

1 **Modelling evaporation with local, regional and global BROOK90** 2 **frameworks: importance of parameterization and forcing.**

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8 **Abstract.**

9 Evaporation plays an important role in the water balance on different spatial scales. However, its direct and indirect
10 measurements are globally scarce and accurate estimations are a challenging task. For the correct process approximation in
11 modelling of the terrestrial evaporation is still difficult. A physically-based 1D lumped soil-plant-atmosphere model
12 (BROOK90) is applied to study the role of parameter selection and meteorological forcing for the simulation of evaporation
13 at the point scale. By the integration of the model into global, regional and local frameworks, cross-combinations were
14 elaborated out of their parameterization and forcing schemes to analyze and show their roles in the estimation of evaporation.

15 Five sites with different land uses (grassland, cropland, deciduous broadleaf forest, two evergreen needleleaf forests) located
16 in Saxony, Germany were selected for the study. All tested combinations showed a good agreement with FLUXNET
17 measurements (KGE values 0.35-0.80 for a daily scale). For most of the sites, the best results were found for the calibrated
18 model with in-situ meteorological input data, while the worst were observed for the global setup. The setups' performance in
19 the vegetation period was much higher than for the winter period. Among the tested setups, the model parameterization leads
20 to a higher spread in the model performance than it was observed due to the meteorological forcings. The analysis of the
21 evaporation components revealed that transpiration dominates (up to 65-75 %) in the vegetation period, while interception (in
22 forests) and soil/snow evaporation (in fields) prevails in the winter months. Furthermore, it was found that different parameter
23 sets impact the model performance and redistribution of evaporation components throughout the whole year, while the
24 influence of meteorological forcing was evident only in summer months. Finally, the results suggest that ERA5 data might
25 serve as reasonable meteorological forcing for evaporation simulations even at a local, respectively point scale.

26 **1 Introduction**

27 Evaporation as a water balance component plays an important role in the hydrological process at multiple spatial scales: from
28 a single leaf to an entire catchment. As a result of mass and energy exchange between the soil-plant and atmosphere system,
29 the global annual terrestrial evaporation amount yields approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total precipitation (McDonald, 1961), showing

30 however large range even on a macroscale (Haddeland et al., 2011; Harding et al., 2011; Miralles et al., 2016). However, with
31 the need of higher spatial and temporal resolution, the high variability of evaporation should be taken into account and properly
32 addressed (Anderson et al., 2007; Baldocchi et al., 2001; Jung et al., 2011; Pan et al., 2020; Zhang et al., 2010). Thus, accurate
33 estimates of evaporation on different scales as well as advanced understanding of the process itself, are beneficial for planning,
34 developing and monitoring of hydrologic, agriculture and ecological systems, e.g., irrigation scheduling, water distribution
35 systems, crop modelling, quantification of energy and moisture exchange between the land surface and the atmosphere (Fisher
36 et al., 2017; McNally et al., 2019; Schulz et al., 2021). Apart from the total evaporation itself, it is sometimes necessary to
37 assess and quantify its components (Chang et al., 2018; Lawrence et al., 2007; Leuning et al., 2008; Schulz et al., 2021),
38 namely components, like transpiration, evaporation from the ground or snow surface, and evaporation of intercepted rain and
39 snow from the canopy. However the partition of the evaporation is a subject of a large variability and depends not only on the
40 location, but on scale as well (Wei et al., 2017; Zhang et al., 2017).

41 Various direct (i.e. porometer, eddy-covariance and lysimeter) and indirect (catchment water balance, energy balance,
42 theoretical models based on meteorological data) methods have been developed and used to measure evaporation at different
43 spatio-temporal scales. Each method has its strengths and weaknesses, but what they have in common is that the results have
44 limited representativeness. Namely, they are valid only within a certain space of scale and time(so-called “footprint”), which
45 is usually quite small, thus only a local scale could be represented by it (Baldocchi, 1997; Wilson et al., 2001). Recently, these
46 methods were extended to include remote sensing techniques for the regional and global scale (Anderson et al., 2008; Leuning
47 et al., 2008; Miralles et al., 2011, 2016), but the quality of the output products possess still a potential for improvement (Pan
48 et al., 2020; Zeng et al., 2012). Among the datasets of the in-situ evaporation measurements, the FLUXNET network
49 (<http://www.fluxnet.ornl.gov>) provides eddy-covariance data from about 500 stations worldwide within FLUXNET2015
50 dataset (Pastorello et al., 2020) and still acts as the main driver in advancing evaporation research (Baldocchi et al., 2001; Jung
51 et al., 2011; Mauder et al., 2018). Evaporation measurements are still scarcely available due to high costs and the problem of
52 large-scale representability (in comparison to e.g. discharge measurements).

53 Hence, mathematical modelling in favour of its feasibility is a practical substitute. Besides empirical formulas (Cerro et al.,
54 2021; Feng et al., 2016; Zeng et al., 2012), evaporation is often estimated by physically-based models (Beven et al., 2021;
55 Boulet et al., 2015; Liu et al., 2012; Mallick et al., 2018), in which Penman-Monteith (and Shuttleworth and Wallace extension)
56 formula is one of the most frequently used. This approach reduces potential evaporation to an actual one accounting for the
57 available water in the soil-plant system. Thus, it is incorporated into many land surface models and frameworks regardless of
58 scale: local, regional or even global (Leuning et al., 2008; Mallick et al., 2018; Zink et al., 2017). Despite many efforts to
59 improve evaporation models on different scales, large uncertainties still remain (Allen et al., 1998; Miralles et al., 2011;
60 Mueller et al., 2011). In general, the sources of evaporation modelling (or more in general – hydrological modelling)
61 uncertainties can be classified as following: model structure and process representation, choice of an appropriate parameter

62 set, meteorological input data, spatio-temporal miss-scaling and uncertainties of measurements for the model validation
63 themselves (Mallick et al., 2018; Mauder et al., 2018; Mueller et al., 2011; Zhang et al., 2010). Studying these sources of
64 uncertainties from different approaches and frameworks gained more attention in recent years, however most of these studies
65 are limited by the focus on one single spatio-temporal scale (Chang et al., 2018; Jung et al., 2011; Liu et al., 2012). Only a few
66 researchers focused on investigations of the uncertainties in multiple frameworks with multiple input datasets and
67 simultaneously accounting for point, regional and global scales (Pan et al., 2020; Su et al., 2005; Winter and Eltahir, 2010).

68 Here we aim to extend the knowledge on evaporation estimations based on the soil-plant-atmosphere physically-based lumped
69 BROOK90 model, which we integrated into three frameworks. These frameworks use different “state-of-the-art” sources of
70 data for the model parameterisation and forcing which represent various spatial scales. Namely these scales are global, regional
71 and local. By mixing these different datasets and validating the simulated evaporation with eddy-covariance measurements,
72 we want to show dependencies of the spatial scale of BROOK90 model parameterization and forcing data on the accuracy of
73 evaporation estimates. Our main hypothesis is that the goodness of fit of the setups increases from global to local scale with
74 respect to the parameterization as well as to the forcing. However, it was unclear how the scale combinations will perform, i.e.
75 local meteorological data with global parameterization and vice versa. Therefore, this study presents the first qualitative
76 analysis of the model input scale uncertainty exemplarily, based on the best- globally and locally available data sets. Therefore,
77 this study possesses a practical outcome. Namely in the presence of limited resources and data, first conclusions about the
78 reliability of evaporation estimates for a point (hydrological response unit) scale can be drawn from the global or regional
79 BROOK90 frameworks. Moreover, the study points to a direction where the BROOK90 user should put more attention –
80 accurate parameterization or meteorological input. Thus, the outcome of this study provides a better understanding of the
81 BROOK90 model as well as shows the directions to improve effectively evaporation simulations.

82 **2 Material and methods**

83 **2.1 Study sites and eddy-covariance measurements**

84 The evaluation of simulated evaporation was carried for five sites with various land covers and long-term eddy-covariance
85 measurements (Fig. 1, Table 1). All selected towers are located in Saxony, Germany. The study area is characterized by
86 temperate suboceanic/subcontinental climate (Cfb, Kottek et al., 2006). The average mean daily temperature varies between
87 +15 °C and +20 °C in summer months and between -5 °C and +5 °C in winter months. The average annual precipitation varies
88 between 750 mm and 960 mm. The measurements of atmospheric fluxes with standardized methods are operated by
89 Technische Universität Dresden within ICOS and FLUXNET projects. In this study, we used daily evaporation values
90 calculated from measured latent heat fluxes corrected for the observed site-specific energy budget closure gap. In general,
91 from 10 (Hetzdorf) up to 23 (Tharandt) years of continuous time-series are available.

92 The Grillenburg site (DE-Gri, the sensor height is 3 m above the ground) is a permanent and extensively managed (one to three
93 cuts per year) flat-terrain grassland (mesophytic hay meadow). Regular mowing usually takes place in June and September. In
94 the case of three cuts per year, the second one is usually done in July. Typical plant species include couch grass (*Elymus*
95 *repens*), meadow foxtail (*Alopecurus pratensis*), common yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), common sorrel (*Rumex acetosa*) and
96 white clover (*Trifolium repens*). The area is generally used for forage and rarely for pasture. Vegetation height is measured
97 once per week, with the lowest values (5-10 cm) measured at the beginning of growing season or after cutting and highest
98 values (typically 30-40 cm, maximum 90 cm) in the summer before cutting. Although the LAI was only occasionally measured,
99 the significant correlation between vegetation height and LAI made it possible to interpolate the annual range. Therefore, the
100 range of LAI was estimated between 0.25 m² m⁻² and 5 m² m⁻² in the yearly course. The topography around the site promotes
101 cold air deposition, thus daily minima of air temperature are often much lower than at the other sites. The site is mainly
102 characterized by gleysol soil that contains silty loam, loam, and loamy silt as soil textures.

103 The Klingenberg site (DE-Kli, the sensor height is 3.5 m above the ground) is an intensively farmed arable land located 4 km
104 south from the Tharandt forest (Fig. 1). This site is characterized by annual and inter-annual crop rotation of rapeseed (*Brassica*
105 *napus*), winter wheat (*Triticum aestivum*), forage maize (*Zea mays*), spring barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) and winter barley
106 (*Hordeum vulgare*) with occasional intercropping. As a result, plant cover, vegetation height, LAI and rooting depth varied
107 greatly across time periods, i.e. measured annual maximum canopy height values vary between 0.7 m and 2.2 m and LAI could
108 reach up to 6 m² m⁻². Soil properties and runoff behaviour are strongly influenced by tillage and fertilizer application.
109 According to the (Ad-hoc-AG Boden, 2005), the soil was classified as gleysol and has a clay or loam texture.

110 The Hetzdorf site (DE-Hzd, the sensor height is 5 m (2010-2017), 11.5 m (2017-2021) and 17.5 m (since 2021) above the
111 ground) is a young oak (*Quercus robur*) forest planted after the Kyrill storm in 2007, which caused severe windthrow (40 ha)
112 in an old Norway spruce (*Picea abies*) forest. This site has a moderate slope to the North and a main wind direction to the
113 South due to a gap in the surrounding old spruce forest. The young oak stand is approximately 8-10 m high (2021) and enclosed
114 by spruce forest (up to 30 m height). Due to the high amount of deadwood and the young oak plantation until 2017 this
115 ecosystem was a net CO₂ source, but since 2018 it already acts as a moderate CO₂ sink (Drought 2018 Team and COS
116 Ecosystem Thematic Centre, 2020; Warm Winter 2020 Team and COS Ecosystem Thematic Centre, 2022). As a young
117 growing site, LAI varies dynamically from year to year and was only measured sporadically. The site is dominated by
118 pseudogley soil with a silt and silty loam texture.

119 The Tharandt site (DE-Tha, the sensor height is 42 m above the ground) is a 120-year-old mixed conifer forest with a mean
120 canopy height of 30 m, consisting mainly of Norway Spruce (*Picea abies*, 80 %), European larch (*Larix decidua*, 18%), and
121 various other evergreen and deciduous tree species (2 %) such as Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris*), silver birch (*Betula pendula*)
122 and mountain ash (*Sorbus aucuparia*). Root depth amounted between 30 cm and 40 cm, relative to the predominant Spruce
123 tree. The forest was thinned five times (1983, 1988, 2002, 2011 and 2016) and European beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) and Silver

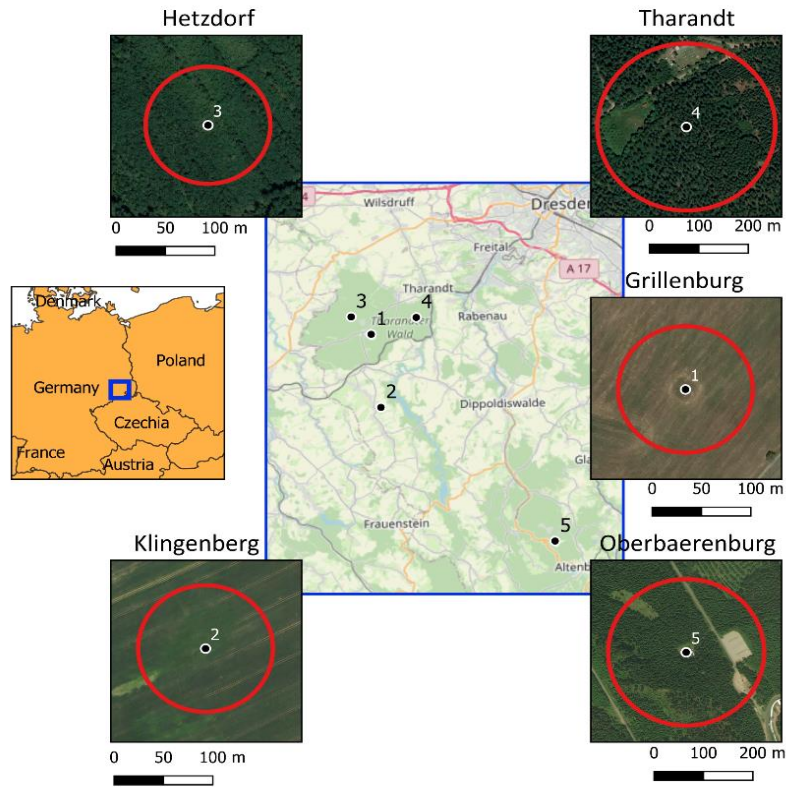
124 fir were planted in the understorey in 1995 and 2017, respectively. The site has silty podzol soils with relatively high stone
125 content (10-20 %). These soils were developed from a periglacial sediment consisting of debris from rhyolite and loess and
126 are very heterogeneous.

127 The Oberbaerenburg site (DE-Obe, the sensor height is 30 m above the ground) is an 80-year-old dense evergreen forest 15-
128 17 m height with predominantly Norway spruce trees (*Picea abies*). In contrast to the other sites, this site is located much
129 higher (734 m a.s.l.) with a prevailing NW wind direction and mean temperature and precipitation of 6.9°C and 960 mm,
130 respectively. Spruce density has been thinned over the years (e.g., 1057 trees ha⁻¹ in 1994, 987 trees/ha in 2000, 884 trees ha⁻¹
131 in 2005, and 846 trees ha⁻¹ in 2011). However, this has had little effect on the site characteristics. The soil is characterized as
132 podzol and has a sandy texture with high stone content (20-40 %).

133 According to on-site measurements, the groundwater tables for all sites are at least 3 m deep, thus it is assumed, that there is
134 no significant influence of groundwater on the water demand for the evaporation.

135 Due to the principles of eddy-covariance measurements, the observed fluxes refer to a certain footprint that varies depending
136 on wind speed, wind direction and atmospheric stability. Moreover, it is also affected by the height of measurement and the
137 surface roughness. According to long-term micro-meteorological measurements around the study sites, it was found that in
138 relation to predominant weather conditions the area of the highest flux density of the eddy-covariance signal (90 %) was within
139 a radius of 120-380 m. The values differ significantly among sites, but not greatly between wind directions (< 10 %). Thus,
140 equidistance footprints for each station (red circles on Fig. 1, shape files can be found in Supplementary) were assigned as
141 mean values from all wind directions. These values are further used in the simulations in model frameworks.

142 Selected daily evaporation data and other climatological variables can be found in the Supplementary.



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144 **Figure 1. Location of chosen FLUXNET sites. Red circles represent footprints for each tower. OpenSteet Maps (Planet dump**
 145 **retrieved from <https://planet.osm.org>) and Bing Satellite images (BingTM Maps tiles, 2020) are used as a background.**

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Table 1. Short summary on the chosen FLUXNET sites.

ID	Site name	Latitude	Longitude	Available data	Footprint, m	Dominant soil type	Land cover type
1	Grillenburg	50.950	13.513	2003-2020	135	gleysol	Permanent grassland
2	Klingenberg	50.893	13.522	2005-2020	135	gleysol	Agriculture (with crop rotation)
3	Hetzdorf	50.9641	13.490	2010-2020	125	pseudogley	Young oak forest (after storm)
4	Tharandt	50.963	13.565	1997-2020	360	podzol	Old spruce forest
5	Oberbaerenburg	50.787	13.721	2008-2020	350	podzol	Spruce forest

147 2.2 BROOK90 model

148 BROOK90 (Federer et al., 2003) is a 1D process-oriented model for simulation of vertical water fluxes in soil-plant-atmosphere
 149 systems. Precipitation input (snow or rain) first goes through the canopy, where it could be intercepted and then evaporated.
 150 The portion, which reaches ground level, could be infiltrated, frozen, evaporated, converted to surface flow, percolated or
 151 stored as soil moisture. Infiltrated water follows a top-down approach as a macropore bypass and matrix flow. The soil column

152 has groundwater, seepage and downslope outflow. Finally, soil water storage is used for evaporation and transpiration. The
153 model has more than 100 physically-based input parameters, but typically most are straightforward and can be set easily (as
154 location or slope). As the study mainly reflects evaporation, this part of the model is described in more detail.

155 The model uses a two-layer version of Penman-Monteith (PM) equation by Shuttleworth-Wallace (SW) (Shuttleworth and
156 Wallace, 1985) to estimate the potential evaporation (PE) separately for canopy and soil surface accounting for the surface
157 energy budget and the gradient for the sensible heat flux respectively. Canopy-dependent PE consists of evaporation of
158 intercepted snow and rain and plant transpiration. It is defined as the maximum evaporation that would occur from a given
159 land surface under given weather conditions if all plant and soil surfaces were externally wetted. Surface-dependent PE
160 includes evaporation from soil and snow surfaces. It is defined as the maximum evaporation that would occur from a given
161 land surface under given weather conditions if plant surfaces were externally dry and soil water was at field capacity. The SW
162 method considers multiple resistances like the above canopy, within canopy from canopy and ground, canopy surface, vapour
163 movement in soil. They are applied in the standard PM equation, thus giving separate estimates of all five components of PE.
164 It should be noticed, as BROOK90 distinguishes between soil and plant evaporation, only one canopy process and one ground
165 process can occur at a given timestep. Subsequently, actual evaporation (E) is based on the water availability in the system
166 (within the canopy, on the soil and within the soil matrix). Daily evaporation rates are calculated as a weighted sum of the
167 daytime and night-time values (based on the sunshine duration); however, interception could be estimated at a higher frequency
168 (hourly).

169 Originally, the model was written in FORTRAN programming language, here we used an R ‘line-by-line’ direct translated
170 version (Kronenberg and Oehlschlägel, 2019).

171 **2.3 Model frameworks and parameterization schemes**

172 In the study, four different scale-dependent setups for the model are used to simulate evaporation and its components: Global
173 BROOK90, EXTRUSO, BROOK90 with manual parameterization and calibrated BROOK90. To parameterize the model for
174 global, regional and local scale different topography, soil and land cover datasets were utilized. Most of the model’s physical
175 parameters are either default and thus fixed by the model developer or valid for the whole model region (i.e. average duration
176 of rain precipitation per month). Variable site-specific parameters (around 40 depending on the setup) and their values for all
177 tested frameworks are listed in Appendix C (Table C1).

178 2.3.1. Global BROOK90 (GBR90)

179 The Global BROOK90 (GBR90) framework incorporates open-source global datasets for parameterization and forcing of the
180 model using an R-package (Vorobevskii et al., 2020). The main feature of the package is wrapping of the modelling process
181 in a fully automatic mode based only on the location and time-interval input. The input area of interest is divided in a regular

182 50x50 m grid, and then hydro response units (HRU) are identified based on the unique combinations of land cover, soil
183 characteristics, and topography (aspect and slope). GBR90 provides fixed parameter sets for 20 land cover types based of
184 Copernicus Global land Cover 100 m (Buchhorn et al., 2020): closed and opened forest (evergreen/deciduous, needle/broad
185 leaf or mixed, and unknown), shrubs, herbaceous vegetation, moss and lichen, bare/sparse vegetation, cultivated and managed
186 vegetation, urban territories and snow/ice. Additionally, Leaf Area Index (LAI) and tall canopy height parameters were
187 assigned using MODIS 8-day composite dataset with 500 meter resolution (Myneni et al., 2015) and Global Forest Canopy
188 Height with 30 m resolution (Potapov et al., 2021) respectively. The SoilGrids250 dataset (Hengl et al., 2017) provides global
189 information on standard soil properties with 250 m resolution. Number of soil layers, stone fracture and profile depth
190 parameters are directly derived from this dataset, while soil hydraulic parameters are assigned from the standard model
191 developer’s sets based on the derived USDS soil texture class. Amazon Web Service Terrain Tiles (Mapzen Data Products,
192 2020) are used as provider for the global digital elevation model data (SRTM30 in case of Saxony). The model is applied
193 separately to each HRU and an area-weighted mean is calculated. A more detailed description of the framework is presented
194 in (Vorobeuskii et al., 2020).

195 2.3.2. EXTRUSO (EXTR)

196 EXTRUSO (EXTR) is a semi-automatic framework for spatial water balance simulations on a regional scale limited to the
197 domain of Saxony, Germany and is distributed via R-package (Luong et al., 2020). The HRU subset is also based on the
198 overlay of soil and land cover types derived from the regional datasets. Due to specifics of these datasets (polygons rather than
199 regular grid rasters) HRUs do not have regular dimensions. The framework has fixed parameterization for 5 land cover types
200 (agriculture/cultivated land, deciduous forest, evergreen forest, grassland/meadows, urban/other territories). They are assigned
201 according to the European land cover map CORINE 2012 (European Environment Agency, 2020) with 100 m resolution (some
202 vegetation types from the map are generalized). Soil parameters are assigned similarly to GBR90, but using Saxon soil map
203 BodenKarte50 (Sächsisches Landesamt für Umwelt, Landwirtschaft und Geologie, 2020) with 50 m resolution. The 10 m
204 digital elevation model (Staatsbetrieb Geobasisinformation und Vermessung Sachsen, 2020) is used for slope and aspect
205 estimates. As in GBR90, BROOK90 is run for each HRU and an area-weighted mean is stored. A full description of the
206 framework is available in (Luong et al., 2020).

