

# Histochemical studies in wood

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# **What is the microspectrophotometry?**

- Microscopic system with a spectrophotometric system
- Allowing qualitative and quantitative chemical analyses of microscopic specimen

# **Early development of microspectrophotometry**

**1904 Koehler; prototype of UV microscope (Zeiss)**

**1936 Caspersson; might be called “the father of  
microdensitometry and microspectrophotometry”**

**1947 Pollister and Ris; DNA content of nuclei**

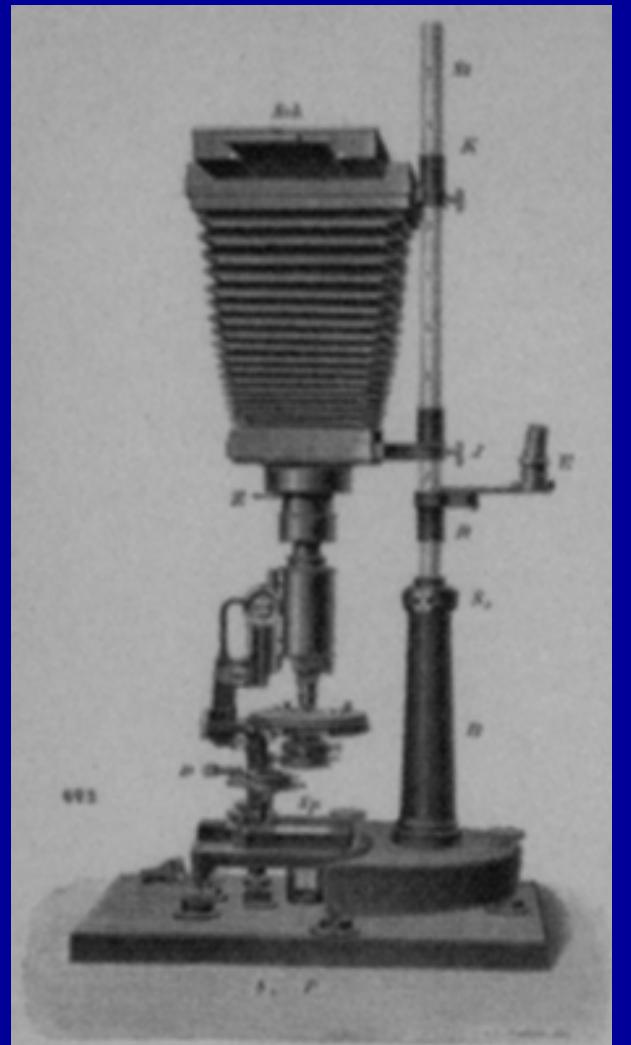
**1954 Olympus introduced model MSP**

**1959 Carl Zeiss followed with model UMSP I**

**1961 Leitz UV microscope**

# History of Zeiss MPM for UV-spectra range

- 1904 Prototype of UV- microscope (Koehler)
- 1959 UMSP I (XBO450W, Prism-M4Q III,  
Build-in Microscope)
- 1962 UV-Microscope (XBO450W, Prism-  
M4Q III, UNIVERSAL)
- 1970 MPM 01 (XBO150W, Prism-M4Q III,  
UNIVERSAL)
- 1972 SPM 05 (MPM 05, XBO150W, Prism-  
M4Q III, UNIVERSAL)
- 1977 MPM 03 (XBO150W, Prism-M4Q III,  
UNIVERSAL)
- 1985 UMSP 80 (XBO75W, Grating-Monochro.,  
AXIOPHOTO)
- 1992 MPM 800 (XBO75W, Grating-  
Monochro., AXIOTRONE)



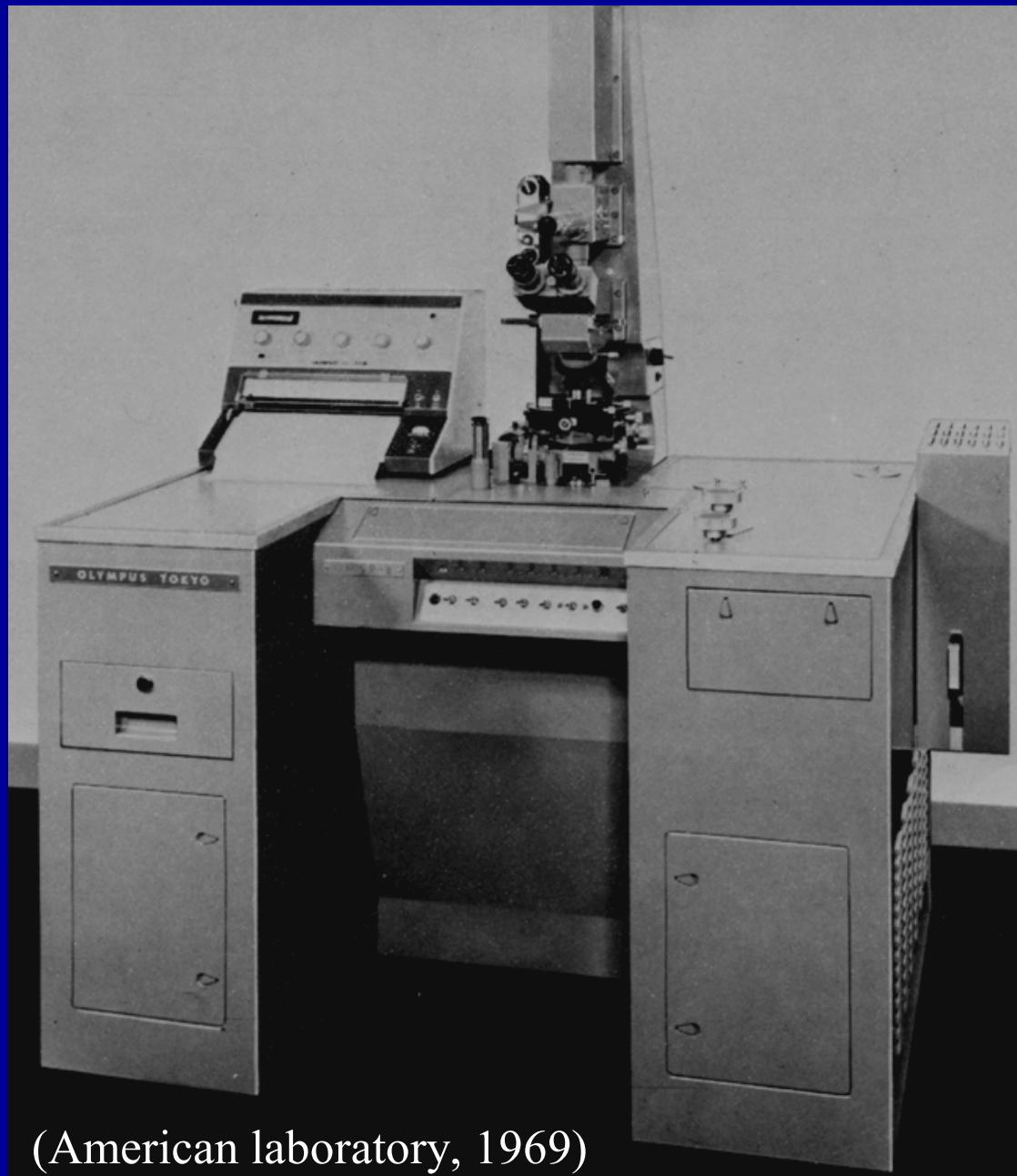
(UVM 1904)

# **The laboratory instruments in use (at Gifu Univ. and Hokkaido Univ.)**

- (1) Olympus MPM (MSP-ATV), 1962-1967**
- (2) Carl Zeiss MPM 01, 1971-1986**
- (3) Carl Zeiss UMSP 80, 1986-1995**
- (4) Carl Zeiss MPM 800, 1993-**
- (5) Carl Zeiss LSM-310 (confocal laser scanning microscope), 1993-**

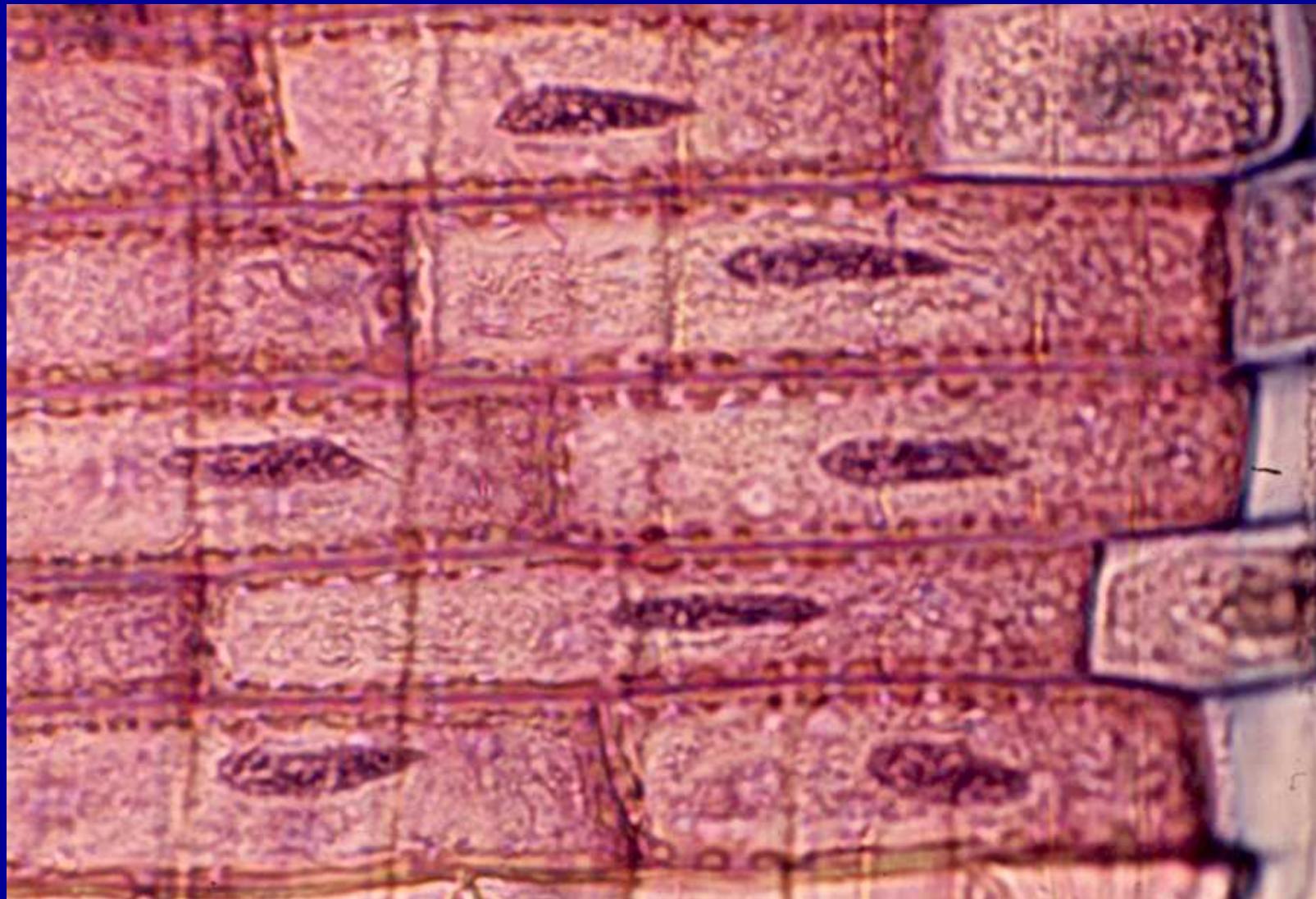
**\* also used Leitz UV microscope at PAPRICAN,  
Montreal, temporarily in 1979-1980**

# (1) Olympus MSP (MSP-ATV), 1962~1967



(American laboratory, 1969)

# Some observations on nucleus and DNA & RNA contents in ray parenchyma



Higuchi T., Fukazawa K. et al.: *J. Japan Wood Res. Soc. & others* (1964-1967)

## **Early papers for wood anatomy using UVM (1)**

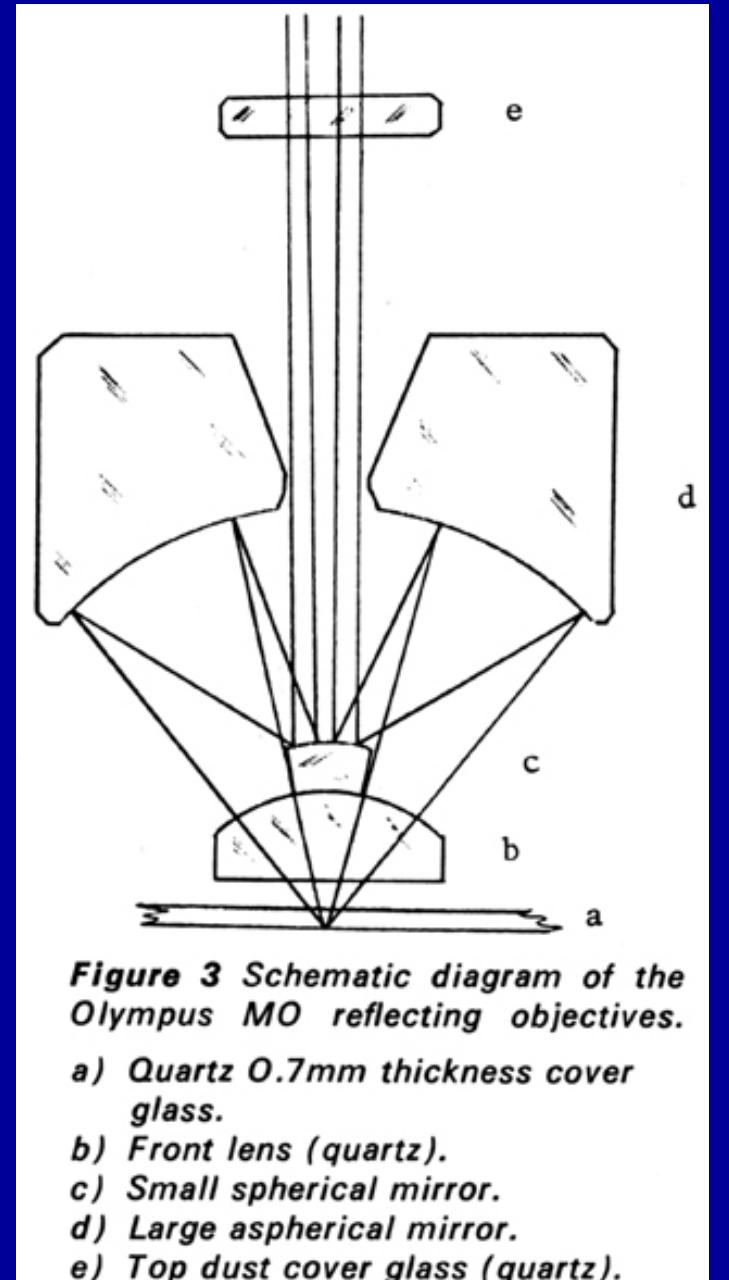
- Lange (1954) lignin content in the middle lamella and secondary wall from UV photos
- Wardrop (1957) lignification in differentiating xylem from UV photos
- Frey-Wysslings & Bossard (1959)
- Wergin (1965) unusual lignin distribution in compression wood from UV photos (Zeiss UMSP1)
- Jayme et al. (1967) topochemistry of delignification in pulping from Leitz UVM

## Reflecting objectives:

- Transmission is over wide range
- Glare is reduced through the use of aspherical mirror
- Aperture is small, therefore, desirable for microphotometry
- Refocusing is not required from the focus in visible light

## Refracting achromats:

- Difficult to design for transmission between 240-300 nm
- Low transmission
- Glare
- Slight refocusing is required in the UV region



**Figure 3** Schematic diagram of the Olympus MO reflecting objectives.

- a) Quartz 0.7mm thickness cover glass.
- b) Front lens (quartz).
- c) Small spherical mirror.
- d) Large aspherical mirror.
- e) Top dust cover glass (quartz).

