



INFLUENCE OF METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS ON A YOUNG BEECH FOREST GROSS PRIMARY PRODUCTIVITY: INSIGHTS FROM 24 YEAR-LONG MEASUREMENTS USING A NOVEL WAVELET-BASED APPROACH

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OBJECTIVES AND CONTEXT

Influence of meteorological conditions on a young beech forest gross primary productivity: Insights from 24 year-long measurements using a novel wavelet-based approach

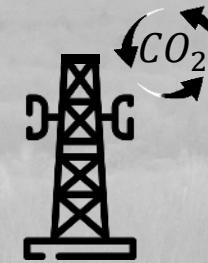


Study site

- 1** 90% Beech (*Fagus Sylvatica L.*)
- 2** 50 years-old in 2014
- 3** Sparse understorey vegetation
- 4** 24 years of continuous 30 min data (1997–2020)
- 5** Regular thinning (1999, 2005, 2010, 2016)



Data



Eddy covariance
measurements
CO₂ Fluxes (GPP)



Available variables
Rg, Tair, P, VPD, REW

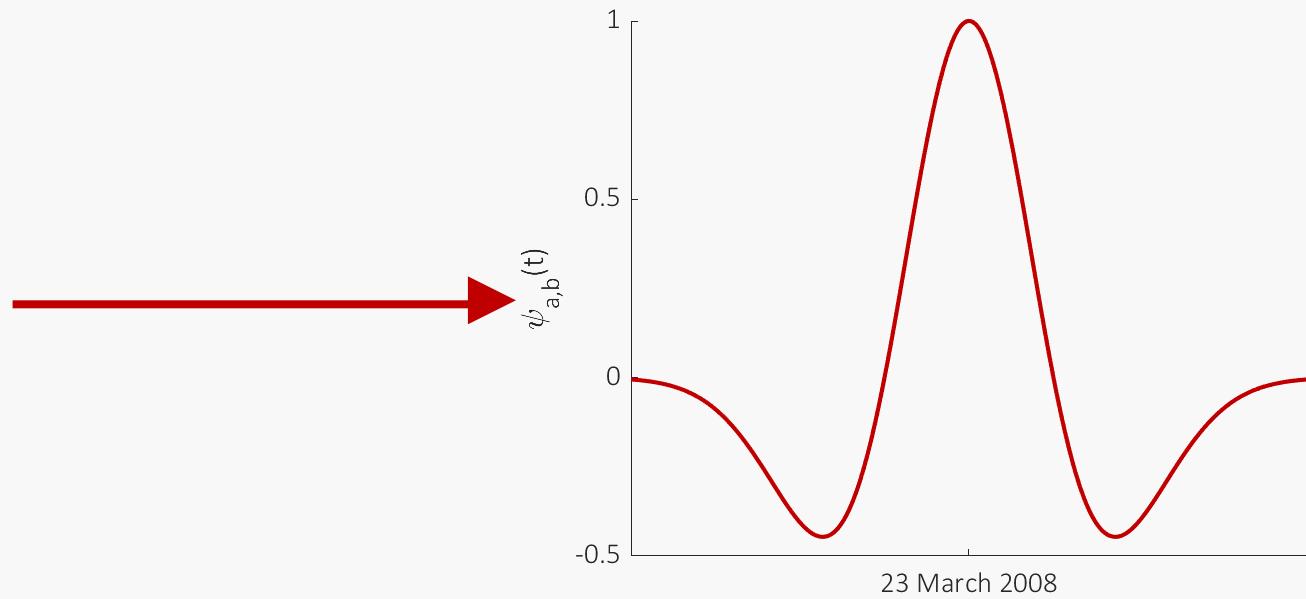
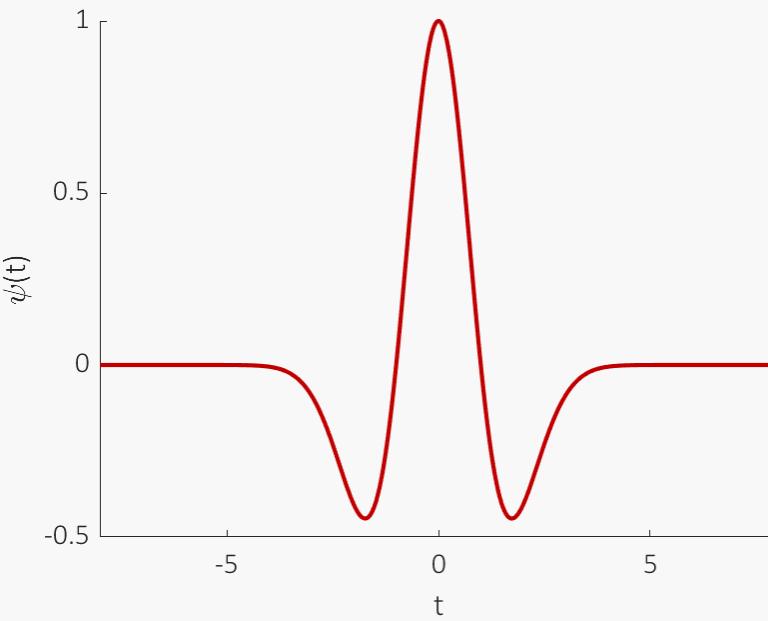


LAI, circumference
measurements (automatic
and manual)

Wavelet Area Interpretation (WAI)

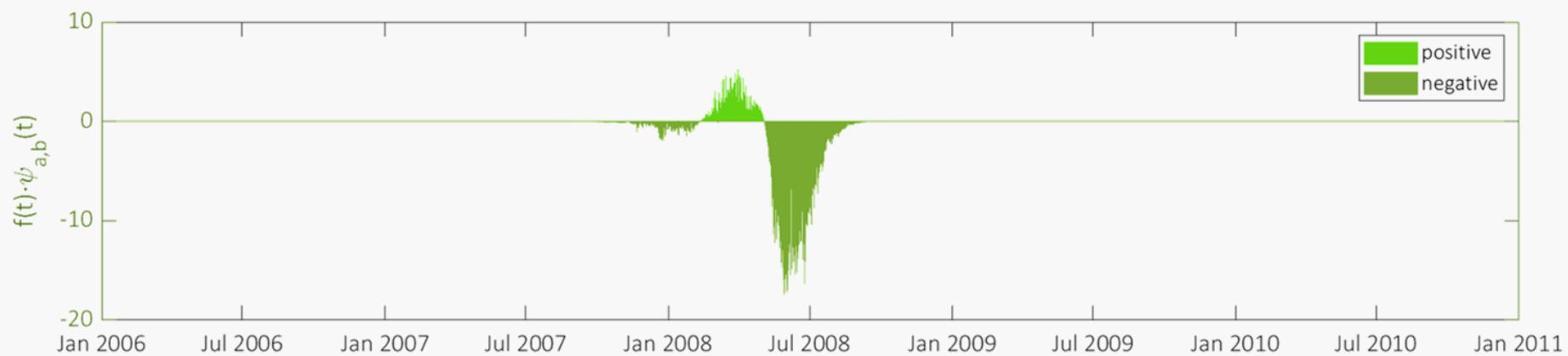
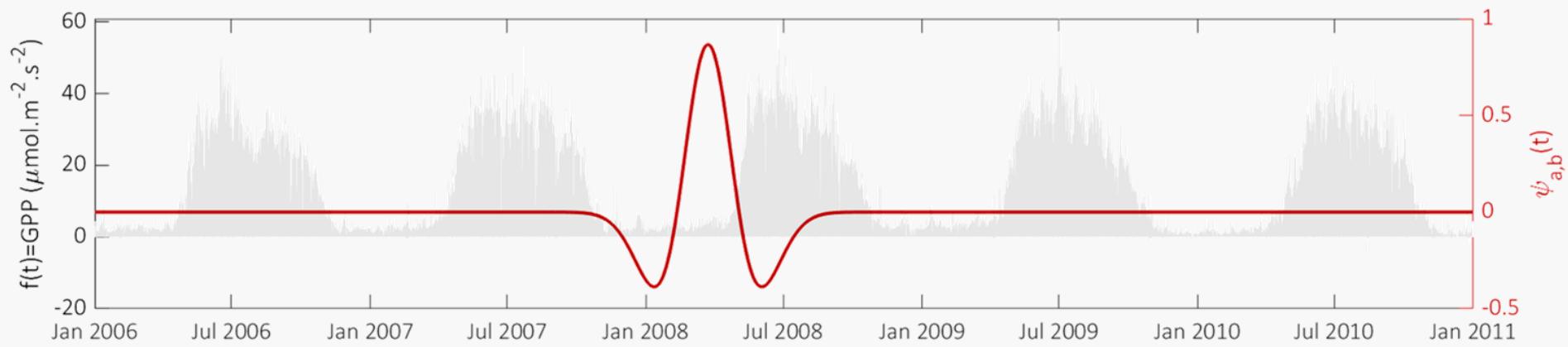
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scale position

