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Effect of Fire Disturbance on Soil Respiration and Nitrogen Availability in Boreal Forest of China

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- **Fire Disturbance on Soil Respiration**
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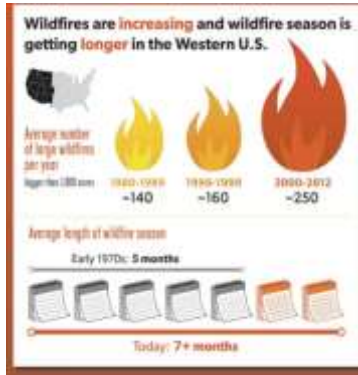
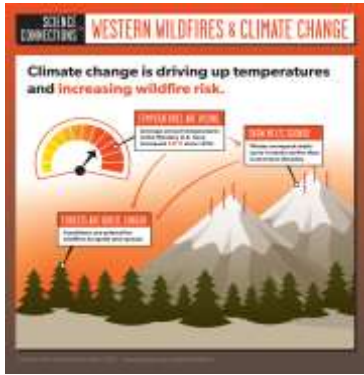
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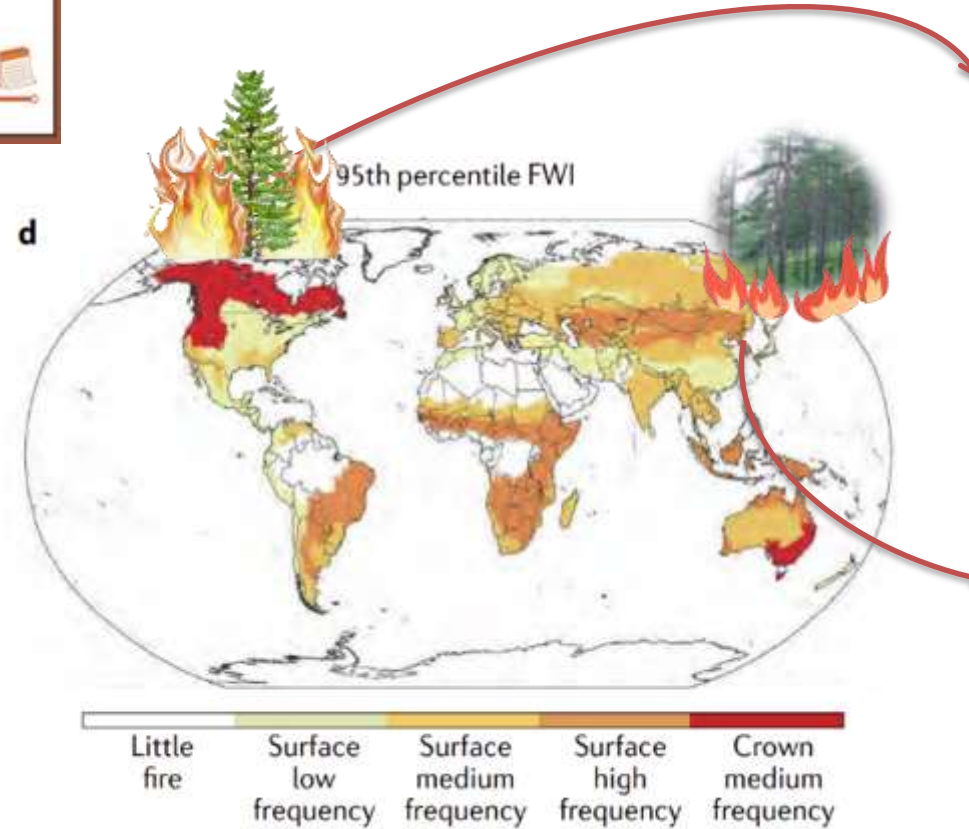
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- *Climate Change*
- *Longer Fire Seasons*
- *Extreme Fire Danger*



North American Black Spruce



Asian Larch



(Bowman, David MJS, Nat. Rev. Earth Environ., 2020)

➤ *Boreal Forest- Wildfire-Climate feedback*

➤ *Wildfire-Positive feedback*

LETTER

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Carbon loss from an unprecedented Arctic tundra wildfire

Michelle C. Mack¹, M. Sydonia Bret-Harte², Teresa N. Hollingsworth³, Randi R. Jandt⁴, Edward A. G. Schuur¹, Gaius R. Shaver⁵ & David L. Verbyla⁶

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Increasing wildfires threaten historic carbon sink of boreal forest soils

Xanthe J. Walker^{1*}, Jennifer L. Baltzer², Steven G. Cumming³, Nicola J. Day², Christopher Ebert¹, Scott Goetz^{1,4,5}, Jill F. Johnstone^{6,7}, Stefano Potter⁵, Brendan M. Rogers⁵, Edward A. G. Schuur^{1,8}, Merritt R. Turetsky^{9,10} & Michelle C. Mack^{1,8}

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Record-high CO₂ emissions from boreal fires in 2021

BO ZHENG , PHILIPPE CIAIS, FREDERIC CHEVALLIER , HUI YANG , JOSEP G. CANADELL , YANG CHEN , IVAR R. VAN DER VELDE 

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➤ *Wildfire-Negative-feedback*

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The Impact of Boreal Forest Fire on Climate Warming

J. T. RANDERSON, H. LIU, M. G. FLANNER, S. D. CHAMBERS, Y. JIN, P. G. HESS, G. PFISTER, M. C. MACK, K. K. TRESSEDER, L. R. WELP, F. S. CHAPIN,

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Carbon loss from boreal forest wildfires offset by increased dominance of deciduous trees

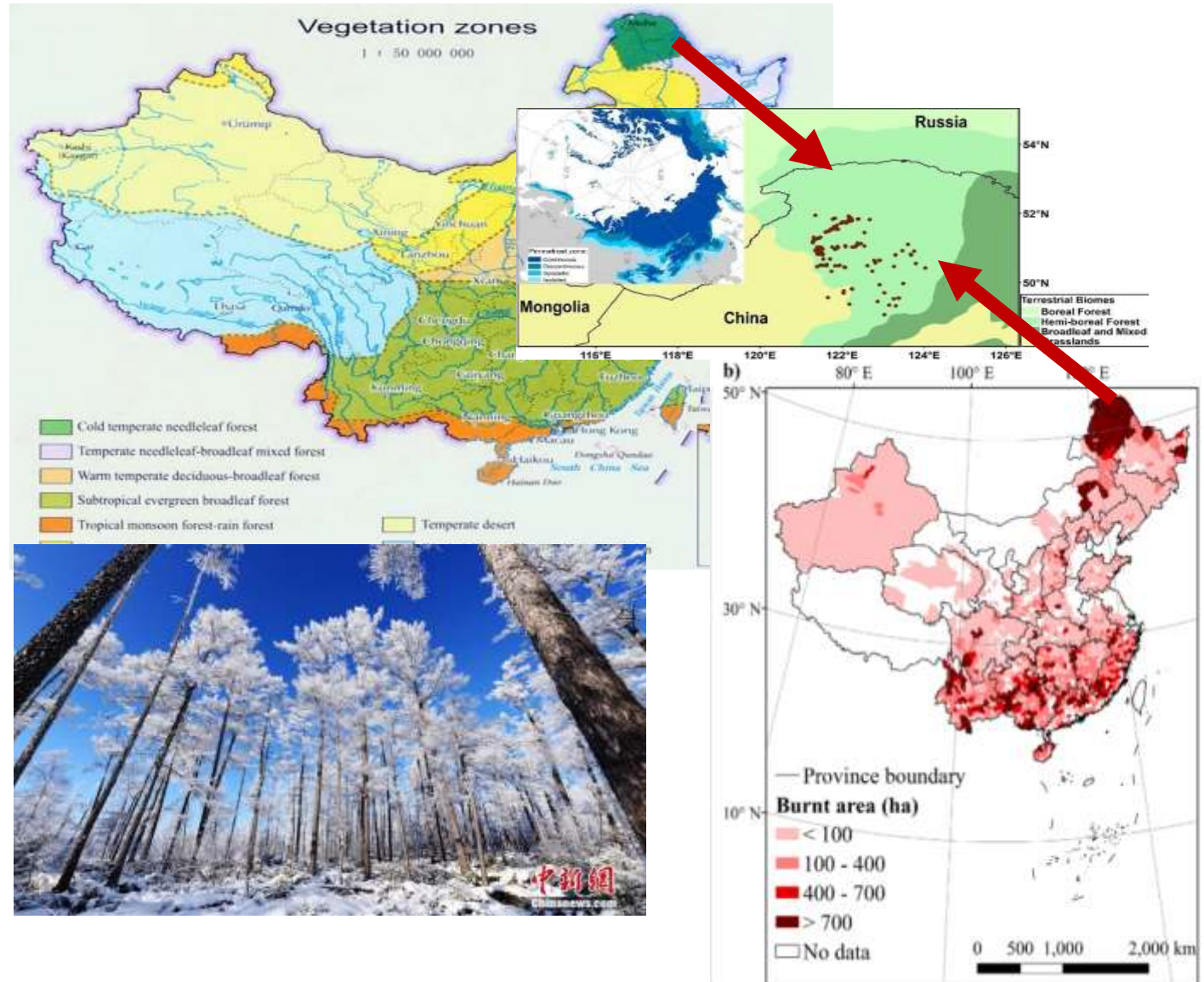
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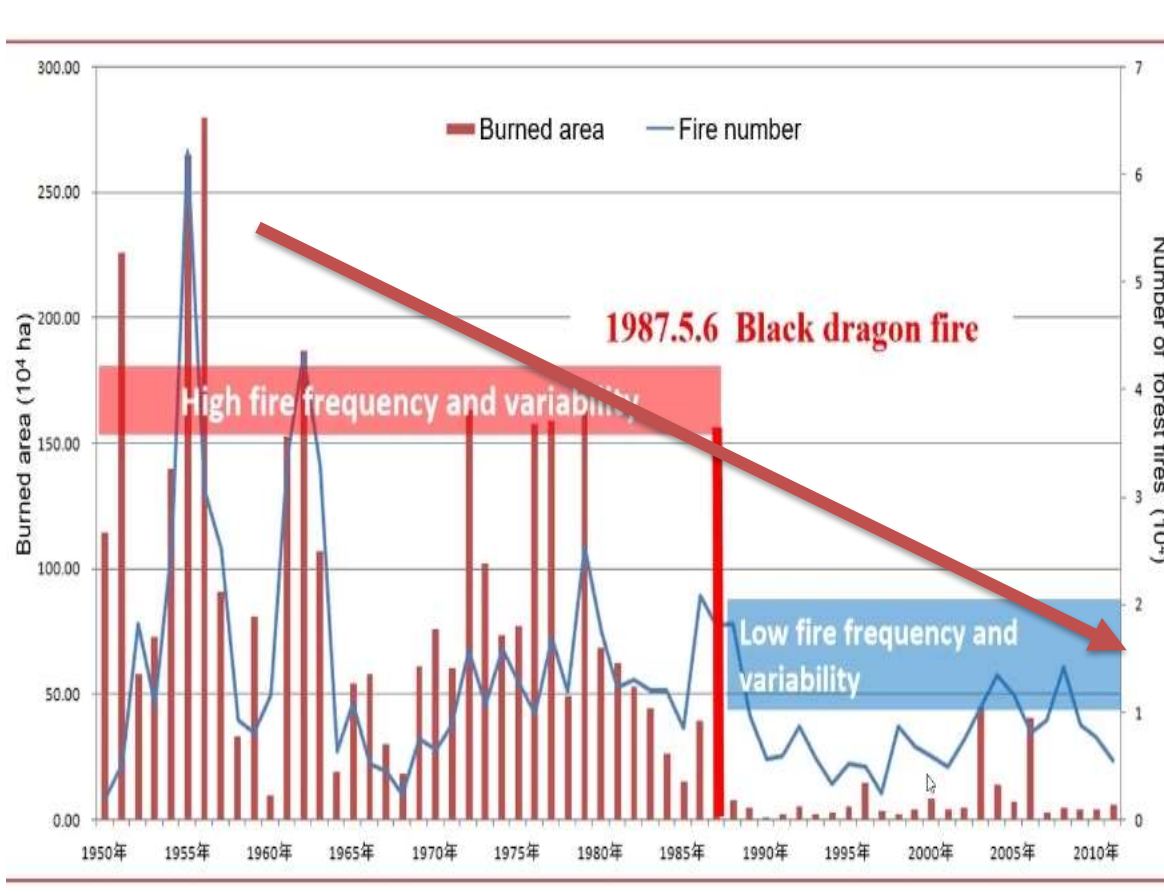
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The Boreal Forest



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➤ *Forest Fire in China*



➤ *Chinese fire control philosophy*



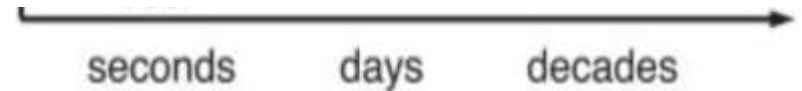
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Fire Suppression and the Wildfire Paradox in Contemporary China: Policies, Resilience, and Effects in Chinese Fire Regimes

Jack Patrick Hayes¹ 



(Moritz et al., PNAS., 2005)

