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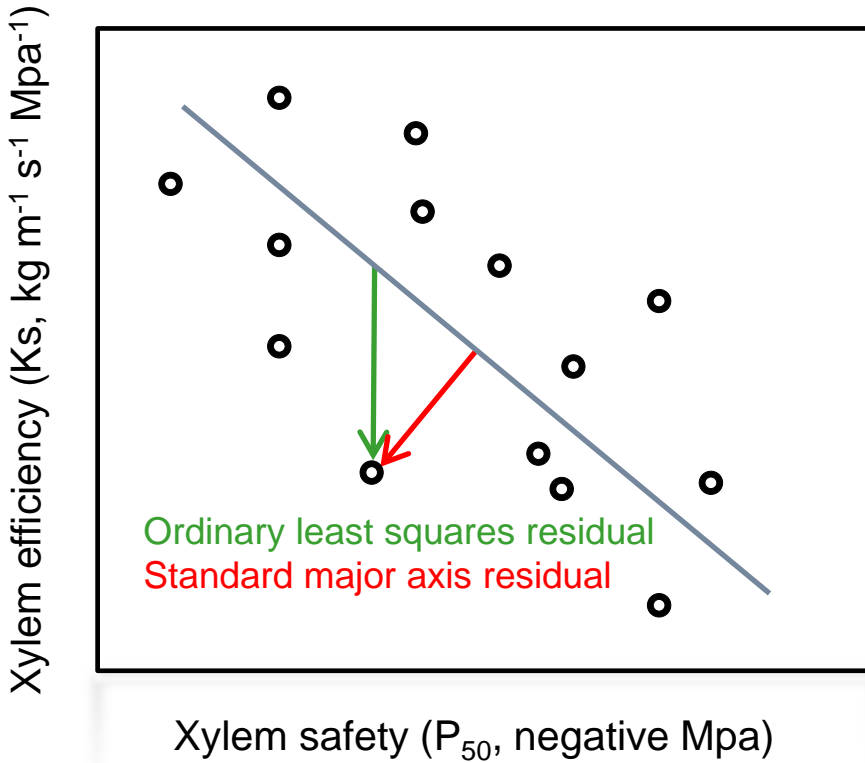
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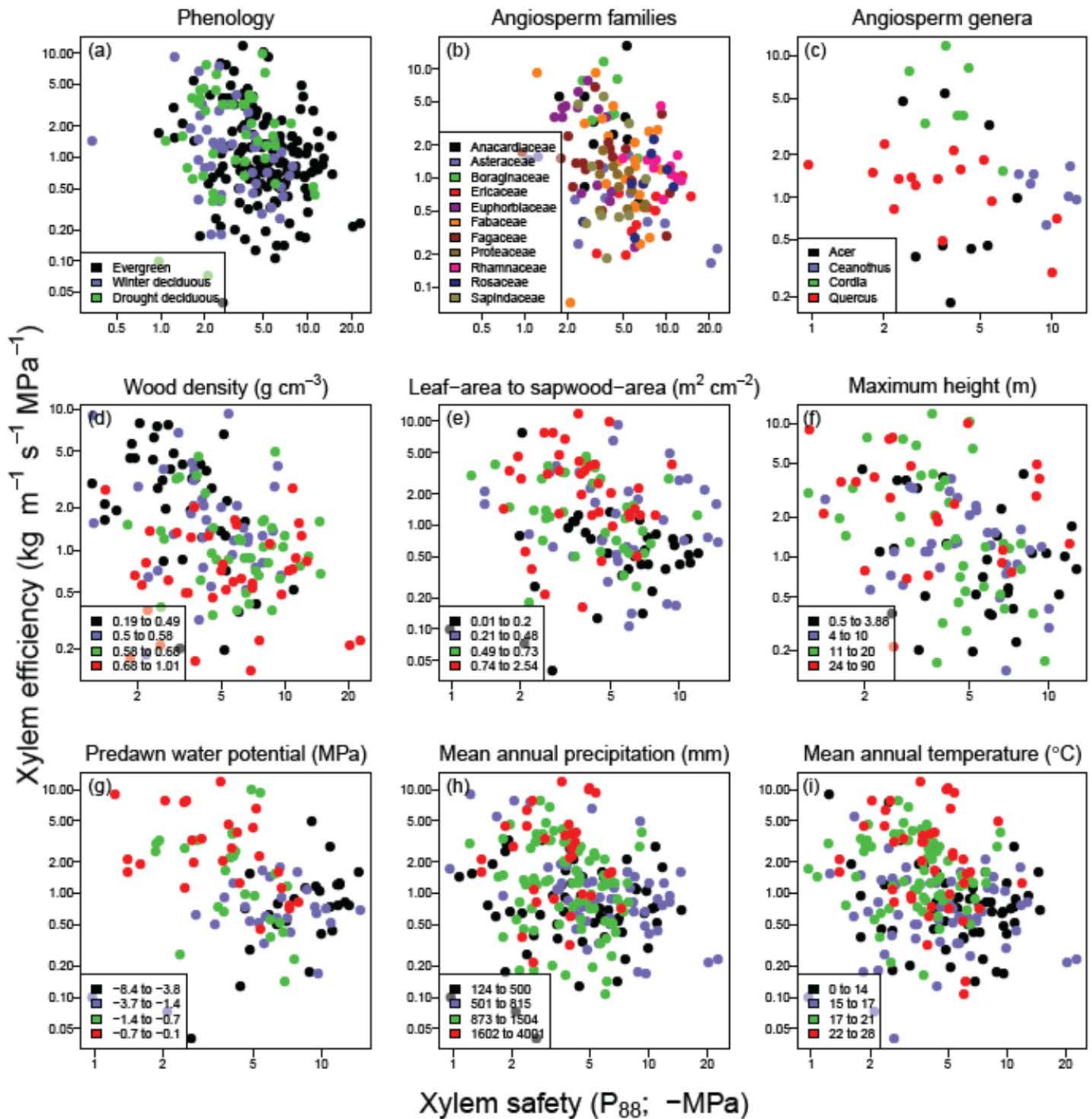
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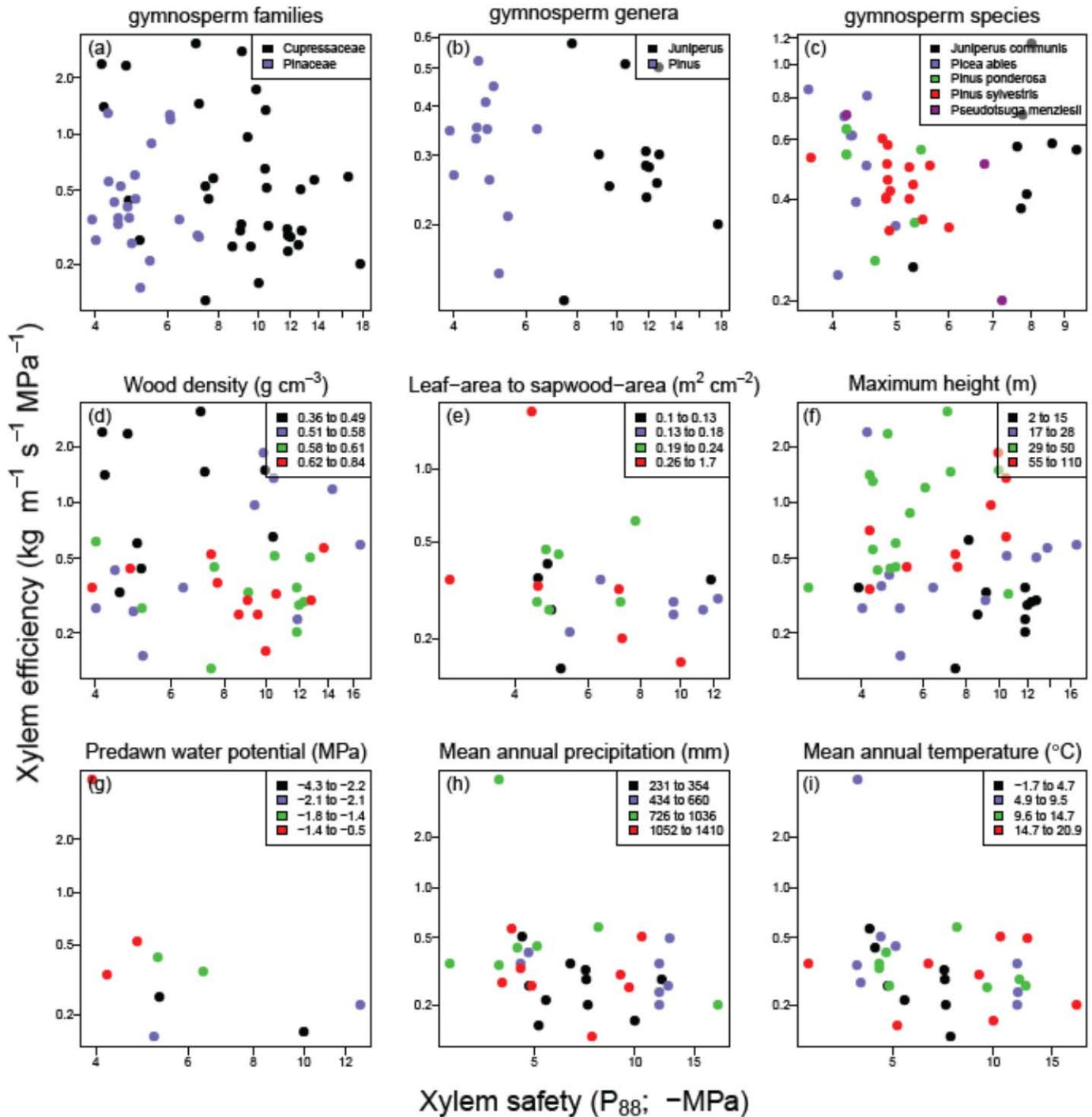
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**Fig. S1** Standard major axis residuals (SMA) vs ordinary least squares (OLS) residuals. Note that SMA residuals include variation on both the  $x$ - and  $y$ -axes, whereas OLS residuals include only variation on the  $y$ -axis. As such, OLS residuals reflect variation orthogonal to  $x$ , whereas SMA residuals reflect variation orthogonal to the  $y$ - $x$  fit. By plotting the third variable against the efficiency–safety SMA residuals, the degree to which the third variable modifies the efficiency–safety relationship can be assessed.

