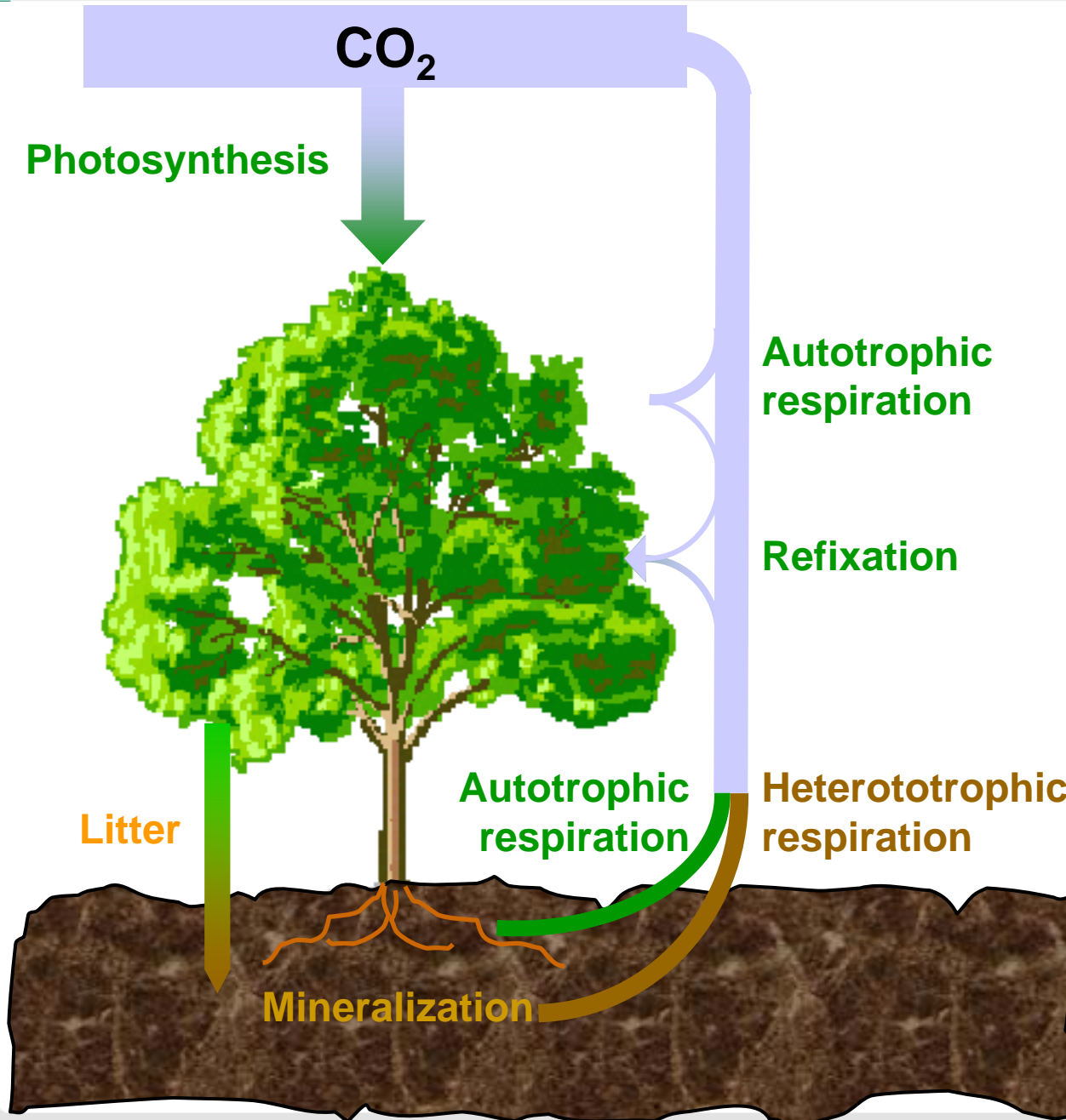


Diurnal and Seasonal Variation of ^{13}C and ^{18}O of Carbon Dioxide in a Norway Spruce Forest Measured with a Tunable Diode Laser Absorption Spectrometer

