

Biomass Production Chain and Growth Simulation Model for Kenaf

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acronym: **BIOKENAF**

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Environment

field experiments

(tasks 2.2 & 2.3)



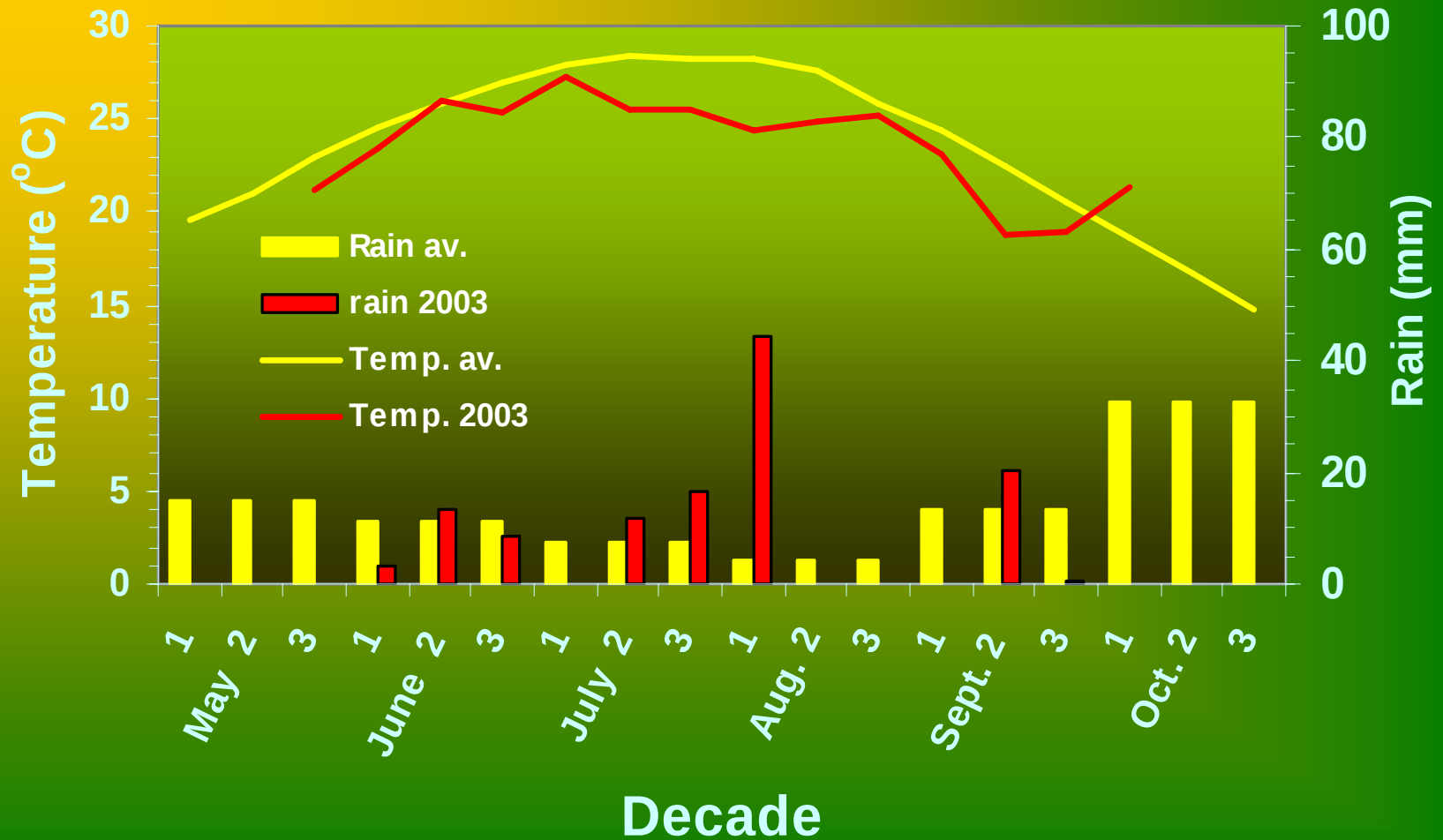
39°25'43.4" N

22°05'09.7" E

107.5 m ASL



Climatic conditions



Experiment I (task 2.2)

- factorial 2 x 2 x 2 randomized block design in 3 blocks
- Plot size: 6 m x 13 m (78 m²)

Factors:

- 2 sowing dates
 S_1 : 20/5/2003
 S_2 : 13/6/2003
- 2 varieties
 V_1 : Tainung 2
 V_2 : Everglades 41
- 2 densities
 D_1 : 200,000 pl/ha
 D_2 : 400,000 pl/ha

Analysis of variance table

<u>Source</u>	<u>Degrees of freedom</u>
Replication	2
Sowing date	1
Variety	1
Density	1
S * V	1
S * D	1
V * D	1
S * V * D	1
Error	14
Total	23

Experiment II (task 2.3)

- factorial 3 x 4 split-plot design in 3 blocks
- plot size: 6 m x 6 m (36 m²)

Factors :

3 irrigations: I_1 : 25% of PET
 I_2 : 50% of PET
 I_3 : 100% of PET

4 fertilizations: N_0 : 0 N-fertilization
 N_1 : 50 kg N / ha
 N_2 : 100 kg N / ha
 N_3 : 150 kg N / ha

Analysis of variance table

<u>Source</u>	<u>Degrees of freedom</u>
Replication	2
Irrigation	2
Error 1	4
Fertilization	3
I * F	6
Error 2	18
Total	35

Measurements

- plant height
- base stem diameter
- specific leaf area (SLA, m^2/kg)
- leaf area index (LAI)
- fresh weight per plant organ
- dry weight per plant organ

Until today 6 harvests (5 processed)

area sampled: 2 rows x 1.5 m = 1.5 m^2

Every day

- Evaporation (class A pan)
- Leaf temperature (not every day)
- ☰ Soil moisture content (not yet)

Every hour

- Air temperature °C
- Radiation W/m²
- Wind speed m/s
- Rainfall mm
- Air humidity %

2-3 times a year

- Soil analysis (July 2003)
- Plant analysis (N,P,K – not yet)
- Leaf photosynthesis 15 times (5/8-20/9)

Other measurements

- 50% emergence (S_1 :24/5, S_2 : 17/6)
- flowering initiation (S_1 :23/9, S_2 :.....)
- 50% flowering (S_1 : mm, S_2 : mm)
- 50% maturation (not yet)

