



*Supplement of*

## **Systematic underestimation of type-specific ecosystem process variability in the Community Land Model v5 over Europe**

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**Table S1: A list of ICOS stations, their land cover, coordinates, years of data availability for our study period (1995 – 2018), the coordinates of the corresponding grid cell of the 3 km European Coordinated Regional Climate Downscaling Experiment (CORDEX) grid used in our simulations, and the number of 8-daily data points available for the analyses for evapotranspiration (ET) and gross primary production (GPP). Note that stations that do not belong to the plant functional types (PFT) of evergreen needleleaf forest (ENF), deciduous broadleaf forest (DBF), grasslands (GRA), and croplands (CRO) were omitted, and some included sites did not have data corresponding with the study period, thus having a count of 0 data points. See Section 2.2.1. The indicated PFT is the predominant PFT in the footprint of the ICOS eddy covariance towers. Stations, where the land cover was not directly indicated in the metadata sites were also left out in our analyses.**

ID	country	PFT	lat	lon	years	lat (cell)	lon (cell)	N (ET)	N (GPP)
<b>BE-Bra</b>	Belgium	ENF	51.3 1	4.52	1996 – 2018	51.29	4.51	608	670
<b>BE-Dor</b>	Belgium	GR A	50.3 1	4.97	2011 – 2018	50.31	4.96	0	270
<b>BE-Lcr</b>	Belgium	DBF	51.1 1	3.85		51.10	3.85	0	0
<b>BE-Lon</b>	Belgium	CR O	50.5 5	4.75	2004 – 2018	50.57	4.76	519	476
<b>CH-Cha</b>	Switzerland	GR A	47.2 1	8.41	2005 – 2018	47.21	8.43	423	459
<b>CH-Dav</b>	Switzerland	ENF	46.8 2	9.86	1997 – 2018	46.80	9.84	578	866
<b>CH-Fru</b>	Switzerland	GR A	47.1 2	8.54	2005 – 2018	47.11	8.53	284	447
<b>CH-Oe2</b>	Switzerland	CR O	47.2 9	7.73	2004 – 2018	47.28	7.72	0	592

<b>CZ-BK1</b>	Czech Republic	ENF	49.5 0	18.5 4	2004 – 2018	49.50	18.54	146	389
<b>CZ-Lnz</b>	Czech Republic	DBF	48.6 8	16.9 5	2015 – 2018	48.67	16.95	0	145
<b>DE-Geb</b>	Germany	CR O	51.1 0	10.9 1	2001 – 2020	51.10	10.93	824	638
<b>DE-Gri</b>	Germany	GR A	50.9 5	13.5 1	2001 – 2018	50.95	13.49	673	492
<b>DE-Hai</b>	Germany	DBF	51.0 8	10.4 5	2000 – 2018	51.07	10.45	813	548
<b>DE-HoH</b>	Germany	DBF	52.0 9	11.2 2	2015 – 2018	52.09	11.23	184	113
<b>DE-Kli</b>	Germany	CR O	50.8 9	13.5 2	2004 – 2018	50.90	13.54	481	450
<b>DE-RuR</b>	Germany	GR A	50.6 2	6.30	2011 – 2018	50.62	6.28	336	309
<b>DE-RuS</b>	Germany	CR O	50.8 7	6.45	2011 – 2018	50.86	6.44	285	224
<b>DE-RuW</b>	Germany	ENF	50.5 0	6.33	2012 – 2018	50.51	6.31	0	125
<b>DE-Tha</b>	Germany	ENF	50.9 6	13.5 7	1996 – 2018	50.96	13.58	1012	888
<b>DK-Gds</b>	Denmark	ENF	56.0 7	9.33		56.07	9.34	0	0
<b>DK-Sor</b>	Denmark	DBF	55.4 9	11.6 4	1996 – 2018	55.48	11.65	437	882

<b>FI-Hyy</b>	Finland	ENF	61.8 5	24.2 9	1996 – 2018	61.86	24.29	435	812
<b>FI-Ken</b>	Finland	ENF	67.9 9	24.2 4	2018	67.99	24.23	0	18
<b>FI-Let</b>	Finland	ENF	60.6 4	23.9 6	2009 – 2018	60.63	23.96	412	254
<b>FI-Var</b>	Finland	ENF	67.7 5	29.6 1	2016 – 2018	67.76	29.63	135	133
<b>FR-Aur</b>	France	CR O	43.5 5	1.11	2005 – 2018	43.54	1.12	470	483
<b>FR-Bil</b>	France	ENF	44.4 9	-0.96	2014 – 2020	44.50	-0.98	203	144
<b>FR-FBn</b>	France	ENF	43.2 4	5.68	2008 – 2018	43.25	5.69	0	358
<b>FR-Fon</b>	France	DBF	48.4 8	2.78	2005 – 2018	48.47	2.80	0	566
<b>FR-Gri</b>	France	CR O	48.8 4	1.95	2004 – 2018	48.86	1.95	563	313
<b>FR-Hes</b>	France	DBF	48.6 7	7.06	2014 – 2018	48.67	7.05	229	219
<b>FR-Lam</b>	France	CR O	43.5 0	1.24	2005 – 2018	43.51	1.25	548	431
<b>FR-Tou</b>	France	GR A	43.5 7	1.37	2018	43.58	1.38	46	28
<b>IT-BFt</b>	Italy	DBF	45.2 0	10.7 4		45.21	10.75	0	0

<b>IT-MBo</b>	Italy	GR A	46.0 1	11.0 5	2003 – 2018	46.00	11.04	616	582
<b>IT-Ren</b>	Italy	ENF	46.5 9	11.4 3	1999 – 2018	46.58	11.44	531	525
<b>IT-SR2</b>	Italy	ENF	43.7 3	10.2 9	2013 – 2018	43.74	10.31	255	214
<b>IT-Tor</b>	Italy	GR A	45.8 4	7.58	2008 – 2018	45.85	7.57	481	251
<b>RU-Fy2</b>	Russia	ENF	56.4 5	32.9 0	2015 – 2018	56.46	32.89	156	138
<b>SE-Htm</b>	Sweden	ENF	56.1 0	13.4 2	2015 – 2018	56.10	13.42	177	152
<b>SE-Nor</b>	Sweden	ENF	60.0 9	17.4 8	2014 – 2018	60.09	17.50	229	181
<b>SE-Svb</b>	Sweden	ENF	64.2 6	19.7 7	2014 – 2018	64.26	19.77	161	109

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**Table S2:** The root mean square error (RMSE) and percent bias (PBIAS) for model evapotranspiration (ET) in relation to the Integrated Carbon Observation System (ICOS) observations. Stations from ICOS that did not belong to plant functional types (PFTs) of evergreen needleleaf forest (ENF), broadleaf deciduous forest (DBF), croplands (CRO), or grasslands (GRA) or did not have overlapping periods were omitted. See Section 2.4.2. For the amount of data points per station used for the calculations, see Table S1.

	ET RMSE [mm day <sup>-1</sup> ]					ET PBIAS [%]				
	CLM5 <sub>grid</sub>	CLM5 <sub>PFT</sub>	ERA5L	GLASS	GLEAM	CLM5 <sub>grid</sub>	CLM5 <sub>PFT</sub>	ERA5L	GLASS	GLEAM
<b>BE-Bra</b>	0.54	0.51	1.12	1.1	0.65	20.53	22.4	103.3	86.1	53.95
<b>BE-Lon</b>	0.67	0.99	0.82	0.91	0.49	12.76	24.31	66.69	43.88	19.71
<b>CH-Cha</b>	0.8	0.85	0.59	0.54	0.56	-33.03	-21.19	-13.73	-10.68	-8.47

<b>CH-Dav</b>	1.2	0.95	0.91	1.35	0.85	-51.08	-33.29	-54.41	-32.38	-27.66
<b>CH-Fru</b>	0.62	0.85	0.52	0.62	0.62	-23.73	-8.69	-6.68	-5.21	7.17
<b>CZ-BK1</b>	0.48	0.54	0.76	0.57	0.52	-23.06	-26.04	29.54	19.72	25.78
<b>DE-Geb</b>	0.51	0.82	0.7	0.85	0.48	-7.61	-5.35	64.26	40.08	14.93
<b>DE-Gri</b>	0.48	0.77	0.57	0.55	0.36	2.45	11.15	33.24	20.49	9.14
<b>DE-Hai</b>	0.49	0.6	0.73	0.76	0.52	2.64	8.99	58.52	46.6	31.18
<b>DE-HoH</b>	0.69	0.65	0.6	0.58	0.66	-28.06	-16.86	-1.62	-10.44	-24.37
<b>DE-Kli</b>	0.69	1	0.79	0.74	0.63	6.77	19.04	38.9	27.7	21.78
<b>DE-RuR</b>	0.39	0.76	0.6	0.54	0.45	-17.86	5.37	28.01	9.89	17.22
<b>DE-RuS</b>	0.78	0.97	0.68	0.55	0.68	-32.8	-31.45	7.9	-12.81	-24.98
<b>DE-Tha</b>	0.62	0.5	0.72	0.71	0.48	0.59	-0.52	39.68	20.84	13.92
<b>DK-Sor</b>	0.6	0.6	0.57	0.66	0.5	-26.29	-14.98	42.64	20.57	2.18
<b>FI-Hyy</b>	0.5	0.51	0.49	0.41	0.62	-35.58	-27.65	20.64	11.27	41.7
<b>FI-Let</b>	0.68	0.65	0.63	0.8	0.73	-31.77	-21.53	51.02	11.16	40.21
<b>FI-Var</b>	0.37	0.49	0.73	0.48	0.6	-30.13	-9.59	67.09	58.22	84.39
<b>FR-Aur</b>	0.85	1.19	1.1	1.05	0.78	5.44	45.08	52.04	37.1	16.89
<b>FR-Bil</b>	0.67	0.92	1.46	0.72	0.67	-25.5	-28.35	24.98	48.24	24.47
<b>FR-Gri</b>	0.77	1.01	0.9	0.85	0.58	-1.63	0.98	44.94	30.06	3.86
<b>FR-Hes</b>	0.58	0.67	0.83	0.86	0.72	0.19	13.09	51.71	35.65	36.79
<b>FR-Lam</b>	0.86	1.09	0.97	1.01	0.79	-6.76	20.9	31.79	17.15	-1.53
<b>FR-Tou</b>	0.69	0.89	0.86	1.04	0.49	-36.01	-45.95	60.87	30.99	17.48
<b>IT-MBo</b>	0.55	0.84	0.5	0.49	0.72	-2.29	-17.01	8.99	6.24	16.68
<b>IT-Ren</b>	0.85	0.81	0.74	0.72	0.76	-23.81	-3.55	-9.57	-15.41	2.18
<b>IT-SR2</b>	0.89	1.53	0.73	0.76	0.8	-34.1	-60.81	28.98	3.25	-23.83

