

# Uncertainties in estimating budburst heat requirement when using local or gridded temperature compared to bud tissue temperature

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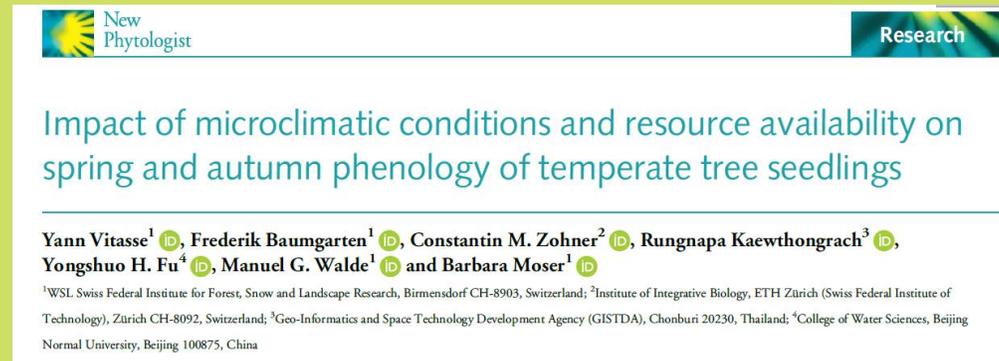
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# Temperature drives phenology in extra-tropical ecosystems

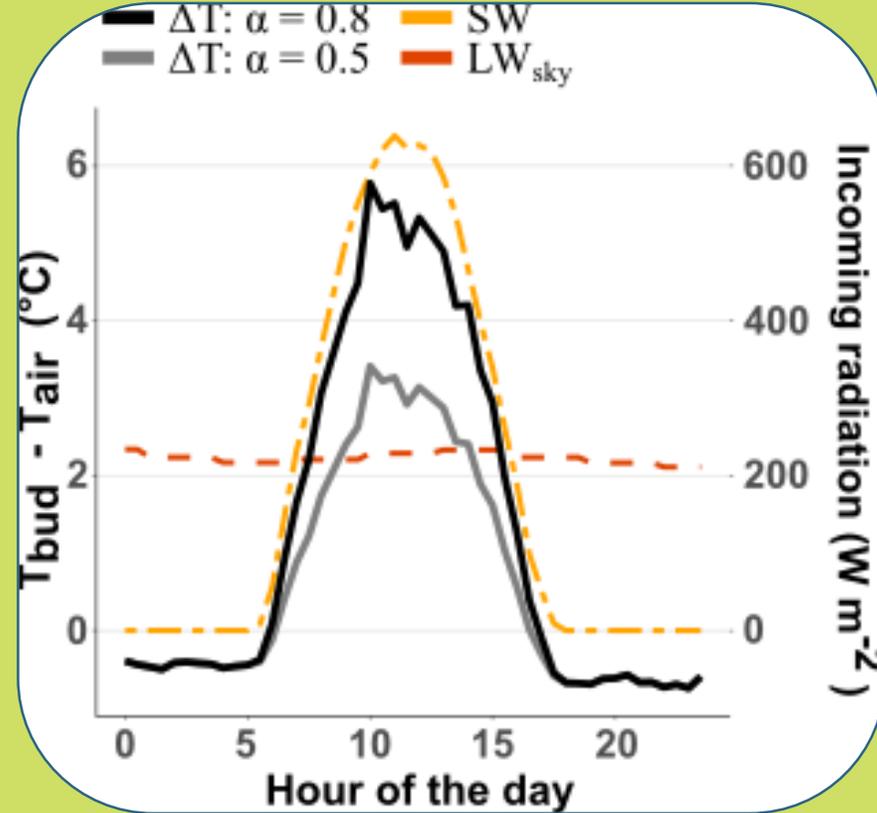
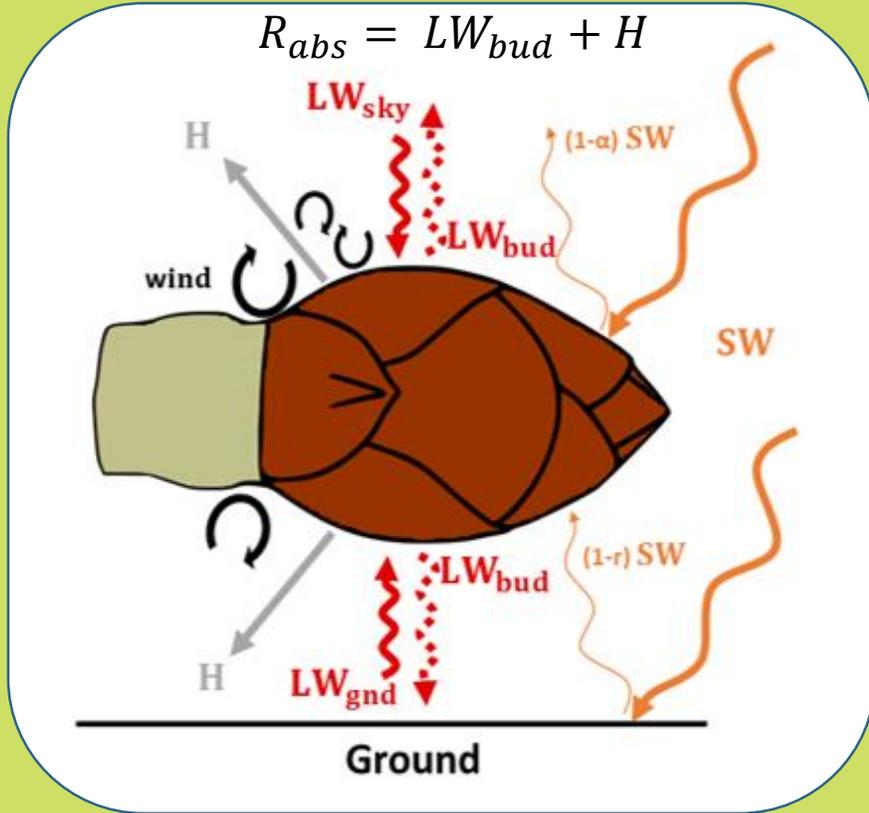
## We know:

- Important role of pre-season temperature
- Temperature is sensed locally within each bud
- Bud albedo and sun exposure affect budburst date



Temperature is sensed by organs, still we « always » use air temperature in phenology studies

# The forgotten effect of microclimate and bud traits



SW = shortwave radiation  
 LW = longwave radiation  
 H = Sensible heat  
 $\alpha$  = solar absorptivity of bud

→ Direct effect on tissue temperature

# Do bud and air temperature differs to such extent as to bias phenology studies ?

- Quantify the potential error in heat requirement estimated from *in situ* bud temperature and air temperature from different sources
- Identify environmental variables that are responsible for observed discrepancy using a simple **energy budget model** adapted for buds

