

# Continuous parameterization of phenological phases and leaf area index within deciduous forests based on temperature measurements

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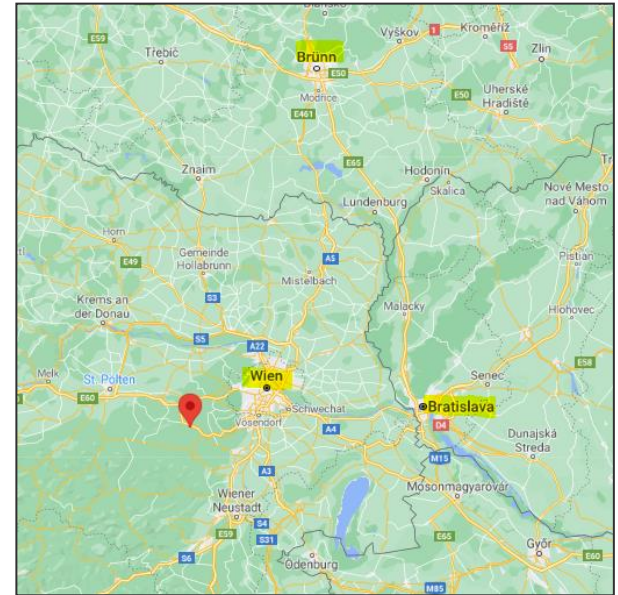
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# Data

- Beech stand (*Fagus Sylvatica*) in Klausen-Leopoldsdorf (Lower Austria)
- Local radiation conditions are modulated by the canopy
- Daily maximum temperature is dependend on incoming radiation and for us more widely available

## We used:

- **Stand daily maximum temperature**  
Measurements conducted as part of the icp forests programme
- **Open land daily maximum temperature**  
Measurements provided by the Austrian national weather service (ZAMG)
- **LAI measurements** via hemispheric photographs (conducted once a year at 16 photographic points)
- **Phenological observations** of leaf unfolding and leaf fall (provided by the ZAMG)



