

# Evapotranspiration & Lintul2: Water limited crop growth

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p.36-40;  
Chapter 10C, p.472 & 475-477.

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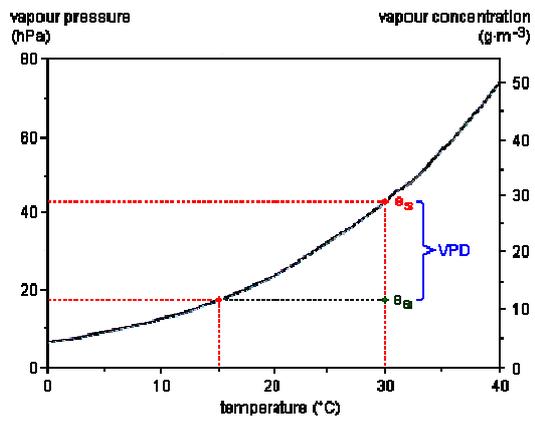
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## Evapotranspiration



## Temperature and saturation vapour pressure

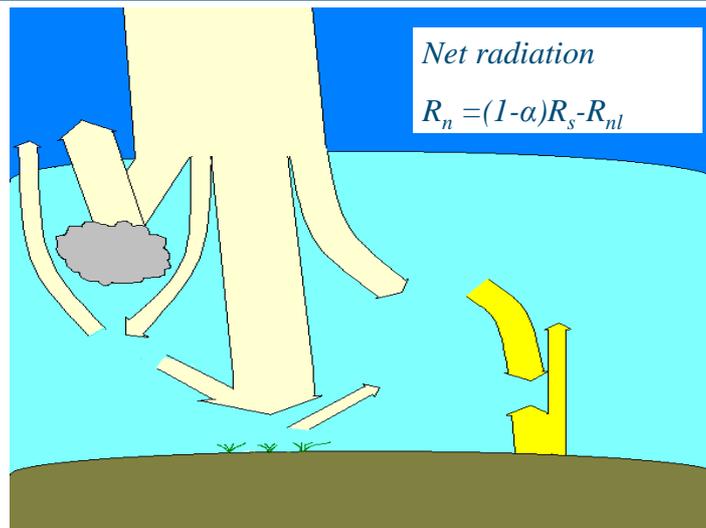
The relationship between Temperature and Saturation Vapour Pressure / Concentration



$$e_s = 6.11 e^{\{(17.47T_s)/(239+T_s)\}}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{4175.3 \left( 6.11 e^{\{(17.47T_s)/(239+T_s)\}} \right)}{(239+T_s)^2}$$

## Energy balance



## How much heat is needed for evaporation of water?

$$\lambda = 2.45 \text{ MJ/kg (around } 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C)} = 2.45 \text{ kJ/g}$$

## Drivers of evapo(transpi)ration

- Radiation
- Evaporative demand

These are combined in the Penman and Penman-Monteith equations for estimating Potential Evapotranspiration

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(from an amply watered, 12 cm tall grass crop with an albedo of 0.23)=  
Reference evapotranspiration

*Penman (1948) equation used in Lintul2:*

$$ET_0 = \frac{0.408 \Delta R_n}{\Delta + \gamma} + \frac{\gamma(e_s - e_a) * 2.63(1.0 + 0.54u_2)}{\Delta + \gamma}$$

## Penman modified

1956: Monteith and Rijtema independently modified the Penman equation to include surface & aerodynamic resistances of crops

The full Penman-Monteith equation:

$$ET = \frac{\Delta R_n + \rho_a C_p \frac{e_s - e_a}{r_a}}{\Delta + \gamma \left(1 + \frac{r_s}{r_a}\right)}$$

where:

$r_a$  is aerodynamic resistance

$r_s$  is stomatal resistance

For a 12cm tall grass surface:

$$ET_0 = \frac{0.408 \Delta (R_n) + \gamma \frac{900}{T + 273} u_2 (e_s - e_a)}{\Delta + \gamma (1 + 0.34 u_2)}$$

## Data needed by Penman & Penman-Monteith equations

- *Solar radiation*
- *Temperature*
- *Humidity / Vapour pressure*
- *Wind speed*