# Bud temperature and microclimate

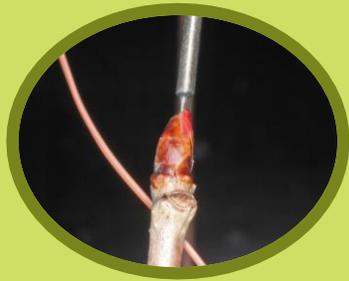
- Data from Vitasse et al. (2021) experiment in north-eastern Switzerland
- *in situ* bud temperature from T-type thermocouples (10 min)
  - local microclimate (Tair, radiation, wind – 10 min)
  - 4 species (Quercus robur, Prunus avium, Fagus sylvatica, Fraxinus excelsior)
  - 2 light regime (sun / 70% shade)
  - 2 albedo treatment (bud painted in black / white)



# GDH error propagation

Heat requirement = Growing Degree Hours

**GDH definition** : Sum of hourly temperature  $> 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  from 1<sup>st</sup> January to leaf unfolding



Bud temperature

$\text{GDH}_{\text{bud}}$



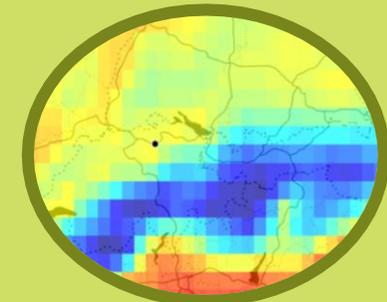
Microclimate

$\text{GDH}_{\text{mic}}$



Nearby station

$\text{GDH}_{\text{sta}}$



ERA-5

$\text{GDH}_{\text{era}}$



## Environmental control

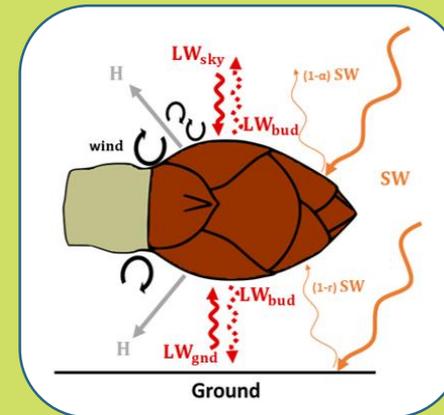
→ From data:

- Partial correlation between  $T_{dif}$  ( $T_{bud} - T_{air}$ ) and climate

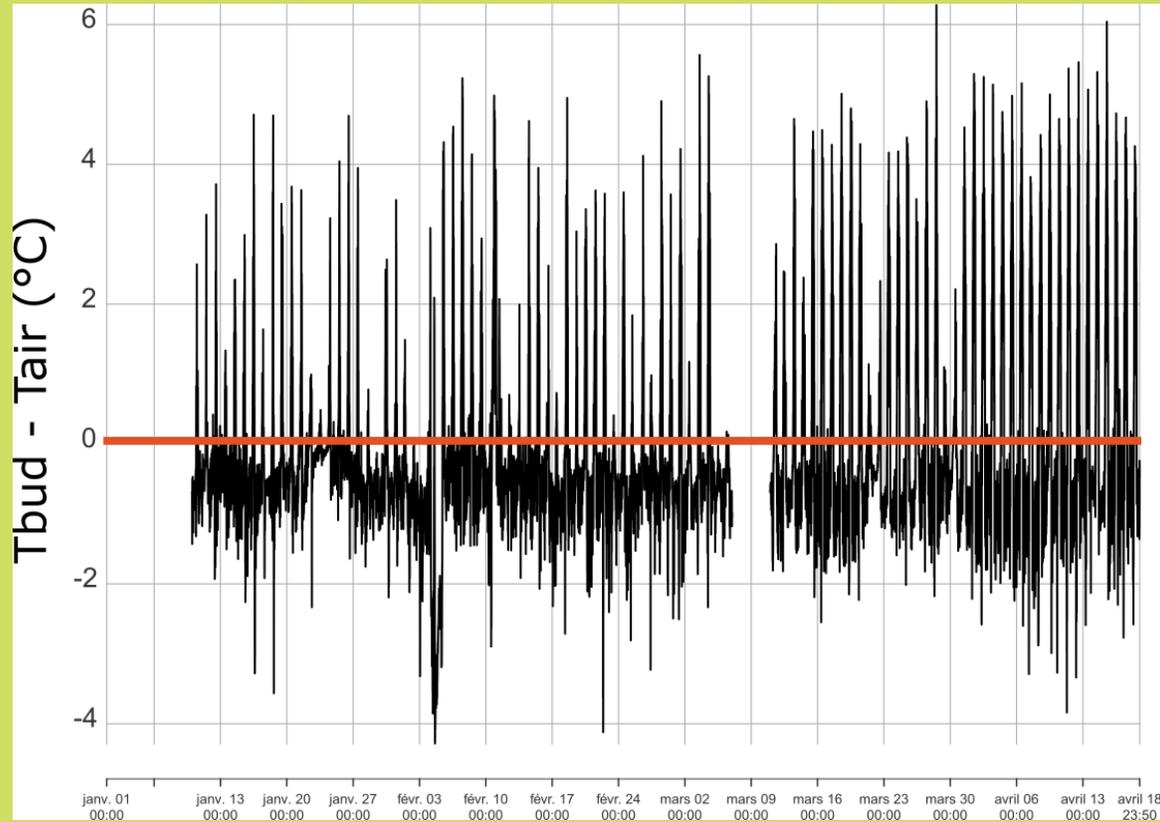
→ From model:

- Energy budget computed for an isolated bud (“big-bud model”)
- **Estimate  $T_{bud}$  at equilibrium**

