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# **Biological pest control - an ecosystem service provided by biodiversity at multiple spatial scales**

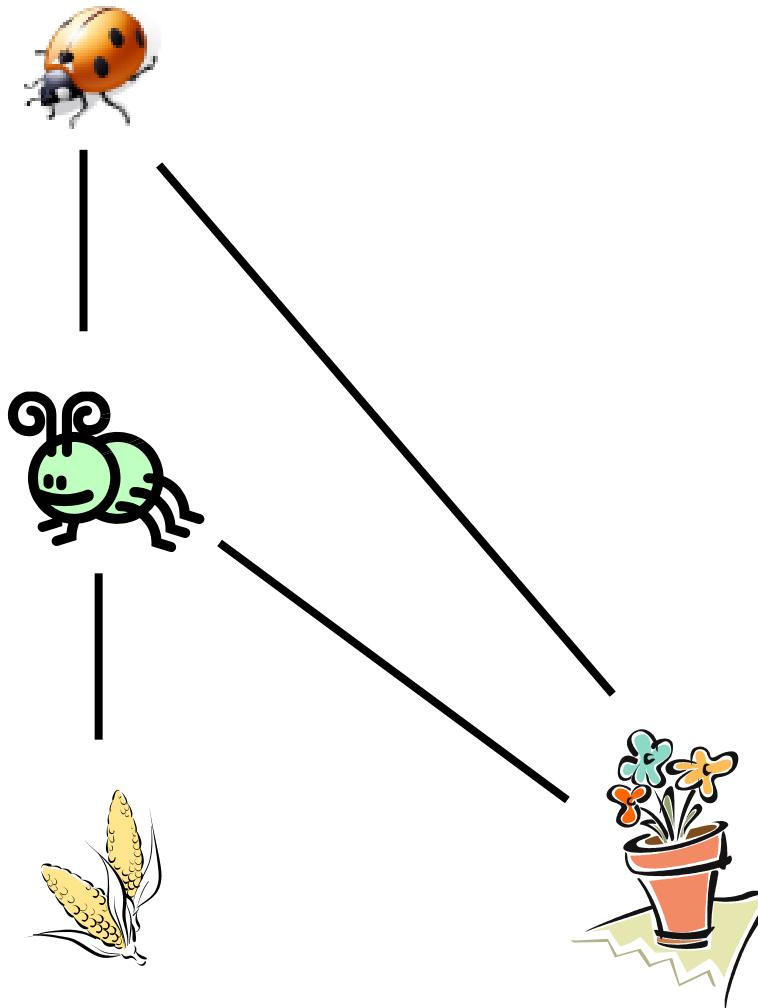
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# Outline of presentation

1. The value of biological control
2. Effects of local management and landscape composition
3. What about agroforestry?
4. Biodiversity and biological control
5. The 'right' kind of biodiversity

# The ecosystem service biological control



# Value of biological control



- \$417 billion/year in the world  
(Costanza et al. 1997, Nature)
- \$4.49 billion/year in USA  
(Losey and Vaughan 2006, Bioscience)

# Value of biological control

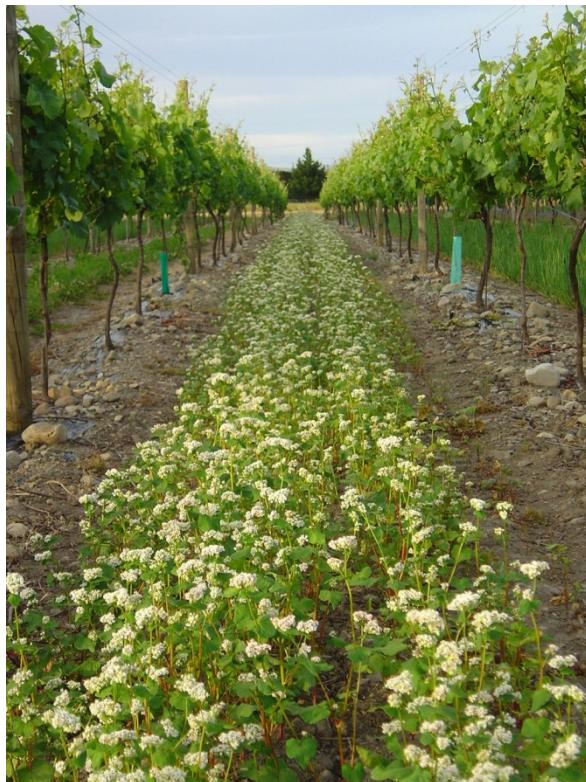
Yield increase due to predation on cereal aphids by ground-living predators

Conventional	Organic
15%	30%



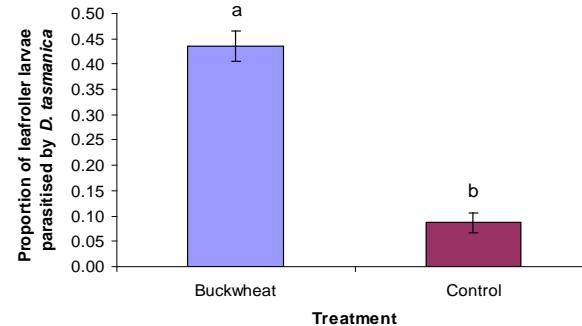
# Effects of local management

## Flower-strips in NZ vineyards

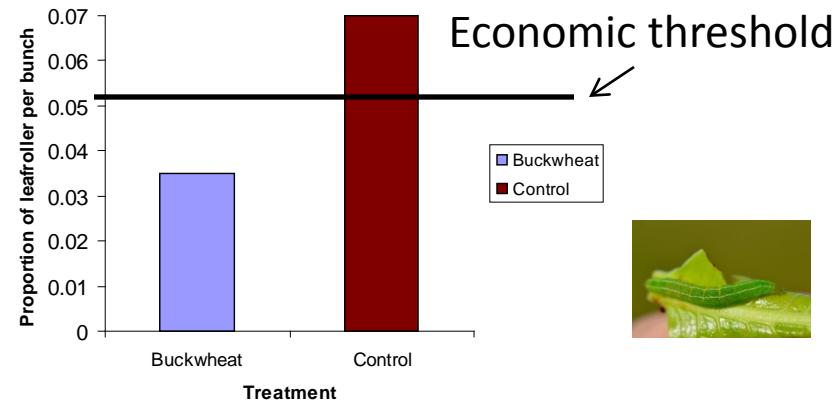


Buckwheat, *Fagopyrum esculentum*

## Leaf-roller parasitism



## Abundance of leaf rollers



# Effects of landscape composition

Predator exclusion  
cages



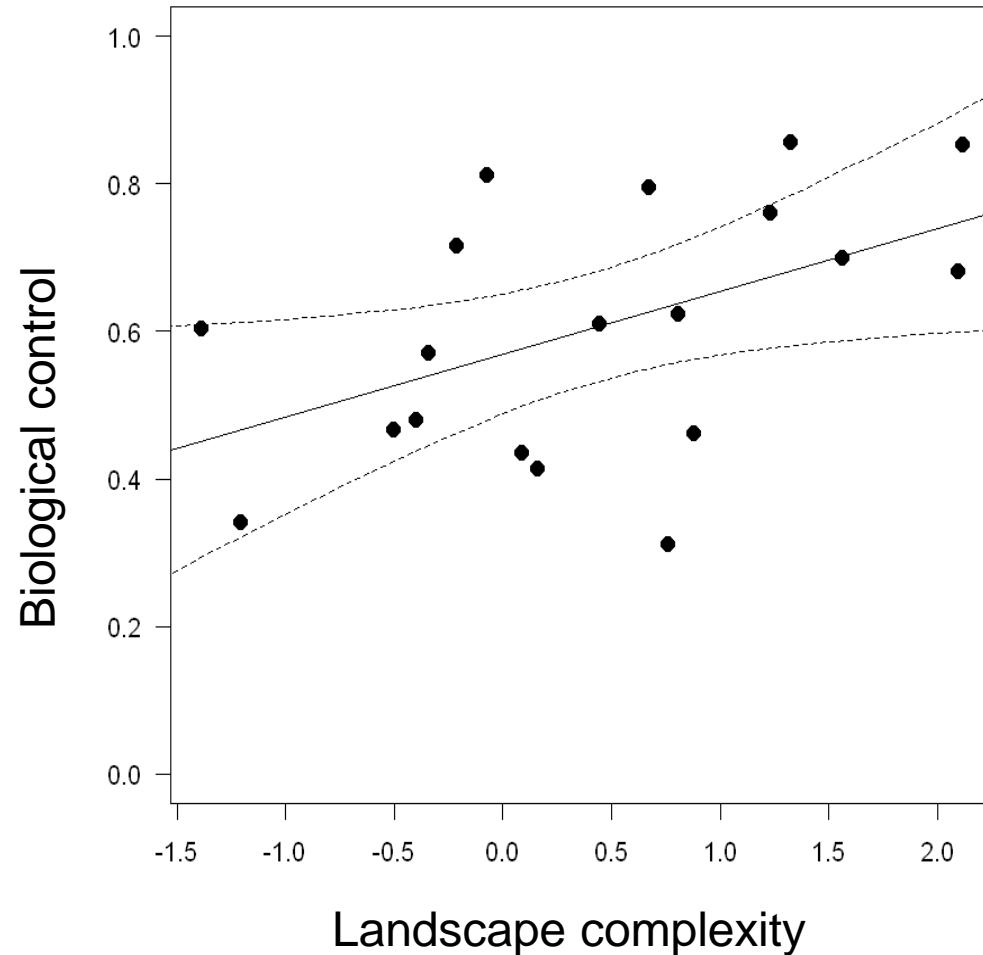
Potted plants with  
sentinel aphids



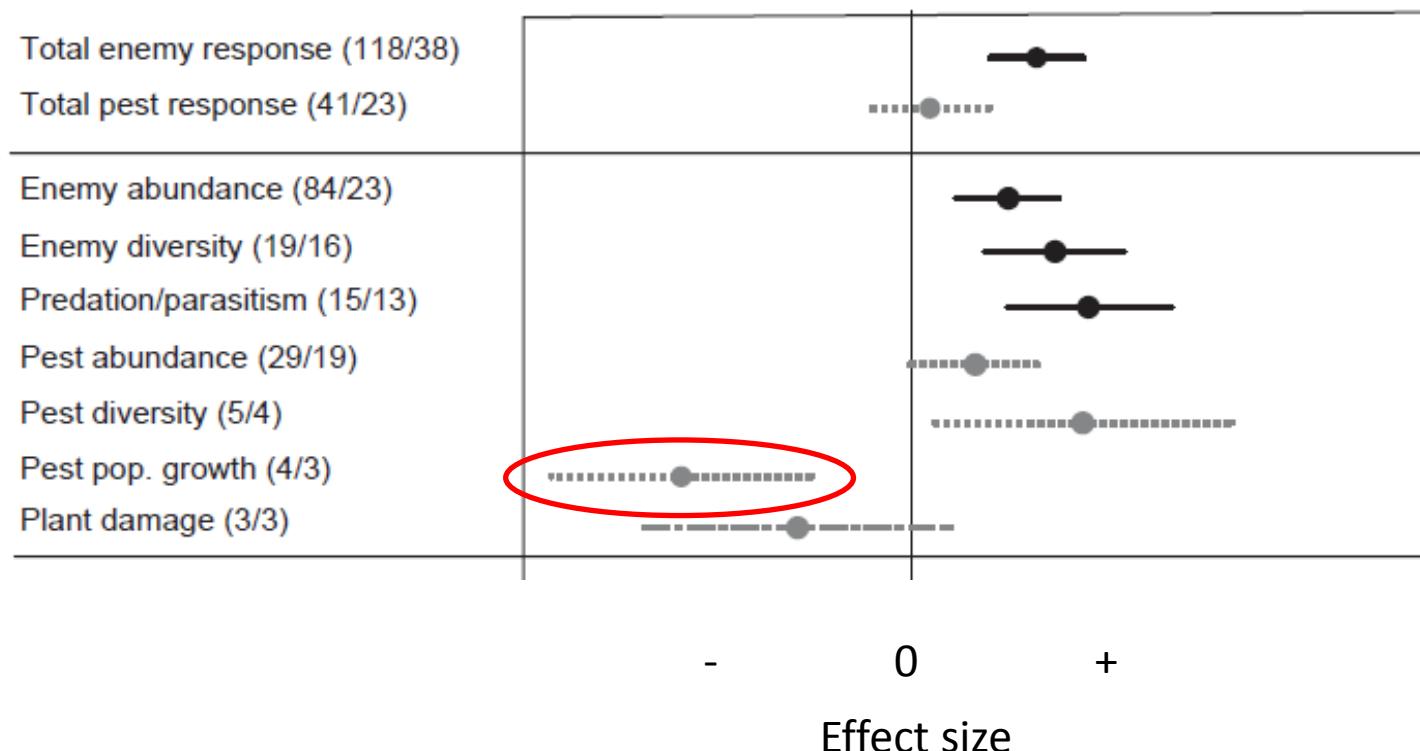
Biological control estimated  
in 19 different fields



# Biological control of cereal aphids more effective in complex landscapes

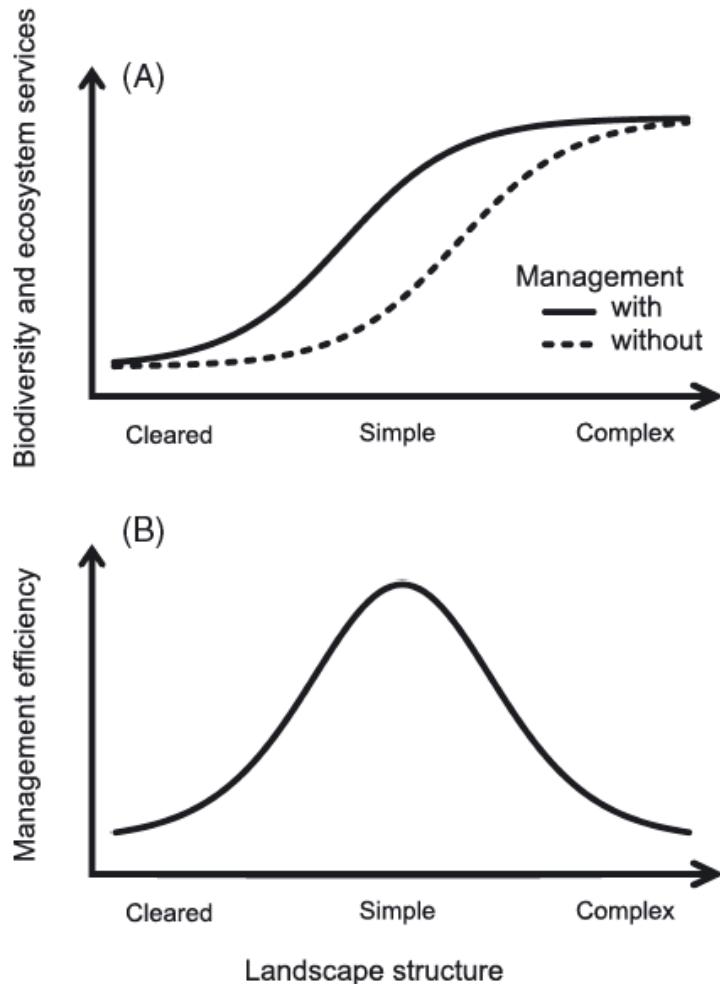


# Review of the effect of landscape complexity



# Local management x landscape composition

## A hypothesis

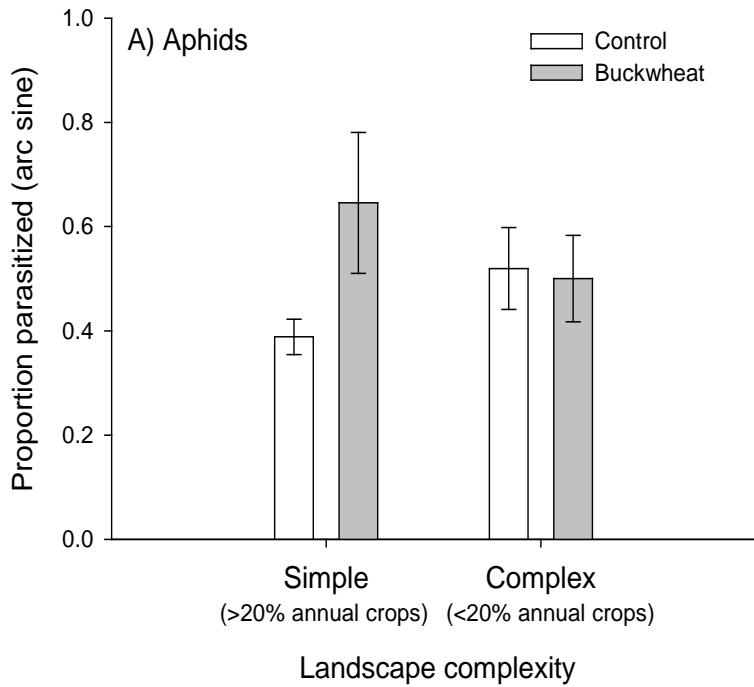


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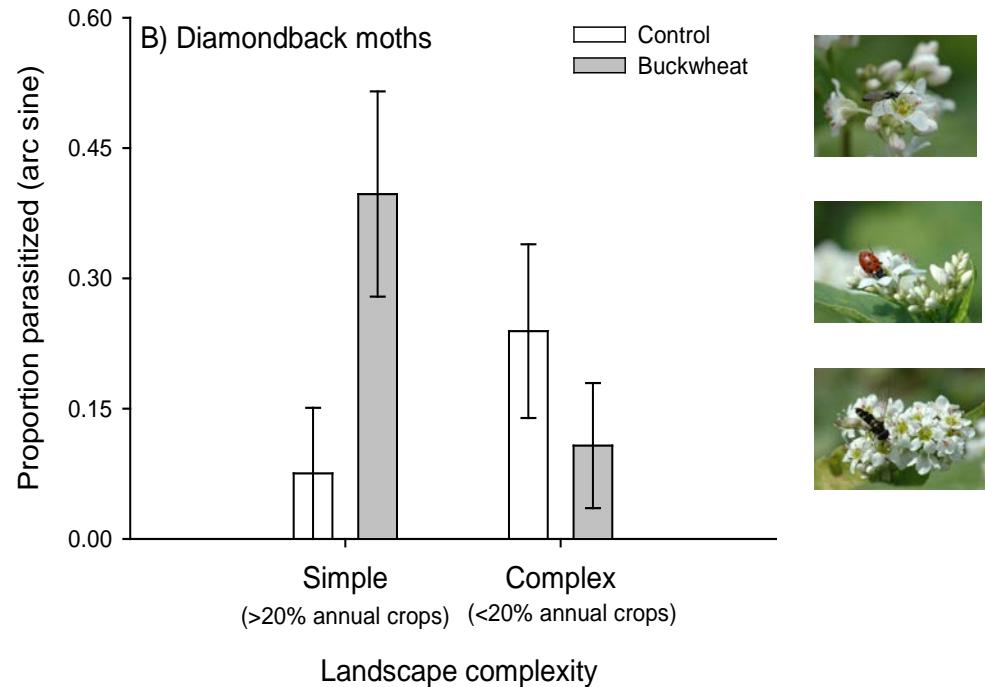
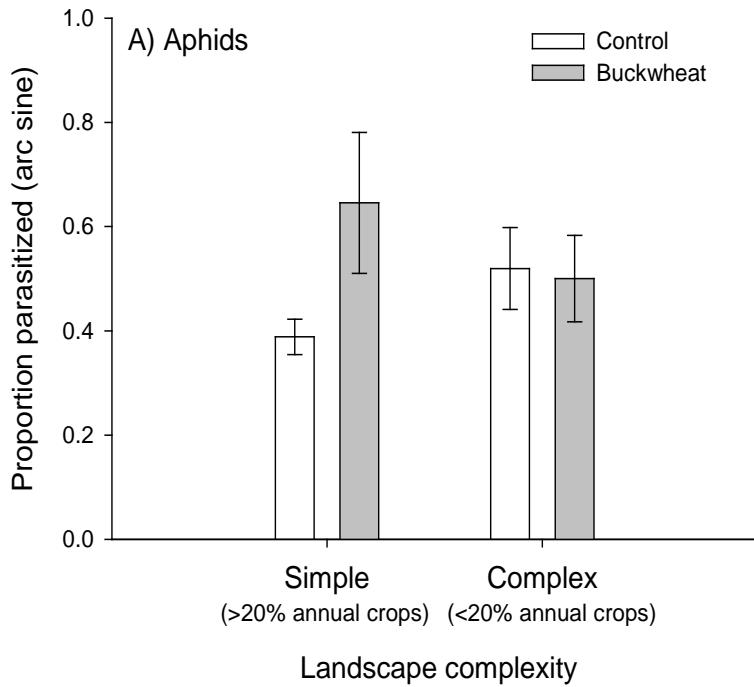
## Flower strips in different landscapes



# Flower strips increased parasitism in simple landscapes



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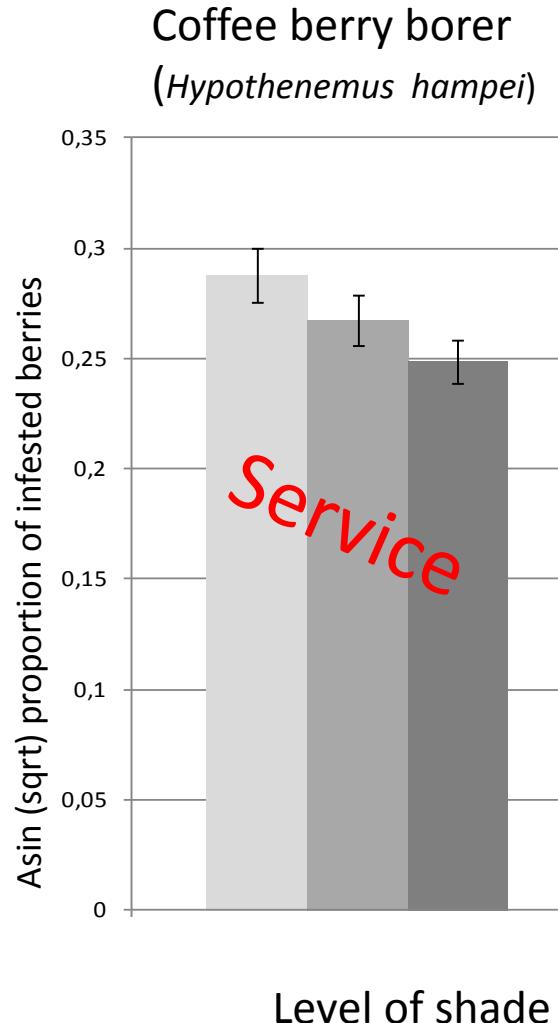


# Review of the dependency of local management on landscape complexity

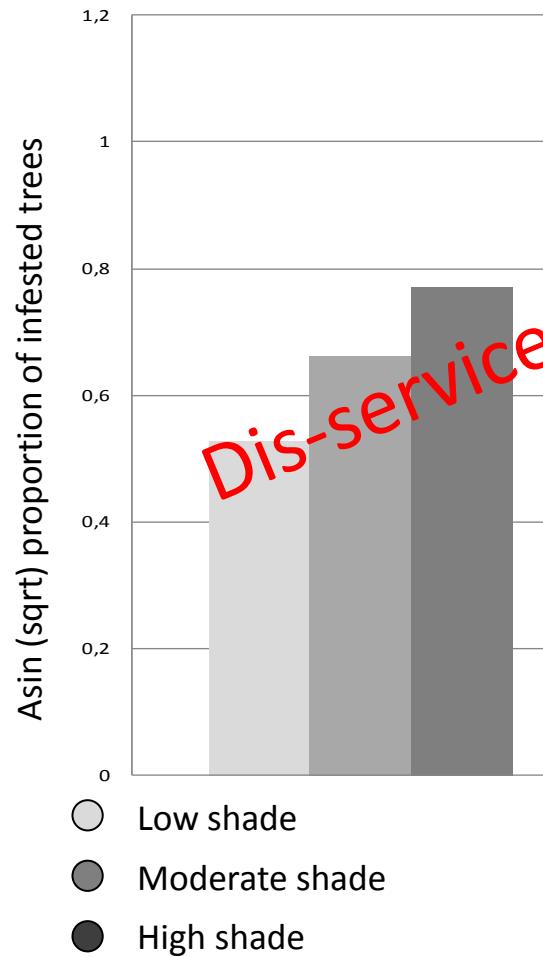
No interaction	Larger effect in simple landscape	Larger effect in complex landscapes
Östman et al. 2001 Purtauf et al. 2005 Roschewitz et al. 2005 Clough et al. 2007 Woltz et al. 2011 Midega et al. in prep	Thies and Tscharntke 1999 Schmidt et al. 2005 Haenke et al. 2009 Jonsson et al. in prep Backlund et al. in prep	Winqvist et al. 2011

