

# Effects of tree species diversity on resistance to biotic disturbances in planted forests



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# An urgent need for new, planted forests

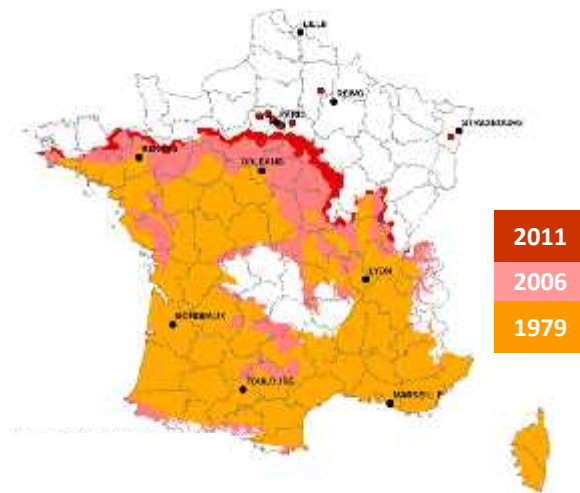
- 1. to meet the social demand for wood products including energy wood**
- 2. to contribute to climate change mitigation through carbon sequestration**
- 3. to alleviate the logging pressure on natural forests and preserve biodiversity**



# Rising threats due to global change

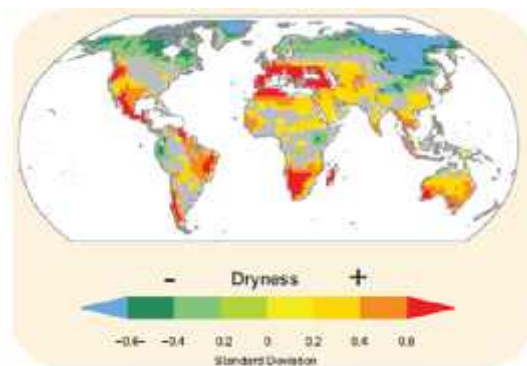
## 1. Climate change

↗ temperatures trigger pest outbreaks and range expansion



Pine processionary moth

↗ droughts increase tree susceptibility to infection



**Global Change Biology**

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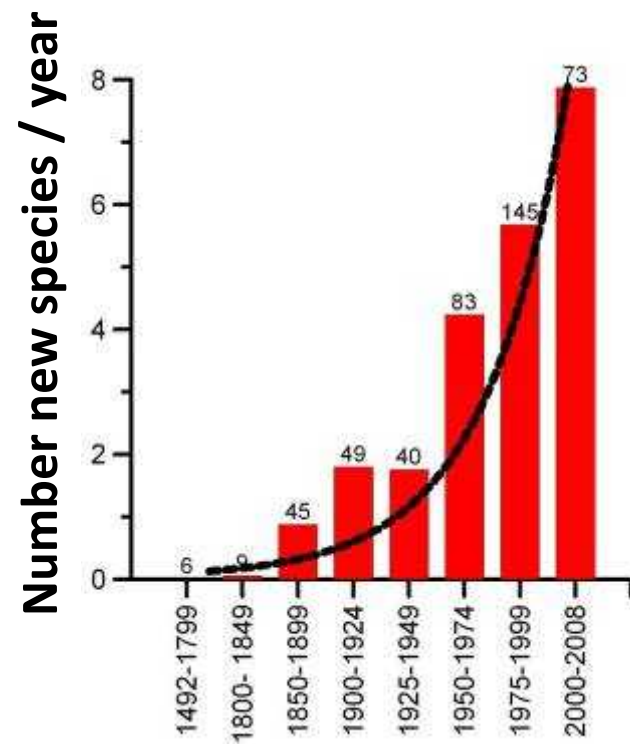
**Drought effects on damage by forest insects and pathogens: a meta-analysis**

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# Rising threats due to global change

## 2. World trade

↗ globalization results in more biological invasions



Exotic arthropods



*Dryocosmus kuriphilus*

Origine: China



# Challenge: design new planted forests less vulnerable on the long term

- Trees are being planted for decades or centuries
- Trees will experience disturbances never met before



# Is mixing tree species in planted forest an option?

- Diversity – resistance relationships in grasslands

## LETTER

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### Biodiversity increases the resistance of ecosystem productivity to climate extremes

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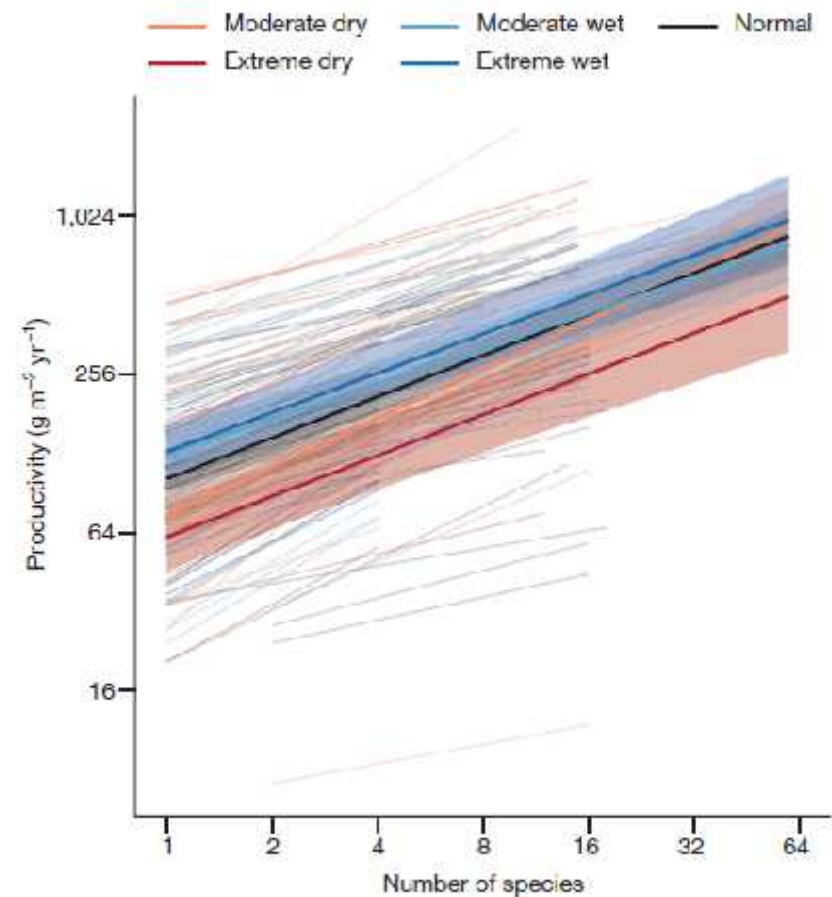