*Other equations with less data needs, e.g.:*

- *Makkink*
- *Priestley-Taylor*
- *Blaney-Criddle*
- *Turc*

*(Even more methods exist: Hargreaves, McNaughton & Black, Linacre, Thorntwaite, Shuttleworth-Wallace, Jensen-Haise, etc.)*

## Turc Method (1961)

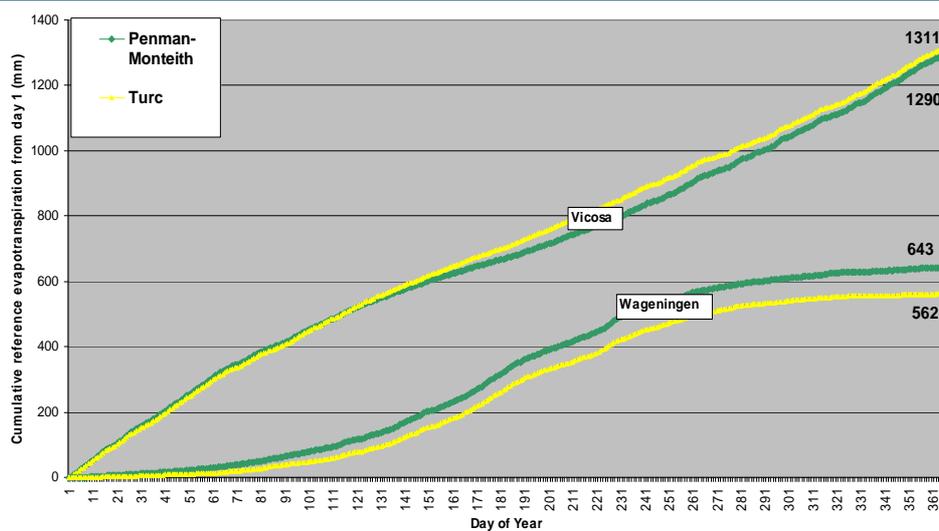
$$ET_0 = 0.013 \frac{T}{T+15} (Rs + 50)$$

(For Relative Humidity > 50%)

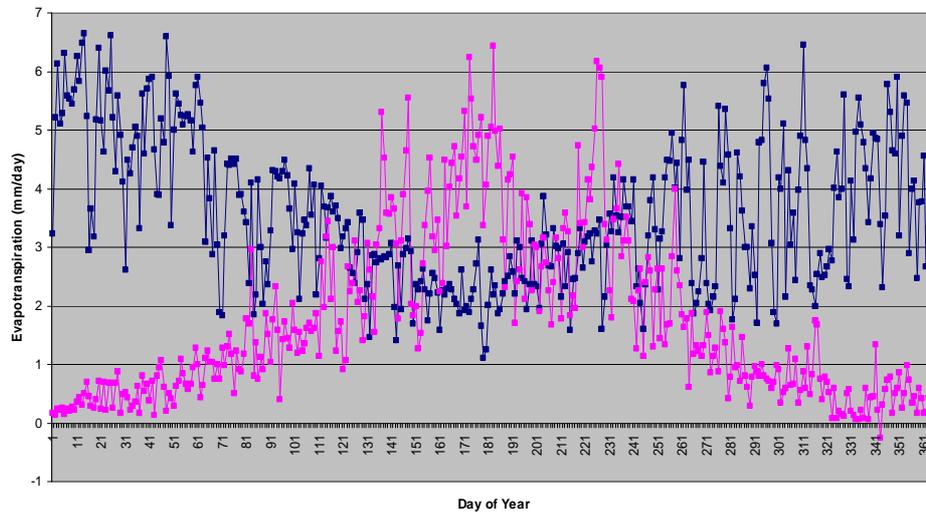
$$ET_0 = 0.013 \frac{T}{T+15} (Rs + 50) \left( 1 + \frac{50 - RH}{70} \right)$$

(For Relative Humidity < 50%)

Cumulative annual reference evapotranspiration in *Vicosa, Brazil* and *Wageningen, The Netherlands*, 1973 estimated according to Turc and Penman-Monteith



Daily reference evapotranspiration in Vicoso, Brazil and Wageningen, The Netherlands, 1973  
estimated according to Penman-Monteith method



