

RAVEN:  
User's and Developer's Manual v2.5

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

This document describes the design and operation of the RAVEN hydrological modelling framework, a software package for watershed modeling. The document is meant for both users of the software who wish to run the program and understand the multitude of model options and by new developers of the RAVEN software who wish to understand, customize, and/or upgrade the code (chapters and sections for developers are marked with an asterisk\*).

RAVEN is a mixed lumped/semi-distributed model that can be used to understand the hydrological behavior of a watershed and assess the potential impacts of land use, climate, and other environmental change upon watershed properties such as flood potential, soil water availability, or groundwater recharge. The model can be used to investigate individual storm events or develop long-term water, mass, and energy balances for resource management and water quality assessment. RAVEN's uniqueness primarily comes from its numerical robustness and its flexibility; RAVEN is able to use a wide variety of algorithms to represent each individual component of the hydrological cycle and has a quite general treatment of every possible model option, from output access to numerical simulation algorithm. Because of its modular design, users have access to a number of different methods of interpolating meteorological forcing data, routing water downstream, representing evaporation, and any number of other model options. With this flexibility, a modeler can examine the wide range of possible outcomes that result from our uncertainty about a watershed model, and test hypotheses about watershed function.

In addition, RAVEN's flexibility and large library of user-customizable subroutines allow it to emulate (and augment) a number of existing hydrological models. Raven has achieved level 1 (near-perfect) emulation of the UBC Watershed Model (Quick, 1995), Environment Canada's version of the HBV model (Bergstrom, 1995), and GR4J (Perrin et al., 2003). Level 2 (conceptual) emulation is available for various algorithms used which are comparable to those found in (e.g.,) Brook90, SWAT, VIC, PRMS, HYMOD, and/or described within various hydrological texts, such as Dingman's *Physical Hydrology* (2002).

### 1.1 Model Abstraction

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While much of RAVEN's operations are generic and flexible, they are all built up from critical assumptions about the organization and operation of a watershed. These collectively form the core structure of any RAVEN model, which is depicted in figure 1.1. A watershed is here assumed to be assembled from a number of subbasins, which in turn are assembled from a number of contiguous

or non-contiguous hydrological response units (HRUs), defined as areas with hydrologically unique responses to precipitation events. Each HRU is defined by a single combination of land use/land type (LU/LT), vegetation cover, and terrain type and is underlain by a defined soil profile and stratified aquifer. Membership in these classification schemes, or property classes, is used to determine all or part of the physically-based properties of the response unit, such as soil conductivity or leaf area index. Each HRU is composed of a finite number of storage compartments, such as the soil, canopy, and snowpack, in which water and energy are stored (see table 1.1). Given some set of user-specified controlling hydrological processes (see table 1.2), RAVEN builds and solves the resultant zero- and 1-dimensional water and energy balance problem for each HRU, redistributing water within the HRU in response to precipitation and other atmospheric forcings. Some of this water is redistributed to surface water channels associated with the subbasin, where it is routed downstream from subbasin to subbasin. During this simulation process, diagnostics about water/mass/energy storage distribution, cumulative flux, and instantaneous fluxes may be tracked.

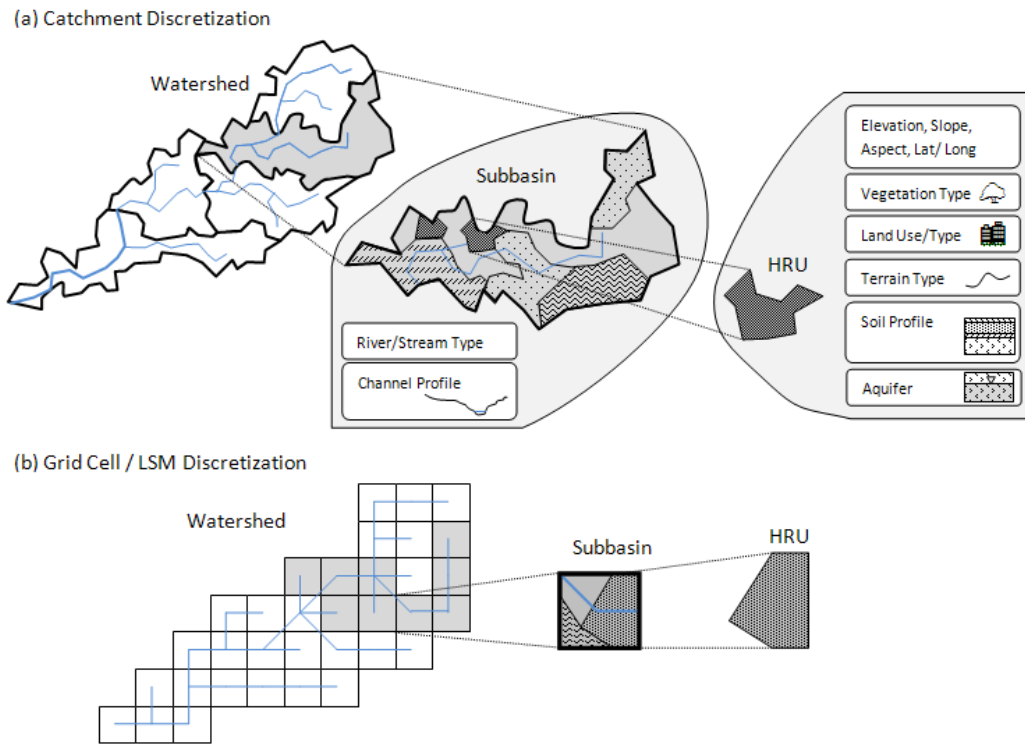


Figure 1.1: Land surface partitioning in RAVEN

surface(ponded water)	surface(lakes and streams)	atmospheric
shallow soil	deep soil	groundwater aquifer
frozen snow	liquid snow	canopy
glacial ice	glacial melt	wetlands

Table 1.1: Common storage compartments that correspond to state variables in hydrological models - each compartment can store both water and energy (a non-comprehensive list)

Each HRU is wholly defined by its geometric properties (area, latitude, longitude, parent sub-basin), topographic properties (slope, aspect), subterranean soil profile, and its property class membership (land use, vegetation, terrain). Each soil horizon in the soil profile and the aquifer in turn belong to a soil property class. All individual HRU properties are assigned based upon mem-

precipitation	runoff	evaporation	transpiration
drip	trunk drainage	canopy drainage	interflow
throughfall	infiltration	recharge	capillary rise
snowmelt	sublimation		glacial melt

Table 1.2: Common hydrological processes that may be included in a RAVEN model

bership in these classes, i.e., most of the properties belong to the class, not the HRU, enabling the solution of a finely discretized model ( $>1000$  HRUs) without generating an equally large number of unknown parameters.

As a generalization of standard methods used to represent shallow soils in hydrological models, the shallow subsurface may be represented by one or many discrete layers, which is generated from the specified soil profile, as shown in figure 1.2. The soil profile, specified for each HRU, describes the thickness and soil type of each constituent horizon. Soil parameters for the  $M$ -layer soil model (e.g., hydraulic conductivity) are then determined based upon soil class membership of each soil horizon, aggregated or disaggregated depending upon desired vertical model resolution. Alternatively, the soil layers may correspond to conceptual soil moisture stores not explicitly linked to physical soil horizon, as is done in many lumped watershed models.

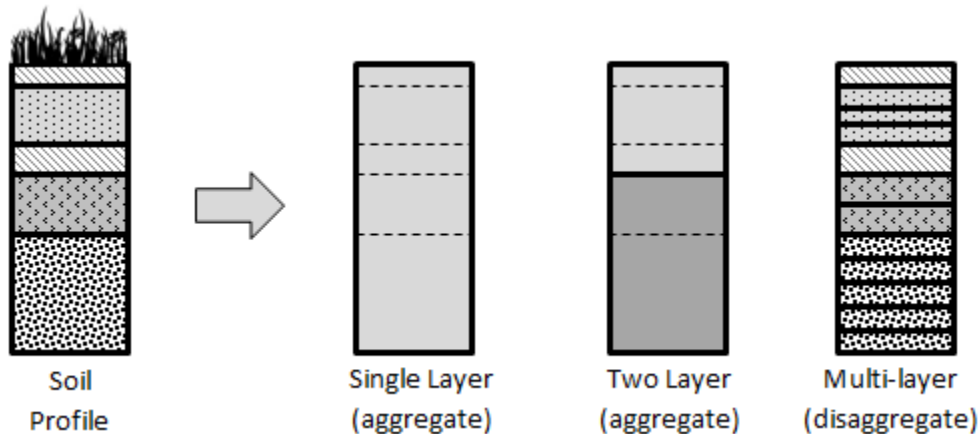


Figure 1.2: Translation of soil profiles to soil models. Properties are aggregated or disaggregated depending upon specified vertical resolution of soil model

Subbasins are similarly succinctly characterized by their channel characteristics, their topology with respect to other subbasins (i.e., their outlet basin) and their cross-sectional profile. Again, properties are linked to channel and profile types, so finely discretized distributed models may still be parsimonious in terms of parameters.

With RAVEN, unlike other models, the modeler determines the degree of model complexity. At the simplest, a watershed can be treated as a single giant HRU/subbasin where only daily precipitation and temperature are needed to provide predictions of streamflow. In the other extreme, the model could be composed of thousands of HRUs consisting of tens of individual storage compartments and forced using measured hourly longwave radiation, wind velocity, and air pressure. The complexity of the model is limited by the user or (even more sensibly) the availability of data.

While the various components of the HRU water balance are user-specified, an example schematic of the flow of water in a single HRU can be seen in figure 1.3.

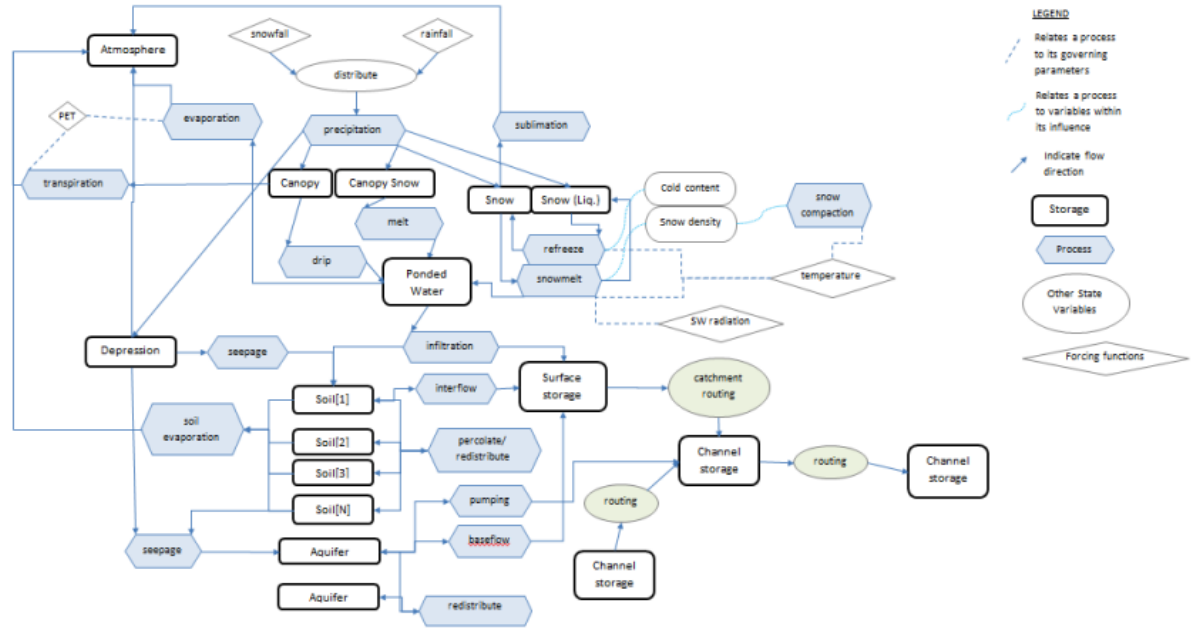


Figure 1.3: Example flowchart of the water balance in a RAVEN model. Note that individual processes and storage compartments may be added or subtracted from this schematic.

## 1.2 Global Numerical Algorithm

The operation of RAVEN is fundamentally simple. Starting from some initial state of the watershed, the model moves forward in time, updating the distribution of water, mass and energy both within and between HRUs in response to physical forcings such as precipitation, and laterally routing water and energy downstream to the watershed outlet. The entire system is simulated one timestep at a time. During each timestep, the following sequence of events occur:

1. The forcing functions are updated, i.e., the representative values of rain and snow precipitation, temperature, and perhaps wind velocity, longwave radiation, etc. are generated or extracted from user-specified time series at a (relatively small) number of gauge stations, then interpolated to every HRU in the model
2. All of the model parameters which change in response to the current state of the system are updated in each HRU (for example, canopy leaf area index may be updated with the seasons)
3. Using these updated forcing functions and parameters, the state of the system at the end of the timestep is determined from the state of the system at the start of the timestep by rigorously solving the coupled mass and energy balance equations in each HRU in the model. These mass and energy balances are assembled from the relevant hydrological processes occurring in the HRU, which individually redistribute water and energy between different compartments (e.g., the evaporation process may move ponded water to the atmosphere).
4. If needed, advective and dispersive mass transport of constituents (contaminants or tracers) is simulated using the water fluxes over the time step.
5. Runoff from the HRUs (and mass/energy associated with this runoff) is routed into the surface water network in each subbasin, and concurrently routed downstream.



6. Mass/Energy balance checks are performed
7. Output is written to a number of continuous output files

The process is repeated until the model has been run for the specified duration.

### 1.2.1 The HRU Mass/Energy Balance

The problem being solved by RAVEN within each HRU is fundamentally that of a coupled system of ordinary and partial differential equations (ODEs and PDEs). These ODEs and PDEs individually describe either (1) the accumulation of mass or energy within a given storage compartment or continuum (i.e., a mass or energy balance) or (2) the temporal change in some auxiliary system property (e.g., snow density or albedo).

Here, each state variable in an HRU is subject to the influence of a number of hydrological processes. Increases or decreases in a primary state variable are simply the additive combination of influx or outflux terms (i.e., the ODE or PDE corresponding to a primary state variable is built up from mass or energy balance considerations). Increases or decreases in auxiliary variables are likewise assumed to be written as the additive combination of terms. We can therefore write an individual differential equation for the change in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  state variable,  $\phi_j$ , as:

$$\frac{\partial \phi_j}{\partial t} = \sum_{k=1}^{NP} \sum_{i=1}^{NS} M_{ij}^k(\vec{\phi}, \vec{P}, \vec{F}) \quad (1.1)$$

where  $M_{ij}^k$  is the change in state variable  $j$  due to process  $k$  (of  $NP$  processes), which is linked to another state variable  $i$ . This linkage typically communicates flow direction, e.g., a process  $M_{ij}^k$  moves mass or energy from storage compartment  $i$  to compartment  $j$ . A process  $M_{ii}^k$  (i.e.,  $i = j$ ) represents an independent rate of change for an auxiliary variable, and does not connote exchange of mass or energy between compartments. The fluxes or rates-of-change returned by each process are a function of the current vector of state variables ( $\vec{\phi}$ ), system parameters ( $\vec{P}$ ), and forcing functions  $\vec{F}$ . For example, the mass balance for ponded water on the land surface (depression storage, DS) may be given as:

$$\frac{\partial \phi_{DS}}{\partial t} = P - E - I - R \quad (1.2)$$

where  $P$  is the precipitation input,  $E$  is the evaporation rate,  $I$  is the infiltration rate into the soil beneath, and  $R$  is the overflow rate of the depression. Each of these processes ( $M^k$ ) may be a function of a number of forcings (e.g., precipitation and temperature), current state variables (e.g., ponding depth and soil saturation), and parameters (e.g., maximum depression storage and soil hydraulic conductivity).

The full system of equations describing the influence of all processes in an HRU can be written in matrix form:

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\phi}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{M}^G(\vec{\phi}, \vec{P}, \vec{F})\{1\} \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\vec{\phi}$  is the complete vector of state variables,  $\mathbf{M}^G$  is a  $NS \times NS$  global symmetric matrix of composite rate-of-change functions, where  $NS$  is the number of state variables, and  $\{1\}$  is a column vector filled with ones. The global process matrix is the sum of contributions from each individual symmetric process matrix, i.e.,  $\mathbf{M}^G = \sum \mathbf{M}^k$ .

