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### Outline

A short training course "Forest Hydrology –Conservation of Forest, Soil, and Water Resources" will be programmed for participants from Asia-Pacific regions as a part of the Japanese contribution to the International Hydrological Program (IHP). The course is composed of a series of lectures and practice sessions.

### **Objectives**

Incident rainwater is firstly intercepted by foliage and branches and evaporates from their surface to the atmosphere. Following interceptions by plant surfaces, the water is channeled along the plant body. Some of incident rainwater directly reaches the soils without touching foliage and branches. This rainwater infiltrates into the soils and is influenced by the soil pore structure, as it percolates to the groundwater table. Since soil water movement is slow, some of the soil water is absorbed by plant roots, where it is conducted through stem conduits, reaches leaves, and evaporates to the atmosphere through stomata. The groundwater flows to a river. This is an outline of water cycling in the forest ecosystems, and science on this water cycling is "Forest Hydrology".

As one can see above, Forest Hydrology has two major scientific aspects: (1) discharge from forested watersheds; and (2) water use by trees (evaporation from the forest canopy). Soils in the forested watershed have a high hydraulic conductivity at the ground surface, which prevents soil erosion, and functions to make soil water flow slowly, resulting in a behavior like a dam. Rainfall subtracted by the forest water use denotes the upper limit of available water for the ecosystem including human use. This means that forest management, such as thinning and conversion of forest, can be expected to alter and enhance the forest's abilities to prevent disasters and preserve water resources. These are the main practical applications of Forest Hydrology.

In this training course, the basics of forest hydrology and its application for conservation of forests, soil and water resources will be introduced. Its global scale implications will also be included. Practices are for understanding hydrological significance of forests and learning skills to manage forests so that managers may optimize their hydrological functions. As an important aspect, this training course will deal with the specific hydrological issues of East Asian countries. For example, many of the forest water use theories assume larger evaporative demand than annual precipitation and an evenly distributed precipitation throughout the year or large precipitation in winter. Scientists from the US and UK devised these theories for application to their familiar hydrologic environment. As such, there is a need for more detailed information of forest water use when precipitation is larger than evaporative demand and when there is greater precipitation in summer conditions, as in most East Asian countries, which would advance knowledge of forest hydrology both locally and globally.

### Lecturers

L1: Basics of forest hydrology	T. Kumagai
L2: Discharge from forested watershed (1)	M. Tani
L3: Discharge from forested watershed (2)	K. Kosugi
L4: Effect of vegetation cover on sediment transportation and erosion	T. Gomi
L5: Nutrient and organic matter export from forested watershed	H. Haga
L6: Evapotranspiration from forest	Y. Kosugi
L7: Water resources in forested watershed	H. Komatsu
L8: Basics of forest dynamics	H. Sato
L9: Global/local hydrometeorology and forest (1)	T. Hiyama
L10: Global/local hydrometeorology and forest (2)	H. Fujinami

## Exercise

E1: Forest dynamics modelling	H. Sato
E2: Global/local hydrometeorology map	H. Fujinami, H. Kanamori

# **Field Workshop**

W1: Hydrologic regime change accompanied by forest recovery	K. Kuraji, N. Tanaka	
W2: Hydrologic observations at Kiryu Experimental Watershed (Kyoto University) in	n Shiga Prefecture	

23 (Sunday)	Arrival at Central Japan International Airport and movement to Nagoya University			
24 (Monday)	09:30-09:40	Registration & Guidance		
	09:40-12:10	Lecture 1	T. Kumagai	
	14:00-16:00	Keynote 1	T. W. Giambelluca	
	17:00-19:00	Welcome party		
25 (Tuesday)	09:30-11:30	Keynote 2	N. A. Chappell	
	14 : 00 - 16 : 30	Lecture 2	M. Tani	
26 (Wednesday)	09:30-12:00	Lecture 8	H. Sato	
	14 : 00 - 16 : 30	Exercise 1	H. Sato	
27 (Thursday)	09:30-12:00	Lecture 3	K. Kosugi	
	14 : 00 - 16 : 30	Lecture 4	T. Gomi	
28 (Friday)	09:30-12:00	Lecture 5	H. Haga	
	14 : 00 - 16 : 30	Lecture 6	Y. Kosugi	
29 (Saturday)	09:30-12:00	Lecture 10	H. Fujinami	
	14 : 00 - 16 : 30	Exercise 2	H. Fujinami,	
			H. Kanamori	
30 (Sunday)	Free time			
1 (Monday)	09:30-12:00	Lecture 7	H. Komatsu	
	14:00-16:30	Lecture 9	T. Hiyama	
2 (Tuesday)	09:30-11:30	Field Workshop 1	K. Kuraji,	
			N. Tanaka	
	13:30-16:30	Field Workshop 1	K. Kuraji, N. Tanaka	
3 (Wednesday)	Briefing for Field W	Briefing for Field Workshop 2 and Tour for Japanese culture (Move to Kyoto)		
4 (Thursday)	Field Workshop 2 at Kiryu Experimental Watershed			
5 (Friday)	09:30-12:00	Making reports and discussions	T. Kumagai	
	14 : 00 - 16 : 30	Making reports and discussions	T. Kumagai	
6 (Saturday)	09:30-11:30	Report presentations and discussion	18	
	11:30-12:00	Completion ceremony of this cours	e	
	13:30-15:30	Farewell party		
7 (Sunday)	Departure from Central Japan International Airport			

