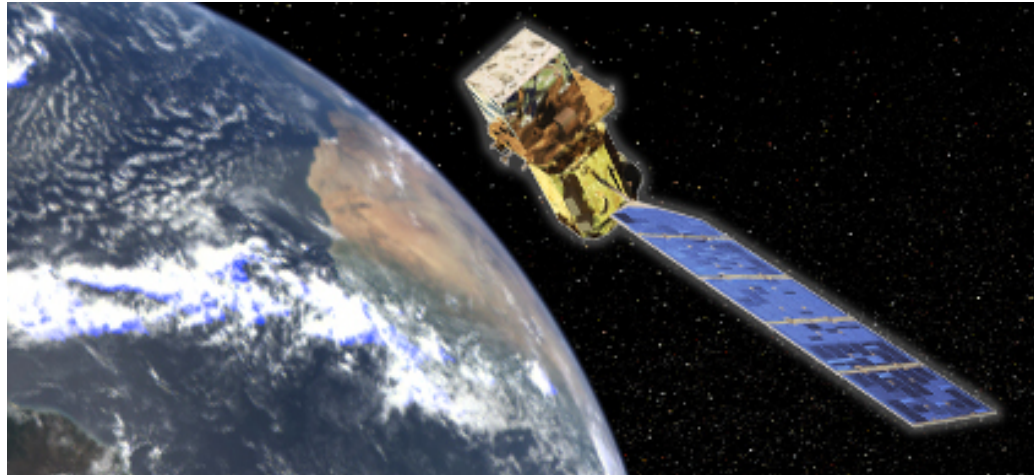


METRICtm



Mapping Evapotranspiration at high Resolution with Internalized Calibration

Outline

- Introduction
- Background of METRICtm
- Surface Energy Balance
- Image Processing
- Estimation of Energy Fluxes
- Instantaneous ET, 24-hour ET and Seasonal ET
- Applications
- Acknowledgements
- Questions

Introduction

- ❑ Evapotranspiration transfers large volumes of water from soil (**evaporation**) and vegetation (**transpiration**) to the atmosphere.
- ❑ Water consumption by crops - largest use of freshwater resources on Earth.
- ❑ Quantifying ET from irrigated fields is vital for management of water resources in areas of water scarcity
 - mitigation of impacts of reduced streamflow
 - establishment of hydrologic water balance
 - water rights management and water regulation
- ❑ Satellite data – ideally suited for deriving spatially continuous fields of ET using energy balance techniques

Why Satellites ?

Conventional Methods for ET

- “weather data” – gathered from fixed points – extrapolated over large areas
- “Crop coefficients” – assume well watered situation (difficult to quantify the impacts of stress)

Satellite imagery

- Little or no ground data are required
- Major advantage : ET can be computed without quantifying other complex hydrological processes.
- Evaporation and transpiration consumes energy.
- Energy balance applied at each pixel in to estimate how much water a particular field of crops can consume on any particular day

METRICtm

METRICtm

- ❑ Satellite based image processing tool for calculating ET as “residual” of energy balance at the Earth’s Surface
- ❑ Focus is on “small” region of interest – 100 miles x 100 miles
- ❑ Based on model “SEBAL” – Surface Energy Balance Algorithm
 - Dr.Wim Bastiaanssen (beginning in 1990)
(WaterWatch, The Netherlands)
 - Uses a near surface temperature gradient (dT) indexed to radiometric surface temperature
- ❑ Dr. Allen, Dr. Trezza and Dr. Tasumi
 - University of Idaho, Kimberly (beginning in 2000)
 - METRICtm uses SEBAL technique to estimate dT

Satellite Compatability

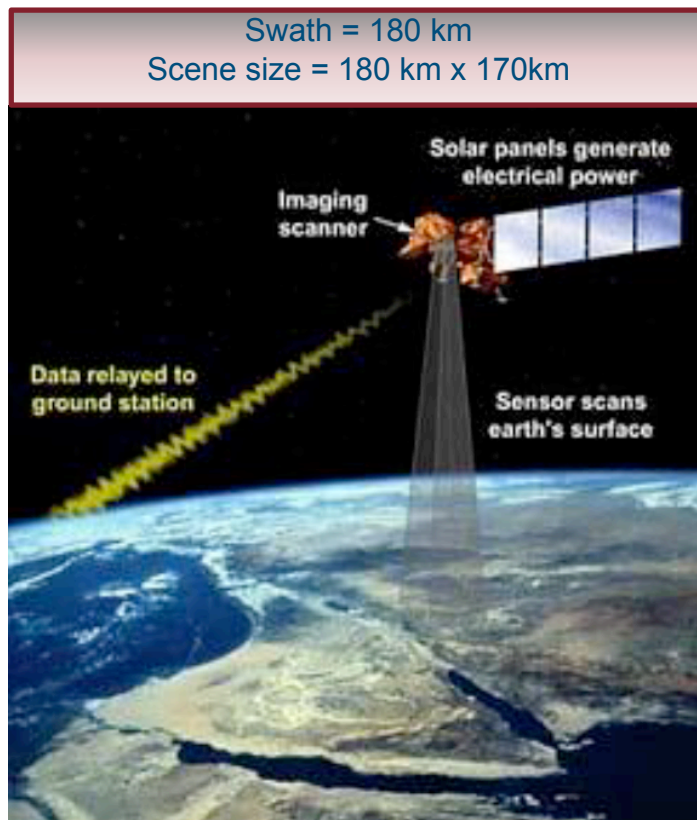
METRICtm needs both short wave and thermal bands

METRICtm can use images from

Satellite	Spatial Resolution	Revisit period
NASA - Landsat	30 m, 60 to 120 m	16 days
NASA - MODIS	500 m to 1000 m	daily
NASA -ASTER	15 m	8 days
NOAA -AVHRR	8 or 16 days	daily

Landsat – Polar Orbiting

Landsat is the only operational satellite with a “thermal band” and a pixel size small enough to map ET for individual fields.



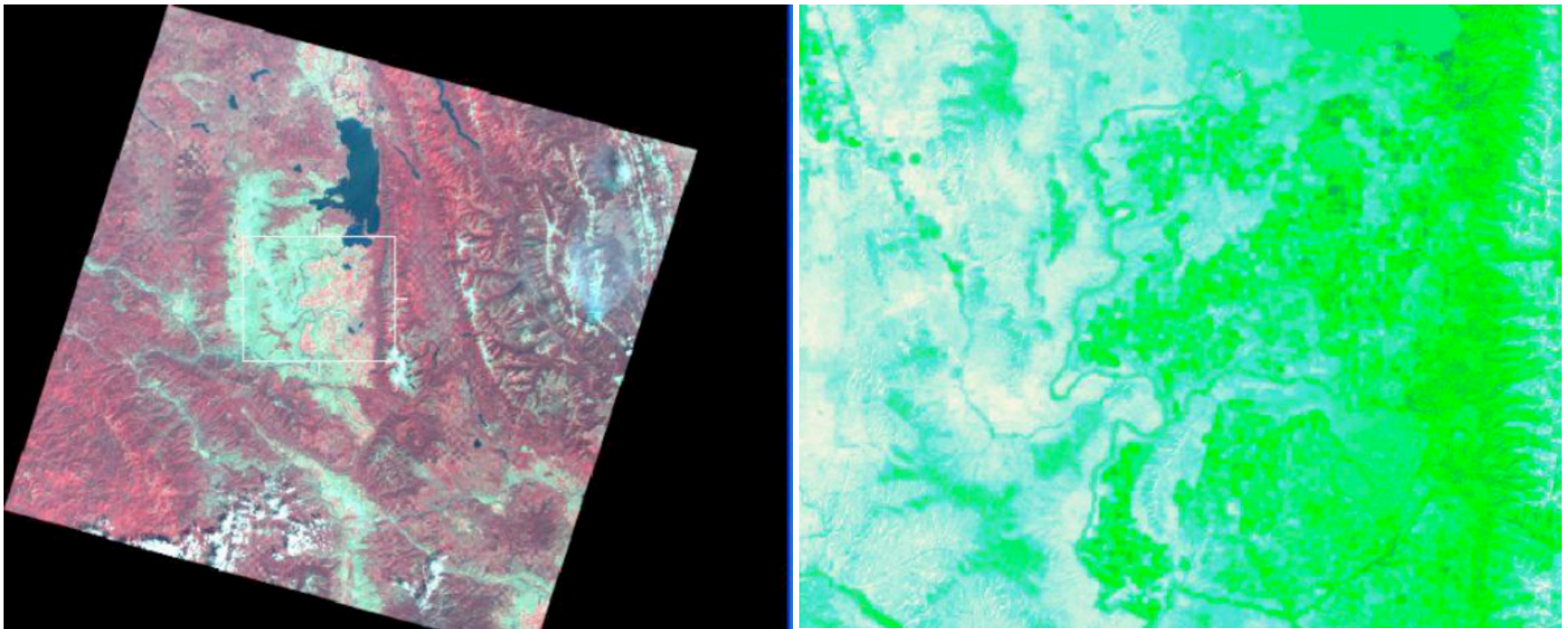
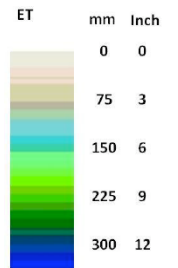
A new image each 16 days for a specific location