Block 3

S ₂ V ₁ D ₂
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Block 2

S ₂ V ₁ D ₁
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Block 1

S ₂ V ₁ D ₁
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78 m

3 m

24 m

3 m

13 m

FACTORS

S
Sowing time

V
Variety

D
Density

S₁=20-5-2003

V₁= Tainung 2

D₁=200000pl/ha

S₂=13-6-2003

V₂= Everlades

D₂=400000pl/ha

6 rows per plot

0,50 m between the rows

0,05 within the rows

Block 3

I ₂	I ₃	I ₁
N ₃	N ₂	N ₀
N ₂	N ₀	N ₃
N ₀	N ₁	N ₂
N ₁	N ₃	N ₁

Block 2

I ₃	I ₁	I ₂
N ₀	N ₃	N ₃
N ₂	N ₀	N ₁
N ₃	N ₂	N ₂
N ₁	N ₁	N ₀

Block 1

I ₁	I ₂	I ₃
N ₂	N ₃	N ₃
N ₃	N ₀	N ₀
N ₁	N ₁	N ₂
N ₀	N ₂	N ₁

6m

18m

3m

24m

78m

FACTORS

I
IRRIGATION

N
FERTILISATION

I₁=25% of PET

I₂=50% of PET

I₃=100% of PET

N₀=control

N₁=50 Kg/ha

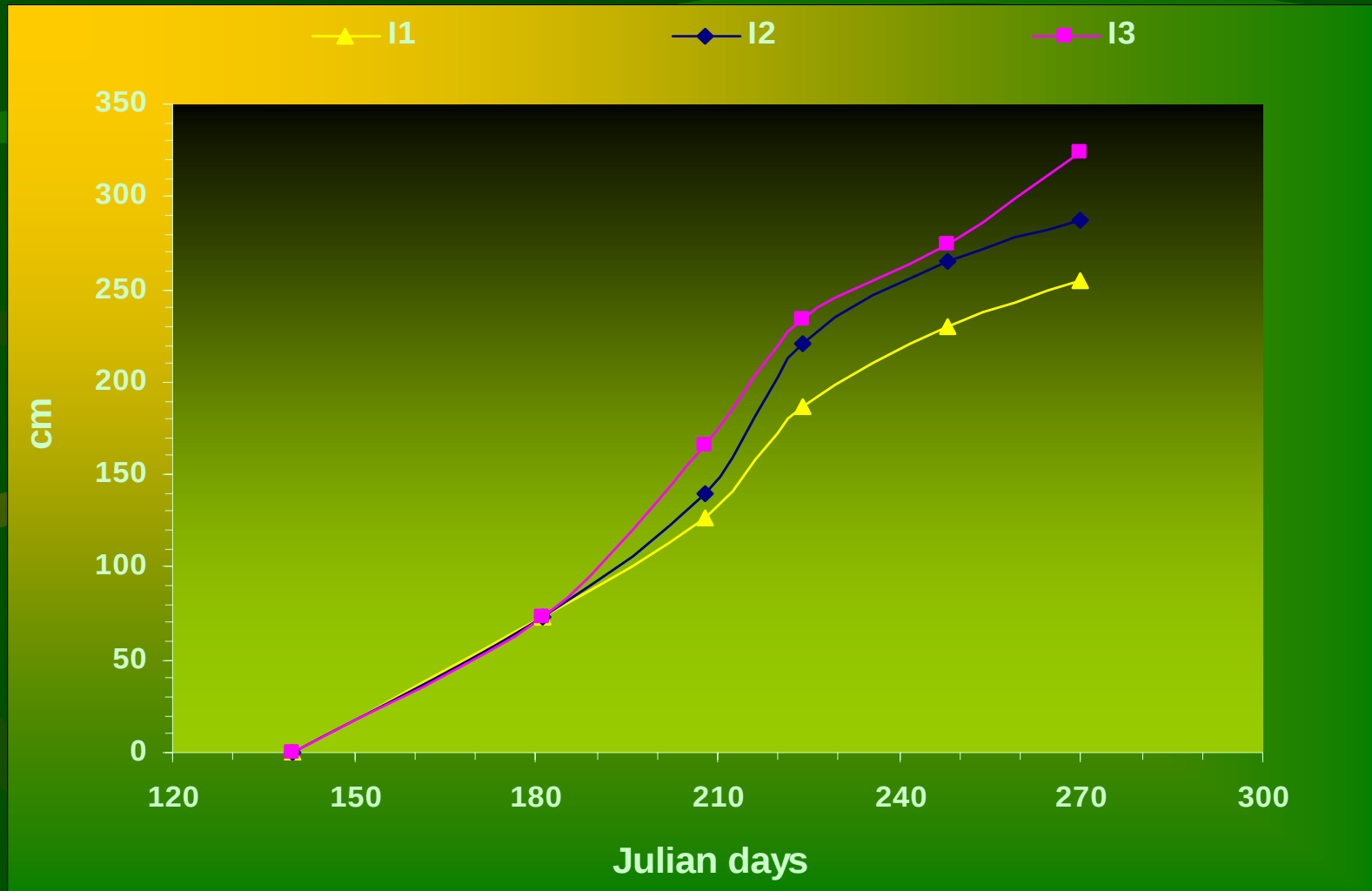
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N₃=150Kg/ha

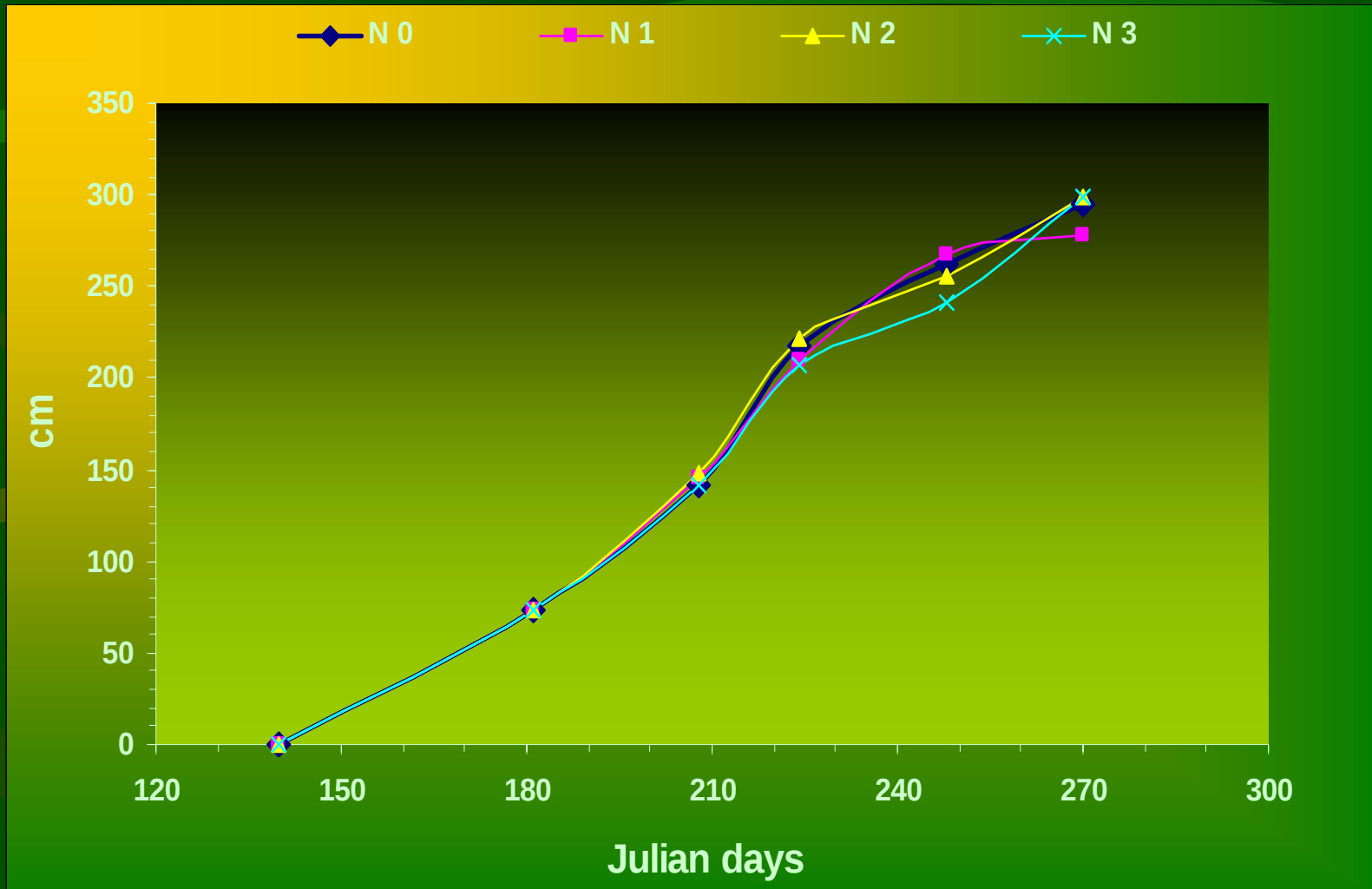
RESULTS

- Plant height
- SLA
- LAI
- Total dry biomass
- Stem biomass (dry)

