

## Kasontwerp en energiezuinige kassystemen

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## Sustainable greenhouse design

- Design greenhouse systems which combine (economic) production efficiency with minimal input of energy, water and nutrients for different regions in the world:

### The "Adaptive Greenhouse" design

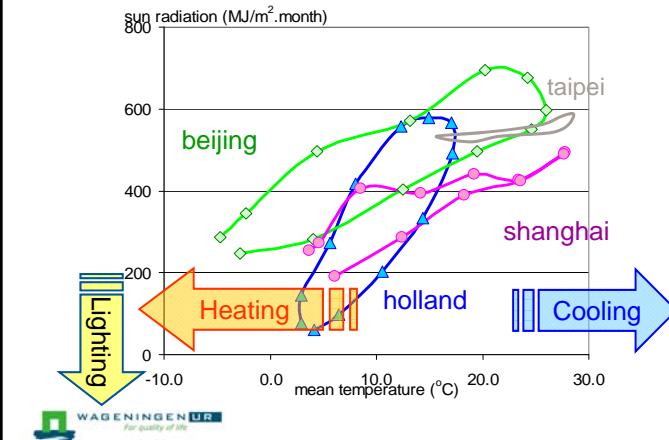


## Sustainable greenhouse production

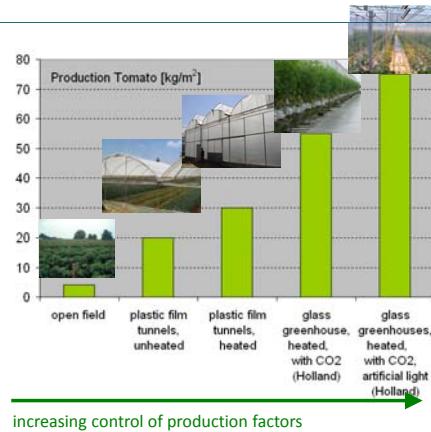


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## Climate conditions: different worldwide



## Technology for greenhouse production



## Technology for greenhouse production

- Controlability of production factors (light, CO<sub>2</sub>, temperature, humidity, water&nutrients, pests&diseases)
  - greenhouse climate
  - crop response
  - economic result
- Degree of technology
- Knowledge level of grower
- 24/7 attention of grower



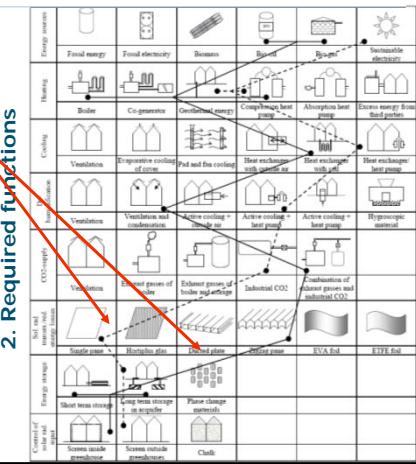
## Sustainable greenhouse production

- Goals for design:
- High production, product quality, predictability
- High energy efficiency and use of sustainable energy
- High water use efficiency, low nutrient losses
- Low pesticide use, high food safety
- Economic profit of the production system



## Design procedure

1. Goals of design
2. Required functions
3. Alternative Working principles
4. Combination into Conceptual designs
5. Evaluation: Experts Model simulations Practical experiments



## Functions sustainable greenhouse design

### ▪ Functions for design:

- Type of crop
- ...
- ...

Light  
CO<sub>2</sub>  
Water & nutrients  
Temperature  
Humidity

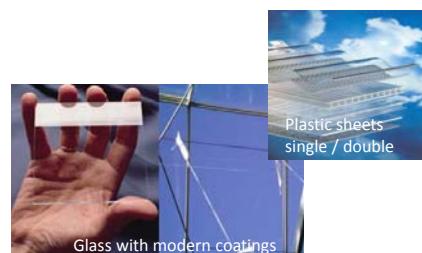


## Functions sustainable greenhouse design

### ▪ Functions for design:

- Covering material
- ...
- ...

Make use of natural sunlight, it is for free!!!  
Light → yield  
Sun energy → energy saving



Plastic sheets  
single / double

## Functions sustainable greenhouse design

### ▪ Functions for design:

- Greenhouse construction
- ...
- ...

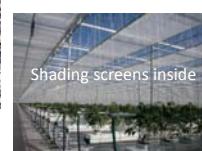
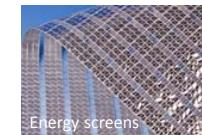
Make use of natural ventilation, it is for free!!!  
Air exchange → temperature/humidity control  
Air exchange → natural CO<sub>2</sub> supply



## Functions sustainable greenhouse design

### ▪ Functions for design:

- Shading and screens
- ...
- ...