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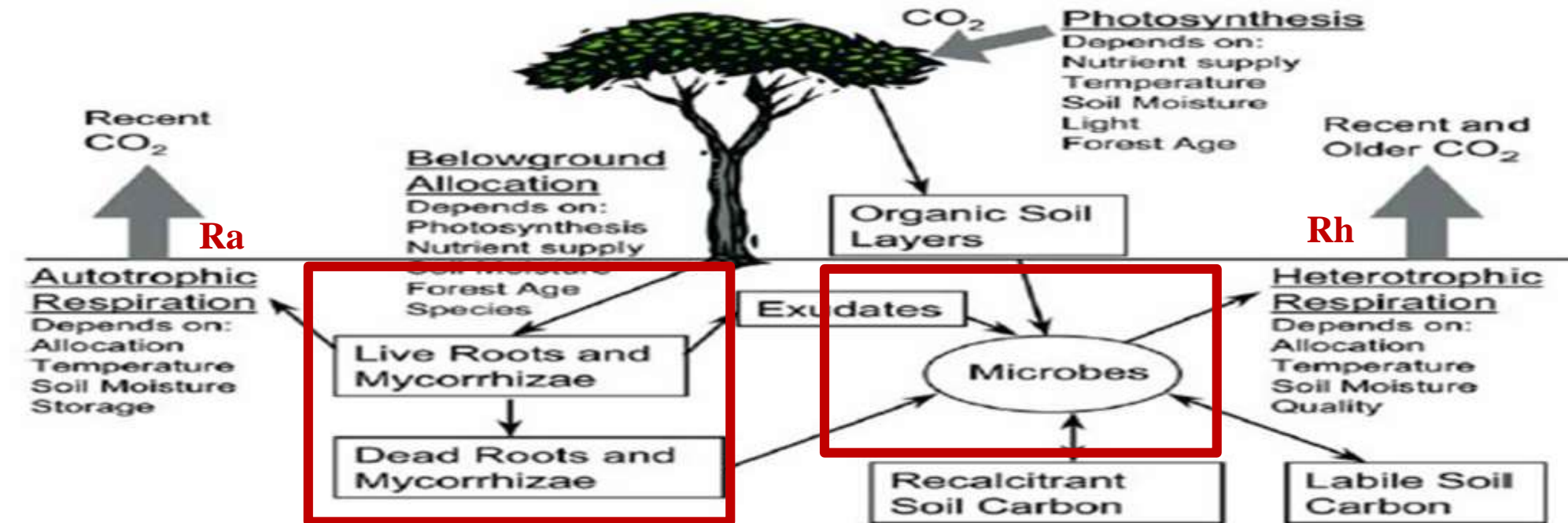
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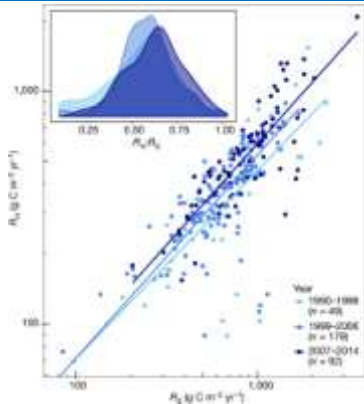
Fire affects R_s directly by affecting soil microbial activities and plant roots, especially fine roots, and indirectly by changing soil pH, soil nutrient availability, and substrate quality, which are related to soil microorganisms and fine roots.



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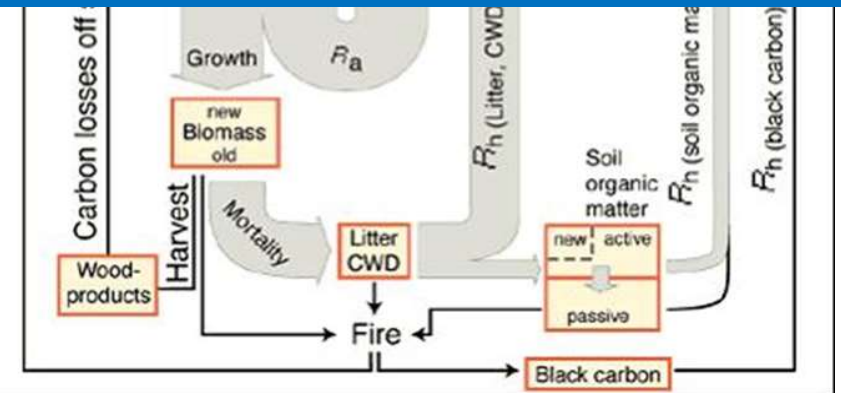
Soil respiration is the primary path by which CO₂ fixed by land plants returns to the atmosphere, which is a key process of carbon cycle in terrestrial ecosystem.

Hypothesis : Fire disturbance will accelerate the increase of R_H: R_S ratio in the boreal forest ecosystem in China.

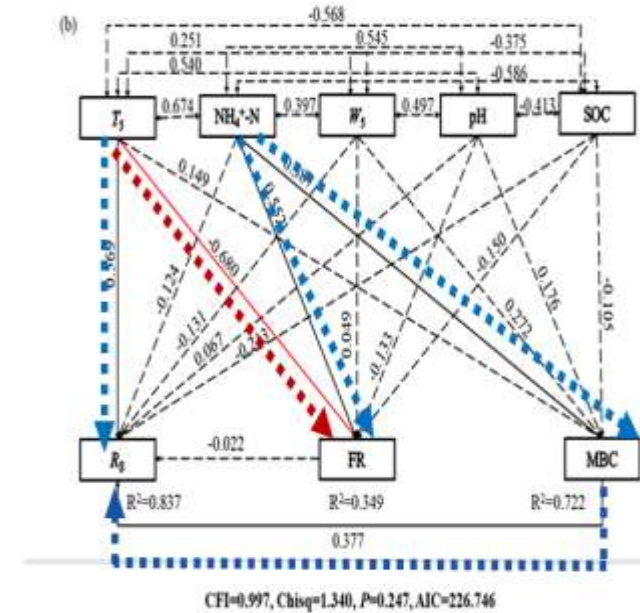
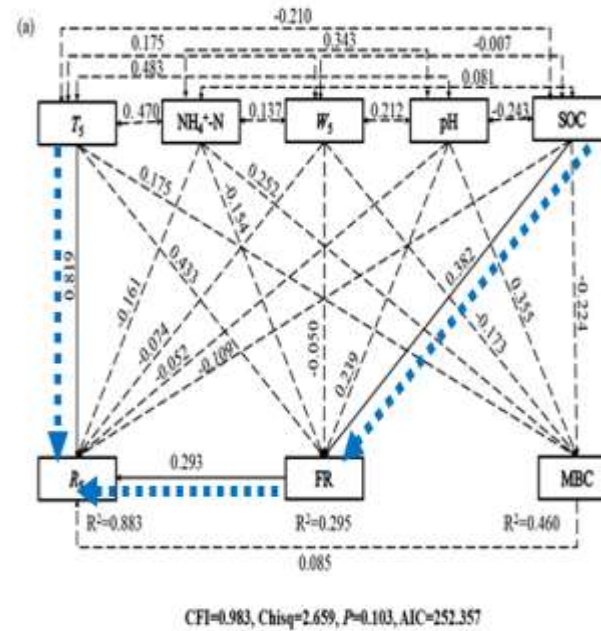
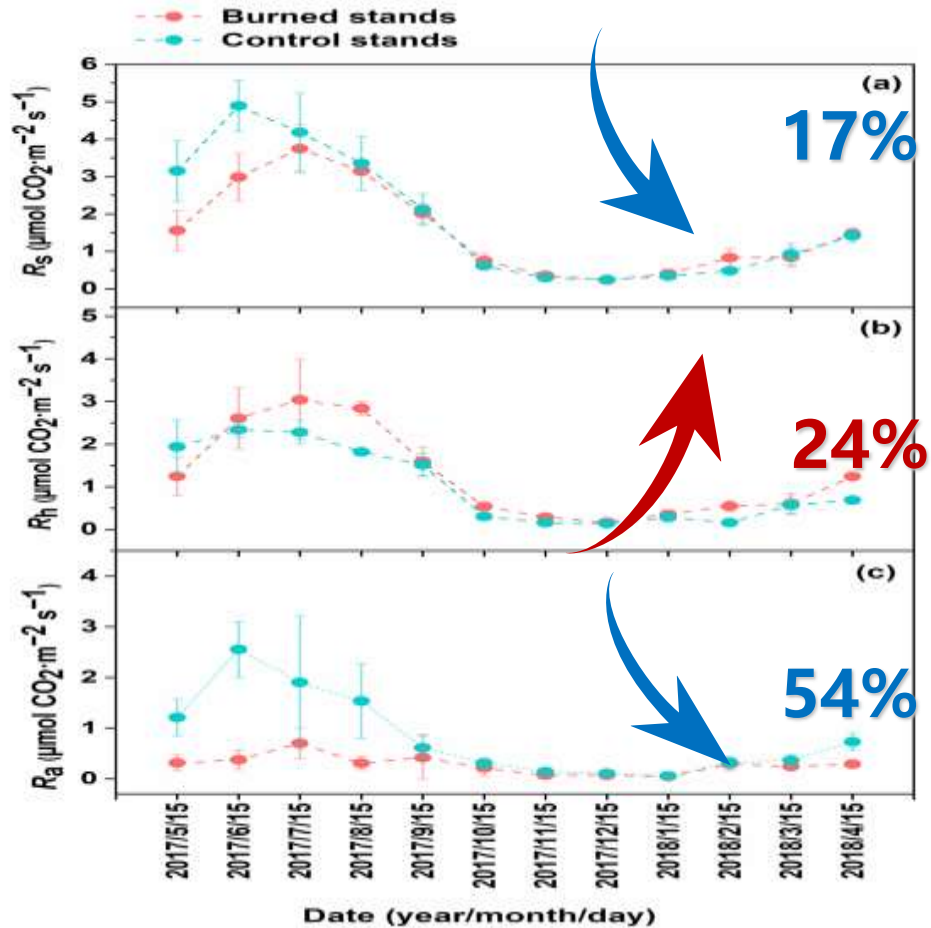


soil surface R_H:R_S ratio increased significantly, from **0.54** to **0.63**, between 1990 and 2014 (**P = 0.009**).

$$NEP = NPP - R_H$$

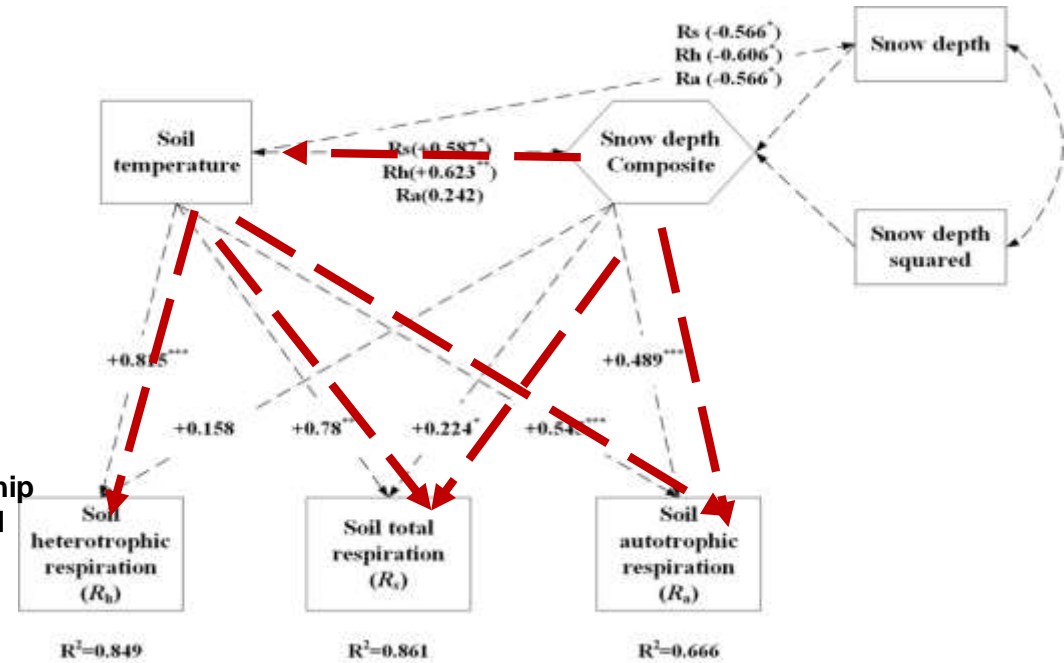
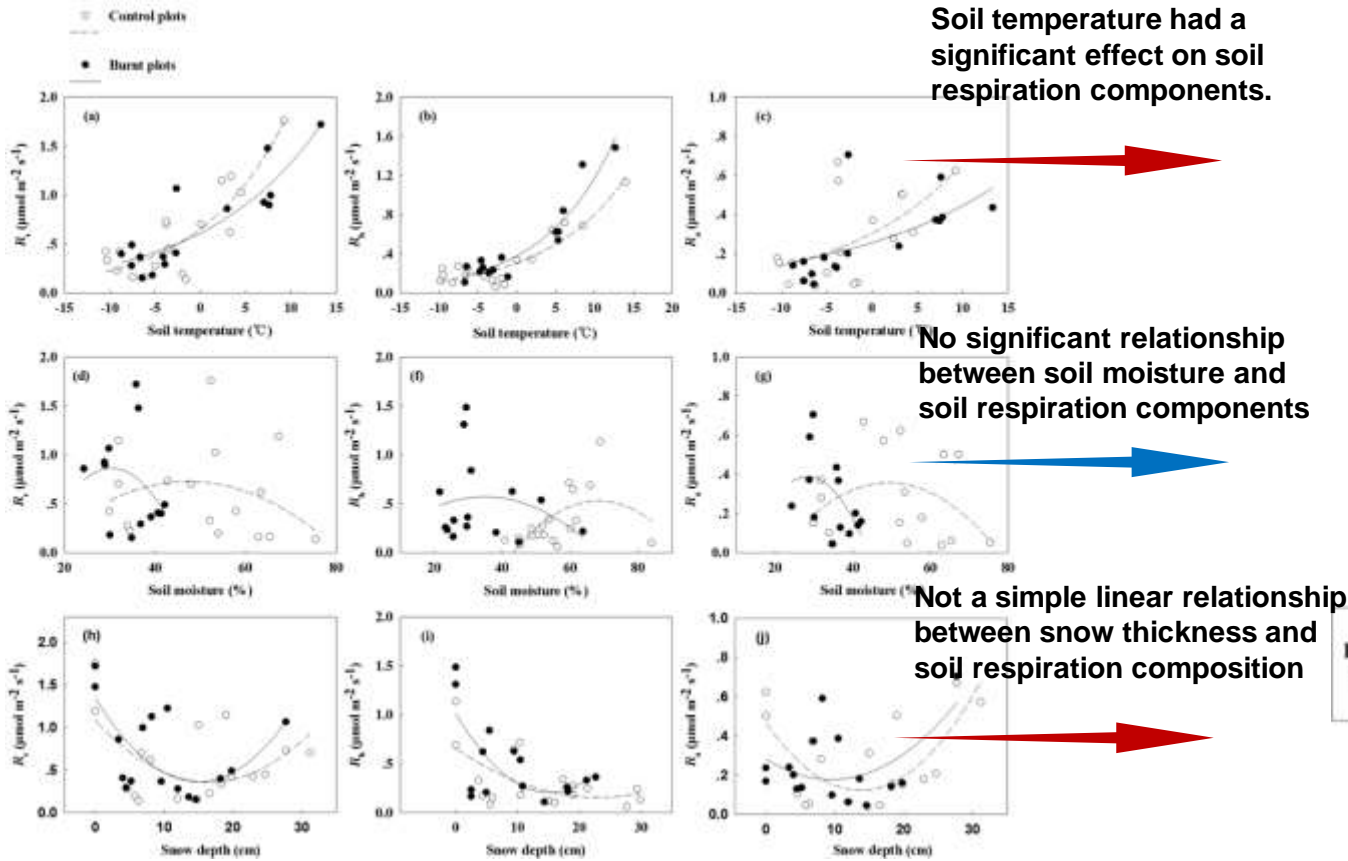


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Soil temperature was the main abiotic factor that affects R_s in both unburned and burned stands, whereas **MBC** (microbial biomass carbon), but not **FR** (fine root biomass), was the dominant biotic driver of R_s after fire in boreal forest of China.

