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Modeling for crop production

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Energy and mass balances at the Land-Water-Atmosphere continuum

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Modeling: the philosophic procedure...

FACT

Observation

Abstraction

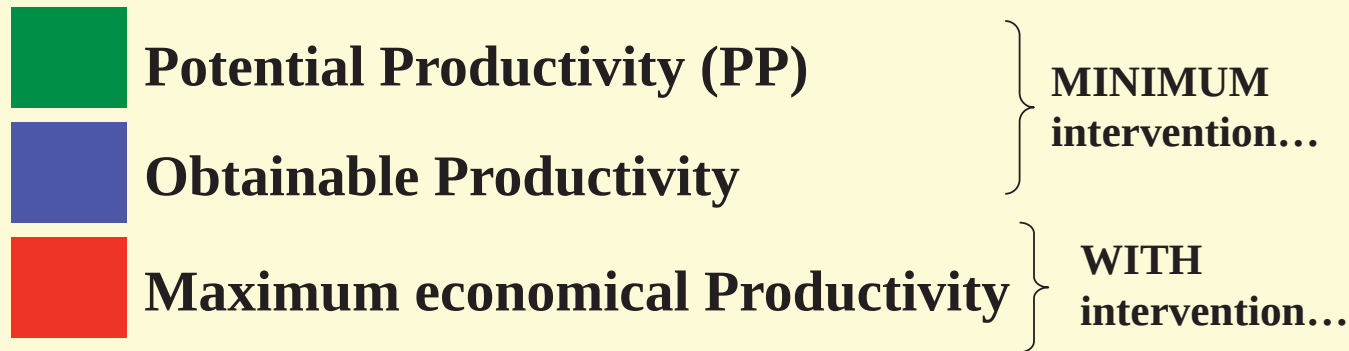
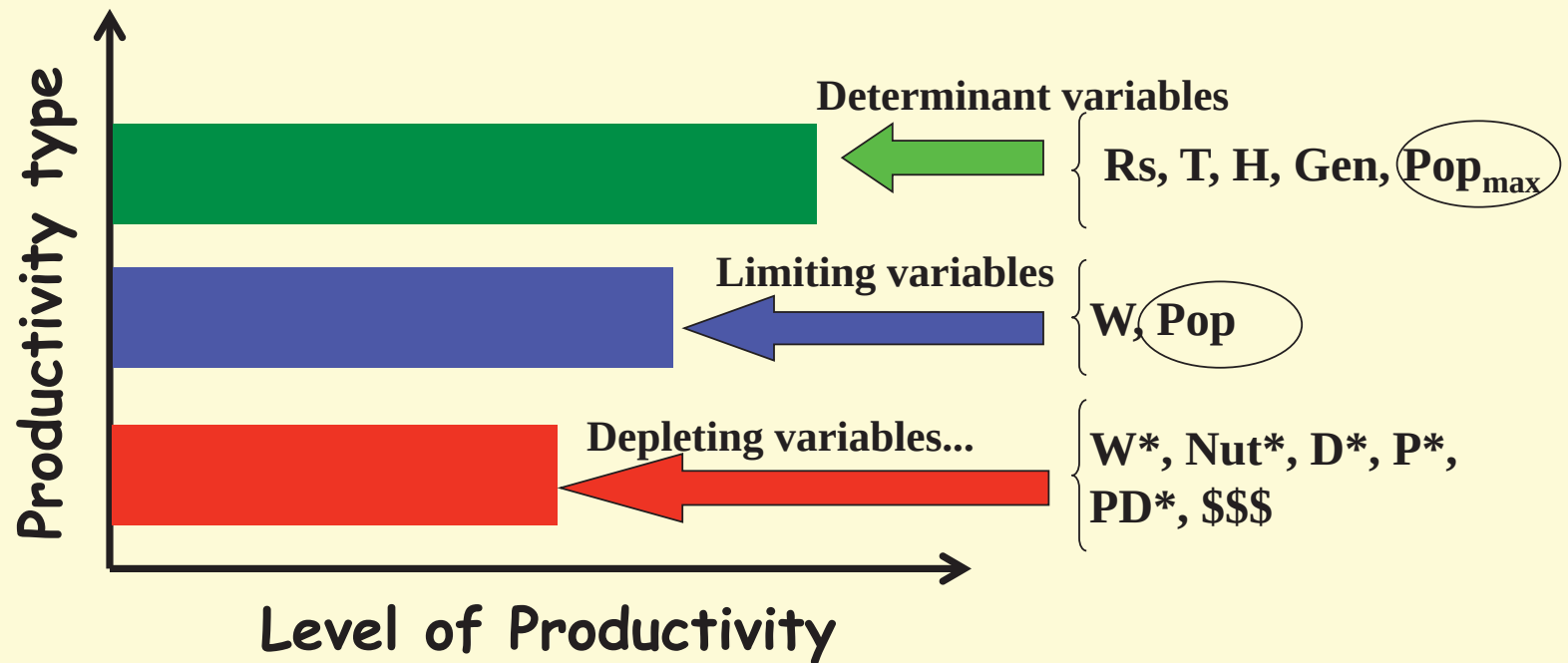
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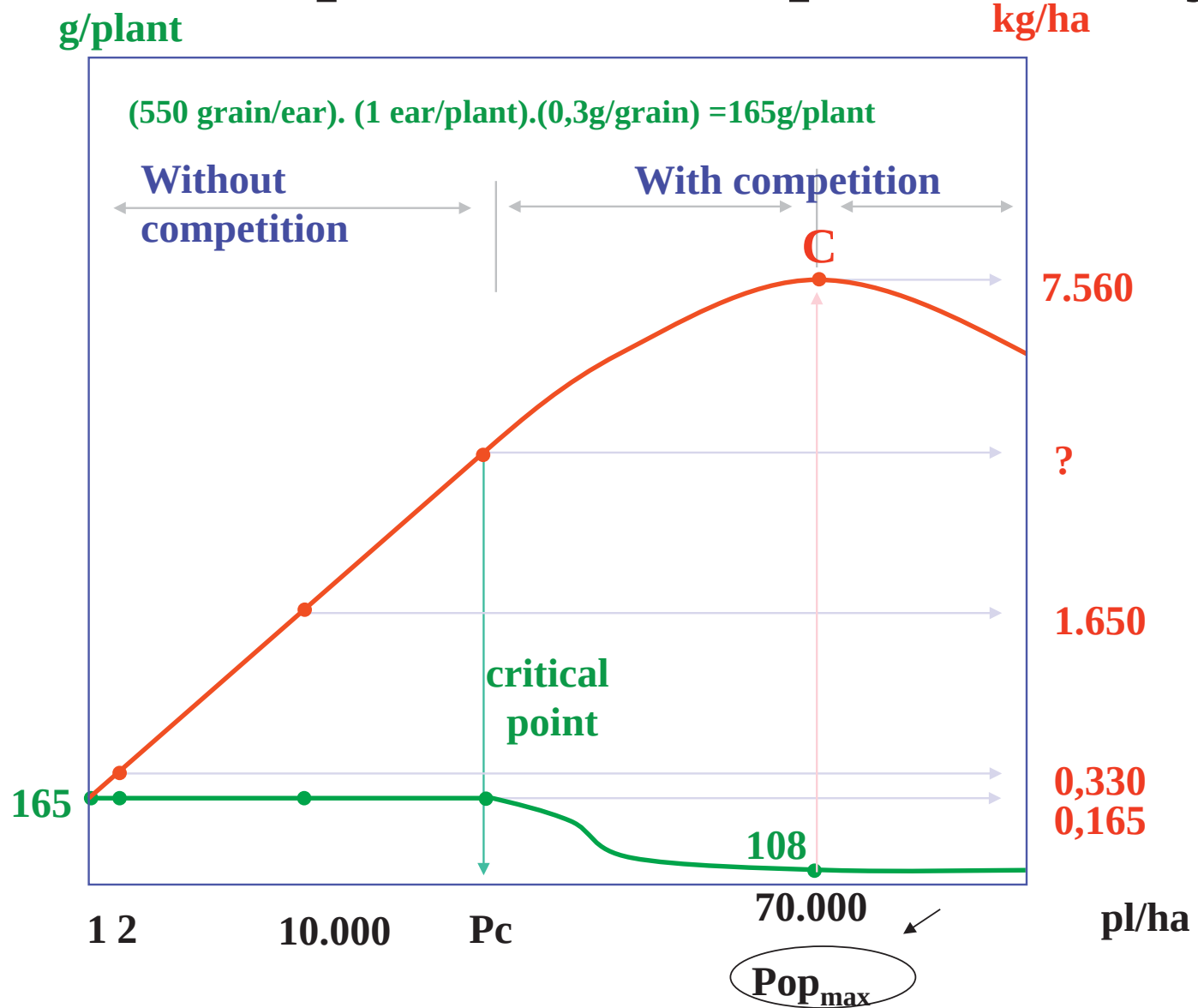
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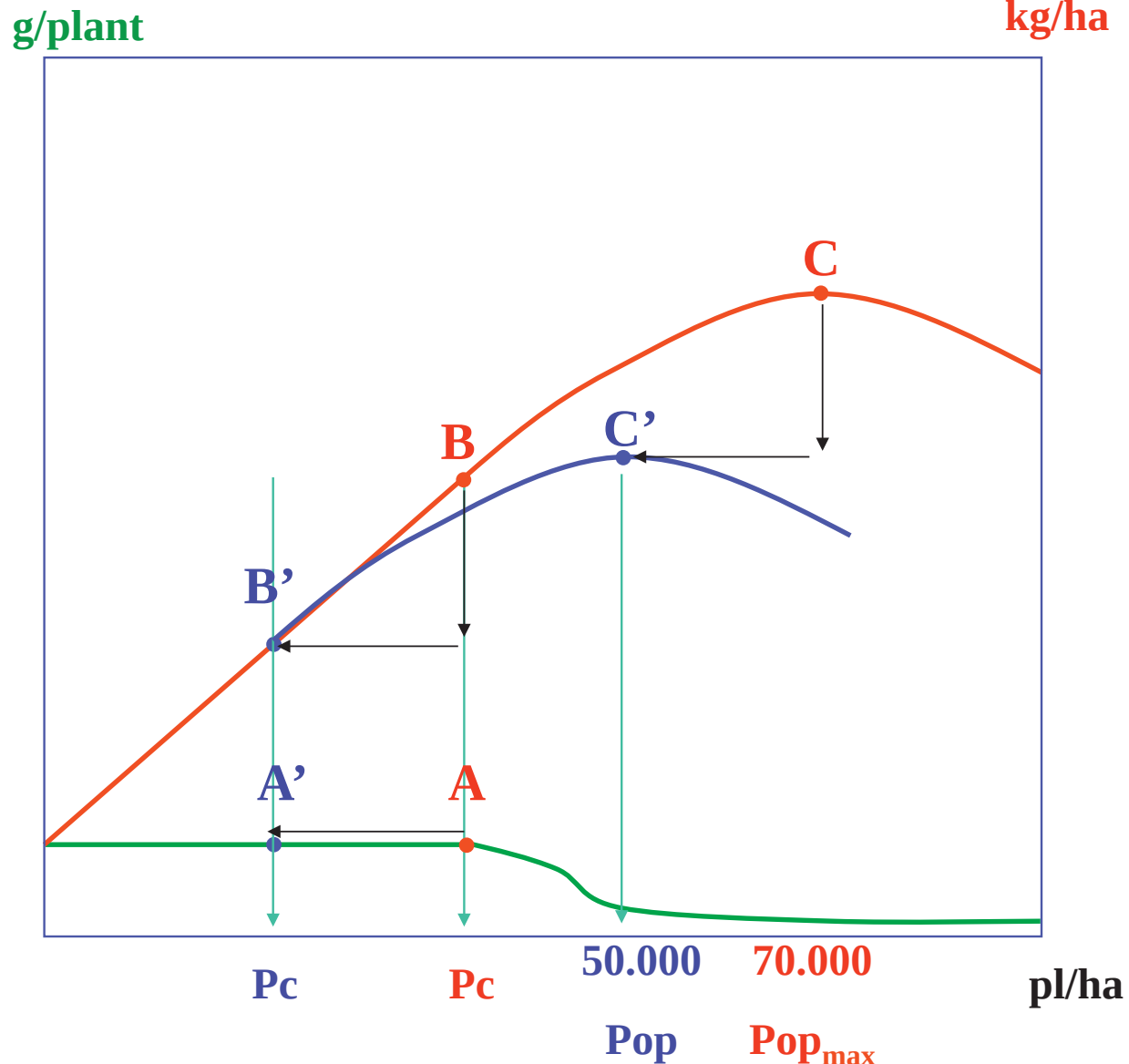
Productivity



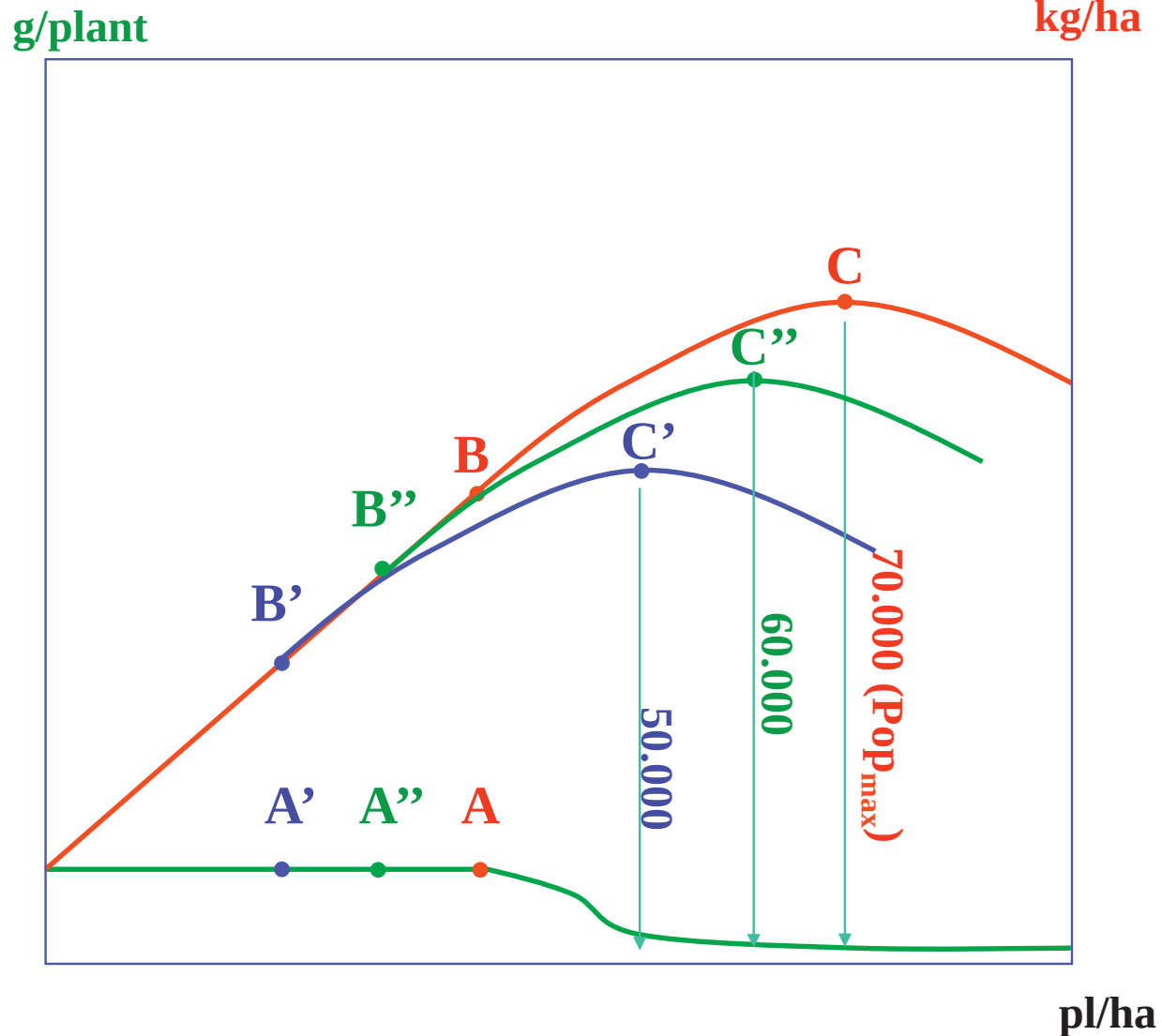
Corn Plant Population and productivity

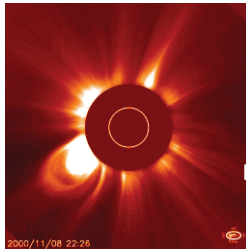


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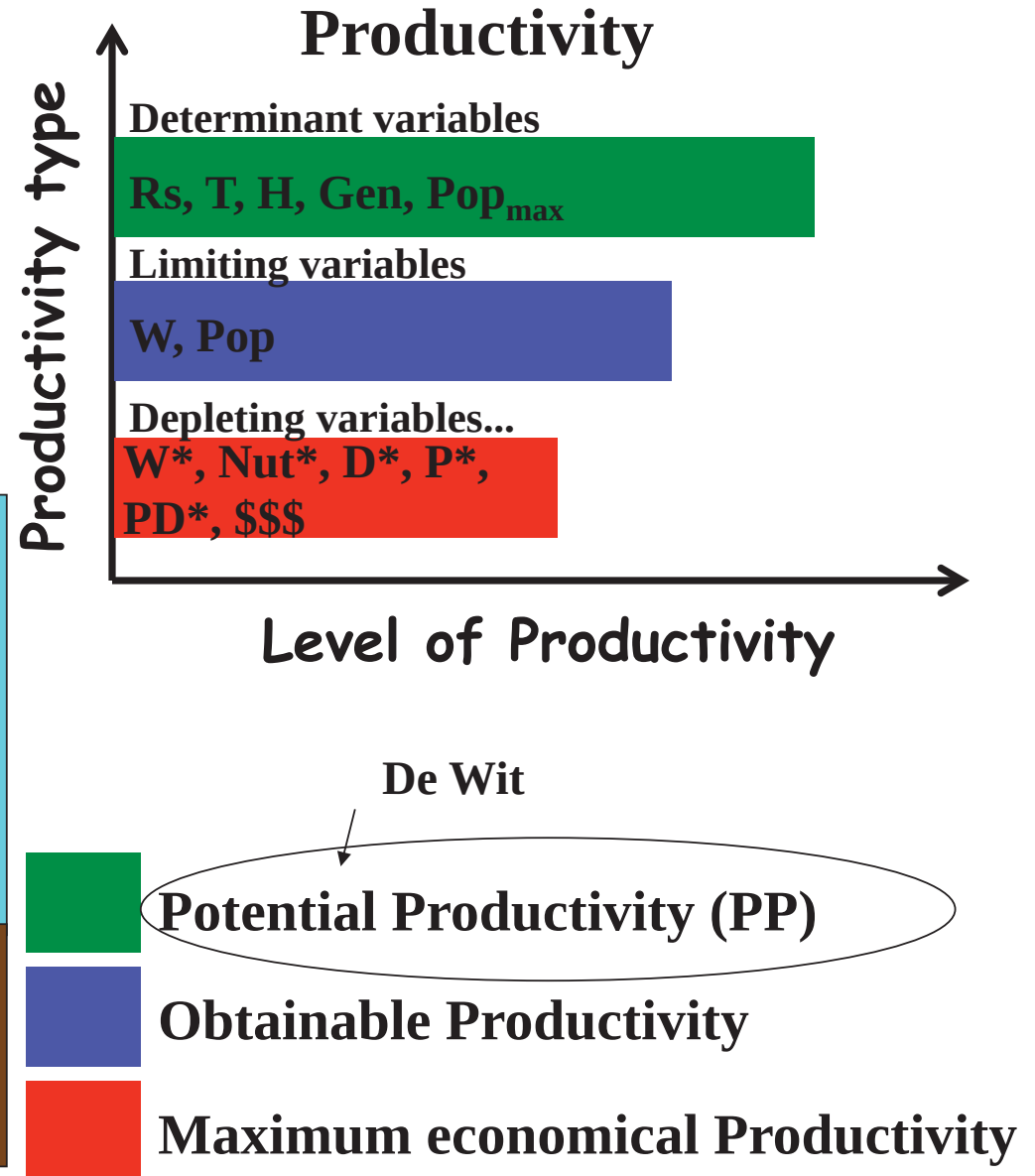
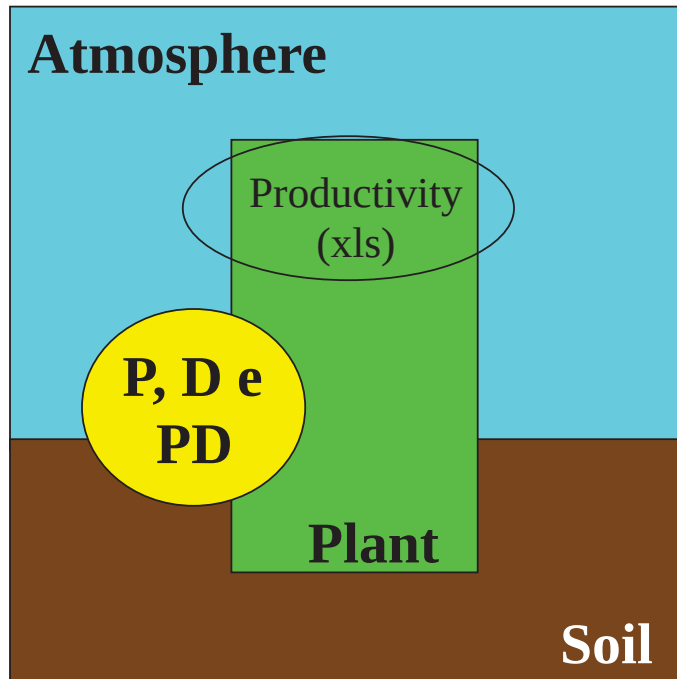


