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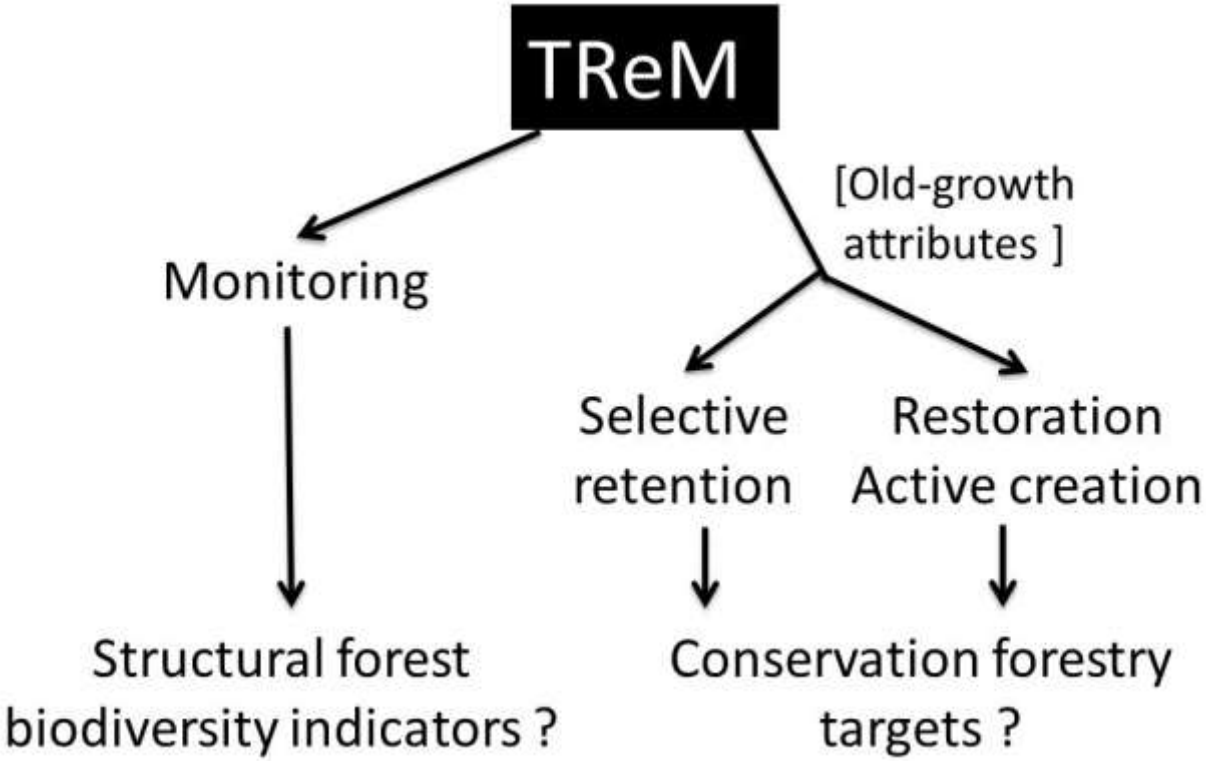
TReMs, biodiversity and forestry



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ORIGINAL PAPER

Boxes mimicking tree hollows can help conservation of saproxylic beetles

Nicklas Jansson · Thomas Ranius · Anna Larsson · Per Milberg

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The Habitat-Trees experiment: using exotic tree species as new microhabitats for the native fauna

Livia Zapponi, Emma Minari, Luca Longo, Ilaria Toni, Franco Mason, Alessandro Campanaro

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TReMs and biodiversity

What are Tree-Related Microhabitats (TReMs)?

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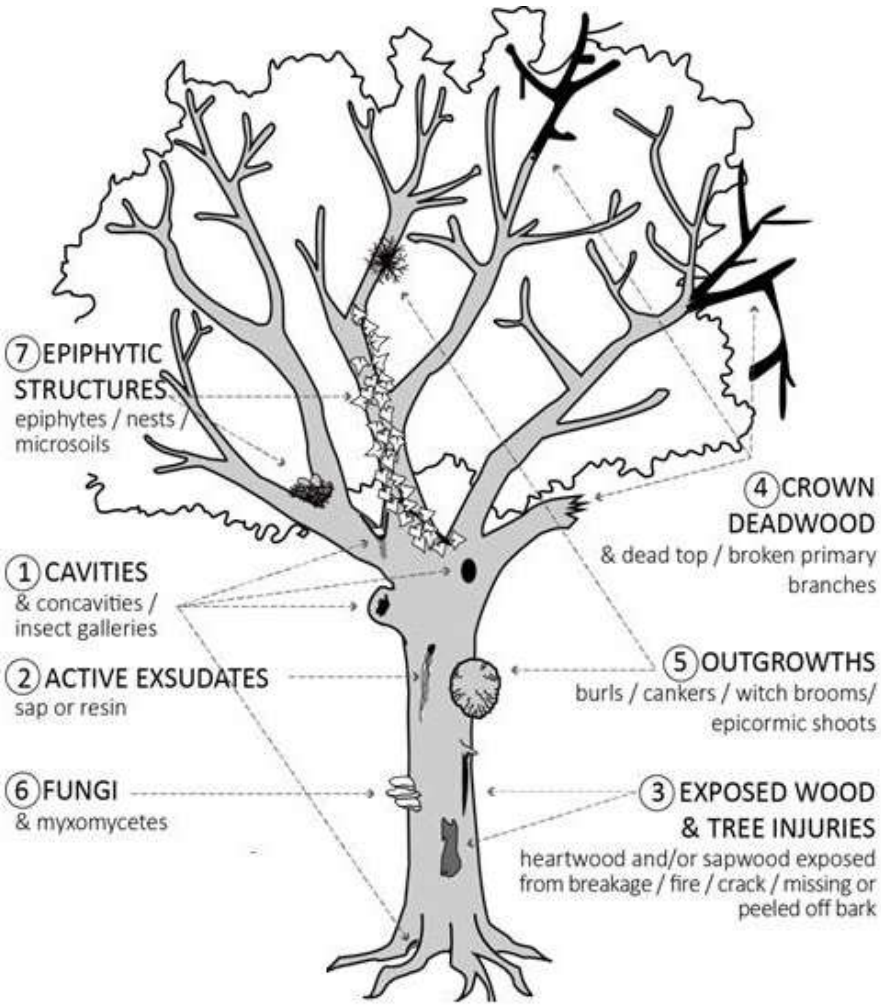

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Forest management for invertebrate conservation

