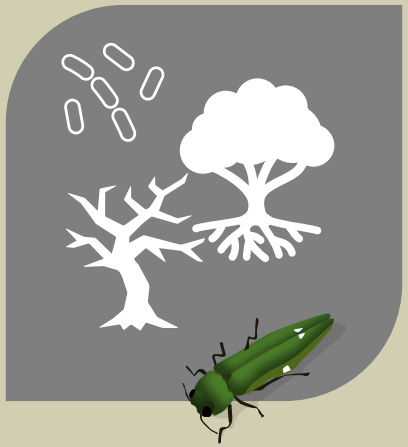
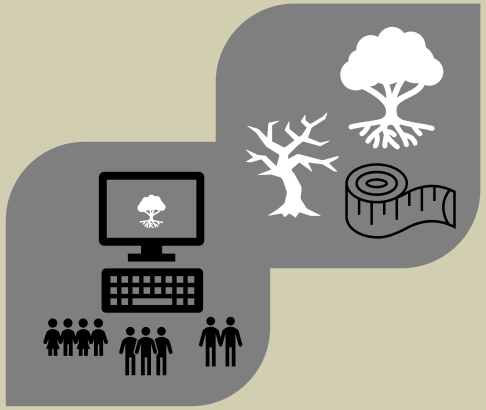
Long term monitoring of oak health and AOD symptom development

Forest Research

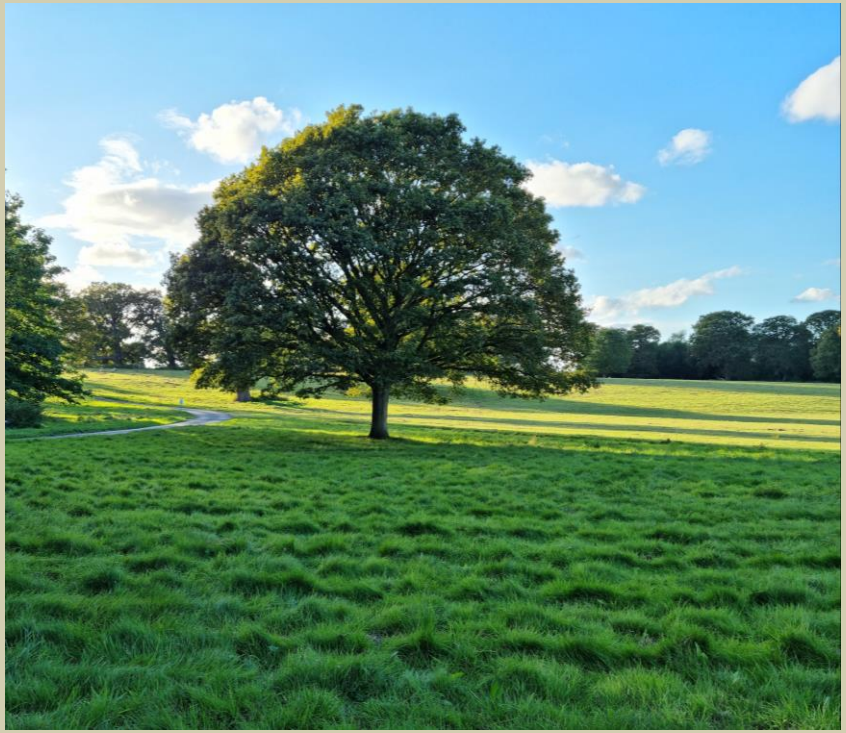


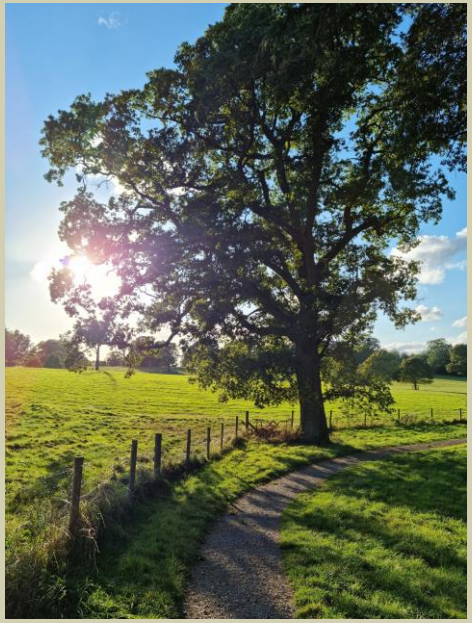
AOD monitoring sites

Tree Condition / predisposition



Volunteer Observations





Aims:

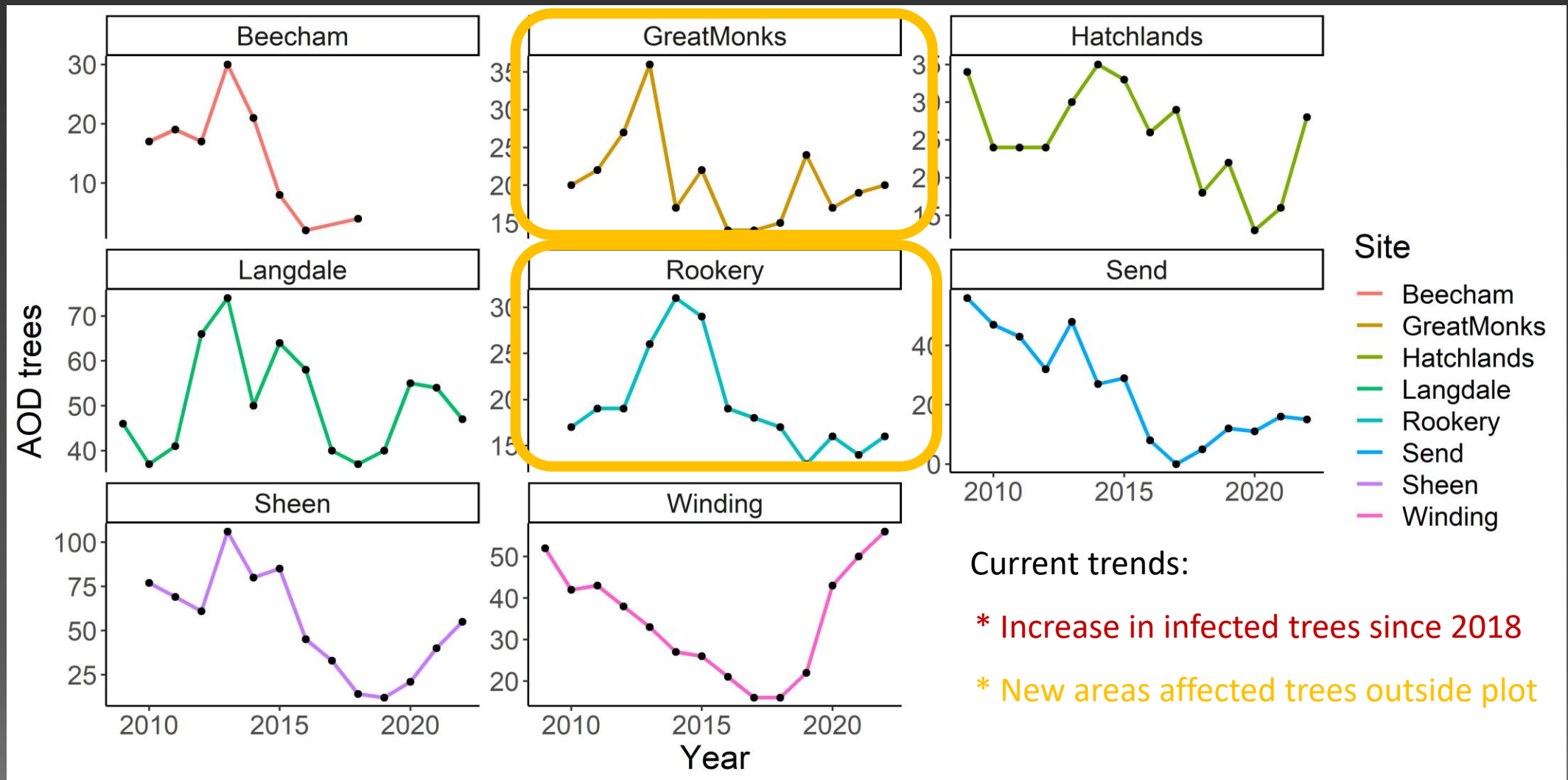
To focus on the underlying health of oak trees.

We hope that this will help reveal why some trees are predisposed to decline

To discuss how tree condition has been monitored in the past.

