



# Tiempo y árboles

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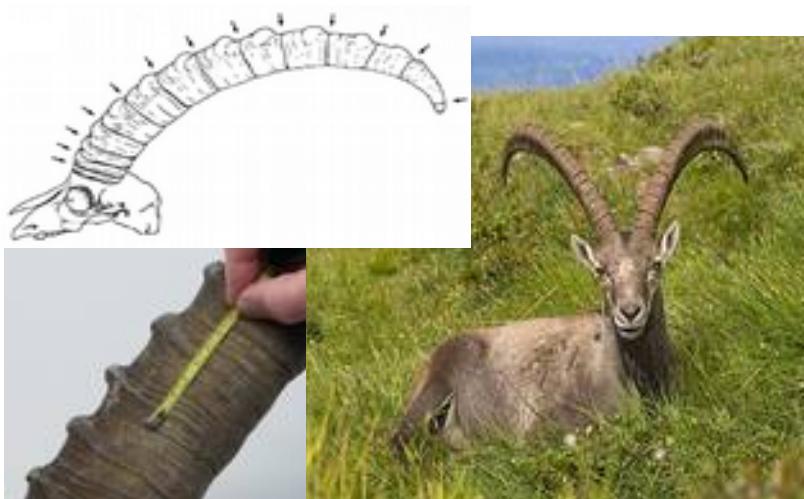
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# Anillos por doquier



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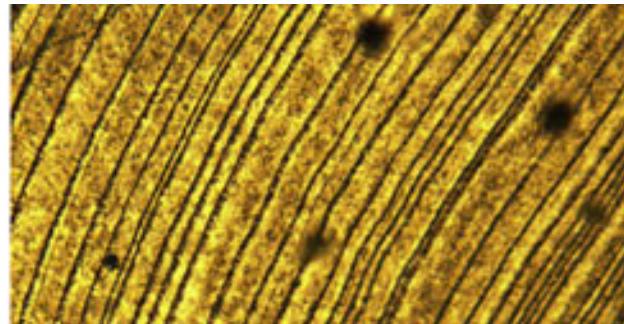
## Arctica islandica, the longest-lived animal on Earth

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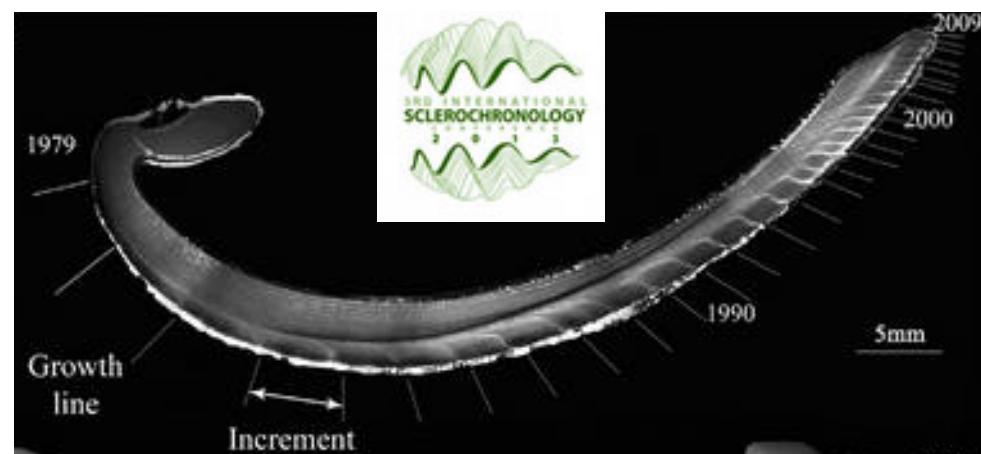
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## Esclerocronología



Magnified image of Arctica islandica growth increments



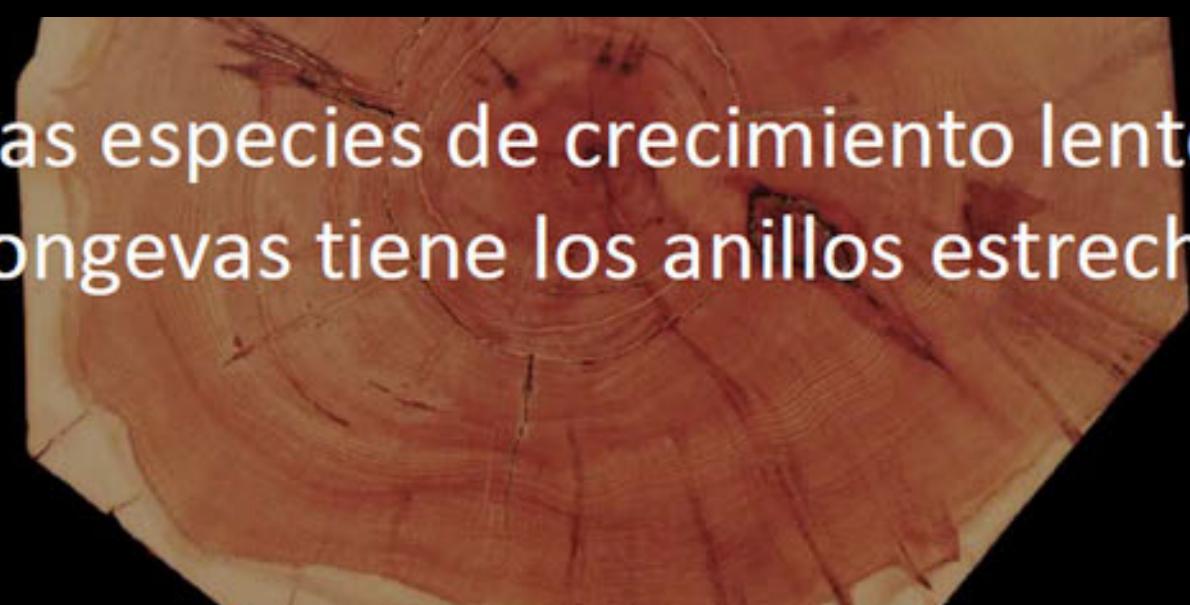


Cada periodo de crecimiento del tronco  
queda registrado en un anillo

En las frondosas aunque menos visibles  
también están presentes

A close-up photograph of a tree trunk cross-section, showing several prominent, wide growth rings. The wood has a light-colored, radial-grain pattern. A small, dark knot hole is visible near the center.

