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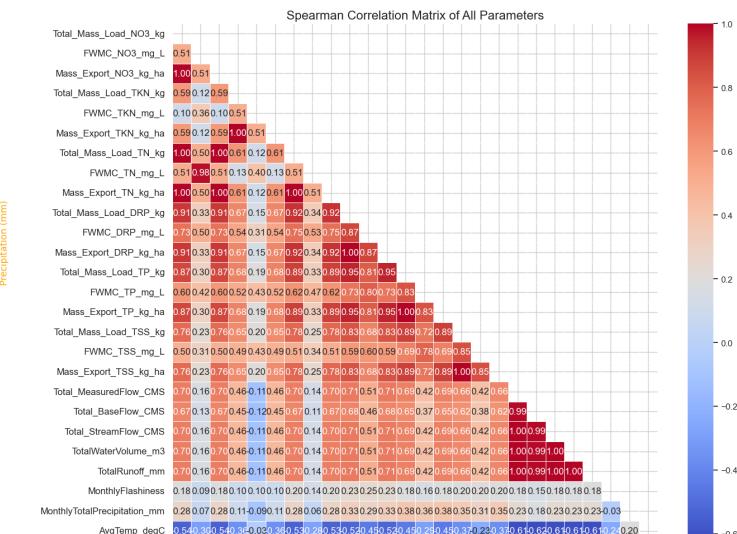
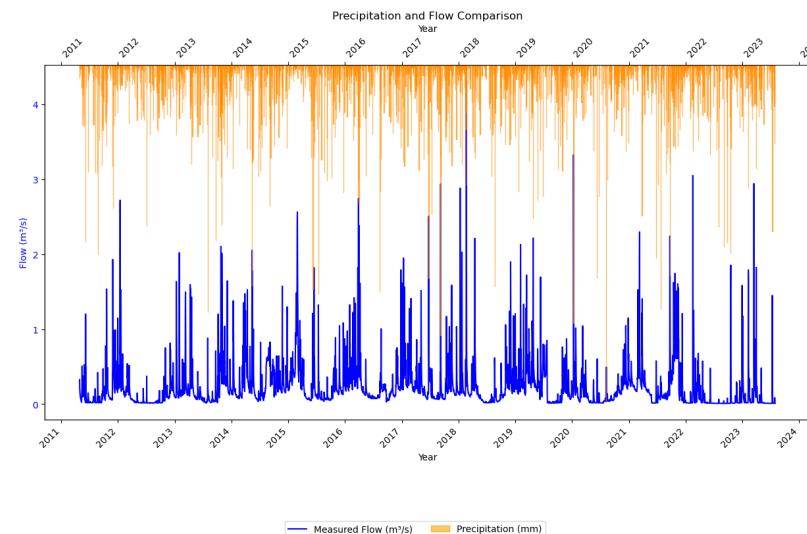
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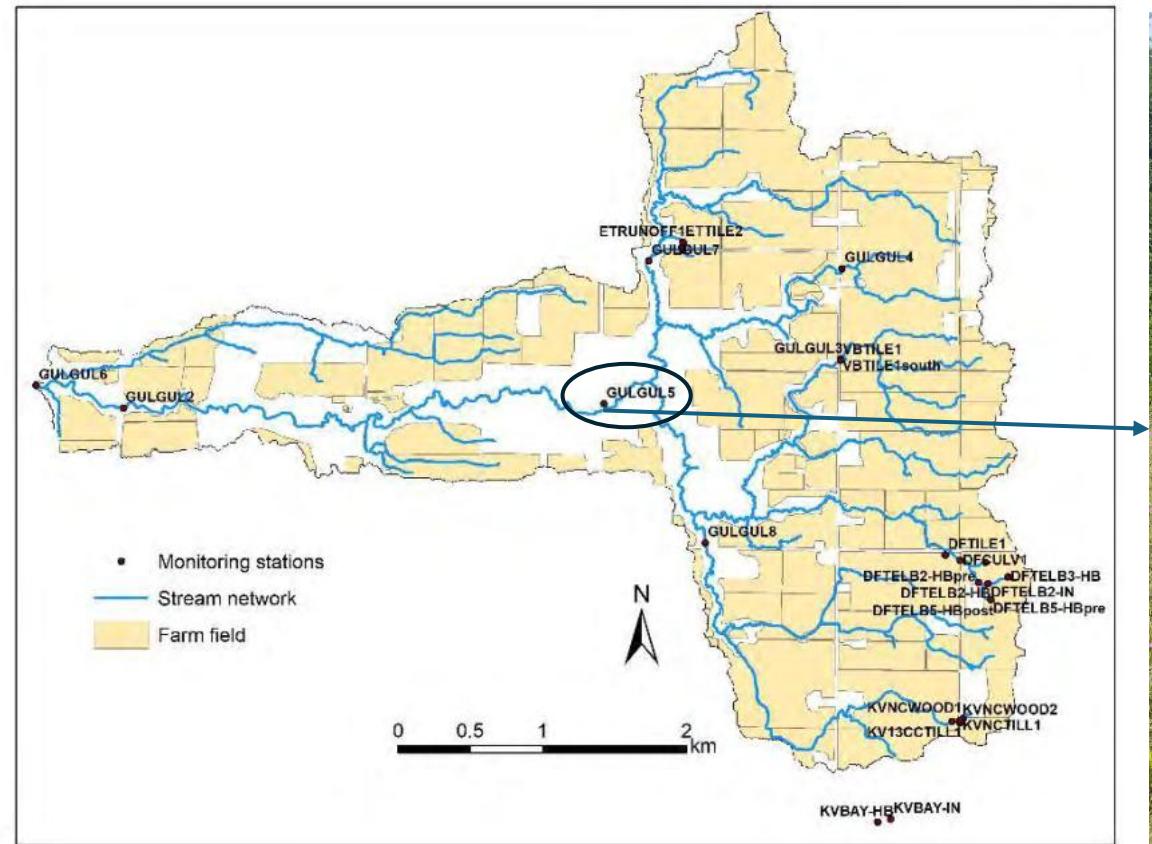
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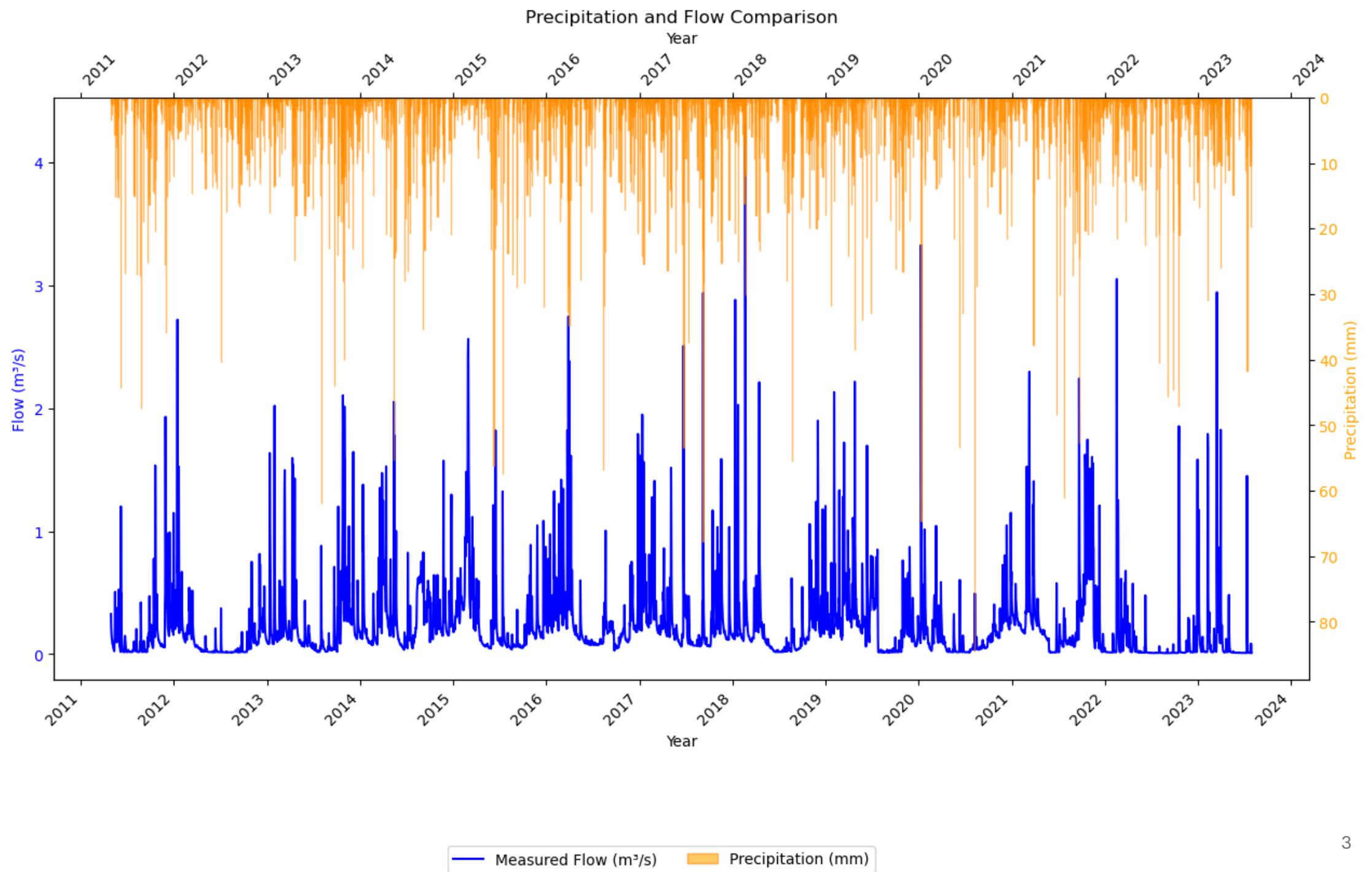
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# Monitoring station

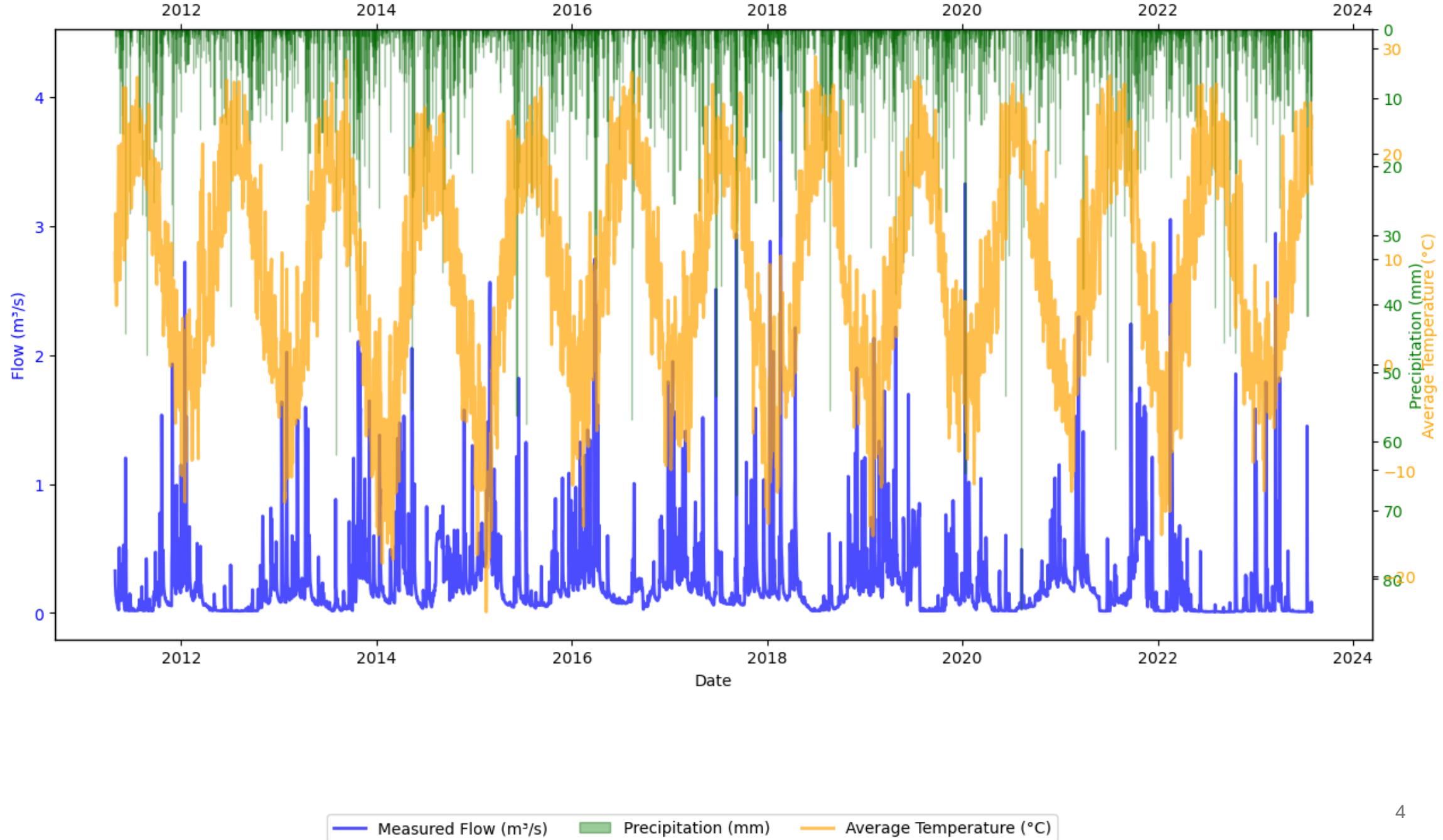


- Hourly mean flow (15/04/2011 4:00:00 PM to 02/08/2023 11:00:00 AM)
  - Calculated daily mean flow
  - Daily precipitation (29/04/2011 to 31/07/2023)
  - Daily average temperature (29/04/2011 to 10/01/2024)
  - Water quality parameters in specific time and date (NO<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub>-NO<sub>2</sub>, TN, DRP, TP, TSS) with specific flow data (18/04/2011 9:08:00 AM to 11/12/2021 11:31:00 AM)



# Mean Daily Flow, Precipitation, and Average Daily Temperature Comparison

Date



# Automated Base Flow Separation and Recession Analysis Techniques

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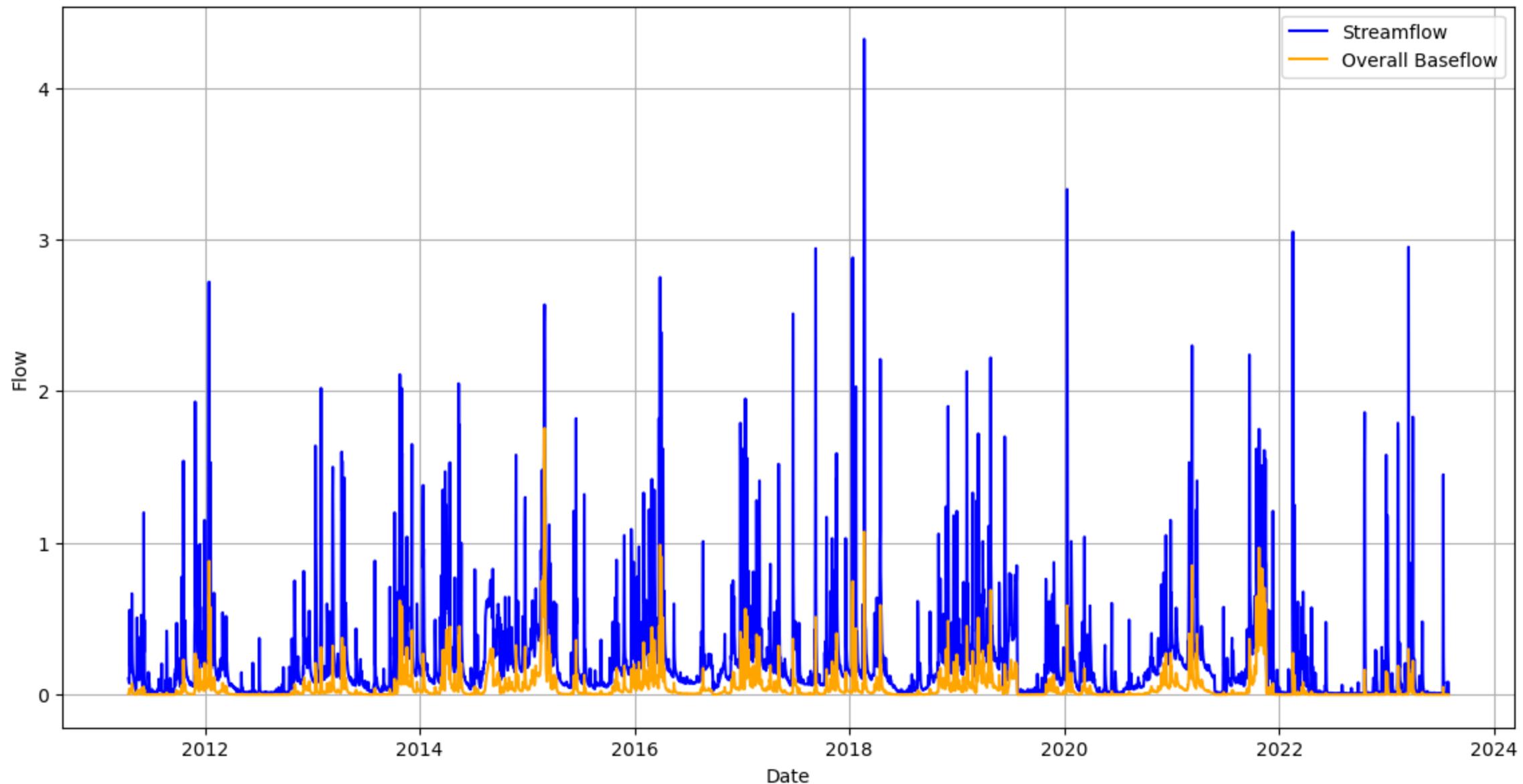
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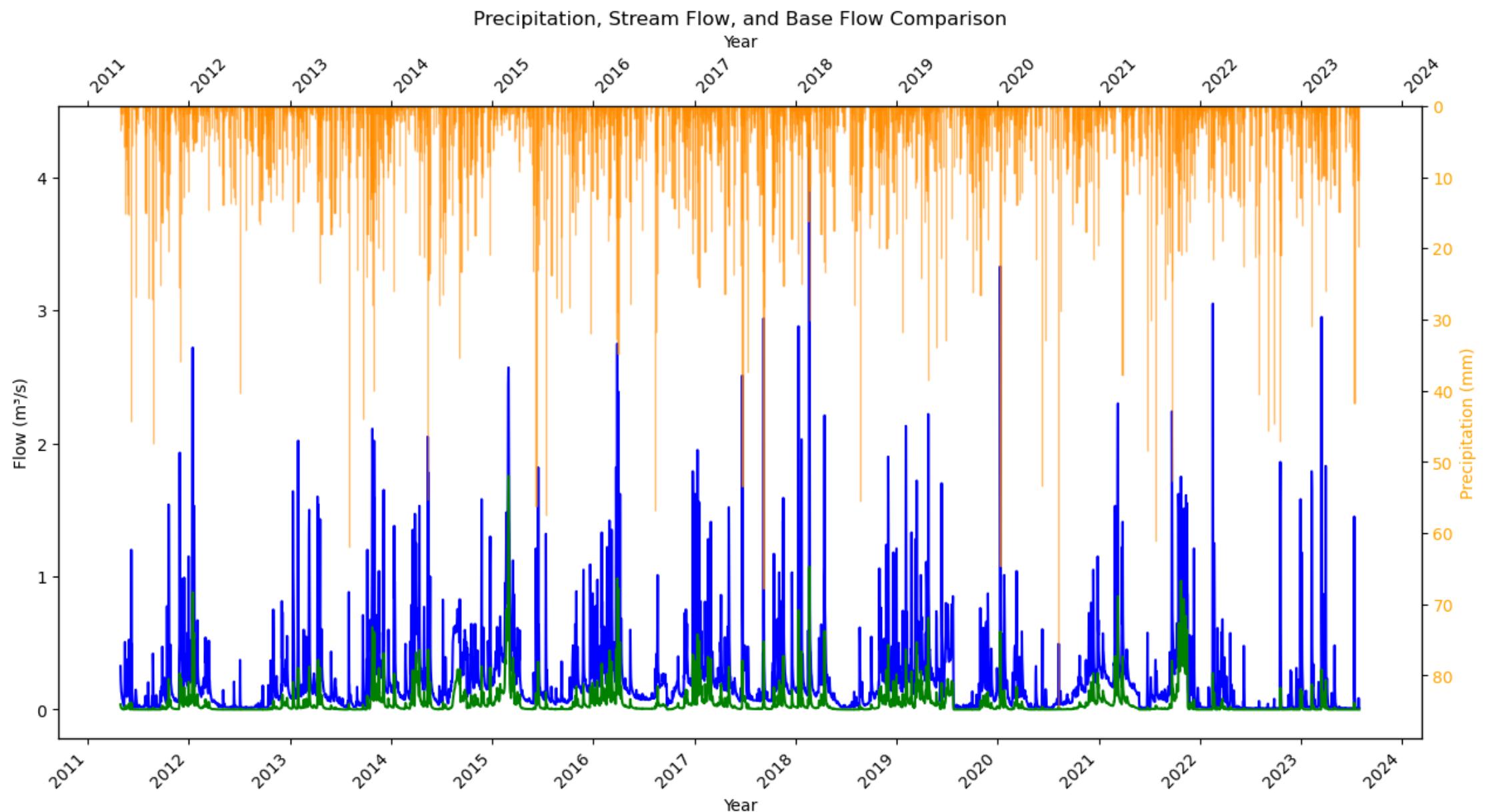
## Abstract

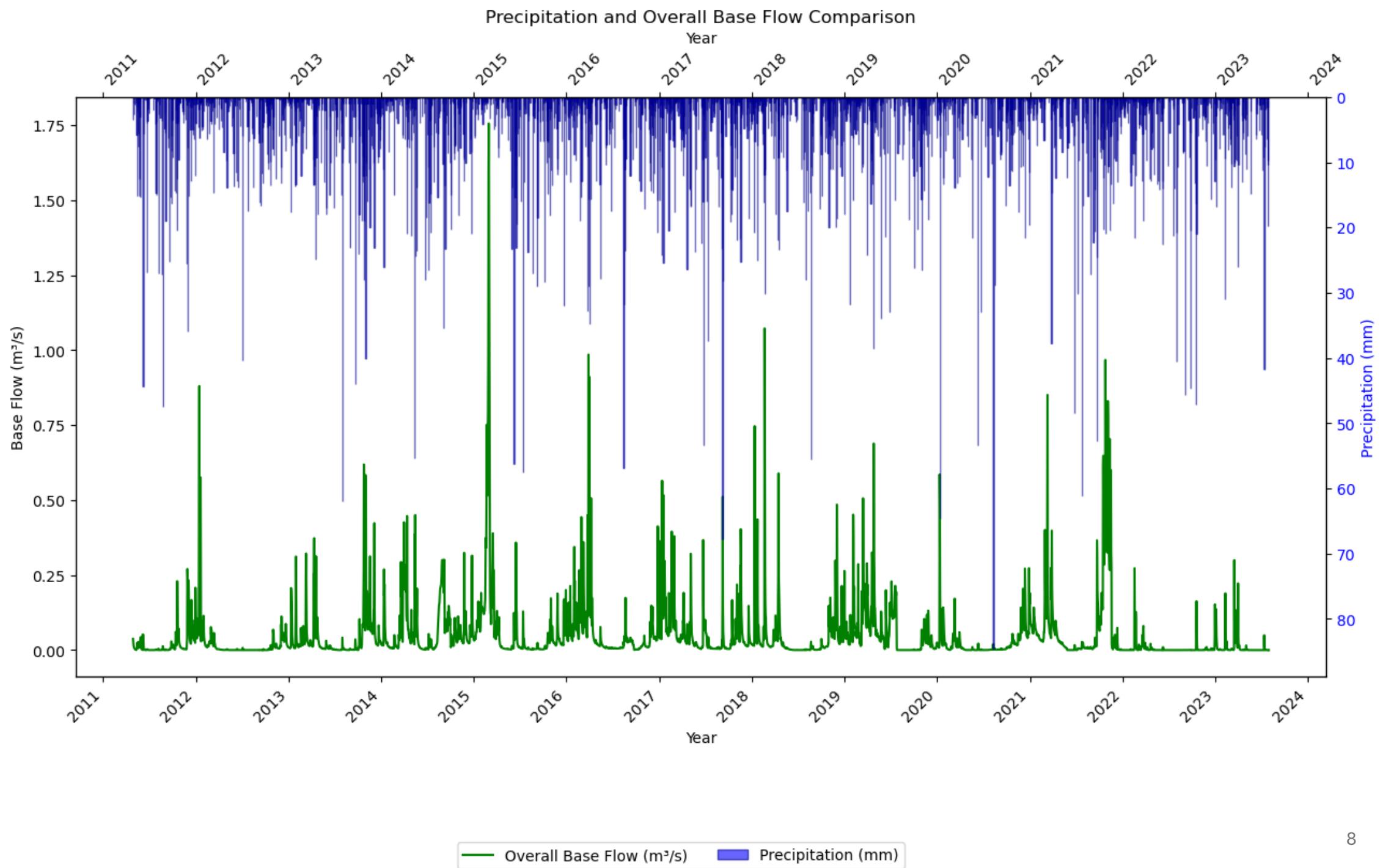
An automated base flow separation technique has been developed and tested. Base flow is considered to be the ground-water contribution to stream flow. Estimates of the amount of base flow can be derived from stream flow records. Such estimates are critical in the assessment of low flow characteristics of streams for use in water supply, water management, and pollution assessment. An automated base flow separation technique using a digital filter has been tested against three other automated techniques and manual separation methods. The filter appears to be comparable to other automated techniques in its ability to reproduce the results produced from graphical separation techniques. The filter technique is easy to use and has the added advantage in that it can be adjusted by the user to take into account personnel preferences in separation of stream flow into surface flow and base flow.

The slope of the base flow recession has been used to estimate the volume of water in storage in the basin above the level of the stream channel, the amount of recharge to the shallow aquifer, and as an input into water budget models. A second automated technique was developed to calculate the slope of the base flow recession curve from stream flow record. This technique is an adaptation of the Master Recession Curve procedure. The results of this method were compared to manual estimates with an efficiency of 74 percent.

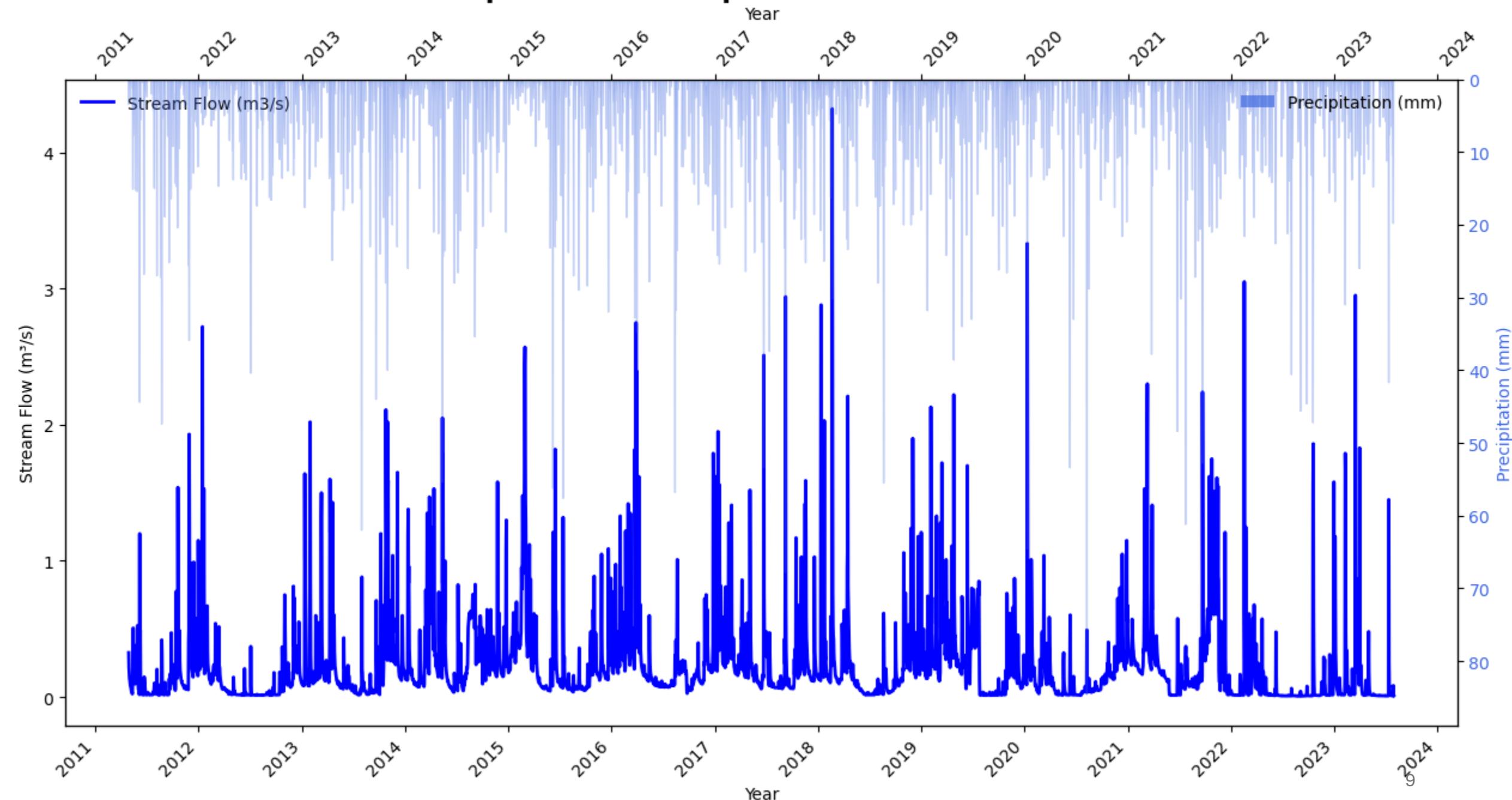
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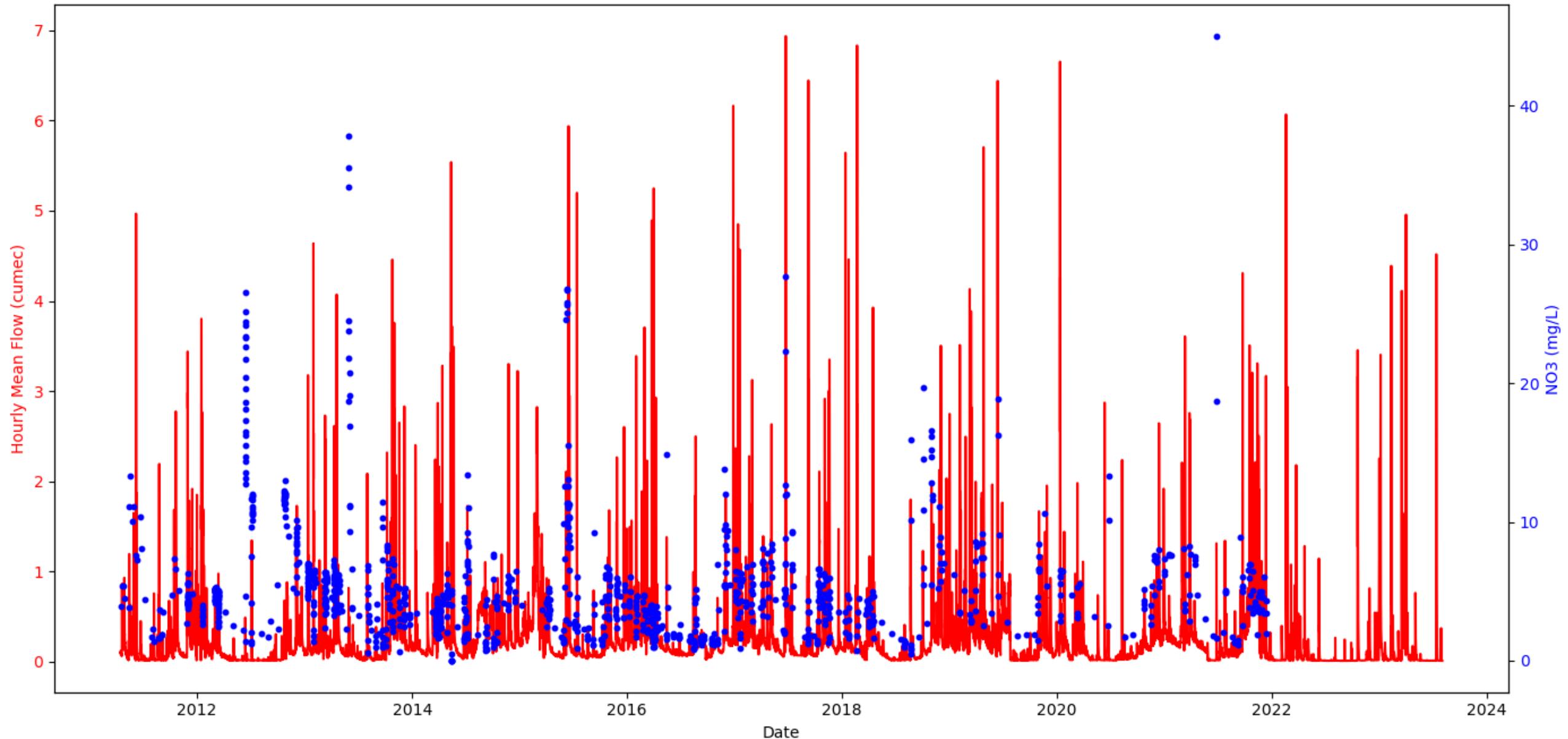
# Comparison of Precipitation and Stream Flow



