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14 **Abstract**

15 In Southeast Asia, peatland is widely distributed and has accumulated a massive amount of  
16 soil carbon, coexisting with peat swamp forest (PSF). The peatland, however, has been  
17 rapidly degraded by deforestation, fires and drainage for the last two decades. Such  
18 disturbances change hydrological conditions, typically groundwater level (*GWL*), and  
19 accelerate oxidative peat decomposition. Evapotranspiration (*ET*) is a major determinant of  
20 *GWL*, whereas information on the *ET* of PSF is limited. Therefore, we measured *ET* using the  
21 eddy covariance technique for four to six years between 2002 and 2009, including El Niño  
22 and La Niña events, at three sites in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. The sites were different in  
23 disturbance degree: a PSF with little drainage (UF), a heavily drained PSF (DF) and a drained  
24 burnt ex-PSF (DB); *GWL* was significantly lowered at DF, especially in the dry season. The  
25 *ET* showed a clear seasonal variation with a peak in the mid-dry season and a large decrease  
26 in the late dry season, mainly following seasonal variation in net radiation ( $R_n$ ). The  $R_n$   
27 drastically decreased with dense smoke from peat fires in the late dry season. Annual *ET*  
28 forced to close energy balance for four years was  $1636 \pm 53$ ,  $1553 \pm 117$  and  $1374 \pm 75$  mm  
29  $\text{yr}^{-1}$  (mean  $\pm 1$  standard deviation), respectively, at UF, DF and DB. The undrained PSF (UF)  
30 had high and rather stable annual *ET*, independently of El Niño and La Niña events, in  
31 comparison with other tropical rainforests. The minimum monthly-mean *GWL* explained 80%  
32 of interannual variation in *ET* for the forest sites (UF and DF); the positive relationship  
33 between *ET* and *GWL* indicates that drainage by a canal decreased *ET* at DF through lowering  
34 *GWL*. In addition, *ET* was decreased by 16% at DB in comparison with UF chiefly because of  
35 vegetation loss through fires.

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## 37 **Introduction**

38 In Southeast Asia, mainly Indonesia and Malaysia, peatland is widely distributed, coexisting  
39 with swamp forest, over an area of  $2.48 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^2$  and accumulating up to 68.5 Pg of soil  
40 organic carbon, which accounts for 11-14% of global peat carbon (Page *et al.*, 2011). These  
41 peatlands, however, have been rapidly devastated by deforestation and drainage for logging  
42 and land-use change, with such disturbances often causing frequent large-scale peat fires  
43 (Miettinen *et al.*, 2012b; Page *et al.*, 2002). As a result, the proportion of forest cover in the  
44 peatlands of Peninsular Malaysia, Sumatra and Borneo fell from 77% to 36% from 1990 to  
45 2010 (Miettinen *et al.*, 2012b). In these regions, 20% of peatlands had been also converted to  
46 plantations of oil palm and Acacia by 2010 (Miettinen *et al.*, 2012a). These human pressures  
47 have increased the vulnerability of the huge peat carbon pool and increased the risk for the  
48 pool to be a large carbon source to the atmosphere chiefly because of peat fires and lowered  
49 groundwater level (*GWL*) which stimulates the rate of biological oxidation (e.g. Hirano *et al.*,  
50 2012; Page *et al.*, 2002).

51 The carbon balance of peatland is chiefly controlled by local hydrology (e.g. Bozkurt *et*  
52 *al.*, 2001; Limpens *et al.*, 2008), which determines the water regime of surface peat. Under  
53 unsaturation conditions, peat is aerated, and its soil organic compounds are easily oxidized  
54 into carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ). Therefore, theoretically, drainage to lower *GWL* enhances  
55 oxidative peat decomposition and its resultant  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions. Field studies have illustrated  
56 such relationship with *GWL* from studies of peat subsidence (Couwenberg *et al.*, 2009;  
57 Hooijer *et al.*, 2010; Hooijer *et al.*, 2012) and soil  $\text{CO}_2$  efflux (Hirano *et al.*, 2014; Jauhainen  
58 *et al.*, 2012; Sundari *et al.*, 2012) in tropical peatlands. Also, Hirano *et al.* (2012) showed that  
59 the  $\text{CO}_2$  balance of tropical peat ecosystems was clearly related to *GWL* on both monthly and  
60 annual bases.

61 The *GWL* results from water balance. Because tropical peatland is typically

62 ombrotrophic (Dommain *et al.*, 2011; Page *et al.*, 2004), *GWL* varies according to residuals  
63 (storage change) between precipitation as input and evapotranspiration (*ET*) and discharge as  
64 output. Although precipitation can be also affected by large-scale deforestation (Spracklen *et*  
65 *al.*, 2012), *ET* and runoff are directly affected by deforestation, fires and drainage,  
66 respectively (e.g. Bosch & Hewlett, 1982; Dore *et al.*, 2010; Sun *et al.*, 2001). For example,  
67 conversion from tropical forest to pasture decreased *ET* in Amazonia, especially in the dry  
68 season (von Randow *et al.*, 2004). To predict *GWL* under human pressures and thereby assess  
69 the carbon balance of tropical peatland, it is crucial to quantify *ET* and elucidate the effects of  
70 disturbances on *ET*. In addition, tropical forest plays an important role in hydrologic and  
71 atmospheric circulations, which drive climate systems, both on regional and global scales by  
72 massive *ET* and its resultant strong evaporative cooling (Bonan, 2008). Although peat swamp  
73 forest in Malaysia and Indonesia except Papua ( $7.00 \times 10^4$  km<sup>2</sup>, Miettinen *et al.*, 2012b)  
74 accounts for only 5% of the forest area in the two countries ( $1.29 \times 10^6$  km<sup>2</sup>, Harris *et al.*,  
75 2012) in 2000, it is important to investigate the energy balance of tropical peat swamp forest  
76 for better understanding of the ecosystem function of tropical forest, because its ground water  
77 condition is different from that of other upland forest. Information on the energy balance and  
78 *ET* of tropical peatland is still quite limited (Hirano *et al.*, 2005).

79         We measured fluxes of sensible heat (*H*) and latent heat (*LE*) using the eddy covariance  
80 technique and determined *ET* and energy balance at three sites within 15 km of each other on  
81 tropical peatland near Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia (Hirano *et al.*, 2012). The  
82 sites were different in disturbance degree: a peat swamp forest (PSF) with little drainage (UF),  
83 a heavily drained PSF (DF) and a drained burnt ex-PSF with limited vegetation (DB). Here  
84 we show the results of field measurement for four to six years between 2002 and 2009,  
85 including El Niño and La Niña events and discuss seasonal and interannual variations in the  
86 *ET* of PSF and the effects of anthropogenic disturbances due to drainage and fires on the *ET*.

## 87 **Materials and Methods**

### 88 *Study site*

89 The study was conducted in tropical peatlands near Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan  
90 province, Indonesia. A large peatland area was deforested and drained in this province during  
91 the late 1990s according to a national project: the Mega Rice Project. Although the project  
92 was terminated in 1999, it left vast degraded peatland. Three sites were located on flat terrain  
93 within 15 km (Hirano *et al.*, 2012): a PSF with little drainage (UF; 2.32°S, 113.90°E), a  
94 drained PSF (DF; 2.35°S, 114.14°E) and a drained burnt ex-PSF with re-growing vegetation  
95 (DB; 2.34°S, 114.04°E), which was dominated by fern plants. The DF and DB have been  
96 drained by a large canal (25 m wide × 3.5-4.5 m deep) excavated in 1996 and 1997.  
97 Information of each site was detailed by our previous paper (Hirano *et al.*, 2012).

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### 99 *Flux measurement*

100 Eddy fluxes of sensible heat ( $H$ ) and latent heat ( $LE$ ) were measured on towers since July 2004  
101 at a height of 36.5 m, November 2001 at 41.3 m and April 2004 at 3.0 m, respectively, at UF,  
102 DF and DB using the eddy covariance technique with a sonic anemometer-thermometer  
103 (CSAT3; Campbell Scientific Inc., USA) and an open-path CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O analyzer (LI7500;  
104 Li-Cor Inc., USA) (Hirano *et al.*, 2012). Sensor signals were recorded using a datalogger  
105 (8421; Hioki E. E. Corp., Japan) at 10 Hz. Net radiation ( $R_n$ ) and albedo were measured with  
106 a radiometer (CNR-1; Kipp & Zonen, the Netherlands) at a height of 36.3, 40.6 and 3.3 m,  
107 respectively, at UF, DF and DB. Air temperature and relative humidity were measured with a  
108 platinum resistance thermometer and a capacitive hygrometer (HMP45; Vaisala, Finland)  
109 installed in a non-ventilated radiation shield (DTR503A; Vaisala) at a height of 36.3, 41.7 and  
110 1.5 m, respectively, at UF, DF and DB. Precipitation was measured with a tipping-bucket rain  
111 gauge (TE525; Campbell Scientific Inc.) at a height of 41.0 m at DF. Sensor signals were

112 measured every 30 s; their half-hourly means were recorded using a datalogger (CR10X;  
113 Campbell Scientific Inc.). Groundwater level (*GWL*), which was shown as a distance between  
114 the ground (reference) and groundwater surfaces, was measured every 30 min with a water  
115 level logger (DL/N; Sensor Technik Sirnach AG, Sienach, Switzerland or DCX-22 VG; Keller  
116 AG, Winterthur, Switzerland) within 5 m from towers at the three sites.

