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# Impact of drought on wood chemistry by near infrared hyperspectral imaging

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## Context : Eucalyptus plantations



- Eucalyptus*: 20 million ha
- 40-50 m<sup>3</sup> ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> in Brazilian commercial plantations
- Wood production is highly dependent on water and nutrient availability



Tree mortality in  
commercial plantations  
due to climatic events

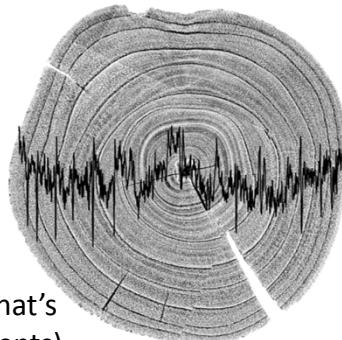


# Spatial approaches for:

## Genotype x environment interactions and plasticity

Plastic or not plastic genetic material link to climatic changes and risk of big events

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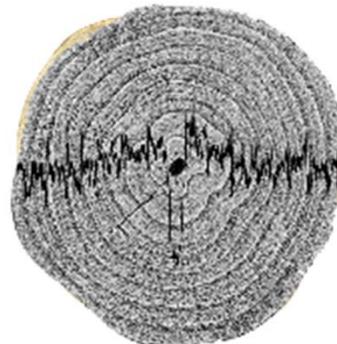


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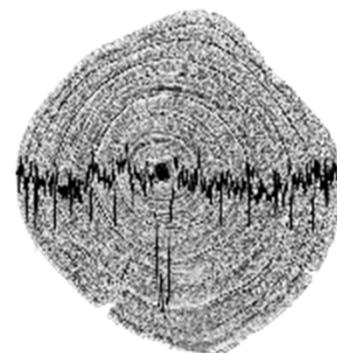
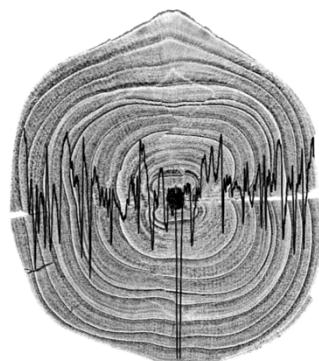
Non-plastic clone, but stable  
(homogeneity of wood but what's append during big climatic events)

Site 2

Drought stress +++

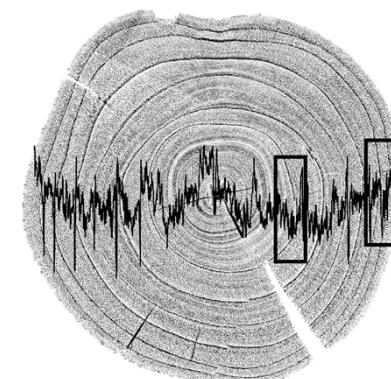


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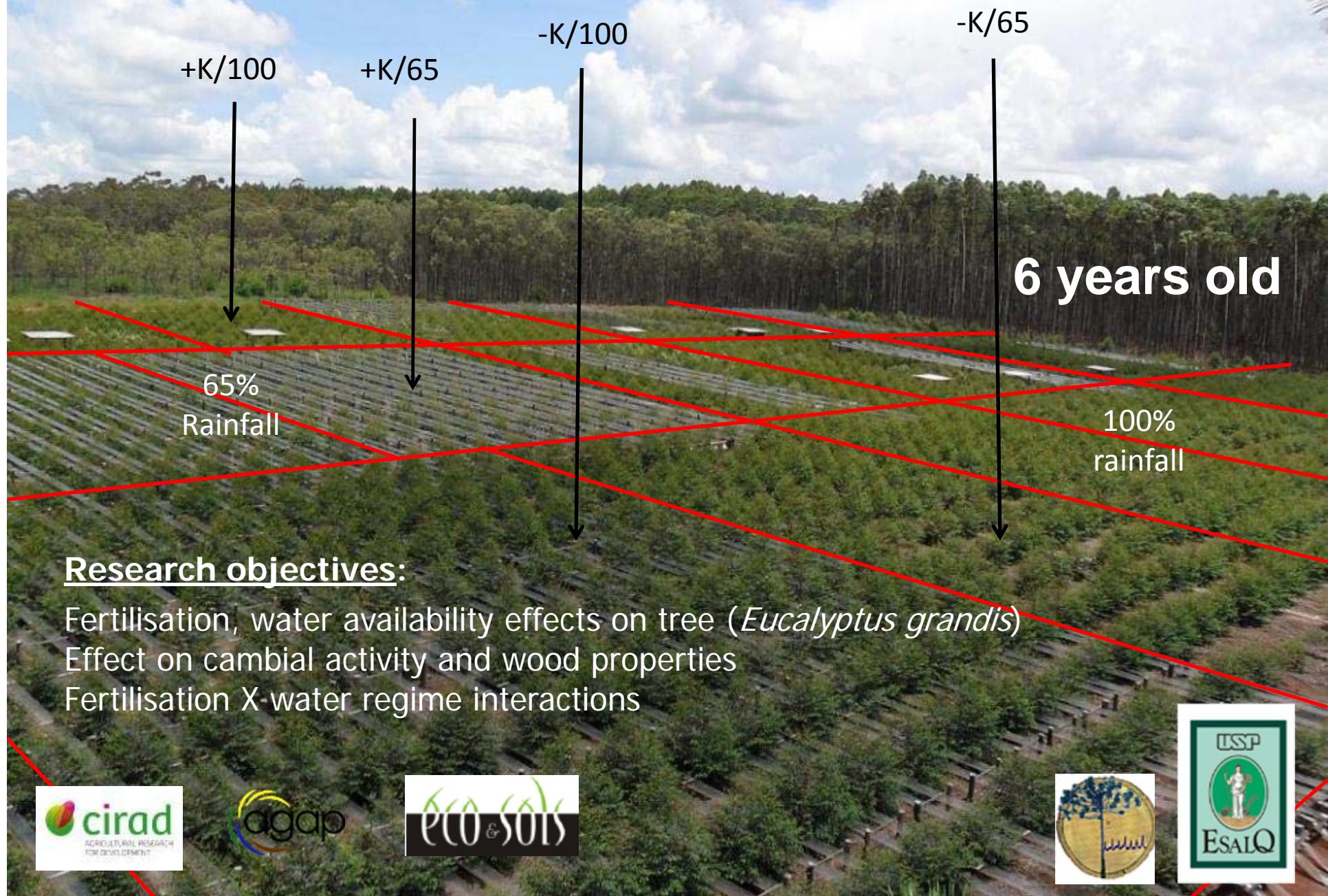
Plastic clone depending of environment  
(good in changing environments but induce wood heterogeneity)

