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photobiologyPlants-package

*photobiologyPlants: Plant Photobiology Related Functions and Data*

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## Details

Package 'photobiologyPlants' is part of a suite of packages for analysis and plotting of data relevant to photobiology (described at <http://www.r4photobiology.info/>). The current component package provides functions and data related to plant photoreceptors, light dependent responses and optical properties of plants.

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- Aphalo, P. J., Albert, A., Bjoern, L. O., McLeod, A. R., Robson, T. M., Rosenqvist, E. (Eds.). (2012). Beyond the Visible: A handbook of best practice in plant UV photobiology (1st ed., p. xxx + 174). Helsinki: University of Helsinki, Department of Biosciences, Division of Plant Biology. ISBN 978-952-10-8363-1 (PDF), 978-952-10-8362-4 (paperback). Open access PDF download available at <http://hdl.handle.net/10138/37558>
- Mancinelli, A.L. (1994) The physiology of phytochrome action. In Photomorphogenesis in plants, 2nd edition. R.E. Kendrick and G.H.M. Kronenberg, eds. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, pp. 211-269. ISBN 978-0-7923-2551-2 (print), 978-94-011-1884-2 (on-line). doi:[10.1007/97894-01118842\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/97894-01118842_10).
- Banerjee, R., Schleicher, E., Meier, S., Viana, R. M., Pokorny, R., Ahmad, M., ... Batschauer, A. (2007). The signaling state of Arabidopsis cryptochrome 2 contains flavin semiquinone. J Biol Chem, 282(20), 14916-14922. doi:[10.1074/jbc.M700616200](https://doi.org/10.1074/jbc.M700616200).

## See Also

Package [photobiology-package](#) and [photobiologyWavebands-package](#).

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Betula\_ermanii.mspct    *Spectral data for 'Betula ermanii' leaves*

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## Description

A dataset containing for wavelengths at a 1 nm interval in the range 350 to 1000 nm, tabulated values for total reflectance and total transmittance, for the upper and lower epidermis of leaves of different ages from Erman's birch (*Betula ermanii*) trees growing in the forest in Japan.

The variables in each spectrum are as follows:

- w.length (nm)
- Rfr
- Tfr

### Usage

```
Betula_ermanii.mspct
```

### Format

object\_mspct collection object with six object\_spct member objects, each with 651 rows and 3 variables

### Note

We thank H. M. Noda for allowing us to include these data in our package. We have included here only data for two leaves from one species (*Betula ermanii*) and for wavelengths shorter than 1000 nm, from the much larger original data set. The whole data set is publicly available and the data easy to read into R. The data included here were measured with a Li-Cor LI-1800 spectroradiometer equipped with a LI-1800-12 (Li-Cor) integrating sphere, and consequently are for total reflectance and total transmittance. Further details on methods are available through the JaLTER web site. If you use these data in a publication, please cite the original source as given under references and contact the original author. In addition cite this package.

### References

Noda H. 'Reflectance and transmittance spectra of leaves and shoots of 22 vascular plant species and reflectance spectra of trunks and branches of 12 tree species in Japan' ERDP-2013-02.1.1 (<http://db.cger.nies.go.jp/JaLTER/metacat/metacat/ERDP-2013-02.1.1/jalter-en>)  
JaLTER, Japan Long Term Ecological Research Network, <http://www.jalter.org/>

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B\_G

*Calculate B:G photon ratio from spectral irradiance.*

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### Description

This function returns the blue:green photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

### Usage

```
B_G(spct, std = "Sellaro", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>spct</code>	an object of class "source.spct".
<code>std</code>	select which definition of blue and green should be used, defaults to "Sellaro".
<code>use.cached.mult</code>	logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
<code>use.hinges</code>	logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

**Value**

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the B:G photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q:q)" appended.

**See Also**

[Blue](#), [Green](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

**Examples**

```
B_G(sun.spct)
```

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carotenoids.mspct	<i>Absorbance spectra for carotenoids.</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing the wavelengths at an arbitrary nm interval. Tabulated values for the in vitro absorbance spectrum of beta-carotene, lutein, lycopene, 3-4,di-hydro-lycopene, phytoene, phytofluene, violaxanthin and zeaxanthin. Data were digitized from plots downloaded from Lipid-Base (<https://lipidbank.jp/>), The official database of Japanese Conference on the Biochemistry of Lipids (JCBL). Data contributed to LipinBank by Takaichi Sinichi.

**Format**

A `filter_mspct` with eight member `filter_spct` objects each with 300 rows and 2 numeric variables, `w.length` and `A`

**Details**

The variables of the member spectra are as follows:

- `w.length` (nm)
- `A` (spectral absorbance)

**Note**

If you use these data in a publication, please cite also the original source as given under references in addition to this package.

## References

Watanabe K., Yasugi E. and Oshima M. "How to search the glycolipid data in LIPIDBANK for Web: the newly developed lipid database" Japan Trend Glycosci. and Glycotechnol. 12, 175-184, 2000.

## Examples