From literature of Olympus Co.  
(Schlueter 1969)

## **Reflecting objectives (mirror type)**

**Low quality of central image formation; due to the arrangement of spherical and aspheric mirror**

**Low image quality; due to the spherical aberration**

**Low N.A.; not exceeding 0.7-0.8**

**Shock susceptibility**

## **Ultrafluar (Zeiss refracting objectives)**

**Excellent image quality**

**High resolving power (2 times of reflecting objectives on N.A. 1.25)**

**Transmission;  $\lambda$  250nm; ca.50% (32/0.40), ca.40% (100/1.25)**

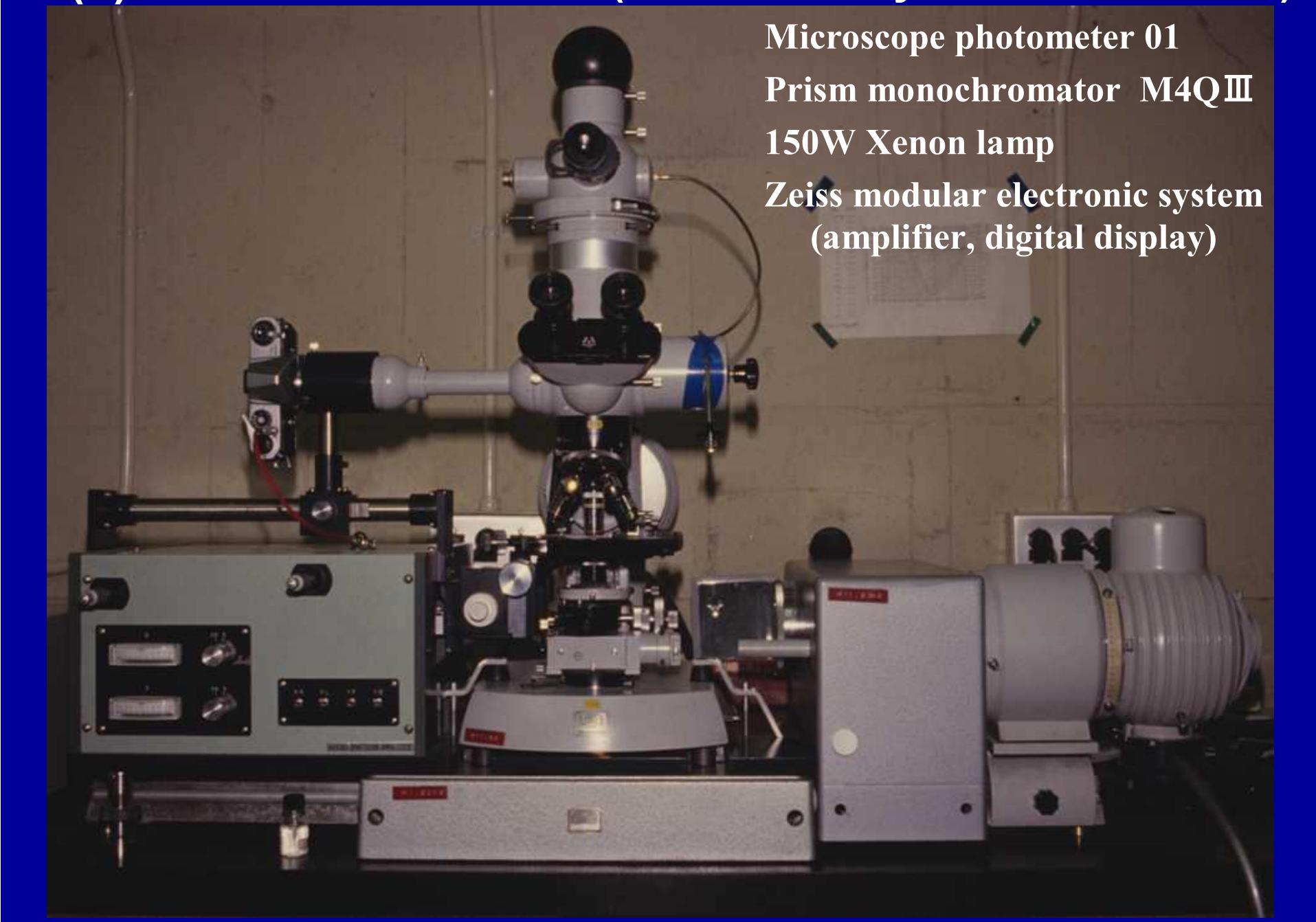
**$\lambda$  280nm; ca.60% (32/0.40), ca.50% (100/1.25)**

**Focal length;  $\lambda$  285nm; 6.0 mm (32/0.40), 1.77 mm (100/1.25)**

**$\lambda$  546nm; 6.4 mm (32/0.40), 2.00 mm (100/1.25)**

*(From Zeiss information)*

## (2) Carl Zeiss MPM 01 (the laboratory use in 1971-1986)



Microscope photometer 01

Prism monochromator M4Q III

150W Xenon lamp

Zeiss modular electronic system  
(amplifier, digital display)

# Leitz UV microscope

150W Xenon lamp (Osram)

Linear mirror monochromator

Illuminating system (a quartz collimator and two quartz lenses  
for adjustment in order to preserve the image conditions  
at each wavelength)

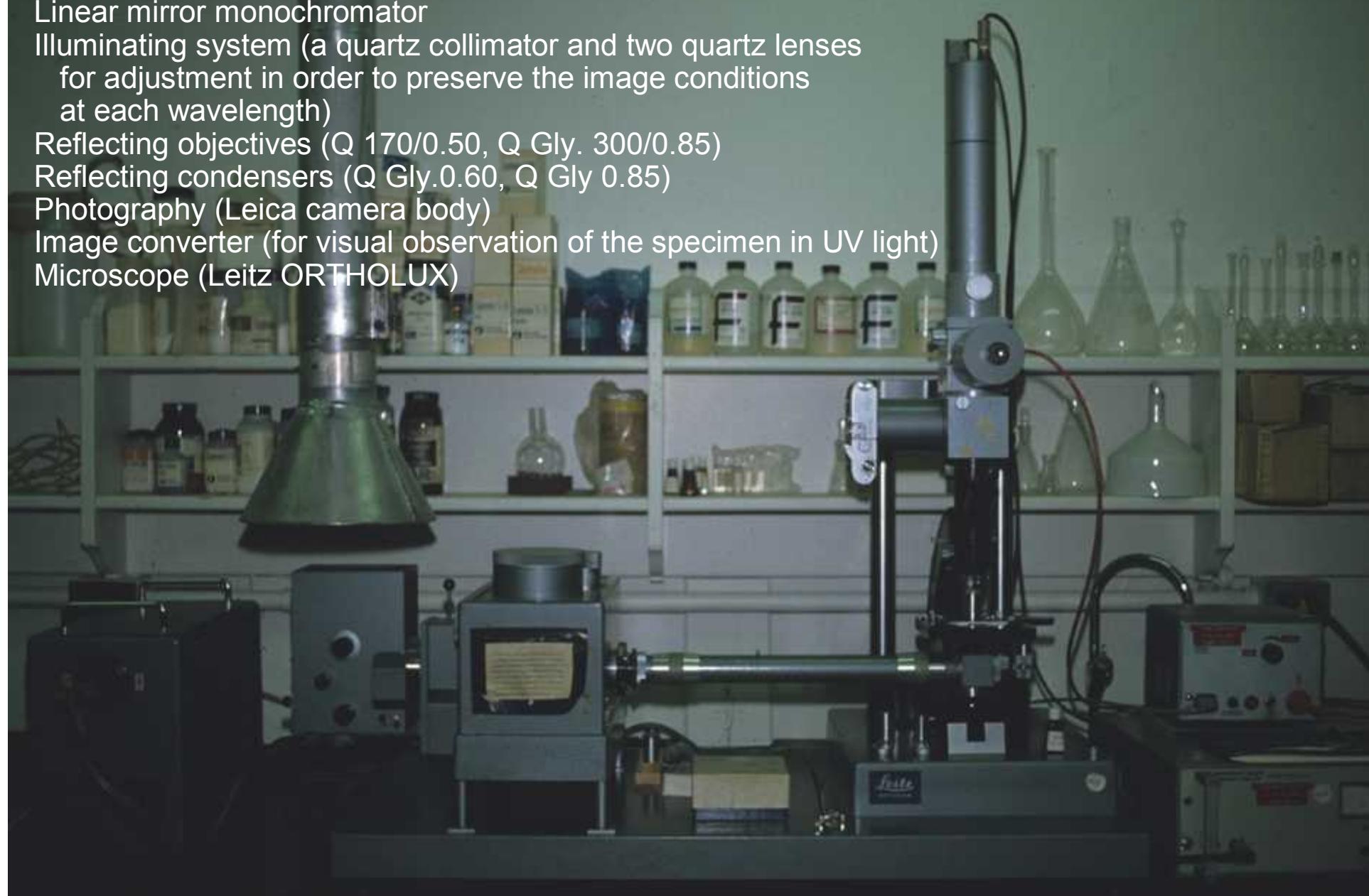
Reflecting objectives (Q 170/0.50, Q Gly. 300/0.85)

Reflecting condensers (Q Gly.0.60, Q Gly 0.85)

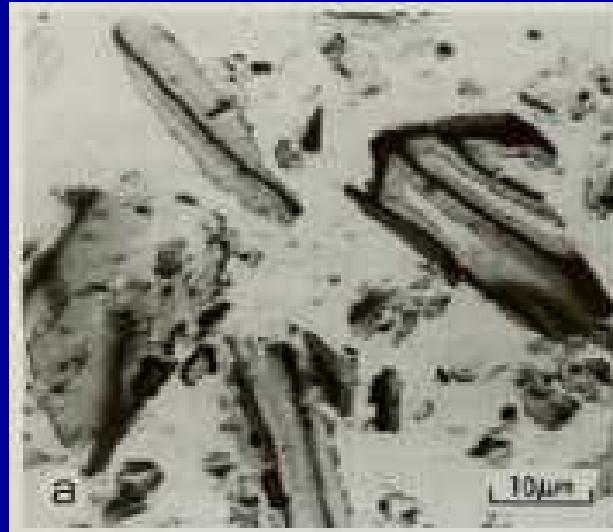
Photography (Leica camera body)

Image converter (for visual observation of the specimen in UV light)

Microscope (Leitz ORTHOLUX)



