

# Supporting Information for ”Urban water storage capacity inferred from observed evapotranspiration recession”

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**Introduction** This supplementary information contains additional figures and one table further visualizing the analyses that we present in the paper. We include the results of the urban water storage capacity estimation approach with a correction for the amount of available solar energy (Figure S1 and S2 and Table S1). We also present the comparison of the site characteristics with the estimated parameters related to the water storage capacity (Figures S3 and S4), and a more detailed comparison of the vegetation fraction with the estimated parameters (Figure S5).

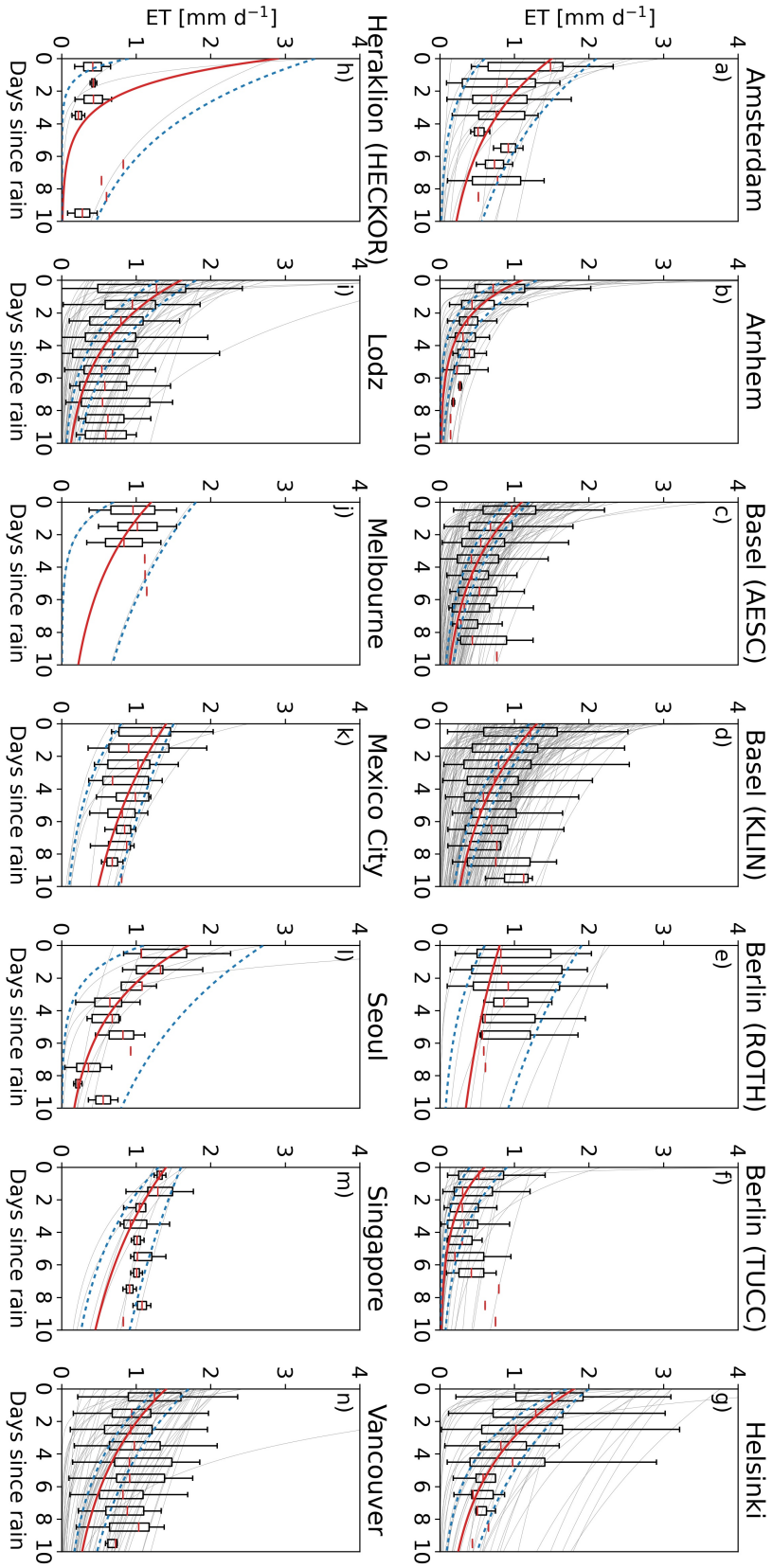
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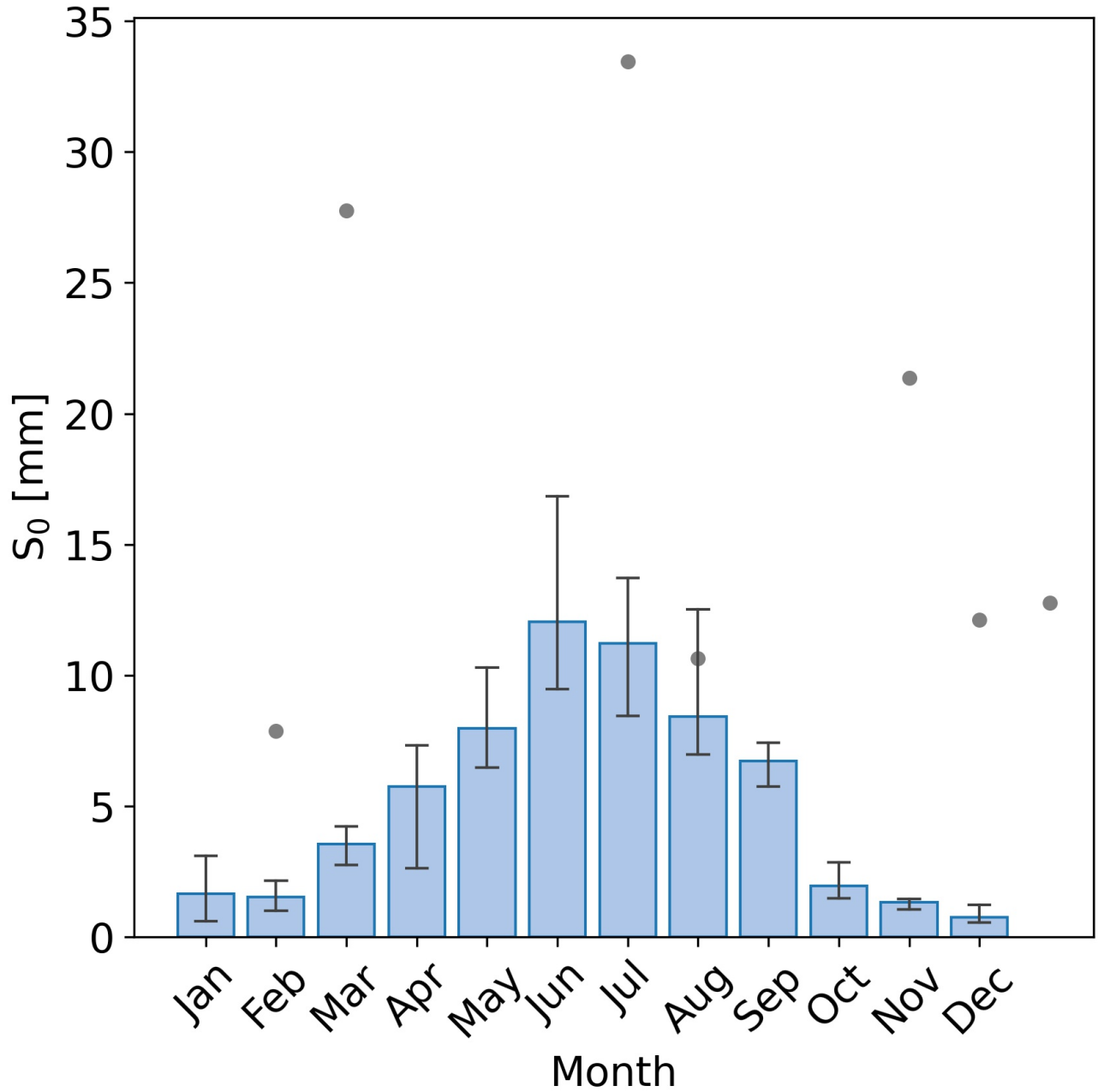
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**Table S1.** Same as last part of Table 1, but with results from the analysis with ET corrected for the amount of available solar energy.

