

Bimodal diel pattern in peatland ecosystem respiration rebuts uniform temperature response

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Background & Study goal

Eddy covariance and manual chambers generate semi-continuous empirical data of ecosystem respiration (ER) Periodic night- or daytime data are extrapolated to the daily scale assuming a uniform diel temperature response

Here, we test this assumption using hourly automated chamber data of ER and its component fluxes over 3 years





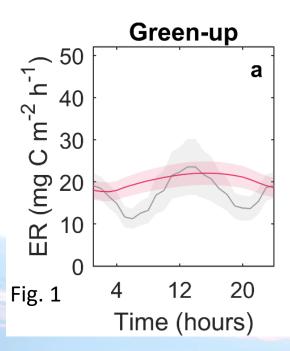


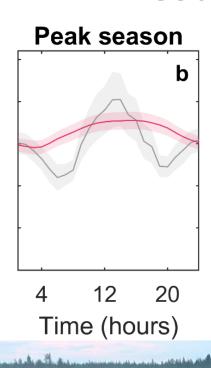


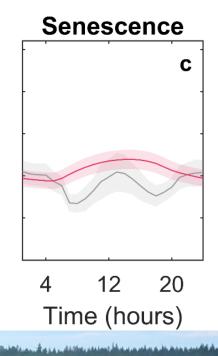


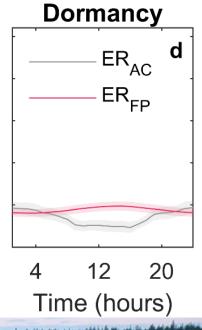


Results









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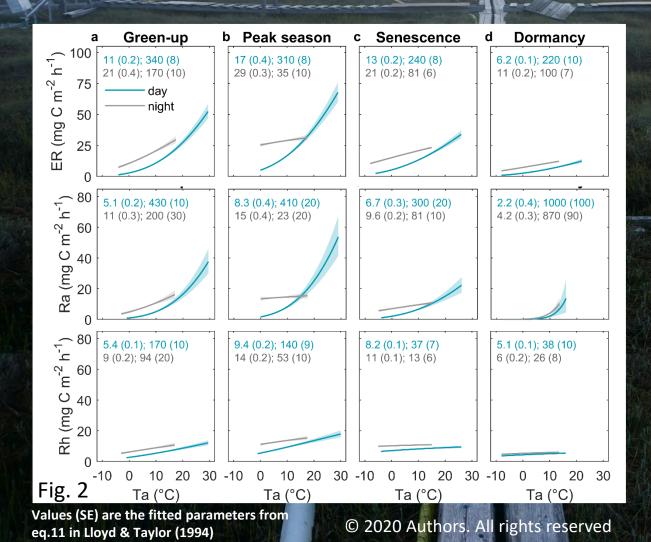
Diel ER patterns

Automated chamber measurements reveal a distinct bimodal diel pattern in ER (ER_{AC})
This contrast the unimodal diel ER pattern obtained from extrapolating nighttime data with the REddyProc online flux partitioning tool (ER_{EP}) assuming a uniform diel temperature response



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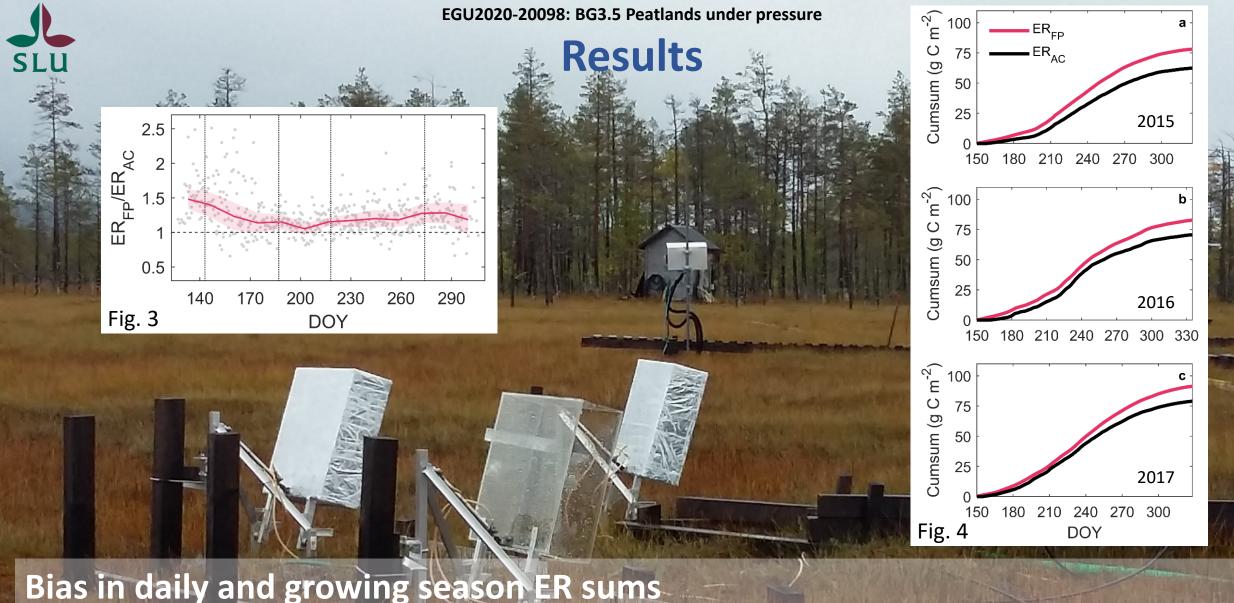
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Divergent diel temperature response

We find that the temperature response of ER and its autotrophic (Ra) and heterotrophic (Rh) component fluxes vary between day- and nighttime and across phenological phases

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Assuming a uniform temperature response results in a positive bias overestimating daily ER by up to ~2-fold (Fig. 3) and growing season ER by 16-23% (Fig. 4)