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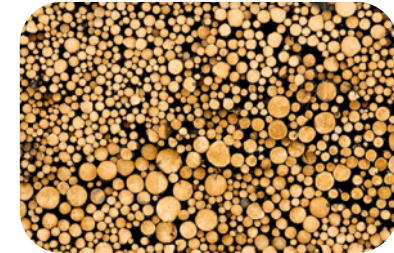


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An urgent need for more productive planted forests

1. to meet the social demand for wood products including energy wood



2. to contribute to climate change mitigation through carbon sequestration



3. to alleviate the logging pressure on natural forests and preserve biodiversity



Mixed forests are likely more productive

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Growth and yield of mixed versus pure stands of Scots pine (*Pinus sylvestris* L.) and European beech (*Fagus sylvatica* L.) analysed along a productivity gradient through Europe

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Yu Zhang¹, Han Y. H. Chen^{1*} and Peter B. Reich^{2,3}

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LETTER

Montserrat Vilà^{1*}, Jordi Vayreda², Lluís Comas², Joan Josep Ibáñez², Teresa Mata² and Berta Obón²

Species richness and wood production: a positive association in Mediterranean forests

RESEARCH
PAPER



The effect of biodiversity on tree productivity: from temperate to boreal forests

Alain Paquette* and Christian Messier

Available online at www.sciencedirect.com



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A meta-analysis comparing tree growth in monocultures and mixed plantations

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Higher levels of multiple ecosystem services are found in forests with more tree species

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LETTER

Tommaso Jucker^{1*}, Olivier Bouriaud², Daniel Avacaritei² and David A. Coomes¹

Stabilizing effects of diversity on aboveground wood production in forest ecosystems: linking patterns and processes

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ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION (K. VERHEYEN, SECTION EDITOR)

A Review of Processes Behind Diversity—Productivity Relationships in Forests

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Overyielding in mixed forests decreases with site productivity

Maude Toigo¹, Patrick Vallet^{1*}, Thomas Perot¹, Jean-Daniel Bontemps^{2,3}, Christian Piedallu^{2,3} and Benoit Courbaud⁴

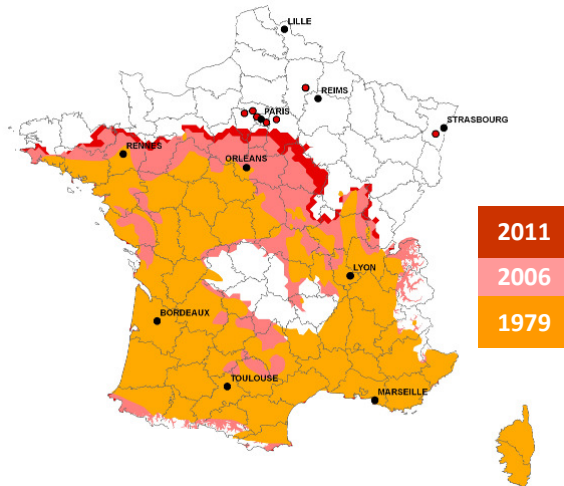
But are mixed forests more prone to damage ?

1. Rising threats due to climate change

↗ temperatures trigger pest outbreaks and range expansion



Mountain pine beetle

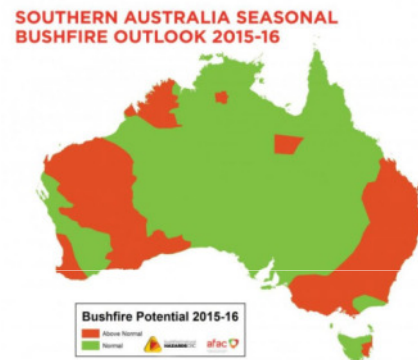


Pine processionary moth

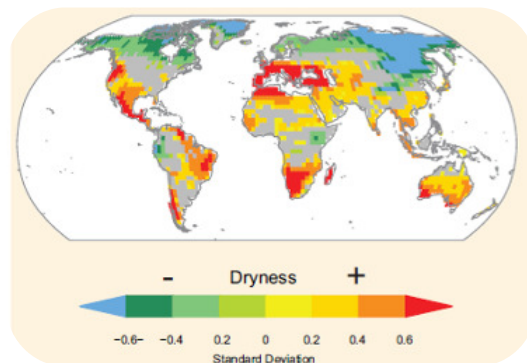
But are mixed forests more prone to damage ?

1. Rising threats due to climate change

↗ droughts increase the risk of forest fires



↗ droughts increase tree susceptibility to infection



Global Change Biology

Global Change Biology (2012) 18, 267–276, doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2486.2011.02512.x

Drought effects on damage by forest insects and pathogens: a meta-analysis

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But are mixed forests more prone to damage ?

1. Rising threats due to climate change

↗ wind damage

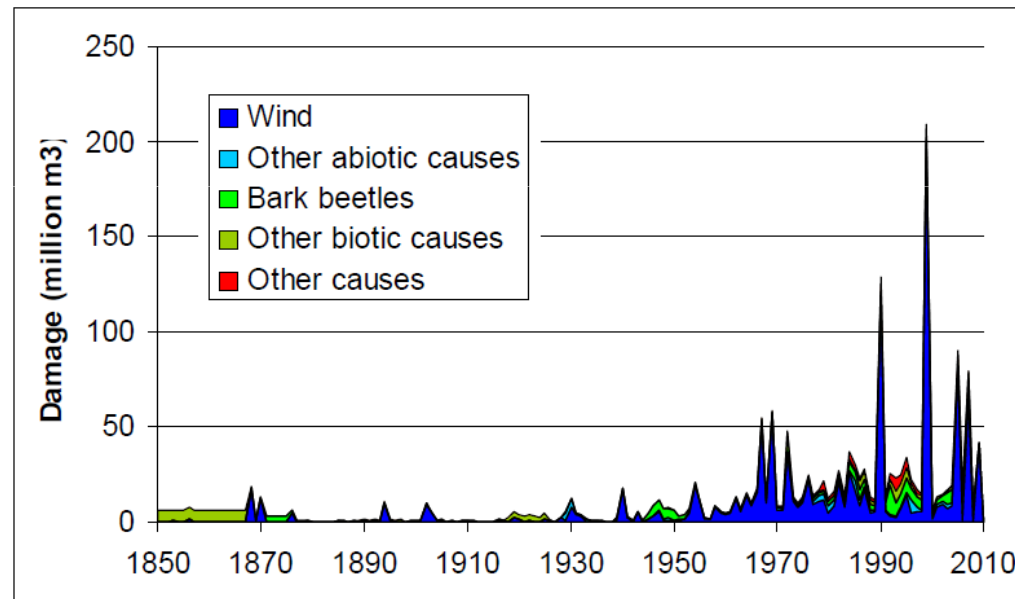
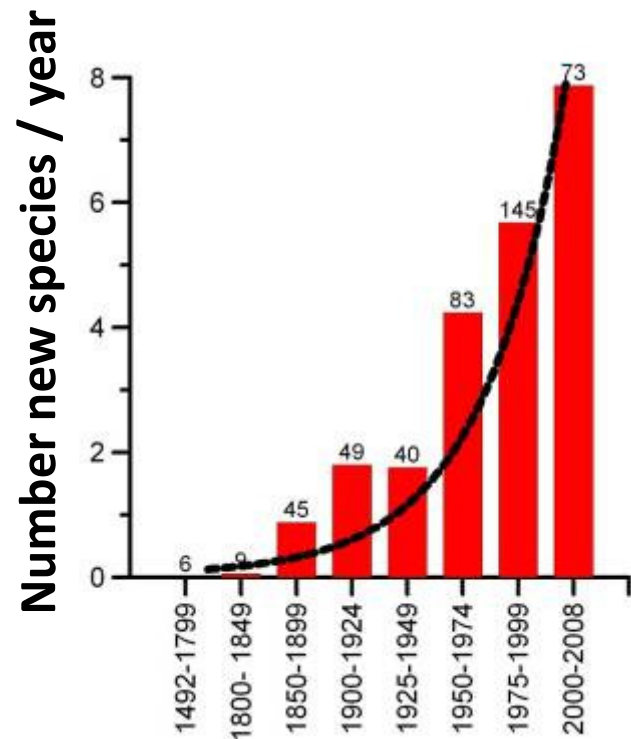


Figure 1a: Total damage due to disturbances in Europe (Schelhaas 2008a).

But are mixed forests more prone to damage ?