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### 118 *Flux calculation*

119 Half-hourly mean *H* and *IE* were calculated according to the following procedures: 1) removal  
120 of noise spikes (Vickers & Mahrt, 1997), 2) planar fit rotation (Wilczak *et al.*, 2001), 3) water  
121 vapor correction for *H* (Hignett, 1992), 4) correction for high- and low-frequency losses using  
122 a theoretical transfer function (Massman, 2000, Massman, 2001), 5) covariance calculation  
123 using a block average and 6) density fluctuation correction for *IE* (Webb *et al.*, 1980).

124 The sensitivity of an open-path analyzer (LI7500) for water vapor density was  
125 calibrated by comparing half-hourly mean water vapor densities from the LI7500 and a  
126 slow-response thermometer/hygrometer (HMP45) (Iwata *et al.*, 2012), because the sensitivity  
127 directly affects the covariance of water vapor density and vertical wind velocity. The  
128 sensitivity was calculated every day as the slope of correlation between two water vapor  
129 densities (*y*: LI7500, *x*: HMP45) using a moving window of 31 days, and then the daily  
130 variation of the slope was smoothed by fitting a tenth-order spline curve. If correlation was  
131 not significant ( $p > 0.05$ ), the slope data were excluded from the fitting. Before the correlation  
132 analysis, data were excluded in the rain and in the nighttime to avoid outliers due to raindrops  
133 or dew condensation on the LI7500's window. In addition to such data screening, data were  
134 only used under the neutral condition of atmospheric stability for DB, because the LI7500  
135 was installed 1.5 m higher than the HMP45. The reciprocal of the daily slope was applied as a  
136 correction coefficient for the covariance.

137 We used flux data from July 2004 to August 2008, December 2001 to July 2008 and  
138 April 2004 to September 2009, respectively, for UF, DF and DB. To calculate annual sums,  
139 we defined the annual period of 365 or 366 days starting on July 10 or 11 (DOY192) and  
140 ending on July 9 or 10 (DOY191) (Hirano *et al.*, 2012). The whole rainy season was captured  
141 in each annual period, because the rainy season usually starts in October and lasts until June  
142 in this area (Hirano *et al.*, 2012). In the period, annual sums were calculated for the four year  
143 periods of 2004–2008, the six year periods of 2002–2008 and the five year periods of 2004–  
144 2009, respectively, for UF, DF and DB.

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#### 146 *Quality control and gap filling of flux data*

147 We first excluded flux data obtained during rain and when the mean wind direction was  
148 within  $\pm 30^\circ$ ,  $\pm 35^\circ$  and  $\pm 20^\circ$  from the north, respectively, for UF, DF and DB, thereby  
149 avoiding flow distortion caused by the tower. The azimuth angles were determined from  
150 tower dimensions. Next, we calculated the difference between covariances determined from  
151 the whole interval of 30 min and six intervals of 5 min. Flux data were excluded, if  
152 covariance difference was larger than 250% (Foken & Wichura, 1996). Consequently, the  
153 survival rates of *H* and *IE* data available for annual summations were 49% and 51%, 50% and  
154 50%, and 46% and 64%, respectively, for UF, DF and DB. Data gaps were filled by the  
155 look-up table (LUT) method using  $R_n$  and vapor pressure deficit (*VPD*) as predictors on a  
156 half-hourly basis. The  $R_n$  and *VPD* were grouped into ten and three classes, respectively. The  
157 LUT was created every three months: November–January, February–April, May–July and  
158 August–October, considering climate conditions (Hirano *et al.*, 2007). After gap filling, to  
159 correct annual *ET* for the energy imbalance (Table S1), *H* and *IE* were forced to balance with  
160  $R_n$  (adjustment) using a ratio of *H* and *IE* (Bowen ratio) on a daily basis (Twine *et al.*, 2000).

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162 *Calculation of bulk parameters*

163 Bulk parameters of surface conductance ( $G_s$ ) (Monteith, 1965), decoupling factor ( $\Omega$ ) (Jarvis  
164 & McNaughton, 1986) and Priestley-Taylor coefficient ( $\alpha$ ) (Priestley & Taylor, 1972) were  
165 calculated to interpret the seasonal variation and environmental response of  $ET$ . To avoid  
166 instability and divergence, the bulk parameters around midday from 1000 to 1400 in no-rain  
167 conditions were only used to calculate monthly means for the analysis (Ryu *et al.*, 2008). Also,  
168 albedo for shortwave radiation was calculated for the midday period when global radiation  
169 was larger than  $700 \text{ W m}^{-2}$  (Hirano *et al.*, 2007).

170 The  $G_s$  ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ) stands for the integration of individual leaf's stomatal conductance for  
171 transpiration and surface wetness for evaporation, which was calculated backward from the  
172 Penman-Monteith equation by replacing  $R_n - G$  with  $H + lE$ , because  $G$  was unavailable (Eqn.  
173 1). This substitution would overestimate  $G_s$  because of energy imbalance (Table S1).

$$174 \quad \frac{1}{G_s} = \frac{1}{G_a} \left[ \frac{\varepsilon(H+lE) + \rho C_p G_a \frac{VPD}{\gamma}}{lE} - \varepsilon - 1 \right] \quad (1)$$

175 where  $G_a$  is bulk aerodynamic conductance ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ),  $\varepsilon$  is  $s/\gamma$ ,  $s$  is the slope of relationship  
176 between saturation vapor pressure and temperature ( $\text{kPa K}^{-1}$ ),  $\gamma$  is psychrometric constant (=  $0.067 \text{ kPa K}^{-1}$ ),  $\rho$  is air density ( $\text{kg m}^{-3}$ ),  $C_p$  is specific heat of air at constant pressure (=  $1007 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ),  $VPD$  is vapor pressure deficit ( $\text{kPa}$ ). The  $G_a$  was calculated using the following  
178 equation (Humphreys *et al.*, 2006).

$$180 \quad G_a = \left[ \frac{2}{\kappa u^*} \left( \frac{dh}{dv} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{u}{u^{*2}} \right]^{-1} \quad (2)$$

181 where  $\kappa$  is von Karman constant (=0.4),  $u^*$  is friction velocity ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ),  $dh$  is thermal diffusivity,  
182  $dv$  is molecular diffusivity of water vapor and  $u$  is mean wind velocity ( $\text{m s}^{-1}$ ). The ratio of  $dh$   
183 and  $dv$  ( $dh/dv$ ) was set at 0.89 (Humphreys *et al.*, 2006).

184 The  $\Omega$  is an index (0 to 1) of decoupling between vegetation and the atmosphere for  $ET$ ,  
185 which was defined as follows:

186 
$$\Omega = \frac{\varepsilon+1}{\varepsilon+1+\frac{G_a}{G_s}} \quad (3)$$

187 The  $\Omega$  approaches 0 when  $ET$  is controlled by  $G_s$  and  $VPD$  (coupling), and approaches one  
188 when  $ET$  is controlled by available energy (decoupling).

189 The  $\alpha$  is the ratio of measured  $IE$  and equilibrium  $IE$  ( $IE_{eq}$ ), which is the  $IE$  of an  
190 extended wet surface (Priestley & Taylor, 1972). The  $\alpha$  was calculated using the following  
191 equation (Flint & Childs, 1991).

192 
$$\alpha = \frac{IE}{IE_{eq}} = \frac{IE}{\frac{(R_n-G)s}{s+\gamma}} \cong \frac{IE}{\frac{(H+IE)s}{s+\gamma}} = \frac{s+\gamma}{(1+\beta)s} \quad (4)$$

193 where  $\beta$  is Bowen ratio.

194

195 **Results**

196 *Seasonal variation*

197 Monthly values of environmental elements, energy fluxes and bulk parameters are shown in  
198 time sequence in Fig. 1. Precipitation shows seasonality with fluctuations due to El Niño and  
199 La Niña events. According to sea surface temperature (SST) anomaly in the Niño 3.4 region,  
200 El Niño and La Niña events occurred in the 02-03, 04-05 and 06-07 periods and the 05-06,  
201 07-08 and 08-09 periods, respectively (NOAA,  
202 [http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis\\_monitoring/ensostuff/ensoyears.shtml](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/ensostuff/ensoyears.shtml)).

203 Following the precipitation variation, *GWL* and *VPD* varied seasonally. In 2004 and 2005, the  
204 less-vegetated ground surface at DB was studded with open water, which lowered albedo. A  
205 large increase in albedo in 2006, especially at DB, was due to strong surface desiccation  
206 caused by El Niño drought (Hirano *et al.*, 2007). A massive amount of smoke emitted from  
207 large-scale peat fires, which often occurs during El Niño drought, led to sudden reduction in  
208  $R_n$  in 2002 and 2006 (Hirano *et al.*, 2007; Hirano *et al.*, 2012; Hirano *et al.*, 2005).