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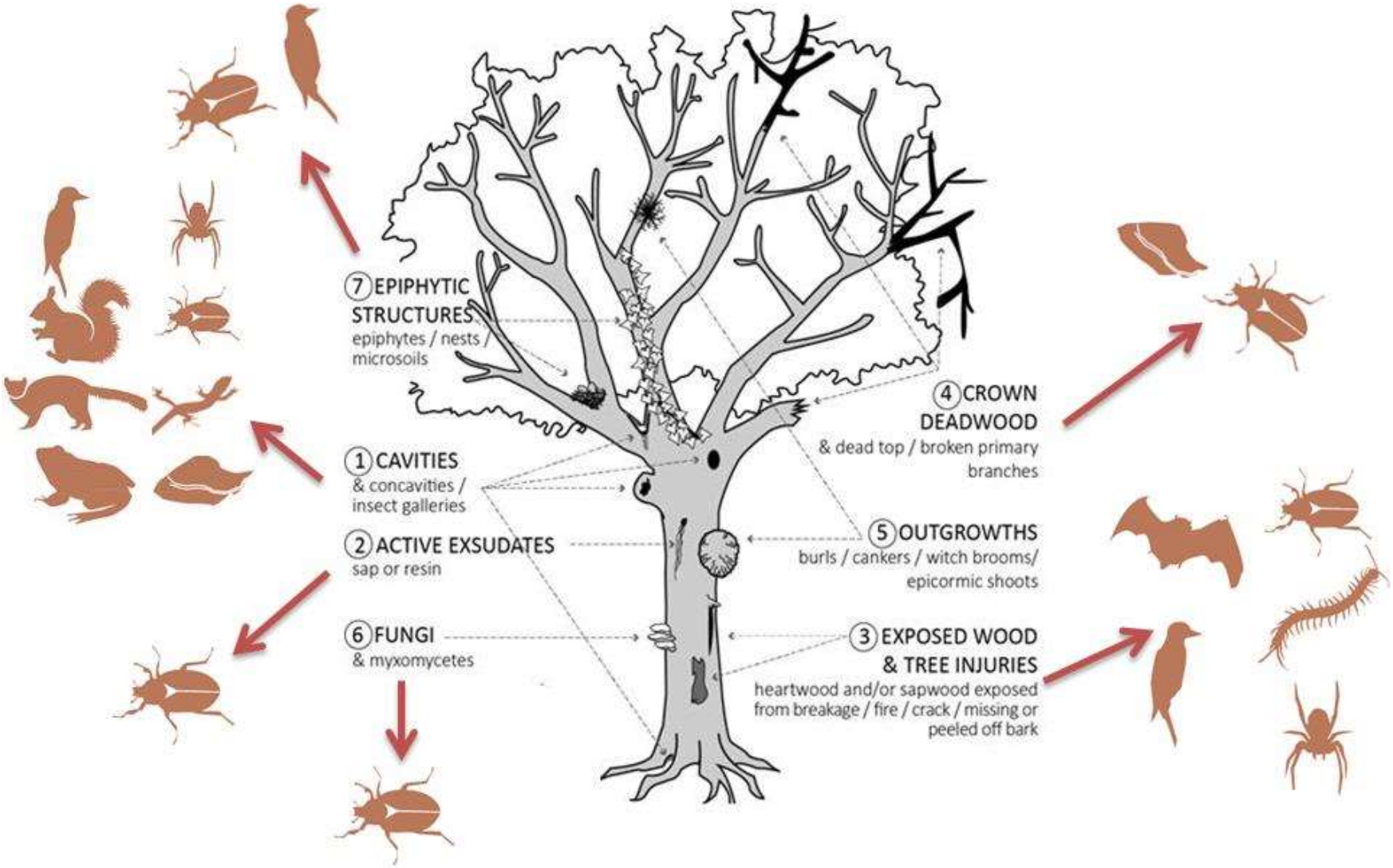
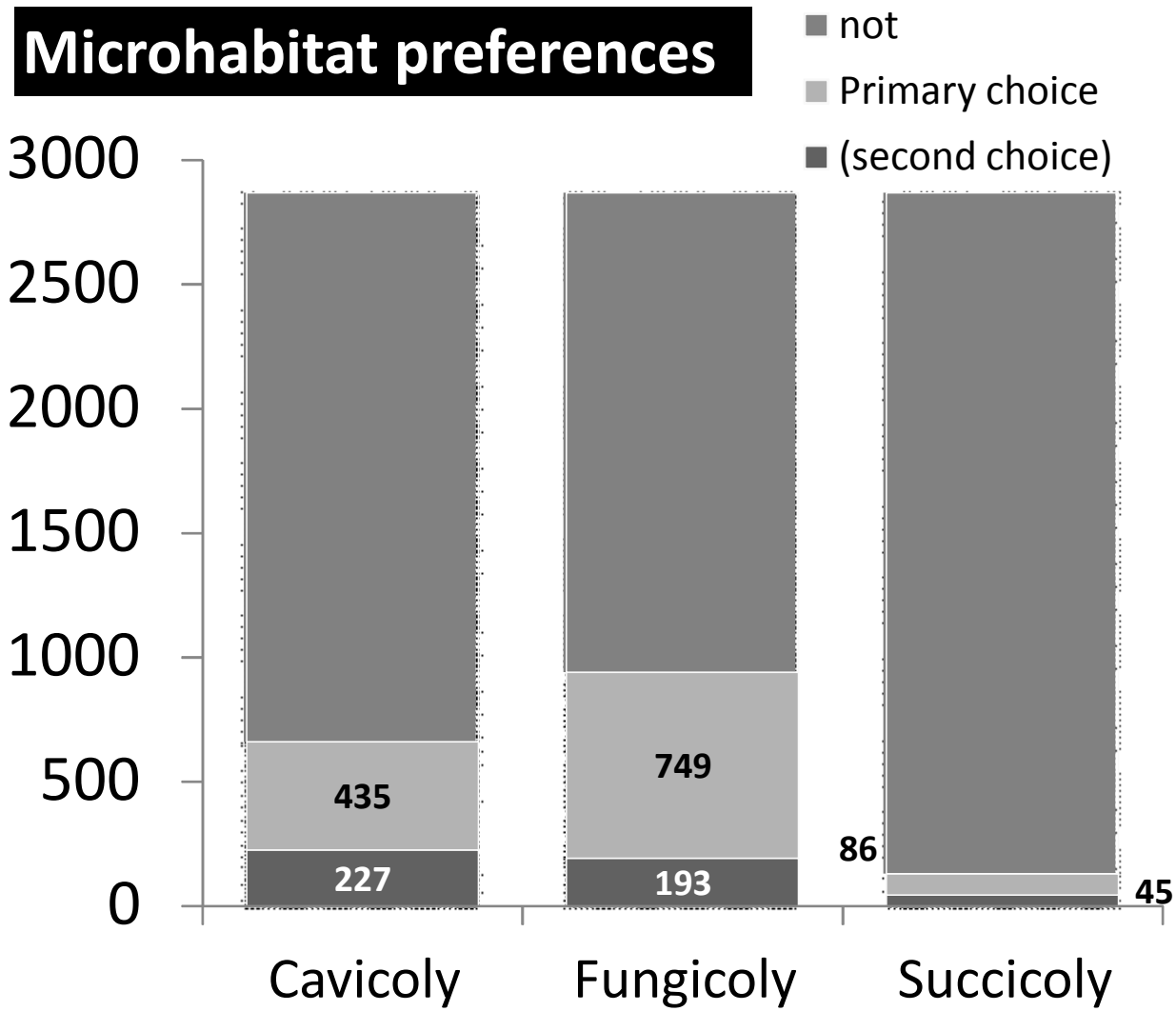
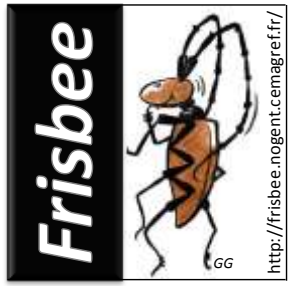
TReMs host a wide diversity of taxa



TReMs host species-rich assemblages

e.g. many beetle species depend on TReMs !