```
names(carotenoids.mspct)
getWhatMeasured(carotenoids.mspct[[1]])
```

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chlorophylls.mspct	<i>Absorbance spectra for chlorophylls.</i>
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## Description

Optical absorption spectra of chlorophyll a in methanol and chlorophylls a and b in diethyl ether containing the wavelengths at 1 nm interval.

## Format

A `filter_mspct` with three member `filter_spct` objects each with variable number of rows and 2 numeric variables, `w.length` and `A`

## Details

The variables of the member spectra are as follows:

- `w.length` (nm)
- `A` (spectral absorbance)

Data from PhotochemCAD 2.1a has been munged on 2 June 2017 by Scott Prahl (<https://omlc.org/>) to make the information available to non-Windows users. Although he has tried to be as careful as possible, he may have introduced some error; the cautious user is advised to compare these results with the original sources (Du et al., 1998; Dixon et al., 2005).

The spectral absorption measurements of chlorophyll *a* in methanol, chlorophyll *a* and chlorophyll *b* in diethyl ether were made by J. Li on 12-11-1997 using a Cary 3 spectrophotometer. The absorption values were collected using a spectral bandwidth of 1.0 nm, a signal averaging time of 0.133 sec, a data interval of 0.25 nm, and a scan rate of 112.5 nm/min.

Chlorophyll *a* measurements were scaled to make the molar extinction coefficient match the value of 111700 cm<sup>-1</sup>/M at 417.8 nm. These values were then interpolated to report extinction coefficients at regular 1 nm intervals. The reported molar extinction coefficient is from Strain et al. (1963).

Chlorophyll *b* measurements were scaled to make the molar extinction coefficient match the value of 159100 cm<sup>-1</sup>/M at 453.0 nm. These values were then interpolated to report extinction coefficients at regular 1 nm intervals. The reported molar extinction coefficient is from Vernon and Seely (1966).

**Note**

If you use these data in a publication, please cite also the original sources as given under references. For more information please visit <https://omlc.org/>.

**References**

J. M. Dixon, M. Taniguchi and J. S. Lindsey "PhotochemCAD 2. A refined program with accompanying spectral databases for photochemical calculations", Photochem. Photobiol., 81, 212-213, 2005.

H. Du, R. A. Fuh, J. Li, A. Corkan, J. S. Lindsey, "PhotochemCAD: A computer-aided design and research tool in photochemistry," Photochem. Photobiol., 68, 141-142, 1998.

Strain, H. H., M. R. Thomas and J. J. Katz (1963) Spectral absorption properties of ordinary and fully deuteriated chlorophylls a and b. Biochim. Biophys. Acta 75, 306-311.

Vernon, L. P. and G. R. Seely (1966) The chlorophylls. Academic Press, NY.

**Examples**

```
names(chlorophylls.mspct)
getWhatMeasured(chlorophylls.mspct[[1]])
```

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chlorophylls\_fluorescence.mspct

*Fluorescence emission spectra for chlorophylls.*

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**Description**

Optical absorption spectra of chlorophyll *a* in methanol and chlorophylls *a* and *b* in diethyl ether containing the wavelengths at 1 nm interval.

**Format**

A filter\_mspct with three member filter\_spct objects each with variable number of rows and 2 numeric variables, w.length and A

**Details**

The variables of the member spectra are as follows:

- w.length (nm)
- A (spectral absorbance)

Data from PhotochemCAD 2.1a has been munged on 2 June 2017 by Scott Prahl (<https://omlc.org/>) to make the information available to non-Windows users. Although he has tried to be as careful as possible, he may have introduced some error; the cautious user is advised to compare these results with the original sources at <https://www.photochemcad.com/> (Du et al., 1998; Dixon et al., 2005).

Fluorescence emission was measured using a Spex FluoroMax. The excitation and emission monochromators were set at 1 mm, giving a spectral bandwidth of 4.25 nm. The data interval was 0.5 nm and the integration time was 2.0 sec. Samples were prepared in 1cm path length quartz cells with absorbance less than 0.1 at the excitation and all emission wavelengths to uniformly illuminate across the sample, and to avoid the inner-filter effect. The dark counts were subtracted and the spectra were corrected for wavelength-dependent instrument sensitivity.

## Note

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## References

- J. M. Dixon, M. Taniguchi and J. S. Lindsey "PhotochemCAD 2. A refined program with accompanying spectral databases for photochemical calculations", Photochem. Photobiol., 81, 212-213, 2005.
- H. Du, R. A. Fuh, J. Li, A. Corkan, J. S. Lindsey, "PhotochemCAD: A computer-aided design and research tool in photochemistry," Photochem. Photobiol., 68, 141-142, 1998.

## Examples

```
names(chlorophylls_fluorescence.mspct)
getWhatMeasured(chlorophylls_fluorescence.mspct[[1]])
```

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CRYs.mspct

*CRY1, CRY2 and CRY3 absorbance spectra.*

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## Description

A dataset containing the wavelengths at an arbitrary nm interval and spectral absorbance for plant cryptochromes 1 (CRY1), 2 (CRY2), and 3 (CRY3 or CRY-DASH). Tabulated values for the in vitro absorbance spectrum for *Arabidopsis thaliana*. CRY1 data were digitized from figure 1, curve "dark" and curve "30 min illumination" in Zeugnwer et al. (2005). The CRY2 data were digitized from Figure 1.B, curve "dark adapted sample", and curve "irradiated with blue light (450 nm, 50  $\mu\text{mol m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) during 30 min" in Banerjee et al. (2007). CRY3 data were digitized from figure 2a, curve "cry3" in Song et al. (2006).

## Format

A filter\_mspct with five member filter\_spct objects each with 300 rows and 2 numeric variables, w.length and A



## Details

The variables of the member spectra are as follows:

- w.length (nm)
- A (spectral absorbance)

## Note

If you use these data in a publication, please cite also the original source as given under references in addition to this package.

## References

- Banerjee, R., Schleicher, E., Meier, S., Viana, R. M., Pokorny, R., Ahmad, M., ... Batschauer, A. (2007) The signaling state of Arabidopsis cryptochrome 2 contains flavin semiquinone. *J Biol Chem*, 282(20), 14916-14922. doi:10.1074/jbc.M700616200
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ET\_ref

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*Evapotranspiration*


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## Description

Compute an estimate of reference (= potential) evapotranspiration from meteorological data. Evapotranspiration from vegetation includes transpiration by plants plus evaporation from the soil or other wet surfaces.  $ET_0$  is the reference value assuming no limitation to transpiration due to soil water, similar to potential evapotranspiration (PET). An actual evapotranspiration value  $ET$  can be estimated only if additional information on the plants and soil is available.

## Usage

```
ET_ref(
  temperature,
  water.vp,
  wind.speed,
  net.irradiance,
  nighttime = FALSE,
  atmospheric.pressure = 10.13,
  soil.heat.flux = 0,
  method = "FAO.PM",
```

```

    check.range = TRUE
)