209 To clarify seasonal variation, monthly values were ensemble averaged for each site for  
210 the common period of four years from August 2004 through July 2008 (Fig. 2). In addition,  
211 monthly values were averaged for the rainy and dry seasons, respectively (Table 1); the  
212 threshold to separate the two seasons was monthly precipitation of 100 mm (e.g. Malhi *et al.*,  
213 2002). As a result, 10 months out of a total (48 months) were classified as the dry season. On  
214 average for the four years, August and September were in the dry season, and July with  
215 monthly precipitation of 102 mm was the transition between the two seasons (Fig. 2). The  
216 *GWL* reached its minimum of -0.55, -1.05 and -0.52 m at UF, DF and DB, respectively, in  
217 October and was significantly lower in the dry season than in the rainy season. Midday *VPD*  
218 began to increase in April and peaked in September at UF (1.84 kPa) and DF (1.92 kPa) and  
219 in October at DB (2.28 kPa); it was significantly higher in the dry season. Albedo showed

220 seasonality similar to that of *VPD* with a peak in October at UF and DF and in November at  
221 DB, which differed significantly between the two seasons except for DB. The  $R_n$  showed an  
222 opposite peak in October because of shading due to dense smoke in 2006 (Fig. 1). However,  
223 seasonal difference in  $R_n$  was not significant, because  $R_n$  is usually larger in the dry season if  
224 no fires occur. Smoke from peat fires is critical for the radiation environment in the dry  
225 season (Hirano *et al.*, 2012). The  $H$  increased significantly in the dry season at DB, whereas  
226 its seasonality was obscure at UF and DF. The  $IE$  or  $ET$  increased gradually from April  
227 through August and decreased during September and October; the decrease would correspond  
228 to  $R_n$  decrease. Seasonal difference in  $IE$  was significant only at UF. Similarly with  $H$ , Bowen  
229 ratio increased significantly in the dry season only at DB. The ratio of  $IE$  and  $R_n$  increased  
230 significantly in the dry season at UF and DF, except for DB. The  $G_s$  began to decrease in July  
231 and reached an opposite peak in October at UF and DF and in November at DB, which  
232 resembles  $GWL$  or the mirror image of midday  $VPD$  in seasonal variation, whereas significant  
233 seasonal difference was detected only at DF, at which seasonal variation in  $GWL$  was the  
234 largest. The  $\Omega$  continued to decrease from July through October and showed significant  
235 differences between the two seasons at the all sites. Although  $\alpha$  showed a decreasing tendency  
236 from July through October at DB, no significant seasonal variation was detected at all the  
237 sites.

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### 239 *Interannual variation*

240 Annual values of environmental elements, energy fluxes and bulk parameters are listed in  
241 Table 2. Annual precipitation was  $2446 \pm 50$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup> (mean  $\pm$  1 SD) on average for four  
242 annual periods from the 04-05 through 07-08 periods; its interannual variation was small with  
243 a coefficient of variance (CV) of 2.1%. Thus, the PSF is categorized into “tropical rainforest”  
244 or “humid tropical forest” by the definition of annual precipitation  $> 1500$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup> and dry

245 season length < 6 months (Lewis, 2006). Annual dry period length (DPL), which is defined as  
246 the number of days with 30-day moving total of precipitation less than 100 mm (Kume *et al.*,  
247 2011), averaged out at  $90 \pm 33$  days  $\text{yr}^{-1}$  with a CV of 34.2% for the same period. For the  
248 seven years from the 02-03 period, annual precipitation was  $2445 \pm 90$  mm  $\text{yr}^{-1}$  (CV: 3.8%).  
249 On the other hand, seven-year mean annual precipitation was calculated at  $2411 \pm 393$  mm  
250  $\text{yr}^{-1}$  (CV: 16.3%), if precipitation was summed following the solar calendar from 1 January  
251 2002. Although the two means of annual precipitation were very similar each other  
252 independently of summation periods, their SD values differed by a factor of 4.4. The annual  
253 period starting on DOY 191, which can include almost the whole of one continuous rainy  
254 season (Fig. 2), had much smaller interannual variation in precipitation than the solar calendar  
255 period, because total precipitation in the rainy season was independent of its duration in  
256 Indonesia (Hamada *et al.*, 2002). This comparison reveals that annual precipitation depends  
257 on its summation period.

258 The annual precipitation was rather stable, whereas DPL increased in the 02-03 and  
259 6-07 periods because of the prolonged dry season due to El Niño drought. Following the  
260 interannual variation in the precipitation pattern, *GWL*, midday *VPD* and  $R_n$  showed  
261 significant interannual difference (Table 3), whereas  $R_n$  was strongly affected by smoke from  
262 peat fires. Also, there was significant interannual difference both in adjusted and unadjusted  
263 *ET* to close energy balance, although their CVs were relatively small (<7.5%). Adjusted *ET*  
264 was the highest in the 07-08 period (La Niña) and the lowest in the 06-07 period (El Niño),  
265 which corresponds to the order of annual  $R_n$ . Among bulk parameters, only  $\Omega$  differed  
266 significantly.

267

268 *Environmental response of ET*

269 The relationship of *ET* with environmental elements was analysed using daily values of *IE*  
270 and *H* under the condition that the gap ratio of half-hourly *IE* or *H* was lower than 20% for the  
271 daytime from 600 through 1800 (Fig. 3). Both *IE* and *H* showed a significant linear  
272 relationship, respectively, with  $R_n$  at the all sites. At DB, however, *IE* and *H* were apart from  
273 the lines downward and upward, respectively, in the dry season in 2004 (Fig. 1), when  
274 vegetation was still sparse and surface soil was desiccated. The  $IE / R_n$  averaged out at 0.84,  
275 0.75 and 0.68, respectively, at UF, DF and DB. The *IE* showed a significant quadratic  
276 relationship with *GWL*, which is a principal hydrological variable with a large annual  
277 amplitude. The  $r^2$  value was the largest at DF with the largest *GWL* range. The *IE* normalized  
278 by  $R_n$  ( $IE / R_n$ ) showed a weak negative linear relationship with *GWL* at the all sites. On the  
279 other hand, there was no relationship between  $IE / R_n$  and midday *VPD* (data not shown),  
280 which is related to evaporative demand.

281 Adjusted annual *ET* showed a significant positive linearity ( $p < 0.01$ ) with the minimum  
282 monthly-mean *GWL* at each site with  $r^2$  values of 0.98, 0.85 and 0.97, respectively, at UF, DF  
283 and DB (data not shown). The  $r^2$  values were much larger than against annual mean *GWL*.  
284 The strong linearity suggests that the minimum monthly-mean *GWL* drawdown by 10 cm  
285 decreases annual *ET* by 19, 33 and 26 mm, respectively, at UF, DF and DB. Moreover, as a  
286 whole, adjusted annual *ET* at the two forest sites showed a significant combined correlation  
287 ( $r^2 = 0.80$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ) (Fig. 4). Therefore, we can say that the minimum monthly-mean *GWL* is  
288 a robust total predictor of annual *ET* of PSF, because the minimum *GWL* determines not only  
289 the water regime in the dry season but also peat fire occurrence (Takahashi & Limin, 2011),  
290 which drastically affects the radiation environment (Fig. 1).

291 For a further analysis, bulk parameters of  $G_s$  were plotted against *GWL* (Fig. 5). Data  
292 were classified into three groups according to *VPD*, and quadratic curves were fitted to all  
293 data groups, because many tree species decrease stomatal conductance in flooding (e.g.

294 Kozlowski, 1997). Significant convex curves ( $p < 0.05$ ), except for a high  $VPD$  group at DB,  
295 show that  $G_s$  didn't decrease simply as  $GWL$  decreased. At UF, the curves suggest that  $G_s$   
296 peaked at  $GWL$ s of -0.10, -0.14 and -0.13 m, respectively, for  $VPD$  of <1.4, 1.4-1.9 and >1.9  
297 kPa. Although  $G_s$  was lower at higher  $VPD$ , it was almost identical independently of  $VPD$  in  
298 flooding conditions at DB, suggesting weak stomatal control on  $G_s$ . It was reported that some  
299 flooding-tolerant trees acclimated to flooding and stomatal conductance recovered within a  
300 flooding period (Herrera, 2013). At UF, however, there was no significant difference in  $G_s$   
301 ( $16.8 \pm 6.2$  vs.  $16.5 \pm 6.9$   $\text{mm s}^{-1}$  (mean  $\pm 1$  SD)) under the flooding condition ( $GWL > 0.0$  m)  
302 between the early (until February) and late (after March) rainy seasons. To compare the  
303 response of  $G_s$  to  $GWL$  variation, data of the three sites were plotted together under the high  
304  $VPD$  condition ( $> 1.9$  kPa) (Fig. 5d). The  $G_s$  began to decrease when  $GWL$  lowered below a  
305 threshold at each site. The  $GWL$  threshold for  $G_s$  decrease was the lowest at DF, followed by  
306 UF and DB in order.

