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Diurnal and Seasonal Variation of ^{13}C and ^{18}O of Carbon Dioxide in a Norway Spruce Forest Measured with a Tunable Diode Laser Absorption Spectrometer

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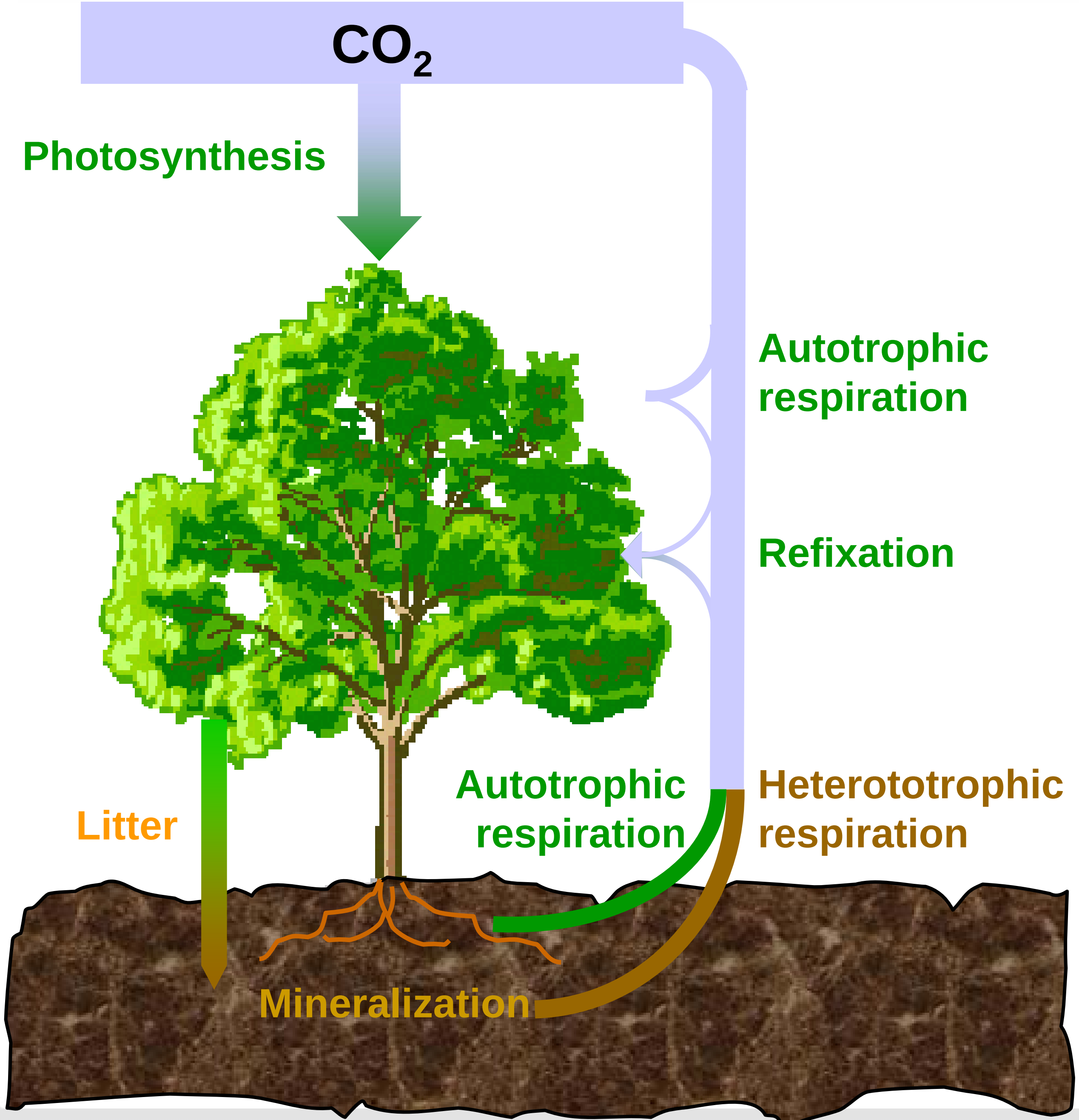

Challenge

- Disentangling ecosystem CO_2 component fluxes
- Understanding short-term dynamics of CO_2 exchange between ecosystem and atmosphere
- Understanding C fluxes into, within and out of ecosystem

