

Interactive comment on “The WACMOS-ET project – Part 1: Tower-scale evaluation of four remote sensing-based evapotranspiration algorithms” by D. Michel et al.

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We thank Kevin Tu for his comments and his interest in improving the article. We added the following lines (bold) to the text:

p10752. L10: “As the SEBS and PM-MOD models have typically been used with MODIS vegetation products, a rescaling between our TIP-derived LAI and f APAR products against the MODIS product has been undertaken. For running the models at the tower scale, a local rescaling is conducted by a linear regression between the MOD15A2 and the TIP values co-registered at each tower. For global model

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simulations, individual rescaling per biome/climate classification is conducted. **For PT-JPL, given the model internal relationships between these variables and the vegetation indexes used as model inputs (see Table 1 in Fisher et al., 2008), it can be discussed whether the original TIP LAI/ f APAR or the rescaled LAI/ f APAR are the most appropriate to be used as model inputs. For simplicity we will apply also the rescaled LAI/ f APAR, but this choice will be further evaluated in future applications of the model with the TIP LAI/ f APAR inputs.”**

p10748. L10: “...where f wet is the relative surface wetness, f_g is green canopy fraction, f APAR (f IPAR) is the Fraction of Absorbed (Intercepted) Photosynthetically Active Radiation, f_M is a plant moisture constraint, f APAR_{max} is the maximum of f APAR, f_{sm} is a soil moisture constraint, f_T is a plant temperature constraint and T_{opt} is the optimum plant growth temperature, estimated as the air temperature at the time of peak canopy activity when the highest f APAR and minimum VPD occur. **Note that as the input data set does not include f IPAR, f IPAR is derived from the rescaled project LAI by inverting the model original relationships between LAI and f IPAR.”**

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