

# Supplementary material for “Substantial spatial heterogeneity in growing season dynamics across northern environments”

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**Table S1.** Median, absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of the growing season variables. The values are derived from the full dataset, covering the period 2020–2024. GDD is calculated with the 5 °C threshold.

	GS <sub>beg</sub>			GS <sub>end</sub>			GS <sub>len</sub>			GDD (°C days)		
	Med	Min	Max	Med	Min	Max	Med	Min	Max	Med	Min	Max
<b>KIL</b>	3 Jun	9 May	6 Jul	12 Sep	24 Aug	30 Sep	96	61	133	542	250	1005
<b>RAS</b>	3 Jun	10 May	4 Aug	12 Sep	28 Aug	20 Sep	95	41	126	517	104	986
<b>VÄR</b>	24 May	8 May	10 Jun	20 Sep	31 Aug	11 Oct	120	90	147	823	461	1229

**Table S2.** Slopes and p-values of the predictors for Kilpisjärvi. Statistically significant (at 5 % level) relationships are bolded.

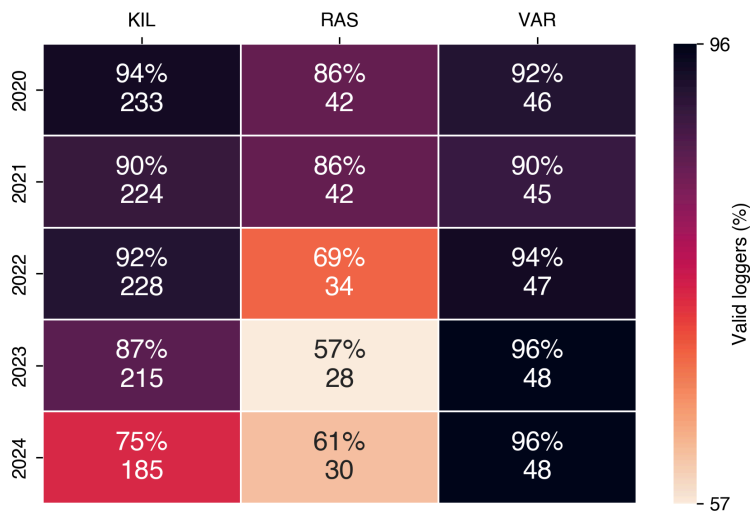
	GS <sub>beg</sub>		GS <sub>end</sub>		GDD	
	Slope	P-value	Slope	P-value	Slope	P-value
DEM	<b>0.014</b>	0	<b>-0.025</b>	0	<b>-0.497</b>	0
PISR9	<b>-0.001</b>	0.001	<b>0.001</b>	0	<b>0.022</b>	0
TPI-50	0.003	0.766	0.01	0.118	<b>-0.33</b>	0.001
SWI-16	0.001	0.128	0.001	0.083	-0.011	0.155
WE500	-0.01	0.243	<b>0.019</b>	0	<b>0.289</b>	0
MBI	<b>-0.004</b>	0	0	0.37	0.01	0.195
CC	-0.018	0.501	-0.025	0.115	<b>-0.549</b>	0.031
SMT	<b>0.448</b>	0	<b>0.063</b>	0	<b>-1.371</b>	0

**Table S3.** Slopes and p-values of the predictors for Rásttigáisá. Statistically significant (at 5 % level) relationships are bolded.