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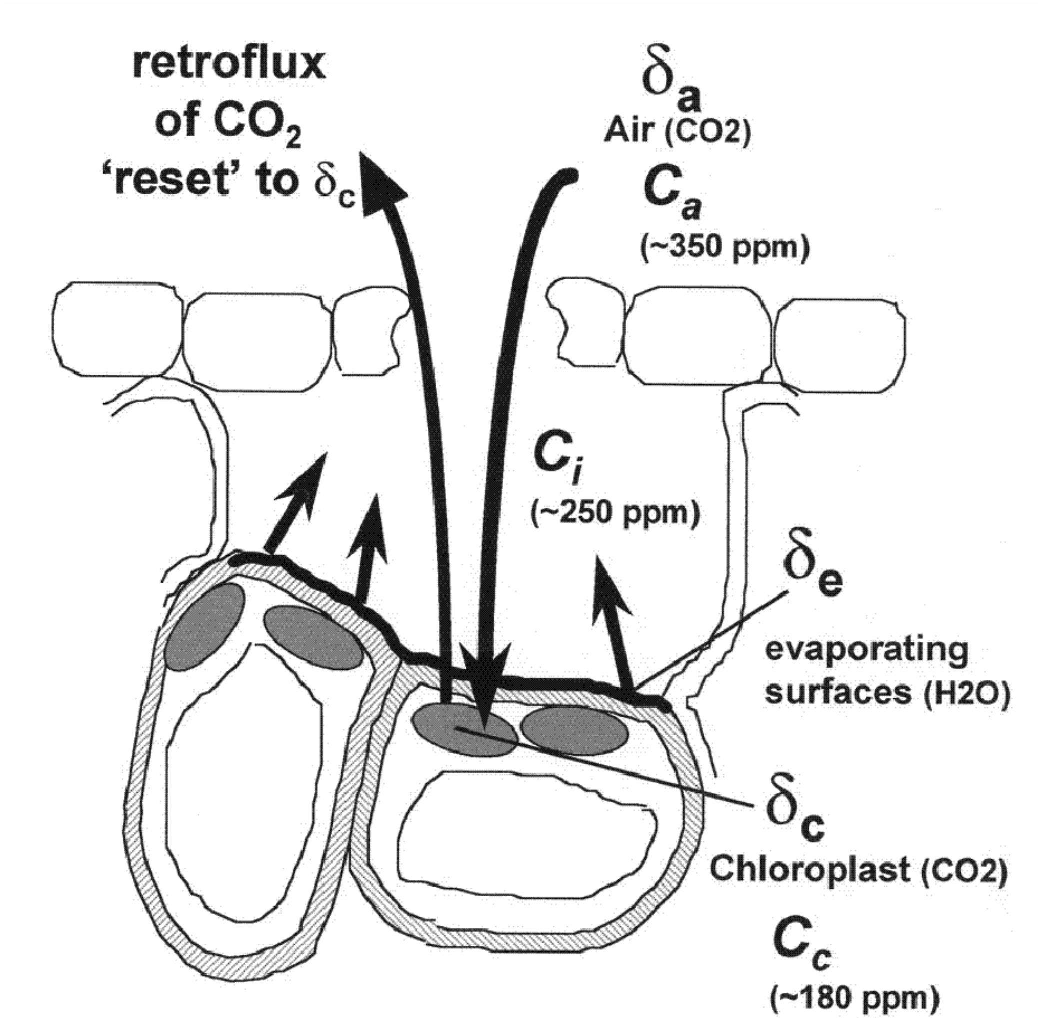
Major steps involved in the ^{18}O isotopic exchange of CO_2 between a C_3 leaf and the atmosphere



Yakir & Sternberg (2000), Oecologia 123, 297–311

Thermodynamic equilibration

$H_2{}^{16}O + C^{18}O^{16}O$

$\leftrightarrow H_2{}^{18}O + C^{16}O^{16}O$

catalyzed by carbonic anhydrase

As soil water and leaf water have significantly different $^{18}O/^{16}O$ ratios, a differentiation between plant and soil CO_2 fluxes is possible

TDL instrument: TGA100A (Campbell Scientific, USA)