Detail a new project that will develop methods for volunteer groups.

Predisposition to decline (Acute Oak Decline)

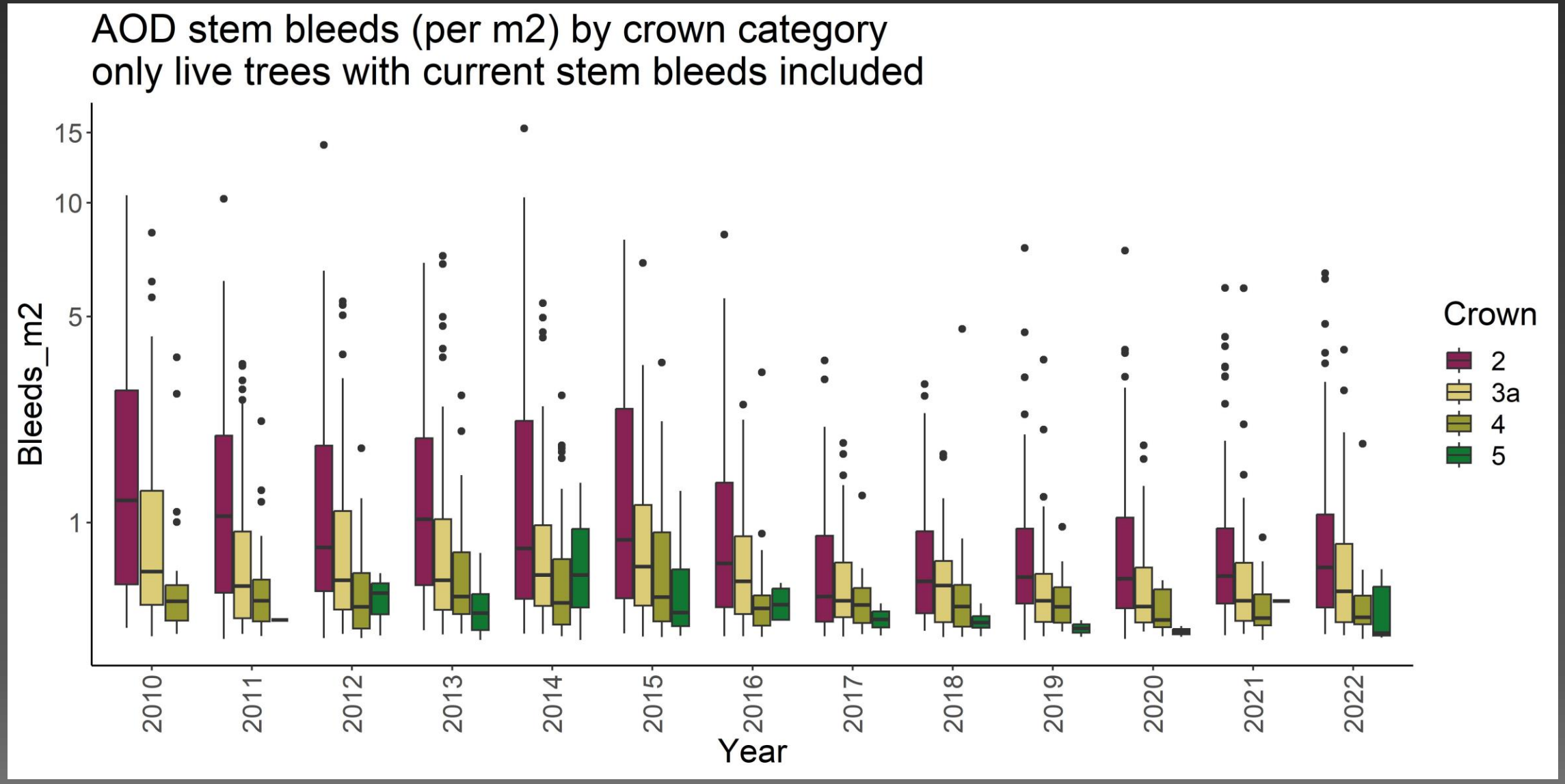


Current trends:

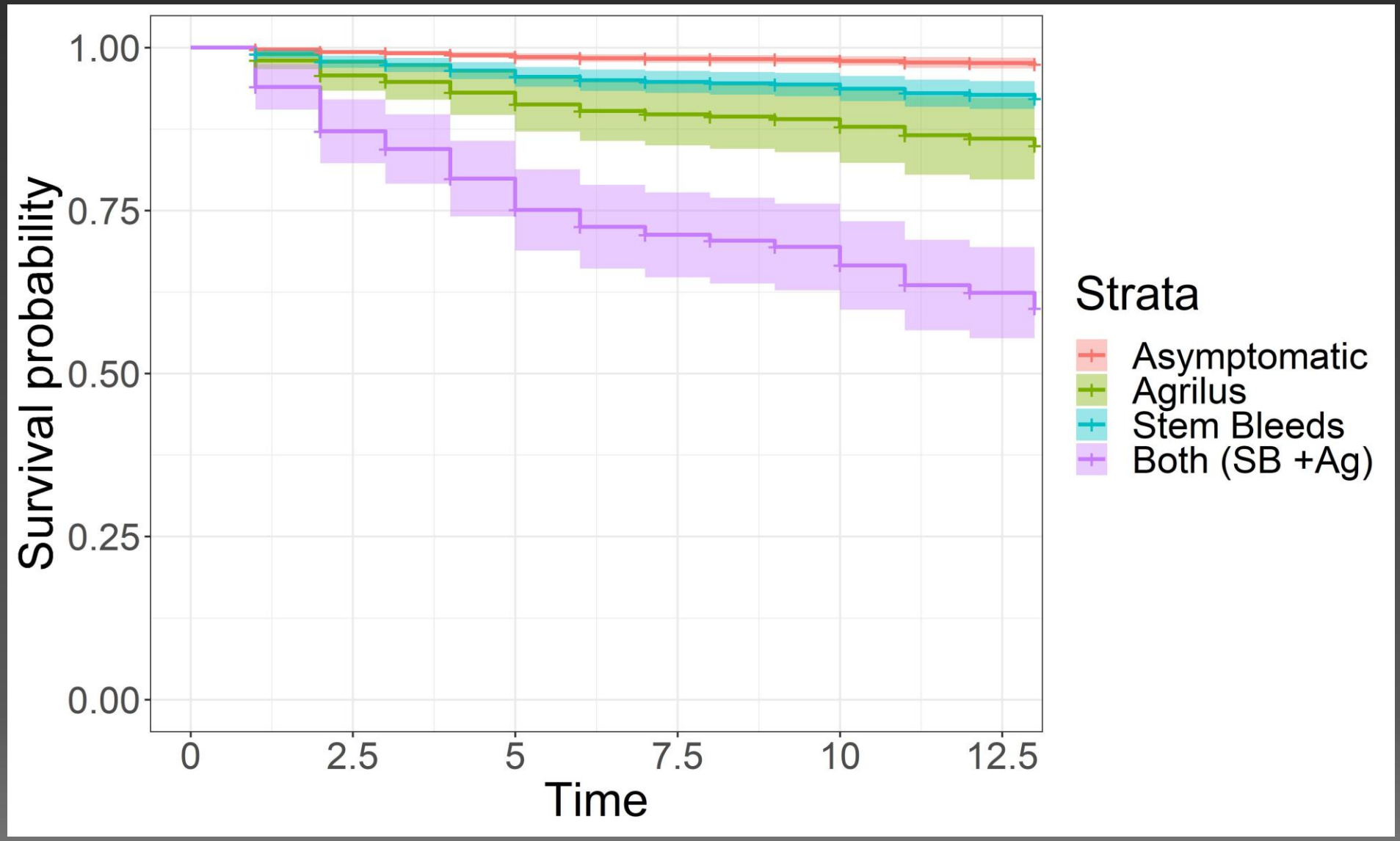
* Increase in infected trees since 2018

* New areas affected trees outside plot

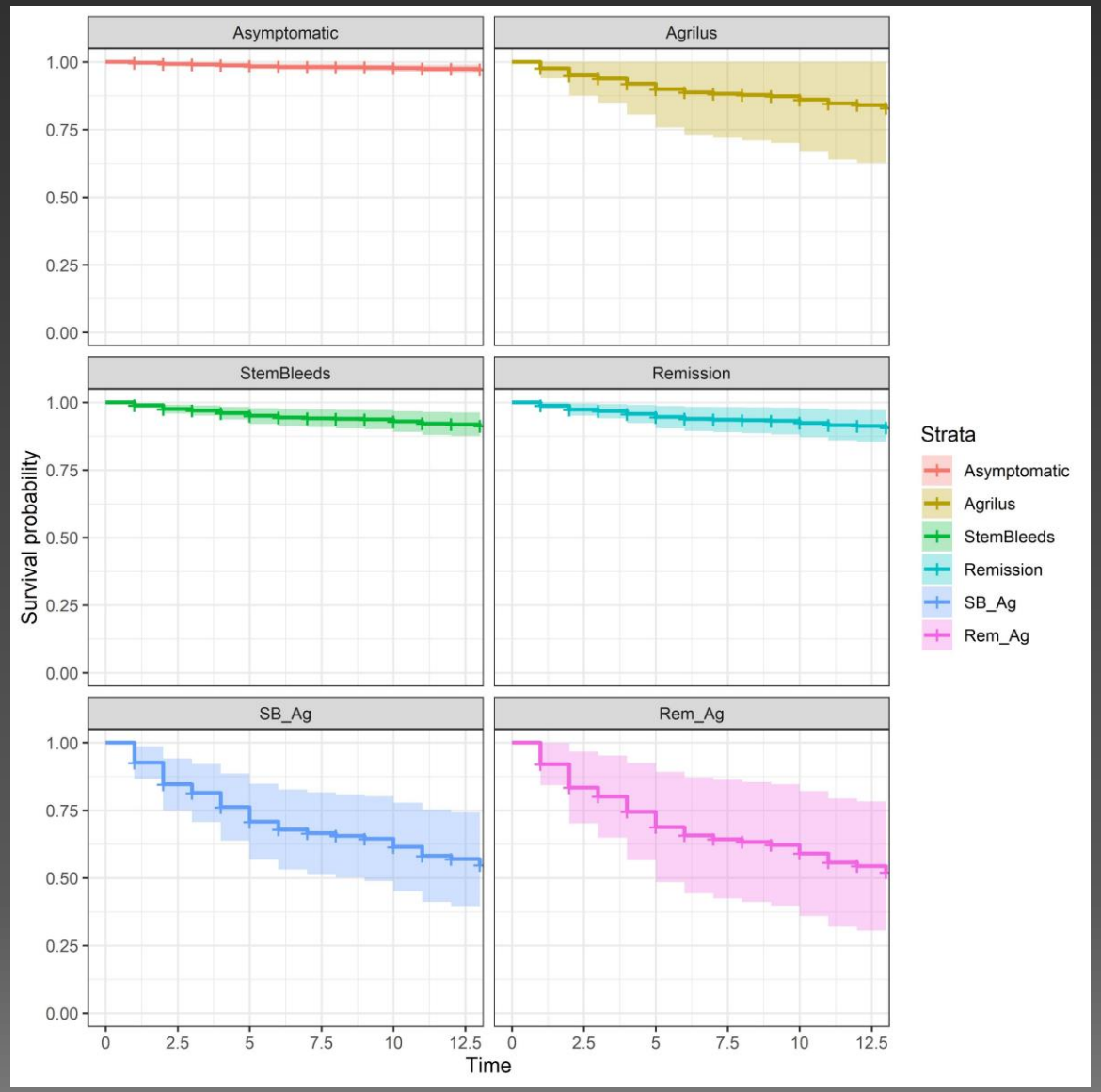
Symptom prevalance



Survival (simplest trends)



