

# BEHAVIOR PATTERNS TO THE INTENSIFICATION VARY DIFFERENTLY WITHIN DAIRY PRODUCERS

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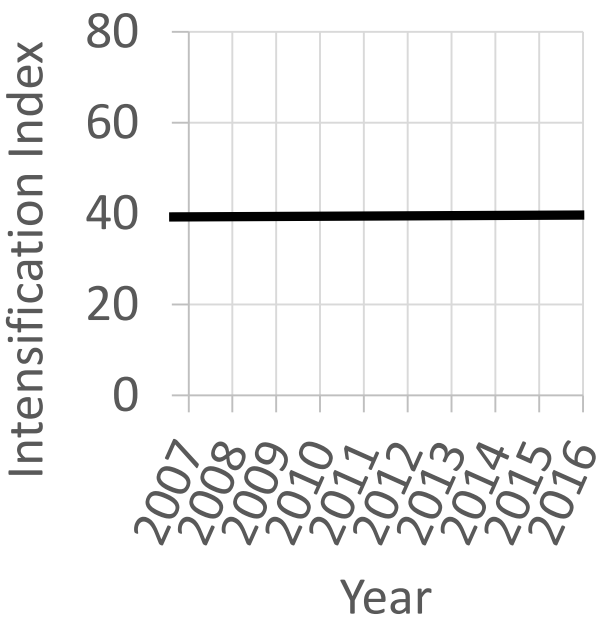
# Intensification

↗ of intensification between 2004 & 2013  
for **24** / 28 UE countries (UE, 2016)

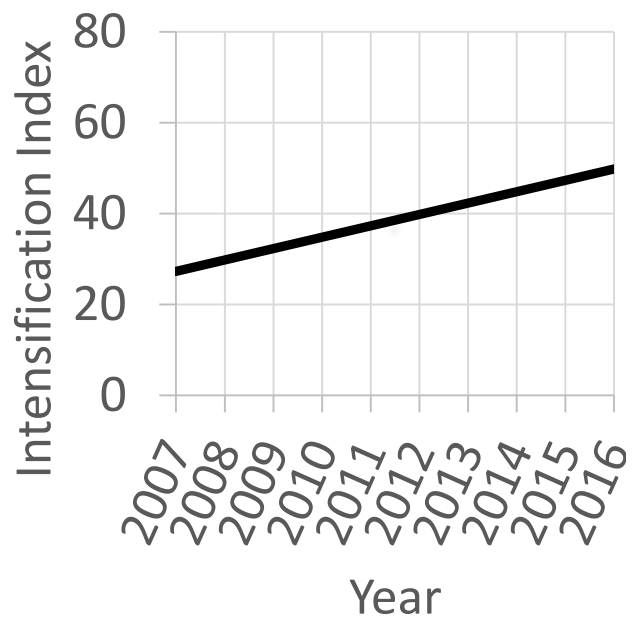
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## Conclusion

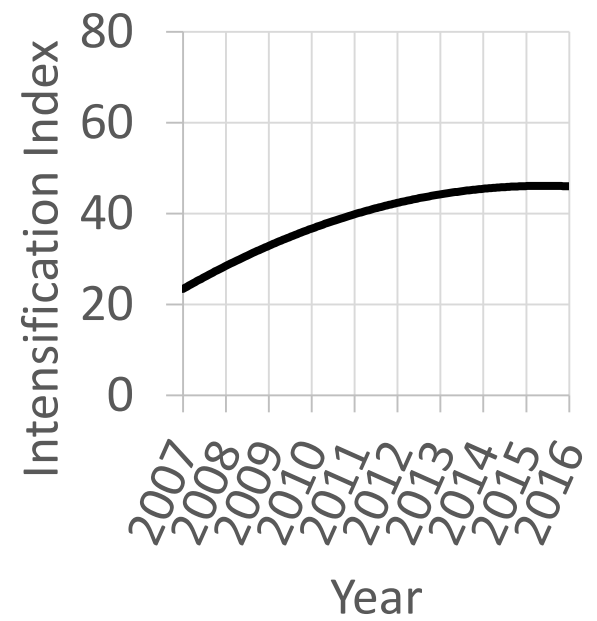
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# Objective

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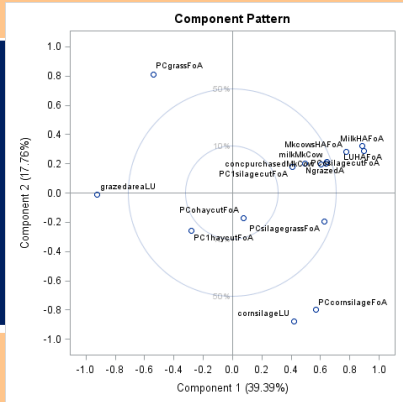
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**Over time**