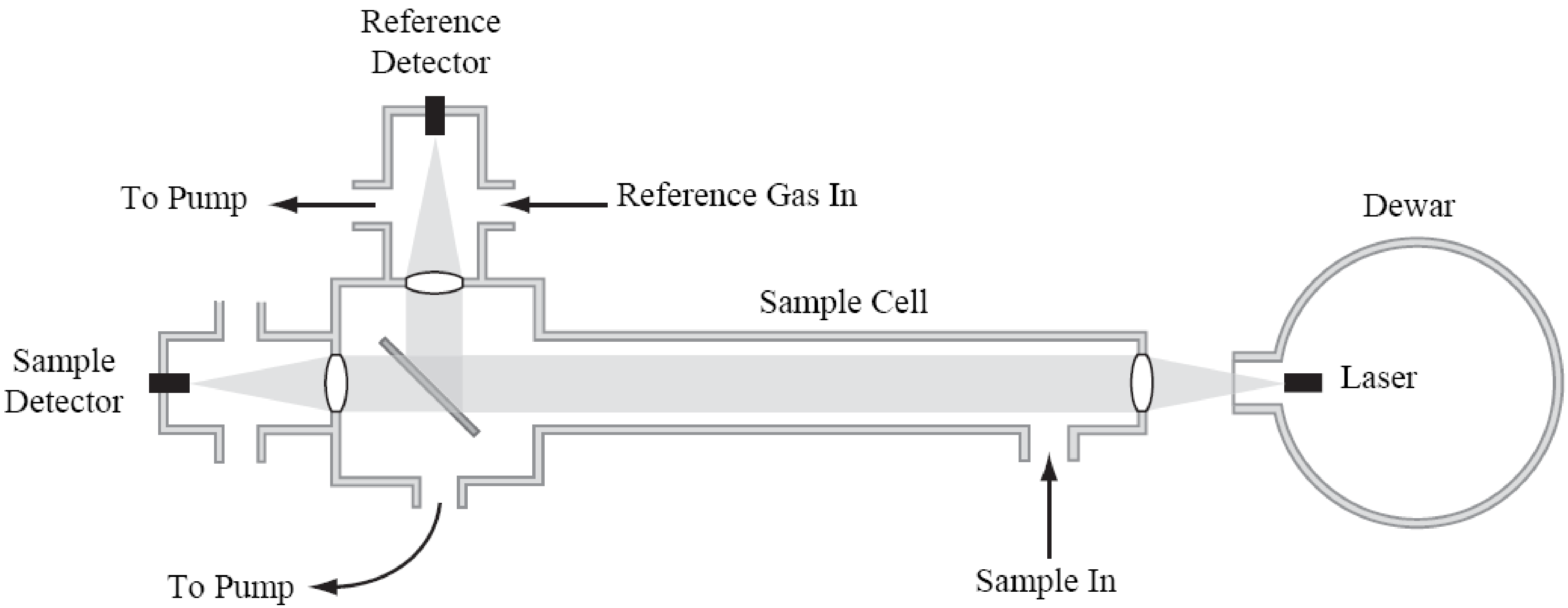


FIGURE OV2.1-1. Schematic Diagram of TGA100A Optical System

Instrumental setup for CO_2 isotope measurements

