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## **Diffusion limitations and Michaelis–Menten kinetics as drivers of combined temperature and moisture effects on carbon fluxes of mineral soils**

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## Model M2-dif steady state equations

The equilibrium solutions to the C pools of model M2-dif are given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_P = & K_D r_{ed} z (-2g I_{ml} f_{ge} f_{ug} r_{md} + 2g I_m f_{ug} r_{md} - 2g I_{sl} f_{ge} r_{mr} f_{ug} - 2g I_{sl} f_{ge} f_{ug} r_{md} + 2g I_{sl} r_{mr} + \\
 & 2g I_{sl} r_{md} - I_{ml} f_{ge} f_{ug} r_{ed} r_{md} + I_{ml} f_{ug} r_{ed} r_{md} - I_{sl} f_{ge} r_{mr} f_{ug} r_{ed} - I_{sl} f_{ge} f_{ug} r_{ed} r_{md} + I_{sl} r_{mr} r_{ed} + \\
 & I_{sl} r_{ed} r_{md}) / (g I_{ml} V_D f_{ge} r_{mr} f_{ug} + g I_{ml} V_D f_{ge} f_{ug} r_{md} + 2g I_{ml} f_{ge} f_{ug} r_{ed} r_{md} - 2g I_{ml} f_{ug} r_{ed} r_{md} + \\
 & g I_{sl} V_D f_{ge} r_{mr} f_{ug} + g I_{sl} V_D f_{ge} f_{ug} r_{md} + 2g I_{sl} f_{ge} r_{mr} f_{ug} r_{ed} + 2g I_{sl} f_{ge} f_{ug} r_{ed} r_{md} - 2g I_{sl} r_{mr} r_{ed} - \\
 & 2g I_{sl} r_{ed} r_{md} + I_{ml} f_{ge} f_{ug} r_{ed}^2 r_{md} - I_{ml} f_{ug} r_{ed}^2 r_{md} + I_{sl} f_{ge} r_{mr} f_{ug} r_{ed}^2 + I_{sl} f_{ge} f_{ug} r_{ed}^2 r_{md} - I_{sl} r_{mr} r_{ed}^2 - \\
 & I_{sl} r_{ed}^2 r_{md})
 \end{aligned} \tag{S1}$$

$$C_D = -z(r_{mr} + r_{md}) / (g V_U f_{ug} (f_{ge} - 1)) \tag{S2}$$

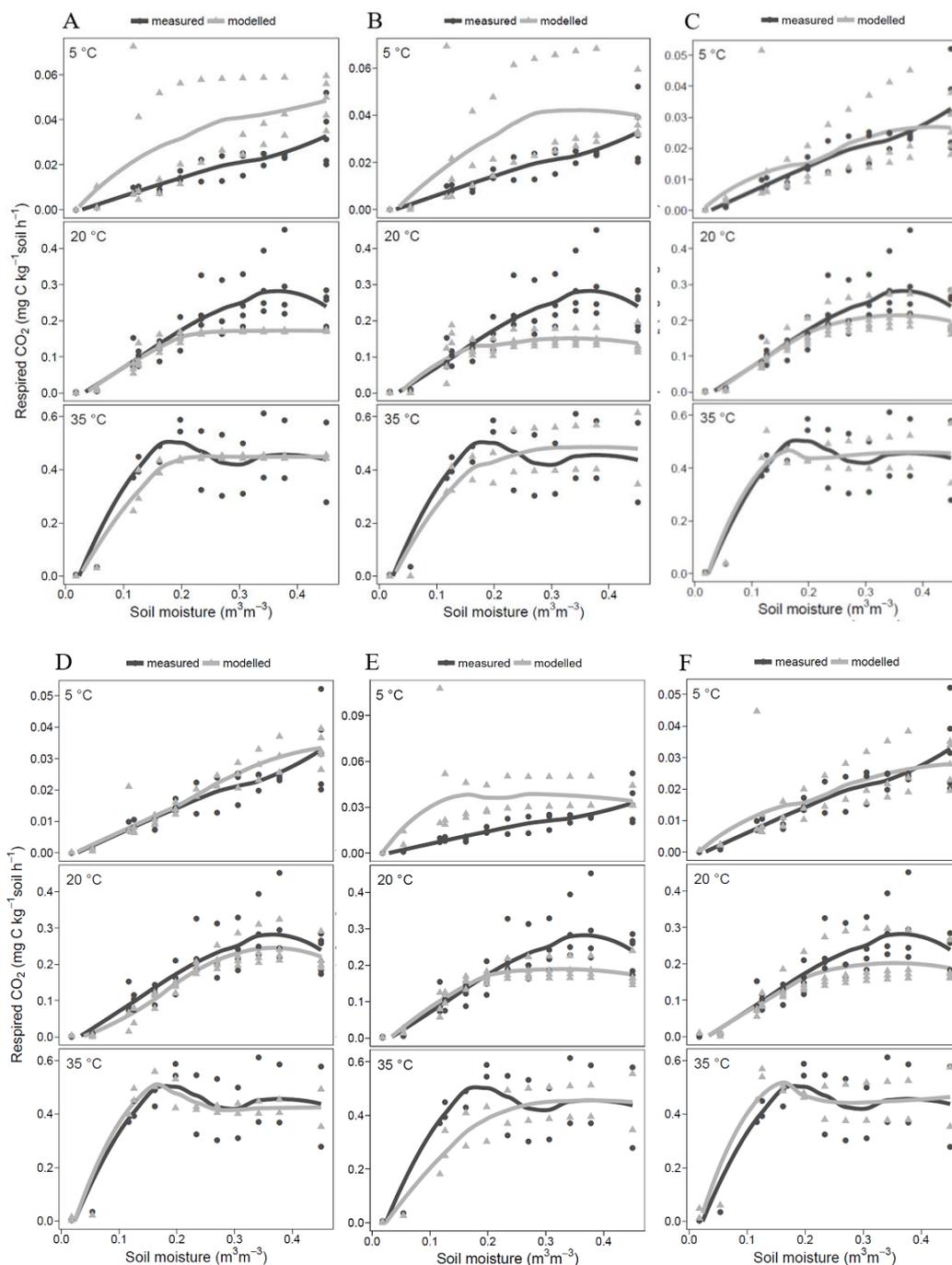
$$C_M = f_{ug} (I_{ml} f_{ge} - I_{ml} + I_{sl} f_{ge} - I_{sl}) / (f_{ge} r_{mr} f_{ug} - r_{mr} + f_{ug} r_{md} - r_{md}) \tag{S3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{ED} = & -g f_{ge} f_{ug} (I_{ml} r_{mr} + I_{ml} r_{md} + I_{sl} r_{mr} + I_{sl} r_{md}) / (r_{ed} (2g f_{ge} r_{mr} f_{ug} - 2g r_{mr} + 2g f_{ug} r_{md} - \\
 & 2g r_{md} + f_{ge} r_{mr} f_{ug} r_{ed} - r_{mr} r_{ed} + f_{ug} r_{ed} r_{md} - r_{ed} r_{md}))
 \end{aligned} \tag{S4}$$