207 2.3.3. BROOK90 (BR90) with “expert-knowledge” parameterization

208 Finally, we made a setup using the original BROOK90 model (BR90) with manual parameterization based on field
209 measurements. These include long-term observations of the different canopy parameters conducted on the chosen FLUXNET
210 sites (height, LAI, conductivity, albedo), soil profile data (soil texture, depth, stone fracture) and expert knowledge (i.e.
211 interception parameters).

212 2.3.4. Calibrated BROOK90 (CBR90) as a benchmark

213 The calibrated BROOK90 (CBR90) serves as a benchmark for all other runs. For the calibration of BROOK90, we choose a
214 multi-objective optimizer recently developed for the calibration of hydrological models. The algorithm is a hybrid of the MEAS
215 algorithm (Efstratiadis and Koutsoyiannis, 2005), which uses the method of directional search based on the simplexes of the
216 objective space and the epsilon-NSGA-II algorithm with the method of classification of the parameter vectors archiving
217 management by epsilon-dominance (Reed and Devireddy, 2004). A pareto-optimal solution was used to address two issues.
218 First, as most of total annual evaporation occurs in the vegetation period, it is reasonable to separate this period as the
219 contribution of the winter months should have lesser ‘weight’ during model fitting. Second we tried to account for possible
220 systematic errors of eddy-covariance measurements themselves, which could vary significantly depending on the season
221 (Hollinger and Richardson, 2005; Twine et al., 2000; Widmoser and Michel, 2021). Therefore, the pareto front could help to
222 choose an optimal parameter set, namely enhancing winter month performance with insignificant loss of performance in
223 vegetation period).

224 Here, we performed calibration and validation with a 70 % – 30 % data split focusing on maximising daily KGE values for
225 total evaporation for the growing season (March-October) and the winter period (November-February). The initial parameter
226 sets were set by “expert-knowledge”. For the calibration we initially took the ‘location’ parameters within a physically
227 meaningful range, which are recommended by the developer and other researchers as the most sensible (Groh et al., 2013;
228 Habel et al., 2021; Schwärzel et al., 2009; Vilhar, 2016). After the manual sensitivity analysis conducted using the given site-
229 specific data, 21 parameters were chosen. In general, these include albedo, vegetation and flow characteristics. Meteorological
230 forcing was derived from in-situ measurements. The total number of trials was limited to 1000 model runs, which was sufficient
231 to achieve stable performances for all three optimization functions.

232 Results of the calibration and validation are presented in Table 2. A complete list of chosen parameters with given ranges and
233 a graphical overview of the resulting Pareto fronts for each site are provided in Appendix C (Tables C1 and C2). The raw
234 outputs of calibration results for all trials with optimized parameters can be found in the Supplementary. It can be stated that
235 calibration and validation showed satisfactory results for the vegetation period even on a daily scale, while the results for the
236 winter time were poor at most sites (more in detail in Sect. 5.2 and 5.3).

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Table 2. Daily Kling-Gupta-Efficiency for BROOK90 calibration and validation.

ID	Site name	KGE (Vegetation period)		KGE (Winter period)	
		Calibration	Validation	Calibration	Validation
1	Grillenburg	0.89	0.81	0.49	0.44
2	Klingenberg	0.72	0.67	0.19	-0.03
3	Hetzdorf	0.82	0.75	0.30	0.17

4	Tharandt	0.72	0.69	0.26	0.14
5	Oberbaerenburg	0.72	0.61	0.02	-0.94

238 2.4 Meteorological forcings

239 We have chosen ERA5 (Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S): ERA5: Fifth generation of ECMWF atmospheric
 240 reanalyses of the global climate. ERA5 hourly data on single levels from 1979 to present., 2020), RaKliDa (Kronenberg and
 241 Bernhofer, 2015) and in-situ station measurements to represent the global, regional, and local scales, respectively, as
 242 meteorological forcing for the model. The list of standard climatological variables required to run BROOK90 consists of
 243 minimum and maximum 2 m air temperature, mean 10 m wind speed, solar radiation on the horizontal surface, vapour pressure,
 244 and precipitation. Typically, daily data is required; however, if available, sub-daily precipitation data is more favourable.

245 The ERA5 is a global climate reanalysis dataset from Copernicus and European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts,
 246 available from 1950 to near real time at hourly resolution. It was derived using data assimilation principles by combining a
 247 global physical model of the atmosphere and observations from around the world. The original model resolution is 0.28125°,
 248 which corresponds to about 31x20 km rectangle in the area of interest. For the present study, data from the nearest to each site
 249 ERA5 grid was downloaded and processed by aggregating hourly to daily values.

250 RaKliDa is an open-source daily climatological dataset covering the south-eastern part of Germany (namely Saxony, Saxony-
 251 Anhalt and Thuringia) with a time span of 1961-2020. The original station data from the German Meteorological Service and
 252 the Czech Hydrological Meteorological Institute are first corrected for wind errors (Richter, 1995) and then interpolated on a
 253 1x1 km grid using the Kriging indicator (Wackernagel, 2003). This approach is intended to reflect the orographic influence of
 254 downwind and upwind effects and to account for convective and small-scale precipitation events. As with ERA5, the nearest
 255 grid to each tower grid was used.

256 Daily meteorological data was taken from standard climate stations located in close proximity to the eddy-covariance towers.
 257 Exception is the wind speed, which is measured on the same height with eddy-covariance. In addition, the available net
 258 radiation was assimilated above the canopy. Prior data analysis revealed up to 15 % of missing values (depending on location
 259 and variables). Since these values are generally not drastic, the majority of the missing parts fall within the model “warm-up”
 260 period, and the variance of the most problematic variable (wind speed) within a site is not very high; it was decided to fill the
 261 gaps with simple monthly averages.

262 All of the inputs required by BROOK90 are directly available in all three data sets, except for the vapour pressure, which was
 263 calculated using dew temperature data (Murray, 1967) for ERA5 and mean daily temperature with relative humidity for two
 264 others (Magnus formula).

265 The meteorological data prepared for BROOK90 can be found in Supplementary. A graphical overview of the differences
266 between three data sets is presented in Appendix A.

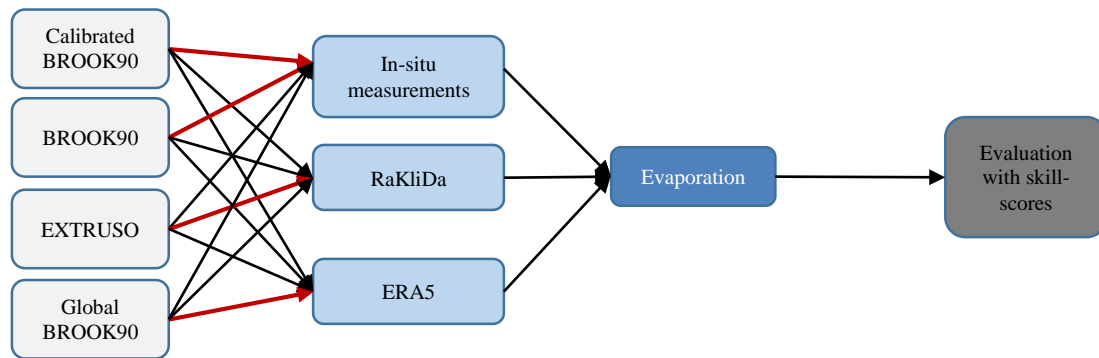
267 Of the six input meteorological variables, net solar radiation and precipitation have the biggest influence on evaporation.
268 Global radiation in the gridded datasets showed minor but systematic overestimation compared to measurements on the mean
269 daily scale (around $1 \text{ MJ}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{day}^{-1}$ in winter and $2\text{-}3 \text{ MJ}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}\cdot\text{day}^{-1}$ in summer months). However, summer variations (peaks
270 and minimums) are underestimated probably due to cloud coverage problems in ERA5 and RaKliDa. Precipitation showed a
271 much larger and non-systematic difference between the three datasets. In general, higher mean daily precipitation was
272 measured from September to March in Grillenburg, Hetzdorf and Tharandt ($0.5\text{-}2 \text{ mm}\cdot\text{day}^{-1}$). However, when looking at the
273 BIAS values (Table 3), a negative BIAS is typical for both datasets (except Klingenberg for both and Tharandt for RaKliDa).
274 The behaviour of the vegetation and winter periods separately follows the annual BIAS. Temperature and available vapour
275 pressure appear to be consistent, with $1\text{-}3$ degree and $0.01\text{-}0.03 \text{ kPa}$ respectively variation from measurements in the summer
276 months. The exception is Oberbaerenburg, where the maximum temperature and available vapour pressure from ERA5 and
277 RaKliDa have higher deviations, probably due to neglecting higher altitude in the datasets. Finally, wind speed possesses a
278 systematic positive BIAS ($1\text{-}2 \text{ m}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$) for all months, except for ERA5 in forests and Klingenberg.

279 Table 3. Precipitation BIAS (to in-situ measurements).

Site name	Meteo Dataset	Year	Vegetation period	Winter period
Grillenburg	ERA5	0.91	0.95	0.83
Klingenberg		1.05	1.05	1.05
Hetzdorf		0.92	0.96	0.85
Tharandt		0.96	1.01	0.85
Oberbaerenburg		0.76	0.85	0.59
Grillenburg	RaKliDa	0.88	0.92	0.8
Klingenberg		1.04	1.02	1.08
Hetzdorf		0.88	0.93	0.77
Tharandt		1.15	1.16	1.12
Oberbaerenburg		0.71	0.78	0.57

280 2.5 Evaluation of parameterization and forcings combinations

281 To assess the sensitivity of the BROOK90 to different parameter and meteorological inputs with regard to the evaporation
282 simulations, we propose to create different combinations of the framework's parameterizations from global, regional and, local
283 schemes and meteorological inputs from global, regional and local datasets (Fig. 2). Additionally, we tested the sensitivity of
284 the setups to the temporal resolution of the forcing data (hourly and daily for ERA5).



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Figure 2. Principal scheme of the framework's mixture. Red arrows represent the original "parameter set – meteorological forcing" combination.

288 From the model runs, we extracted total evaporation and its five components: transpiration, evaporation of intercepted snow
289 and rain, evaporation from soil, and snow evaporation. These results were evaluated on daily and monthly scales for the whole
290 year and separately for the winter and vegetation periods using the following performance metrics: Mean Absolute Error,
291 Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency (NSE) (Nash and Sutcliffe, 1970) and Kling-Gupta Efficiency (KGE) (Gupta et al., 2009). The last
292 one can be decomposed into three main components important to assess process dynamics: correlation, BIAS, and variability
293 errors. The formulas and optimal ranges for each performance metrics are listed in Appendix B.

294 Additionally, to test the uncertainty of the obtained performance, a small data resampling experiment was designed (here only
295 for the daily KGE values). It helps to show the possible performance spread due to general time-series shortage and occurrence
296 of some extreme years (e.g. like wet 2003 and 2012 or dry 2018 and 2019). Thus, for each station we calculated multiple KGE
297 values with reduced time-series length by randomly (1000 samples with replacement) throwing away 3 years of data (same for
298 all cross-combinations). Obtained values serve to assess the possible KGE spread for each framework and meteorological
299 dataset.

300 2.6 FAO grass-reference evaporation

301 The FAO approach was chosen for the comparison with the BROOK90 model. Both of them are based on the Penman-Monteith
302 equation. The FAO approach is considered state-of-the-art for grass-reference evapotranspiration estimates (Paredes et al.,
303 2020; Sentelhas et al., 2010). Potential daily evaporation values are obtained on the basis of a simplified Penman-Monteith
304 approach with radiation (shortwave and longwave), air temperature, wind speed and humidity as input data (Allen et al., 1998).
305 The approach simplifications are concerning the aerodynamic and surface resistances calculations.

306 **3 Results**

307 **3.1 Daily and monthly total evaporation**

308 At first, a visual analysis of the modelled evaporation was performed. Therefore, daily (for 2020) and monthly (for the whole
309 period with available measurements) time-series (Appendix D), monthly quantile-quantile (Fig. 3) and mean monthly (Fig. 4)
310 plots were analysed.

311 Daily evaporation of 0-0.5 mm in winter and up to 6-7 mm in summer months (with a maximum of about 10 mm) was found
312 for the Grillenburg's grassland. All model setups showed similarly low values in November-February. The growing period
313 (March-May) was represented with a delay of 3-4 weeks for GBR90 and EXTR and 2-3 weeks for BR90. Calibration helped
314 to eliminate this time shift on a monthly scale, however at the same time enhancing the unreasonably high variability on a
315 daily scale. During the summer months (June-August), the frameworks suffered from the systematic overestimation of variance
316 ratio and underestimation of the mean values, which is especially noticeable within the higher evaporation values range.
317 Moreover, monthly maximum values vary from year to year due to differences in the timing of grass cuts. Evaporation in
318 autumn is well captured but advanced by 2-3 weeks in EXTR and BR90. Finally, the difference between meteorological
319 datasets is only noticeable in the summer months.

320 In Klingenberg's crop field, evaporation of 0-1 mm in winter and 4-6 mm in summer months (with maximum around 9 mm)
321 is usually observed. In most of the years, all model setups showed a similar small overestimation in November-January. It was
322 relatively difficult to achieve a good model fit regarding the timing of the growing and harvesting periods even on a monthly
323 scale. Since both periods of the various crops differ by up to two months and the annual rotation with clear cuts are irregular.
324 The growing period (February-May) had in general a delay of 2-6 weeks. Here CBR90 shows higher daily evaporation values,
325 thus fitting low BIAS, while the variance ratio stays underestimated. In contrast with the grassland site, summer months (June-
326 August) did not depict a high BIAS, the main problem appears in a considerable scattering due to poor correlation, which is
327 higher in the middle part of QQ-plot. Furthermore, the different setups showed different peak values in the summer months,
328 BR90 matched observations in June, while GBR90 and EXTR showed the maximum in July. Finally, in autumn, none of the
329 setups provided satisfactory results, namely both over- and underestimations, especially in September and October. Again,
330 based on the meteorological datasets, the variability of the model performance is visible only in the summer months.

331 For the Hetzdorf deciduous broadleaf forest, typical values of winter and summer evaporation are 0-1 mm and 3-5 mm (with
332 maximum around 8.5 mm), respectively. All model setups showed small amounts of evaporation in winter with a low BIAS,
333 but also low correlation. The main leaf development period (March-May) was represented well by GBR90, with a 2-3 weeks'
334 time lag in April for EXTR and BR90. In the summer months (mostly in June and July) GBR90 and EXTR underestimated
335 evaporation by 10 %, while 'expert knowledge' BR90 gave positive BIAS. It can be noticed on the monthly plots that as the
336 forest keeps developing and growing intensively within the last 10 years, higher evaporation rates were observed from year to

337 year. At the same time due to model parameter stationarity, BR90 shows closer to the observed evaporation values only in the
338 last two years. The annual mean monthly peak (July) and leaf fall were well captured by all models. Here the variance ratio
339 reaches the closest to the optimum values in comparison to all the other sites. Only for the summer months, a rather small
340 difference of about 10 mm per month between the meteorological forces could be captured.

341 In the evergreen coniferous forest of Tharandt, daily evaporation usually yields 0-0.3 mm in winter and 2-3 mm in summer
342 (with maximum around 7 mm). All setups except CBR90 demonstrated a high BIAS for the seasons (15-20 mm per month),
343 which is larger in winter, where daily peaks are sometimes as high as summer maximums. Moreover, the inter-annual
344 variability appears to be highly overestimated as well. Like for the grassland, the model calibration reduced the mean error to
345 optimum values, but the problem of daily peaks in winter remained unsolved. In contrast to the other sites, a noticeable
346 difference between forcings can be observed (up to 10 % in the summer months) with the in-situ measurements delivering the
347 highest evaporation amount.

348 The evergreen coniferous forest of Oberbaerenburg normally has evaporation rates of 0-0.3 mm in winter and 2-3 mm in
349 summer (with maximum around 8 mm). Evaporation here is 5-10% higher in the growing season than at the Tharandt site.
350 Still, most of the setups (except in spring and CBR90) showed a positive BIAS, which is higher in winter and July. Similar to
351 Tharandt, winter daily peaks sometimes exceeded summer extremes. Here, even the calibrated model did not demonstrate a
352 good agreement in general and did not remove winter overestimations. Oberbaerenburg was the only site where the well-
353 known European drought of 2018 is clearly visible on a monthly scale. The data shows around 30 % less evaporation in
354 summer months due to depletion of the soil water and overall precipitation deficit. However, most of the model setups did not
355 depict this effect properly. Finally, the spread between meteorological datasets here is not as broad as for the Tharandt site.

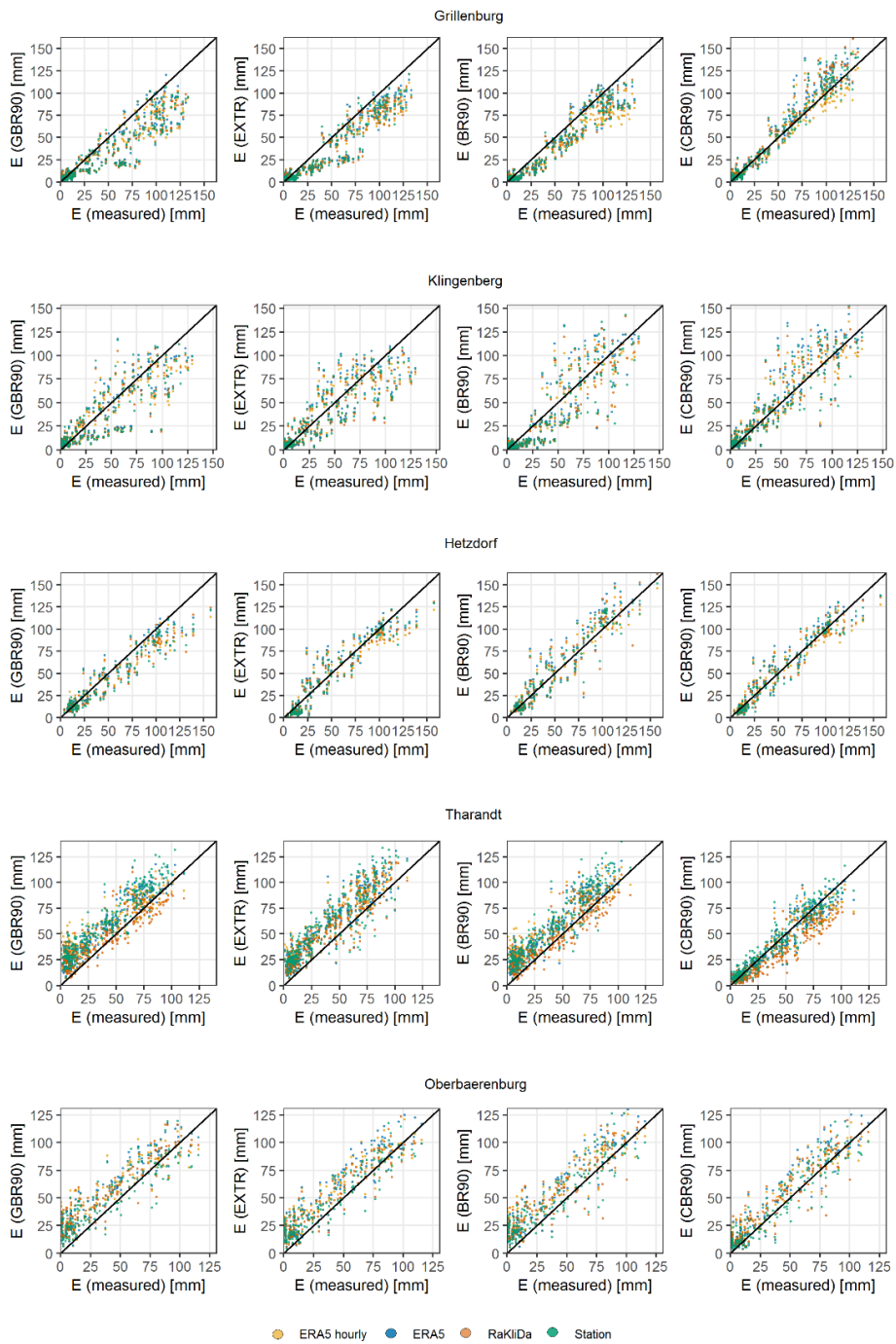


Figure 3. Observed and modelled monthly evaporation values for all setups.

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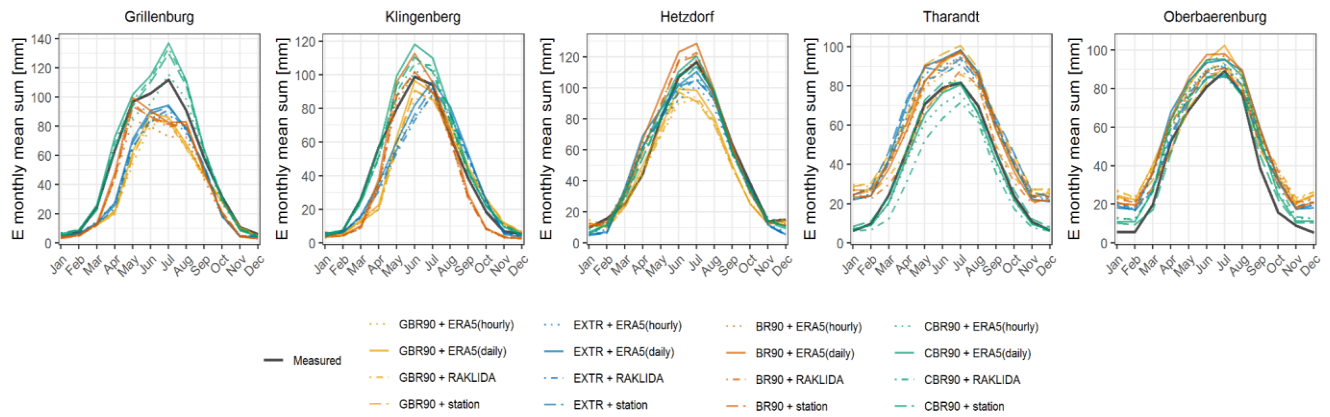


Figure 4. Observed and modelled monthly mean evaporation values for all setups.

