
Precipitation, Infiltration, Evapotranspiration, and Wind

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 - Input Data Types
- Infiltration
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 - Input Data
- Evapotranspiration
 - Methods
- Percent Impervious
- Wind
 - Formulation and Options
 - Input Data

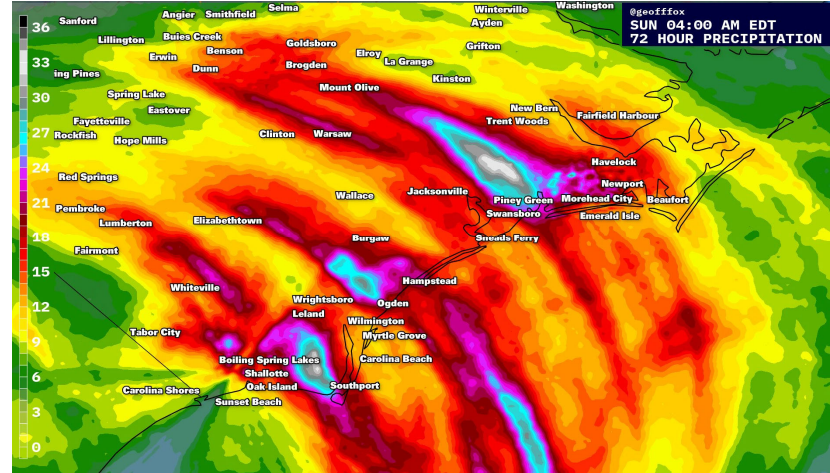




Precipitation



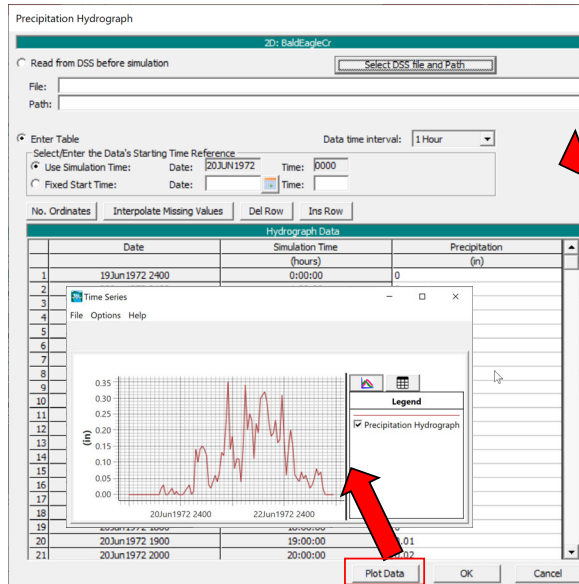
- Per 2D Flow Area
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 - Constant Rate
 - Gridded Data
 - HEC-DSS file format (from HEC-MetView)
 - National Weather Service
 - GRIB
 - NetCDF
 - National Centers for Environmental Information
 - NetCDF
 - Point Gage Data
 - HEC-DSS time series
 - Regular Interval
 - Irregular Interval
 - User-specified time-series





Boundary Conditions

- Single Hyetograph per 2D Flow Area



Unsteady Flow Data - Precipitation State College 1972

File Options Help

Description: Apply Data

Boundary Conditions | Initial Conditions | Meteorological Data | Observed Data

Boundary Condition Types

Stage Hydrograph | Flow Hydrograph | Stage/Flow Hydr. | Rating Curve

Normal Depth | Lateral Inflow Hydr. | Uniform Lateral Inflow | Groundwater Interflow

T.S. Gate Openings | Elev Controlled Gates | Navigation Dams | IB Stage/Flow

Rules | **Precipitation**

Add Boundary Condition Location

Add SA/2D Flow Area ... Add Conn ... Add Pump Sta ... Add Pipe Node ...

Select Location in table then select Boundary Condition Type

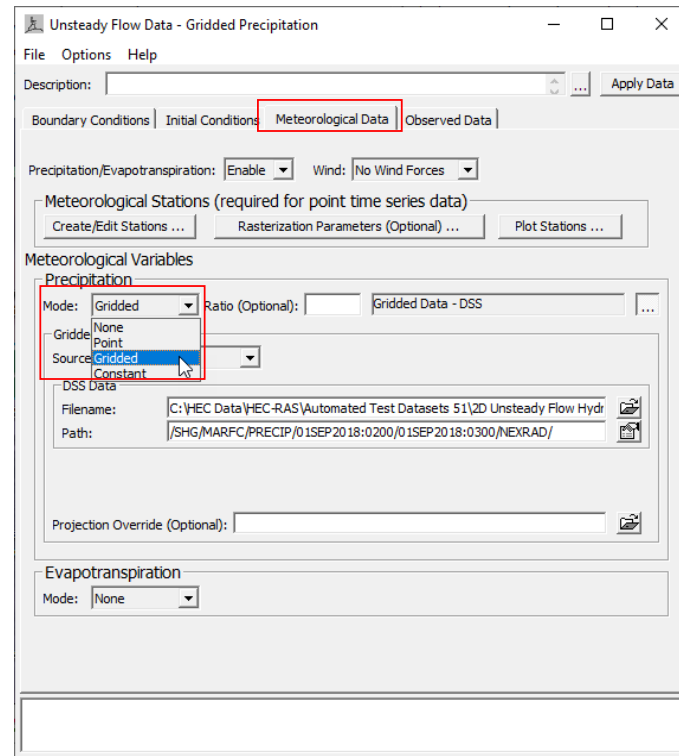
River	Reach	RS	Boundary Condition
Storage/2D Flow Areas			
1	BaldEagleCr		Precipitation
2	BaldEagleCr	BCLine: Upstream Inflow	Flow Hydrograph
3	BaldEagleCr	BCLine: DSNormalDepth	Normal Depth
SA/2D Area Conns			
1	Dam		T.S. Gate Openings



Meteorological Data - Precipitation



- Gridded Data
 - HEC-DSS file format (from HEC-MetView)
 - National Weather Service
 - GRIB
 - NetCDF
 - National Centers for Environmental Information
 - NetCDF
- Meteorological Station Data
 - HEC-DSS time series
 - Regular Interval
 - Irregular Interval
 - User Entered into a Table
- Constant Rate