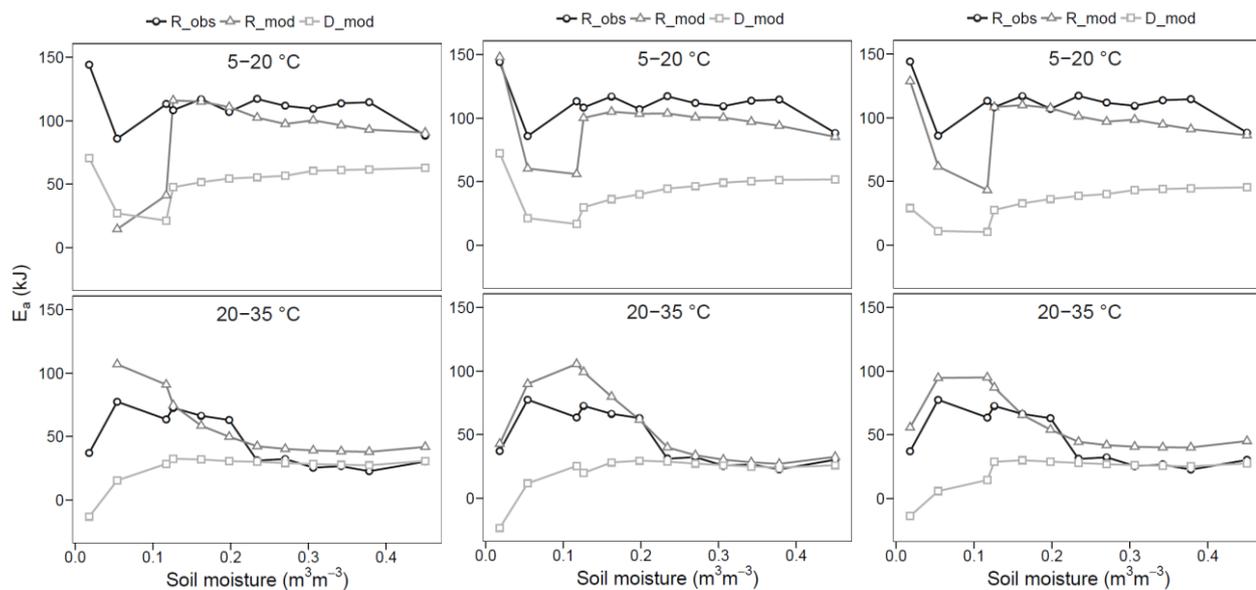
$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{EM} = & -f_{ge} f_{ug} (g I_{ml} r_{mr} + g I_{ml} r_{md} + g I_{sl} r_{mr} + g I_{sl} r_{md} + I_{ml} r_{mr} r_{ed} + I_{ml} r_{ed} r_{md} + I_{sl} r_{mr} r_{ed} + \\
 & I_{sl} r_{ed} r_{md}) / (r_{ed} (2g f_{ge} r_{mr} f_{ug} - 2g r_{mr} + 2g f_{ug} r_{md} - 2g r_{md} + f_{ge} r_{mr} f_{ug} r_{ed} - r_{mr} r_{ed} + \\
 & f_{ug} r_{ed} r_{md} - r_{ed} r_{md}))
 \end{aligned} \tag{S5}$$

In these equations,  $I_{ml}$  and  $I_{sl}$  are metabolic and structural litter input, which represent litter additions to the  $C_D$  and  $C_P$  pools, respectively.