$$R_{abs} = LW_{bud} + H (+L)$$



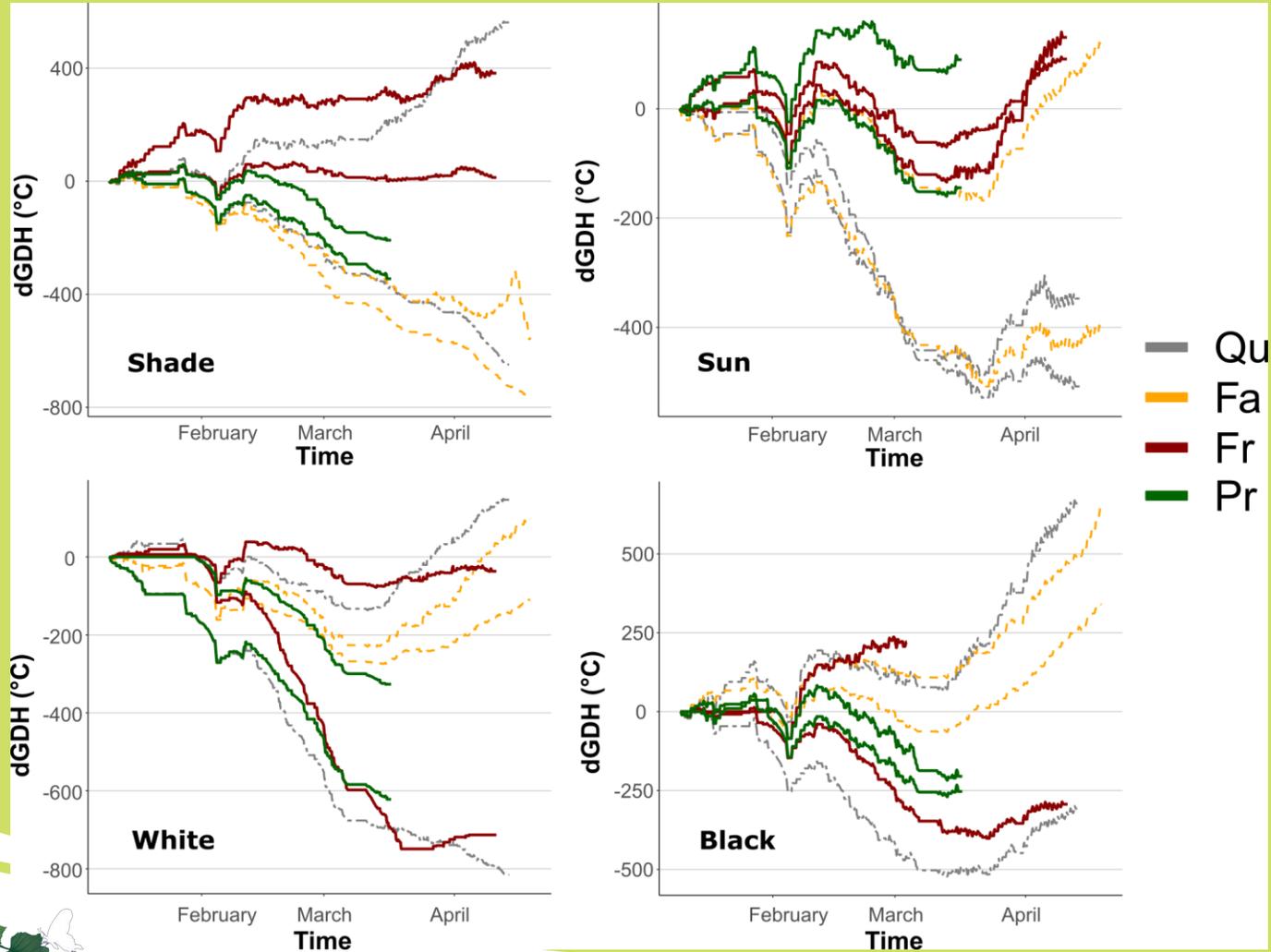
# Overview of bud temperature data



**Fagus, average January → April**

- **$5.6 \pm 2.1$  hours at  $1.46 \pm 0.79$  °C**
- **$18.5 \pm 2.2$  hours at  $-0.77 \pm 0.28$  °C**