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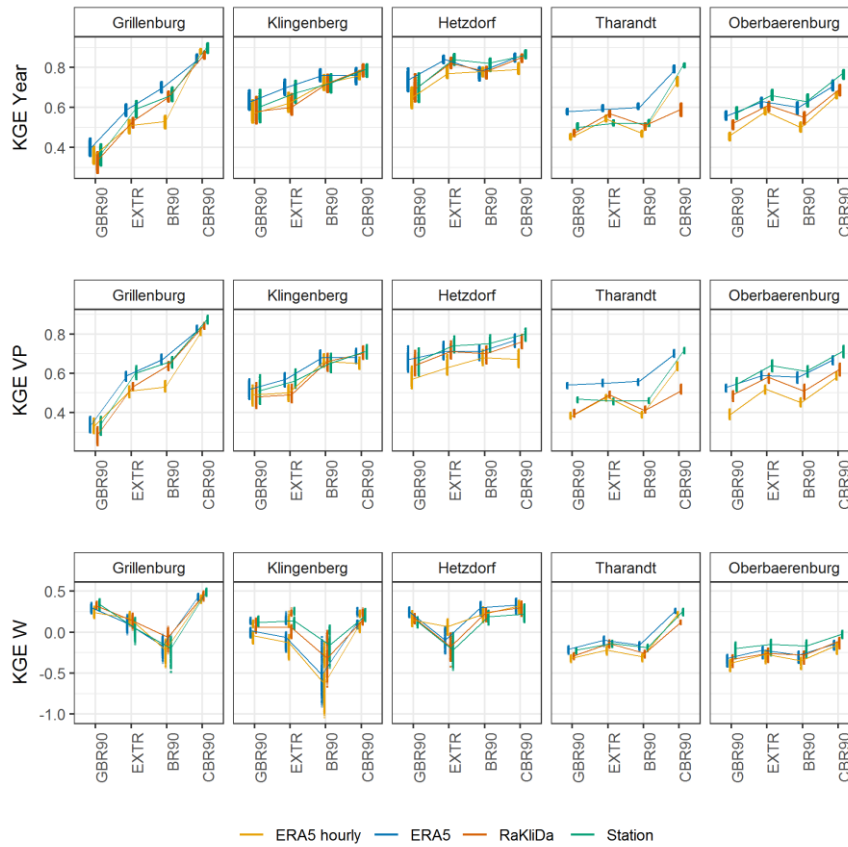
360 In Fig. 5, the daily KGE values are shown, while the monthly results and other criteria (NSE, MAE) are presented in Appendix
 361 E. Based on KGE values, a good agreement was found between all model setups and observations for all the sites (Fig. 5). The
 362 best agreement showed the combination “CBR90 + station data” (from 0.72 in Oberbaerenburg to 0.91 in Grillenburg) and the
 363 worst “GBR90 + hourly ERA5” (from 0.36 in Grillenburg to 0.71 in Hetzdorf). On the monthly scale, all setups demonstrated
 364 higher performance, which is approximately 5 % better than on the daily scale. The goodness-of-fit in the vegetation period
 365 was better and very similar to the whole year, while the performance in winter time for all setups was lower, resulting
 366 sometimes in negative KGE values (down to -0.6). Here BR90 and EXTR showed poor agreement with the observations in
 367 the fields (Grillenburg and Klingenberg) and in the deciduous forest (Hetzdorf) respectively.

368 With a few exceptions, the best performance among the meteorological datasets was achieved for the station data and daily
 369 ERA5. On average for all the five sites, in terms of KGE values, the spreads in the meteorological forcings yielded 0.09
 370 (maximum of 0.17 showed BR90 for Grillenburg), while scattering in the parameterization schemes was much higher and
 371 yielded 0.25 (with the maximum of 0.54 for Grillenburg and in-situ meteo data).

372 Finally, KGE spreads calculated for each combination from a resampled time-series are generally small. On the annual scale
 373 and for the vegetation period, higher uncertainties of obtained KGE values were found in Grillenburg, Klingenberg and
 374 Hetzdorf (10-15 % on average); while in Tharandt and Oberbaerenburg KGE deviations were low (around 5 %). For the winter
 375 months, the spread possessed the same behaviour, but resulted in much higher values (up to 100%). Among all the frameworks,
 376 GBR90 was associated with the largest uncertainty on the annual scale in almost all the cases, while it had the smallest spread
 377 in the winter, where uncertainty of EXTR and BR90 dominated.

378 NSE values are in general similar to KGE, but slightly smaller, which range from -0.05 for GBR90 in Grillenburg and
 379 Oberbaerenburg to 0.88 for CBR90 with station data. Mean average errors vary from 0.39 up to 0.98 mm*day⁻¹ with the highest
 380 values in evergreen forests for GBR90 and the lowest in Grillenburg for CBR90.

381 The hourly-resolved ERA5 data did not produce better results, showing the worst performance in most
 382 cases.

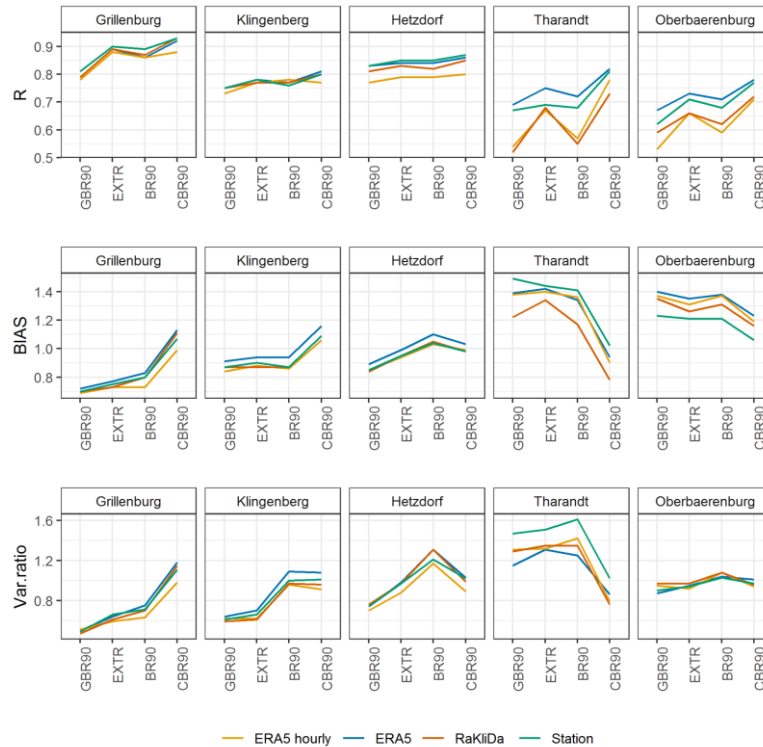


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384 **Figure 5. KGE values for daily evaporation: whole year, vegetation and winter periods. Vertical lines for each cross-combination**
 385 **refer to bootstrapped KGEs.**

386 The major advantage of the KGE criteria is the possibility to obtain a deeper understanding of model performance through its
 387 decomposition. A closer look at the KGE components (Fig. 6) reveals that correlation coefficients for the fields (Grillenburg
 388 and Klingenberg) and deciduous forest (Hetzdorf) are relatively high for all model setups (0.75-0.95), and the main problems
 389 occur in underestimation of the mean (0.7-0.8) and variability ratios (0.55-0.7) (except for BR90 in Hetzdorf). In general, there
 390 are only small fluctuations between model forcings for these three sites. In evergreen forests, on the other hand, the correlation
 391 showed much higher spread among both parameterizations and meteorological datasets (0.4-0.75). Furthermore, BIAS and
 392 variability ratios possess, on the other side, significant positive deviations from the optimal values (except variability in
 393 Oberbaerenburg), especially in Tharandt (up to 1.6). Overall, ERA5 and station data perform better than others in most of the
 394 cases. The hourly ERA5 forcing did not show a noticeable difference in evaporation BIAS or variability, but reduced

395 correlation in the forests (by 5-15 %). Finally, it could be noticed that in comparison to the other setups, CBR90 bring BIAS
 396 and variance ratio almost to one, but did not improve correlation for all the sites (i.e. Hetzdorf).



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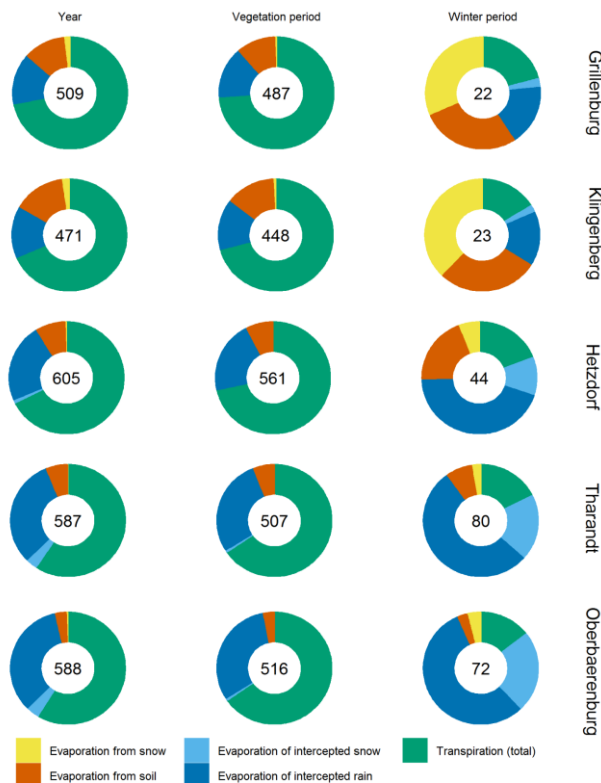
398 **Figure 6. Decomposition of KGE for daily evaporation for the whole year: correlation, BIAS and variance ratio**

399 **3.2 Evaporation components**

400 The 40-60 % partitioning between total flow and evaporation components in global terrestrial water balance (Müller Schmied
 401 et al., 2016) also applies to the BROOK90 point simulations. With a variation in mean annual precipitation from 877 mm
 402 (Klingenberg) to 1141 mm (Oberbaerenburg), measured mean annual evaporation varies from 476 mm (Tharandt) up to 625
 403 (Hetzdorf) mm. This leads to measured E-P ratios of 0.41 to 0.65, with the lowest values observed in old spruce forest and the
 404 highest in grassland and growing deciduous forest. Here, both the global and regional frameworks showed an overestimation
 405 of the ratio for the evergreen forests (Tharandt and Oberbaerenburg) and an underestimation for the fields (Grillenburg and
 406 Klingenberg) (could be found in Supplementary).

407 Summarized annual evaporation components (averaged from all tested model setups) are presented on Fig. 7. According to
 408 this figure, transpiration in fields and deciduous forest yields 68-73 %, and evergreen forest transpires about 58-59 %. In
 409 Tharandt and Oberbaerenburg 31-35 % of precipitation goes to interception (mainly rain, interception of snow is less than 2

410 %). In Grillenburg, Klingenberg and Hetzdorf evaporation of the intercepted precipitation is lower and yields 14-23 %. Soil
 411 evaporation on the other side, is higher in the fields (11-15 %) and lower in forests (4-8 %). Evaporation from snow is less
 412 than 2 % at all sites. The vegetation period spans 8 months in total and accounts for most of the annual evaporation (85-95 %).
 413 Thus, the distribution of components is generally consistent with a slightly higher contribution from transpiration. In winter,
 414 evaporation consists mainly of interception in forests and soil or snow evaporation of the fields.

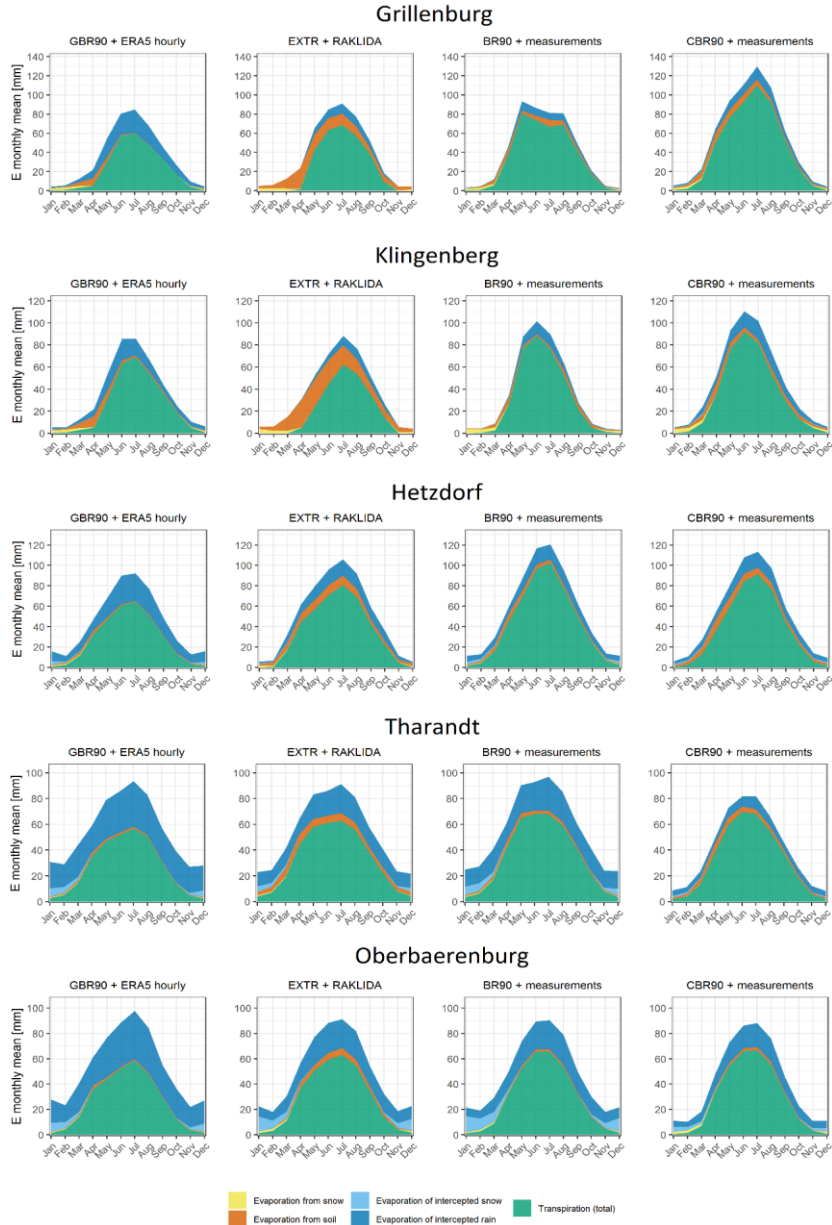


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416 **Figure 7. Mean annual and seasonal evaporation components averaged over all model setups. The numbers inside pie charts refer**
 417 **to the mean evaporation sums per year or season.**

418 To get more insights on the possible setups' differences regarding the evaporation partitioning, we show "natural" model
 419 parameterization and forcing combinations (Fig. 8). Only minor differences were observed in evergreen coniferous forests.
 420 This mainly concerns intercepted rain. GBR90 with hourly ERA5 shows the largest amount (40-68 %) and CBR90 with station
 421 data reduces interception up to 15-30 %, which is especially noticeable in Oberbaerenburg. At the other three sites, seasonality
 422 plays a bigger role in the redistribution of evaporation components. Indeed, in the fields, almost no interception was modelled
 423 in EXTR using RaKliDa and BR90 with station data in winter and early spring, and all evaporation in these months consists
 424 of snow and soil evaporation. Furthermore, the transpiration is dominant in summer and autumn times with sharper edges due
 425 to crop and grass cutting. In general, EXTR delivers more soil evaporation than other model setups, while GBR90 produces

426 more rain interception. Slightly smoothed but similar results could be observed in the deciduous forest of Hetzdorf. Since
 427 the actual distribution of the components is unknown, we can only assume that CBR with in-situ meteorological data indicates
 428 conditions that are the closest to reality. Considering this, we can rank the goodness of the framework in the evaporation
 429 representation in the following order (best to worst by similarity to CBR90): BR90, EXTR, GBR90, which seems indeed
 430 logical.



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Figure 8. Modelled mean monthly evaporation components.

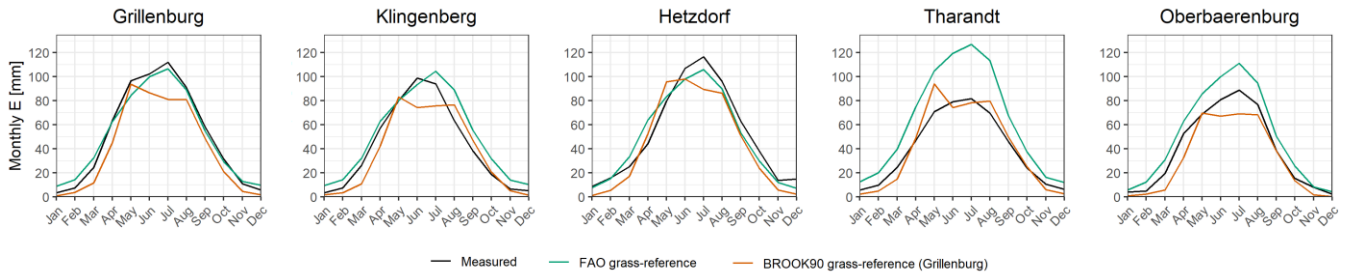
433 3.3 Grass-reference evaporation: comparison of BROOK90 and FAO model with measurements

434 The results of the FAO “potential” and BROOK90 “actual” grass-reference evaporation output are presented in Fig. 9. To
435 simulate a BROOK90-based grass-reference evaporation, the original site-specific vegetation parameters were replaced by
436 “grassland” parameters assumed at the Grillenburg site in the model. The meteorological input data remained site specific for
437 both approaches.

438 The FAO estimations of the field sites Grillenburg and Klingenberg showed a good fit with the observed data. Deviations are
439 observed as a time lag of one month in autumn and minor overestimations of evaporation in winter time (5-10 mm per month).
440 BROOK90 simulations possess a noticeable time lag of 2-3 weeks in the spring period. Also an up to 20 % underestimation
441 of evaporation in spring and summer months is visible.

442 Minor variances of around 10 mm per month between FAO and measured evaporation are observed in the deciduous forest of
443 Hetzdorf. Namely there is a small overestimation in the spring period and an underestimation in summer months. The “actual”
444 grass-reference evaporation from BROOK90, on the other hand, was mainly lower than the eddy-covariance measurements
445 for all months, except for April and May.

446 In evergreen forests the FAO approach depicted considerably higher potential grass-reference evaporation than it was observed
447 throughout the whole year. These high evaporation estimates of up to 30-40 % (July) are very high in summer months.
448 BROOK90 did not show such high systematic deviations from the observations in Tharadt except for a peak in May. While in
449 Oberbaerenburg the simulated evaporation was systematically lower for all months and especially in summer time.



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Figure 9. Observed and modelled monthly mean grass-reference evaporation.

452 4 Discussion

453 4.1 Role of the framework’s spatial scale in parameterization and forcing

454 The comparison of GBR, EXTR and BR90 frameworks showed how sensible BROOK90 is to the spatial scale of the setup
455 with regard to evaporation. Moreover, the fact that CBR90 showed significantly higher performance skill scores than the other

456 setups for almost all the sites, confirms indirectly that the BROOK90 is more sensible to the scale of parameterization scheme
457 rather than to the scale of meteorological forcing. However, these conclusions need to be backed up with the assumption that
458 both meteorological data and parameters used for each spatial scale come from state-of-the-art sources. Thus, they are both
459 representative and possess the best quality (currently) for global, regional and local scales respectively.

460 The analysis of the parameters used in the study and their ranges revealed which groups of them possess the most noticeable
461 influence on the accuracy of evaporation simulations and are at the same time affected by the scale of the model setup
462 (Appendix C, Table C1).

463 At first, the plant leave's parameters must be highlighted, namely albedo, LAI and height, interception storages. Surface
464 reflectivity with and without snow regulates the net radiation and thus directly affects potential evaporation. The values
465 generally have a wide range 0.1-0.3 for vegetation and 0.2-0.9 for snow and their estimations are subject of high uncertainties
466 (Alessandri et al., 2020; Myhre and Myhre, 2003; Page, 2003; Park and Park, 2016; Wang et al., 2017). For GBR90 and EXTR
467 respectively, albedo was assigned by values taken from global and regional studies, while for BR90 measured values were
468 used. Maximum LAI and its seasonal cycle are probably the most sensible and uncertain parameters in the model regardless
469 of the vegetation type, while plant height and its seasonality plays a greater role and is more uncertain for the short, rather than
470 in tall canopies. These two parameters often control the largest portion of potential evaporation controlling transpiration and
471 interception as well as its partitioning (Hoek van Dijke et al., 2020; Wegehenkel and Gerke, 2013; Yan et al., 2012). On the
472 global scale both parameters are derived by remote sensing estimates, while on the regional and local scale fixed values from
473 regional studies and expert knowledge were taken. Therefore, at these scales the simulations apparently showed better results
474 for the case-study. The interception storage and intercepted precipitation fraction are the key parameters for the correct
475 estimation of interception amount (Wu et al., 2019). They are all plant-, season- and age-dependent, and possess a high
476 variability, which makes its very challenging to generalize their values for the vegetation classes (Federer and Douglas, 1983;
477 Leaf and Brink, 1973; Pypker et al., 2005; Yang et al., 2019). In all frameworks they are set up as default or with expert
478 knowledge. Nevertheless, only due to these parameters, the interception uncertainty could be as high as ± 20 mm per month,
479 especially in forests.

480 The second group denotes soil parameters. The soil structure, profile depth and coarse fragment's fraction directly determine
481 the maximum water storage capacity for a site. Here, the parameter scale plays a crucial role, since, the quality of available
482 datasets decreases drastically from a local to a global scale due to scarcity of soil profile data and very high heterogeneity of
483 soils (Hengl et al., 2017). Soil hydraulic properties certainly have a big influence on the water retention and holding capacity,
484 controlling water supply for the actual soil evaporation and transpiration (Carminati and Javaux, 2020; Lehmann et al., 2018;
485 Verhoef and Egea, 2014). However, the scale uncertainty due to this parameter group is difficult to assess, since these
486 parameters are assigned indirectly based on sand, silt and clay content for each layer and fixed parameter set. Thus, the problem
487 is narrowed to correct identification of the soil texture, which is still a very challenging task even for a regional scale (Hengl
488 et al., 2017).