**Different ways  
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**Why?**

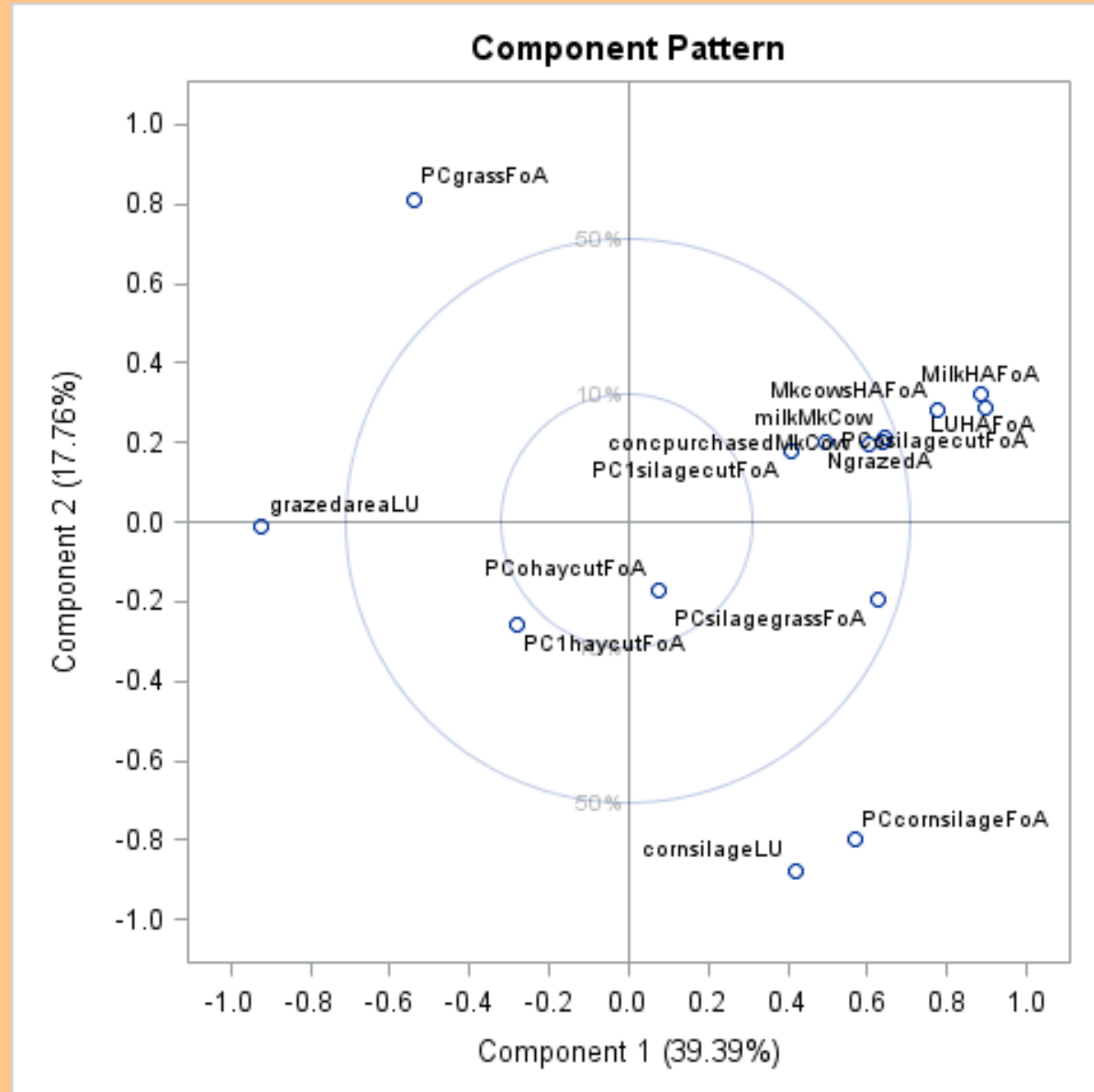


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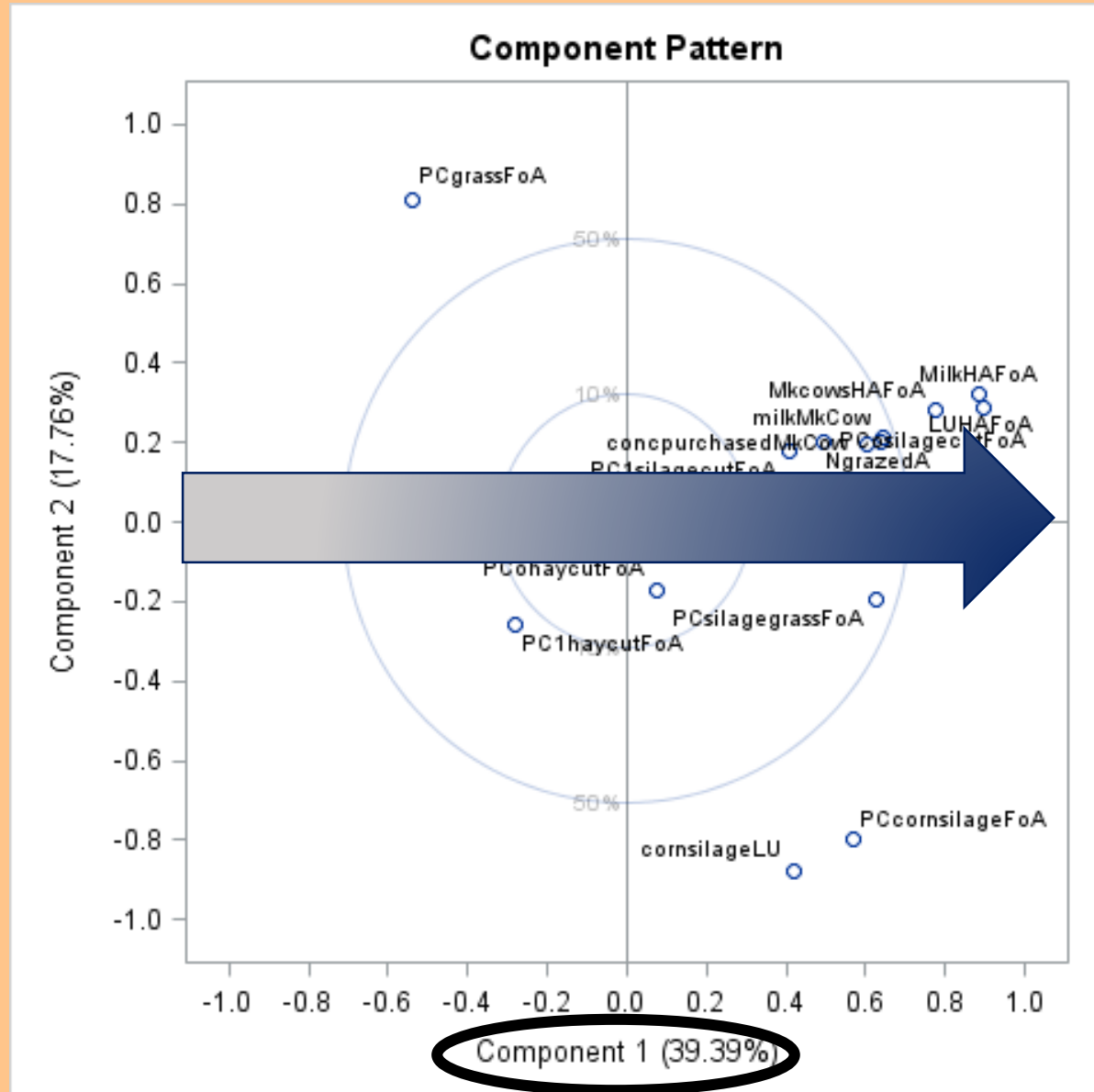
Why?

- 144 dairy producers accounts in the Walloon Region
- During 10 years 2007-2016
- Selection of 15 intensification variables
  - % of first/other hay/silage cut
  - N fertilizer/ha of forage area (FA)
  - Composition of FA (grass, corn silage, grass silage)
  - Grass/corn silage per LU
  - Purchased concentrated per cow
  - Milk/ cow, milk/ ha, cow/ha, LU/ha

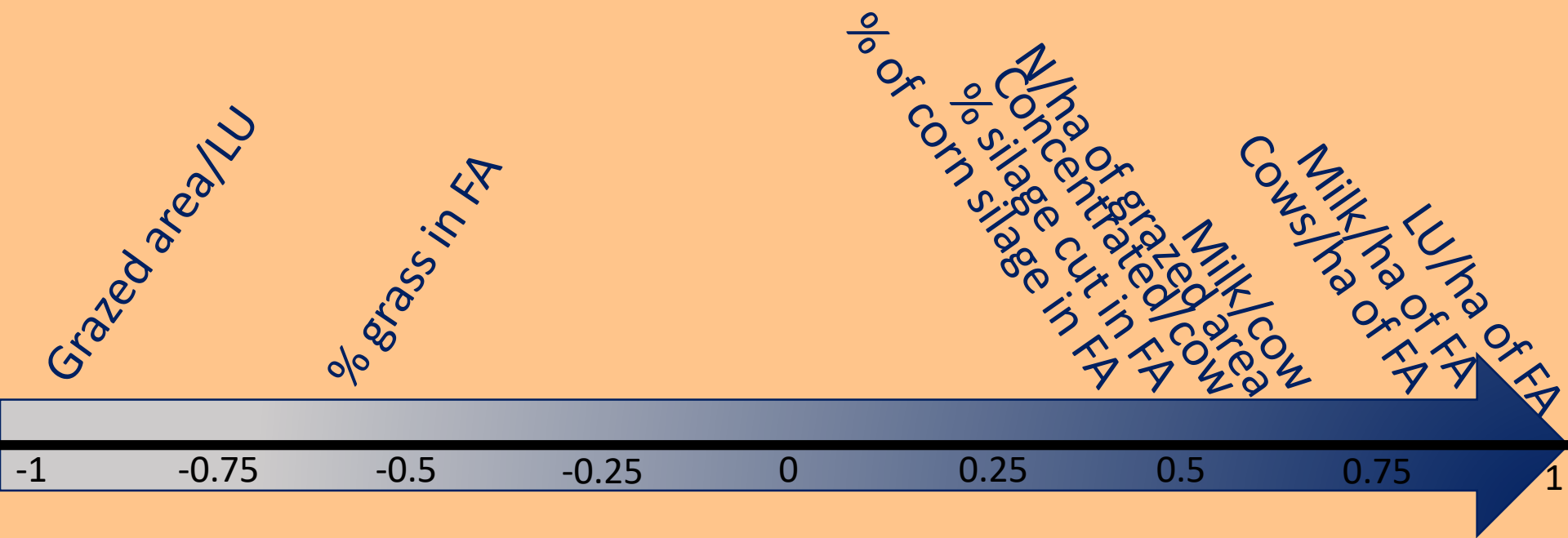


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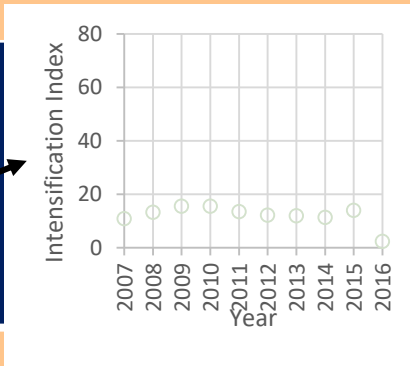
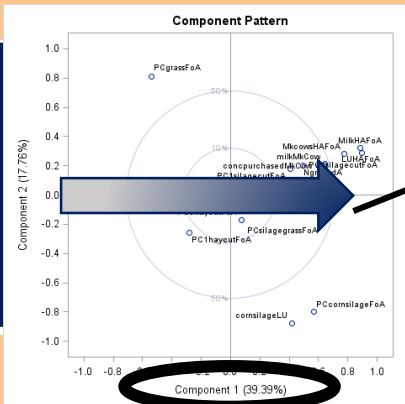
# Principal component analysis