# UV photomicrograph of sample after ball milling, before and after enzyme treatment (1)

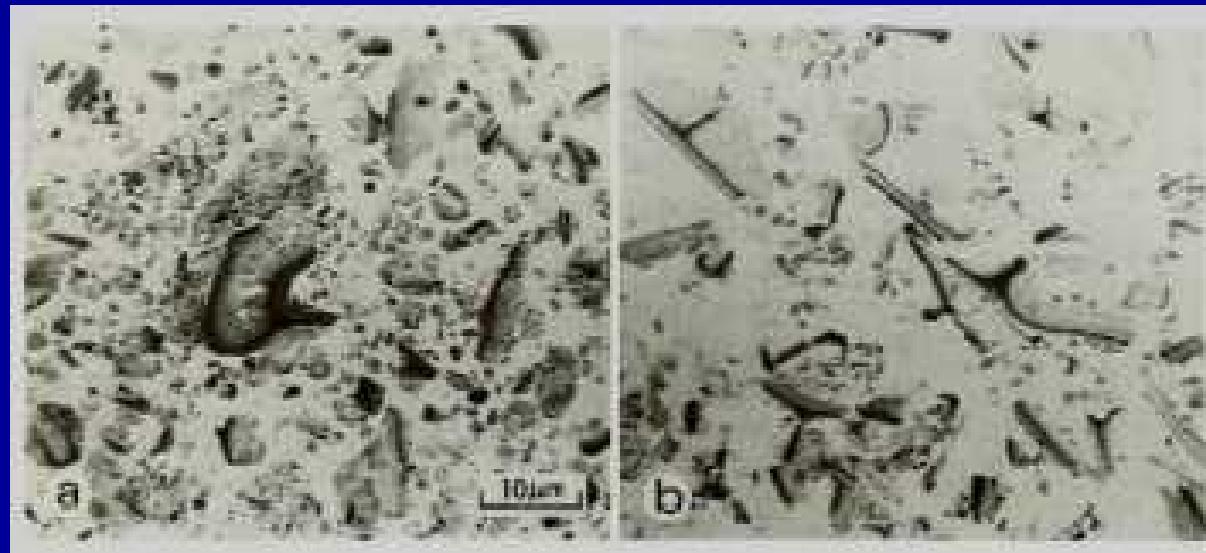


one day

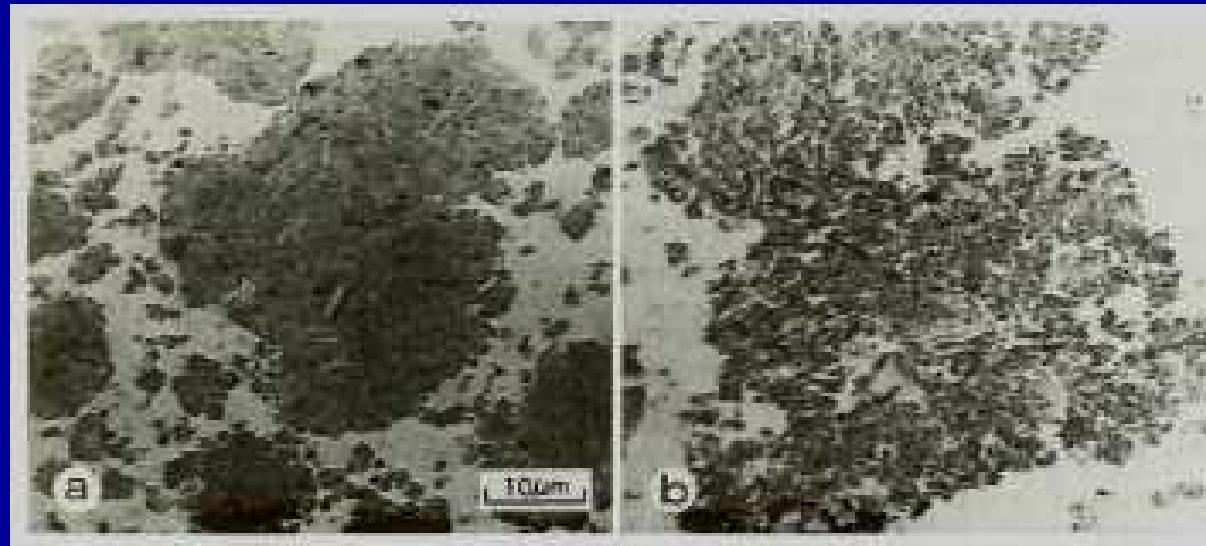


two days

## UV photomicrograph of sample after ball milling, before and after enzyme treatment (2)

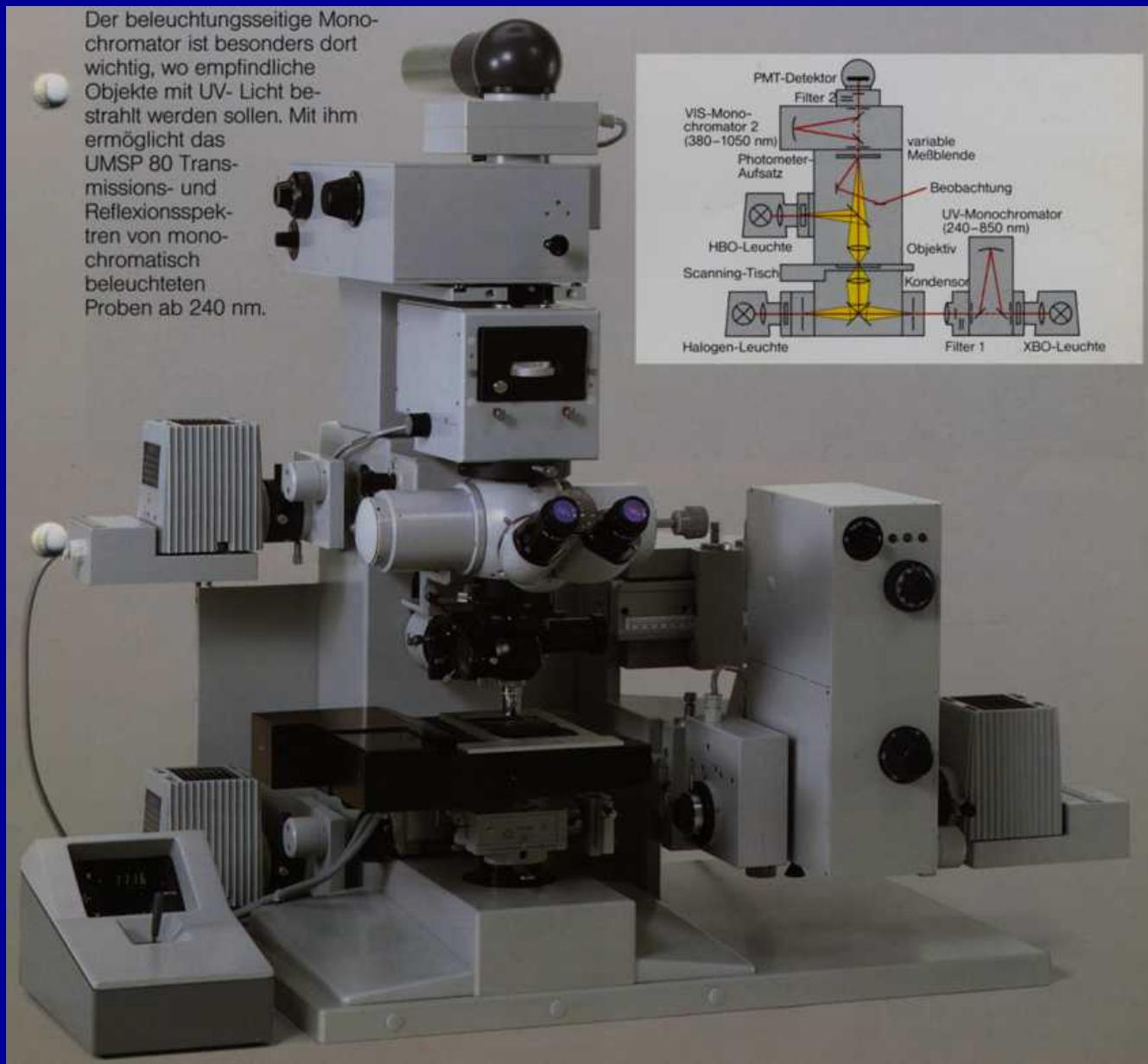


three days



ten days

### (3) Carl Zeiss UMSP 80 (the laboratory use in 1986-1995)



(Carl Zeiss catalogue)

## (4) Carl Zeiss MSM 800 (the laboratory use in 1993- )



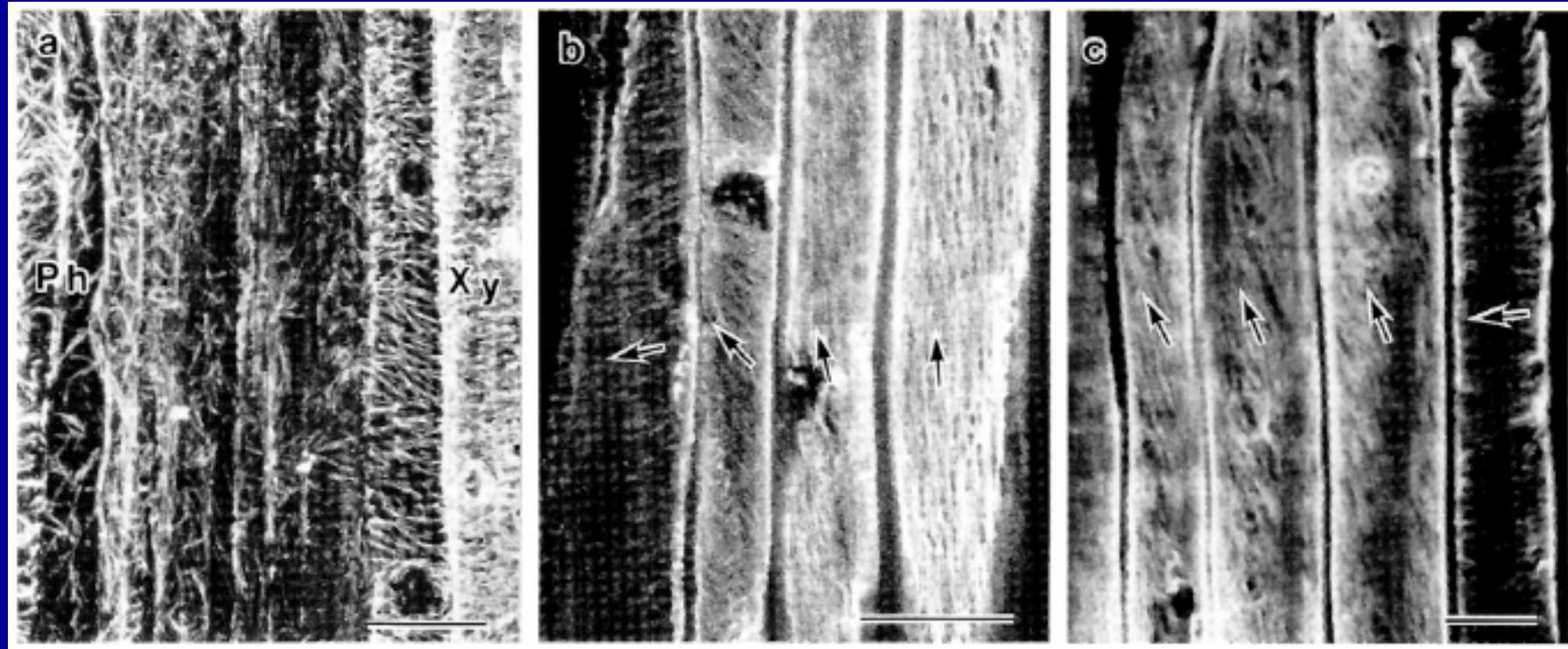
(Carl Zeiss catalogue)

## (5) Carl Zeiss LSM-310 (confocal laser scanning microscope, the laboratory use in 1993- ) (1)

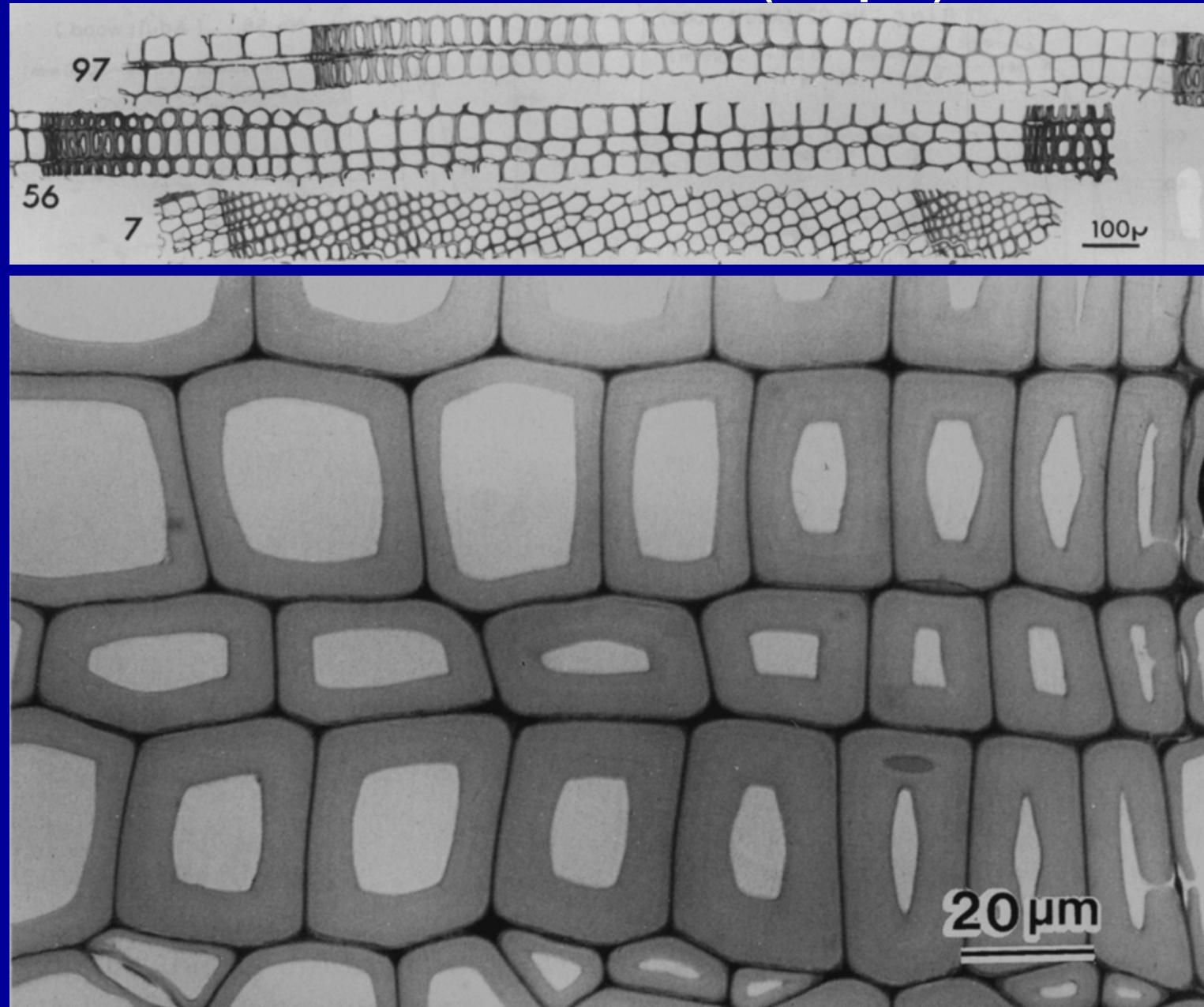


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# Dynamic changes of the arrangement of cortical microtubules



## Section thickness (0.5 µm)

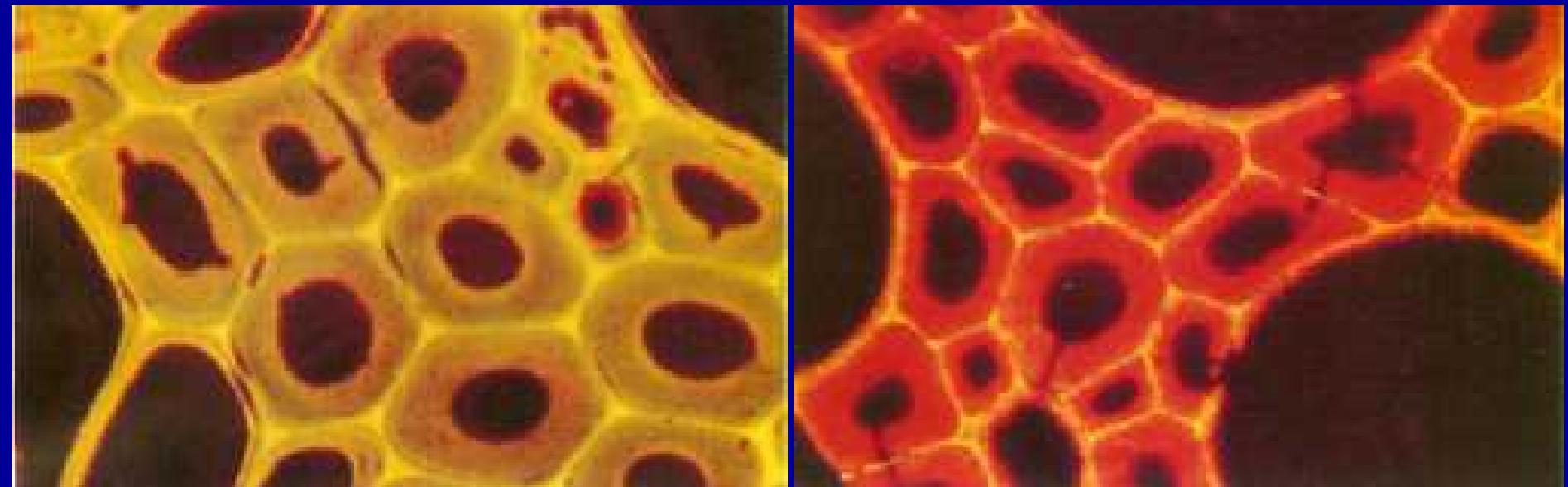


Takano T. et al.: *Res. Bull. Exp. For. Hokkaido Univ.* (1983)

# **Specific stain for wood sections**

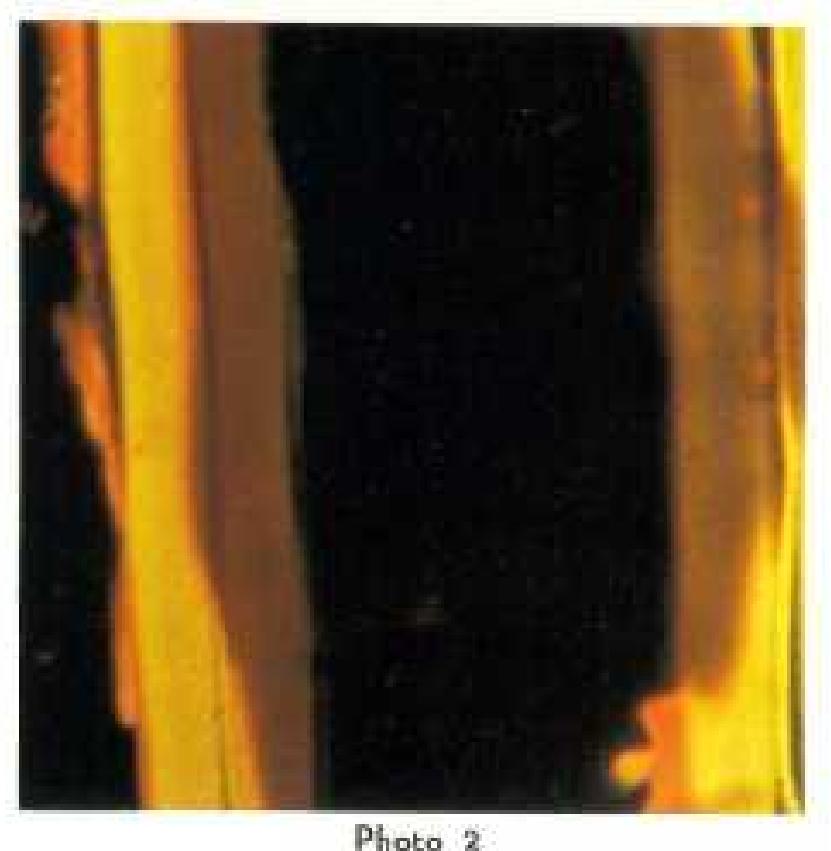
- **Basic dyes**  
safranin, basic fuchsin, toluidine blue O, methylen blue, nile blue, etc.
- **Acidic dyes**  
fast green, acid fuchsin, etc.
- **Metachromatic dyes**  
toluidin blue, etc.
- **Fluorochrome and metachromatic dyes**  
acridine orange etc.
- **Wiesner color reaction**
- **Mäule color reaction**