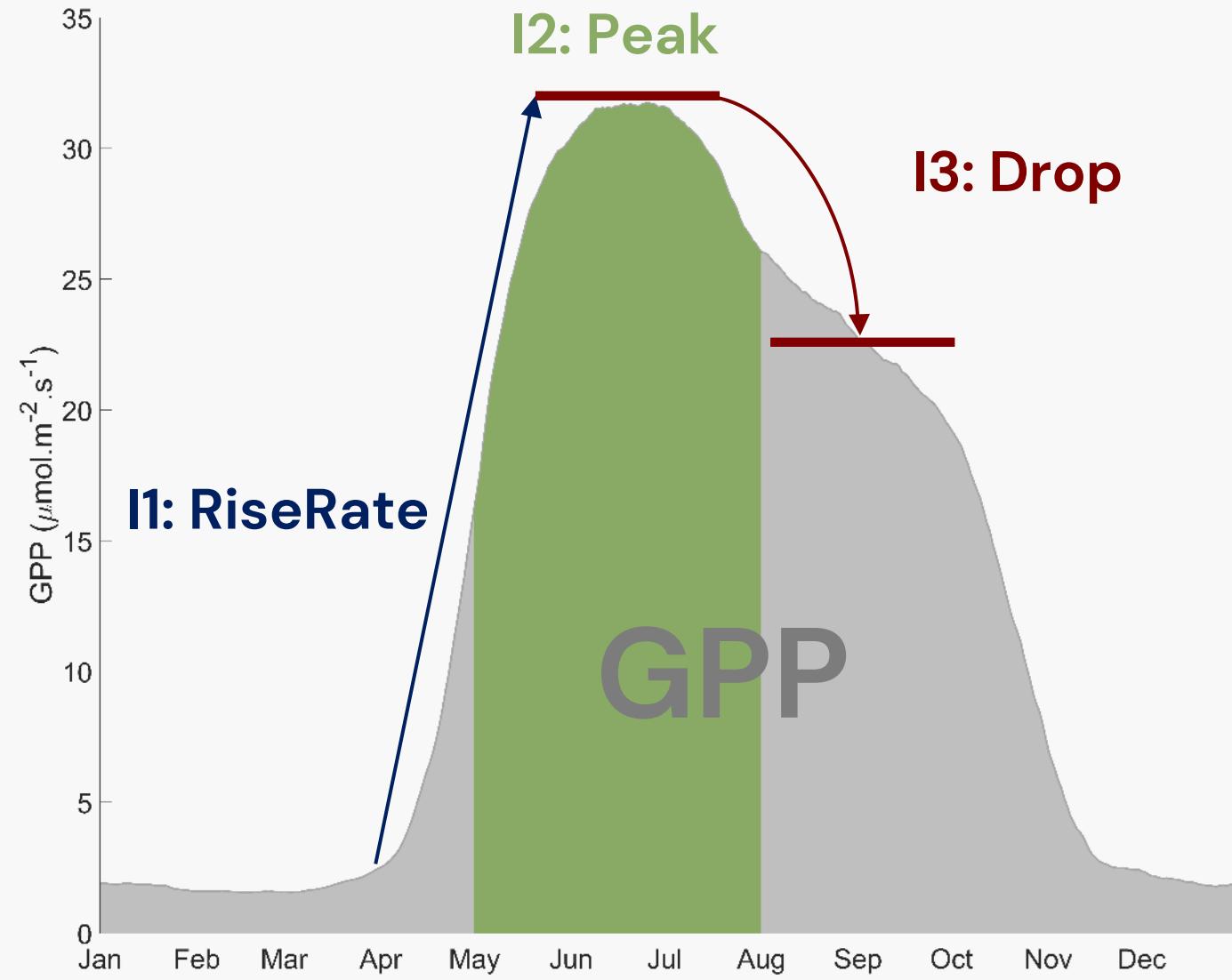
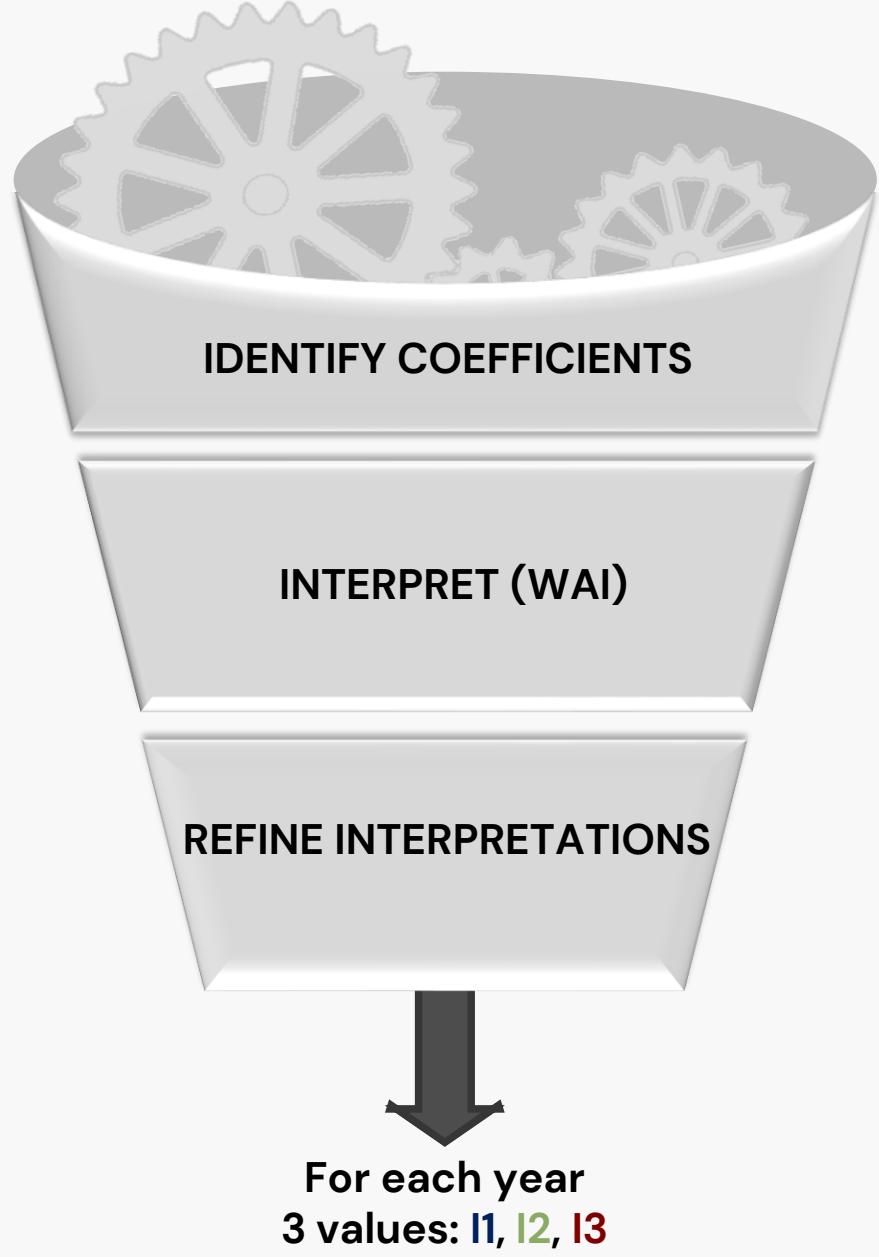


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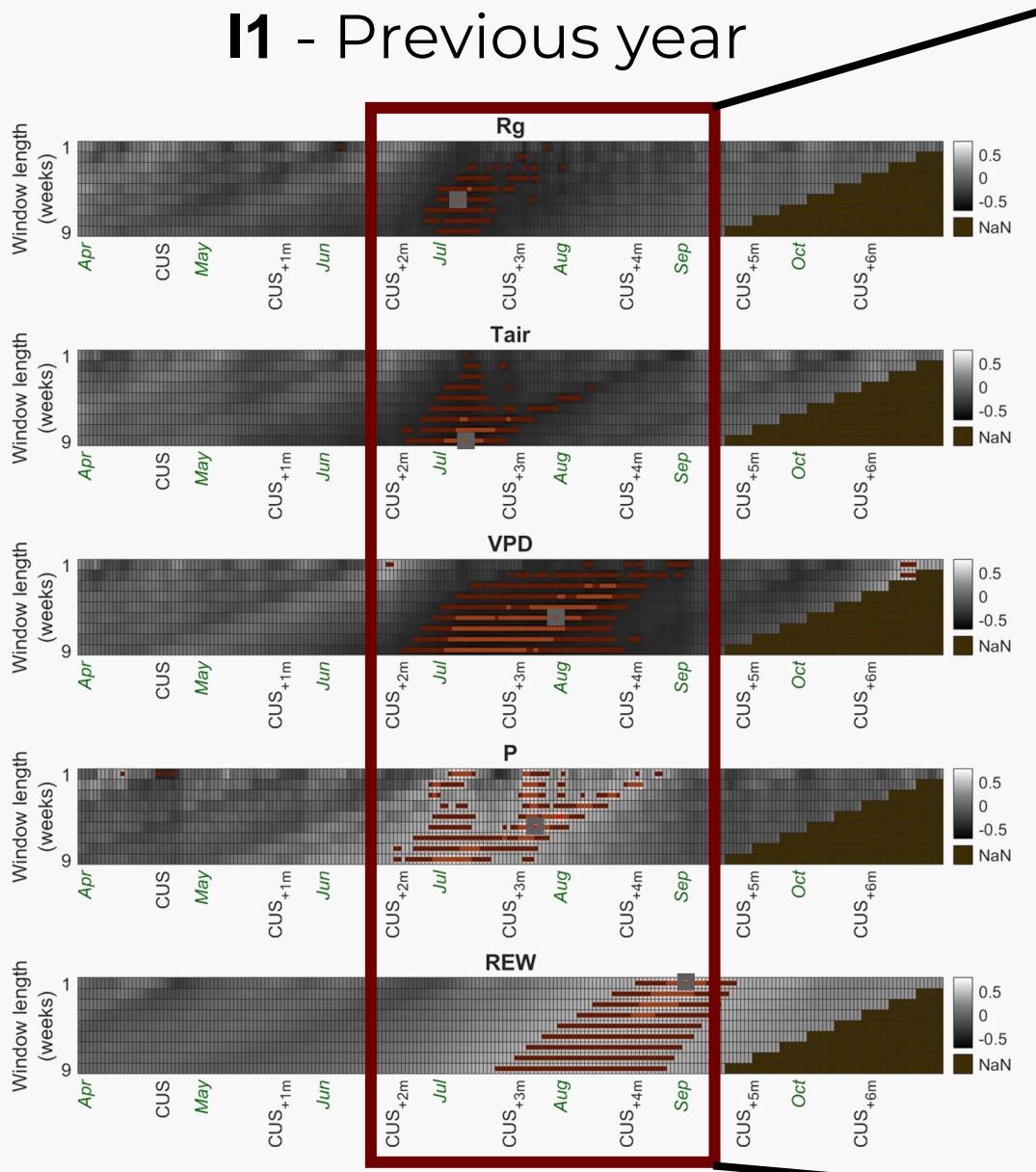
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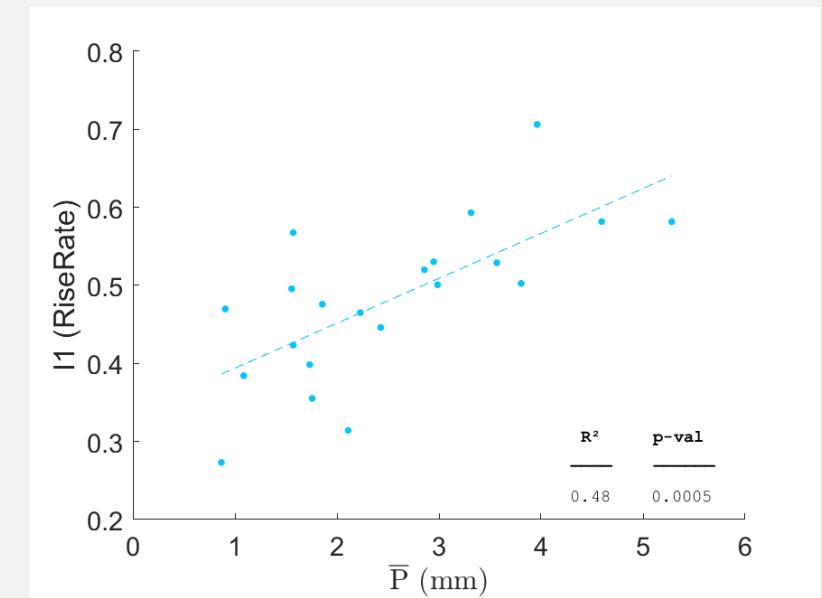
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	Partial correlation Control : P	P-value
VPD	-0.28	0.23
Tair	-0.3	0.21
Rg	-0.27	0.26
REW	0.09	0.71



Results

Precipitation



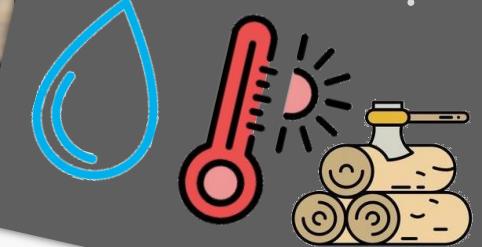
Extremes



Thinning



Studied
events :