Early selection efficiency (3-4 y for Eucalyptus)



Impact of water stress on juvenile – adult correlation ???

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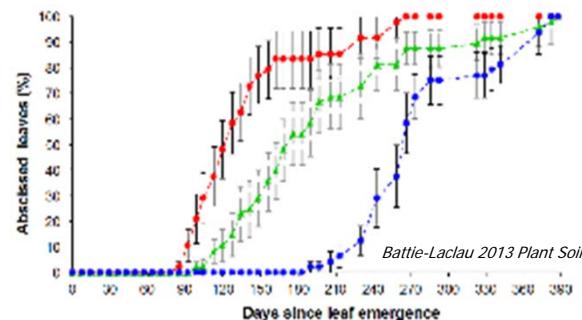


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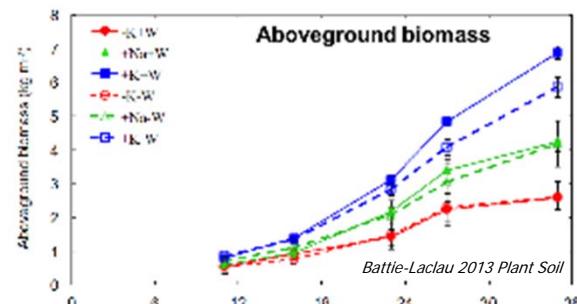


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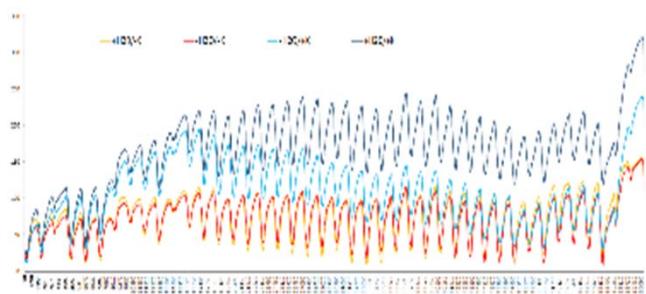
Growth and development are affected by rainfall exclusion and fertilization:



With K: leave life 2 times longer



With K & rainfall exclusion: Biomass 3 times bigger



Cambial activity (secondary growth) affected according to fertilization and water availability

Environmental effect on wood heterogeneity from pith to bark ?

Consequences on:

