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Partitioning of canopy and soil CO₂ fluxes in a pine forest at the dry timberline across a 13-year observation period

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1 **Table S1** | Monthly mean values of net ecosystem exchange (NEE), gross primary production (GPP), and ecosystem
 2 respiration (Re) and soil respiration (Rs) during study period. Note: the numbers in parenthesis is the \pm se.

Season	Month	NEE	GPP	Re	Rs
		[$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$]			
Wet season (Nov-Apr)	Nov	-0.25 (0.10)	-0.81 (0.10)	0.56 (0.03)	0.78 (0.01)
	Dec	-0.48 (0.05)	-1.08 (0.04)	0.59 (0.01)	0.57 (0.01)
	Jan	-0.94 (0.11)	-1.96 (0.11)	1.02 (0.02)	0.91 (0.01)
	Feb	-1.52 (0.19)	-3.58 (0.20)	2.06 (0.03)	1.52 (0.02)
	Mar	-2.23 (0.17)	-4.65 (0.17)	2.42 (0.02)	1.54 (0.01)
	Apr	-1.32 (0.13)	-3.98 (0.13)	2.66 (0.02)	1.40 (0.01)
	Average [$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$]	-1.12 (0.30)	-2.68 (0.66)	1.55 (0.38)	1.12 (0.17)
Dry season (May-Oct)	Season sum [g C m^{-2}]	-203 (9)	-482 (20)	279 (11)	202 (5)
	Rs/Re [%]				72 (13)
	May	-0.55 (0.08)	-2.23 (0.08)	1.67 (0.02)	1.20 (0.01)
	Jun	0.50 (0.04)	-0.90 (0.04)	1.40 (0.02)	0.61 (0.01)
	Jul	0.29 (0.04)	-0.77 (0.03)	1.06 (0.01)	0.36 (0.01)
	Aug	0.45 (0.05)	-0.63 (0.04)	1.08 (0.02)	0.24 (0.01)
	Sep	0.25 (0.04)	-0.60 (0.04)	0.85 (0.02)	0.30 (0.01)
Annual	Oct	0.26 (0.03)	-0.50 (0.02)	0.76 (0.01)	0.30 (0.01)
	Average [$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$]	0.20 (0.16)	-0.94 (0.26)	1.14 (0.14)	0.50 (0.15)
	Season sum [g C m^{-2}]	36 (5)	-173 (8)	209 (4)	93 (5)
	Rs/Re [%]				44 (7)
	Average (SE) [$\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$]	-0.46 (0.26)	-1.81 (0.43)	1.34 (0.20)	0.8 (0.1)
	Annual sum (SE) [$\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{y}^{-1}$]	-167 (8)	-655 (13)	488 (6)	295 (4)
	Rs/Re [%]				60 (10)

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4 **Table S2** | Exponential and linear relationships between soil respiration rate (Rs; $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$) and abiotic factors
 5 during 2015-2016. Ts ($^{\circ}\text{C}$): soil temperature; SWC ($\text{m}^3 \text{m}^{-3}$): soil water content; PAR ($\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$): incoming
 6 photosynthetic activity radiation above canopy. The best-fit model parameters (β_0 , β_1 , β_2 , and β_3) are reported for each
 7 model together with the squared coefficient of regression (R^2), and the root mean squared error (RSME).