<b>IT-Tor</b>	0.91	1.01	0.6	0.78	0.75	-45.19	-48.2	-38.59	-10.22	-28.59
<b>RU-Fy2</b>	0.4	0.51	0.65	0.69	0.7	-4.43	-16.31	52.09	26.21	54.79
<b>SE-Htm</b>	0.45	0.45	1.19	0.88	0.9	-7.31	-3.36	72.78	61.52	79.05
<b>SE-Nor</b>	0.36	0.37	0.66	0.58	0.59	-14.29	-4.12	47.2	22.25	46.44
<b>SE-Svb</b>	0.45	0.64	0.55	0.35	0.56	-18.82	-0.66	16.38	16.8	35.55

*Table S3: The root mean square error (RMSE) and percent bias (PBIAS) for model gross primary production (GPP) in relation to the Integrated Carbon Observation System (ICOS) observations. Stations from ICOS that did not belong to the plant functional types (PFTs) of evergreen needleleaf forest (ENF), deciduous broadleaf forest (DBF), croplands (CRO), or grasslands (GRA) or did not have overlapping periods were omitted. See Section 2.4.2. For the amount of data points per station used for the calculations, see Table S1.*

	GPP RMSE [g C day <sup>-1</sup> ]			GPP PBIAS [%]		
	CLM5 <sub>gri</sub> d	CLM5 <sub>PF</sub> T	GLASS	CLM5 <sub>gri</sub> d	CLM5 <sub>PF</sub> T	GLASS
<b>BE-Bra</b>	2.29	1.69	1.3	-35.36	0.58	4.7
<b>BE-Dor</b>	3.19	3.39	2.74	-41.69	-40.3	-35.11
<b>BE-Lon</b>	4.31	4.31	3.98	-18.21	-8.23	-11.32
<b>CH-Cha</b>	4.61	3.94	4.29	-50.9	-38.52	-47.17
<b>CH-Dav</b>	2.4	2.13	2.13	-16.93	31.37	-25.57
<b>CH-Fru</b>	3.6	2.84	2.62	-40.1	-23.16	-23.97
<b>CH-Oe2</b>	3.75	3.95	3.53	-10.8	-12.63	2.72
<b>CZ-BK1</b>	2.79	2.31	1.95	-37.05	-22.83	-20.65
<b>CZ-Lnz</b>	4.64	3.44	2.9	-62.06	-49.31	-28.91
<b>DE-Geb</b>	3.63	4.32	2.98	-35.96	-40.43	-1.84
<b>DE-Gri</b>	2.61	2.68	2.02	-21.19	-11.94	-9.65
<b>DE-Hai</b>	2.83	2.59	1.7	-34.83	-42.5	-1.51
<b>DE-HoH</b>	2.94	2.51	3.04	-30.53	-40.55	-27.82
<b>DE-Kli</b>	3.5	3.66	3.15	1.74	2.04	-2.73
<b>DE-RuR</b>	2.4	2.39	2	-26.99	-10.45	-19.5
<b>DE-RuS</b>	4.74	5.05	4.34	-43.49	-45.67	-34.68
<b>DE-RuW</b>	2.63	2.61	2.14	-32.13	-27.64	-23.88
<b>DE-Tha</b>	1.87	1.48	1.29	-28.99	-3.95	-19.27

<b>DK-Sor</b>	4.39	4.07	3.21	-47.99	-49.66	-35.24
<b>FI-Hyy</b>	1.3	1.29	0.81	-14.92	-0.32	-8.91
<b>FI-Ken</b>	1.16	2.34	0.72	-2.8	54.7	-14.37
<b>FI-Let</b>	2.05	2.02	1.53	-19.16	-4.72	-19.98
<b>FI-Var</b>	1.4	3.22	0.89	60.3	159.3	21.48
<b>FR-Aur</b>	3.28	4.05	3.25	9.39	68.57	9.03
<b>FR-Bil</b>	1.75	2.23	1.67	-24.81	-24.43	-0.67
<b>FR-FBn</b>	2.38	3.73	1.82	-48.88	-77.01	15.32
<b>FR-Fon</b>	3.1	2.87	2.74	-27	-36.28	-21.96
<b>FR-Gri</b>	4.16	4.24	3.73	-18.71	-13.87	-15.53
<b>FR-Hes</b>	3.7	3.24	3.32	-24.49	-36.28	-17.36
<b>FR-Lam</b>	3.91	4.5	3.95	-4.09	44.8	-8.88
<b>FR-Tou</b>	3.44	2.53	1.77	-73.37	-47.07	-10.42
<b>IT-MBo</b>	2.42	2.89	1.84	-7.9	-31.89	3.26
<b>IT-Ren</b>	1.53	2.32	1.77	11.62	33.32	-2.04
<b>IT-SR2</b>	5.12	6.78	4.07	-67.17	-88.85	-53.94
<b>IT-Tor</b>	1.82	2.49	1.66	-0.74	1.02	1.17
<b>RU-Fy2</b>	2.63	2.84	1.93	-26.11	-22.3	-23.45
<b>SE-Htm</b>	2.74	2.24	1.95	-38.04	-25.42	-26.84
<b>SE-Nor</b>	1.59	1.37	1.35	-25.59	-3.8	-21.62
<b>SE-Svb</b>	1.13	2.02	1.22	5.64	25.07	-24.24

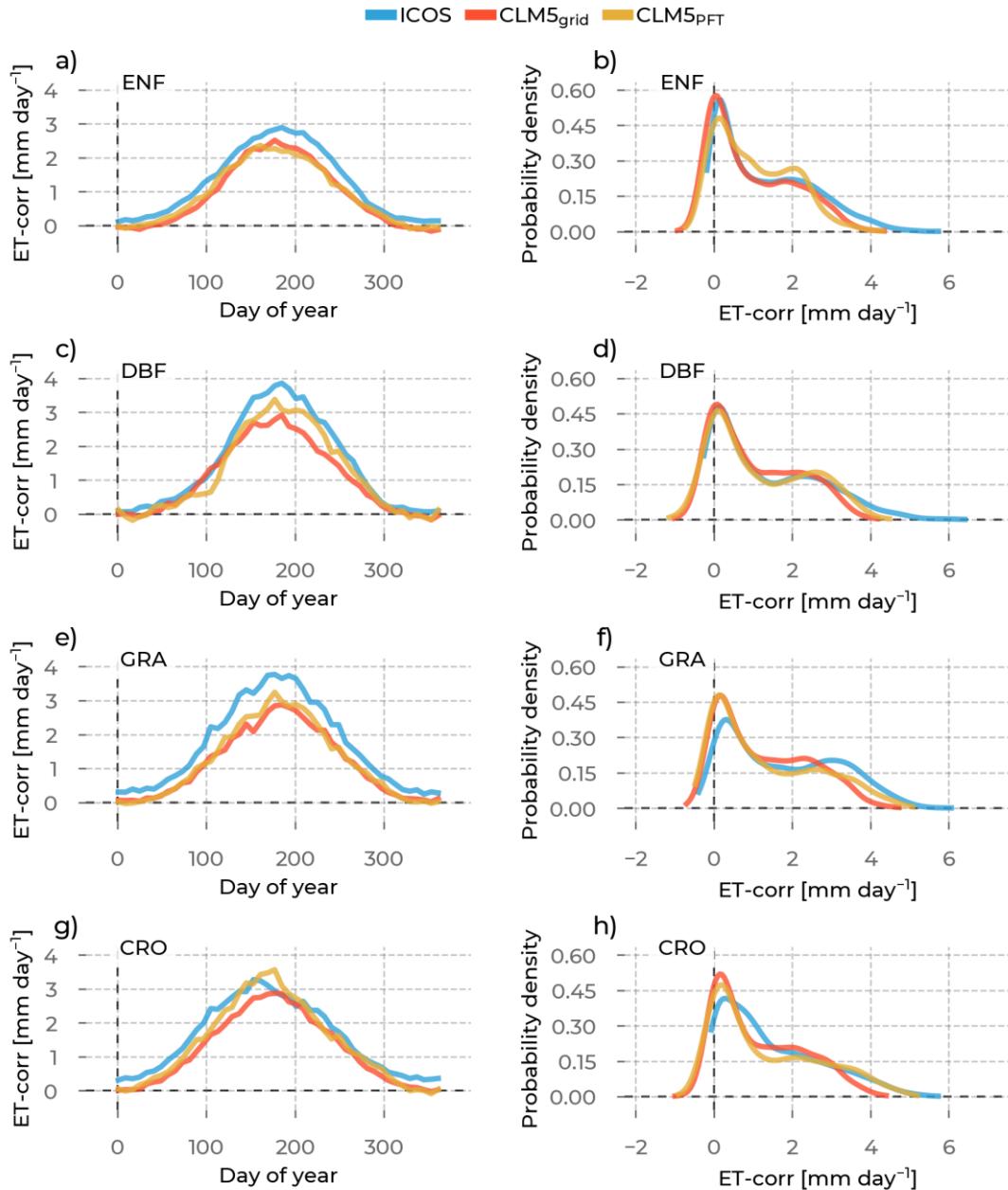
*Table S4: The evapotranspiration (ET) root mean square error (RMSE) indicates the general model approximations and the percent bias (PBIAS), demonstrating systematic bias of the models (Community Land Model v5 (CLM5) on grid-scale ( $CLM5_{grid}$ ), CLM5 on PFT scale ( $CLM5_{PFT}$ ), from the European Center of Medium-Range Weather Forecasts Renalysis 5 Land (ERA5-Land), the Global Land Surface Satellite (GLASS), and the Global Land Evaporation Amsterdam Model (GLEAM)) to the observations. Each value corresponds to a group of stations representing the same plant functional type (PFT; Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Grasslands (GRA), and Croplands (CRO)). The amount of data points (N) for each PFT is also indicated.*

	PFT	N	CLM5 <sub>grid</sub>	CLM5 <sub>PFT</sub>	ERA5L	GLASS	GLEAM
<b>RMSE</b> [mm day <sup>-1</sup> ]	<b>ENF</b>	5038	0.71	0.72	0.84	0.83	0.67
	<b>DBF</b>	1663	0.56	0.62	0.73	0.70	0.56
	<b>GRA</b>	2859	0.65	0.85	0.60	0.57	0.59
	<b>CRO</b>	3690	0.72	1.00	0.88	0.86	0.63
	<b>mean</b>	3285	0.66	0.80	0.76	0.74	0.61
<b>PBIAS</b> [%]	<b>ENF</b>	5038	-20.57	-15.42	21.86	13.32	15.43
	<b>DBF</b>	1663	-9.90	-0.54	44.55	29.74	16.24
	<b>GRA</b>	2859	-18.62	-13.94	3.14	2.63	2.41
	<b>CRO</b>	3690	-3.24	11.20	44.99	27.30	7.58
	<b>mean</b>	3285	-13.08	-4.68	28.64	18.25	10.42

