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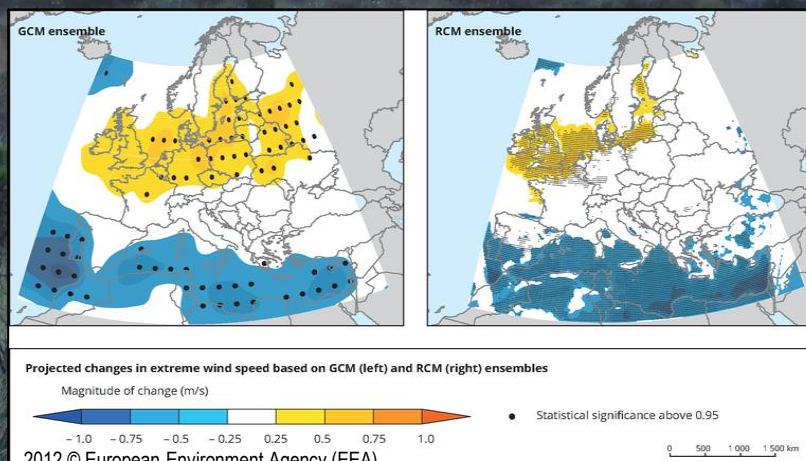
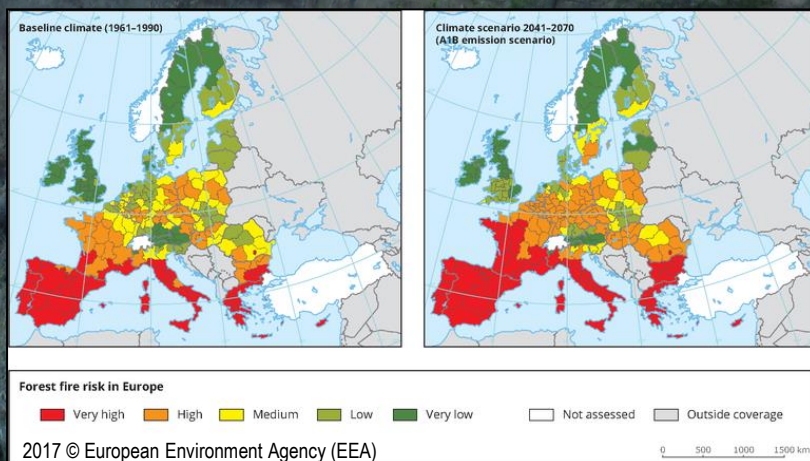


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Nordic Forest Research



Karula National Park



More recent infestation

Bog area (naturally low vegetation)

Expansion

Storm area (2016)

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Seidl et al. (+24) 2020 Globally consistent climate sensitivity of natural disturbances across boreal and temperate forest ecosystems, *Ecography* 967-978. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ecog.04995>

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Spruce trees damaged by *Ips typographus*

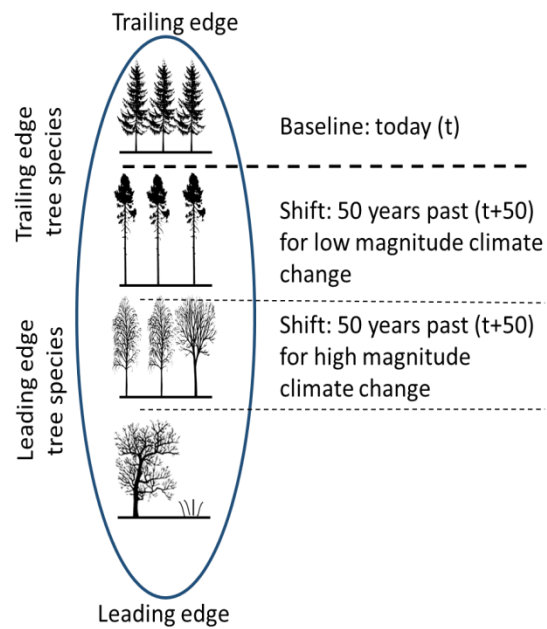


Figure x. Leading edge and trailing edge in “motion”. Leading edges of the range for tree species, forest types or biomes are defined as edges towards a cooler climate, while warming temperatures bring new communities with different biome characteristics. The figure represents a 50-year time step.