## Functions sustainable greenhouse design

▪ **Functions for design:**

- “Cooling” system
- ...
- ...

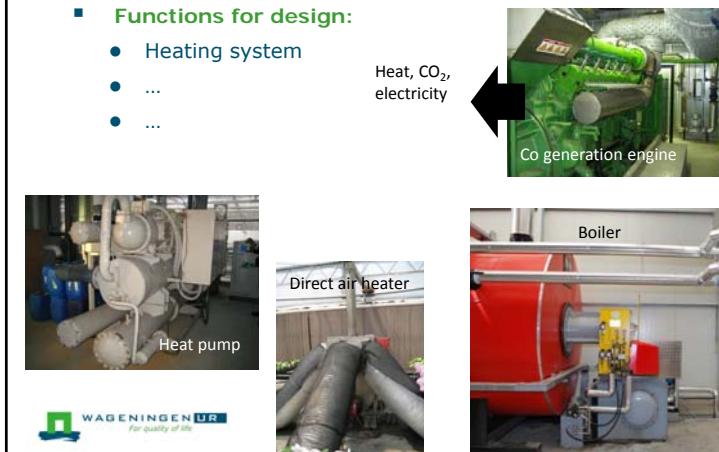


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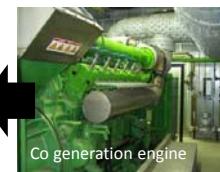
## Functions sustainable greenhouse design

▪ **Functions for design:**

- Heating system
- ...
- ...



Heat, CO<sub>2</sub>,  
electricity



## Functions sustainable greenhouse design

▪ **Functions for design:**

- Energy source and supply
- ...
- ...



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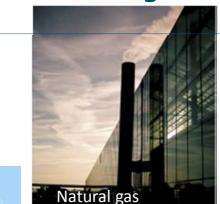
## Functions sustainable greenhouse design

▪ **Functions for design:**

- CO<sub>2</sub> supply
- ...
- ...



CO<sub>2</sub> = growth



## Functions sustainable greenhouse design

▪ **Functions for design:**

- Growing systems and substrates
- ...
- ...



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## Functions sustainable greenhouse design

▪ **Functions for design:**

- Water and nutrient supply
- ...
- ...



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## Functions sustainable greenhouse design

▪ **Functions for design:**

- Pest and disease management
- ...
- ...



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## Find optimum greenhouse design

**How to decide on optimum sustainable greenhouse design for different region's in the world?**

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## Research methodology

### Expert view

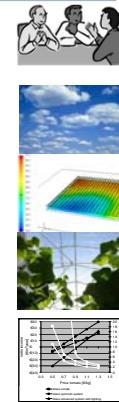
- Experts with long year experiences in different countries

### Dynamic greenhouse climate and crop models

- input: local outside climate, crop parameters
- variables: greenhouse design, climate equipment, set points
- result: year-round inside greenhouse climate (temperature / humidity / CO<sub>2</sub>) and crop performance at every hour of year

### Economic model

- input: local prices for products, materials and investments, local interest rates
- output: return of investment, yearly net benefit



