

# Thermal Dissipation Sap Velocity

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# TDP - How Does it Work

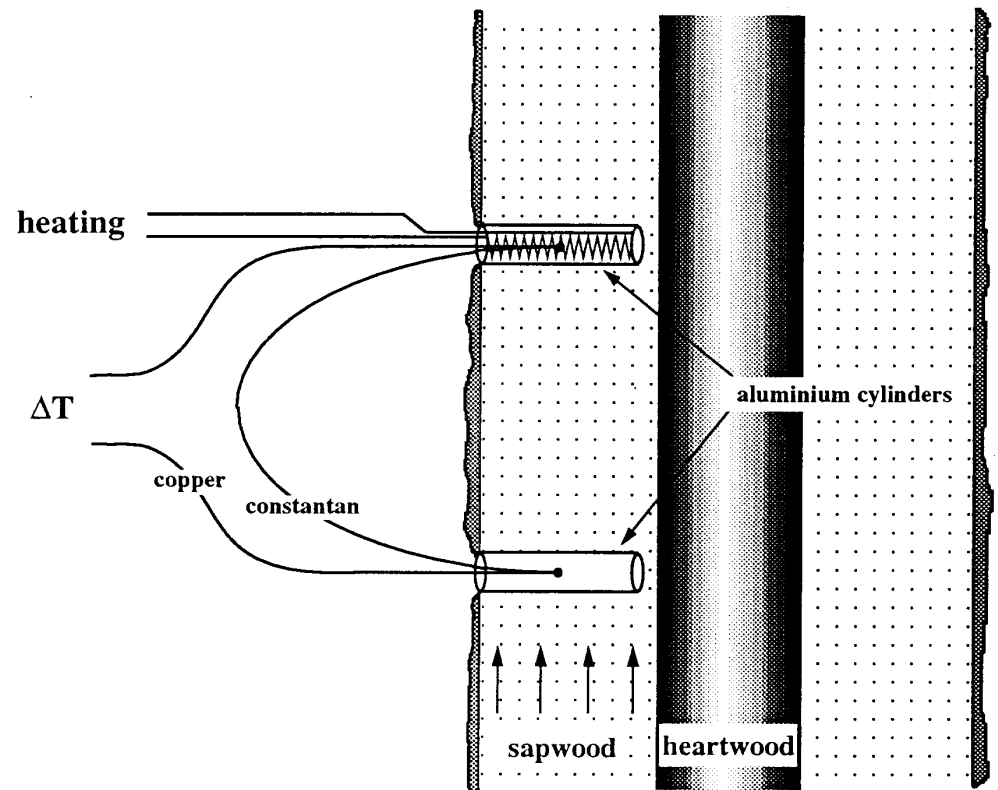
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- **Probe consists of two needles**
  - **One incorporating a (-) Reference T-Type Thermocouple**
  - **One incorporating a (+) T-Type Thermocouple & Heater**
- **Heated upper needle temperature is compared to lower ambient temperature needle (dT)**
  - **Maximum dT occurs when the needle is hottest = No Flow**
  - **Minimum dT occurs when the needle is coolest = High Flow**
- **dTM - Maximum dT is recorded and averaged pre-dawn = the zero flow set point.**

# Original Granier Design

## Dynamax Improvements

- **Smaller Needles**
- **Internally mounted heater**
- **Teflon Coated Probes**



# TDP - Measurement Principle

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- Calculate Dimensionless Variable K

$$K = (dT_m - dT) / dT$$

- Calculate Velocity V

$$V = 0.000119 * K^{1.231} \text{ (m/s)}$$

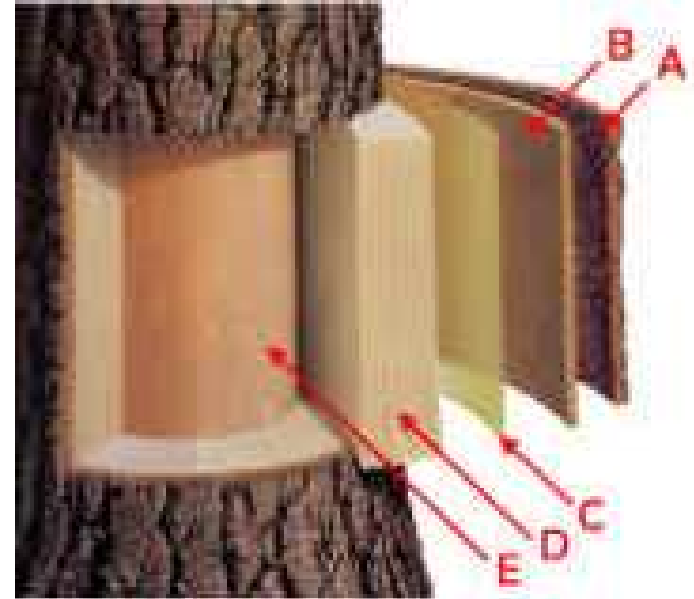
- Calculate Area of Sapwood & multiply to obtain volume flow