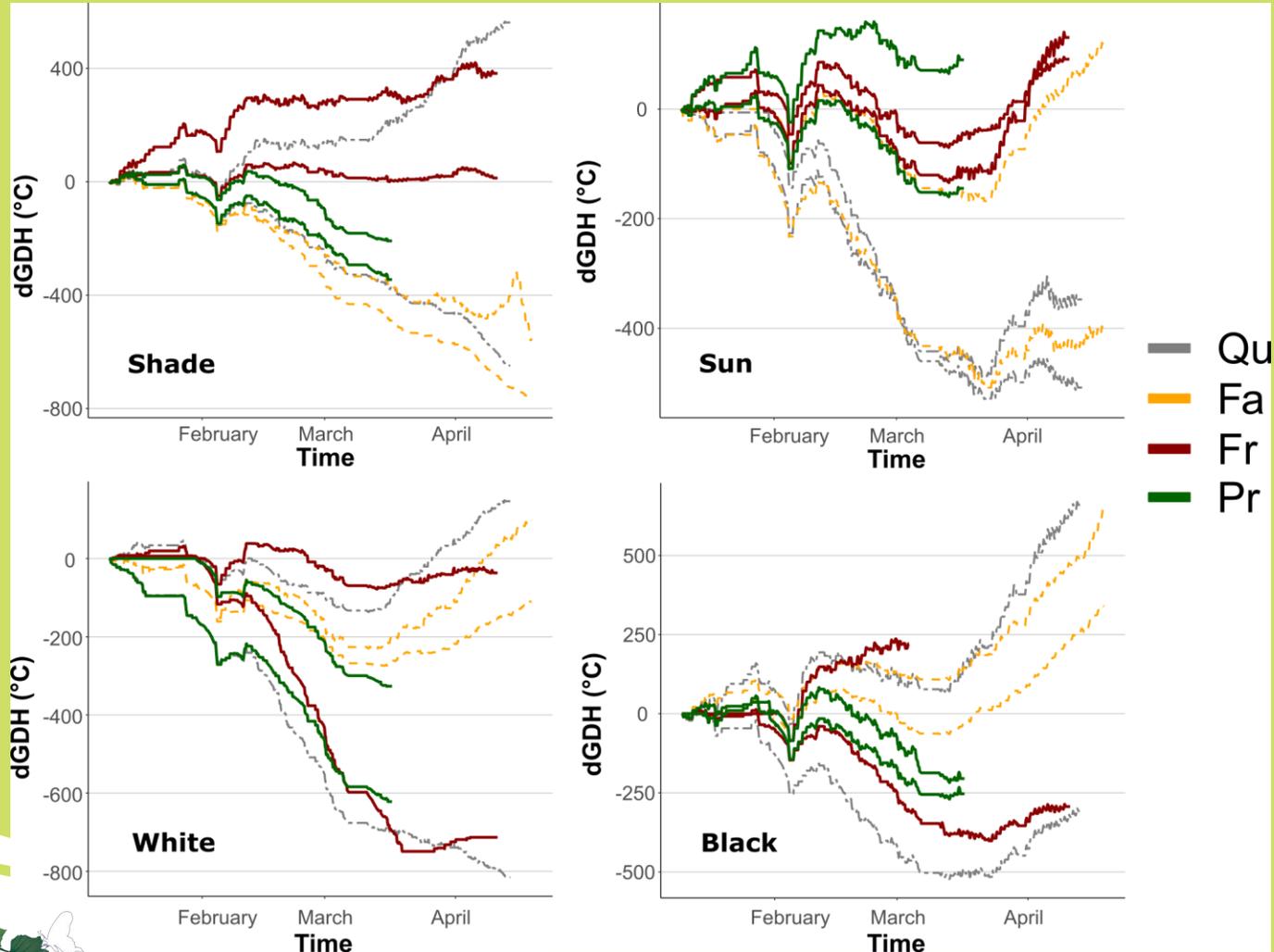
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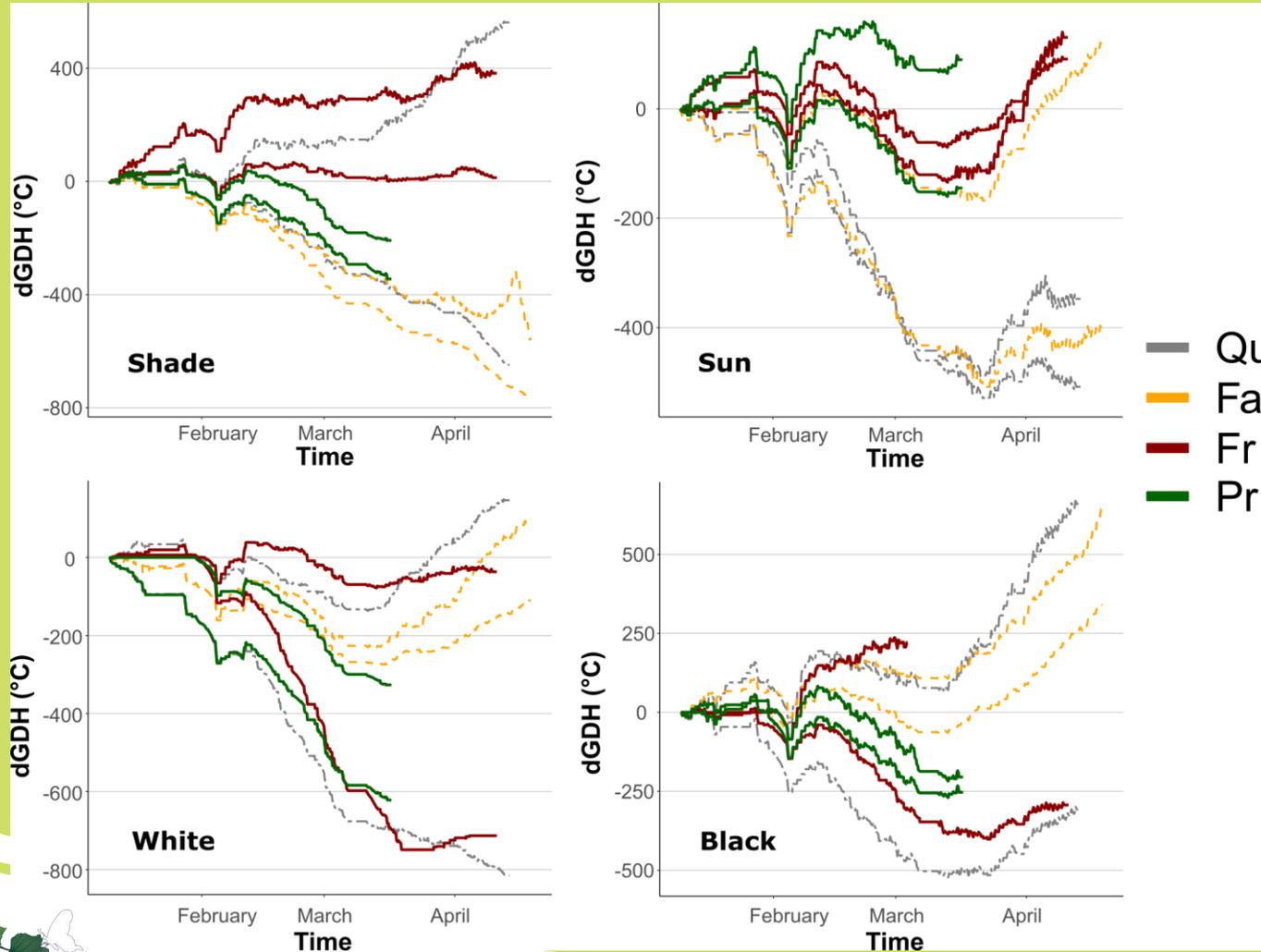
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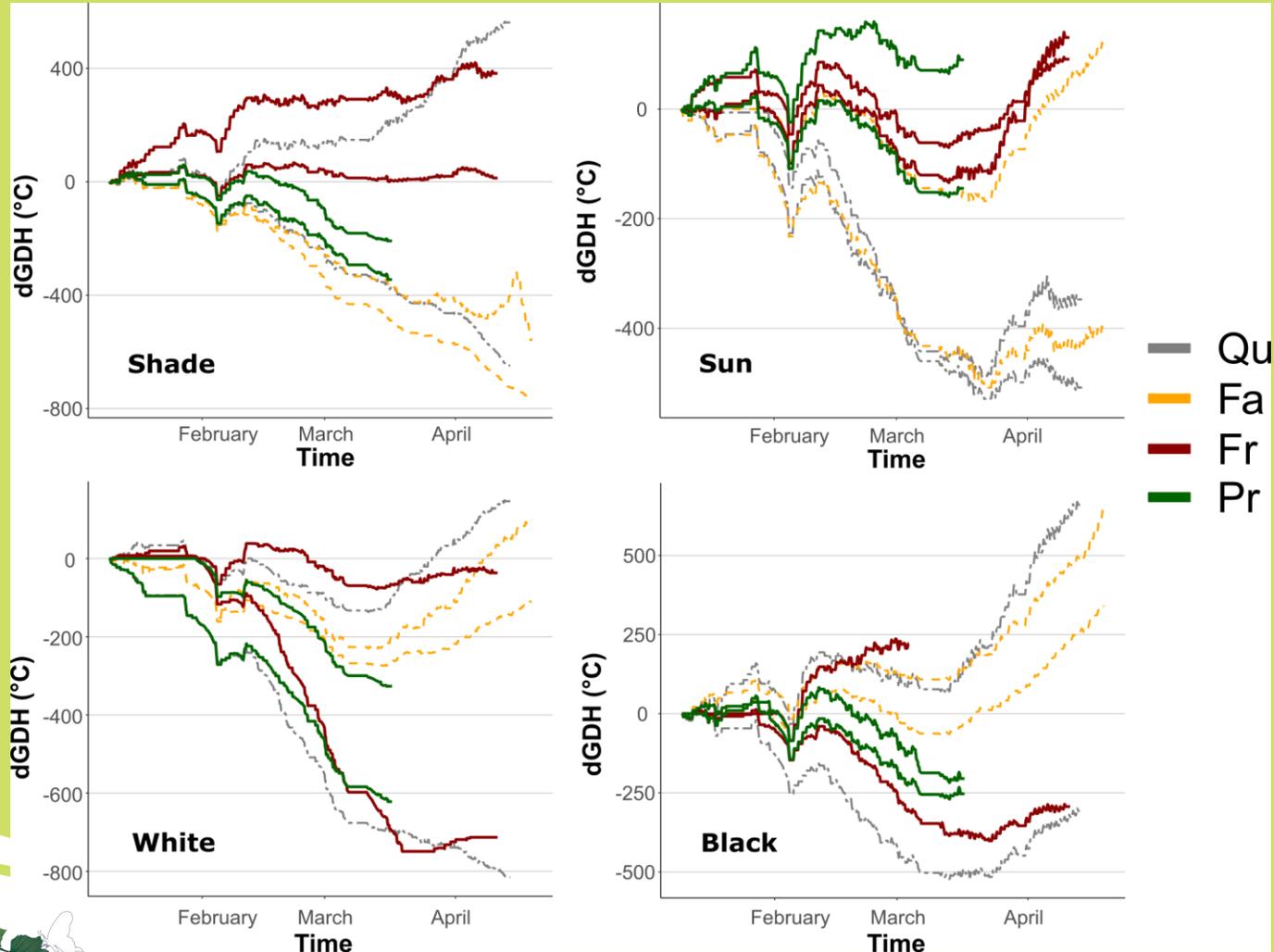