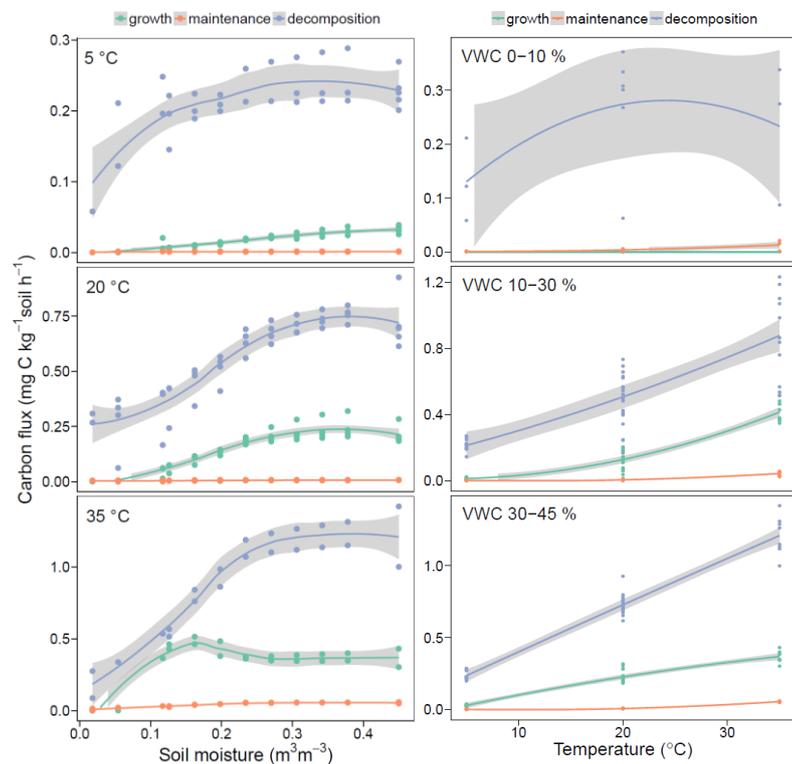
## Supplementary figures



5 **Figure S1: The relationship between respiration rates and soil moisture content shown for observations and diffusion based models with different reaction kinetics. Each plot compares the measurements with a different model. A: 11-dif, B: 22-dif, C: M1-dif, D: M2-dif, E: MM-dif, and F: Mr2-dif. The average relationship is depicted with smooth loess fits.**



**Figure S2: The relationship between apparent temperature sensitivities and soil moisture content shown for observations and M1-dif (left), M2-dif (middle) and M<sub>r</sub>2-dif (right).**



**5 Figure S3: Modelled growth respiration, maintenance respiration and decomposition against soil moisture (left plot) and soil temperature (right plot) using model M2-dif.**