8 **a) Up-scaled daily time series (the models that used during Grünzweig et al., 2009)**

Model	Study	β_0	β_1	β_2	β_3	β_4	R^2
$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \theta + \beta_2 \text{PAR}$	2000-2006	-2.306	25.39	0.000545			0.83
$\theta < 0.2 \text{ m}^3 \text{H}_2\text{O m}^{-3}$ soil	2015-2016	-0.7313	11.14	0.000564			0.43
$\beta_0 + \beta_1 e^{\beta_2 \text{Ts}} + \beta_3 e^{\beta_4 \text{PAR}}$	2000-2006	1.394	0.1463	0.151	0.008408	0.003154	0.86
$\theta < 0.2 \text{ m}^3 \text{H}_2\text{O m}^{-3}$ soil	2015-2016						0.70

9 **b) Up-scaled half-hour time series**

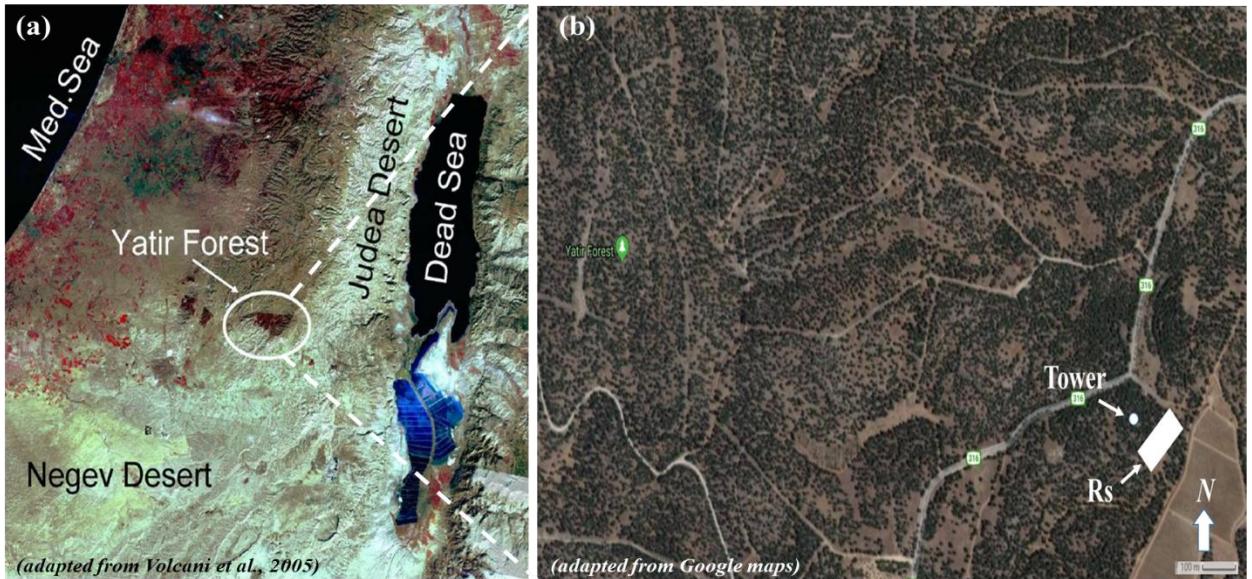
Model	β_0	β_1	β_2	β_3	R^2	SSE
$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{Ts}$	1.264	-0.02			0.07	0.556
$\beta_0 e^{\beta_1 \text{Ts}}$	1.309	-0.02			0.07	0.558
$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \theta$	0.2934	5.57			0.35	0.4667
$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \theta + \beta_2 \theta^2$	-0.2175	17.47	-48.35		0.42	0.4388
$e^{\beta_0 + \beta_1 \theta + \beta_2 \theta^2}$	-1.68	23.49	-67.3		0.44	0.4378
$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{PAR}$	0.7121	0.0002			0.05	0.5603
$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \theta + \beta_2 \text{Ts}$	-0.4213	7.626	0.02473		0.40	0.4499
$\beta_0 + \beta_1 \theta + \beta_2 \text{PAR}$	0.1162	5.989	0.00028		0.44	0.4295
$\beta_0 \beta_1^{((\text{Ts}-10)/10)} \theta^{\beta_2}$	6.714	1.655	1.083		0.52	0.4151
$(\beta_0 / (1 + e^{\beta_1 * (\beta_2 - \text{Ts})})) * \theta^{\beta_3}$	11.91	0.267	12.04	0.9908	0.54	0.3914
$(\beta_0 / (1 + e^{\beta_1 * (\beta_2 - \text{PAR})})) * \theta^{\beta_3}$	90.12	0.0004	8625	0.6838	0.50	0.4169
$\beta_0 e^{\beta_1 \text{Ts}} e^{\beta_2 \theta + \beta_3 \theta^2}$	0.05126	0.04274	28.51	74.44	0.60	0.3932