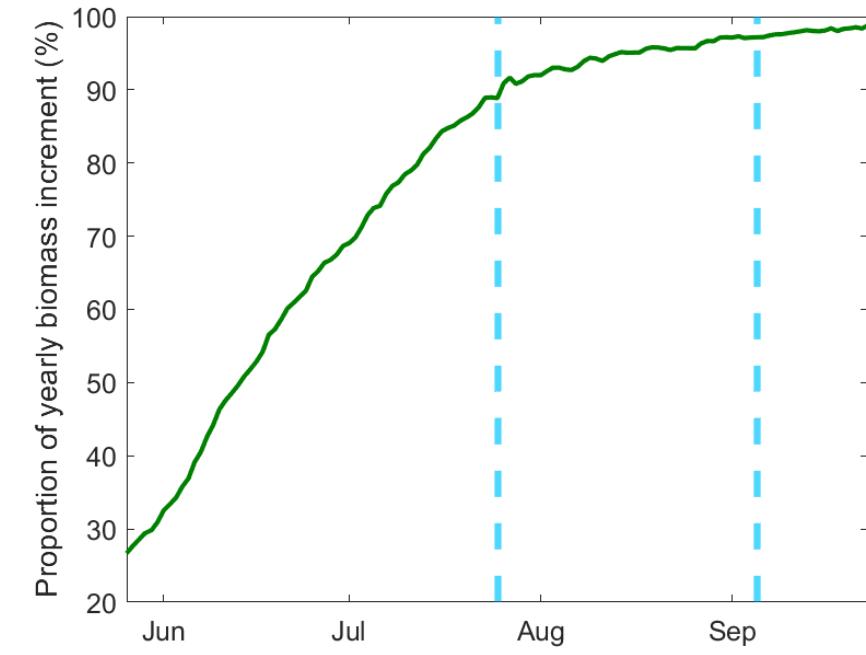
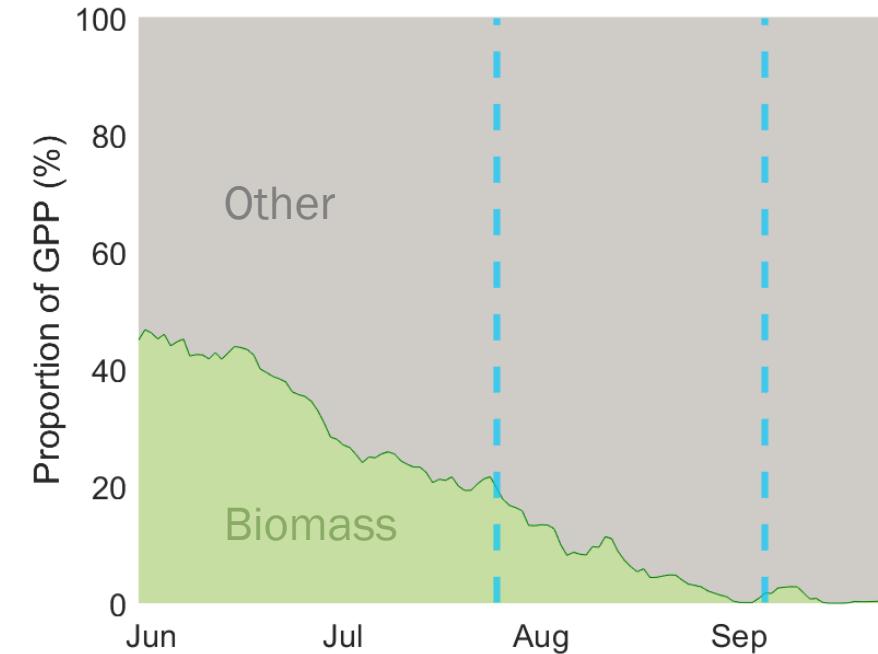
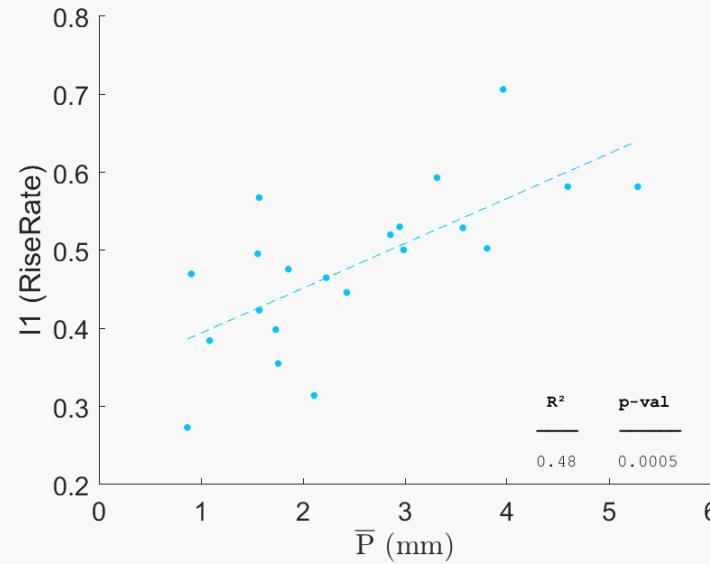


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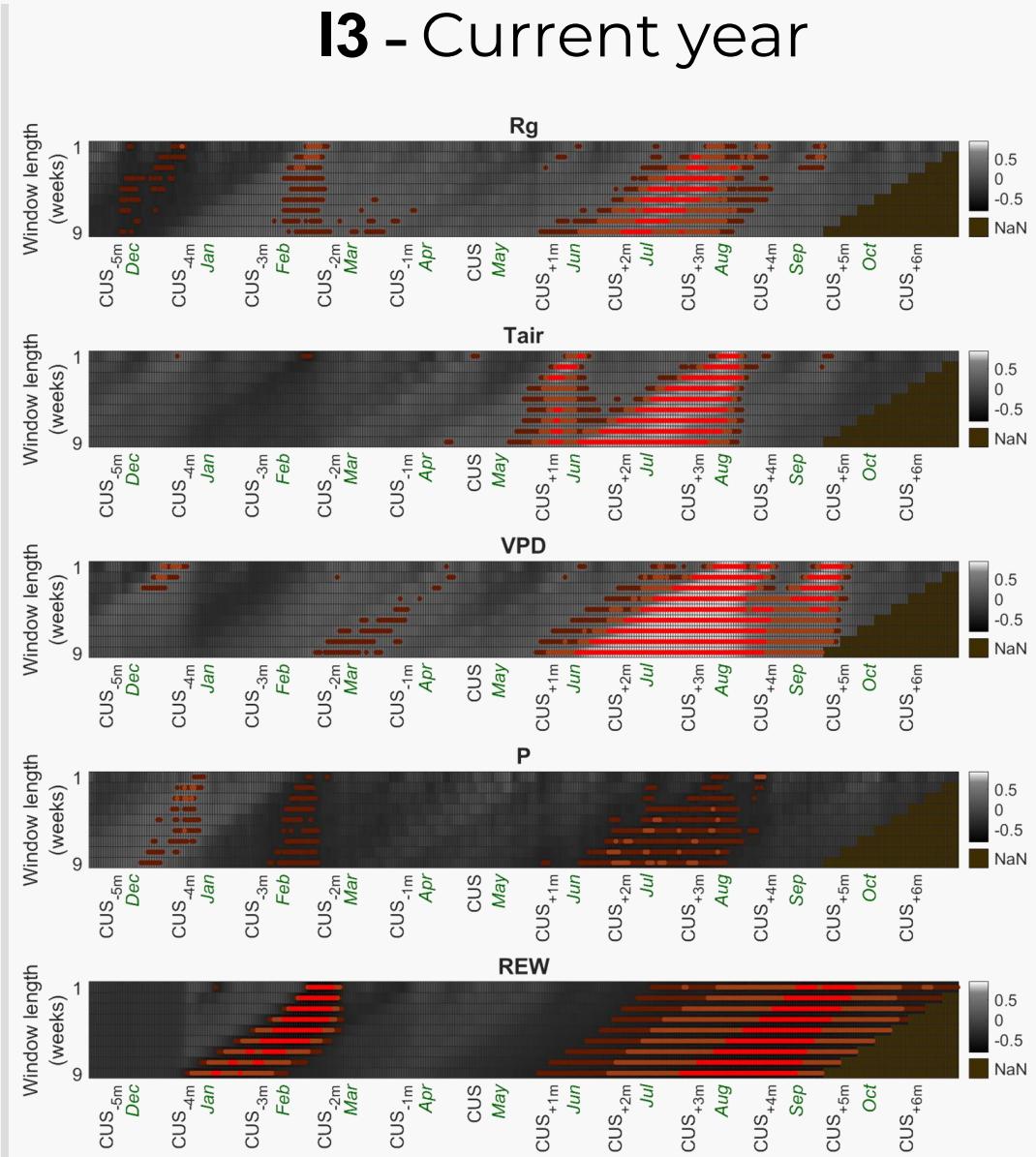
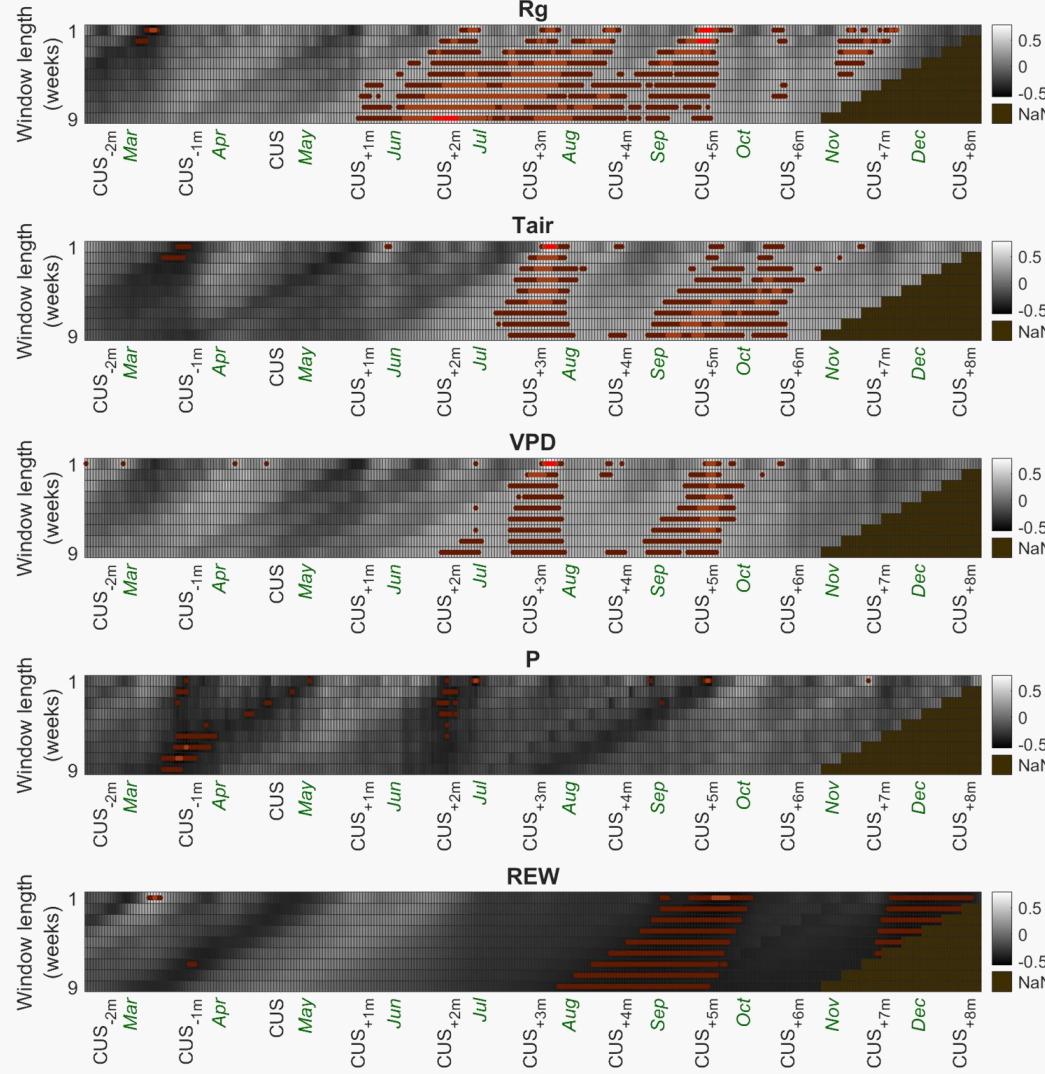