# Schedule (23 November to 7 December, 2014)

### L1: Basics of forest hydrology

Tomo'omi Kumagai (Hydrospheric Atmospheric Research Center, Nagoya University)

#### Abstract

Forest Hydrology has two major scientific aspects, 1) discharge from forested watershed, and 2) water use by trees (evaporation from the forest canopy). Soils in the forested watershed have a high hydraulic conductivity at the ground surface, which prevents from soil erosion, and functions to make soil water flow slow, resulting in a behavior like a dam. Rainfall subtracted by the forest water use denotes the upper limit of available water for the ecosystem including human use. These mean that forest management such as thinning and forest conversions can be expected to alter and enhance the forest's abilities to prevent from disasters and preserve water resources, Forest Hydrology's main practical applications.

Such forests' hydrological functions can be explained along a context of water cycling in the forest ecosystems as follows: Incident rainwater is firstly intercepted by foliage and branches and evaporates from their surface to the atmosphere. From the surface full of rainwater, the rainwater conducts to soils along the plant body, and also, some of incident rainwater directly reaches the soils without touching foliage and branches. These rainwaters coming to the soils infiltrate into the soils with being influenced by the soil pore structure, and reaching to groundwater table. During the slow soil water movement, some of the soil water is absorbed by plant roots. It conducts through stem conduits, reaches leaves, and evaporates to the atmosphere through stomata. The ground water flows to a river. We have to recollect that science on this description of water cycling is "Forest Hydrology". In my lecture, the basics of Forest Hydrology including both observations (methods and results) and theories will be introduced.





















### Relationships between Forest and Water -Forest's Function

- Flood prevention
- Landslide disaster prevention
- Relaxation of severe heat environment
- Less water resource
- Stable water resource
- Unstable water resource

These forest's functions are made up of each hydrologic component in forest ecosystems.

















**Solar energy** is the driver of circulation.

















































We have to note that forest hydrol ogy in Southeast Asian tropics is special.

### L2: Discharge from forested watershed (1)

- Forest role in stormflow responses in active tectonic regions with large storms -Makoto Tani (*Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University*)

### Abstract

In an active tectonic region with large storms such as Pacific Rim, it is still difficult to predict stormflow responses by runoff models from the catchment properties without a parameter calibration using observational data. One of the key reasons for this difficulties is based on the structure of distributed runoff models. Based on classical simulations for hillslopes by Freeze (Water Resour. Res., 1972), the source of stormflow is usually considered as a saturation-excess overland flow (Beven and Kirkby, Hydrol. Sci. Bull, 1979) because of too small saturated hydraulic conductivity of the soil layer for subsurface flow. However, hillslope hydrology has demonstrated that preferential paths such as natural pipes could play an important role in the subsurface flow (Anderson et al., Water Resour. Res., 1997; Uchida et al., Hydrol. Process., 2003), and this quick downslope water movement with a quick wave-form transmission along the vertical infiltration (Tani, J. Hydrol., 1997;Montgomery & Dietrich, Water Resour. Res., 2002) strongly suggested the stormflow generation through the underground runoff processes.

Some portion of the rainwater is absorbed by the soil through the wetting-front advance (Tani, J. Hydrol., 1997) and deep percolated into the weathered bedrock (Kosugi et al., Water Resour. Res., 2006). Effective rainfall is then produced as the rest of these two rainwater distribution processes. After sufficient rainwater falls and exceeds the threshold, however, all the rainwater except the deep percolation can contribute to the stormflow, but this contribution may not occur as an overland flow but as a wave-form transmission in a hydraulic continuum created within the soil layer (Tani, Hydrol. Earth Syst. Sci., 2013).

Why can the soil layer function as the hydraulic continuum with preferential pathways? This may be explained only from a long-term process of the soil-layer evolution against strong erosional forces in the active tectonic regions with large magnitude storms. Runoff and erosional processes are closely linked. This link will be discussed in this lecture based on a comparison in the runoff and erosion processes between forested and denuded hillslopes, which was obtained from detailed field observations in a weathered granite mountain, Tanakami, in Shiga Prefecture, Japan (Suzuki and Fukushima, Suirikagaku, 1989). A new insight into the forest effect on the stormflow mitigation will be proposed from this discussion as a conclusion.





































### Long-term evolution results in heterogeneities

The soil layer was naturally evolved over hundreds years against severe erosion force

NOT made in a couple of days by a worker





lomogeneous slope produces saturation overland flow

Let us the history of soil layer evolution

Soil and water move in a zero order catchment

Look at a zero order catchment (important in geomorphological evolution) (Tsukamoto, Journal of the Japan Society of Erosion Control Engineering, 1974)



Soil produced from the weathered bedrock moves into the hollow

Soil movement by the gravity force consists of

Water also moves into the hollow during storms

two categories as ....











