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***CONVERSION TO CONTINUOUS COVER FORESTRY (CCF):  
An adaptive forest management strategy within the  
context of global climate change (GCC)***

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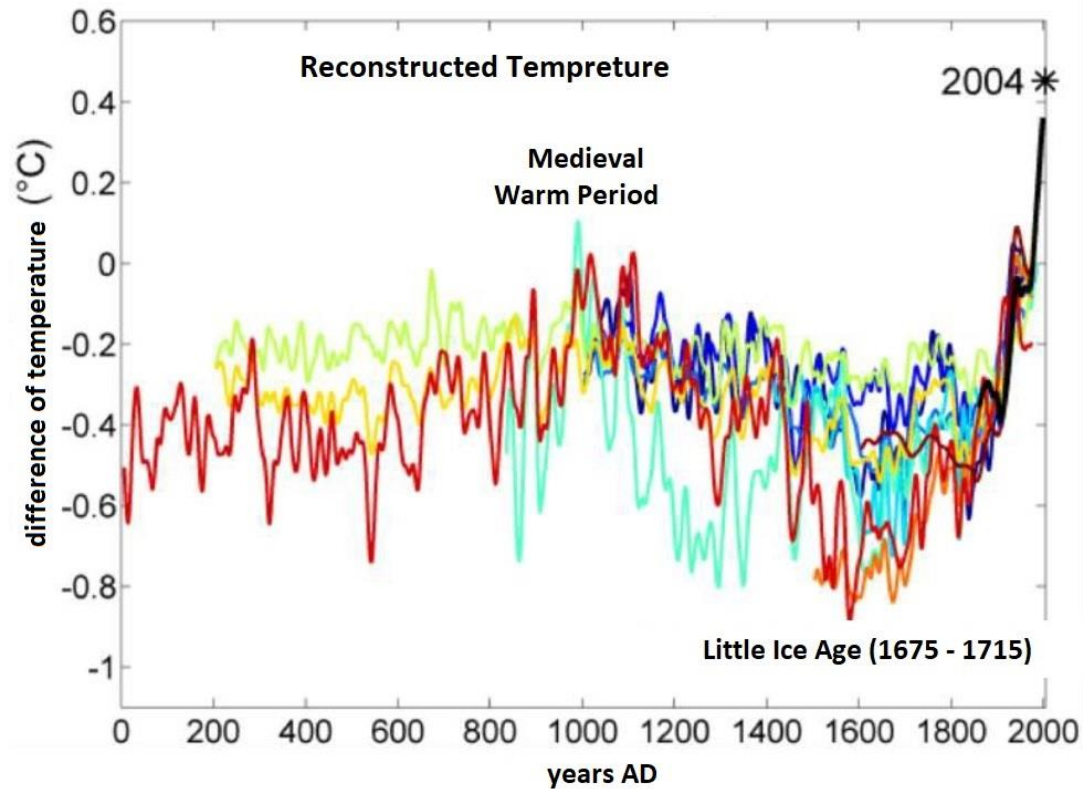
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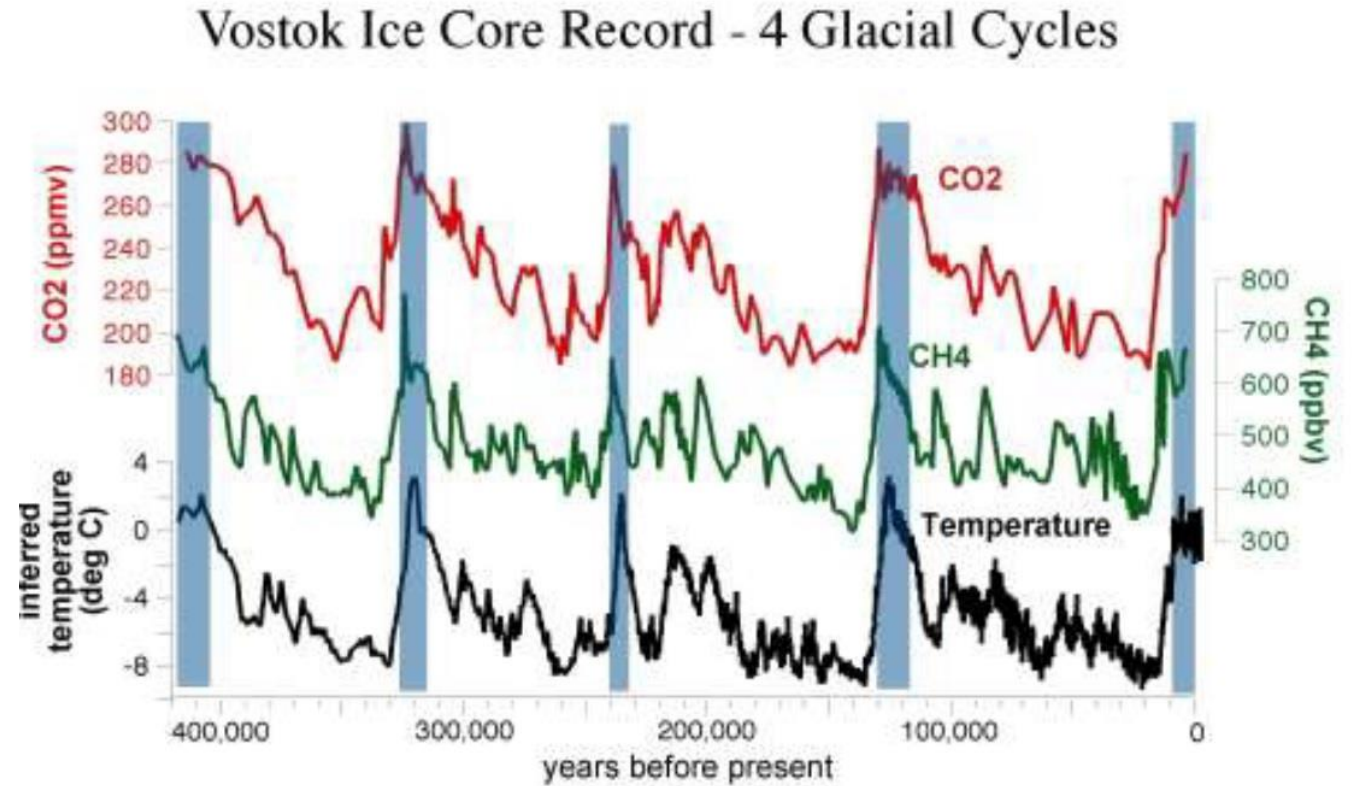


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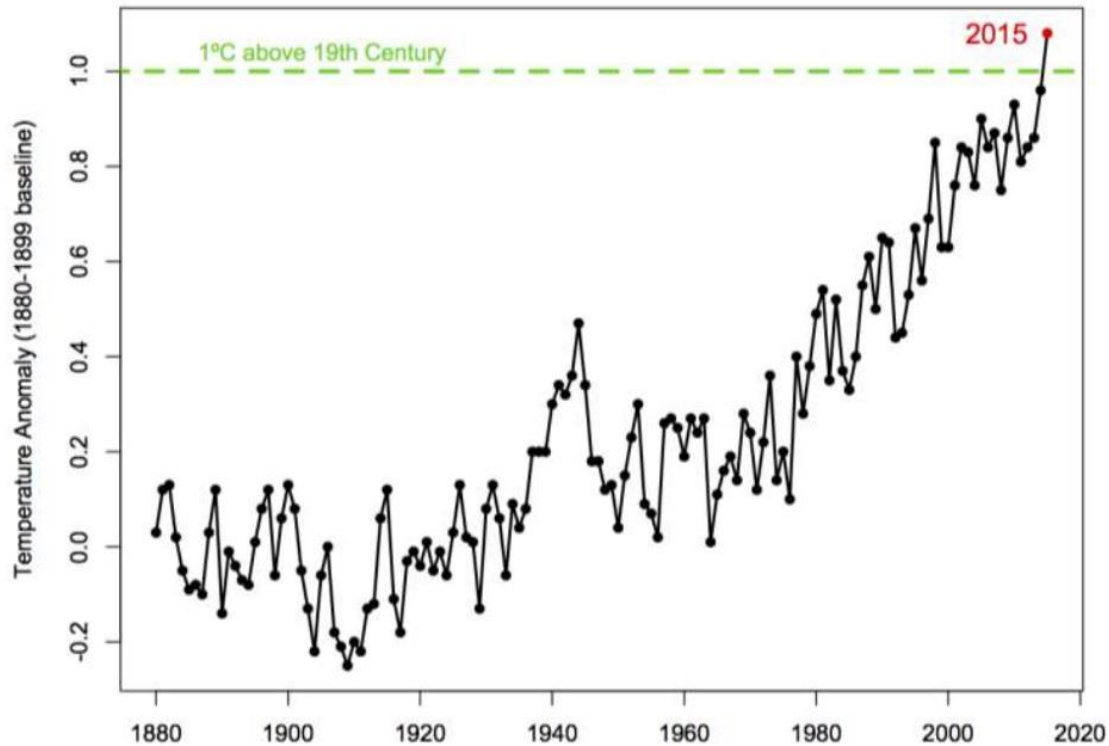
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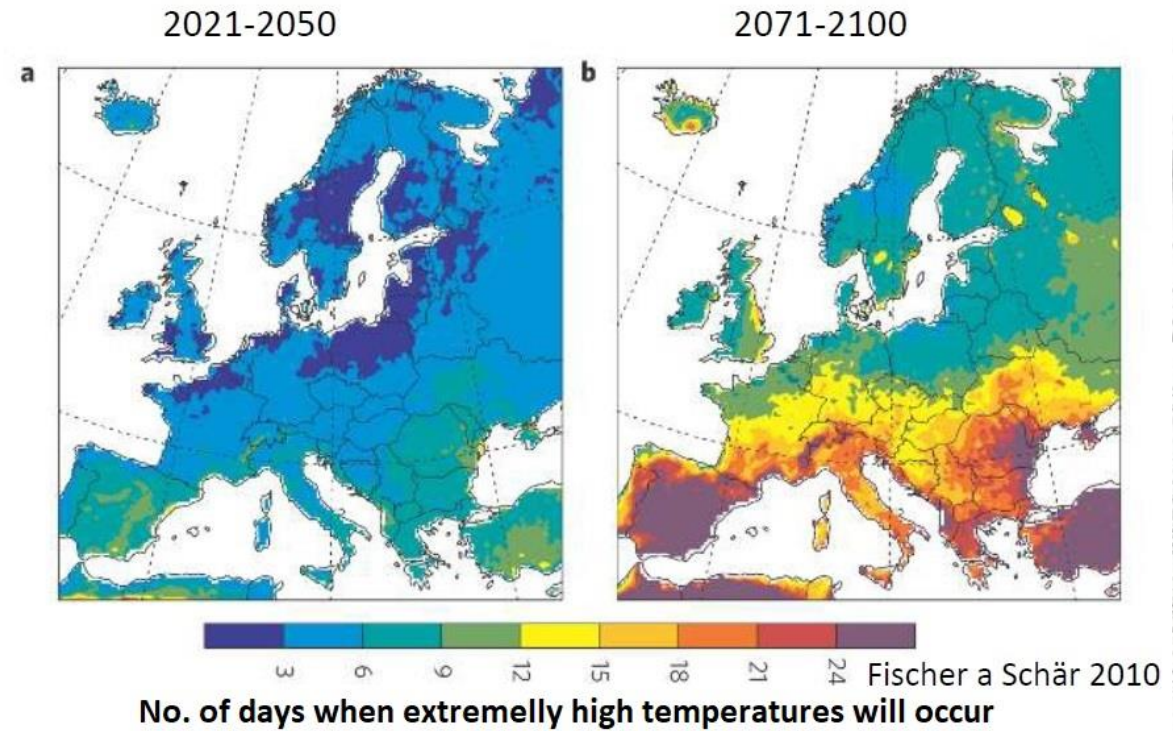
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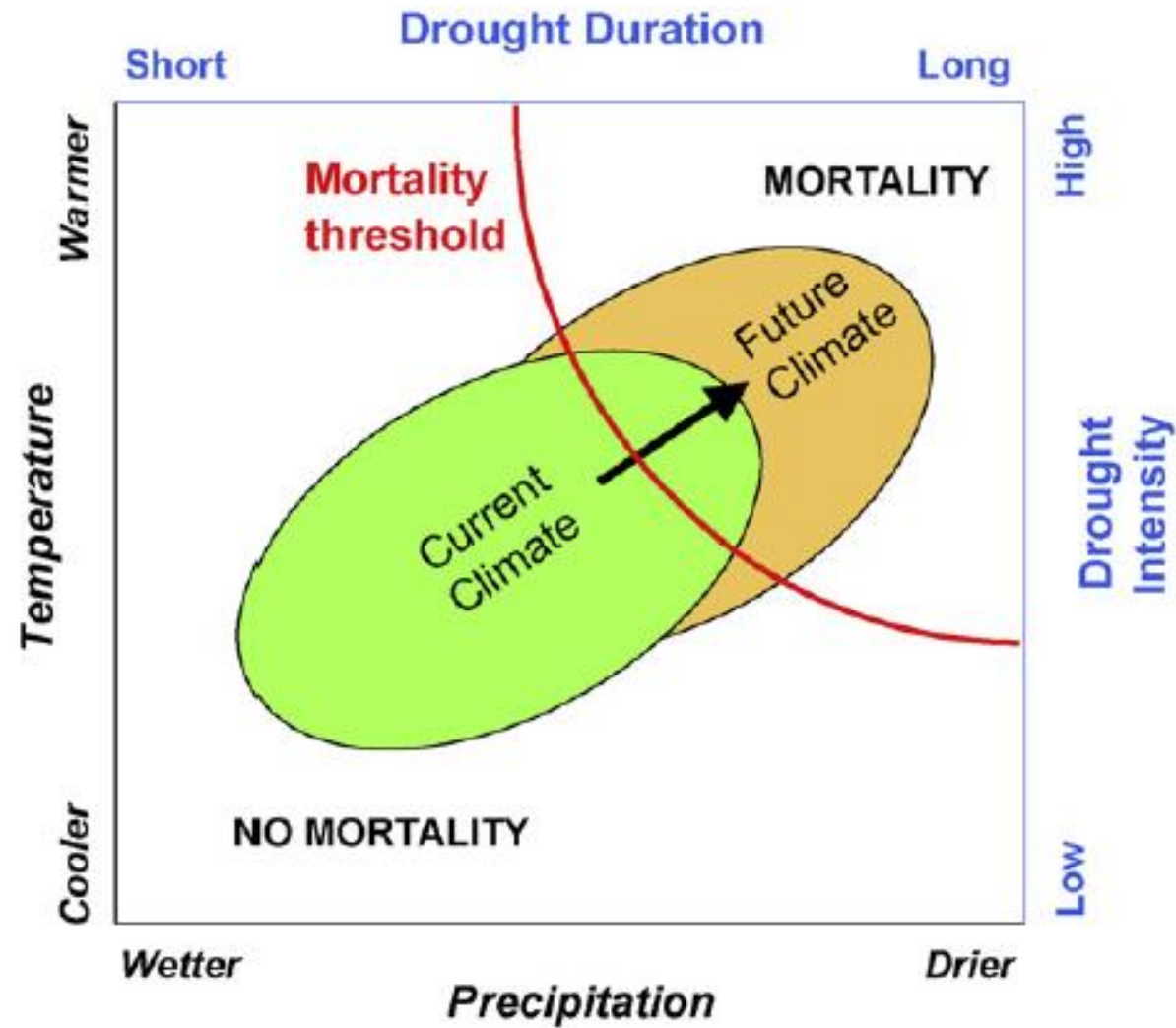


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# Consequences for FORESTRY

*GCC – Temperature and distribution of precipitation*





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## ***GCC – temperature and distribution of precipitation***

- ***Despite the fact that the total annual amount of precipitation is not changing too much, a distribution of precipitation is changing rapidly. This means:***
  - ***Increase in the extreme events***
  - ***Availability of water during growing season is decreasing***
  - ***Options for vegetation utilizing the water are limited due to extremes***

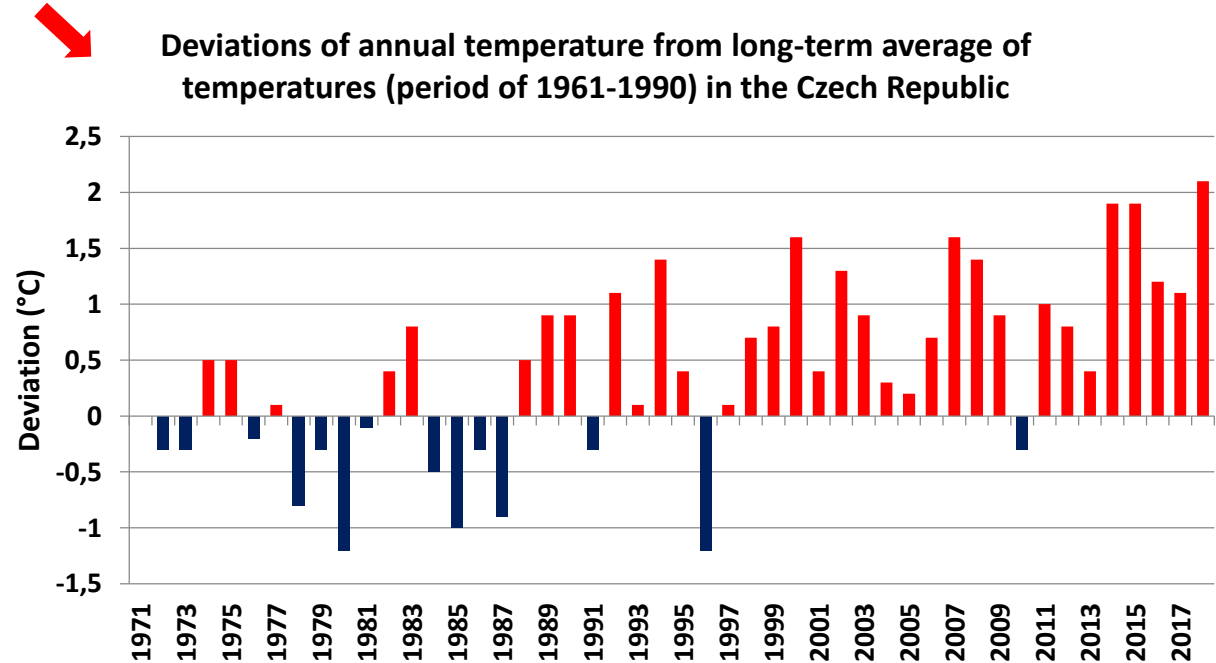


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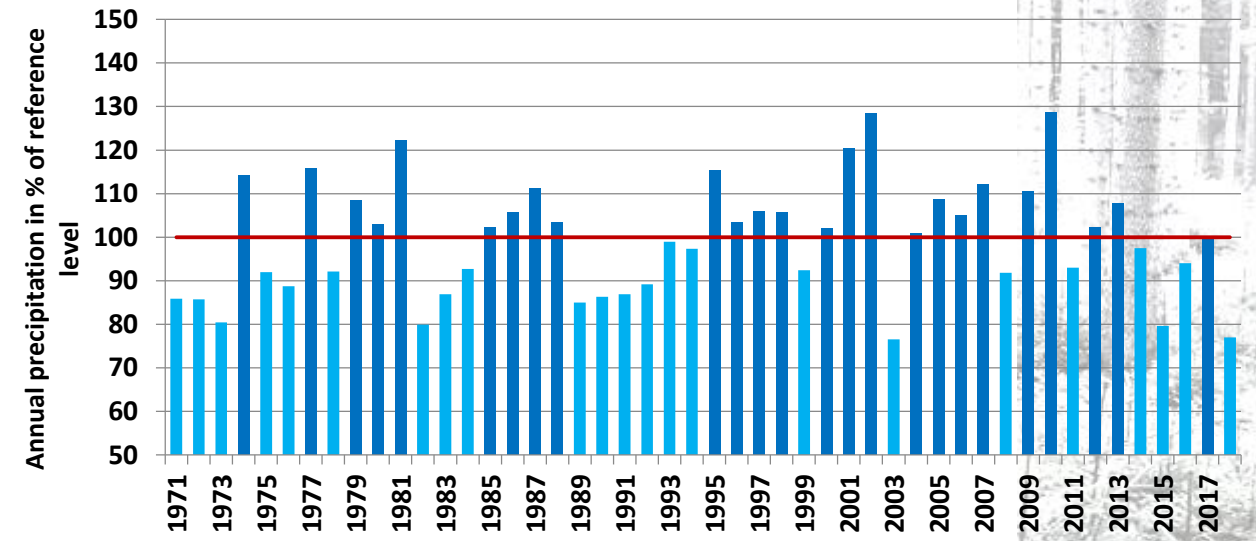
## GCC – Temperature and distribution of precipitation



*increment of annual temperatures*



Annual amount of precipitation expressed in % of long-term average (1961-1990) in the Czech Republic



*No clear trend of changes at the level of TOTAL ANNUAL amount of precipitation => changes occur at the level of distribution of precipitation within the year*



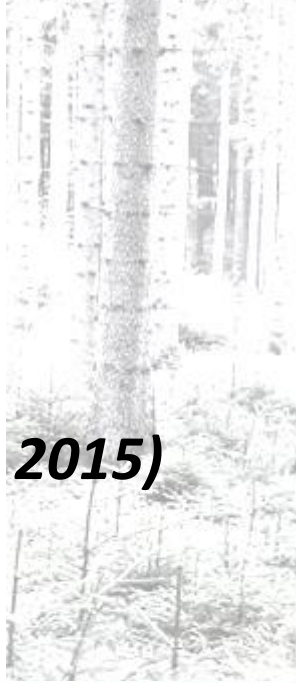
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*GCC – temperature and distribution of precipitation*



## *Large-scale disturbance by bark beetle*

- *Secondary disturbance agent*  
(*Ips typographus*; *Ips duplicatus*; *Pityogenes chalcographus*)
- *Primary caused by impact of GCC – due to serious long-term (at least from 2015) physiological stress in combination with other reasons:*
  - *tree species composition*
  - *forest structure*
  - *forest management systems*



