

# ASSESSMENT OF WETTING PATTERN AS AFFECTED BY IRRIGATION AMOUNT AND TIME DURING DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEM

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**ABSTRACT:** Irrigation practices that were profligate in their use of water have come under closer scrutiny by water managers and the public. Trickle irrigation has the propensity to increase water use efficiency but only if the system was designed to meet the soil and plant conditions. Wet Up (<http://www.clw.csiro.au/products/wetup/>), a software was used to calculate the wetting patterns from trickle irrigation emitters. Wet Up uses an analytical solution to calculate the wetted perimeter for both buried and surface emitters. This analytical solution has a number of assumptions, two of which are that the wetting front was defined by water content at which the hydraulic conductivity (K) and that the flow occurs from a point source. Two drip infiltration conditions were compared (point source and line source) in a sandy loam soil field trial designed to study on dynamic of saturated zone radius, radial and vertical wetted distance. In total, six single-dripper treatments and four multi-dripper treatments which uniformly spaced 50 cm under linear arrangement were conducted. The width of the surface wetting pattern and vertical wetted depth was measured by tape measure and soil drill, respectively. The results showed that there was positive linear correlation between saturated zone radius and application rate. The relationship between both the radial and vertical wetted distance and drip irrigation time can be described by a power function, respectively. The line source infiltration condition was formed after 1 hour irrigation time under multi-dripper irrigation, after that, the vertical wetted depth was significantly greater than point source (single-dripper).

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## INTRODUCTION

The idea of drip irrigation had been developed through Blass inside 1930 when he brings to mind noticed a huge pine in close proximity to the dripping normal water engage exhibiting a far more strenuous growth as compared to some other woods from the location that have been from the foundation involving normal water [1]. This specific brought about them in order to the concept of a great irrigation program that may apply normal water inside a small amount being a dripper. A low force program had been suitable for offering little bit of normal water towards sources from the grow from typical time periods along with had been introduced inside 1960 regarding greenhouse farming along with irrigating baby room plants inside US. It really is need to have connected with hours to develop, test and examine get irrigation way to accomplish larger irrigation effectiveness however together with minimal price. This specific irrigation technique is being used far away, to boost orchards along with plants inside locations which have been both going through drinking water scarcity or getting low quality groundwater [2].

In Pakistan drip irrigation had been introduced first time Quetta by Do team for irrigation orchards but still its acceptability is not up to the mark as a result of complex, insufficient recognition for the residential areas as well as monetary concerns linked to this particular technologies [3]. Put simply, the drip irrigation technique continues to be throughout its beginnings point as compared to other techniques.

## STUDY AREA

The study was conducted in selected area in Chistian site for Sandy loam Soil. For Clay loam soil, the selected site was in Mandi Bahwandin Site some experiment was done in CEWRE MT lab. The study was conducted on sandy loam soil and loam soil to document the soil wetting pattern created by different discharge emitters under control conditions [4]. Two different types of soil were selected at two different locations in the study. (1) Sandy loam soil (2) Clay Loam Soil were selected for this study. Both sites were shown below in Figure 1 and Figure 2

## SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

Several emitters such as Turbo (local) Turbo (imported) and Spiral emitters were used. Pressure gauge was used to maintain pressure, cocks, laterals, sump, main line, pump, by pass valve was used to document point source and multi-source emitter effects. 6 lines installed in the field [5]. Each line contained Turbo and Spiral emitters. Pump provided water towards the laterals from mineral water source in the wanted pressure of just one ambiance. Three different types of emitters acquiring discharges involving 0.5L/h, 1.2L/h, 1.5L/h, 1.7L/h and 2.3L/h were applied. Spacing between the emitters ended up being 50 cm and also the spacing between the lateral collections ended up being 1.5 m. System was operated for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 hrs respectively to find out results. Setup description shown in **Figure 3** and **Figure 4**.