# Correlations intensification variables –index

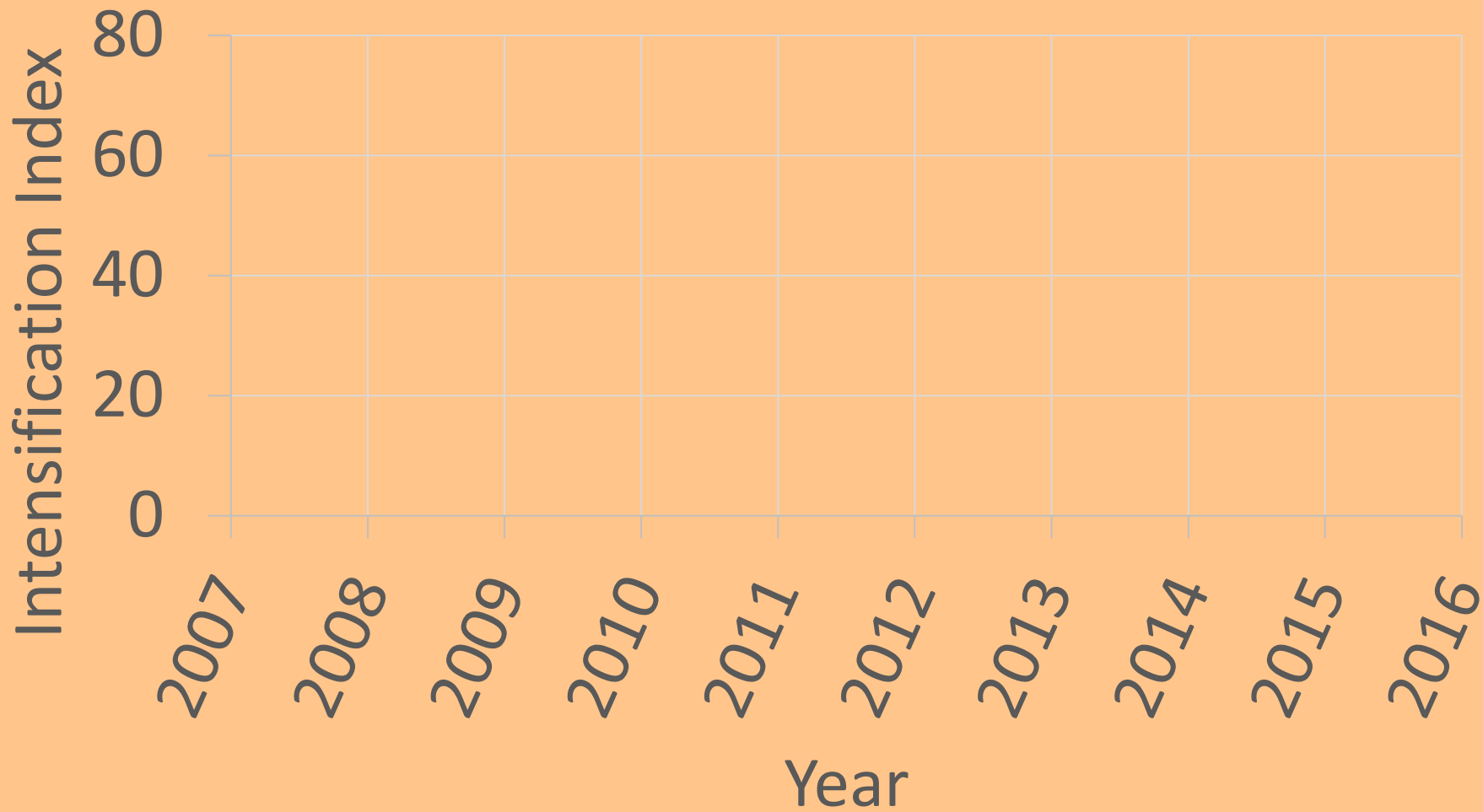


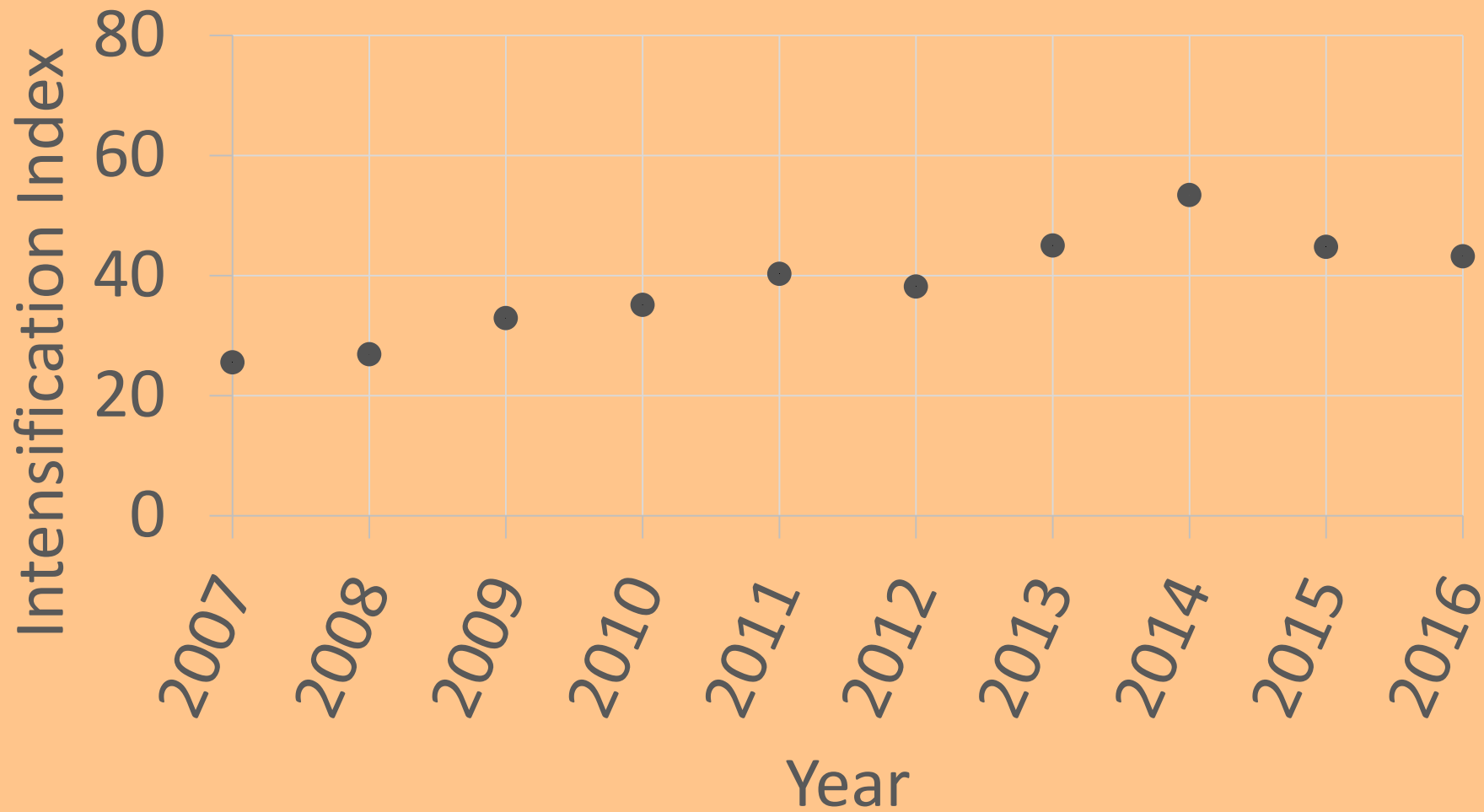




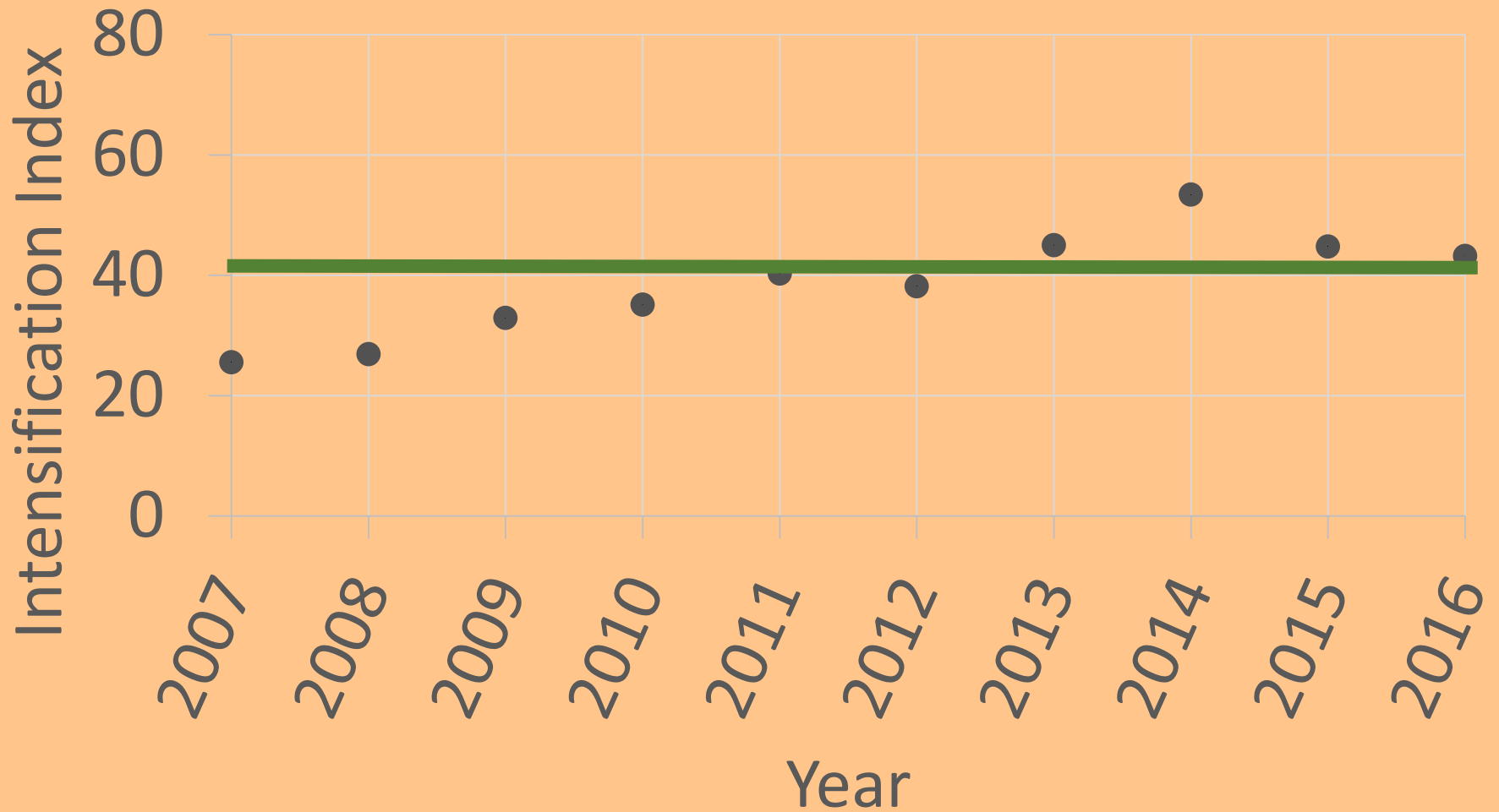
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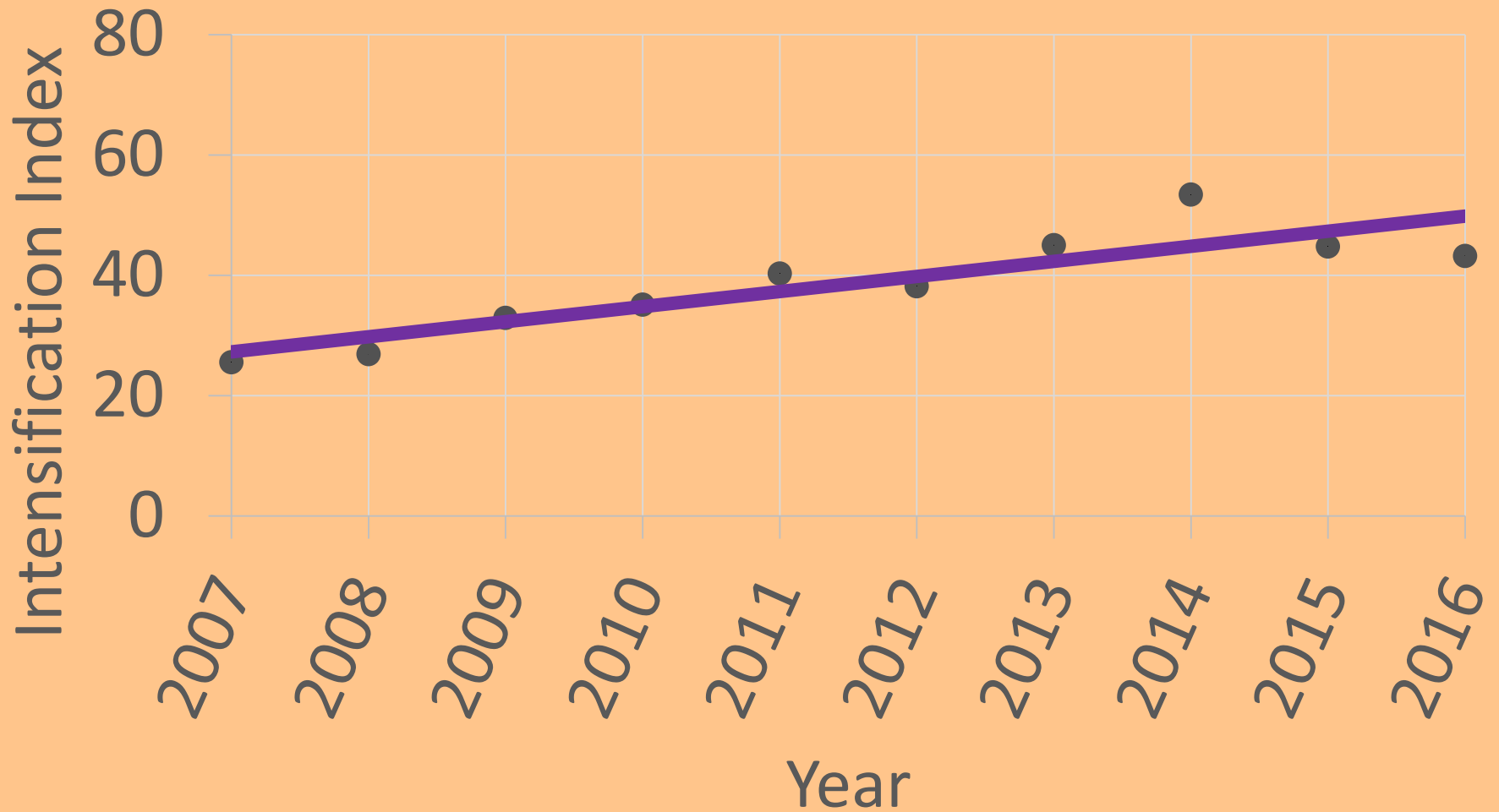