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### 308 *Inter-site comparison*

309 Seasonal means and annual values were compared among the three sites (Tables 1 to 3). The  
310  $GWL$ , which was measured as a distance between the ground and groundwater surfaces, was  
311 significantly lower at DF because of drainage, whereas  $GWL$  at DB was very close to that of  
312 UF in spite of the fact that DB was drained at the same time as DF. The relatively high  $GWL$   
313 at DB was chiefly caused by large ground subsidence due to peat fires (Hirano *et al.*, 2014).  
314 The  $R_n$  was significantly smaller at DB only in the rainy season probably because of  
315 scattering open water surfaces. Midday  $VPD$  was significantly higher at DB chiefly owing to  
316 lower  $IE$  and higher air temperature (data not shown). Albedo was significantly lower at DB  
317 than UF only in the rainy season. The  $H$  was significantly larger at DB both in the rainy and  
318 dry seasons.

319 Mean annual *ET* before adjustment to the energy balance for the four annual periods  
320 was  $1529 \pm 65$ ,  $1365 \pm 68$  and  $1197 \pm 52$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup> (mean  $\pm$  1 SD), respectively, for UF, DF  
321 and DB. Uncertainties shown as one SD in annual *ET* due to random errors, which were  
322 assessed according to our previous study (Hirano et al., 2012), were estimated to be  $16 \pm 3$ ,  $17$   
323  $\pm 2$  and  $10 \pm 1$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, for UF, DF and DB. The annual *ET* was the largest at UF,  
324 followed by DF and DB in order, whereas *IE* showed no significant difference between DF  
325 and DB in the dry season. After the adjustment, annual *ET* increased to  $1636 \pm 53$ ,  $1553 \pm 117$   
326 and  $1374 \pm 75$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, for UF, DF and DB; *ET* was significantly smaller at DB  
327 than at UF and DF. As a result, Bowen ratio was the highest at DB both in the rainy and dry  
328 seasons; it was significantly higher at DF than UF only in the rainy season. The  $G_s$  was the  
329 highest at UF, followed by DF and DB in order, whereas no significant difference was found  
330 between DF and DB in the dry season. The  $\Omega$  was significantly higher at UF only in the rainy  
331 season. The  $\alpha$  was significantly lower at DB.

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## 333 Discussion

### 334 *Comparison of annual ET between PSF and other tropical forests*

335 Unadjusted and adjusted annual *ET*s of an almost undrained PSF (UF) were  $1529 \pm 65$  and  
336  $1636 \pm 53$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, which accounted for 63% and 67% of annual precipitation  
337 ( $P$ :  $2446 \pm 50$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>), respectively. The CV was 3.2% and 2.0%, respectively, for adjusted  
338 *ET* and precipitation. Although the interannual variation of *ET* shown as CV was larger than  
339 that of precipitation, it was smaller than those of tropical rainforests in Malaysian Borneo  
340 (5.6%, Kume *et al.*, 2011) and Peninsular Malaysia (4.0%, Kosugi *et al.*, 2011). The annual  
341 *ET* of UF was more than those of upland tropical rainforests in Malaysian Borneo (estimated  
342 *ET* using a big-leaf model:  $1323 \pm 74$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $P$ :  $2600 \pm 272$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $ET / P$ : 0.51; Kume *et*  
343 *al.*, 2011), Peninsular Malaysia (adjusted *ET*:  $1287 \pm 52$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $P$ :  $1865 \pm 288$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $ET /$   
344  $P$ : 0.69; Kosugi *et al.*, 2011), central Amazonia (unadjusted *ET*:  $1123$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $P$ :  $2089$  mm  
345 yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $ET / P$ : 0.54; Malhi *et al.*, 2002), central Amazonia (unadjusted *ET*:  $1123 \pm 9$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $P$ :  
346  $2091 \pm 215$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $ET / P$ : 0.54; Hutrya *et al.*, 2007) and southwest China (adjusted *ET*:  
347  $1029 \pm 29$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $P$ :  $1322 \pm 78$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $ET / P$ : 0.78; Li *et al.*, 2010), a floodplain forest in  
348 Amazonia (adjusted *ET*:  $1332 \pm 21$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $P$ :  $1692 \pm 181$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $ET / P$ : 0.79; Borma *et*  
349 *al.*, 2009), a wet montane cloud forest in Hawaii (adjusted *ET*:  $1232$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $P$ :  $2401$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  
350  $ET / P$ : 0.51; Giambelluca *et al.*, 2009) and the average of tropical forests in Asia and Oceania  
351 regions (20°S-20°N) (*ET*:  $1255 \pm 329$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $P$ :  $2577 \pm 1057$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $ET / P$ : 0.49 ( $n = 57$ );  
352 Komatsu *et al.*, 2012), whereas it was less than that of a wet tropical forest in Costa Rica  
353 (estimated *ET* using the Priestley-Taylor model:  $2139 \pm 176$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  $P$ :  $3732 \pm 281$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>,  
354  $ET / P$ : 0.57; Loescher *et al.*, 2005). Although the evaporative fraction to precipitation ( $ET /$   
355  $P$ ) was lower in UF than in tropical rainforests in Peninsular Malaysia (0.69) and southwest  
356 China (0.78) and an Amazonian floodplain forest (0.79), the PSF with high *GWL* is ranked  
357 high among moist tropical forests with annual precipitation more than 2000 mm yr<sup>-1</sup> (Kume *et*

358 *al.*, 2011). In comparison with a tropical rainforest in Malaysian Borneo (Kume *et al.*, 2011),  
359 the PSF at UF had 13% more  $R_n$  and 52% higher  $VPD$  (0.76 kPa) on an annual basis. This  
360 higher evaporative demand is a potential reason of the higher  $ET$  of the PSF, together with  
361 high  $GWL$ .

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### 363 *Environmental response of ET*

364 The  $ET$  was chiefly controlled by  $R_n$  at all the sites, because the relationship between  $ET$  and  
365  $GWL$  or  $VPD$  was weak. The  $R_n$  determined the temporal variation of  $IE$  by 54, 65 and 59%  
366 ( $r^2$ ), respectively, at UF, DF and DB on a daily basis (Fig. 3). Evaporative fractions ( $IE / R_n$ )  
367 were on average 0.84, 0.75 and 0.68, respectively, at UF, DF and DB. Fisher *et al.* (2009)  
368 showed a positive relationship between  $IE$  and  $R_n$  with high  $r^2$  of 0.87 and an evaporative  
369 fraction of 0.72 from a synthesis analysis of 21 pan-tropical eddy covariance sites. We can say  
370 that the PSF at UF with a higher evaporative fraction has a high evaporative ability among  
371 tropical ecosystems. As a result, the PSF showed a low Bowen ratio of 0.19 in comparison  
372 with an average (0.30) of the 21 tropical sites (Fisher *et al.*, 2009).

373 The  $IE$  showed relatively clear seasonal variation (Fig. 2);  $IE$  continued to increase from  
374 the late rainy season to the mid-dry season and decreased in the late-dry season. The annual  
375 amplitudes of the seasonal variation in  $IE$  were 2.6, 2.2 and 2.7 MJ m<sup>-2</sup> day<sup>-1</sup> on a monthly  
376 basis, respectively, at UF, DF and DB, which were equivalent to  $ET$ s of 1.07, 0.92 and 1.10  
377 mm day<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. A similar  $ET$  increase in the dry season was also reported for tropical  
378 forests in Amazonia (da Rocha *et al.*, 2004; Hasler & Avissar, 2007; Hutyrá *et al.*, 2007) and  
379 Thailand (Tanaka *et al.*, 2008), which was attributed to increased  $R_n$  and the lack of drought  
380 stress due to deep root systems. The  $IE$  decrease in the late dry season was enhanced during El  
381 Niño drought in 2002 and 2006, when peat fires occurred and consequently  $R_n$  decreased  
382 sharply (Fig. 1). However,  $IE / R_n$  increased conversely even during the peat fires, except for

383 at DB in 2004. These facts indicate that the  $IE$  decrease in the late dry season was chiefly  
384 caused by  $R_n$  decrease due to smoke or haze and evaporative efficiency on  $R_n$  didn't decrease  
385 even in such drought conditions. As a result,  $IE / R_n$  remained high during the late rainy  
386 season and the dry season (Fig. 2). On the other hand,  $G_s$  continued to decrease during the dry  
387 season probably because of stomatal closure due to water stress by  $GWL$  decrease and  $VPD$   
388 increase (Fig. 5). The decreases from July to October or November were 5.3, 6.5 and 4.3 mm  
389  $s^{-1}$ , respectively, at UF, DF and DB. Thus, relatively stable  $IE / R_n$  during the dry season was  
390 probably attributed to the compensation of  $G_s$  decrease and  $VPD$  increase. Severe drought in  
391 2006 decreased  $G_s$  remarkably (Fig. 1). Correspondingly,  $\Omega$  largely decreased during the dry  
392 season, especially at DB with sparse, low vegetation. Although many tree species decrease  
393 stomatal conductance in flooding (e.g. Kozlowski, 1997), the effect of flooding on  $G_s$  was  
394 limited (Fig. 5) and was not reflected on the seasonal variation of  $G_s$  (Fig. 2), because  
395 enhanced evaporation from the flooded ground would compensate the decrease of  
396 transpiration due to stomatal closure.

