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***A machine learning approach to fill gaps in dendrometer data***

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22 **Table S1** Regression algorithms tested in this approach

| # | Regression Algorithm            | Type      |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Linear                          | Linear    |
| 2 | Ridge                           | Linear    |
| 3 | Lasso                           | Linear    |
| 4 | Random Forest (RF)              | Nonlinear |
| 5 | k-Nearest-Neighbor (kNN)        | Nonlinear |
| 6 | Support Vector Machine (SVM)    | Linear    |
| 7 | Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGB) | Nonlinear |
| 8 | Partial Least Square (PLS)      | Linear    |

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24 **Table S2** Performance results (RMSE and adjusted  $R^2$ ) of eight algorithms trained on datasets #3-6 (Tabl. 1) to predicting growth.  
 25 Performance measures were estimated using repeated k-fold cross validation (k = 10, repeats = 10). Performance values shown here  
 26 equal the mean of the 100 runs

| Urban Maple |      |                   | Urban Plane |      |                   | Non-urban Maple |      |                   | Non-urban Plane |      |                   |
|-------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------|-------------------|-----------------|------|-------------------|-----------------|------|-------------------|
| Model       | RMSE | adjR <sup>2</sup> | Model       | RMSE | adjR <sup>2</sup> | Model           | RMSE | adjR <sup>2</sup> | Model           | RMSE | adjR <sup>2</sup> |
| RF          | 0.00 | 1.00              | RF          | 0.00 | 1.00              | RF              | 0.00 | 1.00              | RF              | 0.00 | 1.00              |
| XGB         | 0.01 | 1.00              | XGB         | 0.02 | 1.00              | XGB             | 0.01 | 1.00              | XGB             | 0.01 | 1.00              |
| kNN         | 0.10 | 0.99              | kNN         | 0.13 | 0.99              | kNN             | 0.04 | 1.00              | kNN             | 0.06 | 1.00              |
| SVM         | 0.49 | 0.8               | SVM         | 0.92 | 0.71              | SVM             | 0.33 | 0.82              | SVM             | 0.51 | 0.82              |
| Ridge       | 0.74 | 0.54              | Ridge       | 0.96 | 0.69              | Ridge           | 0.47 | 0.63              | Ridge           | 0.64 | 0.73              |
| Linear      | 0.74 | 0.54              | Linear      | 0.96 | 0.69              | Linear          | 0.47 | 0.63              | Linear          | 0.64 | 0.73              |
| Lasso       | 0.74 | 0.54              | Lasso       | 0.96 | 0.69              | Lasso           | 0.47 | 0.63              | Lasso           | 0.64 | 0.73              |
| PLS         | 0.74 | 0.54              | PLS         | 0.96 | 0.69              | PLS             | 0.52 | 0.56              | PLS             | 0.64 | 0.72              |

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31 **Table S3** Ranked performance results from hyperparameter tuning to fit different algorithms to the datasets #3-6 (Tabl. 1). Best RMSE  
32 scores for all four datasets are shown in reference to growth in millimetres. Param. denotes to the best hyperparameters found via Bayesian  
33 Optimization Search and 10-fold cross validation

