

**De impact van bosstructuur en -
samenstelling op bosrandeffecten van
N-depositie:**

**Maatregelen tegen N-effecten in
gefragmenteerde landschappen**

*Mitigating measures for N in
fragmented landscapes*

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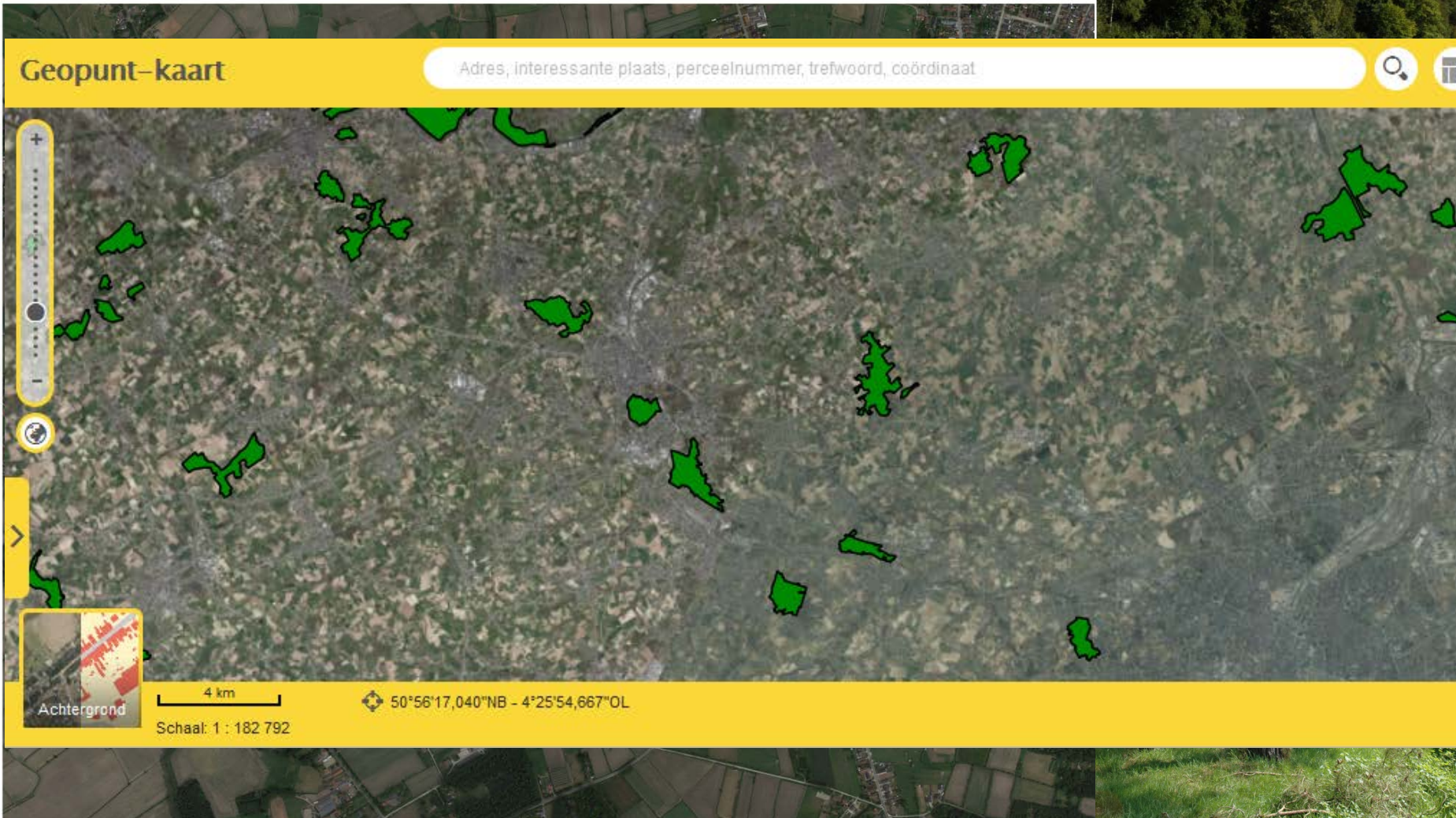
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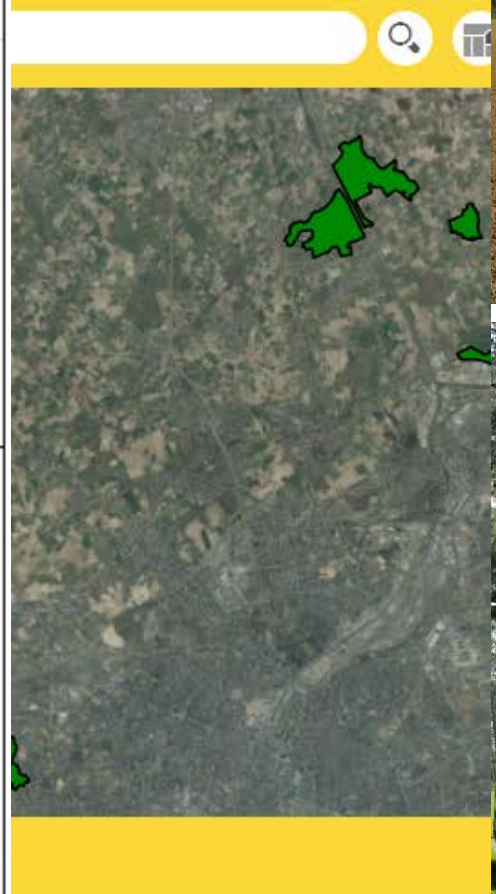
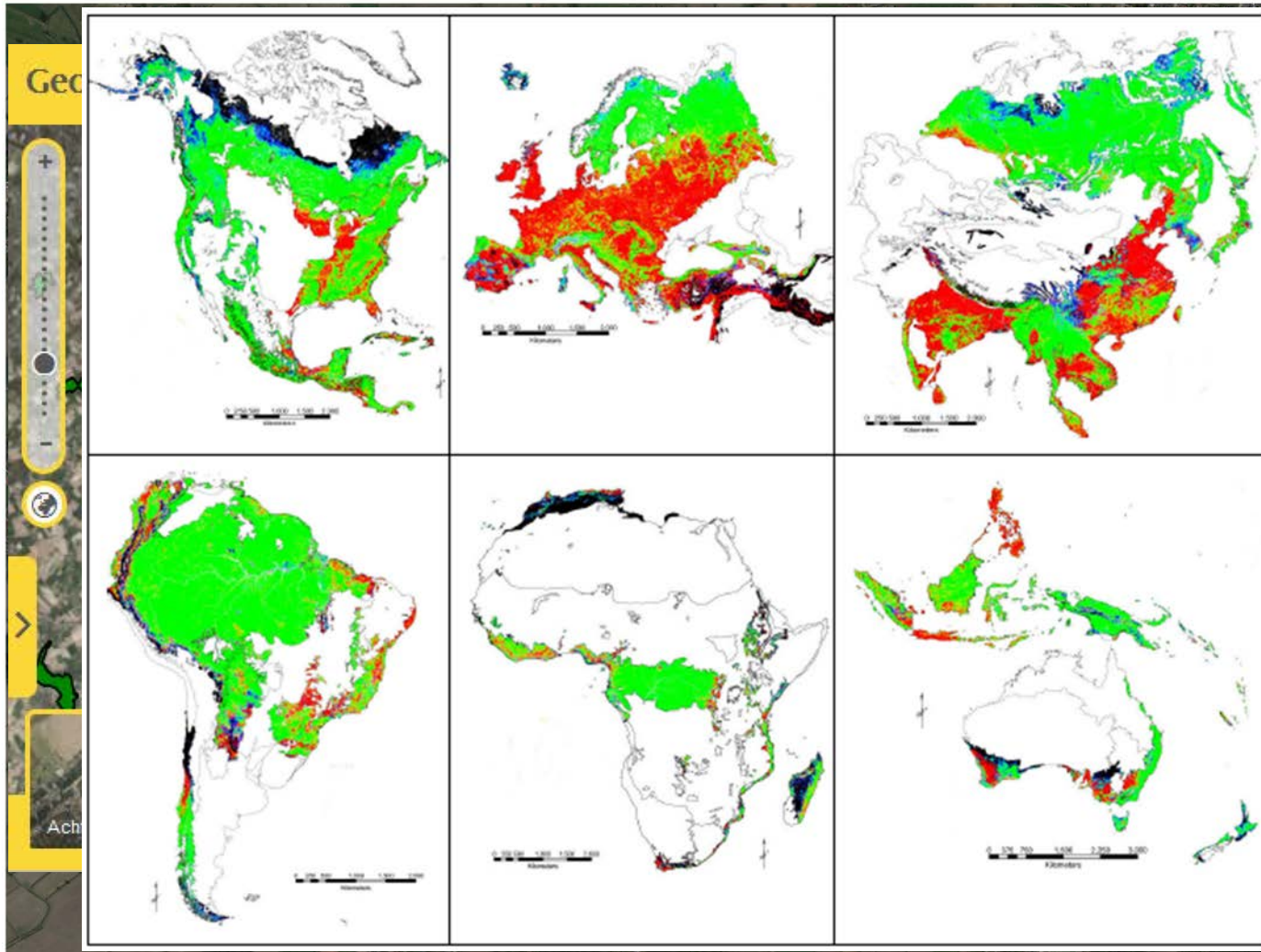
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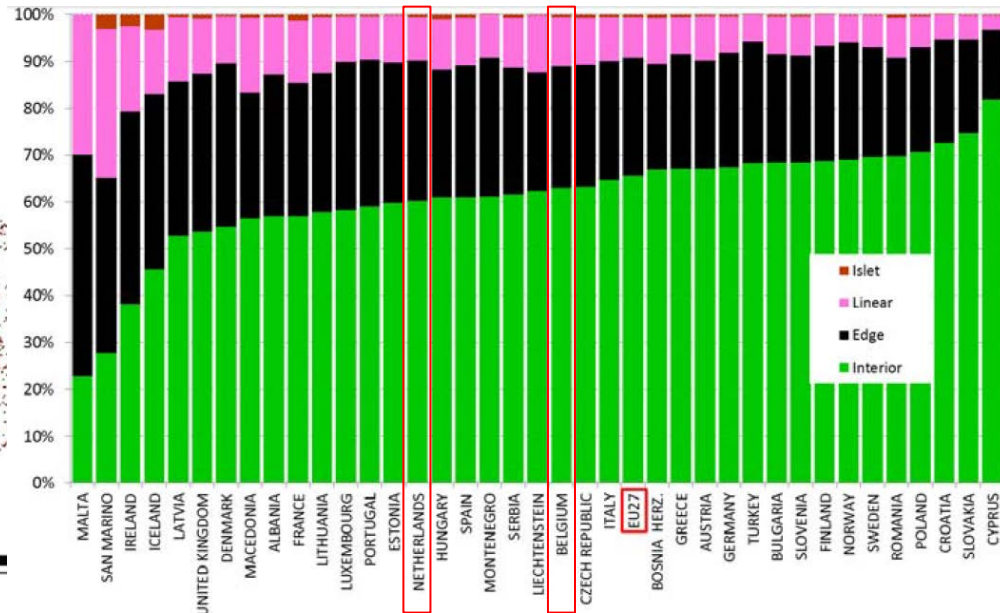
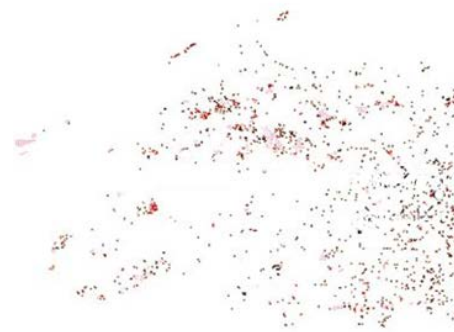
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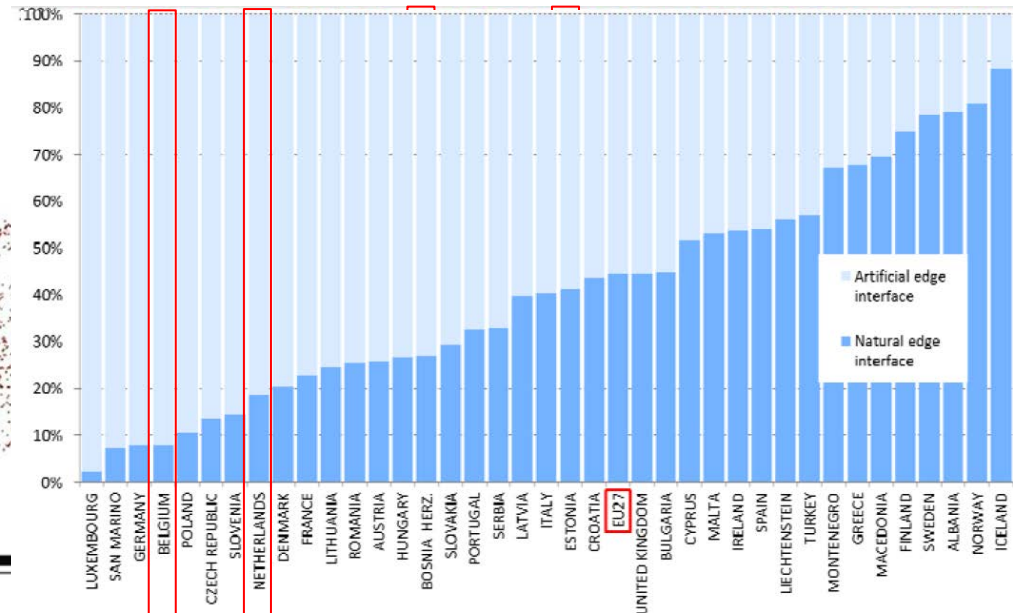
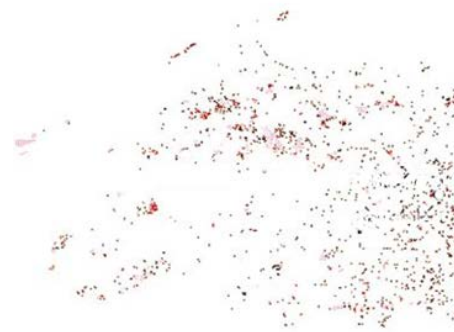
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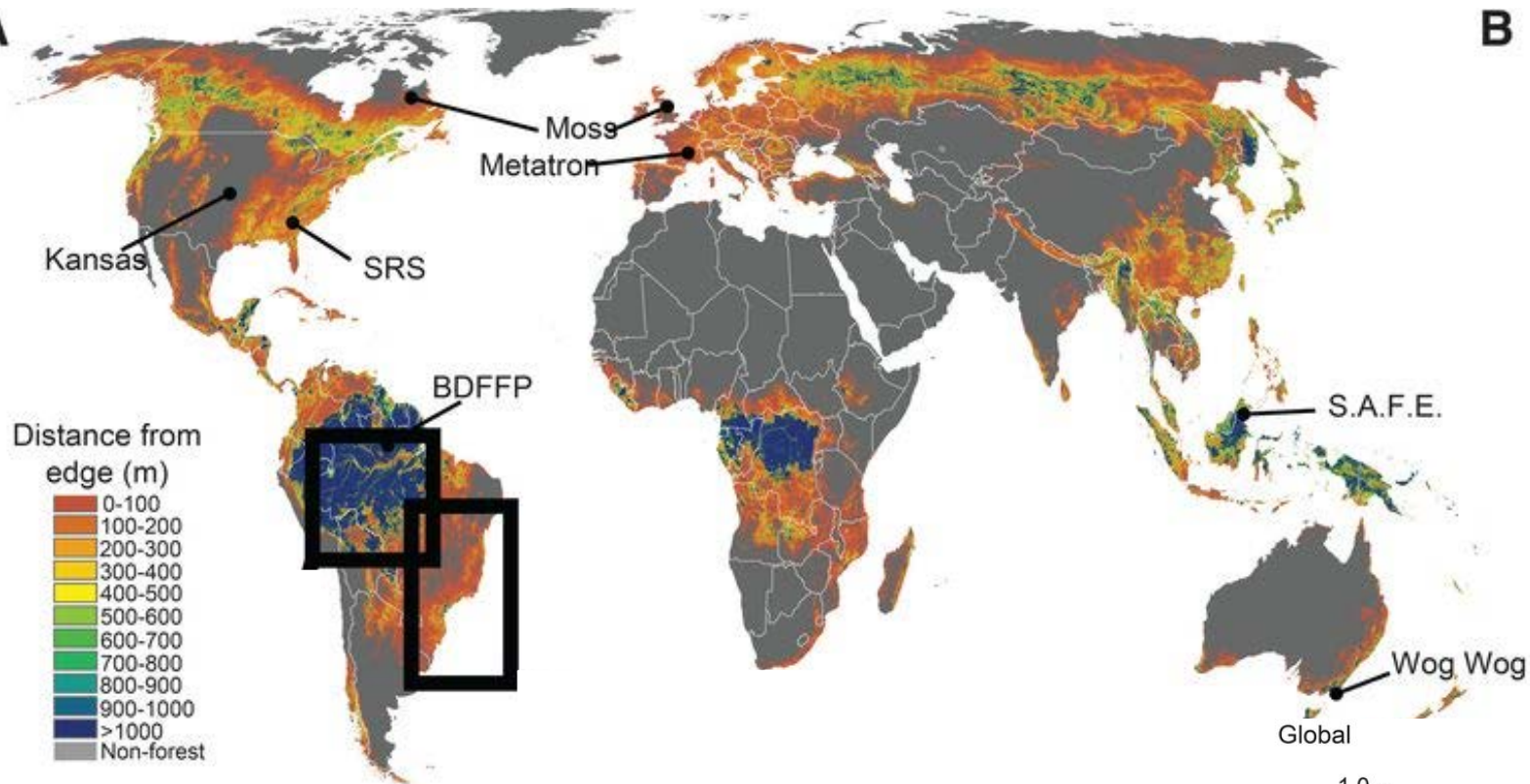
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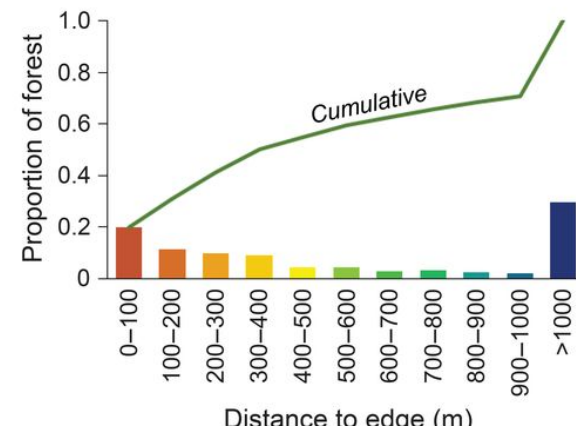