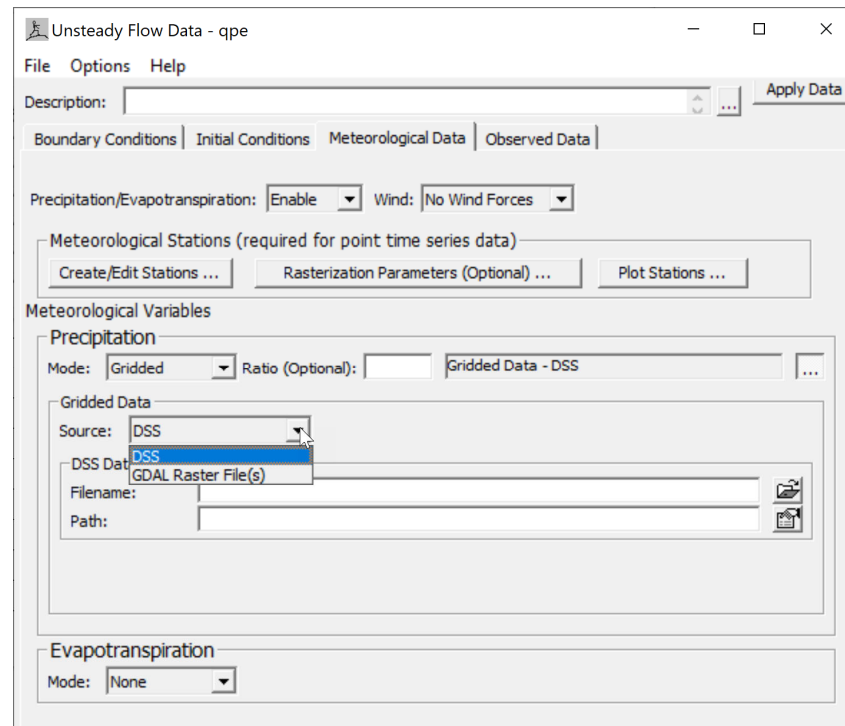




Gridded Precipitation



- Input Formats
 - DSS Grids
 - GDAL Raster File(s)
 - NetNCDF
 - GRIB
 - etc.
- Ratio (Optional)
 - Used to scale precipitation





Gridded Precipitation



- Projection Override
 - If data has a different projection from RAS project

Boundary Conditions | Initial Conditions | Meteorological Data | Observed Data

Precipitation/Evapotranspiration: Wind:

Meteorological Stations (required for point time series data)

Meteorological Variables

Precipitation

Mode: Ratio (Optional):

Gridded Data

Source:

DSS Data:

Filename:

Path:

Projection Override (Optional):

Evapotranspiration

Mode:



Gridded Precipitation - GRIB



Boundary Conditions | Initial Conditions | Meteorological Data | Observed Data

Precipitation/Evapotranspiration: **Enable** Wind: **No Wind Forces**

Meteorological Stations (required for point time series data)
Create/Edit Stations ... Rasterization Parameters (Optional) ... Plot Stations ...

Meteorological Variables
Precipitation
Mode: **Gridded** Ratio (Optional): Gridded Data - GDAL Raster File(s)

Gridded Data
Source: **GDAL Raster File(s)**
Import Grids from Files (NetCDF, GRIB, GDAL) Import Raster Data ...

Import Gridded Data - Select Files

Select Single File
Filename: _____

Select Multiple Files
Folder: **C:\Data\Precip**
File Filter (*.nc): ***.grib2**
Show List of Filtered Files ...

Import Grids ... Cancel

Import Gridded Meteorology Datasets for Precipitation

Data Type: **per-cum** Units: **mm** (File Metadata: "[mm]") First Timestep Duration (Optional)

Filename	Band Index	Use Band	Timestamp	Forecast Time
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Check Ok Cancel



Point Gage Precipitation

The screenshot shows the 'Unsteady Flow Data - Point Precipitation Data 1972' application window. The 'Observed Data' tab is active, and the 'Create/Edit Stations...' button is highlighted. A 'Meteorological Stations' dialog box is open, displaying a table of station data.

Meteorological Stations

Point Name	Gauge Height(m)	Latitude	Longitude	Project X	Project Y
1 ALVIN BUSH DAM	10	41.35	-77.916667	1922740.6	431189.94
2 DRIFTWOOD	10	41.3383333	-78.1333333	1863234.88	427128.04
3 HOLLIDAYSBURG 2	10	40.4272222	-78.3888889	1790610.4	95591.73
4 PHILIPSBURG 8 E	10	40.7138889	-77.5905556	2012703.14	199422.25
5 WILLIAMSPORT RGNL AP	10	40.8963889	-78.2205556	1838408.6	266227.39
6 CRESSON 1 SE	10	40.4333333	-78.0069444	1896963.52	97268.31
7 CURWENSVILLE LAKE	10	40.6705556	-78.2386111	1832952.79	183975.72
8 WILLIAMSPORT RGNL AP	10	41.2452	-76.9188889	2197049.88	394058.28
9 CRESSON 1 SE	10	40.45	-78.5916667	1734232.01	104373.03
10 CURWENSVILLE LAKE	10	41.05	-78.41	1786461.52	322534.71
11 DU BOIS 7 E	10	41.1208333	-78.7583333	1690689.7	349266.08
12 MADERA 2 SE	10	40.8283333	-78.435	1778927.51	241828.17
13 MILL HFTM	10	40.8908333	-77.4766667	2044073.29	263969.12

Point Gage Precipitation



Unsteady Flow Data - Point Precipitation Data 1972

File Options Help

Description: [] [Apply Data]

Boundary Conditions | Initial Conditions | **Meteorological Data** | Observed Data

Precipitation/Evapotranspiration: Enable | Wind: No Wind Forces

Meteorological Stations (required for point time series data)

Create/Edit Stations ... **Rasterization Parameters (Optional) ...** **Plot Stations ...**

Meteorological Variables

Precipitation

Mode: Point | Ratio (Optional): [] | Point Time Series Mode (Thiessen Poly)

Point Time Series Data

Interpolation Method: Thiessen Polygon | Edit ..