The above mathematical formulation enables the complete separation of individual hydrological process algorithms, which may individually be very simple or quite complicated. It also enables the

use of a variety of methods for solving the global system of equations defined by 1.3. Because of the approach used to solve this system, mass balance errors are typically on the order of machine precision.

## 1.2.2 Routing

RAVEN separately handles in-catchment routing (from the HRU to the major reach in the subbasin) and in-channel routing (in and between subbasin stream reaches). The concept is depicted in figure 1.4.

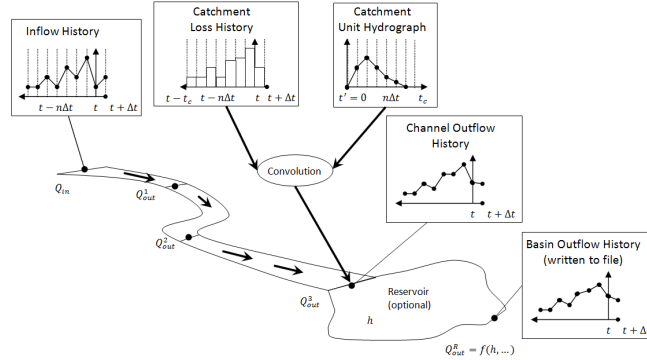


Figure 1.4: The general routing model of RAVEN

**In-catchment routing** to the primary basin channel is generally handled using a convolution or unit hydrograph (UH) approach, where the UH for each catchment is either user-specified or generated from basin characteristics. The immediate history of quickflow, interflow, and baseflow output to surface water is stored in memory as an array of time step-averaged outflow rates to off-channel tributaries,  $\vec{Q}^{lat}$ ; the duration of this history is determined by the subbasins time of concentration,  $t_c$ . To transfer this water to either the channel segments within the subbasin or directly to the subbasin outflow, the pulse hydrograph is convolved with the unit hydrograph, represented as a piecewise linear function. Water and energy is transferred to the downstream ends of channel segments within the reach.

**In-channel routing**, for each time step, is assumed to be completely characterized by a finite history of upstream inflow (stored as a vector of flow values at fixed time intervals of  $\Delta t$ ,  $\vec{Q}^{in}$ ), and the outflow at the start of the time step; the duration of this history is determined by the minimum flood celerity and the length of the reach segment. During each time step, moving from upstream to downstream at both the watershed level (basin to basin) and subbasin level (reach segment to reach segment), a routing algorithm is used to generate the outflow from each reach based upon the time history of upstream inflows, i.e.,

$$Q_{out}^{n+1} = F_{route}(Q_{out}^n, \vec{Q}^{in}, \vec{P}_s) \quad (1.4)$$

where  $F_{route}$  is the routing algorithm,  $\vec{P}_s$  is a vector of channel parameters, typically a number of stored channel rating curves, primary channel and bank roughness, and, if applicable, weir or reservoir relationships. This formalization supports both common lumped and distributed flow routing methods depending upon the form of  $F_{route}()$ , including Muskingum-Cunge, lag-and-route, transfer function/unit hydrograph convolution, and, if desired, a more complex kinematic wave or diffusive wave approach (not currently implemented). Notably, sub-time-stepping for routing is also enabled with this formulation.

**Reservoir routing.** At the outlet of each subbasin, the option exists to specify a reservoir which mediates the outflow from the subbasin channel. This reservoir is characterized using specified volume-stage and surface area-stage relationship, and level-pool outflow from the reservoir may be calculated using a variety of methods, including simple weir formulae to complex reservoir management rules. The mass balance within the reservoir is calculated as

$$\frac{dV(h)}{dt} = Q_{in}(t) - Q_{out}(t, h) - ET(A(h)) + P(A(h)) \quad (1.5)$$

where  $V(h)$  is the stage ( $h$ ) dependent volume of the reservoir,  $Q_{in}$  is the inflow to the reservoir,  $Q_{out}(t, h)$  is the outflow from the reservoir (a function of stage), and  $ET$  and  $P$  are the evapotranspiration from and precipitation to the reservoir surface, both functions of surface area.

## 1.3 Conceptual Model

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The critical feature of RAVEN is that it does not make any assumptions about the functioning of the watershed. That is the modelers job. There is no single system conceptualization that is forced upon the modeler, other than those imposed by the Subbasin-HRU model framework. Rather, the modeler determines what processes to use, how to parameterize the watershed, how to discretize the watershed. All the while, RAVEN makes this easy to do by providing reasonable defaults, an intuitive file interface, and a large library of hydrologic and algorithmic options.

## Chapter 2

# Running Raven

Much energy has been expended to ensure that the operation and use of RAVEN is as simple, convenient, intuitive, and user-friendly as possible. Model commands and file formats are in plain English, error messages are reasonably concise and explanatory, unnecessary restrictions or requirements are not forced on the user, and model input and output files can be read and understood with a minimal learning curve. There may be, however, a learning curve in familiarizing oneself with the large variety of modelling options and how they differ.

### 2.1 Installation

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There is no formal installation package for RAVEN, and no special programs or libraries are required to operate RAVEN. Simply download the windows or linux executable `Raven.exe` and unzip to a local drive.

### 2.2 Input Files

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In order to perform a simulation using RAVEN, the following five input files are required:

- `modelname.rvi` - the primary model input file  
This is where the primary functioning of the RAVEN model is specified. This includes all of the numerical algorithm options (simulation duration, start time, time step, routing method, etc.) and model structure (primarily, how the soil column is represented). Critically, the list of hydrological processes that redistribute water and energy between storage compartments is specified here, which define both the conceptual model of the system, the specific state variables simulated, and the parameters needed. Lastly, various options for output generation are specified.
- `modelname.rvh` - the HRU / basin definition file  
The file that specifies the number and properties of subbasins and HRUs, as well as the connectivity between subbasins and HRUs. Importantly, land use/land type, vegetation class, aquifer class, and soil classes are specified for each HRU in order to generate appropriate model parameters to represent the properties of each HRU.

- `modelname.rvt` - the time series/forcing function file  
This file specifies the temperature, precipitation, and possibly other environmental forcing functions at a set of observation points (“gauges”) within the model domain. This information is interpolated to each HRU within the watershed based upon spatial location. The `.rvt` file typically “points” to a set of files storing information for each gauge or forcing type.
- `modelname.rvp` - the class parameters file  
This is where most of the model parameters are specified, grouped into classes. Each HRU belongs to a single vegetation class, single landuse, single aquifer class, and has a unique soil profile defined by a collection of soil horizons each of a single soil class. All model parameters, on a class by class basis, are specified here. The class formalism aids in the calibration process.
- `modelname.rvc` - the initial conditions file  
This is where the initial conditions for all state variables in all HRUs and subbasins are specified. This may be generated from the output of a previous model run.

Each of these files are described in detail in appendix A. While the `.rvi` (setup), `.rvh` (watershed geometry), `.rvc` (initial conditions) and `.rvt`(forcing data) files are unique to a particular model, the `.rvp` (properties) file may ideally be ported from one model to another.

To prepare the input files, it is recommended to first familiarize yourself with the format and various input options. A number of pre-processors have been or are being developed to generate the `.rvt` file(s) from alternative formats. The `.rvh` file is likely best prepared with the assistance of a healthy GIS database which can be used to determine unique class combination and the topology of the watershed subbasins. Note that, if the size of `.rvt` or `.rvh` files becomes unwieldy, the `:RedirectToFile` command can be used to redirect the input from an ‘extra’ input file, so a model could, for instance, have a single master `.rvt` file that points to a number of meteorological forcing files (e.g., one or more `.rvt` file per gauge). A similar approach also enables the testing of multiple climate scenarios without having to overwrite data files.

## 2.3 Running the Model

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Once all of the necessary components of the above files have been created, the model may be called from the command line, e.g.,

```
C:\Program Files\Raven\Raven.exe C:\Temp\model_dir\modelname
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or, if the active directory is `C:\Temp\model_dir\`

```
C:\Program Files\Raven\Raven.exe modelname
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where ‘modelname’ is the default predecessor to the `.rvi`, `.rvh`, `.rvt`, and `.rvp` extensions. There are no special flags needed, just the name of the model. The command line also supports the following flagged commands:

- `-o {output directory}` : specifies the directory for generated model output
- `-p {rvp_filename.rvp}` : specifies the rvp file location
- `-t {rvt_filename.rvt}` : specifies the rvt file location
- `-c {rvc_filename.rvc}` : specifies the rvc file location
- `-h {rvh_filename.rvh}` : specifies the rvh file location

Alternatively, the `:OutputDirectory` command in the `.rvi` file may be used to specify file output location and the `:rv*_Filename` command may be used to specify the corresponding files (see the details in appendix A.1).

A useful application of the output directory flag is to specify an output directory in the folder directly beneath the working directory, for instance:

```
C:\Program Files\Raven\Raven.exe modelname -o .\output\
```

RAVEN will create this specified output folder if it does not exist.

Note that while it is allowed that the input files from multiple models exist in a single folder, it is recommended that each model get its own output directory to avoid overwriting of outputs.

## 2.4 Output Files

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RAVEN generates a number of customizable outputs which contain model diagnostics. By default, RAVEN generates the following files:

- **Hydrographs.csv** - the hydrograph output file  
Contains the flow rates,  $Q(t)$  [ $\text{m}^3\text{d}^{-1}$ ], at the outlets of specified subbasins in the watersheds (usually corresponding to those with stream gauges). Which subbasin outlets are recorded as hydrographs is specified in the `.rvh` file.
- **WatershedStorage.csv** - the watershed diagnostics file  
Contains watershed-averaged water storage in all of the modeled compartments over the duration of the simulation. Also reports watershed-wide water mass balance diagnostics.
- **solution.rvc** - the solution file  
Stores the complete state of the system at the end of the simulation. This file can be used as initial conditions for a later model run. This file may also be generated at user-specified intervals during simulation as a defense against computer breakdown for massive computationally-demanding models.
- **RavenErrors.txt** - the errors file includes all of the warnings and errors for a particular model run, including when the model may be making choices on behalf of the modeler (i.e., parameter autogeneration) or when model input is somehow flawed.

The formats of these files are described in appendix B, and may be pre-appended with the runname if the `:RunName` command is used, generating (for example), `Alouette41_Hydrographs.csv` if the run name is `Alouette41`. `RavenErrors.txt` is never given a prefix.

In addition to the above, the following output files may be created on request:

- **WatershedMassEnergyBalance.csv** - the watershed flux diagnostics file  
Contains watershed-averaged water and energy fluxes from each hydrological process over time. (enabled using the `:WriteMassBalanceFile` command)
- **WatershedEnergyStorage.csv** - the watershed energy diagnostics file  
Contains watershed-averaged storage in all of the modeled compartments over the duration of the simulation. (enabled using the `:WriteEnergyStorage` command)

- `parameters.csv` - the parameters file  
Stores the complete list of specified and auto-generated parameters for all soil, land use, topography, and vegetation classes. (enabled using the `:WriteParametersFile` command)
- `forcings.csv` - the forcing functions file  
Stores the complete time series of all watershed-averaged forcing functions over the domain (i.e., rainfall, snowfall, incoming radiation, etc.) (enabled using the `:WriteForcingFunctions` command)
- `ExhaustiveMB.csv` - exhaustive mass balance file  
Stores all state variables in all HRUs over time. Given the potential size of this file, this option should be used sparingly (enabled using the `:ExhaustiveMassBalance` command).
- `ReservoirStages.csv` - reservoir stage history file  
Stores the time history of reservoir stages for all simulated reservoirs. Requires at least one reservoir in the model.
- `diagnostics.csv` - model quality diagnostics  
reports metrics characterising of fit between the model results and any user-specified observations. This output is enabled using the `:EvaluationMetrics` command, and requires at least one set of observation data (`:ObservationData` in the `.rvt` file) to be generated.
- `state files` - model intermediate state files  
similar to `solution.rvc`, except output at intermediate times specified using the `:OutputDump` or `:MajorOutputInterval` commands. The files are named using the output timestamp, e.g., `RunName_state_20011001.rvc`, and may be used as initial conditions for later simulation runs.

Lastly, custom output commands can be used to track and store in `.csv` or `.tb0` flat files any parameter or state variable in the model over time. This data may be aggregated either temporally or spatially, so that the user may generate files containing, e.g., basin-averaged hydraulic conductivity of the top soil layer at the daily timescale, or monthly averaged evaporation from the canopy in the 23rd HRU. The details of this custom output are in the discussion of the `:CustomOutput` command in the `.rvi` file (appendix A.1.4).

Additional output files generated by the transport routines are discussed in chapter 7.

### 2.4.1 Alternative Output Formats

For compatibility with the GREEN KENUE<sup>TM</sup> software interface, the option is also available to generate output in `.tb0` (GREEN KENUE<sup>TM</sup> tabular) format. Custom output will be written to a `.tb0` table output file if the `:WriteEnsimFormat` parameter in the `.rvi` file is set to “yes” and a `.csv` file if set to “no” (or by default if the command is not included).

## 2.5 Calibration and Uncertainty Analysis

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Unlike many hydrological modeling tools, the RAVEN software package intentionally does not include any methods for calibration, uncertainty analysis, plotting, or complex statistical analysis. All of these tools are best addressed using flexible and generic pre-and post-processing tools. Some recommendations:



- **GREEN KENUE™**  
An advanced data preparation, analysis, and visualization tool for hydrologic modellers, which supports some RAVEN features and provides useful post-processing tools for RAVEN output as well as direct access to Canadian hydrologic data repositories
- **OSTRICH**  
A model-independent multi-algorithm optimization and parameter estimation tool. OSTRICH can be used to calibrate RAVEN models, generate Monte Carlo simulations, and much, much more...
- **R**  
An open-source software environment for statistical computing and scientific graphics.

Note that the model quality diagnostics generated using the `:EvaluationMetrics` command may be utilised to support the calibration process.

## 2.6 Common Run Approaches

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The following section describes suggested methods for running RAVEN in a mode other than straightforward simulation of a single model with a single set of inputs.

- **Multiple Climate Scenarios**  
For running multiple climate scenarios using a single model, it is recommended to fix the `.rvc`, `.rvp`, and `.rvh` files. Different `.rvt` files should be generated for the specific climate scenarios. Individual runs would be generated by modifying the `rvt` filename (using the `:rvtFilename` command in the `.rvi` file) and the run name (using the `:RunName` command in the `.rvi` file).
- **Multiple Parameter Sets**  
It is common to run a model using multiple parameter sets in order to assess the uncertainty or sensitivity of its predictions to changes in input (as done in, e.g., Markov Chain Monte Carlo). For such an approach, it is recommended (if not using software such as OSTRICH), to generate multiple `.rvp` files, keeping the remainder of the data files fixed. Individual runs would be generated by modifying the `rvp` filename (using the `:rvpFilename` command in the `.rvi` file) and the run name (using the `:RunName` command in the `.rvi` file).

# Chapter 3

## Raven Code Organization\*

The RAVEN code is fully object-oriented code designed to, as much as possible, separate the numerical solution of the coupled mass-balance and energy-balance ODEs from the evaluation of flux-storage relationships, enabling the testing of various numerical schemes without having to dig into each subroutine for each hydrological process.

### 3.1 Classes

The Class diagram for the RAVEN code is depicted in figure 3.1. The code operates by generating a single instance of the `CModel` class, which may be considered a container class for all of the model data, i.e. the arrays of basins, HRUs, land/vegetation classes, and gauges that define the entirety of the model.