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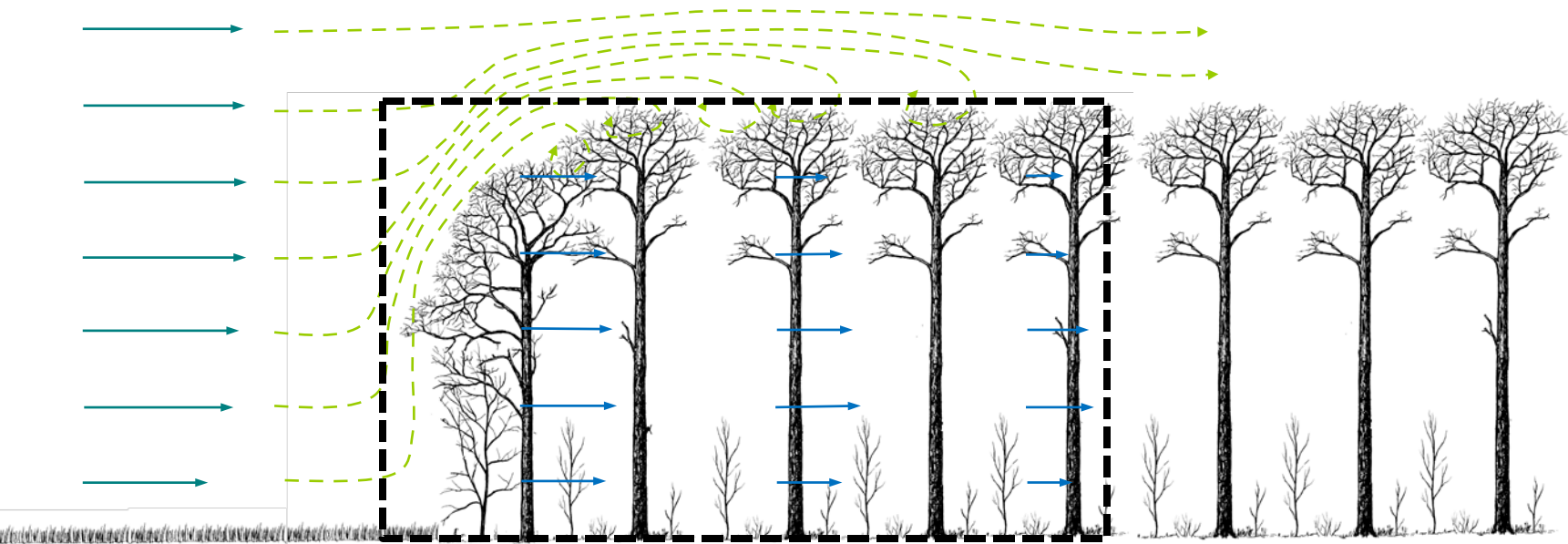
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- Forest fragmentation & forest edges
 - influenced by edge effects:
 - primary effects
 - microclimate: T, RH, ST, SM, PAR, v
 - nutrient input
 - seed flux
 - secondary effects or ecosystem responses
 - forest structure: tree height, age, species composition, CWD, ...
 - tree growth & transpiration
 - nutrient cycling
 - floral diversity
 - faunal biodiversity & activity: birds, beetles, detritivores,...
 - influence = f(variable, species, process, study): 3-1000 m
 - edges potential biodiversity hotspots <-> forest cores with core-specialists decline
 - direct (tolerance, preference & facilitation)
 - indirect (competition, predation,...)