# Fluorochrome & metachromatic dyes: acridine orange (2)



Beech wood fibers in an early stage of decay by white rot  
and brown rot

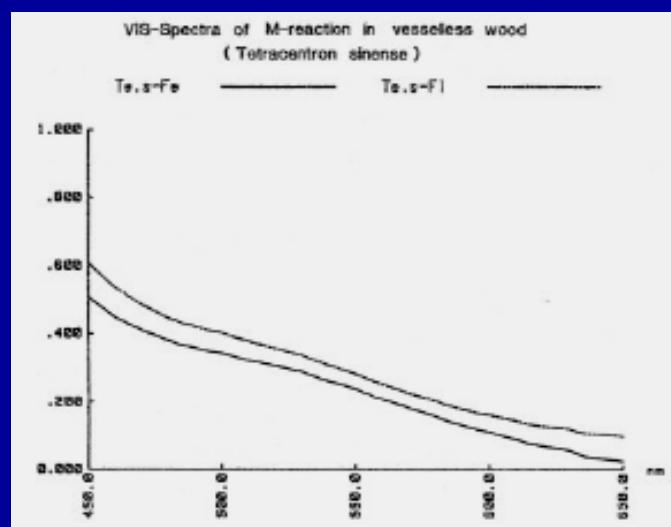
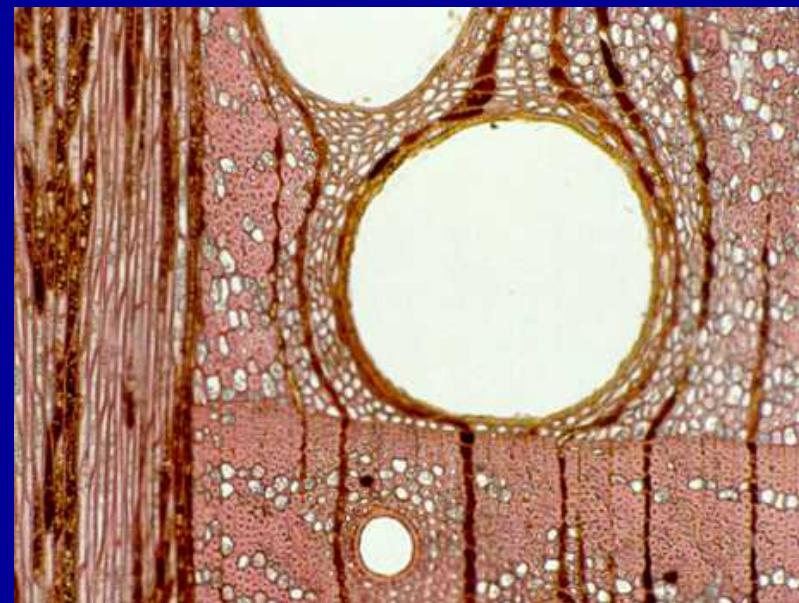
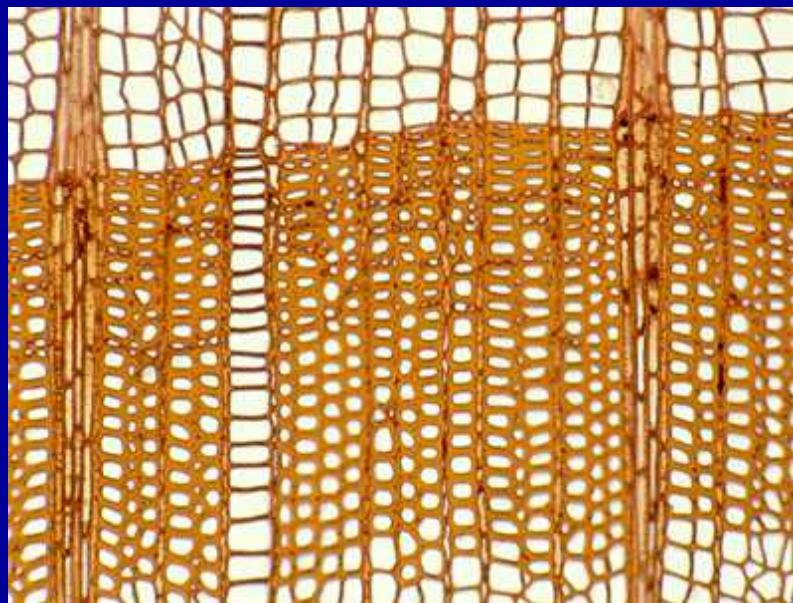
# Fluorochrome & metachromatic dyes: acridine orange (3)



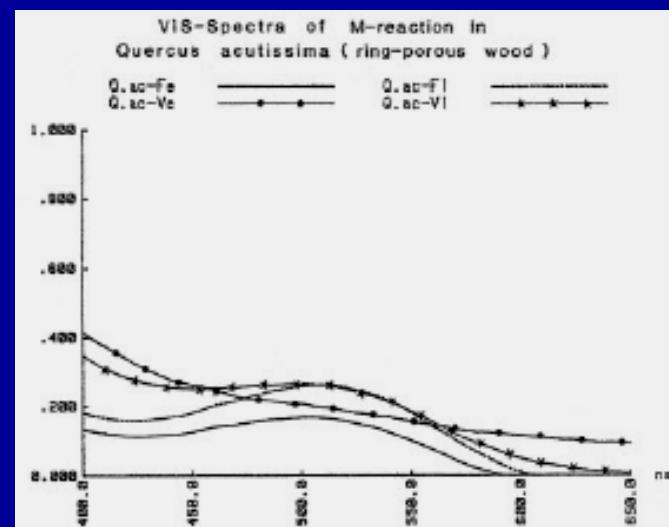
Tracheid walls decayed by white rot fungi

Yamashita Y. et al.: *Res. Bull. Exp. For. Hokkaido Univ.* (1977-79)

# Mäule color reaction



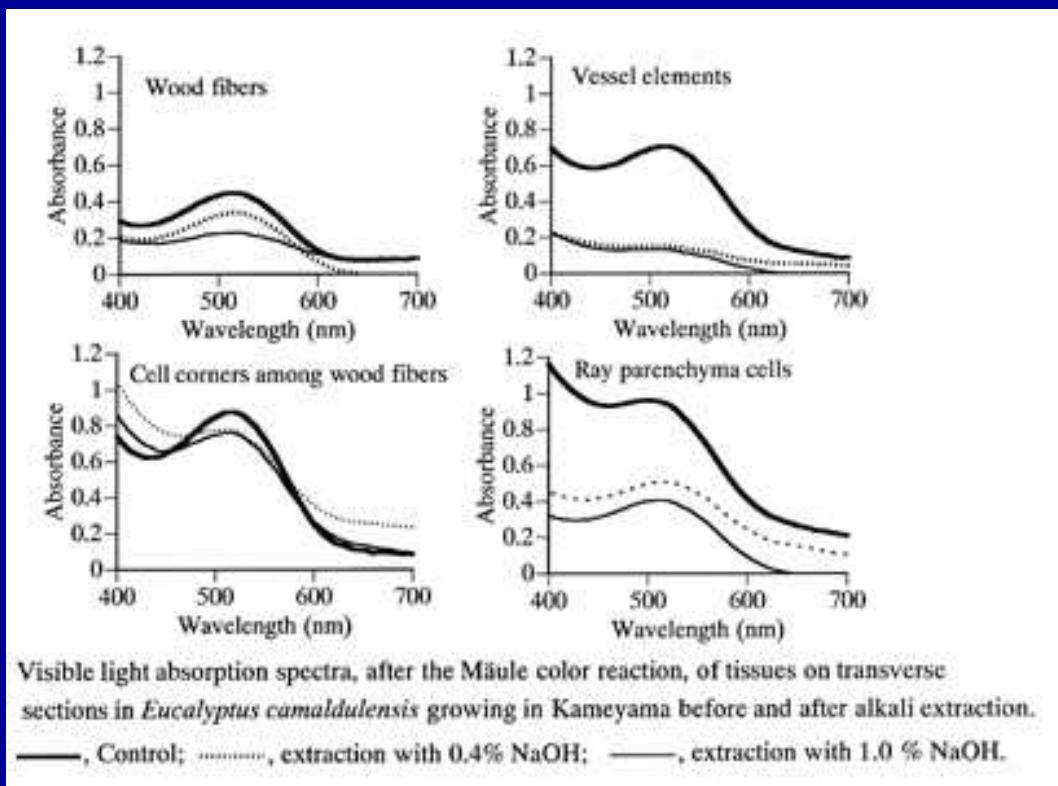
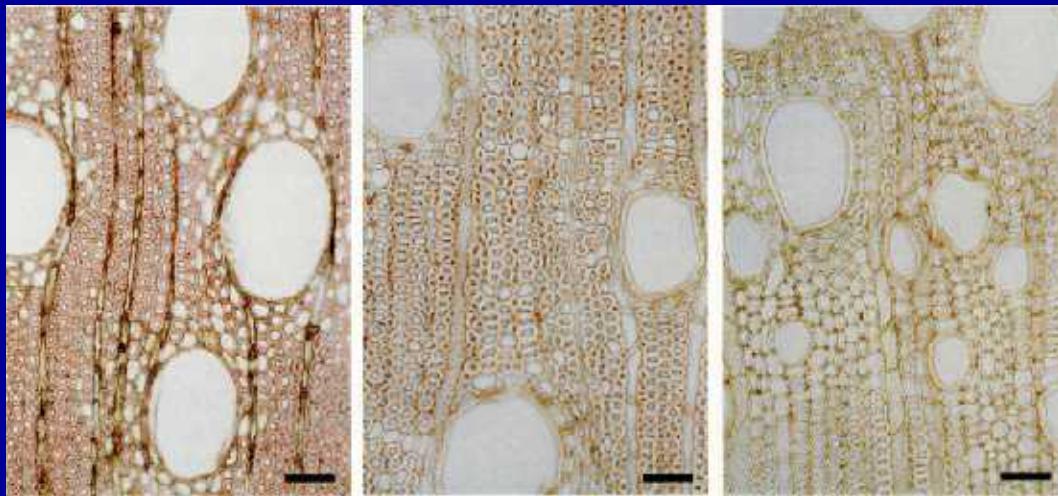
*Tetracentron sinense*



*Quercus acutissima*

Wu J. et al.: *Holzforschung* (1992)

# Influence of wood extractives on Mäule color reactions



*E. camaldulensis:*  
control, 0.4 % NaOH  
and 1.0 % NaOH

Watanabe Y. et al.:  
*Mokuzai Gakkaishi* (1997)

# Influence of wood extractives on UV microscopy for lignin determination

Bland & Hillis (1962, 1969)

*Eucalyptus* species

Imagawa & Fukazawa (1978)

*Larix* species

Wu et al. (1959)

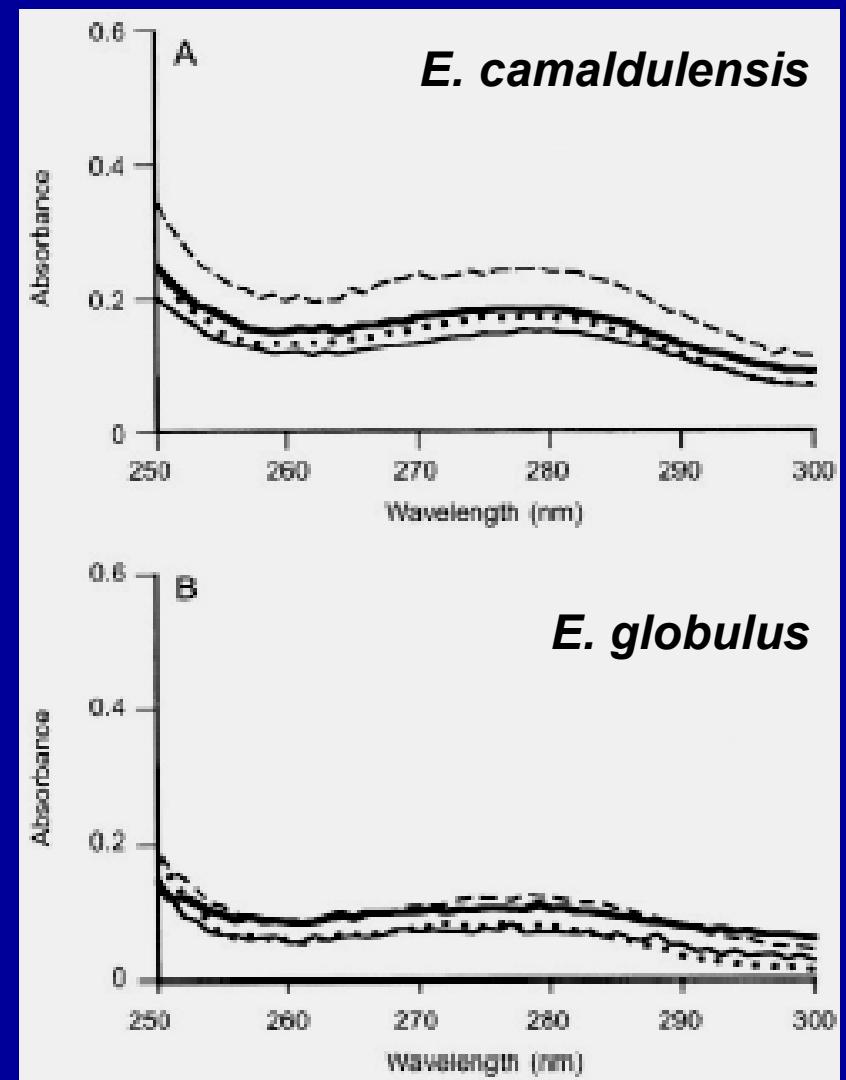
Tropical hardwoods

Kleist & Bauch (2001)