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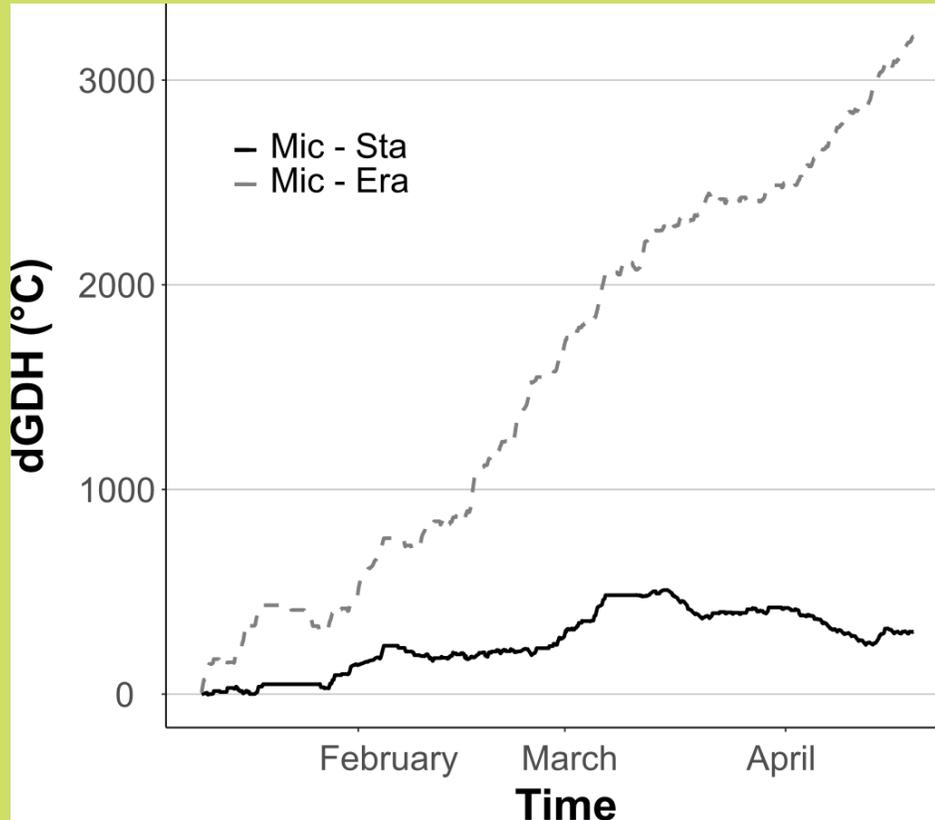
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3) Strong influence of albedo/species

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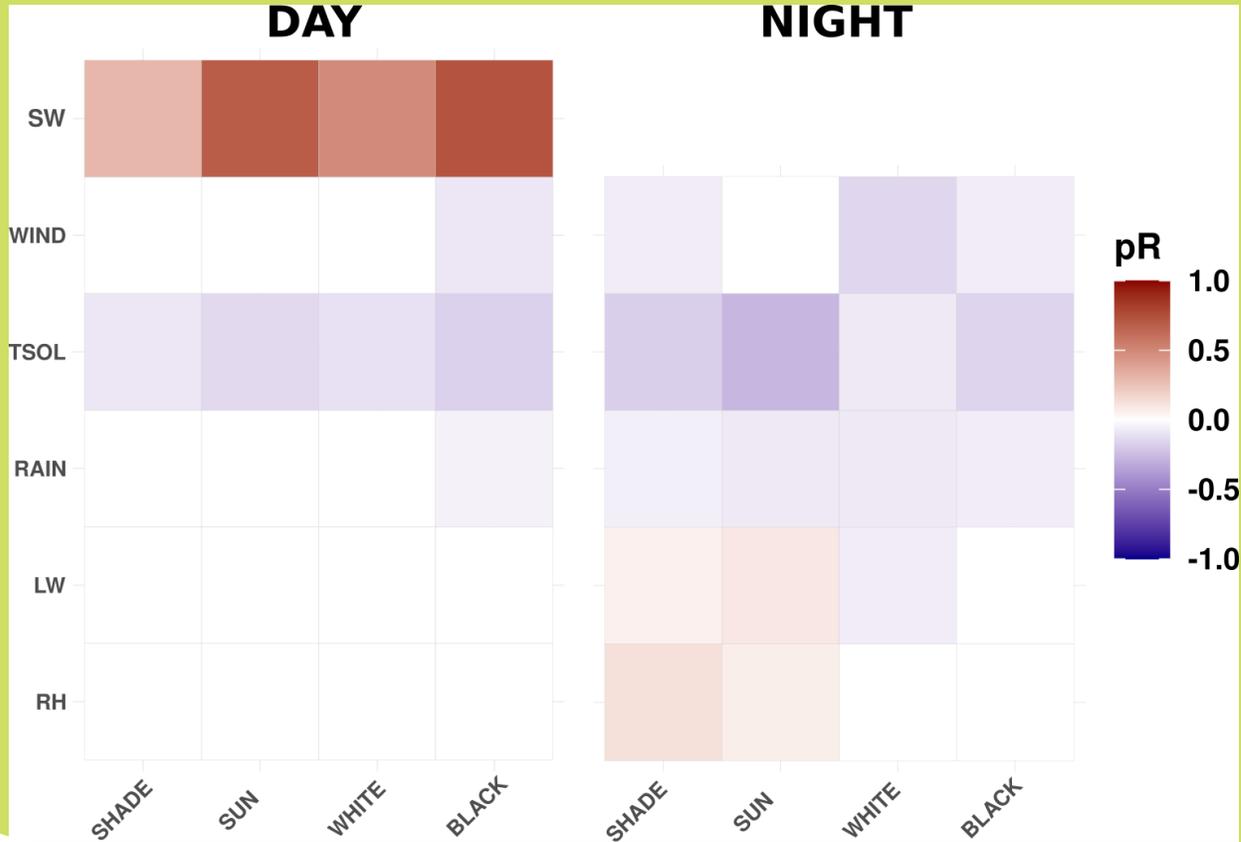
## GDH differences microclimate/station/gridded dataset