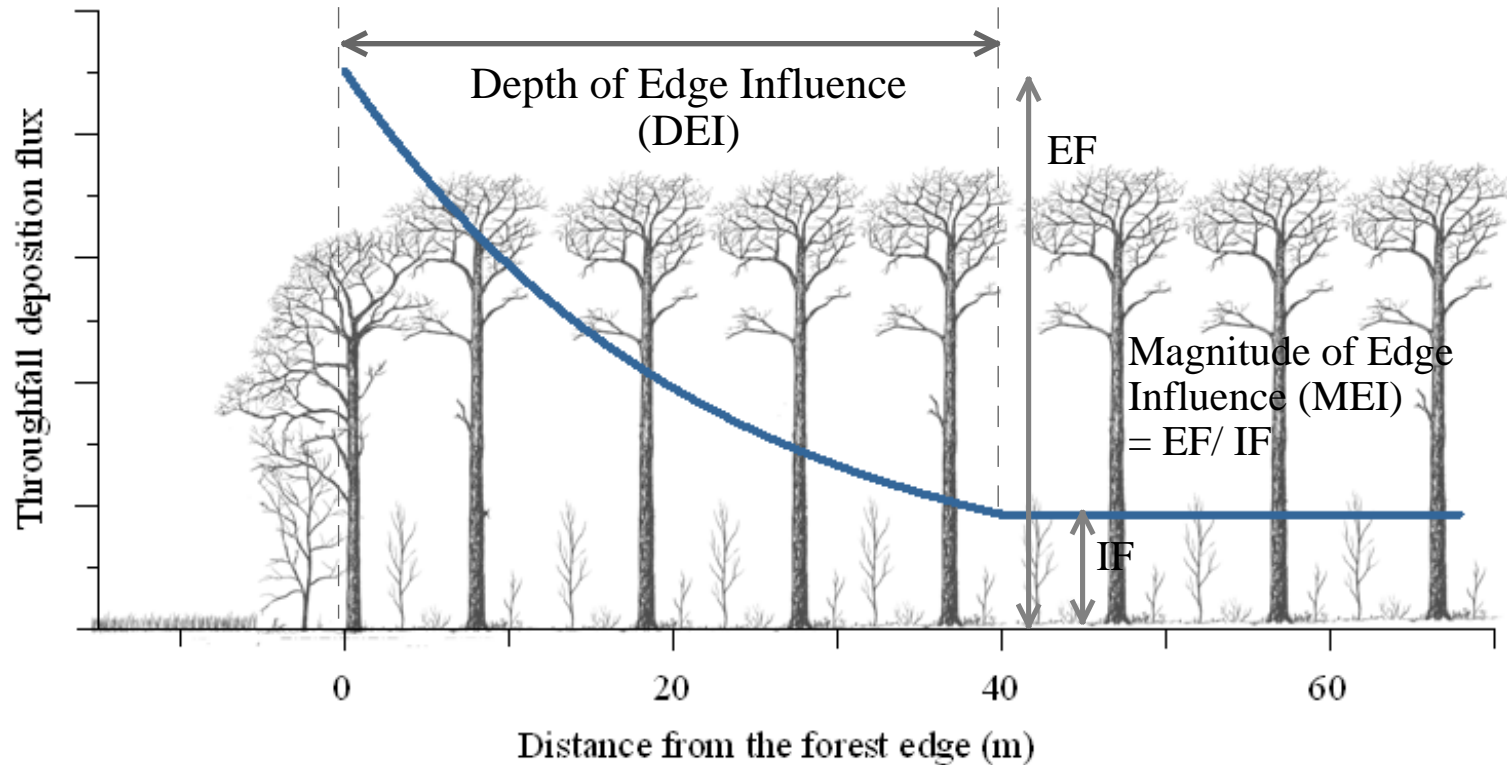
+ N input

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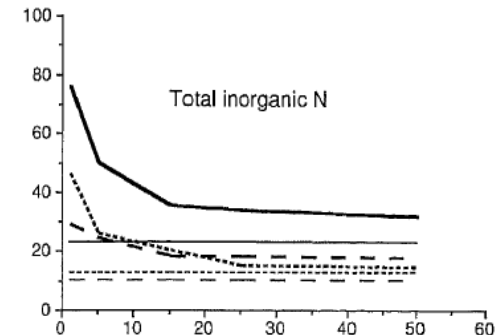
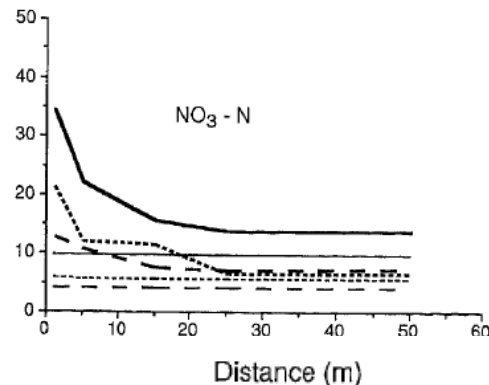
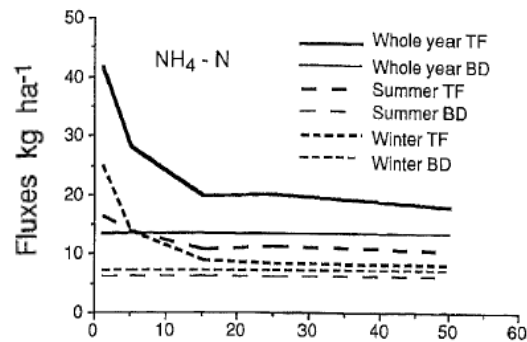


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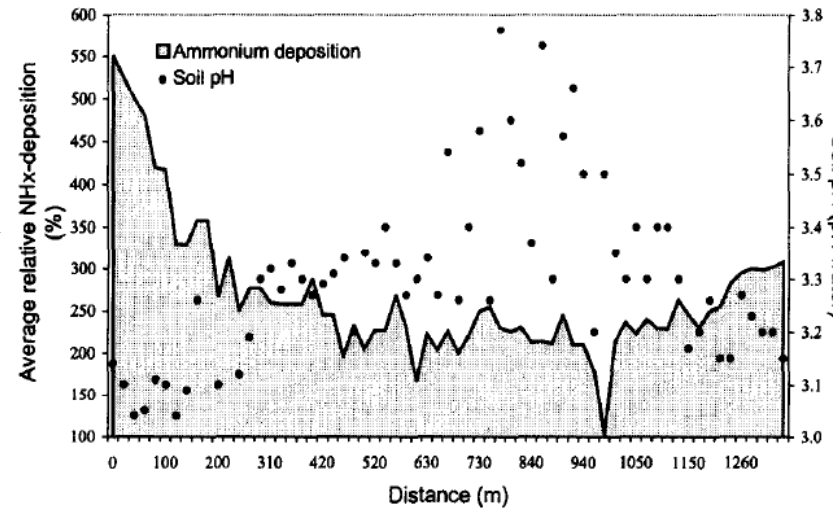
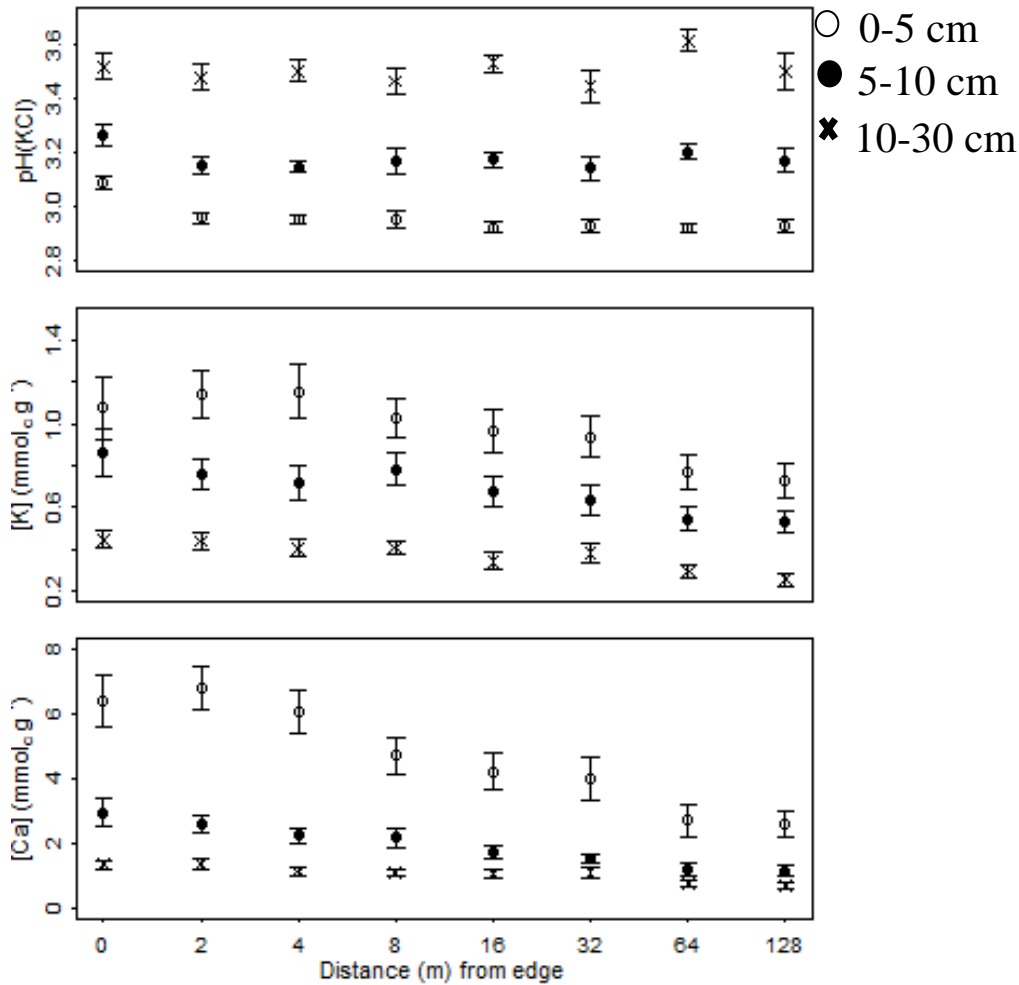


Edge effects on N deposition

	Country	Region	Forest	FED (m)	SO ₄ ²⁻	FEE NO ₃ ⁻	NH ₄ ⁺	
1	Beier & Gundersen (1989)	Denmark	50 km N of Copenhagen	<i>Picea abies</i>	15	2.60	4.00	2.80
2	Devlaeminck et al. (2005)	Belgium	Flanders	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	50	/	/	1.22
3	Draaijers et al. (1988)	The Netherlands	The Veluwe	<i>Pseudotsuga menziessi</i>	100	1.80	1.50	1.50
4	Draaijers et al. (1988)	The Netherlands	The Veluwe	<i>Pseudotsuga menziessi</i>	50	1.30	1.30	1.20
5	Draaijers et al. (1993)	The Netherlands	Utrechtse Heuvelrug	<i>Larix decidua</i>	108	1.00	1.00	1.00
6	Draaijers et al. (1993)	The Netherlands	Utrechtse Heuvelrug	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	63	1.86	1.43	1.63
7	Draaijers et al. (1993)	The Netherlands	Utrechtse Heuvelrug	<i>Pinus nigra</i>	43	5.18	3.83	3.78
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13	Hasselrot & Grennfelt (1987)	Sweden	West coast	<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>	50	1.5	2.9	2.7
14	Neal et al. (1994)	England	Hampshire	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	50			1.50-2.00
15	Spangenberg & Kölling (2004)	Germany	Southern Bavaria	<i>Picea abies</i>	50-100*	1.00	2.20	1.50
16	Spangenberg & Kölling (2004)	Germany	Southern Bavaria	<i>Picea abies</i>	50-100*	1.20	1.80	1.40
17	Spangenberg & Kölling (2004)	Germany	Southern Bavaria	<i>Picea abies</i>	50-100*	1.70	1.60	0.70
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22	Weathers et al. (2001)	USA	New York State	Mixed deciduous	25-28	1.12	1.43	1.27
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	Median				50	1.21	1.60	1.50
	Minimum					0.60	0.60	0.50
	Maximum					5.18	3.83	3.78