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At stand scale,

the relationships between TReMs and saproxylic beetle diversity…

…

…are strongly context-dependent

Saproxylic beetle species richness increases with the local amount of certain TreM-bearing trees in various but not all forest contexts

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Key features for saproxylic beetle diversity derived from rapid habitat assessment in temperate forests

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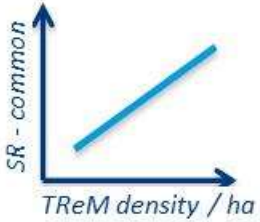
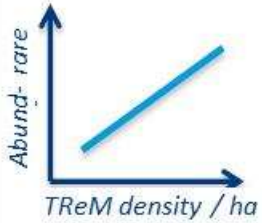
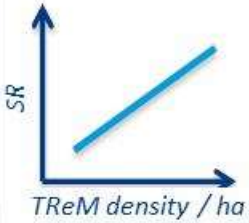
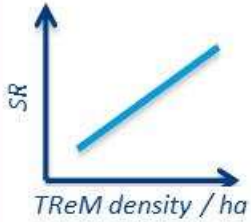
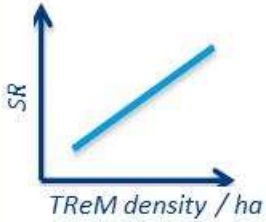
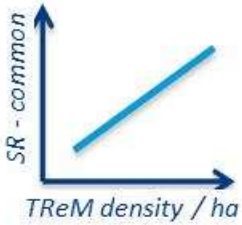
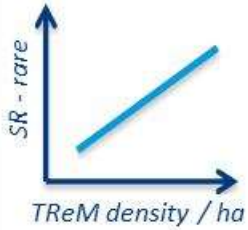
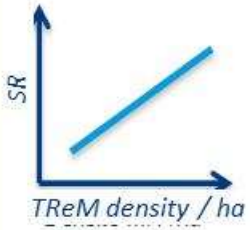
SR	Oak *Lowland*	Beech *Lowland*	Beech *Highland*	Pine *Lowland*	Spruce-Fir *Highland*
					
					

In lowland deciduous forests, TReMs are significantly associated to variations in species richness, but to a lesser extent than deadwood or openness

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ORIGINAL PAPER

In search of the best local habitat drivers for saproxylic beetle diversity in temperate deciduous forests

C. Bouget · L. Larrieu · B. Nusillard · G. Parmain

Key factors of saproxylic beetle diversity

		rare sp	common sp
Oak	Abiotic	**2**=Openness	**1**=Openness
	Deadwood	**1**=Deadwood diversity	**2**= Lying deadwood volume **3**= Large lying deadwood volume **4**= Deadwood diversity
	TReMs	ns	**5**=density fungus-bearing trees **6**=density cavity-bearing trees
Beech	Abiotic	ns	**1**=Openness
	Deadwood	ns	**2**=Deadwood diversity
	TReMs	**1**=density fungus-bearing trees	**3**=density crown-deadwood-bearing trees

In highland forests some relationships between TReM density and saproxylic beetle diversity depend on stand openness

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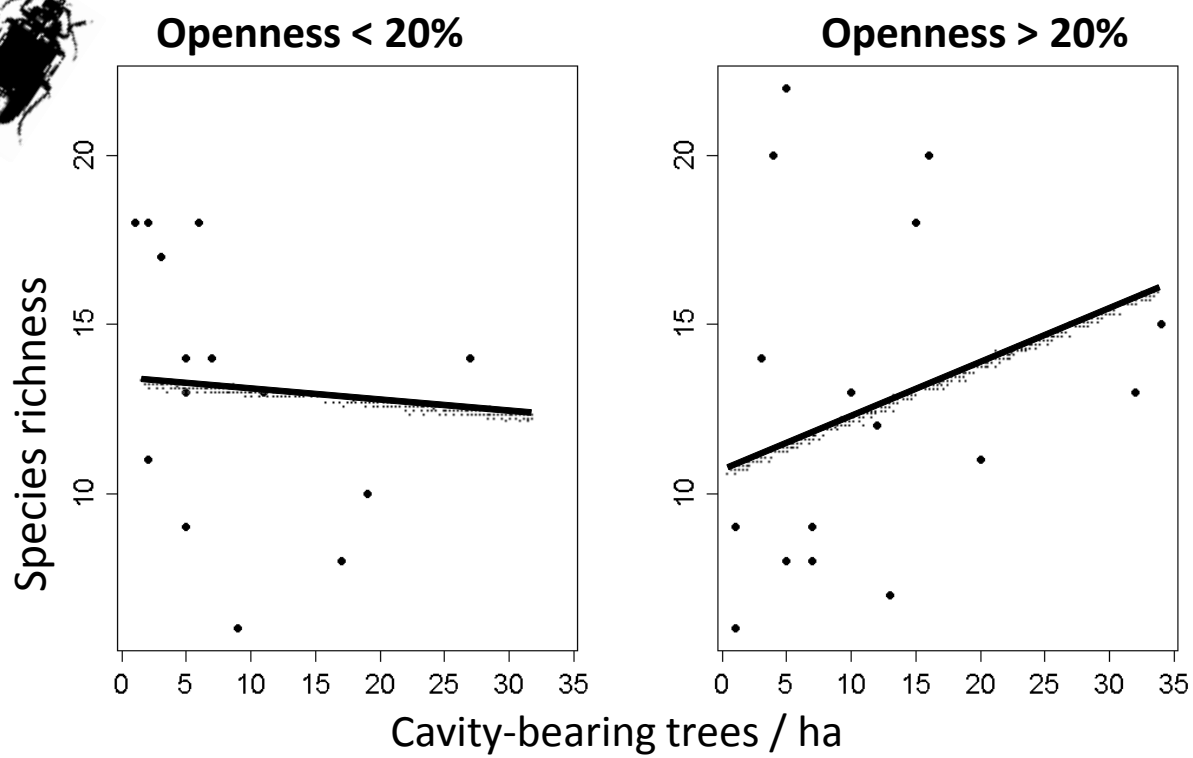

In highland forests TReM diversity only slightly correlates with saproxylic beetle assemblage structure

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	Mean trait CWM	Functional Dispersion FDis	Sp. richness	Abundance
Body Size	ns	ns		
Canopy prefer.	ns	ns		
Decay prefer.	↗	↗		
Diameter prefer.	↗	ns		
Low-dispersal			ns	ns
High-dispersal			ns	ns
Cavicolous			ns	ns
Fungicolous			ns	ns