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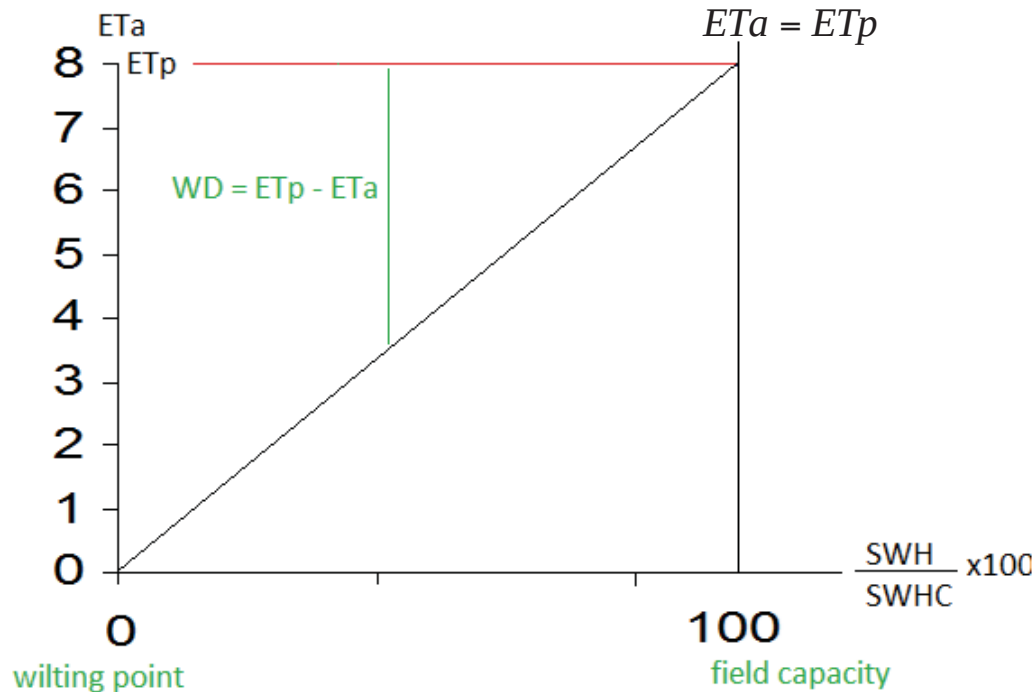




Summary

1. What is water deficiency?
2. Genotype - Cultivar
 - (a) Productivity (potential, attainable and actual productivity)
 - (b) Photosynthesis
 - (c) Leaf area index, row spacing and plant population
 - (d) Carbon partition, Conversion efficiency, hormones and crop cycle
 - (e) Light and carbon use efficiency
3. Environment
 - (a) Soil water holding capacity and flux density
 - (b) Water and nutrients use efficiency

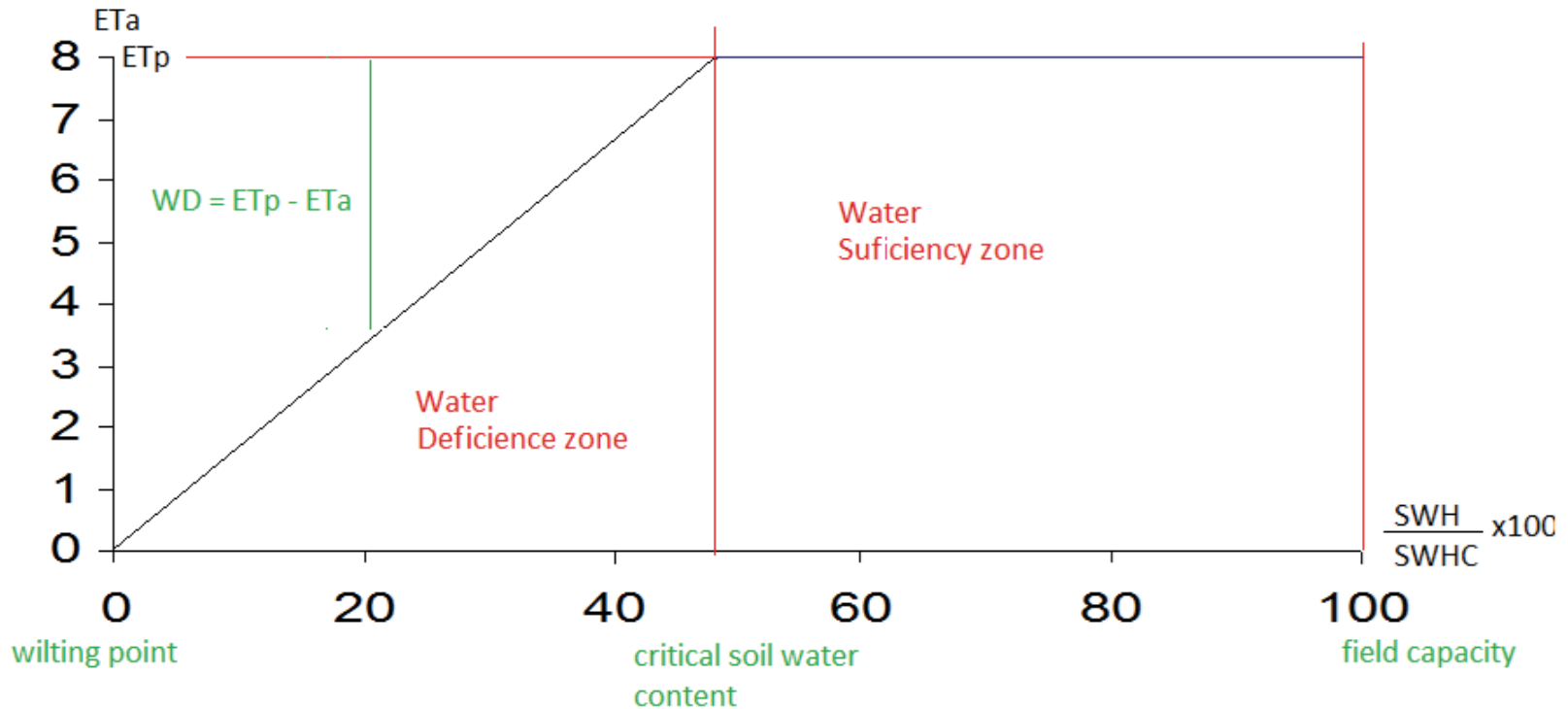
What is water deficiency?



$$ETa = ETp \frac{SWH}{SWHC}$$

Thornthwaite & Mather
(1955)

What is water deficiency?



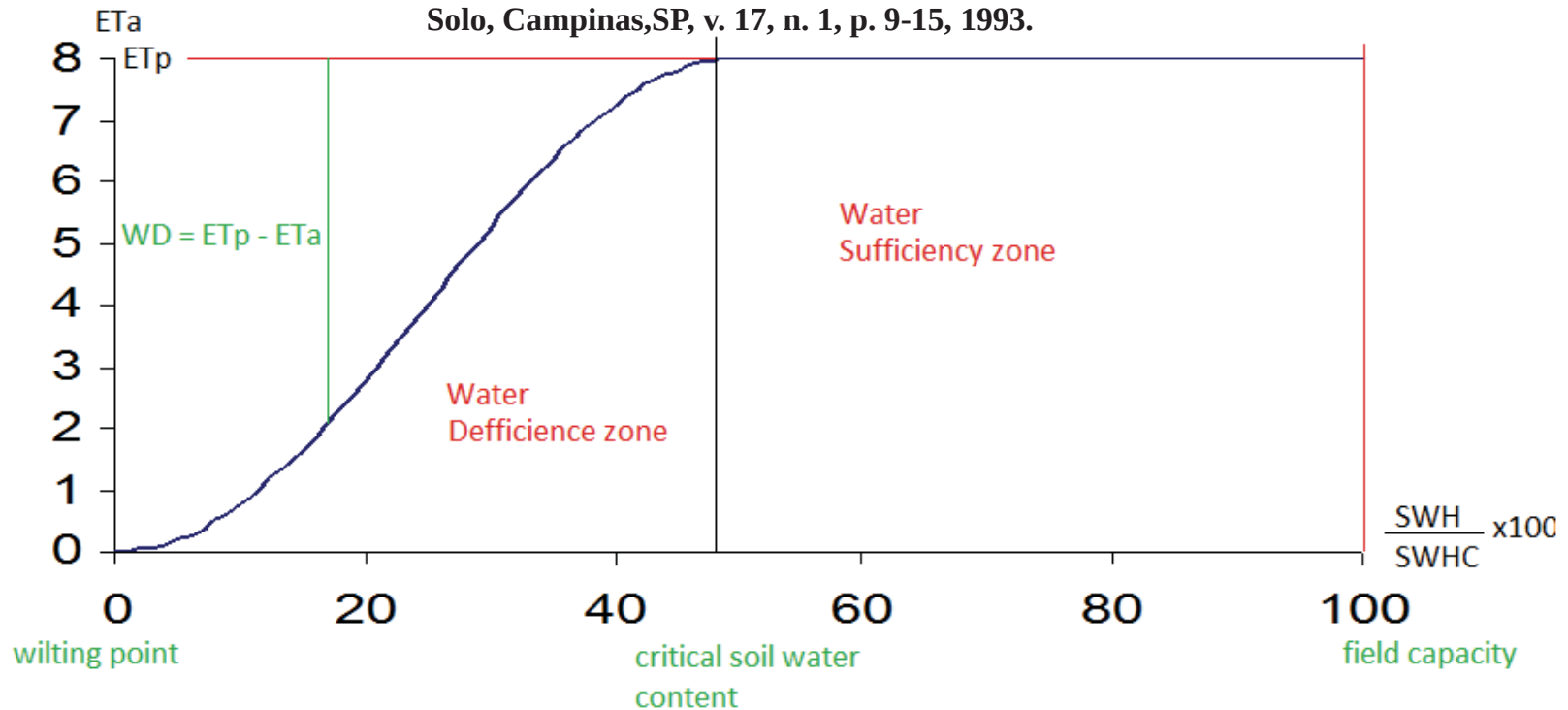
$$ET_a = ET_p \frac{SWH}{(1-p).SWHC}$$

$$ET_a = ET_p$$

Rijtema & Abouckhaled (1975)

What is water deficiency?

DOURADO NETO, Durval ; JONG VAN LIER, Q. Estimativa do armazenamento de água no solo para realização de balanço hídrico. Revista Brasileira de Ciência do Solo, Campinas, SP, v. 17, n. 1, p. 9-15, 1993.

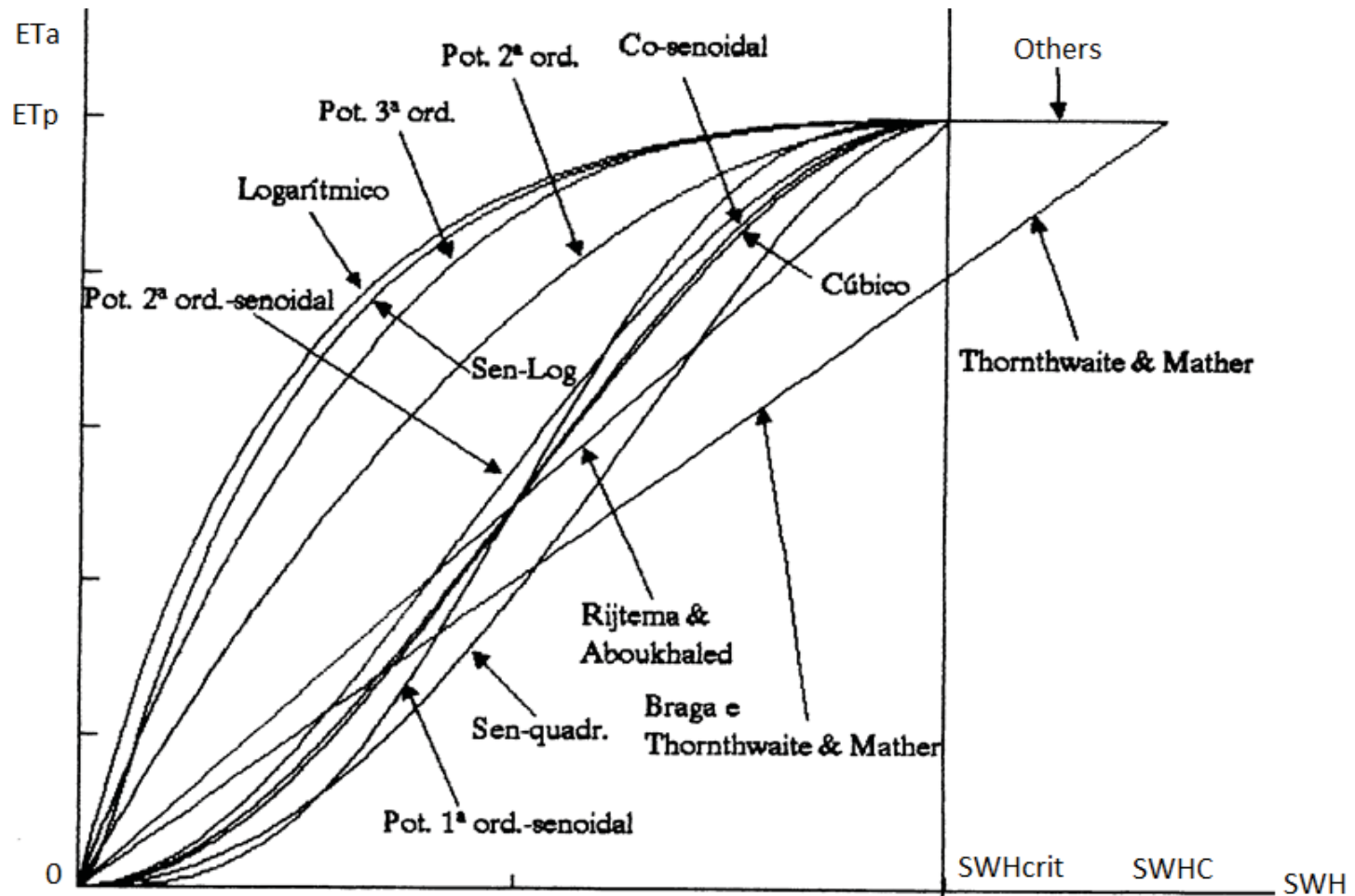


$$ET_a = \frac{ET_p}{2} \left[1 - \cos \left\{ \frac{\pi \cdot SWH}{(1 - p) \cdot SWHC} \right\} \right]$$

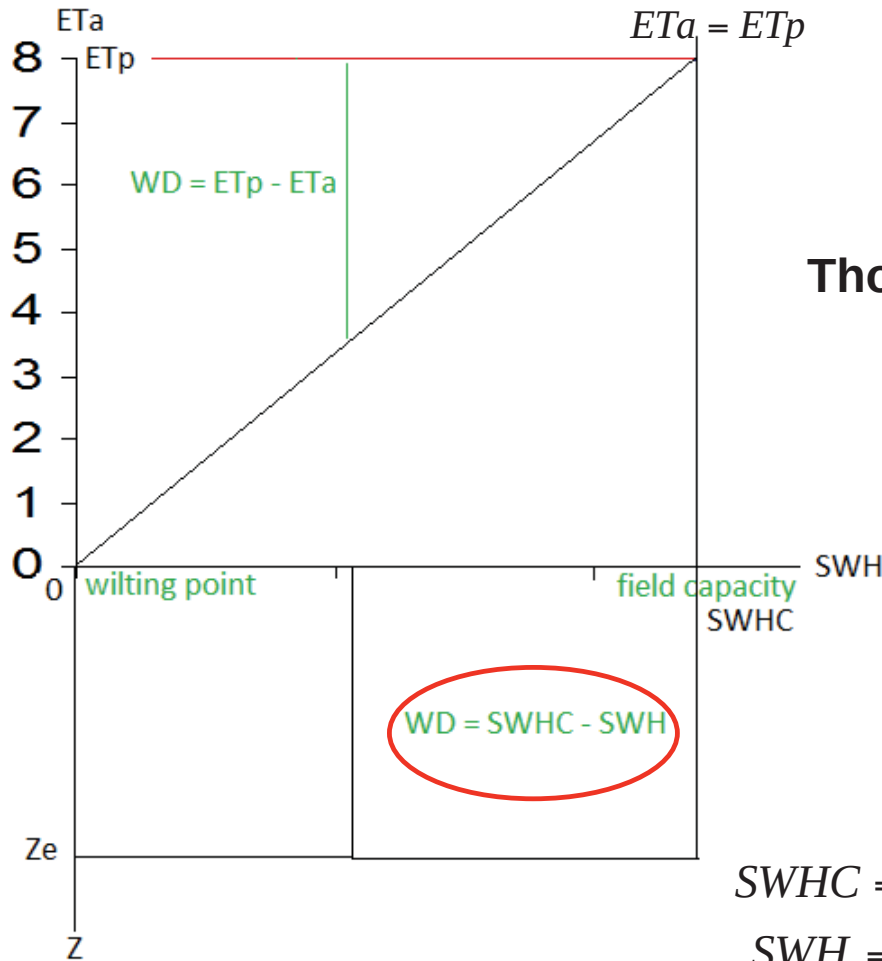
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Dourado Neto & Jong van Lier (1993)

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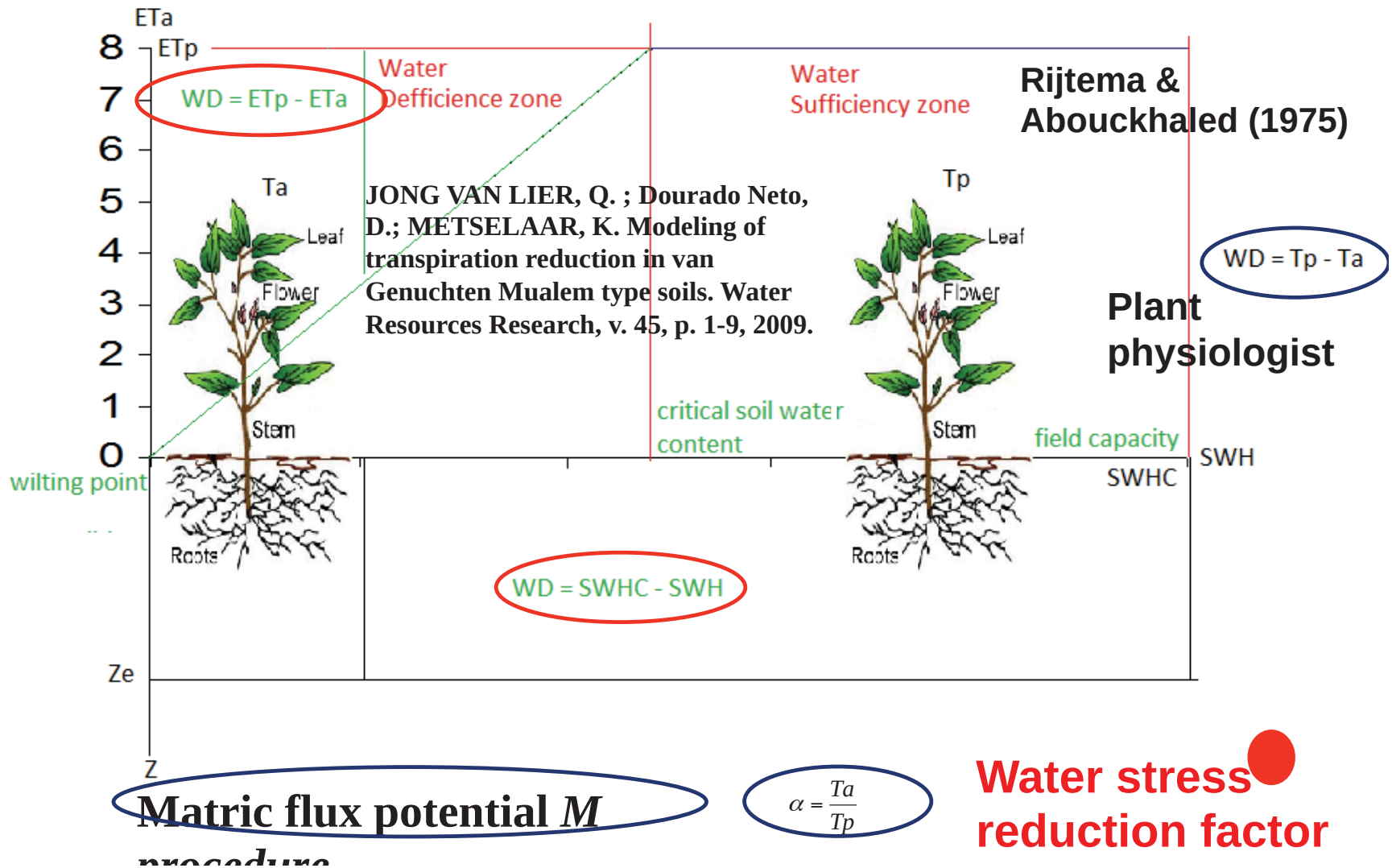