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### 398 *Effects of drainage and fires*

399 The  $ET$  measurement started at DF about five years after the excavation of a large canal,  
400 which has functioned as effective drainage. Thus,  $GWL$  was significantly lower at DF than at  
401 UF (Table 3). The difference in  $GWL$  between the two forest sites was larger in the dry season  
402 than in the rainy season;  $GWL$  difference was on average 0.37 m in February-April and 0.50  
403 m in October (Fig. 2). As a result, the annual range of  $GWL$  was larger at DF (0.79 m) than at  
404 UF (0.66 m). Especially in El Niño years, the  $GWL$  difference increased in the late dry season  
405 (Fig. 1). The lowering of the minimum  $GWL$  decreased annual  $ET$  linearly (Fig. 4). However,  
406 no significant difference in adjusted annual  $ET$  was found between DF and UF by paired  $t$ -test  
407 ( $p = 0.085$ ), although mean annual  $ET$  was 5% less at DF (Table 2).

408 Although  $G_s$  was significantly lower at DF than UF both in the rainy and dry seasons  
409 (Table 1), a *GWL* threshold, at which  $G_s$  began to decrease, was much lower at DF than at UF  
410 (Fig. 5d), suggesting the adaptation of tree species at DF to the low *GWL* environment during  
411 more than five years after canal excavation. There is a report that 83% of root biomass of a  
412 PSF in the same area as UF was distributed in the surface soil layer of 0-0.25 m in depth and  
413 remaining 17% was in the underlying layer of 0.25-0.50 m (Sulistiyanto, 2004). Roots of PSF  
414 trees are concentrated in the surface peat level in comparison with deeply-rooted upland  
415 tropical forests (e.g. Davidson *et al.*, 2011; Nesptad *et al.*, 1994). Tree roots probably  
416 penetrated deeper into seasonally unsaturated soil following *GWL* lowering. Annual  
417 evaporative fraction ( $IE / R_n$ ) increased linearly ( $r^2 = 0.88$ ) for six years from the 02-03 to  
418 07-08 periods at DF. In addition,  $G_s$  at DF was averaged in a drought condition (*GWL*: -1.4 to  
419 -1.2 m, *VPD*: 2.0 to 2.5 kPa) for each of three El Niño events in 2002, 2004 and 2006; the  
420 means were  $6.3 \pm 2.5$ ,  $8.5 \pm 3.9$  and  $7.8 \pm 2.8$  mm s<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, for 2002, 2004 and 2006.  
421 As a result, mean  $G_s$  in 2002 was significantly lower than those in 2004 and 2006 (Tukey's  
422 HSD,  $p < 0.05$ ). These facts support the hypothesis of adaptation. The  $G_s$  and *ET* most  
423 probably decreased by *GWL* lowering due to drainage at DF, because  $G_s$  was significantly  
424 lower in the dry season only at DF (Table 1) and annual *ET* showed a positive correlation with  
425 the minimum *GWL* (Fig. 4). However, the drainage effect would be eased gradually because  
426 of the adaptation through root redistribution.

427 The DB, a burnt site with regrowing vegetation, was drained together with DF by a canal  
428 running between the two sites, whereas *GWL* at DB was very close to that at UF, because the  
429 ground subsided largely owing to peat fires (Hirano *et al.*, 2014). Adjusted annual *ET* of  $1374$   
430  $\pm 75$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>, which accounted for 56% of annual precipitation, was significantly lower than  
431 those of the other two forest sites because of low tree density; the annual *ET* was equivalent to  
432 84% and 88% of UF and DF, respectively (Tables 2 and 3). However, the annual *ET* was

433 compatible with that of a tropical rainforest in Malaysian Borneo (Kume *et al.*, 2011).  
434 Conversely, annual  $H$  was significantly higher than those at UF and DF, and consequently  
435 Bowen ratio was significantly higher. Generally, albedo is higher in unforested areas with  
436 short vegetation than in forest (e.g. Bonan, 2008), which can result in lower  $R_n$  in unforested  
437 areas. In Amazonia, land conversion from forest to pasture increased albedo by 55% and  
438 decreased  $R_n$  by 13% (von Randow *et al.*, 2004). Midday albedo at a pasture and an upland  
439 rice field in Amazonia were reported to be 0.15-0.17 (Sakai *et al.*, 2004). At DB, however,  
440 annual mean midday albedo was  $0.087 \pm 0.007$  and showed no significant difference with the  
441 forest sites. Also, annual  $R_n$  showed no significant difference, whereas it was smaller by 6%  
442 than that at UF. The unexpected lower albedo at DB was attributable to dark color of burnt  
443 peat and scattered open water. On the other hand, annual mean  $G_s$  was less than 50% of that at  
444 UF (Table 2) chiefly owing to low leaf area index. Although  $G_s$  showed no significant  
445 difference between the rainy and dry seasons (Table 1), inter-site difference between DB and  
446 UF increased by 50% in the dry season. The  $G_s$  responded to  $GWL$  lowering more sensitively  
447 than those of UF and DF (Fig. 5);  $G_s$  began to decrease at about -0.1 m. This sensitive  
448 response could be due to the shallow rooting depth (von Randow *et al.*, 2012) of the  
449 regrowing vegetation, which was dominated by fern and sedge plants (Hirano *et al.*, 2012).  
450 Tree loss due to fires and subsequent vegetation succession decreased  $G_s$  and consequently  $ET$ ,  
451 whereas the decrease in  $ET$  was less than expected by  $G_s$  decrease, because albedo didn't  
452 decrease, midday  $VPD$  increased and  $GWL$  remained high owing to large subsidence (Fig. 2).

453 Annual discharge can be calculated from precipitation and  $ET$  to be  $810 \pm 53$ ,  $893 \pm 105$   
454 and  $1072 \pm 71$  mm yr<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, at UF, DF and DB, on the assumption that storage  
455 change is negligible on an annual basis. Although no significant difference was found  
456 between UF and DF, annual discharge tended to increase by drainage and significantly  
457 increased by tree loss due to fires. A negative linear relationship was found between inter-site

458 difference in annual discharge (DF minus UF) and the minimum monthly *GWL* at DF ( $p <$   
459 0.05) (data not shown). The increase of discharge potentially increases fluvial organic carbon  
460 outflow (Moore *et al.*, 2013). Our results indicate that disturbances due to drainage and fires  
461 decreased *ET* and increased discharge; the effect of drainage was remarkable in El Niño years  
462 with lower *GWL*. This study can contribute to a better assessment of the water balance of PSF  
463 by providing reliable information on *ET* to hydrological models and improve our knowledge  
464 of the carbon dynamics of PSF through a better prediction of *GWL* which is determined as a  
465 result of water balance.

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633 **Supporting Information**

634 Additional Supporting Information is available in the online version of this article:

635 Data S1. Supporting text describing energy imbalance, including references and summary

636 table (Table S1).

**Table 1** Comparison of environmental elements, energy fluxes and surface parameters between the rainy and dry seasons (mean  $\pm$  1 standard deviation).

Site	GWL (m)		Midday VPD (kPa) <sup>1)</sup>		$R_n$ (MJ m <sup>-2</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> )		Albedo		$H$ (MJ m <sup>-2</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> )		$IE$ (MJ m <sup>-2</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> )	
	Rainy	Dry	Rainy	Dry	Rainy	Dry	Rainy	Dry	Rainy	Dry	Rainy	Dry
UF	-0.06 $\pm$ 0.25a	-0.43 $\pm$ 0.26**, a	1.41 $\pm$ 0.18a	1.77 $\pm$ 0.14**	13.1 $\pm$ 0.8a	12.9 $\pm$ 2.2	0.090 $\pm$ 0.003a	0.097 $\pm$ 0.008**	1.94 $\pm$ 0.30a	2.08 $\pm$ 0.40a	9.94 $\pm$ 0.81a	11.2 $\pm$ 1.73**, a
DF	-0.45 $\pm$ 0.30b	-0.94 $\pm$ 0.35**, b	1.43 $\pm$ 0.20a	1.84 $\pm$ 0.14**	13.0 $\pm$ 0.8a	12.4 $\pm$ 2.5	0.086 $\pm$ 0.005ab	0.096 $\pm$ 0.010**	2.12 $\pm$ 0.38a	2.46 $\pm$ 0.80a	9.08 $\pm$ 0.68b	9.20 $\pm$ 1.58b
DB	-0.05 $\pm$ 0.20a	-0.42 $\pm$ 0.29**, a	1.71 $\pm$ 0.31b	1.97 $\pm$ 0.31*	12.4 $\pm$ 0.7b	11.9 $\pm$ 2.3	0.083 $\pm$ 0.015b	0.094 $\pm$ 0.015	2.55 $\pm$ 0.39b	3.29 $\pm$ 0.95**,b	7.95 $\pm$ 0.73c	8.14 $\pm$ 1.82b
$p^2)$	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.11	<0.01	0.63	0.04	0.84	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