Station Name	Summary
1 ALVIN BUSH DAM	DSS: data range = 0.000 to 0.500 (inches)
2 DRIFTWOOD	DSS: data range = 0.000 to 0.390 (inches)
3 HOLLIDAYSBURG 2	DSS: data range = 0.00 to 2.90 (inches)
4 PHILIPSBURG 8 E	DSS: data range = 0.000 to 0.550 (inches)
5 WILLIAMSPORT RGNL AP	DSS: data range = 0.000 to 0.850 (inches)
6 CRESSON 1 SE	DSS: data range = 0.000 to 0.470 (inches)
7 CURWENSVILLE LAKE	DSS: data range = 0.000 to 0.300 (inches)

Evapotranspiration

Mode: None

Raster Parameters

Left: 1600000 | Fix Raster Parameters based on current Met Stations Extent

Top: 450000

Rows: 200 | Fix Raster Parameters based on current Met Stations and Current Geometry Extent

Cols: 350 | Clear (use Met Stations Extent at runtime)

Cell Size: 2000

Plot Raster Extents ... | OK | Cancel

Meteorological Stations

Plot | Table

Legend

- SA/2D
- Meteorological Stations
- User-Defined Raster Param Extent
- Met Sta - Default

700000

600000

500000

400000

300000

200000

100000

0

-100000

1400000 1600000 1800000 2000000 2200000 2400000 2600000

(ft)



Point Gage Interpolation Methods



Unsteady Flow Data - Point Precipitation Data 1972

File Options Help

Description: Apply Data

Boundary Conditions | Initial Conditions | Meteorological Data | Observed Data

Precipitation/Evapotranspiration: Wind:

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Meteorological Variables

Precipitation

Mode: Ratio (Optional): Point Time Series Mode (Thiessen Polygon)

Point Time Series Data

Interpolation Method:

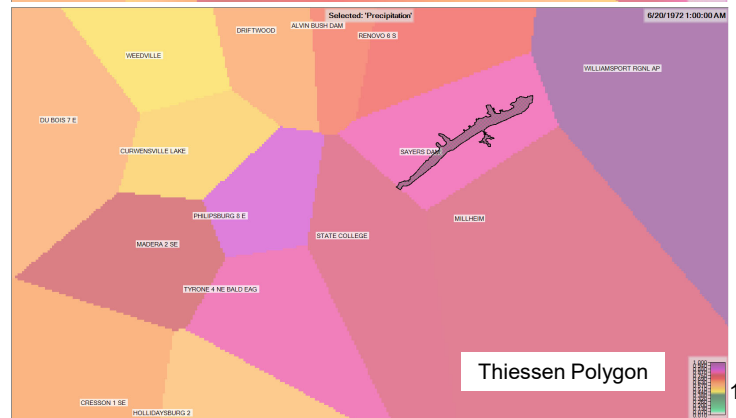
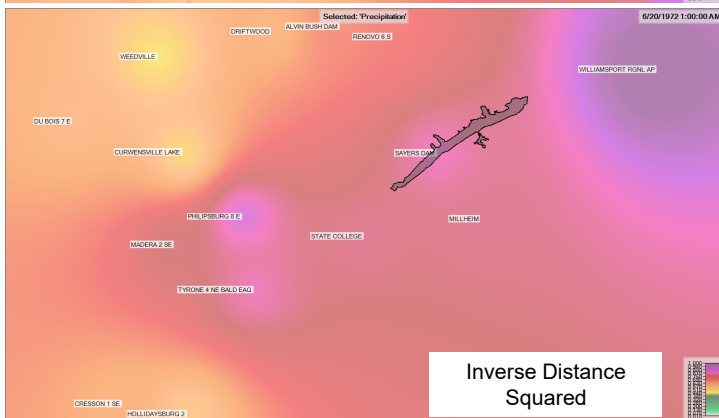
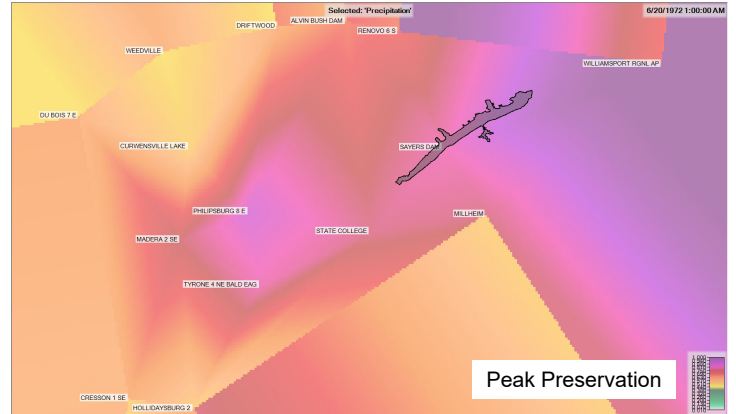
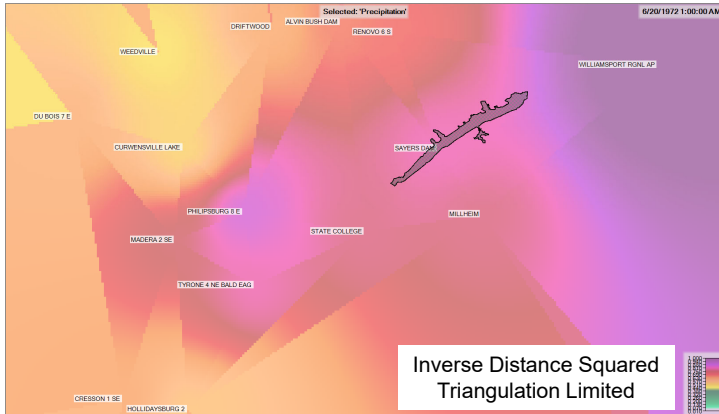
Station Name	Interpolation Method	Distance	...
1 ALVIN BUSH DAM	Inv Distance	to 0.500 (inches)	...
2 DRIFTWOOD	Inv Distance Sq	to 0.390 (inches)	...
3 HOLLIDAYSBURG	Inv Distance Sq (Restricted)	to 0.390 (inches)	...
4 PHILIPSBURG 8 E	Triangulation	2.90 (inches)	...
5 WILLIAMSPORT	Peak Preservation	to 0.550 (inches)	...
6 CRESSON 1 SE	Shape Preservation	to 0.850 (inches)	...
7 CURWENSVILLE LAKE	Laplace	DSS: data range = 0.000 to 0.470 (inches)	...

