

Global transpiration data from sap flow measurements: the SAPFLUXNET database

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Abstract. Plant transpiration links physiological responses of vegetation to water supply and demand with hydrological, energy and carbon budgets at the land-atmosphere interface. However, despite being the main land evaporative flux at the global scale, transpiration and its response to environmental drivers are currently not well constrained by observations. Here we introduce the first global compilation of whole-plant transpiration data from sap flow measurements (SAPFLUXNET, <https://sapfluxnet.creaf.cat/>). We harmonised and quality-controlled individual datasets supplied by contributors worldwide in a semi-automatic data workflow implemented in the R programming language. Datasets include sub-daily time series of sap flow and hydrometeorological drivers for one or more growing seasons, as well as metadata on the stand characteristics,

265 plant attributes and technical details of the measurements. SAPFLUXNET contains 202 globally distributed datasets with
sap flow time series for 2714 plants, mostly trees, of 174 species. SAPFLUXNET has a broad bioclimatic coverage, with
woodland/shrubland and temperate forest biomes especially well-represented (80% of the datasets). The measurements cover
a wide variety of stand structural characteristics and plant sizes. The datasets encompass the period between 1995 and 2018,
with 50% of the datasets being at least 3 years long. Accompanying radiation and vapour pressure deficit data are available
270 for most of the datasets, while on-site soil water content is available for 56% of the datasets. Many datasets contain data for
species that make up 90% or more of the total stand basal area, allowing the estimation of stand transpiration in diverse
ecological settings. SAPFLUXNET adds to existing plant trait datasets, ecosystem flux networks and remote sensing
products to help increase our understanding of plant water use, plant responses to drought and ecohydrological processes.
SAPFLUXNET version 0.1.5 is freely available from the Zenodo repository (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3971689>,
275 Poyatos et al. 2020a). The ‘sapfluxnet’ R package, designed to access, visualise and process SAPFLUXNET data is
available from CRAN.

1 Introduction

Terrestrial vegetation transpires *ca.* 45000 km³ of water per year (Schlesinger and Jasechko, 2014; Wang-Erlandsson et al.,
2014; Wei et al., 2017), a flux that represents 40% of global land precipitation, 70% of total land evapotranspiration (Oki and
280 Kanae, 2006), and is comparable in magnitude to global annual river discharge (Rodell et al., 2015). For most terrestrial
plants, transpiration is an inevitable water loss to the atmosphere because they need to open stomata to allow CO₂ diffusion
into the leaves for photosynthesis. Latent heat from transpiration represents 30–40% of surface net radiation globally
(Schlesinger and Jasechko, 2014; Wild et al., 2015). Transpiration is therefore a key process coupling land-atmosphere
exchange of water, carbon and energy, determining several vegetation-atmosphere feedbacks, such as land evaporative
285 cooling or moisture recycling. Regulation of transpiration in response to fluctuating water availability and/or evaporative
demand is a key component of plant functioning and one of the main determinants of a plant’s response to drought (Martin-
StPaul et al., 2017; Whitehead, 1998). Despite its relevance for earth functioning, transpiration and its spatiotemporal
dynamics are poorly constrained by available observations (Schlesinger and Jasechko, 2014) and not well represented in
models (Fatichi et al., 2016; Mencuccini et al., 2019). An improved understanding of transpiration and its regulation along
290 environmental gradients and across species is thus needed to predict future trajectories of land evaporative fluxes and
vegetation functioning under increased drought conditions driven by global change.

Conceptually, transpiration can be quantified at different organisational scales: leaves, branches and whole plants,
ecosystems and watersheds. In practice, transpiration is relatively easy to isolate from the bulk evaporative flux,

295 evapotranspiration, when measuring in a dry canopy, at the leaf or the plant level. However, in terrestrial ecosystems,
evapotranspiration includes evaporation from the soil and from water-covered surfaces, including plants. Transpiration
measurements on individual leaves or branches with gas exchange systems are difficult to upscale to the plant level (Jarvis,
1995). Likewise, transpiration measurements using whole-plant chambers (e.g. Pérez-Priego et al., 2010) or gravimetric
methods (e.g. weighing lysimeters) in the field are still challenging. At the ecosystem scale and beyond, evapotranspiration
300 is generally determined using micrometeorological methods, catchment water budgets or remote sensing approaches
(Shuttleworth, 2007; Wang and Dickinson, 2012). In some cases, isotopic methods and different algorithms applied to
measured ecosystem fluxes can provide an estimation of transpiration at the ecosystem scale (Kool et al., 2014; Stoy et al.,
2019).

305 Transpiration drives water transport from roots to leaves in the form of sap flow through the plant's xylem pathway (Tyree
and Zimmermann, 2002), and this sap flow affects heat transport in the xylem. Taking advantage of this, thermometric sap
flow methods were first developed in the 1930s (Huber, 1932) and further refined over the following decades (Čermák et al.,
1973; Marshall, 1958) to provide operational measurements of plant water use. These methods have become widely used in
plant ecophysiology, agronomy and hydrology (Poyatos et al., 2016), especially after the development of simple, easily
310 replicable methods (e.g. Granier, 1985, 1987). Whole-plant measurements of water use obtained with thermometric sap flow
methods provide estimates of water flow through plants from sub-daily to interannual timescales, and have been mostly
applied in woody plants, although several studies have measured sap flow on herbaceous species (Baker and Van Bavel,
1987; Skelton et al. 2013) and non-woody stems (e.g. Lu et al. 2004). Xylem sap flow can be upscaled to the whole plant,
obtaining a near-continuous quantification of plant water use, keeping in mind that stem sap flow typically lags behind
315 canopy transpiration (Schulze et al. 1985). Multiple sap flow sensors can be deployed, in almost any terrestrial ecosystem, to
determine the magnitude and temporal dynamics of transpiration across species, environmental conditions or experimental
treatments. All sap flow methods are subject to methodological and scaling issues, which may affect the quantification of
absolute water use in some circumstances (Čermák et al., 2004; Köstner et al., 1998; Smith and Allen, 1996; Vandegehuchte
and Steppe, 2013). Nevertheless, all methods are suitable for the assessment of the temporal dynamics of transpiration and of
320 its responses to environmental changes or to experimental treatments (Flo et al., 2019).

The generalised application of sap flow methods in ecological and hydrological research in the last 30 years has thus
generated a large volume of data, with an enormous potential to advance our understanding of the spatiotemporal patterns
and the ecological drivers of plant transpiration and its regulation (Poyatos et al., 2016). However, these data need to be
325 compiled and harmonised to enable global syntheses and comparative studies across species and regions. Across-species data
syntheses using sap flow data have mostly focused on maximum values extracted from publications (Kallarackal et al., 2013;

Manzoni et al., 2013; Wullschleger et al., 1998). Multi-site syntheses have focused on the environmental sensitivity of sap flow, using site means of plant-level sap flow or sap flow-derived stand transpiration (Poyatos et al., 2007; Tor-ngern et al., 2017). Because data sharing is only incipient in plant ecophysiology, sap flow datasets have not been traditionally available
330 in open data repositories. Open data practices are now being implemented in databases, which fosters collaboration across monitoring networks in research areas relevant to plant functional ecology (Falster et al., 2015; Gallagher et al., 2020; Kattge et al., 2020) and ecosystem ecology (Bond-Lamberty and Thomson, 2010). The success of the data sharing and data re-use policies within the FLUXNET global network of ecosystem level fluxes has shown how these practices can contribute to scientific progress (Bond-Lamberty, 2018).

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Here we introduce SAPFLUXNET, the first global database of sap flow measurements built from individual community-contributed datasets. We implemented this compilation in a data structure designed to accommodate time series of sap flow and the main hydrometeorological drivers of transpiration, together with metadata documenting different aspects of each dataset. We harmonised all datasets and performed basic semi-automated quality assurance and quality control procedures.
340 We also created a software package that provides access to the database, allows easy visualisation of the datasets and performs basic temporal aggregations. We present the ecological and geographic coverage of SAPFLUXNET version 0.1.5, (Poyatos et al., 2020a) followed by a discussion of potential applications of the database, its limitations and a perspective of future developments.

2 The SAPFLUXNET data workflow

345 2.1 An overview of sap flow measurements

The main characteristics of sap flow methods have been reviewed elsewhere (Čermák et al., 2004; Smith and Allen, 1996; Swanson, 1994; Vandegehuchte and Steppe, 2013). Given the already broad scope of the paper, here we only provide a brief methodological overview, without delving into the details of the individual methods. Sap flow sensors track the fate of heat applied to the plant's conducting tissue, or sapwood, using temperature sensors (thermocouples or thermistors), usually
350 deployed in the plant's main stem. Both heating and temperature sensing can be done either internally, by inserting needle-like probes containing electrical resistors (or electrodes for some methods) and temperature sensors into the sapwood (Vandegehuchte and Steppe, 2013), or externally; these latter systems being especially designed for small stems and non-lignified tissues (Clearwater et al. 2009; Helfter et al. 2007; Sakuratani 1981). Depending on how the heat is applied and the principles underlying sap flow calculations, sap flow sensors can be classified into three major groups: heat dissipation
355 methods, heat pulse methods and heat balance methods (Flo et al., 2019). Heat dissipation and heat pulse methods estimate sap flow per unit sapwood area and they have been called 'sap flux density methods' (Vandegehuchte and Steppe, 2013);

heat balance methods directly yield sap flow for the entire stem or for a sapwood section. Heat dissipation methods include the constant heat dissipation (HD; Granier 1985, 1987), the transient (or cyclic) heat dissipation (CHD; Do and Rocheteau, 2002) and the heat deformation (HFD; Nadezhdina 2018) methods. Heat pulse methods include the compensation heat pulse (CHP; Swanson and Whitfield, 1981), heat ratio (HR; Burgess et al. 2001), T-max (HPTM; Cohen et al. 1981) and Sapflow+ (Vandegehuchte and Steppe, 2012) methods. Heat balance methods include the trunk sector heat balance (TSHB; Čermák et al. 1973) and the stem heat balance (SHB; Sakuratani, 1981) methods. The suitability of a certain method in a given application largely depends on plant size and the flow range of interest (Flo et al., 2019), but heat dissipation and compensation heat pulse are the most widely used (Flo et al., 2019; Poyatos et al., 2016). Apart from these different methodologies, within each sap flow method sensor design (Davis et al. 2012) and data processing (Peters et al. 2018) can vary, resulting in relatively high levels of methodological variability comparable to those in other areas of plant ecophysiology.

The output from sap flow sensors is automatically recorded by dataloggers, at hourly or even higher temporal resolution. This output relates to heat transport in the stem and needs to be converted to meaningful quantities of water transport, such as sap flow per plant or per unit sapwood area. How this conversion is achieved varies greatly across methods, with some relying on empirical calibrations and others being more physically-based and requiring the estimation of wood thermal properties and other parameters (Čermák et al., 2004; Smith and Allen, 1996; Vandegehuchte and Steppe, 2013). Depending on the method and the specific sensor design, sap flow measurements can be representative of single points, linear segments along the sapwood, sapwood area sections or entire stems. Except for stem heat balance methods, which typically measure entire stems or large sapwood sections, most sap flow measurements need to be spatially integrated to account for radial (Berdanier et al., 2016; Cohen et al., 2008; Nadezhdina et al., 2002; Phillips et al., 1996) and azimuthal (Cohen et al., 2008; Lu et al., 2000; Oren et al., 1999a) variation of sap flow within the stem to obtain an estimate of whole-plant water use (Čermák et al., 2004). At a minimum, an estimate of sapwood area is needed to upscale the measurements to whole-plant sap flow rates. Sap flow rates can thus be expressed per individual (i.e. plant or tree), per unit sapwood area (normalising by water-conducting area), and per unit leaf area (normalising by transpiring area).

Here we will use the term ‘sap flow’ when referring, in general, to the rate at which water moves through the sapwood of a plant and, more specifically, when we refer to sap flow per plant (i.e. water volume per unit time, Edwards et al., 1996). We acknowledge that the term ‘sap flux’ has also been proposed for this quantity (Lemour et al., 2009), but more generally, ‘sap flux density’ (e.g. Vandegehuchte and Steppe, 2013) or just ‘sap flux’ are used to refer to ‘sap flow per unit sapwood area’. Since here we include methods natively measuring sap flow per plant or per sapwood area, throughout this paper we will use

the more general term ‘sap flow’, and, when necessary, we will indicate explicitly the reference area used: ‘sap flow per (unit) sapwood area’, ‘sap flow per (unit) leaf area’ or ‘sap flow per (unit) ground area’.

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2.2 Data compilation

SAPFLUXNET was conceived as a compilation of published and unpublished sap flow datasets (Appendix Table A1) and thus the ultimate success of the initiative critically depended on the contribution of datasets by the sap flow community. An expression of interest showed that a critical mass of datasets with a wide geographic distribution could potentially be contributed and the results of this survey were used to raise the interest of the sap flow community (Poyatos et al., 2016). The data contribution stage was open between July 2016 and December 2017 although a few additional datasets were updated during the data quality control process and contain more recent data.

All contributed datasets had to meet some minimum criteria before they were accepted, both in terms of content and format. We required that all datasets contained sub-daily, processed sap flow data, representative of whole-plant water use under different hydrometeorological conditions. This meant that both the processing from raw temperature data to sap flow quantities and the scaling from single-point measurements to whole-plant data had been performed by the data contributor responsible for each dataset. Time-series of sap flow data and hydrometeorological drivers were required to be representative of one growing-season, setting, as broad reference, a minimum duration of 3 months. Sap flow could be either expressed as total flow rate per plant or per unit sapwood area. Contributors also needed to provide metadata on relevant ecological information of the site, stand, species and measured plants as well as on basic technical details of the sap flow and hydrometeorological time-series. Datasets had to be formatted using a documented spreadsheet template (cf. ‘sapfluxnet_metadata_template.xlsx’ in the Supplement) and uploaded to a dedicated server at CREAM, Spain, using an online form.

410 2.3 Data harmonisation and quality control: QC1

Once datasets were received, they were stored and entered a process of data harmonisation and quality control (Fig. 1, Supplement Fig. S1). This process combined automatic data checks with human supervision, and the entire workflow was governed by functions and scripts in the R language (R Core Team, 2019), including other related tools, such as R markdown documents and Shiny applications. All R code involved in this QC process was implemented in the sapfluxnetQC1 package (Granda et al., 2016); see the package vignettes for a detailed description (<https://github.com/sapfluxnet/sapfluxnetQC1/tree/master/vignettes>). To aid in the detection of potential data issues throughout the entire process (Fig. 1, Supplement Fig. S1), we implemented several elements of control: (1) automatic log

files tracking the output of each QC function applied, (2) automatic creation and update of status files, tracking the QC level reached by each dataset, (3) automatic QC summary reports in the form of R markdown documents, (4) interactive Shiny applications for data visualisation, (5) documentation of manual changes applied to the datasets using manually-edited text files, (6) storage of manual data cleaning operations in text files, and (7) automatic data quality flagging associated with each dataset. All these items ensure a robust, transparent, reproducible and scalable data workflow. Example files for (2), (3) and (6) can be found in the Supplement.

The first stage of the data QC (QC1) performed several data checks (Supplement Table S1) on received spreadsheet files and produced an interactive report in an R markdown document, which signalled possible inconsistencies in the data and warned of potential errors. These data issues were addressed, with the help of data contributors, if needed. Once no errors remained, the dataset was converted into an object of the custom-designed ‘sfn_data’ class (Supplement Fig. S2, see also section 2.5), which contained all data and metadata for a given dataset (Appendix Tables A2–A6 list all variable names and units). Data and metadata belonging to all Level 1 datasets were further visually inspected using an interactive R Shiny application, and, if no major issues were detected, they were subjected to the second QC process, QC2.