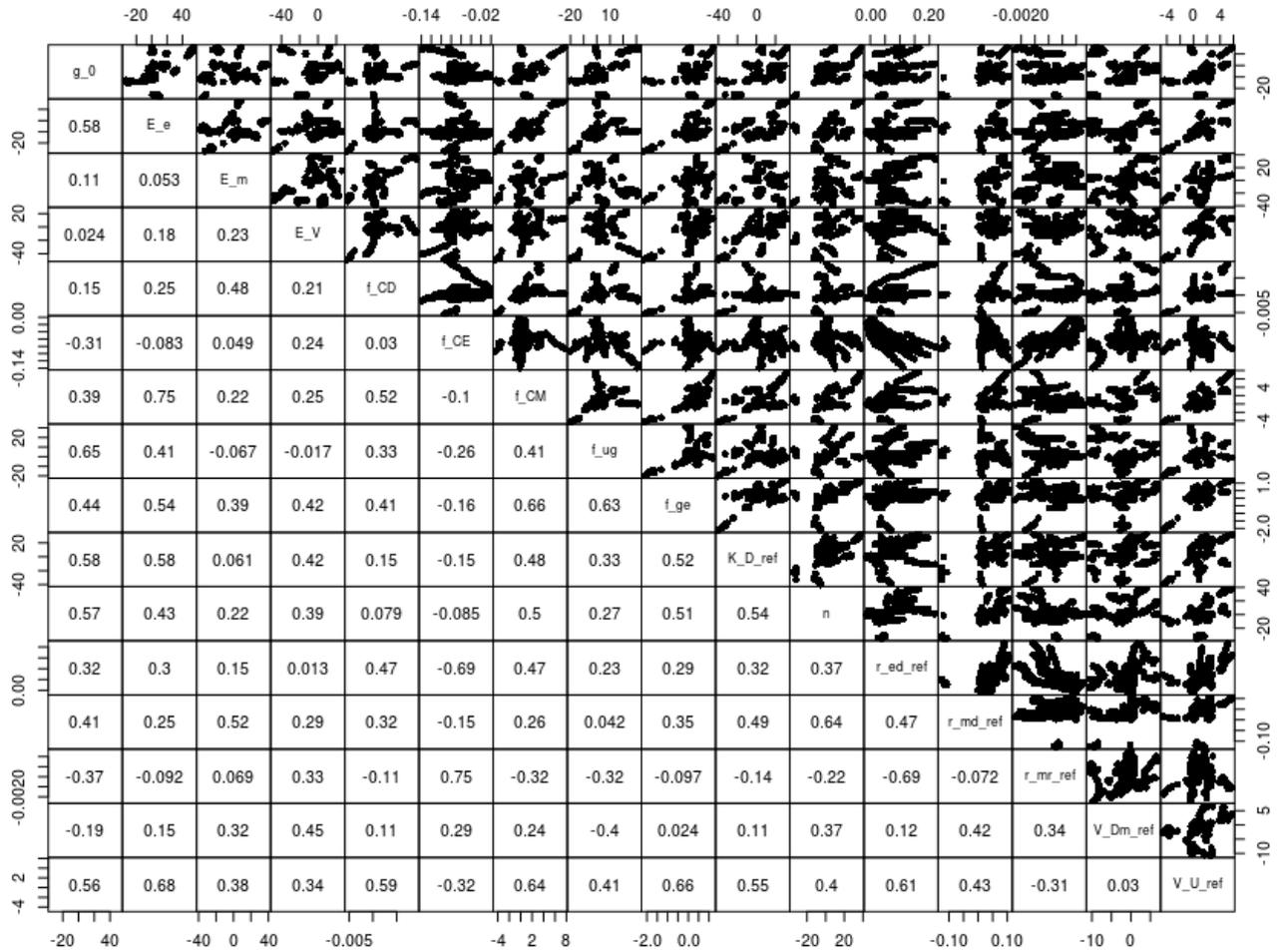
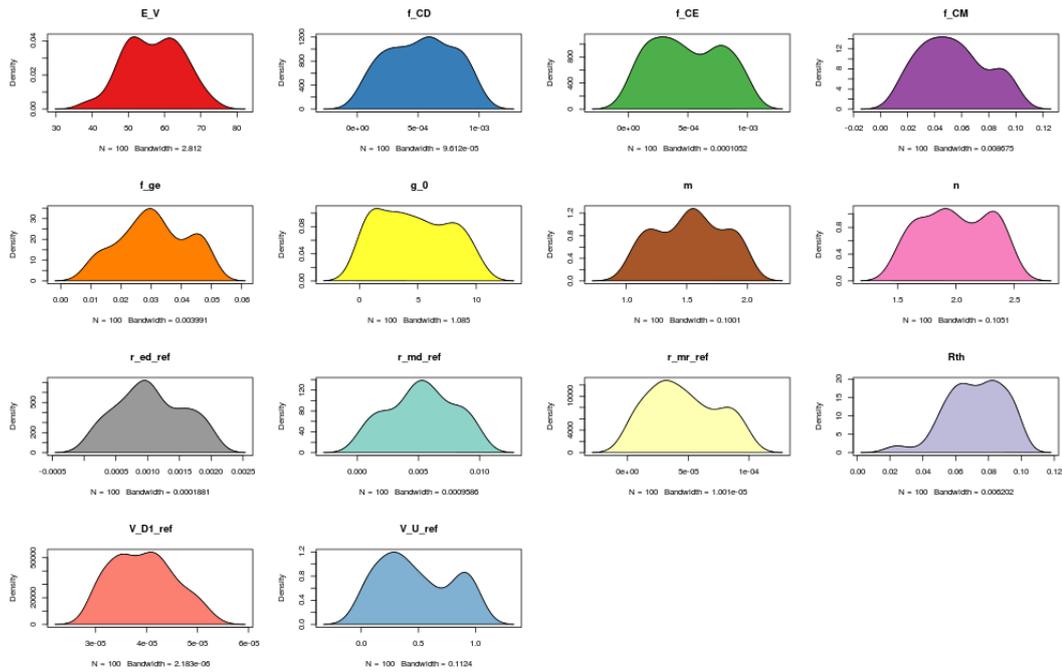
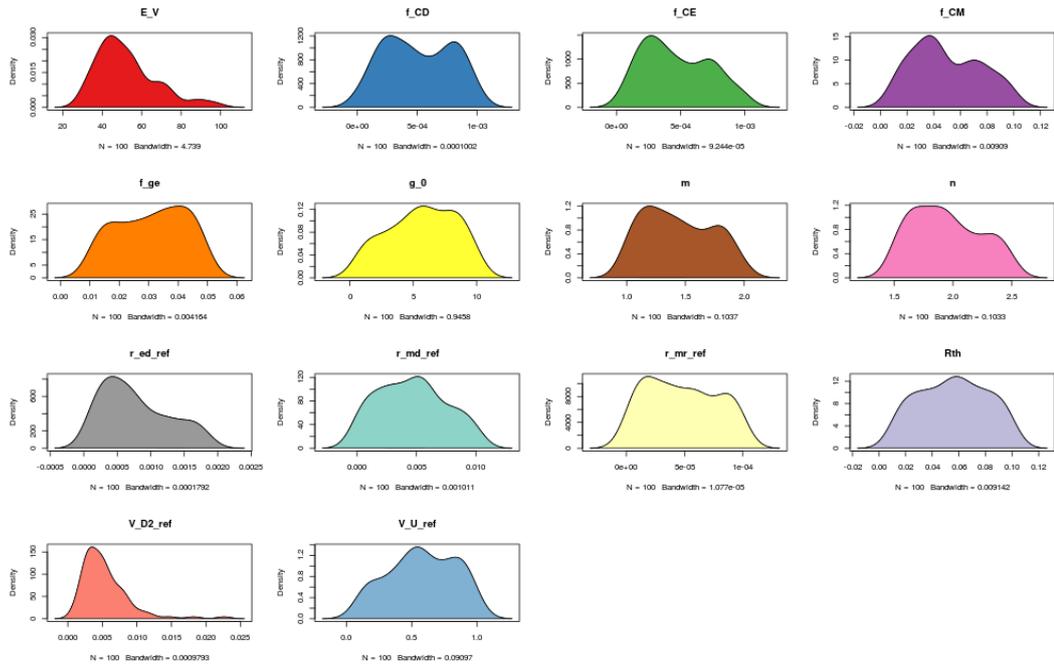