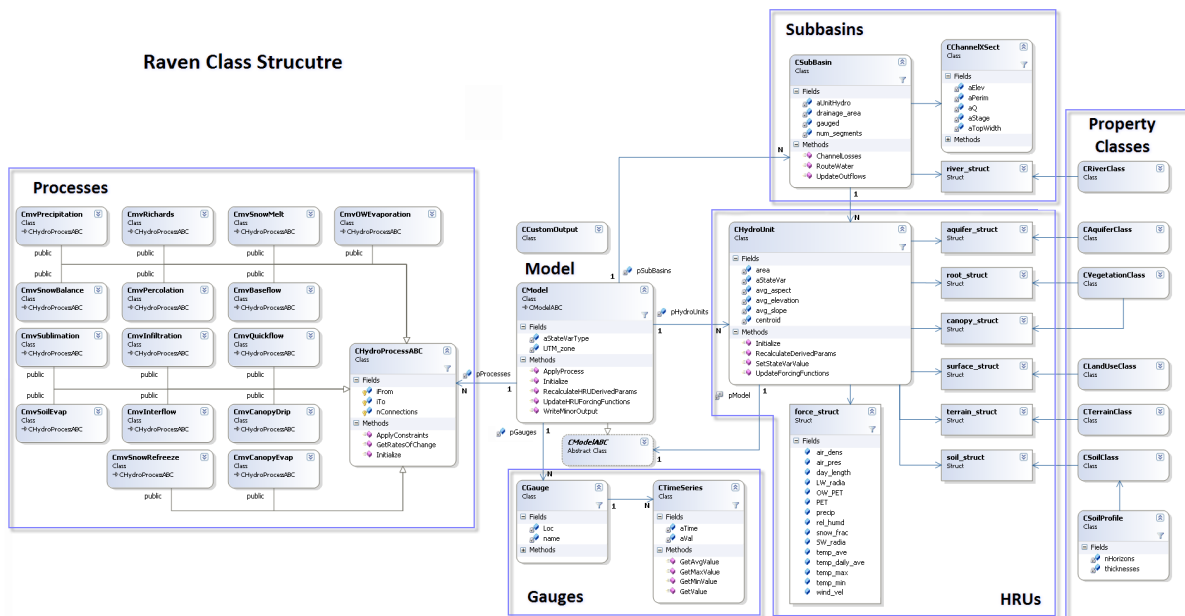


Figure 3.1: RAVEN class diagram

### 3.1.1 CModel class

The `CModel` class is a container class for all of the hydrological response units (HRUs), subbasins, hydrologic processes (“HydroProcesses”) and measurement gauges. It also has global information about all of the state variables. It has a few key functions called by the solver routines:

- `Initialize()` Called before the simulation begins to initialize all variables. This also calls all Subbasin, Gauge, HRU and other initialize functions.
- `IncrementWB()`, `IncrementEB()` increment the individual cumulative HRU water and energy balances, stored within the `CModel` class
- `WriteMinorOutput()` Called at the end of each timestep, writes water and energy balance and watershed-scale storage information (i.e., total storage in snowpack, etc.), in addition to all custom output.
- `WriteMajorOutput()` Called at user-specified intervals, basically dumps a snapshot of all system state variables and derived parameters to an output file
- `UpdateHRUForcingFunctions()` sifts through all of the HRUs and updates precip, temperature, radiation, and other (external) atmospheric forcing functions, interpolated from gauge/measurement data. These values are then stored locally within each HRU. Called at the start of each timestep.
- `ApplyProcess()` Based upon some assumed current water storage/state variable distribution, returns a prediction of the rate of water (or energy) movement from one storage unit (e.g., canopy) to another (e.g., atmosphere) during the time step. This function DOES NOT actually move the water/energy - this is done within the solver. Basically returns  $\mathbf{M}^k(\{\phi\}, \{P\})$  in the above discussion for specified values of  $\{\phi\}$

The `CModel` class has an abstracted parent class, `CModelABC`, that ensures the model can only provide information to, but cannot be modified by, other classes aware of its existence (e.g., any hydrologic processes (`CHydroProcess`), or subbasin (`CSubBasin`), etc.)

### 3.1.2 CGauge class

The `CGauge` class stores a set of time series (of class `CTimeSeries`) corresponding to observations of atmospheric forcing functions (precipitation, air temperature, radiation, etc.) at a single point in the watershed. The model interpolates these forcing functions from gauge information in order to determine forcing functions for individual HRUs at any given time step.

Interpolation is performed using the most appropriate local UTM coordinate system automatically calculated from the specified lat-long centroid of the watershed.

### 3.1.3 CSubBasin class

A container class for HRUs - only used for routing of water, as it stores information about the connectedness of itself to other subbasins in the modeled watershed(s). Conceptualized as a subbasin.

### 3.1.4 CHydroUnit class

An abstraction of an HRU - a homogeneous area of land to which the zero- or one-dimensional water and energy balances are applied. It is unaware of the CModel class. It stores the state of all local HRU-specific parameters that are valid for the current timestep, the values of the HRU forcing functions (e.g., precipitation, PET, radiation) averaged over the entirety of the current timestep, and the values of the state variables (water storage, energy storage, and snow parameters) that are valid at the start of the current timestep. It also stores its membership to the landuse and vegetation cover classes via pointers to those instances, so that it may be used to access properties shared by all measures of that class.

Key routines:

- **SetStateVarValue()** updates the values of a specific state variable. Called at the end of each time step by the main RAVEN solver
- **UpdateForcingFunctions()** updates the values of the forcing functions (rainfall, temperature, saturated water vapor, etc.) uniformly applied to the HRU at the beginning of each time step. The HydroUnit is unaware of the source of these values, but they are interpolated from measured data.
- **RecalculateDerivedParams()** Given some set of state variables and the current time of year, updates all derived parameters (e.g., Leaf area index) stored locally within the HRU. These are used within **GetRatesOfChange** functions

### 3.1.5 CHydroProcessABC class

An abstraction of any hydrological process that moves water or energy from one or more storage units to another set of storage units (i.e., an abstraction of  $M_{ij}$  for one-to-one transfer of water/energy, or a summation of more than one  $M_{ij}$  that moves water through multiple compartments, as is required for PDE solution). Each CHydroProcess child class has three key subroutines:

- **Initialize()** initializes all necessary structures, etc. prior to solution
- **GetParticipatingStateVars()** returns the list of participating state variables for the model. This is used to dynamically generate the state variables used in the model. For example, snow will not be tracked in the model until a process (e.g., snowmelt) is introduced that moves snow between storage compartments.
- **GetParticipatingParameters()** returns the list of algorithm-specific parameters needed to simulate this process with the specified algorithm. This is used to dynamically ensure that all parameters needed by the model are specified by the user within each HRU.
- **GetRatesOfChange()** calculates and returns rate of loss of one set of storage units to another set, in units of mm/d (for water) or MJ/m<sup>2</sup>/d for energy.
- **ApplyConstraints()** Corrects the rates calculated by rates of change to ensure that model constraints (e.g., state variable positivity) are met.

The CHydroProcessABC class is purely virtual - inherited classes each correspond to a single (or coupled set of) hydrologic process(es) as described in section 3.1.6

### 3.1.6 Hydrological Processes

All hydrological process algorithms are specified as individual child classes of `CHydroProcessABC`. Note that each `HydroProcess` may include multiple algorithms; distinction between classes is mostly based upon physical interpretation, i.e., baseflow and snowmelt are fundamentally different. While independent snow melt/snow balance algorithms may be very different, they are still grouped into one class.

## 3.2 Contributing to the Raven Framework\*

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Source code for RAVEN is available online, with file support for MSDN Visual C++, both 2008 and 2010 version. Users are encouraged to develop custom-made algorithms for representing hydrologic processes, estimating forcing functions from gauge data, or interpolating gauge data. If a new algorithm is tested and found useful, feel free to submit your code to the RAVEN development team to be considered for inclusion into the main RAVEN code.

### 3.2.1 How to Add a New Process Algorithm

1. Make sure the process algorithm is not already included in the framework with a slightly different “flavour”
2. Determine whether the algorithm requires new state variable types to be added to the master list. The complete list of state variables currently supported may be found in the `enum sv_type` definition in `RavenInclude.h`. If a new state variable is required, follow the directions in section 3.2.2.
3. Determine whether the algorithm requires new parameters, and whether these parameters will be fixed for the model duration or depend upon transient factors. The lists of existing parameters (all linked to soils, vegetation, land use, or terrain types) are found in `Properties.h`. If a new parameter is needed, follow the directions in section 3.2.3
4. Determine whether the algorithm fits within an existing `CHydroProcess` class, i.e., is it a different means of representing one of the many processes already simulated within RAVEN? If so, you will be editing the code in 6 or 7 places, all within either the `CHydroProcess` header/source files or the main input parsing routine:
  - (a) Add a new algorithm type to the enumerated list of algorithms for that process. For example, if it is a new baseflow algorithm, you would add `BASE_MYALGORITHM` to the `enum baseflow_type` in `SoilWaterMovers.h`. Follow the apparent naming convention.
  - (b) Edit the `CHydroProcess` constructor. Constructors should be dynamic for all routines that have fixed input and output variables. Others, such as baseflow, can have user-specified input/output pairs declared. The `CmvBaseFlow` and `CmvSnowBalance` codes are excellent templates for class construction. Edit the if-then-else statement in the constructor, specifying the `iFrom` and `iTo` state variables manipulated by the algorithm connections. For example, most infiltration algorithms move water from ponded storage to both topsoil and surface water, requiring the following specification:

```
CHydroProcessABC::DynamicSpecifyConnections(2);  
iFrom[0]=pModel->GetStateVarIndex(PONDED_WATER);
```

```

iTo [0]=pModel->GetStateVarIndex(SOIL,0);
iFrom[1]=pModel->GetStateVarIndex(PONDED_WATER);
iTo [1]=pModel->GetStateVarIndex(SURFACE_WATER);

```

This creates two connections, one from ponded water to the topmost soil (soil 0) and one from ponded water to surface water. The corresponding rates of exchange will later be calculated in `GetRatesOfChange()` and stored in `rates[0]` and `rates[1]`. Note you shouldn't have to check for existence of state variables in the constructor - if they are later specified in `GetParticipatingStateVarList`, they will be generated in the master state variable list prior to instantiation of the class.

- (c) Edit the if-then-else statement in the corresponding `GetParticipatingParamList` routine with the list of parameters needed by your new algorithm. This information is used for quality control on input data (ensuring that users specify all parameters needed to operate the model).
- (d) Edit (if necessary) in `GetParticipatingStateVarList` the list of state variables required for your algorithm, within a conditional for your specific algorithm. See `CmvSnowBalance` for a good example.
- (e) Add the actual flux calculation algorithm to the corresponding `GetRatesOfChange()` function for this `CHydroProcess` class. Some key things to keep in mind:
  - (a) parameters may be obtained from the corresponding soil, vegetation, or land use structure via the HRU pointer, e.g.,

```

double lambda,K;
K      =pHRU->GetSoilProps(m)->max_baseflow_rate;
lambda=pHRU->GetTerrainProps()->lambda;

```

(b) the final result of the algorithm (rates of change of modeled state variables) are assigned to the `rates[]` array. The `rates[i]` array value corresponds to the flux rate of mass/water/energy from state variable `iFrom[i]` to `iTo[i]`, which you have defined in the constructor (step b).

(c) Try to follow the following code habits:

- unless required for emulation of an existing code, constraints should not be used except later in the `ApplyConstraints` routine. A good rule of thumb is that the timestep should not appear anywhere in this code
- each algorithm longer than about 20-30 lines of code should be relegated to its own private function of the class
- all unit conversions should be explicitly spelled out using the provided global constants, defined in `RavenInclude.h`
- constants that might be used in more than one process subroutine should not be hard-coded, where at all possible.
- references should be provided for all equations, where possible. The full reference should appear in the back of this manual
- all variables should be declared before, not within, algorithm code

- All returned rates should be in  $\text{mmd}^{-1}$  or  $\text{MJ}/\text{m}^2/\text{d}$  for water storage and energy storage, respectively
- (f) If needed, add special state variable constraints in the `ApplyConstraints()` function, conditional on the algorithm type.
  - (g) Lastly, add the process algorithm option to the corresponding command in the `ParseMainInputFile()` routine within `ParseInput.cpp`.

### 3.2.2 How to Add a New State Variable

1. Make sure the state variable is not already included in the framework with a slightly different name. Note that proxy variables should be used cautiously. For example, right now snow (as SWE) and snow depth are included in the variable list, while snow density is not (as it may be calculated from the other two).
2. Add the state variable type to the `sv_type` enumerated type in `RavenInclude.h`
3. Edit the following routines in the `CStateVariables` class (within `StateVariables.cpp`) (revisions should be self-evident from code):
  - `GetStateVarName()`
  - `StringToSVType()`
  - `IsWaterStorage()`
  - `IsEnergyStorage()`
4. Edit the `CHydroUnit::GetStateVarMax()` routine in `HydroUnits.cpp` if there is a maximum constraint upon the variable

### 3.2.3 How to Add a New Parameter

1. Make sure that the parameter is not included in the framework by examining the available parameters in the `soil_struct`, `canopy_struct`, `terrain_struct` defined in `Properties.h` and the global parameters currently defined within the `global_struct` (`RavenInclude.h`). If it is not, determine whether the parameter is (and should always be) global (i.e., not spatially or temporally varying). If it is not global, determine whether the property is best tied to land use/land cover, soil type, vegetation type, or terrain type.
2. Add the new global parameter to the `global_struct` structure, non-global parameters to the corresponding `soil_`, `canopy_`, `terrain_`, or `surface_struct`. The units of the parameter should generally be consistent with those used throughout RAVEN, i.e., SI units, with fractions represented from 0 to 1 (not 1-100%), time units preferably in days, and energy in MJ.
3. Depending upon the type of parameter, different classes will have to be revised. As an example, if it is a soil parameter, the following code must be revised:
  - `CSoilClass::WriteParamsToFile()` (revisions evident from code)
  - `CSoilClass::AutoCalculateSoilProps()` In most cases, the new parameter will be conceptual and therefore not autocalculable from the base parameters of soil composition. In this case, code may be replicated from other parameters (see, e.g., `VIC_zmin` code for an example).

- `CSoilClass::InitializeSoilProperties()` (revisions evident from code)
- `CSoilClass::SetSoilProperty()` (revisions evident from code)
- `CSoilClass::GetSoilProperty()` (revisions evident from code)

Similar functions exist in the alternate classes (e.g., `CVegetationClass`, `CGlobalParams`). With these revisions, the parameter is now accessible via (for soils) `pHRU->GetSoilProps(0)->new_param`, where `pHRU` is a pointer to a specific instantiated HRU. New global parameters (which are not specific to an HRU) may be accessed via `CGlobalParams::GetParams->new_param`

### 3.2.4 How to Add a New Forcing Estimator

[UNDER CONSTRUCTION] <sup>To do (1)</sup>



# Chapter 4

## The Hydrological Process Library

The following chapter outlines the many process algorithms available for modelling the hydrological cycle in RAVEN.

### 4.1 Precipitation Partitioning

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The precipitation partitioning process moves water, in the form of snow and rain, to the appropriate storage compartment. The order of application is depicted in figure 4.1. The specific distribution of rainfall and snowfall to the canopy, and ground surface (in the form of ponded water) depends upon the existence of particular storage compartments and a number of model parameters.

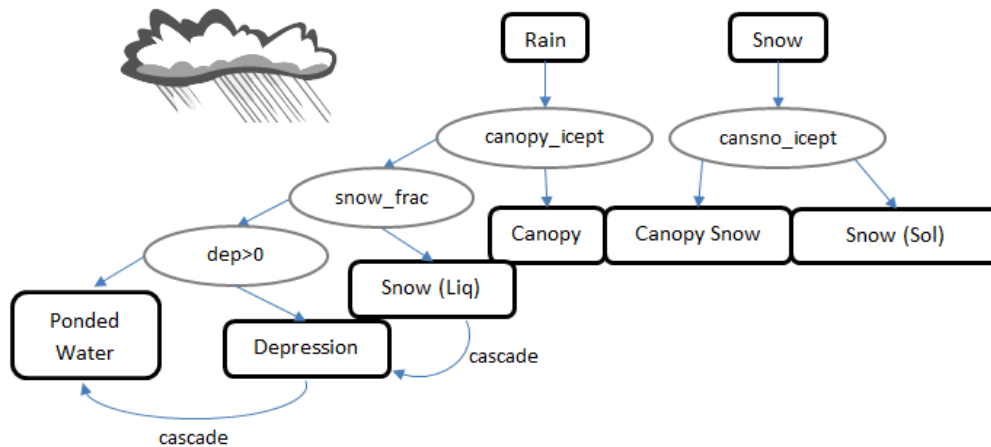


Figure 4.1: Partitioning of rainfall/snowfall to the appropriate surface storage compartments

The water in the `PONDED_WATER` storage compartment, which typically also includes meltwater from snowmelt, waits to be distributed to the shallow subsurface or surface water storage through subsequent application of an infiltration algorithm.

