

# STAR WARS EPISODE III

## REVENGE OF THE SITH

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# California invaded: 1849 A.D.



Xylella scorch of maples 2000s

Port Orford Cedar Root Disease  
1950s

Expansion of root pathogens  
Post 1880s

Root canker of  
Pacific Madrone  
and Bay laurel (70s)

Manzanita die-back 2004

Sudden Oak Death  
1990s

White pine blister rust  
1950s

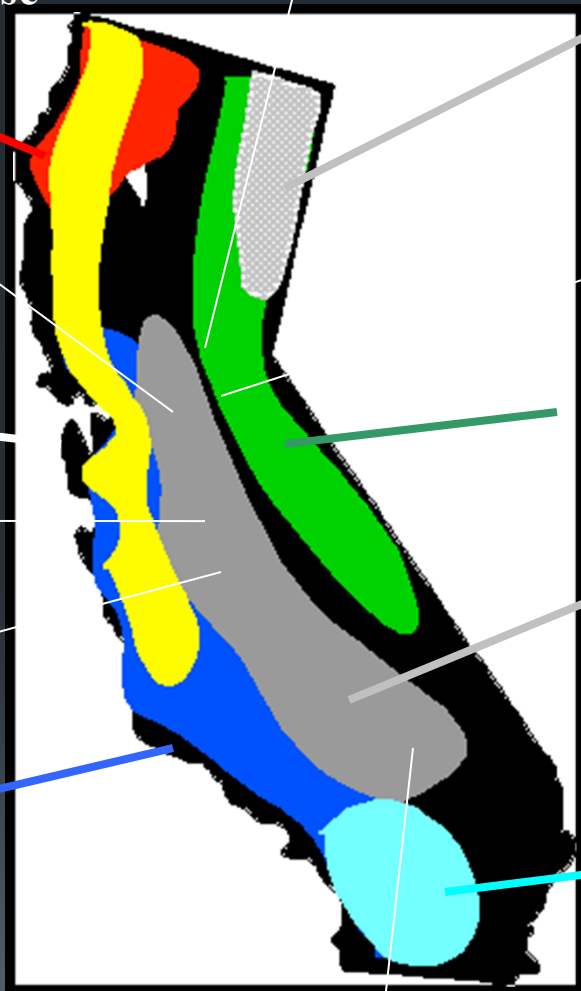
Cypress canker 20s

Dutch Elm Disease  
1960s

Colored canker of  
sycamore 70s

Pitch canker disease  
1980s

Oak root canker  
2000



1000 canker disease of walnuts  
2001

## New pests and plant diseases

# Sudden oak death syndrome fells 3 oak species

Matteo Garbelotto □ Pavel Svihra □ David M. Rizzo

2000 AD



## *Phytophthora ramorum* as the Cause of Extensive Mortality of *Quercus* spp. and *Lithocarpus densiflorus* in California

2001

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# Why do we care about Sudden Oak Death?

- Over 50 million trees already lost
- Ecological effects:
  - forests look different
  - wildlife impacts
- Social effects:
  - hazard trees
  - fire risk
  - economic costs
  - emotional impacts
- Ongoing threat:
  - 30% of susceptible forest affected so far

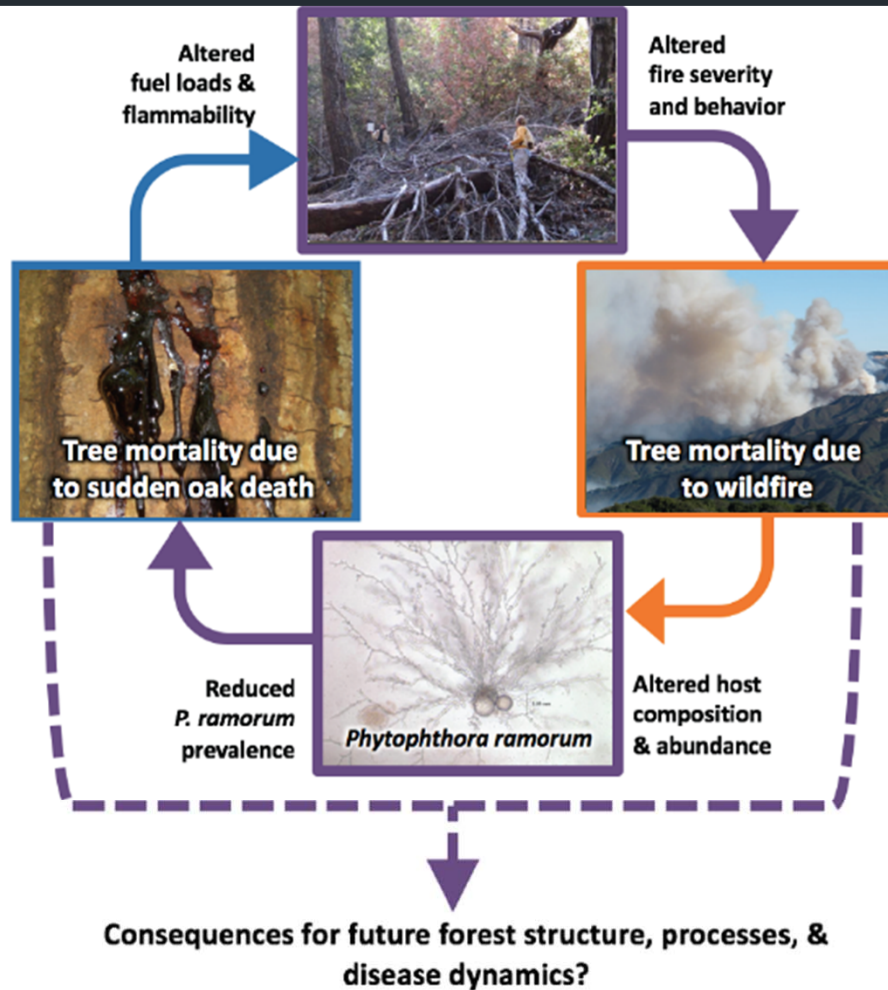





# Ecological Impacts



- There are about 110 species of birds which breed in California's oak woodlands. Another 60 or so species use oak woodlands outside the breeding season.
- 105 mammal species.
- 58 amphibians and reptiles.
- An estimated 5,000 species of insects.
- An unknown number of microbes.
- Wide variety of other trees, shrubs and flowering plants which co-exist with oak woodlands.



**Figure 1.** Conceptual diagram of potential interactions between sudden oak death and wildfire. Solid lines indicate direct effects of either disturbance on forest characteristics; dashed arrows indicate the interactive effects of both disturbances for forest and disease dynamics. Photos courtesy of the Rizzo lab at UC Davis.



## SOD affects the amount of aerial crown and downed dead wood fuels

- 2 to 4 times higher standing dead trees in Big Sur
- 10-100 times higher coarse woody debris in redwood tanoak forests
- 6 times dead CLO stems in Bay Area with fuels between 2 and 20 times higher
- In Douglas fir tanoak forest fuel increased over 2 times and depth was four times that of healthy forests





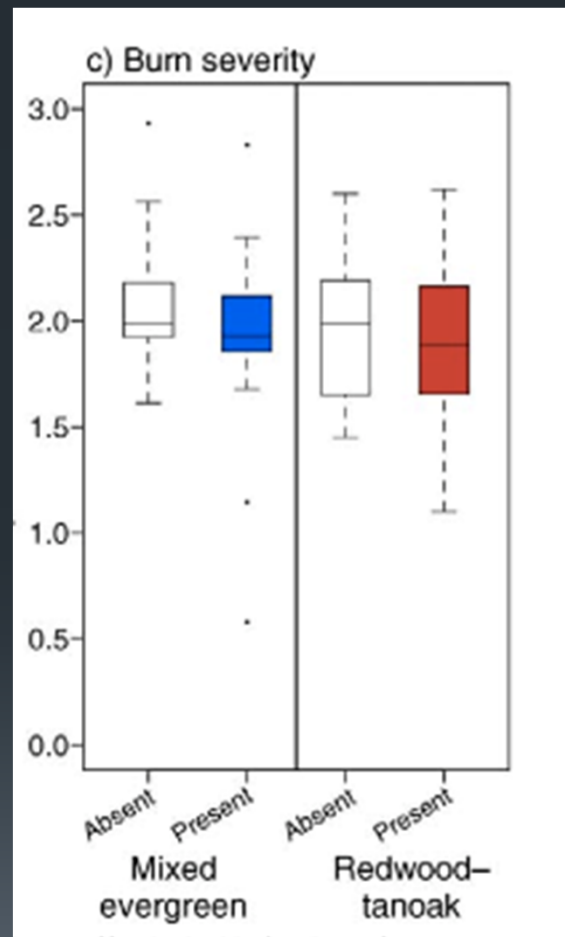
## Temporal and Composition effect on fire

- SOD infected tanoak canopy has only 5-10% moisture content vs. 80%
- In the short term pre SOD flammability is low, during SOD it becomes high, however post SOD flammability may go lower than pre-SOD because of elimination of tanoaks (Varner et al 2017)

## So how does SOD change fire behavior during a SOD outbreak (mid to later SOD stage)

- In simulated models for Douglas-fir tanoak forests, flame length tripled, spread rates increased sevenfold and fireline intensity was 13 times higher (Forrestel et al 2015)
- Immediate outcome: change of response from manned crews to mechanical (Valachovic et al 2011)
- During the Basin Complex fires: SOD increased frequency of hotspots that could not be controlled by crews and that increased long distance dispersal of fire and generated variability in burn rates

# However overall burn intensity was not affected by SOD



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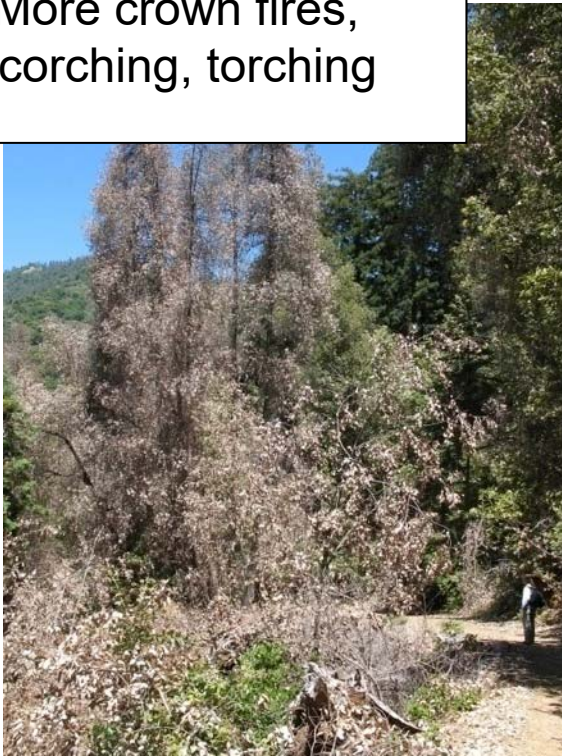




# Fuels vary with disease stage

## Early...

More crown fires,  
scorching, torching



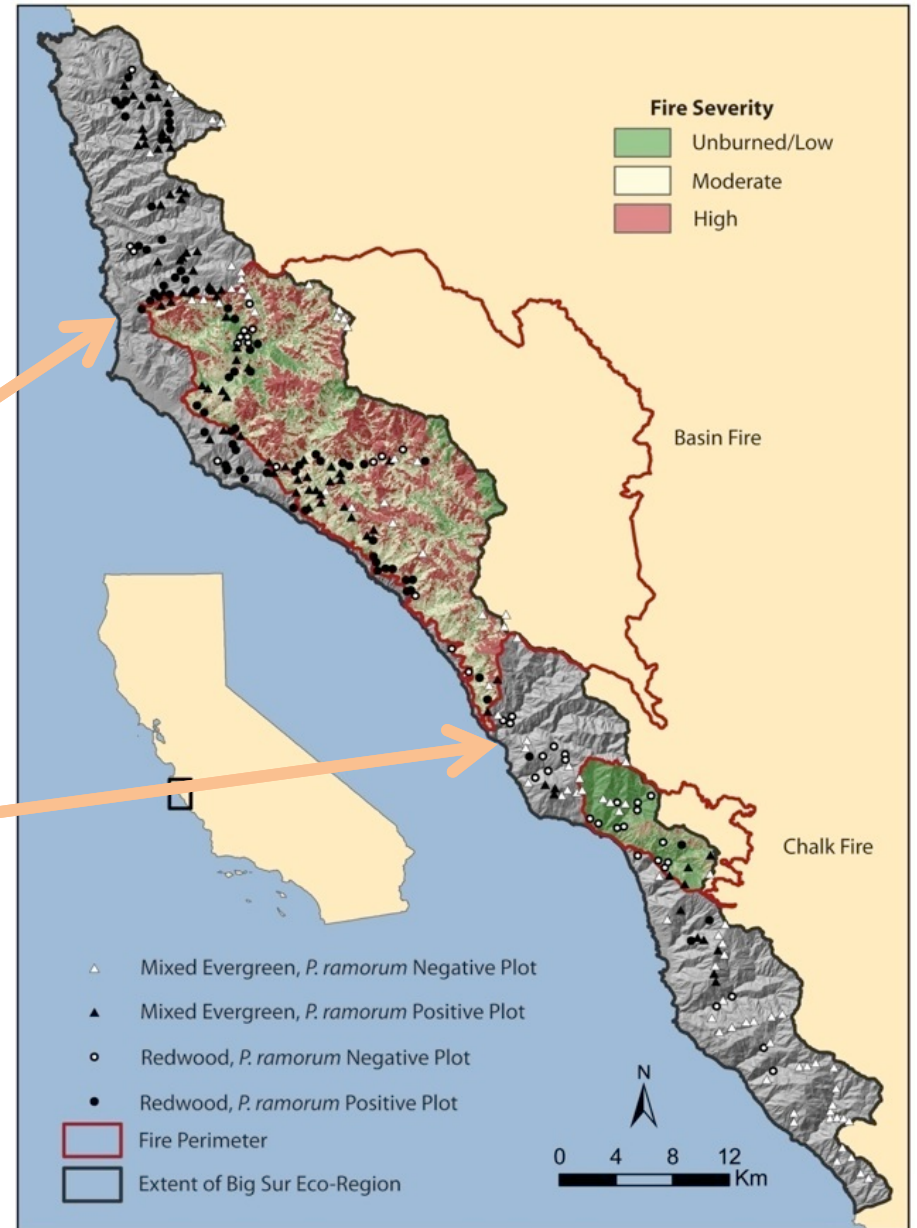
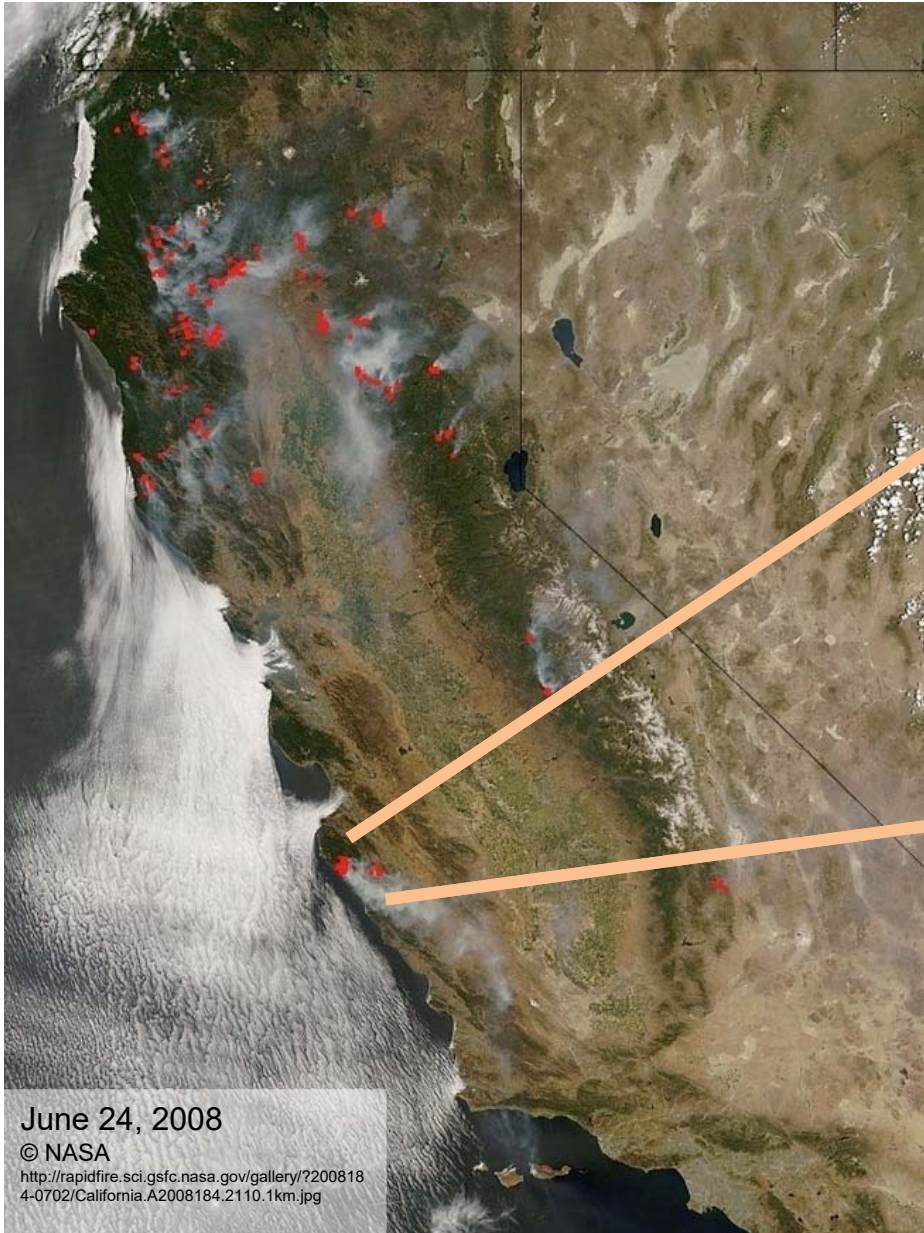
## ...Late

More logs, greater soil  
burn severity

Surface, ladder and aerial fuels  
Various stages of fragmentation and decay

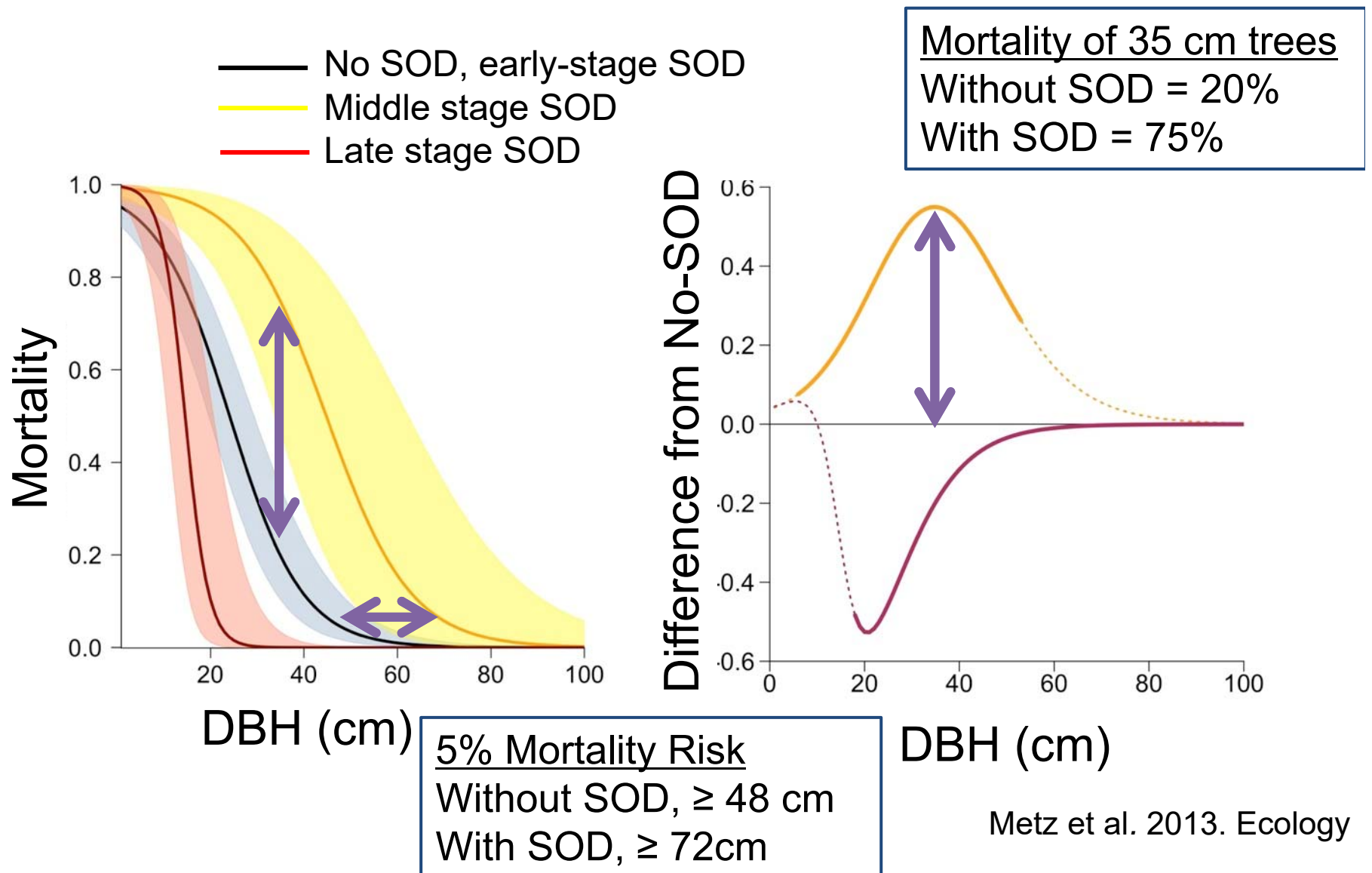


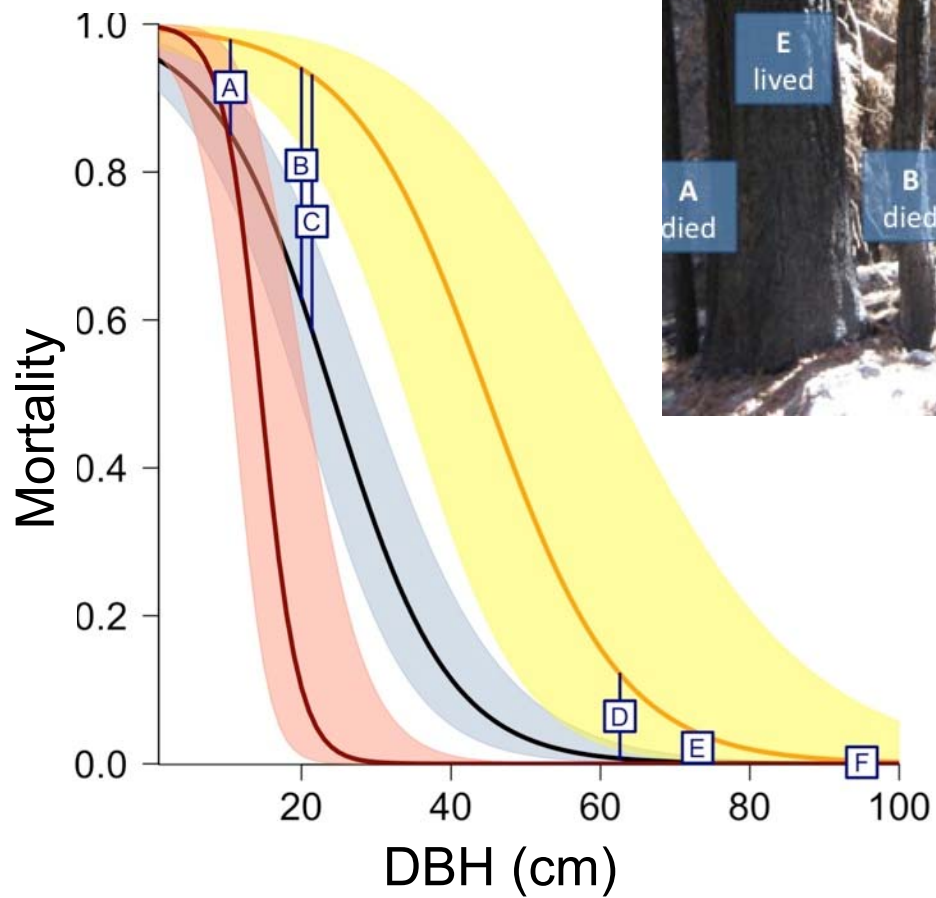
# Wildfires in Big Sur, CA (2008)