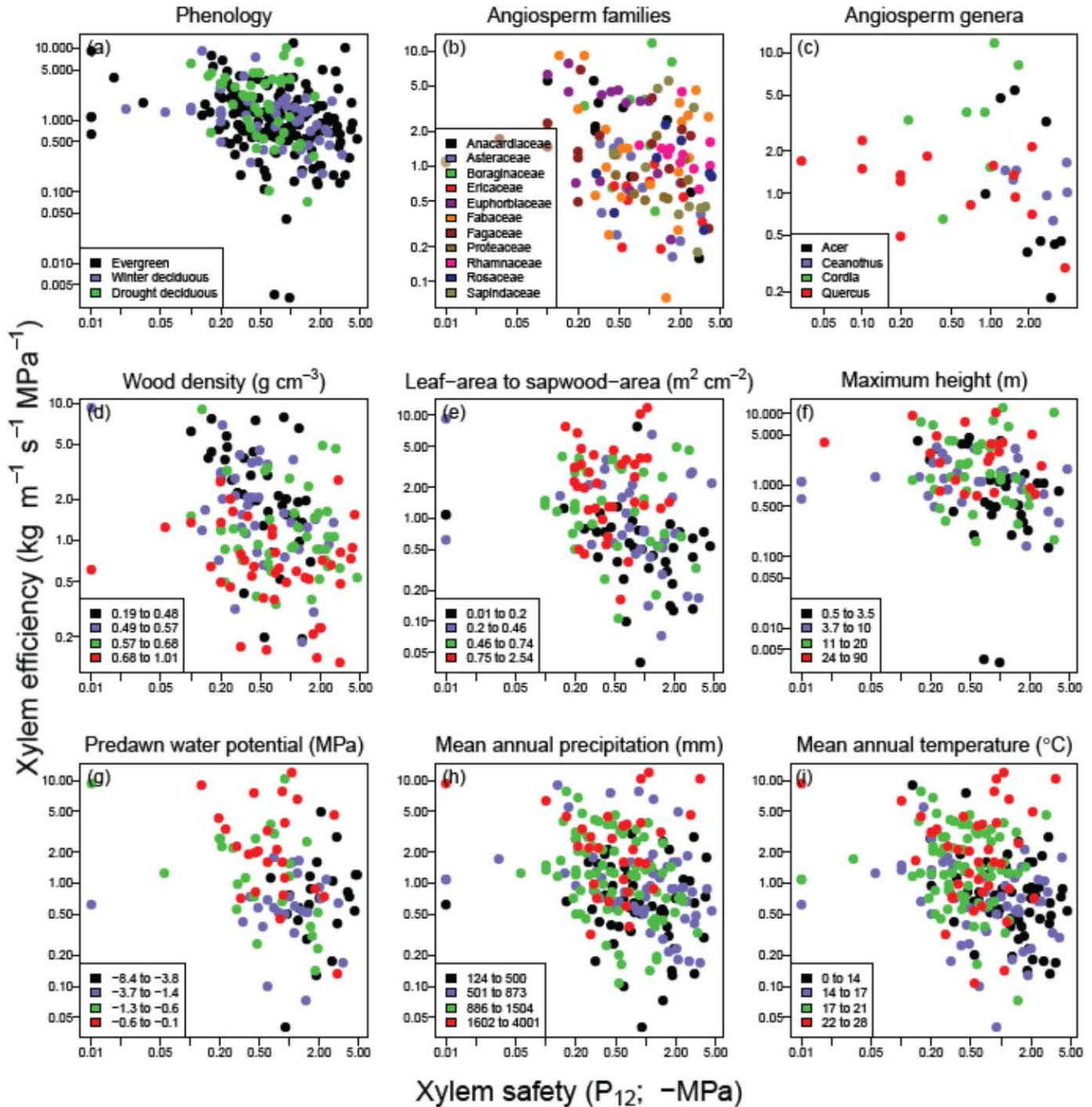


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