## 4.2 Infiltration

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Infiltration refers to the partitioning of ponded water (the residual rainfall and/or snowmelt) between the shallow surface soil (infiltrated water) and surface water (runoff). Infiltration is typically controlled by the saturation of the soil and its hydraulic properties (e.g., hydraulic conductivity, infiltration capacity).

### 4.2.1 Sources/Sinks

Infiltration always moves water from `PONDED_WATER` to `SOIL[0]` (the top soil layer), and depending upon the soil structure model specified by the `:SoilModel` command, may additionally push water to lower soil moisture stores. The remaining infiltrated water is typically treated as runoff and moved to `SURFACE_WATER`.

### 4.2.2 Constraints/Notes

Infiltration is limited by the availability of soil/aquifer storage. Many of the following algorithms use the quantities of maximum soil storage ( $\phi_{max}$ ), maximum tension storage ( $\phi_{tens}$ ), and field capacity storage ( $\phi_{fc}$ ) in a layer, always calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{max} &= Hn(1 - SF) \\ \phi_{tens} &= \phi_{max}(S_{fc} - S_{wilt}) \\ \phi_{fc} &= \phi_{max}S_{fc}\end{aligned}\tag{4.1}$$

where  $H$  is the soil layer thickness,  $n$  is the porosity (soil property `POROSITY`),  $SF$  is the stone fraction (soil property `STONE_FRAC`),  $S_{fc}$  is the saturation at field capacity (soil parameter `FIELD_CAPACITY`), and  $S_{wilt}$  is the saturation at the wilting point (soil parameter `SAT_WILT`).

### 4.2.3 Infiltration Algorithms

#### Partition Coefficient Method (`INF_PARTITION_COEFF`)

A simple linear relationship between precipitation and runoff (e.g., Chow et al. (1988)), characterized by:

$$M_{inf} = R \cdot (1 - P_c)\tag{4.2}$$

where  $M_{inf}$  is the infiltration rate [ $\text{mmd}^{-1}$ ],  $R$  is the rainfall/snowmelt rate [ $\text{mmd}^{-1}$ ] (alternately, the current amount of ponded water divided by the model timestep), and  $P_c$  is the partition coefficient, specified as the land use parameter `PARTITION_COEFF`. The remainder of rainfall is routed to surface water.

### SCS Method (INF\_SCS)

The standard Soil Conservation Society (SCS) method (Soil Conservation Service, 1986), where infiltration is a function of the local curve number:

$$M_{inf} = R \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{(R - 0.2S)^2}{R + 0.8S} \right) \quad (4.3)$$

where  $M_{inf}$  is the infiltration rate [ $\text{mmd}^{-1}$ ],  $R$  is the rainfall/snowmelt rate [ $\text{mmd}^{-1}$ ] (alternately, the current amount of ponded water divided by the model timestep), and  $S$  [mm] is the retention parameter

$$S = 25400/CN - 254 \quad (4.4)$$

where  $CN$  is the SCS curve number (land use parameter `SCS_CN`). The curve number for moderate antecedent moisture content (condition II) is user-specified with land use parameter `SCS_CN` and corrected for dry or wet conditions based upon 5-day precipitation history and whether or not it is growing season. The SCS method should only be used for daily simulations.

### Explicit Green Ampt Method (INF\_GREEN\_AMPT)

The explicit calculation of Green-Ampt cumulative (Green and Ampt, 1911) infiltration

$$M_{inf} = \min \left( R, k_{sat} \left( 1 + \frac{|\psi_f|(\phi_{max} - \phi_{soil})}{F} \right) \right) \quad (4.5)$$

where  $F$  uses the  $n^{th}$  recursive approximation of the Lambert  $W_{-1}$  function (Barry et al., 2005). The variables  $\psi_f$  [-mm],  $\phi_{max}$  [mm], and  $\phi_{soil}$  [mm], are the Green-Ampt wetting front suction (soil parameter `WETTING_FRONT_PSI`), maximum soil moisture content (defined in equation 4.1), and soil moisture at the start of the time step. All parameters used are those associated with the top soil.

### Simple Green Ampt Method (INF\_GA\_SIMPLE)

The quick-and-dirty version of the Green-Ampt (Green and Ampt, 1911) analytical solution for discrete time-stepping schemes:

$$M_{inf} = \min \left( R, k_{sat} \left( 1 + \frac{|\psi_f|(\phi_{max} - \phi_{soil})}{F} \right) \right) \quad (4.6)$$

where  $F$ , the cumulative infiltration, is accumulated as a state variable during simulation, and reverts to zero after prolonged periods without precipitation. The variables  $\psi_f$  [-mm],  $\phi_{max}$  [mm], and  $\phi_{soil}$  [mm], are the Green-Ampt wetting front suction (soil parameter `WETTING_FRONT_PSI`), maximum soil moisture content (defined in equation 4.1), and soil moisture at the start of the time step. All parameters used are those associated with the top soil.

### VIC Method (INF\_VIC)

From the variable infiltration capacity model (Wood et al., 1992):

$$M_{inf} = R \cdot \left( K_1 \left( \gamma \alpha z_{max} + z_{min} - \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{max}} \right)^\gamma \left( 1 - \frac{\phi_{crit}}{\phi_{max}} \right)^{-\gamma} \right) \quad (4.7)$$

where  $\gamma = 1/(\alpha+1)$ ,  $\alpha$  is the soil parameter VIC\_ALPHA,  $z_{min}$  and  $z_{max}$  are the soil parameters VIC\_ZMIN and VIC\_ZMAX, and  $K_1$  is given by:

$$K_1 = ((z_{max} - z_{min})\alpha\gamma)^{-\gamma} \quad (4.8)$$

### VIC/ARNO Method (INF\_VIC\_ARNO)

The VIC/ARNO model as interpreted by (Clark et al., 2008).

$$M_{inf} = R \cdot \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{max}} \right)^b \right) \quad (4.9)$$

where  $b$  is the soil parameter B\_EXP,  $\phi_{soil}$  is the top soil layer water content [mm], and  $\phi_{max}$  is the maximum topsoil storage [mm].

### HBV Method (INF\_HBV)

The standard HBV model approach (Bergstrom, 1995).

$$M_{inf} = R \cdot \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{max}} \right)^\beta \right) \quad (4.10)$$

where  $\beta$  is the soil parameter HBV\_BETA,  $\phi_{soil}$  is the soil layer water content [mm], and  $\phi_{max}$  is the maximum soil storage [mm].

### PRMS Method (INF\_PRMS)

The PRMS model Leavesley and Stannard (1995) as interpreted by (Clark et al., 2008):

$$M_{inf} = R \cdot \left( 1 - F_{sat}^{max} \min \left( \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{tens}}, 1 \right) \right) \quad (4.11)$$

where  $\phi_{soil}$  is the soil layer water content [mm],  $\phi_{tens}$  is the maximum tension storage [mm], and  $F_{sat}^{max}$  is the maximum saturated area fraction (land use parameter MAX\_SAT\_AREA\_FRAC).

### UBC Watershed Model Approach (INF\_UBC)

As documented in Quick (2003), the UBCWM infiltration algorithm partitions ponded water to surface water, interflow, and two groundwater stores. The infiltration rate into the shallow soil is calculated as

$$M_{inf} = \min \left( \frac{\phi_{max} - \phi_{soil}}{\Delta t}, R \right) \cdot (1 - b_2) \quad (4.12)$$

where,  $b_2$ , the effective impermeable area percentage, is calculated using a deficit-based estimate corrected with a special term for flash floods (corresponding to higher rainfall/melt rates):

$$b_2 = b_1 + (1 - b_1) \cdot FF \quad (4.13)$$

here  $b_1$ , the unmodified effective impermeable area percentage, calculated as

$$b_1 = F_{imp} \cdot 10^{\left(-\frac{\phi_{max} - \phi_{soil}}{P0AGEN}\right)} \quad (4.14)$$

where  $\phi_{soil}$  and  $\phi_{max}$  are as defined in equation 4.1 and  $FF$ , the flash factor (which is constrained to vary between 0 and 1) is calculated as:

$$FF = \cdot \left(1 + \log\left(\frac{\phi_{pond}}{V0FLAX}\right) / \log\left(\frac{V0FLAX}{1800}\right)\right) \quad (4.15)$$

here,  $F_{imp}$  [-] is the land use parameter `IMPERMEABLE_FRAC`,  $V0FLAS$  [mm] is the global ponding parameter `UBC_FLASH_PONDING`, and  $P0AGEN$  [mm] is the soil property `UBC_INFIL_SOIL_DEF`, the reference soil deficit used at which 10 percent of the soil surface generates runoff.

The remaining ponded water is distributed to groundwater (at rate  $M_{perc}$ ), interflow (at rate  $M_{int}$ ), and runoff  $M_{run}$  using the following expressions

$$M_{perc} = \min(M_{max}^{perc}, R - M_{inf}) \cdot (1 - b_2) \quad (4.16)$$

$$M_{int} = (R - M_{inf} - M_{perc}) \cdot (1 - b_2) \quad (4.17)$$

$$M_{run} = b_2 \cdot R \quad (4.18)$$

i.e., a percentage  $b_2$  of the rainfall/snowmelt runs off directly. The remainder first infiltrates into the shallow soil, until the deficit is filled. Any remaining water then percolates into the groundwater at a maximum rate  $M_{max}^{perc}$  [ $\text{mmd}^{-1}$ ], specified using the `MAX_PERC_RATE` parameter of the groundwater soil layers. This component will be partitioned such that a certain percentage, `UBC_GW_SPLIT` [i], a global parameter specified using the `:UBCGroundwaterSplit` command, goes to the lower groundwater storage, whereas the remainder goes to upper groundwater storage. The final remaining water (if any) goes to interflow storage, where it will be routed to the surface water network.

## GR4J Infiltration Method (INF\_GR4J)

From the GR4J model Perrin et al. (2003):

$$M_{inf} = \phi_{max} \cdot \left( \frac{\alpha \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{max}}\right)^2\right)}{1 + \alpha \phi_{soil}} \phi_{max} \right) \quad (4.19)$$

where  $\alpha = \tanh(\phi_{pond}/\phi_{max})$ ,  $\phi_{pond}$  [mm] is the ponded water storage,  $\phi_{soil}$  is the top soil layer water content [mm], and  $\phi_{max}$  is the maximum topsoil storage [mm].

## 4.3 Baseflow

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Baseflow refers to the flow of water from an aquifer or deeper soil horizon to surface water, typically due to a head gradient between fully saturated soil and stream. It may be considered the sum of the contribution of deep groundwater exchange with a river and delayed storage in the streambank.

### 4.3.1 Sources/Sinks

Baseflow moves water from one of LUMPED\_LANDFORM, AQUIFER, or SOIL[m], depending upon the soil structure model specified by the :SoilModel command. The water is always moved to SURFACE\_WATER.

### 4.3.2 Constraints/Notes

Baseflow is rate-limited by the availability of soil/aquifer storage.

### 4.3.3 Available Algorithms

#### Constant Baseflow (BASE\_CONSTANT)

A constant, specified rate of baseflow:

$$M_{base} = M_{max} \quad (4.20)$$

where  $M_{max}$  [mm/d] is the maximum baseflow rate, soil parameter MAX\_BASEFLOW\_RATE.

#### Linear Storage (BASE\_LINEAR\_STORAGE or BASE\_LINEAR\_ANALYTIC)

A very common approach used in a variety of conceptual models. The baseflow rate is linearly proportional to storage:

$$M_{base} = k\phi_{soil} \quad (4.21)$$

Where  $k$  [1/d] is the baseflow coefficient (soil parameter BASEFLOW\_COEFF), and  $\phi_{soil}$  is the water storage [mm] in the soil or aquifer layer. An alternate version, BASE\_LINEAR\_ANALYTIC may be used to simulate the same condition, except using a closed-form expression for integrated flux over the timestep:

$$M_{base} = \phi_{soil} \cdot (1 - \exp(-k\Delta t)) / \Delta t \quad (4.22)$$

The two methods are effectively equivalent for sufficiently small timesteps, but the second is preferred for large values of  $k$ .

#### Non-Linear Storage (BASE\_POWER\_LAW)

A very common approach used in a variety of conceptual models, including HBV Bergstrom (1995). The baseflow rate is non-linearly proportional to storage:

$$M_{base} = k\phi_{soil}^n \quad (4.23)$$

Where  $k$  [1/d] is the baseflow coefficient (soil parameter `BASEFLOW_COEFF`), and  $\phi_{soil}$  is the water storage [mm] in the soil or aquifer layer, and  $n$  is the user-specified soil parameter `BASEFLOW_N`.

#### VIC Baseflow Method (`BASE_VIC`)

From the VIC model Wood et al. (1992) as interpreted by (Clark et al., 2008):

$$M_{base} = M_{max} \left( \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{max}} \right)^n \quad (4.24)$$

where  $M_{max}$  [mm/d] is the maximum baseflow rate at saturation (soil parameter `MAX_BASEFLOW_RATE`),  $\phi_{soil}$  is the water storage [mm] in the soil or aquifer layer,  $\phi_{max}$  is the maximum soil storage capacity, and  $n$  is the user-specified soil parameter `BASEFLOW_N`.

#### GR4J Baseflow Method (`BASE_GR4J`)

From the GR4J model Perrin et al. (2003):

$$M_{base} = \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\Delta t} \cdot \left( 1 - \left( \left( \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{ref}} \right)^4 \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \right) \quad (4.25)$$

where  $\phi_{ref}$  [mm] is the reference soil storage, the user-specified soil parameter `GR4J_X3`,  $\phi_{soil}$  is the water storage [mm] in the soil or aquifer layer..

## 4.4 Percolation

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Percolation refers to the net downward flow of water from one soil/aquifer unit to another. This process is physically driven by a moisture gradient, but this is often simplified in conceptual percolation models.

### 4.4.1 Sources/Sinks

Percolation moves water between SOIL[m] or AQUIFER units, depending upon the soil structure model specified by the :SoilModel command. The user typically has to specify both the 'from' and 'to' storage compartments.

### 4.4.2 Constraints/Notes

Percolation is rate-limited by the availability of soil/aquifer storage and by the capacity of the receptor 'to' compartment.

### 4.4.3 Available Algorithms

#### Constant Percolation (PERC\_CONSTANT)

A constant, specified rate of percolation from one soil layer to the next:

$$M_{perc} = M_{max} \quad (4.26)$$

where  $M_{max}$  is the soil parameter MAX\_PERC\_RATE of the 'from' soil compartment.

#### Constant Percolation (PERC\_GAWSER)

As used in the GAWSER hydrological model, (Schroeter, 1989).

$$M_{perc} = M_{max} \left( \frac{\phi_{soil} - \phi_{fc}}{\phi_{max} - \phi_{fc}} \right) \quad (4.27)$$

where  $M_{max}$  is the soil parameter MAX\_PERC\_RATE and the moisture contents are defined in equation 4.1. All parameters refer to that of the 'from' soil compartment.

#### Power Law Percolation (PERC\_POWER\_LAW)

Percolation is proportional to soil saturation to a power:

$$M_{perc} = M_{max} \left( \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{max}} \right)^n \quad (4.28)$$

where  $M_{max}$  is the soil parameter MAX\_PERC\_RATE,  $n$  is the soil parameter PERC\_N and  $\phi_{soil}$  and  $\phi_{max}$  are defined in equation 4.1. All parameters refer to that of the 'from' soil compartment.



### Power Law Percolation (PERC\_PRMS)

Percolation is proportional to drainable soil saturation to a power, as done in the PRMS model (Leavesley and Stannard, 1995):

$$M_{perc} = M_{max} \left( \frac{\phi_{soil} - \phi_{tens}}{\phi_{max} - \phi_{tens}} \right)^n \quad (4.29)$$

where  $M_{max}$  is the soil parameter MAX\_PERC\_RATE,  $n$  is the soil parameter PERC\_N and  $\phi_{soil}$ ,  $\phi_{tens}$ , and  $\phi_{max}$  are defined in equation 4.1. All parameters refer to that of the 'from' soil compartment.