#### Long-term evolution results in heterogeneities

Simultaneous evolutions of soil layer and pipe drainage creates perfectly different spatial characters from a manmade soil layer



Homogeneous slope artificially made in a few days



Heterogeneous slope naturally created over hundreds of years Under tectonic uplift and erosion force

#### Part 3 Forest effects on the stormflow mitigation

#### Summary

Soil layer evolution and landslide are repeated in active tectonic regions with large-magnitude storms

Soil movement on a forest slope consists of creep near the ridge and landslide in the holow

A comparison with a denuded slope demonstrates a role of forest root netowork in the soil layer evolution

The soil layer evolution is also supported by fast subsurface flow through pipes in a hollow

Long-term evolution of soil layer with forest creates the stormflow mitigation

#### Answer to superstitions

1 Overland flow is a main source for the stormflow

This is not true Water pressure propagation within unsaturated zone (vertical infiltration) and saturated zones (subsurface flow) produce the stormflow responses

#### 2. Forest gives no influence on large-magnitude stormflow

This is not true

Stormflow responses as the water pressure propagation are responsible for the soil layer evolution supported by the root network as well as pipe drainage

#### CONCLUSION

Rainfall stormflow response can be simulated by a sigle tank

This response is explained by the pressure propagation in the soil layer

Soil layer evolution is supported by the root network and fast subsurface flow, and responsible for stormflow responses

Long-term evolution of soil layer accompanied with forest causes the stormflow mitigation in active tectonic regions with large magnitude storms such as Pacific Rim

### MESSAGE for hazards on soil and water

Movements of soil and water by gravity force are inevitable due to strong erosional environment in active tectonic regions

Long-term cycle by soil evolution and landslide is derived from an intraction of forest resilience against this environment

Forest management considering the balance of use and conservation plays a key role even during large-magnitude storms

Comprehensive land-use strategy is important because forest use, housing project, erosion control work, and evacuation planning are closely corelated each other
### L3: Discharge from forested watershed (2)

Ken'ichirou KOSUGI (Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University)

### Abstract

Understanding a discharge hydrograph is one of the leading interests in catchment hydrology. Recent research has provided credible information on the importance of bedrock groundwater on discharge hydrographs from headwater catchments. However, intensive monitoring of bedrock groundwater is rare in mountains with steep topography. Hence, how bedrock groundwater controls discharge from a steep headwater catchment is in dispute. This lecture introduces results of long-term hydrological observations using densely located bedrock wells in a headwater catchment. We demonstrate that understanding regionalized bedrock aquifer distribution is pivotal for explaining discharge hydrograph from headwater catchments.

Then, distributed hydrological models, which calculate topographically-driven rainwater movement within a catchment, are explained. The models are combined with mechanical analyses of slope stability, producing spatial and temporal variations in safety factors against slope failures. The models have been used as practical tools in real-time warning systems for shallow landslide and debris flow hazards. In this lecture, we examine accuracies and limitations of one of these models, by using hydrological data obtained through intensive observations conducted at a head-water catchment. The model succeeded in predicting decreases in safety factors at some past landside locations, where topographically-driven rainwater convergences were computed. However, for some past landslides, which were located in downstream regions along the main hollow of the catchment, the model failed to detect decreases in the safety factor. As a result, rainwater convergence by bedrock groundwater exfiltration was suggested to be one of the controlling factors for the occurrences of these landslides.

Groundwater, which is formed in a soil mangle as well as in a bedrock layer, is reported to be one of the main factors governing discharge from watersheds and occurrences of landslides. In the last part of this lecture, a simple functional model is introduced, which correlate antecedent precipitation indices (APIs) to groundwater level changes caused by rainwater infiltration. Performances of the model are examined by using hydrological data observed at 25 locations with various geological settings. Then, based on the model, a new method is proposed for evaluating slope failure vulnerability in steep mountainous regions. The method has a potential to establish credible warning and evacuation systems against landslide and debris flow disasters.



















































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### L4: Effect of vegetation cover on sediment transportation and erosion

Takashi Gomi (Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology)

### Abstract

Numerous issues related to land use and vegetation cover changes on soil erosion have been concerns in the wide ranges of regions around the world. "International Year of Soil" in 2015 was announced for increasing awareness and understanding of the importance of soil for food security and essential ecosystem functions. Rapid changes in local economic conditions, population expansion, and shifting resource management policies have been affected planning of land conversion. Rapid shift from old growth forested area to more fragmented second growth and agricultural land have degraded ecological resources and functions. At the degraded land, soil erosion is central concerns for sustainable land use management and productivity of resources. Landscape fragmentation can also be associated with rapid road expansion and other transpiration which links from market centers and rural area in the recent years. Such alternation of landscape induces order of magnitude of soil erosion at various scales from local, watersheds, to regional scales. In steep mountainous terrains, probability for the occurrence of mass movement (e.g., landslide and debris flows) increases due to changes in hydrological flow pathways associated with land use changes and road development. These changes lead to issues for water supply, water quality, soil conservation, agricultural productivity, natural hazard control, and residential conservation.

In this training course, we explore the effects of vegetation condition on soil erosion and sediment transport. Vegetation ground covers have important roles for mitigating and reducing soil degradation while vegetation is often altered by land use changes. Within this class, we cover basic processes of soil erosion including rain splash, sheet and gully erosion, and mass movement. Soil erosion and resultant loss of soil productivity such as nutrient and carbon will also be examined using some examples around the world. We also learn about simple modeling approaches for estimating and predicting soil erosion in a given landscape. Effects of land use changes will also be included for understanding forest cover, land conversion vegetation conversion. We then discuss about hydrological connectivity which is important for understanding sediment transport from hillslopes to rivers and resultant river sedimentation. Scaling effects from plots, headwater, and larger watersheds are also considered for examining how processes related to soil erosion can be altered due to land use changes. We finally learn about specific soil conservation practices for minimizing soil erosion by using structure and vegetation cover in forested and agriculture lands.























