**Interactive comment on** “Exploring the “overflow tap” theory: linking forest soil CO$_2$ fluxes and individual mycorrhizosphere components to photosynthesis” by A. Heinemeyer et al.

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The manuscript is very well documented with several useful tables and graphs. These are generally well formatted, but I found some figures too crowded and difficult to decipher. Particularly Fig.2 and Fig.5 have too many symbols on them and understanding them is difficult, especially on printed paper. I suggest reducing the classes of symbols plotted and enlarging their size (ie, by avoiding insets and double panels.)