# Disease stage affects redwood risk





- No SOD, early-stage SOD
- Middle stage SOD
- Late stage SOD



# Dead tanoaks carried flames upwards

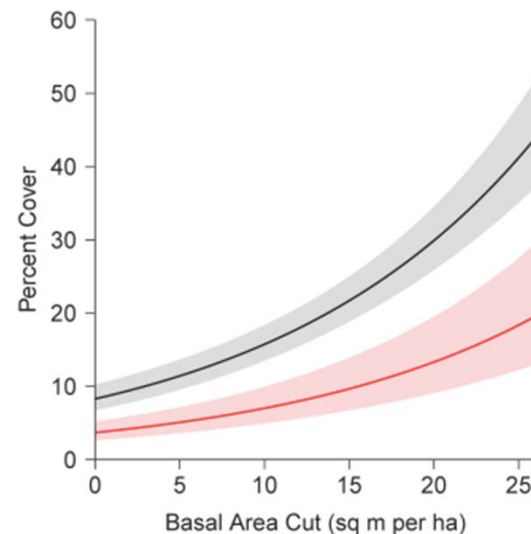




# What about effect of fire on SOD?

- Reduction in abundance of *P. ramorum* is short lived and within 5 years , 81% of plots that originally had the pathogen were positive again
- Re-infestation source from refugia due to fire heterogeneity and to sprouting providing a favorable substrate for infection by *P. ramorum*
- *CAN WE USE MANAGEMENT APPROACHES TO DEAL WITH BOTH SOD AND OTHER ISSUES, IN PARTICULAR WILDFIRE?*

# What about effect of fire on SOD?



**Figure 3.** Model of cover of tanoak stump sprouts at Jay Smith in 2016 versus basal area of tanoak cut in 2006 without fire (black line) or with fire (red line). Shading represents 95% confidence of prediction;  $R^2 = 0.52$ .

Prescribed burns did reduce extent of sprouting

# What about effect of fire on SOD?

**Table 2.** Comparison of duff and litter depth depths and fuel bed heights among treatments.

Site-treatment	Duff Depth (cm)		Litter Depth (cm)		Fuel Bed Height (cm)	
	Mean (SEM)	Plot Range	Mean (SEM)	Plot Range	Mean (SEM)	Plot Range
<b>Jay Smith</b>						
Cut only	4.91 (0.78) b	2.67-8.42	3.29 (0.56) ab	2.24-6.91	9.96 (1.19)	3.17-12.82
Cut & fire	0.98 (0.29) a	0.19-2.62	1.54 (0.26) a	0.72-2.59	12.97 (2.08)	4.58-20.50
No treatment	6.33 (2.16) b	4.34-9.37	4.24 (0.98) b	1.89-6.34	15.64 (2.57)	11.07-22.63
<b>Salmon Creek</b>						
Herbicide	2.81 (0.56)	0.17-4.02	2.88 (0.78)	0.77-4.63	16.97 (4.32)	8.43-30.20
No treatment	3.74 (1.03)	1.98-5.57	3.04 (0.41)	2.31-3.71	8.76 (2.48)	6.09-13.72

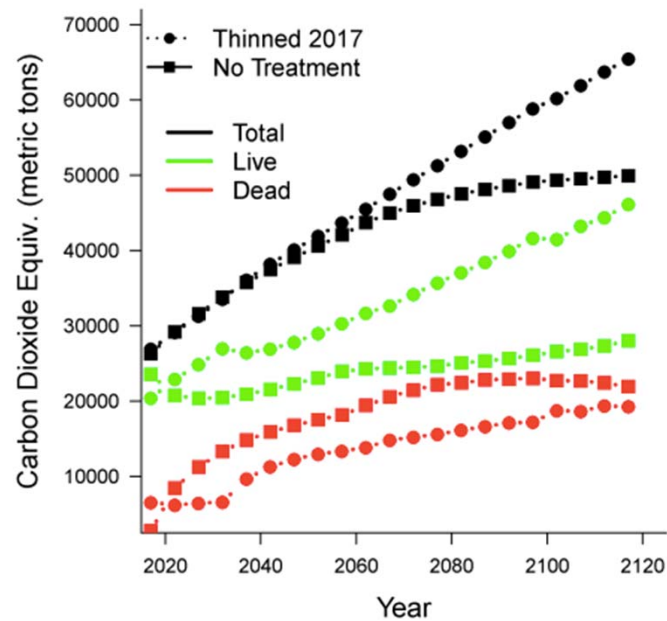
Prescribed burns and cutting reduced litter and duff

HOWEVER

Some Douglas fir mortality was caused by the treatments with an increase both in pathogen and insect attacks.

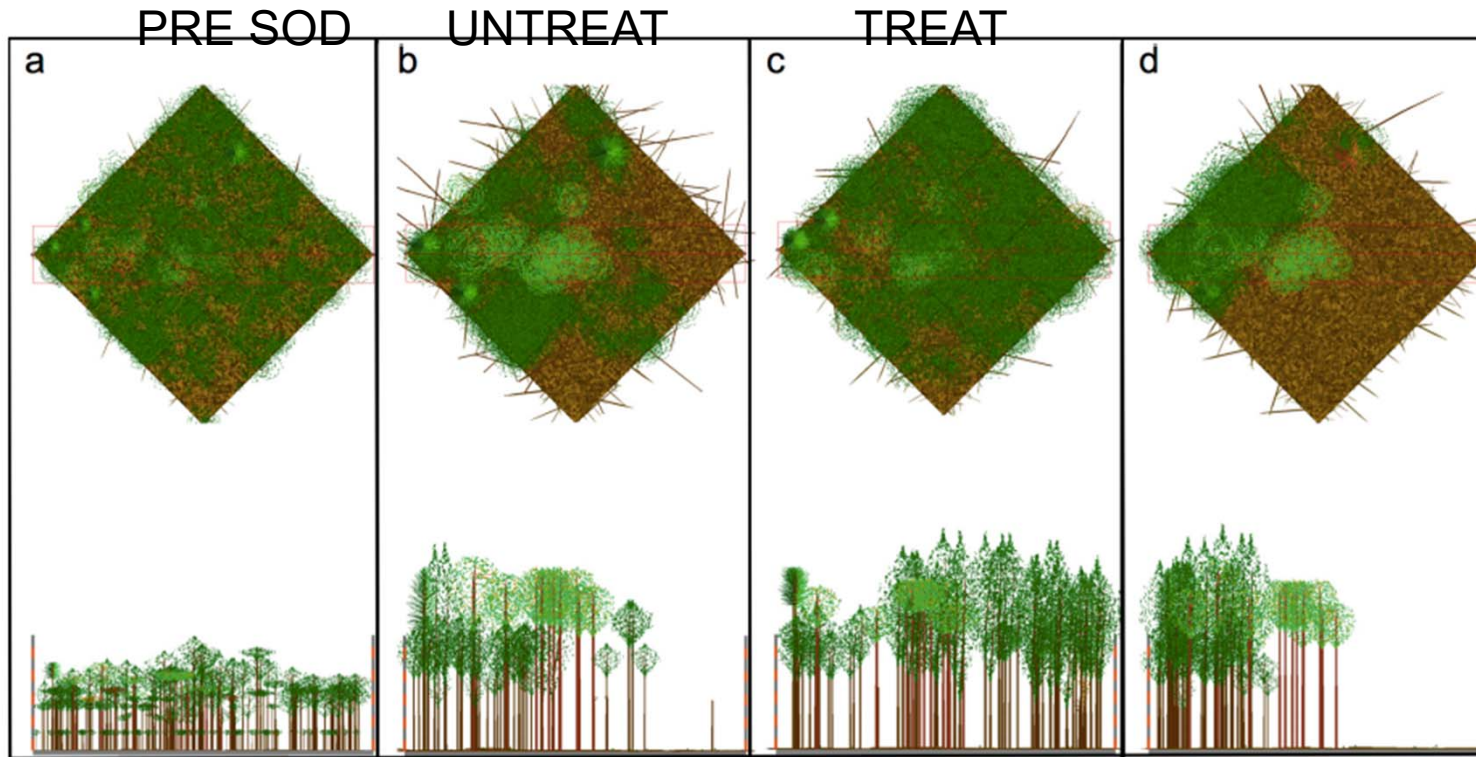


# What about the effect of thinning on fuels and on SOD?



**Figure 6.** Stand stored carbon dioxide equivalents forecast under bay removed/tanoak thinned and untreated scenarios for 100 years of growth. Results correspond to (b) untreated and (c) thinned scenarios in Figure 7.

# What about the effect of thinning on fuels and on SOD?



**Figure 7.** Stand representations from FVS stand visualization system for the (a) pre-treatment condition stand in 2017 and (b-d) growth simulated under three disease mortality scenarios until year 2117, from above (top) and in profile (bottom). In (b) the stand is untreated, and large trees are killed first by *P. ramorum*; in (c) bay laurel is removed from the stand and tanoak is thinned in 2017, with large trees killed first by *P. ramorum*; and in (d) disease dynamics are modeled with an additional 10% of the stand stems comprised by bay laurel and the stand goes untreated, but mortality is uniform across tree sizes at model initiation.

# Tree/limb failures responsible for fire causation

1. Tree or limb failure on power lines the major reason for fires at the WUI
2. Whole tree failures are caused by health or stability issues; health issues can be related to the presence of tree diseases or pest attacks, while stability issues can be caused by wood decay agents or by disturbances in the environment (previous fires, grading, disturbances)
3. Limb failures can also be associated with health or decay factors or can be caused by yet unknown factors (sudden limb drop). Normally limb failures associated with specific weather patterns
4. There are many site and tree factors associated with failures
5. **GOOD EVIDENCE THAT SOD INFECTED TREES FAIL EVEN BEFORE THEY ARE CLEARLY DEAD**



# How do companies survey for hazard trees to be in compliance with their mandate?

1. What kind of data are collected (site and tree data)
1. How often
1. How many trees are surveyed
1. Record keeping, data transfer and data analysis are key elements

# PG&E

## Site Data Collection

Survey ID  
Survey Date  
Region  
Measurement System  
Plot Code Letter  
Plot Code Number  
Plot type  
Circular Dimensions - Lat/Long at Center of Circle  
Circular Dimensions - Radius  
Square Dimensions - Lat/Long at Center of Square  
Square Dimensions - Length of Square Side  
Rectangular Dimensions - Length  
Rectangular Dimensions - Width  
Rectangular Dimensions - Lat/Long midway of 1st Short Side  
Rectangular Dimensions - Lat/Long midway of 2nd Short Side  
Transect Size - Lat/Long at Beginning of Transect  
Transect Size - Lat/Long at End of Transect  
Slope  
Aspect  
Improvements  
Canopy Cover  
Tree Density (per Ha)  
Canopy Species Composition  
Species Percentages

Dominant Shrubs in Under-story  
Human population density  
Emergency response time  
Summer temperature  
Summer and Fall winds at least 10 mph  
Development and land use  
Fuel type  
Fuel continuity  
Fuel moisture content  
Electrical company assets  
Electrical line  
Number of customers

# PG&E (in red UCB added relevant metrics)

## Tree Data Collection

Important upgrades in Red



- Tree - Tree ID
- Tree - Time of inspection start
- Tree - Tree age
- Tree - Lat/Long of Tree
- Tree - Species
- Tree - Number of Stems
- Tree - DBH of Largest Stem (cm)
- Tree - DBH of 2nd Largest Stem (cm)
- Tree - DBH of 3rd Largest Stem (cm)
- Tree - Height (m)
- Tree - Select improvements that would be in jeopardy if the tree falls.
- Tree - Distance between tree and nearest improvement(s)
- Tree - Path of failure between tree and nearest improvement
- Tree - Angle in degrees of tree lean
- Tree - Direction of lean, with respect to nearest improvement/facility
- Tree - Where would weight push tree with respect to nearest improvement/facility?
- Tree - Roads
- Tree - Canopy Width (m)
- Tree - Canopy Length (m)
- Tree - Canopy to Stem Ratio
- Tree - Height of First Branch Scaffold (m)
- Tree - Crown Transparency
- Tree - Tree canopy sail
- Tree - Percentage of Branches with Diseased Foliage
- Tree - If mushroom on roots or lower part of bole, what color was it?
- Tree - If mushroom on roots or lower part of bole, was it a mushroom or a shelf?
- Tree - If mushroom on roots or lower part of bole; was it by itself or were there multiple ones?
- Mushrooms, self fungus, or fruiting bodies present on:
- Tree - Overall disease level
- Tree - Overall insect attack on stem/major branches
- Tree - Percentage of circumference with defects
- Tree - Percentage of stem with defects
- Tree - If stem defect is on butt or lower 1/3 of stem collect sample and put sample ID# here:
- Tree - Tree condition (overall OR part most likely to fail)
- Tree - Whole tree or partial failure likely
- Tree - Estimate number of other trees of the same species in similar or worse condition?
- Tree - Codominance, branch splitting with included bark
- Tree - Wind exposure
- Tree - Winter storm severity
- Tree - Structures present below conductor
- Tree - Time of year species likely to fail
- Tree - Species Failure Potential
- Tree - Soil support

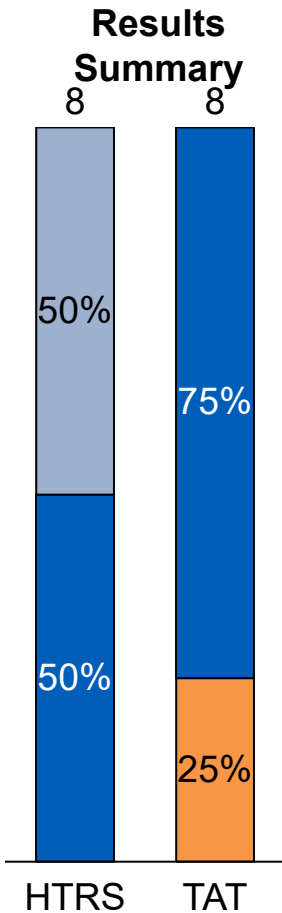




# TAT Sample field testing

**PRELIMINARY – FOR DISCUSSION**

Field Testing Tree Scores, n = 8



- Professional Judgement
- Not Abate
- Abate

		HTRS Assessment				
Tree Score	7 (Very High)					
	6 (High)					
	5 (High)					
	4 (Mod)					
	3 (Mod)			E		
	1, 2 (Low)		B2, C	A2, A, D		
	0 (Very Low)			C2, B		
		0 (Very Low)	1 (Low)	2 (Mod)	3 (High)	4 (Very High)
		Impact Score				

- **HTRS tool has multiple borderline trees** which will rely heavily on individual, subjective decisions
- **HTRS does not directly recommend abatement** of hazard trees based on this sample

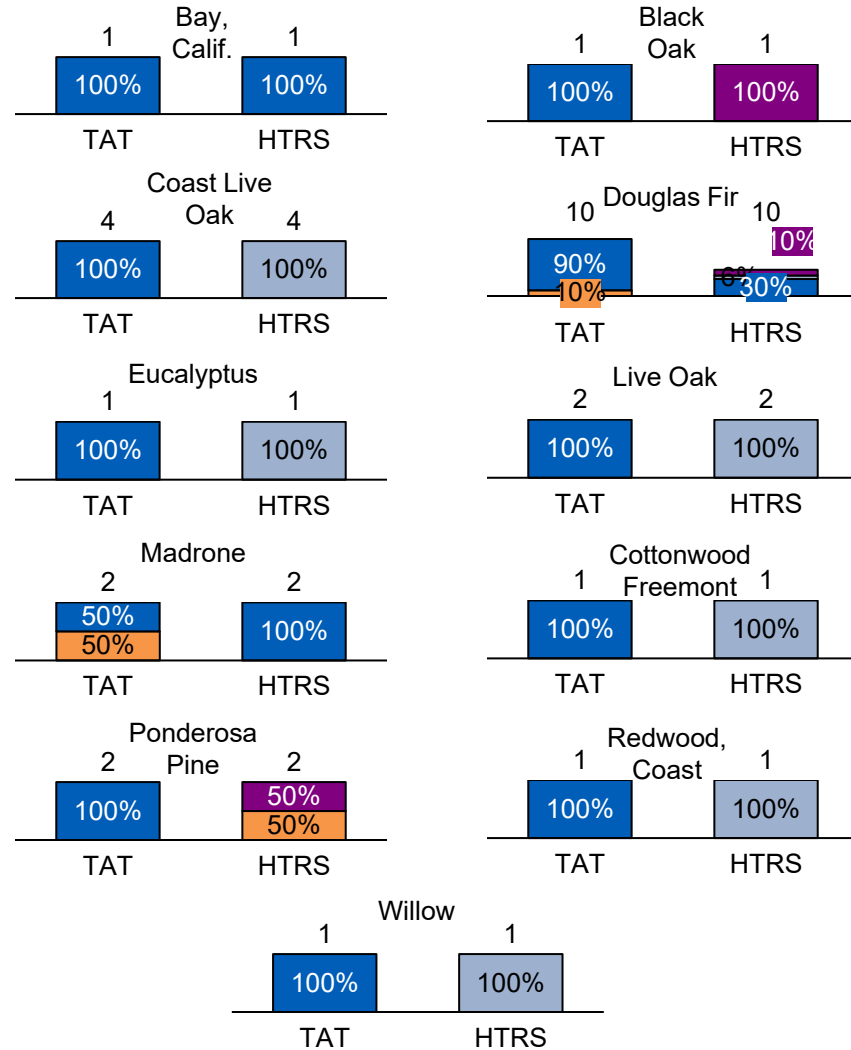
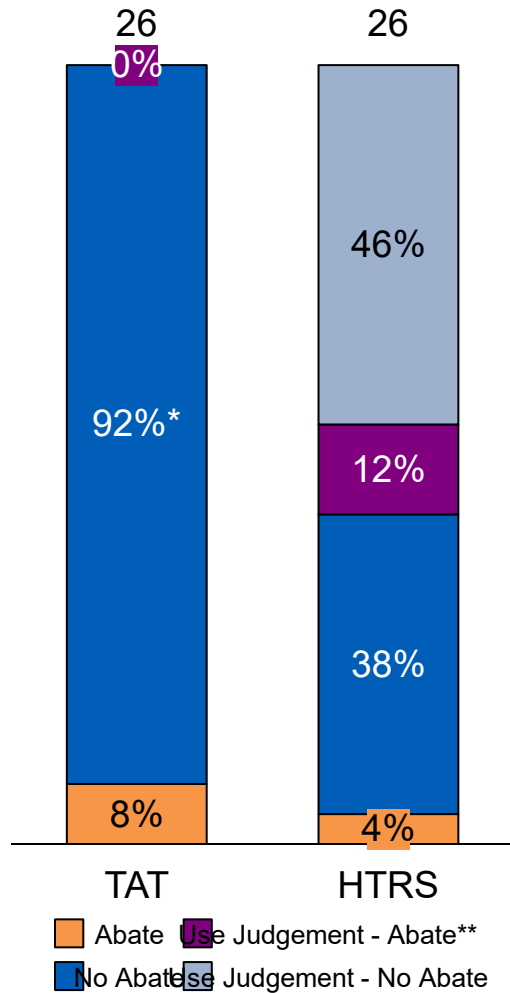
		TAT Assessment				
Tree Health Score	5	A				
	4					
	3				E	
	2			A2		
	1 (Very low)	C2, C, B	B2		D	
			1 (Low)	2 (Mod)	3 (High)	4 (Very High)
			Tree Environment Score			

- **TAT tool has no borderline trees** as it provides a clear abatement recommendation
- **All abatement decisions are clear;** TAT more likely to abate hazard trees based on this sample

# TAT vs. HTRS preliminary field testing results

(PG&E North Coast Region)