#### Hysteresis pattern of suspended sediment yields Hystersis pattern can indicate potential sources of sediment. 2 20 3 SS particles 4.41 Stage 1 16:40 18:20 15:00



Transport







C (crop/management)	F	<sup>2</sup> (Erosion control conse	ervation practices)	
<ul> <li>Ratio of soil loss from land use under specified conditions to that from continuously fallow and tilled land.</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Ratio of soil loss by a support practice</li> </ul>		
		Practice	P Factor	
Vegetation cover		Up & Down Slope	1.00	
Plant litter		Cross Slope	0.75	
Soil surface		Contour farming	0.50	
Land management		Strip cropping, cross slope	0.37	
		Strip cropping, contour	0.25	
A R x K x LS x <u>C</u> x P	X ŧR x K x L	S x C x <u>P</u>		

# MUSLE Modified Universal Soil Loss Equation

<u>C (crop management)</u> and <u>p (erosion control</u> <u>practice)</u> factors are replaced by vegetation management (VM) factor.

### $A = R \times K \times LS \times VM$

- A = average annual soil loss (tons/ha year)
- R = rainfall and runoff erosivity index
   K = soil erodibility factor
- -L = slope length factor
- S = slope steepness factor
- VM = vegetation management factor

## Vegetation Management (VM) factor

(1)Canopy cover effects

(2)Effects of low-growing vegetation cover

(3)Bare ground with fine root.







Country	Catchment	Area (ha)	Annual precipitation (mm)	Thinning treatment	Percentage of treatment (%)	SSY (kg/ha/yr)		Increase	0111. 7K B. K. L.	
						Pre	Post	in SSY (folds)	Skad trail(road) and/or machinery	Reference
Nothern America	B3	43.0	500	Clear cut	55.0	N/A	N/A	0.2	Feller-bunchers and skidders	Macdonald et al. (2003)
	В5	150.0	500	Clear cut	53.0	N/A	N/A	0.6	No additional operations	
	Forested catchment	375.5	N/A	Cutting	N/A	N/A	N/A	45.0	Skidding and roads	Megahan (1972)
	Deer Creek	304	2540	Cutting	25.0	161.7	194.3	1.2	Cable yarding and tractor skidding	Brown and Krygier (197 Beschta (1978)
	Needle Branch	75.0	2540	Clear cut	82.0	75.7	208.6	2.8	Cable yarding and tractor skidding	
	Johnson Gulch research	137.0	N/A	Random thinning	20.0	1.8	13.7	7.7	Tractors and skidder	Aderson and Potts (198
	Watershed 1	96.0	2300	Clear cut	100.0	140.0	1700.0	12.1	Burning and cable yarding	Grant and Wolff (1991)
	Watershed 3	101.0	2300	Random thinning	25.0	1500.0	2600.0	1.7	Burning and cable yarding	
	Subbasin EAG	27.0	1200**	Clear cut	100.0	N/A	710.0	2.4	Tractor yarding, burning, and roads	Lewis et al. (2001)
	Loch Ard (Catchment 10)	84.0	2000.0	Clear cut	70.0	550.0	835.6	1.5	N/A	Ferguson et al. (1991)
United	Hore	308.0	2458.0	Clear cut	N/A	122.0	571.0	4.7	Felling operations	Leeks (1992)
Kindom	Kirkton	685.0	2372.0	Clear cut	50.0	141.5	1157.0	8.2	Skylines and tracked vehicle	Johnson (1993)
Australia	Afon Tanllwyth	89.0	N/A	Clear cut	20.0	242.0	438.0	1.8	A single harvester	Stott et al. (2001)
	Catchment I-3	515.0	1183.0	Random thinning	38.7	N/A	N/A	0.3	Roads	Webb et al. (2012)
	Berembun BC1	12.9	2121*	Random thinning	N/A	136.6	269.1	0.7	Tractor or skidder	Kasran (1988)
Asia	Berembun BC3	29.7	2121*	Random thinning	N/A	68.6	117.0	1.0	Tractor or skidder	
	Bukit Berembun Negeri Sembilan	13.0	$2126^{\circ}$	Random thinning	40.0	136.0	270.0	2.0	N/A	Zulkifli et al. (1990)
	Ulu Segama Sabah	50.0-100.0	3280*	Random thinning	N/A	600.0	6600.0	11.0	logging trails	Douglas et al. (1992)
	Sipitang Sabah	3.0-18.0	3280*	Clear cut	N/A	240.0	2530.0	10.5	Tractor removal	Malmer (1990)
Japan	Jengka	28.4	2508	Random thinning	25.0	100.0	300.0	2.0	Logging roads and skid trails with tractor	Kasran and Nik (1994)
	Watershed B	1.1	2147	Clear cut	N/A	6.9	9.0	1.3	Skylines and both of no roads and skid trails	Hotta et al. (2007)
	Catchment K2	17.1	1232	Strip thinning	50.0	1.1	9.2	29.3	Cable yarding and skid trail and	This study (2013)















in numerous headwaters is important for watershed management.