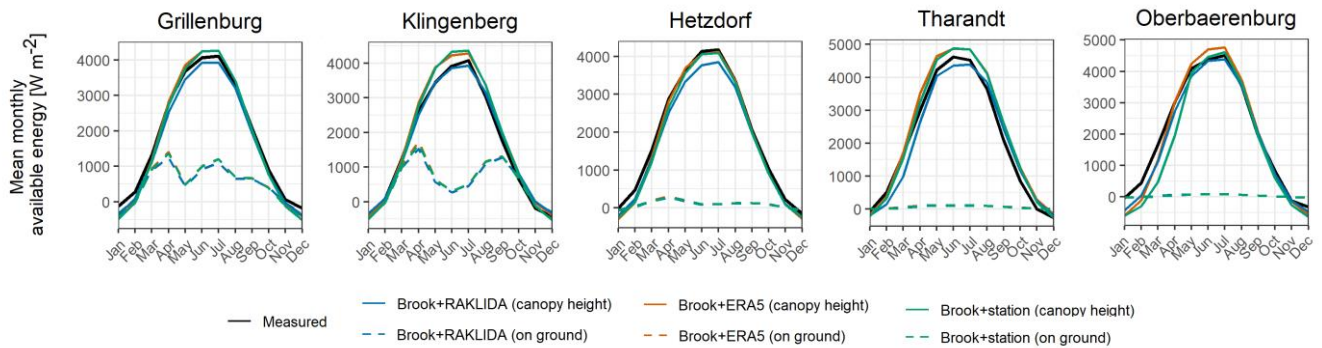
489 Significant difference in the model performance due to different meteorological input datasets was not evident for all setups
490 and sites (bootstrapped values on Fig. 5). Here, the spatial scale did not follow the main hypothesis, as the global dataset ERA5
491 was not the worst and in many cases outperformed in-situ meteorological data. It would appear that the RaKliDa dataset with
492 its 1 km spatial resolution could fit the eddy-covariance footprint at least as good as station data, however, it sometimes
493 demonstrated the worst performance or close to hourly ERA5. This outcome contradicts with the generally accepted
494 application of regional meteorological forcings to simulate evaporation in high resolution (Martens et al., 2018; Rudd and Kay,
495 2015; Wang et al., 2015; Zink et al., 2017). However, probably due to location peculiarities of the study sites, and good
496 agreement of the global reanalysis with station data, regional dataset did not show a competitive performance. Namely, ERA5
497 showed slightly better precipitation BIAS values, than RaKliDa (Table 3). Moreover, RaKliDa exhibits a systematic
498 underestimation of the global radiation, especially in the summer months (Appendix A).

499 **4.2 Challenges in the model process representation**

500 Although BROOK90 has a decent physically-based representation of the evaporation process, it shows some limitations as
501 well. At first, BROOK90 treats the vegetation as a single layer (big-leaf). Thus, the complexity of canopy vertical structure is
502 omitted, which can be insignificant for simple ecosystems like meadows or cropland, but might play a big role in multi-layered
503 vegetation (Bonan et al., 2021; Luo et al., 2018; Raupach and Finnigan, 1988). For example, the lack of undergrowth
504 representation could have an effect on the evaporation underestimation in forests with a dense floor like Hetzdorf. Additionally,
505 there is no allowance for non-green leaves, which intercept precipitation and radiation, but in the meantime do not transpire.
506 This process can play a role in deciduous forests like Hetzdorf in autumn and winter, as they generate too much transpiration.
507 Furthermore, since the phenomenon of ground frost is not considered, soil evaporation is not limited on these days, which
508 could lead to an overestimation in winter. As canopy parameters are assumed constants, phenology or growth (e.g. crop rotation
509 in Klingenberg and continuous forest growth in Hetzdorf) as well as drought affecting LAI (reduction due to prolonged water
510 stress) are not considered in the model. Snowpack energy and evaporation modules suffer from overestimations in tall canopies,
511 thus an arbitrary reduction factor is applied. Finally, albedo does not depend on solar elevation angle, canopy structure, or
512 snow age. These limitations alone could have a substantial influence on total evaporation and its timing.

513 In addition, the PM equation uses vapour pressure deficit and net energy as the main factors to calculate potential evaporation.
514 The first variable is derived directly from the daily input temperature and available vapour pressure using the Magnus equation
515 and does not vary much between different methods (Lide, 2005). For net energy, the situation is different. The shortwave
516 radiation is an input and its net value is controlled by the rather vague albedo, while the longwave radiation is estimated
517 internally using the effective emissivity of the clear sky. Under these assumptions, the potential discrepancy between different
518 formulas can be as high as 20-30 $W \cdot m^{-2}$. After obtaining a persistent positive BIAS for evaporation in the forests, we checked
519 the energy balance of the model with in-situ measurements (Fig. 10). In fact, minor differences were found for all input
520 datasets. In the summer period, minor overestimation was found for ERA5 and station data in Grillenburg, Klingenberg and

521 Tharandt, and underestimates for RaKliDa in Hetzdorf and Tharandt. In winter (especially in December and January), large
 522 relative underestimation was discovered in Grillenburg, Hetzdorf and Oberbaerenburg. Therefore, with a negative amount of
 523 energy, BROOK90 still showed higher monthly evaporation than measured. Specifically, according to Fig. 8, 90 % of the
 524 actual evaporation in forests in winter consists of interception, and normally there is no absence of precipitation input during
 525 this period. Because of the peculiarities of the PM approach, positive potential evaporation can be estimated with negative net
 526 energy, positive vapour pressure deficit, and low estimated atmospheric and canopy resistances. Thus, as long as vapour
 527 pressure deficit exists, the evaporation flux tries to fill the gradient.



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Figure 10. Observed and modelled monthly mean net energy on canopy and ground level.

530 Finally, as it was found, the hourly-resolved input precipitation data did not produce better results, showing the worst
 531 performance (hourly ERA5 data) on the annual scale in most cases. This brings up the question of reliability of the subdaily
 532 calculations in BROOK90 interception module, which omits i.e. diurnal cycle of potential evaporation and consistently
 533 produces too much interception if hourly input is used (Federer, 2002). However, it could also be the quality of subdaily
 534 precipitation distribution in the ERA5 data for the study region, since on daily, monthly and annual scales ERA5 did not show
 535 a significant difference with the station data, which could account for that high differences in daily and hourly performance.

536 4.3 Reliability of eddy-covariance measurements

537 Reliability of the evaporation measurements with eddy-covariance techniques themselves is a widely discussed question.
 538 Standard methods of the “energy-balance-closure” corrections (Wilson et al., 2002; Richardson et al., 2012) does not always
 539 lead to necessary BIAS adjustment (Foken, 2008; Imukova et al., 2016). Therefore, largest systematic deviations between
 540 observed and modelled evaporation, which could be discussed in the context of inaccuracy of the measurements, were
 541 discovered in the evergreen forests in winter, in grassland in summer and in pasture in growing season. Analysis of the
 542 evaporation components and comparison of the FAO with the BROOK90 grass-reference evaporation helped to reveal some
 543 discrepancies in the eddy-covariance measurements.

544 The time lag during the growing and harvesting periods for Klingenberg could be explained with permanent crop rotation and
545 inability of FAO and BROOK90 models to cope with non-stationarity in vegetation parameters. Overestimation in winter for
546 the FAO method for both sites could be a result of simplifications of FAO-modified PM equation against SW approach in
547 BROOK90 (i.e. neglecting the soil water holding capacity). According to the continuous long-term measurements of grass
548 height in Grillenburg, regular grass cutting is performed in June-July. This in general should lead to evaporation decline, which
549 can be seen clearly on Fig. 4 for monthly evaporation of BR90. However, this effect was not found in the measurements (even
550 on a daily scale). Moreover, mean evaporation usually shows maximum annual values in July. Besides possible systematic
551 measurement errors, this could be explained either by an underestimation of the real site footprint. Another explanation is near-
552 saturation conditions of the soils. Thus, almost unlimited water supply and perturbation of the evaporation components after
553 grass cutting (drastic increase of soil evaporation). Nevertheless, while calibrating the model, it was realized that it is
554 impossible to increase soil evaporation by almost 30 mm during the summer months and stay within the physically meaningful
555 boundaries for soil parameters for the given soil profile. The findings are consistent with other studies, where latent heat fluxes
556 were systematically over- and underestimated depending on season in in short canopies (Moorhead et al., 2019; Perez-Priego
557 et al., 2017; Twine et al., 2000).

558 In Tharandt and Oberbaerenburg FAO approach showed 10-20 mm evaporation in the winter months, while BROOK90
559 resulted in 3-5 mm (consisting only of soil and snow evaporation). At the same time, all model setups showed 20-30 mm of
560 evaporation per month in winter (which is more than 80 % consists of intercepted precipitation), while only 5-10 mm is
561 observed. Thus, it is possible that the interception is generally underestimated by eddy-covariance measurements in the forests.
562 Moreover, while the calibration in Tharandt helped to adjust the simulated evaporation in winter months as well (primarily by
563 increasing the winter albedo), in Oberbaerenburg even a relatively wide parameters' range was not sufficient. Here, the large
564 variations between two approaches emphasize the importance of the soil and in a regulation of the evaporation, since different
565 soil types appear at the grassland and evergreen forest sites (gleysols and podzols respectively). As few researchers pointed
566 out, the reliability of eddy-covariance data within the rainy days and when the interception dominates is indeed questionable
567 (Dijk et al., 2015; Wilson et al., 2001).

568 In addition, previous analysis of eddy-covariance data for some of the study sites showed, that the possible under and
569 overestimations in measurements could be as large as $\pm 8-11$ % for Tharandt, $\pm 29-36$ % for Grillenburg and $\pm 28-44$ % for
570 Klingenberg (Spank et al., 2013).

571 Therefore, in addition to reliability of the mean net energy and precipitation (Sect. 2.4 and 4.2), it is possible that the quality
572 of the eddy-covariance data is questionable due to at least systematic underestimation of interception and non-representative
573 footprint.

574 **Conclusion and outlook**

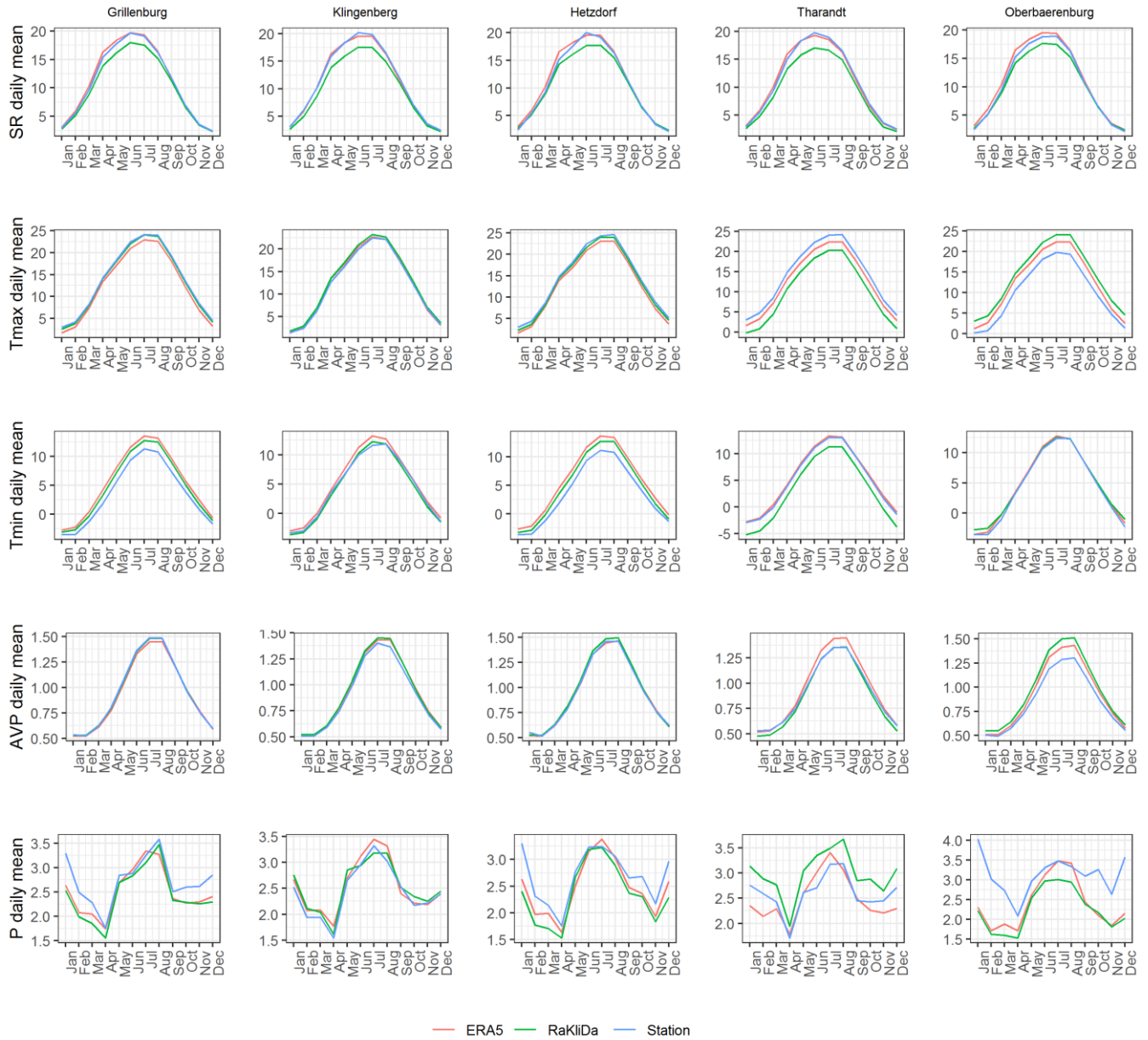
575 This study presents the qualitative analysis and discussion of the BROOK90 model scale uncertainties with regard to
576 evaporation simulations. We tried to answer the question how the model setup scale influences the performance and whether
577 the model is more sensitive to the parameter set or to the meteorological input. For this, three frameworks (Global BROOK90,
578 EXTRUSO and BROOK90 with manual parameterization) and three forcing datasets (ERA5, RaKliDa, in-situ measurements)
579 were used, representing the global, regional and local scale, respectively. We made cross-combinations of them and model
580 evaporation components for five locations in Saxony, Germany, covered by long-term eddy-covariance measurements:
581 grassland (Grillenburg), cropland (Klingenberg), deciduous broadleaf forest (Hetzdorf) and two evergreen needleleaf forests
582 (Tharandt, Oberbaerenburg).

583 Our results indicated that all setups perform well even on a daily scale, with KGE values ranging from 0.35-0.80. KGE
584 decomposition demonstrated that with high correlation coefficients in grassland, cropland and deciduous forest performance
585 was affected here mainly by BIAS and variance ratios, whereas in evergreen forest all three components varied greatly. The
586 highest and lowest values among all setups were achieved by the same combination of Global BROOK90 and ERA5 in
587 Hetzdorf and Grillenburg respectively. Calibration of the model increased KGE significantly, especially for Grillenburg and
588 Tharandt. In the vegetation period when 90-95 % of the total annual evaporation was observed, the agreement with the
589 observations was much higher than in the winter period.

590 The main finding of the study is that the spread in model performances is four times higher due to the parameter datasets
591 compared to the meteorological forcings based on the tested setups. Furthermore, while the spread of model performances due
592 to parameter sets mattered throughout the year, the spread due to the meteorological datasets was evident only in summer
593 months. The breakdown of evaporation components revealed that in the vegetation period transpiration yields up to 65-75 %
594 of total evaporation, while in the winter months' interception (in forests) and soil/snow evaporation (in fields) play a major
595 role. Moreover, the studied parameter sets showed substantial differences in the redistribution of evaporation components.
596 Finally, the results raised questions about meteorological data quality, limitations of the model and the reliability of the eddy-
597 covariance measurements as evaporation benchmark data. Finally our results suggested that the ERA5 dataset works as a
598 meteorological forcing of choice even for a local scale.

599 In the outlook, we would like to suggest possible future directions on this topic:

- 600 • expand the number of study sites with other FLUXNET towers
- 601 • run similar analysis for other physically-based models
- 602 • analyse model uncertainty by incorporating runoff and soil moisture in the analysis
- 603 • apply and validate different methods to breakdown eddy-covariance data in components



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Figure A1 Monthly daily mean meteorological variables

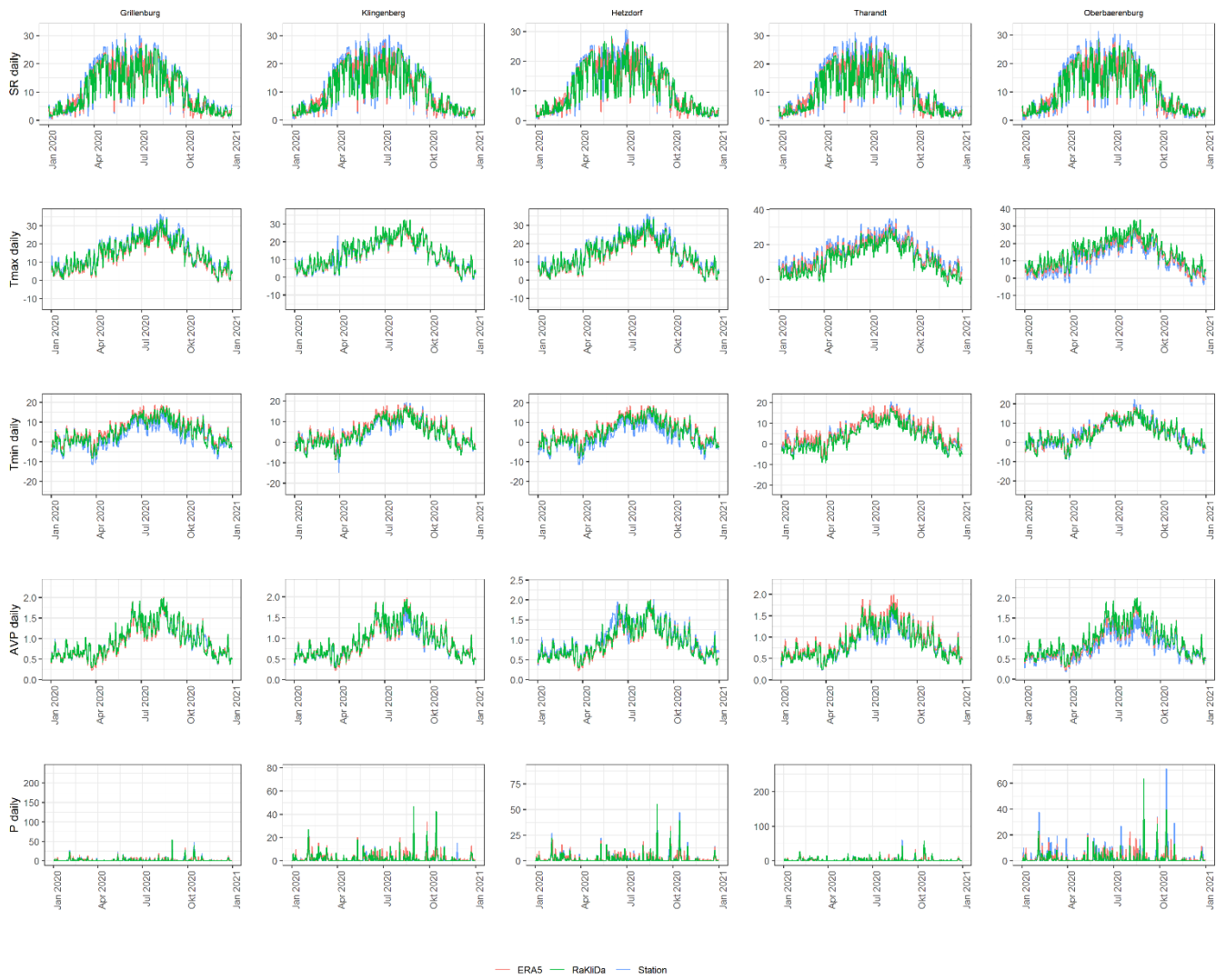


Figure A2 Daily values of meteorological variables for 2020

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Name	Range	Optimum value	Formula
Mean Absolute Error (MAE)	$[0, +\infty)$,	0	$MAE = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T E_m^t - E_o^t }{T}$ <p>where E_m^t and E_o^t are the modelled and observed evaporation values (in mm) at time t, and T is the overall length of time-series</p>
Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency (NSE) (Nash and Sutcliffe, 1970)	$[-\infty, 1]$	1	$NSE = 1 - \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T (E_m^t - E_o^t)^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T (E_o^t - \bar{E}_o)^2}$ <p>where E_m^t and E_o^t are the modelled and observed evaporation values (in mm) at time t, and T is the overall length of time-series</p>
Kling-Gupta Efficiency (KGE) (Gupta et al., 2009)	$[-\infty, 1]$	1	$KGE = 1 - \sqrt{(r - 1)^2 + (\alpha - 1)^2 + (\beta - 1)^2}$ <p>where r is the Pearson correlation coefficient between the modelled and observed evaporation, α is the ratio between the simulated and observed evaporation variability, β is the ratio between the mean simulated and mean observed evaporation:</p>
	$[-1, 1]$	1	$r = \frac{cov(E_m, E_o)}{\sigma_m \sigma_o} = \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T (E_m^t - \bar{E}_m)(E_o^t - \bar{E}_o)}{\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T (E_m^t - \bar{E}_m)^2} \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T (E_o^t - \bar{E}_o)^2}}$
	$[-\infty, +\infty,]$	1	$\alpha = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T (E_m^t - \bar{E}_m)^2}}{\sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T (E_o^t - \bar{E}_o)^2}}$
	$[-\infty, +\infty,]$	1	$\beta = \frac{\bar{E}_m}{\bar{E}_o}$

612 **Appendix C. BROOK90 main parameters and calibration results**

613 Table C1 Main site-specific parameters (topography, coil and land cover related) used in tested BROOK90 frameworks*.

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Grillenburg

Parameter abbreviation	Physical meaning	Unit	GBR90	EXTR	BR90	CBR90
ALB	albedo or surface reflectivity without snow	-	0.2		0.18	0.24
ALBSN	albedo or surface reflectivity with snow	-	0.45	0.5		0.44
ASPECTD	aspect, degrees through east from north	degrees	180	0	251	
BEXP	exponent for ψ - θ relation	-	5.39	5.3		
CINTRL	maximum interception storage of rain per unit LAI	mm	0.15	0.06	0.2	0.10
CINTRS	maximum interception storage of rain per unit SAI	mm	0.15	0.06	0.2	0.2
CINTSL	maximum interception storage of snow per unit LAI	mm	0.6			0.78
CINTSS	maximum interception storage of snow per unit SAI	mm	0.6			
CR	extinction coefficient for photosynthetically-active radiation in the canopy	-	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8
CVPD	vapor pressure deficit at which stomatal conductance is halved	kPa	2			1.8
CS	ratio of projected SAI to HEIGHT	-	0.035		0.1	
ESLOPED	slope for evapotranspiration and snowmelt	degrees	0		1	
FRINTL	intercepted fraction of rain per unit LAI	-	0.06	0.15	0.06	0.08
FRINTS	intercepted fraction of rain per unit SAI	-	0.06	0.15	0.06	
FSINTL	intercepted fraction of snow per unit LAI	-	0.04			
FSINTS	intercepted fraction of snow per unit SAI	-	0.04			
FXYLEM	fraction of plant resistance that is in the xylem	-	0			
GLMAXC	maximum leaf conductance	cm/s	0.8	0.53	1.50	1.47
GLMINC	minimum leaf conductance	cm/s	0.03	0.01	0.03	
IMPERV	fraction of the soil surface that is impermeable and always routes water reaching it directly to streamflow	-	0.01	0		
KF	hydraulic conductivity at field capacity corresponding to THETA _F and PSIF for a soil layer	mm/d	6.3	13.1		
KSNVP	reduction factor between 0.05 and 1 to reduce snow evaporation	-	1	0.3	1	
LATD	latitude	degrees	50.95			
LWIDTH	average leaf width	m	0.01	0.006	0.01	0.024
MAXHT	maximum canopy height for the year	m	0.5	0.8	0.80	