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*Table S5: The gross primary production (GPP) root mean square error (RMSE) indicates the general model approximation and the percent bias (PBIAS), demonstrating systematic bias of the models (Community Land Model v5 (CLM5) on grid-scale ( $CLM5_{grid}$ ), CLM5 on PFT scale ( $CLM5_{PFT}$ ), from the European Center of Medium-Range Weather Forecasts Renalysis 5 Land (ERA5-Land), the Global Land Surface Satellite (GLASS), and the Global Land Evaporation Amsterdam Model (GLEAM)) to the observations. Each value corresponds to a group of stations representing the same plant functional type (PFT: Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Grasslands (GRA), and Croplands (CRO)). The amount of data points (N) for each PFT is also indicated.*

	PFT	N	$CLM5_{grid}$	$CLM5_{PFT}$	GLASS
<b>RMSE</b> [g C day <sup>-1</sup> ]	<b>ENF</b>	5976	2.25	2.44	1.75
	<b>DBF</b>	2473	3.71	3.35	2.81
	<b>GRA</b>	2838	3.14	3.01	2.63
	<b>CRO</b>	3607	3.85	4.21	3.55
	<b>mean</b>	3723.5	3.24	3.25	2.69
<b>PBIAS</b> [%]	<b>ENF</b>	5976	-26.00	-7.7	-14.53
	<b>DBF</b>	2473	-38.88	-43.76	-24.51
	<b>GRA</b>	2838	-30.73	-25.5	-21.34
	<b>CRO</b>	3607	-14.99	-1.48	-6.29
	<b>mean</b>	3723.5	-27.65	-19.61	-16.67



*Figure S1:* In the left column are the yearly energy balance corrected evapotranspiration (ET-corr) evolutions averaged across stations belonging to one PFT (rows). We differentiate the data source by color (ICOS observations: blue, CLM5<sub>grid</sub>: red, CLM5<sub>PFT</sub>: yellow, GLASS: green, ERA5L: brown, GLEAM: purple). The

*probability density curves for all ET-corr values from stations belonging to the selected PFT are in the right column. Each row shows these plots for one PFT: Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Grasslands (GRA), and Croplands (CRO).*

○ ENF △ DBF □ GRA + CRO

— CLM5<sub>grid</sub> ■ CLM5<sub>PFT</sub>

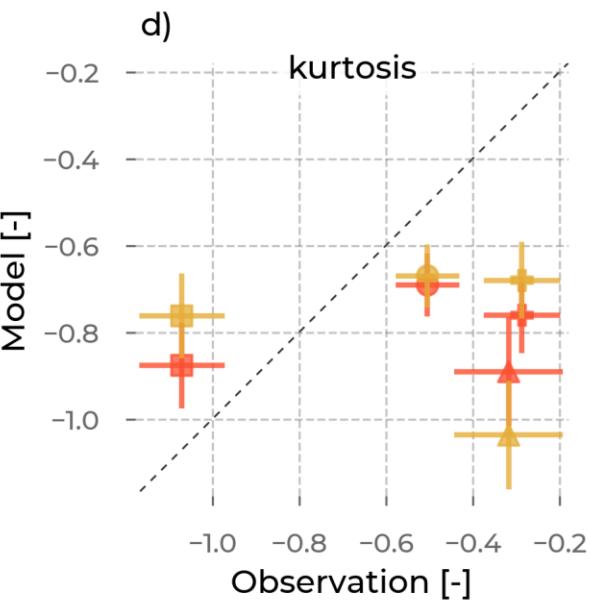
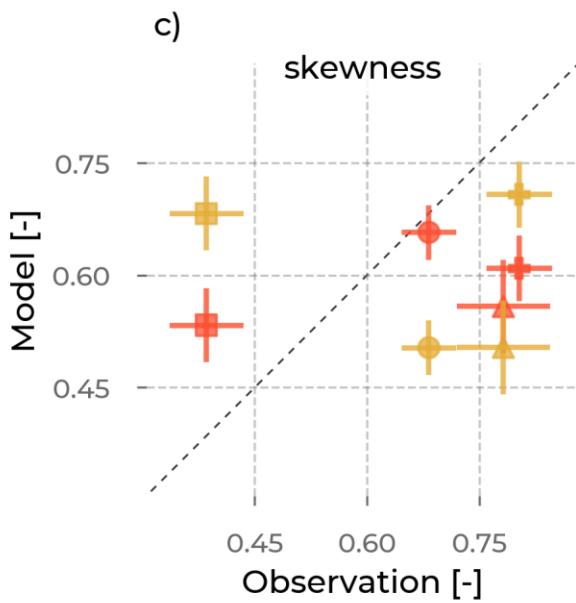
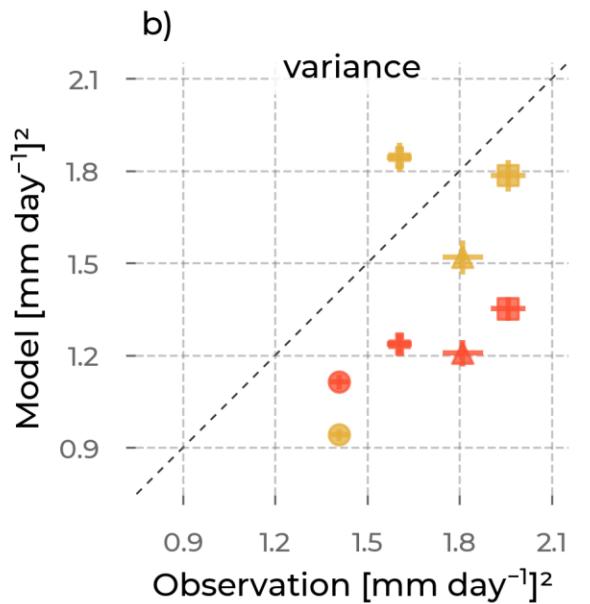
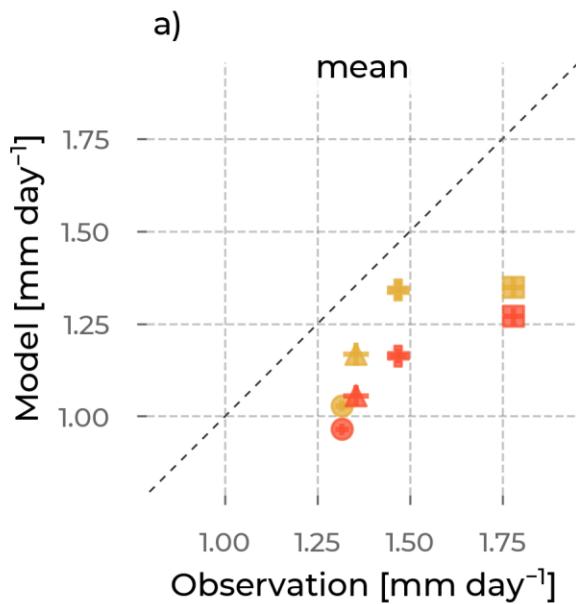
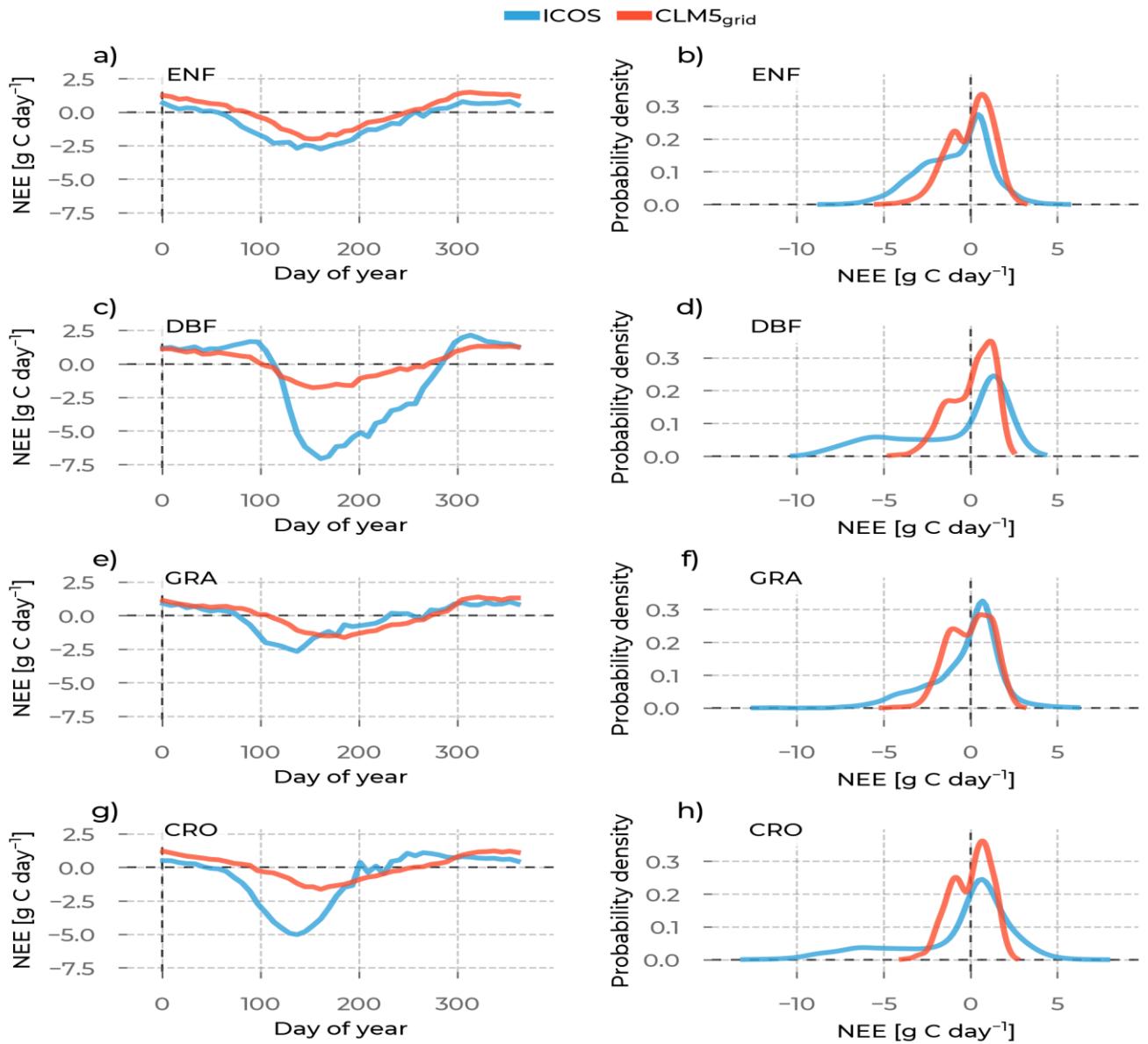