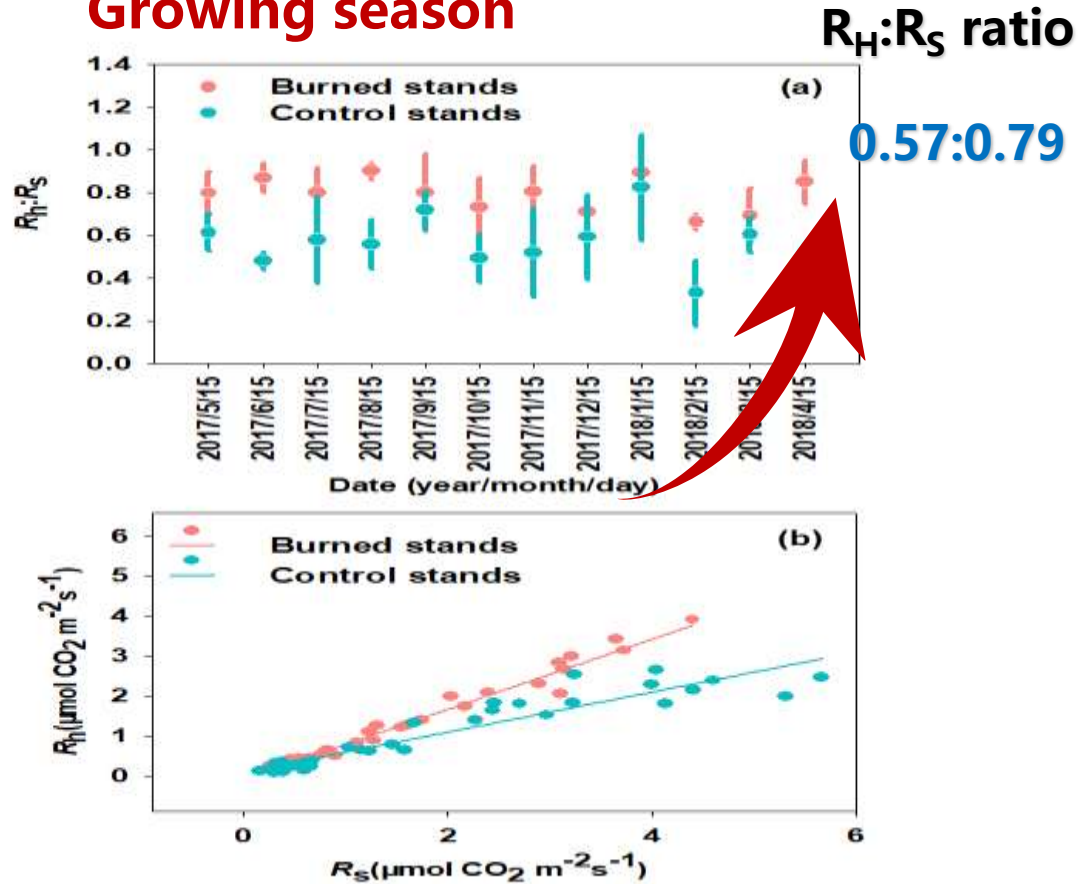
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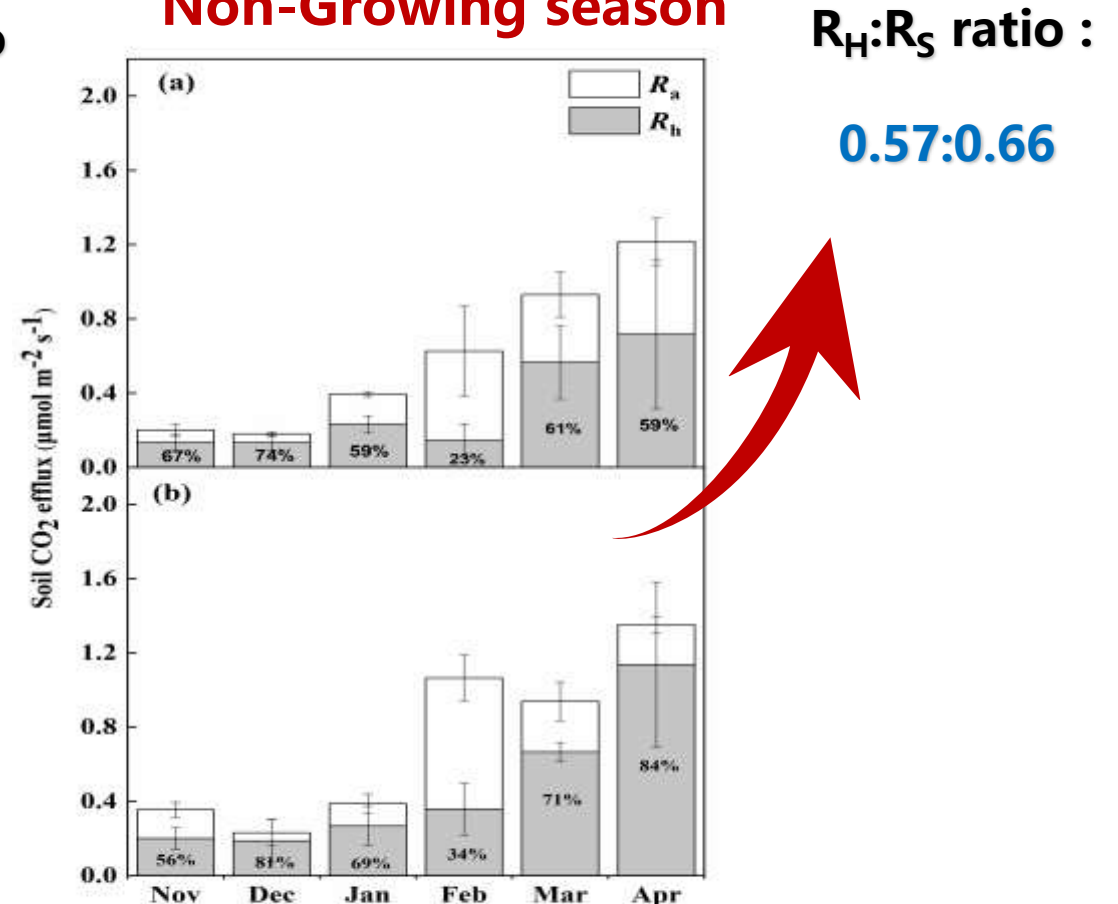
One year after fire disturbance

Growing season



Geoderma (Hu et al., 2021)

Non-Growing season



Annals of forest science (Hu et al., 2021)

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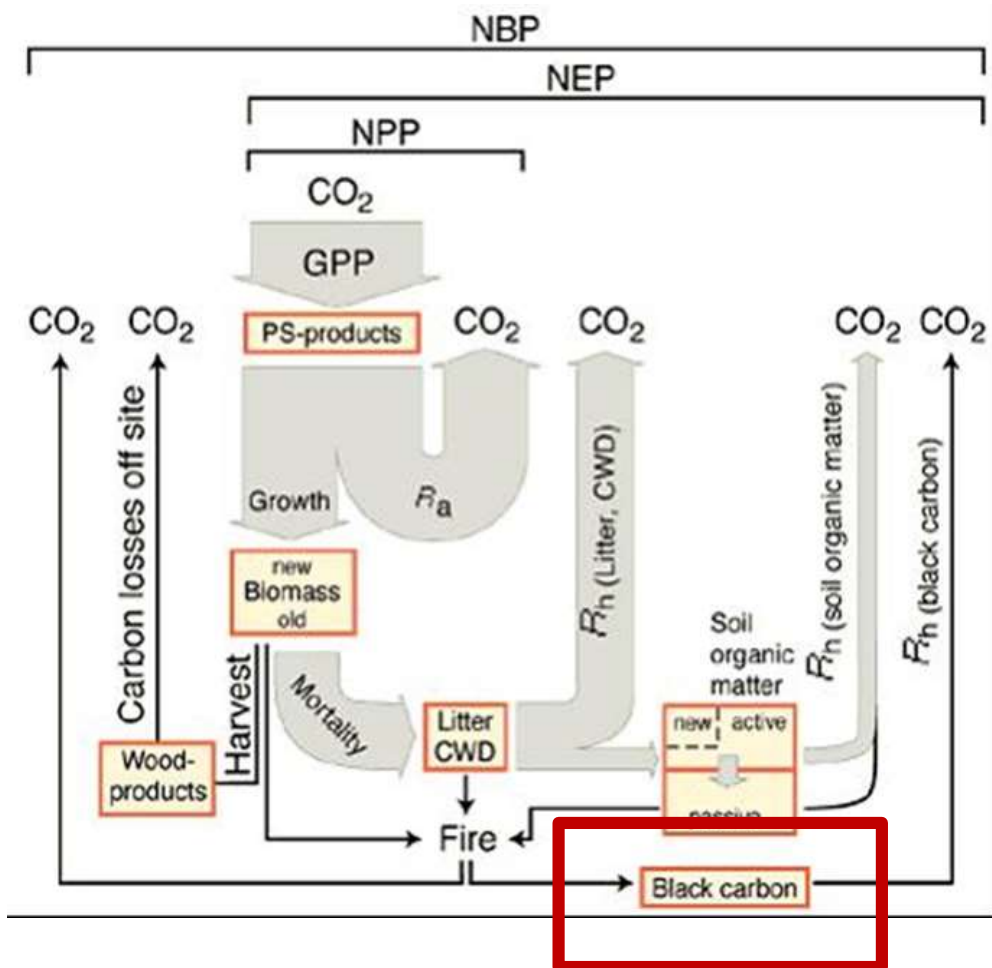
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REGULAR ARTICLE

Effects of biochar on carbon and nitrogen fluxes in boreal forest soil

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Abstract

Background and aims The addition of biochar to soil may offer a chance to mitigate climate change by increasing soil carbon stocks, improving soil fertility and enhancing plant growth. The impacts of biochar in cold environments, with limited microbial activity, are still poorly known. **Methods** In order to understand to what extent different types and application rates of biochar affect carbon (C) and nitrogen (N) fluxes in boreal forests, we conducted a field experiment where two different spruce biochars (pyrolysis temperatures 500 °C and 650 °C) were

applied at the rate of 0, 5 and 10 t ha⁻¹ to *Picea abies* forests in Finland. **Results** During the second summer after treatment, soil CO₂ effluxes showed no clear response to biochar addition. Only in June, the 10 t ha⁻¹ biochar (650 °C) plots had significantly higher CO₂ effluxes compared to the control plots. The pyrolysis temperature of biochar did not affect soil CO₂ effluxes. Soil pH increased in the plots receiving 10 t ha⁻¹ biochar addition. Biochar treatments had no significant effect on soil microbial biomass and biological N fixation. Nitrogen mineralization rates in the organic layer tended to increase with the