# Consequences for FORESTRY

## *Salvage fellings in 2018 (Czech Rep.)*



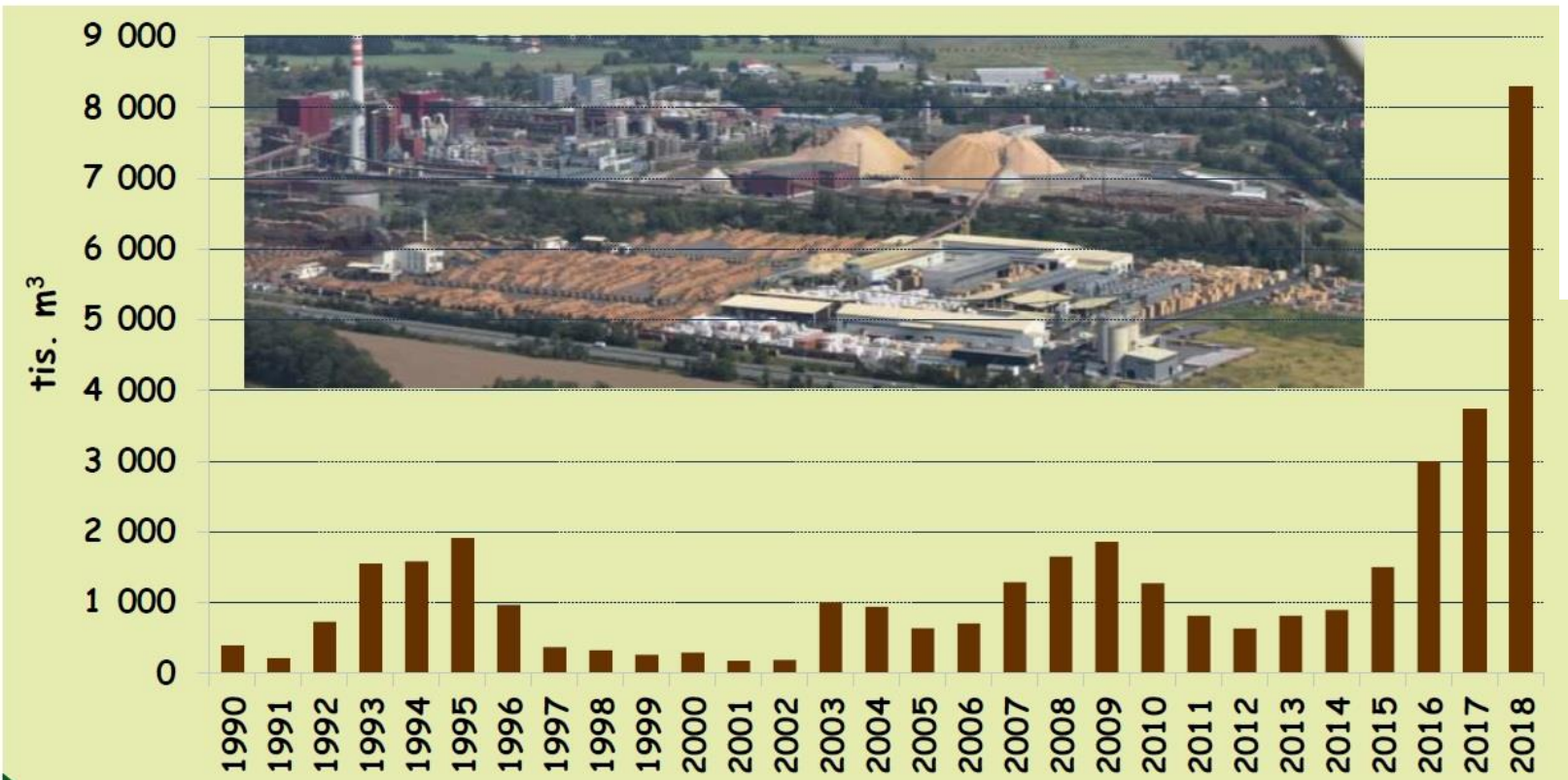
- ***14.6 million m<sup>3</sup> (2017 – 12 mil. m<sup>3</sup>; 2016 – 9.4 mil. m<sup>3</sup>)***
- ***Biotics factors – 8.4 mil. m<sup>3</sup> (2017 – 4.1 mil. m<sup>3</sup>; 2016 – 3.6 mil. m<sup>3</sup>; 2015 – 1.8 mil. m<sup>3</sup>)***
- ***95% of biotic damages caused by bark beetles***



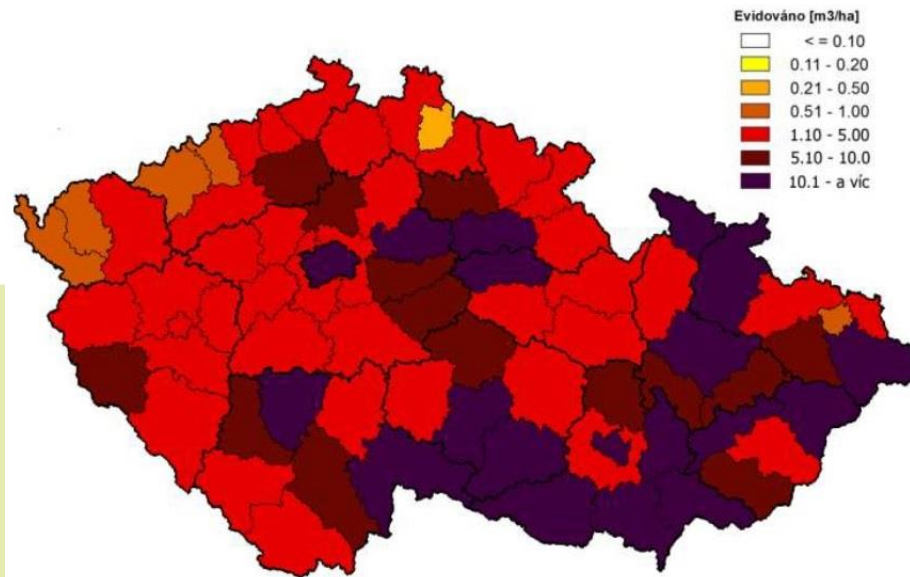


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A volume of salvage felling of Bark beetle wood in the Czech Republic (period of 1990 - 2018)



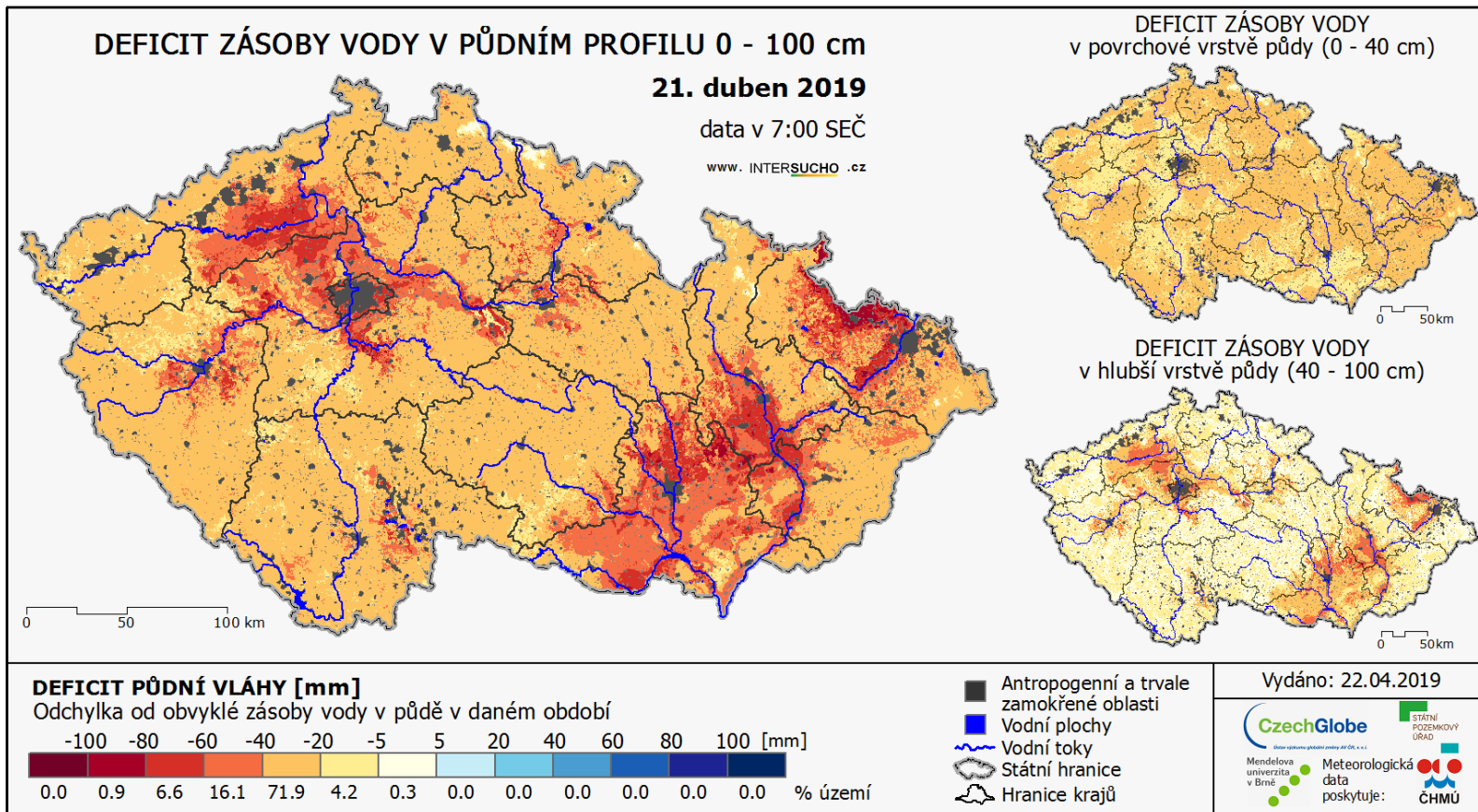
Volume of bark beetle salvage felling per 1 hectare of Norway spruce stand (in 2018)



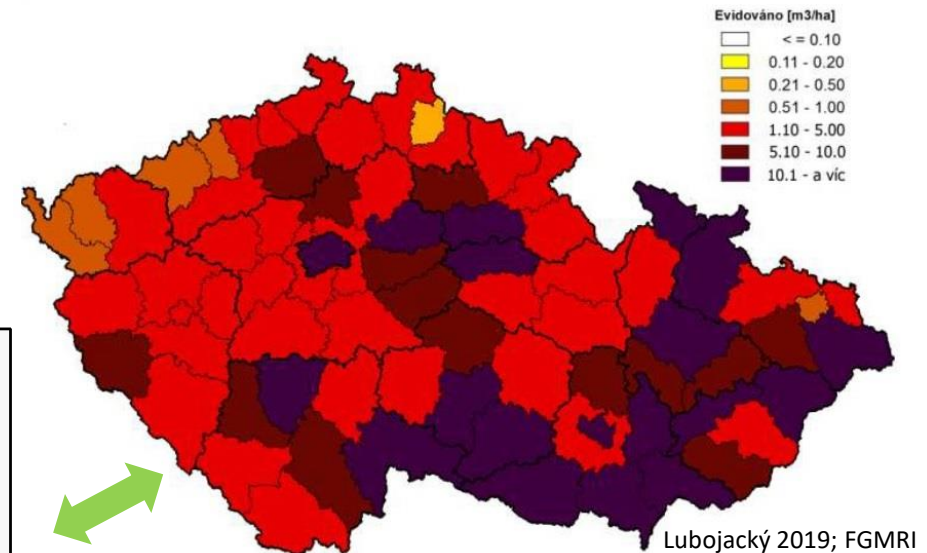
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Deficit of soil water: 0 – 100 cm; 0 – 40 cm; 40 – 100 cm;  
expressed as a difference (mm) of current water supply to long-term water supply (taken on a set date):

**21st April 2019; the most often is a lack of 20 - 40 mm (71.9% of area)**



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<https://www.intersucho.cz>

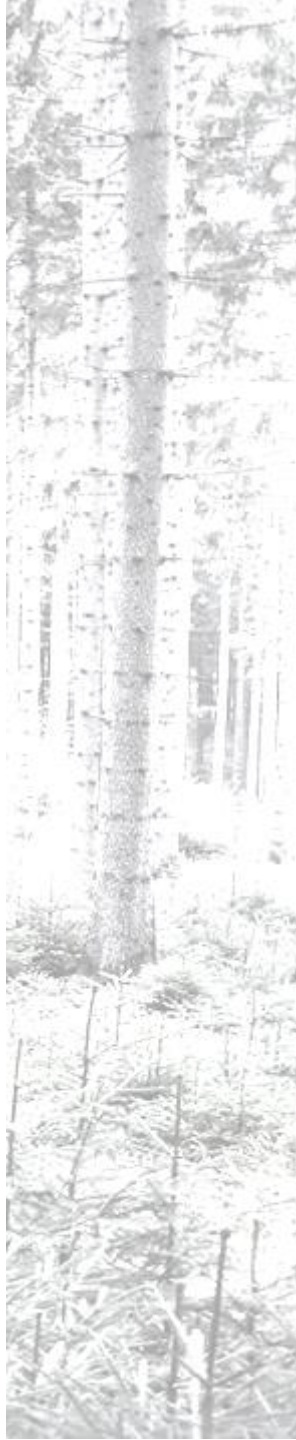


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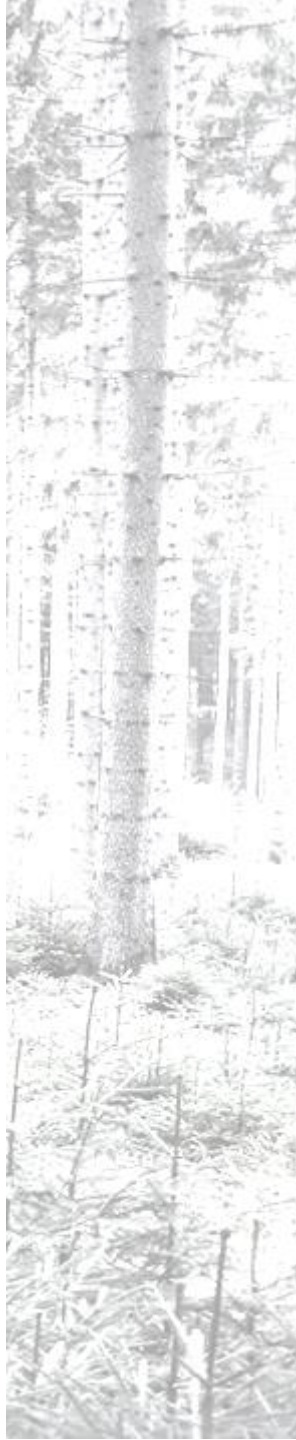


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*2019 Perspective (pictures from video)...*

*Video from 20th April 2019;  
(showing situation in a pheromone trap);  
current situation in the Czech Republic...*



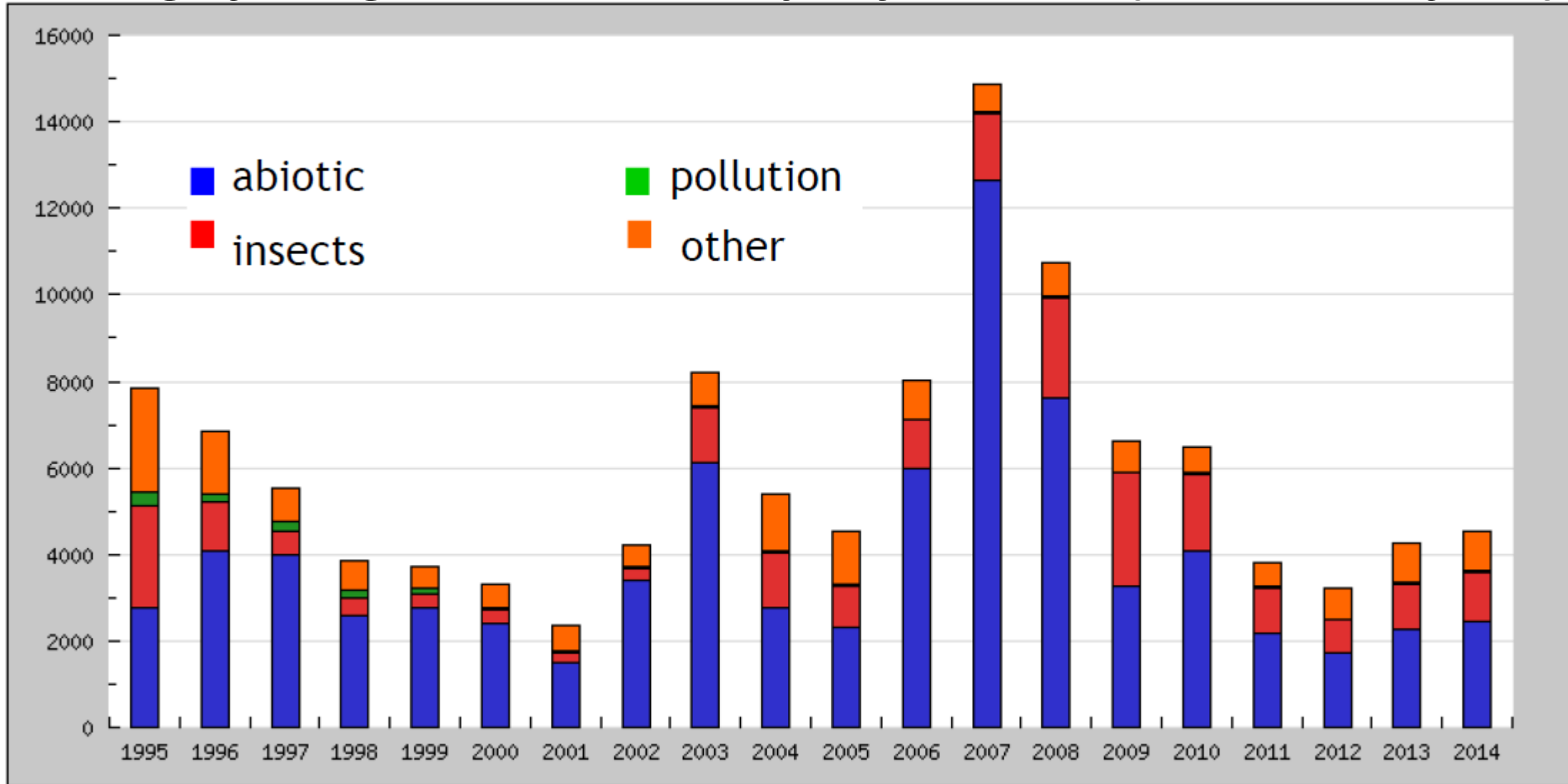


# Norway spruce:

- Within all of **Europe** there are **6 – 7 mil. ha** of secondary pure Norway spruce monocultures outside of its origin territory (Teuffel et al. in Spiecker et al. 2004)
- In the **Czech Republic** N. spruce represents **51.4%** of total forest cover while within natural forest its share was approx. **11.2%**
- ***Before a bark beetle disaster windfalls often occurred:***



*Before bark beetle disaster windfalls (and other abiotic agents) often occurred as the main disturbance agent:  
Salvage felling in the Czech Rep. by reasons (thousand of m<sup>3</sup>)*









# Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF)

- *Is it a solution?*
- *How does adoption of CCF prevent or mitigate described scenarios (i.e. large-scale disturbances of managed forests)?*
- *Through which entities does it deal with forest threats and outbreaks?*



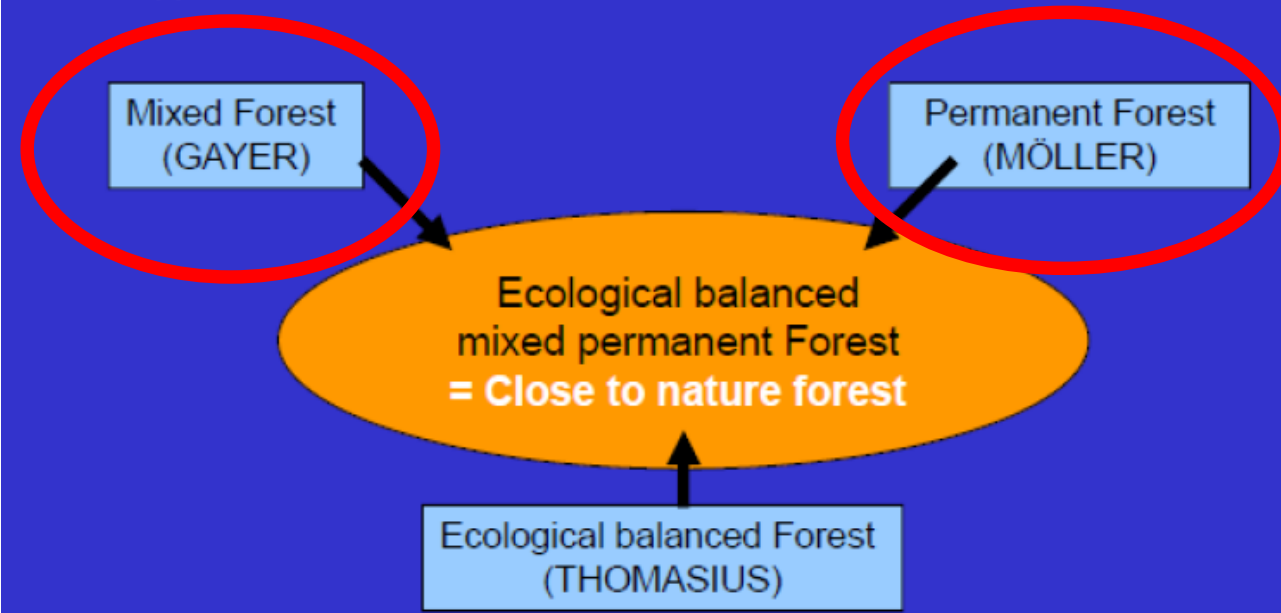
# CONVERSION of tree species composition TO MAKE FORESTS STANDS STABLE



The new objective of Forestry:

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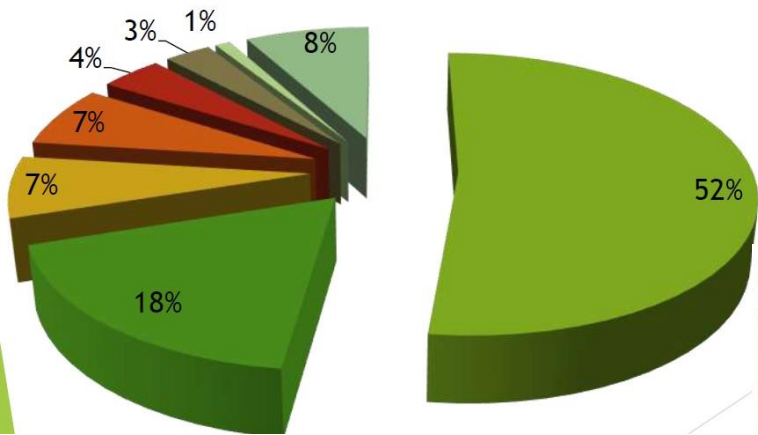




