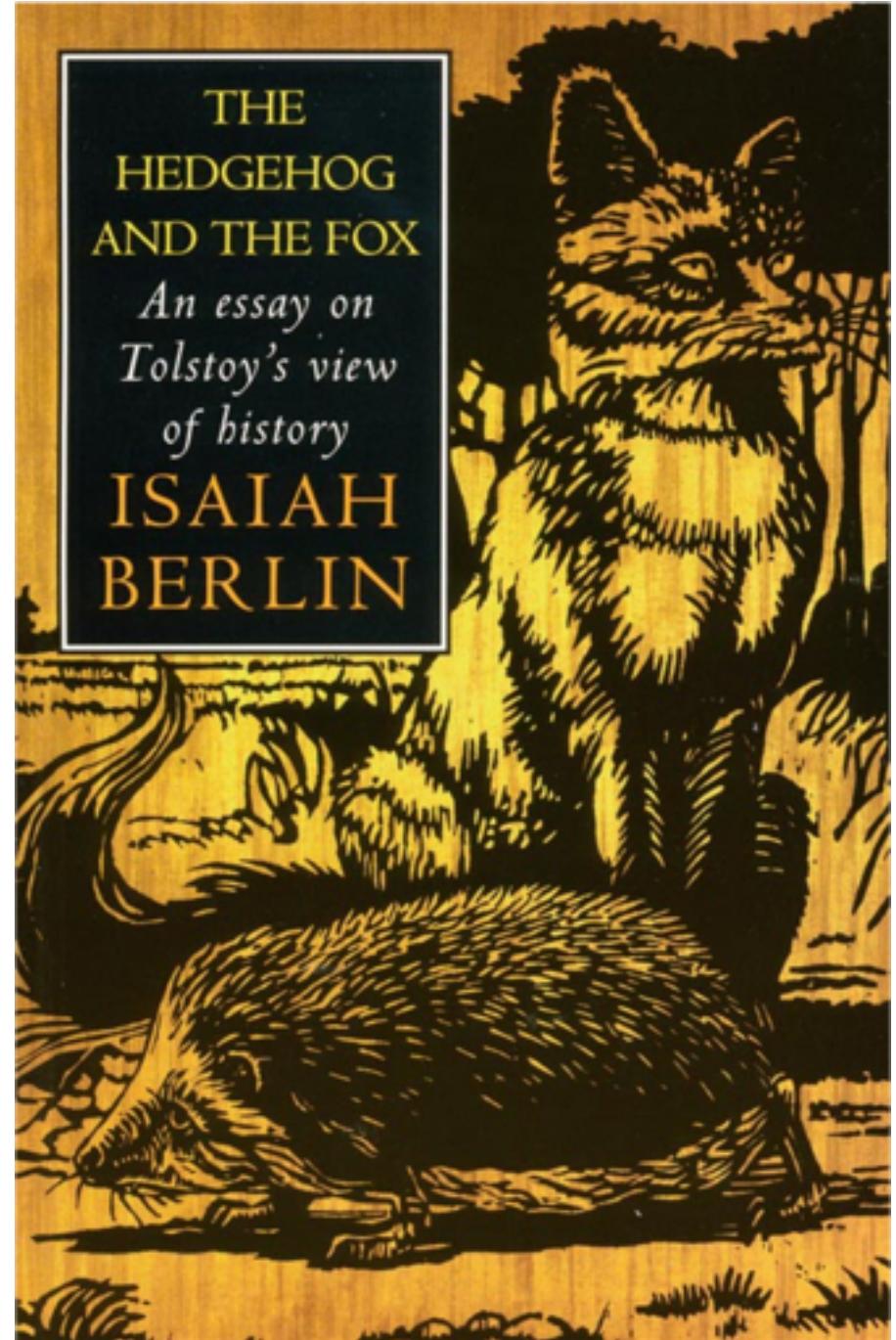


# The hedgehog and the Fox

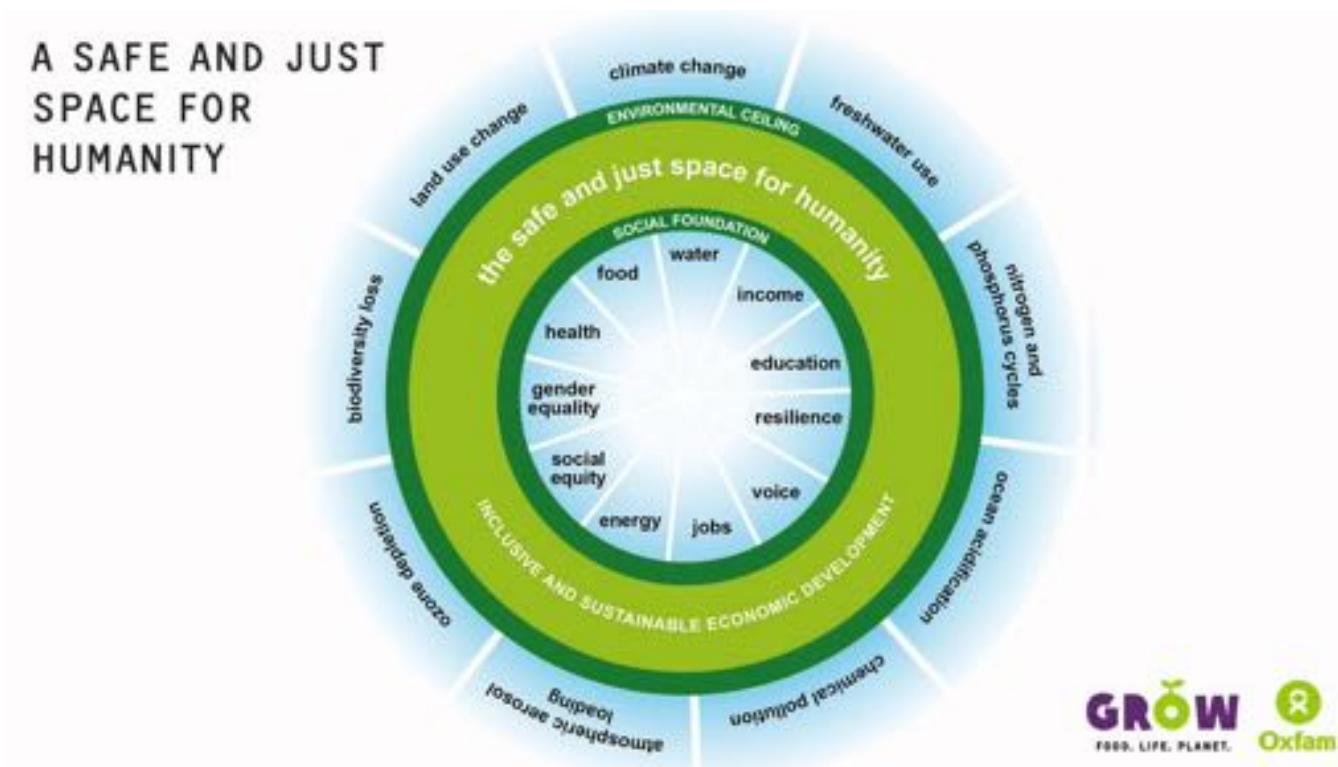
Can forestry absolve Sweden's  
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# Doughnut and the nine planetary boundaries



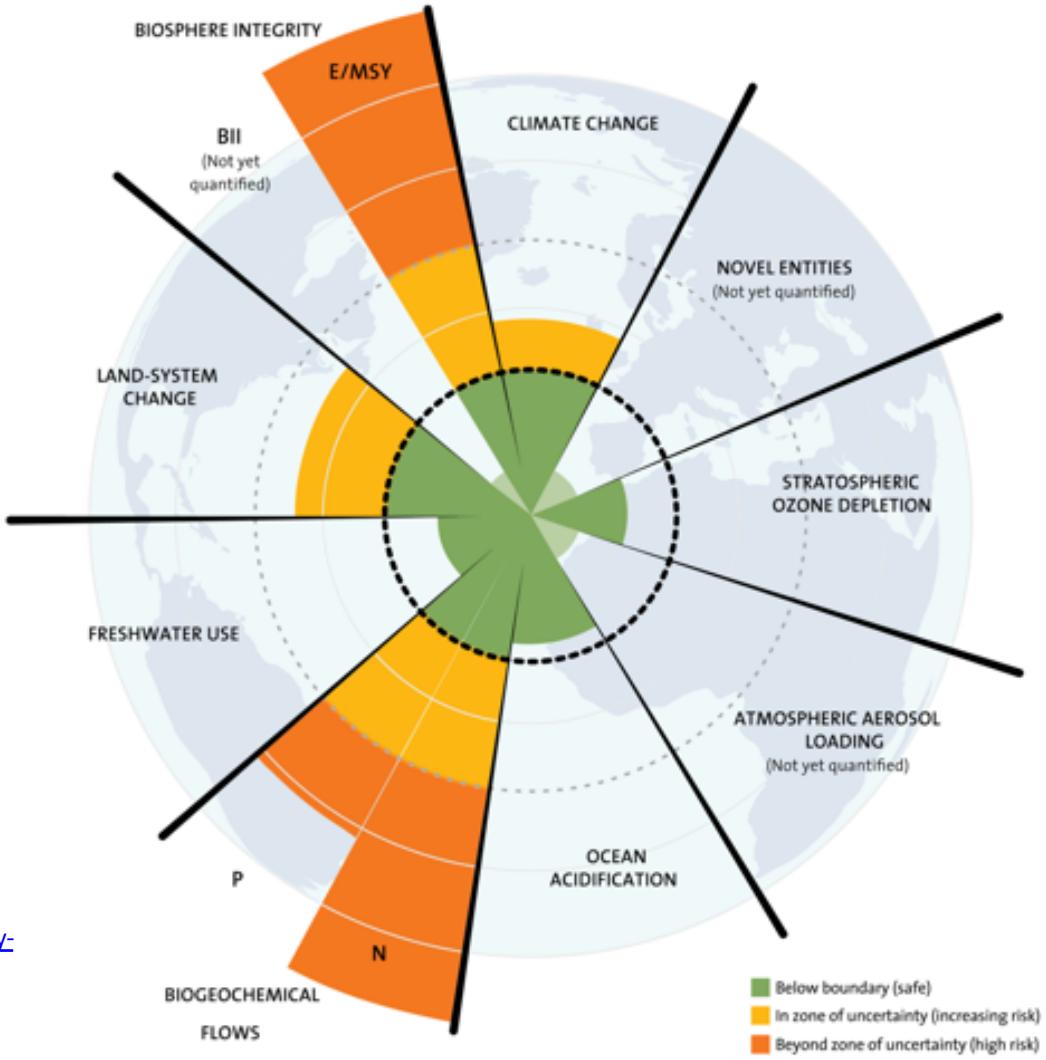


## De nio planetära gränserna

1. Climate change
2. Biodiversity
3. Stratospheric ozone
4. Ocean acidification
5. Biogeochemical cycles
6. Land use change
7. Freshwater use
8. Aerosols in the atmosphere
9. New chemical substances

# Planetary boundaries

Find legend here:  
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## Global EU's energy and climate goals by 2030:

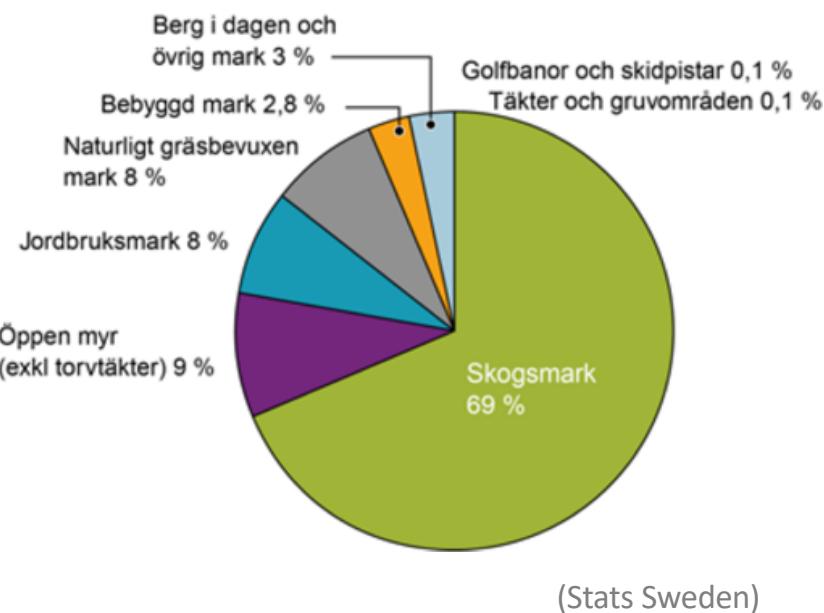
- 40% lower GHG emissions compared to 1990
- 27% renewable energy
- 27% energy saving

# Swedish Governmental Framework Agreement on energy

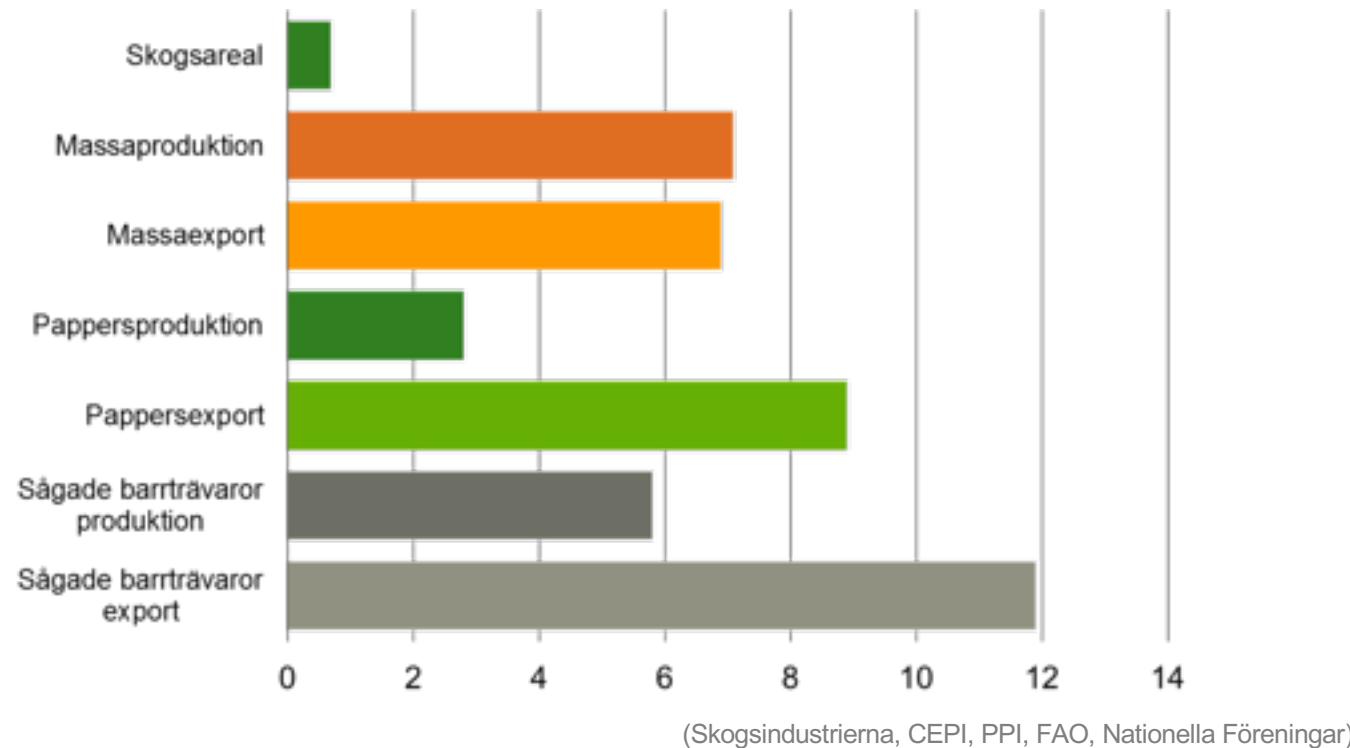


- By 2020: 40% GHG emissions (vs. 1990) & 50% renewable energy
- By 2040: 100% renewable electricity
- By 2045: No net emissions of GHGs - thereafter achieve negative emissions.

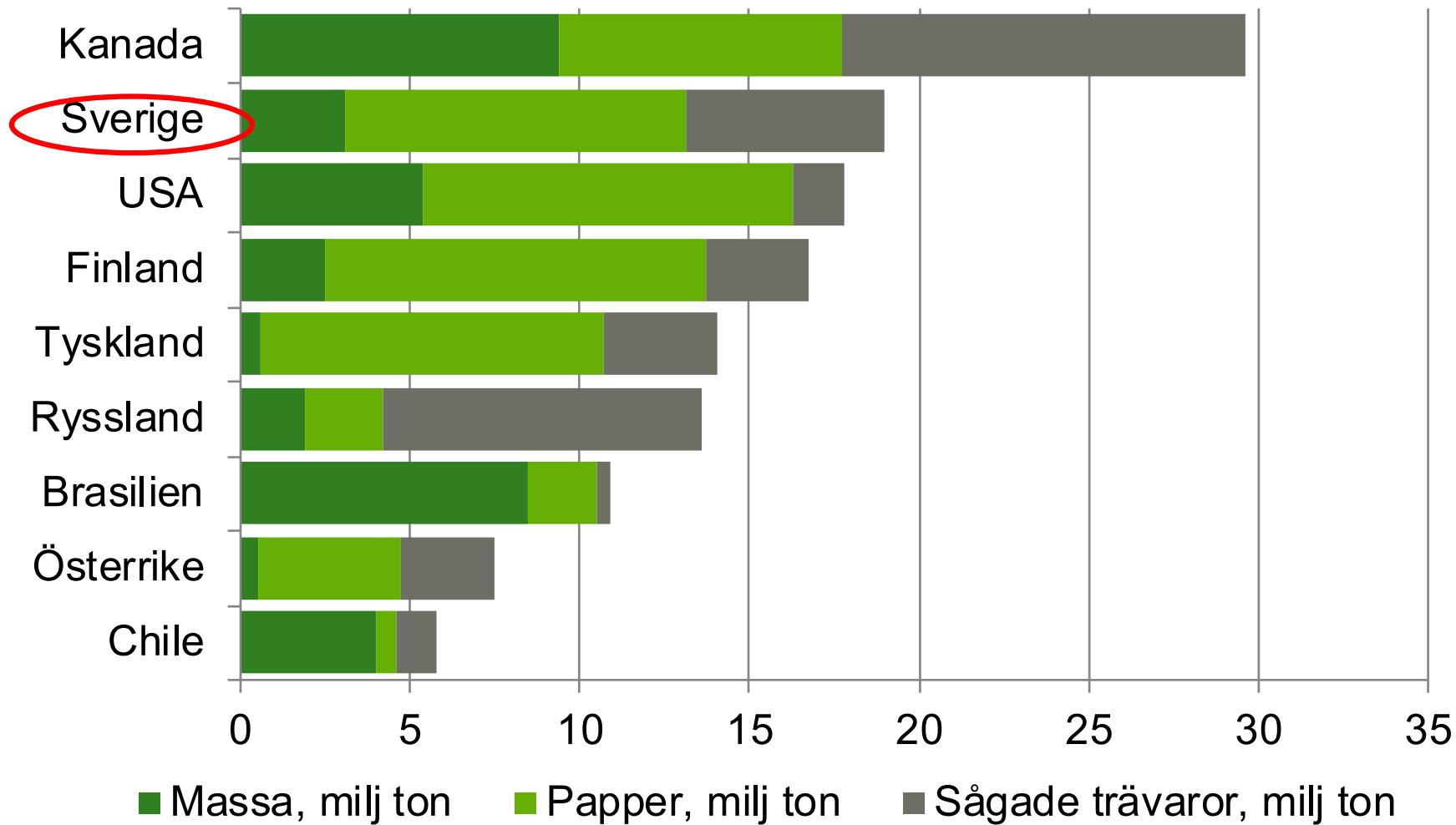
# Where is the renewable energy?



