

*Ecological research to
empower forest
management:
spruce budworm,
carbon modeling, and
conservation value of
plantations*

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Outline

1. My background & training...
2. New Brunswick forests & forestry
3. Three research topics/projects:
 - Spruce budworm & early intervention project
 - Carbon in forests and forest products
 - Manipulating intensively managed spruce plantations to increase conservation value
4. Effective university/industry collaboration



Summer student – 1970 Green River



Gordon Baskerville



1970



Summit Depot Research Station - Laboratories, offices, and living quarters for the Green River Project

Summer student – 1971-72

Acadia Forest Experiment Station



Don Fowler



Black spruce



Graduate student – PhD UNB 1973-78



Nutrient accumulation for postfire jack pine and hardwood succession patterns in New Brunswick

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SIMULATION OF WILDFIRE EFFECTS ON THE NITROGEN CYCLE OF A PINUS BANKSIANA ECOSYSTEM IN NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA

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Ecological Modelling 10: 167-192. (1980)

Ecological modeling

- Institute of Resource Ecology, UBC -- 1976-77
- Baskerville-Holling spruce budworm modeling
- Resilience, ecological economics, adaptive management...
- Post-doc UBC with Dr. J.P. Kimmins, FORCYTE model beginning



A dynamic model of growth in defoliated fir stands

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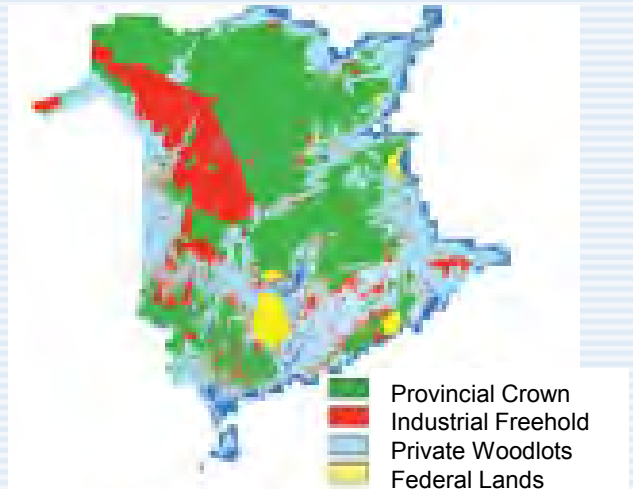


Graduate students mentoring



- **Advice?**
 - Be passionate about your project
 - Become the expert
 - Emulate good practices
 - Learn to be efficient
 - Present, publish
- **Thesis/manuscripts**
 - Objectives, questions
 - Write early; it's where things really come together
 - Focus on the 'keeper' Figs. & Tables
 - Point-form results

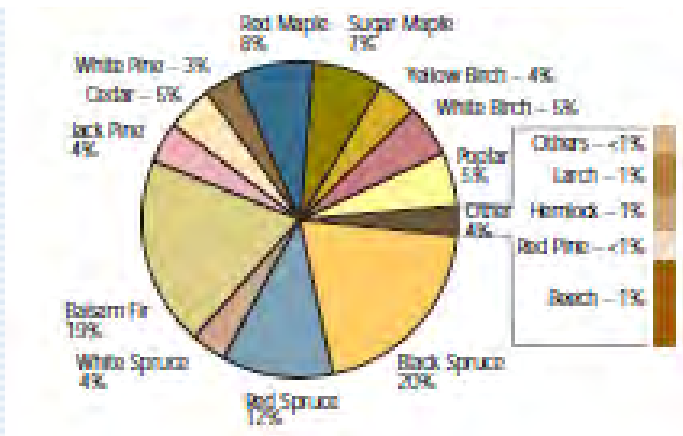
A snapshot of forests in NB



Forest ownership in New Brunswick

- **85% forested**
 - 50% Crown
 - 30% private woodlots
 - 20% industrial freehold
- **68% softwood (evergreen)**
32% hardwood (deciduous)

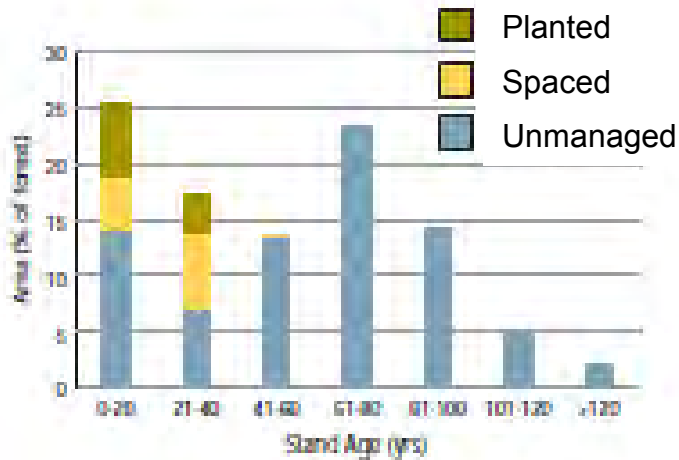
Species composition (% volume) of Crown forest



- **Diverse tree species**
 - 36% spruce (white, red, black), 19% balsam fir (55% vs 54% 1938, 61% 1958)
 - ~5% each cedar, jack pine, white pine
 - 8% red maple, 7% sugar maple, ~5% ea white birch, poplar, 4% yellow birch
 - ~4% total: hemlock, red pine, beech, larch, oak, butternut, ash, elm

New Brunswick forests

Age-class distribution (% area)



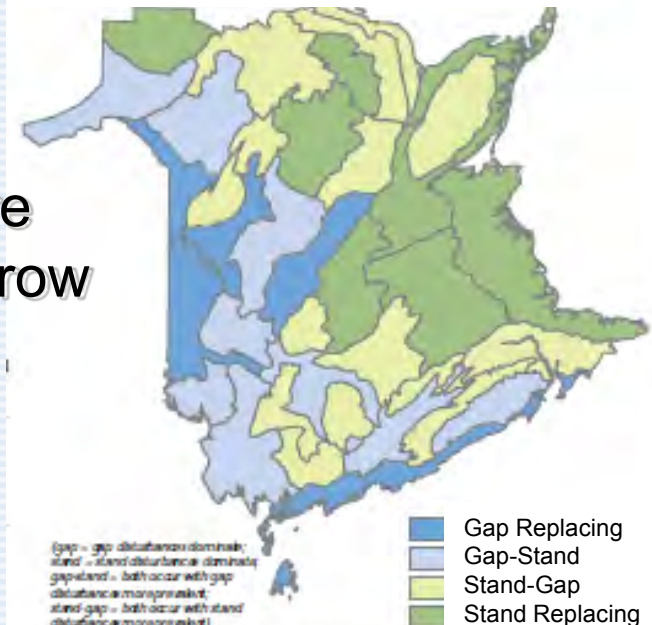
Age-class distribution

- Most Crown forest 0-20 or 61-80 yrs old
- ~40% < 40 yrs; >1/2 planted or spaced

Natural disturbances

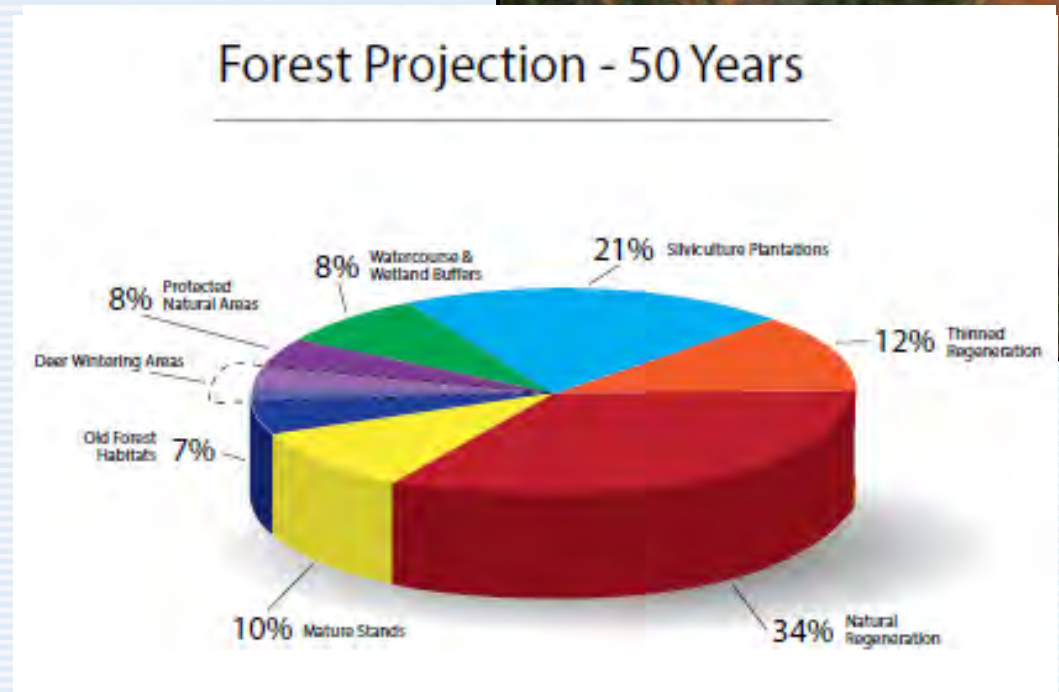
- Stand replacing: **spruce budworm & fire**
- Gap-replacing: old age, disease, windthrow
- Gap-stand & stand-gap mixes

General occurrence of natural disturbance types in NB



Forestry in NB

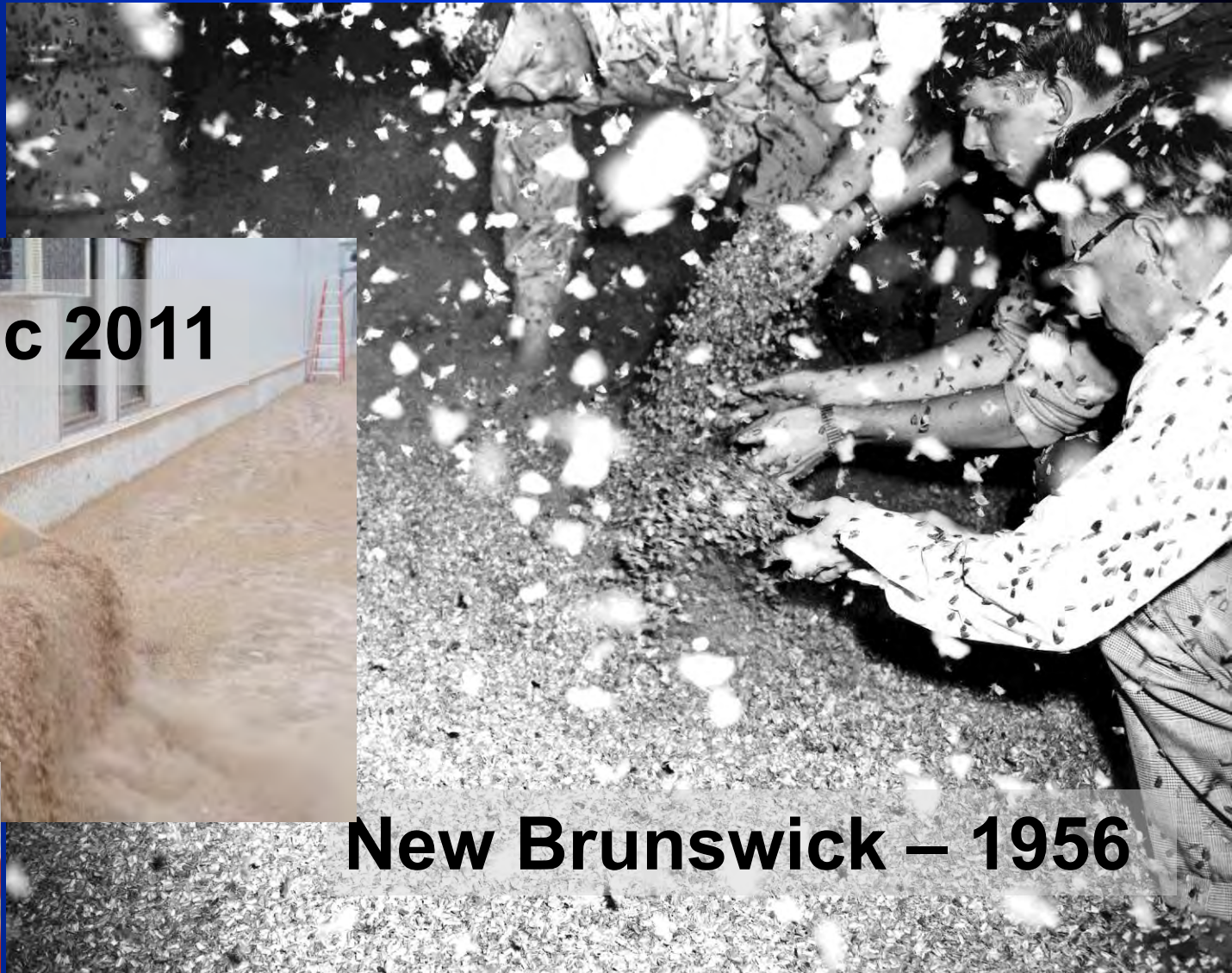
- **The most forestry-dependent province**
 - **Largest economic sector in NB at 3.5% of GDP**
 - **Highest per capita forest products exports**



Understanding stand dynamics underpins effective SFM

- **Stand dynamics with & without natural disturbances**
- **Sustainable Forest Mgmt (SFM) balance should include:**
 - maintenance of natural processes, habitats & populations
 - conservation and protected natural areas
 - consideration of climate change
 - ecosystem goods and services as well as timber, recreation & habitat values
- **Is there room for intensive forest mgmt.?**
 - forest zoning approaches to increase the flow of certain values from certain areas
- **Learning: research, questions, experiments, monitoring**

1. Spruce budworm



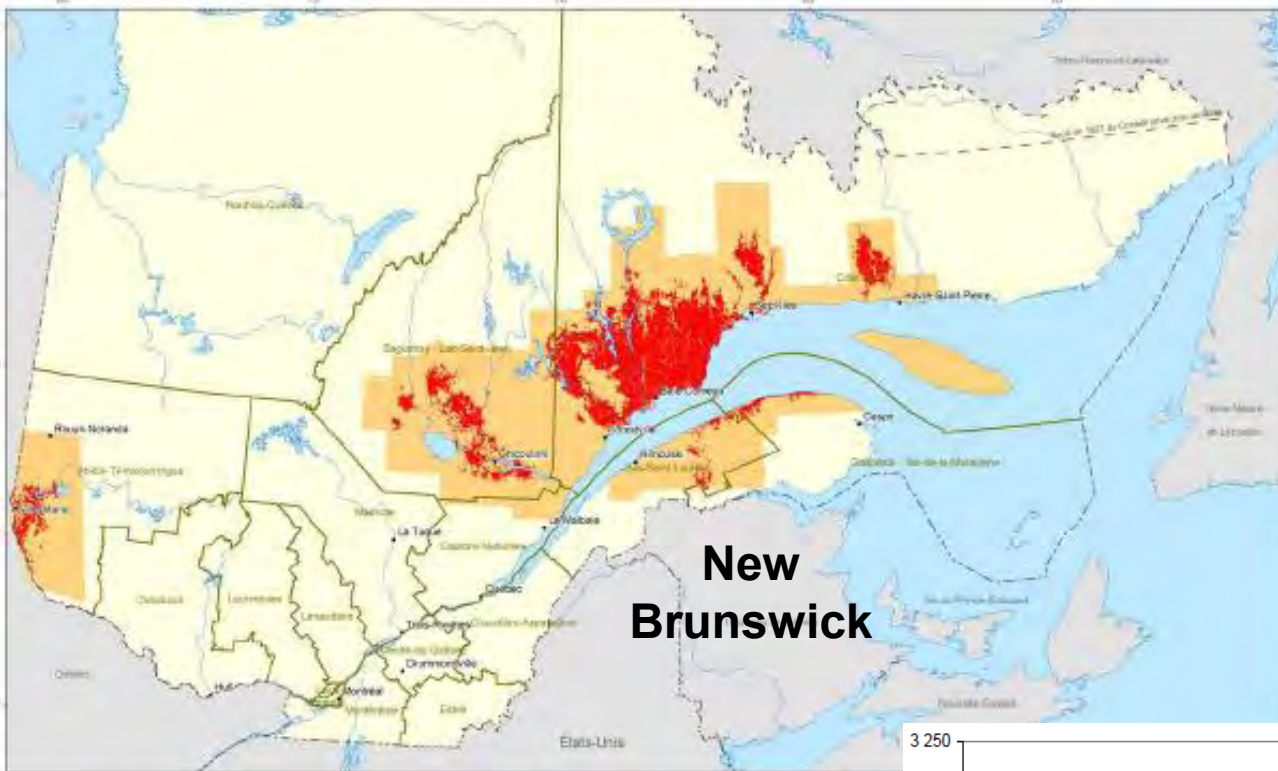
Quebec 2011



New Brunswick – 1956



SBW defoliation in Quebec 2013

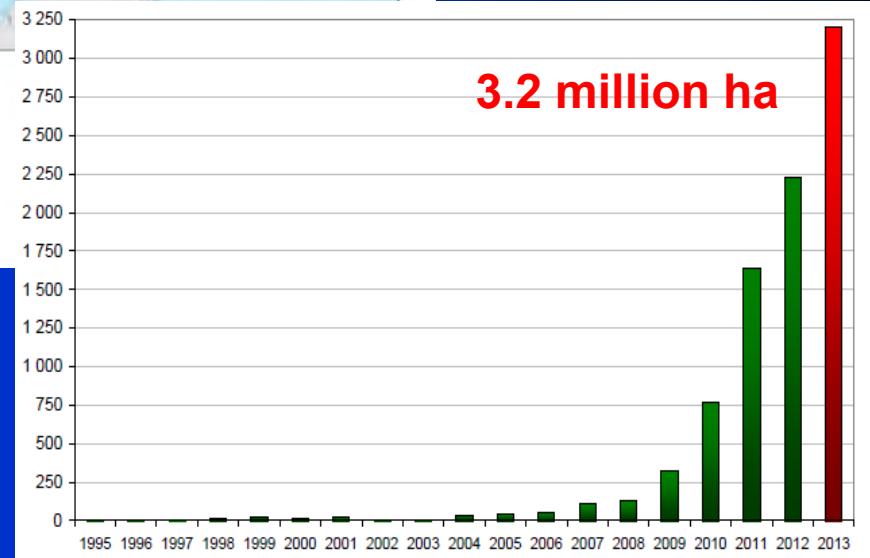


New Brunswick

Québec méridional
 Relevé aérien des dommages causés par la tordeuse des bourgeons de l'épinette
 Territoire survolé