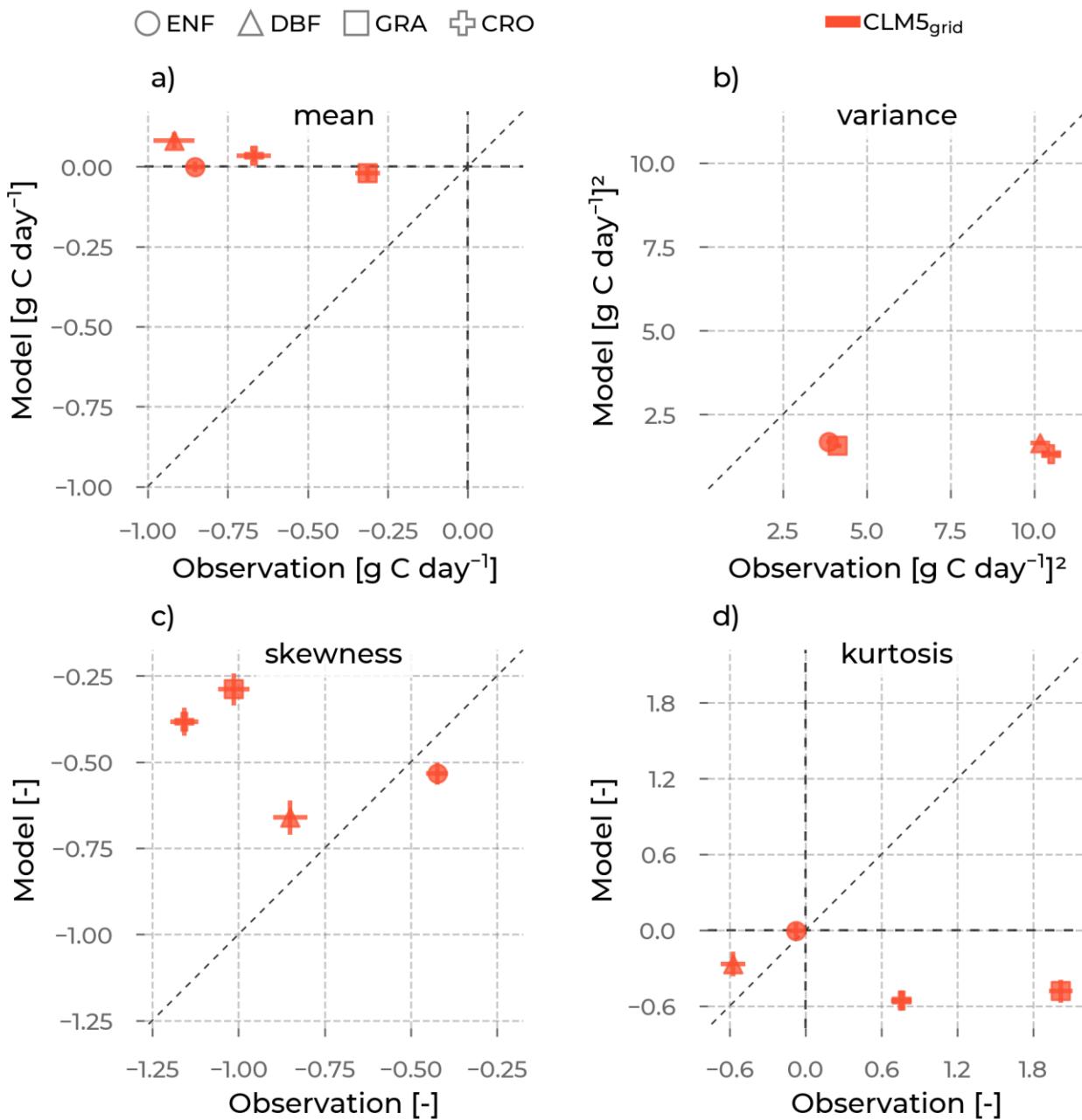
Figure S2: The mean (a), variance (b), skewness (c), and excess kurtosis (d) of the ET-corr distributions (visualized in Figure S1) from the models (color, y-axis), as opposed to the corresponding values from observations (x-axis) aggregated for each PFT (marker type): Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF),

*Grasslands (GRA), Croplands (CRO). The error bars are the standard errors of the respective moment, depending on the sample size.*



*Figure S3: In the left column are the yearly net ecosystem exchange (NEE) evolutions averaged across stations belonging to one PFT (rows). We differentiate the data source by color (ICOS observations: blue, CLM5<sub>grid</sub>: red, CLM5<sub>PFT</sub>: yellow, GLASS: green, ERA5L: brown, GLEAM: purple). The probability density curves for all NEE values from stations belonging to the selected PFT are in the right column. Each row shows these plots for one*

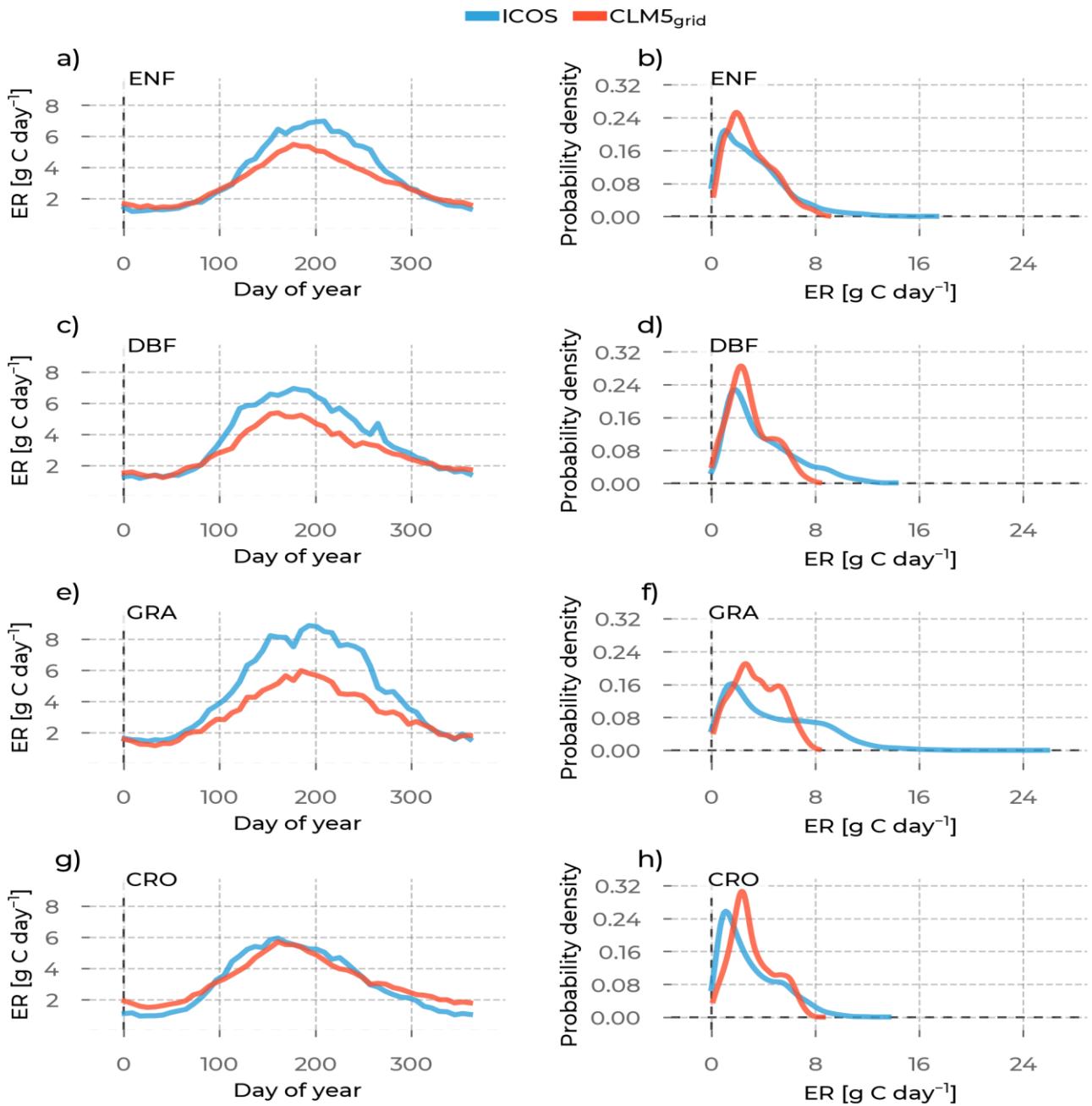
*PFT: Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Grasslands (GRA), and Croplands (CRO).*



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Figure S4: The mean (a), variance (b), skewness (c), and excess kurtosis (d) of the NEE distributions (visualized in Figure S3) from the models (color, y-axis), as opposed to the corresponding values from observations (x-axis) aggregated for each PFT (marker type): Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF),

*Grasslands (GRA), Croplands (CRO). The error bars are the standard errors of the respective moment, depending on the sample size.*



*Figure S5: In the left column are the yearly ecosystem respiration (ER) evolutions averaged across stations belonging to one PFT (rows). We differentiate the data source by color (ICOS observations: blue, CLM5<sub>grid</sub>: red, CLM5<sub>PFT</sub>: yellow, GLASS: green, ERA5L: brown, GLEAM: purple). The probability density curves for all ER values from stations belonging to the selected PFT are in the right column. Each row shows these plots for one*

*PFT: Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Grasslands (GRA), and Croplands (CRO).*