# Sweden's share of the world's forests

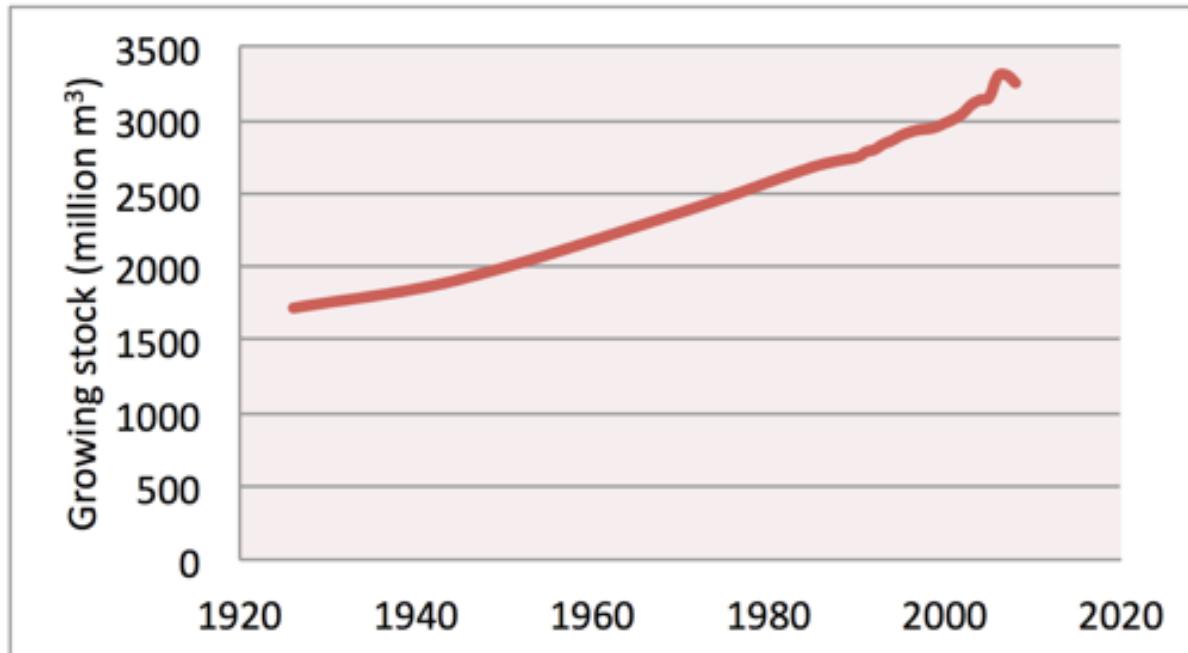


# Världens ledande exportörer av massa, papper och sågade trävaror 2011



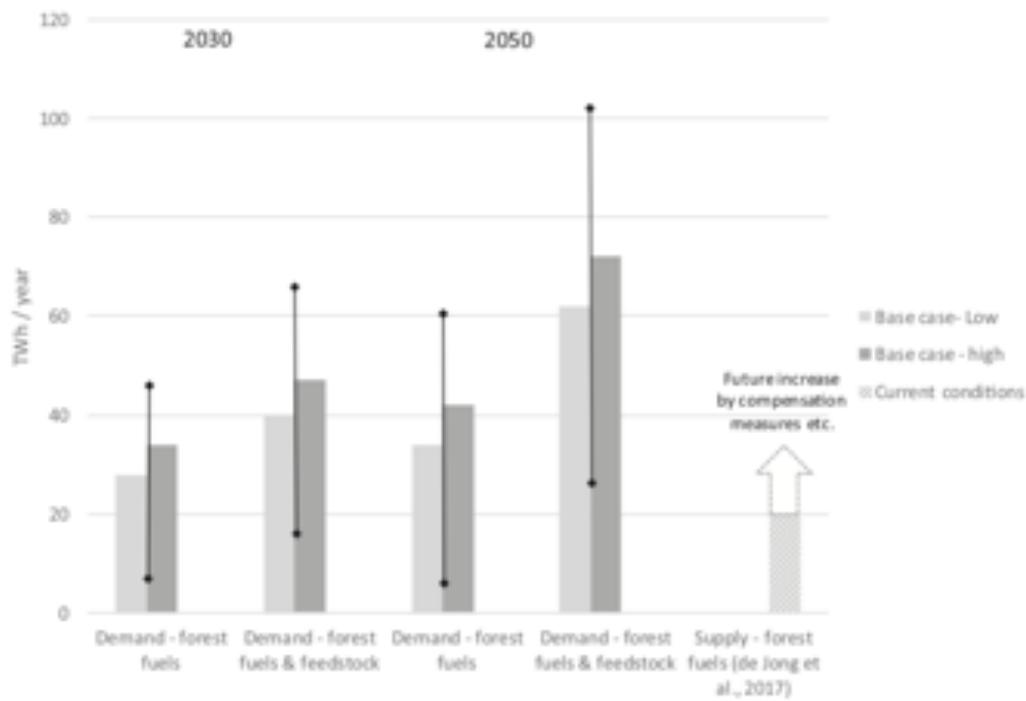
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# Can the forest stock deliver even further?



(Gustav Egnell, SLU)

# Demand for biomass from forests



**Fig. 2.** Summary of potential increased demand of forest fuels for energy purposes in Sweden, and as feedstock in the chemical and petrochemical industry replacing fossil feedstock, in 2030 and 2050, respectively, and in comparison with potential sustainable increased supply of forest fuels based on current conditions, according to [de Jong et al. \(2017\)](#). The uncertainty intervals indicate the differences in forest fuel demand due to the magnitude energy efficiency improvement and electrification in the various sectors (see also [Table 1](#)). Potential additional increase in future sustainable supply of forest fuels by implementing various compensation measures in forestry is also indicated.

(Börjesson et al., 2017)

# Balancing other ecosystem services



Assortment	Harvesting scenario				Forest production Objective	Environmental Quality Objectives													
	Proportion (%) of fellings in the landscape in which additional biomass is harvested		Harvested proportion (%) of total available residues in the landscape			Final cutting only	Final cutting and thinning	"Sustainable Forests" "A Rich Diversity of Plant and Animal Life"	"A Non-Toxic Environment"	"Zero Extrapolation"		"Natural Acidification Only"		Soil-water	Surface-water	Soil, stand-level	Soil-water, stand-level	Surface water	
	Slash	Stump	Slash	stump						Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	Long-term						
	80	30	56	21															
Slash and stump	80	30	42	21	→	↘	↘	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
	60	30	28	21	→	↘	↘	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
	40	30	20	14	→	↘	↘	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
	80	20	56	14	↖	↘	↘	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
	60	20	42	14	→	↘	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
	40	20	28	14	→	↘	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
	80	10	56	7	→	↘	↗	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
	60	10	42	7	→	↘	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
	40	10	28	7	→	↘	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
Slash only	80	0	56	0	↖	↘	↗	→	↗	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
	60	0	42	0	→	↘	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→	→			
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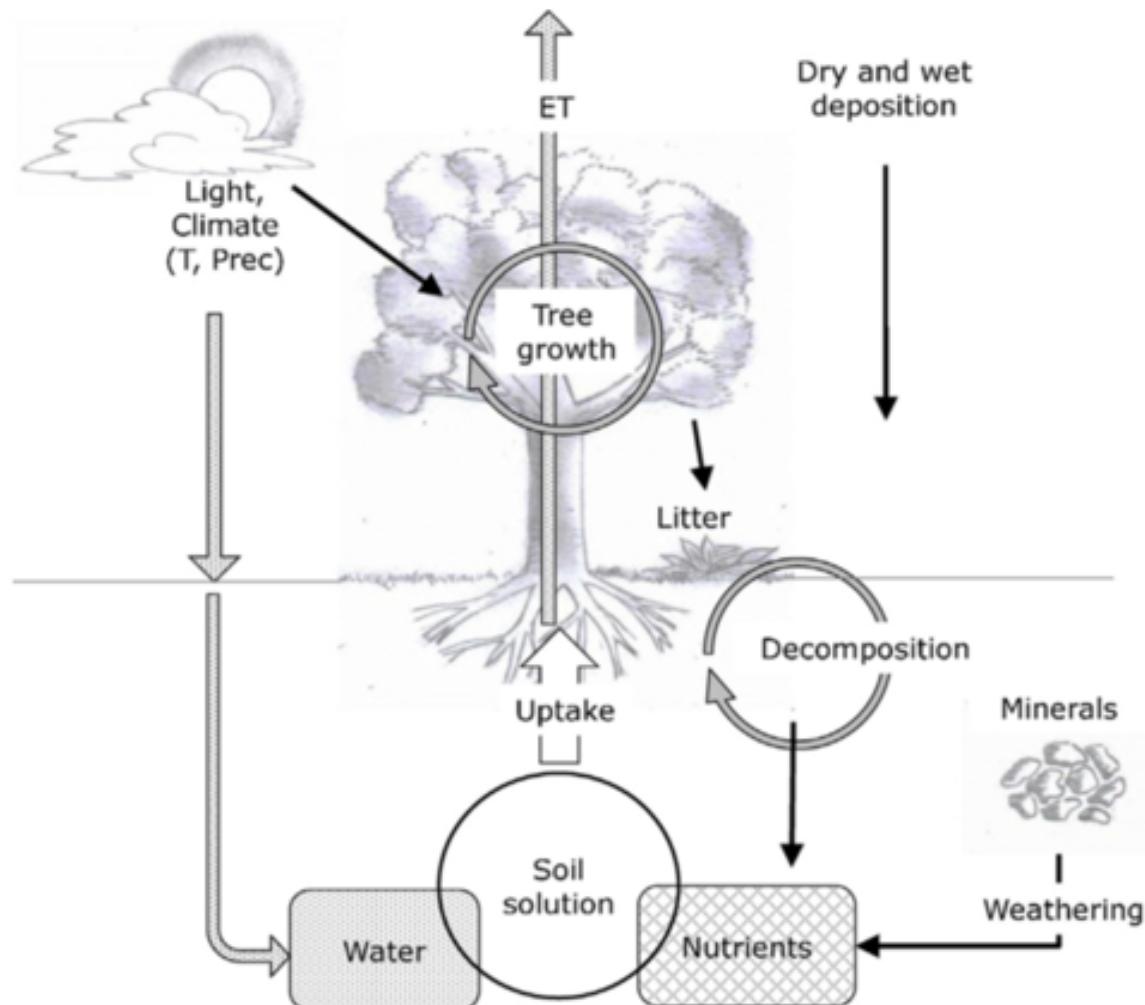
(de Jong et al., 2017)

“Ground” to sustain  
forest growth?



(Freeman et al., 2005)

# Foreseeing feedback effects

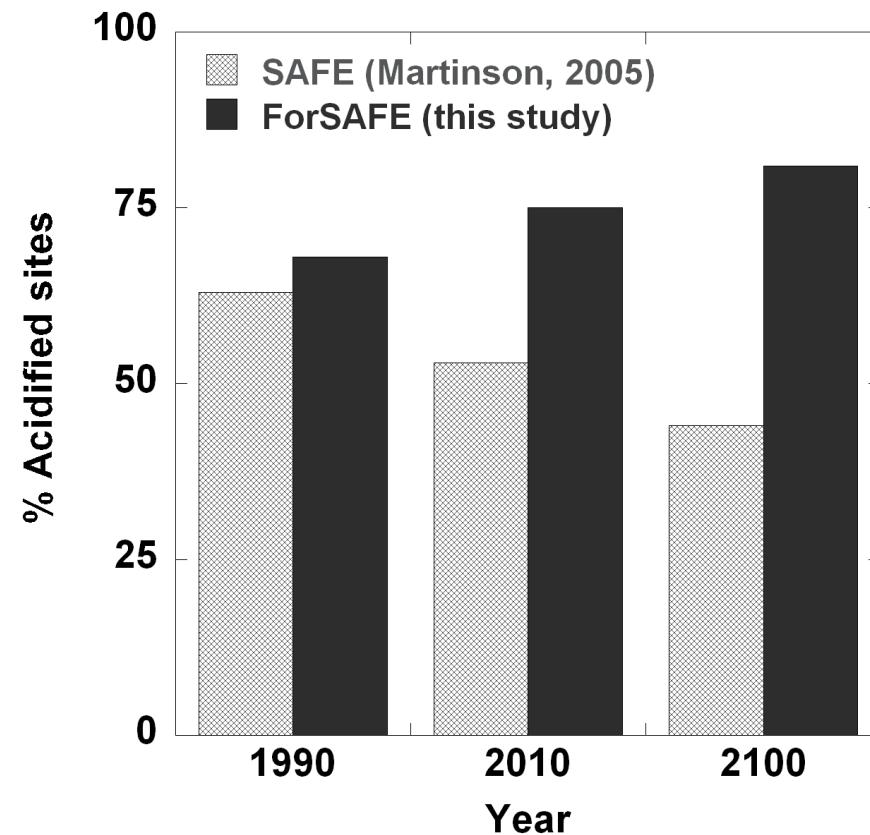


**Fig. 1.** The ForSAFE model. Climate input parameters (temperature and radiation) drive the potential vegetation growth. Nutrient and water availability constrain the potential growth to actual biomass growth and accumulation.