Source : Direction de la recherche des forêts
 Projection cartographique : Conique conforme de Lambert
 avec deux parallèles (méridien central 107° à 60')

- Défoliation 2013
- Limite de survol
- Limite de région administrative



3.2 million ha

Area ('000 ha)

Year





Moderate defoliation only
25km from NB border

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Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO
Image Landsat

Google earth

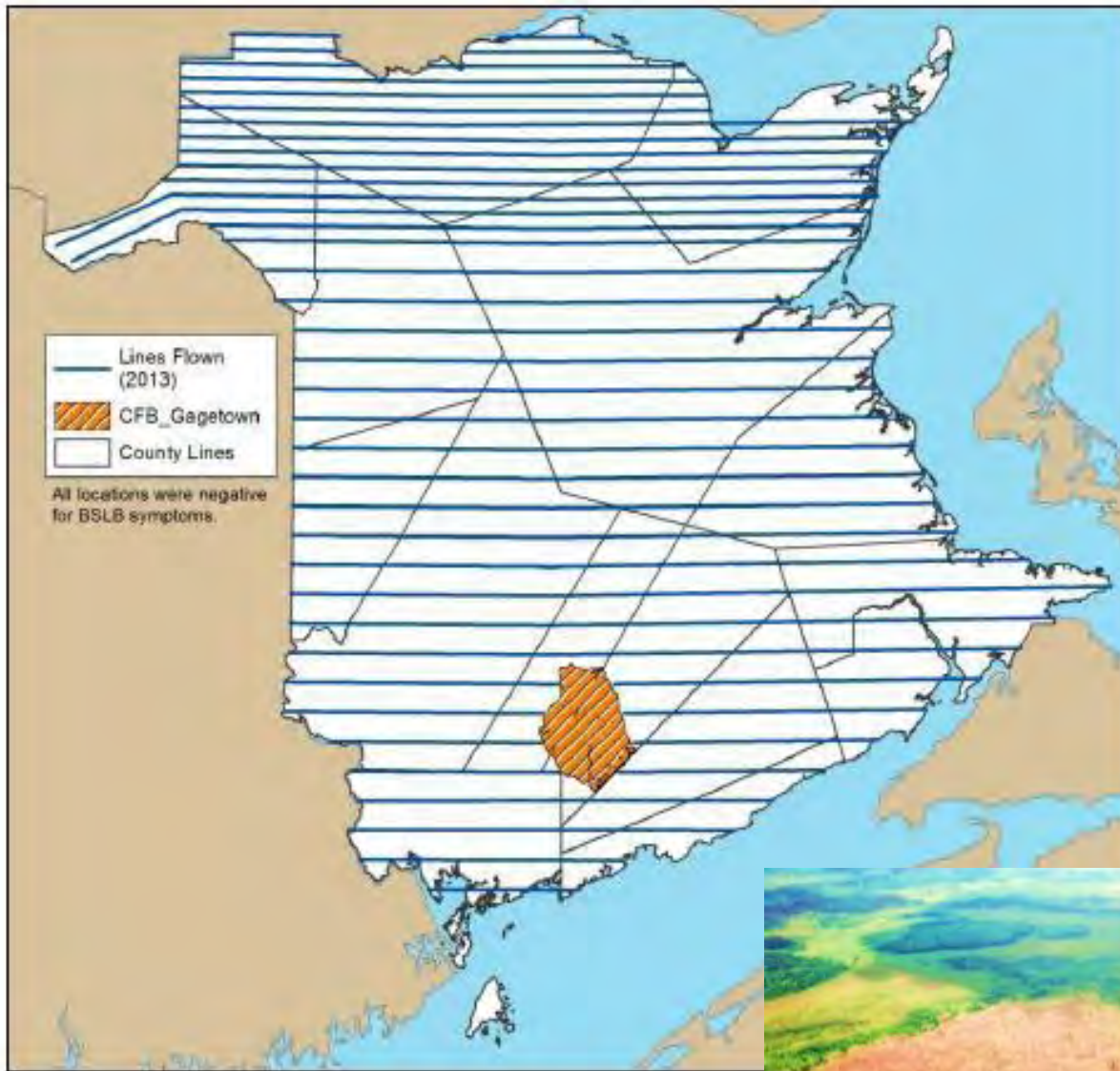
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2013 Aerial Survey

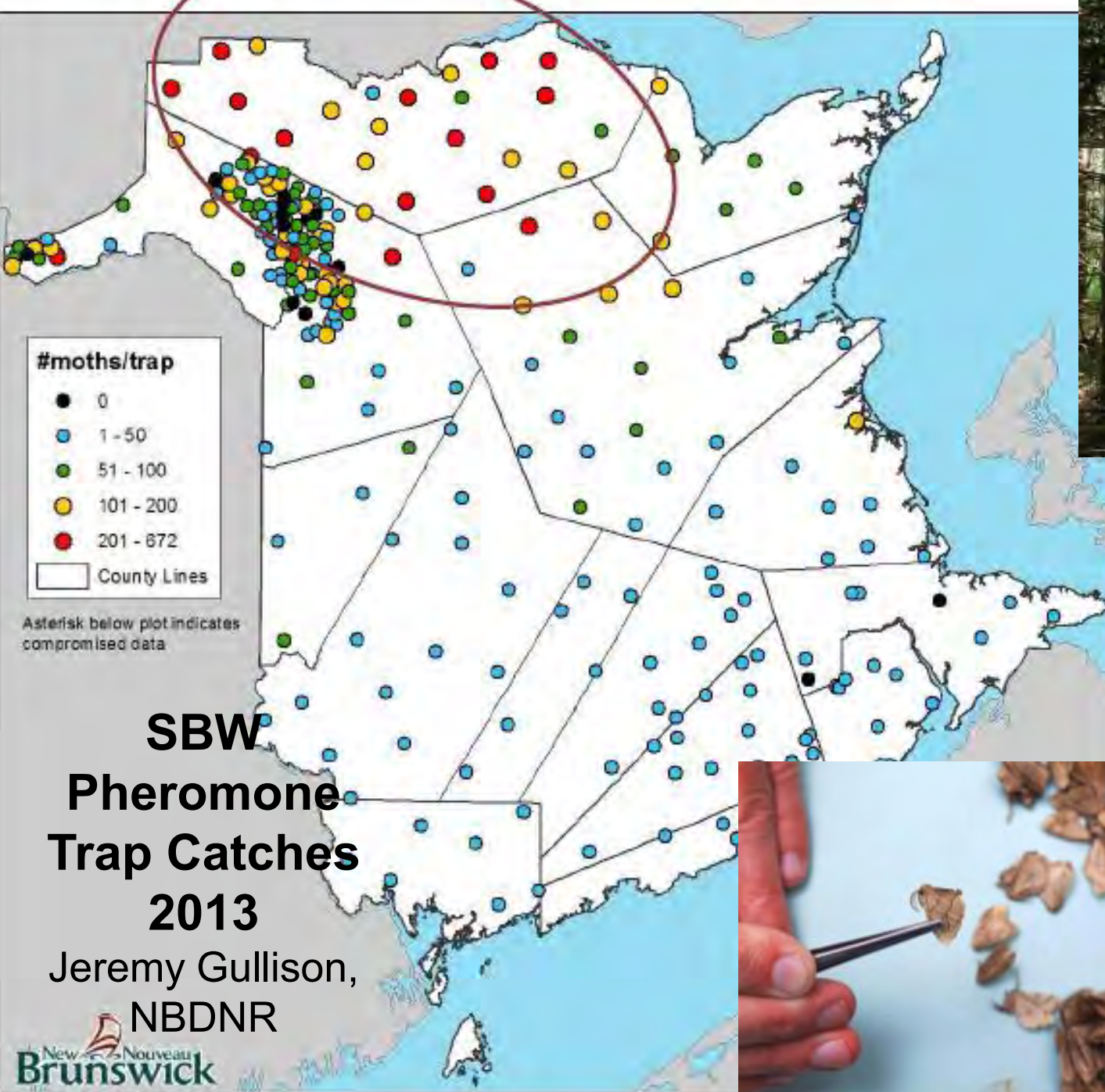
50 survey hours

June 25- July 7th

No SBW defoliation
observed



Jeremy Gullison, NBDNR

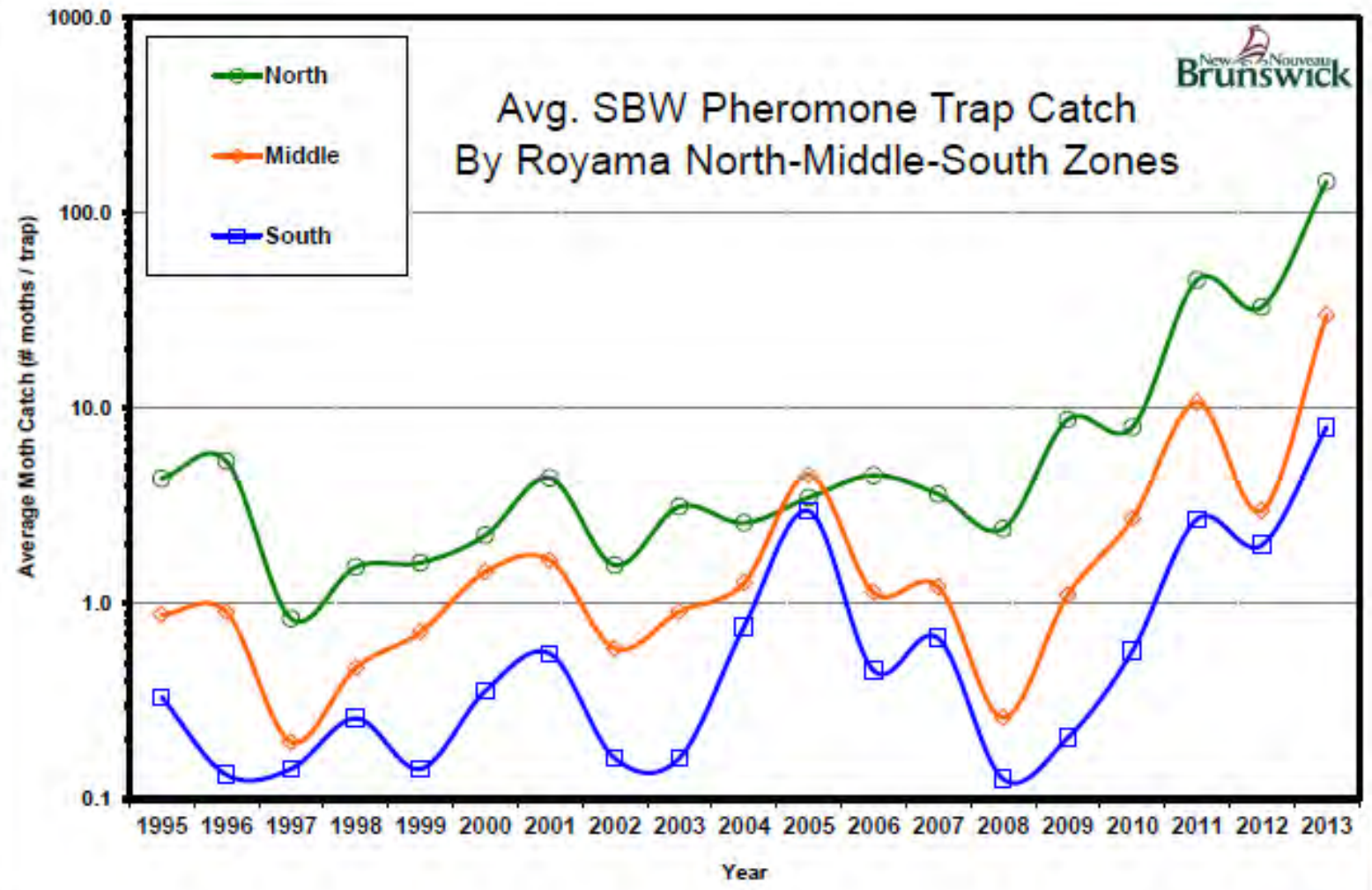


**SBW
Pheromone
Trap Catches
2013**

Jeremy Gullison,
NBDNR



Avg. SBW Pheromone Trap Catch By Royama North-Middle-South Zones



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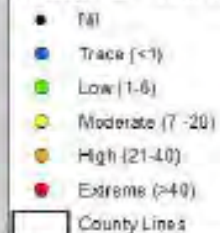
2013 L2 Survey (Overwintering Larvae)

Collaboration
between DNR,
FPL & Crown
Licensees

1,136 locations

17% of plots
positive for SBW

Average L2/ 75-cm branch

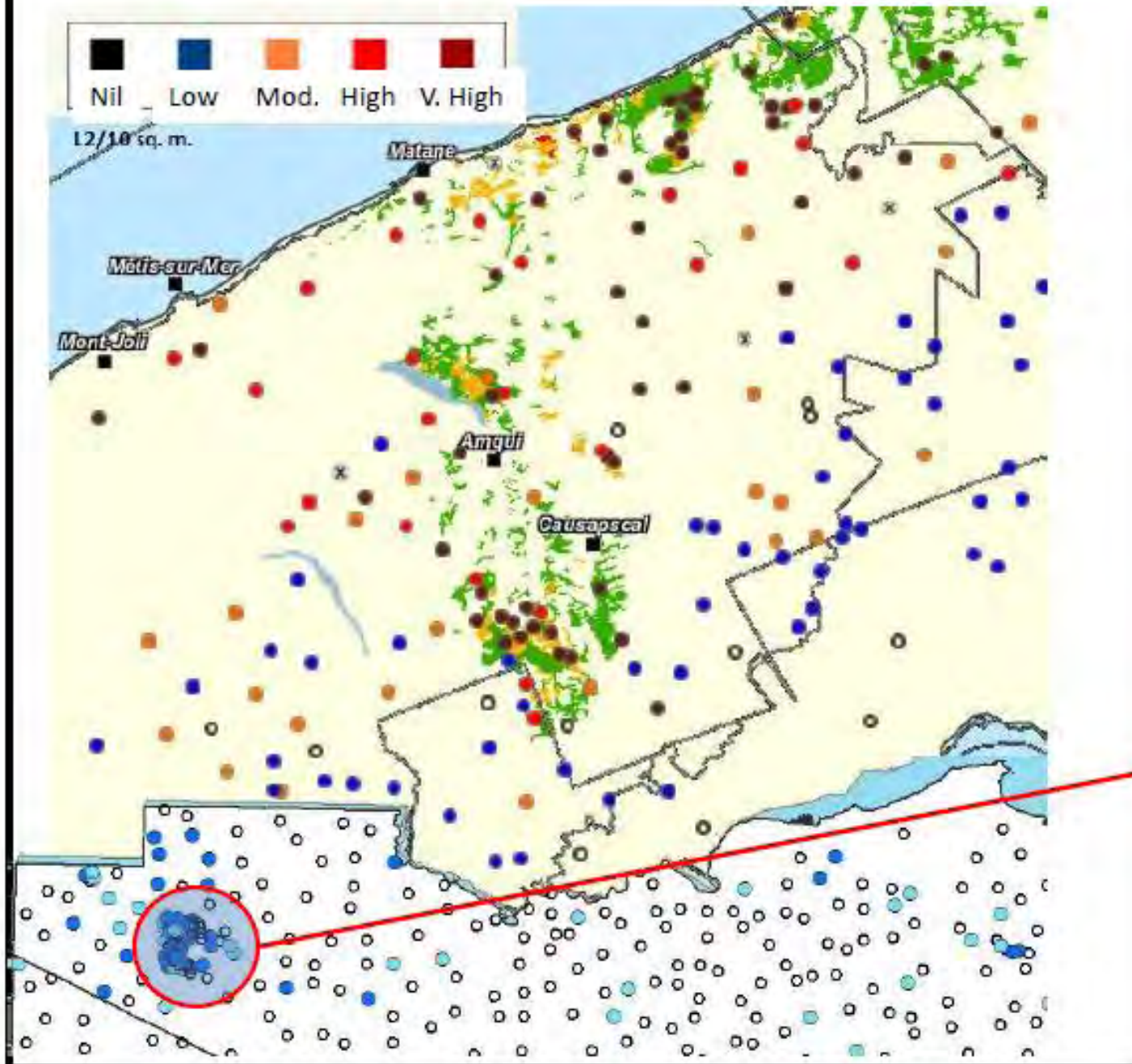


**Jeremy Gullison,
NBDNR**



2014
Quebec &
NB
Population
Forecast

(2013 L2
Survey)