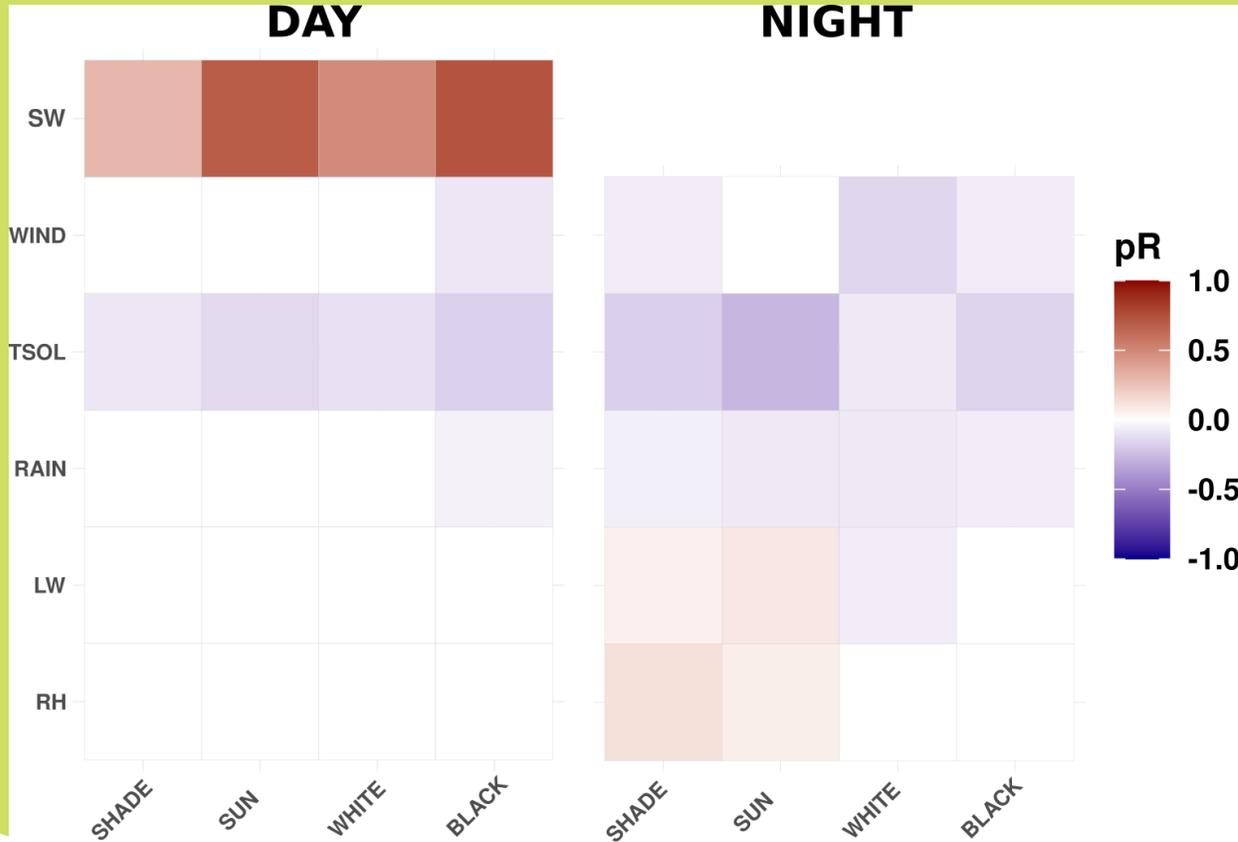
**1) Distant temperature data exacerbate the error in GDH**