$$\text{Sapflow} = A * V$$

# Sapwood Area

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- (A) Outer Bark**
- (B) Inner Bark**
- (C) Cambium Layer**
- (D) Sapwood**
- (E) Heartwood**



- **Only the Sapwood conducts water**
- **Only the sapwood needs to be measured.**
- **Maritime Pine (*Pinus pinaster*) – Sapwood thickness = 40-80mm**

# Sapwood Area Calculations

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• **Sapwood Area must be calculated to Compute Sapflow**

• **The method used by Grainer**

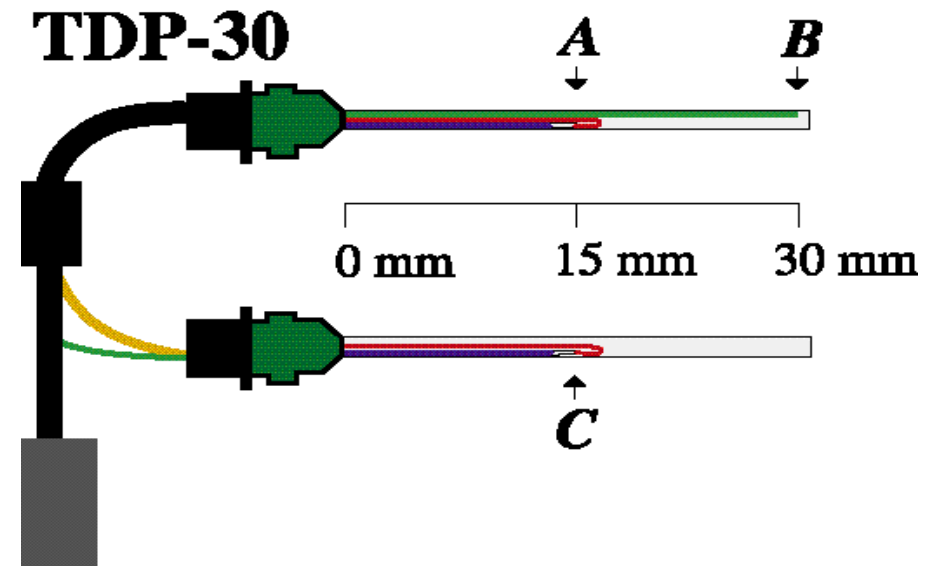
- **Destructive sample & physically measure**
  - **Stem cores from a sample of trees**
  - **Measure DBH**
  - **Calculate the tree circumference  $S_T$**
  - **Establish Statistical relationship**

