# Two in one: Climate and Solar Activity proxies from tree rings

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Tree-ring multiproxy for reconstruction of the past climate

- Tree-ring width
- Wood density
- $\delta^{18}$ O and  $\delta^{13}$ C
- Cell dimensions





# Regional to global



# Tree-ring proxy of solar activity

### Reconstruction of solar irradiance



#### 1,000-year annual record of atmospheric <sup>14</sup>C concentration



From annual  $\Delta^{14}$ C records to reconstruction of solar magnetic field (Brehm et al. 2021).

#### Reconstruction of sunspot numbers

• Tree-ring <sup>14</sup>C



New 1000-year solar activity reconstruction from **annually** resolved <sup>14</sup>C tree-ring record. Usoskin et al 2021.



Corrected (Blue) reconstruction of sunspot numbers. Red- before the correction. Usoskin et al. 2021.

# Near 660 BCE <sup>14</sup>C spike

Park et al. 2017 reports a rapid  $\Delta$  <sup>14</sup>C increase ~13‰ over six years **near** 660 BCE measured on annual time series of <sup>14</sup>C from German oak.



<sup>10</sup>Be (red) and <sup>36</sup>Cl (blue) series from two Greenland ice cores ~660 BCE (O'Hare et al. 2019). 3-4 factor concentration peaks.

Signature of  $\Delta$  <sup>14</sup>C ~660 BCE, Sakurai et al. 2020. Replication of the spike in Japanese cedar.



Surface distributions of modeled posterior probability of spike parameters calculated with Carbon Box -13 model.

Note: Astronomical year -662 is Calendar year 663 BCE.

# Amplitude of 663 BCE spike from Altai tree rings



## Further replication of 663 BCE spike



<sup>14</sup>C content of tree rings from <u>5 locations (NHZ1 and NHZ3)</u>.

Radiocarbon production rate modeled with 13-box carbon model as described in Buntgen et al 2018.

#### Range of 663 BCE <sup>14</sup>C-spike parameters



# Scaling the spike signal with Dynamic Time Warping

1052 CE or 1054 CE?



1052-55 CE fingerprint of 1054CE spike in radiocarbon of tree rings from CA sequoia (blue-brown), Finnish pine (magenta), English oak (green).



Elastic matching of the signals with DTW, Panyushkina et al 2022.

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#### Final remarks

- <sup>14</sup> C spike research has ignited the development of long annually-resolved <sup>14</sup>C measurements from tree rings.
- Common Era delta <sup>14</sup>C high- resolution datasets are already available for modeling solar activity.
- Continuous long-term/annual delta-<sup>14</sup>C data is in high demand, BUT our efforts must be coordinated to address the spatial and temporal biases in tree-ring availability, seasonality.
- There is no need to wait for the next version of the IntCal radiocarbon curve to be released in 6-8 years from 2023 to experiment with high-resolution and long-term reconstructions of sunspots and total solar irradiance.



14C variations cand changes in global carbon cycle

From 1980s: box-diffusion model for the carbon cycle is used to estimate the magnitude of 14C variations caused by changes of reservoir sizes and exchange fluxes in the

global carbon system. The influence of changes in atmospheric CO2 concentration, biomass, CO2 exchange rate between atmosphere and ocean, and ocean mixing is considered

Significant variations of reservoir parameters can be expected during periods of major climatic change.

build-up of biosphere in Anthropocene