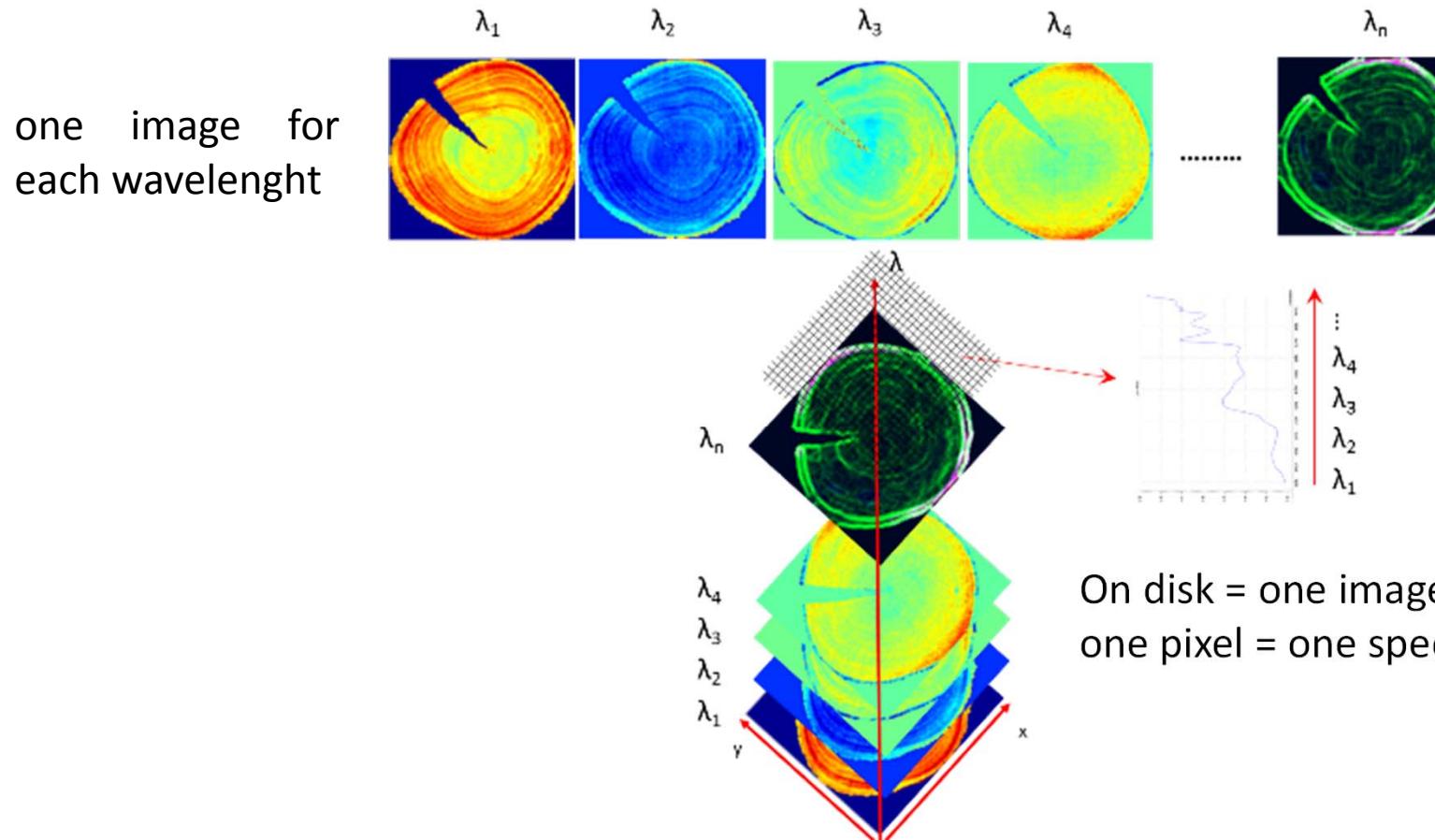
- Wood quality
- Timber yield
- Drying



To explore radial and longitudinal variabilities of wood properties

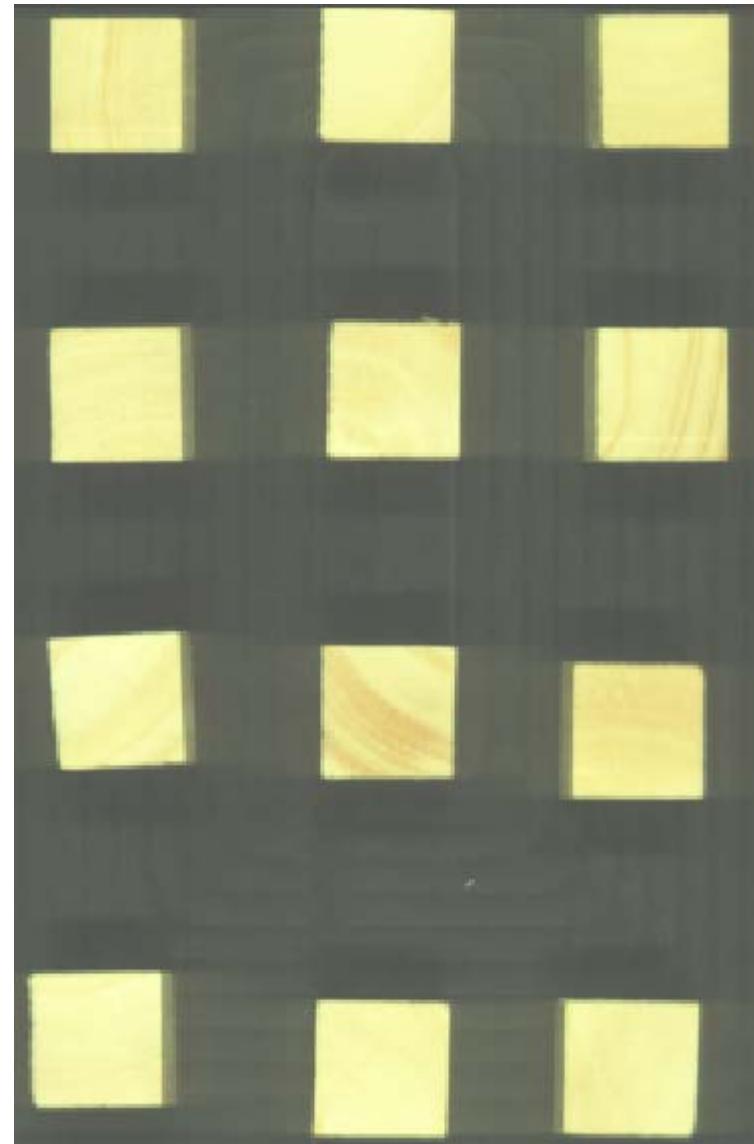
# How to reveal radial variability?