ET_ref_day(
  temperature,
  water.vp,
  wind.speed,
  net.radiation,
  atmospheric.pressure = 10.13,
  soil.heat.flux = 0,
  method = "FAO.PM",
  check.range = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

temperature	numeric vector of air temperatures (C) at 2 m height.
water.vp	numeric vector of water vapour pressure in air (Pa).
wind.speed	numeric Wind speed (m/s) at 2 m height.
net.irradiance	numeric Long wave and short wave balance (W/m2).
nighttime	logical Used only for methods that distinguish between daytime- and nighttime canopy conductances.
atmospheric.pressure	numeric Atmospheric pressure (Pa).
soil.heat.flux	numeric Soil heat flux (W/m2), positive if soil temperature is increasing.
method	character The name of an estimation method.
check.range	logical Flag indicating whether to check or not that arguments for temperature are within range of method. Passed to function calls to <code>water_vp_sat()</code> and <code>water_vp_sat_slope()</code> .
net.radiation	numeric Long wave and short wave balance (J/m2/day).

### Details

Currently three methods, based on the Penmann-Monteith equation formulated as recommended by FAO56 (Allen et al., 1998) as well as modified in 2005 for tall and short vegetation according to ASCE-EWRI are implemented in function `ET_ref()`. The computations rely on data measured according WHO standards at 2 m above ground level to estimate reference evapotranspiration ( $ET_0$ ). The formulations are those for ET expressed in mm/h, but modified to use as input flux rates in W/m2 and pressures expressed in Pa.

### Value

A numeric vector of reference evapotranspiration estimates expressed in mm/h for `ET_ref()` and in mm/d for `ET_ref_day()`.

## References

Allen R G, Pereira L S, Raes D, Smith M. 1998. Crop evapotranspiration: Guidelines for computing crop water requirements. Rome: FAO.

Allen R G, Pruitt W O, Wright J L, Howell T A, Ventura F, Snyder R, Itenfisu D, Steduto P, Berengena J, Yrisarry J, et al. 2006. A recommendation on standardized surface resistance for hourly calculation of reference ETo by the FAO56 Penman-Monteith method. Agricultural Water Management 81.

## See Also

Other Evapotranspiration and energy balance related functions.: [net\\_irradiance\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# instantaneous
ET_ref(temperature = 20,
       water.vp = water_RH2vp(relative.humidity = 70,
                              temperature = 20),
       wind.speed = 0,
       net.irradiance = 10)
```

```
ET_ref(temperature = c(5, 20, 35),
       water.vp = water_RH2vp(70, c(5, 20, 35)),
       wind.speed = 0,
       net.irradiance = 10)
```

```
# Hot and dry air
ET_ref(temperature = 35,
       water.vp = water_RH2vp(10, 35),
       wind.speed = 5,
       net.irradiance = 400)
```

```
ET_ref(temperature = 35,
       water.vp = water_RH2vp(10, 35),
       wind.speed = 5,
       net.irradiance = 400,
       method = "FAO.PM")
```

```
ET_ref(temperature = 35,
       water.vp = water_RH2vp(10, 35),
       wind.speed = 5,
       net.irradiance = 400,
       method = "ASCE.PM.short")
```

```
ET_ref(temperature = 35,
       water.vp = water_RH2vp(10, 35),
       wind.speed = 5,
       net.irradiance = 400,
       method = "ASCE.PM.tall")
```

```
# Low temperature and high humidity
```

```
ET_ref(temperature = 5,
       water.vp = water_RH2vp(95, 5),
       wind.speed = 0.5,
       net.irradiance = -10,
       nighttime = TRUE,
       method = "ASCE.PM.short")

ET_ref_day(temperature = 35,
          water.vp = water_RH2vp(10, 35),
          wind.speed = 5,
          net.radiation = 35e6) # 35 MJ / d / m2
```

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leaf\_fluorescence.mspct

*Fluorescence emission spectra of leaves.*


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### Description

Fluorescence spectra of whole leaves of wheat excited with low irradiance of UVA1 radiation at 355 nm. Fluorescence state of chlorophylls equivalent to  $F_0$ .

### Format

A source\_mspct with one member source\_spct object. each with variable number of rows and 2 numeric variables, w.length and s.e.irrad

### Details

The variables of the member spectra are as follows:

- w.length (nm)
- s.e.irrad (QSEU)

Data for spectrum wheat\_Fo\_ex355nm from Meyer et al. (2003, Fig. 2A). The fluorescence emission is expressed in quinine sulphate equivalent units (QSEU). Data were obtained by digitizing the figure in the publication and extracting the data with DigitizeIt under Windows 11.

### Note

If you use these data in a publication, please cite also the original sources as given under references.

### References

Meyer et al. (2003) UV-induced blue-green and far-red fluorescence along wheat leaves: a potential signature of leaf ageing. Journal of Experimental Botany, 54: 757-769. doi:10.1093/jxb/erg063.

## Examples

```
names(leaf_fluorescence.mspct)
what_measured(leaf_fluorescence.mspct)
```

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McCree\_photosynthesis.mspct

*McCree's action spectra for whole-leaf photosynthesis.*

---

## Description

The 'classical' action spectra of K. J. McCree (1972) for *Amaranthus edulis* Speg. var. UCD 1966 and *Avena sativa* L. var. Coronado are included in this data set. Response is net  $CO_2$  uptake measured on leaf sections under monochromatic light. The light source used was a xenon-arc lamp fitted with a monochromator. Irradiance was in the range 10 to 15  $Wm^{-2}$ .

## Format

A `response_mspct` object with two member `response_spct` objects each with 300 rows and 2 numeric variables, w. length and s.e. response.

## Note

Digitised from bitmap of from the original publication.

If you use these data in a publication, please cite also the original source as given under references.

## References

McCree, K. J. (1972) Significance of Enhancement for Calculations Based on the Action Spectrum for Photosynthesis. *Plant Physiology*, 49, 704-706. Fig. 1, AMARANTH.

## Examples