2.4 Data harmonisation and quality control: QC2

Datasets entering QC2 underwent several data cleaning and data harmonisation processes (Supplement Table S2). We first ran outlier detection and out of range checks; these checks did not delete or modify the data, only warned about any suspicious observation (‘outlier’ and ‘range’ warnings). The outlier detection algorithm was based on a Hampel filter, which also estimates a replacement value for a candidate outlier (Hampel, 1974). For the range checks, we defined minimum and maximum allowed values for all the time series variables, based on published values of extreme weather records and maximum transpiration rates (Cerveny et al., 2007; Manzoni et al., 2013). The outcome of outlier and range checks were visually inspected on the actual time series being evaluated using an interactive R Shiny application (Supplement Fig.S3). Following expert knowledge, visually confirmed outliers were replaced by the values estimated by the Hampel filter. Similarly, we replaced out of range values by NA if the variable was out of its physically allowed range (Supplement Fig.S3). Outlier and out of range ‘warnings’ for each observation (e.g. for each variable and timestep) were documented in two data flags tables, with the same dimensions as the corresponding data tables (Supplement Fig. S2). Likewise, those observations with confirmed problematic values, which were removed or replaced, were also flagged; further information can be found in the ‘data flags’ vignettes in the ‘sapfluxnetr’ package (Granda et al., 2019)

Final data harmonisation processes in QC2 involved unit transformations and the calculation of derived variables (Supplement Table S2). When plant sapwood area was provided by data contributors, we interconverted between sap flow

rate per plant and per unit sapwood area. If leaf area was supplied, we also calculated sap flow per unit leaf area, but note
450 that this transformation does not take into account the seasonal variation in leaf area; we document in the metadata for which
datasets this information could be available from data contributors. In QC2 we estimated missing environmental variables
which could be derived from related variables in the dataset (Appendix, Table A6). We also estimated the apparent solar
time and extraterrestrial global radiation from the provided timestamp and geographic coordinates using the R package
'solaR' (Perpiñán, 2012). All estimated or interconverted observations were flagged as 'CALCULATED' in the 'env_flags'
455 or 'sap_flags' table (Supplement Fig. S2).

2.5 Data structure

One of the major benefits of the SAPFLUXNET data workflow is the encapsulation of datasets in self-contained R objects of
the S4 class with a predefined structure. These objects belong to the custom-designed 'sfn_data' class, which display
different slots to store time series of sap flow and environmental data, their associated data flags, and all the metadata
460 (Supplement Fig. S2). For further information please see the 'sfn_data classes' vignette in the 'sapfluxnetr' package (Granda
et al., 2019). The code identifying each dataset was created by the combination of a 'country' code, a 'site' code and, if
applicable, a 'stand' code and a 'treatment' code. This means that several 'stands' and/or 'treatments' can be present within
one 'site' (Supplement Table S3).

465 At the end of the QC process, we generated a folder structure with a first-level storing datasets as either 'sfn_data' objects or
as a set of comma-separated (csv) text files. Within each of these formats, a second-level folder groups datasets according to
how sap flow is normalized (per plant, sapwood or leaf area); note that the same dataset, expressing different sap flow
quantities, can be present in more than one folder (e.g. 'plant' and 'sapwood'). Finally, the third level contains the data files
for each dataset: either a single 'sfn_data' object storing all data and metadata, or all the individual csv files. More details on
470 the data structure and units can be found in the 'sapfluxnetr-quick-guide' and 'metadata-and-data-units' vignettes,
respectively, in the 'sapfluxnetr' package (Granda et al., 2019).

3 The SAPFLUXNET database

3.1 Data coverage

The SAPFLUXNET version 0.1.5 database harbours 202 globally distributed datasets (Fig. 2a, Supplement Fig. S4 and
475 Table S3), from 121 geographical locations, with Europe, Eastern USA and Australia especially well represented. These
datasets were represented in the bioclimatic space using the terrestrial biomes delimited by Whittaker (Fig. 2b), but note that,
as any bioclimatic classification, it has its limitations. Datasets have been compiled from all terrestrial biomes, except for

temperate rainforests, although some tropical montane sites have been included. Woodland/shrubland and temperate forest biomes are the most represented in the database adding up to 80% of the datasets (Fig. 2b). However, large forested areas in the tropics and in boreal regions are still not well represented (Fig. 2a,b). Looking at the distribution by vegetation type (Fig. 2c), evergreen needleleaf forest is the most represented vegetation type (65 datasets), followed by deciduous broadleaf forest (47 datasets) and evergreen broadleaf forest (43 datasets).

SAPFLUXNET contains sap flow data for 2714 individual plants (1584 angiosperms and 1130 gymnosperms), belonging to 174 species (141 angiosperms and 33 gymnosperms), 95 different genera and 45 different families (Supplement, Table S4-S5). All species but one, *Elaeis guineensis*, a palm, are tree species. *Pinus* and *Quercus* are the most represented genera (Fig. 3b). Amongst the gymnosperms, *Pinus sylvestris*, *Picea abies* and *Pinus taeda* are the three most represented species with data provided on 290, 178 and 107 trees, respectively (Fig. 3a). For the angiosperms, *Acer saccharum*, *Fagus sylvatica* and *Populus tremuloides* are the most represented species, with 162, 116 and 104 trees, respectively, although most *Acer saccharum* data come from a single study with a very large sample size (Fig. 3a). Some species are present in more than 10 datasets: *Pinus sylvestris*, *Picea abies*, *Fagus sylvatica*, *Acer rubrum*, *Liriodendron tulipifera* and *Liquidambar styraciflua* (Fig. 3a, Supplement Table S4).

3.2 Methodological aspects

For more than 90% of the plants, sap flow at the whole-plant level is available (either directly provided by contributors or calculated in the QC process); this is important for upscaling SAPFLUXNET data to the stand level (cf. section 4.2). Because the leaf area of the measured plants is often not available as metadata, sap flow per unit leaf area was estimated for only 18.6% of the individuals (Fig. 4). The heat dissipation method is the most frequent method in the database (HD, 66.4% of the plants), followed by the trunk sector heat balance (TSHB, 16.4%) and the compensation heat pulse method (CHP, 8.4%) (Fig. 4). This distribution is broadly similar to the use of each method documented in the literature, although the TSHB method is overrepresented here, compared to the current use of this method by the sap flow community (Flo et al., 2019; Poyatos et al., 2016). Some methods, especially those belonging to the heat pulse family and the cyclic (or transient) heat dissipation (CHD) method are mostly used in angiosperms, while the TSHB and the heat field deformation (HFD) methods are more frequently used in gymnosperms (Fig. 4).

Calibration of sap flow sensors and scaling from point measurements to the whole-plant can be critical steps towards accurate estimates of absolute sap flow rates. In SAPFLUXNET, most of the sap flow time series have not undergone a species-specific calibration, with the CHD method showing the highest percentage of calibrated time series (Table 1). This

510 lack of calibrations may be relevant for the more empirical heat dissipation methods (HD and CHD), which have been shown
to consistently underestimate sap flow rates by 40% on average (Flo et al., 2019; Peters et al., 2018; Steppe et al., 2010).
Radial integration of single-point sap flow measurements is more frequent than azimuthal integration (Table 2), except for
the CHD method. For a large number of plants measured with the HD method, and all plants measured with the HPTM
method, there was not any radial integration procedure reported. In contrast, the CHP, HR, SHB, and TSHB methods are
those which more frequently addressed radial variation in one way or another (Table 2). Azimuthal integration procedures
515 are also more frequent when the TSHB method is used (Table 2).

3.3 Plant characteristics

Plant-level metadata is almost complete (99.5% of the individuals) for diameter at breast height (DBH), while sapwood area
and sapwood depth, important variables for sap flow upscaling, are not available, or could not be estimated, for 23% and
47% of the plants, respectively. Plant height and plant age are missing for 42% and 62% of the individuals, respectively. Sap
520 flow data in SAPFLUXNET are representative of a broad range of plant sizes (Fig. 5a). The distribution of DBH showed a
median of 25.0 cm and 20.4 cm for gymnosperms and angiosperms, respectively, with a long tail towards the largest plants,
two *Mortoni dendron anisophyllum* trees from a tropical forest in Costa Rica that measured > 200 cm (Fig. 5a). The largest
gymnosperm tree in SAPFLUXNET (176 cm in DBH) is a kauri tree (*Agathis australis*) from New Zealand. The distribution
of plant heights is less skewed, with similar medians for angiosperms (17.6 m) and gymnosperms (17.5 m). The tallest plants
525 are located in a tropical forest in Indonesia, where a *Pouteria firma* tree reached 44.7 m. Remarkably, of the 16 plants taller
than 40 m, over 60% are *Eucalyptus* species. The tallest gymnosperm (36.2 m) is a *Pinus strobus* from NE USA.

Plant size metadata in SAPFLUXNET is complemented with plant-level data of sapwood and leaf area, that provide
information on the functional areas for water transport and loss (Fig. 5a). Distributions of sapwood and leaf area show highly
530 skewed distributions, with long tails towards the largest values and slightly higher median values for gymnosperms (262 cm²
and 33.0 m² for sapwood and leaf areas, respectively), compared to angiosperms (168 cm² and 29.9 m²). Accordingly,
median sapwood depth is also higher for gymnosperms (5.1 cm) compared to angiosperms (3.7 cm). The largest trees
(*Mortoni dendron*, *Pouteria*, *Agathis*) with deep sapwood (17–24 cm) are also those with largest sapwood areas. Many large
angiosperm trees from tropical (CRI_TAM_TOW, IDN_PON_STE, GUF_GUY_ST2; see Table S3 for dataset codes) and
535 temperate forests (*Fagus grandifolia*, USA_SMIC_SCB) also show large sapwood areas (> 5000 cm²), but the plant with the
deepest sapwood is a gymnosperm, an *Abies pinsapo* in Spain with 30.7 cm of sapwood depth.

3.4 Stand characteristics

Stand-level metadata include several variables associated with management, vegetation structure and soil properties. Half of the datasets originate from naturally regenerated, unmanaged stands, and 13.9% come from naturally regenerated but managed stands. Plantations add up to 32.2% and orchards only represent 4% of the datasets. Reporting of structural variables is mixed, with stand height, age, density and basal area showing relatively low missingness (6.4%, 11.4%, 12.9% and 13.4%, respectively); in contrast, soil depth and LAI are missing from 26.7% and 33.7% of the datasets.

SAPFLUXNET datasets originate from stands with diverse structural characteristics. Median stand age is 54 years and there are several datasets coming from >100 year-old forests (Fig. 5b). Stand height shows a similar range and distribution of values compared to individual plant height (Fig. 5a,b). The denser stands correspond to coppiced evergreen oak stands from Mediterranean forests (FRA_PUE, ESP_TIL_OAK), species-rich tropical forests (MDG_SEM_TAL) or relatively young temperate forests (e.g. FRA_HES_HE1_NON, USA_CHE_MAP). The sparsest stands (< 200 stems ha⁻¹) correspond to tree-grass savanna systems (Spain, Portugal, Australia, Senegal), dry woodlands (China), or oil palm plantations in Indonesia (IDN_JAM_OIL). Stands with the largest basal areas (> 70 m² ha⁻¹) are mostly dominated by broadleaf species, except for a *Picea abies* plantation in Sweden (SWE_SKO_MIN).

The distribution of leaf area index (LAI) shows a median of 3.5 m² m⁻², with the largest values observed in temperate (CZE_BIK, USA_DUK_HAR, HUN_SIK) and tropical (GUF_GUY_GUY, COL_MAC_SAF_RAD) forests. The stands with the lowest LAI correspond to the sparse woodlands from Mediterranean and semi-arid locations and also those from forests near altitudinal or latitudinal tree-lines (FIN_PET, AUT_TSC). SAPFLUXNET datasets show a median soil depth of 100 cm, with only a dozen datasets originated from sites with soils deeper than 10 m (Fig. 5b).

The number of plants per dataset is highly variable, with most of the datasets (86%) containing data for at least 4 trees and 46% of the datasets having data for at least 10 trees (Fig. 6a, see also Fig. 9).

3.5 Temporal characteristics

The oldest datasets in SAPFLUXNET go back to 1995 (GBR_DEV_CON, GBR_DEV_DRO) while the most recent data reach up to 2018 (datasets from the ESP_MAJ cluster of sites). Several multi-year datasets are present in SAPFLUXNET (Fig. 6), with 50% of the datasets spanning a period of at least 3 years, and some datasets being extraordinarily long (16 years in FRA_PUE). Frequently, the datasets only cover the 'growing season' periods, or even shorter periods for some sites which were eventually included because they improved the ecological and geographic coverage of the database (e.g.

ARG_MAZ, ARG_TRE as representative of deciduous *Nothofagus* forest in South Patagonia). In contrast, a few datasets show continuous records over multiple years (Fig. 6b). Amongst the longest datasets, most of them come from European or
570 North American sites (Fig. 6), except some datasets from Israel (ISR_YAT_YAT, 7 years), Russia (RUS_FYO, 7 years), South Korea (KOR_TAE cluster of sites, 6 years) or New Zealand (NZL_HUA_HUA, 5 years).

SAPFLUXNET provides an unprecedented database to study the detailed temporal dynamics of plant transpiration across species and sites globally. Sub-daily records of sap flow (e.g. at least at hourly timesteps) are available for extended periods
575 (Fig. 6b), allowing to address both seasonal and diel patterns in water use regulation by trees and how these temporal patterns change across species or years across terrestrial biomes, reflecting different phenologies and water-use strategies. For instance, in Mediterranean forests, evergreen species such as *Quercus ilex*, *Arbutus unedo* and *Pinus halepensis* show moderate sap flow the whole year round, while the deciduous *Quercus pubescens* shows higher sap flow density during a shorter period and its water use is heavily reduced during a dry year (2012) (Fig. 7a). Temperate forests without water
580 availability limitations show relatively high flows during the growing season and similar diel sap flow patterns among species (Fig. 7b). In contrast, tropical forests show moderate to high sap flow rates during the entire year, with different dynamics in the intradaily water use regulation across species. For example, *Inga* sp. in a highly diverse wet tropical forest in Costa Rica, reduced sap flow during mid-day hours compared to co-existing species (Fig. 7c).

3.6 Availability of environmental data

585 All SAPFLUXNET datasets contain ancillary time series of the main hydrometeorological drivers of transpiration, accompanied by information on where these variables had been measured (Fig. 8a). Air temperature is available for all datasets. Although vapour pressure deficit (VPD) was originally absent in 38% of the datasets (Fig. 8a,b), we could estimate it for those sites providing air temperature and relative humidity data (QC Level 2, see section 2.3), and finally only 2 out of the 202 datasets have missing VPD information. For radiation variables, shortwave radiation was most often provided,
590 compared to photosynthetically active and net radiation, which were less provided; only 8 out of 202 datasets do not have any accompanying radiation data. Most of these environmental variables were measured on-site, with precipitation being the variable most frequently retrieved from nearby meteorological stations (48% of the datasets) (Fig. 8a). Soil water content measured at shallow depth, typically between 0 and 30 cm below the soil surface, is provided for 56% of the datasets, while soil moisture from deep soil layers is available for only 27% of the datasets.

595 3.7 Uncertainty estimation and bias correction in sap flow measurements

Uncertainty for the main sap flow density methods could be obtained by using a recent compilation of sap flow calibration data (Flo et al., 2019) (Appendix Table B1); these calibrations generally covered the range of sap flow per sapwood area

observed in SAPFLUXNET, except for the CHP method (Appendix Fig. B1). At low flows, uncertainties were larger for HPTM and, to a lesser extent, for CHP, while they were lowest for HR and HFD. Uncertainties increased steeply with flow particularly for the HPTM, CHP and HR methods. These patterns were evident when examining sub-daily sap flow measured with the most represented sap flux density methods in SAPFLUXNET (Appendix Fig. B2). The analysis of calibration data also showed that HD, the most represented method by far, underestimates water flow, on average, by 40% (Flo et al., 2019) when using the original calibration (Granier et al., 1985; 1987). Because plant-level metadata contain information that document the conversion from raw to processed data, a first-order correction for data from uncalibrated HD probes can be applied (Appendix Fig. B3a).