Area of
Interest
62% Positive

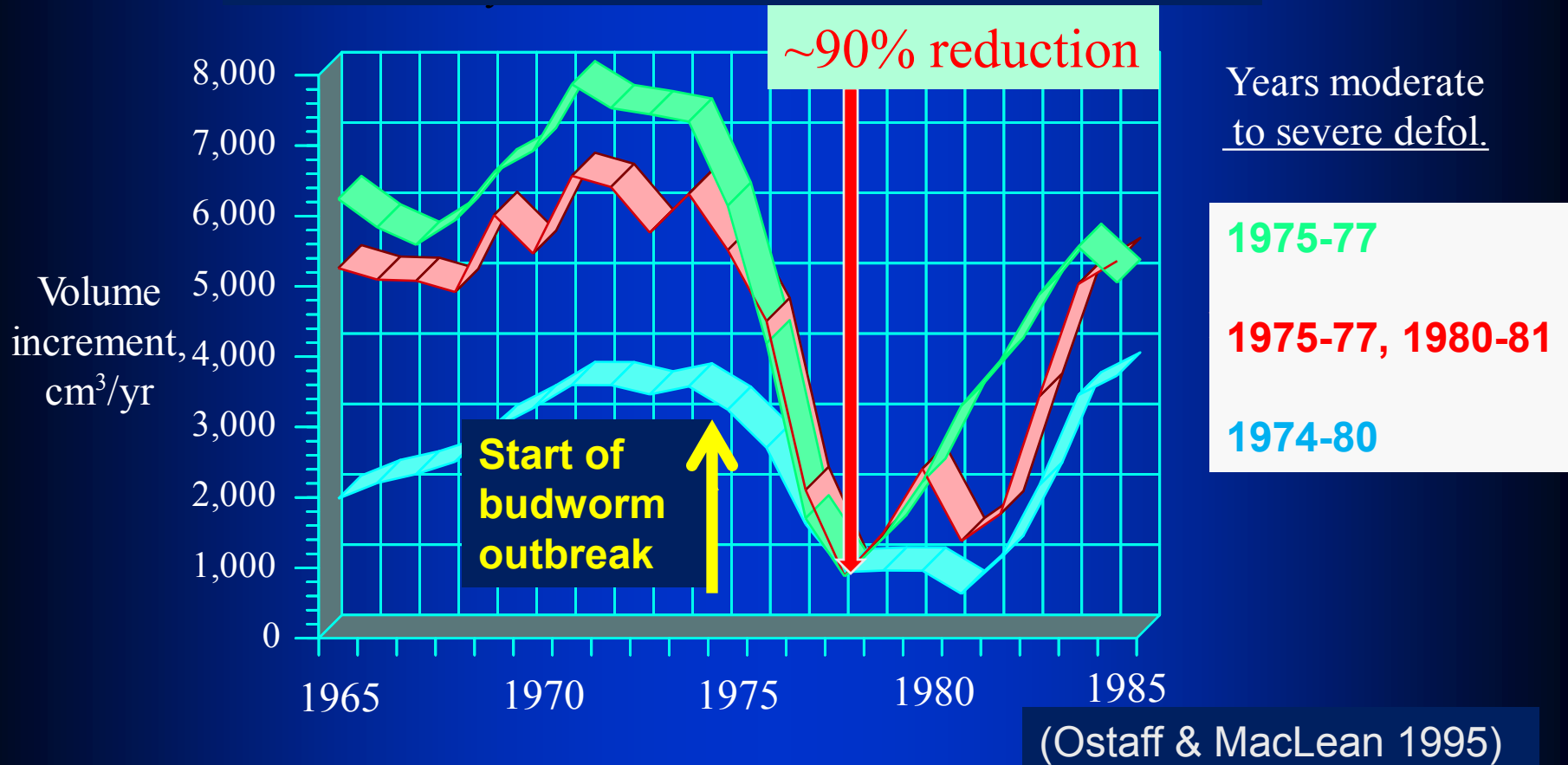
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Serious Damage to Forest Inventory



Growth loss during a budworm outbreak

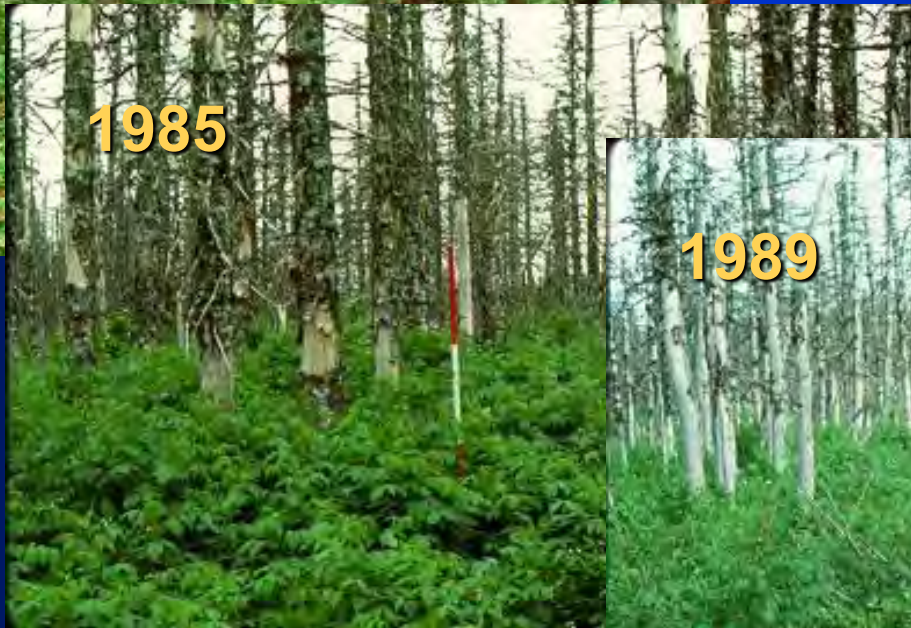
Stem analysis of surviving trees from Cape Breton



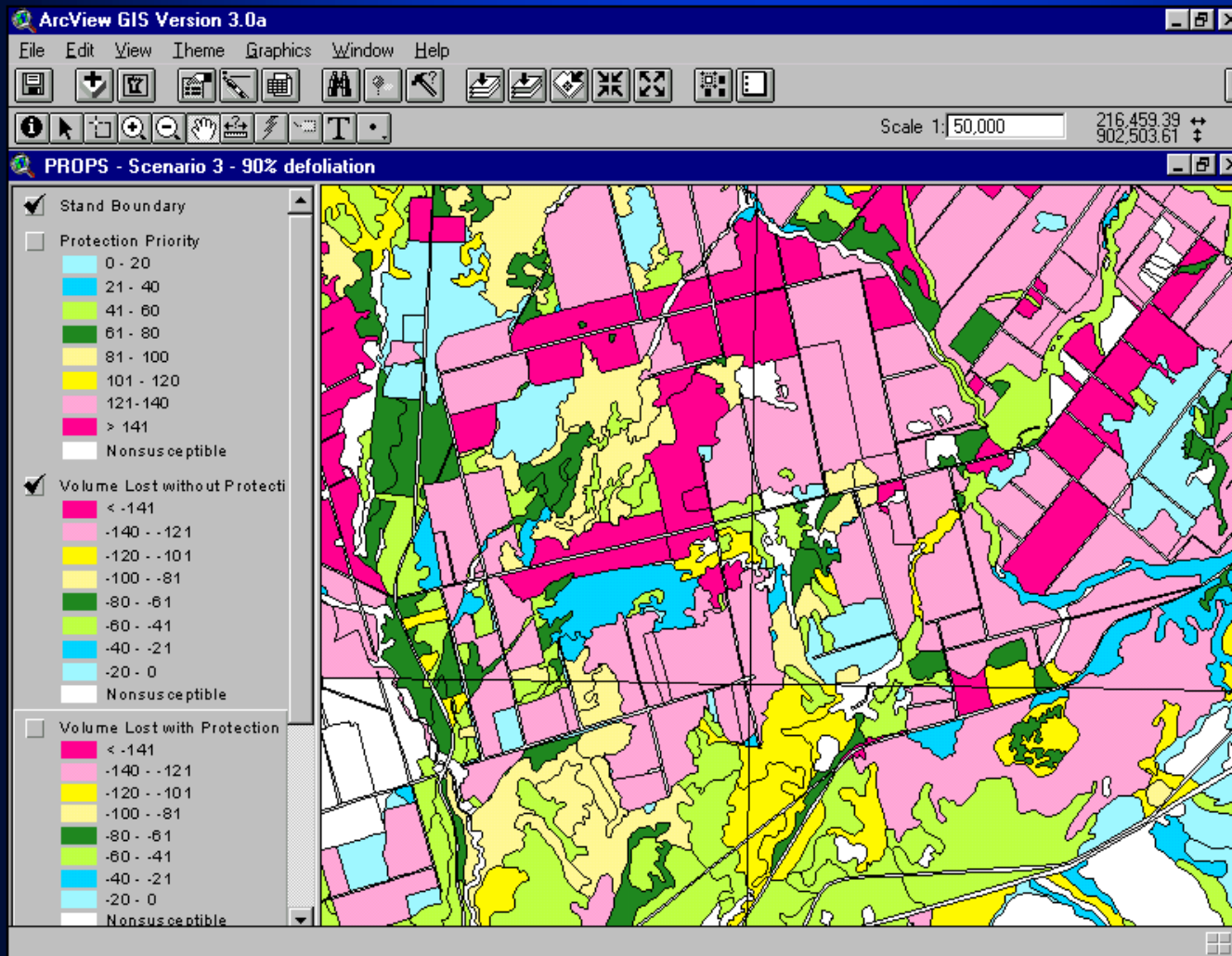
Potential of NB SBW Outbreak?



Unprotected Cape Breton plot in a mature fir stand



Spruce Budworm DSS



Volume loss
 m^3/ha



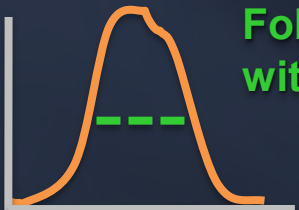
(MacLean et al.
2001. Can. J. For.
Res.)

Implemented for all forest in NB, used in SK, tested in AB, ON,
QC, ME; ongoing projects in MB, NS, NL

Forecasting stand impact for each defoliation & mgmt. scenario

Expected Host % Defoliation

% current defoliation by host

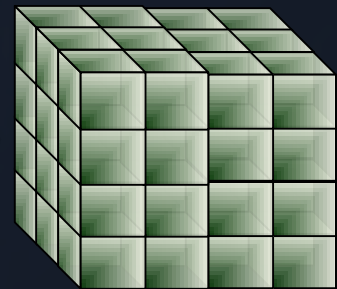


Foliage Protection with Insecticide

Time

Stand Impact Matrix

- 20 Stand Type Classes
 - % host species
 - Immature and mature
 - Managed or not



Time

Mean % volume reduction
Mean % periodic mortality

STAMAN

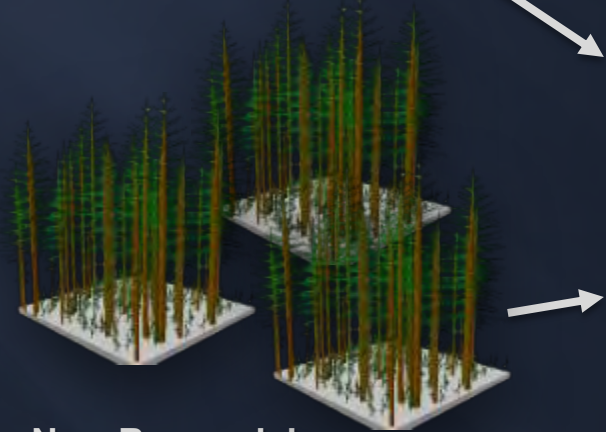
New Brunswick's stand growth model



Defoliated

No defoliation

Time



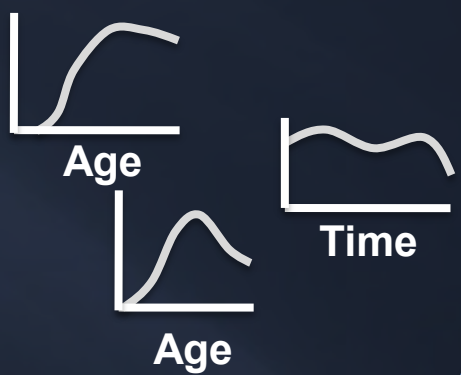
New Brunswick Stand Tables

Forecasting *forest impact* for each defoliation & mgmt scenario

GIS Stand Inventory
(area, types, age)



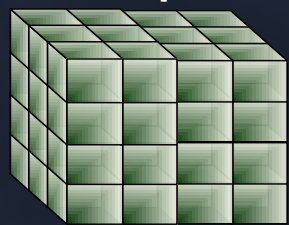
Stand Volume Host Yields



Defoliation scenarios



Stand Impact Matrix

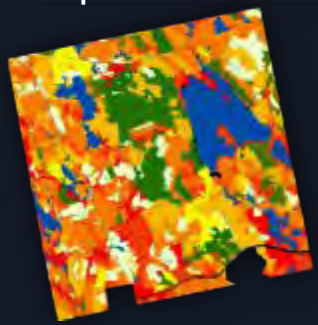
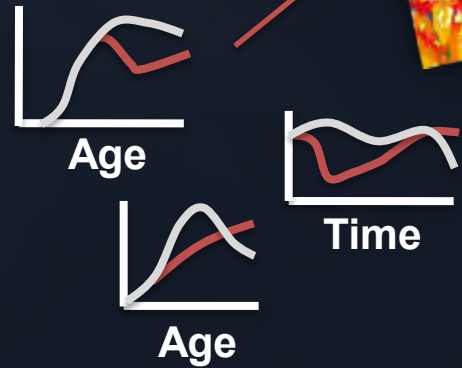


Microsoft Access
Geo-database
Or
Woodstock Model

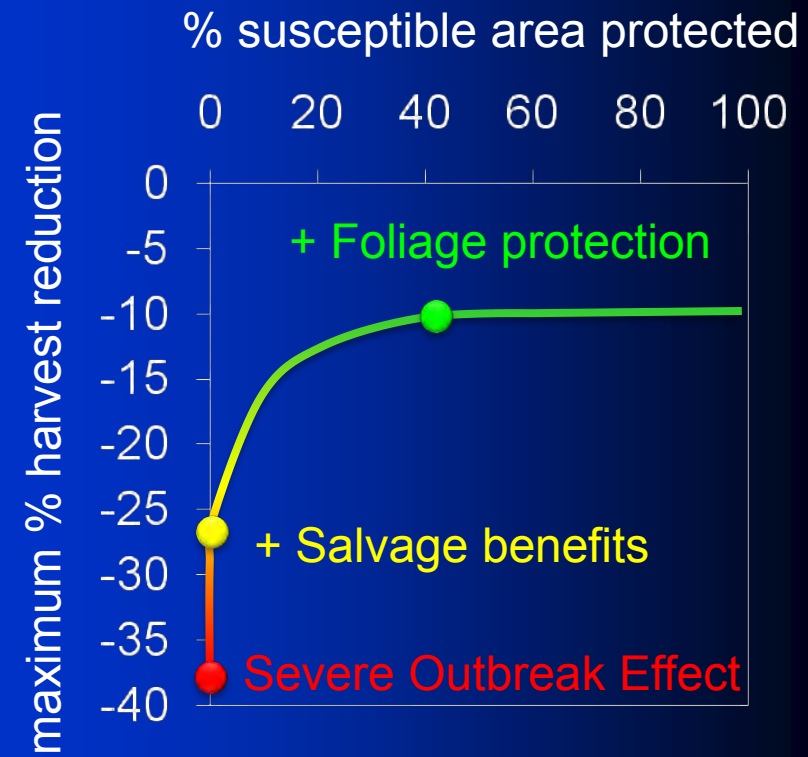
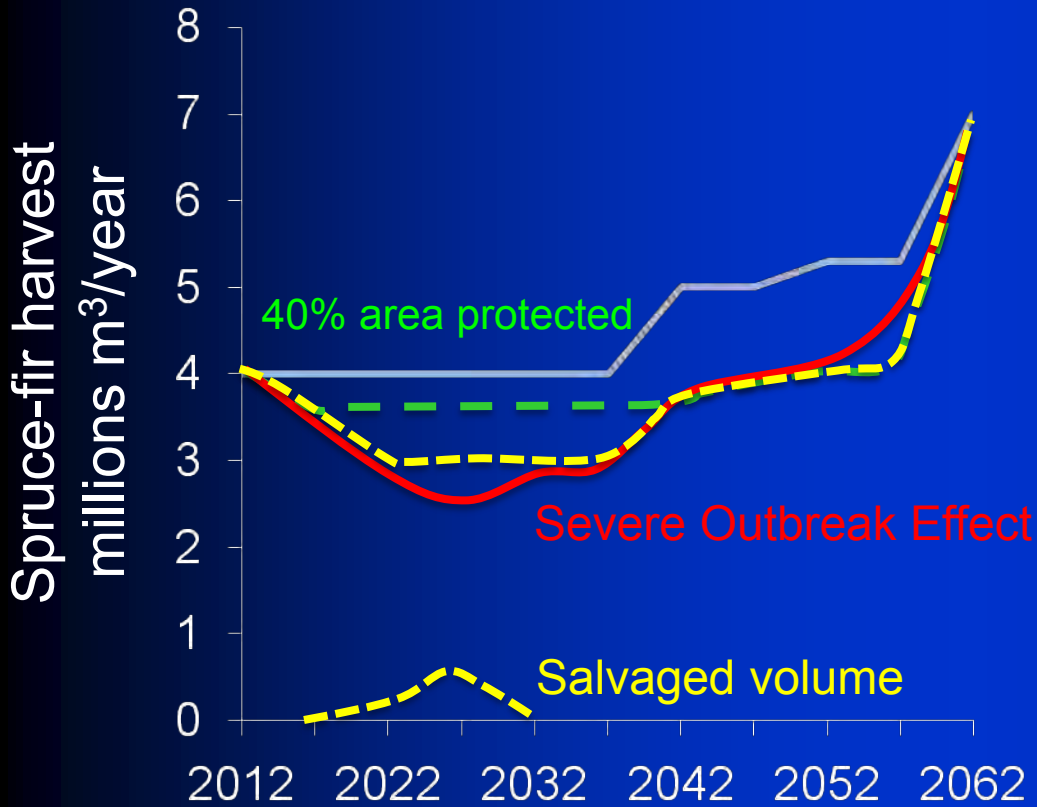


Stand Impact Results:

- ❖ Maps of spruce-fir volume impact for future time periods.
- ❖ Forest level spruce-fir growing stock impact.