Site	$ET$ (mm day <sup>-1</sup> )		Bowen ratio		$IE / R_n$		$G_s$ (mm s <sup>-1</sup> )		$\Omega$		$\alpha$	
	Rainy	Dry	Rainy	Dry	Rainy	Dry	Rainy	Dry	Rainy	Dry	Rainy	Dry
UF	4.09 $\pm$ 0.33a	4.60 $\pm$ 0.71**, a	0.20 $\pm$ 0.03a	0.19 $\pm$ 0.03a	0.76 $\pm$ 0.07a	0.88 $\pm$ 0.12**, a	15.6 $\pm$ 2.9a	14.2 $\pm$ 4.0a	0.60 $\pm$ 0.06a	0.53 $\pm$ 0.07**	1.01 $\pm$ 0.04a	1.01 $\pm$ 0.05a
DF	3.73 $\pm$ 0.28b	3.78 $\pm$ 0.65b	0.24 $\pm$ 0.05b	0.27 $\pm$ 0.08a	0.70 $\pm$ 0.04b	0.75 $\pm$ 0.06**, b	13.2 $\pm$ 2.7b	10.4 $\pm$ 3.5**, b	0.54 $\pm$ 0.07b	0.47 $\pm$ 0.08*	0.99 $\pm$ 0.05a	0.96 $\pm$ 0.07a
DB	3.27 $\pm$ 0.30c	3.35 $\pm$ 0.75b	0.32 $\pm$ 0.06c	0.42 $\pm$ 0.18**, b	0.64 $\pm$ 0.06c	0.69 $\pm$ 0.11b	7.4 $\pm$ 1.7c	7.6 $\pm$ 2.3b	0.56 $\pm$ 0.11ab	0.48 $\pm$ 0.15*	0.88 $\pm$ 0.08b	0.86 $\pm$ 0.09b
$p$	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	0.49	<0.01	<0.01

1) Mean for midday from 1000 to 1400.

2) The  $p$ -value of ANOVA among the sites in each column.

3) Different alphabet letters in each column denote significant difference among the sites at a significance level of 0.05 according to Tukey's HSD.

4) The symbol of \* or \*\* denote significant difference between the rainy and dry seasons at a significant level of 0.05 or 0.01, respectively, according to Student's  $t$ -test.

**Table 2** Annual values of environmental elements, energy fluxes and bulk parameters

	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	Mean <sup>1)</sup>	1 SD	CV (%) <sup>2)</sup>
Global radiation (GJ m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	6.22	6.29	6.29	6.24	6.01	6.44	6.20	6.24	0.18	2.8
Precipitation (mm yr <sup>-1</sup> )	2287	2459	2506	2456	2384	2438	2582	2446	50	2.1
<i>DPL</i> (days) <sup>3)</sup>	146	105	105	53	123	78	139	90	31	34.2
UF										
Mean <i>GWL</i> (m)			-0.15	-0.07	-0.25	-0.08		-0.14	0.08	61.2
Minimum <i>GWL</i> (m) <sup>4)</sup>			-0.67	-0.51	-0.98	-0.33		-0.62	0.27	43.8
<i>R<sub>n</sub></i> (GJ m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )			4.78	4.77	4.58	4.92		4.76	0.14	2.9
Midday <i>VPD</i> (kPa)			1.46	1.41	1.59	1.50		1.49	0.07	5.0
<i>H</i> (GJ m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )			0.70	0.72	0.73	0.73		0.72	0.02	2.1
<i>IE</i> (GJ m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )			3.51	3.84	3.69	3.86		3.73	0.16	4.3
Boweb ratio			0.20	0.19	0.20	0.19		0.19	0.01	3.4
Unadjusted <i>ET</i> (mm yr <sup>-1</sup> )			1442	1577	1515	1582		1529	65	4.3
Adjusted <i>ET</i> (mm yr <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>5)</sup>			1634	1648	1566	1695		1636	53	3.3
<i>G<sub>s</sub></i> (mm s <sup>-1</sup> )			14.2	17.6	15.1	16.1		15.7	1.4	9.2
$\Omega$			0.61	0.62	0.55	0.57		0.59	0.04	6.0
$\alpha$			1.00	1.03	1.00	1.03		1.01	0.02	1.7
albedo			0.094	0.090	0.092	0.091		0.091	0.002	2.0
DF										
Mean <i>GWL</i> (m)	-0.56	-0.56	-0.65	-0.47	-0.67	-0.40		-0.55	0.13	24.1
Minimum <i>GWL</i> (m) <sup>4)</sup>	-1.27	-1.15	-1.37	-1.06	-1.56	-0.74		-1.18	0.36	30.5
<i>R<sub>n</sub></i> (GJ m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	4.59	4.76	4.71	4.79	4.41	4.87		4.70	0.20	4.3
Midday <i>VPD</i> (kPa)	1.68	1.52	1.49	1.48	1.66	1.44		1.52	0.10	6.3
<i>H</i> (GJ m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	0.88	0.72	0.84	0.74	0.93	0.69		0.80	0.11	13.2
<i>IE</i> (GJ m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	3.16	3.32	3.22	3.38	3.18	3.54		3.33	0.17	5.0
Boweb ratio	0.28	0.22	0.26	0.22	0.29	0.20		0.24	0.04	17.8
Unadjusted <i>ET</i> (mm yr <sup>-1</sup> )	1299	1364	1320	1386	1304	1453		1365	68	5.0
Adjusted <i>ET</i> (mm yr <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>5)</sup>	1471	1601	1529	1611	1401	1671		1553	117	7.5
<i>G<sub>s</sub></i> (mm s <sup>-1</sup> )	9.9	12.5	11.8	13.3	9.7	14.2		12.3	1.9	15.8
$\Omega$	0.51	0.57	0.55	0.57	0.49	0.47		0.52	0.05	9.2
$\alpha$	0.96	0.99	0.95	1.00	0.95	1.02		0.98	0.04	3.6
albedo	0.089	0.088	0.087	0.083	0.091	0.090		0.088	0.003	3.9
DB										
Mean <i>GWL</i> (m)			-0.20	-0.06	-0.23	-0.02	-0.02	-0.13	0.10	79.5
Minimum <i>GWL</i> (m) <sup>4)</sup>			-0.72	-0.44	-0.92	-0.28	-0.34	-0.59	0.29	48.6
<i>R<sub>n</sub></i> (GJ m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )			4.53	4.46	4.25	4.68	4.57	4.48	0.18	4.0
Midday <i>VPD</i> (kPa)			1.74	1.65	1.86	1.82	1.62	1.77	0.09	5.4
<i>H</i> (GJ m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )			1.05	0.93	1.03	0.94	0.89	0.99	0.06	6.2
<i>IE</i> (GJ m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )			2.80	3.09	2.84	2.94	2.91	2.92	0.13	4.4
Boweb ratio			0.38	0.30	0.36	0.32	0.31	0.34	0.03	10.2
Unadjusted <i>ET</i> (mm yr <sup>-1</sup> )			1150	1267	1165	1206	1194	1197	52	4.4
Adjusted <i>ET</i> (mm yr <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>5)</sup>			1359	1404	1277	1454	1436	1374	75	5.5
<i>G<sub>s</sub></i> (mm s <sup>-1</sup> )			7.07	8.01	6.68	7.67	7.52	7.36	0.60	8.1
$\Omega$			0.64	0.58	0.43	0.47	0.56	0.53	0.10	18.2
$\alpha$			0.87	0.91	0.86	0.87	0.88	0.88	0.02	2.3
albedo			0.078	0.088	0.096	0.088	0.087	0.087	0.007	8.3

1) Mean for four annual periods from 04-05 through 07-08.

2) Coefficient of variance.

3) Dry period length, which is defined as days having a 30-day moving precipitation total of < 100 mm (Kume *et al.*, 2011).

4) The minimum monthly-mean *GWL*.

5) *ET* forced to close energy balance using Bowen ratio on a daily basis.

**Table 3** The  $p$ -values from two-way ANOVA for sites and years without replication based on the data in Table 3.

		Site <sup>1)</sup>	Year
<i>GWL</i>	UF	a	0.001
	DF	b	
	DB	a	
<i>R<sub>n</sub></i>	UF	0.001	0.000
	DF		
	DB		
Midday <i>VPD</i>	UF	a	0.016
	DF	a	
	DB	b	
<i>H</i>	UF	a	0.151
	DF	a	
	DB	b	
<i>IE</i> or unadjusted <i>ET</i>	UF	a	0.014
	DF	b	
	DB	c	
Bowen ratio	UF	a	0.057
	DF	a	
	DB	b	
Adjusted <i>ET</i>	UF	a	0.002
	DF	a	
	DB	b	
<i>G<sub>s</sub></i>	UF	a	0.054
	DF	b	
	DB	c	
$\Omega$	UF	0.100	0.023
	DF		
	DB		
$\alpha$	UF	a	0.068
	DF	a	
	DB	b	
albedo	UF	0.424	0.365
	DF		
	DB		

1) Different alphabet letters in each column denote significant difference among the sites at a significance level of 0.05 according to Tukey's HSD.