Additional uncertainties and corrections by sapwood area estimation and integration of sap flow radial variability must also be considered when upscaling to plant-level sap flow. Uncertainty from sapwood area estimation is expected to be lower than methodological uncertainty given the generally tight relationship between basal area and sapwood area (Appendix Fig. B3b, c). Data without an explicit radial integration of sap flow measurements can be adjusted using generic radial sap flow profiles based on wood type (Berdanier et al. 2016). In this case, assuming uniform sap flow along the sapwood usually leads to sap flow overestimation for both ring-porous and diffuse-porous species (Appendix Fig. B4).

4 Potential applications

4.1 Applications in plant ecophysiology and functional ecology

There are multiple potential applications of the SAPFLUXNET database to assess whole-plant water use rates and their environmental sensitivity, both across species (e.g. Oren et al., 1999b) and at the intraspecific level (Poyatos et al., 2007). SAPFLUXNET will allow disentangling the roles of evaporative demand and soil water content in controlling transpiration at the plant level, complementing recent studies looking at how water supply and demand affect evapotranspiration at the ecosystem level (Anderegg et al., 2018; Novick et al., 2016). The availability of global sap flow data at sub-daily time resolution and spanning entire growing seasons will allow focusing on how maximum water use and its environmental sensitivity varies with plant-level attributes such as stem diameter (Dierick and Hölscher, 2009; Meinzer et al., 2005), tree height (Novick et al., 2009; Schäfer et al., 2000), hydraulic (Manzoni et al., 2013; Poyatos et al., 2007) and other plant traits (Grossiord et al., 2019; Kallarackal et al., 2013). SAPFLUXNET thus provides an unprecedented tool to understand how structural and physiological traits coordinate with each other (Liu et al. 2019), how these traits translate to whole-plant regulation of water fluxes (McCulloh et al., 2019), and how this integration determines drought responses (Choat et al., 2018) and post-drought recovery patterns (Yin and Bauerle, 2017). Analyses of the temporal dynamics of plant water use in response to specific drought events, as recently assessed for gross primary productivity (e.g. Schwalm et al., 2017), can also

help to quantify drought legacy effects. If combined with water potential measurements, sap flow data can be used to estimate whole-plant hydraulic conductance and study its response to drought (e.g., Cochard et al., 1996), as well as the recovery of the plant hydraulic system after drought.

SAPFLUXNET will allow new insights into within-day patterns and controls in whole-plant water use, which can disclose the fine details of its physiological regulation. Circadian rhythms can modulate stomatal responses to the environment, potentially affecting sap flow dynamics (e.g. de Dios et al., 2015). Hysteresis in diel sap flow relationships with evaporative demand and time-lags between transpiration and sap flow, are two linked phenomena likely arising from plant capacitance and other mechanisms (O'Brien et al., 2004; Schulze et al., 1985), that also influence diel evapotranspiration dynamics (Matheny et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2014). A major driver of time-lags is the use of stored water to meet the transpiration demand (Phillips et al., 2009), which can now be analysed across species, plant sizes or drought conditions using time series analyses, simplified electric analogies (Phillips et al., 1997, 2004; Ward et al., 2013) or detailed water transport models (Bohrer et al., 2005; Mirfenderesgi et al., 2016). Night-time water use can be substantial for some species (Forster, 2014; Resco de Dios et al., 2019). However, available syntheses rely on study-specific quantification of what constitutes nocturnal sap flow and do not address possible methodological influences (Zeppel et al., 2014). SAPFLUXNET includes metadata to identify methods (e.g. HRM; Burgess et al. 2001) and data processing approaches (zero-flow determination method in 'pl_sens_cor_zero', Appendix Table A5) that can help identify suitable datasets to quantify night-time fluxes.

Sap flow data have been widely employed to assess changes in tree water use after biotic (e.g. Hultine et al., 2010) or abiotic (Oren et al., 1999a) disturbances. Likewise, sap flow data have been used to report changes in species and stand water use following experimental treatments involving resource availability modifications (e.g. Ewers et al., 1999) or density changes (i.e. thinning, Simonin et al., 2007). The SAPFLUXNET database includes datasets with experimental manipulations, applied either at the stand or at the individual level, qualitatively documented in the metadata (Table 3). The main treatments present are related to thinning, water availability changes (irrigation, throughfall exclusion) and wildfire impact (Table 3), potentially facilitating new data syntheses and meta-analyses using these datasets (e.g. Grossiord et al., 2017).

The combination of SAPFLUXNET with other ecophysiological databases can inform on the relative sensitivity of different physiological processes in response to drought, for example those related to growth and carbon assimilation (Steppe et al., 2015). Within-day fluctuations of stem diameter can be jointly analysed with co-located sap flow measurements to study the dynamics of stored water use under drought and its contribution to transpiration (e.g. Brinkmann et al., 2016), and to infer parameters on tree hydraulic functioning using mechanistic models of tree hydrodynamics (Salomón et al., 2017; Steppe et al., 2006; Zweifel et al., 2007). These analyses could be carried out for a large number of species by combining

660 SAPFLUXNET with data from the Dendroglobal database (<http://78.90.202.92/streess/databases/dendroglobal>); there are at
least 18 SAPFLUXNET datasets with dendrometer data in Dendroglobal. This database and the International Tree-Ring Data
Bank (Zhao et al., 2018) could also be used with SAPFLUXNET to investigate, at the species level, the link between radial
growth and water use, including their environmental sensitivity (Morán-López et al., 2014), and how these two processes
comparatively respond to drought (Sánchez-Costa et al., 2015). Moreover, given the tight link between water use and carbon
665 assimilation, combining SAPFLUXNET with water-use efficiency from plant $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ data could potentially be used to estimate
whole-plant carbon assimilation (Hu et al., 2010; Klein et al., 2016; Rascher et al., 2010; Vernay et al., 2020), a quantity that
is difficult to measure directly, especially in field-grown, mature trees.

4.2 Applications in ecosystem ecology and ecohydrology

SAPFLUXNET will provide a global look at plant water flows to bridge the scales between plant traits and ecosystem fluxes
670 and properties (Reichstein et al., 2014). Vegetation structure, species composition and differential water use strategies
among and within species scale-up to different seasonal patterns of ecosystem transpiration, with a strong influence on
ecosystem evapotranspiration and its partitioning. Global controls on evaporative fluxes from vegetation have been mostly
addressed using ecosystem (Williams et al., 2012) or catchment evapotranspiration data (Peel et al., 2010). These studies
have described global patterns in evapotranspiration driven by different plant functional types or climates, but they cannot be
675 used to quantify and to explain the enormous variation in the regulation of transpiration across and within taxa.

The SAPFLUXNET database will provide a long-demanded data source to be used in ecohydrological research (Asbjornsen
et al., 2011). Upscaling individual measurements to the stand level (Čermák et al., 2004; Granier et al., 1996; Köstner et al.,
1998) is necessary to quantitatively compare sap-flow based transpiration with evapotranspiration and transpiration estimates
680 at the ecosystem scale and beyond. Even though SAPFLUXNET was designed to accommodate sap flow data at the plant
level, scaling to the ecosystem level is possible for many datasets. For a basic upscaling exercise using SAPFLUXNET data
(Poyatos et al., 2020b), whole-plant sap flow can be normalised by individual basal area (as DBH is usually available in the
metadata, cf. section 3.3), averaged for a given species and then scaled to stand level transpiration using total stand basal
area and the fraction of basal area occupied by each measured species (see stand metadata, Table A3). For many datasets,
685 sap flow data are available for the species comprising most of the stand basal area (often even 100%, Fig. 9), but species-
based upscaling may be unfeasible in many tropical sites (Fig. 9b), where size-based scaling could be applied instead (e.g. da
Costa et al., 2018). Further refinements of the upscaling procedure could be achieved by using trunk diameter distributions
of the sap flow plots (Berry et al., 2018). This information, however, is not readily available in SAPFLUXNET, and other
data sources (e.g. forest inventories, LIDAR data) or additional simplifying assumptions (i.e. applying the size distribution of
690 measured individuals in the dataset) would be needed.

Stand-level transpiration estimates from a large number of SAPFLUXNET sites can contribute to improve our understanding of the role of forest transpiration in the context of stand water balance and its components at the ecosystem (e.g. Tor-ngern et al., 2018) and catchment levels (Oishi et al., 2010; Wilson et al., 2001). Importantly, SAPFLUXNET can contribute to better
695 understand the global controls on vegetation water use (Good et al., 2017), including the biological and climatic controls on evapotranspiration partitioning into transpiration and evaporation components (Schlesinger and Jasechko, 2014; Stoy et al., 2019). There is some overlap between the FLUXNET network and SAPFLUXNET (47 datasets from FLUXNET sites). Hence, transpiration from SAPFLUXNET can also be used as a ‘ground-truth’ reference for transpiration estimates from remote sensing approaches (Talsma et al., 2018) and from eddy covariance data (Nelson et al., 2020). Extrapolating sap
700 flow-derived stand transpiration to large spatial scales can be challenging due to landscape-scale variation in forest structure (Ford et al., 2007) or topography (Hassler et al., 2018), and to the low spatial representativeness of sap flow measurements (Mackay et al., 2010). A promising research avenue to help elucidate the role of vegetation in driving hydrological changes across environmental gradients (Vose et al., 2016) would be to combine species-specific stand transpiration data from SAPFLUXNET with stand structural and compositional data from forest inventories (e.g. sapwood area index, Benyon et al.,
705 2015).

Understanding the patterns and mechanisms underlying species interactions with respect to water use within a community is necessary to predict tree species vulnerability to drought (Grossiord, 2019). Multispecies datasets from SAPFLUXNET (Table S3) can be used to assess competition for water resources among species, for example by identifying changes in
710 seasonal water use across co-existing species and hence characterizing the spatiotemporal segregation of their hydrological niches (Silvertown et al., 2015). By providing a detailed seasonal quantification of tree water use, SAPFLUXNET could also complement isotope-based studies and contribute to interpret the large diversity in root water uptake patterns observed worldwide (Barbeta and Peñuelas, 2017; Evaristo and McDonnell, 2017) and to explain the different seasonal origin of root-absorbed water across species and environmental gradients (Allen et al., 2019).

715 Plant water fluxes and hydrodynamics are amongst the most uncertain components of ecosystem and terrestrial biosphere models (Fatichi et al., 2016; Fisher et al., 2018). These models are now incorporating hydraulic traits and processes in their transpiration regulation algorithms (Mencuccini et al., 2019), but multi-site assessments of these algorithms are usually performed against evapotranspiration from eddy flux data (Knauer et al., 2015; Matheny et al., 2014). Model validation
720 against sap flow data has been carried out typically in only one (Kennedy et al., 2019; Williams et al., 2001) or few (Buckley et al., 2012) sites. SAPFLUXNET can thus contribute to assess the performance of models simulating transpiration of stands or species within stands (e.g. De Cáceres et al., 2021), for a large number of species and under diverse climatic conditions.

5. Limitations and future developments

5.1 Limitations

725 Sap flow data processing differs within and among methods, because different algorithms, calibrations or parameters
involved in sap flow calculations may be applied. All of these methods contribute to methodological uncertainty (Looker et
al., 2016; Peters et al., 2018) and this challenging methodological variability precludes the implementation of a complete,
standardised data workflow from raw to processed data within SAPFLUXNET, as it is done for eddy flux data (Vitale et al.,
2020; Wutzler et al., 2018). Commercial software for sap flow data processing from multiple methods is available (i.e.
730 <http://www.sapflowtool.com/SapFlowToolSensors.html>) but it has not yet been widely adopted. Freely available data-
processing software is only available for the HD method (Oishi et al., 2016; Speckman et al., 2020; Ward et al., 2017). Open
source software also allows a seamless integration of different data processing approaches and the implementation of
species-specific calibrations, which can contribute to obtain more robust estimations of sap flow and facilitate replicability
(Peters et al. 2021).

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Sap flow measured with thermometric methods provides a precise estimate of the temporal dynamics of water flow through
plants (Flo et al., 2019). However, their performance in measuring absolute flows is mixed. While some well-represented
methods in SAPFLUXNET such as the CHP yield accurate estimates (at least for moderate-to-high flows), the HD method,
the most represented method by far, can significantly underestimate sap flow. Our suggested bias correction for uncalibrated
740 HD data (cf. section 3.7) can be applied, but given the high unexplained variability (i.e. by species and wood traits) in the
performance of sap flow calibrations (Flo et al., 2019), these corrections should be applied with caution.

SAPFLUXNET has been designed to store whole-plant sap flow data, and therefore, sap flow measured at multiple points
within an individual is not available in the database. Even though this spatial variation could be useful to describe detailed
745 aspects of plant water transport (Nadezhdina et al., 2009), focusing on plant-level data greatly simplifies the data structure.
Hence, SAPFLUXNET only includes data already upscaled to the plant level by the data contributors. The main details of
how this upscaling process was done for each dataset are provided together with other plant metadata (Table A5), but these
metadata show that within-plant variation in sap flow is often not considered (Table 2). For those datasets without radial
integration of point measurements, we show how to implement a radial integration based on generic wood porosity types (cf.
750 section 3.7, Appendix B). The impact of not accounting for radial and circumferential variability when scaling single-point
measurements of sap flow to the whole-plant level can be important (Merlin et al., 2020), but the estimation of sapwood area
can also cause large errors if it is not accurately determined (Looker et al., 2016). SAPFLUXNET does not provide
information on the method employed to quantify sapwood area (e.g. visual estimation with or without the application of

dyes, indirect estimation through allometries at species or site levels) or on the accuracy of sapwood area data. This
755 precludes uncertainty estimation at the individual level (Appendix Fig. B3). Future developments in the SAPFLUXNET data
structure could include this information as metadata to better document the sensor-to-plant scaling process. Overall, this first
global compilation of sap flow data will allow addressing uncertainties in sap flow upscaling in space and time in the same
way that the development of FLUXNET stimulated the quantification and aggregation of uncertainties for eddy flux data
(Richardson et al. 2012).

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While SAPFLUXNET makes global sap flow data available for the first time, we note that spatial coverage is still sparse and
some forested regions are underrepresented in the database (Fig. 2a). We note especially the relatively small number of
datasets for boreal and tropical forests, two important biomes in terms of global water and carbon fluxes (Beer et al., 2010;
Schlesinger and Jasechko, 2014). While many geographic gaps are caused by the absence of sap flow studies from such
765 areas, some regions where sap flow studies have been conducted are still not represented in SAPFLUXNET. For example,
the recent proliferation of Asian sap flow studies (Peters et al., 2018) has not translated into a high representativity of Asian
datasets in SAPFLUXNET yet. Similarly, while the coverage of taxonomic and biometric diversity is unprecedented,
SAPFLUXNET lacks data for the extremely tall trees (Ambrose et al., 2010) or for other growth forms such as shrubs (Liu et
al., 2011), lianas (Chen et al., 2015) and other non-woody species (Lu et al., 2002).

770 **5.2 Outlook**

The public release of SAPFLUXNET has set the stage for a first generation of sap flow-based data syntheses. The work on
these syntheses will fuel new ideas and tools for future improvements of the database, as for example new computing
approaches for the processing and analysis of sap flow datasets. One example would be the development of robust
imputation algorithms to gap-fill time series of sap flow and environmental data, which can take advantage of tools and
775 datasets already developed by the ecosystem flux community (Moffat et al., 2007; Vuichard and Papale, 2015). The
dissemination of SAPFLUXNET will encourage the use of machine-learning algorithms, only occasionally used to analyse
sap flow datasets so far (e.g. Whitley et al., 2013). These approaches can also be used to identify the relative importance of
different hydrometeorological drivers of transpiration (Zhao et al., 2019), or to produce global transpiration maps, by
combining SAPFLUXNET with other data (Jung et al., 2019). This upscaling of stand transpiration to large areas will also
780 allow addressing broader questions at the regional and continental scale, such as the role of transpiration in moisture
recycling (Staal et al., 2018).