Evapotranspiration

Mode:

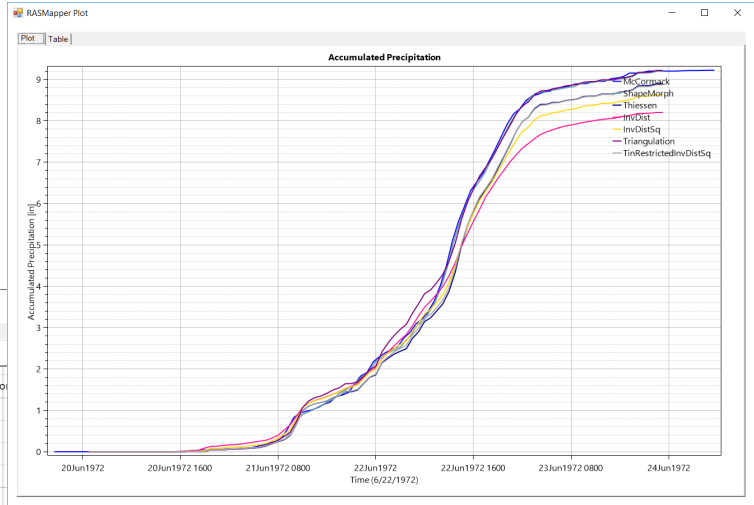
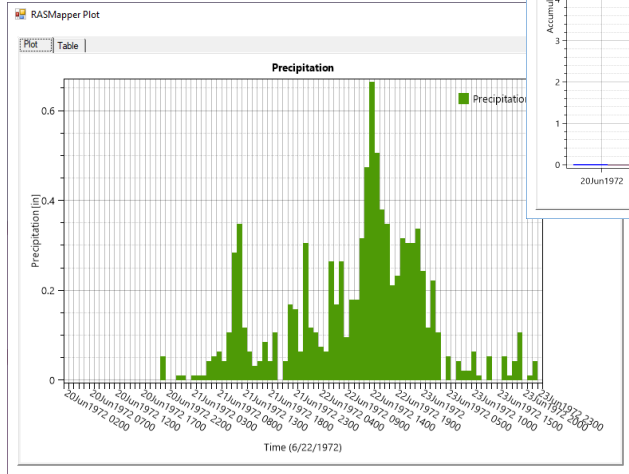


Cumulative Rainfall



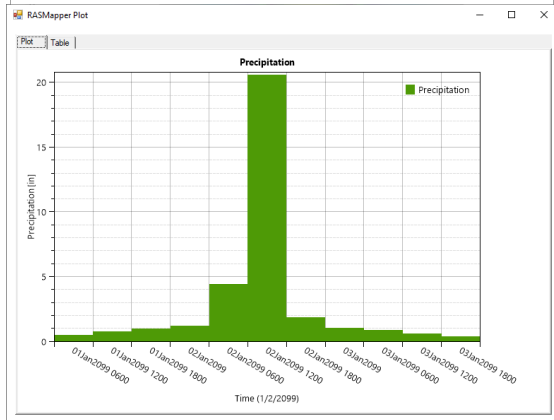
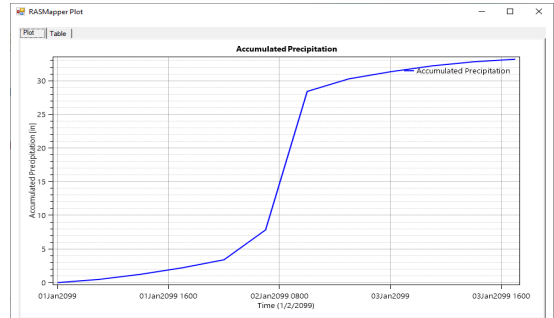
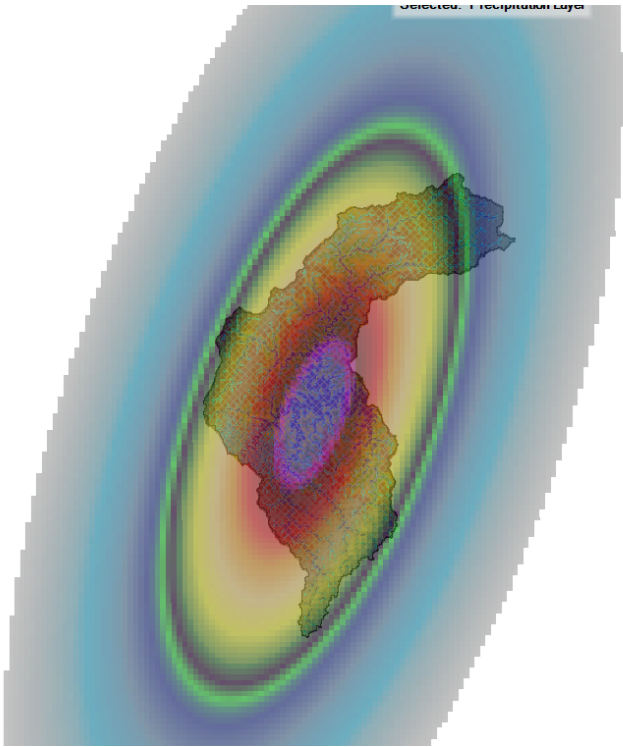


Rainfall Time Series Plots





Probable Max Precipitation Example





Infiltration



- Computed at 1D XS's, Storage Areas, and 2D Cells
- Supported in all Equation Sets
- Methods
 - Deficit-Constant (DC)
 - SCS Curve Number (CN)
 - Green and Ampt without (GA) and with Redistribution (GAR)
- Parameterization based on
 - Soils
 - Land cover
- Other Optional Data
 - Percent Impervious