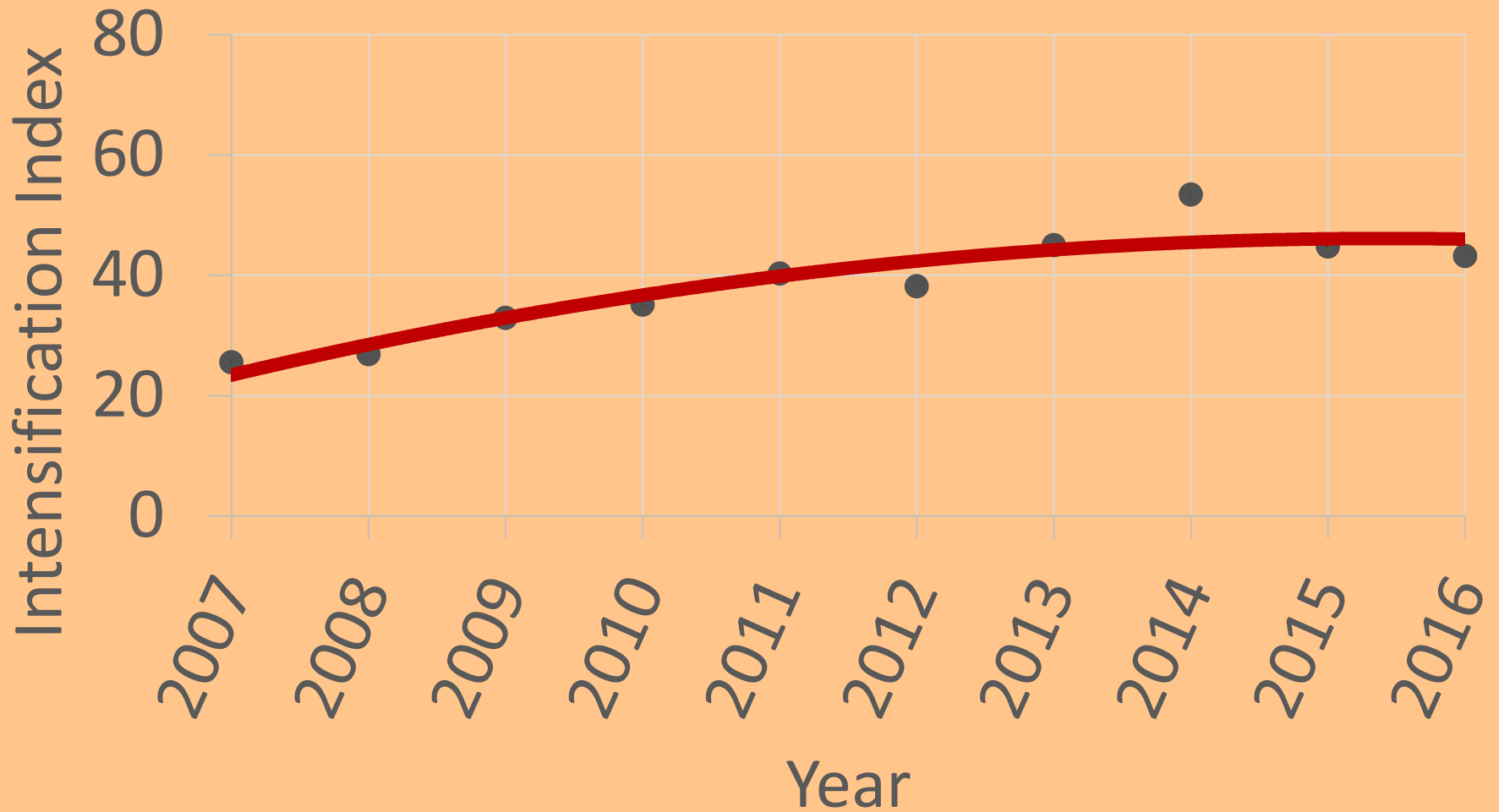
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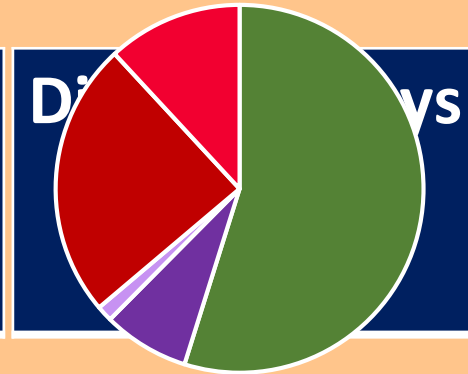
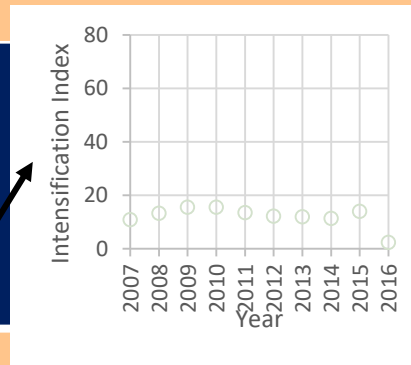
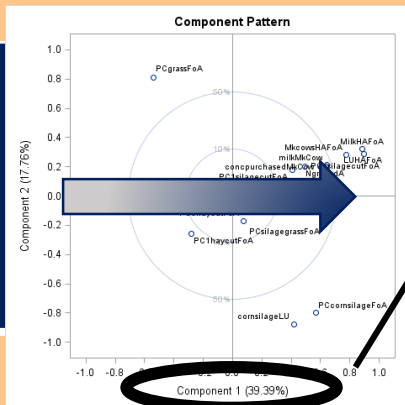