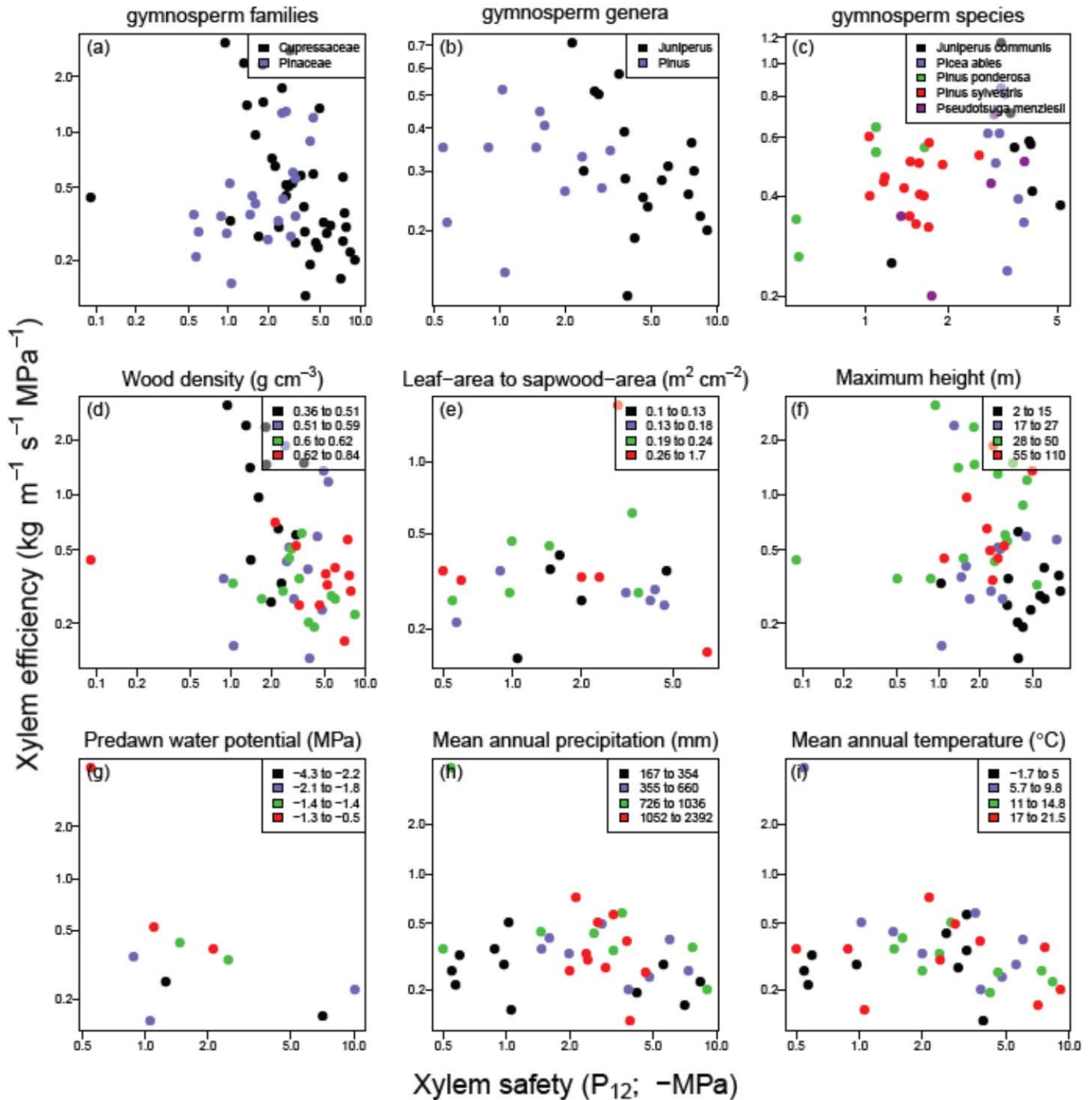


