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WaFfleS, a tree-level and distance-independant model to study multifunctionality and drought resilience of Belgian forests.

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Background informations

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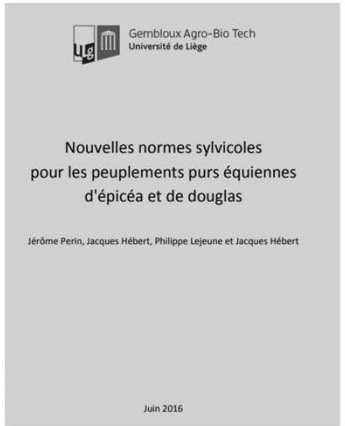

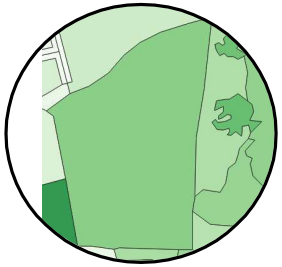

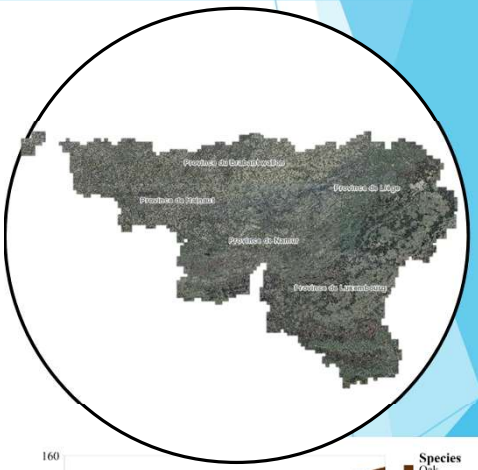

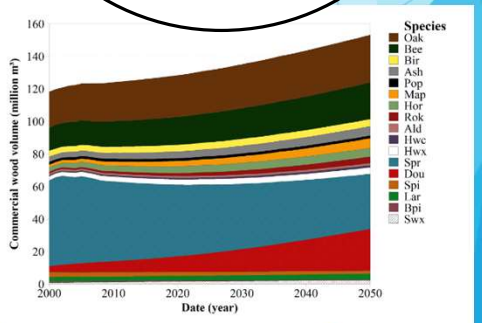

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Perin et al. 2020

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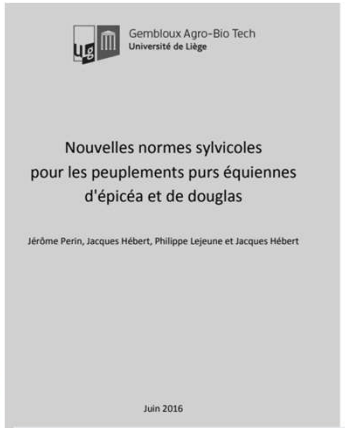
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Nouvelles normes sylvicoles
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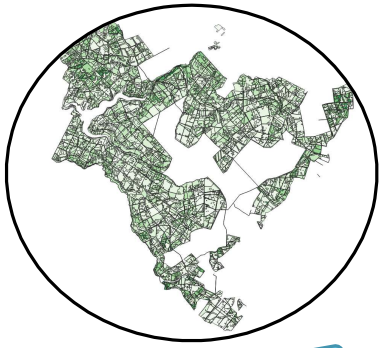
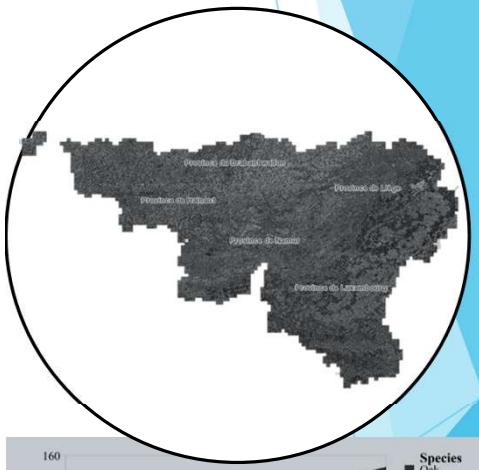


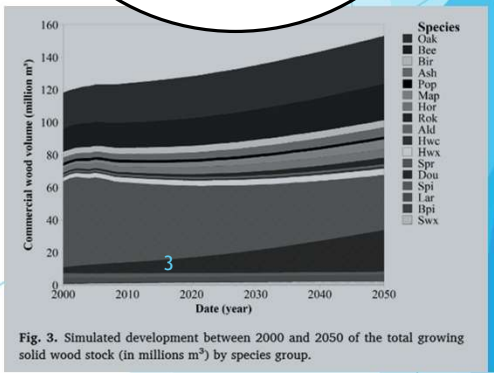
Evolution of timber stocks

Expected incomes

Multifunctionnality management

Climate change impact





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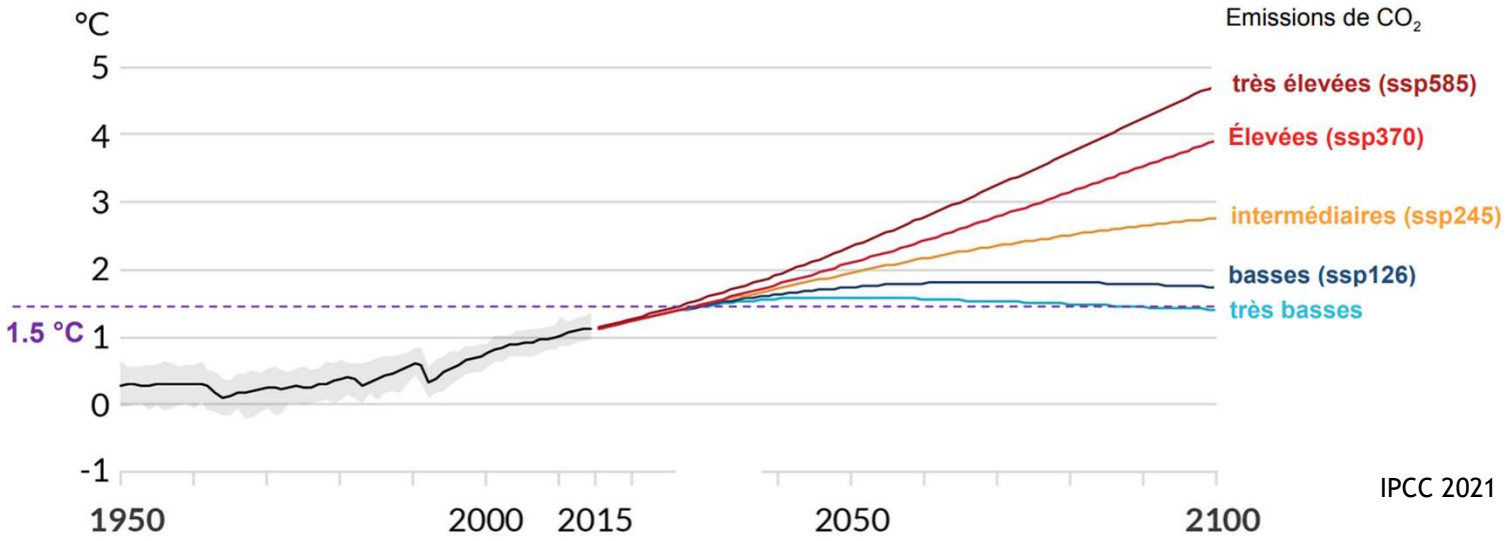
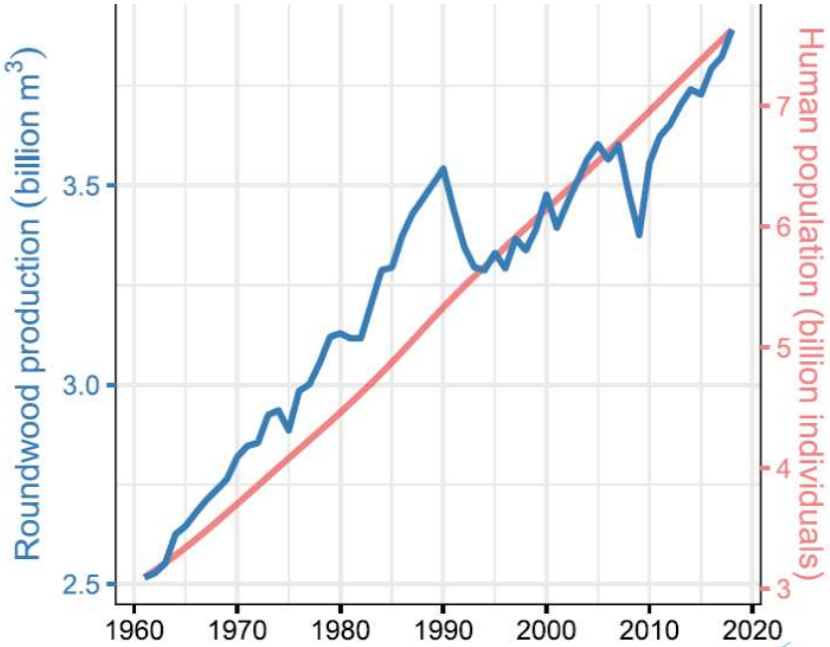


