2.2 - Forest water/energy balance (practice)

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```
x$cohorts

## SP Name
## T1_148 148 Pinus halepensis
## T2_168 168 Quercus ilex
## S1_165 165 Quercus coccifera
```



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```
x$below

## Z50 Z95 fineRootBiomass coarseRootSoilVolume
## T1_148 100 600 1574.98321 4.381122
## T2_168 300 1000 667.64217 7.526346
## S1_165 200 1000 13.57757 5.544086
```



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```
x$paramsTranspiration
                                                                               WUE_par
##
              Gswmin
                       \mathsf{Tmax}_\mathsf{LAI}
                                  Tmax_LAIsq Psi_Extract Psi_Critic
                                                                         WUE
                                                                                           WUE_co2
## T1_148 0.003086667 0.13838033 -0.006196134 -2.303000 -5.14000 8.528514 0.6826373 0.002517464
\#\# T2_168 0.004473333 0.08797862 -0.003939341 -2.840000 -6.96500 8.597547 0.2572564 0.002718680
\#\# $1_165 0.010455247 0.13400000 -0.006000000 -2.121073 -6.95092 7.900000 0.3643000 0.002757000
##
            WUE_vpd
## T1_148 -0.3032638
## T2_168 -0.5780737
## S1_165 -0.4636000
or ...
x$paramsAnatomy
                             SLA LeafDensity WoodDensity FineRootDensity
##
            Al2As Ar2Al
                                                                               SRL RLD
                                                                                           r635
## T1_148 1317.523
                                   0.2982842 0.6077016
                      1 5.140523
                                                               0.2982842 3172.572 10 1.964226
## T2_168 3908.823
                      1 6.340000 0.4893392 0.9008264
                                                               0.4893392 4398.812 10 1.805872
## S1_165 4189.325
                      1 4.980084
                                   0.3709679 0.4389106
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```



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```
x$internalPhenology
         gdd sen budFormation leafUnfolding leafSenescence leafDormancy phi
##
## T1_148
                         FALSE
                                       FALSE
                                                      FALSE
                                                                   FALSE
## T2_168 0
                         FALSE
                                       FALSE
                                                                   FALSE
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                                                                   FALSE
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                                                      FALSE
                                                                   FALSE
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                                       FALSE
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                                                                   FALSE
or...
x$internalWater
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S1_165 -0.033



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The call to function spwb() needs the water balance input object, the weather data frame, latitude and elevation:

```
S <- spwb(x, examplemeteo, latitude = 41.82592, elevation = 100)
```

```
## Initial soil water content (mm): 291.257
## Initial snowpack content (mm): 0
## Performing daily simulations
##
##
    [Year 2001]:......
##
## Final soil water content (mm): 272.993
## Final snowpack content (mm): 0
## Change in soil water content (mm): -18.264
## Soil water balance result (mm): -18.264
## Change in snowpack water content (mm): 0
## Snowpack water balance result (mm): 7.10543e-15
## Water balance components:
    Precipitation (mm) 513
##
    Rain (mm) 462 Snow (mm) 51
    Interception (mm) 96 Net rainfall (mm) 366
##
    Infiltration (mm) 408 Runoff (mm) 9 Deep drainage (mm) 123
##
    Soil evaporation (mm) 25 Transpiration (mm) 278
##
    Plant extraction from soil (mm) 278 Plant water balance (mm) -0 Hydraulic redistribution (mm) 6
##
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```
names(S)

## [1] "latitude" "topography" "weather" "spwbInput" "spwbOutput" "WaterBalance"
## [7] "Soil" "Stand" "Plants"
```

Elements	Information
latitude, topography, weather, spwbInput	Copies of the information used in the call to spwb()
spwb0utput	State variables at the end of the simulation (can be used as input to a subsequent one)
WaterBalance, Soil, Stand, Plants	Daily outputs (days as rows, variables as columns)
subdaily	Sub-daily outputs (not relevant here)



Water balance output object (2)

Actually, Plants is itself a list with several data frames of results by cohort (days as rows, cohorts as columns):



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The summary function can be also used to aggregate the output by species. In this case, the values of plant cohorts belonging to the same species will be averaged using LAI values as weights:

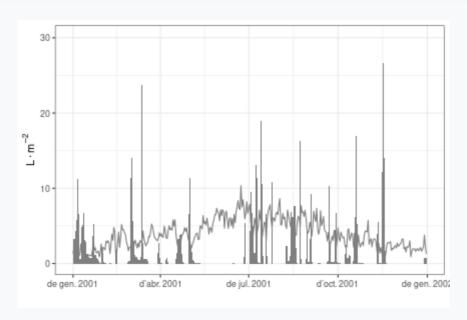
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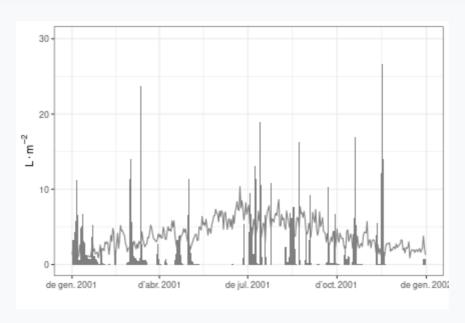




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The help page of ?plot.spwb lists all the possible plots...



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shinyplot(S)



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## 2001-03-01 1.243552e-05 4.670033e-06 1.353973e-05
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Other similar post-processing functions are waterUseEfficiency() or fireHazard().

They (should) also work on the output of functions growth() and fordyn().



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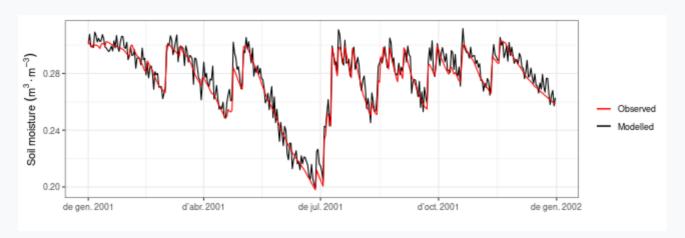
```
evaluation_stats(S, exampleobs, type = "SWC")
                                    Bias.rel
##
                          Bias
                                                       MAE
                                                                 MAE.rel
                                                                                                 NSF
               n
## 365.000000000
                 -0.002702054 -0.974616968
                                               0.005185209
                                                             1.870278122
                                                                           0.969375792
                                                                                         0.925051687
        NSF.abs
    0.713667968
##
```



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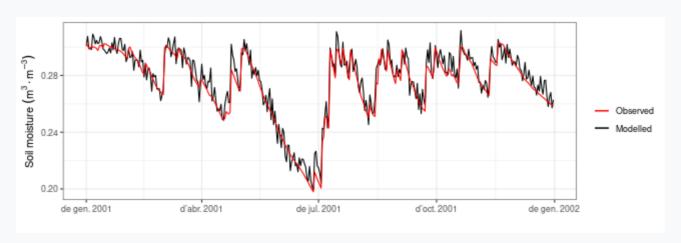




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```
shinyplot(S, exampleobs)
```



4. Advanced water/energy balance

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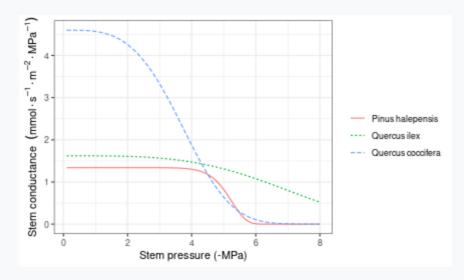
```
x_adv$paramsTranspiration
           Gswmin
                   Gswmax Vmax298 Jmax298 Kmax_stemxylem Kmax_rootxylem VCleaf_kmax VCleaf_c
##
## T1 148 0.003086667 0.2850000 72.19617 124.1687
                                              0.15
                                                          0.60
                                                                4.000000 11.137051
## T2_168 0.004473333 0.2007222 68.51600 118.7863
                                              0.40
                                                          1.60
                                                                4.000000 1.339370
## S1_165 0.010455247 0.2830167 62.78100 118.4486
                                              0.29
                                                          1.16
                                                                9.579077 1.844224
##
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                                          1.505250 11.137051 -3.065569
                                                                    29078608
92609924
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                 4.599269 3.537784 -4.126512
                                          4.660990 1.760307 -2.797092
                                                                   473105480
       Plant_kmax
##
## T1_148 0.6021000
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## S1_165 1.8643961
```



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We can inspect *hydraulic vulnerability curves* (i.e. how hydraulic conductance of a given segment changes with the water potential) for each plant cohort and each of the different segments of the soil-plant hydraulic network:

```
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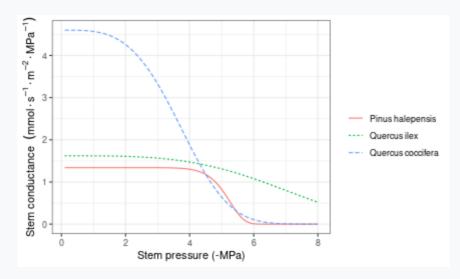




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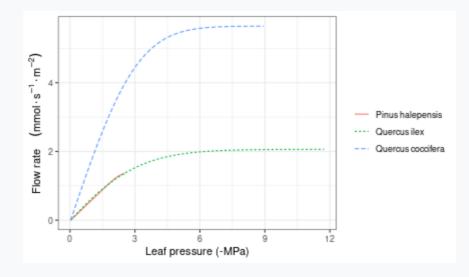
The maximum values and shape of vulnerability curves for leaves and stems are regulated by parameters in paramsTranspiration.



Supply functions

The vulnerability curves conforming the hydraulic network are used in the model to build the **supply function**, which relates water flow (i.e. transpiration) with the drop of water potential along the whole hydraulic pathway.

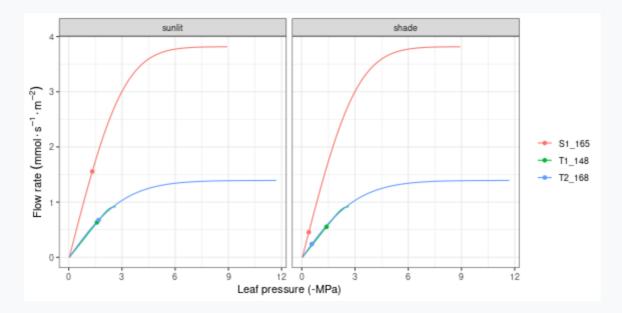
```
hydraulics_supplyFunctionPlot(x_adv, type="E", speciesNames = TRUE)
```





Stomatal regulation

Stomatal conductance is determined after building a photosynthesis function corresponding to the supply function and finding the value of stomatal conductance that maximizes carbon revenue while avoiding hydraulic damage: the *profit-maximization* approach.





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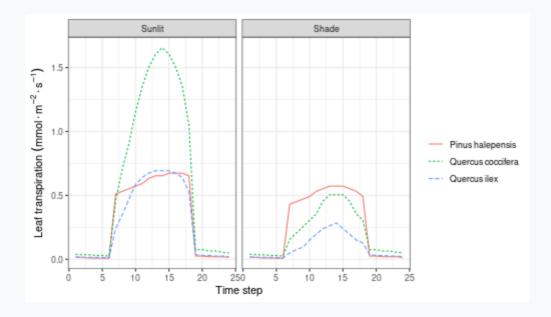
The output of spwb_day() is a list with several elements:

```
names(sd1)
                            "topography"
                                               "weather"
                                                                                       "EnergyBalance"
    [1] "cohorts"
                                                                   "WaterBalance"
                                                                                       "SunlitLeaves"
                            "Stand"
                                               "Plants"
                                                                   "RhizoPsi"
## [6] "Soil"
## [11] "ShadeLeaves"
                            "ExtractionInst"
                                               "PlantsInst"
                                                                   "SunlitLeavesInst" "ShadeLeavesInst"
## [16] "LightExtinction"
                            "LWRExtinction"
                                               "CanopyTurbulence"
```



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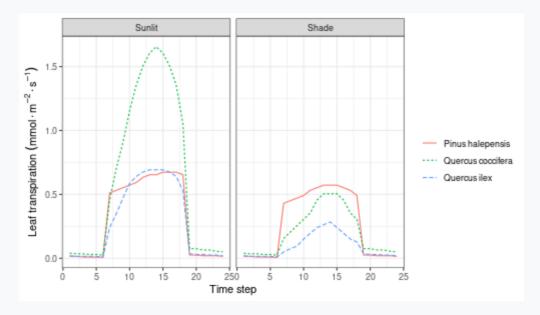
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More conveniently, you can examine multiple plots interactively:

```
shinyplot(sd1)
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We simply use function resetInputs() to reset state variables to their default values, so that the new simulation is not affected by the end state of the previous simulation:

```
resetInputs(x_adv)
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## [1] 1 1 1 1
```



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Function spwb() returns a list of class spwb, like the basic water balance model, but which contains more information:



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Instead, we should use function modifyInputParams():

```
x_mod <- modifyInputParams(x_adv, c("T2_168/LAI_live" = 1.1))</pre>
```

which will display messages describing the parameters that are modified.

M.C. Escher - Night and day, 1938