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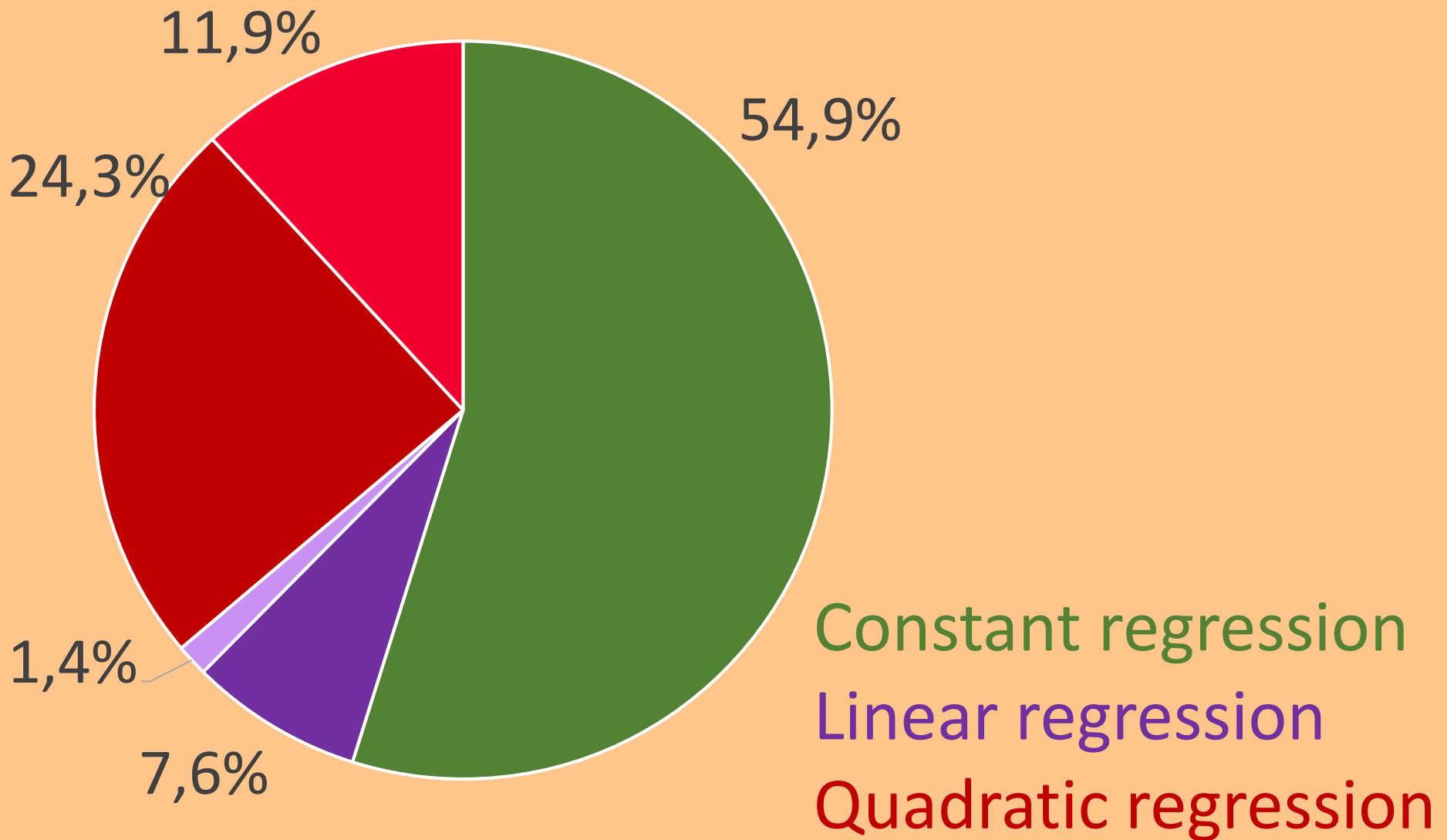
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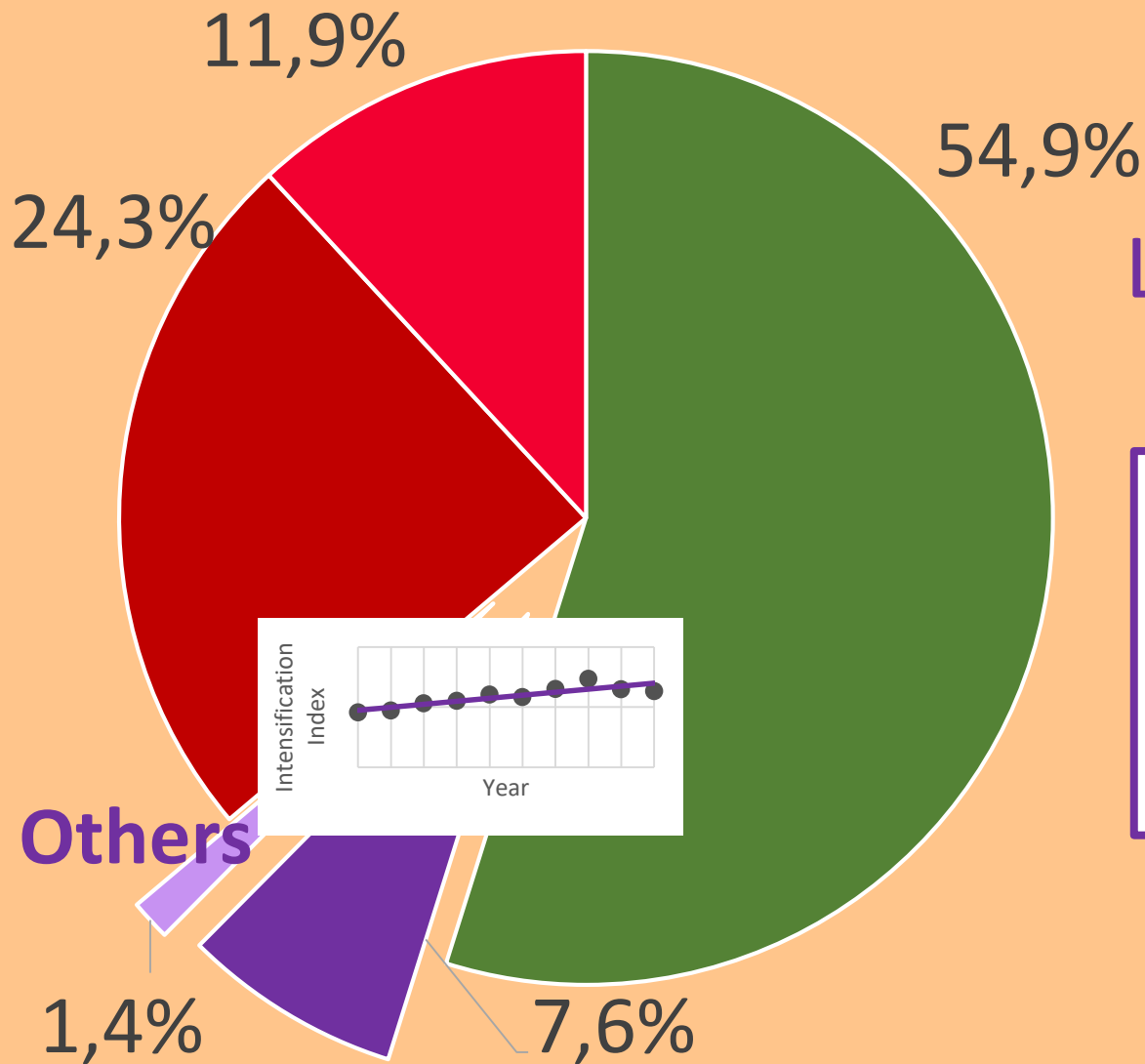
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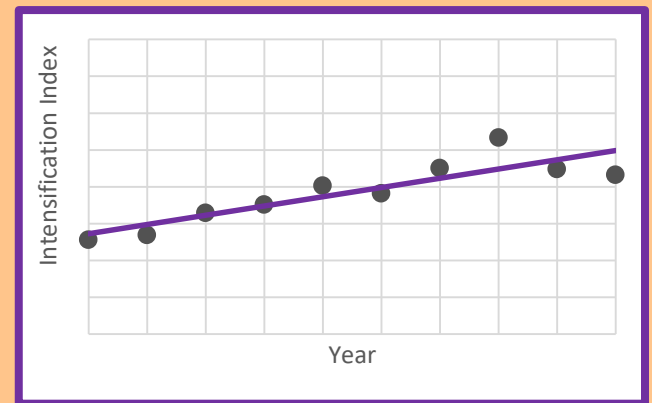




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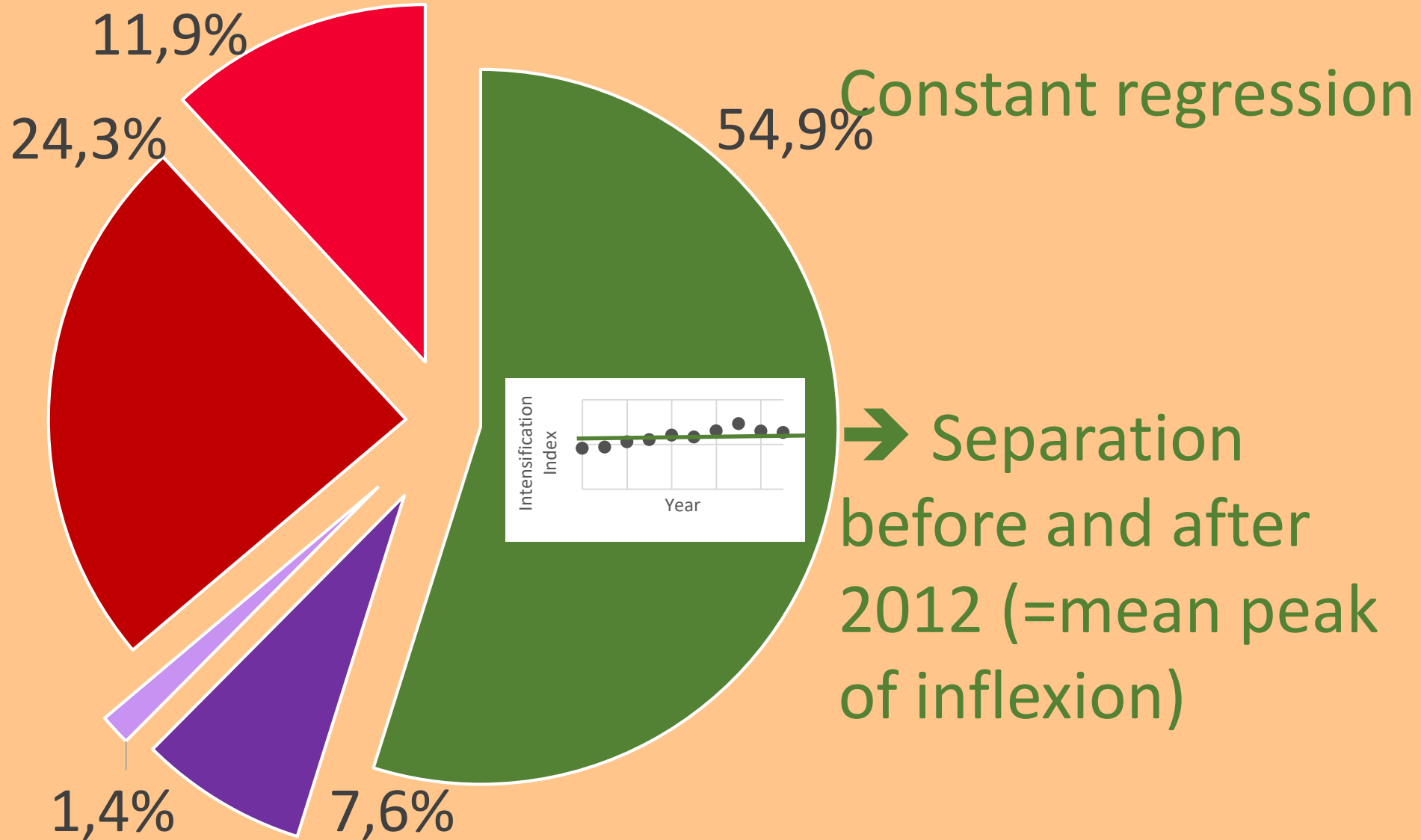