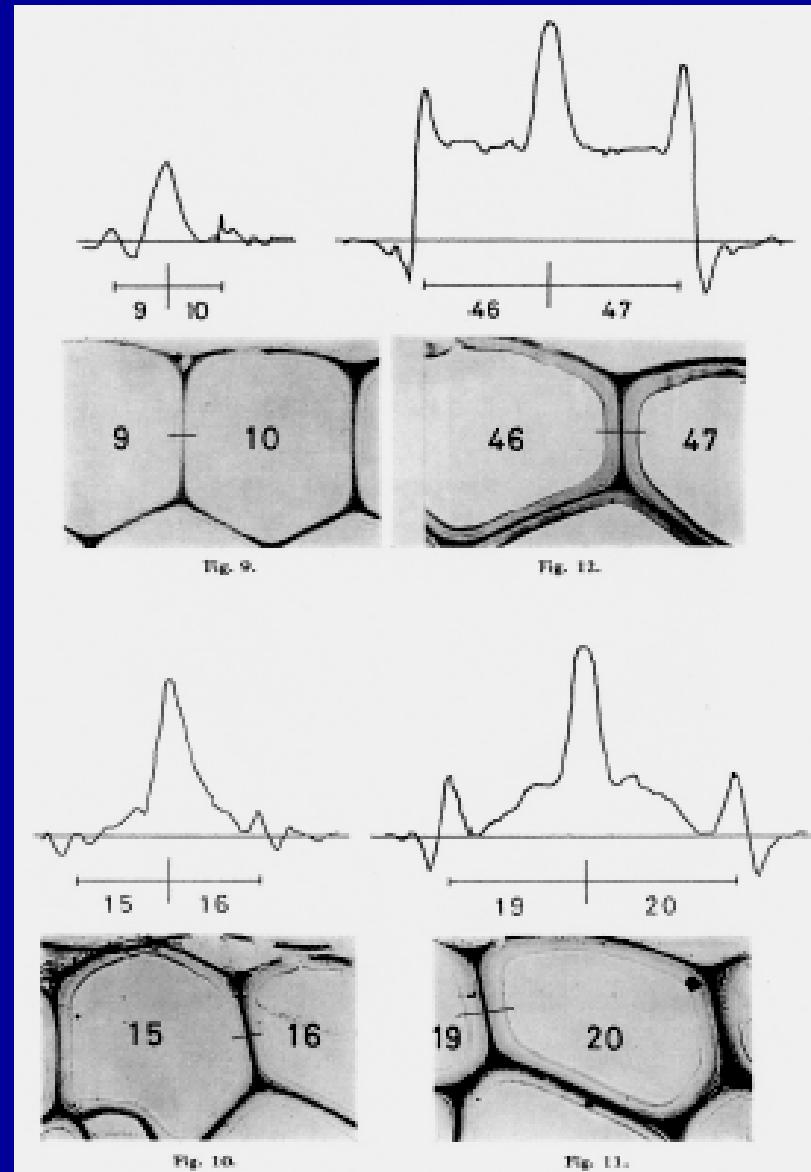
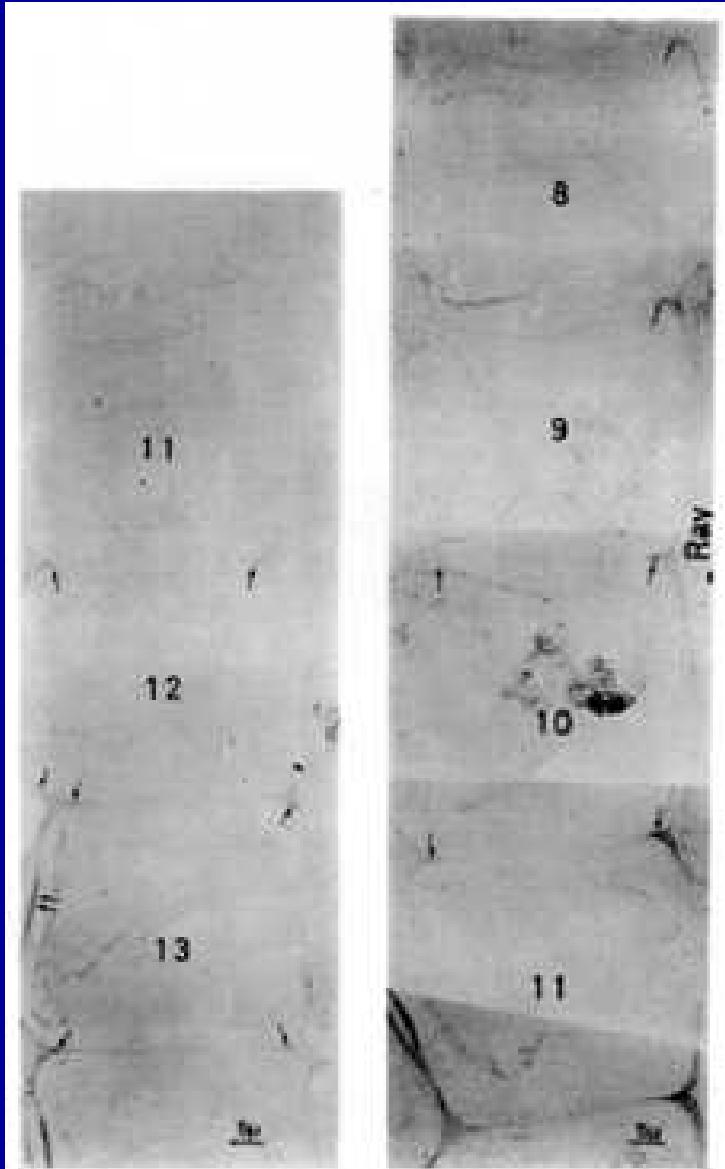
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Watanabe et al. (1997, 2004)

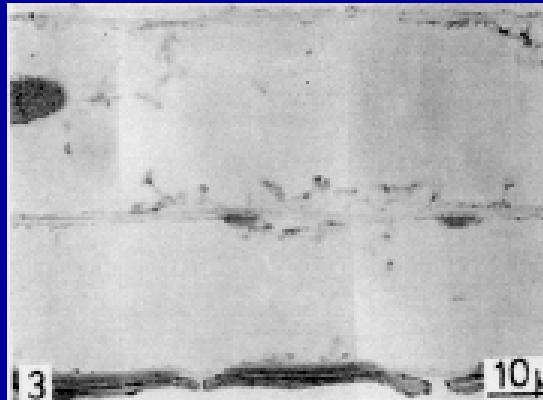
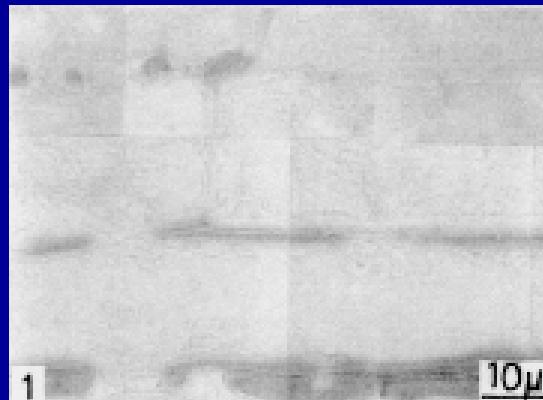
*Eucalyptus* species



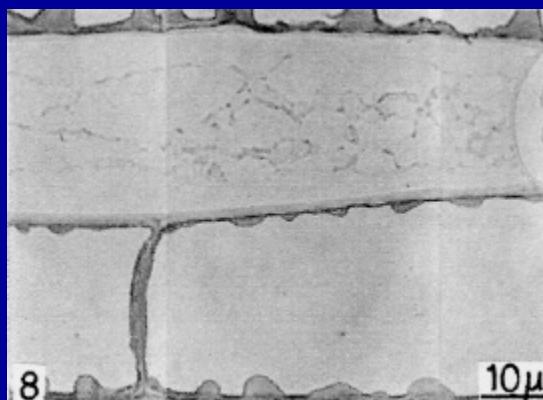
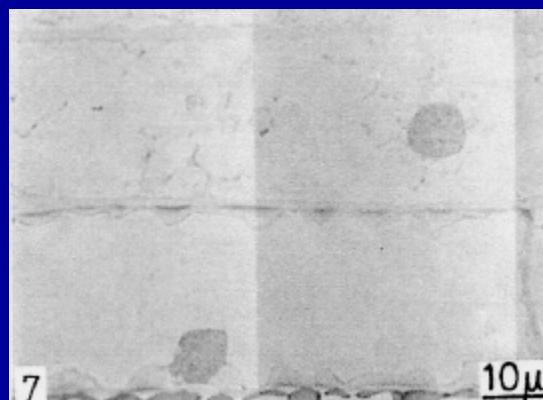
# Lignification at cambial zone (1)



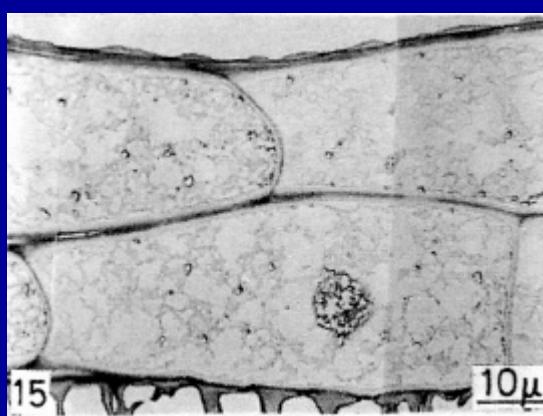
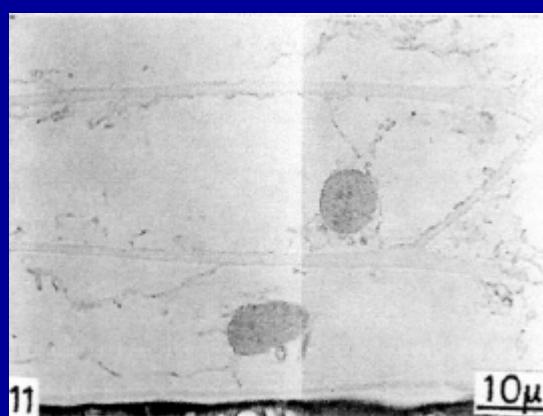
# Lignification of ray parenchyma in *Pinus*



Type A  
outermost sapwood

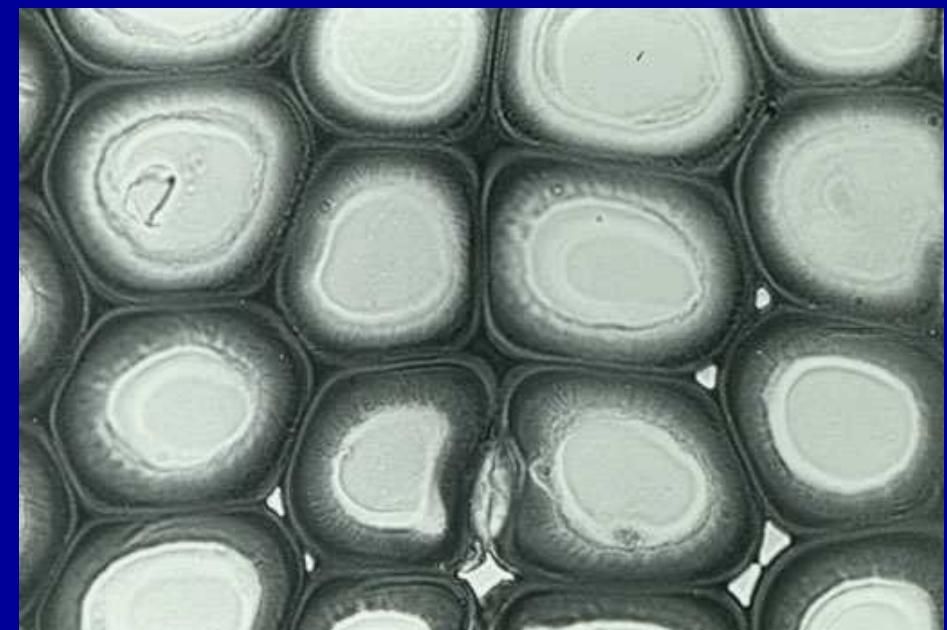
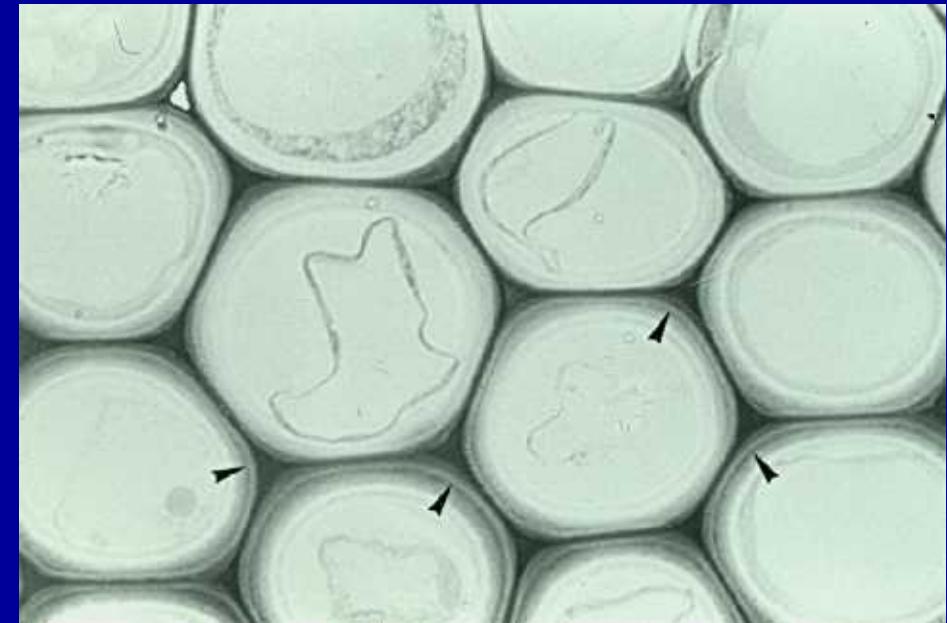
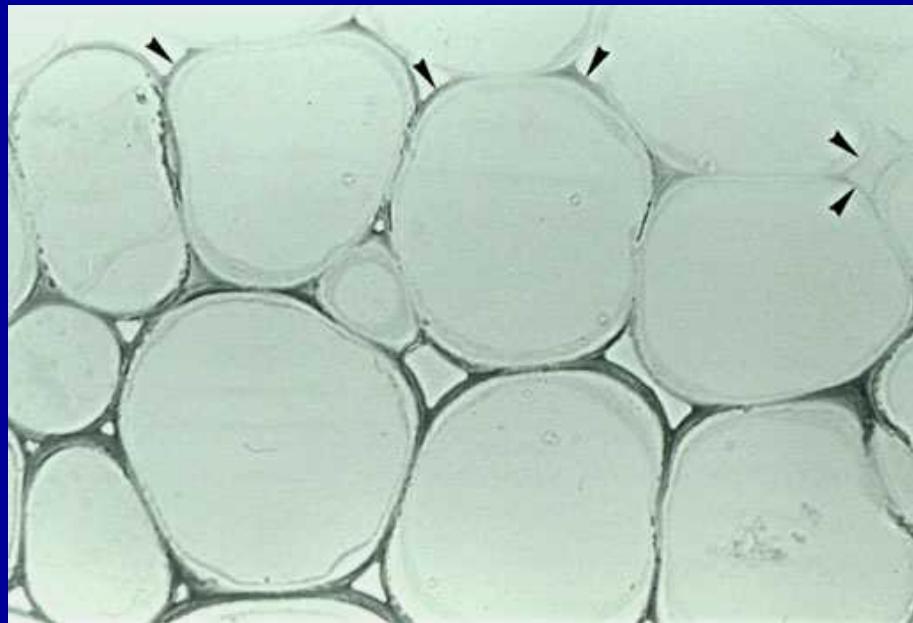