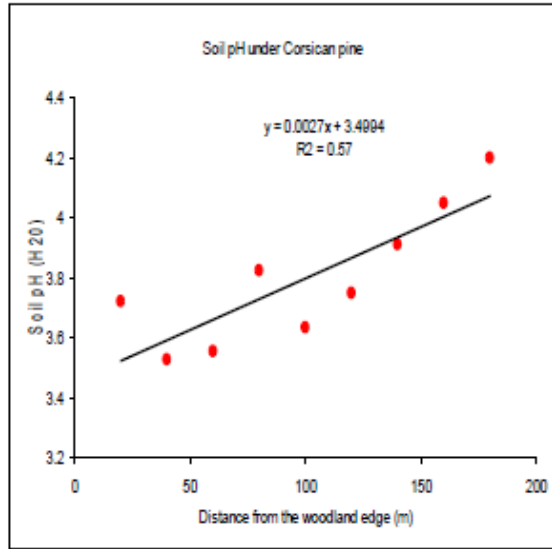
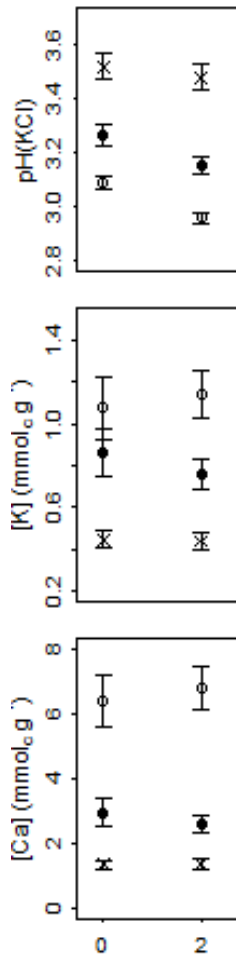


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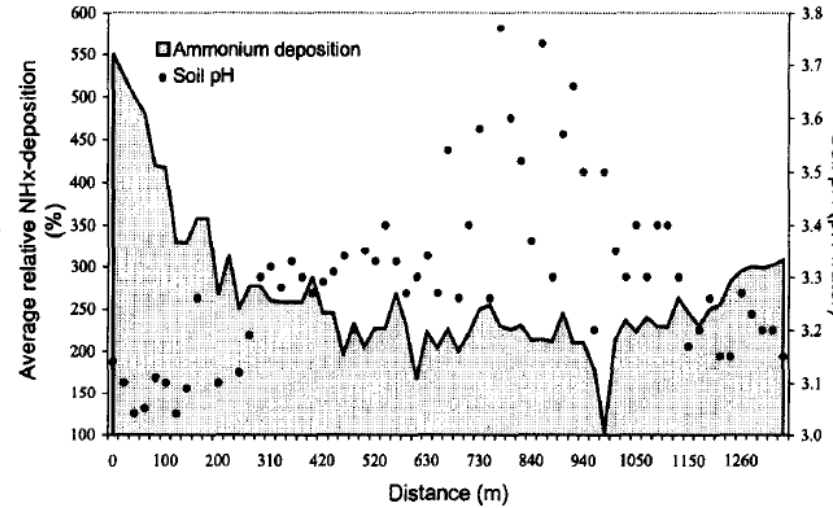
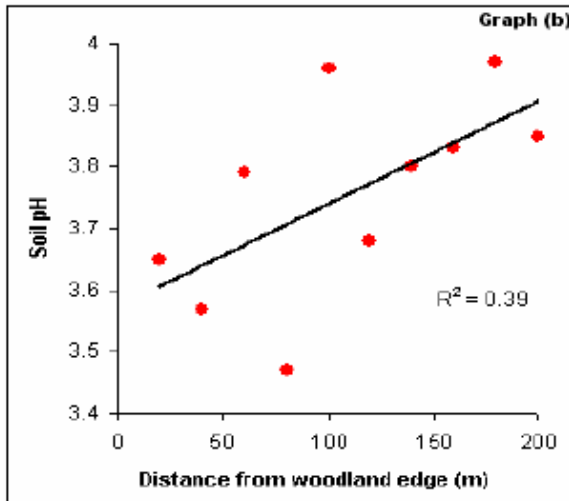


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e.g. near pig & chicken farms

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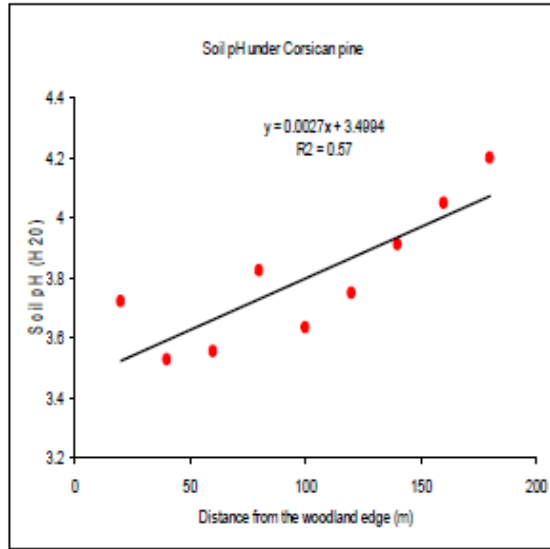
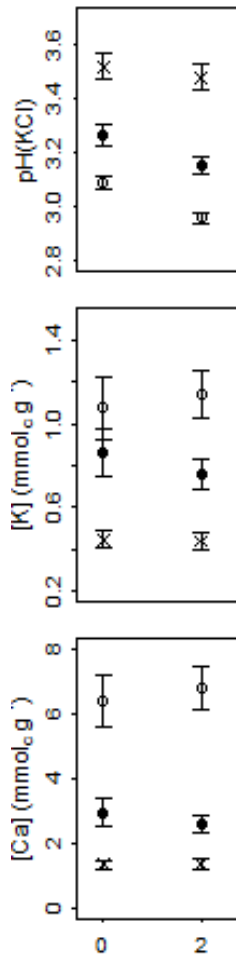


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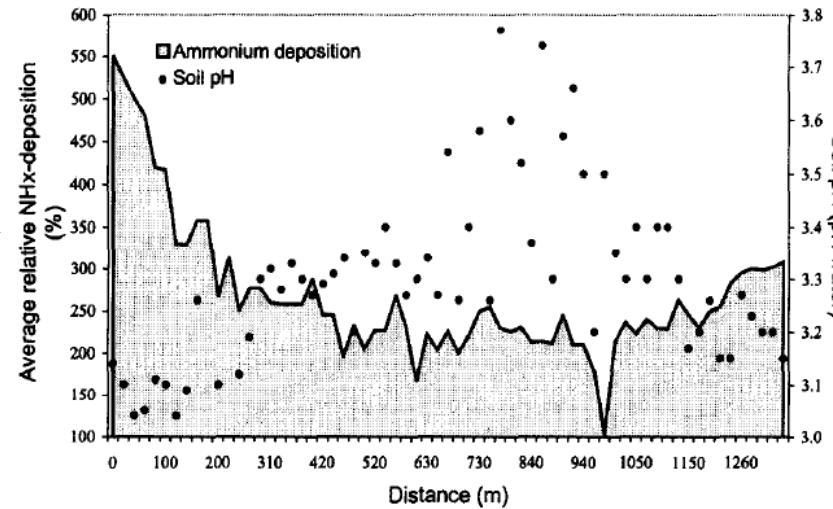
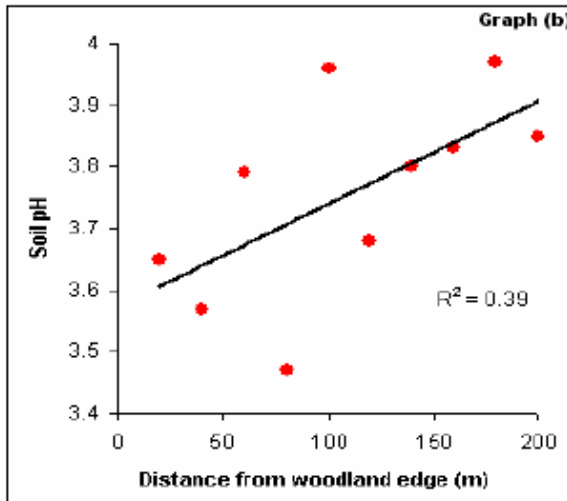


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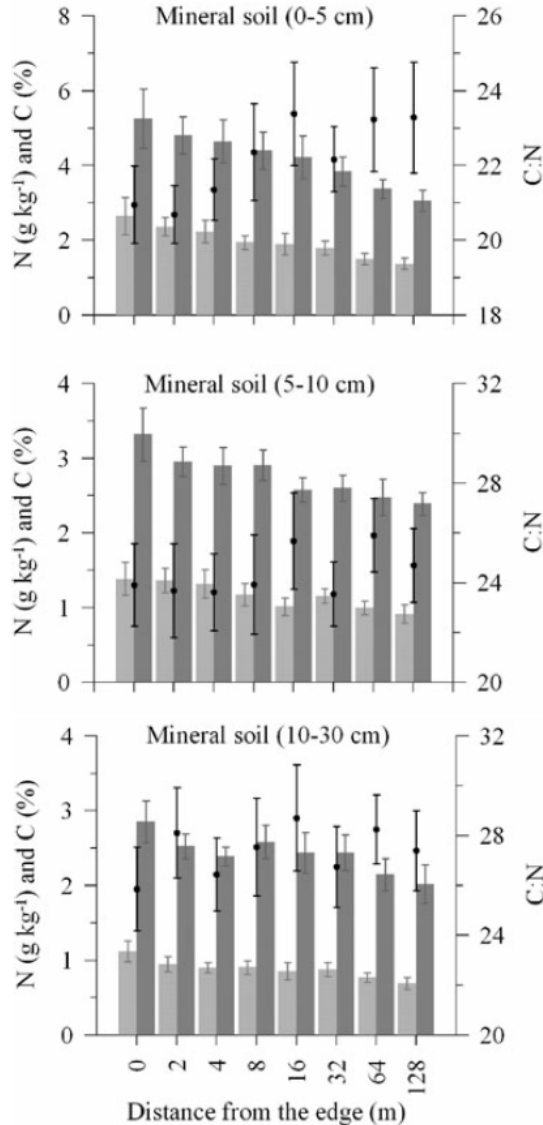
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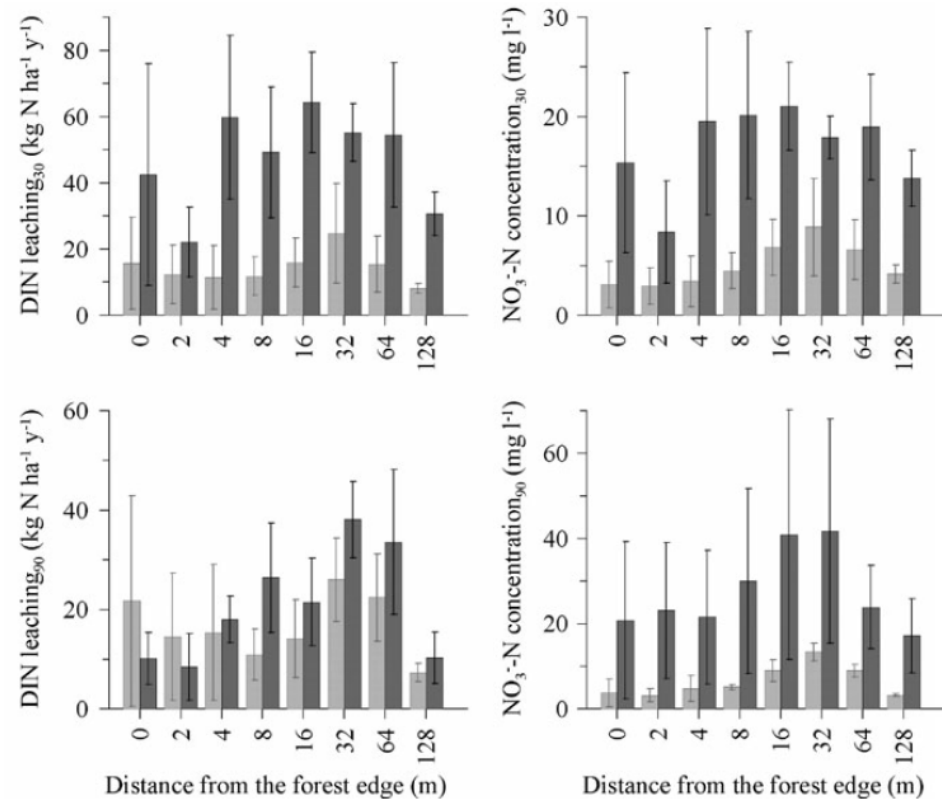
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Eutrophication