### L5: Nutrient and organic matter export from forested watershed

Hirokazu Haga (Faculty of Agriculture, Tottori University)

#### Abstract

Forest management is not limited to the forest industry any more. It is one of the important pillars of the national land control, because it is considered that water and substances supplied from forests to streams are transported in the channel to have large influences on the water resources and environments in the downstream basins.

The matters that receive special attention in recent years in Japan are the delay of tree thinning in artificial forests expanded by the forestation policy after World War II and the loss of the original mountain stream environments caused by afforestation and sediment control works. In the case of the cypress artificial forest, the delay of tree thinning can be cause the deterioration of infiltration capacity of soil to generate overland flow and muddy stream water. Previously, the only purpose of tree thinning was lumber production. In late years, however, tree thinning is expected to be an important land control technique for supplying water resources stably through deterring of the overland flow generation and improving the stream water quality. In fact, Forestry Agency in Japan has widely promoted the effective tree thinning by supporting large subsidies as a national growth strategy.

However, although proposals and trials of forest management are ongoing under such a new framework, there are lots of unclear points regarding whether the expected results can be actually obtained. What kind of change is caused to the rainwater flow paths, streamflow and geomorphic features of streams by intense tree thinning? What kind of influence is exerted on the water resources and environments in downstream basins? Such information and knowledge are extremely insufficient. The verification of results and sophistication of assessment techniques are needed in the near future.

In this lecture, the following points will be introduced: (1) close relationships between rain water flow paths in hillslope and dissolved substances (nitrogen and organic carbon) in stream water; (2) a variety of export properties of solid substances (sediment and particulate phosphorous; (3) dynamics of in-stream wood (fallen tree and thinning residues supplied from riparian area to stream); and (4) specific methods of their investigations. In addition, this lecture will include a short practice of field survey using a highly accurate surveying instrument which employs electro-optical distance metering method. These topics could help participants enhance their imagination necessary to understand linkage between forest management and stream water in their country.





































Other example of "grounded"



logs moved from a different site to deposit at the same site





### L6: Evapotranspiration from forest

Yoshiko Kosugi (Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University)

### Abstract

With regard to the water cycle in terrestrial ecosystems, approximately 65% of precipitation reaching the land surface returns to the atmosphere as evapotranspiration, with the remainder running off to rivers and oceans. The partitioning of precipitation into evapotranspiration and runoff has been a significant concern for human societies from ancient times. Evapotranspiration is the main driver of the water cycle, and it governs the Earth's climate system through control of the water cycle, energy budget, and greenhouse effect. It also has a huge influence on the carbon cycle, which is driven by photosynthesis, because transpiration occurs simultaneously with the uptake of  $CO_2$  by plants via stomata. Thus evapotranspiration has an important role in many environmental processes. Studies in many environmental fields, including forest hydrology, have attempted to understand the bio-physical mechanism of evapotranspiration as a primary aim.

In this lecture, the significance of evapotranspiration is introduced, and two basic physical concepts, the energy balance and Penman-Monteith equation, that are commonly used to investigate the environmental and physiological control of evapotranspiration from vegetation, are described. Methods for estimating evapotranspiration based on field measurements are also outlined. In forest ecosystems, evapotranspiration can be divided into three components: transpiration of plant leaves from a dry canopy, evaporation from a wet canopy during and after rain, and evaporation from the soil surface. I also briefly explain how these components can be measured separately to investigate the factors that control them.

- 1. Basics of evapotranspiration
- 1.1 Evapotranspiration and forest hydrology
- 1.2 Energy balance
- 1.3 Penman-Monteith equation

(Exercise)

- 2. Measurement of evapotranspiration
- 2.1 Water budget method
- 2.2 Micrometeorological methods
- 2.3 Methods used to measure each components of evapotranspiration
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### L6: Evapotranspiration from forest Yoshiko Kosugi, Kyoto Univ.

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### 1.1 Evapotranspiration and forest hydrology

The partitioning of precipitation into evapotranspiration and runoff has been a significant concern for human societies.



Aral Sea In 2004



In 2008 (right)





### 1.1 Evapotranspiration and forest hydrology

Evapotranspiration has a huge influence on the carbon cycle, which is driven by photosynthesis.



http://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/j/sin\_riyou/ondanka/con\_2.htm



In atmosphere O2:H2O:CO2 =550:100-25:1 Exchange through stomata O2:H2O:CO2 = 0.3:1000-10:-1











### 1.3 Penman-Monteith Equation

### Transport Equation (Mass)

'Under steady state, the flux goes from regions of high concentration to regions of low concentration, with a magnitude that is proportional to the concentration gradient.' (Fick's First Law of Diffusion)

 $J = -D(\delta c / \delta x)$ <u>flux = diffusion coefficient × concentration gradient</u>
J: flux [kg m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>], D: diffusion coefficient [m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>]
c: concentration [kg m<sup>-3</sup>], x: distance [m]

 $\downarrow$  (integrated form)  $J=D\Delta c/l$   $\varDelta c:$  concentration difference [kg m^-3] , k length, thickness [m]