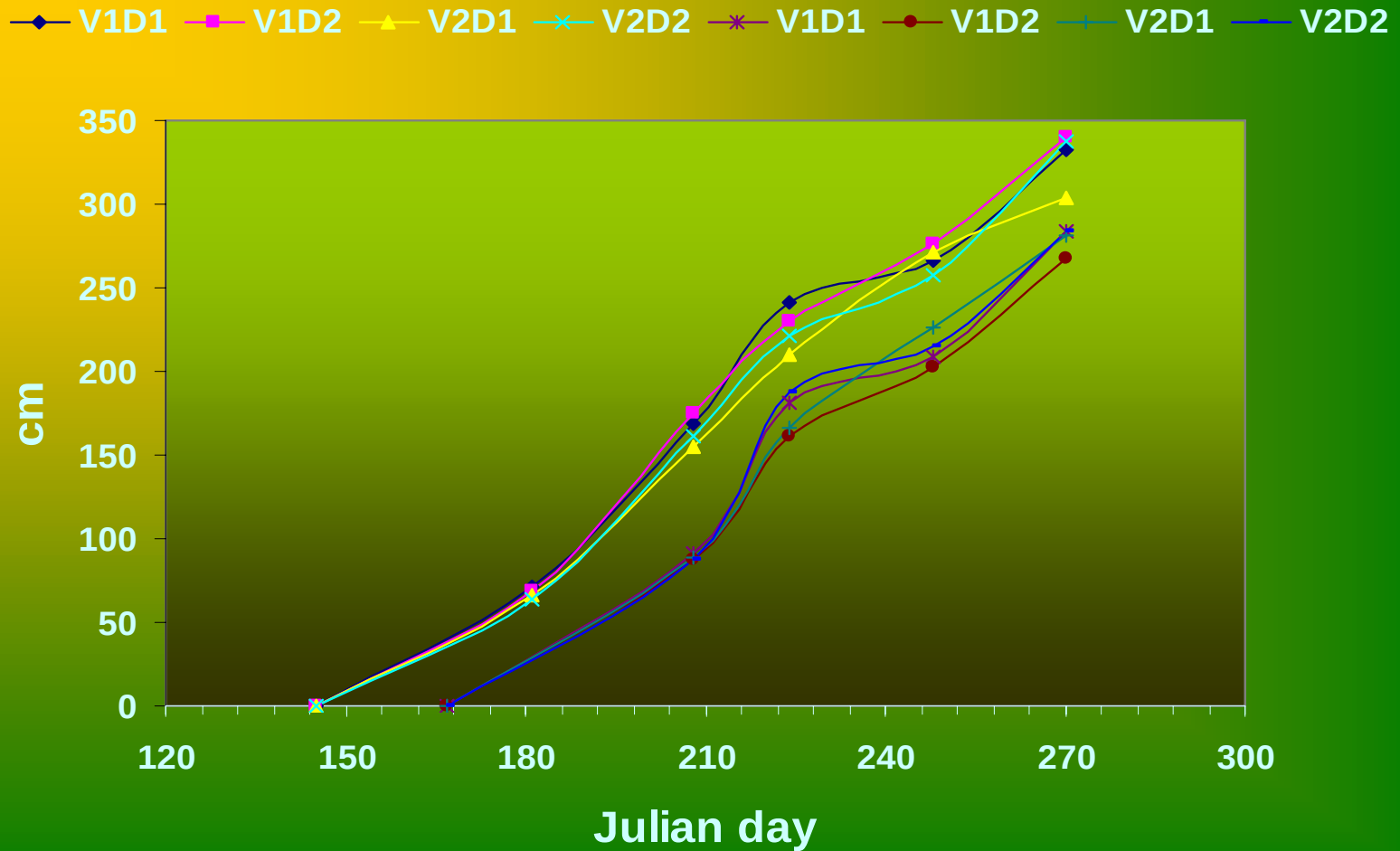
Plant height (task 2.3)



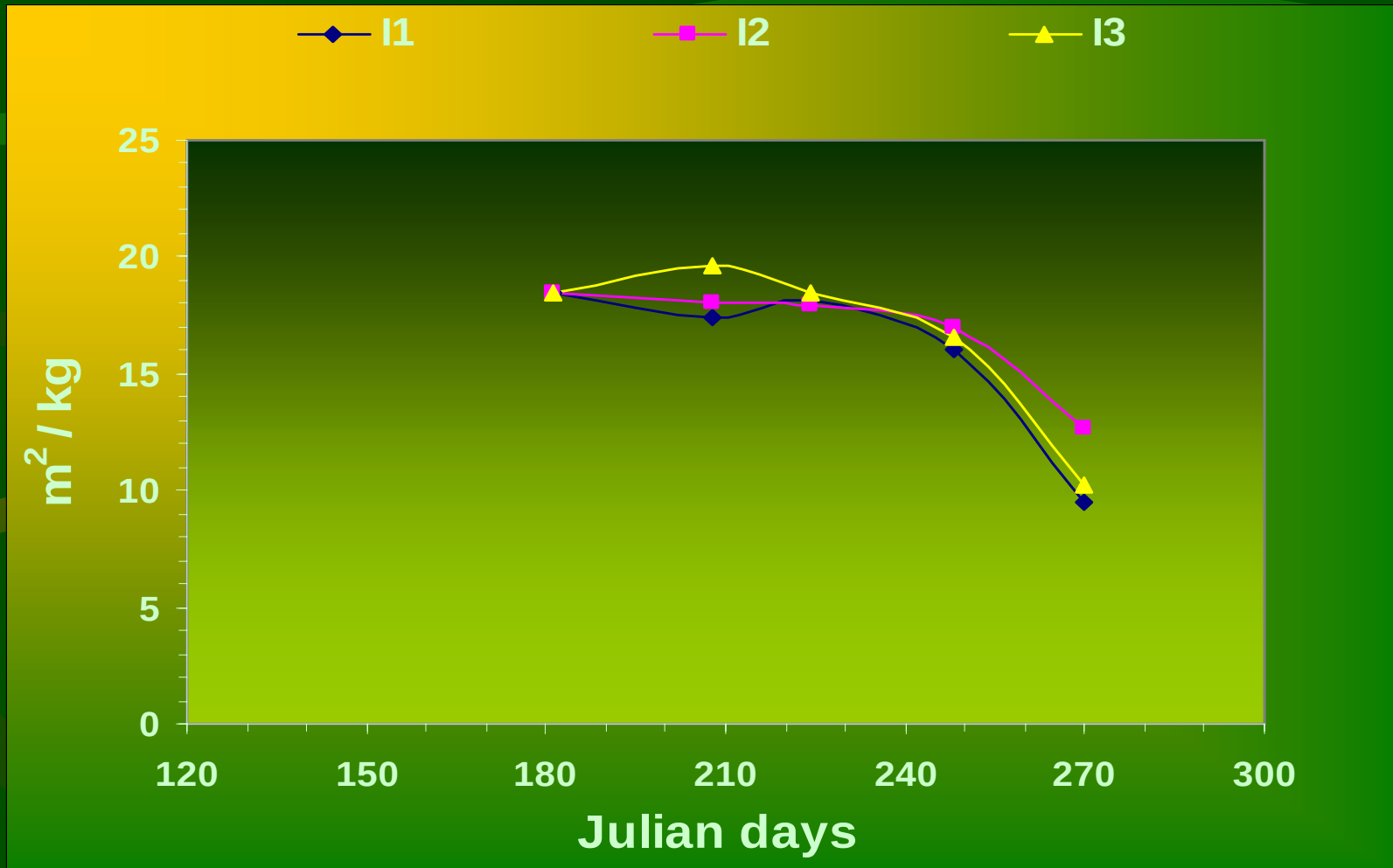
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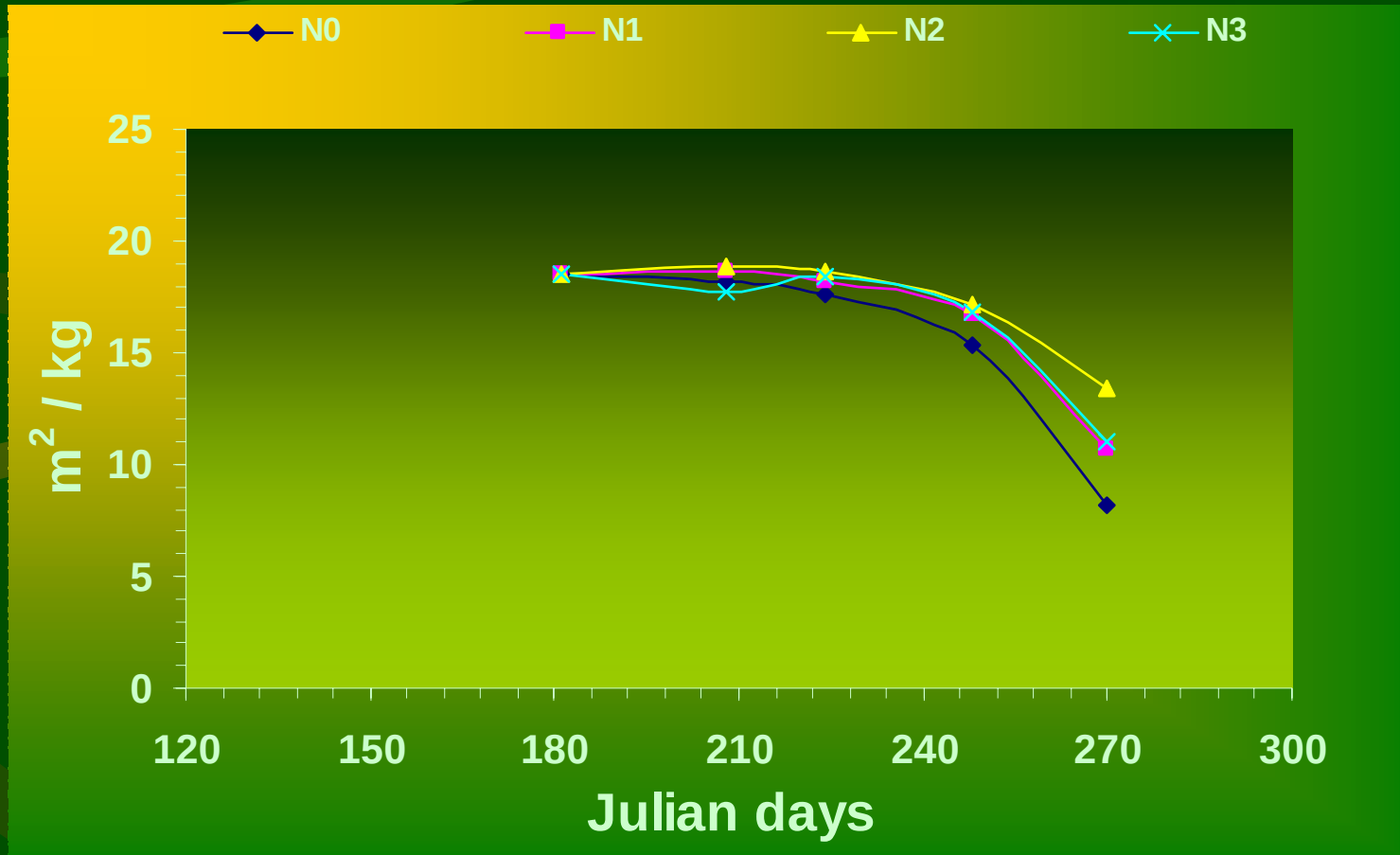
Plant height (task 2.2)



