## **Supplementary Material**

**Tab. S1** - Stand density, leaf area index (LAI) and partitioning of annual ecosystem respiration into soil ( $E_s$ ), stem ( $E_A$ ) and leaf ( $E_{A-LEAF}$ ) CO<sub>2</sub> efflux to the atmosphere across different forest stands.

Dominant species	Site	Stand density	E <sub>s</sub> a	E <sub>A</sub> b	<b>E</b> <sub>A-LEAF</sub>	LAI	Dafaway
		(stem ha <sup>-1</sup> )	g C m <sup>-2</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>			m² m-²	Reference
Pinus canariensis	Morro de Isarda, Tenerife, Spain	829	722	103	113	3.4	[1]
Pinus halepensis	Yatir Forest, Israel	300	404	66	257	1.5	[2]
Tsuga canadensis	Ottawa National Forest, MI, USA	566	645	203	74	3.8	[3]
Fagus sylvatica	Collelongo, Italy	825	428	61	275	6.5	[4]
Fagus sylvatica	Hesse, France	3480	663	325 <sup>c</sup>		5.6	[5]
Quercus ilex	Puéchabon, France	4900	517	131	329	2.3	[6]
Oak mixed stand (control)	Missouri Ozark Forest, MO, USA	997	1193	251	164	NA	[7]
Temperate mixed stand	Changbai Natural Reserve, China	1556	595	260	384	6.0	[8]
Hardwood mixed stand	Ottawa National Forest, MI, USA	439	770	132	111	4.1	[3]
Hardwood mixed stand	UMBS, MI, USA	2214	1012	157	257	3.5	[9]
Hardwood mixed stand			883	235	59	4.2	[10]
Mature aspen stand	ChequamegonNational Forest, WI, USA	NA	1117	152	110	4.8	[10]
Intermediate aspen stand			890	20	101	3.5	[10]
Populus spp.	Prince Albert National Park, SK, Canada	980	833	167	190	4.4	[11]
P. tremuloides		830	960	158	197	5.1	[12]
Mean from 15 sites			776	162	188	4.2	
(Min-Max)			(404-1196)	(20-325)	(59-384)	(1.5-6.5)	
Quercus pyrenaica <sup>d</sup>	Valsaín, Spain	781	1663	479	NA	3.8	
Quercus pyrenaica <sup>e</sup>			1164	297		3.0	

Components of ecosystem respiration were estimated based on up-scaled chamber  $CO_2$  transport was neglected for comparison. To use consistent terminology, the so-called soil, stem and foliage respiration are re-named as soil efflux ( $E_S$ ), and stem and foliage efflux to the atmosphere ( $E_A$  and  $E_{A-LEAF}$ , respectively), since  $CO_2$  efflux rates does not exactly reflect respiration rates [13]. In cases of multi-year studies, values were averaged over the monitored period.

- <sup>c</sup> In this case, aboveground  $CO_2$  efflux ( $E_A + E_{A-LEAF}$ ) was calculated as the difference between ecosystem respiration (from eddy flux measurements) and  $E_S$ .
- <sup>d</sup> Measurements performed during the growing season (Table 1) were averaged and extrapolated over the year.
- <sup>e</sup> To reduce overestimation of annual  $E_S$  and  $E_A$  due to enhanced respiration during the growing season, estimates of the growing and the dormant season were averaged (with equal weights) to provide annual values. To estimate respiratory fluxes during the dormant season, reductions in  $E_S$  and  $E_A$  observed in *Quercus* species during dormant periods were applied to this study.  $E_A$  in *Quercus pyrenaica* decreased to 0.47 µmol  $CO_2$  m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> during winter, 24% of  $E_A$  averaged over the growing season [14, 15].  $E_S$  in  $E_A$  occurris decreased to 1.35 µmol  $E_A$  corrispinal contents with  $E_A$  averaged over the growing season [16].

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm a}$  Autotrophic and heterotrophic components of  $E_{\rm S}$  are not discriminated in most cases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Branch  $E_A$  is commonly included in stem  $E_A$ . When  $E_A$  from branches was measured separately, it was added to stem  $E_A$  for comparison.

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