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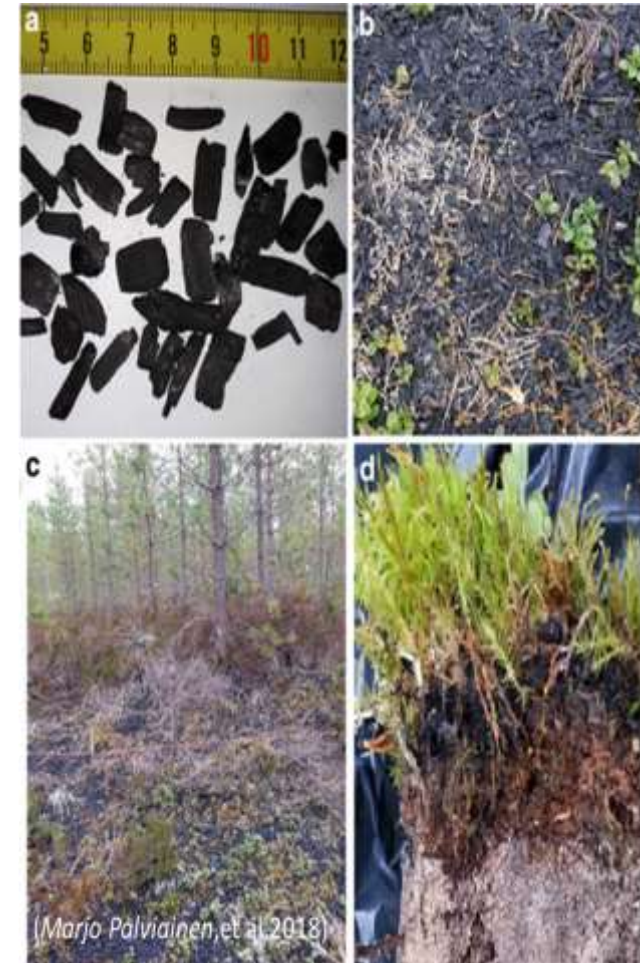
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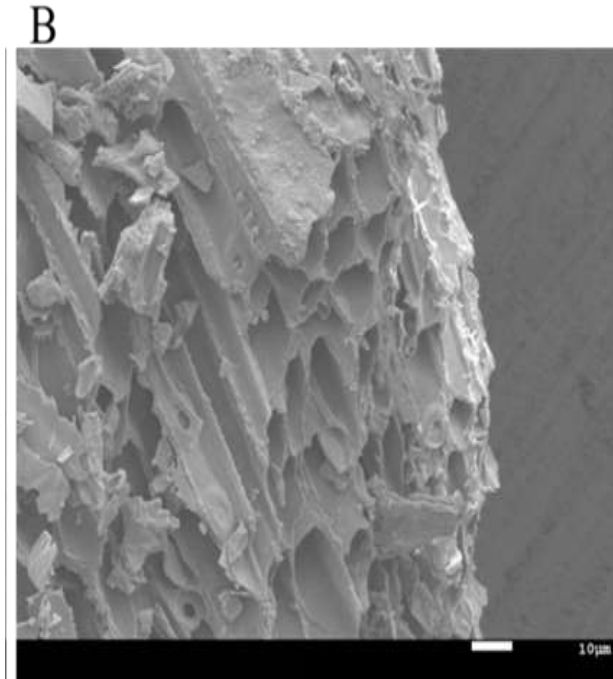
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2. Black Carbon Effect on Soil Carbon Stability



Treatments

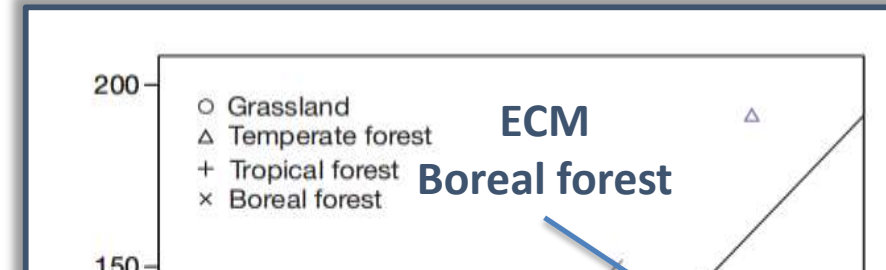
Control (CK)

Burned (F)

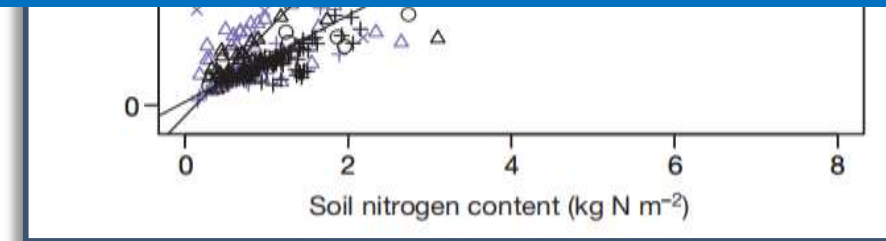
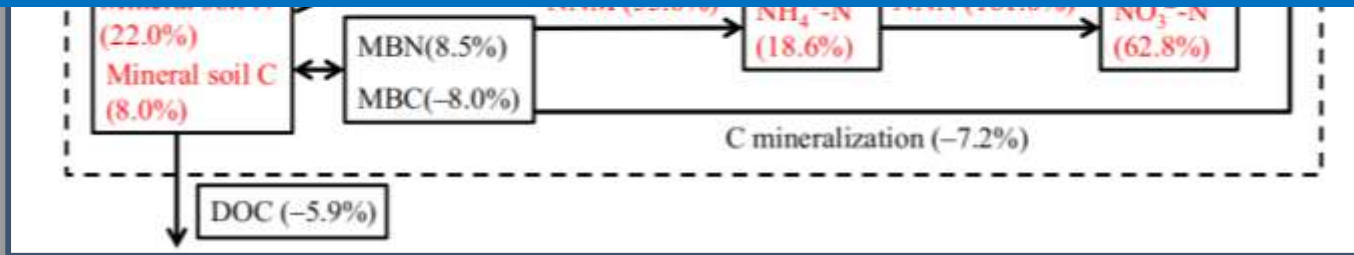
Remove (F-C)

Add BC
10t/hm² (F+C)

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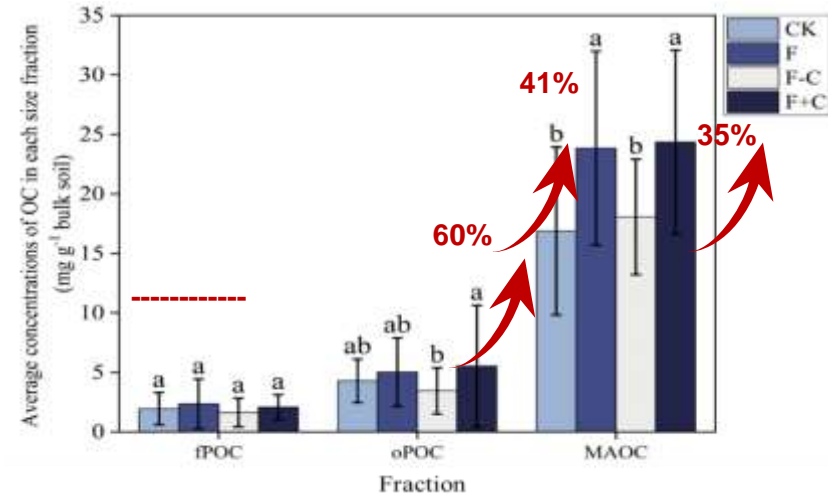
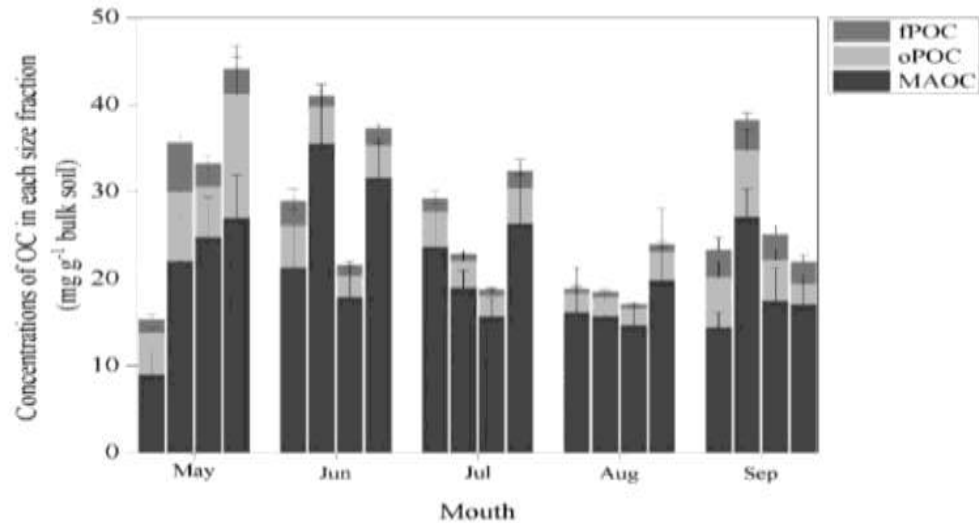
Hypothesis : Black carbon input affects soil carbon pool stability through changed ectomycorrhizal structure in boreal forests.



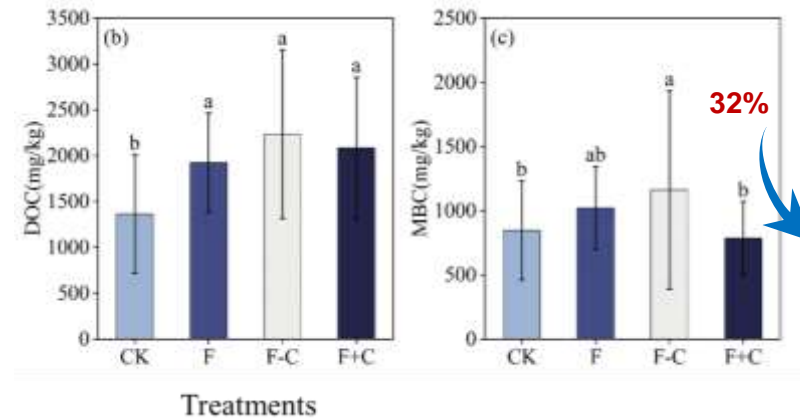
(Guigang Lin, 2017, New Phytologist)
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fPOC: Free particulate organic carbon
oPOC: Occluded particulate organic carbon
MAOC: Mineral organic carbon

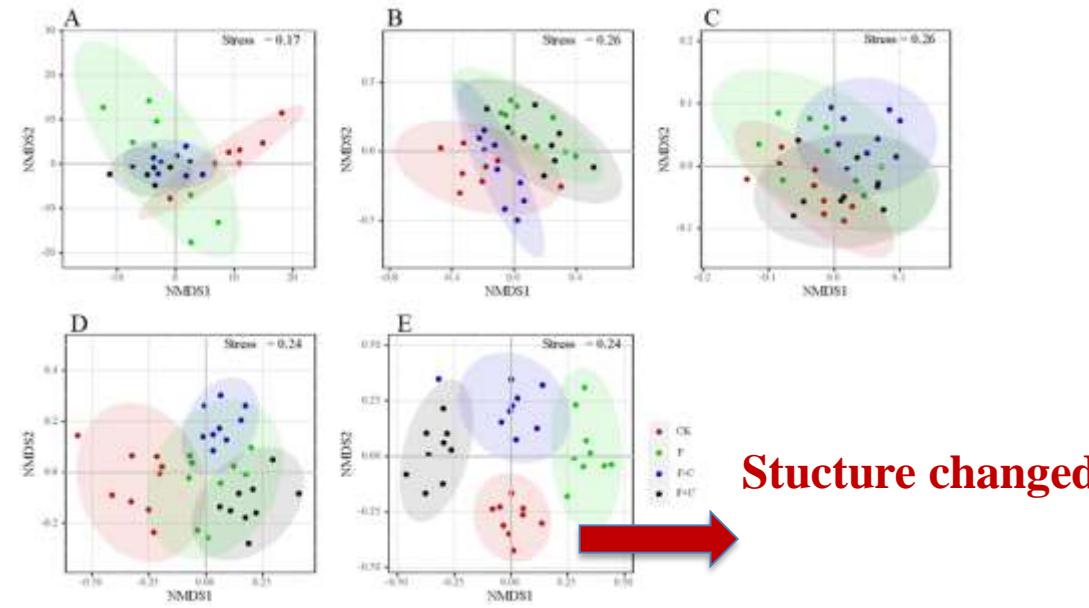
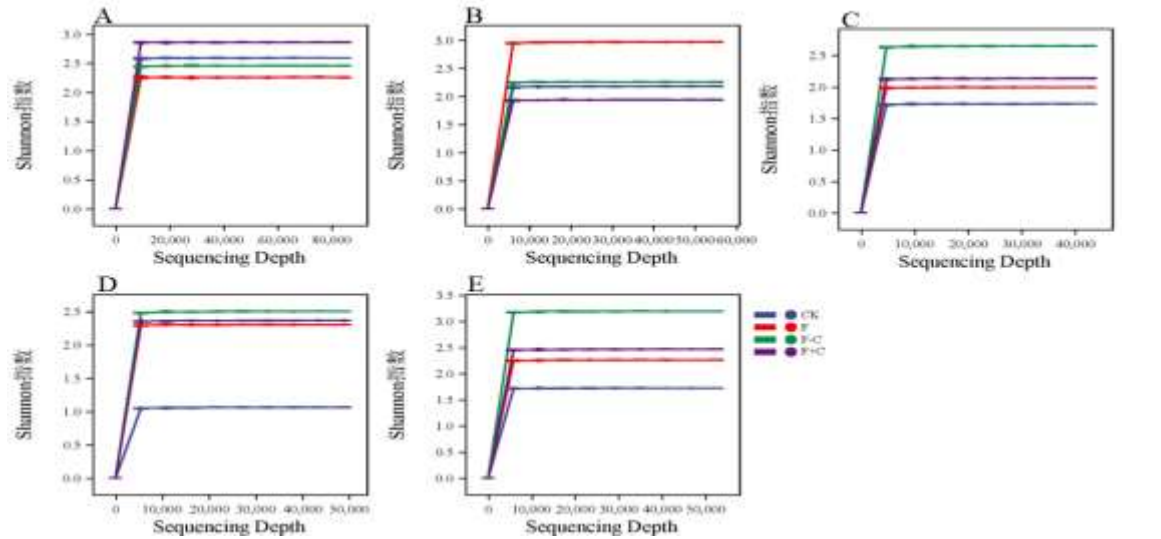
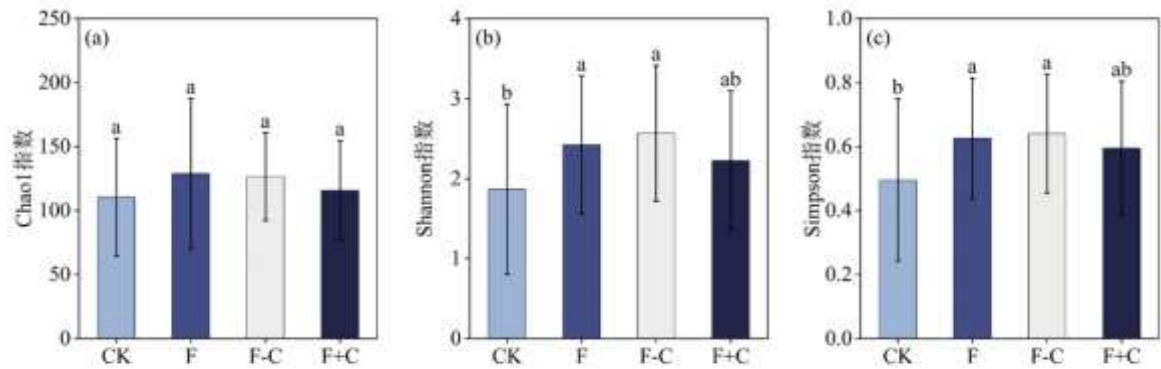
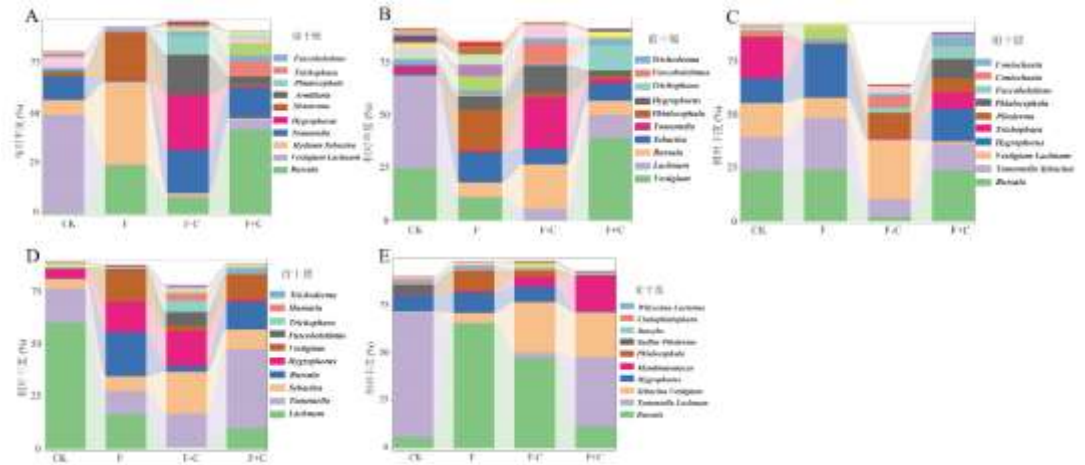