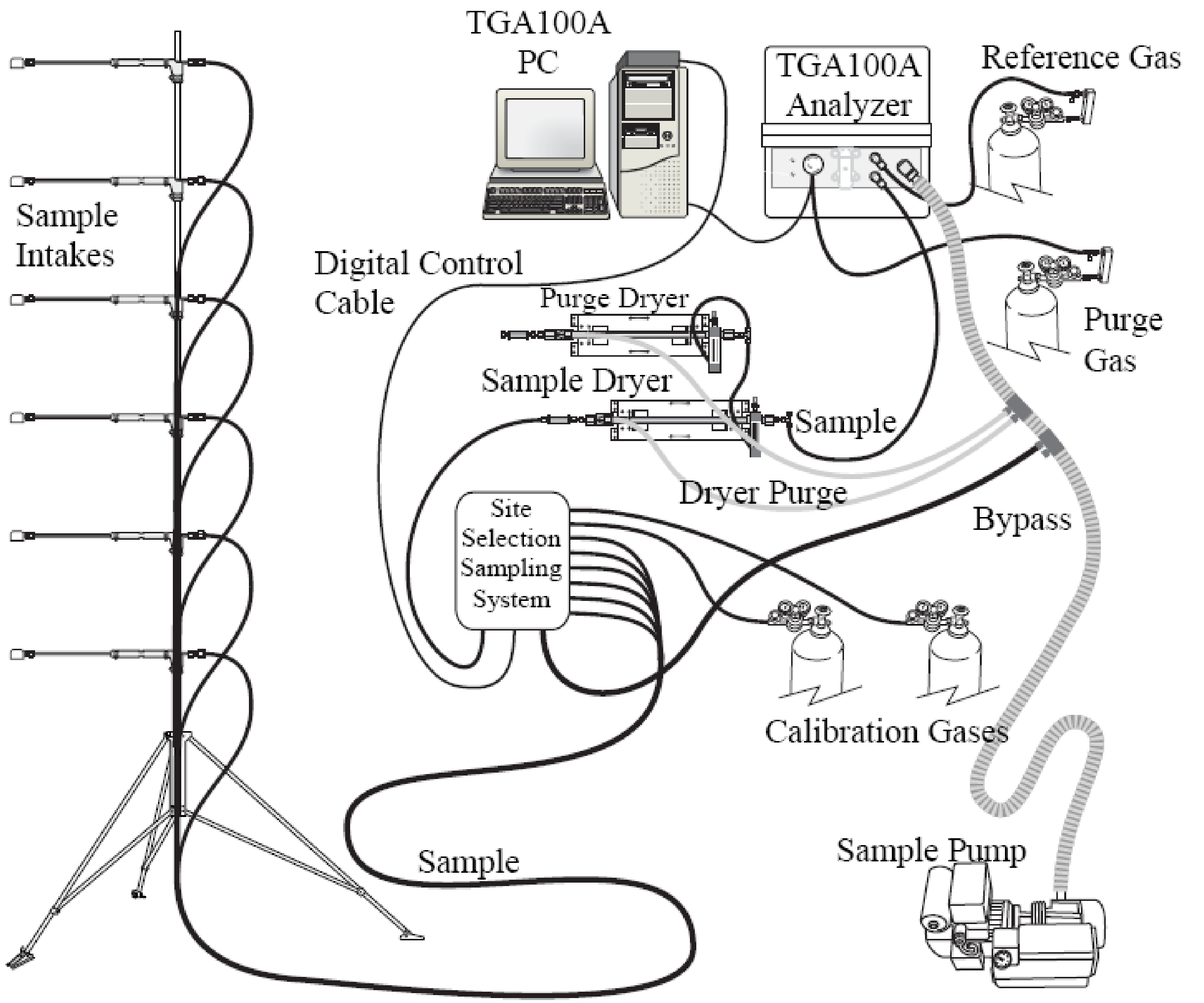


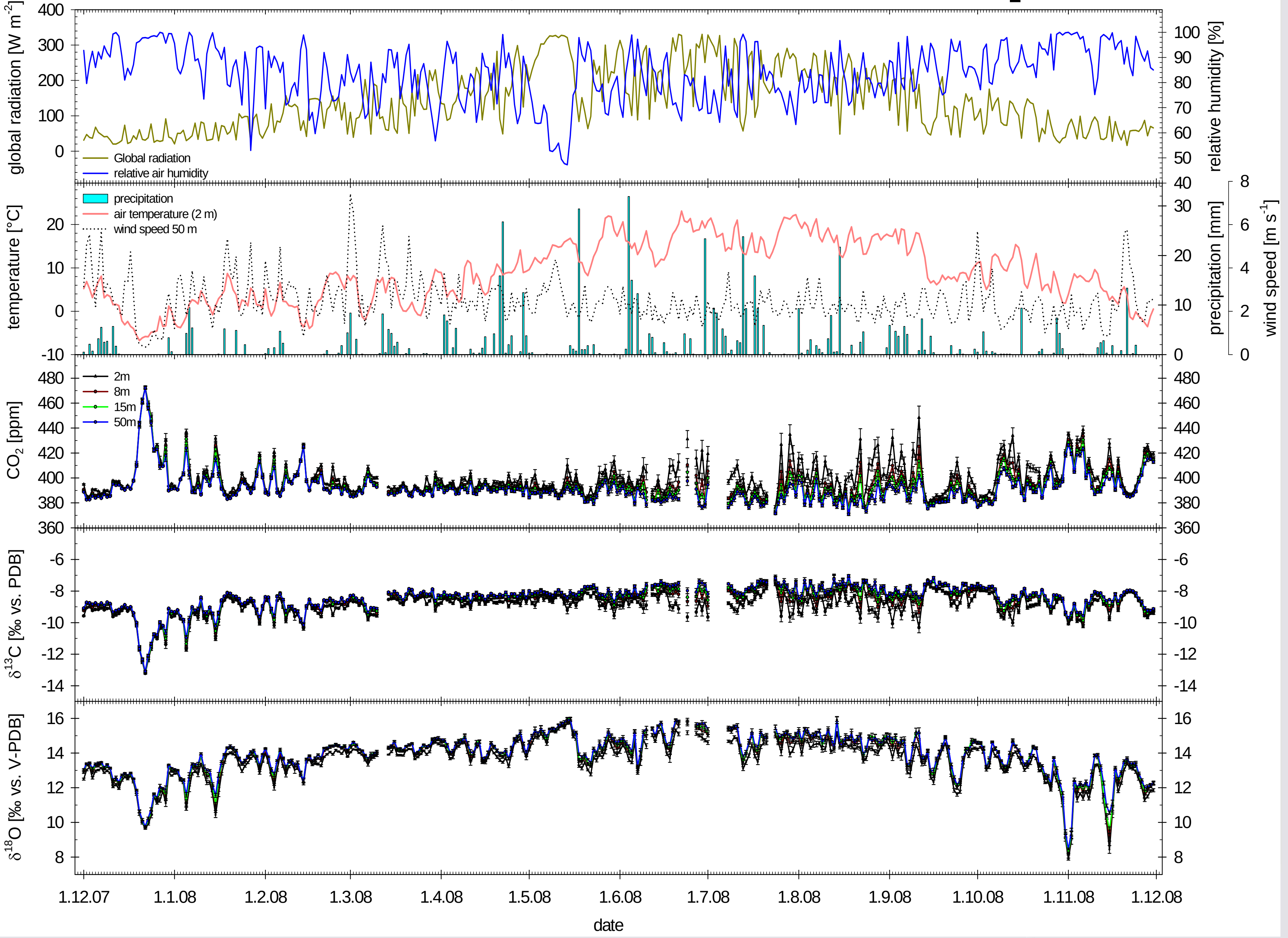
FIGURE OV6.4-1. Example CO_2 Isotope Application