Las especies de crecimiento rápido tienen  
los anillos de crecimiento anchos

A close-up photograph of a tree trunk cross-section, showing many very narrow and closely spaced growth rings. The wood has a darker, more uniform color compared to the first image.

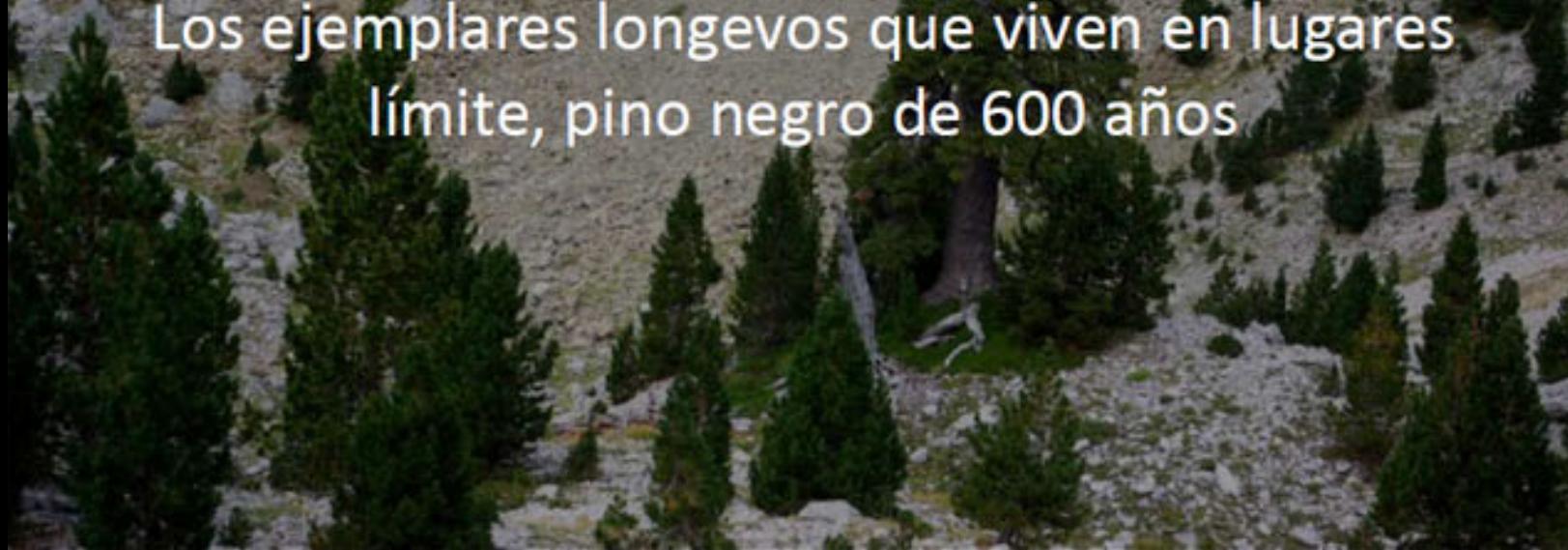
Las especies de crecimiento lento y  
longevas tiene los anillos estrechos



Pino carrasco de 31 años  
de dimensiones semejantes a un  
tejo de 350 años



Los ejemplares longevos que viven en lugares  
límite, pino negro de 600 años



## Pinos negros viejos (800-1000 años), Pirineos



No Epi, no siempre es así.

Blas, ¿los árboles más grandes son los más viejos?



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# Árboles más viejos

Nombre	Edad (años)	Especie	Lugar
Old Hara	<b>5065</b>		
Methuselah	<b>4847</b>		Sierra Nevada-White Mountains, California, Nevada USA
Prometheus (WPN-114)	<b>4844</b>	<i>Pinus longaeva</i>	
Gran Abuelo	<b>3645</b>	<i>Fitzroya cupressoides</i>	Cordiller Pelada, S. Chile
The President	<b>3200</b>	<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	Sierra Nevada, California, USA

Especie	Edad (años)	Lugar
<i>Pinus longaeva</i>	5062	White Mountains, California
<i>Pinus longaeva</i>	4845	White Mountains, California
<i>Fitzroya cupressoides</i>	3622	Chile
<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>	3266† (muerto)	Sierra Nevada, California, USA