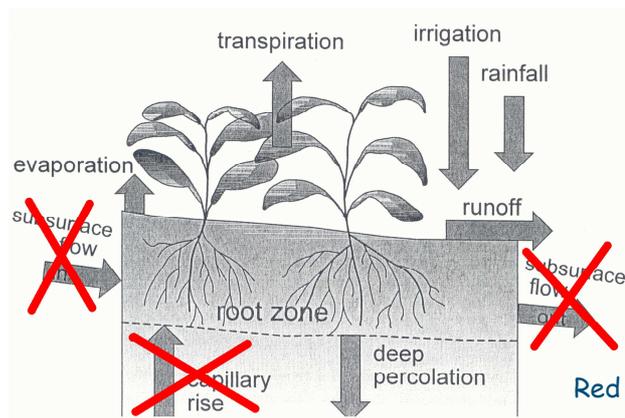
## Coupling environmental conditions with crop growth

- General model ideas
- The water balance
- Effects of water on:
  - Roots
  - Emergence
  - Overall growth rate
  - Partitioning
- Transpiration reduction factor
- Relational diagram
- Practical

## General modelling ideas

- **Crop - LINTUL1**
  - LUE based
  - Development based on TSUM
  - Exponential light extinction
  - Fixed partitioning of assimilates
  
- **Soil - One layer**
  - Increasing in depth with growing roots
  - Exploring new soil means new water, assuming  $pF = 2$
  - Immediate homogeneous incoming water distribution
  - Water held at  $pF = 2$  (field capacity)
  
- **Crop  $\leftrightarrow$  Soil**
  - Overall crop growth affected by water shortage
  - Root - shoot partitioning affected
  - Emergence affected
  - Root growth rate affected

## Soil water balance terms of the root zone



From: Allen, Pereira, Raes & Smith, 1998

## Water dynamics in LINTUL: (1) placement of calculations

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DEFINE_CALL GLA      (...)
DEFINE_CALL PENMAN   (...)
DEFINE_CALL EVAPTR   (...)
DEFINE_CALL DRUNIR   (...)
TITLE LINTUL2
*** 1. Initial conditions and run control
*** 2. Environmental data and temperature sum
*** 3. Leaf growth and senescence
*** 4. Light interception and total crop growth rate
*** 5. Growth rates and dry matter production of plant organs
*** 6. Soil moisture balance
*** 7. Functions and parameters for spring wheat
END
STOP
SUBROUTINE GLA      (...)
SUBROUTINE PENMAN   (...)
SUBROUTINE EVAPTR   (...)
SUBROUTINE DRUNIR   (...)

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## Water dynamics in LINTUL: (2) their parameters

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*** 6. Soil moisture balance
EXPLOR = 1000. * RROOTD * WCFC
RNINTC = MIN( RAIN , 0.25*LAI )
CALL PENMAN( DAVTMP , VP , DTR , LAI , WN , RNINTC ,      PEVAP , PTRAN)
CALL EVAPTR( PEVAP , PTRAN , ROOTD , WA , WCAD , WCWP , WCFC , WCWET , WCST , ...
            TRANCO , DELT ,                               EVAP,TRAN)
TRANRF = TRAN / NOTNUL(PTRAN)
CALL DRUNIR( RAIN , RNINTC , EVAP , TRAN , IRRIGF , DRATE , DELT , WA , ROOTD , ...
            WCFC , WCST ,                               DRAIN , RUNOFF , IRRIG)

RWA = ( RAIN + EXPLOR + IRRIG ) - ( RNINTC + RUNOFF + TRAN + EVAP + DRAIN )
WA  = INTGRL( WAI , RWA )
WC  = 0.001 * WA/ROOTD

*** 7. Functions and parameters for spring wheat
PARAM WCI      = 0.36
PARAM ROOTDM = 1.2 ; RRDMAX = 0.012
PARAM WCAD    = 0.08 ; WCWP    = 0.23 ; WCFC = 0.36 ; WCWET = 0.48 ; WCST = 0.55
PARAM TRANCO  = 8.   ; DRATE   = 50. ; IRRIGF = 0.