Isotope-specific measurements of

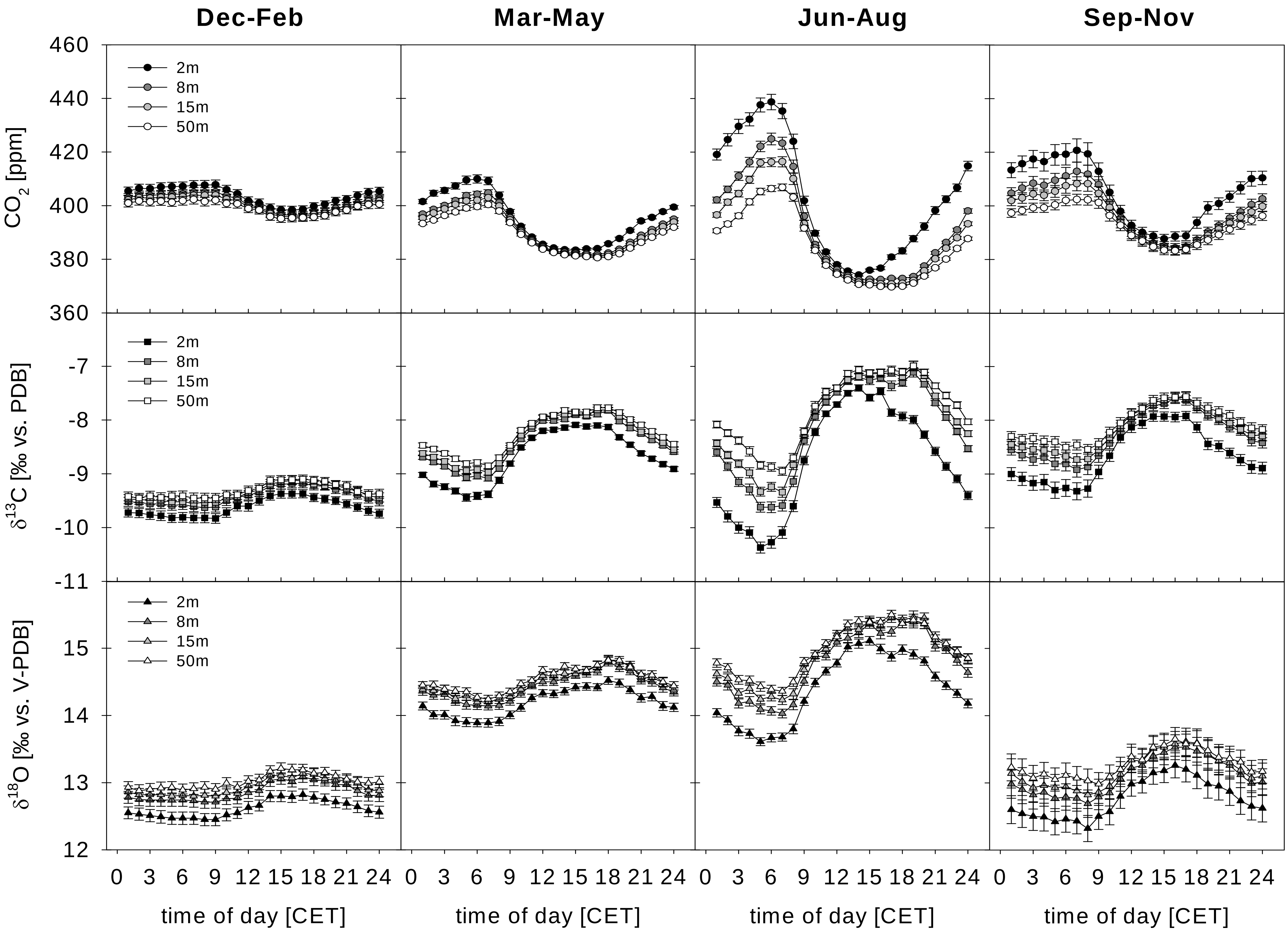
CO_2 profiles

soil respiration

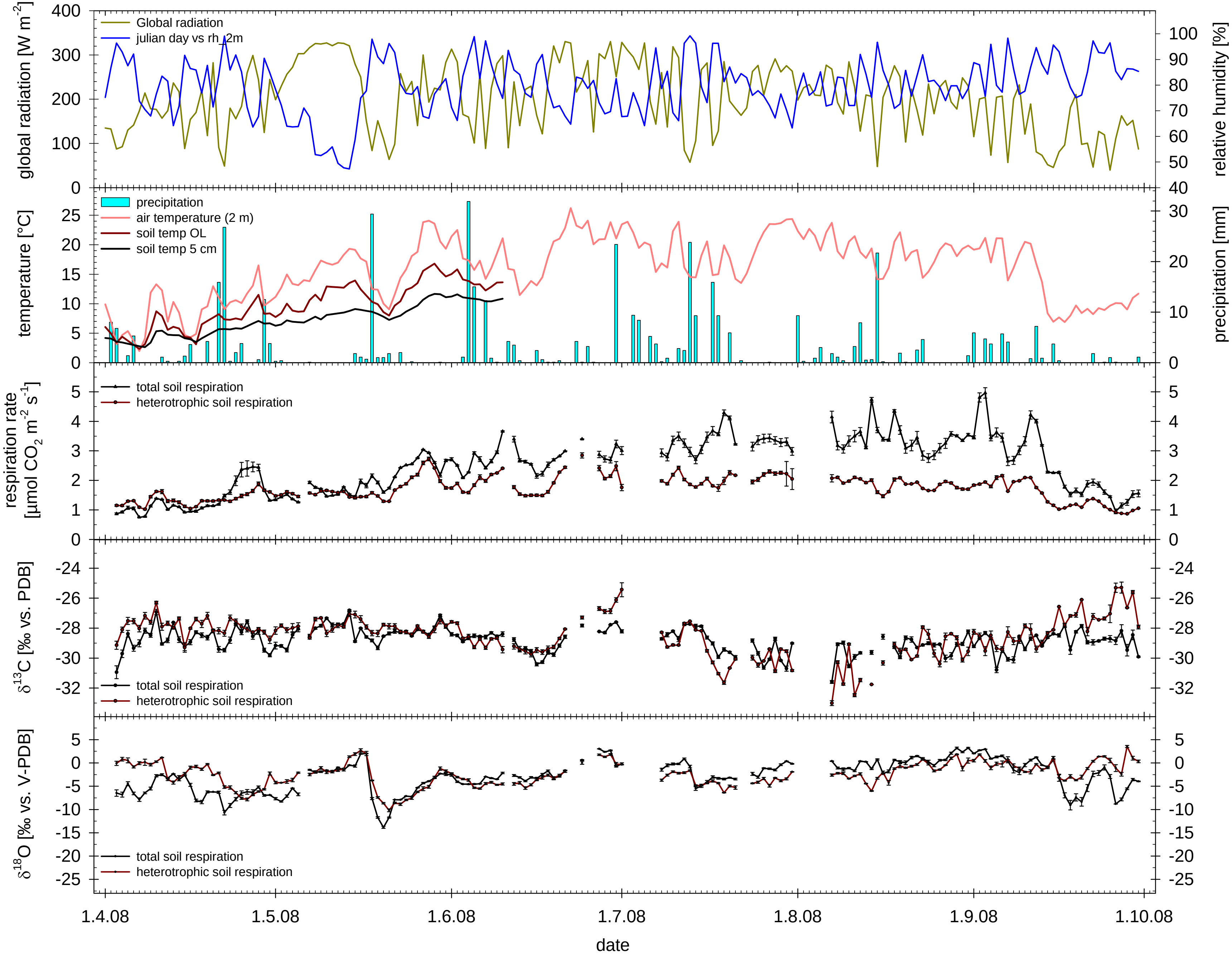
Seasonal courses of meteorological params and ecosystem CO_2, $\delta^{13}C$ & $\delta^{18}O$