**Thornthwaite & Mather
(1955)**

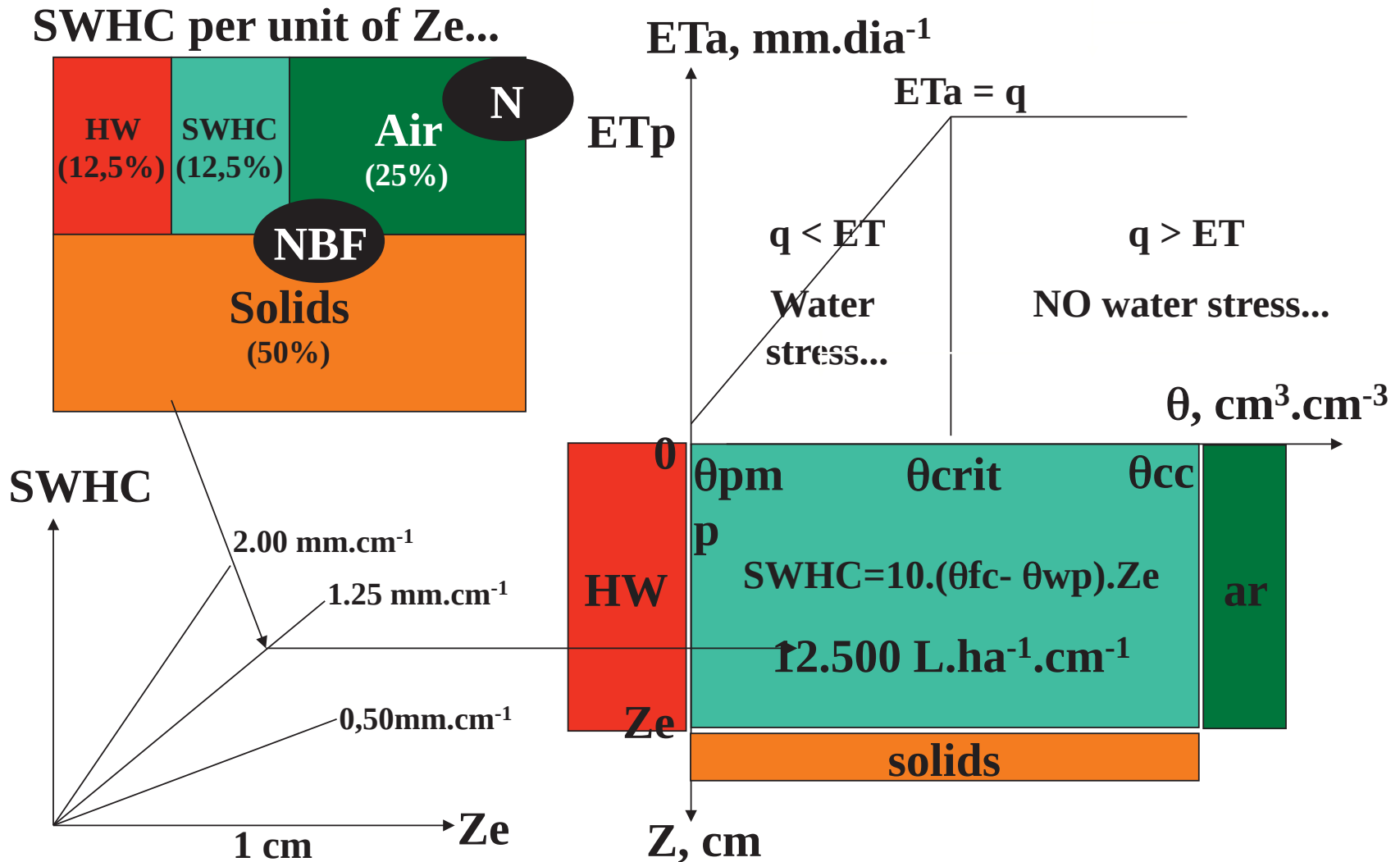
$$SWHC = 10(\theta_{fc} - \theta_{pwp})Ze$$

$$SWH = 10(\theta_a - \theta_{pwp})Ze$$

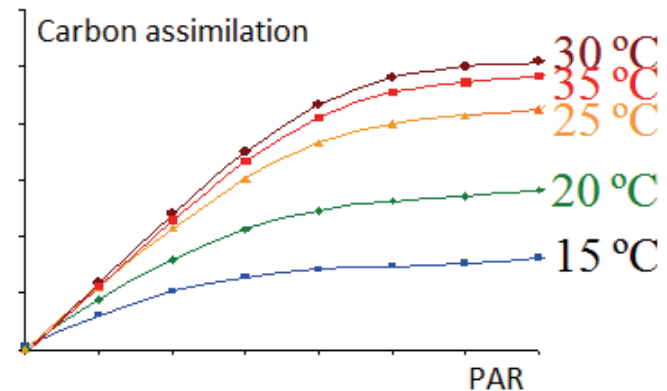
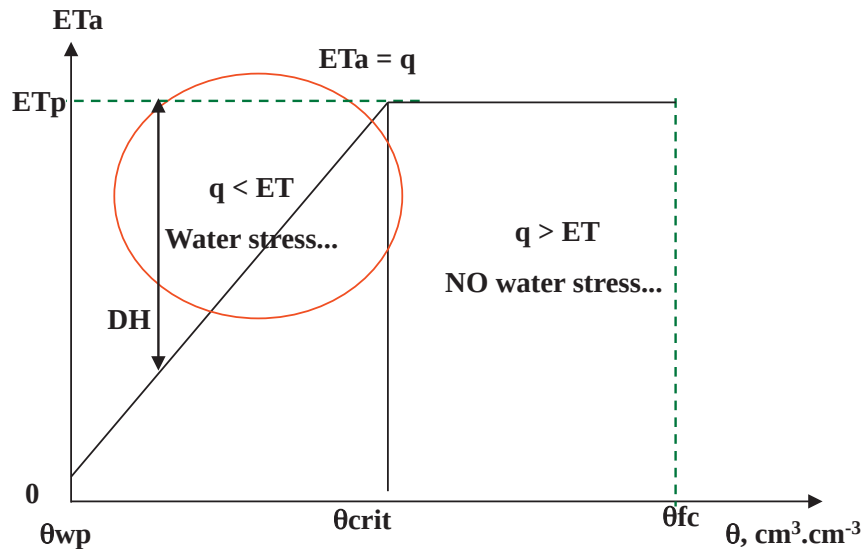
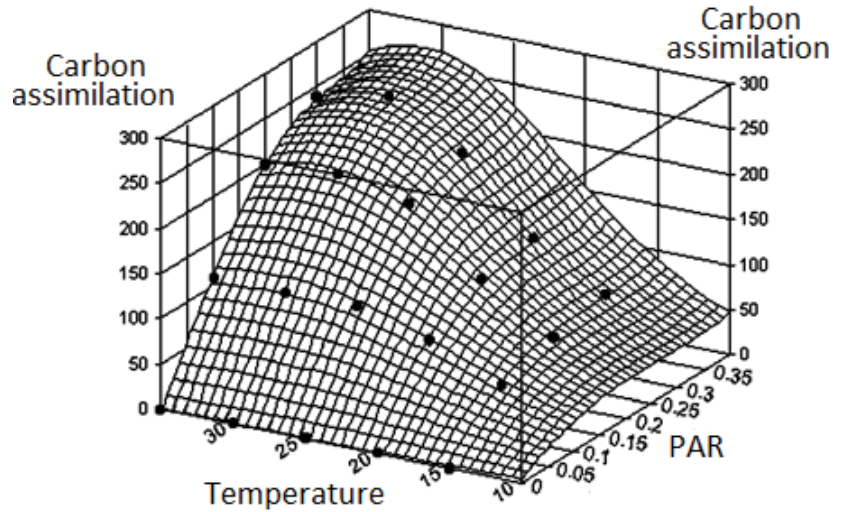
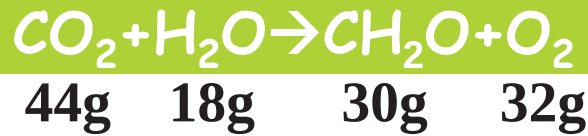
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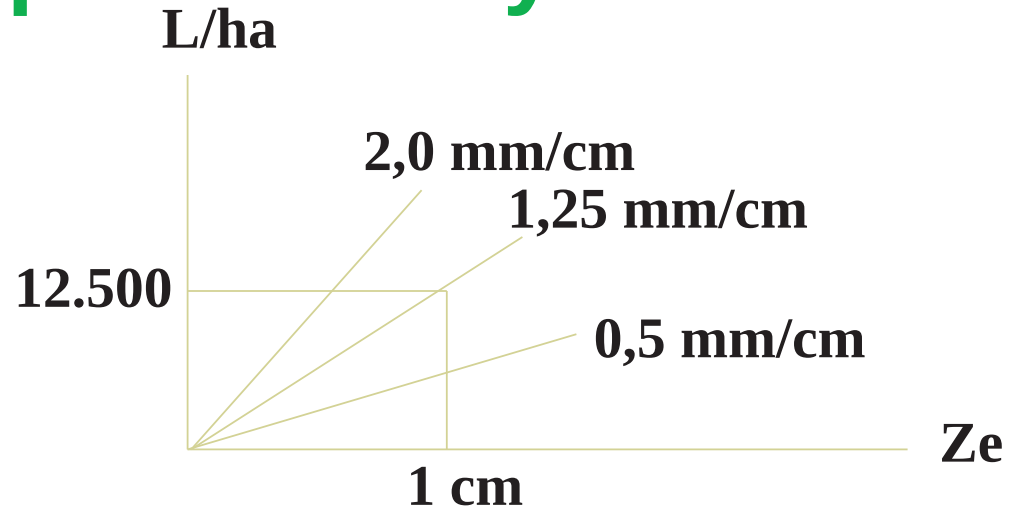


The effect of water deficiency on productivity



The effect of water deficiency on productivity

Less CO₂...
Less CH₂O...
Less Nutrients...
Less DM
production...



...Less productivity

Comments about higher SWHC/Ze:

- Higher plant population
- Short dry season: less problem
- Superficial soil fertility: not impeditive to root growth

Water...

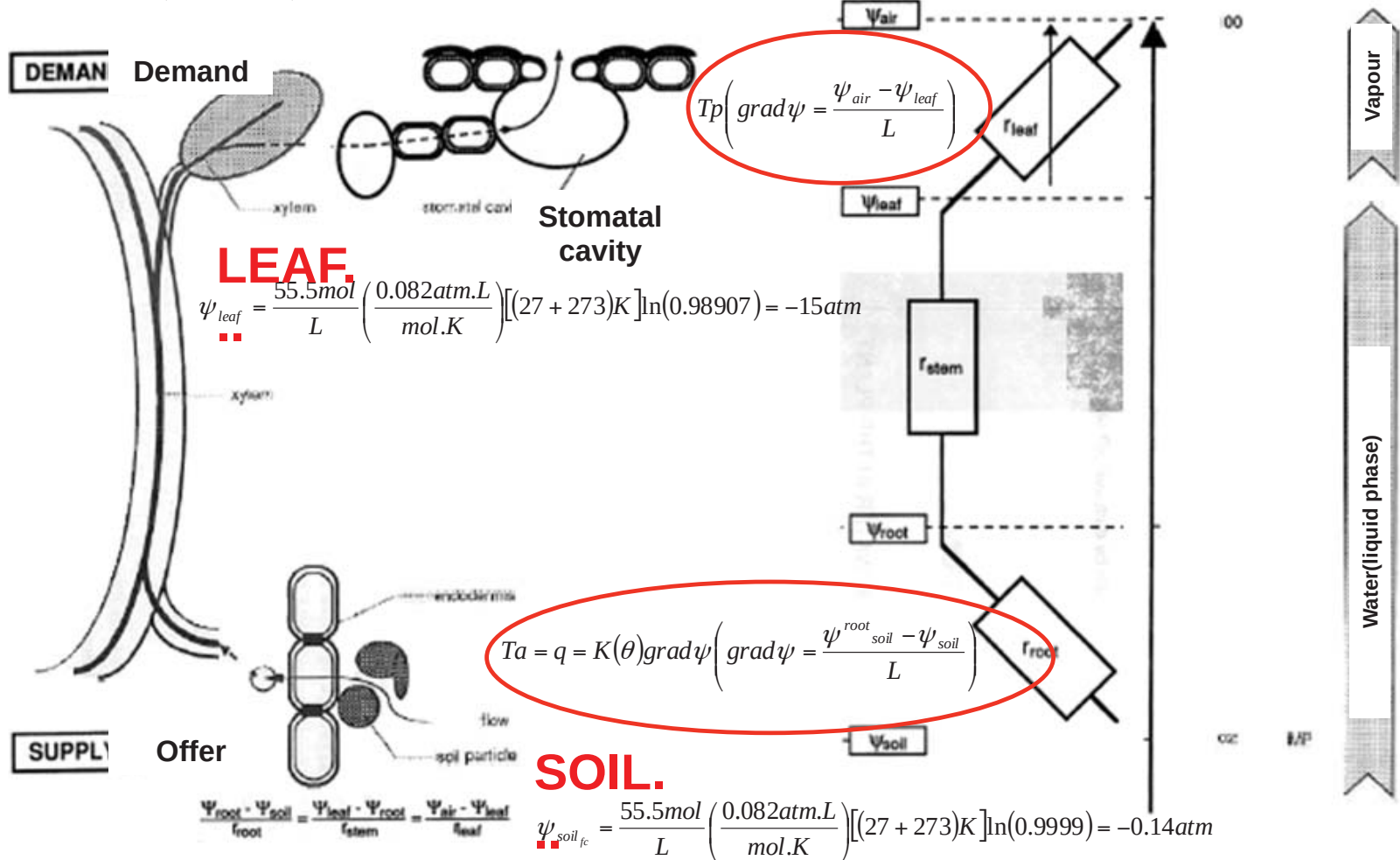
$$\psi = 55.5R(T + 273)\ln(RH)$$

AIR: Night (Dew point)...

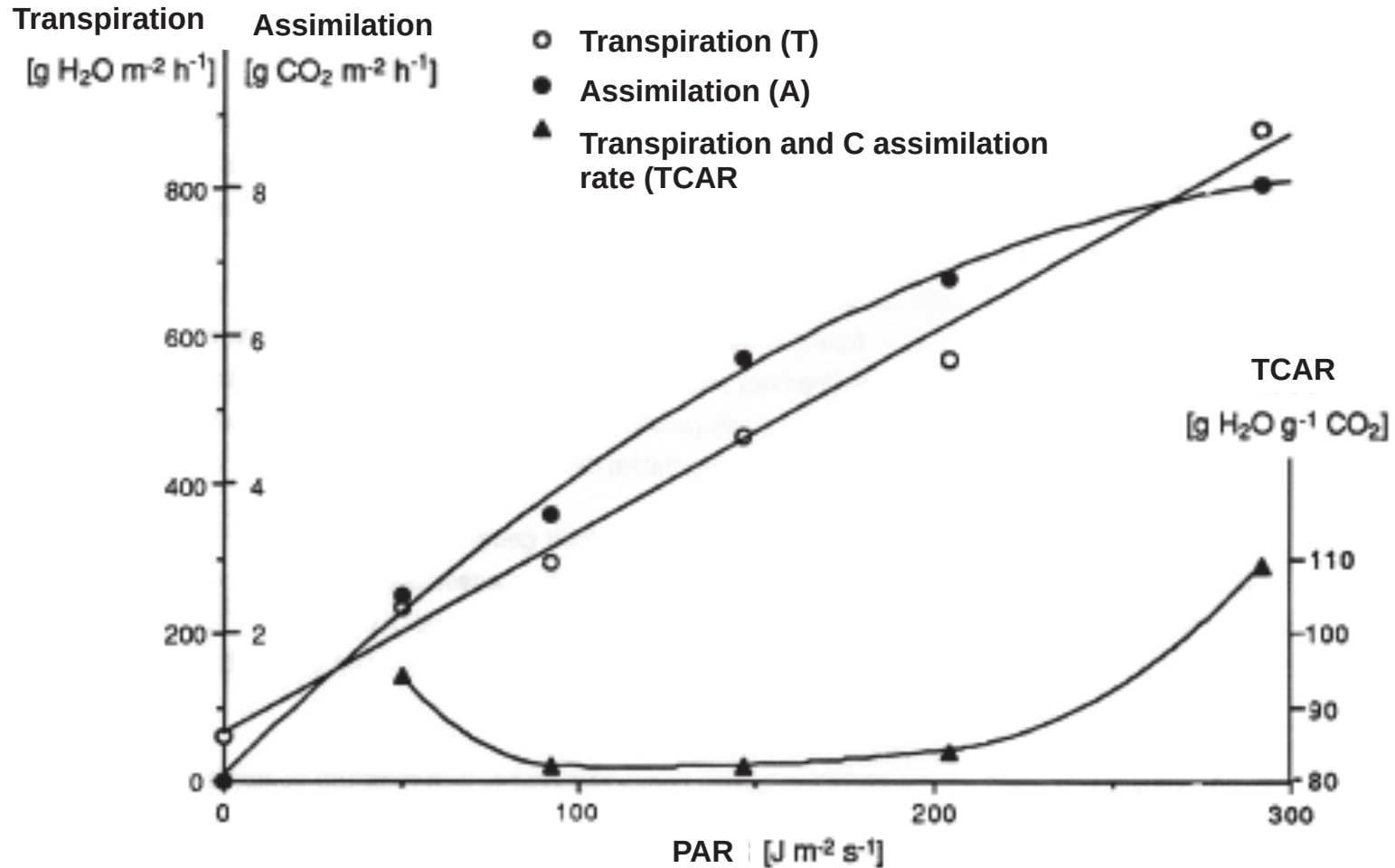
$$\psi_{air}^{2am} = \frac{55.5 \text{ mol}}{L} \left(\frac{0.082 \text{ atm.L}}{\text{mol.K}} \right) [(18 + 273)K] \ln(1) = 0 \text{ atm}$$

AIR: Day...

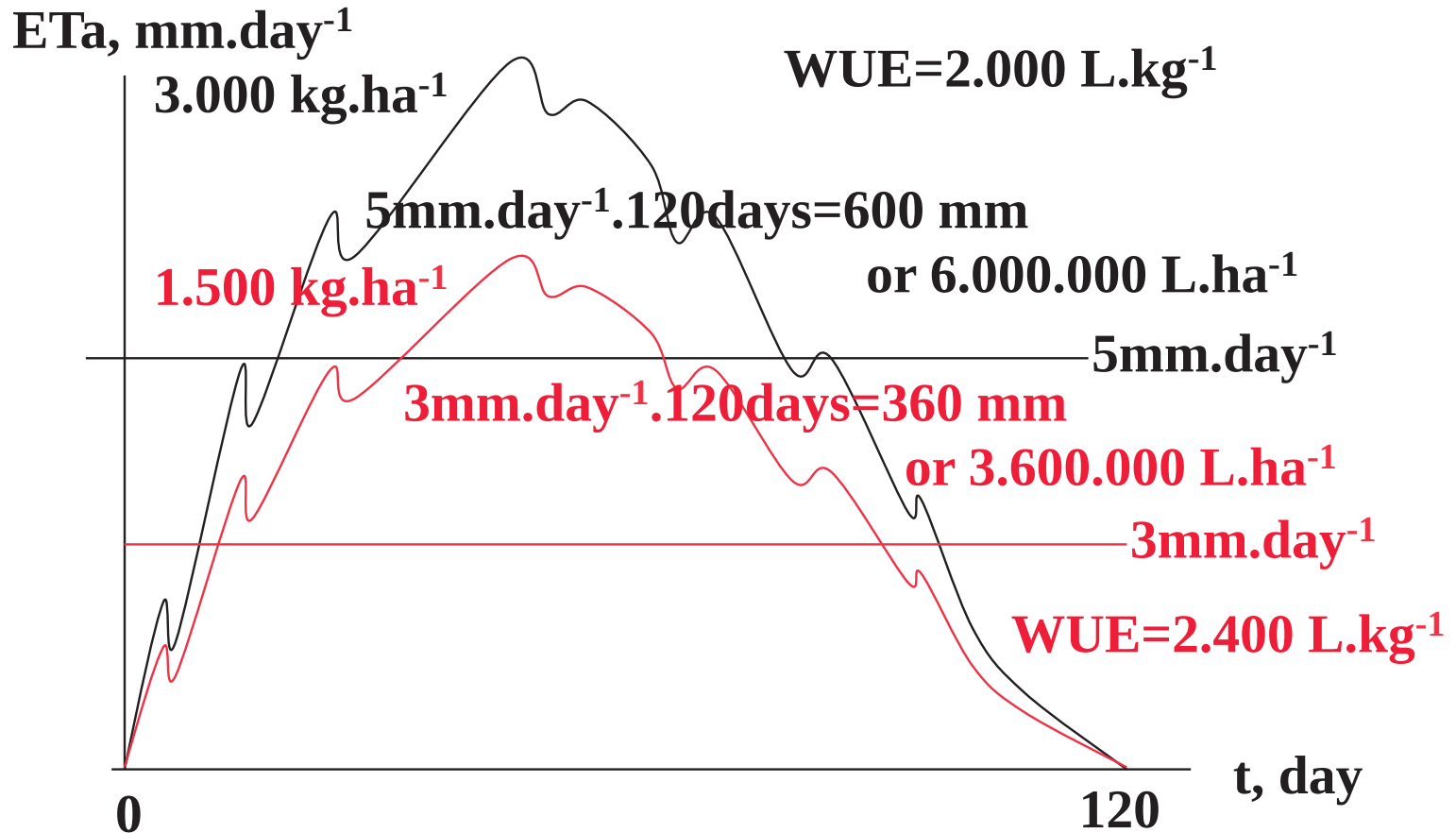
$$\psi_{air}^{2pm} = \frac{55.5 \text{ mol}}{L} \left(\frac{0.082 \text{ atm.L}}{\text{mol.K}} \right) [(27 + 273)K] \ln(0.5) = -946 \text{ atm}$$