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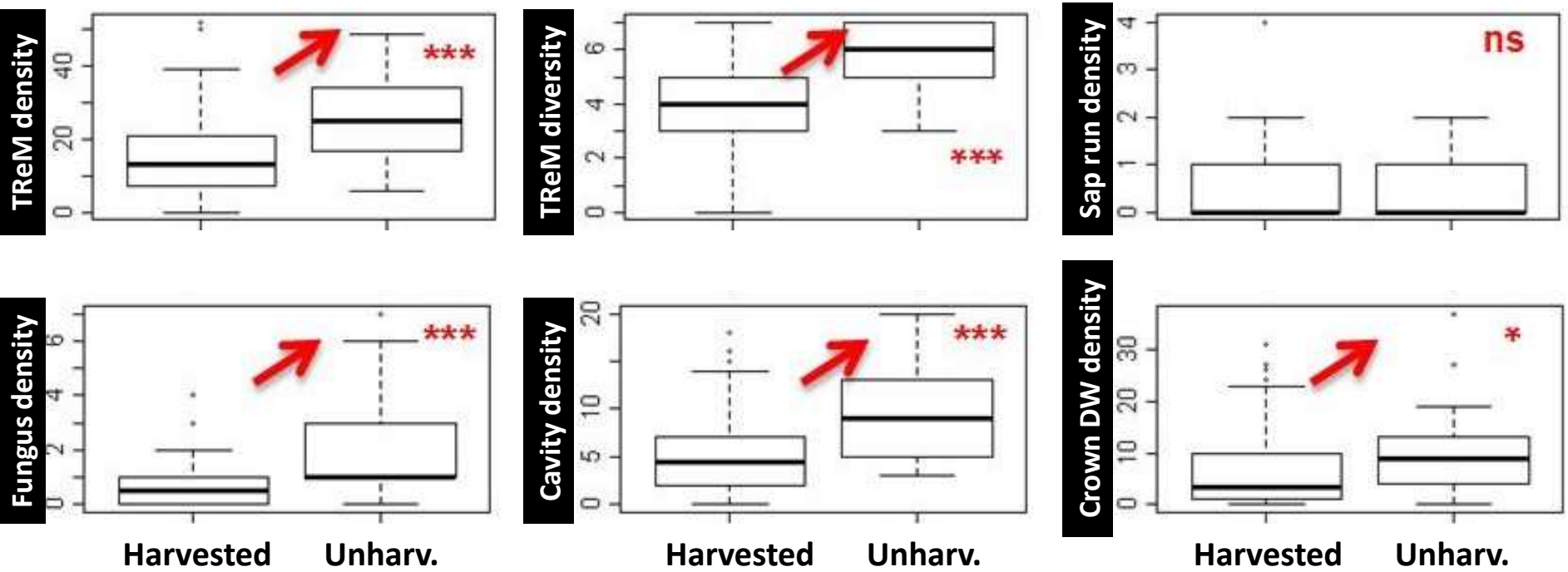
Why are TReM-biodiversity relationships so weak at stand scale in ecological studies?

1. TReM metrics

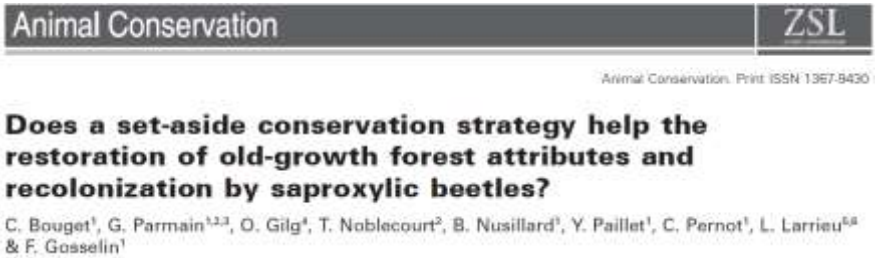
- TReM values are too low in managed forests?
  - Values below ecological thesholds ?

- Bad biodiversity sampling ?
  - Analysis of the response pf TReM-associated organisms only
  - sampling methods dedicated to TReM-associated organisms
- Bad TReM sampling ?

Trem density and diversity are affected by forestry



Unharv > 30 yrs



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Does a set-aside conservation strategy help the restoration of old-growth forest attributes and recolonization by saproxylic beetles?

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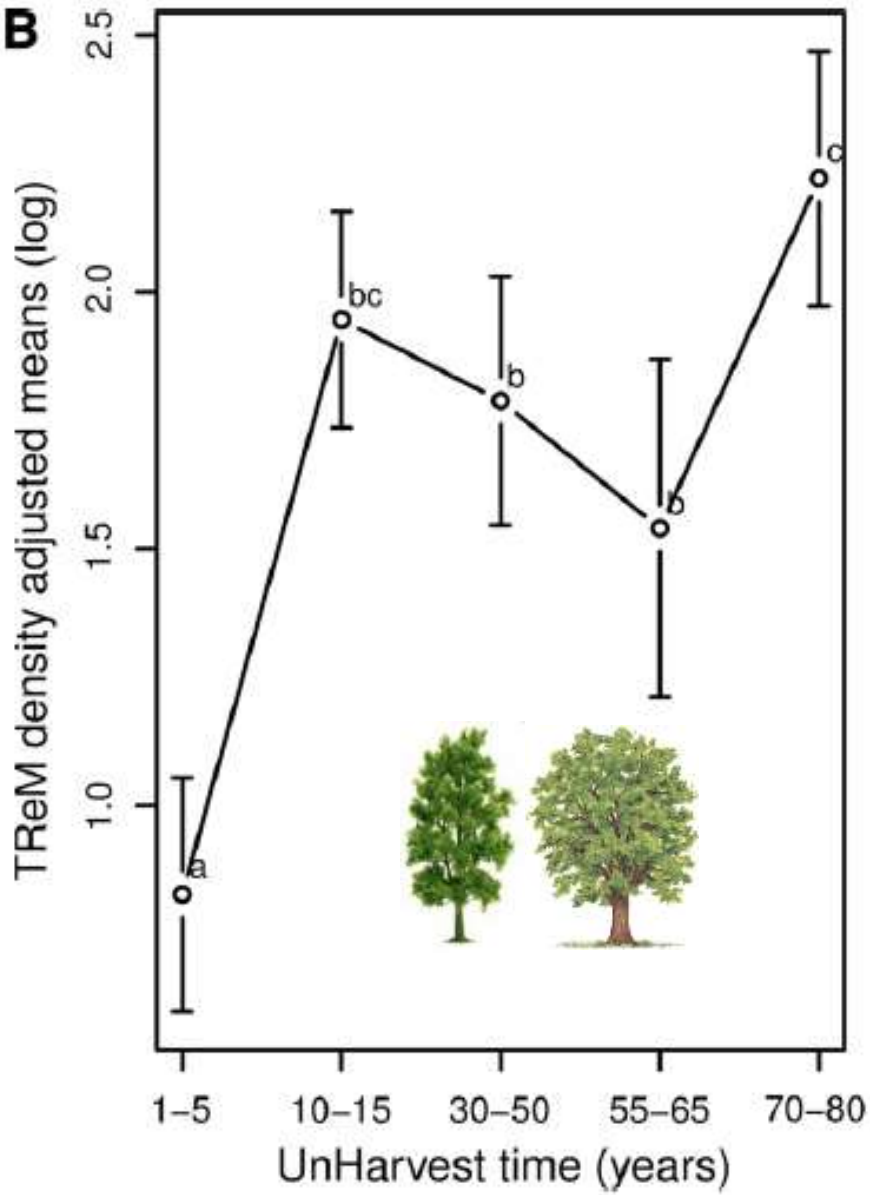
After forestry abandonment, TreM stock recovery needs decades