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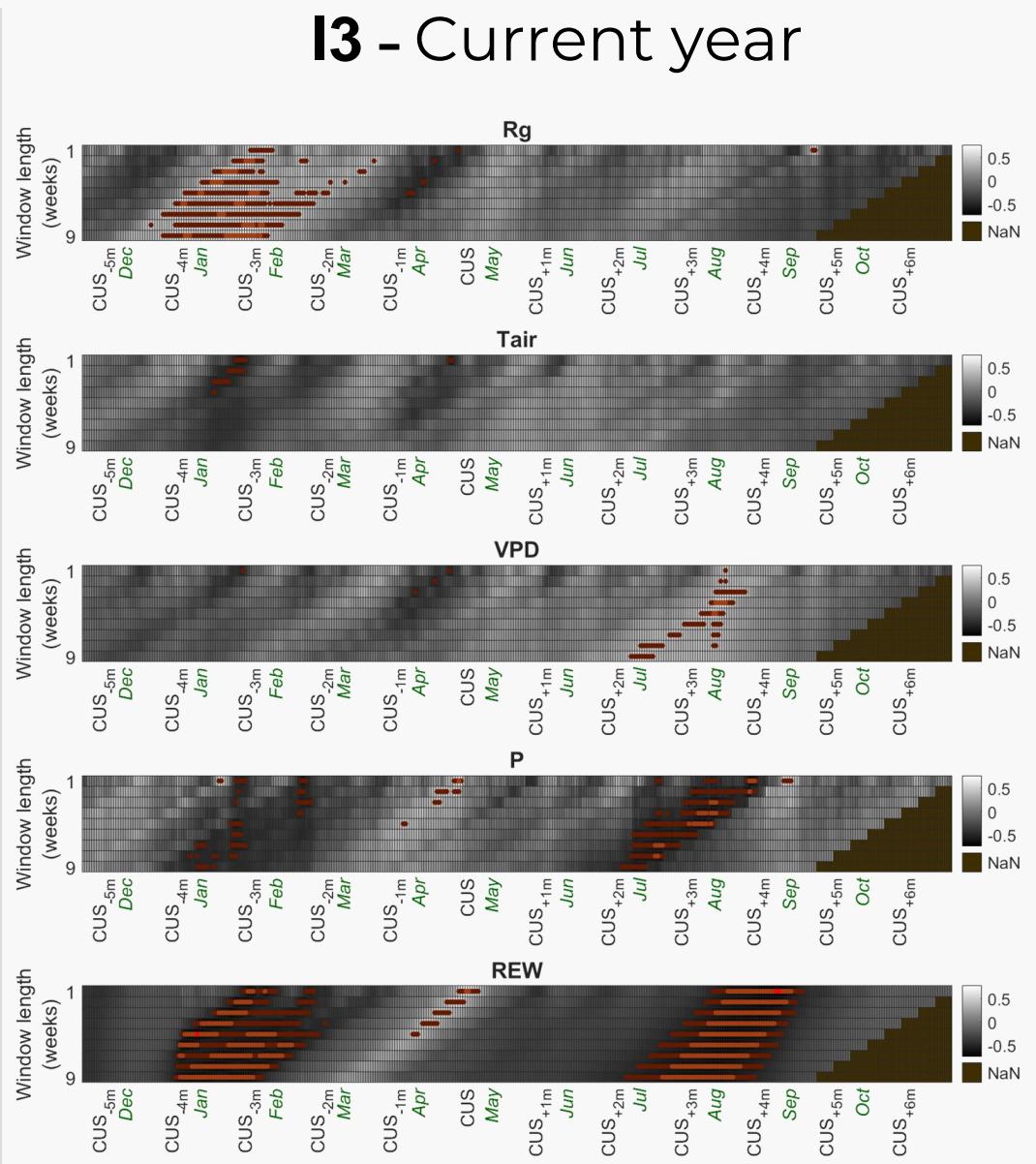
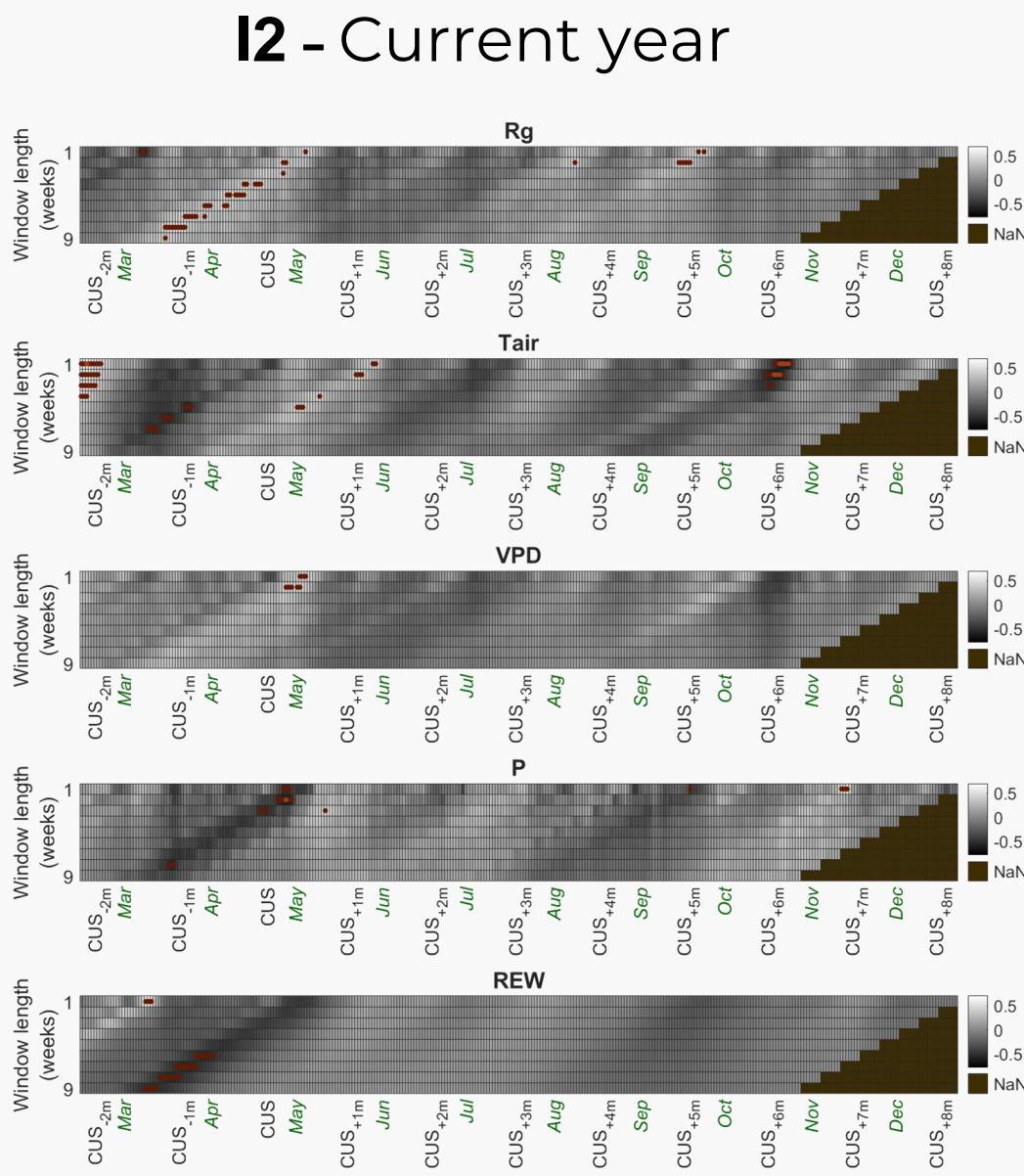
- Less pronounced drop in August
- Increased period of tree growth
- Decreased proportion of GPP allocated to biomass
 - **Reserves**
 - **Bud formation (Leaf primordia)**



