

Table 1. Forest inventory and soil information of the two sites; *H* denotes height (m) and *BA* is basal area (m^2/ha). Age is expressed as the number of years.

Site	Species	Bloc	Treatment (Plot)	Number of stems	$H_m \pm sd$	$DBH_{cm} \pm sd$	$Age \pm sd$ (years)	BA (m^2/ha)	$Density$ (stems/ha)	Geological materials; Humus type	Soil Texture and soil type
Darney	Beech	1	Control	160	18.8 ± 4.2	10.2 ± 6	32.8 ± 6.6	18.8	1777	Lower Muschelkalk Sandstone; Mesomull/ oligomull	Sandy clay loam texture; Dystric Cambisols
			RHRL	177	17.8 ± 5.3	10.2 ± 6	32.5 ± 9.2	21.7	1966		
		2	Control	176	18.3 ± 4.2	10 ± 6	29.5 ± 8.5	21.1	1955		
			RHRL	162	18.9 ± 5.1	12.7 ± 6	35 ± 7.2	28.6	1799		
		3	Control	245	16.5 ± 3.8	7.8 ± 4	26.6 ± 6.2	17.1	2721		
			RHRL	253	16.8 ± 3	8.6 ± 4	28.9 ± 5.6	20.4	2810		
		Overall	Control	581	17.8 ± 4.1	9.3 ± 5.3	29.7 ± 7.7	57.0	2152		
			RHRL	592	18.0 ± 4.9	10.2 ± 5.7	32.3 ± 7.9	70.1	2192		
Champenoux	Oak	1	Control	49	16.9 ± 2.8	15.5 ± 5	37.2 ± 7	12.3	555	Pliensbachian marl; type of humas is Eumull/ mesomull	Clay-loam texture; Dystric Cambisols
			RHRL	83	15.9 ± 3.8	13.5 ± 4	43.4 ± 7	14.5	922		
		2	Control	29	15.7 ± 3.1	14.5 ± 4.5	32 ± 4.8	5.8	322		
			RHRL	73	16.8 ± 3.5	15.5 ± 5	44 ± 7.02	16.7	811		
		3	Control	68	14.4 ± 5	12.8 ± 5	35.4 ± 4	11.3	755		
			RHRL	70	14.7 ± 2.6	13.2 ± 3	30 ± 3.53	11.2	777		
		Overall	Control	146	16.3 ± 3.5	14.3 ± 5.4	34.9 ± 5.9	29.9	541		
			RHRL	226	16.6 ± 3.5	14.0 ± 4.3	39.2 ± 8.7	42.4	837		

Table 2. Best-fit GLM (generalized linier model) functions for the observation of the variable effects including treatment (i.e., control-classical silviculture and RHRL-removing harvest residues and litter) on wood density and ring width (in the table, ‘WD’ denotes the oven-dried wood density (kg/m³), ‘RW’ is the ring width (mm), and ‘diameter’ is the diameter of the tree at breast height (cm), tree status is a binary variable – dominant or suppressed. The model coefficient values and the significance of the associated variables are provided. Signif. levels of the p values: 0, ‘***’=0.001, ‘**’=0.01, ‘*’=0.05, and ‘.’=0.1. Only the best models, according to the AIC values, are shown here. Model prediction statistics (R² and RMSE value) for each best fit model are also included.

	Best fit GLM models	Prediction statistics		Intercept	Coefficients values					
		R ² value	RMS E value	β_0	β_1	β_2	β_3	β_4	β_5	β_6
Radial zone					Ring width (mm)	Treatment (RHRL)	Age (years)	diameter (cm)	Tree status (suppressed)	Bloc effect (bloc 2)
Beech										
Near bark	RW = $\beta_0 + \beta_2$ treatment + β_3 age + β_4 diameter + β_5 trees status + β_6 bloc	0.65	0.39	2.88***	---	(-)0.18.	(-)0.06***	0.07**	(-)0.62***	.22*
	WD = $\beta_0 + \beta_1$ ringwidth + β_3 age + β_2 treatment* β_6 bloc	0.19	37	793***	---	(-)44.87*	-1.02.	---	---	Footnote (1)
Near pith	RW = $\beta_0 + \beta_3$ age + β_4 diameter + β_6 bloc	0.46	0.67	3.21***	---	---	-0.11***	0.15***	---	---
	WD = $\beta_0 + \beta_1$ ringwidth + β_6 bloc	0.04	46	724***	9.83.	---	---	---	---	---
Oak										
Near bark	RW = $\beta_0 + \beta_3$ age + β_4 diameter + β_6 bloc	0.76	0.27	0.87***	---	---	(-)0.02***	0.09***	---	---
	WD = $\beta_0 + \beta_1$ ringwidth + β_6 bloc	0.16	44	710***	33.9**	---	---	---	---	Footnote (2)
Near pith	RW = $\beta_0 + \beta_3$ age + β_4 diameter + β_6 bloc	0.53	0.94	3.81***	---	---	(-)0.10***	0.17***	---	---
	WD = $\beta_0 + \beta_1$ ringwidth + β_4 diameter + β_6 bloc	0.13	53	733***	---	---	---	3.72**	---	---