○ ENF △ DBF □ GRA + CRO

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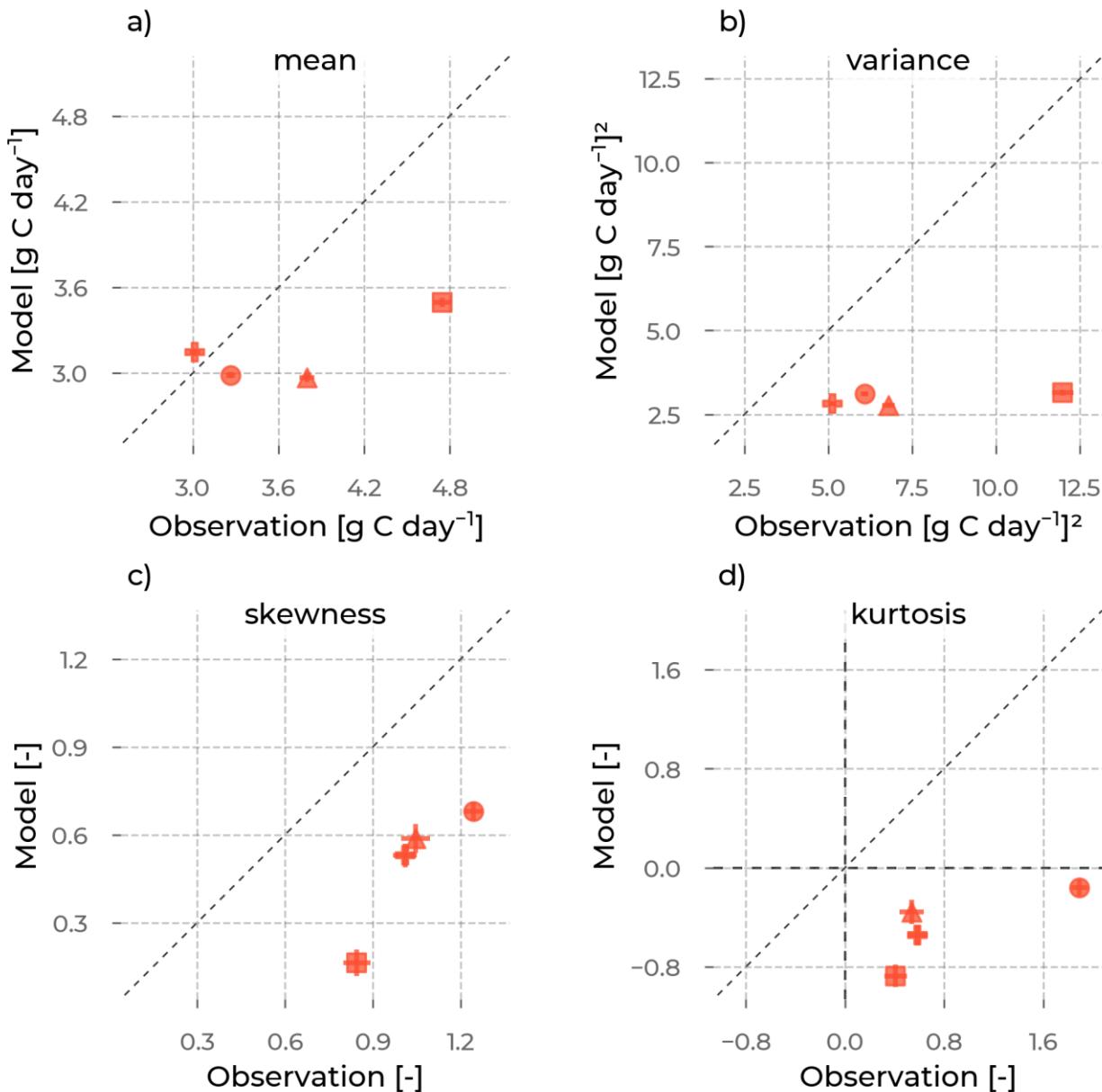
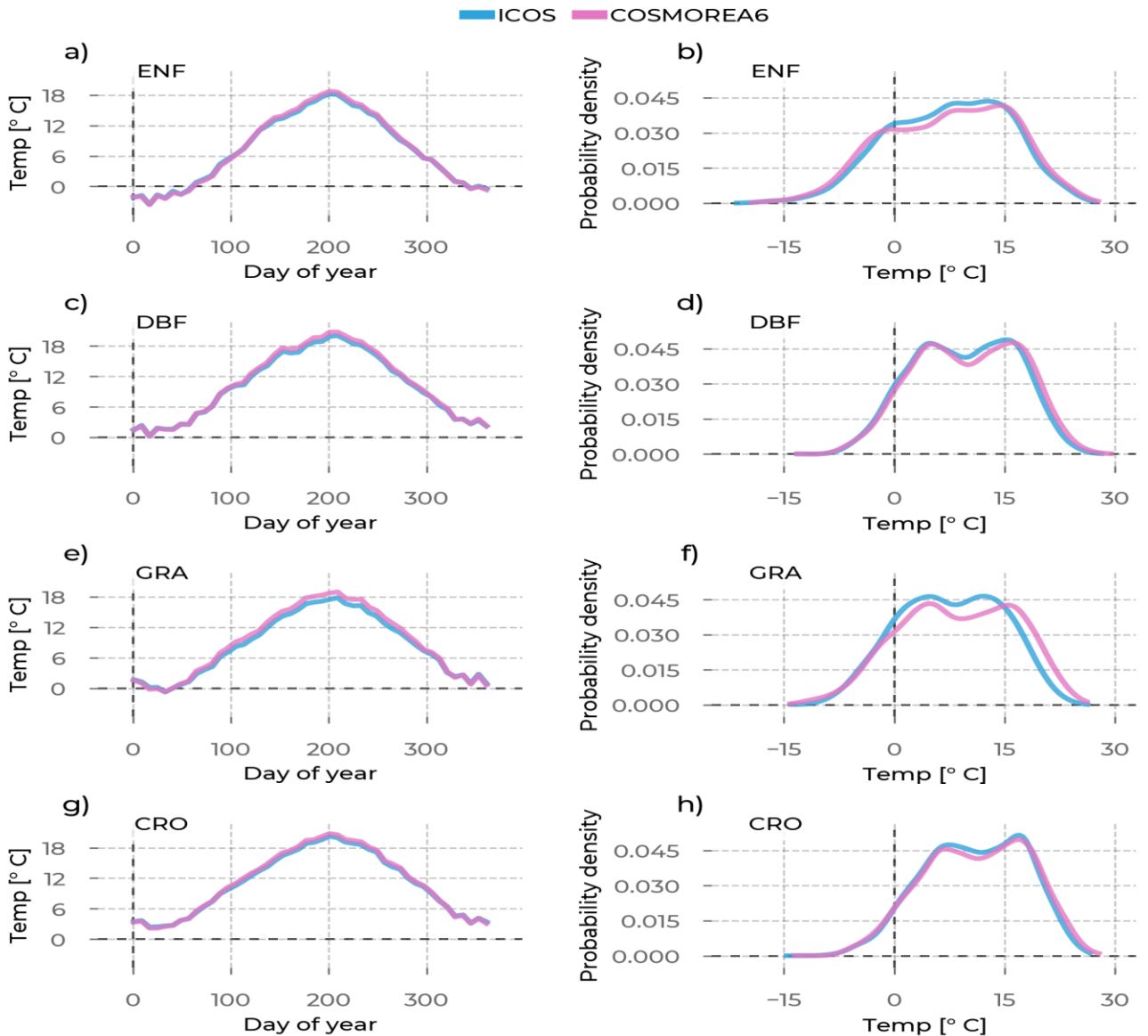


Figure S6: The mean (a), variance (b), skewness (c), and excess kurtosis (d) of the ER distributions (visualized in Figure S5) from the models (color, y-axis), as opposed to the corresponding values from observations (x-axis) aggregated for each PFT (marker type): Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF),

*Grasslands (GRA), Croplands (CRO). The error bars are the standard errors of the respective moment, depending on the sample size.*



*Figure S7: In the left column are the yearly Temperature (Temp) evolutions averaged across stations belonging to one PFT (rows). We differentiate the data source by color (ICOS observations: blue, CLM5<sub>grid</sub>: red, CLM5<sub>PFT</sub>: yellow, GLASS: green, ERA5L: brown, GLEAM: purple). The probability density curves for all Temp values from stations belonging to the selected PFT are in the right column. Each row shows these plots for one PFT: Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Grasslands (GRA), and Croplands (CRO).*

