Simulating light interception in Australian wide-row canopies

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Background

- Water availability is main resource limitation in Australian wheat systems
- Delay water use and avoid terminal stress: wide rows (up to 50 cm)



Problem

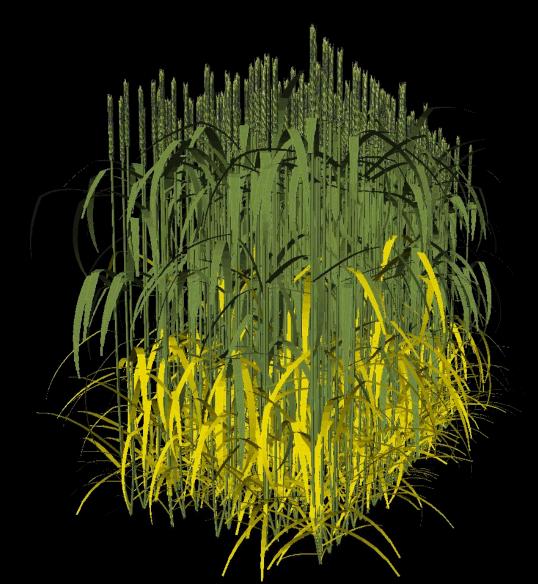
• Wide-row systems hard to simulate using crop models

Aim

• To improve calculation of light interception in crop models using wheat FSPM



- ADEL wheat
- Implementations in Graphtal, L-studio, GroIMP, OpenAlea



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- Established model

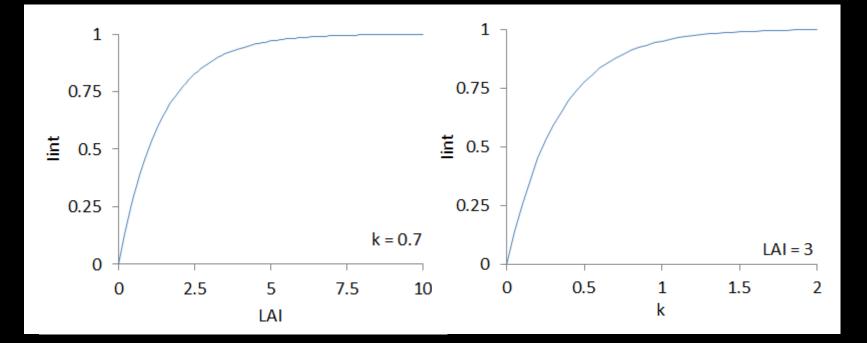
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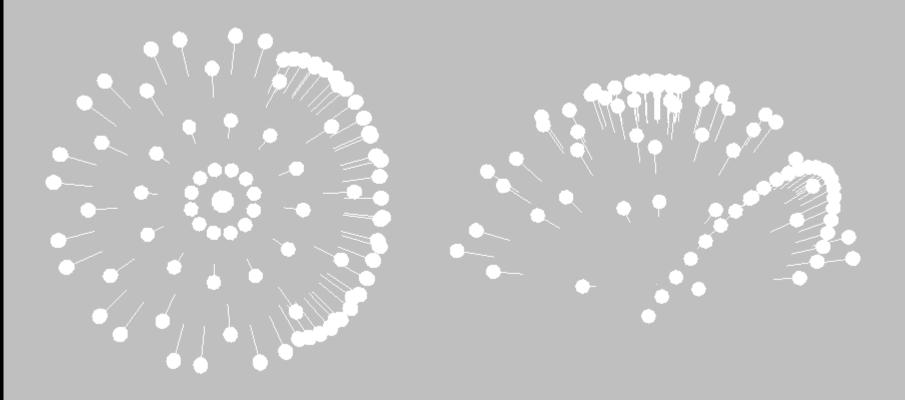
Focus on light extinction coefficient.

$$I_{\rm int} = I_m \left(1 - e^{-k \cdot L} \right)$$

I_{int} = fraction light intercepted
 I_m = maximum fraction of light intercepted
 k = extinction coefficient
 L = leaf area index



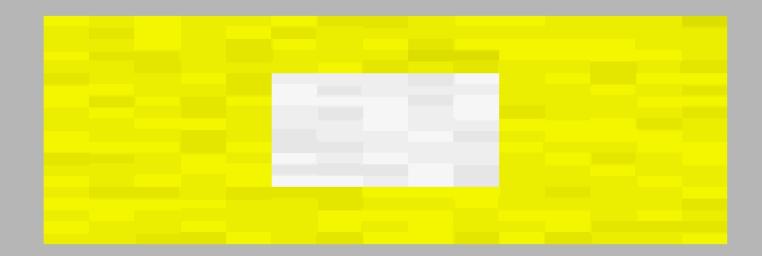
- Diffuse light approximated by a dome of 72 light sources
- Direct light represented by an arc of 24 light sources





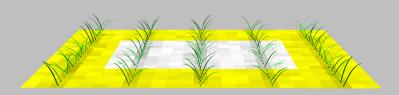






50 cm





25 cm