### Sacramento Model Percolation (PERC\_SACRAMENTO)

Percolation is proportional to drainable soil saturation to a power, as done in the PRMS model (Leavesley and Stannard, 1995):

$$M_{perc} = M_{max}^{base} \left( 1 + \alpha \left( 1 - \frac{\phi_{soil}^{to}}{\phi_{max}^{to}} \right)^\psi \right) \left( \frac{\phi_{soil} - \phi_{tens}}{\phi_{max} - \phi_{tens}} \right) \quad (4.30)$$

where  $M_{max}^{base}$  is the saturated baseflow rate (soil parameter MAX\_BASEFLOW\_RATE), and  $\phi_{soil}$  and  $\phi_{max}$  are defined in equation 4.1. All parameters refer to that of the 'from' soil compartment, unless they have the <sup>to</sup> superscript.

## 4.5 Interflow

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Interflow refers to subsurface flow moving laterally through a shallow unsaturated soil horizon until it enters a stream channel.

### 4.5.1 Sources/Sinks

Interflow moves water between `SOIL` and `SURFACE_WATER` units, and is typically used in conjunction with a (slower) baseflow algorithm. The user typically has to specify the 'from' storage compartment (i.e. a specific soil layer); the 'to' storage compartment is always `SURFACE_WATER`.

### 4.5.2 Constraints/Notes

Interflow is rate-limited by the availability of soil/aquifer storage.

### 4.5.3 Available Algorithms

#### PRMS model Percolation (`INTERFLOW_PRMS`)

Interflow is proportional to drainable soil saturation to a power, as done in the PRMS model (Leavesley and Stannard, 1995):

$$M_{inter} = M_{max} \cdot \left( \frac{\phi_{soil} - \phi_{tens}}{\phi_{max} - \phi_{tens}} \right) \quad (4.31)$$

where  $M_{max}$  is the maximum interflow rate (soil parameter `MAX_INTERFLOW_RATE`), and  $\phi_{soil}$ ,  $\phi_{tens}$ , and  $\phi_{max}$  are defined in equation 4.1. All parameters refer to that of the 'from' soil compartment.

## 4.6 Soil Evaporation

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Soil evaporation involves converting water from the soil layers to water vapour in the atmosphere. The rate of evaporation depends on soil moisture, plant type, stage of plant development and weather conditions such as solar radiation, wind speed, humidity and temperature.

### 4.6.1 Sources/Sinks

Soil evaporation always moves water between `SOIL [m]` and `ATMOSPHERE` units. Which soil layers are subjected to evaporation depend on the soil structure model specified by the `:SoilModel` command and the particular evaporation algorithm.

### 4.6.2 Constraints/Notes

Soil evaporation is rate-limited by the availability of soil/aquifer storage and by the capacity of the atmosphere to absorb water vapour.

### 4.6.3 Available Algorithms

#### VIC Soil Evaporation Algorithm (`SOILEVAP_VIC`)

Soil ET is proportional to the topsoil saturation to a power, as done in the VIC model (Wood et al., 1992):

$$M_{evap} = PET \cdot \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{max}} \right)^\gamma \right) \quad (4.32)$$

where  $PET$  is the potential evapotranspiration rate,  $\gamma$  is the soil parameter `VIC_EVAP_GAMMA`, and  $\phi_{soil}$ , and  $\phi_{max}$  are defined in equation 4.1.

#### Linear Evaporation (`SOILEVAP_HBV` or `SOILEVAP_TOPMODEL`)

Soil ET is at  $PET$  if storage exceeds the tension storage, then is linearly proportional to the soil saturation:

$$M_{evap} = PET \cdot \min \left( \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{tens}}, 1 \right) \quad (4.33)$$

where  $PET$  is the potential evapotranspiration rate [ $\text{mmd}^{-1}$ ], and  $\phi_{soil}$  [mm] and  $\phi_{tens}$  [mm] are defined in equation 4.1. The HBV model uses an additional snow correction, such that ET is zero in non-forested areas if snow depth is non-zero.

#### Root-distributed 2-layer Evaporation (`SOILEVAP_ROOT`)

Soil ET [ $\text{mmd}^{-1}$ ] is linearly proportional to the soil saturation, but distributed by root fraction,  $\xi_m$ . Soil ET is at  $\xi_m \cdot PET$  if storage exceeds the tension storage.

$$M_{evap}^U = PET \cdot \xi_U \cdot \min \left( \frac{\phi_{soil}^U}{\phi_{tens}^U}, 1 \right) \quad (4.34)$$

$$M_{evap}^L = PET \cdot \xi_L \cdot \min \left( \frac{\phi_{soil}^L}{\phi_{tens}^L}, 1 \right) \quad (4.35)$$

where  $U$  and  $L$  refer to the upper and lower layers, respectively, and  $\phi_{soil}$  [mm] and  $\phi_{tens}$  [mm] are defined in equation 4.1. Currently,  $\xi_L$  and  $\xi_U$  are hardcoded as 0.3 and 0.7, respectively.

### Sequential 2-layer Evaporation (SOILEVAP\_SEQUEN)

Daily soil ET [mmd<sup>-1</sup>] is linearly proportional to the soil saturation; the top layer storage is exhausted first, then ET can be withdrawn from the lower layer.

$$M_{evap}^U = \text{PET} \cdot \left( \frac{\phi_{soil}^U}{\phi_{tens}^U} \right) \quad (4.36)$$

$$M_{evap}^L = (\text{PET} - M_{evap}^U) \cdot \left( \frac{\phi_{soil}^L}{\phi_{tens}^L} \right) \quad (4.37)$$

where  $U$  and  $L$  refer to the upper and lower layers, respectively, and  $\phi_{soil}$  [mm] and  $\phi_{tens}$  [mm] are defined in equation 4.1.

### UBC Watershed Model Approach (SOILEVAP\_UBC)

Evaporation is controlled by the soil moisture deficit,  $\phi_{max} - \phi_{soil}$ , where  $\phi_{max}$  is defined in equation 4.1, and is corrected for effective saturated area.

$$M_{evap} = \text{PET} \cdot (1 - \beta_{fast}) 10^{\left( -\frac{\phi_{max} - \phi_{soil}}{\gamma_e} \right)} \quad (4.38)$$

where  $\gamma_e$  is the soil parameter UBC\_EVAP\_SOIL\_DEF (the soil deficit at which the actual ET depletes to 0.1 PET), and  $\beta_{fast}$ , a proxy for the effective impermeable fraction is calculated as

$$\beta_{fast} = F_{imp} \cdot 10^{\left( -\frac{\phi_{max} - \phi_{soil}}{\gamma_a} \right)} \quad (4.39)$$

where  $F_{imp}$  is the impermeable fraction (land use parameter IMPERMEABLE\_FRAC) and  $\gamma_a$  is the soil parameter UBC\_INFIL\_SOIL\_DEF.

### GR4J Soil Evaporation Method (SOILEVAP\_GR4J)

From the GR4J model Perrin et al. (2003):

$$M_{evap} = \alpha \phi_{soil} \frac{2.0 - \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{max}}}{1.0 + \alpha \left( 1.0 - \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{max}} \right)} \quad (4.40)$$

where  $\alpha = \tanh(\text{PET}'/\phi_{max})$ ,  $\text{PET}'$  is the PET remaining after ponded water storage is depleted,  $\phi_{soil}$  is the water storage [mm] in the topsoil,  $\phi_{max}$  is the maximum storage in the top soil.

## 4.7 Capillary Rise

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Capillary rise is the rise of groundwater above the water table due to surface tension. The capillary zone extends up from the water table to the limit of capillary rise, and varies based on pore size and surface tension. In conceptual watershed models, the capillary rise term often refers to a process that moves water from lower to higher soil water stores.

### 4.7.1 Sources/Sinks

Capillary rise occurs between **SOIL** and **AQUIFER** units, depending upon the soil structure model specified by the `:SoilModel` command. The user typically has to specify the 'to' and 'from' storage compartments.

### 4.7.2 Constraints/Notes

Capillary rise is rate-limited by the availability of soil/aquifer storage and by the capacity of the receptor 'to' compartment.

### 4.7.3 Available Algorithms

#### HBV model Capillary Rise (CRISE\_HBV)

Capillary rise rate is linearly proportional to soil saturation of the recipient soil, as done in the HBV model (Bergstrom, 1995):

$$M_{crise} = M_{max}^{cr} \left( 1 - \frac{\phi_{soil}}{\phi_{max}} \right) \quad (4.41)$$

where  $M_{max}^{cr}$  is the maximum interflow rate (soil parameter `MAX_CAP_RISE_RATE`), and  $\phi_{soil}$  and  $\phi_{max}$  are defined in equation 4.1. All parameters refer to that of the 'to' soil compartment.

## 4.8 Canopy Evaporation

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Canopy evaporation converts water from the vegetated canopy to water vapour in the atmosphere. The rate of evaporation depends on plant type, stage of plant development and weather conditions such as solar radiation, wind speed, humidity and temperature.

### 4.8.1 Sources/Sinks

Canopy evaporation always occurs between CANOPY and ATMOSPHERE units.

### 4.8.2 Constraints/Notes

Canopy evaporation is rate-limited by the availability of canopy storage.

### 4.8.3 Available Algorithms

#### Maximum Canopy Evaporation (CANEVAP\_MAXIMUM)

Moisture on the canopy evaporates at the potential ET rate, provided storage is available.

$$M_{evap} = PET \cdot F_c \quad (4.42)$$

where  $PET$  is the potential evapotranspiration rate,  $F_c$  is the forest cover of the HRU (land use parameter FOREST\_COVERAGE), and  $F_{sparse}$  is the vegetation sparseness factor (land use parameter SPARSENESS).

#### Complete Canopy Evaporation (CANEVAP\_ALL)

All moisture on the canopy evaporates instantaneously, i.e., all intercepted precipitation is sent back to the atmosphere.

#### Rutter Canopy Evaporation (CANEVAP\_RUTTER)

From (Rutter et al., 1971):

$$M_{evap} = PET \cdot F_c \cdot (1 - F_t) \left( \frac{\phi_{can}}{\phi_{cap}} \right) \quad (4.43)$$

where  $PET$  is the potential evapotranspiration rate,  $F_c$  is the forest cover of the HRU (land use parameter FOREST\_COVERAGE),  $F_t$  is the trunk fraction (vegetation parameter TRUNK\_FRACTION),  $\phi_{can}$  [mm] is the storage in the canopy over the forested region,  $\phi_{cap}$  [mm] is the storage capacity of the canopy over the forested region.

## 4.9 Canopy Drip

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Canopy drip is the loss of water from canopy to land surface.

### 4.9.1 Sources/Sinks

Canopy drip always occurs between `CANOPY` and `PONDED_WATER` units.

### 4.9.2 Constraints/Notes

Canopy drip is rate-limited by the availability of canopy storage.

### 4.9.3 Available Algorithms

#### **Rutter Canopy Evaporation** (`CANDRIP_RUTTER`)

Moisture on the canopy which exceeds storage falls instantaneously to the ground.

#### **Slowdrain Canopy Evaporation** (`CANDRIP_SLOWDRAIN`)

Moisture on the canopy which exceeds storage falls instantaneously to the ground, but the remaining drip is proportional to storage:

$$M_{drip} = \alpha \cdot \left( \frac{\phi_{can}}{\phi_{cap}} \right) \quad (4.44)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the vegetation parameter `DRIP_PROPORTION`, and  $\phi_{can}$  [mm] and  $\phi_{cap}$  [mm] are the canopy storage and capacity in the forested region, respectively. Drip only occurs in the forested region.

## 4.10 Snow Balance

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Snow balance algorithms are used to simulate the strongly coupled mass and energy balance equations controlling melting and refreezing of snow pack and the liquid phase in the snow pores.

### 4.10.1 Sources/Sinks

Most snow balance algorithms consists of multiple coupled equations, and there are also many 'to' and 'from' compartments, depending on which algorithm is selected. 'From' compartments include SNOW (as SWE), SNOW\_LIQ and SNOW\_DEPTH. 'To' compartments include SNOW, ATMOSPHERE, SNOW\_LIQ, SNOW\_DEPTH and SURFACE\_WATER.

### 4.10.2 Constraints/Notes

Snow balance is rate-limited by the storage in 'from' and 'to' compartments.

### 4.10.3 Available Algorithms

#### HBV Snow balance (SNOBAL\_HBV)

Potential melt and refreeze rates are calculating using a degree day method, with the melt factor  $M_a$  corrected for forest cover and aspect. Meltwater fills the snow porespace first, then is allowed to overflow. (Bergstrom, 1995)

$$\begin{aligned}M_{melt} &= M_a \cdot \max(T - T_f, 0) \\M_{refreeze} &= K_a \cdot \max(T_f - T, 0)\end{aligned}\tag{4.45}$$

where  $K_a$  is the land use parameter REFREEZE\_FACTOR [mm/d/°C],  $M_a$  is the land use parameter MELT\_FACTOR [mm/d/°C], which is corrected seasonally using the land use parameters MIN\_MELT\_FACTOR, HBV\_MELT\_ASP\_CORR and HBV\_MELT\_FOR\_CORR.

#### UBCWm Snow balance (SNOBAL\_UBC)

As described in the UBC Watershed model documentation (Quick, 1995). Potential melt is typically calculated using the POTMELT\_UBC method described in section 6.8.1. If the land use/land type parameter SNOWPATCH\_LIMIT is zero, the method is relatively straightforward - SWE is melted at a rate equivalent to the potential melt, with some of the water melted first filling up the Liquid holding capacity of the snow, the remainder becoming ponded water. During melt of ripened snowpack, the liquid water is released along with the corresponding SWE melted. The user is referred to the UBCWM documentation for the full description of the snowmelt algorithm with snow patching.



## 4.11 Snow Sublimation

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Sublimation is the process of snow transforming to water vapour without passing through the intermediate liquid phase. It can be a significant part of the snow balance at high elevations, windy regions, and when atmospheric water content is low.

### 4.11.1 Sources/Sinks

Sublimation always occurs between SNOW and ATMOSPHERE units.

### 4.11.2 Constraints/Notes

Sublimation is limited by the availability of snow.

### 4.11.3 Available Algorithms

#### **Kuzmin (1957) method (SUBLIM\_KUZMIN)**

The sublimation rate (in [mm/d]) is calculated using the following empirical relationship Kuzmin (1957):

$$M_{subl} = 0.18 + 0.098 \cdot v_{ave} \cdot (P_{sat} - P_{vap}) \quad (4.46)$$

where  $v_{ave}$  [m/s] is the wind velocity at 10m,  $P_{sat}$  and  $P_{ave}$  [mb] are the saturated vapour pressure and vapour pressure, respectively.

#### **Central Sierra method (SUBLIM\_CENTRAL\_SIERRA)**

The sublimation rate (in [mm/d]) is calculated using the following empirical relationship U.S. Dept. of Commerce (1956):

$$M_{subl} = 0.0063 \cdot (h_w \cdot h_v)^{-\frac{1}{6}} \cdot (P_{sat} - P_{vap}) \cdot v_{ave} \quad (4.47)$$

where  $v_{ave}$  [m/s] is the wind velocity at reference height  $h_w$  [ft],  $P_{sat}$  and  $P_{ave}$  [mb] are the saturated vapour pressure and vapour pressure, respectively, and  $h_v$  is the elevation of the vapour pressure reference height [ft].

## 4.12 Snow Melt

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Snow melt algorithms are used if the full `:SnowBalance` algorithms are not applied, and simply convert `SNOW` to `SNOW_LIQ` or `PONDED_WATER`

### 4.12.1 Sources/Sinks

Snow melt always occurs between `SNOW` and a user-specified target unit, typically `SNOW_LIQ` (with a cascade), `PONDED_WATER`, or `SURFACE_WATER`—

### 4.12.2 Constraints/Notes

Snow melt is limited by the availability of snow in the snowpack. Melt rates must be positive.

### 4.12.3 Available Algorithms

#### Potential Melt (`MELT_POTENTIAL`)

The melt rate (in [mm/d]) is simply calculated by applying the potential melt rate to the snowpack until it is gone.

$$M_{melt} = M'_{melt} \quad (4.48)$$

where  $M'_{melt}$  [mm/d] is calculated using one of the methods described in section ???. This is the same as using `:SnowBalance` `SNOBAL_SIMPLE`.