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## How water affects emergence and crop growth

TITLE LINTUL2

\*\*\* 2. Environmental data and temperature sum

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EMERG = MAX ( REAAND(TIME-DOYEM+1.,WC-WCWP),...
              INSW(-LAI,1.,0.) )
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\*\*\* 3. Leaf growth and senescence

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CALL GLA( TIME , DOYEM , DTEFF , TSUM , LAII , ...
          RGRL , DELT , SLA , LAI , GLV , ...
          TRANRF, WC , WCWP ,          GLAI )
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\*\*\* 4. Light interception and total crop growth rate

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PARINT = 0.5 * DTR * (1. - EXP(-K*LAI))
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GTOTAL = LUE * PARINT * TRANRF
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( $T_{red-tran}$ , Fig.4 or FR in  
Subroutine EVAPTR)

## How water affects growth of leaf area

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SUBROUTINE GLA(TIME , DOYEM , DTEFF , TSUM , LAII , RGRL , DELT , SLA , LAI , GLV ,
$              TRANRF , WC , WCWP ,          GLAI)
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IMPLICIT REAL (A-Z)
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GLAI = SLA * GLV
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IF ( (TSUM .LT. 330.) .AND. (LAI .LT. 0.75) )
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$ GLAI = LAI * (EXP(RGRL * DTEFF * DELT) - 1.) / DELT * TRANRF
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( $T_{red-tran}$ , Fig.4 or FR)

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IF ( (TIME .GE. DOYEM) .AND. (LAI .EQ. 0.) .AND. (WC .GT. WCWP) )
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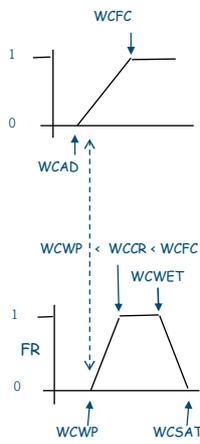
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$ GLAI = LAII / DELT
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IF (TIME .LT. DOYEM) GLAI = 0.
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RETURN
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END
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## Evapo(transpiration) reduction and physiologically determined critical point WCCR

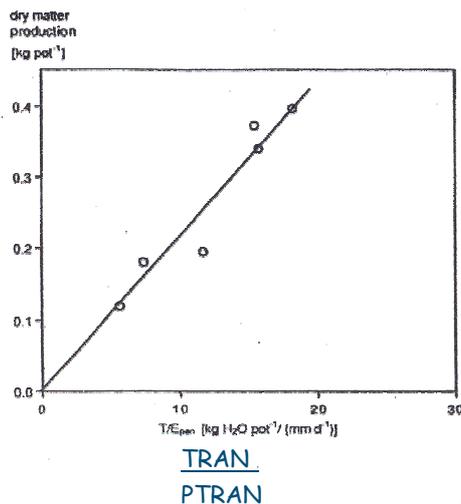


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SUBROUTINE EVAPTR(PEVAP ,PTRAN,ROOTD ,WA ,WCAD ,WCWP ,WCFC ,
$                WCWET ,WCST ,TRANCO ,DELT ,          EVAP,TRAN )
IMPLICIT REAL (A-Z)
WC = 0.001 * WA / ROOTD
WAAD = 1000. * WCAD * ROOTD
WAFC = 1000. * WCFC * ROOTD
{ EVAP = PEVAP * LIMIT( 0., 1., (WC-WCAD)/(WCFC-WCAD) )

      WCCR = WCWP + MAX( 0.01, PTRAN/(PTRAN+TRANCO) * (WCFC-WCWP) )
      IF (WC.GT.WCCR) THEN
        FR = LIMIT( 0., 1., (WCST-WC)/(WCST-WCWET) )
      ELSE
        FR = LIMIT( 0., 1., (WC-WCWP)/(WCCR-WCWP) )
      ENDIF
      TRAN = PTRAN * FR
      AVAILF = MIN( 1., ((WA-WAAD)/DELT)/NOTNUL(EVAP+TRAN) )
      EVAP = EVAP * AVAILF
      TRAN = TRAN * AVAILF
      RETURN
      END
    
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## Experimental evidence of proportional reduction of growth with transpiration