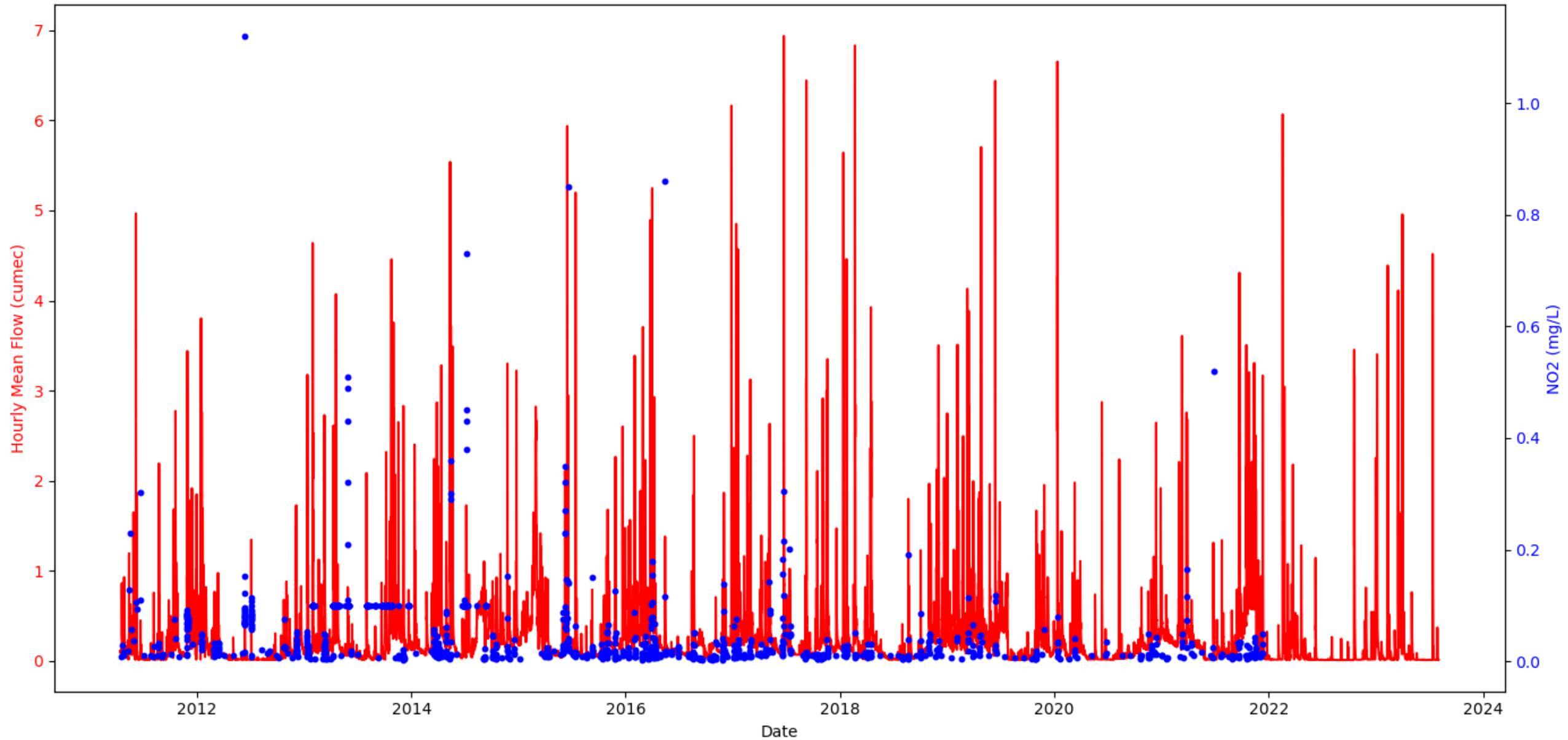
# Time series analysis

Hourly mean flow vs water quality parameters

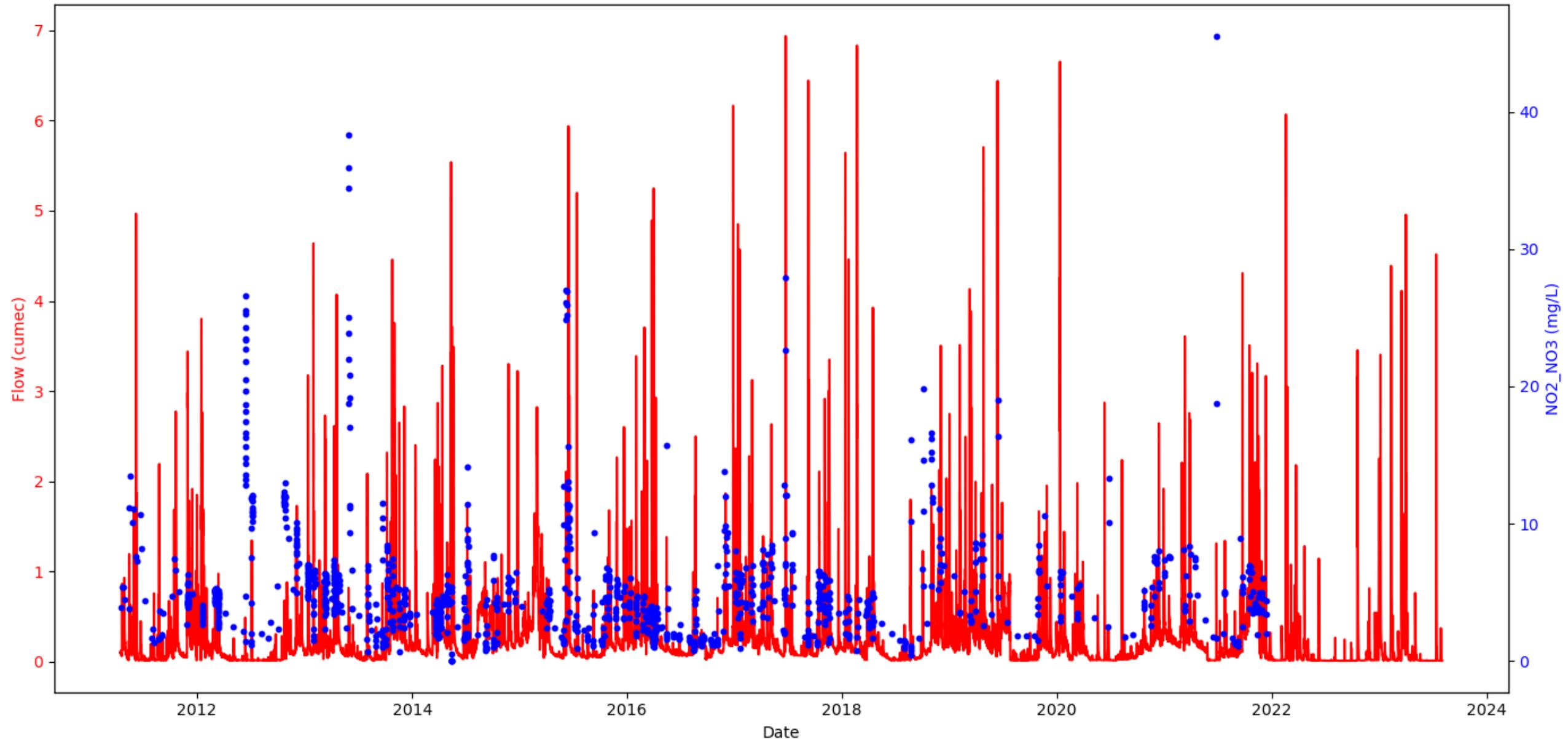
Time Series of NO<sub>3</sub> and Flow



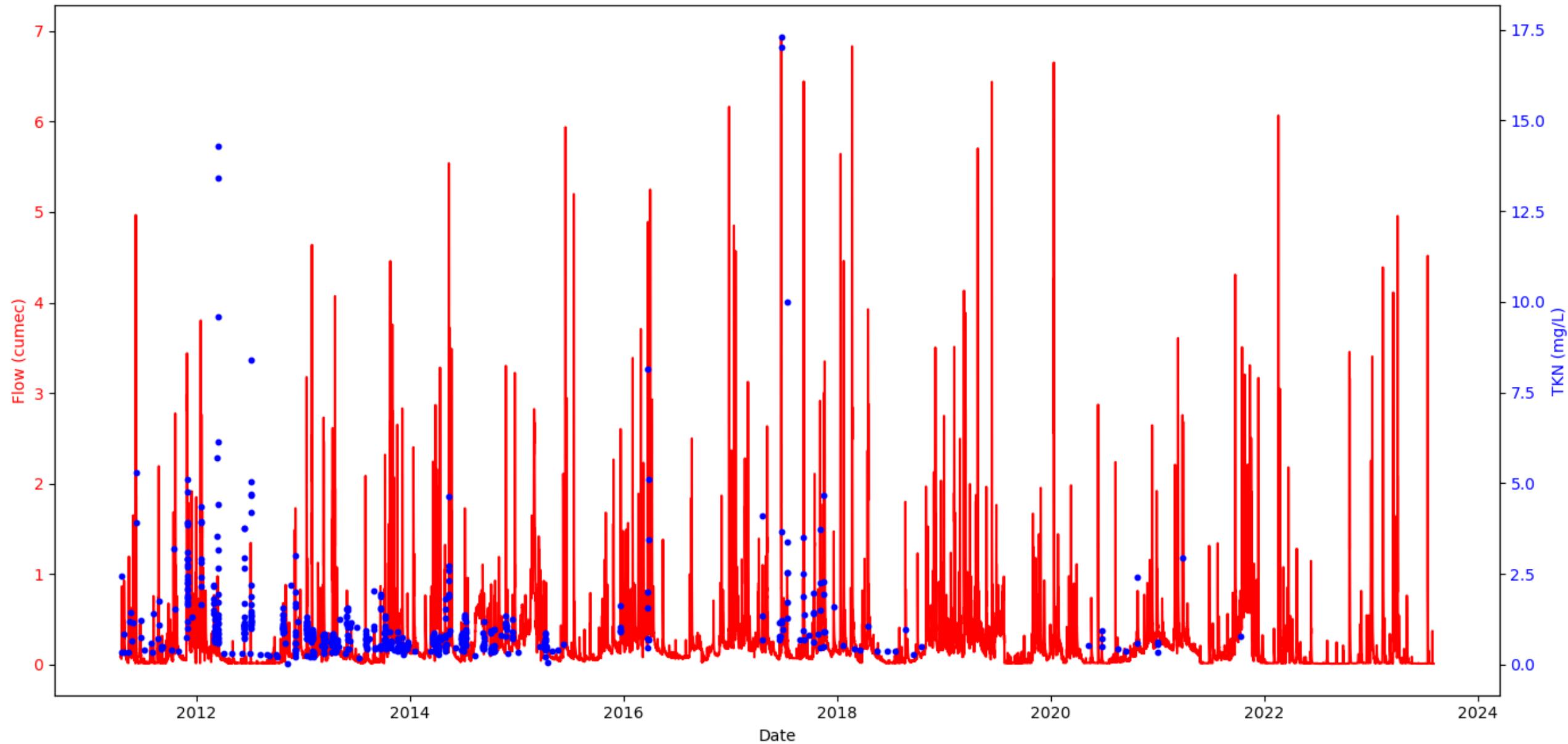
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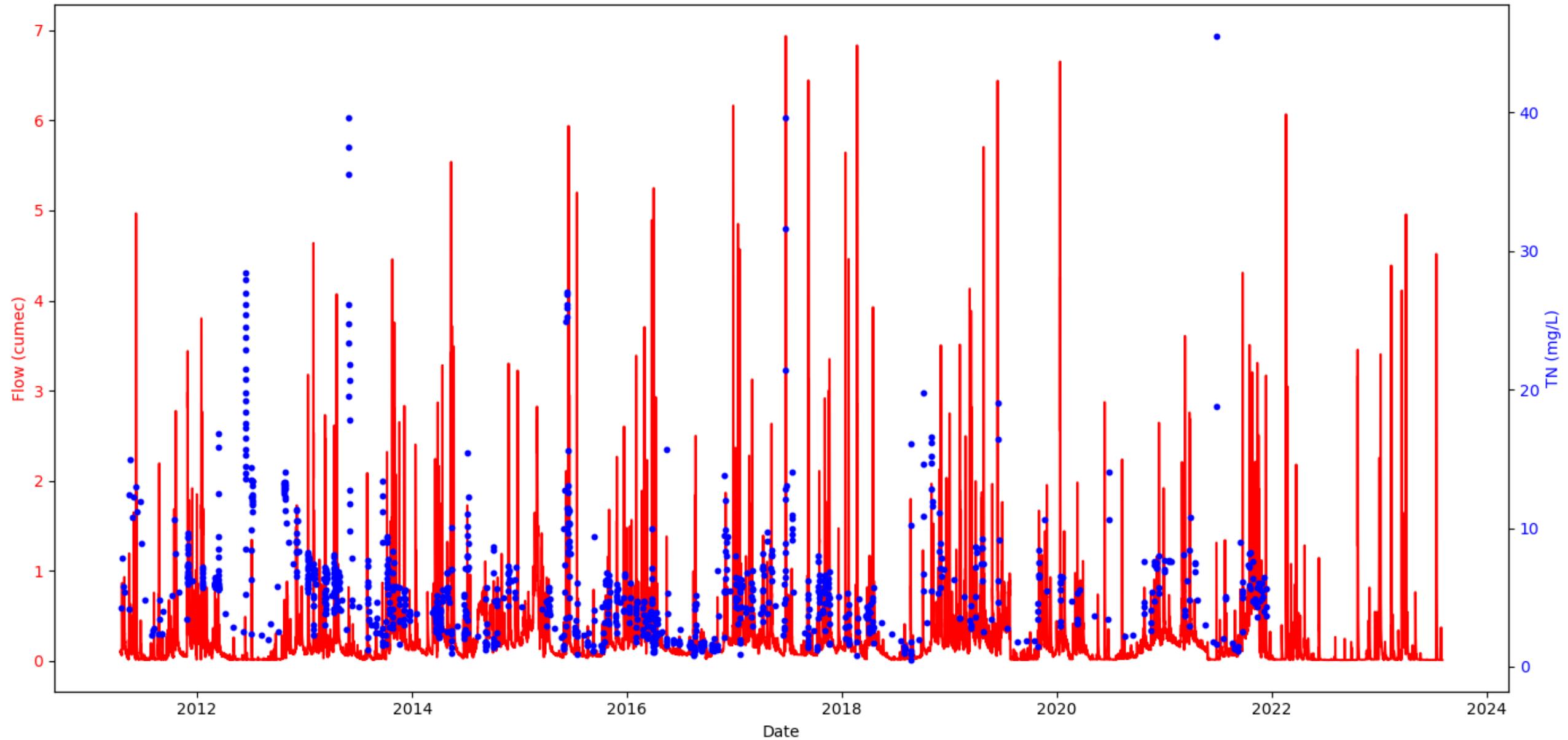
Time Series of NO<sub>2</sub>+NO<sub>3</sub> and Flow