One option is Hyperspectral imaging in NIR region (1000-2500 nm)



With NIR model we'll predict each pixel  
Rebuilt image for each propertie predicted

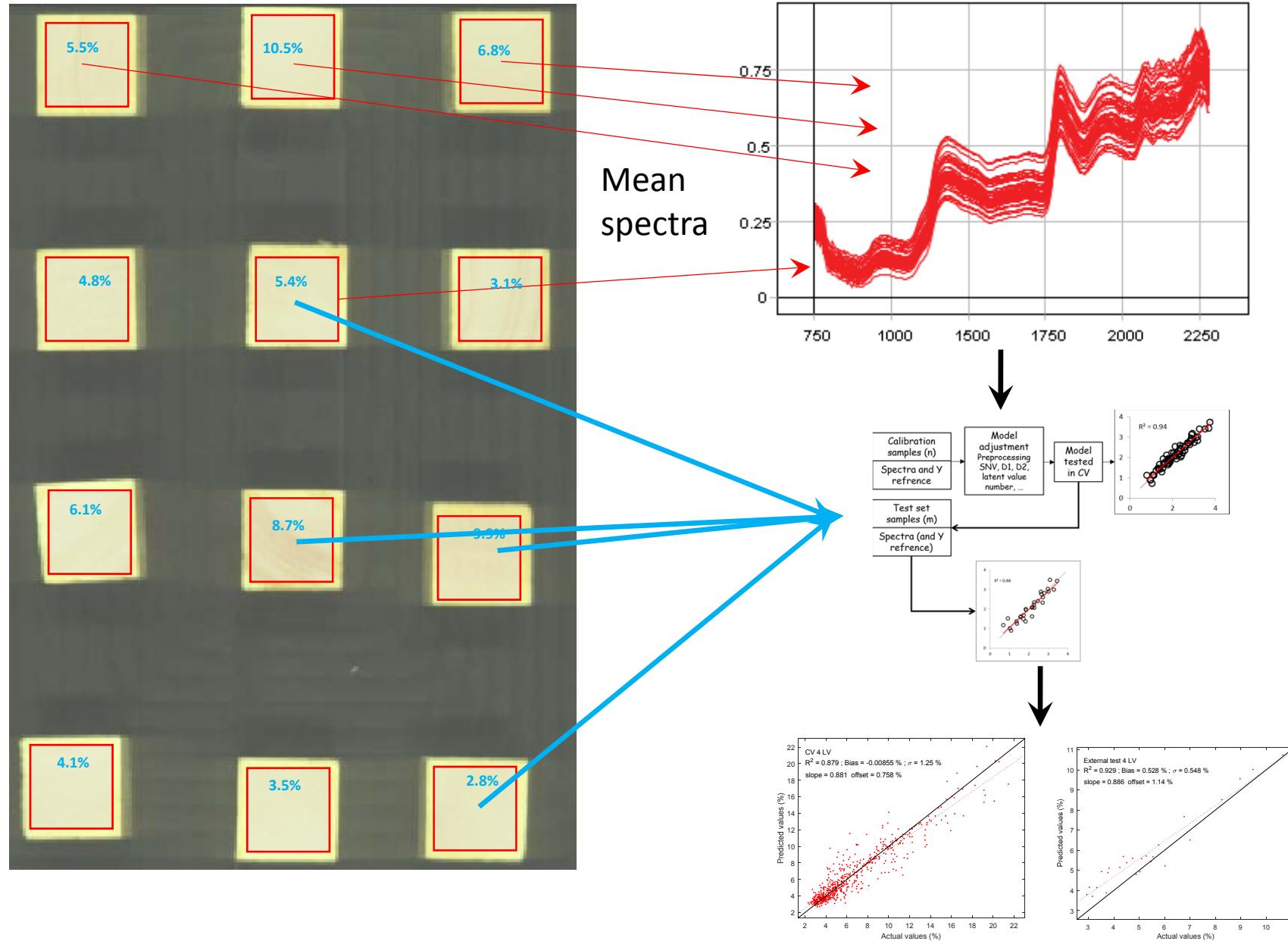
# Calibration of HSI camera for prediction of solid wood



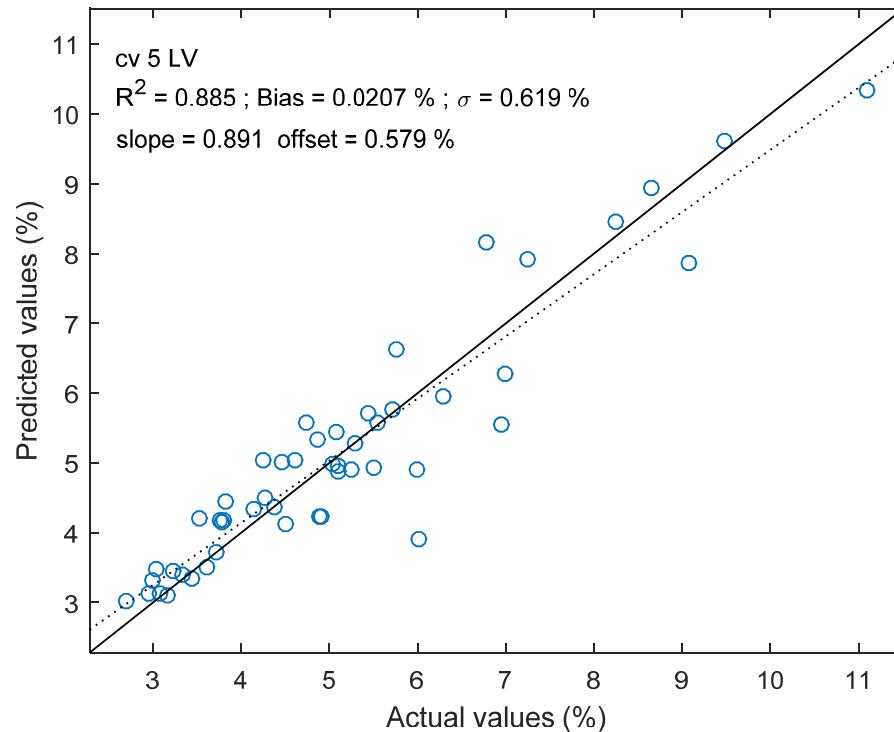
HSI, SPECIM, pixel size 625x625 $\mu\text{m}$ , 900-2500 nm, 255 wavelength