| Position | Urbane Maple |      |                                                                                                                         | Urban Plane  |      |                                                                                                                        | Non-urban Maple |       |                                                                                                                         | Non-urban Plane |      |                                                                                                                        |
|----------|--------------|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|          | Model        | RMSE | Param.                                                                                                                  | Model        | RMSE | Param.                                                                                                                 | Model           | RMS E | Param.                                                                                                                  | Model           | RMSE | Param.                                                                                                                 |
| 1        | <b>XGB</b>   | 0.01 | colsample_bytree= 1, eta= 0.16, gamma= 10, max_depth= 15, min_child_weight= 7, subsample= 0.9, early_stopping_rounds=10 | <b>XGB</b>   | 0.01 | colsample_bytree= 1, eta= 0.1, gamma= 30, max_depth= 13, min_child_weight= 8, subsample= 0.9, early_stopping_rounds=10 | <b>XGB</b>      | 0.00  | colsample_bytree= 1, eta= 0.16, gamma= 50, max_depth= 13, min_child_weight= 6, subsample= 0.9, early_stopping_rounds=10 | <b>XGB</b>      | 0.01 | colsample_bytree= 1, eta= 0.1, gamma= 30, max_depth= 15, min_child_weight= 3, subsample= 0.6, early_stopping_rounds=10 |
| 2        | <b>RF</b>    | 0.02 | bootstrap= True, max_depth= 86, max_features= 1.0, max_leaf_nodes= 95, n_estimators= 116, random_state= 42              | <b>RF</b>    | 0.07 | bootstrap= True, max_depth= 66, max_features= 1.0, max_leaf_nodes= 95, n_estimators= 186, random_state= 42             | <b>RF</b>       | 0.02  | bootstrap= True, max_depth= 75, max_features= 1.0, max_leaf_nodes= 95, n_estimators= 170, random_state= 42              | <b>RF</b>       | 0.05 | bootstrap= True, max_depth= 46, max_features= 1.0, max_leaf_nodes= 98, n_estimators= 196, random_state= 42             |
| 3        | <b>kNN</b>   | 0.08 | algorithm= 'ball_tree', leaf_size= 31, metric= 'manhattan', n_neighbors= 5, p= 2, weights= 'distance'                   | <b>kNN</b>   | 0.11 | algorithm= 'brute', leaf_size= 11, metric= 'manhattan', n_neighbors= 5, p= 1, weights= 'distance'                      | <b>kNN</b>      | 0.04  | algorithm= 'kd_tree', leaf_size= 66, metric= 'euclidean', n_neighbors= 5, p= 2, weights= 'distance'                     | <b>kNN</b>      | 0.06 | algorithm= 'brute', leaf_size= 11, metric= 'euclidean', n_neighbors= 7, p= 2, weights= 'distance'                      |
| 4        | <b>Ridge</b> | 0.74 | alpha= 1.0                                                                                                              | <b>Ridge</b> | 0.96 | alpha= 1.0                                                                                                             | <b>Ridge</b>    | 0.47  | alpha= 0.4                                                                                                              | <b>Ridge</b>    | 0.64 | alpha= 1.0                                                                                                             |

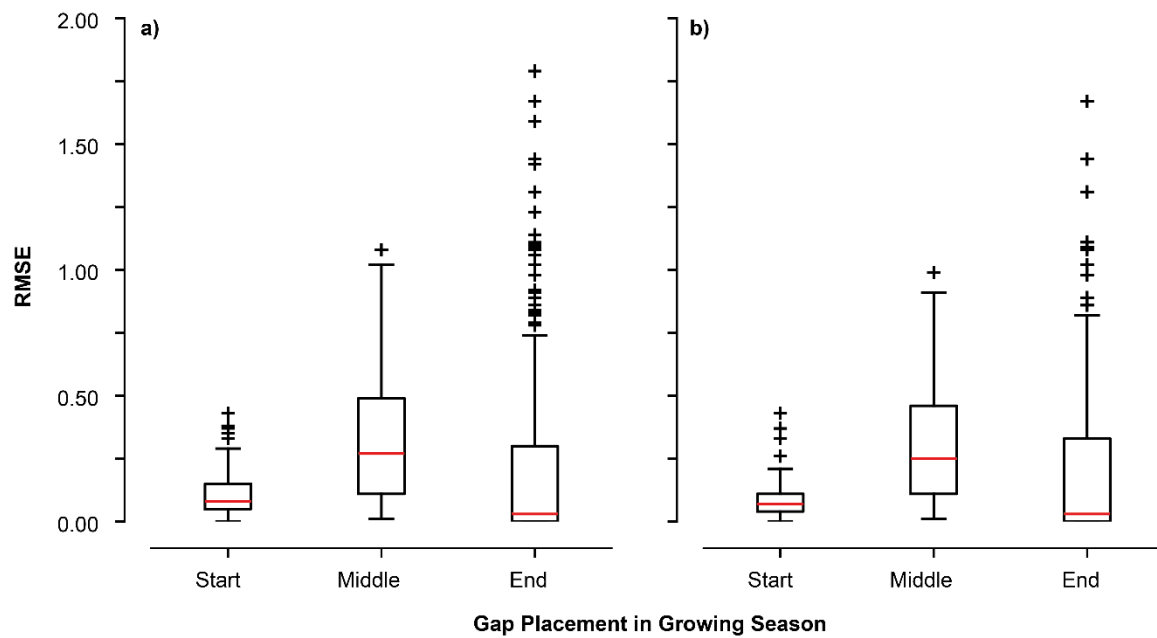
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**Table S4** Test set RMSE values of the models based on the datasets #1-6 and the four algorithms extreme gradient boosting (XGB), k-nearest neighbor (kNN), random forest (RF) and ridge regression after hyperparameter tuning.