N in soil

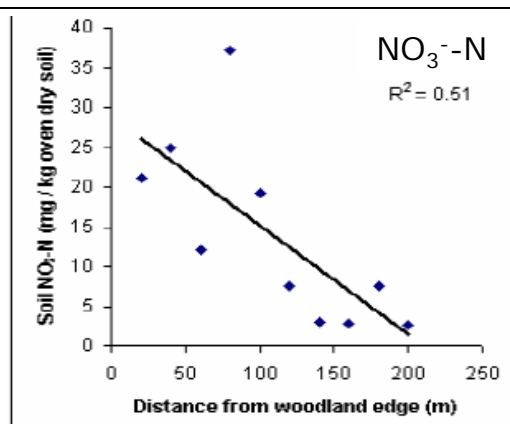
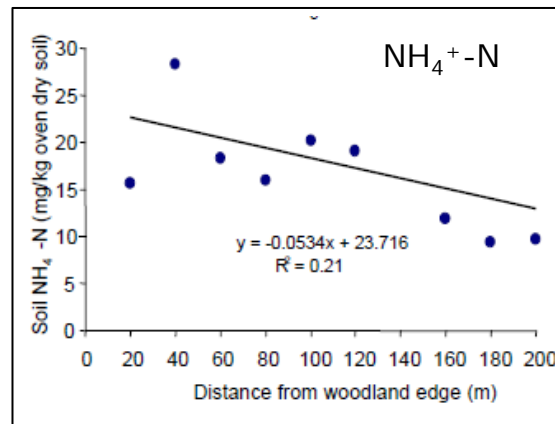
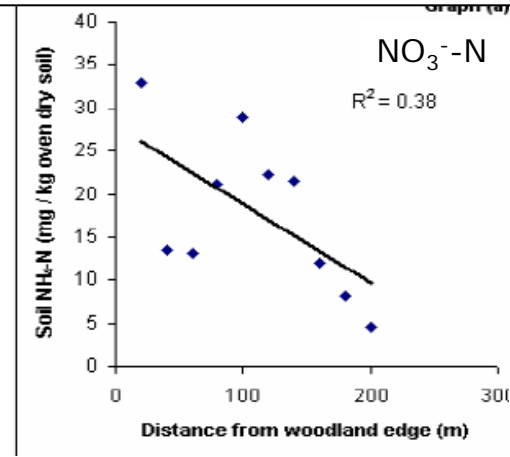
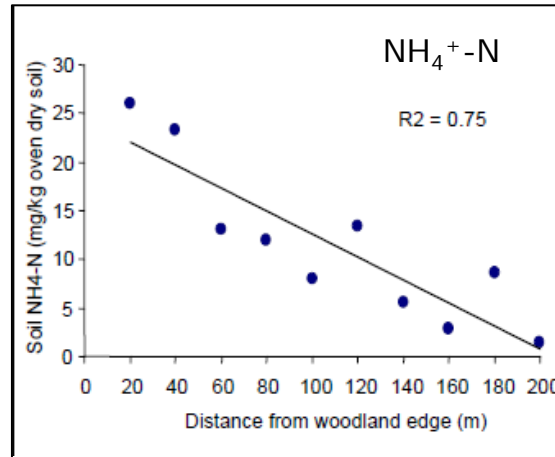
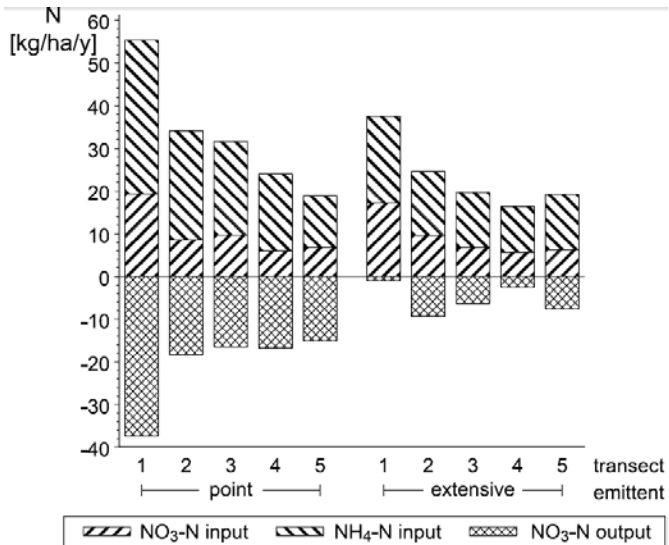


N in soil solution



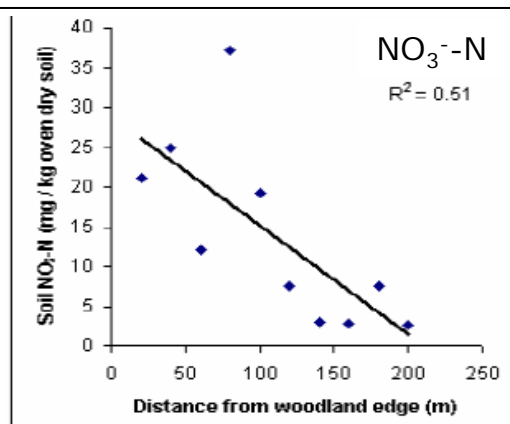
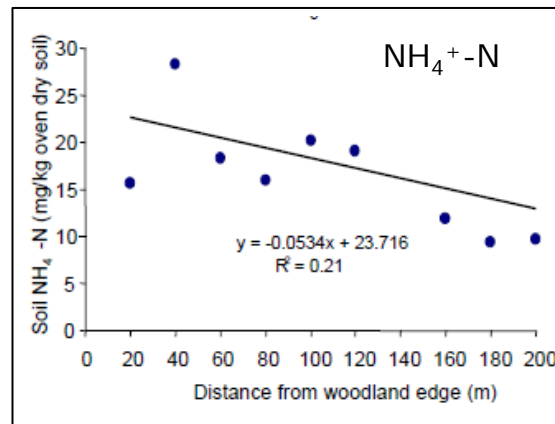
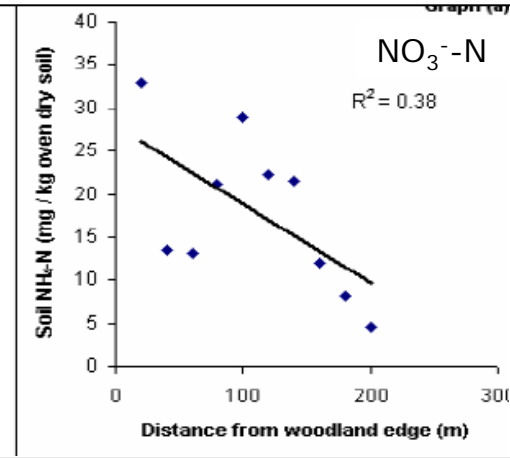
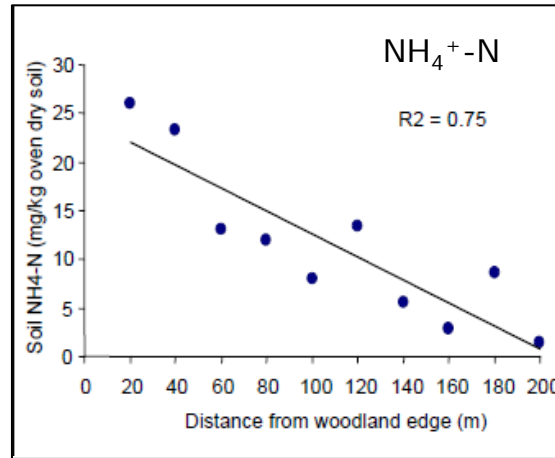
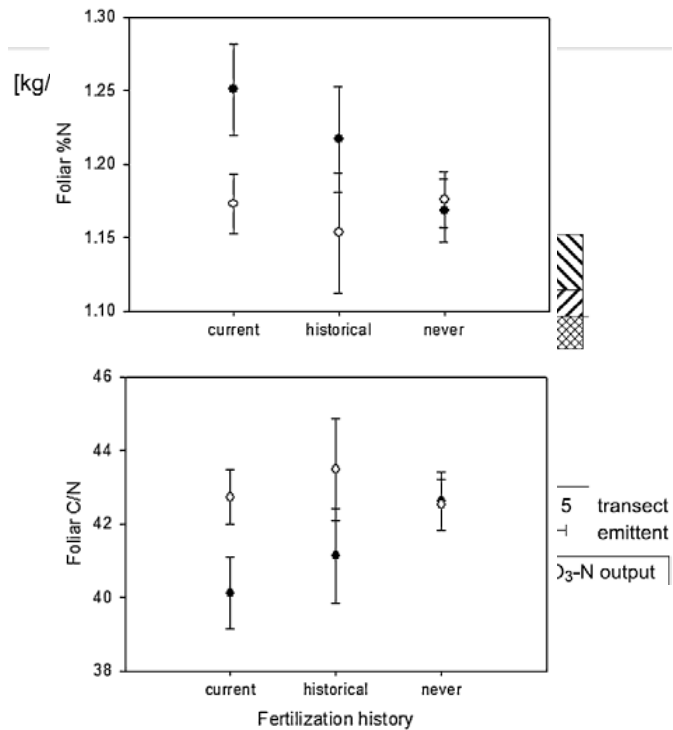
+ hogere NO₃-N concentraties in kleinere bosfragmenten

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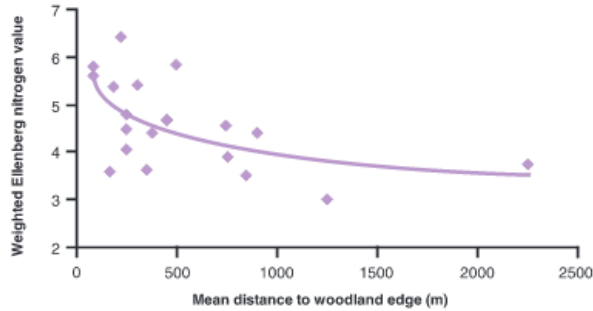


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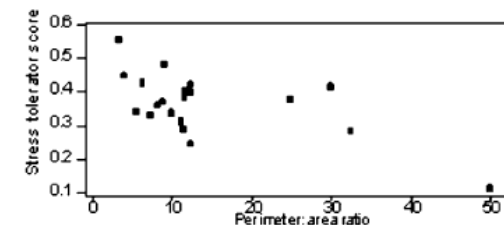
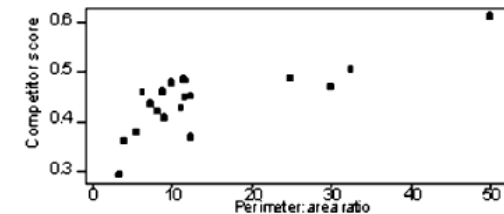
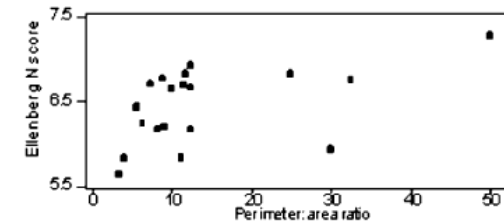
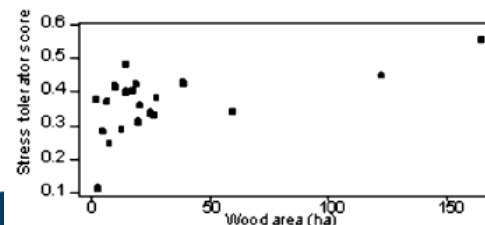
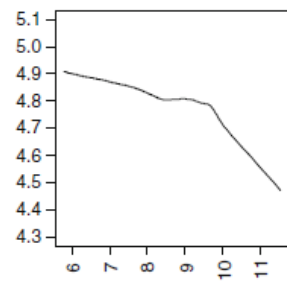
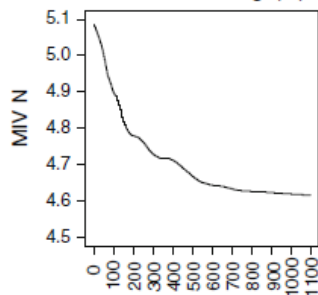
Flora

- edge effects of multiple var^s difficult to disentangle
 - Ellenberg N & nitrophilous species
 - Ellenberg N ↓ with ↑ distance to edge and forest patch size
 - larger increase in Ellenberg N with time at edges
 - larger woods: lower Ellenberg N and cover of competitors
 - long, thin woods: greater cover of nitrophilous and competitor species and lower cover of stress tolerators

Changes in the nitrogen demand of beech woodland ground flora with proximity to the woodland edge;
 $R^2=0.35$, $p=0.025$.