# What about agroforestry?

## Effects of agroforestry on two coffee pests in Uganda

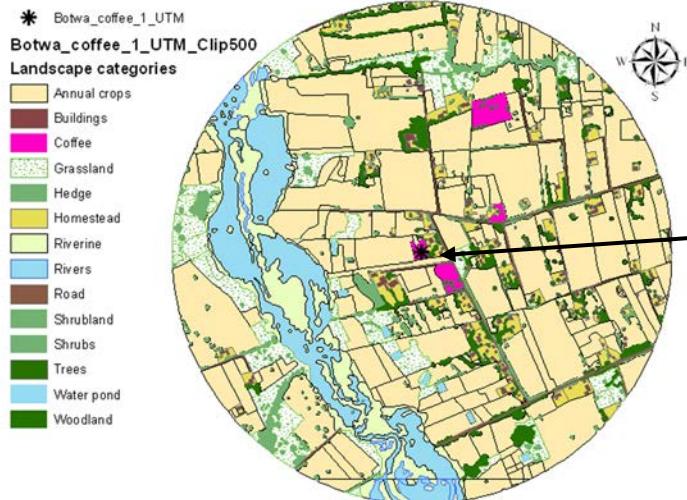


White stem borer  
(*Monochamus leuconotus*)



Ijala Anthony Raphael

# Shaded coffee plantations in landscapes with different cover of trees in W. Kenya



Shaded plantation

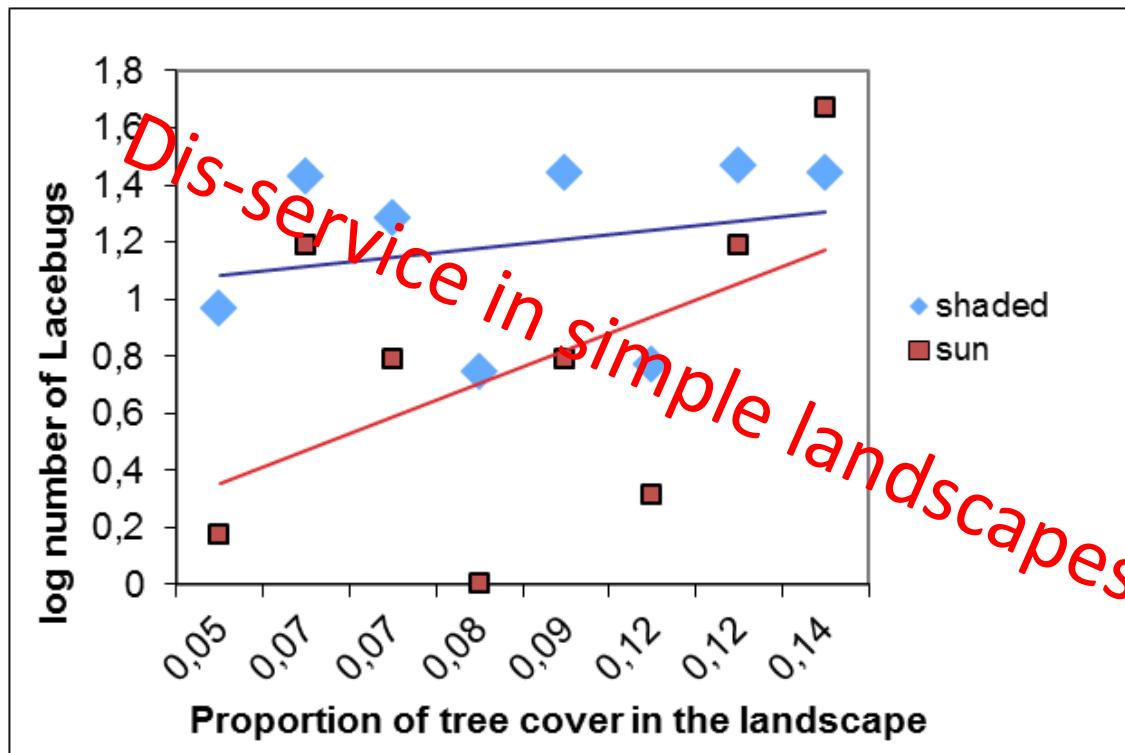


Sun-exposed plantation



Louise Malmberg & Nina Backlund (Msc-students)

# The effect of local shade level on pest abundance depended on landscape composition



Local shade: \*\*

Prop tree cover: NS

Local shade X prop tree cover : \*



# Biodiversity and biological control

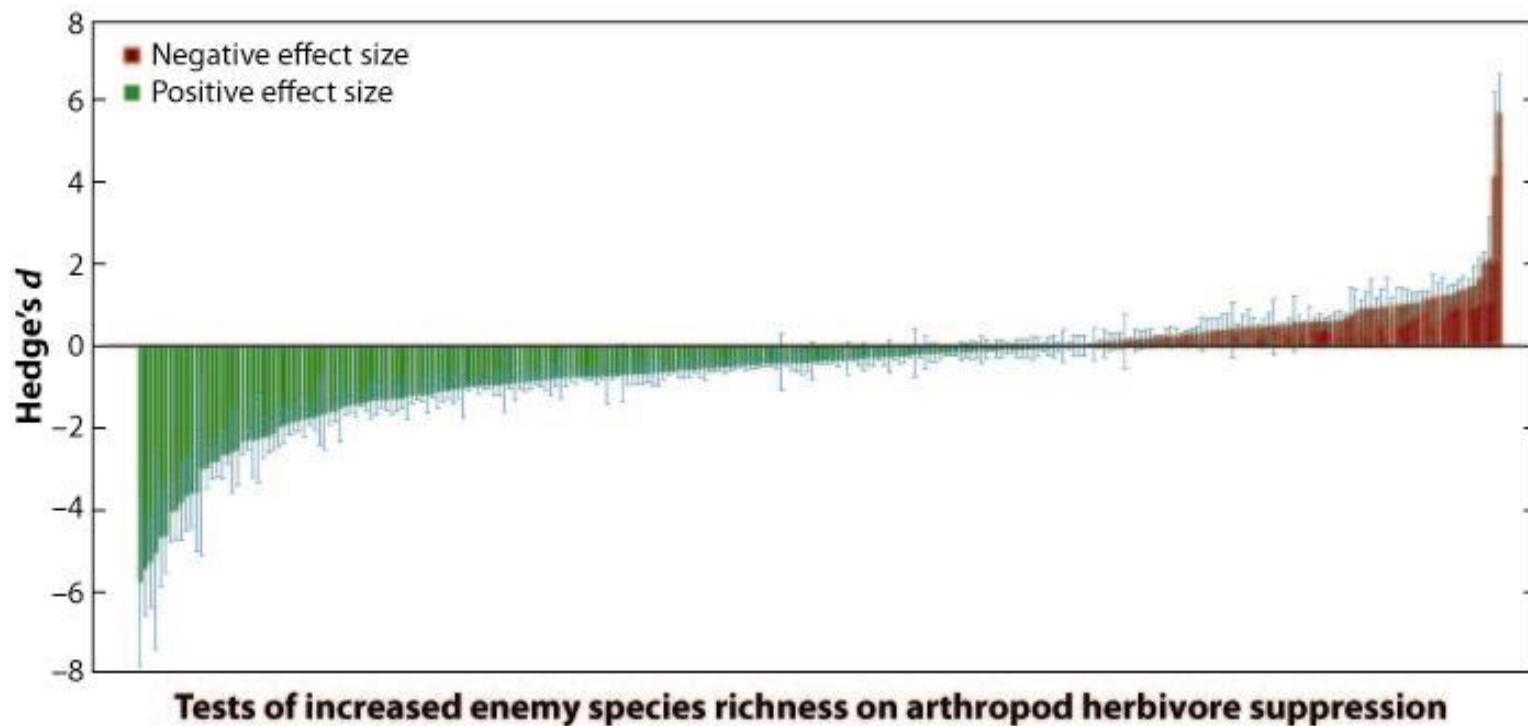
**Agroforestry often increases biodiversity**

(Perfecto *et al.* 2003; Tscharntke *et al.* 2011; Borkhataria *et al.* 2012)

- but effects on pests appear to vary.

# Biodiversity and biological control

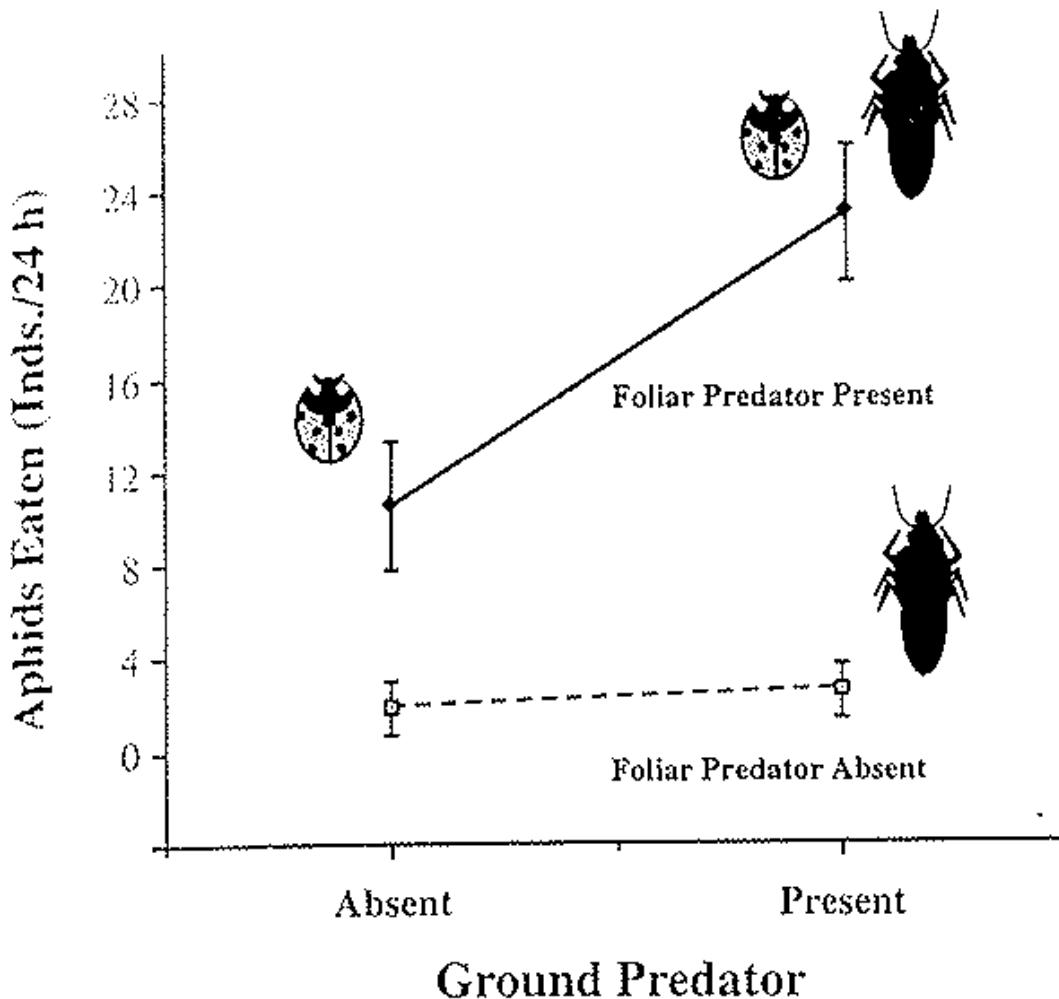
Empirical studies of the effects of natural enemy diversity on biological control



**A** Letourneau DK, et al. 2009.

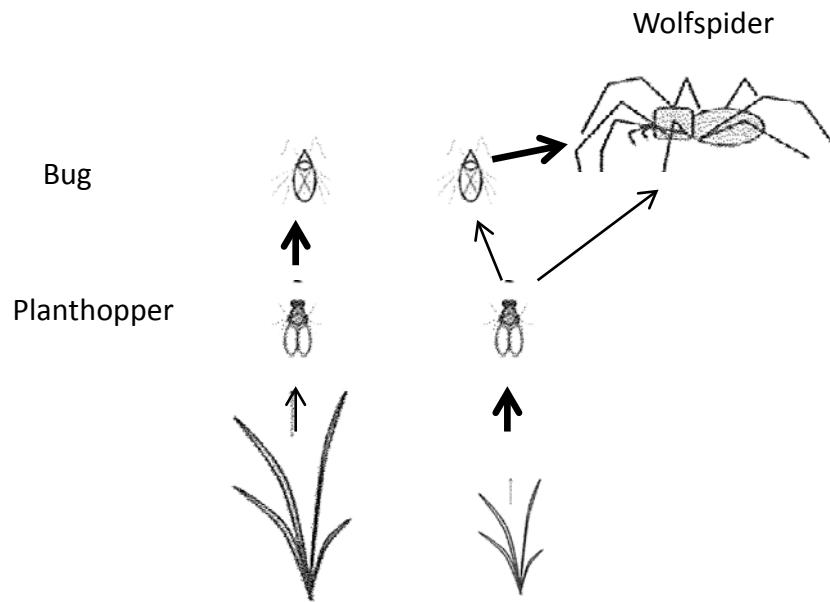
**R** Annu. Rev. Ecol. Evol. Syst. 40:573–92

# Positive effect of increasing enemy diversity - facilitation



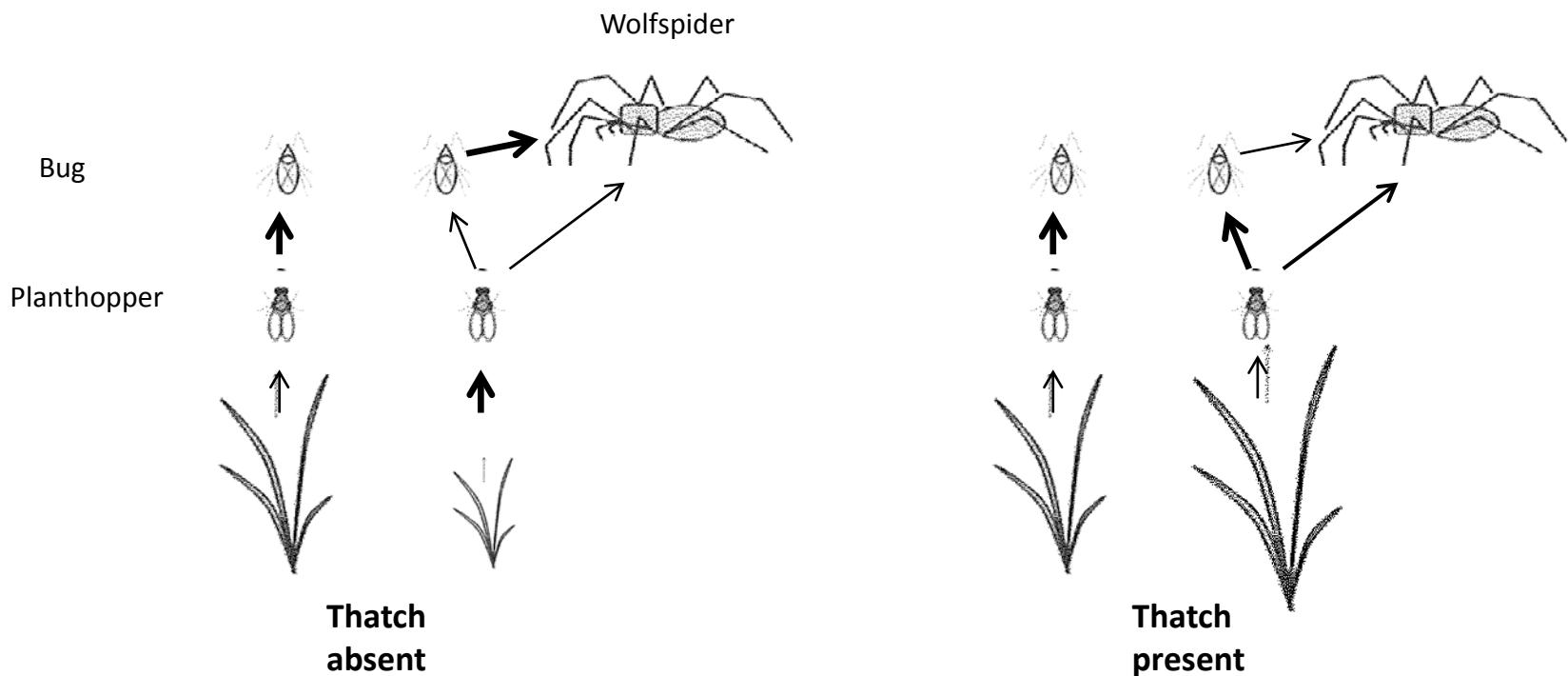
Losey & Denno 1998, Ecology

# Negative effects of increasing predator diversity - intraguild predation



Finke & Denno 2004, Nature

# Increasing habitat complexity may decrease intraguild predation

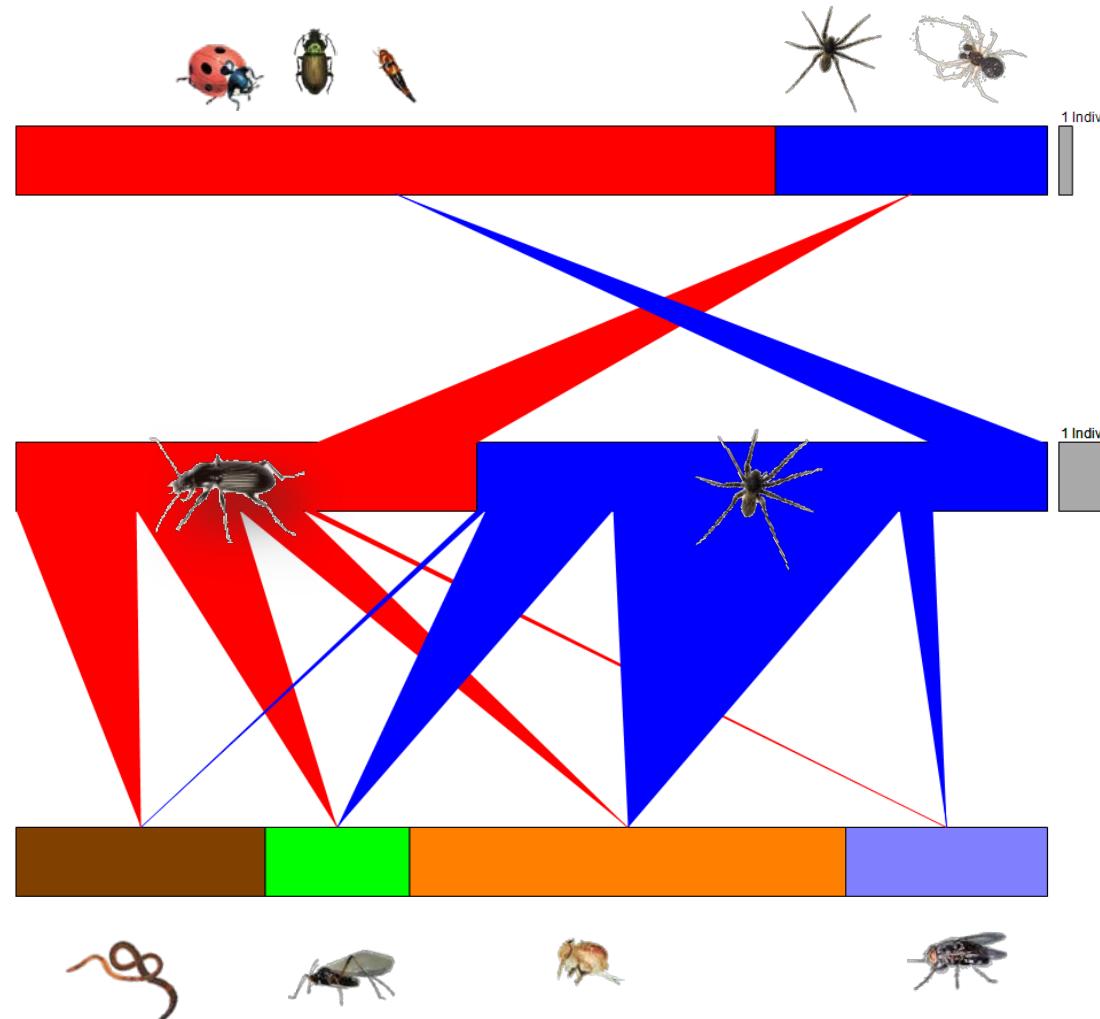


# Unravelling predator-prey foodwebs



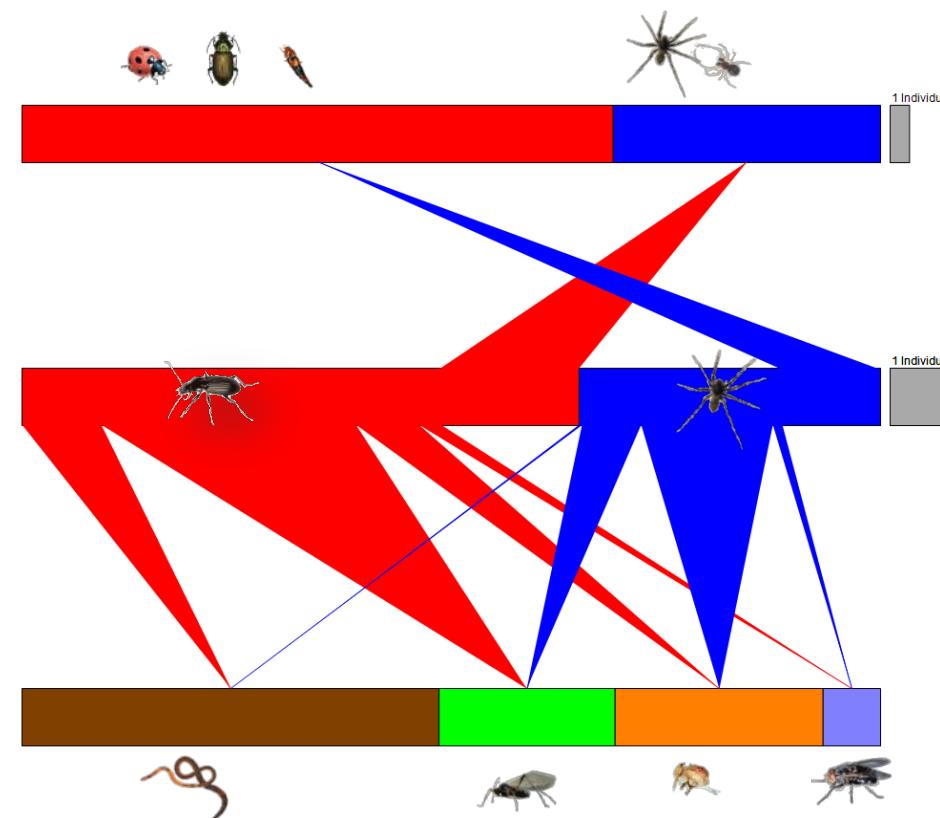
- Molecular gut-content analysis (MGCA) makes it feasible

