



### Growth and yield of mixed-species versus pure forest stands

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1 Experimental set-up, data, evaluation substitutive resp. initially substitutive design







#### 1 Experimental set-up, data, evaluation



Pretzsch (2009) Forest Dynamics, Growth and Yield, Springer, 653 p.





# 1 Experimental set-up, data, evaluation ratio of productivity in terms of absolute performance



productivity in the mixed stand :  $pp_{(1),2}$ ,  $pp_{1,(2)}$ , mit  $p_{1,2} = pp_{(1),2} + pp_{1,(2)}$ mixing proportions :  $m_1$ ,  $m_2$ productivity of pure stands :  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ 





### 1 Experimental set-up, data, evaluation cross diagrams: productivity (left) and ratio of productivity (right)



Pretzsch, H., Block, J., Dieler, J., Dong, P. H., Kohnle, U., Nagel, J., Spellmann, H., and Zingg, A. (2010): Comparison between the productivity of pure and mixed stands of Norway spruce and European beech along an ecological gradient. Annals of Forest Science, 67, DOI:10.1051/forest/2010037





#### 1 Experimental set-up, data, evaluation







#### 1 Experimental set-up, data, evaluation variation of mixing effects during stand development







1 Experimental set-up, data, evaluation overyielding, transgressive overyielding







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### 1 Experimental set-up, data, evaluation Survey over 50-100 years as exception





# 1 Experimental set-up, data, evaluation growth versus yield for evaluation

Trial	Age first - last survey	sur- veys		Rela	ative grow RPA	Relative total yield RYA					
	year	n						E			
W4 D 105		n	mean	min	age	max	age	Innai	age	min	max
WAB 105							10				
S. oak	33-105	10	1.38	1.24	105	1.84	49	1.10	105	1.05	1.18
E. beech	33-105	10	0.87	0.75	105	1.10	49	1.02	105	1.02	1.35
total	33-105	10	0.95	0.84	91	1.24	49	1.04	105	1.04	1.28
WAB 106											
S. oak	44-116	10	1.04	0.92	60	1.20	109	0.92	116	0.81	0.92
E. beech	44-116	10	0.85	0.76	102	0.95	60	0.96	116	0.96	1.14
total	44-116	10	0.92	0.85	102	0.95	116	0.94	116	0.94	0.95
WIE 114											
N. spruce	46-103	10	0.96	0.76	80	1.14	54	0.97	103	0.97	1.05
E. beech	64-121	10	1.16	1.00	74	1.28	106	1.17	121	0.97	1.17
total		10	1.05	0.88	98	1.14	121	1.04	121	1.02	1.05
MIT 101											
N. spruce	50-123	7	1.03	0.86	57	1.60	123	0.92	123	0.92	1.05
E. beech	50-123	7	1.01	0.91	57	1.08	69	1.32	123	1.06	1.34
total	50-123	7	0.98	0.88	57	1.07	117	1.14	123	1.05	1.14
ZWI 111/1											
N. spruce	59-113	9	1.01	0.79	74	1.43	102	1.03	113	1.02	1.12
E. beech	78-132	9	1.14	0.97	93	1.42	111	1.11	132	1.07	1.12
total		9	1.05	0.85	74	1.35	102	1.06	132	1.03	1.12









### 1 Artificial age series FRE 813 in mixed Norway spruce and European beech stands

(plot 1 = SFB 607 - Experiment)



plot 6 spruce 37 a., beech 50 a.



plot 5 spruce 47 a., beech 59 a.



plot 1 spruce 49 a., beech 56 a.



plot 2 spruce 82 a., beech 102 a.



plot 4 spruce 93 a., beech 108 a.



plot 3 spruce 125 a., beech 155 a.





### 1 Experimental set-up, data, evaluation Mixing effects may become obvious especially in fully stocked stands







### 1 Design of the long-term mixing experiment in Norway spruce and European beech Zwiesel 111/1-8



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### 2 Overyielding in mixed versus pure stands of *Eucalyptus globulus* Labill and *Acacia mearnsii* De Wild.