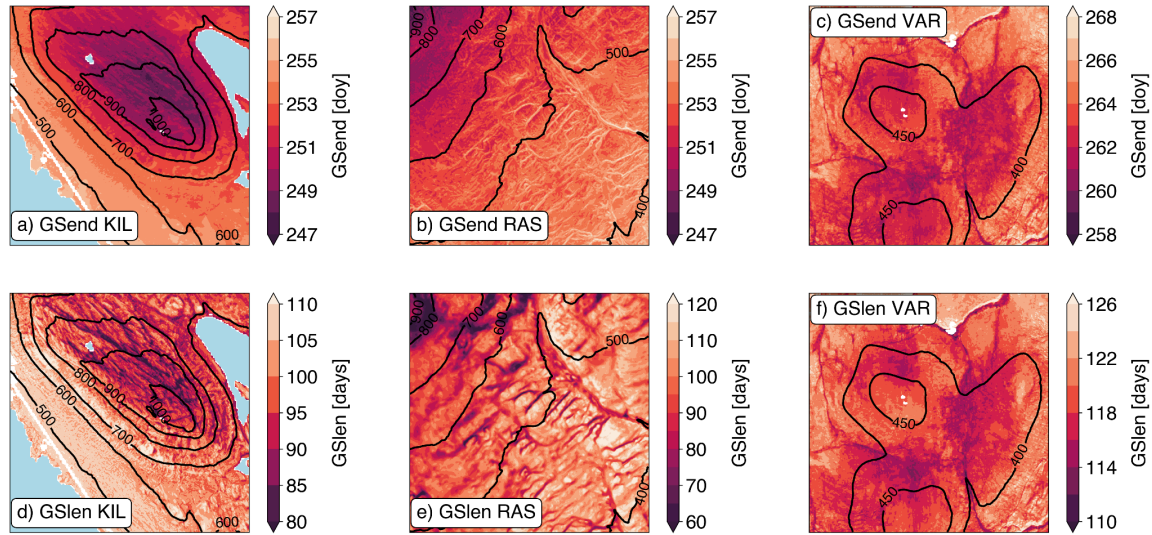
	GS <sub>beg</sub>		GS <sub>end</sub>		GDD	
	Slope	P-value	Slope	P-value	Slope	P-value
DEM	<b>0.026</b>	0.007	<b>-0.017</b>	0	<b>-0.607</b>	0
PISR9	-0.001	0.418	0.001	0.071	0.013	0.39
TPI-50	<b>0.16</b>	0.002	0.017	0.347	0.092	0.819
SWI-16	-0.003	0.342	-0.001	0.265	-0.007	0.789
WE500	<b>-0.086</b>	0.007	-0.007	0.541	0.202	0.44
MBI	0	0.842	-0.001	0.341	0.002	0.909
SMT	<b>0.717</b>	0	0.008	0.662	<b>-2.943</b>	0

**Table S4.** Slopes and p-values of the predictors for Värriö. Statistically significant (at 5 % level) relationships are bolded.

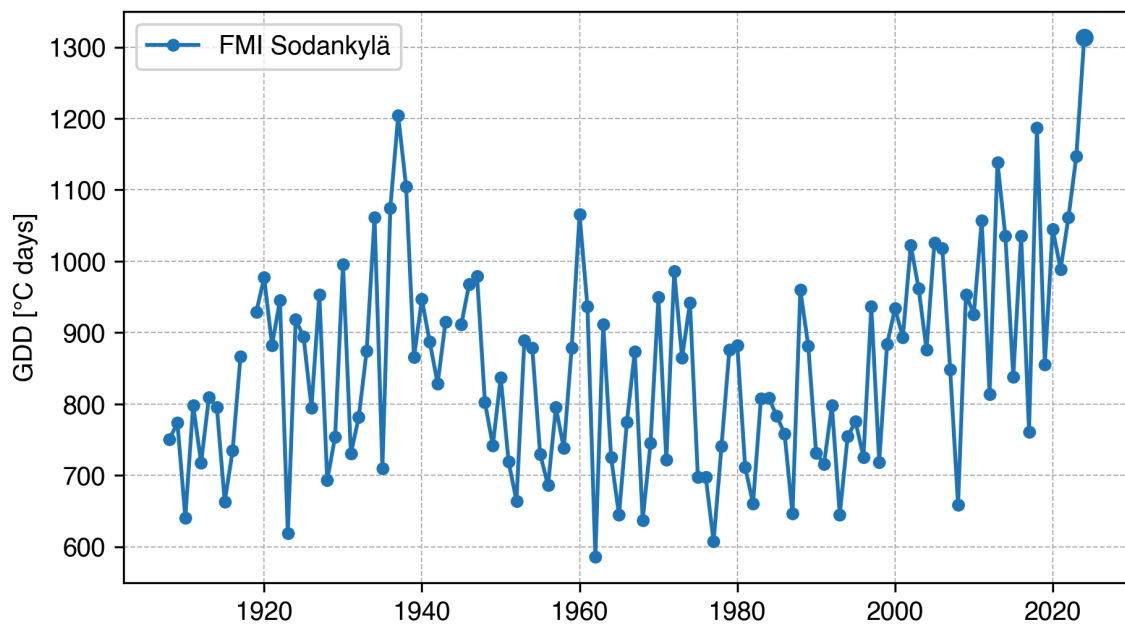
	GS <sub>beg</sub>		GS <sub>end</sub>		GDD	
	Slope	P-value	Slope	P-value	Slope	P-value
DEM	<b>0.017</b>	0.03	<b>-0.05</b>	0.002	-0.518	0.076
PISR9	<b>-0.002</b>	0.001	<b>0.002</b>	0.023	<b>0.047</b>	0.017
TPI-50	0.009	0.738	0.001	0.983	0.979	0.326
SWI-16	0.001	0.198	<b>-0.005</b>	0.024	<b>-0.094</b>	0.013
WE500	-0.014	0.119	0.007	0.68	-0.065	0.842
MBI	0	0.791	0.001	0.686	<b>0.09</b>	0.011
CC	0.017	0.478	-0.085	0.085	-1.75	0.06
SMT	0.112	0.122	0.067	0.634	1.625	0.537