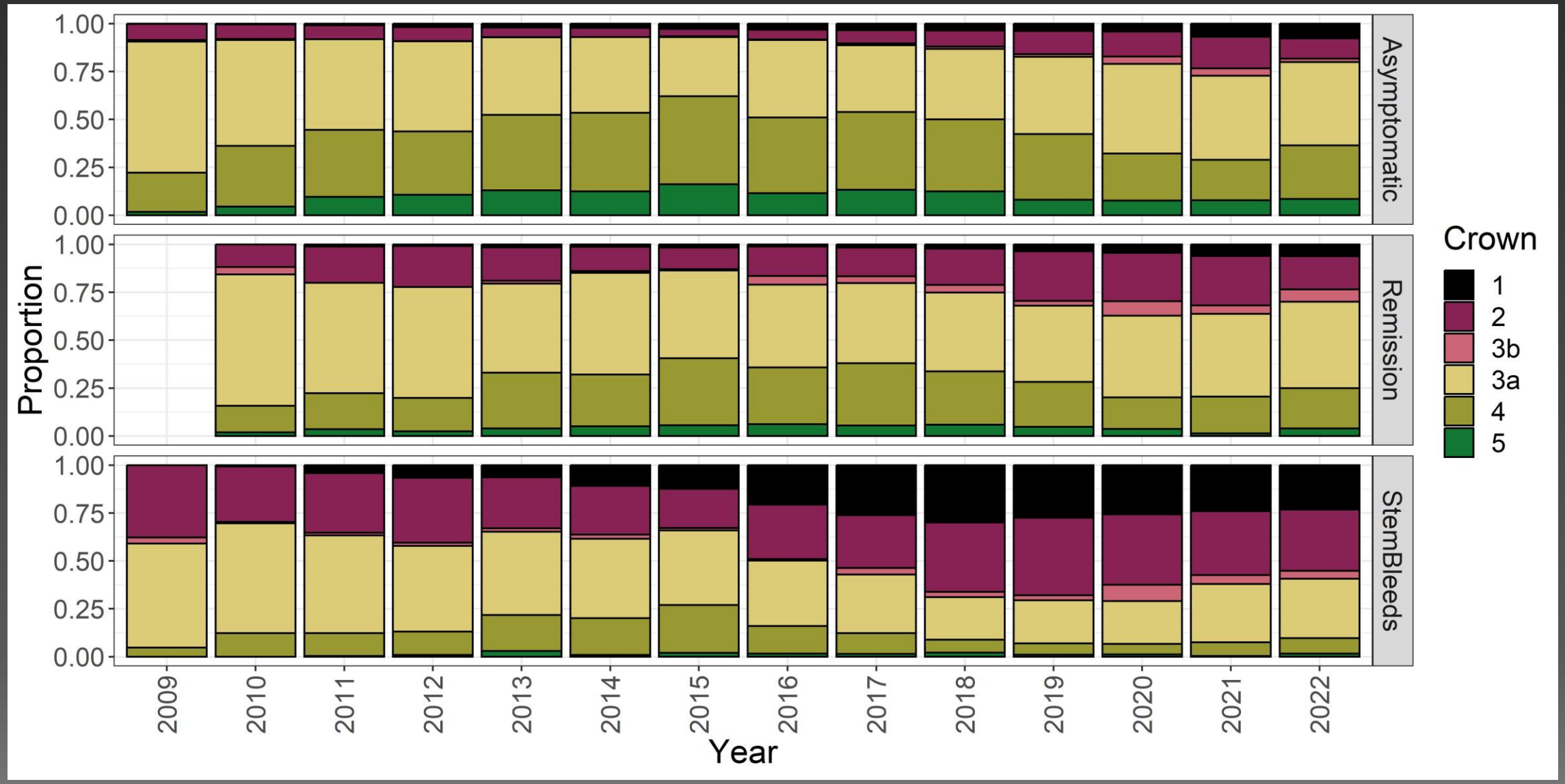
Effect of stem bleeds becoming inactive



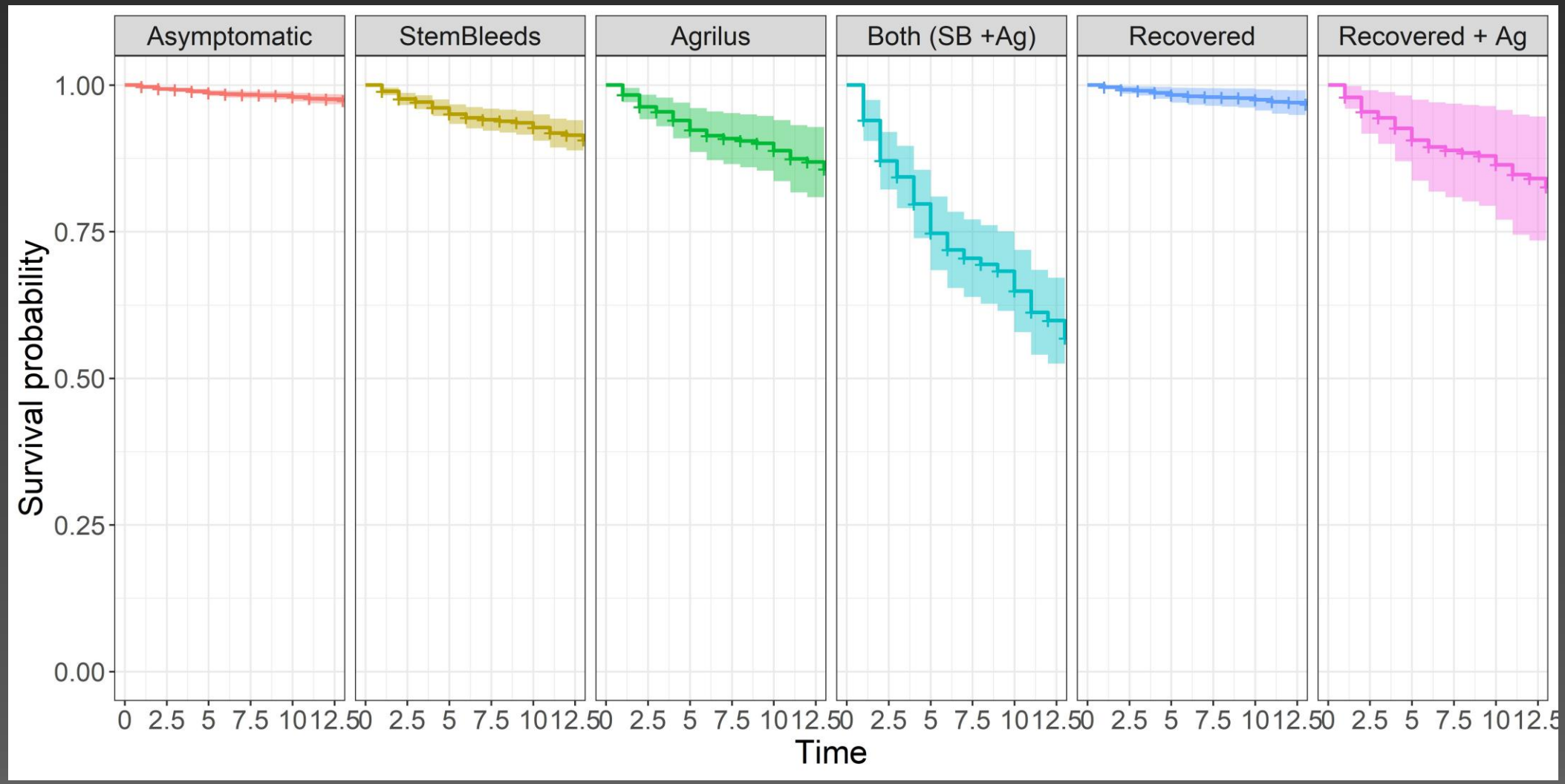
No improvement in life expectancy when bleeds stop