# Predator-prey foodwebs based on MGCA

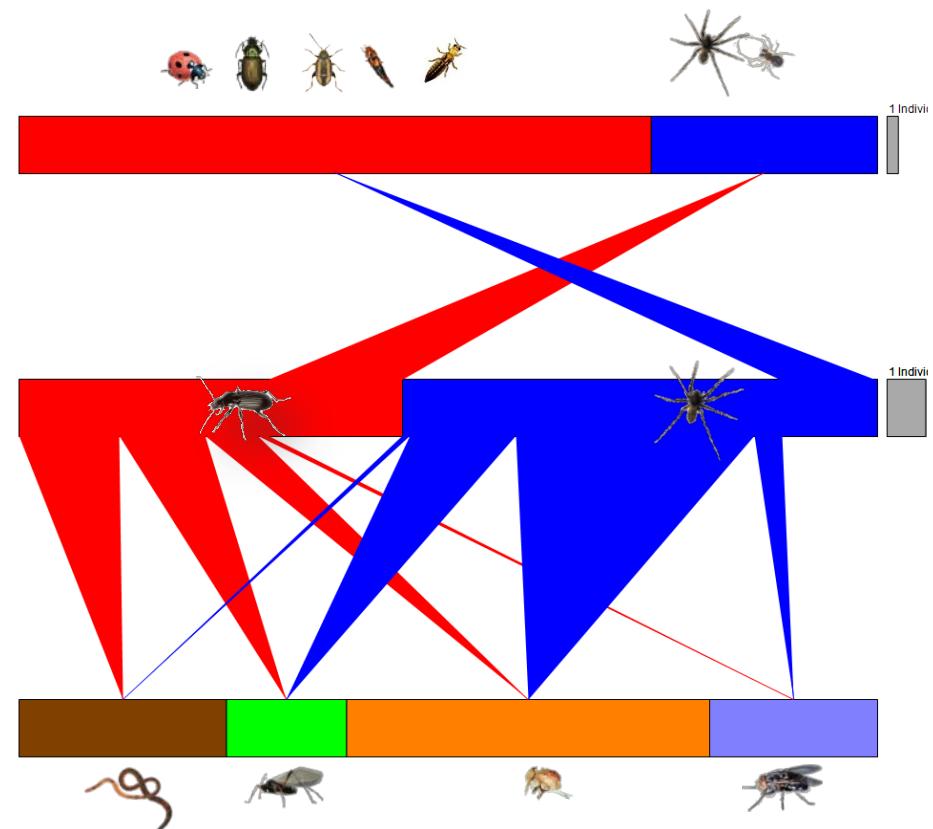


# Comparing foodwebs

## Conventional



# Organic

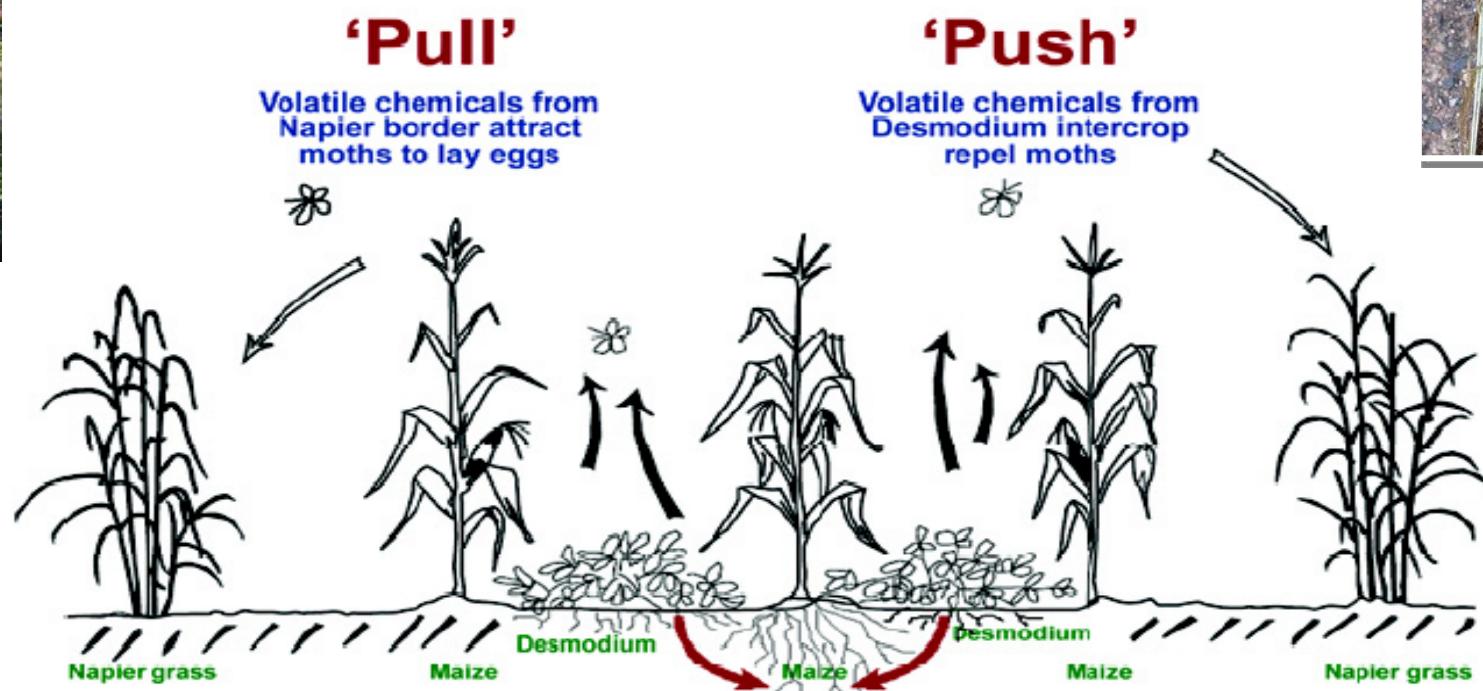


# Adding the 'right' kind of biodiversity



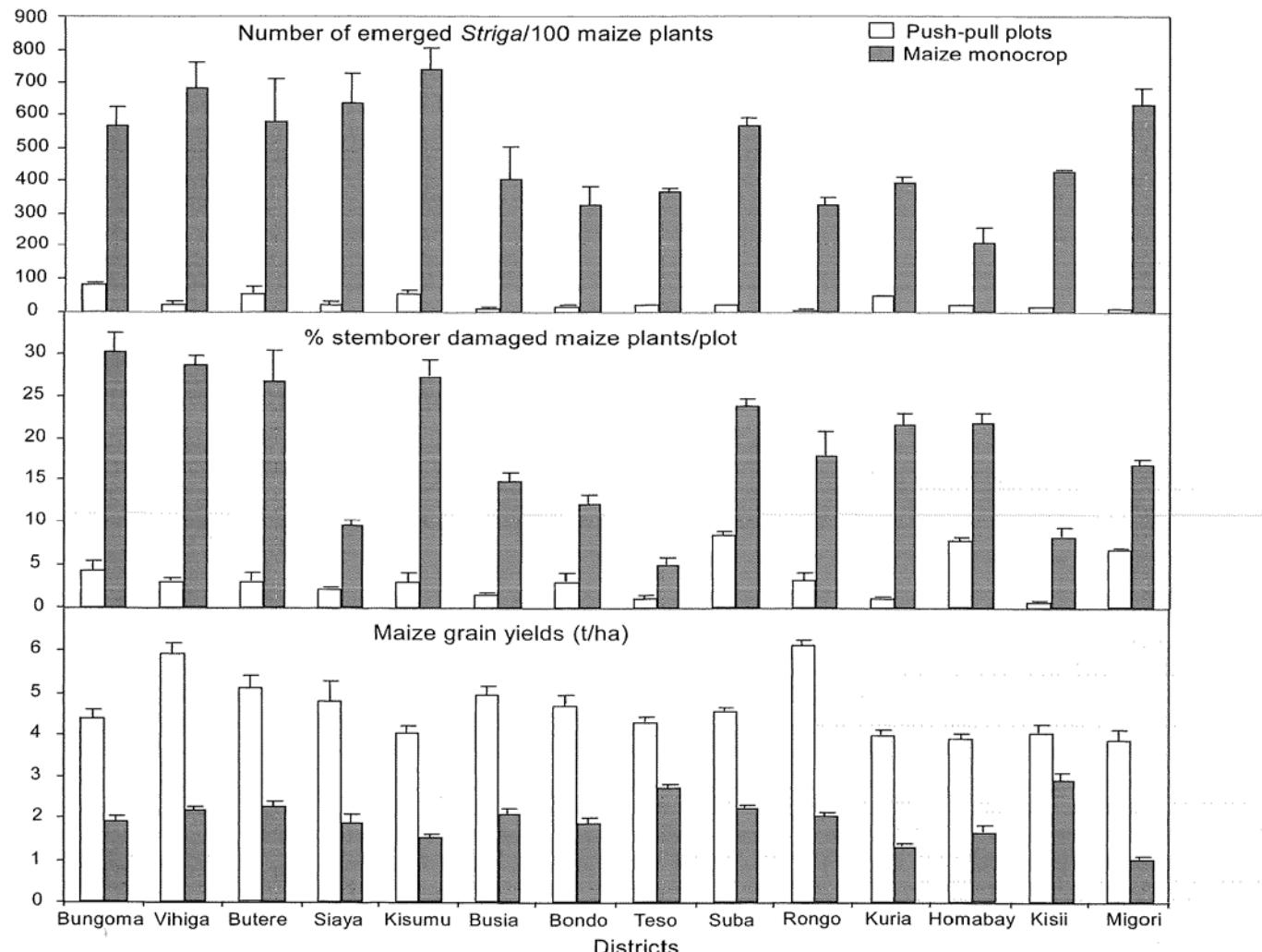
'Push-pull' – a success story

# 'Push-pull' for stemborer and striga control



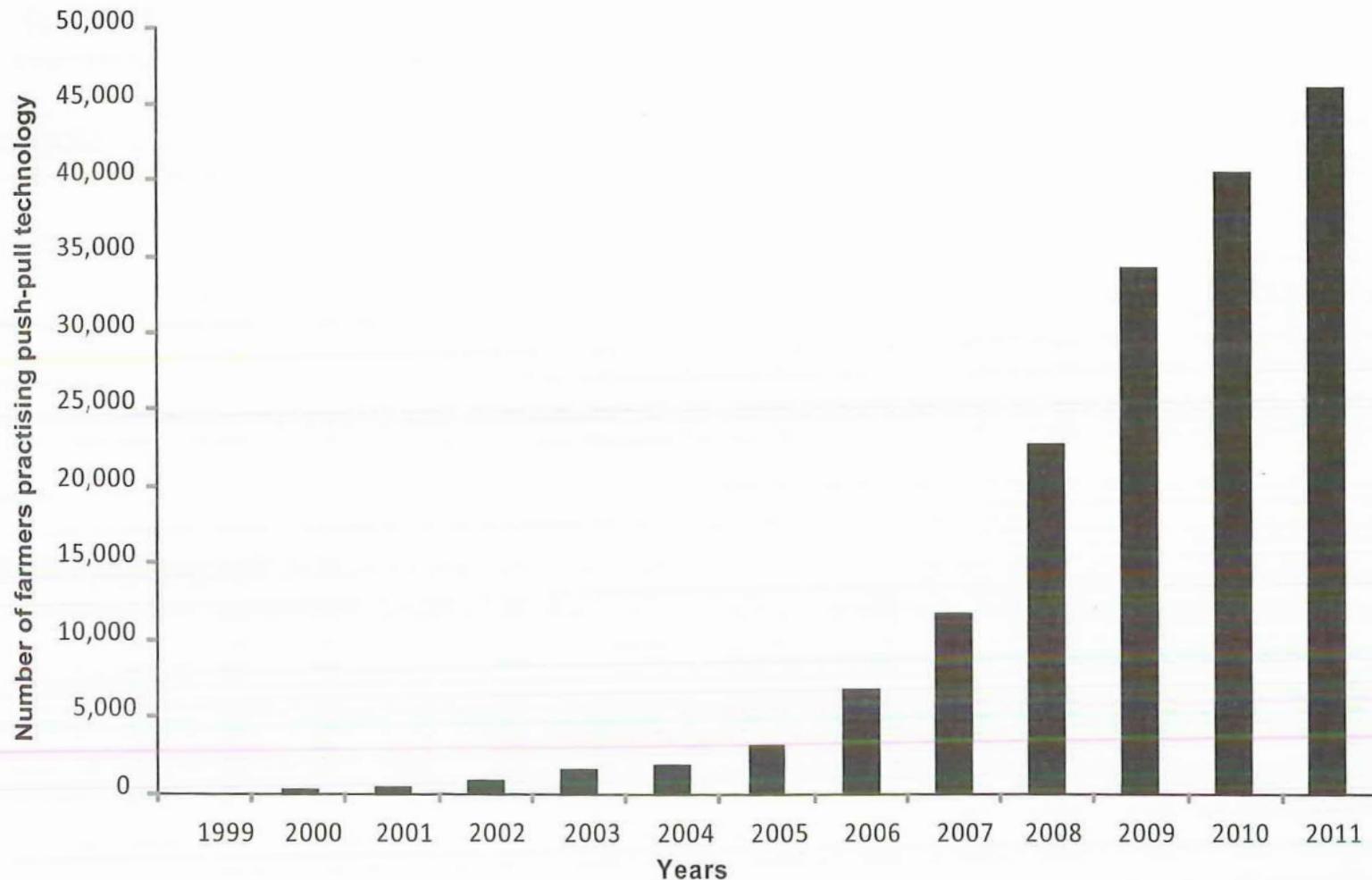
Chemicals (isoflavones) secreted by desmodium roots inhibit attachment of striga to maize roots and cause suicidal germination of striga seed in soil

# Effects of 'push-pull'.



**Figure 16.3** Mean number of emerged *Striga hermonthica* per plot, proportion of stemborer-damaged plants per plot, and average maize grain yields (t/ha) from maize monocrop and push-pull plots in different districts in western Kenya. Means represent data averages from 30 farmers' fields per district over two cropping seasons (long and short rains 2009). In all districts, mean number of *S. hermonthica* emerged per 100 maize plants and percent stemborer damaged maize plants were significantly higher in the maize monocrop than push-pull plots while maize grain yields were significantly higher in the push-pull plots ( $p < 0.0001$ ).

## Adoption of 'push-pull'



**Figure 16.4** Number of farmers who have progressively adopted the push–pull technology from 1997 to June 2011 in East Africa (1997–2011).

# Summary

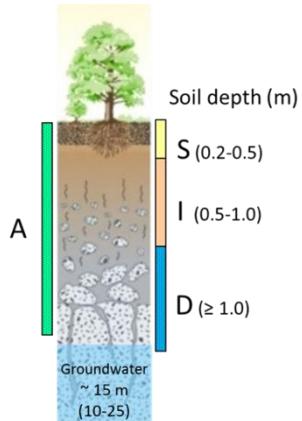
1. Both local and landscape management influence biological pest control
2. Agroforestry increases biodiversity, but effects on pest control are variable
3. A good understanding of food-web interactions and species biology allows selecting the 'right' biodiversity in habitat management

# Acknowledgements





# Unraveling plant resource use strategies in dry tropical agroforestry ecosystems (AFs) using stable isotopic signal



Central America



Sahel - West Africa



# Plant resource use strategies in dry tropical AFs

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- Water limited habitats: heterogeneous conditions and pulsed resource availability
- Plant responses are strongly influenced by their water use strategies.
- Coexisting plant species may adopt contrasting resource use strategies through differences in key traits.

FUNCiTREE goal: Portfolio of tree species whose functional, cultural, ecological, and production traits are known, taking into consideration traits related to **drought tolerance and water use efficiency**.

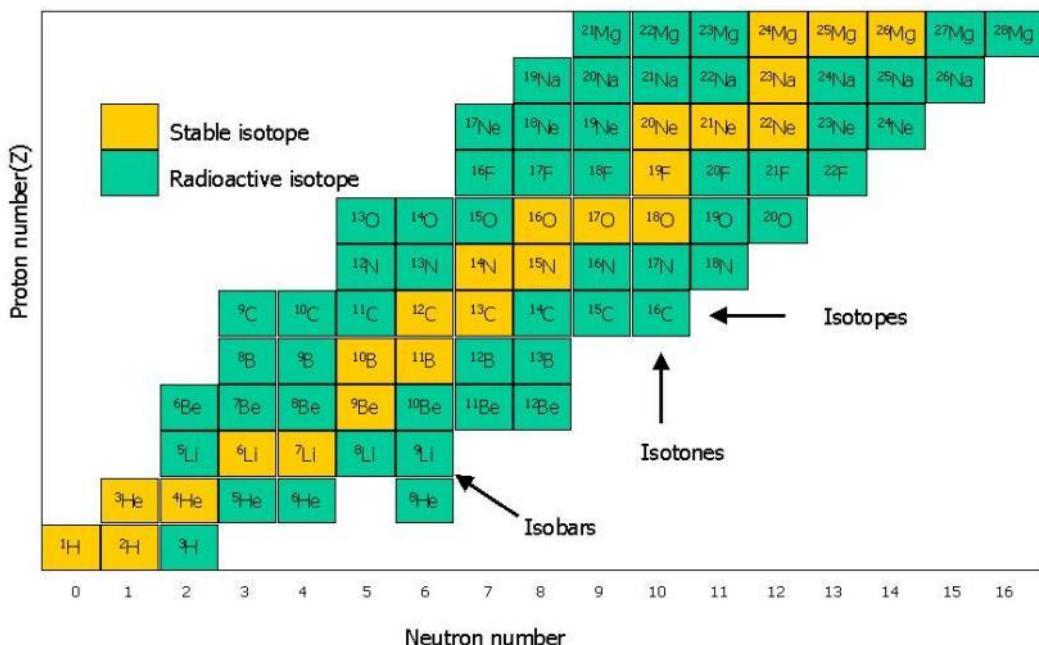
Analysis of **stable isotopic composition** of xylem water and leaf tissues of AFs species coupled with soil /possible water sources. Insights on plant water sources and resource use efficiency.

Jacobsen et al. (2008), Moreno-Gutiérrez et al (2012), West et al. (2012)

# Stable isotopes

**Isotopes:** atoms of the same element that have the same number of protons and electrons but differ in the number of neutrons. They have the same atomic number but different mass number (protons + neutrons)

**Stable isotopes:** their nuclei do not decay by spitting out radiation



Abundance (%)	
<sup>16</sup> O ~ 99.76	<sup>18</sup> O ~ 0.20
<sup>1</sup> H ~ 99.98	<sup>2</sup> H ~ 0.01
<sup>12</sup> C ~ 98.98	<sup>13</sup> C ~ 1.11
<sup>14</sup> N ~ 99.63	<sup>15</sup> N ~ 0.36

Natural abundance. Isotope composition ( $\delta$ ): per thousand (‰)  
deviation in the proportion of the heavy to light isotope of an element ( $R_{\text{sample}}$ )  
relative to an international reference standard ( $R_{\text{standard}}$ )

$$\delta^{\text{XX}} E = 1000 \cdot \left( \frac{R_{\text{sample}}}{R_{\text{standard}}} - 1 \right), \text{ ‰}$$

$$R = \frac{{}^{18}\text{O}}{{}^{16}\text{O}}$$

R denotes the ratio of the heavy to light isotope (e.g.,  ${}^2\text{H}/{}^1\text{H}$ ;  ${}^{18}\text{O}/{}^{16}\text{O}$ )

e.g.  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of groundwater in:

Rivas =  $-7.03 \pm 0.36$  (-7.85 to -6.49)

Potou =  $-4.42 \pm 0.36$  (-5.60 to -1.10)

# Isotopes analyzed in FUNCiTREE

Isotope signature	Material	Related to
$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ and $\delta^2\text{H}$ of $\text{H}_2\text{O}$	Stem, soil, well water & rain	Plant water sources
$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	Leaf	Plant intrinsic Water Use Efficiency $(\delta^{13}\text{C} \sim \frac{c_i}{c_a} \sim \text{WUE}_i = \frac{A}{g_s})$ only C <sub>3</sub>
$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ & $\Delta^{18}\text{O}$	Leaf	Stomatal conductance $(\Delta^{18}\text{O} \sim \frac{e_a}{e_i} \sim g_s)$
$\delta^{15}\text{N}$	Leaf	N sources and N use efficiency

Dawson et al. (2002), Barbour (2007), Querejeta et al. (2006, 2007, 2008), Moreno-Gutiérrez (2011, 2012)

# Field sites

	Rivas (Nicaragua)	Segou (Mali)	Potou (Senegal)
Rainfall (mm)	1300	635	250
Rainy season	May-Oct(Nov)	May-Oct	July-Sep(Oct)
T (°C)	26.4 (24-30)	27.9 (22-35)	27 (21-32)
Aquifer (depth; m)	10 - 22	1 - ?	1 - 35

~21 species x site; 2 seasons; n = 6 [1-6] trees x species x season



# Sampling

## Plants

Leaves ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ )  
Xylem sap ( $\delta^2\text{H}$ ,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ): stems or roots



Soil water at different depths ( $\delta^2\text{H}$ ,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ )



Water Rain, dew, groundwater or wells ( $\delta^2\text{H}$ ,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ )



SIRFER lab  
(USA)



cryogenic vacuum  
extraction line

Freezer//Oven



Mass Spectrometer

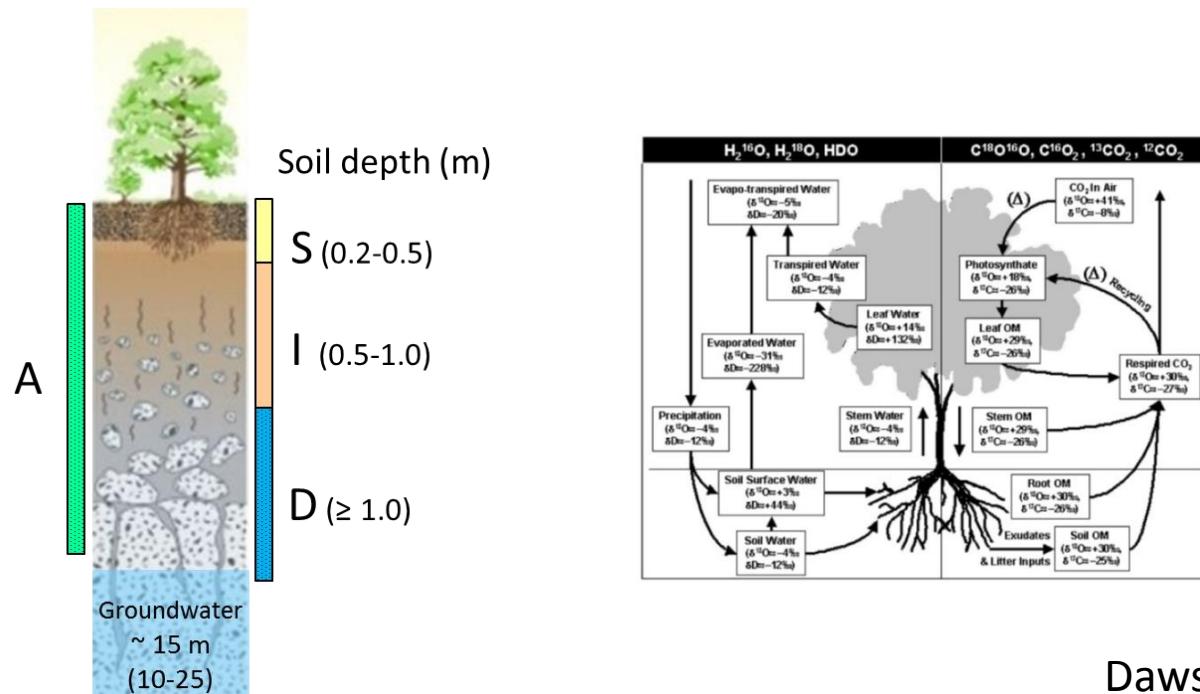
$$\delta = \frac{(R_{\text{sample}} - R_{\text{standard}})}{R_{\text{standard}}} \times 1000 [\text{\%}]$$