MAXLAI	maximum projected LAI for the year	m ² /m ²	5.8	4	5	5.9
MXKPL	maximum plant conductivity	mm day ⁻¹ MPa ⁻¹	8			7.3
MXRTLN	maximum length of fine roots per unit ground area	m ² /m ²	1000		800	601
NLAYER	number of soil layers to be used	-	7	5		
PSICR	minimum plant leaf water potential	MPa	-2	-2.5	-2	-1.9
PSIF	matric potential at "field capacity" corresponding to KF and THETA F for a soil layer	kPa	-8.5	-25		
RELHT	pairs of day of the year and relative height between 0 and 1	-	1,0.03,120,0.03,210,1,330,0.03,366,0.03	1,0.1,115,0.1,145,1,268,1,298,1,366,0.1	1,0.1,80,0.1,105,0.3,130,0.4,160,1,170,0.15,220,0.46,270,0.25,320,0.12,366,0.12	1,0.16,80,0.2,105,0.6,130,0.57,160,0.6,170,1,220,0.9,270,0.37,320,0.28,366,0.10
RELLAI	pairs of day of the year and relative LAI between 0 and 1	-	1,0.087,41,0.101,82,0.223,122,0.836,163,1,203,0.983,244,0.76,284,0.577,325,0.279,366,0.087	1,0,115,0,145,1,268,1,298,0,366,0	1,0.05,80,0.05,105,0.15,130,0.5,160,1,170,0.2,220,0.5,270,0.25,320,0.05,366,0.05	1,0.12,80,0.17,105,0.41,130,0.62,160,1,170,0.60,220,1,270,0.15,320,0.15,366,0.06
ROOTDEN	relative root density (per unit stonefree volume) of fine or absorbing roots for given layer	m ³ /m ²	100,0.44,100,0.25,100,0.14,100,0.08,100,0.04,100,0.02,100,0.02,100,0.01,100,0	100,0.44,100,0.25,100,0.14,100,0.08,100,0.04,100,0.02,100,0.01	100,0.44,100,0.25,100,0.14,100,0.05,100,0	
STONEF	stone volume fraction in each soil layer	-	0.10, 0.10, 0.11, 0.11, 0.13, 0.17, 0.17	0.01		
THETA F	volumetric water content at "field capacity" corresponding to KF and PSIF for soil layer	m ³ /m ²	0.324	0.365		
THICK	layer thicknesses	mm	25,75,125, 225, 350, 700,500	100,130,100, 500,500		
THSAT	THETA at saturation	m ³ /m ²	0.451	0.485		
WETINF	wetness at dry end of near-saturation range for a soil layer	-	0.92			
ZOG	ground surface roughness	m	0.01	0.02		

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Klingenberg

Parameter abbreviation	Physical meaning	Unit	GBR90	EXTR	BR90	CBR90
ALB	albedo or surface reflectivity without snow	-	0.22		0.18	0.13
ALBSN	albedo or surface reflectivity with snow	-	0.50			0.6
ASPECTD	aspect, degrees through east from north	degrees	225	0	213	
BEXP	exponent for ψ - θ relation	-	5.39	11.4,11.4,8.52,5.39	11.4,11.4,8.52,5.39	
CINTRL	maximum interception storage of rain per unit LAI	mm	0.15		0.2	0.10

CINTRS	maximum interception storage of rain per unit SAI	mm	0.15		0.2	
CINTSL	maximum interception storage of snow per unit LAI	mm	0.6			0.8
CINTSS	maximum interception storage of snow per unit SAI	mm	0.6			
CR	extinction coefficient for photosynthetically-active radiation in the canopy	-	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.73
CVPD	vapor pressure deficit at which stomatal conductance is halved	kPa	2			0.5
CS	ratio of projected SAI to HEIGHT	-	0.035		0.1	
ESLOPED	slope for evapotranspiration and snowmelt	degrees	5	0	1	
FRINTL	intercepted fraction of rain per unit LAI	-	0.06			0.1
FRINTS	intercepted fraction of rain per unit SAI	-	0.06			
FSINTL	intercepted fraction of snow per unit LAI	-	0.04			0.035
FSINTS	intercepted fraction of snow per unit SAI	-	0.04			
FXYLEM	fraction of plant resistance that is in the xylem	-	0			
GLMAXC	maximum leaf conductance	cm/s	1.1		1.3	1.5
GLMINC	minimum leaf conductance	cm/s	0.03		0.05	
IMPERV	fraction of the soil surface that is impermeable and always routes water reaching it directly to streamflow	-	0.01	0		
KF	hydraulic conductivity at field capacity corresponding to THETA _F and PSIF for a soil layer	mm/d	6.3	4.3,4.3,7.3,6.3	4.3,4.3,7.3,6.3	
KSNVP	reduction factor between 0.05 and 1 to reduce snow evaporation	-	1			
LATD	latitude	degrees	50.89			
LWIDTH	average leaf width	m	0.05	0.1	0.025	0.035
MAXHT	maximum canopy height for the year	m	1.3	2.2	1.4	
MAXLAI	maximum projected LAI for the year	m ² /m ²	5.2	4.7	4	6
MXKPL	maximum plant conductivity	mm day ⁻¹ MPa ⁻¹	8			7
MXRTLN	maximum length of fine roots per unit ground area	m ² /m ²	110	110	500	374
NLAYER	number of soil layers to be used	-	7	4		

PSICR	minimum plant leaf water potential	MPa	-2		-2.1
PSIF	matric potential at "field capacity" corresponding to KF and THETAF for a soil layer	kPa	-8.5	-7.7,-7.7,-14.7,-8.5	-7.7,-7.7,-14.7,-8.5
RELHT	pairs of day of the year and relative height between 0 and 1	-	1,0.03,120,0.03,210,1,330,0.03,366,0.03	1,0,100,0,213,1,278,1,308,0,366,0	1,0.07,100,0.10,130,0.57,160,1,190,1,210,0.5,240,0.29,270,0.07,320,0.09,366,0.07
RELLAI	pairs of day of the year and relative LAI between 0 and 1	-	1,0.286,41,0.054,82,0.243,122,0.0571,163,1,203,0.486,244,0.318,284,0.3,325,0.393,366,0.286	1,0,100,0,213,1,278,1,308,0,366,0	1,0.01,100,0.05,130,0.57,160,0.9,190,1,210,0.5,240,0.29,270,0.05,320,0.05,366,0.01
ROOTDEN	relative root density (per unit stonefree volume) of fine or absorbing roots for given layer	m ³ /m ²	100,0.34,100,0.22,100,0.15,100,0.10,100,0.07,100,0.04,100,0.03,100,0.02,100,0.01,100,0.01,100,0.01,100,0.01,100,0	100,0.34,100,0.22,100,0.15,100,0.1,100,0.07,100,0.04	100,0.4,100,0.3,100,0.15,100,0.1,100,0.1,100,0.05,100,0.05,100,0
STONEF	stone volume fraction in each soil layer	-	0.15,0.15,0.15,0.16,0.17,0.21,0.23	0.11,0.11,0.11,0.11	
THETAF	volumetric water content at "field capacity" corresponding to KF and PSIF for soil layer	m ³ /m ²	0.324	0.425,0.425,0.402,0.324	
THICK	layer thicknesses	mm	25,75,125,225,350,700,500	200,300,200,100	
THSAT	THETA at saturation	m ³ /m ²	0.451	0.482,0.482,0.476,0.451	
WETINF	wetness at dry end of near-saturation range for a soil layer	-	0.92	0.94,0.94, 0.92,0.92	
ZOG	ground surface roughness	m	0.005		0.02

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Hetzdorf

Parameter abbreviation	Physical meaning	Unit	GBR90	EXTR	BR90	CBR90
ALB	albedo or surface reflectivity without snow	-	0.18	0.21	0.21	0.10
ALBSN	albedo or surface reflectivity with snow	-	0.22	0.47	0.50	0.49
ASPECTD	aspect, degrees through east from north	degrees	315	0	148	
BEXP	exponent for ψ - θ relation	-	5.39	5.3,5.3,5.3,5.3,4.9		
CINTRL	maximum interception storage of rain per unit LAI	mm	0.15	0.7	0.15	0.10
CINTRS	maximum interception storage of rain per unit SAI	mm	0.15	1	0.15	
CINTSL	maximum interception storage of snow per unit LAI	mm	0.6	2.8	0.6	0.10
CINTSS	maximum interception storage of snow per unit SAI	mm	0.6	4	0.6	
CR	extinction coefficient for photosynthetically-active radiation in the canopy	-	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7

CVPD	vapor pressure deficit at which stomatal conductance is halved	kPa	2			0.55
CS	ratio of projected SAI to HEIGHT	-	0.035			
ESLOPED	slope for evapotranspiration and snowmelt	degrees	5	0	4	
FRINTL	intercepted fraction of rain per unit LAI	-	0.06	0.1	0.06	0.10
FRINTS	intercepted fraction of rain per unit SAI	-	0.06	0.1	0.06	
FSINTL	intercepted fraction of snow per unit LAI	-	0.04	0.1	0.04	0.09
FSINTS	intercepted fraction of snow per unit SAI	-	0.04	0.5	0.04	
FXYLEM	fraction of plant resistance that is in the xylem	-	0.5			
GLMAXC	maximum leaf conductance	cm/s	0.45	0.7	0.7	0.80
GLMINC	minimum leaf conductance	cm/s	0.03	0.07	0.03	
IMPERV	fraction of the soil surface that is impermeable and always routes water reaching it directly to streamflow	-	0.01	0		
KF	hydraulic conductivity at field capacity corresponding to THETAF and PSIF for a soil layer	mm/d	6.3	13.1,13.1,13.1,13.1,5.5		
KSNVP	reduction factor between 0.05 and 1 to reduce snow evaporation	-	0.3			0.08
LATD	latitude	degrees	50.96			
LWIDTH	average leaf width	m	0.07	0.05	0.03	0.05
MAXHT	maximum canopy height for the year	m	20.5	26	9	
MAXLAI	maximum projected LAI for the year	m ² /m ²	6.3	4.5	6	5.65
MXKPL	maximum plant conductivity	mm day ⁻¹ MPa ⁻¹	8		7	13.4
MXRTLN	maximum length of fine roots per unit ground area	m ² /m ²	3200		2000	3492
NLAYER	number of soil layers to be used	-	7	5		
PSICR	minimum plant leaf water potential	MPa	-2		-2.5	-1.9
PSIF	matric potential at "field capacity" corresponding to KF and THETAF for a soil layer	kPa	-8.5	-25,-25,-25,-25,-7.9		
RELHT	pairs of day of the year and relative height between 0 and 1	-	1,1,366,1			
RELLAI	pairs of day of the year and relative LAI between 0 and 1	-	1,0.482,41,0.219,82,0.401,122,0.568,163,1,203,0.826,244,0.842,284,0.494,325,0.393,366,0.482	1,0.54,0.84,1,299,1,329,0,366,0	1,0.3,40,0.4,80,0.5,120,0.6,160,1,200,1,240,0.8,280,0.6,320,0.4,366,0.3	1,0.06,40,0.23,80,0.49,120,0.55,160,1,200,1,240,0.7,280,0.7,320,0.33,366,0.2
ROOTDEN	relative root density (per unit stonefree volume) of fine or absorbing roots for given layer	m ³ /m ²	100,0.305,100,0.215,100,0.15,100,0.10,100,0.07,100,0.05,100,0.045,100,0.025,	100,0.22,100,0.17,100,0.13,100,0.10,100,0.08,100,0.06,100,0.05	100,0.20,100,0.15,100,0.12,100,0.09,100,0.08,100,0.07,100,0.05,100,0.04,	

			100,0.02,100,0.015, 100,0.01,100,0.01, 100,0.01,100,0.01, 100,0.005,100,0.005, 100,0		100,0.03,100,0.02, 100,0.01,100,0
STONEF	stone volume fraction in each soil layer	-	0.13,0.12, 0.12,0.14, 0.17,0.17, 0.18	0.09,0.10,0.12,0.10,0.4	
THETAF	volumetric water content at "field capacity" corresponding to KF and PSIF for soil layer	m ³ /m ²	0.324	0.365,0.365,0.365,0.365,0.266	
THICK	layer thicknesses	mm	25,75,125,225, 350,700,500	250,450,200,200,400	
THSAT	THETA at saturation	m ³ /m ²	0.451	0.485,0.485,0.485,0.485,0.435	
WETINF	wetness at dry end of near-saturation range for a soil layer	-		0.92	
ZOG	ground surface roughness	m		0.02	

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Parameter abbreviation	Physical meaning	Unit	GBR90	EXTR	BR90	CBR90
ALB	albedo or surface reflectivity without snow	-	0.1	0.22	0.08	0.13
ALBSN	albedo or surface reflectivity with snow	-	0.28	0.34	0.40	0.60
ASPECTD	aspect, degrees through east from north	degrees	45	0	161	
BEXP	exponent for ψ - θ relation	-	5.39,5.39, 5.39,5.39, 5.39,4.9, 4.9	5.3		
CINTRL	maximum interception storage of rain per unit LAI	mm	0.15	0.4	0.10	0.07
CINTRS	maximum interception storage of rain per unit SAI	mm	0.15	0.2	0.10	
CINTSL	maximum interception storage of snow per unit LAI	mm	0.6	1.6	0.5	0.2
CINTSS	maximum interception storage of snow per unit SAI	mm	0.6	0.8	0.5	
CR	extinction coefficient for photosynthetically-active radiation in the canopy	-	0.5			0.61
CVPD	vapor pressure deficit at which stomatal conductance is halved	kPa	2			0.78
CS	ratio of projected SAI to HEIGHT	-	0.035		0.02	
ESLOPED	slope for evapotranspiration and snowmelt	degrees	5	0	4	
FRINTL	intercepted fraction of rain per unit LAI	-	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.02
FRINTS	intercepted fraction of rain per unit SAI	-	0.06	0.08	0.06	
FSINTL	intercepted fraction of snow per unit LAI	-	0.04	0.08	0.04	0.01
FSINTS	intercepted fraction of snow per unit SAI	-	0.04	0.1	0.04	

FXYLEM	fraction of plant resistance that is in the xylem	-	0.5		0.3	
GLMAXC	maximum leaf conductance	cm/s	0.34		0.35	0.69
GLMINC	minimum leaf conductance	cm/s	0.03	0.01	0.02	
IMPERV	fraction of the soil surface that is impermeable and always routes water reaching it directly to streamflow	-	0.01	0		
KF	hydraulic conductivity at field capacity corresponding to THETA _F and PSIF for a soil layer	mm/d	6.3,6.3, 6.3,6.3, 6.3,5.5, 5.5	13.1		
KSNVP	reduction factor between 0.05 and 1 to reduce snow evaporation	-	0.3		0.08	
LATD	latitude	degrees	50.96			
LWIDTH	average leaf width	m	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.003
MAXHT	maximum canopy height for the year	m	23.2	29	30	
MAXLAI	maximum projected LAI for the year	m ² /m ²	6.2	7.6	7	5
MXKPL	maximum plant conductivity	mm day ⁻¹ MPa ⁻¹	8		7	7.5
MXRTLN	maximum length of fine roots per unit ground area	m ² /m ²	3100	3000	1700	1809
NLAYER	number of soil layers to be used	-	7	6		
PSICR	minimum plant leaf water potential	MPa	-2		-2.5	-2.0
PSIF	matric potential at "field capacity" corresponding to KF and THETA _F for a soil layer	kPa	-8.5,-8.5, -8.5,-8.5, -8.5,-7.9, -7.9	-25		
RELHT	pairs of day of the year and relative height between 0 and 1	-	1,1,366,1			
RELLAI	pairs of day of the year and relative LAI between 0 and 1	-	1,1,366,1	1,0.8,160,1, 220,1,366,0.8	1,0.8,160,1, 220,1,366,0.8	1,0.5,140,0.8, 190,1,230,0.73, 320,0.6,366,0.5
ROOTDEN	relative root density (per unit stonefree volume) of fine or absorbing roots for given layer	m ³ /m ²	100,0.27,100,0.195, 100,0.14,100,0.10, 100,0.075,100,0.065, 100,0.04,100,0.03, 100,0.025,100,0.015, 100,0.015,100,0.01, 100,0.005,100,0.005, 100,0.005,100,0.005, 100,0.005,100,0.005, 100,0.005,100,0	100,0.22,100,0.17, 100,0.13,100,0.1, 100,0.08,100,0.06, 100,0.05,100,0.04, 100,0.03,100,0.02, 100,0.01,100,0.01, 100,0.01	100,0.25,100,0.2, 100,0.15,100,0.1, 100,0.08,100,0.06, 100,0.05,100,0.04, 100,0.03,100,0.02, 100,0.01,100,0.01, 100,0.01	
STONEF	stone volume fraction in each soil layer	-	0.14,0.13,0.14, 0.16,0.18,0.21, 0.23	0.19,0.20,0.32, 0.40,0.42,0.42		
THETA _F	volumetric water content at "field capacity" corresponding to KF and PSIF for soil layer	m ³ /m ²	0.324,0.324, 0.324,0.324, 0.324,0.266, 0.266	0.365		
THICK	layer thicknesses	mm	25,75,125,225, 350,700,500	60,60,240,300,300,300		
THSAT	THETA at saturation	m ³ /m ²	0.451,0.451, 0.451,0.451, 0.451,0.435, 0.435	0.485		

WETINF	wetness at dry end of near-saturation range for a soil layer	-	0.92
Z0G	ground surface roughness	m	0.02

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Parameter abbreviation	Physical meaning	Unit	GBR90	EXTR	BR90	CBR90
ALB	albedo or surface reflectivity without snow	-	0.1	0.13	0.1	0.07
ALBSN	albedo or surface reflectivity with snow	-	0.28	0.34	0.4	0.45
ASPECTD	aspect, degrees through east from north	degrees	45	0	55	
BEXP	exponent for ψ - θ relation	-	5.39,5.39,5.39, 4.9, 4.9,4.9, 4.9	4.9,4.9,4.9,4.9, 5.39,5.39,4.9, 4.9,5.3,5.3	4.9,5.39,4.9,5.3	
CINTRL	maximum interception storage of rain per unit LAI	mm	0.15	0.4	0.10	
CINTRS	maximum interception storage of rain per unit SAI	mm	0.15	0.2	0.10	
CINTSL	maximum interception storage of snow per unit LAI	mm	0.6	1.6	0.10	
CINTSS	maximum interception storage of snow per unit SAI	mm	0.6	0.8	0.5	
CR	extinction coefficient for photosynthetically-active radiation in the canopy	-	0.5			
CVPD	vapor pressure deficit at which stomatal conductance is halved	kPa	2			
CS	ratio of projected SAI to HEIGHT	-	0.035	0.02	0.02	
ESLOPED	slope for evapotranspiration and snowmelt	degrees	5	0	6	
FRINTL	intercepted fraction of rain per unit LAI	-	0.06	0.08	0.06	
FRINTS	intercepted fraction of rain per unit SAI	-	0.06	0.08	0.06	
FSINTL	intercepted fraction of snow per unit LAI	-	0.04	0.08	0.04	0.02
FSINTS	intercepted fraction of snow per unit SAI	-	0.04	0.1	0.04	
FXYLEM	fraction of plant resistance that is in the xylem	-	0.5			
GLMAXC	maximum leaf conductance	cm/s	0.34	0.34	0.45	0.60
GLMINC	minimum leaf conductance	cm/s	0.03	0.01	0.03	
IMPERV	fraction of the soil surface that is impermeable and always routes water reaching it directly to streamflow	-	0.01	0		
KF	hydraulic conductivity at field capacity corresponding to THETA _F and PSIF for a soil layer	mm/d	6.3,6.3, 6.3, 5.5, 5.5,5.5, 5.5	5.5,5.5,5.5,5.5, 6.3,6.6,5.5,5.5, 5.5,13.1,13.1	5.5,6.3,5.5,13.1	
KSNVP	reduction factor between 0.05 and 1 to reduce snow evaporation	-	0.3			0.5
LATD	latitude	degrees	50.797			
LWIDTH	average leaf width	m	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.003

MAXHT	maximum canopy height for the year	m	20	29	25	
MAXLAI	maximum projected LAI for the year	m ² /m ²	7	7.6	7.5	6
MXKPL	maximum plant conductivity	mm day ⁻¹ MPa ⁻¹	8	8	7	
MXRTLN	maximum length of fine roots per unit ground area	m ² /m ²	3100	3000	1500	2000
NLAYER	number of soil layers to be used	-	7	11	4	
PSICR	minimum plant leaf water potential	MPa	-2		-2.5	-1.5
PSIF	matric potential at "field capacity" corresponding to KF and THETAF for a soil layer	kPa	-8.5,-8.5, -8.5,-7.9, -7.9,-7.9, -7.9	-25	-7.9,-8.5,-7.9,-25	
RELHT	pairs of day of the year and relative height between 0 and 1	-	1,1,366,1			
RELLAI	pairs of day of the year and relative LAI between 0 and 1	-	1,1,366,1	1,0.8,160,1, 220,1,366,0.8	1,0.8,160,1, 220,1,366,0.8	1,0.6,75,0.6, 100,0.98,140,1, 200,1,230,0.9, 300,0.6,366,0.6
ROOTDEN	relative root density (per unit stonefree volume) of fine or absorbing roots for given layer	m ³ /m ²	100,0.27,100,0.195, 100,0.14,100,0.10, 100,0.075,100,0.065, 100,0.04,100,0.03, 100,0.025,100,0.015, 100,0.015,100,0.01, 100,0.005,100,0.005, 100,0.005,100,0.005, 100,0.005,100,0.005, 100,0.005,100,0	100,0.3,100, 0.2,100,0.13, 100,0.1,100,0.08, 100,0.06,100,0.05, 100,0.04,100,0.03, 100,0.02,100,0.01, 100,0.01,100,0	100,0.3,100, 0.2,100,0.13, 100,0.1,100,0.08, 100,0.06,100,0.05, 100,0.04,100,0.03, 100,0.02,100,0.01, 100,0.01,100,0	
STONEF	stone volume fraction in each soil layer	-	0.16,0.16,0.17, 0.20,0.24,0.26, 0.27	0.737,0.737,0.771, 0.771,0.518,0.518, 0.574,0.574,0.581, 0.711,0.722	0.115,0.23,0.29,0.42	
THETAF	volumetric water content at "field capacity" corresponding to KF and PSIF for soil layer	m ³ /m ²	0.324,0.324, 0.324, 0.266, 0.266,0.266, 0.266	0.266,0.266,0.266, 0.266,0.324,0.324, 0.266,0.266,0.266, 0.365,0.365	0.266,0.324,0.266,0.365	
THICK	layer thicknesses	mm	25,75,125,225, 350,700,500	30,40,50,60, 60,50,50,60, 60,70,490	180,110,170,560	
THSAT	THETA at saturation	m ³ /m ²	0.451,0.451, 0.451, 0.435, 0.435,0.435, 0.435	0.435,0.435,0.435, 0.435,0.451,0.451, 0.435,0.435,0.435, 0.485,0.485	0.435,0.451,0.435,0.485	
WETINF	wetness at dry end of near-saturation range for a soil layer	-	0.92			
ZOG	ground surface roughness	m	0.02			