IPCC 2021

- Climate change will affect ecosystem services supply and we face uncertainty about frequency and severity of risks that are coming (IPCC 2021).
- forests resilience has globally decrease, also because of the homogenization of forests led by forest management and timber harvesting (Muller et al. 2022).
- The demand for other ecosystem services is also increasing.



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Scanning the solutions for the sustainable supply of forest ecosystem services in Europe

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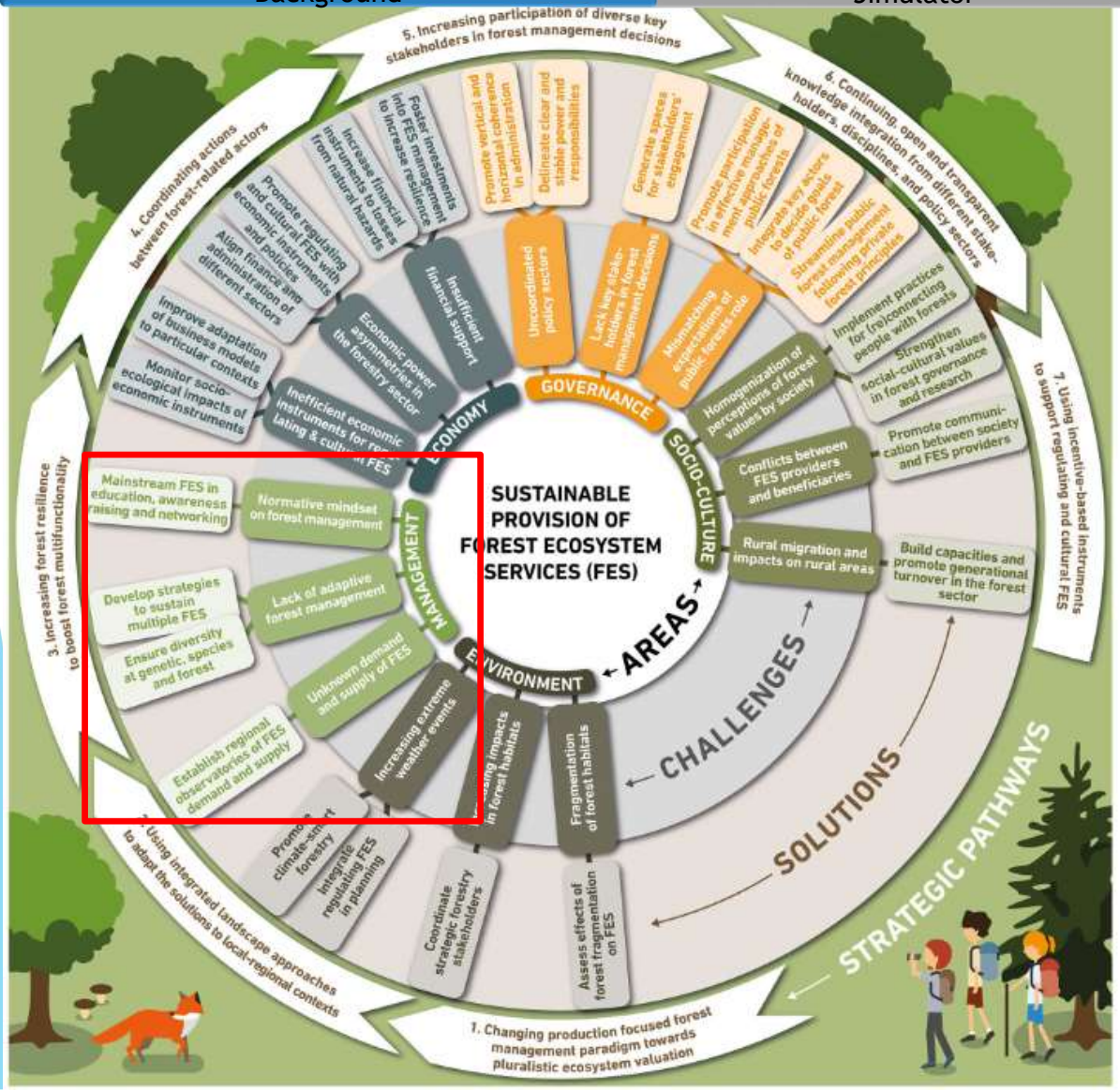
Abstract

Forests are key components of European multifunctional landscapes and supply numerous forest ecosystem services (FES) fundamental to human well-being. The sustainable provision of FES has the potential to provide responses to major societal challenges, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, or rural development. To identify suitable strategies for the future sustenance of FES, we performed a solution scanning exercise with a group of transdisciplinary forest and FES experts from different European regions. We identified and prioritized fifteen major challenges hindering the balanced provision of multiple FES and identified a series of potential solutions to tackle each of them. The most prominent challenges referred to the increased frequency and impacts of extreme weather events and the normative mindset regarding forest management. The respective solutions pointed to the promotion of forest resilience via climate-smart forestry and mainstreaming FES-oriented



- We need solutions to increase forest resilience
- We need solutions to deal with tradesoff between ecosystem services and ensure forest multifunctionnality

1. A strategy to ensure forest resilience : increase forest complexity at multiple scales

Tree

Stand

Multi-stands (forest)

Landscapes

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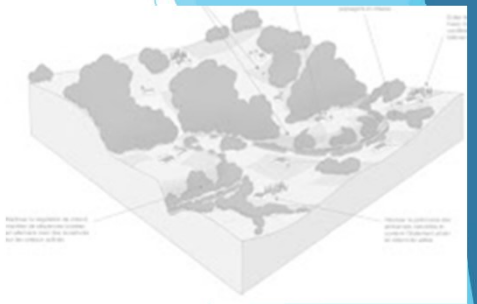
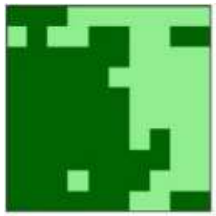


Landscapes

2. A strategy to reduce trades-off between ES : Consider multifunctionnality at forest scale



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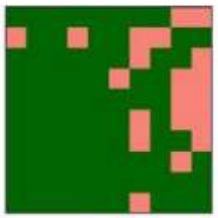
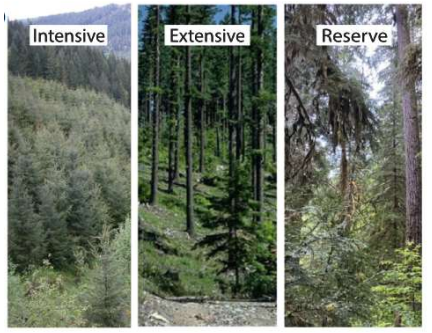