LANDSAT 7 ETM⁺

Spectral Resolution (μm)	Band	Spatial Resolution (m)
Band 1 : 0.450-0.515	Blue	30
Band 2: 0.525-0.690	Green	30
Band 3: 0.630-0.690	Red	30
Band 4: 0.760-.900	Near IR	30
Band 5 : 1.550-1.750	Mid IR	30
Band 6: 10.40-12.50	Thermal	60
Band 7 : 2.080 -2.35	Mid IR	30

Product - Monthly ET

Summed ET for the Mission Valley, MT for during July 2008



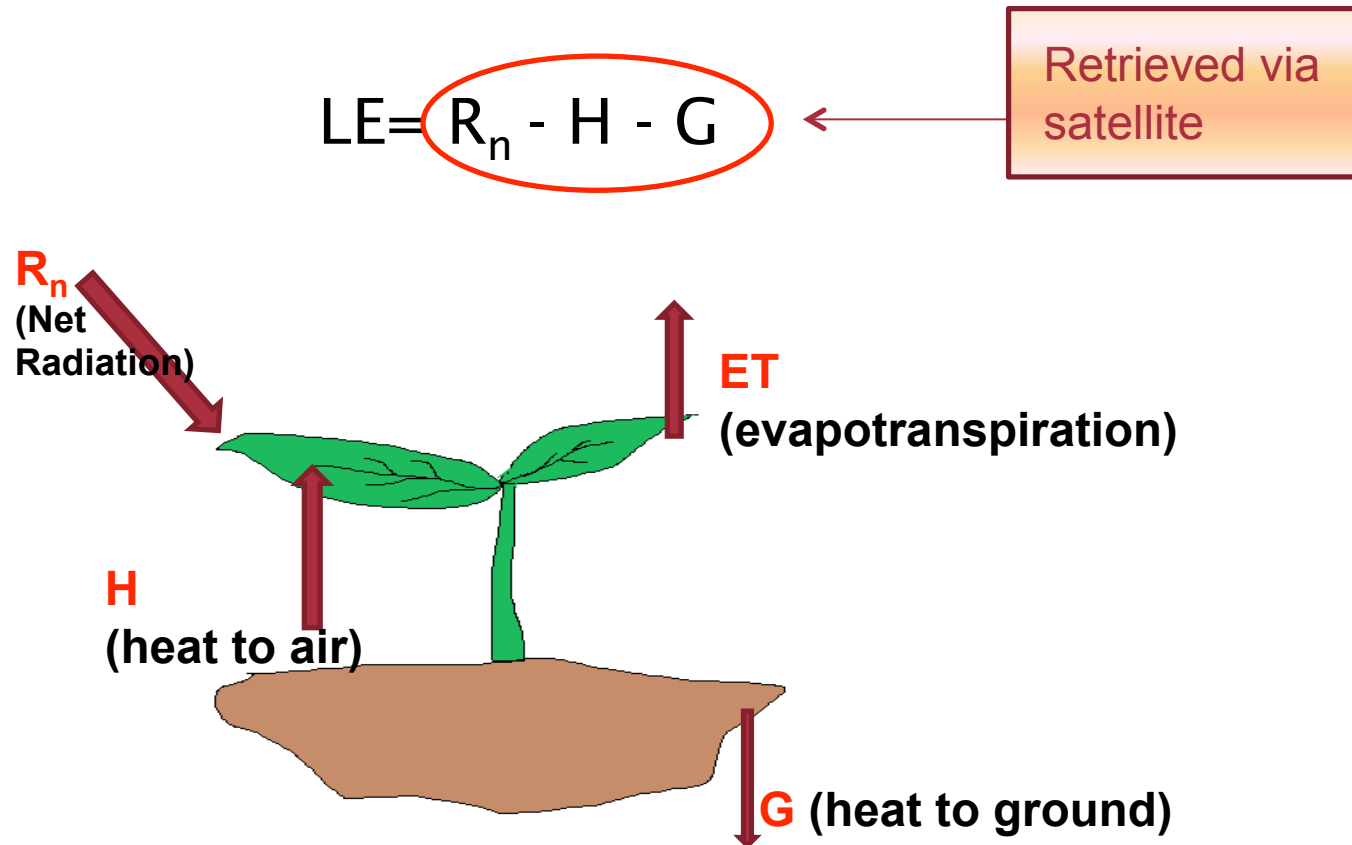
Primary Inputs for METRIC

- Short wave and long wave (thermal) satellite images
- Digital Elevation Model (DEM)
- Weather Data from within or near the area of interest- windspeed, vapour pressure and reference ET
- Land Use Map

Concept of Surface Energy Balance

Surface Energy Balance

- ET flux is calculated as “residual” of the energy balance



Components of Energy Balance

Net Radiation (R_n)

- Date and time
- Reflectance (brightness of surface)
- Surface temperature

Heat to Air (H)

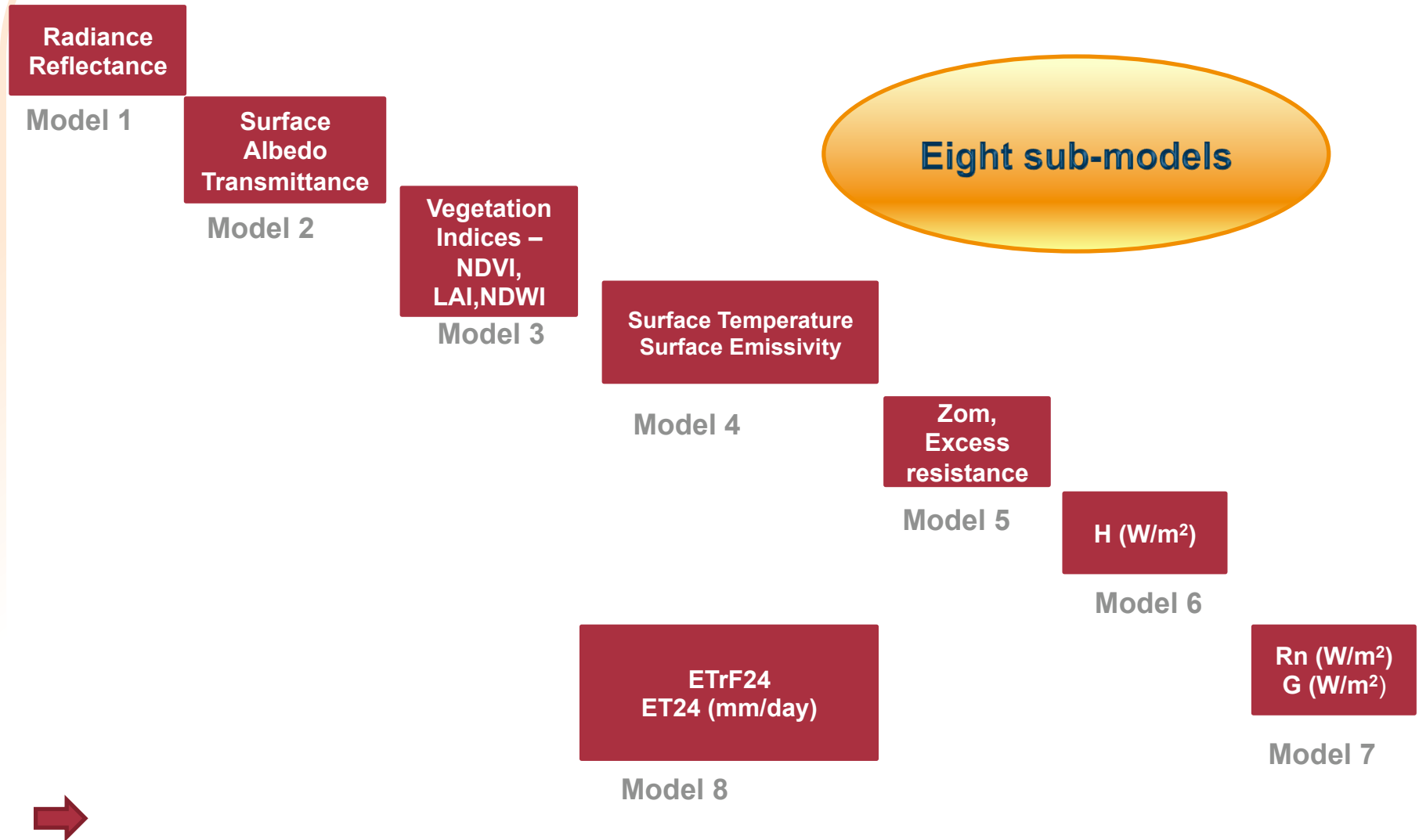
- Surface temperature
- Windspeed
- Vegetation type and roughness
- Surface to air temperature difference (dT)