Deficit-Constant Method

■ Governing Equation

$$\frac{dD}{dt} = E_v - f + p$$

where

D : Soil moisture deficit [L]

E_v : Soil evapotranspiration [L/T]

f : Infiltration [L/T]

p : Percolation [L/T]

■ Input

- ▶ Initial deficit [L]
- ▶ Maximum deficit [L]
- ▶ Potential percolation rate (loss rate) [L/T]

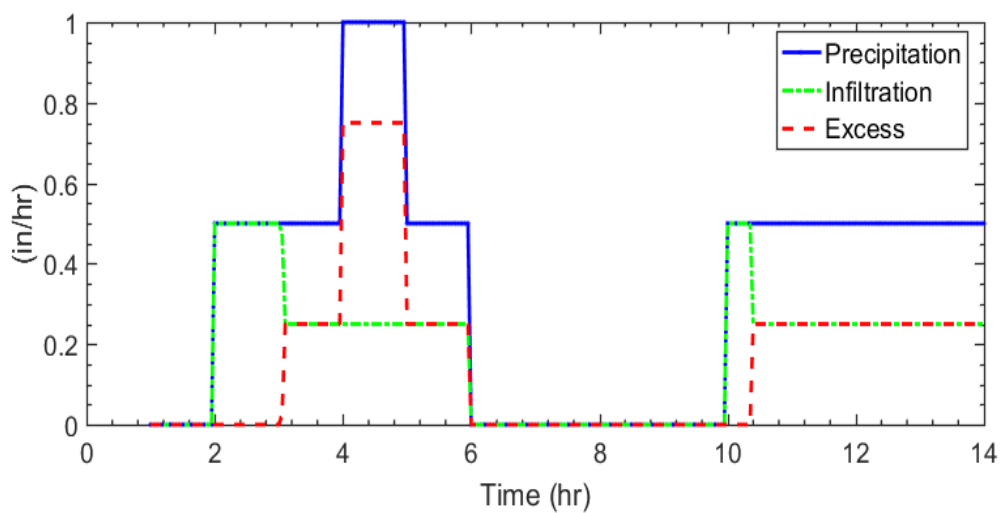
SCS Soil Group	Description	Loss Rates (in/hr)
A	Deep sand, deep loess, aggregated silts	0.3 - 0.45
B	Shallow loess, sandy lam	0.15 - 0.30
C	Clay loams, shallow sandy loam, soils low in organic content, and soils usually high in clay	0.05 - 0.15
D	Soils that swell significantly when wet, heavy plastic clays, and certain saline soils	0.00 - 0.05



Deficit-Constant Verification

- Comparison with HEC-HMS dataset from PROSPECT Class

Time (hrs)	Precipitation (in)	Deficit (in)	Loss (in)	Excess (in)
1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0
2	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
3	0.5	0.0	0.25	0.25
4	1.0	0.0	0.25	0.75
5	0.5	0.0	0.25	0.25
6	0.0	0.05	0.0	0.0
7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
8	0.0	0.15	0.0	0.0
9	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
10	0.5	0	0.35	0.15
11	0.5	0	0.25	0.25
12	0.5	0	0.25	0.25
13	0.5	0	0.25	0.25
14	0.5	0	0.25	0.25





SCS Curve Number Method

Equations

$$P_e = \frac{(P - I_a)^2}{P - I_a + S} \quad S = \frac{1000}{CN} - 10 \quad I_a = r_a S$$

where

P_e : Accumulated excess depth [L]

P : Accumulated rainfall depth [L]

CN : Curve number [-]

I_a : Initial abstraction [L]

r_a : Abstraction ratio [-]

S : Potential maximum retention [L]

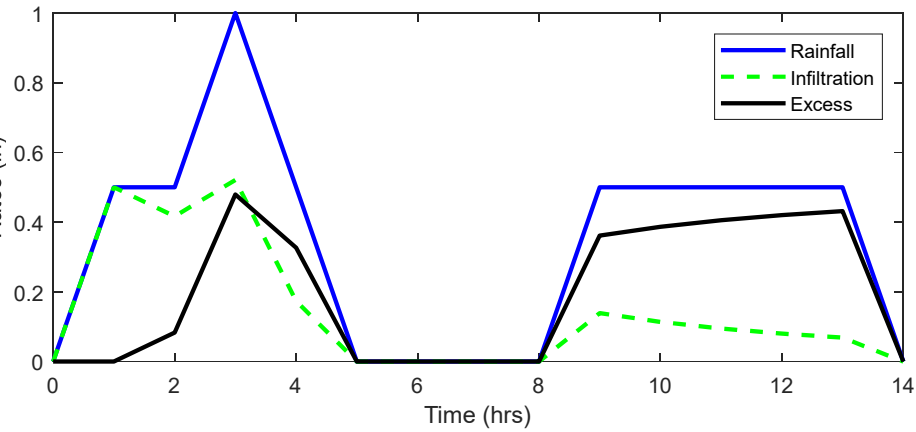
Input

- ▶ Curve Number
- ▶ Abstraction ratio
- ▶ Minimum infiltration rate (optional)
- ▶ Dry period used to reset method (optional)

Cover			Hydrologic Soil Group			
Land Use	Treatment or Practice	Hydrologic Condition	A	B	C	D
Fallows	Straight row		77	86	91	94
Row crops	Straight row	Poor	72	81	88	91
		Good	67	78	85	89
	Contoured	Poor	70	79	84	88
		Good	65	75	82	86
Small grain	Straight row	Poor	65	76	84	88
		Good	63	75	83	87
	Contoured	Poor	63	74	82	85
		Good	61	73	81	84
Close-seeded legumes or rotation meadow	Straight row	Poor	61	72	79	82
		Good	59	70	78	81
	Contoured	Poor	66	77	85	89
		Good	58	72	81	85
Pasture or range	Contoured	Poor	64	75	83	85
		Good	55	69	78	83
	Contoured and terraced	Poor	63	73	80	83
		Good	51	67	76	80
Meadow	Contoured	Poor	68	79	86	89
		Fair	49	69	79	84
		Good	39	61	74	80
		Poor	47	67	81	88
Woods		Fair	25	59	75	83
		Good	6	35	70	79
		Poor	30	58	71	78
		Fair	45	66	77	83
Farmsteads		Fair	36	60	73	79
		Good	25	55	70	77
		Poor	59	74	82	86
Roads (dirt)		Poor	72	82	87	89
		Good	74	84	90	92
Roads (hard surface)						



