

Using uWUE to remove dependence of ET on GPP

Penman montieth is given by:

$$\lambda E = \frac{\Delta A + \frac{\rho_a c_p D_{ref}}{r_a}}{\Delta + \gamma(1 + \frac{r_s}{r_a})} \quad (1)$$

where:

$$r_s = \frac{1}{LAI \cdot g_{st}} \quad (2)$$

Using the Medlyn model (from Frank et. al. 2017) we have:

$$g_{st} = g_w = 1.6 \left(1 + \frac{g_{1M}}{\sqrt{D_s}} \right) \frac{A}{c_s} \quad (3)$$

Here, g_{1M} has units of $\text{kPa}^{0.5}$, A is the net CO_2 assimilation rate in $\mu \text{ mol m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$, c_s is the CO_2 concentration in ppm (supposed to be at leaf surface). The problem is the A term that we need to get rid of. Also g_w as above has units of $\text{mol (air?) m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

we can use:

$$\text{uWUE} = \frac{\text{GPP} \cdot \sqrt{\text{VPD}}}{\text{ET}} \quad (4)$$

This has units of $\frac{\text{g C hPa}^{0.5}}{\text{kg H}_2\text{O}}$.

So let's do these unit conversions, starting with g_w unit conversion. Note that the mean molecular mass of dry air is 28.9645 g/mol. So then we have:

$$g_{st} - m/s = g_w \frac{\text{mol}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ s}^1} \frac{28.9645 \text{ g air}}{\text{mol air}} \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1000 \text{ g}} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\rho \text{ kg}} = \frac{m}{s} \quad (5)$$

so:

$$g_{st} - m/s = g_w \frac{R_{air}}{\rho_{air}} \quad (6)$$

where:

$$R_{air} = .0289645 \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{mol}} \quad (7)$$

Now we just need to convert uWUE from gC to $\mu \text{ mol C}$:

$$uWUE_{\mu \text{ mol C}} = uWUE \frac{\text{mol C}}{12.011 \text{ g C}} \frac{1.e6 \mu \text{ mol}}{\text{mol}} \quad (8)$$

so:

$$uWUE = \frac{uWUE_{\mu \text{ mol C}} 1.e6}{12.011} \quad (9)$$