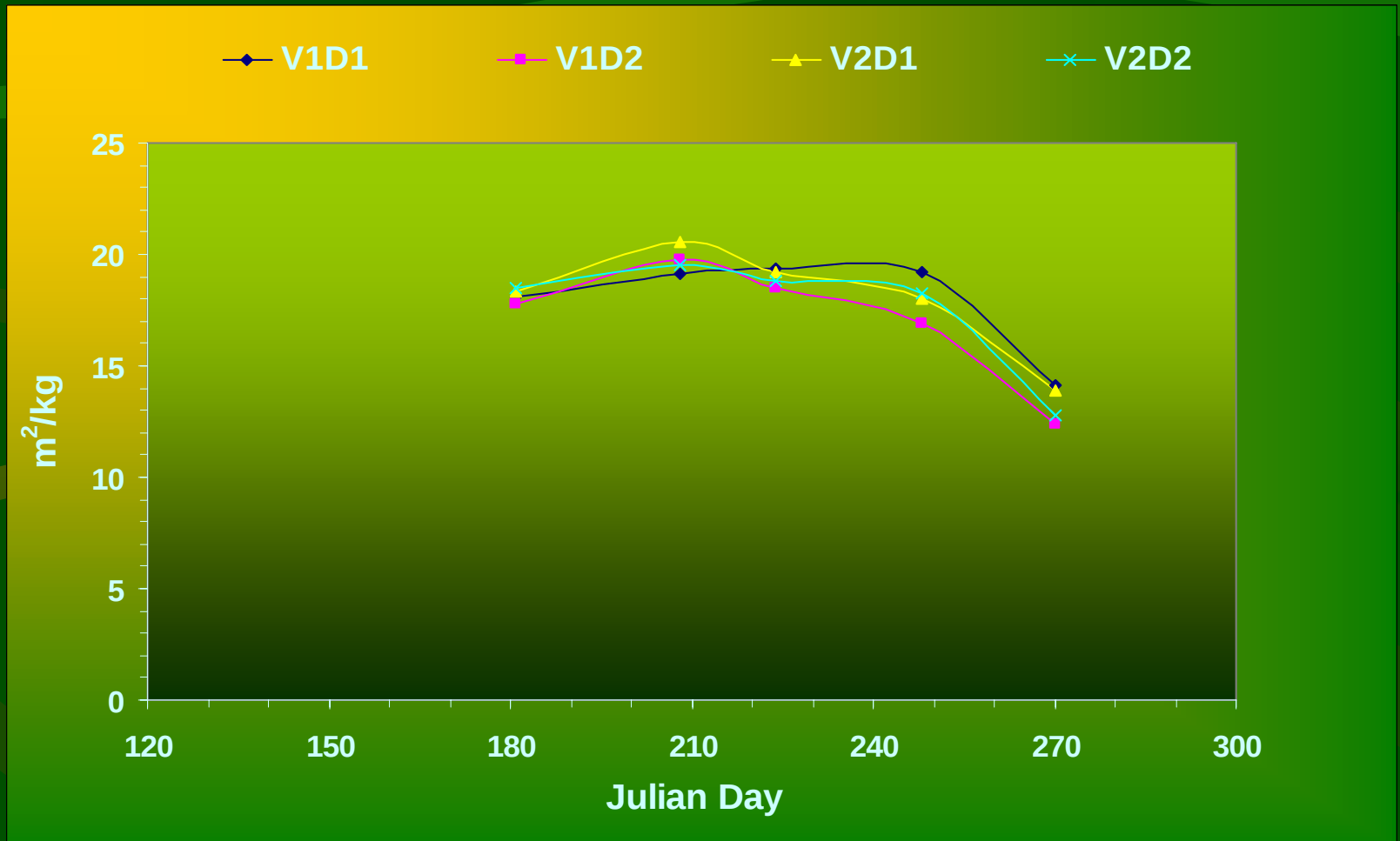
Specific Leaf Area (task 2.3)



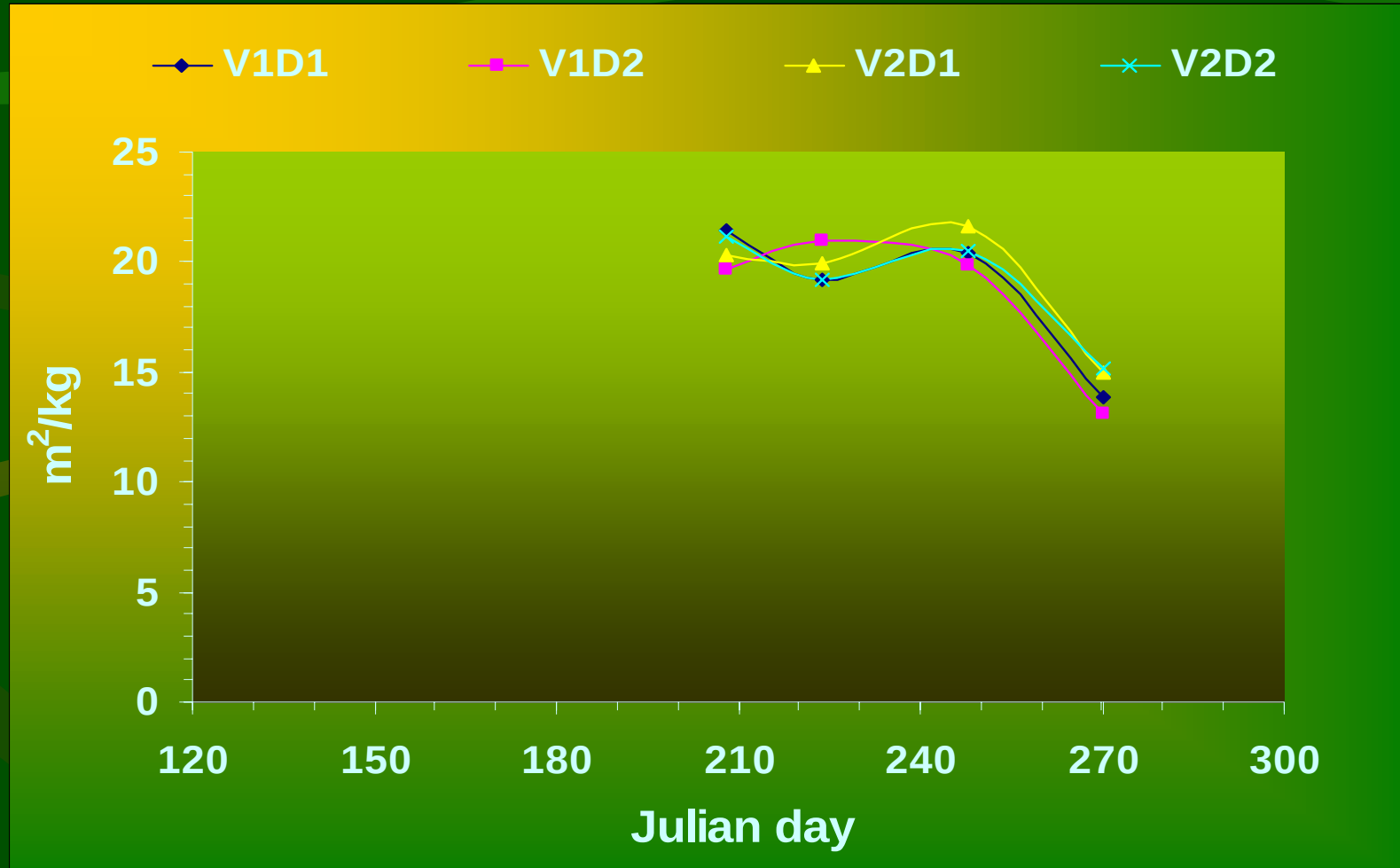
Specific Leaf Area (task 2.3)