Linear regression





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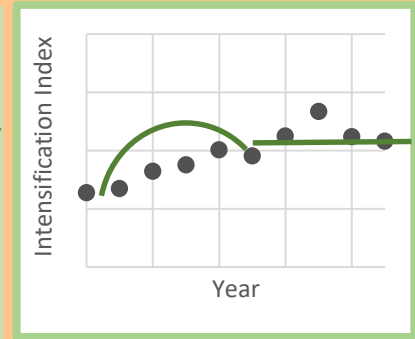
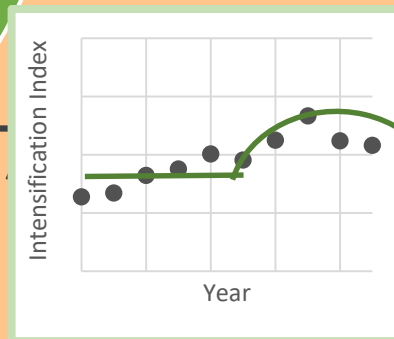
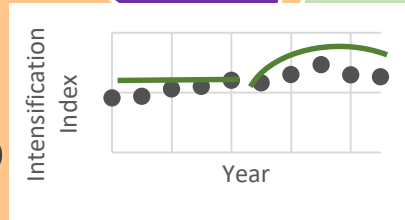
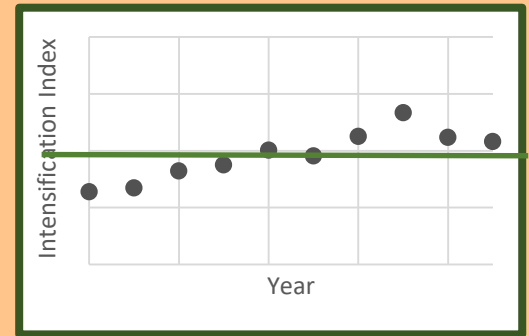
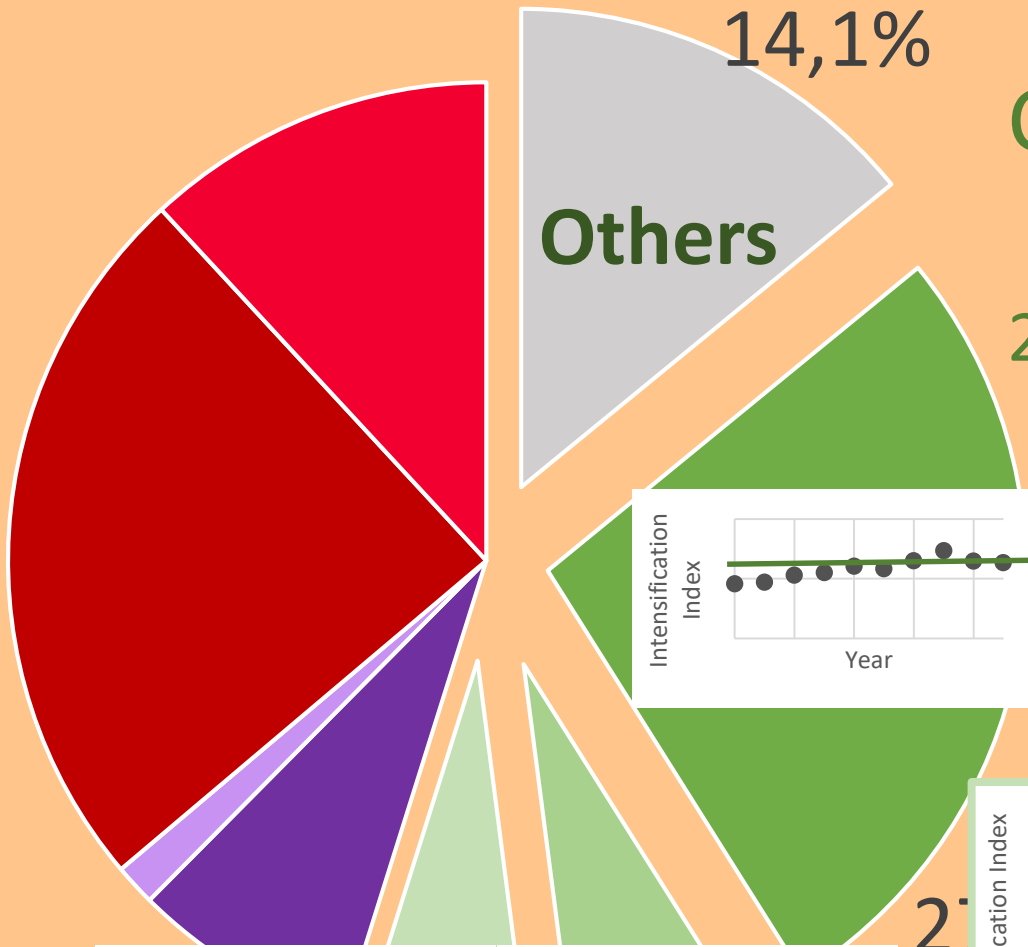


→ Separation before and after 2012 (=mean peak of inflexion)

$$Y = a + b * year + c * year^2$$

Constant regression

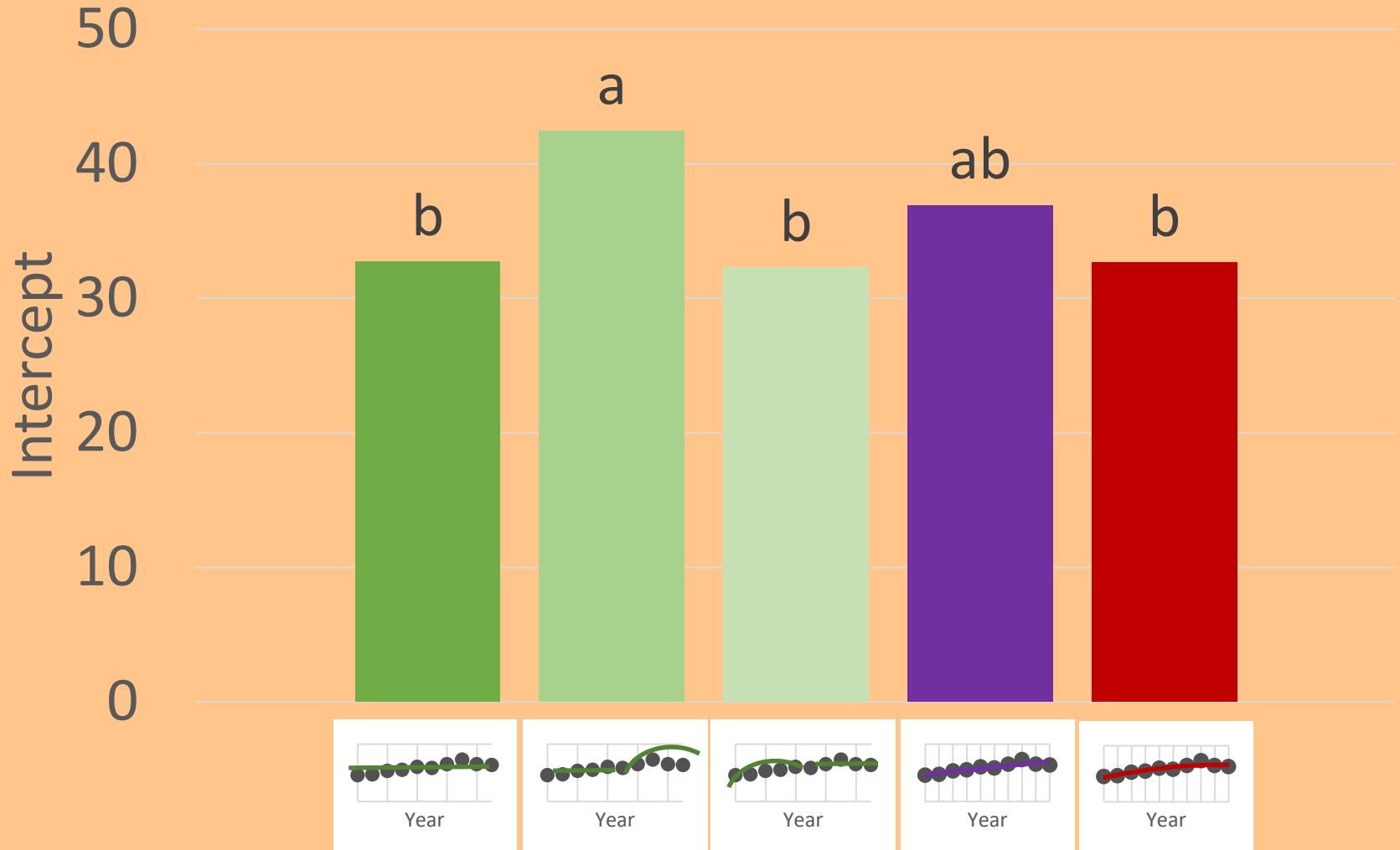
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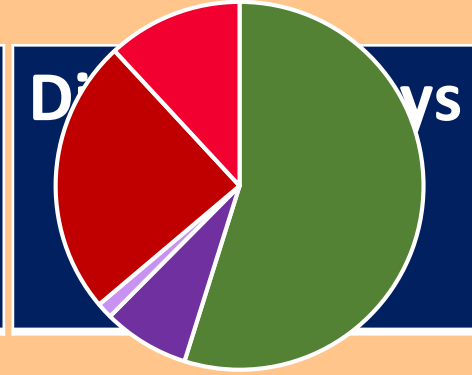
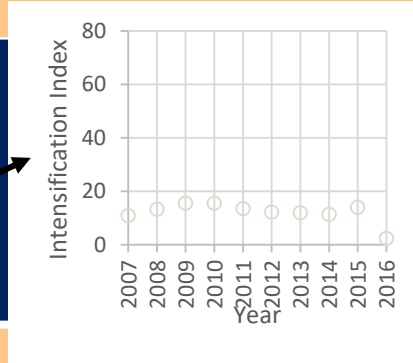
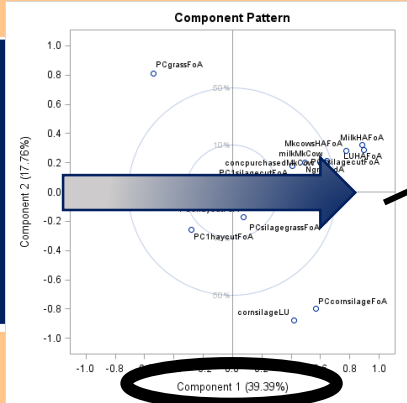