## Results Comparison by Species

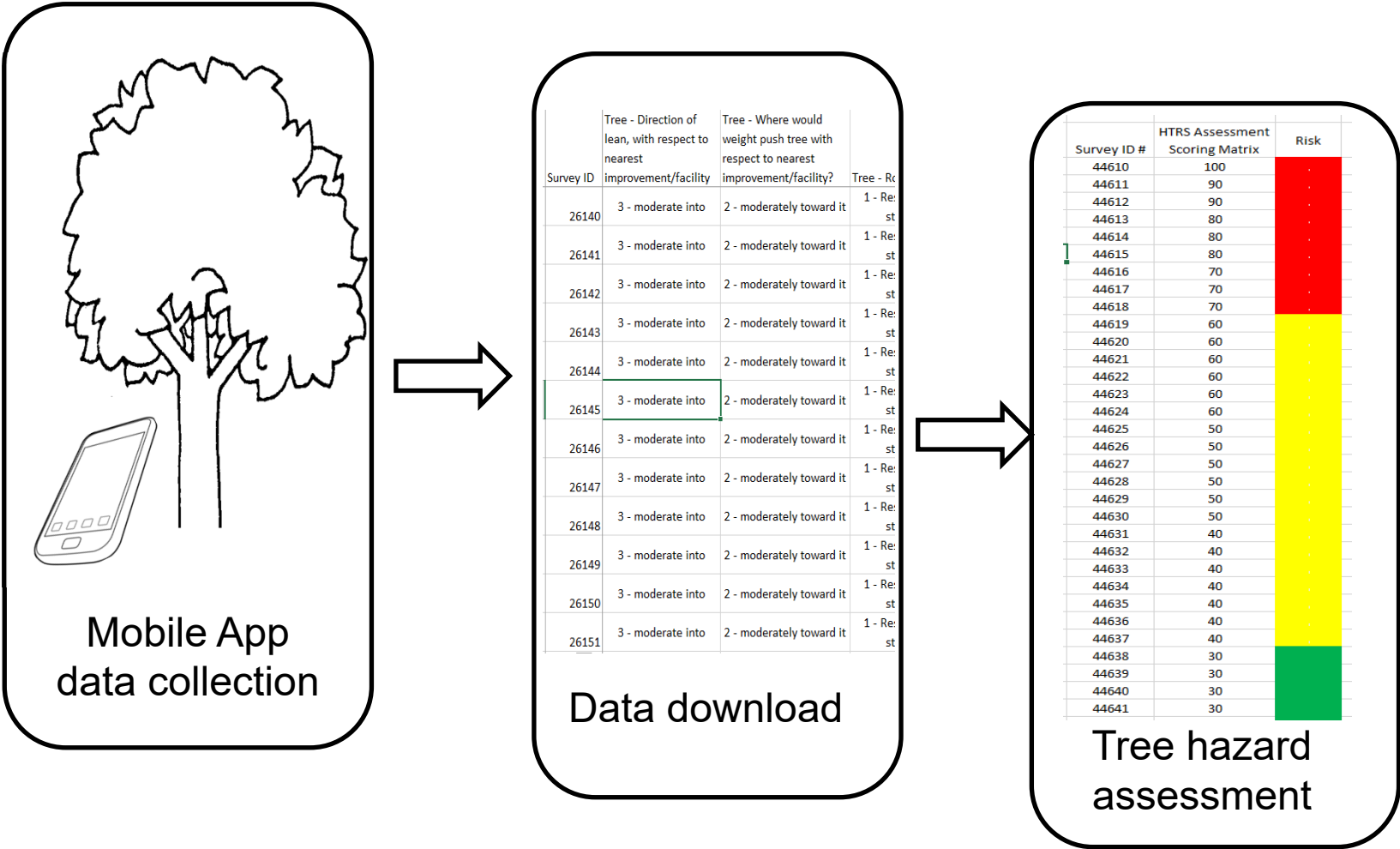


Note: Use Judgement\* is only used in HTRS  
 \*\*"STOP" TAT result included in "no abate"  
 \*\* Use Judgement - Abate indicates tree that was marked for removal



# PG&E Tree - Work flow

## UCB proposal real time analysis



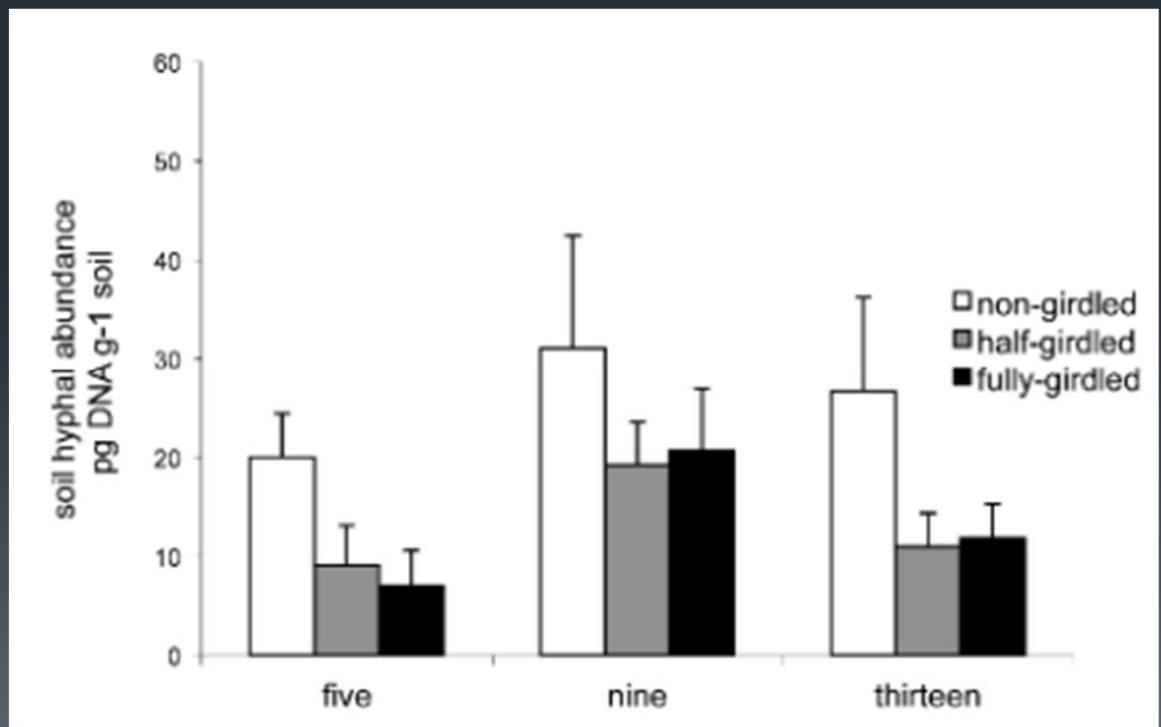
## Implications of Tanoak Decline in Forests Impacted By *Phytophthora ramorum*: Girdling Decreases the Soil Hyphal Abundance of Ectomycorrhizal Fungi Associated With *Notholithocarpus densiflorus*

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Long term effects on nutrient cycles



California (8<sup>th</sup> economic world power) one of the hotspots of trade and travel

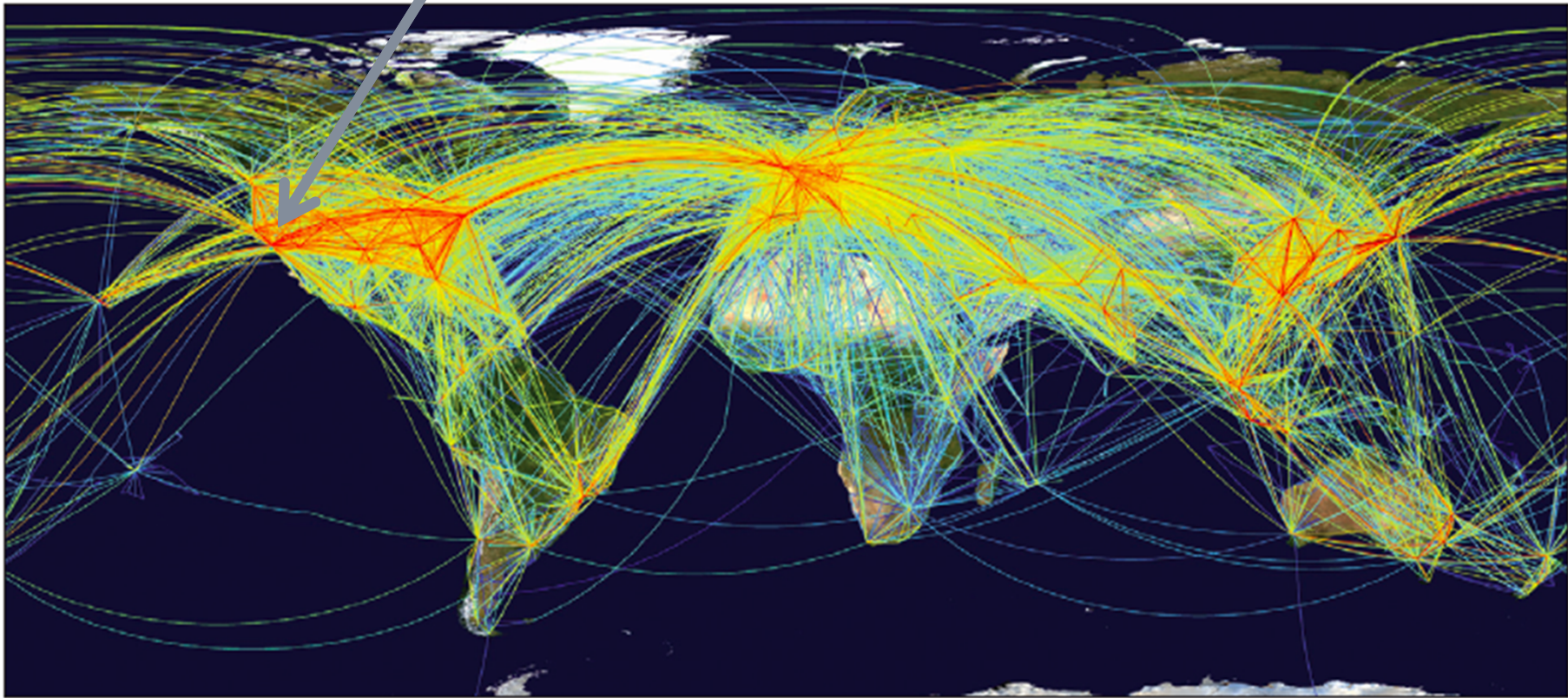
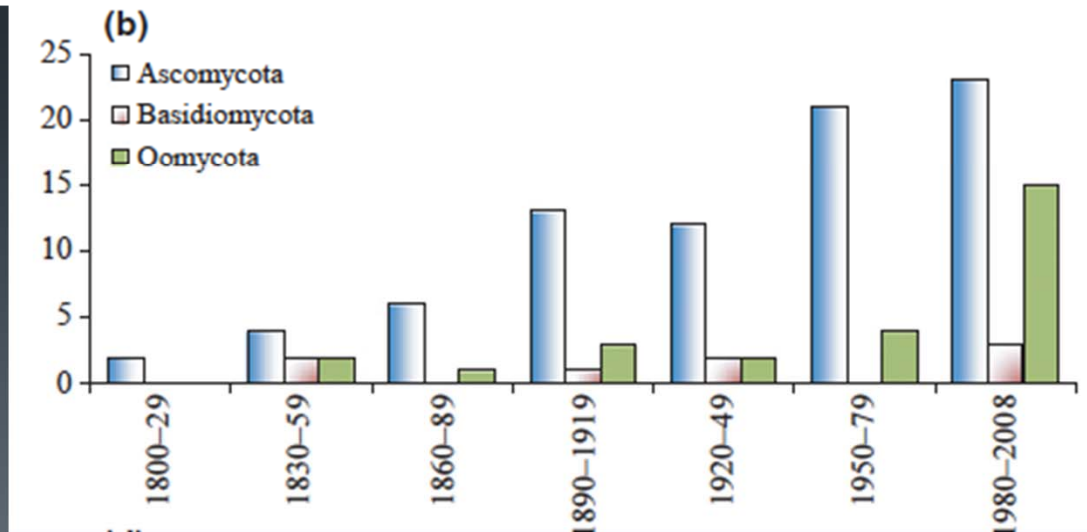
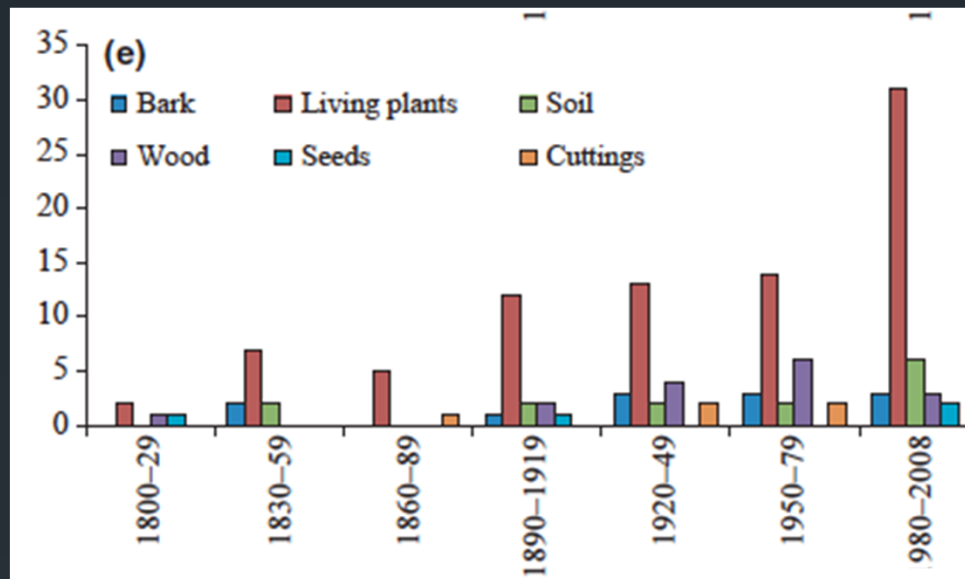



Figure 2: The global aviation network



# SUBSTRATE/PATHWAY of introduction (Santini et al. 2013)





# Soilborne, waterborne *Phytophthora* species

- Clear association with water: along streams, in areas that are temporarily flooded
- Ability to rest in soil with resting structures such as chlamydospores, oospores, but also encysted zoospores

# *Phytophthora ramorum*

- 4 different subspecies (lineages)
- Origin likely to be SouthEast Asia
- Ornamental trade, worldwide
- Hundreds of host species
- Different diseases: from mild to lethal depending on host



Origin unknown, 4 distinct lineages:  
nursery-mediated global spread

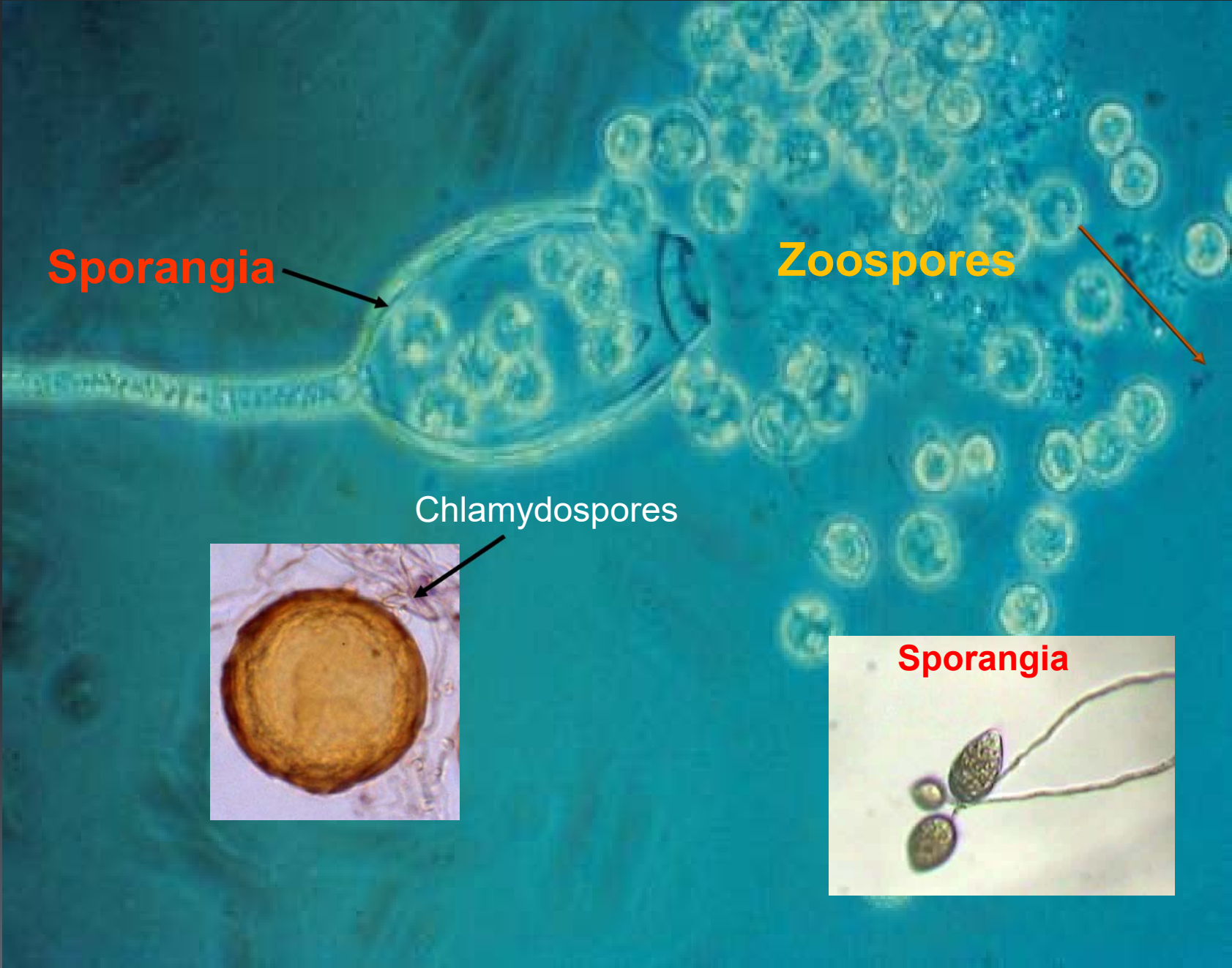


Grunwald et al. *TRENDS in Microbiology*



# Aerial species

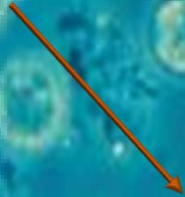
- First discovered for temperate forests: characterized by deciduous sporangia
- Splash dispersed: sporangia do not dry
- True aerial will naturally infect aerial parts without need for root infections or transmission by tools
- Ability to rest in soil with resting structures is not lost!!, but epidemiological relevance not clear in nature



**Sporangia**



**Zoospores**



Chlamydozoospores



**Sporangia**



**Population Dynamics of Aerial and Terrestrial Populations  
of *Phytophthora ramorum* in a California Forest  
Under Different Climatic Conditions**

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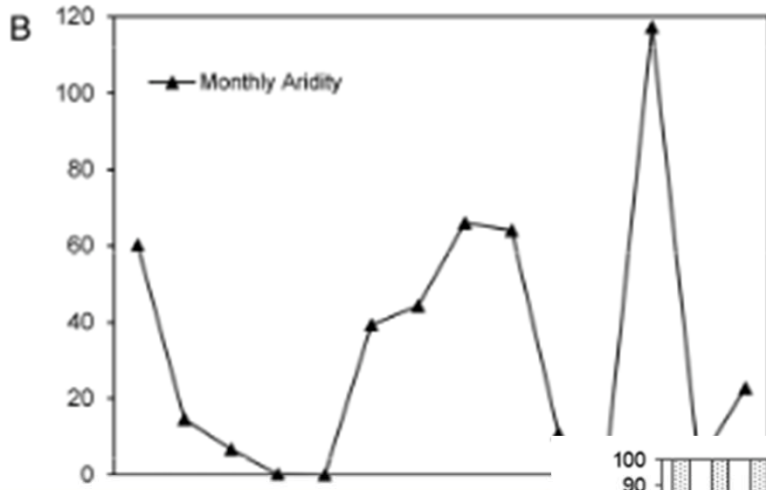
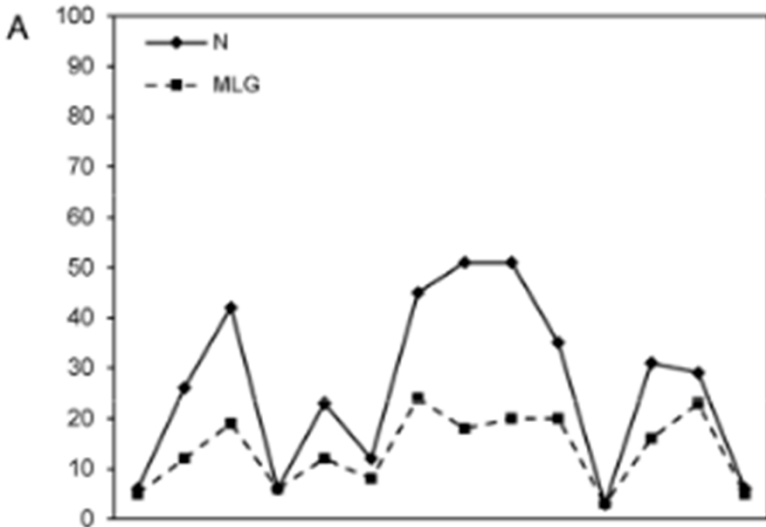
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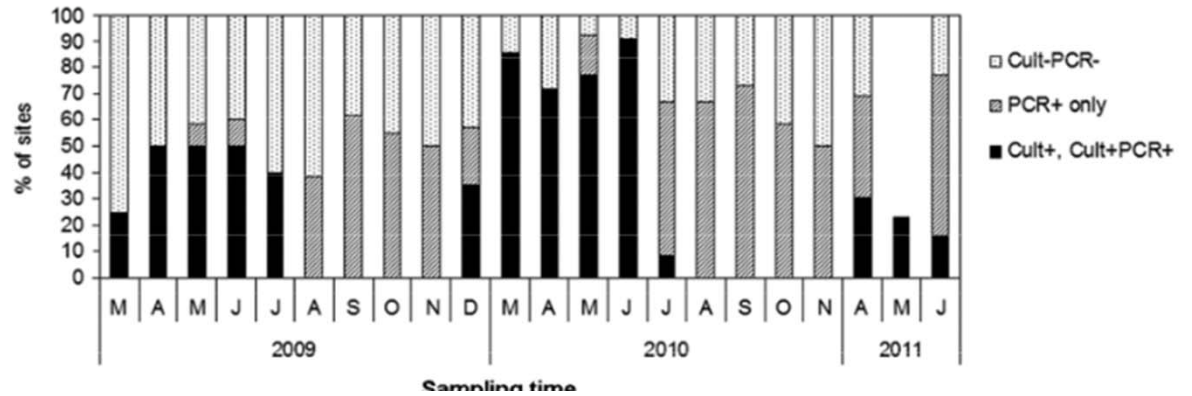
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- Soil and water populations derived from aerial populations
- Soil genotypes change yearly, while aerial genotypes are persistent
- Dispersal range changes with weather but only for aerial populations
- Most genotypes are generated on leaves (some in water) but different selection results in different genotypic composition in leaves, soil and water