$$S_A = -0.0039 + 0.59 S_T$$



# TDP-30 Probe Specifications

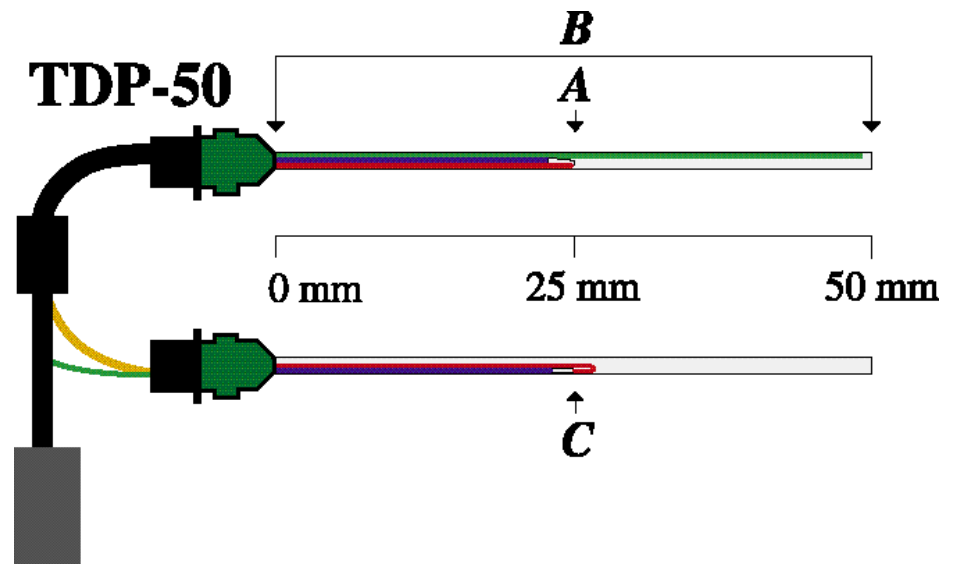
<b>Model</b>	<b>TDP-30</b>
<b>Length</b>	30mm
<b>Diameter</b>	1.2 mm
<b>T-Type T/C's</b>	1 ea
<b>Probe Spacing</b>	40 mm
<b>Power</b>	0.15 to 0.2 w
<b>Cable Standard</b>	10ft/ 5 cond
<b>Heater Resistance</b>	45 Ohms
<b>Operating Volts</b>	3.0 V @ ~8°C
<b>Signal Out</b>	40 uV/°C



- A- Thermocouple #1
- B- Heater
- C-Reference Thermocouple

# TDP-50 Probe Specifications

<b>Model</b>	<b>TDP-50</b>
<b>Length</b>	<b>50mm</b>
<b>Diameter</b>	<b>1.65 mm</b>
<b>T-Type T/C's</b>	<b>1 ea</b>
<b>Probe Spacing</b>	<b>40 mm</b>
<b>Power</b>	<b>0.32 to 0.38 w</b>
<b>Cable Standard</b>	<b>10ft/ 5 cond</b>
<b>Heater Resistance</b>	<b>77 Ohms</b>
<b>Operating Volts</b>	<b>5.0 V @ ~8°C</b>
<b>Signal Out</b>	<b>40 uV/°C</b>

