

**Supplementary material**

**Table S1: Average soil hydraulic parameters of all soil layers derived from direct measurements. Each value is depicted by its mean  $\pm$  standard deviation.**

Measured SHP		$\theta_r$	$\theta_s$	$\alpha$	$n$
Spruce	10 cm	$0.32 \pm 0.03$	$0.70 \pm 0.04$	$0.04 \pm 0.01$	$2.10 \pm 0.53$
	35–45 cm	$0.18 \pm 0.04$	$0.52 \pm 0.03$	$0.04 \pm 0.01$	$1.72 \pm 0.15$
	50 cm	$0.15 \pm 0.02$	$0.48 \pm 0.02$	$0.05 \pm 0.01$	$1.58 \pm 0.19$
	70–75 cm	$0.15 \pm 0.04$	$0.50 \pm 0.04$	$0.07 \pm 0.03$	$1.45 \pm 0.13$
Beech	10 cm	$0.17 \pm 0.02$	$0.53 \pm 0.02$	$0.05 \pm 0.01$	$1.36 \pm 0.02$
	30 cm	$0.18 \pm 0.01$	$0.49 \pm 0.04$	$0.05 \pm 0.01$	$1.55 \pm 0.21$
	45 cm	$0.17 \pm 0.01$	$0.47 \pm 0.01$	$0.05 \pm 0.01$	$1.46 \pm 0.01$
	60 cm	$0.13 \pm 0.02$	$0.42 \pm 0.01$	$0.05 \pm 0.02$	$1.48 \pm 0.13$

**Figure S2: A - Measured and modelled snow water equivalent (upper two panels) and B - soil water content (lower two panels)**

