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## Appendix S1. Methods for reconstruction of DBH

DBH can be reconstructed outside-in (based on recent DBH, subtracting growth recorded in tree rings) or inside-out (summing  $\Delta r$  from the inside out). We generally gave precedence to the outside-in approach. Specifically, when DBH was taken at the time of coring,

At some of our sites where DBH was not taken at the time of coring (SCBI,), DBH measurements taken before or slightly after the time of coring could be used. (see issue #19 in ForestGEO\_dendro) If before, ... If after... For all outside-in reconstructions, if a negative DBH was predicted...

In either case we need bark thickness-ideally allometries describing the relationship between DBH and bark thickness. This is especially critical for thick-barked species When bark thickness data were available, we generated allometries ... lognormal model with intercept forced to zero:  $lm(bark\_depth.mm \sim -1 + log(dbh\_no\_bark.cm+1)$ :bark species, data = bark) (issue #8 in ForestGEO\\_dendro)

## Appendix S2. Methods for comparing

(\*\*ISSUE #35 in ForestGEO-climate-sensitivity

Table S1. List of species analyzed

Site	Code	Species	leaf type	n trees	n cores	bark
SCBI	LITU	Liriodendron tulipifera	BD	NA	NA	NA

\*\* Table S2- allometric equations for bark thickness \*\*

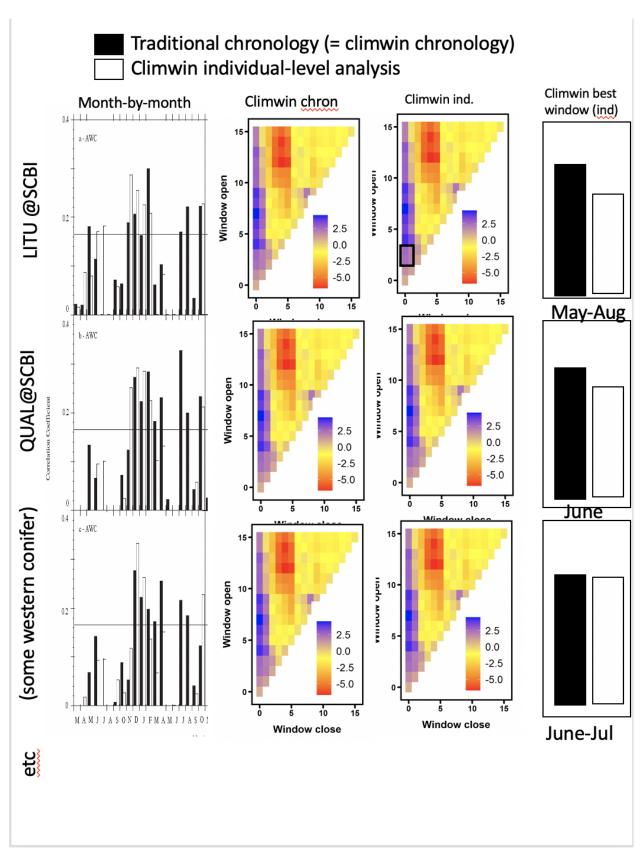


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