Type B  
intermediate wood



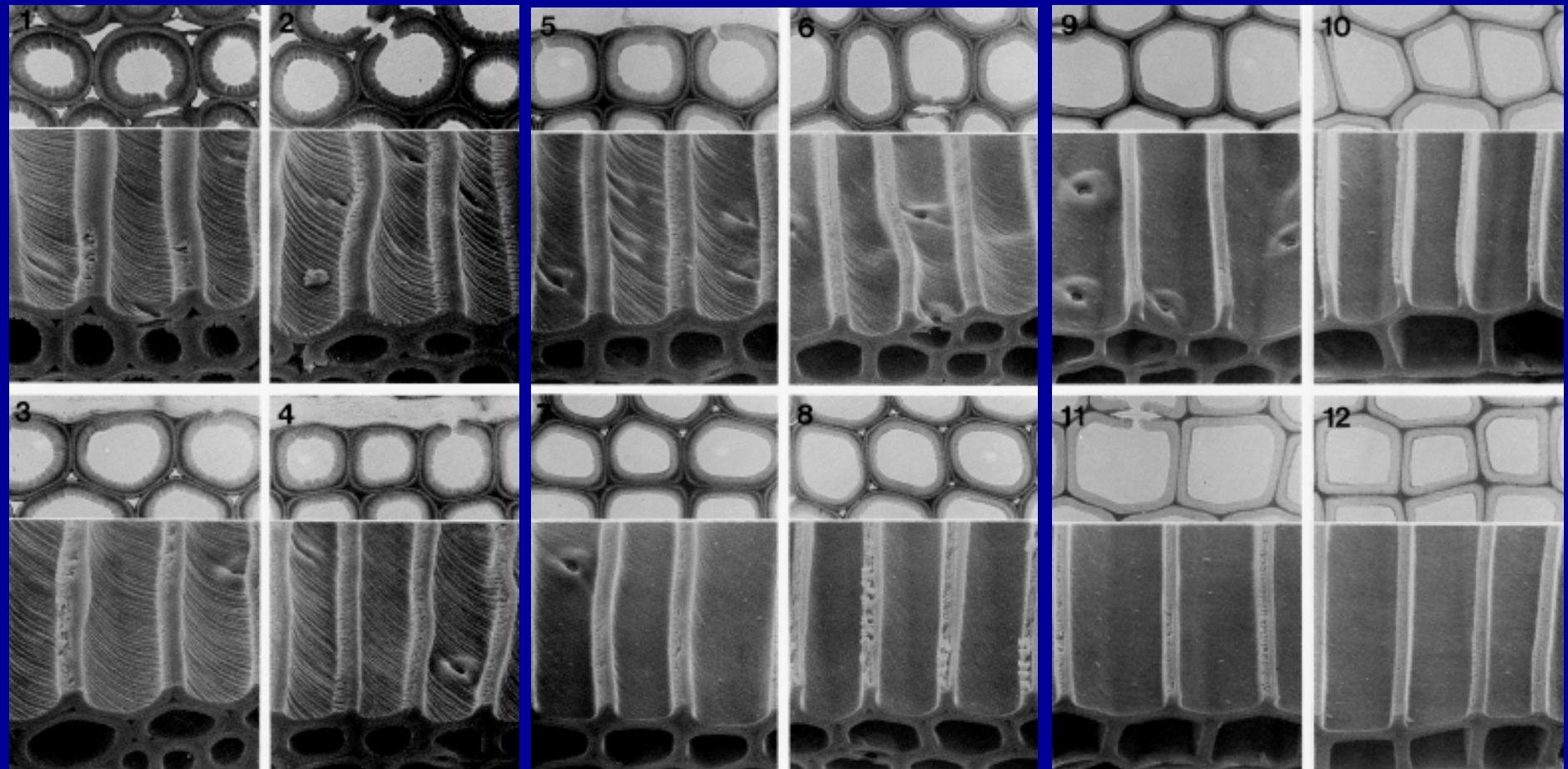
Type C  
intermediate wood

# Lignification in compression wood (1)

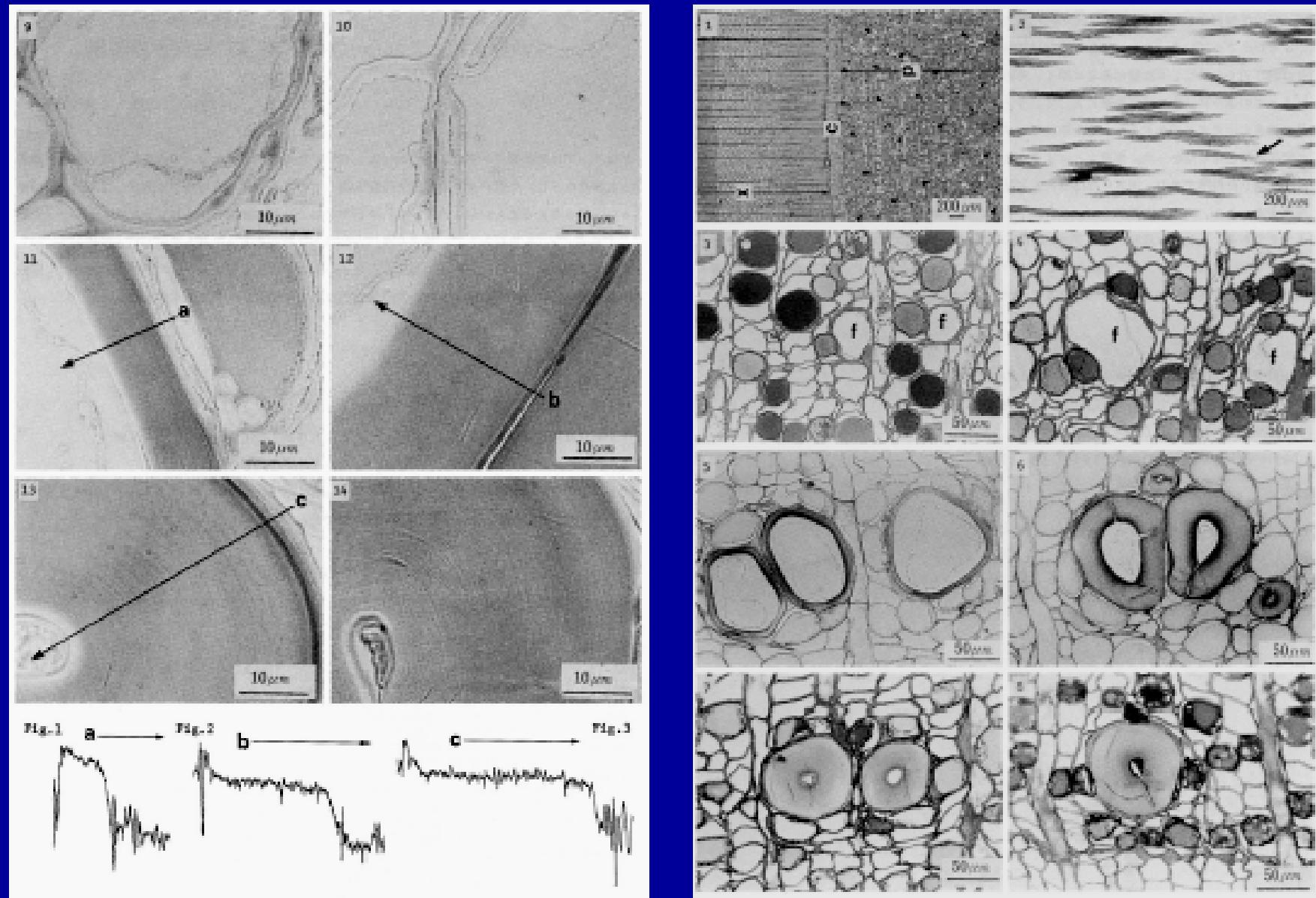


Takabe K. et al.: *IAWA Bull. n.s.* (1992)

# Lignification in compression wood (2)

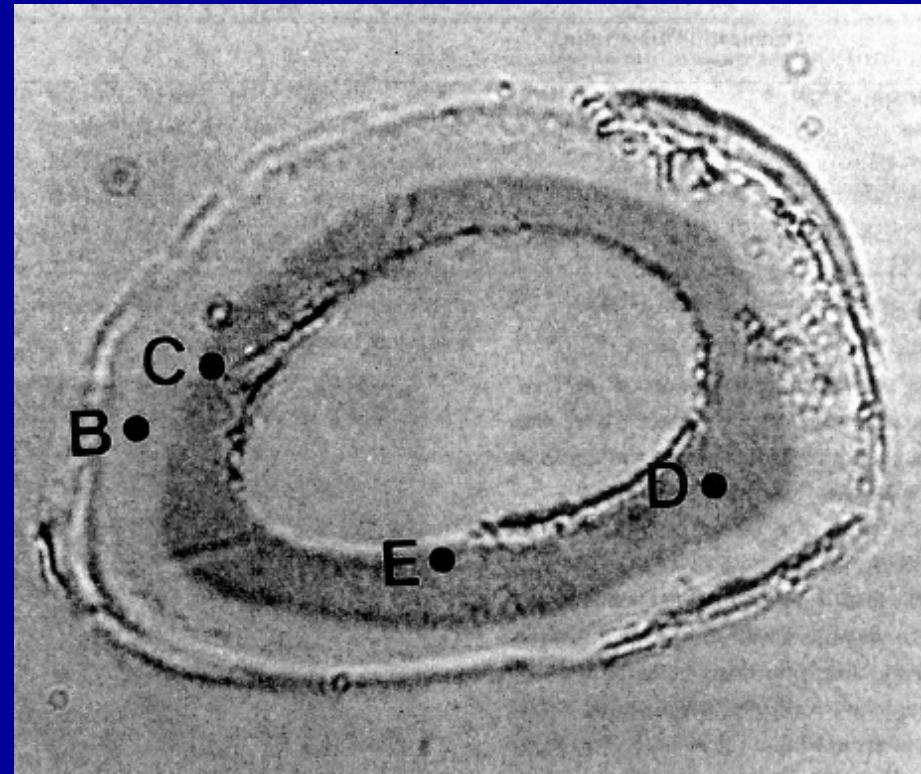


# Maturation of phloem fiber sclereid in *Larix*

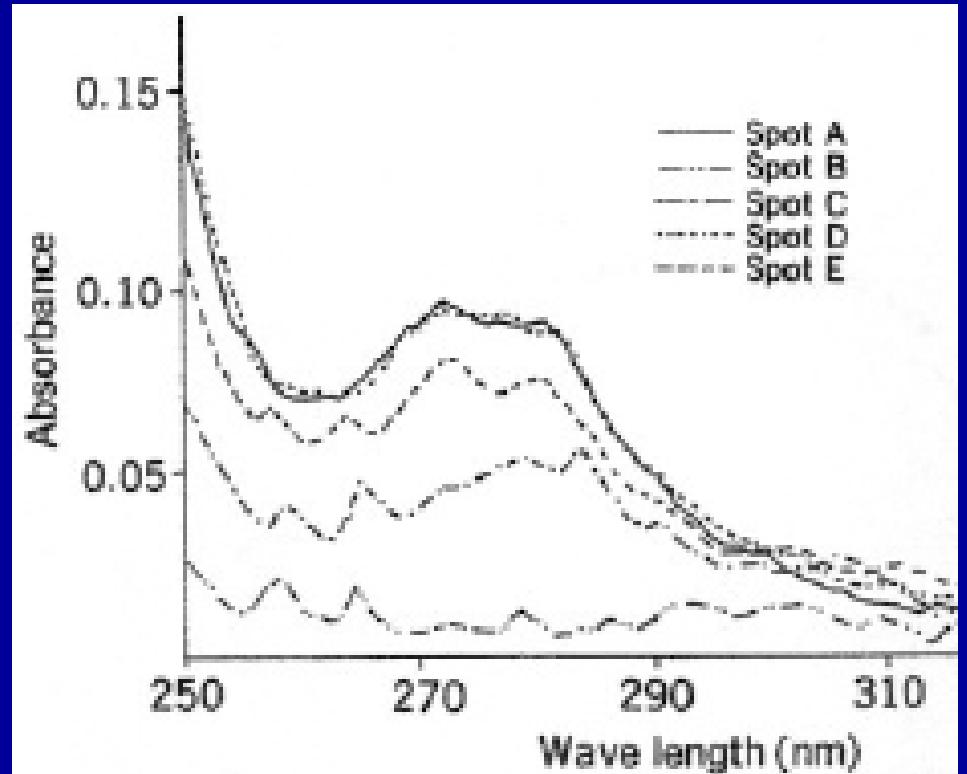


Imagawa H. et al.: Report from the Grand in Aid for Sci. Res. (1984)

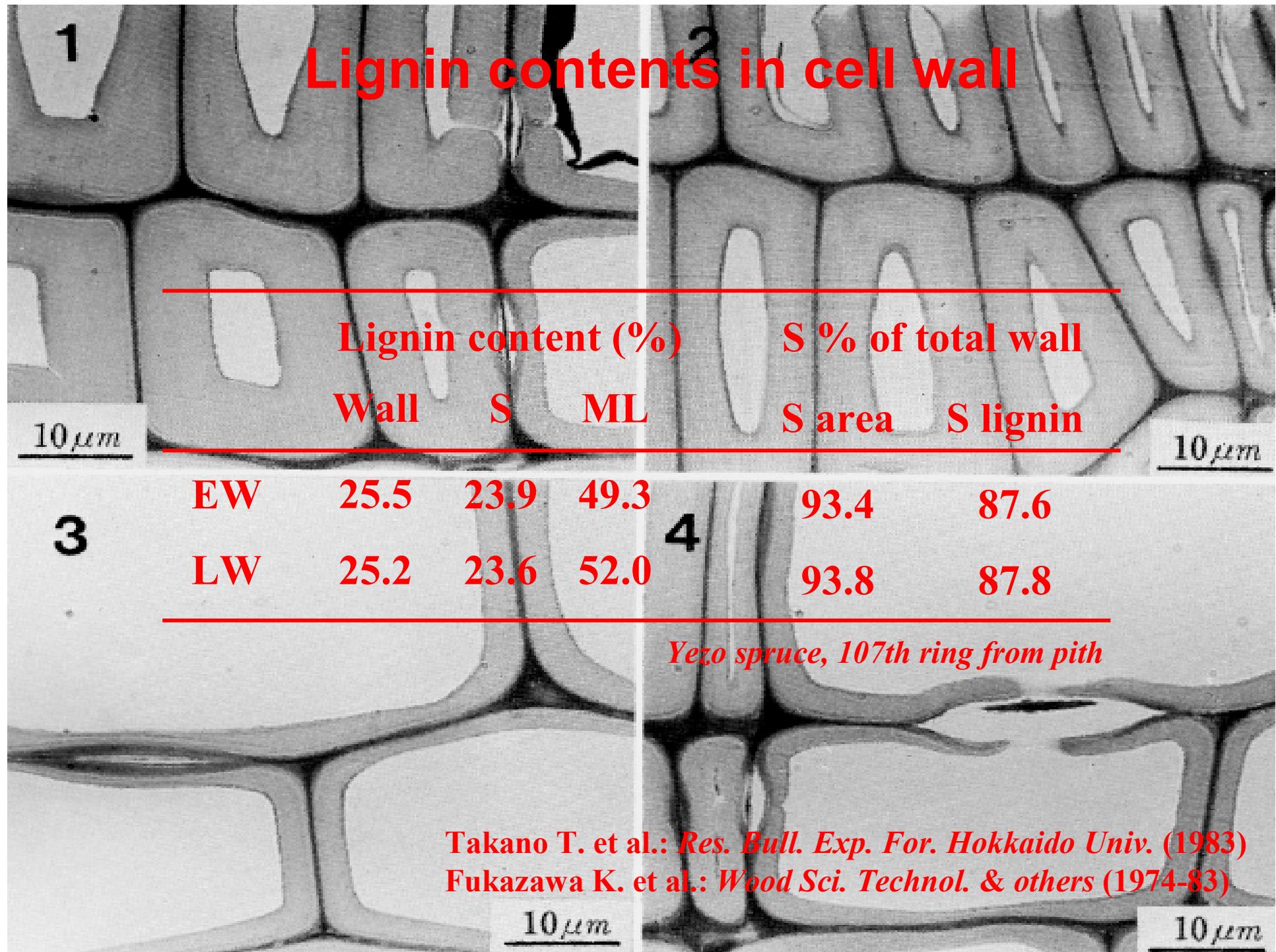
# Dissolution of lignin from the cell wall of pulp fibers