# Tree species composition – Necessity for CONVERSION

Current tree species composition of the Czech forests

■ Spruce ■ Pine ■ Beech ■ Oak ■ Larch ■ Birch ■ Fir ■ Others



**Current**

**vs. recommended (mid-term target)**

**vs. natural**

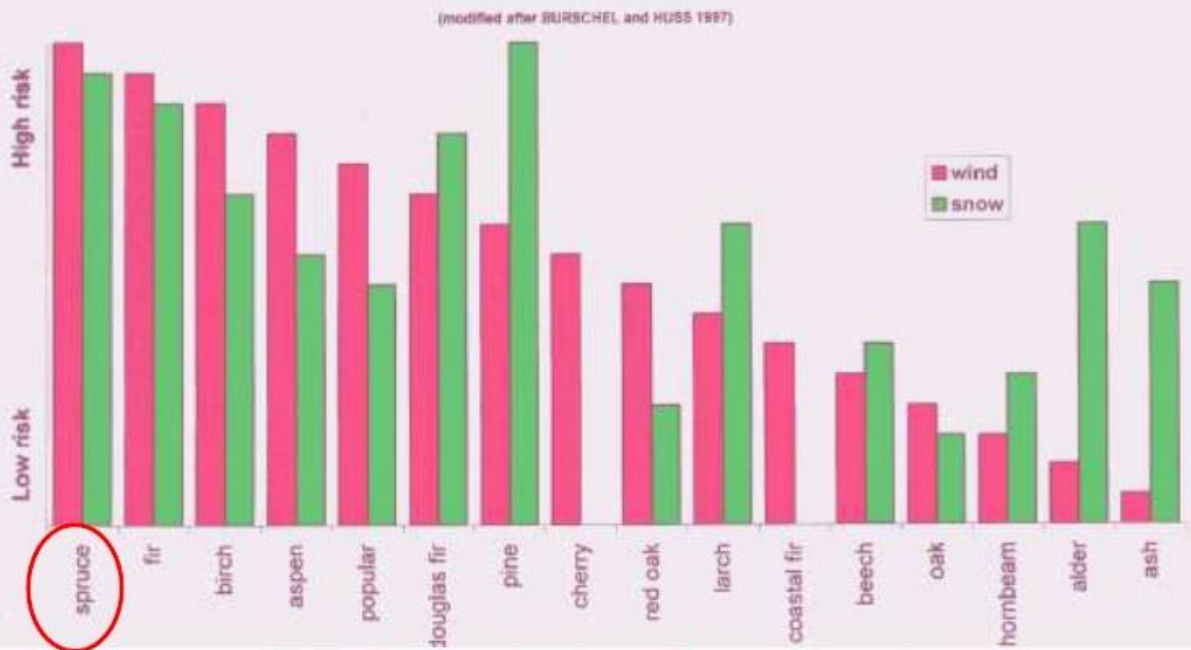
Natural and current composition of tree species, % of forest land area

Skladba lesů Composition	smrk spruce	jedle fir	borovice pine	modřín larch	ostatní jehličnaté other conifers.	Sa jehličnaté total conifers	dub oak	buk beech	habr hornbeam
přirozená natural	11,2	19,8	3,4	0,0	0,3	34,7	19,4	40,2	1,6
současná current	51,4	1,0	16,7	3,9	0,3	73,2	7,0	7,7	1,3
doporučená recommended	36,5	4,4	16,8	4,5	2,2	64,4	9,0	18,0	0,9
	jasan ash	javor maple	jilm elm	bříza birch	lipa linden	olše alder	ostatní listnaté other broadleaves	Sa listnaté broadleaves total	holina unstocked area
přirozená natural	0,6	0,7	0,3	0,8	0,8	0,6	0,3	65,3	0,0
současná current	1,4	1,3	0,0	2,7	1,1	1,6	1,6	25,6	1,2
doporučená recommended	0,7	1,5	0,3	0,8	3,2	0,6	0,6	35,6	0,0

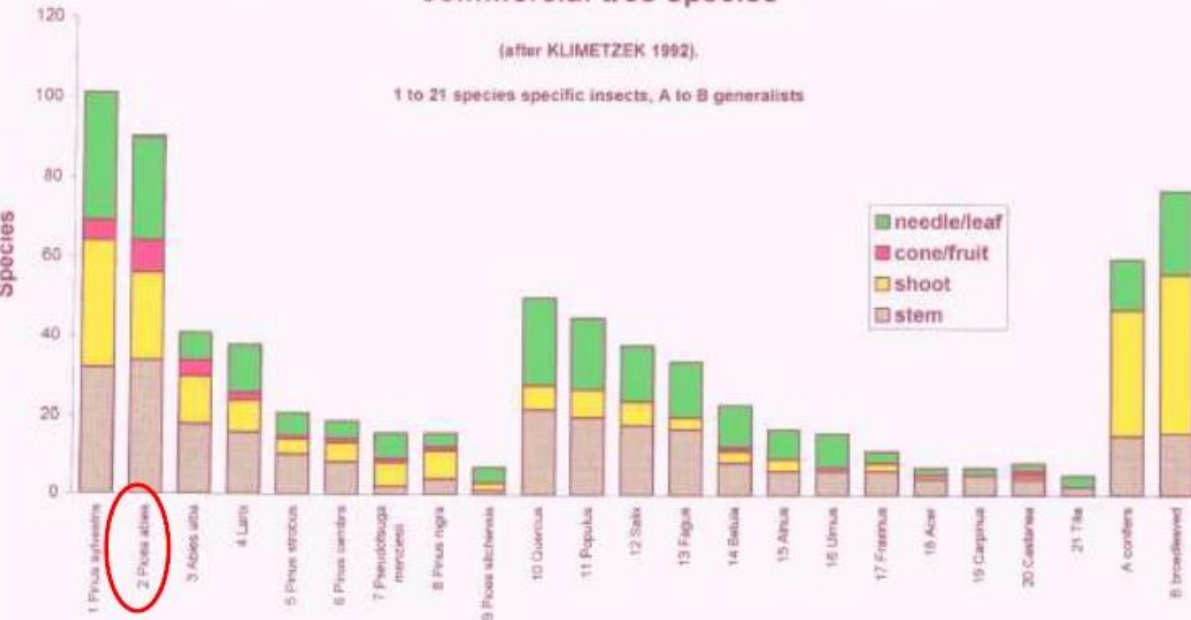
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Ordination of species specific risks of damage by wind and snow



Number of insects affecting Central European commercial tree species



# Tree species composition

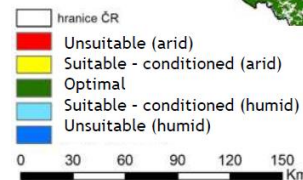
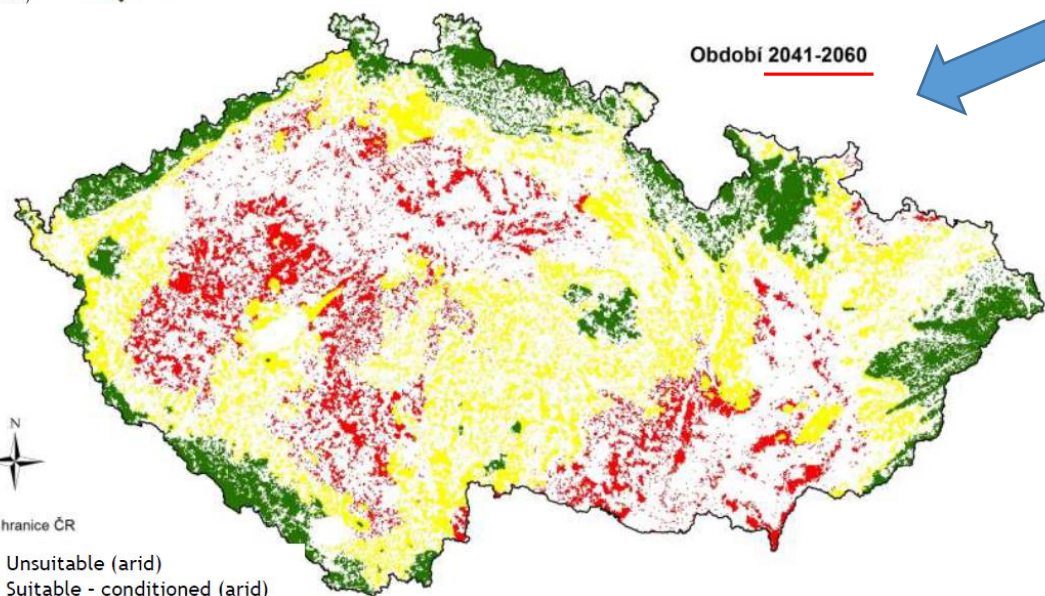
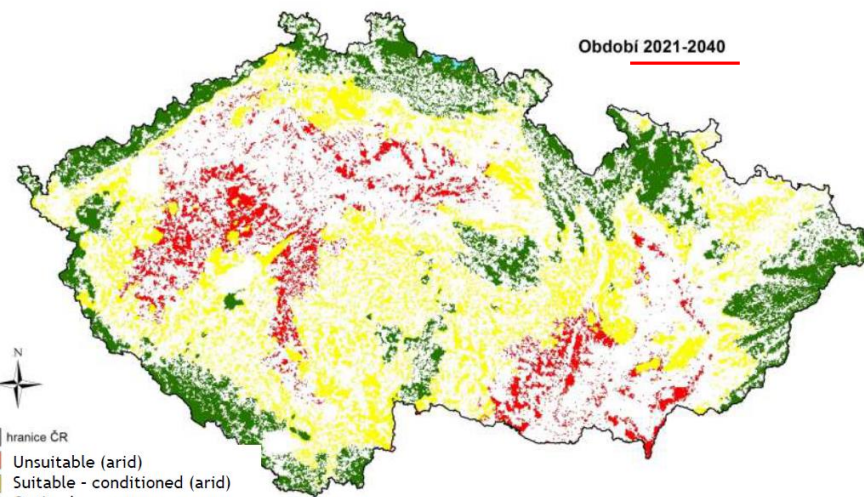
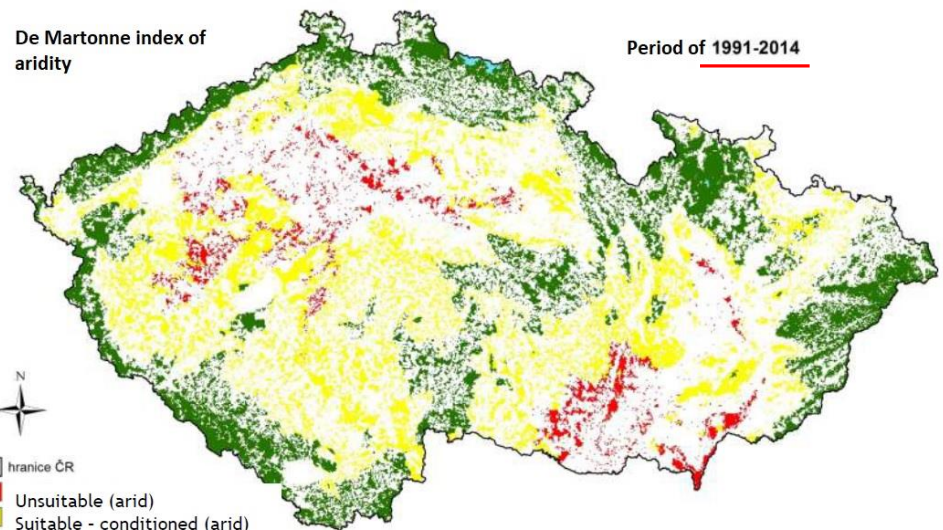
**Vulnerability of tree species to both biotic and abiotic agents**



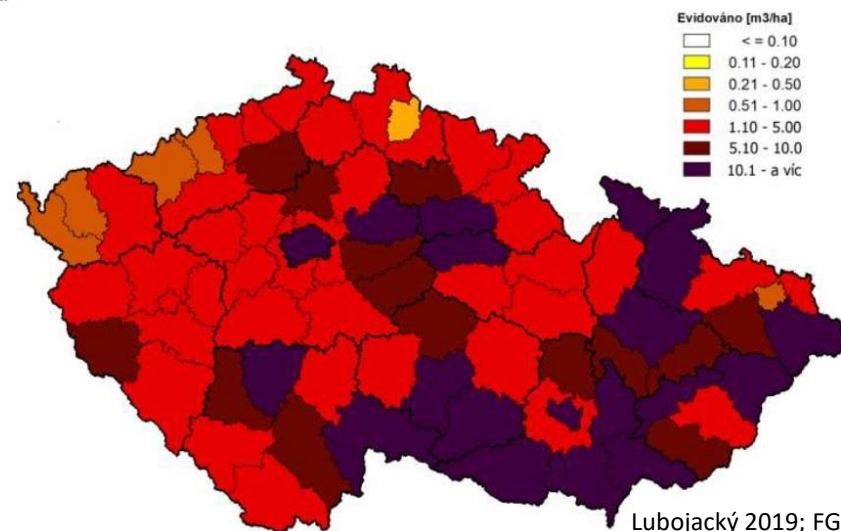


# Tree species composition:

# Norway spruce Prediction under GCC



Volume of bark beetle salvage felling per 1 hectare of Norway spruce stand (in 2018)



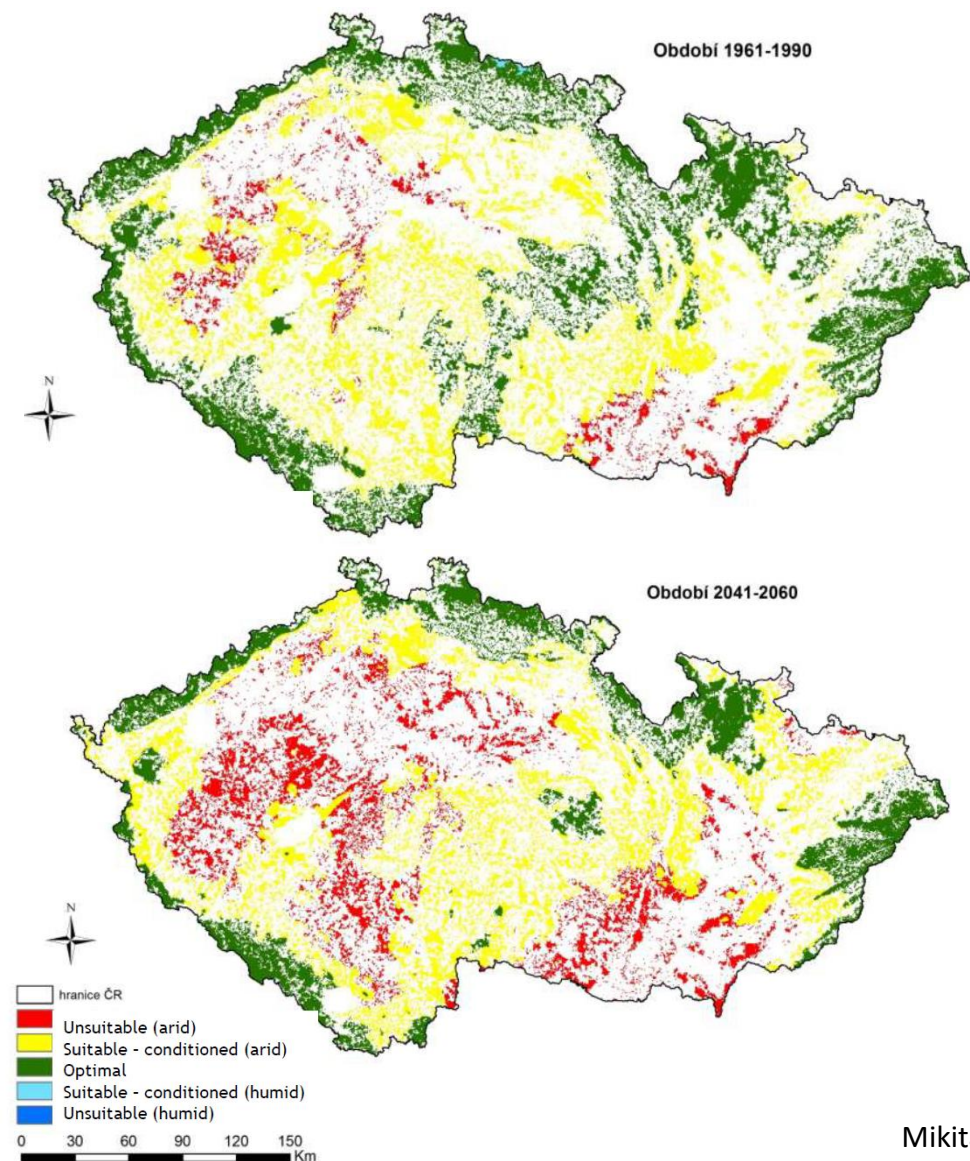
Mikita 2016; MENDELU in Brno

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# Tree species composition

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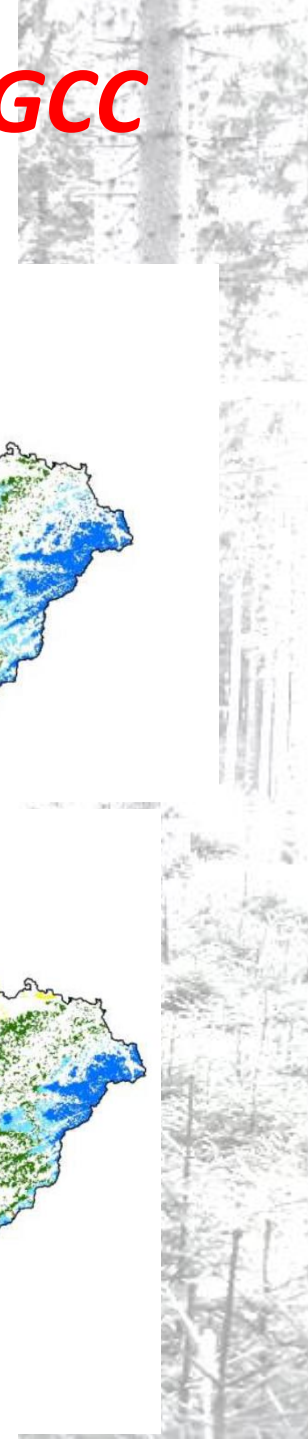
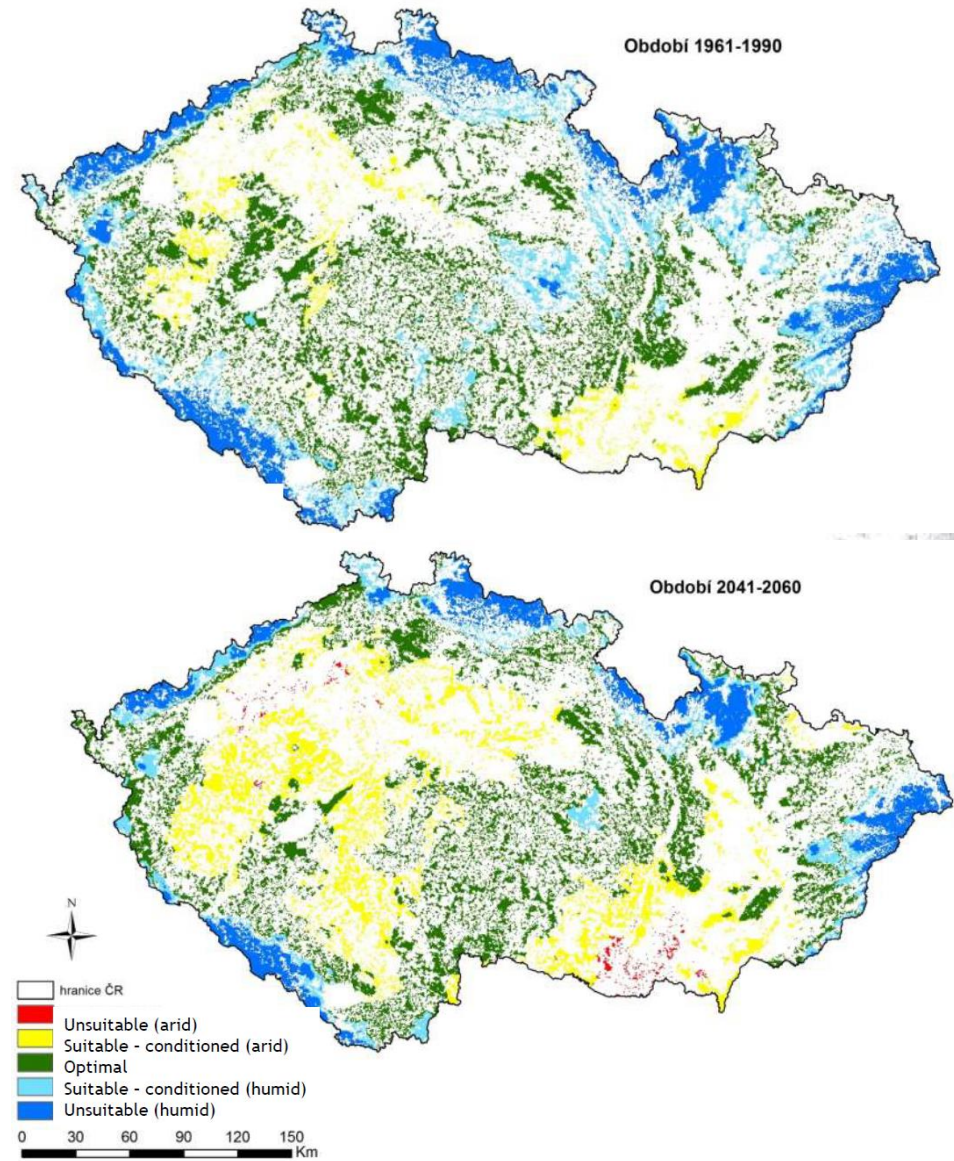
1961 - 1990

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# Prediction under GCC

## Sessile Oak





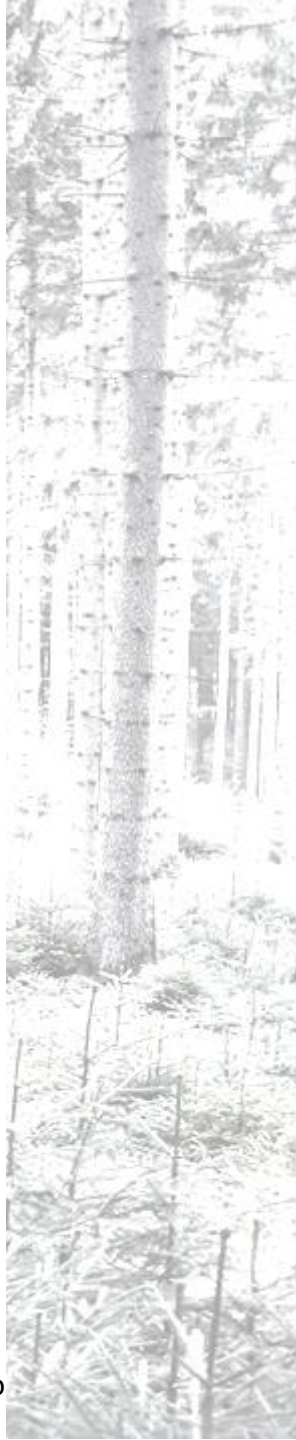
# *Tree species composition*

*Importance of mixture to prevent bark beetle outbreaks*



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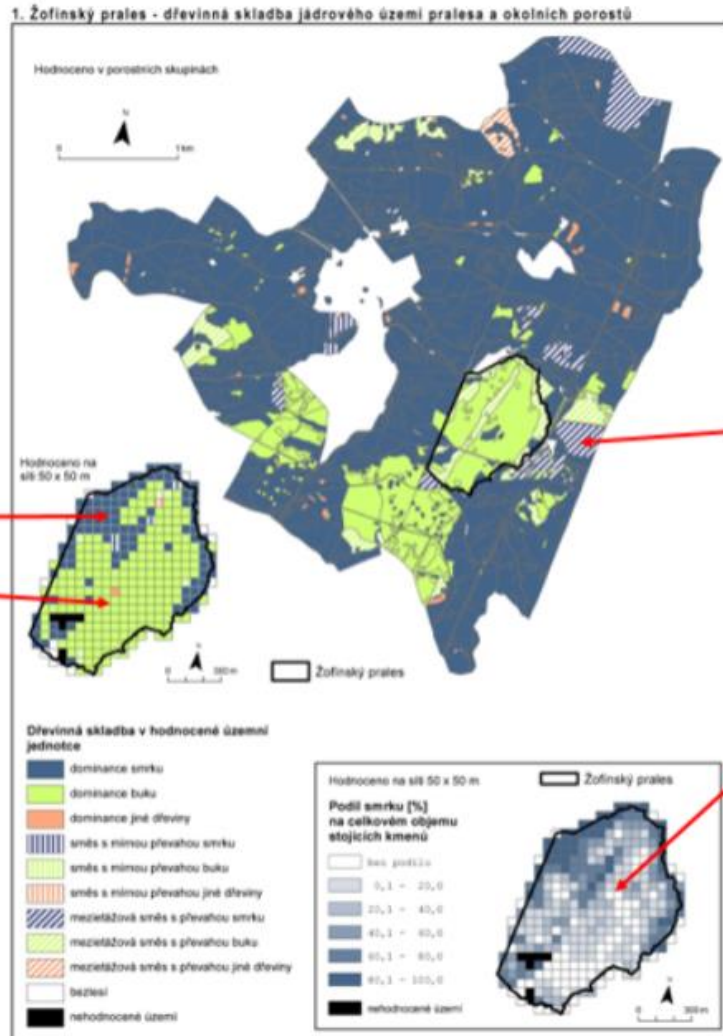
Žofín forest reserve after the storm Kyrill