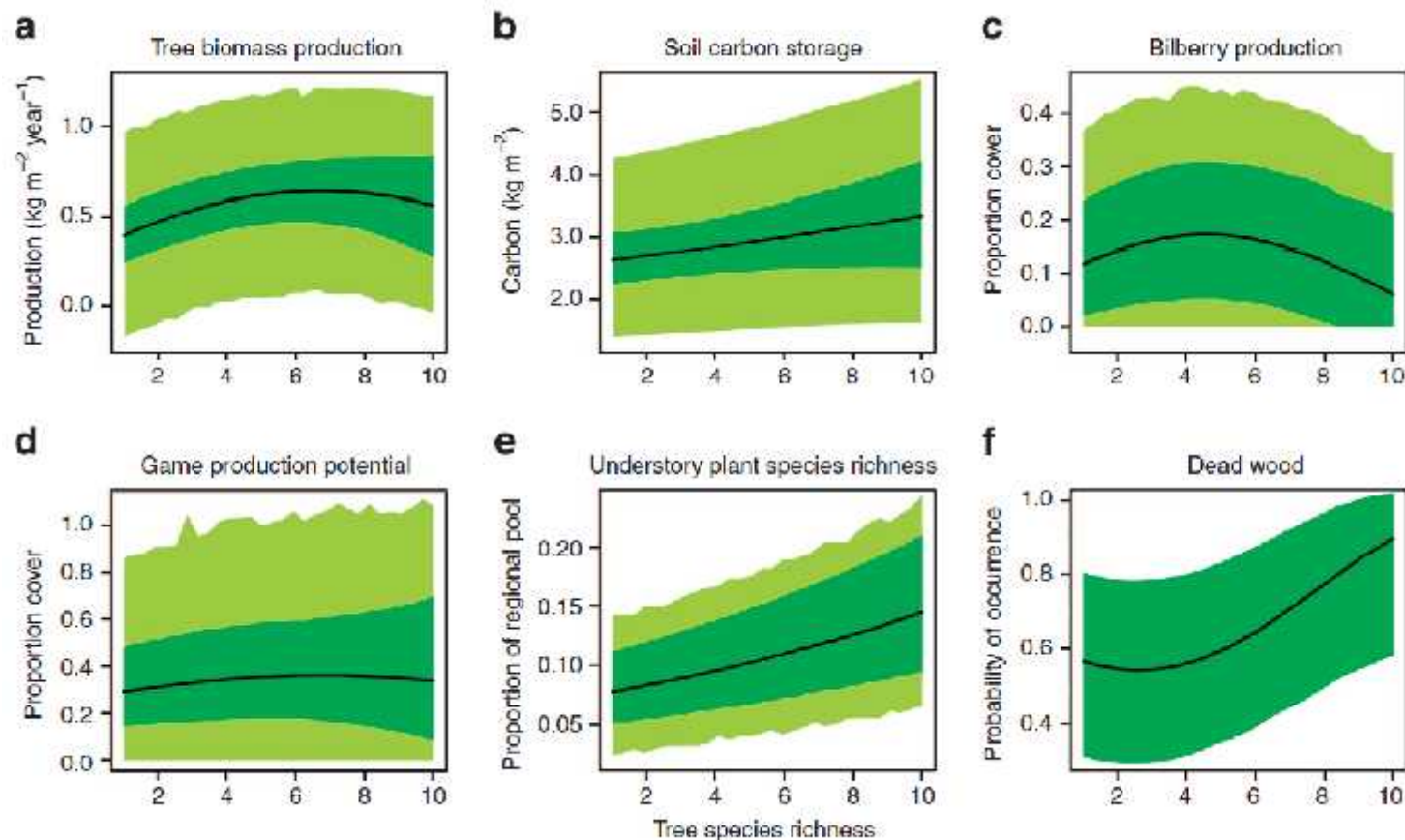
Figure 3 | Biodiversity effects on productivity during climate events or normal years. Lines are mixed-effects model fits for each year within each

# Is mixing tree species in planted forest an option?

- Evidence of multifunctionality in multiple species forests

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

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# Resistance of mixed forest to biotic disturbances



- Pest insects



- Fungal pathogens

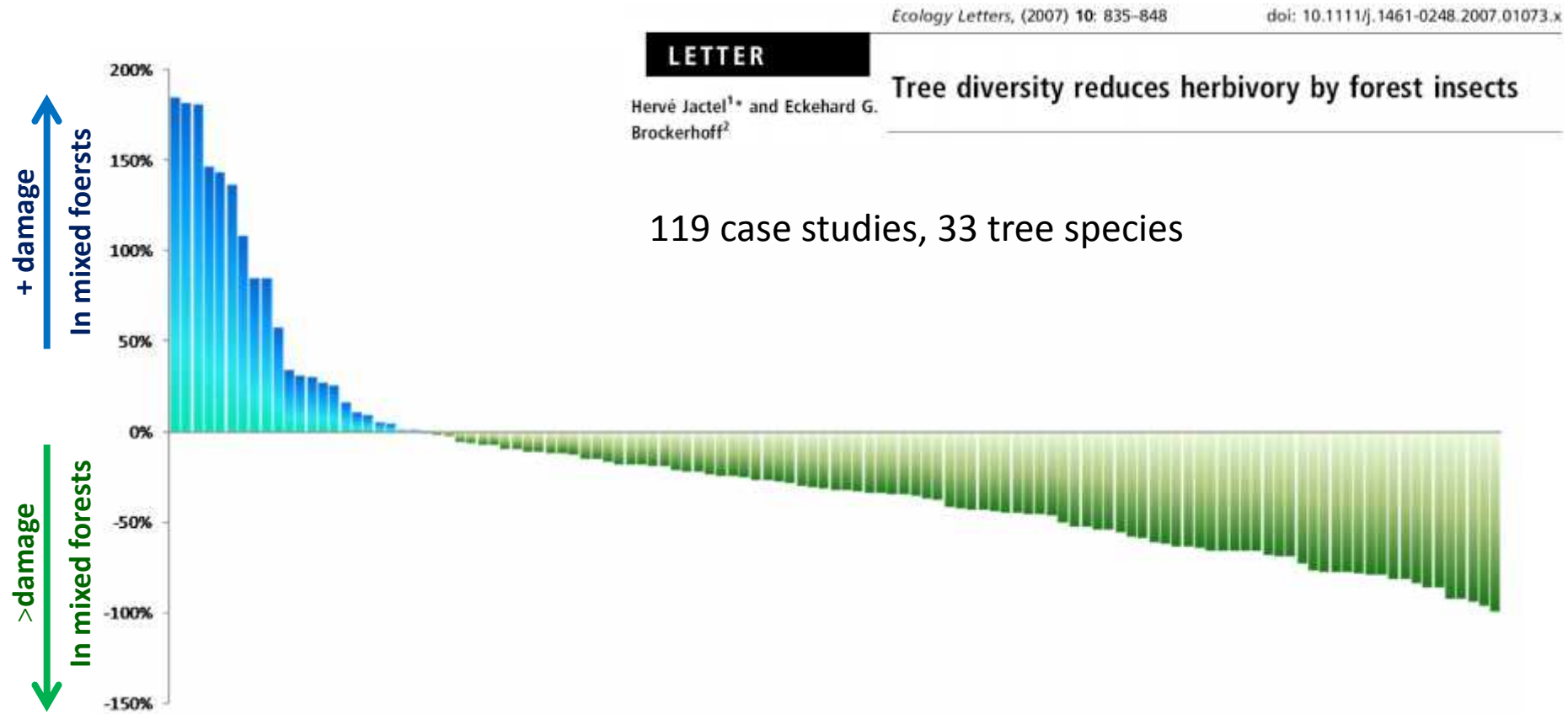


- Mammal herbivores

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



# Resistance of mixed forest to pest insects



- Lower damage in mixed forests in 80% of the cases
- **36% decrease of damage** for a tree species grown in mixed stands

