

## ***Interactive comment on “Characterisation of ecosystem water-use efficiency of european forests from eddy covariance measurements” by F. G. Kuglitsch et al.***

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First I would like to apologise for the delay in the reviewing of the manuscript, but I had to nominate 16 reviewers to finally obtain 2 reviews (i.e. 14 persons denied, did not respond or simply never delivered their review ...).

The two available reviews agree in that they both suggest that major revisions will be necessary before the ms becomes acceptable for publication in Biogeosciences. Both reviewers assert that the topic of the ms is of relevance and interest (although the finding that GPP correlates better with ET than NEP is somewhat trivial), but also request a more in-depth/revised analysis in order to bring out the full potential of this

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great data set.

I generally agree with the comments by the reviewers and suggest the authors revise their ms according to the reviewers and my (see below) suggestions and supply a point-by-point reply to all their comments along with any revised ms.

Editor comments:

(1) Clearly, Beer et al. should be cited in the introduction, as the current data set is part of the one used by these authors

(2) p. 4486: I do not understand why a treeless wetland site was included in this study which is supposed to deal with forest ecosystems; please justify or remove this site

(3) Table 1: is the Reference column really necessary - it makes the table awkwardly large and bulky and I do not really see the merit of knowing those names and email addresses; this would be different if the authors would cite publications pertaining to each of those sites

(4) The English is often stilted, sometimes to a degree which makes it difficult to comprehend what the authors aim at expressing thoroughly check the entire text before resubmission

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