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## Importance of mixture to prevent bark beetle outbreaks



Spruce dominates

Beech dominates

Spruce with admixed beech

portion of spruce on the total volume of standing stems

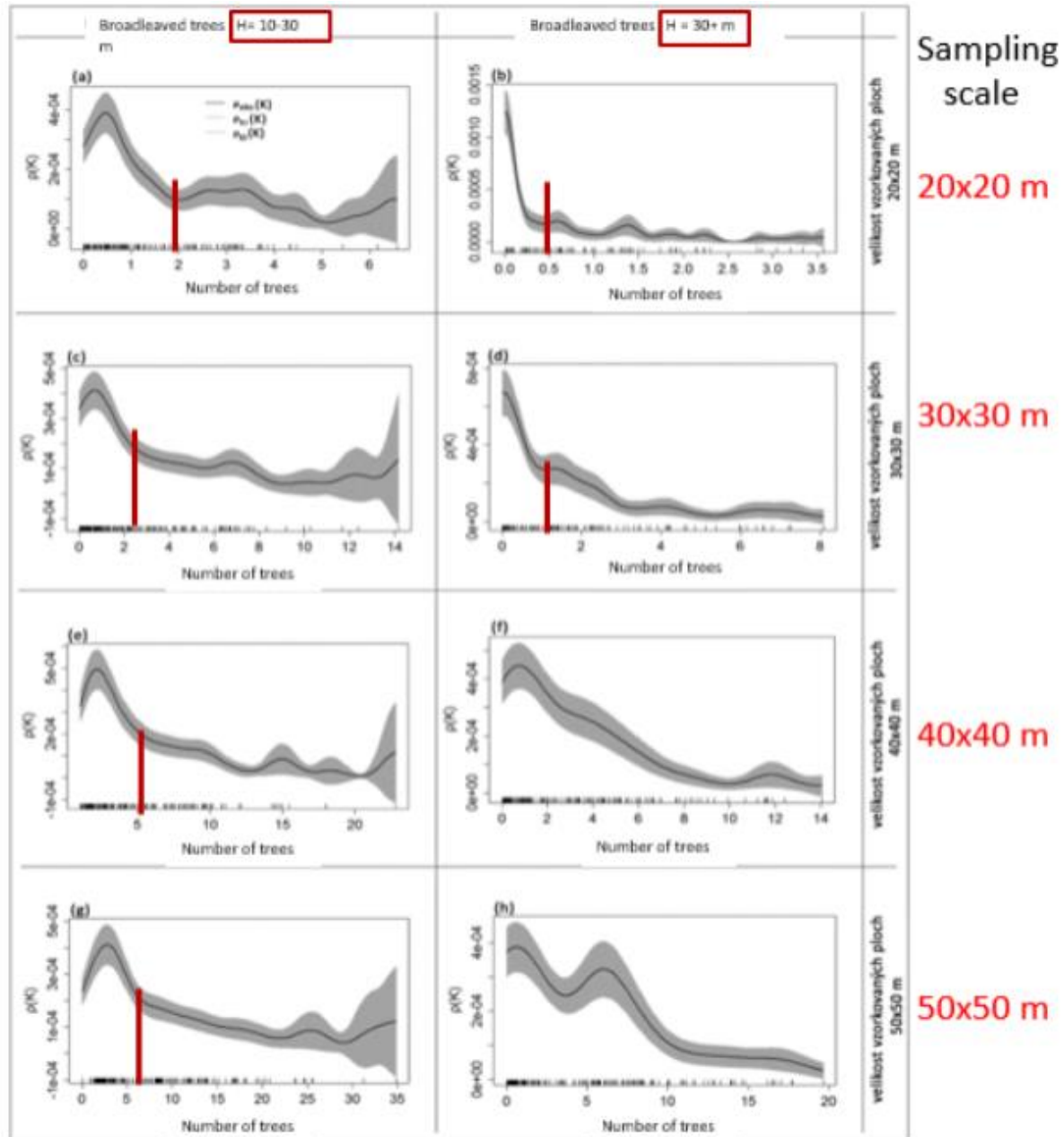
Adam et al. 2015

Mapa je součástí projektu NÁZV/02/12/007/1 - Dynamika šíření kůrovcových a přírodních destruktivních smíšených temerálních lesů na různých prostorových škálováních





# Tree species composition: Importance of mixture to prevent bark beetle outbreaks



## 1) DEPENDENCY OF SPRUCES INFESTED BY BARK-BEETLES TO THE NUMBER OF DECIDUOUS TREES

All scales of sampling to 1ha:

- **32-36 deciduous trees**
- with well-developed crown and the height =10-30 m
- spatially randomly distributed (no clustered)

**can significantly reduce the density of infested spruces**

Only the partial effect of deciduous trees higher than 30 m.

- Silviculture outputs:
- key point – the presence of shade-tolerant deciduous trees
  - **systematical support of intermediate broadleaved trees**
  - **single mixture of broadleaved and coniferous trees**

*importance of mixture*

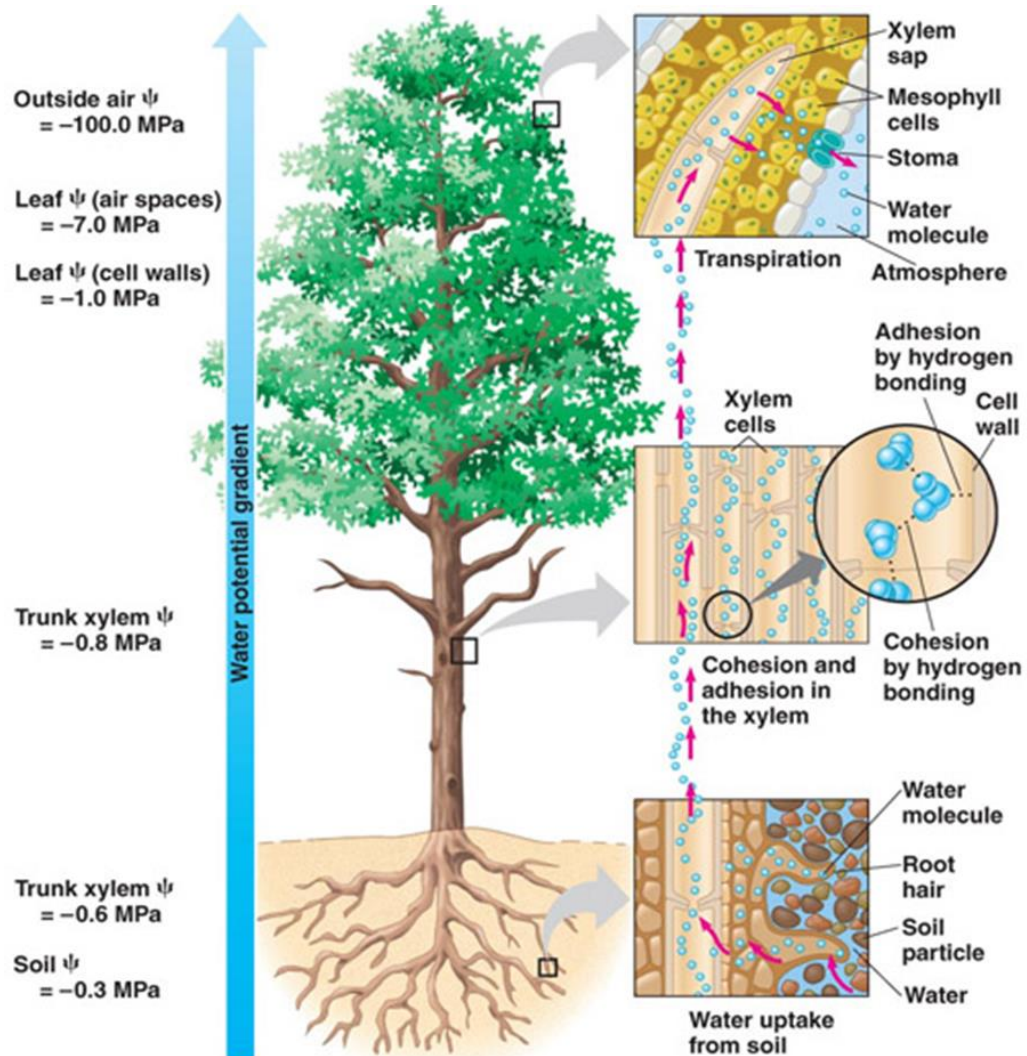
*importance of structure*





# Drought stress - Consequences for FOREST STRUCTURE

## Water in the soil-plant-atmosphere continuum



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### Water balance of trees

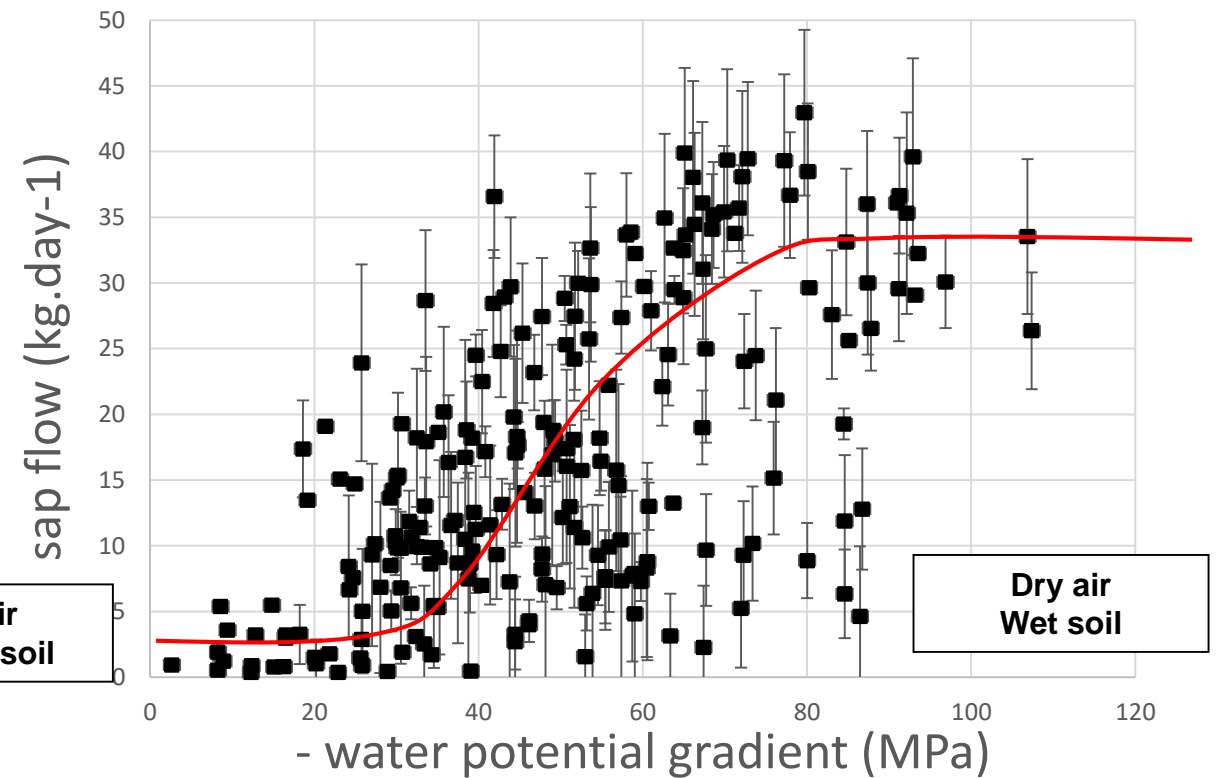
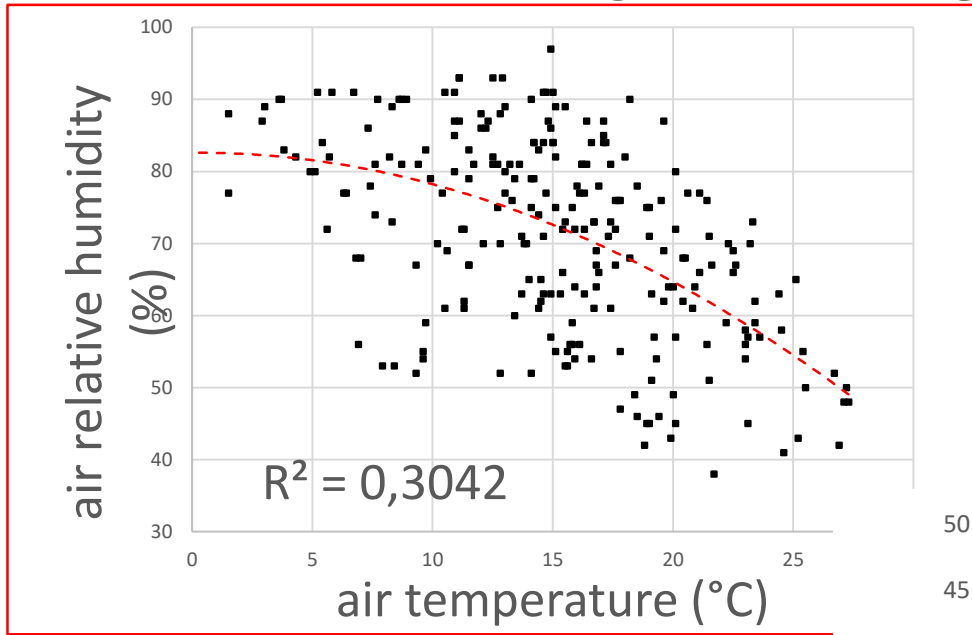
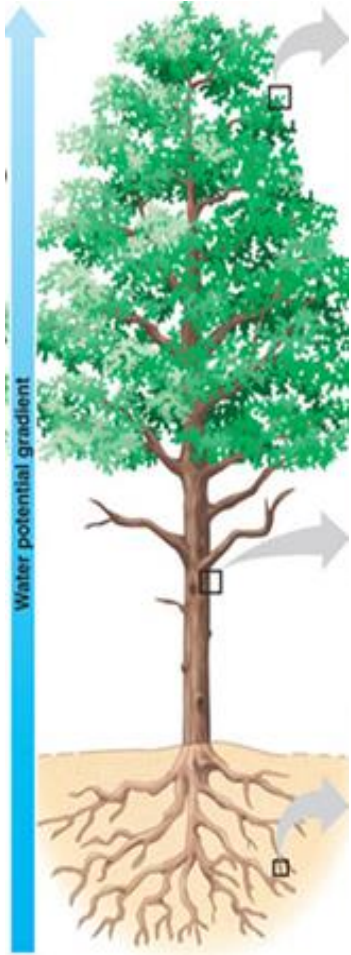
Water movement from leaves to the atmosphere

Water transport through the xylem

Water absorption by roots



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# *Drought stress - Consequences for FOREST STRUCTURE*

**General mechanism and driving forces of water regime in trees, when an extreme position of the regime is a drought stress**

*Mechanisms and driving forces operating on water transport (a) within the tree and (b) between the tree and its environment = **water potential gradient***

*The main factors are*

- (a) **air temperature** and **relative humidity**,
- (b) **wind speed**,
- (c) **soil moisture**





# Drought stress - Consequences for FOREST STRUCTURE

Within the same conditions there are huge differences between tree species and even between different growth stages of the same tree species

	Transpiration	Soil WP	Air WP
Pine, mature	low	dry	dry
Spruce, mature	high	dry	dry
Spruce, young	low	dry	dry





# Drought stress - Consequences for FOREST STRUCTURE

... tree adaptation to the environment ...



1. **Transpiration** is very sensitive to **environmental conditions**.
2. **Soil moisture – key importance** (Point of Reduced Availability - Soil Water Potential = - 0.5 MPa).
3. If SWP **bellow - 0.5 MPa**, than *actual transpiration is very limited*
4. **Air humidity determines the potential transpiration**  
*while*  
**soil moisture regulates the actual transpiration**
5. **N. spruce** is highly predisposed for **drought sensitivity** (compared to e.g. Scotts pine) - it is due to different requirements of species for the soil water content (+ ontogenetic development).
6. To **increase the resistance** of N. spruce to drought = **to reduce its transpiration** = growing in **mixtures**

clear cuts = decrease of air humidity!

as different they are as high stress acts



# Drought stress - Consequences for FOREST STRUCTURE

## Proposal of adaptation treatment to mitigate the impact of drought stress in conifers ...

1. Prevailing **wind** direction and speed, **relative air humidity** and **soil moisture**:

*the most important microclimatic conditions*

*necessity to avoid clear cuts!*

1. The **circulation of dry air** increases the transpiration more than the air temperature.

2. To mitigate long-term drought stress:

*to support trees with treatments* (silviculture interventions) **leading to increasing humidity in the crown layer**

1. The crucial need of '**microclimate care**':

*a) forest structure* = key parameter for the forest stand microclimate (to avoid clear fells)

*b) heterogeneity of canopy surface* = air flow (speed) reduction and/or the reduction of evapotranspiration

*c) tree dimensions' and tree species modification* = different vulnerability for drought stress both for different tree species and different sizes (ontogenetic stages)



# Drought stress - Consequences for FOREST STRUCTURE

## The importance of tree species mixture - Hydraulic lift

results from analyses of 22 dry periods

Volume soil moisture (%) at soil depth (cm)	Young N. spruce stand			Young E. beech stand		
	Average (%)	Standard deviation	Variation coefficient (%)	Average (%)	Standard deviation	Variation coefficient (%)
W5	13,1	3,1	24	17,1	4,6	27
W20	18,5	3,1	17	15,8	3,6	23
W50	22,9	1,3	6	16,3	2,1	13

### Modelling process:

**30% admixture of European beech** into the **Norway spruce stand** increased volume soil moisture (VSM) of the upper soil layer (0–10 cm) in dry periods above the range of **Decrease Availability of soil water for plants** (4–11% of VSM):

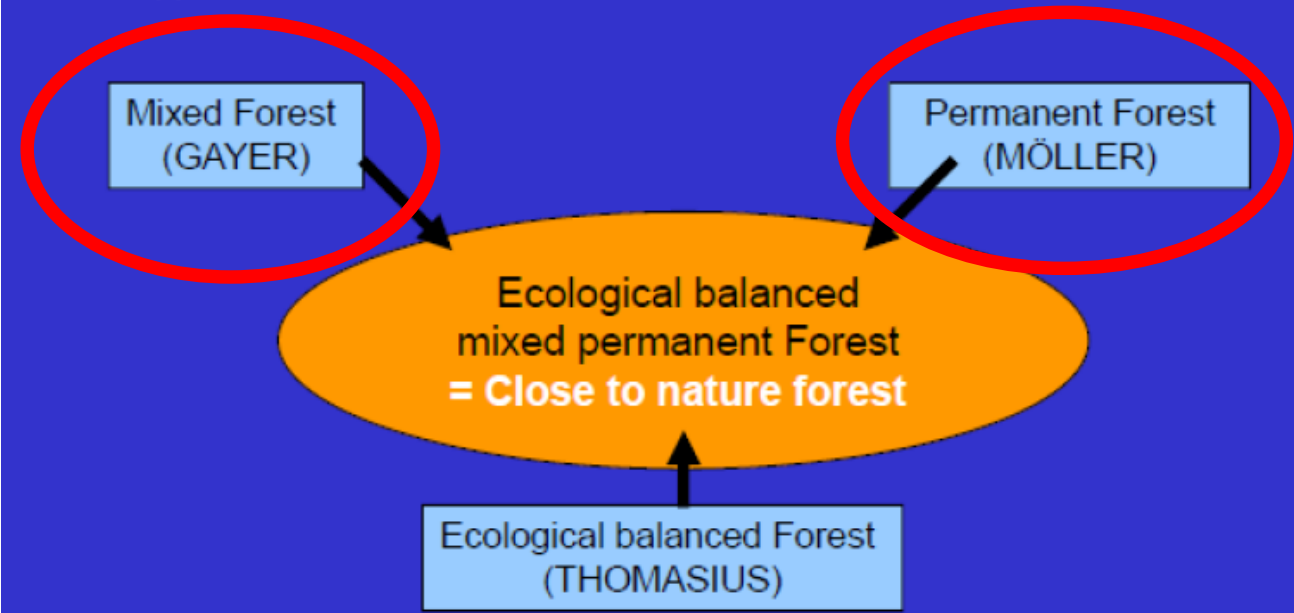
*i.e. mitigation of drought stress for N. spruce through admixture of E. beech*