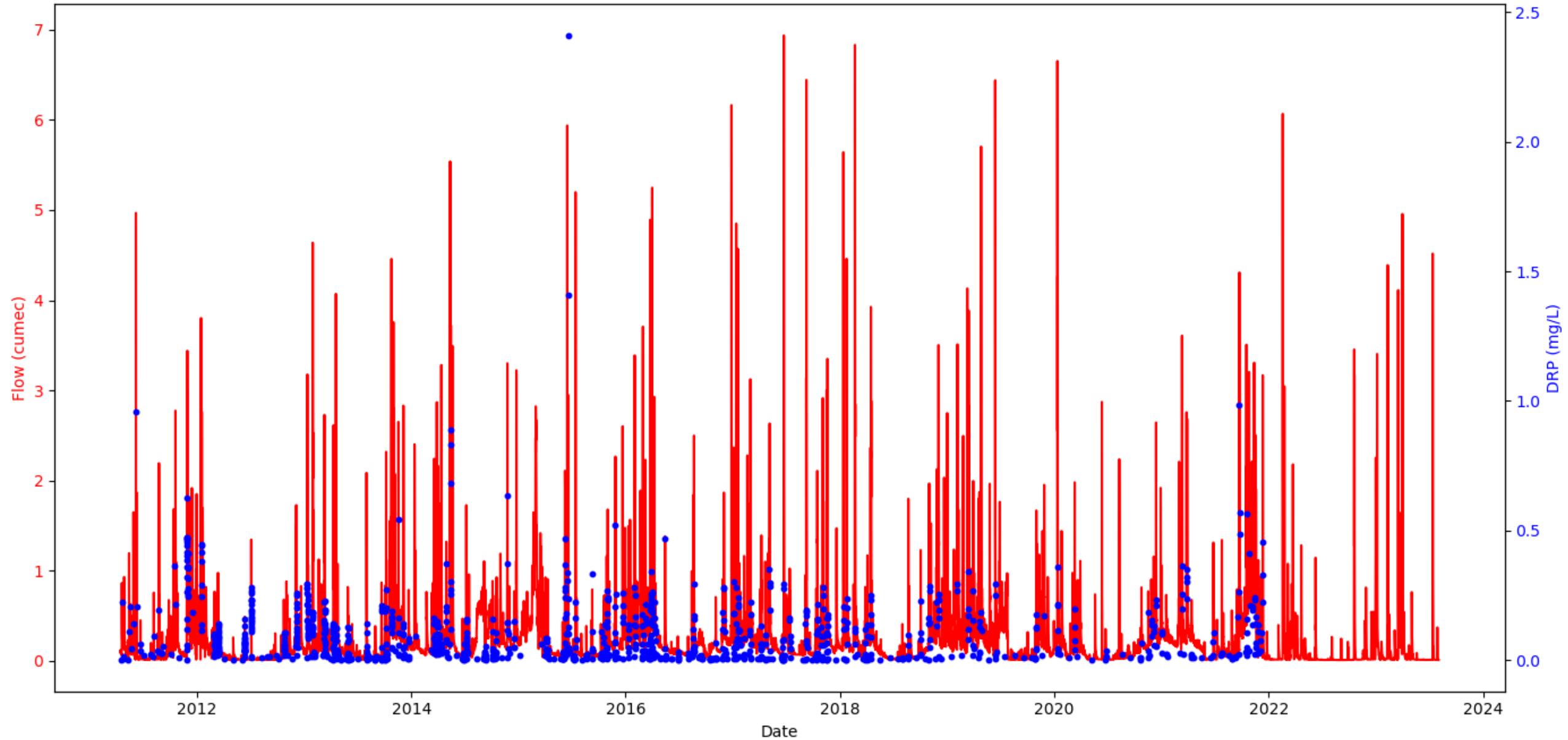
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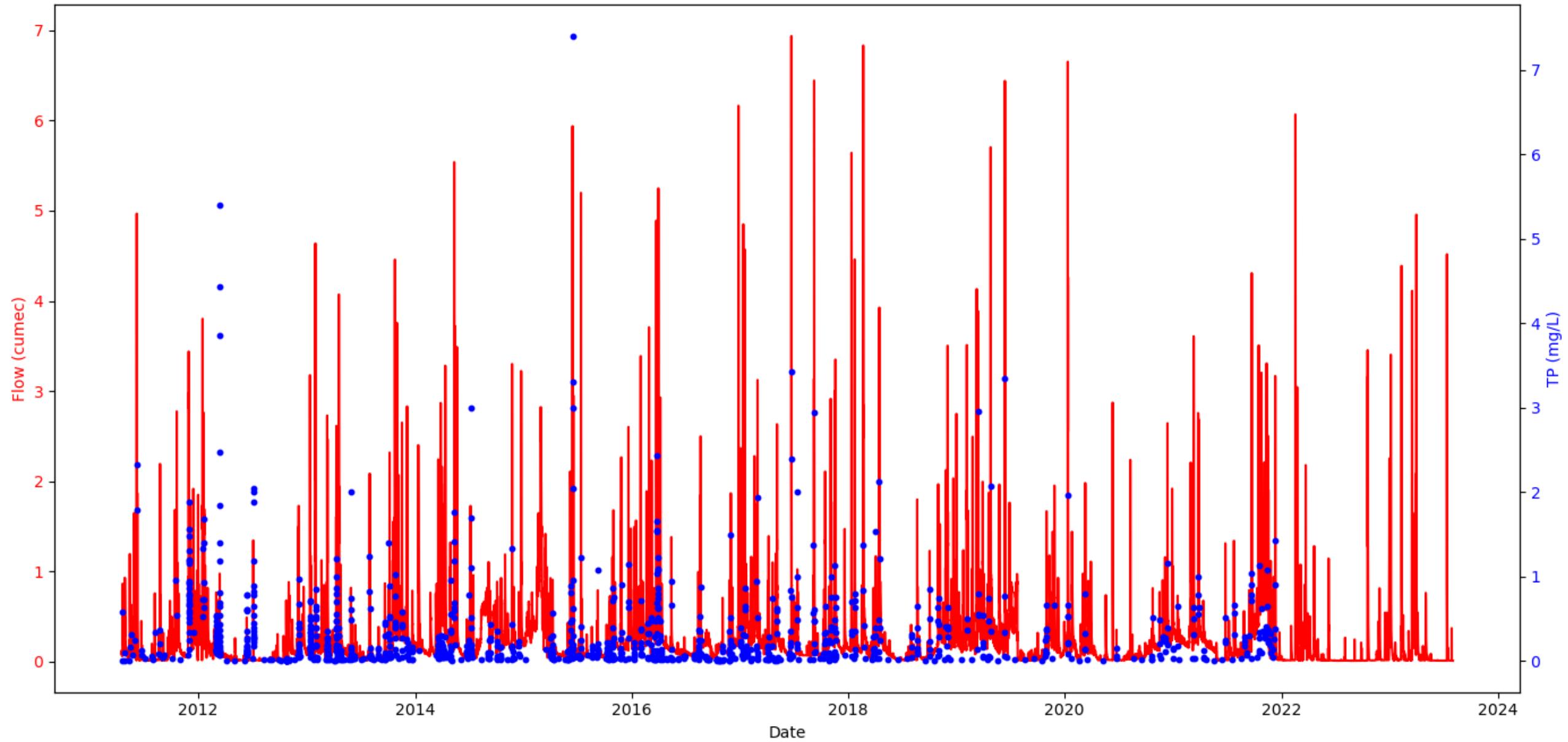
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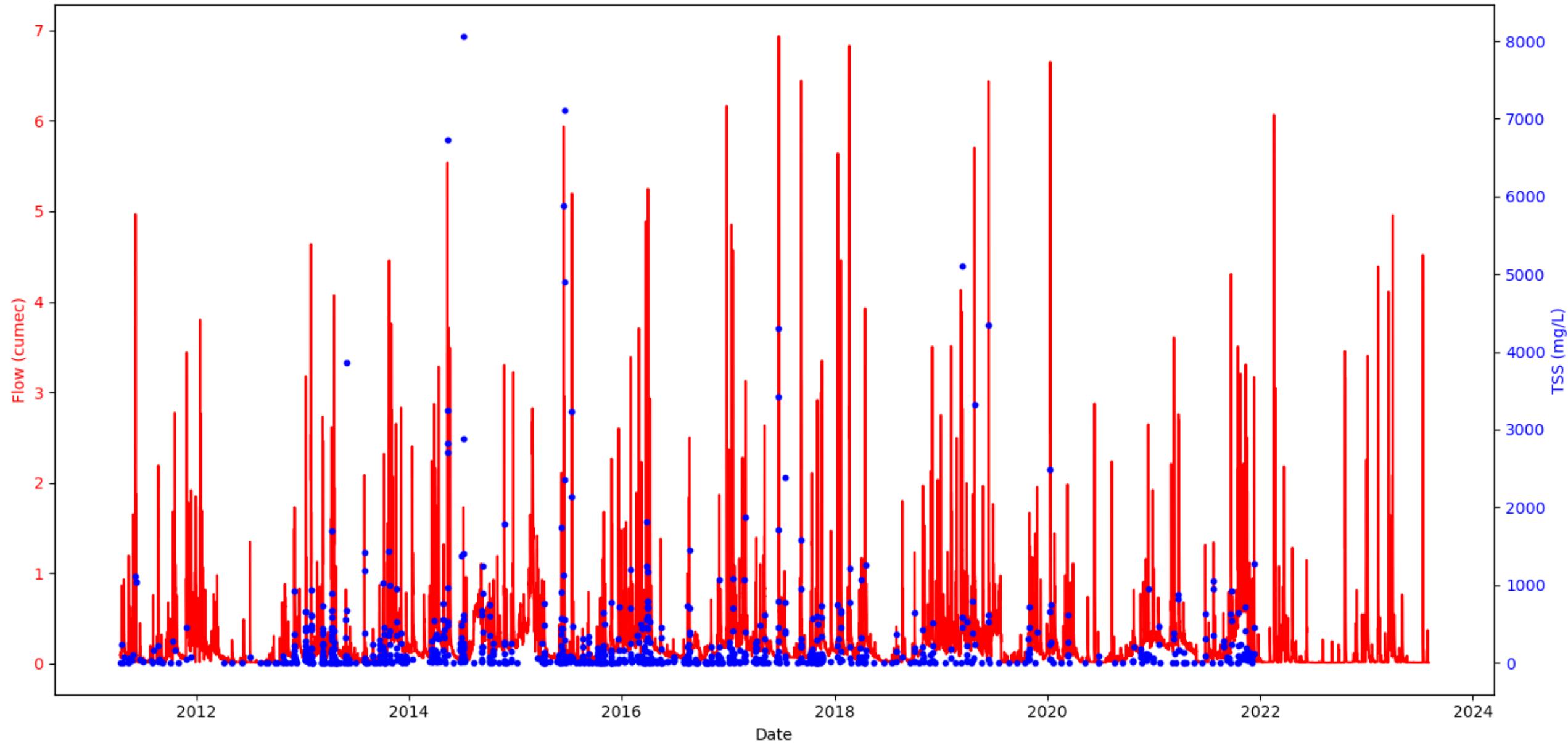
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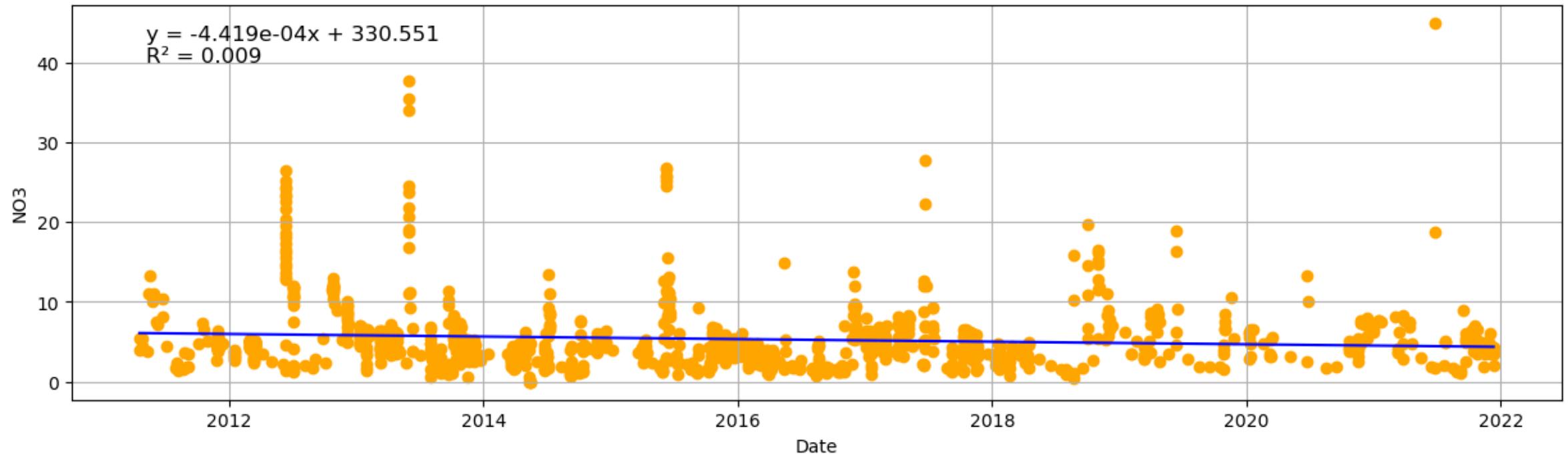
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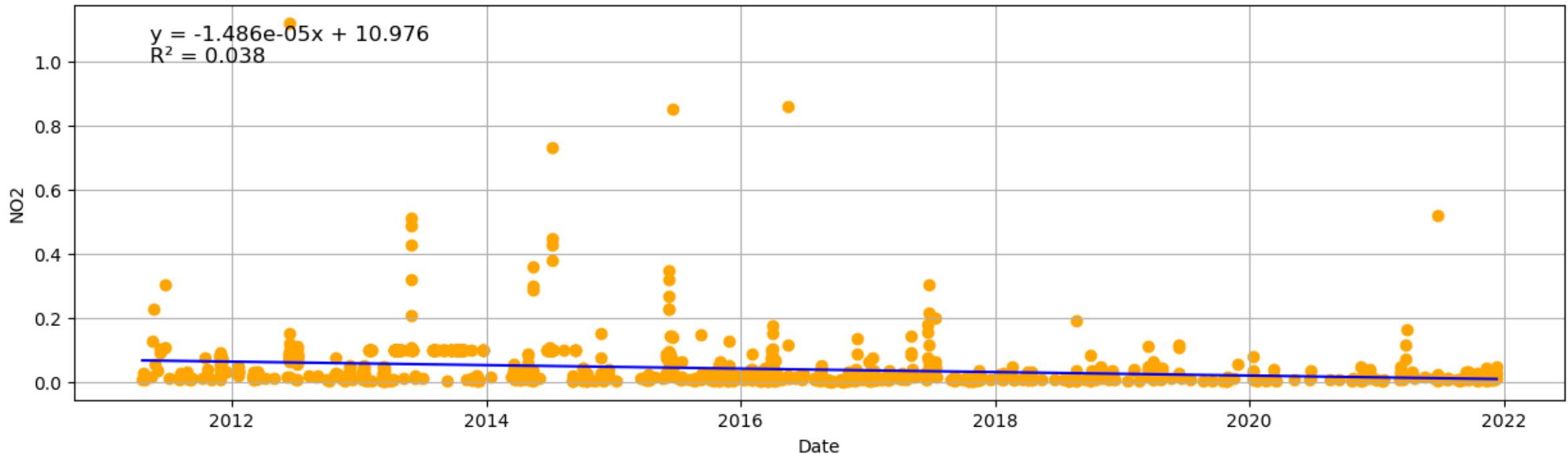
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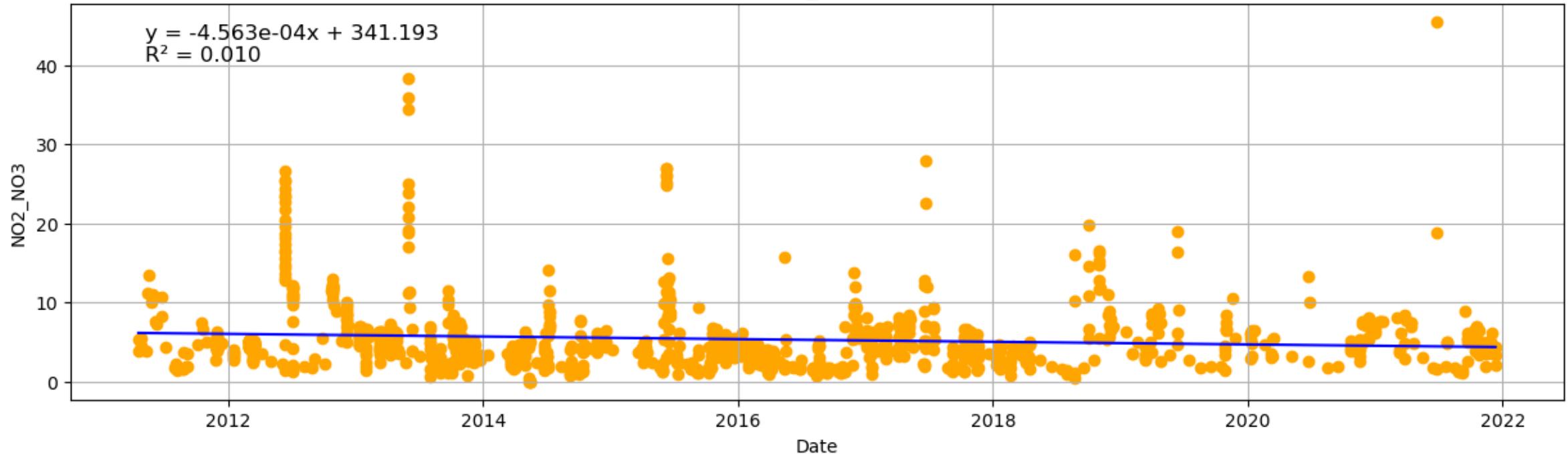
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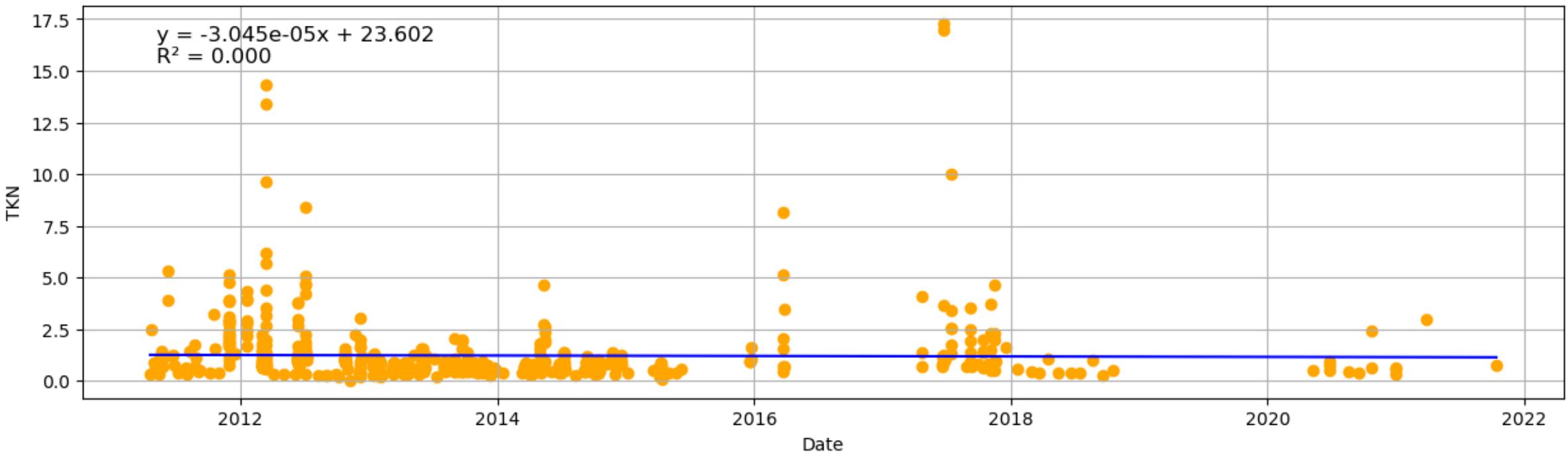
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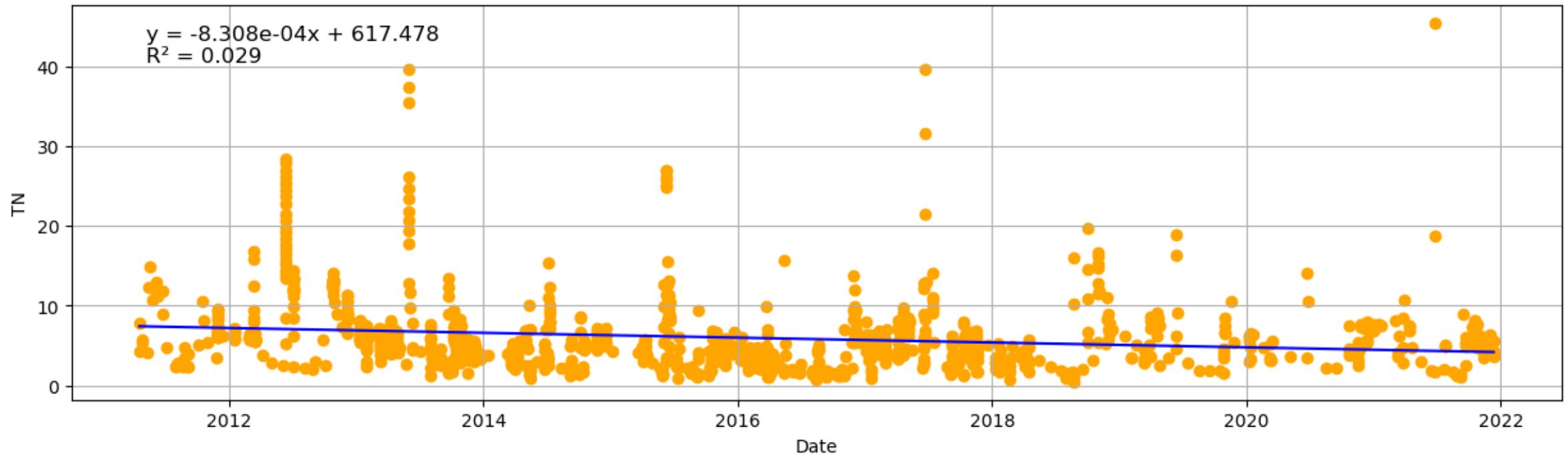
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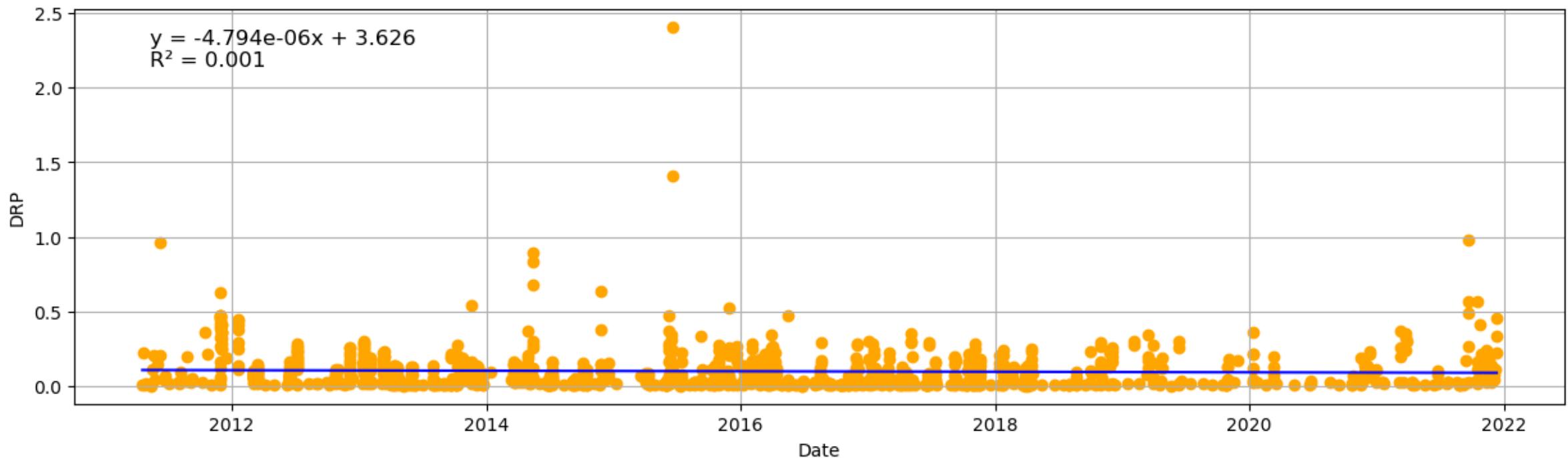
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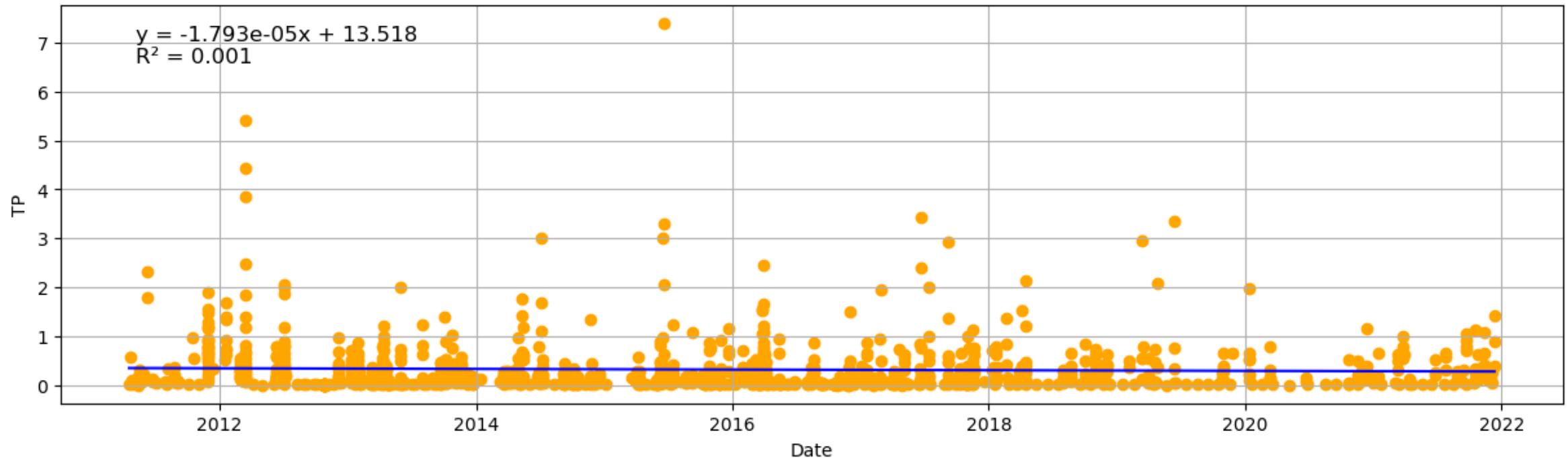
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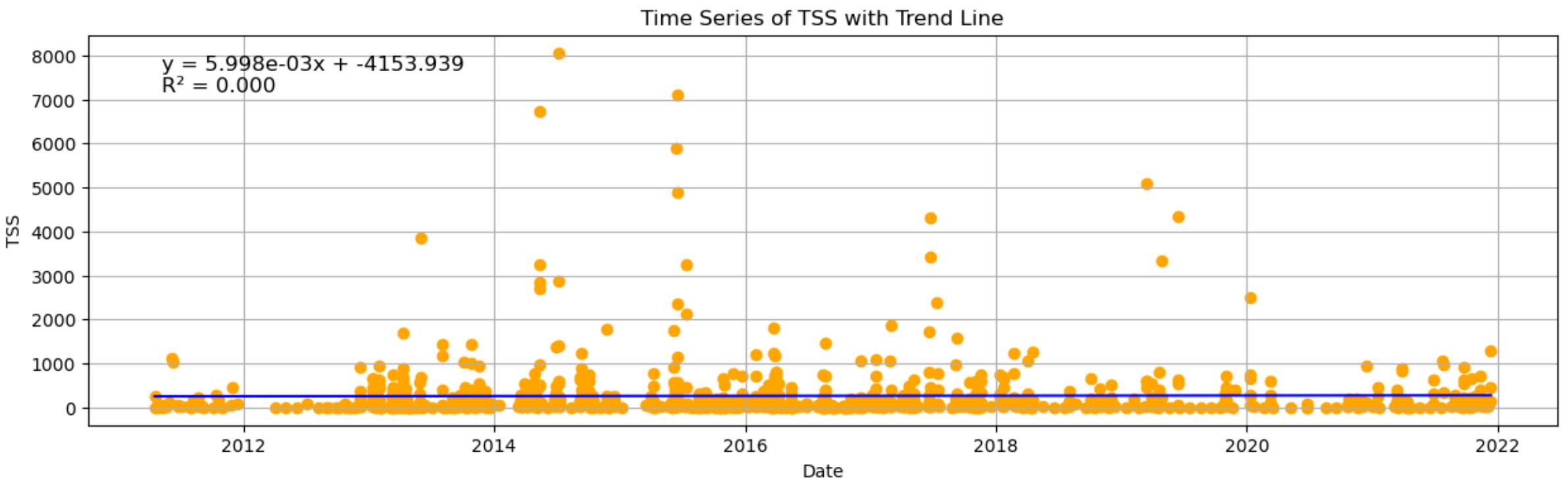


Time Series of DRP with Trend Line



Time Series of TP with Trend Line

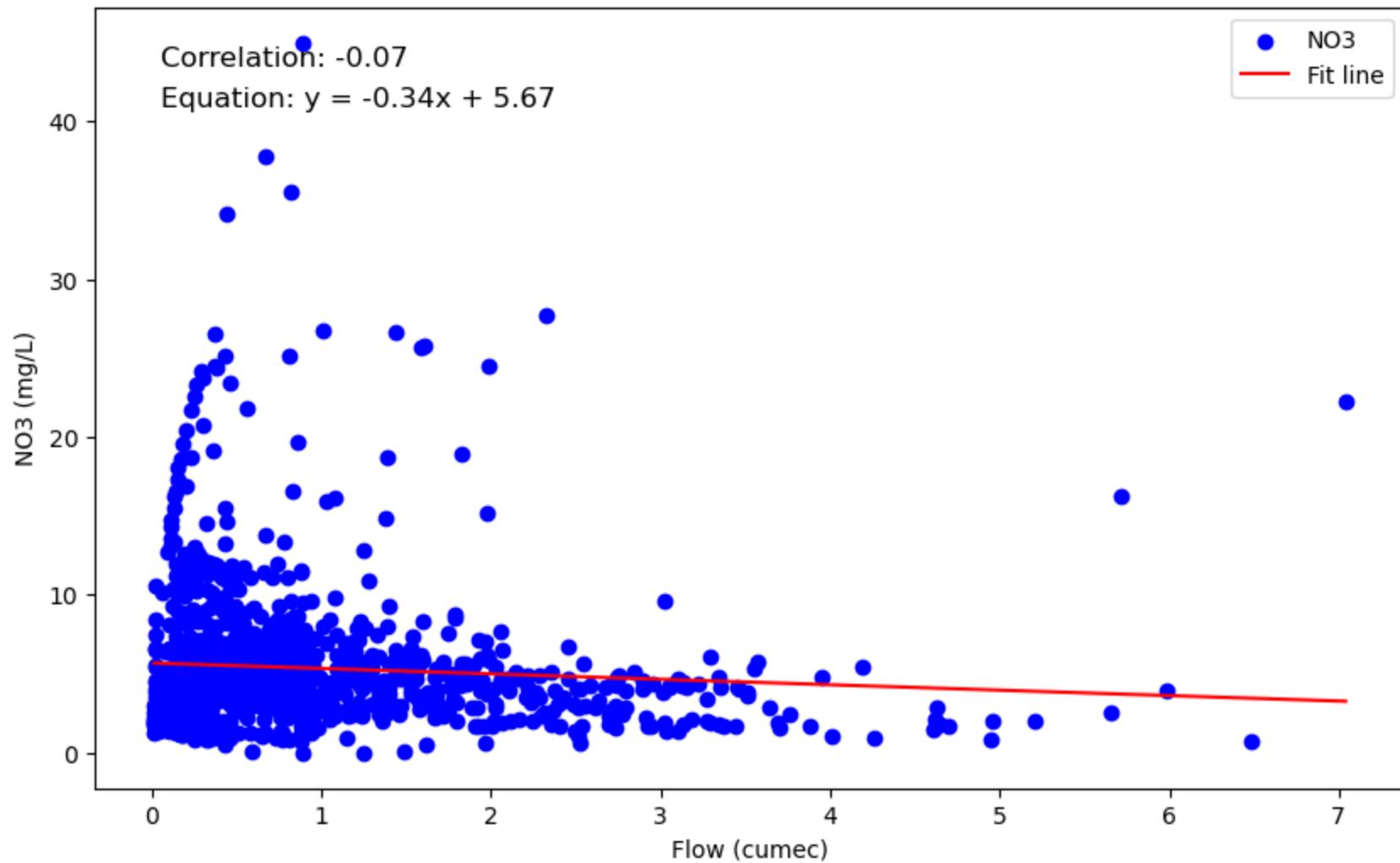


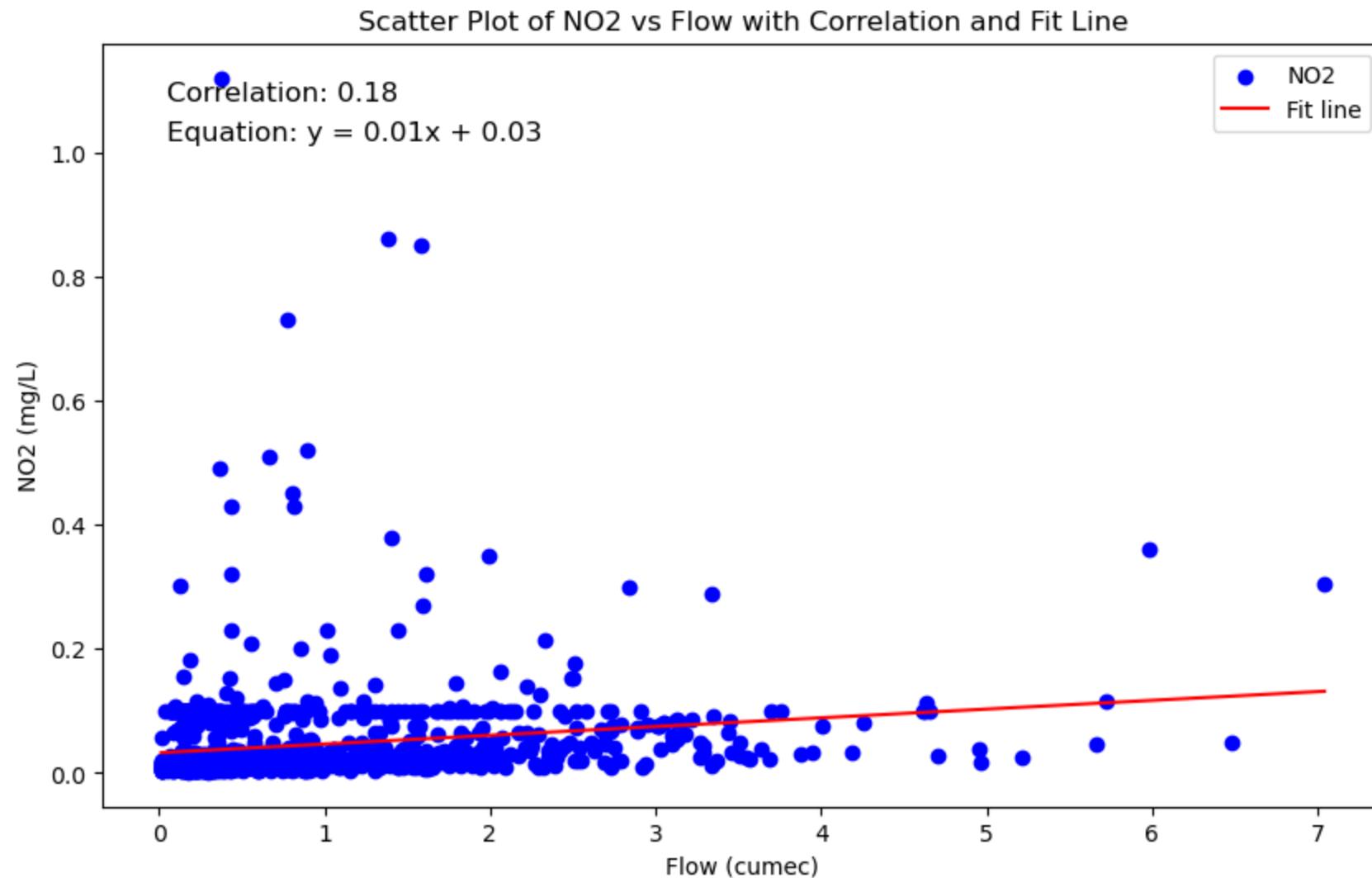


# Scatter plot of WQ parameter and Flow in specific times

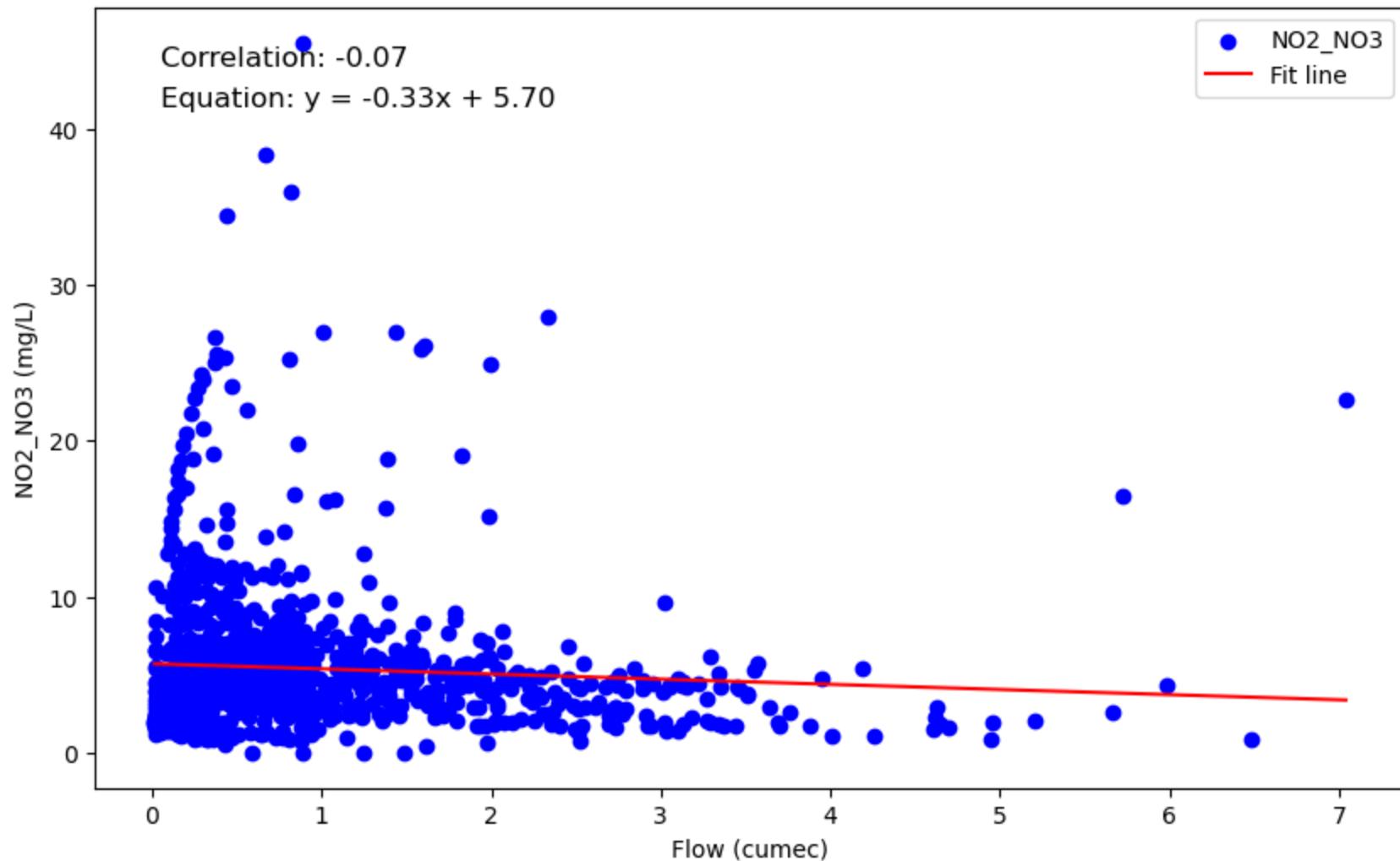
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20/04/2011 9:15	7.85	20/04/2011 9:15	0.616
26/04/2011 9:26	5.78	26/04/2011 9:25	0.149
27/04/2011 12:38	5.36	27/04/2011 12:40	0.324
12/05/2011 10:16	4.19	12/05/2011 10:15	0.018
15/05/2011 12:21	12.39	15/05/2011 12:20	0.408
19/05/2011 10:51	14.92	19/05/2011 10:50	0.432
24/05/2011 9:13	10.76	24/05/2011 9:15	0.149
30/05/2011 9:34	12.25	30/05/2011 9:35	0.49
07/06/2011 9:45	12.96	07/06/2011 9:45	1.75
09/06/2011 9:25	11.22	09/06/2011 9:25	0.567
23/06/2011 11:06	11.91	23/06/2011 11:05	0.126
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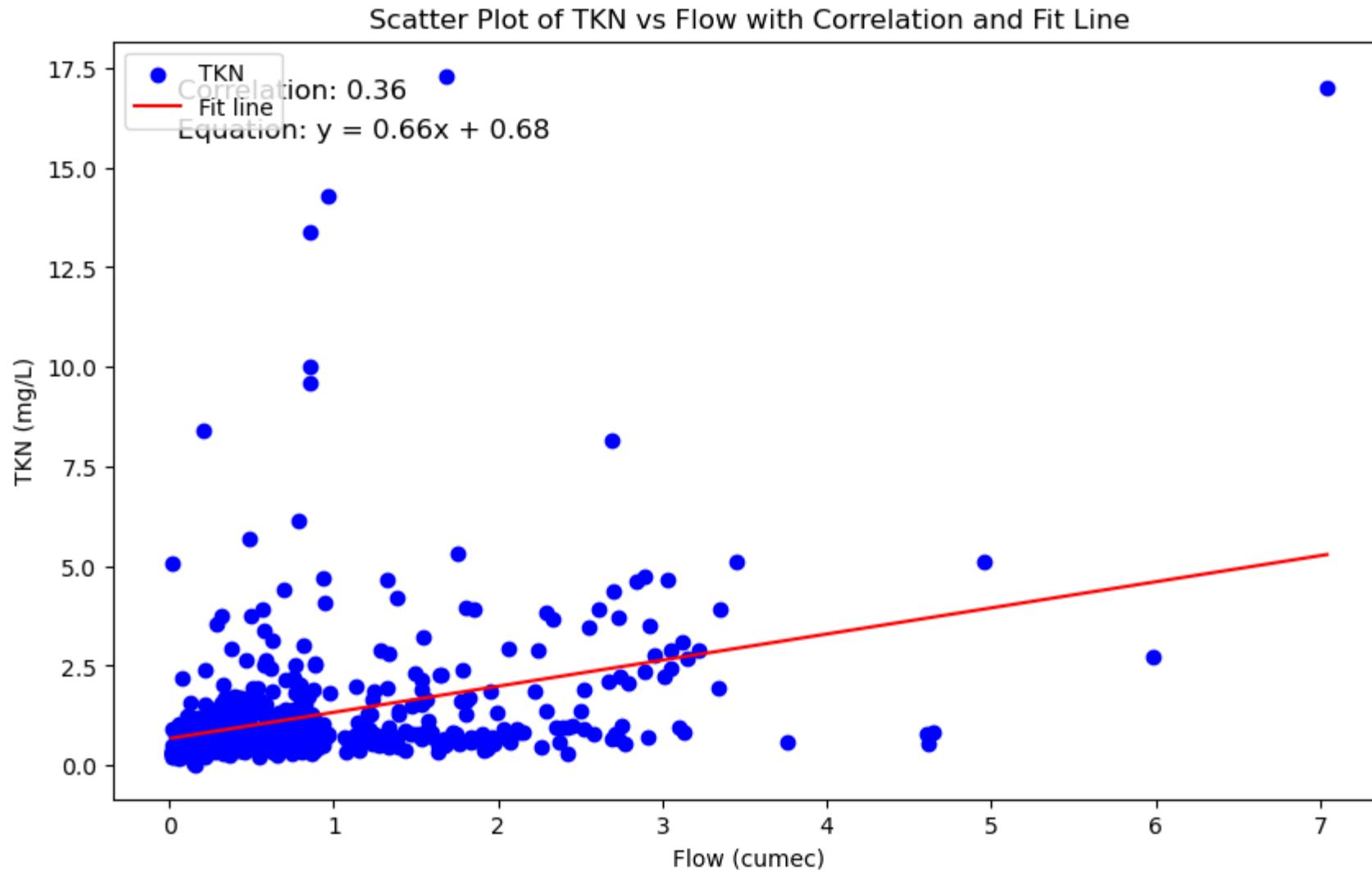
Scatter Plot of NO<sub>3</sub> vs Flow with Correlation and Fit Line