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ORIGINAL PAPER

Development over time of the tree-related microhabitat profile: the case of lowland beech–oak coppice-with-standards set-aside stands in France

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Beech–oak coppice-with-standards stands
24 forests, France

TReM density/diversity sharply increase in overmature stands

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Are biodiversity patterns of saproxylic beetles shaped by habitat limitation or dispersal limitation? A case study in unfragmented montane forests

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Insect Conservation and Diversity

The effects of forest age on saproxylic beetle biodiversity: implications of shortened and extended rotation lengths in a French oak high forest

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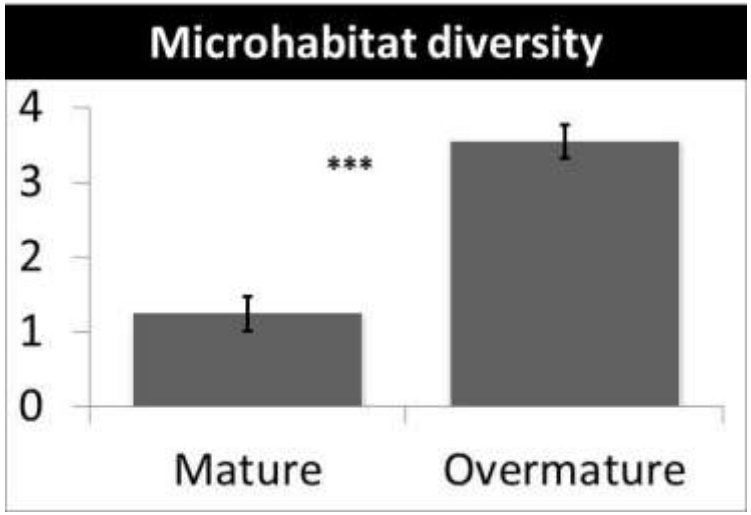
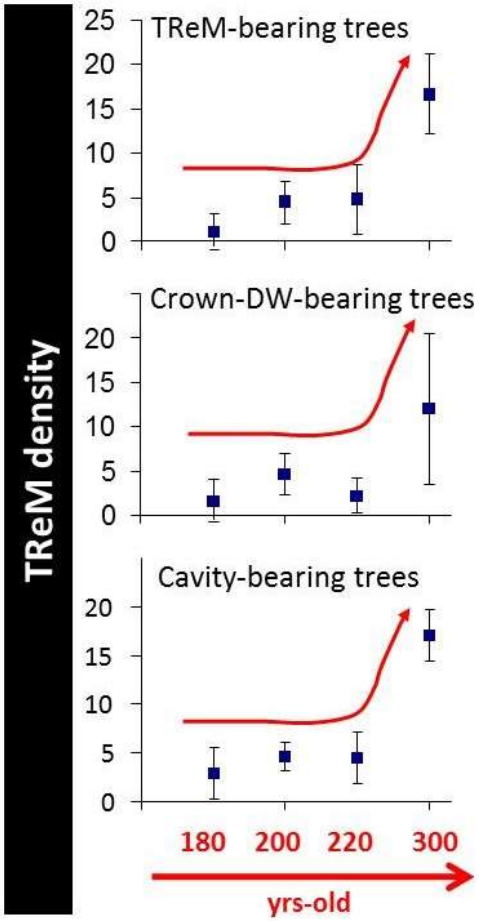




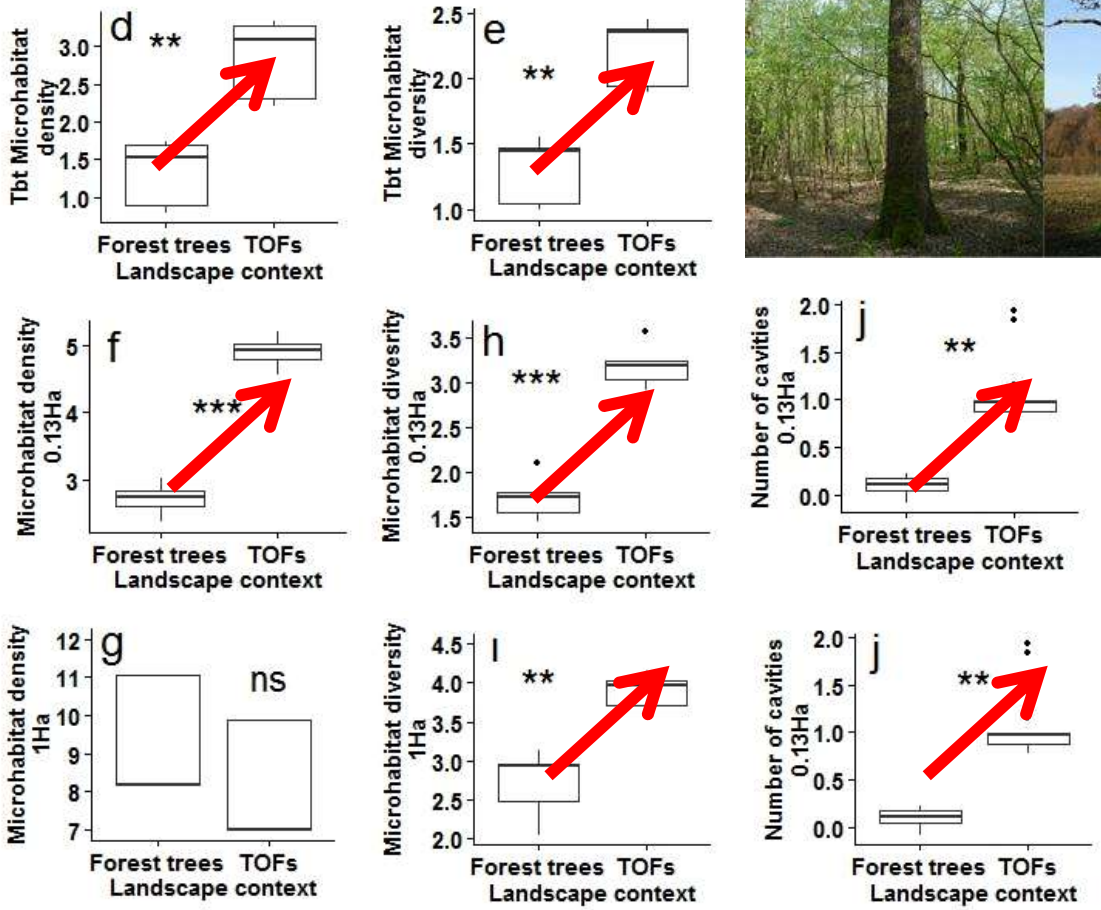
TReM effects increase withTReM values

TReM density and diversity are higher in and around veteran trees outside than inside forests