# Resistance of mixed forest to pest insects

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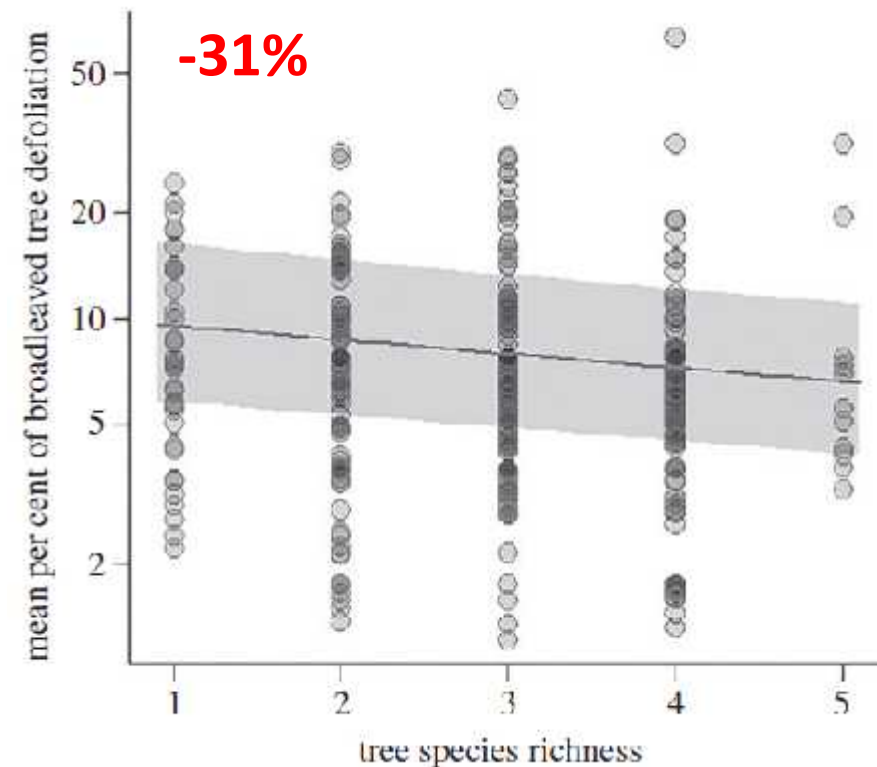


15 tree species in 209 forests



Tree diversity reduces pest damage  
in mature forests across Europe

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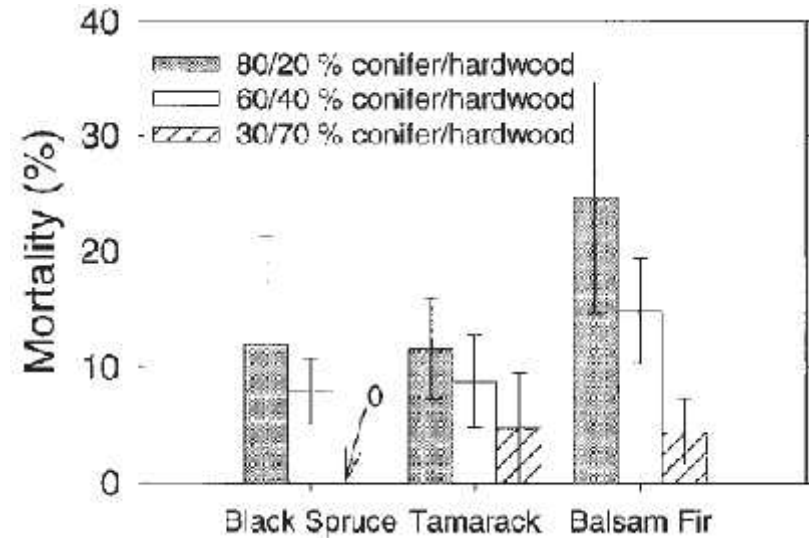
# Resistance of mixed forest to fungal pathogens