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#### 2 Overview of mixing effects in temperate forests







### 2 Relative productivity of mixed Norway spruce/ European beech versus pure stands



Pretzsch (2005) Ecological Studies 176 Pretzsch et al. (2010) Ann. For. Sci. 67





### 2 Relative productivity of mixed oak/ beech versus pure stands







### 2 Productivity of mixed stands with three species versus pure stands Norway spruce, Silver fir, and European beech



RP: sp/fir/be 1.24 (± 0.05) AP: sp/fir/be 1.60 t ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>





# 2 Overyielding of mixed stands compared with pure stands of spruce, pine, fir beech, and, oak







#### 2 Notorious overyielding of beech in mixture







### 2 Pure and mixed species stands of Sessile/Common oak and European beech along an ecological transect





29 experiments 65 triplets 525 surveys

time span: 1890 - 2011

stand age: 17-217

mean temp (°C): 6.0 - 9.5precip (myr<sup>-1</sup>): 550 - 1120 nut. supp.: acid - alcaline

from m<sub>oak</sub> / m<sub>be</sub>: 0.05:0.95 to m<sub>be</sub> / m<sub>oaki</sub>: 0.95:0.05

from: unthinned to: heavily thinned





54°0'0"N

52°0'0"N

50°0'0"1

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Summary 2:

The analysed European mixed stands produce on average 20-30 % more biomass than pure stands ...
... equivalent with a plus of 1.5-2.0 t ha<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>.
Productivity gains resp. losses vary strongly on stand level as well as on species level.



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# 3 Mean height of the pure oak and beech stands at age 100 as indicator for site quality







# 3 Site index (hq in m at age 100) as modifier of mixing reactions between oak and beeh





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## 3 Facilitation and competition in dependence on site conditions (hq) at age 50



Pretzsch et al. (2011) Productivity of pure versus mixed stands of oak (*Quercus petraea* (Matt.) Liebl. and *Quercus robur* L.) and European beech (*Fagus sylvatica* L.) along an ecological gradient, submitted





#### 3 Spatial and temporal variation of mixing effects






### **Study sites**

### Overview on the observational plots included in the study

Characteristics	Pure pi min	ne max	Mixed min	pine-spruce max	109 109 109 109 109 109 109 109
Number of experiments (n)	3		3		к 950 18 0.14 1201 00 5 6400 13 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Number of plots (n)	8		6		Maskulińskie Forest District
Number of observations (n)	125		91		$\frac{b}{4,16} = \frac{55073}{4,16} + \frac{5507}{4,16} + 550$
First survey (year)	1911	1932	1923	1928	5,38 0,26 3 dr.2 m 5,38 0,26 3 dr.2 m So 6 2,09 5 115 7 7 114 SCH 10-13 7 112 5 5 7 7 7 112 7 112 5 5 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7
Last survey (year)	2008	2010	2008	2010	$\begin{array}{c} 30,34\\ 212^{-1} & 850,24-1.0\\ 4,10^{-1} & 4,10^{-1} \\ 4,60 \\ \end{array} $
Number of surveys (n)	14	16	15	16	$B_{c} \frac{8 \text{ So } 60}{2, 21} \xrightarrow{(16 \text{ m})^{1/2}} \xrightarrow{(16 \text{ m})^{1$
Age at last survey (yr)	131	132	124	133	0.06 0.28 0.28 0.28 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
ho (m) last survey	29.7	36.0	33.1	36.3	$\frac{124}{125} \xrightarrow{125} \frac{124}{24.57} \qquad \frac{124}{14.80} \xrightarrow{120} 125 \xrightarrow{10} 125 10$
N (ha <sup>-1</sup> ) la. surv.	165	324	123	324	0.12 772 4.34 0.12 550-34-10 5 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10
SDI (ha <sup>-1</sup> ) la. surv.	396	755	548	807	$\frac{121}{30} = \frac{121}{280}$
Site index (m) la. surv.	28.3	32.1	28.3	32.1	$\begin{array}{c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 8 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 &$
dq (cm) la. surv.	39.1	47.0	38.8	45.3	- 7 plots representing pure pine stands (1-6, 8)
PAI (m <sup>3</sup> ha <sup>-1</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> ) l. surv.	2.4	7.0	4.0	12.5	- 6 plots representing pine-spruce mixed
V $(m^3 ha^{-1})$ la. surv.	332	714	452	721	stands (7, 9-13)

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#### Martonne's Index of Aridity (I<sub>ar</sub>)





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#### Results

#### Stress reaction growth pattern in mixed *verus* pure stands



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### 3 Temporal variation of mixing effects: Analyses on stand level



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4 Analyzing the components of mixing effects: Change in stand density and/or growth of trees



- + Change in growth rate of mean tree → slower/faster growth → indicates better nutrition of trees.
   Requires adaptation of thinning intensity (e.g., return intervals).
- Change in stand density → higher/lower carrying capacity → indicates long-term improvement of resource supply. Requires adaptation of stand density management (e.g., SDMD).