## 4.13 Snow Refreeze

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Snow refreeze algorithms are used if the full :SnowBalance algorithms are not applied, and simply convert SNOW\_LIQ to SNOW

### 4.13.1 Sources/Sinks

Snow refreeze always occurs between SNOW\_LIQ and SNOW units.

### 4.13.2 Constraints/Notes

Snow refreeze is limited by the availability of liquid water in the snowpack. Refreeze rates must be positive

### 4.13.3 Available Algorithms

#### Degree Day Approach (FREEZE\_DEGREE\_DAY)

The refreeze rate (in [mm/d]) is calculated using the following degree-day relationship (much like the degree-day melt approaches for calculating potential melt):

$$M_{frz} = K_f \cdot \min(T_f - T_a, 0) \quad (4.49)$$

where  $K_f$  [mm/d/°C] is the refreeze parameter (land use parameter REFREEZE\_FACTOR,  $T_f$  is the freezing temperature (0°C) and  $T_a$  is the air temperature.

## 4.14 Snow Albedo Evolution

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Snow albedo evolution is the process through which snow albedo changes due to snow compaction, snowpack aging, or fresh snow accumulation.

### 4.14.1 Sources/Sinks

The snow albedo evolution algorithms have no sources or sinks, it simply models the rate of change of albedo over time.

### 4.14.2 Constraints/Notes

Snow albedo is constrained to be in the range 0-1.

### 4.14.3 Available Algorithms

#### UBC Watershed Model Approach (SNOALB\_UBC)

The albedo,  $\alpha$ , increases with accumulating snow and decreases as the season progresses. It is bounded by the global parameters `MIN_SNOW_ALBEDO` `MAX_SNOW_ALBEDO`, defined in the `:UBCSnowParams` command in the `.rvp` file.

$$M_{snaib} = -\alpha \cdot \frac{1 - K}{\Delta t} + \frac{(\alpha_{max} - \alpha)}{\Delta t} \min\left(\frac{SN}{SN_{alb}}, 1\right) \quad \text{if } \alpha > \alpha_b \quad (4.50)$$

$$M_{snaib} = -\alpha_b \exp\left(-\frac{S_{cum}}{S_{max}}\right) \frac{dS_{cum}}{dt} + \frac{(\alpha_{max} - \alpha)}{\Delta t} \min\left(\frac{SN}{SN_{alb}}, 1\right) \quad \text{if } \alpha < \alpha_b \quad (4.51)$$

where  $\alpha_{max}$  is the global parameter `MAX_SNOW_ALBEDO`,  $\alpha_b$  is a threshold albedo value (`ALBASE`),  $SN$  [mm/d] is the daily snowfall,  $SN_{alb}$  [mm/d] is the total daily snowfall required to bring albedo to that of new snow (global param `ALBSNW`),  $K$  is the global parameter `ALBREC` (a recession constant),  $S_{cum}$  is the cumulative snow deposited in the current winter season and  $S_{max}$  is an estimate of the maximum cumulative snowfall in a year (`MAX_CUM_MELT`). All of these global parameters are specified using the command `:UBCSnowParams` in the `.rvp` file.

## 4.15 Glacial Melt

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Glacial melt refers to the process of melting of glacier ice. It is typically only applied to those HRUs treated as glaciers.

### 4.15.1 Sources/Sinks

Glacial melt algorithms move water from `GLACIER_ICE` to either `GLACIER` (liquid water storage in or on the glacier itself) or `SURFACE_WATER`. They may also modify the cold content of the glacier, `GLACIER_CC`.

### 4.15.2 Constraints/Notes

Glacial melt is not limited by the available glacier ice, which is assumed to be abundant.

### 4.15.3 Available Algorithms

#### Degree Day Approach (`GMELT_SIMPLE_MELT`)

The melt rate is equal to the potential melt rate, calculated using the methods described in section 6.8.1.

#### HBV Approach (`GMELT_SIMPLE_MELT`)

The melt rate is equal to the potential melt rate, calculated using the methods described in section 6.8.1. A glacial melt correction factor may be used to modify the melt rate (land use parameter `HBV_MELT_GLACIER_CORR`), which is 1 by default. No glacial melt occurs if there is any snow cover, i.e., the snow must melt first.

#### UBC Watershed Model Approach (`GMELT_UBC`)

The potential melt rate is applied to melt the glacier, but modified by the snow cover (i.e., no glacial melt occurs if there is 100% snow cover).

## 4.16 Glacial Release

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Glacial release refers to the release of meltwater from the glacier to surface water.

### 4.16.1 Sources/Sinks

Glacial release algorithms move water from `GLACIER` to `SURFACE_WATER`.

### 4.16.2 Constraints/Notes

Glacial release is limited by the available glacier liquid water storage.

### 4.16.3 Available Algorithms

#### Linear Storage (`GRELEASE_LINEAR_STORAGE`)

A simple linear storage coefficient approach:

$$M_{\text{release}} = -K\phi_{\text{glac}}$$

where  $\phi_{\text{glac}}$  [mm] is the total glacial storage, and  $K$  [1/d] is a linear storage coefficient (land use parameter `GLAC_STORAGE_COEFF`)

#### HBV-EC approach (`GRELEASE_HBV_EC`)

A simple linear storage coefficient approach:

$$M_{\text{release}} = -K^*\phi_{\text{glac}}$$

where  $\phi_{\text{glac}}$  [mm] is the total glacial storage, and  $K^*$  [1/d] is a linear storage coefficient which is corrected for snow cover, such that the glacier releases more water at times of less snow cover, calculated as:

$$K^* = K_{\text{min}} + (K - K_{\text{min}}) \exp(-AG(SN + SN_{\text{liq}}))$$

where  $K_{\text{min}}$  [1/d] is a linear storage coefficient (land use parameter `HBV_GLACIER_KMIN`),  $K$  [1/d] is a linear storage coefficient (land use parameter `GLAC_STORAGE_COEFF`),  $AG$  [1/mm] is the land use parameter `HBV_GLACIER_AG`, and  $SN$  and  $SN_{\text{liq}}$  [mm] are the SWE and liquid snow content of the snowpack on top of the glacier, respectively.

## 4.17 Crop Heat Unit Evolution

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Crop heat units (CHUs) are used by some municipalities in Ontario, Canada in order to assess soil evaporation. ET is maximized when CHUs meet their maturity level. To be used in conjunction with the soil evaporation algorithm `SOILEVAP_CHU`. The crop heat units grow in magnitude over the course of a growing season based upon the daily temperature profiles.

### 4.17.1 Sources/Sinks

Crop heat unit evolution algorithm does not move water between storage compartments. The method only revises the magnitude of the `CROP_HEAT_UNITS` state variable.

### 4.17.2 Constraints/Notes

Crop heat units are zero outside of the growing season.

### 4.17.3 Available Algorithms

#### Ontario method (`CHU_ONTARIO`)

The growing season is determined to begin when the minimum temperature over a 3-day period is 12.8 °C, at which time the crop heat units are set to zero. It ends when the temperature dips below -2 °C or after September 30th. During the growing season, CHUs are incremented using the following expressions Brown and Bootsma (1993):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CHU}_d &= 3.33 \cdot (T_{max} - 10) - 0.084 \cdot (T_{max} - 10)^2 \\ \text{CHU}_n &= 1.8 \cdot (T_{min} - 4.4) \\ \text{CHU}_{new} &= \text{CHU}_{old} + 0.5 \cdot (\text{CHU}_d + \text{CHU}_n) \end{aligned}$$

where  $T_{min}$  and  $T_{max}$  are the minimum and maximum daily temperatures

## 4.18 Special Processes: Flush and Overflow

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The flush and overflow processes are used in conceptual models to represent the 'instantaneous' movement of water from one water storage compartment to another.

- The Flush process instantaneously moves all of the water storage from one storage to another.
- The Overflow process moves the excess water storage (more than the maximum capacity of the water storage unit) to another compartment.

### 4.18.1 Sources/Sinks

These processes may move water from any water storage compartment to any other.



## Chapter 5

# Routing

The following chapter outlines the routing algorithms available for modelling the downstream migration of water through a terrain/channel network in RAVEN. As briefly summarized in section 1.2.2, the routing process in RAVEN has two components: at the sub-basin level, rainfall and snowmelt from all HRUs is released to surface water via overland runoff, interflow, and base flow. There is some delay and/or redistribution of the timing of the release of this water to the subbasin river reach, then again a delay before the water reaches the outlet. This delay is handled in RAVEN typically using a linear transfer function (e.g., Unit Hydrograph) approach, and is termed in-catchment routing. The second form of routing is the hydraulic/hydrologic routing between subbasins and within the main channel of each subbasin. This is referred to as in-channel routing. The distinction between the two is shown in figure 1.4.

### 5.1 In-Catchment Routing

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#### 5.1.1 Overview

It is important to note that the rate of release of water from storage within an HRU is treated as constant over a given time step. This is the most appropriate, since water storage state variables are stored as snapshots in time (at the end of each time step). However, in the channel, the state variable is no longer storage, but flow rates, as is consistent with the majority of routing algorithms developed in the literature. Therefore, in addition to impacting the timing of the flows, in-catchment routing is used to map flow rates which are constant over a time step (losses from the HRU) to those which are varying linearly over a time step (in-channel flows).

In all cases, in catchment routing is treated using a discrete transfer function approach, i.e.,

$$Q(t + \Delta t) = \sum_{n=0}^N Q_{lat}(t - n\Delta t) \cdot UH_n \quad (5.1)$$

where  $Q(t)$  [ $\text{m}^3\text{d}^{-1}$ ] is the flow rate into the channel from the subbasin,  $Q_{lat}(t)$  [ $\text{m}^3\text{d}^{-1}$ ] is the lateral release flow rate from the HRU surface over the timestep from  $t$  to  $t + \Delta t$ , and  $\vec{UH}$  is a unitless vector which describes the distribution of arrival times to the channel. The sum of values of the  $\vec{UH}$  vector equal 1, and the magnitude of  $UH_n$  may be interpreted as the percentage of the flow appearing in the channel  $n$  time steps after its release from the HRU. This is the discrete

generalization of a convolution:

$$Q(t) = \int_0^{\infty} Q_{lat}(t - \tau) \cdot UH(\tau) d\tau \quad (5.2)$$

Either of these may be interpreted as providing a distributed delay between when water is released from the HRU and when it appears in the channel.

### 5.1.2 Algorithms

The following algorithms may be used for in-catchment routing. The sole difference between the various catchment routing algorithms is the shape of the unit hydrograph used.

#### Dump Method (ROUTE\_DUMP)

In the “dump” method of catchment routing, all of the water released from the HRUs to surface water over a time step appears in the channel at the end of the time step. This is generally valid for small subbasins (those with small times of concentration) or large time steps. This is equivalent to  $\vec{UH} = \{1, 0, 0, 0, \dots\}$ , and is an approximation of

$$UH(t) = \delta(t)$$

where  $\delta$  is the Dirac delta function.

#### Gamma Unit Hydrograph (ROUTE\_GAMMA\_CONVOLUTION)

Here, a Gamma distribution is used to represent the unit hydrograph, i.e.,

$$UH(t) = \frac{t^{a-1}}{t_p^a \Gamma(a)} \exp(-t/t_p)$$

where  $\Gamma$  is the Gamma function,  $t_p$  is the time to peak, specified as the subbasin property TIME\_TO\_PEAK. In RAVEN,  $a$  is fixed at  $a = 3$ .

#### Triangular Unit Hydrograph (ROUTE\_TRI\_CONVOLUTION)

A triangular unit hydrograph is used with a peak time of  $t_p$ , specified as the subbasin property TIME\_TO\_PEAK and total duration specified by the concentration time,  $t_c$ , specified using the subbasin property TIME\_CONC.

$$UH(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{t_c} \frac{t}{t_p} & \text{for } t < t_p \\ \frac{2}{t_c} \left( \frac{t_c - t}{t_c - t_p} \right) & \text{for } t \geq t_p \end{cases}$$

#### Nash Unit Hydrograph (ROUTE\_RESERVOIR\_SERIES)

The Nash unit hydrograph is used with a linear reservoir constant ( $k$ ) specified using the subbasin property RES\_CONSTANT and the number of reservoirs ( $N$ ) equal to NUM\_RESERVOIRS.

$$UH(t) = t^{N-1} k^N e^{-kt}$$

## 5.2 In-Channel Routing

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### 5.2.1 Overview

In RAVEN, in-channel routing is the only means by which water, mass, and energy are exchanged laterally between subbasins. It is assumed that this movement is unidirectional, i.e., water moves downstream only through a one-dimensional branching stream network fully described by the succession of subbasins defined in the .rvp file. Each subbasin can have a single outlet and is conceptualized as having a single primary channel running through it, which may or may not have a reservoir at the end of the channel. Headwater subbasins (those without an upstream subbasin) are assumed to have no corresponding channel, but may have a reservoir which is fed purely via in-catchment routing and releases water to the next downstream basin.

This routing formalization leads to some implicit guidelines for subbasin discretization.

- Subbasin outlets should typically occur at stream network junctions.
- Surface water reservoirs should be located at the outlet of a subbasin
- All stream gauges used for calibration or model evaluation should be located at the outlet of a subbasin
- For lumped (single subbasin) models, channel routing is usually disabled entirely.

In-Channel routing may be treated by a number of algorithms. However, as indicated in section 1.2.2, all of these algorithms may be generalized as

$$Q_{out}^{n+1} = F_{route}(Q_{out}^n, \vec{Q}^{in}, \vec{P}_s) \quad (5.3)$$

Where  $F_{route}$  is the routing algorithm,  $\vec{Q}^{in}$  is the recent time history of upstream (and upbasin) inflows to the channel,  $\vec{P}_s$  is a vector of channel parameters, typically a number of stored channel rating curves, primary channel and bank roughness, and weir or reservoir relationships. Figure 1.4 indicates the meaning of these major parameters. The descriptions of the channel inputs are detailed in section 21 of the appendix, and specified using the `:ChannelProfile` command.

### 5.2.2 Algorithms

While more rigorous hydraulic routing algorithms (which handle backwater effects, etc.) may be implemented in future incarnations of RAVEN, for the most part, the algorithms currently in RAVEN are considered hydrologic routing methods based upon simple storage relationships, rather than complete solution of the Saint-Venant equations for momentum and mass conservation. They fall roughly into two categories: convolution approaches, which function in a manner identical to that of the unit hydrograph approach used for in-catchment routing, and mass-balance approaches, which solve for outflow through a discrete form of the mass balance equation. Both sets of approaches are mass-conservative.

As with the in-catchment methods, the convolution-based methods (ROUTE\_DIFFUSIVE\_WAVE) and (ROUTE\_PLUG\_FLOW), use a discrete transfer-function approach:

$$Q_{out}^{n+1} = \sum_{i=0}^N Q_{in}^{n-i+1} \cdot UH'_i \quad (5.4)$$

where  $Q_{out}^{n+1}$  [ $\text{m}^3\text{d}^{-1}$ ] is the flow rate from the subbasin at the end of the time step,  $Q_{in}^n$  [ $\text{m}^3\text{d}^{-1}$ ] is the inflow rate from upstream sources at the end of time step  $n$ , and  $\vec{UH}'$  is a unitless vector which describes the distribution of arrival times to the channel. The sum of values of the  $\vec{UH}'$  vector equal 1, and the magnitude of  $UH'_i$  may be interpreted as the percentage of the flow leaving from the channel  $i$  time steps after its arrival in the channel from upstream sources.

Many of the in-channel routing routines require the reference celerity for the channel reach:

$$c_{ref} = \left. \frac{dQ}{dA} \right|_{Q_{ref}} \quad (5.5)$$

$c_{ref}$  is the reference celerity for the reach, the velocity corresponding to the reference flow,  $Q_{ref}$  [ $\text{m}^3\text{d}^{-1}$ ] in the reach, usually specified as the bank full flow using the subbasin parameter `Q_REFERENCE`. The slope of the  $Q$  vs.  $A$  relationship at  $Q_{ref}$  is interpolated from that generated for the specific channel.

### No Routing (ROUTE\_NONE)

All inflows (both lateral and upstream), are instantly routed to the channel outlet, i.e.,

$$Q_{out}^{n+1} = Q_{in}^{n+1} + Q_{lat}^{n+1}$$

This option is mostly used for single subbasin models.