	Month df=4		Treatment df=3		Month * Treatment df=12	
	F	P	F	P	F	P
DOC	8.62	**	23.09	**	11.71	**
MBC	72.46	**	24.15	**	25.04	**
fPOC	70.83	**	6.51	**	13.03	**
oPOC	53.90	**	10.97	**	13.98	**
MAOC	21.66	**	29.73	**	11.83	**



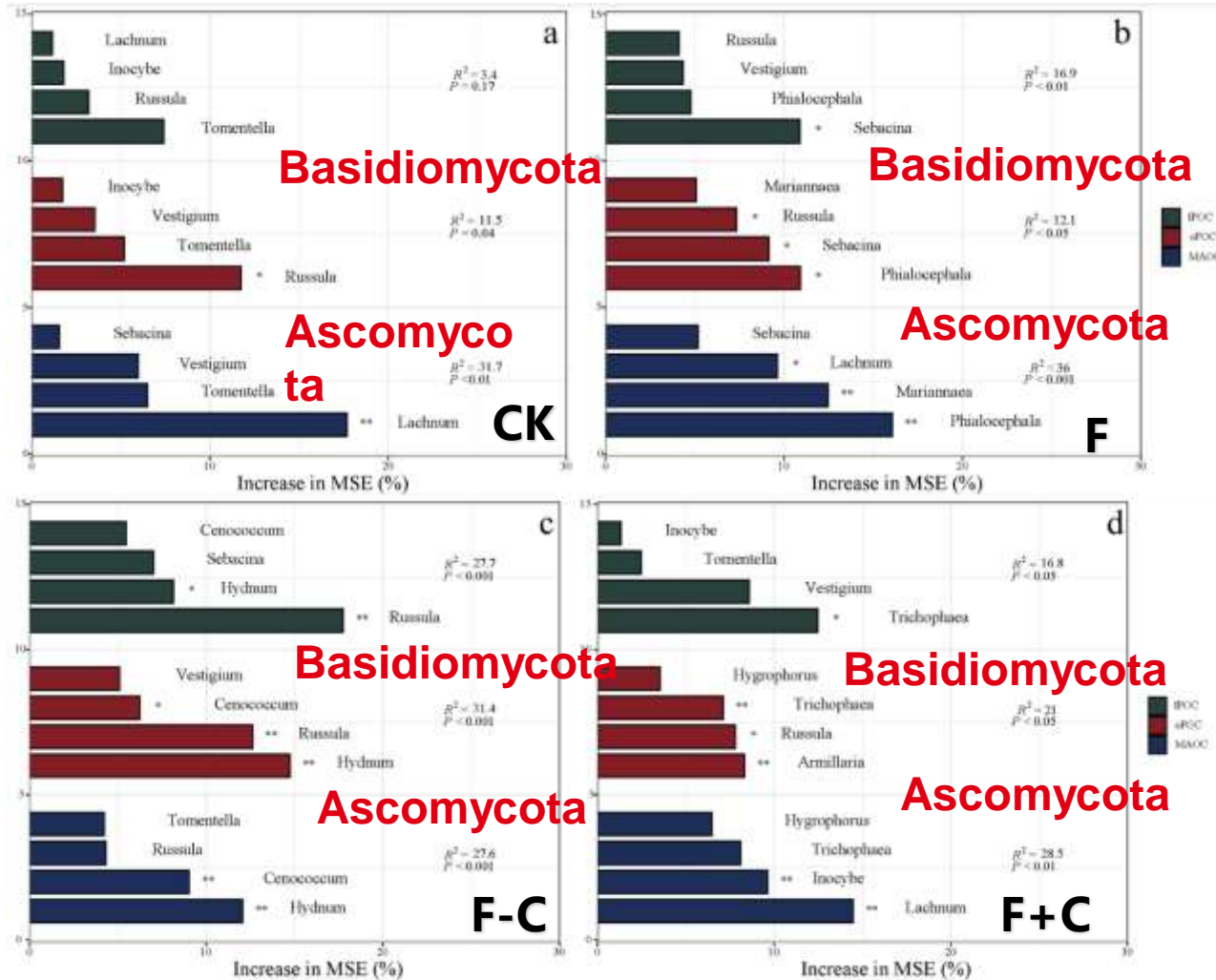
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	Month df=4		Treatment df=3		Month * Treatment df=12	
	F	P	F	P	F	P
Chao1	9.65	**	2.21	ns	2.89	**
Shannon	2.17	ns	6.20	**	4.16	**
Simpson	1.63	ns	5.24	**	4.09	**

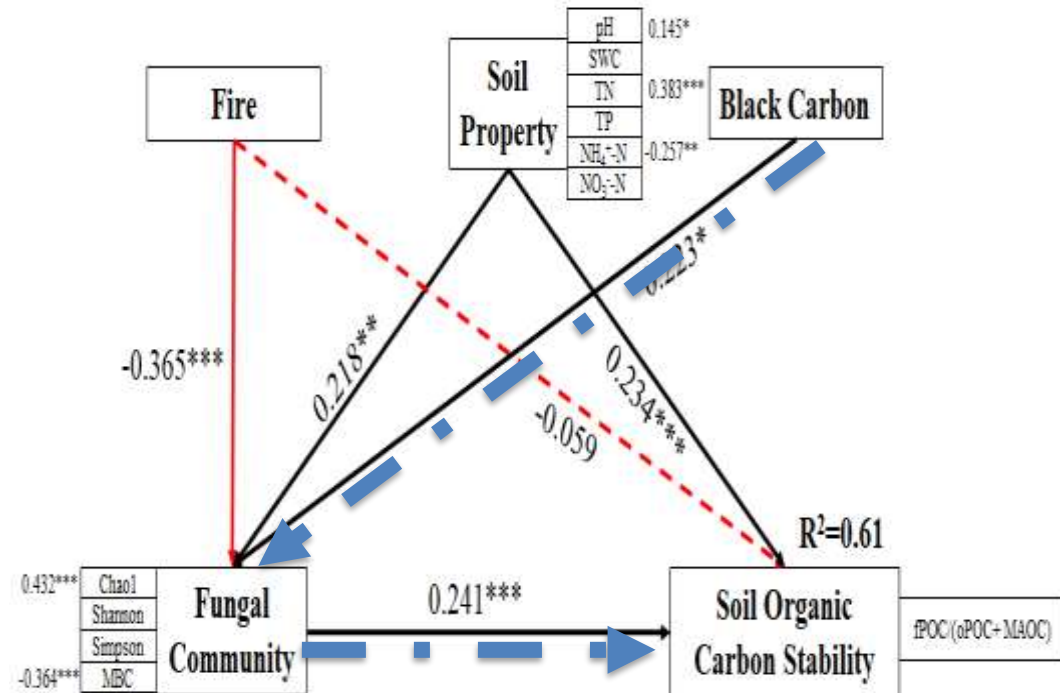


Structure changed

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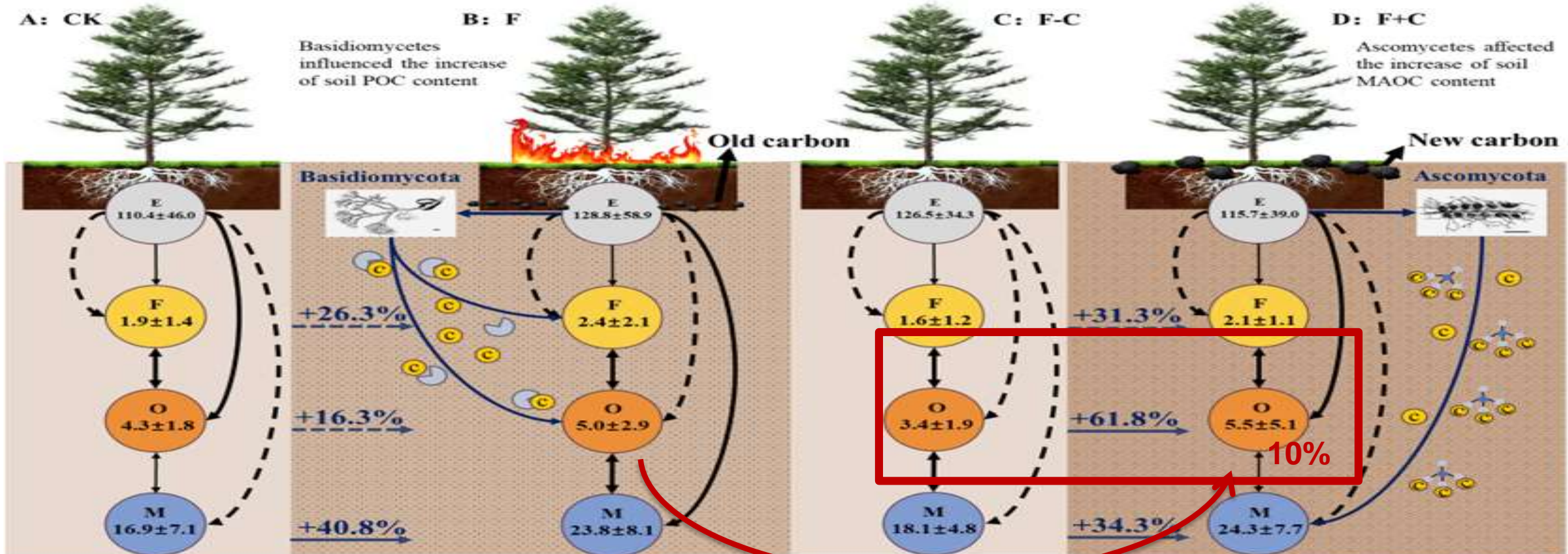
Fungal colonization caused by different treatments will affect the stability of soil carbon pool.



Fisher's C = 0.283; P = 0.868;
 AIC = 24.283; BIC = 62.598

The effects of ectomycorrhiza on soil carbon pool under different treatments were consistent at the phylum level, but different at the genus level.

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- E** Abundance of ectomycorrhizal fungi
- F** Free particulate organic carbon
- O** Occluded particulate organic carbon
- M** Mineral organic carbon

23.8 ± 8.1



The organic carbon content of different components



Soil organic carbon

Microorganism



Mineral protected new C

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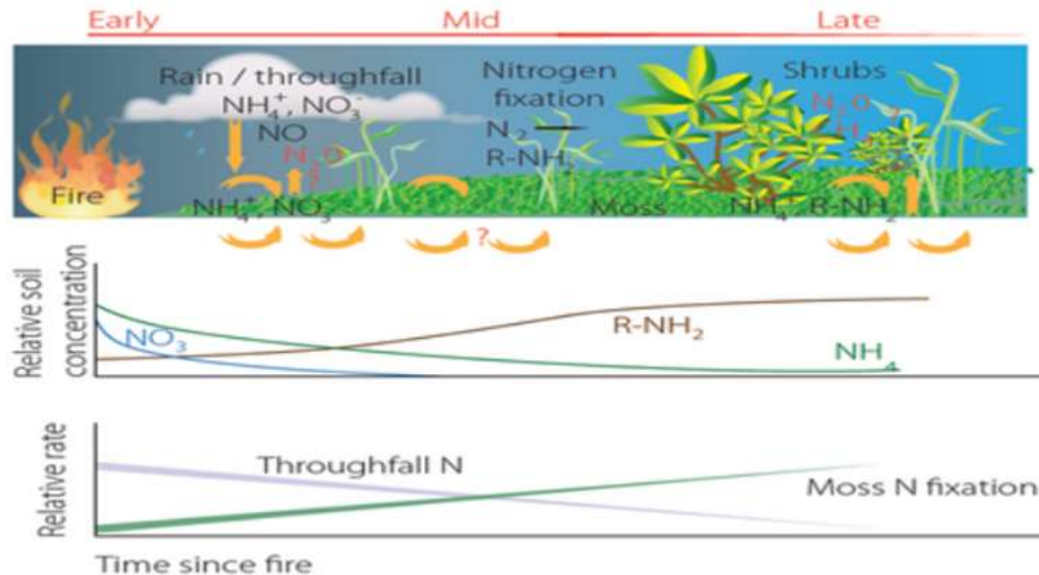
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3. Fire Disturbance on Soil N availability

Studying the effect of fire disturbance on the soil N availability in forest ecosystem is of great ecological significance for revealing the succession process of forest ecosystem after fire disturbance and the mechanism of forest ecosystem restoration after fire disturbance.