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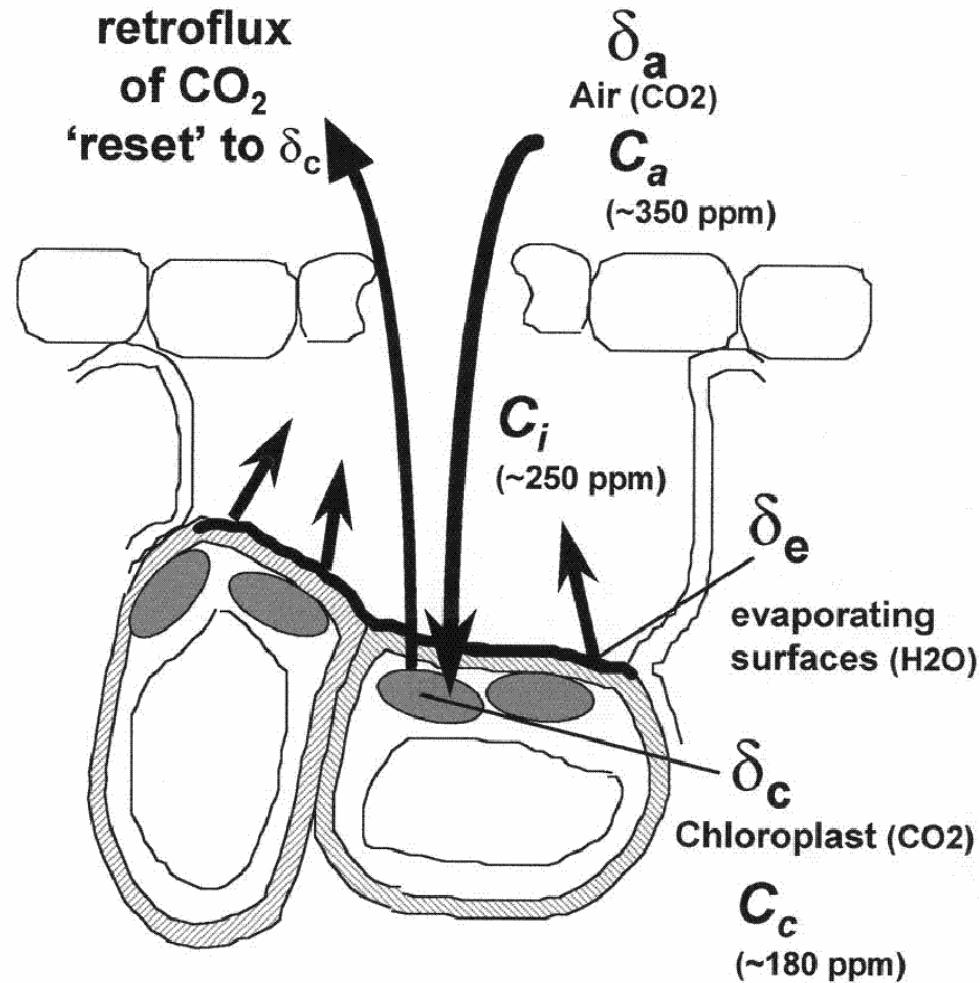
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Challenge

- Disentangling ecosystem CO₂ component fluxes
- Understanding short-term dynamics of CO₂ exchange between ecosystem and atmosphere
- Understanding C fluxes into, within and out of ecosystem

Major steps involved in the ^{18}O isotopic exchange of CO_2 between a C_3 leaf and the atmosphere



Thermodynamic equilibration

$$\text{H}_2^{16}\text{O} + \text{C}^{18}\text{O}^{16}\text{O} \leftrightarrow \text{H}_2^{18}\text{O} + \text{C}^{16}\text{O}^{16}\text{O}$$

catalyzed by carbonic anhydrase

As soil water and leaf water have significantly different $^{18}\text{O}/^{16}\text{O}$ ratios, a differentiation between plant and soil CO_2 fluxes is possible

Yakir & Sternberg (2000), *Oecologia* 123, 297–311

TDL instrument: TGA100A (Campbell Scientific, USA)

