

***Interactive comment on “Estimating actual, potential, reference crop and pan evaporation using standard meteorological data: a pragmatic synthesis” by T. A. McMahon et al.***

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This is an outstanding paper and should be required reading for all students and practitioners of hydrology. Professor McMahon and his colleagues have meticulously examined every evaporation equation and numerous applications with a critical eye. Their discussion and conclusion is not a review but a "pragmatic synthesis" and a "summary of techniques". Their discussion on the uncertainties in evaporation estimates and model performance, Section 4.6 is outstanding. I personally know that the authors spent several years developing this comprehensive work. Their effort is reflected in 32

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papers of references, all of which they have read and thoughtfully analyzed. The result is this outstanding paper...

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