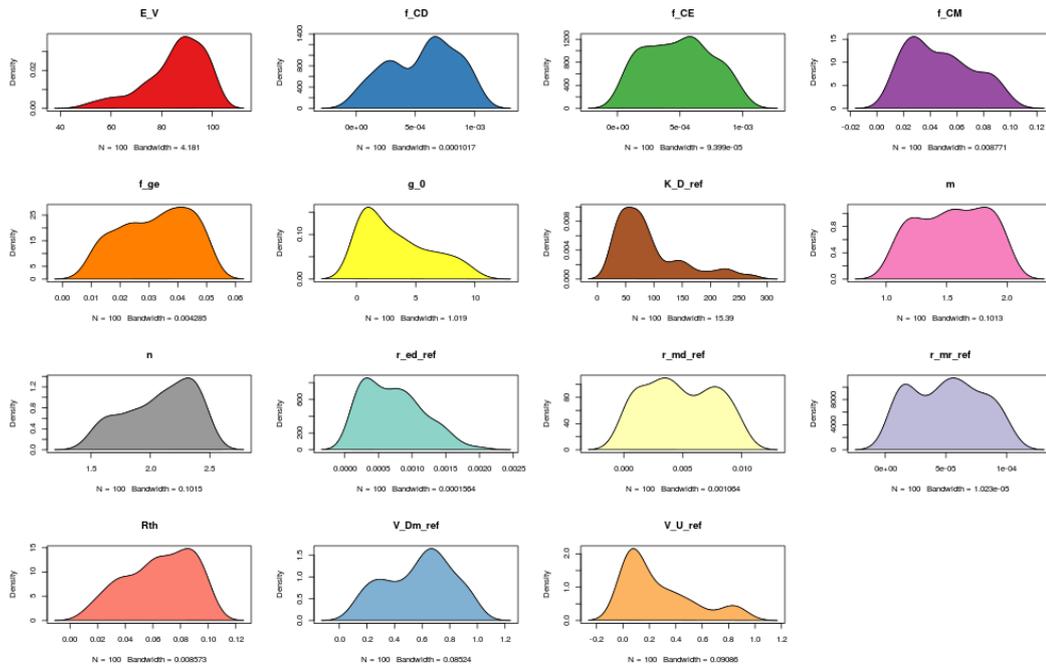
Figure S4: Correlations between sensitivity functions of model parameters (from R function sensFun, package FME). Parameters resulting in 0 sensitivity ( $n$ ,  $\theta_h$ ) are excluded.



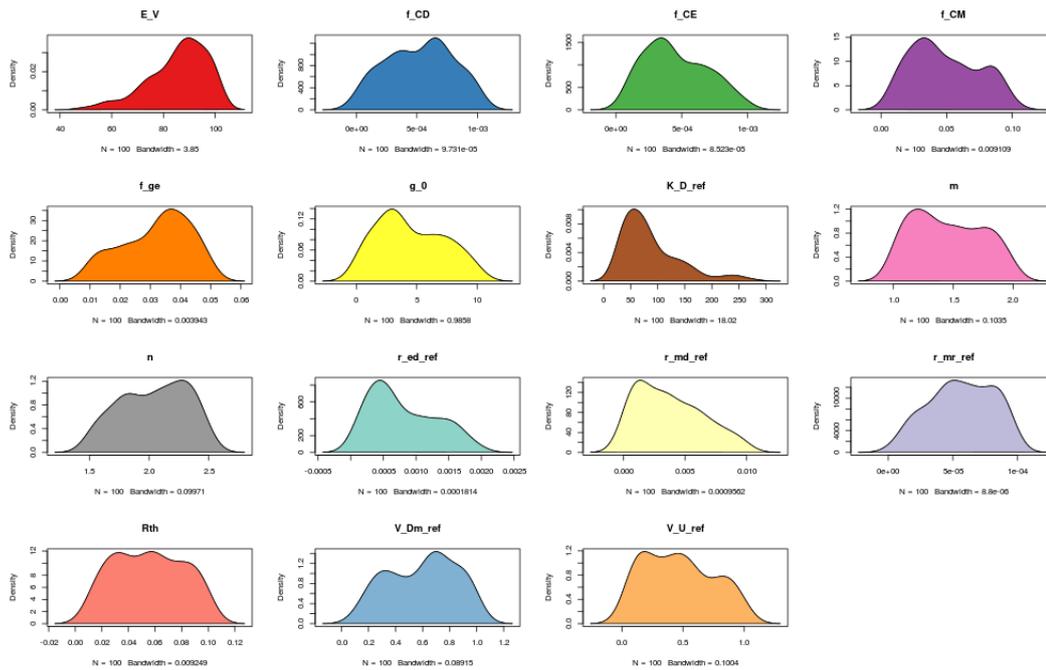
**Figure S5: Kernel density estimations for model 11-dif. Estimations are made with the 100 parameter sets resulting in the lowest model cost from 30000 (Latin Hypercube).**



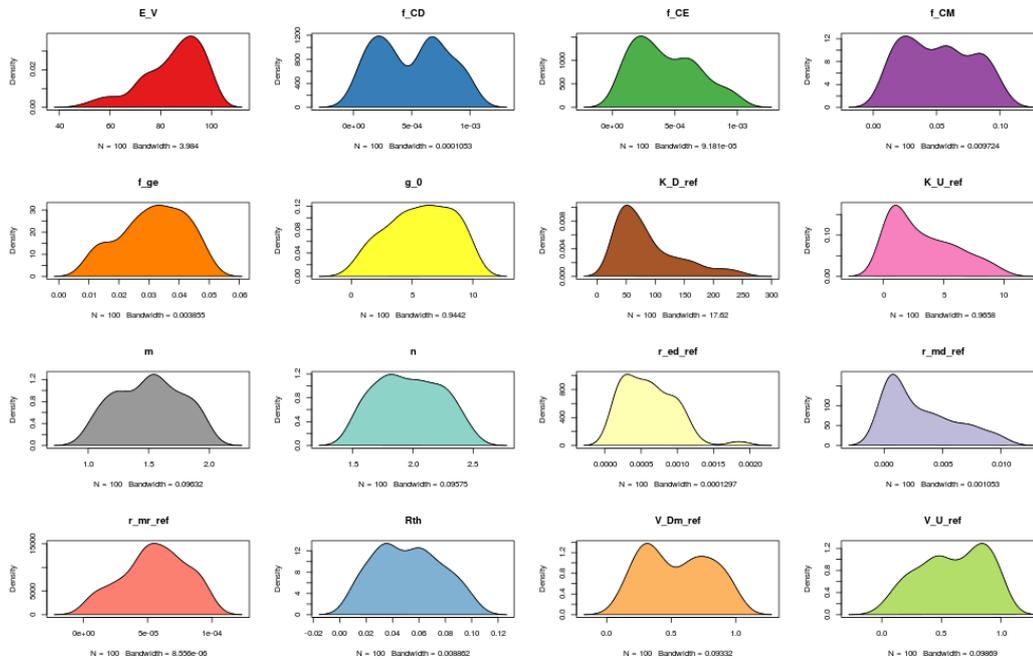
**5 Figure S6: Kernel density estimations for model 22-dif. Estimations are made with the 100 parameter sets resulting in the lowest model cost from 30000 (Latin Hypercube).**