Land sparing

Diluated disturbances
Extensive management + reserves

Concentrated disturbances
Intensive management + reserves



Research plan

A new simulator

Adapted to belgian forests, forest scale and considering drought

A research question

About management solutions to increase forest resilience and multifunctionnality

A literature review

About the link between forest heterogeneity at different scales and the resilience of forest ecosystem services

Step 1 : model generalities

WaFfleS

Walsi and WaFfleS (Wallonia Forest Simulator) :

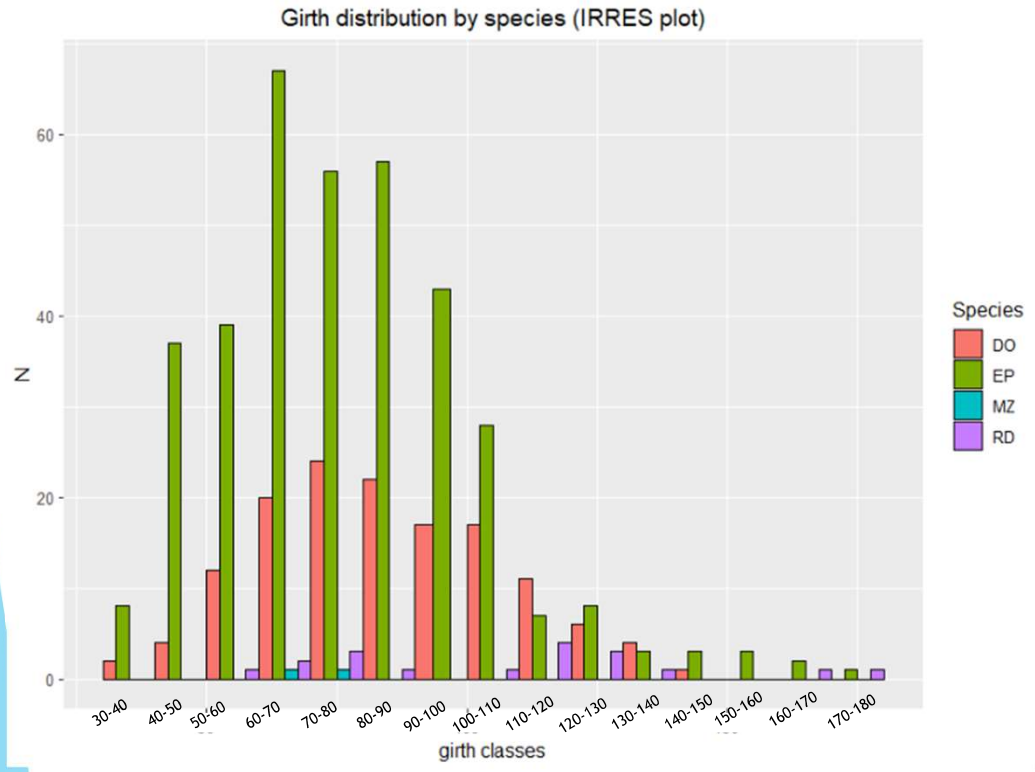
- A tree-individual and distance-independant model
- Designed for mixed, pure, even-aged and uneven-aged stand
- Drought sensitive
- Calibrated for 22 Belgian species

Quercus sp.	Picea abies	Carpinus betulus
Fagus sylvatica	Pseudotsuga menziesii	Alnus sp.
Betula sp.	Pinus sylvestris	Quercus rubra
Fraxinus excelsior	Sorbus aucuparia	Prunus avium
Populus x (hybridé)	Robinia pseudoacacia	Castanea sativa
Acer pseudoplatanus	Prunus serotina	Picea sitchensis
Larix sp	Pinus nigra	Other hardwood
Other softwood		

Step 2 : input files

Input files required :

- An inventory file



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inventory_figure2.inv

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1  # This is an inventory file for Walsi
2
3  # key records
4  standName = tenneville
5  inventoryDate = 2022
6  standArea_ha = 1
7  altitude = 500
8  classWidth = 10
9  naturalRegion = 4
10 soilWaterHoldingCapacity_mm = 60
11
12 polygon = MULTIPOLYGON (((0 0,100 0,100 100,0 100)))
13
14 #sp girth   N
15 CH  205 1
16 DO  35  2
17 DO  45  4
18 DO  55  12
19 DO  65  20
20 DO  75  24
21 DO  85  22
22 DO  95  17
23 DO  105 17
24 DO  115 11
25 DO  125 6
26 DO  135 4
27 DO  145 1
28 EP  35  8
29 EP  45  37
30 EP  55  39
31 EP  65  67
32 EP  75  56
33 EP  85  57
34 EP  95  43
```

Step 2 : input files

Input files required :

- An inventory file
- A species file

Species specific parameters

22 Species