**2) Non-linearity between Tair data sources**

# Correlation of Tbud-Tair with other factors



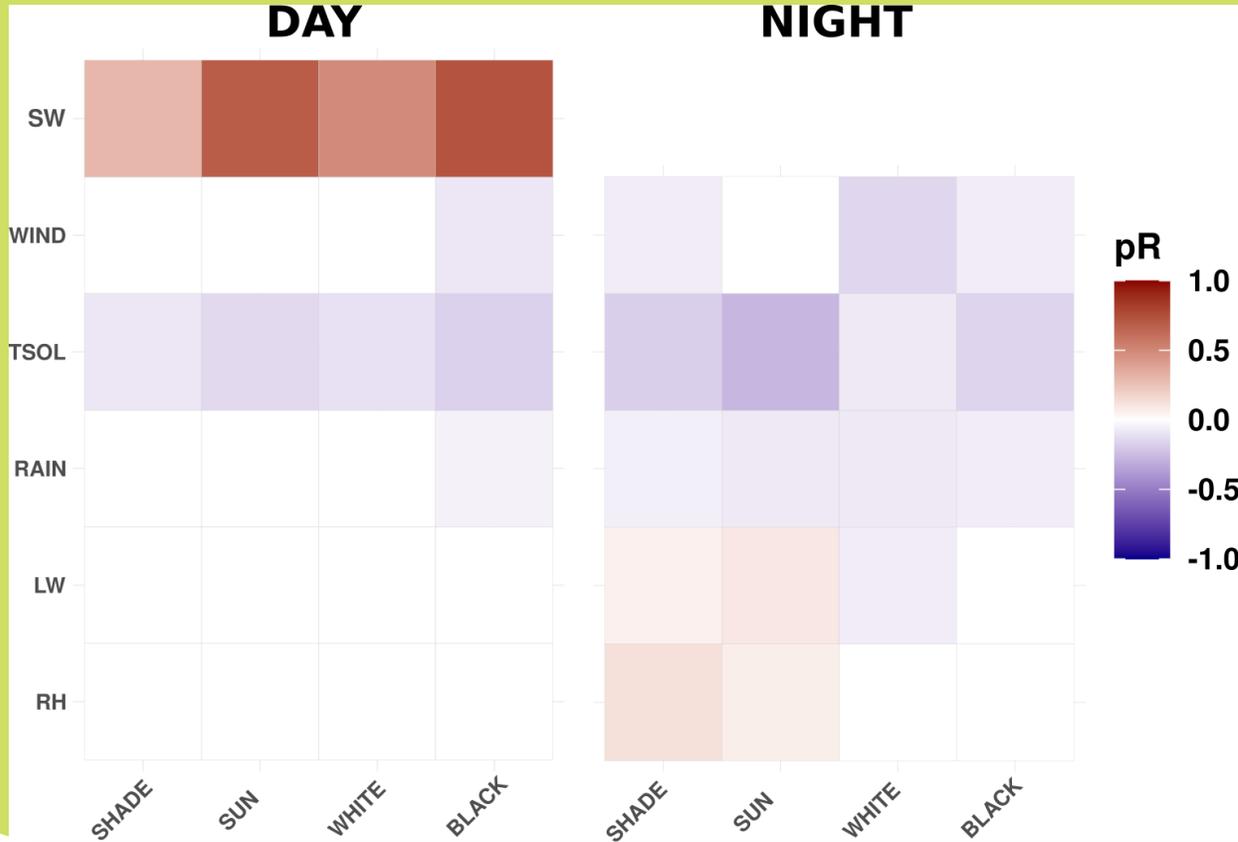
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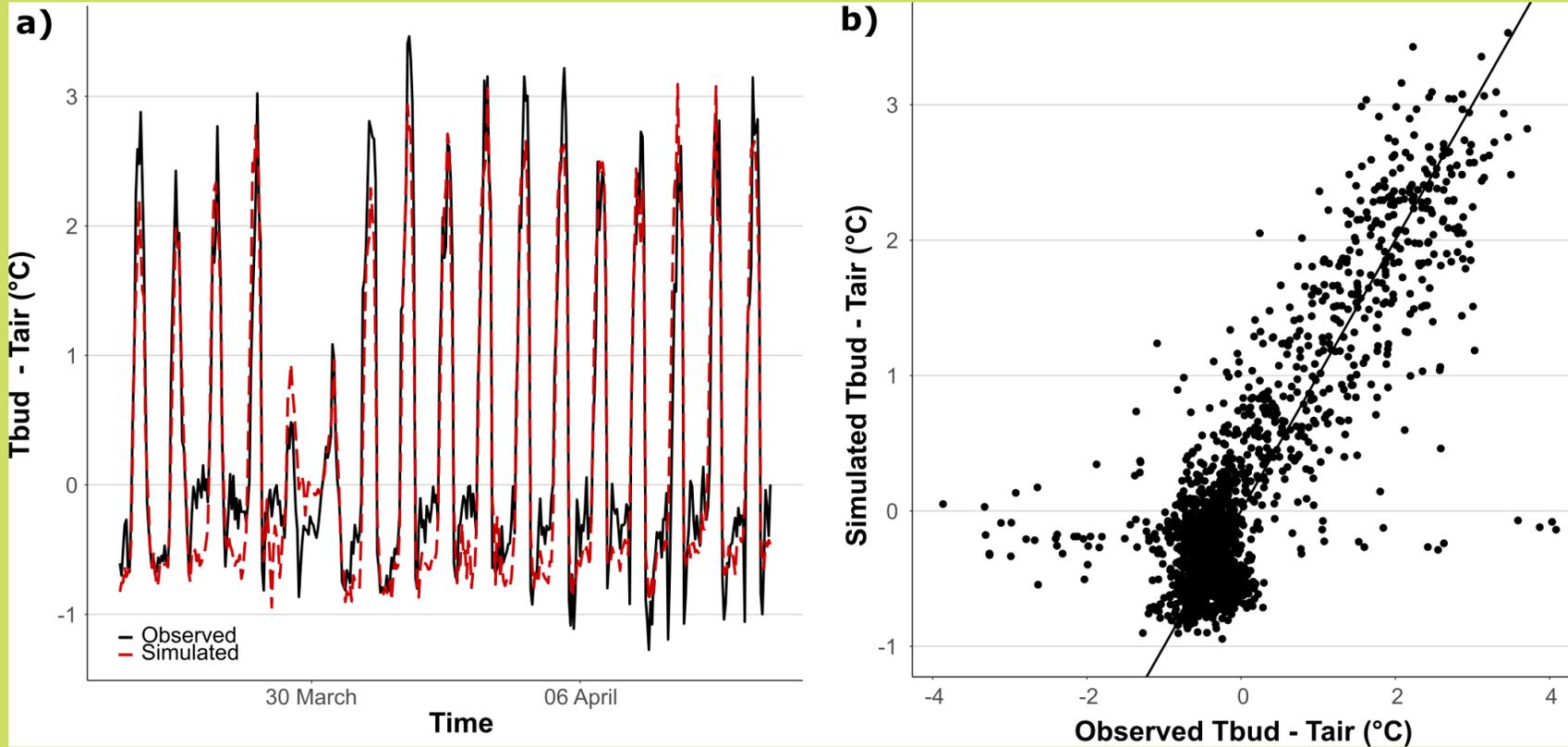


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2) Complex interactions with rain, wind and soil temperature at night