Veteran tree scale

0.13ha-scale

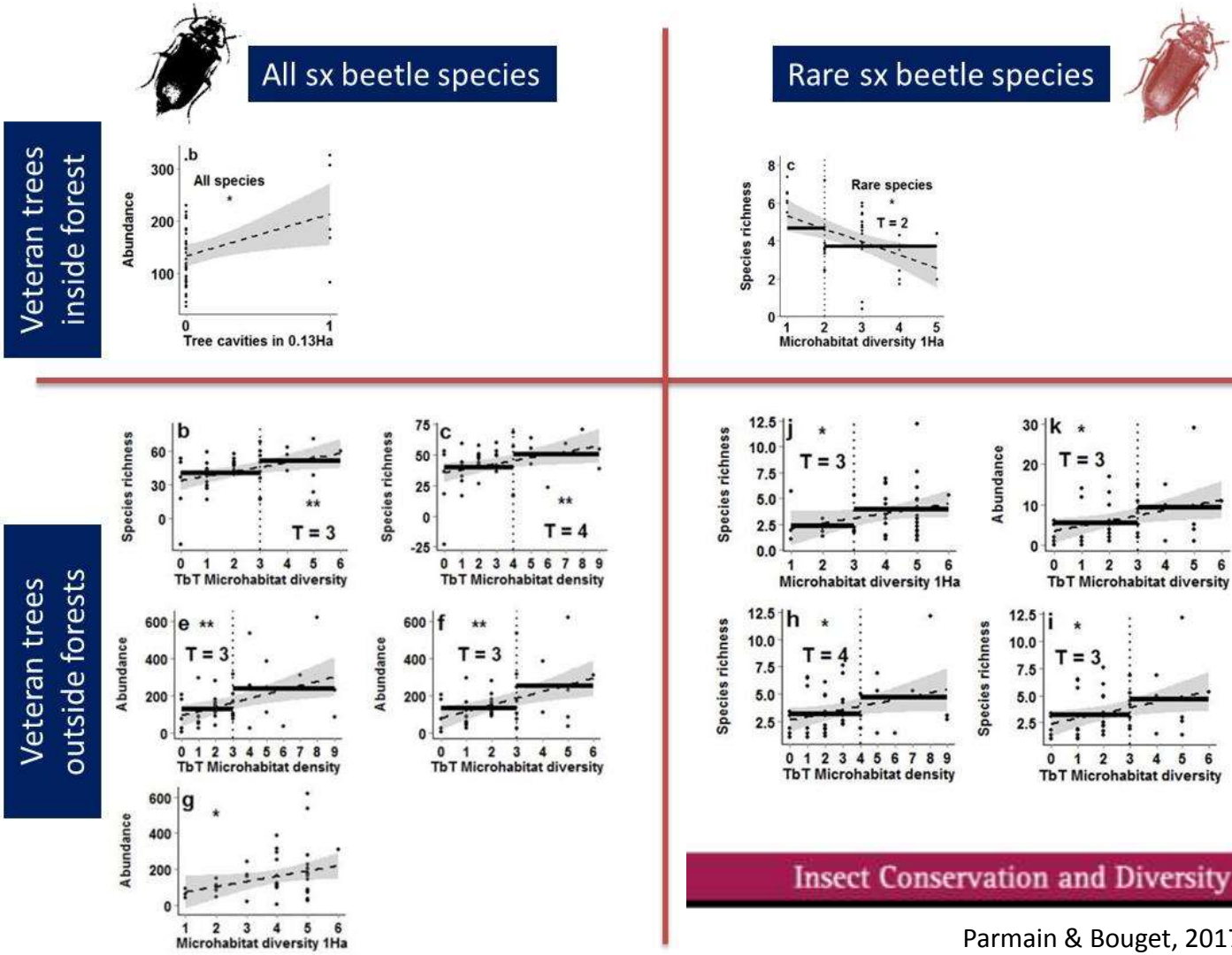
1ha-scale



Parmain & Bouget, 2017

TReM effects increase withTReM values

The effects of TReM metrics on sx beetle diversity are stronger outside than inside forests!



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2. TReM sampling

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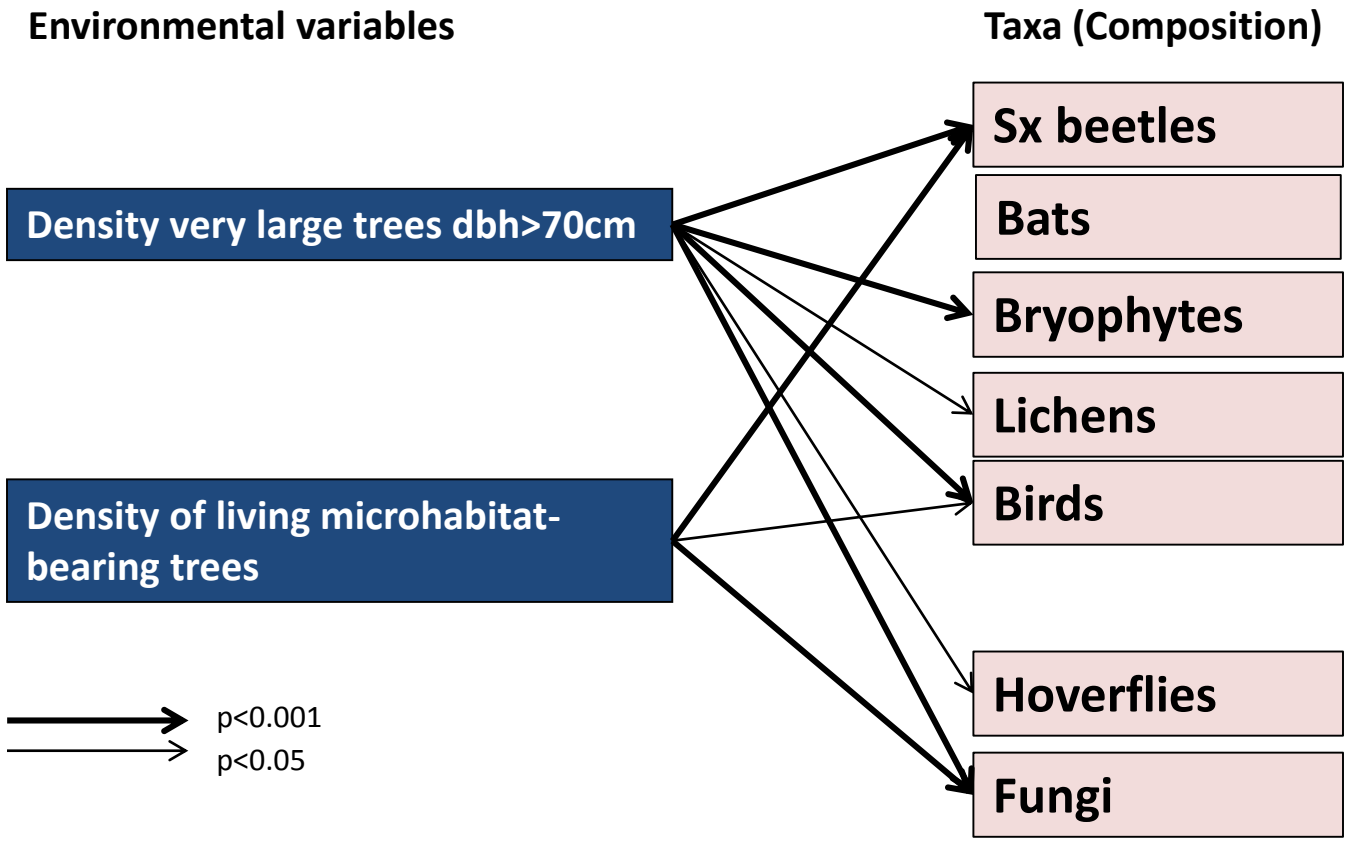
- Bad biodiversity sampling ?
  - Analysis of the response pf TReM-associated organisms only
  - Sampling methods dedicated to TReM-associated organisms
  - Multi-taxon approaches

Facing low TReM detectability…
…by the use of proxies?