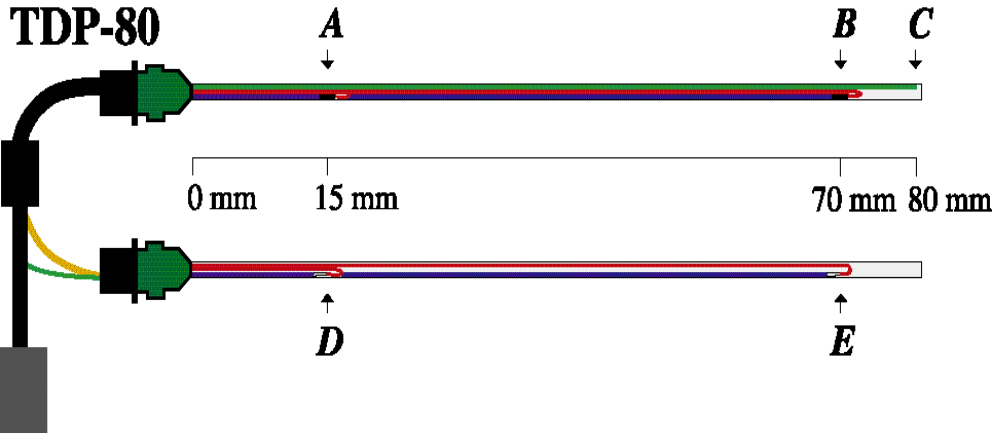




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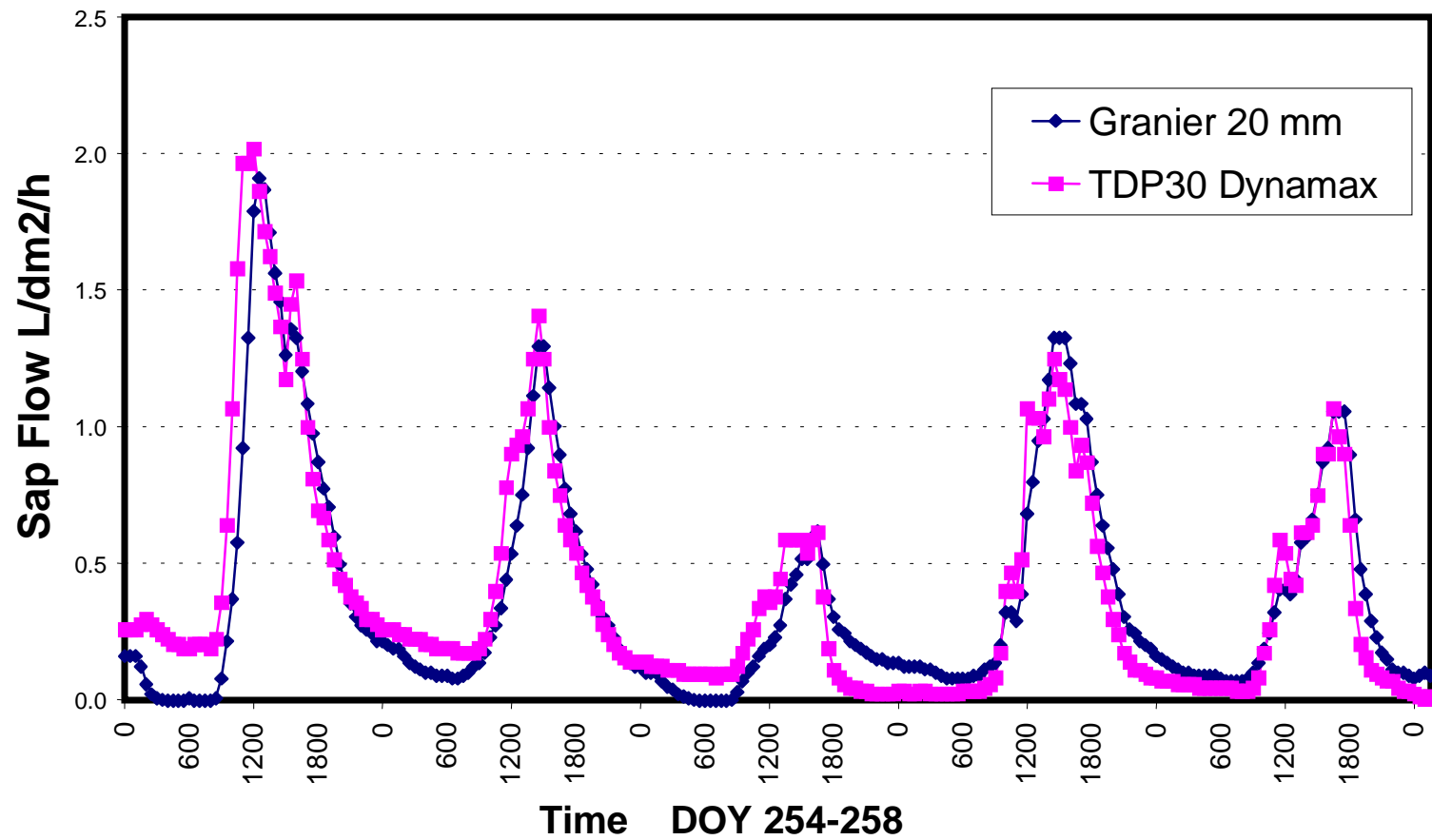
**Model** TDP-80  
**Length** 80 mm  
**Diameter** 1.65 mm  
**T-Type T/C's** 2 ea

**Probe Spacing** 40 mm  
**Power** 0.4 to 0.5 w  
**Cable Standard** 10ft/ 7 cond  
**Heater Resistance** 100 Ohms  
**Operating Volts** 7.5 V @ ~8°C  
**Signal Out** 40 uV/°C



- A- Thermocouple #1
- B- Thermocouple #2
- C- Heater
- D- Reference Thermocouple
- E- Reference Thermocouple