Post-fire forest succession and N fixation



Filling the Boreal Nitrogen Gap

Biological N fixation by cyanobacterial-leafmoss associations is a dominant source of N for the biota of the relatively pristine (low N deposition) environments of Fennoscandia. However, we still need to explicitly examine how this affects ecosystem N availability, plant N uptake, plant-soil N turnover and consequent feedbacks to soil and forest floor greenhouse gas fluxes. Filling this knowledge gap with mechanistic understanding will aid both the sustainable management of these ecosystems for biodiversity and productivity and help to reduce uncertainty in predictions of nutrient dynamics and greenhouse gas fluxes in one of the largest and most carbon rich biomes on Earth.

Scientific problems

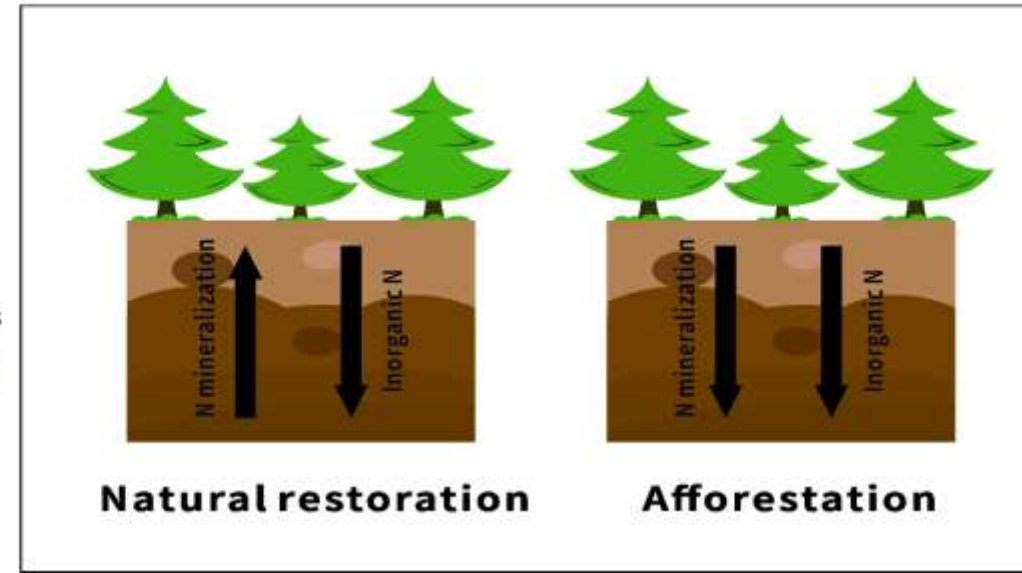
1. What are the overall effects of wildfire on soil inorganic N?
2. What are the differences in soil inorganic N and net mineralisation rates between naturally restored plots and afforestation plots?

30 year after fire
disturbance

Fire disturbance



Post-fire
restoration types



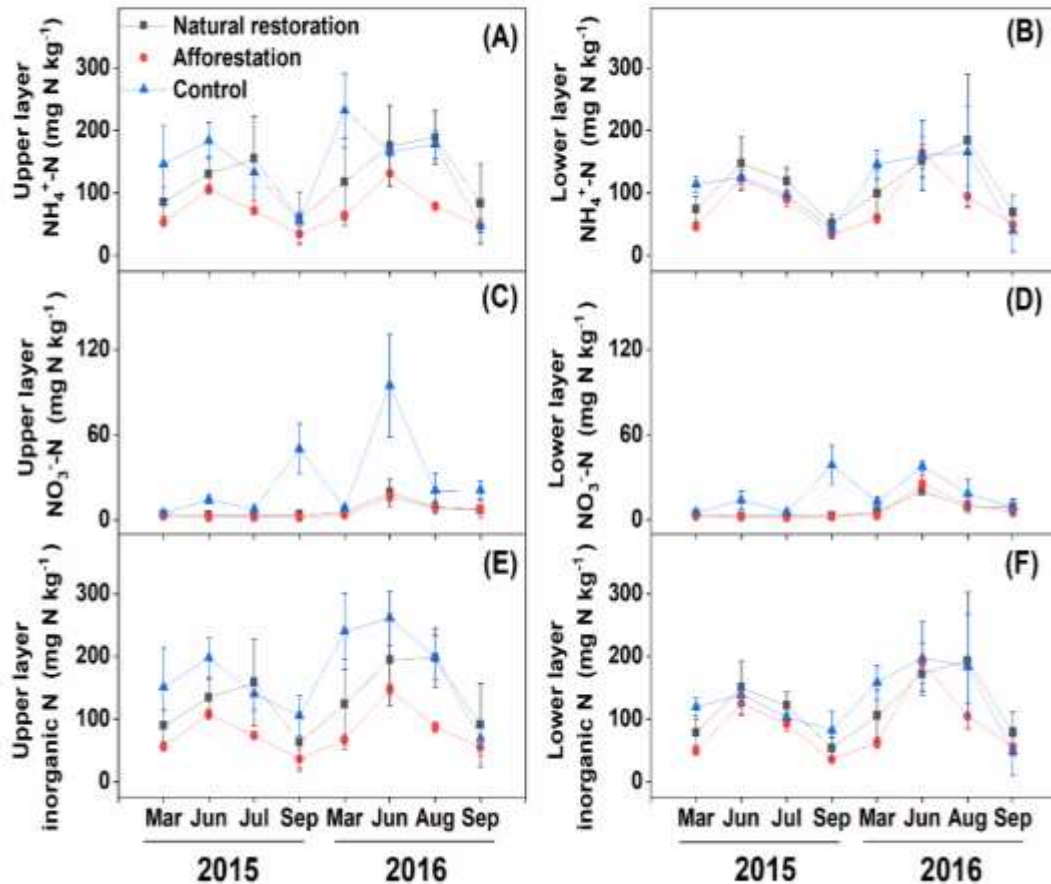
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Fire Effect on basic soil characteristics

The upper layer **soil pH, total carbon, total nitrogen** were in nature restoration and afforestation plots still significantly lower than that in unburned control plots.

Soil properties	Plot Type		
	Natural restoration	Afforestation	Control
UL SWC (%)	68.08 ± 23.64 ^{Aa}	93.48 ± 31.35 ^{Ab}	114.55 ± 55.47 ^{Ab}
LL SWC (%)	47.91 ± 16.15 ^{Ba}	41.19 ± 10.63 ^{Ba}	49.34 ± 24.65 ^{Ba}
UL AP (mg kg ⁻¹)	27.38 ± 17.09 ^{Aa}	20.14 ± 10.22 ^{Aa}	26.23 ± 18.64 ^{Aa}
LL AP (mg kg ⁻¹)	20.71 ± 10.43 ^{Aa}	15.27 ± 4.35 ^{Aa}	22.22 ± 14.53 ^{Aa}
ULAK (mg kg ⁻¹)	560.79 ± 314.97 ^{Aa}	359.37 ± 150.22 ^{Ab}	390.73 ± 196.90 ^{Ac}
LL AK (mg kg ⁻¹)	239.34 ± 105.97 ^{Ba}	197.63 ± 142.12 ^{Ba}	190.19 ± 92.51 ^{Ba}
UL pH	3.95 ± 0.28 ^{Aa}	4.02 ± 0.18 ^{Aa}	4.32 ± 0.24 ^{Ab}
LL pH	3.87 ± 0.27 ^{Ba}	3.84 ± 0.22 ^{Ba}	4.18 ± 0.22 ^{Ba}
UL TC (g kg ⁻¹)	76.16 ± 32.03 ^{Aa}	50.07 ± 9.53 ^{Aa}	140.88 ± 34.53 ^{Ab}
LL TC (g kg ⁻¹)	34.42 ± 17.18 ^{Ba}	21.59 ± 3.67 ^{Ba}	50.94 ± 21.35 ^{Ba}
UL TN (g kg ⁻¹)	5.72 ± 0.18 ^{Aa}	5.05 ± 0.7 ^{Aa}	9.59 ± 1.02 ^{Ab}
LL TN (g kg ⁻¹)	3.94 ± 1.14 ^{Ba}	3.39 ± 1.14 ^{Ba}	7.25 ± 1.36 ^{Bb}

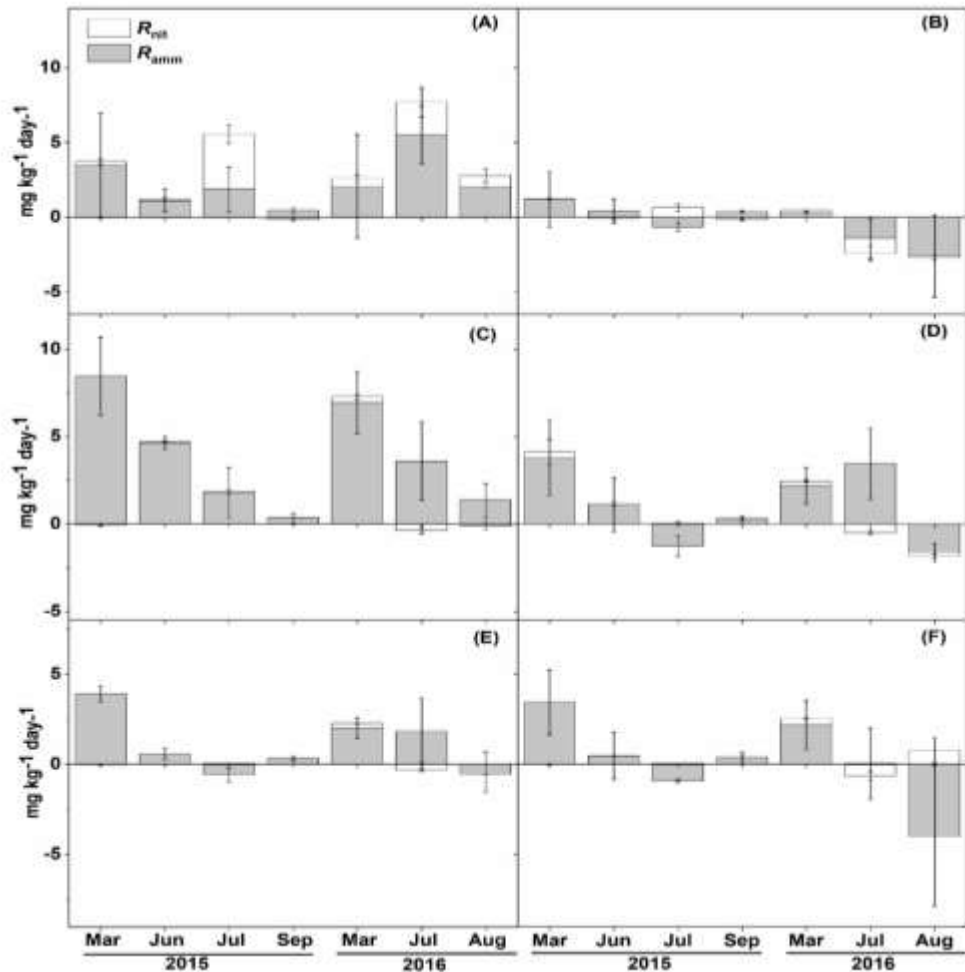
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	Natural restoration	
	UL	LL
$\text{NH}_4^+\text{-N}$	↑* 70%	↑ 35%
$\text{NO}_3^-\text{-N}$	↑ 29%	↑ 6%
IO	↑* 67%	↑ 34%

Science of the total environment (Hu et al., 2019)