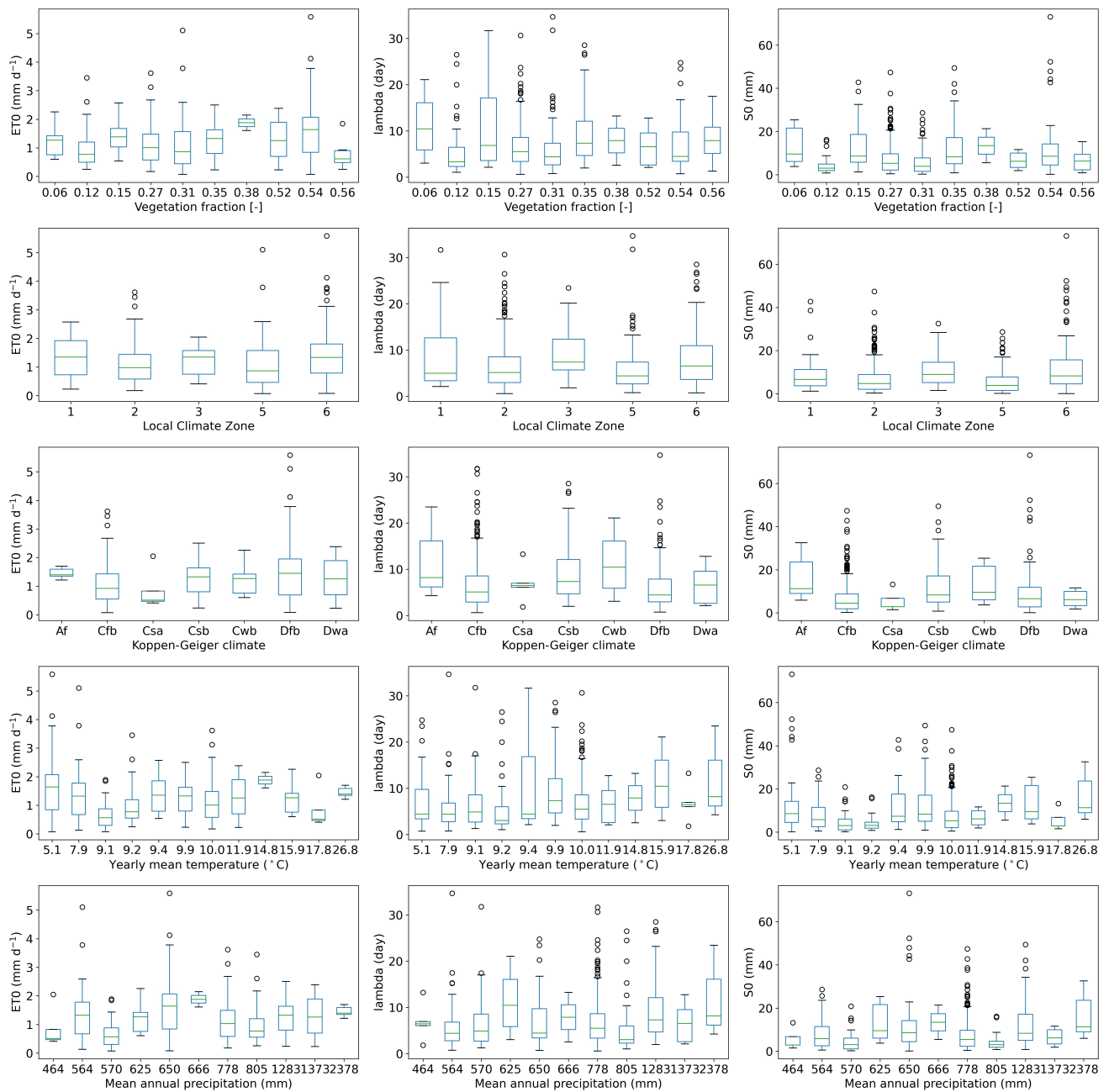
City	Drydowns	Days	ET <sub>0</sub> (mm d <sup>-1</sup> )	$\lambda$ (day)	$t_{\frac{1}{2}}$ (day)	$S_0$ (mm)	$R^2$
Amsterdam	16	61	0.6 – 2.1 (1.5)	2.8 – 7.6 (5.2)	1.9 – 5.2 (3.6)	3.9 – 14.8 (6.6)	0.60
Arnhem	39	148	0.9 – 1.3 (1.1)	1.6 – 2.9 (2.2)	1.1 – 2.0 (1.6)	2.1 – 3.2 (2.6)	0.80
Basel (AESC)	109	445	0.9 – 1.2 (1.1)	4.1 – 5.2 (4.7)	2.8 – 3.6 (3.3)	3.9 – 5.4 (4.7)	0.75
Basel (KLIN)	150	623	1.2 – 1.4 (1.3)	5.5 – 7.2 (6.3)	3.8 – 5.0 (4.4)	6.4 – 9.3 (7.4)	0.66
Berlin (ROTH)	9	36	0.6 – 1.9 (0.8)	4.8 – 13.7 (11.9)	3.3 – 9.5 (8.2)	4.2 – 22.1 (11.5)	0.79