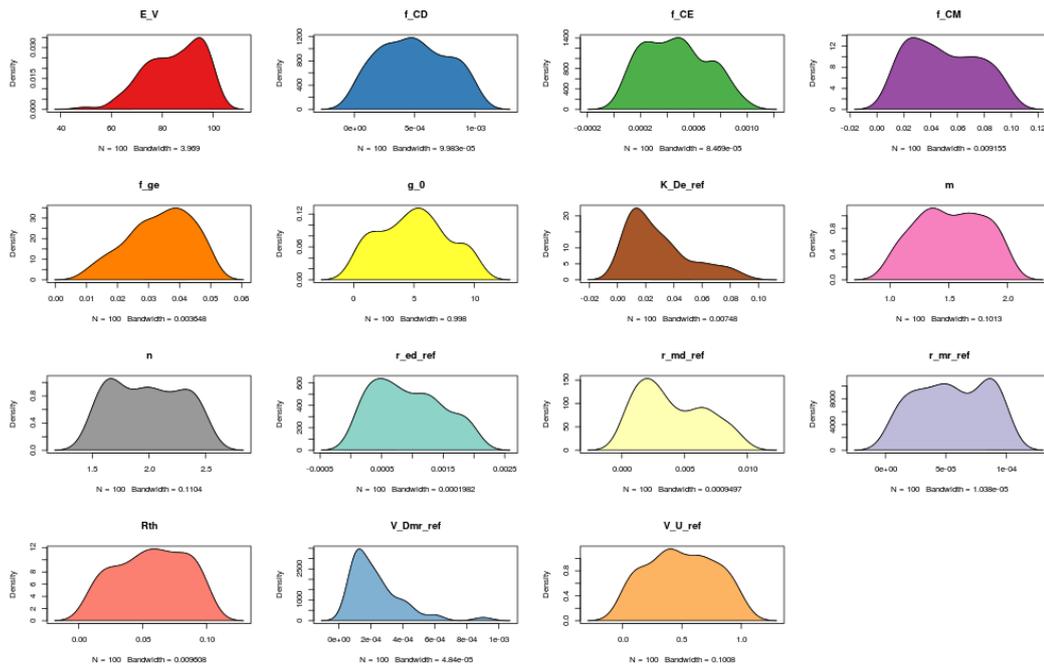
**Figure S7: Kernel density estimations for model M1-dif. Estimations are made with the 100 parameter sets resulting in the lowest model cost from 30000 (Latin Hypercube).**



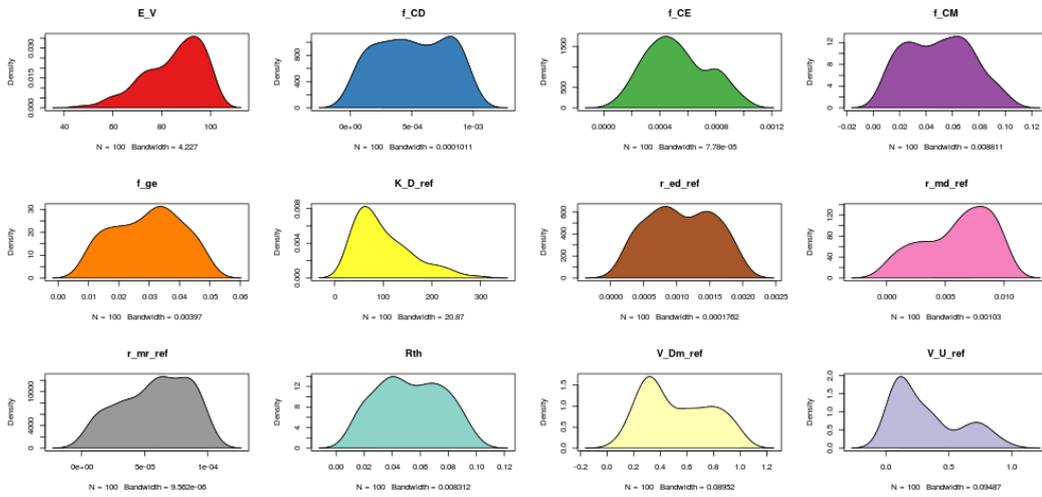
**5 Figure S8: Kernel density estimations for model M2-dif. Estimations are made with the 100 parameter sets resulting in the lowest model cost from 30000 (Latin Hypercube).**



