

# Species-specific relationship between environmental factors and radial growth rates for six years

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# 01. Introduction

## Background

- Climatic factors affect the environment of the forest, which also affects the physiological factors of trees (Fritts, 1976). → Especially, growth by species and tree stem growth is sensitive to environmental changes
- To understand and predict changes in forests, it is necessary to understand the characteristics of each species.
- Studies on the correlation analysis of annual diameter growth and environmental factors are being actively conducted in many countries.
- Due to the environmental difference in each region, there are different times when the environmental factors affect the radial growth.

⇒ To find out about the species-specific effects of environments to temperate species in South Korea

## Objectives

- 1) To analyze the annual variation in radial growth of temperate tree species in Korea**
- 2) To figure out species-specific climatic factors that limit radial growth**

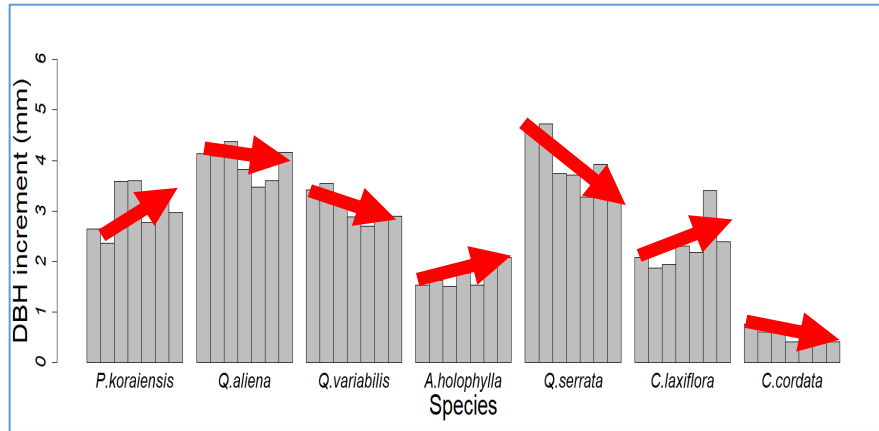
## 02. Materials and Methods



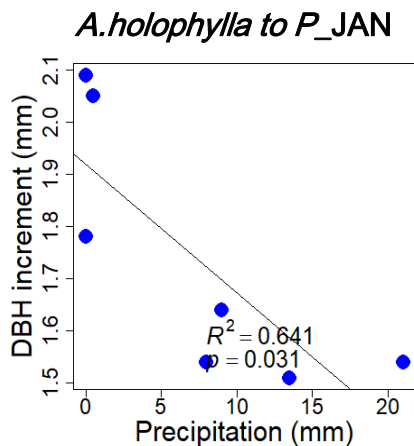
- Study site: Mt. Taehwa, Mt. Gwangneung
- Install hand-made dendrometer band
- Tree species  
*Pinus koraiensis*, *Abies holophylla*, *Quercus aliena*,  
*Q. variabilis*, *Q. serrata*, *Carpinus laxiflora*, *C. cordata*
- Initial Time : *P. koraiensis* : 2011 November  
*Etc* : 2012 November
- Periods: 2013 to 2019 (Mar to Dec)
- Environmental variables: Air temperature, Relative Humidity,  
PAR, Precipitation
- Correlation analyzed between environmental variables and  
annual diameter growth by species monthly.

# 03. Results

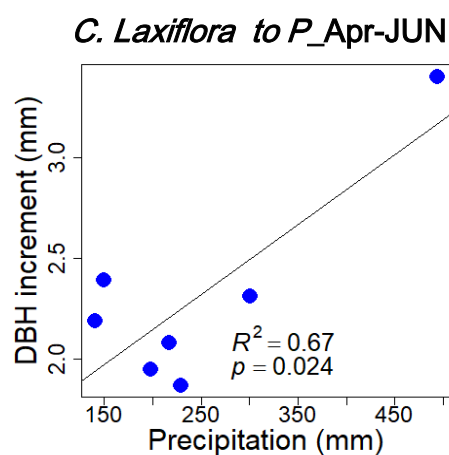
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### *A.holophylla*



### *C.laxiflora*

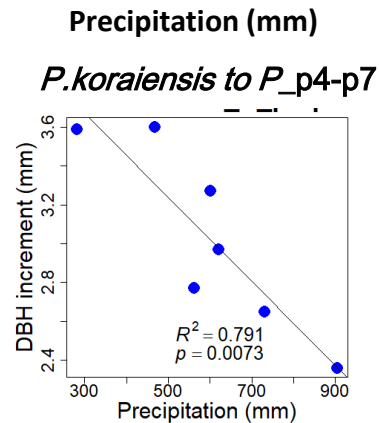
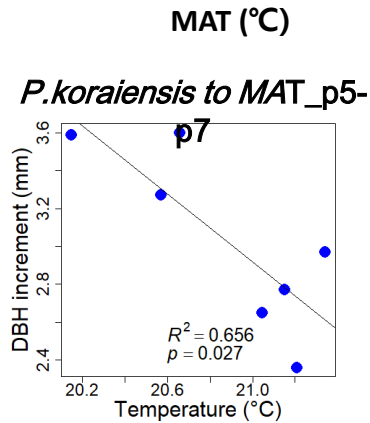


- ✓ Even in the same environment, different annual stem growth patterns are shown depending on the species.
- ✓ Negative correlation with winter precipitation (*A. holophylla*).  
⇒ Winter Rainfall affect badly to needle fir's radial growth (lower soil temperature and radiation)
- ✓ Positive correlation with precipitation in the spring or summer of the current year that growth occurs.  
⇒ Growth increases with more summer precipitation (Rolland et al. 1999, Macias et al. 2006, Marco et al. 2010, Latreille et al. 2017, Gazol et al. 2015)

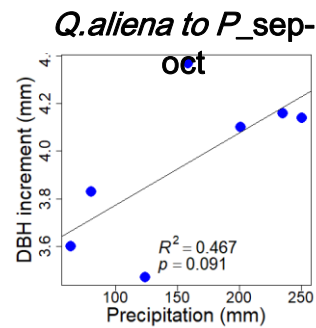
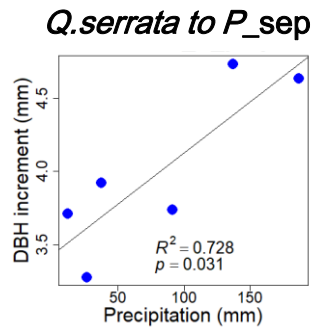
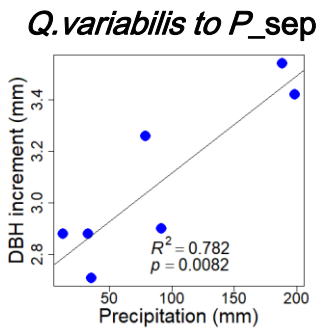
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### *P. koraiensis*



### Oaks



- ✓ Negative correlation with MAT and Precipitation in previous summer (*P. koraiensis*).
  - ✓ Positively correlated to precipitation in previous autumn (Oak trees)
- ⇒ Affect carbohydrates storage
- ⇒ Substantial carry-over effect on radial growth, especially for fixed growth species.

## 04. Conclusion

- ❖ The major environmental limiting factor for the most of the species is ***Precipitation***.
- ❖ Different species have **different environmental factors and time of year** that affect annual radial growth, and the environment in the previous year affect the tree radial growth of the following year.
- ❖ Tree species with fixed growth type have been mainly affected by the environment of the previous year, while of free growth species usually affected by the current year environment on their radial growth.