Heat to Ground (G)

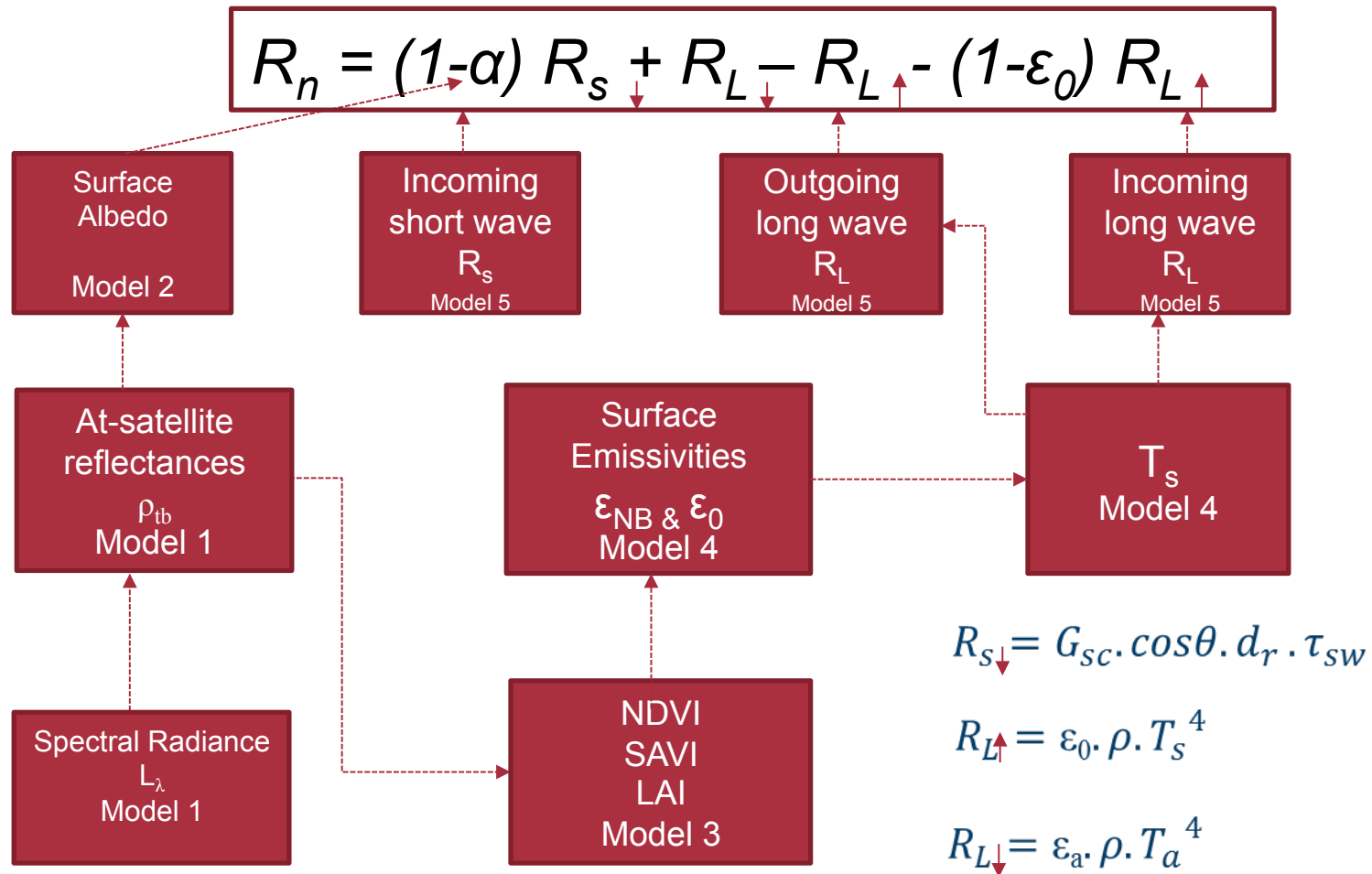
- Amount of vegetation
- Net radiation
- Surface temperature
- Reflectance

Image Processing

Models in METRIC



Net Radiation (R_n)



Sensible Heat Flux

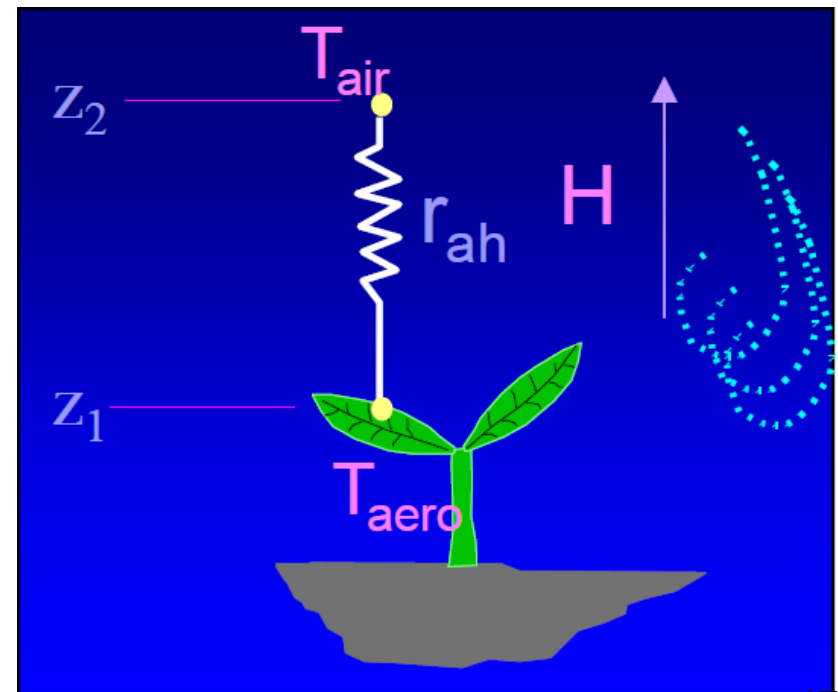
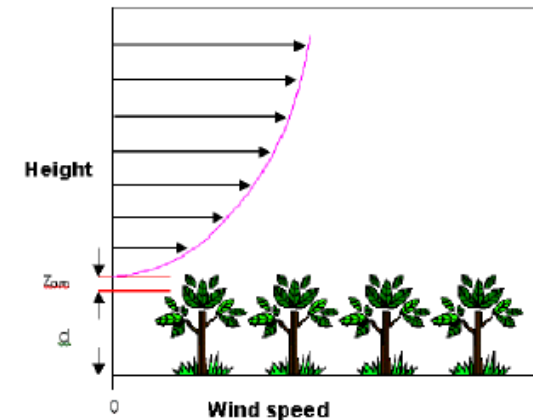
$$H = \frac{\rho C_p dT}{r_{ah}}$$

$$r_{ah} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{z_2}{z_1}\right) - \psi_{h(z_2)} + \psi_{h(z_1)}}{u_* k}$$

r_{ah} = aerodynamic resistance

u^* = friction velocity (m/s)

z_1, z_2 = height in meters above the zero plane displacement



Two “anchor pixels” utilized where reliable values of H are estimated and solve for dT

Near Surface Temperature difference (dT)