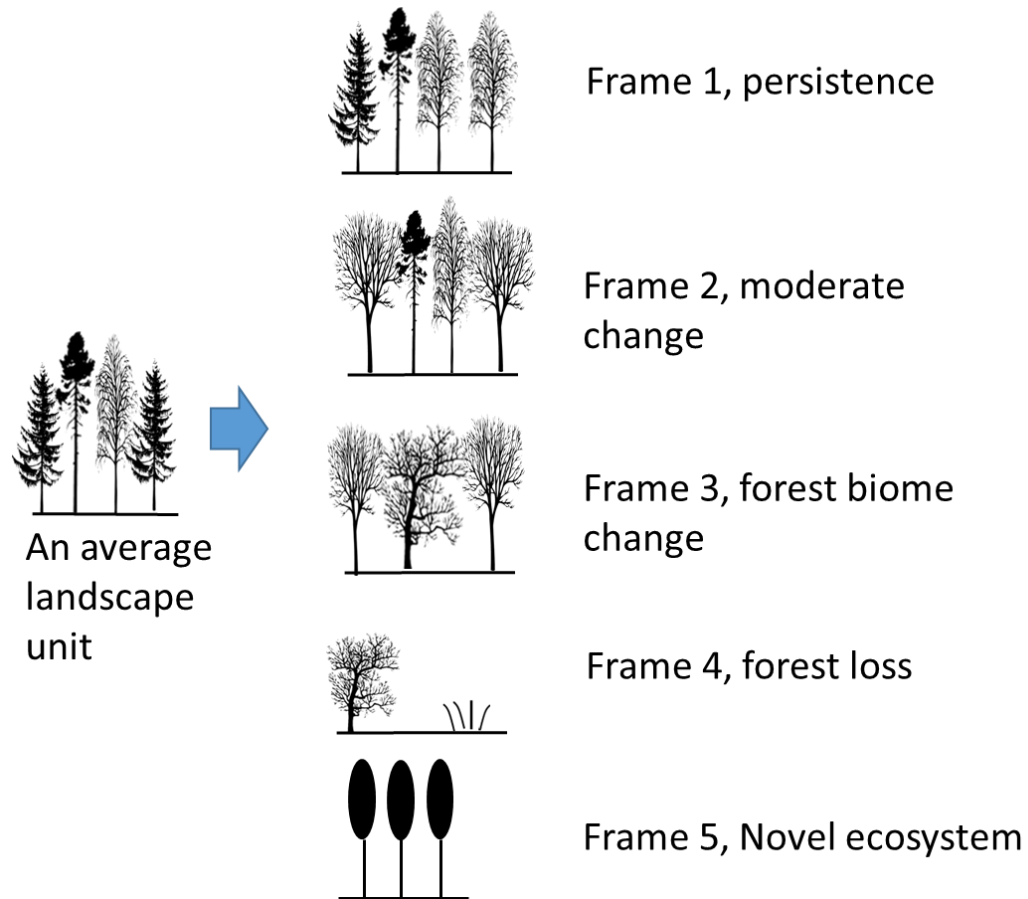


Figure 3. The frames of change in stand types and species composition—a trailing edge southern boreal forest example with leading temperate deciduous forest and oak savanna just to the south.

Frame 1, persistence, the same tree species composition is sustained, perhaps with some minor shifts in relative abundance. Frame 2, moderate change, there are substantial changes in relative abundance of dominant tree species. Frame 3, forest biome change, major turnover of species composition, e.g., transition from boreal to temperate species. Frame 4, forest loss, change from forest to non-forest biome (e.g., savanna or grassland). Frame 5, novel ecosystems are established using exotic tree species suited to the new climate.