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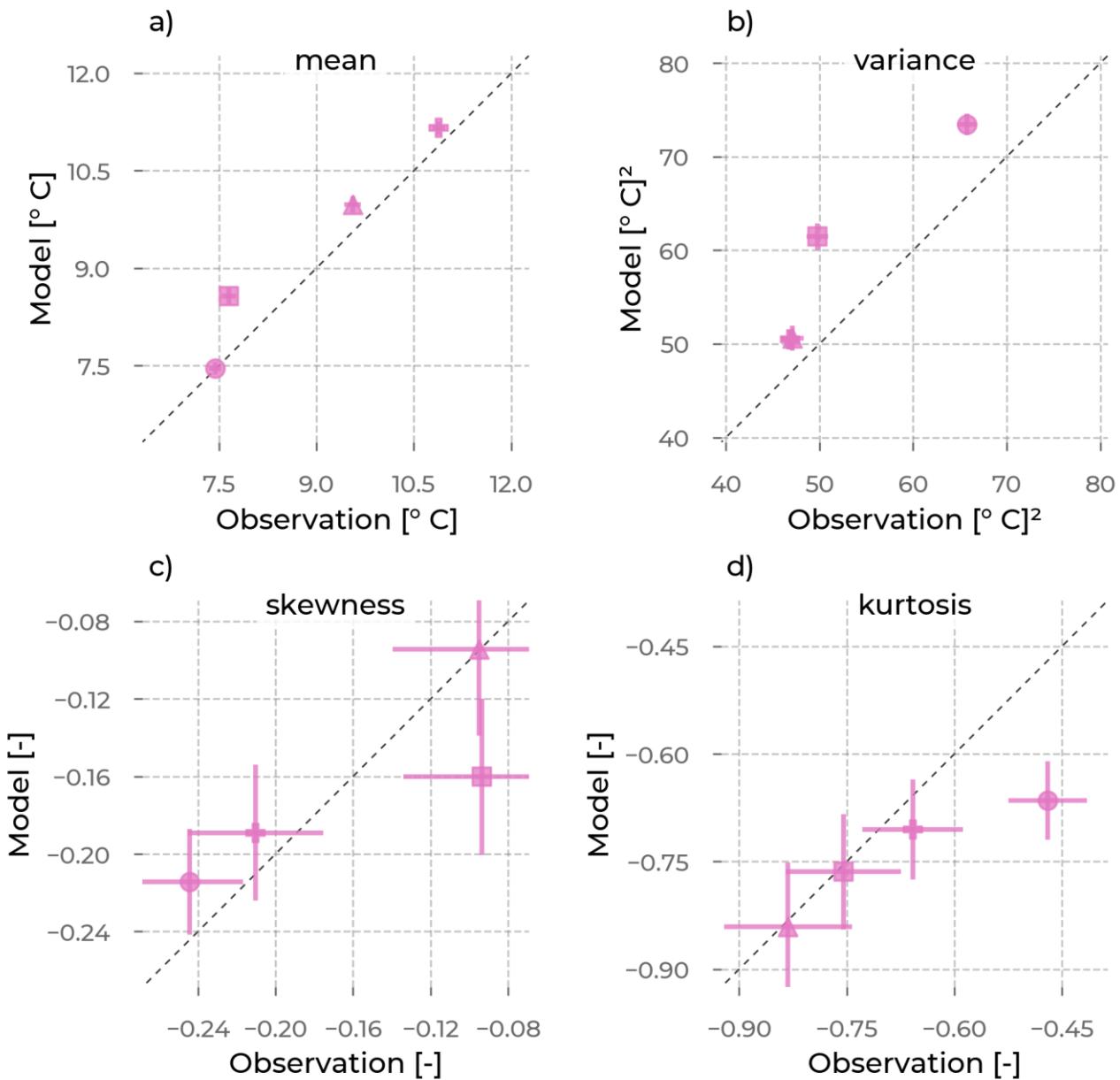
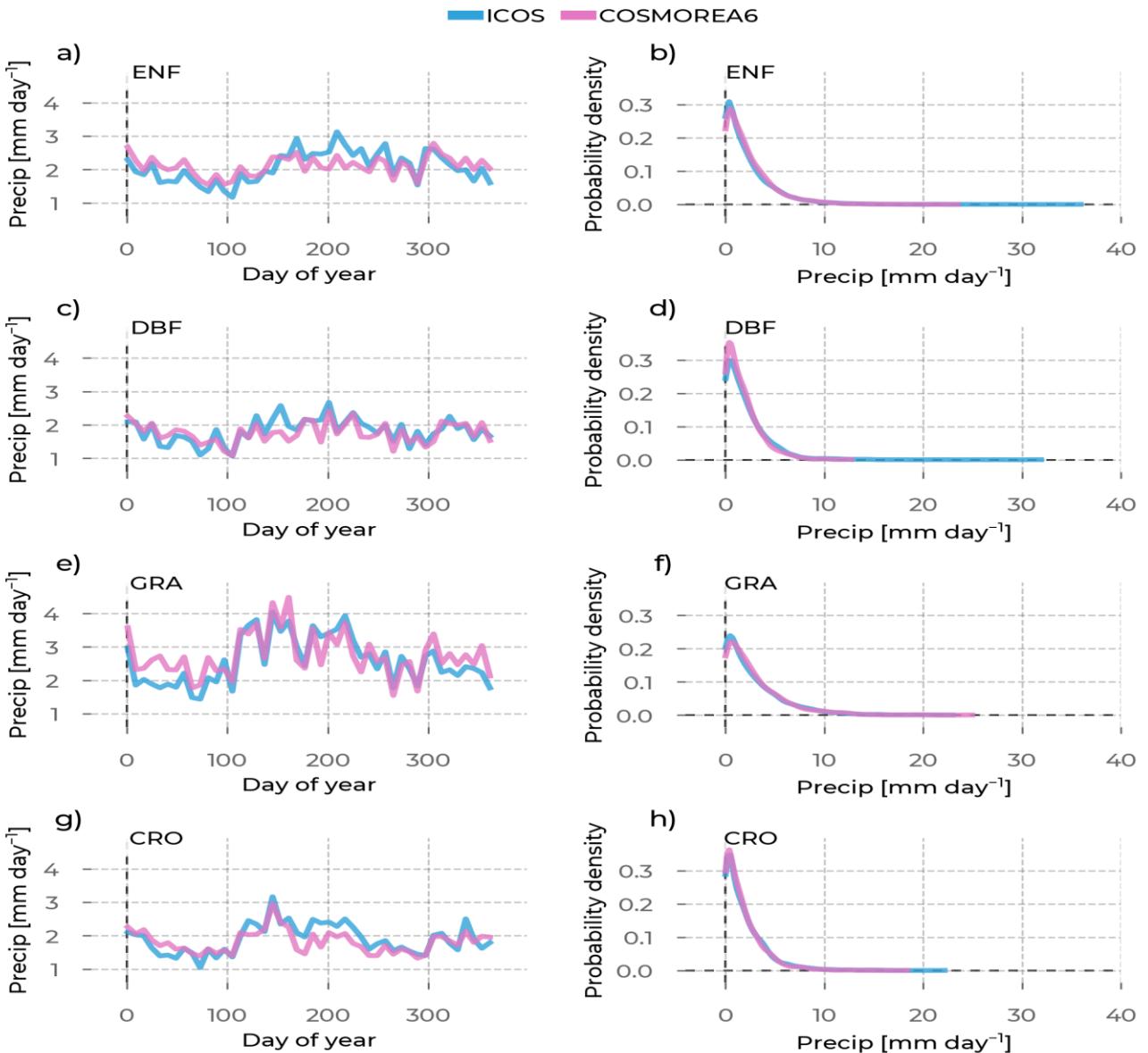


Figure S8: The mean (a), variance (b), skewness (c), and excess kurtosis (d) of the Temp distributions (visualized in Figure S7) from the models (color, y-axis), as opposed to the corresponding values from observations (x-axis) aggregated for each PFT (marker type): Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF),

*Grasslands (GRA), Croplands (CRO). The error bars are the standard errors of the respective moment, depending on the sample size.*



*Figure S9: In the left column are the yearly Precipitation (Precip) evolutions averaged across stations belonging to one PFT (rows). We differentiate the data source by color (ICOS observations: blue, CLM5<sub>grid</sub>: red, CLM5<sub>PFT</sub>: yellow, GLASS: green, ERA5L: brown, GLEAM: purple). The probability density curves for all Precip values from*

*stations belonging to the selected PFT are in the right column. Each row shows these plots for one PFT: Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Grasslands (GRA), and Croplands (CRO).*

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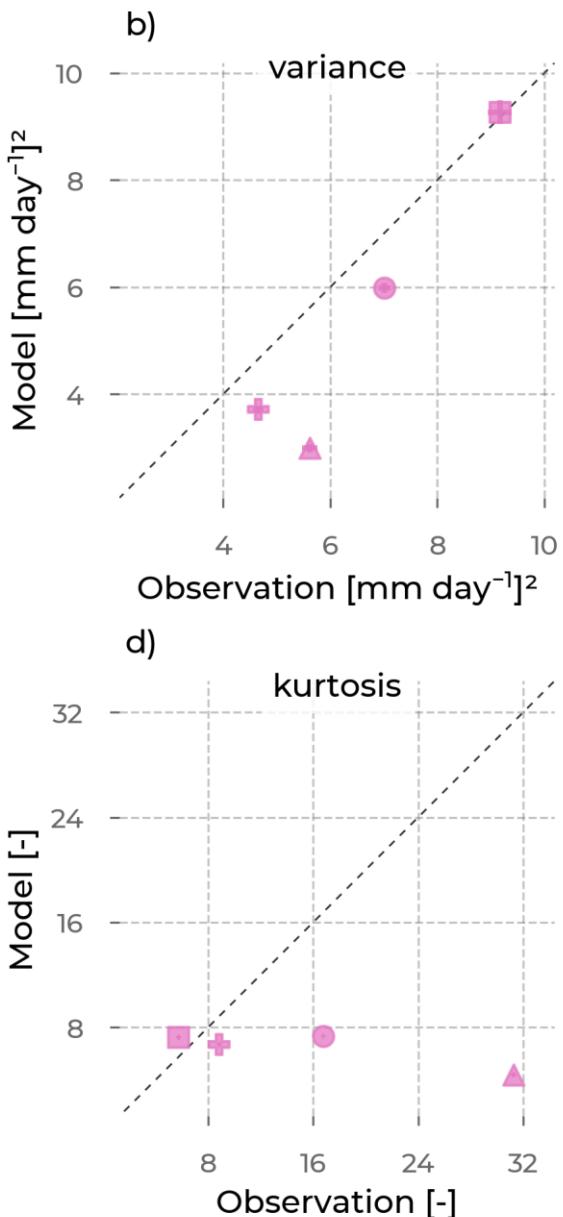
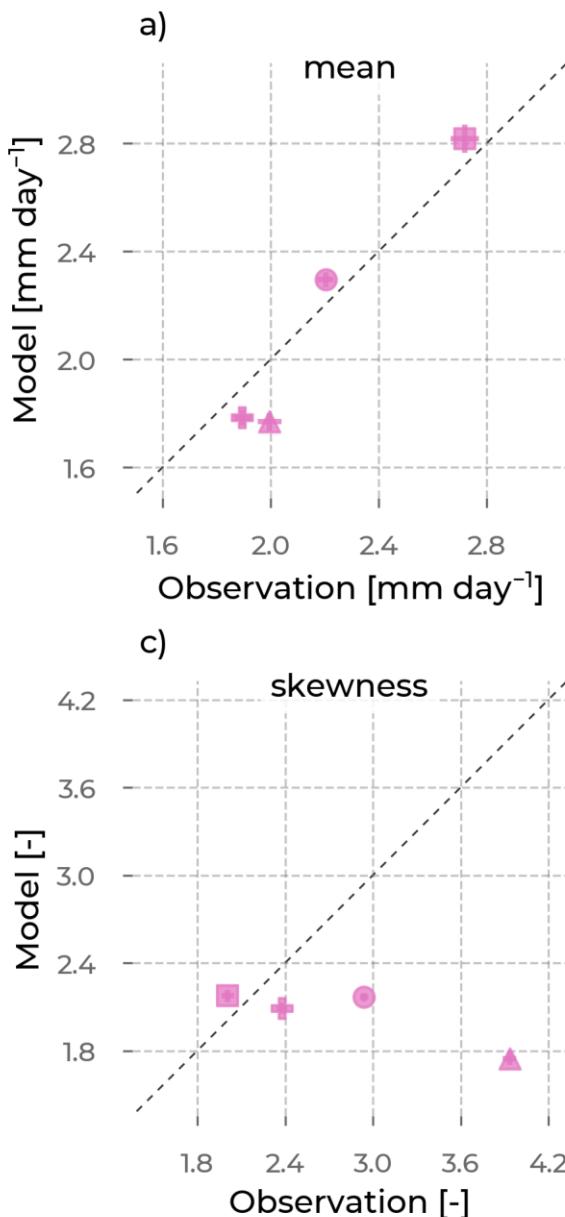
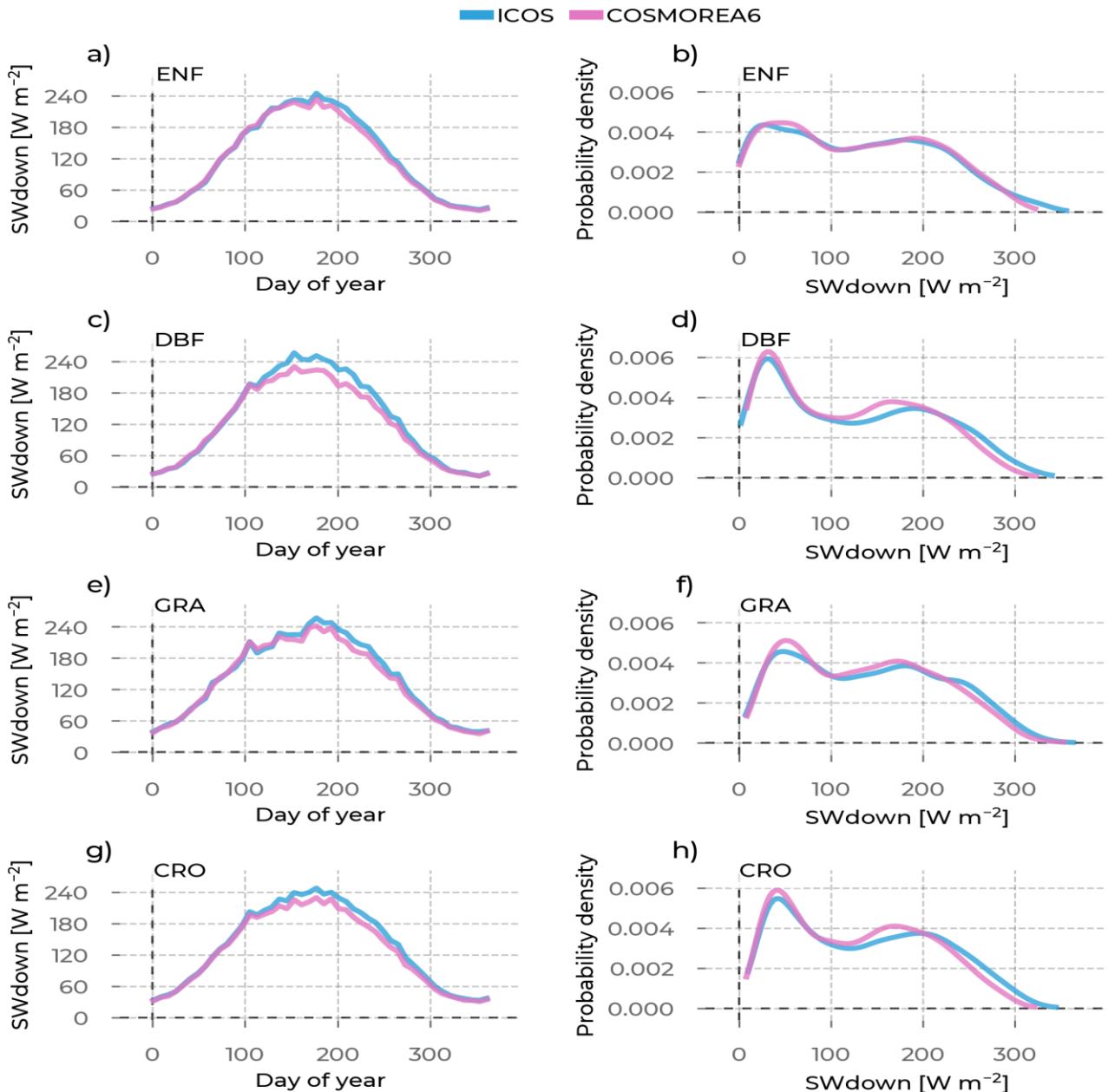