- Isolation success from Water

- Aridity





# Symptoms on Foliar Hosts

- Infections limited to leaves and twigs; *not fatal*



Rhododendron



California bay

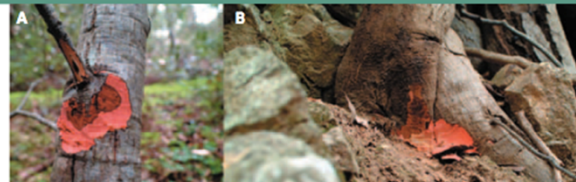


Tanoak

RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Non-oak native plants are main hosts for sudden oak death pathogen in California

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2003 AD



Aerial stem cankers on oak spp. and tanoaks: deadly but not infectious, e.g. stem lesions do not produce significant number of spores

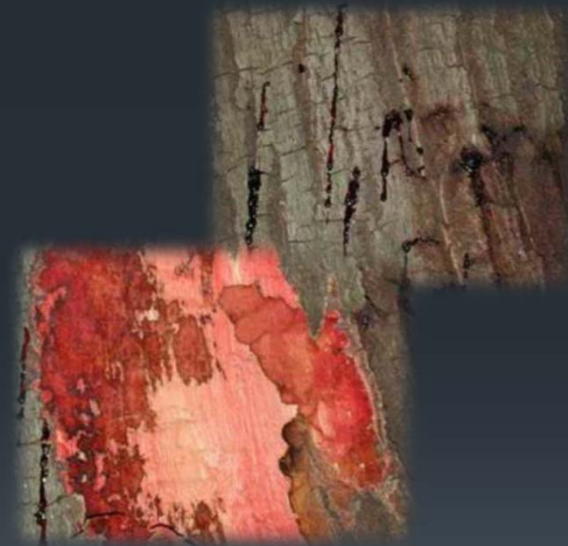


## Girdling aerial 'cankers' removed from roots



# Tanoak

*(Notholithocarpus densiflorus)*



- Most important host
- Small branches, twigs, & leaves
- Leads to more infection



*P. ramorum* introduced at least 12 times in CA (Croucher et al. 2013). Multiple introductions and not ability to move far explain distribution of disease



Pathogen is exotic:

1 -native flora has limited resistance, but additionally

2- synchronicity between sporulation and host susceptibility (perfect ecological match)

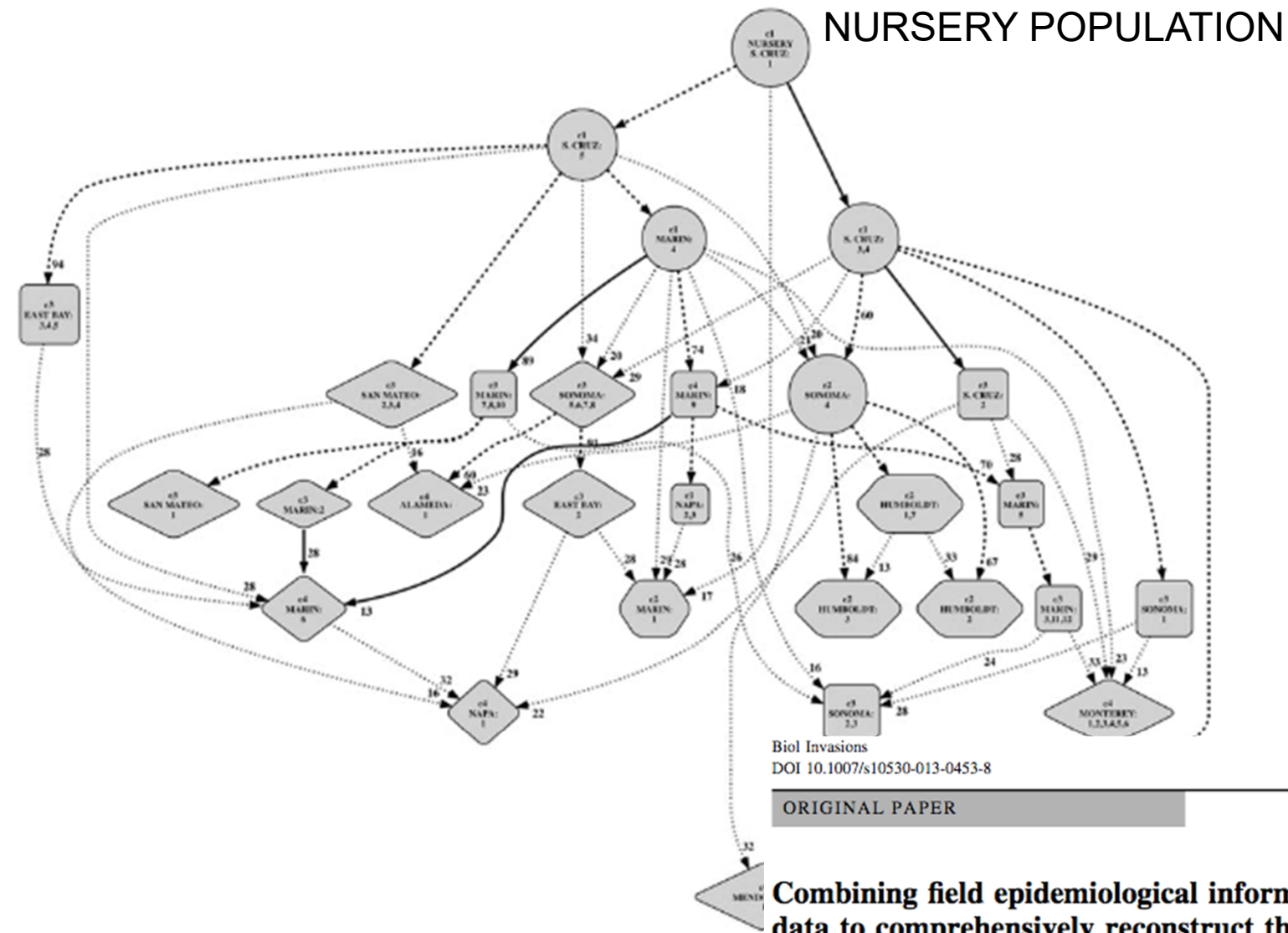


Research

Evidence for the role of synchronicity between host phenology and pathogen activity in the distribution of sudden oak death canker disease

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**Fig. 5** MIGRATE-N model-choice based reconstruction of the possible colonization routes of *P. ramorum* during the Californian SOD epidemic. Population names are indicated at nodes along with genetic cluster ("clade") membership. Nodes shapes correspond approximately to time since infestation: circle 20+ years; square 15–20 years; diamond 10–15 years;

# Reconstruction of the Sudden Oak Death epidemic in California through microsatellite analysis of the pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*

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2008 AD

## Distance Spread from Foliar Hosts

High

Spore count

Low



200 yards

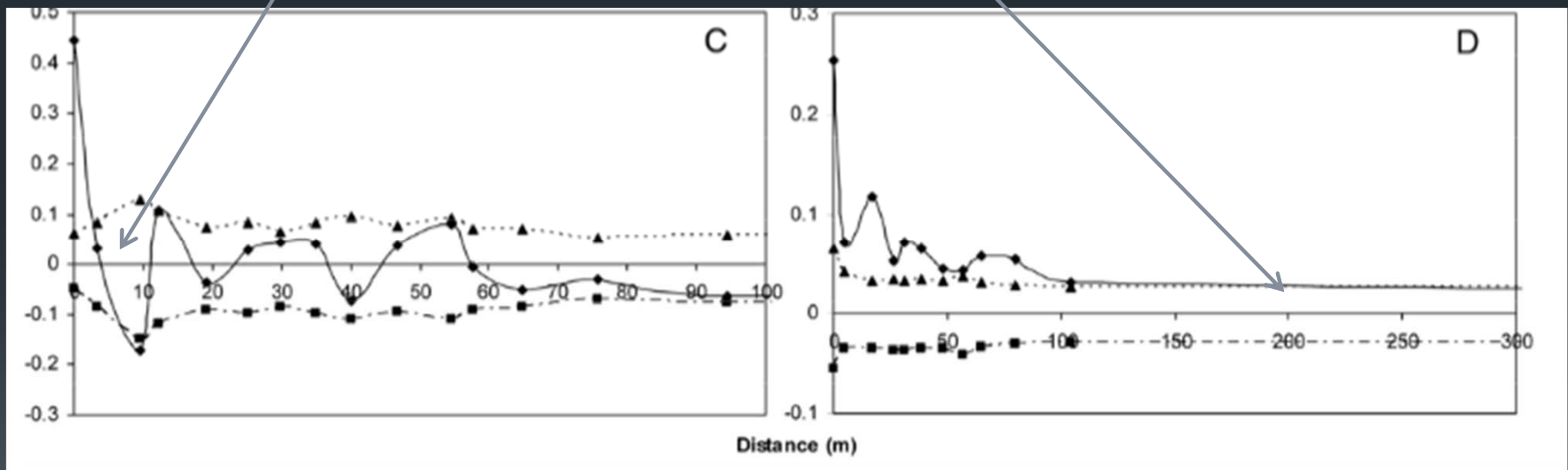
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Distance to oak

# Dispersal range is different in wet vs. dry years

DRY

WET

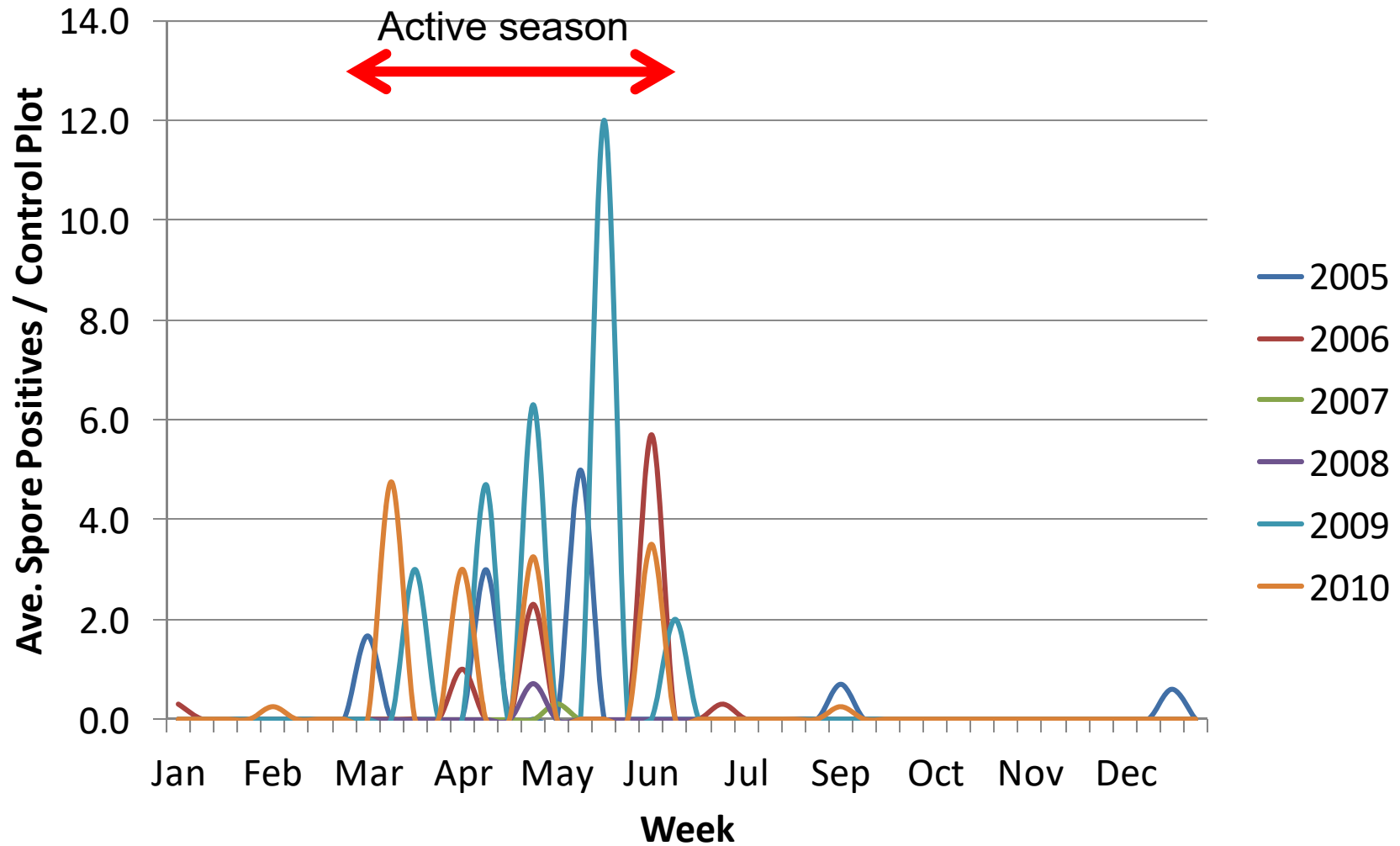


A few meters

Up to 200 meters

SOD spore catches in water: mid-April to mid-June  
is consistent

Average Temperatures in Plots





12 hours



20 C

By inoculating with zoospores and without wounding, the ideal conditions for infection were figured out: these conditions are present in California especially when there are rainy late Springs: these conditions do not happen every year



Plant Pathology (2011)

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### Intraspecific variation in host susceptibility and climatic factors mediate epidemics of sudden oak death in western US forests

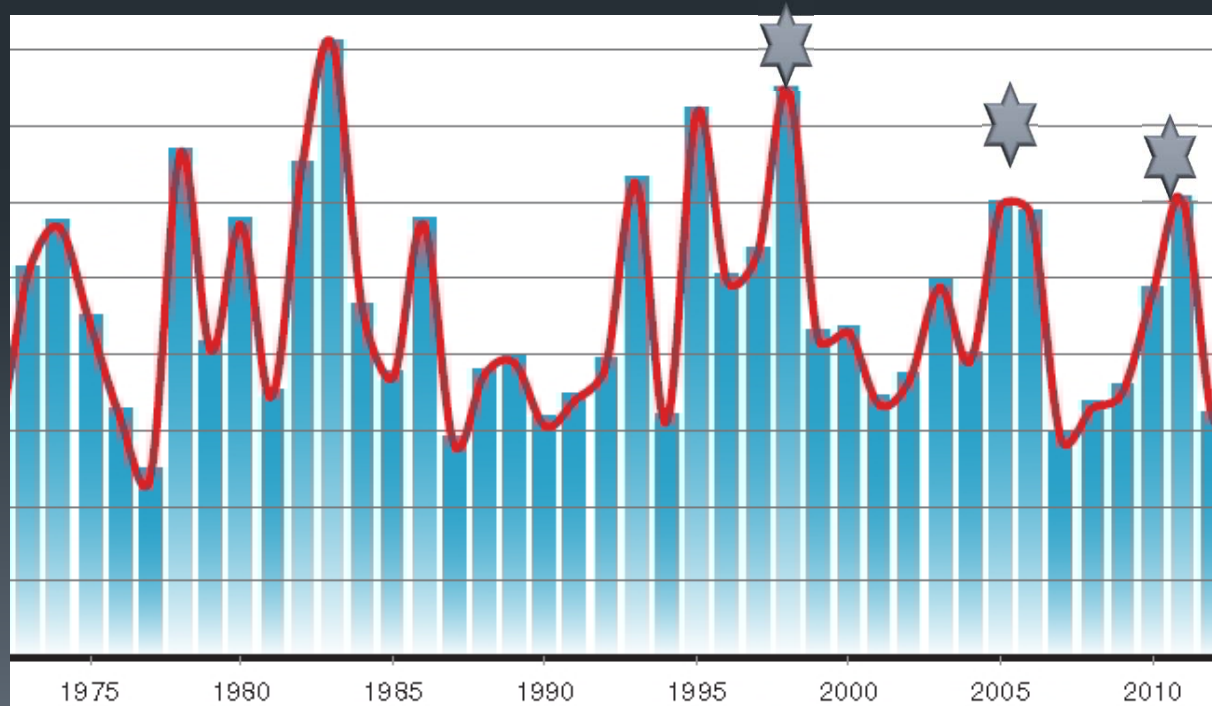
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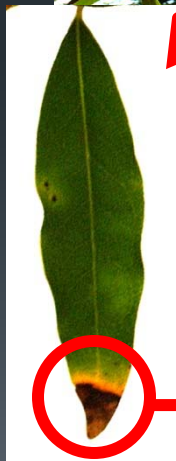
- 1- High rainfall in short period (400 mm of rain),
- 2- Six weeks incubation,
- 3- One-two weeks of warmer weather
- 4- Proximity to bay laurels (closer than 60 feet)

RESULT IN HIGH INOCULUM LEVELS  
NECESSARY FOR OAK INFECTION



# Bay/Oak association

Bay Yearly

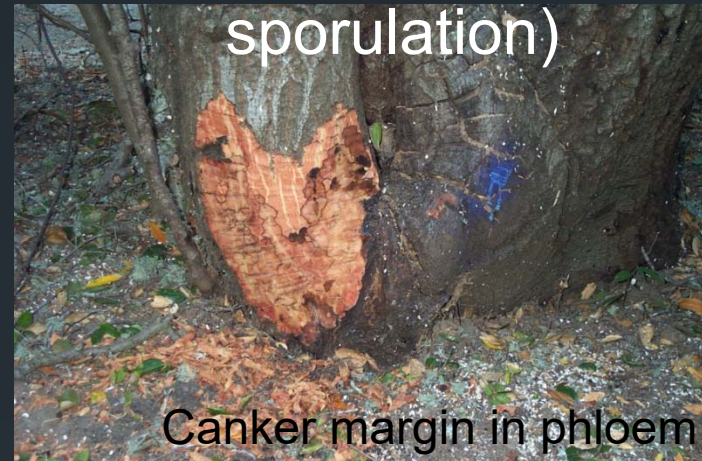


Sporangia



Wave years

Coast Live Oak (no sporulation)



Canker margin in phloem



Bleeding canker

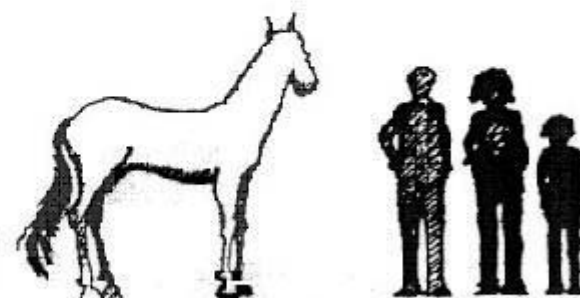
Soil



# Life Cycle of the West Nile Virus

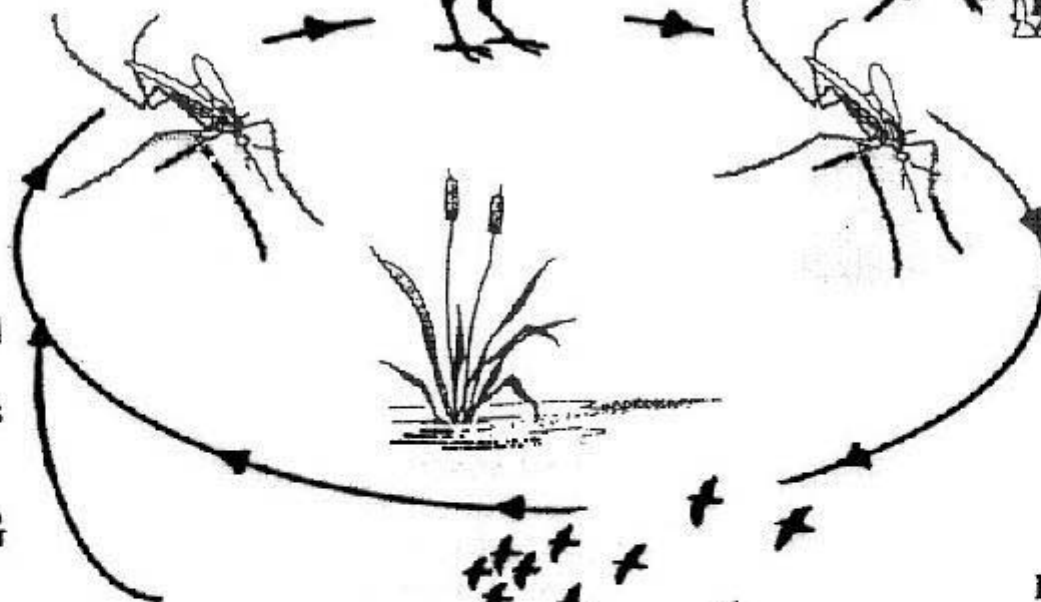
SUMMER

Warm, wet weather produces large mosquito populations



Dead-end hosts

Virus amplified among birds and mosquitoes



Some birds die

SPRING

Virus overwinters locally or is reintroduced

FALL

Mosquito populations decline, birds migrate



# Populations of *P. ramorum* can be differentiated in at least 2 ways:

- Aerial (plant) vs. soil vs. water communities
- Transmissive vs. dead-end hosts

For. Path.  
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*Phytophthora ramorum* is a generalist plant pathogen with differences in virulence between isolates from infectious and dead-end hosts