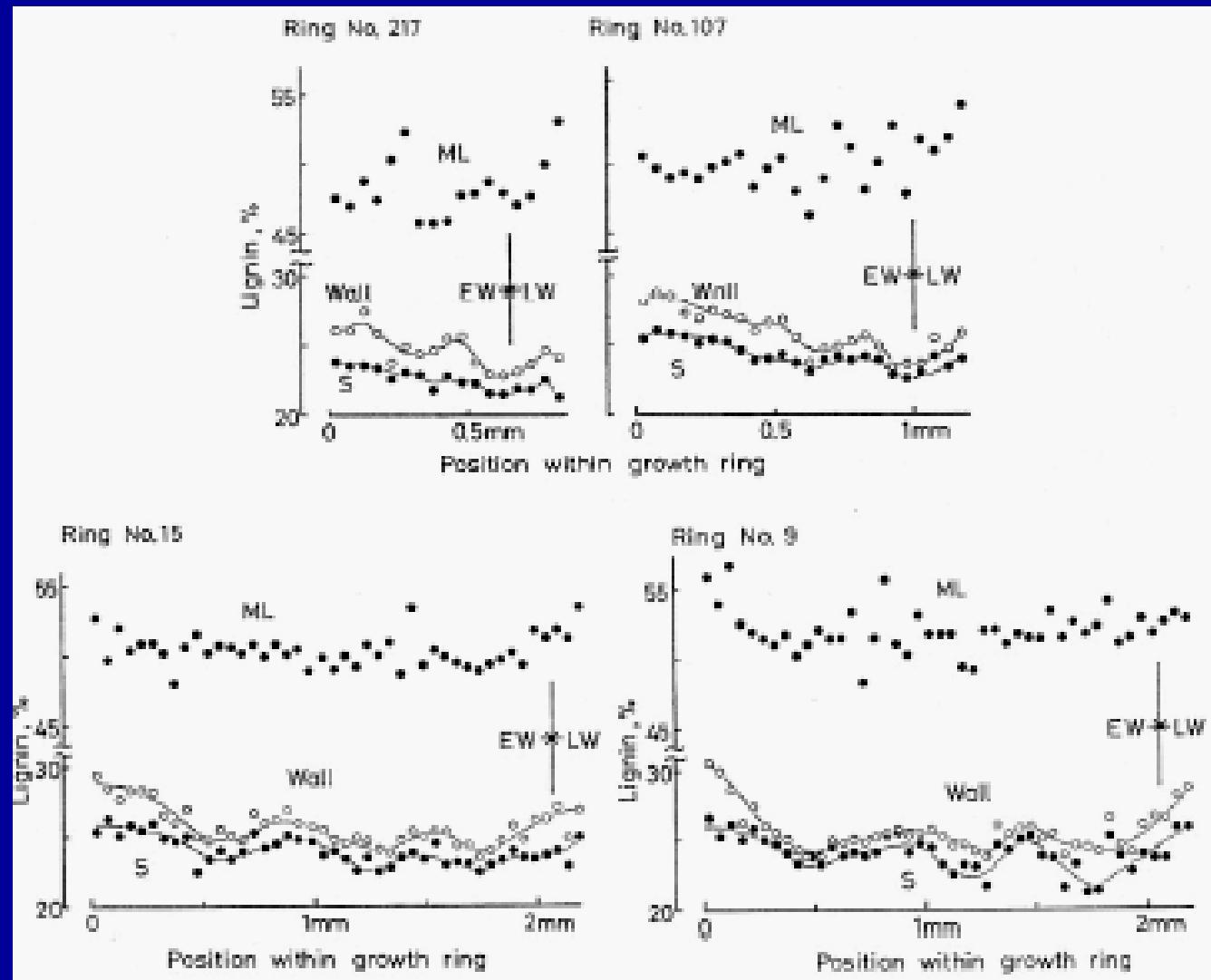
UV micrograph



UV absorption spectra

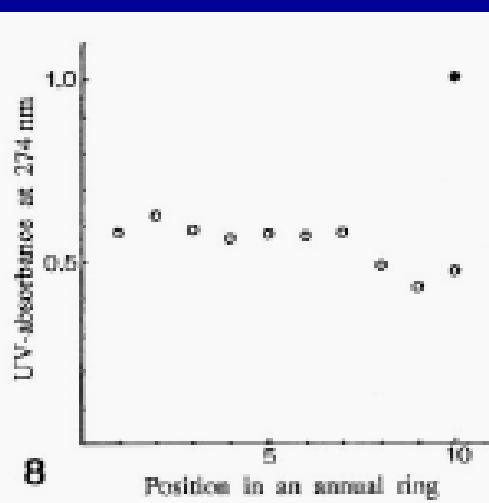
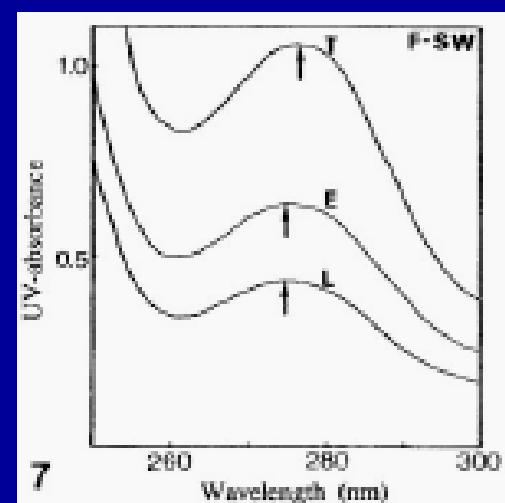
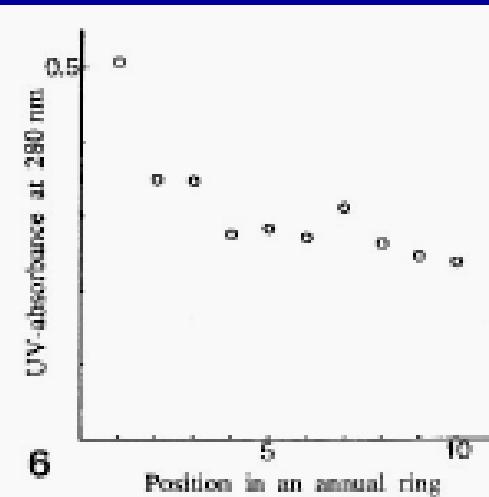
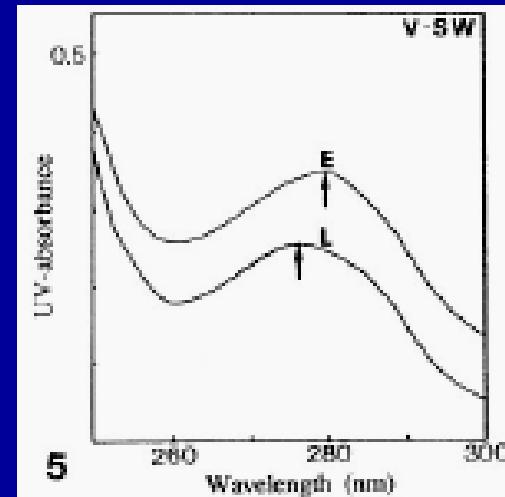
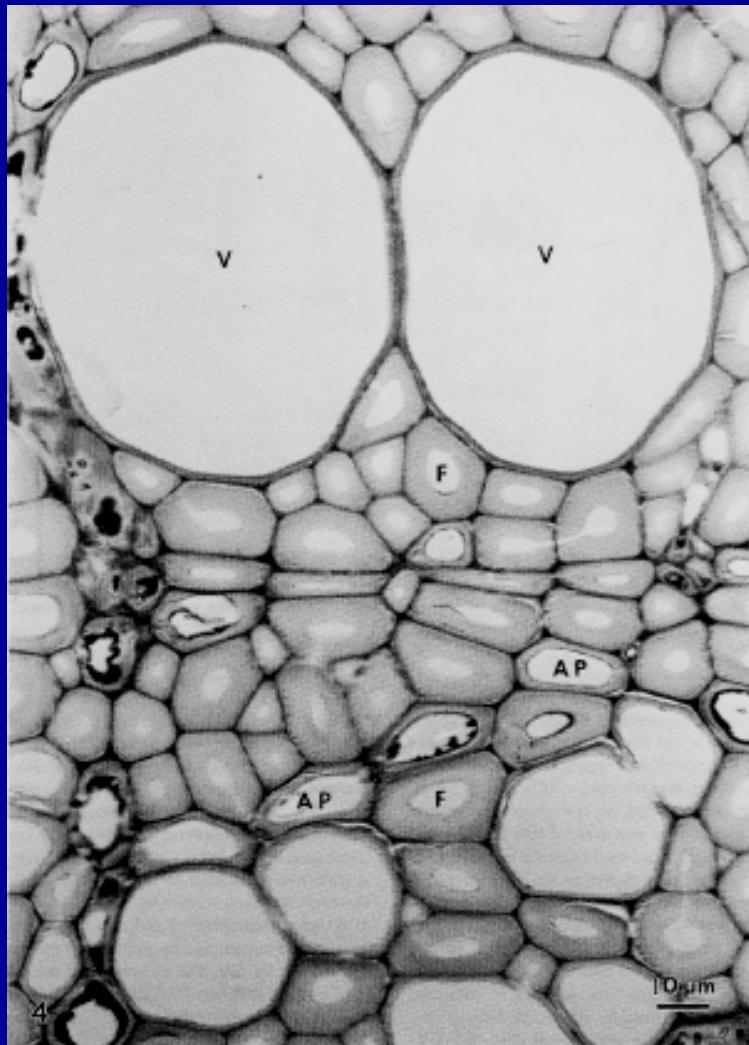


# Variation of lignin contents within one growth increment (1)

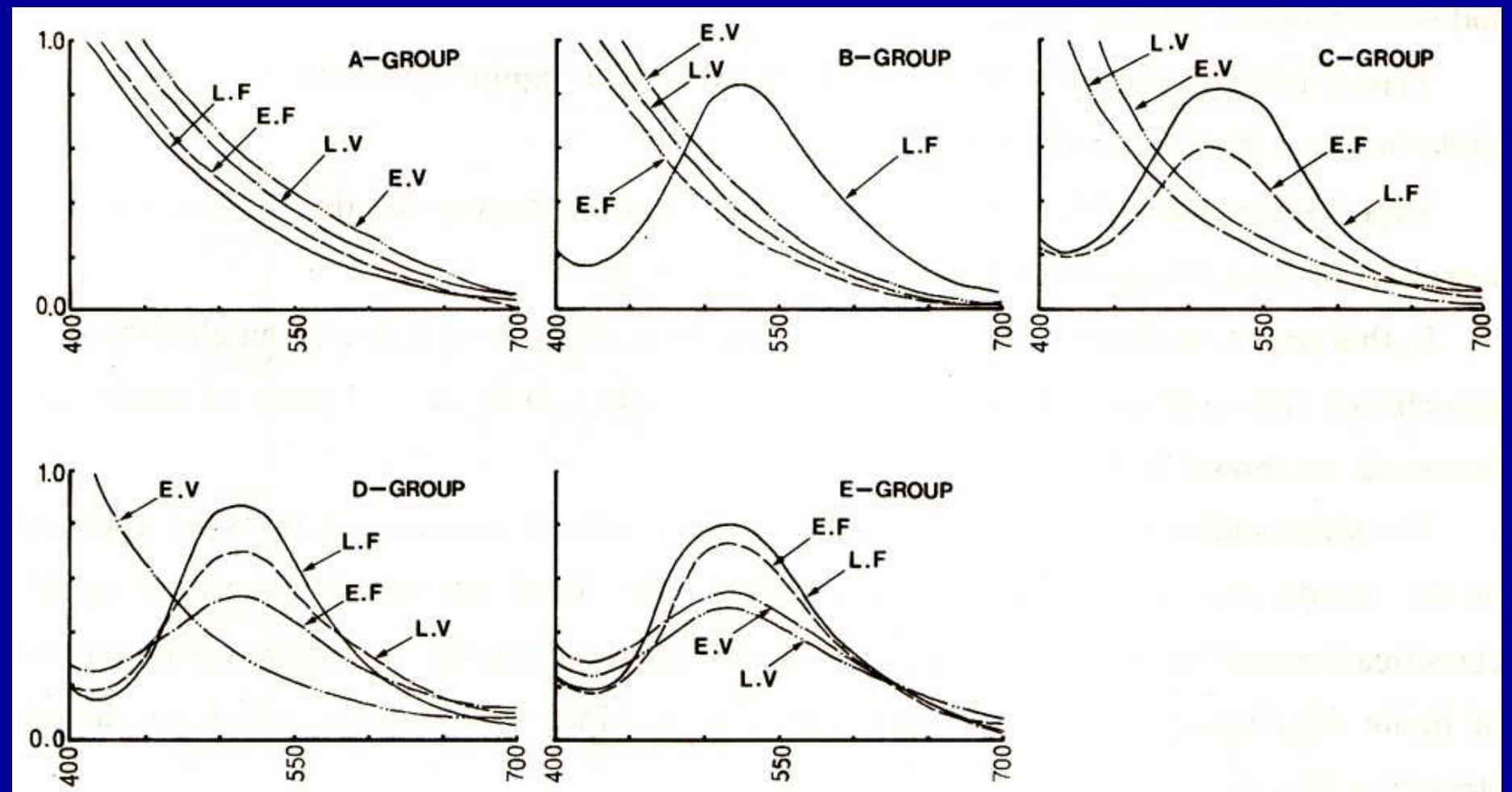


Takano T. et al.: *Res. Bull. Exp. For. Hokkaido Univ.* (1983)  
Fukazawa K. et al.: *Wood Sci. Technol. & others* (1974-83)

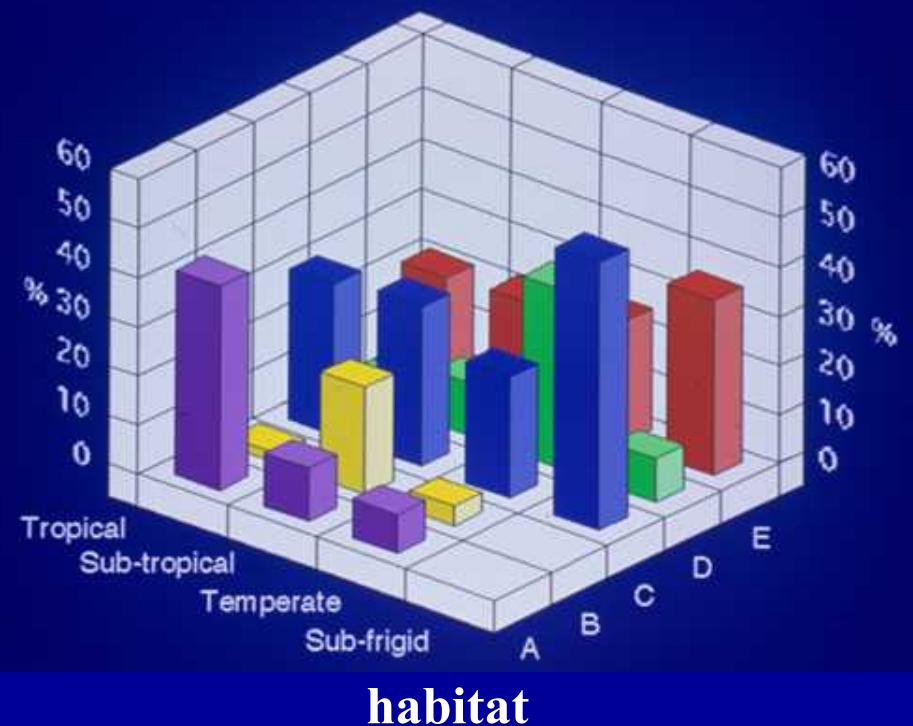
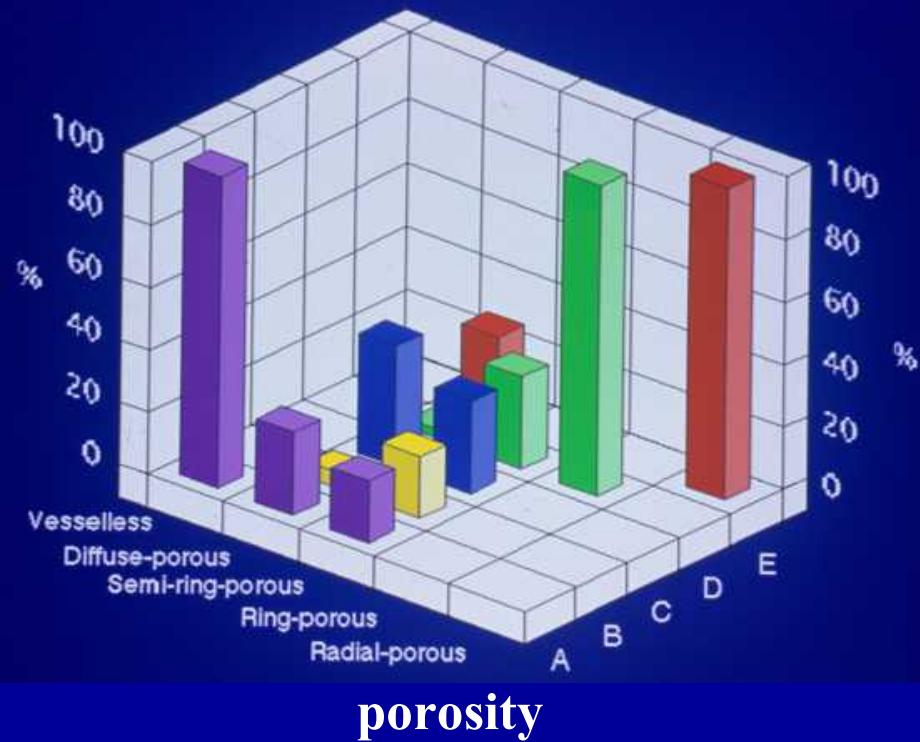
# Variation of lignin contents within one growth increment (2)