Overall better resistance of mixed forests to root rot fungi

*Armillaria*



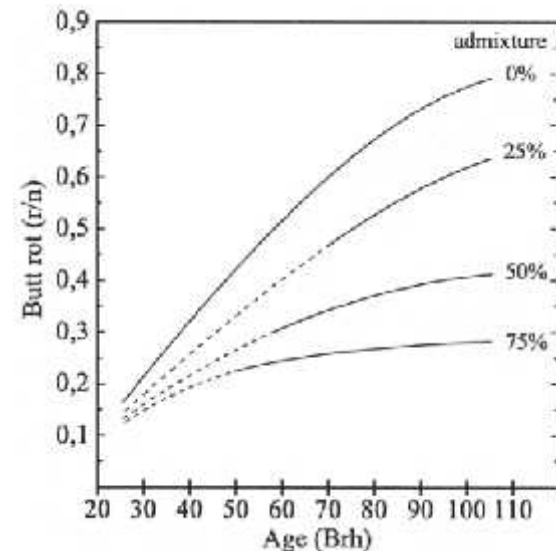
Gerlach et al. 1997



*Heterobasidion*



Linden & Vollbrecht 2002



# Resistance of mixed forest to fungal pathogens

## Resistance or neutral effects for foliar pathogens

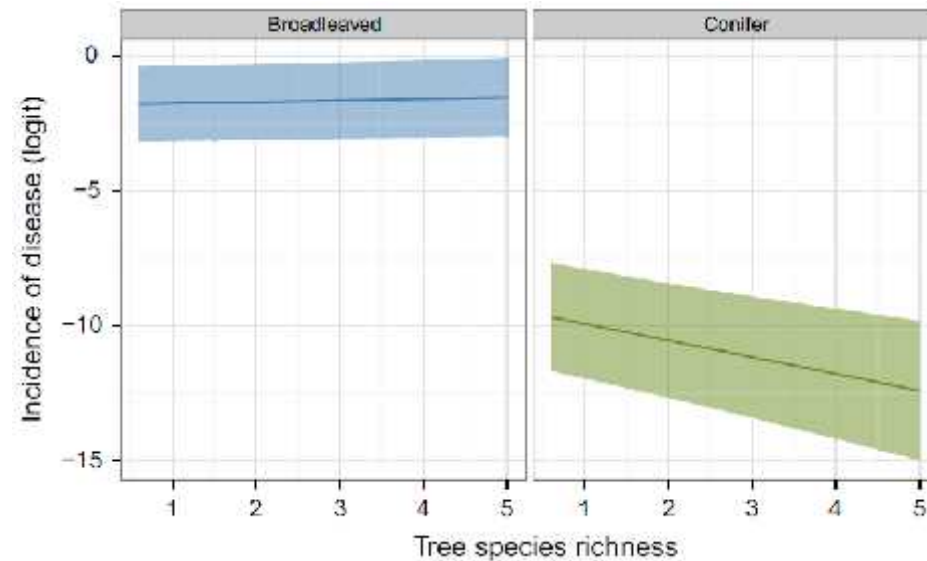
### Ecology and Evolution

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

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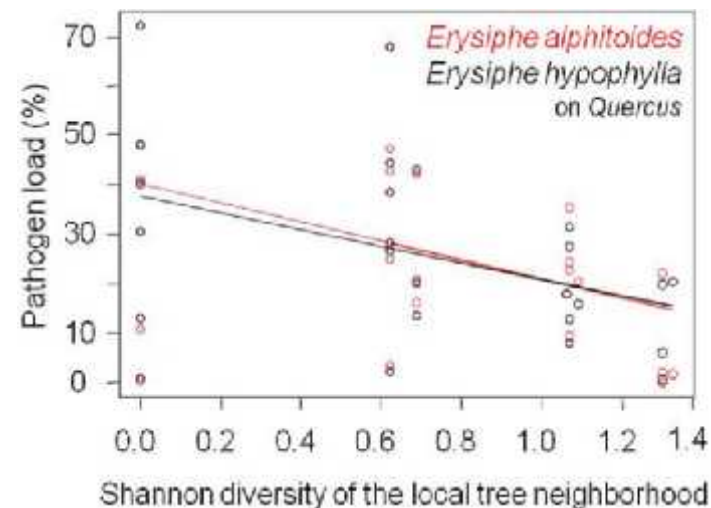
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### *Oidium*



Hantsch et al. 2013





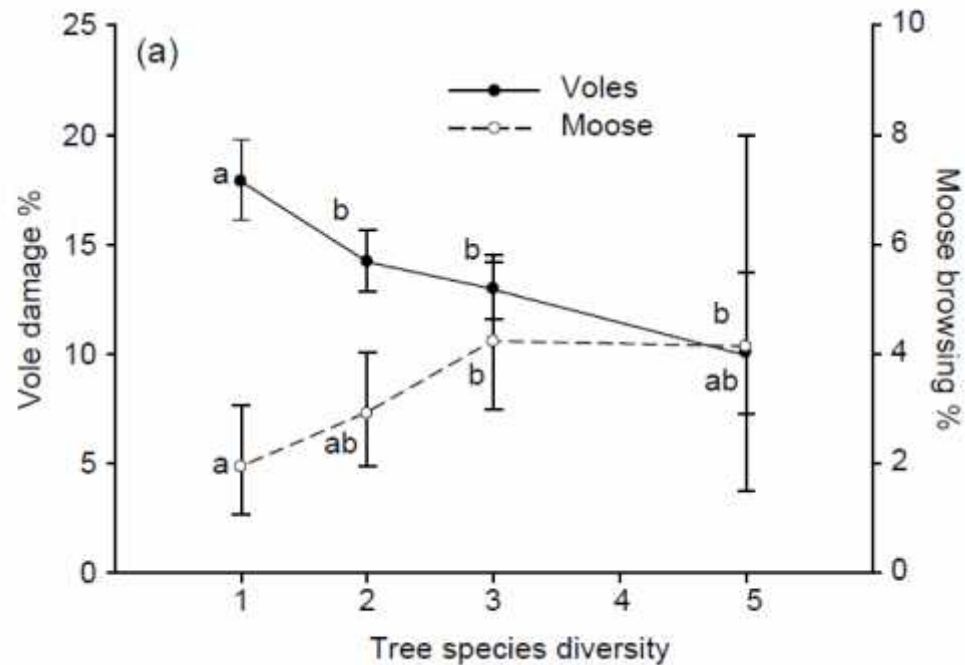
# Resistance of mixed forest to mammal herbivores