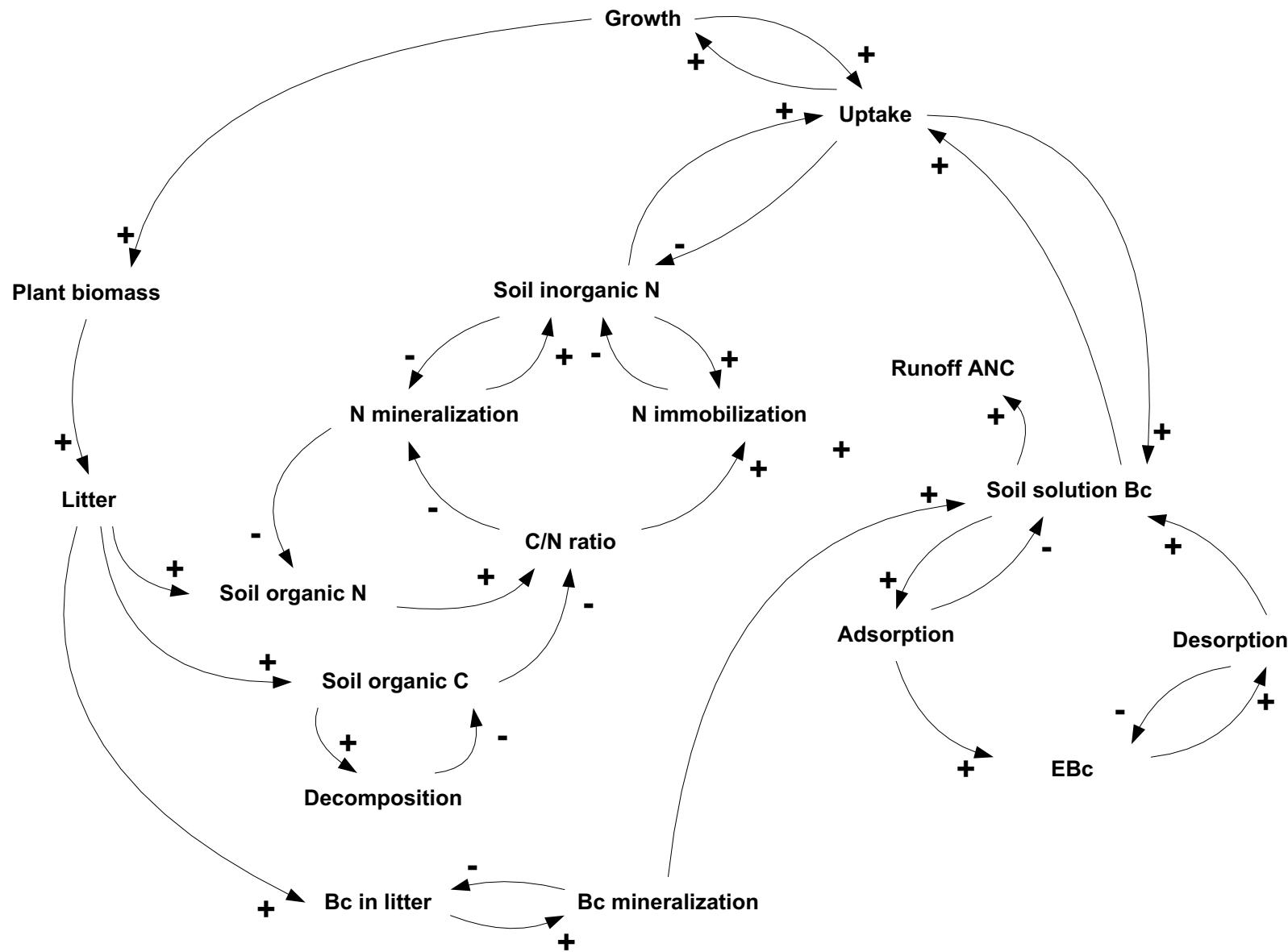
(Zanchi et al., 2014)

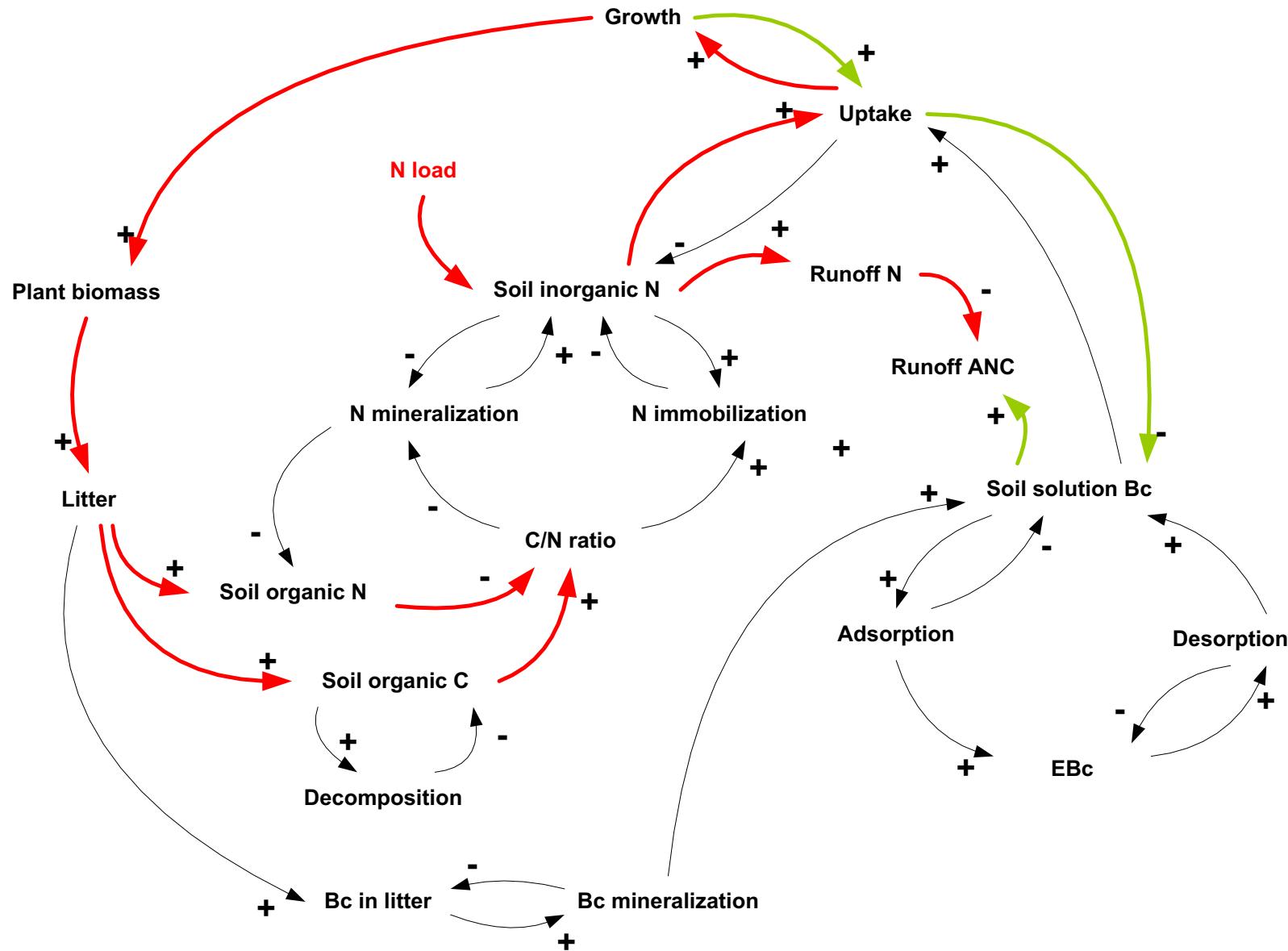


## Acidification & nutrient imbalances



(Belyazid et al., 2006)





# Empirical evidence of “biological acidification”

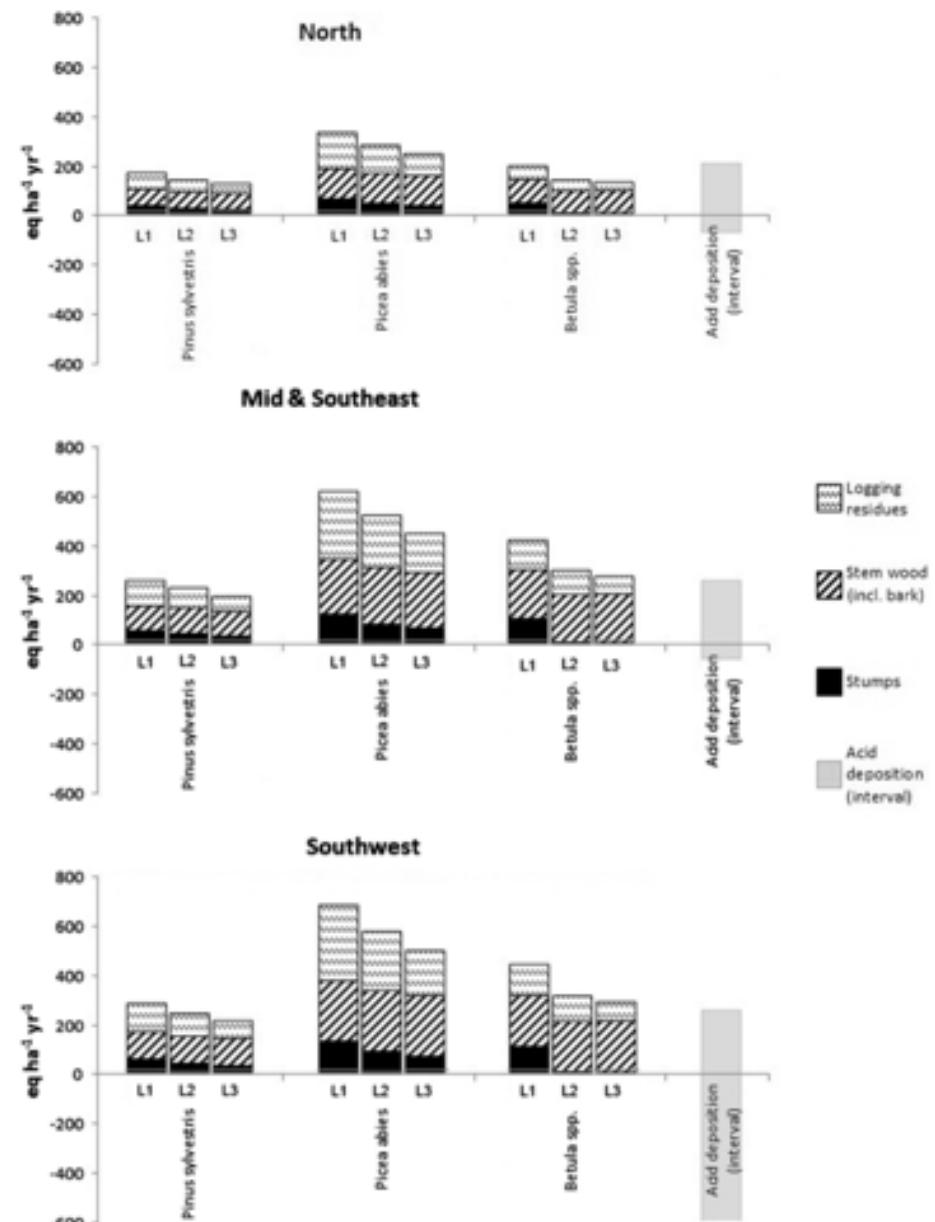


Fig. 2. Estimated net cation extraction by harvesting of tree parts in three regions of Sweden during 2010–2019. L1, L2 and L3 indicate levels I, II and III, respectively. For birch, no stumps are harvested in levels L2 and L3. For comparison, acid deposition (negative ANC range during the period 1996–2009 – see Section 2.2) is presented.