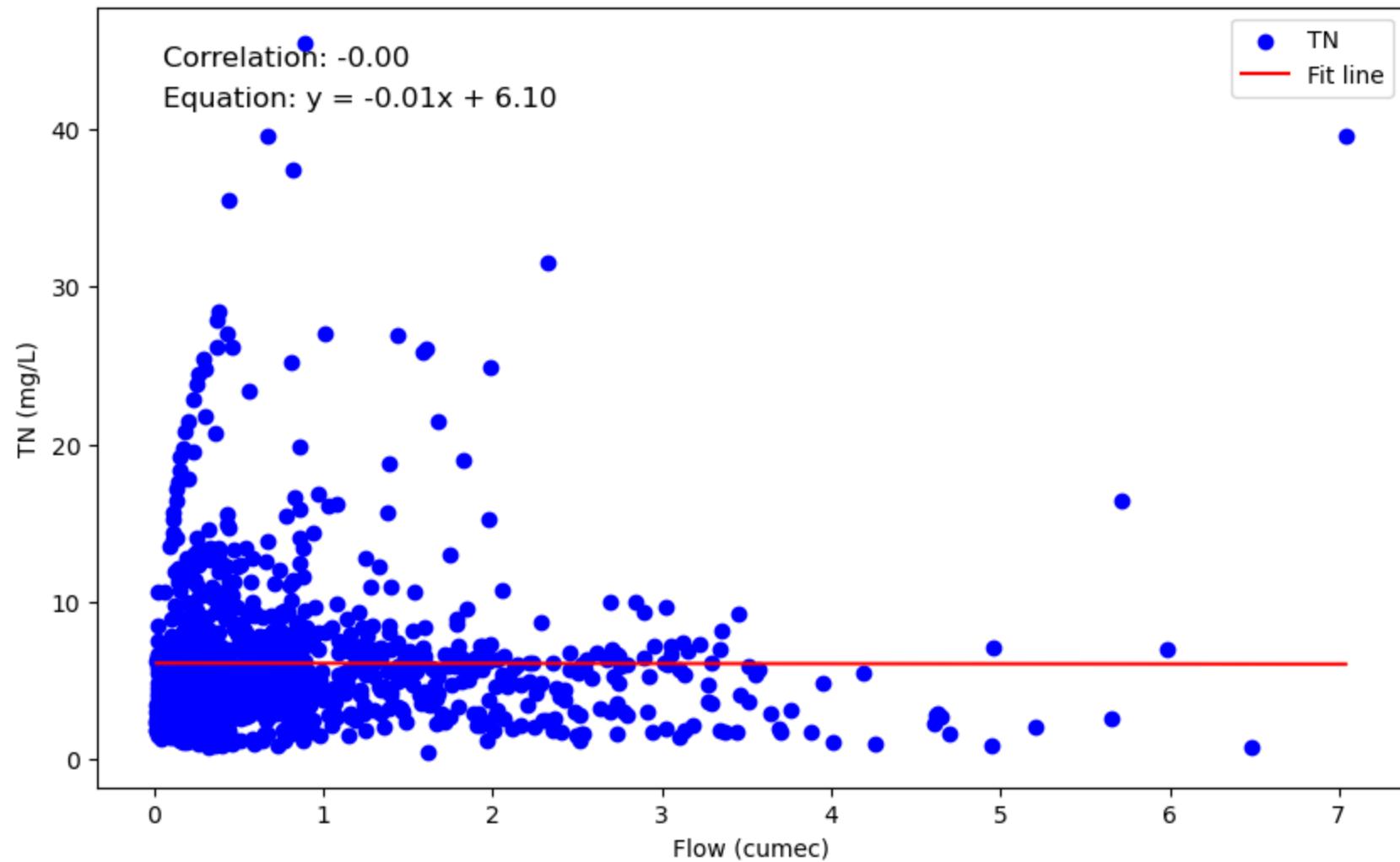


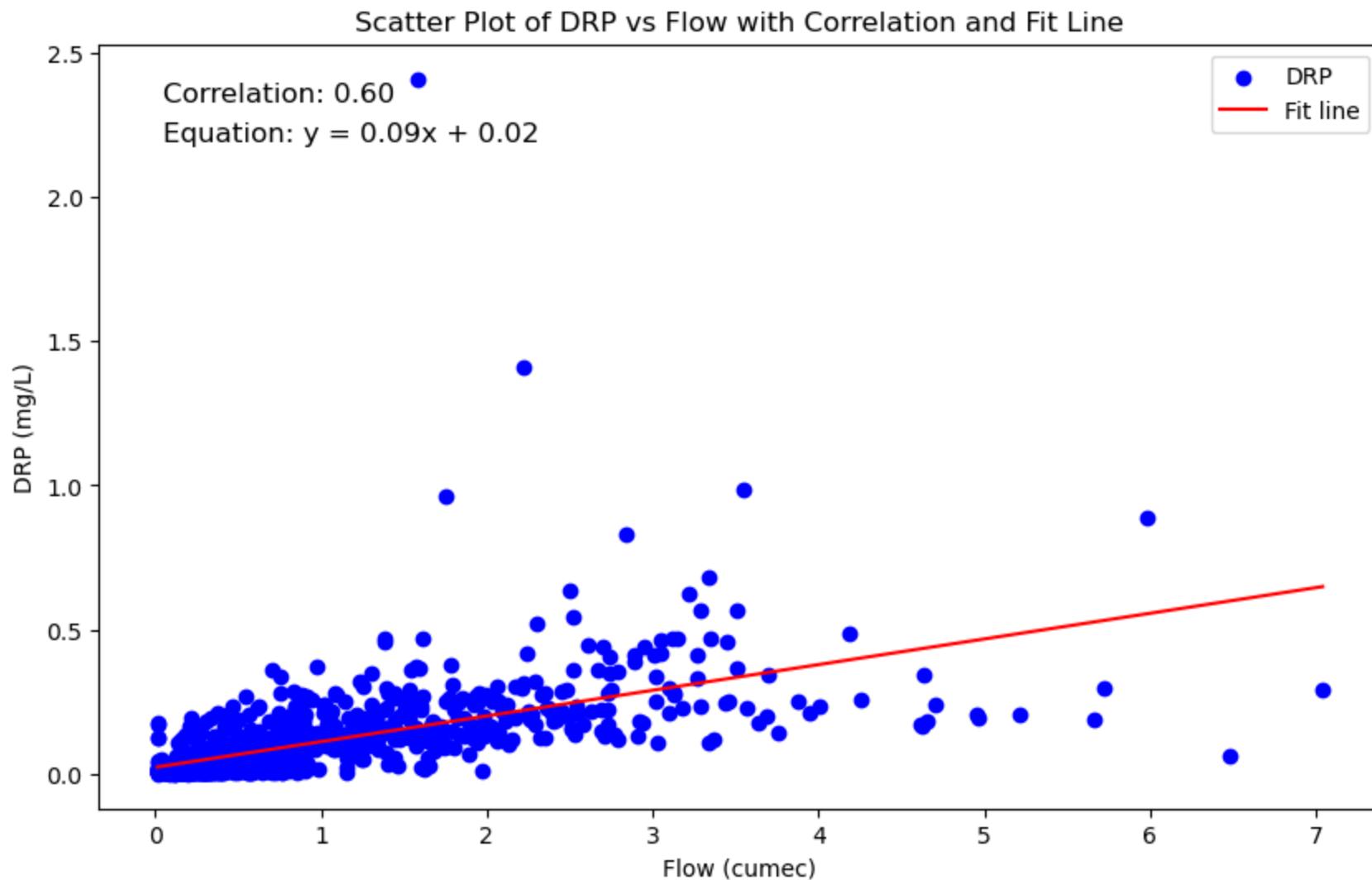
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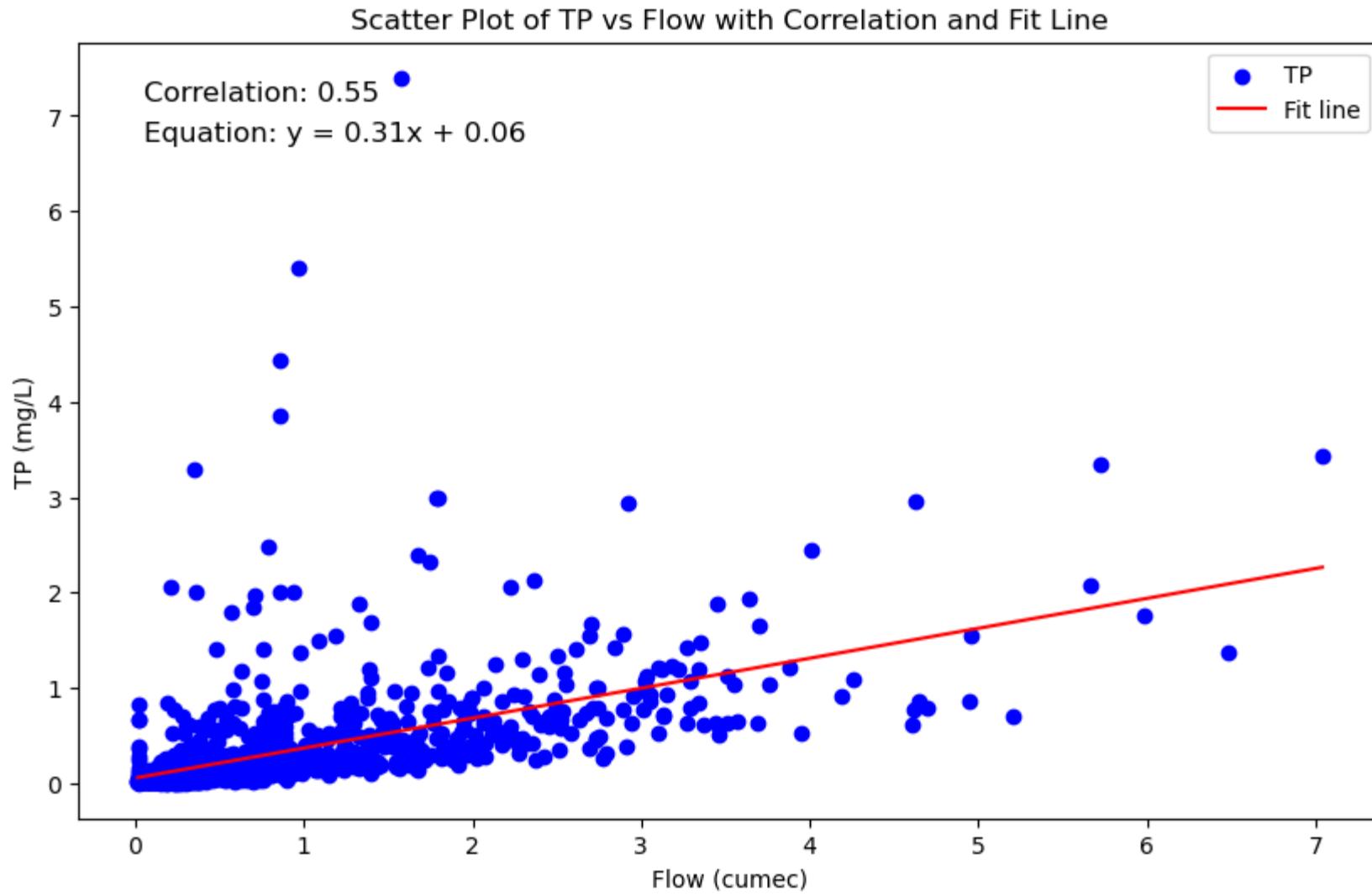


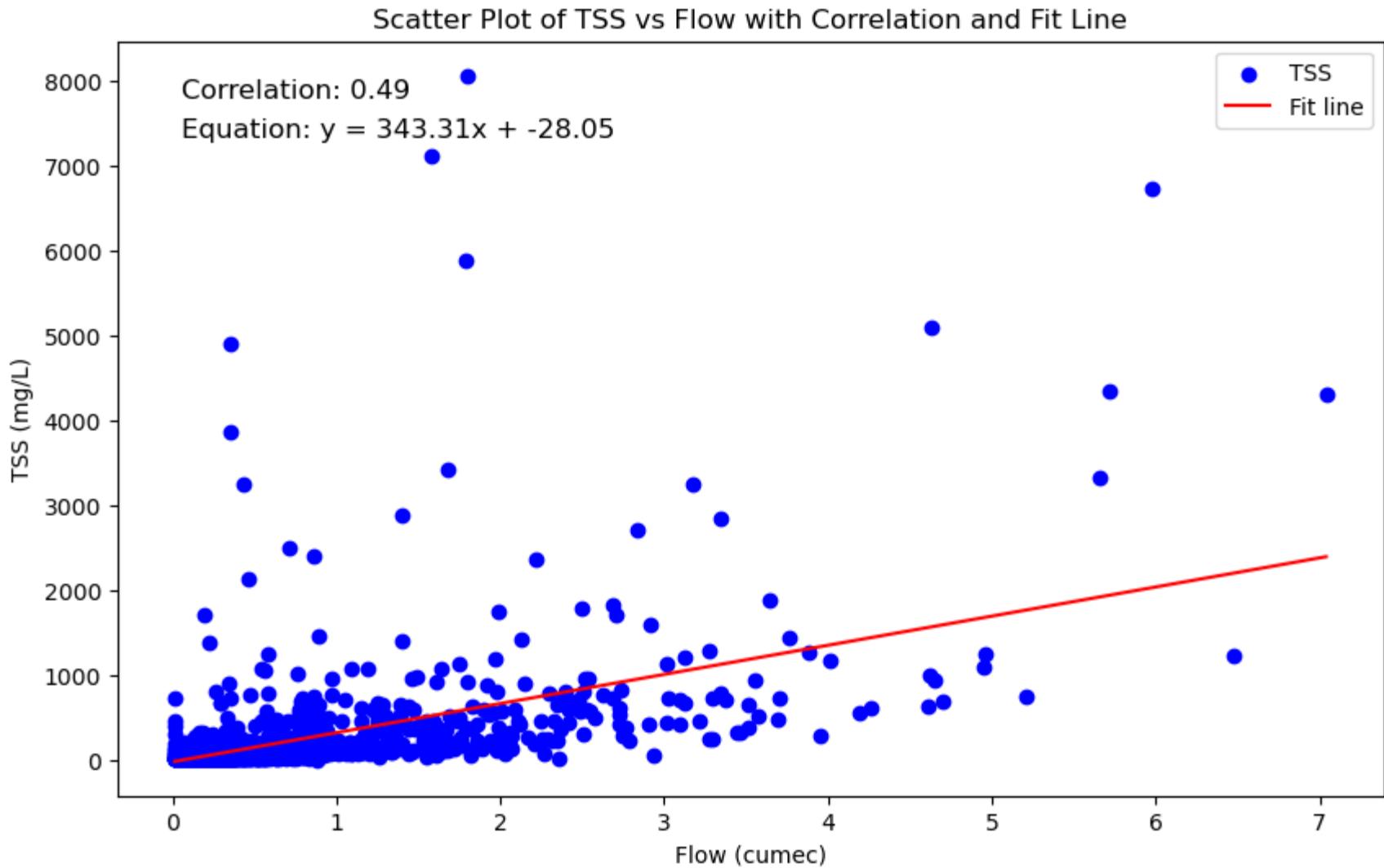


Scatter Plot of TN vs Flow with Correlation and Fit Line

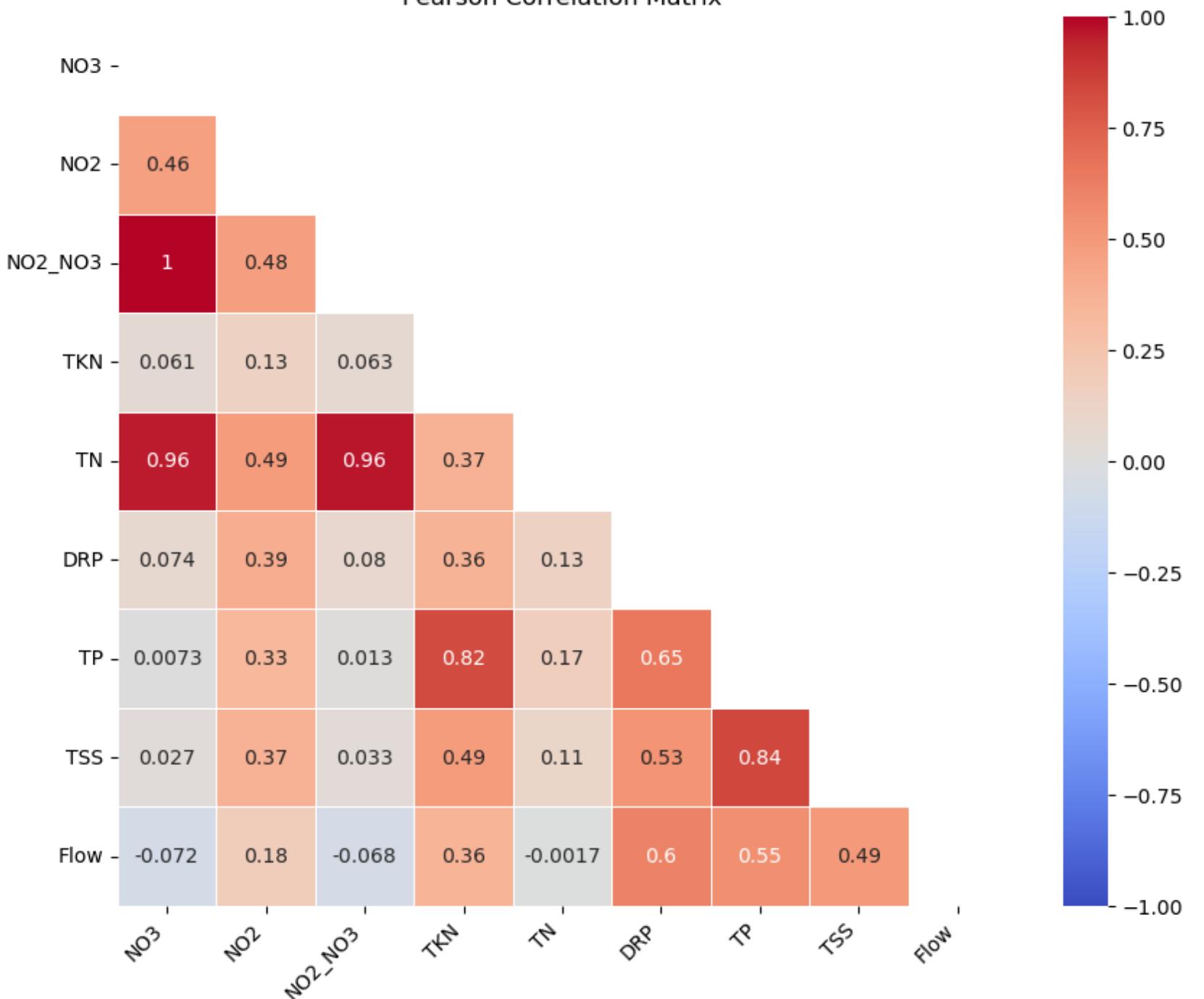






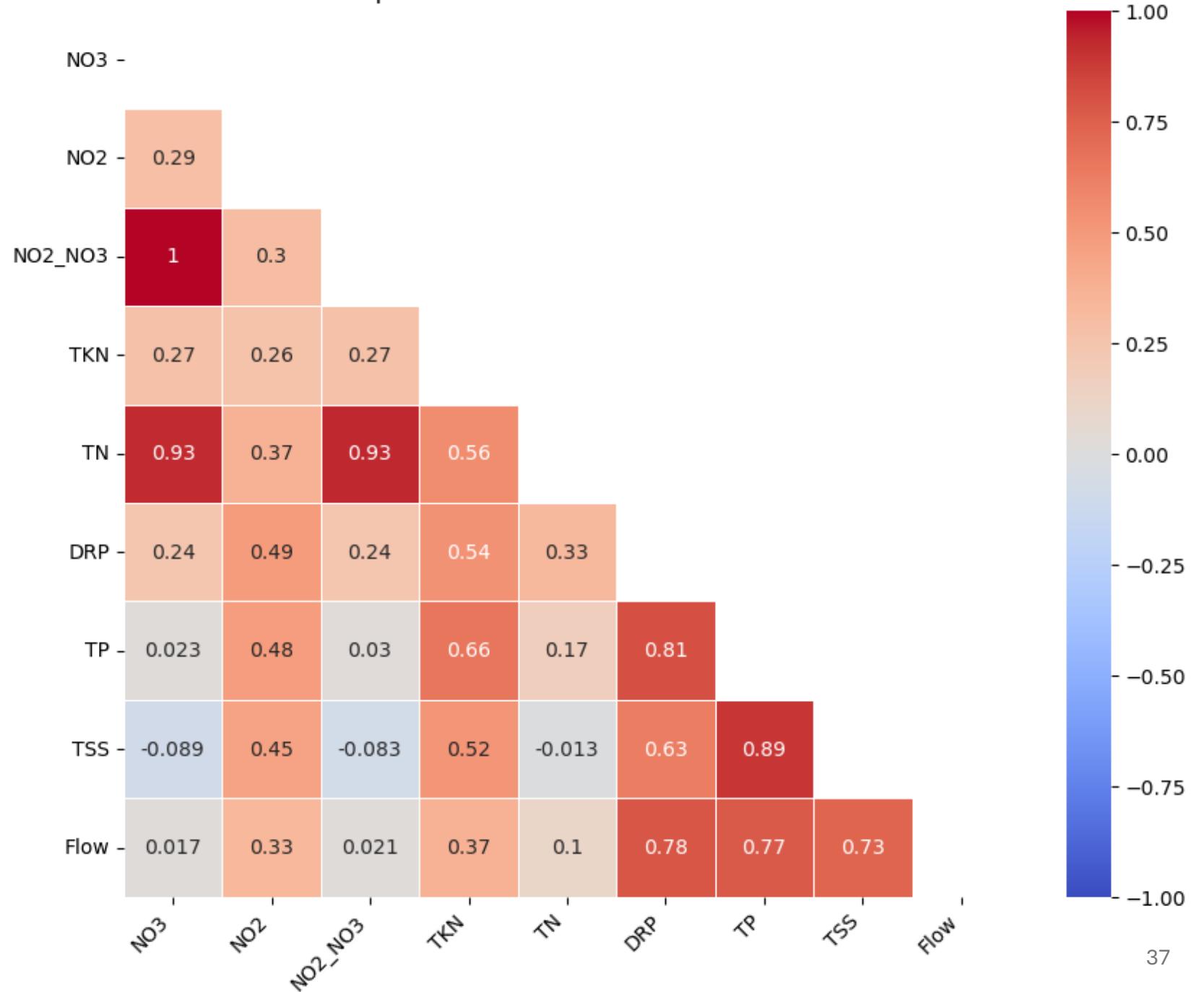


Pearson Correlation Matrix



Spearman Rank Correlation Matrix

Unlike the Pearson correlation, which measures linear relationships, Spearman's correlation measures the strength and direction of the association between two ranked variables. This method is particularly useful for identifying monotonic relationships.



## Mass Loads

Mass loads are the product of stream flow (volume per time) and concentration (mass per volume). A mass load (Equation 1) is a calculation of the total mass of a substance, usually expressed in kilograms, that is transported past a particular point on a stream or river over a given time period, often annually (Cooke 2000). In this study, monthly and annual loads were calculated.

### Equation 1

$$\text{Mass Load (kilograms)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{c_i + c_{int}}{2} q_j$$

Where,

$n$  = total number of samples

$i$  = number of a particular sample

$c_i$  = concentration measured at the day and time of the  $i$ th sample

$q_j$  = inter-sample mean flow

$c_{int}$  = linearly interpolated concentration value between samples

## Flow-Weighted Mean Concentrations

In a flow-proportionate sampling program, an individual water sample does not characterize the event or low-flow period. To estimate the average concentration, each sample must be weighted to represent a particular portion of the hydrograph ([Equation 2; Cooke 2000](#)). Flow-weighted mean concentrations (FWMC) are concentrations that are weighted by streamflow over a given period – in this study, the length of the month or water year. This computation allows for comparisons between streams with different flows or the same stream at different times.

### Equation 2

$$\text{Flow-Weighted Mean Concentration (mg/L)} = \frac{\text{Mass Load (kg)}}{\text{Total Stream Flow Volume (L)}} \times 1000$$

## Mass Export Loads

The total mass export load or unit-area load (Equation 3) is an estimate of the amount of the constituent that is lost per hectare of watershed for a given time period. This computation allows for comparisons between streams with different flows or the same stream at different times.

### Equation 3

$$\text{Mass Export (kg/ha)} = \frac{\text{Mass Load (kg)}}{\text{Watershed Area (ha)}} \quad \text{Watershed area= 1430 Hectare}$$

## Stream Flashiness Index

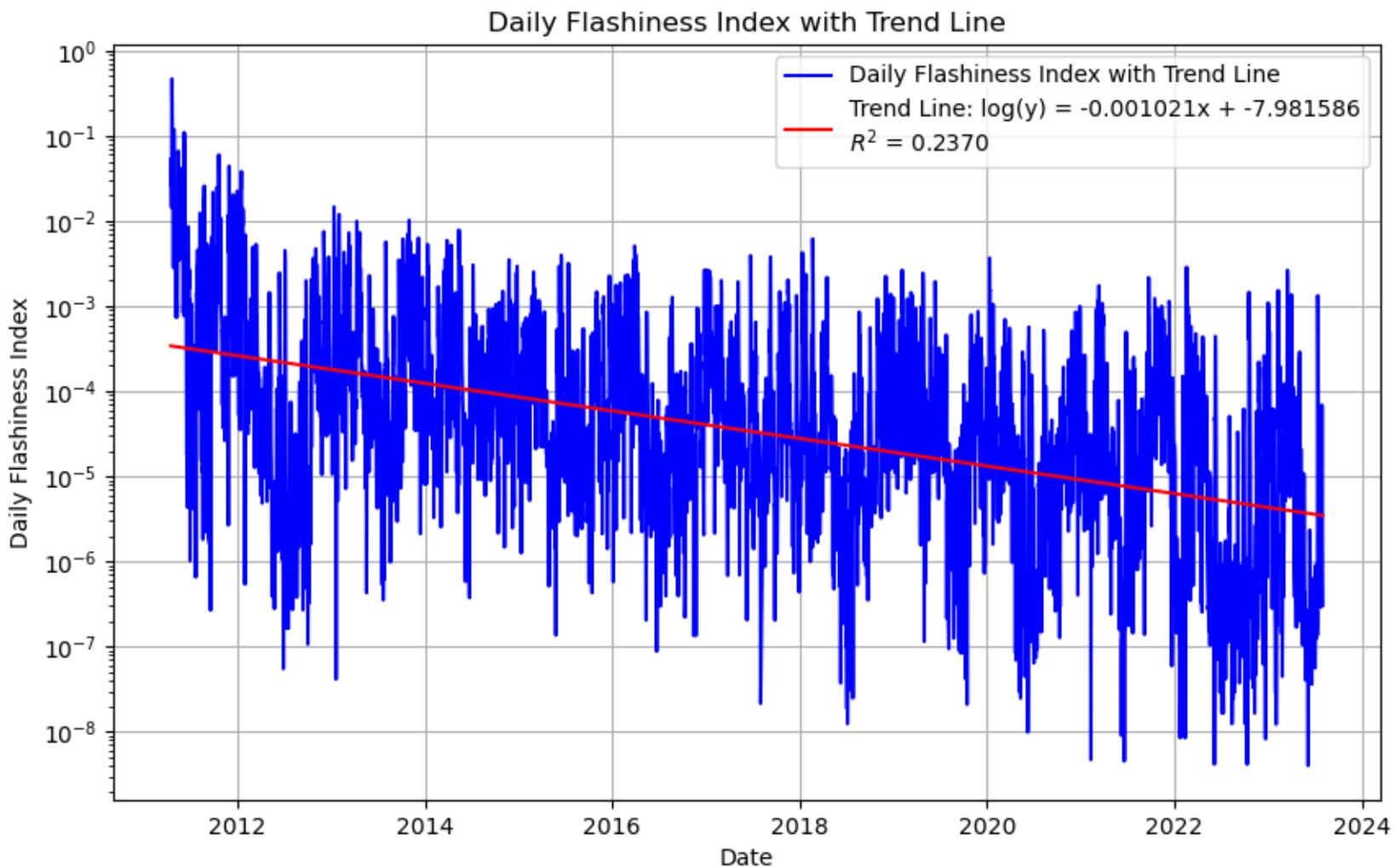
Stream flashiness reflects how streamflow responds during runoff events, and includes factors, such as the magnitude and frequency of floods and low-flow periods and the rates of change of flow during those periods (Baker et al. 2004). Streams characterized as ‘flashy’ respond rapidly to precipitation events. Changes in land use (e.g., conversion of forestland to cropland), land management practices (e.g., improvements in agricultural drainage, adoption of conservation tillage, or implementation of structural BMPs), or hydrologic regimes largely influence how a stream will respond to precipitation events (Baker et al. 2004). The Richards-Baker (R-B) Stream Flashiness Index measures a stream’s flashiness based on mean daily flows, and is calculated by dividing the sum of the absolute values of day-to-day changes in mean flow by total discharge during that time interval (Equation 4). A large value indicates greater streamflow variability between days.