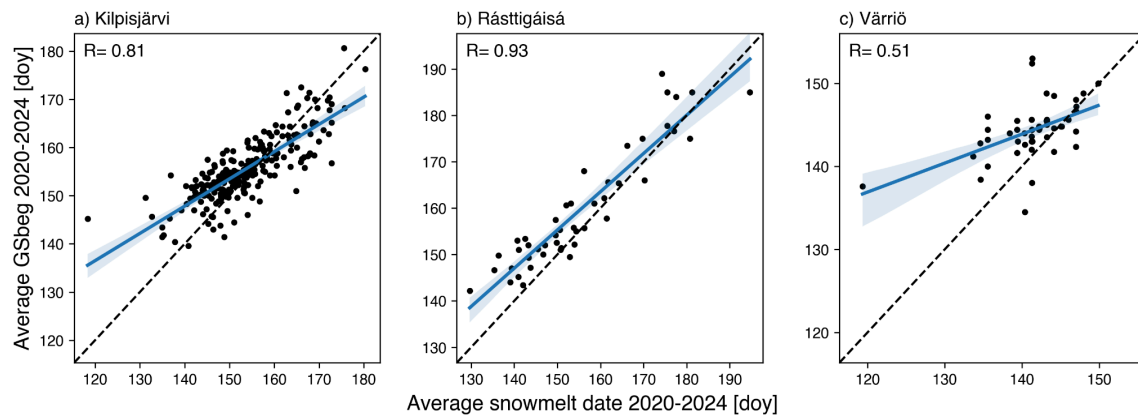
**Figure S1.** Heatmap showing the percentage and the actual number of loggers with less than 5 % imputed data at each area in 2020–2024.



**Figure S2.** Predicted spatial variability in the average  $GS_{end}$  (a-c) and  $GS_{len}$  (d-f) in Kilpisjärvi (left), Rásttigáisá (middle) and Värriö (right).  $GS_{end}$  is based on the linear model at 10 m x 10 m resolution.  $GS_{len}$  is calculated as the difference between  $GS_{end}$  and  $GS_{beg}$ . Black contours show the elevation every 100 metres. The domains are 3 km x 3 km, and their locations in the landscape are shown in Fig. 1.



**Figure S3.** Century-scale context of growing seasons in northern Fennoscandia. The graph shows GDD from FMI Sodankylä Tähtelä weather station in 1908–2024.



**Figure S4.** Relationship between snowmelt timing and the onset of the growing season. The x-axis shows the average snowmelt date and the y-axis shows the average GS<sub>beg</sub> date. The values are averages over five years 2020–2024. The black dashed line marks 1:1 line, and blue line the least squares regression with 95 % confidence interval as shading.