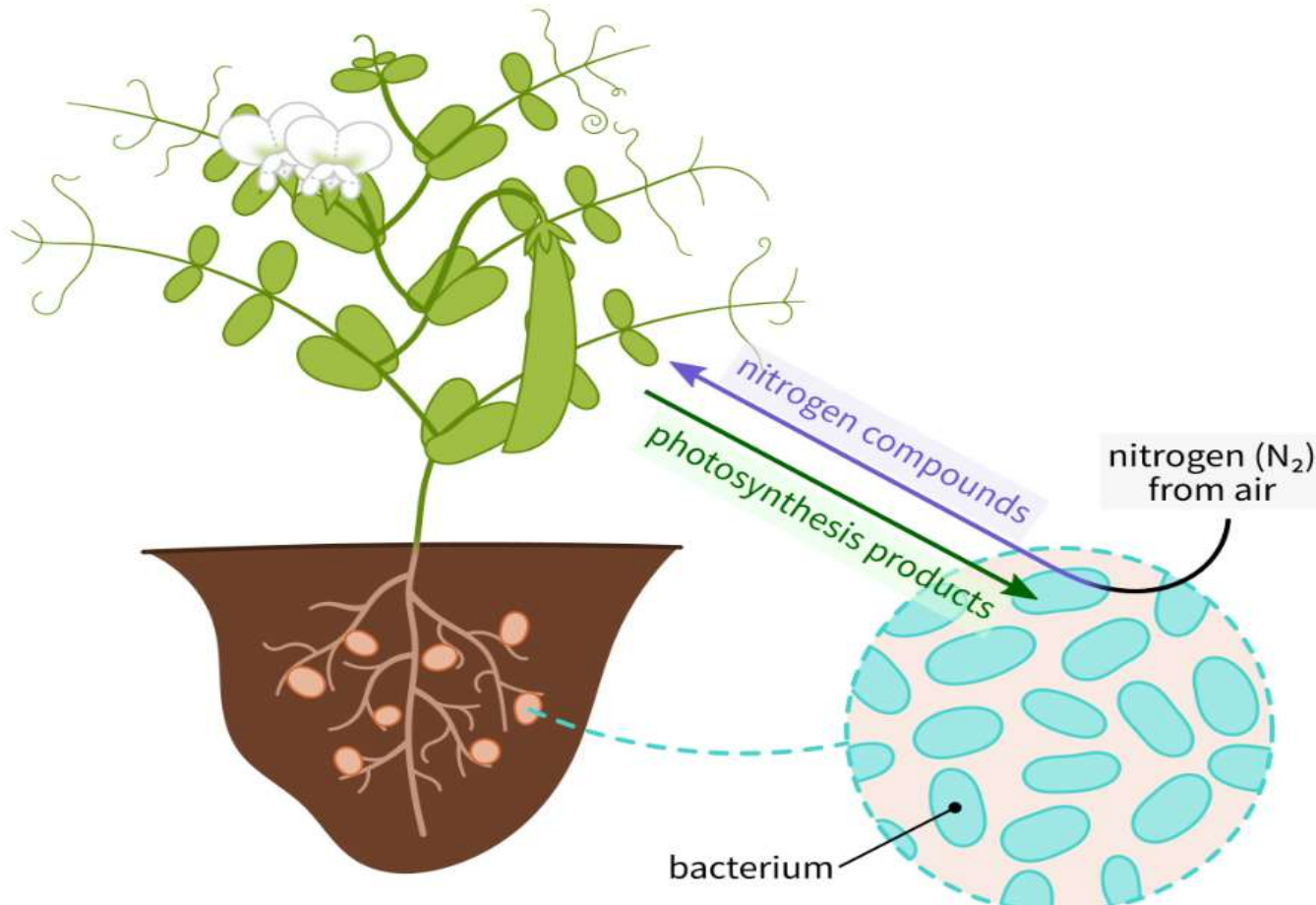
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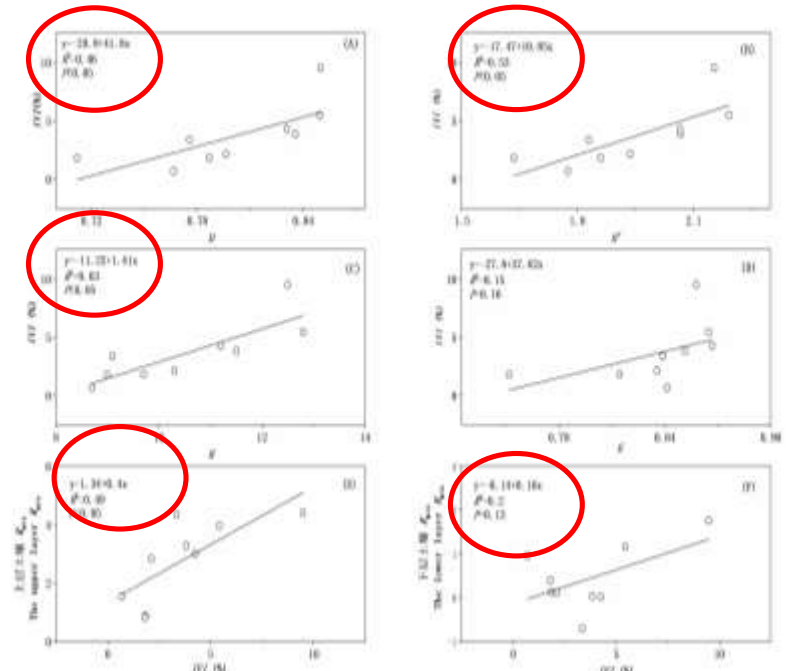
	Natural restoration	
	UL	LL
R_{amm}	↑*3.5 times	↑ 5.0 times
R_{nit}	-	-
R_{min}	↑* 3.6 times	↑3.8 times

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Nature restoration	2.14±0.06 ^a	0.85±0.01	0.86±0.01 ^a	6.26±2.92 ^a
Afforestation	1.75±0.1 ^b	0.76±0.04 ^b	0.80±0.05 ^a	1.44±0.66 ^b
Control	1.94±0.03 ^{ab}	0.80±0.03 ^{ab}	0.85±0.02 ^a	3.25±1.07 ^{ab}



$M_{C/N}$	-0.454*	0.044	-0.532*	-0.108	-0.571**	0.392
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- Fire driving the ratio of Rh:Rs ratio increased in a boreal forest ecosystem of China. Forest fires will potentially cause considerable losses of soil C in a boreal forest ecosystem of China, **a pro-active management of forest regeneration should be carried out after forest fire disturbances.**
- Black carbon promoted the recovery of ECM fungi community and induced different fungal colonization. **Fire and black carbon addition could affect the stability of soil organic carbon pool by affecting the composition of ECM fungi community.**
- Soil inorganic N pool remained significantly lower than pre-fire level after fire disturbance 30 years. **Natural restoration was more beneficial for the recovery of soil N availability in boreal forest of China after fire disturbance .**



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团队简介

TEAM PROFILE

团队在我国著名森林防火学家郑焕能教授带领下，于20世纪50年代初率先在森林学中开辟了森林防火教学与研究方向，是我国唯一能够培养和授予森林防火专业学士、硕士、博士学位的单位。团队现有成员10人，其中教授4人，副教授3人，讲师2人，工程师1人。

依托教育部重点实验室，团队系统开展了林火对森林生态系统的影响机理、林火行为、可燃物管理、可燃物含水率监测与模拟、林火预测预报技术、生物防火技术、森林地被可燃物调控技术、林火装备研发等研究。研究成果有效提升我国森林草原火灾理论研究水平，加快森林草原火灾防控技术科研成果转化促进国内森林草原火灾防控技术的整体建设及人才培养。



团队组成

TEAM COMPOSITION

团队负责人：孙龙教授



理学博士，教授，博士生导师。现任东北林业大学林学院院长，北方林火管理国家林业和草原局重点实验室主任，森林草原火灾防控技术国家创新联盟理事长。主要从事林火生态学、林火行为、林火监测预警以及森林可燃物调控与管理等研究。先后主持“十三五”重点研发课题、国家自然科学基金面上项目等课题20余项。

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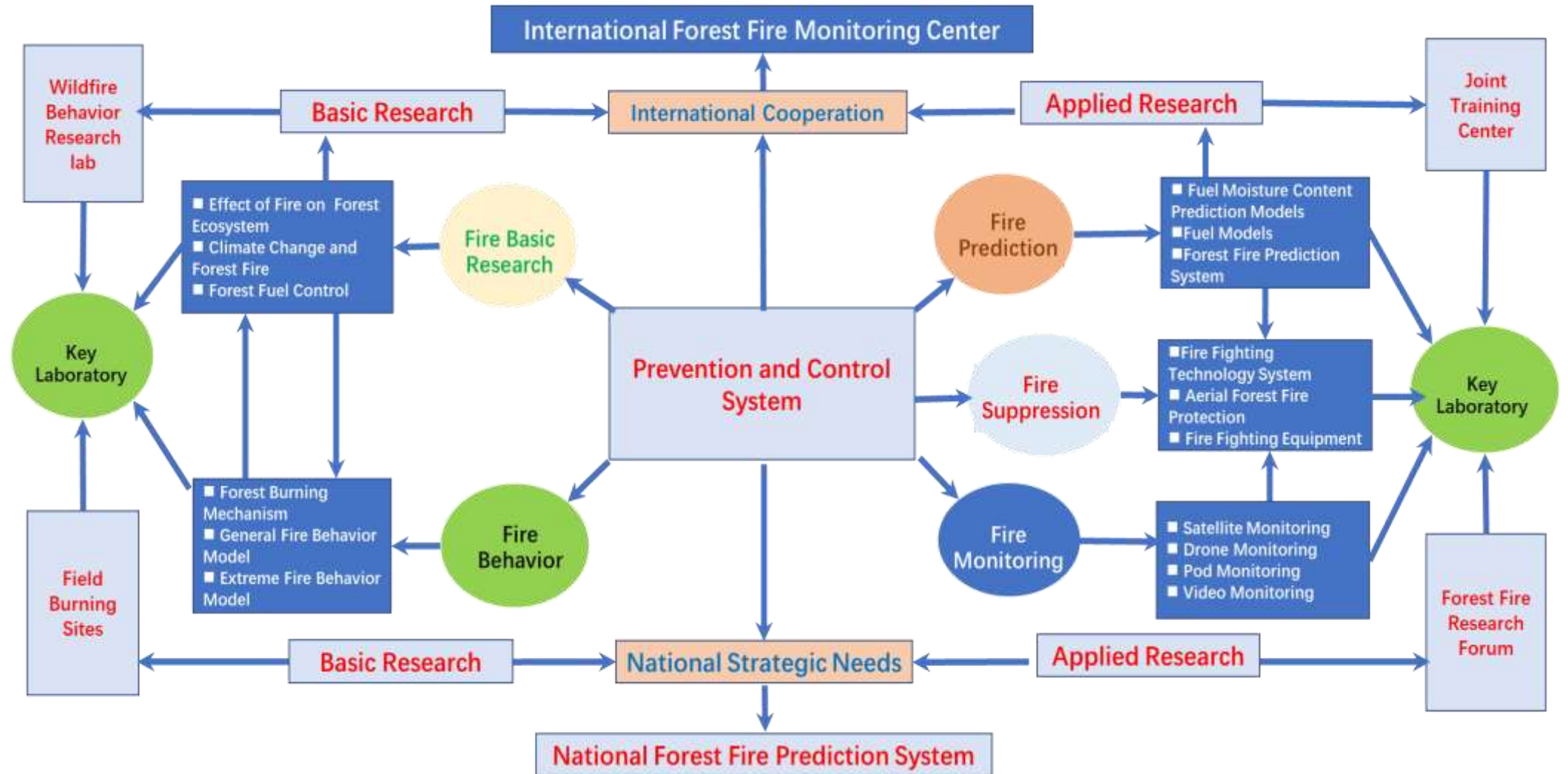


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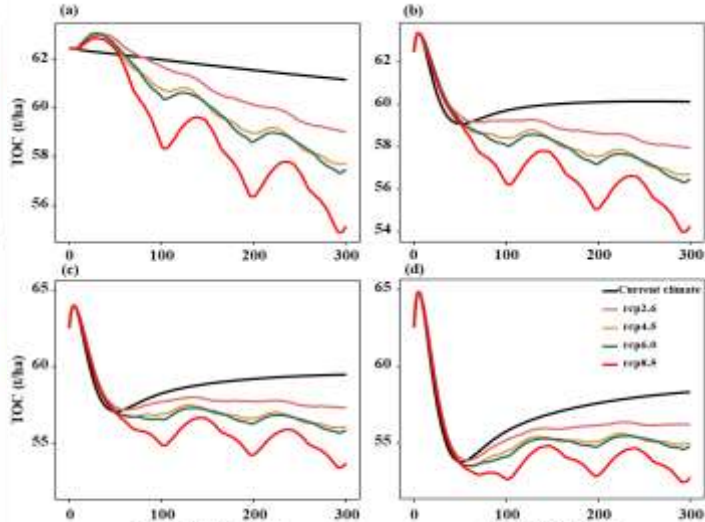
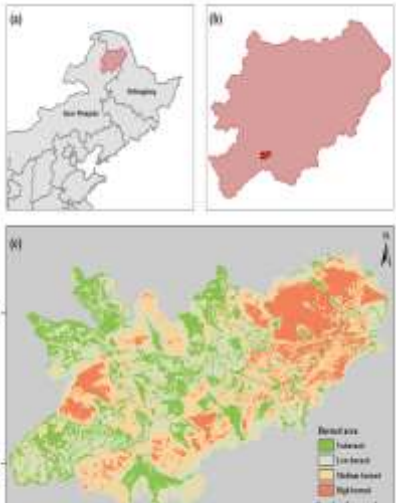


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Future Research



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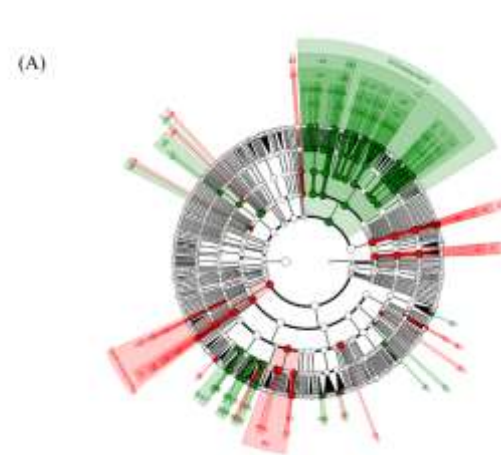
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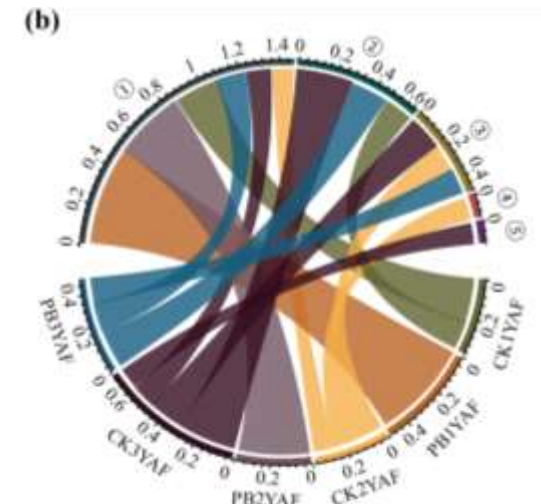
Post-fire vegetation recovery effect on carbon pool