```
summary(McCree_photosynthesis.mspct)
```

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net_irradiance	<i>Net radiation flux</i>
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### Description

Estimate net radiation balance expressed as a flux in W/m<sup>2</sup>. If `lw.down.irradiance` is passed a value in W / m<sup>2</sup> the difference is computed directly and if not an approximate value is estimated, using `R_rel = 0.75` which corresponds to clear sky, i.e., uncorrected for cloudiness. This is the approach to estimation that is recommended by FAO for hourly estimates while here we use it for instantaneous or mean flux rates.

### Usage

```
net_irradiance(
  temperature,
  sw.down.irradiance,
  lw.down.irradiance = NULL,
  sw.albedo = 0.23,
  lw.emissivity = 0.98,
  water.vp = 0,
  R_rel = 1
)
```

### Arguments

<code>temperature</code>	numeric vector of air temperatures (C) at 2 m height.
<code>sw.down.irradiance, lw.down.irradiance</code>	numeric Down-welling short wave and long wave radiation radiation (W/m <sup>2</sup> ).
<code>sw.albedo</code>	numeric Albedo as a fraction of one (/1).
<code>lw.emissivity</code>	numeric Emissivity of the surface (ground or vegetation) for long wave radiation.
<code>water.vp</code>	numeric vector of water vapour pressure in air (Pa), ignored if <code>lw.down.irradiance</code> is available.
<code>R_rel</code>	numeric The ratio of actual and clear sky short wave irradiance (/1).

### Value

A numeric vector of evapotranspiration estimates expressed as W / m<sup>2</sup>.

### See Also

Other Evapotranspiration and energy balance related functions.: [ET\\_ref\(\)](#)

Pfr\_Ptot

*Calculate phytochrome photoequilibrium***Description**

A method implemented for objects of different classes.

**Usage**

```
Pfr_Ptot(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
Pfr_Ptot(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'numeric'
Pfr_Ptot(x, spct.out = length(x) > 20, ...)

## S3 method for class 'source_spct'
Pfr_Ptot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an R object
...	not used
spct.out	logical Flag indicating if the returned object should be of class response_spct instead of numeric.

**Value**

If x is numeric, giving wavelengths (nm), a vector of numeric values giving the unitless photon ratio at each wavelength or a generic\_spct object with the wavelength values sorted in ascending order and the corresponding Pfr\_Ptot values in column s.q.response.

If x is a source\_spct object, a single numeric value giving the unitless photon ratio

**Methods (by class)**

- Pfr\_Ptot(default): Default for generic function
- Pfr\_Ptot(numeric): Specialization for numeric
- Pfr\_Ptot(source\_spct): Specialization for source\_spct  
Calculate phytochrome photoequilibrium from spectral (photon) irradiance

**Note**

If you use these data in a publication, please cite also the original source as given under references.

## References

Mancinelli, A.L. (1994) The physiology of phytochrome action. In Photomorphogenesis in plants, 2nd edition. R.E. Kendrick and G.H.M. Kronenberg, eds. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, pp. 211-269. ISBN 978-0-7923-2551-2 (print), 978-94-011-1884-2 (on-line). doi:[10.1007/97894-01118842\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/97894-01118842_10)

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Pfr\_Ptot\_R\_FR

*Pr:Ptot ratio (photoequilibrium) from R:FR photon ratio.*

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## Description

Calculation of Pfr:Ptot ratio for Type I Phytochrome from red:far-red photon ratio. "Exact" only for dichromatic irradiation, only approximate for R:FR ratio calculated from a broadband light source.

## Usage

Pfr\_Ptot\_R\_FR(R.FR)

## Arguments

R.FR                      R:FR a single value or a vector of photon ratio (dimensionless) values

## Value

a single value or a vector of numeric values giving the Pr:Ptot dimensionless ratio

## References

Mancinelli, A.L. (1994) The physiology of phytochrome action. In Photomorphogenesis in plants, 2nd edition. R.E. Kendrick and G.H.M. Kronenberg, eds. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, pp. 211-269. ISBN 978-0-7923-2551-2 (print), 978-94-011-1884-2 (on-line). doi:[10.1007/97894-01118842\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/97894-01118842_10)

## See Also

[q\\_ratio](#)

## Examples

```
Pfr_Ptot_R_FR(1.15)
Pfr_Ptot_R_FR(0.10)
Pfr_Ptot_R_FR(c(0.1, 1.15, 5.0, 20.0))
```



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PHOTs.mspct*PHOT1 and PHOT2 absorbance spectra.*

---

**Description**

A dataset containing the wavelengths at an arbitrary nm interval for plant photoreceptors phototropin 1 and phototropin 2. Tabulated values for the in vitro absorbance spectrum of PHOT1 LOV2 domain for fluorescence yield of PHOT1 and PHOT2 from *Arabidopsis thaliana* measured in vitro. PHOT1 fluorescence yield data were digitized from figure 1a curve "LOV1 + LOV2 (WT)" and PHOT2 fluorescence yield data were digitized from figure 7a curve "LOV1 + LOV2 (WT)" in Christie et al. (2002). PHOT1 LOV2, dark adapted, spectral absorbance data were digitized from figure 3, black curve and PHOT1 LOV2, blue-light adapted spectral absorbance data were digitized from figure 3, blue curve in Christie et al. (2015).

**Format**

A filter\_mspct with five member filter\_spct objects each with 300 rows and 2 numeric variables, w.length and A

**Details**

The variables of the member spectra are as follows:

- w.length (nm)
- A (spectral absorbance)

**Note**

If you use these data in a publication, please cite also the original source as given under references in addition to this package.

**References**

- CHRISTIE, John M., SWARTZ, Trevor E., BOGOMOLNI, Roberto A., BRIGGS, Winslow R. (2002) Phototropin LOV domains exhibit distinct roles in regulating photoreceptor function. *The Plant Journal* 32(2):205-219.
- CHRISTIE, J. M., BLACKWOOD, L., PETERSEN, J., SULLIVAN, S. (2015) Plant Flavoprotein Photoreceptors. *Plant and Cell Physiology*. 56(3):401-413.