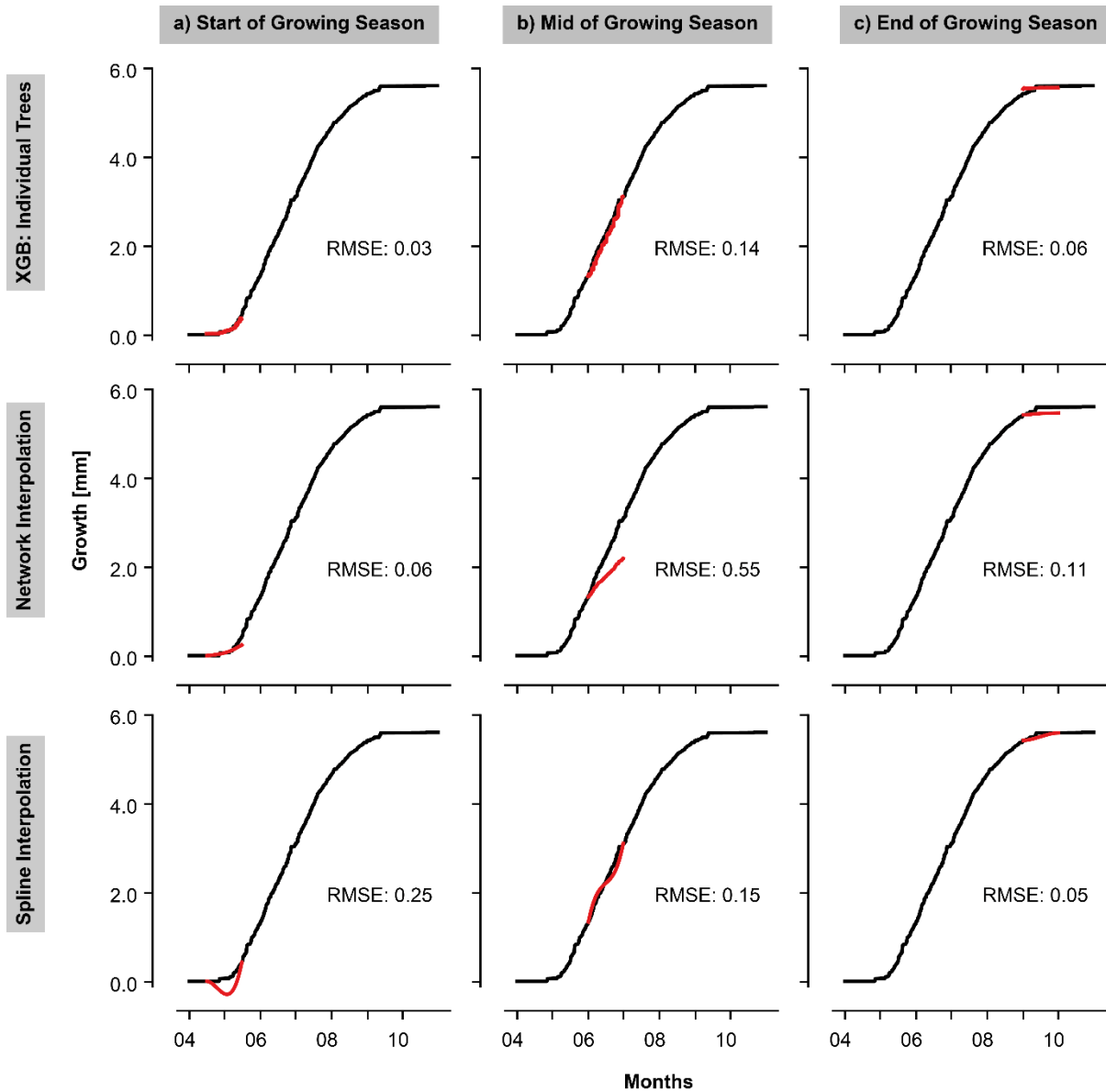
| # | X               | XGB  | RF   | kNN  | Ridge |
|---|-----------------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1 | Maple           | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.78  |
| 2 | Plane           | 0.01 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.94  |
| 3 | Urban Maple     | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.09 | 0.74  |
| 4 | Urban Plane     | 0.01 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.95  |
| 5 | Non-Urban Maple | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.47  |
| 6 | Non-Urban Plane | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.64  |