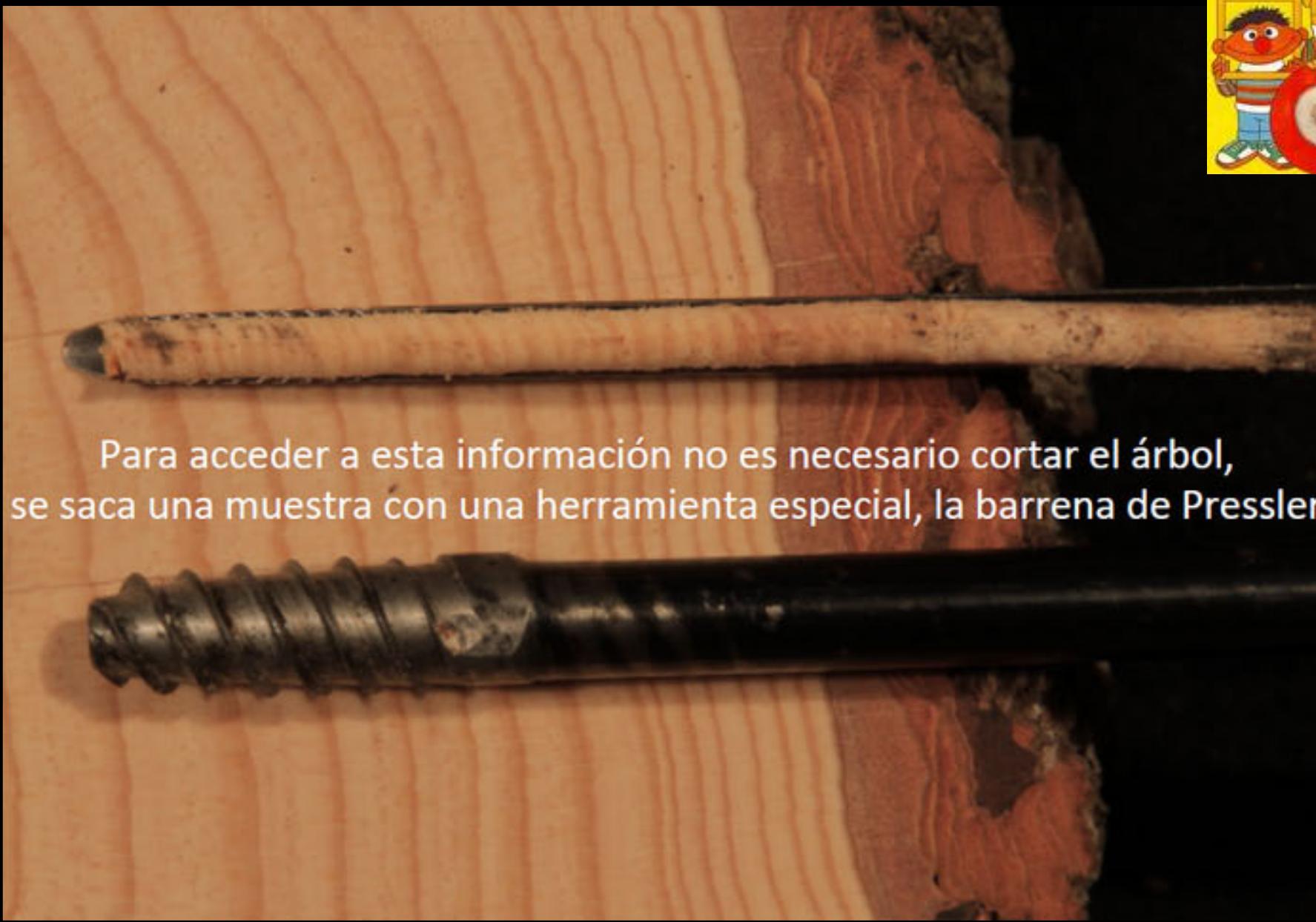
Fuentes: Wikipedia, <http://www.rmtrr.org/oldlist.htm>

✓ En España: pino laricio de Cazorla (1080 años).



✓ Pinos negros de Pirineos (800-1000 años).





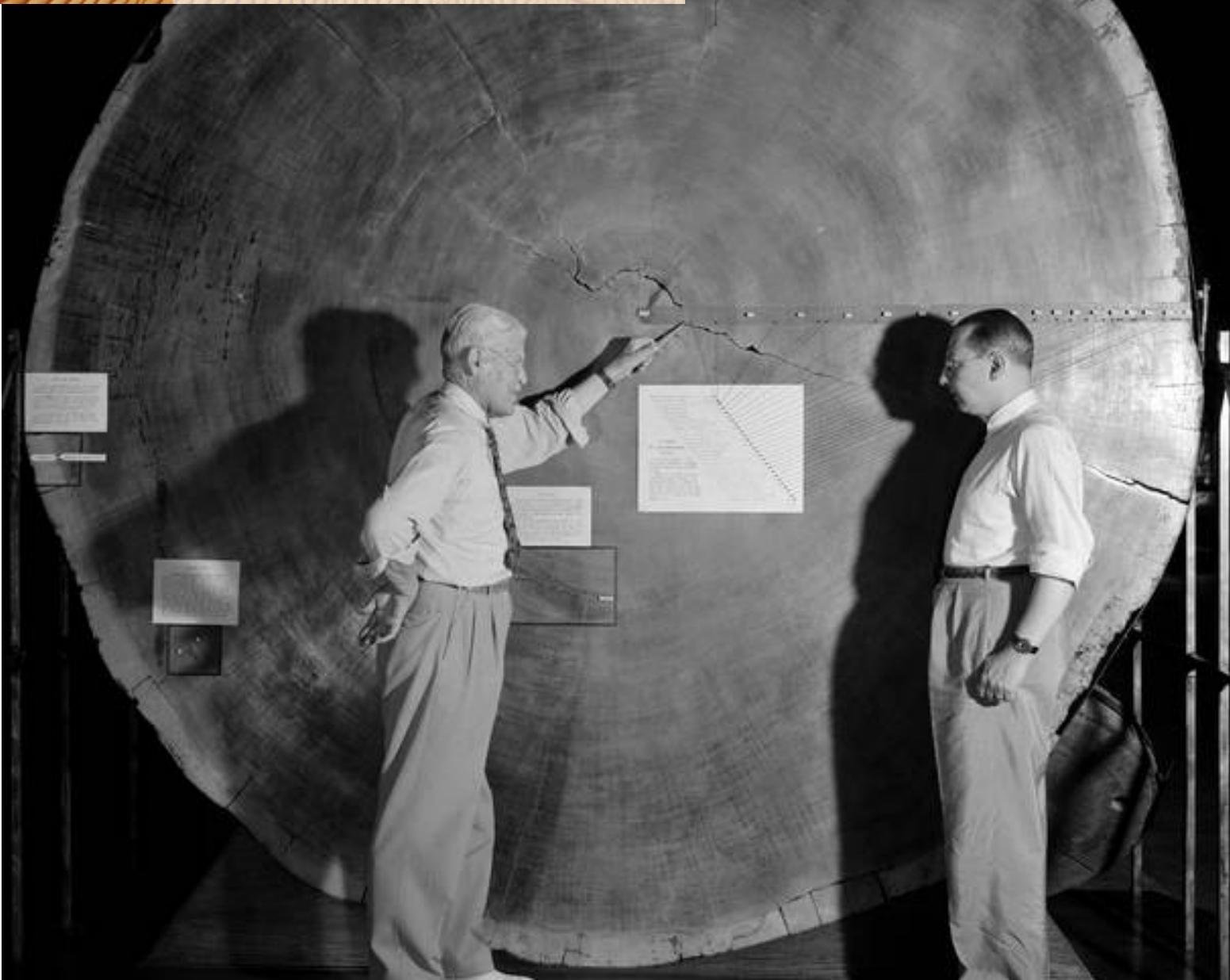
Para acceder a esta información no es necesario cortar el árbol,  
se saca una muestra con una herramienta especial, la barrena de Pressler