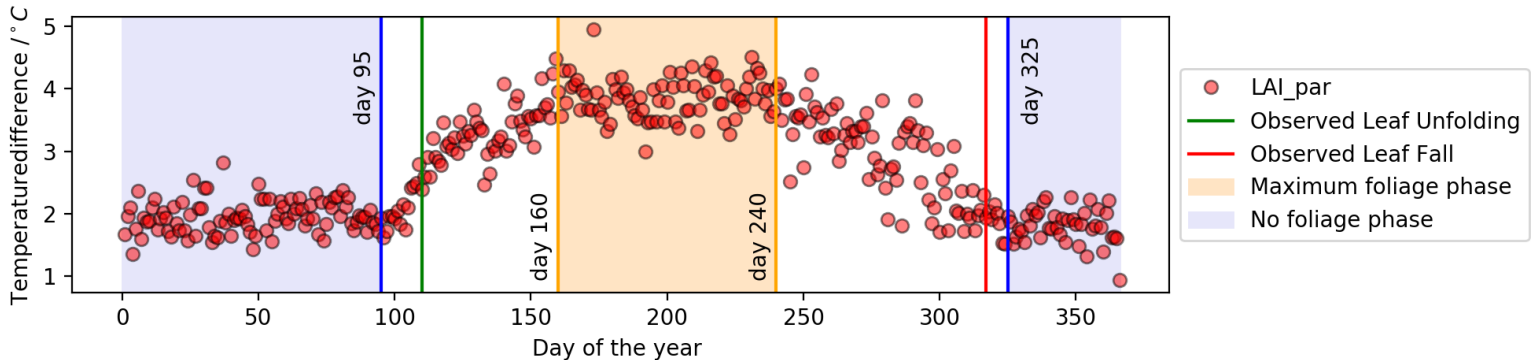
# Foliage during the course of the year

Assumption: Tree crown dampens maximum temperature inside the stand

1. Calculate the difference in maximum temperature for the forest and the reference site

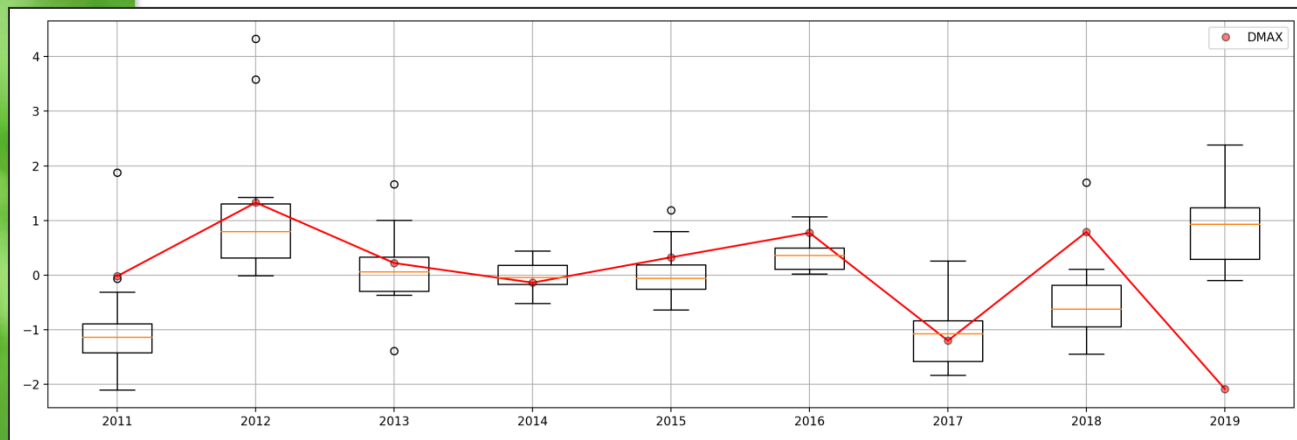
$$D_{MAX} = T_{MAX_S} - T_{MAX_R}$$

2. Sign correction  $LAI_{par} = -D_{MAX}$
3. Calculate average course of the year for  $LAI_{par}$



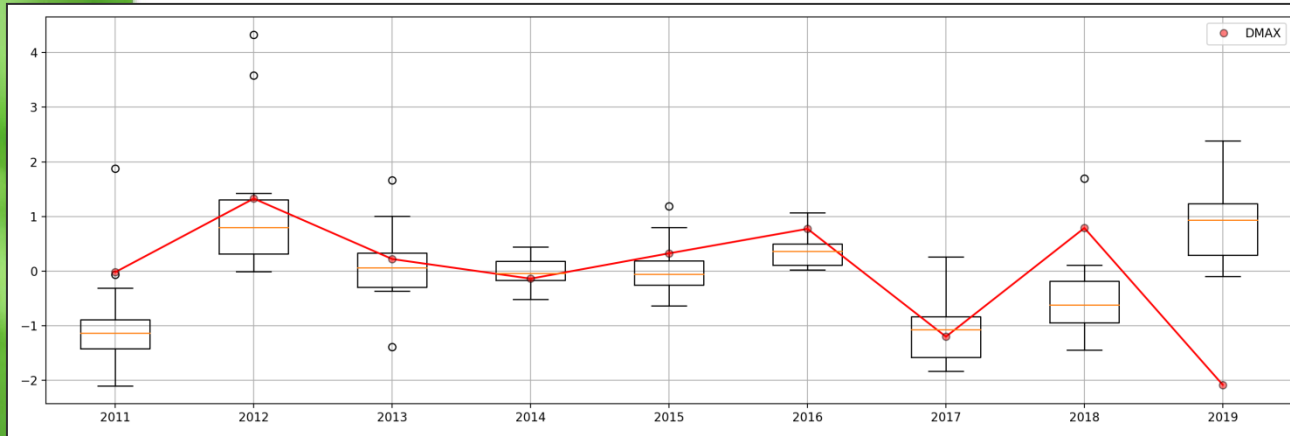
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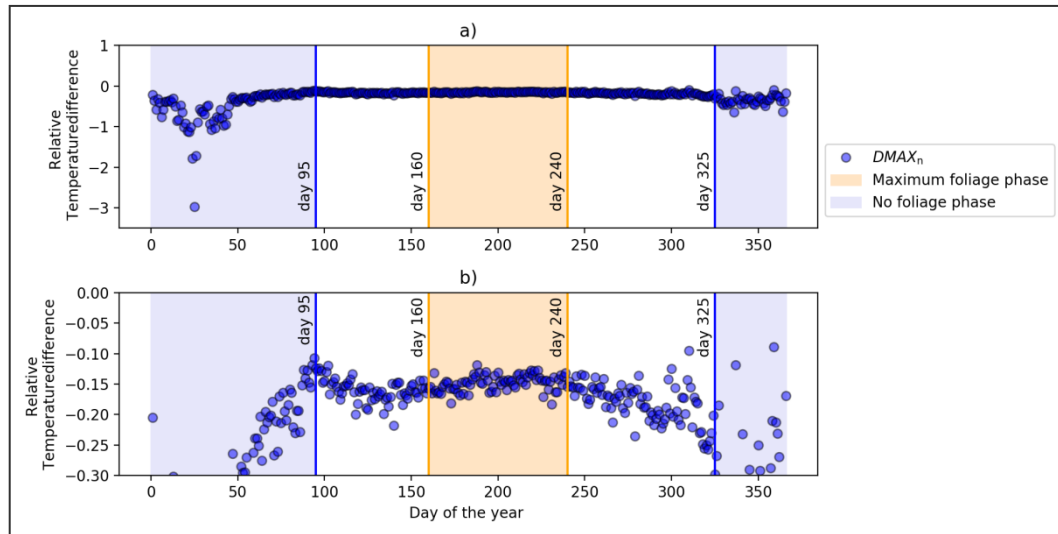
Between 2011-2017 corr.  
at 0.93 (pvalue 0.006)