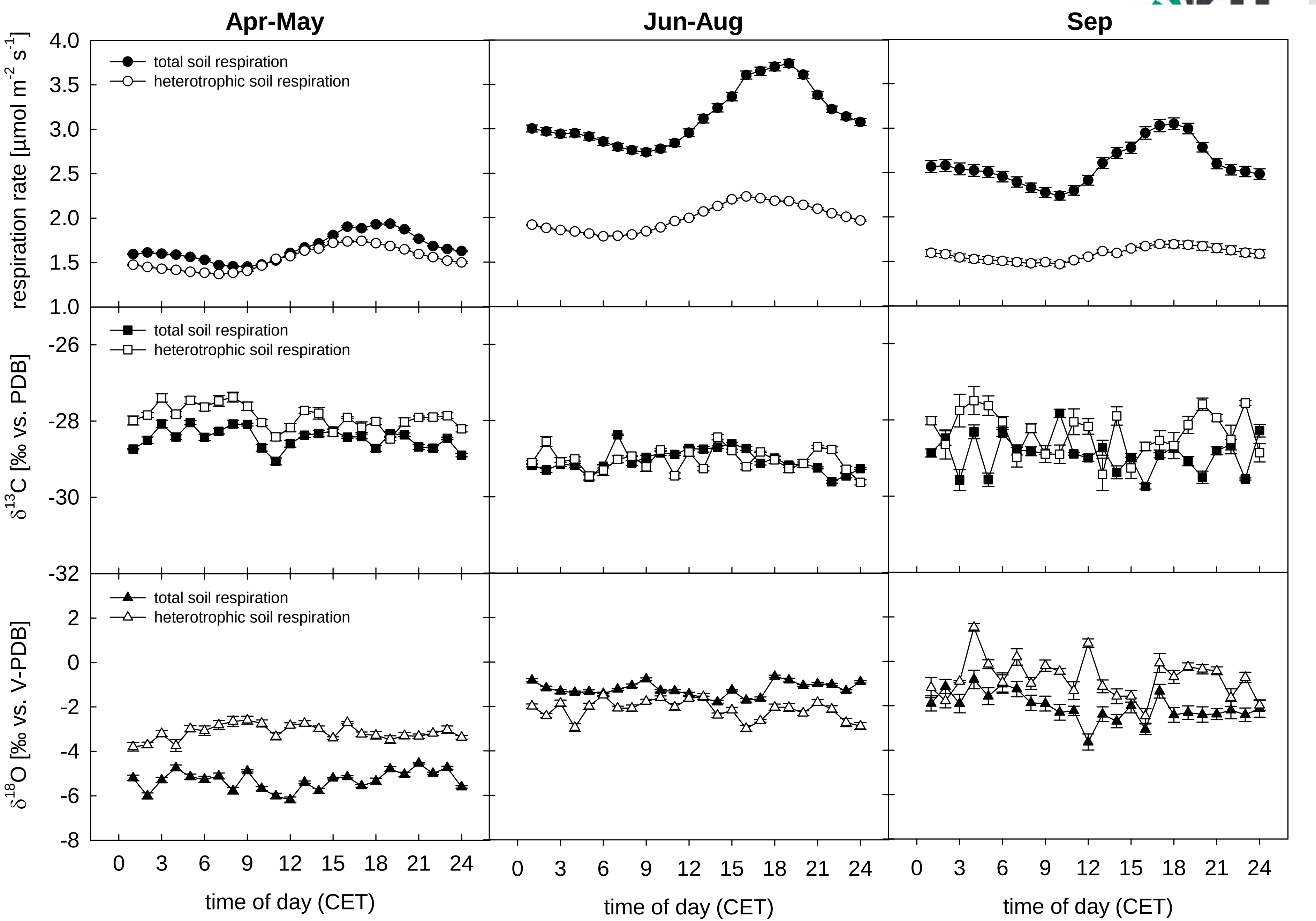
Seasonal variability of diurnal cycles of ecosystem CO_2, $\delta^{13}C$ & $\delta^{18}O$