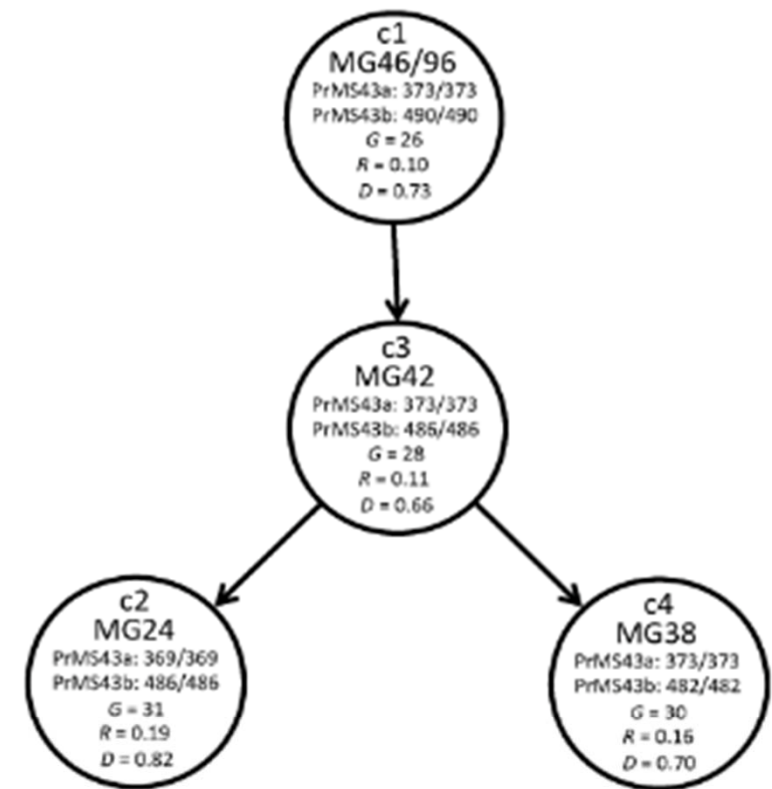
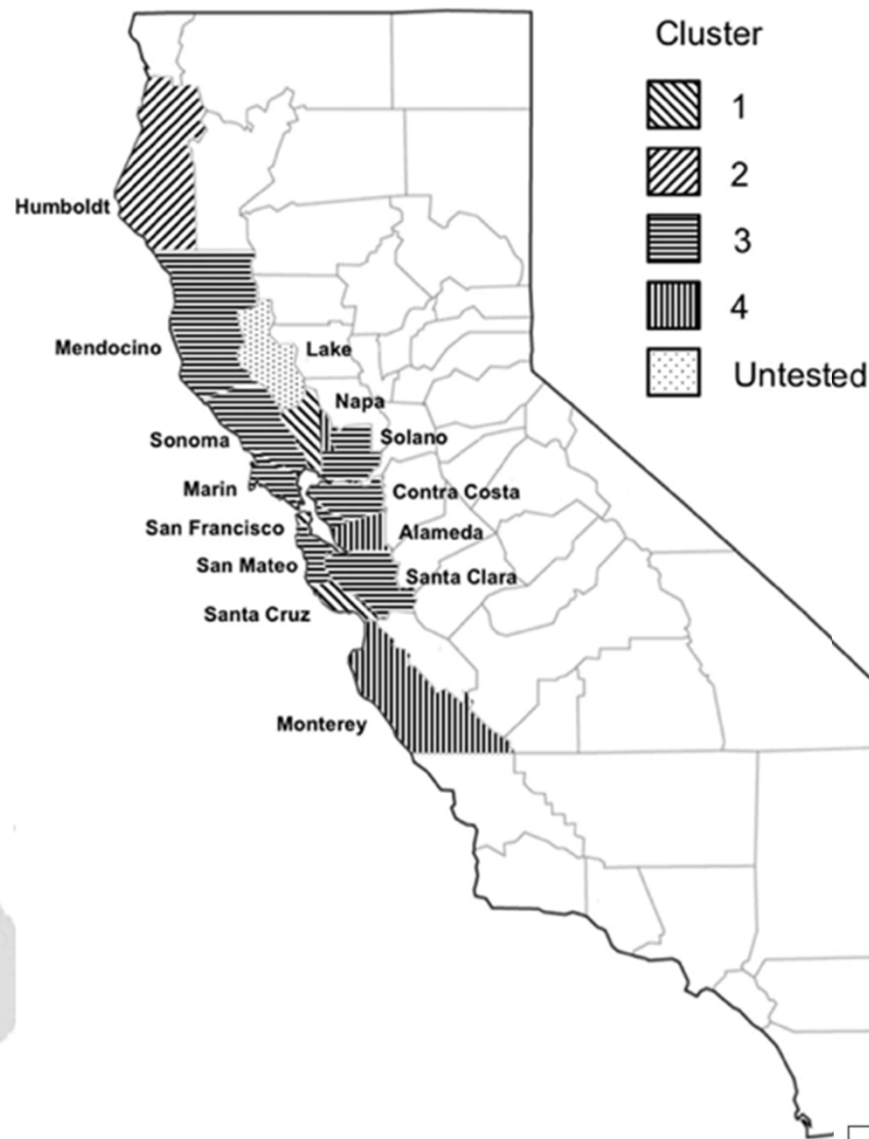
By D. Hüberli\* and M. Garbelotto<sup>1</sup>

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 PLoS one

## Phenotypic Diversification Is Associated with Host-Induced Transposon Derepression in the Sudden Oak Death Pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*

Takao Kasuga<sup>1</sup>, Melina Kozanitas<sup>2</sup>, Mai Bui<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Hüberli<sup>2\*</sup>, David M. Rizzo<sup>3</sup>, Matteo Garbelotto<sup>2\*</sup>



**Fig. 3** Minimal representation of mutational shifts between the four common and putatively founding multi-locus genotypes (MGs) (MG46/96, MG42, MG24, MG38) that define each of the four genetic clusters or “clades” (c1–c4). The key changes (bp) at the two microsatellite loci PrMS43a and PrMS43b are indicated. *G* Number of MGs in cluster, *R* clonal genotype diversity, *D* genetic diversity ( $1 - \sum g_i^2$ ), *g* is the frequency of MG *i*. (MG96 was merged with MG46 as they are identical except for missing/null alleles at MS18)

Cluster 1 of genotypes first to be introduced but not the most widespread,, suggesting new genotypes may be more fit

**Spread through Nurseries:**  
**Key pathway of introduction and spread**



Viburnum



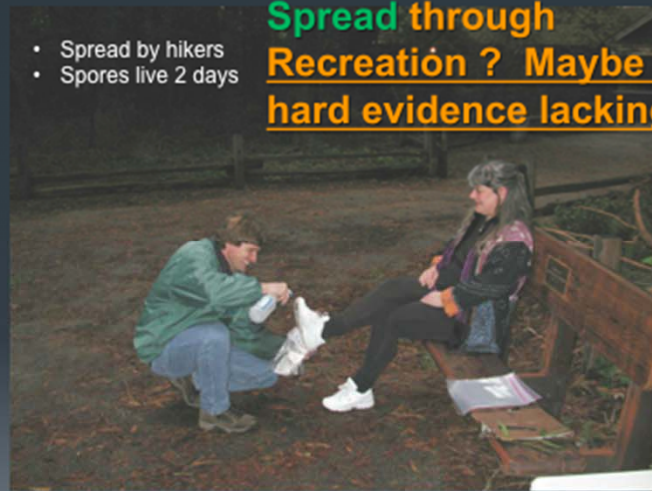
Pieris



Camellia



Rhododendron



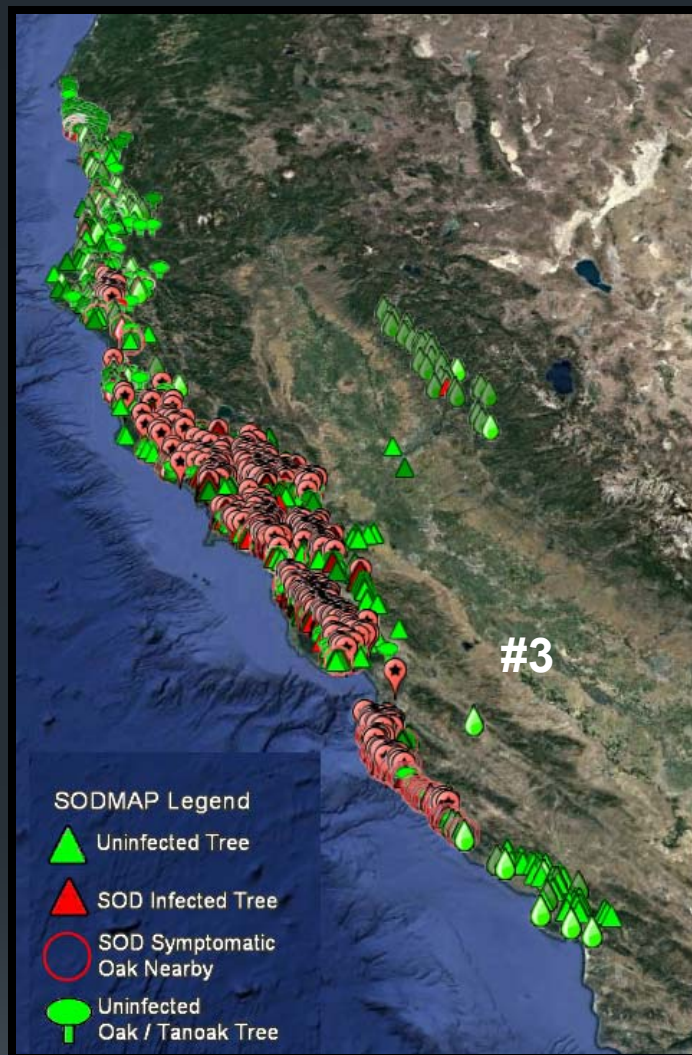
- Spread by hikers
- Spores live 2 days

**Spread through Recreation ? Maybe but hard evidence lacking**

More likely to spread with movement of infected foliage

**NATURAL SPREAD 5 m to 5 km per year through splash dispersal and turbulent air flow. On average 200-600 m foliar to foliar. Foliar to oaks 10-20 m**





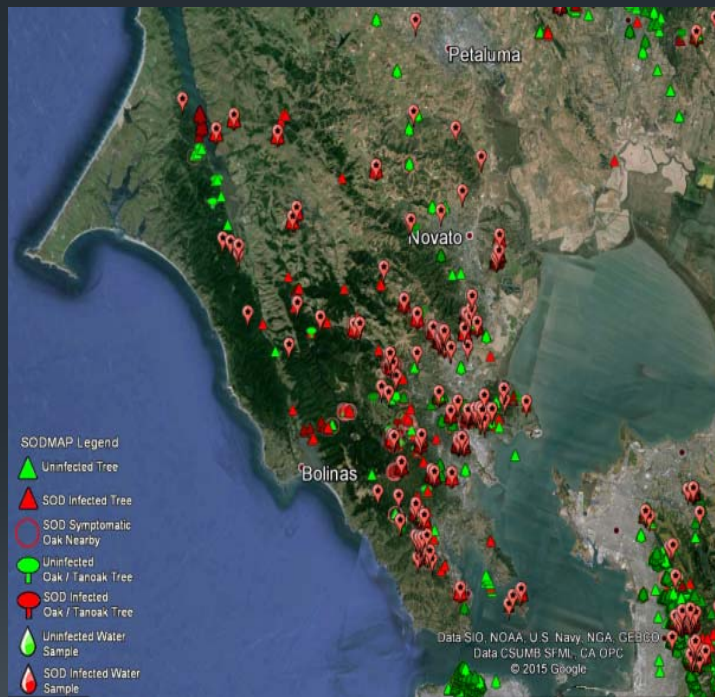
- Has host spp
- Confirmed in 15 in CA
- (rt. map) + & - Samples

## Statewide Status

SODmap.org



# “SOD Blitz” (citizen science)



UC Berkeley & CA NPS host informational meetings.

Do the SOD Blitz survey to track SOD in your community!

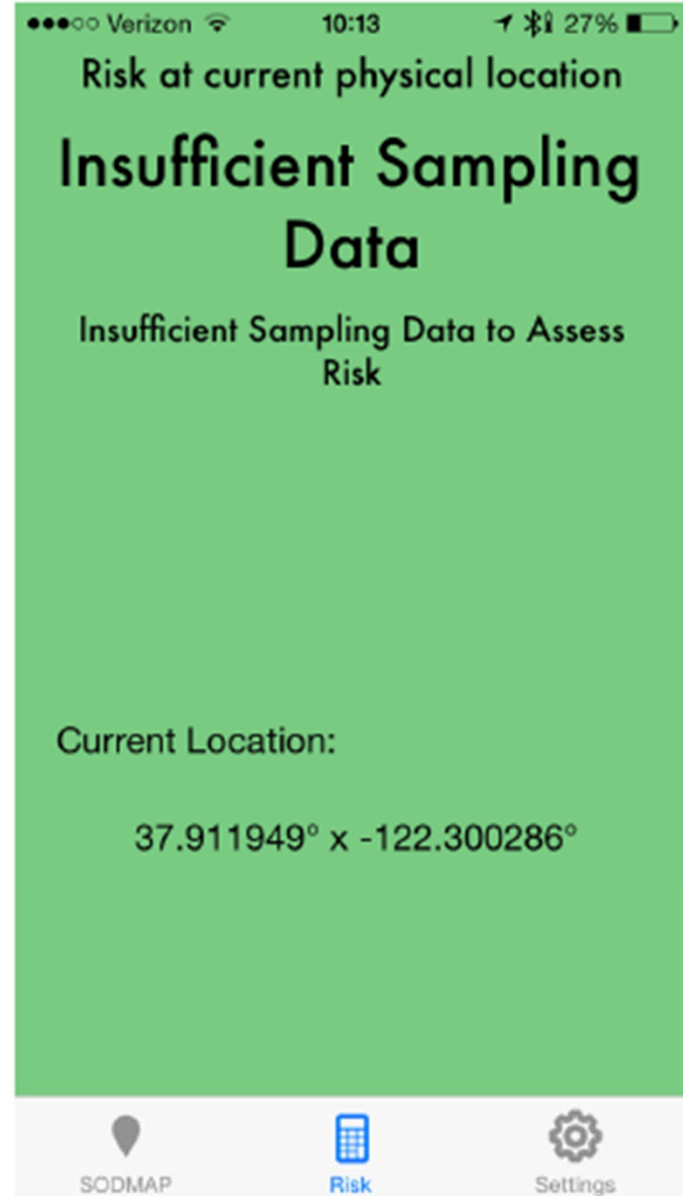
[sodblitz.org](http://sodblitz.org)



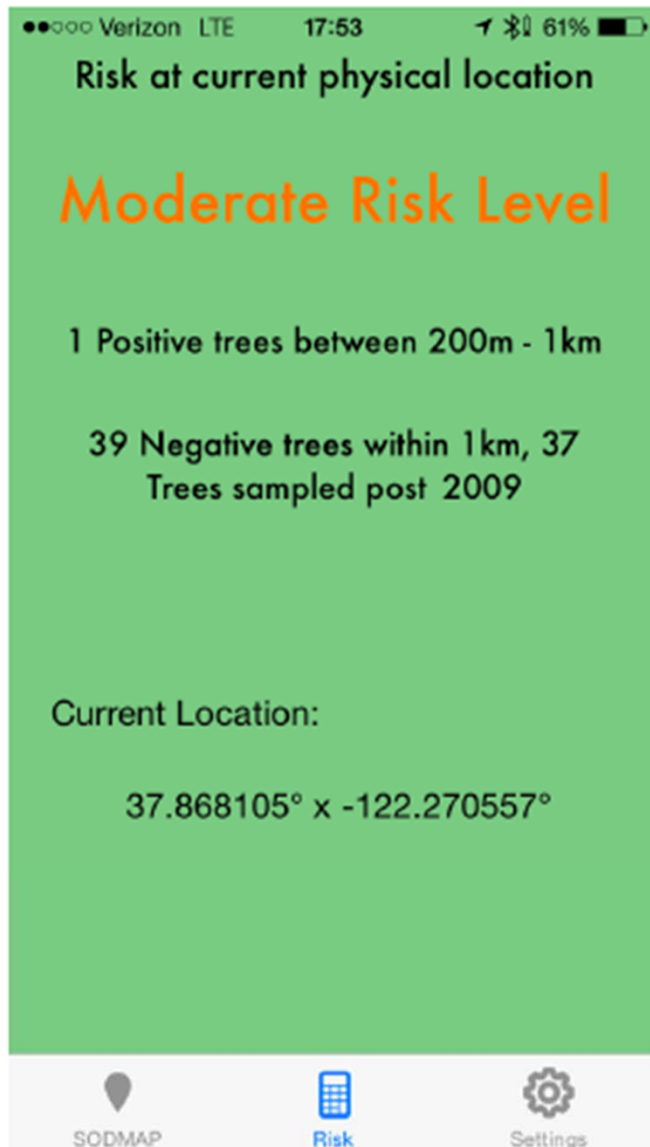
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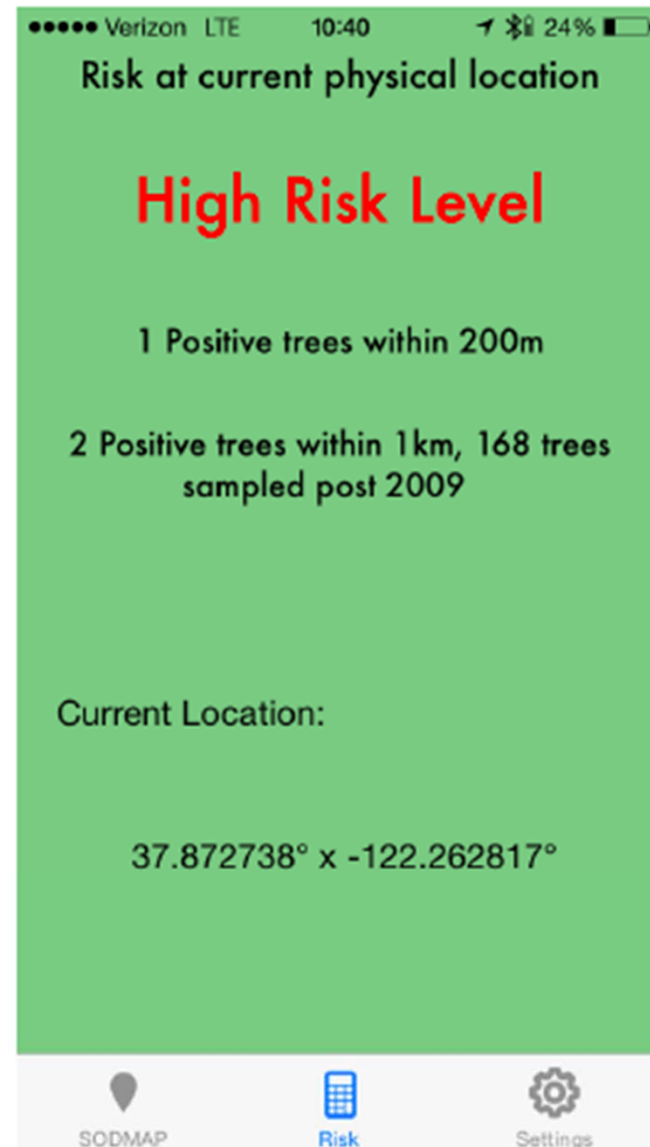
Tap on risk icon



Risk where you are physically standing



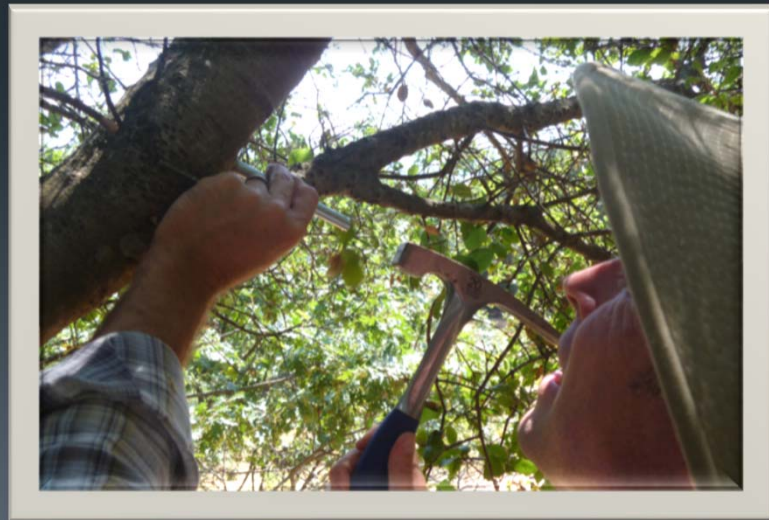
May want to do something



Urgent to do something if you have  
Oaks and bays growing together

## Treatment options: (Disproven or Unproven)

- **Insecticides:** don't address underlying *P. ramorum* infections.
- “**Alternative” treatments:** soil amendments, fertilization, compost teas, etc. are not effective.
- **Excisions:** no effect

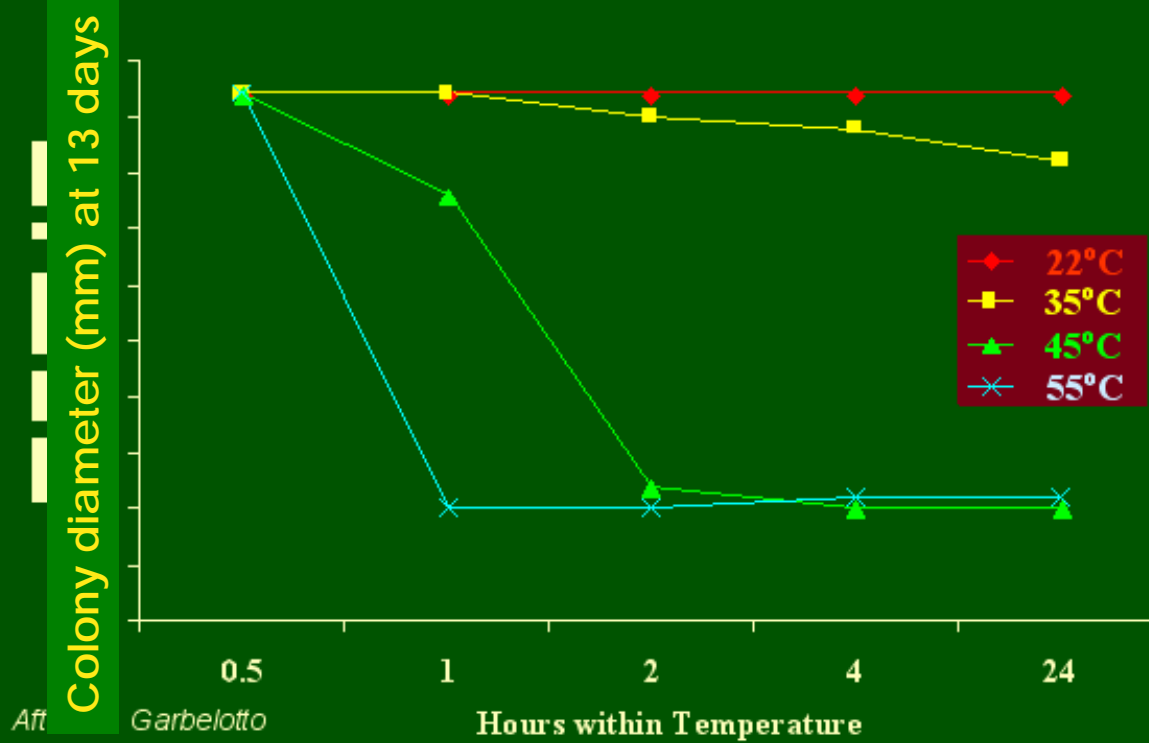




Proven : Heat based sanitation:  
Heat, Less Heat + Vacuum, Composting

## EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE ON MEAN PATHOGEN GROWTH

(starting colony size=10mm)