**Dendrocronología =** árbol + tiempo + ciencia

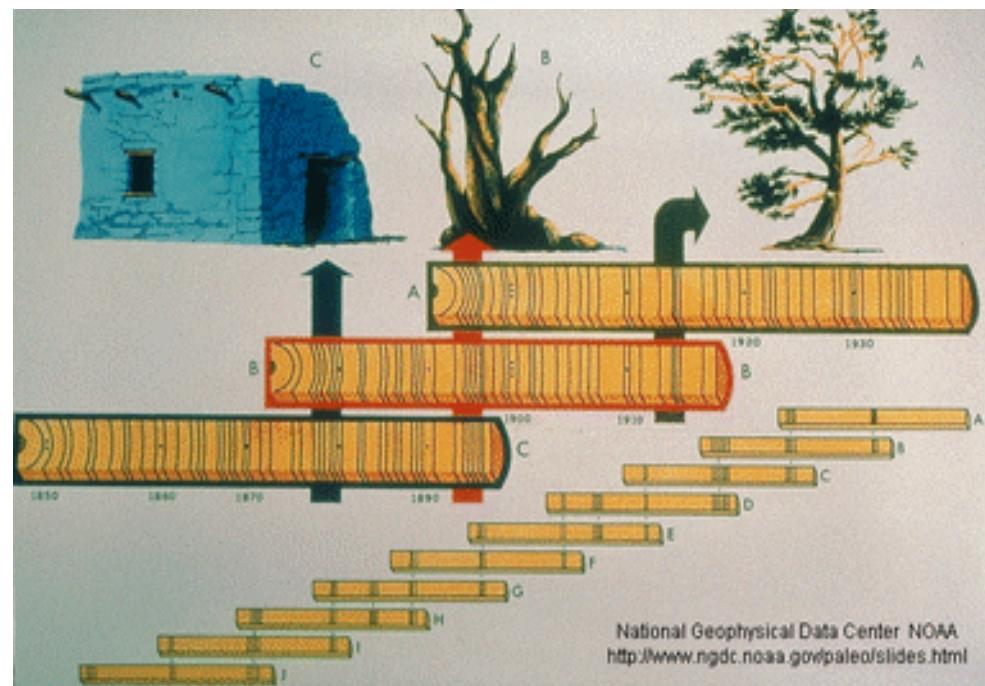
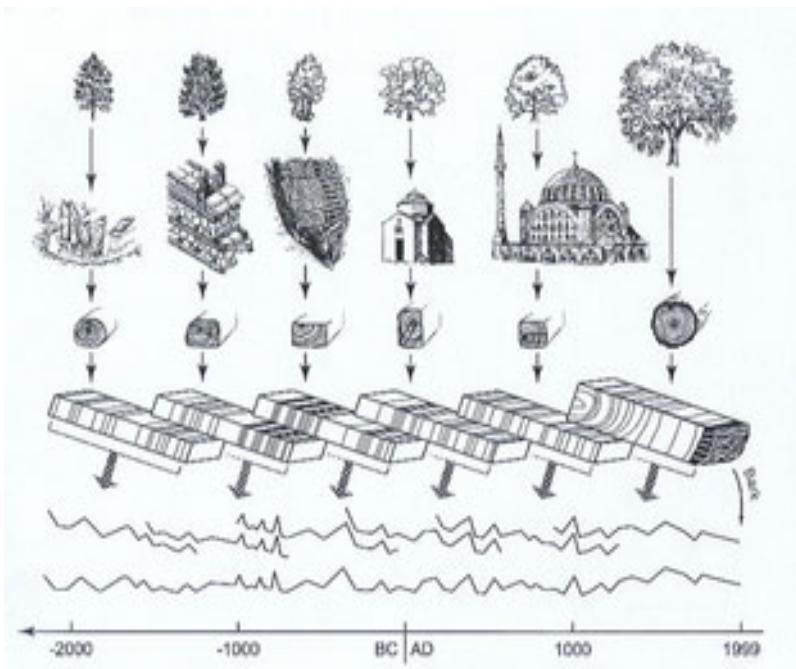
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# ¿Cómo lo hacemos? La datación cruzada.

La **DENDROCRONOLOGÍA** estudia los **anillos de crecimiento de los árboles** y de las plantas leñosas en zonas de clima estacional donde se forman un anillo por año. El estudio de los anillos de crecimiento permite reconstruir con resolución **ANUAL** eventos que han afectado al árbol durante su crecimiento: el clima, incendios, avalanchas, plagas, talas, etc. Los árboles vivos más viejos alcanzan los 5000 años de edad (*Pinus longaeva*). La datación cruzada ("cross-dating") o sincronización de muestras permite solapar series de grosor del anillo y alargar así las reconstrucciones dendrocronológicas en el tiempo hasta los últimos 10000 años.



# Anillos viajeros.

Meanwhile there is  
230 tree species fr  
Cancer in the no

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## Tree Ring

The International Tree-Ring Data Bank (ITRDB) is the world's largest archive of tree ring data, managed by NCDC's Paleoclimatology Branch and the World Data Center for Paleoclimatology. The ITRDB includes raw



No Blas, en algunas zonas **SÍ** los hay  
(bosques tropicales secos o inundados  
estacionalmente).