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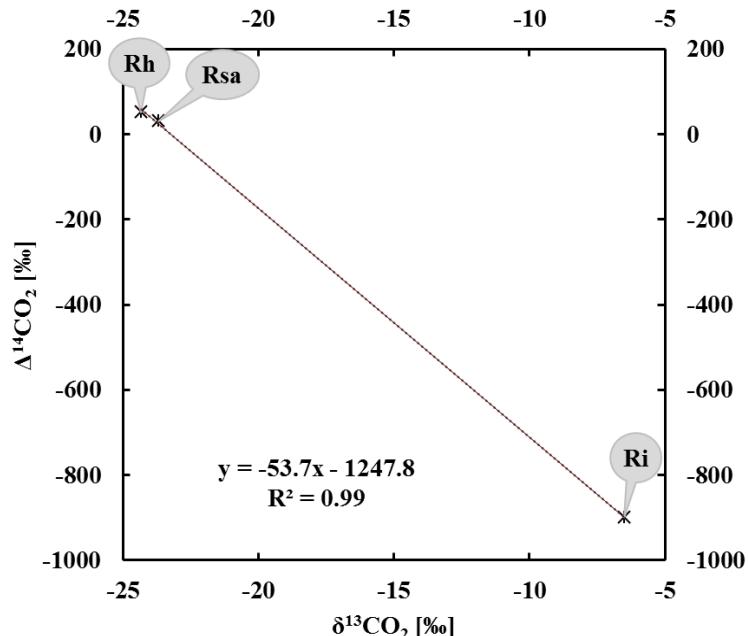
11 **Table S3** | Annual heterotrophic respiration (Rh), autotrophic respiration (Ra), soil respiration (Rs), ecosystem
 12 respiration (Re), gross primary productivity (GPP), net primary productivity (NPP), net ecosystem production (NEP;
 13 from eddy covariance), respectively. The relative contribution of Rh, and Ra and Rs to Re, and the ecosystem and
 14 soil carbon sequestration efficiency as CSE (NEP/GPP) and SCSE ($\Delta C_{\text{soil}}/\text{GPP}$), where ΔC_{soil} is the annual change of
 15 soil carbon.

Study	Rh	Ra	Rs	Re	GPP	NPP	NEP	Rh/Re	Ra/Re	Rs/Re	CSE	SCSE
				[g m ⁻² y ⁻¹]				[%]	[%]	[%]		[%]
Semi-arid¹	115	312	295	488	655	282	167	23	64	60	25	8.7
Europe, mean	368	589	657	957	1107	518	150	38	62	69	14	1.8
Europe^{EN}, mean	461	657	381	1117	1475	818	358	41	59	74	24	1.4
Boreal, global	301	561	411	862	982	381	116	35	65	48	12	0.7
Temperate, global	420	730	773	1150	1461	669	306	37	64	67	21	1.4
Tropical, global	877	2184	1412	3061	3351	864	403	29	71	46	12	0.3