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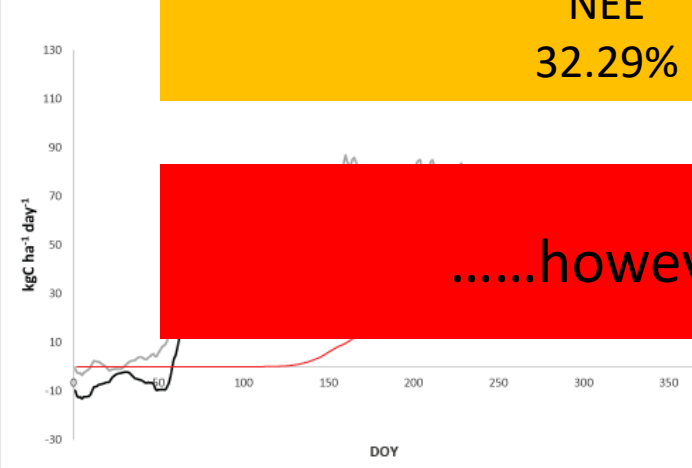
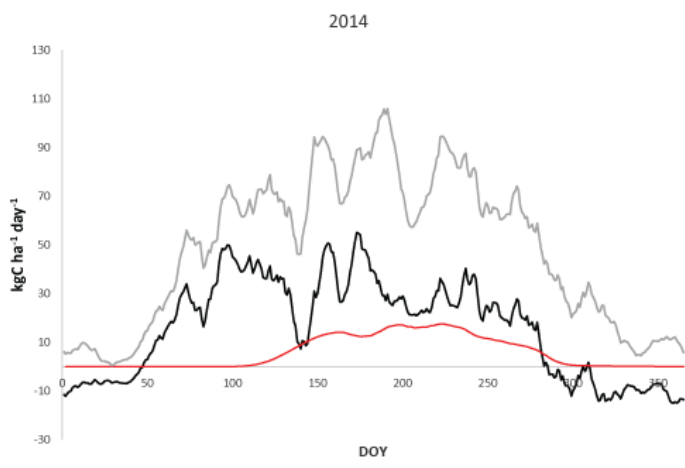
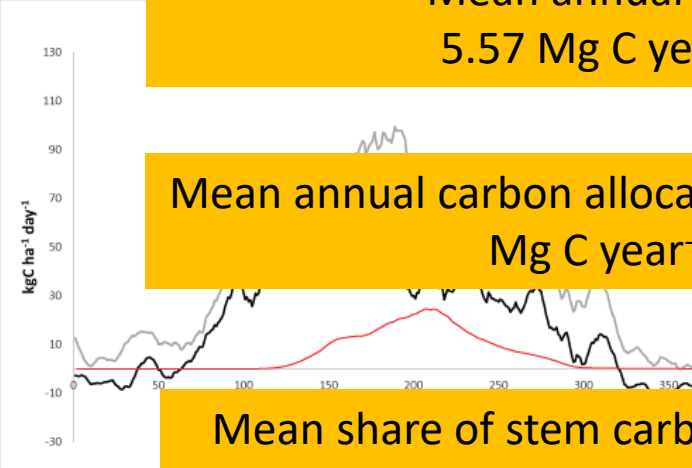
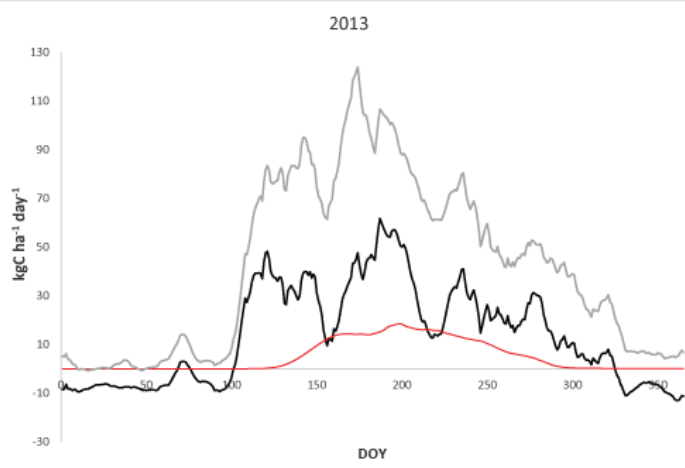
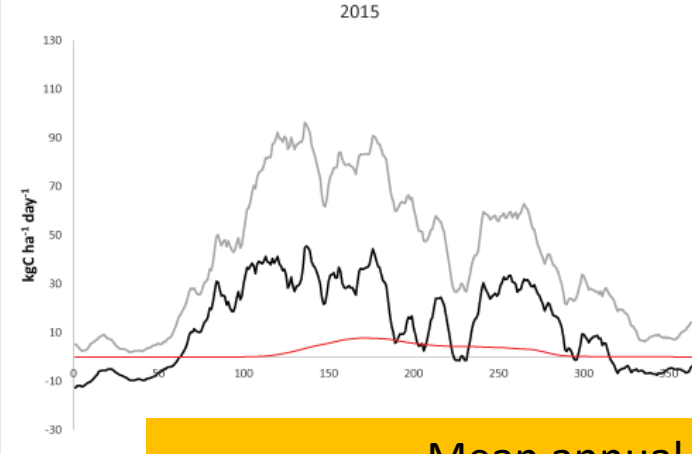


# Forest production - Consequences of drought stress

example of:

**pure even-aged mature *N. spruce* stand**

(permanent research plot Rájec)



Mean annual NEE  
5.57 Mg C year<sup>-1</sup>

Mean annual carbon allocation to stem 1.80  
Mg C year<sup>-1</sup>

Mean share of stem carbon allocation to  
NEE  
32.29%

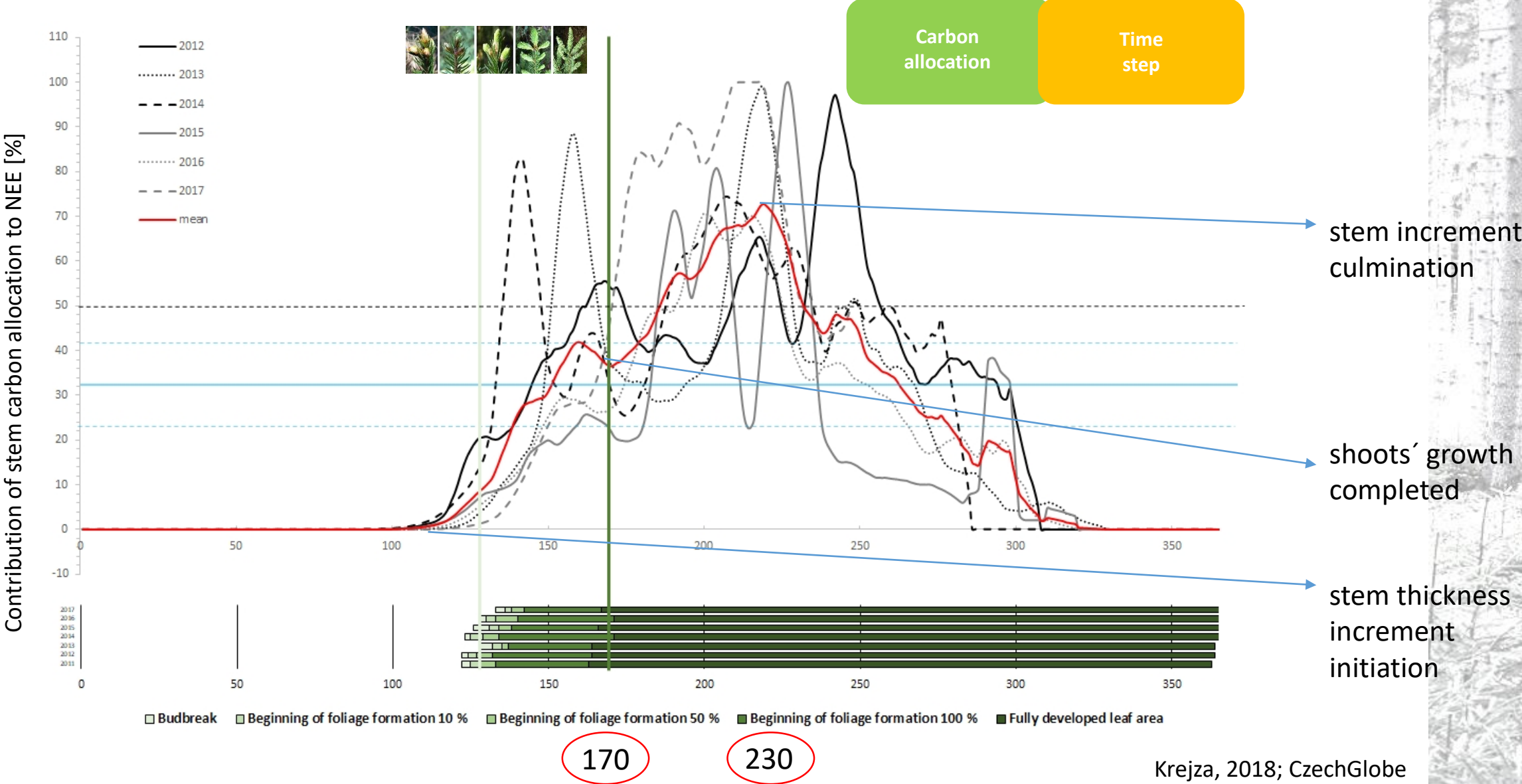
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*Net Ecosystem Exchange*

*All data per hectare*

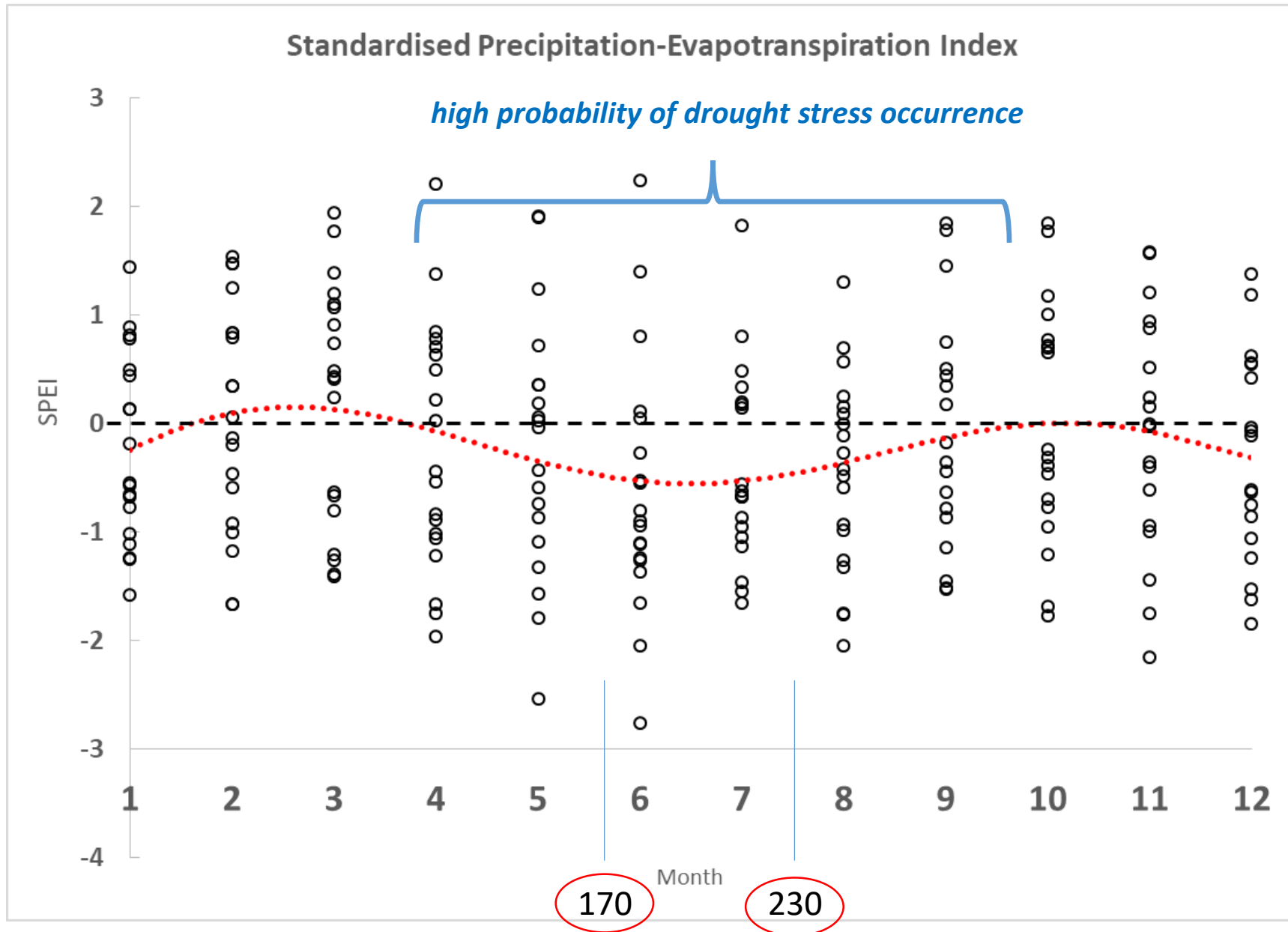
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Permanent research plot Rájec





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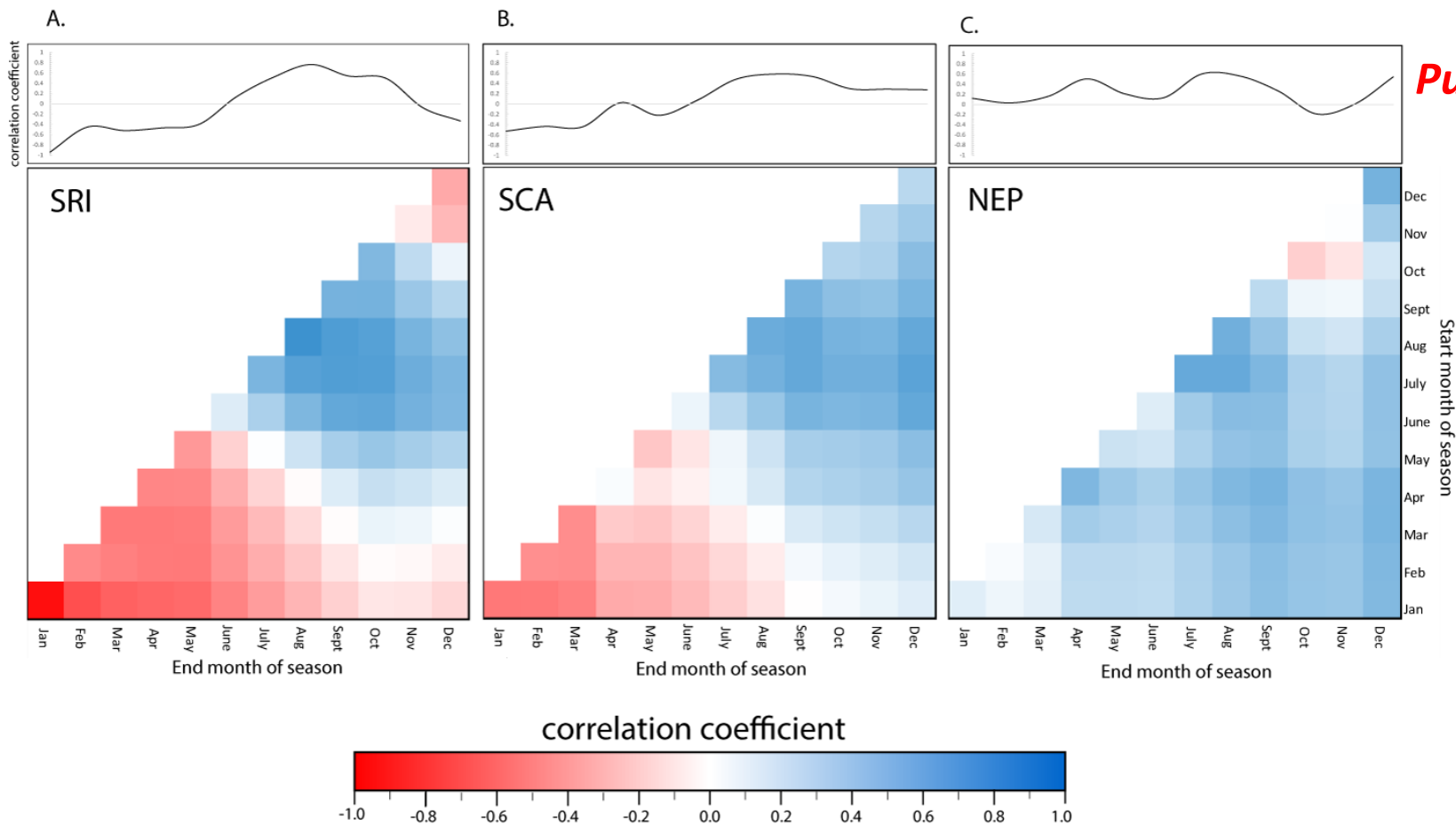
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**Pure even-aged mature  
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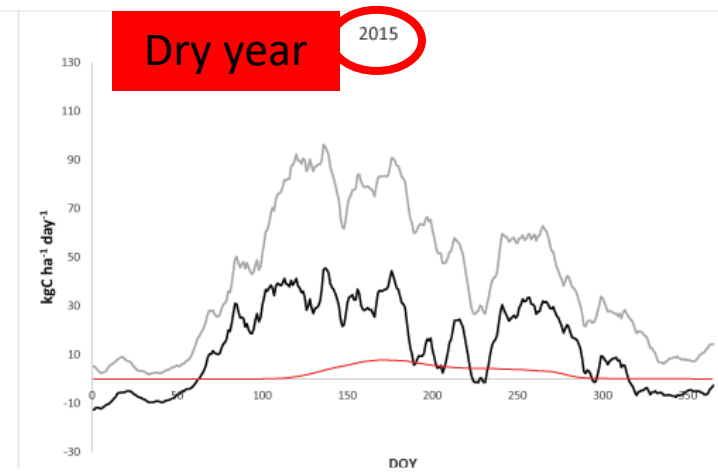
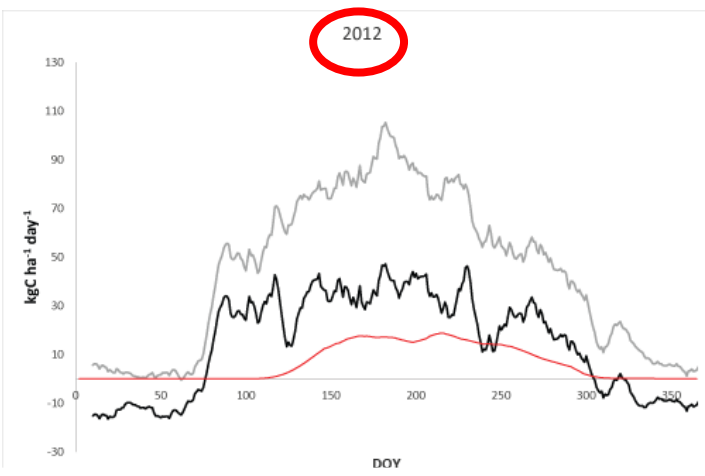
Pure even-aged mature *N. spruce* stand



**SRI: annual stem radial increment** (more dependent on radial growth of cells)  
**SCA: annual stem carbon allocation** (more dependent on cells' walls thickening)  
**NEP: annual net ecosystem production**

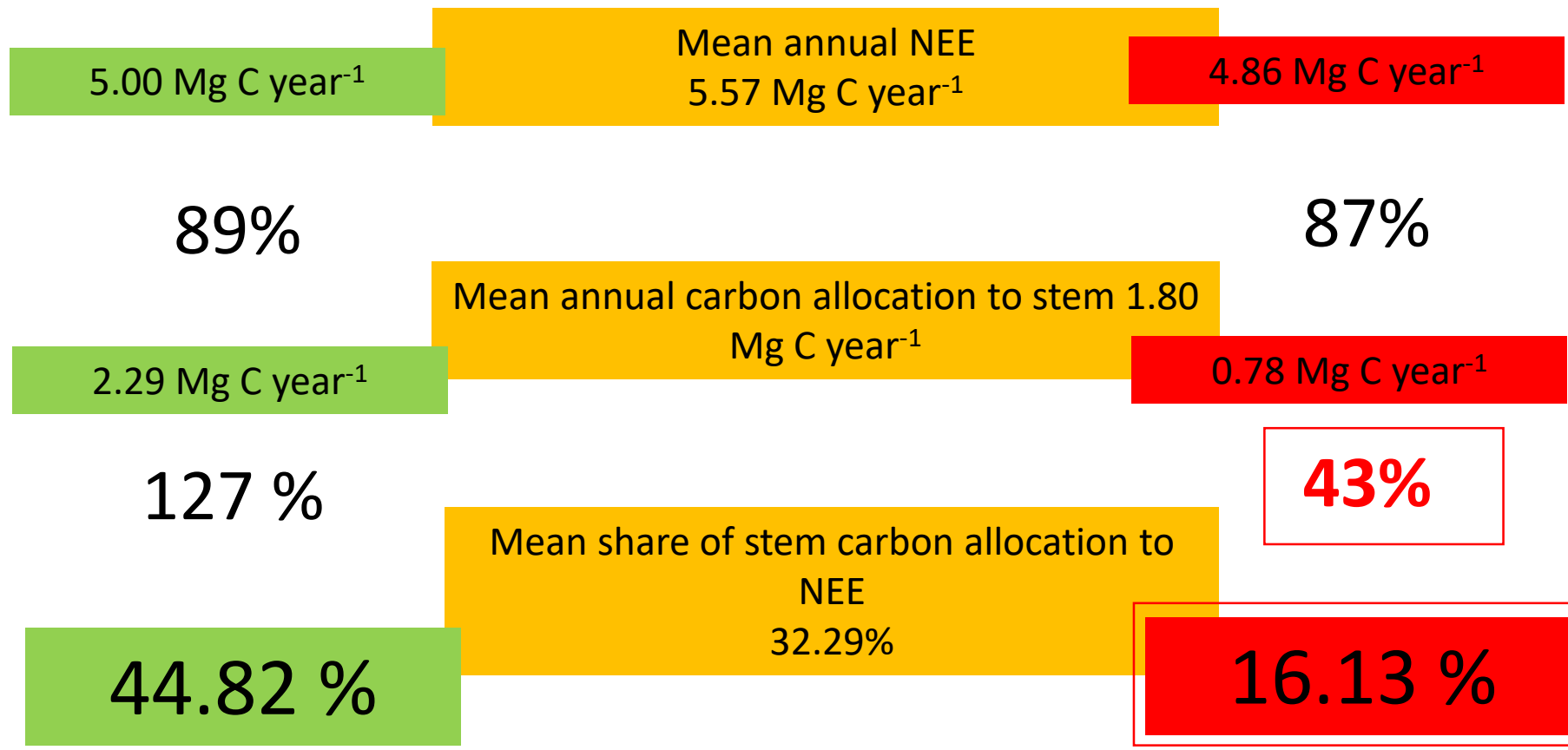
Correlation coefficient of linear regression between the (SPEI) *Standardized Precipitation and Evaporation Index* (from monthly (1<sup>st</sup> diagonal) to annual scale (the last value in right bottom)) and (A.) *annual stem radial increment (SRI)*, (B.) *annual stem carbon allocation (SCA)* and (C.) *annual net ecosystem production (NEP)*.



