

Interactive comment on “A likelihood perspective on tree-ring standardization: eliminating modern sample bias” by J. Cecile et al.

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In my paper: Loehle, C. 1988. Tree Life History Strategies: The Role of Defenses. Canadian Journal of Forest Research 18:209-222 I show that long lifespan results from energetic investments in wood defenses which are costly and slow down growth. In a mixed age sample, the oldest trees are likely to have been growing slower when young, creating a false hockey stick.

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