↓(use an analogy of Ohm's Law, D/l = g = 1/r)  $J = g\Delta c = \frac{1}{r}\Delta c$ *g*: conductance [m s<sup>-1</sup>], *r*. resistance [s m<sup>-1</sup>] Adolf Eugen Fick (1829-1901)

### 1.3 Penman-Monteith Equation

### Transport Equation (Heat)

'The rate of heat transfer is proportional to the temperature gradient present in a solid.' (Fourier's Law)

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{C} = -k(\delta T/\delta x) {=} {-} D_H \, \rho c_p(\delta T/\delta x) \\ \text{flux} = \text{diffusion coefficient} \times \text{temperature gradient} \\ \mathcal{C}: \text{heat flux [J m^2 s^{-1}], k: thermal conductivity [J m^{-1} s^{-1} K^{-1}] \\ \mathcal{T}: \text{temperature [K], x: distance [m], } D_{\text{H}^{\text{i}}} \text{ thermal diffusion coefficient [m^2 s^{-1}]} \\ \rho: \text{density [kg m^{-3}], } c_p: \text{specific heat capacity [J kg^{-1} K^{-1}]} \end{array}$ 

 $\downarrow$  (integrated form)  $C = D_H \rho c_p \Delta T/l$   $\Delta T$ : temperature difference [K] , l: length, thickness [m]

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 $\downarrow$ (using an analogy of Ohm's Law,  $D_H/l=g_H=1/r_H$ )

 $C = g_H \rho c_p \Delta T = \frac{1}{r_H} \rho c_p \Delta T$ Joseph Fourier (1768-1830)  $g_{H^2}$  conductance for heat [m s<sup>-1</sup>],  $r_{H^2}$  resistance for heat [s m<sup>-1</sup>]

### 1.3 Penman-Monteith Equation

Evaporation (*E*) and Latent Heat Flux ( $\lambda E$ ) (from Fick's law for mass transfer)

### $E = g_W \Delta c_W$

 $E\!\!:$  evaporation [kg m  $^2$  s  $^1$ ],  $g_W\!\!:$  total conductance for water vapor [m s  $^1$ ],  $c_W\!\!:$  concentration of water vapor, absolute humidity [kg m  $^3$ ]

$$c_W = \rho_a (M_W/M_A) [e/(P-e)] \approx \rho_a (M_W/M_A) (e/P)$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \gamma = P c_p \; M_A / M_W \lambda \\ \rho_a; \text{ density of dry air [kg m^3]}, \; M_W; \text{ molecular mass of water, } M_A; \text{ effective} \\ \text{molecular mass of dry air, } M_W / M_A = 0.622, \; P: \text{ atmospheric pressure [Pa]}, \; \chi; \\ \text{psychrometer constant [Pa K^1]}, \; \lambda; \; \text{ latent heat of vaporization of water [J kg^1]}, \\ c_p; \text{ specific heat capacity [1012, J kg^1 K^1]}, \; e; \; \text{vapor pressure [Pa]} \end{array}$ 

$$E = g_W(\rho_a(M_W/M_A)/P)(e_{s(TS)} - e_a) = g_W \frac{\rho_a c_p}{\lambda \gamma} (e_{s(TS)} - e_a)$$

$$\begin{split} \lambda E &= g_W \frac{\rho_a c_p}{\gamma} \left( e_{s(Ts)} - e_a \right) = \frac{1}{r_W} \frac{\rho_a c_p}{\gamma} \left( e_{s(Ts)} - e_a \right) \\ e_{\rm s(Ts)} \text{: saturated vapor pressure at } T_{\rm s} \, \text{[Pa], } e_{\rm a} \text{: air vapor pressure [Pa]} \end{split}$$

### 1.3 Penman-Monteith Equation

Sensible Heat Flux (*H*) (from Fourier's law for heat conduction)

$$H = g_H \rho_a c_p (T_s - T_a) = \frac{1}{r_H} \rho_a c_p (T_s - T_a)$$

*H*: sensible heat flux [W m<sup>-2</sup>],  $g_{H}$ : total conductance for heat [m s<sup>-1</sup>],  $\rho_{a}$ : density of dry air [kg m<sup>-3</sup>],  $c_{p}$ : specific heat capacity [J kg<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>],  $\tau_{s}$ : surface temperature [K],  $T_{a}$ : air temperature [K]



### 1.3 Penman-Monteith Equation

Penman-Monteith Equation (for evapotranspiration from vegetation, 1965)

[Penman Equation for potential evaporation rate]

$$\lambda E = \frac{\Delta (R_n - G) + \rho_a c_p (e_{s(Ta)} - e_a) / r_a}{\Delta + \gamma}$$

[Penman-Monteith Equation for dry canopy]

$$\lambda E = \frac{\Delta (R_n - G) + \rho_a c_p (e_{s(Ta)} - e_a) / r_a}{\Delta + \gamma (1 + r_c / r_a)}$$

Determining factors of evapotranspiration related to vegetation = aerodynamic resistance  $(r_a)$ , canopy resistance  $(r_c)$ 

### 1.3 Penman-Monteith Equation

### Aerodynamic conductance vs Canopy conductance



 $g_{\rm a}$ : 50 – 1000 mm s<sup>-1</sup>  $g_{\rm c}$ : 1 – 20 mm s<sup>-1</sup>