The eventual success of this initiative, in terms of enabling data reuse, contributing towards the understanding and modelling
of tree water use at local to global scales will likely encourage the sap flow community to contribute new datasets to future

785 updates of the database. We expect that the development of open-source software for the processing of sap flow raw data
(Peters et al., 2021; Speckman et al., 2020), its eventual widespread use by the sap flow community and the adoption of
standardized calibration practices will increase the quality and intercomparability of future sap flow datasets. These new
datasets will hopefully expand the temporal, geographical and ecological representativity of SAPFLUXNET when new data
contribution periods can be opened in the future.

790 **6 Data availability, access and feedback**

In this paper we present SAPFLUXNET version 0.1.5 (Poyatos et al., 2020a), which contains some small metadata
improvements on version 0.1.4, the first one to be made publicly available, in March 2020. Both versions supersede version
0.1.3 which was initially released to data contributors in March 2019. The entire database can be downloaded from its
hosting webpage in the Zenodo repository (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3971689>, Poyatos et al. 2020a). In this repository,
795 we provide the database as separate .csv files and as .RData objects; see section 2.4. for details on data structure. Together
with the initial publication of SAPFLUXNET in March 2019, we also released the sapfluxnet R package, available on
CRAN, to enable easy access, selection, temporal aggregation and visualisation of SAPFLUXNET data. Feedback on data
quality issues can be forwarded to the SAPFLUXNET initiative email address: sapfluxnet@creaf.uab.cat. All the
information about SAPFLUXNET, including the publication of new calls for data contribution, can be found in the project
800 website: <http://sapfluxnet.creaf.cat/>.

7 Code availability

The code to reproduce the figures in this paper is available in the following Zenodo repository:
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4727825>.

8 Conclusions

805 The SAPFLUXNET database provides the first global perspective of water use by individual plants at multiple timescales,
with important applications in multiple fields, ranging from plant ecophysiology to Earth-system science. This database has
been built from community-contributed datasets and is complemented with a software package to facilitate data access. Both
the database and the software have been implemented following open science practices, ensuring public access and
reproducibility. Data sharing has been a key component of the success of the FLUXNET network of ecosystem fluxes
810 (Bond-Lamberty, 2018), and many databases in plant and ecosystem ecology now offer open data (Bond-Lamberty and

Thomson, 2010; Falster et al., 2015; Gallagher et al., 2020; Kattge et al., 2020). SAPFLUXNET fully aligns with this philosophy. We expect that this initial data infrastructure will promote data sharing among the sap flow community in the future (Dai et al., 2018) and will allow the continued growth of the SAPFLUXNET database.

815 Appendix A: References for individual datasets in SAPFLUXNET

Table A1. SAPFLUXNET dataset codes and DOIs (Digital Object Identifiers) of the publications associated with each dataset. When no DOI was available the bibliographic reference is shown. Some datasets may have no associated publication ('unpublished') or they may be listed as 'under review'.

site_code	DOI
ARG_MAZ	https://doi.org/10.1007/s00468-013-0935-4
ARG_TRE	https://doi.org/10.1007/s00468-013-0935-4
AUS_BRI_BRI	unpublished
AUS_CAN_ST1_EUC	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2009.07.036
AUS_CAN_ST2_MIX	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2009.07.036
AUS_CAN_ST3_ACA	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2009.07.036
AUS_CAR_THI_00F	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2011.11.019
AUS_CAR_THI_0P0	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2011.11.019
AUS_CAR_THI_0PF	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2011.11.019
AUS_CAR_THI_CON	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2011.11.019
AUS_CAR_THI_T00	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2011.11.019
AUS_CAR_THI_T0F	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2011.11.019
AUS_CAR_THI_TP0	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2011.11.019
AUS_CAR_THI_TPF	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2011.11.019
AUS_ELL_HB_HIG	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhydrol.2015.02.045
AUS_ELL_MB_MOD	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhydrol.2015.02.045
AUS_ELL_UNB	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhydrol.2015.02.045
AUS_KAR	unpublished
AUS_MAR_HSD_HIG	https://doi.org/10.1002/eco.1463
AUS_MAR_HSW_HIG	https://doi.org/10.1002/eco.1463
AUS_MAR_MSD_MOD	https://doi.org/10.1002/eco.1463
AUS_MAR_MSW_MOD	https://doi.org/10.1002/eco.1463
AUS_MAR_UBD	https://doi.org/10.1002/eco.1463
AUS_MAR_UBW	https://doi.org/10.1002/eco.1463
AUS_RIC_EUC_ELE	https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2435.12532
AUS_WOM	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2016.12.017 ; https://doi.org/10.1029/2019JG005239
AUT_PAT_FOR	https://doi.org/10.1007/s10342-013-0760-8
AUT_PAT_KRU	https://doi.org/10.1007/s10342-013-0760-8
AUT_PAT_TRE	https://doi.org/10.1007/s10342-013-0760-8
AUT_TSC	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.flora.2014.06.012
BRA_CAM	https://doi.org/10.1093/treephys/tpv001
BRA_CAX_CON	https://doi.org/10.1111/gcb.13851
BRA_SAN	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2012.02.002 ; https://doi.org/10.1007/s00468-015-1165-8 ; https://doi.org/10.1007/s00468-017-1527-5
BRA_SAN	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2012.02.002 ; https://doi.org/10.1007/s00468-015-1165-8 ; https://doi.org/10.1007/s00468-017-1527-5
CAN_TUR_P39_POS	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2010.04.008 ; https://doi.org/10.1002/hyp.9315
CAN_TUR_P39_PRE	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2010.04.008 ; https://doi.org/10.1002/hyp.9315

site_code	DOI
CAN_TUR_P74	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2010.04.008
CHE_DAV_SEE	https://doi.org/10.1007/s10021-011-9481-3
CHE_LOT_NOR	https://doi.org/10.1111/pce.13500
CHE_PFY_CON	https://doi.org/10.1093/treephys/tpp123
CHE_PFY_IRR	https://doi.org/10.1093/treephys/tpp123
CHN_ARG_GWD	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2016.08.049
CHN_ARG_GWS	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2016.08.049
CHN_HOR_AFF	https://doi.org/10.5194/bg-2017-69
CHN_YIN_ST1	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2016.08.049
CHN_YIN_ST2_DRO	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2016.08.049
CHN_YIN_ST3_DRO	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2016.08.049
CHN_YUN_YUN	https://doi.org/10.5194/bg-11-5323-2014
COL_MAC_SAF_RAD	unpublished
CRI_TAM_TOW	https://doi.org/10.1002/hyp.10960
CZE_BIK	unpublished
CZE_BIL_BIL	unpublished
CZE_KRT_KRT	unpublished
CZE_LAN	unpublished; https://doi.org/10.1098/rstb.2019.0518
CZE_LIZ_LES	https://doi.org/10.2136/vzj2012.0154
CZE_RAJ_RAJ	https://doi.org/10.3832/ifor1307-007
CZE_SOB_SOB	https://doi.org/10.14214/sf.1760
CZE_STI	unpublished
CZE_UTE_BEE	unpublished
CZE_UTE_BNA	unpublished
CZE_UTE_BPO	unpublished
CZE_UTE_SPR	unpublished
DEU_HIN_OAK	unpublished; https://doi.org/10.2136/vzj2018.06.0116
DEU_HIN_TER	unpublished; https://doi.org/10.2136/vzj2018.06.0116
DEU_MER_BEE_NON	https://doi.org/10.4432/0300-4112-86-83
DEU_MER_BEE_THI	https://doi.org/10.4432/0300-4112-86-83
DEU_MER_DOU_NON	https://doi.org/10.4432/0300-4112-86-83
DEU_MER_DOU_THI	https://doi.org/10.4432/0300-4112-86-83
DEU_MER_MIX_NON	https://doi.org/10.4432/0300-4112-86-83
DEU_MER_MIX_THI	https://doi.org/10.4432/0300-4112-86-83
DEU_STE_2P3	https://doi.org/10.1051/forest:2007020 ; https://doi.org/10.3390/f11050537
DEU_STE_4P5	https://doi.org/10.1051/forest:2007020 ; https://doi.org/10.3390/f11050537
ESP_ALT_ARM	https://doi.org/10.1007/s11258-014-0351-x ; https://doi.org/10.1093/treephys/tpy022 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envexpbot.2018.08.006 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agwat.2012.06.024
ESP_ALT_HUE	https://doi.org/10.1007/s11258-014-0351-x
ESP_ALT_TRI	unpublished; https://doi.org/10.1007/s10342-013-0687-0
ESP_CAN	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2015.03.012
ESP_GUA_VAL	https://doi.org/10.1093/jxb/erw121 ; https://doi.org/10.1093/treephys/tpw029
ESP_LAH_COM	https://doi.org/10.1007/s00271-015-0471-7
ESP_LAS	https://doi.org/10.1007/s10342-014-0779-5 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2014.11.008

site_code	DOI
ESP_MAJ_MAI	Perez-Priego et al., under review
ESP_MAJ_NOR_LM1	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2017.01.009 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agwat.2012.06.024 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/0378-1127(96)03729-2 ; https://doi.org/10.1007/s004680050229 ;
ESP_MON_SIE_NAT	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.actao.2004.01.003 ; https://doi.org/10.1007/s11258-004-7007-1 ; https://doi.org/10.1093/treephys/25.8.1041 ; https://doi.org/10.1007/s00468-007-0192-5 ; https://doi.org/10.1111/pce.12103
ESP_RIN	https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2008.03.004
ESP_ROM_PIL	https://doi.org/10.3390/f10121132
ESP_SAN_A_45I	https://doi.org/10.1007/s11104-013-1704-2 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agwat.2012.06.027 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2015.11.013
ESP_SAN_A2_45I	https://doi.org/10.1007/s11104-013-1704-2 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agwat.2012.06.027 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2015.11.013
ESP_SAN_B_100	https://doi.org/10.1007/s11104-013-1704-2 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agwat.2012.06.027 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2015.11.013
ESP_SAN_B2_100	https://doi.org/10.1007/s11104-013-1704-2 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agwat.2012.06.027 ; https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2015.11.013
ESP_TIL_MIX	https://doi.org/10.1111/nph.12278
ESP_TIL_OAK	https://doi.org/10.3390/f6082505 ; https://doi.org/10.1111/nph.12278
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Table A2. Description of site metadata variables in SAPFLUXNET datasets.

Variable	Description	Type	Units
si_name	Site name given by contributors	Character	None
si_country	Country code (ISO)	Character	Fixed values
si_contact_firstname	Contributor first name	Character	None
si_contact_lastname	Contributor last name	Character	None
si_contact_email	Contributor email	Character	None
si_contact_institution	Contributor affiliation	Character	None
si_addcontr_firstname	Additional contributor first name	Character	None
si_addcontr_lastname	Additional contributor last name	Character	None
si_addcontr_email	Additional contributor email	Character	None
si_addcontr_institution	Additional contributor affiliation	Character	None
si_lat	Site latitude (i.e. 42.36)	Numeric	Latitude, decimal format (WGS84)
si_long	Site longitude (i.e. -8.23)	Numeric	Longitude, decimal format (WGS84)
si_elev	Elevation above sea level	Numeric	meters
si_paper	Paper with relevant information on the dataset, as DOI links or DOI codes	Character	DOI link
si_dist_mgmt	Recent and historic disturbance and management events that affected the measurement years	Character	Fixed values
si_igbp	Vegetation type based on IGBP classification	Character	Fixed values
si_flux_network	Logical indicating if site is participating in the FLUXNET network	Logical	Fixed values
si_dendro_network	Logical indicating if site is participating in the DENDROGLOBAL network	Logical	Fixed values
si_remarks	Remarks and commentaries useful to grasp some site-specific peculiarities	Character	None
si_code	Sapfluxnet site code, unique for each site	Character	Fixed value
si_mat	Site annual mean temperature, as obtained from CHELSA	Numeric	Celsius degrees
si_map	Site annual mean precipitation, as obtained from CHELSA	Numeric	mm
si_biome	Biome classification based on Whittaker (1970) , based on MAT and MAP obtained from CHELSA.	Character	sapfluxnet calculated

Table A3. Description of stand metadata variables in SAPFLUXNET datasets.

Variable	Description	Type	Units
st_name	Stand name given by contributors	Character	None
st_growth_condition	Growth condition with respect to stand origin and management	Character	Fixed values
st_treatment	Treatment applied at stand level	Character	None
st_age	Mean stand age at the moment of sap flow measurements	Numeric	years
st_height	Canopy height	Numeric	meters
st_density	Total stem density for stand	Numeric	stems/ha
st_basal_area	Total stand basal area	Numeric	m ² /ha
st_lai	Total maximum stand leaf area (one-sided, projected)	Numeric	m ² /m ²
st_aspect	Aspect the stand is facing (exposure)	Character	Fixed values
st_terrain	Slope and/or relief of the stand	Character	Fixed values
st_soil_depth	Soil total depth	Numeric	cm
st_soil_texture	Soil texture class, based on simplified USDA classification	Character	Fixed values
st_sand_perc	Soil sand content, % mass	Numeric	% percentage
st_silt_perc	Soil silt content, % mass	Numeric	% percentage
st_clay_perc	Soil clay content, % mass	Numeric	% percentage
st_remarks	Remarks and commentaries useful to grasp some stand-specific peculiarities	Character	None
st_USDA_soil_texture	USDA soil classification based on the percentages provided by the contributor	Character	sapfluxnet calculated

Table A4. Description of species metadata variables in SAPFLUXNET datasets.

Variable	Description	Type	Units
sp_name	Identity of each measured species	Character	Scientific name without author abbreviation, as accepted by The Plant List
sp_ntrees	Number of trees measured of each species	Numeric	number of trees
sp_leaf_habit	Leaf habit of the measured species	Character	Fixed values
sp_basal_area_perc	Basal area occupied by each measured species, in percentage over total stand basal area	Numeric	% percentage

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Table A5. Description of plant metadata variables in SAPFLUXNET datasets.

Variable	Description	Type	Units
pl_name	Plant code assigned by contributors	Character	None
pl_species	Species identity of the measured plant	Character	Scientific name without author abbreviation, as accepted by The Plant List
pl_treatment	Experimental treatment (if any)	Character	None
pl_dbh	Diameter at breast height of measured plants	Numeric	cm
pl_height	Height of measured plants	Numeric	m
pl_age	Plant age at the moment of measure	Numeric	years
pl_social	Plant social status	Character	Fixed values
pl_sapw_area	Cross-sectional sapwood area	Numeric	cm ²
pl_sapw_depth	Sapwood depth, measured at breast height	Numeric	cm
pl_bark_thick	Plant bark thickness	Numeric	mm
pl_leaf_area	Leaf area of each measured plant	Numeric	m ²
pl_sens_meth	Sap flow measures method	Character	Fixed values
pl_sens_man	Sap flow measures sensor manufacturer	Character	Fixed values
pl_sens_cor_grad	Correction for natural temperature gradients method	Character	Fixed values
pl_sens_cor_zero	Zero flow determination method	Character	Fixed values
pl_sens_calib	Was species-specific calibration used?	Logical	Fixed values
pl_sap_units	Sapfluxnet-harmonised units for sap flow at the sapwood, leaf and plant level	Character	Fixed values
pl_sap_units_orig	Original sap flow units provided by the contributors	Character	Fixed values
pl_sens_length	Length of the needles or electrodes forming the sensor	Numeric	mm
pl_sens_hgt	Sensor installation height, measured from the ground	Numeric	m
pl_sens_timestep	Subdaily time step of sensor measures	Numeric	minutes
pl_radial_int	Integration of radial variation in sap flow along sapwood depth	Character	Fixed values
pl_azimut_int	Integration of azimuthal variation of sap flow along stem circumference	Character	Fixed values
pl_remarks	Remarks and commentaries useful to grasp some plant-specific peculiarities	Character	None
pl_code	Sapfluxnet plant code, unique for each plant	Character	Fixed value

Table A6. Description of environmental metadata variables in SAPFLUXNET datasets.