# Heat treatment results (at 55 C)

- Pre-treatment - baseline (isolation success)

Wood Chips = 96% (n=87)

Wood Logs = 44% (n=48)

Bay Leaves = 100% (n=50)

- 1 week of heat

Wood Chips = 0% (n=87)

Wood Logs = 0% (n=48)

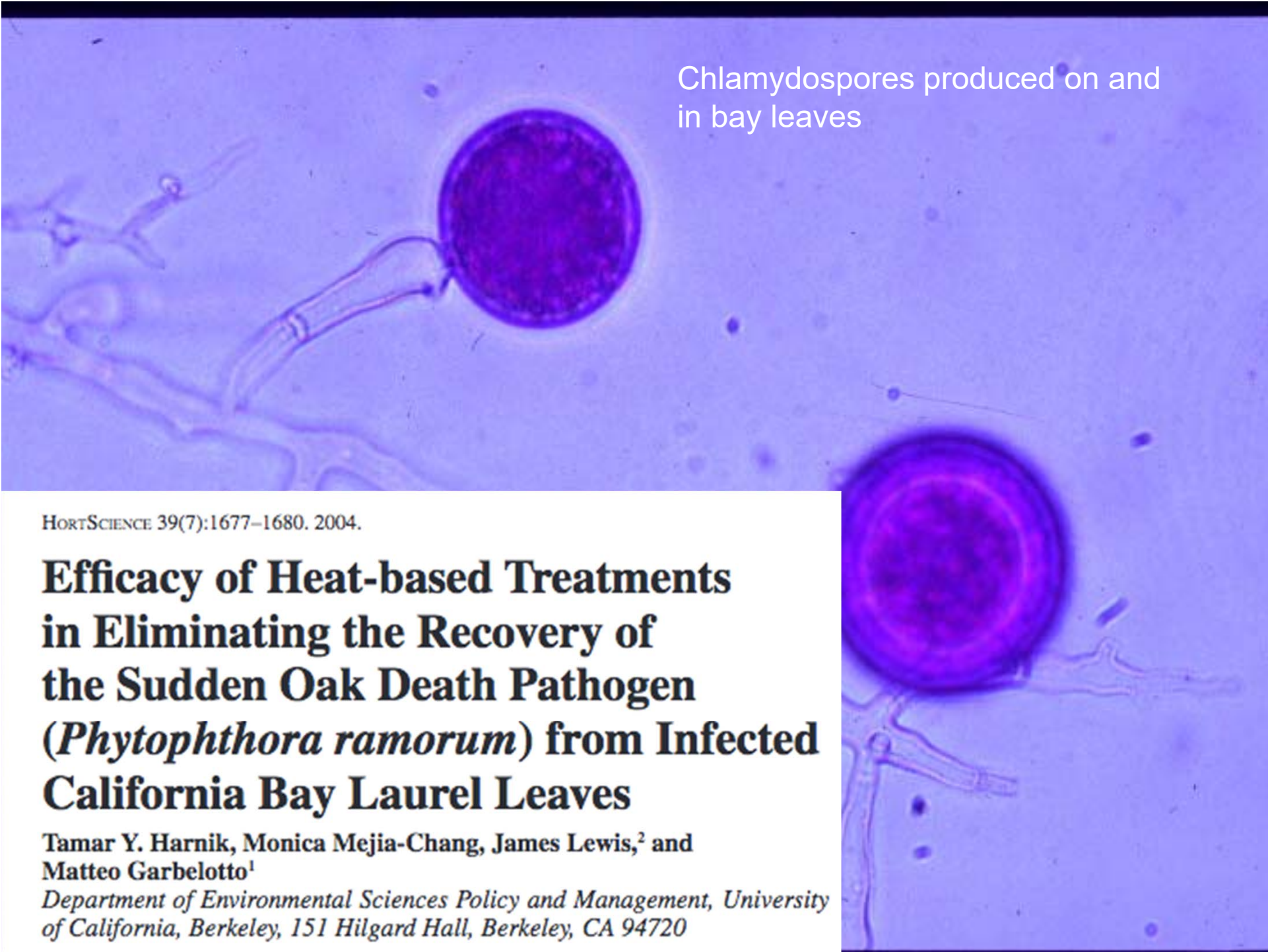
**Bay Leaves = 30% (n=50) WHY?**

- 2 weeks of heat

Wood Chips = 0% (n=87)

Wood Logs = 0% (n=48)

Bay Leaves = 0% (n=50)

A microscopic image showing two large, oval-shaped, reddish-brown structures (Chlamydozooids) attached to plant tissue. The structures have a distinct outer layer and a darker, granular interior. The background is a light, translucent purple color, likely due to the staining used in the microscopy.

Chlamydozooids produced on and  
in bay leaves

HORTSCIENCE 39(7):1677–1680. 2004.

## **Efficacy of Heat-based Treatments in Eliminating the Recovery of the Sudden Oak Death Pathogen (*Phytophthora ramorum*) from Infected California Bay Laurel Leaves**

Tamar Y. Harnik, Monica Mejia-Chang, James Lewis,<sup>2</sup> and  
Matteo Garbelotto<sup>1</sup>

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of California, Berkeley, 151 Hilgard Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720*

# Sanitation

Green waste more infectious than wood and soil

Composting works: fine grain can be sanitized more easily than coarse material

Journal of Applied Microbiology ISSN 1364-5072

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## **Composting is an effective treatment option for sanitization of *Phytophthora ramorum*-infected plant material**

S. Swain<sup>1</sup>, T. Harnik<sup>1</sup>, M. Mejia-Chang<sup>1</sup>, K. Hayden<sup>1</sup>, W. Bakx<sup>2</sup>, J. Creque<sup>3</sup> and M. Garbelotto<sup>1</sup>

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Research Article

## ***Phytophthora ramorum* can survive introduction into finished compost**

by Steven Swain and Matteo Garbelotto



# Chemical treatment

- Phosphonate
  - Injection
  - Surface application
- **Application**
  - Specimen trees
  - Every other year in the fall (2x the first year)
  - Prophylactic, no cure!





## Efficacy of phosphonic acid, metalaxyl-M and copper hydroxide against *Phytophthora ramorum* *in vitro* and *in planta*

Arboriculture & Urban Forestry 33(5): September 2007

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Arboriculture & Urban Forestry 2007. 33(5):309-317.



M. Garbelotto\*, T. Y.

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### Phosphite Injections and Bark Application of Phosphite + Pentrabark™ Control Sudden Oak Death in Coast Live Oak

M. Garbelotto, D.J. Schmidt, and T.Y. Hamik

Preventive treatment that strengthens response of oaks: we developed an alternative to injection

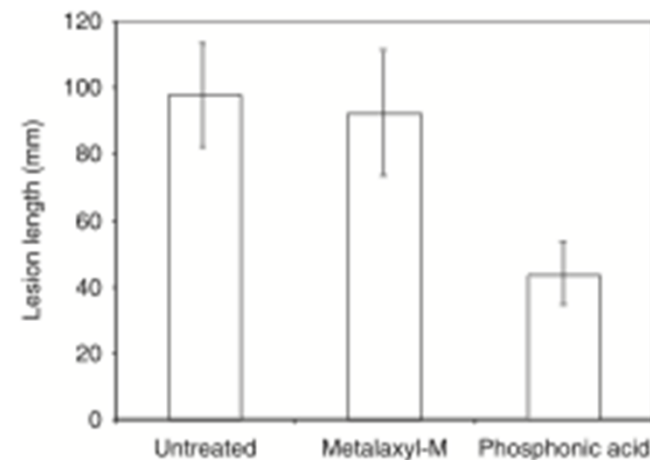


Figure 2 Lesion length (with bars showing standard deviation) caused by three *Phytophthora ramorum* isolates inoculated underbark in the phloem of potted coast live oak saplings, either untreated, treated with metalaxyl-M drench, or by phosphonic acid injection. Each treatment was performed on 15 saplings one week before inoculation; the experiment was terminated 6 weeks after inoculation.



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# Injected Phosphonate Efficacy

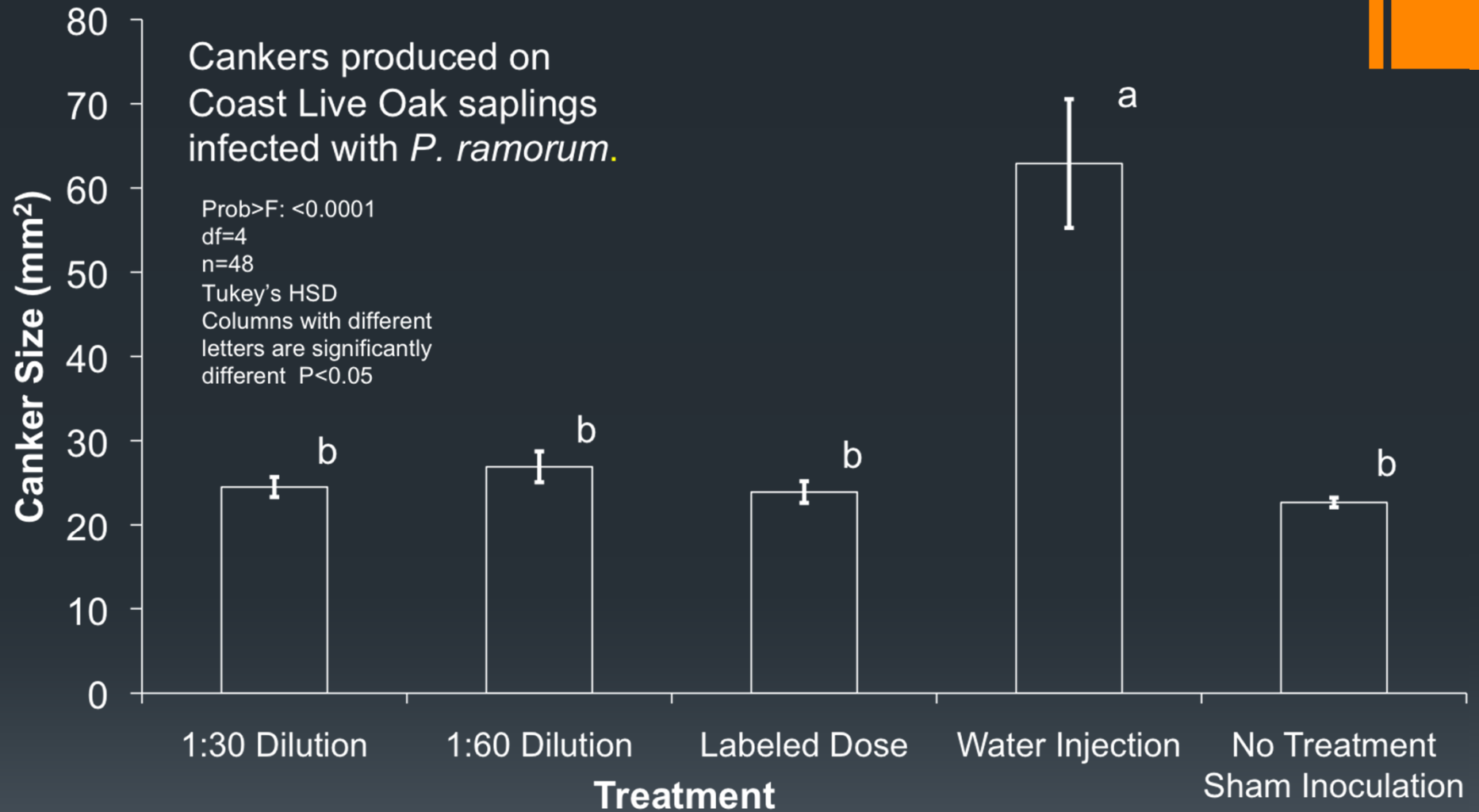


Figure 1. Efficacy of labeled dose vs updated dilution ratios. Smaller lesions = higher efficacy.

# Phosphonate Damage to Wood

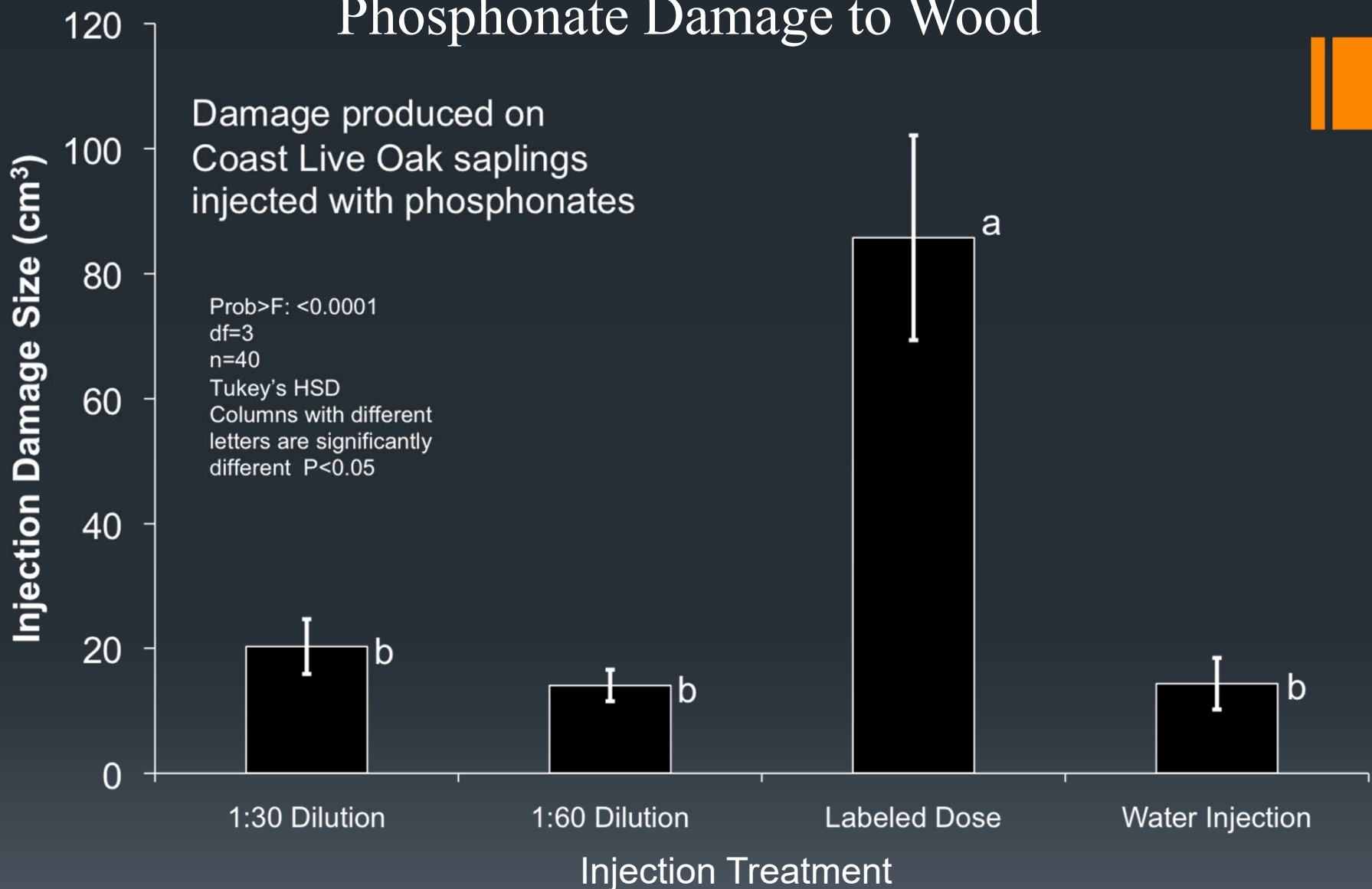


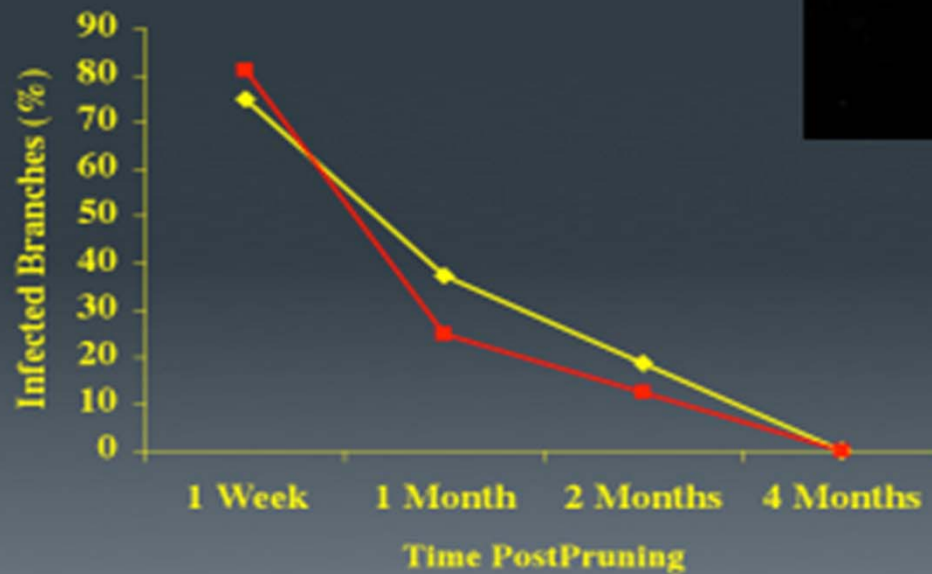
Figure 2. Injection damage caused by labeled dose vs updated dilution ratios. Note that updated dosage damage is indistinguishable from damage caused by only injecting water.

# Cultural treatments

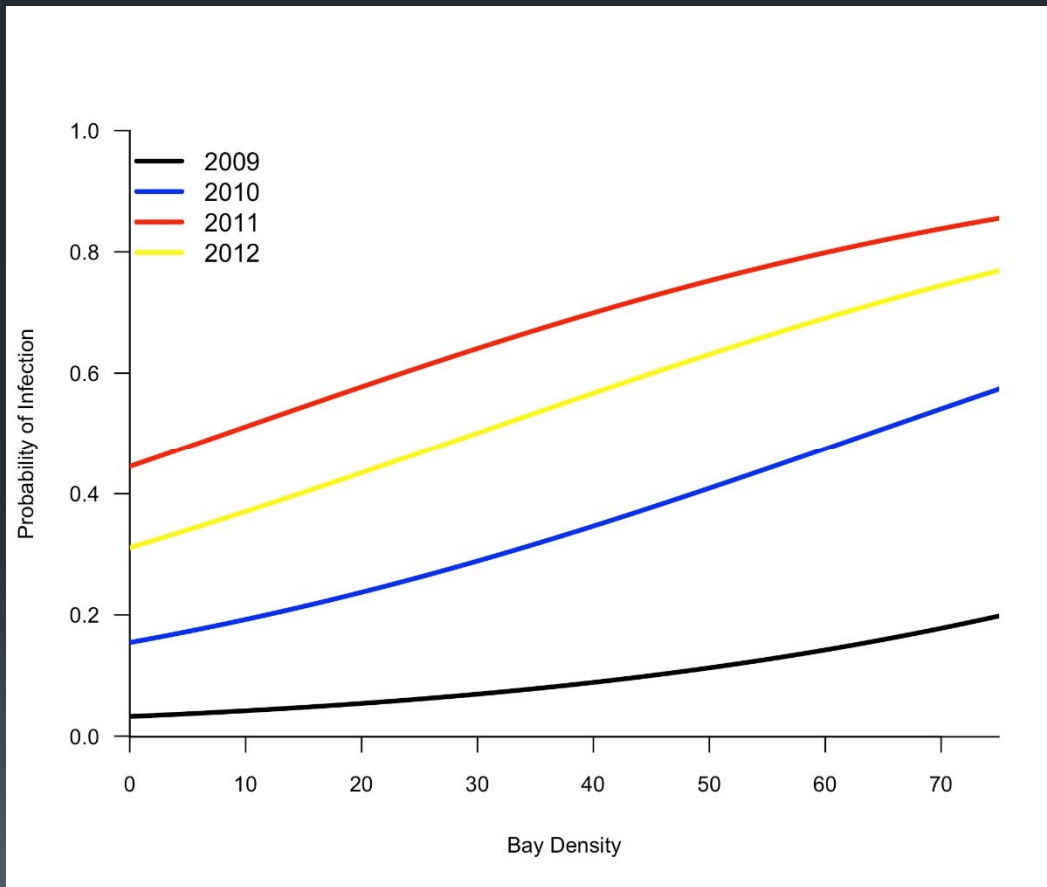
(i.e., Foliar host removal or timing of pruning)

## Transmission of SOD through pruning:

- ▶ Does tree pruning introduce SOD infection?
- ▶ Is the timing of cutting a factor?