Berlin (TUCC)	30	122	0.4 – 0.9 (0.6)	2.4 – 4.0 (2.8)	1.7 – 2.8 (2.0)	1.2 – 3.1 (1.8)	0.68
Helsinki	41	177	1.7 – 2.0 (1.8)	3.4 – 7.8 (5.0)	2.4 – 5.0 (3.5)	6.6 – 11.9 (8.6)	0.80
Heraklion (HECKOR)	3	13	0.9 – 3.4 (2.9)	0.8 – 5.0 (1.7)	0.6 – 3.5 (1.2)	1.5 – 14.3 (2.9)	0.86
Lodz	55	249	1.3 – 1.8 (1.6)	3.2 – 4.8 (3.9)	2.2 – 3.3 (2.7)	4.2 – 7.6 (5.5)	0.70
Melbourne	2	9	0.7 – 1.8 (1.2)	1.6 – 10.2 (5.9)	1.1 – 7.1 (4.1)	1.1 – 17.9 (9.5)	0.65
Mexico City	9	52	0.8 – 1.5 (1.4)	4.8 – 14.6 (9.5)	3.3 – 10.1 (6.6)	5.6 – 19.1 (11.4)	0.60
Seoul	7	39	1.1 – 2.7 (1.7)	1.7 – 8.2 (4.3)	1.2 – 5.7 (3.0)	5.5 – 9.7 (8.9)	0.53
Singapore	8	43	1.3 – 1.6 (1.4)	6.2 – 17.7 (8.8)	4.3 – 12.3 (6.1)	9.3 – 24.6 (12.5)	0.76
Vancouver	61	282	1.3 – 1.7 (1.4)	4.9 – 7.8 (6.1)	3.4 – 5.4 (4.2)	6.7 – 10.0 (7.7)	0.60



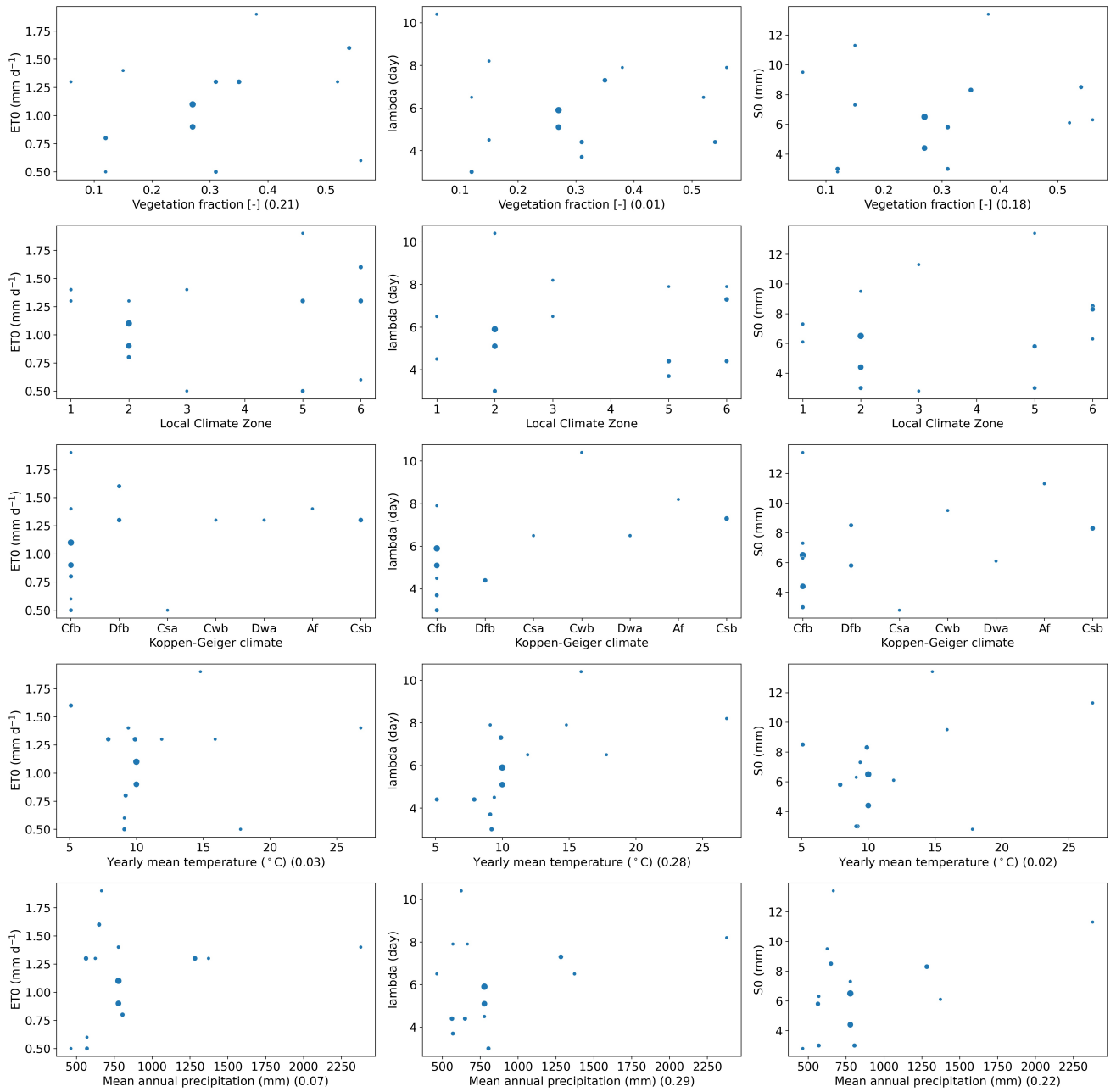
**Figure S1.** Same as Figure 2, but with results from the analysis with ET corrected for the amount of available solar energy. This correction is performed by multiplying the evaporative fraction by the average available energy over the drydown.