Variable	Description	Type	Units
env_time_zone	Time zone of site used in the TIMESTAMPS	Character	Fixed values
env_time_daylight	Is daylight saving time applied to the original timestamp?	Logical	Fixed values
env_timestep	Sub-daily timestep of environmental measurements	Numeric	minutes
env_ta	Location of air temperature sensor	Character	Fixed values
env_rh	Location of relative humidity sensor	Character	Fixed values
env_vpd	Location of vapour pressure deficit measurements	Character	Fixed values
env_sw_in	Location of shortwave incoming radiation sensor	Character	Fixed values
env_ppfd_in	Location of incoming photosynthetic photon flux density sensor	Character	Fixed values
env_netrad	Location of net radiation sensor	Character	Fixed values
env_ws	Location of wind speed sensor	Character	Fixed values
env_precip	Location of precipitation measurements	Character	Fixed values
env_swc_shallow_depth	Average depth for shallow soil water content measures	Numeric	cm
env_swc_deep_depth	Average depth for deep soil water content measures	Numeric	cm
env_plant_watpot	Availability of water potential values for the same measured plants during the sap flow measurements period	Character	Fixed values
env_leafarea_seasonal	Availability of seasonal course of leaf area data	Character	Fixed values
env_remarks	Remarks and commentaries useful to grasp some environmental-specific peculiarities	Character	None

Appendix B: Uncertainty estimation in sap flow measurements in the SAPFLUXNET database

840 Here we will show examples of uncertainty estimation for sap flow data in the SAPFLUXNET database. We will address three main sources of uncertainty which affect plant-level estimates of sap flow: (i) methodological uncertainty, (ii) sapwood area uncertainty and (iii) radial integration uncertainty.

Methodological uncertainty was estimated using the data in the global meta-analysis of sap flow calibrations by Flo et al. (2019) as published in Flo et al. (2021). This estimation can be applied for the main sap flow density methods. We predicted the standard error (SE) of sub-daily sap flow density by fitting, for each method, linear mixed models of reference flow (i.e. using a gravimetric method or others employed as reference standards in calibration studies) as a function of measured flow, including the individual calibration as a random intercept factor (Table B1, Figure B1). This model shows that HPTM presents the highest uncertainty and that this method and CHP are the ones showing larger uncertainties at low flows, while HD and CHD show lower relative uncertainty at high sap flow density (Figure B1, B2). We also show in Figure B3a the effect of applying the bias correction factor for uncalibrated heat dissipation probes obtained from the meta-analysis by Flo et al. (2019).

850 Uncertainty in the determination of sapwood area can arise when allometric relationships are used to estimate sapwood area, because this area is then applied to upscale sap flow density values to the whole-plant. This uncertainty can be accounted for if the original data employed to obtain the allometry are available. Using these data for one of the datasets in SAPFLUXNET (ESP_VAL_SOR), we first predicted sapwood area, together with the upper and lower bounds of its 68% predictive interval (equivalent to one SE). Then, we estimated the corresponding mean sap flow and its 68% uncertainty interval (Figure B3a).
855 In this case, methodological uncertainty was larger than that caused by sapwood area estimation (Figure B3b). Total combined uncertainty (i.e. methodological and sapwood) was obtained by adding their squared values and then taking the square root, following error propagation theory (Figure B3c).

In this example tree, total uncertainty for instantaneous values is around $400\text{-}500\text{ cm}^3\text{ h}^{-1}$, resulting in a high uncertainty for low flows but low relative uncertainty for higher flows, reaching 13% at peak flows on the 6th of June (Figure B3c). When expressed as daily means, this uncertainty will be reduced as temporal averaging decreases the uncertainty by a factor equal to the inverse of the root square of the number of observations within a day (Richardson et al. 2012). In the same example (Figure B3c), A day with high daily mean flow will also show lower relative uncertainty (June 6th, $1589 \pm 45\text{ cm}^3\text{ h}^{-1}$, 3%) compared to one with lower daily mean flow (May 30th, $237 \pm 45\text{ cm}^3\text{ h}^{-1}$, 19%).

865 Finally, when no information on the variation of sap flow along the sapwood is available, radial integration of point measurements of sap flow density and associated uncertainty can be obtained by applying generic radial profiles according to wood porosity (Berdanier et al. 2016) as implemented in the R package ‘sapflux’ (<https://github.com/berdaniera/sapflux>). An example application of this procedure shows how different uncertainty bounds can be obtained depending on wood anatomy (Figure B4). In addition, this application shows how assuming an uniform radial profile for ring-porous or diffuse-porous can lead to substantial underestimation of whole-plant sap flow, compared to a lower impact for tracheid-bearing
870 species.

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Table B1. Fixed-effects coefficients from the linear mixed models fitting reference sap flow density as a function of measured sap flow density using the data from the global sap flow calibrations meta-analysis by Flo et al. (2019). Models for each method included the individual calibration as a random intercept. Sap flow methods are ranked according to their presence in the SAPFLUXNET database, from most to least present: HD (heat dissipation), CHP (compensation heat pulse), HR (heat ratio), HPTM (heat pulse T-max), CHD (cyclic heat dissipation), HFD (heat field deformation)..

Method	Intercept	Slope
HD	1.49	0.01
CHP	2.65	0.03
HR	0.76	0.03
HPTM	7.75	0.04
CHD	2.03	0.01
HFD	1.05	0.01

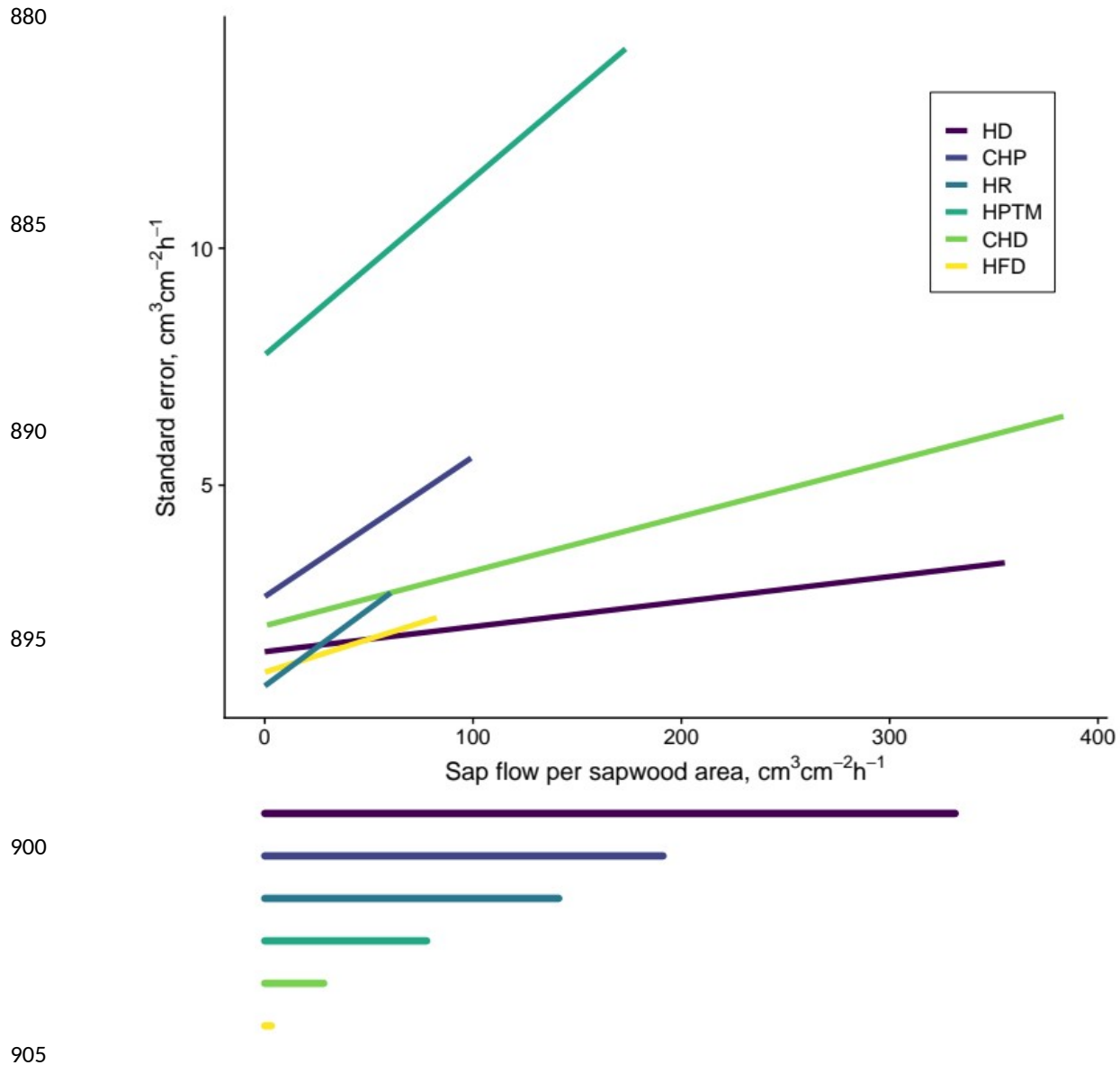
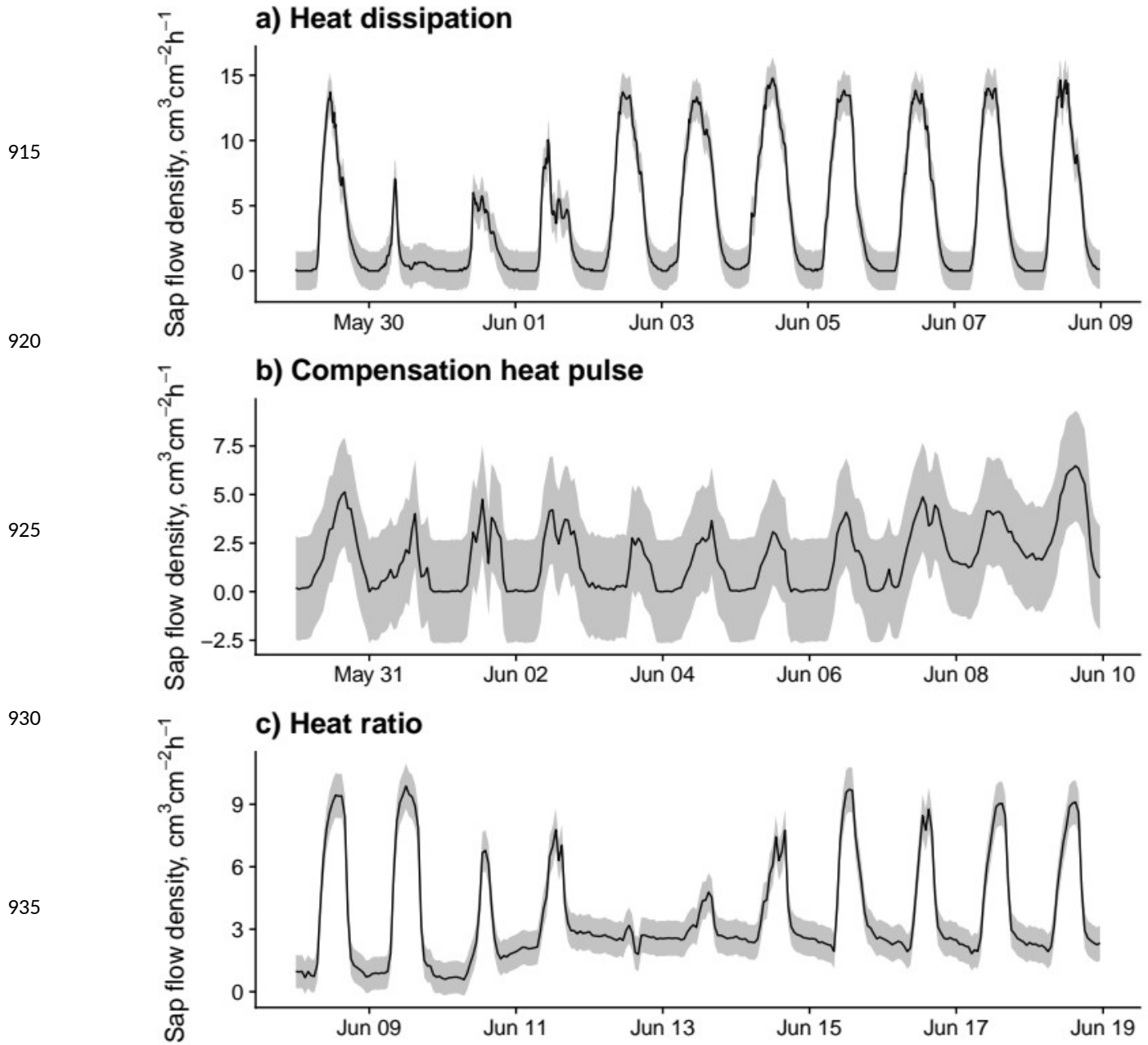
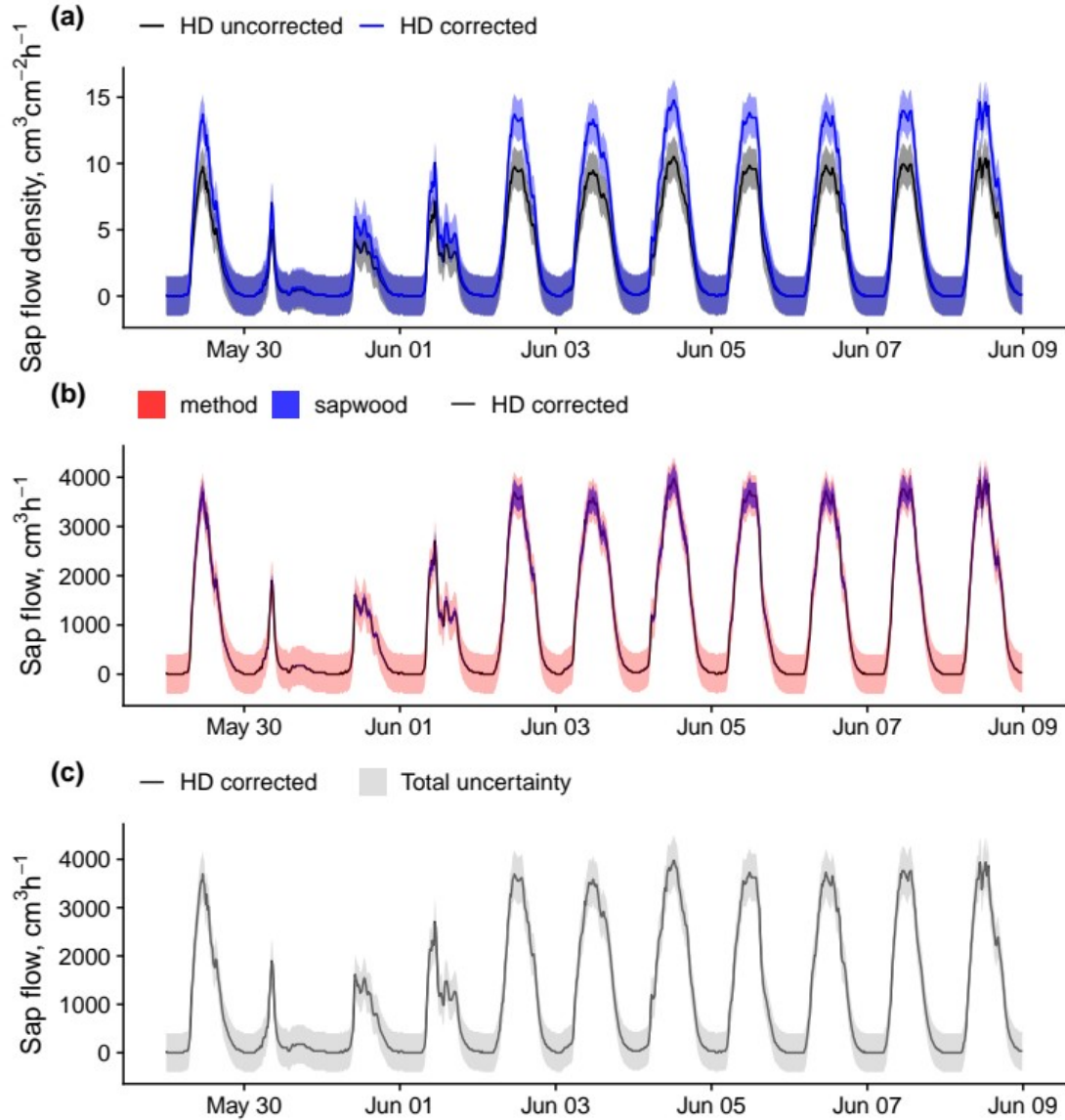


Figure B1. Methodological uncertainty estimation in sap flow density measurements based on the data from the global meta-analysis of sap flow calibrations in Flo et al. (2019). The main panel shows predicted standard error based on method-specific linear mixed models of reference flow as a function of measured flow including the individual calibration as a random intercept factor. The span of the horizontal lines below the main panel corresponds to the maximum sap flow density in SAPFLUXNET (estimated as the 99% quantile of sub-daily measurements) for that specific method.