### 4 Effects on stand density rN or mean tree growth efficiency rp







# 4 Effect of mixing on stand density rN' and mean tree volume growth riv' of Norway spruce and European beech



 $riv' = riv' \times rN'$ 





### 4 Effects on stand density or tree growth efficiency







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	n	RN
N. spruce + E. beech	157	$1.00 \pm 0.02$
N. spruce	157	$0.89 \pm 0.04$
E. beech	157	$1.27 \pm 0.05$
E.beech+ S.oak	156	$1.64 \pm 0.08$
S.oak	156	$0.99 \pm 0.04$
E.beech	156	2.34 ±0.14
S.fir+ N . spruce S.fir N. spruce	15 15 15	$     \begin{array}{r}       1.15 \pm 0.10 \\       1.90 \pm 0.21 \\       0.78 \pm 0.04     \end{array} $
S. pine + N. spruce S. pine N. spruce	12 12 12	$\begin{array}{c} 1.54 \pm 0.19 \\ 0.99 \pm 0.08 \\ 1.87 \pm 0.22 \end{array}$
S. pine + E. beech S. pine	33 33	$1.44 \pm 0.13$ $1.22 \pm 0.12$
E. beech	33	$1.68 \pm 0.18$







### 4 Effects on stand density and mean tree growth rate







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#### Summary 4:

• Species mixing can increase both growth rate of mean tree and stand density.

- Trees can grow quicker and denser in mixture.
- Species-mixing effects can only partly be "thinned away"









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#### 5 Notorious overyielding of beech in mixture







### 5 Classical measurement of tree and stand structure







### 5 TLidar Riegl Z420i for measuring crown morphology and space occupation



measurement range: 2 – 1,000 m, accuracy (dist 50 m): <10 mm minimum angle stepwidth: 0.004°, field of view: 80° × 360 °





### 5 TLidar provides voxel patterns and canopy space occupation by plants



- radiation profile and shading
- biomass allocation
- air corridors for birds and bats



Bayer, Seifert, Pretzsch (2012) Structural crown properties of Norway spruce and European beech in mixed versus pure stands revealed by terrestrial laser scanning, Trees, DOI: 10.1007/s00468-013-0854-4





#### 5 TLidar for measuring tree-tree interaction spruce-beech beech-beech

- crown penetration
- crown shyness
- mechanical abrasion
- canopy roughness and stability







5 TLidar for measuring crown morphology after tree structure skeletonization



- convex hull of crown or branches
- stem diameter, height, inclination
- branch number, length, angle
- wood quality





### 5 Crown allometry of beech in mixed stands: csa= f(SDI, species, d), SDI const. = 463 N ha<sup>-1</sup>



Dieler, J. and Pretzsch, H. (2013) Morphological plasticity of European beech (Fagus sylvatica L.) in pure and mixed-speceis stands, Forest Ecol. Manage. http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2012.12.049





### 5 Morphological differences in intra- vs. interspecific environment despite of equal biomass







5 Overyielding of beech in mixture by wider crown expansion and surpression of neighbours during continuous stand development









### 5 Gap filling by Norway spruce and European beech from 2006-2010 plasticity after disturbances









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0.5 Mixing proportion 1.0

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#### Synopsis and perspective







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- Analoguous evaluation of additional mixtures.
- Causes with respect to environmental conditions (experiments, transects).
- Causes in terms of structural traits of crown and root.
- Effect of density modification by spacing, thinning, and other disturbances.
- Integration of mixing effects into process-based models and individual tree hybrid models.





### Functions for regulation of the individual tree growth in the SILVA 3.0 simulator





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initial stand


















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## Supplement 1: Growth curve in mixed vs. pure stands in schematic representation: slowing down (left) and acceleration (right)







Supplement 1: Diminishing validity of the pure reference plots for a causal analysis of mixing effects













# Supplement 1: Interspecific effect on course of growth, site index, and size development

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<sup>1</sup>) Verschlechterung der Ertragsklasse durch Aushieb herrschender Buchen

<sup>2</sup>) Schlechtes Wachstum durch übermäßige Konkurrenz der Nadelhölzer





## Supplement 1: Mean tree volume in mixed versus pure stand





Supplement 1: Development of stand growth, tree growth and tree number in dependence on mean tree size:The problem of included allometric drift







# Supplement 1: Elimination od allometric drift for comparing mixed vs. pure stand attributes





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 $riv_{1,(2)} = iv_{1,(2)} / iv_1 \qquad riv_{1,(2)}' = N_{1,(2)}^{obs} \times iv_{1,(2)}^{obs} \times (\overline{v}_1 / \overline{v}_{1,(2)})^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} / iv_1$ 