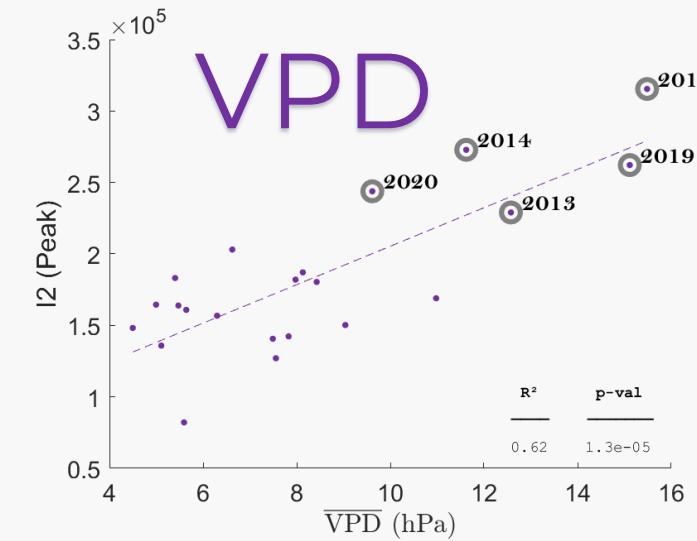
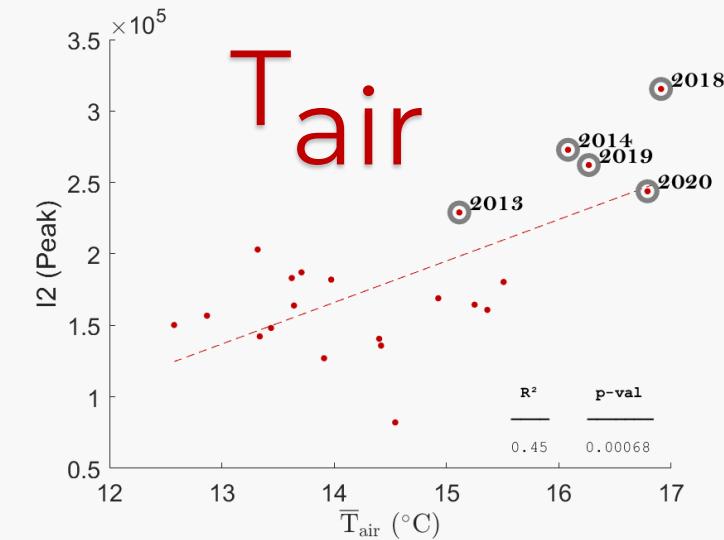
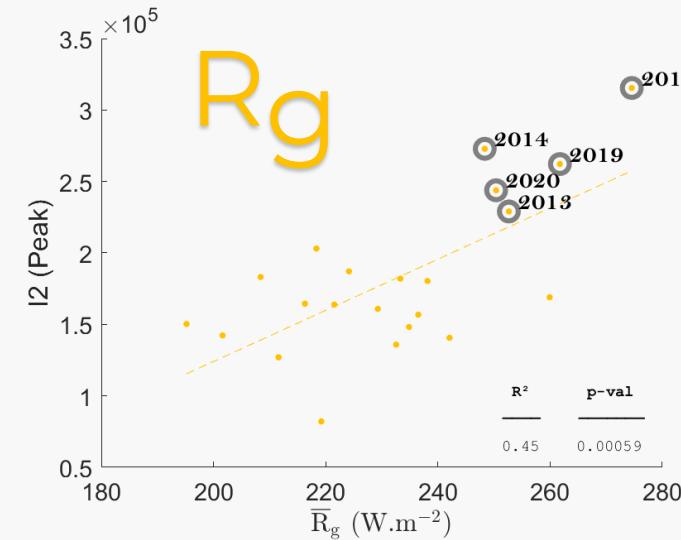
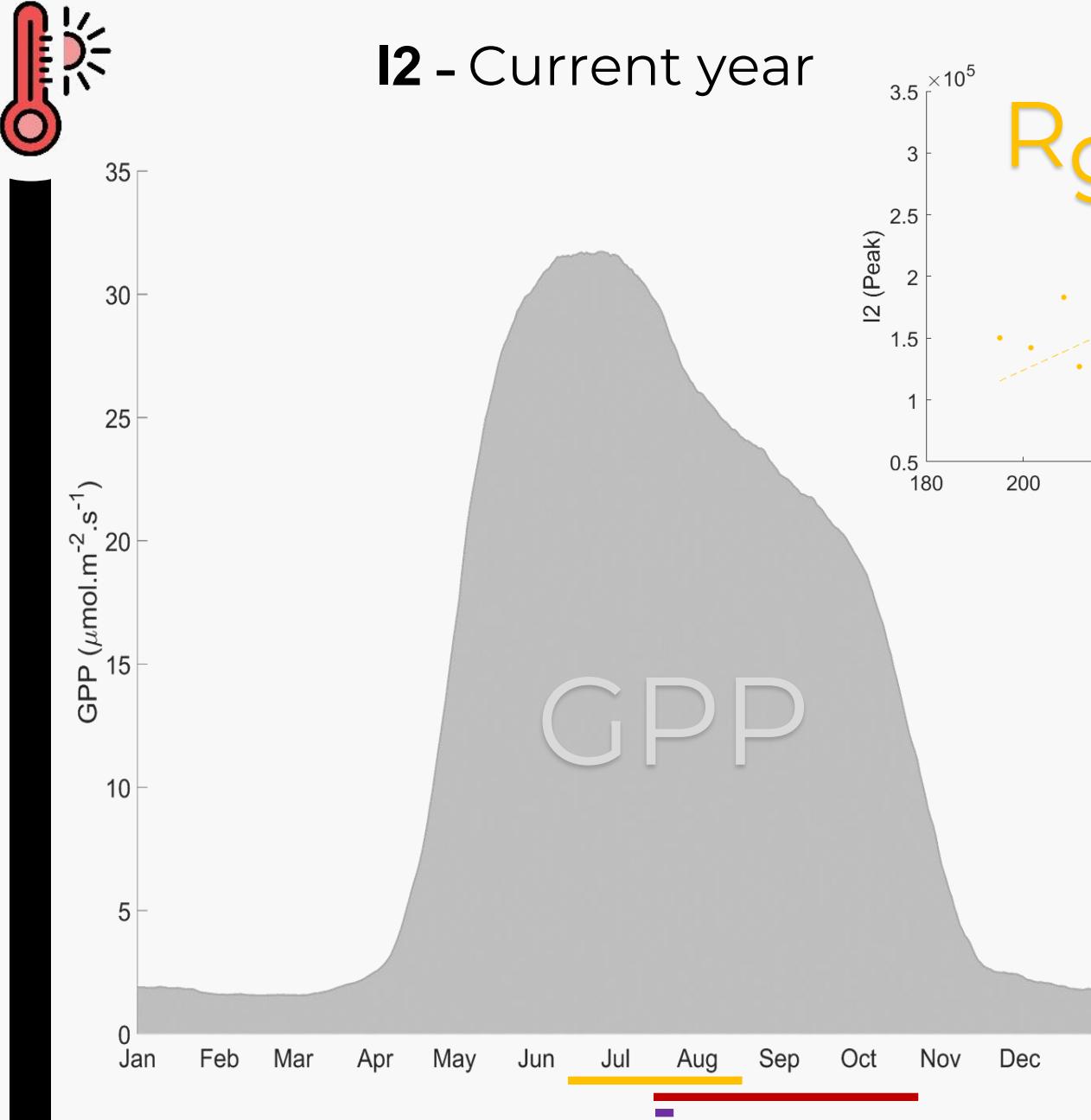
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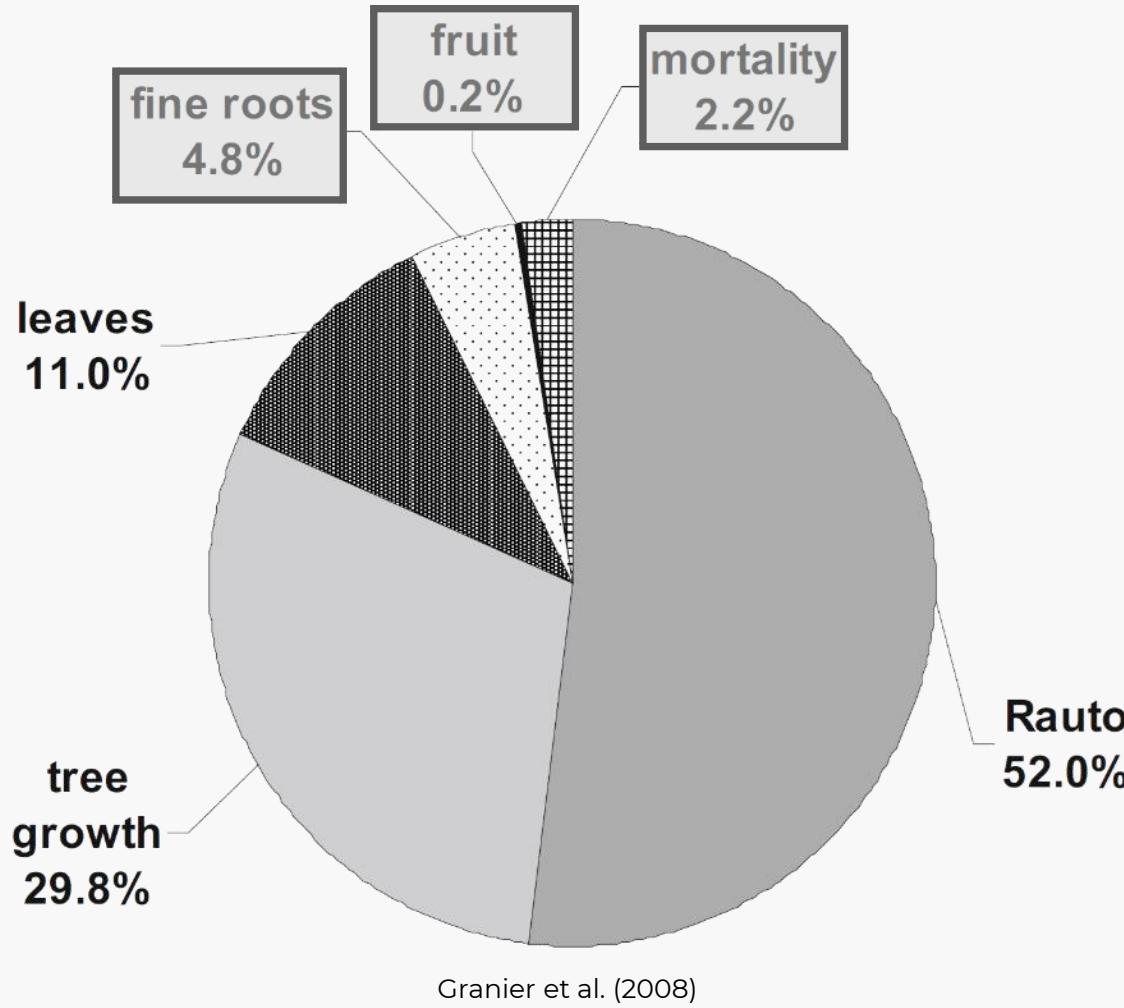