Between 2011-2018 corr.  
at 0.69 (pvalue 0,021)

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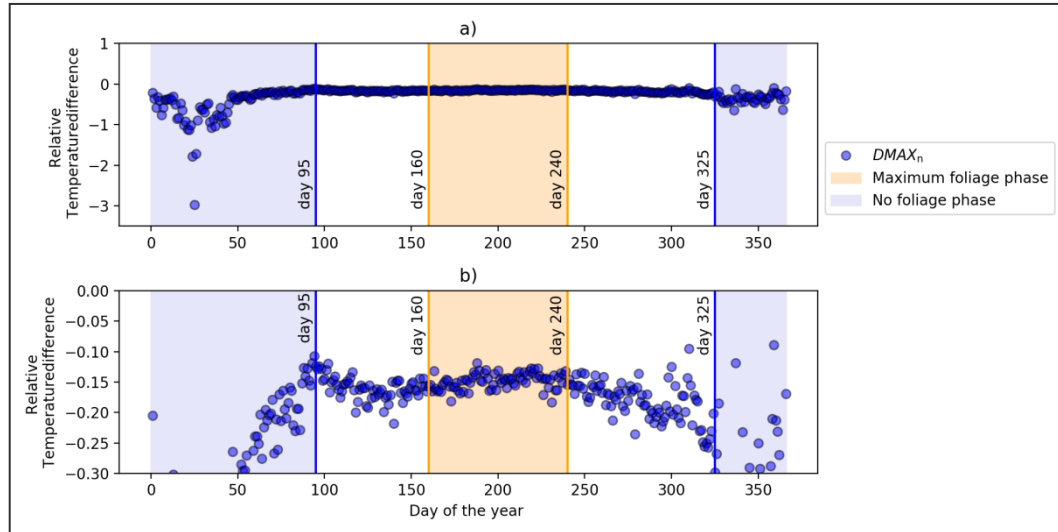
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Example for maximum temperature estimation:

TMAX prediction in Klausen Leopoldsdorf (open land):

$$TMAX_R = 30^{\circ}C$$

Estimated TMAX at the forest site:  
 $TMAX_S = 30^{\circ}C(1 - 0,15) = 25.5^{\circ}C$



Picture | Filmstyle from „See Aural Woods“ (Luma.Launisch & Takamovsky)

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