Figure 1 Chistian Site



Figure 2 Mandi Bahudin Site

**METHODOLOGY**

sand has under 2 mm and bigger than 0.05 mm, and for the most part residue is

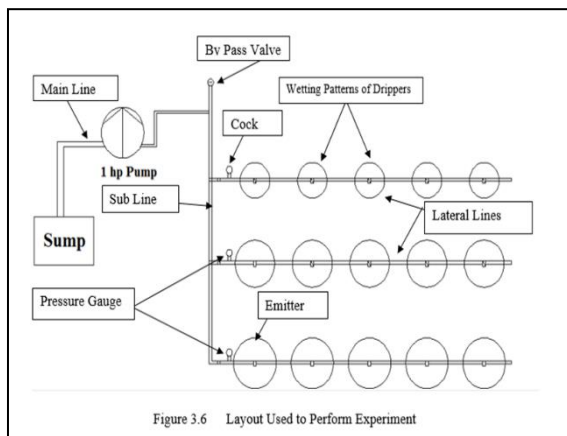


Figure 3.6 Layout Used to Perform Experiment

Figure 2 Layout Description

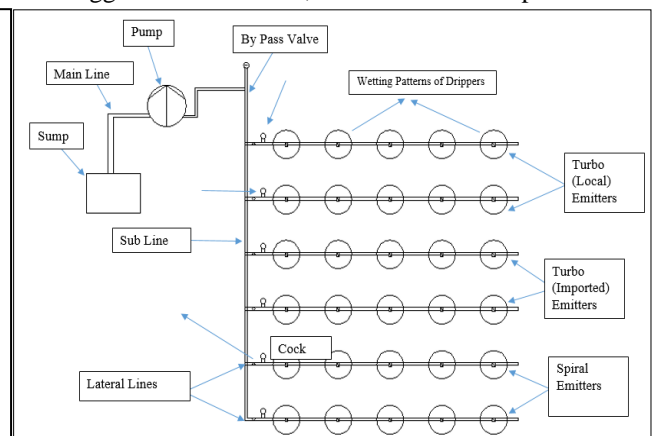


Figure 1 Layout Description with Emitters

**Data Collection for Emitter Discharge**

The aim of the research work was to gauge the genuine proficiency on the tickle irrigation system. Plastic material jar of 1 liter capacity were being set specifically under every emitter and the project wound up being controlled concerning 20 minutes and volume of water wound up being acquired as to more examination [6]. The soothe including turbo style of emitter wound up being acquired through plastic-sort totes which are tied up through posts. Parts were being utilized through various three different weights when i.e 10, 15 and 20 psi. The rules used in examination have a tendency to be specified finally since underneath.

**Data collection for Soil Analysis**

Several test was conducted to determine the pH, Electrical Conductivity tests were fulfilled Texture investigation of Soil Reveled soil sample was ordered by utilizing soil triangle with help of sifter examination of the specimen. The Soil has significant three parts; sand, silt, and clay. These all soil particles were controlled by the size rate of particles in test;

between 0.05 to 0.002 mm and clay soil has under 0.0002 mm in distance across. By the assistance of sifter investigation these rates can be figure out [7]. It was found at Chistian Village site from the strainer investigation that the rate of sand was in major which was 50% and clay was 20% and silt was 30% as follows for field test. This information of sieve investigation plotted on the soil triangle, which was likewise called equilateral triangle. Subsequent to plotting the information the soil fall in soil criteria. Essentially it was found at Mandi bahudin site from the sieve investigation that the percentage of sand was in major which was 60% and clay was 10% and silt is 30% as traces for field sample. This data of sieve analysis plotted on the soil triangle, which was also called equilateral triangle [8]. After plotting the data the soil fall in sandy loam criteria. . Certain examination accomplished for the appraisal of the normal Hydraulic Conductivity at Chistian site was ascertained as 16.20 cm/h, at Mandi Bahudin site it was figured as 13.60 cm/h. The normal mass thickness at Chistian Village site was resolved as 1.45 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>, and at Mandi Bahudin site, it was