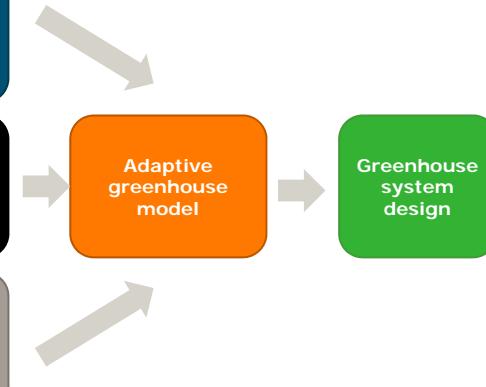
Hemming et al., 2008; Vanthoor, 2011

## Research methodology

**Resources:**  
Land  
Energy  
Capital  
Labour  
Water  
Nutrients

**Climate:**  
Temperature  
Humidity  
Solar Radiation  
Wind  
Rainfall

**Market:**  
Price of Products  
Quality of Products  
Legislation



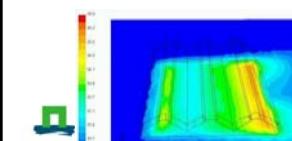
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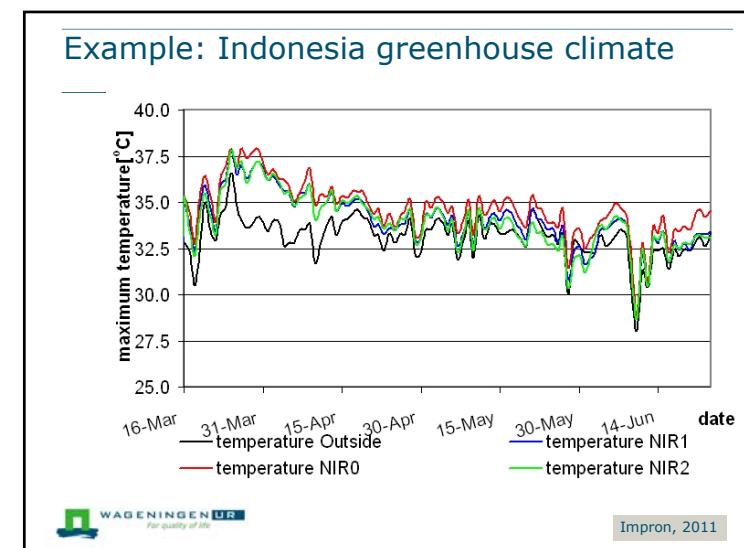
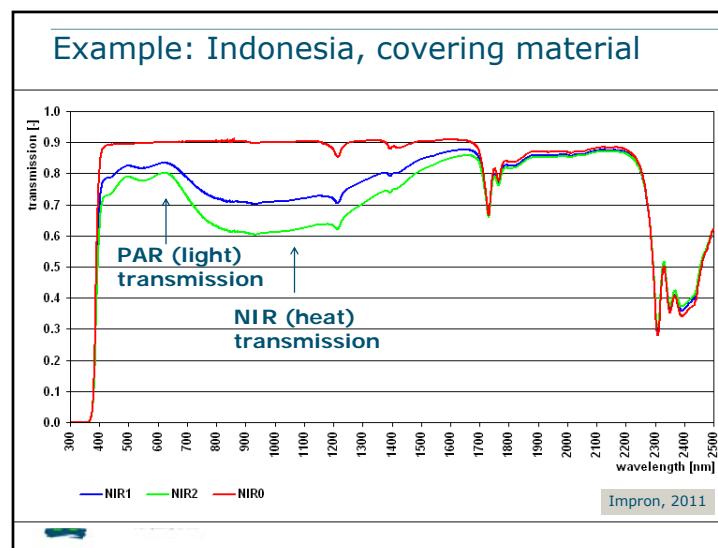
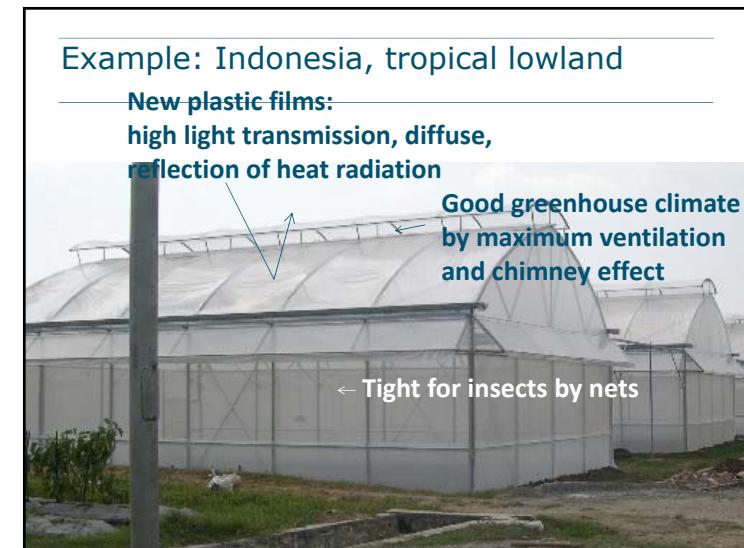
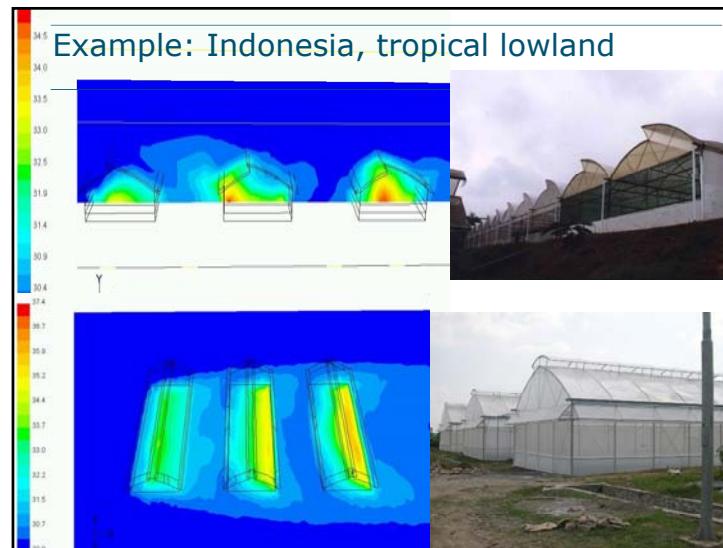
### Example: low tech