(Iwald et al., 2013)

# Nutritional imbalances

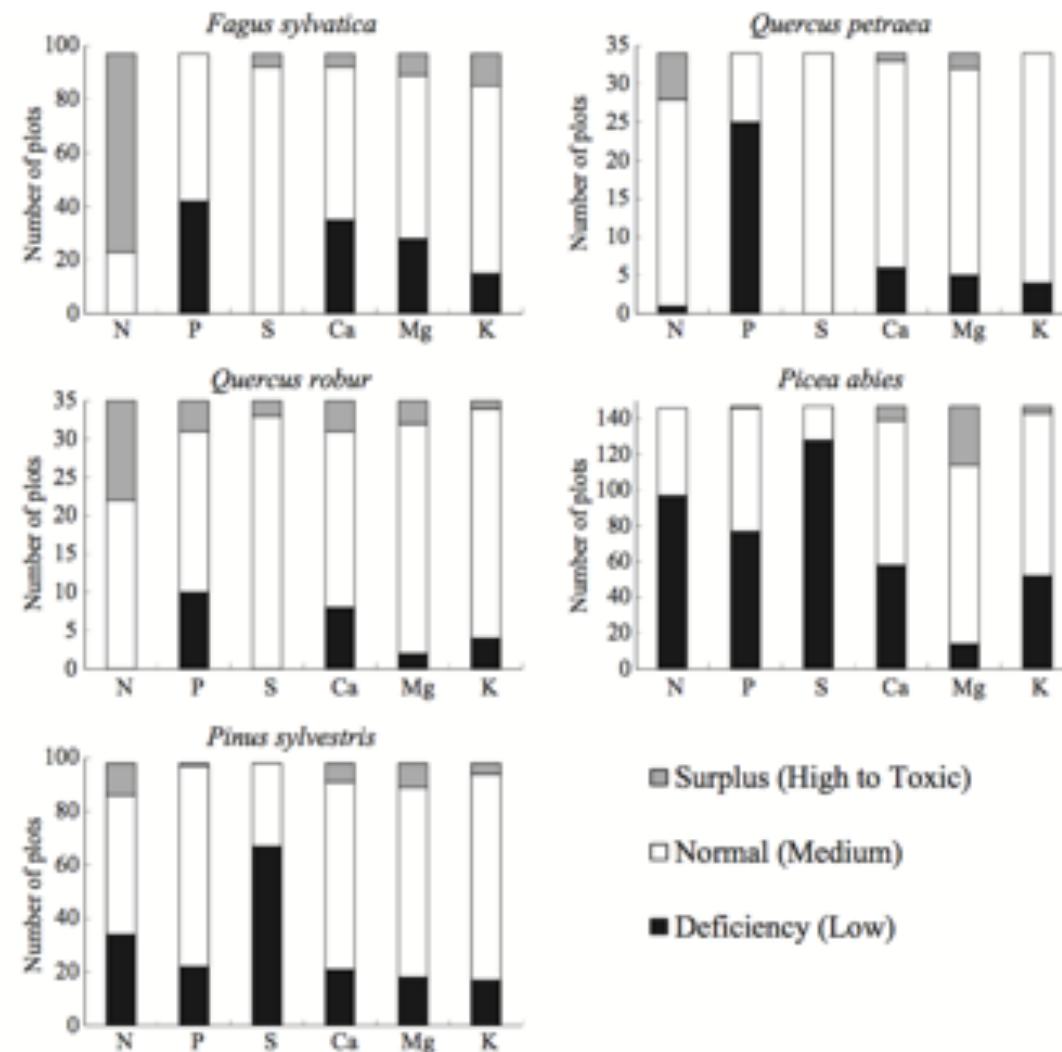
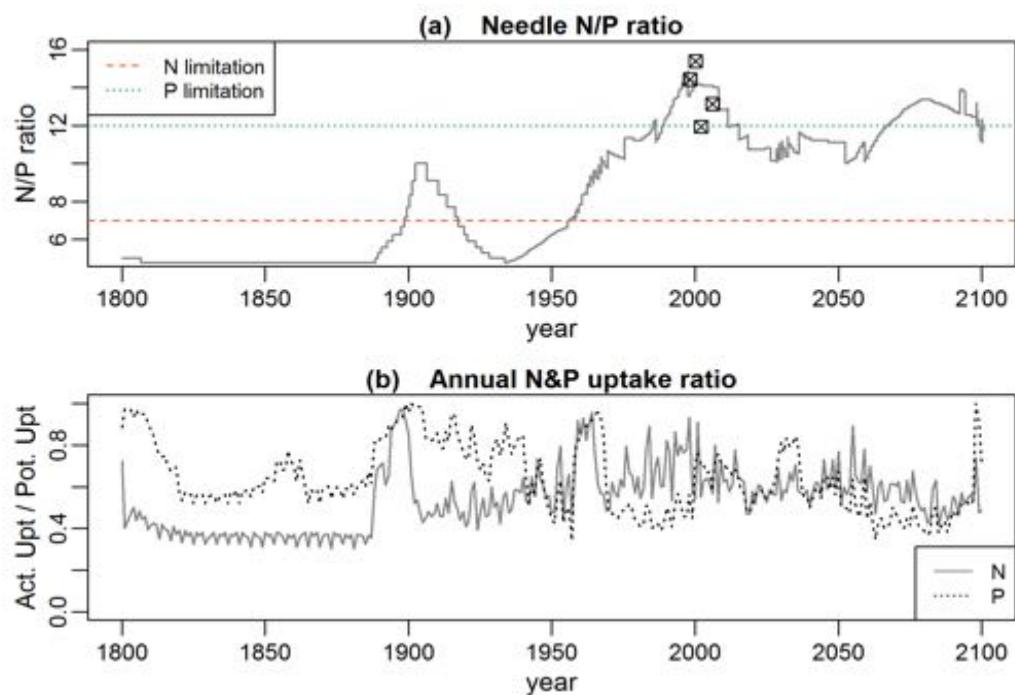
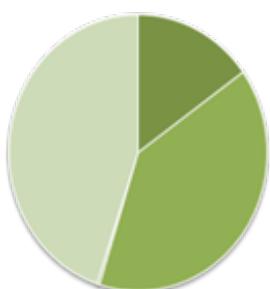


Fig. 4 Number of plots in the three foliar nutrient status classes. Each bar presents the number of plots in which the mean foliar concentration of the current-year leaves or needles falls within the thresholds set by Mellert & Götlein (2012) for N, P, Ca, Mg and K and by Stefan *et al.* (1997) for S (in parenthesis).

(Jonard et al., 2014)

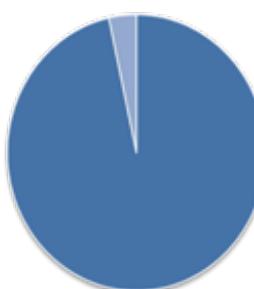


**Net plant available P sources**



- weathering
- deposition
- desorption
- mineralization

**Net plant available P sinks**

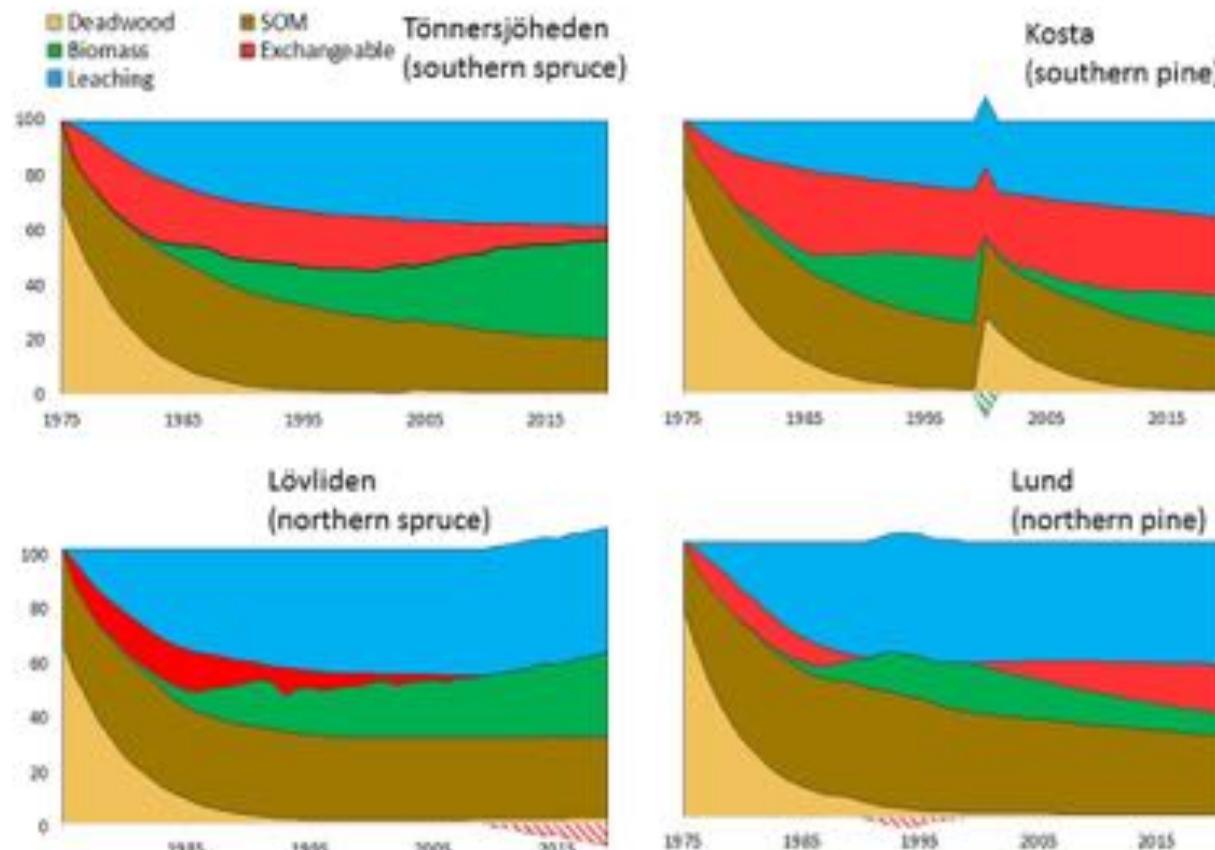


- biomass
- leaching

(Yu et al., 2017)

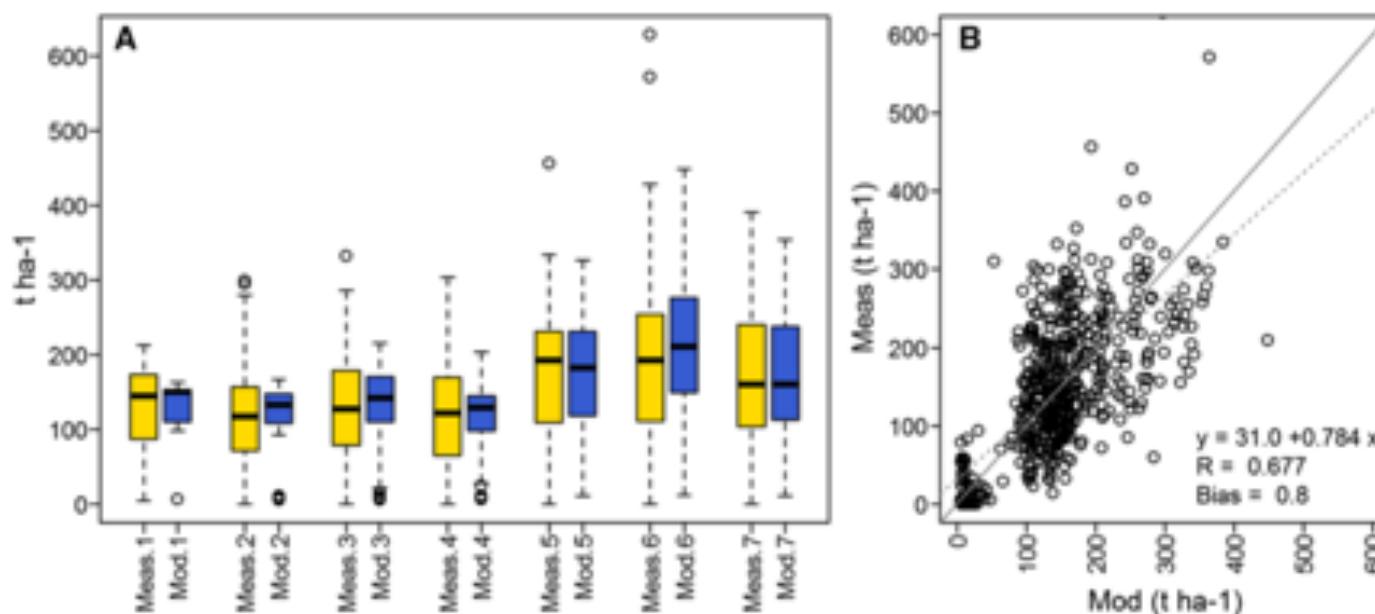


# Mapping nutrient budgets with ForSAFE



(Erlandsson et al., 2019)