2. Rising threats due to global change

↗ globalization results in more biological invasions



Exotic arthropods



Dryocosmus kuriphilus

Origine: China

But are mixed forests more prone to damage ?

Diversity – resistance relationships in grasslands

LETTER

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Biodiversity increases the resistance of ecosystem productivity to climate extremes

Forest Isbell¹, Dylan Craven^{2,3}, John Connolly⁴, Michel Loreau⁵, Bernhard Schmid⁶, Carl Beierkuhnlein⁷, T. Martijn Bezemer⁸, Catherine Bonin⁹, Helge Bruelheide^{2,10}, Enrica de Luca⁶, Anne Ebeling¹¹, John N. Griffin¹², Qinfeng Guo¹³, Yann Hautier¹⁴, Andy Hector¹⁵, Anke Jentsch¹⁶, Jürgen Kreyling¹⁷, Vojtěch Lanta¹⁸, Pete Manning¹⁹, Sebastian T. Meyer²⁰, Akira S. Mori²¹, Shahid Naeem²², Pascal A. Niklaus⁶, H. Wayne Polley²³, Peter B. Reich^{24,25}, Christiane Roscher^{2,26}, Eric W. Seabloom¹, Melinda D. Smith²⁷, Madhav P. Thakur^{2,3}, David Tilman^{1,28}, Benjamin F. Tracy²⁹, Wim H. van der Putten^{8,30}, Jasper van Ruijven³¹, Alexandra Weigelt^{2,3}, Wolfgang W. Weisser²⁰, Brian Wilsey³² & Nico Eisenhauer^{2,3}

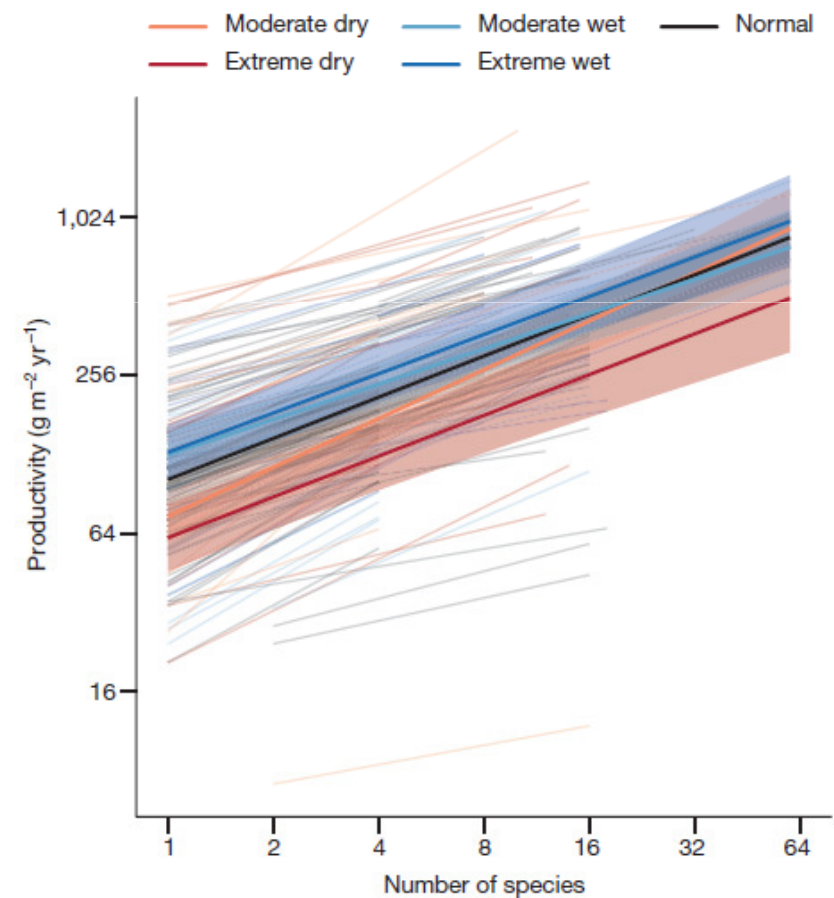


Figure 3 | Biodiversity effects on productivity during climate events or normal years. Lines are mixed-effects model fits for each year within each

Resistance of mixed forests to 7 natural disturbances

1. Drought
2. Fire
3. Windstorm
4. Mammal herbivores
5. Pest insects
6. Fungal pathogens
7. Invasive species



William M. Ciesla, Forest Health Management International, Bugwood.org



<http://www.redbubble.com/people/bberwyn>

1. Patterns of response to tree diversity
2. Underlying ecological mechanisms

Concept of Associational Resistance

Associational Resistance and Associational Susceptibility: Having Right or Wrong Neighbors

Pedro Barbosa,^{1,2} Jessica Hines,¹ Ian Kaplan,³
Holly Martinson,¹ Adrianna Szczepaniec,⁴
and Zsafia Szendrei⁵

Annu. Rev. Ecol. Evol. Syst. 2009. 40:1–20

AR = greater resistance of plants against herbivores when surrounded by heterospecific neighbors as compared to plants growing among conspecifics
The opposite pattern is associational susceptibility (AS)

Associational resistance = emergent property of assemblages of different tree (plant) species resulting in lesser damage by natural disturbances at the stand level

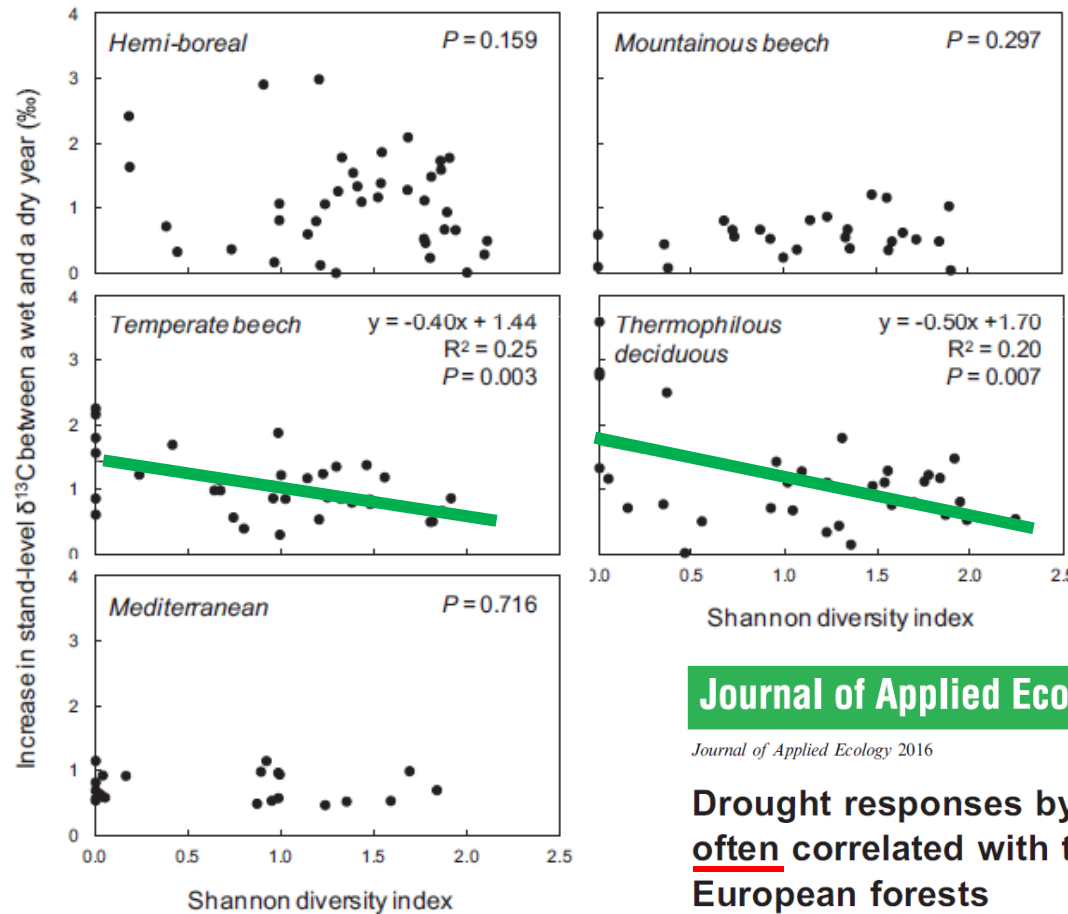
1. Associational resistance to drought

Tree diversity does not always improve resistance of forest ecosystems to drought