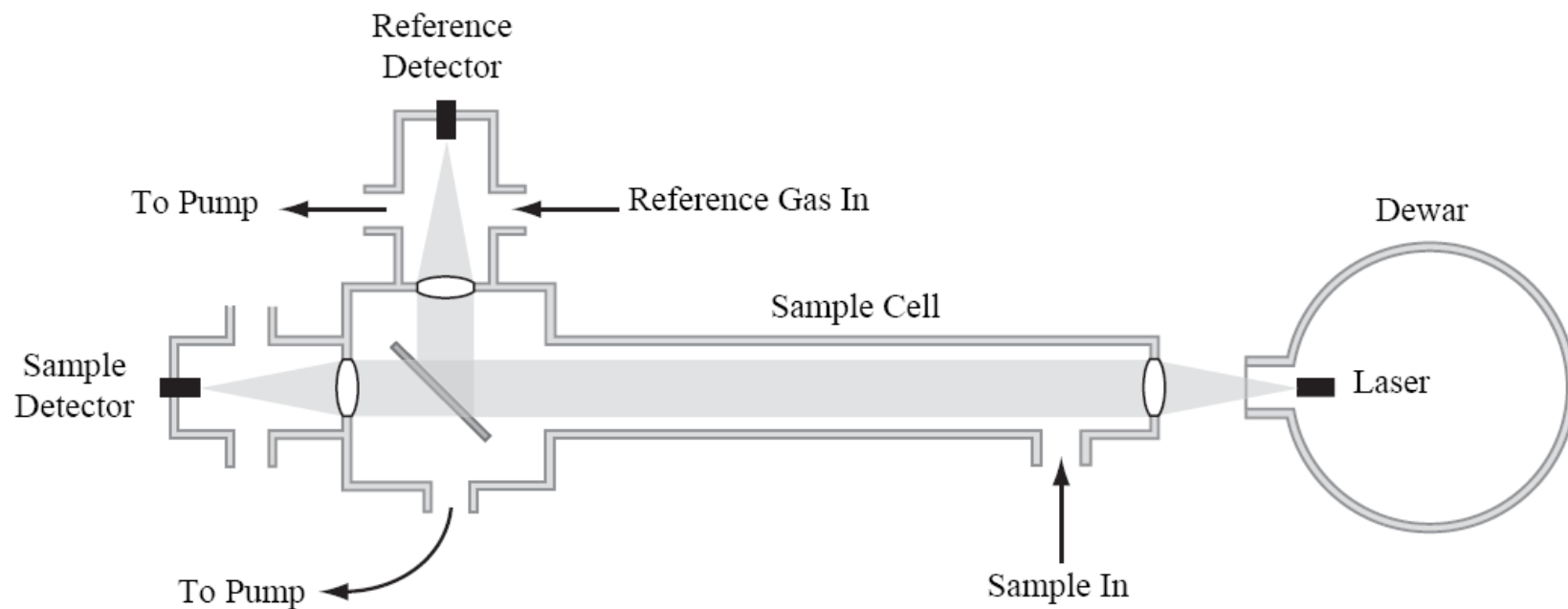


FIGURE OV2.1-1. Schematic Diagram of TGA100A Optical System

Instrumental setup for CO₂ isotope measurements