940 **Figure B2.** Sub-daily time series of sap flow and methodological uncertainty estimations (one standard error) according to the model in Fig. B1 for 10-day periods in trees measured with (a) heat dissipation, (b) compensation heat pulse and (c) heat ratio sensors. Data for (a) from a *Pinus sylvestris* tree in dataset ESP_VAL_SOR; data (b) from a *Pinus sylvestris* tree in GBR_DEV_CON; data for (c) from an *Eucalyptus victrix* in AUS_KAR.



945 Figure B3. An example of sap flow uncertainty estimation and bias correction for a *Pinus sylvestris* tree
 (ESP_VAL_SOR_Js_Ps_12) measured using heat dissipation sensors. Panel (a) shows sap flow density HD measurements with and
 without the application of the bias correction reported in Flo et al. (2019), together with the corresponding uncertainty estimated
 from the model in Figure B1 Panel (b) shows corrected sap flow data comparing methodological uncertainty with that derived
 from the 68% predictive interval of sapwood area estimation. Panel (c) shows corrected sap flow data together with the combined
 950 methodological and sapwood uncertainty.

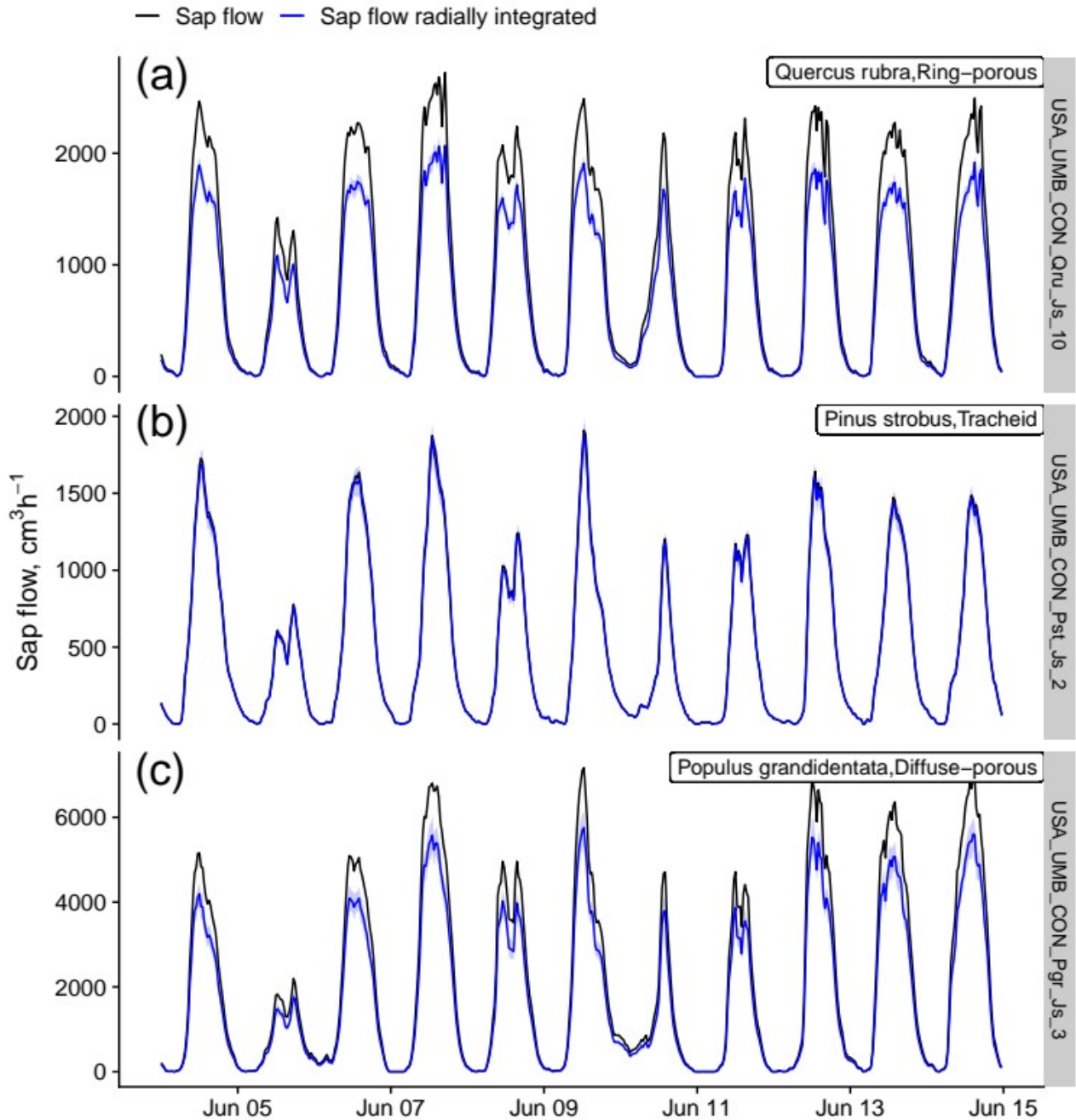


Figure B4. Effects of a generic radial integration on sap flow data originally supplied without any radial integration procedure. Radial integration and uncertainty estimation (blue bands show the 68% prediction interval based on 100 bootstrap samples) were applied using the wood type-specific radial profiles provided in Berdanier et al. (2016), for a ring-porous species (a) a tracheid-bearing species (b) and a diffuse-porous species (c), all belonging to the USA_UMB_CON dataset.

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Tables

1425 **Table 1. Number of sap flow times series in SAPFLUXNET depending on whether they were calibrated (species-specific), non-calibrated or this information was not provided, for the different sap flow methods: cyclic (or transient) heat dissipation (CHD), compensation heat pulse (CHP), heat dissipation (HD), heat field deformation (HFD), heat pulse T-max (HPTM), heat ratio (HR), stem heat balance (SHB) and trunk sector heat balance (TSHB). The percentage of calibrated time series was expressed with respect to the total number of sap flow time series for each method.**

Method	Calibrated	Non-calibrated	Not provided	% calibrated
CHD	6	13	0	31.6
CHP	29	42	157	12.7
HD	214	1491	98	11.9
HR	3	55	47	2.9
TSHB	7	433	4	1.6
HFD	0	8	0	0.0
HPTM	0	80	0	0.0
SHB	0	27	0	0.0

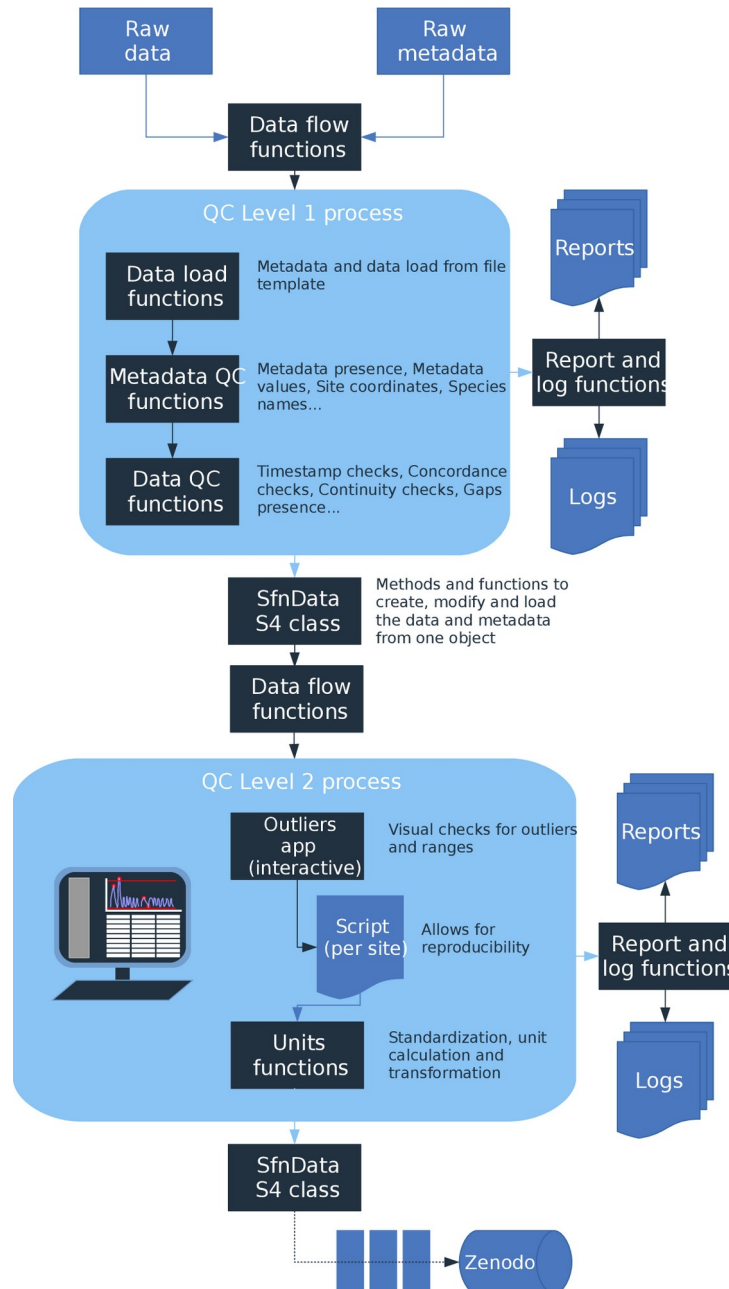
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Table 2. Number of plants in the SAPFLUXNET database using different radial and azimuthal integration approaches for the different sap flow methods: cyclic (or transient) heat dissipation (CHD), compensation heat pulse (CHP), heat dissipation (HD), heat field deformation (HFD), heat pulse T-max (HPTM), heat ratio (HR), stem heat balance (SHB) and trunk sector heat balance (TSHB).

Azimuthal integration						
Method	Measured	Sensor-integrated	Corrected, measured azimuthal variation	No azimuthal correction	Not provided	
CHD	15	0	0	0	4	
CHP	61	0	0	167	0	
HD	216	0	520	1021	46	
HFD	0	0	0	8	0	
HPTM	0	0	0	80	0	
HR	7	0	2	88	8	
SHB	0	0	0	27	0	
TSHB	0	25	191	219	9	
Radial integration						
Method	Measured	Sensor-integrated	Corrected, measured radial variation	No radial correction	Not provided	
CHD	0	0	6	13	0	
CHP	222	0	6	0	0	
HD	77	3	645	703	142	
HFD	2	0	0	6	0	
HPTM	0	0	0	80	0	
HR	57	1	42	3	2	
SHB	0	27	0	0	0	
TSHB	0	338	8	89	9	

Table 3. Number of datasets, plants and species by stand-level treatment in the SAPFLUXNET database.

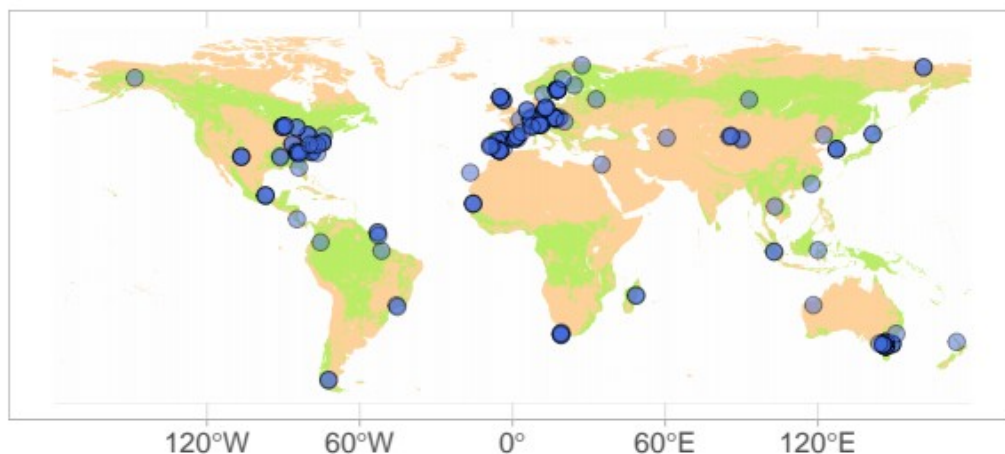
Treatment	N sites	N plants	N species
None/control	155	2198	170
Thinning	18	332	18
Irrigation	9	36	4
Post-fire	6	18	4
CO ₂ fertilisation	3	28	2
Drought	3	9	2
Soil fertilisation	2	16	2
Post-mortality	1	22	5
Soil fertilisation and pruning	1	12	1
Soil fertilisation and thinning	1	12	1
Pruning and thinning	1	11	1
Soil fertilisation, pruning and thinning	1	11	1
Pruning	1	9	1



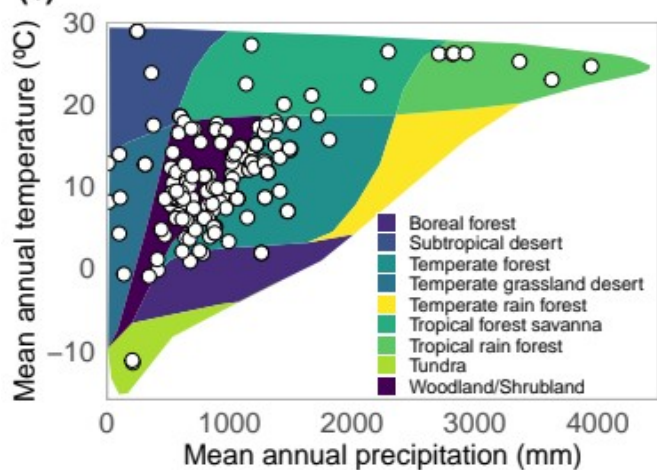
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Figure 1. Overview of the SAPFLUXNET data workflow. Data files are received from data contributors, and undergo several quality-control processes (QC1 and QC2). Both, QC1 and QC2 produce an .RData object of the custom-designed sfn-data S4 class storing all data, metadata and data flags for each dataset. The progress and results of the QC processes are monitored through individual reports and log files. The final outcome, is stored in a folder structure with a either single .RData file for each dataset or a set of seven csv files for each dataset.