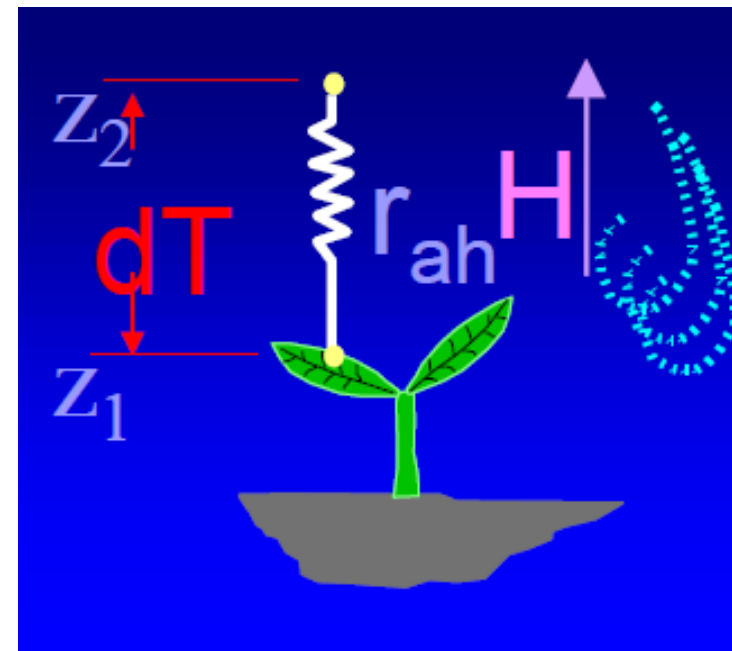
- To compute sensible heat flux (H), define dT for each pixel

$$dT = T_{\text{near surface}} - T_{\text{air}}$$

$$dT = T_{z1} - T_{z2}$$

- T_{air} is unknown
- SEBAL and METRICtm assume a linear relationship between T_s and dT

$$dT = b + aT_{s_dem}$$



T_{s_dem} is the delayed surface temperature

Development of dT Vs T_{s_dem}

Cold Pixel

- $H_{cold} = R_n - G - LE_{cold}$

$$LE_{cold} = 1.05 ETr$$

$$dT_{cold} = \frac{H_{cold} r_{ah_cold}}{\rho_{cold} C_p}$$

- a well irrigated water surface with full cover where $T_s \sim T_{air}$
(In SEBAL, $H_{cold} = 0$)

Hot Pixel

- $H_{hot} = R_n - G - LE_{hot}$

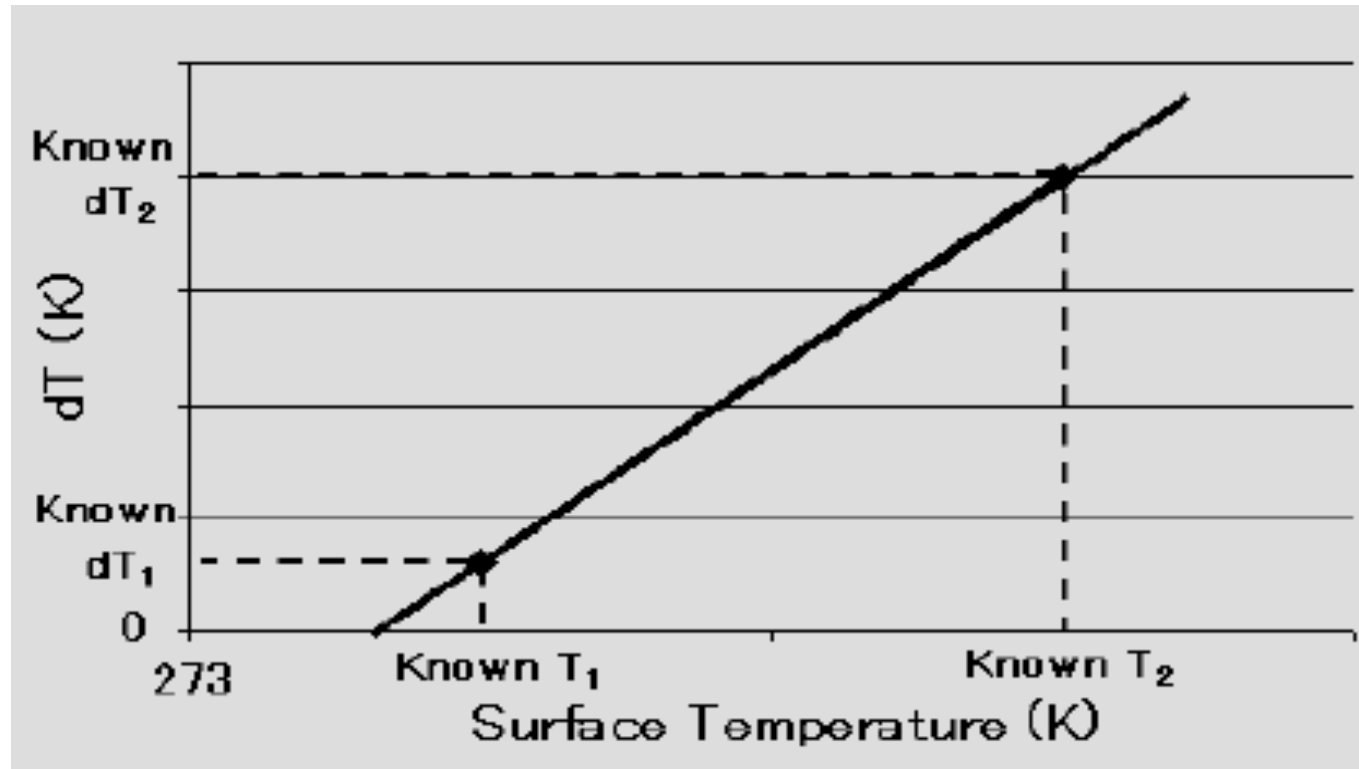
$$LE_{hot} \sim 0$$

$$dT_{hot} = \frac{H_{hot} r_{ah_hot}}{\rho_{hot} C_p}$$

- dry bare soil

Training of METRICtm

Once T_s and dT are determined for the cold and hot pixels, the relationship between T_s and dT is defined as linear



Iterative Process to Compute H



Weather station

u, Z_x, Z_{om}, u_*

wind speed at
200 meters

$$u_{200} = u_* \frac{\ln\left(\frac{Z_{200}}{Z_{om}}\right)}{k}$$

$Z_{om} = 0.12h$

friction velocity
at each pixel

$$u_* = \frac{k u_{200}}{\ln\left(\frac{Z_{200}}{Z_{om}}\right)}$$

Land use map
 $Z_{om} = 0.018 \text{ LAI}$
NDVI and albedo
data

r_{ah} for each pixel

$$r_{ah} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{Z_2}{Z_1}\right)}{u_* \times k}$$

Cold Pixel

$$H_{cold} = R_n - G - \lambda E T_{cold}$$

$$dT_{cold} = H_{cold} * r_{ah} / (\rho C_p)$$

Hot Pixel

$$H_{hot} = R_n - G - \lambda E T_{hot}$$

$$dT_{hot} = H_{hot} * r_{ah} / (\rho C_p)$$

dT for each pixel

$$dT = a T_s + b$$

H for each pixel

$$H = \rho C_p \frac{dT}{r_{ah}}$$

$$L = - \frac{\rho C_p u_*^3 T_s}{k g H}$$

Ψ_m (blending)

$\Psi_h(z_1) \quad \Psi_h(z_2)$

$$u_* = \frac{k u_{200}}{\ln\left(\frac{Z_{200}}{Z_{om}}\right) - \Psi_m(200)}$$

$$r_{ah} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{Z_2}{Z_1}\right) - \Psi_h(z_2) + \Psi_h(z_1)}{u_* \times k}$$



Soil Heat Flux (G)

- Empirical equation developed by Bastiaansen (1995) :

$$\frac{G}{R_n} = T_s (0.0038 + 0.0074\alpha) (1 - 0.98NDVI^4)$$

- An alternative equation was developed by Tasumi et al (2003) using soil heat flux data developed by Dr. J. L Wright (USDA) for irrigated crops near Kimberly, ID.