## 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

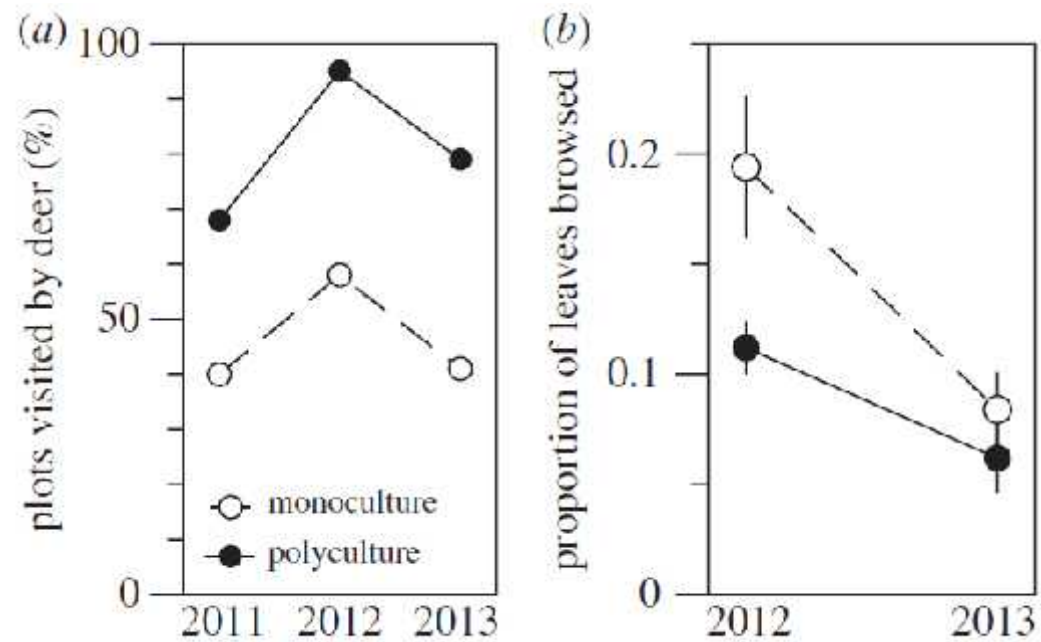


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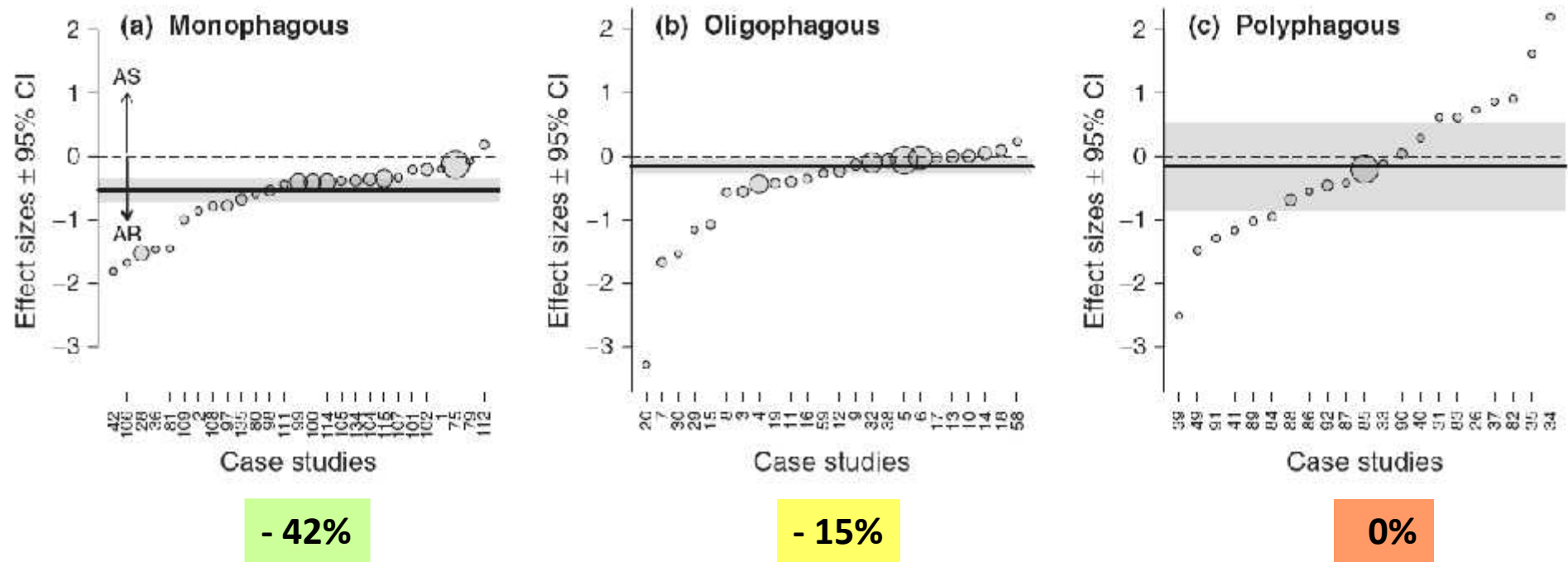