**Table S5** Test set RMSE mean values and standard deviation (in brackets) of the models based on the datasets #3-8 and the four algorithms extreme gradient boosting (XGB), k-nearest neighbor (kNN), random forest (RF) and ridge regression without hyperparameter tuning and VPD

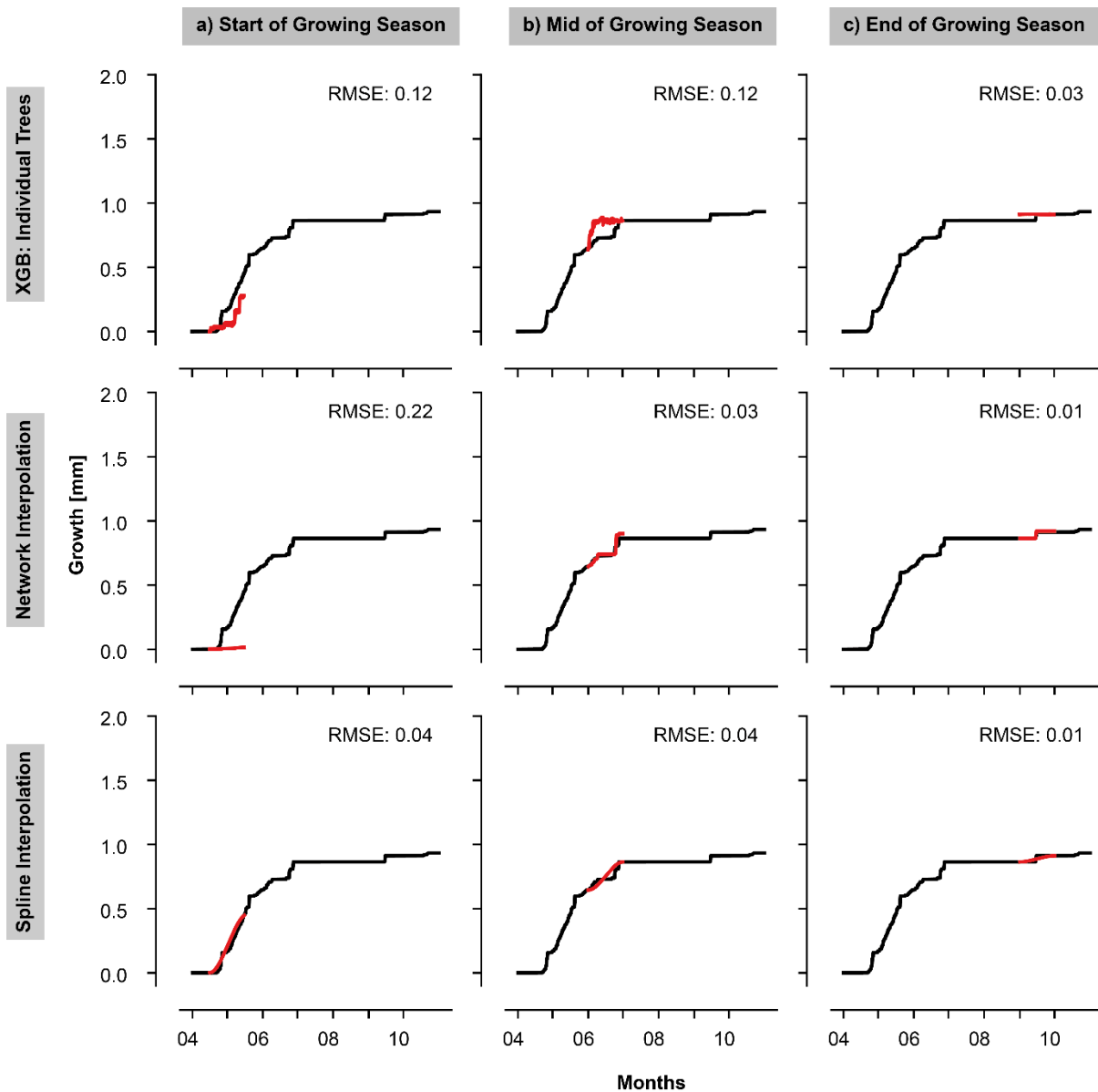
| #  | X                 | XGB         | RF          | kNN         | Ridge       |
|----|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 3  | Urban Maple       | 1.03 (0.01) | 1.36 (0.01) | 1.15 (0.01) | 1.14 (0.01) |
| 4  | Urban Plane       | 0.69 (0.01) | 0.92 (0.01) | 0.78 (0.01) | 1.55 (0.01) |
| 5  | Non-Urban Maple   | 0.77 (0.01) | 1.00 (0.01) | 0.88 (0.01) | 1.02 (0.01) |
| 6  | Non-Urban Plane   | 0.61 (0.01) | 0.80 (0.01) | 0.70 (0.01) | 1.05 (0.00) |
| 7  | Urban 1 Maple     | 0.02 (0.01) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.03 (0.00) | 0.27 (0.00) |
| 8  | Urban 1 Plane     | 0.07 (0.08) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.18 (0.01) | 1.20 (0.01) |
| 9  | Urban 2 Maple     | 0.13 (0.10) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.19 (0.01) | 1.29 (0.01) |
| 10 | Urban 2 Plane     | 0.01 (0.00) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.25 (0.01) | 2.00 (0.01) |
| 11 | Urban 3 Maple     | 0.01 (0.00) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.06 (0.01) | 0.40 (0.00) |
| 12 | Urban 3 Plane     | 0.04 (0.07) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.16 (0.01) | 1.25 (0.02) |
| 13 | Non-urban 1 Maple | 0.05 (0.09) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.10 (0.00) | 0.87 (0.01) |
| 14 | Non-urban 1 Plane | 0.11 (0.09) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.17 (0.00) | 1.16 (0.01) |
| 15 | Non-urban 2 Maple | 0.03 (0.03) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.05 (0.00) | 0.36 (0.00) |
| 16 | Non-urban 2 Plane | 0.06 (0.05) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.10 (0.00) | 0.66 (0.01) |
| 17 | Non-urban 3 Maple | 0.01 (0.01) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.03 (0.00) | 0.25 (0.00) |
| 18 | Non-urban 3 Plane | 0.01 (0.00) | 0.00 (0.00) | 0.14 (0.01) | 1.16 (0.02) |