Specific Leaf Area - S1 (task 2.2)



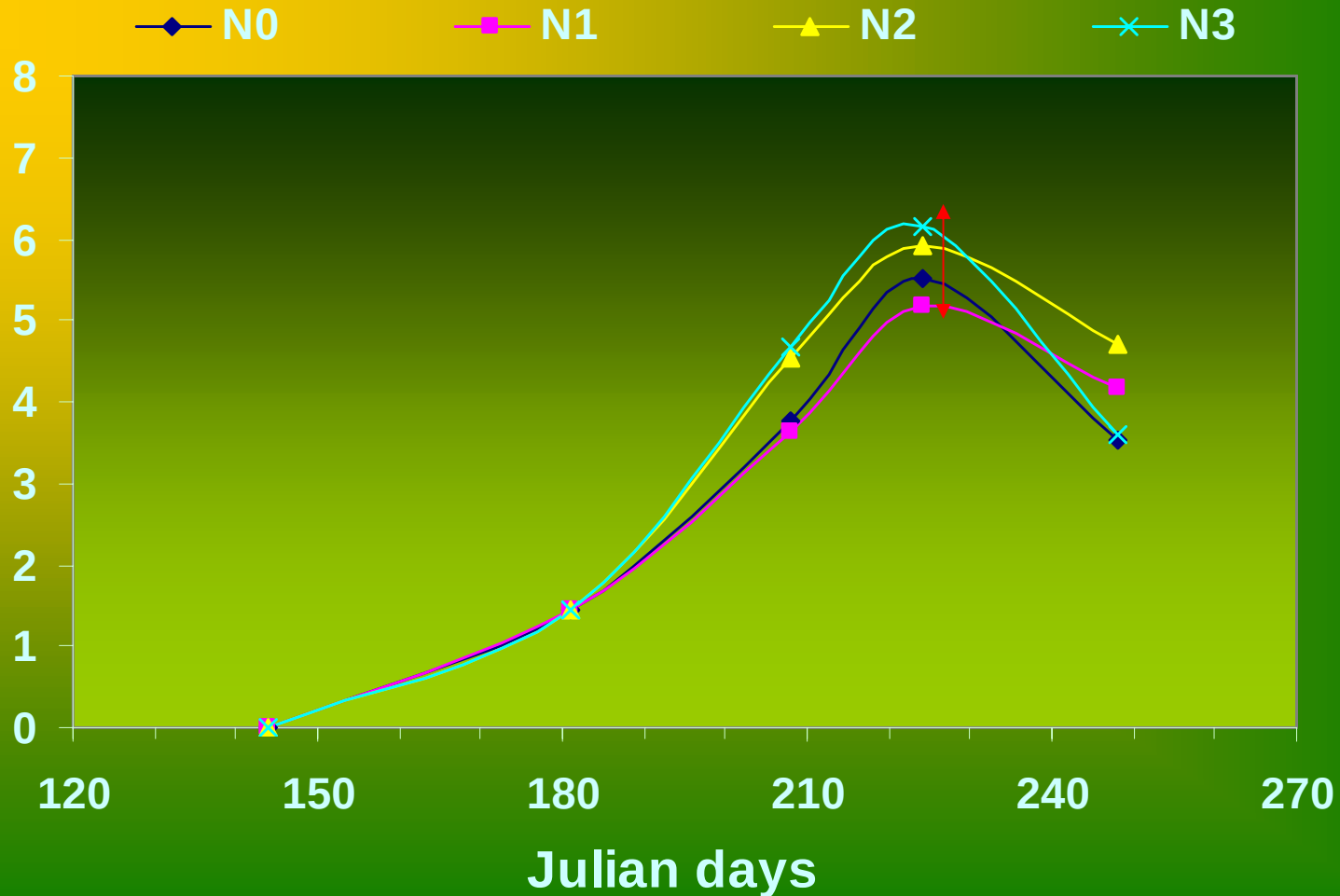
Specific Leaf Area – S2 (task 2.2)



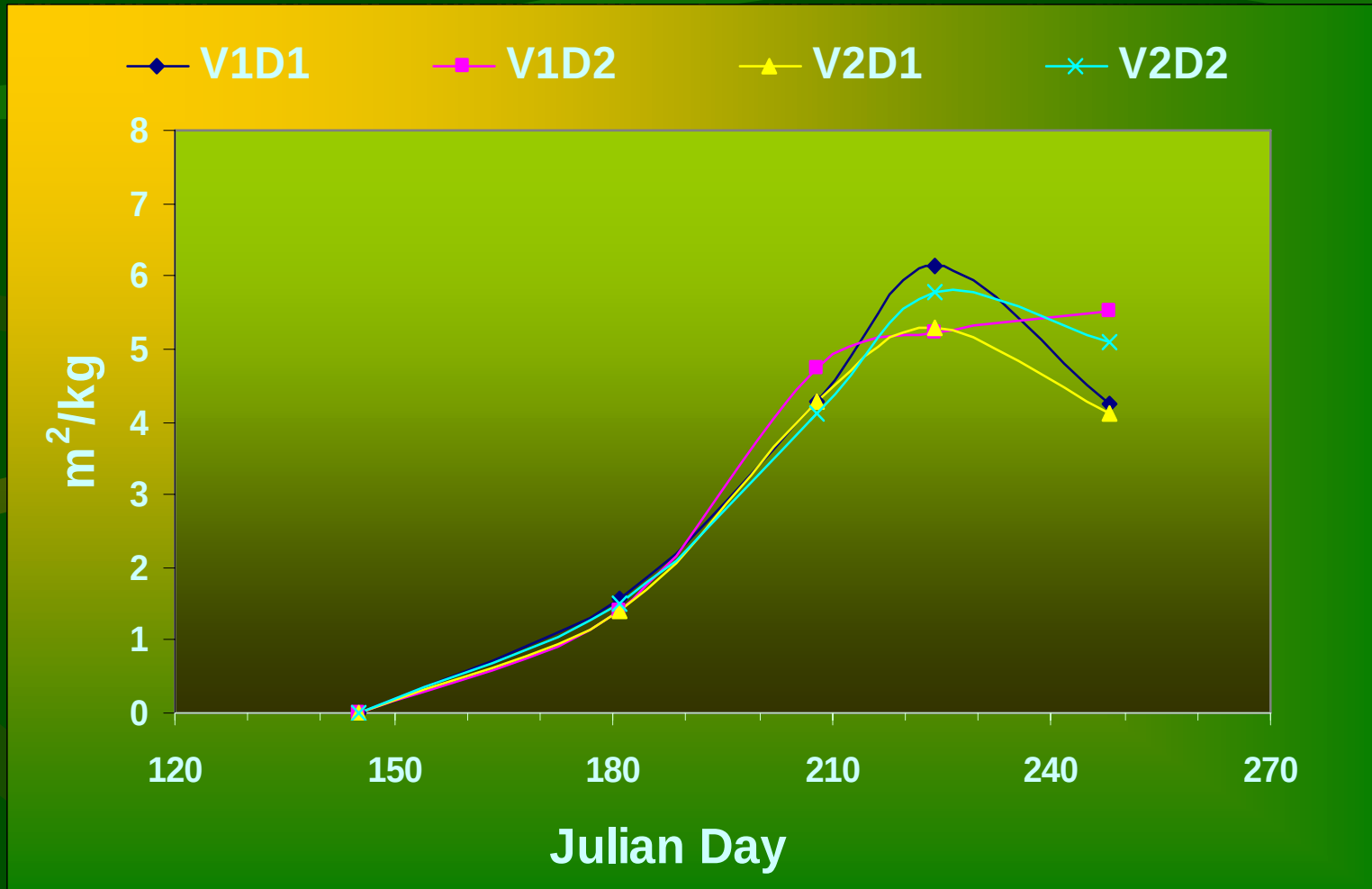
Leaf area index (task 2.3)