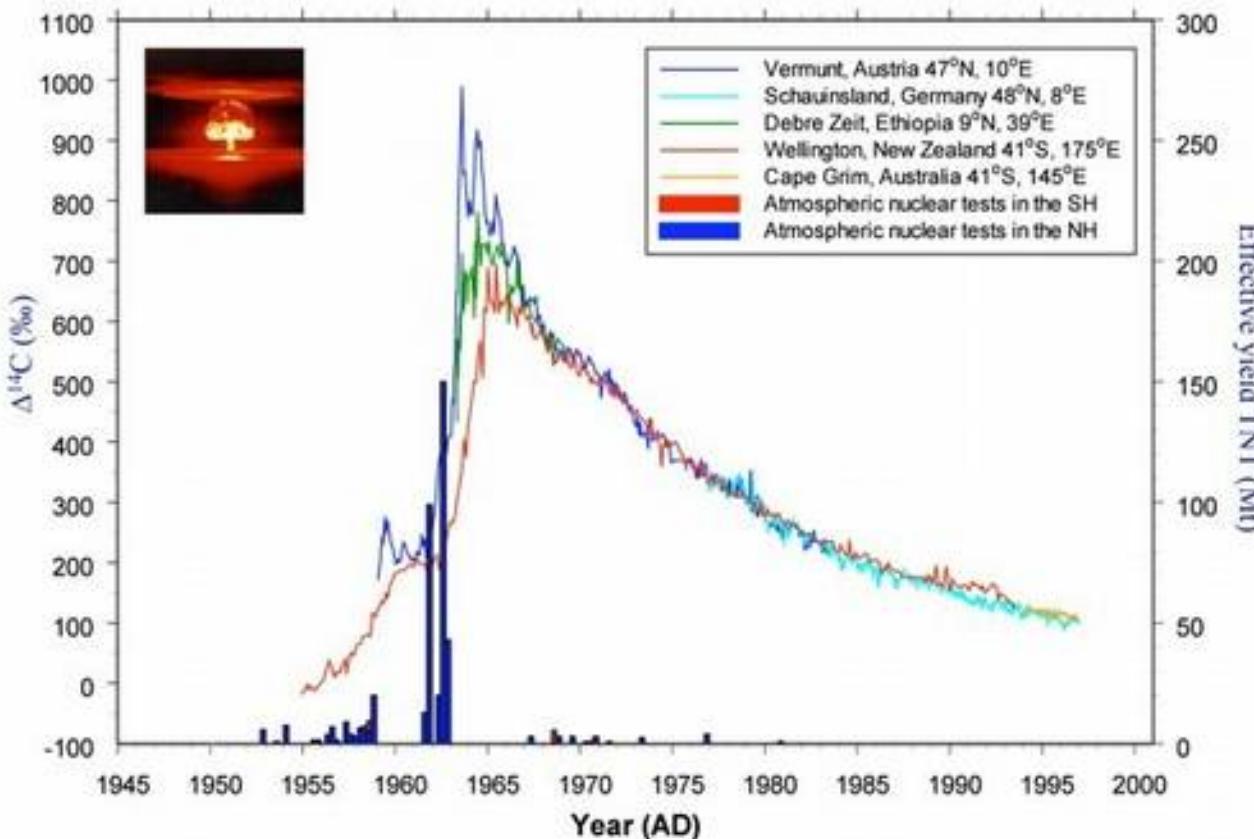
Epi, en los  
trópicos no  
hay ni  
estaciones  
ni anillos.





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Blas: podemos comparar nuestras dataciones basadas en anillos con otras indirectas basas en el descenso de  $^{14}\text{C}$  tras los ensayos nucleares de los años 50-60.



# ❖ ¿Y los olivos milenarios?

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The age of the olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane

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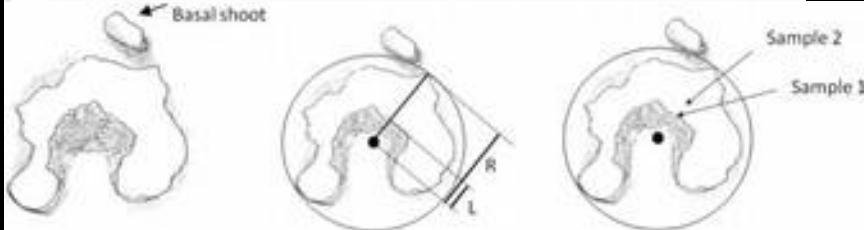
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**Highlights**

- The olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane were investigated to estimate their ages.
- The trees were examined using dendrological and dendrometric methods.
- A few samples were radiocarbon-dated with the wiggle matching technique.
- The olive trees analysed are of approximately the same age.
- The dated trees started life in the 12th century (the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem).



Taking samples for radiocarbon dating from tree no. 4. Cross-section at ground level. Determining the stem's shape. The dot in the centre indicates the presumed position of the pith, whereas the segment "L" denotes the missing wood in centre.

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Original article  
The age of monumental olive trees (*Olea europaea*) in northeastern Spain