487 plots in 19 areas

Larrieu et al., in prep.

3. Biodiversity metrics

– Low TReM values in managed forests ?

– Irrelevant biodiversity metrics ?

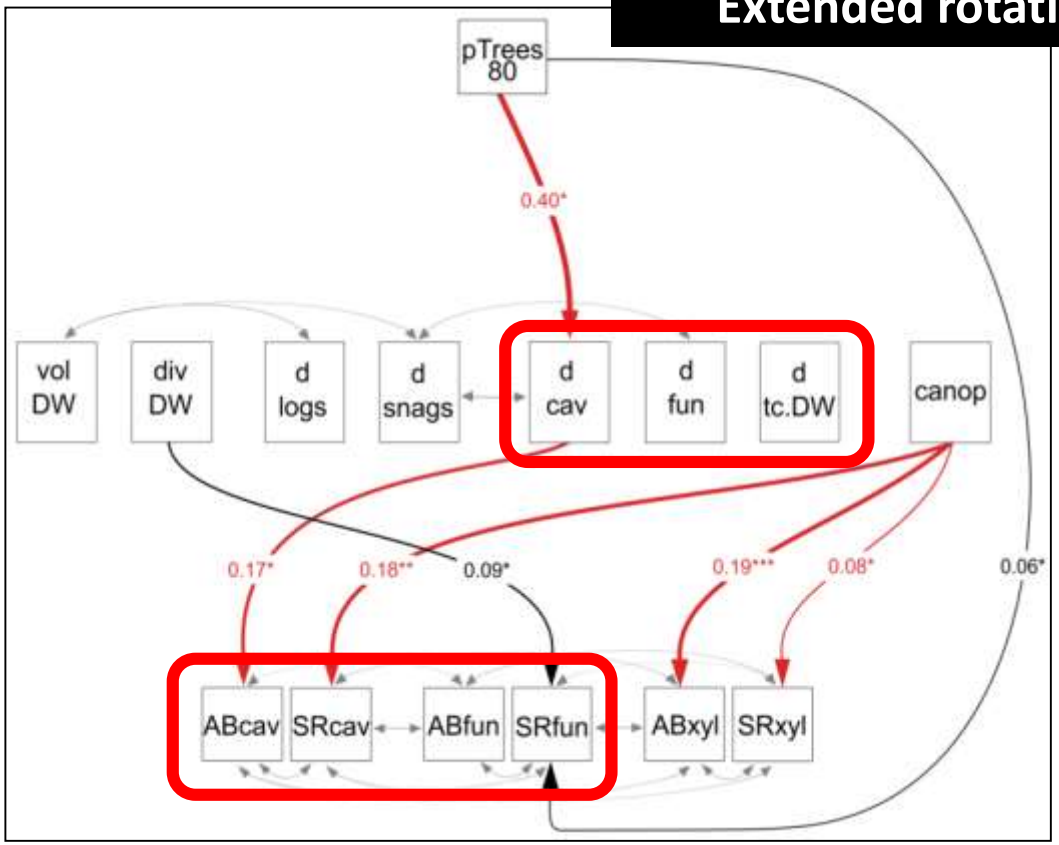
- Diversity of TReM-associated taxa only vs overall diversity
- sampling methods dedicated to TReM-associated organisms

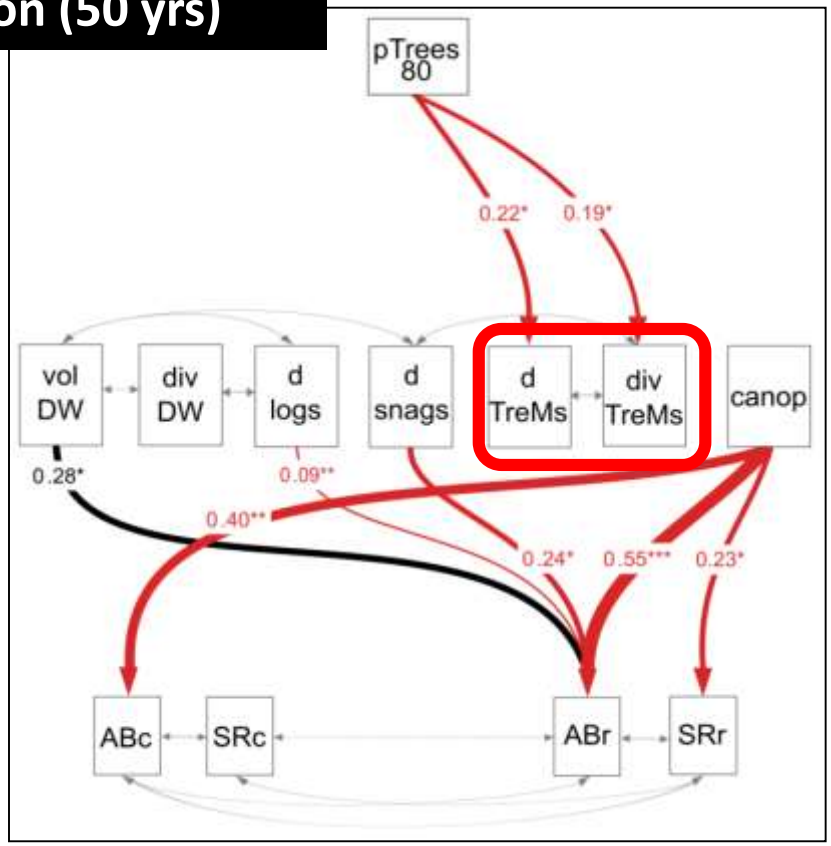
– Bad TReM sampling ?

TReM are fostered by extended rotation…

Only TReM-associated (and not all sx) taxa correlate to TReM rise

Extended rotation (50 yrs)





SEM path diagram (glmm) Percel et al. in prep.

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– Low TReM values in managed forests ?