Something more complicated is going on

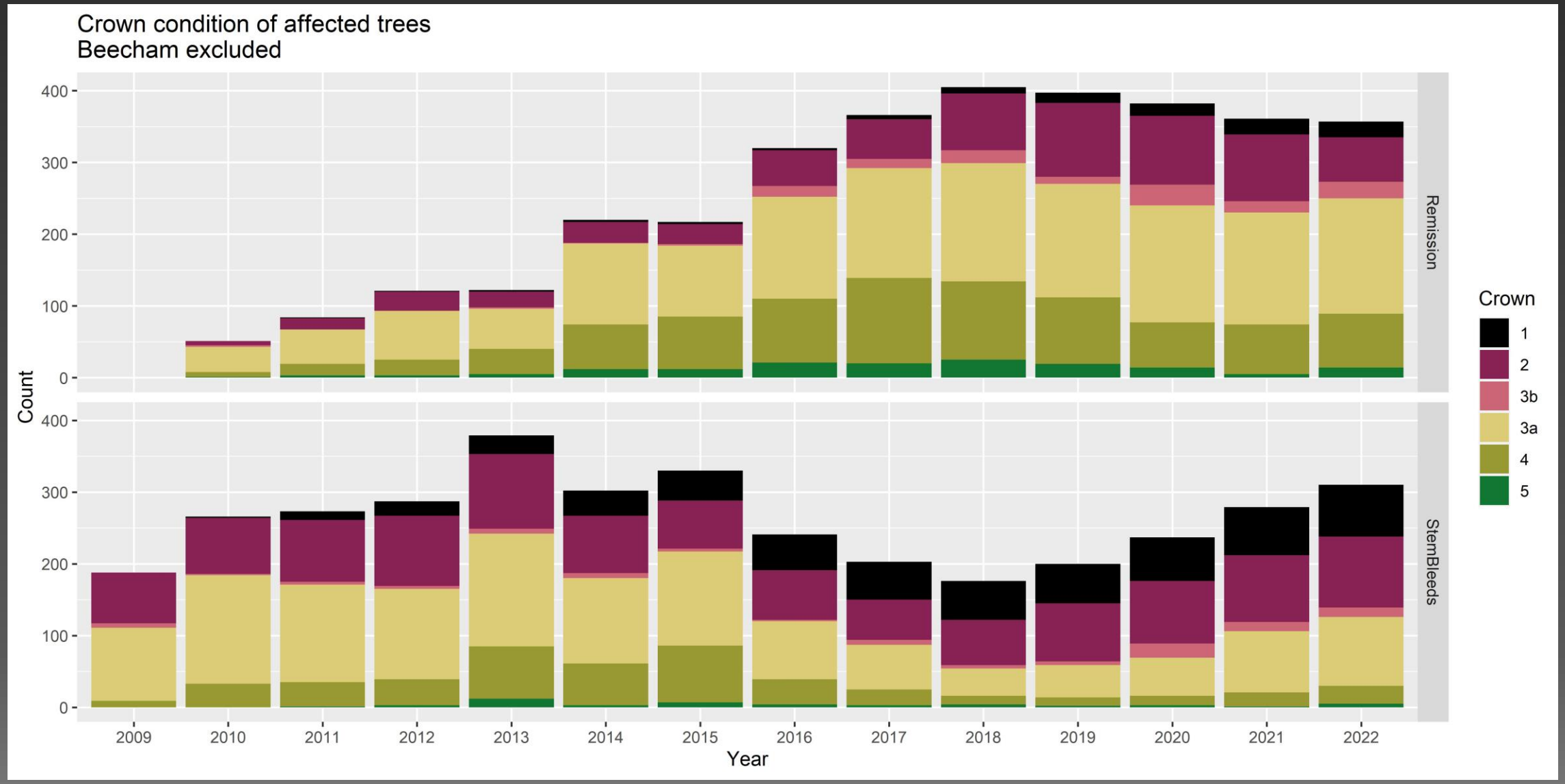
Crown condition by category



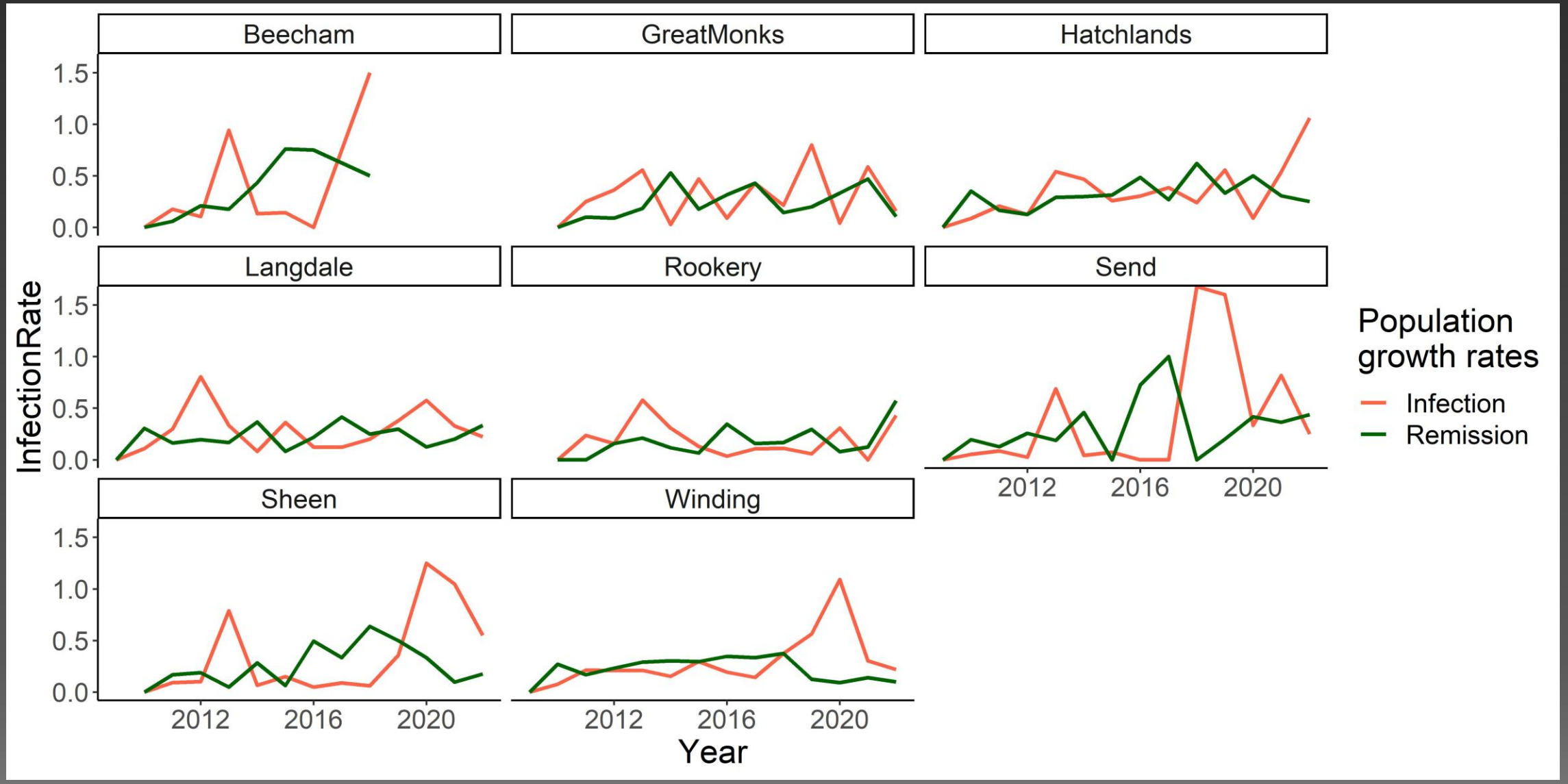
Recovered = remission + crown health better than 3a



Crown condition by AOD symptoms



Rate of change: Inciting factors?