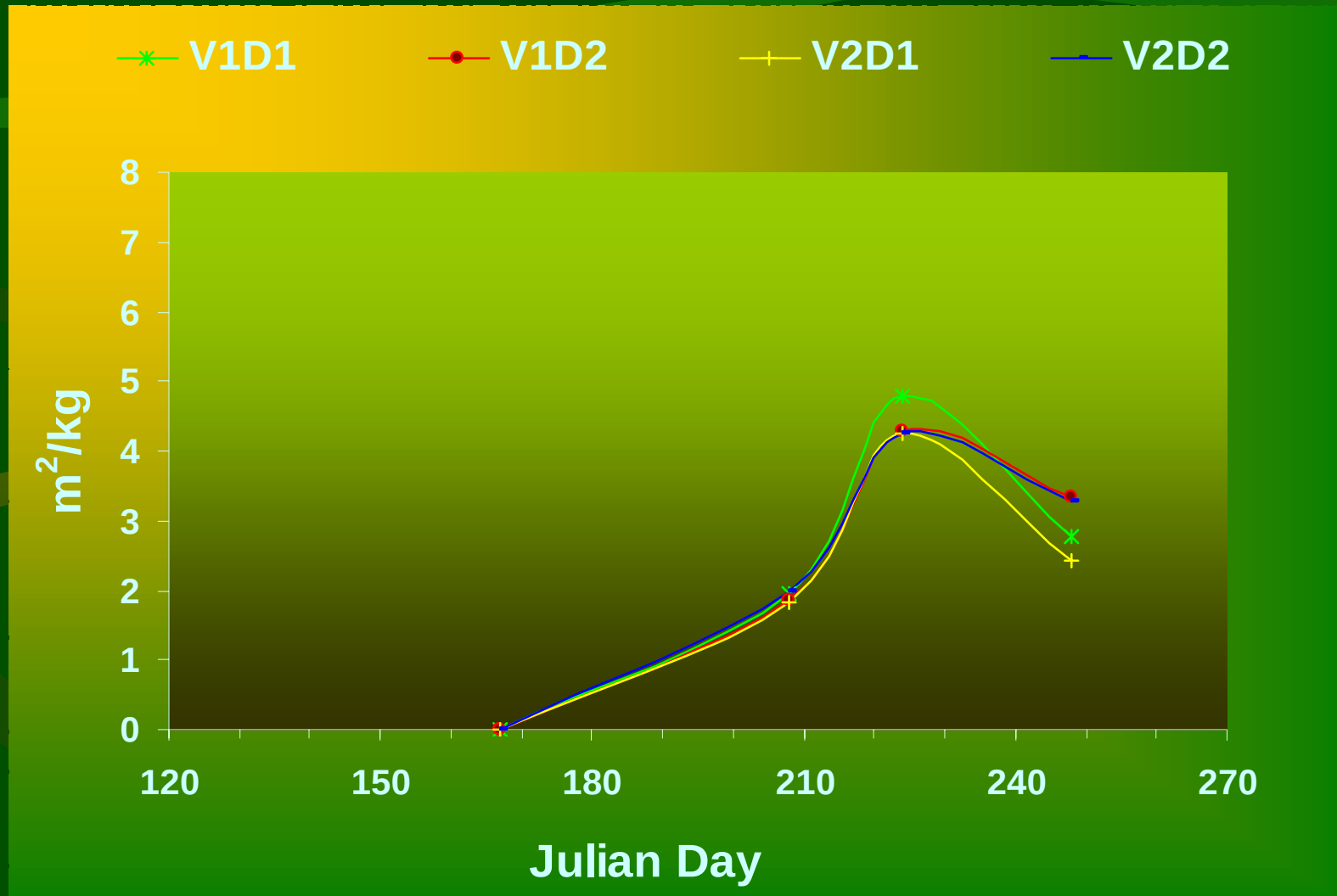
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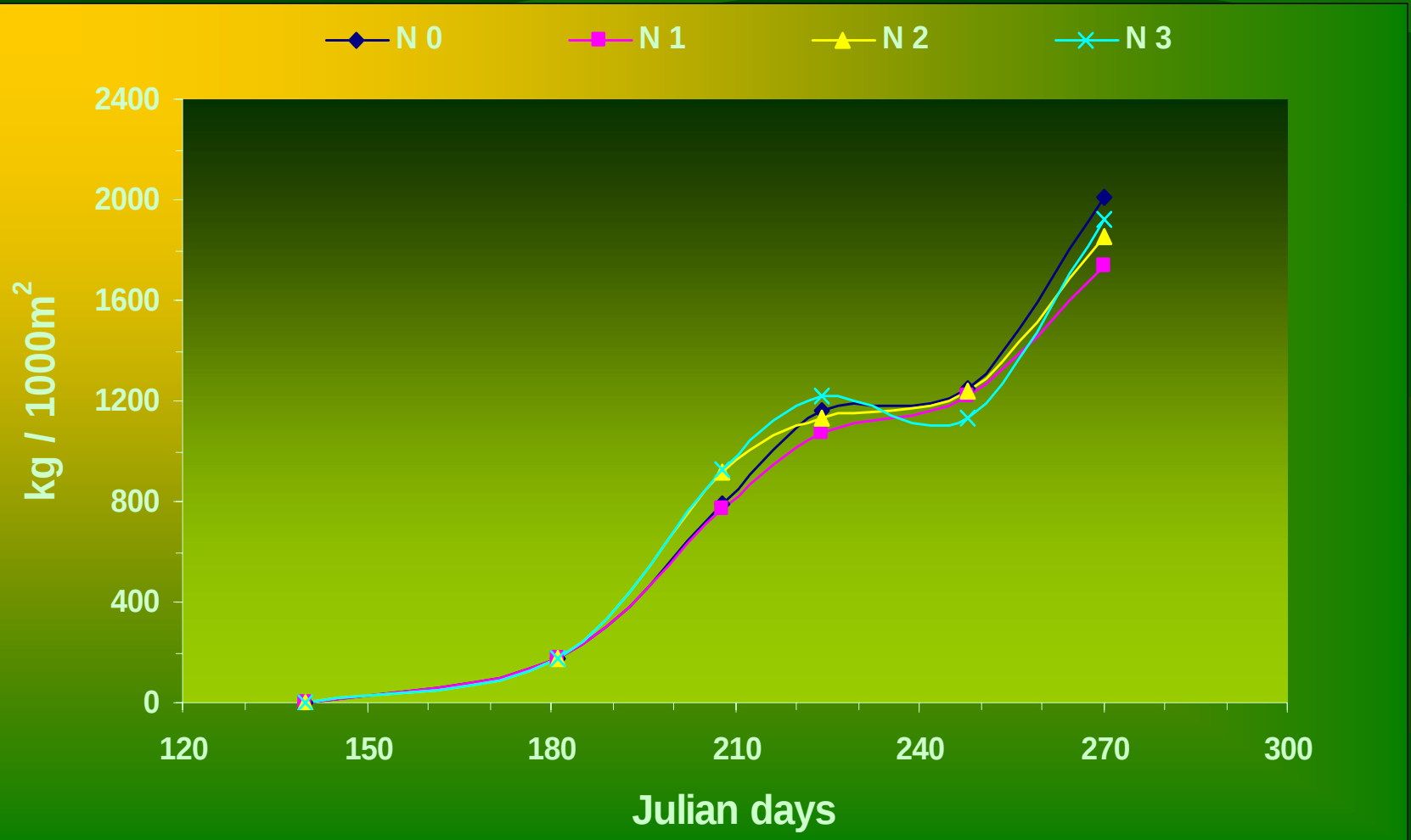
Leaf Area Index – S1 (task 2.2)