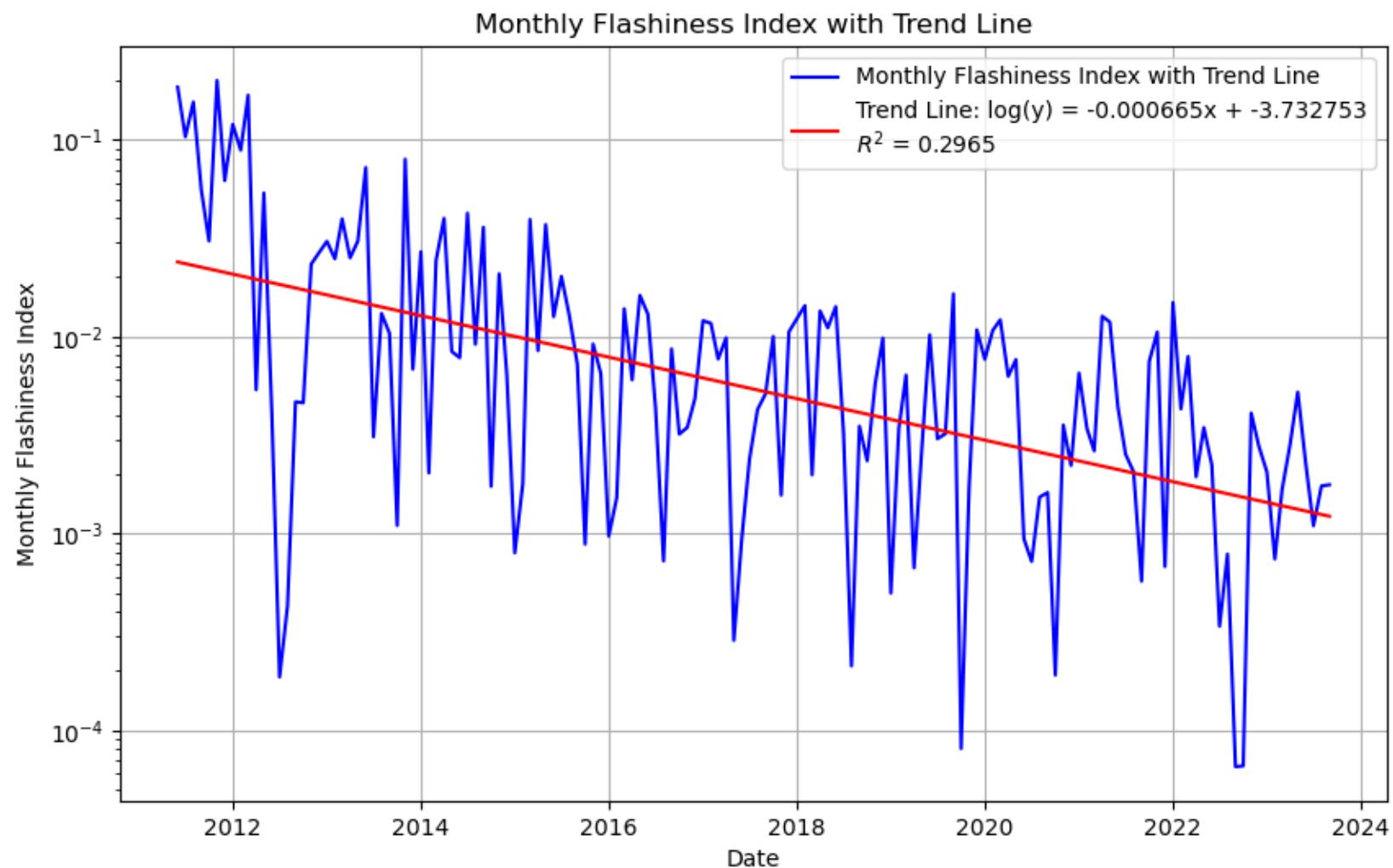
### Equation 4

$$\text{R-B Flashiness Index (dimensionless)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |q_i - q_{i-1}|}{\sum_{i=1}^n q_i}$$

Where,

$q_i$  = mean daily streamflow on a given day (in m<sup>3</sup>/s)





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# All\_MonthlyInterpolatedData.csv

## Timeline: 2011-05 to 2021-12

Excel screenshot showing the 'Imputed\_MonthlyRecalculatedData.csv' file open in Microsoft Excel. The spreadsheet contains monthly interpolated data from May 2011 to December 2021. The columns represent various environmental parameters such as Total\_Mass, Mass\_Excess, and MonthlyPrecipitation, along with their respective units and values.

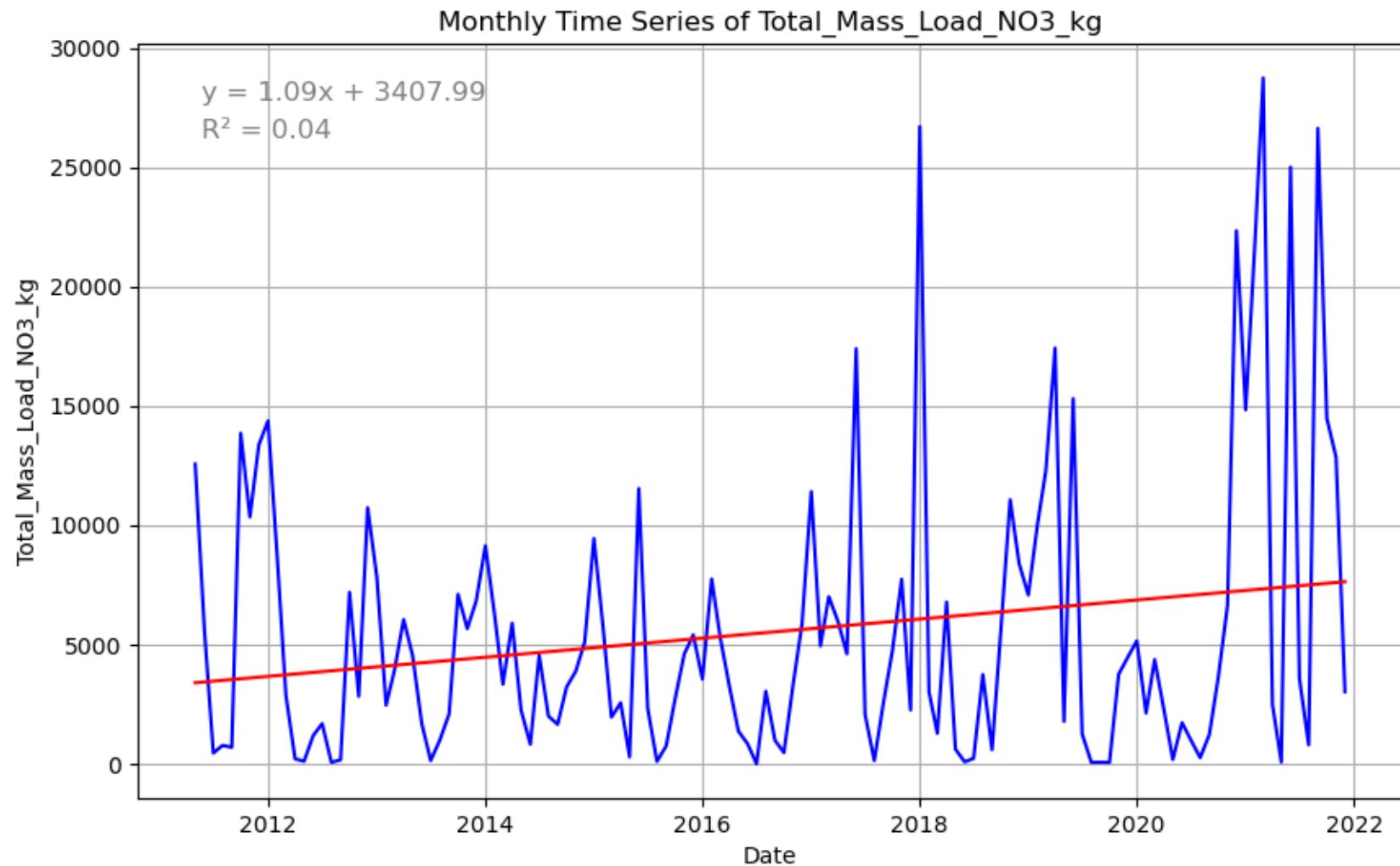
The table has approximately 25 columns and over 100 rows of data. The columns are labeled with abbreviations and numbers, such as Year\_Month, Total\_Mass, Mass\_Excess, FWMC\_North, FWMC\_South, etc. The rows represent individual months from 2011-05 to 2021-12.

Key data points include:

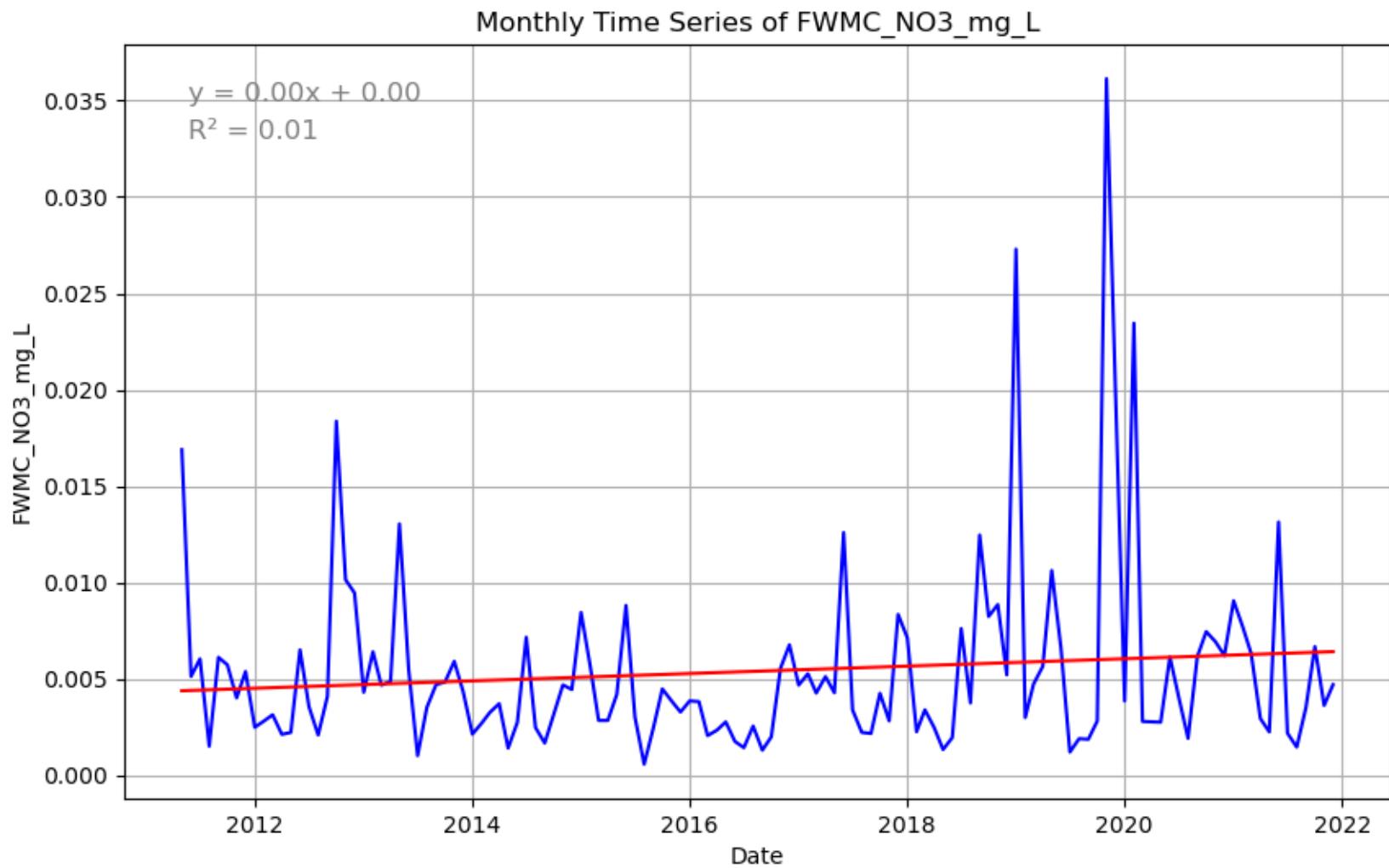
- Total\_Mass: Values range from 1250.29 to 1695.456 kg.
- Mass\_Excess: Values range from 0.00151 to 0.00477.
- FWMC\_North: Values range from 8.790409 to 9.369465.
- FWMC\_South: Values range from 0.000402 to 0.005467.
- MonthlyPrecipitation: Values range from 90.4 to 19.65484 mm.

The Excel interface shows standard tools like AutoSave, ribbon tabs (File, Home, Insert, Page Layout, Formulas, Data, Review, View, Automate, Help), and various data manipulation buttons in the ribbon.