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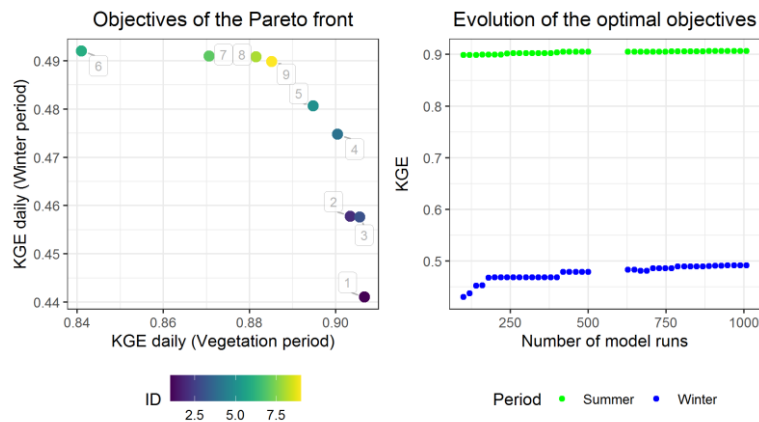
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Table C2 BROOK90 parameters and their ranges chosen for the calibration

Parameter abbreviation	Physical meaning	Unit	Range				
			G	K	H	T	O
ALB	albedo or surface reflectivity without snow	-	0.1-0.3	0.1-0.3	0.1-0.3	0.05-0.15	0.07-0.13
ALBSN	albedo or surface reflectivity with snow	-	0.4-0.6	0.4-0.6	0.3-0.5	0.4-0.6	0.35-0.45
CINTRL	maximum interception storage of rain per unit LAI	mm	0.1-0.3	0.1-0.3	0.1-0.3	0.07-0.15	0.10-0.15
CINTSL	maximum interception storage of snow per unit LAI	mm	0.4-0.8	0.4-0.8	0.1-0.6	0.2-0.4	0.1-0.3
CR	extinction coefficient for photosynthetically-active radiation in the canopy	-	0.6-0.8	0.6-0.8	0.5-0.7	0.5-0.7	0.5-0.7
CVPD	vapor pressure deficit at which stomatal conductance is halved	kPa	0.5-2	0.5-2	0.5-2	0.5-2	0.5-2
FRINTL	intercepted fraction of rain per unit LAI	-	0.04-0.1	0.04-0.1	0.01-0.1	0.02-0.06	0.06-0.08
FSINTL	intercepted fraction of snow per unit LAI	-	0.04-0.07	0.01-0.05	0.01-0.1	0.01-0.04	0.02-0.04
GLMAXC	maximum leaf conductance	cm/s	1-1.5	1-1.5	0.3-2	0.3-0.7	0.3-0.6
KSNVP	reduction factor for snow evaporation	-	-	-	0.05-0.5	0.05-0.5	0.05-0.5
LWIDTH	average leaf width	m	0.010-0.025	0.015-0.045	0.02-0.05	0.001-0.003	0.001-0.003
MAXLAI	maximum projected LAI for the year	m ² /m ²	4-6	3-6	5-7	5-8	6-8
MXKPL	maximum plant conductivity	mm day ⁻¹ MPa ⁻¹	7-30	7-30	7-30	7-30	7-30
MXRTLN	maximum length of fine roots per unit ground area	m ² /m ²	600-1000	300-700	1500-4000	1500-2500	2000-3500
PSICR	minimum plant leaf water potential	MPa	-2.5 – -1.5	-2.5 – -1.5	-2.5 – -1.5	-2.5 – -1.5	-2.5 – -1.5
RELHT	pairs of day of the year and relative height between 0 and 1	-	Adjusting relative values for spring and autumn (G,K,H) and for winter (T,O) periods for fixed time-steps				
RELLAI	pairs of day of the year and relative LAI between 0 and 1	-					
IDEPH	depth over which infiltration is distributed	mm	0-1330	0-800	0-1500	0-1260	0-1020
QFPC	quick flow fraction bypass flow at field capacity	-	0-0.5	0-0.5	0-0.5	0-0.5	0-0.5
QFPAR	fraction of the water content between field capacity and saturation at which the quick flow fraction is 1	-	0-0.5	0-0.5	0-0.5	0-0.5	0-0.5
DRAIN	multiplier between 0 and 1 of drainage from the lowest soil layer	-	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1

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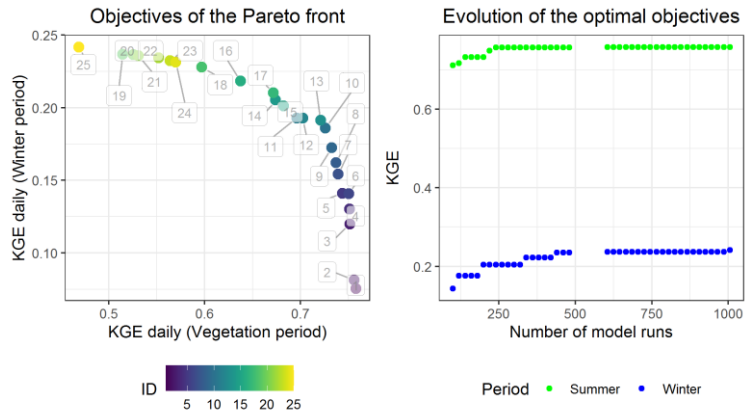
Abbreviations for ranges: G – Grillenburg, K – Klingenberg, H – Hetzdorf, T – Tharandt, O – Oberbaerenburg



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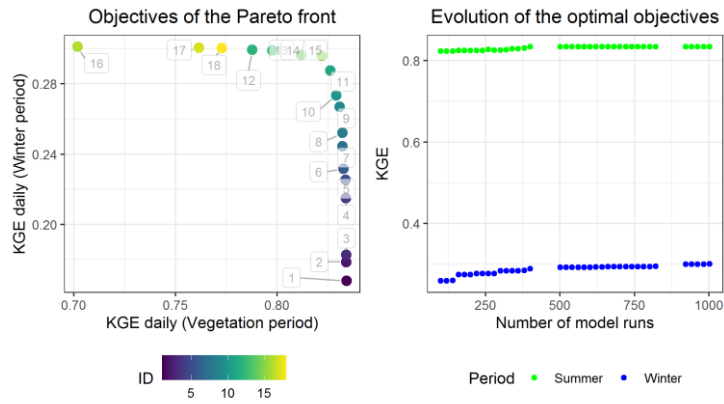
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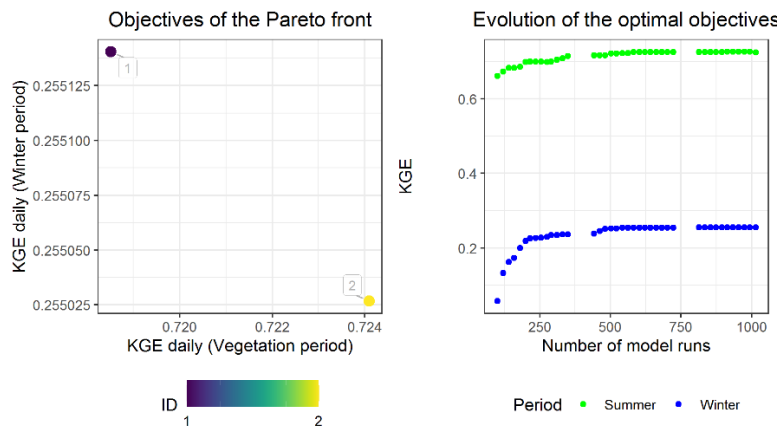
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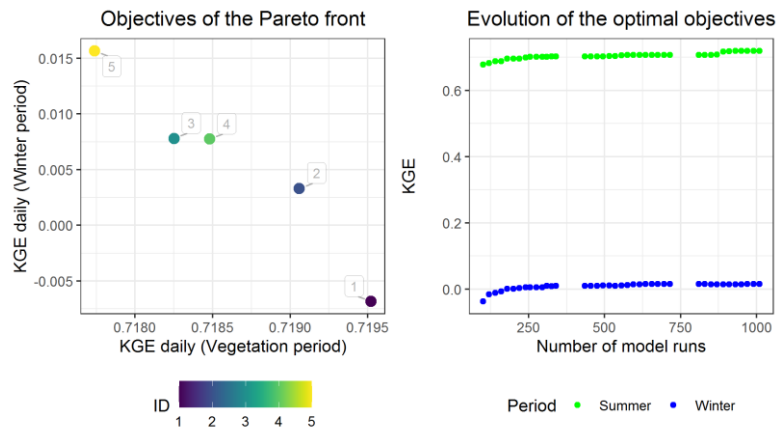
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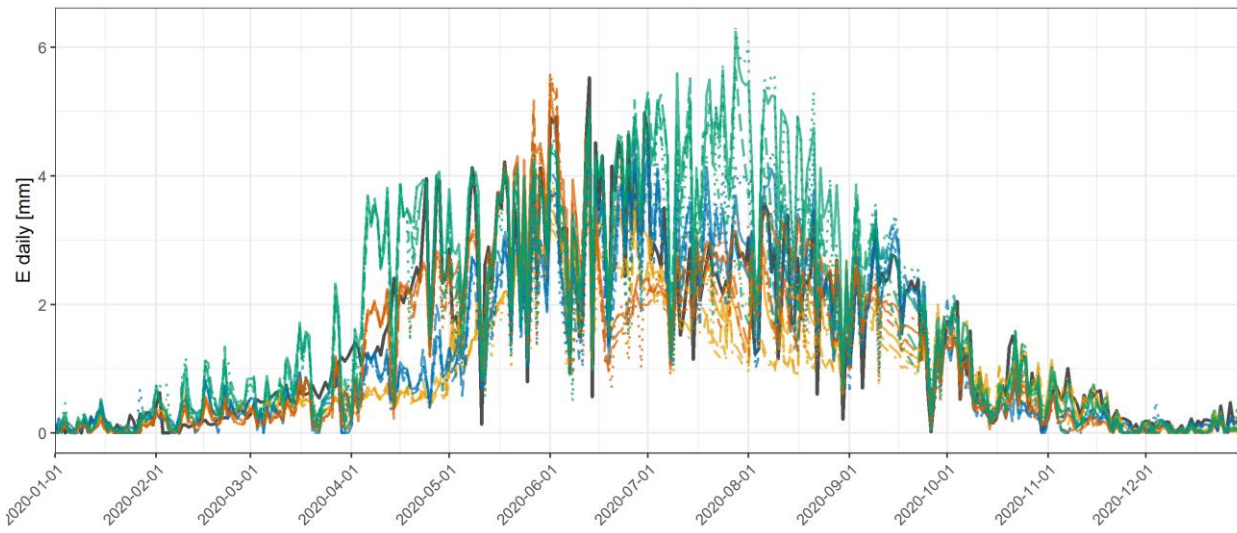
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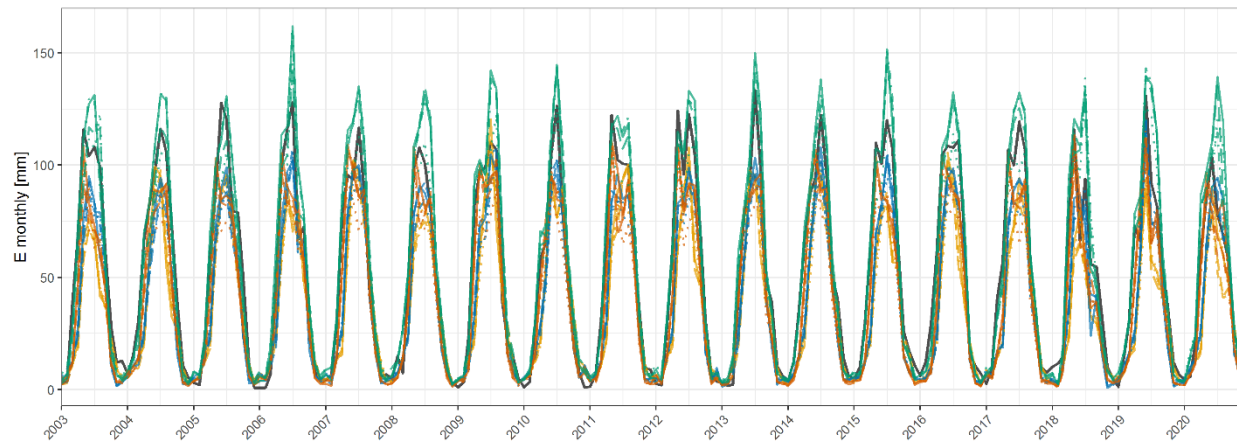
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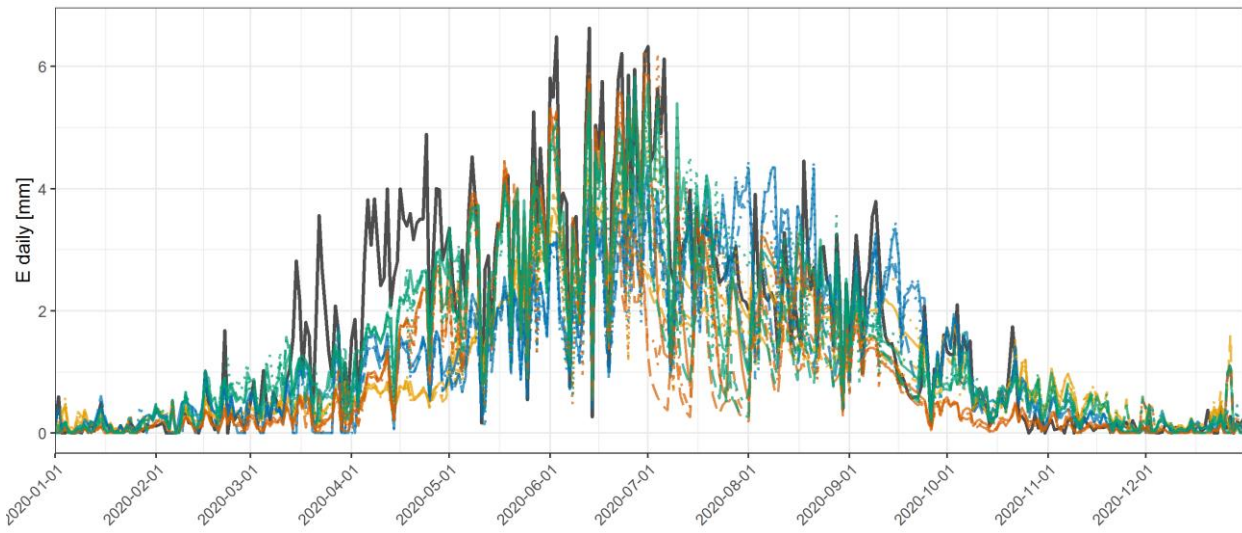


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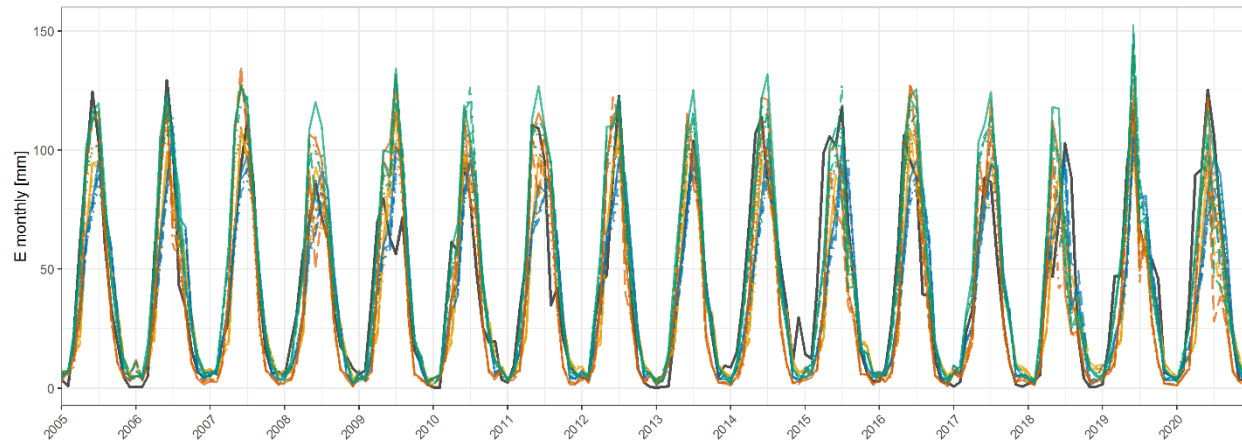


Figure D1 Grillenburg

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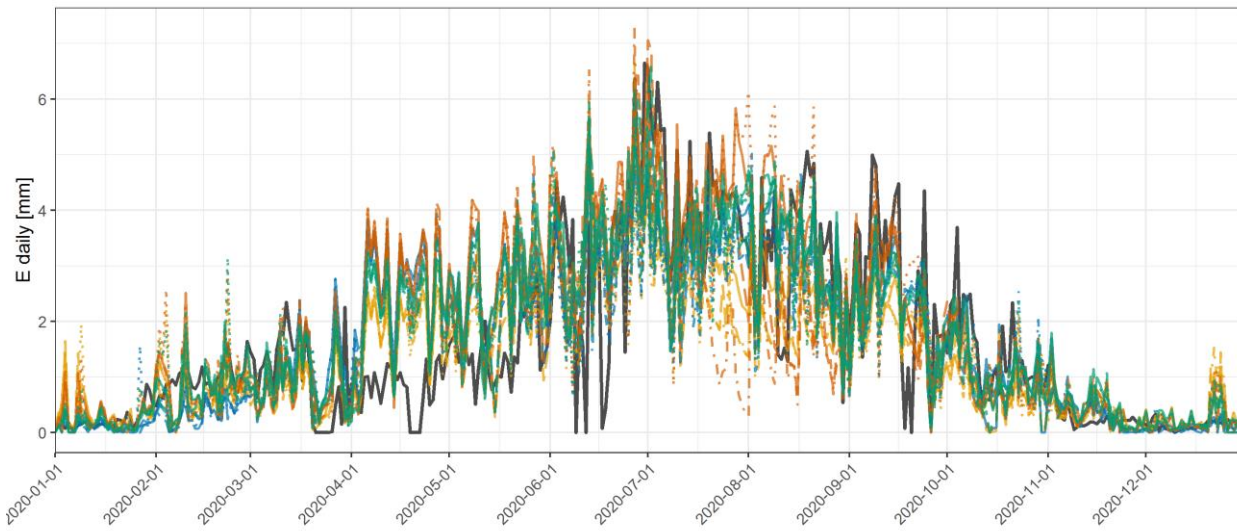


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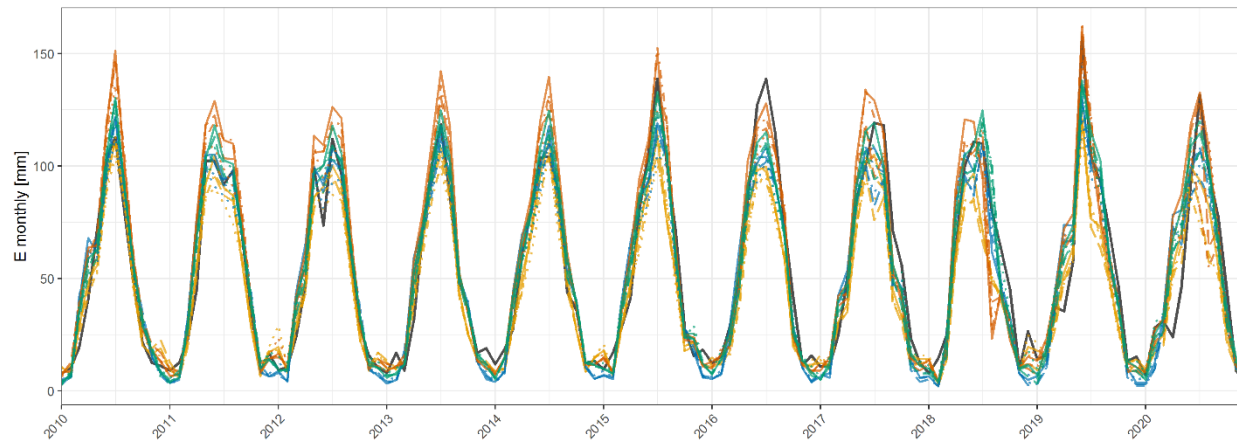