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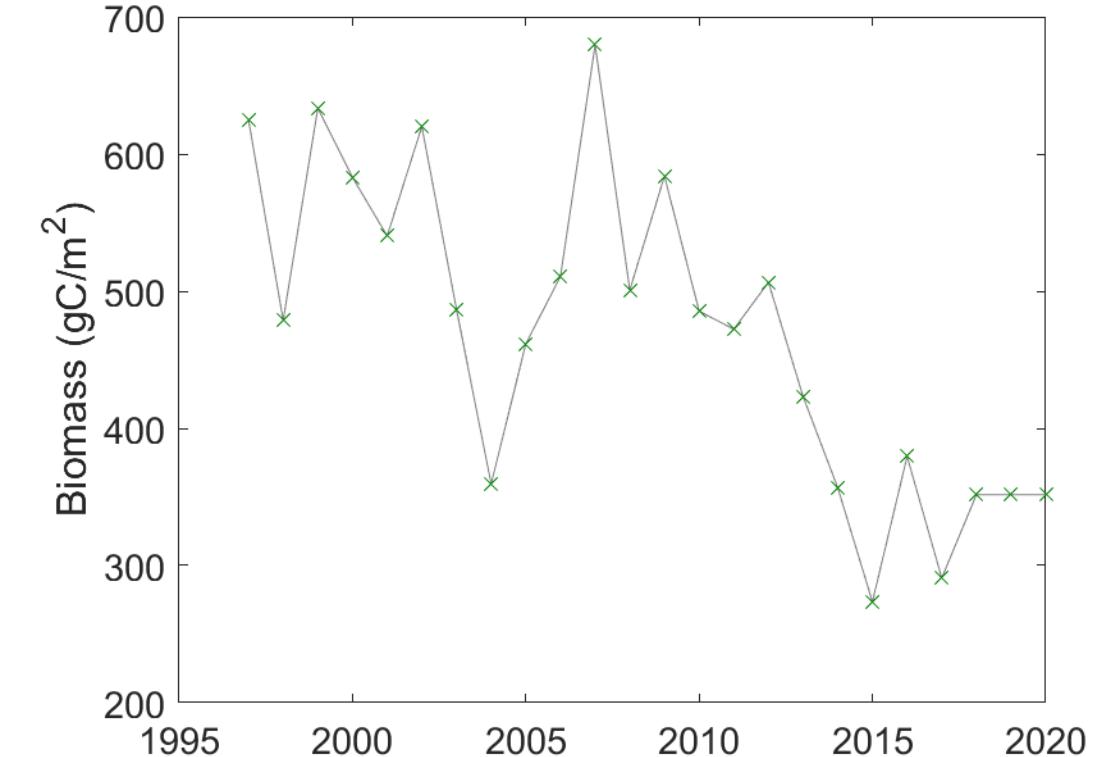
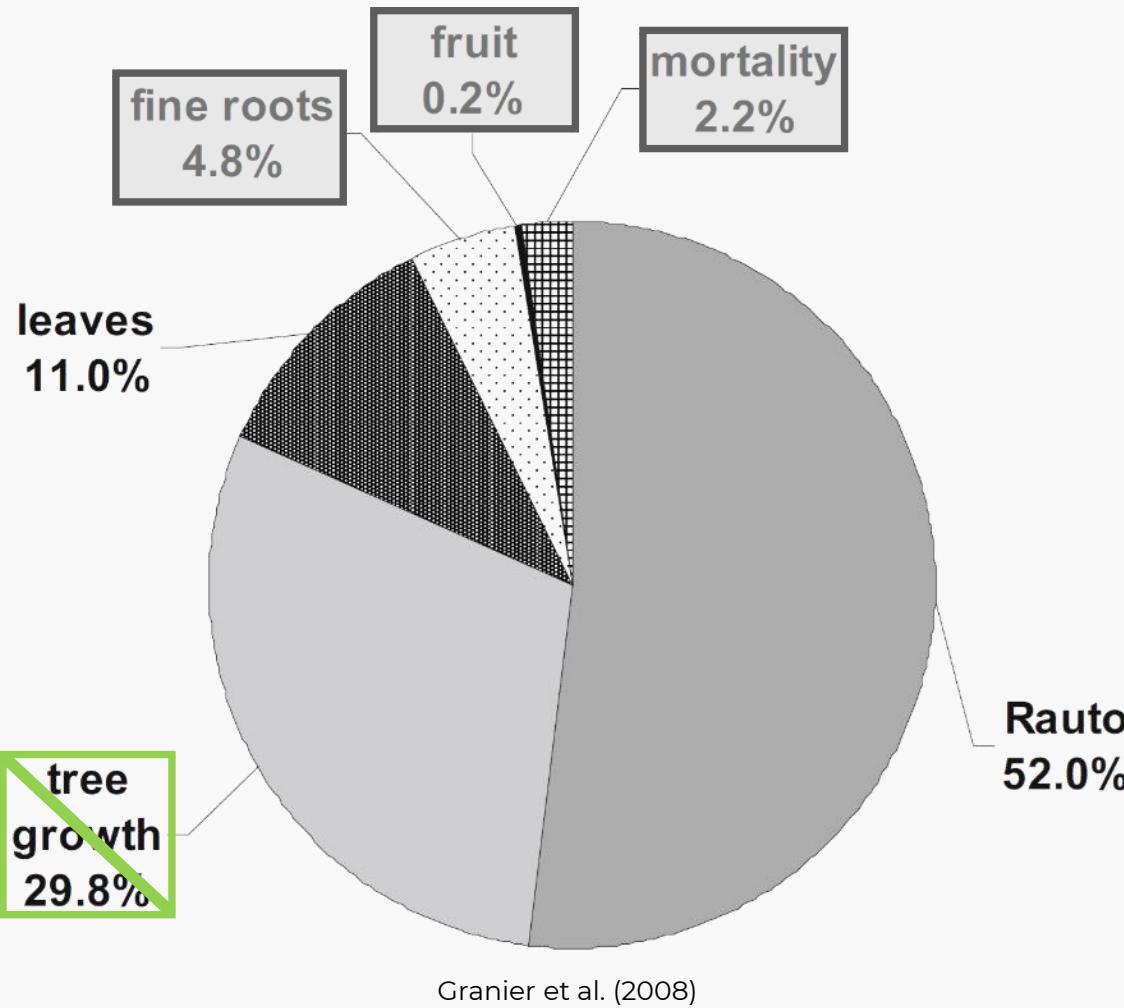
Fate of the GPP at Hesse