$$\frac{G}{R_n} = 0.05 + 0.18e^{-.52LAI} \quad LAI \geq 0.5$$

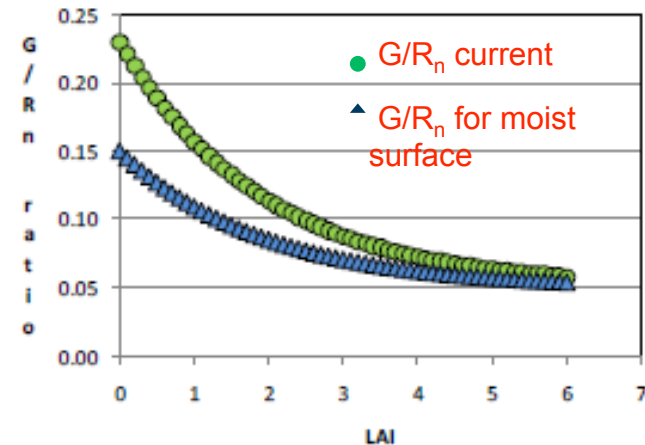
$$\frac{G}{R_n} = 1.80(T_s - 273.16) / R_n + 0.084 \quad LAI < 0.5$$

$$\frac{G}{R_n} = G.R_n$$

Current G functions

$$\frac{G}{R_n} = 0.05 + 0.10e^{-.52LAI} \quad LAI \geq 0.5$$

$$G = \max(0.4H, 0.15R_n) \quad LAI < 0.5$$



- $G = \text{fn}(H)$ after suggestion of Stull (1988) and development of Allen (2010, memo)
- For water (NDVI<0):
 - On average for deep clear water, $G/R_n = 0.5$
 - For shallow turbid water, $G/R_n < 0.5$
- For snow:
 - If $\alpha > .47$, assume $G/R_n = 0.5$

Solving for ET and computing LE for
longer periods

Calculation of Instantaneous ET

- Applying the energy balance equation, calculate LE:

$$LE = R_n - G - H$$

- This ET rate expressed as latent heat (W/m²) is converted into depth of liquid evaporated as :

$$ET_{inst} = \frac{3600LE}{\rho_w \lambda} \quad \text{where, } \lambda = (2.501 - 0.00236(T_s - 273))10^6$$

What about the rest of the day?
Month? and year ???

$ET_r F$

- For longer time periods, METRIC uses Reference ET fraction ($ET_r F$) to extrapolate in time –synonymous with K_c

$$ET_r F = \frac{ET_{inst}}{ET_r}$$

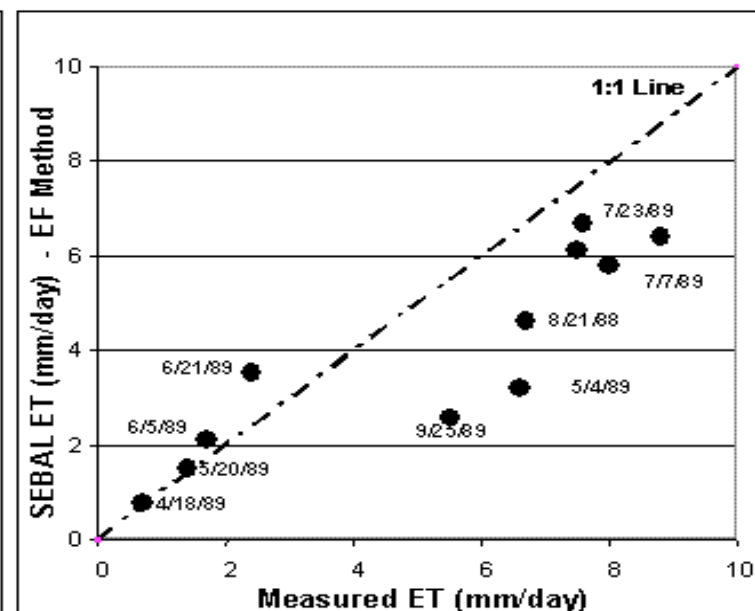
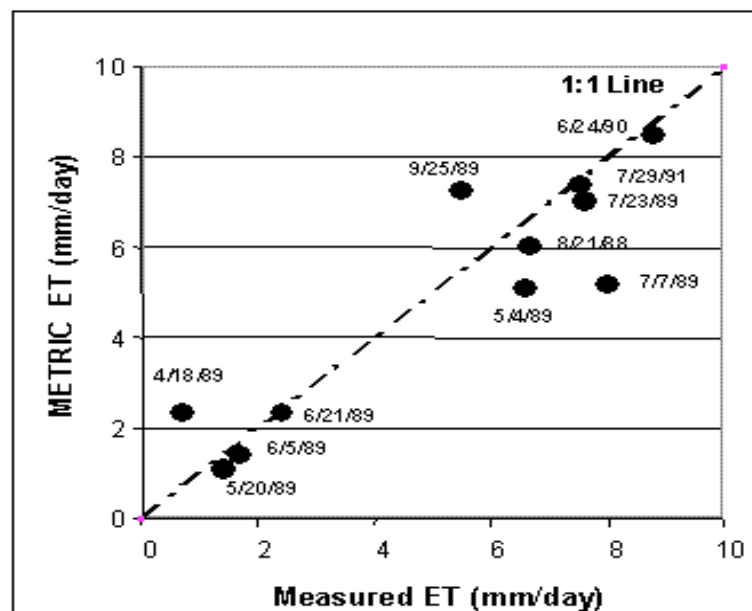
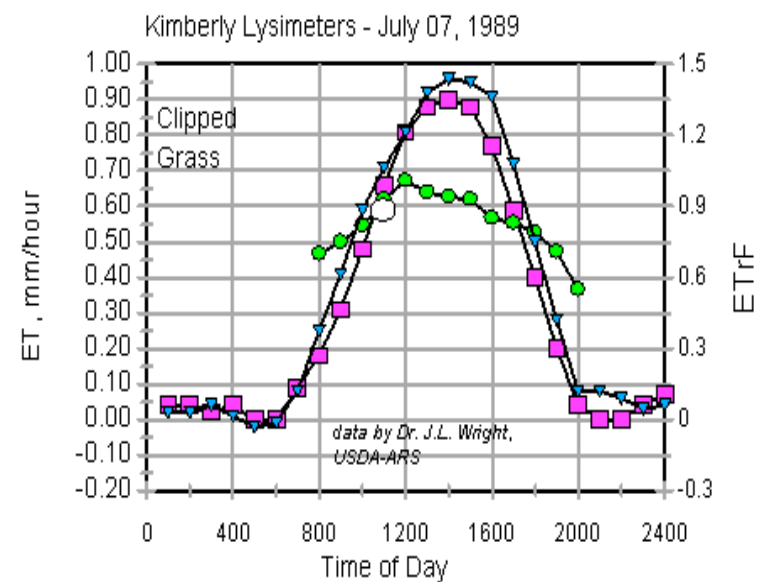
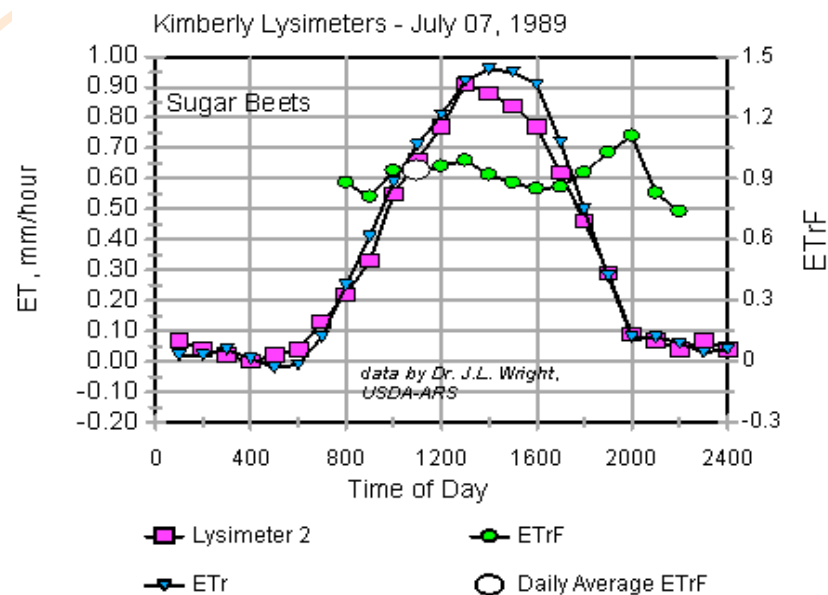
- ET_r is the reference ET calculated for the time of the image

Assumptions:

- The fraction $ET_r F$ is nearly constant for the day
- ET_r provides a good estimate of the climatic demands placed on each pixel.

$$ET_{24} \text{ (mm/day)} = ET_r F \times ET_{r-24}$$

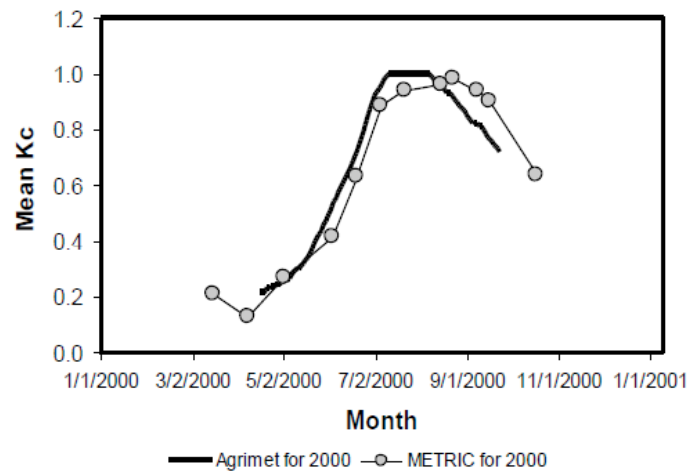
- ET_{r-24} is the cumulative 24-hour ET_r for the day of the image