Figure S10: The mean (a), variance (b), skewness (c), and excess kurtosis (d) of the Precip distributions (visualized in Figure S9) from the models (color, y-axis), as opposed to the corresponding values from observations (x-axis) aggregated for each PFT (marker type): Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF),

*Grasslands (GRA), Croplands (CRO). The error bars are the standard errors of the respective moment, depending on the sample size.*



*Figure S11: In the left column are the yearly shortwave downward radiation (SWdown) evolutions averaged across stations belonging to one PFT (rows). We differentiate the data source by color (ICOS observations: blue,*

$CLM5_{grid}$ : red,  $CLM5_{PFT}$ : yellow, GLASS: green, ERA5L: brown, GLEAM: purple). The probability density curves for all SWdown values from stations belonging to the selected PFT are in the right column. Each row shows these plots for one PFT: Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Grasslands (GRA), and Croplands (CRO).

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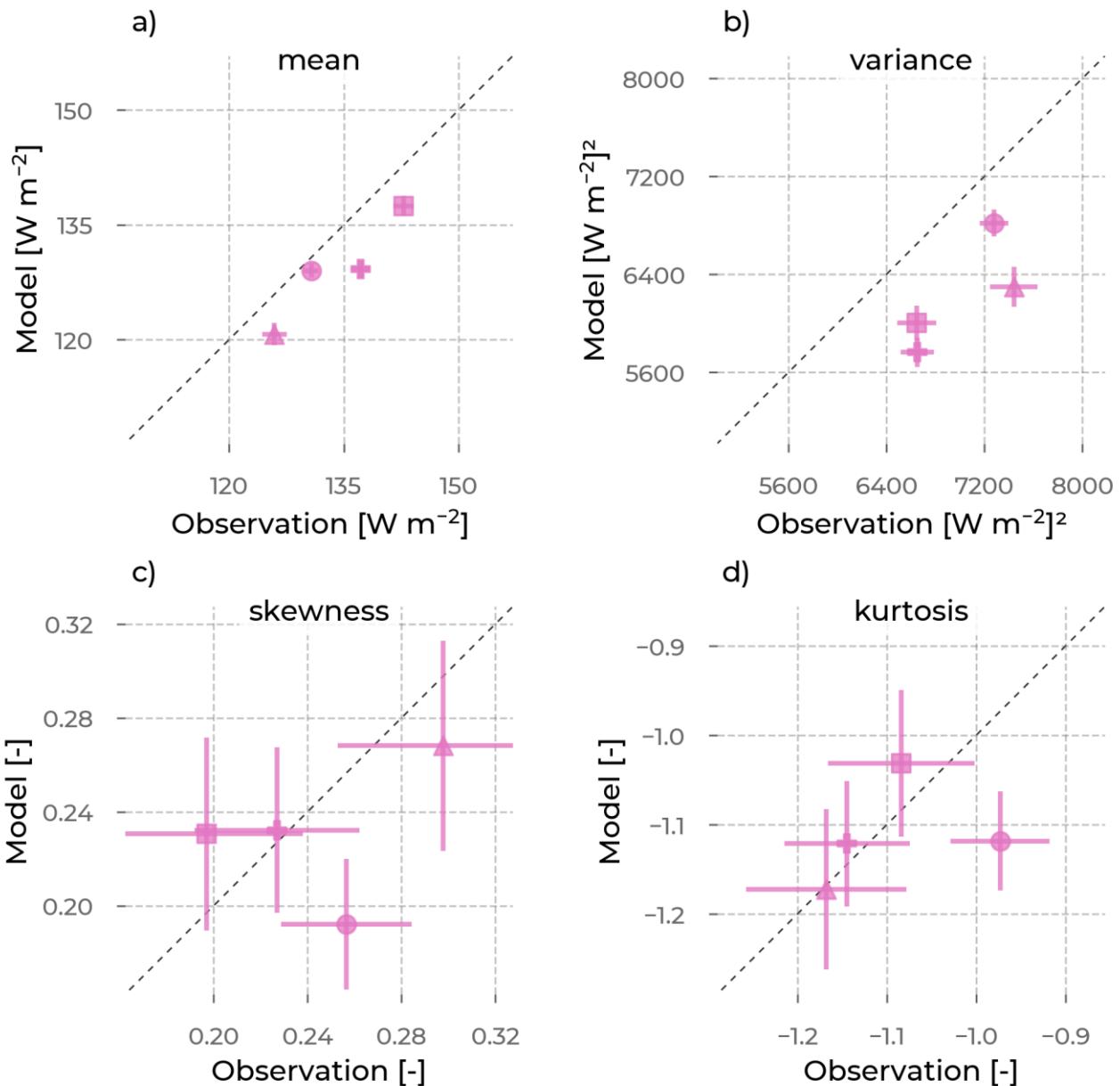
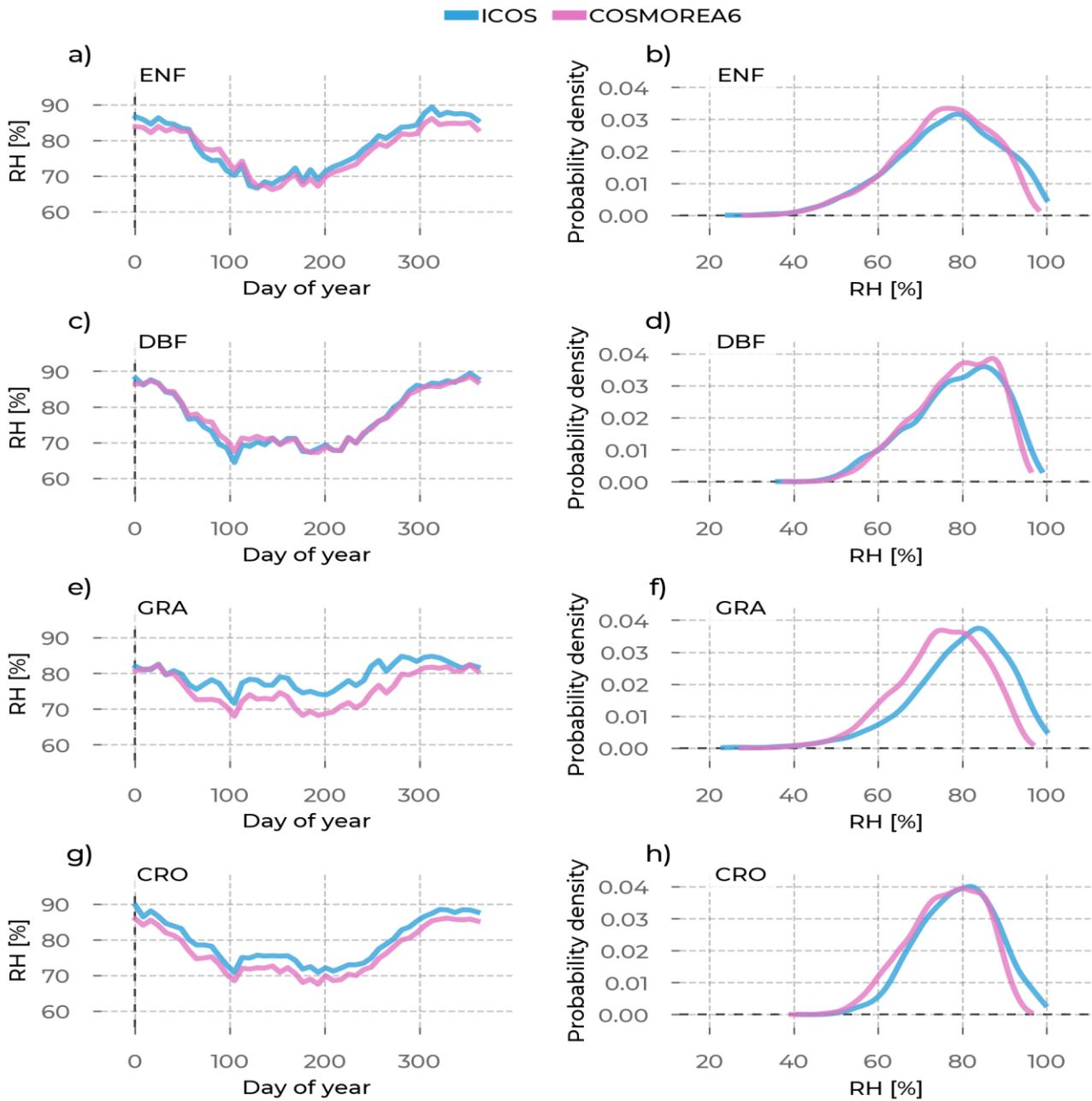


