

S1 Figure. Tree triangle in a native Patagonian forest. Tree species of the genus *Nothofagus* in a temperate forest in Patagonia, South America. The intersection of the tree canopies (*N. obliqua* on the upper left, *N. nervosa* on the bottom left and *N. dombeyi* on the right) directly control belowground conditions. This "tree triangle" design allows studying plant species effects from the litter layer microbial point of view. Photograph courtesy of Jazmín Vrsalovic.