# Upscaling



**Fig. 3** Modelled tree biomass as compared to the estimated one based on SNFI data. **a** Comparison at the regional level (Meas: estimated tree biomass based on SNFI data; Mod: modelled tree biomass; 1–7:

climate regions from northern to southern Sweden). **b** One-to-one comparison between measure-based (Meas) and modelled tree biomass (Mod)

# Upscaling

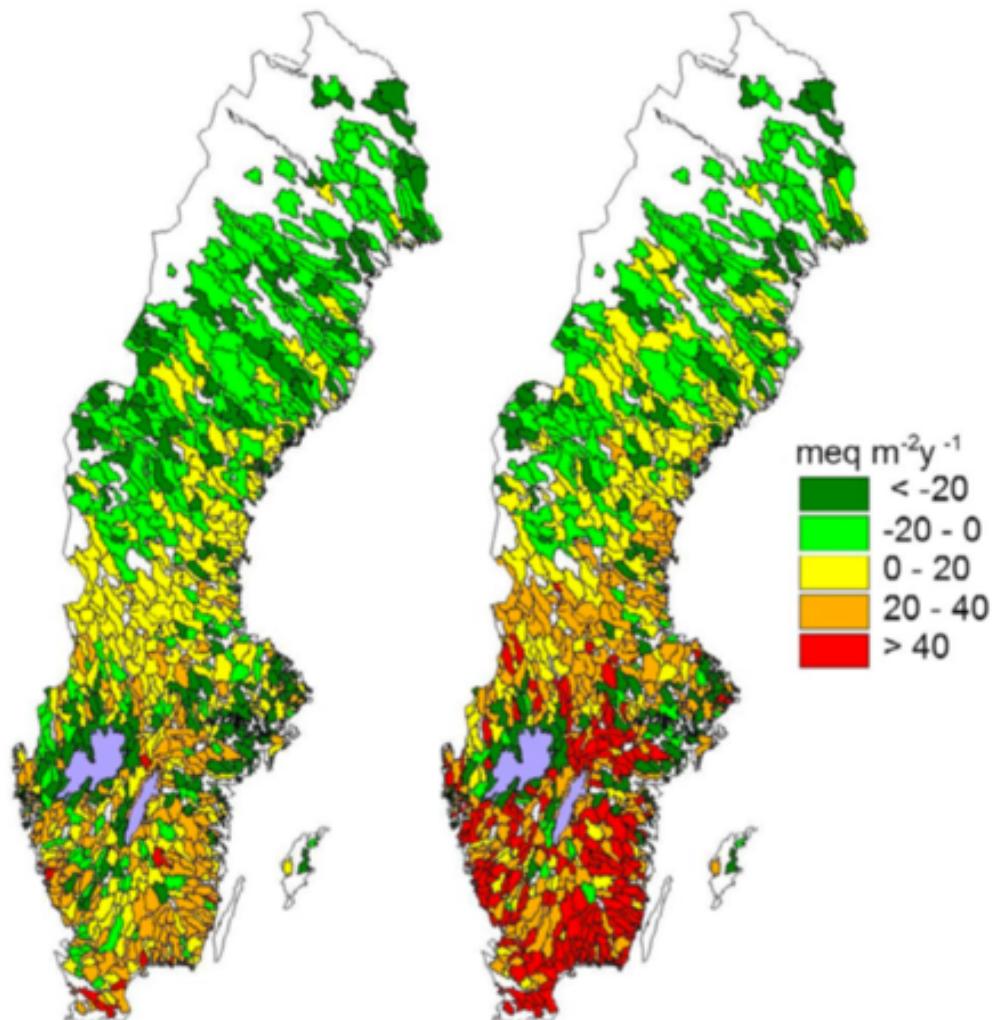


Fig. 3. Exceedance of critical harvesting in spruce forest at stem harvesting (a) and whole-tree harvesting (b).

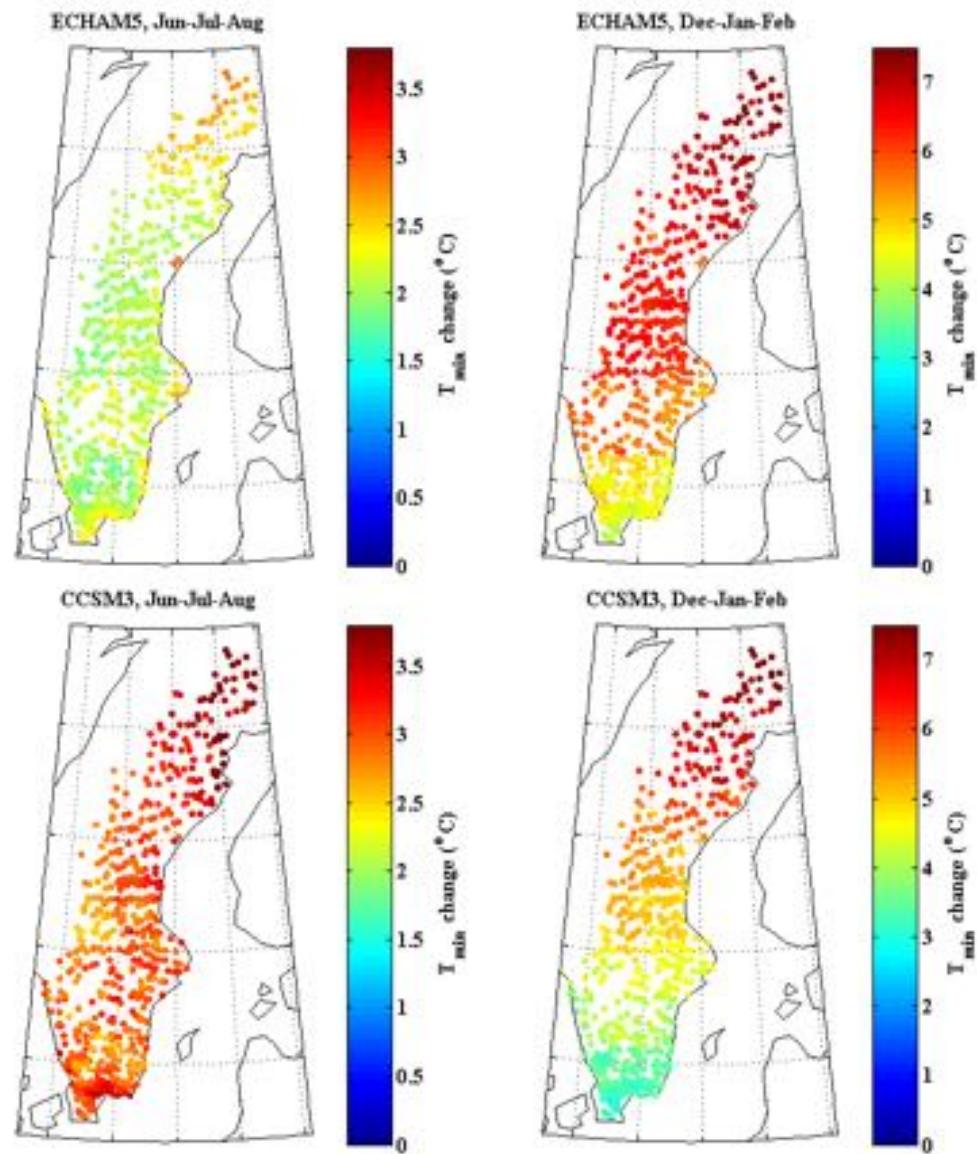
# Can climate change help redress the imbalance?

$$k = A * \exp(-E_a/R*T)$$

(Arrhenius, 1903)

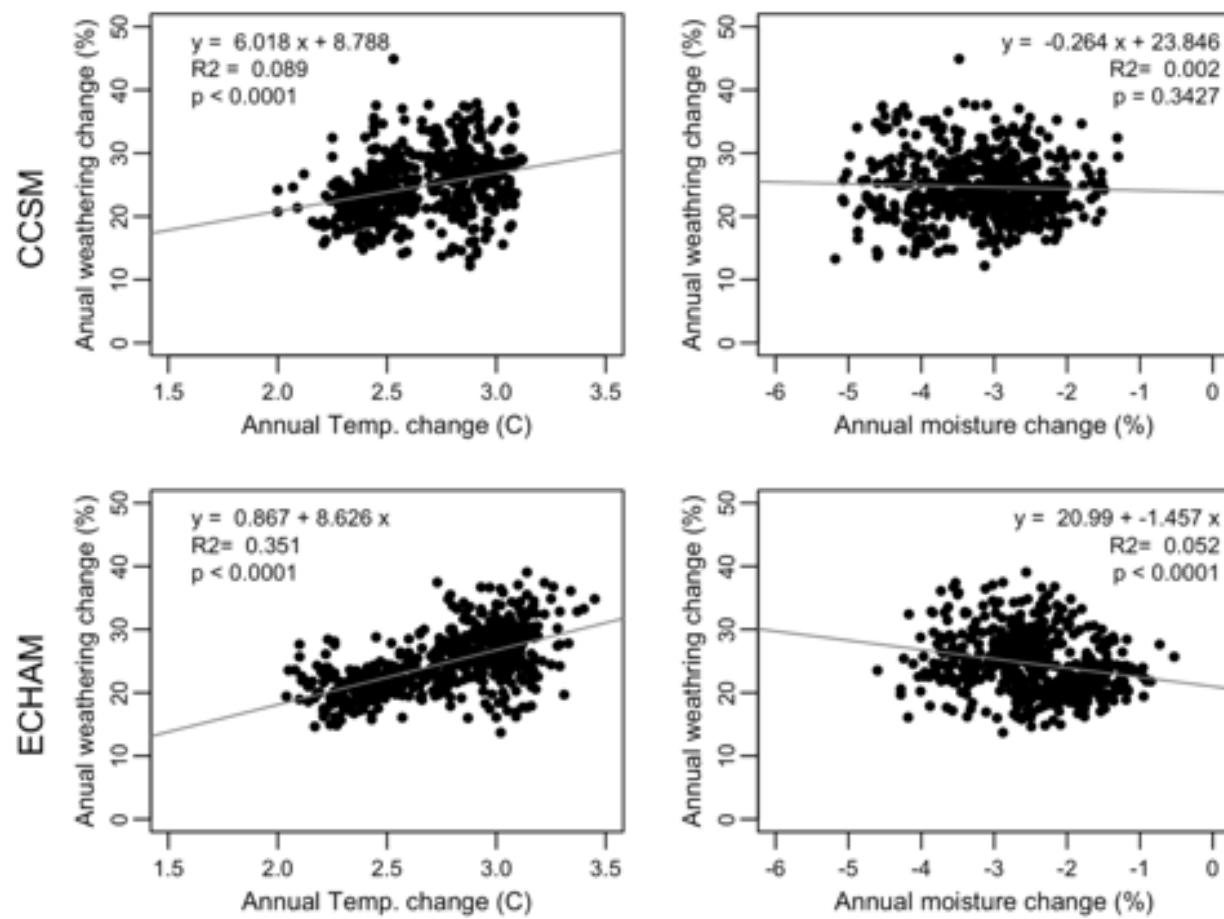
2-4C  $\rightarrow$  20-40% faster  
Biogeochemical processes

2-3 weeks longer growth  
periods



(Ryner, pers. comm.)