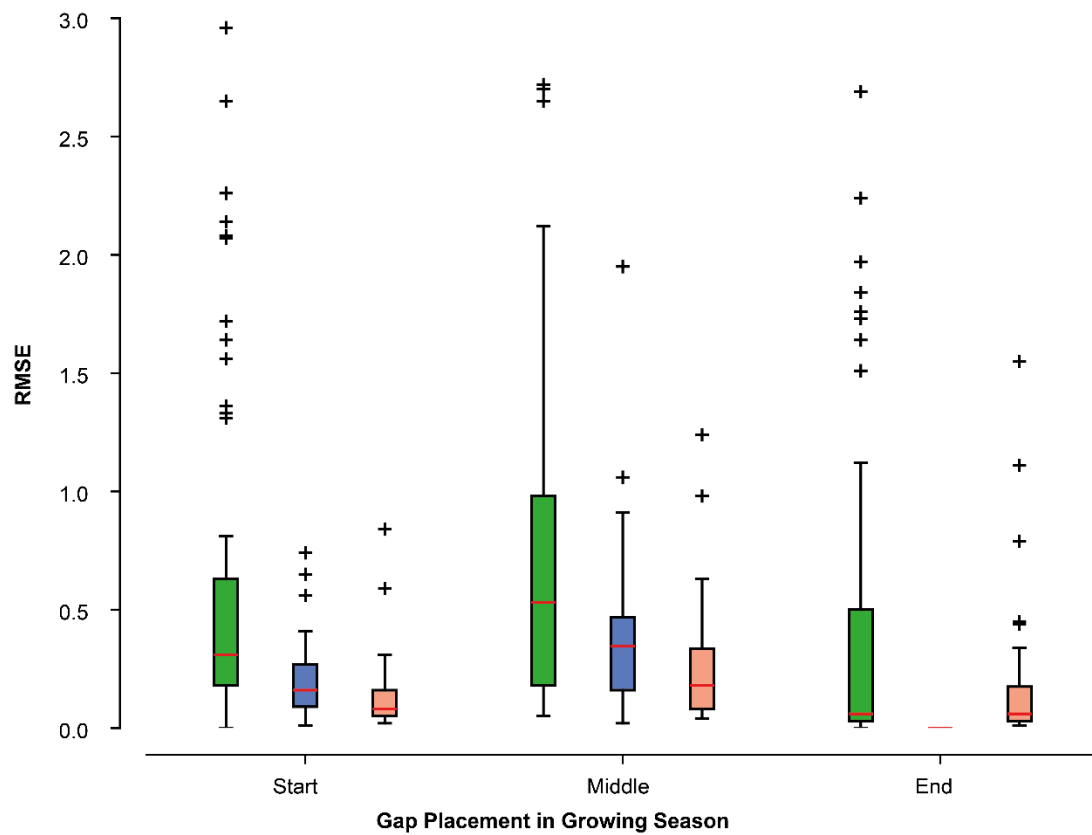
**Figure S1** Comparison of RMSE values of the artificial gaps, when the models are based on **a)** random forest and **b)** extreme gradient boosting. On each boxplot, the red bar indicates the median, bottom and top edges indicate the 25th and 75th percentiles; the whiskers extend to all data points except outliers (drawn as “+”). No significant differences could be found for the middle and end of the growing seasons ( $p > 0.01$ , Mann-Whitney-U test)



**Figure S2** Results of different approaches for predicting growth of the maple tree at an urban location of 2022 CE fitted to the algorithm Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGB) for different seasons (a-c). Top row shows the results of the individual Urban Maple models. Middle and bottom row present the comparison to the network interpolation by Aryal et al. (2020) and the classic spline interpolation



**Figure S3** Results of different approaches for predicting growth of the maple tree at an urban location in 2022 CE fitted to the algorithm Extreme Gradient Boosting (XGB) for different seasons (a-c). Top row shows the results of the individual Urban Maple models. Middle and bottom row present the comparison to the network interpolation by Aryal et al. (2020) and the classic spline interpolation



**Figure S4** Comparison of RMSE values of the artificial gaps from raw dendrometer data, when the gaps are filled with the individual tree models (green), spline interpolation (blue) or network interpolation (orange). On each boxplot, the red bar indicates the median, bottom and top edges indicate the 25th and 75th percentiles; the whiskers extend to all data points except outliers (drawn as "+").