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Reconstruction of summer insolation in the Yakushima island using stable carbon isotope in Yakusugi Cedar

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One of the most important climate feedback mechanisms is cloud cover effect. However, it is difficult to estimate the variability of the past cloud condition.

Tree ring d13C reflects the balance between stomatal conductance to incoming CO2 and photosynthetic rate. In the case of moist area, dominant control of d13C in tree ring is photosynthetic rate. The meteorological observations in the Yakushima island were conducted. As a result, Ishiduka region which is 900 m above sea level was extremely large amount of precipitation. Relative humidity was found to be almost 100% and to be very small changes. In this presentation, we will show the results of annual tree ring d13C over the past millennium.

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