Cook-Patton et al. 2014



# Resistance of mixed forest: common features

## 1. Direction and magnitude of effects depend on pest specialization

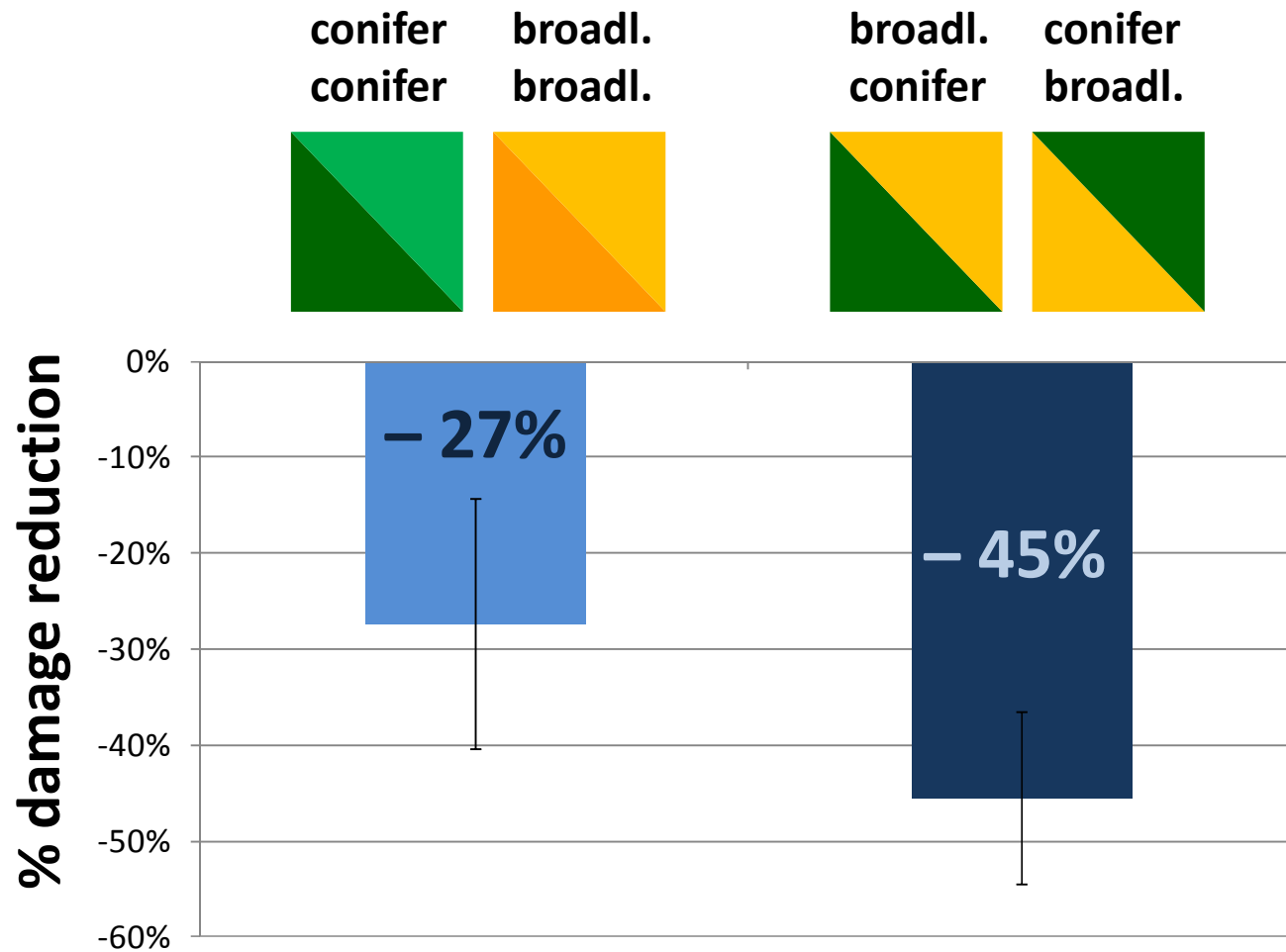


*Castagneyrol et al. 2014*

- Spill over
- Mixing diet

# Resistance of mixed forest: common features

## 2. Forest composition > tree species richness



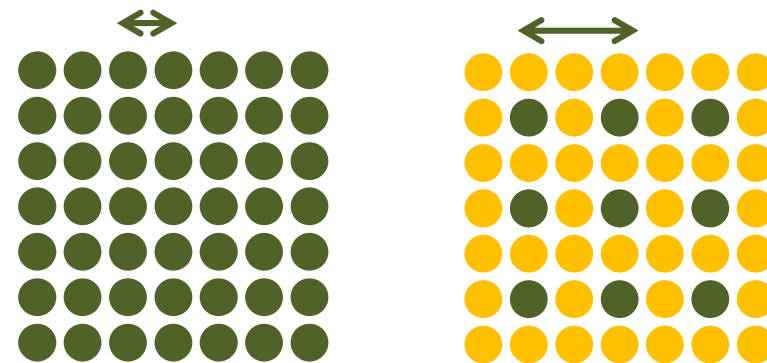
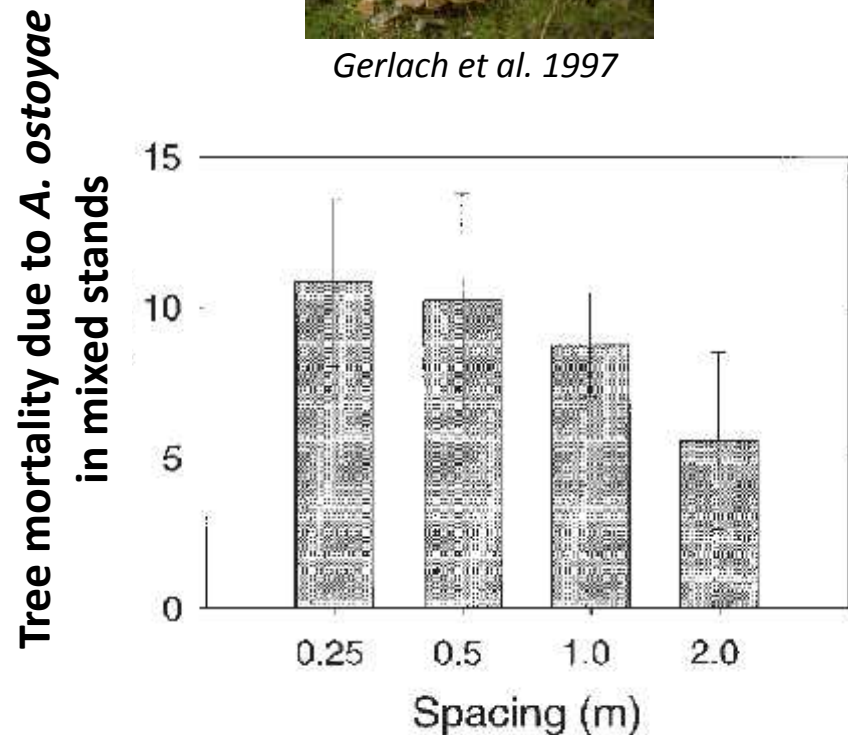


# Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

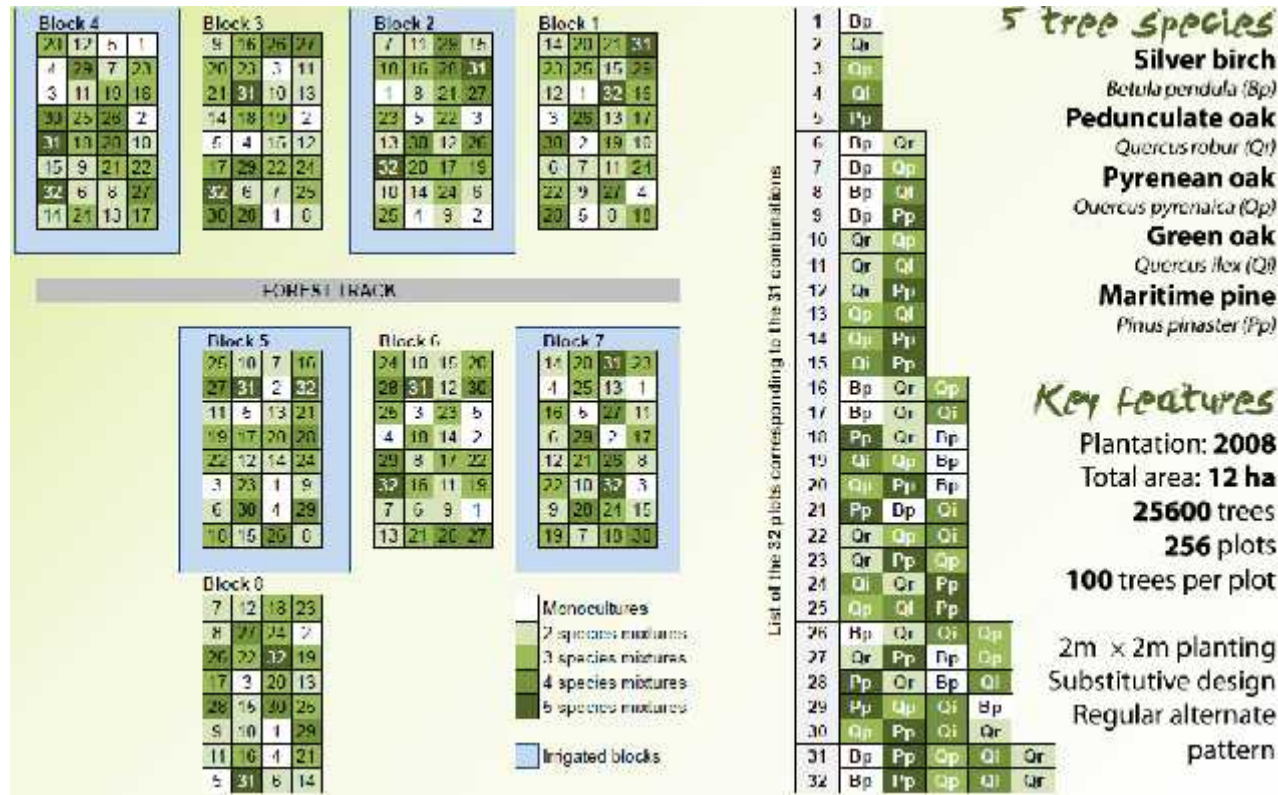
- 1. Reduced host tree density**
- less likely to enter the plot
  - reduced residence time (OFT)
  - lower amount of resources
  - longer distance between host trees