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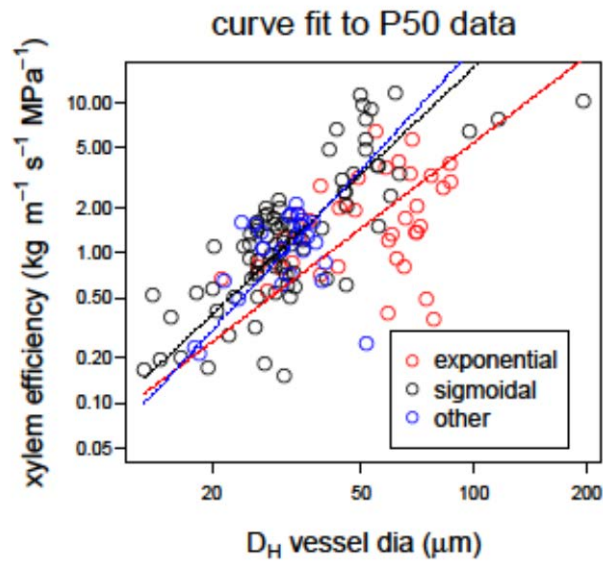




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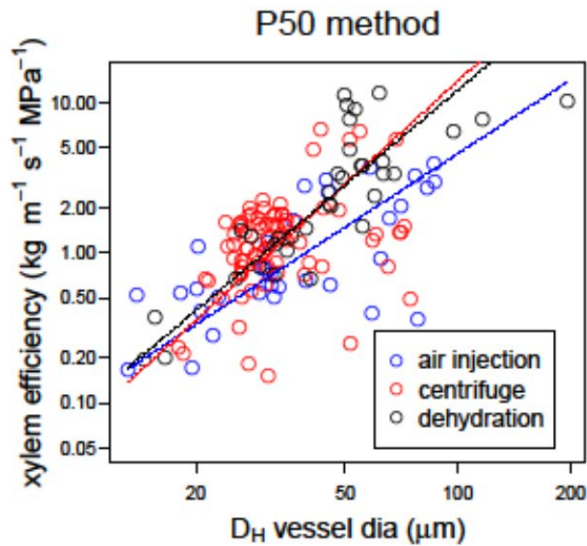
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Group	Slope	Intercept	$r^2$	$P$
Exponential	1.90	-3.07	0.13	0.026
Sigmoidal	2.36	-3.48	0.60	<0.001
Other	2.69	-4.02	0.11	0.081
Slope compare				0.318
Intercept compare				<0.001

**Fig. S6** Comparison of ‘curve shapes’ exhibited by fitted bivariate models (i.e.  $P_{50}$  curve) for angiosperm species in the database. Trendlines with significantly higher elevation coefficients indicate greater efficiency at a given hydraulically weighted vessel diameter, and therefore, suggests a methodological artifact. However, although exponential curves are thought to be associated with ‘open’ vessels (i.e. less resistance), samples fit with exponential curves tended to have *lower* efficiency, not higher.