Maize in pots

From: Briggs & Shantz, 1914

## Effect of drought on dry matter partitioning

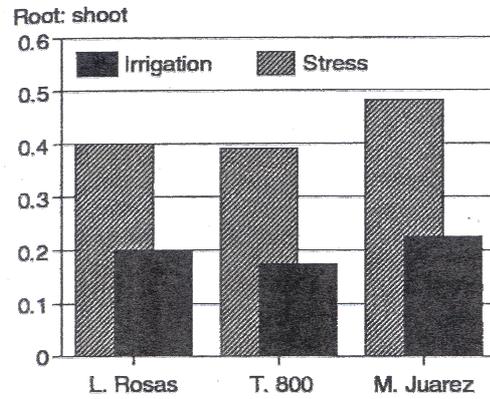
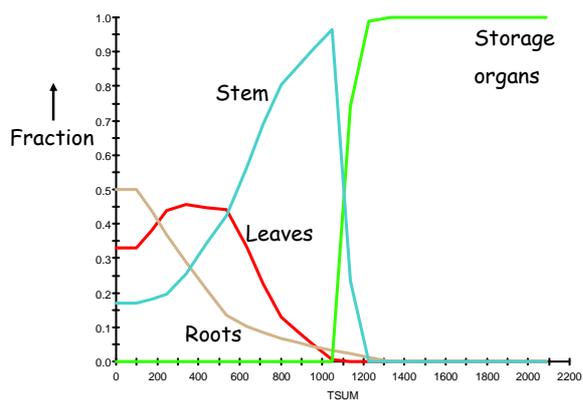


Figure 4. Root:shoot ratios in irrigated and droughted treatments. Values derive from one lysimeter per treatment.

## Substrate allocation patterns in Spring Wheat



Allocation pattern of assimilates for spring wheat as used in Lintul (Light interception and utilization)

## How to take account of the effect of drought on dry matter partitioning?

- The idea is:  
  
if it is too dry,  
more roots will be formed to compensate the water shortage,  
and this will cost extra assimilates that go to the roots.
- Thus, less assimilates are left for the shoot, but the distribution of assimilates among the stem, the leaves and the storage organs remains the same.

## Derivation of the modification factor: shmod

Idea: if too dry → more roots formed to compensate → extra assimilates to the roots (r)  
Thus, less assimilates then go to the shoot, but the distribution among stem (s), leaves (l) and storage organs (so) remains the same:

$$r_{new} = r_{old} \cdot rMOD, \quad \text{with } 1 \leq rMOD \leq f_{max}$$

s + l + so then get (r<sub>new</sub> - r<sub>old</sub>) less assimilates in the distribution s<sub>old</sub> : l<sub>old</sub> : so<sub>old</sub>  
For instance, s will get less assimilates of quantity

$$\frac{s_{old}}{s_{old} + l_{old} + so_{old}} (r_{new} - r_{old})$$

of course s<sub>old</sub> + l<sub>old</sub> + so<sub>old</sub> = 1 - r<sub>old</sub>, so s<sub>new</sub> will be:  $s_{new} = s_{old} - \left\{ \frac{s_{old}}{1 - r_{old}} (r_{new} - r_{old}) \right\}$

Taking s<sub>old</sub> outside brackets, the factor  $\left( 1 - \frac{r_{new} - r_{old}}{1 - r_{old}} \right)$  will be the sMOD or, generally, the shoot modification factor shMOD, so:

$$shMOD = 1 - \frac{r_{new} - r_{old}}{1 - r_{old}} = \frac{1 - r_{new}}{1 - r_{old}} = \frac{1 - r_{new}}{1 - \frac{r_{new}}{rMOD}}$$

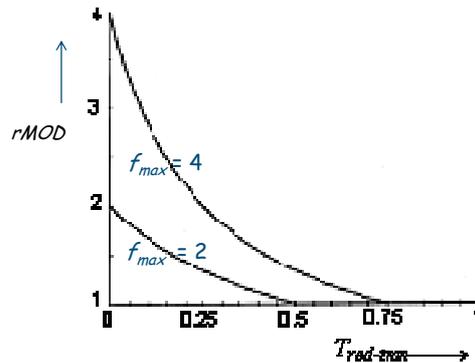
where r<sub>old</sub> is taken as r<sub>new</sub> / rMOD according to the above 1<sup>st</sup> equation