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 PHYs.mspct

*Tabulated data for Phytochrome Sigma*


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### Description

A dataset containing the wavelengths at a 1 nm interval. Tabulated values for Sigma R and Sigma FR for Type I Phytochrome as compiled by Mancinelli (1994).

The variables are as follows:

- wavelength (nm)
- Sigma.R (quantum effectiveness)
- Sigma.FR (quantum effectiveness)

### Format

A generic\_mspct with one member generic\_spct object with 49 rows and 3 numeric variables, w.length, Sigma.R and Sigma.FR.

### Note

If you use these data in a publication, please cite also the original source as given under references in addition to this package.

### References

Mancinelli, A.L. (1994) The physiology of phytochrome action. In Photomorphogenesis in plants, 2nd edition. R.E. Kendrick and G.H.M. Kronenberg, eds. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, pp. 211-269. ISBN 978-0-7923-2551-2 (print), 978-94-011-1884-2 (on-line). doi:[10.1007/97894-01118842\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/97894-01118842_10)

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 Phy\_reaction\_rates

*Phytochrome reaction rates*


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### Description

Rate constants  $k_1$  Pr  $\rightarrow$  Pfr;  $k_2$  Pfr  $\rightarrow$  Pr; photoconversion rate  $\nu = k_1 + k_2$  for Type I Phytochrome.

### Usage

```
Phy_reaction_rates(
  w.length,
  s.irrad,
  unit.in = "energy",
  check.spectrum = TRUE,
  use.cached.mult = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>w.length</code>	numeric array of wavelength (nm)
<code>s.irrad</code>	numeric array of spectral (energy) irradiances (W m <sup>-2</sup> nm <sup>-1</sup> ) or (mol s <sup>-1</sup> m <sup>-2</sup> )
<code>unit.in</code>	character string with allowed values "energy", and "photon", or its alias "quantum"
<code>check.spectrum</code>	logical indicating whether to sanity check input data, default is TRUE
<code>use.cached.mult</code>	logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls

**Value**

a list of three numeric values giving the photoconversion rate ( $\nu$ ) and reaction rates ( $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ).

**References**

Hayward, P. M. (1984) Determination of phytochrome parameters from radiation measurements. In *Techniques in Photomorphogenesis*, H. Smith and M. G. Holmes (eds). Academic Press, London, pp. 159-173. ISBN 0-12-652990-6.

Mancinelli, A.L. (1994) The physiology of phytochrome action. In *Photomorphogenesis in plants*, 2nd edition. R.E. Kendrick and G.H.M. Kronenberg, eds. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, pp. 211-269. ISBN 978-0-7923-2551-2 (print), 978-94-011-1884-2 (on-line). doi:[10.1007/97894-01118842\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/97894-01118842_10)

**See Also**

[photon\\_ratio](#) and [energy\\_ratio](#)

**Examples**

```
library(photobiology)
trimmed.sun.spct <- trim_wl(sun.spct, range = c(300, 770))
with(trimmed.sun.spct, Phy_reaction_rates(w.length, s.e.irrad))
```

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Phy\_Sigma

---

*Phytochrome Sigma as a function of wavelength*


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**Description**

Phytochrome Sigma as a function of wavelength, calculated by interpolation from data for Type I Phytochrome as compiled by Mancinelli (1994).

**Usage**

```
Phy_Sigma(w.length)
```

**Arguments**

w.length            numeric array of wavelength (nm)

**Value**

a numeric array with values for Sigma

**References**

Mancinelli, A.L. (1994) The physiology of phytochrome action. In Photomorphogenesis in plants, 2nd edition. R.E. Kendrick and G.H.M. Kronenberg, eds. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, pp. 211-269. ISBN 978-0-7923-2551-2 (print), 978-94-011-1884-2 (on-line). doi:[10.1007/97894-01118842\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/97894-01118842_10)

**See Also**

[Pfr\\_Ptot](#) and [Pfr\\_Ptot\\_R\\_FR](#)

**Examples**

```
with(sun.data, Phy_Sigma(w.length))
```

---

Phy\_Sigma\_FR

*Pfr Sigma as a function of wavelength*


---

**Description**

Pfr Sigma as a function of wavelength, calculated by interpolation from data for Type I Phytochrome as compiled by Mancinelli (1994).

**Usage**

```
Phy_Sigma_FR(w.length, use.cached.mult = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

w.length            numeric array of wavelength (nm)

use.cached.mult  
                     logical ignored

**Value**

a numeric array with values for Sigma

**References**

Mancinelli, A.L. (1994) The physiology of phytochrome action. In Photomorphogenesis in plants, 2nd edition. R.E. Kendrick and G.H.M. Kronenberg, eds. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, pp. 211-269. ISBN 978-0-7923-2551-2 (print), 978-94-011-1884-2 (on-line). doi:[10.1007/97894-01118842\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/97894-01118842_10)

**See Also**

[Phy\\_Sigma](#), [Pfr\\_Ptot](#) and [Pfr\\_Ptot\\_R\\_FR](#)

**Examples**

```
with(sun.spct, Phy_Sigma_FR(w.length))
with(sun.spct, Phy_Sigma_FR(w.length, TRUE))
```

---

Phy\_Sigma\_R

*Pr Sigma as a function of wavelength*


---

**Description**

Pr Sigma as a function of wavelength, calculated by interpolation from data for Type I Phytochrome as compiled by Mancinelli (1994).