# Weaker increase in mineral weathering than expected



(Belyazid et al., in review)

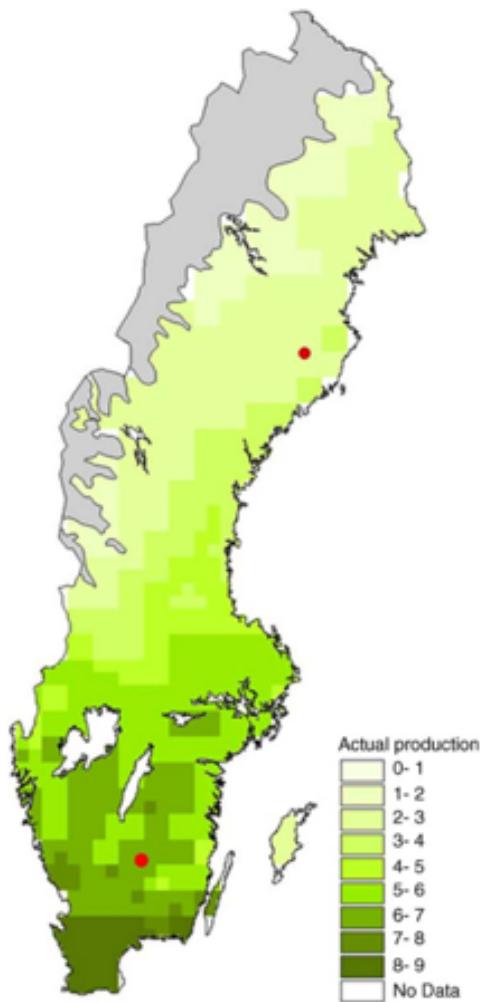
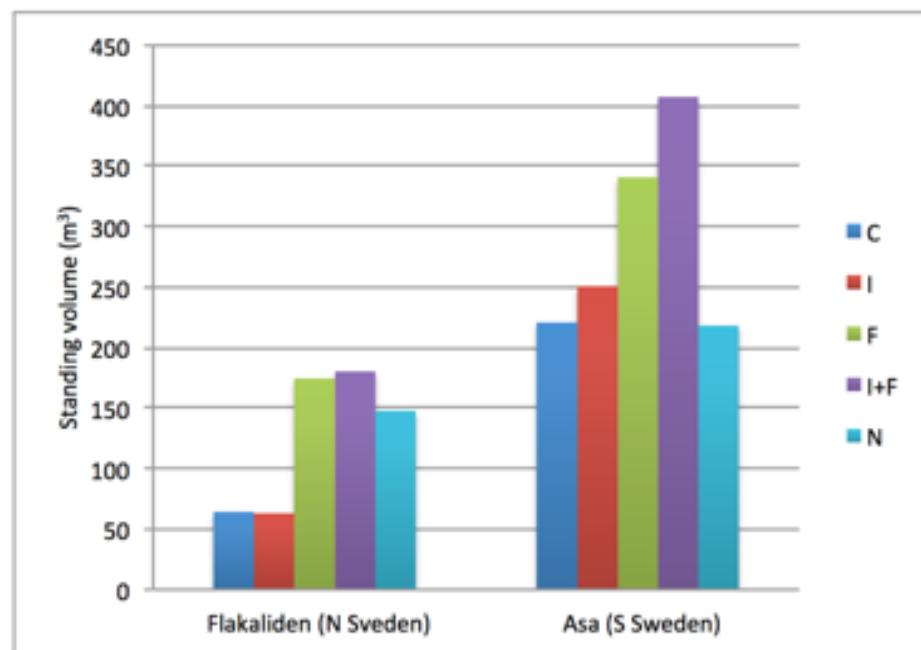


Fig. 1. Actual production of stem volume in  $\text{m}^3 \text{ ha}^{-1} \text{ a}^{-1}$  for different regions in Sweden. The values are the mean annual increment (MAI) for a rotation period. Red circles show the location of Asa in southern Sweden and Flakaliden in northern Sweden.



(Pers. Comm. Gustav Egnell, SLU)

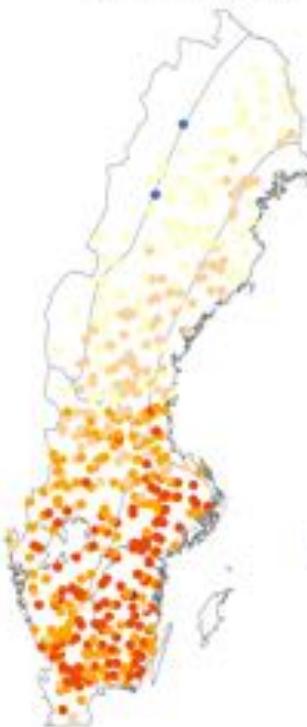
(Bergh et al, 2005)

# Combined higher temperatures and lower summer precipitation

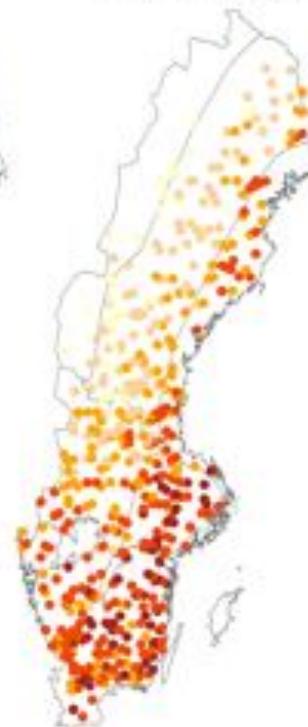
Water deficiency change (%)

- 0.0
- 0.1 - 5.0
- 5.1 - 10.0
- 10.1 - 15.0
- 15.1 - 25.0
- 25.1 - 40.0

CCSM vs. BAS



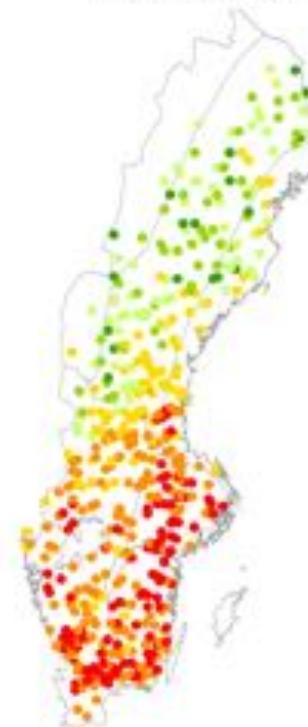
ECHAM vs BAS



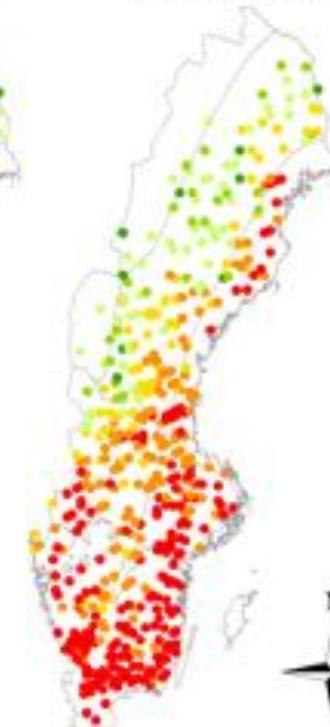
C stock change (%)

- -25.0 - -10.0
- -9.9 - -5.0
- -4.9 - 0.0
- 0.1 - 5.0
- 5.1 - 10.0
- 10.1 - 25.0

CCSM vs. BAS



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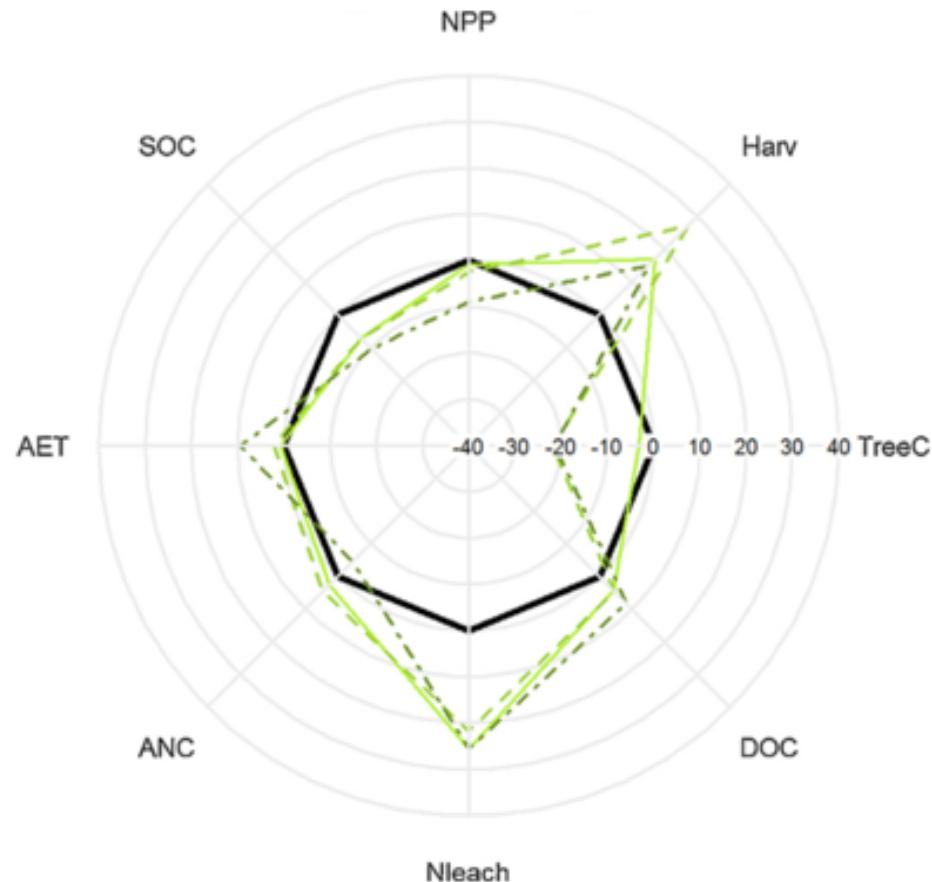


CCSM, ECHAM: climate change scenarios  
BAS: baseline with no climate change

0 75 150 300 Km  
N

(Belyazid and Zanchi, 2019)

# Integrated assessment of multiple services



**Fig. 8.** The grey lines represent the relative change of the indicators,  $\Delta I$  (%), in the INT scenarios compared to the BAS scenario at the end of the rotation period (option B). Solid green line: INT1 (only residues); green dashed line: INT2 (residues and additional thinnings); dark green dot-dash line: INT3 (residues and shorter rotation). (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of the article.)