# Sap Flow Calculation - Conifer



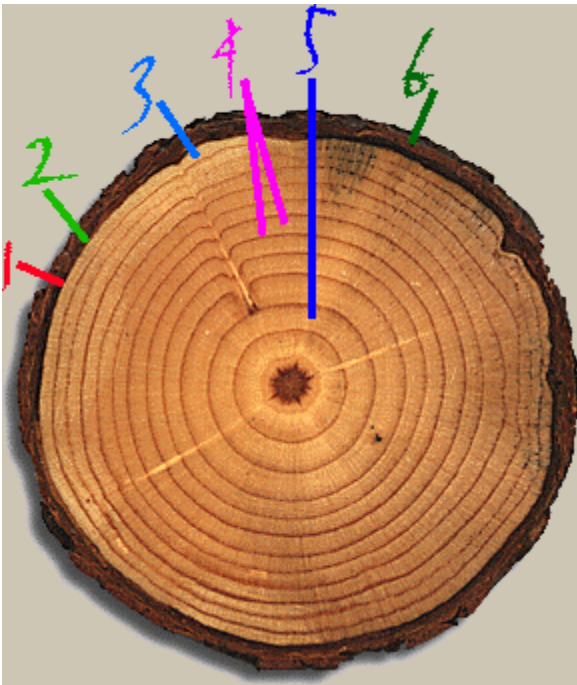
# Specifications Summary

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- **Free flexible cable between needles of the sensor specifically designed to improve installation and removal of probes.**
- *Sensors constructed using solid or epoxy encapsulation methods causes sensor damage during removal. Non-reusable.*
- **Modified Hypodermic syringe minimizes probe diameter**
- *Grainer concluded the smaller diameter of DYNAMAX design is pivotal to improved responsiveness of DYNAMAX TDP probes over his original prototype.*

# How Many Sensors Not How Long!

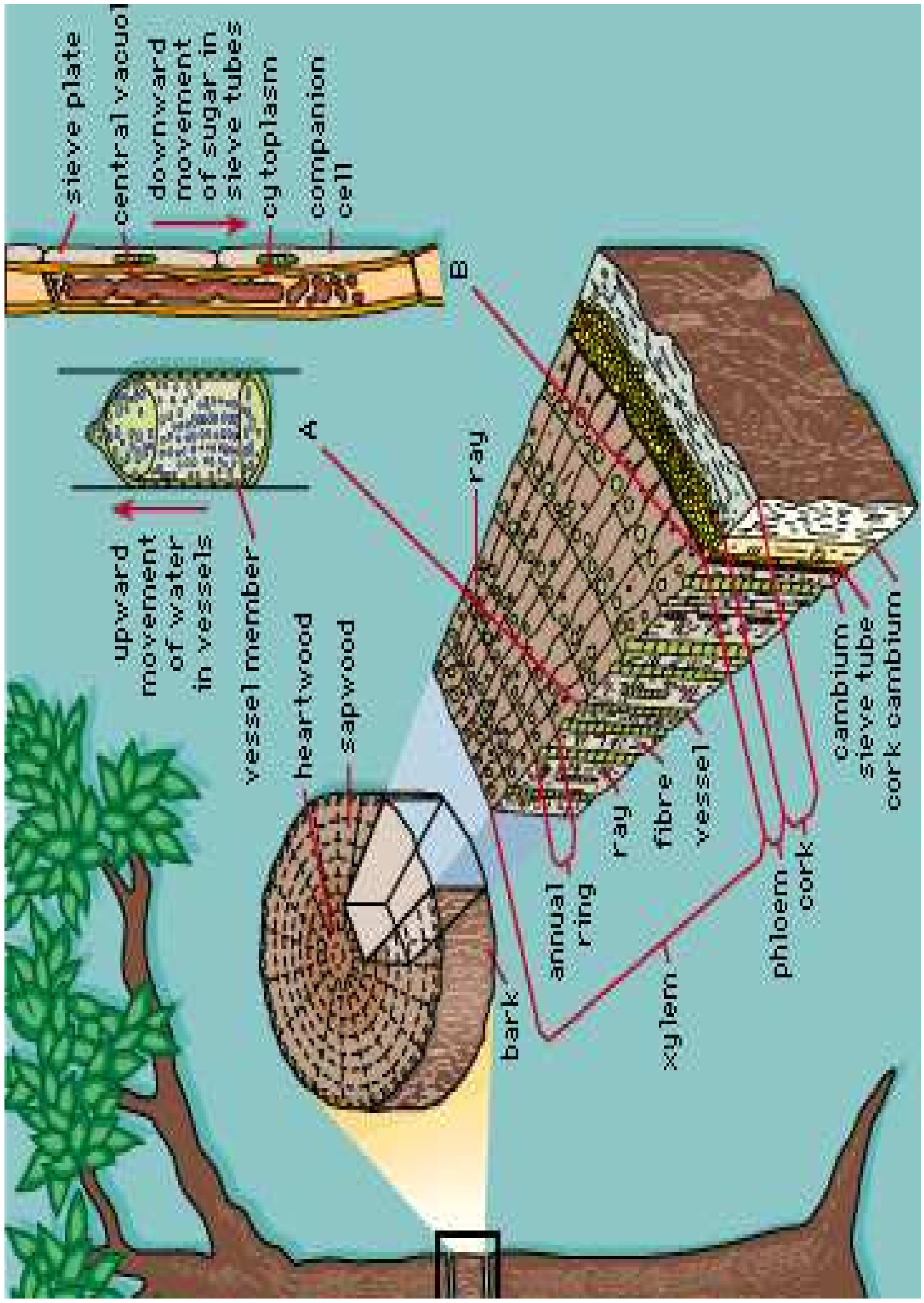
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- **Uniform Growth Conditions**