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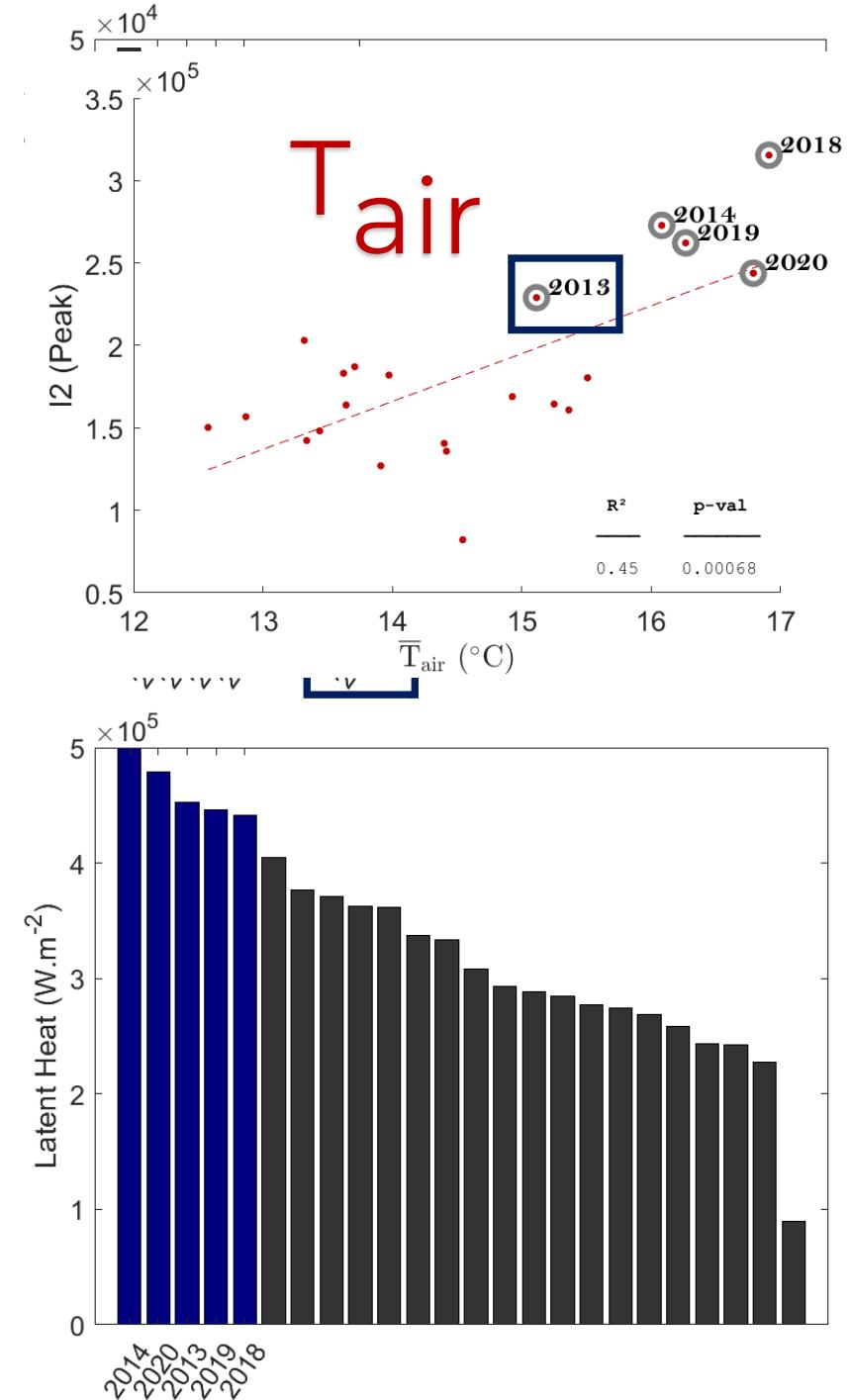
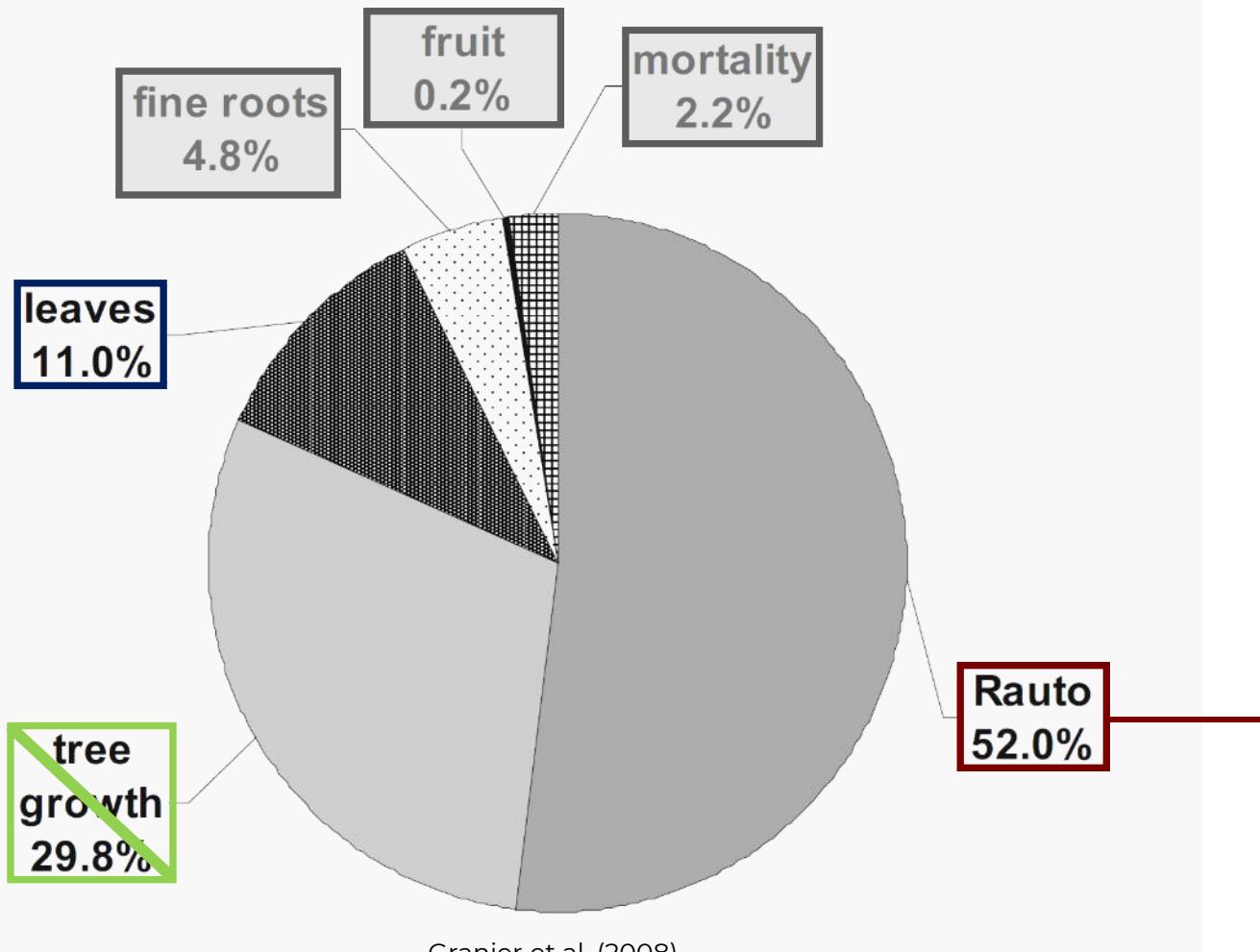
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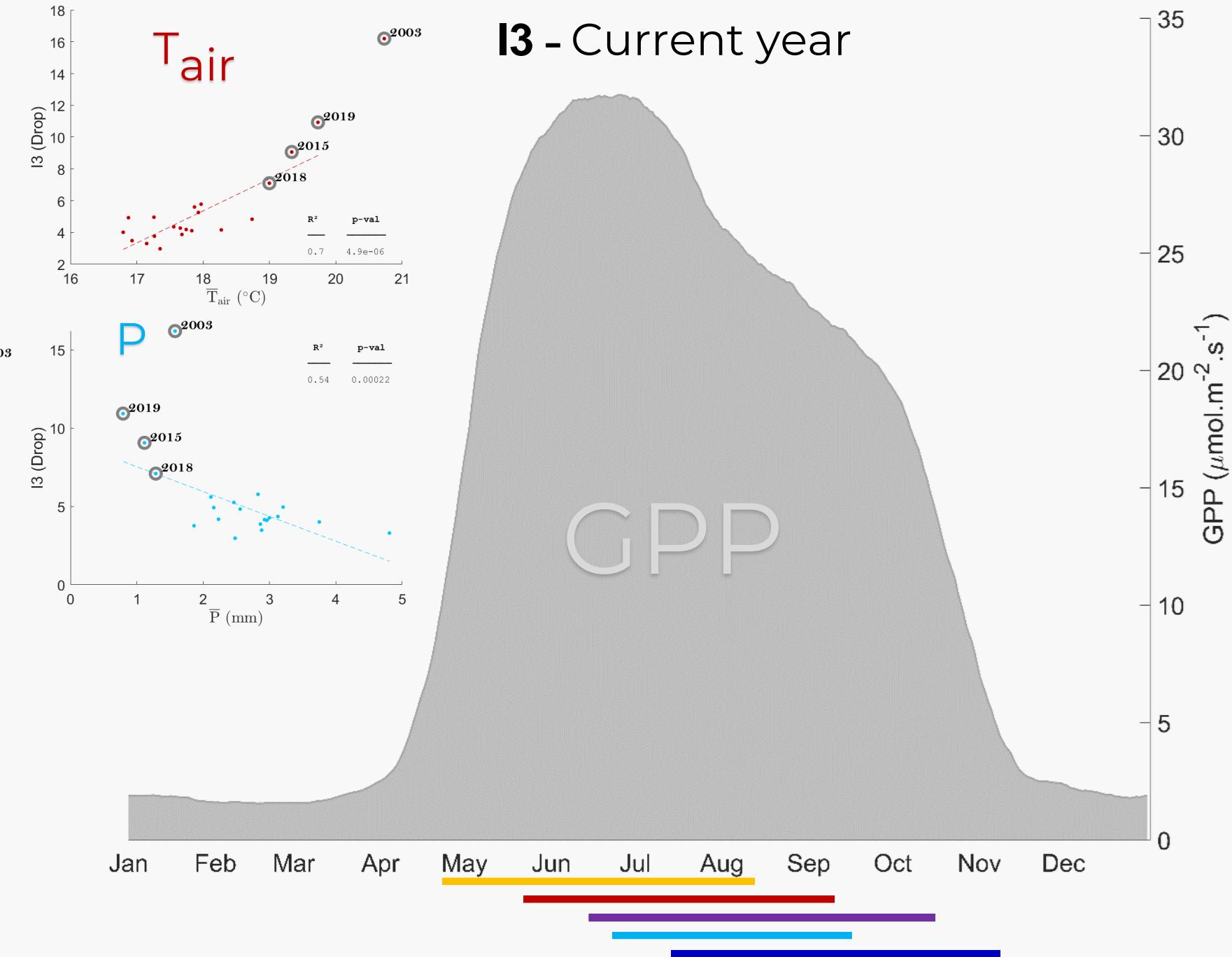
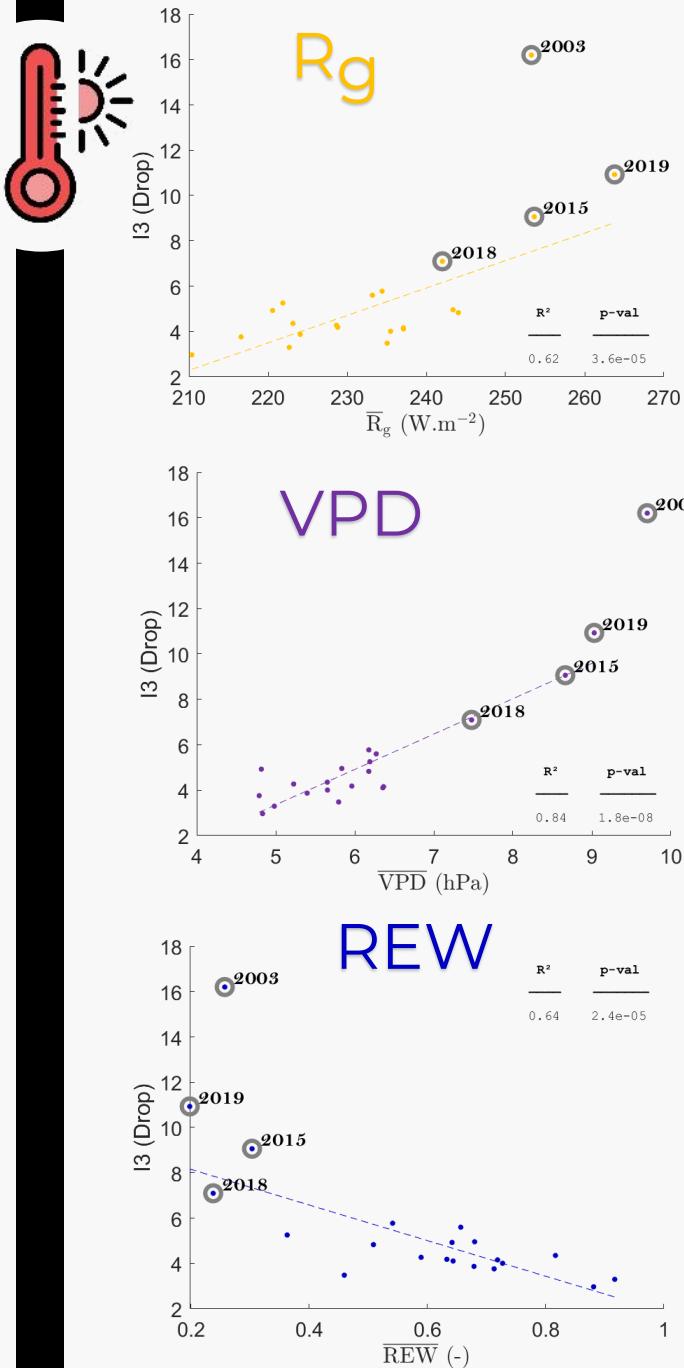
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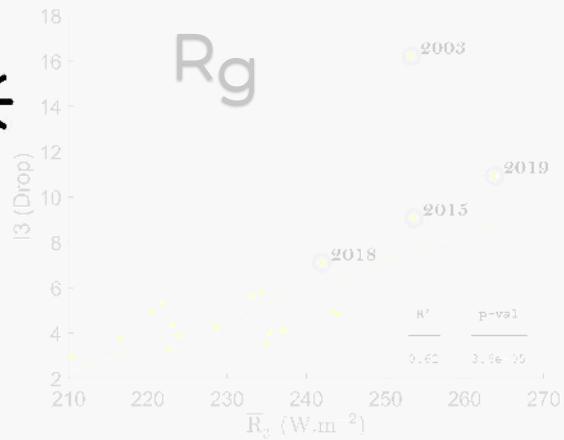
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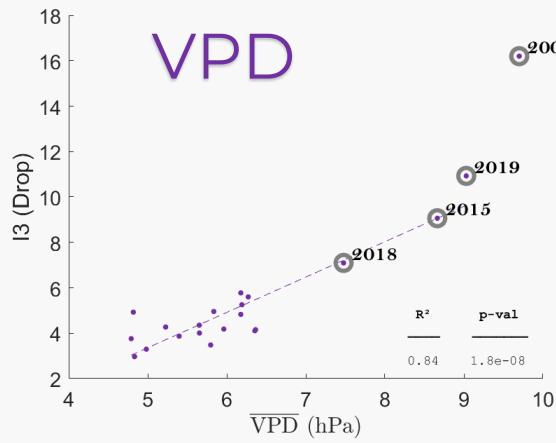
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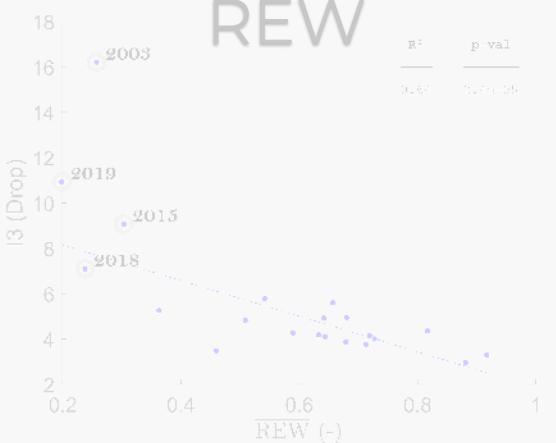
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VPD