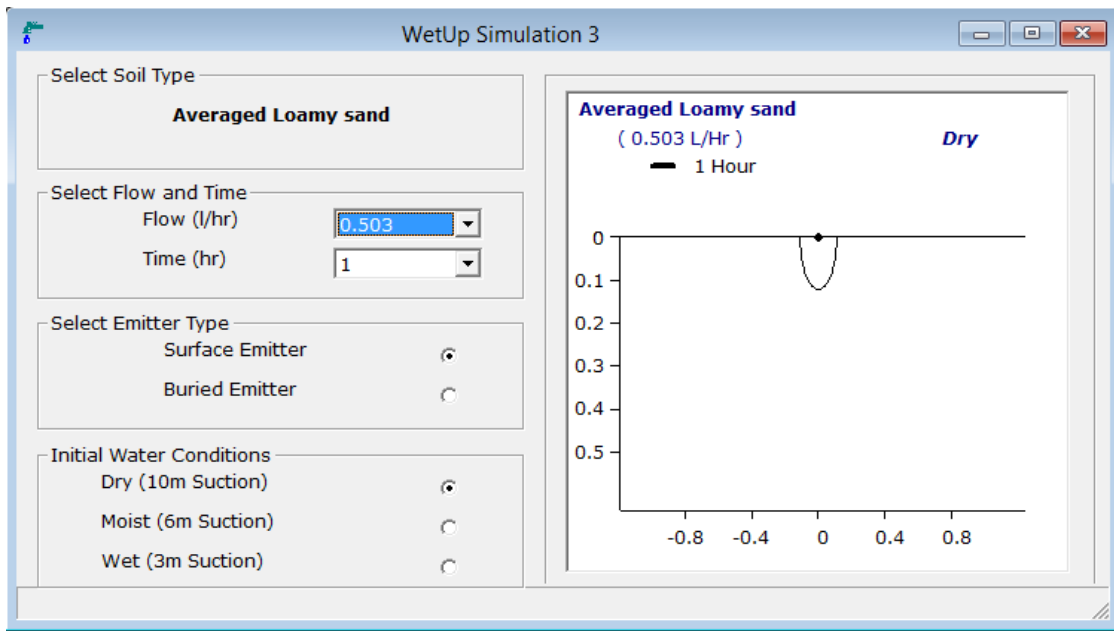


Figure 3 Wet Up Interface

measured as 1.61 gm/cm<sup>3</sup>.

**WETTING PATTERNS ANALYSIS BY SOFTWARE**

The uniform soil profiles field was chosen to study the element of radial and vertical wetted separation under single-dripper and multi-dripper watering system under diverse sorts of emitter. Two variables influencing soil water development, including application rate, and volume applied were considered. Altogether, six single-dripper were directed with obvious application rates of 0.5L/h, 1.2L/h, 1.5L/h, 1.7L/h and 2.3 L/h these were multi-drippers which consistently separated 50 cm under linear arrangement. Diverse application rates were acquired by changing the distinctive volume [9]. The width of the surface wetting example was measured by measuring tape. In the meantime, vertical wetted profundity was determined by soil drill. For wetting patterns assessment a programming software utilized Named Wet Up the parameter was utilized as a part of the product were Soil type, Flow rate, and Application time. A product Wet Up was utilized to break down the variability of wetting examples of diverse released emitters on three unique types of soil. The data parameters of programming are (1) Soil type (2) stream rate of emitter, (3) Application time, (4) Initial water conditions [10]. The yield of programming was the graphical representation of wetting examples of emitters. All these four inputs were gone into programming one by one for a wide range of emitters and for all states of soils, after reenactment results were created. Wet Up reproduction was demonstrated in **Figure 5**. This reproduction demonstrated the flat and vertical development of water for 0.5 lph for 1 hr.

**RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

**Wetting Patterns**

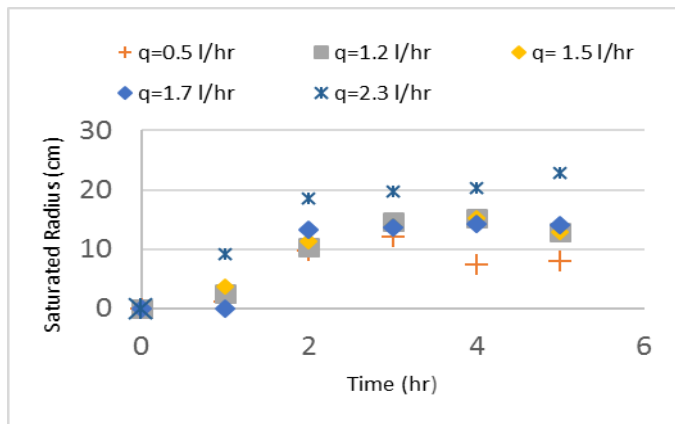
To focus the wetting Patterns distinctive sorts of emitters introduced on diverse kind of soils the plans of emitters was on laterals 1 and 2, turbo (Local) on laterals 3 and 4, turbo (imported) and Spiral emitter on laterals 5 and 6. The information of wetting examples was seen amid field tests for diverse stream rates of the emitters in two type of soils. Three types of emitters were utilized having releases of 0.5L/h, 1.2L/h, 1.5L/h, 1.7L/h and 2.3L/h. The examinations were led on two distinct soils clay loam and sandy loam soil. The framework was keep running for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5hrs individually to perform diverse tests. Three replications were done to quantify the information from fields. Midpoints of these replications were utilized for the examination of this deliberate information with programming results for Radial and vertical development of water.

**The dynamics of saturated region within the soil surface.**

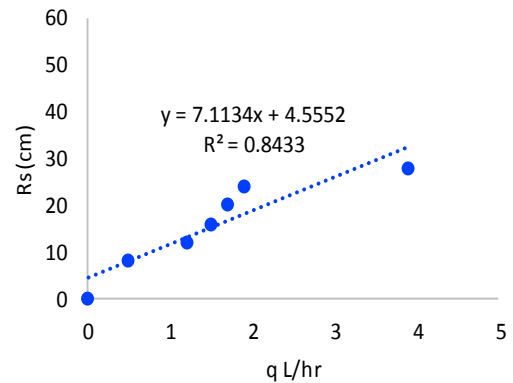
The saturated zone on the soil surface expanded rapidly in early drop time (within 1 hour). As time went up, expanded speed gradually slows down, and saturated radius approached a constant value after about 3 hour (**Figure 6a** and **Figure 6b**). The emitter flow rate played important role in radius of the saturated zone on the soil surface. The saturated zone radius with the dripper flow rate of 2.3 L/h was the largest, and the greater the Application rate, the faster the constant surface-saturated wetted radius was reached, namely there was positive linear correlation between both. **Table 1** Measured data of radial and vertical distance at different discharge level.

**Table 1 Measured data of radial and vertical distance at different discharge level at different time interval**

Saturated radius(cm)	Time(h)	Readings				
		0.5	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.3
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	1	1.2	2.5	3.7	4.5	9.2
12	2	9.7	10.4	11.3	13.3	18.6
16	3	12.2	14.6	13.9	13.6	19.7
20	4	7.5	15.2	15.2	14.2	20.4
24	5	8	12.9	12.9	14.1	22.9



**Figure 6(a) Relationship between saturated wetted radius on the surface and time for different apparent application rates**



**Figure 6(b) The dynamic of wetted distance under conditions of multi-dripper irrigation**

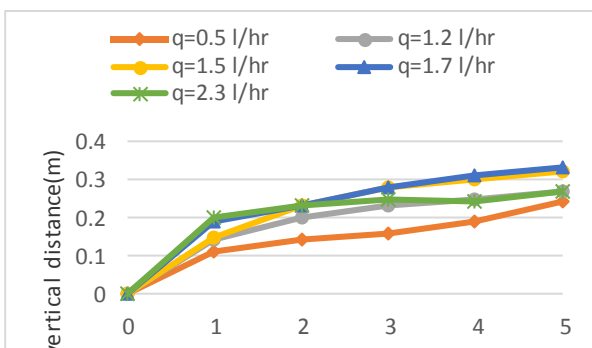
**The actual dynamics connected with the surface wetted radius**

The dynamic of surface wetted radius under multi-dripper (evenly space) can be described as (Figure 7a) shows. All treatment's radial distances increase rapidly from beginning to 1 hour, after that the radial distance increased slowly.