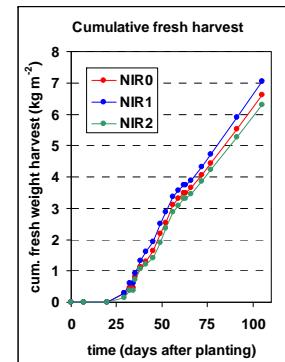
## Example: Malaysia, tropical lowland multispan

Goal: Introduce a passive, low-cost, passive, greenhouse concept suitable for lowland tropical climate conditions





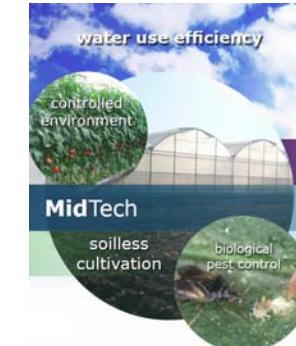
### Example: Indonesia, crop production



Impron, 2011

### Sustainable greenhouse production

#### Example: mid tech



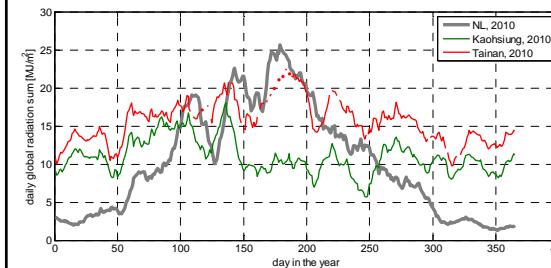
### Realised demo greenhouse in Tainan, Taiwan

Goal: Introduce a medium-tech  
greenhouse concept with  
environmental control, soilless  
cultivation for safe tomato production