SCS CN Verification



		HEC-HMS	Computed	HEC-HMS	Computed
Time	Precip (in)	Loss (in)	Loss (in)	Excess (in)	Excess (in)
1:00	0	0	0	0	
2:00	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	
3:00	0.5	0.417	0.4167	0.083	0.083
4:00	1	0.521	0.5208	0.479	0.479
5:00	0.5	0.174	0.1736	0.326	0.326
6:00	0	0	0	0	
7:00	0	0	0	0	
8:00	0	0	0	0	
9:00	0	0	0	0	
10:00	0.5	0.139	0.1389	0.361	0.361
11:00	0.5	0.114	0.1136	0.386	0.386
12:00	0.5	0.095	0.0947	0.405	0.405
13:00	0.5	0.08	0.0801	0.42	0.419
14:00	0.5	0.069	0.0687	0.431	0.431



Green-Ampt Method

Equations

$$\frac{dF}{dt} = f \quad f = \min(f_*, R) \quad f_* = K_s \left(1 + \frac{\psi \theta_d}{F} \right)$$

where

f : Infiltration potential [L/T]

f_* : Infiltration potential (infiltration rate given unlimited [L/T]

R : Rainfall [L/T]

ψ : Wetting front suction [L]

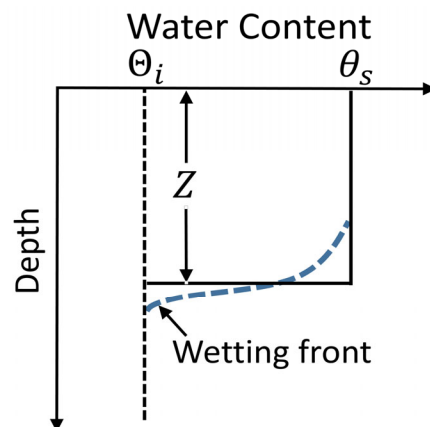
K_s : Saturated hydraulic conductivity [L/T]

F : Cumulative infiltration depth [L]

$\theta_d = \theta_s - \theta_i$: Moisture deficit [-]

θ_s : Saturated moisture content [-]

θ_i : Initial moisture content [-]





Green-Ampt Input Parameters

- GA
 - ▶ Initial soil water content [-]
 - ▶ Saturated hydraulic conductivity []
 - ▶ Wetting Front Suction [L]
- GAR (optional)
 - ▶ Same GA plus
 - ▶ Residual Water Content [-]
 - ▶ Pore-size distribution index
 - ▶ If either parameter is missing GA is used

Soil Texture	Residual Water Content (-)	Total Porosity (-)	Pore-size Distribution Index (-)	Saturated Hydraulic Conductivity (cm/hr)	Wetting Front Suction (cm)
Sand	0.02	0.437	0.694	21.0	10.6
Loamy sand	0.035	0.437	0.553	6.11	14.2
Sandy loam	0.041	0.453	0.378	2.59	22.2
Loam	0.027	0.463	0.252	1.32	31.5
Silt loam	0.015	0.501	0.234	0.68	40.4
Sandy clay loam	0.068	0.398	0.319	0.43	44.9
Clay loam	0.075	0.464	0.242	0.23	44.6
Silty clay loam	0.040	0.471	0.177	0.15	58.1
Sandy clay	0.109	0.430	0.223	0.12	63.6
Silty clay	0.056	0.479	0.150	0.09	64.7
Clay	0.09	0.475	0.165	0.06	71.4

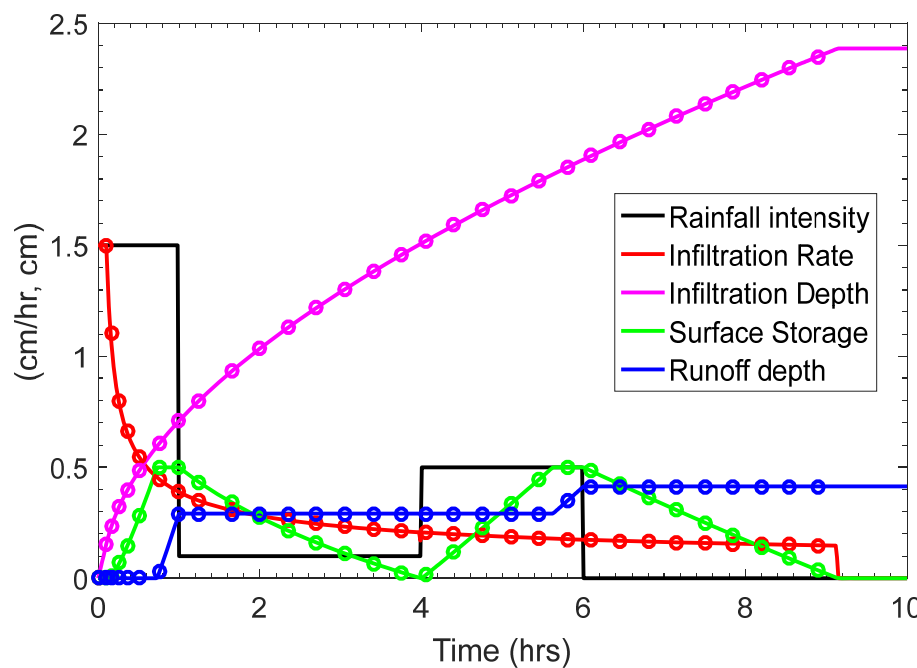


Green-Ampt Verification

Comparison with code by Daliakopoulos (2015)

- ▶ Computed – solid lines
- ▶ Daliakopoulos (2015) - Circles

Parameter	Value
Saturated hydraulic conductivity (cm/hr)	0.044
Wetting front suction (cm)	22.4
Saturated water content (-)	0.499
Residual water content (-)	0.03
Initial water content (-)	0.25