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- Saproxylic beetles only

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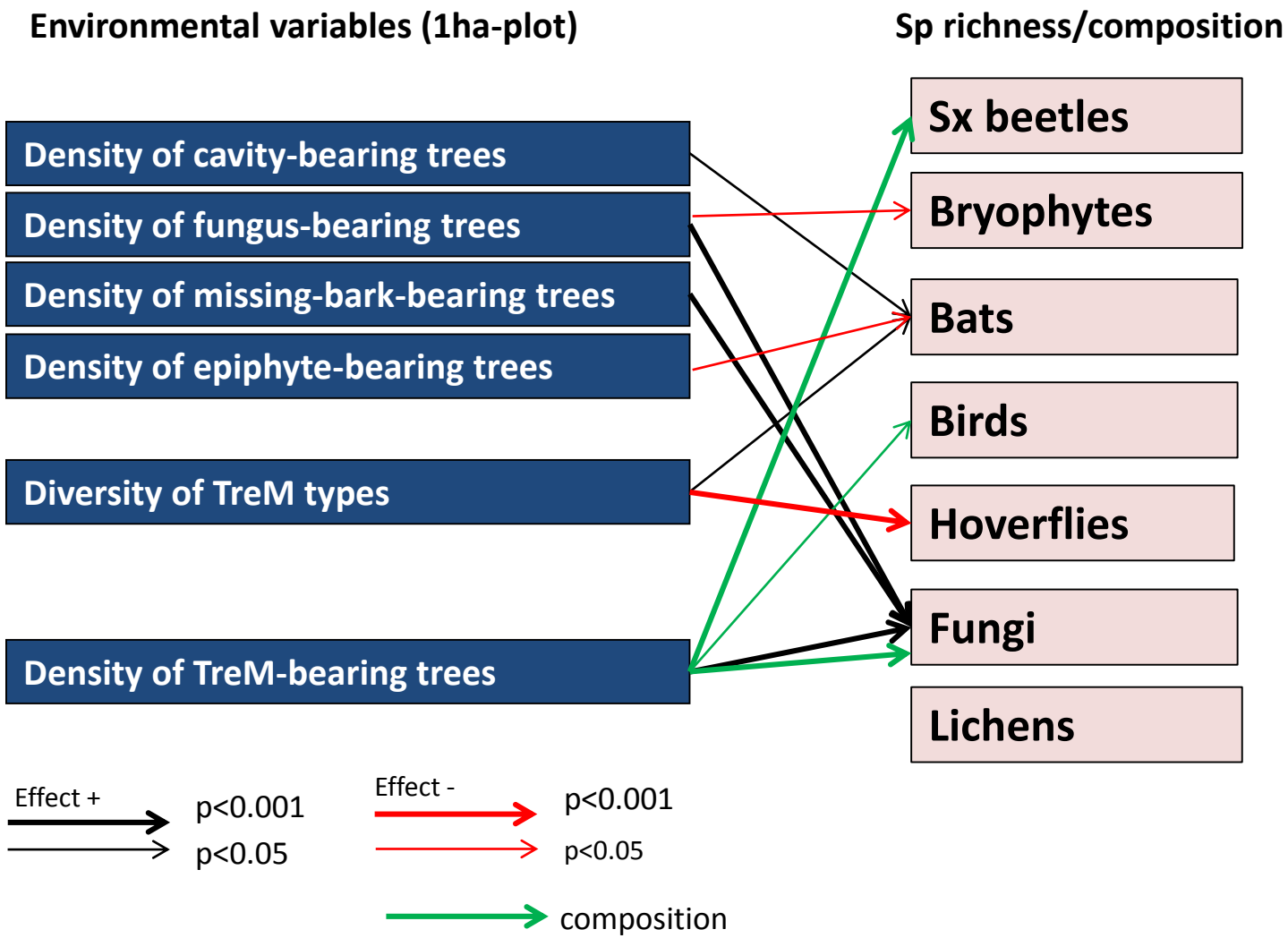
Multi-taxon approaches

- sampling methods dedicated to TReM-associated organisms

– Bad TReM sampling ?

Monitoring more taxa --> more TReM-biodiversity relationships…sometimes difficult to interpret



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4. Biodiversity sampling

– Low TReM values in managed forests ?

– Irrelevant biodiversity sampling ?

- Analysis of the response pf TReM-associated organisms only
- Freely hanging flight interception traps

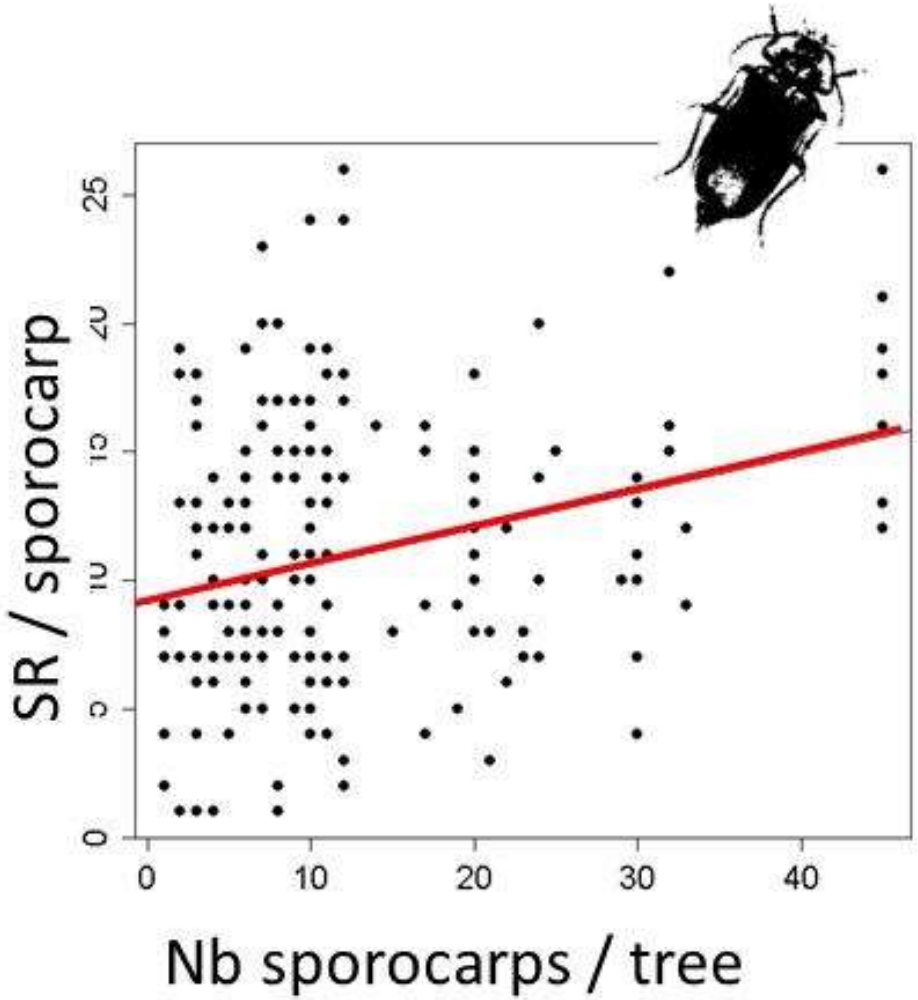
vs

Sampling methods explicitly dedicated to TReM-associated taxa

– Bad TReM sampling ?

Sporocarp-associated beetle sampling

Positive effects of aggregation of suitable microhabitats



Specific emergence traps

Nb sporocarps/tree >> Nb fungus-bearing trees/0.3ha

Best model ; Rose & Bouget in prep.

Conclusion

- At the stand scale : TReM effects on biodiversity
  - Low significance, magnitude and consistency
- Role of finer-scale connectivity effects (tree scale)
- Importance of :
  - taxon sampling method adequation
  - TReM sampling improvements
- …Further research required to inspire quantitative management guidelines…

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