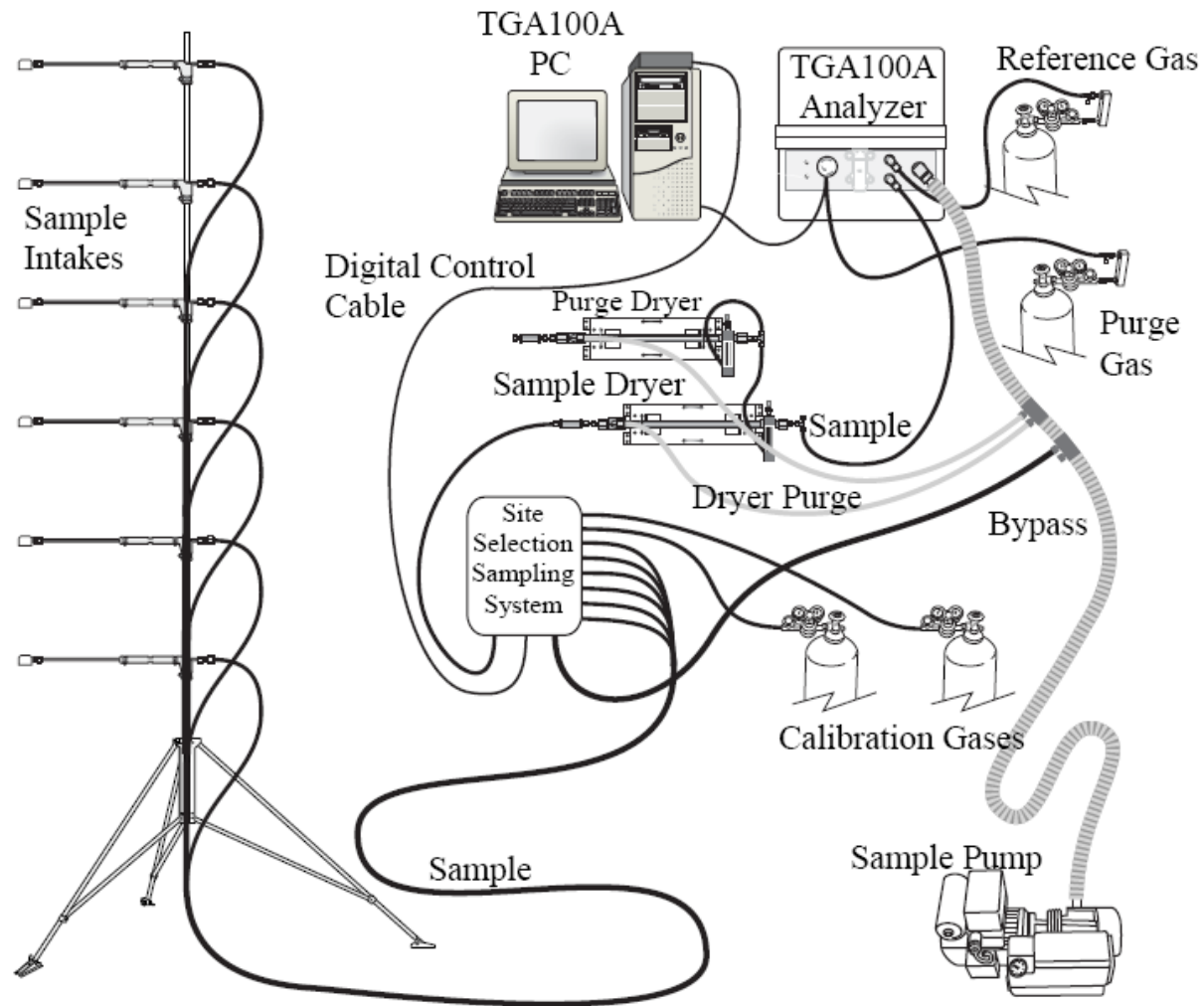


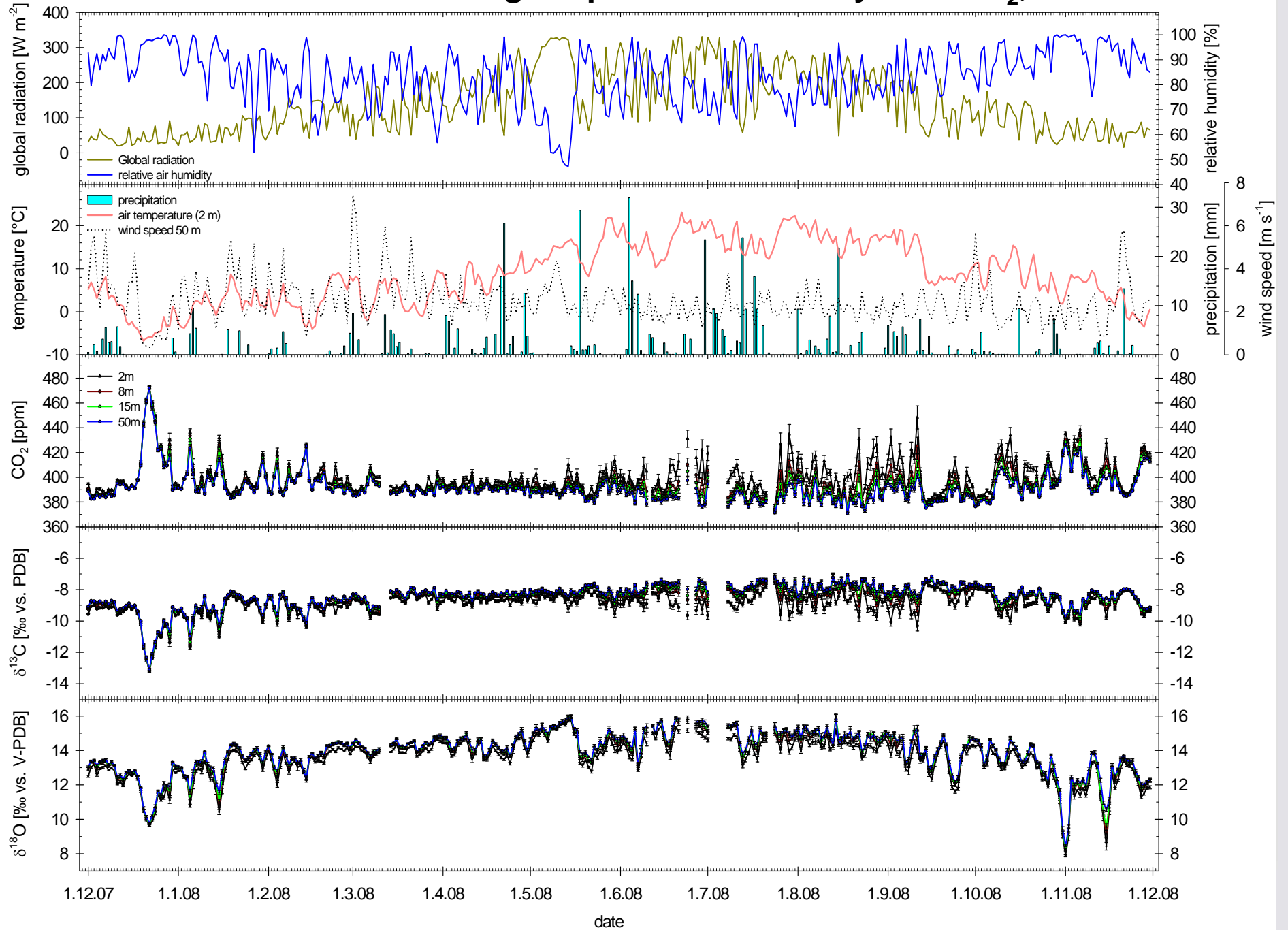
FIGURE OV6.4-1. Example CO₂ Isotope Application