Sensitivity of AAC in NB to SBW, salvage, & protection?



Protecting our Forests From the Next Spruce Budworm Infestation



POTENTIAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS



Follow-up from a November 7, 2013 Presentation
to the Atlantic Conservative Caucus



November 21, 2013



Economic Impact of the Last Outbreak



- During the peak of the last outbreak (1977-1981), SBW defoliation caused an estimated timber volume loss of **44 million m³ per year** in Canada or **30%** of the total Canadian harvest in 2012.
- Without spraying on the Cape Breton Highlands, mortality in spruce-fir forests was **over 85%**.
- To prevent extensive tree mortality in NB an average of **2.0 million hectares per year** were sprayed between 1970-1983 with an average cost of **\$7.7 million per year**.

Economic Impact of the Next Outbreak



- A reactive protection strategy on 2 million hectares today would cost between **\$90 and \$160 million** per year.
- An estimated **harvest reduction of 18% - 25%** is expected without mitigation.
- Potential SBW outbreak scenarios indicate the timber supply reduced by **2.4 – 3.3 million cubic meters per year** in the Atlantic Region.
- **Atlantic Regional direct and indirect economic losses** from a reduction in timber supply could total:
 - **\$10.8 Billion** resulting from a **moderate** outbreak
 - **\$15.3 Billion** resulting from a **severe** outbreak.

Social Impact of the Next Outbreak



- Jobs will be negatively impacted over a period of 30 years.
- Potential SBW outbreak scenarios indicate the Atlantic regional direct and indirect job losses over 30 years in NB, NS, PE and NF could total:
 - 1530 jobs per year on average for 30 years resulting from a moderate outbreak
 - 1870 jobs per year on average for 30 years resulting from a severe outbreak.
- underestimates job losses during periods of temporary mill closures or in communities where mills could permanently close due to lack of timber supply.

Social Impact of the Next Outbreak



In a 2007 survey:

- **94%** of New Brunswick respondents **support funding research & development** on pest control.
- **82%** of New Brunswick respondents **support controlling future spruce budworm outbreaks.**



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Public attitudes about forest pest outbreaks and control: Case studies in two Canadian provinces

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Our “ASK” from the Federal Government:

- 1. Supporting an Early Intervention Strategy should be a priority for Natural Resources Canada and CFS-Atlantic.**
- 2. Approval of our Early Intervention ACOA Proposal for funding support - \$18 million over 4 years (\$2 million from industry, \$4 million from Provincial Governments, \$12 million from Federal Government).**

Strategic Options for SBW?

1. Reactive:

- a) After immediate threat or presence of defoliation.
- b) Apply insecticide to target areas to reduce damage.

2. Crisis:

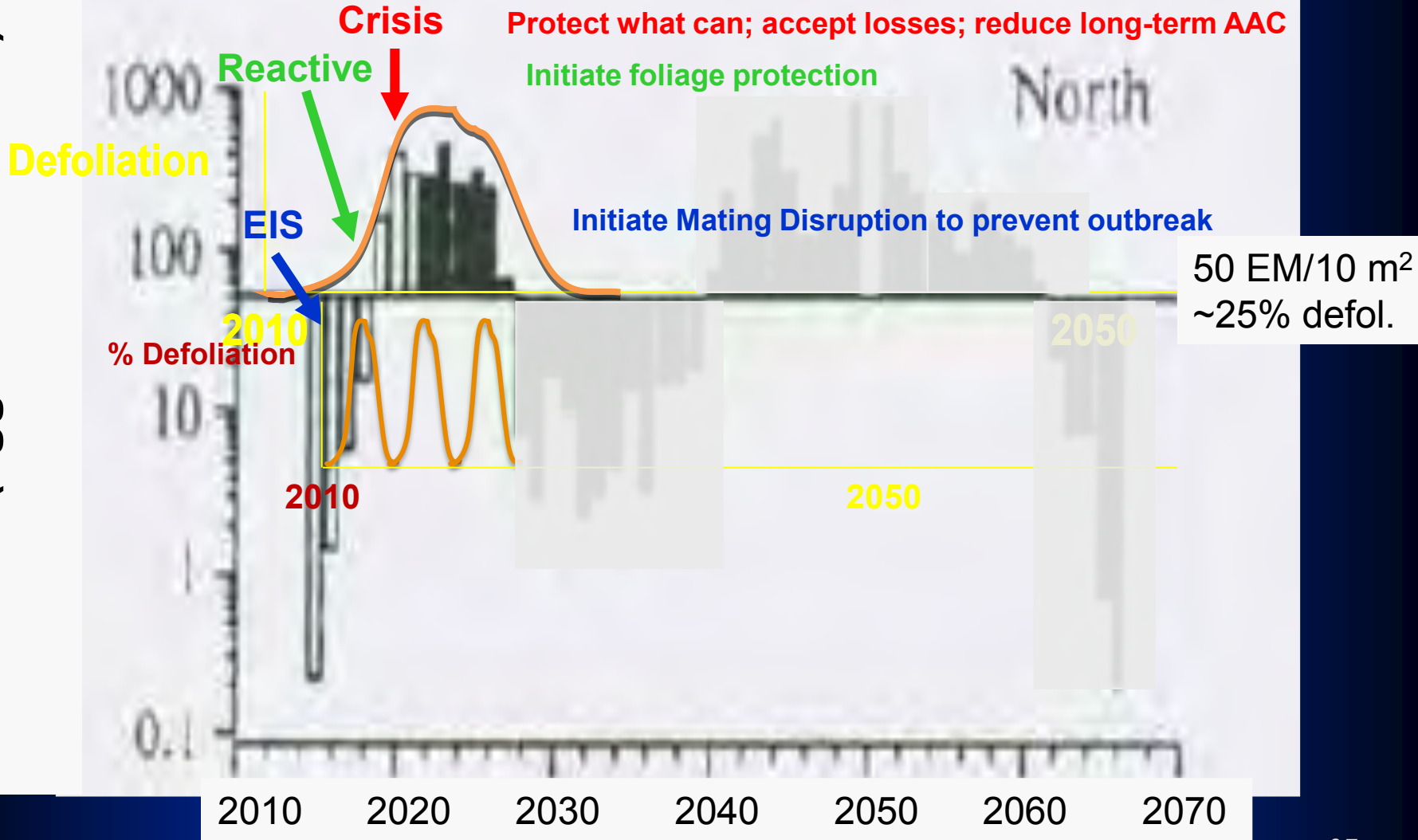
- a) When it becomes impossible to treat all areas
- b) Decision makers balance funds (Quebec)

3. Early Intervention Strategy:

- a) Suppress the populations before they cause damage?
- b) Pesticide or Pheromone application to reduce SBW density
- c) Increase predator /parasite impact and/or decrease mating success

Management strategies for coping with the next SBW outbreak

No. SBW (egg masses/10 m²)

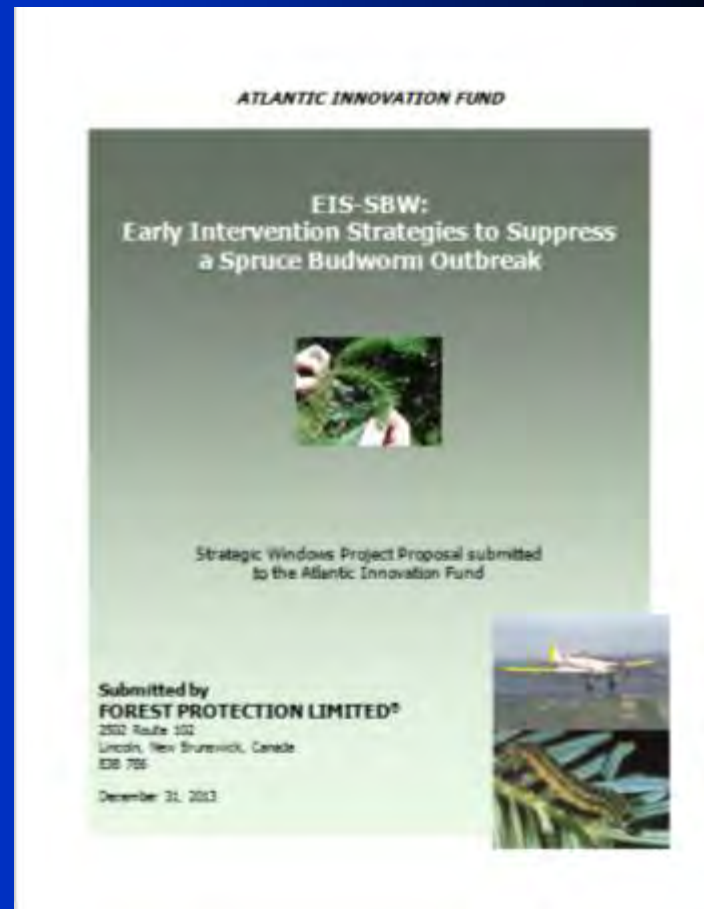


(Royama et al. 2005 Ecology)

4-year Research program to test Early Intervention Strategy against SBW

Cost-shared by federal & provincial
governments & industry

1. Intensive monitoring & study of
SBW population responses
2. Use *Bt*, Mimic, &/or pheromone to treat rising populations
before defoliation in an attempt to prevent outbreaks
3. Test EIS with SBW DSS; economic analyses



Steering Committee

FPL, Industry, CFS, NBDNR, UNB

Dave Davies, FPL Project Lead

Communications Committee

Scientific Project Management Team

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Dr. Peter Silk, CFS AFC – Pheromones

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A1: SBW Population dynamics during the rise of an outbreak (*Régnière*)

- ▼ what SBW density to initiate an EIS?
- ▼ what products may be most effective?

A2.1. Impacts of Early Intervention on SBW and associated natural enemies (*Johns, Martel, Eveleigh, McCann, Pureswaren*)

- ▼ test efficacy and possible unintended impacts on very low density SBW and its parasitoid complex
- ▼ increasing size trials in 2014-2017

A2.2. Barcoding: Innovative DNA-based diagnostic for SBW & its natural enemies

(Smith, Eveleigh, Johns, Martel, McCann)

- ✓ develop novel genomics tools to quantify and identify parasitism of SBW larvae and pupae
- ✓ less cost than insect rearing; ID parasitoids in larvae killed by pesticide treatments

A2.3. Aerial application of pesticides and pheromones

(Amirault, Cormier, Amos-Binks)

- ✓ EIS SBW trials in northern NB & *Bt* and pheromone control trials on low populations in QC

A3.1. Epicenter formation & migratory behavior of adult SBW moths in eastern Canada

(Pureswaren, Johns, Gray, Royer, Kneeshaw, James, De Grandpré)

- ▼ study migratory behavior from ‘epicenters’ (QC) & associated formation of epicenters (NB)
- ▼ methods to differentiate resident & migrant SBW moths, & contrib. of migrant moths to outbreaks

A4. SBW sex pheromone: effect of blend composition on mating *(Silk, Eveleigh, & others)*

- ▼ develop & register a more potent 4-component sex SBW pheromone blend for use in mating disruption
- ▼ do pheromones promote dispersal of female moths?

B. Use of endophytic fungi to reduce SBW impacts *(Adams, Miller, Quiring, McCartney)*

- ▼ inoculate spruce seedlings with insect toxin-producing endophytic fungi
- ▼ first application in forest trees

C. Modeling and DSS/ economic analyses *(MacLean, Hennigar, Lantz, Gullison, Vepakomma)*

- ▼ SBW population & defoliation scenarios for alternative EIS strategies; EIS monitoring tools
- ▼ effects of EIS on timber supply & economics

Conclusions – EIS against SBW?

- ✓ research project; no guarantees
- ✓ focus is to protect our forests against SBW
- ✓ potential to revolutionize how we protect forests
- ✓ time-limited opportunity to attempt it
- ✓ \$10-15 Billion SBW impacts over 30 yrs is at stake
- ✓ **EIS?** 1) intensive monitoring & early detection
 - 2) small area target-specific pesticide application
 - 3) tools/techniques to disrupt mating & migration



#2 A Comprehensive Greenhouse Gas Balance for a Forest Company Operating in Northeast North America

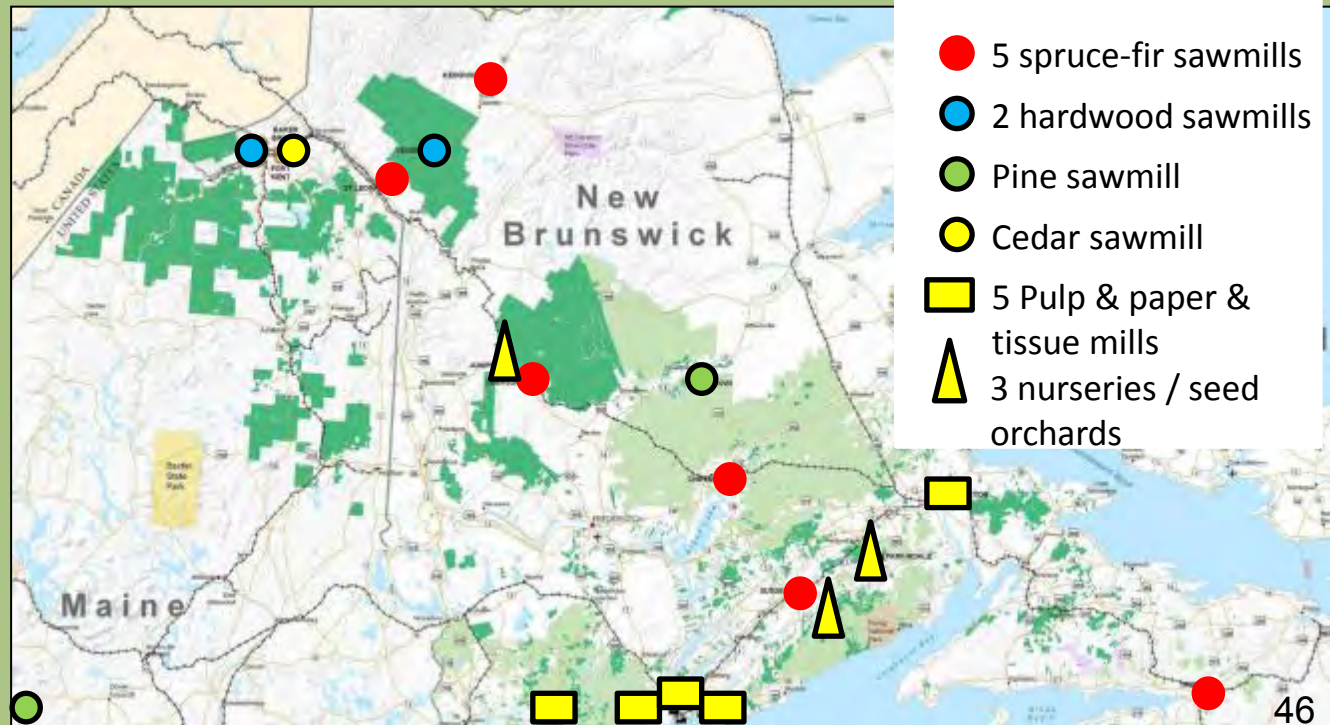
Journal of Forestry (2013)

Ryan E. Cameron, Chris R. Hennigar, David A. MacLean,
Greg W. Adams, and Thom A. Erdle



2. GHG emissions & carbon stocks for 100 yrs

- 2.2M ha managed by J.D. Irving, Ltd. (1.0 M Crown, 1.2M freehold)
- Carbon & CO₂ emissions: forest, wood & paper products, operations emissions, sawmills, pulp mills, purchased electricity, all fuel, potential substitution benefits, alternative mgmt. strategies
- Forest estate model baseline planned harvest/silviculture