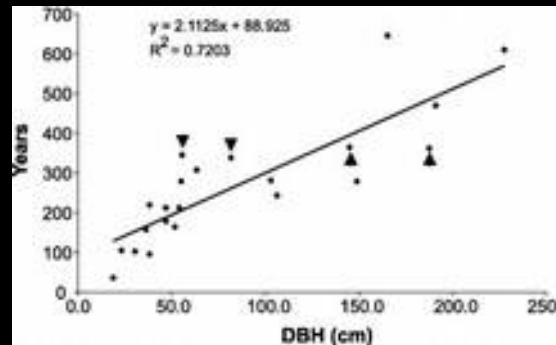
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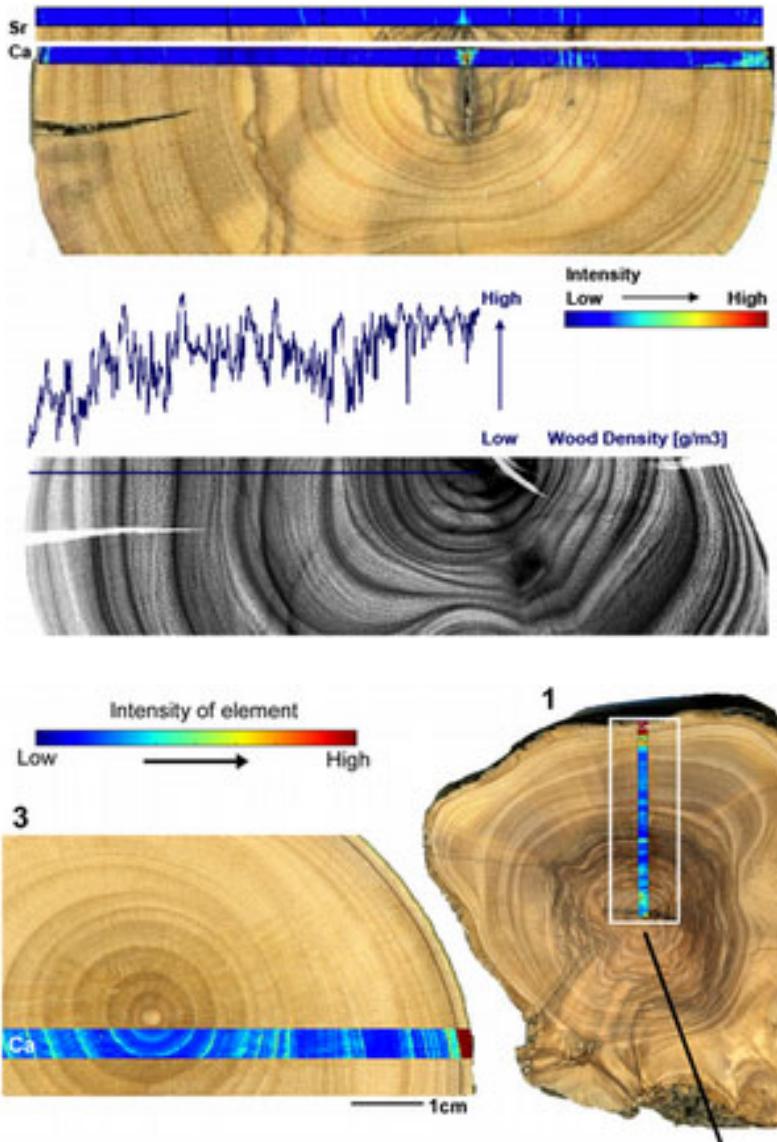
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**Abstract**

Trees can reach ages that in some cases amount to thousands of years. In the Mediterranean region, olive trees (*Olea europaea*) have traditionally been considered a particularly long-lived species. The main objective of this study was to assess the age of large olive trees considered to be millenarian and classified as monumental trees in northeastern Spain. We extracted cores of 14 individuals and obtained 8 sections of trees which had already been cut in the area where the largest olive trees in the northeastern Iberian Peninsula are found. The age of the sampled olive trees was assessed by counting the number of annual growth rings. Tree rings did not cross-date well, neither within nor between individuals, but boundaries between likely annual rings were clearly distinct. We found a linear relationship between DBH and tree age (in years) ( $\text{Age} = 2.11 \times \text{diameter(cm)} + 88.93$ ,  $R^2 = 0.80$ ), which was used to estimate the age of unsampled olive trees. The maximum estimated age ( $627 \pm 110$  years) is among the greatest ages reported for olive trees around the world (700 years) and among the oldest trees in Mediterranean ecosystems.



Regression function used to predict the age of trees (years) from their DBH (cm). This equation was obtained from 14 cores + 8 sections. Range of DBH values used was 37–645 cm. Points with an arrow indicate samples > 1 one center



Stem disc from sample E3 overlayed by a SXFM-profile. Content of calcium and strontium increases at the tree-ring borders. Below: Neutron Image of a section of the same sample (E3). Higher density peaks should reflect tree-ring borders but can also be induced by Intra-Annual-Density-Fluctuations, **making tree-ring dating impossible.**

Calcium intensity increases match visually determinable ‘boundaries’ with varying degrees of clarity depending on the physical structure of the wood. The main advantage of the mapping is the association of particular elements with that structure, not in providing an alternate means to resolve and count the years of growth represented

## ❖ ¿Y los olivos milenarios?

- Olive trees are a classic component of Mediterranean environments and some of them are known historically to be very old.
- Dendrochronological analyses of olive trees growing on the Aegean island Santorini (Greece) show that the determination of the number of tree-rings is impossible because of:
- intra-annual wood density fluctuations, variability in tree-ring boundary structure, and restriction of its cambial activity to shifting sectors of the circumference, causing the tree-ring sequences along radii of the same cross section to differ

Lo siento  
Epi, pero no  
usando los  
anillos de  
crecimiento.

¿Podemos  
saber la edad  
de los olivos?



## ❖ ¿Y la sabina albar?

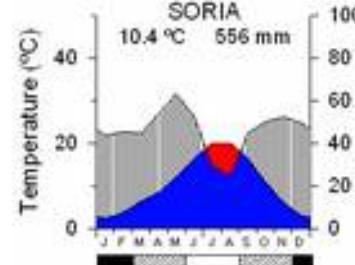
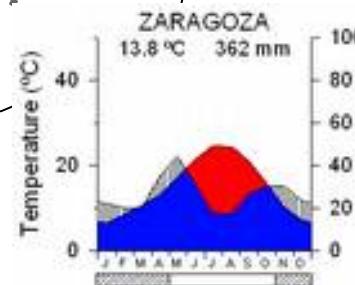
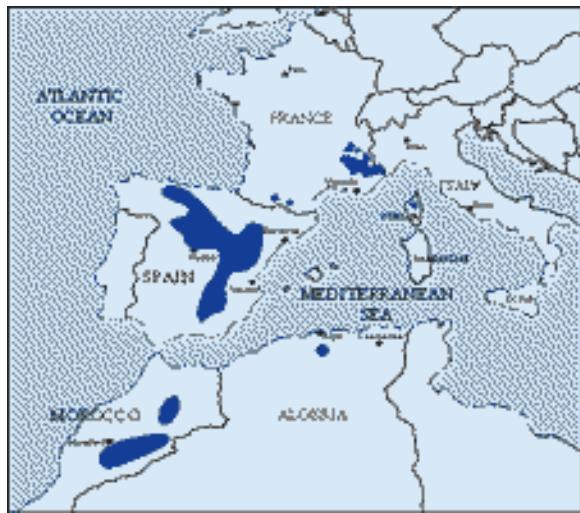


¡Sí Epi!  
Usando los  
anillos de  
crecimiento.