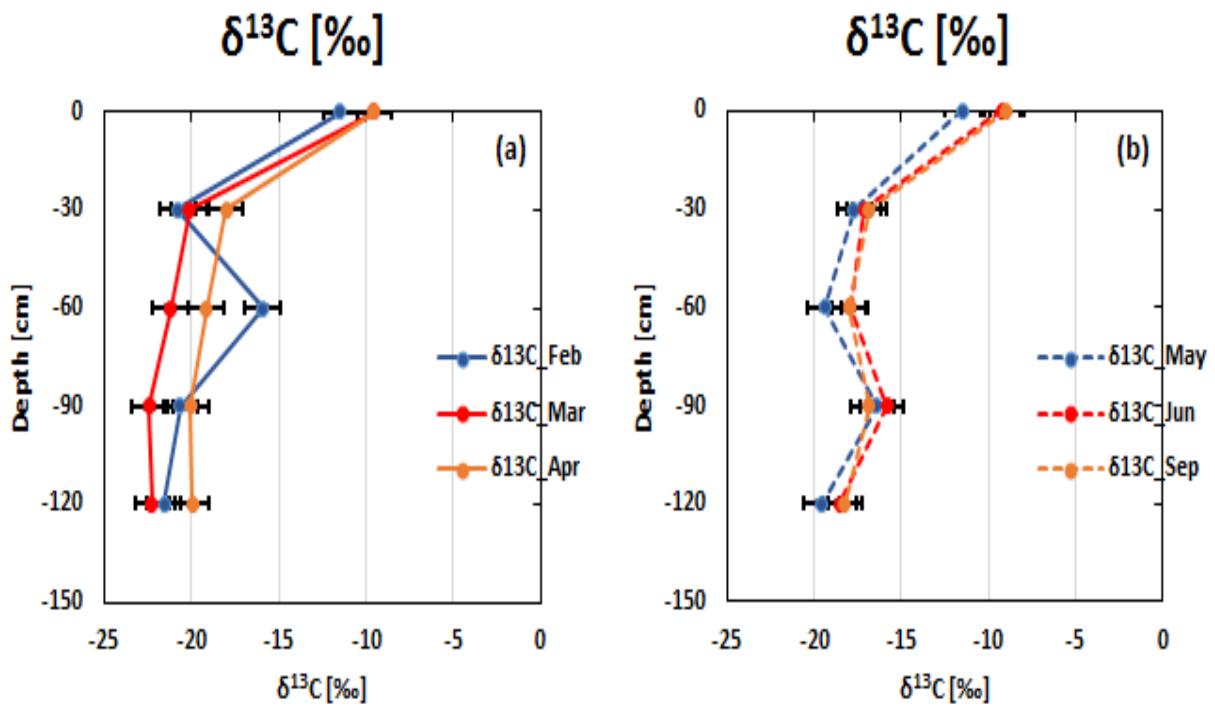
16 ¹ This study from November 2015 to October 2016. ^{EN} Evergreen needleleaf forests. References for all other
 17 vegetation types appear in the SI.



20 **Figure S1** | (a) Landsat-TM image of Central Israel, (b) Map of the experimental set-up at the *Pinus halepensis*
21 Yatir forest with white rectangle for soil respiration (Rs) measurements and white dot is the eddy covariance tower
22 (NEE), c, d, and e) Photographs showing conditions of locations, site, and the schematic diagrams describing
23 experiment design.