### Simple Plug Flow (ROUTE\_PLUG\_FLOW)

Here, there is a delay between water entering and exiting the channel dictated by the celerity of the channel reach, but there is no smearing out of the hydrograph as it migrates along the channel.

$$UH'(t) = \delta\left(t - \frac{L}{c_{ref}}\right)$$

where  $\delta(t)$  is the Dirac delta function,  $L$  is the reach length within the subbasin (specified from the subbasin property `REACH_LENGTH`), and  $c$  is the reference celerity of the channel, as determined from the channel profile characteristics and the subbasin's reference flow rate,  $Q_{ref}$  specified as the subbasin parameter `Q_REFERENCE`. **To do (2)**.

### Diffusive Wave Model (ROUTE\_DIFFUSIVE\_WAVE)

Here, an analytical solution to the diffusive wave equation is used to smear out the flood wave as it propagates through the reach. As with the simple plug flow approach, the reference celerity is used to determine the mean travel time of the wave, and the channel diffusivity,  $D$  [ $\text{m}^2\text{d}^{-1}$ ] controls the smearing out of the wave signal prior to exiting the reach.

$$UH'(t) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi Dt}} \exp\left(-\frac{(L - c_{ref}t)^2}{4Dt}\right)$$

where  $L$  [m] is the channel reach length,  $c_{ref}$  is calculated using 5.5, and the channel diffusivity,  $D$ , is estimated from the channel reference flow  $Q_{ref}$  (subbasin parameter `Q_REFERENCE`) using the following relationship ?:

$$D = \frac{Q_{ref}}{2S \cdot d(Q_{ref})}$$

where  $S$  is the channel bedslope and  $d(Q)$  is the relationship between flow depth,  $d$  and flow rate,  $Q$ , in the channel, determined from the channel geometry.

### Storage Coefficient Method (ROUTE\_STORAGE\_COEFF)

The storage coefficient method evaluates outflow using a discrete approximation of the water balance for the channel over the time step ?:

$$Q_{out}^{n+1} = c_1 \cdot Q_{in}^{n+1} + c_2 \cdot Q_{in}^n + c_3 \cdot Q_{out}^n \quad (5.6)$$

here, the weights  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$  are calculated from the storage coefficient,  $k$ , given as:

$$k = \min \left( \frac{1}{\frac{K}{\Delta t} + 0.5}, 1 \right) \quad (5.7)$$

where  $K$  is the representative travel time for the reach (also the Muskingum  $K$  parameter, calculated as  $\Delta x/c_{ref}$  where  $\Delta x$  is the reach segment length). Here,  $c_1 = k/2$ ,  $c_2 = k/2$ , and  $c_3 = 1 - k$ .

Caution should be used with this method on long reaches without finely discretizing the reach, as water will arrive at the outlet immediately after entering, even with a large representative travel time in the reach.

### Muskingum-Cunge Method (ROUTE\_MUSKINGUM)

The standard Muskingum-Cunge approach also evaluates outflow using a discrete approximation of the water balance for the channel over the time step:

$$Q_{out}^{n+1} = c_1 \cdot Q_{in}^{n+1} + c_2 \cdot Q_{in}^n + c_3 \cdot Q_{out}^n \quad (5.8)$$

here, the weights  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$  are calculated from the Muskingum  $X$  and  $K$  parameters as

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= \frac{\Delta t - 2KX}{2K(1-X) + \Delta t} \\ c_2 &= \frac{\Delta t + 2KX}{2K(1-X) + \Delta t} \\ c_3 &= \frac{-\Delta t + 2KX}{2K(1-X) + \Delta t} \end{aligned}$$

The Muskingum algorithm is well-documented in the literature. The Muskingum parameters  $X$  and  $K$  are calculated using the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \frac{\Delta x}{c_{ref}} \\ X &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{Q_{ref}}{Sw_{ref}c_{ref}\Delta x} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_{ref}$  is the reference celerity for the reach (calculated using equation 5.5),  $S$  is the channel bedslope,  $w_{ref}$  is the channel width at the reference flow  $Q_{ref}$  (basin parameter Q\_REFERENCE, and  $\Delta x$  is the reach segment length (or reach length,  $L$ , if only one segment is used per reach). Care must be taken to ensure that  $X$  and  $K$  fall within a reasonable range of values, notably that  $2KX < \Delta t < 2K(1-X)$ . If the time step is too large, RAVEN automatically employs local time stepping. However, the case where the time step is too small (a warning will be thrown to RavenErrors.txt) must be handled via user intervention, by increasing the number of segments in the reach.

### Iterative Hydrologic Routing Approach (ROUTE.HYDROLOGIC)

Here, the routing is performed using an iterative application of Newton's root-finding algorithm to the following discretization of the storage relationship for the reach,

$$\frac{V(Q_{out}^{n+1}) - V(Q_{out}^n)}{\Delta t} = \frac{1}{2}(Q_{in}^n + Q_{in}^{n+1}) - \frac{1}{2}(Q_{out}^n + Q_{out}^{n+1})$$

Given that the channel volume,  $V(Q)$  may be written as a function of outflow from the reach if a level-pool assumption is used, this may be expressed as a root-finding problem for  $Q_{out}^{n+1}$ . This method is very stable, fast, accurate, and mass-conserving. It avoids the numerical pitfalls of the non-iterative Muskingum algorithm. Right now, it can only be applied to reaches which constitute a single reach segment.

## Chapter 6

# Forcing Functions

In RAVEN, forcing functions, such as rainfall or incident radiation, are calculated from meteorological information specified at gauge stations in the watershed. This information is interpolated between gauge stations to each hydrological unit (HRU), where it may be corrected for orographic or other effects. Forcing functions are calculated at the beginning of each computational time step, and are always constant over individual time steps.

Note that the basic data from which forcing functions are generated (often daily precipitation, minimum/maximum daily temperature, etc.) must be reported in terms of rates (e.g., mm/d or MJ/m<sup>2</sup>/d) for precipitation and radiation data, not total quantities for the time period. For example, if hourly rainfall information is stored in mm, it must be converted to mm/d prior to simulation. Missing data in the gauge information is currently not allowed. The time periods of available forcing data must fully overlap the simulation duration, but they do not have to be identical.

The minimum required forcing data for fueling a RAVEN simulation is daily precipitation and daily maximum and minimum temperature. From this, RAVEN can partition precipitation into snowfall and rainfall, estimate subdaily temperatures and PET, and provide estimates of incoming shortwave and longwave radiation. Alternately, these parameters may be specified if available. RAVEN has the ability to estimate the following forcings from simple records of total precipitation and daily min/max temperatures:

- Snowfall/Rainfall
- Potential ET (or reference ET)
- Shortwave and longwave net radiation
- Cloud cover
- Potential melt
- Wind speed, relative humidity, and air pressure
- Orographic corrections to temperature, precip, and potential ET rates
- Sub-daily corrections to daily ET, SW radiation, and potential melt rates

Refer to section A.1.2 of Appendix A for more details about each of the available processes that will be discussed in this chapter.

## 6.1 Spatial Interpolation

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Spatial interpolation of forcing functions from gauge stations to HRUs is based upon the lat-long locations of the gauges and HRUs as specified in the .rvt and .rvh files, respectively. These coordinates are converted into the most appropriate local Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinate system (as determined by RAVEN) to calculate distances between points. RAVEN currently supports nearest neighbor and inverse distance weighting interpolation, as documented under the `:Interpolation` command in appendix A.1. It also supports the provision of a user-specified gauge weighting file, such that gauges may be assigned specifically to individual HRUs or alternate interpolation schemes may be used external to the program.

In general, any interpolated field value (e.g., temperature), is calculated for each HRU using a relatively general weighted averaging scheme:

$$V_k = \sum_{g=1}^{NG} w_{kg} \cdot V_g$$

i.e., any value  $V_k$  for HRU  $k$  is generated by weighting the values from all gauges  $V_g$ , using an HRU-specific weighting factor  $w_{kg}$ . Note that  $\sum_{g=1}^{NG} w_{kg} = 1$  is required. Different interpolation schemes differ only in the means by which they generate the weights, usually based upon the relative geographic position of the HRUs and gauges.



## 6.2 Temperature

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Daily average, sub-daily, and daily minimum and maximum temperatures are required for many hydrological simulation algorithms. This forcing data is often used for partitioning of precipitation into rainfall and snowfall components, estimating potential and actual evapotranspiration, driving snow melt and refreezing, as a proxy for cloud cover, etc., etc. In RAVEN, one of three temperature data sets are needed at each gauge. Ideally, sub-daily (typically hourly) data is specified, and daily minimum, maximum, and average temperatures are easily calculated. If daily minimum and maximum temperature data are provided, daily averages are calculated as the average of the two, and sub-daily temperatures (if needed) are specified using the approach dictated by the `:TemperatureDownscaling` command. Lastly, if only daily average temperature is provided, the daily min, max, and sub-daily temperatures are also generated using the approach specified in the `:TemperatureDownscaling` command, but with the max and min calculated from the constant `:TemperatureSwing` parameter associated with each gauge.

### 6.2.1 Orographic Temperature Effects

Orographic effects may be applied to correct temperature estimates at each HRU based on the specified elevation of the HRU. The options available for orographic temperature adjustment are described below. The orographic temperature effect is set in the RVI file using the `:OroTempCorrect` keyword.

**To do** (3)

#### Simple Method (OROCORR\_SIMPLELAPSE)

The simple method for orographic temperature correction estimates the HRU through the application of a lapse rate correction to the associated gauge temperature:

$$T = T_g - \alpha(z - z_g) \quad (6.1)$$

where  $T$  is the estimated HRU temperature,  $T_g$  is the measured gauge temperature,  $z$  and  $z_g$  are the elevation of the HRU and gauge respectively, and  $\alpha$  is the specified adiabatic lapse rate. Equation 6.1 is applied to all temperature forcing variable time series, including: daily average, minimum and maximum; and monthly average, minimum and maximum. The adiabatic lapse rate is set with the `:AdiabaticLapseRate` keyword in the RVP file.

#### HBV Method (OROCORR\_HBV)

The HBV model method from Bergstrom (1995) employs the simple orographic temperature correction method described above employing Equation 6.1, except that the monthly average temperatures are not lapsed.

**To do** (4).

## UBC Method 1 (OROCORR.UBC)

The UBC watershed model orographic temperature correction method 1 employs a series of lapse rates and inflection points describing the orographic correction profile. The UBC method 1 calculates four temperature lapse rates: above and below 2000 m elevation for both daily maximum and daily minimum temperatures. The parameters are set in the RVP file using the following keyword and parameter sequence: `:UBCTempLapseRates A0TLXM A0TLNM A0TLXH A0TLNH P0TEDL P0TEDU` The parameters listed above are described in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1: UBC Watershed Model temperature lapse rate parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
A0TLNH	Lapse rate for minimum temperatures when the station elevation is greater than 2000 m	C / 1000 m
A0TLNM	Lapse rate for minimum temperatures when the station elevation is less than 2000 m	C / 1000 m
A0TLXH	Lapse rate for maximum temperatures when the station elevation is greater than 2000 m	C / 1000 m
A0TLXM	Lapse rate for maximum temperatures when the station elevation is less than 2000 m	C / 1000 m
P0TEDL	Lapse rate of maximum temperature range for elevations below 2000 m	C / 1000 m
P0TEDU	Lapse rate of maximum temperature range for elevations above 2000 m	C / 1000 m

$$V = \begin{cases} \min\left(\frac{P}{A0PPTP}, 1.0\right), & \text{if } A0PPTP > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } A0PPTP \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (6.2)$$

where  $P$  is the precipitation rate,  $A0PPTP$  is the threshold precipitation for temperature lapse rate in mm and  $V$  is a rainfall correction factor that transition a lapse rate from a dry to wet adiabatic lapse rate based on current precipitation rate. A corrected adiabatic lapse  $\alpha_c$  is determined by providing a weighted average between the specified dry adiabatic lapse rate  $\alpha_d$  and the wet adiabatic lapse rate  $\alpha_w$  as shown in Equation 6.3. The wet and dry adiabatic lapse rates are specified in the RVP file using the `:WetAdiabaticLapse` and `:AdiabaticLapseRate` respectively.

$$\alpha_c = V\alpha_w + (1 - V)\alpha_d \quad (6.3)$$

A daily temperature range factor  $w_t$  is calculated as the current daily temperature range divided by the maximum temperature range parameter  $A0TERM$  shown in Equation 6.4.

$$w_t = \frac{T_{max} - T_{min}}{A0TERM} \quad (6.4)$$

The final equation for the maximum daily temperature lapse rate  $\alpha_{max}$  and the minimum daily temperature lapse rate  $\alpha_{min}$  are shown in Equations 6.5 and 6.6 respectively. The lapse rates have an inflection point at 2000 m in all cases, and as the daily temperature range approaches zero the lapse rates approach the corrected adiabatic lapse rate.

$$\alpha_{max} = \begin{cases} w_t A0TLXM + (1 - w_t)\alpha_c, & \text{if elevation} \geq 2000 \text{ m} \\ w_t A0TLXH + (1 - w_t)\alpha_c, & \text{if elevation} < 2000 \text{ m} \end{cases} \quad (6.5)$$

$$\alpha_{min} = \begin{cases} w_t AOTLNM + (1 - w_t)\alpha_c, & \text{if elevation} \geq 2000 \text{ m} \\ w_t AOTLNH + (1 - w_t)\alpha_c, & \text{if elevation} < 2000 \text{ m} \end{cases} \quad (6.6)$$

To do (5)

## UBC Method 2 (OROCORR\_UBC2)

The UBC Watershed Model method 2 for estimating orographic temperature effects is to dynamically derive the lapse rate from the measured temperature data collected at the meteorological gauges. This routine uses only the first two meteorological gauges (the first two listed in the RVT file) to derive the lapse rate relationships. The relationship for the maximum daily temperature lapse rate is shown in Equation 6.7 and the relationship for the minimum daily temperature lapse rate is shown in Equation 6.8.

$$\alpha_{max} = \frac{T_{max2} - T_{max1}}{z_2 - z_1} \quad (6.7)$$

$$\alpha_{min} = \frac{T_{min2} - T_{min1}}{z_2 - z_1} \quad (6.8)$$

where  $T_{min1}$  and  $T_{min2}$  are the minimum daily temperatures at stations 1 and 2 respectively,  $T_{max1}$  and  $T_{max2}$  are the maximum daily temperatures at stations 1 and 2 respectively, and  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are the elevations at stations one and two respectively.

This method requires two stations configured in the RVT file and subsequent stations are ignored in the calculations.

## 6.3 Precipitation

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Precipitation properties are interpolated directly from gauges. At the very minimum, total daily precipitation and daily average temperature is required to generate required time series of rainfall and snowfall.

### 6.3.1 Snow-Rain Partitioning

If only total precipitation is specified at a gauge station, then this total precipitation is partitioned into rain and snow, based upon the approach specified in the `:RainSnowPartitioning` command. The following algorithms are available:

#### Temperature Range Approach (RAINSNOW\_DINGMAN)

In the temperature range approach, the snow fraction,  $\alpha$ , is calculated from the maximum and minimum daily temperatures:

$$\alpha = \frac{T_{trans} - T_{min}}{T_{max} - T_{min}} \quad (6.9)$$

where  $T_{trans}$  is the rain/snow transition temperature (specified in the `:RainSnowTransition` command) [default: 0 °C], and  $T_{min}$  and  $T_{max}$  are the min and max daily temperatures. If  $T_{trans}$  is outside of this temperature range, the precipitation is either all snow or all rain, accordingly. This snow fraction is applied for the entire day.

#### Linear Approaches (RAINSNOW\_UBC or RAINSNOW\_HBV)

In these approaches, a linear transition between all snow and all rain is determined from the average daily temperature:

$$\alpha = 0.5 + \frac{T_{trans} - T_{ave}}{\Delta T} \quad (6.10)$$

in the range from  $T_{trans} - \Delta T/2$  to  $T_{trans} + \Delta T/2$ , where  $T_{trans}$  and  $\Delta T$  are specified in the `:RainSnowTransition` command. If  $T_{ave}$  is outside of this temperature range, the precipitation is either all snow or all rain, accordingly. This snow fraction is applied for the entire day.

#### Interpolate From Data (RAINSNOW\_DATA)

To be used if snowfall (or the snow fraction) is explicitly reported in the gauge data.

