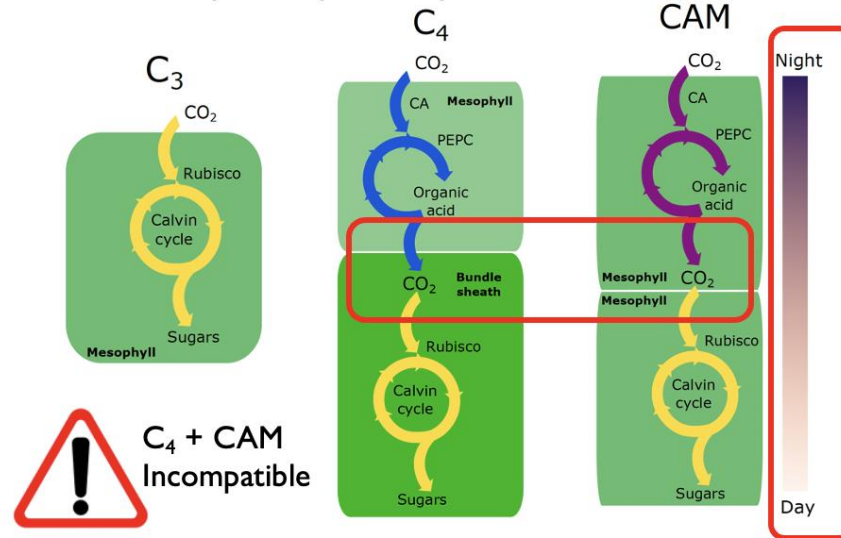
- ▶ Asked for help (Included the use of a graphical designer)
- ▶ Practice, practice, practice, practice
- ▶ CRAG was very supportive with the whole process

Version 1

Photosynthesis is one of the main determinants of yield



Plants have recursively evolved mechanisms to cope with photorespiration and drought

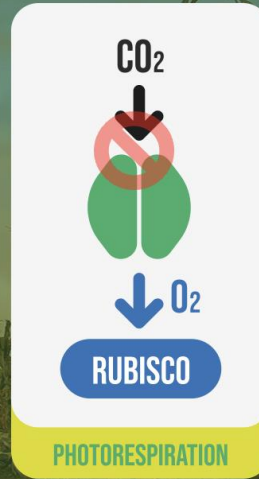
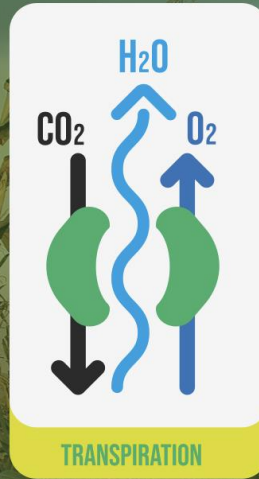


C₄
- "Supercharged" CO₂ capture.
- Higher yields compared to C₃

CAM
- High tolerance to drought.
- Inducible under stress.

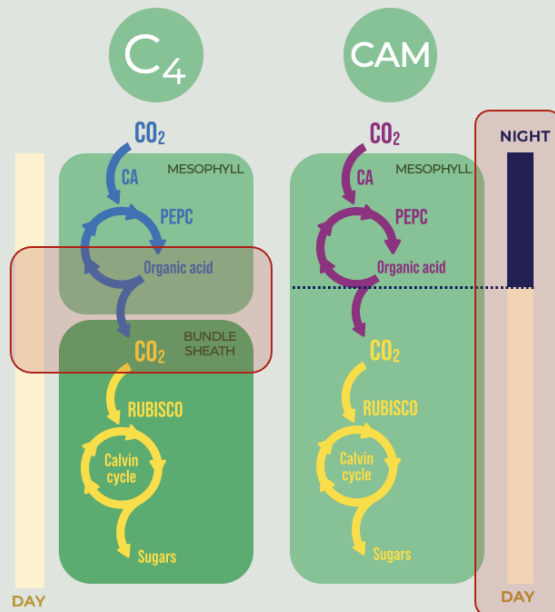
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Photosynthesis

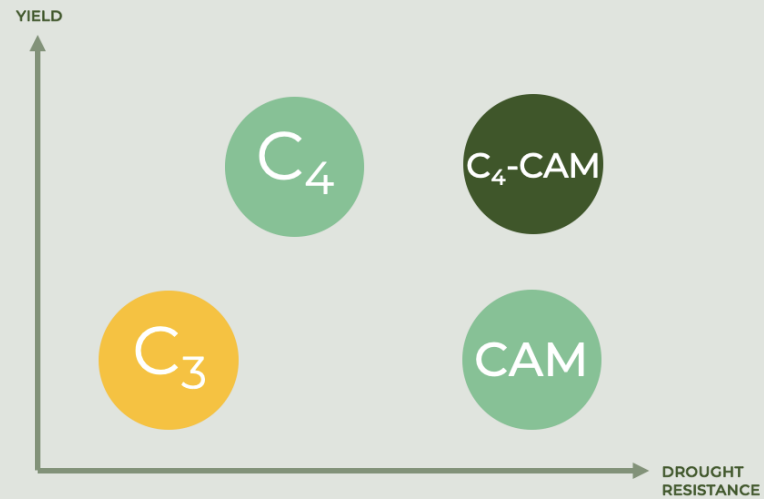


Version 16

Plants have evolved mechanisms to cope with drought and photorespiration



C₄ + CAM has been considered incompatible due to the space and time of the reactions



What do I mean with practice

- ▶ At least twice a day
- ▶ In front of the mirror
- ▶ Record yourself
- ▶ In front of senior colleagues
- ▶ In front of family or friends
- ▶ Without slides
- ▶ If you know it by heart it is easy to go back in case you get lost and more importantly **do it on time**

Q&A

- ▶ One panel member takes the lead
- ▶ About 24 questions (I tried to have as many questions as possible)
- ▶ Practice with collaborators, mentors
- ▶ Write up all questions you can think off
- ▶ Everybody has their own style of answering, be yourself but be nice!
- ▶ Remember you are the expert

The preparation

- ▶ There are lots of external and internal noises.
- ▶ Just focus on your presentation and your project.



Thank you