# Calibration process of HSI camera for prediction of solid wood

1 sample = 1 000 pixels = 1 000 spectra



# Calibration results (total extractive content) for HIS camera



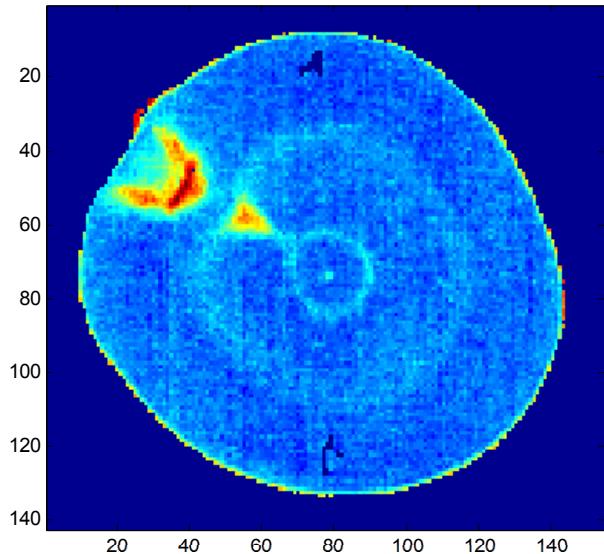
extractives content %	N	LV	$R^2_{cv}$	RMSECV	%RMSEV	$R^2$	RMSEP	%RMSEP	%SEL
Cross-validation	50	5	0.885	0.619	12.1				
Cross-validation	37	5	0.834	0.727	14.8				
Validation by test set	13	5				0.764	0.895	15.8	11.6

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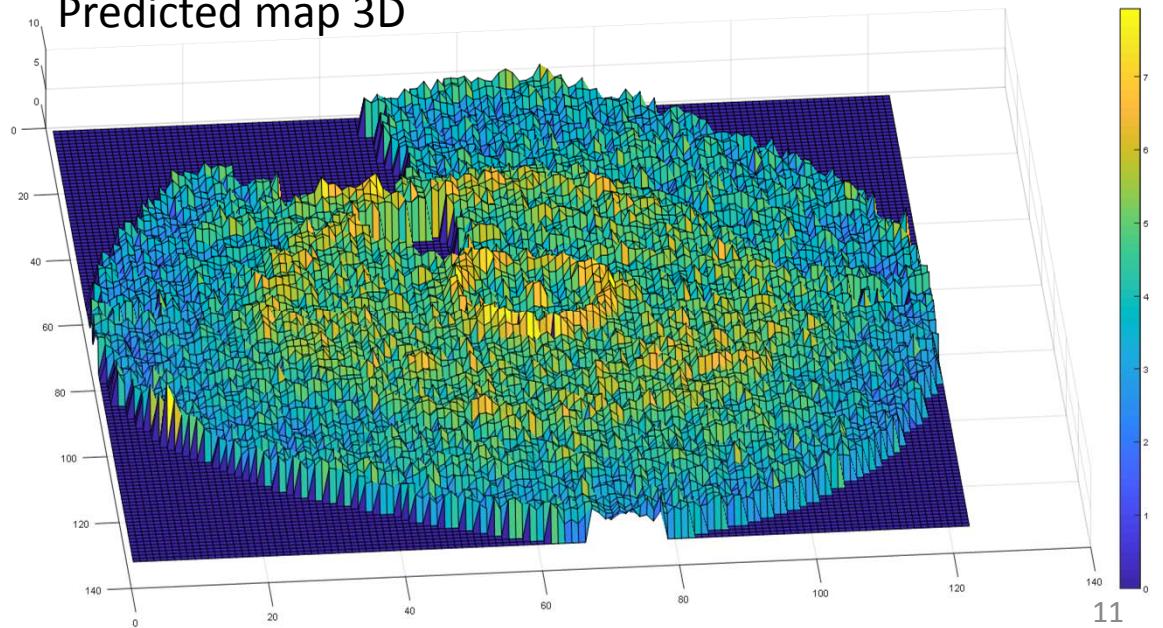
Predicted map 2D