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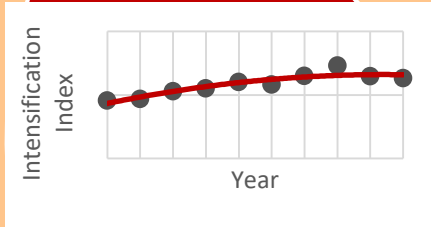
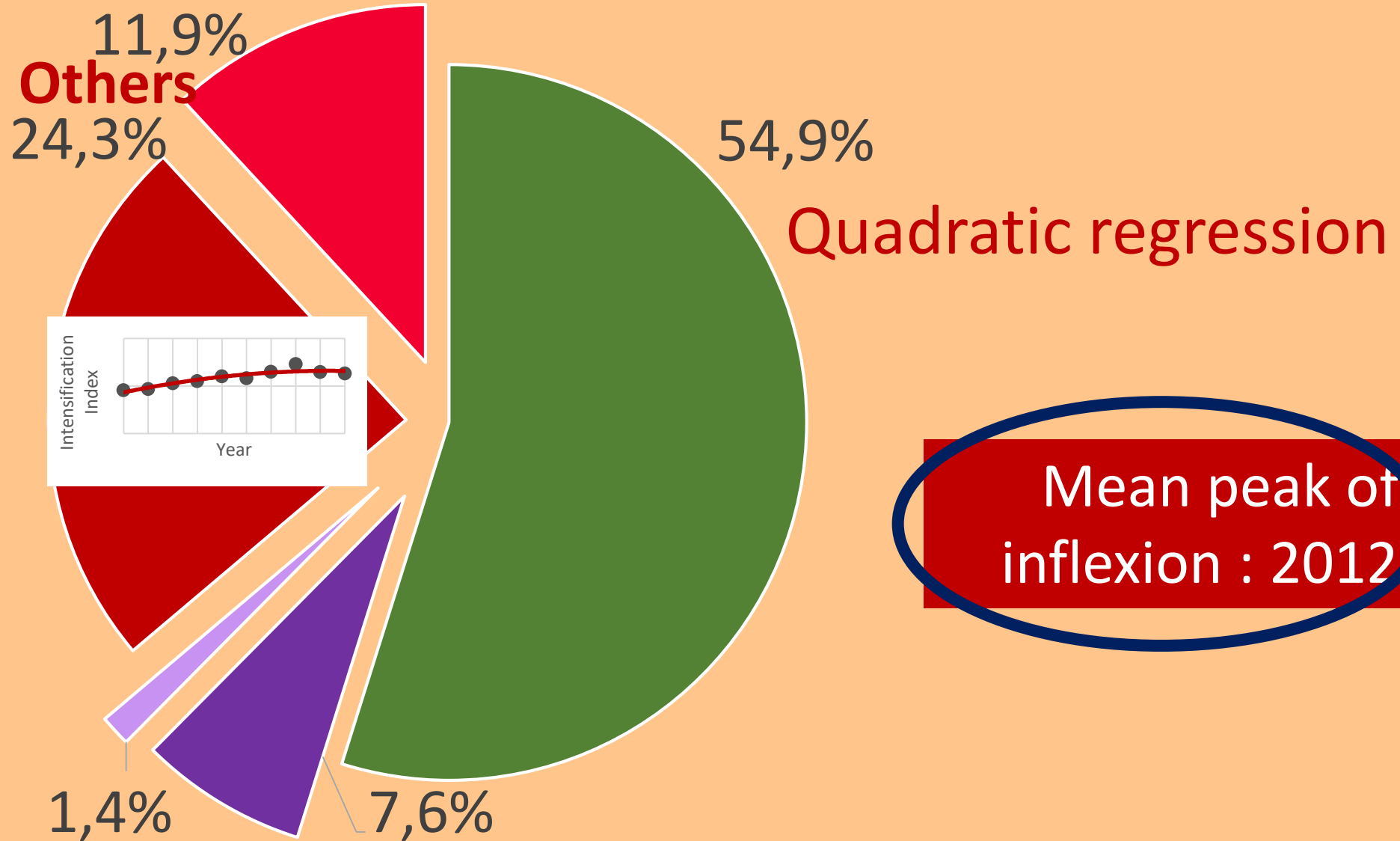
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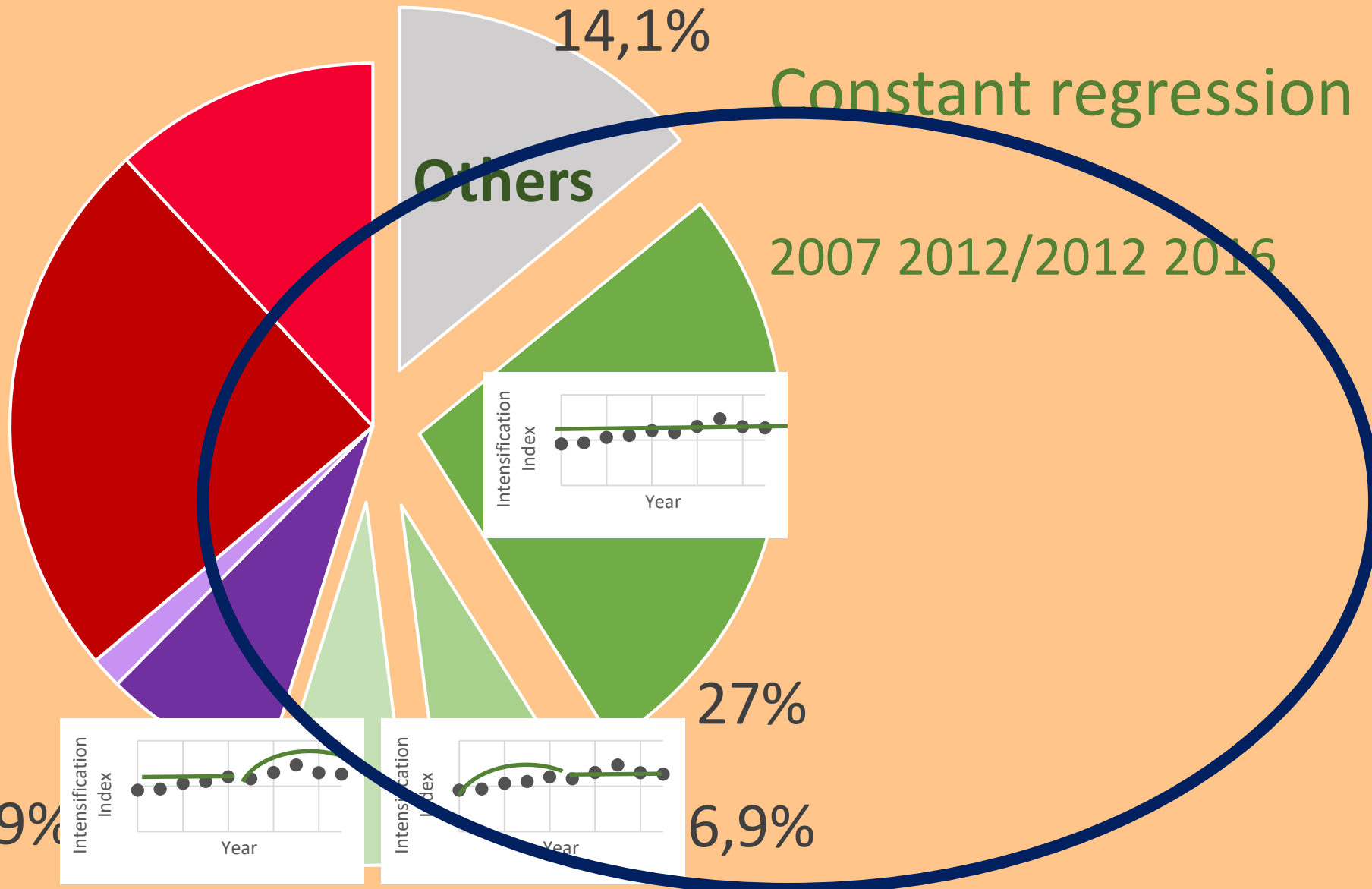
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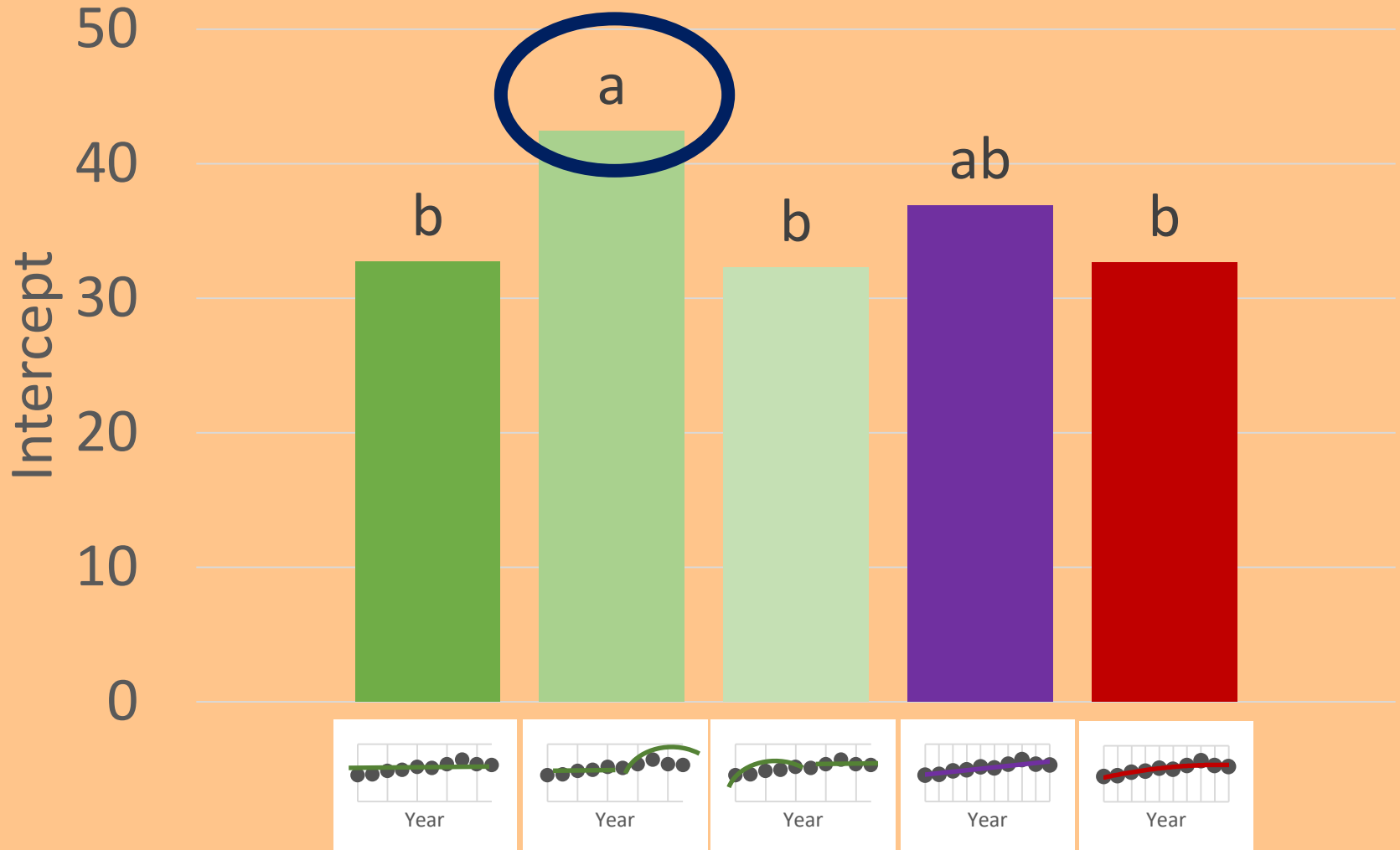
Mean peak of inflexion : 2012