Isotope-specific measurements of CO₂ profiles

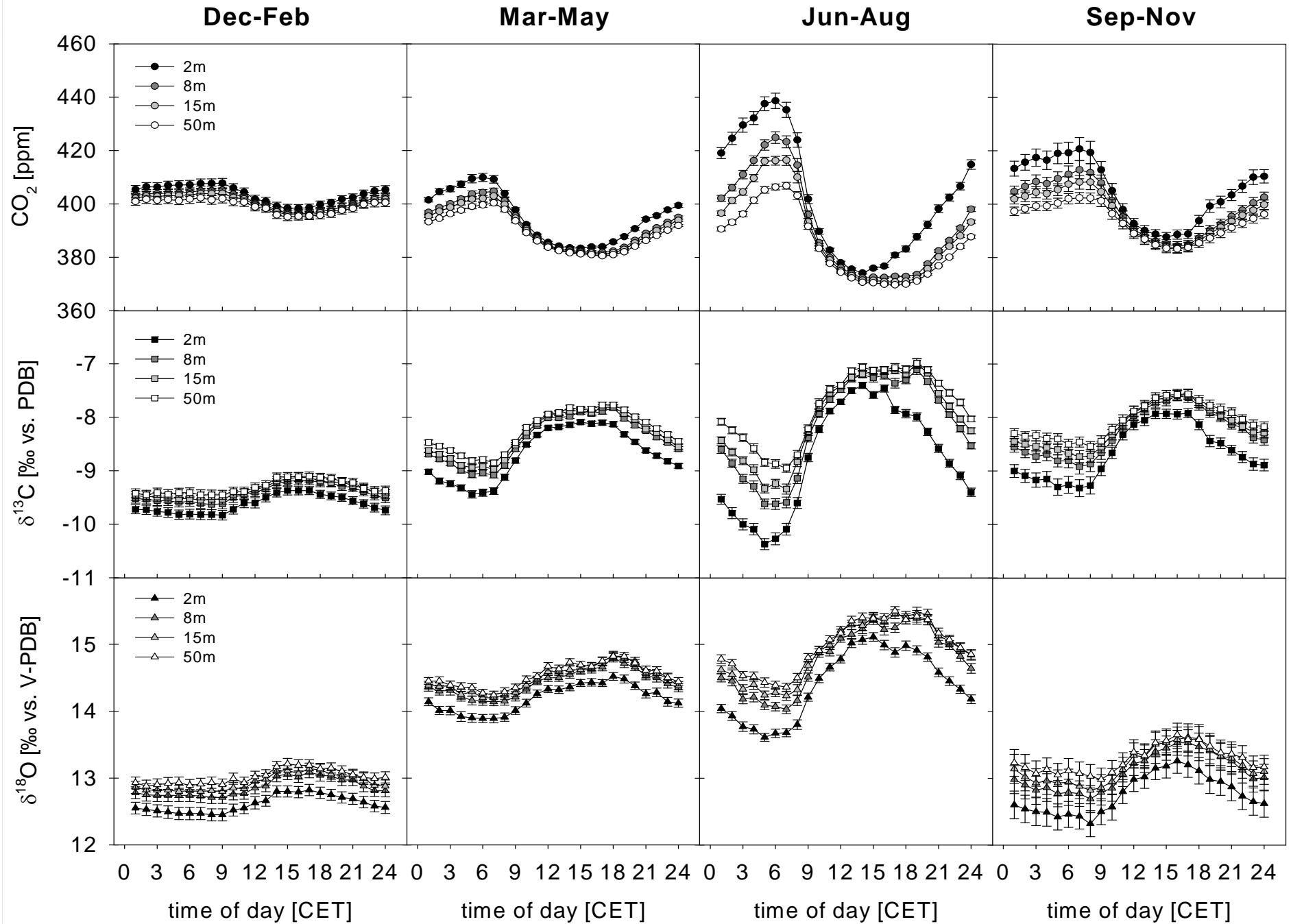
soil respiration



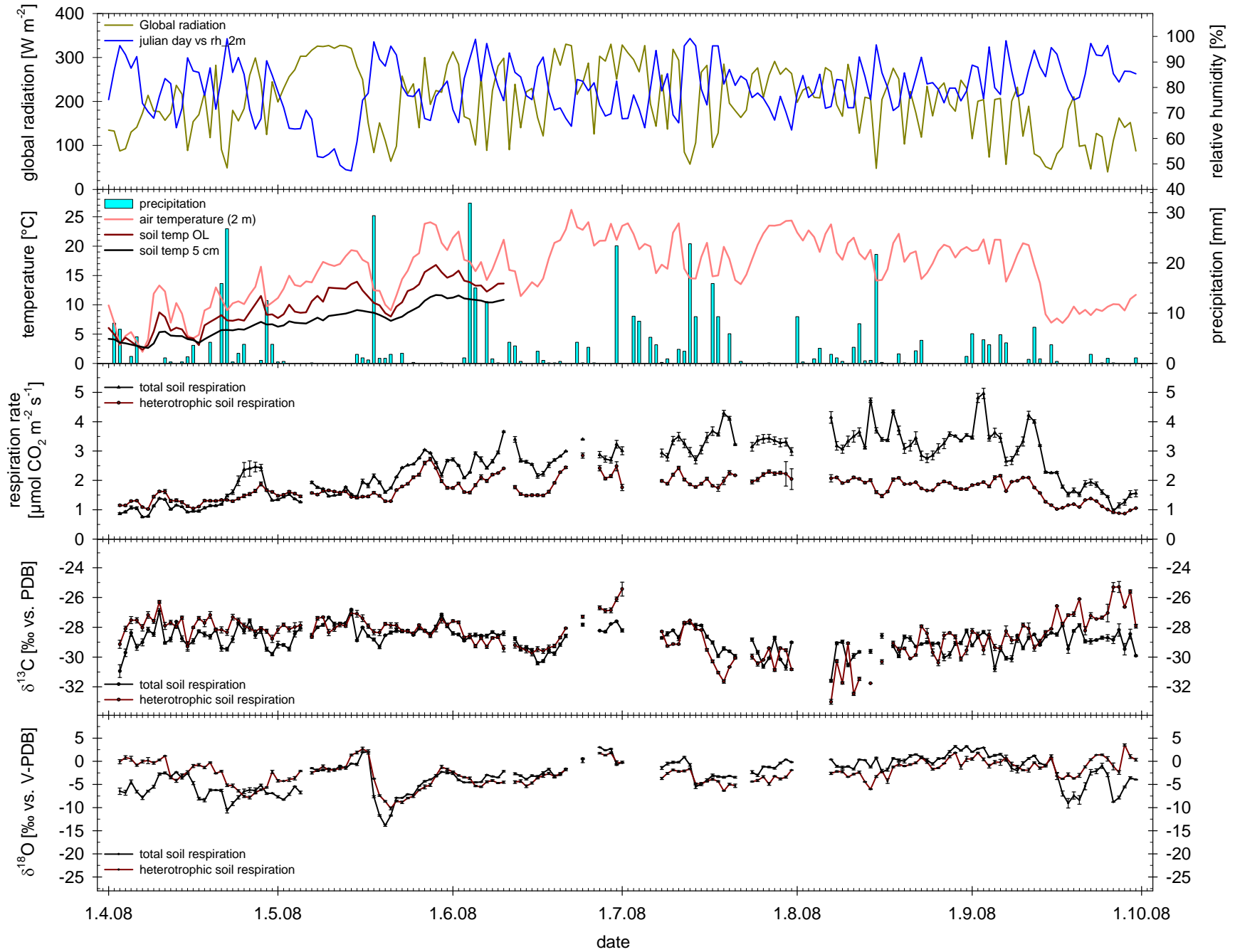
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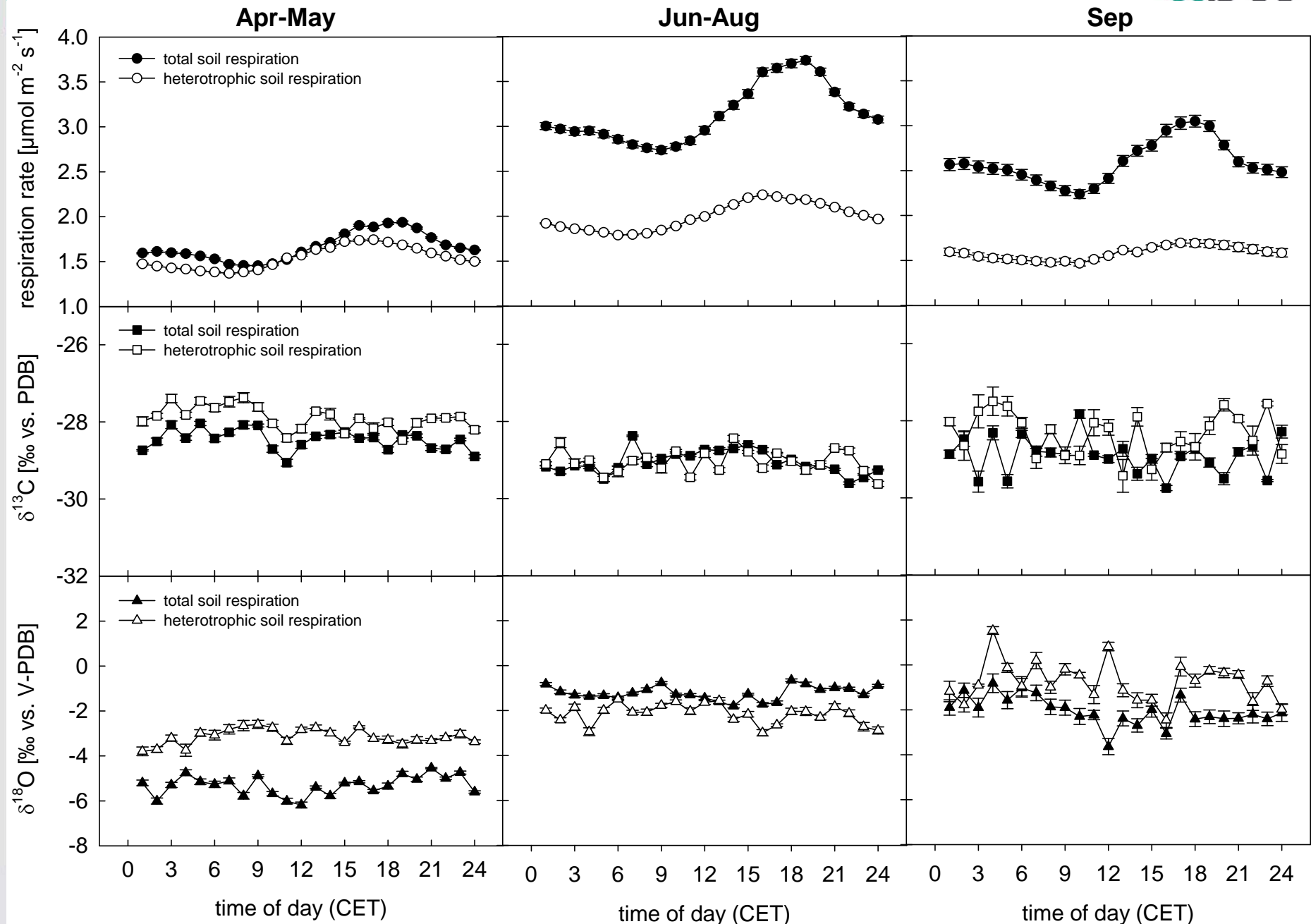
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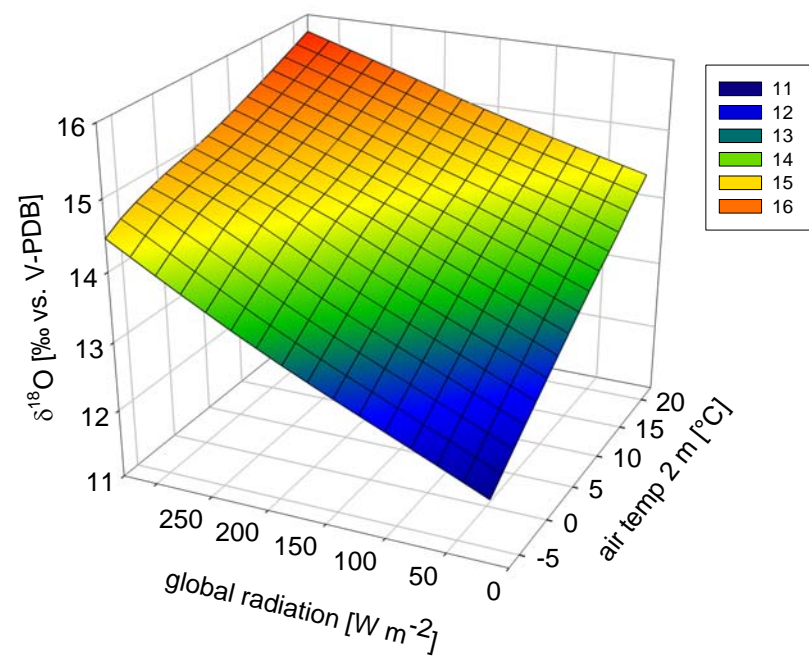
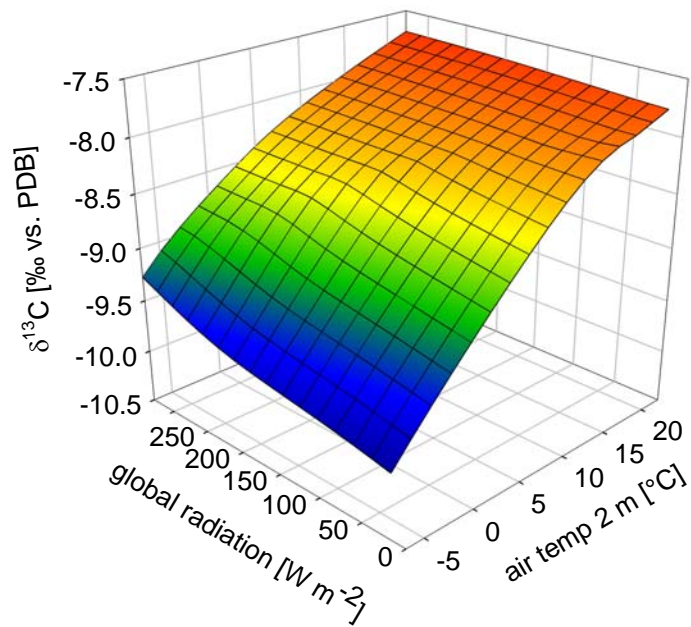
Seasonal courses of meteorological params and soil CO₂, δ¹³C & δ¹⁸O