**Fig. 1.** Time series of monthly values of environmental elements, energy fluxes and bulk parameters at the three sites (UF, DF and DB) between 2001 and 2009. The 3-month running mean of sea surface temperature anomalies in the Niño 3.4 region is shown (a). El Niño and La Niña events are characterized by a five consecutive 3-month means with thresholds above  $+0.5$  and below  $-0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , respectively (NOAA, [http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis\\_monitoring/ensostuff/ensoyears.shtml](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/analysis_monitoring/ensostuff/ensoyears.shtml)). *GWL*: groundwater level, midday *VPD*: vapor pressure deficit between 1000 and 1400,  $R_n$ : net radiation,  $H$ : sensible heat flux,  $IE$ : latent heat flux,  $G_s$ : bulk surface conductance,  $\Omega$ : decoupling coefficient,  $\alpha$ : Priestley-Taylor coefficient.

**Fig. 2.** Mean seasonal variations in monthly values of environmental elements, energy fluxes and bulk parameters at the three sites (UF, DF and DB) from August 2004 to July 2008. *GWL*: groundwater level, midday *VPD*: vapor pressure deficit between 1000 and 1400,  $R_n$ : net radiation,  $H$ : sensible heat flux,  $IE$ : latent heat flux,  $G_s$ : bulk surface conductance,  $\Omega$ : decoupling coefficient,  $\alpha$ : Priestley-Taylor coefficient.

**Fig. 3.** Relationships between energy fluxes and environmental elements at the three sites (UF, DF and DB) on a daily basis. Lines (a, b, c, g, h and i) and quadratic curves (d, e and f) were fitted ( $p < 0.05$ ). Grey symbols at DB (c) were measurements in the dry season in 2004, which were excluded from the fitting.  $H$ : sensible heat flux,  $IE$ : latent heat flux,  $R_n$ : net radiation, *GWL*: groundwater level.

**Fig. 4.** Combined relationship between annual evapotranspiration (*ET*) and the minimum monthly- mean groundwater level (*GWL*) for UF and DF. A significant line was fitted ( $p < 0.01$ ).

**Fig. 5.** Relationships between bulk surface conductance ( $G_s$ ) and groundwater level ( $GWL$ ) at UF (a), DF (b) and DB (c). Data were divided into three groups according to vapor pressure deficit ( $VPD$ ) and a quadratic curve was fitted to each group ( $p < 0.05$ ). Data in each  $VPD$  group were binned into deciles by  $GWL$ . The relationships are compared among the three sites using the deciles in a high  $VPD$  condition ( $> 1.9$  kPa) (d). Dark grey symbols at DB (c) were measurements in the dry season in 2004, which were excluded from the fitting.