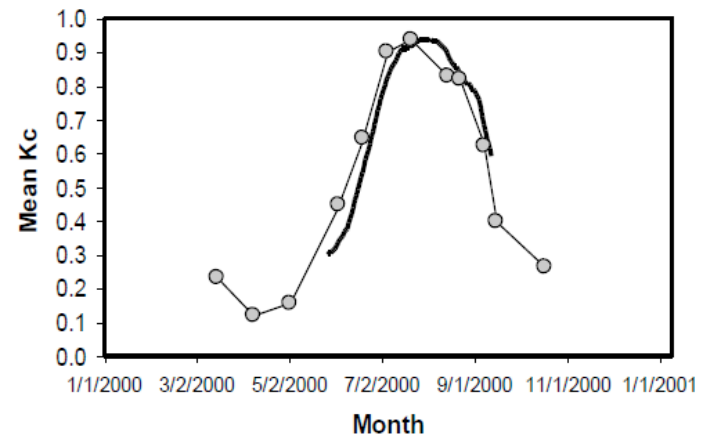
Allen et al., 2005

Comparison with local K_c curves

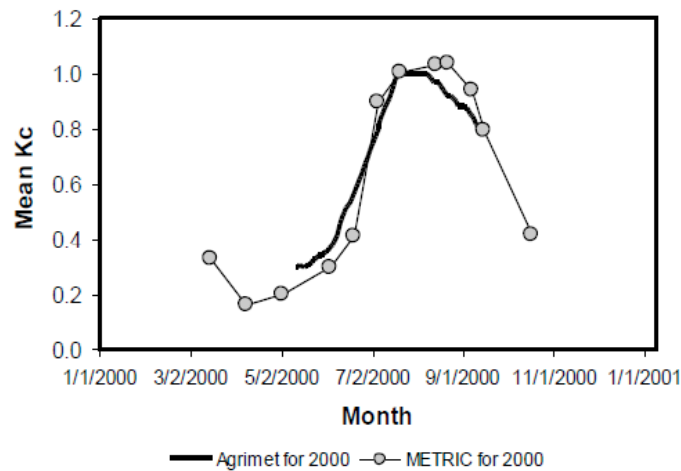
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Twin Falls, ID 2000



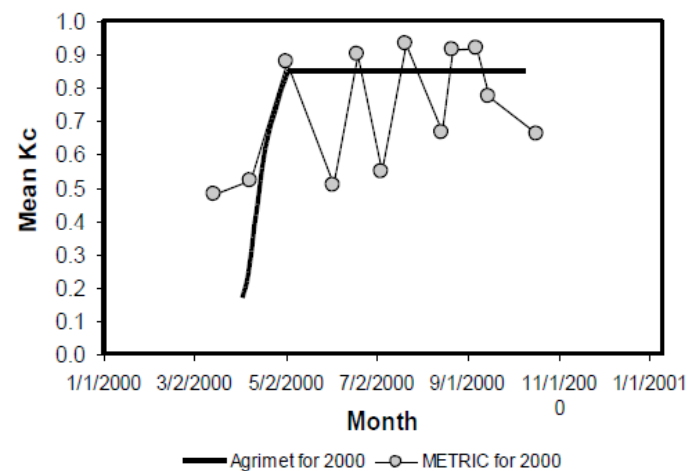
Potatoes
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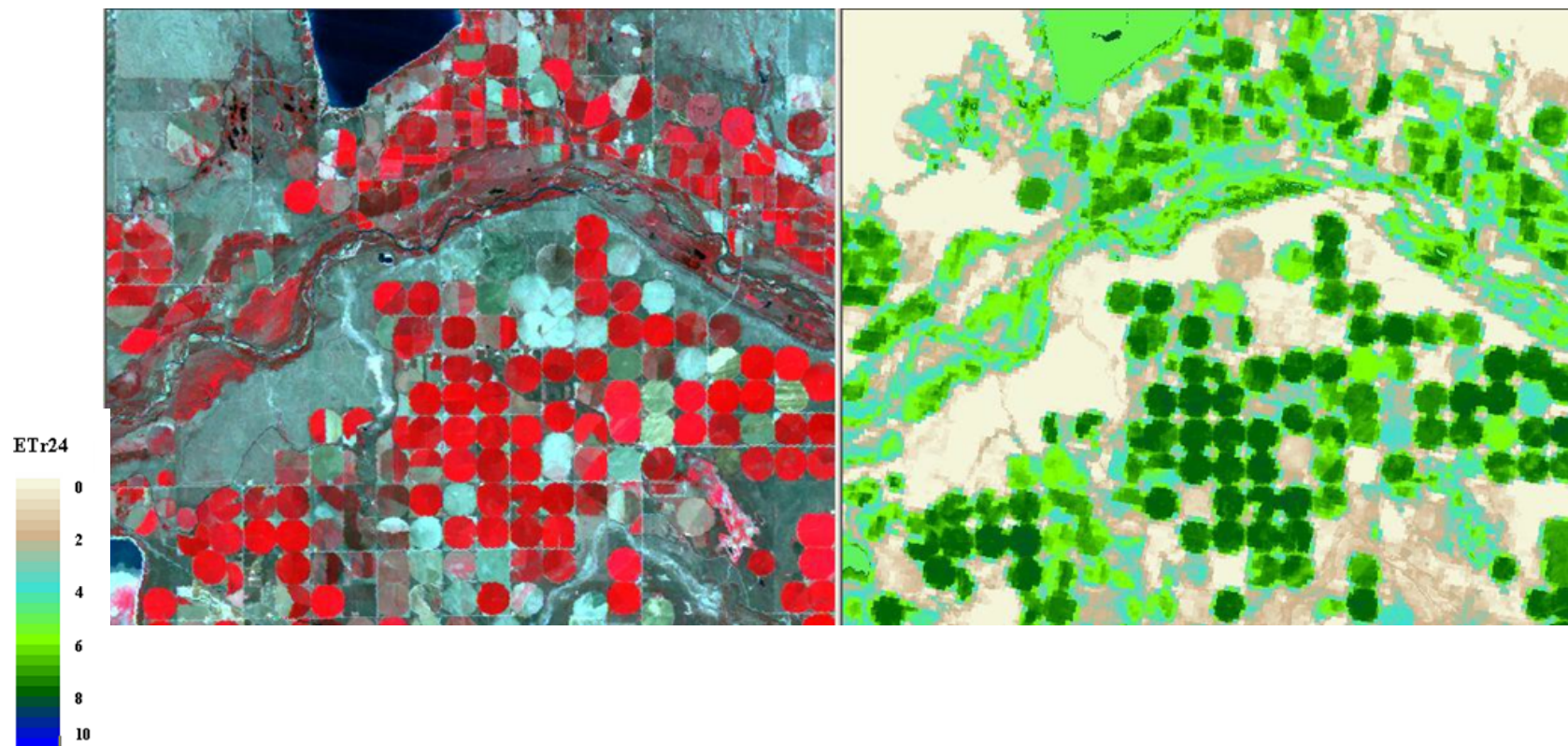
Field Corn
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Alfalfa - Dairy hay
Twin Falls, ID 2000



24-Hour Evapotranspiration (ET_{24})