Group	Slope	Intercept	$r^2$	$P$
Air injection	1.63	-2.60	0.46	<0.001
Centrifuge	2.28	-3.41	0.13	0.001
Dehydration	2.10	-3.12	0.70	<0.001
Slope compare				0.143
Intercept compare				0.013

**Fig. S7** Comparison of methods used for generating  $P_{50}$  data. Trendlines exhibiting significantly higher elevation indicates greater efficiency at a given hydraulically weighted vessel diameter and therefore suggests a methodological artifact. Only methods which reported both efficiency and hydraulically weighted vessel diameter are included here. ‘Air injection’ includes the double-ended method only. ‘Centrifuge’ does not include data collected using the Cavitron method (Cochard, 2002).

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**Table S1** Standard major axis (SMA) efficiency–safety models fit to individual angiosperm and gymnosperm groups

Angiosperms	$r^2$	Slope	Intercept	$P$	df
All angiosperm species	0.048	-1.67	1.09	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	239
Phenology					
Evergreen	0.053	-1.81	1.27	<b>0.004</b>	149
Winter deciduous	0.122	-1.59	0.80	<b>0.019</b>	43
Drought deciduous	0.005	1.90	-0.75	0.643	43
Families					
Anacardiaceae	0.025	-2.32	1.76	0.662	8
Asteraceae	0.500	-0.82	0.31	<b>0.010</b>	10
Boraginaceae	0.310	-2.38	2.07	0.194	5
Ericaceae	0.526	1.20	-1.35	<b>0.018</b>	8
Euphorbiaceae	0.485	-2.92	1.64	<b>0.006</b>	12
Fabaceae	0.074	-2.39	1.75	0.222	20
Fagaceae	0.058	-1.14	0.77	0.335	16
Proteaceae	0.229	-1.62	1.03	0.136	9
Rhamnaceae	0.054	-1.78	1.84	0.493	9
Rosaceae	0.336	1.53	-1.34	0.132	6
Sapindaceae	0.017	-3.41	2.01	0.717	8
Genera					
<i>Acer</i>	0.012	-3.54	2.12	0.776	7
<i>Ceanothus</i>	0.056	-1.51	1.55	0.609	5
<i>Cordia</i>	0.310	-2.38	2.07	0.194	5
<i>Quercus</i>	0.311	-0.89	0.53	<b>0.031</b>	13
Gymnosperms					
Gymnosperms	$r^2$	Slope	Intercept	$P$	df
All gymnosperm species	0.004	-1.73	1.14	0.624	57
Families					
Cupressaceae	0.184	-2.37	1.99	<b>0.013</b>	31
Pinaceae	0.000	3.38	-2.75	0.935	19
Genera					
<i>Juniperus</i>	0.003	-1.75	1.30	0.859	11

<i>Pinus</i>	0.027	-2.60	1.27	0.609	10
<b>Species</b>					
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	0.378	2.75	-2.72	0.104	6
<i>Picea abies</i>	0.111	-5.16	2.98	0.382	7
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	0.186	-2.92	1.61	0.334	5
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	0.198	-1.80	0.90	0.097	13

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Safety is defined as the xylem water potential at which maximal conductivity declines by 88%.

Statistically significant *P*-values ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) are denoted with bold text.

**Table S2.** Fit statistics for linear multiple regression models, with efficiency and safety as predictor variables and various structural and climatological traits as the dependent third variable

	$r^2_{P88}$	$r^2_{Ks}$	$r^2_{resid}$	df
<b>Angiosperms</b>				
Wood density	0.068*	0.194***	0.018	152
Leaf-area to sapwood-area	0.021	0.184***	0.042*	142
Maximum height	0.044	0.101**	0.007	120
Predawn water potential	0.297***	0.173***	0.009	101
Mean annual precipitation	0.004	0.142***	0.035**	228
Mean annual temperature	0.026	0.172***	0.034**	229
Number of freezing days	0.002	0.115***	0.077***	182
<b>Gymnosperms</b>				
Wood density	0.153**	0.220***	0.003	40
Leaf-area to sapwood-area	0.019	0.268*	0.082	20
Maximum height	0.048	0.286***	0.051	44
Predawn water potential	0.263	0.640**	0.060	6
Mean annual precipitation	0.037	0.028	0.004	29
Mean annual temperature	0.063	0.003	0.041	29
Number of freezing days	0.020	0.028	0.004	29

Safety is defined as the xylem water potential at which maximal conductivity declines by 88%.