Hemming et al., 2013

### Taiwan climate – global radiation

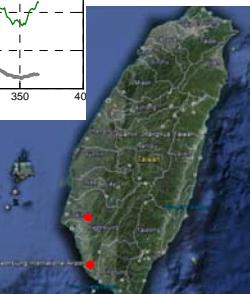


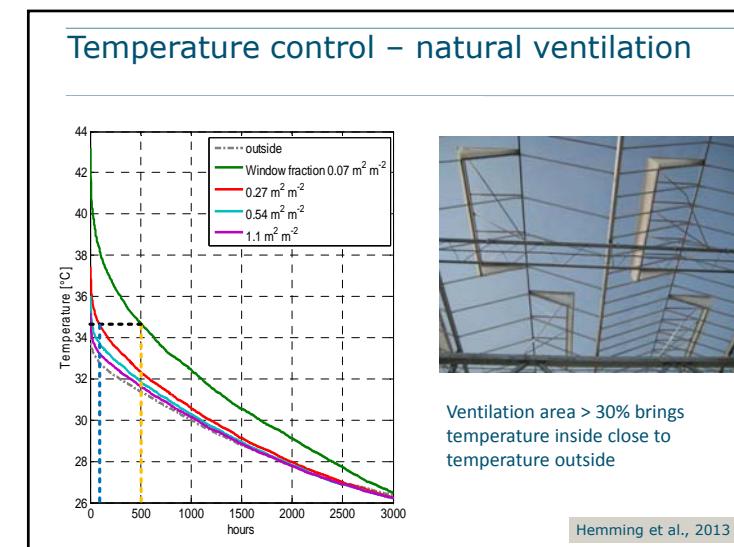
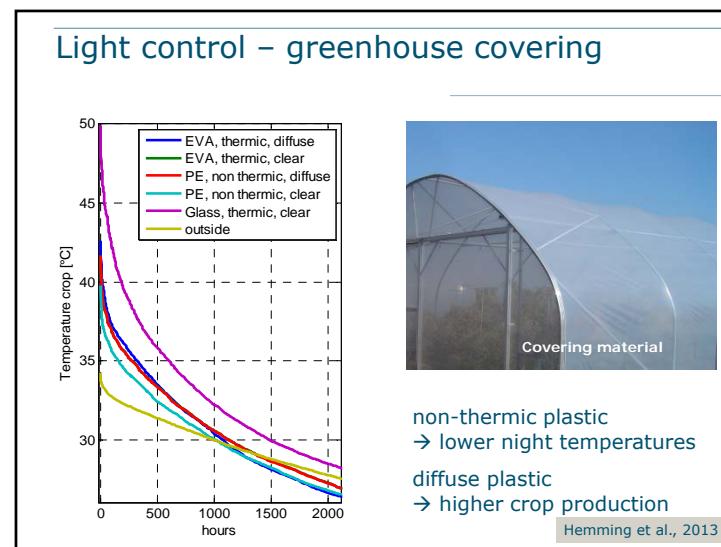
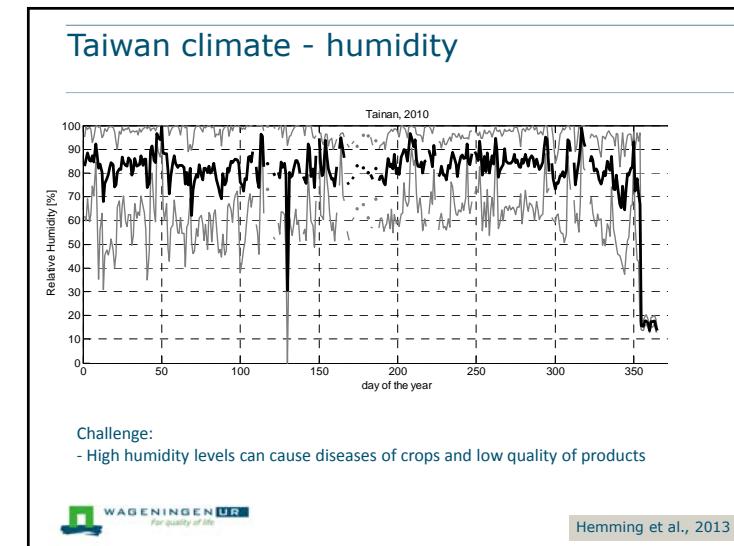
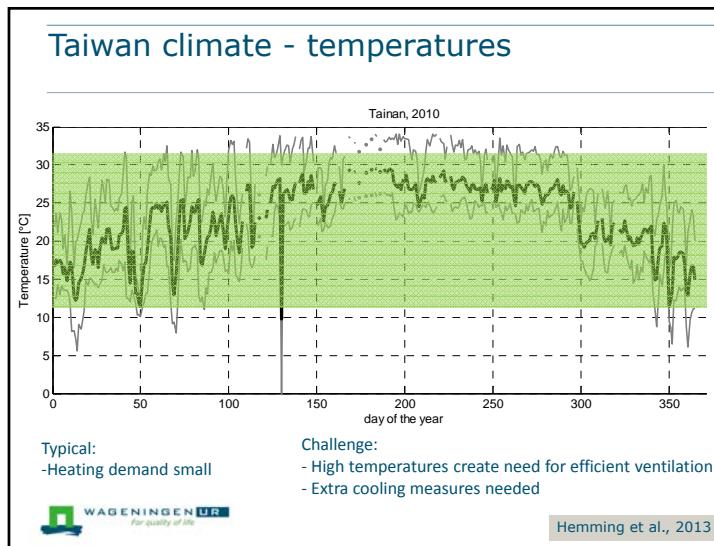
#### Typical:

- Year round daily radiation sum of 10-20 MJ/m<sup>2</sup>
- Large difference in cloudiness per region



Hemming et al., 2013





## Temperature control – natural ventilation

Window fraction [m <sup>2</sup> window / m <sup>2</sup> greenhouse]	Number of hours warmer than [h]	Number of hours with relative humidity higher than [h]	Evapo- transp. [kg/m <sup>2</sup> / yr]	Crop production [%]
	T air> 30°C	T air> 35°C	RH> 95%	RH> 90%
<b>0.07</b>	1526	<b>374</b>	2197	5086
<b>0.14</b>	1231	<b>157</b>	2471	4906
<b>0.27</b>	1057	<b>41</b>	2570	4676
<b>0.41</b>	1004	<b>18</b>	2552	4522
<b>0.54</b>	977	<b>9</b>	2520	4400
<b>1.1</b>	943	<b>1</b>	2405	4176
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Hemming et al., 2013

## Cooling – with water - fogging



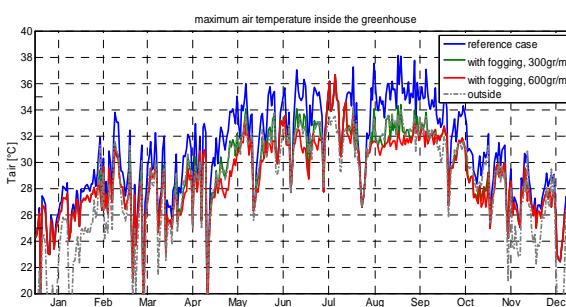
Adiabatic cooling = evaporation of water  
Two functions:

1. decreases inside temperatures
2. increases humidity

BUT ventilation needed  
NOT working at moments with too high humidity



## Temperature control – fogging



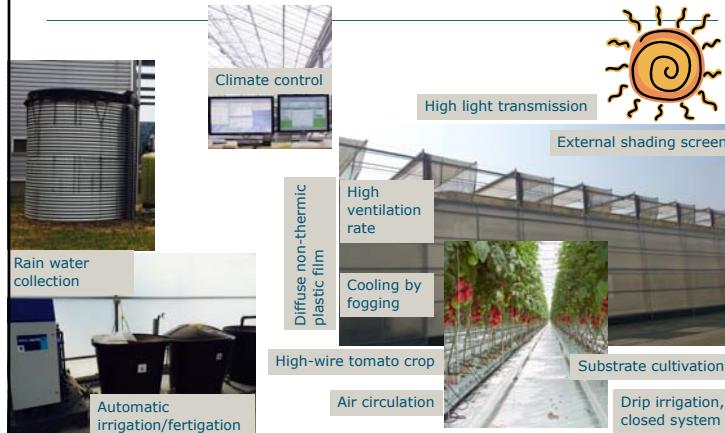
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## Temperature control - fogging

Fogging capacity [g/m <sup>2</sup> /h]	# hours on	Number of hours warmer than 30°C		Number of hours warmer than 35°C		Number of hours with relative humidity higher than 95 or 90%		Evapo- transp. [kg/m <sup>2</sup> / year]	Yearly fogging [kg/m <sup>2</sup> / year]
		[h]	T air	[h]	T crop	90%	95%		
0	0	1174	1161	97	384	4263	2894	868	0
75	2328	1060	1139	35	344	4155	2839	841	137
150	2339	971	1124	16	316	4117	2801	824	242
225	2343	903	1112	3	289	4095	2802	811	318
300	2343	840	1096	0	259	4099	2800	800	374
375	2345	799	1091	0	241	4101	2801	794	410
450	2347	784	1086	0	230	4101	2804	790	432
525	2347	764	1085	0	225	4100	2804	788	445
600	2347	757	1085	0	217	4100	2804	787	452



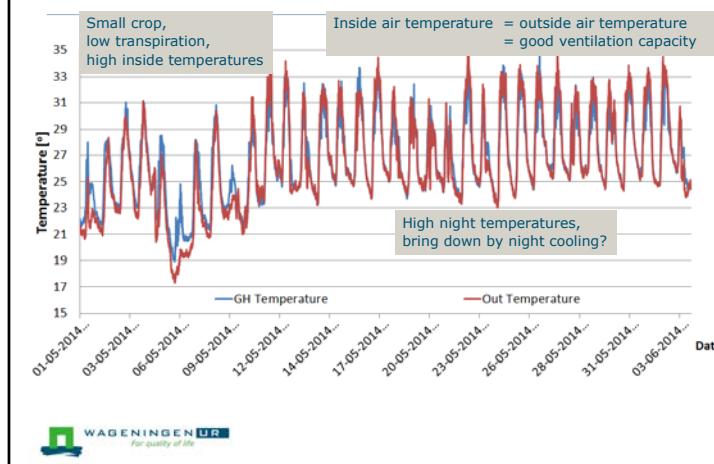
### Example: Sustainable tomato greenhouse concept for sub-tropical areas