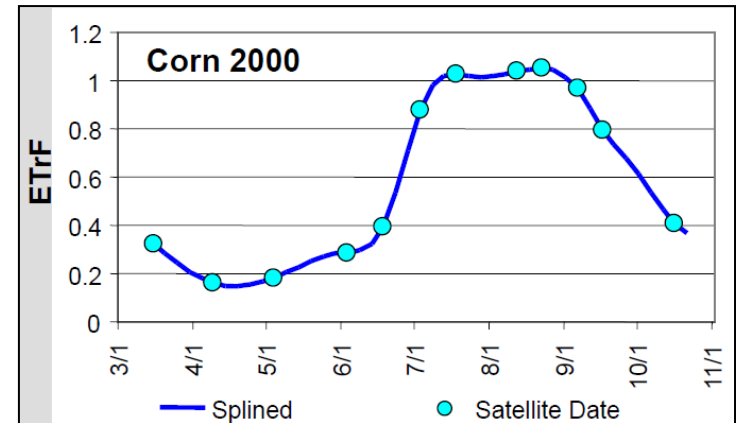


Seasonal ET

- Seasonal ET map is desired which covers an entire growing season for quantifying water consumption
- Derived from ETrF images by interpolating between processed images

$$ET_{period} = \int ET_r F_t \cdot ET_{r24t} dt$$

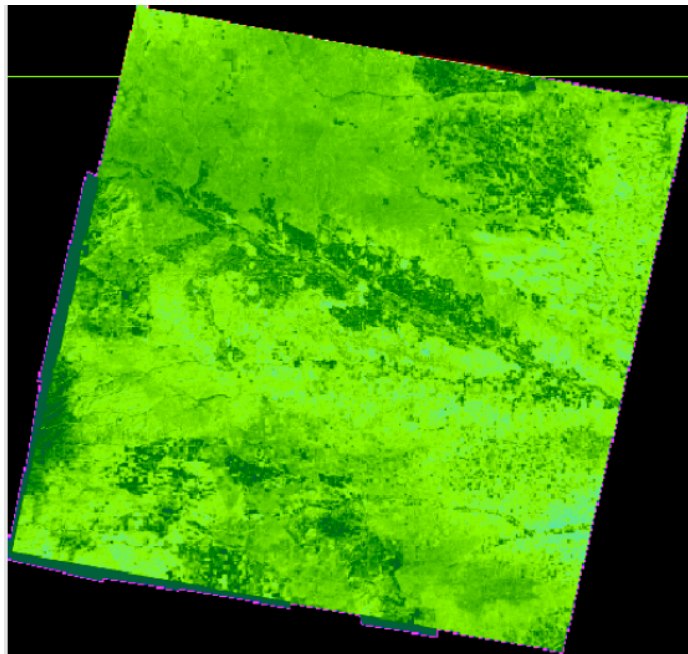
- Assumption: ET for the entire area of interest changes in proportion to changes in the ET_r at the weather station



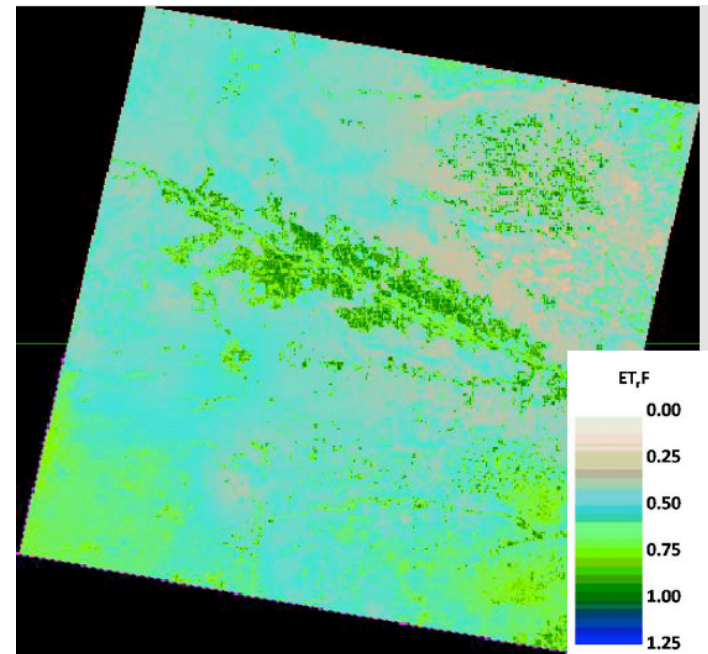
Generally, one image per month is sufficient

$$ET_{seasonal} = \sum ET_{period}$$

Adjustment for background evaporation to account for Inter-image Rainfall



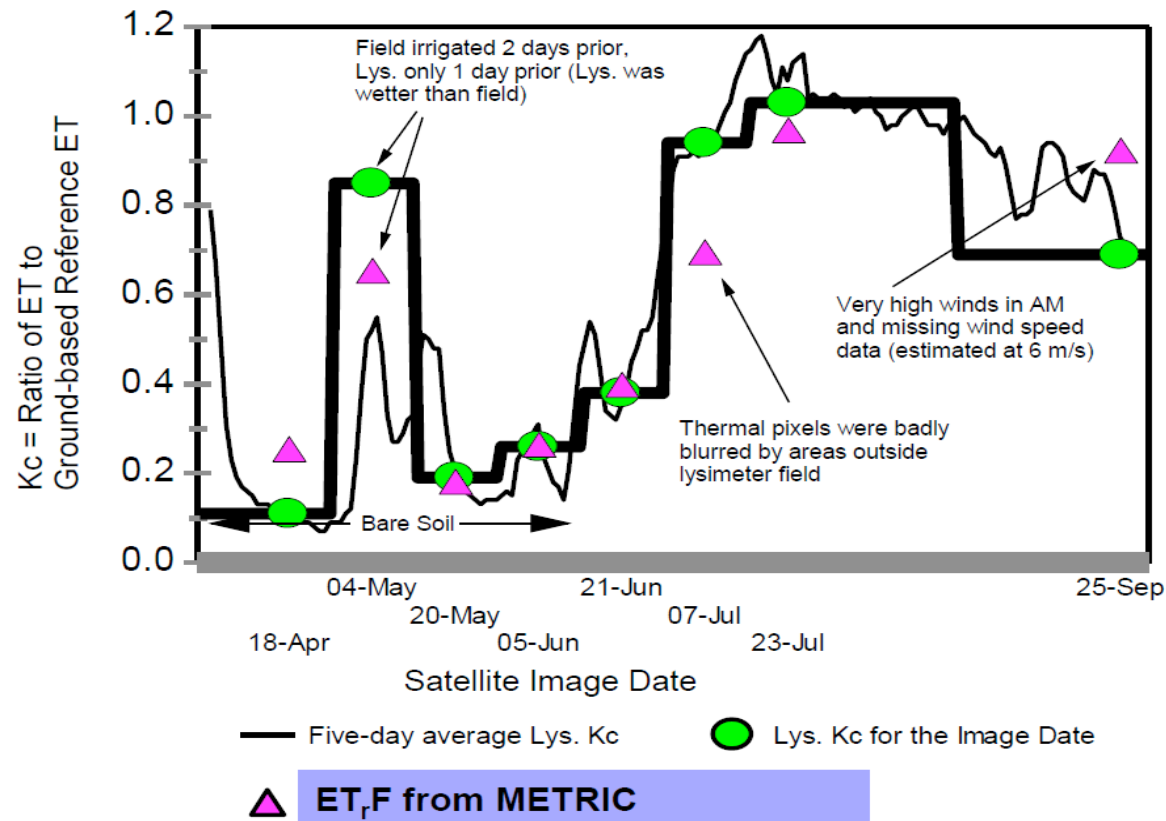
ET from August 13, 1997 not adjusted for background soil evaporation



ET from August 13, 1997 adjusted for background soil evaporation

Kimberly, Idaho (Snake River Basin)

Lysimeter Measurements: 1989 - Kimberly
Sugar Beet Field



Validation of ET estimates

- Confirmation of ET from remote sensing with independent measurement is highly desirable
- Estimate of H includes internal biases that account for biases in R_n , G , T_s etc.
 - Therefore, comparisons are best made between measured and estimated ET, not H
- Ground data must be accurate

The diagram illustrates the relationship between H, R_n , G, and LE. The equation $H = R_n - G - LE$ is shown, with $R_n - G$ circled in red. A red arrow points from the text "biased H" to the variable H. Another red arrow points from the text "biased R_n , G" to the circled term $R_n - G$. Below this, the equation $LE = R_n - G - H$ is shown, with a red arrow pointing from the text "Less biased LE" to the variable LE.