Charlotte Grossiord^a, André Granier^a, Sophia Ratcliffe^b, Olivier Bouriaud^c, Helge Bruelheide^{d,e}, Ewa Chečko^f, David Ian Forrester^g, Seid Muhie Dawud^h, Leena Finérⁱ, Martina Pollastrini^j, Michael Scherer-Lorenzen^k, Fernando Valladares^l, Damien Bonal^{a,1,2}, and Arthur Gessler^{m,n,2}



PNAS



Idiosyncratic responses

Limiting factors (temperature, fertility)

Journal of Applied Ecology



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Drought responses by individual tree species are not often correlated with tree species diversity in European forests

David I. Forrester^{1*}, Damien Bonal², Seid Dawud³, Arthur Gessler^{4,5}, André Granier², Martina Pollastrini⁶ and Charlotte Grossiord⁷

2. Associational resistance to fires

Fire severity in relation to canopy composition within burned boreal mixedwood stands

G.G. Wang*

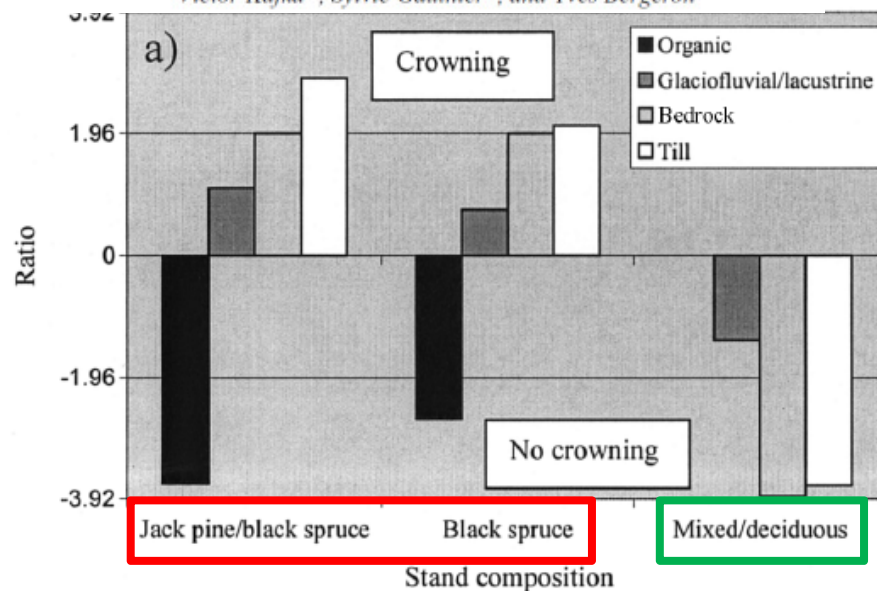
Forest Ecology and Management 163 (2002) 85–92

Species composition	Fire severity class	
	Light	Severe
Softwood	6	16
Softwood–hardwood	15	4
Hardwood–softwood or hardwood	19	0



Fire impacts and crowning in the boreal forest: study of a large wildfire in western Quebec

Victor Kafka^A, Sylvie Gauthier^B, and Yves Bergeron^C



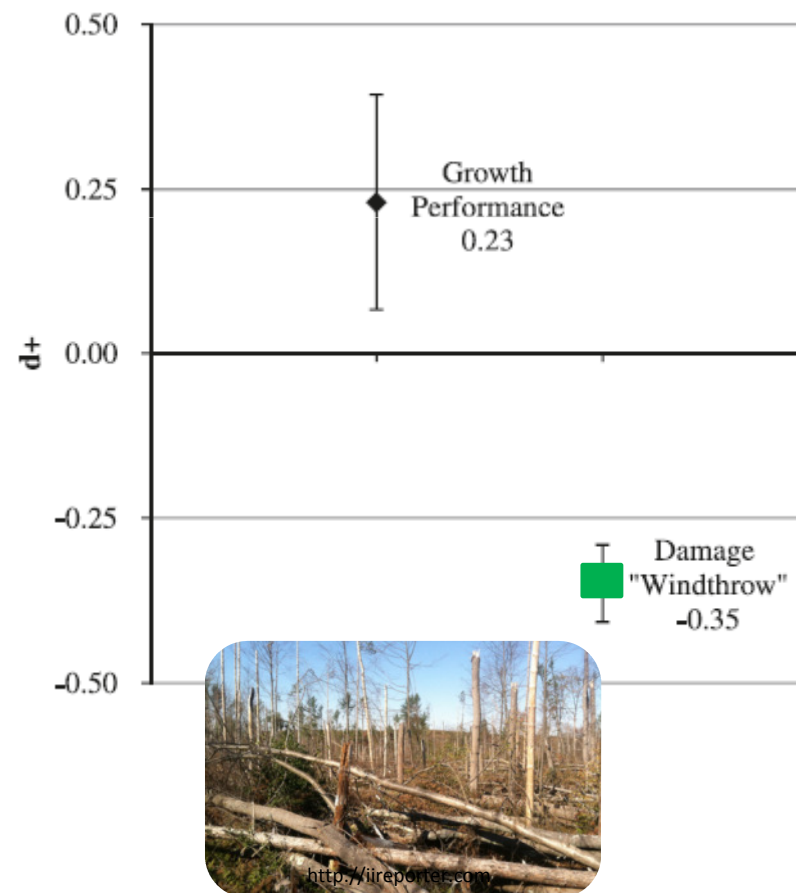
Several cases of AR
Mainly in boreal forests

3. Associational resistance to windstorms

REVIEW / SYNTHÈSE

Growth performance, windthrow, and insects: meta-analyses of parameters influencing performance of mixed-species stands in boreal and northern temperate biomes

Verena C. Griess and Thomas Knoke



Consistent AR

Jean-Philippe Schütz · Michael Götz
Willi Schmid · Daniel Mandallaz

Vulnerability of spruce (*Picea abies*) and beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) forest stands to storms and consequences for silviculture

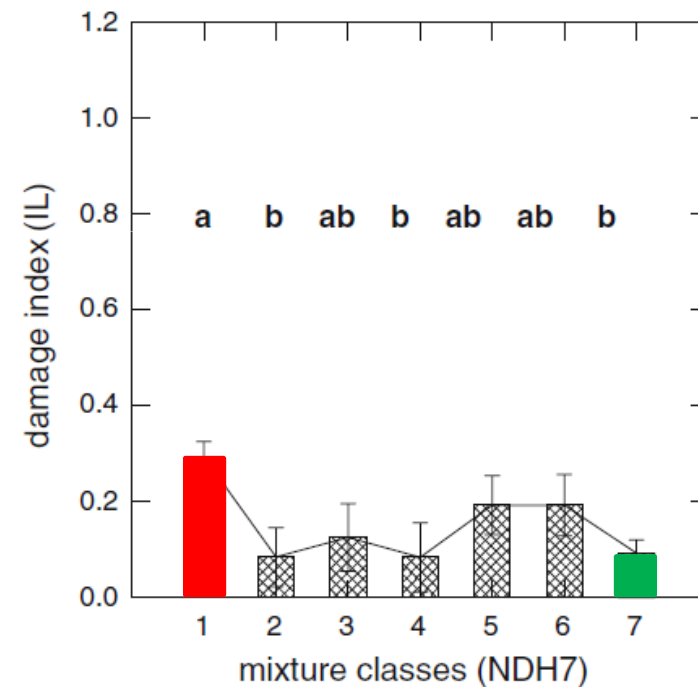


Fig. 10 Effect of tree mixtures on damage index: ANOVA with different mixed species and proportions. Mixtures classes with different letters were significantly different at $P=0.10$. 1 Pure spruce/fir ($\geq 90\%$) 2 rich spruce/fir (80–89%), 3 dominant spruce/fir (70–79%), 4 admixture douglas fir ($\geq 5\%$), 5 admixture larch ($\geq 5\%$), 6 admixture pine ($>10\%$) and 7 broad leaved ($\geq 80\%$)