```
# Walsi species file

# Color: r;g;b
# r, g and b in [0,255]

#spId   SimregName  latinName    Pa   Pb   Aa   Ab   ma   mb   v1   v2   v3   v4   c1   c2  mortality_c130_treshold survival_p_intercept    su
1   CH  Quercus sp. 0.1133068   0.0007591   0.2100735   1.1205395   1.847583    0.1587624   0.019546    -0.0029588  0.00011074  -3
2   HE  Fagus sylvatica 0.1344019   0.0007591   0.2100735   0.9444711   1.847583    0.1587624   0.01734 -0.003008   0.00011589  1.
3   BO, BP  Betula sp.  0.1117949   0.0007591   0.2100735   1.1298576   1.847583    0.1587624   0.0071727   -0.0022222  0.00010536
4   FR  Fraxinus excelsior  0.1419879   0.0007591   0.2100735   1.0638701   1.847583    0.1587624   -0.040364   0.00017945  7.6857
5   PE  Populus x   0.4086613   0.0007591   0.2100735   1.2267451   1.847583    0.1587624   0.0071727   -0.0022222  0.00010536  -1
6   ES  Acer pseudoplatanus 0.1185535   0.0007591   0.2100735   0.9493634   1.847583    0.1587624   -0.019508   0.00015072  5.7816
7   CA  Carpinus betulus    0.0954062   0.0007591   0.2100735   0.9491152   1.847583    0.1587624   0.01734 -0.003008   0.00011589
8   AL  Alnus sp.   0.2471932   0.0007591   0.2100735   1.1244754   1.847583    0.1587624   0.0071727   -0.0022222  0.00010536  -1
9   CR  Quercus rubra    0.1369393   0.0007591   0.2100735   1.1618045   1.847583    0.1587624   0.011189    -0.0023212  0.00010179
10  MR  Prunus avium    0.1057602   0.0007591   0.2100735   0.9911594   1.847583    0.1587624   0.048959    -0.002599   8.242001E-
11  CT  Castanea sativa 0.2471932   0.0007591   0.2100735   1.1244754   1.847583    0.1587624   0.01734 -0.003008   0.00011589  1.
12  SO  Sorbus aucuparia    0.1628127   0.0007591   0.2100735   1.0975823   1.847583    0.1587624   -0.019508   0.00015072  5.7816
13  RO  Robinia pseudoacacia    0.1628127   0.0007591   0.2100735   1.0975823   1.847583    0.1587624   0.019546    -0.0029588  0.
14  CS  Prunus serotina 0.1057602   0.0007591   0.2100735   0.9911594   1.847583    0.1587624   0.01734 -0.003008   0.00011589  1.
15  FD  Other hardwood  0.1628127   0.0007591   0.2100735   1.0975823   1.847583    0.1587624   0.01734 -0.003008   0.00011589  1.
16  EP  Picea abies 0.215601    0.0001898   0.3454868   1.0840982   -0.1987378  0.0666572   0.032253    -0.0040132  0.00013221  -1
17  DO  Pseudotsuga menziesii   0.3537123   0.0001898   0.3454868   1.0943286   -0.1987378  0.0666572   0.083862    -0.0064217  0.
18  PS  Pinus sylvestris    0.1270302   0.0001898   0.3454868   1.1328443   -0.1987378  0.0666572   -0.0052616  -0.001393   8.8771
19  MZ  Larix sp.   0.2297266   0.0001898   0.3454868   1.1295676   -0.1987378  0.0666572   0.019784    -0.0031514  0.00012589  -5
20  PI  Pinus nigra 0.1349973   0.0001898   0.3454868   1.0601591   -0.1987378  0.0666572   -0.0052616  -0.001393   8.8771E-05  1.
21  EK  Picea sitchensis    0.2572426   0.0001898   0.3454868   1.0258777   -0.1987378  0.0666572   0.032253    -0.0040132  0.0001
22  RD  Other softwood  0.2572426   0.0001898   0.3454868   1.0258777   -0.1987378  0.0666572   0.032253    -0.0040132  0.00013221
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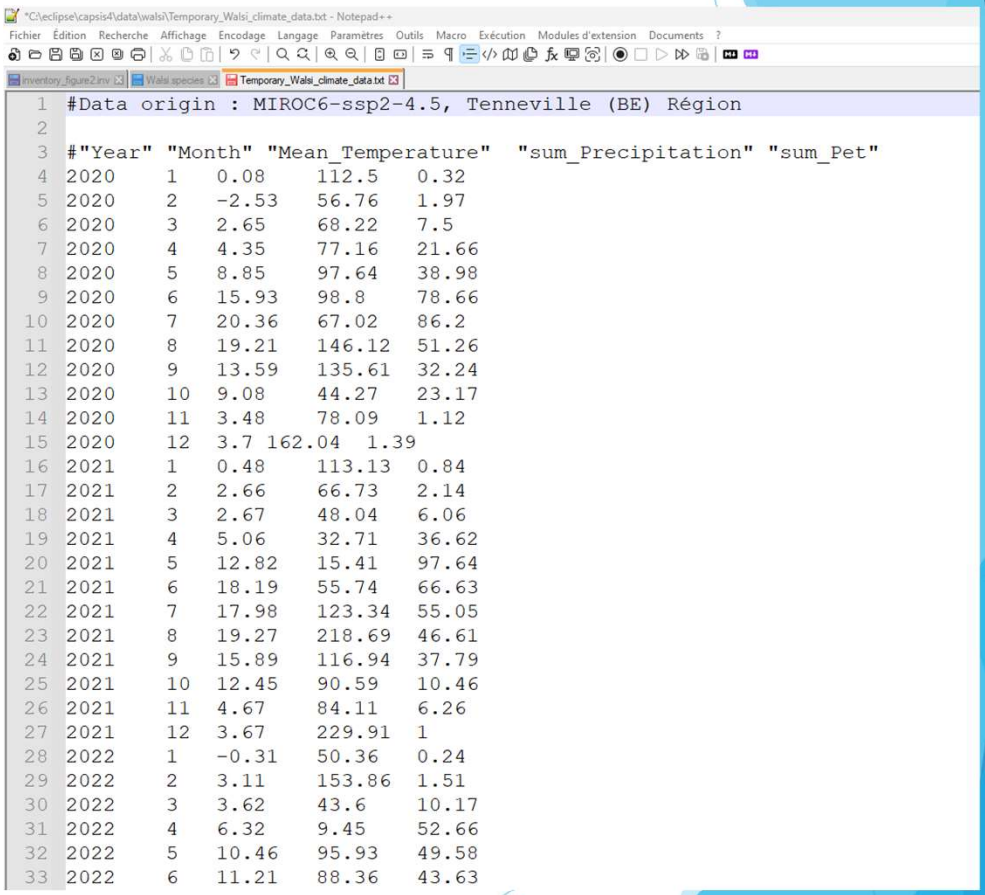
Step 2 : input files

Input files required :

- An inventory file
- A species file
- A climate file :
  - Data projection from SSP scenarios
  - Generated by M.A.R



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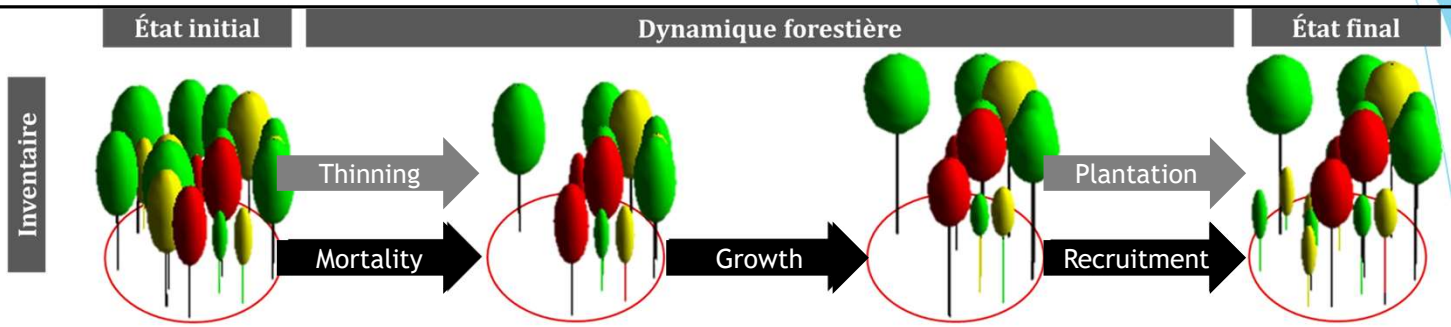

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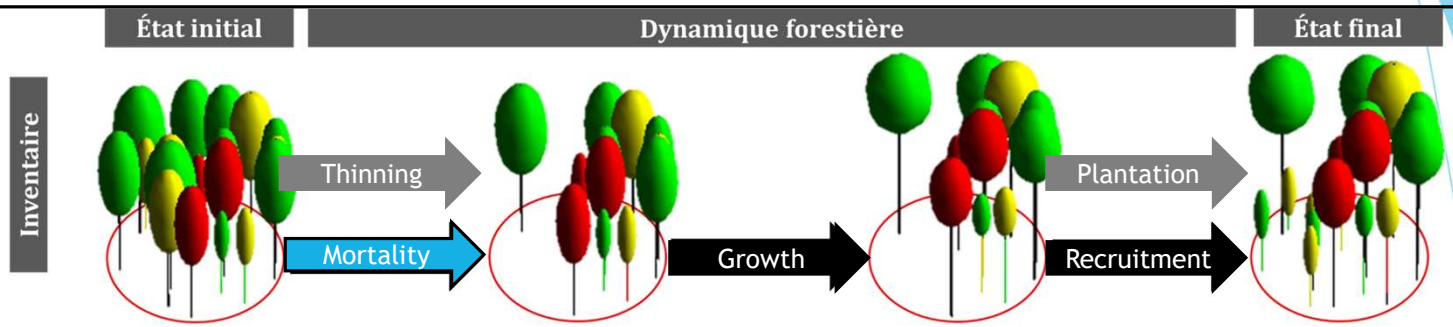