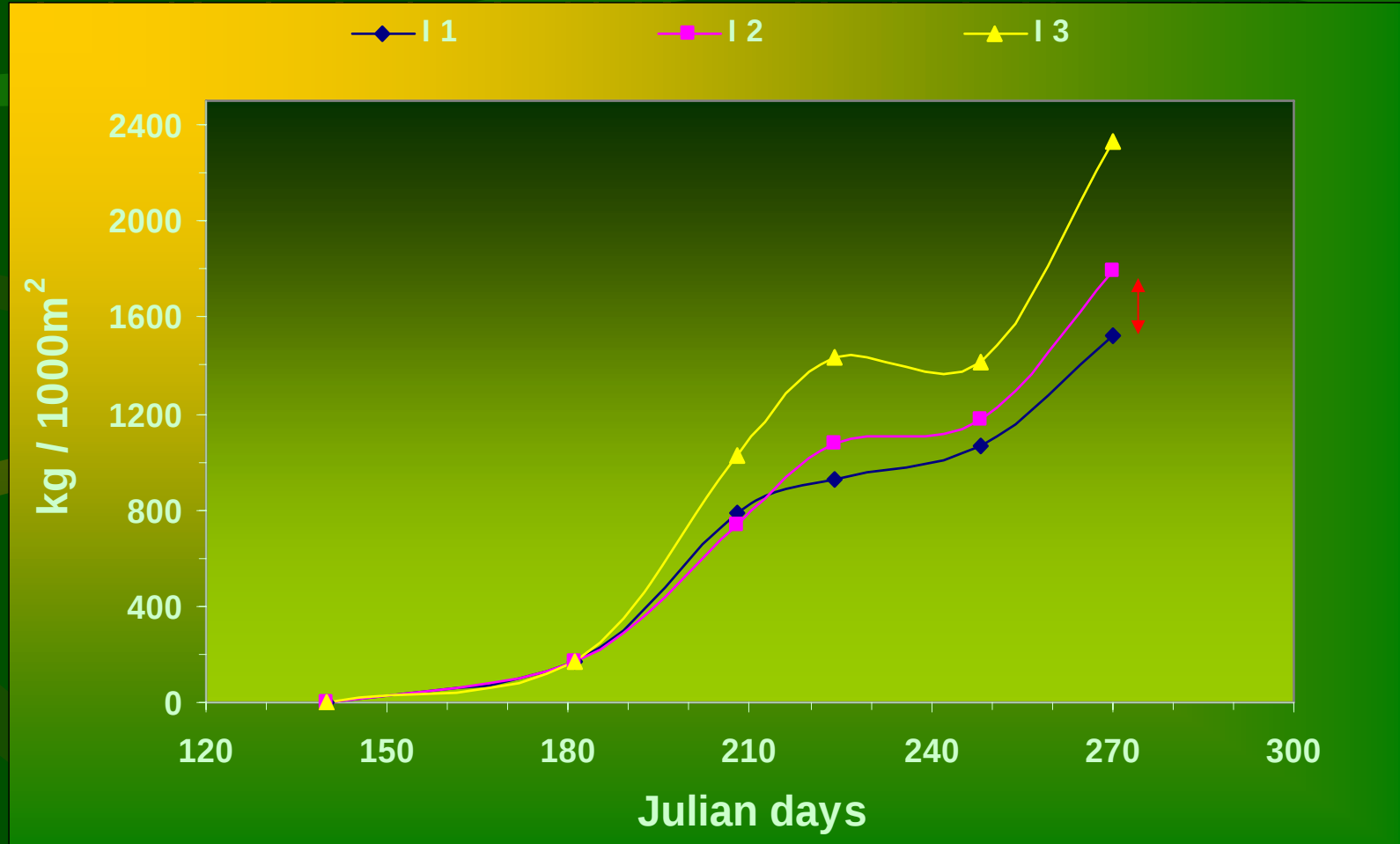
Leaf Area Index – S2 (task 2.2)



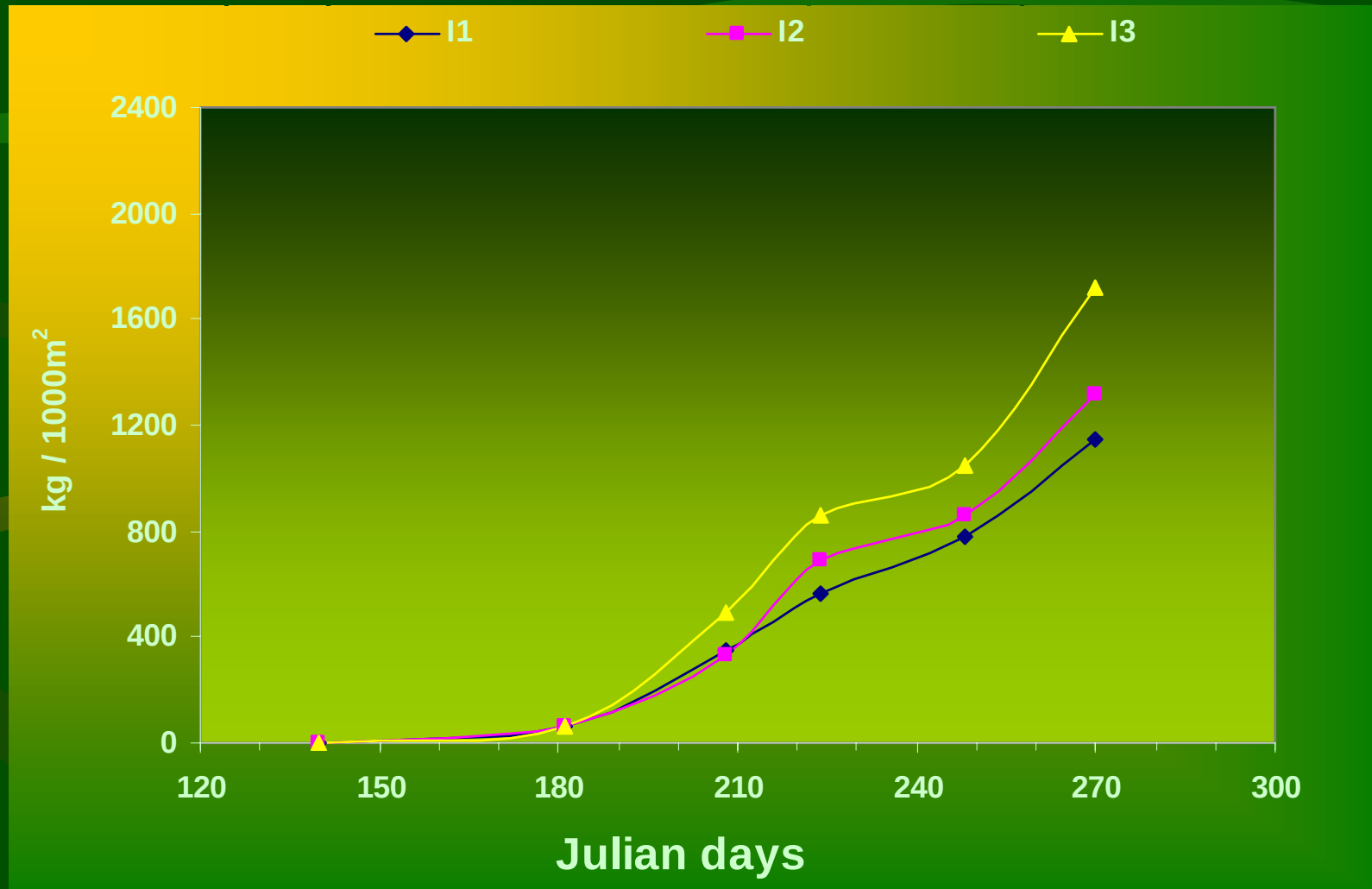
Total dry biomass (task 2.3)