<u>g<sub>c</sub> governs E</u>





 $g_{\rm a}$ : 5 – 100 mm s<sup>-1</sup>  $g_{\rm c}$ : 1 – 40 mm s<sup>-1</sup>

Both gc and ga govern E



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- 1.2 Energy balance
- 1.3 Penman-Monteith equation

(Exercise)

- 2. Measurement of evapotranspiration
- 2.1 Water budget methods
- 2.2 Micrometeorological methods
- 2.3 Methods to measure each components of evapotranspiration







### 2.2 Micrometeorological methods

Micrometeorological methods for evaluating evapotranspiration
Bowen ratio-energy balance (BREB) method
Eddy covariance (EC) method

✓If H₂O concentration is high when vertical wind go down, and low when wind go up, net H₂O molecules were absorbed into vegetation. (=condensation)

If H<sub>2</sub>O concentration is low when vertical wind go down, and high when wind go up, net H<sub>2</sub>O molecules were emitted from vegetation. (=evapotranspiration)

 $\lambda E = \lambda \overline{w' \rho_{v'}}$  $H = \rho_a c_p \overline{w' T'}$ 



 $\begin{array}{l} \blacksquare \quad \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} \text{ molecule }, \, \rho_v \, [\mathsf{kg} \, \mathsf{m}^{\text{-3}}] \\ \\ \\ & \mathsf{V} \text{ vertical wind, } w \, [\mathsf{m} \, \mathsf{s}^{\text{-1}}] \end{array}$ 

### 2.2 Micrometeorological methods

Ecosystem flux observation with eddy covariance method





Ultra sonic anemometer For x, y, z wind and T at 10Hz For x, y, z wind and T at 10Hz

### 2.2 Micrometeorological methods

Ecosystem flux observation with eddy covariance method



### 2.2 Micrometeorological methods Ecosystem flux observation with eddy covariance method Growth of FLUXNET















### L7: Water resources in forested watershed

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### Abstract

This class will be held on the last day of the series of lectures. You will have learned basic knowledge of forest hydrology before this day. In this class, we will apply the knowledge to think about practical problems.

This class focuses on the relationship between forests (or, more generally, vegetation) and water resources (WR). Specifically, we will study two questions, i.e., (1) whether deforestation/afforestation reduces WR and (2) whether converting native forests to plantations reduces WR.

First of all, we will think about why these problems are important. Many factors, other than vegetation, affect WR (e.g., topography, geology, and meteorology). What is the difference between the vegetation factor and other factors? Also, we will discuss how to represent WR. The meaning of "WR" is vague, as that of "intelligence" is. What kinds of indices do we use to represent "WR"?

To study the two problems raised above, there are two steps. First, changes in WR with changes in vegetation (e.g., deforestation) are evaluated using data recorded at a site. Second, applicability of the results to other sites/regions are examined. We will see methods (e.g., time-trend analysis and the paired-catchments method) used in the first step and discuss advantages and disadvantages of each method. We will see methods used in the second step and learn a lesson that although Asia has been learning from results obtained in advanced countries such as Europe and America, the results are not always applicable to Asia. Namely, we have to consider indigenous conditions of the target region to propose a WR policy, instead of directly adopting policies developed in Europe and America. I am looking forward to seeing and talking with you all.









## Two steps

1. Examine changes in WR at a site

2. Assess applicability of the results to other sites/regions



















### L8: Basics of forest dynamics

Hisashi SATO (Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Sciences and Technology, JAMSTEC)

### Abstract

Vegetation is the most crucial component affecting water and energy cycles on the land surface. Indeed, between 80% and 90% of the total evapotranspiration from the land surface is estimated to be caused by transpiration, and the process consumes almost half of the solar energy absorbed by the land-surface. The impact of vegetation on the climatic environment is evident in our everyday experience. For example, the temperatures of land surface in urban areas covered in concrete and asphalt are typically higher than those in areas covered in vegetation.

Therefore, around middle of the 1980's, simulation models used for predicting long-term climate changes have embedded Land Surface Model (LSMs) that consider such interactions between terrestrial surface and atmosphere. Initially, these models only treated the water and radiation balances on the land surface. Around the end of the 20th century, they gradually incorporated carbon balances to predict changes in atmospheric  $CO_2$  concentration. Subsequently, the changes in vegetation distribution caused by climate change were also taken into consideration.

In this lecture, I present a brief explanation of the various land-atmosphere interactions and how such interactions have been modeled. Subsequently, we will look into detail for forest dynamics and plant geography, both of which constitute recent LSMs. We will allot enough time for learning forest dynamics, and how it interacts with local environment. Finally, we will discuss how such LSMs can be utilize for planning forest and landscape managements under trend of rapid climatic change.