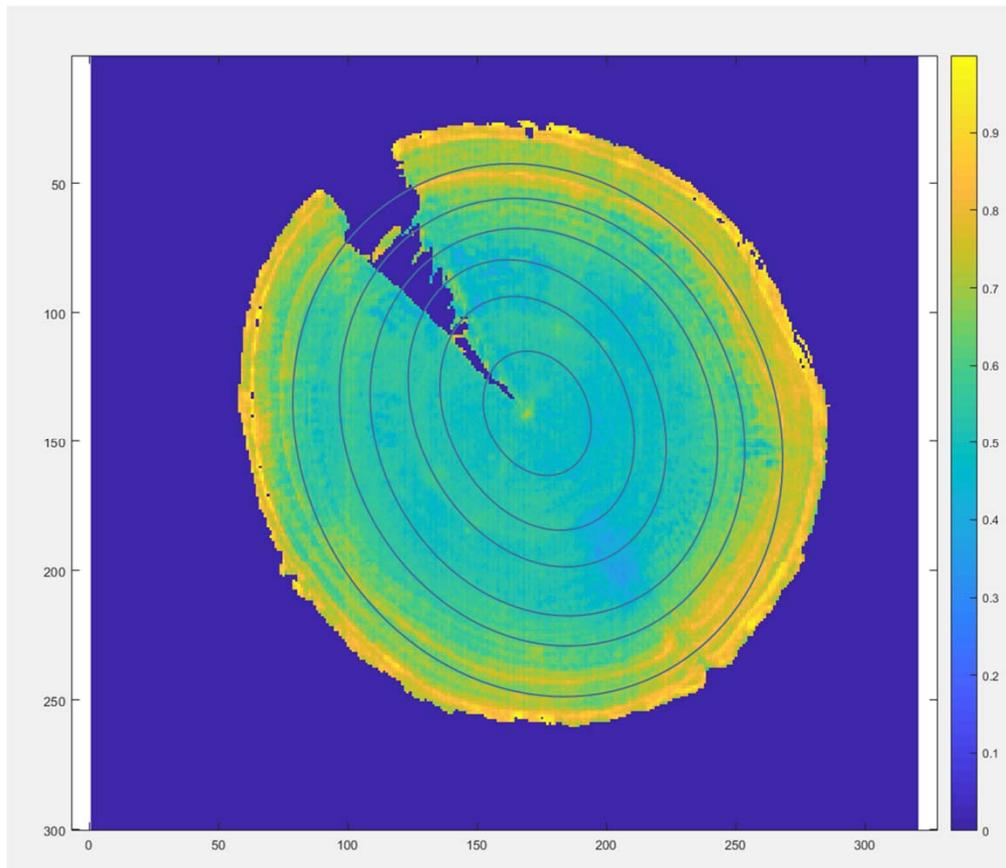
Image acquisition on wood disk  
Diameter disk 15 cm = 30 000 pixels =  
30 000 spectra



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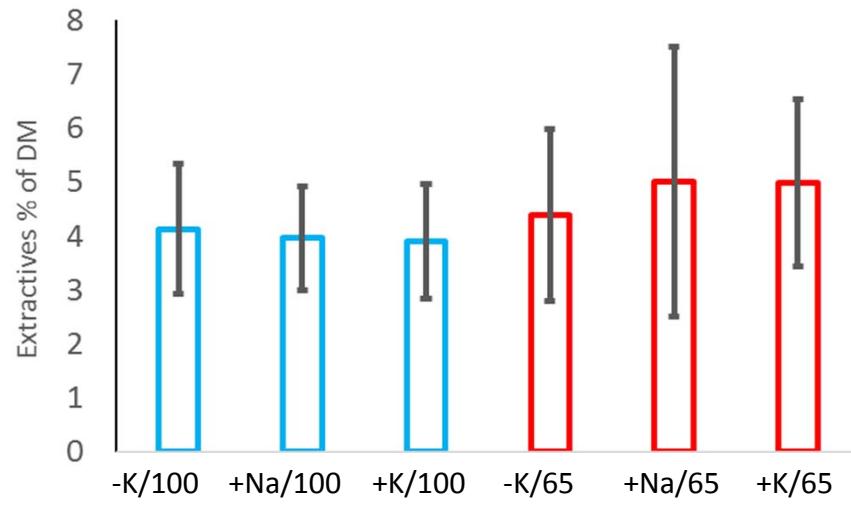
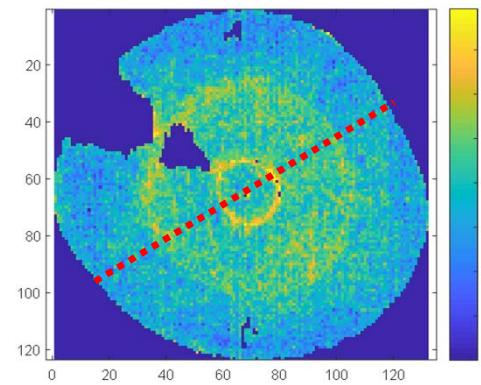
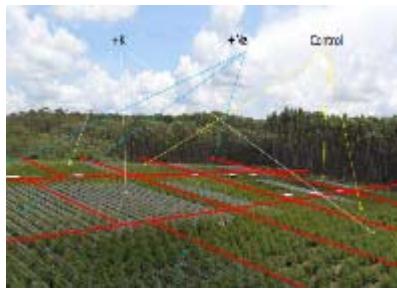
# Exploring spatial variability on predicted maps