Coefficient of determination values represent the proportion of total variation in the third variable explained by hydraulic safety ( $r^2_{P88}$ ) and hydraulic efficiency ( $r^2_{Ks}$ ). The percent residual variation in the safety–efficiency fit (orthogonal variation, i.e. standard major axis residuals) that is explained by the third variable ( $r^2_{resid}$ ) is also reported and indicates whether the third variable is a meaningful predictor of where species are located away from the safety–efficiency trend-line. Asterisks indicate levels of significance (\*,  $P = 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $P = 0.01$ ; \*\*\*,  $P = 0.001$ ).

**Table S3** Standard major axis (SMA) efficiency–safety models fit to individual angiosperm and gymnosperm groups

Angiosperms	$r^2$	Slope	Intercept	$P$	df
All angiosperm species	0.075	-1.03	-0.20	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	240
Phenology					
Evergreen	0.051	-1.00	-0.22	<b>0.005</b>	150
Winter deciduous	0.174	-0.76	-0.15	<b>0.004</b>	44
Drought deciduous	0.126	-1.64	-0.29	<b>0.018</b>	42
Families					
Anacardiaceae	0.659	-1.02	-0.01	<b>0.004</b>	8
Asteraceae	0.268	-1.03	-0.32	0.085	10
Boraginaceae	0.037	1.85	0.62	0.650	6
Ericaceae	0.023	-0.87	-0.33	0.699	7
Euphorbiaceae	0.250	-1.30	-0.15	0.069	12
Fabaceae	0.023	-1.17	0.02	0.514	19
Fagaceae	0.088	-0.53	-0.01	0.248	15
Proteaceae	0.087	-0.22	-0.15	0.380	9
Rhamnaceae	0.062	-1.00	0.44	0.462	9
Rosaceae	0.000	0.70	-0.19	0.983	6
Sapindaceae	0.178	-1.78	0.43	0.225	8
Genera					
<i>Acer</i>	0.286	-2.66	0.81	0.138	7
<i>Ceanothus</i>	0.135	-0.69	0.32	0.418	5
<i>Cordia</i>	0.229	1.48	0.73	0.277	5
<i>Quercus</i>	0.196	-0.41	-0.08	0.113	12
Gymnosperms					
Gymnosperms	$r^2$	Slope	Intercept	$P$	df
All gymnosperm species	0.012	-0.91	0.02	0.394	62
Families					
Cupressaceae	0.175	-1.00	0.18	<b>0.009</b>	36
Pinaceae	0.357	0.88	-0.58	<b>0.004</b>	23
Genera					

<i>Juniperus</i>	0.262	-0.96	0.12	<b>0.030</b>	16
<i>Pinus</i>	0.013	0.58	-0.58	0.725	10
Species					
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	0.149	1.07	-0.84	0.346	6
<i>Picea abies</i>	0.312	-4.48	1.98	0.118	7
<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>	0.731	0.88	-0.31	<b>0.014</b>	5
<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	0.003	0.81	-0.50	0.845	13
<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	0.481	1.11	-0.81	0.194	3

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Safety is defined as the xylem water potential at which maximal conductivity declines by 12%.

Statistically significant *P*-values ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) are denoted with bold text.



**Table S4** Fit statistics for linear multiple regression models, with efficiency and safety as predictor variables and various structural and climatological traits as the dependent third variable

	$r^2_{P12}$	$r^2_{Ks}$	$r^2_{resid}$	df
<b>Angiosperms</b>				
Wood density	0.008	0.255***	0.116***	160
Leaf-area to sapwood-area	0.020	0.215***	0.059**	141
Maximum height	0.006	0.182***	0.065**	119
Predawn water potential	0.122**	0.150***	0.001	95
Mean annual precipitation	0.024	0.171***	0.024*	221
Mean annual temperature	0.064**	0.153***	0.011	222
Number of freezing days	0.014	0.118***	0.026*	174
<b>Gymnosperms<sup>a</sup></b>				
Wood density	0.131*	0.191**	0.003	45
Maximum height	0.061	0.292***	0.060	46
Predawn water potential	0.220	0.643**	0.006	7
Mean annual precipitation	0.028	0.104*	0.102	34
Mean annual temperature	0.118*	0.007	0.084	34
Number of freezing days	0.003	0.001	0.000	34

Safety is defined as the xylem water potential at which maximal conductivity declines by 12%.