**Usage**

```
Phy_Sigma_R(w.length, use.cached.mult = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

w.length	numeric array of wavelength (nm)
use.cached.mult	logical ignored

**Value**

a numeric array with values for Sigma

**References**

Mancinelli, A.L. (1994) The physiology of phytochrome action. In Photomorphogenesis in plants, 2nd edition. R.E. Kendrick and G.H.M. Kronenberg, eds. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, pp. 211-269. ISBN 978-0-7923-2551-2 (print), 978-94-011-1884-2 (on-line). doi:[10.1007/97894-01118842\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/97894-01118842_10)

**See Also**

[Phy\\_Sigma](#), [Pfr\\_Ptot](#) and [Pfr\\_Ptot\\_R\\_FR](#)

Examples

```
with(sun.data, Phy_Sigma_R(w.length))
with(sun.data, Phy_Sigma_R(w.length, TRUE))
```

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R_FR	<i>Calculate R:FR photon ratio from spectral irradiance.</i>
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Description

This function returns the red:far-red photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

Usage

```
R_FR(spct, std = "Smith10", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```

Arguments

- spct            an object of class "source.spct".
- std            select which definition of red and far-red should be used, defaults to "Smith".
- use.cached.mult    logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
- use.hinges    logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

Value

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the R:FR photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q:q)" appended.

See Also

[Red](#), [Far\\_red](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

Examples

```
R_FR(sun.spct)
```

---

Solidago\_altissima.mspct*Spectral optical data for 'Solidago altissima' leaves*

---

## Description

A dataset containing for wavelengths at a 1 nm interval in the range 350 to 1000 nm, tabulated values for total reflectance and total transmittance, for the upper and lower epidermis of one leaf from the upper part of a shoot and another one from the lower part of a shoot of tall goldenrod (*Solidago altissima*).

The variables in each spectrum are as follows:

- w.length (nm)
- Rfr
- Tfr

## Usage

Solidago\_altissima.mspct

## Format

object\_mspct collection object with four object\_spct member objects, each with 651 rows and 3 variables

## Note

We thank H. M. Noda for allowing us to include these data in our package. We have included here only data for two leaves from one species (*Solidago altissima*) and for wavelengths shorter than 1000 nm, from the much larger original data set. The whole data set is publicly available and the data easy to read into R. The data included here were measured with a Li-Cor LI-1800 spectroradiometer equipped with a LI-1800-12 (Li-Cor) integrating sphere, and consequently are for total reflectance and total transmittance. Further details on methods are available through the JaLTER web site. If you use these data in a publication, please cite the original source as given under references and contact the original author. In addition cite this package.

## References

Noda H. 'Reflectance and transmittance spectra of leaves and shoots of 22 vascular plant species and reflectance spectra of trunks and branches of 12 tree species in Japan' ERDP-2013-02.1.1 (<http://db.cger.nies.go.jp/JaLTER/metacat/metacat/ERDP-2013-02.1.1/jalter-en>)  
JaLTER, Japan Long Term Ecological Research Network, <http://www.jalter.org/>

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UVA1\_UV

---

*Calculate UVA1:UV photon ratio from spectral irradiance.*


---

### Description

This function returns the UVA1:UV photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

### Usage

```
UVA1_UV(spct, std = "CIE", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>spct</code>	an object of class "source.spct".
<code>std</code>	select which definition of UVA1 should be used, defaults to "CIE". For UV "ISO" is always used.
<code>use.cached.mult</code>	logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
<code>use.hinges</code>	logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

### Value

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the UVA:UV photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q:q)" appended.

### See Also

[UV](#), [UVA](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

### Examples

```
UVA1_UV(sun.spct)
```

---

UVA2\_UV

---

*Calculate UVA2:UV photon ratio from spectral irradiance.*


---

### Description

This function returns the UVA2:UV photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

### Usage

```
UVA2_UV(spct, std = "CIE", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```



**Arguments**

<code>spct</code>	an object of class "source.spct".
<code>std</code>	select which definition of UVA1 should be used, defaults to "CIE". For UV "ISO" is always used.
<code>use.cached.mult</code>	logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
<code>use.hinges</code>	logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

**Value**

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the UVA:UV photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q:q)" appended.

**See Also**

[UV](#), [UVA](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

**Examples**

```
UVA2_UV(sun.spct)
```

---

UVA1w\_UV

---

*Calculate UVA1w:UV photon ratio from spectral irradiance.*


---

**Description**

This function returns the UVA:UV photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

**Usage**

```
UVA1w_UV(spct, std = "plants", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>spct</code>	an object of class "source.spct".
<code>std</code>	select which definition of UVA1w should be used, defaults to "plants". For UV "ISO" is always used.
<code>use.cached.mult</code>	logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
<code>use.hinges</code>	logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

**Value**

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the UVA:UV photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q:q)" appended.

**Note**

Whenever possible use UVA1 instead of UVA1w and UVA2 instead of UVAsw as UVA1 and UVA2 are frequently used definitions, even if not standardised, while UVA1w and UVAsw are ad-hoc definitions used in some publications for specific optical filters.

**See Also**

[UVA](#), [UV](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

**Examples**

```
UVA_UV(sun.spct)
```

---

UVAsw\_UV

*Calculate UVAsw:UV photon ratio from spectral irradiance.*

---

**Description**

This function returns the UVAsw:UV photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

**Usage**

```
UVAsw_UV(spct, std = "plants", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>spct</code>	an object of class "source.spct".
<code>std</code>	select which definition of UVAsw should be used, defaults to "plants". For UV "ISO" is always used.
<code>use.cached.mult</code>	logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
<code>use.hinges</code>	logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

**Value**

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the UVA:UV photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q:q)" appended.

**Note**

Whenever possible use UVA1 instead of UVA1w and UVA2 instead of UVAsw as UVA1 and UVA2 are frequently used definitions, even if not standardised, while UVA1w and UVAsw are ad-hoc definitions used in some publications for specific optical filters.

