



## Supplement of

# Estimating immediate post-fire carbon fluxes using the eddy-covariance technique

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#### Table S1. Summary of published eddy-covariance studies in woodland areas affected by wildfires

Reference	Location	Climate	Dominant	Stand observations	Measuring	<b>NEE</b> [g C m <sup>-2</sup> y <sup>-1</sup> ]*
		Köppen–	tree species		period	
		Geiger	before			
		system	fire/disturbance			
Present study	Central	Csb	Pinus pinaster	Stand replacing fire in Aug2017	Oct 2017-	-290
	Portugal				Oct2018	
Sun et al. (2016)	South Australia	Bsk	Eucalyptus	1-y after fire May2014-Jul2015	May14	$\underline{19 \text{ g}} \text{ C} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ month}^{-1}$
			dumosa, E		Jun14	$\underline{16} \text{ g C m}^{-2} \text{ month}^{-1}$
			incrassata, E		Jul14	$\underline{11}$ g C m <sup>-2</sup> month <sup>-1</sup>
			oleosa, E socialis		May15	-18 g C m <sup>-2</sup> month <sup>-1</sup>
					Jun15	-13 g C m <sup>-2</sup> month <sup>-1</sup>
					Jul15	$-12 \text{ g C m}^{-2} \text{ month}^{-1}$
Dadi et al. (2015)	Cuenca, Spain	Csb	Pinus nigra	High severity, stand-replacing fire in July	Jun2011-	<u>180</u>
				2009	Feb2013	
Serrano-Ortiz et al. (2011)	SE Spain	Dsc	Pinus sylvestris	Burnt Sept 2005; Salvage logging (SL) vs no	Jun-Dec	BUR-SL <u>40</u> g C m <sup>-2</sup> per 7-
				intervention (NI)	2009	months
						BUR-NI -90 g C m <sup>-2</sup> per 7-
						months
Mkhabela et al. (2009)	Saskatchewan,	Dfb	Pinus banksiana	BUR 1998	2004 and	<u>20</u>
	Canada			BUR 1989	2005	-84

				BUR 1977		+58
				BUR 1929		-20
Dore et al. (2008)	Arizona, USA	Csa	Pinus ponderosa	High severity, stand-replacing fire 1996 vs	Sep 2005	<u>109±6</u>
				Unburnt	to Dec	
					2006	
Amiro (2001)	NW Canada	Dfc	Pinus banksiana	Severely burnt in July 1997; Adjacent UNB	7-15 Jul	BUR $0.8$ g C m <sup>-2</sup> d <sup>-1</sup>
				with 80 years	1998	
				Burnt 1989 and aerially seeded in 1990;	10-26	BUR = UNB
				Adjacent UNB with 50 years	Aug1999	$-1.3 \text{ g C m}^{-2} \text{ d}^{-1}$

\*unless other units indicated

	Projected ground cover			
	((minimum) median			
Higher plant species	(maximum)%)			
Cistus psilosepalus	(0) 0 (40)			
Agrostis truncatula	(0) 0 (15)			
Cistus ladanifer	(1) 15 (30)			
Eucalyptus globulus	(0) 0 (10)			
Halimium ocymoides	(0) 9 (15)			
Calluna vulgaris	(0) 1 (15)			
Pterospartum tridentatum	(0) 5 (10)			
Erica spec.	(0) 0 (5)			
Arbutus unedo	(0) 0 (5)			
Phyllirea angustifolia	(0) 1 (10)			
Pinus pinaster	(1) 2 (5)			
Lavandula pedunculata	(0) 0 (2)			
Genista triachantos	(0) 1 (2)			
Conyza bonariensis	(0) 0 (2)			
Anarrhinum bellidifolium	(0) 0 (1)			
Pteridium aquilinum	(0) 0 (1)			
Jasione montana	(0) 0 (1)			
Hakea sericea	(0) 0 (1)			
Ornithopus spec.	(0) 1 (1)			

Table S2. Summary of the floristic composition on 10 September 2018 as determined by vegetation relevees at the 5 points along the transect in the targeted footprint area