# Plant water sources

**Assumption:** During water uptake plants do not change the isotope signal of source water

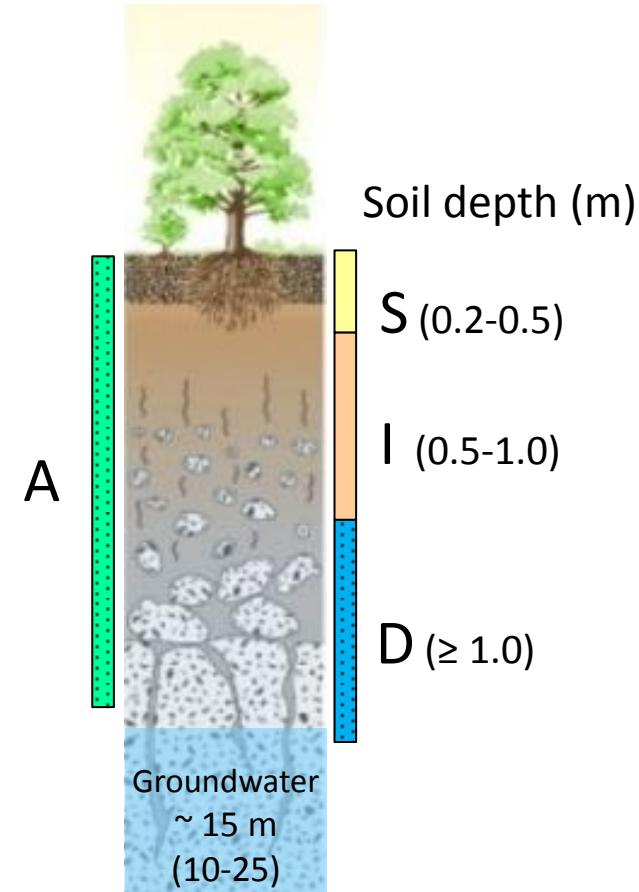
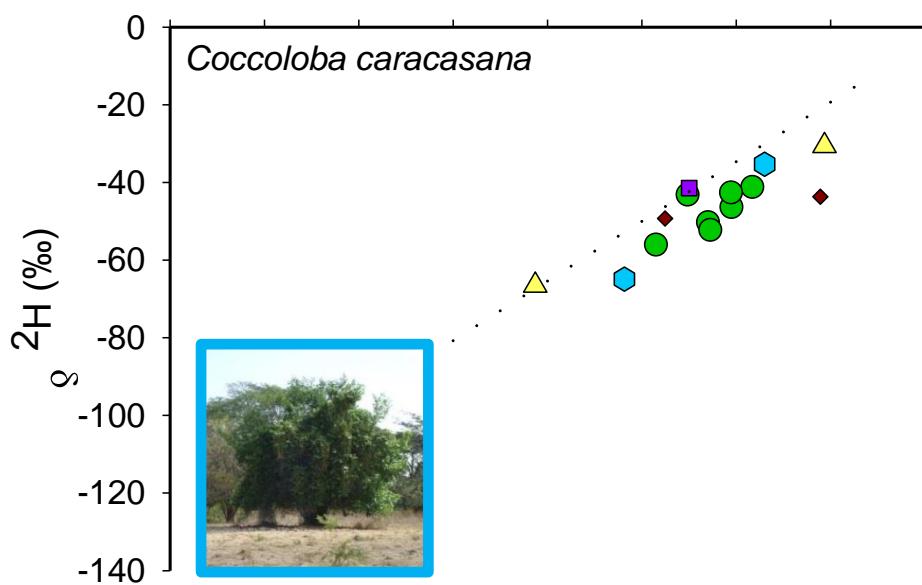
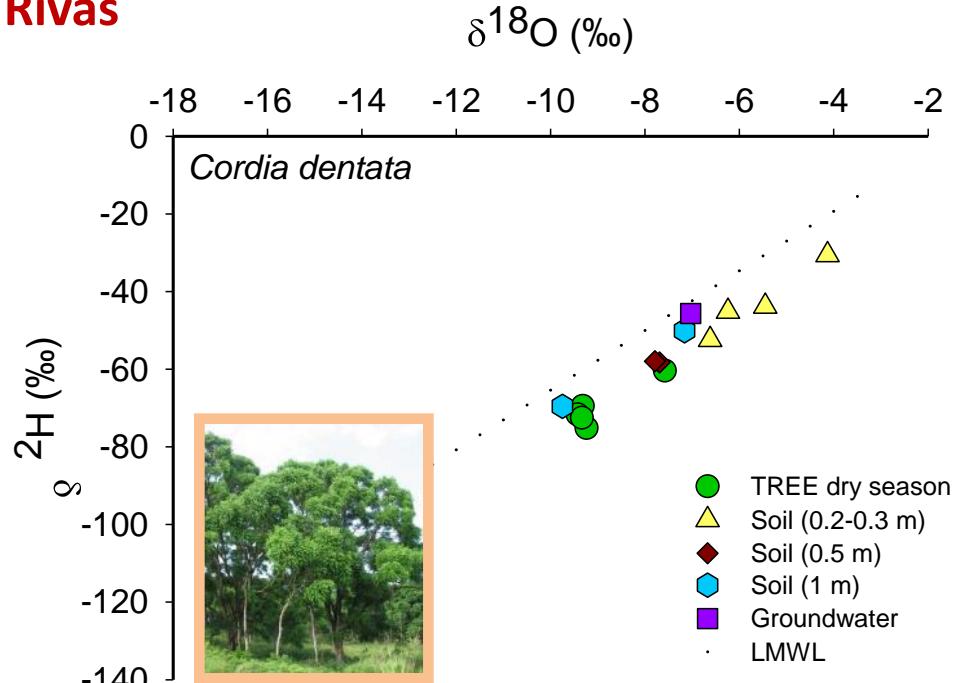
Matching the isotopic signature in  $\delta^2\text{H}$ ,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  of plants (xylem sap) with:

- soil water (different depths: 0.25, 0.5, 1 m)
- other possible water sources (rain and groundwater)



Dawson et al. (2002)

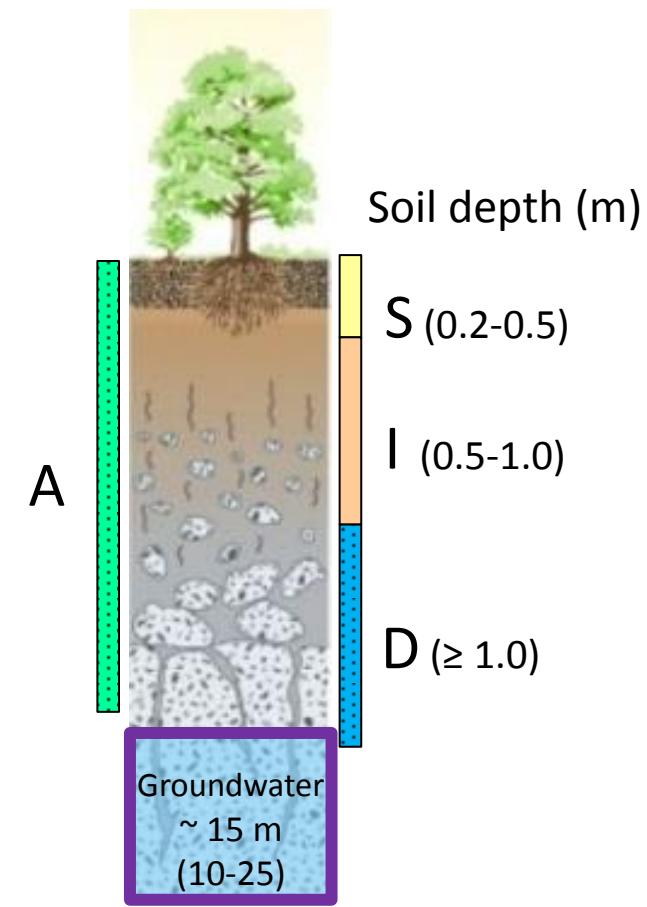
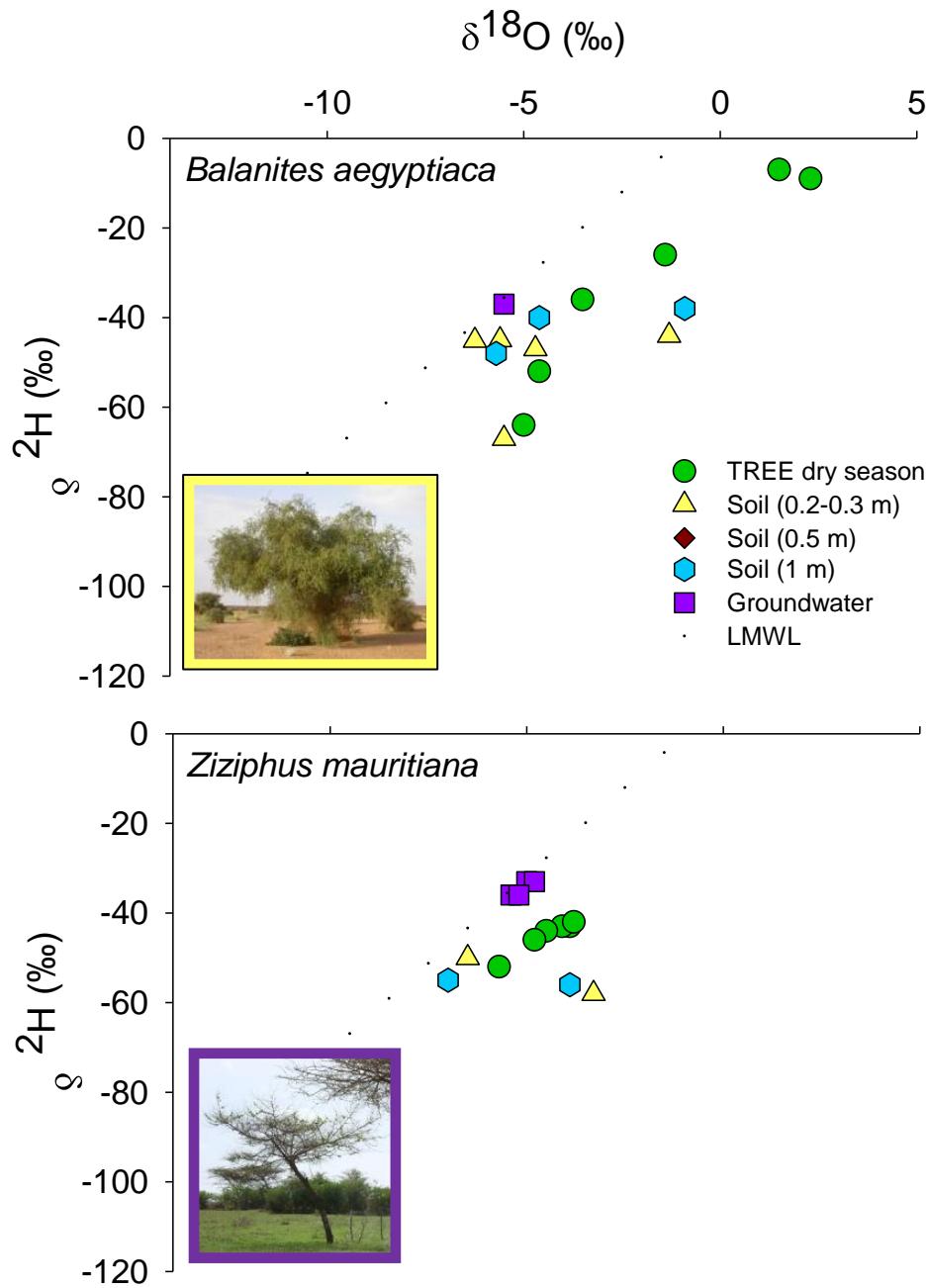
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Rivas (Nicaragua)



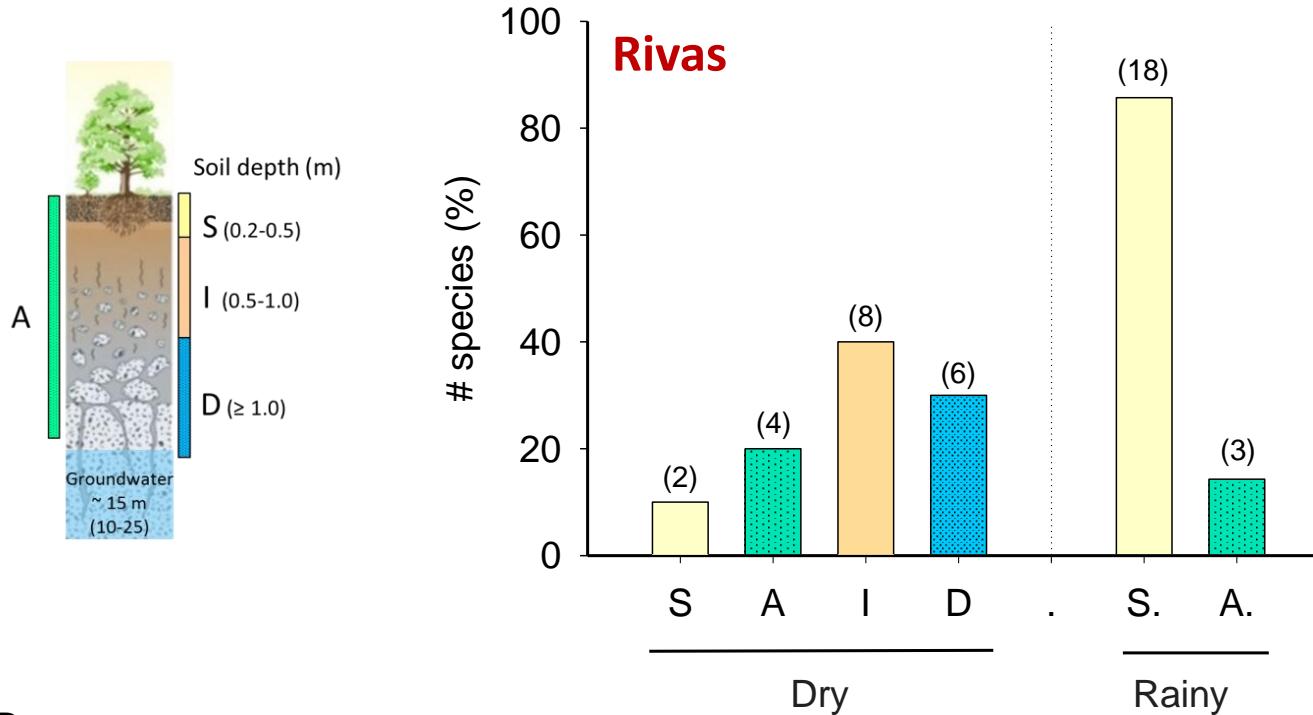
# Potou



Potou (Senegal)



# Water Sources



## Dry season

**S:** *Karwinskia calderonii, Spondias purpurea*

**I:** *Byrsonima crassifolia, Cordia alliodora, C. dentata, Guazuma ulmifolia, Simarouba amara, Spondias mombin, Swietenia humilis, Tabebuia rosea*

**A:** *Albizia saman, Cassia grandis, Crescentia alata, Gliricidia sepium*

**D:** *Albizia niopoides, Ceiba pentandra, Coccoloba caracasana, Enterolobium cyclocarpum, Mangifera indica, Myrospermum frutescens*

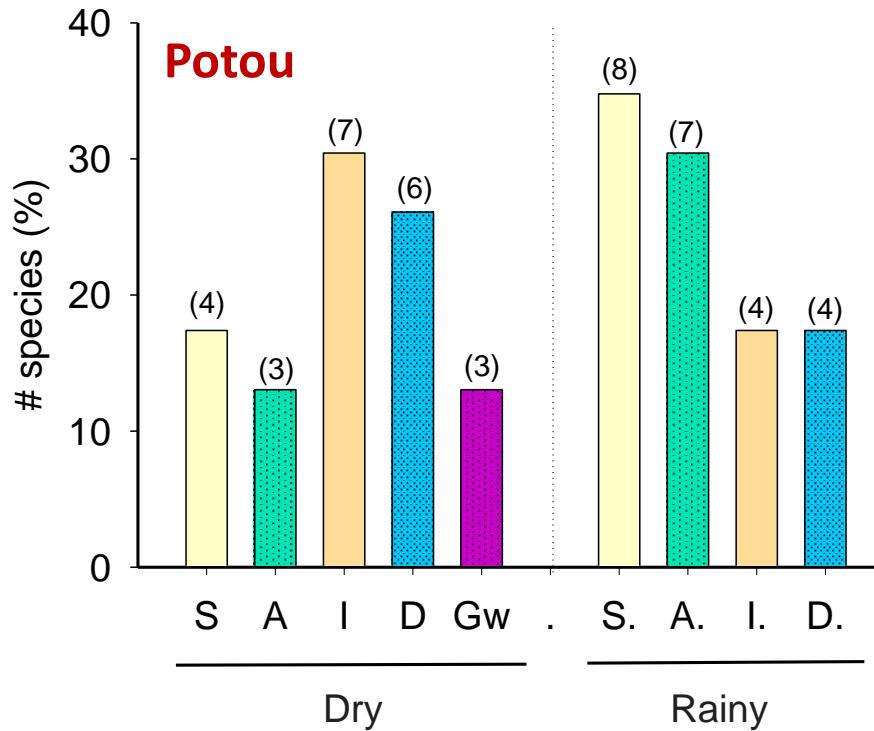
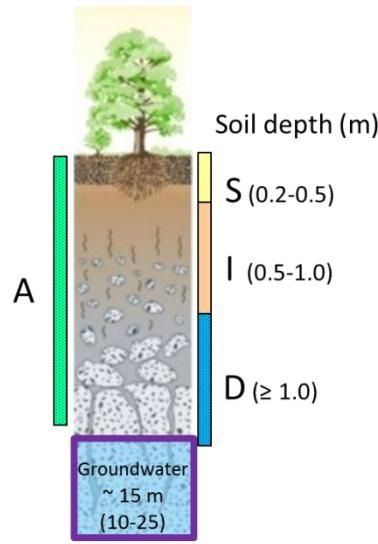
## Rainy season

**S:** All (except sp A)

**A:** *Ceiba pentandra, Myrospermum frutescens, Spondias mombin*

All species changed water sources between seasons except *Spondias purpurea*

# Water Sources



## Dry season

**S:** *Crateva religiosa, Faidherbia albida, Piliostigma reticulatum* (low n)

**I:** *Acacia seyal, Acacia tortilis, Annona senegalensis, Boscia senegalensis, Combretum glutinosum, Prosopis juliflora, Sclerocarya birrea, Balanites aegyptiaca*

**A:** *Acacia senegal, Neocarya macrophylla, Tamarindus indica*

**D:** *Acacia nilotica, Adansonia digitata, Aphanisia senegalensis, Bauhinia rufescens, Celtis integrifolia, Maytenus senegalensis* (D to Gr)

**Gr:** *Cordia sinensis, Tamarix senegalensis, Ziziphus mauritiana*

**Rainy season:** 65% sp changed water sources between seasons.

\* Deep to A profile

Common changes (dry to wet )

\* Intermediate to surface

\* Groundwater to A/D

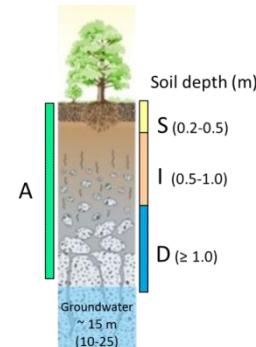
# Plant intrinsic water use efficiency ( $\text{WUE}_i$ )

In  $\text{C}_3$  species:

$$\delta^{13}\text{C} \sim \frac{c_i}{c_a} \sim \text{WUE}_i = \frac{A}{g_s}$$

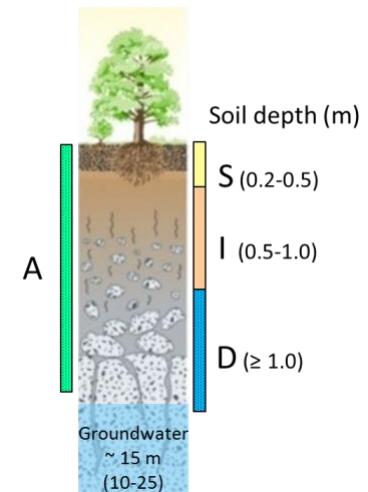
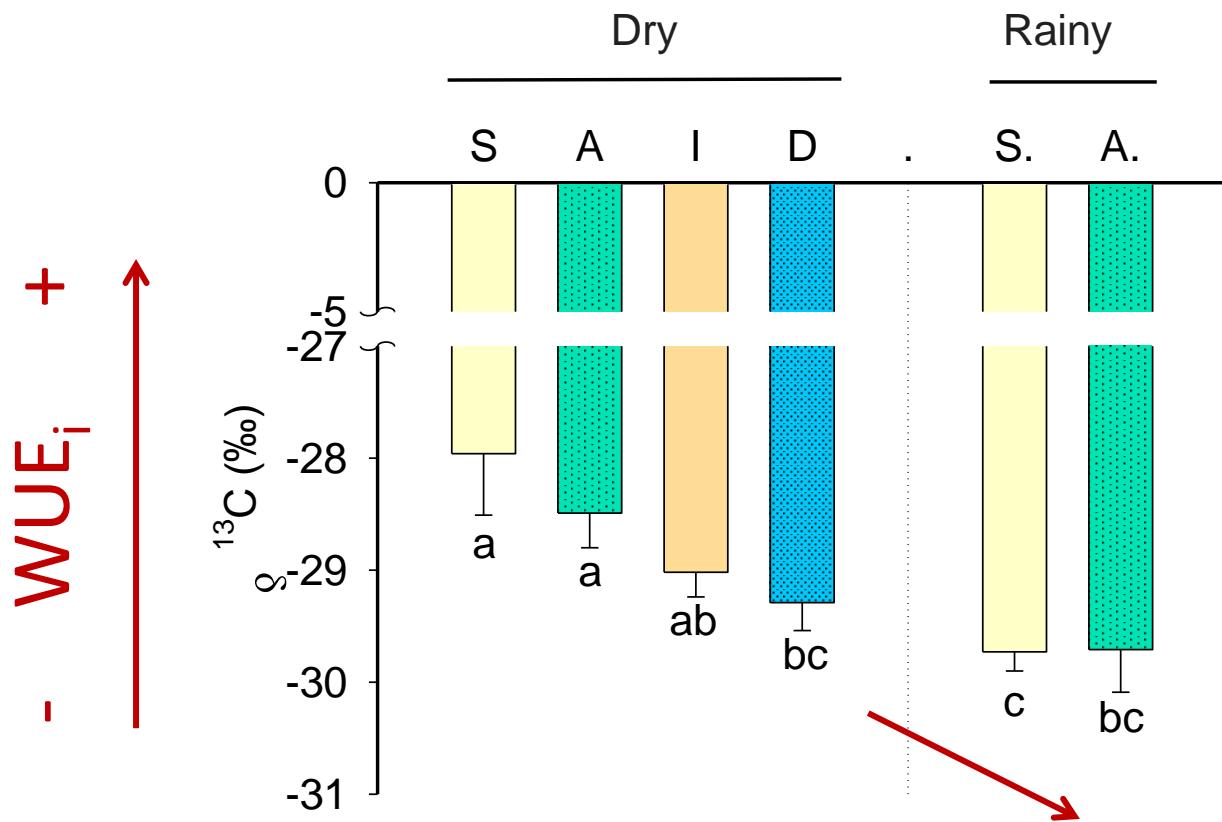
$$\sim \text{WUE} = \frac{A}{E}, \text{ VPD } (\sim)$$

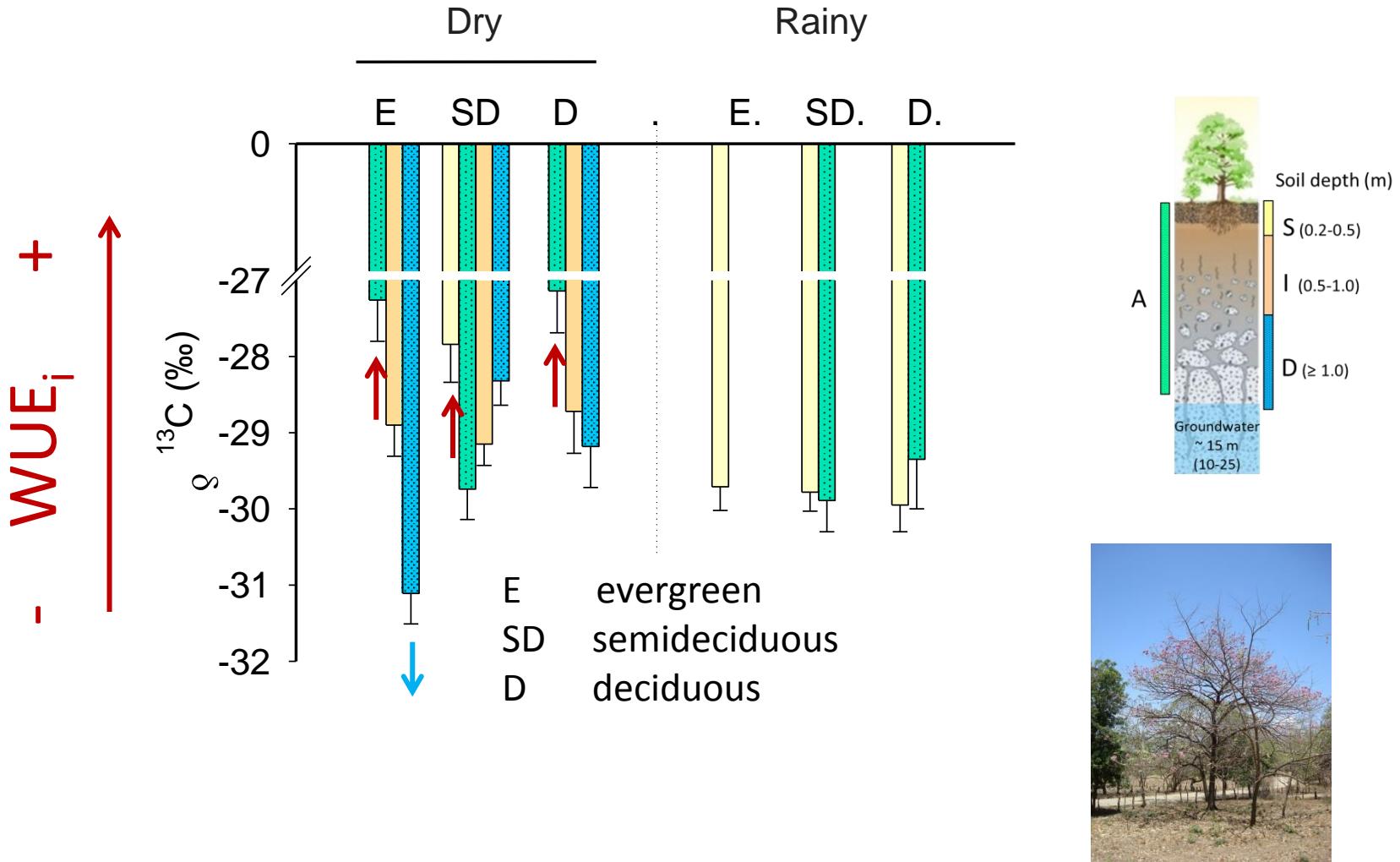
Species  $\text{WUE}_i$  among seasons, water uptake strategies and leaf phenology



Farquhar et al. (1989), Dawson et al. (2002), Klein et al. (2005)

# Rivas - Nicaragua





Lowest WUE = evergreen sp. uptaking deep water (*Coccoloba caracasana*, *Mangifera indica*). Both changed water sources between seasons (deep to superficial)

Highest WUE = No clear trend with phenology. *Gliricidia sepium* (D) & *Crescentia alata* (E); *Enterolobium cyclocarpum* (E), *Spondias purpurea*, *Swietenia macrophylla* (SD).