Footnote (1): In the model, the coefficient values for ‘treatment*bloc interaction’ were 44.87* and 44.29* in the RHRL ‘bloc 2’ and ‘bloc 3’ respectively, This indicates that the effect in bloc 2 and bloc 3 from RHRL treatment increase by approximately 44.87 and 44.29 units compared to the effect from control treatment of the respective blocs.

Footnote (2): the coefficient values for ‘ringwidth*bloc interaction’ were -58*. This indicates in the respective bloc, the effect of ringwidth on wood density is lower by 58 unit in response to the RHRL treatment compared to control.

Table 3.1. The best GLM models fitted for each of the nutrients observed in our study, in the near bark and near pith area of beech and oak trees. The full models are enlisted here with the indication of intercept (β_0) and other variable coefficients ($\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3 \dots$ etc.). The value of the intercept and coefficients for each model are provided in Table 3.2. Prediction statistics (R^2 and RMSE value) for each best fit model are included in Appendix A.1.

Radial zone	Nutrient group	Fitted GLM model
Beech		
Near bark	K, S, Fe	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
	Ca, Al, Mn	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_2 \text{ tree status} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
Near pith	Mg, Na	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_2 \text{ tree status} + \beta_3 \text{ treatment*tree status} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
	K, Ca, Na, Al, Mn, Fe	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
	Mg	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_2 \text{ tree status} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
	S	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_2 \text{ tree status} + \beta_3 \text{ treatment*tree status} + \beta_4 \text{ diameter} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
Oak		
Near bark	K, Na	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_4 \text{ diameter} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
	Mg, Ca, Mn	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_2 \text{ tree status} + \beta_4 \text{ diameter} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
	S, Al	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_2 \text{ tree status} + \beta_3 \text{ treatment*tree status} + \beta_4 \text{ diameter} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
Near pith	Ca, Na, Mn	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
	Mg, Al	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_2 \text{ tree status} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
	K	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_4 \text{ diameter} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$
	S	$Nutrient = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{ treatment} + \beta_2 \text{ tree status} + \beta_3 \text{ treatment*tree status} + \beta_4 \text{ diameter} + \beta_6 \text{ bloc}$

Table 3.2. Intercept and coefficient values from the best fit GLM models to determine the effects of treatment (i.e., control-classical silviculture and RHRL-removing harvest residues and litter) and other variables on the nutrient concentrations (g/kg) in the stem near bark and stem near pith regions in the beech and oak trees. ‘RW’ is the ring width (mm), ‘diameter’ is diameter of the tree at breast height (cm), ‘tree status’ is a binary variable – dominant or suppressed. For the ‘treatment’ and ‘tree status’ variables, the values are presented in response to RHRL and suppressed trees respectively. For block effect, the values inside the first bracket indicates corresponding number of the bloc, where the effect was found (e.g., bloc 2 is presented as “(2)”). Signif. levels of the p values: 0, ‘***’=0.001, ‘**’=0.01, ‘*’=0.05, and ‘.’=0.1. Prediction statistics (R^2 and RMSE value) for each best fit model are included in Appendix A.1.