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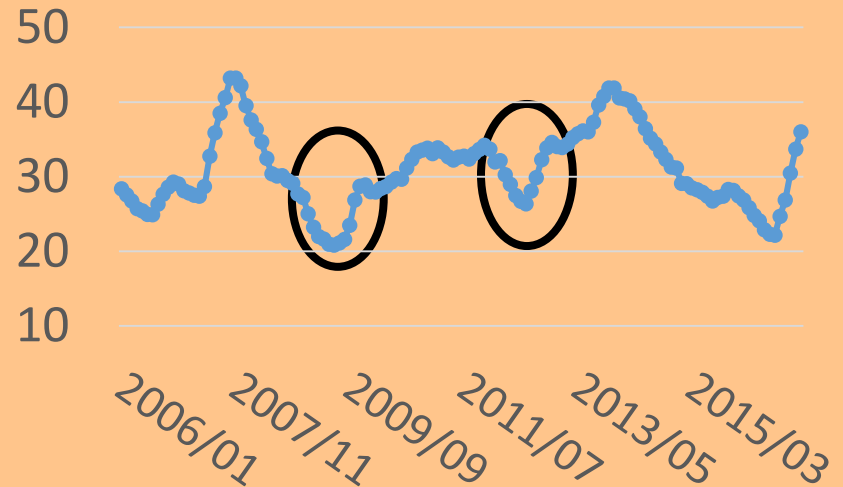


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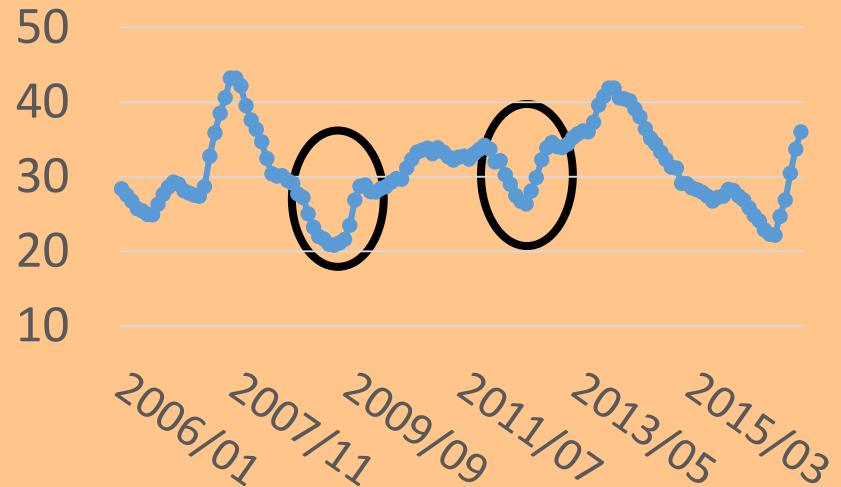
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Soybeans Historical Price Chart



Note: Chicago Board Of Trade (CBOT) Soybeans, prices in USD cents per bushel (bu). Daily prices.

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➔ Less dependance on purchased feed, more self-sufficiency feed system

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# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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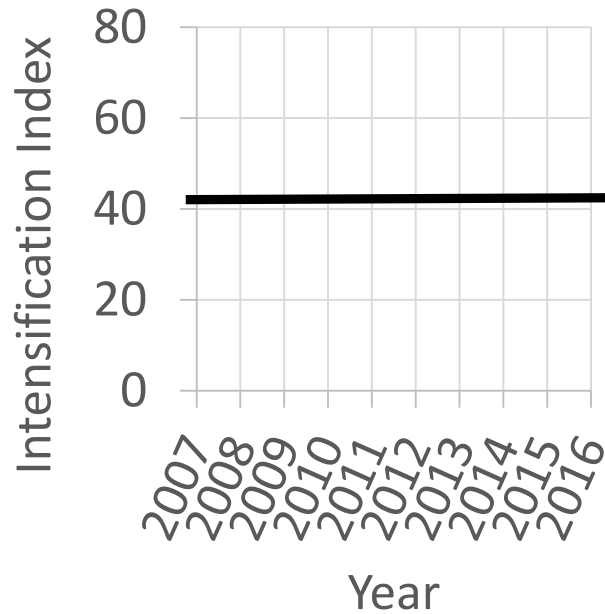


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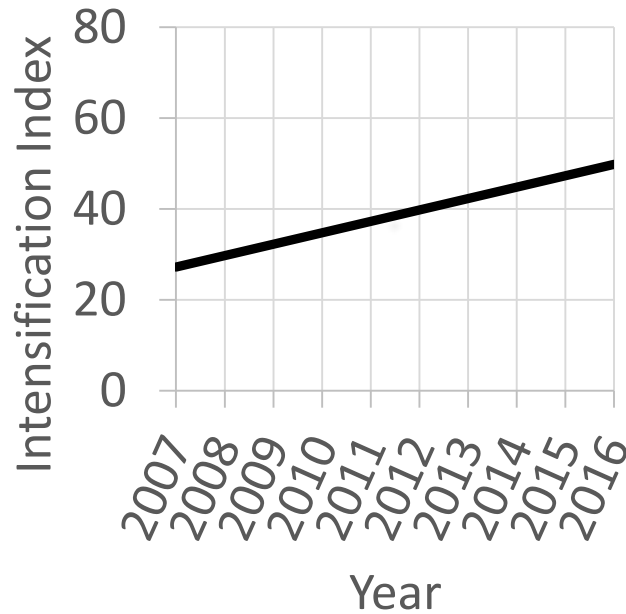


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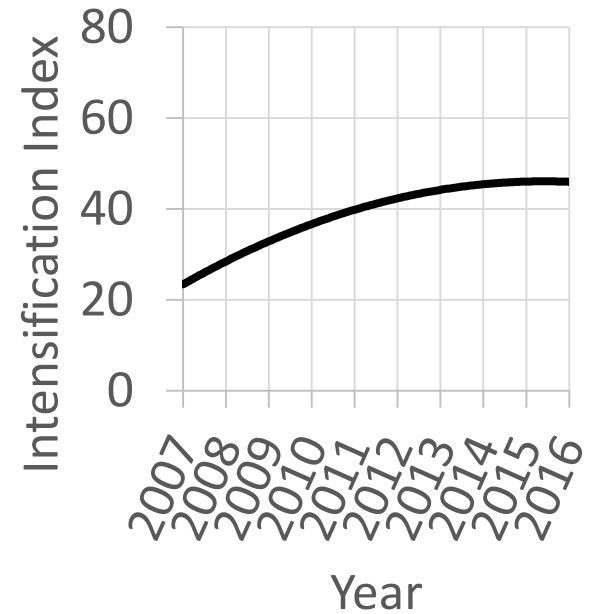
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Effect of 2012 : a **second** crisis in a **short time**  
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