Reference	Location	Climate	Dominant tree species	Soil	Stand establishment	Tree age [y]	<b>NEP</b> $[g C m^{-2} y^{-1}]^*$
Berbigier et al.	Bordeaux,	Cfb	Pinus pinaster Ait	sandy	Planted in 1970	28	575
(2001)	France			hydromorphic			
				podzol			
Kowalski et al.	Les Landes,	Cfb	Pinus pinaster Ait.	sandy podzol	Clear-felled 50 y old plantation	1	-290
(2003)	France						
Jarosz et al.	Bordeaux,	Cfb	Pinus pinaster Ait.	Sandy	Planted in 1970	32	79 total
(2008)	France			hydromorphic			-59 understory
				podzol			138 tree layer
Moreaux et al.	Bordeaus,	Cfb	Pinus pinaster Ait.	Sandy podzol	Clear cut 1999; ploughed and	A: 4	243
(2011)	France				fertilized 2001; seeded 2004.	B: 5	65
					A: without intervention		
					B: removal of weed and thinning		
					of trees in 2008/2009		
Matteucci et al.	Tuscany,	Csa (study	Pinus pinaster Ait.	93% sand,	Natural regeneration following a	64	(May'01-March'02)
(2015)	Italy	year was		3% silt; 4%	wildfire in 1944		21
		atypically		clay.			
		dry)		43.8% SOM			

#### Table S2. Summary of published eddy-covariance studies in unburnt Pinus pinaster Ait. woodlands

\*unless other units indicate



#### 2. Supplementary Figures S1 to S13

Figure S1a. Digital surface model derived from aerial photography of the burnt area surrounding the flux tower (marked with a circle with a cross). The imagery was acquired on 18 July 2018, using the standard RGB camera mounted on a DJI Phantom 3 drone.



Figure S1b. Ortho-photomap of the study area showing the patches of pine trees whose crowns were only scorched by the wildfire (yellow-bounded polygons), and the 5 points (white squares) along the transect laid out the west of slim tower (cycle with cross), The imagery was acquired roughly 6 weeks after the wildfire, on 22 September 2017, using a standard RGB camera mounted on a DJI Phantom 3 drone



Figure S2. Flow chart of the calculation of the parameters for gap filling of 30-min assimilation and respiration fluxes.



Figure S3. Flow chart of the revision of the raw 30-min data.



Figure S4. Daily cycle of energy fluxes and their residual on 24 June 2018, when the sky was predominantly clear, except for some high clouds around the local noon at 12:38 UTC. From 08:00 to 19:30 UTC, the footprint consisted for more than 80% of the Maritime pine woodland.



Figure S5. Relationship of turbulent fluxes with available energy for all 30-minute data records that met four conditions: (i) >80% of the footprint area corresponded to the burnt pine woodland; (ii) the quality flags for the turbulent fluxes ranged from 1 to 6; (iii) sensible and latent heat fluxes were larger than the detection limit of 10 W m<sup>-2</sup>; the ration of latent to sensible heat fluxes passed a MAD-test with q=0.5.



Figure S6. Frequency distribution of the ratio of sensible and latent heat fluxes (Bowen ratio) for two contrasting soil moisture conditions (Volumetric Water Content classes 1 and 2 vs. 3 and 4). The same 30-minute data records as used for Figure S5.



Figure S7. Median 30- minute volumetric soil water content during the 2017/18 hydrological year at 2.5 cm depth at five inter-patches along a transect laid out to the west of the flux tower in the Maritime pine footprint area.



Figure S8: Daily rainfall during the 2017/18 hydrological year as recorded by the automatic gauges installed in the study area.



Figure S9. Daily cycles of 30-min sensible and latent heat fluxes and NEE fluxes for the immediate post-fire period from 26 to 29 September 2017. Figure S10 shows the daily cycles of relative humidity together with those of the NEE fluxes. The shadow band shows the time interval of Figure 9.



Figure S10. Daily cycles of 30-min relative humidity and NEE fluxes for the immediate post-fire period from 26 to 29 September 2017. The shadow band shows the time interval of Figure 9.



Figure S11. Daily cycles of 30-min sensible and latent heat fluxes and NEE fluxes following the first two significant post-fire rainfall events during the night from 17 to 18 October 2017 and around noon on 20 October 2017.



Figure S12. Daily cycles of 30-min sensible and latent heat fluxes and NEE fluxes during early summer 2018, from 1 to 3 July, when these fluxes originated from the Maritime pine woodlands.



Figure S13. Illustration of post-fire vegetation recovery by 3 January 2018, showing three resprouter shrub species of the understory (a) *Arbutus unedo*; b) *Phillyrea angustifolia*; c) *Pterospartum tridentatum*; and d) Maritime pine seedling. (Pictures by J. Jacob Keizer)

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