Transpiration and C assimilation

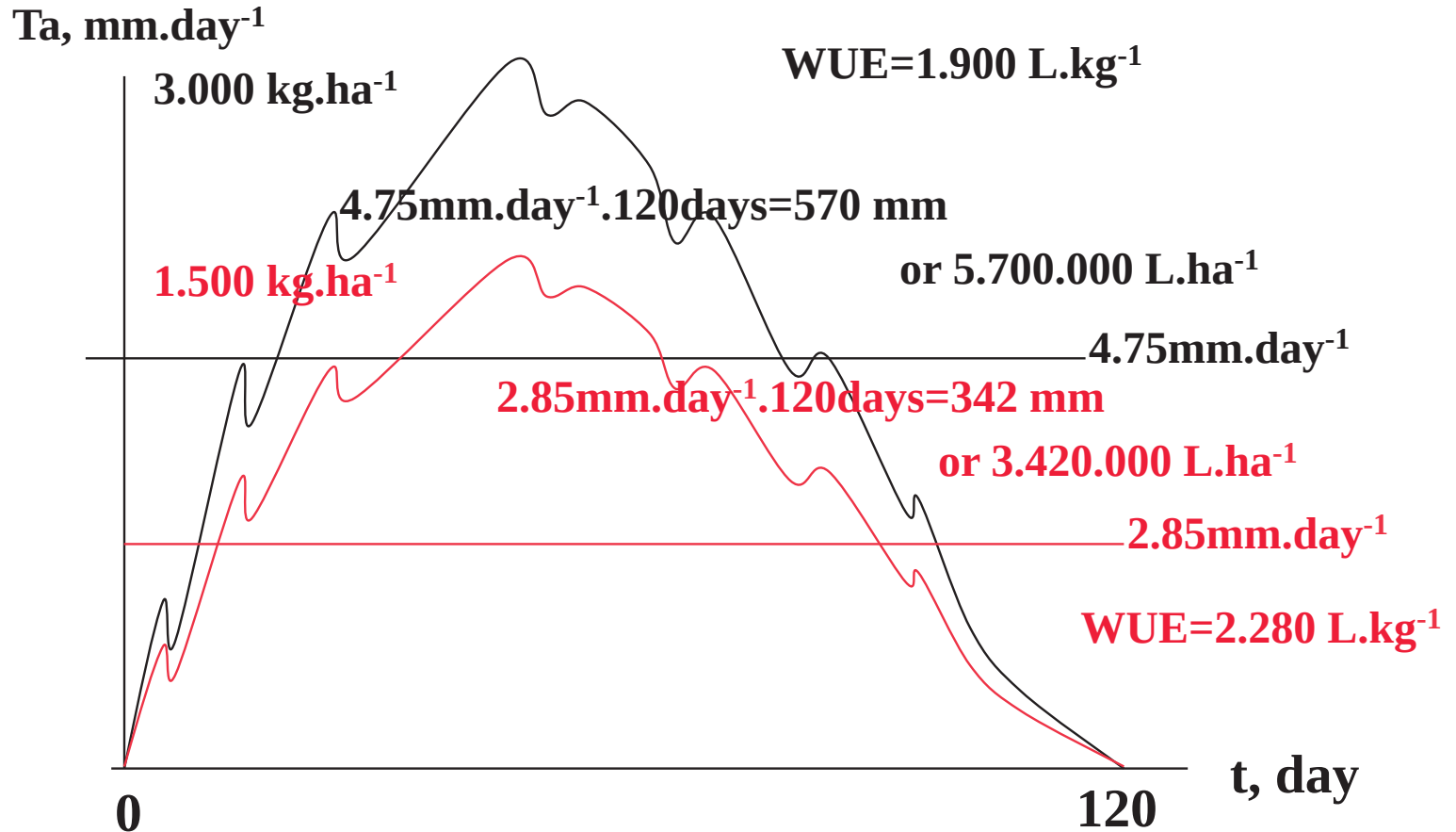


Evapotranspiration



Transpiration

$$E = 0.05 \times ET_a$$

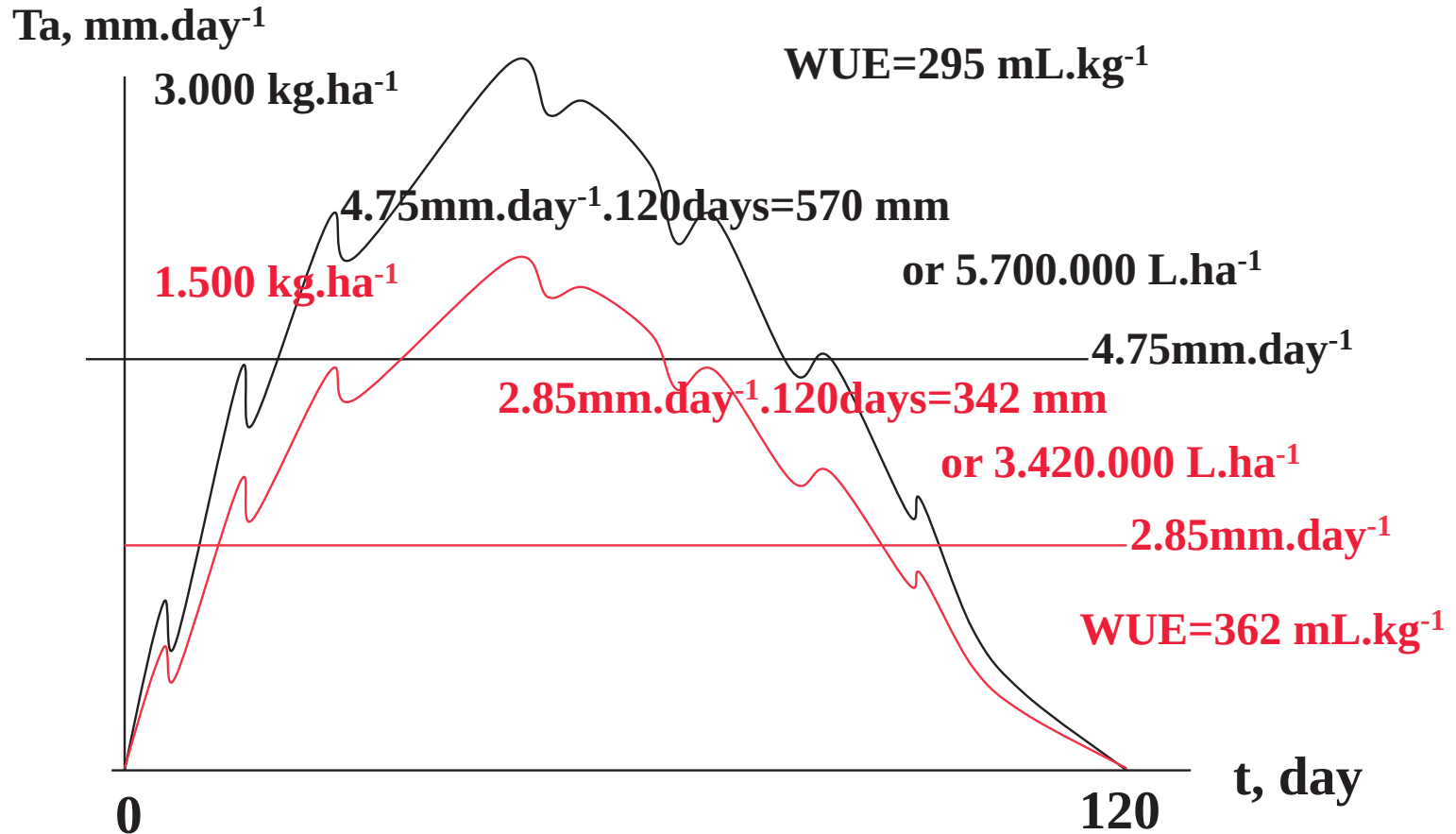


Water in the TDM and exported by grain

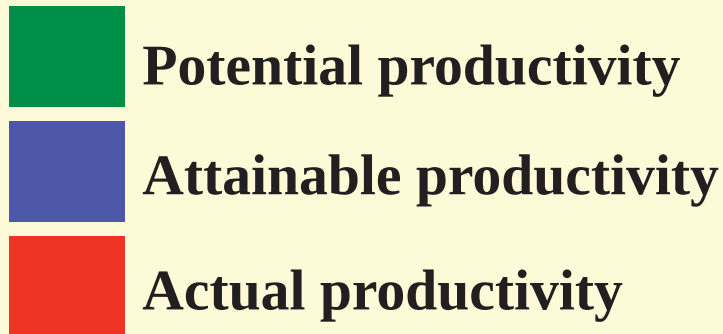
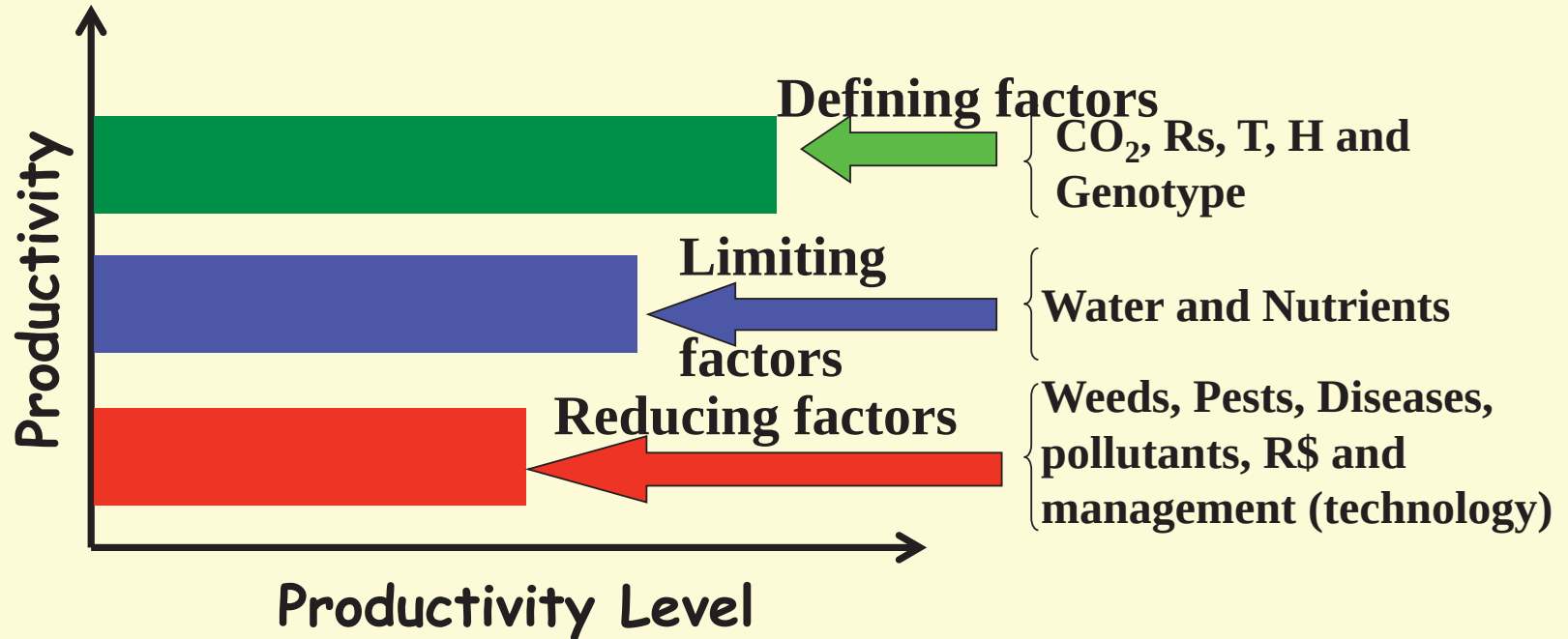
$$E=0.05 \times ET_a$$

$$HI=0.25/0.35 \text{ kg/kg}$$

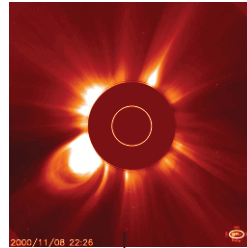
$$u=0.13 \text{ g/g}$$



Productivity



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**Solar
radiation**



Atmosphere

Pests

Diseases

Weeds

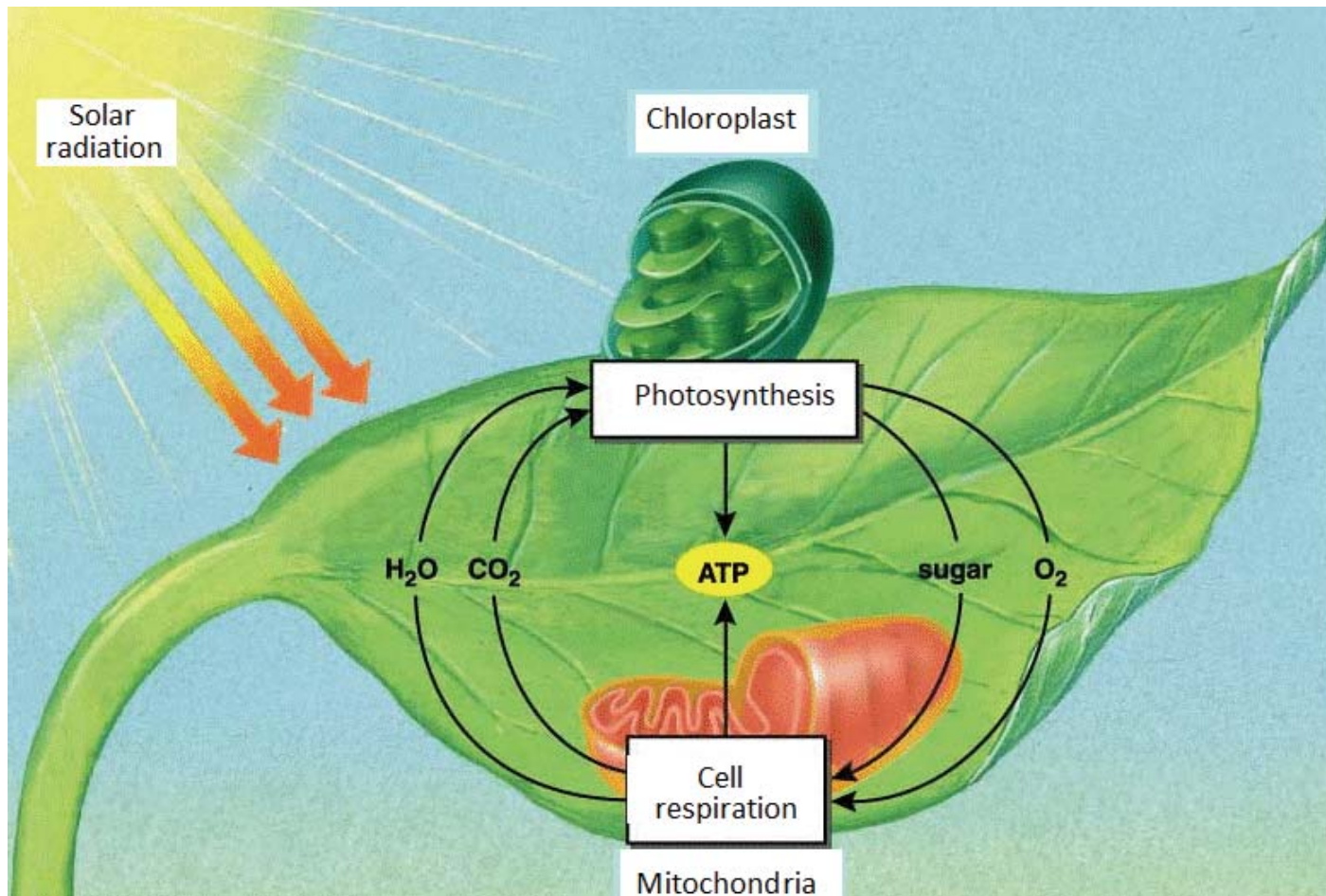
Plant

Soil

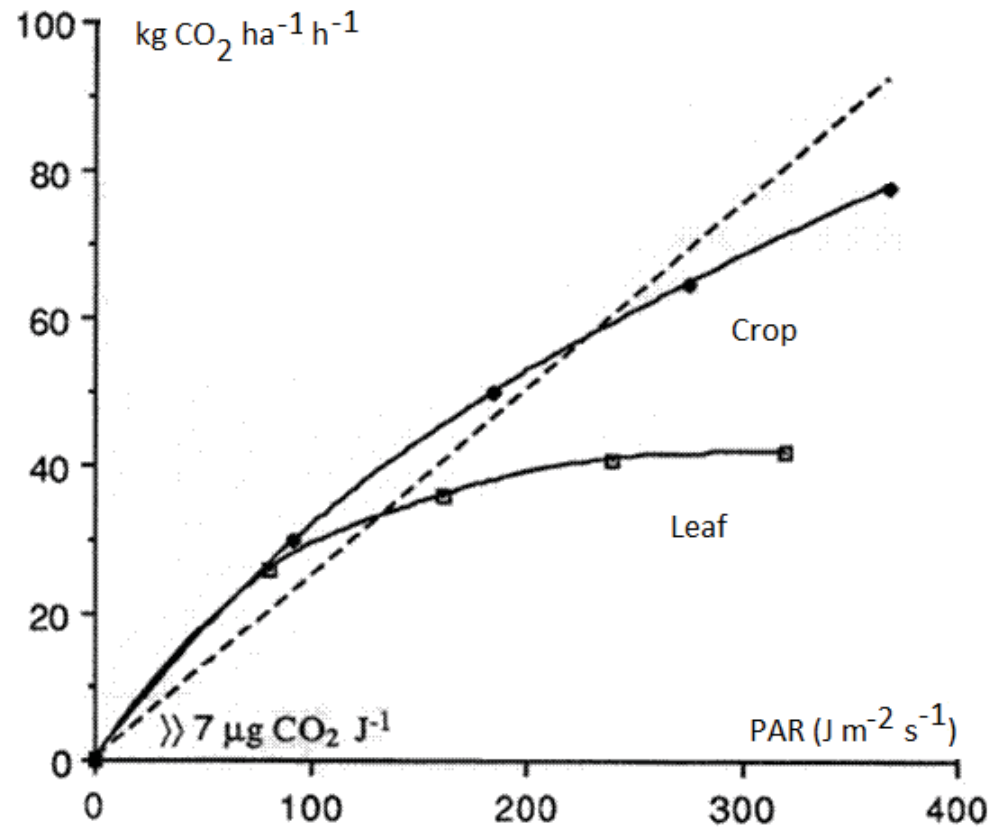


- **Environment**
 - **Sowing date**
 - **Solar radiation, temperature and photoperiod**
 - **Rainfall**
 - **Soil type**
 - **Soil water holding capacity and Flux density**
- **Genotype – Soybean cultivar**
- **Crop management**
 - **Based on phenology and economic decision**

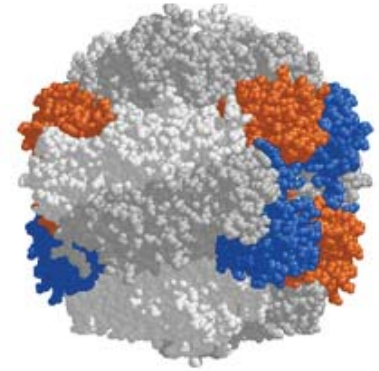
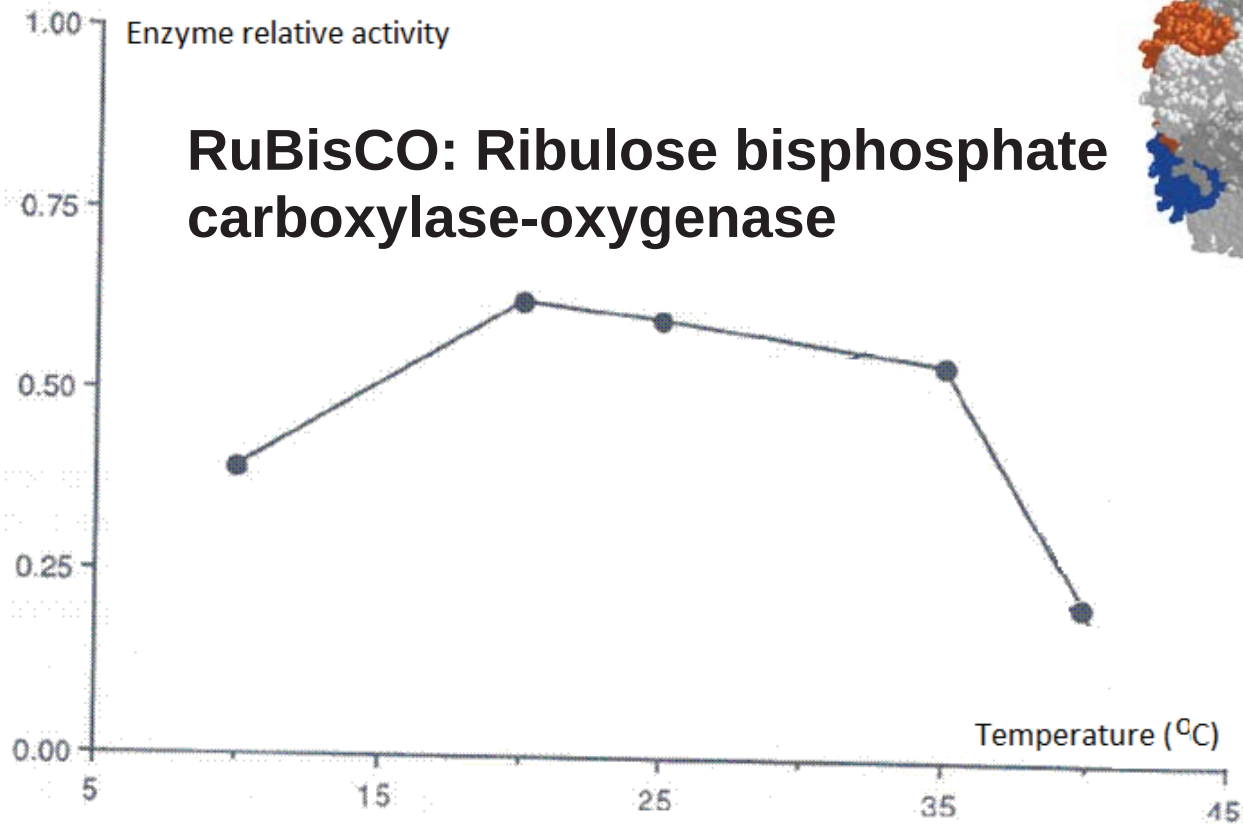
Photosynthesis