# Stand level bay removal will reduce intensity of outbreak



Probability of bay infection with varying bay density



# Wholesale Bay Laurel Removal



- Potentially costly
- Intensive and Invasive
- Multi-year follow up

# Selective Bay Laurel Removal



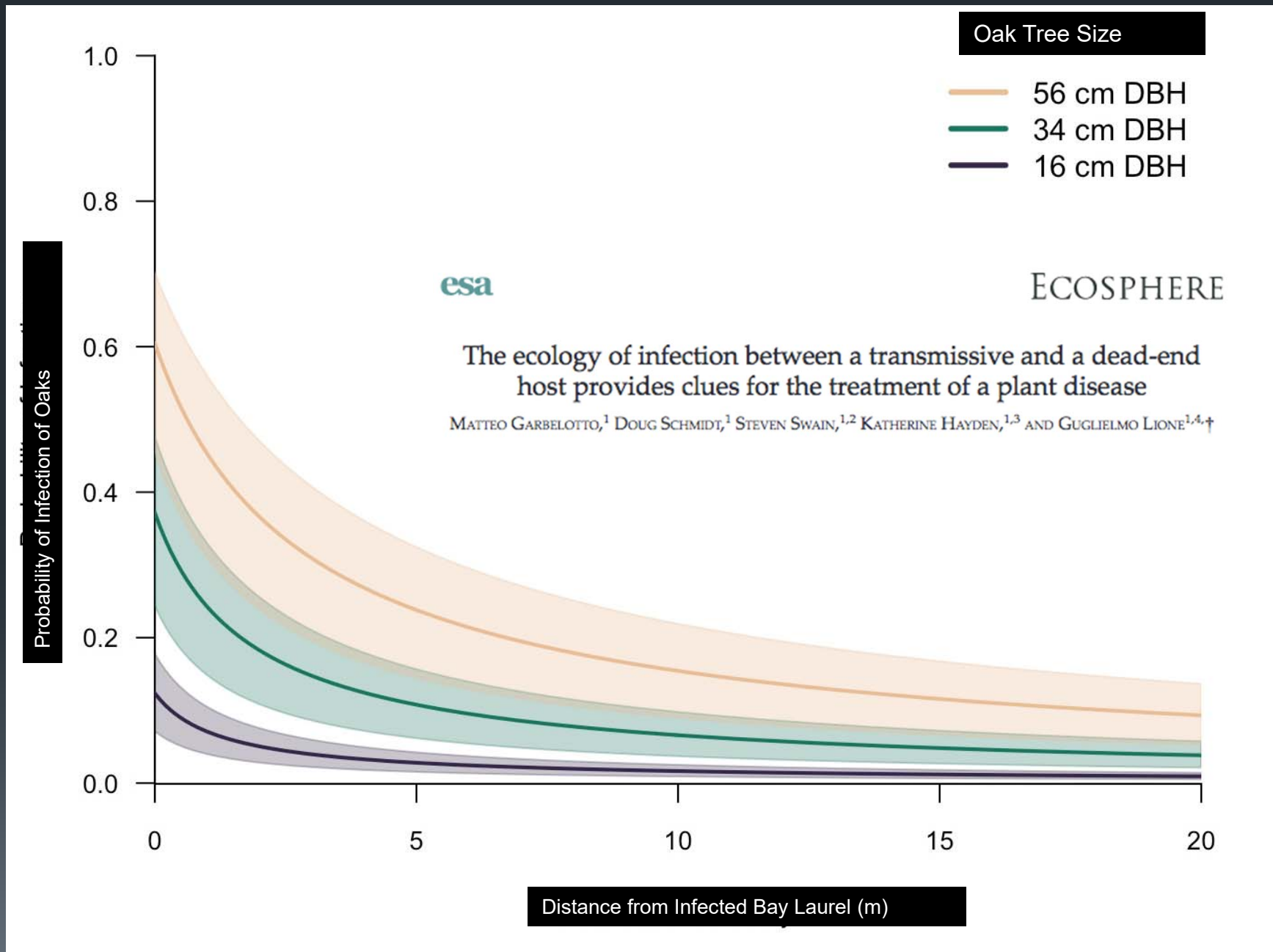
## Two Major Criterion in Selective Approach

Spatial – Based on their proximity to oaks

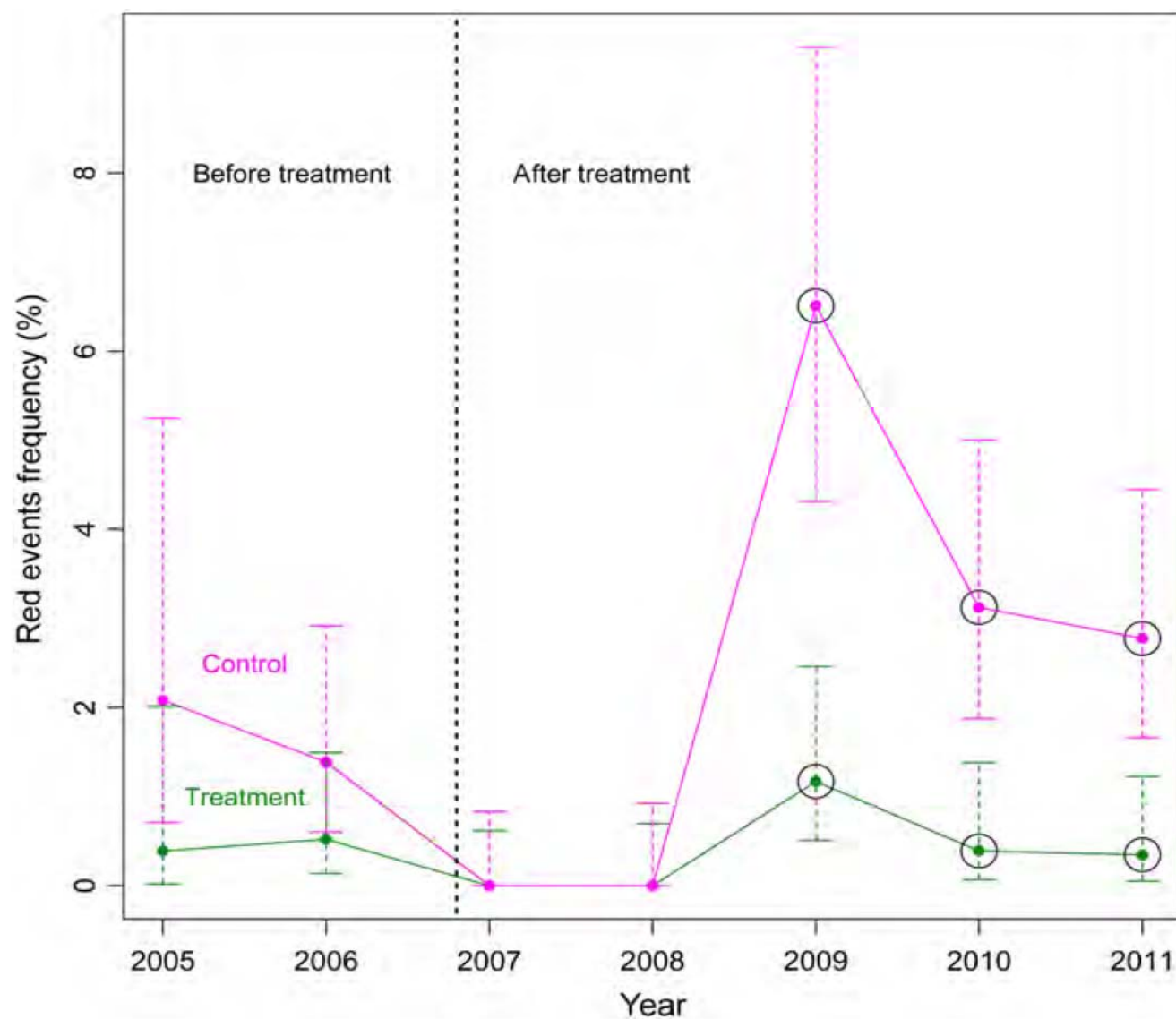
Temporal – Removal of bay laurels that remain infected during drought and that serve as a reservoir of inoculum for following outbreaks



# Selective Bay Laurel Removal



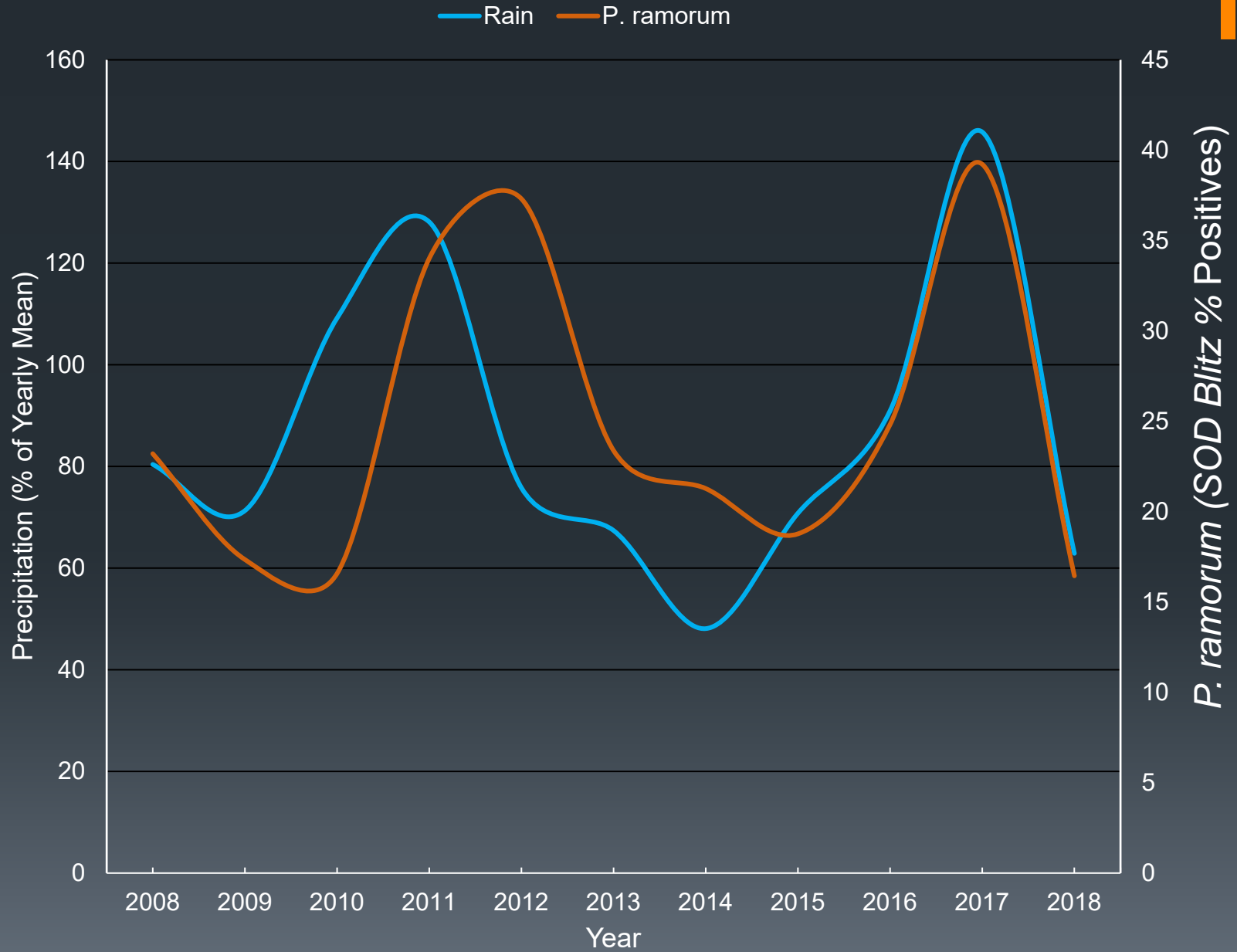
## Bay removal around oaks: we tested the efficacy of removal 10 m around oaks in a 7 year-long study





# Temporal Criterion for Bay Laurel Removal

## Precipitation and *P. ramorum*



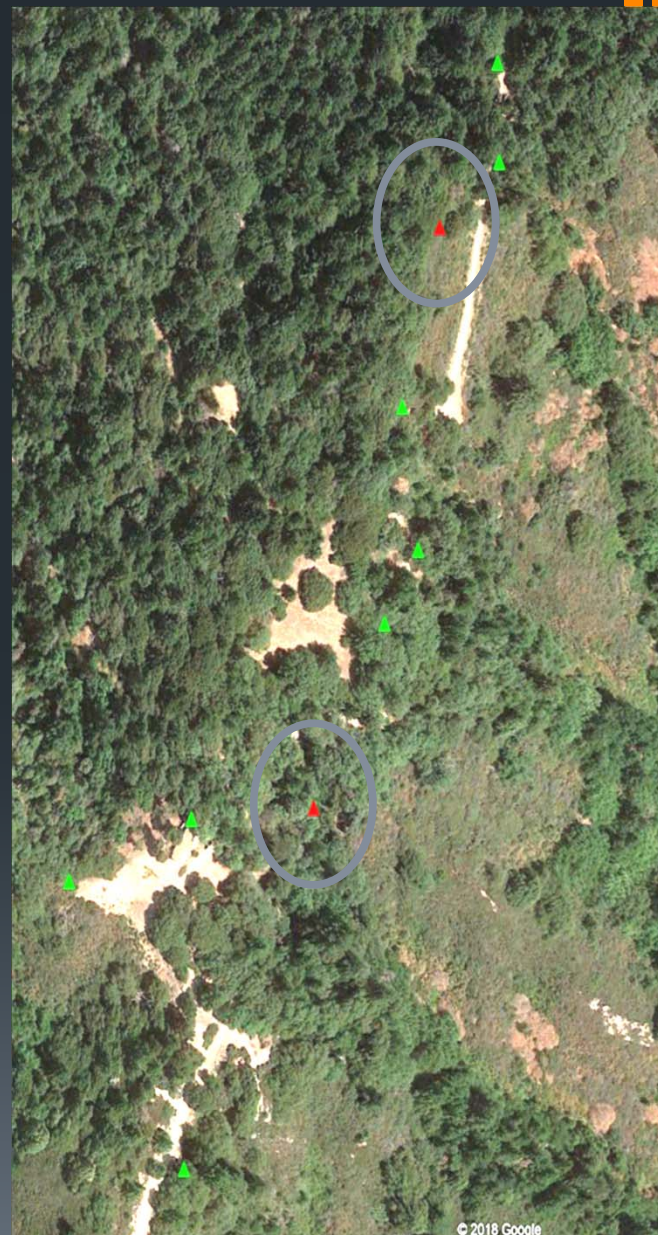
# Temporal Criterion for Bay Laurel Removal

## SODMap Comparison

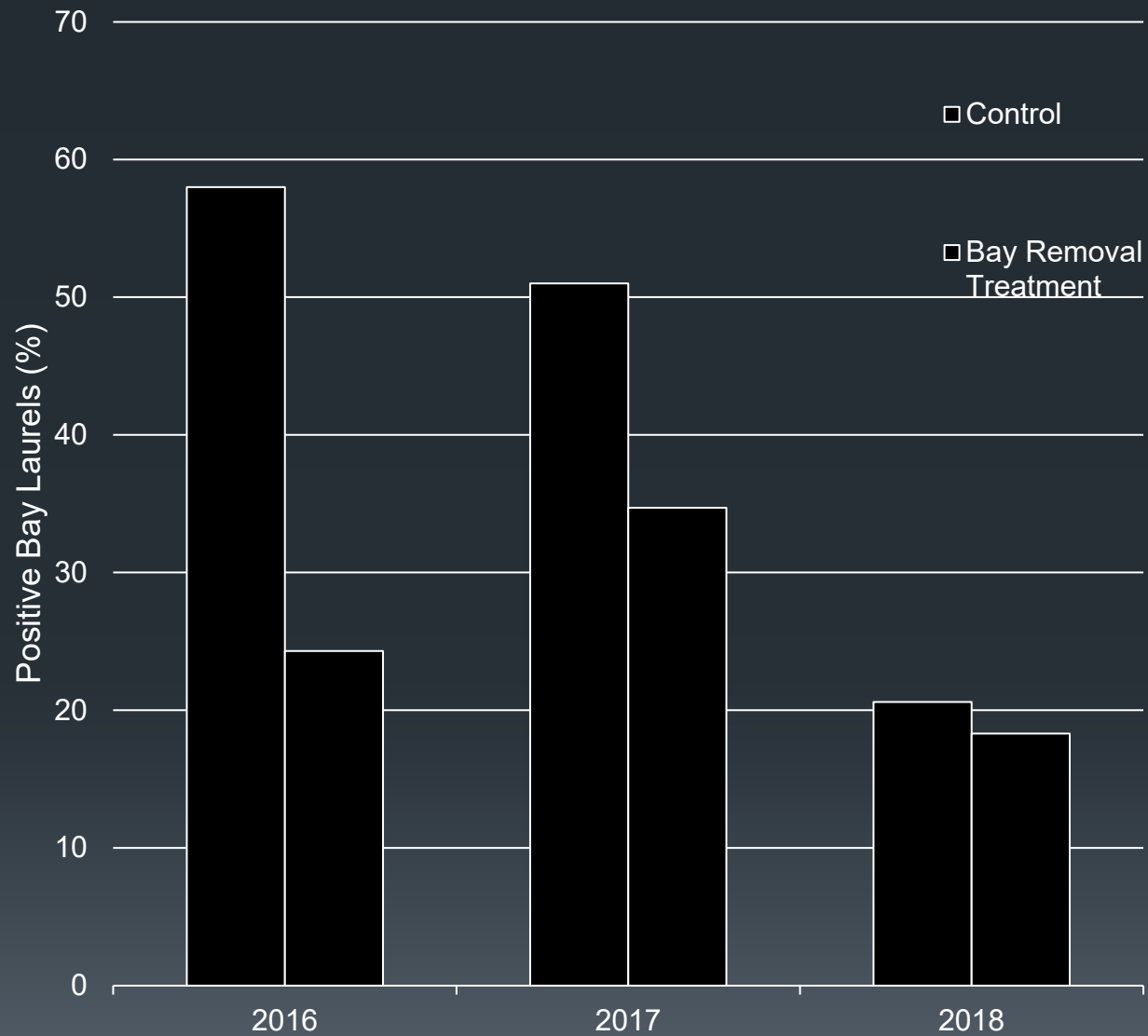
Rainy  
2 years



After  
2 years  
of drought



# SFPUC Management - Bay Thinning in 2015



# Conclusions

- California bay laurel is an important species in California but is also the primary vector for the spread of SOD and infection of oaks by *P. ramorum*
- Non-selective wholesale removal of bays is predicted to result in a generalized decrease of disease incidence but:
  1. costly, 2. intensive, 3. doesn't protect specific oaks
- Selective removal of bays 10m around oaks, significantly reduces local inoculum density and consequent oak infection
- Selective removal of bays that act as inoculum reservoirs during drought reduces intensity of future SOD outbreaks
- We don't advocate complete removal of bay laurels or very large bays, bays in strictly riparian habitats, or on steep slopes



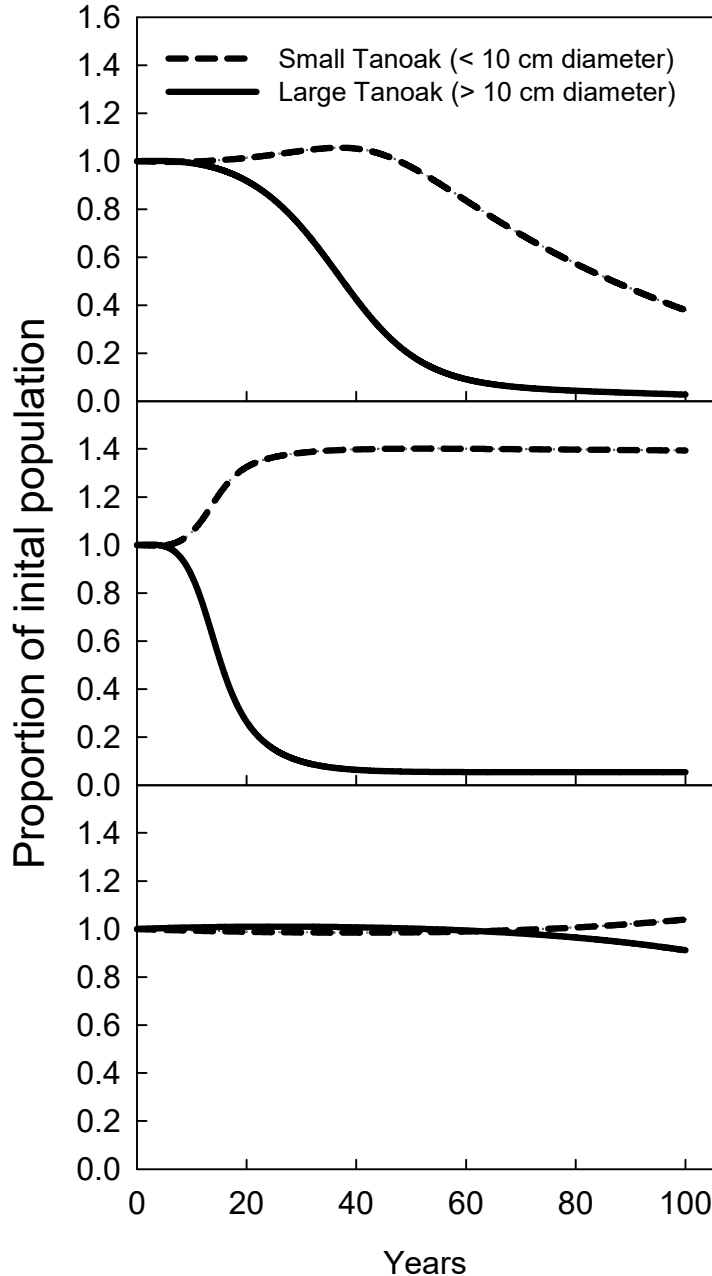
# Humboldt County, CA



## Jay Smith Road

- Cutting, no fire
- Bay can sprout!