# Basis for plant population dynamics

- Topics:
- One-sided competition for light
- Self-thinning rule & Three-halves law
- Succession
- Gap-dynamics
- Wild fire as a major disturbance scheme



### The Self-thinning & Three-halves law In a dense plant population, the "Self-thinning" occurs with













Sub-models that compose SEIB-DGVM			
	Process	Approach	Source
Physical process	Radiation	Beer's law	
	Evapotranspiration	Penman-Monteith transpiration + interception + evaporation from soil surface	Monteith & Unsworth (1990)
	Soil water process	Simple bucket model	Manabe (1969)
Physiology	Photosynthesis	Michaelis-type function	
	Maintenance respiration	respiration rate is in proportion to nitrate contents for each organ	Ryan (1991)
	Growth respiration	based on chemical composition of each organ	Poorter(1994)
	Stomatal conductance	a semi-empirical model as a function of VPD	Leuning et al. (1995)
	Phenology	a set of semi-empirical models of which parameters were estimated from satellite NDVI data	Botta et al. (2000)
	Decomposition	2 carbon source of decomposition: labile part of litter and passive part in mineral soil	Sitch et al. (2003)
Ecologocal Dynamics	Establishment	climatically favored PFTs establish as small individuals	Sitch et al. (2003)
	Mortality	function of "annual NPP per leaf area", "heat stress", "bioclimitic limit", and "fire"	Sitch et al. (2003)
	Disturbance (fire)	an empirical function of soil moisture and fuel load	Kirsten et al (2001)











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### L9: Global/local hydrometeorology and forest (1)

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### Abstract

In this lecture, ecohydrological research results obtained from an interdisciplinary research project No.C-07 of the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), entitled 'Global Warming and the Human–Nature Dimension in Siberia: Social Adaptation to the Changes of the Terrestrial Ecosystem, with an Emphasis on Water Environments' (P.I.: T.H.) are shown. Main contents of this lecture are summarized below.

The extent of Arctic summer sea ice, especially in the Eurasian continent side, has been decreasing. Global warming is a partial cause. Cyclones have appeared frequently in summer in the region, bringing much precipitation to Siberia and its forest ecosystems. Because water-logging and humidification severely damaged to our monitoring forest in eastern Siberia, evapotranspiration and photosynthesis properties changed drastically after 2007.

Meteorological data revealed high rates of summer precipitation in the upper and middle parts of the Lena River Basin from 2005 to 2008 and in 2012. Thus summer river flooding around Yakutsk, capital city of the Sakha Republic of the Russian Federation, has become a problem, severely damaging local agriculture and pastoralism. On the contrary, the spring thaw along the Lena River typically causes river ice flooding, which can be severe when low winter temperatures are followed by gradually increasing spring temperatures. Such spring floods have caused severe damages to local residents living along the river in almost every year since 1998.

We investigated local people's perceptions and local governmental adaptation strategies for both spring- and summer-river flooding. Interestingly, spring flooding has been recognized as beneficial except when it causes damages to villages along the river. This is because spring floods bring nutrient-rich water to the river islands on which the farmers cultivate pastures for cattle and horses. Summer river flooding, on the contrary is seen as a hazard, because it submerges the pasture completely in summer, and prevents getting of hay for cattle and horses.

Village relocations were adopted as one of the adaptation strategies to prevent damages from spring floods. Because local people prefer to live along the river on which their subsistence depends, they agreed, with government support, to migrate seasonally. There have been no similar adaptations to summer flooding, however. Based on our observations and analysis, we intend to promote sustainable subsistence activities in the region by proposing strategies to facilitate information transmission and improvement of feed-hay distribution networks that can aid in adaptation to spring and summer river flooding.









































Capture Wild Reindeers and Install Transmitters (2010 summer)

(Tatsuzawa, Okhlopkov)






# L10: Global/local hydrometeorology and forest (2)

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## Abstract

The Asian monsoon brings abundant precipitation to the land during summer. The bountiful forests, cropland, and paddy fields in Asia are maintained by the monsoonal precipitation. The Asian monsoon is the world's most vigorous monsoon system, and is induced by the seasonal differential heating between the Eurasian continent, extending to the low latitudes, and the surrounding oceans. The heat contrast between the land and oceans (i.e., warm land and cold oceans) generates differences in pressure fields. A low pressure area develops over the heated land, while relatively high pressure is observed over the ocean. The pressure gradient and the effect of the Earth's rotation (i.e., the Coriolis force) induces strong monsoon westerlies/southwesterlies around South/Southeast Asia, resulting in substantial water vapor transport from the ocean to the land. The water vapor condenses over and around the land leading to an abundance of rainfall and the release of latent heating. The moist process with the phase transition of water enhances the entire monsoon circulation effectively. In addition to the moist process, the presence of the Tibetan Plateau can strengthen the monsoon circulation because it increases the meridional heat contrast and creates a stronger pressure gradient between the land and the ocean. A vegetated land surface can also moisten the atmospheric boundary layer over the land and increase the convergence due to surface roughness, resulting in an increase of rainfall over the land. Thus, land-atmosphere interaction, including the influence of vegetation, is an important factor in maintaining both the vigorous Asian monsoon system and the bountiful surface vegetation.

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# Global/local hydrometeorology and forest (2)

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# Contents: 1. Seasonal difference in wind fields and precipitation 2. Driving mechanism of Asian monsoon 3. Surface condition and its impact on precipitation system over East Asia 4. Atmospheric water budget and its interpretation 5. Regionality of Asian monsoon 6. Interannual variation of Asian monsoon 7. Interannual variation of Asian monsoon 9. Interannual variation of Asian mons

Westerlies/southwesterlies around S/SE/E Asia

























 The formation of local rainfall maxima in the windward slopes of regional-scale mountains



 The surface condition changes dramatically related to the double-cropping system (from wheat to paddy fields)





























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