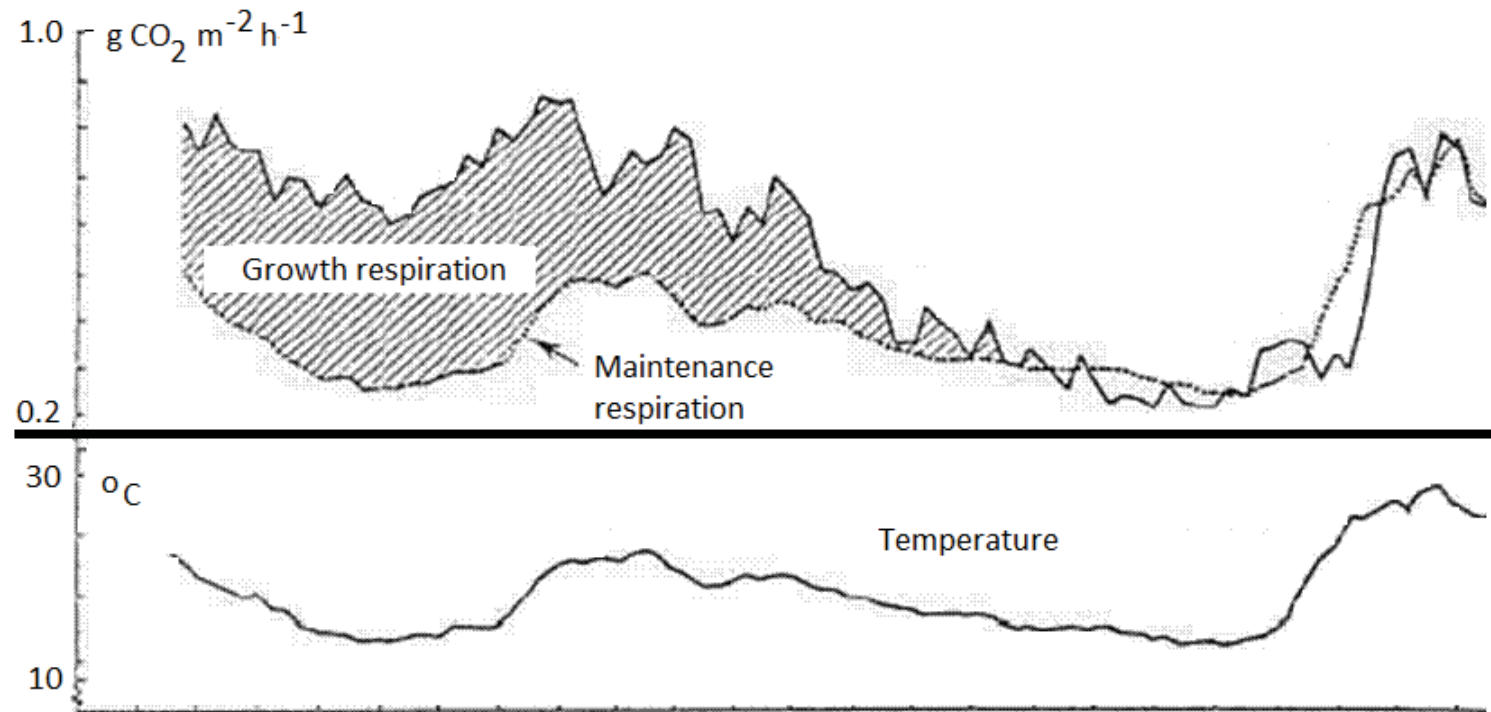
Gross photosynthesis



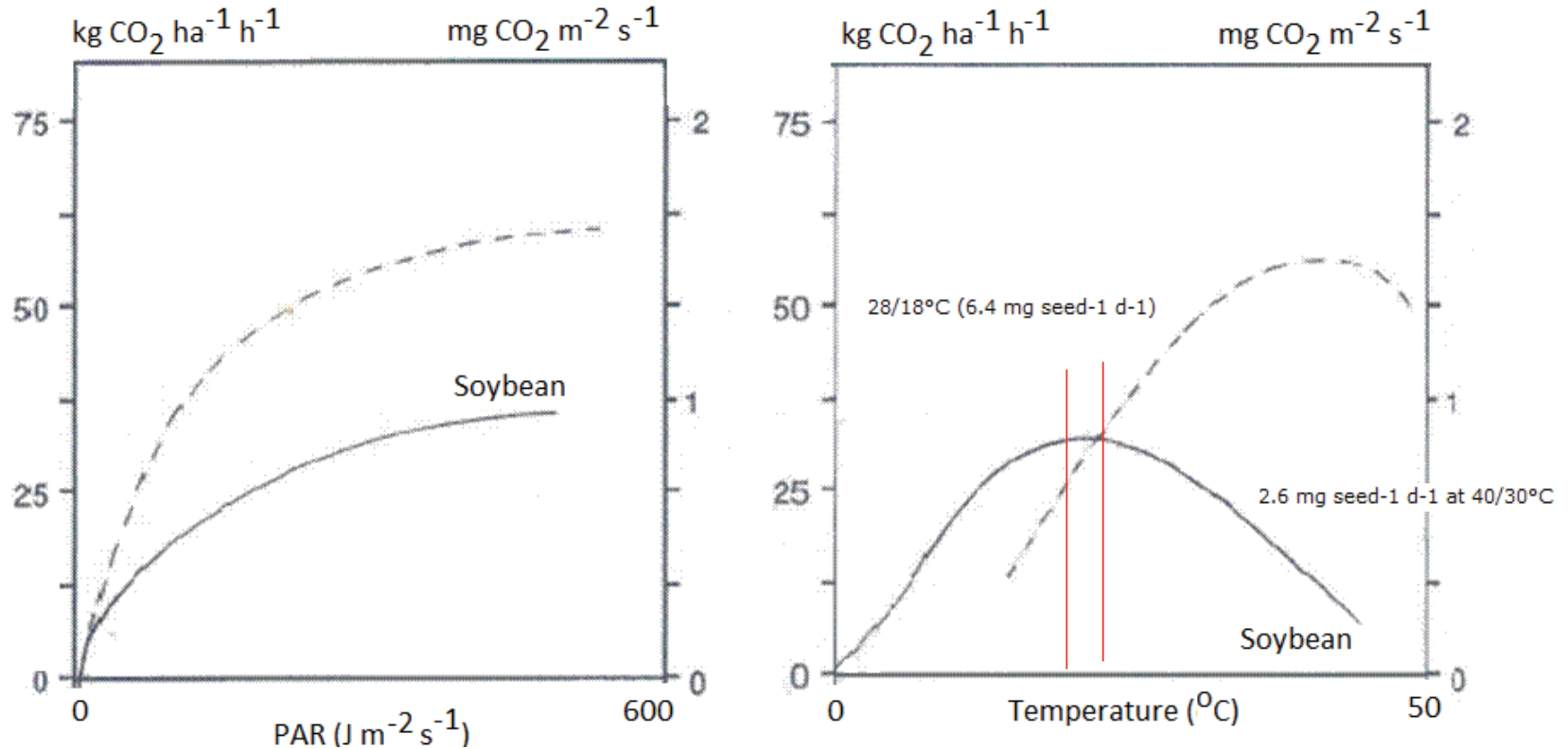
Enzyme activity



Respiration



Net photosynthesis

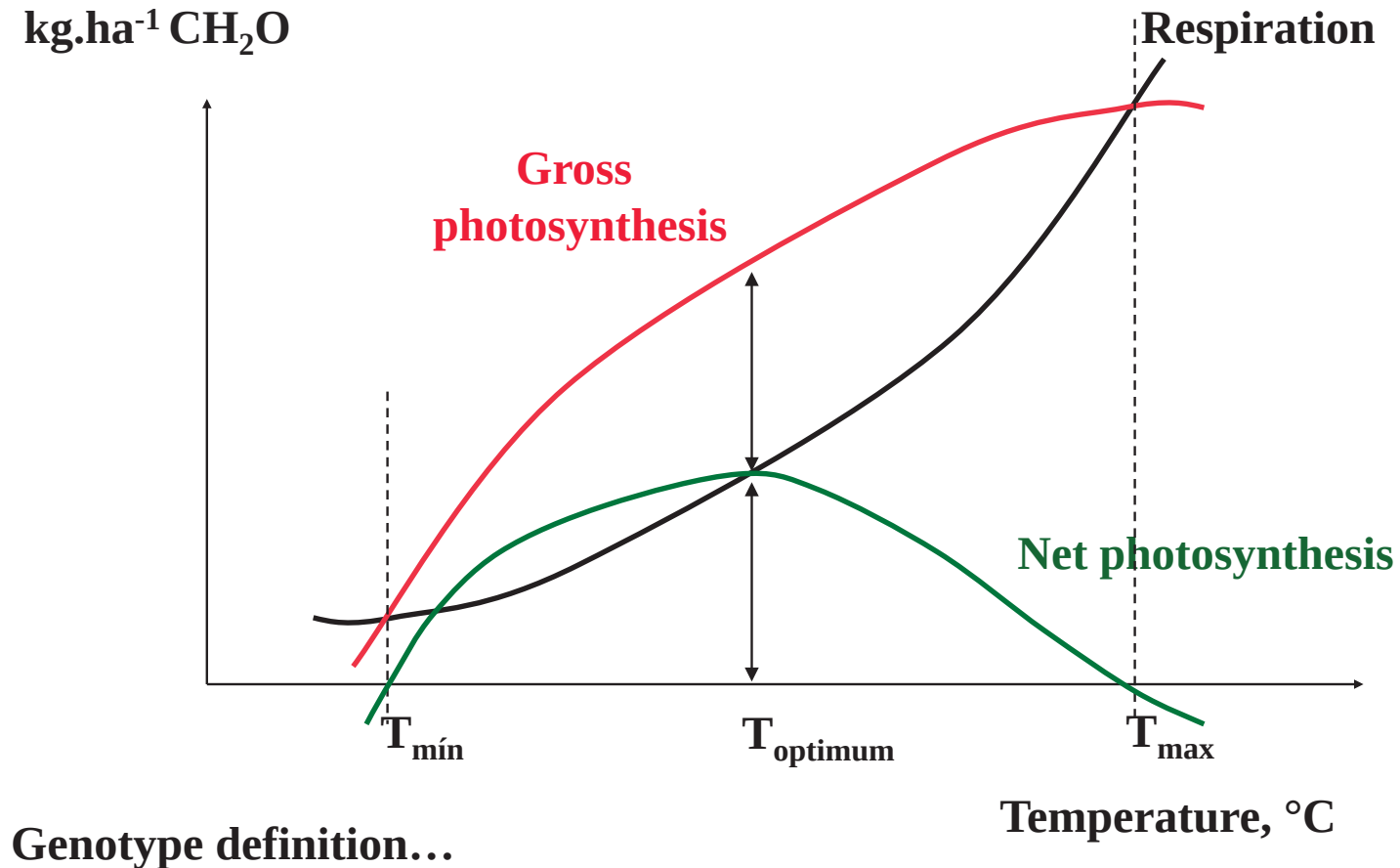


Elevated Temperature Delays Onset of Reproductive Growth and Reduces Seed Growth Rate of Soybean

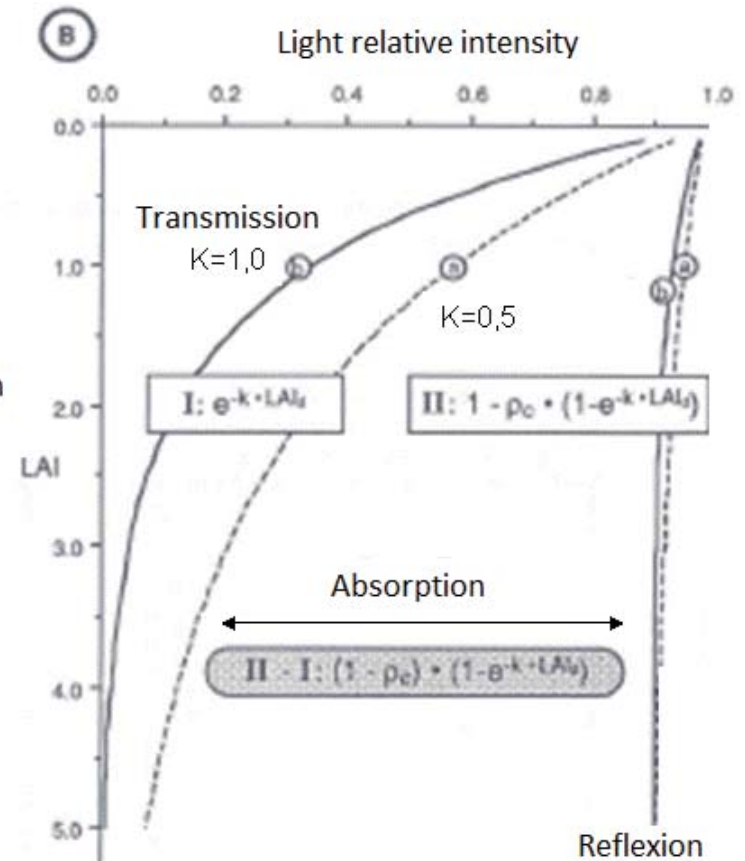
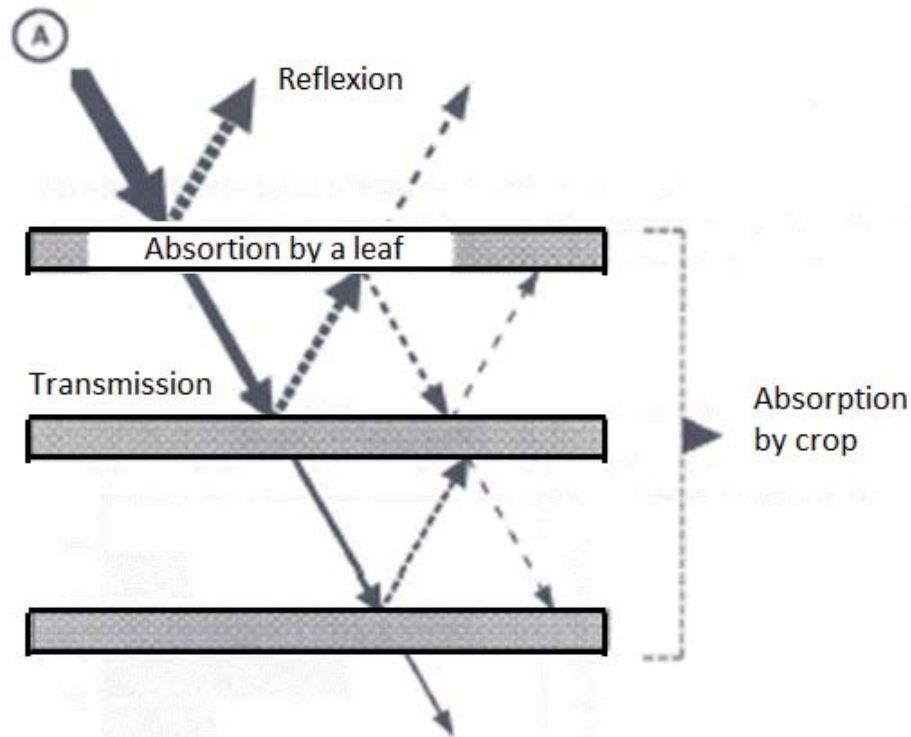
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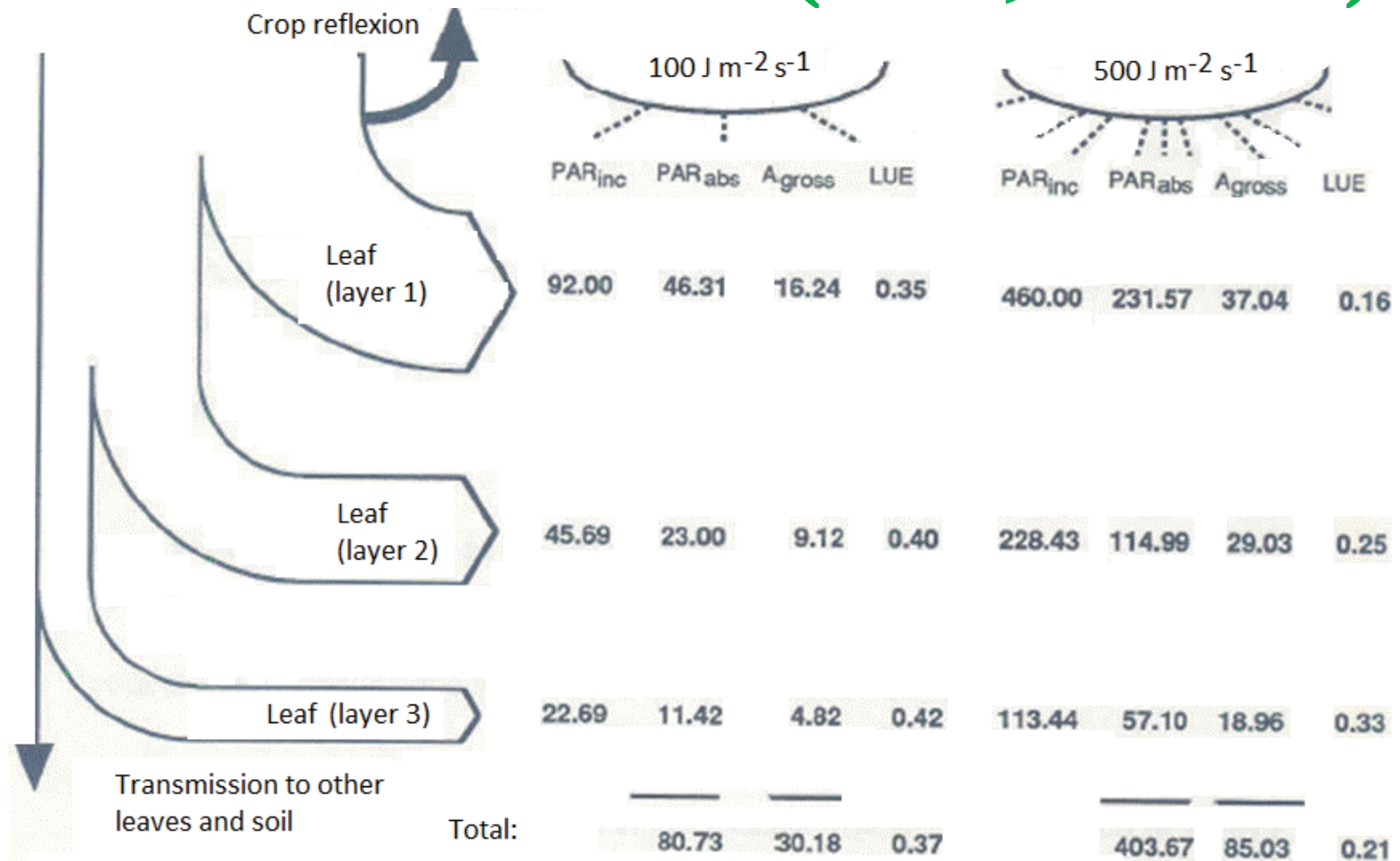
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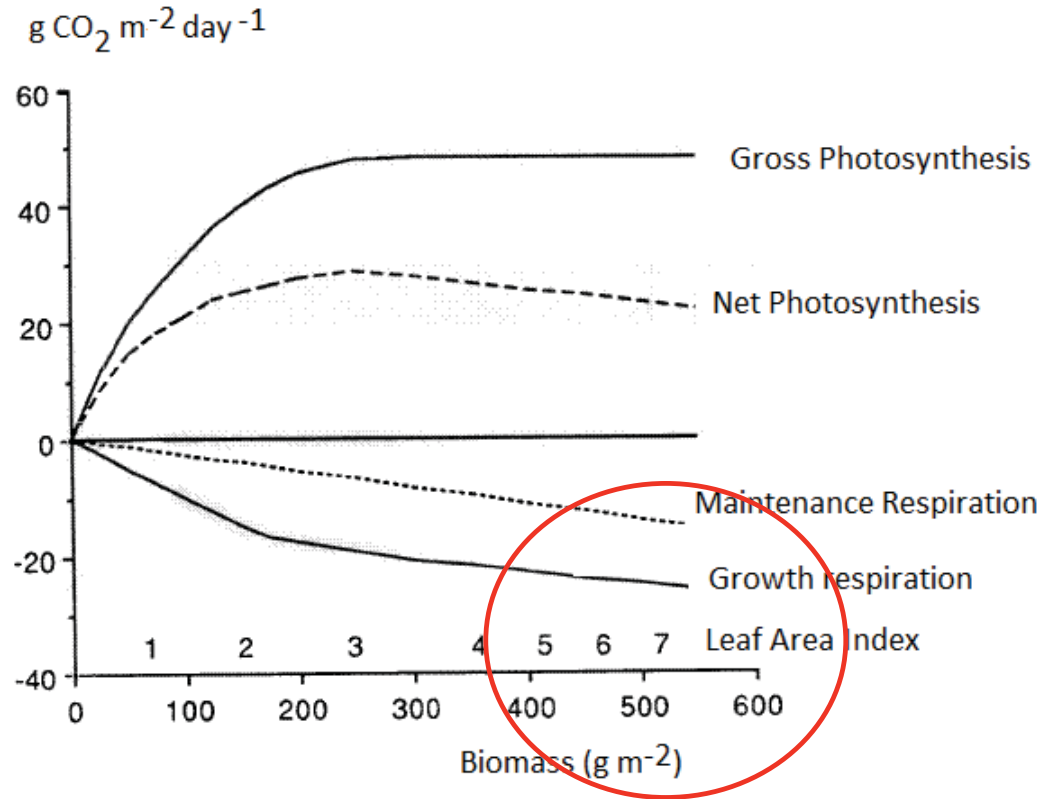
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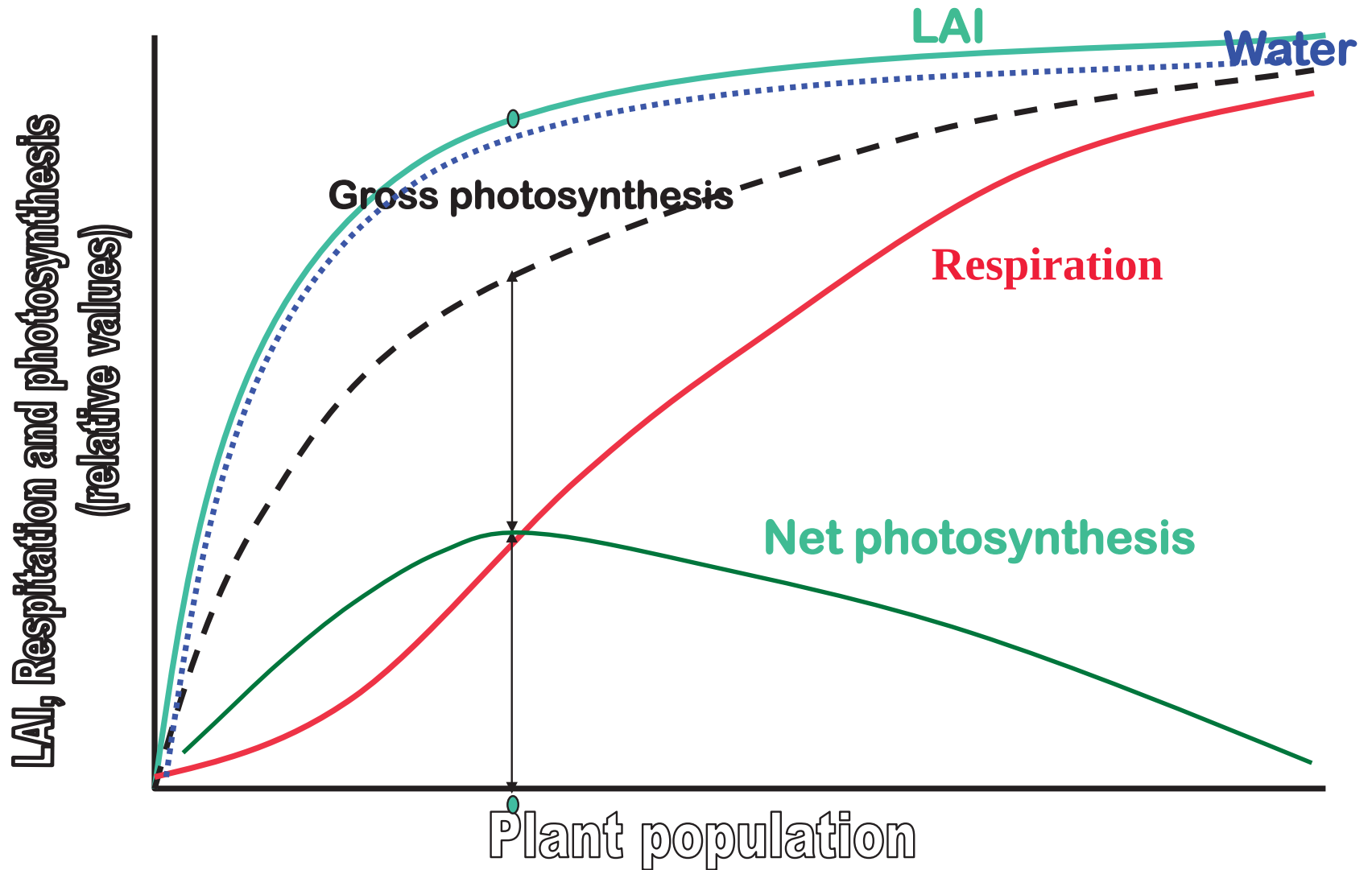
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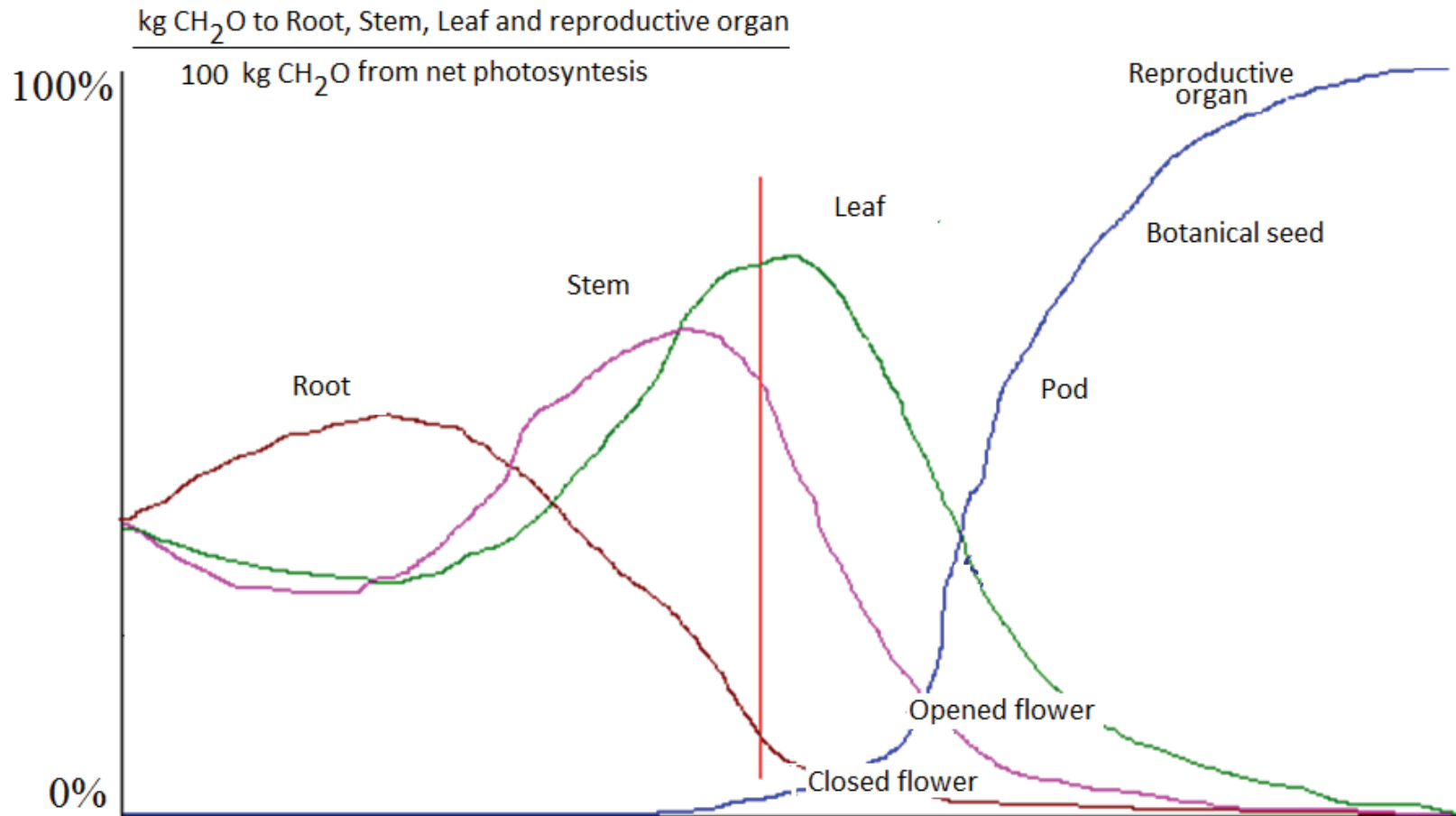
Biomass and CO₂ assimilation



