**Supplementary Information**

**Generalizing Microbial Parameters in Soil Biogeochemical Models: Insights from a Multi-Site Incubation Experiment**

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Supplementary Table 1. The dynamics of each soil carbon pool in MEND model.

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| Carbon pool variation | Equation |  |
| Particulate organic carbon (POC) pool 1 (P1) |  | (S1) |
| POC pool 2 (P2) |  | (S2) |
| Mineral-associated organic carbon (MOC,M) |  | (S3) |
| Adsorbed DOC (QOC,Q) |  | (S4) |
| Dissolved organic carbon (DOC,D) |  | (S5) |
| MBA |  | (S6) |
| MBD |  | (S7) |
| Enzymes for P1 (EP1) |  | (S8) |
| Enzymes for P2 (EP2) |  | (S9) |
| Enzymes for M (EM) |  | (S10) |
| Respiration (CO2) |  | (S11) |
| Carbon balance |  | (S12) |

Supplementary Table 2. Component fluxes in the MEND model

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| Flux description | Equation |  |
| Particulate organic carbon (POC) pool 1 (*P*1) decomposition (*F*1) |  | (S13) |
| POC pool 2 (*P*2) decomposition |  | (S14) |
| Mineral-associated organic carbon (MOC, *M*) decomposition |  | (S15) |
| Adsorption (*F*4) and desorption (*F*5) between dissolved organic carbon (DOC, *D*) and adsorbed DOC (QOC, *Q*) |  | (S16)  (S17) |
| DOC (*D*) uptake by microbes |  | (S18) |
| Dormancy (*F*7) and reactivation (*F*8) between active (MBA) and dormant (MBD) microbial biomass (*BA* and *BD*) |  | (S19)  (S20) |
| MBA (*BA*) growth respiration (*F*9) and maintenance respiration (*F*10) |  | (S21)  (S22) |
| MBD (*BD*) maintenance respiration |  | (S23) |
| MBA (*BA*) mortality | *∙BA* | (S24) |
| Synthesis of enzymes for *P*1 (*EP*1, *F*13,EP1), enzymes for *P*2 (*EP*2, *F*13,EP2), and enzymes for *M* (*EM*, , *F*13,EM) |  | (S25) |
| Turnover of enzymes (*EP*1, *EP*2, *EM*) |  | (S26) |

Supplementary Table 3. Default parameter values adopted by the MEND model.

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| ID | Parameter | Description | Prior range | Predetermined value | Unit |
| 1 | *LF0* | Initial fraction of POC1 in POC | (0.1, 1.0) | 0.3 | ― |
| 2 | *r*0 | Initial active fraction of microbes | (0.01, 1) | 0.1 | ― |
| 3 | *VP*1 | Max specific decomposition rate for POC1 | (0.1, 100) | 20 | mg C∙mg-1 C∙h-1 |
| 4 | *VP*2 | Max specific decomposition rate for POC2 | (0.1, 100) | 20 | mg C∙mg-1 C∙h-1 |
| 5 | *VM* | Max specific decomposition rate for MOC | (0.1, 100) | 20 | mg C∙mg-1 C∙h-1 |
| 6 | *KP*1 | Half-saturation constant (*K*) for POC1 decomposition | (40, 100) | 60 | mg C∙g-1 soil |
| 7 | *KP*2 | *K* for POC2 decomposition | (1, 40) | 6 | mg C∙g-1 soil |
| 8 | *KM* | *K* for MOC decomposition | (100, 1000) | 600 | mg C∙g-1 soil |
| 9 | *Q*max | Max sorption capacity | (0.5, 5) | 1.7 | mg C∙g-1 soil |
| 10 | *K*ba | Binding affinity | (1, 16) | 6 | *(*mg C∙g-1 soil)-1 |
| 11 | *k*des | Desorption rate | (0.0001, 0.01) | 0.006 | mg C∙g-1 soil∙h-1 |
| 12 | *rE* | Turnover rate of enzymes | (0.0001, 0.01) | 0.003/calibrated | mg C∙mg-1 C∙h-1 |
| 13 | *pEP* | [*Vm*×*pEP*] is the production rate of *EP* (*EP*1+ *EP*2), *Vm* is the specific maintenance rate for active microbes | (0.0001, 0.05) | 0.1/calibrated | ― |
| 14 | *fpEM* | *fpEM*  = *pEM*/*pEP* , [*Vmt*×*pEM*] is the production rate of *EM* | (0.5, 3.0) | 1/calibrated | ― |
| 15 | *fD* | Fraction of decomposed POC allocated to DOC | (0.05, 1) | 0.5/calibrated | ― |
| 16 | *gD* | Fraction of dead microbes allocated to DOC | (0.01, 1) | 0.38 | ― |
| 17 | *V*g | Max specific growth rate | (0.001, 0.1) | Calibrated | mg C∙mg-1 C∙h-1 |
| 18 | *α* | *= V*mt / (*V*g + *V*mt) | (0.01, 0.5) | Calibrated | ― |
| 19 | *KD* | *K* for microbial uptake | (0.01, 0.5) | Calibrated | mg C∙g-1 soil |
| 20 | *Y*g | True growth yield at reference temperature (*T*ref) | (0.2, 0.6) | Calibrated | ― |
| 21 | *kYg* | Temperature slope for *Yg* | (0.001,0.016) | 0.01 | (°C)-1 |
| 22 | *γ* | Max microbial mortality rate = *Vm*× *γ* | (0.1, 20) | 1 | ― |
| 23 | *β* | Ratio of dormant maintenance rate to *Vm* | (0.0005,0.05) | 0.001 | ― |
| 24 | *ψ*A2D | Soil water potential (SWP) threshold for microbial dormancy | (−0.6, −0.2) | −0.4 | MPa |
| 25 | *τ* | *ψ*D2A = *ψ*A2D × *τ*, *ψD2A* is the SWP threshold for microbial resuscitation | (0.1, 0.95) | 0.25 | ― |
| 26 | *ω* | Exponential in SWP function for microbial dormancy or resuscitation | (1, 6) | 4 | ― |