**See Also**

[UVA](#), [UV](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

## Examples

```
UVAsw_UV(sun.spct)
```

---

UVA\_PAR

*Calculate UVA:PAR photon ratio from spectral irradiance.*

---

## Description

This function returns the UVA:PAR photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

## Usage

```
UVA_PAR(spct, std = "ISO", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>spct</code>	an object of class "source.spct".
<code>std</code>	select which definition of UVA should be used, defaults to "ISO".
<code>use.cached.mult</code>	logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
<code>use.hinges</code>	logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

## Value

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the UVA:PAR photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q:q)" appended.

## See Also

[UVA](#), [PAR](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

## Examples

```
UVA_PAR(sun.spct)
```

---

UVA\_UV

*Calculate UVA:UV photon ratio from spectral irradiance.*


---

### Description

This function returns the UVA:UV photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

### Usage

```
UVA_UV(spct, std = "ISO", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>spct</code>	an object of class "source.spct".
<code>std</code>	select which definition of UVB and UV should be used, defaults to "ISO".
<code>use.cached.mult</code>	logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
<code>use.hinges</code>	logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

### Value

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the UVA:UV photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q:q)" appended.

### See Also

[UVA](#), [UV](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

### Examples

```
UVA_UV(sun.spct)
```

---

UVB\_PAR

*Calculate UVB:PAR photon ratio from spectral irradiance.*


---

### Description

This function returns the UVB:PAR photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

### Usage

```
UVB_PAR(spct, std = "ISO", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>spct</code>	an object of class "source.spct".
<code>std</code>	select which definition of UVB should be used, defaults to "ISO".
<code>use.cached.mult</code>	logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
<code>use.hinges</code>	logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

**Value**

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the UVB:UV photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q:q)" appended.

**See Also**

[UVB, PAR](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

**Examples**

```
UVB_PAR(sun.spct)
```

---

UVB\_UV

---

*Calculate UVB:UV photon ratio from spectral irradiance.*


---

**Description**

This function returns the UVB:UV photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

**Usage**

```
UVB_UV(spct, std = "ISO", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>spct</code>	an object of class "source.spct".
<code>std</code>	select which definition of UVB and UV should be used, defaults to "ISO".
<code>use.cached.mult</code>	logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
<code>use.hinges</code>	logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

**Value**

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the UVB:UV photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q:q)" appended.

**See Also**

[UVB](#), [UV](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

**Examples**

```
UVB_UV(sun.spct)
```

---

UVB\_UVA

*Calculate UVB:UVA photon ratio from spectral irradiance.*

---

**Description**

This function returns the UVB:UVA photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

**Usage**

```
UVB_UVA(spct, std = "ISO", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>spct</code>	an object of class "source.spct".
<code>std</code>	select which definition of UVB and UVA should be used, defaults to "ISO".
<code>use.cached.mult</code>	logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
<code>use.hinges</code>	logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

**Value**

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the UVB:UVA photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q:q)" appended.

**See Also**

[UVB](#), [UV](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

**Examples**

```
UVB_UVA(sun.spct)
```

---

UVR8s.mspct*UVR8 absorbance spectrum*

---

**Description**

A dataset containing the wavelengths at an arbitrary nm interval. Tabulated values for the in vitro absorbance spectrum of UVR8.

**Format**

A filter\_spct object with two member filter\_spct objects.

**Details**

The variables are as follows:

- w.length (nm)
- A (spectral absorbance)

**Note**

If you use these data in a publication, please cite also the original source as given under references in addition to this package.

**References**

Christie, J. M., A. S. Arvai, K. J. Baxter, M. Heilmann, A. J. Pratt, A. O'Hara, S. M. Kelly, M. Hothorn, B. O. Smith, K. Hitomi, et al. (2012). Plant UVR8 photoreceptor senses UV-B by tryptophan-mediated disruption of cross-dimer salt bridges. In: Science (New York, N.Y.) 335.6075, pp. 1492-1496. doi:10.1126/science.1218091. (Figure S3)

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**Examples**

```
names(UVR8s.mspct)
getWhatMeasured(UVR8s.mspct[[1]])
```

---

UV_PAR	<i>Calculate UV:PAR photon ratio from spectral irradiance.</i>
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---

**Description**

This function returns the UV:PAR photon ratio of a light source spectrum.

**Usage**

```
UV_PAR(spct, std = "ISO", use.cached.mult = FALSE, use.hinges = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- spct                    an object of class "source.spct".
- std                    select which definition of UV should be used, defaults to "ISO".
- use.cached.mult       logical indicating whether multiplier values should be cached between calls.
- use.hinges            logical indicating whether to use hinges to reduce interpolation errors.

**Value**

a single numeric dimensionless value giving the UV:PAR photon ratio, with name attribute set to the name of the wavebands, with "(q;q)" appended.

**See Also**

[UV](#), [PAR](#) and [q\\_ratio](#).

**Examples**

```
UV_PAR(sun.spct)
```

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water_vp_sat	<i>Water vapour pressure</i>
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**Description**

Approximate water pressure in air as a function of temperature, and its inverse the calculation of dewpoint.



**Usage**

```
water_vp_sat(
  temperature,
  over.ice = FALSE,
  method = "tetens",
  check.range = TRUE
)
```

```
water_dp(water.vp, over.ice = FALSE, method = "tetens", check.range = TRUE)
```

```
water_fp(water.vp, over.ice = TRUE, method = "tetens", check.range = TRUE)
```

```
water_vp2mvc(water.vp, temperature)
```

```
water_mvc2vp(water.mvc, temperature)
```

```
water_vp2RH(
  water.vp,
  temperature,
  over.ice = FALSE,
  method = "tetens",
  pc = TRUE,
  check.range = TRUE
)
```

```
water_RH2vp(
  relative.humidity,
  temperature,
  over.ice = FALSE,
  method = "tetens",
  pc = TRUE,
  check.range = TRUE
)
```

```
water_vp_sat_slope(
  temperature,
  over.ice = FALSE,
  method = "tetens",
  check.range = TRUE,
  temperature.step = 0.1
)
```

```
psychrometric_constant(atmospheric.pressure = 101325)
```

**Arguments**

temperature	numeric vector of air temperatures (C).
over.ice	logical vector Is the estimate for equilibrium with liquid water or with ice.

method	character Currently "tetens", modified "magnus", "wexler" and "goff.gratch" equations are supported.
check.range	logical Flag indicating whether to check or not that arguments for temperature are within the range of validity of the method used.
water.vp	numeric vector of water vapour pressure in air (Pa).
water.mvc	numeric vector of water vapour concentration as mass per volume ( $gm^{-3}$ ).
pc	logical flag for result returned as percent or not.
relative.humidity	numeric Relative humidity as fraction of 1.
temperature.step	numeric Delta or step used to estimate the slope as a finite difference (C).
atmospheric.pressure	numeric Atmospheric pressure (Pa).