Monitoring tree condition

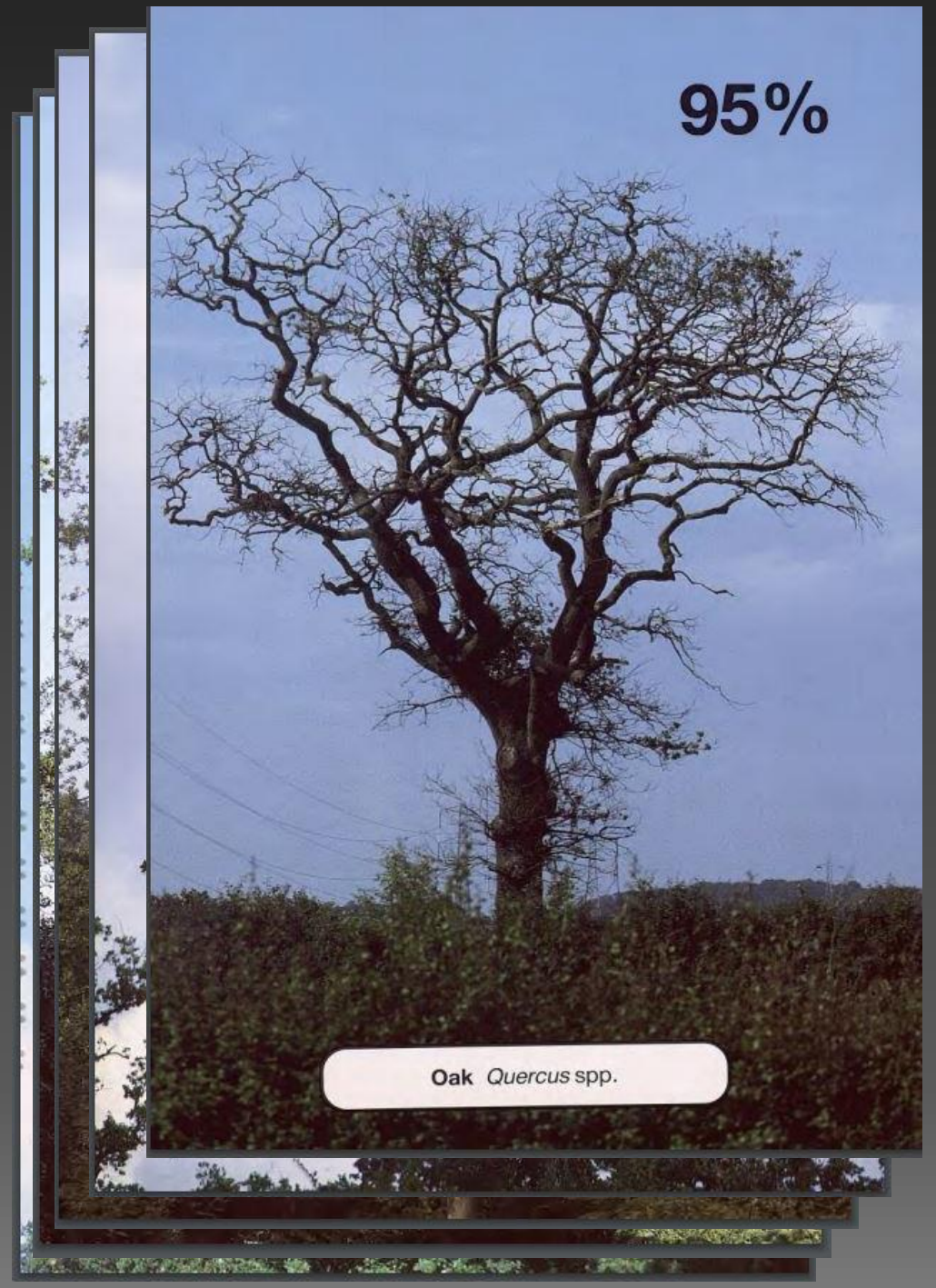
BacStop – aim to train volunteers to monitor oak health