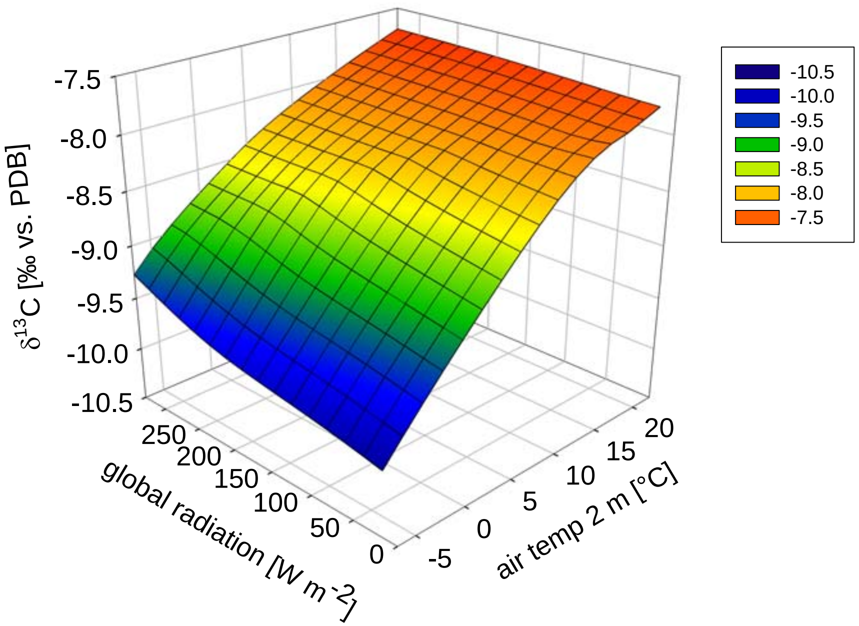
Seasonal courses of meteorological params and soil CO_2, $\delta^{13}C$ & $\delta^{18}O$

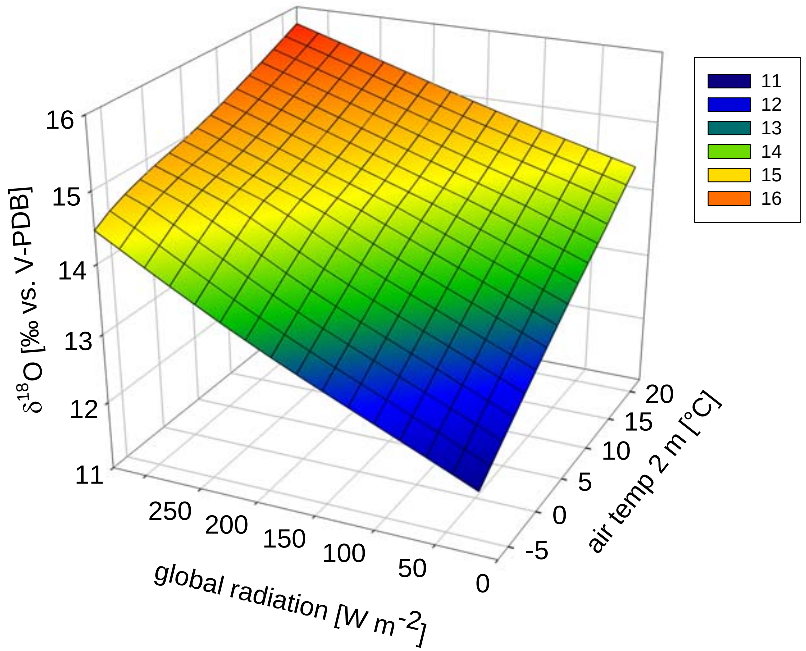


Seasonal variability of diurnal cycles of soil CO_2, $\delta^{13}C$ & $\delta^{18}O$