## The calculation and use of the modification factor

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} rMOD = \frac{1}{T_{red-tran} + 1/f_{max}}, \text{ if } T_{red-tran} \leq 1/f_{max} \\ rMOD = 1, \text{ if } T_{red-tran} > 1/f_{max} \end{array} \right.$$

$$r_{new} = r_{old} \quad rMOD$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_{new} = s_{old} \quad shMOD \\ l_{new} = l_{old} \quad shMOD \\ so_{new} = so_{old} \quad shMOD \end{array} \right.$$



The root modification factor  $rMOD$  as a function of  $T_{red-tran}$  for  $f_{max} = 2$  and  $f_{max} = 4$ . Note that the origin is (0,1), rather than (0,0).

## Drainage, runoff and irrigation

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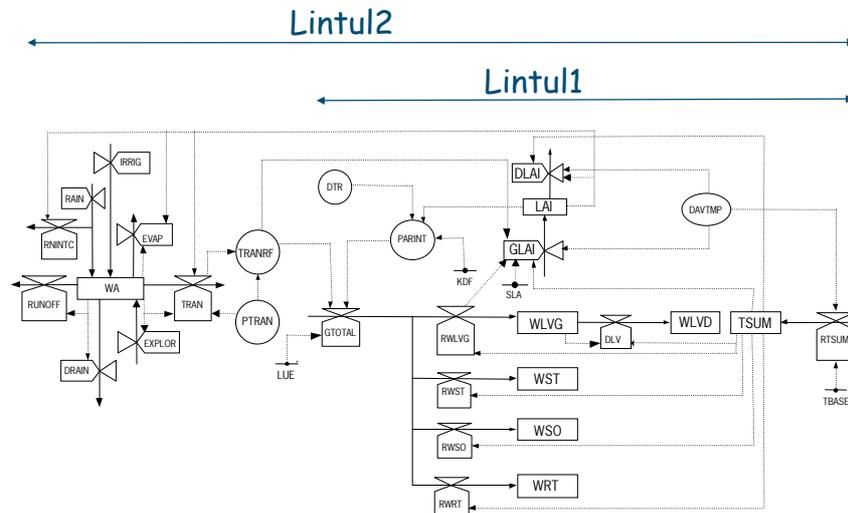
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$              WA , ROOTD , WCFC , WCST ,
$              DRAIN , RUNOFF , IRRIG)
IMPLICIT REAL (A-Z)
WC = 0.001 * WA / ROOTD
W AFC = 1000. * WCFC * ROOTD
W AST = 1000. * WCST * ROOTD

DRAIN = LIMIT(0., DRATE, (WA-WAFC)/DELT + (RAIN - RNINTC - EVAP - TRAN) )

RUNOFF = MAX(0., (WA-WAST)/DELT + (RAIN - RNINTC - EVAP - TRAN - DRAIN) )

IRRIG = IRRIGF *
      MAX(0., (W AFC-WA)/DELT - (RAIN - RNINTC - EVAP - TRAN - DRAIN - RUNOFF) )
RETURN
END
    
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## Relational diagram of LINTUL2 = LINTUL1 + Water



## Practical Crop Ecology Thursday February 4, 2010

Exercises (end of Chapter 10B, p. 41-45) concern the following subjects:

- Differences between potential and water limited growth
- Variation of yields between different years
- Sensitivity of results for different soil water-holding capacities
- Effects of different emergence days in rain fed agriculture on yields

*Questions are based on information about Lintul1 and Lintul2*

**Prepare a Word-report of your findings and hand it in no later than**

**Monday February 8, 16.00 hours (Place will be announced in the lecture)**

***E-mail reports will not be accepted***

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(Estimation of irrigation water requirements, potential evapotranspiration: A simple climatic formula evolved up to date)

## Preparation of the Radiation use efficiency Lecture of P.A. Leffelaar Study time scheduled on Monday February 8

Read from the article  
by

Sinclair, T.R. & Muchow, R.C., 1999. Radiation use efficiency. Adv. Agron. 65, 215-265.

(See full article in course information on EDU-web)

- Read pages 215 - 234 including half a page on page 241.
- Have a glance on Table I
- Read half of page 244 about wheat
- Than pages 248- 258 (section V)
- (Total about 30 printed pages out of 44)

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