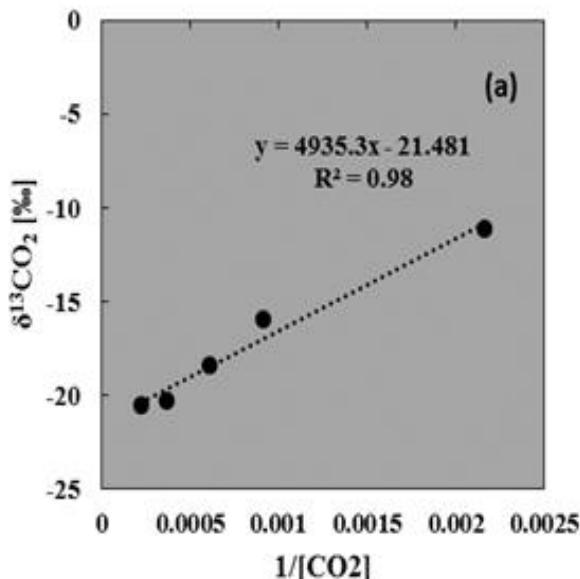


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25 **Figure S2** | The linear regression line used to estimate the $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ of Rs. The line (dotted) was produced by the
26 correlation between the average of the measured $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ values of Rsa, Rsh, and the $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ Ri (all from incubation
27 measurements), and the $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ values estimated based on measured $\Delta^{14}\text{C}$ at our site (Carmi et al. 2013) adjusted to the
28 present study period and the mean accepted ages of autotrophic and heterotrophic soil organic material (Graven et
29 al., 2012; Levin et al., 2010; Taylor et al., 2015).

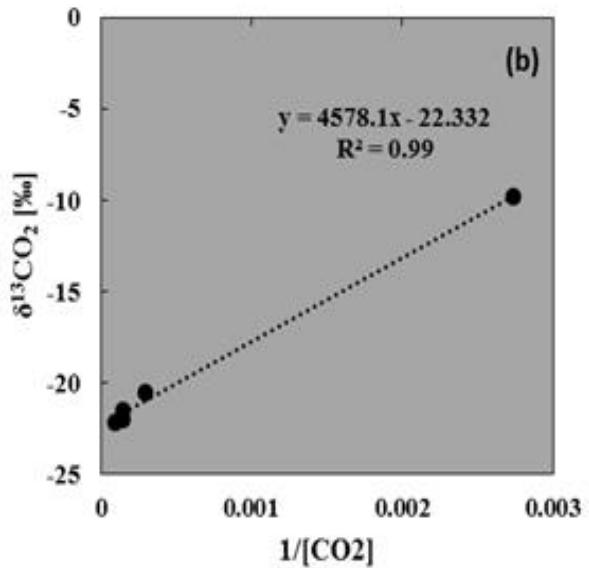


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31 **Figure S3** | Monthly averages of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ (‰) from the soil CO₂ profile (at 0, 30, 60, 90, and 120 cm soil depth) during
32 some campaigns in 2016 to determine the seasonal variations in the relative contribution of soil autotrophic (Rsa),
33 heterotrophic (Rh), and abiotic (Ri) components to Rs.

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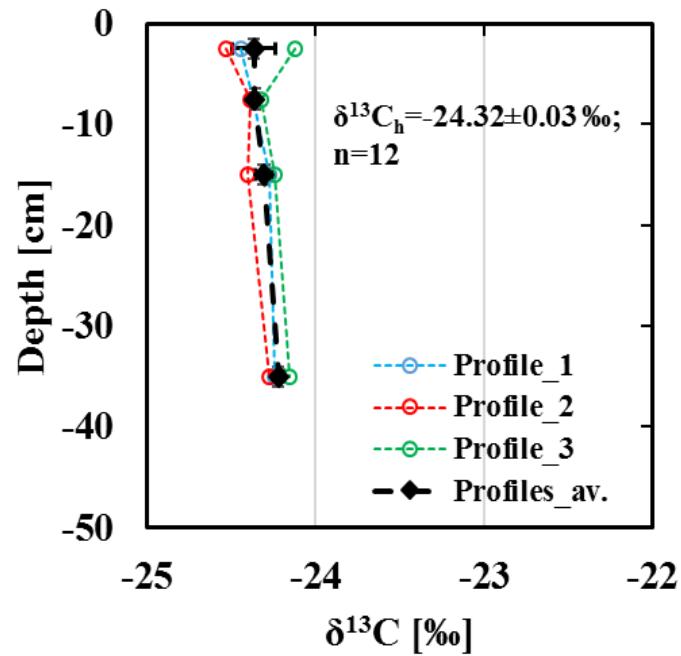