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Figure D2 Klingenberg



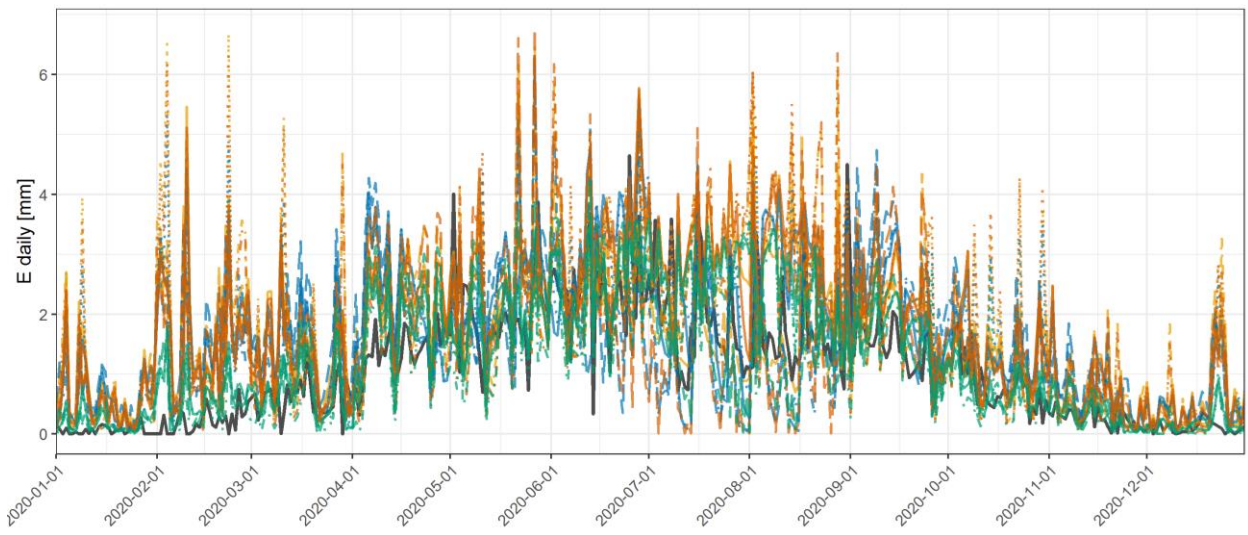
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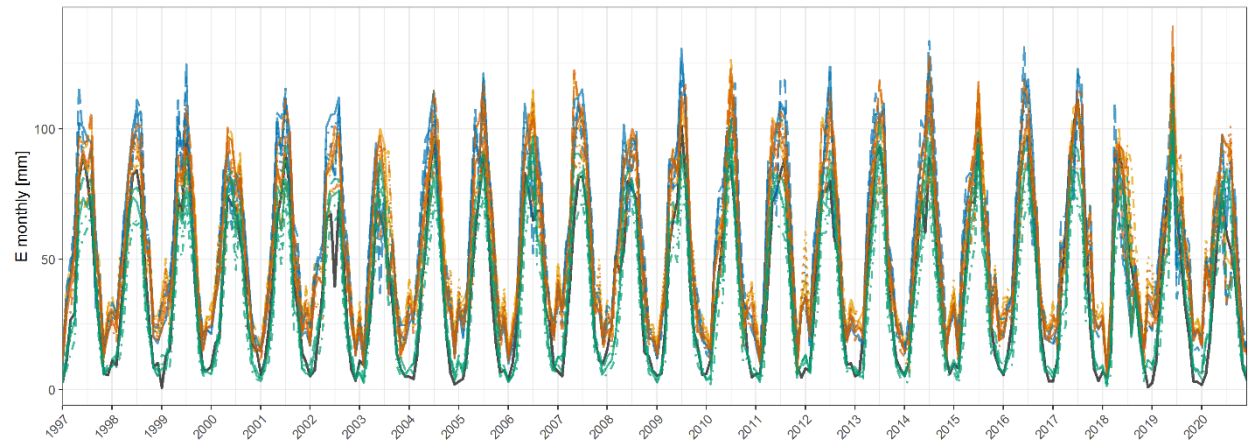
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Figure D3 Hetzdorf



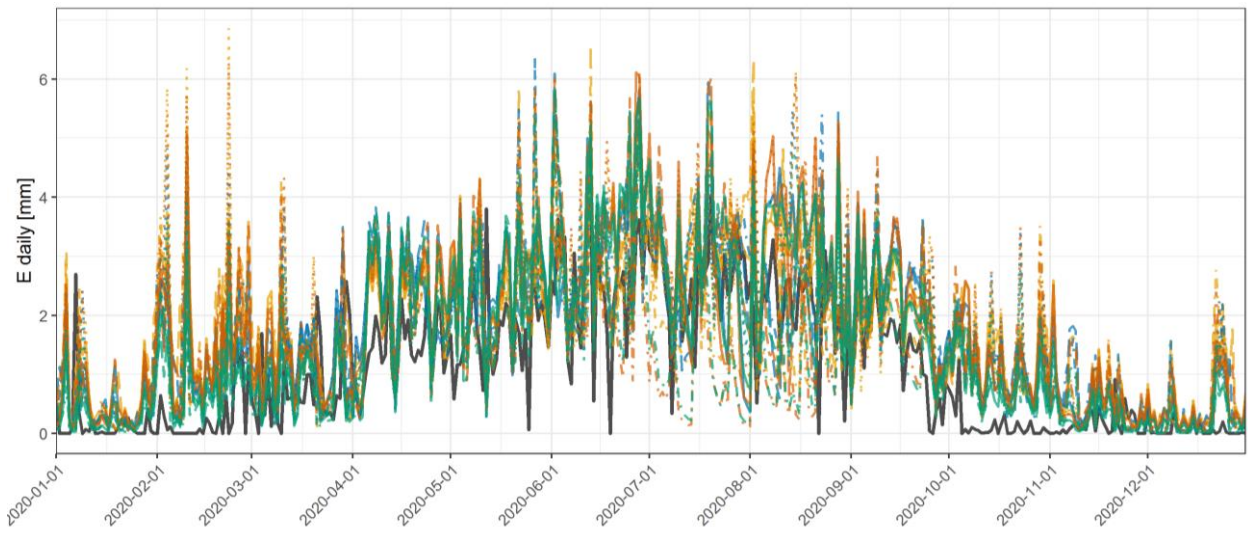
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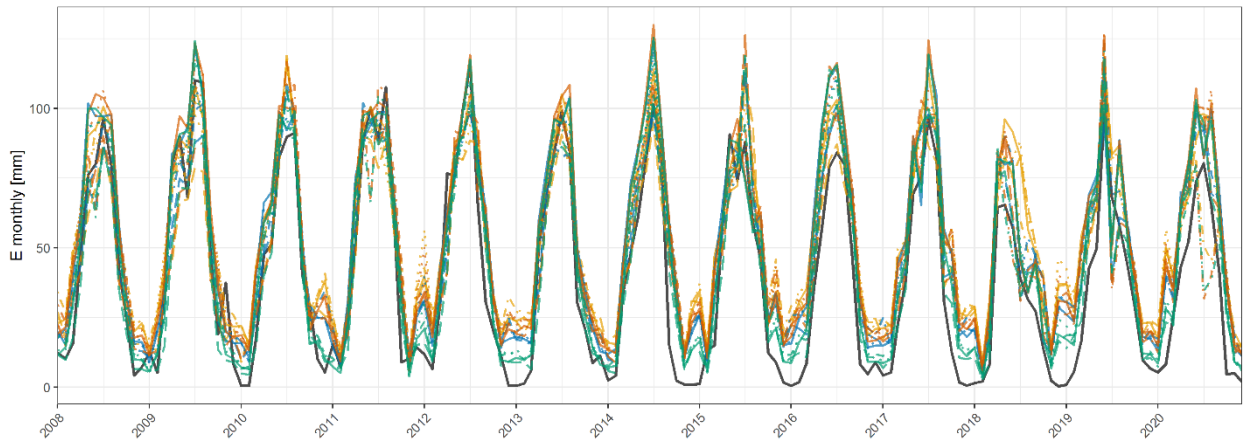
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Figure D4 Tharandt



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Figure D5 Oberbaerenburg

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Table E1. Daily evaporation skill-scores for the whole year

Model/Station	Grillenburg	Klingenberg	Hetzdorf	Tharandt	Oberbaerenburg	
NSE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.03	0.2	0.37	0.05	-0.09
	ERA5 d	0.06	0.29	0.56	0.25	0.13
	RaKliDa	-0.05	0.23	0.49	0.09	0.06
	Station	0.08	0.25	0.53	0.23	0.14
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.45	0.32	0.55	0.26	0.19
	ERA5 d	0.57	0.43	0.68	0.38	0.33
	RaKliDa	0.5	0.3	0.65	0.32	0.26
	Station	0.61	0.4	0.69	0.29	0.36
BR90	ERA5 h	0.46	0.53	0.61	0.13	0.09
	ERA5 d	0.61	0.56	0.69	0.36	0.31
	RaKliDa	0.59	0.51	0.67	0.17	0.18
	Station	0.63	0.5	0.71	0.32	0.33
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.76	0.51	0.57	0.48	0.35
	ERA5 d	0.83	0.61	0.72	0.59	0.52
	RaKliDa	0.85	0.59	0.69	0.28	0.41
	Station	0.86	0.6	0.74	0.63	0.53
KGE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.36	0.57	0.65	0.45	0.46
	ERA5 d	0.4	0.63	0.74	0.58	0.56
	RaKliDa	0.33	0.58	0.69	0.47	0.52
	Station	0.36	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.57
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.51	0.62	0.77	0.54	0.58
	ERA5 d	0.59	0.7	0.84	0.59	0.63
	RaKliDa	0.53	0.6	0.82	0.57	0.61
	Station	0.59	0.67	0.84	0.52	0.66
BR90	ERA5 h	0.53	0.72	0.78	0.47	0.5
	ERA5 d	0.7	0.76	0.78	0.6	0.6
	RaKliDa	0.65	0.72	0.78	0.51	0.55
	Station	0.66	0.72	0.82	0.52	0.63
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.88	0.76	0.79	0.73	0.66
	ERA5 d	0.84	0.76	0.85	0.79	0.71
	RaKliDa	0.86	0.79	0.85	0.59	0.69
	Station	0.9	0.79	0.86	0.81	0.77
Correlation						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.78	0.73	0.77	0.54	0.53
	ERA5 d	0.79	0.75	0.83	0.69	0.67
	RaKliDa	0.79	0.75	0.81	0.52	0.59
	Station	0.81	0.75	0.83	0.67	0.62
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.88	0.77	0.79	0.67	0.66
	ERA5 d	0.89	0.78	0.84	0.75	0.73
	RaKliDa	0.89	0.77	0.83	0.68	0.66
	Station	0.9	0.78	0.85	0.69	0.71
BR90	ERA5 h	0.86	0.78	0.79	0.57	0.59

	ERA5 d	0.86	0.77	0.84	0.72	0.71
	RaKliDa	0.87	0.77	0.82	0.55	0.62
	Station	0.89	0.76	0.85	0.68	0.68
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.88	0.77	0.8	0.78	0.71
	ERA5 d	0.92	0.81	0.86	0.82	0.78
	RaKliDa	0.93	0.8	0.85	0.73	0.72
	Station	0.93	0.8	0.87	0.81	0.77
BIAS						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.69	0.84	0.85	1.38	1.37
	ERA5 d	0.72	0.91	0.89	1.39	1.4
	RaKliDa	0.7	0.87	0.84	1.22	1.35
	Station	0.7	0.87	0.85	1.49	1.23
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.73	0.88	0.94	1.4	1.31
	ERA5 d	0.77	0.94	0.99	1.42	1.35
	RaKliDa	0.73	0.87	0.95	1.34	1.26
	Station	0.75	0.9	0.95	1.44	1.21
BR90	ERA5 h	0.73	0.86	1.03	1.36	1.37
	ERA5 d	0.83	0.94	1.1	1.34	1.38
	RaKliDa	0.8	0.87	1.05	1.17	1.31
	Station	0.8	0.87	1.04	1.41	1.21
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.99	1.06	0.99	0.9	1.19
	ERA5 d	1.13	1.16	1.03	0.94	1.23
	RaKliDa	1.11	1.09	0.98	0.78	1.16
	Station	1.07	1.09	0.98	1.02	1.06
Variance ratio						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.51	0.62	0.7	1.31	0.95
	ERA5 d	0.5	0.64	0.74	1.15	0.87
	RaKliDa	0.47	0.59	0.76	1.29	0.97
	Station	0.49	0.61	0.74	1.47	0.9
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.59	0.62	0.88	1.32	0.92
	ERA5 d	0.64	0.7	0.98	1.31	0.95
	RaKliDa	0.61	0.61	0.97	1.35	0.97
	Station	0.66	0.66	0.97	1.51	0.94
BR90	ERA5 h	0.63	0.96	1.17	1.42	1.08
	ERA5 d	0.75	1.09	1.31	1.25	1.04
	RaKliDa	0.7	0.97	1.31	1.35	1.08
	Station	0.71	1	1.21	1.61	1.03
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.98	0.91	0.89	0.79	0.94
	ERA5 d	1.18	1.08	1.03	0.86	1.01
	RaKliDa	1.15	0.96	0.99	0.76	0.96
	Station	1.11	1.01	1.02	1.02	0.97
MAE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.76	0.69	0.71	0.86	0.97
	ERA5 d	0.72	0.66	0.61	0.77	0.88
	RaKliDa	0.75	0.66	0.67	0.88	0.91
	Station	0.69	0.66	0.62	0.87	0.86
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.64	0.64	0.66	0.81	0.84
	ERA5 d	0.59	0.62	0.59	0.78	0.82
	RaKliDa	0.62	0.64	0.62	0.78	0.81

	Station	0.56	0.62	0.58	0.89	0.76
BR90	ERA5 h	0.64	0.65	0.7	0.85	0.94
	ERA5 d	0.59	0.67	0.65	0.74	0.86
	RaKliDa	0.59	0.66	0.67	0.85	0.92
	Station	0.55	0.67	0.61	0.85	0.82
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.52	0.66	0.64	0.5	0.73
	ERA5 d	0.48	0.64	0.57	0.47	0.69
	RaKliDa	0.46	0.62	0.58	0.6	0.73
	Station	0.42	0.61	0.54	0.5	0.63

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Table E2. Daily evaporation skill-scores for the vegetation period

Model/Station		Grillenbug	Klingenberg	Hetzdorf	Tharandt	Oberbaerenburg
NSE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	-0.46	-0.13	0.09	-0.12	-0.33
	ERA5 d	-0.52	-0.07	0.33	0.06	-0.09
	RaKliDa	-0.64	-0.13	0.28	0	-0.06
	Station	-0.45	-0.08	0.33	0.08	0.04
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.17	-0.08	0.21	0.03	-0.07
	ERA5 d	0.33	0.08	0.4	0.14	0.1
	RaKliDa	0.26	-0.09	0.4	0.15	0.14
	Station	0.41	0.09	0.47	0.12	0.27
BR90	ERA5 h	0.19	0.38	0.43	-0.03	-0.11
	ERA5 d	0.39	0.41	0.53	0.2	0.13
	RaKliDa	0.35	0.37	0.52	0.08	0.08
	Station	0.43	0.37	0.58	0.2	0.26
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.62	0.24	0.3	0.22	0.11
	ERA5 d	0.72	0.37	0.52	0.37	0.32
	RaKliDa	0.75	0.38	0.51	0	0.23
	Station	0.78	0.42	0.59	0.45	0.42
KGE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.33	0.49	0.57	0.38	0.39
	ERA5 d	0.34	0.52	0.67	0.54	0.53
	RaKliDa	0.28	0.48	0.64	0.39	0.49
	Station	0.33	0.51	0.66	0.47	0.54
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.51	0.5	0.63	0.48	0.52
	ERA5 d	0.59	0.57	0.71	0.55	0.59
	RaKliDa	0.53	0.49	0.71	0.49	0.58
	Station	0.6	0.56	0.74	0.46	0.64
BR90	ERA5 h	0.53	0.66	0.68	0.39	0.45
	ERA5 d	0.67	0.68	0.71	0.56	0.58
	RaKliDa	0.64	0.66	0.7	0.41	0.51
	Station	0.66	0.65	0.75	0.46	0.61
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.81	0.65	0.67	0.63	0.58
	ERA5 d	0.82	0.68	0.77	0.7	0.67
	RaKliDa	0.84	0.7	0.76	0.51	0.62
	Station	0.87	0.71	0.8	0.71	0.71
Correlation						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.67	0.61	0.68	0.43	0.43

	ERA5 d	0.66	0.63	0.75	0.59	0.6
	RaKliDa	0.67	0.64	0.73	0.42	0.52
	Station	0.71	0.64	0.76	0.58	0.55
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.81	0.66	0.67	0.55	0.56
	ERA5 d	0.83	0.68	0.74	0.64	0.65
	RaKliDa	0.83	0.66	0.73	0.57	0.6
	Station	0.85	0.69	0.76	0.57	0.65
BR90	ERA5 h	0.79	0.7	0.7	0.45	0.49
	ERA5 d	0.78	0.69	0.76	0.62	0.64
	RaKliDa	0.8	0.69	0.74	0.45	0.54
	Station	0.82	0.68	0.78	0.59	0.62
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.81	0.66	0.69	0.67	0.61
	ERA5 d	0.87	0.72	0.78	0.72	0.71
	RaKliDa	0.88	0.72	0.77	0.61	0.64
	Station	0.89	0.72	0.8	0.72	0.71
BIAS						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.68	0.83	0.83	1.22	1.22
	ERA5 d	0.72	0.9	0.88	1.26	1.27
	RaKliDa	0.68	0.85	0.84	1.07	1.2
	Station	0.69	0.85	0.84	1.34	1.1
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.73	0.88	0.97	1.29	1.22
	ERA5 d	0.77	0.94	1.03	1.32	1.26
	RaKliDa	0.73	0.87	0.99	1.23	1.15
	Station	0.76	0.9	1	1.32	1.11
BR90	ERA5 h	0.74	0.87	1.04	1.23	1.25
	ERA5 d	0.84	0.96	1.12	1.24	1.27
	RaKliDa	0.81	0.88	1.07	1.05	1.18
	Station	0.81	0.88	1.05	1.29	1.1
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.99	1.06	0.99	0.89	1.15
	ERA5 d	1.13	1.17	1.05	0.94	1.2
	RaKliDa	1.11	1.08	1	0.78	1.11
	Station	1.07	1.08	1	1.01	1.03
Variance ratio						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.55	0.62	0.71	1.32	0.87
	ERA5 d	0.5	0.6	0.72	1.13	0.77
	RaKliDa	0.49	0.57	0.8	1.45	0.97
	Station	0.51	0.6	0.75	1.59	0.91
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.63	0.56	0.75	1.33	0.83
	ERA5 d	0.67	0.61	0.78	1.31	0.85
	RaKliDa	0.65	0.55	0.85	1.48	0.97
	Station	0.7	0.61	0.83	1.68	0.97
BR90	ERA5 h	0.67	1.05	1.2	1.49	1.03
	ERA5 d	0.75	1.15	1.29	1.3	0.99
	RaKliDa	0.72	1.07	1.36	1.59	1.14
	Station	0.72	1.11	1.22	1.84	1.1
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.99	0.83	0.81	0.81	0.86
	ERA5 d	1.1	0.96	0.91	0.85	0.92
	RaKliDa	1.1	0.89	0.93	0.86	0.95
	Station	1.07	0.96	0.96	1.06	1.02

MAE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	1.04	0.91	0.87	0.92	1.05
	ERA5 d	0.98	0.87	0.74	0.83	0.95
	RaKliDa	1.02	0.86	0.83	0.95	0.98
	Station	0.95	0.86	0.76	0.93	0.95
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.86	0.86	0.83	0.91	0.95
	ERA5 d	0.79	0.83	0.73	0.88	0.94
	RaKliDa	0.83	0.85	0.77	0.89	0.9
	Station	0.74	0.82	0.7	1.02	0.85
BR90	ERA5 h	0.85	0.87	0.88	0.93	1.05
	ERA5 d	0.77	0.89	0.82	0.81	0.97
	RaKliDa	0.77	0.88	0.84	0.94	1.03
	Station	0.72	0.89	0.75	0.94	0.91
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.68	0.88	0.8	0.63	0.87
	ERA5 d	0.63	0.85	0.7	0.58	0.83
	RaKliDa	0.59	0.81	0.72	0.76	0.87
	Station	0.53	0.8	0.65	0.61	0.77

Table E3. Daily evaporation skill-scores for the winter period

Model/Station	Grillenburg	Klingenberg	Hetzdorf	Tharandt	Oberbaerenburg	
NSE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	-0.86	-2.08	-0.3	-0.42	-0.79
	ERA5 d	-0.7	-1.8	-0.47	-0.56	-1.13
	RaKliDa	-0.56	-1.54	-0.51	-0.36	-0.91
	Station	-0.54	-1.22	-0.5	-0.57	-0.6
EXTR	ERA5 h	-1.05	-2.42	-0.85	-0.44	-0.96
	ERA5 d	-1.13	-2.14	-1.33	-0.52	-1.3
	RaKliDa	-0.98	-1.69	-1.58	-0.42	-0.9
	Station	-1.19	-1.29	-1.6	-0.56	-0.82
BR90	ERA5 h	-2.07	-4.25	-0.29	-0.37	-0.8
	ERA5 d	-1.81	-3.67	-0.37	-0.46	-1.2
	RaKliDa	-1.48	-2.94	-0.41	-0.32	-0.94
	Station	-1.83	-2.13	-0.43	-0.46	-0.67
CBR90	ERA5 h	-0.26	-1.5	-0.16	-0.61	-1.16
	ERA5 d	-0.21	-1.4	-0.41	-0.66	-1.93
	RaKliDa	-0.08	-1.23	-0.4	-0.83	-1.34
	Station	-0.05	-0.96	-0.64	-0.34	-1.6
KGE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.24	-0.04	0.15	-0.32	-0.38
	ERA5 d	0.3	0.02	0.25	-0.21	-0.32
	RaKliDa	0.32	0.06	0.17	-0.29	-0.33
	Station	0.34	0.12	0.13	-0.22	-0.2
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.17	-0.13	0.07	-0.22	-0.27
	ERA5 d	0.11	-0.06	-0.1	-0.1	-0.22
	RaKliDa	0.14	0.06	-0.18	-0.14	-0.26
	Station	0.05	0.14	-0.22	-0.14	-0.15
BR90	ERA5 h	-0.22	-0.63	0.22	-0.3	-0.35
	ERA5 d	-0.17	-0.52	0.3	-0.16	-0.28