	Variable	K	Mg	Ca	Na	S	Al	Mn	Fe
Beech									
Near bark	intercept (β_0)	0.94***	.16***	0.58***	0.1***	.24***	0.03***	0.25***	0.08***
	treatment (β_1)	---	-.09**	---	-.05*	-.13***	.02*	.08*	.02*
	tree status (β_2)	---	.12**	.26*	.08**	---	.01.	.1**	---
	treatment* tree status (β_3)	---	-.14*	---	-.08*	---	---	---	---
	diameter (β_4)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	bloc (β_6)	.20* (2); .25* (3)	---	---	-.06** (2)	---	---	---	-.03* (3)
Near pith	Intercept (β_0)	2.22***	0.35***	0.43***	0.02***	---	0.02***	0.26***	---
	treatment (β_1)	-.95***	-.16***	---	-.02.	-.12***	-.02**	---	.08***
	tree status (β_2)	---	-.08 *	---	---	---	---	---	---
	treatment* tree status (β_3)	---	---	---	---	.13*	---	---	---
	diameter (β_4)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	bloc (β_6)	-.33 (3)	.2** (2); 1. (3)	.55*** (2) ;.24* (1)	.04*	.28*** (2); .22*** (3)	---	.08** (2); .07* (3)	.06** (2); .05* (3)
near pith – near bark	treatment (β_1)	.83***	---	---	-.06*	---	0.04***	---	-.06*
Oak									
Near bark	Intercept (β_0)	.53***	---	---	.05*	---	---	---	---
	Treatment (β_1)	-.21**	-.08*	-.22.	-.04*	-.1***	---	---	-.02.
	tree status (β_2)	---	0.1.	---	---	-.07.	---	.03*	.03.
	treatment* tree status (β_3)	---	---	---	---	.12*	.03*	---	---
	diameter (β_4)	.04***	.01*	---	.002.	.01*	---	.002*	.004**
	bloc (β_6)	.2* (3)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Near pith	Intercept (β_0)	.69***	.09***	.62***	.11***	---	-.02***	.03***	0.1***
	Treatment (β_1)	-.09.	---	-.32**	-.05*	---	---	---	-.03**
	tree status (β_2)	---	-.03 ^{NS}	---	---	.2**	.001.	---	---
	treatment* tree status (β_3)	---	---	---	---	-.16**	---	---	---

	<i>diameter</i> (β_4)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<i>near pith – near bark</i>	<i>treatment</i> (β_1)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Table 4. Comparison of the nutrient concentrations (mg/kg) in the stem sapwood / near bark and stem heartwood/ near pith zones of the oak trees (*Quercus* spp.) sampled in our study with those from the reference studies. The data were assembled along with information on the soil nutrient gradients found in the reference studies. Detailed information on the authors, associated stands and site quality for each reference study used is provided in table format in Appendix A.2.

Compartment	Author code	Soil nutrient gradient	K	Ca	Mg	Mn	Na	S	Al	P	Fe
<i>Sapwood/ Near bark</i>	<i>Conventionally managed/high forest</i>										
	This study		1145	869	194	51	92	133	28		
	(1a)	Rich	1794	1392	336			196		521	
	(2)	Moderate	1750	525	150				23	275	
	(3)	Moderate	1208	544	120					101	
	(5)	Moderate	970	458	150	110			5	145	
<i>Sapwood / Near bark</i>	<i>Intensive plots: RHRL/coppice with standards</i>										
	This study		906	650	113	44	47	78	27		101
	(6)	Poor	1454	620	125					198	
	(1b)	Moderate	2071	1040	248			203		298	
<i>Heartwood / Near pith</i>	<i>Conventionally managed/high forest</i>										
	This study		602	627	76	36	112	230	27		91
	(1a)	Rich	895	623	47			99		33	
	(2)	Moderate	650	380	44				17	55	
	(3)	Moderate	503	286	20	75		103		13	
	(5)	Moderate	460	205	11	18			1.9	23	
<i>Heartwood / Near pith</i>	<i>Intensive plots: RHRL/coppice with standards</i>										
	This study		514	311	59	37	61	153	20		65
	(6)	Poor	494	354	18			85		12	
	(1b)	Moderate	1063	455	33			103		18	

Table 5. Comparison of the nutrient concentrations (mg/kg) in the stem sapwood/ near bark and heartwood/ near pith zones in the beech trees (*Fagus sylvatica*) sampled in our study with those from reference studies. The data were assembled along with information on the soil nutrient gradients found in the reference studies. Detailed information on the authors, associated stands and site quality for each reference study used is provided in table format in the Appendix A.2.

Compartment	Author code	Soil nutrient gradient	K	Ca	Mg	Mn	Na	S	Al	P	Fe
<i>Sapwood/ Near bark</i>	<i>Conventionally managed/high forest</i>										
	This study		1095	666	202	284	105	244	30		64
	(5)	Moderate	768	502	165	110			2.7	66	
	(7a)	Rich	590	900	180	12				58	
	(8)	---		512	270	20			35		20
	(4)	Poor	710	508	144						
<i>Sapwood/ Near bark</i>	<i>Intensive plots: RHRL</i>										
	This study		983	629	112	360	24	110	50	47	88
<i>Heartwood / Near pith</i>	<i>Conventionally managed/high forest</i>										
	This study		2022	701	328	311	42	190	28	8	58
	(5)	Moderate	1240	738	214	300			2.5	57	
	(8)	---		830	290	62			9		4
<i>Heartwood / Near pith</i>	<i>Intensive plots: RHRL</i>										
	This study		1075	644	172	325	21	107	12	22	137