*Gerlach et al. 1997*



# ORPHEE experiment

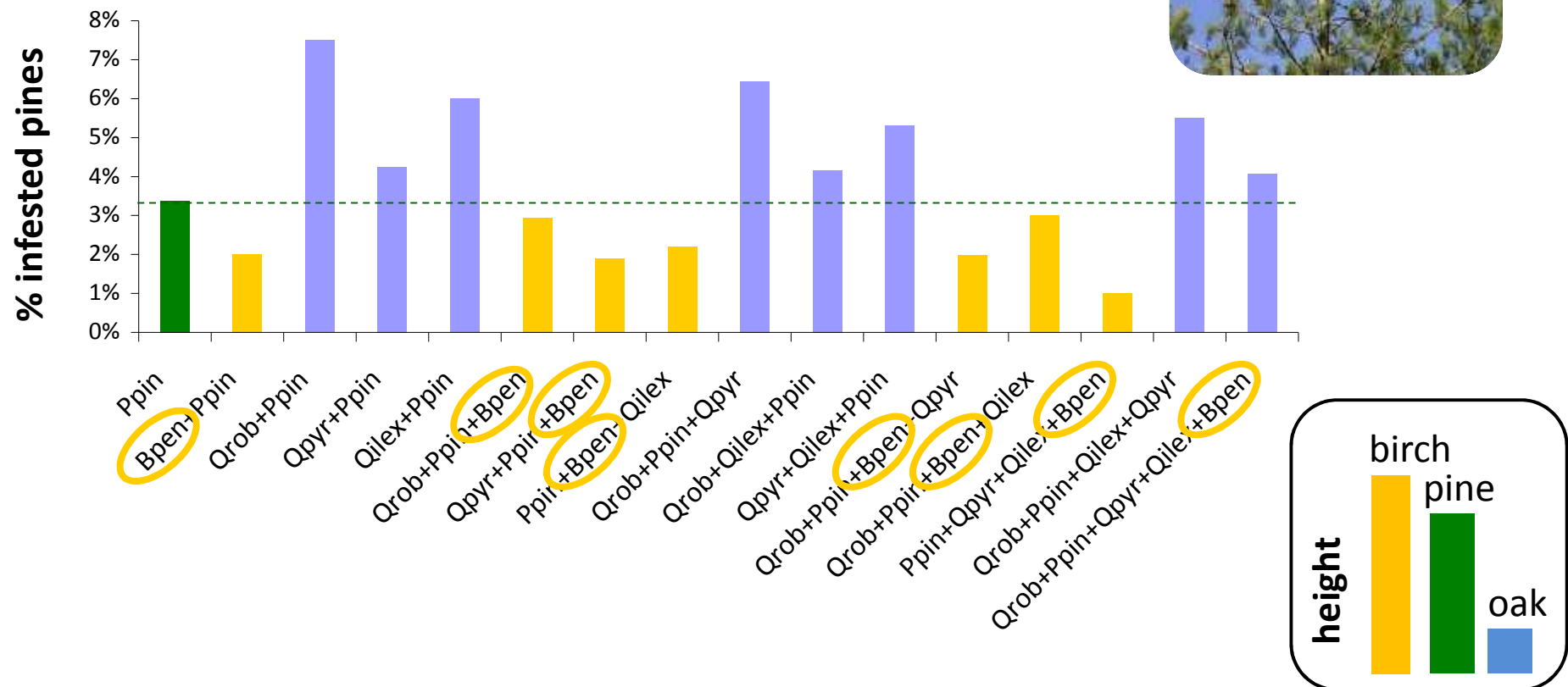


# Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

## 2. Reduced probability of host tree being found

Tree species composition rather than diversity triggers associational resistance to the pine processionary moth

Bastien Castagneyrol<sup>a,b,\*</sup>, Margot Régnolini<sup>a,b,c</sup>, Hervé Jactel<sup>a,b</sup>



# Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

## 2. Reduced probability of host tree being consumed

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

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Saplings planted under Eglantine

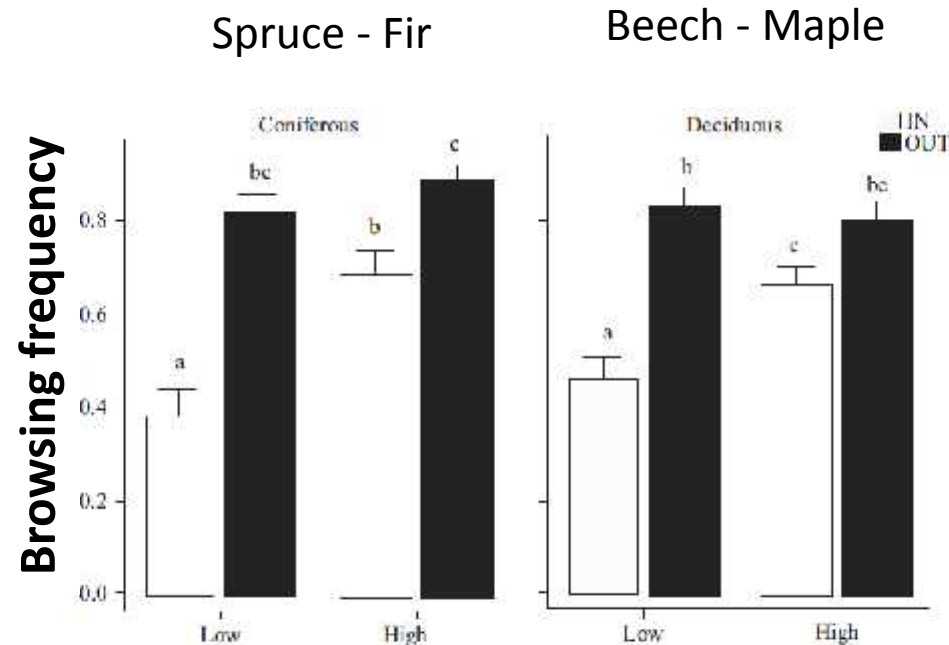
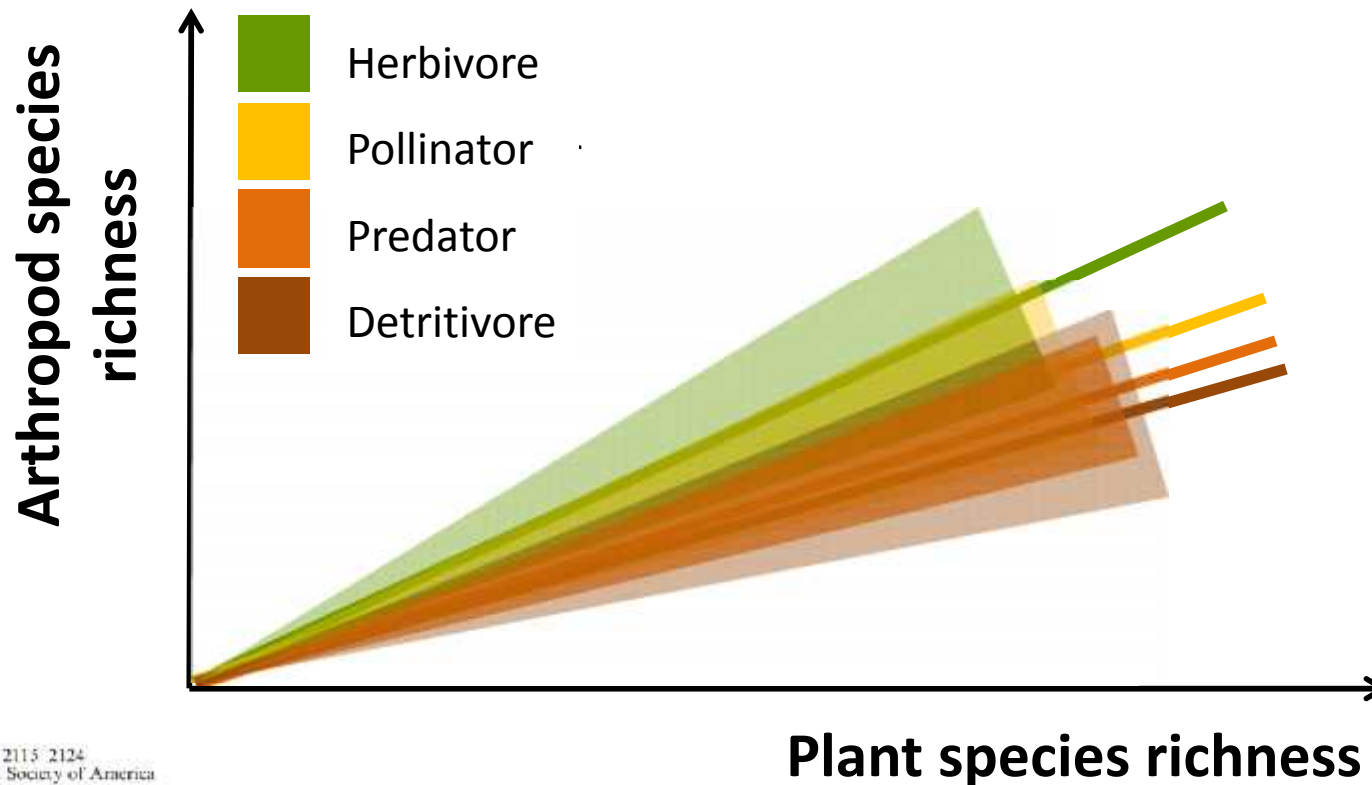