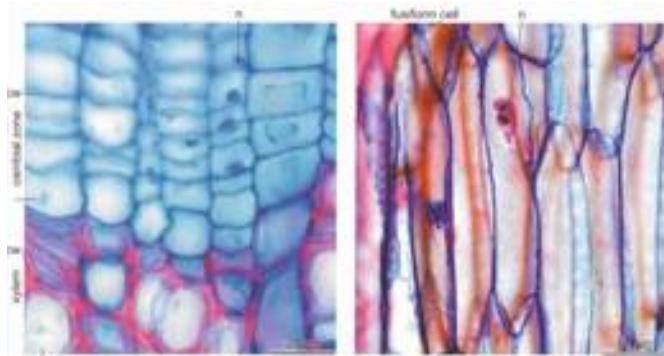
¿Podemos saber la  
edad de las sabinas?



# Sabina albar (*Juniperus thurifera*).



# Crecimiento intra-anual del anillo: *xilogénesis*.



Floema

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Xilema

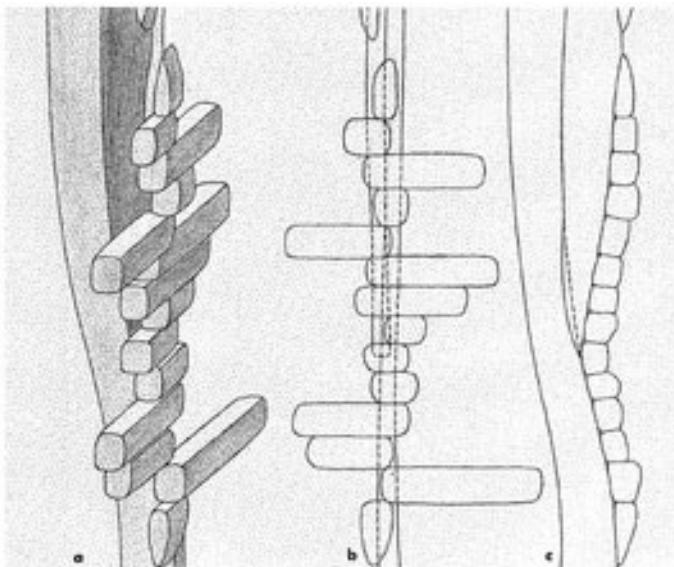
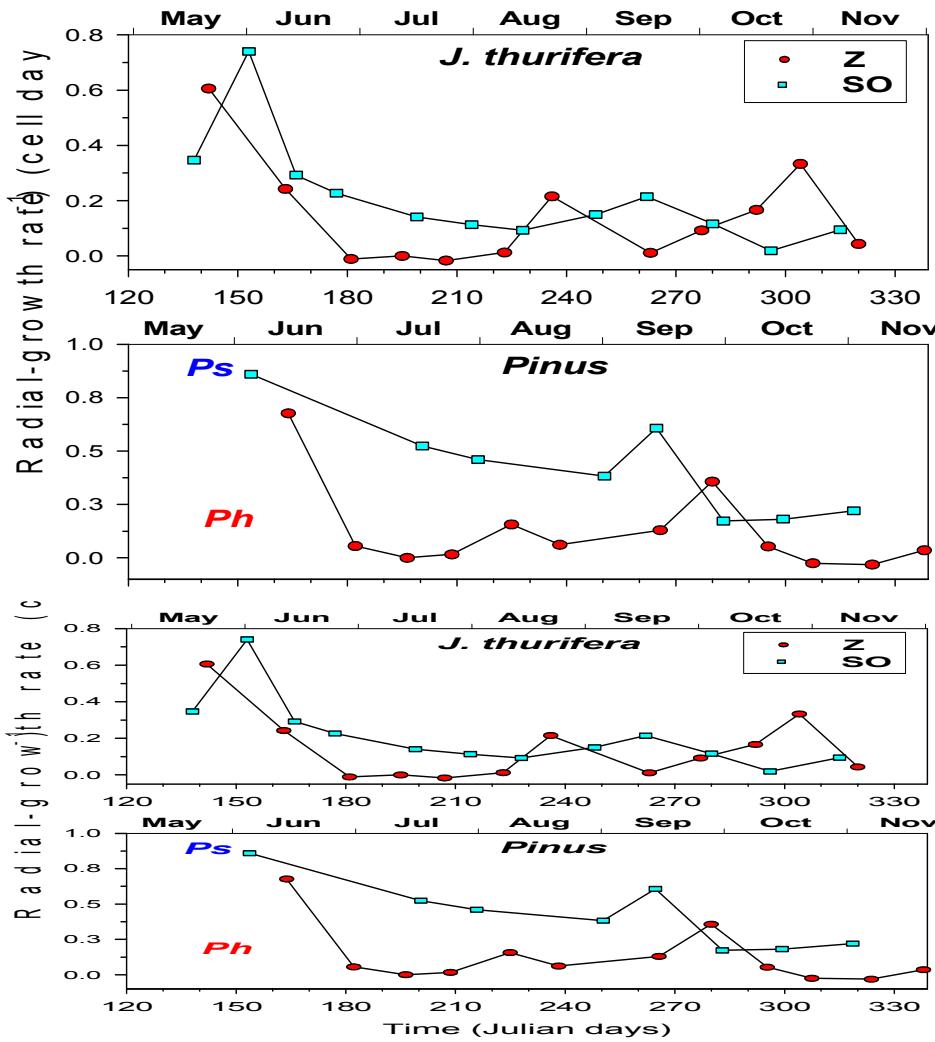


FIG. 11.—Model of cambium structure in the stem of species belonging to the family of Pinaceae which forms thick-walled epithelial cells in xylem. Three-dimensional aspect: a, radial; b, tangential; c, sectional view.