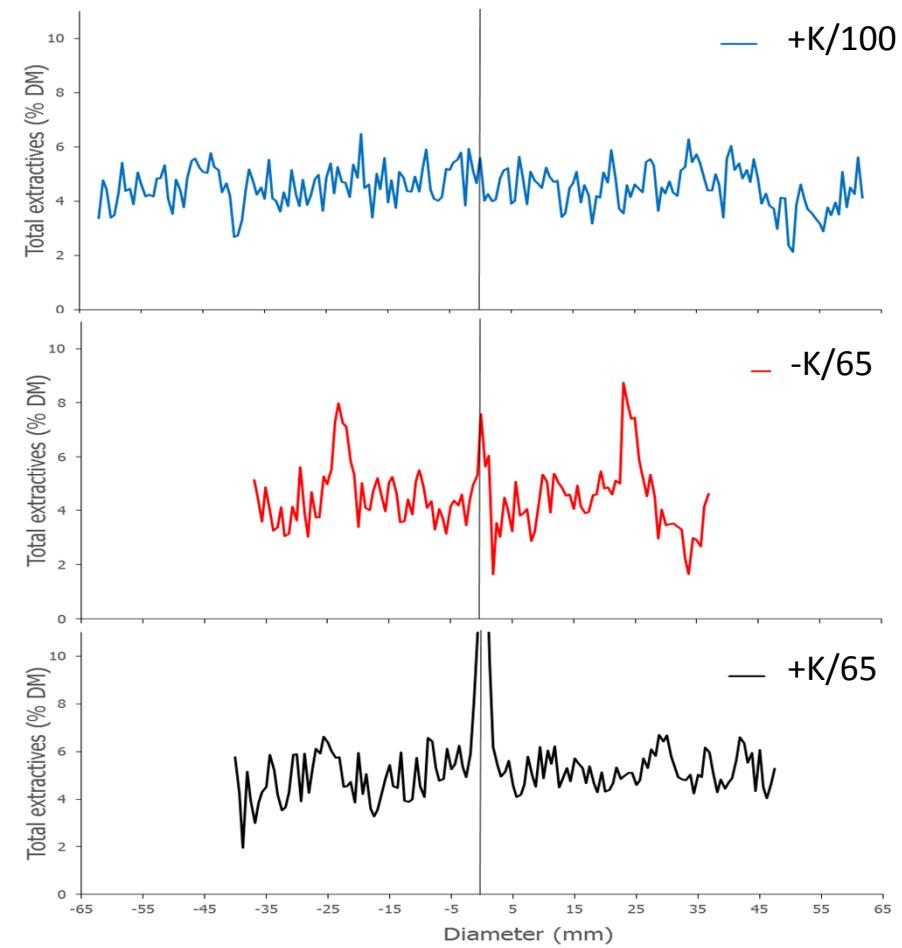
Determine annual  
and season rings

Design to measure secondary  
growth every 2 weeks

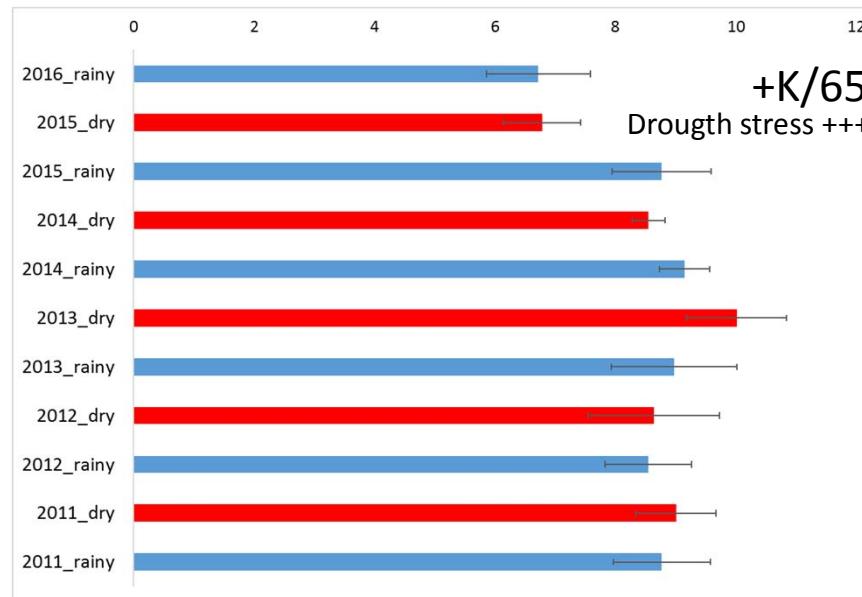
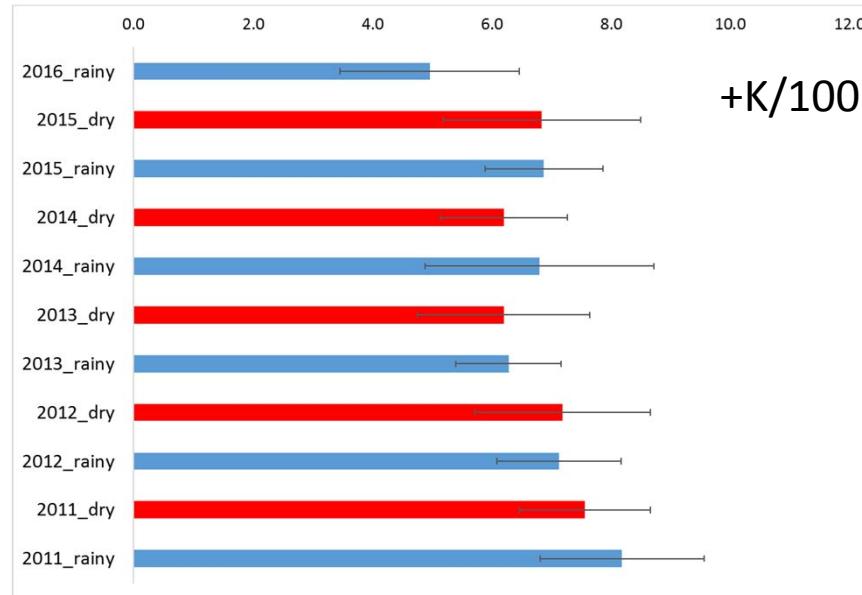
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Distribution profile for total extractive content