Mortality sub-model

- Also used in Samsara2
- From European NFI data

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Predict_Survival <- function(dbh_mm, batot_m2, sgdd, aet2pet, dyears, params)
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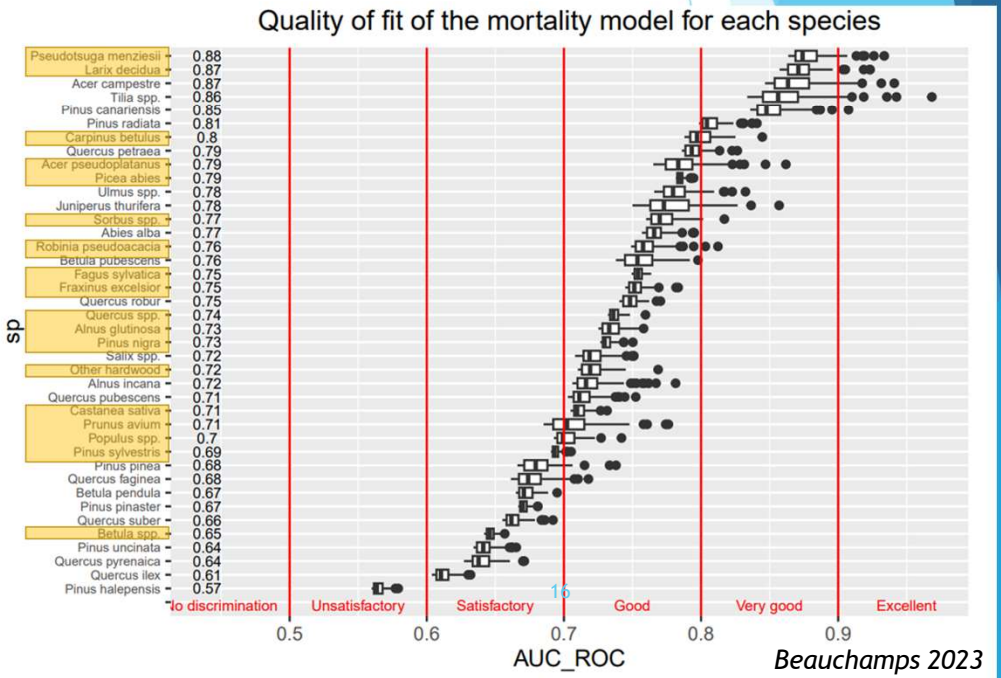
Deadwood decay sub-model



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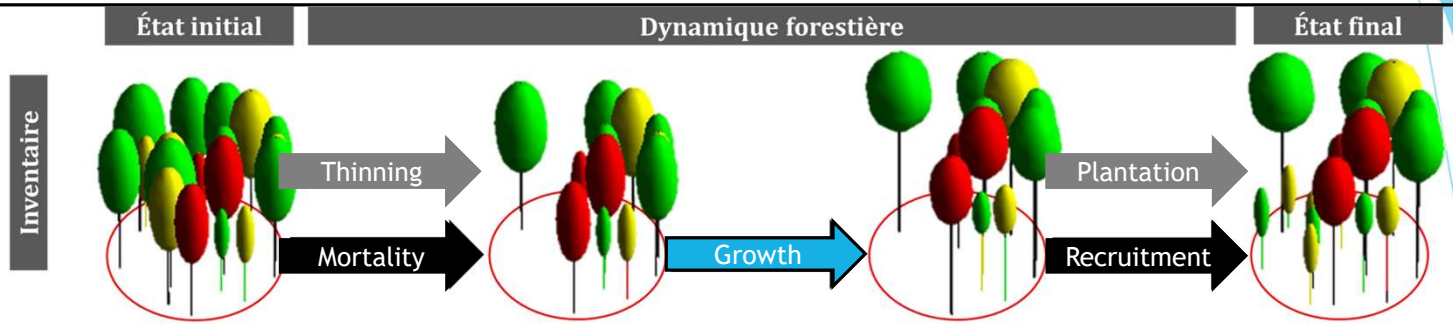

Growth sub-model

- From SIMREG model
- From Belgian NFI data

$$dG_i = 0.5*P*\left(C_i - m*A + \sqrt{(m*A+C_i)^2 - 4*A*C_i}\right)$$

Where:

$$A = Aa * Cdom^{Ab}$$

$$P = Pa * exp(1 - Pb * Alt)$$

$$m = 1 + exp(ma - mb * Gha)$$

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SIMREG, a tree-level distance-independent model to simulate forest dynamics and management from national forest inventory (NFI) data

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ABSTRACT

SIMREG is a non-deterministic tree-level distance independent forest model that can simulate forest growth, yield and management on a regional scale while representing the wide diversity of composition, structure and management found in forest stands. It is composed of several sub-models to represent the main forest dynamics (growth, recruitment, removal, clearcut and reforestation) and to account for species composition, stand density, tree size and social status, forest ownership type and some sites characteristics. We used the data collected by the permanent forest inventory of Wallonia (IPRFW) between 1994 and 2015 to calibrate SIMREG and forecast the development of Wallonia's 479 500 ha of productive forest (465 million simulated trees) until 2050. According to our simulation, the harvesting rate of Norway spruce (the main production species) is currently unsustainable and it is gradually being replaced by other species such as Douglas-fir, larch and various hardwoods. It appears that in terms of total softwood volume production, the higher production level of Douglas-fir and larch should eventually compensate for the decline in spruce. In contrast, the harvest rate in hardwood stands is around 75% of the annual yield, resulting in a steady increase in the total hardwood stock of about 600 000 m^3 per year. Our methodology is easily replicable and the data required for sub-model calibration are consistent with those measured by most permanent NFIs, so our forest simulation model could be adapted to other regions and

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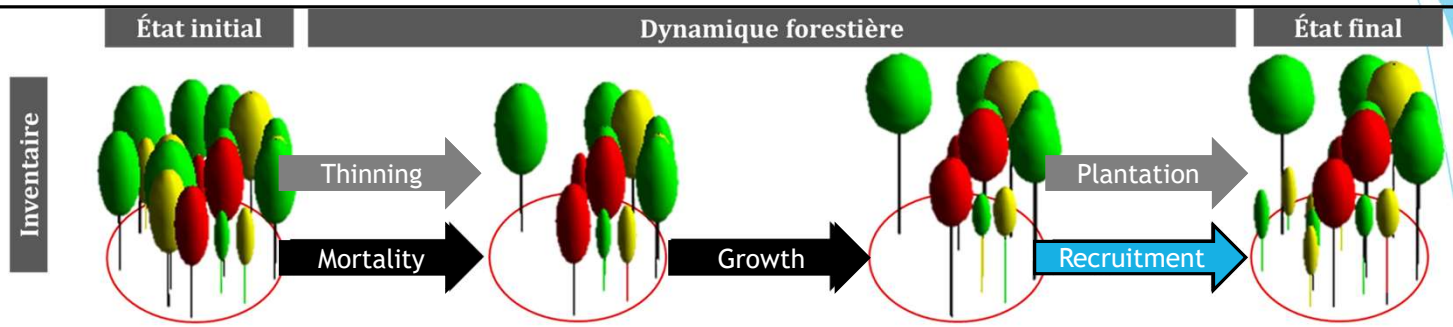