Use protocol similar to Forest Condition survey

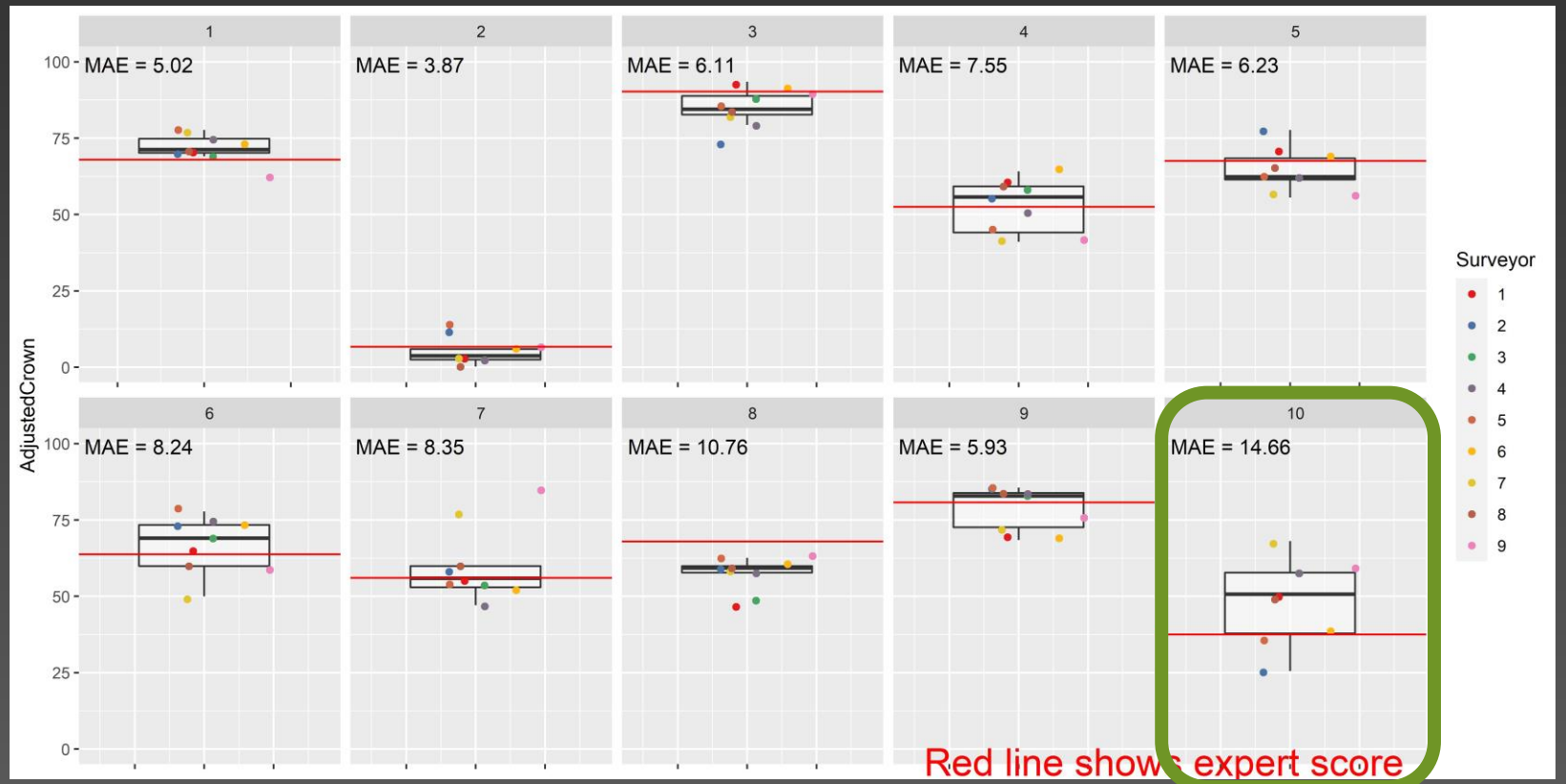
Run half day workshops – more coming in 2023

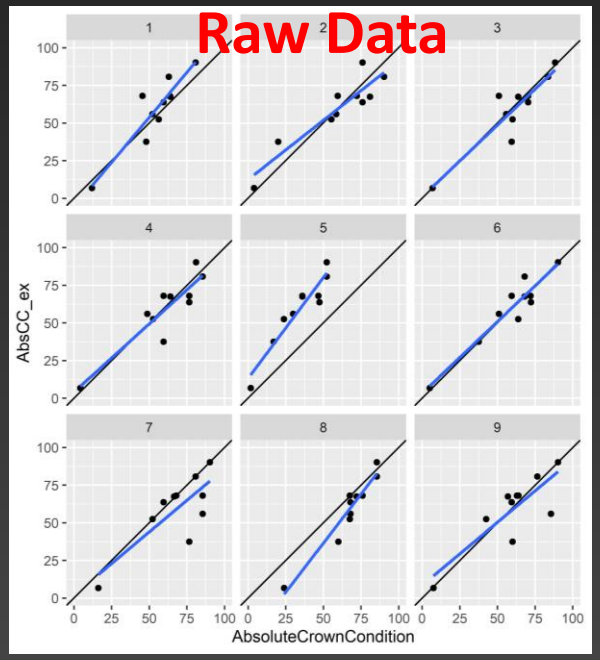
What is crown condition?

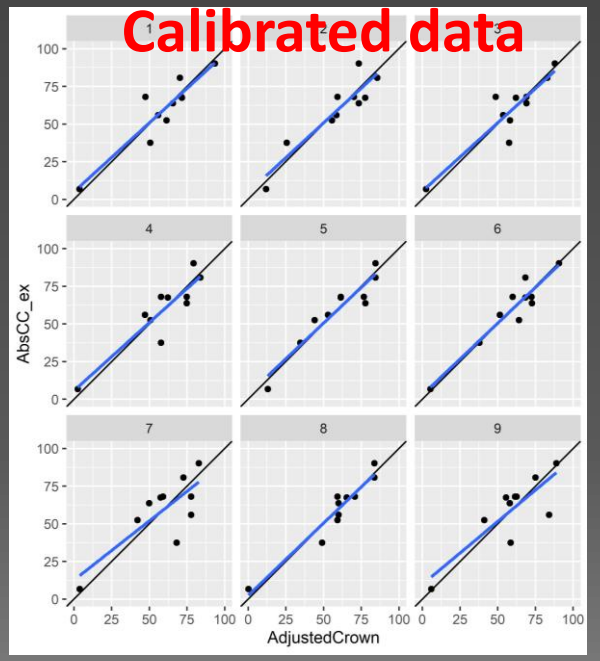
- Simply a score of how green the tree is:
  - The more leaves
  - The more photosynthesis
  - The more energy for growth and defence



Results following in person training







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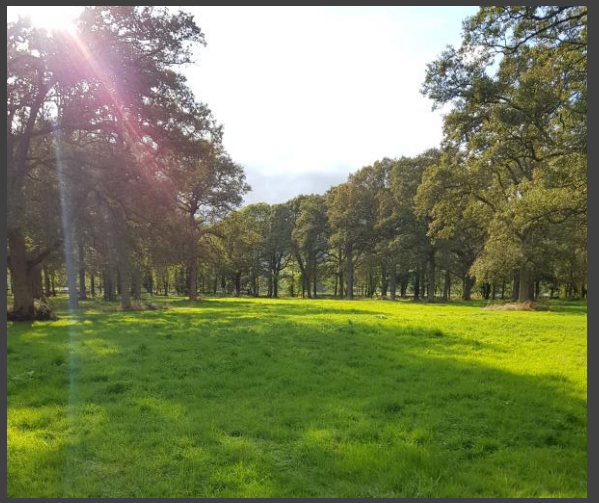

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