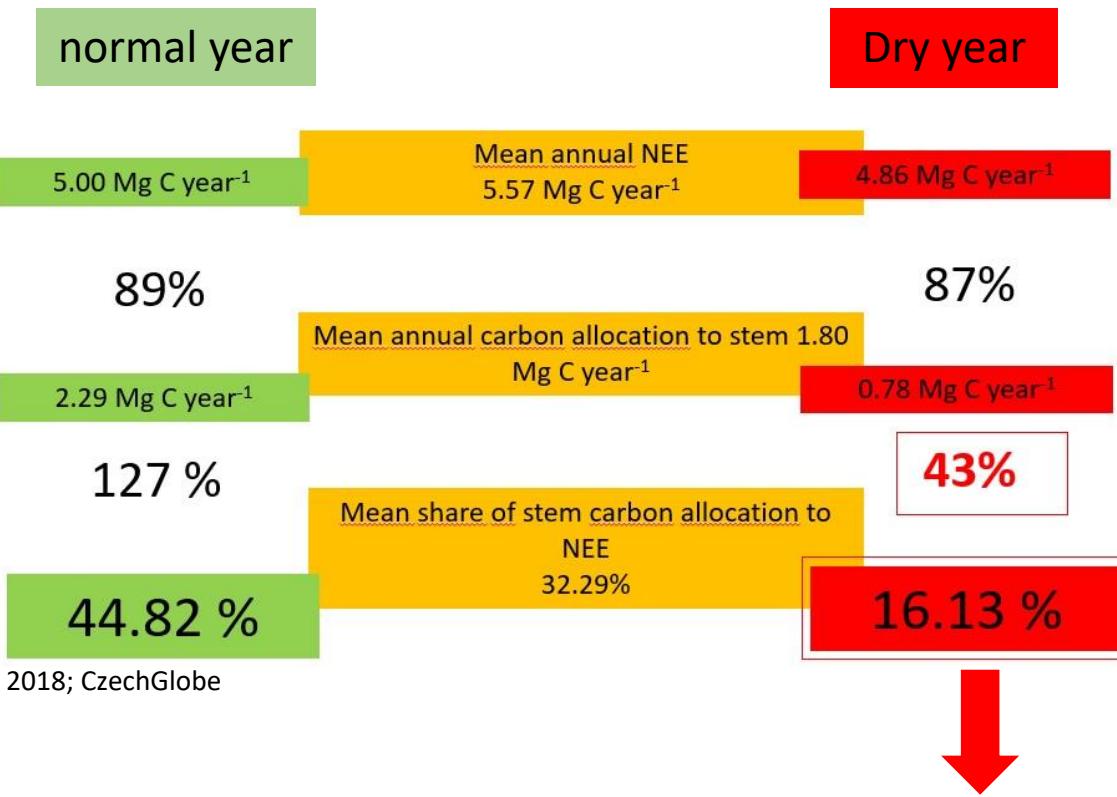


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Net Ecosystem Exchange  
All data per hectare



Krejza, 2018; CzechGlobe

## Forest production:

### Consequences of drought stress

*Example of pure even-aged mature N. spruce stand under drought stress*



### **DROUGHT STRESS:**

**NOT ONLY AN ISSUE OF VITALITY AND SURVIVAL, BUT ALSO AN ISSUE OF THE FOREST PRODUCTION AND OF AN ABILITY TO FULLFIL ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (LIKE CARBON STORAGE IN FORESTS).**

*Forest tree species composition, forest structure and all particular silvicultural measures (interventions) have to lead to minimize drought stress also for reasons of higher forest production and better fulfilling of ecosystem services.*

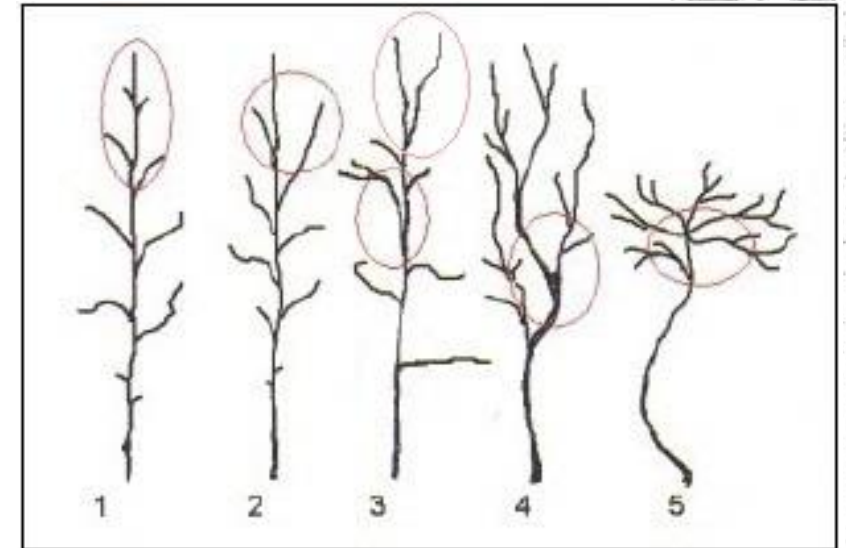


# Forest production - NATURE AUTOMATION

## A. Positive effect of overstorey on growth, stability and quality development of understorey

Σ 6121 individuals at the age of 5 - 20 years

- height
- DBH
- quality
- HDR ratio
- RHG
- RRG
- hemispherical photos



in total: 37 research plots

plus other issues

		years after planting																
		20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	
ID of research plot	CI	14	14	14	14		33	33	33	33	33			20	20	20	20	
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				30	30	30	30	30					22	22	22			
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	SW-C	7x	7x	7x	7x							4z2	4z2	4xz			2x	2x
			6x	6x	6x			3z2	3xz	3xz				26x	26x	26x	26x	
			8x	8x	8x				27x	27x	27x	27x						
			9x	9x	9x	9x				28x	28x	28x	28x					
						11x	11x	11x		1z2	1z2	1xz						
						12x	12x	12x	12x									
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SW-C - shelter-wood cut; GP - gap cut; SCI - small clearing; CI - large clearing

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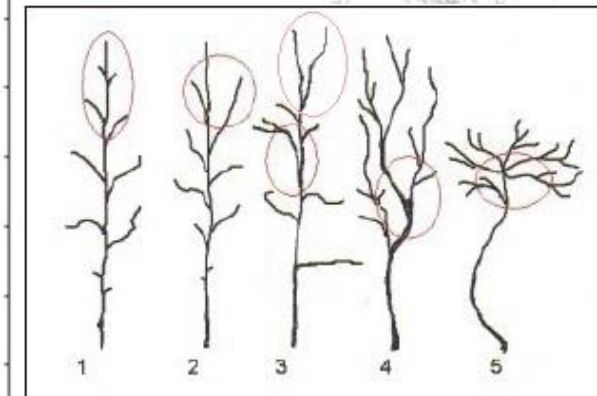
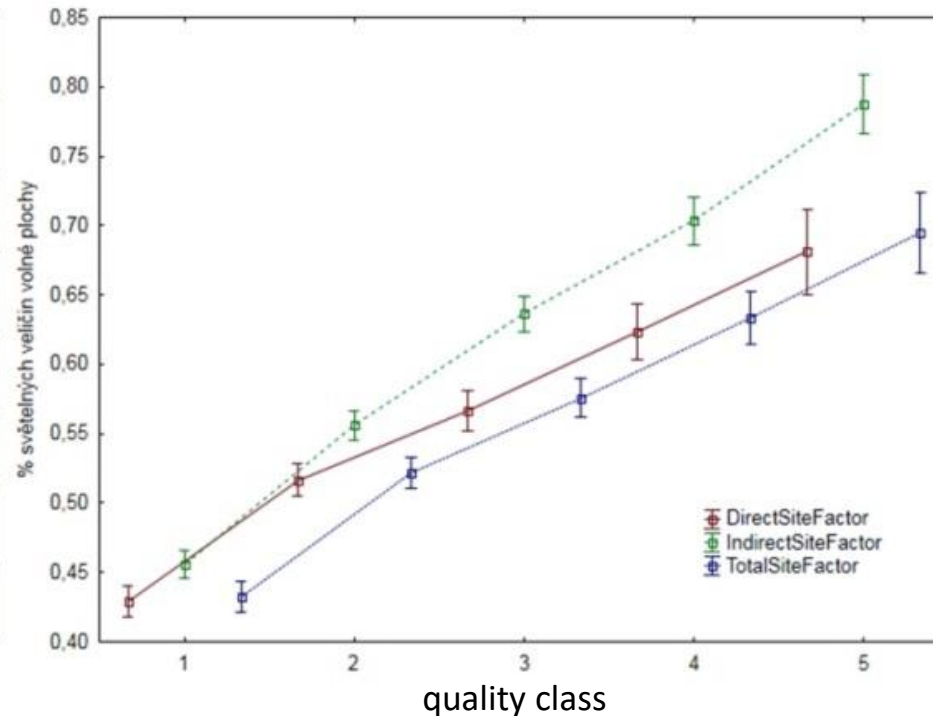
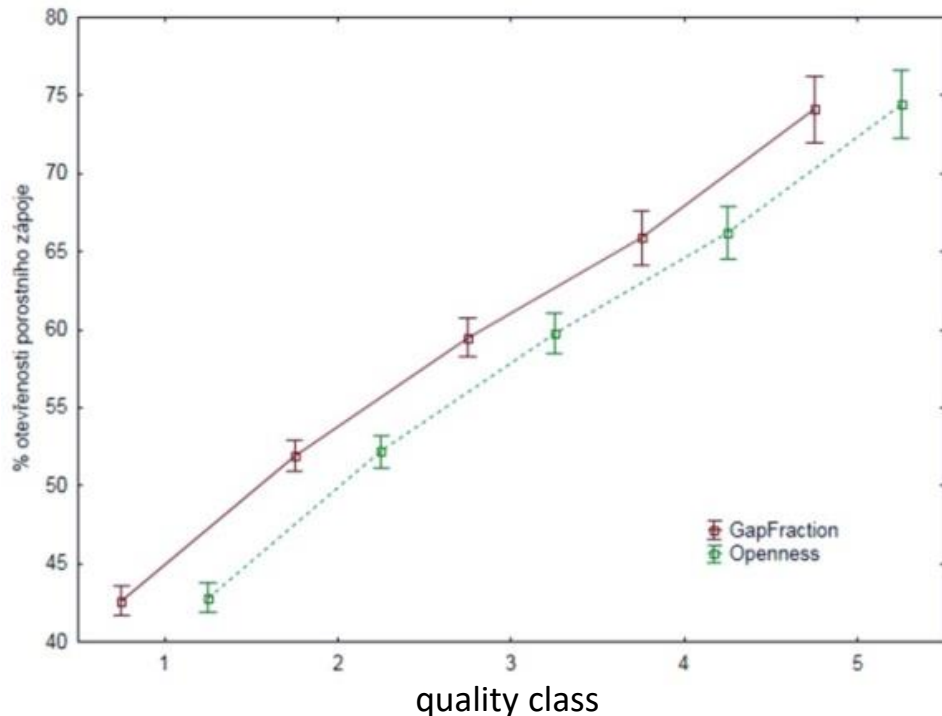
## A. Positive effect of overstorey on growth, stability and quality development of understorey

Observed and compared regeneration fellings:

- shelter-wood cut
  - gap cut (0.05 – 0.12 ha)
  - small clearing (0.25 – 0.33 ha)
  - large clearing (0.5 ha +)
- } CCF



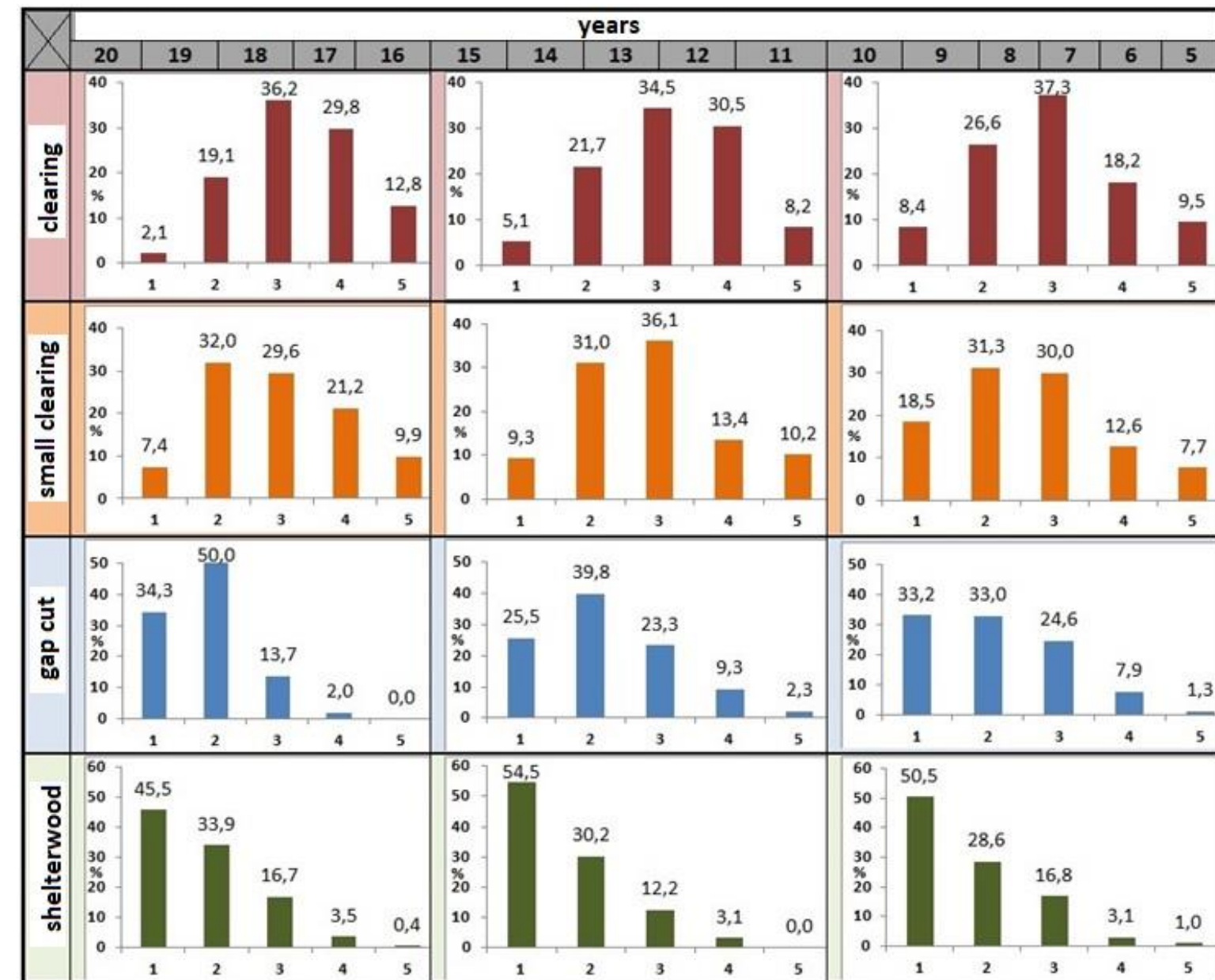
- SIGNIFICAN INFLUENCE OF LIGHT CONDITIONS ON MORPHOLOGICAL QUALITY OF E. BEECH (DECIDUOUS T.S.)





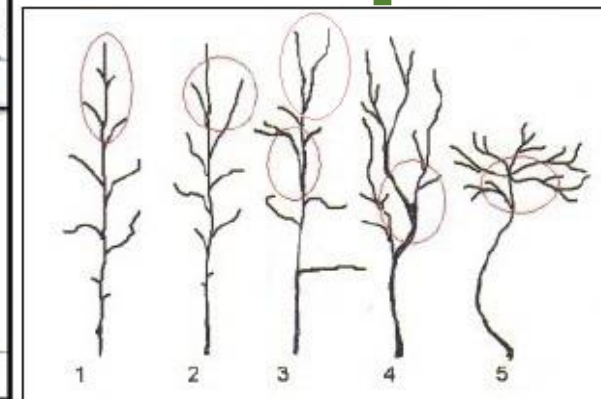
# Forest production - NATURE AUTOMATION

## A. Positive effect of overstorey on growth, stability and quality development of understorey



Share (%) of particular quality classes within different regeneration fellings and within different periods after planting

- All stands were established by the same density of samplings: 10 thousand/hectare (spacing 1 m x 1 m)
- Quality class 1 and 2 give preconditions of future high quality development



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## A. Positive effect of overstorey on growth, stability and quality development of understorey

### Destructions

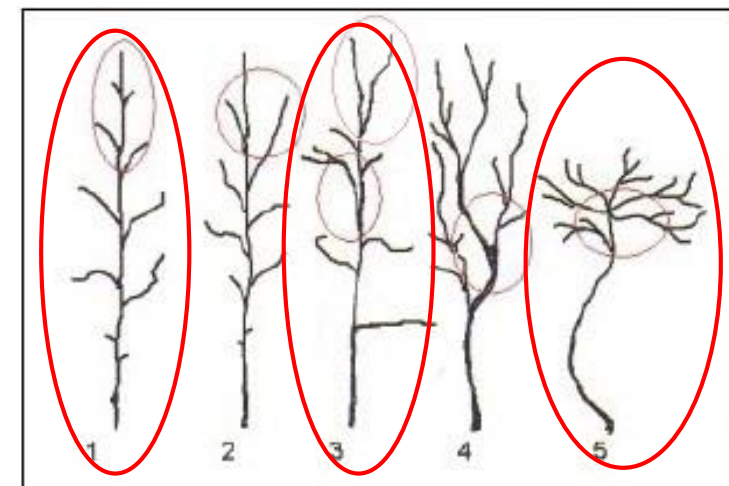
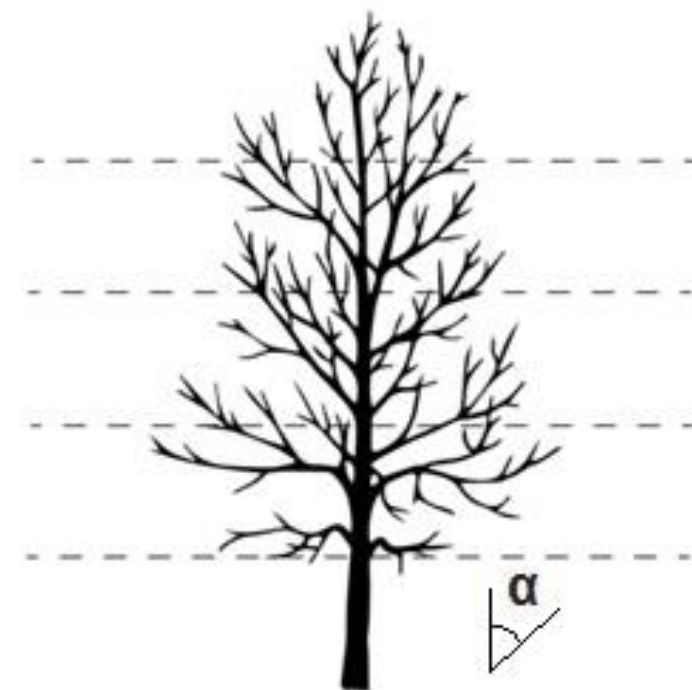
- 96 juveniles harvested
- at the age of **10** and **15 years**

48 + 48

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24 + 24 + 24 + 24  
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓  
gap cut shelterwood c. small clearing clearing

- Selection: 1/3 + 1/3 + 1/3  
8 - top q. 8 - average q. 8 - low q.





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## A. Positive effect of overstorey on growth, stability and quality development of understorey

*No significant differences about Branch-Stem-Ratio*

***Significant differences within branch zenith angle***

	Branch zenith angle [°] $\mu \pm \sigma$	signifikance
gap cut	68,2 ± 12,5	A
shelterwood	59,1 ± 9,6	B
small clearing	46,1 ± 15,7	C
clearing	45,2 ± 14,5	C

	Branch zenith angle [°] $\mu \pm \sigma$	signifikance
shelterwood	65,2 ± 10,1	A
gap cut	62,9 ± 11,7	A
small clearing	54,9 ± 9,8	B
clearing	41,4 ± 15,3	B

*i.e. two individuals reaching currently the same quality class, but growing within two different regeneration fellings have different perspectives of future quality development*

*i.e. within both clearings there is higher probability of quality decrease (even when particular individual is currently exhibiting sufficient quality)*

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## B. Positive effect of overstorey on growth, stability and quality development of understorey

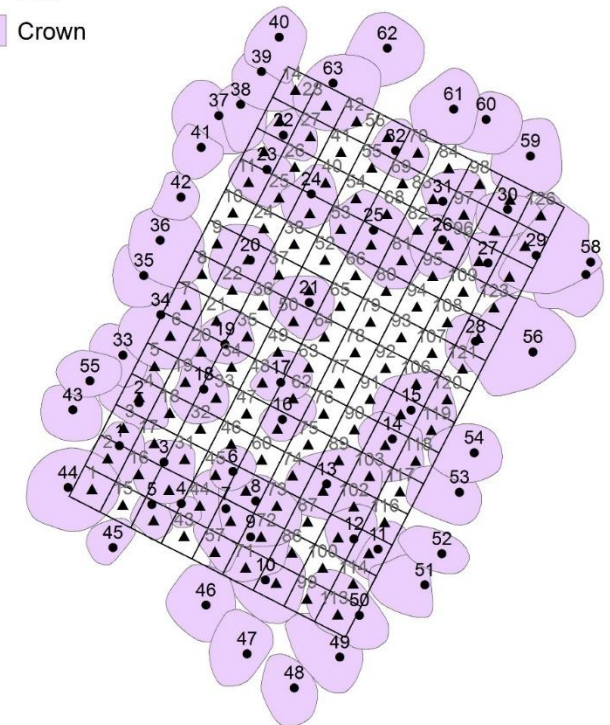
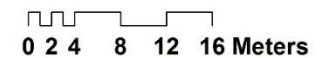
### Photomorphological plasticity of N. spruce natural regeneration and its growth

- 3 reseach plots
- 166 sub-plots; 1263 juveniles measured (height range: 10 - 431 cm)
- measured: 7 morphological parametres + density