Fig. 2. The effects of grazing intensity (low and high) and position (in and out) on the browsing frequency (mean proportion  $\pm$  1 SE,  $n = 30$ ) of coniferous and deciduous saplings, after the fourth grazing period. Different letters indicate significantly different means (Tukey post hoc comparisons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



# Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

## 3. Reinforced biological control by natural enemies



Unraveling plant–animal diversity relationships:  
a meta-regression analysis

BASTIEN CASTAGNEYROL<sup>1</sup> AND HERVE JACTEL

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*Neodiprion sertifer*



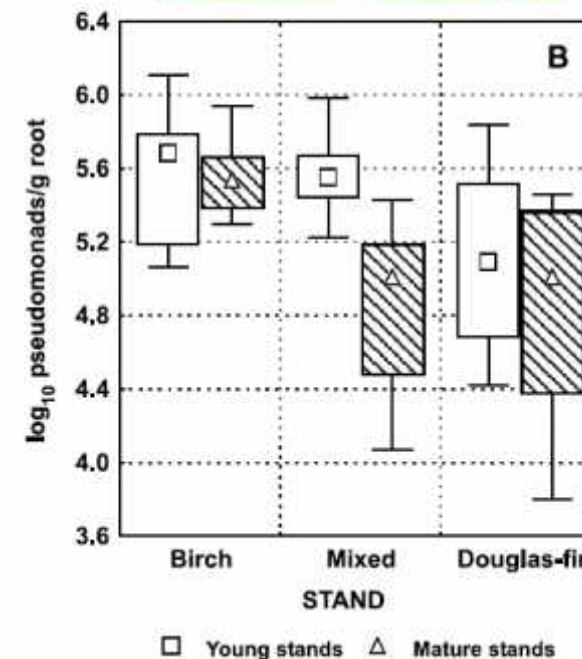
Kaitaniemi, P., Riihimäki, J., Koricheva, J. & Vehviläinen, H. 2007. Experimental evidence for associational resistance against the European pine sawfly in mixed tree stands. *Silva Fennica* 41(2): 259–268.

# Mechanisms underlying diversity – resistance relationships

## 3. Reinforced biological control by antagonists

**Fluorescent pseudomonad population sizes baited from soils under pure birch, pure Douglas-fir, and mixed forest stands and their antagonism toward *Armillaria ostoyae* in vitro**

R.L. DeLong, Kathy J. Lewis, Suzanne W. Simard, and Susan Gibson



# Recommendations to forest managers

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2. Providing that they have contrasting traits
3. Favour conifer – broadleaved mixtures

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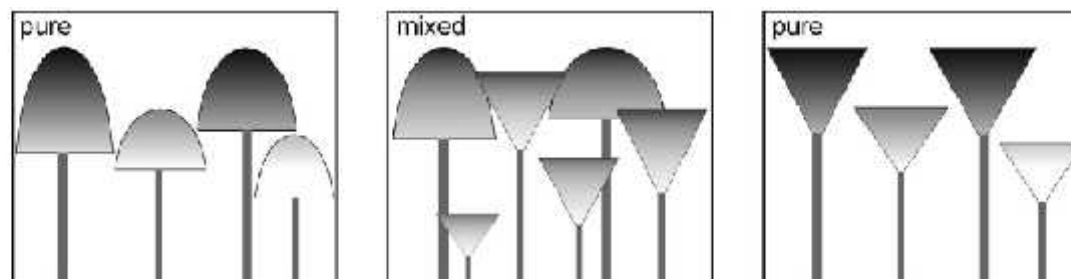


ORIGINAL PAPER

## 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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In mixture standing volume (+12 %), stand density (+20 %), basal area growth (+12 %), and stand volume growth (+8 %) were higher



**Fig. 9** Forest canopy can be denser in mixed stands b compare with pure stands, a, c due to wider tree crown extension, multi-layering, and higher stocking density. The more complete canopy space filling may increase the light interception in mixed stands. Replacement of

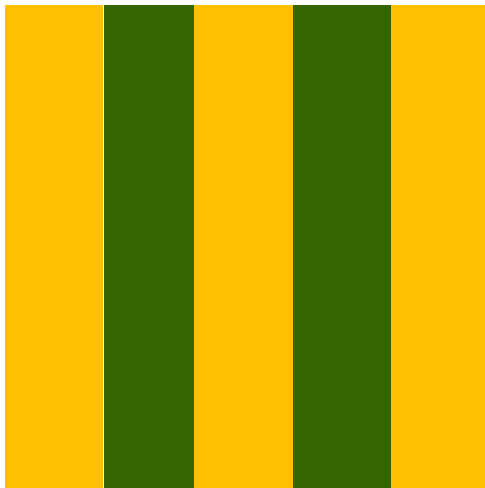
inefficient organs or trees of one species by more efficient neighbours of the other species may increase the light-use efficiency. *Black hatching* means high efficiency of light use, *grey* and *white* indicates medium and low efficiency



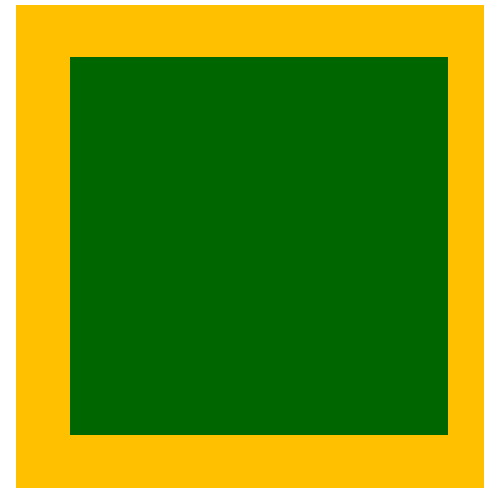
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## 4. Two possible spatial configurations



**Strip pattern**



**Edge pattern**

Dependent variable and effect	Diversification scheme							
	Inter-crop	In-other	In-trap	In-repel	Push-pull	Around-crop	In-flower	Around-flower
Herbivore abundance								
No. studies	100	43	23	<2	8	29	17	<2
Effect size	-1.42	-1.30	-2.43		-0.49	-0.86	0.01	
Crop damage								
No. studies	48	12	4	9	15	8		
Effect size	-2.39	-0.47	0.39	-1.49	-3.44	-3.05		

*Letourneau et al. 2011*

**Thank you for your attention**