→ Correlations are in line with energy budget theory

# Model results



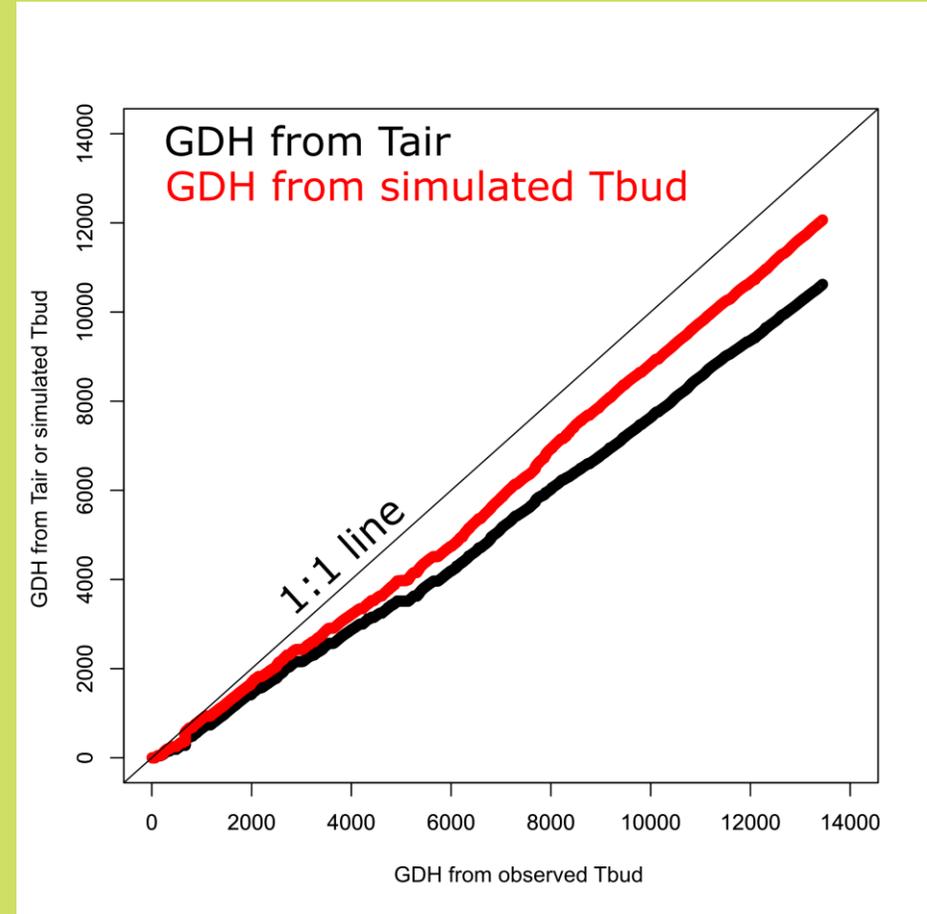
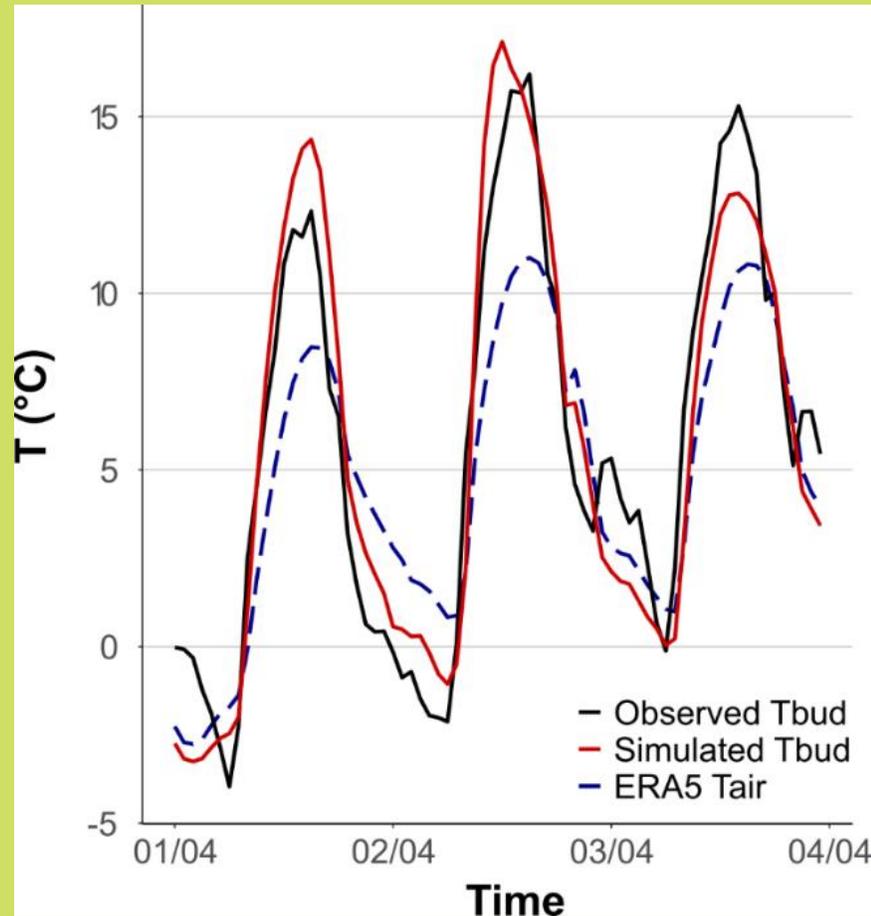
→ Well capture the diel variability in Tdif



- Tend to overestimate night temperature
- Tend to underestimate day temperature

Difficulties to capture sensible heat

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→ Clear improvement with ERA 5 gridded data

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- We need more bud/leaf temperature, traits, and microclimate data

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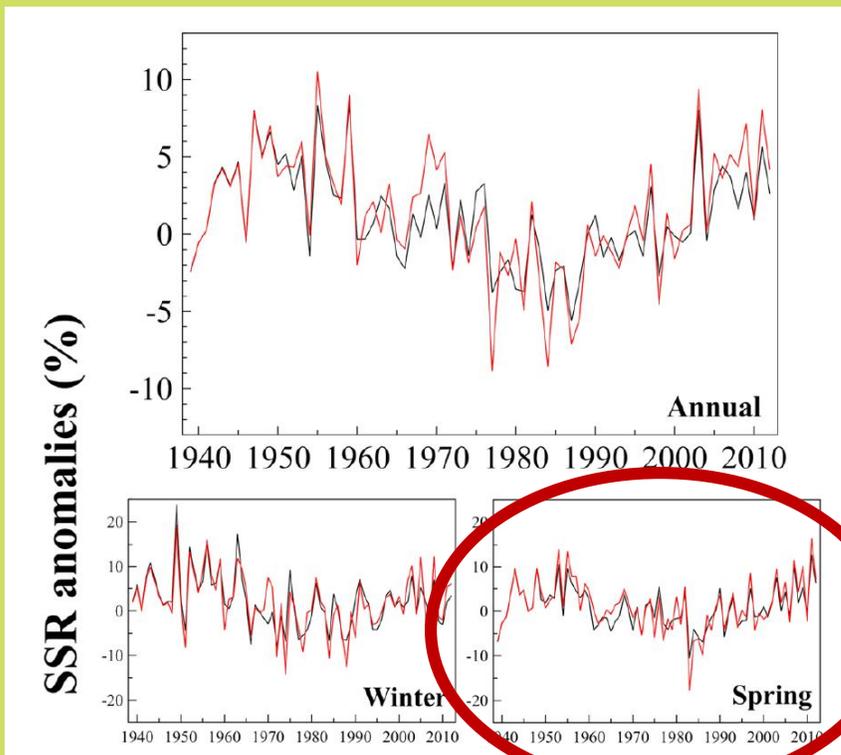
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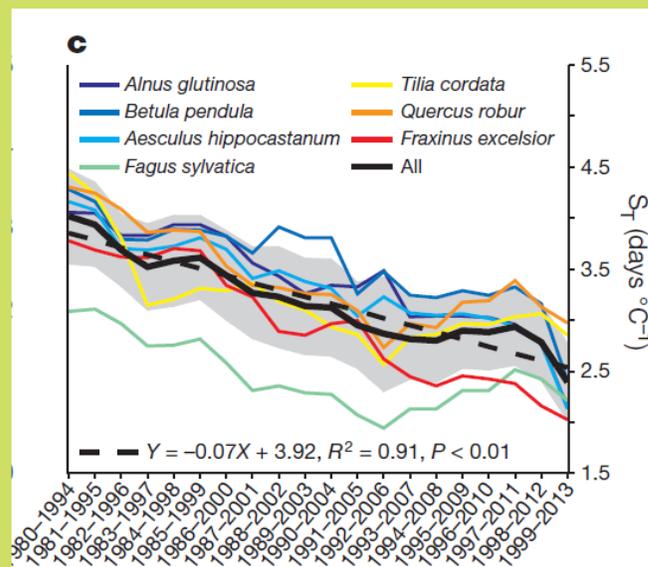
→ Assymetrical effect of day and night temperature



# Better quantification of warming sensitivity



Downward Surface Shortwave Radiation (SSR)  
Sanchez-Lorenzo et al. 2015 (JGR)



Leaf unfolding sensitivity to warming  $S_T$  (days °C<sup>-1</sup>)  
Fu et al. 2015 (Nature)

- Increase in “brightening” since 1980, especially during spring
- Decline in apparent sensitivity of leaf unfolding to warming

**Using air temperature potentially leads to wrong interpretation of the sensitivity of phenology to warming**

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