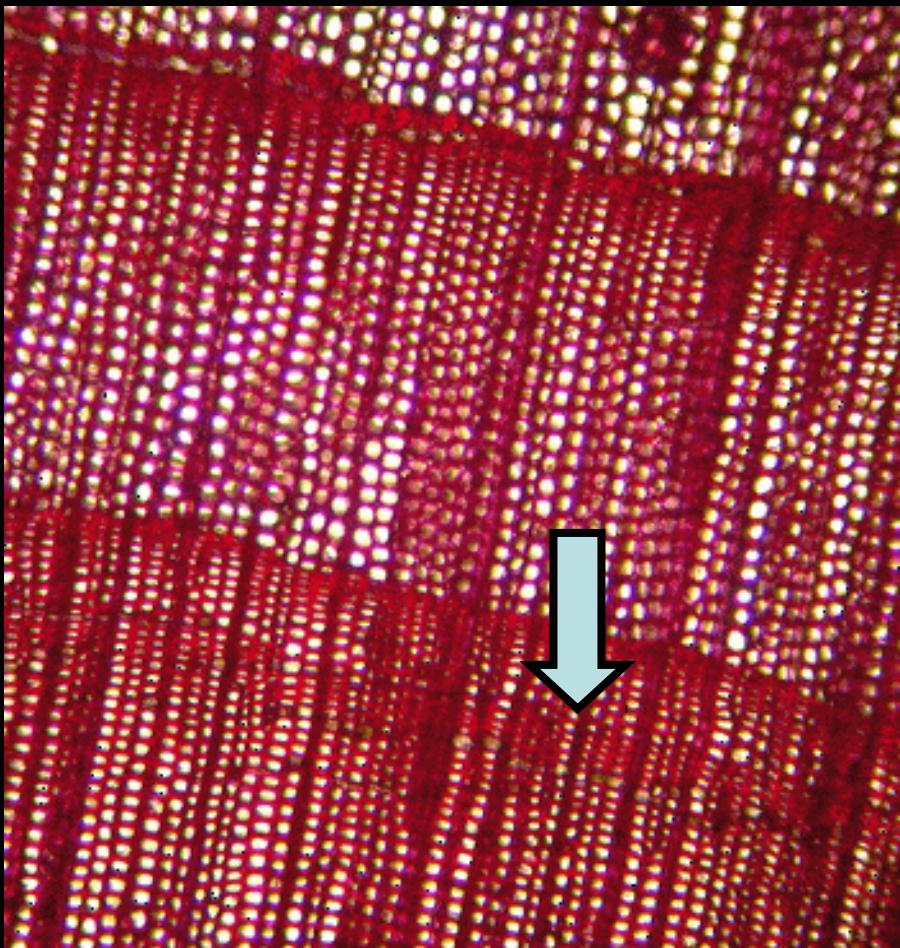
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# Crecimiento radial (células, traqueidas).

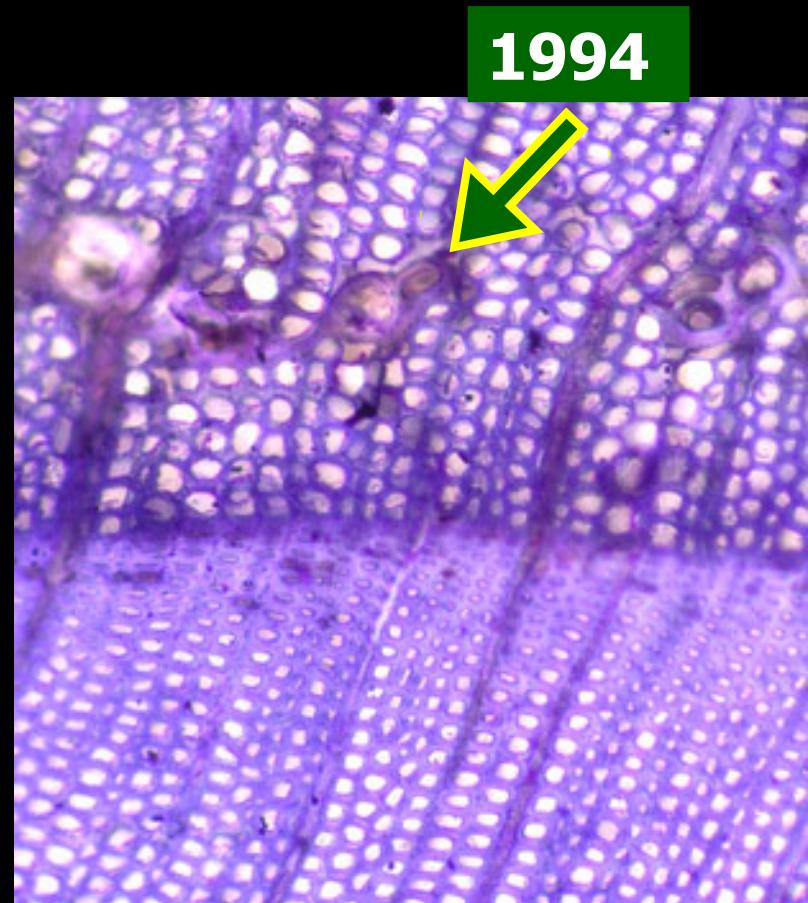
Tasas (células/días) N° células



# Anillo con FLUCTUACIÓN DE DENSIDAD



# Anillo de HELADA



# Muchas gracias / Moltes gràcies