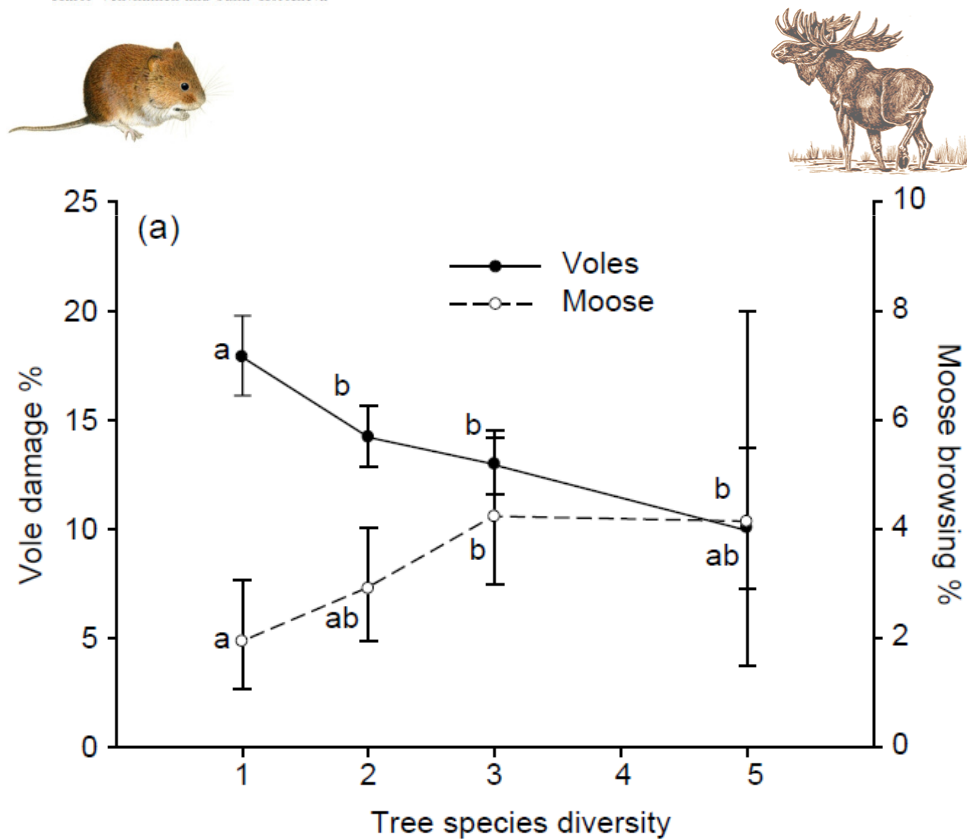
4. Associational resistance to mammal herbivores

Contrasting effects on mammal herbivores

ECOGRAPHY 29: 497–506, 2006

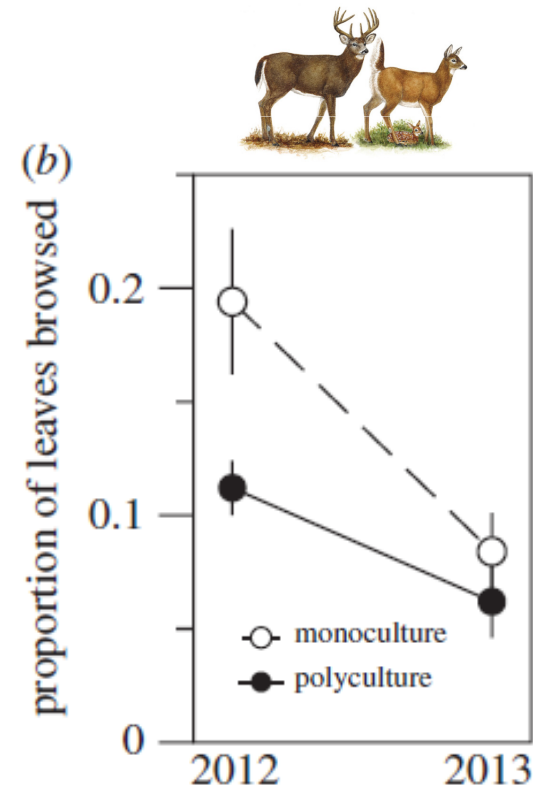
Moose and vole browsing patterns in experimentally assembled pure and mixed forest stands

Harri Vehviläinen and Julia Koricheva



Positive interactions between herbivores and plant diversity shape forest regeneration

Susan C. Cook-Patton, Marina LaForgia and John D. Parker



5. Associational resistance to pest insects

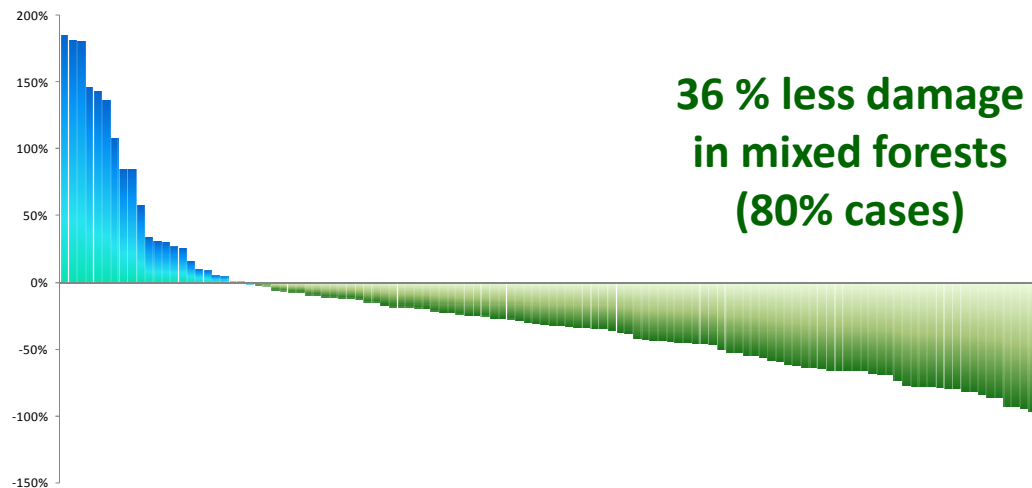
Ecology Letters, (2007) 10: 835–848

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Tree diversity reduces herbivory by forest insects

Hervé Jactel^{1*} and Eckehard G.
Brockhoff²

119 case studies, 33 tree species

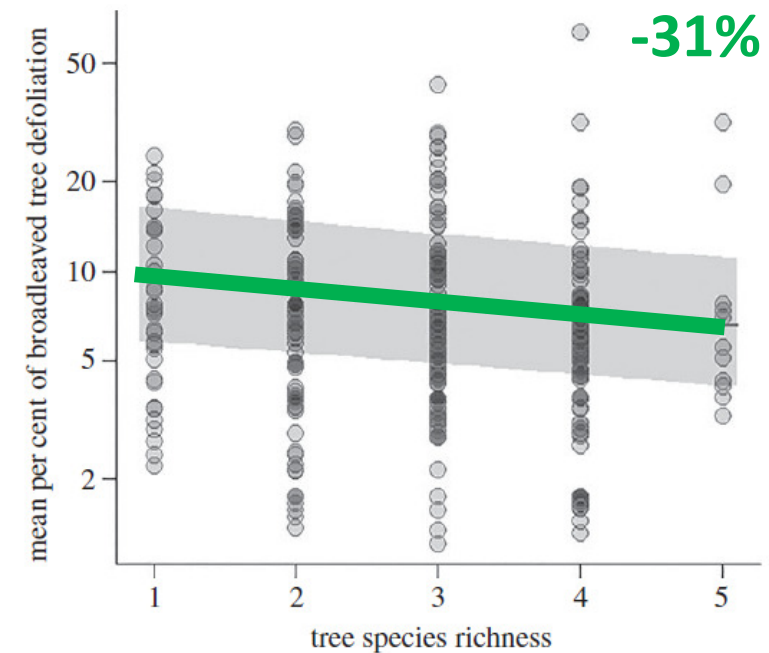


Significant AR



Tree diversity reduces pest damage in mature forests across Europe

Virginie Guyot^{1,3}, Bastien Castagneyrol³, Aude Vialatte^{1,2}, Marc Deconchat¹
and Hervé Jactel³

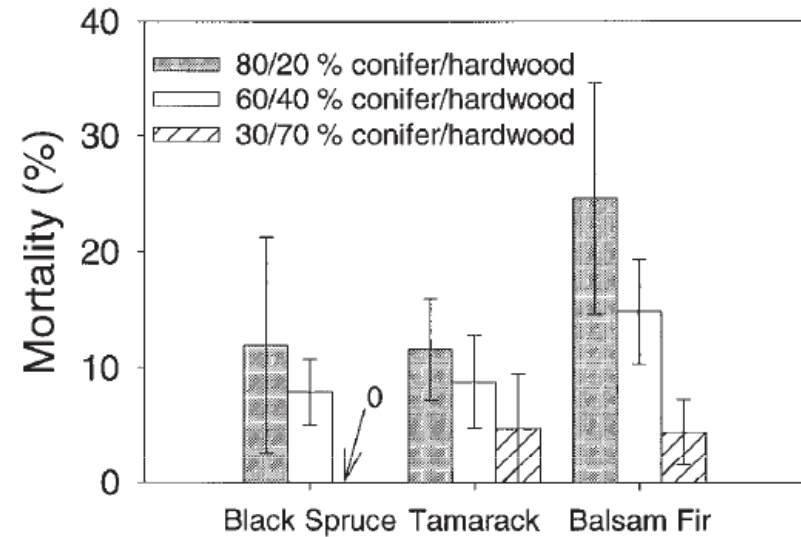


6. Associational resistance to fungal pathogens

Overall better resistance of mixed forests to root rot fungi

Species, diversity, and density affect tree seedling mortality from *Armillaria* root rot