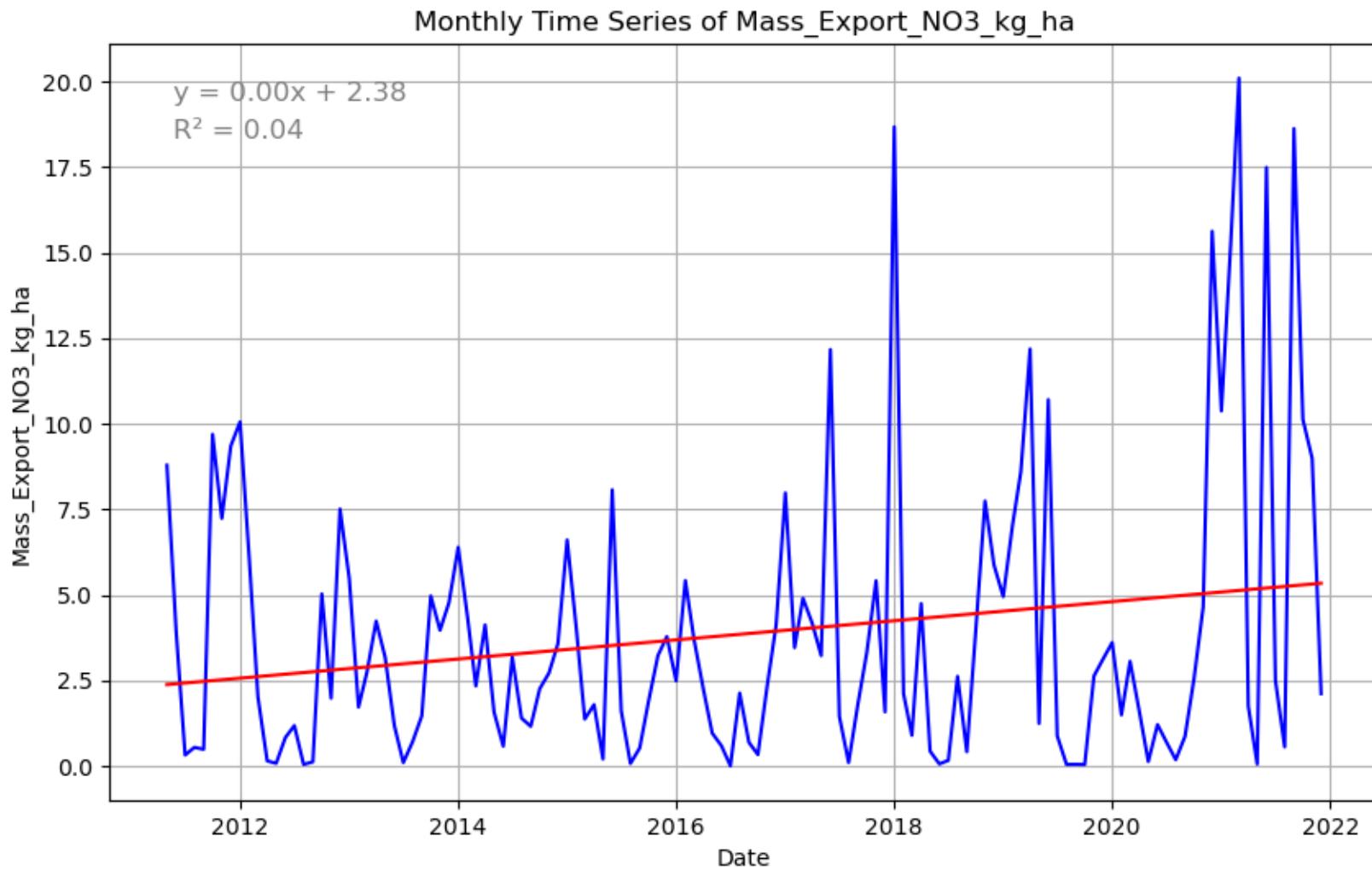
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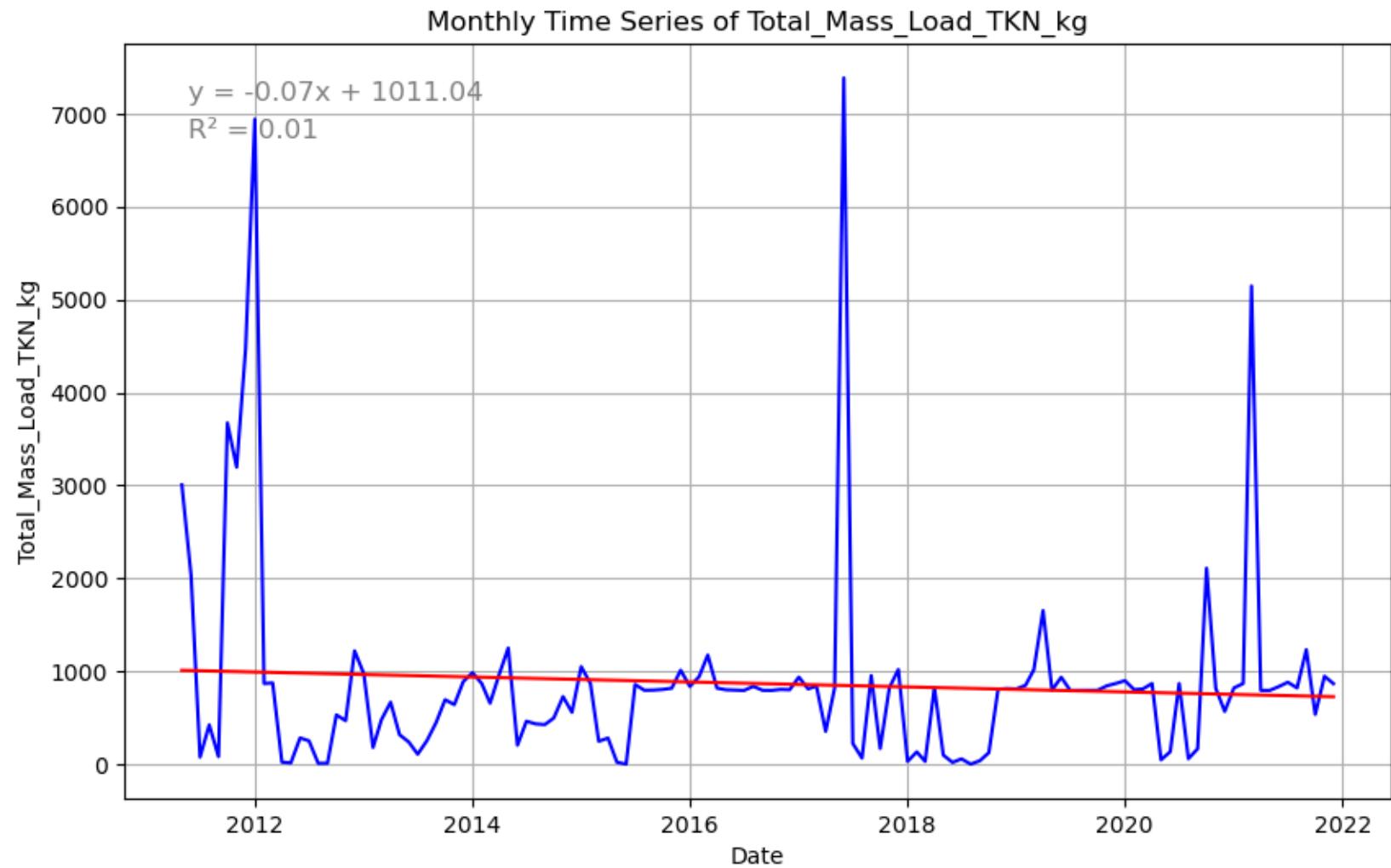
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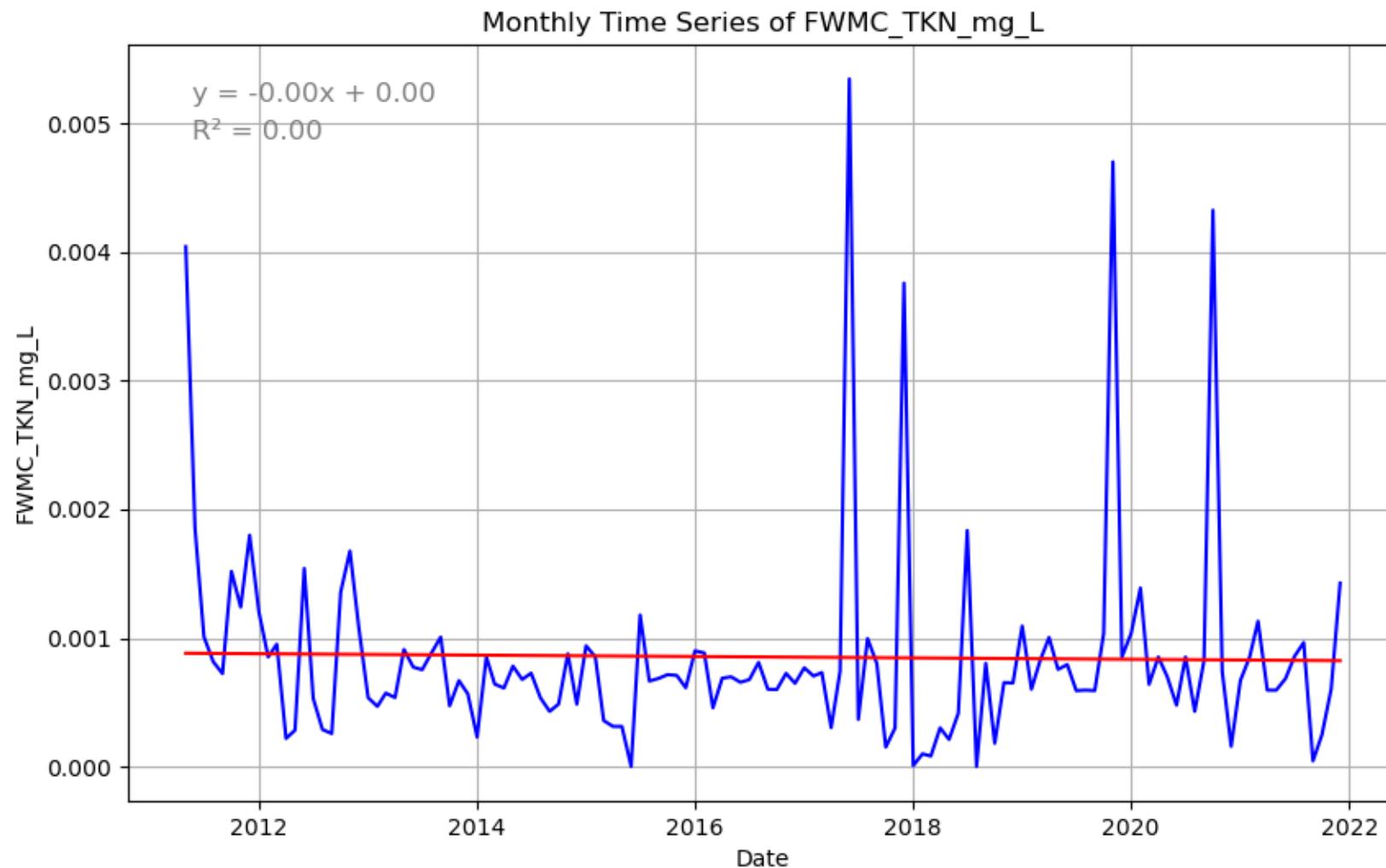
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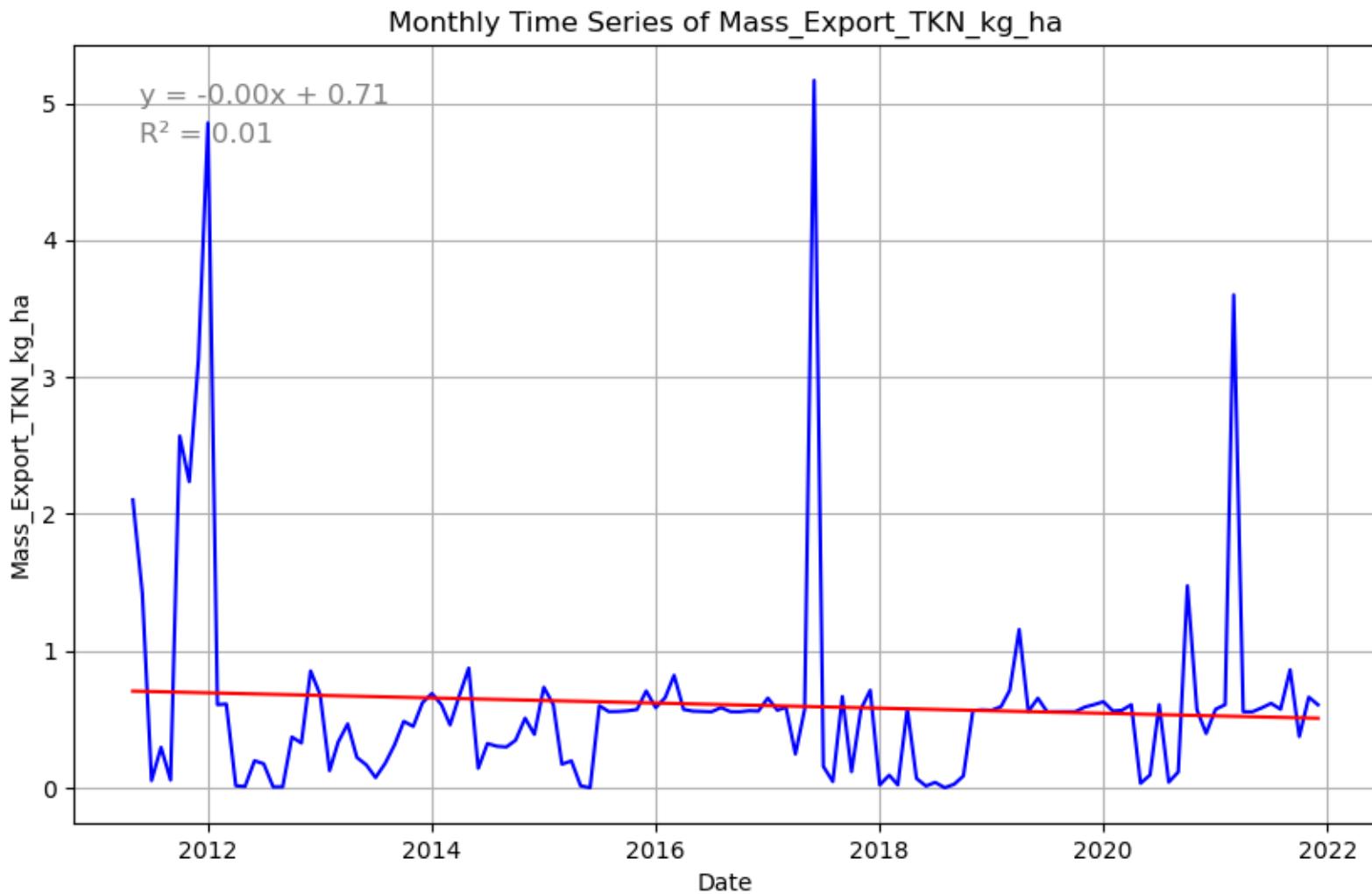
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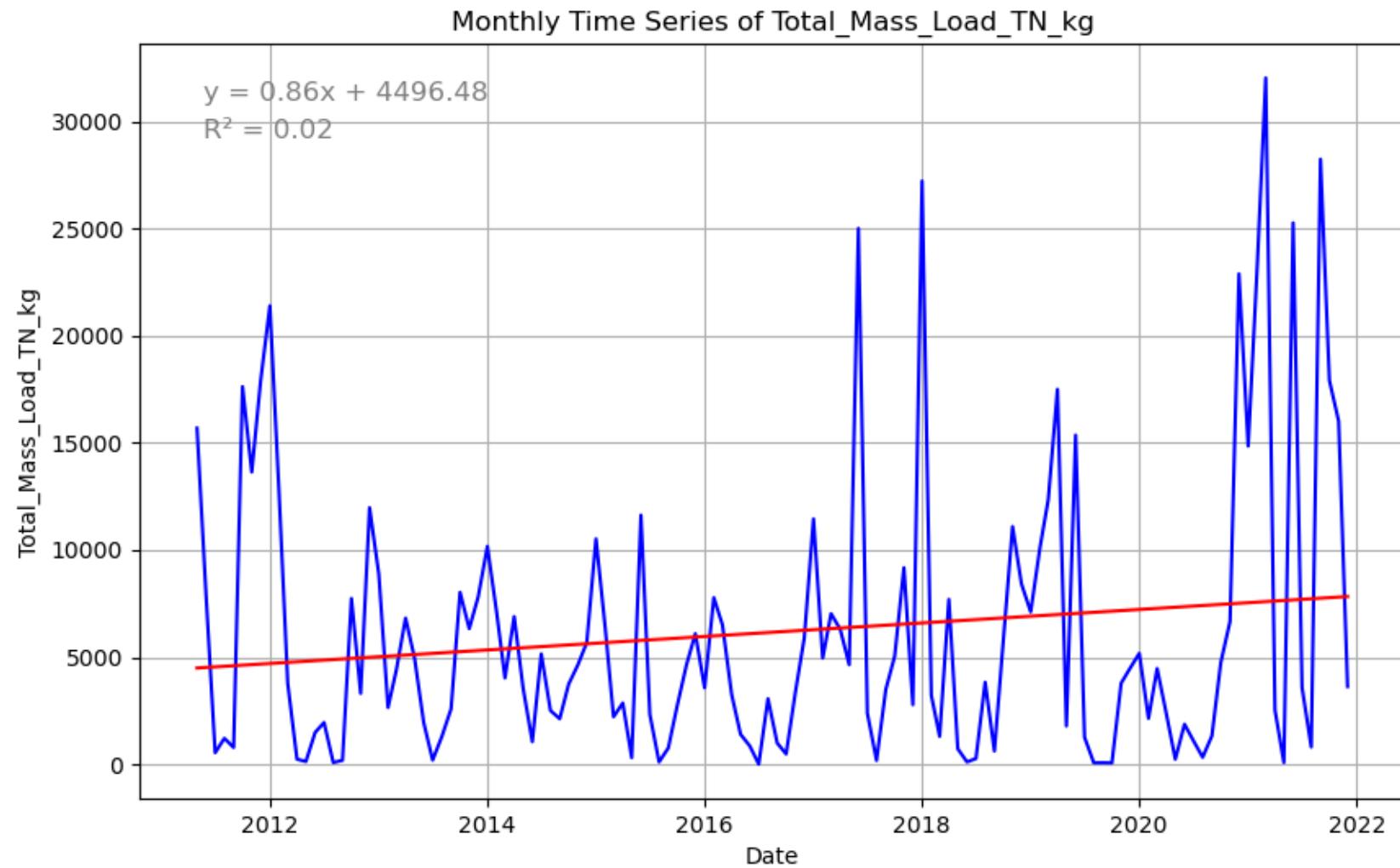
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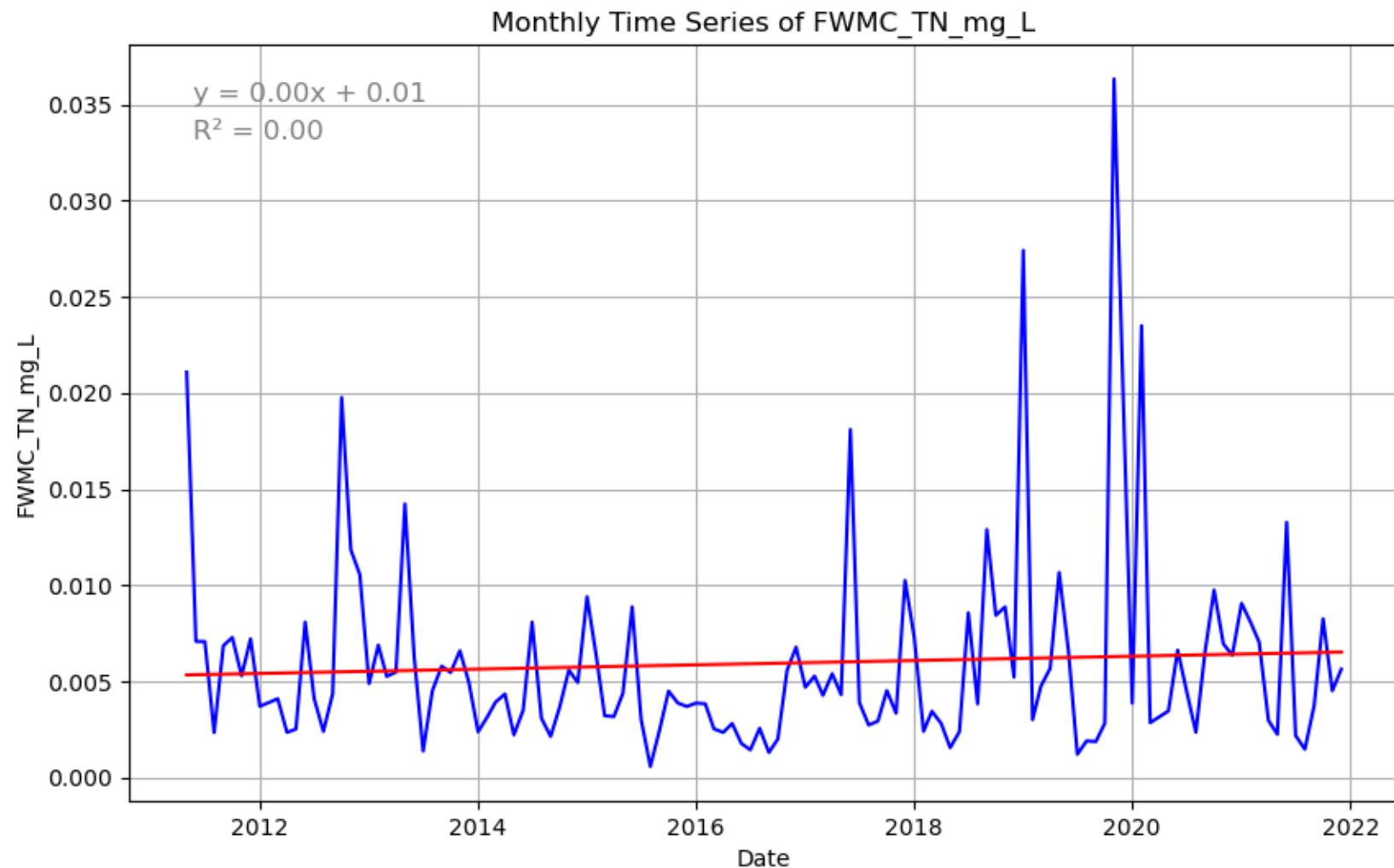
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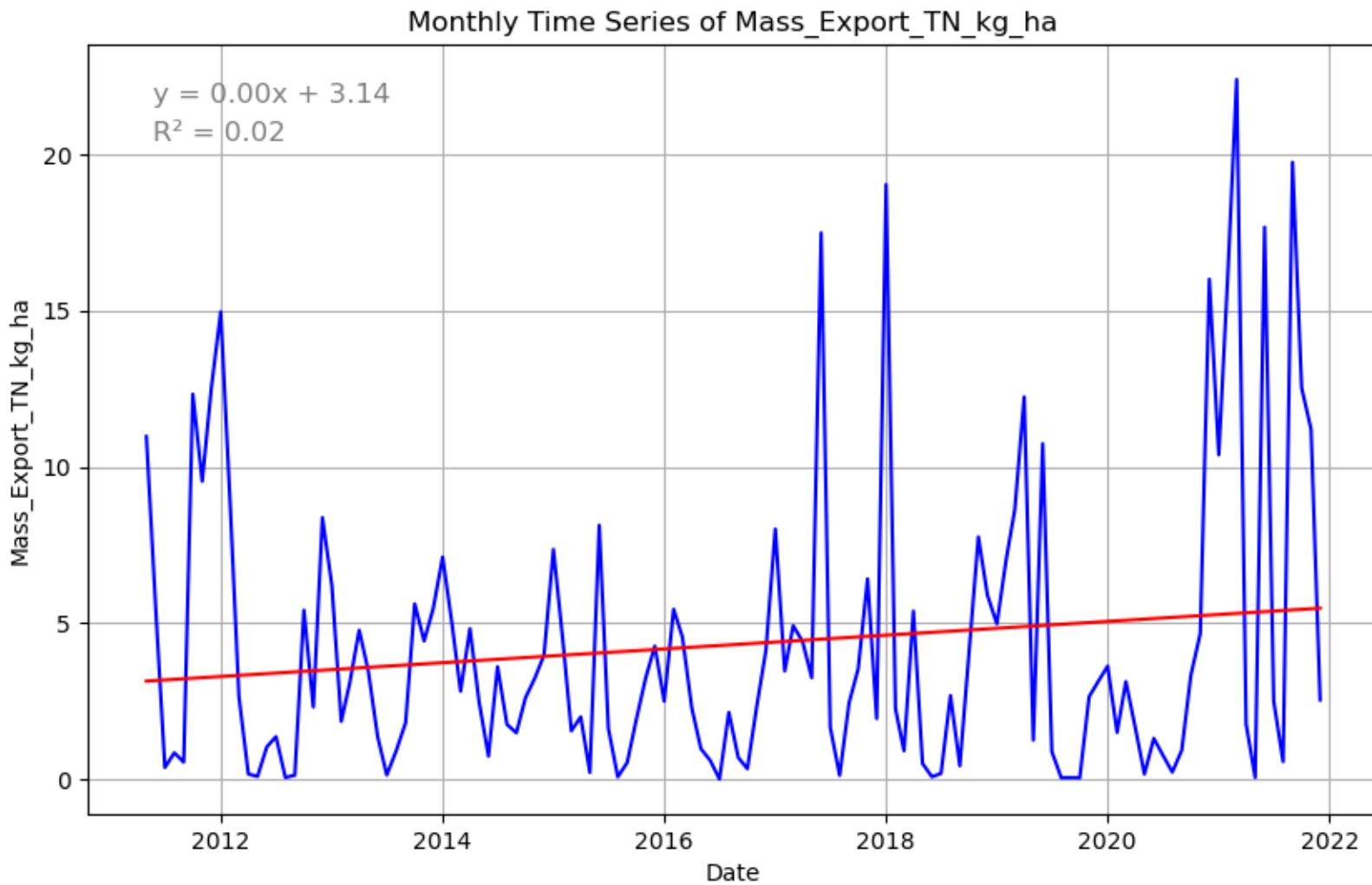
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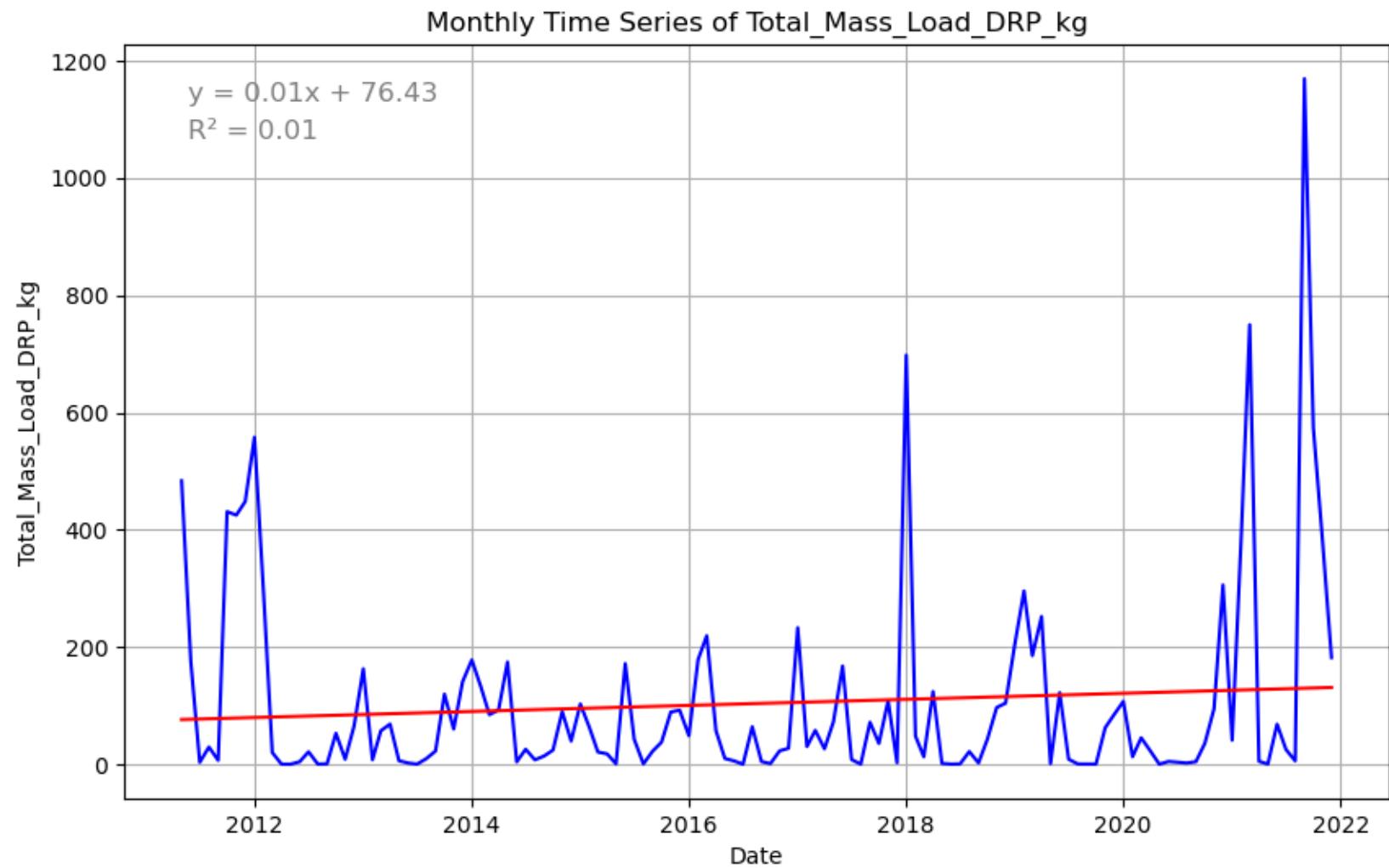
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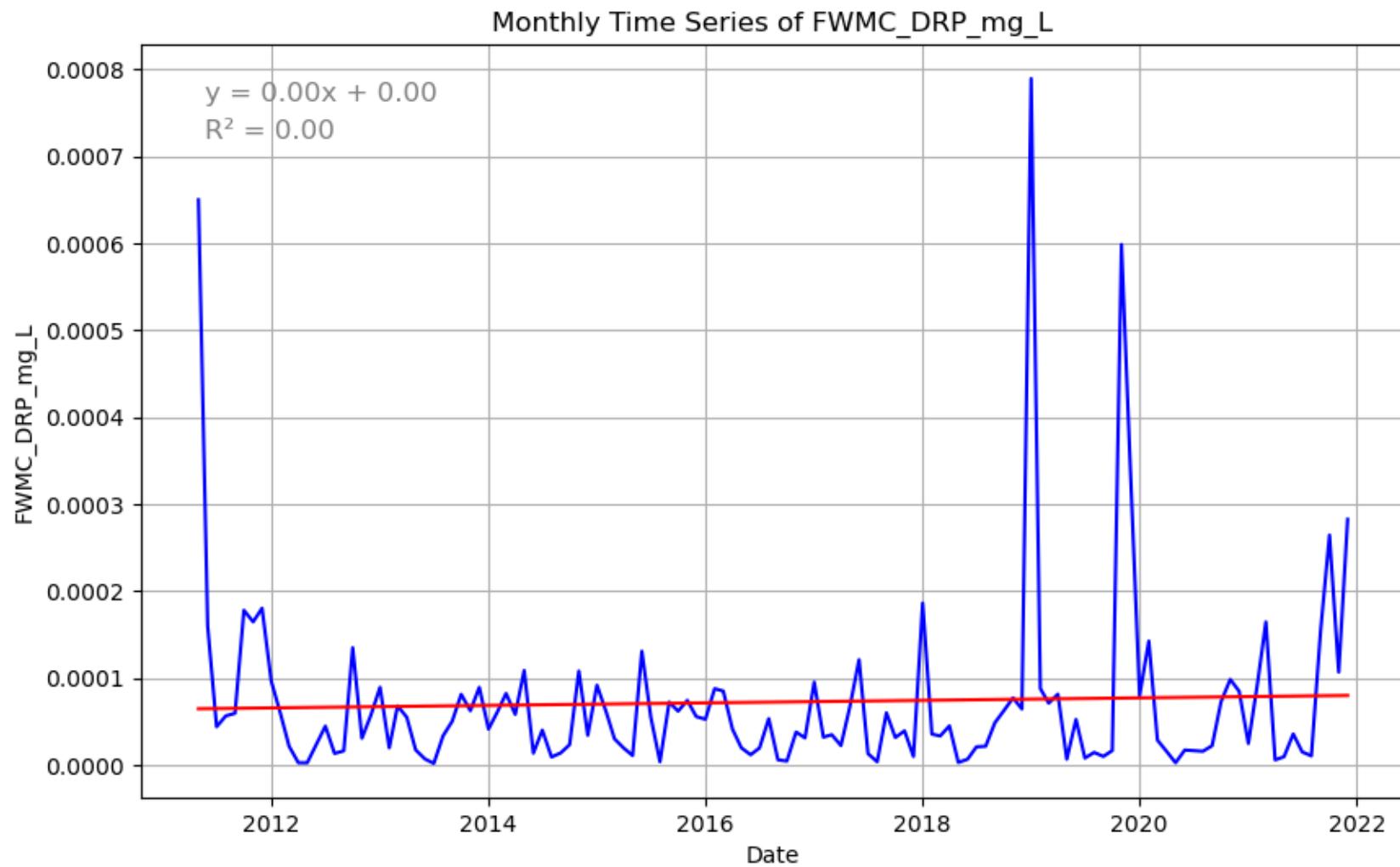
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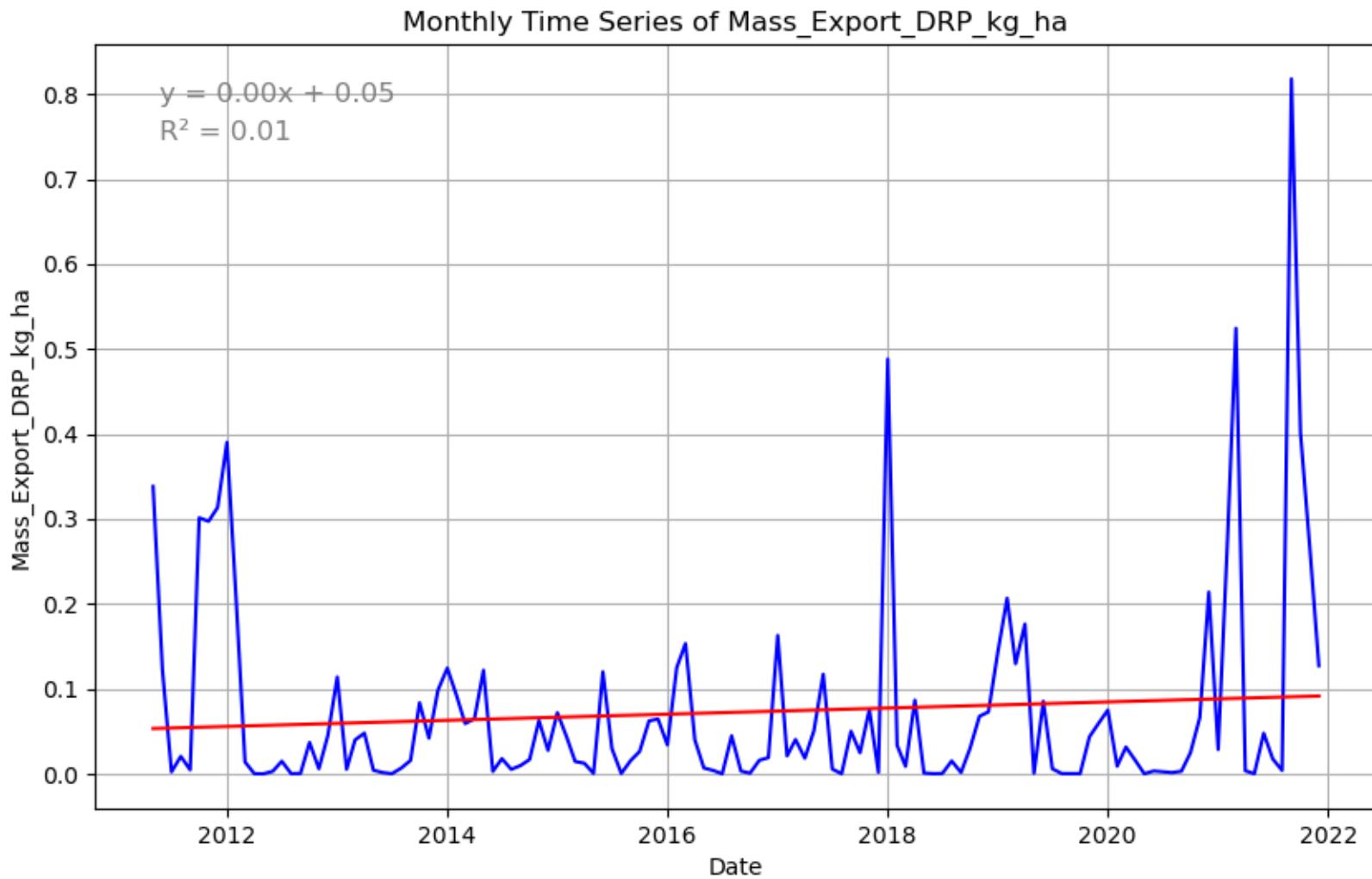
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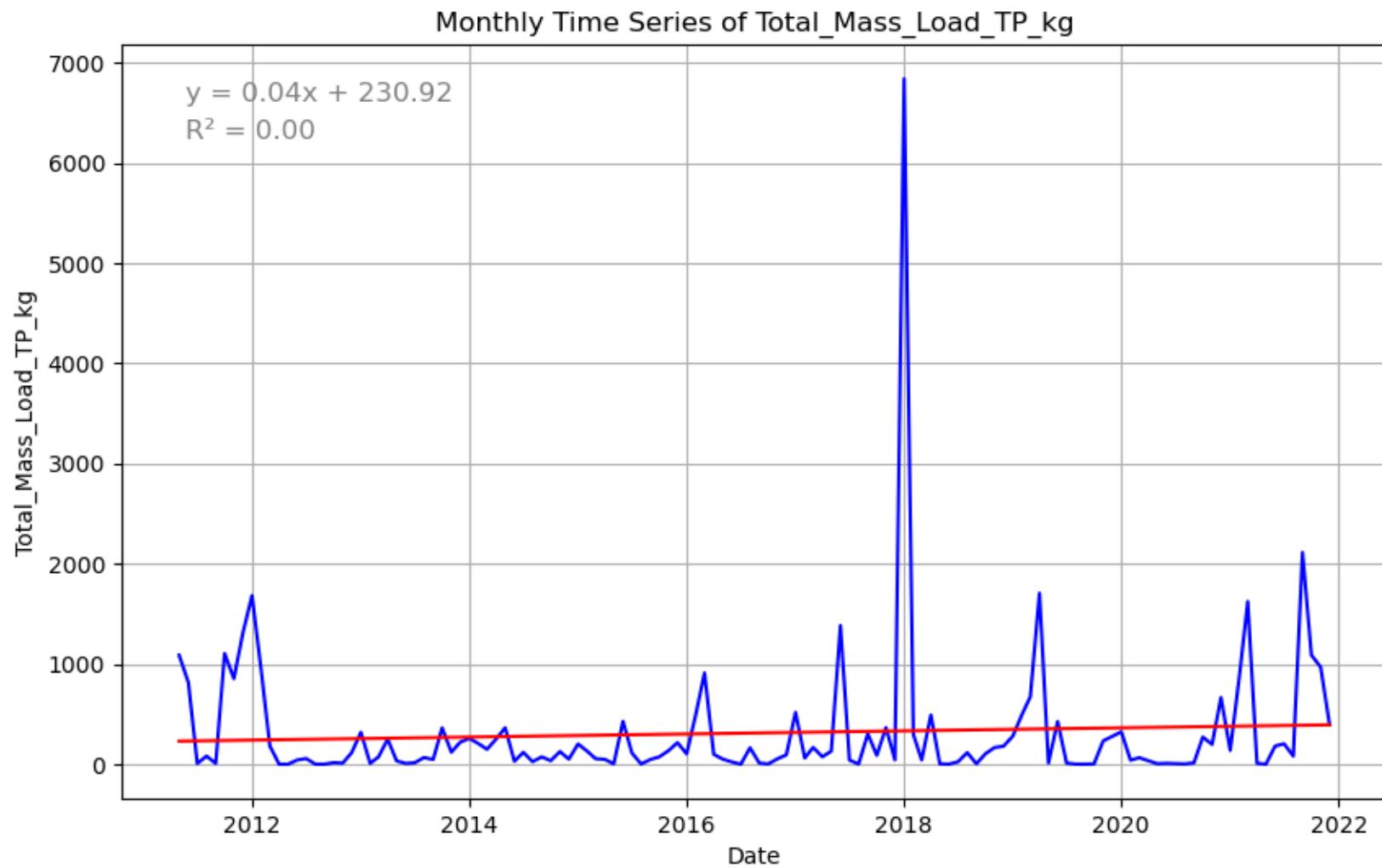
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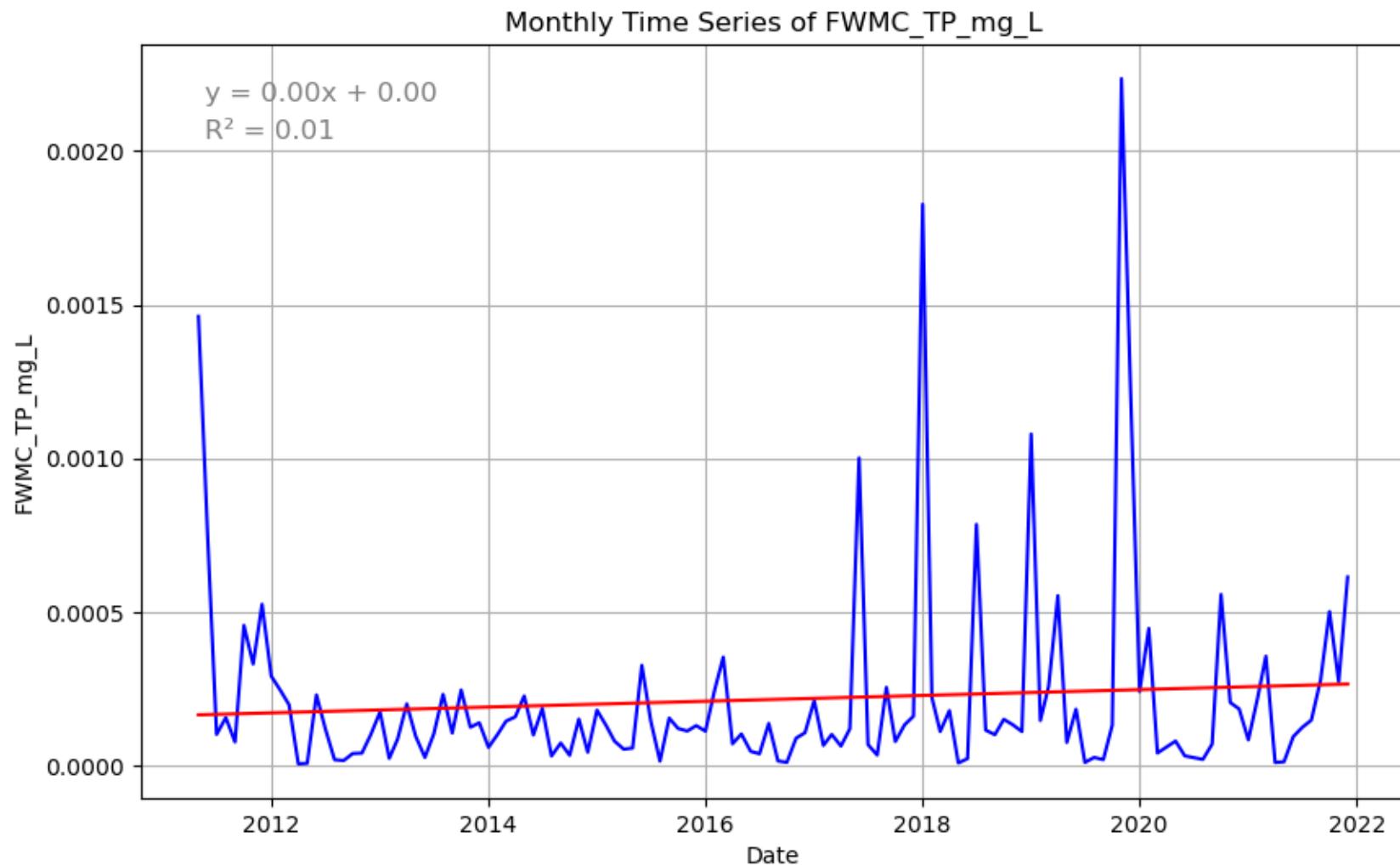
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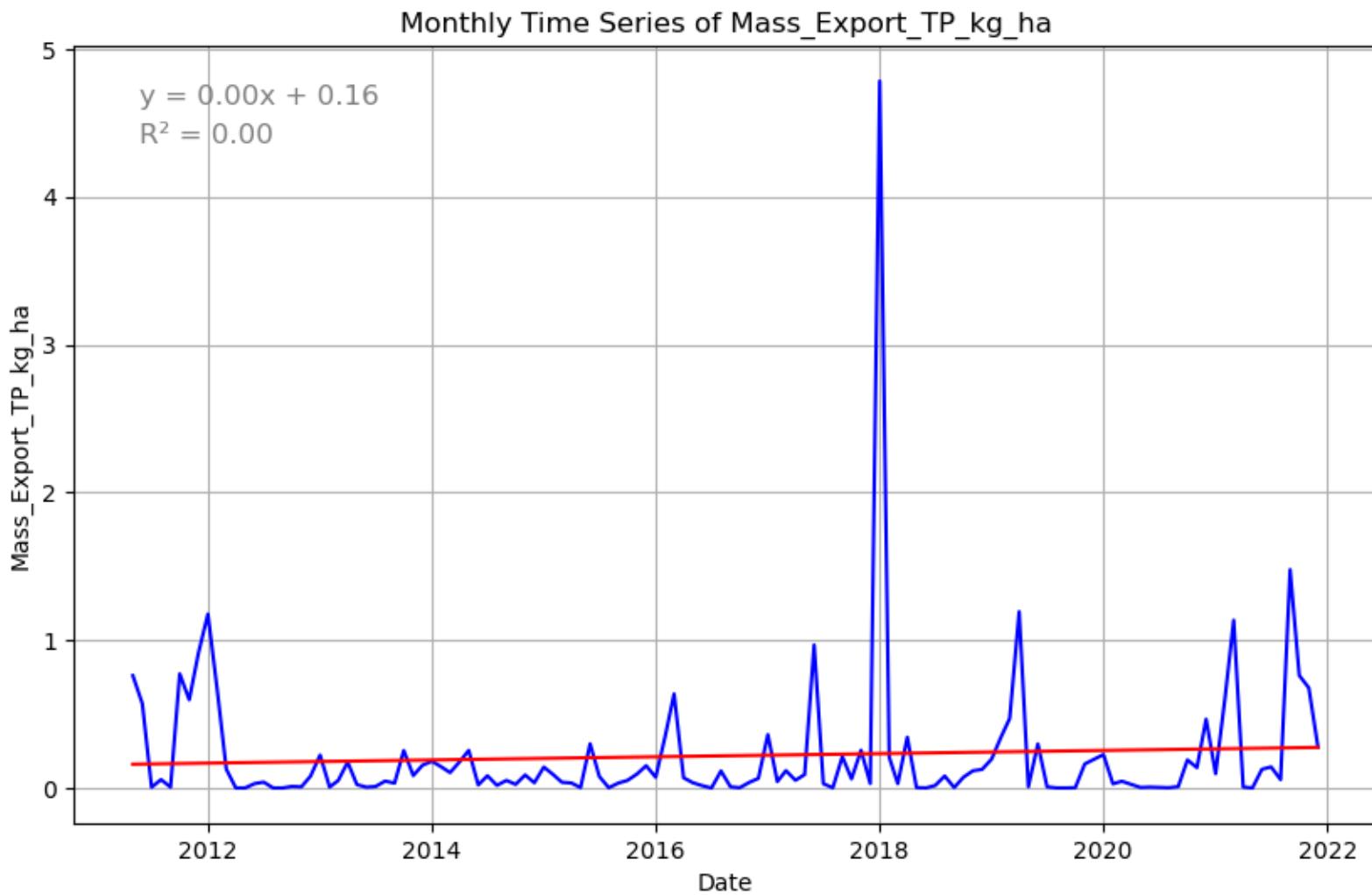
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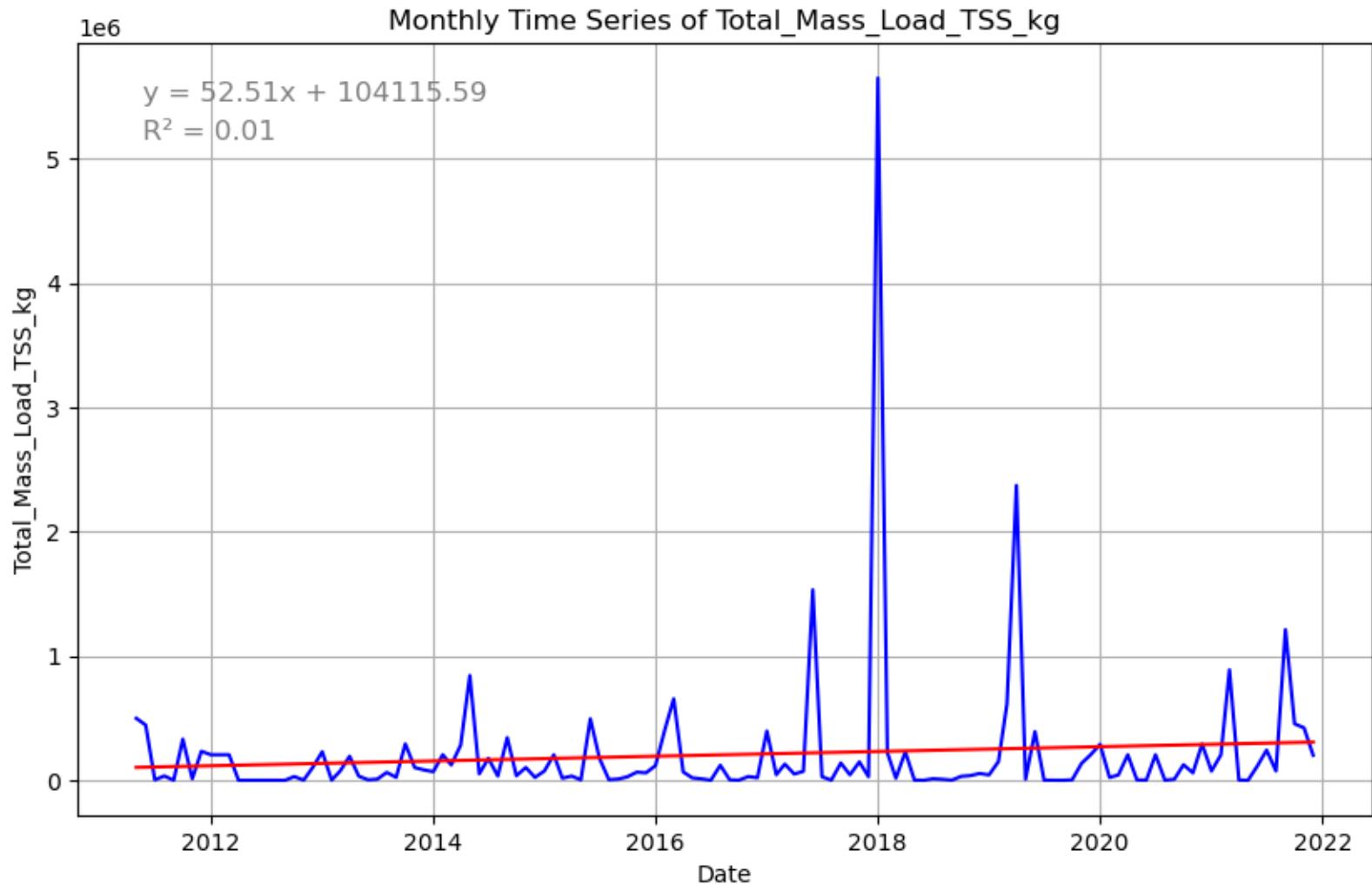
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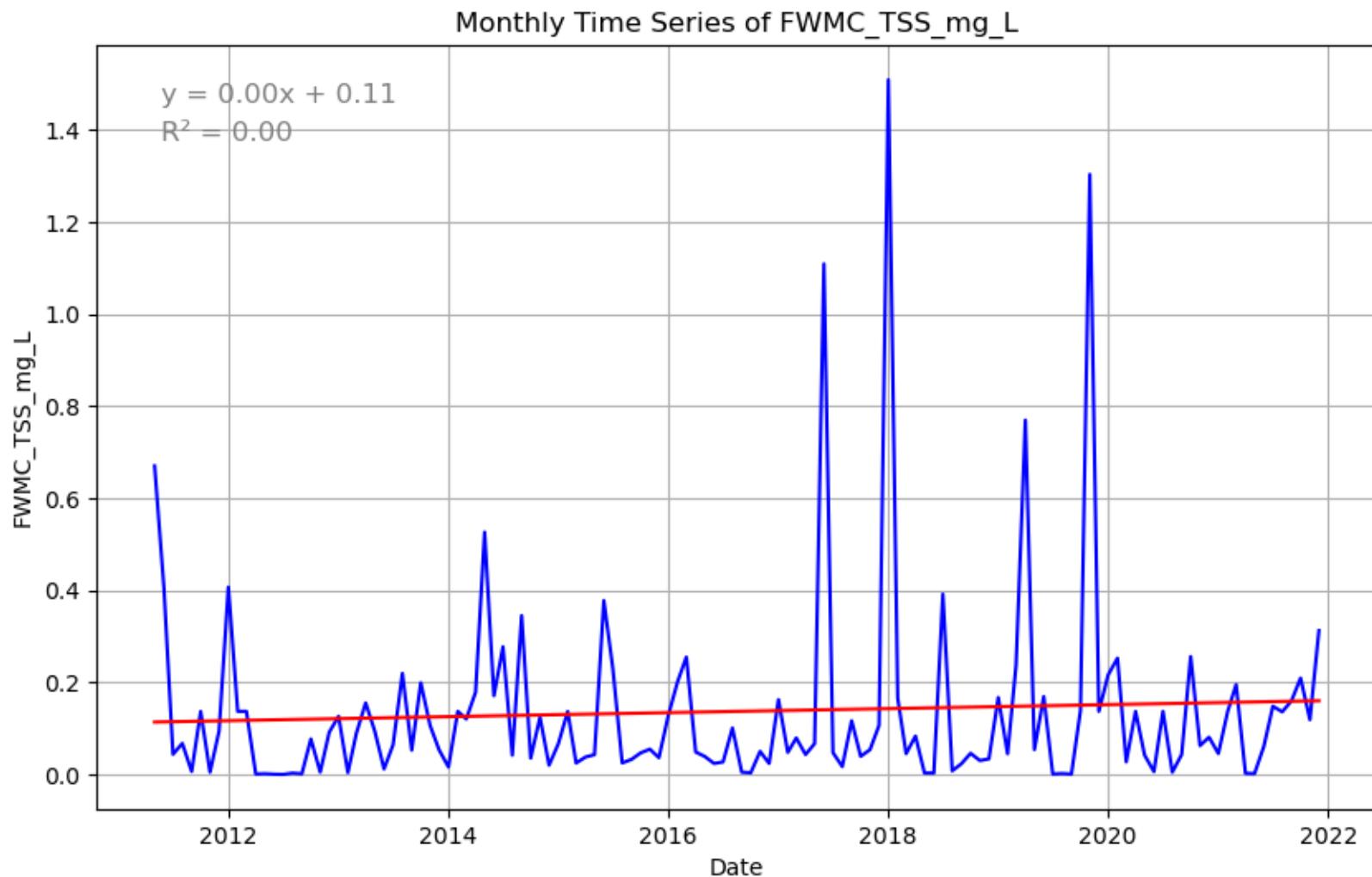
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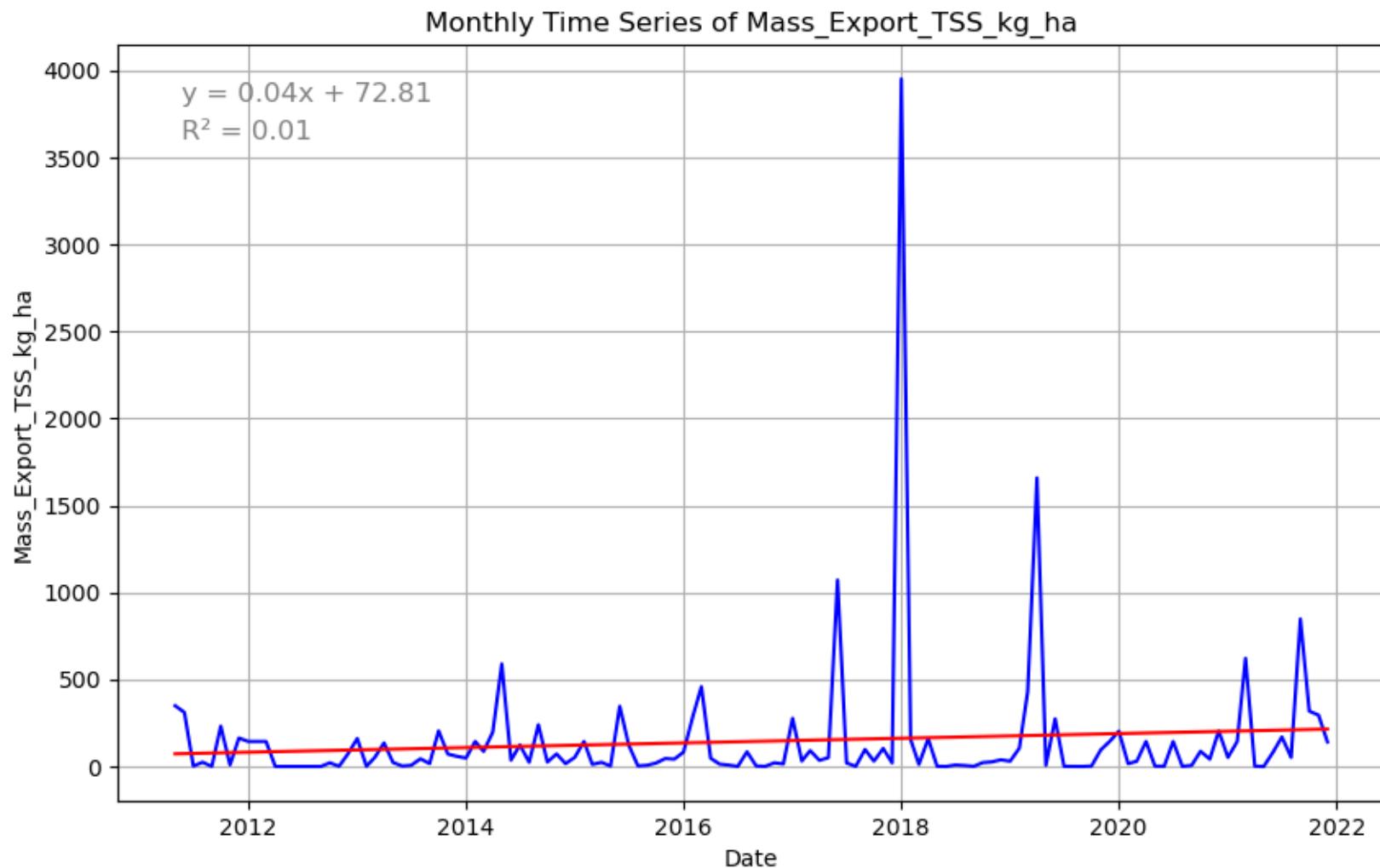
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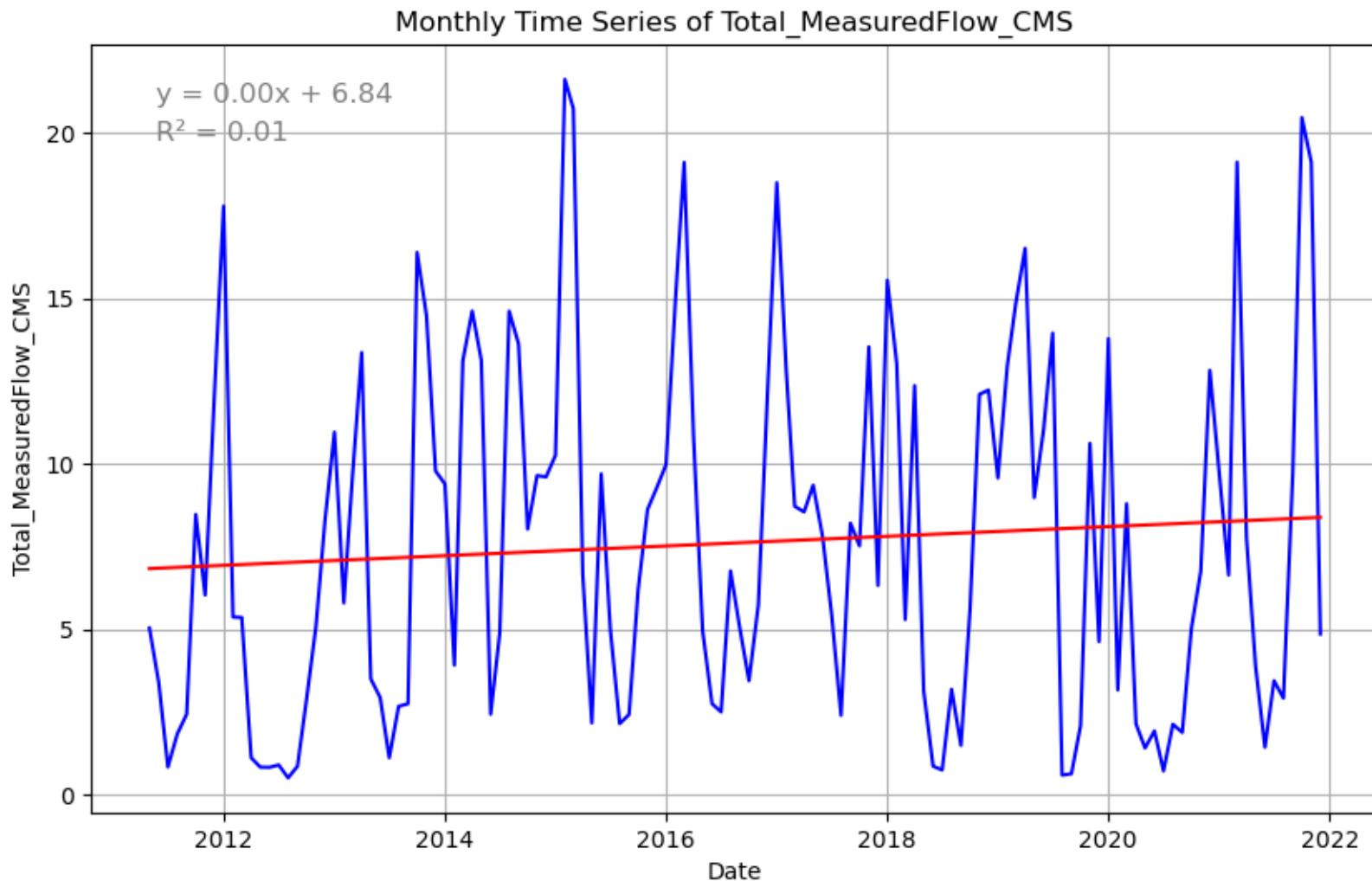
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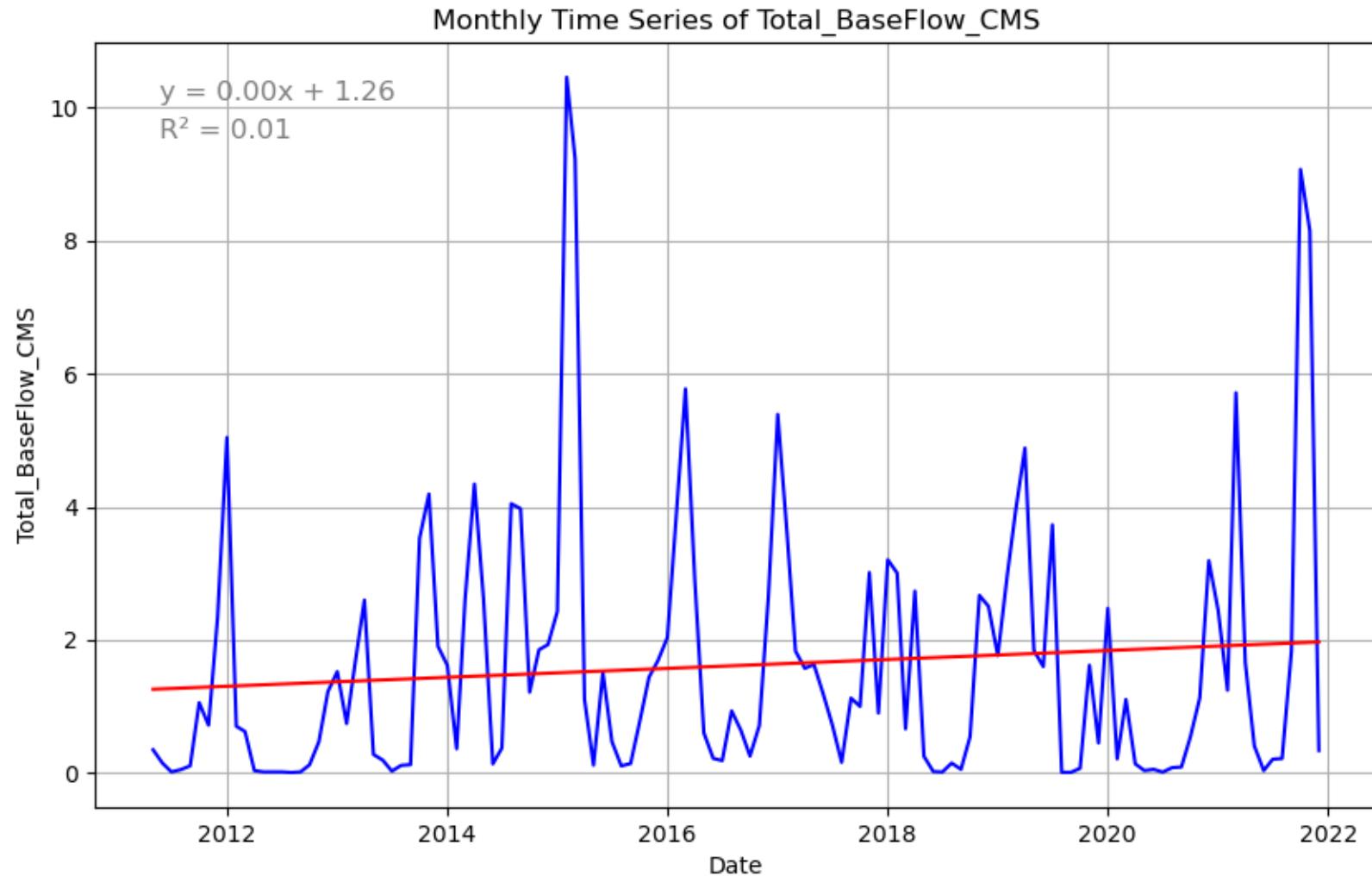
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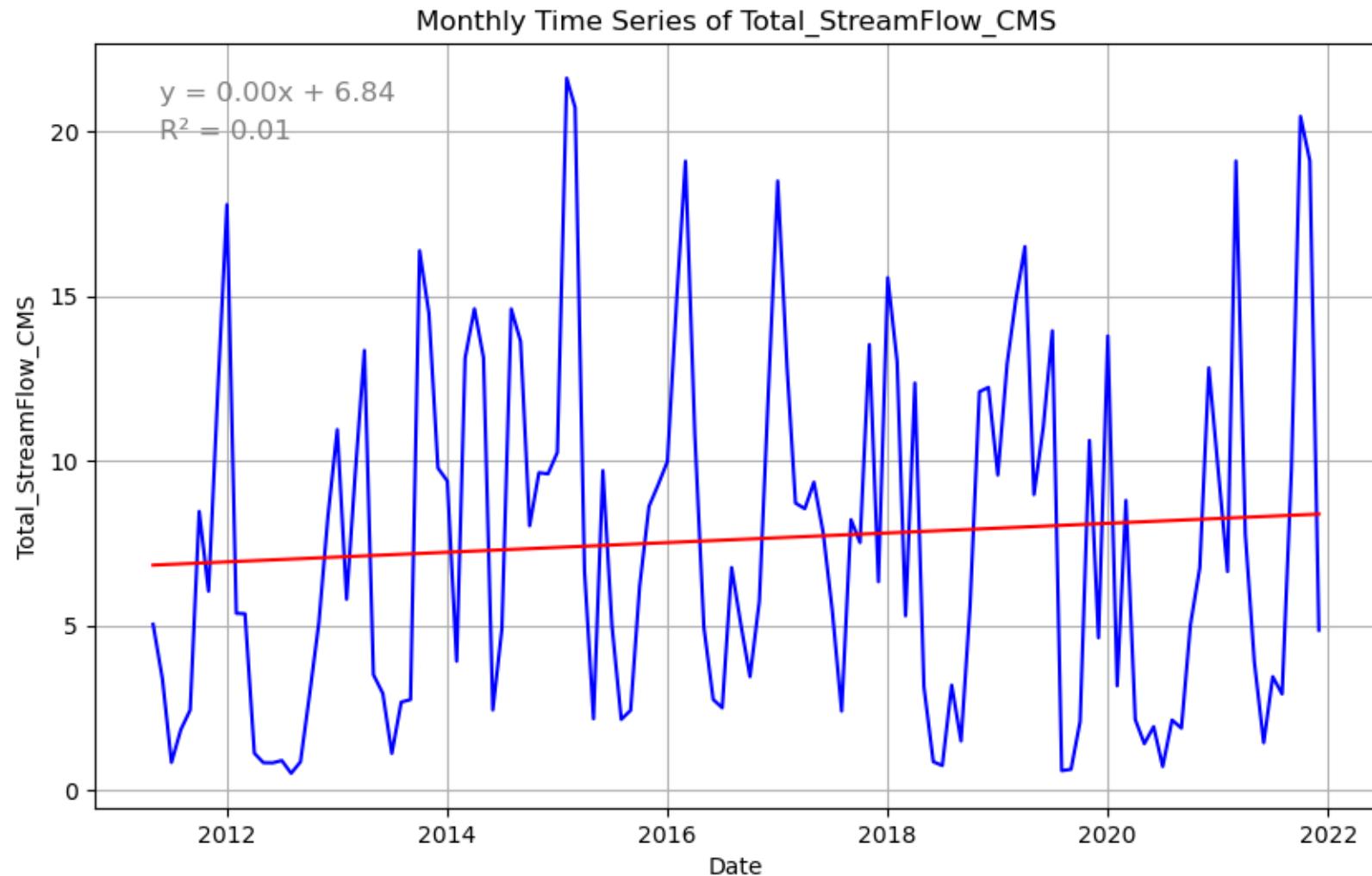
# Monthly Total Measured Flow