Coefficient of determination values represent the proportion of total variation in the third variable explained by hydraulic safety ( $r^2_{P12}$ ) and hydraulic efficiency ( $r^2_{Ks}$ ). The percent residual variation in the safety–efficiency fit (orthogonal variation, i.e. standard major axis residuals) that is explained by the third variable ( $r^2_{resid}$ ) is also reported and indicates whether the third variable is a meaningful predictor of where species are located away from the safety–efficiency trend-line. Asterisks indicate levels of significance (\*,  $P = 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $P = 0.01$ ; \*\*\*,  $P = 0.001$ ). <sup>a</sup>The safety-efficiency relationship for gymnosperm leaf-area to sapwood-area exhibited a positive slope and was omitted from the analysis.

**Table S5** Standard major axis (SMA) models fit to individual angiosperm and gymnosperm groups after omitting ‘r-shaped’ vulnerability curves

Angiosperms	$r^2$	Slope	Intercept	$P$	df
All angiosperm species	0.081	-1.74	0.80	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	269
Phenology					
Evergreen	0.054	-1.70	0.82	<b>0.003</b>	160
Winter deciduous	0.065	-1.89	0.83	<b>0.025</b>	76
Drought deciduous	0.016	-1.85	0.71	0.494	29
Families					
Anacardiaceae	0.259	-3.32	1.51	0.162	7
Asteraceae	0.050	-0.93	0.20	0.593	6
Boraginaceae	0.056	-2.79	1.44	0.539	7
Ericaceae	0.473	2.07	-1.45 <sup>bc</sup>	<b>0.028</b>	8
Euphorbiaceae	0.404	-1.80	0.55 <sup>c</sup>	<b>0.006</b>	15
Fabaceae	0.007	-2.52	1.35	0.756	14
Fagaceae	0.628	-1.91	1.17 <sup>b</sup>	<b>0.004</b>	9
Proteaceae	0.132	-1.38	0.52	0.271	9
Rhamnaceae	0.045	-2.40	2.01	0.554	8
Rosaceae	0.241	-2.29	1.86 <sup>a</sup>	<b>0.033</b>	17
Sapindaceae	0.208	-3.22	1.50	0.159	9
Genera					
<i>Acer</i>	0.243	-3.59	1.73	0.148	8
<i>Ceanothus</i>	0.032	-1.41	1.21	0.701	5
<i>Cordia</i>	0.010	2.46	-0.23	0.812	6
<i>Quercus</i>	0.875	-2.37	1.48	<b>0.002</b>	5

Safety is defined as the xylem water potential at which maximal conductivity declines by 50%.

Statistically significant  $P$ -values ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ) are denoted with bold text.

**Table S6** Models fit after omitting exponential vulnerability curves

	$r^2_{P50}$	$r^2_{Ks}$	$r^2_{resid}$	df
Angiosperms				
Wood density	0.108***	0.166***	0.004	152
Leaf-area to sapwood-area	0.136***	0.175***	0.001	143
Maximum height	0.024	0.151***	0.031	115
Predawn water potential	0.282***	0.183***	0.006	102
Mean annual precipitation	0.128***	0.116***	0.000	249
Mean annual temperature	0.075***	0.028*	0.006	249
Number of freezing days	0.058**	0.046*	0.003	168

Fit statistics for linear multiple regression models, with efficiency and safety as predictor variables and various structural and climatological traits as the dependent third variable. Safety is defined as the xylem water potential at which maximal conductivity declines by 50%. Coefficient of determination values represent the proportion of total variation in the third variable explained by hydraulic safety ( $r^2_{P50}$ ) and hydraulic efficiency ( $r^2_{Ks}$ ). The percent residual variation in the efficiency–safety fit (orthogonal variation, i.e. standard major axis residuals) that is explained by the third variable ( $r^2_{resid}$ ) is also reported and indicates whether the third variable is a meaningful predictor of where species are located away from the efficiency–safety trend-line. Asterisks indicate levels of significance (\*,  $P = 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $P = 0.01$ ; \*\*\*,  $P = 0.001$ ).

**Notes S1** Published references from which data were extracted for analyses.

Includes all angiosperm and gymnosperm species (branch xylem) where both efficiency ( $K_s$ ) and safety ( $P_{50}$ ) data were reported. Observations where efficiency measurements exceeded  $40 \text{ kg m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ MPa}^{-1}$  were assumed in error and omitted.

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