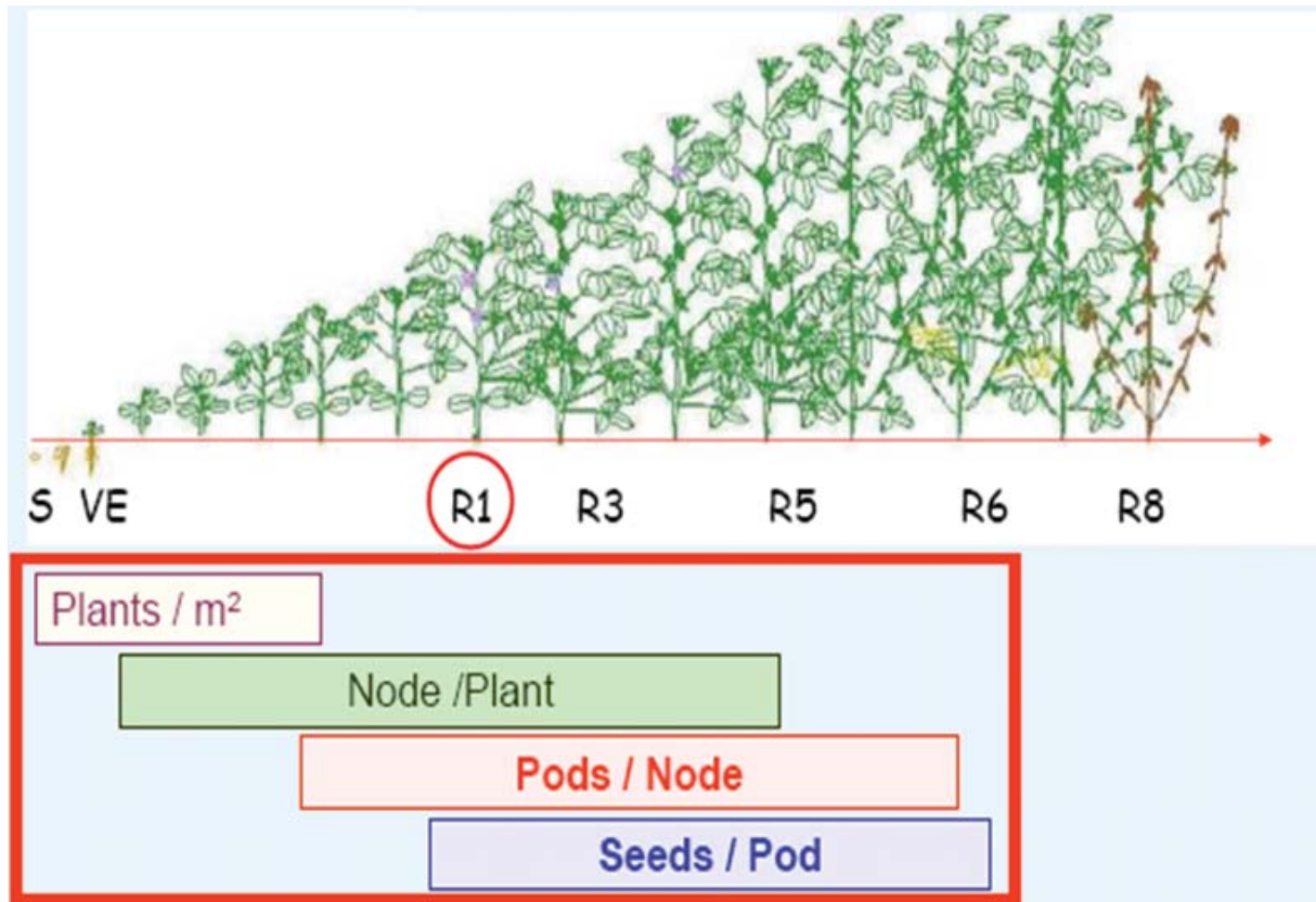
Plant population



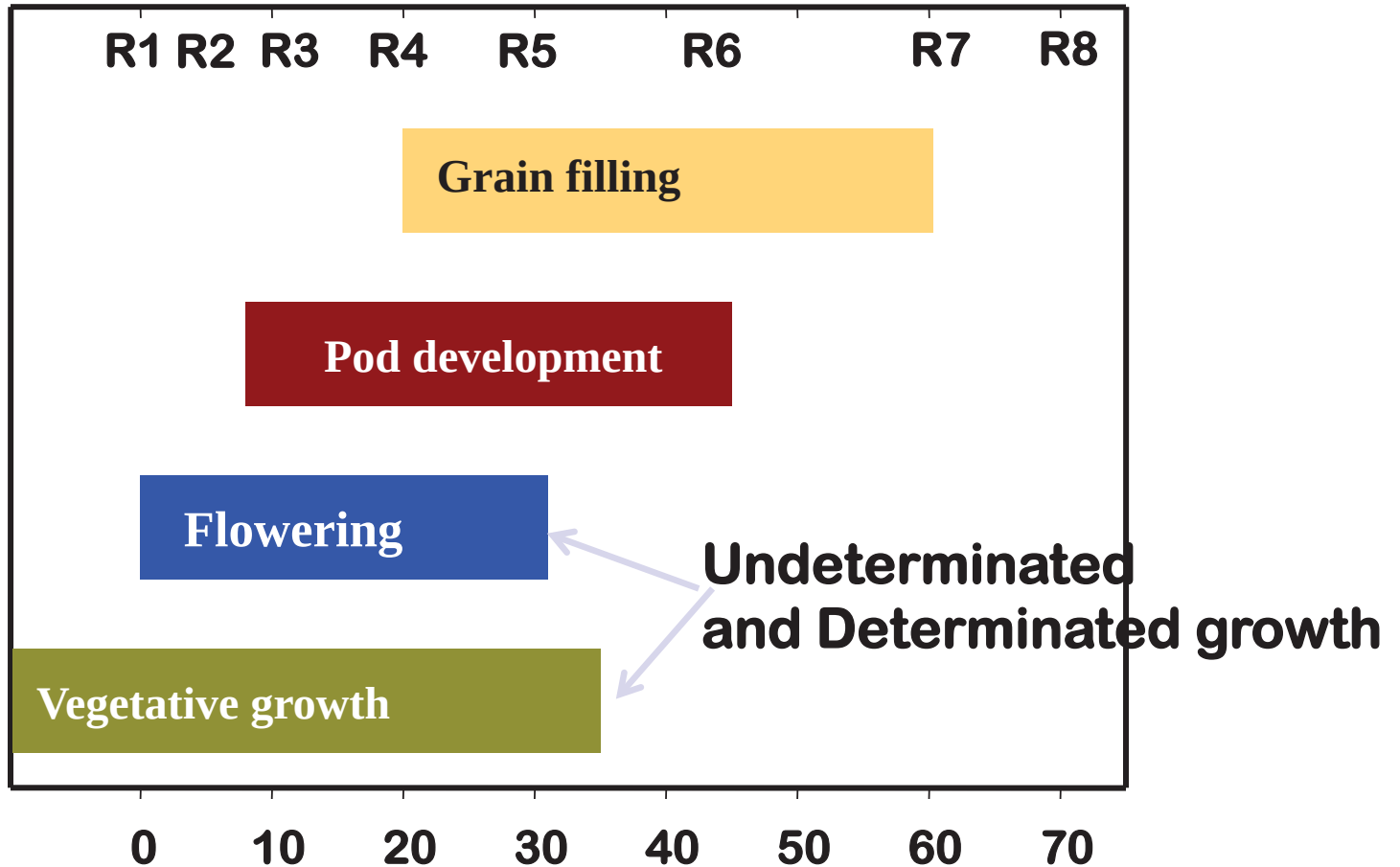
Carbon Partition



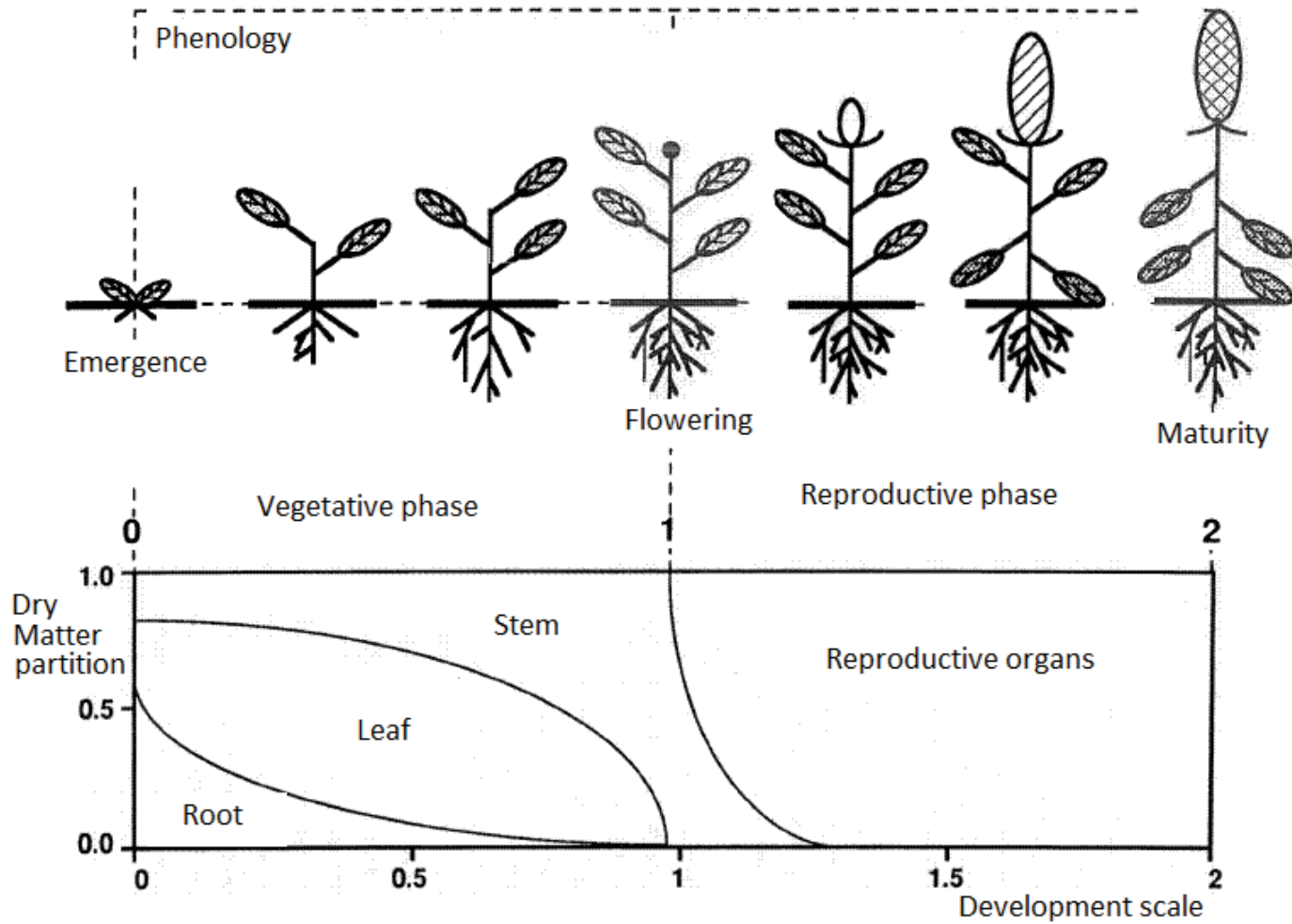
Soybean phenology and critical periods



Reproductive phase



Dry Matter Partition



Phenology – critical periods

Water for
stablishment

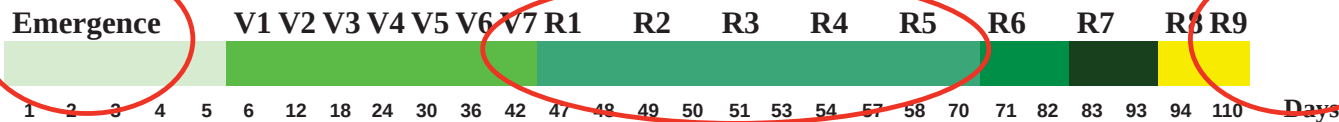
Water during
critical period

No water for
harvesting

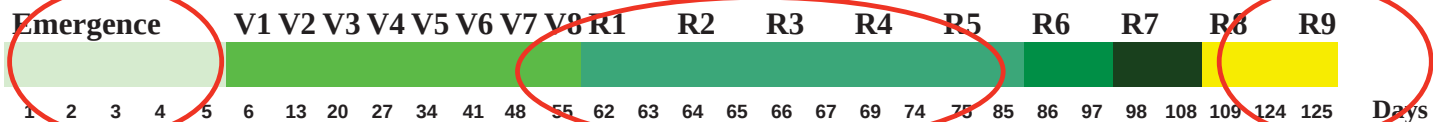
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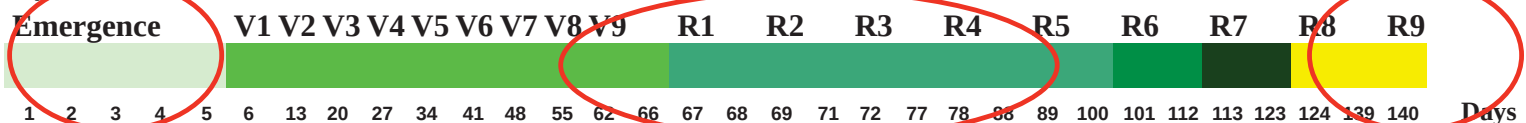
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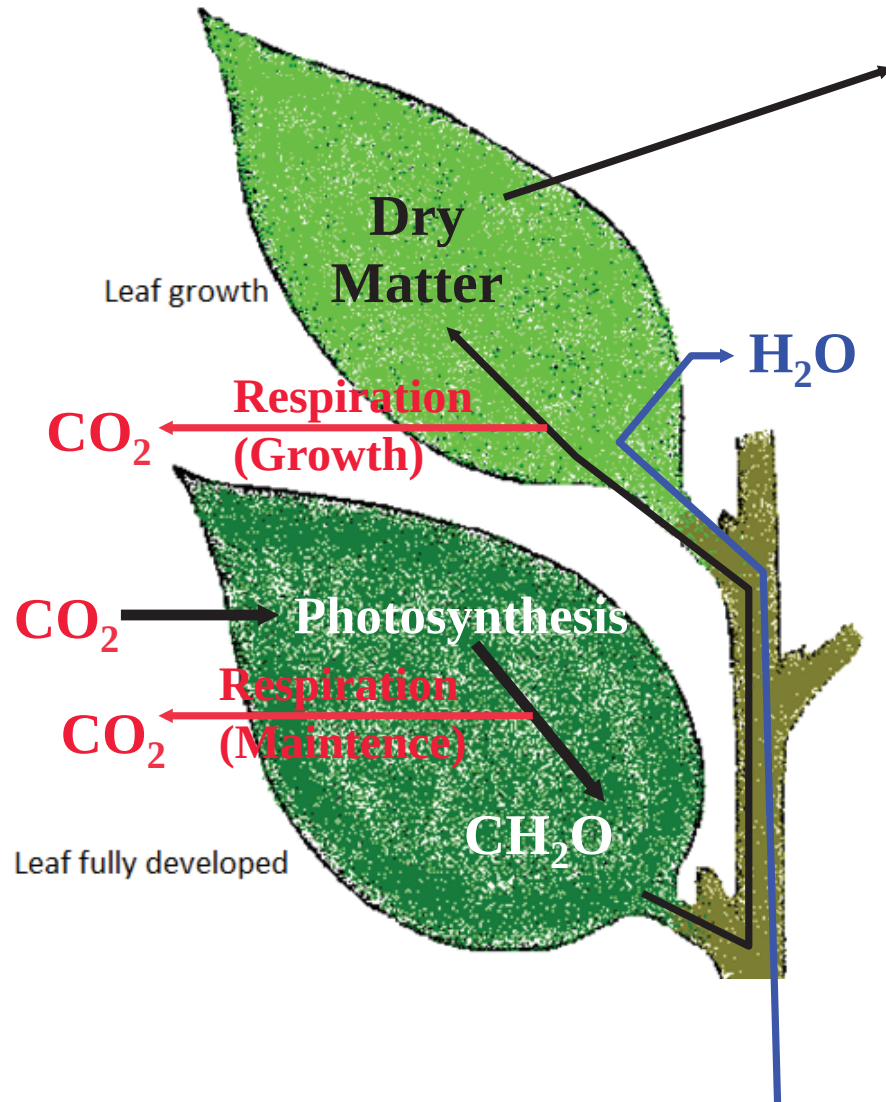
Cycle: Medium