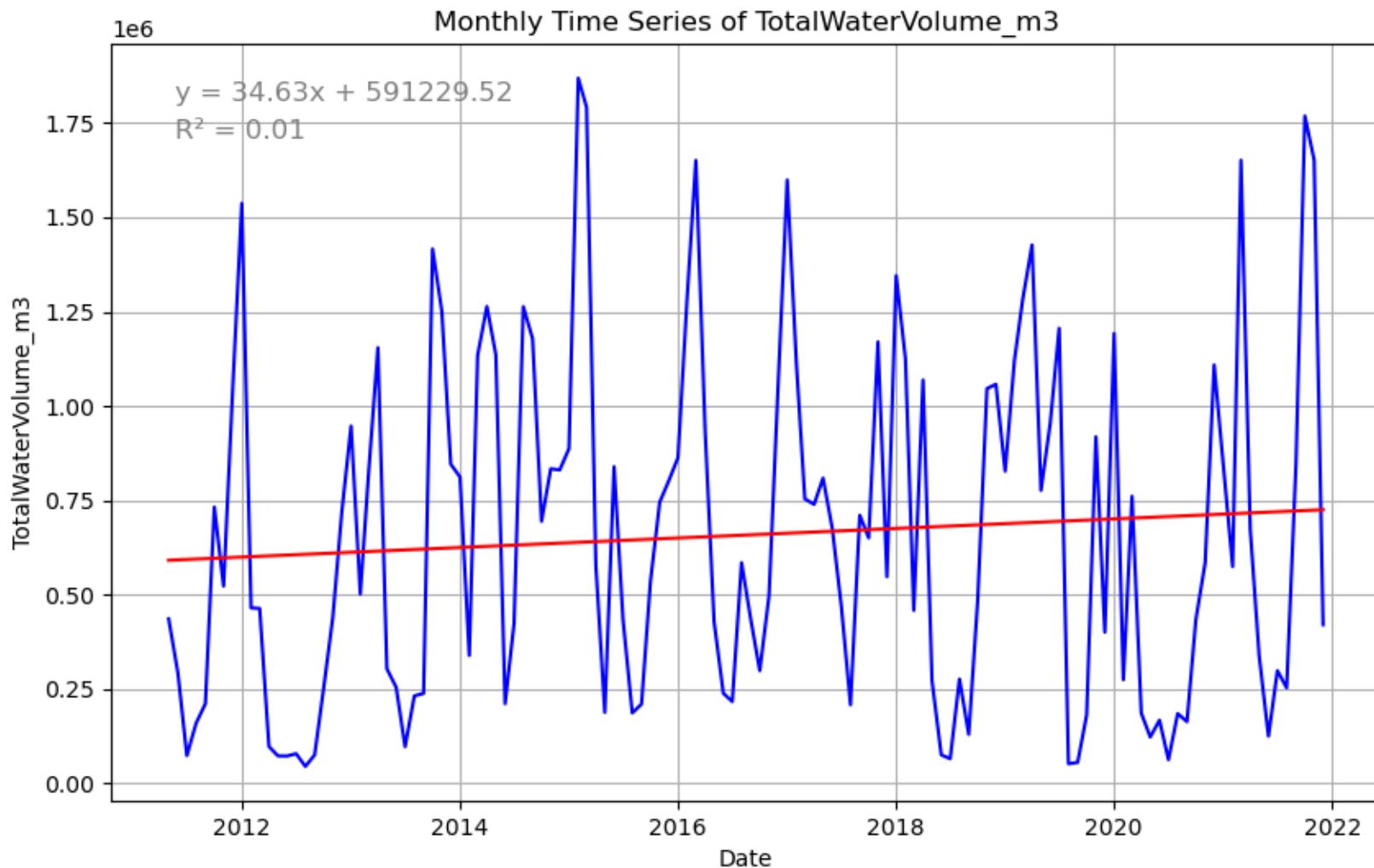
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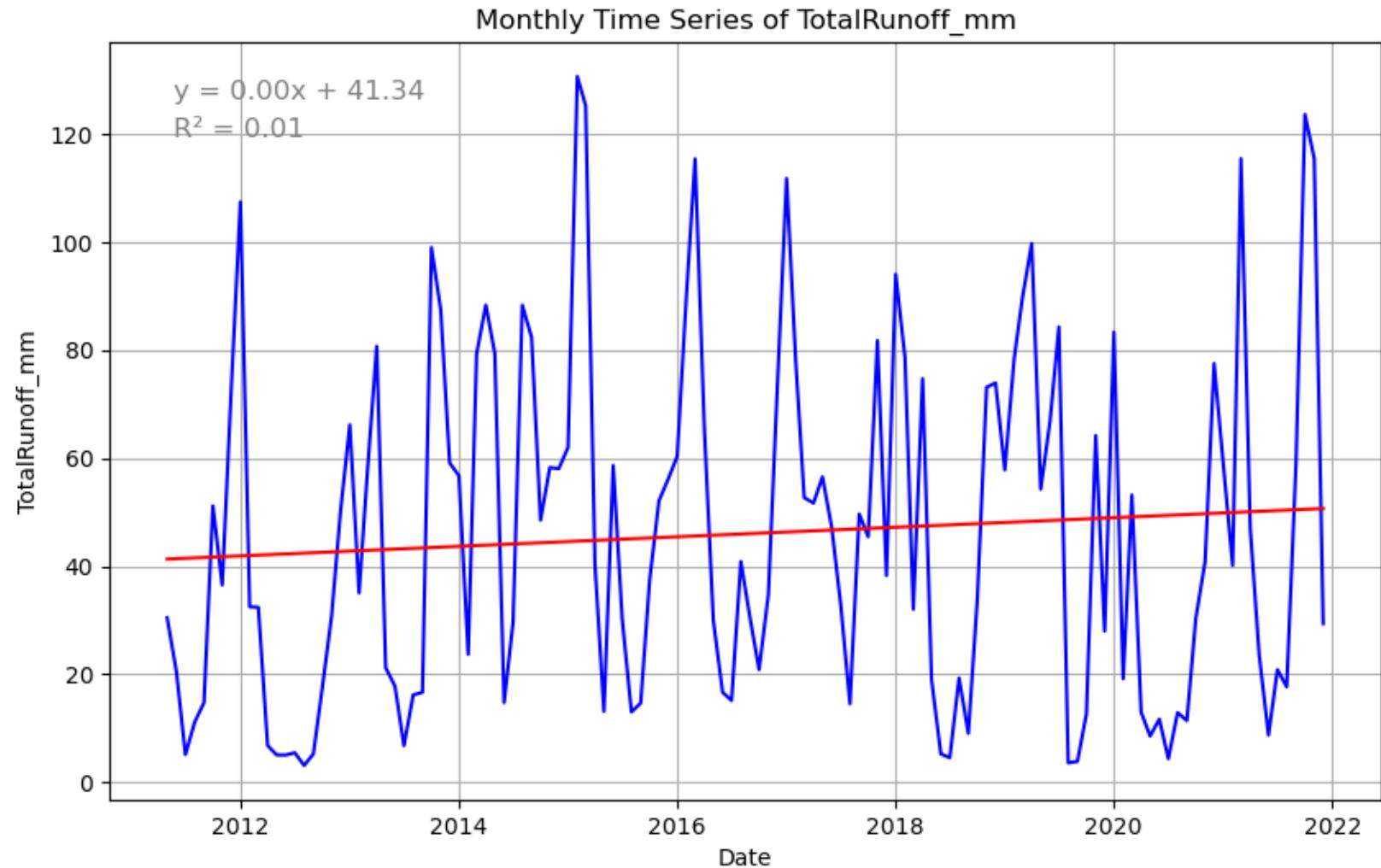
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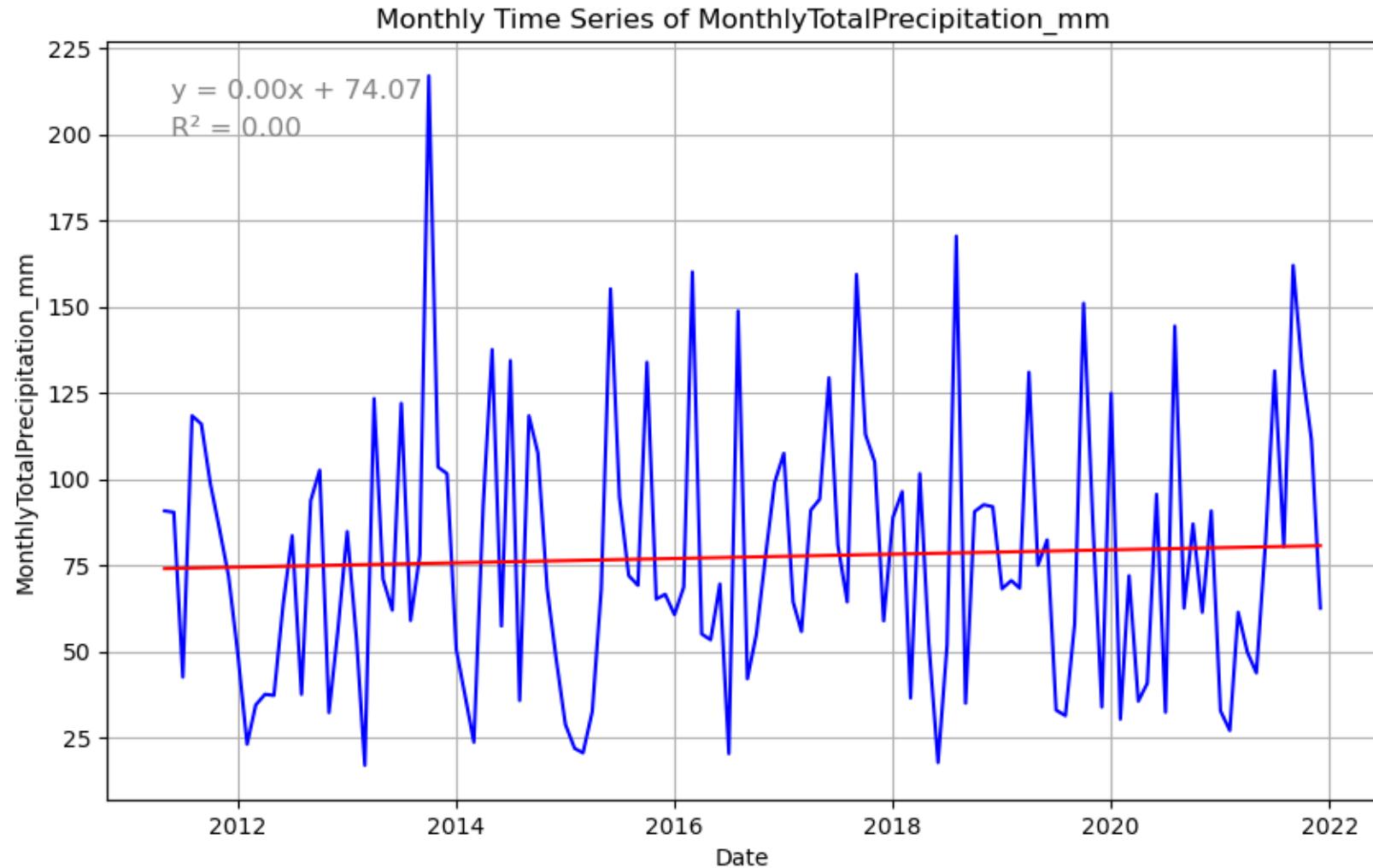
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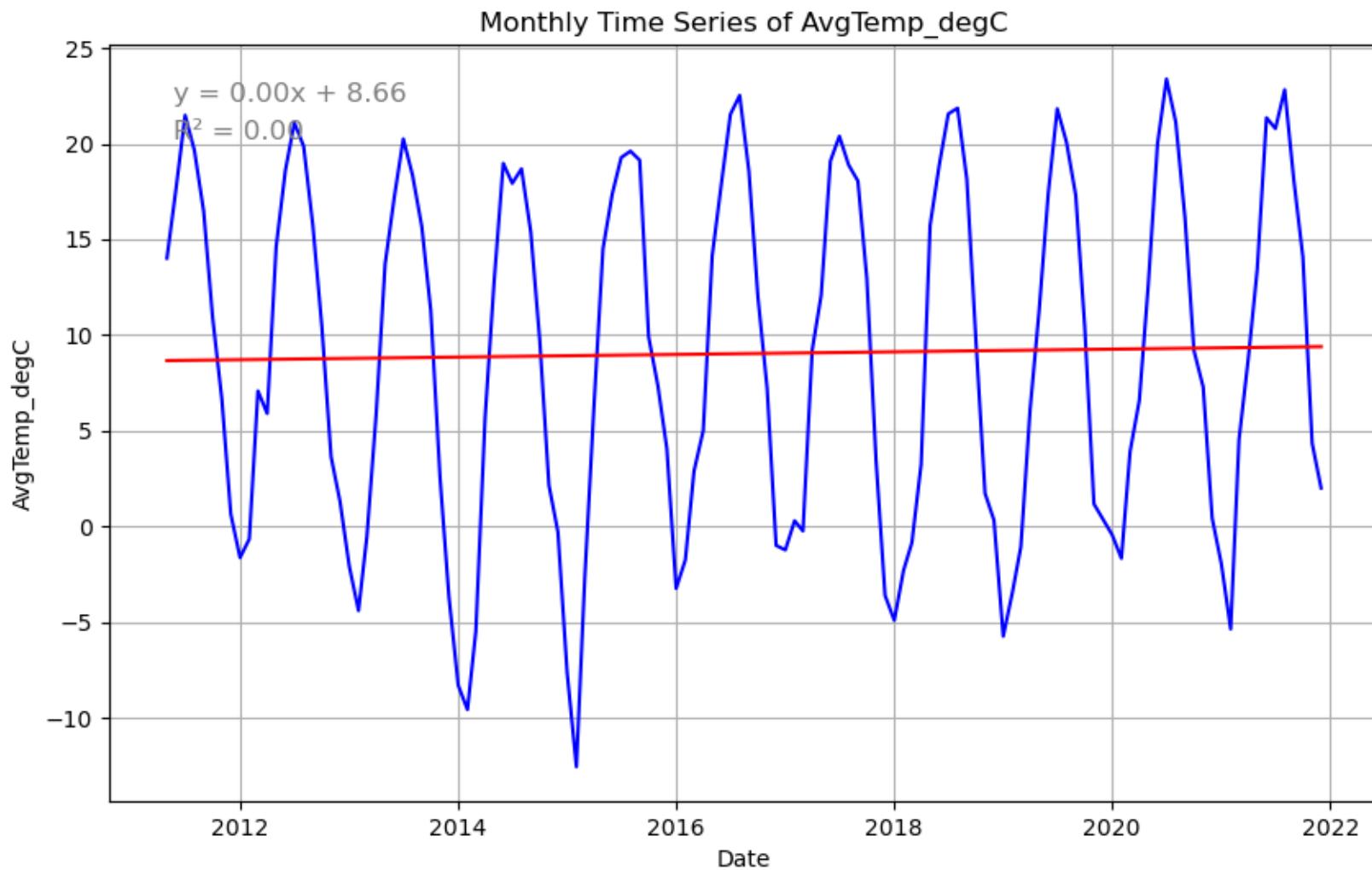
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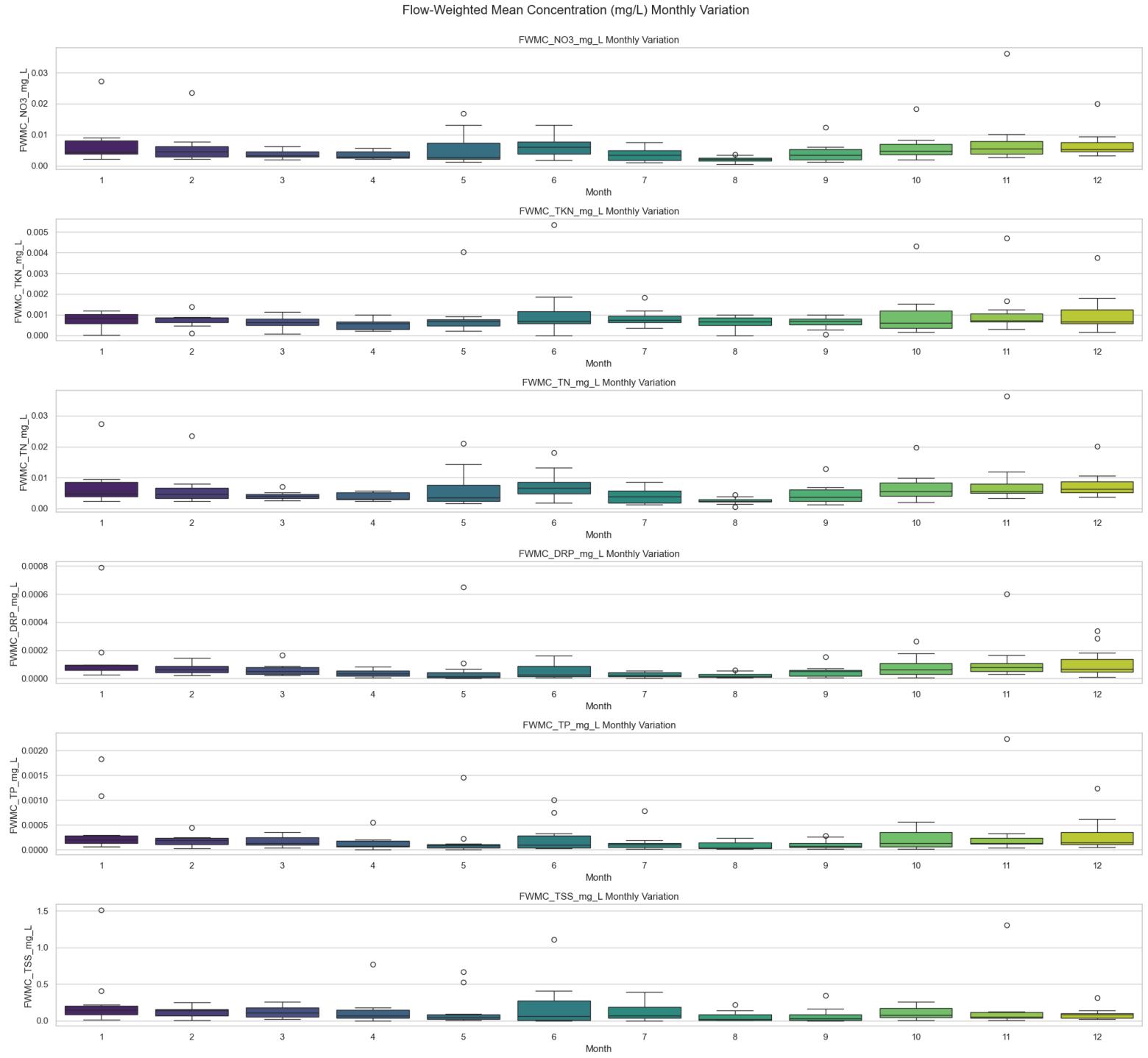
# Monthly Total Precipitation