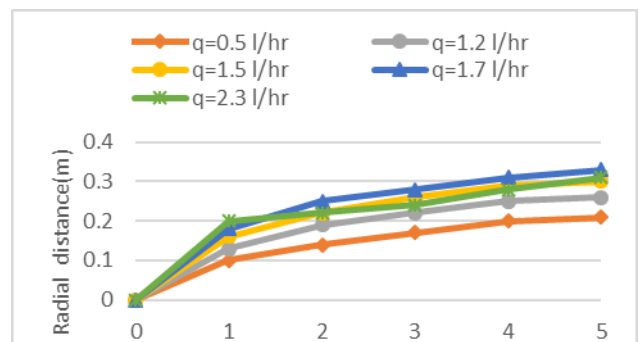
**The particular characteristics connected with vertical detail**

The element of vertical wetted profundity under multi-dripper can be depicted as (Figure 7a) shown. The vertical wetted

profundity were more or less 15~17 cm for 0.5L/h, 1.2L/h, 1.5L/h, 1.7L/h and 2.3 L/h rates toward the start of watering system to 60 minutes. After that, the distinctions of all treatment's vertical profundity progressively extended, and an expanded application rate brought about an increment in the wetted profundity. Proof to bolster this is: the aggregate of the outspread separation of neighboring drippers is step by step equivalent to or more prominent than the dripper's parallel dispersing of 50cm at the season of 1hour after watering system starting shown in (Figure7b).



**Figure 7 (a) the element of vertical profundity under states of multi drippers which equally space in loam Soil**



**Figure 7 (b) the element of Radial profundity under states of multi drippers which equally space in loam Soil**

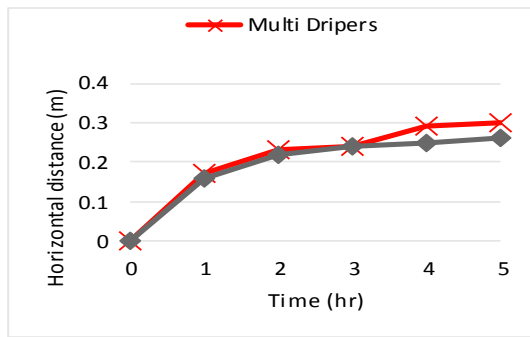


Figure8 (a) The dynamic of radial distance of single-dripper and multi-dripper with flow rate of 1.7L/h

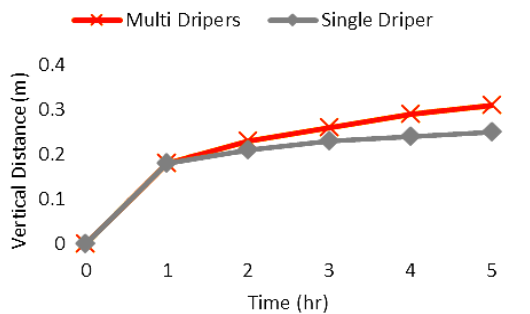


Figure 8 (b) The element of outspread separation of single-dripper and multi-dripper with stream rate of 1.7L/h

**EVALUATION REGARDING WETTED LENGTH IN BETWEEN SINGLE- DRIPPER AND MULTI-DRIPPER SITUATION**

**The Comparison of Radial Wetted Distance**

Loam land irrigated by simply both sort of emitters agreements like individual stage emitter and also multipoint emitters land has been irrigated for 5 consecutive time with different discharges involved 0.5L/h, 1.2L/h, 1.5L/h, 1.7L/h, 2.3L/h toward these kind of different discharges radial and also straight length was tested contrast of these final results gave greatest suitable discharge all of us purchased at which usually minimal infiltration reduction will probably arise. In this article 3 sorts of emitters played around with in loam land. For example, turbo local turbo imported and also spin out of control emitters with the same discharges played around with in Loam land.

Then this radial and also straight length has been tested for the analysis involving individual and also multi- dripper results in wetting designs. This contrast involving radial wetted length and also straight length has been conducted in different discharges which range from 0.5L/h, 1.2L/h, 1.5L/h, 1.7L/h and also 2.3L/h. These kind of numerous discharges has been applied in 3 different types of emitters like turbo (local) turbo imported and also spin out of control emitters. This specific try things out has been done in two sort of land 1) Loam land 2) sandy loam land. As soon as the examination involving final results it truly was figured 1.7L/h discharge

was demonstrated the actual beneficial psychic readings compared to some others this distinction involved radial wetted length in between single-emitter and also multi-emitter is modest if the stream pace is 1.7L/h with 0~4 time (Figure 8a). From then on, the actual radial wetted length with adjustable dripper situation was started to become little by little greater than the actual single-emitter.