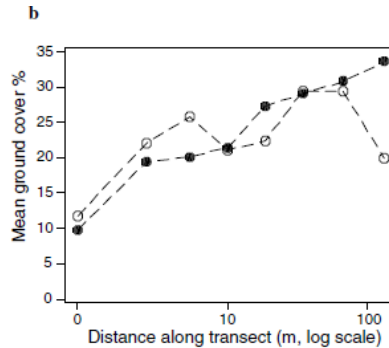
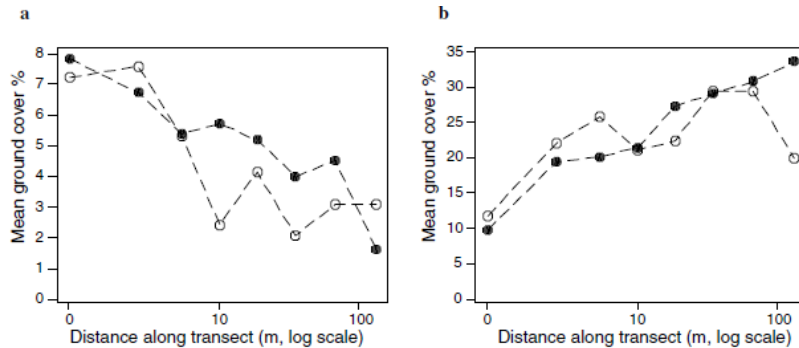


Distance-to-edge(m) log(FPS) (ha)

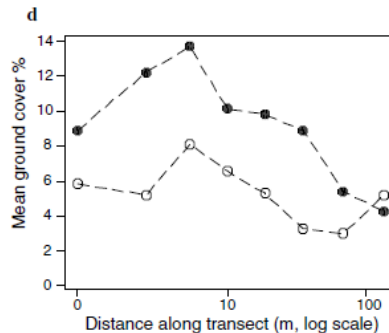
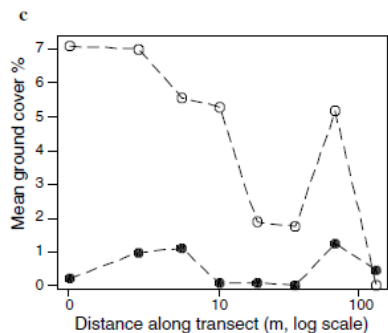


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- edge effects of multiple variables difficult to disentangle
 - comparison arable & non-arable edges
 - higher percentage cover of nutrient demanding species such as the competitive *Urtica dioica* L.
 - out-competing the more stress-tolerant ancient woodland species such as *Carex sylvatica* & *Primula vulgaris*



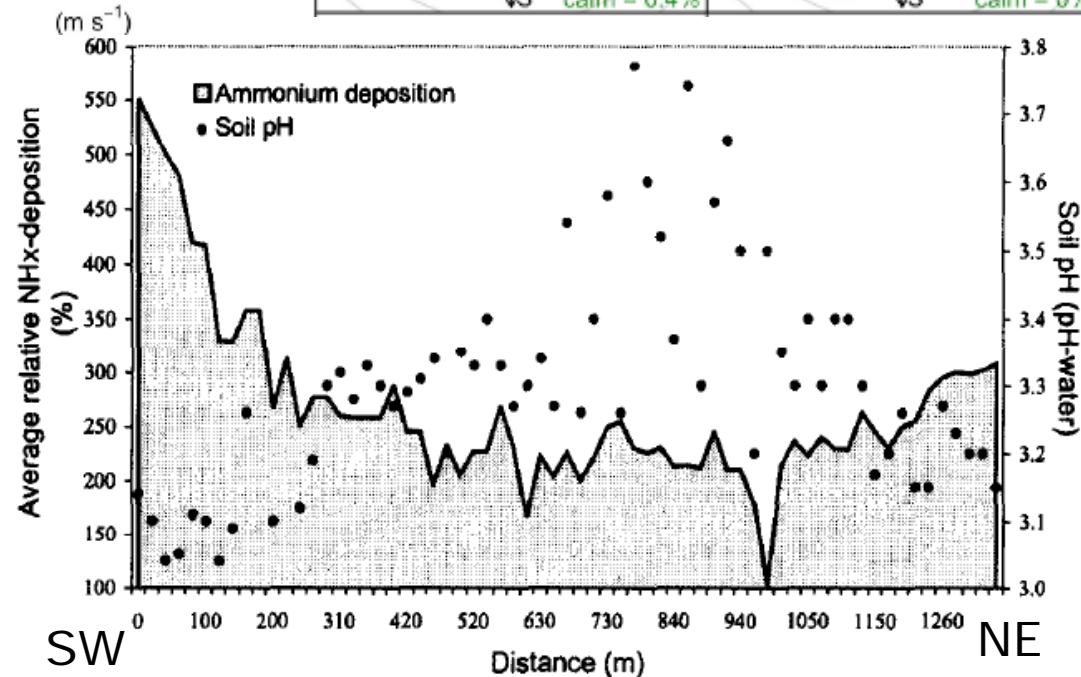
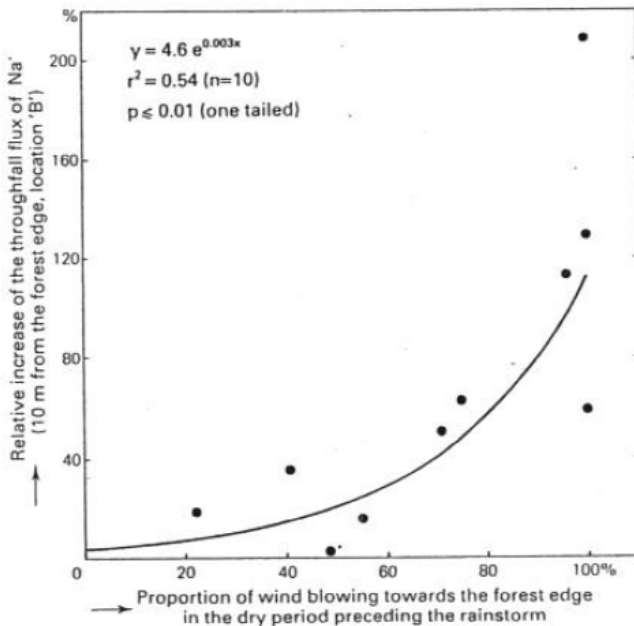
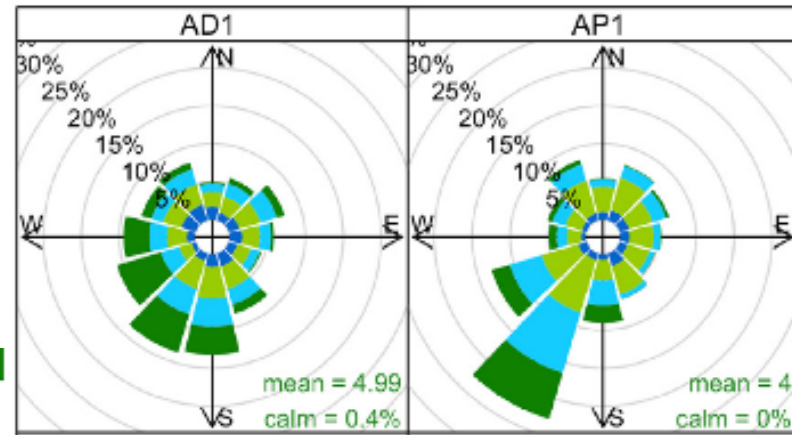
- a) *Galium aparine*
- b) *Mercurialis perennis*
- c) *Deschampsia cespitosa* (greater cover in non-arable than in arable transects)
- d) *Glechoma hederacea* (higher cover in arable transects)



○ non-arable
● arable

Mitigating measures

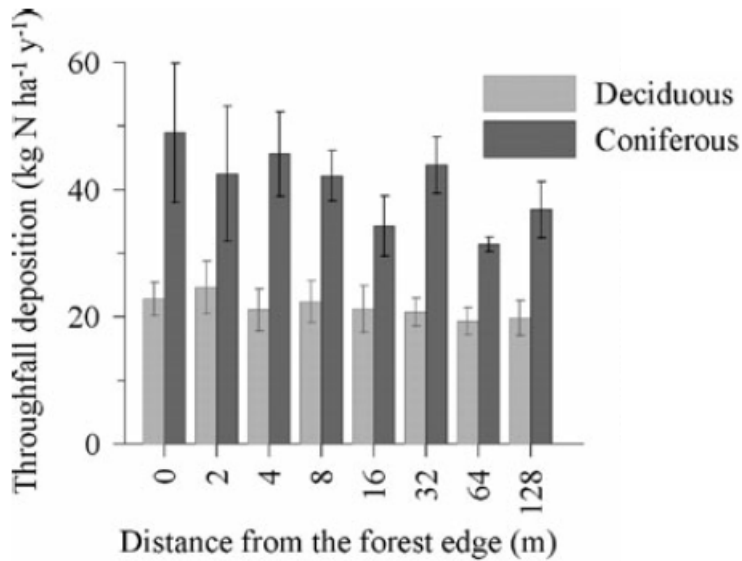
- Edge orientation
wind speed & wind direction