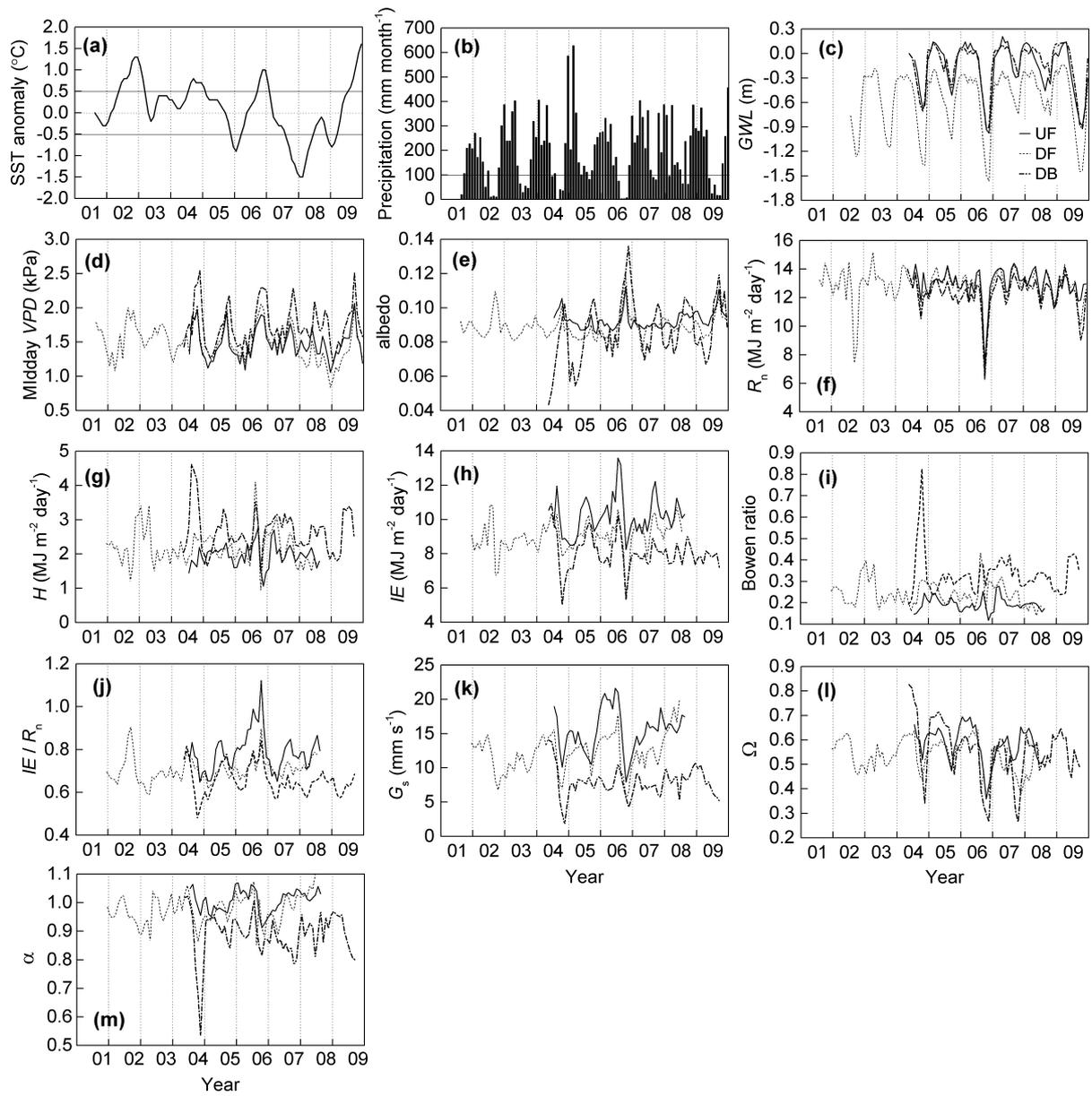


Fig. 1

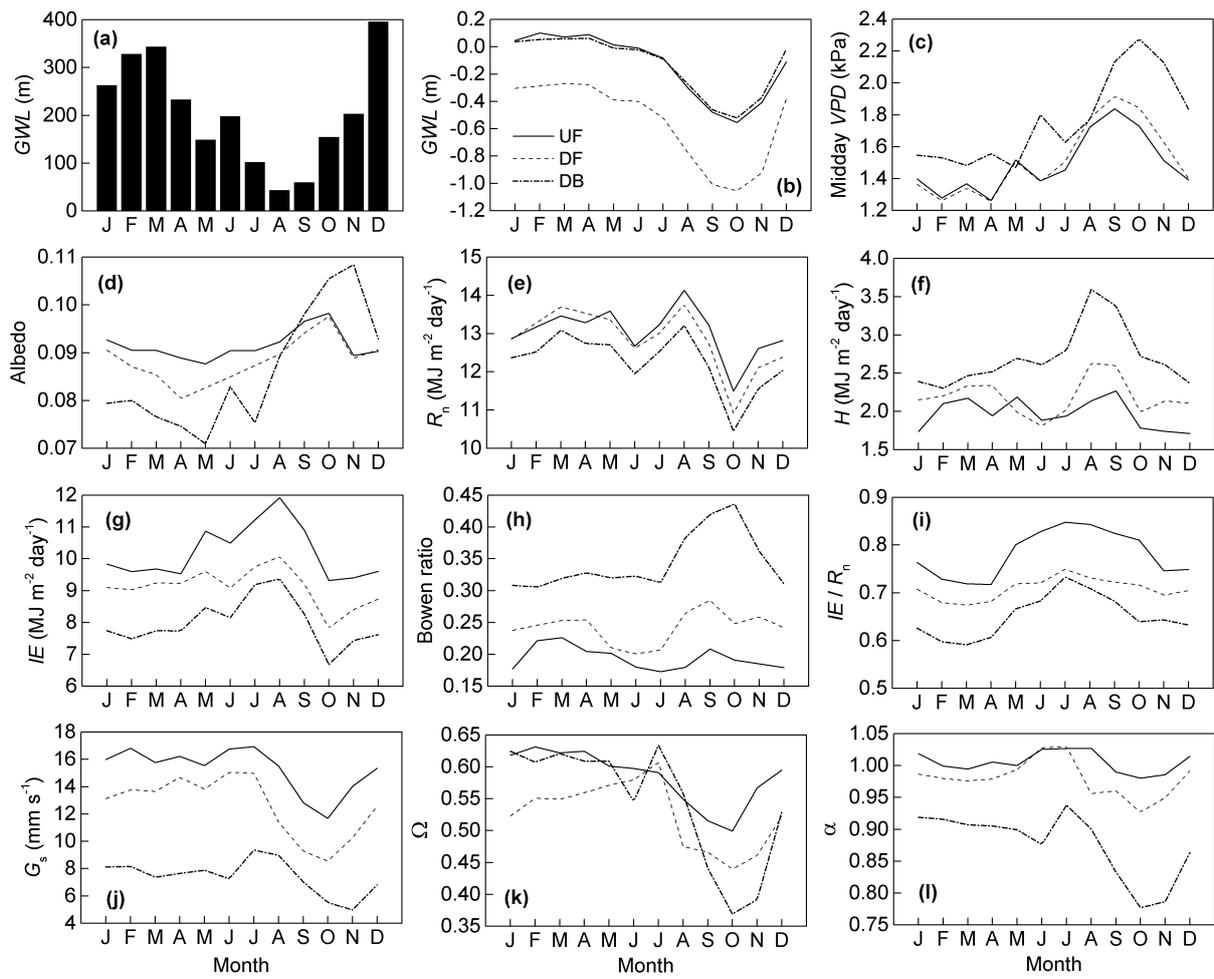


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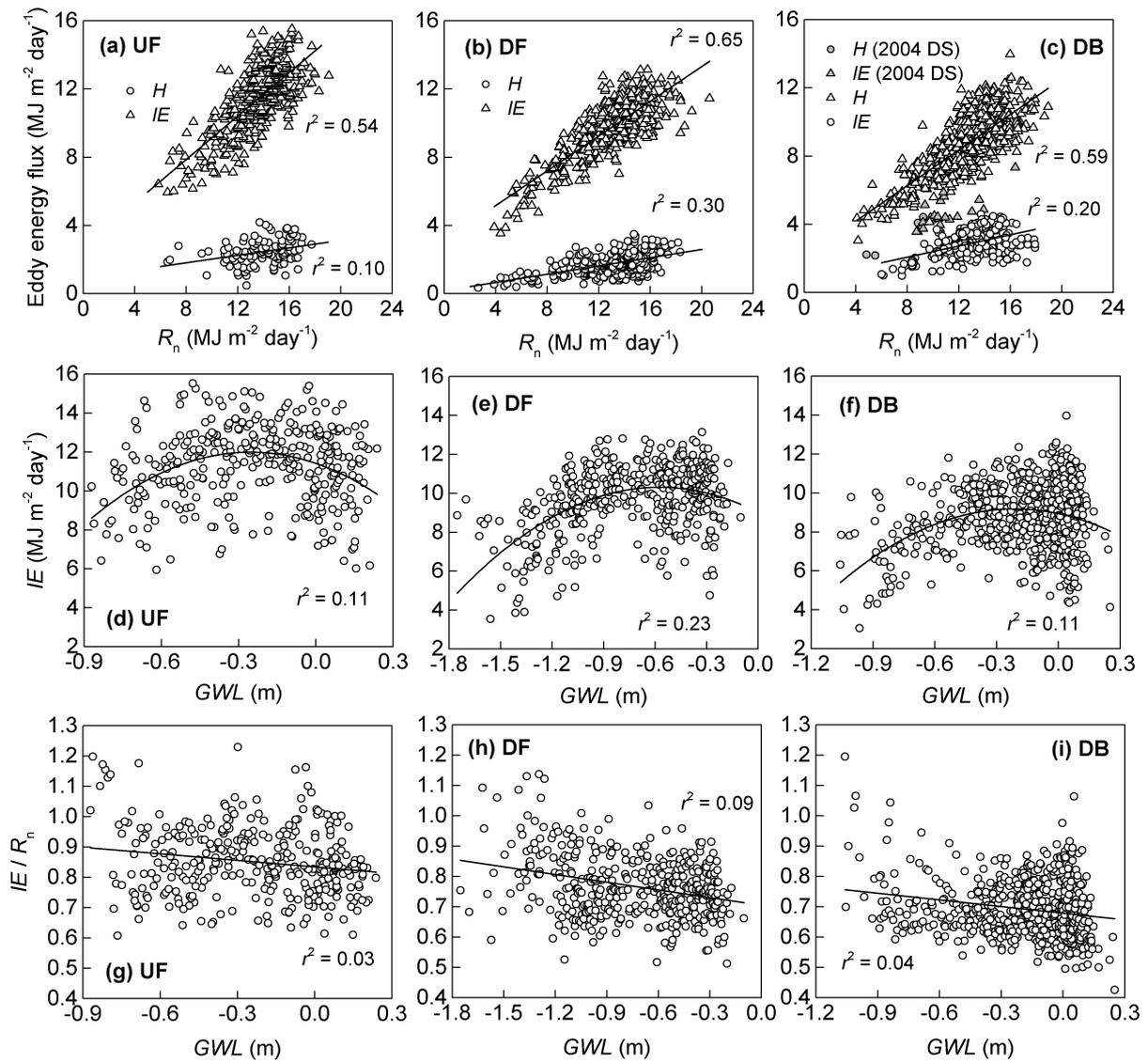


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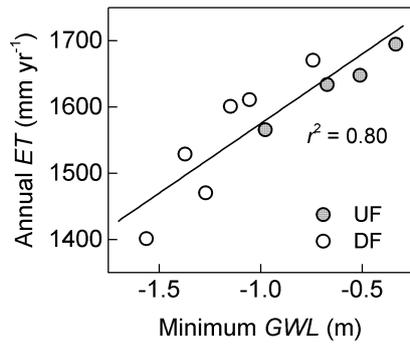


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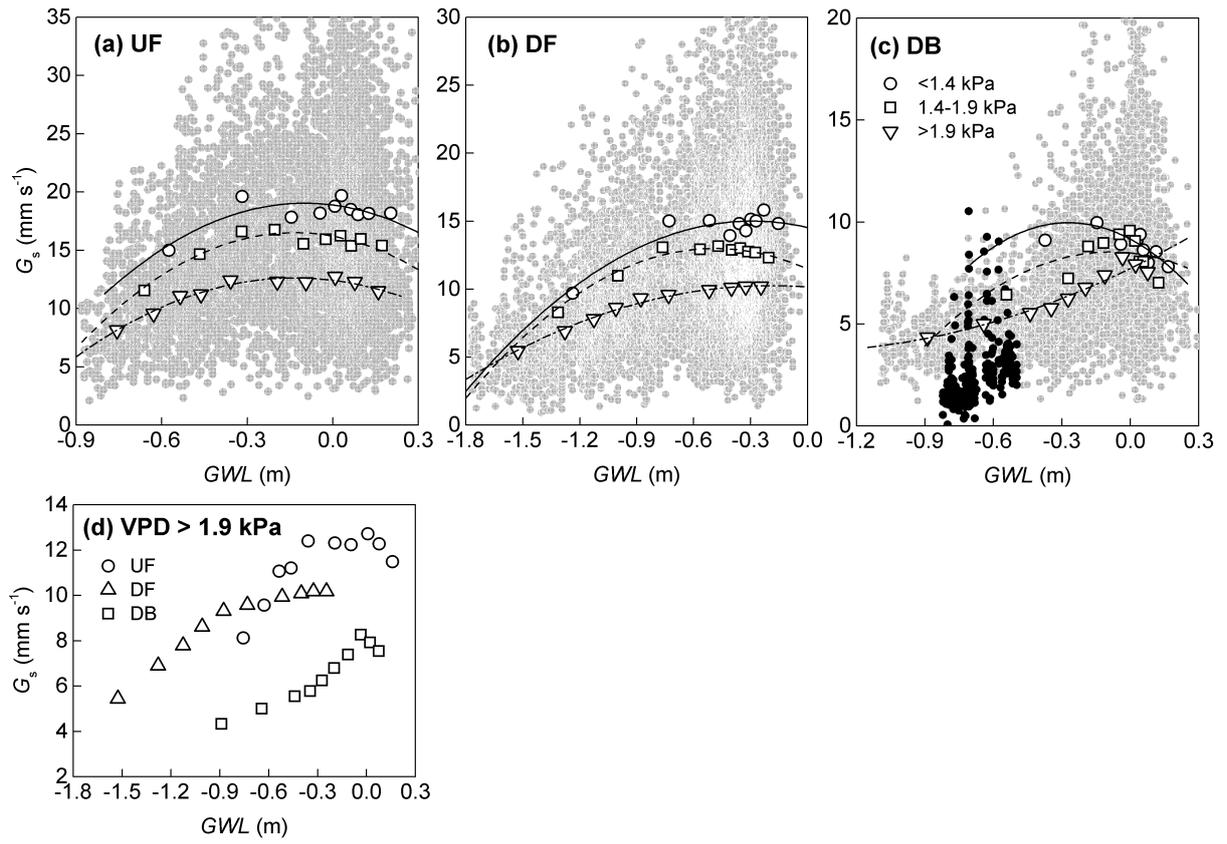


Fig. 5