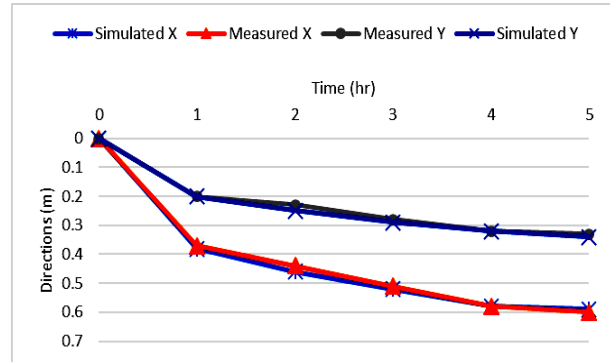


Figure 9 Comparisons of measured results and WETUP results of 1.7 lph emitter for loam soil for movement of water in X and Y direction w.r.t. time.

**The Comparison of Vertical Wetted Depth**

There was no obvious difference in the top to bottom wetted detail in between multi-dripper irrigation remedy plus the single-dripper remedy as soon as irrigation occasion under 60 minutes (Figure. 8b). After that, the particular top to bottom wetted detail inside multi-dripper condition was steadily higher than the particular single-dripper’s. Simply because variable dripper remedy which consistently chilled 50cm below linear design already belonged to range supply infiltration condition, the quantity of infiltrating normal water inside top to bottom way was obviously higher than the source.

**COMPARISON OF FIELD AND SOFTWARE RESULTS**

**Loam Soil with 1.7L/h Emitter Discharge**

Measured and the simulated results on loam soil were compared for 1.7L/h emitter discharge and was plotted in (Figure 9). Again there were similar behavior of software results with the measured results as was in the case of 1.2L/h 1.5L/h emitter. For 1.7L/h emitter, software results were showing mix behavior with measured results for horizontal movement of water in the beginning but at the ending times both simulated and the measured results gave the same results. For vertical movement of water, software results were overestimated than measured results.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Particular finishes of this study are:  
Perceptions correlation between field result and programming demonstrating Turbo (local) Emitter has a tendency to more loss of water by means of penetration relatively turbo (Imported) and Spiral emitters. Perceptions of water developments in point source uncovered that the surface immersed water sweep increments with the application rate.

Results demonstrates that the surface wetted sweep and the vertical wetted profundity were corresponding to the water volume connected. Both the surface wetted range and the vertical wetted profundity expanded with time and application rate. The outcomes showed that there was little contrast of even wetted separation between singled dripper and multi-dripper from the earliest starting point of watering system to 4 hour, yet the distinction was clearly in the wetted profundity following 60 minutes. The outcomes acquired from this study was valuable for the configuration, operation, and administration of trickle watering system framework. Wetting examples of emitter's increments with increment in time and stream rates of emitters. For level development of water, the reproduced results were constantly bigger or equivalent when contrasted with the deliberate results for sandy topsoil and however in the soil, recreated results indicated blend conduct. For vertical development of water, the recreated results were constantly more noteworthy or equivalent when contrasted with the deliberate results for a wide range of soil. The distinction of spiral wetted separation between single-emitter and multi-emitter was little when the stream rate is 1.7L/h in 0~4 hours. Ideal release for a wide range of emitters ought to b 1.7 L/hr due to low invasion. The wetting example increments all the more in mud topsoil soil along both level and vertical bearings when contrasted with the other soil sorts. The distinction between the mimicked results and field results is little up to 5 %. Great understanding between the field and programming results reinforces our trust in the legitimacy of two outcomes acquired for instance of point source stream watering system. The impacts of use rate and connected volume on the state of the wetted soil zone were watched.

#### RCOMMENDATION

Taking after proposals have been made with the assistance of this study led:

Similar study ought to be directed for other soil sorts to guarantee that the wetting example was a component of soil composition. Similar study ought to likewise be done to focus the wetting examples with help of other PC model. This product ought to be contrasted and other numerical and

investigative model. Similar study can be led under diverse water quality and soil substance/textural conditions.

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