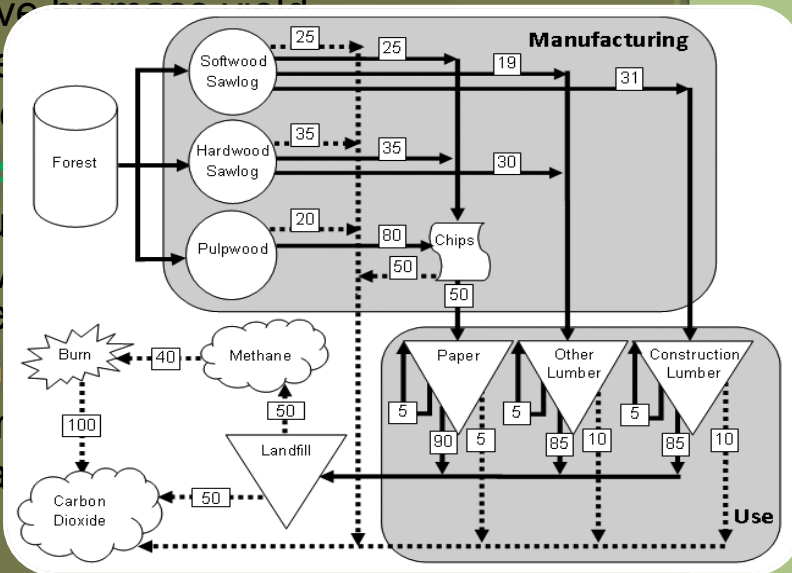
Forest & carbon modeling framework

Forest Model

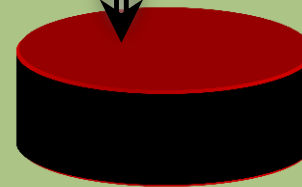
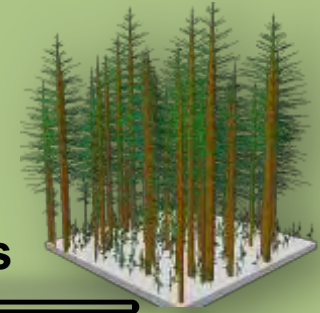
- Stand Dynamics
- Forest Dynamics
- Management Optimization

Forest Carbon Dynamics

- Live biomass yield

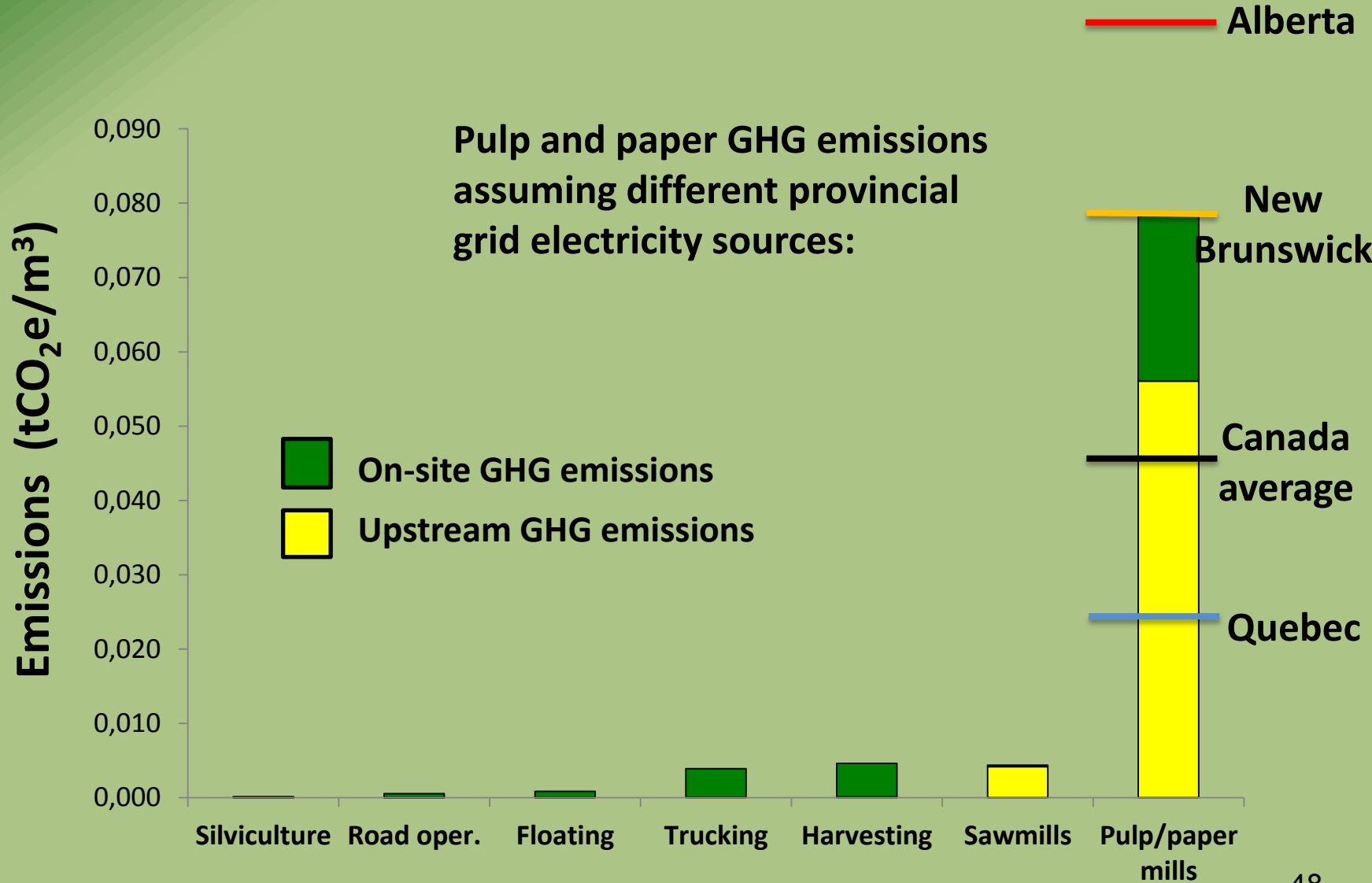


Stand Volume Projections

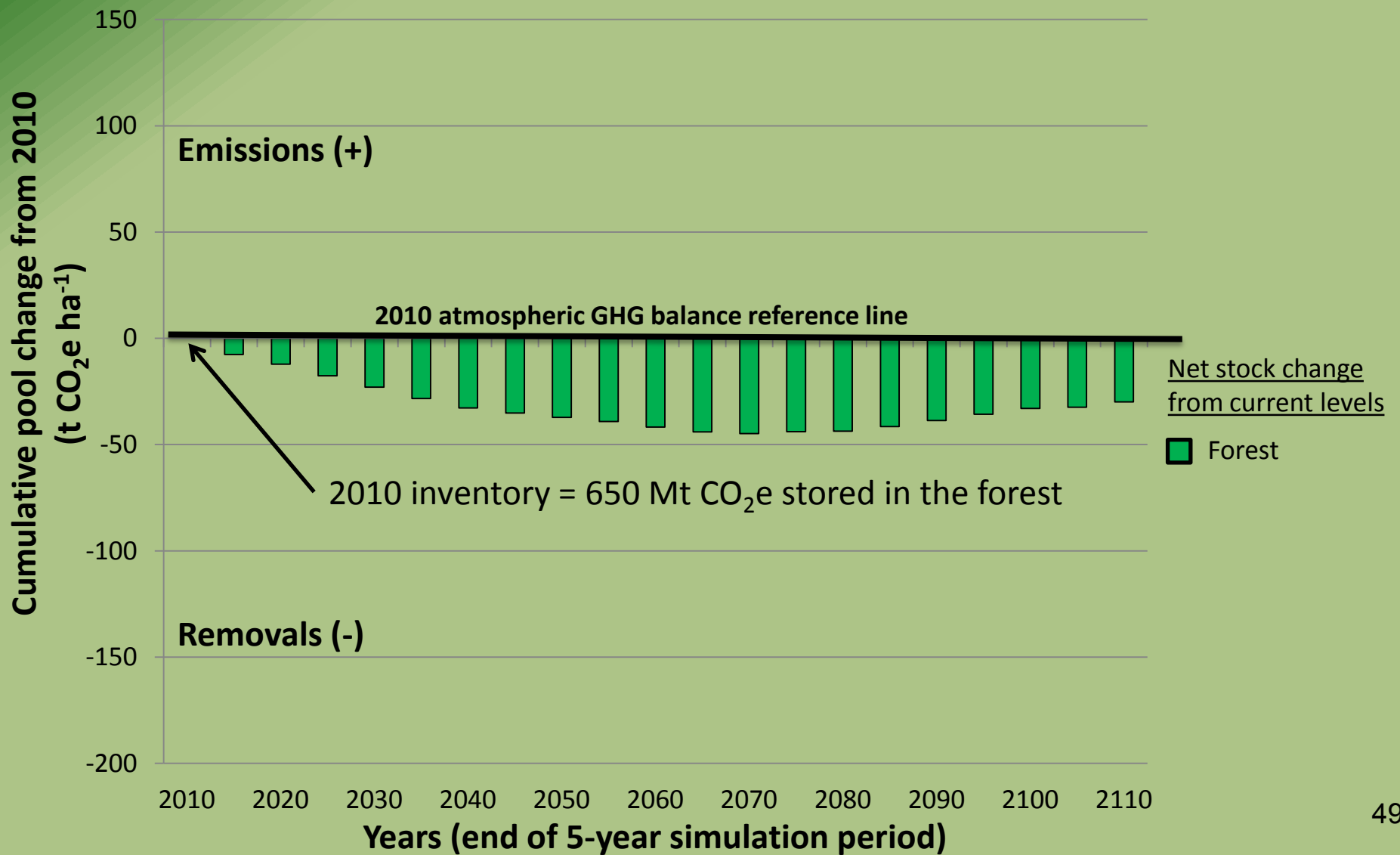


Hennigar et al. 2008 For. Ecol. Manage.

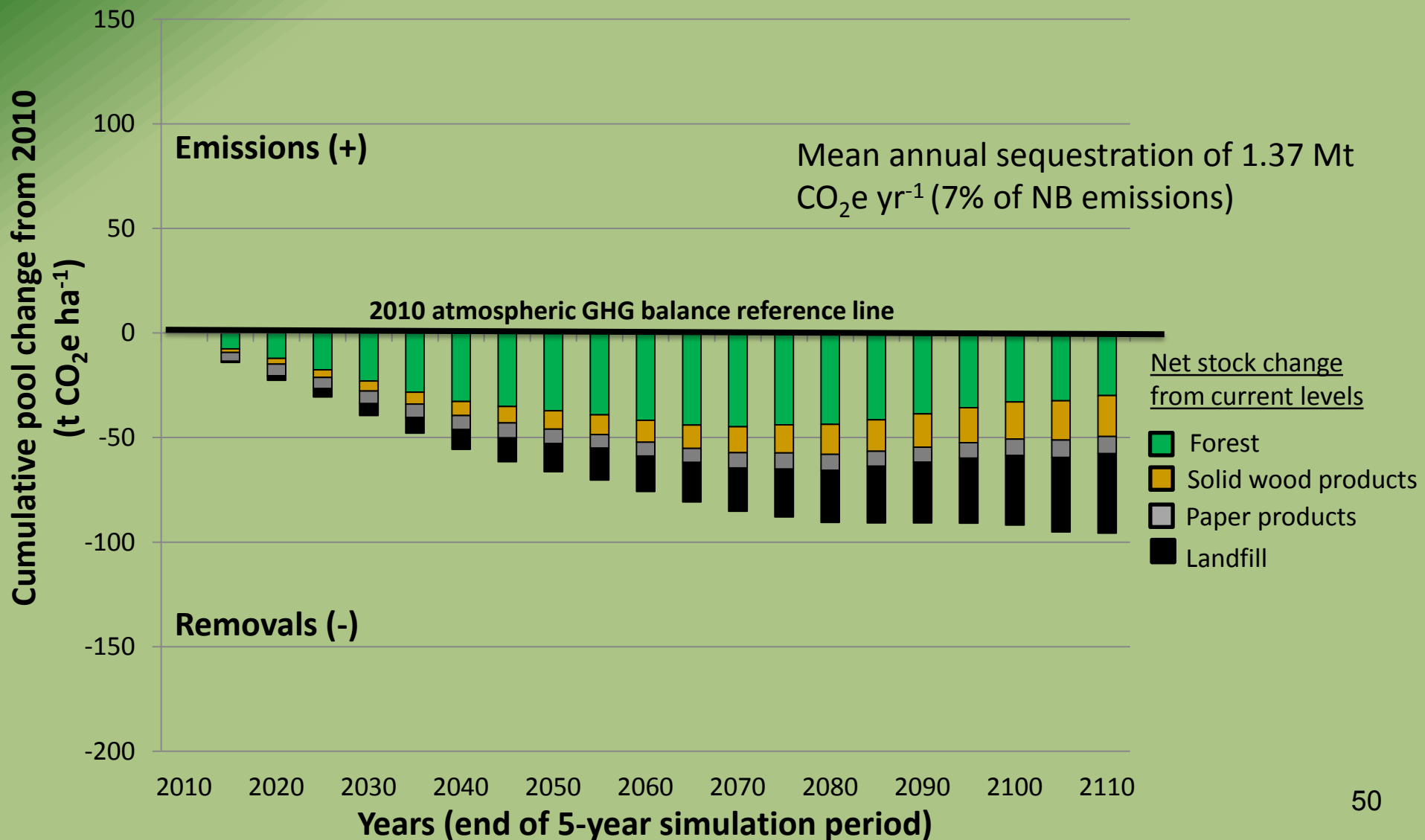
GHG Emissions From Planned Forest Operations 2010-2015



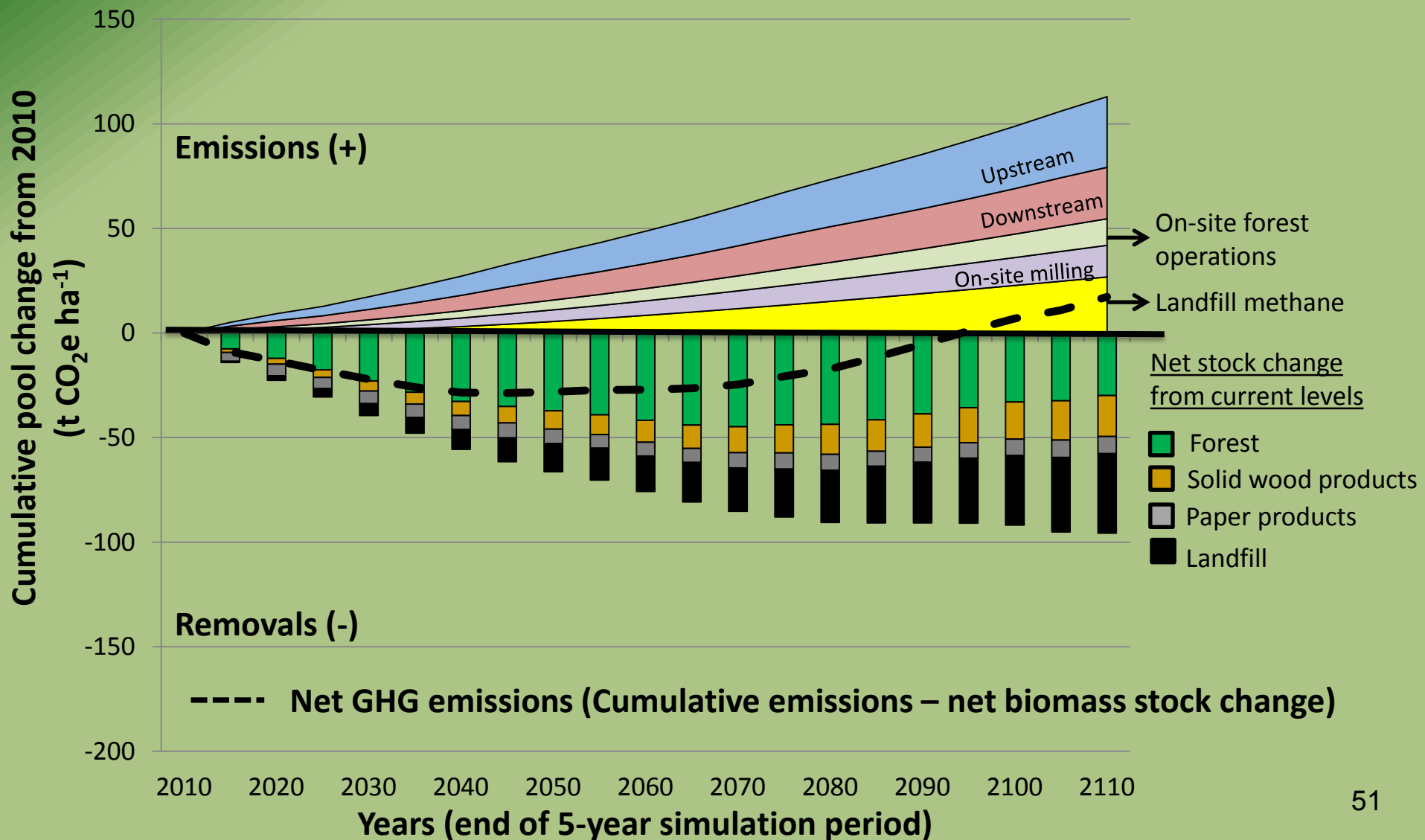
Forest-level C storage change from 2010-2110 as a result of JDI's 100 year mgmt. strategy