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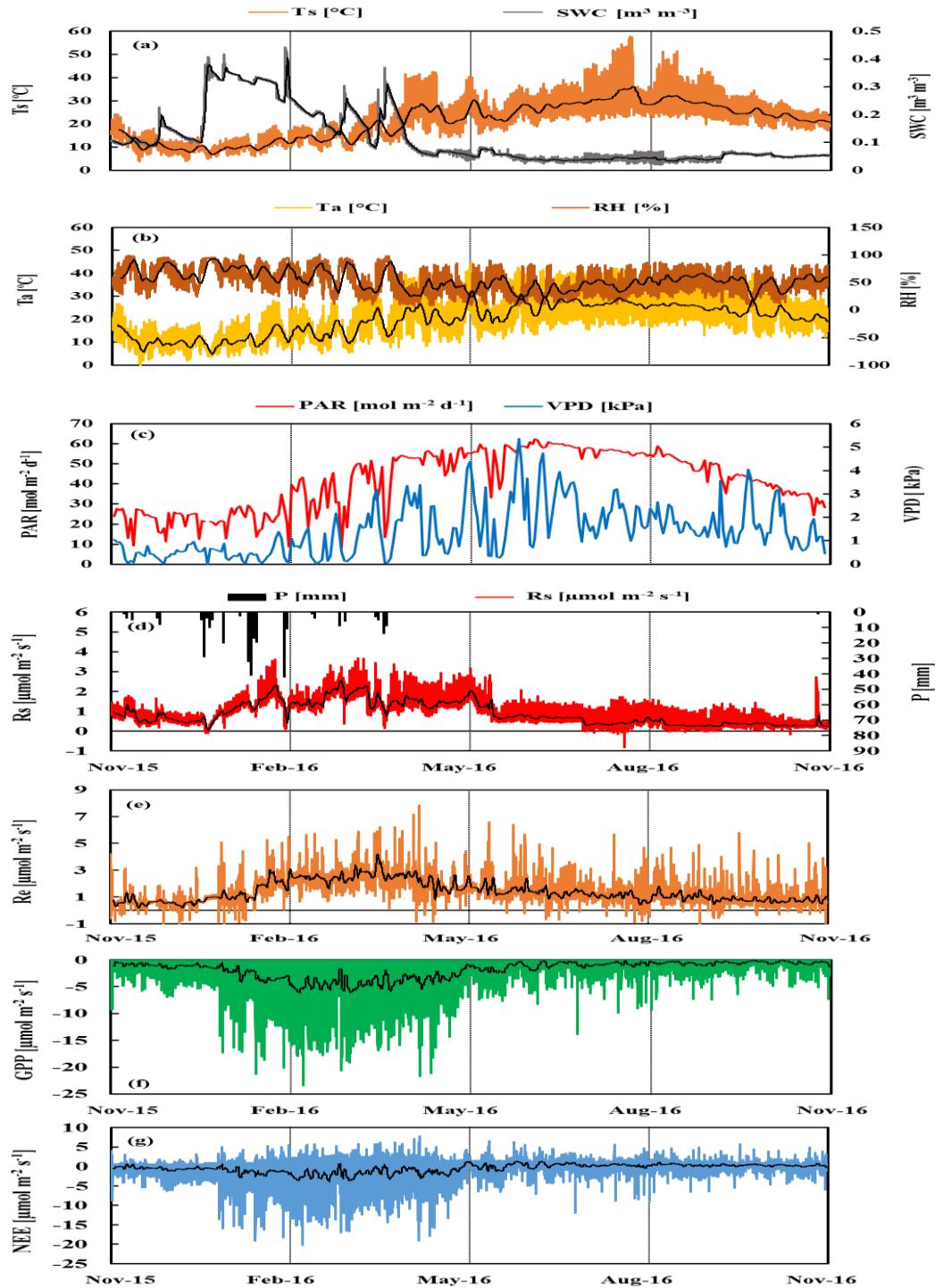
35 **Figure S4** | Keeling plot for soil CO₂ profile (at 0, 30, 60, 90, and 120 cm soil depth) during some campaigns in
36 2016 to determine the seasonal variations in the relative contribution of soil autotrophic (R_{sa}), heterotrophic (R_h),
37 and abiotic (R_i) components to R_s.