Recruitment sub-model

- From SIMREG model
- From belgian NFI data

1. Recruitment density computation

$$Nha_{recrut} = 400 * exp(Yrecrut)/(1 + exp(Yrecrut))$$

Where:

$$Yrecrut = f(RN * Gha + Cg + Cg^2 + CV)$$

2. Recruitment composition computation

		Recruitment composition																
	%	Oak	Bee	Bir	Ash	Pop	Map	Hor	Ald	Rok	Hwc	Hwx	Spr	Dou	Spi	Lar	Bpi	Swx
Stand composition	Oak	7	28	11	5	0	9	22	0	1	2	8	7	0	0	0	0	0
	Bee	1	74	1	1	0	5	7	1	0	1	3	6	0	0	0	0	0
	Bir	9	12	28	5	0	6	6	4	1	2	16	9	0	0	2	0	0
	Ash	3	5	6	25	3	31	11	4	0	2	6	2	2	0	0	0	0
	Pop	7	4	1	28	0	19	0	20	0	7	11	4	0	0	0	0	0
	Map	2	12	2	15	0	44	7	2	1	4	7	2	1	1	0	0	0
	Hor	0	9	0	15	0	15	57	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ald	0	10	3	28	0	23	0	21	0	0	3	12	0	0	0	0	0
	Rok	0	12	16	0	0	34	0	0	26	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Hwc	1	9	0	18	0	31	6	0	1	7	19	0	7	0	0	0	0
	Hwx	4	12	13	14	0	13	9	1	4	1	28	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Spr	5	10	10	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	6	59	4	0	0	0	0
	Dou	0	20	35	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	25	17	0	0	0	0
	Spi	23	8	20	6	0	0	2	0	2	3	16	11	0	11	0	0	0
	Lar	8	5	11	1	0	6	4	0	0	5	7	24	13	0	15	0	0
	Bpi	12	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	0
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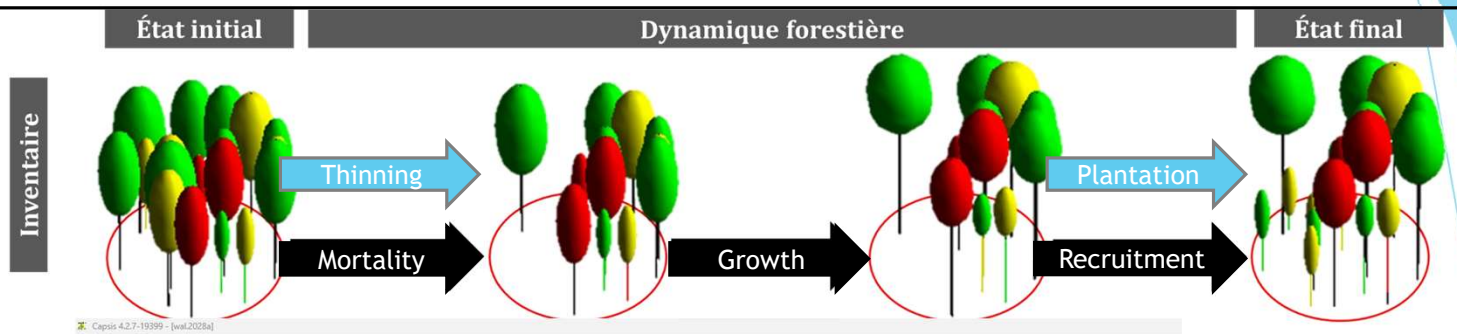
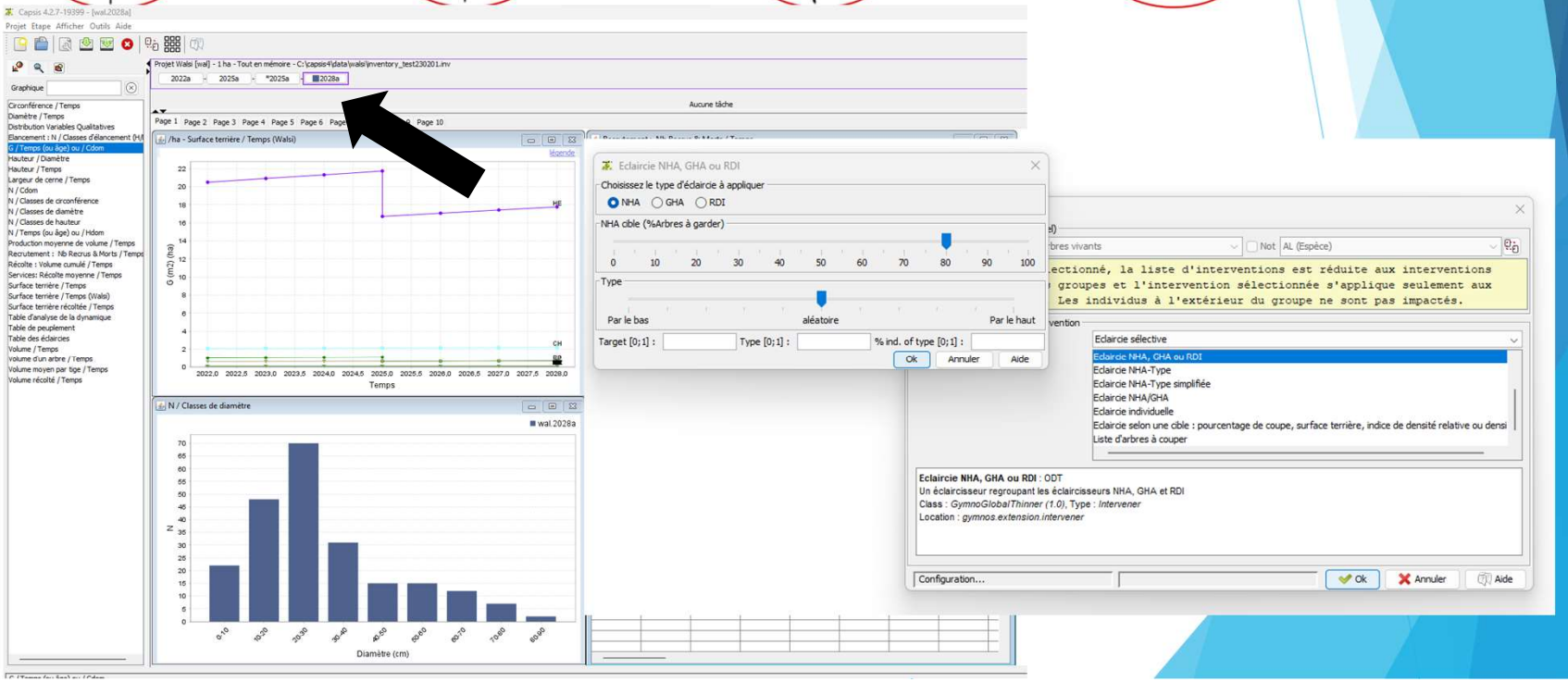
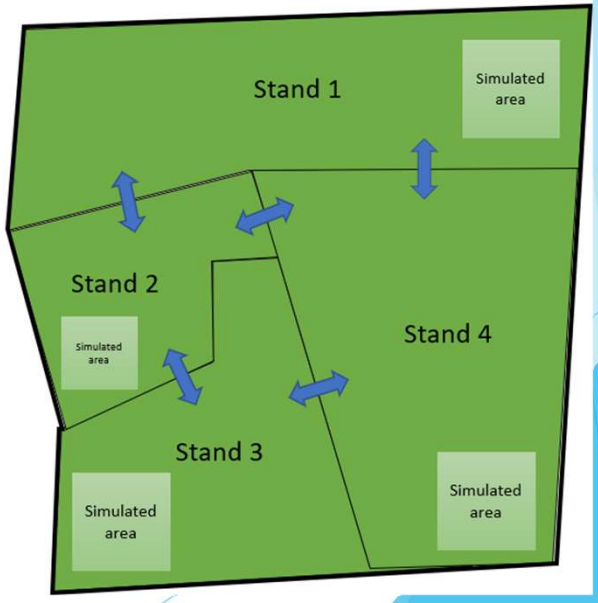
Step 4 : Interveners for management at stand scale





WaFfleS and Walsi : two different model

WaFfleS



- In WaFfleS :
  - Stands are spatialized
  - Stands interacts (recruitment process)
  - A simulated area is used
  - We need to find solution for large scale management