### 6.3.2 Orographic Precipitation Effects

Orographic effects may be applied to correct total interpolated precipitation at each HRU based upon HRU elevation. The fraction of precipitation in the form of snow or rain is not modified by these corrections.

## HBV Method (OROCORR\_HBV)

From the HBV model Bergstrom (1995):

$$P = P_g \cdot (1.0 + \alpha(z - z_g)) \quad (6.11)$$

where  $P$  is the total precipitation rate,  $P_g$  is the measured gauge precipitation,  $z$  and  $z_g$  are the elevation of the HRU and gauge, respectively, and  $\alpha$ , the precipitation correction lapse rate, is  $0.00008 \text{ m}^{-1}$  below 5000 masl, 0 above this elevation.

## UBC Method 1(OROCORR\_UBC)

The UBC Watershed Model method 1 for orographic correction of precipitation estimates employs a temperature-corrected lapse rate with two inflection points (Quick, 2003). The base orographic correction equation is shown in Equation 6.12:

$$P = P_g \cdot (1 + \alpha F_t)^{\frac{z - z_g}{100}} \quad (6.12)$$

where  $P$  is the total applied precipitation rate,  $P_g$  is the measured gauge precipitation,  $z$  and  $z_g$  are the elevation of the HRU and gauge, respectively, and  $\alpha$ , the precipitation correction lapse rate.  $F_t$  is a temperature correction factor shown in equation 6.13:

$$F_t = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } t_{band} \leq 0 \text{ C} \\ 1 - A0STAB (t_{band})^2, & \text{if } t_{band} > 0 \text{ C} \end{cases} \quad (6.13)$$

where  $A0STAB$  is the precipitation gradient modification factor, and  $t_{band}$  is the temperature at the first listed elevation band in the model.  $F_t$  is constrained between 0 and 1.

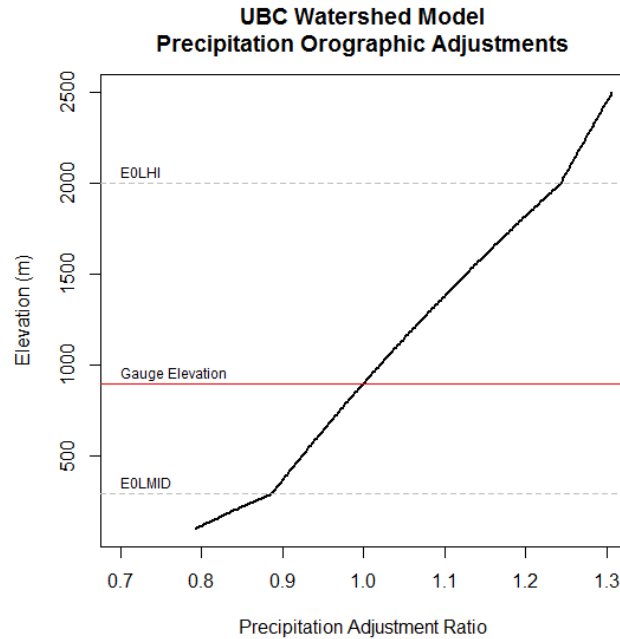


Figure 6.1: UBC Watershed Model Orographic Correction

### Simple Method (OROCORR\_SIMPLELAPSE)

The simple precipitation lapse rate method employs a simple linear adiabatic method as outlined in Equation 6.14 below:

$$P = P_g + \alpha(z - z_g) \quad (6.14)$$

where  $P$  is the total precipitation rate,  $P_g$  is the measured gauge precipitation,  $z$  and  $z_g$  are the HRU and gauge elevations respectively and  $\alpha$  is the precipitation correction lapse rate specified using the `:PrecipitationLapseRate` key word in the RVP file. Checks are included to ensure positivity of the precipitation rate

## 6.4 Potential Evapotranspiration (PET)

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A variety of potential evapotranspiration (PET) estimation algorithms of varying complexity are available for calculating PET within an HRU. These PET algorithms use many of the same relationships, including those for the saturated vapor pressure as a function of temperature,

$$e_s(T) = 0.6108 \cdot \exp\left(\frac{17.23T}{T + 237.3}\right) \quad (6.15)$$

and the slope of this curve,  $\Delta(T) = de_s/dT$ ,

$$\Delta = \frac{4098}{(T + 237.3)} \cdot e_s(T) \quad (6.16)$$

where  $T$  is in °C. The latent heat of vaporization of water,  $\lambda_v$ , is estimable by:

$$\lambda_v = 2.495 - 0.002361 * T \quad (6.17)$$

and the psychrometric constant,  $\gamma$  is here treated as varying with atmospheric pressure,  $P$ ,

$$\gamma = \frac{c_a}{0.622 \cdot \lambda_v} P \quad (6.18)$$

where  $C_a$  is the specific heat of air, equal to  $1.012 \times 10^{-3}$  MJ/kg/K.

Note that all of the algorithms below estimate daily PET. Methods are required to downscale these daily estimates to sub-daily timesteps, as discussed in 6.10.

### 6.4.1 PET Estimation

#### Constant PET (PET\_CONSTANT)

The daily PET value used is constant and uniform rate of  $3 \text{ mmd}^{-1}$ .

#### From file (PET\_DATA)

The daily PET is explicitly specified at each gauge (see section A.4 for details) and interpolated in-between. This enables any measured ET or user-specified means of calculating PET to be used.

#### From Monthly (PET\_FROMMONTHLY)

Used in the HBV Model Bergstrom (1995). Monthly PET and temperature norms are provided at the gauge using the `:MonthlyAveEvaporation` and `:MonthlyAveTemperature` commands. These estimates are assumed not to vary year-to-year. Daily estimates of PET may then be obtained from:

$$\text{PET} = \text{PET}_{mon} \cdot \min\left(\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}(T_{ave} - T_{mon})\right), 2\right) \quad (6.19)$$

where  $\text{PET}_{mon}$  and  $T_{mon}$  are the daily PET [mm/d] and temperature norms for the current month, and  $T_{ave}$  is the average daily temperature. Checks are used to ensure PET is positive and doesn't exceed twice the average representative monthly PET.

### Penman Monteith (PET\_PENMAN\_MONTEITH)

From Monteith (1965). The standard Penman-Monteith equation estimates daily reference evapotranspiration over a reference vegetation,

$$\text{PET} = \frac{1}{\lambda_v \rho_w} \cdot \left[ \frac{\Delta}{\Delta + \gamma^*} R_n + \frac{\rho_a C_a c_a}{\Delta + \gamma^*} (e_s - e) \right] \quad (6.20)$$

where  $\lambda_v$  [MJ/kg] is the latent heat of vaporization of water,  $\rho_w$  [kgm<sup>-3</sup>] is the density of water,  $\Delta = de_s/dT$  is the slope of the saturated vapor pressure curve,  $R_n$  [MJm<sup>-2</sup>d<sup>-1</sup>] is the net radiation to the system,  $\rho_a$  is the air density,  $C_a$  [MJ/kg] is the specific heat of air,  $c_{atm}$  [md<sup>-1</sup>] is the atmospheric conductance,  $e$  is the vapor pressure of the atmosphere,  $e_s(T)$  [kPa] is the current saturated vapor pressure of the atmosphere, a function of temperature, and  $\gamma^*$  [kPa/°C] is the corrected psychrometric constant,

$$\gamma^* = \left( 1 + \frac{c_a}{c_{can}} \right) \gamma \quad (6.21)$$

where  $c_{can}$  [m/d] is the canopy conductance, and  $\gamma$  [kPa/°C] is calculated using 6.18. The final expression is converted from m/d to mm/d. The atmospheric conductance is calculated using the following relationships Dingman (2002):

$$c_{atm} = v \cdot \frac{VK^2}{\ln\left(\frac{z_{ref}-z_0}{z_{rough}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{z_{ref}-z_0}{z_{vap}}\right)} \quad (6.22)$$

where  $VK$  is the Von Karman Constant (0.42),  $z_{ref}$  is the reference height [m] at which the wind velocity  $v$  [m/d] is reported,  $z_0$  [m] is the zero-plane displacement height,  $z_{rough}$  is the roughness height [m], and  $z_{vap}$  is the vapour roughness height [m]. These parameters are predominantly calculated from the ground roughness and canopy heights. The canopy conductance is calculated as a function of vegetative leaf area index Dingman (2002):

$$c_{can} = 0.5 \cdot c_{leaf} \cdot \text{LAI} \quad (6.23)$$

where  $c_{leaf}$  is the leaf conductance [m/d], calculated using the expressions detailed in Dingman (2002).

### Penman Combination (PET\_PENMAN\_COMBINATION)

From Penman (1948). A similar expression to the Penman Monteith equation, daily reference ET is calculated from the following equation:

$$\text{PET} = \frac{1}{\lambda_v \rho_w} \cdot \left[ \frac{\Delta}{\Delta + \gamma} R_n \right] + \left[ \frac{\gamma \epsilon_v v}{\Delta + \gamma} (e_s - e) \right] \quad (6.24)$$

i.e., here the deficit-driven evapotranspiration (the second term) is treated using the wind velocity,  $v$  [m/s] and a vertical transport efficiency factor,  $\epsilon_v$ , calculated as

$$\epsilon_v = \frac{0.622 \rho_a}{6.25 \cdot e \rho_w} \cdot \left( \ln(\text{frac} z_{ref} - z_0 z_{rough})^{-2} \right) \quad (6.25)$$

terms are defined as defined above in the description of the PET\_PENMAN\_MONTEITH algorithm.



### Priestley-Taylor (PET\_PRIESTLEY\_TAYLOR)

From Priestley and Taylor (1972). A simplified version of the Penman-Monteith approach where only net radiation explicitly drives daily ET, with an additional correction factor for the unmodeled ET driven by vapor deficit. The Priestley-Taylor equation is given by:

$$\text{PET} = 1.26 \cdot \frac{1}{\rho_w \lambda_v} \cdot \left[ \frac{\Delta}{\Delta + \gamma} R_n \right] \quad (6.26)$$

where  $R_n$  is the net radiation [MJ/m<sup>2</sup>/d], and other terms are defined as above in the description of the PET\_PENMAN\_MONTEITH algorithm. The factor of 1.26 is used to scale the radiation-driven ET to account for the unmodeled vapor-driven ET.

### Hargreaves (PET\_HARGREAVES)

From Hargreaves and Samani (1982).

$$\text{PET} = \frac{1}{\rho_w \lambda_v} \cdot S_{ET} \cdot 0.000938 \cdot \sqrt{T_{max,F}^{mon} - T_{min,F}^{mon}} T_{ave,F} \quad (6.27)$$

where  $S_{ET}$  [MJ/m<sup>2</sup>/d] is the extraterrestrial shortwave radiation, the temperatures  $T_{max,F}^{mon}$  and  $T_{min,F}^{mon}$  are the maximum and minimum monthly temperatures in Farenheit, and  $T_{ave,F}$  is the daily temperature in Farenheit (converted internally within the code). The temperature factors attend to the impact of cloud cover and atmospheric interference with the extraterrestrial radiation.

### Hargreaves 1985 (PET\_HARGREAVES\_1985)

From Hargreaves and Samani (1985). The 1985 Hargreaves equation, an empirical approach based solely on temperature and incoming solar radiation. Similar to PET\_HARGREAVES, but it metric units.

$$\text{PET} = \frac{1}{\rho_w \lambda_v} \cdot S_{ET} \cdot 0.0023 \cdot \sqrt{T_{max} - T_{min}} (T_{ave} + 17.8) \quad (6.28)$$

where  $T_{ave}$ ,  $T_{max}$ , and  $T_{min}$  are the average, maximum, and minimum daily air temperature, and  $S_{ET}$  [MJ/m<sup>2</sup>/d] is the extraterrestrial shortwave radiation.

### UBC (PET\_UBC)

Method used in the UBC Watershed Model (Quick, 1995). PET is calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{PET} = E_{mon} \cdot \max(T_{ave}, 0) \cdot \delta_{forest}$$

where  $E_{mon}$  [mm/d/K] is a monthly PET factor (specified using the `:MonthlyEvapFactor` command in the .rvt file),  $T_{ave}$  is the daily average temperature and  $\delta_{forest}$  is the land use parameter FOREST\_PET\_CORR), applied only to forested regions.

### Jensen Haise (PET\_JENSEN\_HAISE)

Described by Leavesley and Stannard (1995). Details described in code. **To do** (6)

### **Hamon** (PET\_HAMON)

From Hamon (1961). Details described in code. **To do** (7)

### **Turc 1961** (PET\_TURC\_1961)

From ?. **To do** (8) **To do** (9)

### **Makkink 1957** (PET\_MAKKINK\_1957)

From ?. **To do** (10) **To do** (11)

## **6.4.2 PET Orographic Effects**

Orographic effects are calculated using the following algorithms, specified using the `:OroCorrPET` command in the `.rvi` file.

### **HBV Method** (OROCORR\_HBV)

From the HBV model (Bergstrom, 1995):

$$PET = PET_g \cdot \alpha (1 - \beta) (z - z_g) \quad (6.29)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the global PET correction factor (`GLOBAL_PET_CORR`),  $\beta$  is the HBV precip correction factor (`HBV_PRECIP_CORR`), and  $z$  and  $z_g$  are the HRU elevation and the gauge elevation, respectively.

### **PRMS Method** (OROCORR\_PRMS)

**To do** (12)

## 6.5 Shortwave Radiation

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Solar radiation contributes to the earth surface's energy balance, and is important for estimating snow melt and evapotranspiration, amongst other things. Since solar radiation is not directly measured in many places, here the standard routines documented in (Dingman, 2002) are used to estimate critical terms needed to estimate extraterrestrial shortwave radiation. This can then be corrected using information about cloud cover and/or optical air mass. Used in many of these calculations is the day angle,  $\Gamma$  [rad], and the solar declination,  $\delta$  [rad]:

$$\Gamma = \frac{2\pi J}{365} \quad (6.30)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta = & 0.006918 - 0.399912 \cdot \cos(\Gamma) + \\ & 0.070257 \cdot \sin(\Gamma) - 0.006758 \cdot \cos(2 \cdot \Gamma) + \\ & 0.000907 \cdot \sin(2\Gamma) - 0.002697 \cdot \cos(3 \cdot \Gamma) + \\ & 0.001480 \cdot \sin(3\Gamma) \end{aligned}$$

Day length is calculated as follows, with additional corrections for polar latitudes:

$$\text{Day Length} = \frac{\arccos(-\tan(\delta) \cdot \tan(\Lambda))}{\pi}$$

where  $\Lambda$  is the latitude of the location (in radians). In RAVEN, net shortwave is calculated as

$$S_n = (1 - \alpha) \cdot f_{can} \cdot f_{cloud} \cdot S_{clear} \quad (6.31)$$

where  $f_{can}$  and  $f_{cloud}$  [0..1] are correction factors for canopy cover and cloud cover, respectively, and the clear sky solar radiation is given as

$$S_n = f_{atm} \cdot f_{asp} \cdot S_{ET} \quad (6.32)$$

where  $f_{atm}$  and  $f_{asp}$  [0..1] are a correction factors for atmospheric refraction and slope/aspect of the ground surface,  $S_{ET}$  is the extra terrestrial radiation. Section 6.5.1 details methods for calculating  $S_{ET}$ , section 6.5.2 details methods for handling  $f_{atm}$ , section 6.5.3 details methods for handling  $f_{cloud}$  and section ?? details methods for handling  $f_{can}$ .

### 6.5.1 Extraterrestrial Shortwave Generation

The following shortwave radiation estimation algorithms are available, and are specified using the `:SWRadiationMethod` command in the `.rvi` file.

#### Default ET Flux (SW\_RAD\_DEFAULT)

Extraterrestrial radiation flux on a horizontal plane is calculated using Dingman (2002):

$$S_{ET} = I_{sc} \cdot E_0 \cdot [\cos(\delta) \cdot \cos(\Lambda) \cdot \cos(2\pi t) + \sin(\delta) \sin(\Lambda)] \quad (6.33)$$

where  $I_{sc}$  is the solar constant (118.1 MJm<sup>-2</sup>d<sup>-1</sup>),  $E_0$  is an eccentricity correction (see Dingman (2002)), and  $t$  is the time of day in days (i.e.,  $t = 0$  is midnight,  $t = 0.5$  is noon). