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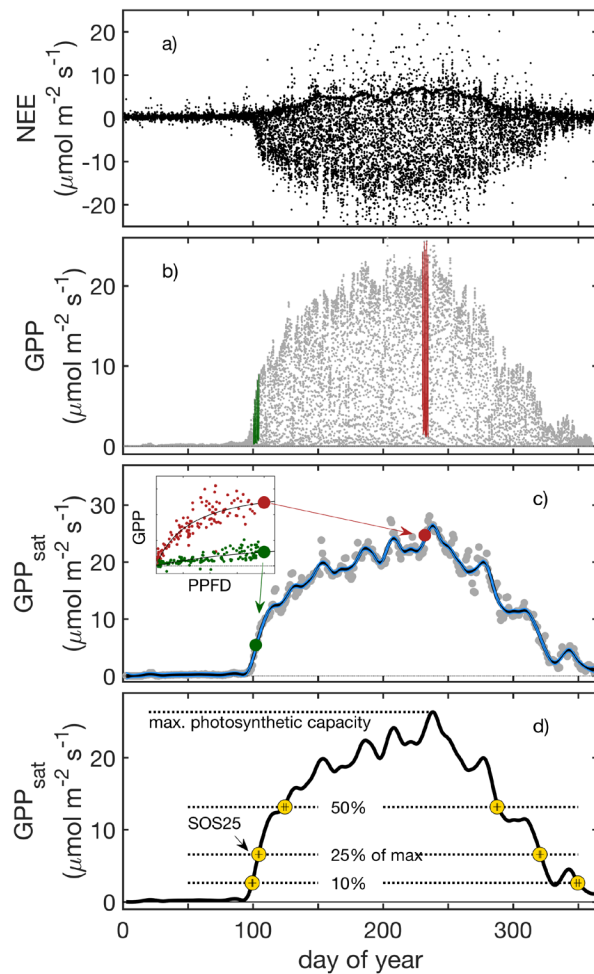
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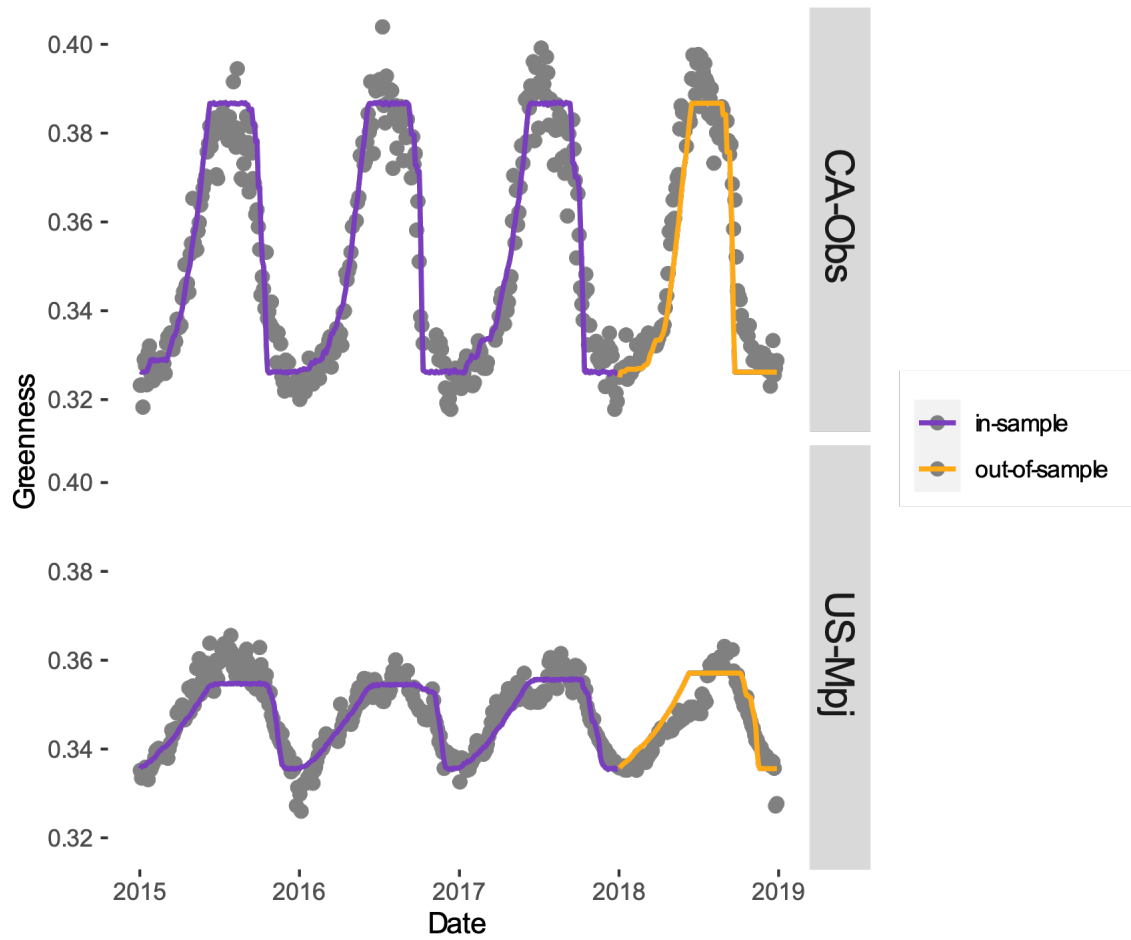
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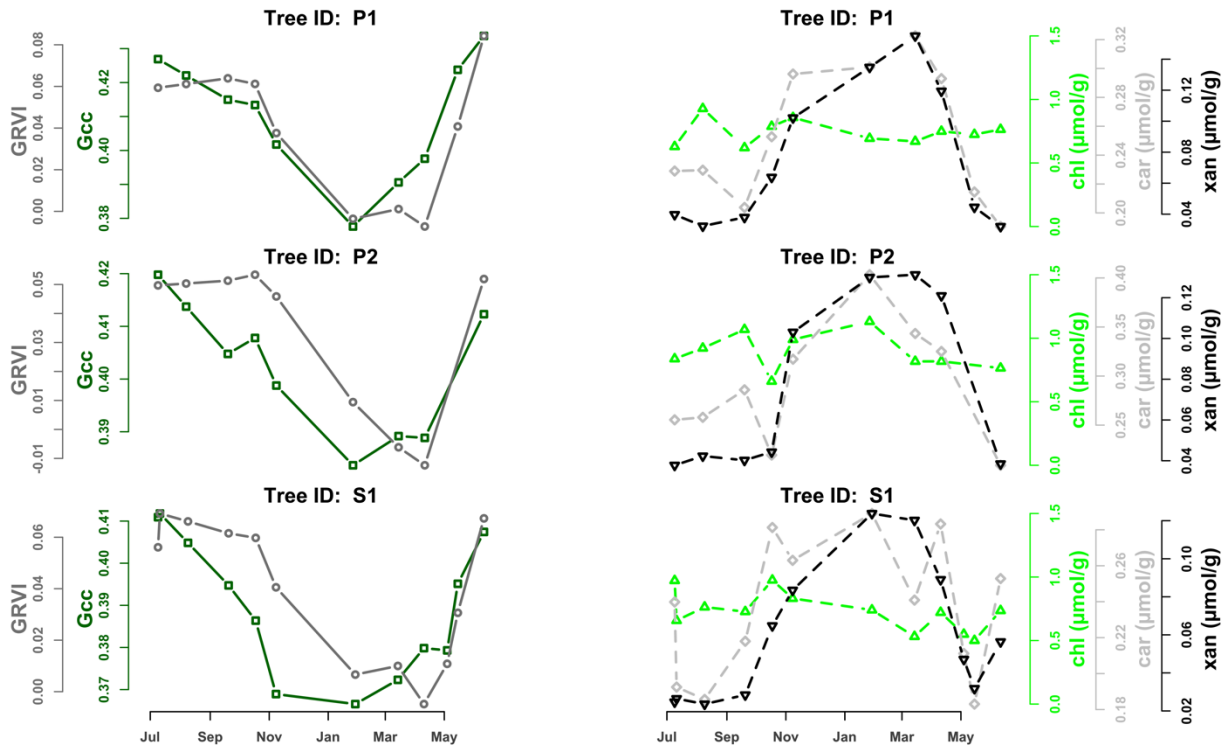
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 28 *conditions of low turbulence; (b) 30-minute time series of canopy photosynthesis (GPP), calculated as the difference*
 29 *between estimated ecosystem respiration and measured NEE; (c) estimation of seasonal trajectory of canopy-level*
 30 *photosynthetic capacity index (GPPsat) from analysis of light response curves (inset with colors indicating time*
 31 *period); (d) determination of start of season (SOS) and end of season (EOS) transition dates from the time series of*
 32 *GPPsat.*



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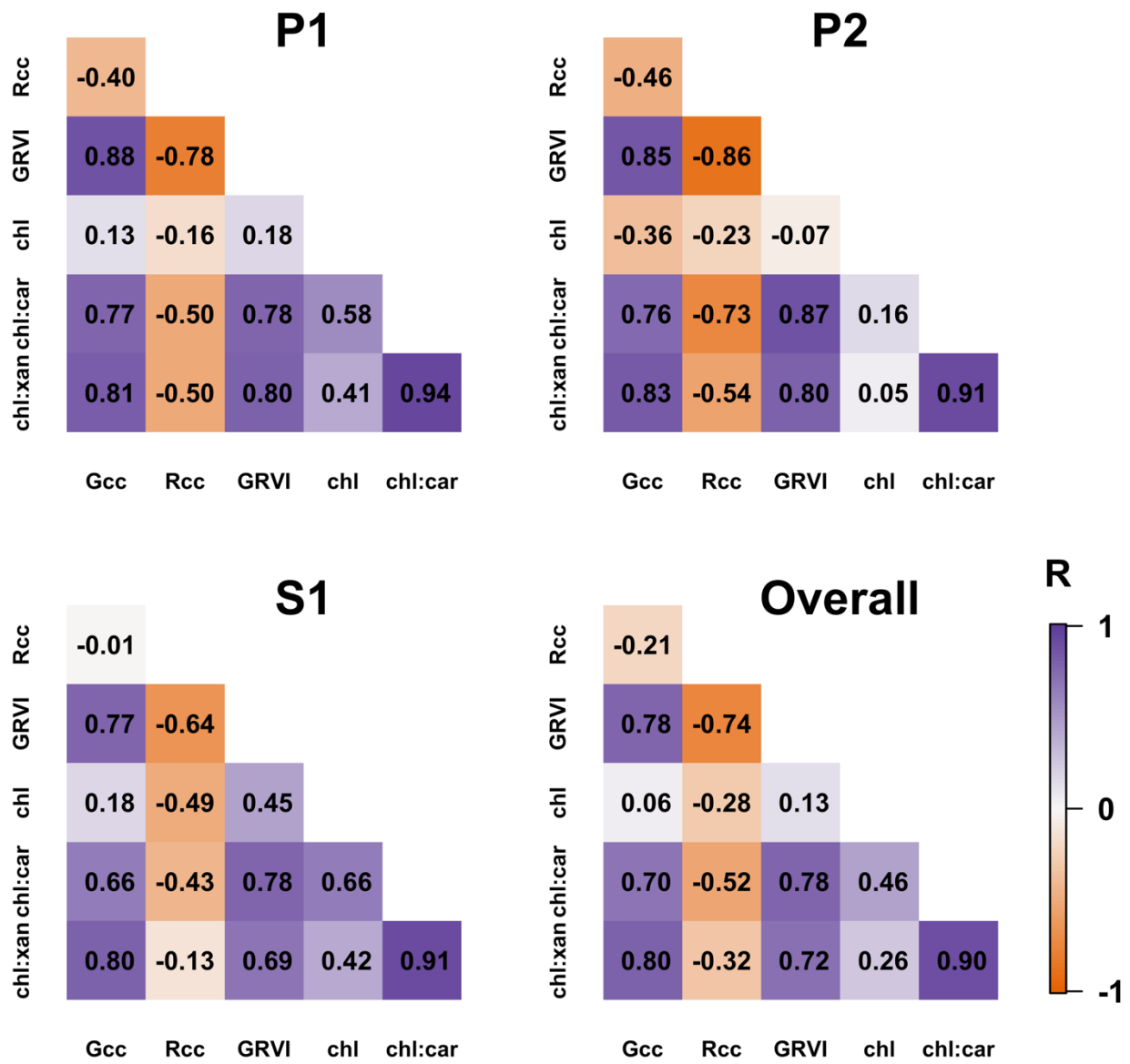
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Table S1 Metadata for eddy covariance study sites

Description /	Citations	Site Code		Lat. (°)	Lon. (°)	Alt. (m)	Mean Temperature (°C)			MAP (mm)	Snow Days	Dominant Species
		FLUXNET	PhenoCam				Annual	January	July			
Pole sapling Douglas-fir stand, British Columbia ¹	Jassal <i>et al.</i> (2009)	CA-Ca3	vancouverisland	49.53	-124.90	173	9.9	2.4	17.4	1676	8	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>
Western Boreal, Mature Black Spruce, Saskatchewan ²	Liu <i>et al.</i> (2019)	CA-Obs	canadaOBS	53.98	-105.11	628	0.8	-17.8	16.7	405	115	<i>Picea mariana</i> , <i>Larix laricina</i>
Eastern Boreal, Mature Black Spruce, Quebec ³	Margolis (2003) Bergeron <i>et al.</i> (2007)	CA-Qfo	chibougamau	49.69	-74.34	382	-0.4	-19.3	16.1	962	117	<i>Picea mariana</i>
Turkey Point 2002 Plantation, Ontario ⁴	Arain (2003a) Peichl <i>et al.</i> (2010) Chan <i>et al.</i> (2018)	CA-TP1	turkeypointenf02	42.66	-80.55	265	8	-4.2	21.4	1036	30	<i>Pinus strobus</i>
Turkey Point 1974 Plantation, Ontario ⁵	Arain (2003b) Peichl <i>et al.</i> (2010)	CA-TP3	turkeypointenf74	42.70	-80.34	216	8	-4.4	21.3	1036	18	<i>Pinus strobus</i>
Turkey Point 1939 Plantation, Ontario ⁶	Arain (2003c) Arain & Restrepo-Coupe (2005)	CA-TP4	turkeypointenf39	42.71	-80.35	232	8	-4.4	21.2	1036	34	<i>Pinus strobus</i> , <i>Abies balsamea</i> , <i>Quercus velutina</i> , <i>Quercus alba</i> , <i>Acer rubrum</i>
Howland Forest, Maine ⁷	Hollinger (1996) Hollinger <i>et al.</i> (1999) Richardson <i>et al.</i> (2019a)	US-Ho1	howland1	45.20	-68.74	60	5.3	-9.2	19.8	1070	51	<i>Picea rubens</i> , <i>Tsuga canadensis</i> , <i>Acer rubrum</i>
Metolius mature ponderosa pine, Oregon ⁸	Law (2002) Law & Berner (2015) Kwon <i>et al.</i> (2018)	US-Me2	oregonMP	44.45	-121.55	1253	6.3	-0.5	16.7	523	49	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>
Metolius Young Pine Burn, Oregon ⁹	Law (2010) Law & Berner (2015) Ruehr <i>et al.</i> (2012)	US-Me6	oregonYP	44.32	-121.60	998	7.6	0.4	17.7	494	45	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i>
Niwot Ridge Forest, Colorado ¹⁰	Blanken <i>et al.</i> (1998) Burns <i>et al.</i> (2015)	US-NR1	niwot5	40.03	-105.54	3050	1.5	-6.8	12.7	800	71	<i>Picea engelmannii</i> , <i>Abies lasiocarpa</i> , <i>Pinus contorta</i>
Austin Cary, Slashpine ¹¹	Martin (2000)	US-SP1	Austincary	29.73	-82.21	50	20.1	12.5	27.4	1310	4	<i>Pinus palustris</i> , <i>Pinus elliotti</i>

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Table 2 Metadata for PhenoCam study sites

Site Code		Lat (°)	Lon (°)	Alt. (m)	MAT (°C)	MAP (mm)	Acknowledgements
PhenoCam	FLUXNET						
canadaOBS	CA-Obs	53.98	-105.11	628	0.4	553	BERMS sites are funded through the Global Institute for Water Security (GIWS) at the University of Saskatchewan
harvardbarn	-	42.53	-72.18	350	7	1385	Research at Harvard Forest is partially supported through the National Science Foundation's LTER program (DEB-1237491).
harvardbarn2	-	42.53	-72.18	350	7	1385	Research at Harvard Forest is partially supported through the National Science Foundation's LTER program (DEB-1237491).
harvardhemlock	US-Ha2	42.53	-72.18	355	7	1385	Research at Harvard Forest is partially supported through the National Science Foundation's LTER program (DEB-1237491), and Dept. of Energy Office of Science (BER)
harvardhemlock2	US-Ha2	42.53	-72.17	355	7	1385	Research at Harvard Forest is partially supported through the National Science Foundation's LTER program (DEB-1237491).
howland1	US-Ho1	45.20	-68.74	80	6.1	1143	Research at Howland Forest is supported by the Office of Science (BER), US Department of Energy, and the USDA Forest Service's Northern Research Station.
huyckpreserveny	-	42.52	-74.15	478	6.85	1141	Research at the preserve is supported by the NSF Award #145544: Collaborative Research: IDBR: TYPE A. The NANAPHID: A novel aphid-like nanosensor network for real-time measurements of carbohydrates in live plant tissue, and the NSF MRI Award #72205: Acquisition of a Small Unmanned Aircraft System of Natural and Urban Ecosystem Studies and Risk Disaster Management
laclaflamme	-	47.32	-71.12	784	-0.1	1576	-
laurentides	-	45.98	-74.00	350	4.05	1222	-
missouriozarks	US-MOz	38.74	-92.20	219	12.75	1102	Research at the MOFLUX site is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of Biological and Environmental Research Program, Climate and Environmental Sciences Division through Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Terrestrial Ecosystem Science – Science Focus Area. ORNL is managed by UT-Battelle, LLC, for the U.S. Department of Energy under contract DE-AC05-00OR22725.
niwot2	US-NR1	40.03	-105.54	3050	1.8	863	The US-NR1 AmeriFlux site is currently supported by the U.S. DOE, Office of Science through the AmeriFlux Management Project (AMP) at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory under Award Number 7094866.
niwot3	US-NR1	40.03	-105.54	3050	1.8	863	The US-NR1 AmeriFlux site is currently supported by the U.S. DOE, Office of Science through the AmeriFlux Management Project (AMP) at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory under Award Number 7094866.
niwot5	US-NR1	40.03	-105.54	2993	1.8	863	The US-NR1 AmeriFlux site is currently supported by the U.S. DOE, Office of Science through the AmeriFlux Management Project (AMP) at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory under Award Number 7094866.

oregonMP	US-Me2	44.45	-121.55	1253	6.9	1158	Support for US-Me2 is provided from the Metolius Core Site Cluster by the DOE Office of Science Ameriflux Network Management Project
oregonYP	US-Me6	44.32	-121.6	977	8	893	Support for US-Me6 is provided from the Metolius Core Site Cluster by the DOE Office of Science Ameriflux Network Management Project
spruceA0EMI	-	47.50	-93.45	413	4.05	717	-
spruceA0P07	-	47.50	-93.45	413	4.05	717	-
spruceT0P06	-	47.50	-93.45	410	4.05	717	-
spruceT0P19E	-	47.50	-93.45	410	4.05	717	-
thompsonfarm2N	-	43.10	-70.95	23	8.7	1247	Research at the Thompson Farm Observatory is supported by NH EPSCoR with support from the National Science Foundation's Research Infrastructure Improvement Award (#EPS 1101245) and by the NH Agricultural Experiment Station/USDA NIFA (Hatch project #1006997).
turkeypointenf02	CA-TP1	42.66	-80.55	194	8.85	1019	Research at this site was funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of Canada, Canadian Foundation of Innovation (CFI), Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI) and Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Support from Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF), St Williams Conservation Reserve Community Council (SWCRCC), Long Point Conservation Authority (LPRCA), Whitside family and McMaster University is also acknowledged.
turkeypointenf39	CA-TP4	42.71	-80.35	232	8.65	1015	Research at this site was funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of Canada, Canadian Foundation of Innovation (CFI), Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI) and Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Support from Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF), St Williams Conservation Reserve Community Council (SWCRCC), Long Point Conservation Authority (LPRCA), Whitside family and McMaster University is also acknowledged.
turkeypointenf74	CA-TP3	42.70	-80.34	216	8.65	1013	Research at this site was funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) of Canada, Canadian Foundation of Innovation (CFI), Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI) and Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Support from Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF), St Williams Conservation Reserve Community Council (SWCRCC), Long Point Conservation Authority (LPRCA), Whitside family and McMaster University is also acknowledged.
umichbiological	US-UMB	45.55	-84.71	230	6.35	846	Primary support for the University of Michigan AmeriFlux Core Site(US-UMB) provided by the Department of Energy Office of Science. Infrastructure support provided by the University of Michigan Biological Station.
usmpj	US-Mpj	34.43	-106.25	2126	10.5	421	-
windriver	US-Wrc	45.82	-121.95	371	9.55	2264	Data and logistical support were provided by the US Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station and the University of Washington

Table S3 Evaluation of correlation of start-of-season (SOS) and end-of-season (EOS) transition dates, derived from PhenoCam imagery, with corresponding dates derived from tower-based estimates of gross primary production (GPP). We compared two different indices of canopy color, Gcc (green chromatic coordinate) and GRVI (green-red vegetation index). We aggregated data from multiple images recorded over a 3-day period to a single value using different aggregation statistics (“Aggr. Stat.”: mean, median, 75th percentile, and 90th percentile), following Sonnentag *et al.*, 2012. We extracted transition dates from the 3-day data using different thresholds (“ Δ Thresh.”: 10 %, 25 %, and 50 %) of the seasonal amplitude of each index (see Richardson *et al.*, 2018a). We used Type II (geometric mean) regression to quantify the relationship between PhenoCam-based and GPP-based transition dates, where m and b are the slope and intercept of the fitted line, R² is the coefficient of determination, and RMSE is the root mean squared error of the fitted line. Methods are ranked by Pearson’s correlation separately for SOS and EOS, and by the mean correlation across both SOS and EOS.

Index	Aggr. Stat.	Δ Thresh.	SOS				EOS				Rank by r		Mean r	
			m	b	R ²	RMSE	m	b	R ²	RMSE	SOS	EOS	mean	rank
Gcc	90 pctl	25 %	0.53	45.7	0.49	6.05	0.84	50.4	0.54	10.61	1	10	0.72	1
GRVI	mean	50 %	0.74	50.3	0.48	10.11	0.74	60.9	0.55	11.04	3	9	0.72	2
Gcc	mean	10 %	0.37	51.8	0.41	6.93	0.75	86.4	0.62	10.76	9	3	0.71	3
Gcc	75 pctl	10 %	0.35	54.1	0.41	6.66	0.69	105.5	0.59	10.87	7	7	0.70	4
Gcc	75 pctl	25 %	0.50	48.4	0.39	6.39	0.86	42.7	0.61	10.38	11	5	0.70	5
GRVI	mean	25 %	0.97	19.1	0.38	13.23	1.02	-17.7	0.59	13.05	12	6	0.69	6
Gcc	median	10 %	0.36	53.2	0.35	7.28	0.75	86.9	0.63	10.91	14	2	0.69	7
Gcc	median	10 %	0.37	52.2	0.47	6.73	0.70	103.7	0.50	11.71	4	14	0.69	8
Gcc	median	25 %	0.53	45.4	0.34	7.11	0.92	24.6	0.65	10.50	16	1	0.69	9
GRVI	median	50 %	0.75	49.6	0.48	10.14	0.68	75.7	0.46	10.29	2	19	0.69	10
Gcc	mean	25 %	0.55	42.3	0.34	7.38	0.94	19.8	0.62	10.65	15	4	0.69	11
GRVI	median	25 %	0.98	17.8	0.36	13.64	0.95	5.4	0.53	12.52	13	12	0.67	12
GRVI	90 pctl	25 %	1.01	15.2	0.41	13.45	0.86	35.1	0.47	12.72	10	17	0.66	13

GRVI	75 pctl	25 %	0.79	37.2	0.41	10.47	0.93	9.8	0.45	13.74	8	21	0.65	14
GRVI	90 pctl	50 %	0.71	55.3	0.42	10.40	0.61	99.0	0.43	10.37	5	22	0.65	15
GRVI	75 pctl	50 %	0.69	57.3	0.41	9.36	0.65	85.3	0.41	11.02	6	24	0.64	16
GRVI	mean	10 %	0.71	40.8	0.25	16.14	1.00	-4.8	0.55	16.36	17	8	0.62	17
GRVI	median	10 %	0.74	38.9	0.24	16.78	0.93	15.9	0.52	15.30	18	13	0.61	18
GRVI	75 pctl	10 %	0.56	53.8	0.24	12.71	0.95	9.5	0.47	16.58	19	16	0.59	19
GRVI	90 pctl	10v	0.86	27.1	0.22	17.41	0.85	45.3	0.46	15.65	20	20	0.57	20
Gcc	mean	50 %	0.55	55.5	0.14	9.59	0.80	53.0	0.54	11.31	23	11	0.56	21
Gcc	75 pctl	50 %	0.49	63.7	0.17	8.57	0.73	73.2	0.46	11.87	22	18	0.55	22
Gcc	90 pctl	50 %	0.47	66.4	0.19	8.04	0.69	86.2	0.43	11.30	21	23	0.55	23
Gcc	median	50 %	0.52	59.2	0.14	9.43	0.79	55.1	0.49	12.83	24	15	0.54	24

Table S4 List of the fitted model parameters. The model is presented in Eq. 7 -9. Mean and coefficient of variation (CV) are also shown.

site	ROI ID	G_{\max}	G_{\min}	θ_1	θ_2	ρ_1	ρ_2	D	σ
canadaOBS	1000	0.3867	0.3262	-7.67	4.94	9.80E-05	2.34E-03	183	0.0073
harvardbarn	1000	0.3830	0.3221	2.79	4.95	3.67E-04	3.97E-04	129	0.0091
harvardbarn2	1000	0.4341	0.3479	-0.56	4.80	2.32E-04	4.15E-04	132	0.0131
harvardhemlock	2000	0.4190	0.3743	0.33	4.91	6.69E-05	5.51E-04	157	0.0065
harvardhemlock2	1000	0.3932	0.3267	-3.37	4.77	5.89E-05	3.71E-04	168	0.0084
howland1	3000	0.3897	0.3540	-0.45	4.96	9.35E-05	3.21E-04	151	0.0060
huyckpreserveney	1000	0.4113	0.3743	-8.28	4.67	4.61E-05	1.61E-04	126	0.0064
laclaflamme	1000	0.4059	0.3291	1.24	-7.53	3.76E-04	2.97E-01	148	0.0110
laurentides	1000	0.4277	0.3492	-2.45	4.94	1.94E-04	8.10E-04	147	0.0084
missouriozarks	1000	0.4077	0.3338	-0.95	4.89	9.60E-05	1.57E-03	145	0.0124
niwot2	1000	0.4805	0.4228	-9.63	4.83	6.14E-05	1.70E-04	155	0.0098
niwot3	1000	0.3963	0.3536	-0.37	4.91	1.20E-04	3.87E-04	179	0.0057
niwot5	1000	0.4113	0.3675	-7.79	4.82	7.13E-05	2.48E-04	190	0.0062
oregonMP	1000	0.3714	0.3366	-5.15	4.96	4.18E-05	2.64E-04	163	0.0064
oregonYP	2000	0.4113	0.3651	-8.90	4.92	3.38E-05	1.68E-04	142	0.0056
spruceA0EMI	1000	0.3602	0.3125	-3.77	4.60	7.30E-05	8.97E-04	154	0.0058
spruceA0P07	1000	0.4137	0.3410	-8.76	4.36	9.92E-05	1.08E-03	144	0.0078
spruceTOP06	1000	0.4035	0.3465	-7.49	4.80	7.17E-05	8.73E-04	143	0.0073
spruceTOP19E	1000	0.3899	0.3348	-7.92	4.81	6.46E-05	7.86E-04	145	0.0074
thompsonfarm2N	2000	0.3460	0.3168	2.81	4.95	1.15E-04	2.65E-04	133	0.0041
turkeypointenf02	1000	0.3594	0.3191	0.29	4.95	1.64E-04	5.46E-04	133	0.0062
turkeypointenf39	1000	0.3666	0.3200	-3.44	4.95	1.00E-04	7.10E-04	143	0.0085
turkeypointenf74	1000	0.4123	0.3368	-9.00	4.93	7.13E-05	8.75E-04	149	0.0113
umichbiological	1000	0.4814	0.4289	-2.35	4.89	2.60E-04	2.74E-04	121	0.0126
umichbiological	2000	0.4065	0.3155	-0.83	4.91	4.02E-04	6.32E-04	133	0.0135
usmpj	1000	0.3653	0.3356	-6.24	4.78	1.70E-05	3.18E-04	163	0.0043
windriver	1000	0.3979	0.3653	-8.63	4.86	2.54E-05	3.85E-04	152	0.0056
Mean	-	0.4011	0.3465	-3.94	4.39	1.27E-04	1.15E-02	149	0.0080
CV	-	0.079	0.0843	-1.024	0.543	0.858	4.923	0.113	0.337

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