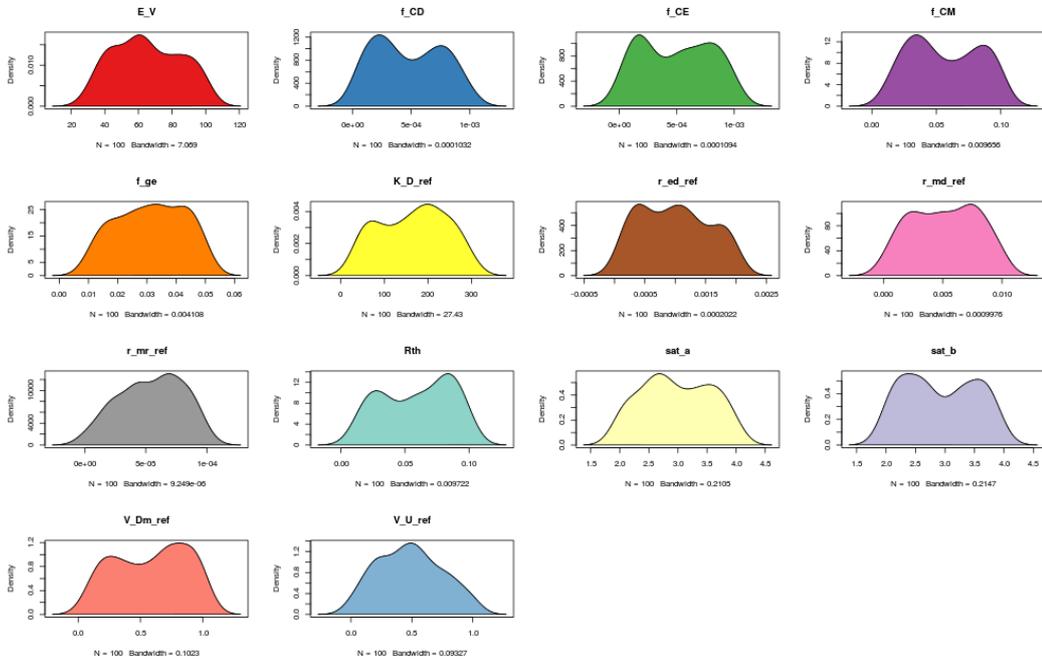
**Figure S9: Kernel density estimations for model MM-dif. Estimations are made with the 100 parameter sets resulting in the lowest model cost from 30000 (Latin Hypercube).**



**5 Figure S10: Kernel density estimations for model  $M_r2$ -dif. Estimations are made with the 100 parameter sets resulting in the lowest model cost from 30000 (Latin Hypercube).**



**Figure S11: Kernel density estimations for model M2-psi. Estimations are made with the 100 parameter sets resulting in the lowest model cost from 30000 (Latin Hypercube).**



**5 Figure S12: Kernel density estimations for model M2-sat. Estimations are made with the 100 parameter sets resulting in the lowest model cost from 30000 (Latin Hypercube).**

## Supplementary tables

Table S1: Calibrated model parameters with lower and upper bounds.

| Symbol         | Description  | Units                          | Lower    | Upper  | References   |
|----------------|--|--------------------------------|----------|--------|--|
| $E_V$          | Activation energy for VD_ref, VU_ref, rmr_ref, KD  | kJ                             | 30       | 100    | (Price and Sowers, 2004; Tang and Riley, 2014; Wang et al., 2013)                  |
| $f_D$          | Initial CD fraction of SOC                         | kg kg <sup>-1</sup>            | 1.00E-05 | 0.001  | -  |
| $f_E$          | Initial CEM, CED fraction of SOC                   | kg kg <sup>-1</sup>            | 1.00E-05 | 0.001  | -  |
| $f_M$          | Initial CM fraction of SOC                         | kg kg <sup>-1</sup>            | 0.01     | 0.1    | -  |
| $f_{ge}$       | Fraction of growth going to CEM                    | kg kg <sup>-1</sup>            | 0.01     | 0.05   | (Schimel and Weintraub, 2003)  |
| $g_0$          | Conductance for diffusion                          | h-1                            | 0.1      | 10     | (Hu and Wang, 2003; Jones et al., 2005; Manzoni et al., 2016; Vetter et al., 1998) |
| $K_{D\_ref}$   | Michaelis-Menten constant of decomposition Eq. (8) | kg C m <sup>-3</sup>           | 30       | 300    | -  |
| $K_{De\_ref}$  | Michaelis-Menten constant of decomposition Eq. (9) | kg C m <sup>-3</sup>           | 0.001    | 0.1    | -  |
| $K_{U\_ref}$   | Michaelis-Menten constant of uptake Eq. (8)        | kg C m <sup>-3</sup>           | 0.01     | 10     | -  |
| $m$            | Exponent in Eq. (11)                               | -                              | 1        | 2      | (Hamamoto et al., 2010)  |
| $n$            | Exponent in Eq. (11)                               | -                              | 1.5      | 2.5    | (Hamamoto et al., 2010)  |
| $r_{ed\_ref}$  | Reference rate of CEM, CED decay                   | h-1                            | 0.0001   | 0.002  | (Li et al., 2014)  |
| $r_{md\_ref}$  | Reference rate of CM decay                         | h-1                            | 0.0001   | 0.01   | (Li et al., 2014)  |
| $r_{mr\_ref}$  | Reference rate of maintenance respiration          | h-1                            | 1.00E-06 | 0.0001 | (Price and Sowers, 2004)   |
| $\theta_{th}$  | Moisture threshold for diffusion                   | m <sup>3</sup> m <sup>-3</sup> | 0.01     | 0.1    | (Manzoni and Katul, 2014)  |
| $a$            | Moisture function coefficient Eq. (21)             | -                              | 2        | 4      | (Moyano et al., 2013)  |
| $b$            | Moisture function coefficient Eq. (21)             | -                              | 2        | 4      | (Moyano et al., 2013)  |
| $V_{D1\_ref}$  | Reference rate of decomposition Eq. (6)            | h-1                            | 1.00E-05 | 0.001  | (Li et al., 2014)  |
| $V_{D2\_ref}$  | Reference rate of decomposition Eq. (7)            | h-1                            | 0.001    | 0.1    | (Li et al., 2014)  |
| $V_{Dm\_ref}$  | Reference rate of decomposition Eq. (8)            | h-1                            | 0.1      | 1      | (Li et al., 2014)  |
| $V_{Dmr\_ref}$ | Reference rate of decomposition Eq. (9)            | h-1                            | 1.00E-05 | 0.001  | (Li et al., 2014)  |
| $V_{U\_ref}$   | Reference rate of carbon uptake                    | h-1                            | 0.01     | 1      | (Li et al., 2014)  |