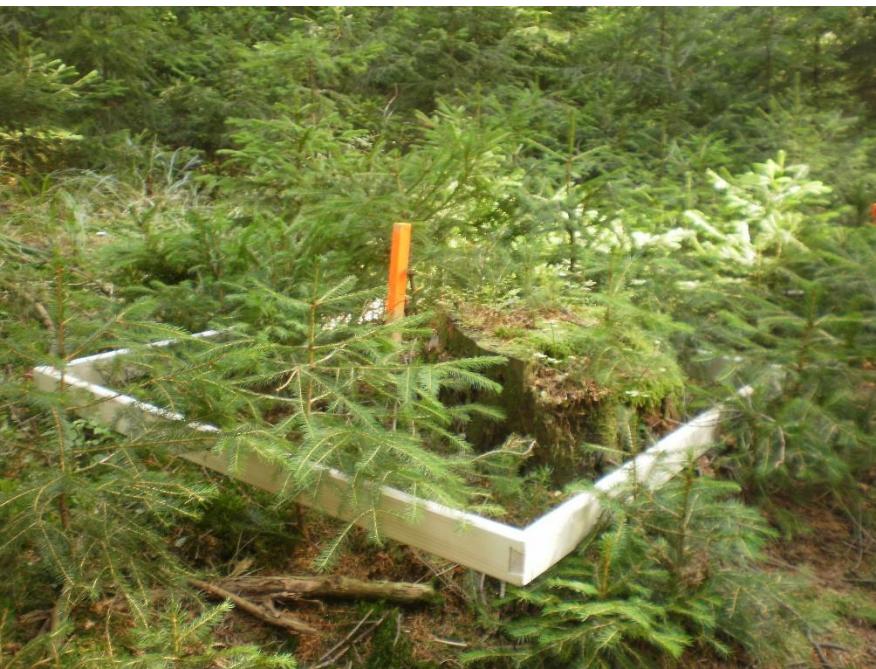


#### Legend

- ▲ Fish-eye
- Tree
- Plot
- Crown



Bednář, 2016; FGMRI





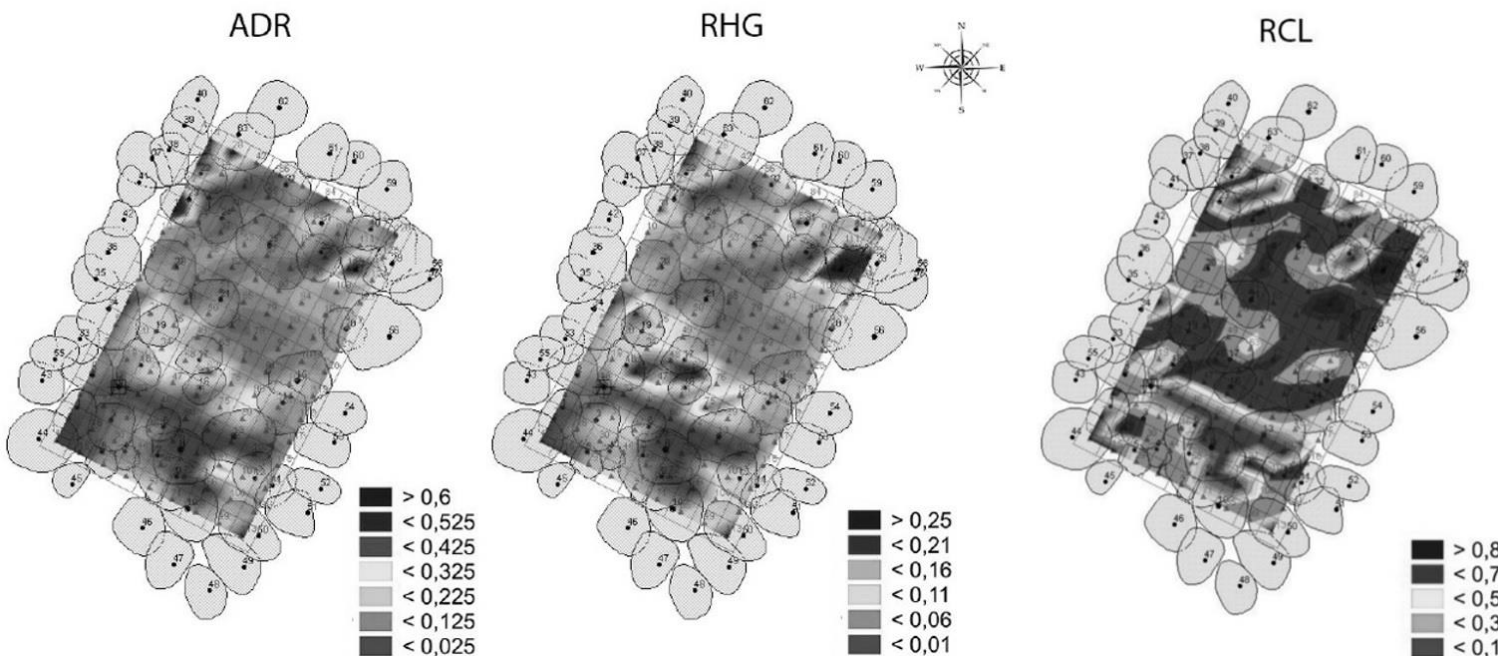
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## B. Positive effect of overstorey on growth, stability and quality development of understorey

### Photomorphological plasticity of Norway spruce natural regeneration and its growth dynamic

There were proved **huge predispositions for photomorphological plasticity** (the levels of height growth; lateral growth and live crown length - **RHG, ADR, RCL**)

↳ **can be effectivelly used for forest structure initiation and encouragement**



**POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF HDR** - *under shelter HDR is lower* (height growth suppressed while D is not correlating with light conditions when in open area height growth is intensive while D increment does not correlate with light)

**NO NEGATIVE EFFECT OF SHELTER ON DENSITY** (density does not correlate with light conditions)

# Forest production - NATURE AUTOMATION

## C. Positive effect of shelter-wood cut on forest production and stability of mature N. spruce overstorey

### DENDROCHRONOLOGICAL ANALYSES

- 3 vertical levels
- different cardinal points (N x S x W x E)

In total 480 core dendrochronological samples  
↳ from 80 trees



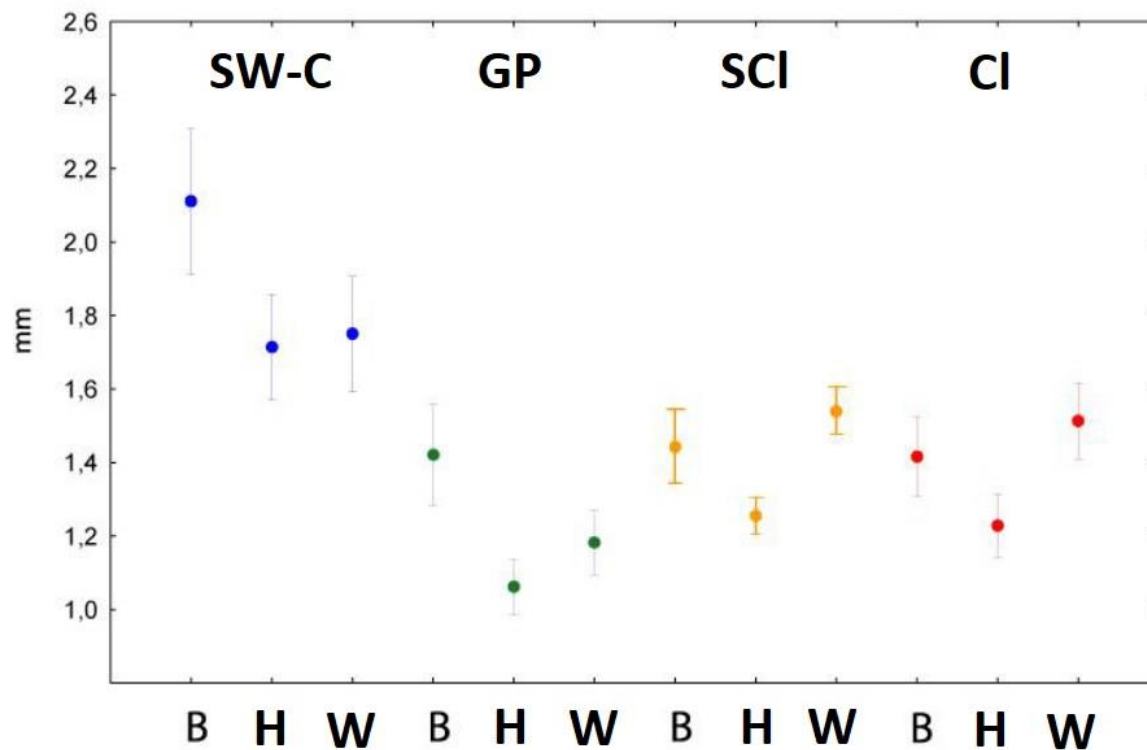


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## C. Positive effect of shelter-wood cut on forest production and stability of mature N. spruce overstorey

**Within shelter-wood cut and around gap cut: allocation of increment onto basal part of stem (making convergent shape of stem)**

**Around small clearing and clearing: increment into higher parts of stem - first live whorl (making cylindric shape of stem)**



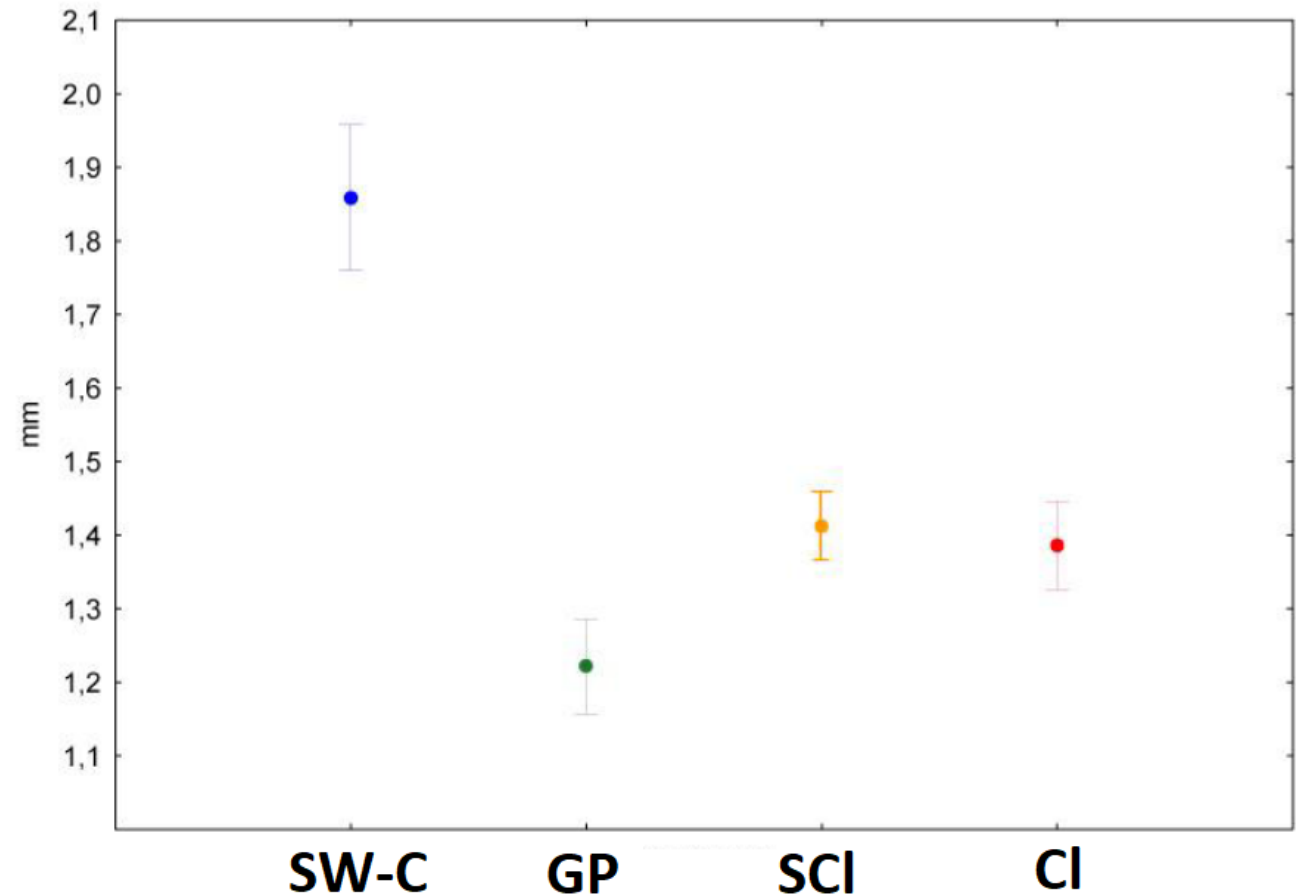
Changes within position of centre of gravity = changes of mechanical stability/lability

SW-C: shelter-wood cut; GP: gap cut; SCI: small clearing; CI: clearing; B: base (DBH); H: half of stem; W: first live whorl (live crown base)

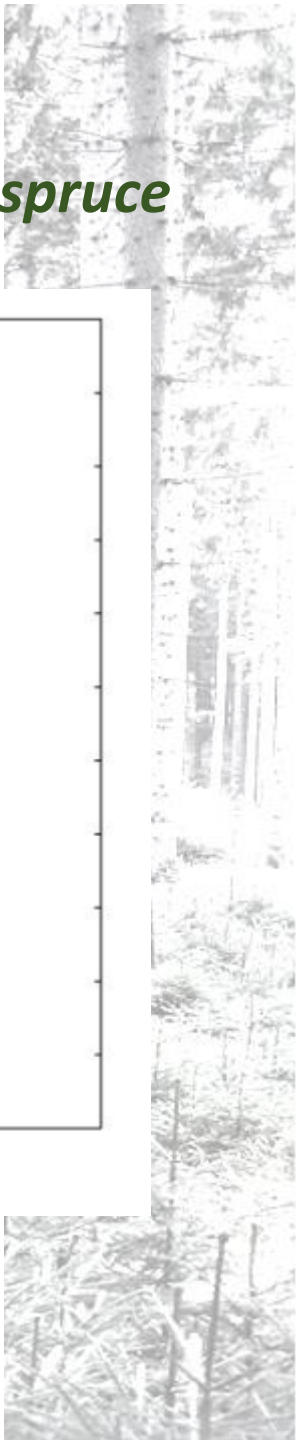
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## C. Positive effect of shelter-wood cut on forest production and stability of mature N. spruce overstorey

- *The highest increment (tree ring width) was significantly proved within shelterwood cut*
- *In addition, when increment of value would be considerent, an advantage of shelter-wood cut would be even bigger (due to allocation into basal part of a stem)*
- *Within shelter-wood cut and around gap cut the stability was improved also due to allocation on the side of the stem according to prevailing direction of wind (non-presented data)*



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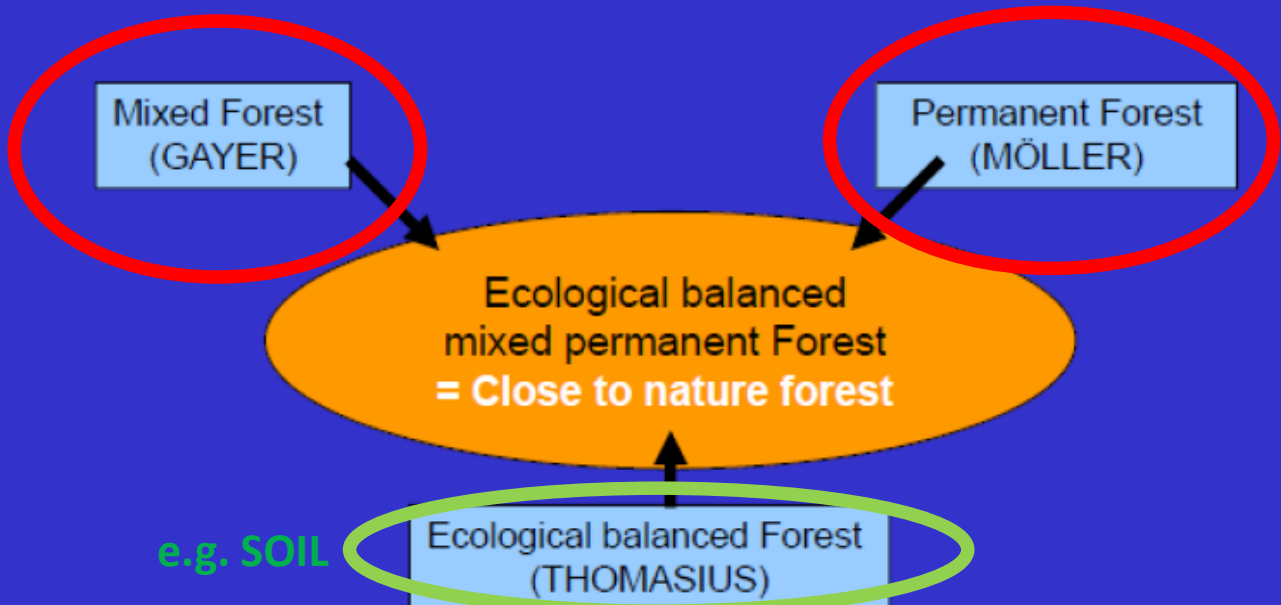






## The new objective of Forestry: The „close to nature“- forest

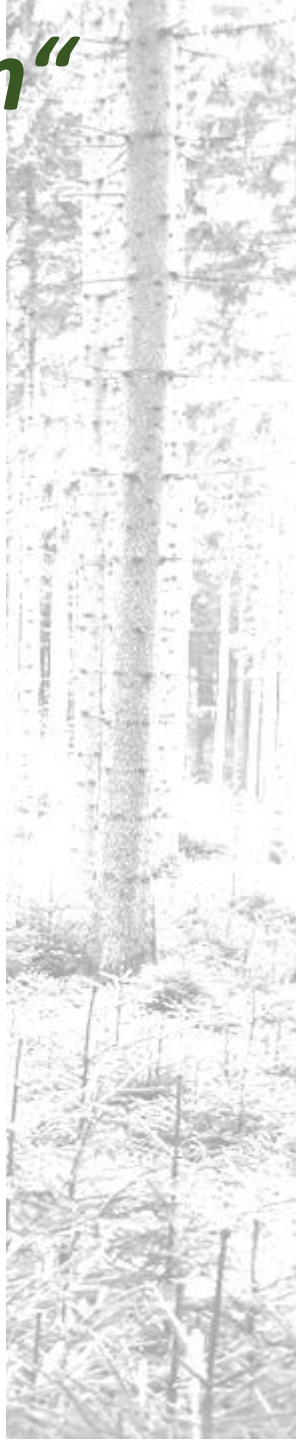
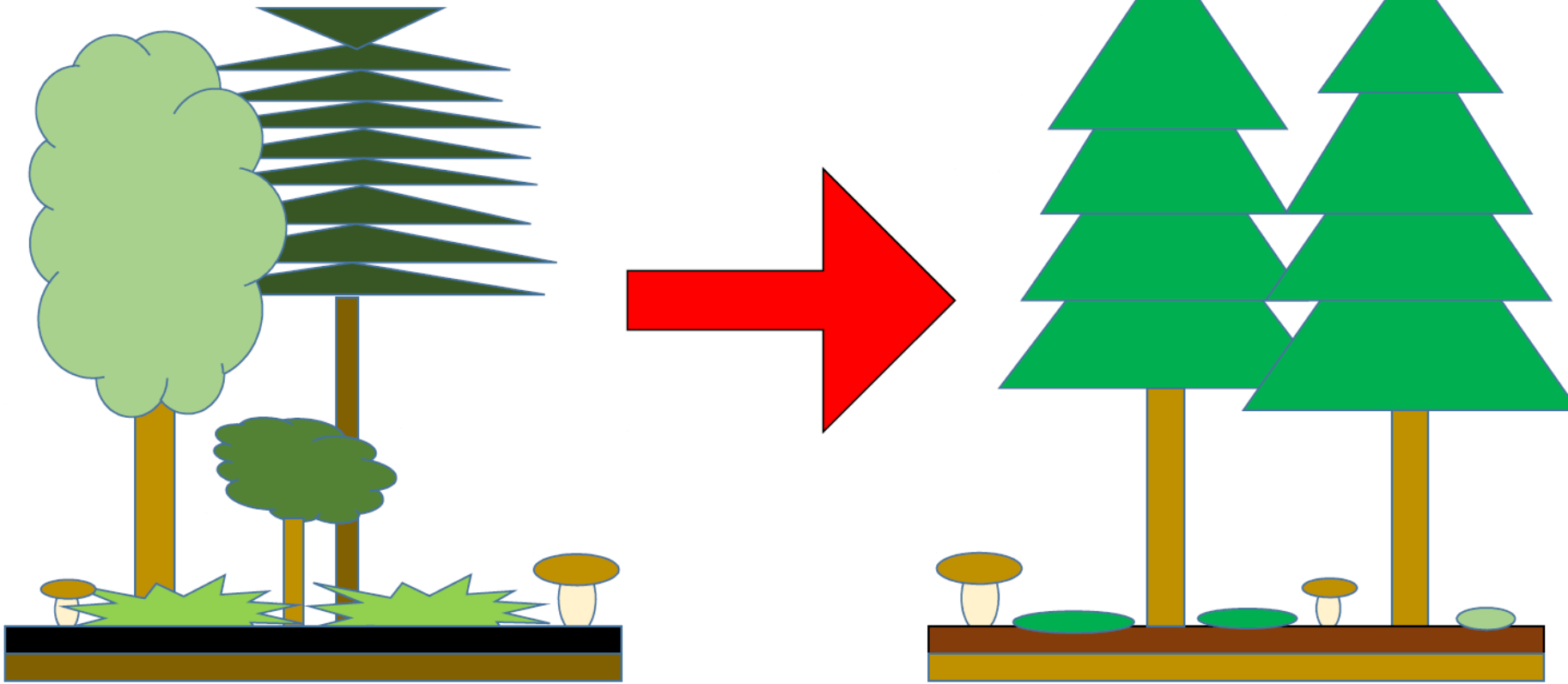
1. Requirements and characteristics of the new forest
  1. Lower susceptibility for damages
  2. Better economic performance
  3. Improved suitability for multipurpose forestry e.g. SOIL
2. Appearance of the new forest



# Forest SOIL - “The Breadbasket for forest ecosystem”

*Changes in soil chemistry and humus accumulation,*

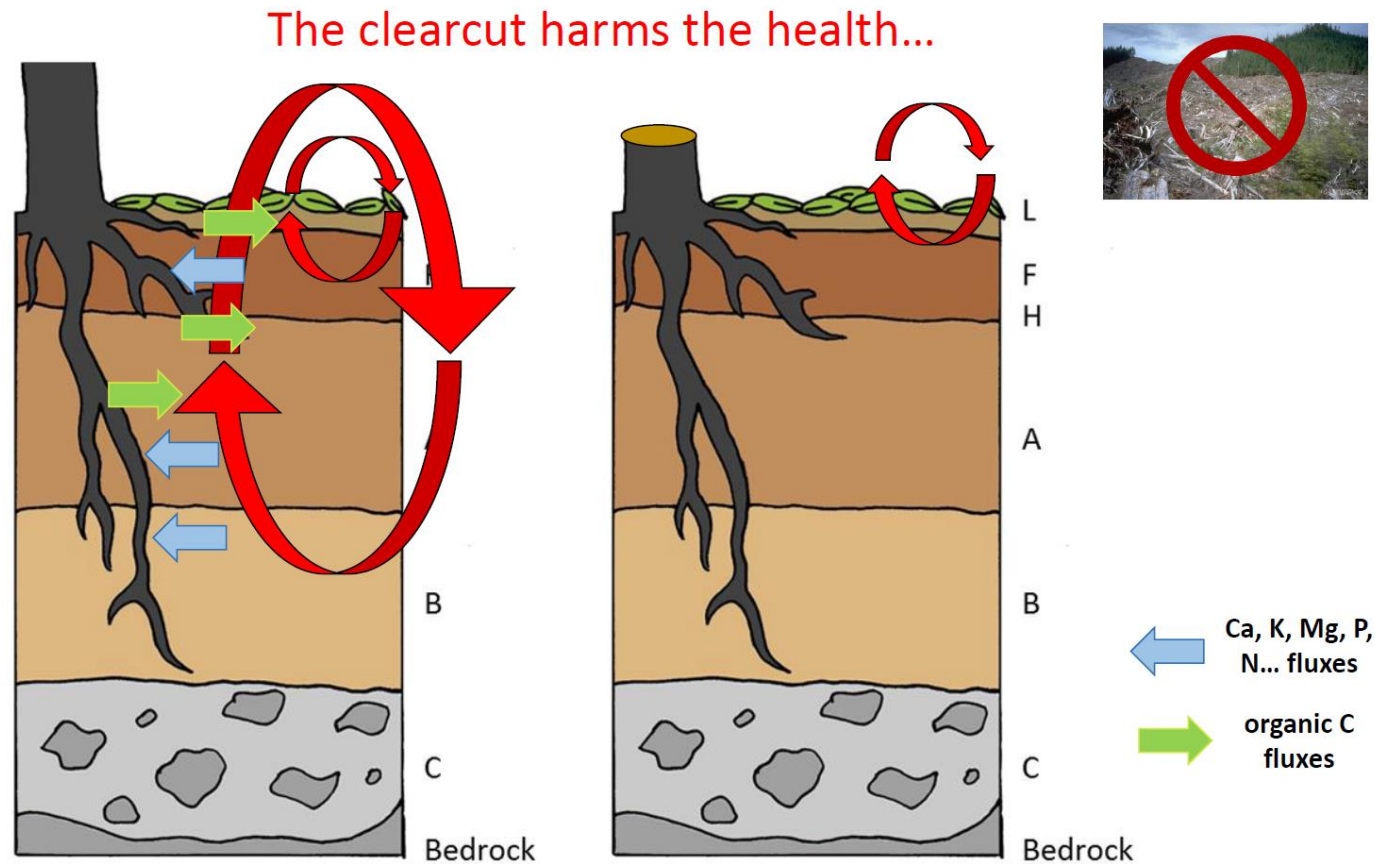
*Slow acidification of stands on sites previously occupied by mixed forests*