Prescribed burning effect on forest ecosystem



Microorganism

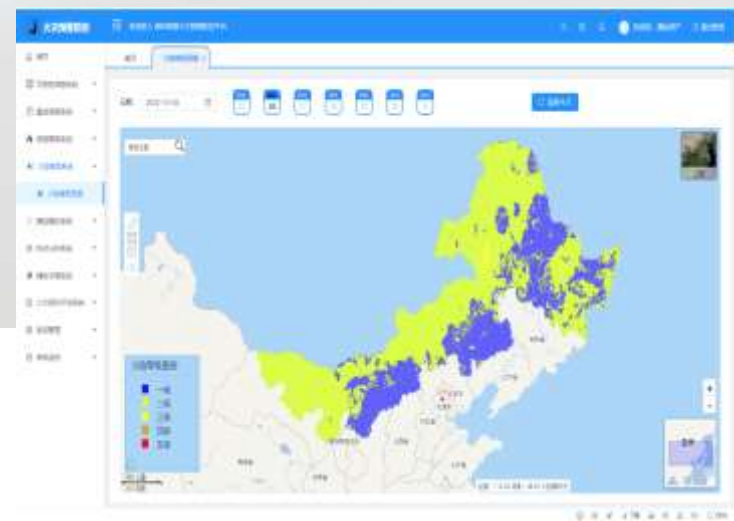
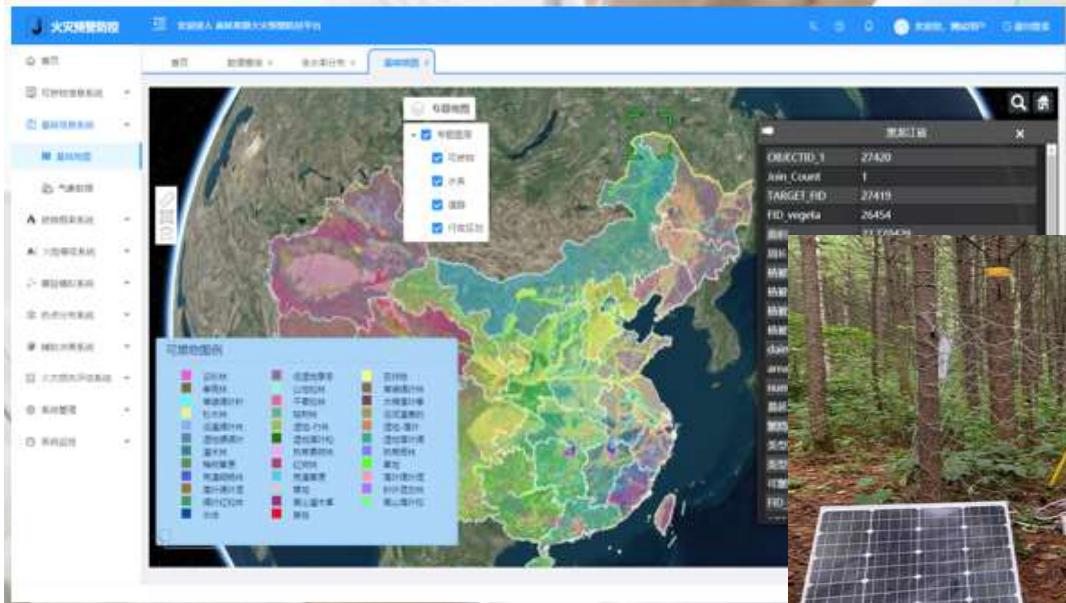


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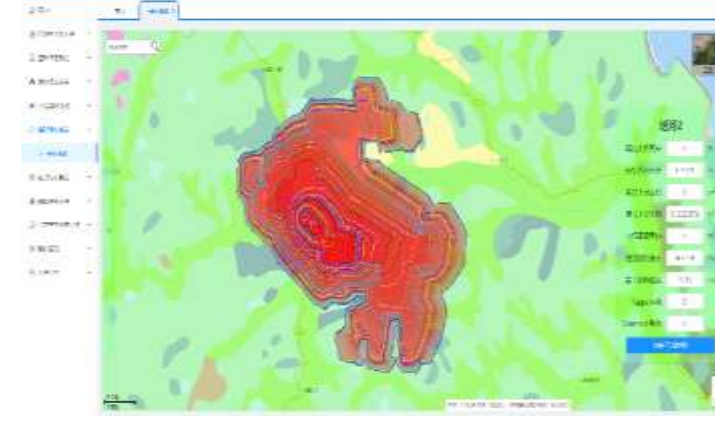
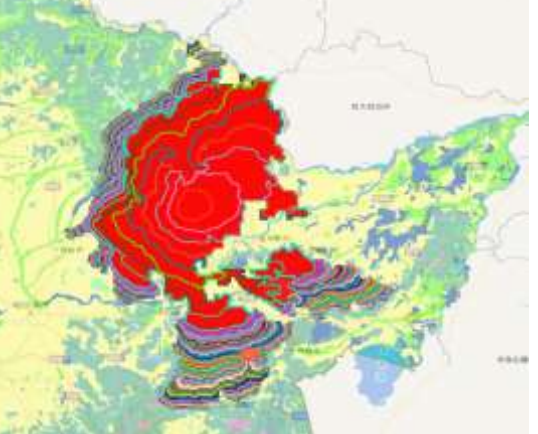
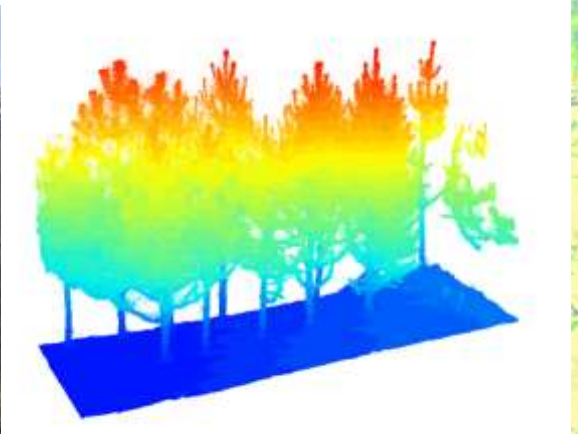
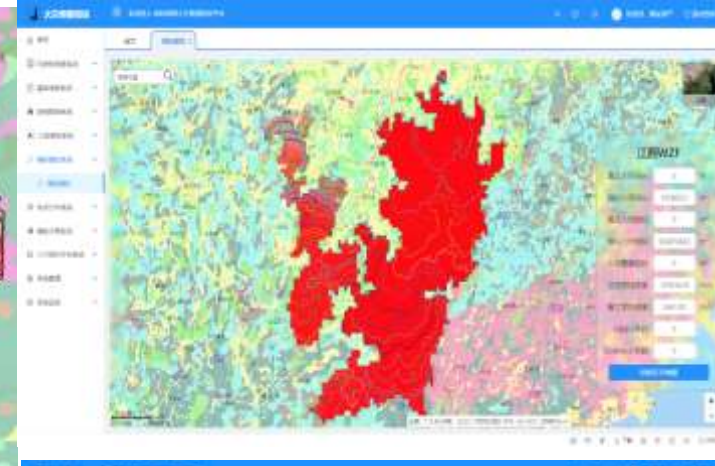
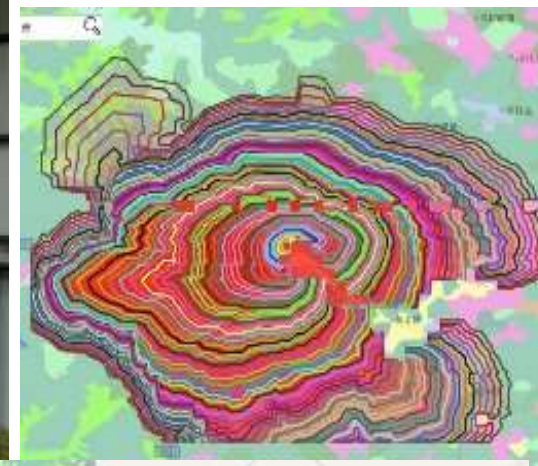
森林草原火灾预警防控平台

Forest grassland fire prediction and prevention platform

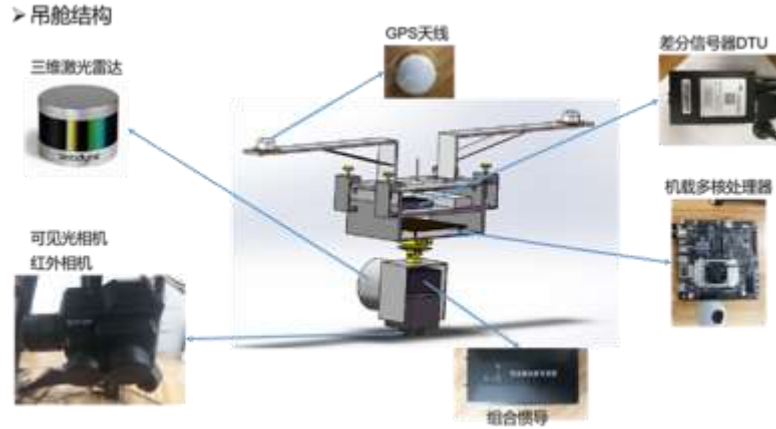
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Fire behavior and forest fire spread system

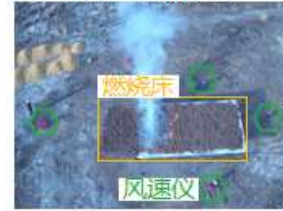


Accurate identification of large scale fire lines and extreme fire behavior

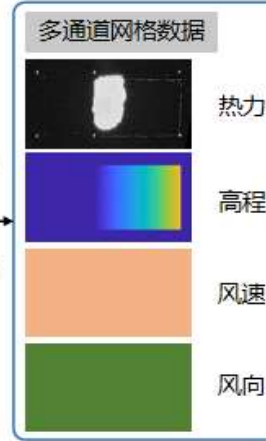


Drone pod

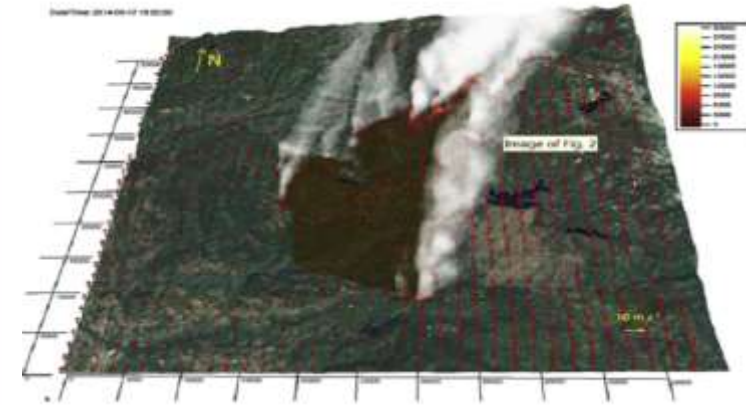
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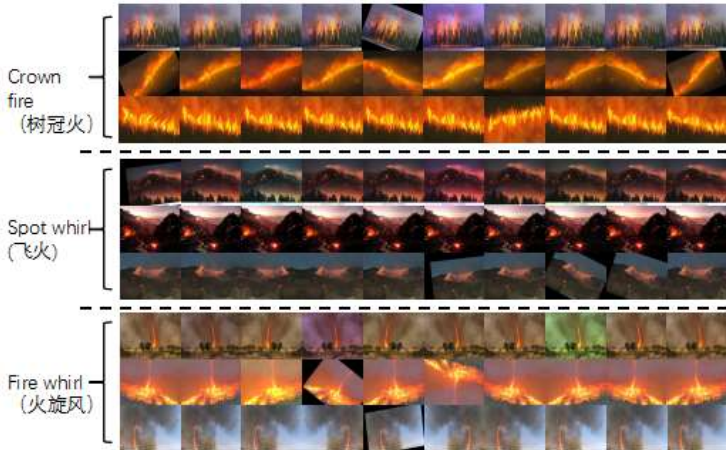
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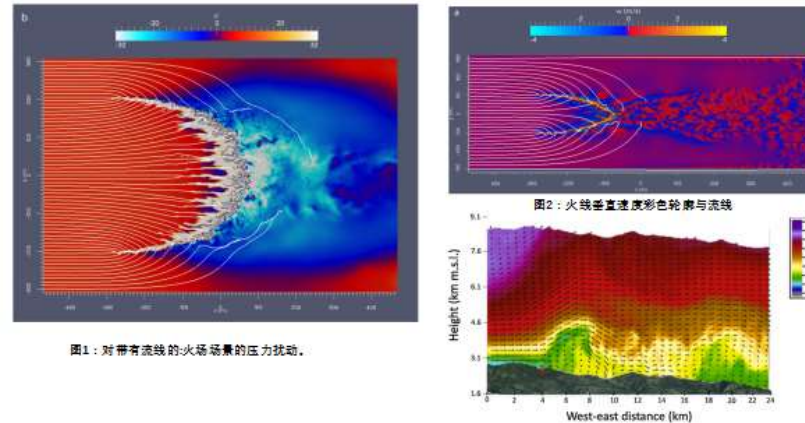
Multi-channel fire state map



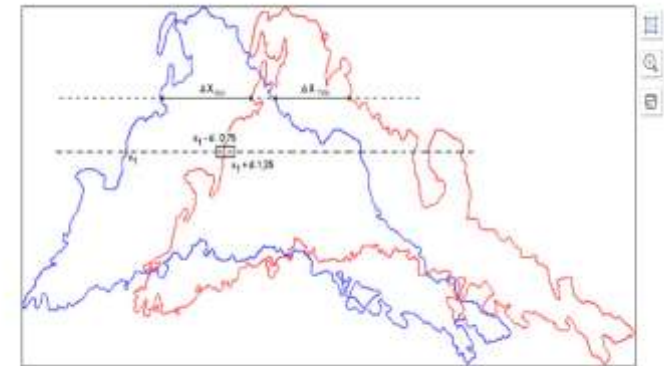
Real-time fire data and GIS system integration



Construction of extreme fire visual feature data set



Low altitude multimodal data fusion extreme fire behavior recognition



Speed of fire spread

Thanks for you attention !