# WUE vs. other plant physiological responses

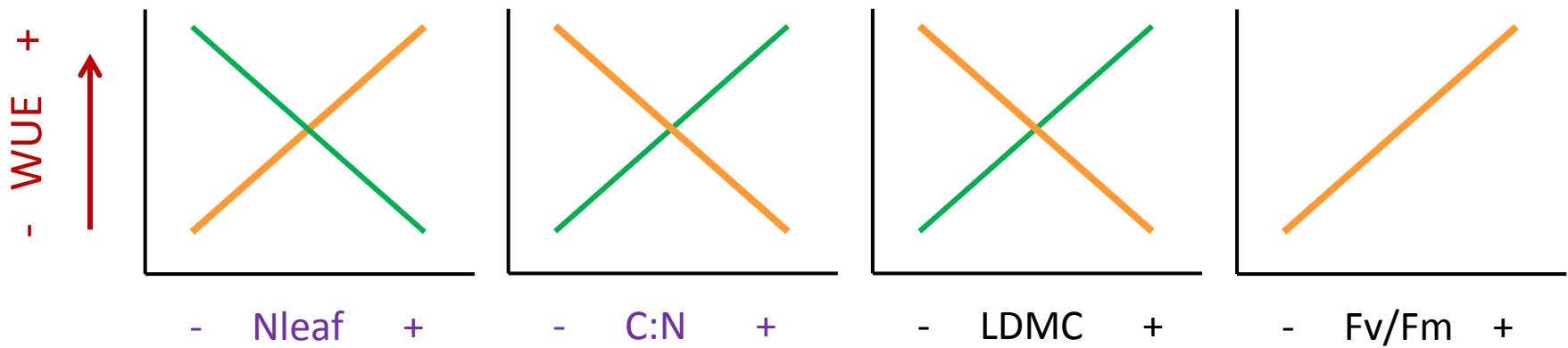
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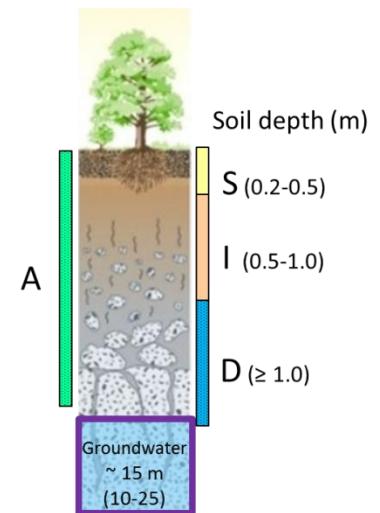
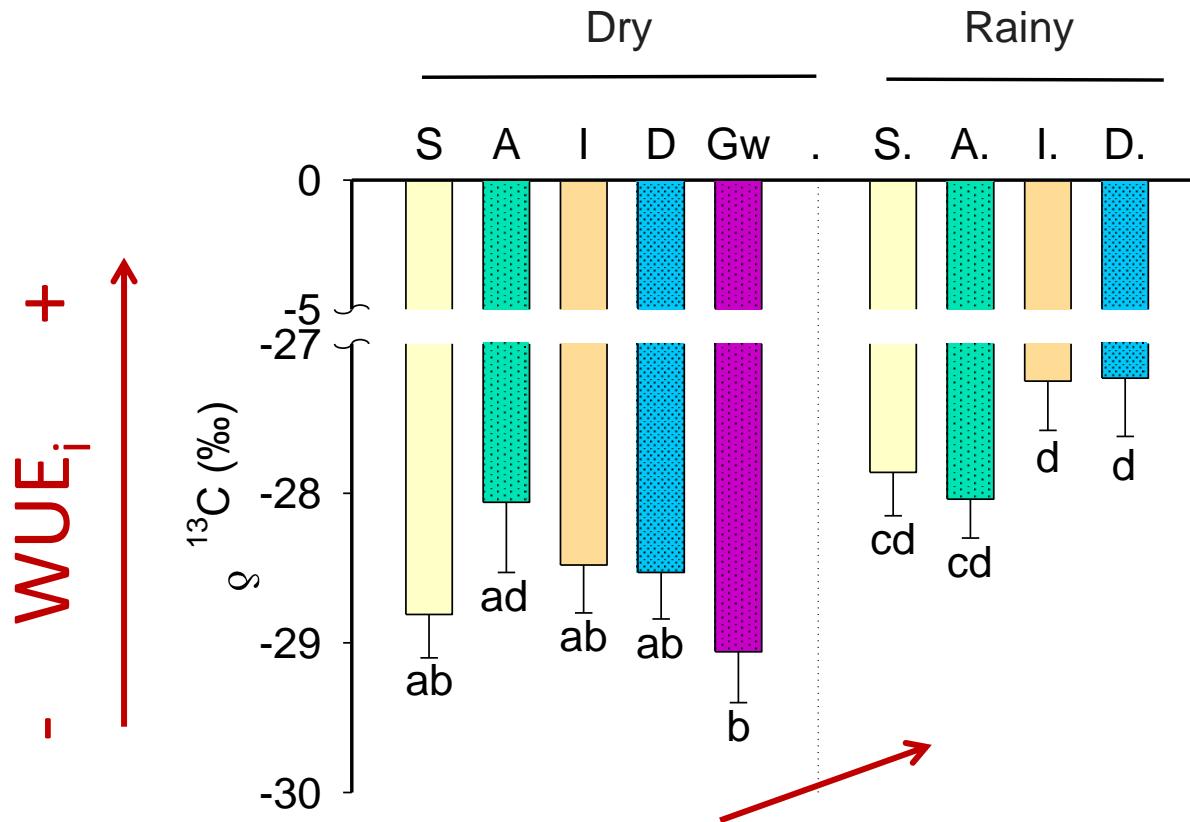
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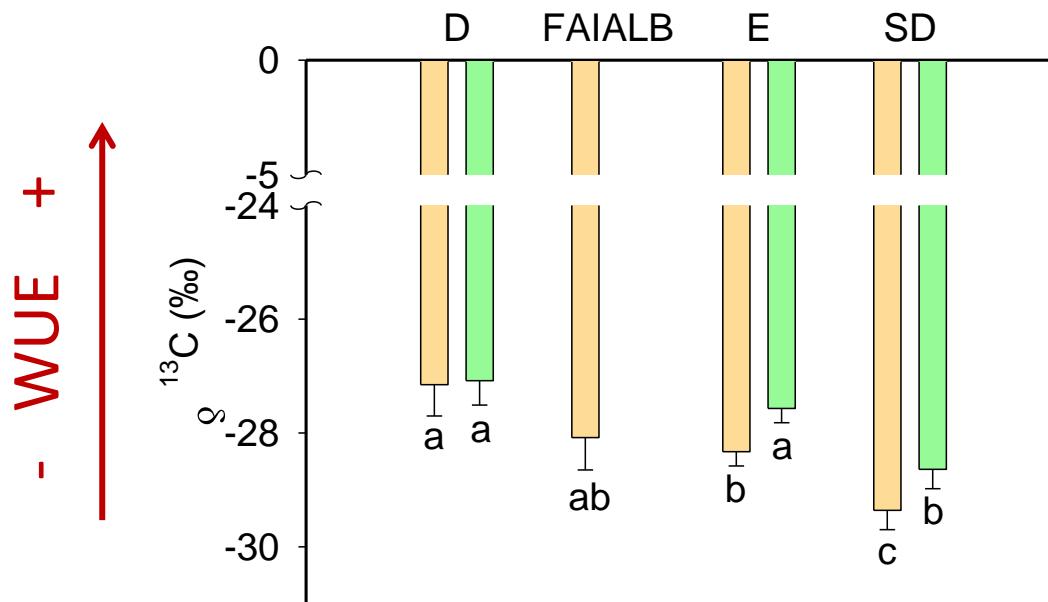
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# WUE<sub>i</sub> in Potou (Senegal)



# Potou



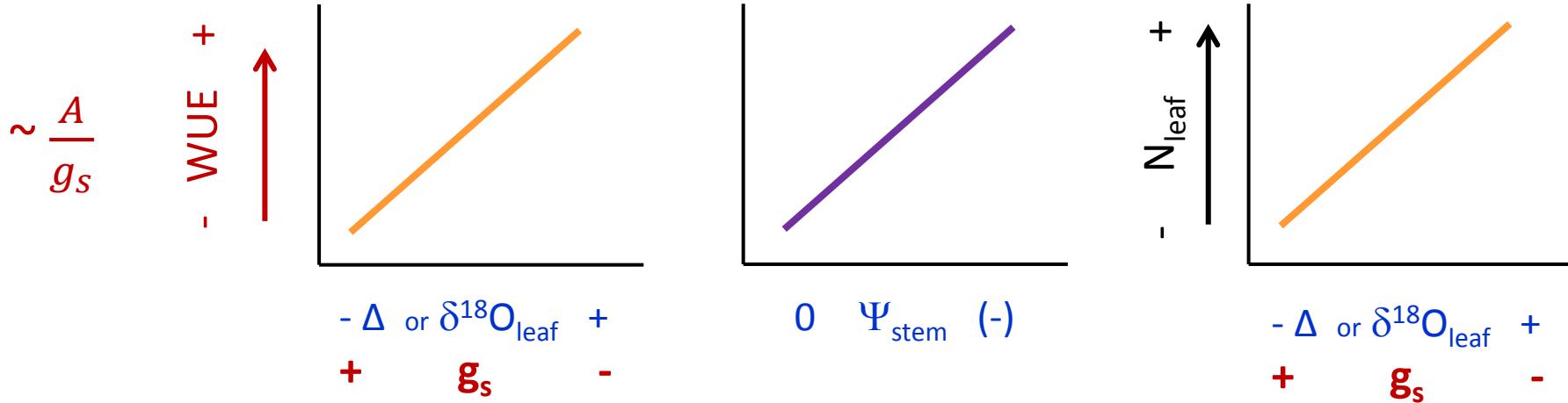
D      deciduous  
E      evergreen  
FAIALB    *Faidherbia albida*  
SD      semideciduous



## WUE vs. other water related responses

$$\Delta^{18}\text{O} = \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{leaf}} - \delta^{18}\text{O}_{\text{source water (stem)}}$$

$$\Delta^{18}\text{O} \sim \frac{e_a}{e_i} \sim g_s \text{ (but not } \sim A)$$



# Unraveling water use strategies of trees in dry AFs



- Coexisting woody species in dry AFs displayed contrasting water use strategies.
- During dry spells trees mainly relied on soil water stored at intermediate to deep soil profiles, and changed water sources to shallower soil profiles during rainy season.
- Trees WUE was related to their source of water (in Nicaragua). Trees relying on deep or more permanent water sources displayed lowest WUE values while those that had to withstand pulsed resource availability (shallow soils) displayed highest WUE (Nicaragua).
- Increased WUE was mainly controlled by decreasing stomatal conductance (and E) as water availability became more erratic.
- Stable carbon and oxygen isotope compositions ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ ,  $\Delta^{18}\text{O}$ ) of coexisting woody species reflect the functional diversity of plant water use strategies in AFs.



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**AND SOON.....**

## ..... RESULTS FROM SEGOU (IER/CRRA)



..... TO BE CONTINUED





# **RESPONSE TO DROUGHT OF SAHELIAN TREE SPECIES IN THE NORTHWEST SEMIARID AREA OF SENEGAL**

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# INTRODUCTION

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- Water is the most limiting ecological resource for most tree
- Decline soil water content  trees become more stressed and begin to react to resource availability changes
- Plant attributes and functional traits are related to the environmental conditions they have to withstand and thus can be used to assess species tolerance to stress

# INTRODUCTION

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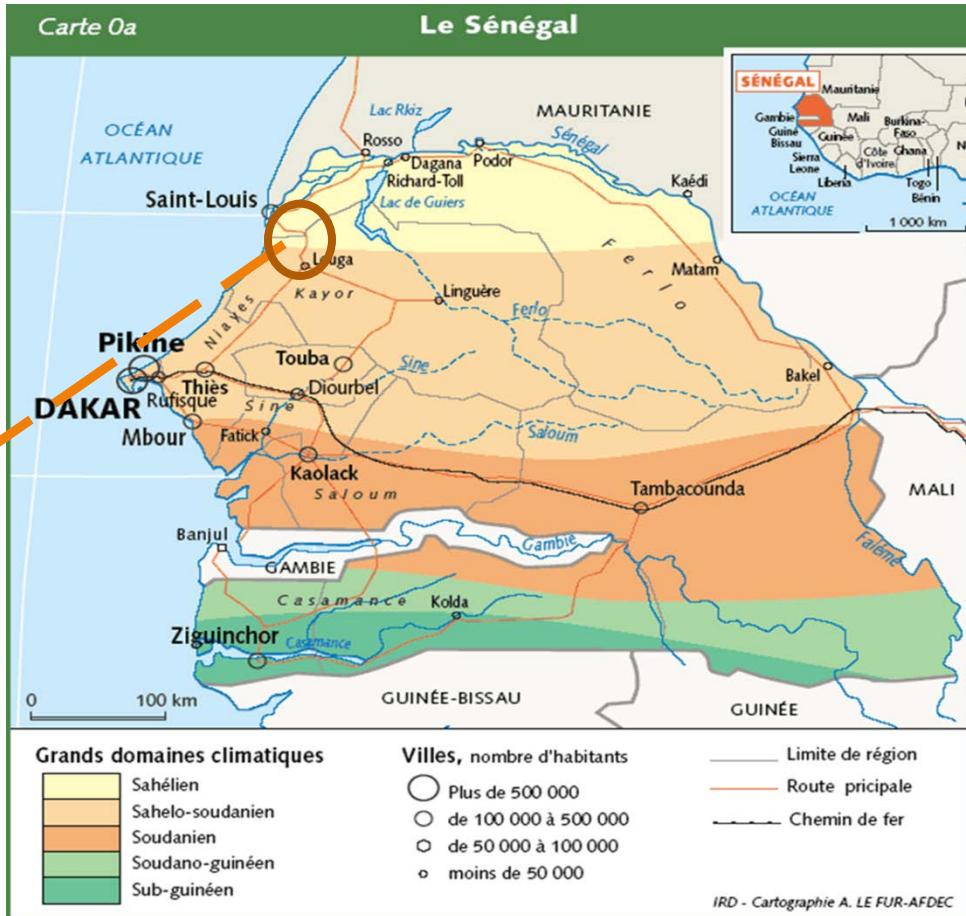
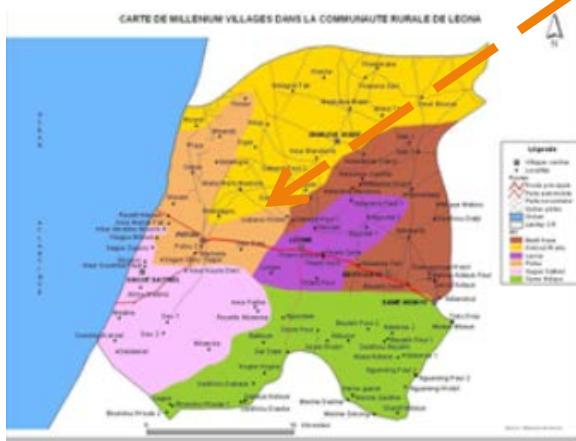
- The utilisation of functional groups is an important method in current ecological research
- There has been a large effort to characterise functional groups with simple robust parameters of structural and functional traits
- To evaluate possible impacts of functional groups on ecosystem water relations, physiological traits that are important for these processes can be characterised

# OBJECTIVE

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To understand the physiological strategies that developed the woody species regarding soil and climate conditions and classify them into different functional groups

# MATERIALS AND METHODS



# Measurements

**Species** (Niayes and Dieri): *Acacia tortilis*, *Adansonia digitata*, *Balanites aegyptiaca*, *Combretum glutinosum*, *Celtis integrifolia*, *Faidherbia albida*, *Neocarya macrophylla*, *Sclerocarya birrea* and *Tamarindus indica*.

**Measures** (July 2010 – September 2011)

## **Functional traits**

Relative Water Content (RWC) (%)

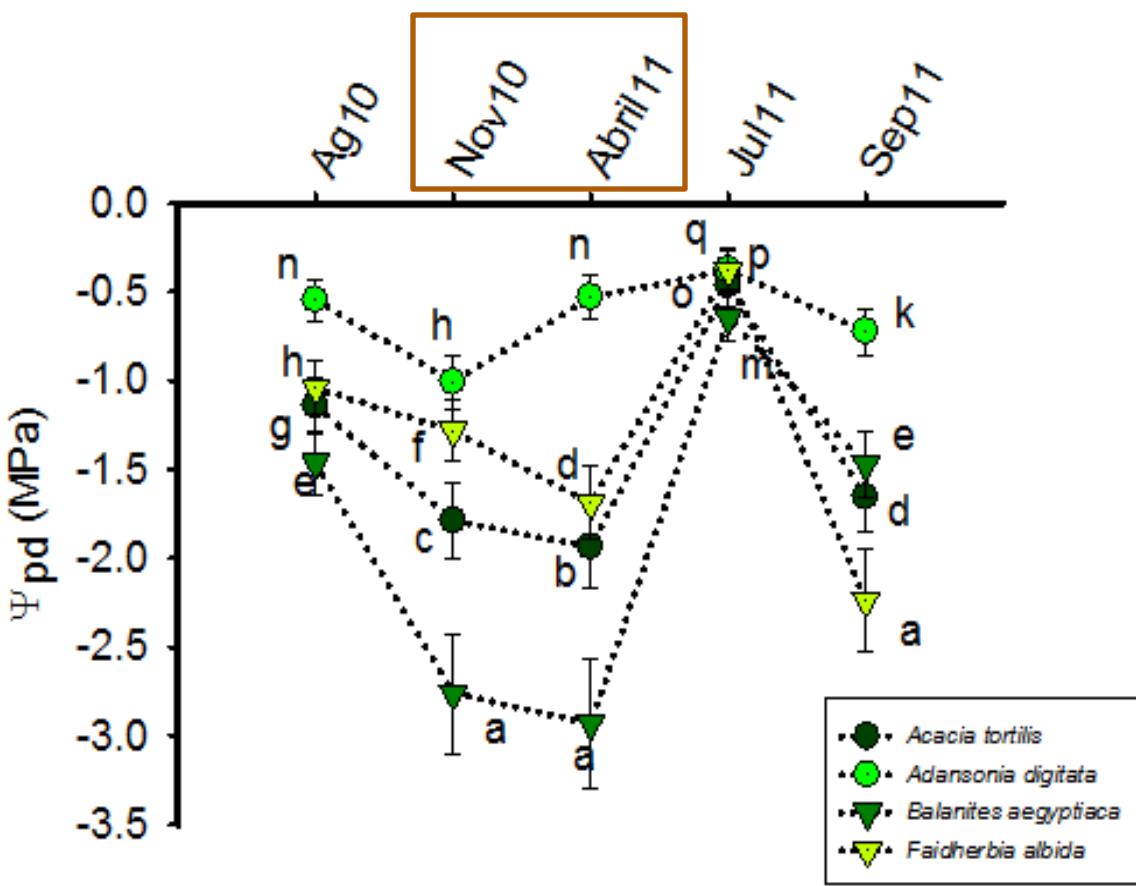
Specific Leaf Area (SLA) ( $\text{m}^2/\text{kg}$ )

Leaf Area Index (LAI)

Predawn water potential (MPA)

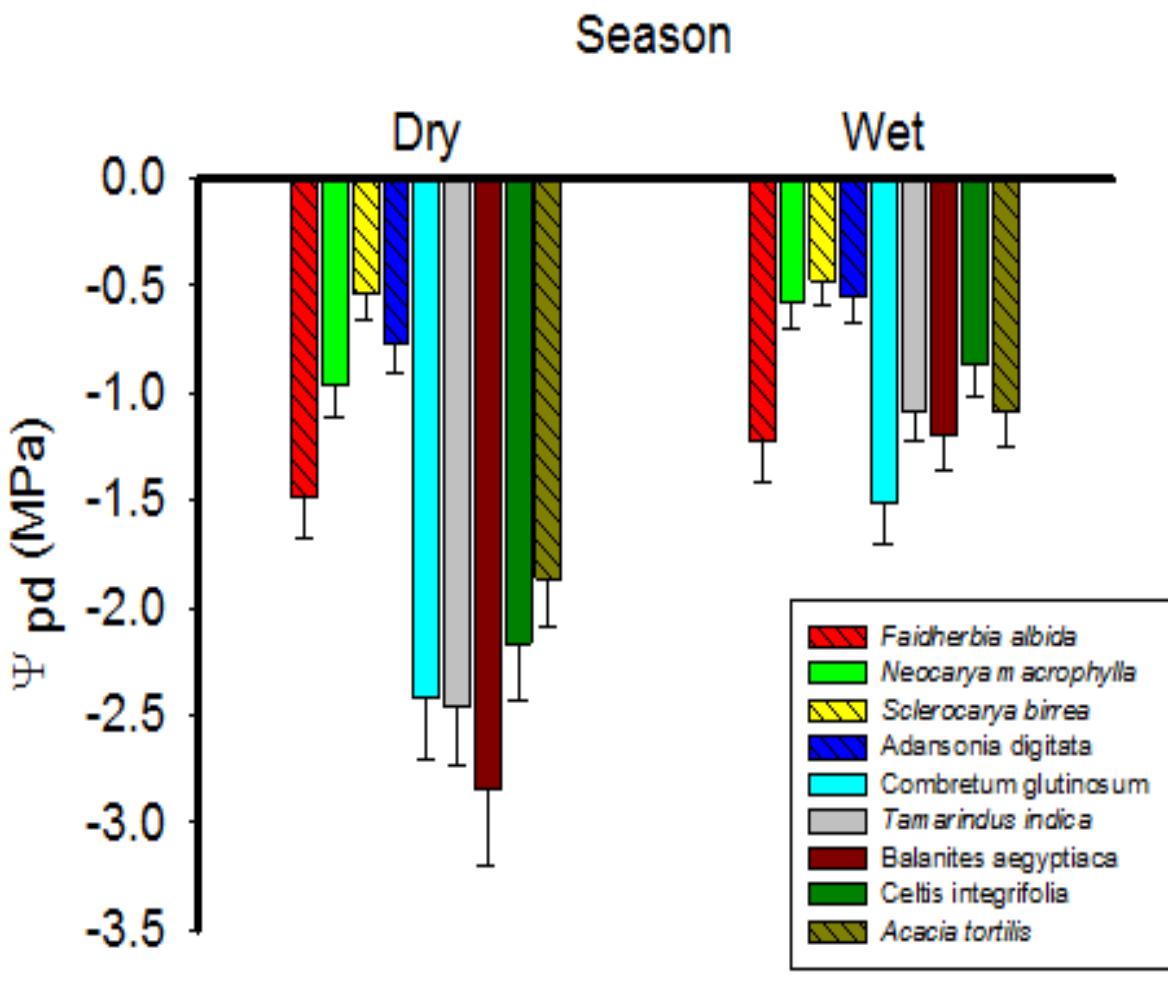
**Protocols:** Cornelissen *et al.* (2003); Knevel *et al.* 2005