Cycle: Late



Conversion efficiency



Dry Matter composition:

Fats
Lignins
Proteins
Carbohydrates
Organic acids
Minerals



45% C

45% O

6% H

96.00%

3.50% N, P, K, Ca, Mg, S

0.03% B, Cl, Cu, Fe, Mn, Mo, Zn

0.47% others

100.00%



Macronutrientes e nutrientes orgânicos		ppm	Nutriente	%
Nutrientes orgânicos				
C = Carbon 450,000 ppm	C = Carbon 450,000 ppm	450,000	C	45.00
H = Hydrogen 60,000 ppm	H = Hydrogen 60,000 ppm	60,000	H	6.00
O = Oxygen 450,000 ppm	O = Oxygen 450,000 ppm	450,000	O	45.00
SUBTOTAL				96.00
Macronutrientes				
P = Phosphorus 2,000 ppm	P = Phosphorus 2,000 ppm	2,000	P	0.20
K = Potassium 10,000 ppm	K = Potassium 10,000 ppm	10,000	K	1.00
N = Nitrogen 15,000 ppm	N = Nitrogen 15,000 ppm	15,000	N	1.50
S = Sulfur 1,000 ppm	S = Sulfur 1,000 ppm	1,000	S	0.10
Ca = Calcium 5,000 ppm	Ca = Calcium 5,000 ppm	5,000	Ca	0.50
Mg = Magnesium 2000 ppm	Mg = Magnesium 2000 ppm	2,000	Mg	0.20
SUBTOTAL				3.50
Microutrientes				
Fe = Iron 100 ppm	Fe = Iron 100 ppm	100	Fe	0.01000
Mo = Molybdenum 0.1 ppm	Mo = Molybdenum 0.1 ppm	0.1	Mo	0.00001
B = Boron 20 ppm	B = Boron 20 ppm	20	B	0.00200
Cu = Copper 6 ppm	Cu = Copper 6 ppm	6	Cu	0.00060
Mn = Manganese 50 ppm	Mn = Manganese 50 ppm	50	Mn	0.00500
Zn = Zinc 20 ppm	Zn = Zinc 20 ppm	20	Zn	0.00200
Cl = Chlorine 100 ppm	Cl = Chlorine 100 ppm	100	Cl	0.01000
SUBTOTAL				0.03
SUBTOTAL		995,296		
TOTAL		1,000,000		
Outros		4,704		0.47

Conversion efficiency

compound	A biosynthesis costs g gluc.g ⁻¹ prod	B transport costs g gluc.g ⁻¹ prod	C = A + B conversion costs g gluc.g ⁻¹ prod	D = 1/C CVF g prod g ⁻¹ gluc
fats	3.030	0.159	3.189	0.31
lignin	2.119	0.112	2.231	0.45
proteins	1.824	0.096	1.920	0.52
carbohydrates	1.211	0.064	1.275	0.78
organic acids	0.906	0.048	0.954	1.05
minerals (K,Ca,P,S)	0.0	0.120	0.120	(8.3)

Soybean composition:

- **Protein = 40 %**
- **Oil = 20 %**

1 kg of CH₂O from Net Photosynthesis produces

0.55 kg of Dry Matter of seeds

Soybean: environment and plant physiology

Promotor and inhibitor hormones and effect of Ca, B and enzymes



↑RuBisCO
↑ division and cell expansion
↑Leaf DM and LAI



↑IAA (Indole Acetic Acid)
↓Senescence
↑division and cell expansion



↓Chlorophyll degradation
↑division and cell expansion



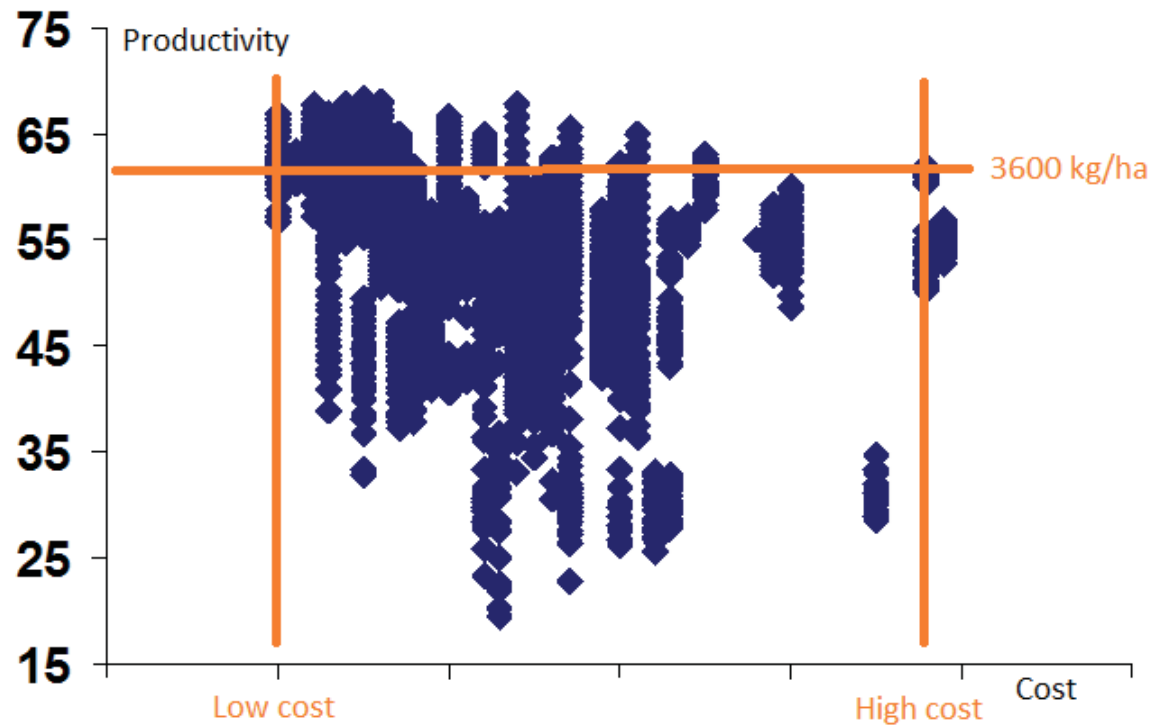
↓ABA (Absciscic Acid)
↓Ethylene
↓Senescence
↑Leaf DM and LAI



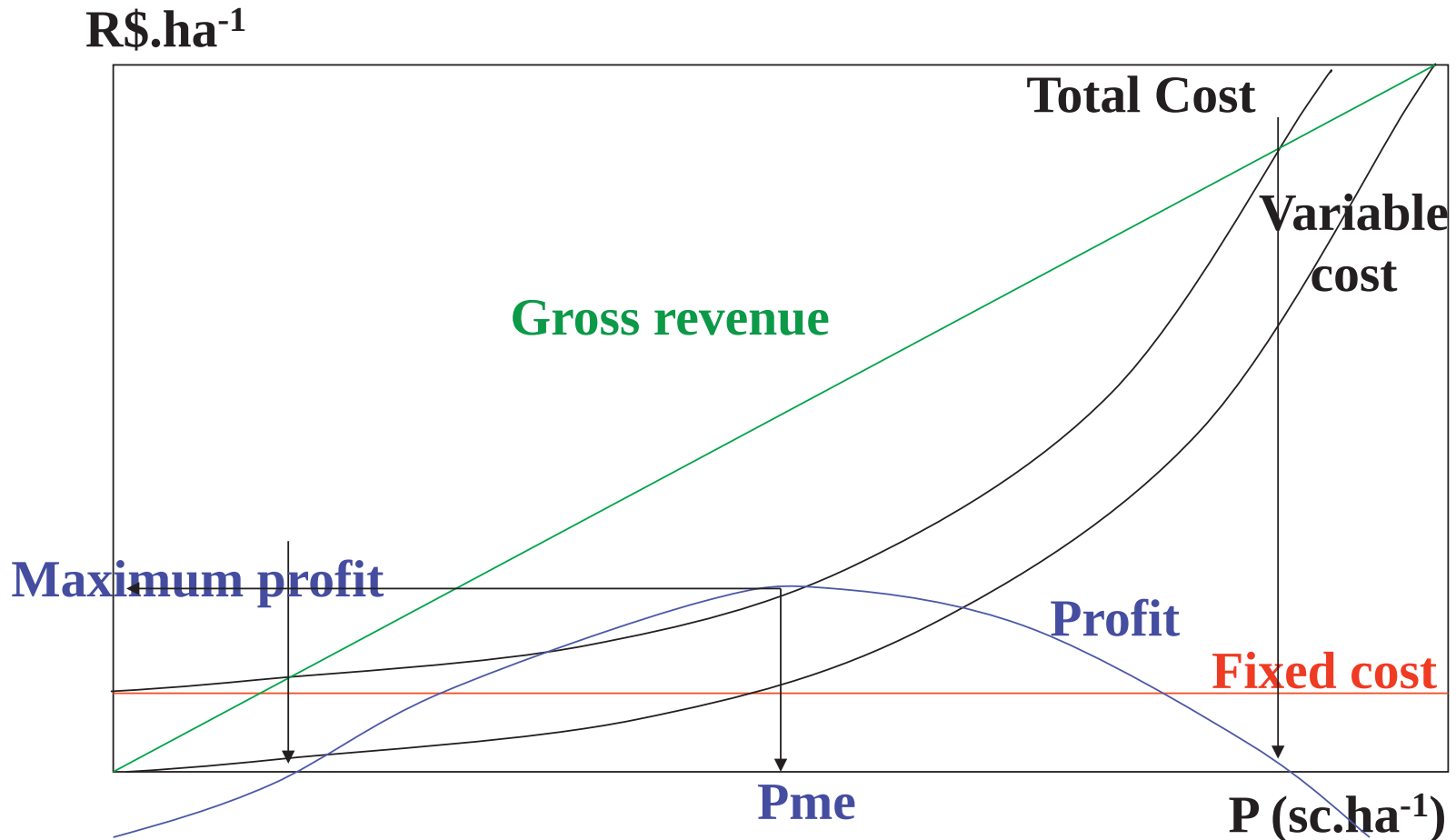
↑activity of POD, SOD and CAT enzymes

↓
Antioxidant effect (↓ROS):
Keep membrane integrity and inhibit the premature senescence and damage on DNA
Ca and B: less flower abortion

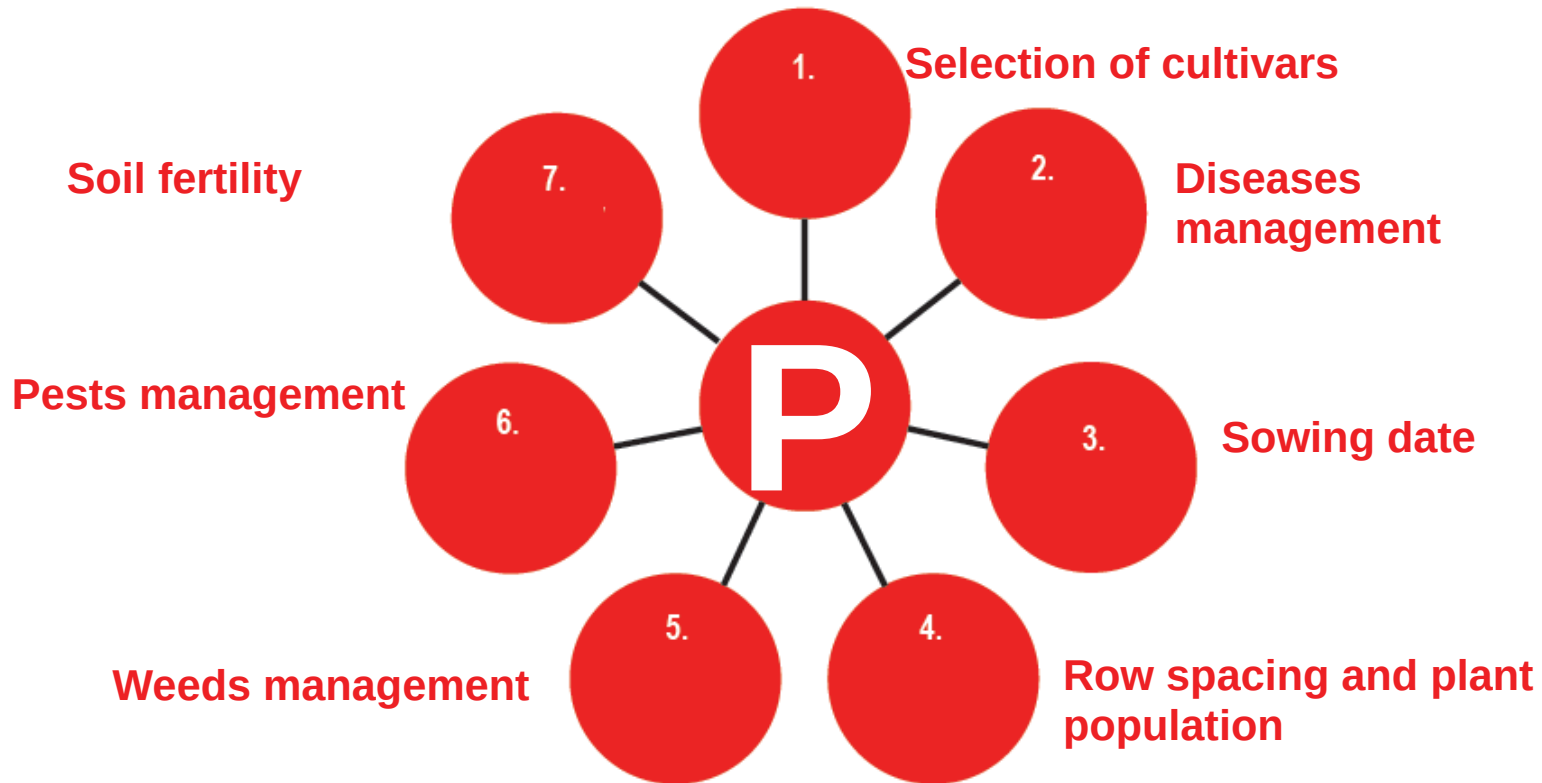
Soybean - USA



The economical actual productivity defines TECHNOLOGY (P_{me} , $sc.ha^{-1}$)



Management for high productivity (P)



Iwoa State University

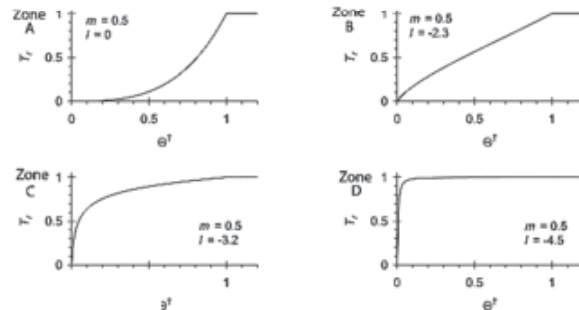
Higher productivities: 6000 kg/ha in Whiting, Iowa

4800 kg/ha - Est of Iwoa

3900 to 4200 kg/ha in Des Moines, Iowa

Final consideration

Water deficiency



1. Limiting values (h or θ) of macroscopic root water extraction models are a function of potential transpiration rate, soil hydraulic properties and root density.
2. $h_{mean,lim}$ and $\theta_{mean,lim}$ can be calculated from the matric flux potential at $0.53 r_m$, which is a function of transpiration rate and root density and which depends on a soil-specific $K(h)$ function.

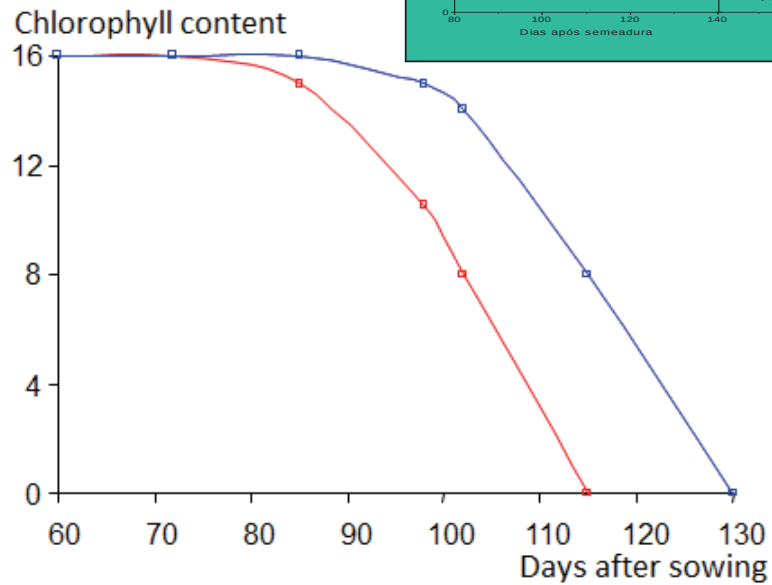
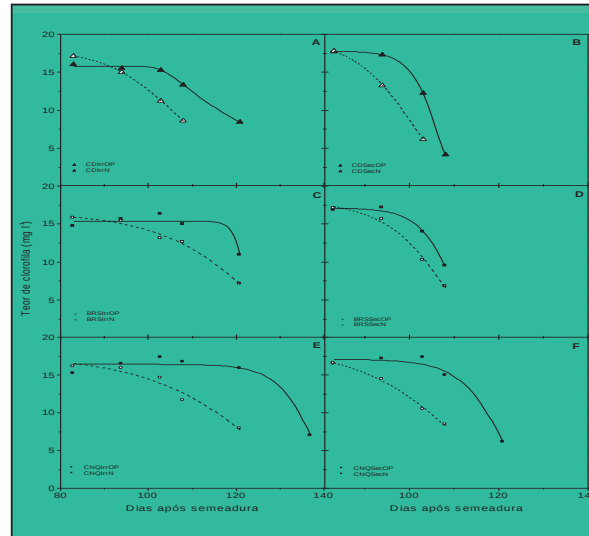
Final consideration

1. **Water use efficiency**
2. **Nutrients use efficiency**
3. **Genotype**
 - (a) **Chlorophyll content – water and N**
 - (b) **Leaf area index**
 - (c) **Carbon partition and Conversion efficiency:
Total dry matter**
 - (d) **Hormones (ethylene)**
 - (e) **Crop cycle duration**
 - (f) **Productivity**
4. **Knowledge and technology**