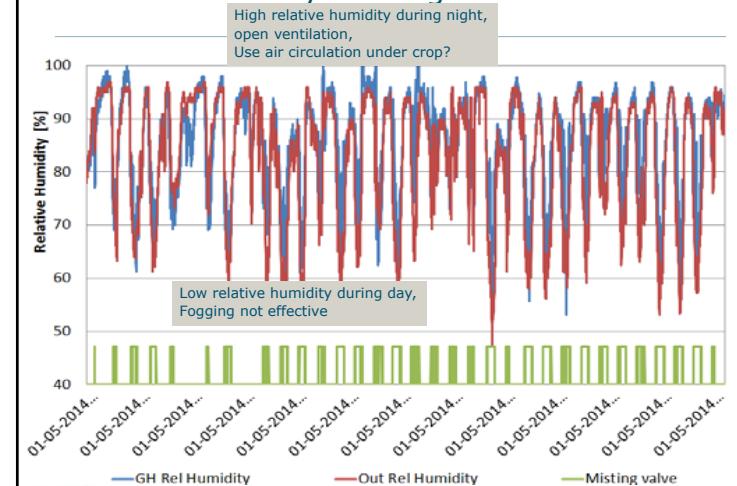
### Realisation demo greenhouse



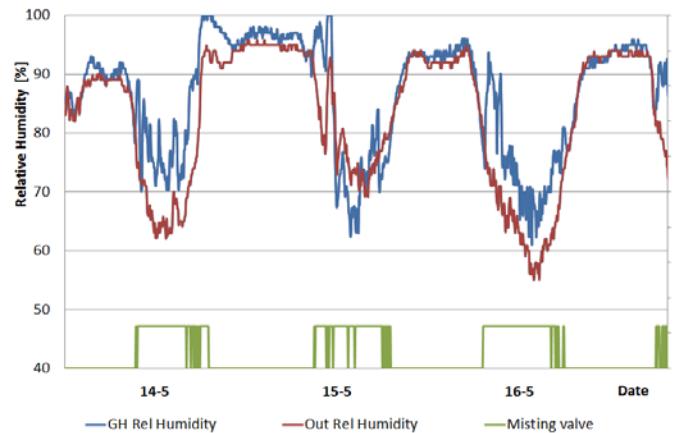
### Temperature demo greenhouse



### Relative humidity demo greenhouse



### Fogging demo greenhouse



### Fogging demo greenhouse



### Possibilities of dehumidification

- Possibilities of decreasing humidity in greenhouse with natural ventilation:
  - Create air movement → avoid condensation on crop → use fans, air ducts under crop
  - Water system avoiding high evaporation → drip irrigation
  - Heating & ventilation → dry air
  - Cooling & condensation → dry air



### Sustainable greenhouse production

**Example:  
high tech  
- Energy  
saving -**



## Innovation and Demonstration Centre (IDC) Energy

- **What:** innovations for energy saving in greenhouse production by new **technologies** and new cropping strategies
- **Who:** Wageningen UR, greenhouse supply industry, grower



## VenLowEnergykas

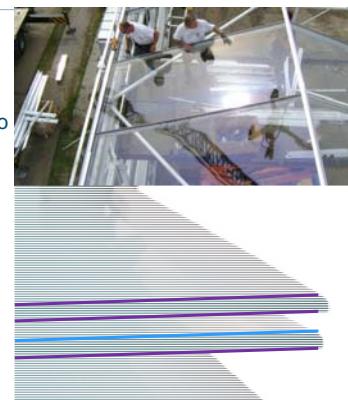
**Goal:** Greenhouse concept with **highest** energy saving and **good** tomato production

- Double glass with low u-value and high light transmission
- Mechanical dehumidification with heat-regain
- "Next Generation Cultivation Strategies" (climate control)



## VenLowEnergykas – double glass

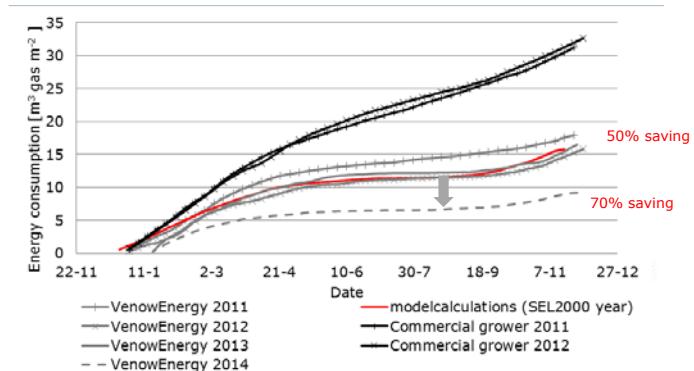
- Double glass
- low u-value due to low- $\epsilon$  coating
- high light transmission due to AR coating



Glass	Coating	T <sub>r</sub>	U-value
Single	-	82	6.7
Single	AR-AR	91	
Single	AR-Low- $\epsilon$	81	
Double	AR-AR-Low- $\epsilon$ -AR	79	1.2

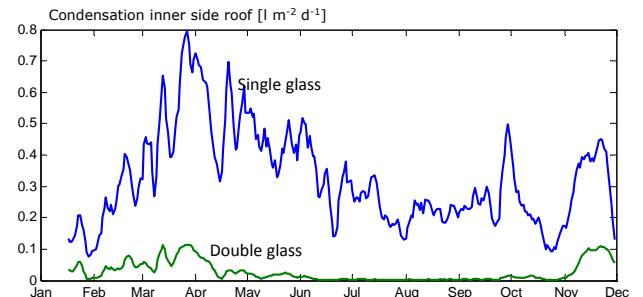


## VenLowEnergykas: energy consumption



## Dehumidification – condensation effect

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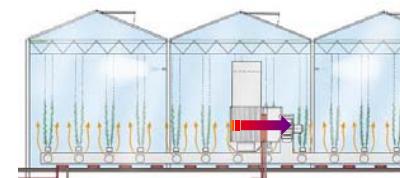
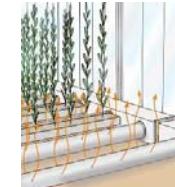
Compensation necessary by:

- Ventilation
- Mechanical dehumidification  
(+ heat exchanger for sensible heat collection)  
(+ cold surface for latent heat collection)

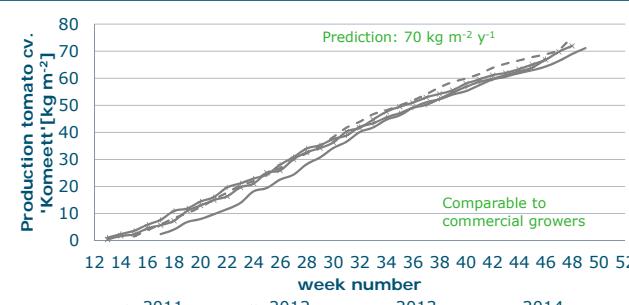


## Dehumidification

Ventilator &amp; Heat exchanger

Blow in dry outside air  
Perforated tubes

## VenLowEnergykas: crop production tomato (cv. 'Komeett')



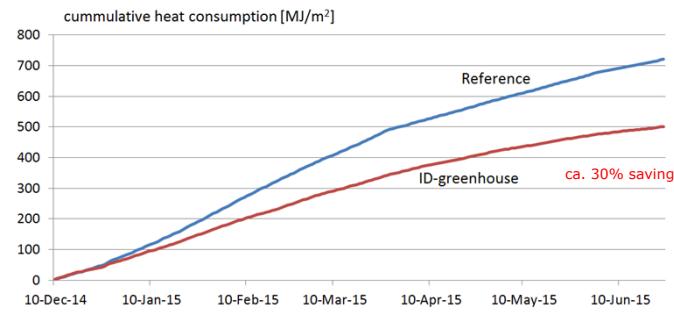
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## VenLowEnergykas: upscaling to practice

- ID Kas®
- Duijvestijn tomato grower
- High insulation with double glass with AR coating and diffuse structure (no low-e coating)
- "Next Generation Cultivation Strategies"



## IDkas® at Duijvestijn Tomato



De Zwart et al. 2015

## 2SaveEnergykas®

Goal: Greenhouse concept with **high** energy saving and **high** production at **limited** level of investment

- New Venlo-greenhouse with insulated covering
- Glass with AR coating and diffuse F-CLEAN® inside for insulation and high light level
- Small ventilation windows
- "Next Generation Cultivation Strategies" and dehumidification



## 2SaveEnergykas®: glass & F-CLEAN®

- Glass —————
- F-CLEAN® —————
- always 1 layer diffuse



Kempkes et al. 2015

## 2SaveEnergykas®: light transmission

Kempkes et al. 2015

Hemispherical transmission  $\tau_h$  and the haze  $\eta$  of different base materials for PAR light 400- 700 nm

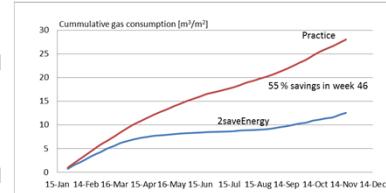
Material	Haze $\eta$	Hemispherical light transmission $\tau_h$
glass clear	0	82.1
glass clear + AR coating	0	90.5
Fclean clear	0	87.4
glass diffuse high haze	68	82.1
glass diffuse high haze + AR coating	68	88.8
Fclean diffuse	77	84.5

Hemispherical transmission  $\tau_h$  and the haze  $\eta$  of different combination of materials for PAR light 400- 700 nm

Material	Haze $\eta$	Hemispherical light transmission $\tau_h$
glass clear + Fclean diffuse	77	72.6
glass clear + AR coating + Fclean diffuse	77	75.9
glass diffuse high haze + Fclean clear	68	75.3
glass high haze + AR coating + Fclean clear	68	80.7

## 2SaveEnergykas®: energy consumption

- Predicted in a whole year:  
 $19 \text{ m}^3 \text{ gas m}^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1}$   
 (ca. 40% saving compared to practice)
- Realisation  $14 \text{ m}^3 \text{ gas m}^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1}$   
 (ca. 55% saving compared to practice),  
 start ca. 3 weeks delayed  
 climate 2015 differs from calculation year
- Commercial growers large differences:  $24-35 \text{ m}^3$  in week 45



Kempkes et al. 2015

## 2SaveEnergy kas®: crop production tomato cv. 'Cappricia'



- Predicted in a whole year:  $63 \text{ kg m}^{-2}$
- Realisation around  $65 \text{ kg m}^{-2}$   
 (start ca. 3 weeks delayed)



Kempkes et al. 2015

## Summary: Sustainable greenhouse production – a matter of design & coverings