# RESULTS (1/5)



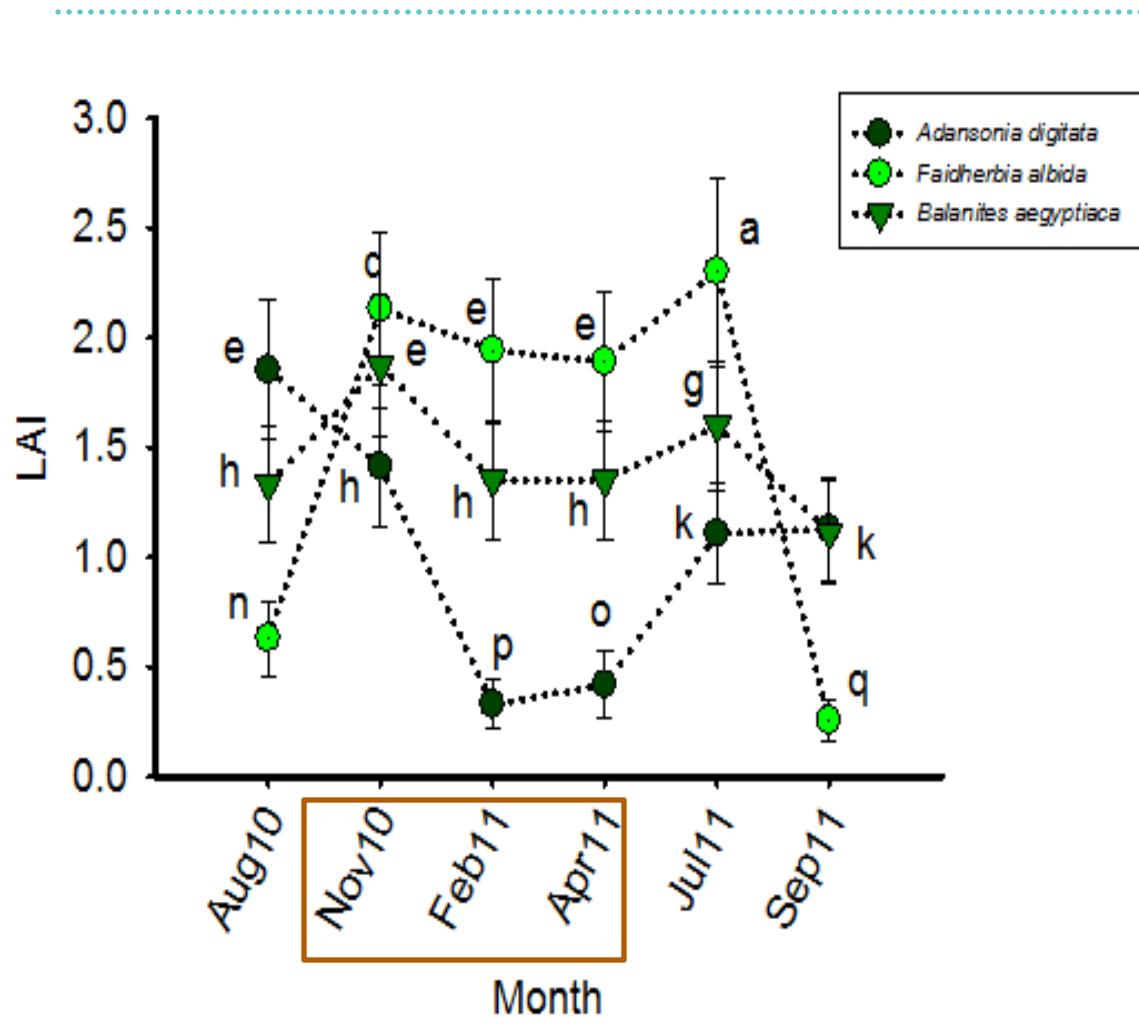
Predawn leaf water potential varied according to the season, being higher in the wet than in the dry season. Species like *Adansonia digitata* showed relatively stable values while *Balanites aegyptiaca* showed strong seasonal changes.

# RESULTS (2/5)



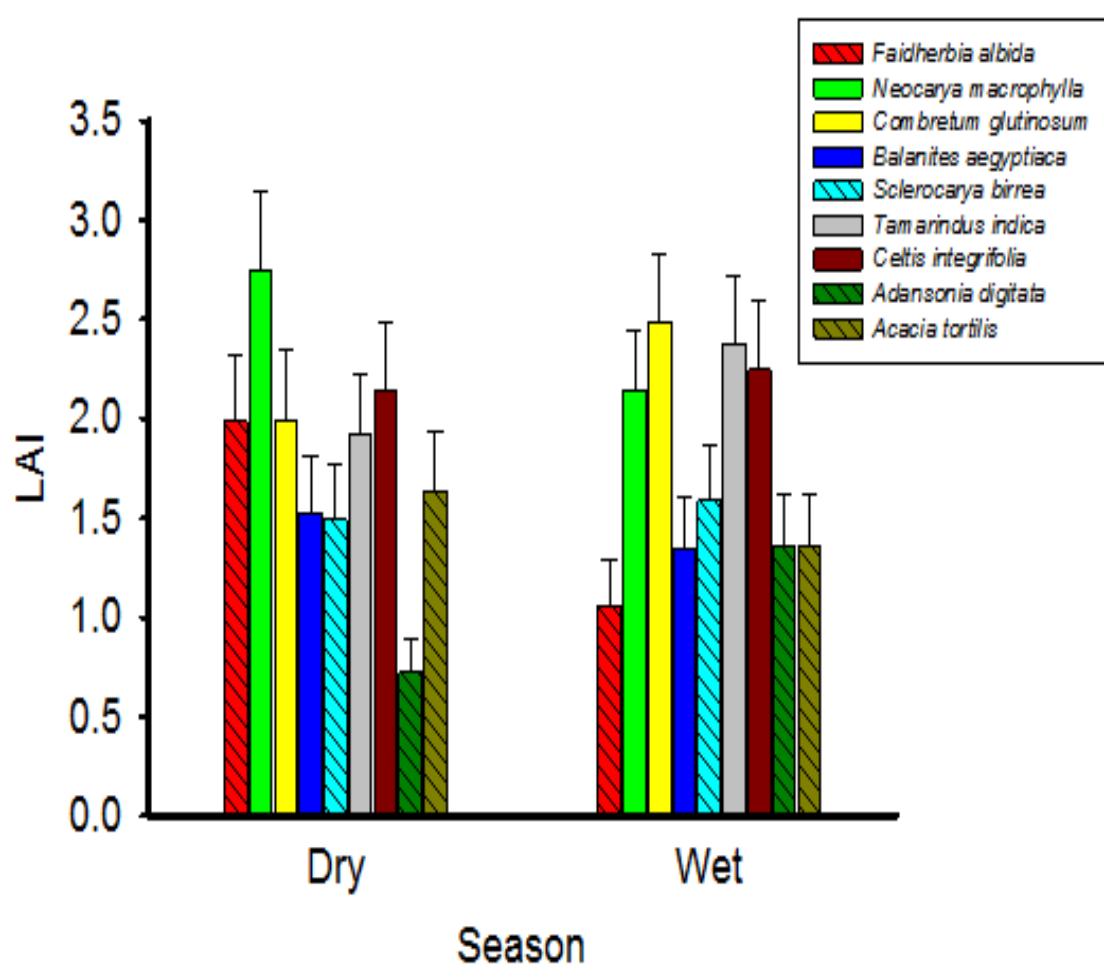
This behaviour is linked to the phenology, as, *Adansonia digitata* is a drough-deciduous species while *Balanites aegyptiaca* is evergreen. Water potential patterns should also reflect rooting depth of the different species.

# RESULTS (3/5)



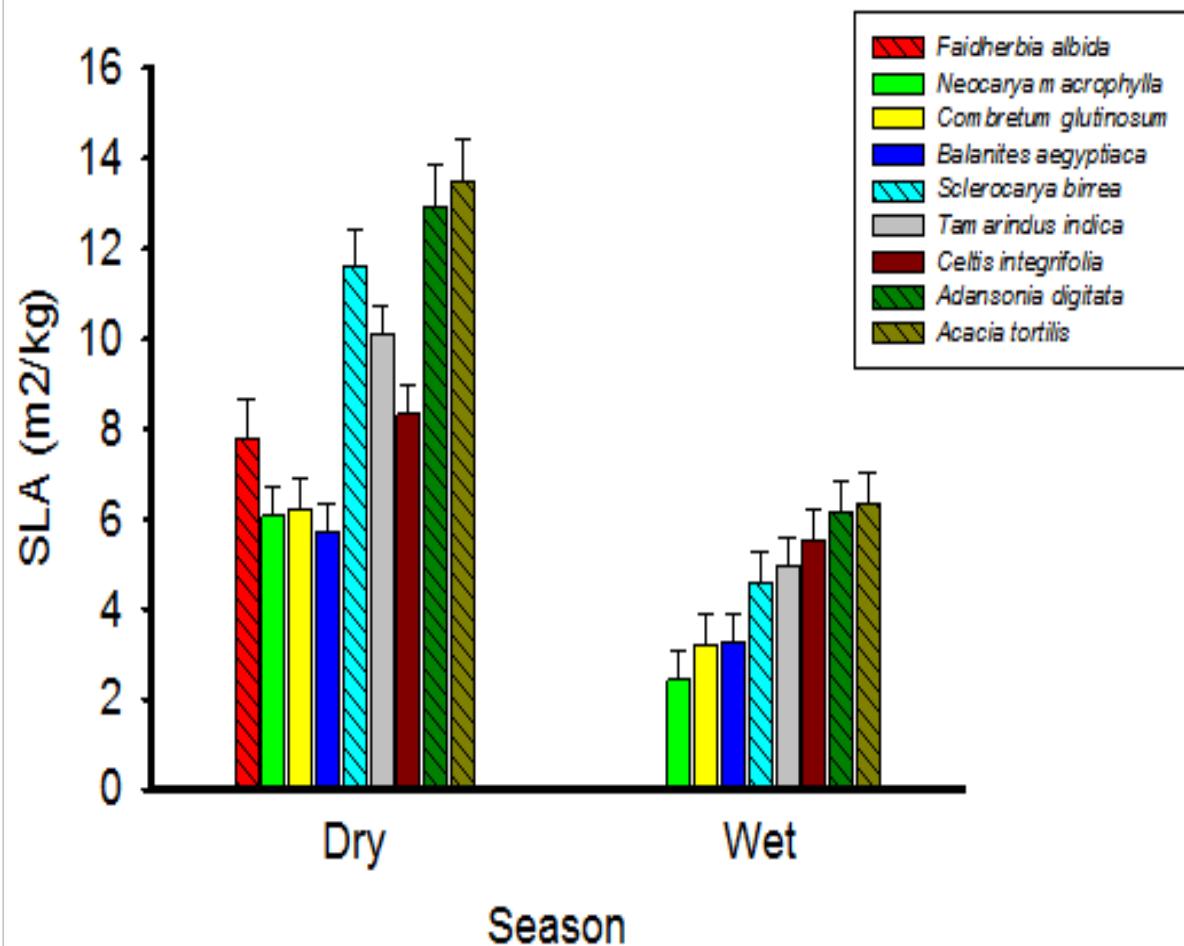
LAI of dry season deciduous species (e.g., *Adansonia digitata*) was lower than LAI of evergreen species (*Balanites aegyptiaca*) during the dry season.

# RESULTS (4/5)



LAI was below 5 for all species in the two seasons, but was higher in perennial than in deciduous species except for *Balanites aegyptiaca*. Dry season deciduous species had a greater LAI during the wet season and wet season deciduous species (*Faidherbia albida*) had higher LAI in the dry season.

# RESULTS (5/5)



SLA was larger in the dry season than in the wet season, perhaps because it was measured on newly developed leaves while in the wet season it was measured on leaves developed in the dry season. Overall, SLA was higher in dry season deciduous species.

# CONCLUSION

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Differences in water relations and behaviour of the different species reflect different strategies depending on the season. Although most species shared similar strategies, there were significant differences among them which will allow us to classify them in different functional groups.



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# **Responses of agro-forestry species to water availability in seasonally dry climates and their effect on understory vegetation**

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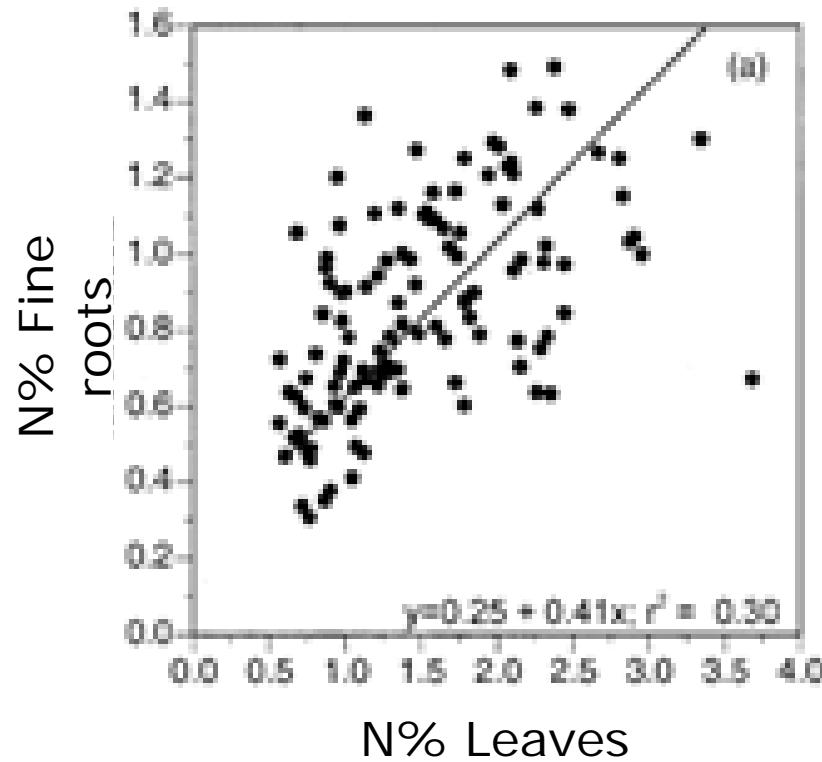
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# Objective: improve performance of agro-forestry systems

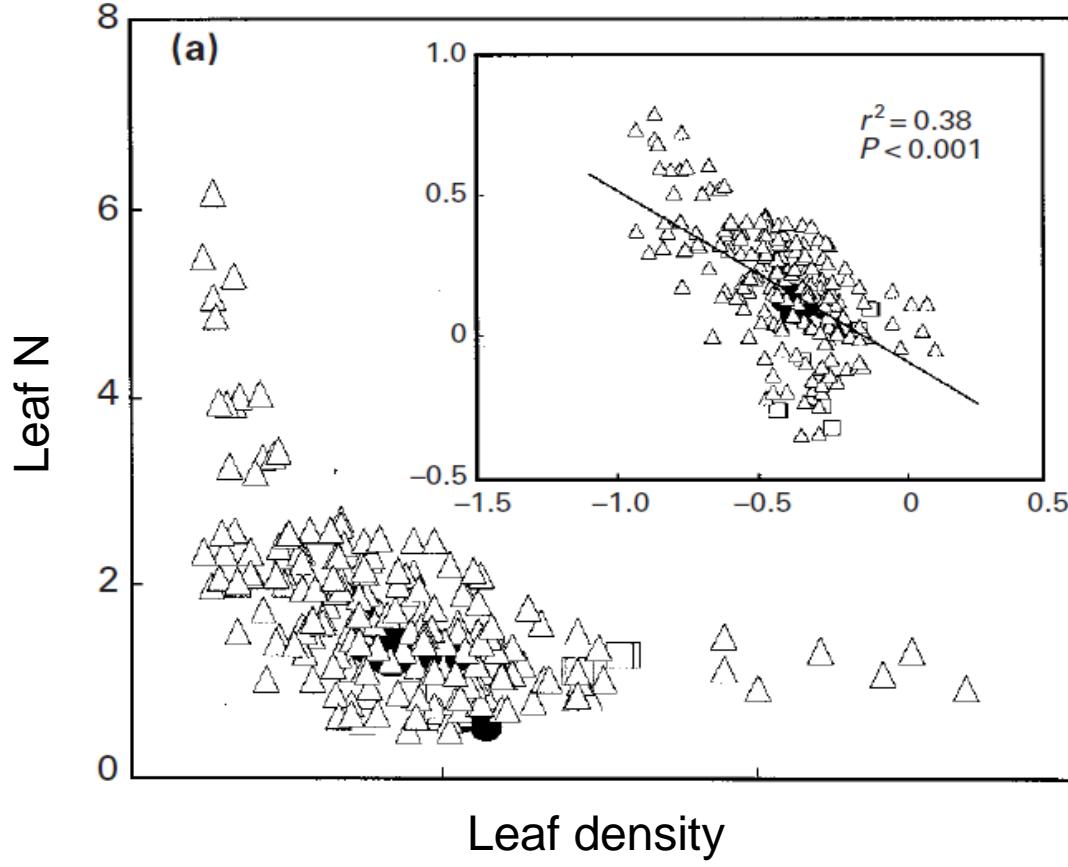
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- Identify tree species suitable for dry and marginal areas
- Tree responses to drought
  - Adaptations
  - Effects on soil & biological communities
  - Understory vegetation
  - Affected by livestock

# There are many relationships among plant traits



Craine 2008

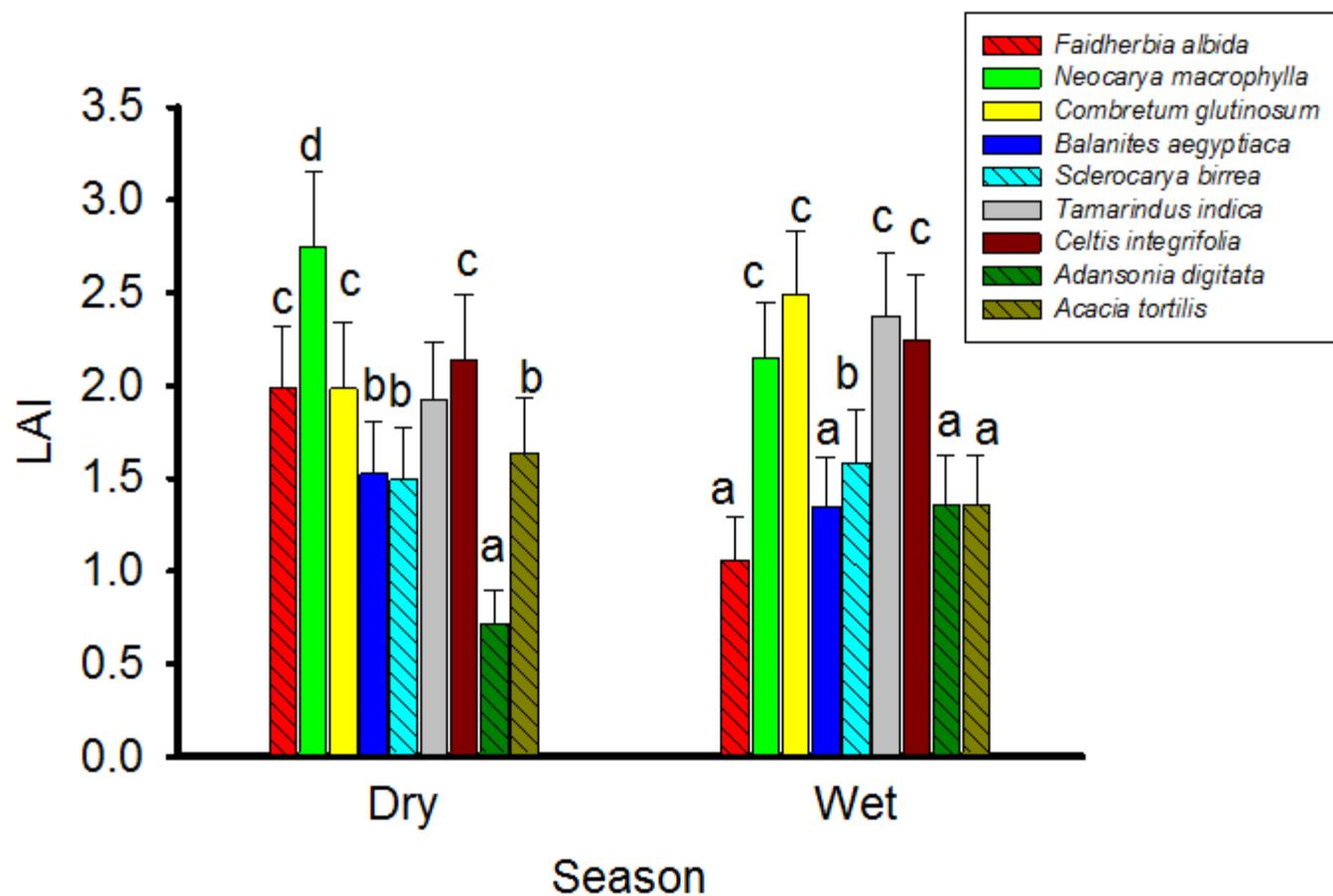


Niinimets 1999

## Expected trait convergence (Kraft et al. 2008)

But relationships are sometimes contradictory and not universal.