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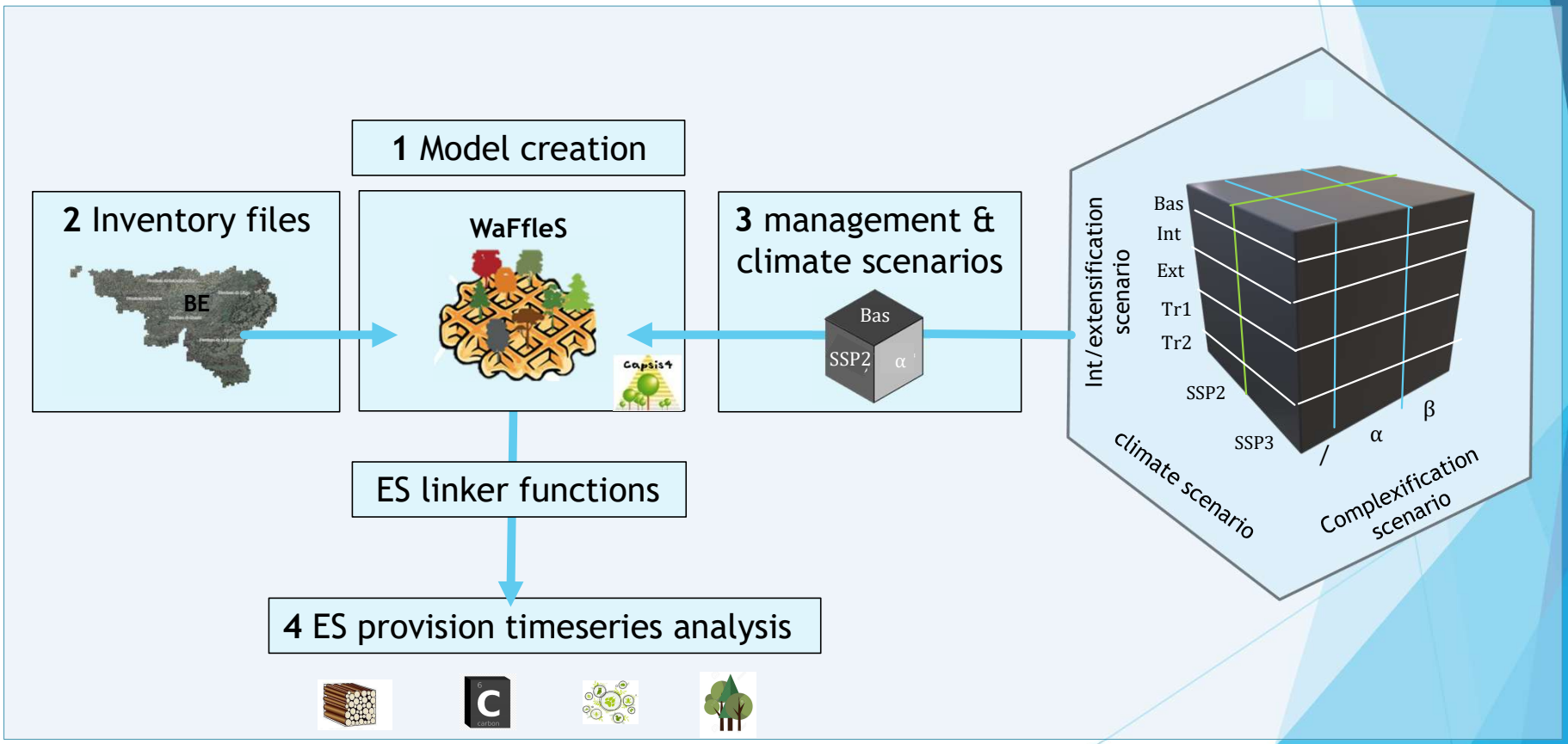

2 Inventory files

The methodology to gather data at large scale still need to be define.

- Full inventory
- Samples methodology
- Airborne laser scanning (ALS)

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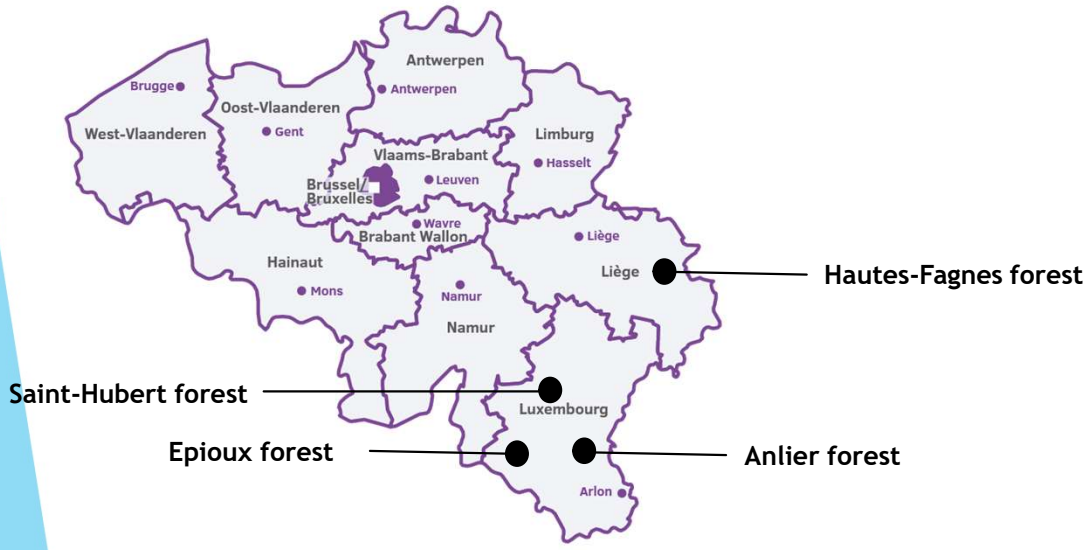

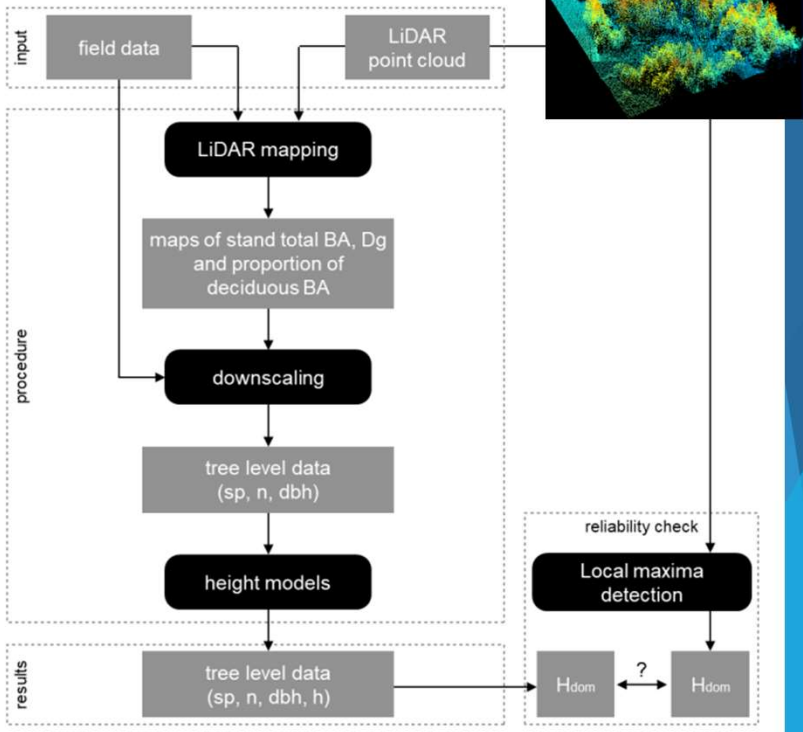

Processing chain to reconstitute tree characteristics for large areas (Vallet et al. 2023)

3 management & climate scenarios

We will investigate intensification / extensification and complexification strategies at stand and forest scales