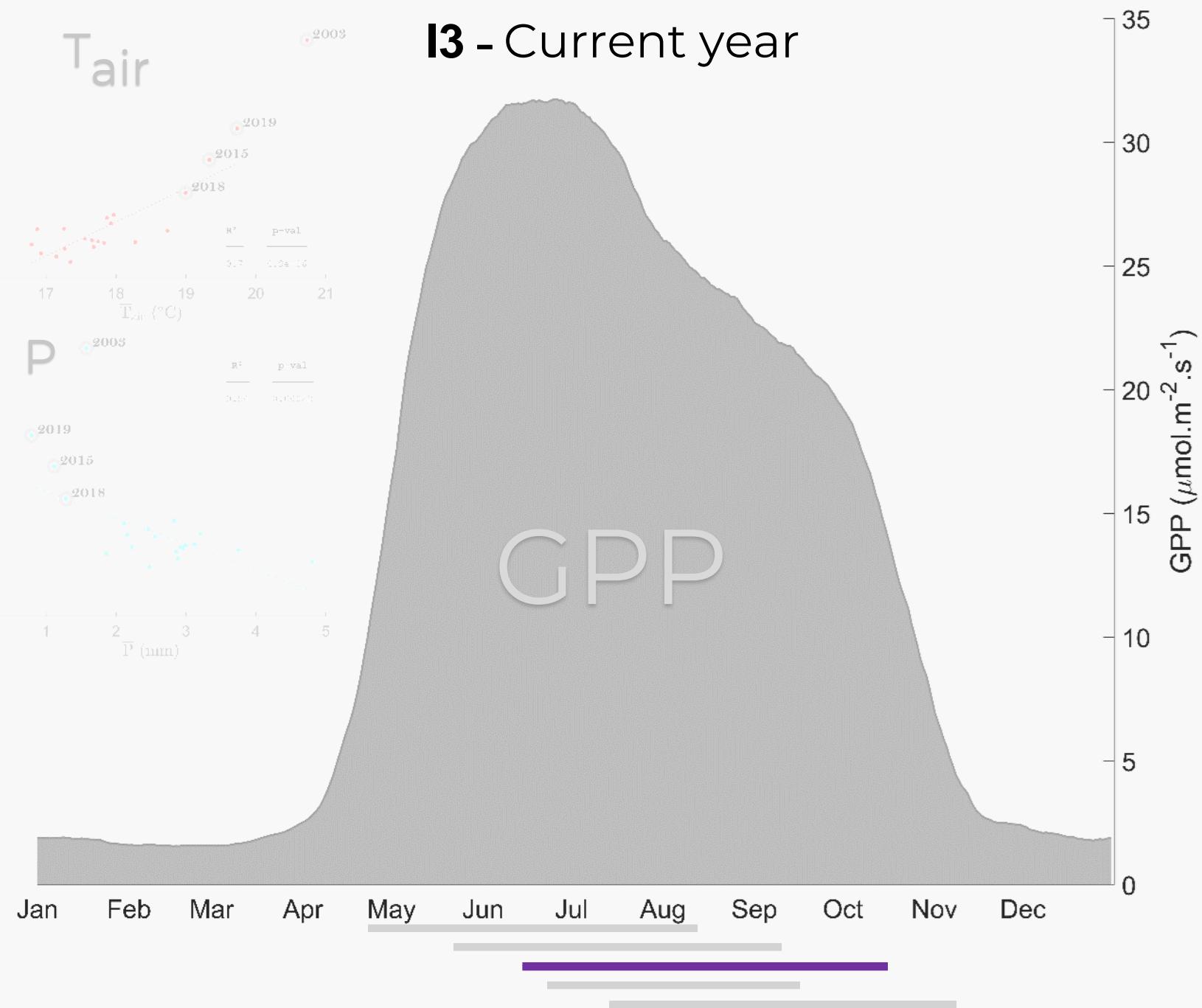
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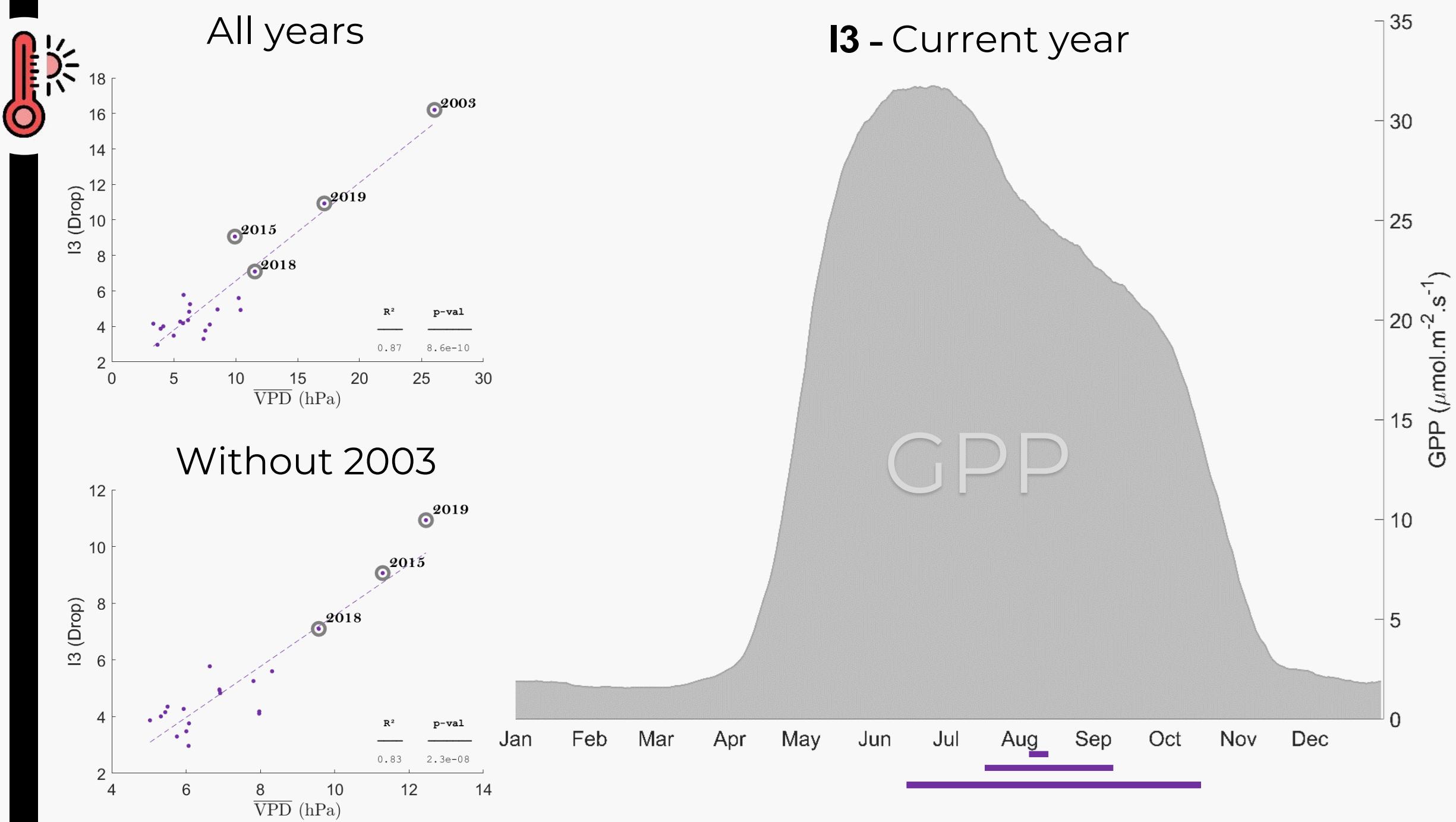
T_{air}



I₃ - Current year



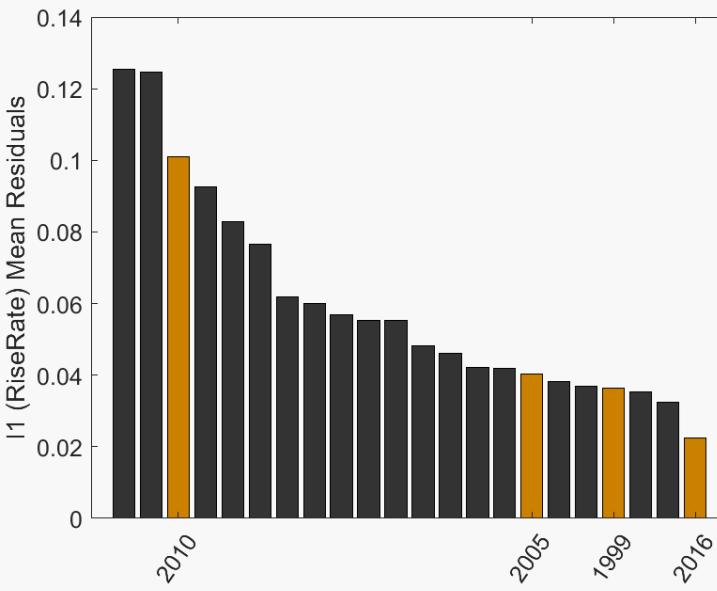
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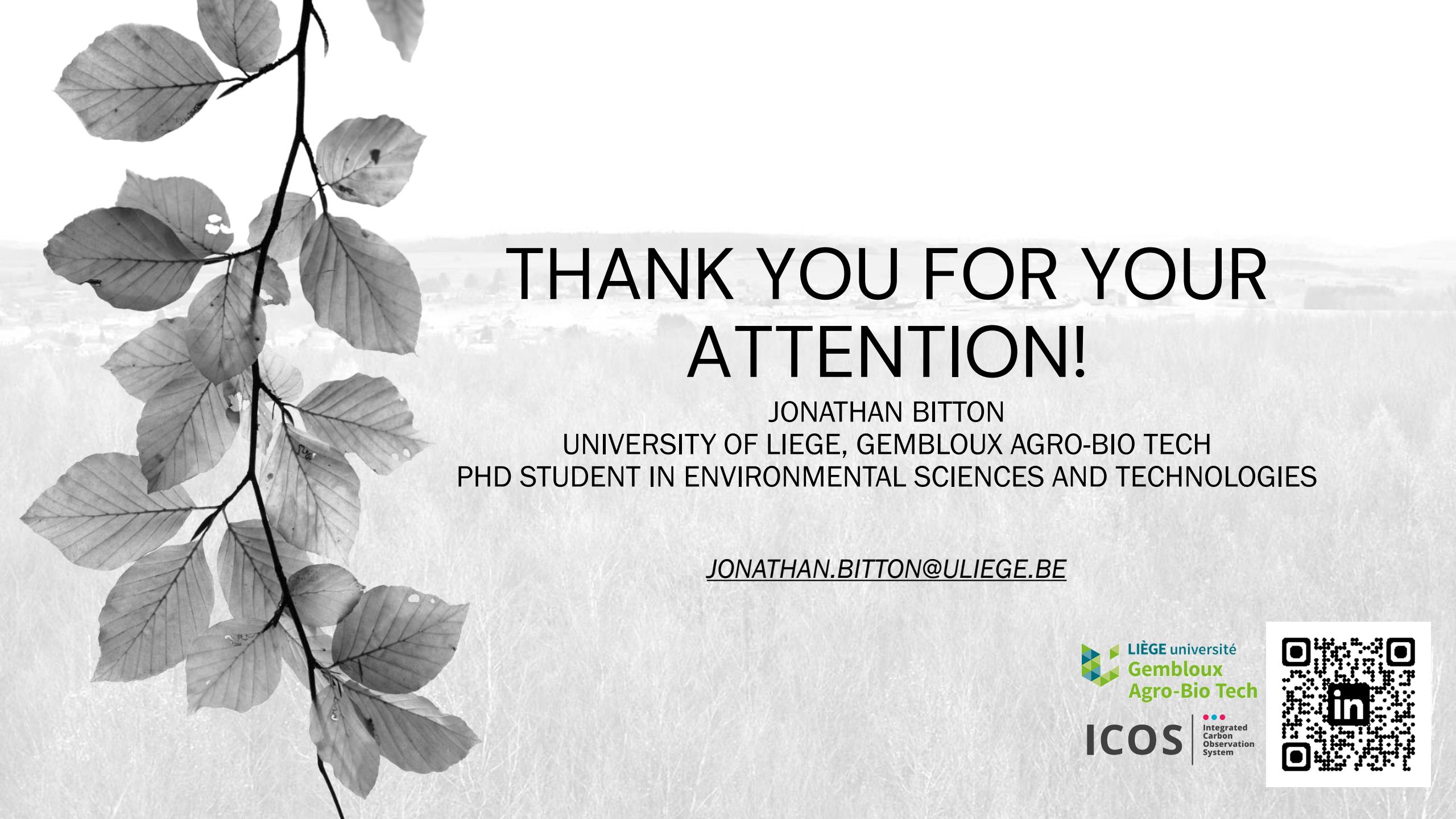
Thinning



CONCLUSION

- 1** WAI: new perspectives
 - Intra-annual dynamics comparison
 - Localised effects of drivers
 - Date selection
- 2** Contrasting meteorological & thinning effects
 - Direct and delayed responses
 - Decomposing large-scale influences in shorter ones
- 3** Importance of physiological measurements complementing eddy covariance





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