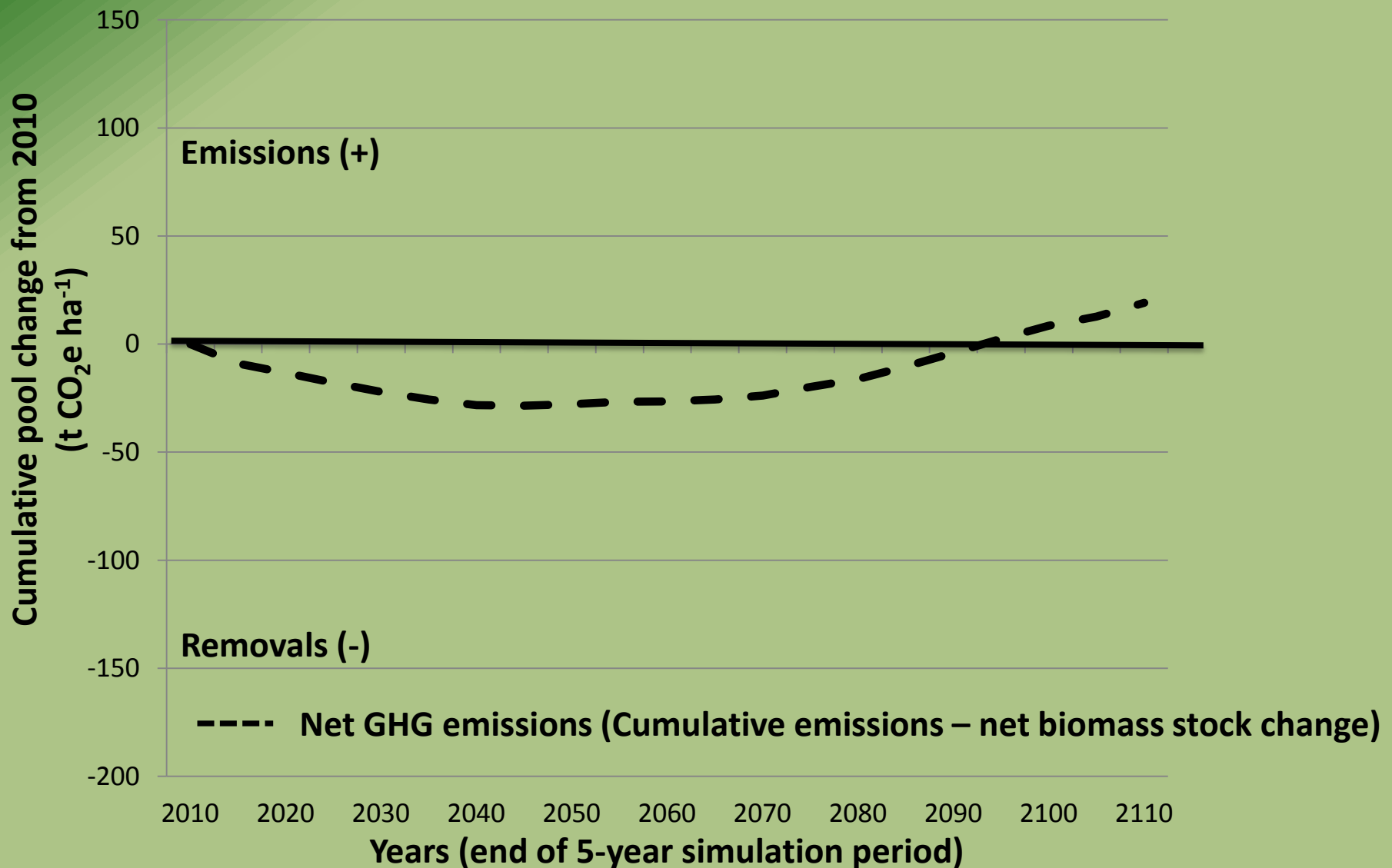
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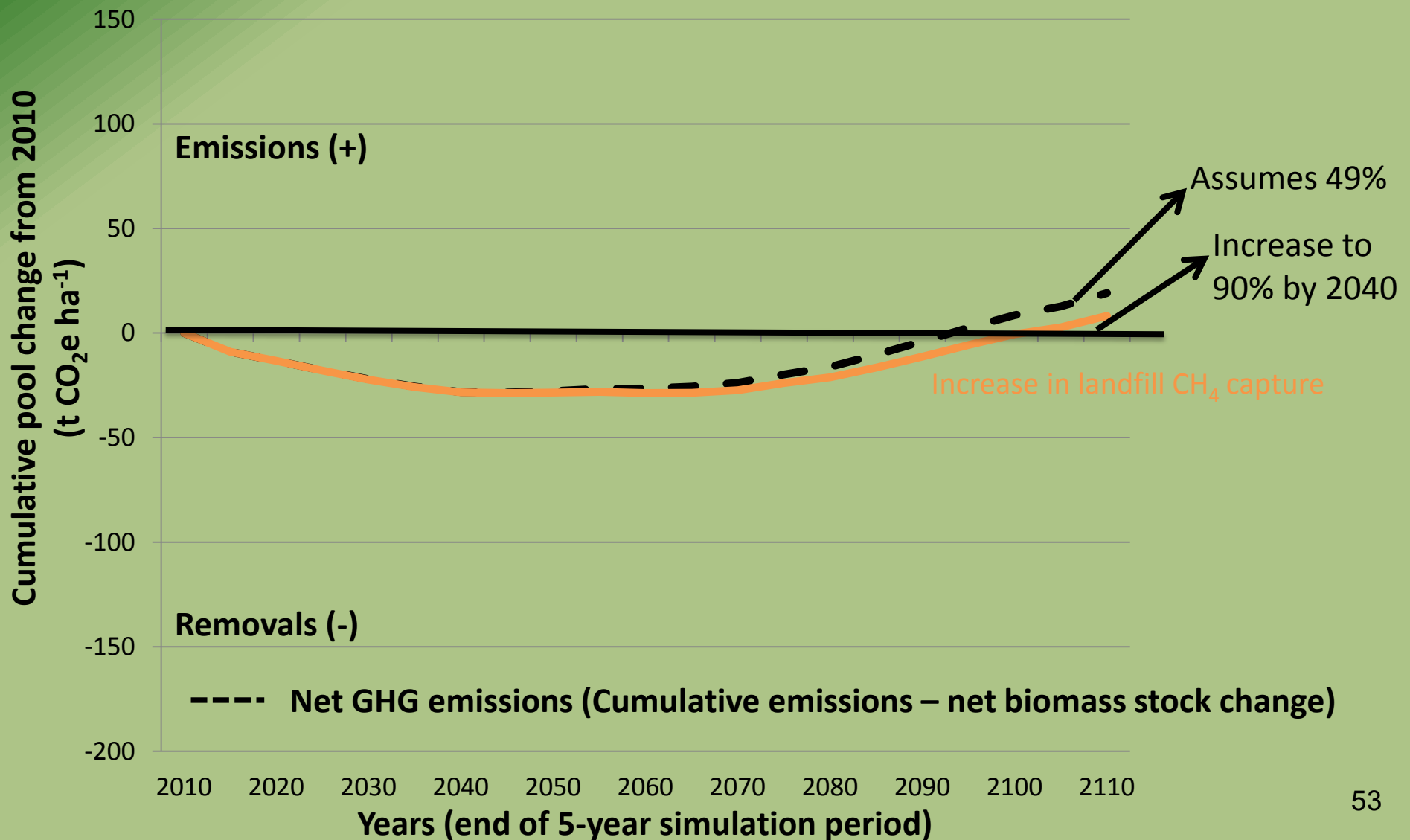
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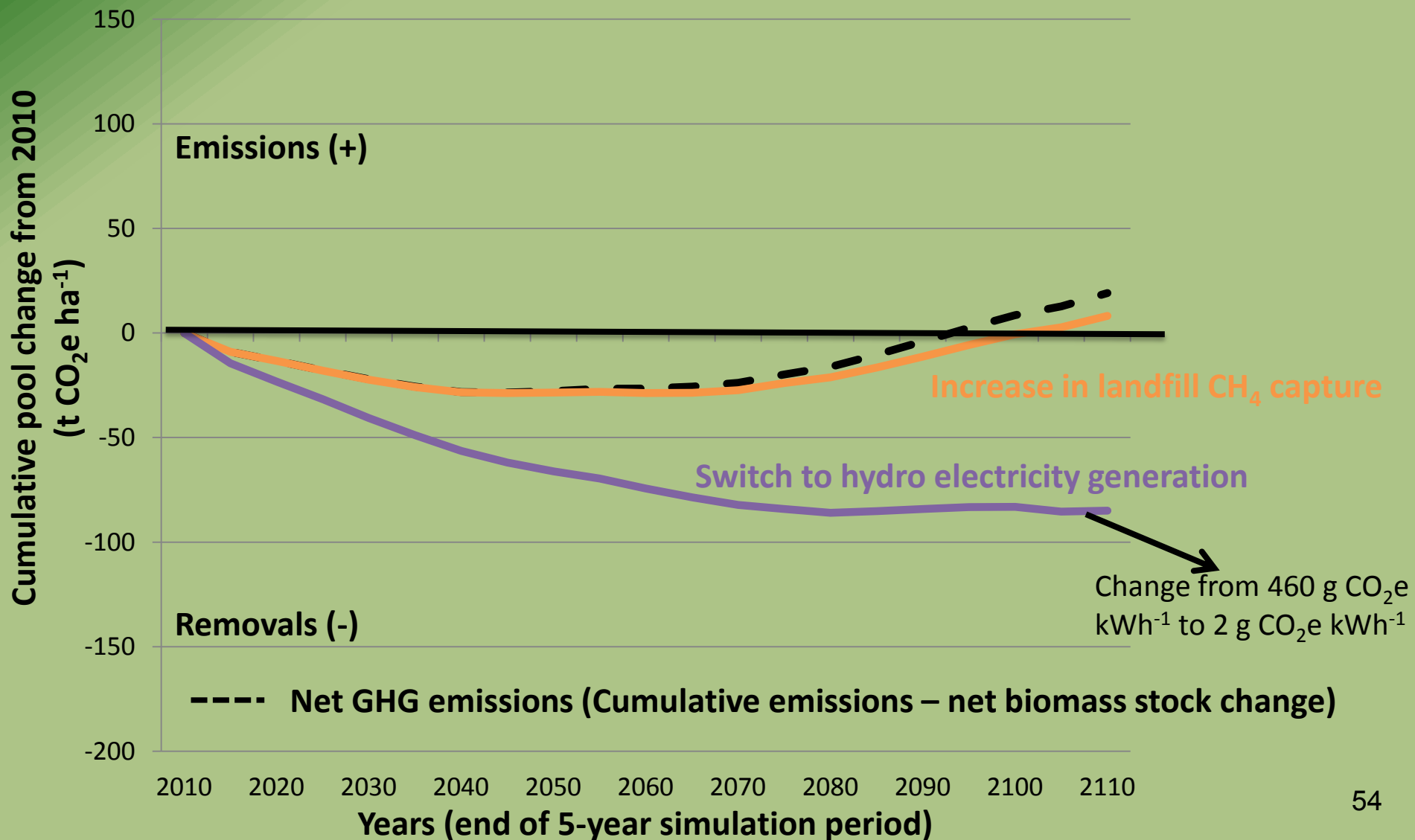
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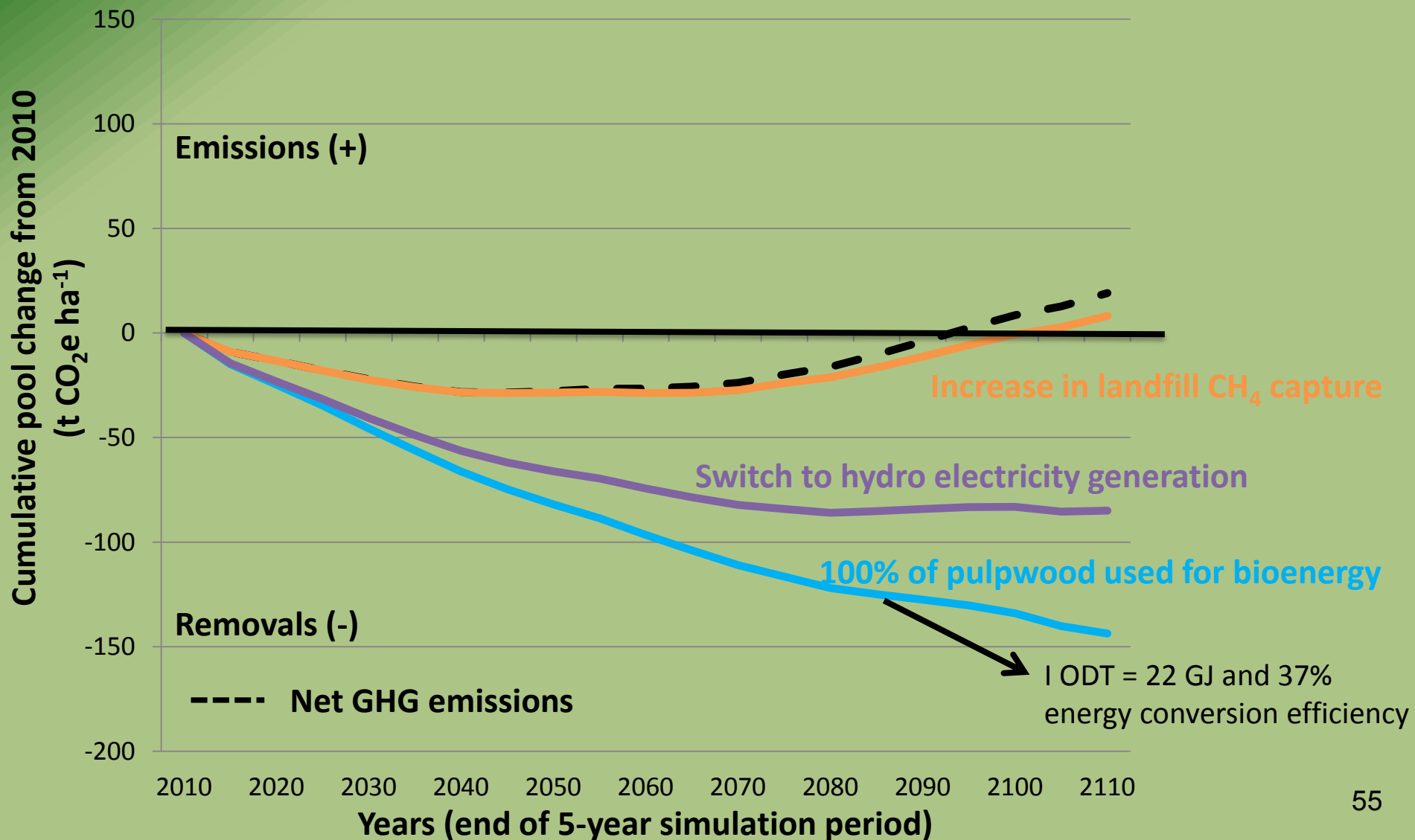
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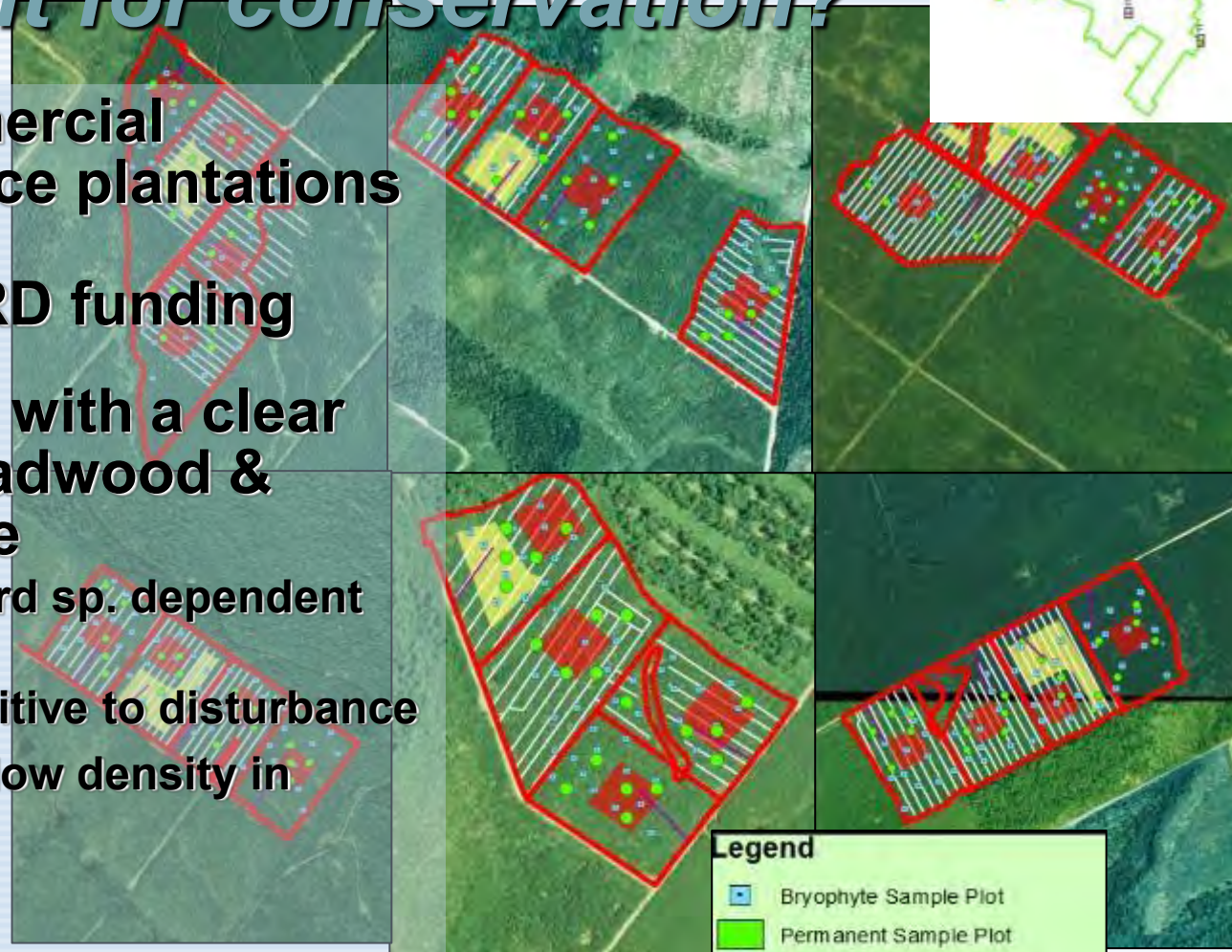
Effects on the baseline GHG profile:



2. GHG Study Conclusions

- **From 2010-2015 total emissions were:**
 - 21% forest operations 4% sawmills 75% pulp/paper mills
- **Forest & products net GHG (sequestration minus emissions):**
 - sink of 30.7 t CO₂e ha⁻¹ in year 50
 - as harvest levels increased, emissions > sequestration by yr 85
 - GHG source of 6.4 t CO₂e ha⁻¹ by year 100
- **Includes SW harvest increases of 23% in 2045 & 50% in 2070**
- **Paper has high energy & emissions in manufacturing, short in-use life, & large emissions from landfills**
- **Consider disturbance risk, products & grid electricity emissions**
- **Intensive forest mgmt. may result in similar GHG mitigation potential as allowing forests to grow unmanaged, while providing forest products that produce societal benefits**

#3. *Modifying intensive forest management for conservation?*



- **Alternative commercial thinnings of spruce plantations**
- **5-year NSERC CRD funding**
- **Focusing on taxa with a clear connection to deadwood & thinning response**
 - beetles, mosses, bird sp. dependent upon deadwood
 - vegetation sp. sensitive to disturbance
 - small mammals w/ low density in planted stands
- **6 plantations**
 - age 26-32 yrs, >20 ha
 - 4 blocks, 120 plots

Four treatments:

A. Unthinned (control)



B. Status quo commercial thinning (CT)



C. Biomass removal CT (branches & tops)

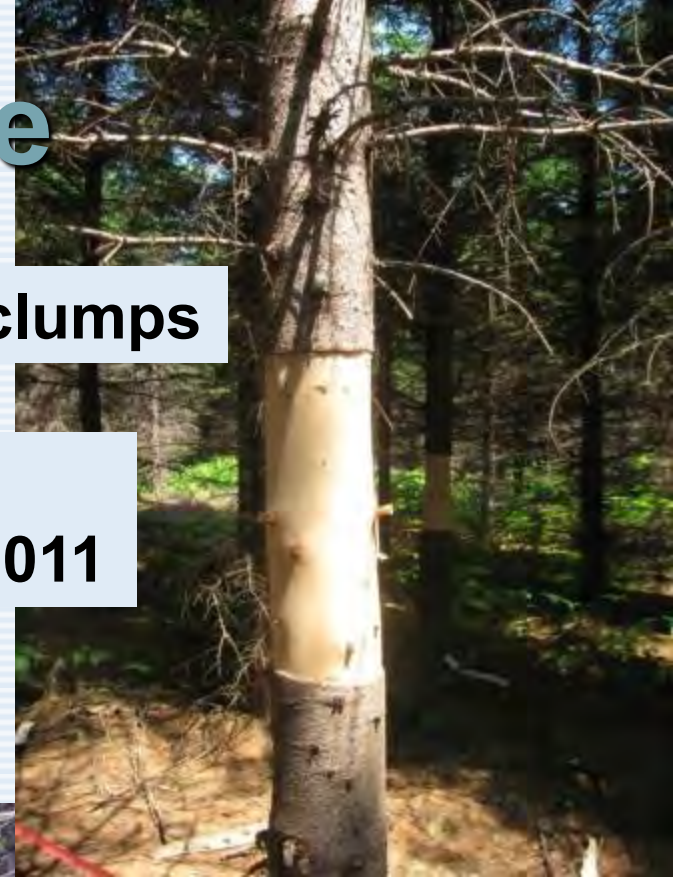


D. Enhanced structure



1. Left unthinned clumps

2. Girdled half the clump trees in 2011



Six grad student projects at UNB & UdeM:

Effects on A) stand growth, light, photosynthesis

B) small rodents



Kwadwo Omari, PhD UNB



Evan Dracup, MSc UNB



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Effects on C) mosses & ground vegetation

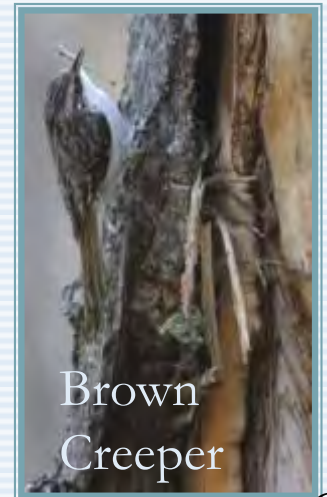
D) birds



Allison MacKay, MSc UdeM



White throated Sparrow



Sean Haughian, PhD UNBSJ



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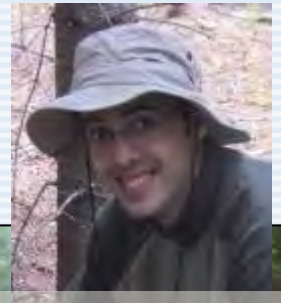


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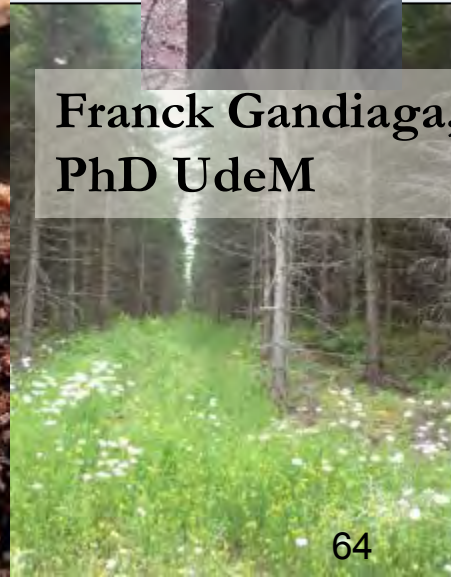
E) Saproxylic beetles response to CT & deadwood

F) Importance of:

- i) quality of dead wood (age & type of wood)
- ii) surrounding areas: type of forest mgmt. & vegetation



Franck Gandiaga,
PhD UdeM

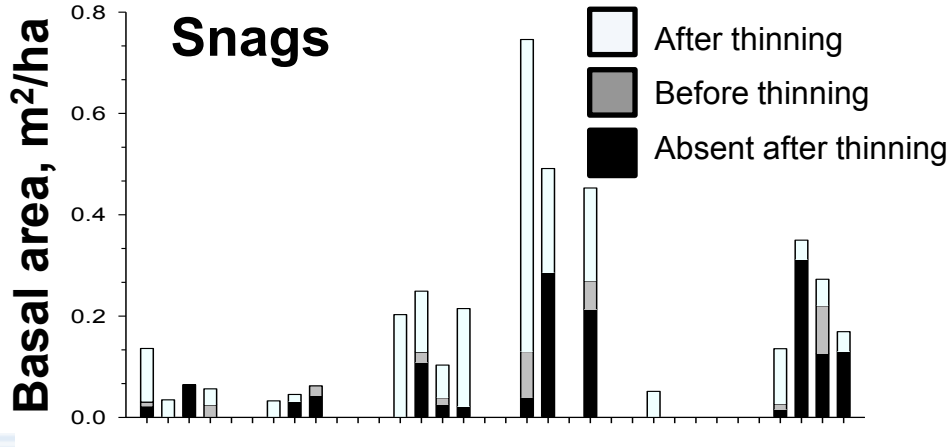
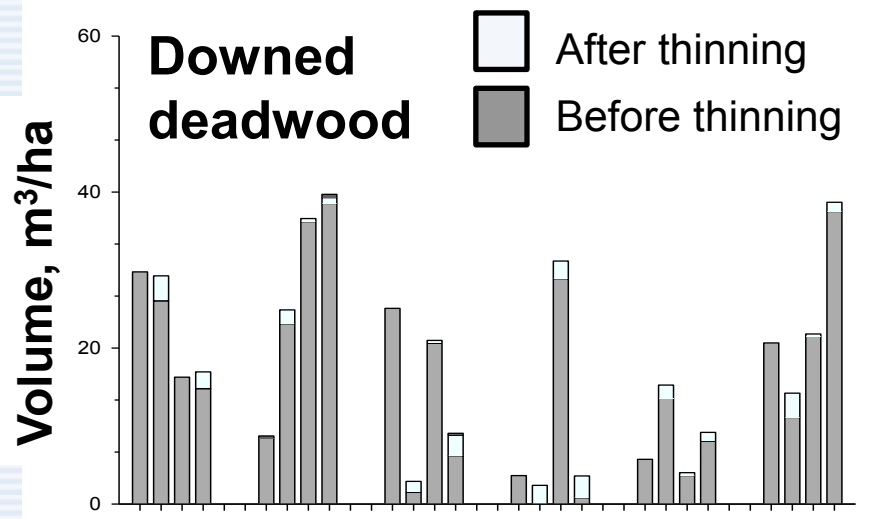
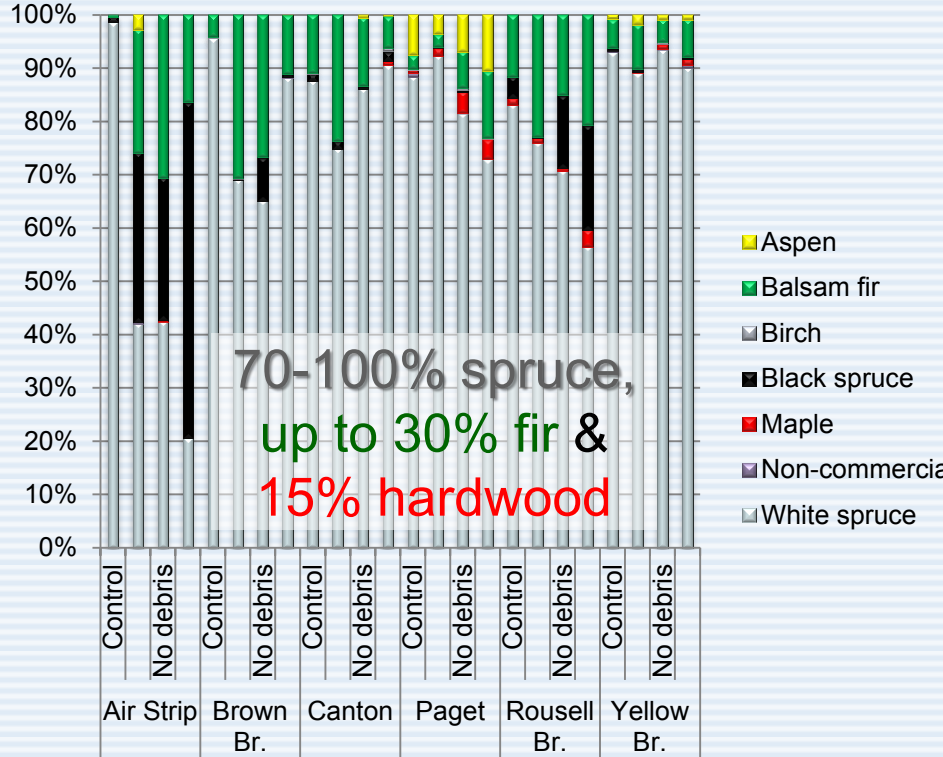


A. Plots measured & mapped pre- & post-thinning

Little addition of downed deadwood

Kwadwo Omari, UNB (MacLean)

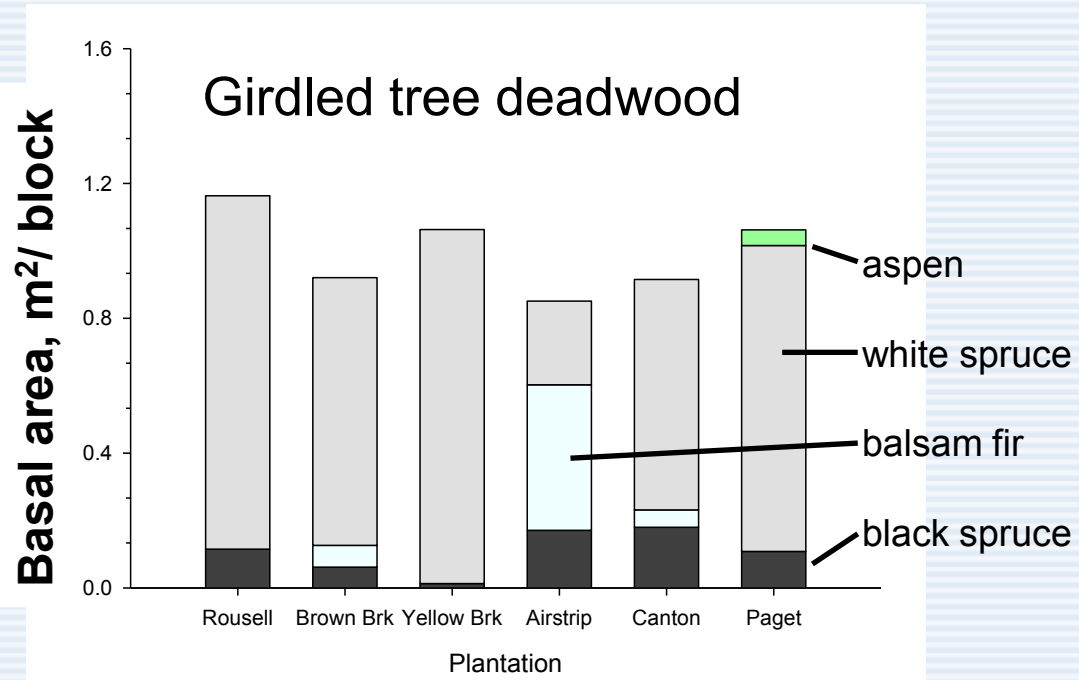
Deadwood, snags, tree size, volume, etc.



Some snags added, some lost during CT



10-12 clumps/ 5 ha block
10 trees per clump; half girdled in 2011



A. Deadwood by treatment: **Girdled trees added snags experiment**

Treatment	Downed deadwood (m³/ha)		Snags (m²/ha)		Girdled tree snags (m²/ha)
	New added	Total	New added	Total	
Unthinned	0.04	15.6	0.19	0.20	
Status quo CT	2.26	14.8	0.07	0.07	
Biomass removal CT	0.62	21.8	0.02	0.05	
Enhanced structure CT	1.88	19.5	0.07	0.09	0.20

B. Experimental Design – Small Rodents

Evan Dracup, UNB (D. Keppie)



Treatment Type	Plants shelter food	Dead wood shelter	Fruit food
Control	Low	Low	Low
Biomass removal CT	High	Low	Medium
Status Quo CT	Medium	High	Medium
Added food CT Enhanced structure	Medium	High	Very high <i>Added fruit</i>



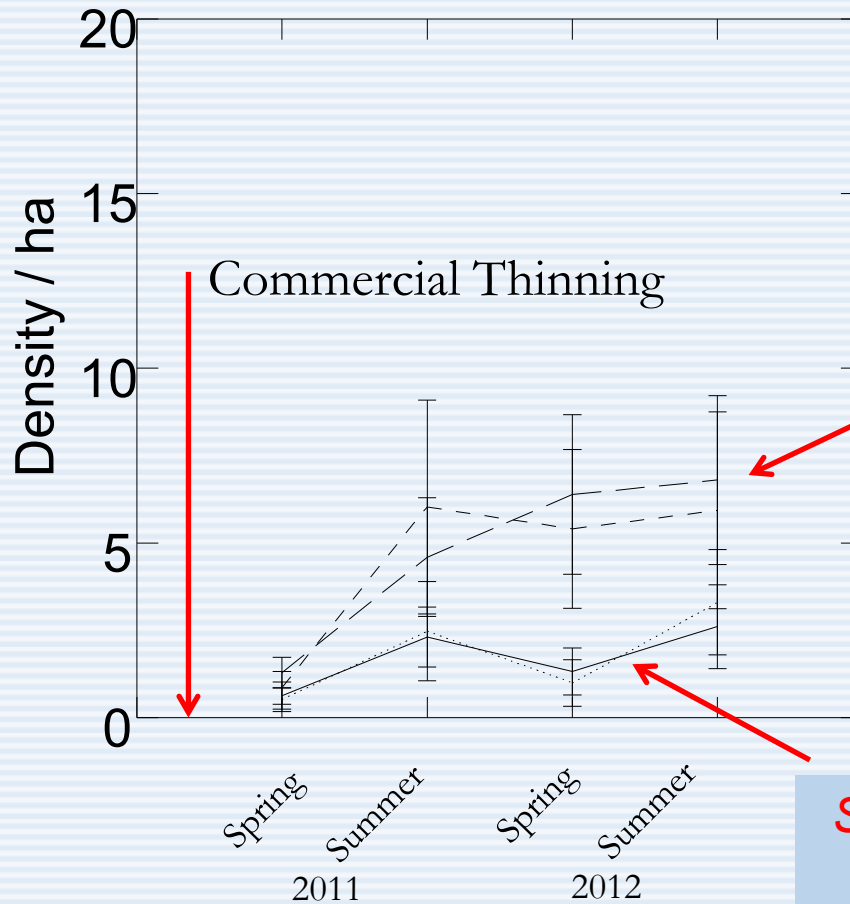
B. Small Rodent Mark Recapture Trapping

Evan Dracup, UNB
(D. Keppie)