Niinemets 1999



# Contrasting responses to water shortage

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- ▶ Different strategies

# OBJECTIVE

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To explore relationships between tree functional traits and understory productivity

# FIELD SITE

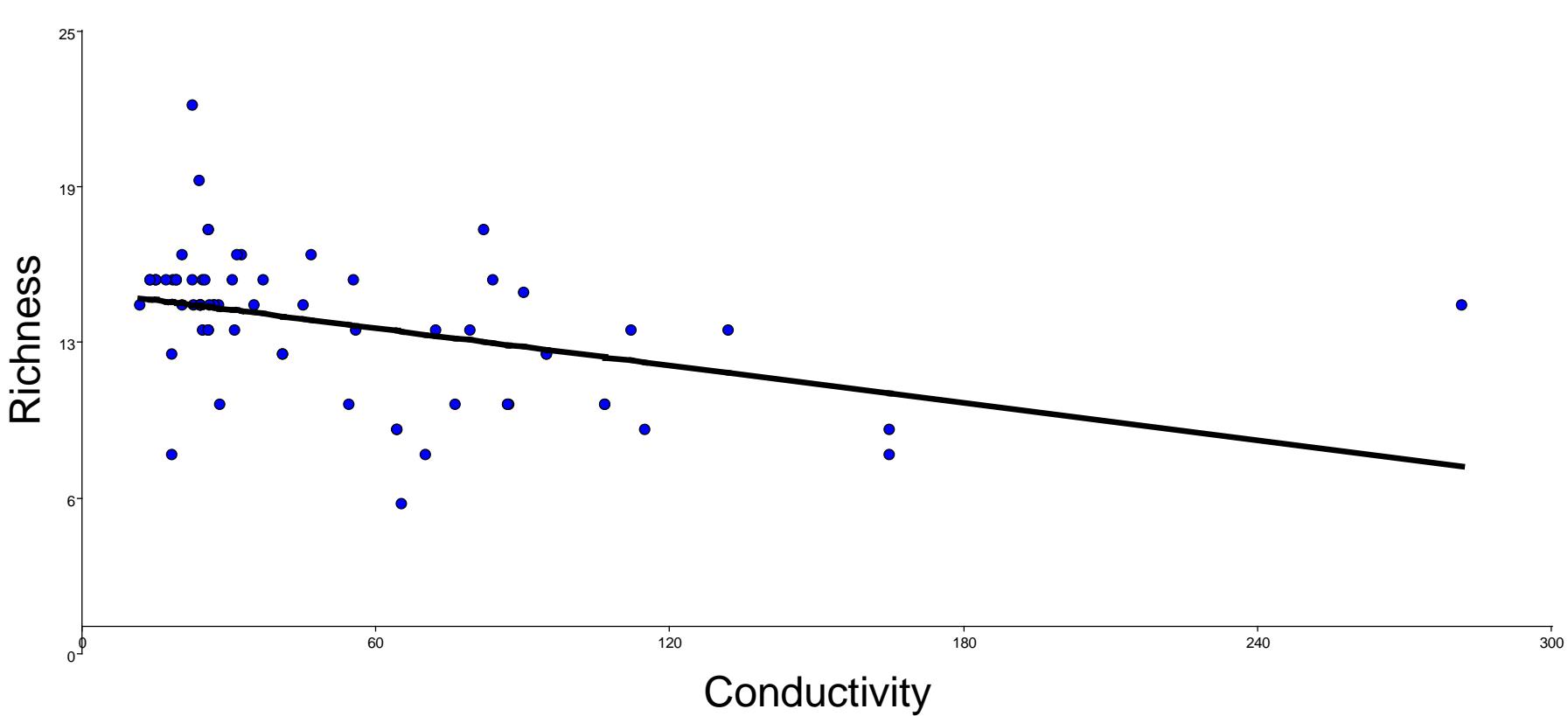


# Significant differences among sites

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- species richness
- grass productivity
- nutrient availability
- pH
- soil salinity
- mycorrhizal fungi

# The less salinity, the more species

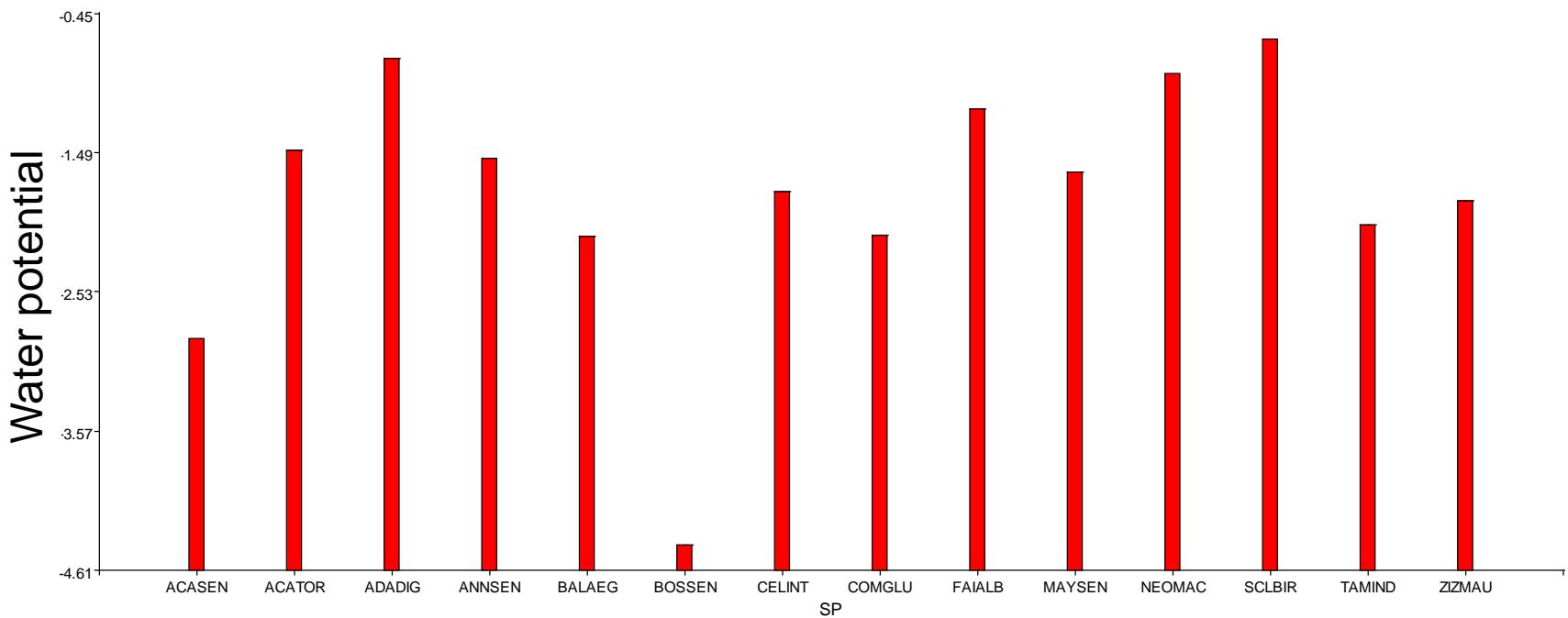


# Several physiological traits are associated to tree size

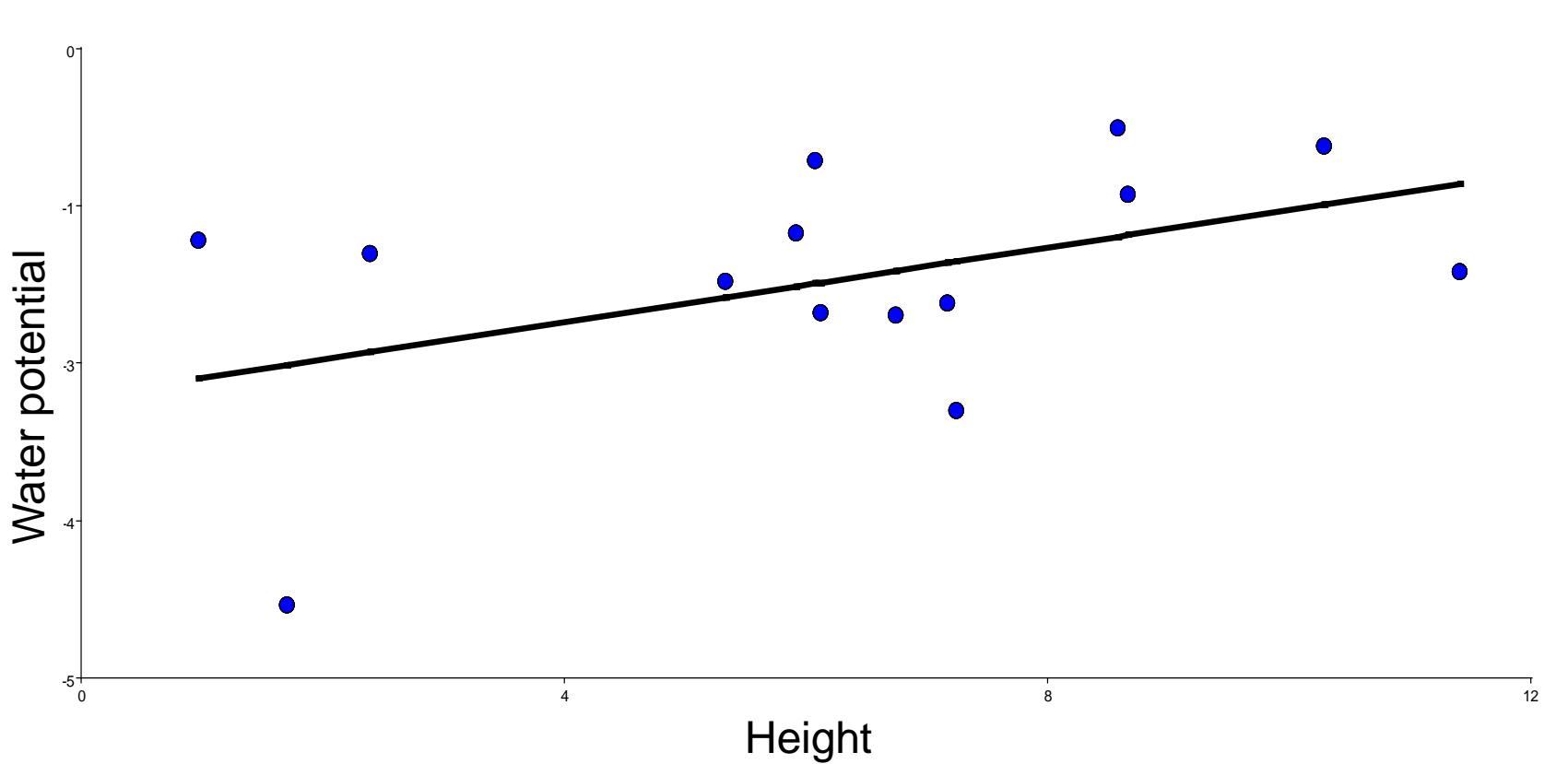
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- ▶  $\Psi_{pd}$  (in wet and dry seasons)
  - ▶ SLA
  - ▶ RWC
  - ▶ WUE
  - ▶ and related measurements.
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- ▶ And  $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ ,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , and  $^{18}\text{O}$

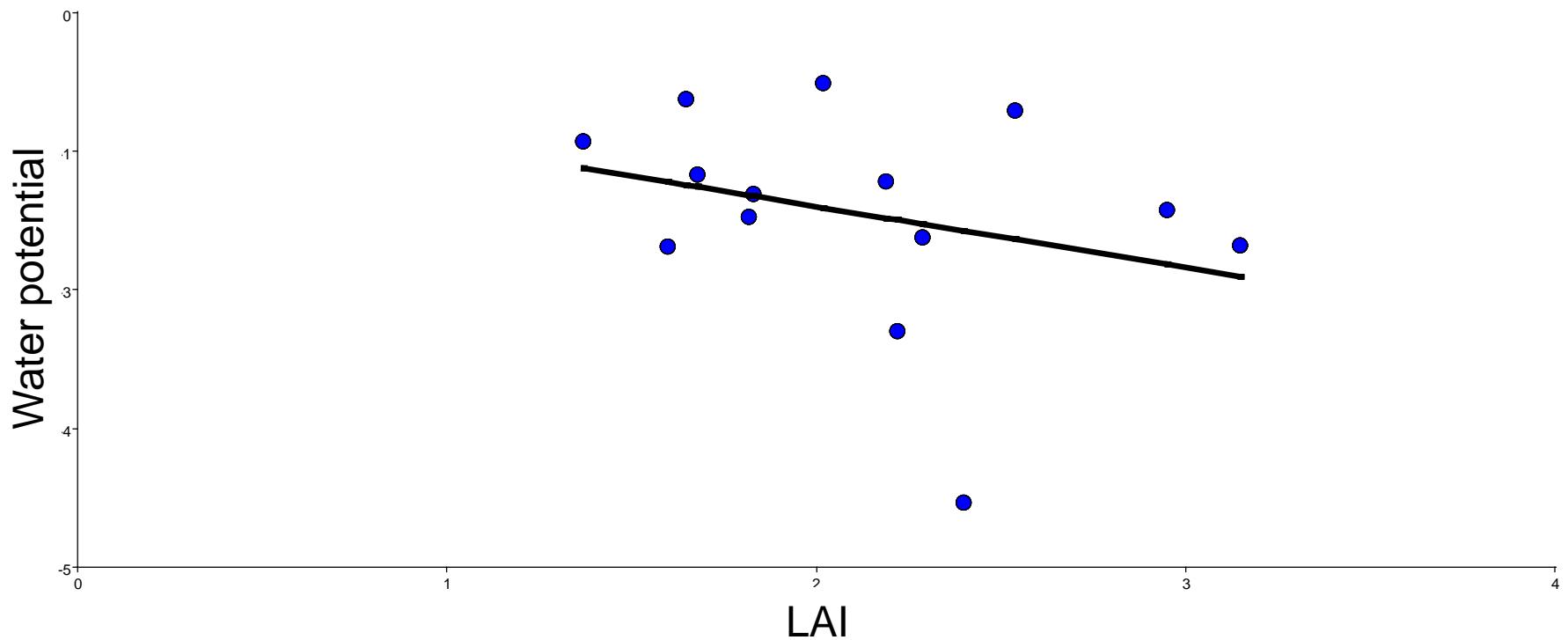
# Water potential is species-specific



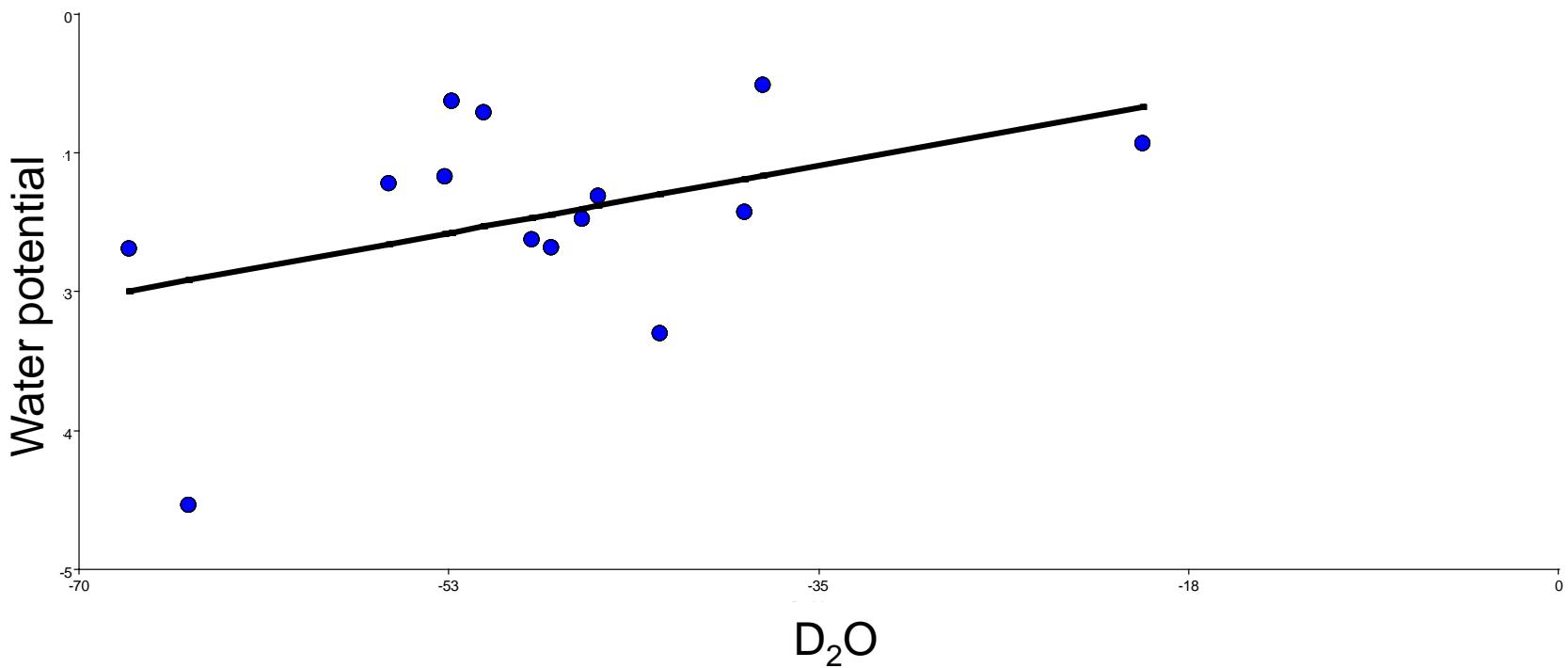
# Larger trees have higher $\Psi_{pd}$



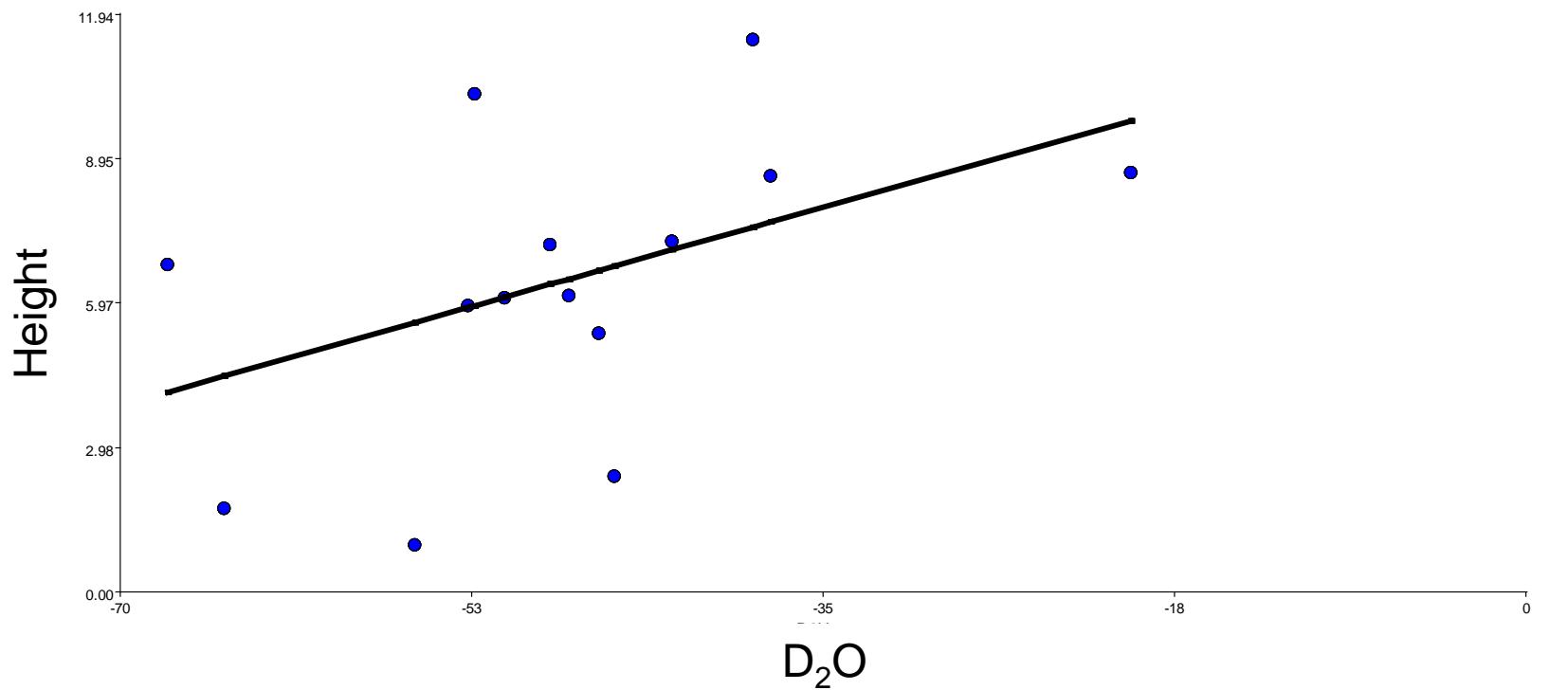
# Trees with high LAI (dense foliage) show lower $\Psi_{pd}$



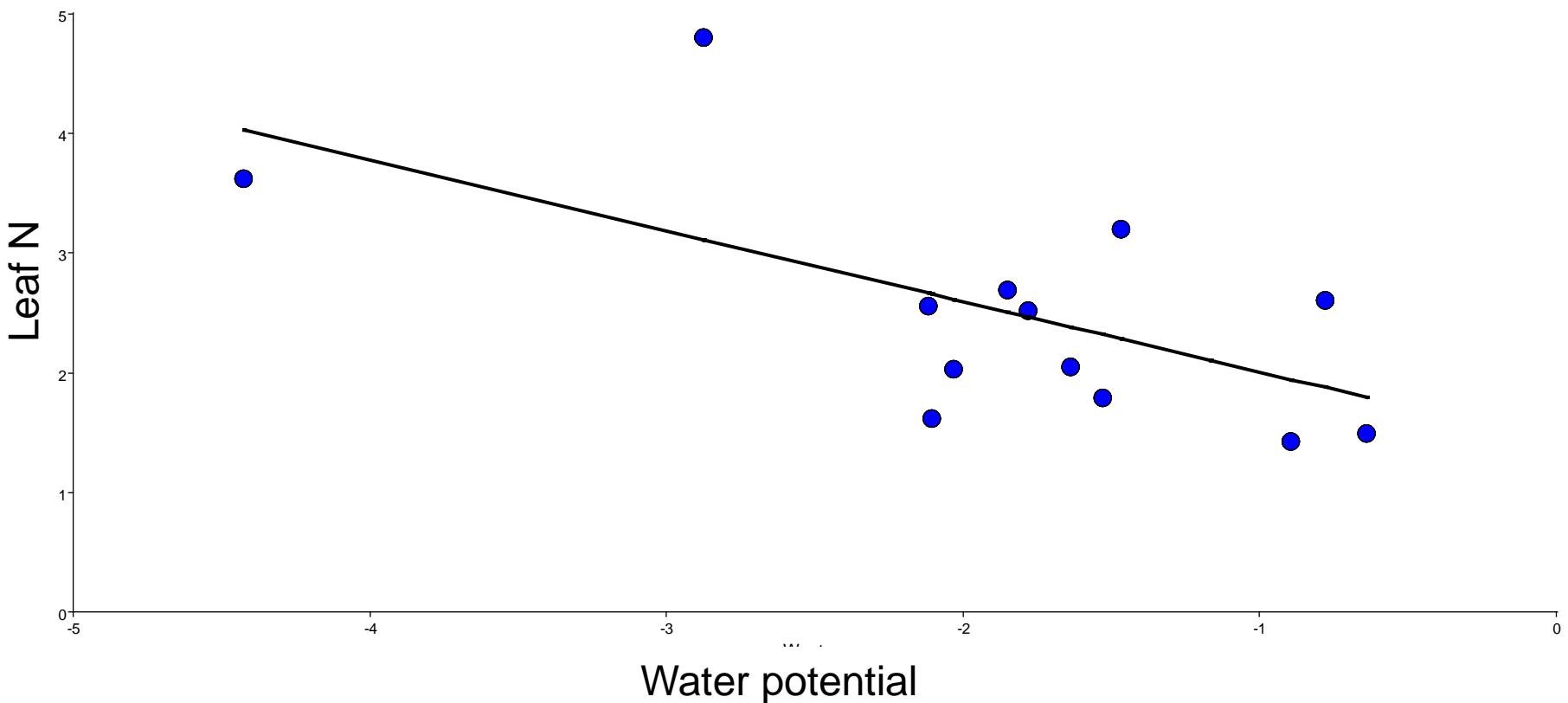
# Water potential is linked to deuterium



# Deuterium increases with tree size



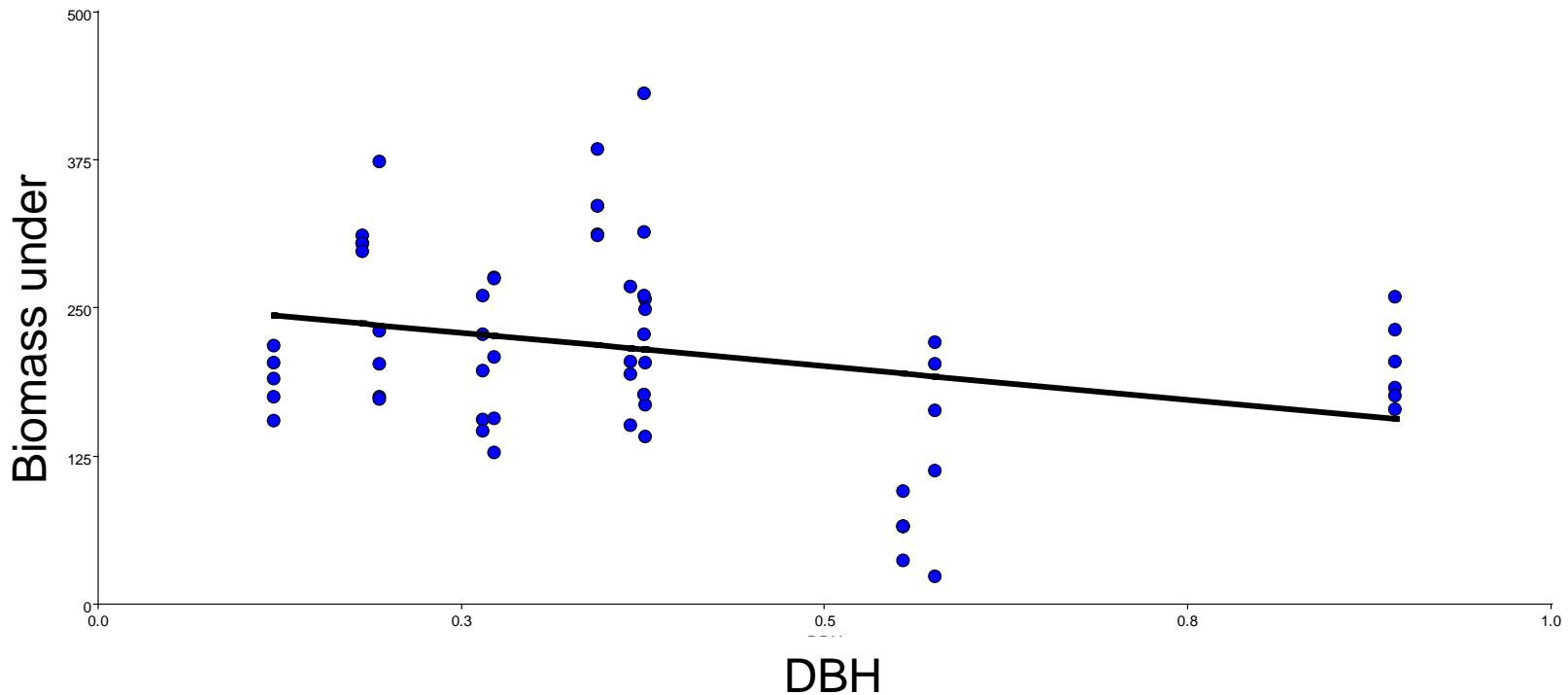
# Leaf N is negatively correlated with water availability (wet season)