J.P. Gerlach, P.B. Reich, K. Puettmann, and T. Baker



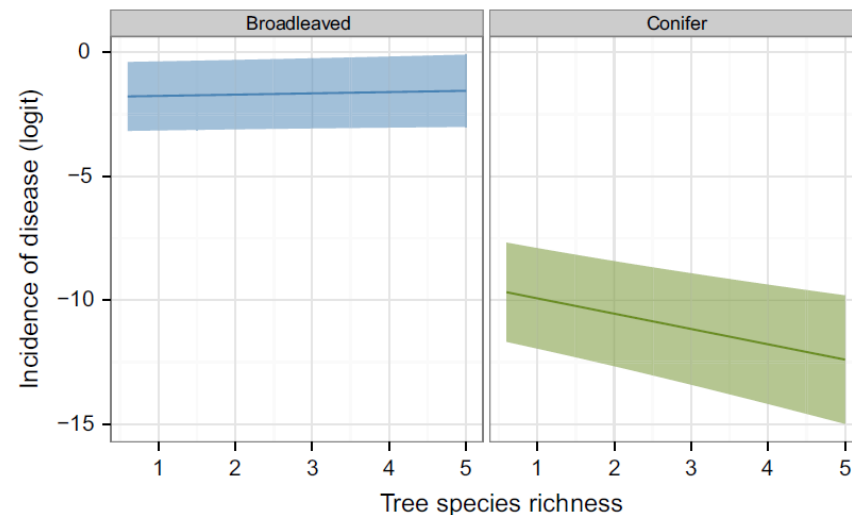
Resistance or neutral effects for foliar pathogens

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Fungal disease incidence along tree diversity gradients depends on latitude in European forests

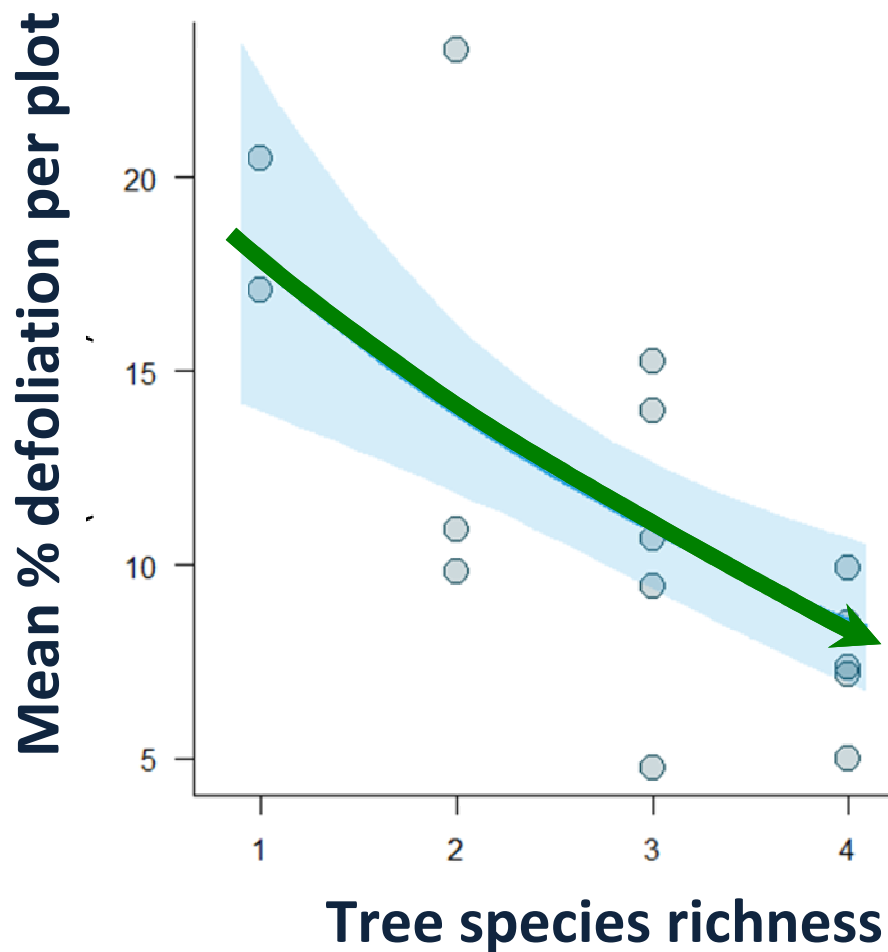
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7. Associational resistance to invasive species

Tree Diversity Limits the Impact of an Invasive Forest Pest

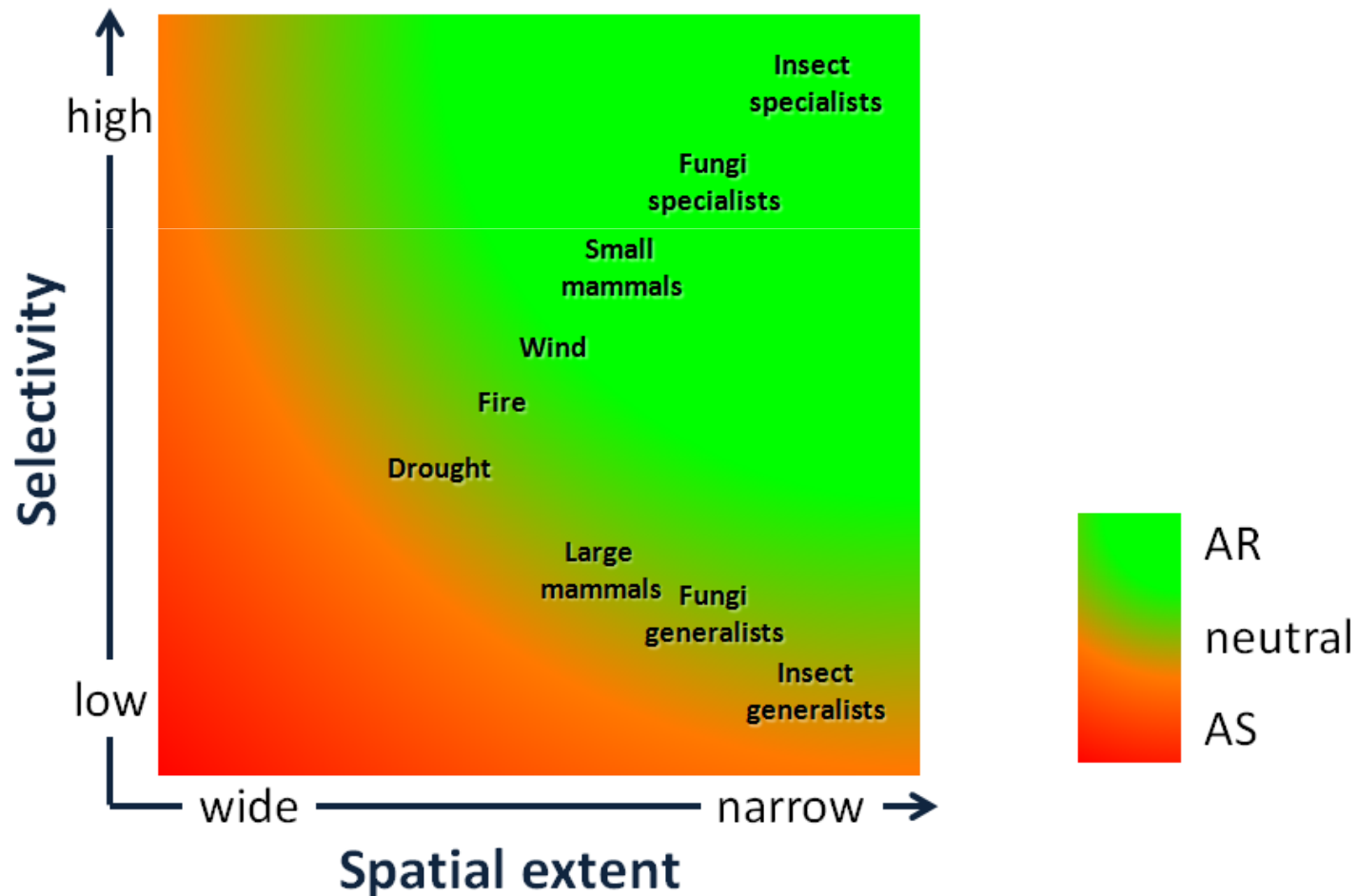
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Theoretical
Rarely studied