- **Non-uniform Growth Conditions**



# TDP-30 Species Compatibility

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## (1) Ring-porous Species

- Large Early wood vessels to small Late wood

## (2) Thin xylem

## (3) Pinus & Oak Species

- *Pinus radiata* - Monterey Pine
- *Pinus caribaea* - Caribbean Pine
- *Quercus petraea* – Sessile Oak



# TDP-50 Species Compatibility

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(1) Ring-porous Species

(2) Mature trees with with medium Sapwood

- *Pinus strobus* - Eastern White Pine
- *Juglans nigra* - Black Walnut
- *Toona australis* – Red Cedar
- *Pseudotsuga menziesii* – Douglas Fir



# TDP-80 Species Compatibility

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## (1) Diffuse-porous Species

- No differentiation between early wood & late wood

## (2) Plants with > 30% Sapwood

- *Populus Deltoides* - Cottonwood
- *Acer rubrum* - Red Maple
- *Eucalyptus regnans* – Mountain Ash
- *Phytolacca dioca* - Ombu Tree
- *Mangifera Indica* – Mango Tree





# TDP Sensors

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## Features

- **INRA research (Granier) design**
- **Verified & supported math**
- **Two needles epoxy sealed**
- **Teflon coated probes**
- **International License**
- **Multiple probe size**
- **One differential channel**
- **Low voltage operation**

## Benefits

- **Continuous Sap Velocity**
- **Simple data calculation/analysis**
- **Durable, Reusable Design**
- **Real-Time Data Acquisition**
- **Monitor multiple trees**
- **Monitor large trees**
- **Universal logger compatibility**
- **Easy voltage regulation**

# TDP Probe Installation



# **Installation Procedure**

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## **1. Prepare the Probe Site:**

- **Select a height 1-2 meters above the ground**
- **Remove old rough bark to cambium layer**

## **2. Drill Holes:**

- **Place the Drilling Jig flat on the prepared surface**
- **Drill a hole with the smallest drill bit**
- **Enlarge the hole with the larger drill bit (if Required)**

## **3. Install Probes:**

- **Insert the heater in the top hole & the reference in the bottom**
- **Insert needles slowly and gradually**
- **Tape cables to the tree for support**

# Insulation & Sensor Removal

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## •Insulation:

- Install a water proof seal around the needles
- Secure Foam Quarter spheres around probes
- Install thermal insulation using reflective foam Bubble Wrap

## •Probe Removal:

- Do **NOT** pull on the base of the needle
- Never** use Claw hammers or other long Levers
- Always use the supplied nail removing Pry-bar
- Address the cannula with the pry-bar then, using moderate force withdraw the probes gradually.



# **Applications**

- **Forestry Research**
- **Commercial Forestry**
- **Transpiration Research**
- **Phytoremediation**
- **Carbon Sequestration**

# Forestry Research

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- **Stand Transpiration for projection of Biomass production**
- **Effects of thinning on tree water use**
- **Species Water Use requirements for new plantations on marginal land**



# Commercial Forestry

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- Effectiveness of regeneration techniques after harvesting.
- Growth rate modeling for harvesting projections



# Transpiration Research

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- Whole tree water use
- Transpiration correlation to photosynthesis, light, soil & water
- Spatial variations in xylem sap flux density
- Irrigation efficiencies of mature citrus trees
- Drought tolerance of tree species





# Phytoremediation

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- **Hydraulic containment of contaminated groundwater.**
  - Groundwater level reduction
  - Tree stores contaminants
- **Calculation of water removal rate**
  - Net Stand transpiration rate
  - Determine current removal rate
  - Project future removal rate



# Carbon Credits Trading

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- **Carbon Sequestration**
  - **New research to determine species carbon accumulation or storage rates and capacities.**
  - **Used for future environmental trading**
  - **Offset CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**