Redistribution Method (GAR)

- Governing Equation (Ogden and Saghafian 1997)

$$\frac{d\theta_0}{dt} = \frac{1}{Z_0} \left\{ f - E_v - K_i - \left[K_0 + \frac{K_s G(\theta_i, \theta_0)}{Z_0} \right] \right\}$$

where

$G(\theta_i, \theta_0)$: Integral of the capillary drive through the saturated front [L]

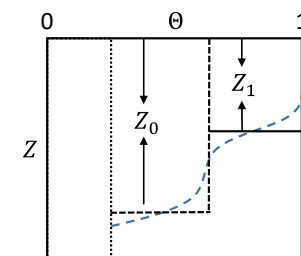
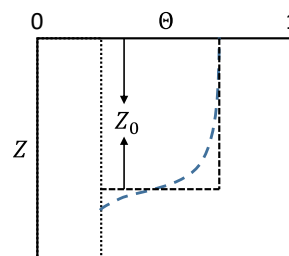
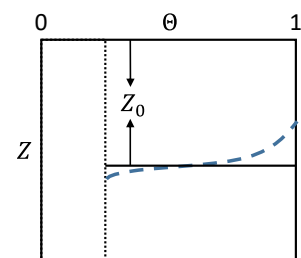
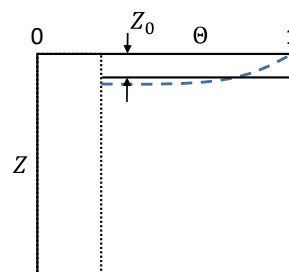
$Z_0 = F_0 / (\theta_0 - \theta_i)$: Depth of wetting front [L]

F_0 : Cumulative infiltration [L]

θ_0 : Soil moisture content corresponding to unsaturated front [L]

$K_0 = K(\theta_0)$: Unsaturated hydraulic conductivity corresponding to θ_0 [L/T]

$K_i = K(\theta_i)$: Unsaturated hydraulic conductivity corresponding to θ_i [L/T]

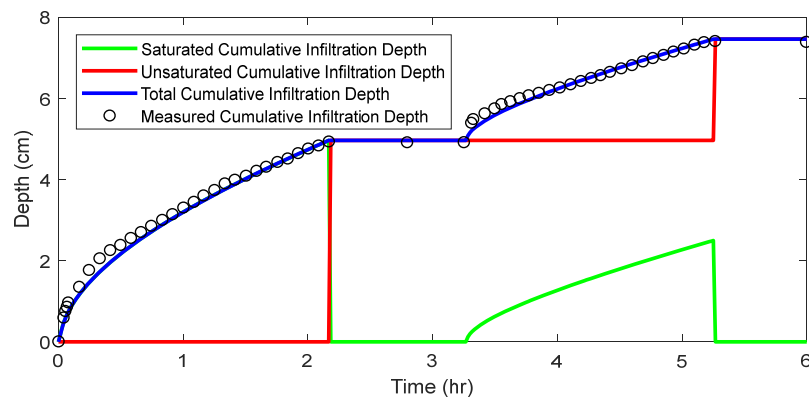
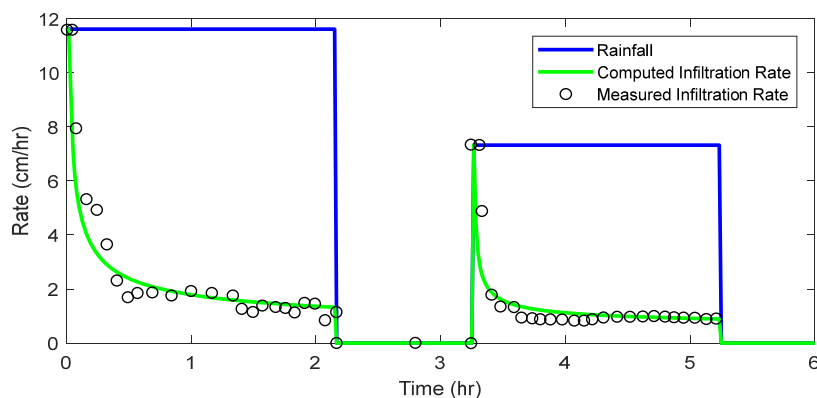




GAR Validation

- Comparison with Alapaha Sand Tests (Rawls et al. 1976)

Parameter	Value
Saturated hydraulic conductivity (cm/hr)	0.47
Suction at the wetting front (cm)	45
Saturated water content (-)	0.38
Residual water content (-)	0.06
Initial water content (-)	0.19
Pore distribution index	0.45





Percent Impervious and Surface Excess

- Percent Impervious
 - ▶ Associated with **Land Cover** classification layer
 - ▶ Between 0 and 100
 - ▶ Usually set to 100 for open water

- Surface Excess Rate

$$v = R - \left(1 - \frac{P_{imp}}{100}\right) f$$

v : Excess [L/T]

R : Rainfall [L/T]

f : Infiltration [L/T]

P_{imp} : Percent impervious [%]



Evapotranspiration

- Evapotranspiration Potential ET_0
- Actual Evapotranspiration

$$ET = E_h + E_v$$

where

$E_h = \min(ET_0, h / \Delta t)$: Surface water evaporation [L/T]

$E_v = \min(ET_0 - E_h, S_w / \Delta t)$: Evapotranspiration [L/T]

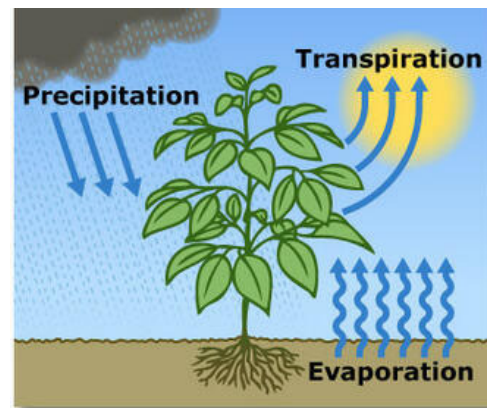
h : Water depth [L]