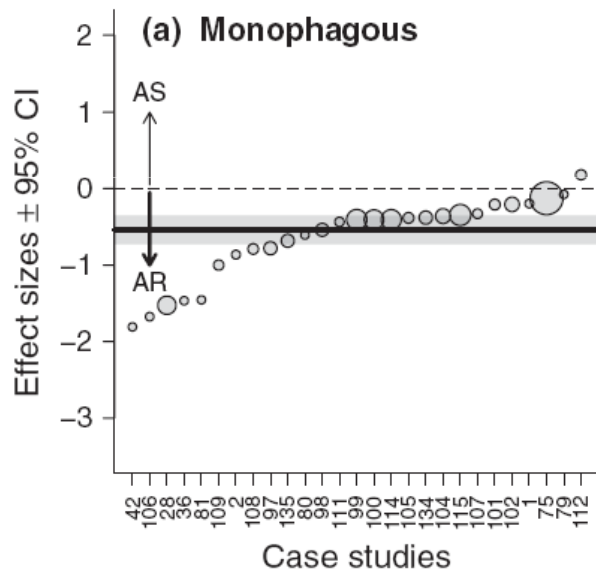
Associational resistance in mixed forests: common features

1. Direction and magnitude of AR depend on spatial extent and/or selectivity of natural disturbances

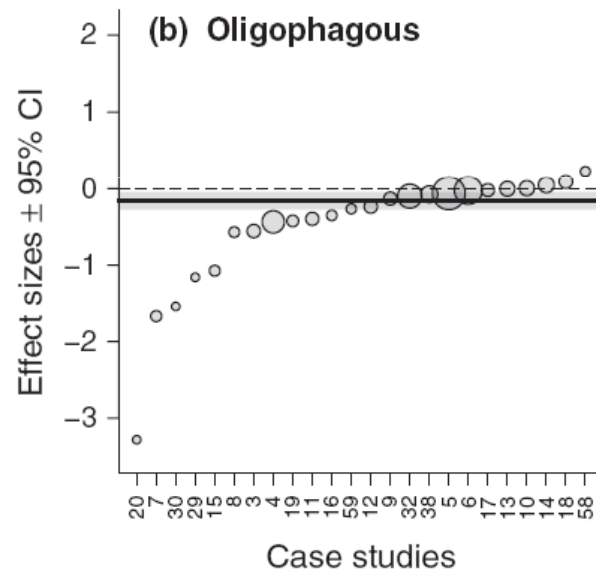


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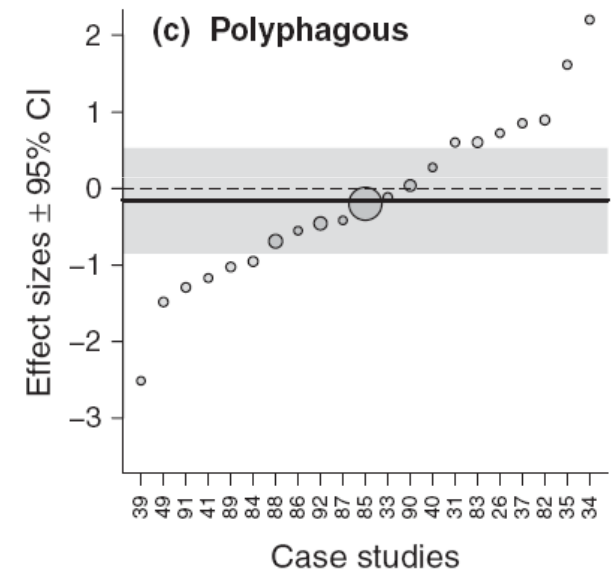
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- 42%



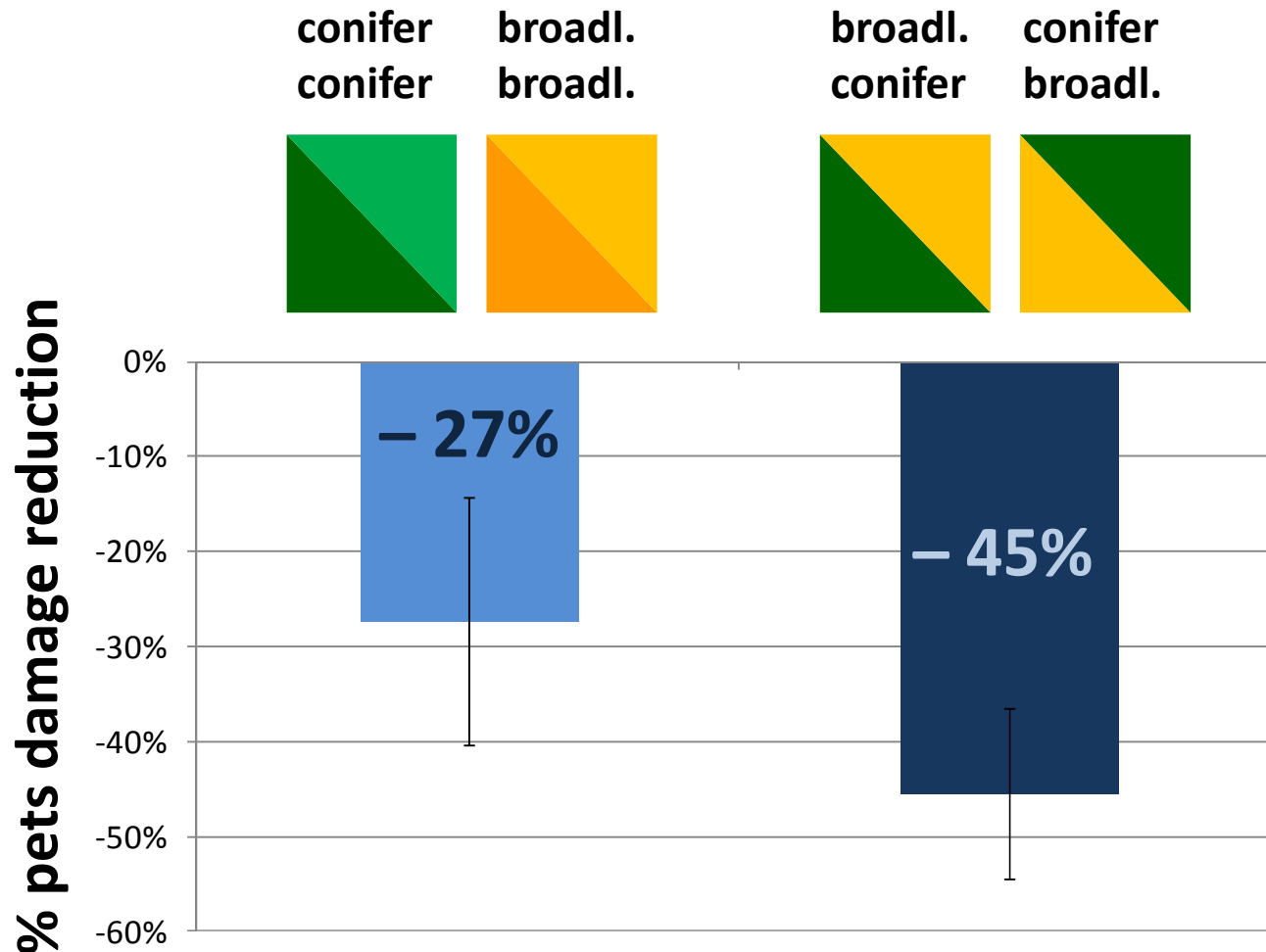
- 15%



0%

Associational resistance in mixed forests: common features

2. Forest composition more important than tree species richness



Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

0. The insurance hypothesis

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA
Vol. 96, pp. 1463–1468, February 1999
Ecology

Biodiversity and ecosystem productivity in a fluctuating environment: The insurance hypothesis