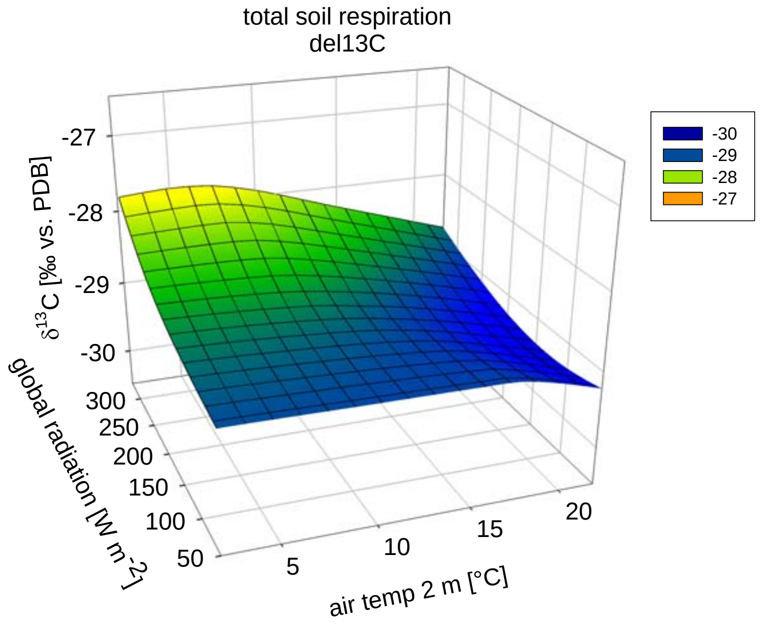


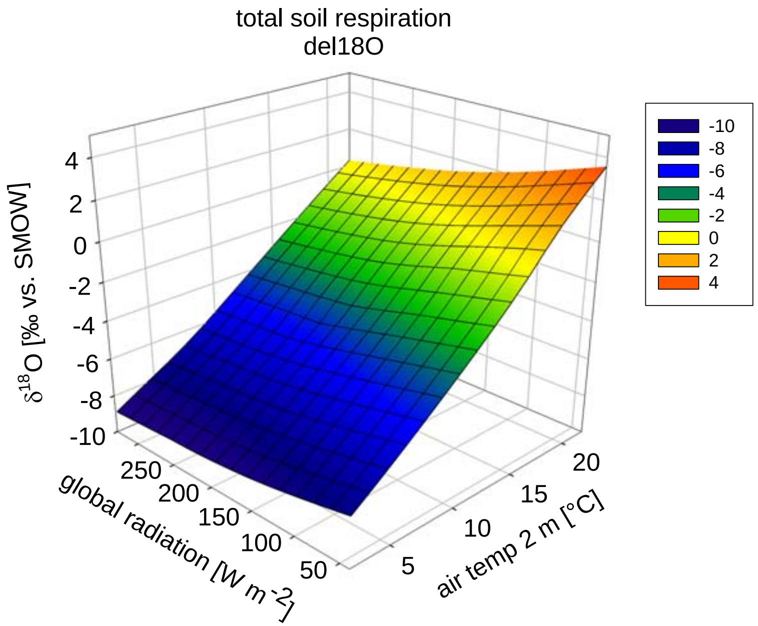
Dependency of $\delta^{13}C$ & $\delta^{18}O$ of ecosystem CO_2 on air temperature & global radiation

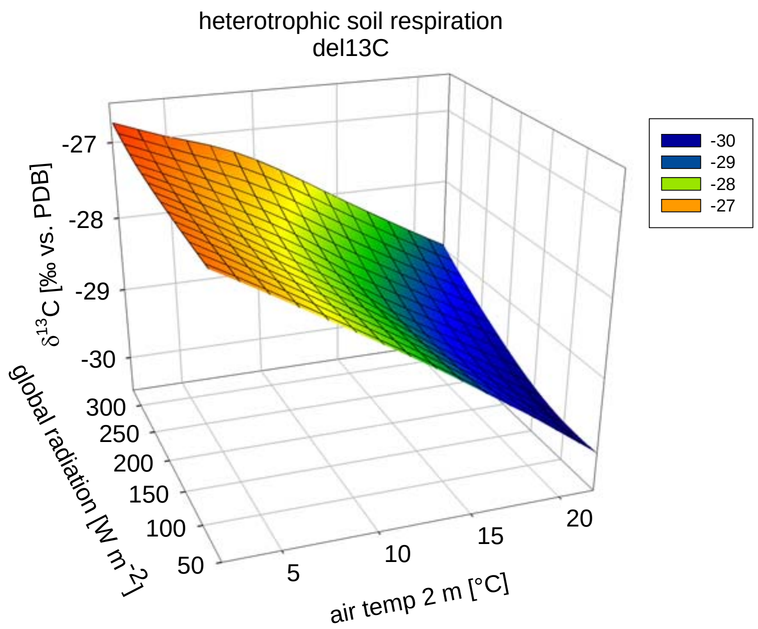


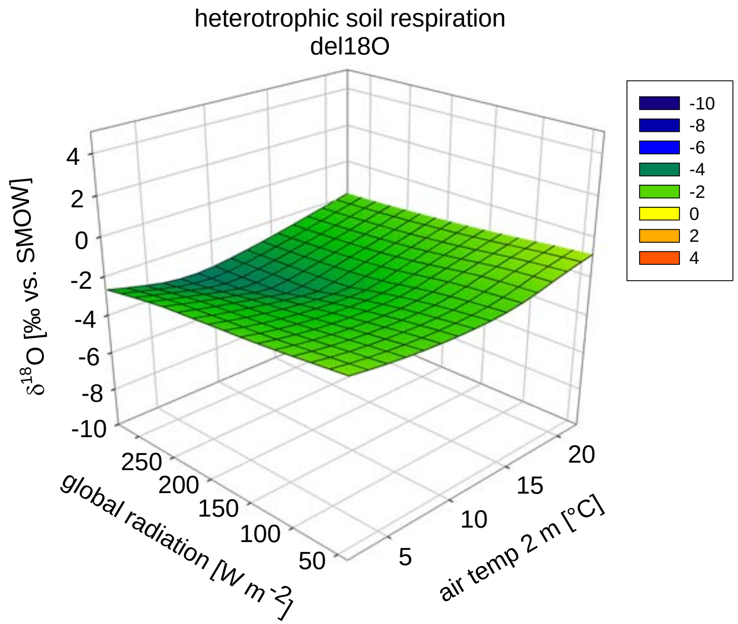


Dependency of $\delta^{13}C$ & $\delta^{18}O$ of total and heterotrophic soil respiration on air temperature & global radiation









Conclusions

- Isotope-specific laser absorption spectroscopy is an extremely powerful tool for long-term monitoring of C and O isotope ratios of CO_2 with high time resolution

- There are significant seasonal differences in $\delta^{13}C$ and $\delta^{18}O$ of ecosystem CO_2, with the highest values in summer at high temperatures and high light intensities

- There is a significant differences not only in the magnitude, but also in C and O isotope ratios of soil respired CO_2