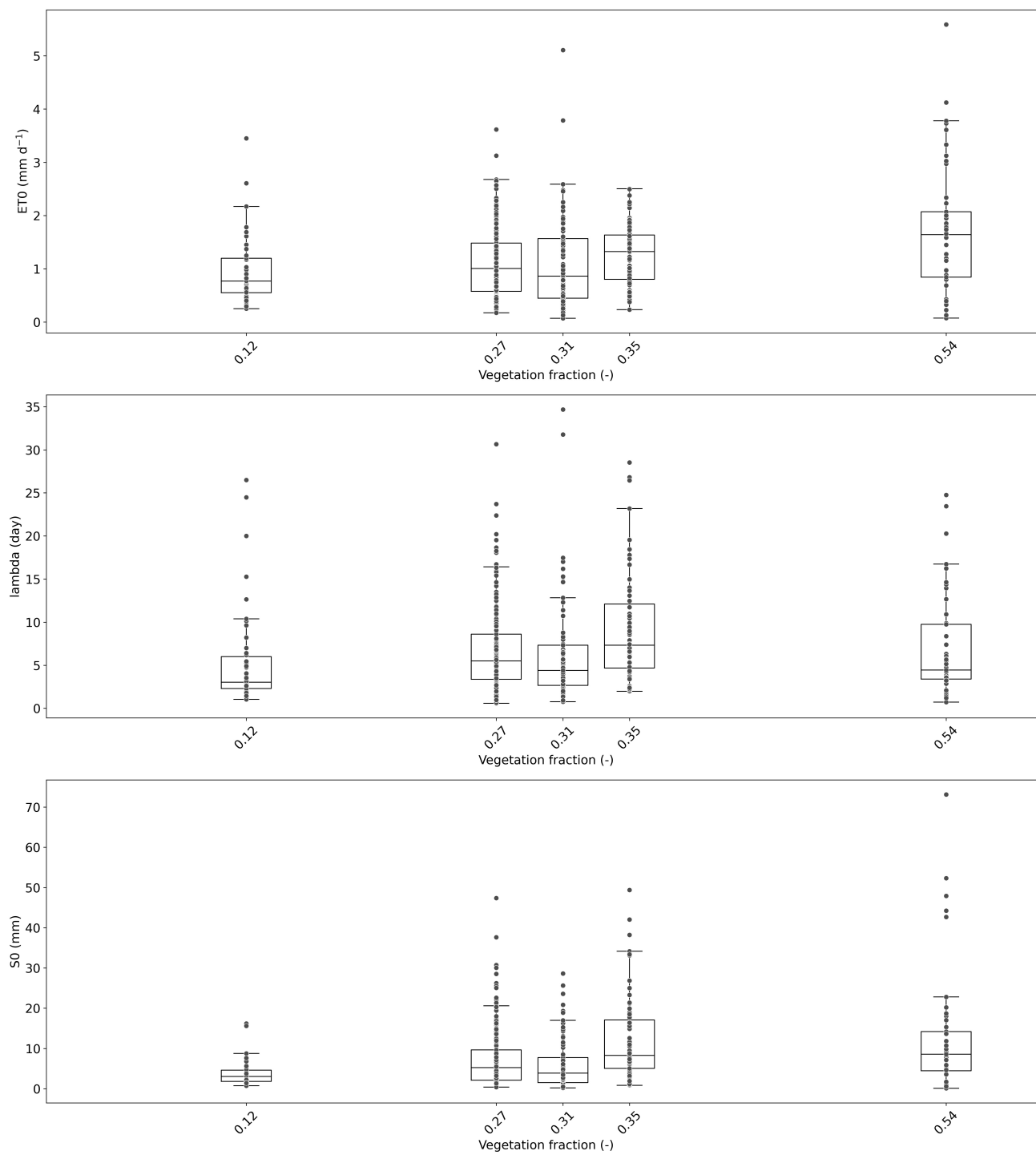
**Figure S2.** Same as Figure 3, but with results from the analysis with ET corrected for the amount of available solar energy. This correction is performed by multiplying the evaporative fraction by the average available energy over the drydown.



**Figure S3.** Estimated model parameters as function of climatological and urban form site characteristics.



**Figure S4.** Estimated model parameters as function of climatological and urban form site characteristics. The size of the dots indicates the number of drydowns. Between brackets the correlation coefficient is displayed based on a weighted linear regression (based on the number of drydowns per city) for the quantitative site characteristics.



**Figure S5.** Boxplots of estimated model parameters as function of vegetation fraction. Only locations with at least 20 drydowns are taken into account.