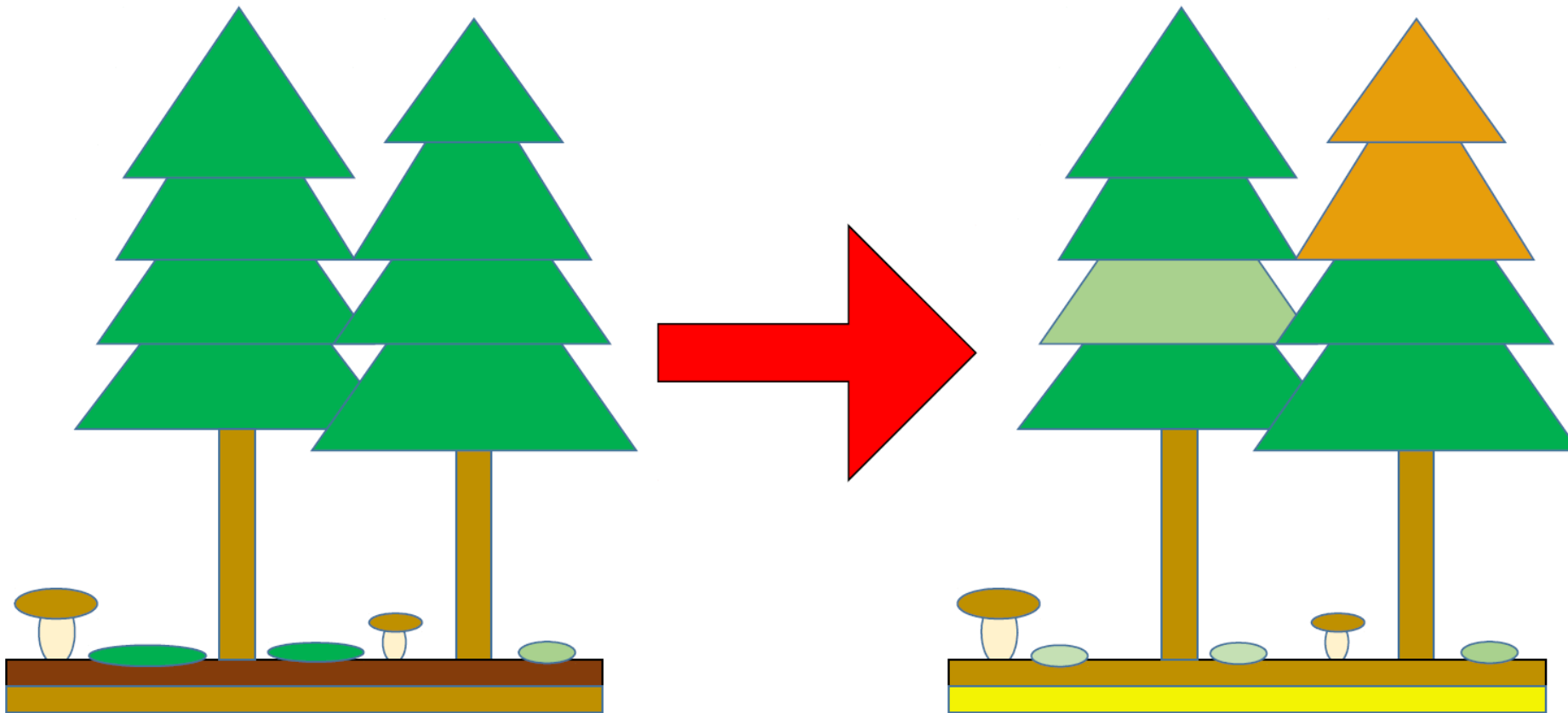
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Basic ions are migrating deeper into soil or out from the ecosystem; mycorrhiza is replaced by saprophytic species; loss of litterfall after clearcuts



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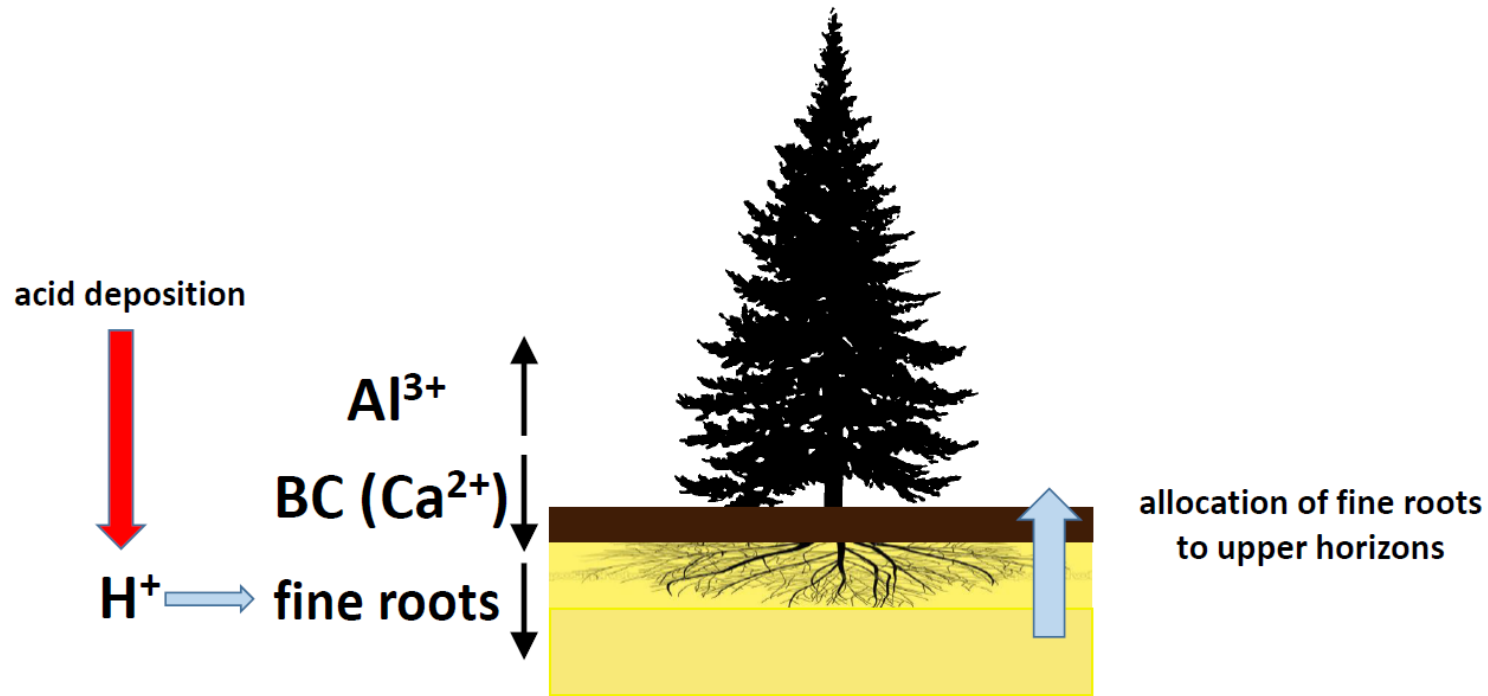
Deep chronic changes in soils: the loss of base ions, mobilization/releasing (from complexes) of free Al<sup>3+</sup> damaging fine roots (acts toxically), suppression of microbial activity = soil is increasingly poorer in terms of nutrients





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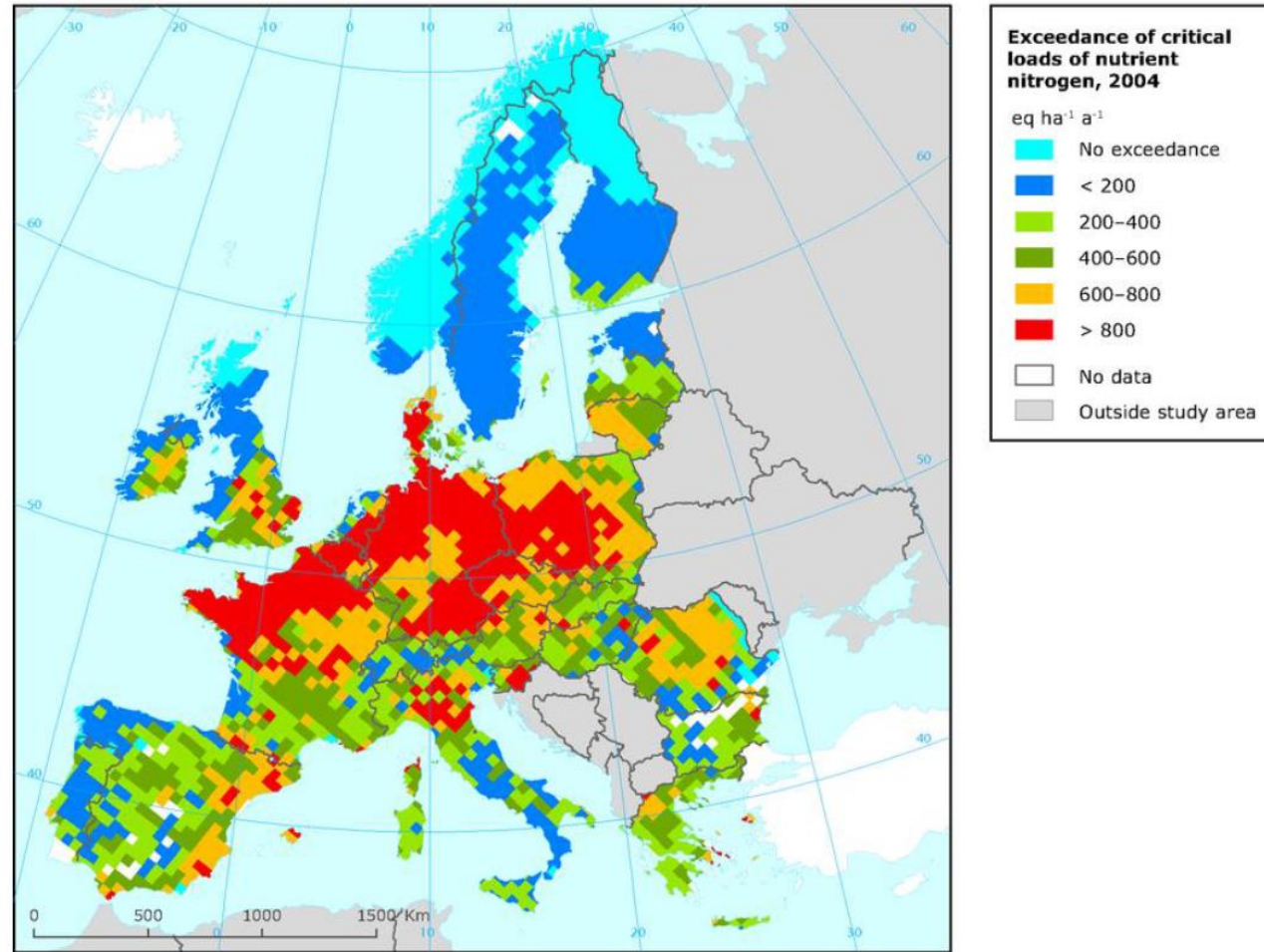
Sensitivity to drought stress is increasing (accumulation of fine roots in upper soil horizons)



*In aditions, there will be further problems, mainly N deposition.*

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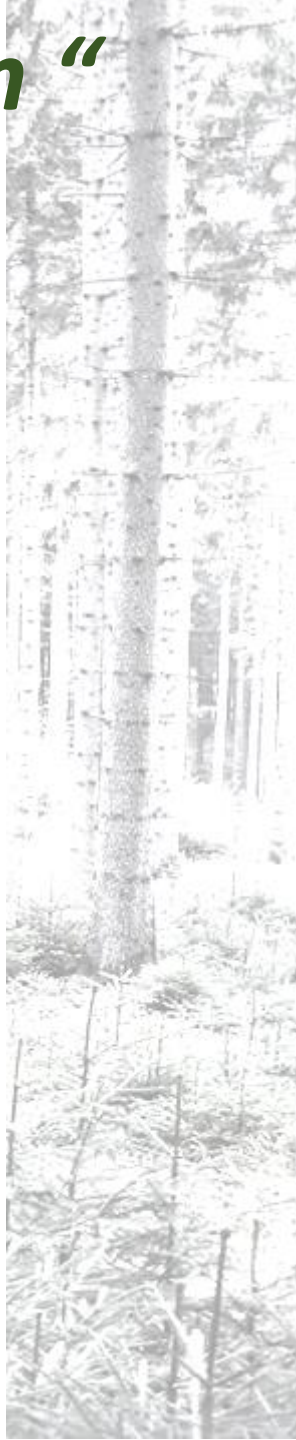
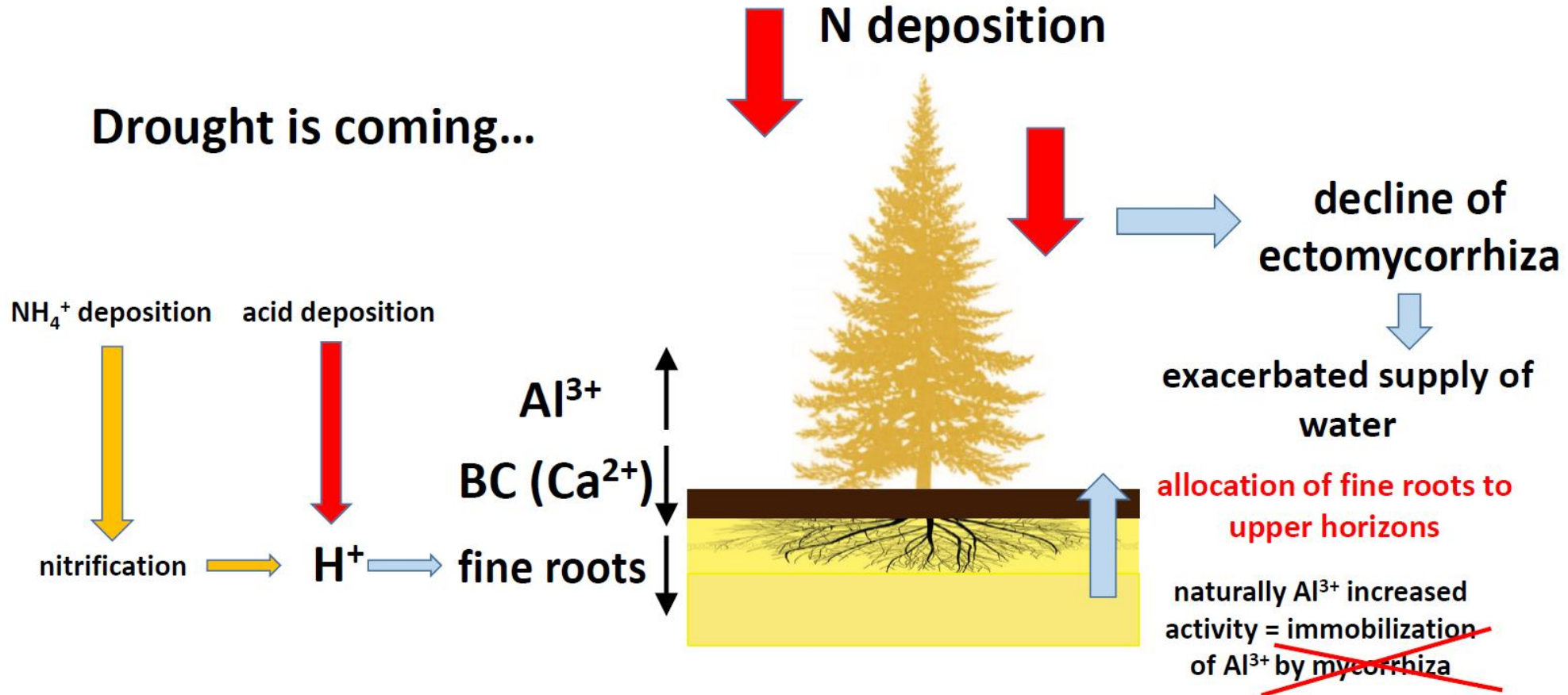
Exceedance of critical loads...





# Forest SOIL - "The Breadbasket for forest ecosystem"

Synergisms between deterioration of soil and climate change



# Forest SOIL - "The Breadbasket for forest ecosystem"

- Mixed tree species composition can help also here*

Mycorrhiza differs in its sensitivity to nitrogen deposition

low sensitivity to  
N deposition

maple, elm, ash,  
cherry-tree, rowan

linden, poplar

beech, oak,  
hornbeam, birch

fir, spruce

pine

high sensitivity  
to N deposition

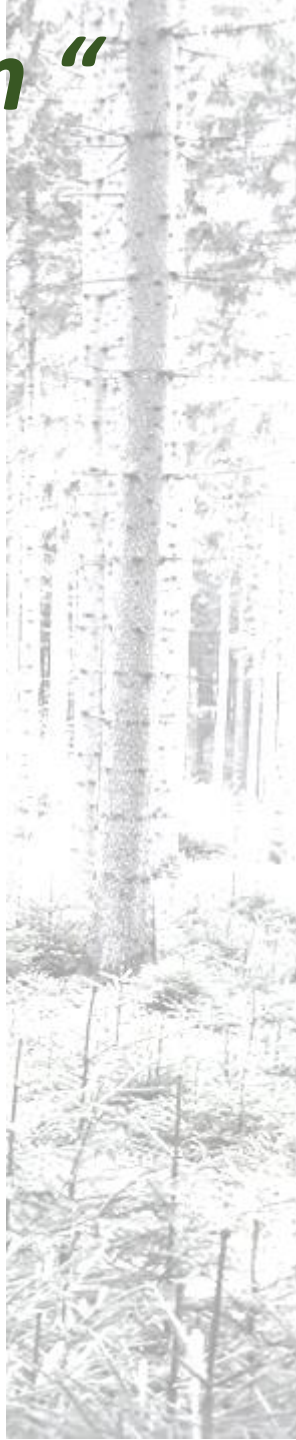
arbuscular  
mycorrhizal fungi  
(AM) + rapid litter  
decomposition



both of AM and EM  
+ mediate litter  
decomposition



ectomycorrhizal  
fungi (EM)  
+ slow litter  
decomposition

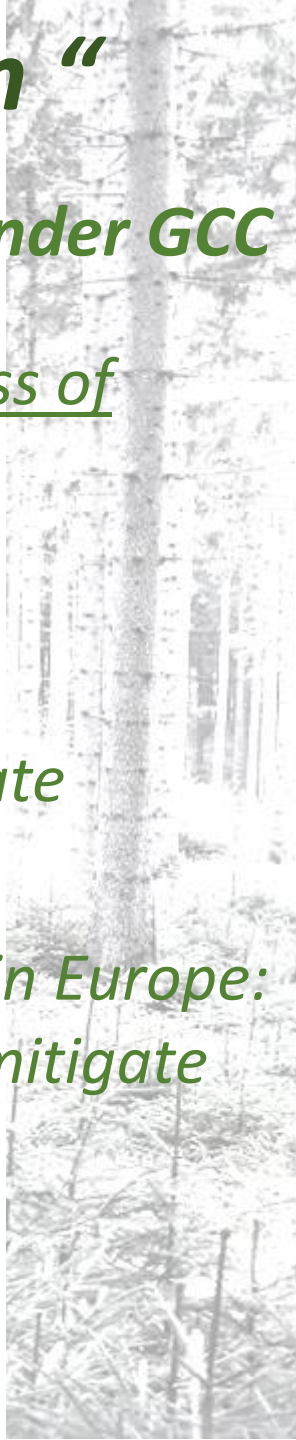




# Forest SOIL - “The Breadbasket for forest ecosystem “

*To care about the health of soil... key pre-condition for forest existence under GCC*

- *To avoid clear-cuts to avoid losses of mycorrhizal network and subsequent loss of nutrients*
- *To avoid pure coniferous forest stands causing gradual soil acidification and subsequent losses of basic ions*
- *To use broadleaves especially those with deep rooting systems and appropriate character of litter (e.g. linden, maple etc.)*
- *To take into account the vulnerability of trees to current nitrogen deposition in Europe: what is useful is an admixture of tree species with arbuscular mycorrhizy to mitigate the effect of N deposition*
- *To leave the branches etc. after cutting on the site for decomposition*





The new objective of Forestry:

## The „close to nature“- forest

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e.g. SOIL

### 2. Appearance of the new forest

Mixed Forest (GAYER)

Permanent Forest (MÖLLER)

Ecological balanced mixed permanent Forest  
= Close to nature forest

Ecological balanced Forest (THOMASIUŠ)

e.g. SOIL



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# Czech forestry - Basic description:

## *Current Czech forestry:*

- *Forest cover – 34% (2,7 million ha)*
- *Continual increment of the forest cover for last decades*
- *Within 2016 – 1500 ha increment of forest area*
- *Total harvest in 2016: 17,6 million m<sup>3</sup> (in 2017: 19 million m<sup>3</sup>; in 2018: 25,7 million m<sup>3</sup>)*
- *9% increment of harvest in 2016 (2016 – third highest total harvest in history, but total harvest both in 2017 and 2018 exceeded 2016)*



# **Czech forestry - Basic description:**

- *79% of the harvest represented **Norway spruce** - in 2016 (vs. Scots pine – 8 % and European beech – 4 %)*

***Wood industry narrowly aimed at mainly conifers' wood processing***

- ***State is the biggest forest owner:***
  - *nearly **60 %** of the Czech forests*
  - *the main State Forest Enterprise = LČR – 48%; VLS – 5% - military areas; Natinal Parks – 5%*