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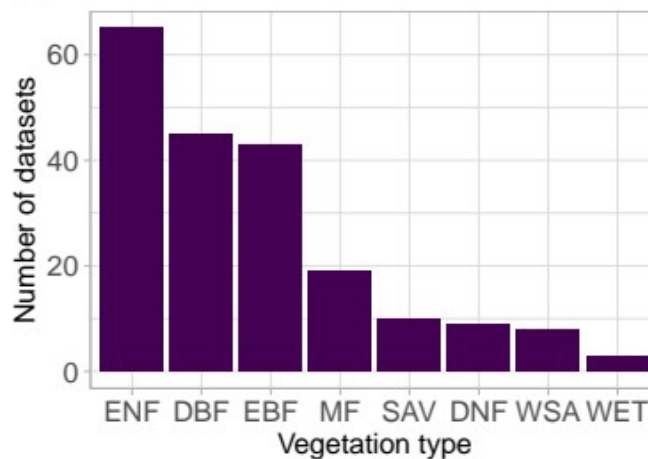
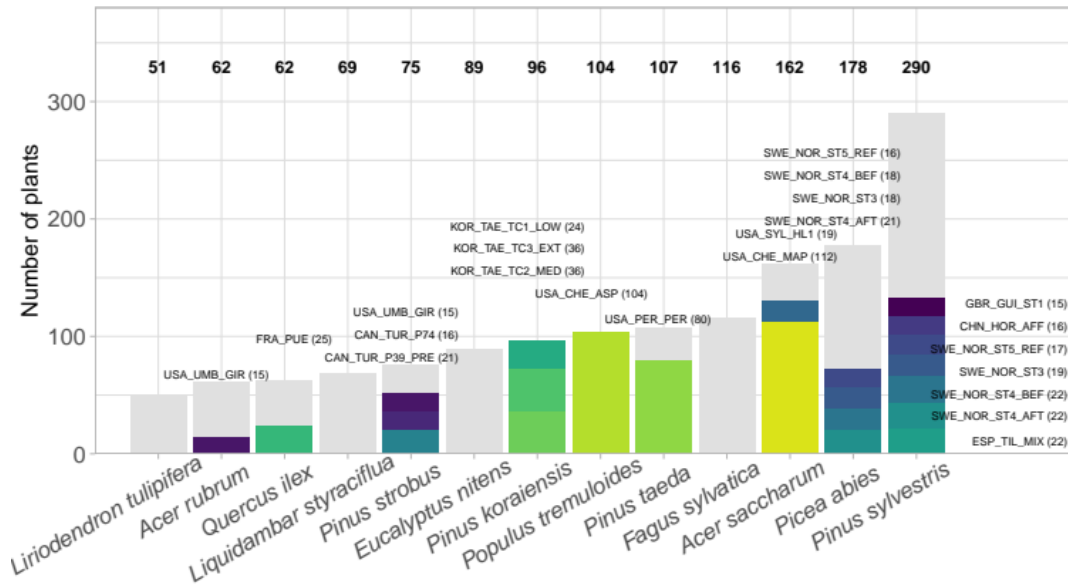


Figure 2. (a) Geographic, (b) bioclimatic and (c) vegetation type distribution of SAPFLUXNET datasets. In (a) woodland area from Crowther et al. (2015) is shown in green. In (b) we represent the different datasets according to their mean annual temperature and precipitation in a Whittaker diagram showing the classification of the main terrestrial biomes. In (c) vegetation types are defined according to the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP) classification (ENF: Evergreen Needleleaf Forest; DBF: Deciduous Broadleaf Forest; EBF: Evergreen Broadleaf Forest; MF: Mixed Forest; DNF: Deciduous Needleleaf forest; SAV: Savannas; WSA: Woody Savannas; WET: Permanent Wetlands).

(a) Species with >50 plants



(b) Genera with >50 plants

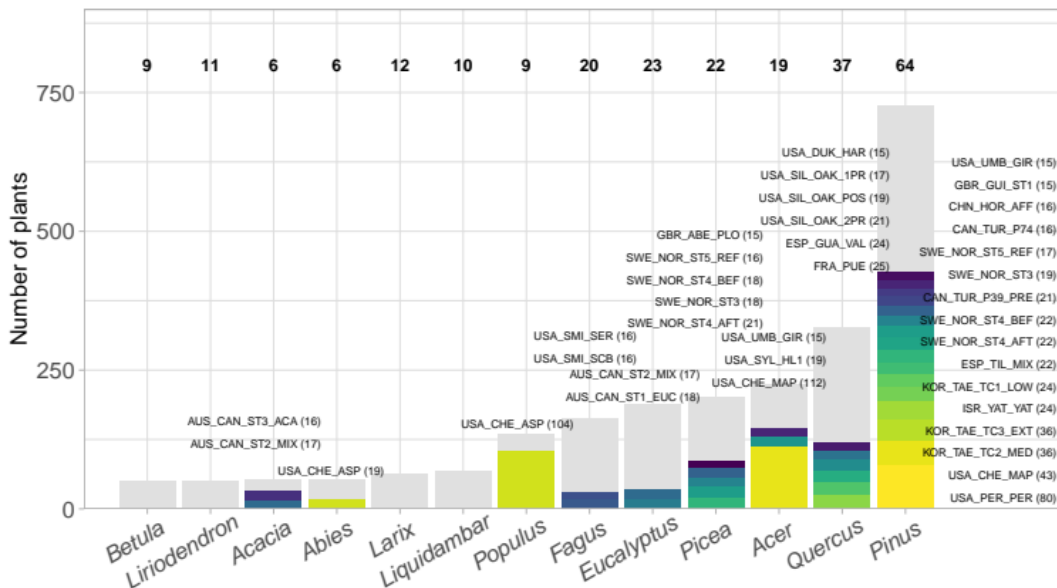


Figure 3. Taxonomic distribution of genera and species in SAPFLUXNET, showing (a) species and (b) genera with > 50 plants in the database. Total bar height depicts number of plants per species (a) or genera (b). Numbers on top of each bar show the number of datasets where each species (a) or genus (b) is present. Colours other than grey highlight datasets with 15 or more plants of a given species (a) or genus (b). Bar height for a given colour is proportional to the number of plants in the corresponding dataset, which is also shown in parentheses next to the dataset code.

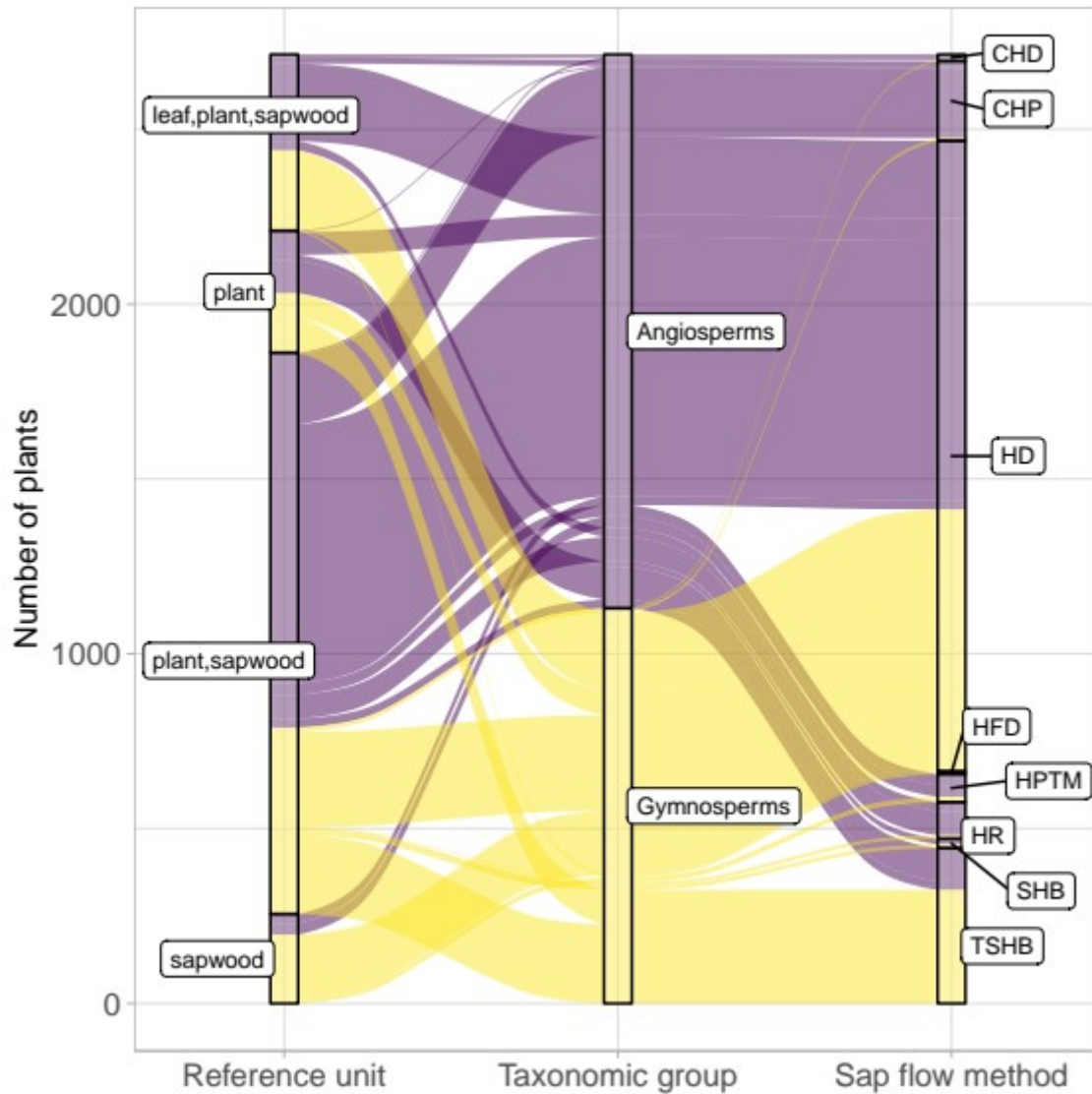
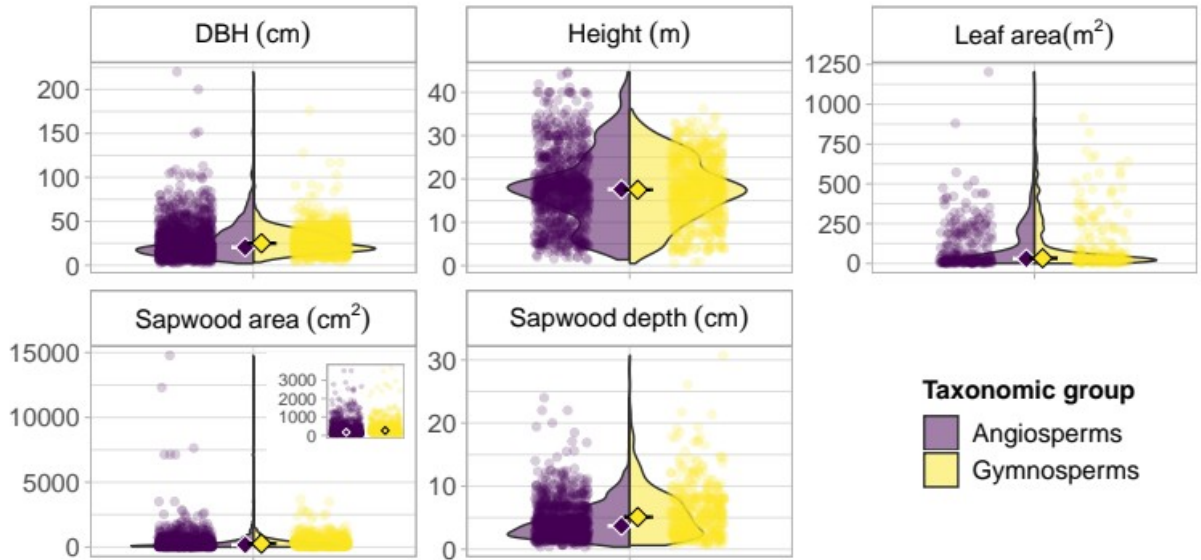


Figure 4. Distribution of plants in SAPFLUXNET according to major taxonomic group (angiosperms, gymnosperms), sap flow method (CHD:cycling heat dissipation; CHP: compensation heat pulse; HD: heat dissipation; HFD: heat field deformation; HPTM: heat pulse T-max (HPTM); HRM: heat ratio (HR); SHB: stem heat balance; TSHB: trunk sector heat balance) and reference unit for the expression of sap flow (plant, sapwood area, leaf area). Combinations of reference units imply that data are present in multiple units.

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(a) Plant attributes



(b) Stand attributes

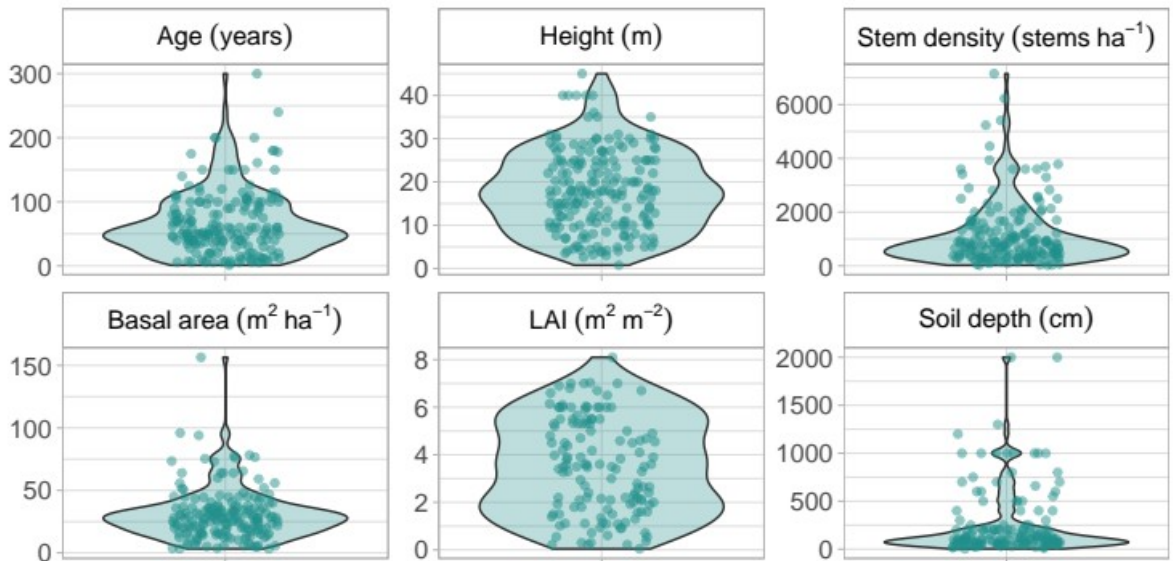
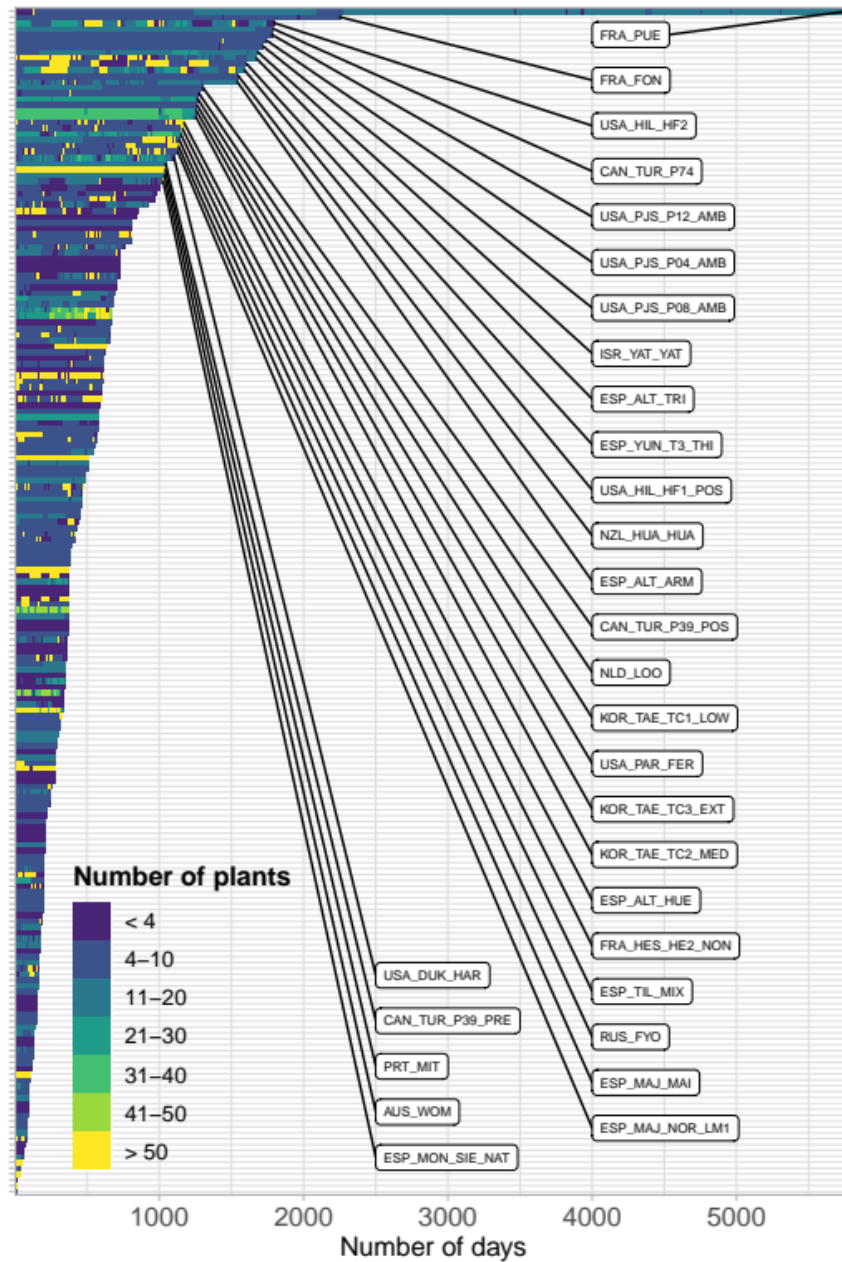


Figure 5. Characteristics of trees and stands in the SAPFLUXNET database. Panel (a) shows plant data and kernel density plots of the main plant attributes, coloured by taxonomic group (angiosperms and gymnosperms): diameter at breast height (DBH), plant height, sapwood area, sapwood depth and leaf area. The inset in the sapwood area panel zooms in values lower than 5000 cm². Panel (b) shows stand data and kernel density plots of the main stand attributes: stand age, stand height, stem density, stand basal area, leaf area index (LAI) and soil depth.