$$H = R_n - G - LE$$
$$LE = R_n - G - H$$

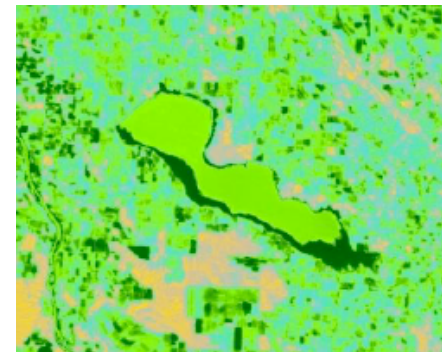
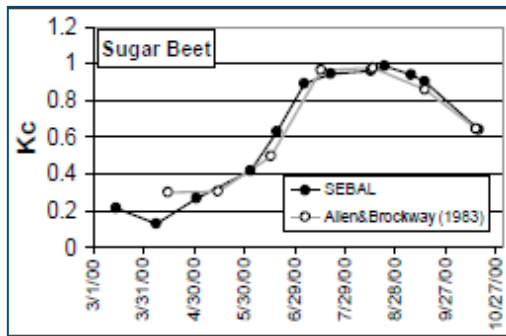
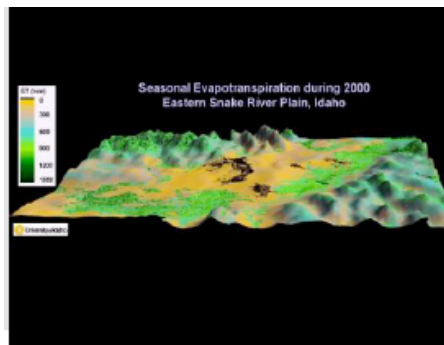
Accuracy of ET

- Satellite is 705 km above the earth
- ET is impacted by aerodynamics invisible to the satellite
- Design of SEBAL and METRIC make process relatively insensitive to the parameterization of aerodynamics
- “Magic” of the dT Vs T_s provides internal and relatively automatic calibration
- METRIC combines the strengths of energy balance from satellite and accuracy of ground-based reference ET calculation

Applications

ET maps are valuable for:

- Determining actual ET
- Ground Water Depletions
- Water Right Conflicts
- Refining crop coefficient curves
- Evaluation of regional and global climate models



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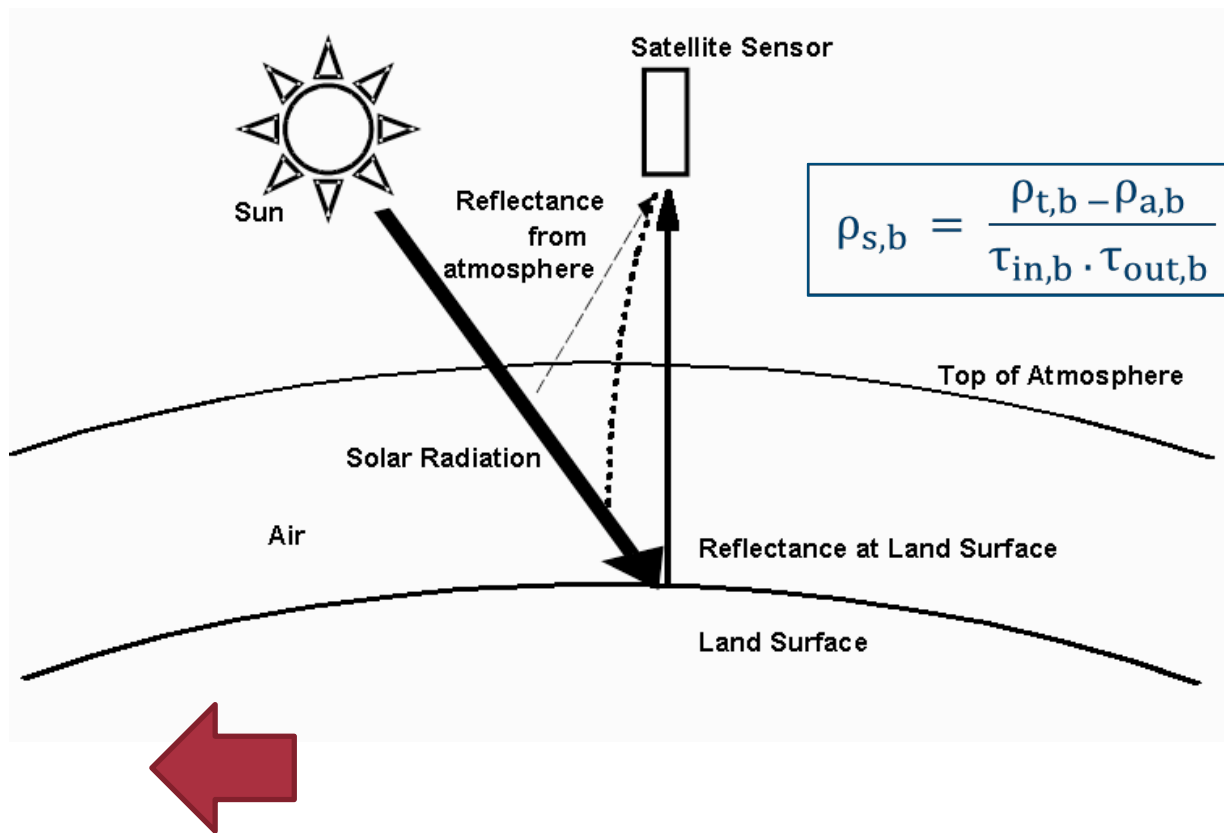


Questions ?

Additional Slides

Solar Radiation and Reflectance

“non-reflected” radiation is what is absorbed at the surface and part of the energy balance. Therefore it is important to calculate it accurately



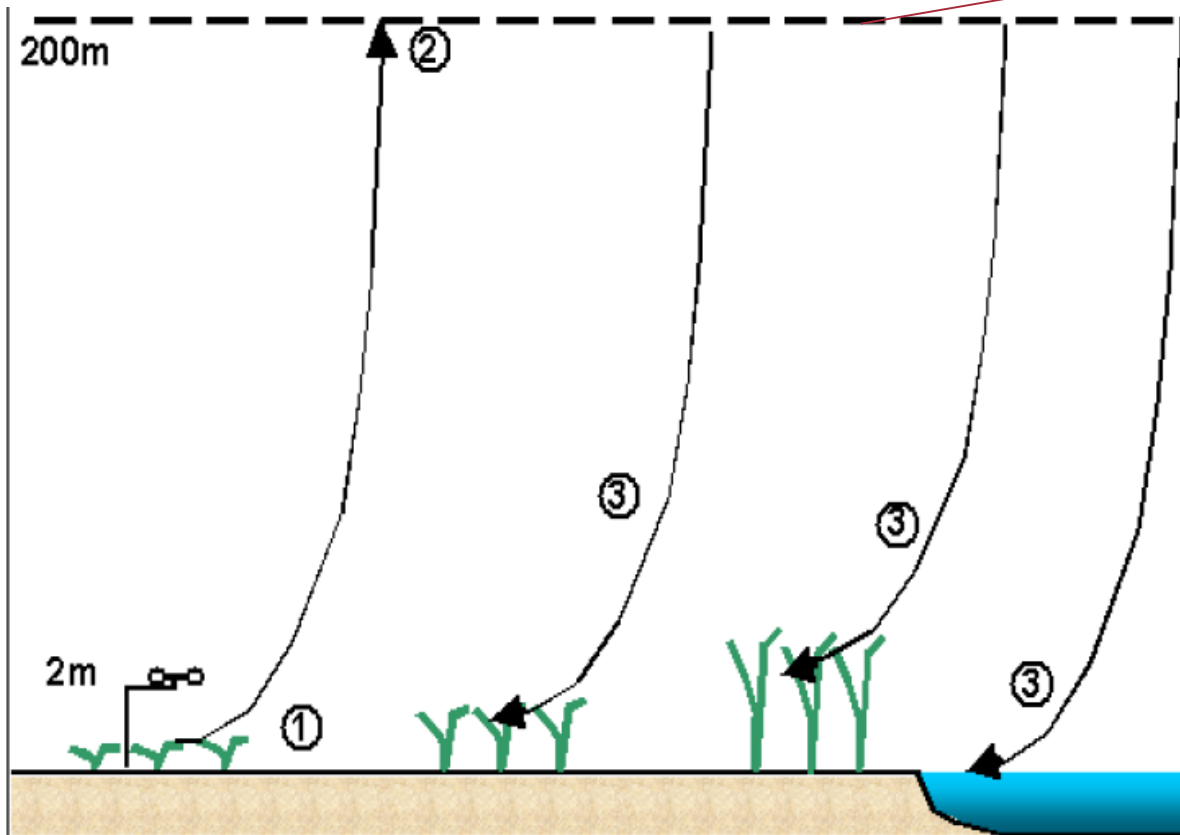
$\rho_{t,b}$ = at-satellite reflectance for band “b”

$\rho_{a,b}$ = path reflectance for band “b”

$\tau_{in,b}$ and $\tau_{out,b}$ are narrowband transmittances for incoming solar radiation and for surface reflected shortwave radiation

Friction Velocity

$$u_* = \frac{u_x k}{\ln\left(\frac{x}{z_{om}}\right) - \Psi_{m(x)}}$$



Assume
windspeed at
200m is
constant