S_w : Soil water [L]

Δt : Time step [T]

- Input Data Modes

- ▶ Constant, Point Gage, or Gridded





Limitations

- No Spatial Compositing of Infiltration Parameters
 - ▶ Parameters extracted from land classification layer based on location of Computation Points
- Surface water cannot infiltrate
- Does not include
 - ▶ Inter-flow
 - ▶ Base-flow
 - ▶ Ground water flow
 - ▶ Canopy storage and dynamics
 - ▶ Depression storage

$$X_c = \frac{\sum_i A_i X_i}{\sum_i A_i}$$



Meteorological Data - Wind

- Enabled in **Meteorological Data** tab of **Unsteady Flow Data** editor
- Velocities defined at 10-m height
- Input Data Modes
 - Gridded
 - HEC-DSS file format (from HEC-MetView)
 - GDAL Formats
 - Meteorological Station Data
 - HEC-DSS time series
 - User Entered into a Table
 - Constant Rate
- Interpolation Methods
 - Nearest
 - Inverse Distance
 - Inverse Distance Squared
- Ratio (optional)
 - Used to scale the wind velocities or convert height to 10-m

The screenshot shows the 'Unsteady Flow Data - Gridded Precipitation' editor. The 'Meteorological Data' tab is active. The 'Wind' dropdown is set to 'Velocity X/Y'. The 'Interpolation Method' is set to 'Inv Distance Sq'. The 'Met Station Point' is 'MILLHEIM'. A table shows simulation time and wind velocity values.

Date/Time (ddmmmyyyy hh:mm:ss)	Simulation Time (Hours)	Value (m/s)
20Jun1972 00:00:00	0	0
20Jun1972 01:00:00	1	2.5
20Jun1972 02:00:00	2	3
20Jun1972 03:00:00	3	1.45
20Jun1972 04:00:00	4	6.2



Wind Options



HEC-RAS Unsteady Computation Options and Tolerances

General | 2D Flow Options | 1D/2D Options | Advanced Time Step Control | 1D Mixed Flow Options

1D Unsteady Flow Options

Theta [implicit weighting factor] (0.6-1.0):	1.
Theta for warm up [implicit weighting factor] (0.6-1.0):	1.
Water surface calculation tolerance [max=0.2](ft):	0.02
Storage Area elevation tolerance [max=0.2](ft):	0.02
Flow calculation tolerance [optional] (cfs):	
Max error in water surface solution (Abort Tolerance)(ft):	100.
Maximum number of iterations (0-40):	20
Maximum iterations without improvement (0-40):	

1D/2D Unsteady Flow Options

Number of warm up time steps (0 - 100,000):	20
Time step during warm up period (hrs):	0
Minimum time step for time slicing (hrs):	0
Maximum number of time slices:	20
Lateral Structure flow stability factor (1.0-3.0):	2.
Inline Structure flow stability factor (1.0-3.0):	1.
Weir flow submergence decay exponent (1.0-3.0):	1.
Gate flow submergence decay exponent (1.0-3.0):	1.
Gravity (ft/s ²):	32.174

Wind Forces

Reference Frame: Eulerian

Drag Formulation: Hsu (1988)

Geometry Preprocessor Options

Family of Rating Curves for Internal Boundaries: Constant Cd

Use existing internal boundary tables in their positions.
 Recompute at all internal boundaries

1D Numerical Solution

Finite Difference (classic HEC-RAS methodology)

Finite Difference Matrix Solver

Skyline/Gaussian (Default: faster for dendritic systems)
 Pardiso (Optional: may be faster for large interconnected systems)

Finite Volume (new approach)

Number of cores to use with Pardiso solver: All Available

OK Cancel Defaults ...



Wind Surface Stress

- Only for Shallow Water Equations
- Surface Stress is given by

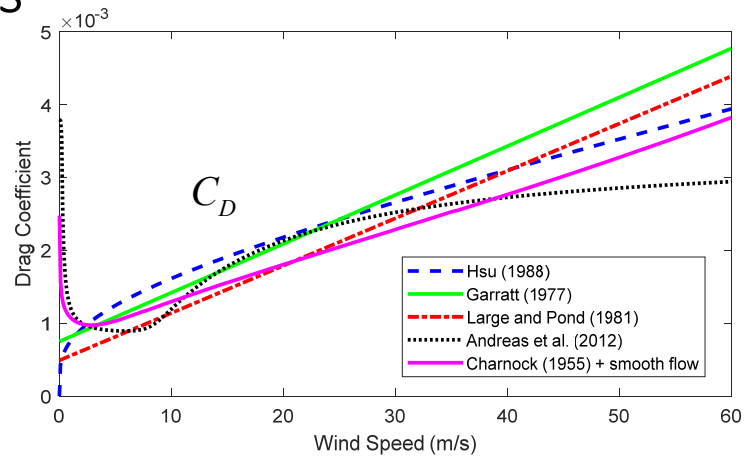
$$\tau_s = \rho_a C_D |W_{10}| W_{10}$$

- Wind Reference Frame

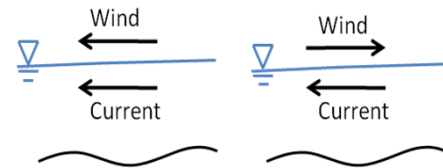
$$W_{10} = \begin{cases} W_{10}^E - V & \text{for Lagrangian} \\ W_{10}^E & \text{for Eulerian} \end{cases}$$

- Input Data Modes

- Constant
- Point Gages
- Gridded



Lagrangian Reference Frame



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- Wind forcing is new feature 6.0.
- The wind surface stress is computed as a function of the atmospheric density, a drag coefficient, and the 10-m wind velocity.
- Several options are available to compute the wind drag coefficient.
- There is also an option to choose between Eulerian and Lagrangian reference frames.
- The Lagrangian reference frame takes into account the relative motion between the air and water whereas the Eulerian reference frame ignores the water velocity.
- In general, it is always recommended to use the Lagrangian reference frame because it's more physically accurate and stable.

Thank You!

HEC-RAS Website:

<https://www.hec.usace.army.mil/software/hec-ras/>

Online Documentation:

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