## Effect of tanoak density

Disease in stands with bay laurel *and* tanoak results in severe loss of tanoak

In tanoak only stands the disease removes large trees but increases small tanoak stems that develop on dead trees

However, tanoak can persist at low densities ( $< 44 \text{ trees ha}^{-1}$ ) when no bay laurel is present

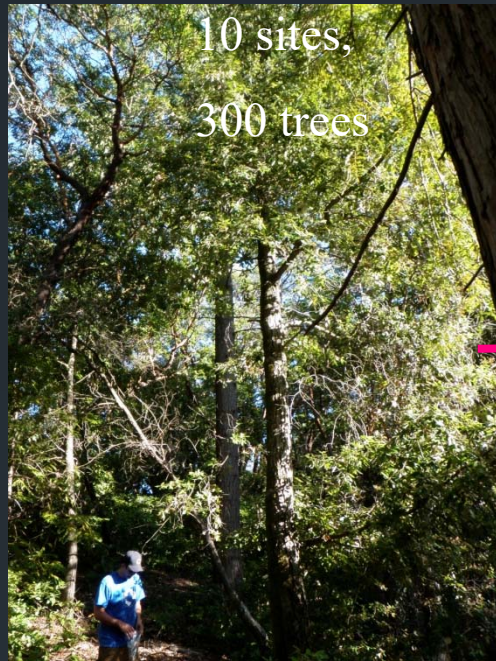
## The search for the Holy Grail of resistance:

There are significant differences in susceptibility among individuals and populations

Constitutive chemistry and/or phenology invoked to explain differences that are both inheritable ( i.e. genetic) and determined by the environment

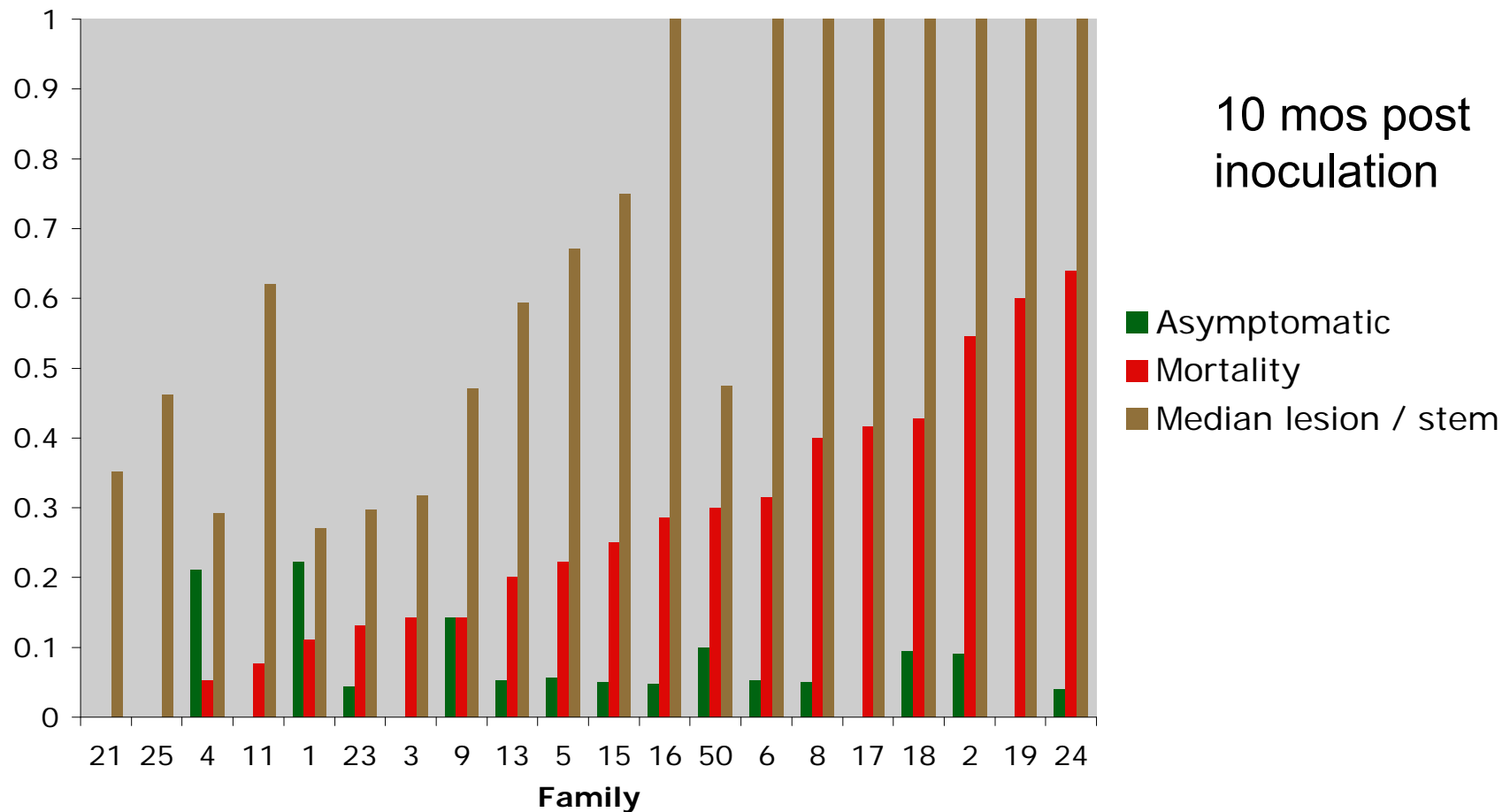
- Resistance proper not found yet, but decreased susceptibility and/or tolerance may be extremely useful and more durable



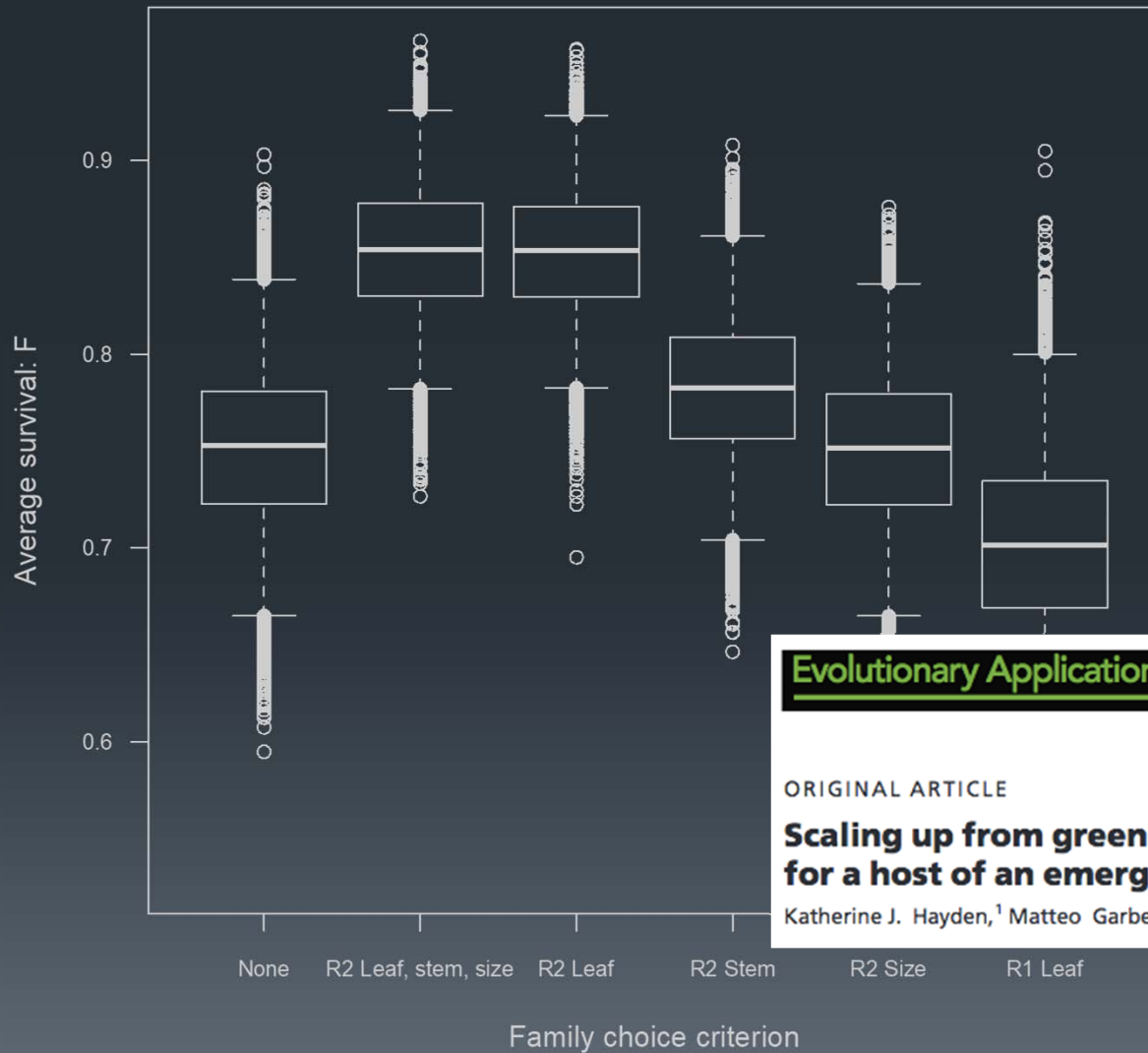




# Common garden seedling tip assays of families indicates role of genetic variation within host species



# Survival highest in families picked as more resistant based on lab assays



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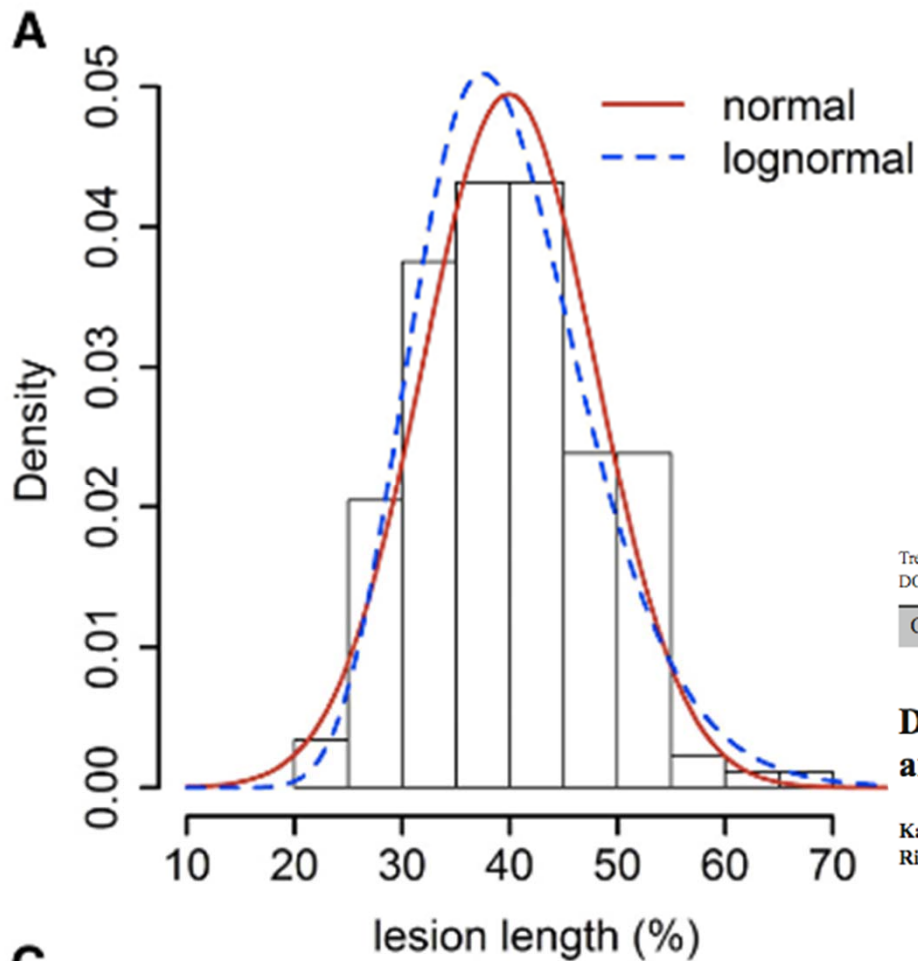
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Scaling up from greenhouse resistance to fitness in the field for a host of an emerging forest disease

Katherine J. Hayden,<sup>1</sup> Matteo Garbelotto,<sup>1</sup> Richard Dodd<sup>1</sup> and Jessica W. Wright<sup>2</sup>

# Promise and Pitfalls of Endemic Resistance for Cultural Resources Threatened by *Phytophthora ramorum*

Richard C. Cobb,<sup>1†</sup> Noam Ross,<sup>2</sup> Katherine J. Hayden,<sup>3,4</sup> Catherine A. Eyre,<sup>4</sup> Richard S. Dodd,<sup>4</sup> Susan J. Frankel,<sup>5</sup> Matteo Garbelotto,<sup>4</sup> and David M. Rizzo<sup>6</sup>



Normal distribution of disease tolerance but identification of tolerant families not trivial because not associated to tree morphology or neutral genetic markers

Tree Genetics & Genomes (2014) 10:489–502  
DOI 10.1007/s11295-014-0698-0

ORIGINAL PAPER

**Dual RNA-seq of the plant pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum* and its tanoak host**

Katherine J. Hayden · Matteo Garbelotto · Brian J. Knaus · Richard C. Cronn · Hardeep Rai · Jessica W. Wright

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# Can we predict future disease spread? Which variables matter the most?

RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS

## Citizen science helps predict risk of emerging infectious disease

Ross K Meentemeyer<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Monica A Dorning<sup>2</sup>, John B Vogler<sup>2</sup>, Douglas Schmidt<sup>3</sup>, and Matteo Garbelotto<sup>3,4</sup>

**Predictive accuracy (PA)** based on generalized linear logistic regressions

Model	Sample size	Equation	Predictive accuracy
2008	879(+) 689(-)	$6.19882 + 0.16551 * FOI_{2007} + 0.01188 * HOST_{dens} + 0.00737 * PRECIP$	0.61
2008-2009	983(+) 1145(-)	$5.1664 + 0.05235 * FOI_{2008} + 0.01488 * HOST_{dens} + 0.01671 * PRECIP$	0.67
2008-2010	1093(+) 1551(-)	$4.56107 + 0.03154 * FOI_{2009} + 0.01830 * HOST_{dens} + 0.01491 * PRECIP$	0.72
2008-2011	1640(+) 2562(-)	$0.06359 + 0.02408 * FOI_{2010} + 0.01728 * HOST_{dens} + 0.01741 * PRECIP - 0.25731 * T_{max}$	0.71
2008-2012	2261(+) 3600(-)	$0.03347 + 0.01418 * FOI_{2011} + 0.01897 * HOST_{dens} + 0.01242 * PRECIP - 0.21431 * T_{max} - 0.00019 * POP_{dens}$	n/a

**PA Increase from 0.61 to 0.71**

Temp. the most Important variable followed by precipitation, host density, and disease incidence

**Currently the best performing predictive model for SOD !!**



Article

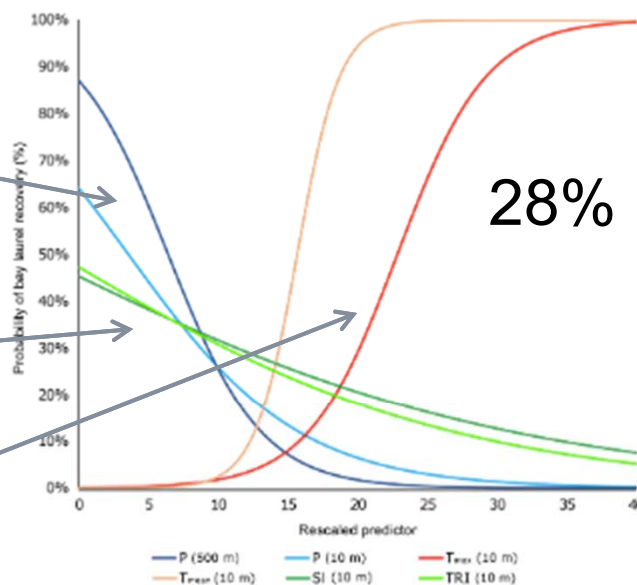
# Environmental Factors Driving the Recovery of Bay Laurels from *Phytophthora ramorum* Infections: An Application of Numerical Ecology to Citizen Science

Guglielmo Lione <sup>1,2</sup> , Paolo Gonthier <sup>1</sup> and Matteo Garbelotto <sup>2,\*</sup>

precipitation

slope

temperature



28% recovery!

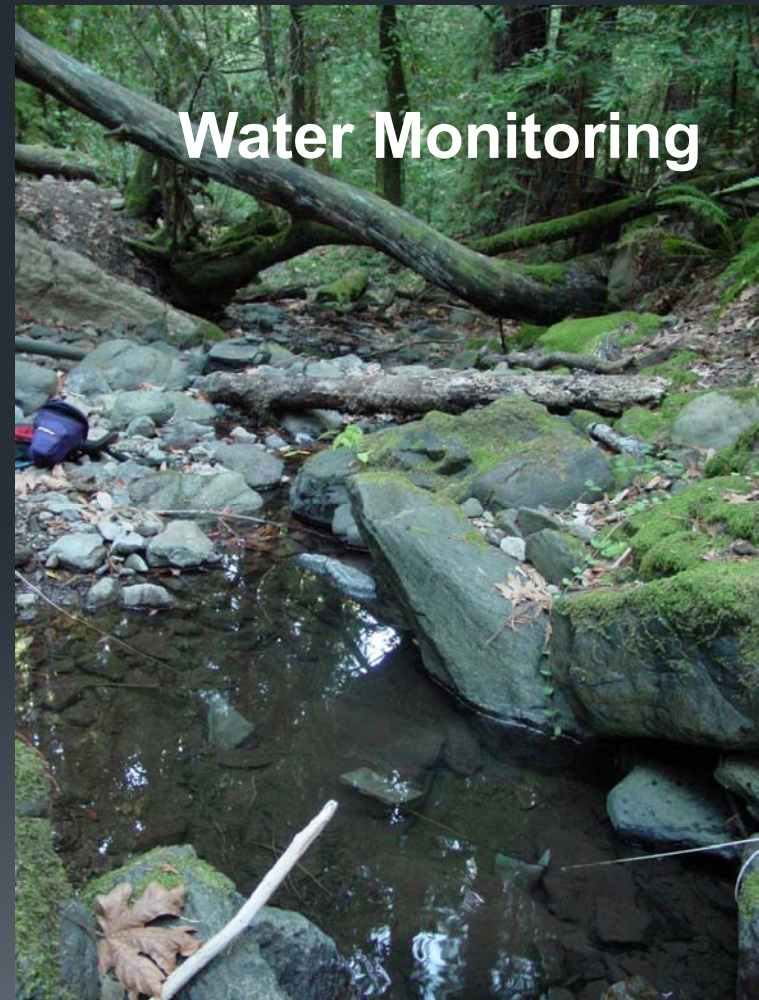
**Figure 6.** Graphs of the logistic equations modelling the probability of bay laurel recovery based on the single significant predictors detected in scenario-500 m (500 m) and scenario-10 m (10 m). The abscissa (rescaled predictor) represents each factor eventually rescaled so that one unit equals: 100 mm for precipitations (P), 1 °C for temperatures (T), 1% for slope (SI) and 10 points of terrain ruggedness index (TRI). For more details about factors acronyms, see the main text.

# Prevention is key!





# Early Detection



RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Three new *Phytophthora* detection methods, including training dogs to sniff out the pathogen, prove reliable

A scent detection dog identified *Phytophthora* in media with a 100% accuracy; two other simple and cost-effective methods detected the pathogen with great confidence directly from plants.

by Tedmund J. Swiecki, Matt Quinn, Laura Sims, Elizabeth Bernhardt, Lauralea Oliver, Tina Popenuck and Matteo Garbelotto

## Dog training

*P. ramorum*  
*P. cinnamomi*  
*P. nemorosa*  
*P. cactorum*

water, soil,  
infected plants





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- [S.A.F.E. Landscapes: Southern California Guidebook Sustainable and Fire-Safe Landscapes In The Wildland Urban Interface](#)
- [Recovering from Wildfire: A Guide for California's Forest Landowners](#)

### Recursos en español:

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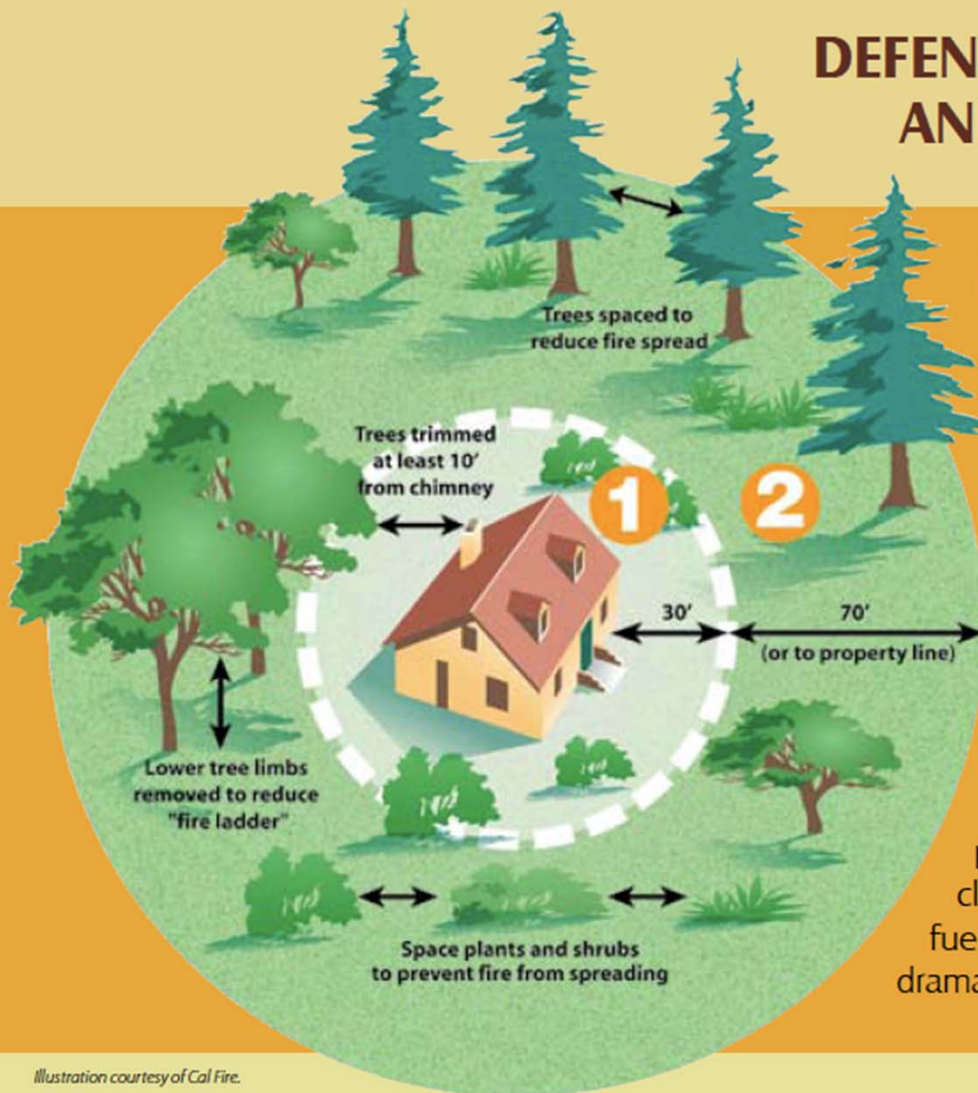
# Defensible space



- Fire Resilient Landscaping: use appropriate species, flammability and plant architecture, avoid invasive, plant taking into consideration location and possible ladder role the vegetation may play
- Proper Vegetation Management
- Fire Resilient building: : Fire safe homes through appropriate design and materials

From the "SAFE landscapes brochure"

## DEFENSIBLE SPACE AND FIRE-SAFE LANDSCAPES



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