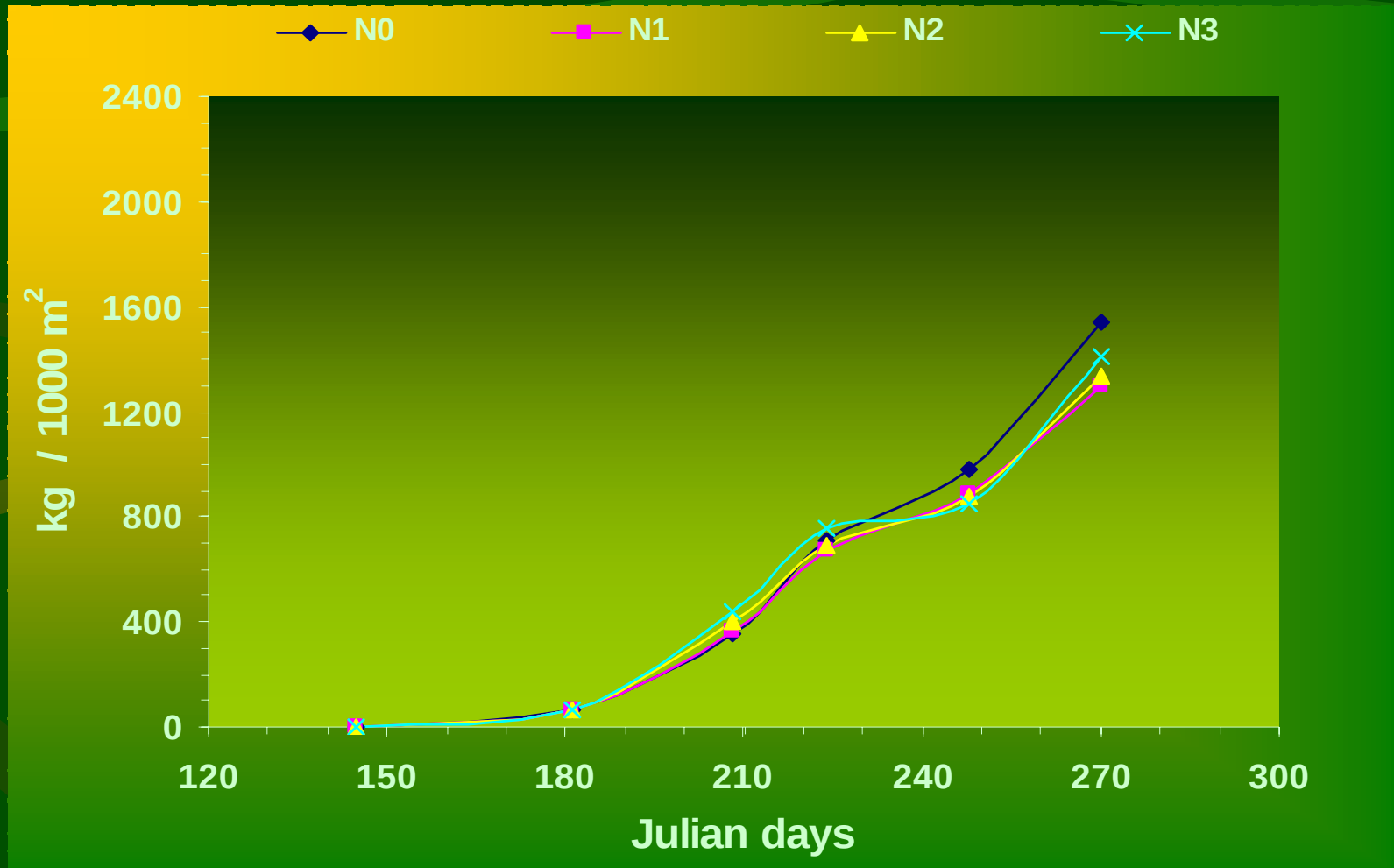
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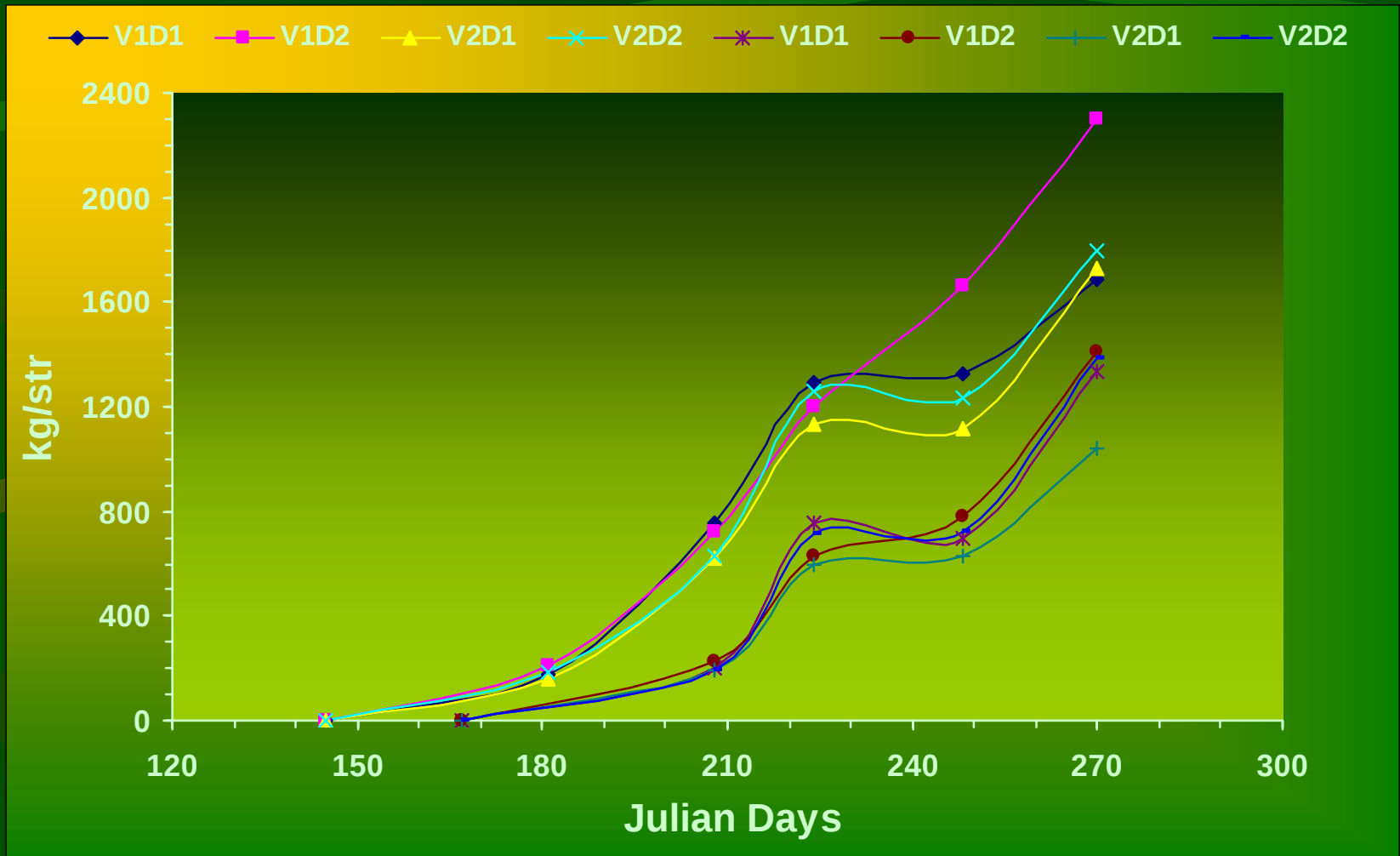
Stem dry biomass (task 2.3)



Stem dry biomass (task 2.3)



Total dry biomass (task 2.2)



Stem dry weight (task 2,2)