I-MAESTRO

Intensification	Reduce minimum cutting diameter Increase thinning intensity	Increase proportion of managed area
Extensification	Increase minimum cutting diameter Decrease thinning intensity	Decrease the proportion of managed area
Complexification	Increase alpha diversity	Increase beta diversity

- We will test 5 mixed intensification /extensification scenarios

Scenario type	Stand scale	Forest scale
Baseline	S-Baseline	F-Baseline
Intensification	SI	FI
Extensification	SE	FE
Trade-off 1	SE	FI
Trade-off 2	SI	FE

Legend
S : “stand”
F : “forest”

I : “intensification”
E : “extensification”

I-MAESTRO

- We will test 5 mixed intensification /extensification scenarios x 3 complexification scenarios

Scenario type	Stand scale	Forest scale	Enhance Complexity 1	2	3
Baseline	S-Baseline	F-Baseline	No	α	β
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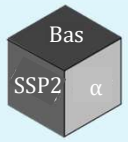
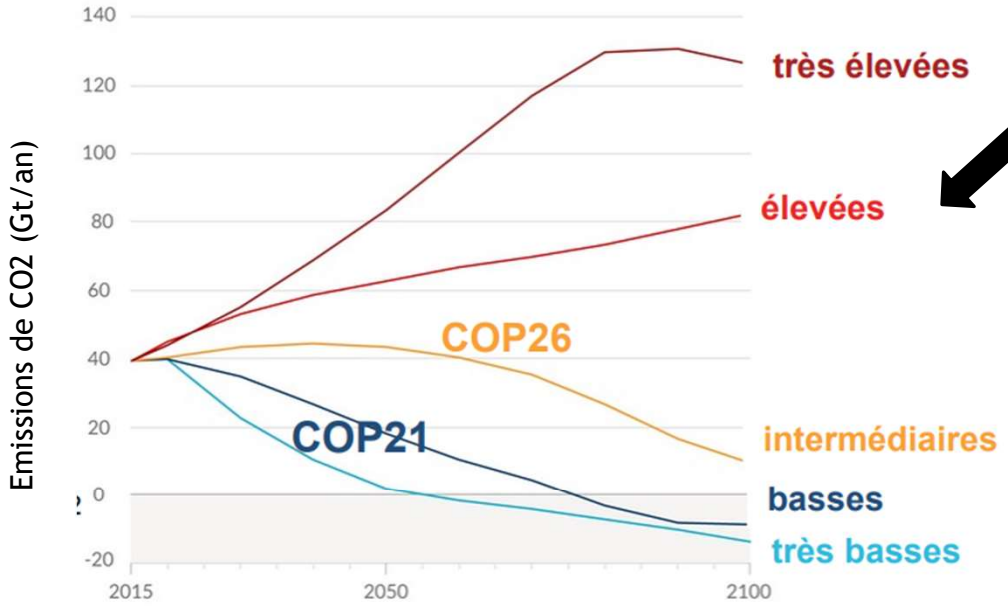


- Two climate scenario will be explore
- Focus on drought issue



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4 ES linker functions

WaFfleS

IN/OUTput WaFfleS :

- Espèce
- Classes de circonférence
- Nombre de tiges

Calcul volume

Calcul surface terrière

Calcul hauteur

Taux de conversion carbone

Volume récolté [m^3/ha/an]
Volume récolté par essence [m^3/ha/an]
Volume récolté par essence et par classe de circonférence [m^3/ha/an]

Augmentation de la surface terrière [m^2/ha/an]
Augmentation de la surface terrière par essence [m^2/ha/an]
Augmentation de la surface terrière par essence et par classe de circonférence [m^2/ha/an]

Stock de carbone sur pied : biomasse aérienne et souterraine [T/ha]
Stock de carbone exporté [T/ha] -> C.A.T

Volume de bois mort [m^2/ha]
Diversité de bois morts
Nombre de très gros bois vivants [n/Ha]

Indices de diversité spécifique :
- Richesse en espèce
- Indice de Shannon
- Indice de dominance de Simpson

Diversité structurelle :
- Indice de Shannon
- Indice de Gini

Indice de diversité du paysage

4 ES linker functions

WaFfleS

Niimmo et al. 2017

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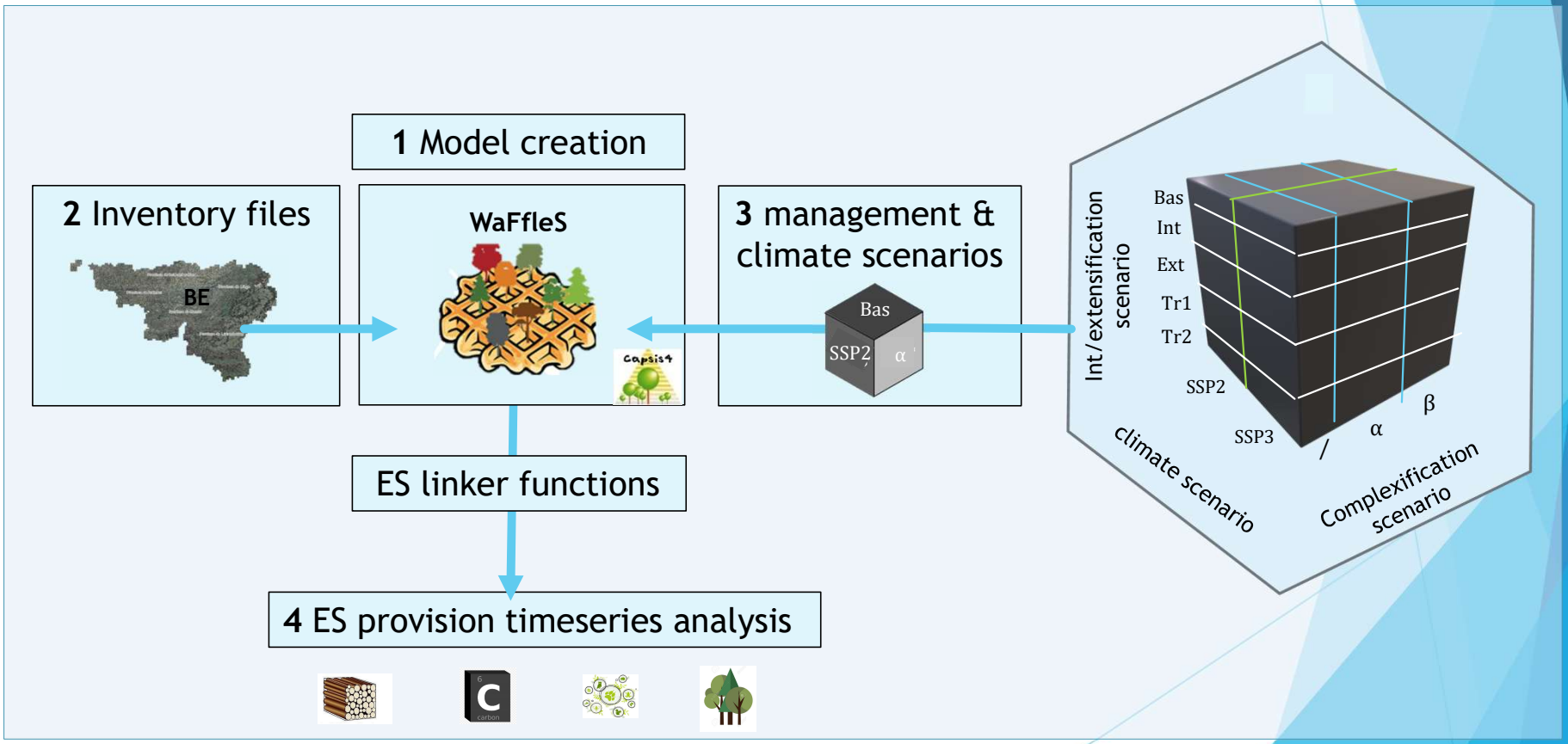


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