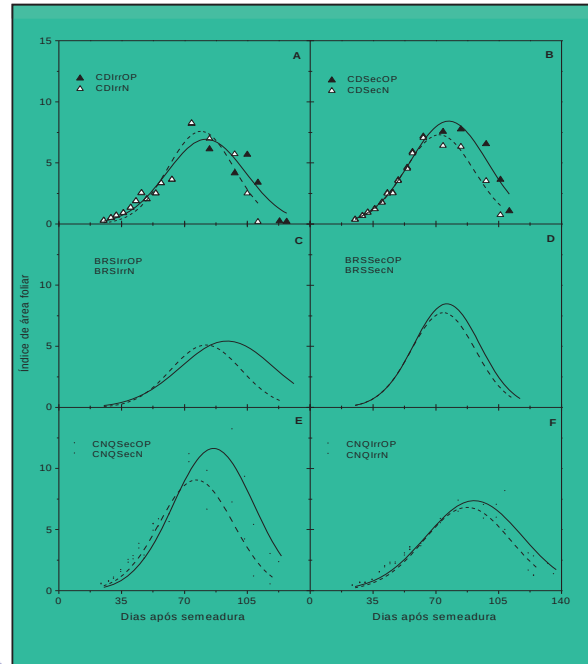
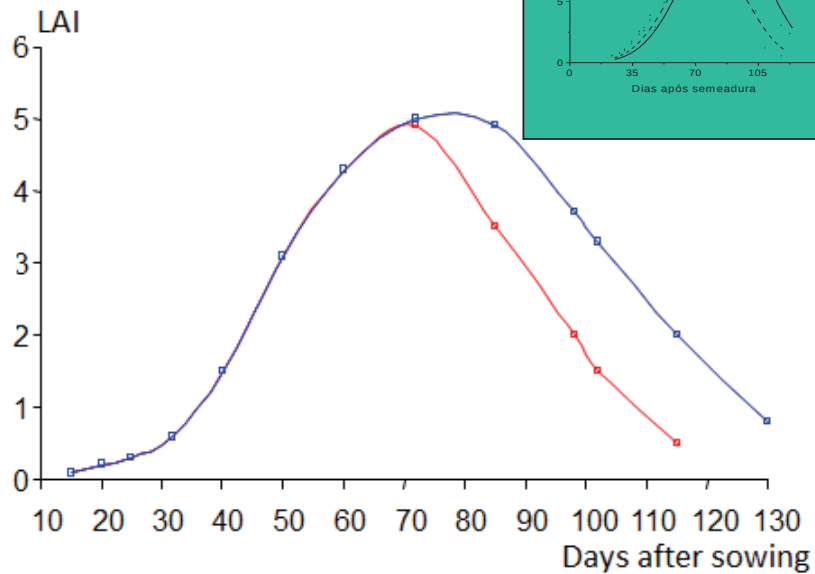
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**Chlorophyll content:
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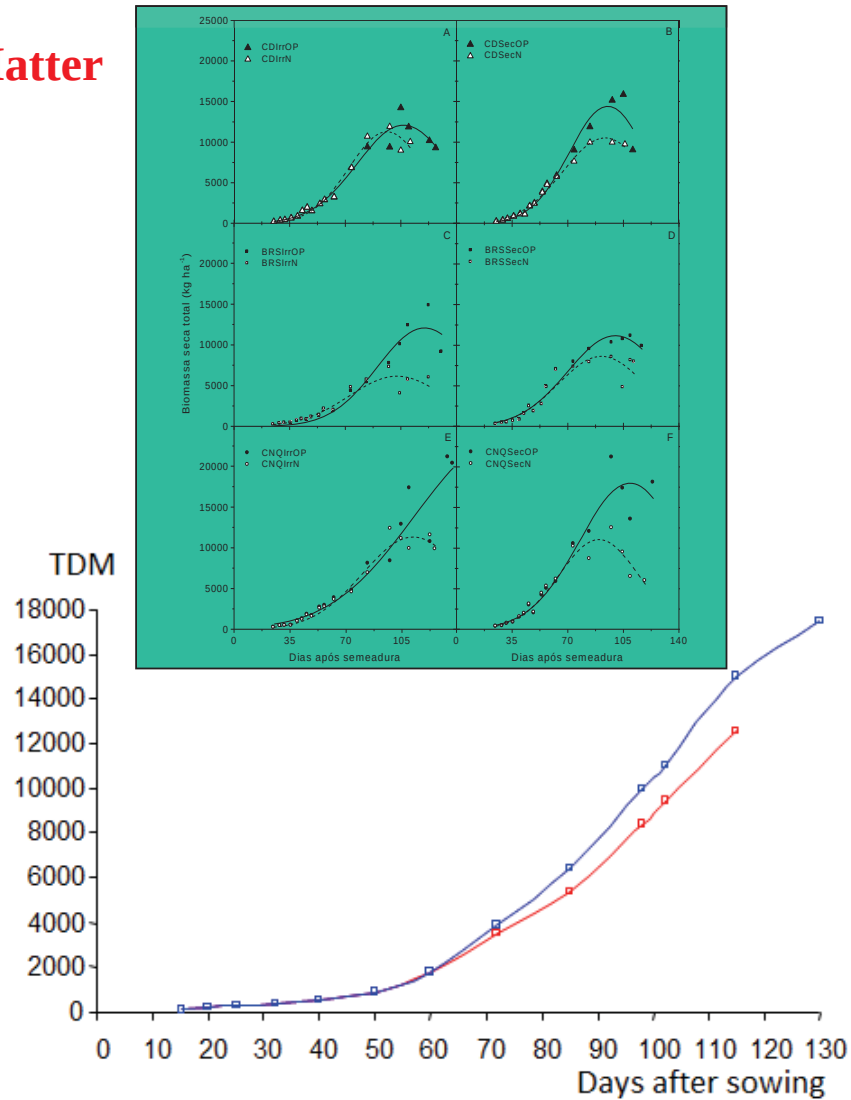
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Leaf area index



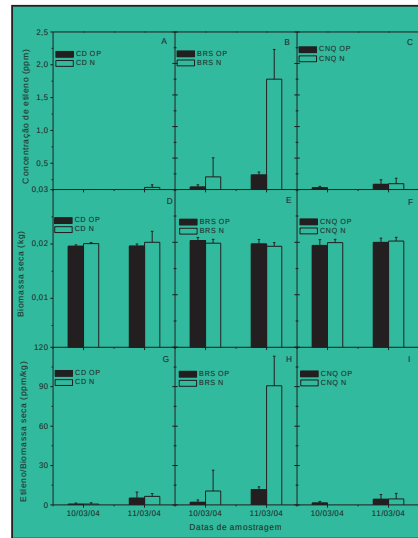
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Total Dry Matter

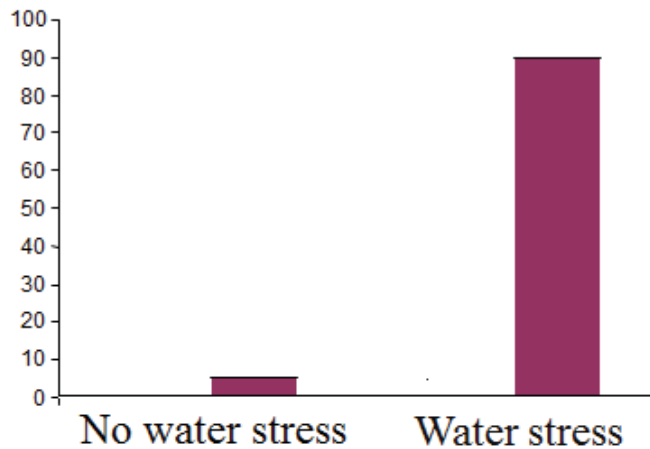


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Ethylene

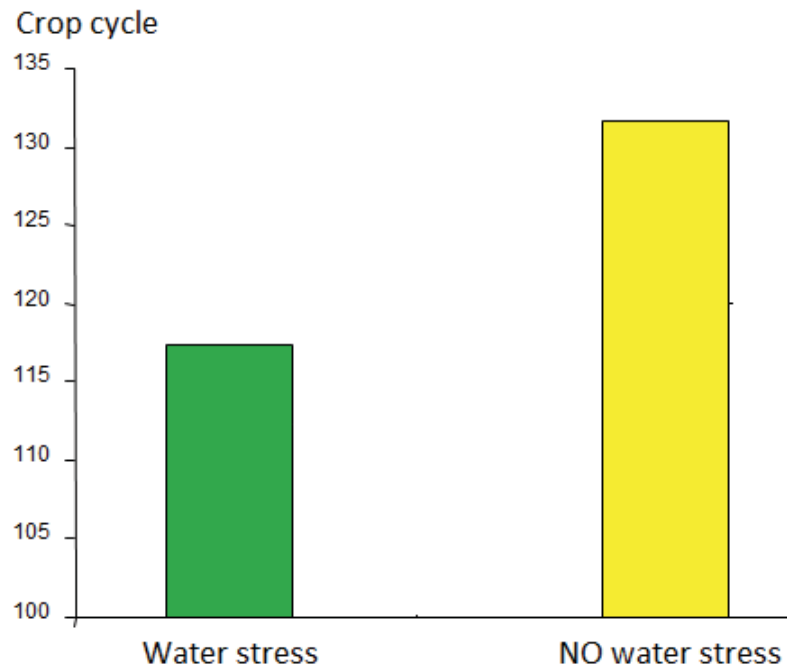


Ethylene



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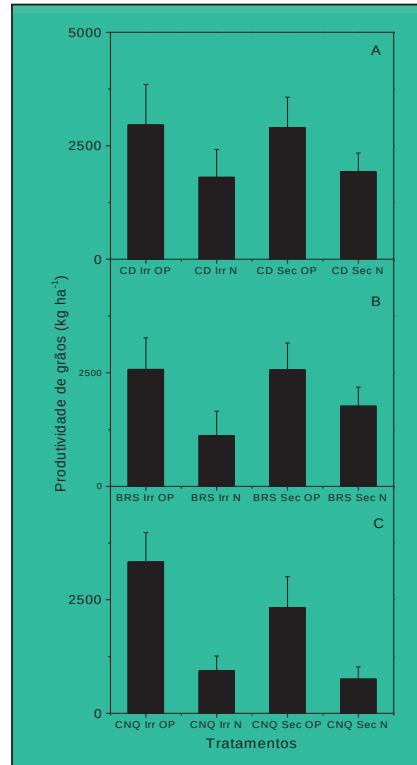
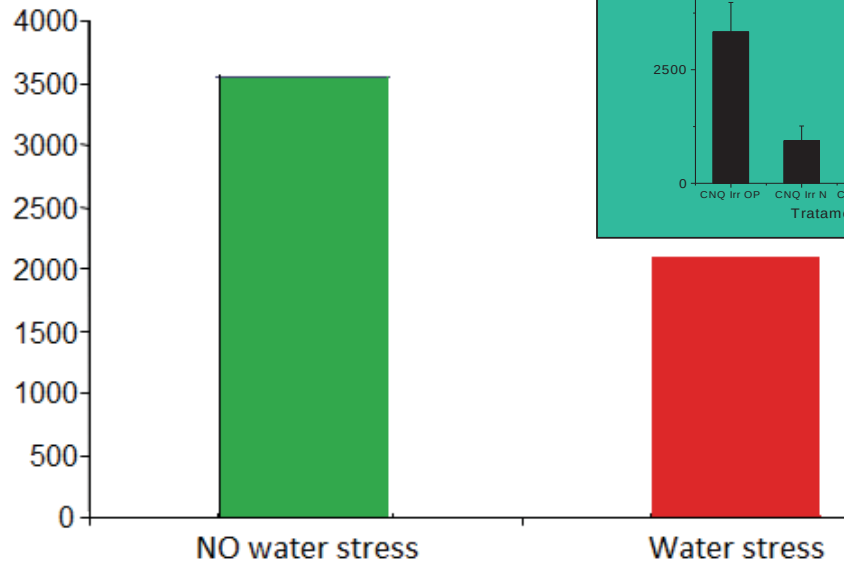
Crop cycle



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Productivity

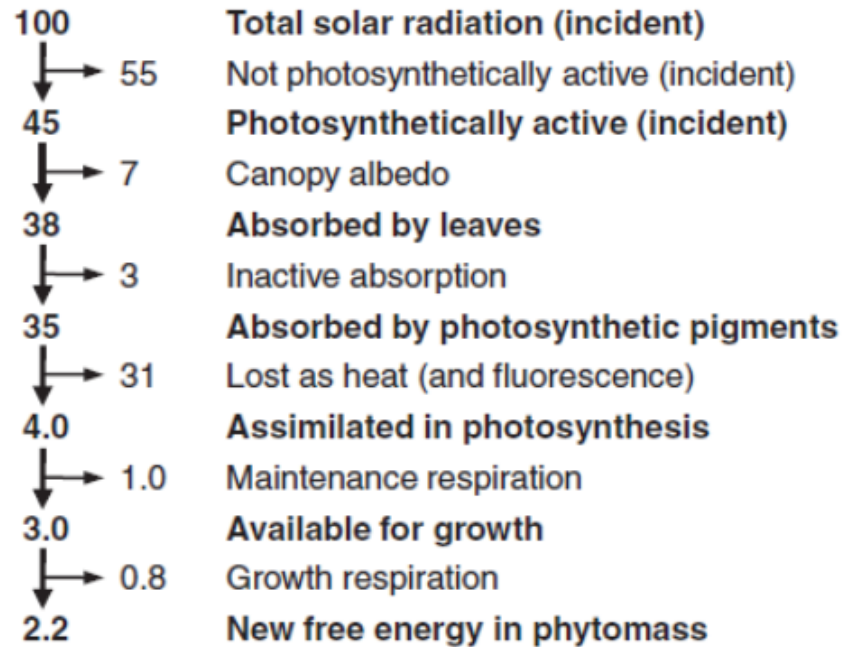
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Final consideration

Light and carbon use efficiency

Actual (observed) efficiency



Review



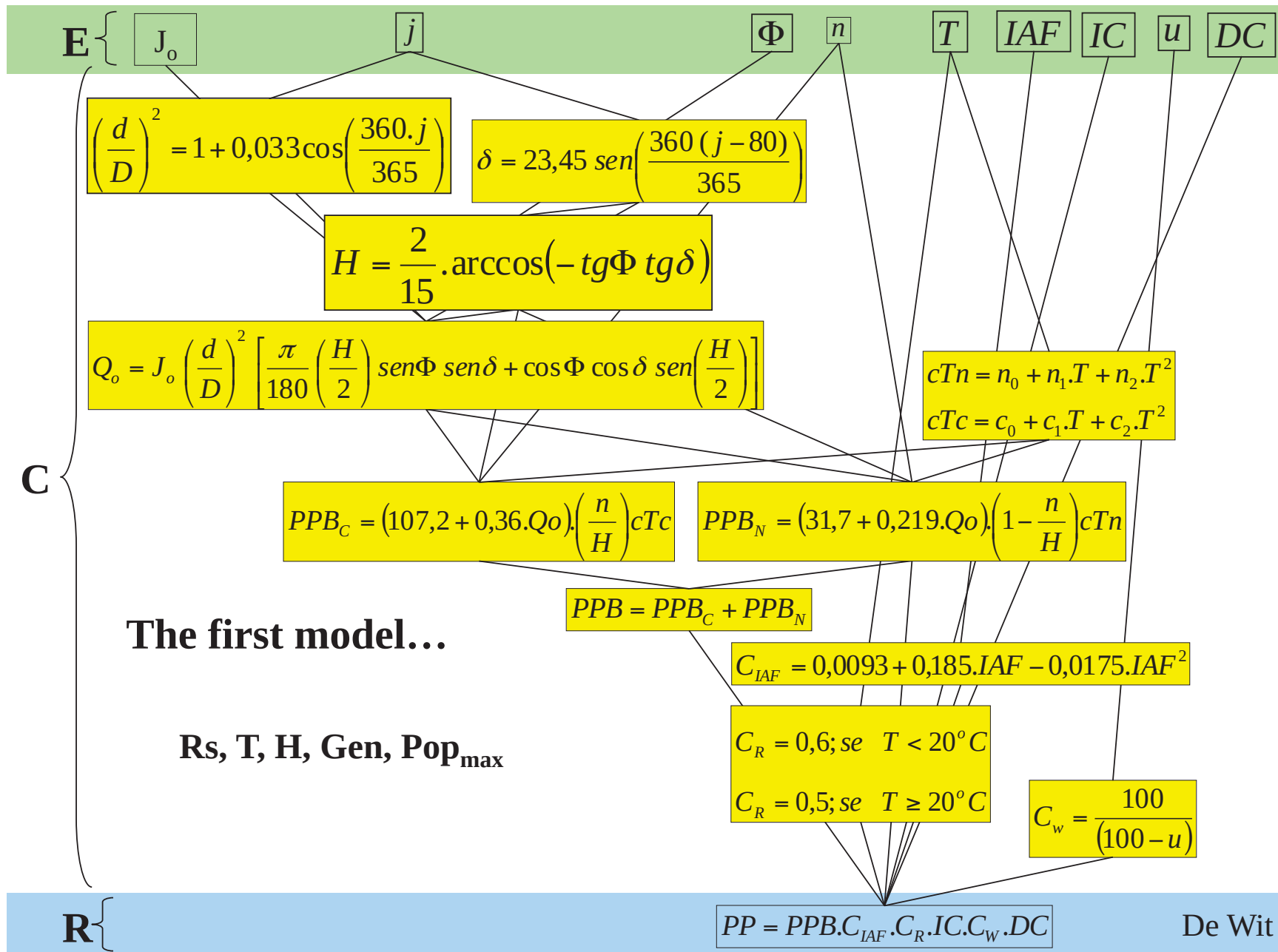
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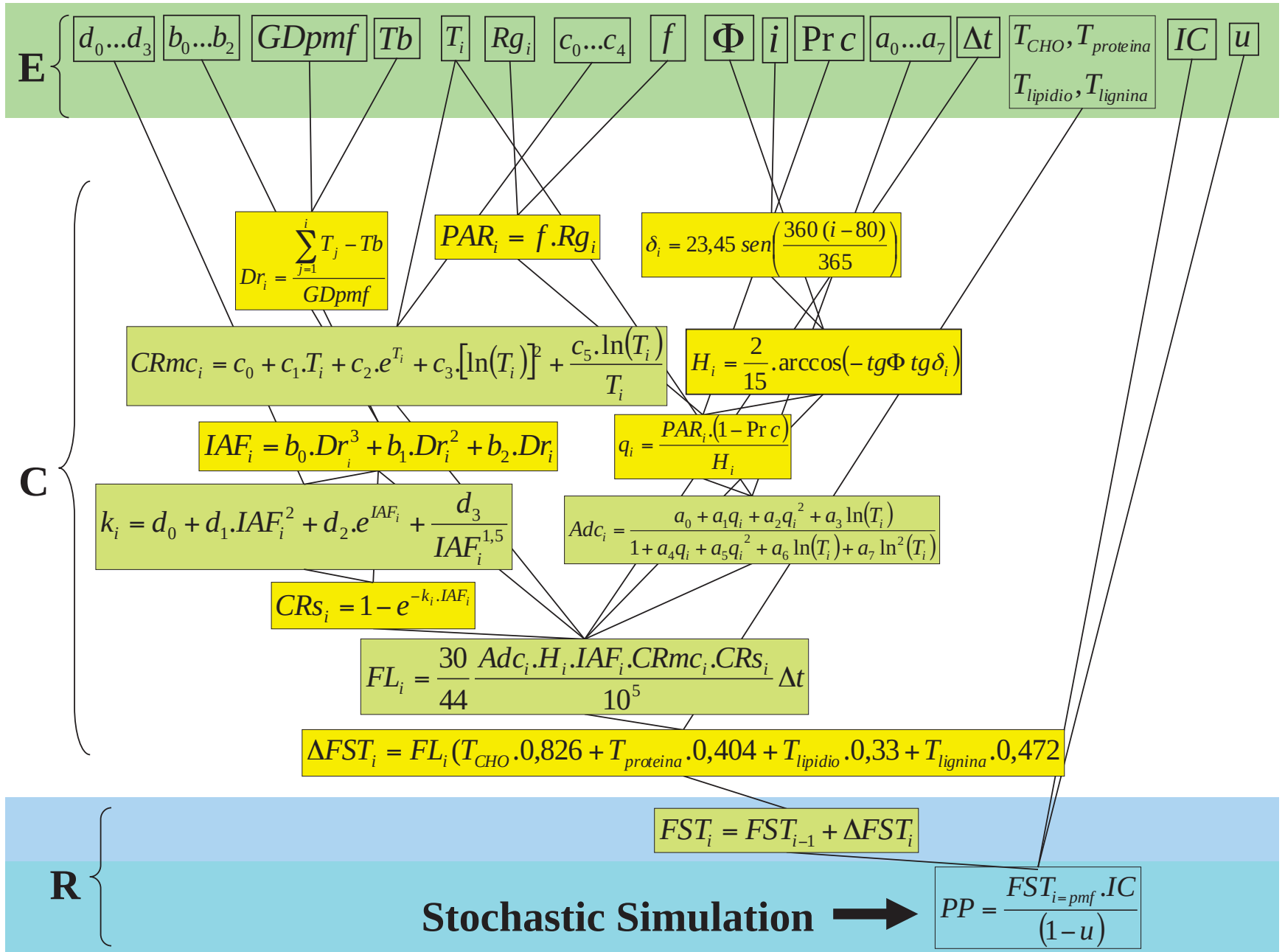
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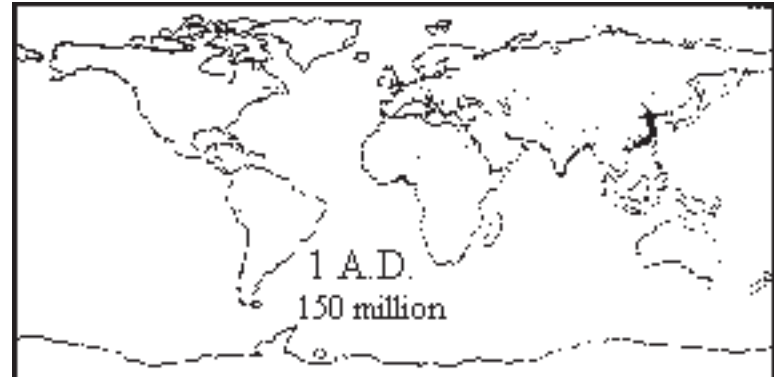
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Final Consideration

Science and Technology

**Agriculture and
Environment**

- ✓ **Correct Techniques**
- ✓ **Economically feasible**
- ✓ **Social justice**
- ✓ **Environmental sustainability**

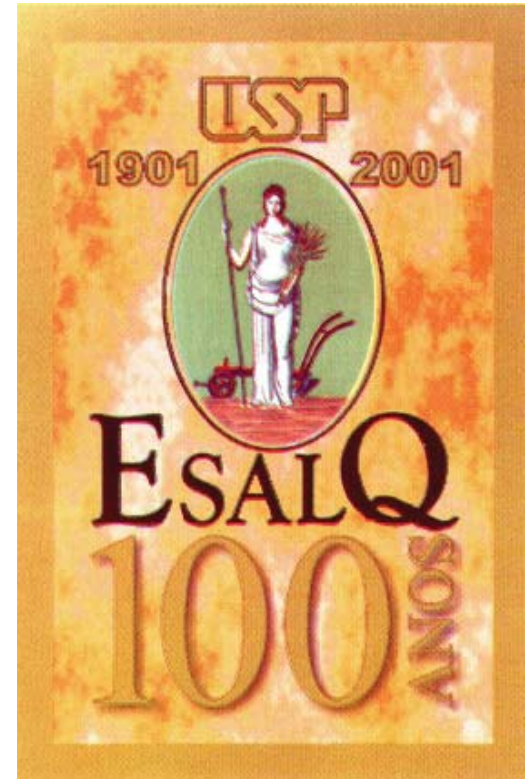


"... 85% of future growth in food production must come from already used agricultural areas."

Dr. Norman Borlaug (1914 -)
1970: Nobel Prize (Peace)



**“The essence of
scientific knowledge is
its practical
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