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Mitigating measures

- Forest type:
 - MEI - and/or DEI -

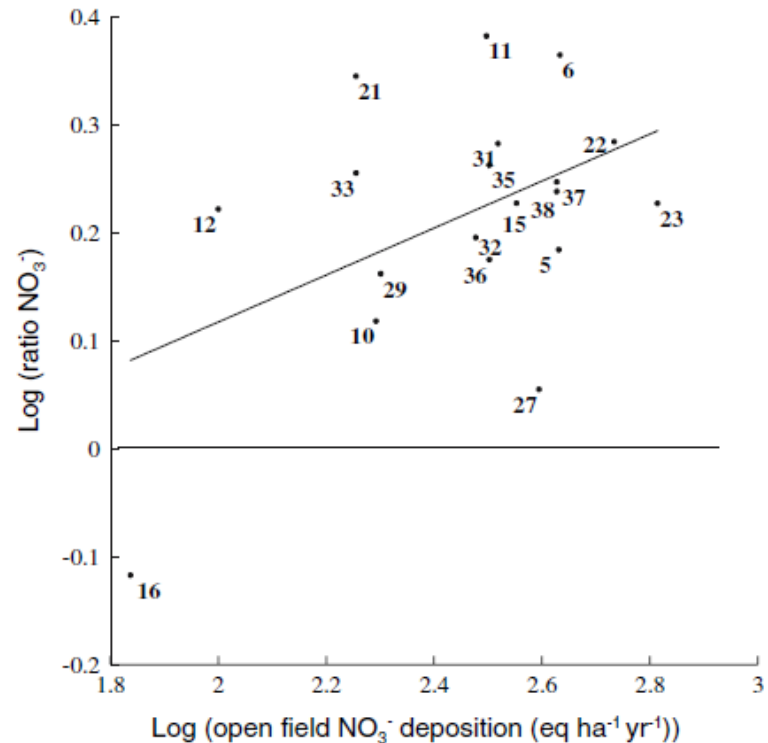
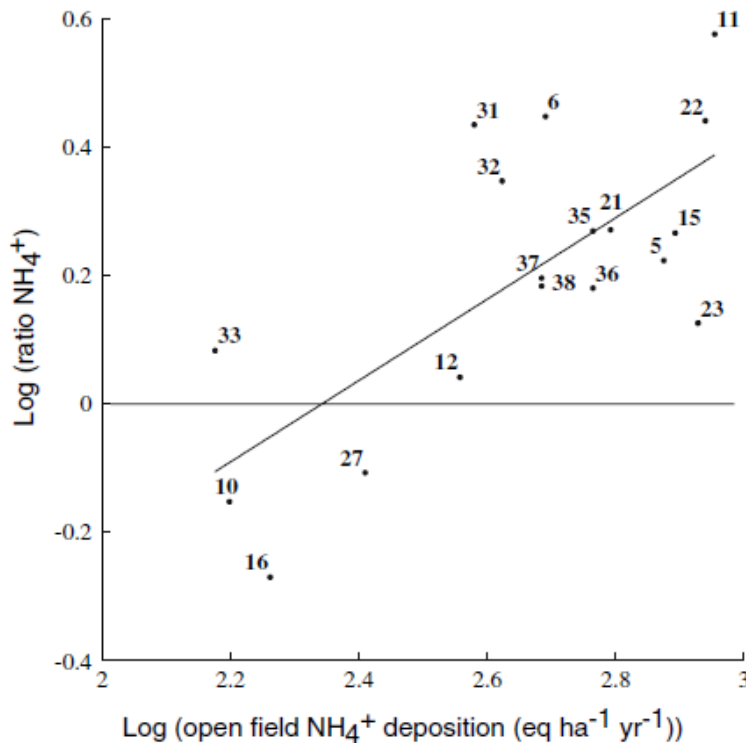


	Site code	Cl ⁻	SO ₄ ²⁻	NO ₃ ⁻	NH ₄ ⁺	N+S	N
Oak	Qr1	1.22	1.02	1.07	1.03	1.03	1.02
	Qr2	1.12	1.08	1.12	1.08	1.08	1.08
Birch	Bp1	1.18	1.18	1.10	1.14	1.14	1.07
	Bp2	1.11	1.11	1.07	1.06	1.08	1.06
Pine	Pn1	1.95	1.45	1.56	1.40	1.45	1.45
	Pn2	1.62	1.40	1.31	1.26	1.31	1.26

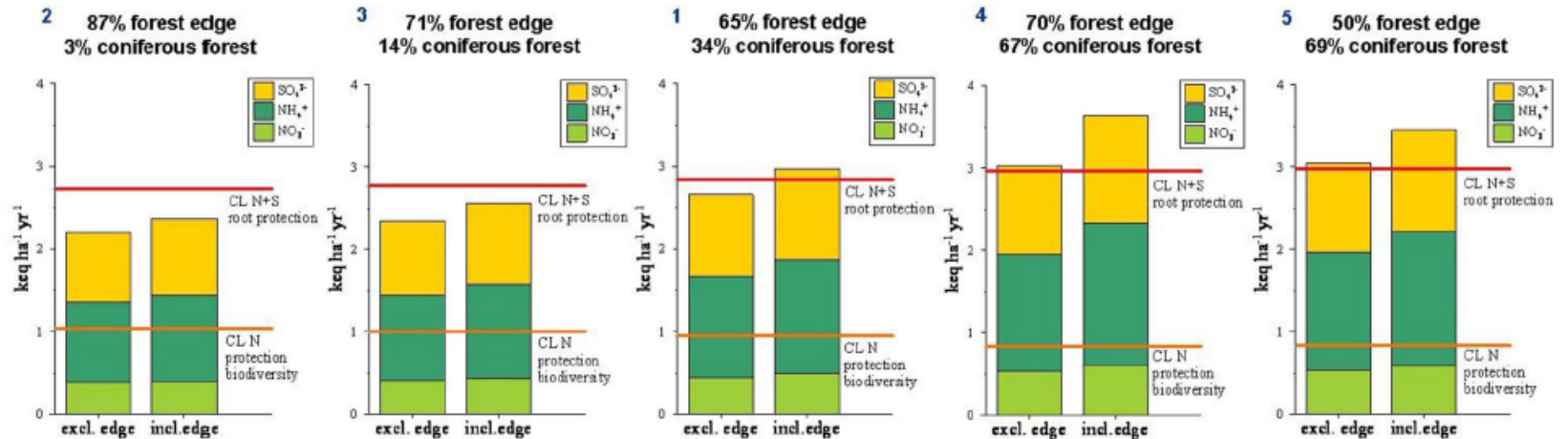
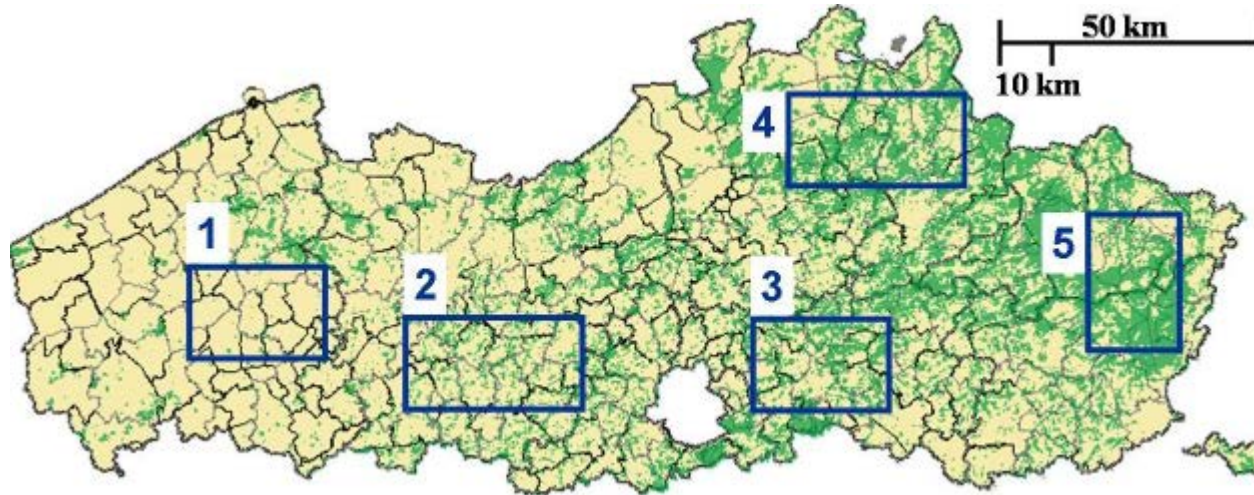
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- Forest type
ratio coniferous/deciduous

	n^a	Mean	
NH_4^+	18	1.72	(1.47–2.08) ^b
NO_3^-	19	1.72	(1.58–1.86)
$\text{NH}_4^+ + \text{NO}_3^-$	22	1.85	(1.64–2.07)



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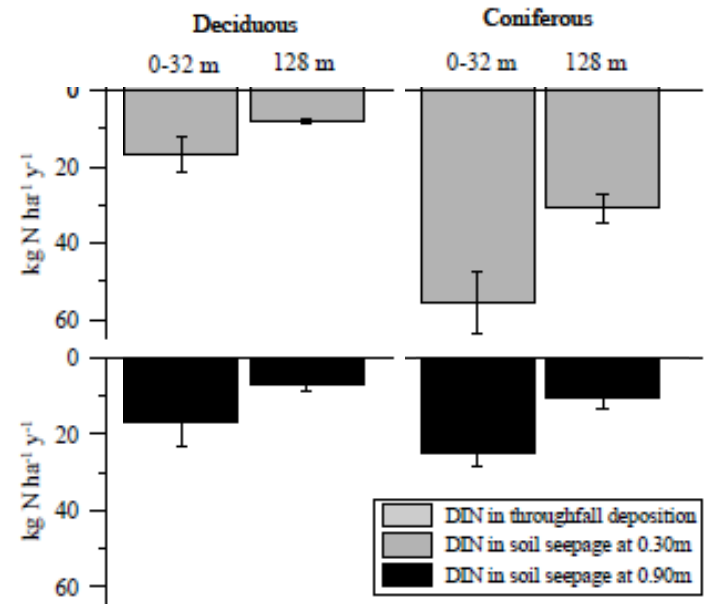
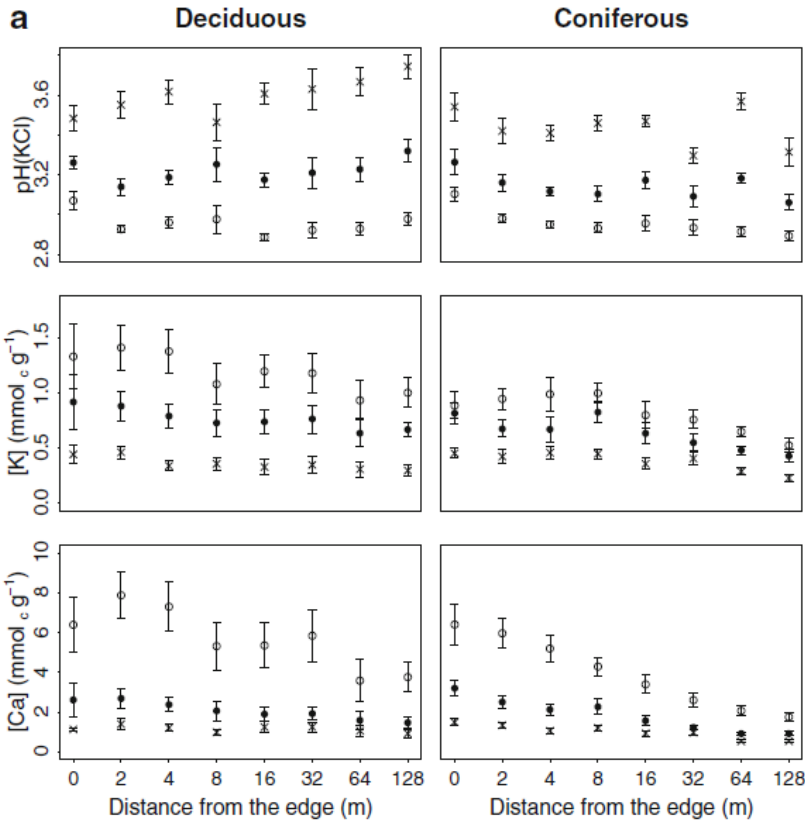


average CLN exceedance

CLN+S	11	37	49	161	126	350	237	793	248	611
CLN	309	397	445	570	727	920	1104	1487	1135	1388

Mitigating measures

- Forest type



WSR	Leaching 30 cm		Leaching 90 cm	
	[NO ₃ ⁻ -N] (mg l ⁻¹)	DIN flux (kg N ha ⁻¹ y ⁻¹)	[NO ₃ ⁻ -N] (mg l ⁻¹)	DIN flux (kg N ha ⁻¹ y ⁻¹)
Forest type				
Deciduous				
0-64 m	7.0 ± 3.2	18 ± 10	9.8 ± 1.0	21 ± 9
128 m	4.2 ± 0.9	8 ± 2	3.3 ± 0.3	7 ± 2
Coniferous				
0-64 m	19 ± 4	55 ± 15	34 ± 20	31 ± 8
128 m	14 ± 3	31 ± 7	17 ± 9	10 ± 5