	RaKliDa	-0.06	-0.32	0.24	-0.26	-0.28
	Station	-0.2	-0.16	0.19	-0.19	-0.17
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.41	0.1	0.32	0.22	-0.16
	ERA5 d	0.43	0.12	0.33	0.26	-0.15
	RaKliDa	0.45	0.15	0.3	0.12	-0.11
	Station	0.49	0.2	0.22	0.26	-0.02
Correlation						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.33	0.21	0.19	0.14	-0.06
	ERA5 d	0.36	0.24	0.25	0.21	-0.05
	RaKliDa	0.35	0.2	0.19	0.15	-0.02
	Station	0.42	0.22	0.15	0.24	0.13
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.32	0.29	0.28	0.18	-0.04
	ERA5 d	0.27	0.24	0.34	0.27	-0.03
	RaKliDa	0.25	0.25	0.28	0.26	-0.02
	Station	0.32	0.24	0.28	0.29	0.08
BR90	ERA5 h	0.2	0.05	0.24	0.13	-0.07
	ERA5 d	0.19	0.05	0.31	0.21	-0.05
	RaKliDa	0.22	0.03	0.25	0.14	-0.01
	Station	0.29	0.06	0.21	0.23	0.1
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.42	0.26	0.34	0.22	-0.05
	ERA5 d	0.44	0.29	0.37	0.28	-0.03
	RaKliDa	0.46	0.26	0.34	0.15	0.02
	Station	0.5	0.27	0.3	0.28	0.11
BIAS						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.85	1.15	1.01	3.45	3.92
	ERA5 d	0.9	1.23	0.92	3.15	3.69
	RaKliDa	0.94	1.29	0.88	3.13	3.97
	Station	0.83	1.3	0.9	3.46	3.59
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.76	0.85	0.63	2.91	2.97
	ERA5 d	0.71	0.83	0.55	2.72	2.83
	RaKliDa	0.74	0.95	0.53	2.79	3.11
	Station	0.65	0.98	0.51	3.1	2.91
BR90	ERA5 h	0.57	0.56	0.97	3.15	3.49
	ERA5 d	0.59	0.57	0.9	2.75	3.16
	RaKliDa	0.62	0.64	0.88	2.76	3.46
	Station	0.56	0.69	0.9	3.01	3.11
GBR90	ERA5 h	1.05	1.12	0.96	1.01	2
	ERA5 d	1	1.11	0.81	0.98	1.78
	RaKliDa	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.82	2.01
	Station	0.96	1.24	0.75	1.21	1.62
Variance ratio						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.59	0.36	1.7	11.57	3.47
	ERA5 d	0.63	0.4	1.05	6.56	2.15
	RaKliDa	0.73	0.49	1.19	10.35	2.86
	Station	0.65	0.57	1.35	7.88	2.87
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.54	0.29	0.85	6.8	1.88
	ERA5 d	0.57	0.34	0.61	4.38	1.26
	RaKliDa	0.65	0.41	0.6	5.53	2.02
	Station	0.52	0.51	0.61	5.61	1.74

BR90	ERA5 h	0.42	0.24	1.43	10.51	2.91
	ERA5 d	0.47	0.27	1.03	5.42	1.64
	RaKliDa	0.53	0.34	1.17	8.52	2.23
	Station	0.42	0.45	1.27	6.6	2.21
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.86	0.44	1.37	0.93	1.1
	ERA5 d	0.86	0.44	0.88	0.78	0.6
	RaKliDa	1.02	0.52	0.98	0.89	0.86
	Station	0.92	0.62	0.86	1.22	0.56
MAE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.19	0.23	0.36	0.75	0.8
	ERA5 d	0.19	0.23	0.32	0.67	0.74
	RaKliDa	0.19	0.24	0.34	0.73	0.78
	Station	0.18	0.24	0.36	0.74	0.69
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.19	0.19	0.31	0.61	0.61
	ERA5 d	0.2	0.2	0.31	0.55	0.58
	RaKliDa	0.2	0.2	0.32	0.57	0.64
	Station	0.19	0.21	0.32	0.65	0.57
BR90	ERA5 h	0.21	0.21	0.33	0.69	0.72
	ERA5 d	0.21	0.22	0.3	0.58	0.65
	RaKliDa	0.21	0.22	0.33	0.66	0.69
	Station	0.2	0.23	0.34	0.64	0.62
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.2	0.22	0.31	0.25	0.45
	ERA5 d	0.19	0.21	0.28	0.24	0.41
	RaKliDa	0.19	0.22	0.29	0.26	0.44
	Station	0.18	0.23	0.3	0.27	0.36

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Table E4. Monthly evaporation skill-scores for the whole year

Model/Station		Grillenbug	Klingenberg	Hetzdorf	Tharandt	Oberbaerenburg
NSE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.37	0.56	0.74	0.44	0.49
	ERA5 d	0.49	0.65	0.84	0.57	0.59
	RaKliDa	0.37	0.59	0.78	0.54	0.54
	Station	0.4	0.56	0.77	0.47	0.55
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.63	0.61	0.84	0.59	0.7
	ERA5 d	0.74	0.68	0.88	0.61	0.71
	RaKliDa	0.66	0.55	0.88	0.63	0.72
	Station	0.72	0.6	0.89	0.48	0.75
BR90	ERA5 h	0.65	0.77	0.89	0.57	0.63
	ERA5 d	0.84	0.77	0.88	0.69	0.69
	RaKliDa	0.8	0.74	0.88	0.67	0.63
	Station	0.81	0.72	0.9	0.6	0.72
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.93	0.83	0.9	0.84	0.84
	ERA5 d	0.92	0.79	0.92	0.9	0.85
	RaKliDa	0.93	0.81	0.92	0.67	0.83
	Station	0.93	0.79	0.93	0.91	0.87
KGE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.41	0.68	0.66	0.67	0.65
	ERA5 d	0.51	0.79	0.79	0.71	0.69

	RaKliDa	0.43	0.72	0.71	0.69	0.66
	Station	0.44	0.72	0.72	0.67	0.67
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.54	0.71	0.86	0.71	0.74
	ERA5 d	0.65	0.82	0.94	0.69	0.74
	RaKliDa	0.57	0.7	0.91	0.73	0.75
	Station	0.62	0.75	0.92	0.67	0.77
BR90	ERA5 h	0.54	0.8	0.94	0.72	0.71
	ERA5 d	0.76	0.82	0.84	0.74	0.72
	RaKliDa	0.7	0.8	0.89	0.76	0.72
	Station	0.7	0.8	0.91	0.7	0.77
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.96	0.9	0.89	0.82	0.83
	ERA5 d	0.82	0.79	0.94	0.91	0.8
	RaKliDa	0.85	0.86	0.95	0.65	0.84
	Station	0.88	0.85	0.96	0.95	0.91
Correlation						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.92	0.86	0.96	0.91	0.91
	ERA5 d	0.91	0.86	0.95	0.94	0.94
	RaKliDa	0.91	0.85	0.96	0.89	0.93
	Station	0.91	0.84	0.95	0.94	0.89
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.95	0.87	0.94	0.93	0.94
	ERA5 d	0.95	0.86	0.94	0.93	0.94
	RaKliDa	0.95	0.85	0.95	0.92	0.94
	Station	0.95	0.85	0.95	0.89	0.93
BR90	ERA5 h	0.96	0.9	0.95	0.92	0.93
	ERA5 d	0.96	0.88	0.95	0.94	0.94
	RaKliDa	0.96	0.88	0.94	0.9	0.91
	Station	0.96	0.87	0.95	0.93	0.92
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.97	0.92	0.96	0.95	0.95
	ERA5 d	0.98	0.91	0.96	0.95	0.95
	RaKliDa	0.98	0.91	0.96	0.93	0.94
	Station	0.97	0.9	0.96	0.96	0.94
BIAS						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.69	0.84	0.85	1.38	1.37
	ERA5 d	0.72	0.91	0.89	1.39	1.4
	RaKliDa	0.7	0.87	0.84	1.22	1.35
	Station	0.7	0.87	0.85	1.49	1.23
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.73	0.88	0.94	1.4	1.31
	ERA5 d	0.77	0.94	0.99	1.42	1.35
	RaKliDa	0.73	0.87	0.95	1.34	1.26
	Station	0.75	0.9	0.95	1.44	1.21
BR90	ERA5 h	0.73	0.86	1.03	1.36	1.37
	ERA5 d	0.83	0.94	1.1	1.34	1.38
	RaKliDa	0.8	0.87	1.05	1.17	1.31
	Station	0.8	0.87	1.04	1.41	1.21
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.99	1.06	0.99	0.9	1.19
	ERA5 d	1.13	1.16	1.03	0.94	1.23
	RaKliDa	1.11	1.09	0.98	0.78	1.16
	Station	1.07	1.09	0.98	1.02	1.06
Variance ratio						

GBR90	ERA5 h	0.53	0.67	0.61	0.75	0.69
	ERA5 d	0.6	0.8	0.74	0.91	0.81
	RaKliDa	0.54	0.71	0.68	0.66	0.68
	Station	0.56	0.73	0.68	1	0.64
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.62	0.68	0.81	1.01	0.84
	ERA5 d	0.73	0.82	1	1.16	0.97
	RaKliDa	0.66	0.68	0.92	0.98	0.78
	Station	0.71	0.72	0.94	1.09	0.76
BR90	ERA5 h	0.61	1.03	1.03	0.88	0.87
	ERA5 d	0.82	1.28	1.3	1.03	0.99
	RaKliDa	0.75	1.1	1.19	0.75	0.8
	Station	0.76	1.1	1.13	1.1	0.8
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.97	1.01	0.83	0.79	0.95
	ERA5 d	1.36	1.32	1.06	0.9	1.12
	RaKliDa	1.28	1.12	0.95	0.7	0.91
	Station	1.23	1.15	1.01	0.98	0.93
MAE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	17.04	13.93	11.7	16.25	16.99
	ERA5 d	15.94	13.78	9.95	16.05	16.91
	RaKliDa	17.17	14.09	11.05	13.05	16.15
	Station	16.9	14.71	11.22	19.56	15.01
EXTR	ERA5 h	15.12	13.21	10.08	16.85	14.43
	ERA5 d	13.59	13.37	9.82	17.6	15.15
	RaKliDa	14.75	14.32	9.69	15.5	13.14
	Station	13.77	13.93	9.32	19.99	12.26
BR90	ERA5 h	14.6	12.81	9.48	15.45	16.49
	ERA5 d	11.31	13.91	11.25	14.38	15.96
	RaKliDa	12.11	14.09	10.67	11.8	15.29
	Station	11.86	14.47	9.8	17.32	13.02
CBR90	ERA5 h	7.08	10.51	8.36	7.7	10.74
	ERA5 d	9.12	12.59	8.39	6.69	11.16
	RaKliDa	8.24	11.56	8.01	10.93	10.51
	Station	7.9	12.11	7.9	6.35	8.85

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Table E5. Monthly evaporation skill-scores for the vegetation period

Model/Station	Grillenbug	Klingenberg	Hetzdorf	Tharandt	Oberbaerenburg	
NSE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	-0.18	0.23	0.5	0.32	0.3
	ERA5 d	0.07	0.4	0.69	0.4	0.41
	RaKliDa	-0.14	0.3	0.58	0.57	0.43
	Station	-0.1	0.27	0.56	0.22	0.48
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.3	0.17	0.59	0.3	0.5
	ERA5 d	0.54	0.35	0.71	0.29	0.49
	RaKliDa	0.39	0.11	0.72	0.42	0.65
	Station	0.49	0.21	0.74	0.13	0.68
BR90	ERA5 h	0.29	0.64	0.78	0.45	0.48
	ERA5 d	0.69	0.65	0.75	0.55	0.53
	RaKliDa	0.62	0.62	0.77	0.68	0.51

	Station	0.63	0.59	0.81	0.41	0.68
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.86	0.66	0.75	0.68	0.72
	ERA5 d	0.83	0.61	0.83	0.79	0.71
	RaKliDa	0.86	0.65	0.84	0.39	0.7
	Station	0.86	0.62	0.86	0.83	0.8
KGE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.45	0.63	0.62	0.72	0.62
	ERA5 d	0.54	0.71	0.76	0.77	0.7
	RaKliDa	0.47	0.66	0.69	0.78	0.66
	Station	0.48	0.65	0.7	0.73	0.69
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.59	0.58	0.63	0.74	0.72
	ERA5 d	0.68	0.69	0.78	0.72	0.75
	RaKliDa	0.61	0.58	0.74	0.76	0.76
	Station	0.66	0.62	0.77	0.67	0.79
BR90	ERA5 h	0.57	0.76	0.89	0.78	0.74
	ERA5 d	0.78	0.72	0.82	0.78	0.76
	RaKliDa	0.73	0.72	0.85	0.84	0.75
	Station	0.74	0.71	0.89	0.73	0.82
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.93	0.83	0.75	0.81	0.82
	ERA5 d	0.79	0.75	0.9	0.89	0.82
	RaKliDa	0.82	0.8	0.87	0.67	0.83
	Station	0.85	0.78	0.91	0.91	0.9
Correlation						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.85	0.75	0.92	0.87	0.88
	ERA5 d	0.83	0.74	0.92	0.91	0.91
	RaKliDa	0.83	0.74	0.92	0.84	0.89
	Station	0.83	0.72	0.91	0.9	0.84
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.91	0.75	0.9	0.87	0.91
	ERA5 d	0.91	0.74	0.9	0.87	0.91
	RaKliDa	0.91	0.7	0.91	0.85	0.91
	Station	0.91	0.71	0.91	0.79	0.89
BR90	ERA5 h	0.93	0.83	0.9	0.88	0.9
	ERA5 d	0.92	0.81	0.9	0.91	0.91
	RaKliDa	0.92	0.81	0.89	0.85	0.86
	Station	0.93	0.79	0.91	0.88	0.88
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.93	0.84	0.92	0.89	0.92
	ERA5 d	0.95	0.83	0.93	0.91	0.92
	RaKliDa	0.95	0.83	0.93	0.87	0.89
	Station	0.94	0.81	0.93	0.91	0.91
BIAS						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.68	0.83	0.83	1.22	1.22
	ERA5 d	0.72	0.9	0.88	1.26	1.27
	RaKliDa	0.68	0.85	0.84	1.07	1.2
	Station	0.69	0.85	0.84	1.34	1.1
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.73	0.88	0.97	1.29	1.22
	ERA5 d	0.77	0.94	1.03	1.32	1.26
	RaKliDa	0.73	0.87	0.99	1.23	1.15
	Station	0.76	0.9	1	1.32	1.11
BR90	ERA5 h	0.74	0.87	1.04	1.23	1.25

	ERA5 d	0.84	0.96	1.12	1.24	1.27
	RaKliDa	0.81	0.88	1.07	1.05	1.18
	Station	0.81	0.88	1.06	1.29	1.1
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.99	1.06	0.99	0.89	1.15
	ERA5 d	1.13	1.17	1.05	0.94	1.2
	RaKliDa	1.11	1.08	1	0.78	1.11
	Station	1.07	1.08	1	1.01	1.03
Variance ratio						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.64	0.71	0.58	0.73	0.58
	ERA5 d	0.74	0.86	0.72	0.91	0.7
	RaKliDa	0.69	0.79	0.67	0.77	0.61
	Station	0.69	0.82	0.67	1.03	0.64
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.73	0.59	0.55	0.97	0.7
	ERA5 d	0.9	0.75	0.7	1.14	0.82
	RaKliDa	0.82	0.64	0.65	1.01	0.73
	Station	0.87	0.68	0.68	1.15	0.75
BR90	ERA5 h	0.67	1.23	0.95	0.91	0.78
	ERA5 d	0.91	1.55	1.23	1.1	0.91
	RaKliDa	0.85	1.37	1.15	0.92	0.78
	Station	0.84	1.37	1.07	1.22	0.86
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.97	0.93	0.66	0.83	0.84
	ERA5 d	1.42	1.29	0.9	0.95	1.01
	RaKliDa	1.35	1.11	0.81	0.84	0.84
	Station	1.31	1.17	0.89	1.03	0.96
MAE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	24.02	18.64	15.24	14.33	15.87
	ERA5 d	22.44	18.33	12.84	15.23	16.54
	RaKliDa	24.23	18.65	14.4	10.68	14.7
	Station	23.78	19.65	14.38	19.24	13.97
EXTR	ERA5 h	20.8	18.05	12.28	17.44	14.9
	ERA5 d	18.27	18.12	11.52	19.34	16.42
	RaKliDa	20.12	19.52	11.16	15.93	12.55
	Station	18.67	18.98	10.45	21.39	11.88
BR90	ERA5 h	19.72	17.03	12.24	14.3	16.36
	ERA5 d	14.77	18.62	15	14.32	16.64
	RaKliDa	15.99	18.86	13.95	10.23	14.91
	Station	15.58	19.57	12.45	17.71	12.43
CBR90	ERA5 h	9.07	13.66	10.68	9.82	11.91
	ERA5 d	12.11	16.86	10.55	8.35	13.09
	RaKliDa	10.8	15.2	9.89	14.54	11.77
	Station	10.35	16.02	9.58	7.76	10.19

Table E6. Monthly evaporation skill-scores for the winter period

Model/Station	Grillenbug	Klingenberg	Hetzdorf	Tharandt	Oberbaerenburg	
NSE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	-0.84	-3.36	-0.21	-3.65	-3.23
	ERA5 d	-0.62	-2.97	-0.56	-4.55	-4.59
	RaKliDa	-0.48	-2.77	-0.88	-3.28	-4.82

	Station	-0.46	-2.6	-1.21	-6.21	-4.03
EXTR	ERA5 h	-4.44	-5.59	-2.96	-3.47	-3.15
	ERA5 d	-4.71	-6.57	-4.39	-3.68	-3.9
	RaKliDa	-3.93	-5.71	-4.81	-3.62	-3.5
	Station	-4.19	-4.8	-4.49	-5.1	-3.8
BR90	ERA5 h	-8.08	-16.29	-0.02	-3.13	-3
	ERA5 d	-7.88	-14.62	-0.18	-3.66	-4.2
	RaKliDa	-6.26	-9.67	-0.45	-2.75	-4.27
	Station	-6.69	-7.49	-0.91	-4.85	-3.74
CBR90	ERA5 h	-0.4	-1.97	0.27	-0.86	-1.95
	ERA5 d	-0.49	-2.02	-0.21	-0.83	-2.61
	RaKliDa	-0.35	-2.27	-0.23	-2.12	-2.36
	Station	-0.22	-2.08	-0.96	-0.45	-2.65
KGE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.27	-0.3	0.32	-0.32	-0.32
	ERA5 d	0.33	-0.21	0.35	-0.22	-0.28
	RaKliDa	0.39	-0.15	0.27	-0.34	-0.2
	Station	0.4	-0.11	0.09	-0.16	-0.27
EXTR	ERA5 h	-0.45	-0.86	0.02	-0.17	-0.16
	ERA5 d	-0.44	-0.97	-0.17	-0.08	-0.14
	RaKliDa	-0.33	-0.8	-0.26	-0.02	-0.23
	Station	-0.35	-0.66	-0.3	-0.02	-0.18
BR90	ERA5 h	-0.84	-1.98	0.47	-0.29	-0.27
	ERA5 d	-0.82	-1.8	0.48	-0.16	-0.23
	RaKliDa	-0.63	-1.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.15
	Station	-0.68	-0.95	0.22	-0.09	-0.23
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.42	-0.01	0.58	0.27	-0.05
	ERA5 d	0.38	-0.04	0.49	0.28	-0.07
	RaKliDa	0.44	-0.07	0.47	0	0.05
	Station	0.47	-0.02	0.29	0.42	-0.08
Correlation						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.54	0.2	0.33	0.05	0
	ERA5 d	0.56	0.23	0.37	0.1	-0.01
	RaKliDa	0.51	0.15	0.31	-0.01	0.11
	Station	0.55	0.21	0.11	0.21	0
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.27	0.39	0.3	0.16	0.07
	ERA5 d	0.06	0.29	0.29	0.22	0.06
	RaKliDa	0.16	0.23	0.2	0.33	-0.01
	Station	0.29	0.29	0.17	0.35	0.03
BR90	ERA5 h	0.21	0.06	0.47	0.07	0.01
	ERA5 d	0.17	0.03	0.5	0.13	-0.01
	RaKliDa	0.15	-0.11	0.42	-0.01	0.12
	Station	0.25	0.01	0.25	0.24	-0.01
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.52	0.32	0.6	0.35	0.07
	ERA5 d	0.52	0.36	0.55	0.37	0.07
	RaKliDa	0.55	0.29	0.53	0.24	0.21
	Station	0.56	0.33	0.39	0.46	0.09
BIAS						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.85	1.15	1.01	3.45	3.93

	ERA5 d	0.9	1.23	0.92	3.16	3.69
	RaKliDa	0.94	1.29	0.88	3.14	3.97
	Station	0.83	1.3	0.9	3.46	3.59
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.76	0.85	0.63	2.91	2.97
	ERA5 d	0.71	0.83	0.54	2.72	2.83
	RaKliDa	0.74	0.95	0.53	2.79	3.11
	Station	0.65	0.98	0.51	3.1	2.91
BR90	ERA5 h	0.57	0.55	0.97	3.15	3.49
	ERA5 d	0.59	0.57	0.9	2.76	3.16
	RaKliDa	0.63	0.64	0.88	2.76	3.47
	Station	0.55	0.69	0.9	3.01	3.11
CBR90	ERA5 h	1.05	1.12	0.96	1.01	2
	ERA5 d	1	1.11	0.81	0.98	1.78
	RaKliDa	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.82	2.01
	Station	0.96	1.24	0.75	1.21	1.62
Variance ratio						
GBR90	ERA5 h	0.42	0.24	1.27	5.85	3.09
	ERA5 d	0.45	0.28	0.73	3.64	1.88
	RaKliDa	0.54	0.33	0.68	5.09	2.07
	Station	0.56	0.33	0.74	3.39	2
EXTR	ERA5 h	0.2	0.13	0.55	3.71	1.55
	ERA5 d	0.24	0.13	0.5	2.83	1.12
	RaKliDa	0.26	0.15	0.51	2.99	1.63
	Station	0.25	0.16	0.58	2.92	1.25
BR90	ERA5 h	0.16	0.07	1.08	5.28	2.5
	ERA5 d	0.17	0.08	0.84	3.05	1.42
	RaKliDa	0.2	0.13	0.8	4.22	1.66
	Station	0.19	0.15	0.72	2.91	1.53
CBR90	ERA5 h	0.57	0.33	1.3	0.56	0.97
	ERA5 d	0.52	0.3	0.96	0.55	0.59
	RaKliDa	0.57	0.32	1.01	0.38	0.73
	Station	0.61	0.33	0.83	0.76	0.48
MAE						
GBR90	ERA5 h	3.08	4.51	4.6	20.09	19.24
	ERA5 d	2.95	4.69	4.17	17.68	17.65
	RaKliDa	3.04	4.97	4.34	17.78	19.04
	Station	3.13	4.83	4.92	20.19	17.09
EXTR	ERA5 h	3.77	3.54	5.67	15.67	13.5
	ERA5 d	4.23	3.86	6.42	14.12	12.6
	RaKliDa	4.03	3.92	6.77	14.66	14.33
	Station	3.96	3.82	7.07	17.21	13.04
BR90	ERA5 h	4.36	4.36	3.96	17.76	16.74
	ERA5 d	4.39	4.48	3.76	14.49	14.61
	RaKliDa	4.33	4.55	4.11	14.92	16.07
	Station	4.42	4.27	4.49	16.53	14.22
CBR90	ERA5 h	3.1	4.21	3.72	3.46	8.4
	ERA5 d	3.14	4.05	4.07	3.38	7.31
	RaKliDa	3.13	4.28	4.23	3.71	8
	Station	2.99	4.27	4.54	3.53	6.18

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