(stochastic dynamic model/species richness/ecosystem processes/temporal variability/ecosystem stability)

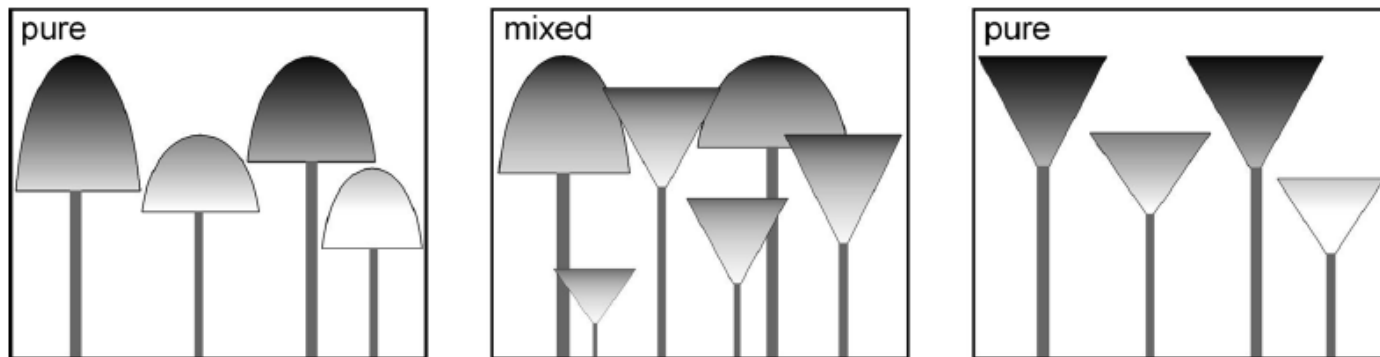
SHIGEO YACHI AND MICHEL LOREAU*

Being composed of **several species** with **different functional traits**, mixed forests have a **higher likelihood** of containing **resistant trees**, thus providing **more opportunities** to **maintain a forest cover** and **sustain basic ecosystem functions** on the long term
= risk spreading

Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

1. Complementarity of resistance traits

- Root depth / drought
- Bark anatomy, branching pattern / fire
- Crown architecture / wind



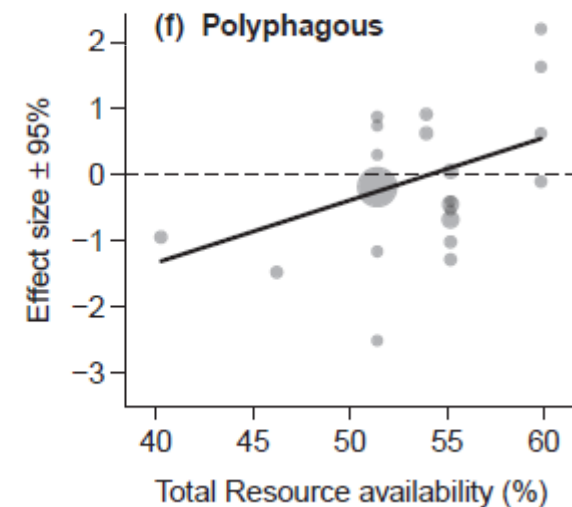
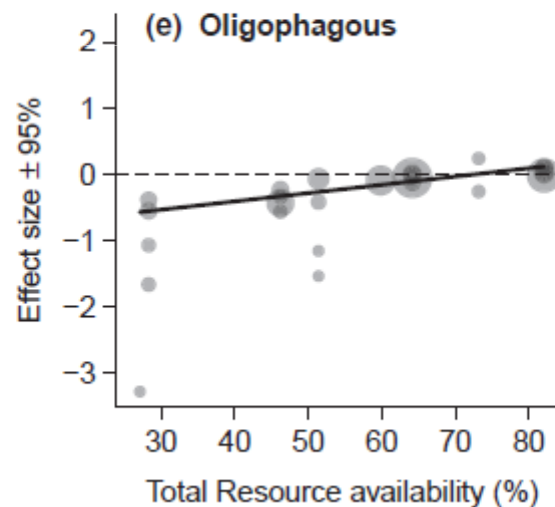
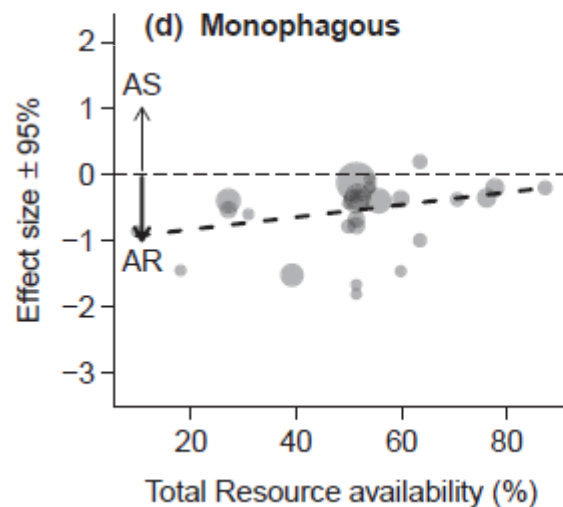
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- Leaf quality / herbivores
- Niche occupancy / invasive species

Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

2. Depletion of resources to feed or fuel

- lower amount of resources to fuel fire or contribute to windthrow
- lower amount of resource to feed mammals or insect herbivores



Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

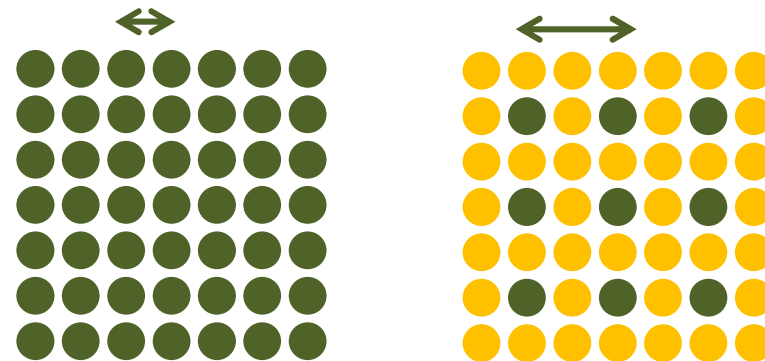
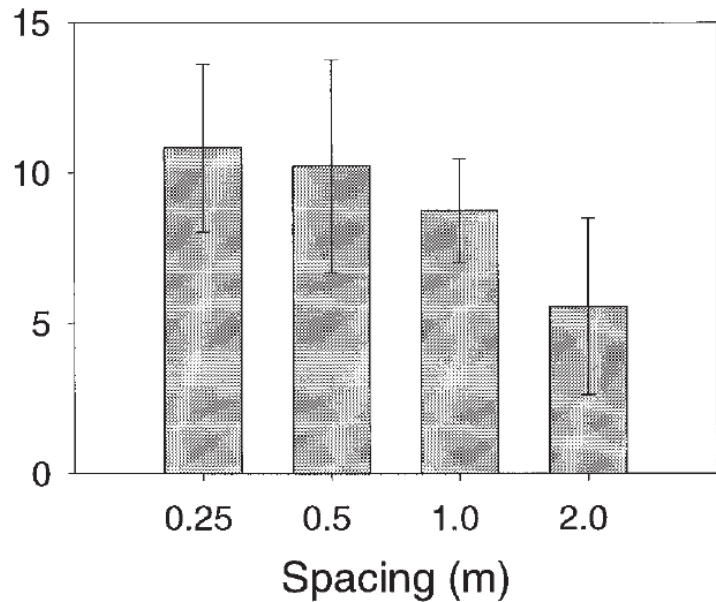
2. Disruption / diversion of host finding



Gerlach et al. 1997

- increasing spacing between target trees

Tree mortality due to *A. ostoyae*
in mixed stands



Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

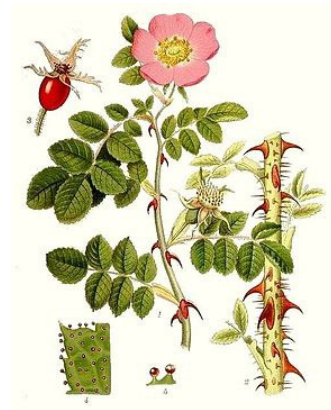
3. Disruption / diversion of host finding



- physical protection by neighbors
- diversion (decoy) processes



Saplings
planted
under
Eglantine



Does the strength of facilitation by nurse shrubs depend on grazing resistance of tree saplings?