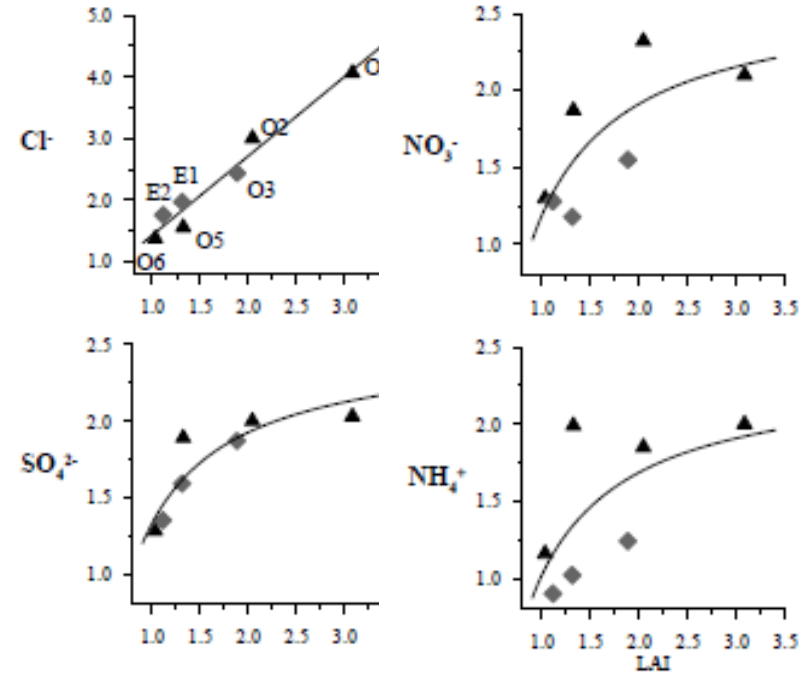
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- Forest structure

- LAI: MEI +
- crown depth (~LAI): MEI +
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- ~ modelstudies

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MEI

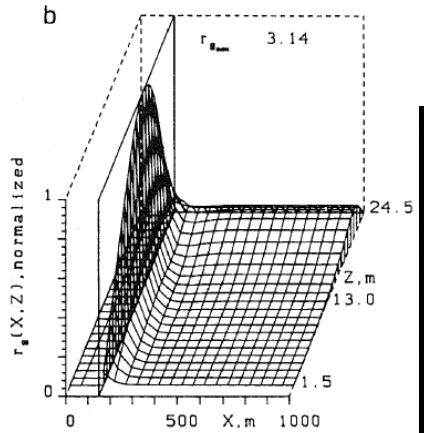
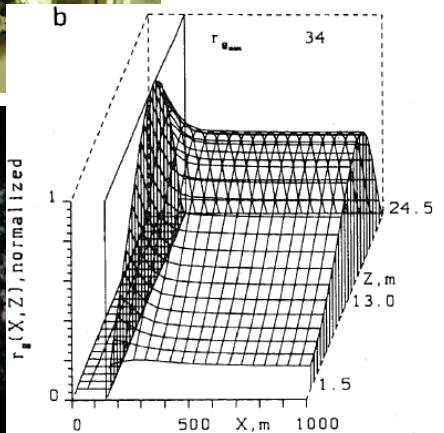
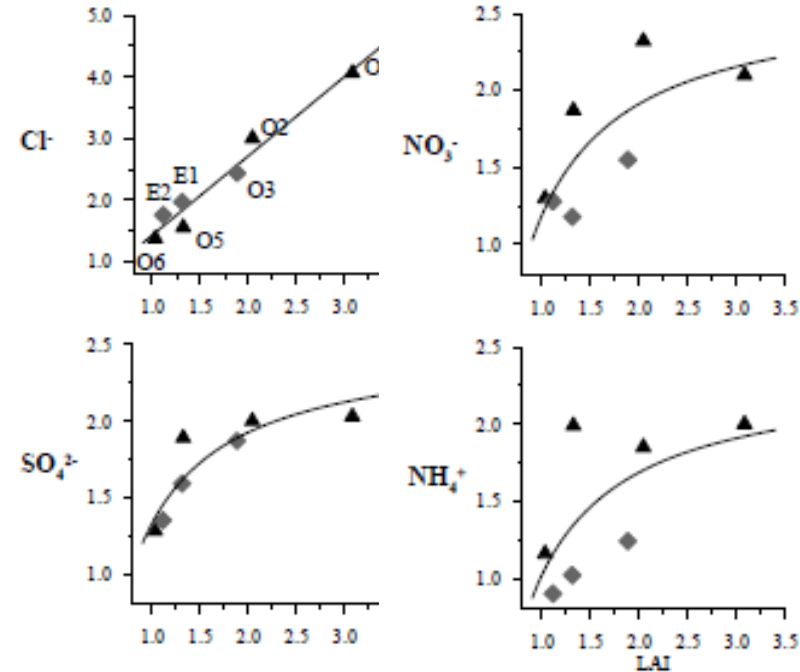


Mitigating measures

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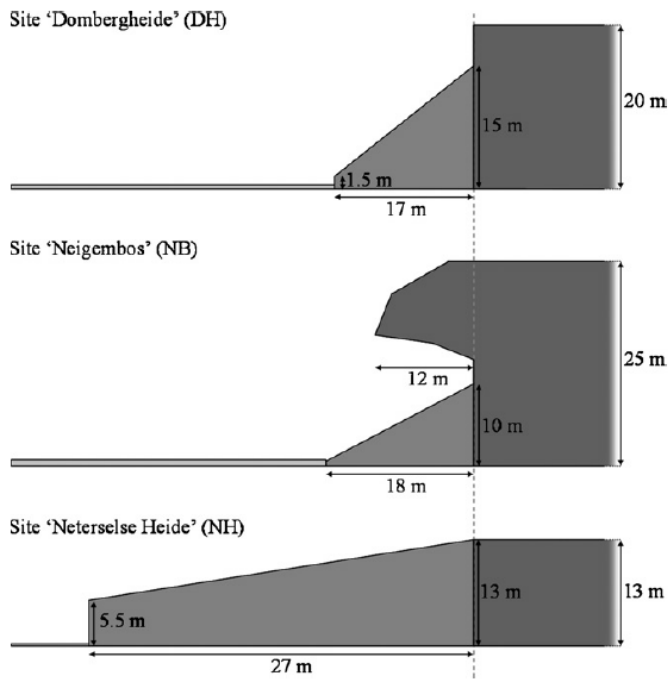
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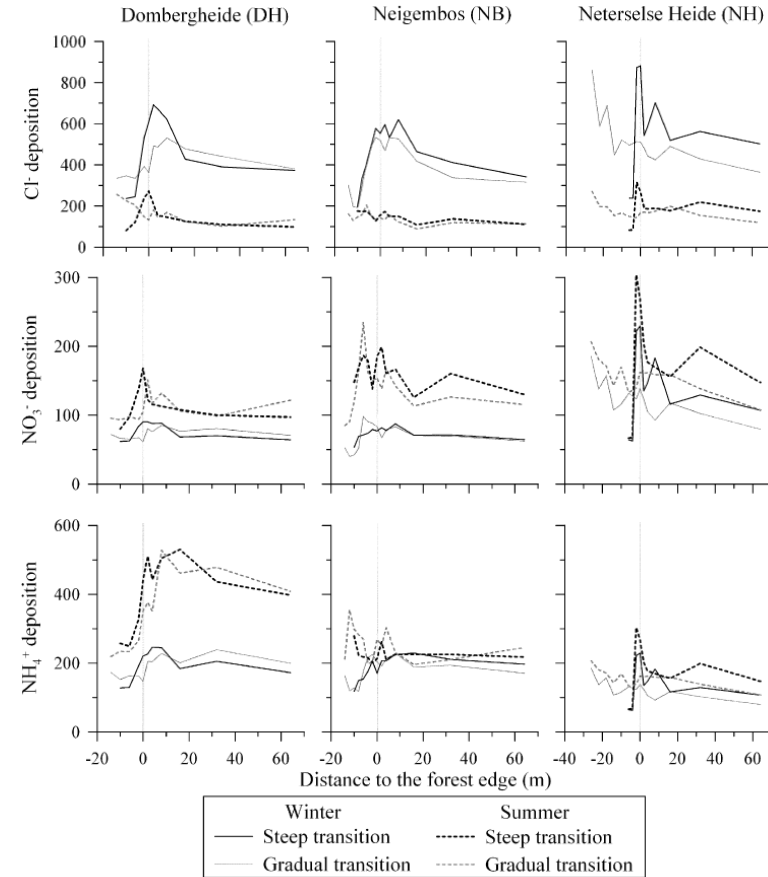
- Edge structure

→ gradual edge: MEI & DEI -



shape & size!

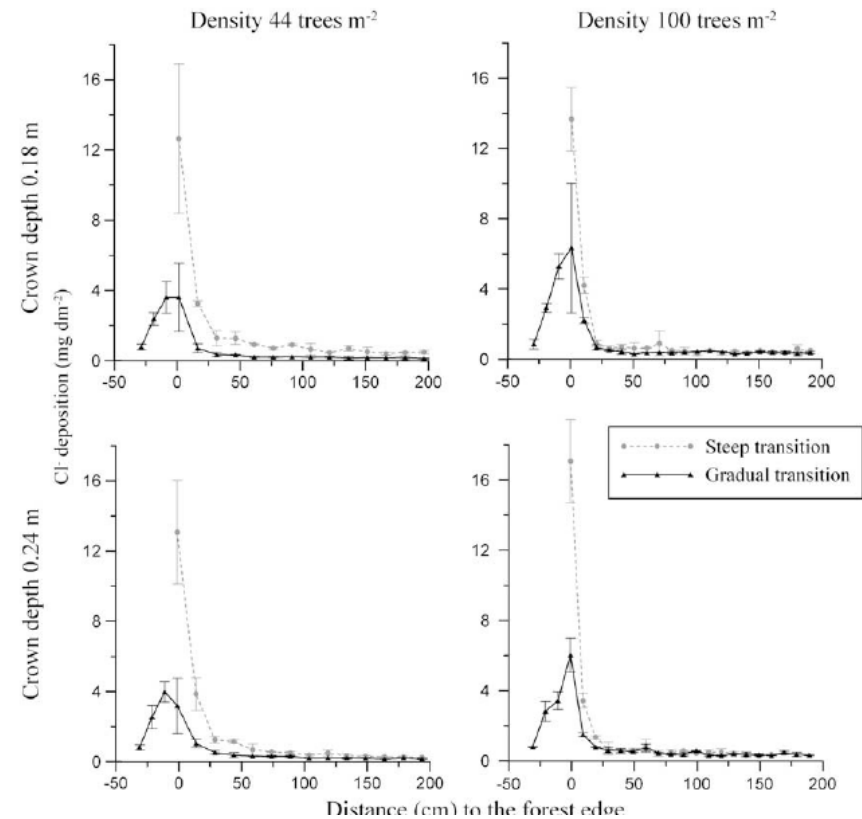
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Site	Period	DEI (m)		MEI (-)	
		Steep	Gradual	Steep	Gradual
DH	Winter	53.3	24.9*	1.50	0.97*
	Summer	27.1	14.2	1.47	1.02*
NB	Winter	19.6	24.9	1.19	1.21
	Summer	27.2	21.3	1.32	1.22
NH	Winter	49.8	16.0*	2.27	1.91 [†]
	Summer	53.3	17.7*	1.56	1.21*

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Take-home message

- increased N input in edges
- relevant? fragmented landscapes (> 40% forest edge)
- result?
 - increased N availability in soil & soil solution
 - (soil acidification)
 - in vicinity of N sources (farms, agricultural fields, traffic?)
- mitigating measures?
 - avoid creation of new edges
 - forest type conversion
 - canopy density/LAI through early & frequent thinning
 - layout of gradual transitions at steep edges
 - e.g., with herbaceous fringe, shrub belt and forest mantle
 - ~ conservation & promotion of biodiversity ('high quality edges')
 - forest receding vs forest expansion: protect forest core!
- priorities?
 - SW-facing edges



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