Figure S12: The mean (a), variance (b), skewness (c), and excess kurtosis (d) of the SWdown distributions (visualized in Figure S11) from the models (color, y-axis), as opposed to the corresponding values from observations (x-axis) aggregated for each PFT (marker type): Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous

*Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Grasslands (GRA), Croplands (CRO). The error bars are the standard errors of the respective moment, depending on the sample size.*

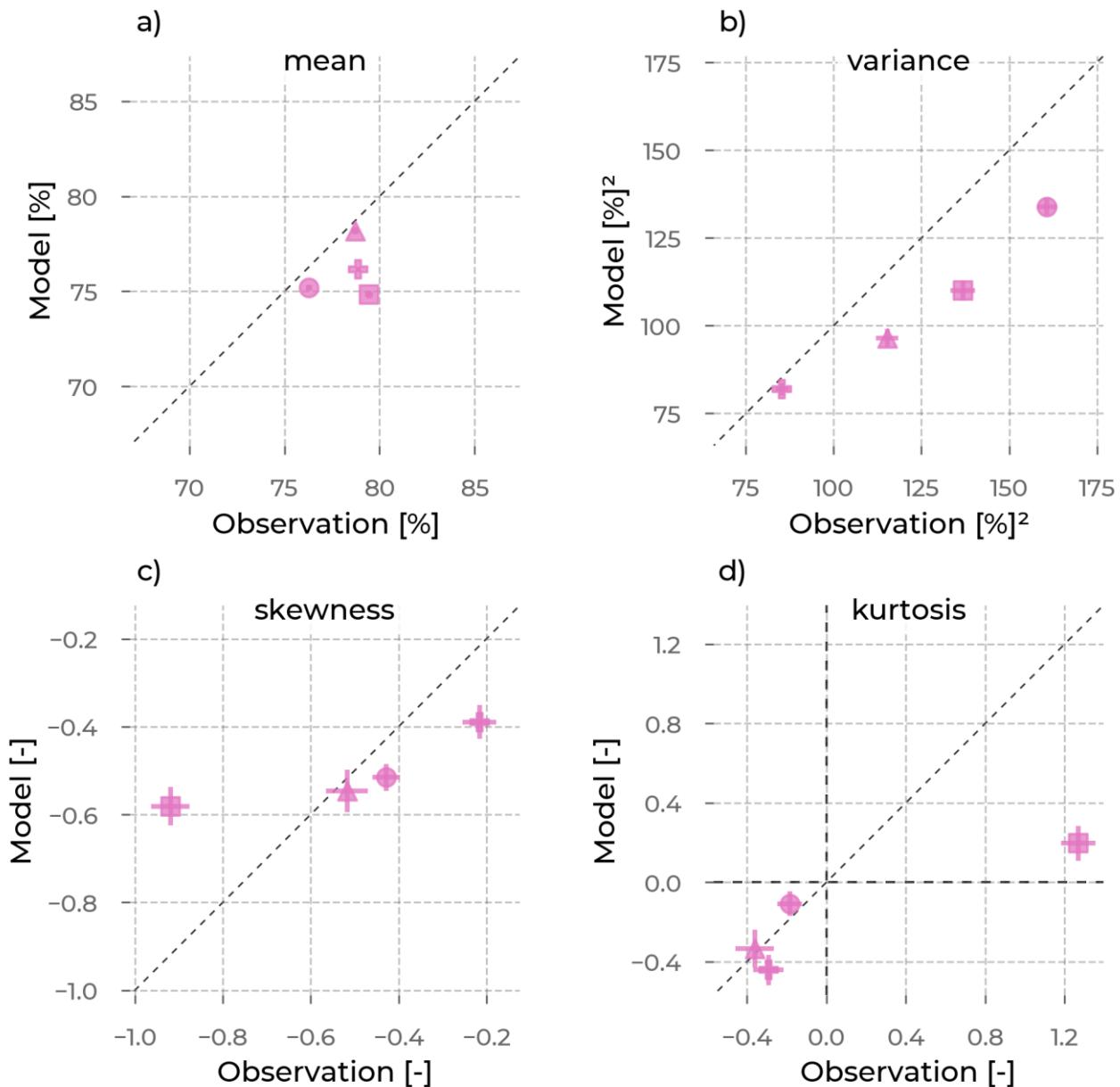


*Figure S13: In the left column are the yearly relative humidity (RH) evolutions averaged across stations belonging to one PFT (rows). We differentiate the data source by color (ICOS observations: blue, CLM5<sub>grid</sub>: red, CLM5<sub>PFT</sub>: yellow, GLASS: green, ERA5L: brown, GLEAM: purple). The probability density curves for all RH values from*

*stations belonging to the selected PFT are in the right column. Each row shows these plots for one PFT: Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Grasslands (GRA), and Croplands (CRO).*

○ ENF △ DBF □ GRA + CRO

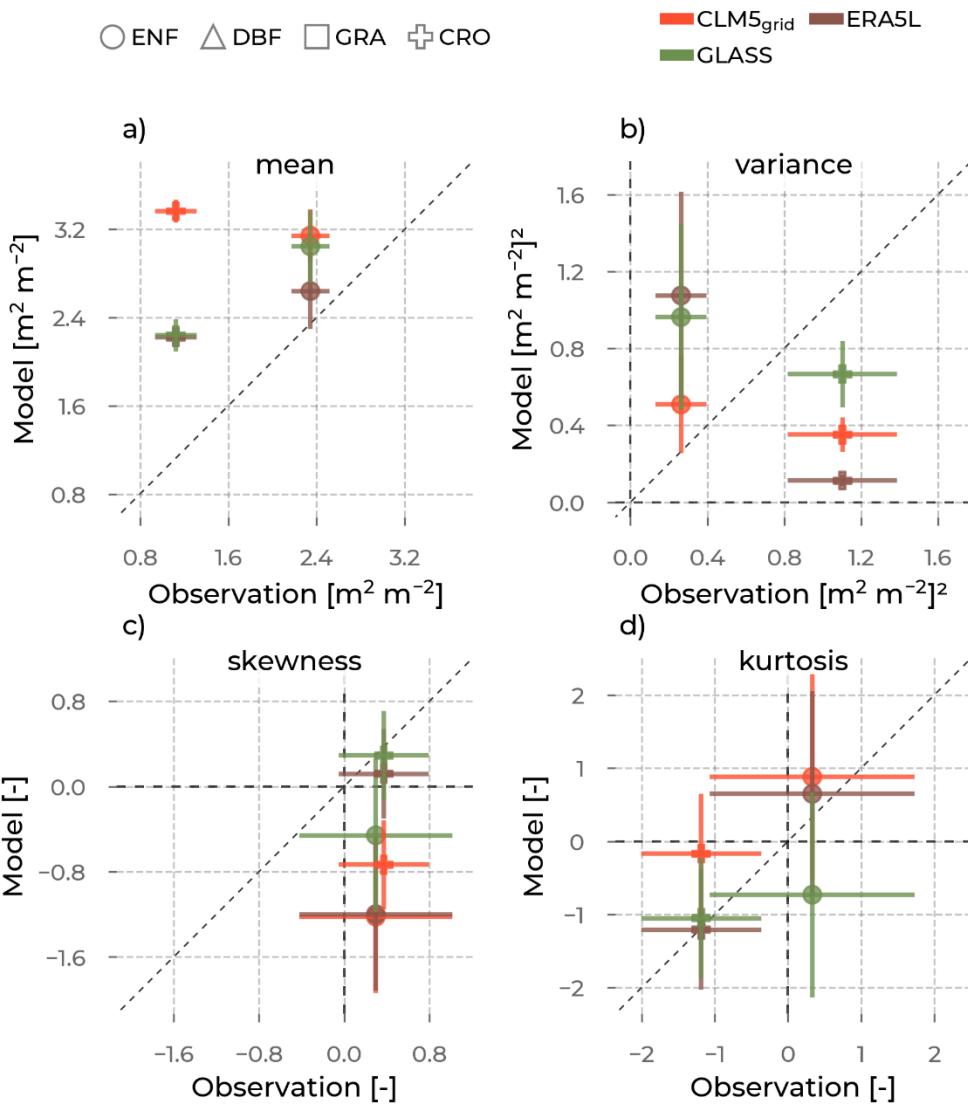
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Figure S14: The mean (a), variance (b), skewness (c), and excess kurtosis (d) of the RH distributions (visualized in Figure S13) from the models (color, y-axis), as opposed to the corresponding values from observations (x-axis) aggregated for each PFT (marker type): Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF),

*Grasslands (GRA), Croplands (CRO). The error bars are the standard errors of the respective moment, depending on the sample size.*



*Figure S15: The mean (a), variance (b), skewness (c), and excess kurtosis (d) of the leaf area index (LAI) distributions from the models (color, y-axis), as opposed to the corresponding values from observations (x-axis) aggregated for each plant functional type (marker type): Evergreen Needleleaf Forest (ENF), Deciduous Broadleaf Forest (DBF), Grasslands (GRA), Croplands (CRO). The error bars are the standard errors of the respective moment, depending on the sample size.*