Table S2: Fixed model parameters.

| Symbol       | Description                             | References  | Value  | Units                          |
|--------------|---|---|--------|--------------------------------|
| $E_e$        | Activation energy for $r_{ed\_ref}$     | (Grisi et al., 1998; Salazar-Villegas et al., 2016) | 10     | kJ                             |
| $E_m$        | Activation energy for $r_{md\_ref}$     | (Grisi et al., 1998; Salazar-Villegas et al., 2016) | 10     | kJ                             |
| $f_{ug}$     | Fraction of uptake to growth (i.e. CUE) | (Hagerty et al., 2014)                              | 0.7    | kg kg <sup>-1</sup>            |
| $pd$         | Particle density                        | -   | 2700   | kg m <sup>-3</sup>             |
| $\Psi_{opt}$ | Optimal water potential Eq. (22)        | -   | 33     | kPa                            |
| $\Psi_{th}$  | Threshold water potential Eq. (22)      | -   | 15000  | kPa                            |
| R            | R gas constant                          | -   | 0.0083 | -                              |
| $T_{ref}$    | Reference temperature Eq. (20)          | -   | 290    | °K                             |
| $sand$       | Soil sand fraction                      | -   | 0.28   | kg kg <sup>-1</sup>            |
| $silt$       | Soil silt fraction                      | -   | 0.57   | kg kg <sup>-1</sup>            |
| $clay$       | Soil clay fraction                      | -   | 0.15   | kg kg <sup>-1</sup>            |
| $ps$         | Soil pore space                         | -   | 0.45   | m <sup>3</sup> m <sup>-3</sup> |
| $toc$        | Soil total organic carbon               | -   | 0.012  | kg                             |
| $z$          | Soil depth                              | -   | 1      | m                              |
| $\Psi_{sat}$ | Saturation water potential              | -   | 0.46   | kPa                            |

Table S3: Calibrated model parameters showing optimal values found for each model version. A missing value means the parameter was not part of the model.

| Par            | 11-dif   | 22-dif   | M1-dif   | M2-dif   | MM-dif   | M2-psi   | M2-sat   | Mr2-dif  |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $E_V$          | 49       | 39       | 99       | 94       | 98       | 68       | 94       | 94       |
| $f_D$          | 0.00014  | 2.50E-05 | 4.00E-05 | 9.10E-05 | 5.10E-05 | 0.00096  | 0.00018  | 0.001    |
| $f_E$          | 9.20E-05 | 0.00021  | 0.00071  | 0.00068  | 0.00041  | 0.00057  | 0.00066  | 0.00042  |
| $f_M$          | 0.092    | 0.012    | 0.085    | 0.08     | 0.012    | 0.015    | 0.065    | 0.042    |
| $f_{ge}$       | 0.048    | 0.018    | 0.041    | 0.034    | 0.018    | 0.031    | 0.031    | 0.033    |
| $g_0$          | 1.1      | 9        | 5.6      | 0.98     | 8.3      | -        | -        | 0.61     |
| $K_{D\_ref}$   | -        | -        | 53       | 62       | 31       | 100      | 180      | -        |
| $K_{De\_ref}$  | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 0.063    |
| $K_{U\_ref}$   | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1.1      | -        | -        | -        |
| $m$            | 1.9      | 1.1      | 1.3      | 1.1      | 1.7      | -        | -        | 1        |
| $n$            | 2.4      | 2.3      | 2.3      | 2.3      | 2.5      | -        | -        | 2.2      |
| $r_{ed\_ref}$  | 0.0018   | 0.00056  | 0.00038  | 0.00056  | 0.00017  | 0.0016   | 0.00064  | 0.00025  |
| $r_{md\_ref}$  | 0.0087   | 0.0096   | 0.0036   | 0.00099  | 0.0016   | 0.0093   | 0.008    | 0.00059  |
| $r_{mr\_ref}$  | 5.50E-06 | 9.70E-05 | 8.90E-05 | 1.50E-05 | 9.80E-05 | 9.00E-05 | 8.80E-05 | 4.80E-05 |
| $\theta_{ih}$  | 0.029    | 0.055    | 0.049    | 0.063    | 0.011    | -        | -        | 0.06     |
| $a$            | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 3.1      | -        |
| $b$            | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 2.1      | -        |
| $V_{D1\_ref}$  | 4.80E-05 | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| $V_{D2\_ref}$  | -        | 0.0082   | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        |
| $V_{Dm\_ref}$  | -        | -        | 0.23     | 0.37     | 0.22     | 0.65     | 0.57     | -        |
| $V_{Dmr\_ref}$ | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | -        | 0.00028  |
| $V_{U\_ref}$   | 0.082    | 0.75     | 0.018    | 0.11     | 0.19     | 0.11     | 0.15     | 0.18     |

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