# Monthly Average Temperature



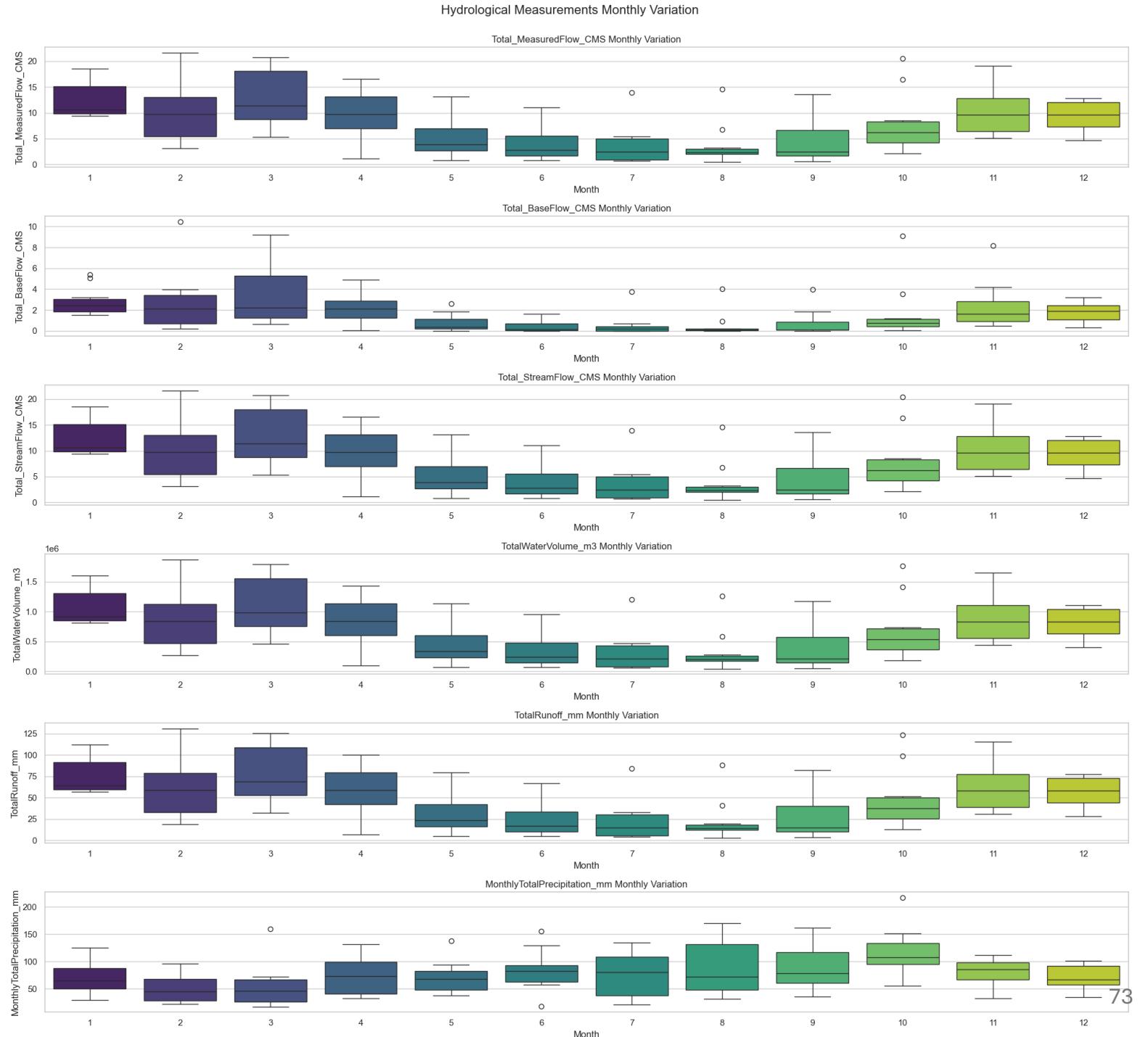
# Monthly variations of FWMC



# Monthly variations of Mass Export Loads



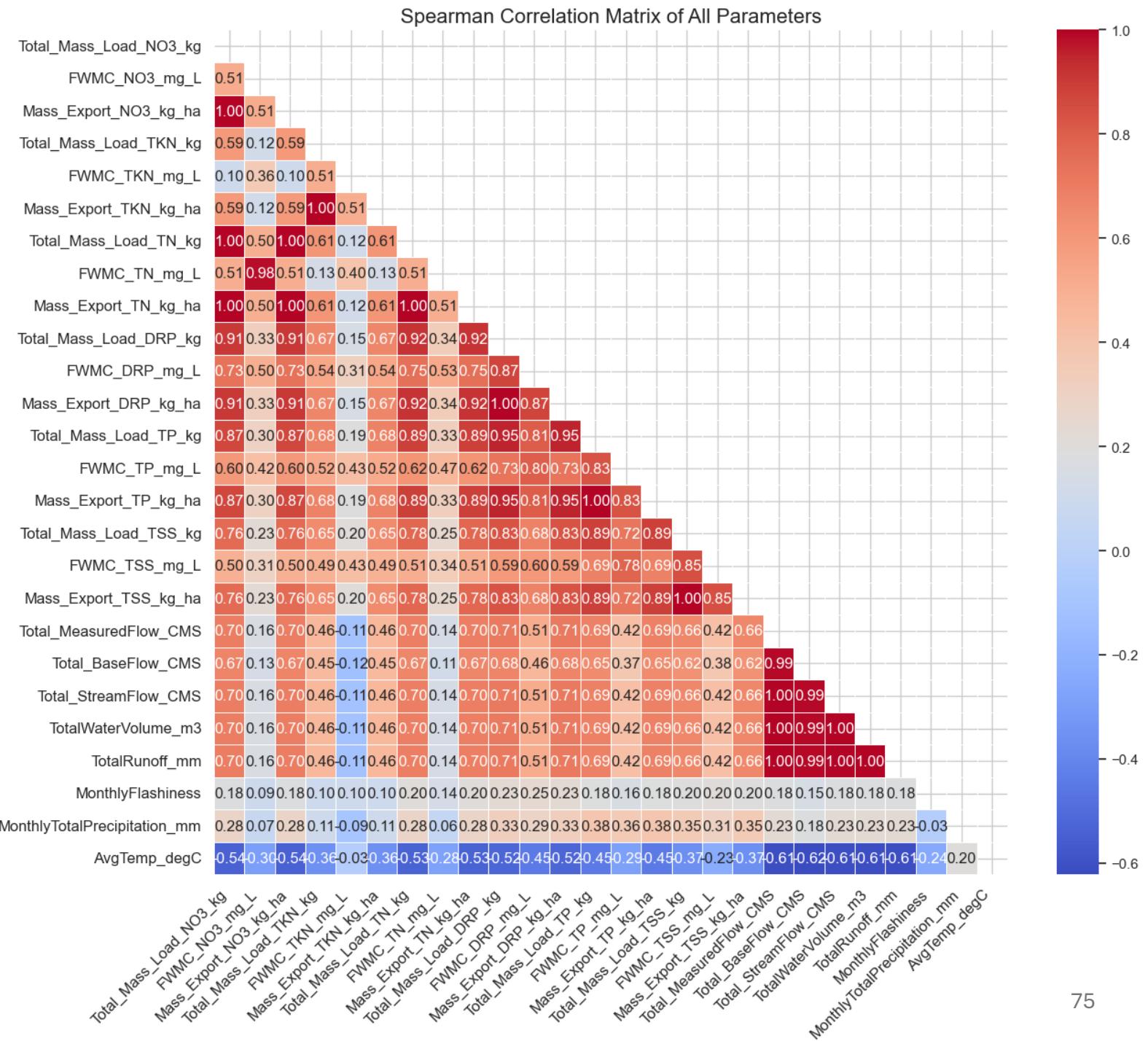
# Monthly variations of Hydrologic parameters



# Overall correlation and Regression analysis

Measured and calculated monthly data (May 2011 to December 2021)

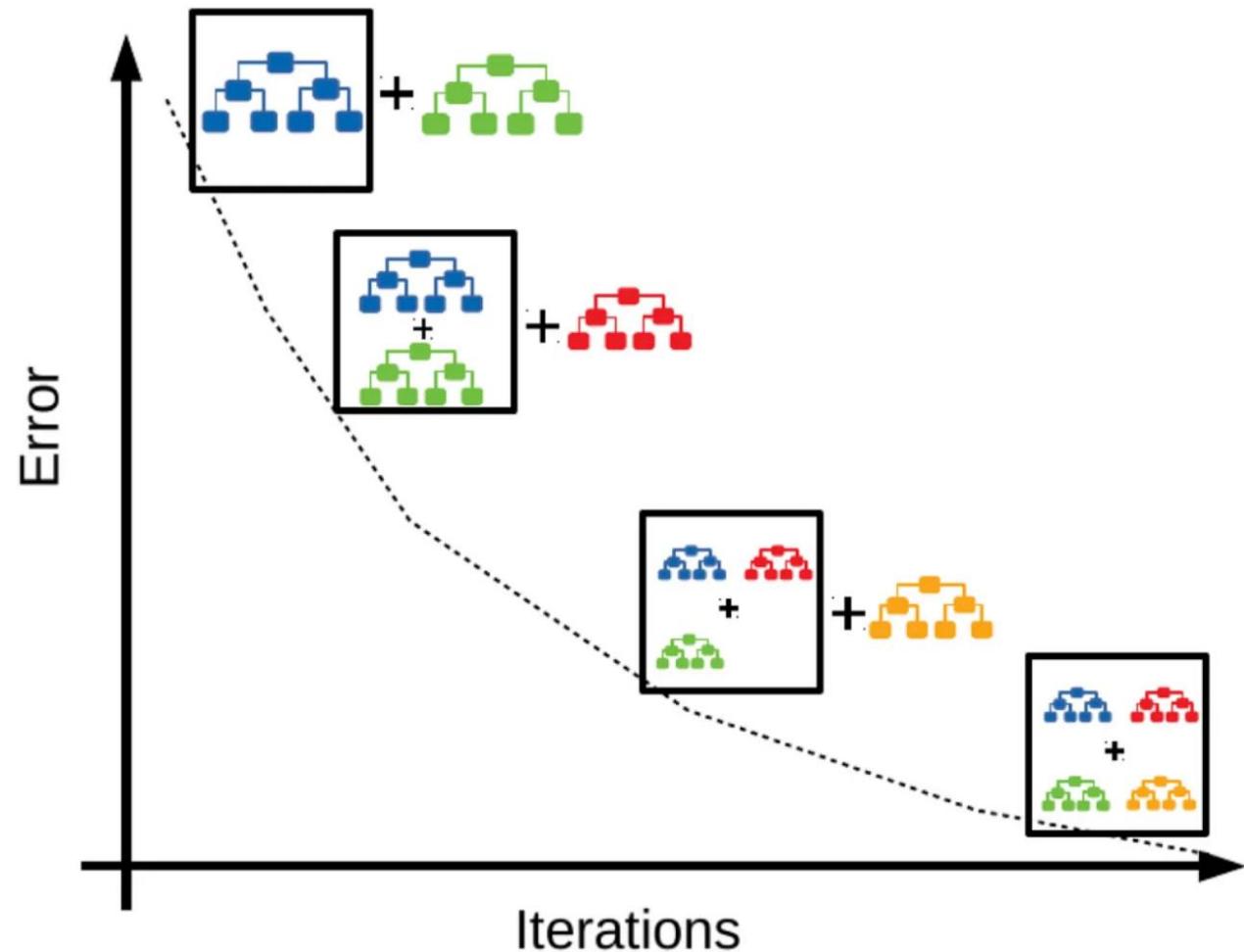
- Strong positive correlations between nutrient loads and exports, particularly for nitrogen and phosphorus, indicating nutrient transport linked to agricultural runoff.
  - Significant linkage between sediment exports and nutrient dynamics.
  - Clear correlation between watershed water volume and runoff, highlighting the impact on nutrient and sediment transport.
  - Highlights the importance of adaptive management strategies based on real-time monitoring data.



# Machine learning: Gradient Boost Regression

Powerful machine learning technique that builds predictive models from an ensemble of weaker models, typically decision trees.

Provides insights into the importance of each feature in making predictions, aiding in understanding the driving factors behind the predictions.



Source: <https://medium.com/@weidagang/gradient-boosting-from-scratch-84921eb64c3c>

# Results of Gradient Boosting

Execution of the Gradient Boosting models offers insights into the predictive performance and feature importance of various hydrological and meteorological factors on different nutrient load metrics in a watershed

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Results for Mass_Export_TP_kg_ha:  
MSE: 0.7839296781648639  
R2: 0.08200532208166589  
Feature Importance:  
Total_BaseFlow_CMS: 0.09  
Total_StreamFlow_CMS: 0.13  
MonthlyTotalPrecipitation_mm: 0.28  
AvgTemp_degC: 0.14  
TotalWaterVolume_m3: 0.17  
TotalRunoff_mm: 0.18
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Results for Mass_Export_TN_kg_ha:  
MSE: 20.97895829470219  
R2: 0.311328449647845  
Feature Importance:  
Total_BaseFlow_CMS: 0.19  
Total_StreamFlow_CMS: 0.13  
MonthlyTotalPrecipitation_mm: 0.31  
AvgTemp_degC: 0.22  
TotalWaterVolume_m3: 0.08  
TotalRunoff_mm: 0.08
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Results for Mass_Export_DRP_kg_ha:  
MSE: 0.012220013270798219  
R2: 0.4250401664580211  
Feature Importance:  
Total_BaseFlow_CMS: 0.14  
Total_StreamFlow_CMS: 0.13  
MonthlyTotalPrecipitation_mm: 0.25  
AvgTemp_degC: 0.19  
TotalWaterVolume_m3: 0.11  
TotalRunoff_mm: 0.17
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Results for Mass_Export_NO3_kg_ha:  
MSE: 22.075295155498473  
R2: 0.1518826220078623  
Feature Importance:  
Total_BaseFlow_CMS: 0.21  
Total_StreamFlow_CMS: 0.10  
MonthlyTotalPrecipitation_mm: 0.31  
AvgTemp_degC: 0.14  
TotalWaterVolume_m3: 0.15  
TotalRunoff_mm: 0.08
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Results for Mass_Export_TKN_kg_ha:  
MSE: 0.6487924215875177  
R2: -0.3920919775513565  
Feature Importance:  
Total_BaseFlow_CMS: 0.17  
Total_StreamFlow_CMS: 0.14  
MonthlyTotalPrecipitation_mm: 0.18  
AvgTemp_degC: 0.20  
TotalWaterVolume_m3: 0.15  
TotalRunoff_mm: 0.16
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Results for Mass_Export_TSS_kg_ha:  
MSE: 541554.7743813223  
R2: 0.04922210396476501  
Feature Importance:  
Total_BaseFlow_CMS: 0.06  
Total_StreamFlow_CMS: 0.03  
MonthlyTotalPrecipitation_mm: 0.75  
AvgTemp_degC: 0.05  
TotalWaterVolume_m3: 0.05  
TotalRunoff_mm: 0.06
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## Mass Export Loads of TP\_kg/ha (Total Phosphorus kg per hectare)

- ❑ MSE (Mean Squared Error): 0.784 indicates moderate prediction error.
- ❑  $R^2$  (Coefficient of Determination): 0.082 suggests low model accuracy, indicating only a small proportion of variance in TP is explained by the model.
- ❑ Feature Importance: Precipitation (28%), runoff (18%), and water volume (17%) are the most influential predictors, suggesting that TP loads are significantly impacted by rainfall events and resultant water flow dynamics.

## Mass Export Loads of TN\_kg/ha (Total Nitrogen kg per hectare)

- ❑ MSE: 20.979 suggests a higher prediction error.
- ❑  $R^2$ : 0.311 indicates moderate model accuracy.
- ❑ Feature Importance: Base flow (19%), precipitation (31%), and temperature (22%) have significant impacts, indicating that both climatic conditions and base water flow influence TN loading.

## Mass Export Loads of DRP\_kg/ha (Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus kg per hectare)

- ❑ MSE: 0.0122 indicates a low prediction error.
- ❑  $R^2$ : 0.425 suggests better model performance compared to TP and TN.
- ❑ Feature Importance: Similar to TP, DRP load predictions are significantly influenced by precipitation (25%), temperature (19%), and runoff (17%), underlining the role of water flow and climatic conditions.

## Mass Export Loads of NO<sub>3</sub>\_kg/ha (Nitrate Nitrogen kg per hectare)

- ❑ MSE: 22.075 indicates a high prediction error.
- ❑ R<sup>2</sup>: 0.152 shows low model accuracy.
- ❑ Feature Importance: Precipitation (31%) is the most significant predictor, followed by base flow (21%) and water volume (15%), emphasizing the role of hydrological dynamics in nitrate loading.

## Mass Export Loads of TKN\_kg/ha (Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen kg per hectare)

- ❑ MSE: 0.649 indicates moderate prediction error.
- ❑  $R^2$ : -0.392 suggests that the model performs poorly, possibly indicating model misspecification or data issues.
- ❑ Feature Importance: Temperature and monthly precipitation are notable, suggesting a complex interaction between weather conditions and TKN loads.

## Mass Export Loads of TSS\_kg/ha (Total Suspended Solids kg per hectare)

- ❑ MSE: 541,554.774 indicates a very high error, reflecting challenges in predicting TSS.
- ❑  $R^2$ : 0.049 shows very low model accuracy.
- ❑ Feature Importance: Dominated by precipitation (75%), indicating that rainfall heavily influences sediment transport.

## Summary of Gradient Boosting Modeling exercise

- The substantial role of precipitation and temperature across nutrient types suggests that climate factors heavily influence nutrient transport processes.
- The low R-squared values indicate that the current model setup does not capture other unmodeled factors (landuse, soil, agricultural management practices, temporal dynamics of nutrient application and crop uptake cycles etc.) that might influence nutrient loads or non-linear relationships.

## Summary of Gradient Boosting Modeling exercise

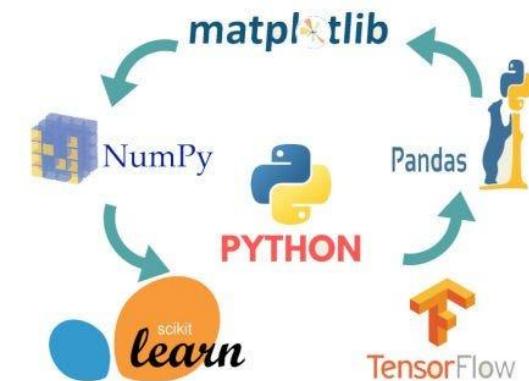
- The models suggest varying degrees of influence from base flow and stream flow, indicating that tile drainage might enhance the subsurface flow paths that quickly transport soluble nutrients (like nitrate and DRP) into the stream systems, bypassing much of the soil's filtering capacity.
- The variable model performances and high significance of rainfall and temperature in predicting nutrient loads suggest that management practices must be dynamically adapted to weather conditions and hydrological responses. Practices such as controlled drainage with cover cropping could be promoted to mitigate the quick transport of nutrients via tile drains.

## Main Message

Adaptation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) is essential for maintaining water quality in tile-drained dominated watersheds of Lake Huron, Ontario, under changing climatic conditions.

Our analysis indicates a concerning trend in nutrient loads, which are increasing with notable peaks in recent years despite initial reductions from 2013 to 2017, likely due to Best Management Practices (BMPs). While initially effective, these practices are now challenged by landscape modifications and extreme climatic events that enhance nutrient transport via tile drainage. BMPs effectively reduce nutrient loads under normal climatic conditions but are ineffective against increased tile drainage and climatic variability. To address this, it is crucial to adapt BMPs dynamically, integrating controlled drainage and cover cropping to mitigate rapid nutrient transport in growing and nongrowing seasons and respond effectively to changing weather conditions and hydrological responses.

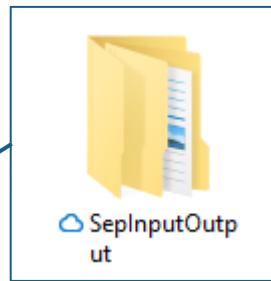
# Tool used: python libraries in jupyter notebook



Screenshot of a Jupyter Notebook interface. The title bar says "jupyter". The menu bar includes "File", "View", "Settings", and "Help". Below the menu is a toolbar with "Files" (selected), "Running", "Rename", and "Delete" buttons. To the right are "New", "Upload", and "C" buttons. The main area shows a file list in a OneDrive folder:

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# Final Outputs



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slide76to85.txt	Cloud	29/08/2024 8:37 PM	TXT File	2 KB

## Input data and outputs

Name	Status	Date modified	Type
Slide3to9	Cloud	29/08/2024 5:45 PM	File folder
slide11to18	Cloud	29/08/2024 5:51 PM	File folder
Slide19to26	Cloud	29/08/2024 5:53 PM	File folder
Slide28to35	Cloud	29/08/2024 5:56 PM	File folder
Slide36to37	Cloud	29/08/2024 5:58 PM	File folder
Slide38to40	Cloud	29/08/2024 6:46 PM	File folder
Slide41to43	Cloud	29/08/2024 6:02 PM	File folder
Slide44to45	Cloud	29/08/2024 6:55 PM	File folder
Slide46to73	Cloud	29/08/2024 7:05 PM	File folder
Slide75to85	Cloud	29/08/2024 7:50 PM	File folder

Thank you for the opportunity!