(Zanchi et al., 2014)

## Driver precedence: Exchangeable base cations

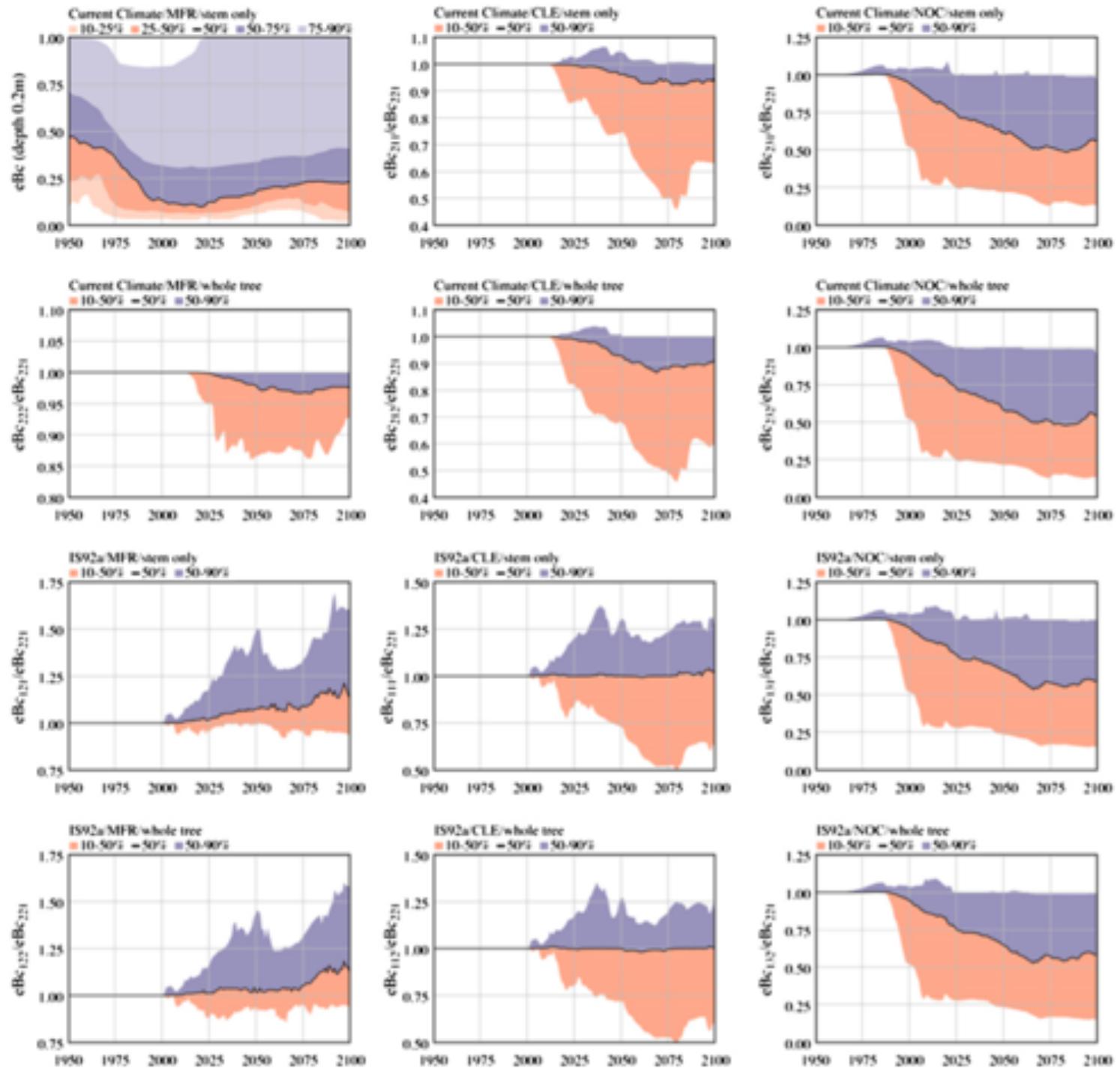


Fig. 9. Medians and ranges of responses of soil base saturation (BS) at 48 sites to climate, deposition and harvest intensity.

## Driver precedence: Nitrogen leaching

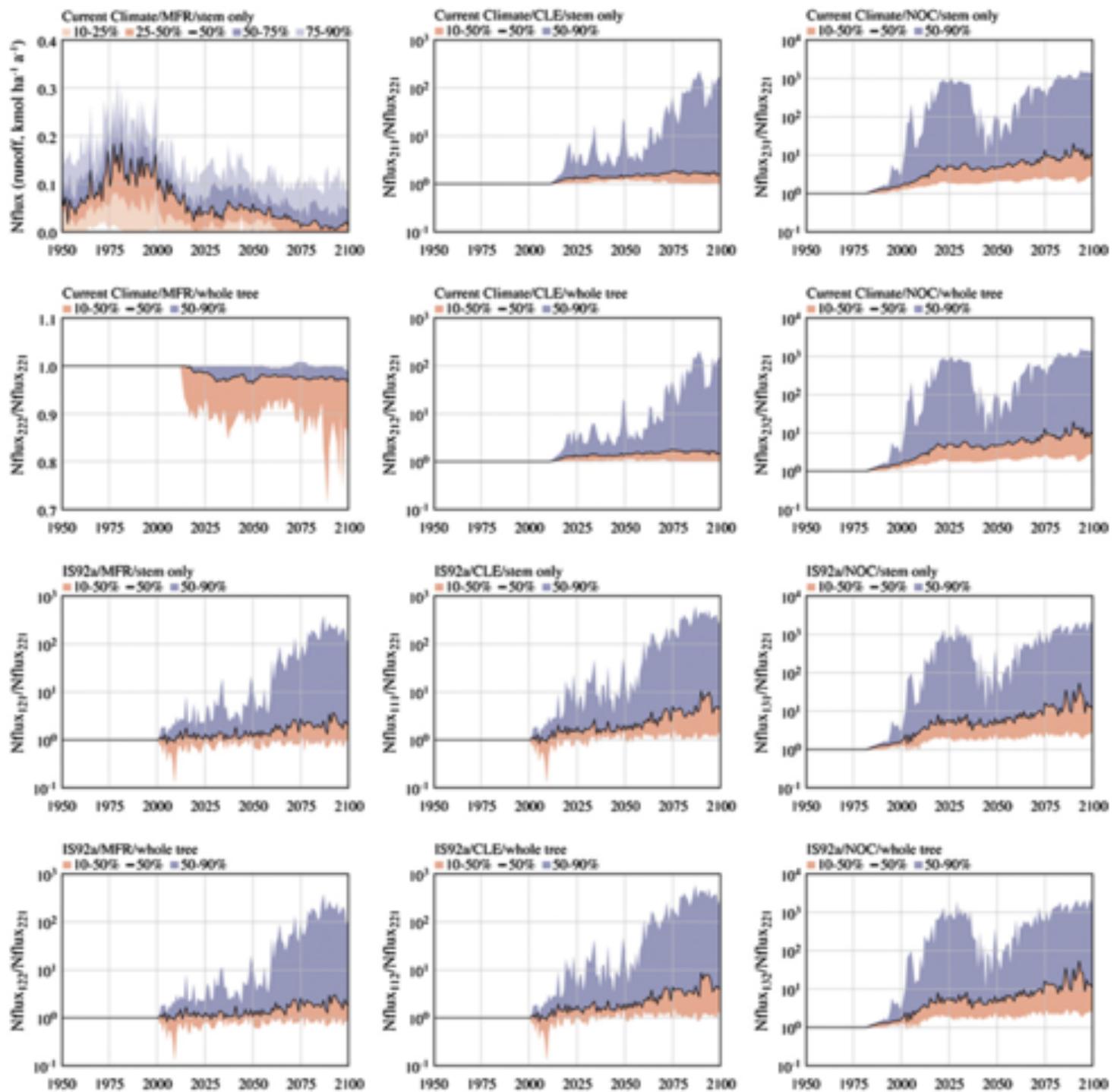
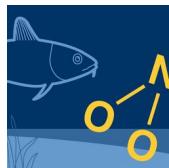
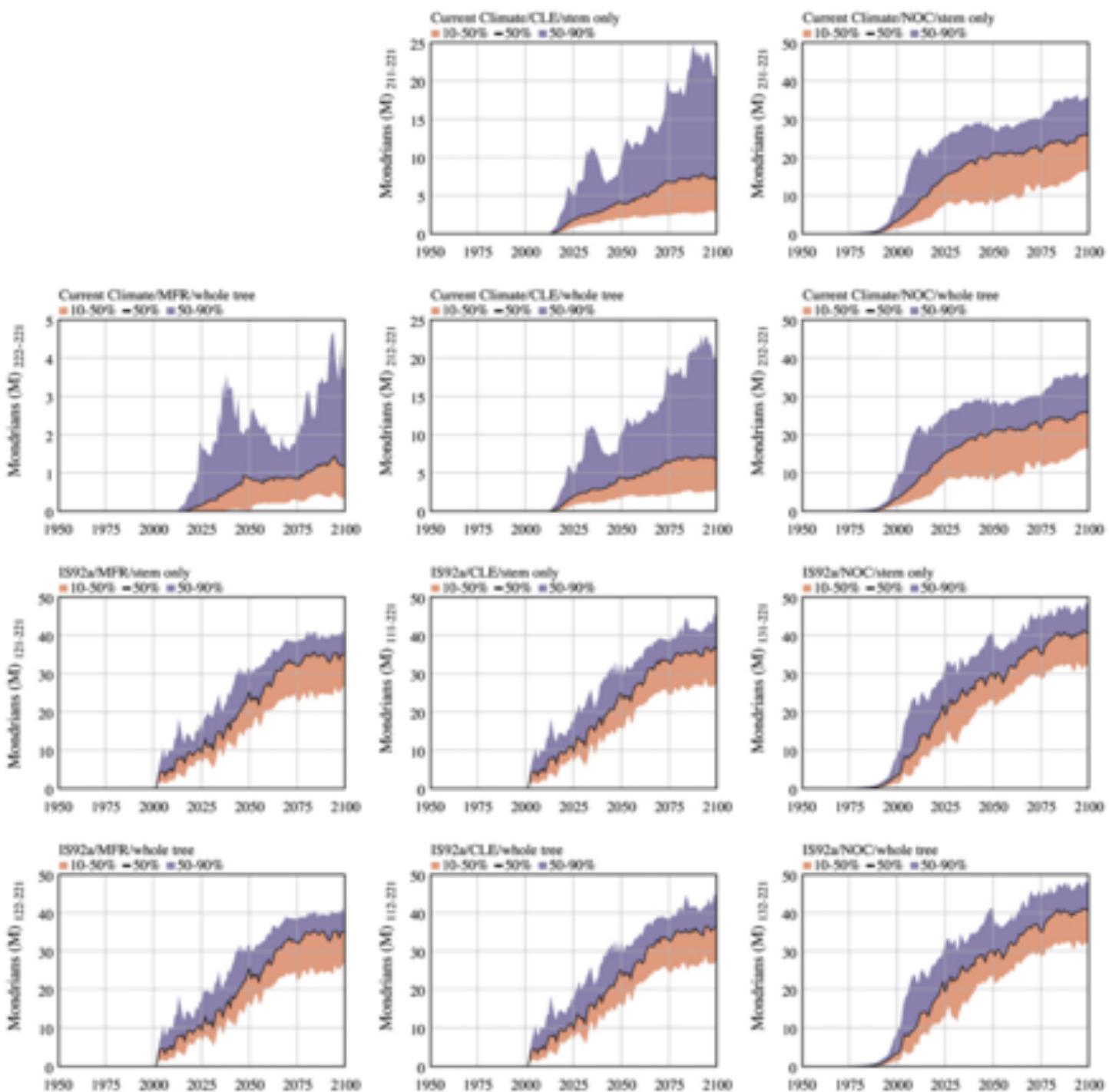
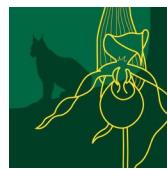


Fig. 10. Median changes in nitrogen leaching fluxes, and the relative deviations from the base scenario: current climate—MFR—stem-only harvest.

## Driver precedence: Ground vegetation



**Fig. 12.** Medians and 10–90 percentiles of differences in area cover (M) of ground vegetation communities due to different climate, deposition and harvest intensity scenarios, compared with the reference scenario.