- One trapping grid per treatment block
 - Square grids of 100 traps (10 X 10) with 10 m spacing
- Trap Spring & Summer 2011, 2012
 - 5 days/plantation
 - 24,978 trap nights
 - 368 rodents caught
- Upon capture animals:
 - Weighed, sexed, ear tagged



B. Southern Red-Backed Vole



Plentiful dead wood – SQ CT & Enhanced/Added food CT

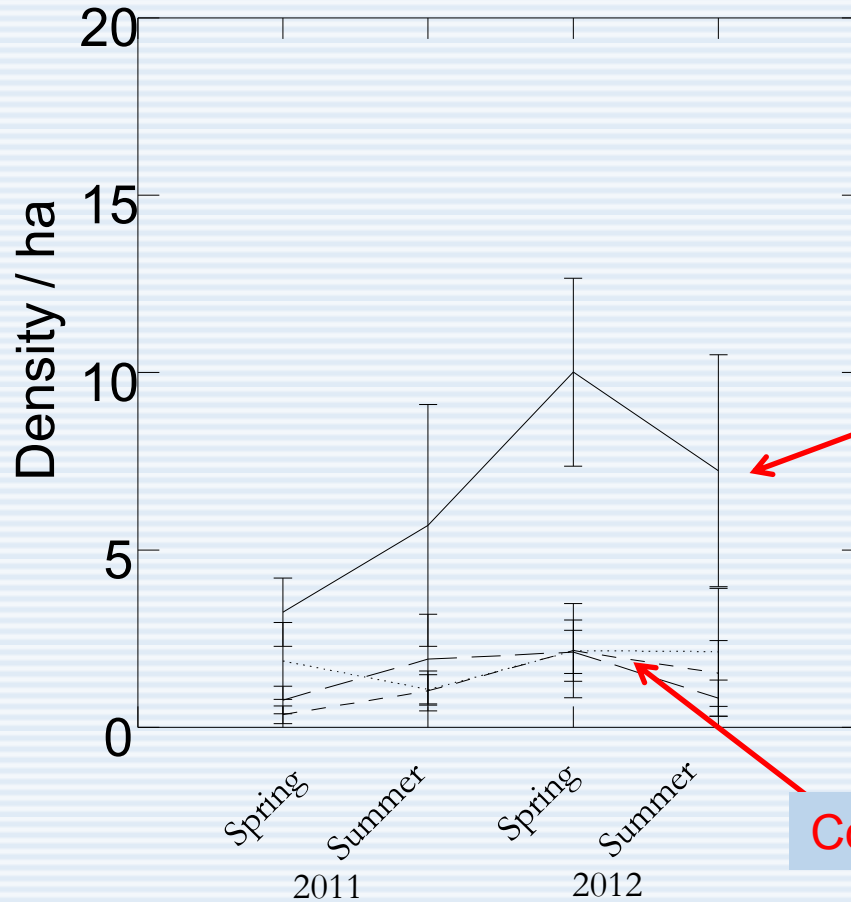
Treatment

- Control
- Biomass removal CT
- - - Status Quo CT
- · - · - Added Food CT

Scarce dead wood – Unthinned & biomass removal CT

Dead wood availability restricts vole populations

B. Woodland Jumping Mouse



Not Commercially Thinned

Treatment

- Control
- Biomass Harvest CT
- - - Status Quo CT
- · - Added Food CT

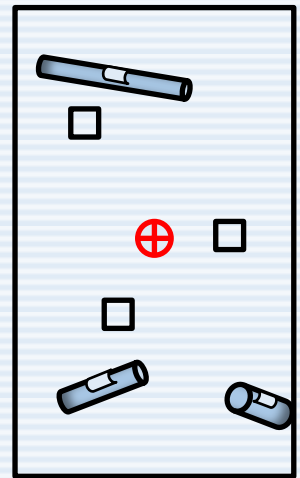
Commercially Thinned

Commercial thinning negatively impacts jumping mice

C. Ground vegetation & bryophyte response

Sean Haughian, PhD UNBSJ (Kate Frego)

- Epixylic bryophytes
 - Sensitive to disturbance, depend on CWD
- Understory vascular plants
 - Potential indicator species
- Veg-environment relationships (bryophytes)
 - Bryophyte growth experiments
 - Microclimate measurement, diversity modeling
- Hypothesis: Understory humidity is main control of epixylic bryophyte community



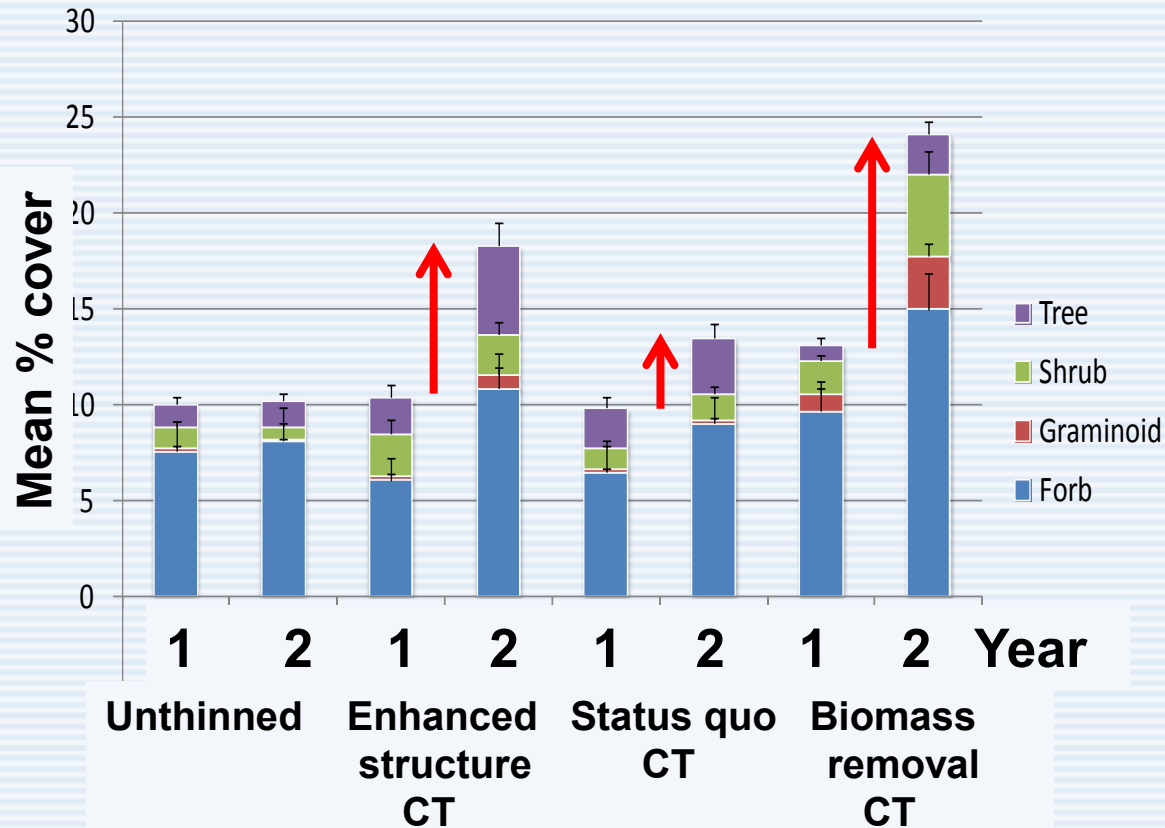
C. Plants Results

- **Vascular plants**

- yr 1 180 sp.
- yr 2 183 sp.
- Mostly graminoids & composites

- **Bryophytes**

- Over 50 sp.
- Second surveyy summer 2013



- 204 total sp., > 50 sp. bryophytes
- Total cover ↑ 50% in yr 2 over yr 1

D. Birds

Allison Mackay, MSc UdeM (M-A. Villard)

Hypothesis: Creating dead wood through altered thinning treatments in spruce plantations will increase bird species richness

Prediction: Higher densities of dead wood dependent birds.

Birds ecologically dependent on:

Woody debris

Uprooted trees and large stumps

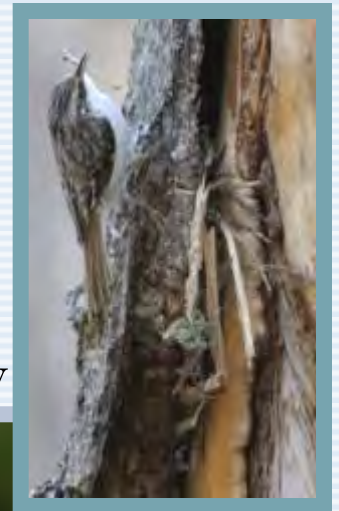
Well decayed snags



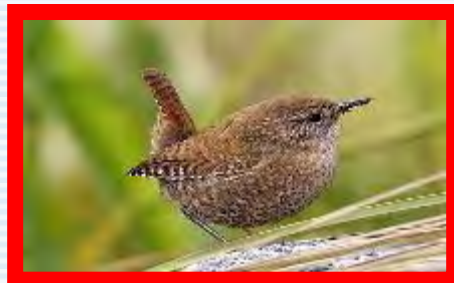
Hermit Thrush



White throated Sparrow



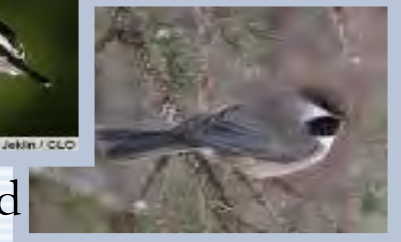
Brown Creeper



Winter Wren



Red-breasted Nuthatch



Boreal Chickadee

E. Saprophytic beetles



- **Flight Intercept Traps set up in a line transect**
 - 6 spruce plantations
 - 3 old-growth coniferous reserves
- **5 traps per line**
 - 5, 15, 30, 60, 120m from the road
- **Traps emptied biweekly June to August (2011-2013)**
- **135 Traps in Black Brook District**



Paryse Nadeau, MSc UdeM (G. Moreau)

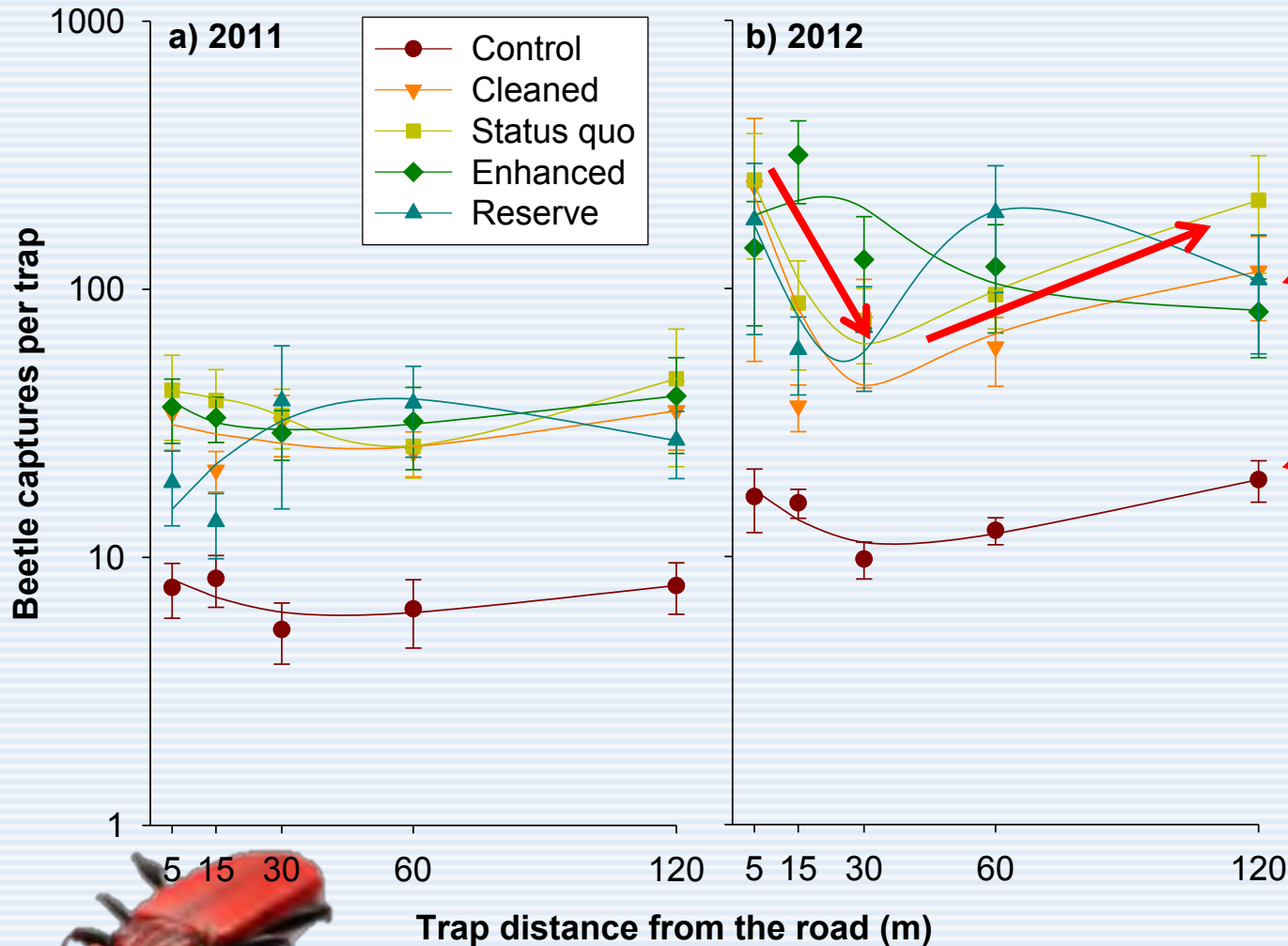
48 families – 208 species – 60 350 individuals 2011-2012

Families	Feeding guilds	# spp	# individuals	
			#	#
Staphylinidae	<i>Eusphalerum fenyesi</i>	Pollen	1	37365
	Others	Bolit, Bolit/Mycet, Mycet, Pollen, Pred	32	<u>2508</u> (39873)
Elateridae		Mycet, Pred, Rhizo, Rhizo/Pred	20	3983
Curculionidae	Curculioninae	Phyto	3	115
	Scolytinae	Phloe, Mycet	10	2463
	Others	Phlo, Rhizo, Phyto	9	<u>92</u> (2670)
Nitidulidae		Phyto, Sap	6	2466
Tenebrionidae		Bolit, Mycet, Sapro	5	2240
Mordellidae		Phyto	5	1948
Monotomidae		Pred	1	1435
Scirtidae		Sapro	4	941
Scraptiidae		Mycet	2	800
Histeridae		Pred, Sapro	2	573
Cerambycidae		Phloe, Xylo	21	509
Clambidae		Mycet	1	375
Other families (36)			86	2537
48			208	60350



- 7 new spp in NB and 1 rare spp new for NB and for Atlantic Canada (*Euaesthetus brevipennis* Casey)

Preliminary results



More beetles in CT & reserves

than unthinned

Tendency to be more adjacent to & far from roads



Paryse Nadeau, MSc UdeM (G. Moreau)

Effective University-Industry Collaboration

J.D. Irving Ltd. Forest Research Advisory Committee

- **Founded in 1998 as a product of FSC Certif. audits**
- **Experts in ecological fields, orig. led by G. Baskerville**
- **Profs. from UNB, UdeM, U. Maine; Manomet, NBDNR**
- ***“Empower the forest manager”* as decision maker**
- **Active partnership of researchers & forest managers**
 - seek co-funding; 31 grad student projects at UNB & UdeM
 - bi-annual meetings, grad students present & get feedback
- **Research quality – peer reviewed publications**
- **Managers involved project selection/design/proposals**
 - actively monitor/evaluate research project progress

JDI Forest Research Advisory Committee

- **Two-way learning/ education**
- **Company capacity for uptake of results**
- **Investment of time as well as \$\$**
- **Current JDI FRAC questions:**
 1. **How do intensively managed stands contribute to habitat & biodiversity?**
 2. **What role do mixedwood stands play in terms of diversity & habitat?**
 3. **What do we know about stand dynamics under a natural disturbance regime?**
 4. **What is the importance of context within which stands occur throughout the landscape?**



Conclusions

- **Remember the changing context for SFM, the ‘urban scorekeeper’**
 - credibility, communication, proof of performance
- **Understand ecology of forest treatments & disturbance**
 - can we use planning to reduce insect impacts?
 - natural disturbance-based silviculture, relation to habitat
 - how does intensive mgmt. affect sensitive taxa?
 - new values like carbon
- **Forest zoning a possible approach**
 - intensive, extensive, protected; specialized mgmt. in separate portions of forest
- **Linking *intensively managed & protected forest*, toward meeting agreed-upon forest production & conservation goals, a viable way forward?**

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