(a)



(b)



Figure 6. (a) Measurement duration of SAPFLUXNET datasets expressed in number of days with sap flow data and coloured by the number of plants measured on each day . The 30 longest datasets are labelled. For each dataset in panel (a), panel (b) shows its corresponding measurement period.

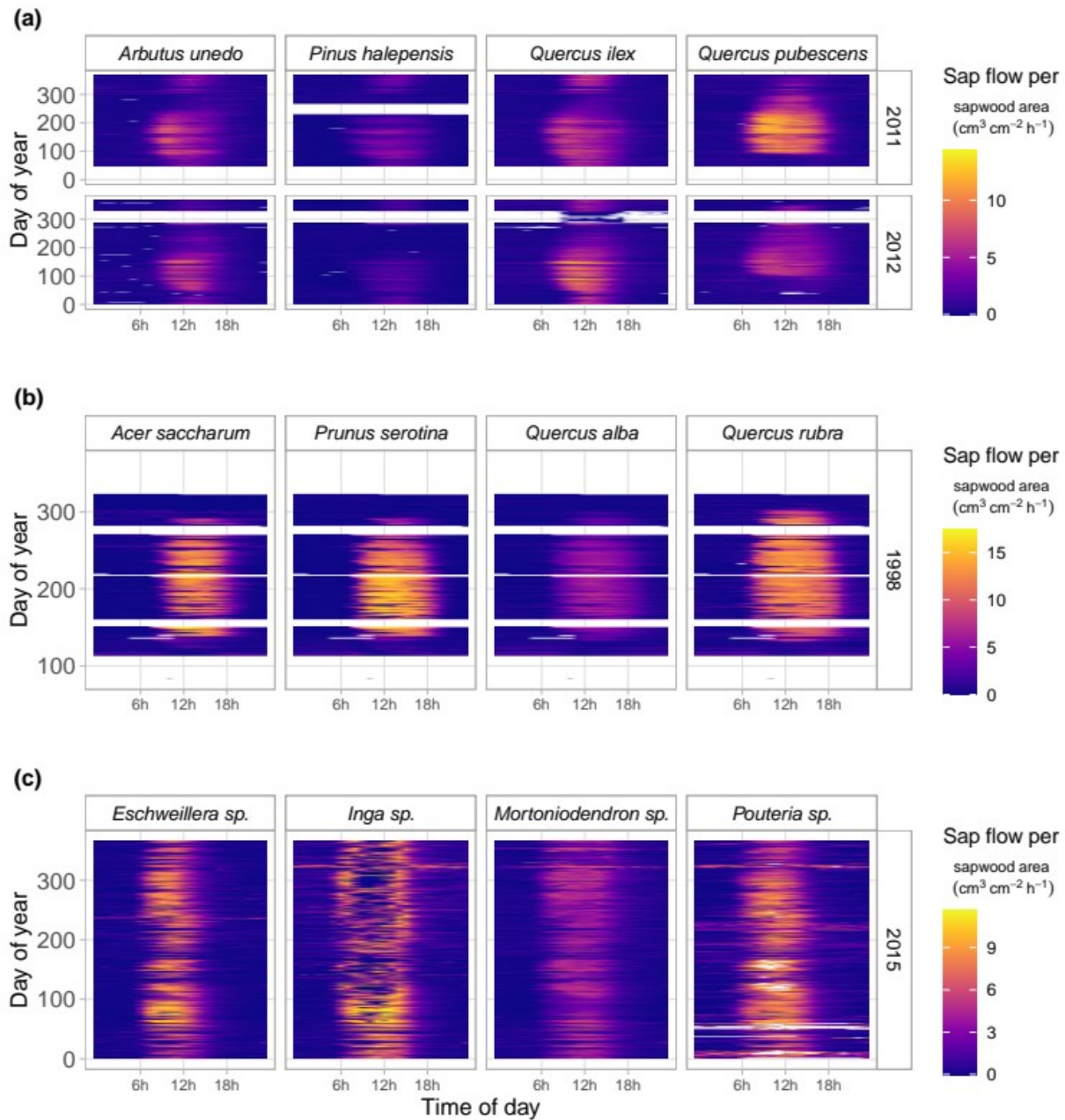
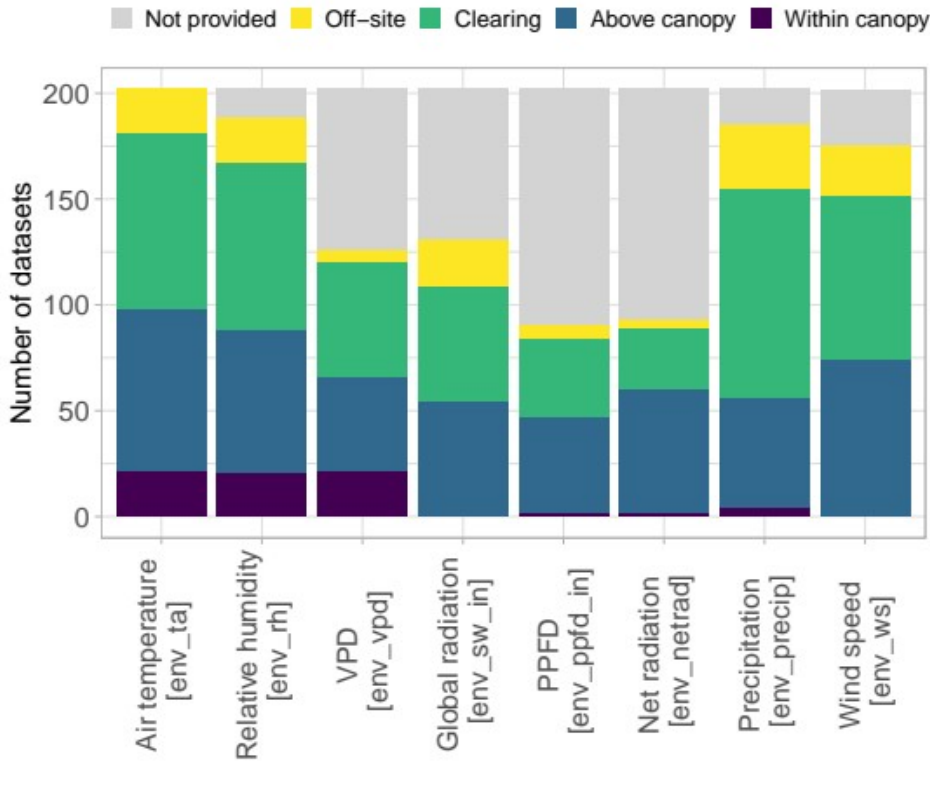


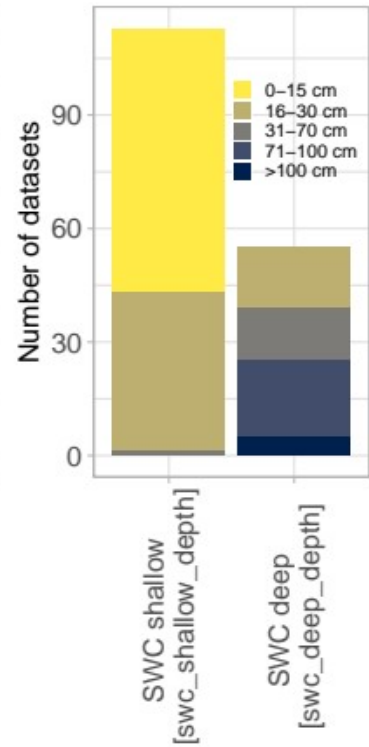
Figure 7. Fingerprint plots showing hourly sap flow per unit sapwood area (colour scale) as a function of hour of day (x-axis) and day of year (y-axis) for a selection of SAPFLUXNET sites with at least four co-occurring species. Panel (a) shows data from a Woodland/Shrubland forest in NE Spain (ESP_CAN), for an average (2011) and a dry (2012) year. Panel (b) shows data for a mesic Temperate forest (USA_WVF) and panel (c) shows data for a Tropical forest (CRI_TAM_TOW). For this latter site, only 4 of the 17 measured species are shown and some of them were only identified at the genus level.

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(a) Meteorological variables



(b) Soil water content



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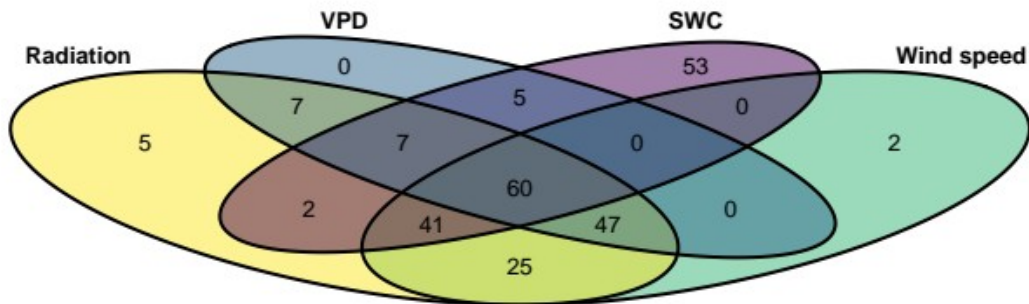
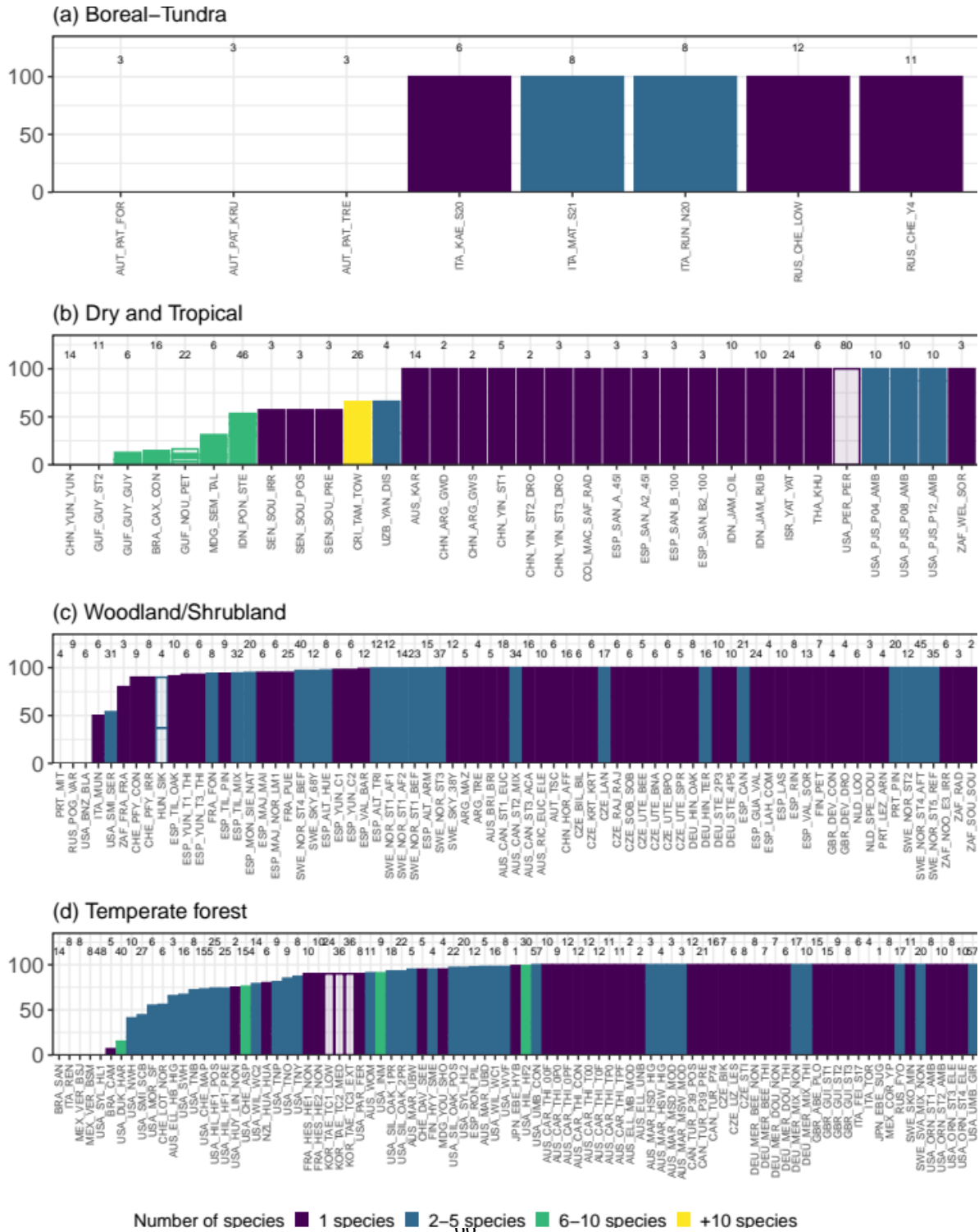


Figure 8. Summary of the availability of different environmental variables in SAPFLUXNET datasets. (a) Distribution of meteorological variables according to sensor location (in brackets, names of the variables in the database), (b) Distribution of soil moisture variables according to the measurement depth (in brackets, names of the variables in the database). (c) Venn diagram showing the number of datasets where each combination of different environmental variables are present, grouping shortwave, PPFd and net radiation under 'Radiation' variables.

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Percentage of stand basal area with sap flow measurements



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Figure 9. Potential for upscaling species-specific plant sap flow to stand-level sap flow using SAPFLUXNET datasets. Datasets are shown using an aggregated biome classification; ‘Dry and Tropical’ include: ‘Subtropical desert’, ‘Temperate grassland desert’, ‘Tropical forest savanna’ and ‘Tropical rain forest’. Each panel shows the percentage of total stand basal area that is covered by sap flow measurements for each species in the dataset. Datasets are also coloured by the number of species present. Numbers on top of each bar depict the total number of plants for a given dataset. Empty bars show datasets for which sap flow data expressed at the plant level were not available.