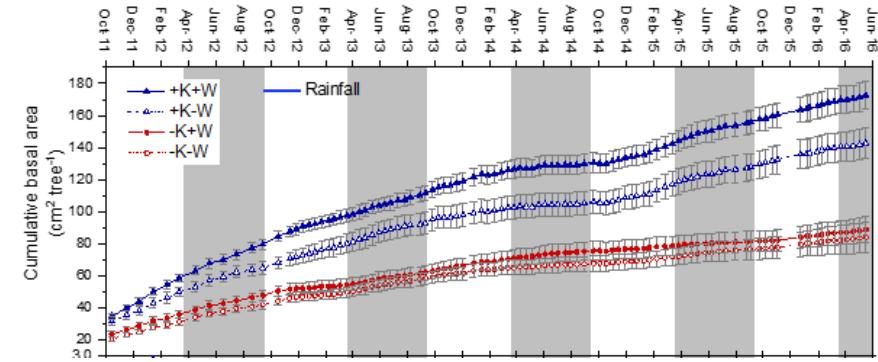


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Mean extractives %

CV	+K/100	+K/65
2016_rainy	30.3	12.9
2015_dry	24.2	9.5
2015_rainy	14.3	9.4
2014_dry	17.2	3.2
2014_rainy	28.2	4.6
2013_dry	23.2	8.3
2013_rainy	14.1	11.6
2012_dry	20.5	12.6
2012_rainy	14.6	8.4
2011_dry	14.5	7.4
2011_rainy	16.8	9.2



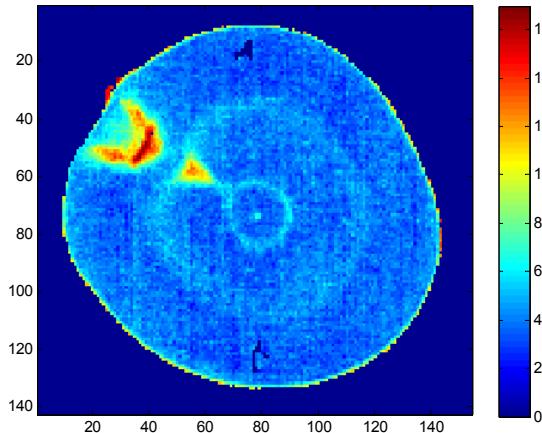
-20% of diametral growth

Water content in soils is higher

Other properties: Lignine, Cellulose

# Perspectives – Wood properties and cambial activity under stress

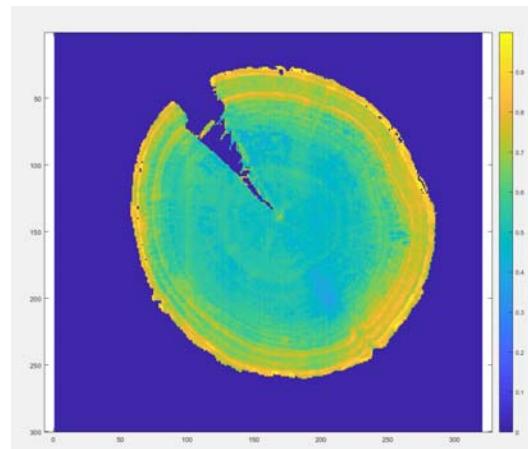
1- HIS – chemical map



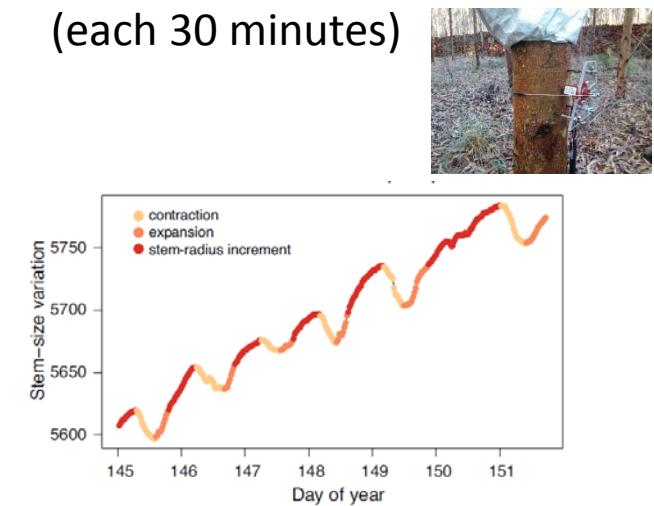
Geo-statistic / radial and longitudinal variabilities for **extractives, lignine, cellulose**



2- HIS – wood density map



3- Secondary growth profile (each 30 minutes)



X  
Climatic data (each 30 minutes, daily, ...)



## Environment effects on cambial activity

Adaptation/plasticity, impact on selection

Extreme climatic events

Consequences on end-product

Identification of proxy/markers for selection



# Many Thanks!

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