# The five VIS-spectra models classified by the difference of GS-lignin distribution



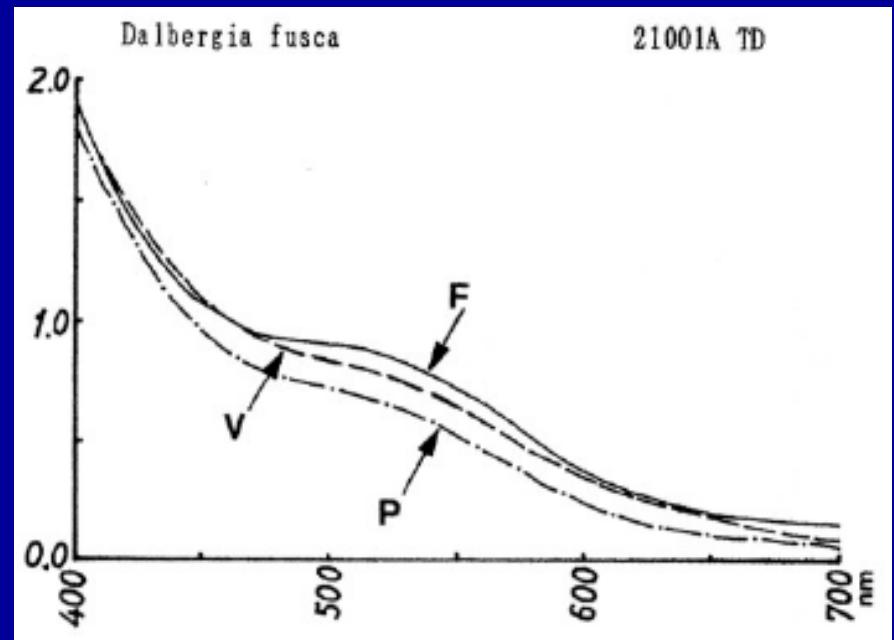
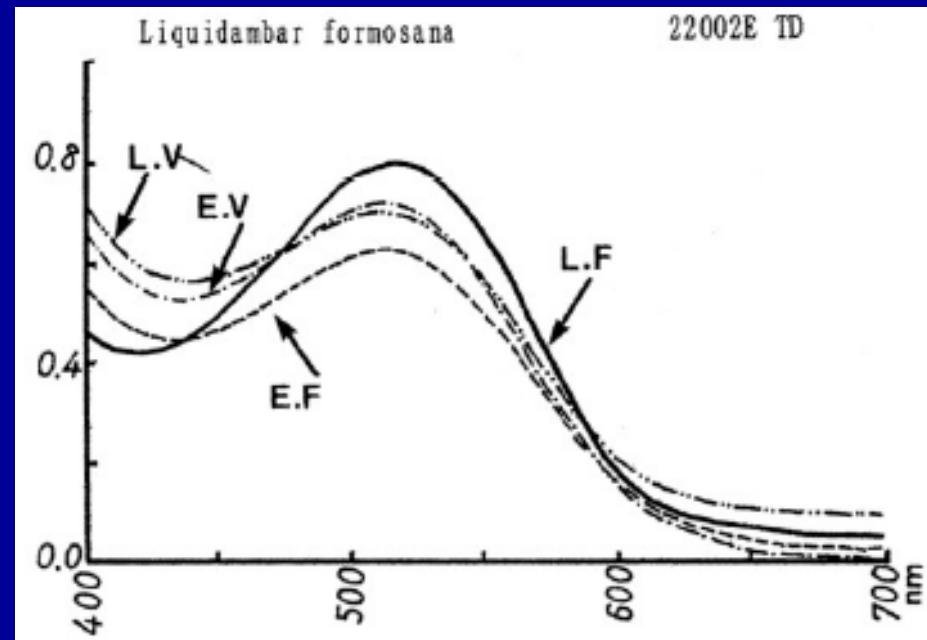
# Variation pattern of the difference of GS-lignin distribution



101 species, Yunnan Province, China

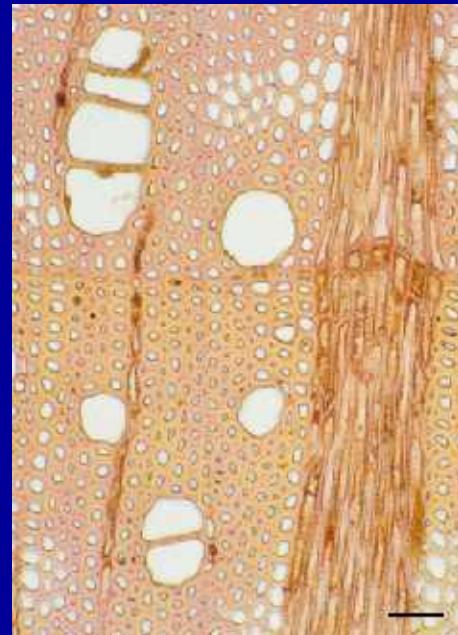
Wu J. et al.: *Holzforschung & others* (1990-93)

# Variation pattern of GS-lignin related to size of elements and wall thickness



- The more size of elements becomes small, the more S-lignin is rich.
- The more cell wall becomes thick, the more S-lignin rich.

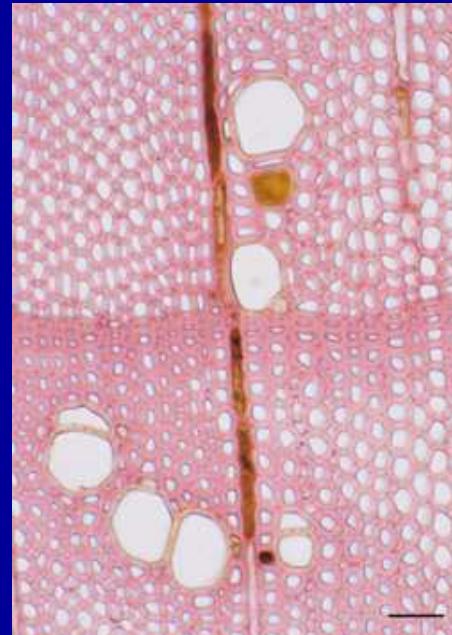
# Lignin heterogeneity of the cell walls on the genus *Acer*



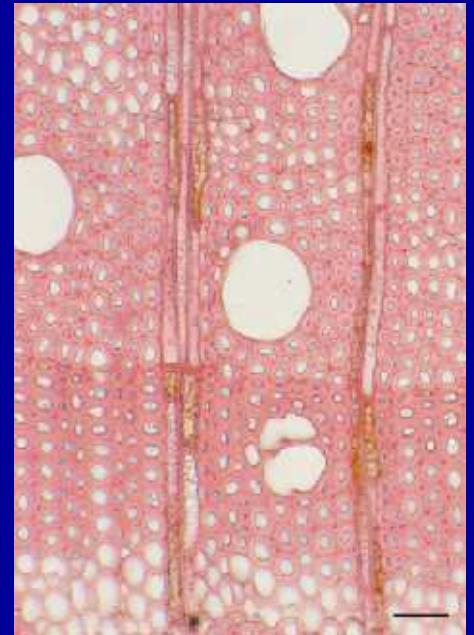
*A. carpinifolium*  
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*A. cissifolium*  
ミツデカエデ

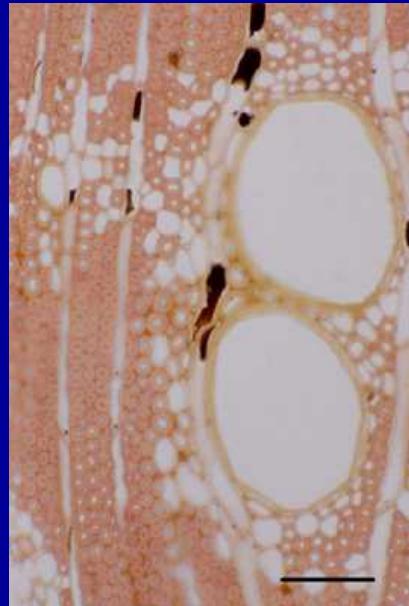


*A. micranthum*  
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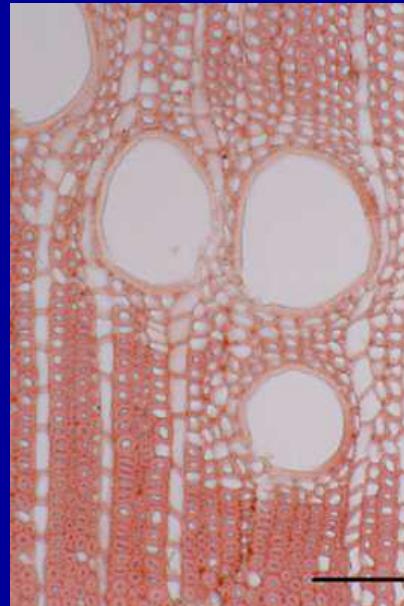


*A. japonicum*  
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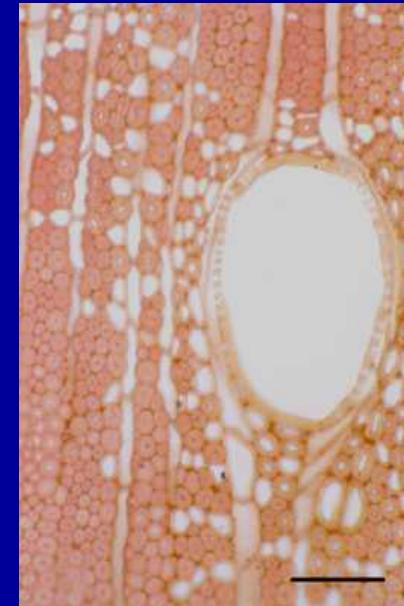
# Lignin heterogeneity of the cell walls on the genus *Eucalyptus*



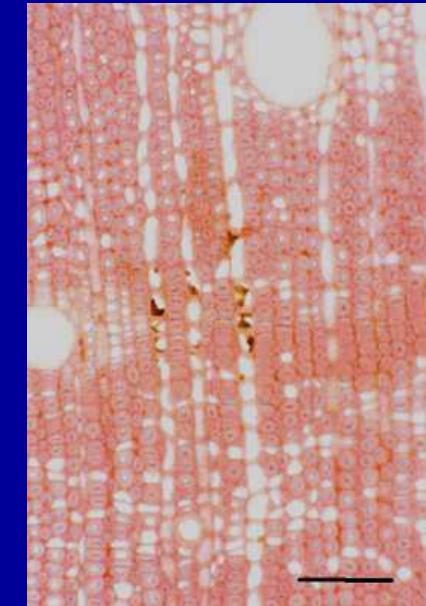
*E. camaldulensis*



*E. nitens*

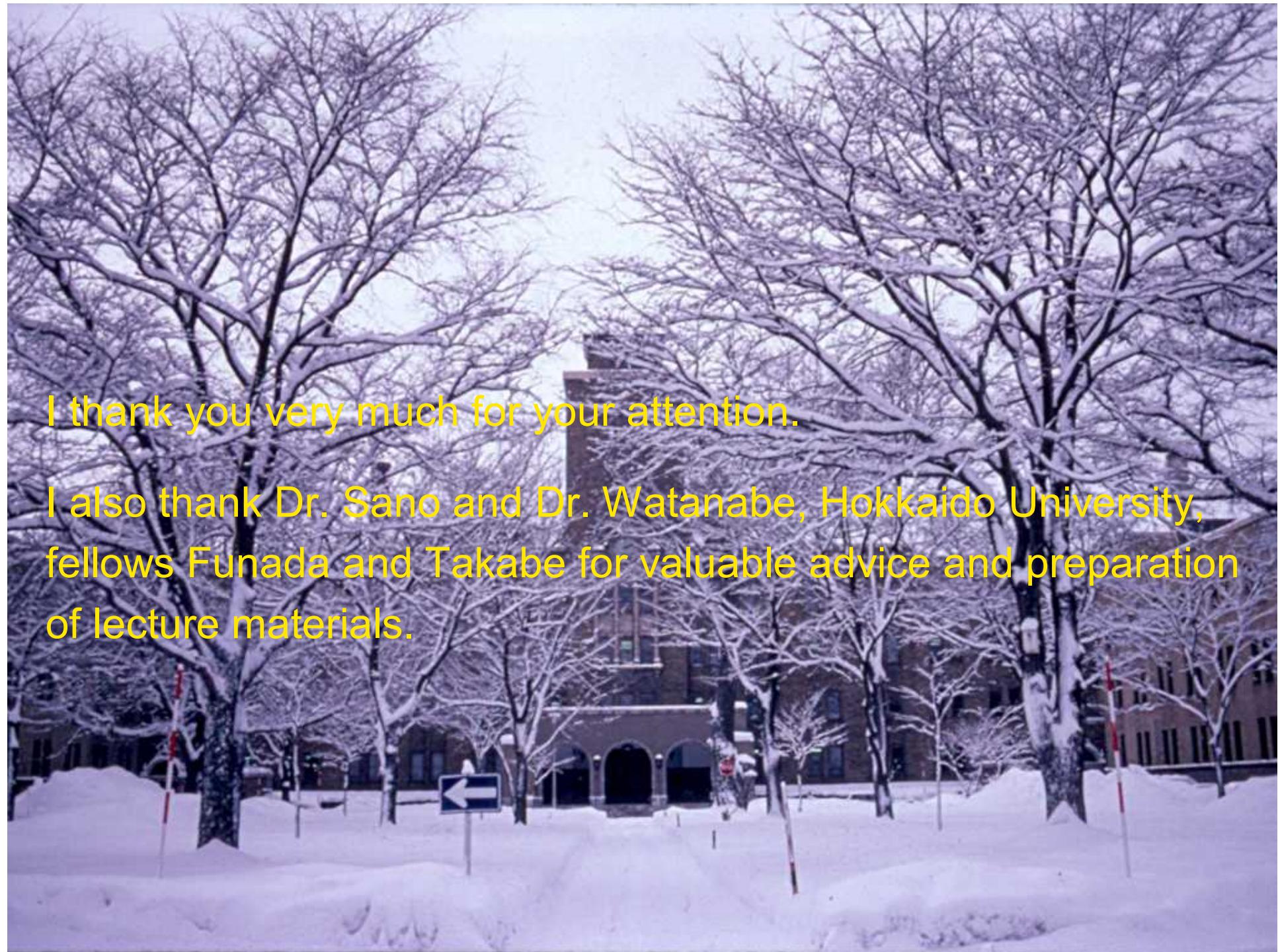


*E. macarthurii*



*E. viminalis*

	type 1	type 2	type 3	type 4
F	S	S	S	S
V	G	G	G	S
CC	G	G	S	S
R	G	S	S	S



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