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#### A common character of forest evapotranspiration in response to climate change

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#### INTRODUCRTION

#### Evapo Transpiration

*ET* is controlled by the atmospheric demand but also by soil dryness

#### Forest *ET* also has a feedback impact on climate through the heat exchange

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#### INTRODUCRTION

#### Main Question

Forest uses much water as ET.

Will climate warming accelerate it?

A report suggests its decrease due to soil water control (Jung et al.: Nature, 1910)



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#### Tatsunokuchi-yama Experimental Forest conducted by Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute Since 1937

Profile of KT catchments	
Location	Near Okayama 34 ° 42' N, 133 ° 58' E
Geology	Permian accretionary complex with quartz porphyry (the north portion)
Precipitation	<b>1220 mm</b> (annual amount, 1937-2005)
Air temperature	<b>13.8 °C</b> (annual av. 1937-2005)
Soil	Clay loam
Catchment area	17.27ha
Slope	28.4 °
Slope length	123m
Vegetation changes	
1937	Natural <b>pine</b> forest
1944-47	Pine <b>death</b> clearcut
1948-around 1957	Cutover
Around 1958 -	Growth of deciduous forest



**Trend analysis** 

#### Cumulative Anomalies Curve (Lozowski, 1989; Ding, 2007) AC

$$f_i = \mathop{\mathbf{a}}_{k=1}^{i} (x_k - \overline{x})$$

was used to detect a trend of the long-term hydrometeorological records



#### METHODS Storage effect on ET

Loss from water balance as Rainfall (*P*) –Runoff (*Q*) is lower than *EvapoT*ranspiration by storage decrease

$$S_2 - S_1 = \mathsf{D}S = P - Q - ET = L - ET$$
$$ET = L - \mathsf{D}S$$



### Storage effect on ET

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*L* in a dry year looks very small compared to that in a usual year,

but the baseflow rate at the end of year decreases than that of the previous year.

suggesting an underestimation of ET in this dry year.

*ET* in each year involves a storage change effect Baseflow rate as its indicator



#### RESULTS



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#### Long-term trend

<sup>13.8</sup> Air temperature low in 1960s and 70s, average in 1980s high after 1990

Loss is flat compared to Precipitation

#### Loss

average before pine death in 1943 low for the forest absence 44-58 average around 1960 slightly low during 1960s and 70s low after pine death in 1980 high after 1987

#### RESULTS

#### Effect of climate

Mean ET was calculated in each period with the negligible storage effect



ET became larger with temperature increase and precipitation decrease

The dependency of ET on temperature was clearer

ET was enormously large in 1992-2001

ET is low during the forest absence in 1944-57 regardless of the climate condition

#### RESULTS

#### ET in each year

The ET amount and the effect of storage were compared before and after the pine death in 1943



This storage effect was only for forest but lost after the pine death

#### RESULTS Forest ET against dryness

Correlation of the annual loss to the baseflow increase / decrease in each year suggests a sustainability of ET by consuming water storage



Only forest ET is persistent using soil water in a dry year



#### ET follows demand

Our analysis on catchment water balance in KT demonstrates forest ET continuously responded to the atmospheric demand (temperature)



Forest follows the atmospheric demand regardless of dryness

#### ET follows demand



Ecosystem resilience is at a crisis point by the present quick climate change

#### How about tropical forest?





Monthly P and Soil water (Upper), and available energy (radiation - heat storage), latent heat (ET) and sensible heat fluxes (Lower)

> Data from PASOH by our Kyoto Univ.

Monthly ET with P amounts in Amazonian rainforest (Ducke) and Thai hill- evergreen forest (Kog-Ma)

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R\_-G-S(MJ m-2 year")

Shuttleworth: Proc. R. Soc. Lond., B233,1988 Tanaka et al.: J. Geophysic.Res. 108, 2003

Available energy allocates high portion to ET

Kosugi et al., J. For. Res. 17, 2012

#### **Tropical forest**

Please see our 7 year Observation on H<sub>2</sub>O & CO<sub>2</sub> exchange in Pasoh In Kosugi et al., J. Forest Research 17, 2012





Monthly P and Soil water (Upper), and available energy (radiation - heat storage), latent heat (ET) and sensible heat fluxes (Lower)

Relationship of annual *ET* to annual available energy

Forest ET in tropics is constant and slightly larger in dry and sunny seasons

#### **Boreal forest**



### DISCUSSION Function of forest *ET*

A high dependency of ET on the atmospheric demand with a high resistance against the dryness of soil water is revealed in forest throughout the world

This can be derived from a strong resilience of an individual tree against the severe dry stresses encountered during its long life

In a region, where precipitation comes from EVP in the sea such as islands and peninsulas, forestry with cut is rather desirable for watershed management

Sustainable operation of forestry



## DISCUSSION Function of forest *ET*



Vapor from Atlantic Ocean is consumed in Europe in winter, but is recycled through the land ET to reach Far East in summer

In a region, where precipitation comes from *ET* in the land surface such as large continents, a large-scale cutting of forest may cause a reduction of P

Although the resilience of forest *ET* is a universal nature, its function is different between **islands** and **continents** 

#### Atmospheric demand

Net radiation Vapor deficit

Penman-Mor Equation

CONCLUSION

Forest *ET* follows the atmospheric demand

#### Further warming may reduce *ET* by soil dryness

#### Soil dryness control

Function of *ET* for water is different between islands and continents

Soil moisture

Atmos. Demand

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