Charlotte Vandenberghe^{a,b}, Christian Smit^{c,*}, Mandy Pohl^{a,1}, Alexandre Buttler^{a,b}, François Freléhoux^{a,b}

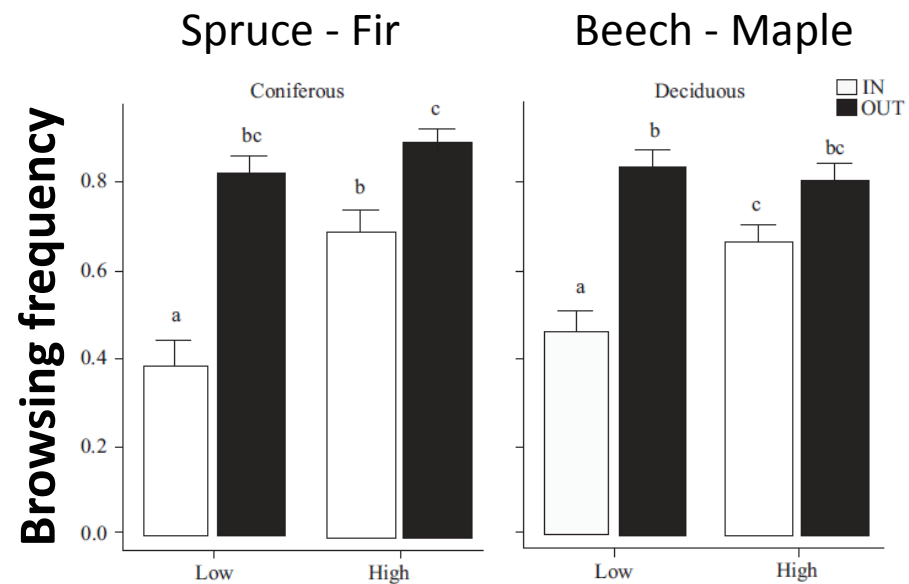


Fig. 2. The effects of grazing intensity (low and high) and position (in and out) on the browsing frequency (mean proportion \pm 1 SE, $n = 30$) of coniferous and deciduous saplings, after the fourth grazing period. Different letters indicate significantly different means (Tukey post hoc comparisons within each species-group, $p < 0.05$).

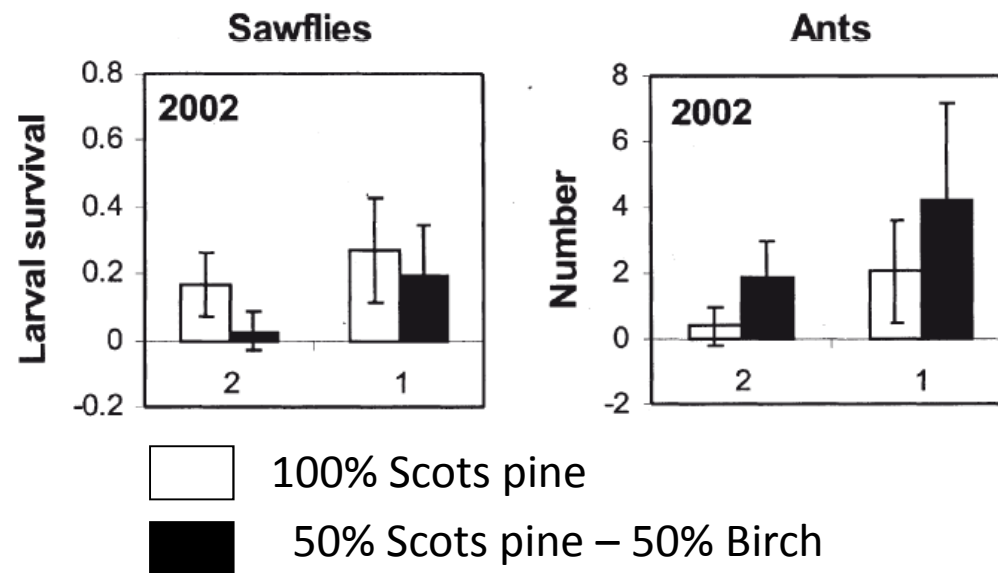
Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

4. Reinforced biotic interactions: symbiosis, predation

- decomposers and mycorrhiza (drought, wind)
- natural enemies (pest insects, pathogens)



Neodiprion sertifer



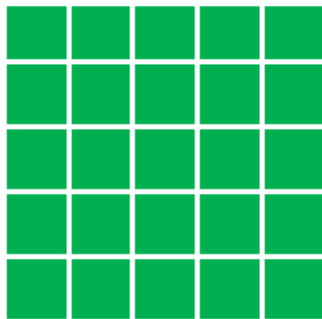
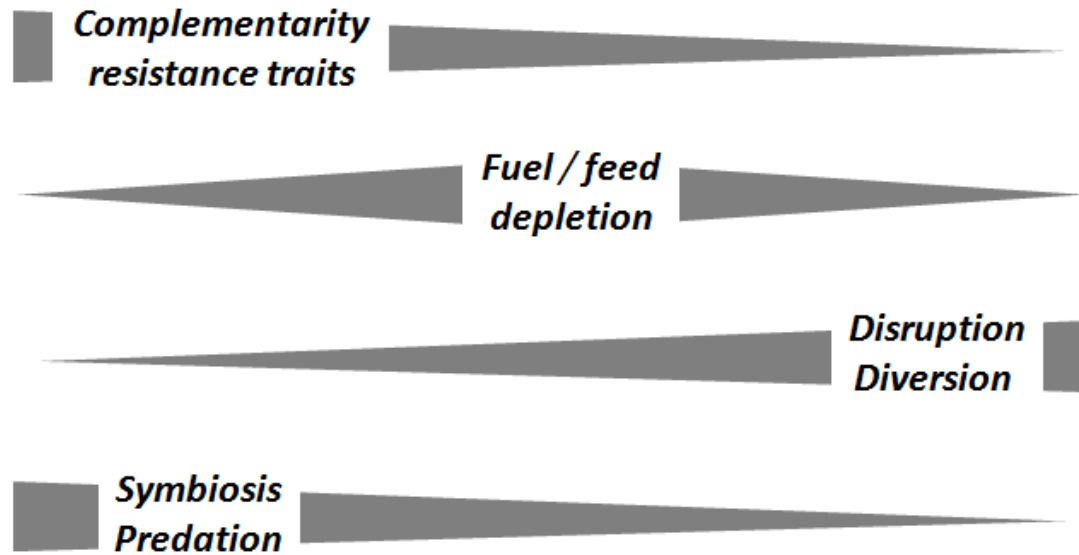
Kaitaniemi, P., Riihimäki, J., Koricheva, J. & Vehviläinen, H. 2007. Experimental evidence for associational resistance against the European pine sawfly in mixed tree stands. *Silva Fennica* 41(2): 259–268.

Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

	<i>Complementarity resistance traits</i>	<i>Fuel / Feed depletion</i>	<i>Disruption Diversion</i>	<i>Symbiosis Predation</i>
DROUGHT	Light Blue	White	White	Light Blue
FIRE	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	White
WINDSTORM	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
MAMMALS	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	White
PATHOGENS	Light Blue	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue
INSECTS	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue
INVADERS	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
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Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

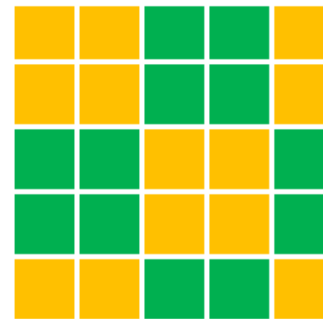
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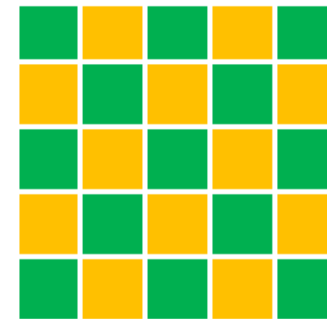
Monoculture of resource A



Resources heterogeneity



Resource A quantity



Resource A connectivity

Conclusions

- Mixed forests : **associational resistance** > susceptibility
- Tree **composition** > species richness
- **3 biodiversity dimensions:**
 - “resource” heterogeneity, amount, connectivity
- **4 main processes** involved:
 - complementarity, depletion, disruption, biotic interactions
- **Tradeoffs** for resistance to different disturbances?
- Compromises with mixed forest **productivity**
 - Composition
 - Spatial pattern

Thank you for your attention