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39 **Figure S5** | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ of soil organics profile with depth (at 0-5, 5-10, 10-20, and 20-50 cm soil depth) from three sites
40 during some campaigns in 2016 to determine the relative contribution of soil heterotrophic (R_h) to R_s (STDEV of
41 the 12 samples = 0.12‰).

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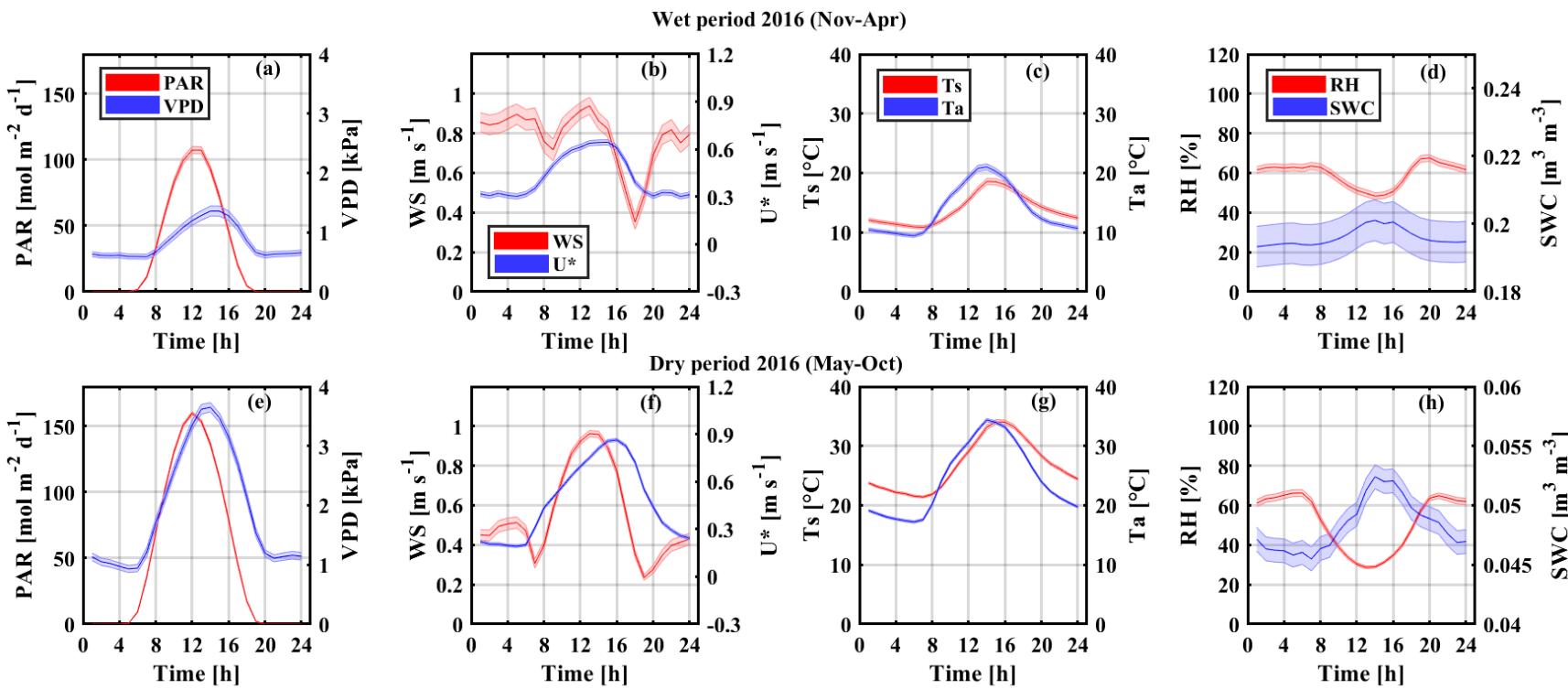
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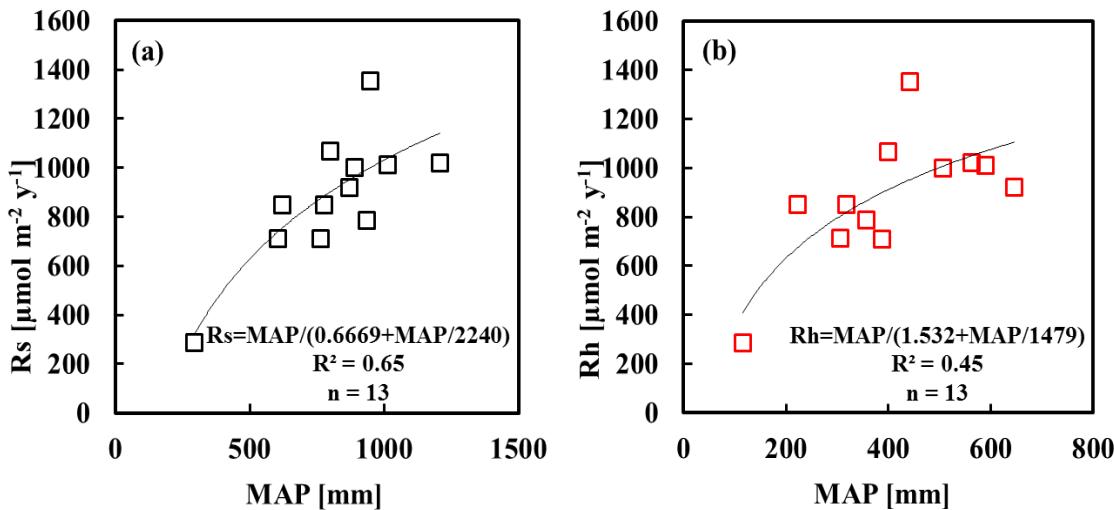
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Figure S6 | a) half-hour values for soil temperature 5 cm (T_s) and soil water content 10 cm ($SWC_{0-10\text{cm}}$), b) half-hour values for the air temperature at 20 cm (T_a) and relative humidity at 20 cm (RH), c) daily average of incoming photosynthetic activity radiation above canopy (PAR) and vapour pressure deficit (VPD), half-hour values for the following CO₂ fluxes d) up-scaled Rs, e) ecosystem respiration (Re), f) gross primary production (GPP), and g) net ecosystem exchange (NEE). Black lines are a running average for a window of 2 days. Vertical dotted lines indicate the winter, spring, summer and autumn seasons.



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56 **Figure S7** | Typical diurnal cycle of the meteorological parameters during the wet period (Nov.-Apr.; upper panels) and for the dry period (May-Oct.; lower panels); each set
 57 includes six months of half-hour measurements. a and e) incoming photosynthetic activity radiation above canopy (PAR) and vapour pressure deficit (VPD), b and f) wind
 58 speed (WS) and covariation of friction velocity (U^*), c and g) soil temperature at 5 cm (Ts) and air temperature at 20 cm (Ta), and d and h) relative humidity (RH) and soil
 59 water content at the top 10 cm (SWC0-10cm). Shaded areas indicate $\pm se$.



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61 **Figure S8** | An asymptotic function based on the Michaelis-Menten equation (Kool et al., 2007) was fit to a) Rs or
 62 b) Rh vs. MAP from the European Evergreen needleleaf data as follows: $Rs = MAP/(0.6669 + MAP/2240)$, $R^2 =$
 63 0.65 , $p < 0.01$, $n=13$ (Flechard et al., 2019a).

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