## Details

Function `water_vp_sat()` provides implementations of several well known equations for the estimation of saturation vapor pressure in air. Functions `water_dp()` and `water_fp()` use the inverse of these equations to compute the dew point or frost point from water vapour pressure in air. The inverse functions are either analytical solutions or fitted approximations. None of these functions are solved numerically by iteration.

Method "tetens" implements Tetens' (1930) equation for the cases of equilibrium with a water and an ice surface. Method "magnus" implements the modified Magnus equations of Alduchov and Eskridge (1996, eqs. 21 and 23). Method "wexler" implements the equations proposed by Wexler (1976, 1977), and their inverse according to Hardy (1998). Method "goff.gratch" implements the equations of Groff and Gratch (1946) with the minor updates of Groff (1956).

The equations are approximations, and in spite of their different names, Tetens' and Magnus' equations have the same form with the only difference in the values of the parameters. However, the modified Magnus equation is more accurate as Tetens equation suffers from some bias errors at extreme low temperatures ( $< -40$  C). In contrast Magnus equations with recently fitted values for the parameters are usable for temperatures from  $-80$  C to  $+50$  C over water and  $-80$  C to  $0$  C over ice. The Groff Gratch equation is more complex and is frequently used as a reference in comparison as it is considered reliable over a broad range of temperatures. Wexler's equations are computationally simpler and fitted to relatively recent data. There is little difference at temperatures in the range  $-20$  C to  $+50$  C, and differences become large at extreme temperatures. Temperatures outside the range where estimations are highly reliable for each equation return NA, unless extrapolation is enabled by passing FALSE as argument to parameter `check.range`.

The switch between equations for ice or water cannot be based on air temperature, as it depends on the presence or not of a surface of liquid water. It must be set by passing an argument to parameter `over.ice` which defaults to FALSE.

Tetens equation is still very frequently used, and is for example the one recommended by FAO for computing potential evapotranspiration. For this reason it is used as default here.

**Value**

A numeric vector of partial pressures in pascal (Pa) for `water_vp_sat()` and `water_mvc2vp()`, a numeric vector of dew point temperatures (C) for `water_dp()` and numeric vector of mass per volume concentrations ( $gm^{-3}$ ) for `water_vp2mvc()`. `water_vp_sat()` and `psychrometric_constant()` both return numeric vectors of pressure per degree of temperature ( $PaC^{-1}$ )

**Note**

The inverse of the Goff Gratch equation has yet to be implemented.

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**Examples**

```
water_vp_sat(20) # C -> Pa
water_vp_sat(temperature = c(0, 10, 20, 30, 40)) # C -> Pa
water_vp_sat(temperature = -10) # over water!!
water_vp_sat(temperature = -10, over.ice = TRUE)
water_vp_sat(temperature = 20) / 100 # C -> mbar

water_vp_sat(temperature = 20, method = "magnus") # C -> Pa
water_vp_sat(temperature = 20, method = "tetens") # C -> Pa
water_vp_sat(temperature = 20, method = "wexler") # C -> Pa
water_vp_sat(temperature = 20, method = "goff.gratch") # C -> Pa
```

```

water_vp_sat(temperature = -20, over.ice = TRUE, method = "magnus") # C -> Pa
water_vp_sat(temperature = -20, over.ice = TRUE, method = "tetens") # C -> Pa
water_vp_sat(temperature = -20, over.ice = TRUE, method = "wexler") # C -> Pa
water_vp_sat(temperature = -20, over.ice = TRUE, method = "goff.gratch") # C -> Pa

water_dp(water.vp = 1000) # Pa -> C
water_dp(water.vp = 1000, method = "magnus") # Pa -> C
water_dp(water.vp = 1000, method = "wexler") # Pa -> C
water_dp(water.vp = 500, over.ice = TRUE) # Pa -> C
water_dp(water.vp = 500, method = "wexler", over.ice = TRUE) # Pa -> C

water_fp(water.vp = 300) # Pa -> C
water_dp(water.vp = 300, over.ice = TRUE) # Pa -> C

water_vp2RH(water.vp = 1500, temperature = 20) # Pa, C -> RH %
water_vp2RH(water.vp = 1500, temperature = c(20, 30)) # Pa, C -> RH %
water_vp2RH(water.vp = c(600, 1500), temperature = 20) # Pa, C -> RH %

water_vp2mvc(water.vp = 1000, temperature = 20) # Pa -> g m-3

water_mvc2vp(water.mvc = 30, temperature = 40) # g m-3 -> Pa

water_dp(water.vp = water_mvc2vp(water.mvc = 10, temperature = 30)) # g m-3 -> C

water_vp_sat_slope(temperature = 20) # C -> Pa / C

psychrometric_constant(atmospheric.pressure = 81.8e3) # Pa -> Pa / C

```

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ZTLs.mspct

*ZTL absorbance spectra.*


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## Description

A dataset containing the wavelengths at an arbitrary nm interval. Tabulated values for the in vitro absorbance spectrum of ZTL LOV2 domain from Arabidopsis measured in vitro. Data were digitized from figure 2B in Zoltowski and Imaizumi (2014).

## Format

A `filter_mspct` with five member `filter_spct` objects each with 300 rows and 2 numeric variables, `w.length` and `A`

## Details

The variables of the member spectra are as follows:

- `w.length` (nm)
- `A` (spectral absorbance)

**Note**

If you use these data in a publication, please cite also the original source as given under references in addition to this package.

**References**

Zoltowski, B. D., Imaizumi, T. (2014). Structure and Function of the ZTL/FKF1/LKP2 Group Proteins in Arabidopsis. *Enzymes*, 35, 213-39.

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