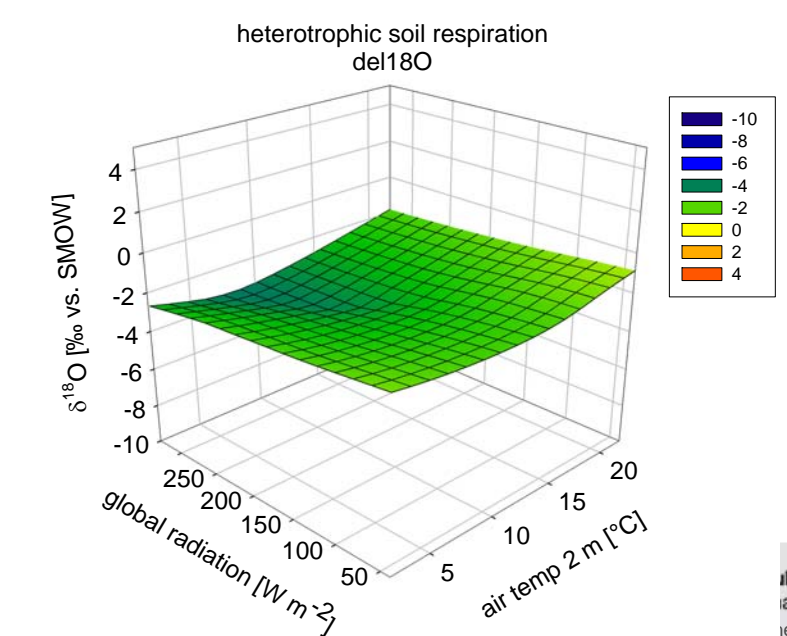
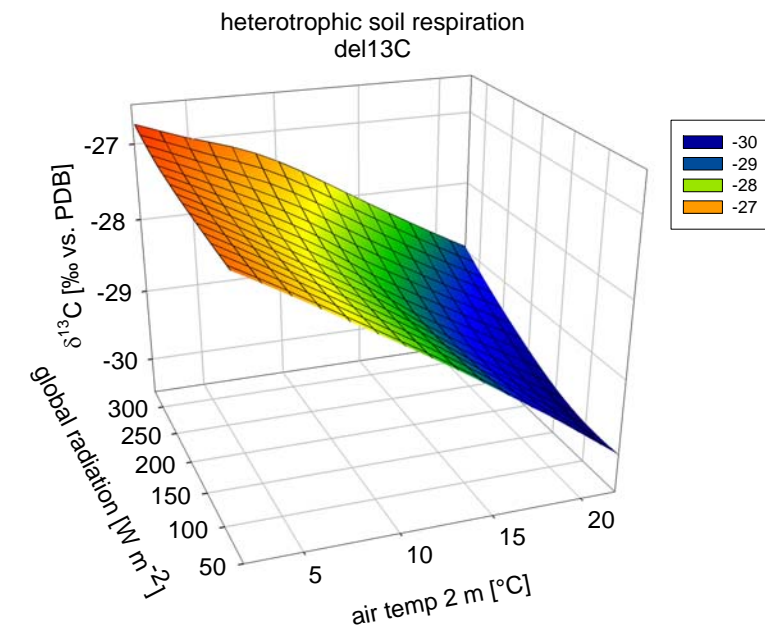
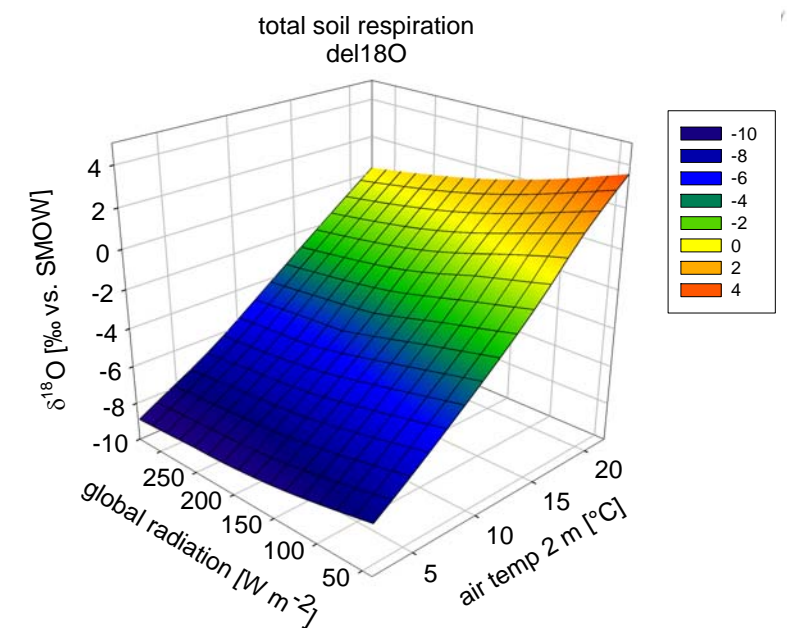
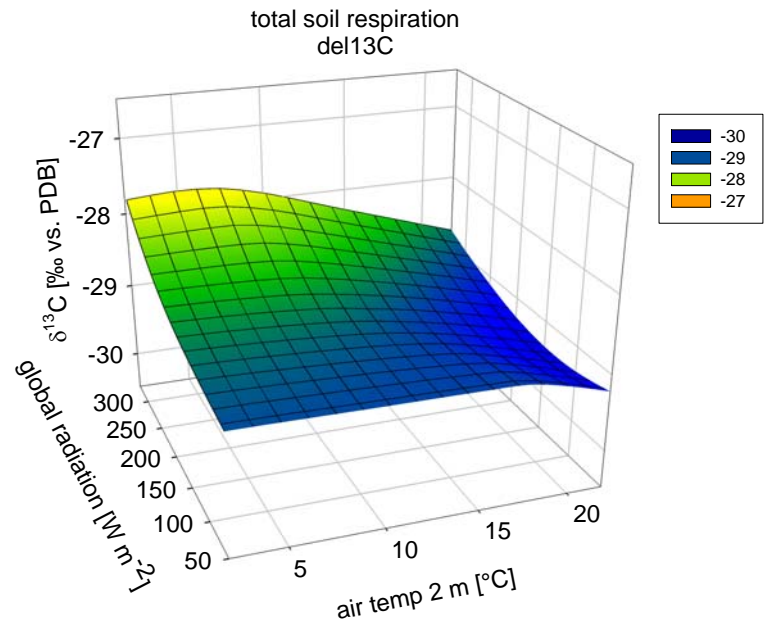
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Dependency of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ & $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of ecosystem CO_2 on air temperature & global radiation



Dependency of $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ & $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of total and heterotrophic soil respiration on air temperature & global radiation



Conclusions

- Isotope-specific laser absorption spectroscopy is an extremely powerful tool for long-term monitoring of C and O isotope ratios of CO₂ with high time resolution
- There are significant seasonal differences in $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ of ecosystem CO₂, with the highest values in summer at high temperatures and high light intensities
- There is a significant differences not only in the magnitude, but also in C and O isotope ratios of soil respired CO₂