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Response of pest (Codling moth) and pest-enemy (parasitoids) populations to landscape characteristics in (apple) orchard systems

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# Context

# Landscape affects pest and pest enemies populations

- •species use habitats outside fields (food, overwintering...)
- dispersal abilities

introduction

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## **Specificities of perennial crops**

stability
arboreal species
Landscape less important ?

## What landscape elements to consider?

- land cover: amount of crops
  - amount of host crops
  - amount of semi-natural habitats
- land use : intensity of agricultural practices (e.g. crop protection)

## How to consider them?

- amount -> habitat
- distance -> availability

# **Effects of landscape complexity**

introduction

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introduction

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# Pest abundance and amount of host crop in landscape

Pest species	SIGN	Sampled crop	Landscape variable	Buffer width
Leptinotarsa decemlineata	+	Potato	% potato of preveous year	2000 m
Thrips tabaci	+	Leek	% horticulture	5000 m
Rhophalosiphum padi	+	Cereal	cereal area/maize area	50000 m
Delphacodes kuscheli	+	Grassland	% winter pasture	2500 m
Cydia pomonella	_	Orchard	% orchard	100 m
Lobesia botrana	+	Vineyard	% vineyard	100 m
Empoasca vitis	_	Vineyard	% vineyard	100 m
Lobesia botrana	+	Vineyard	% vineyard	100 m
Empoasca vitis	_	Vineyard	% vineyard	100 m
Frankliniella occidentalis	+	Sweet pepper	% greenhouse	1000 m
Ceutorhyncus napi, C pallidactylus	_	Oilseed rape	% oilseed rape	800 m
Meligethes aeneus	_	Oilseed rape	% oilseed rape	1000 m
Rhophalosiphum padi	0	Spring barley	proportion of spring cereals to total cultivated area	400 m
Meligethes aeneus	0	Oilseed rape	% oilseed rape	500 m-6000 m
Eupoecilia ambiguella	0	Vineyard	% vineyard	100 m
Scaphoideus titanus	0	Vineyard	% vineyard	100 m
Ostrinia nubilalis	0	Maize	% maize	admin. units
Dasineura brassicae	0	Oilseed rape	% oilseed rape	100m-2000 m

## introduction

# Local context

## Study site

A dense zone of apple production in the Lower Durance Valley Intensive production (mean ~10 insecticide treatments/ year) Dense windbreak network

## Pest and pest enemies

Insect pest:

**Codling moth**, *Cydia pomonella (Tortricid)* 3 generations per year Resistances to biological and chemical insecticides

Studied pest enemies: Hymenoptera parasitoids

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# Questions

## **Codling moth**

introduction

- Does the landscape surrounding orchards impact the abundance of codling moth in orchards?
- Is it necessary to consider crop protection at orchard and landscape levels ?
- Are the effects of local and landscape characteristics of similar magnitude?

#### Parasitism

Does the level of codling moth parasitism depend on on landscape characteristics ?

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Approximately 40 orchards each year from 2006 to 2010

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#### Counts of

Mat. Meth.

codling moths larvae adults emerging as codling moth adults emerging as parasitoids

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Perilampus tristis

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Pristomerus vulnerator

# **Description of apple orchard environments**

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## At the orchard level

Mat. Meth.

- Crop production : organic vs. conventional
- Crop protection: number treatments ; exclusion nets;
- Hedgerow: physical structure and floristic composition

## At the landscape level

- 50-250m-Buffer around apple orchards
- Land cover: proportion of perennial/ annual crops and semi-natural habitats (wood)
- Land use: proportion of conventional, organic and abandoned orchards
- Hedgerow network: length and orientation

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# **Statistical analyses**

## Dependent variable (to explain)

Codling moth abundance

## **Considered factors**

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Two options= with or without considering crop protection

### Scale of effect

Orchard Orchard + hedge Orchard + hedge + landscape Orchard + hedge + landscape+ orchard \* landscape

Model1 Model2 Model3 Model4

Model comparisons with AIC

Collected codling moths and parasitoids

Year	# orchards with codling moth	# orchards with parasitoids	# diapausing CM larvae	# adult individuals (# parasitoids)
2006	46	10	4853	2815 (112)
2007	45	7	3133	2753 (89)
2008	40	20	3239	2687 (80)
2009	33	13	4786	3990 (181)
2010	38	12	7595	5124 (85)

Results

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Year + Orchard\*\*\* + hedge + landscape\*\* (conventional)

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# Amount of conv./org. within 250m orchard that matters

Landscape Less than x% org/y% conv orchard within 250m (N=155/N=93) More than x% org/y %conv orchard within 250m (N=41/N=103)

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#### Results

# Magnitude of local and landscape effects

Adjusted means via model predictions

### Local

Crop protection	Abundance		
organic	3.41		
conventional	0.78		

### Landscape

Conventional-250 m	Abundance
>25%	1.25
<25%	2.17

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Similar order of magnitude of local and landscape effects

# But...factors affecting codling moth parasitism

Results

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# **Conclusions**

# **Main results**

- Codling moth abundance and parasitism are affected both by local and landscape effects
- Agricultural practices are most important at both local and landscape scale
- Landscape effects have similar order of magnitude as local effects

# Discussion

- Landscape effect also on a perennial crop
- Need for generalisation to other landscape
- Interaction with agricultural practices ?

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Adapted from Tscharntke 2005

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# Thank you for your attention!

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# Impact of threshold values on landscape effects

Im(log(densite.larve.diap+1)~
AB+Annee+hote.en.bdure+Bio0a250)

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Threshold value

Lm(log(densite.larve.diap + 1) ~ AB + Annee + hote.en.bdure + Conv0a250s)

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Threshold value

Lm(log(densite.larve.diap + 1) ~ (AB) + Annee + hote.en.bdure +vergera250

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Threshold value

#### Results

# Magnitude of local and landscape effects

Adjusted means via model predictions

## Local

Crop protection	Abundance	
organic	3.25	
conventional	0.82	

	organic	conv
Org>15%	10.7	
Org<15%	3.93	

#### Landscape

conventional	Abundance	organic	Abundance
>25%	1.25	>15%	3.95
<25%	2.17	<15%	1.05

Same order of magnitude of local and landscape effects