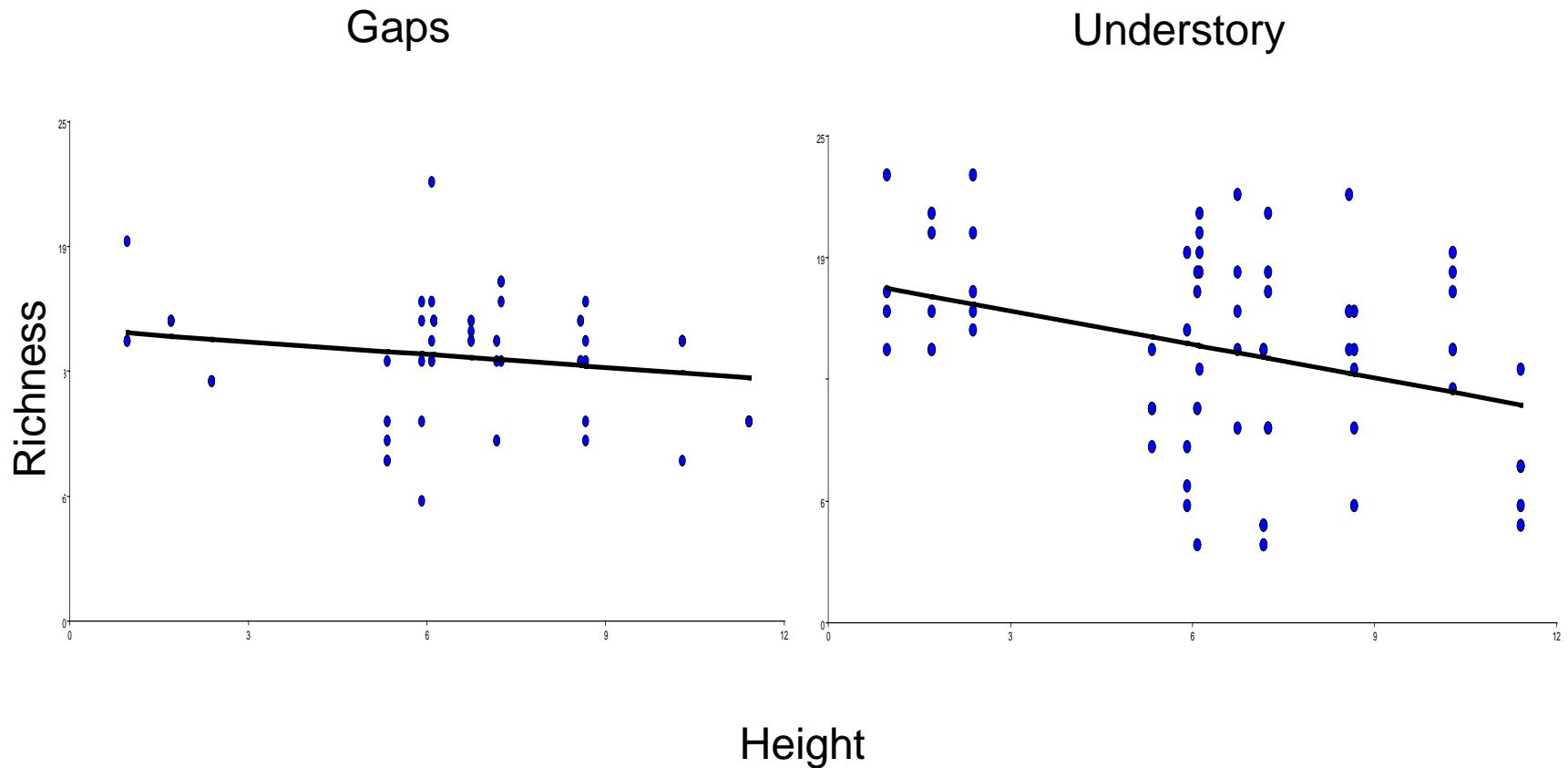
# Tree attributes have an impact on understory vegetation

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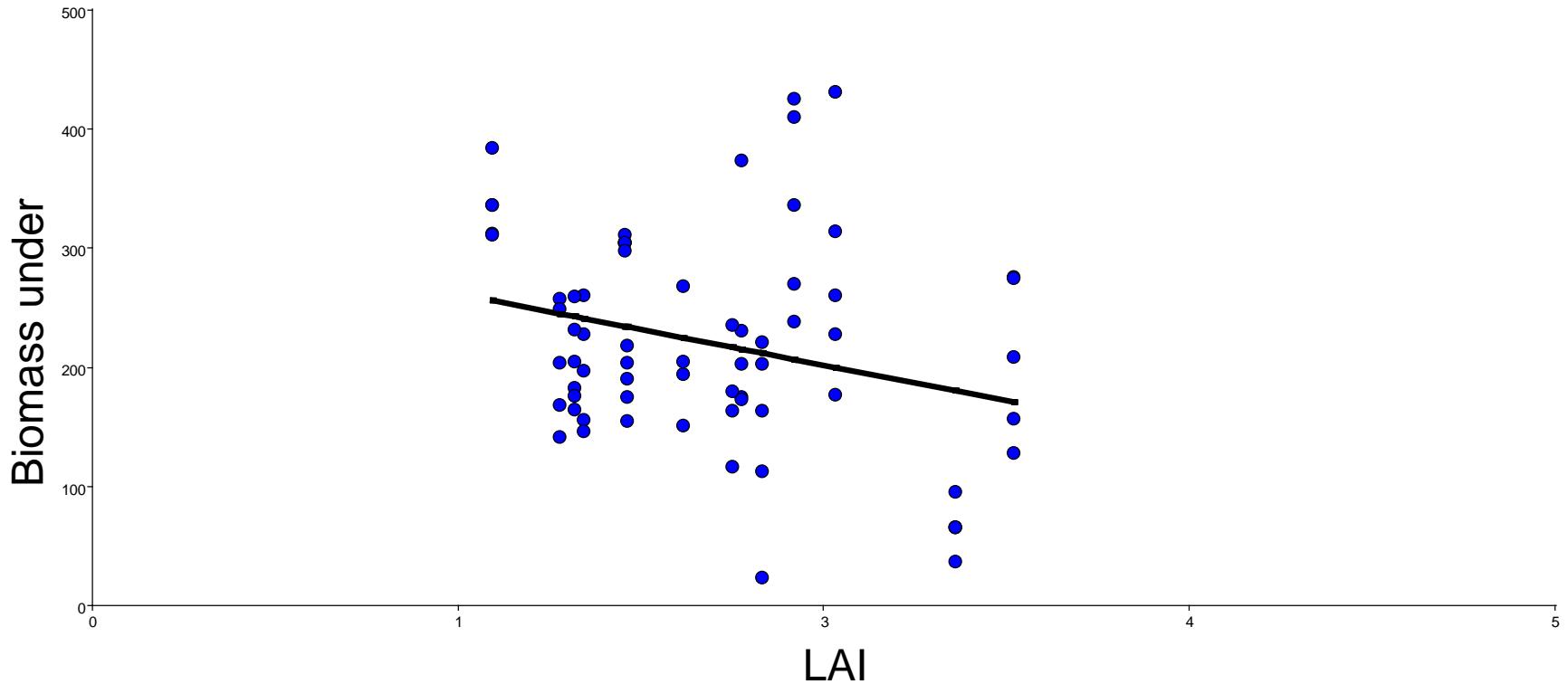
# Trunk diameter and height negatively influenced understory biomass and cover



# Taller trees have fewer species in the understory



# Trees with dense foliage show less grass productivity and understory cover



# CONCLUSIONS

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There are site-specific differences

Different tree species have different access to resources

Affect understory productivity in different ways

Providing tools for improvement of agro-forestry systems

A large, gnarled tree with a thick trunk and sprawling branches stands in a dry, open landscape. The ground is covered in dry grass and small shrubs. In the background, there are more trees and a clear sky.

Thanks!



# Mixed model approaches to analyze unbalanced paired data

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# Context

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- ▶ Quantifying the ecosystem services provided by tree species in agroforestry systems
- ▶ Studying the tree effect in the context of climate change

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# Sampling design



Photo: Graciela Rush

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# Sampling design

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# Context

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- ▶ Analyze tree effect on:
  - ▶ Productivity
  - ▶ Soil properties
  - ▶ Animal behavior
  - ▶ Grass biodiversity
  - ▶ Grass functional traits, etc.
- ▶ Assumption:
  - ▶ Before tree presence paired plots were similar (confounding)

# Common methods

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- ▶ Paired T test
  - ▶ Relative Interaction Index (RII; Armas *et al.* 2004)
  - ▶ Use mean differences in a ANOVA
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- ▶ Limitations:
  - ▶ If there are missing values for a given pair, all the information is lost

# Mixed model frame

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- ▶ Use maximum likelihood (ML) or restricted maximum likelihood (REML) estimators
- ▶ Provides criteria to select the best model
  
- ▶ AIC
- ▶ BIC
- ▶ Likelihood ratio test (LRT)
- ▶ R squared

# Advantages

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- ▶ Can work with missing data
- ▶ Support unbalanced treatments
- ▶ Provides the correct degree of freedom (avoid pseudoreplication)
- ▶ Multi-factor analysis can be performed
- ▶ Covariates can be included (ANCOVA)
- ▶ Allow modeling complex sampling designs (distances, cardinal points)

# Advantages

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- ▶ They allow modeling:
  - ▶ Heterogeneous variances
  - ▶ Random effects
  - ▶ Repeated measures
  - ▶ Spatial correlation
  - ▶ Regression with treatments
  - ▶ Different covariance structures



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# Alternative methods

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- ▶ Disadvantages:
- ▶ Sampling design in all trees, sites, treatments etc. should be the same
- ▶ In this context RII alternative is better
- ▶ Advanced knowledge of statistics is needed

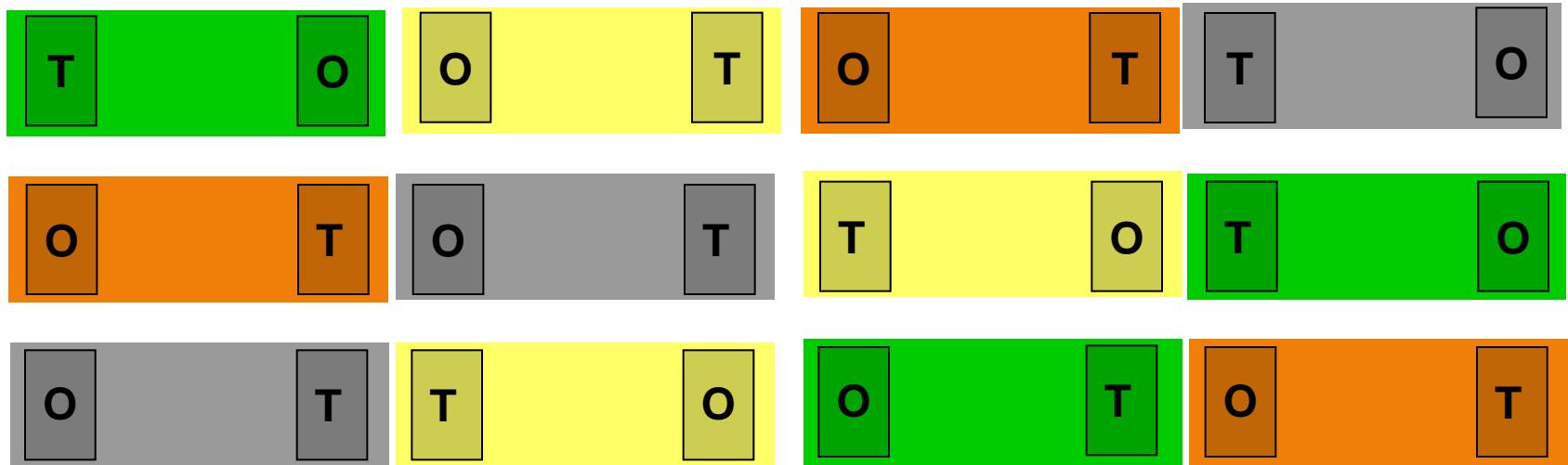


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# Sampling design scheme

- ▶ 4 species
- ▶ 3 replicates
- ▶ 2 positions (under the tree and open area)



# ANOVA table

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Source of variation	Degrees of freedom
Species	3
Error A (species)	8 (11-3)
Position	1
Species × Position	3
Error B	8
Total (corrected by mean)	23

The use of Split-plot design avoid pseudoreplication

# Considerations

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- ▶ Using paired T test, one for species, statistical power is poor
- ▶ By using all species in a T test, hypothesis of differences among species can not be tested
- ▶ Using mean differences we can perform hypothesis test for species (12 differences), but it is impossible to test the interaction between factors (Species × Position)

# Example 1

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- ▶ 3 species (A, B and C)
- ▶ 4 replicates by species
- ▶ 12 sampling units for tree
- ▶ 2 positions (under the tree and open area)
- ▶ Interest in the Species x Position effect
- ▶ 24 sampling units for position

# Example 1

Case	Species	Tree	Position	Response
1	A	1	open	2030
2	A	1	shade	1900
3	A	2	open	2215
4	A	2	shade	1960
5	A	3	open	1870
6	A	3	shade	1650
7	A	4	open	1950
8	A	4	shade	1900
9	B	5	open	2050
10	B	5	shade	1720
11	B	6	open	2100
12	B	6	shade	1870
13	B	7	open	2245
14	B	7	shade	1905
15	B	8	open	2080
16	B	8	shade	1745



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# Example 1

- ▶ **Fit measurements**

	N	AIC	BIC	logLik	Sigma	R2_0	R2_1
▶	24	233.31	240.43	-108.65	44.54	0.63	0.97

▶ *Smaller AIC and BIC is better*

- ▶ **Marginal hypothesis testing (Type III SS)**

	numDF	denDF	F-value	p-value	
▶	(Intercept)	1	9	4549.04	<0.0001
▶	Species	2	9	2.53	0.1344
▶	Position	1	9	72.28	<0.0001
▶	Species:Position	2	9	25.47	0.0002

# Example 1

Trees

Case	Species	Tree	Position	Response
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(6)	A	3	shade	1650
7	A	4	open	1950
8	A	4	shade	1900
9	B	5	open	2050
(10)	B	5	shade	1720
11	B	6	open	2100
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(13)	B	7	open	2245
14	B	7	shade	1905
15	B	8	open	2080
16	B	8	shade	1745

Categorical | Records: 24= [ 21 + (3) ]\*4

# Example 1

- ▶ **Fit measurements**

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N	AIC	BIC	logLik	Sigma	R2_0	R2_1
21	197.54	203.20	-90.77	50.02	0.58	0.94

- ▶ *Smaller AIC and BIC is better*

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- ▶ **Marginal hypothesis testing (Type III SS)**

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	numDF	denDF	F-value	p-value
(Intercept)	1	9	6361.69	<0.0001
Species	2	9	3.15	0.0920
Position	1	6	29.68	0.0016
Species:Position	2	6	11.23	0.0094

# Example 1

- ▶ **Fit measurements**

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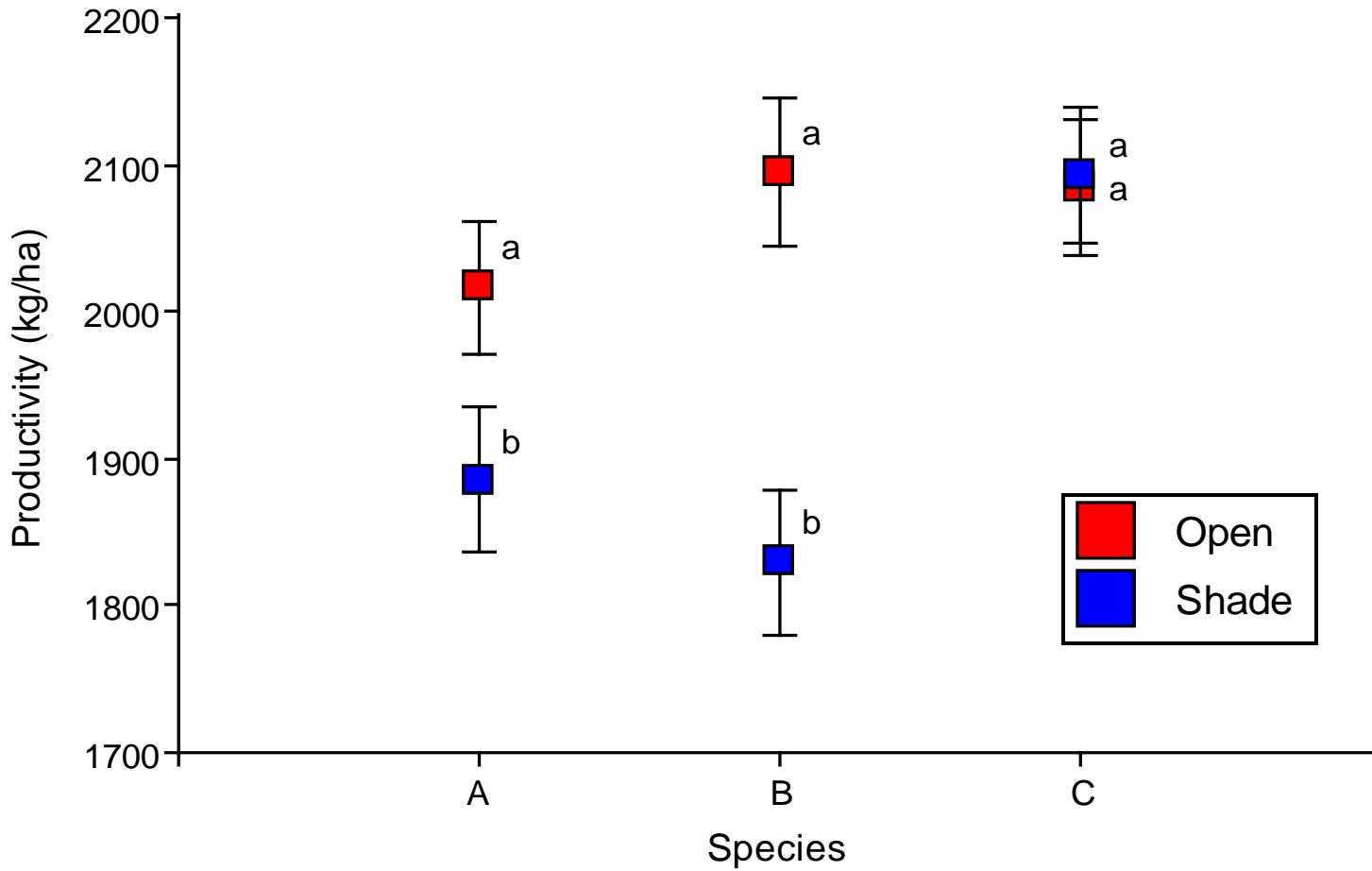
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# Example 1



## Example 2

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- ▶ Data from FUNCITREE (Potou, Senegal)
- ▶ 84 trees
- ▶ 2 positions
- ▶ 4 covariates
- ▶ Response variable productivity

▶ <http://funcitree.nina.no/>



# Example 2

- ▶ **Fit measurements**

N	AIC	BIC	logLik	Sigma	R2_0	R2_1
104	948.19	1014.18	-446.09	54.11	0.69	0.70

- ▶ *Smaller AIC and BIC is better*



- ▶ **Marginal hypothesis testingmodel.003\_Biomass\_gm2\_REML**

	numDF	denDF	F-value	p-value
(Intercept)	1	41	4.26	0.0454
Species	10	37	11.57	<0.0001
Position	1	41	0.02	0.8834
TREE_HEIGHT	1	37	1.94	0.1721
DBH_M	1	37	4.52	0.0401
LAI_wet	1	37	0.06	0.8006
WUE_13C	1	37	1.19	0.2816
Species:Position	10	41	1.26	0.2822

# Example 2 (without 6 observations)

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- ▶ **Fit measurements**

N	AIC	BIC	logLik	Sigma	R2_0	R2_1
98	883.22	946.97	-413.61	55.44	0.68	0.68

- ▶ *Smaller AIC and BIC is better*



- ▶ **Marginal hypothesis testingmodel.005\_Biomass\_gm2\_REML**

	numDF	denDF	F-value	p-value
▶ (Intercept)	1	37	5.33	0.0267
▶ Species	10	37	10.51	<0.0001
▶ Position	1	35	0.02	0.8863
▶ TREE_HEIGHT	1	37	3.31	0.0770
▶ DBH_M	1	37	5.80	0.0211
▶ LAI_wet	1	37	0.21	0.6506
▶ WUE_13C	1	37	1.85	0.1824
▶ Species:Position	10	35	0.99	0.4683

# Example 3

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- ▶ 2 sites
- ▶ 1 species
- ▶ 2 positions
- ▶ 6 trees
- ▶ 6 repeated measures in time
- ▶ Unbalanced in time
- ▶ Loosing 6 data

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# Example 3

- ▶ **Fit measurements**

N	AIC	BIC	logLik	Sigma	R2_0	R2_1
70	254.59	302.13	-101.29	1.68	0.84	0.84

- ▶ *Smaller AIC and BIC is better*

- ▶ **Marginal hypothesis testing (Type III SS)**

	numDF	denDF	F-value	p-value
(Intercept)	1	42	1653.88	<0.0001
Site	1	4	2.44	0.1932
Position	1	42	60.85	<0.0001
Month	5	42	23.01	<0.0001
Site:Position	1	42	0.62	0.4357
Site:Month	5	42	1.85	0.1230
Position:Month	5	42	1.59	0.1828
Site:Position:Month	5	42	0.84	0.5323

# Example 3

- ▶ **Fit measurements**

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N	AIC	BIC	logLik	Sigma	R2_0	R2_1	R2_2
70	256.58	305.95	-101.29	1.67	0.84	0.84	0.84

- ▶ *Smaller AIC and BIC is better*

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- ▶ **Marginal hypothesis testing (Type III SS)**

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	numDF	denDF	F-value	p-value
(Intercept)	1	38	1654.22	<0.0001
Site	1	4	2.45	0.1927
Position	1	4	56.67	0.0017
Month	5	38	23.20	<0.0001
Site:Position	1	4	0.58	0.4887
Site:Month	5	38	1.87	0.1234
Position:Month	5	38	1.61	0.1817
Site:Position:Month	5	38	0.84	0.5303

# Example 3

- ▶ **Fit measurements**

N	AIC	BIC	logLik	Sigma	R2_0	R2_1	R2_2
64	230.53	276.13	-88.27	1.64	0.84	0.85	0.85

- ▶ *Smaller AIC and BIC is better*



- ▶ **Marginal hypothesis testing (Type III SS)**

	numDF	denDF	F-value	p-value
(Intercept)	1	32	1158.50	<0.0001
Site	1	4	0.85	0.4075
Position	1	4	60.65	0.0015
Month	5	32	18.38	<0.0001
Site:Position	1	4	1.90	0.2405
Site:Month	5	32	2.26	0.0724
Position:Month	5	32	2.31	0.0670
Site:Position:Month	5	32	0.52	0.7584

# Final remarks

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- ▶ Availability of software to perform the analysis
- ▶ More statistical power
- ▶ Extract more information of the data set
- ▶ The most important:
  - ▶ Is modern
  - ▶ Is fashion
  - ▶ Prevents troubles with editors!

# Thank you, merci, gracias, takk !

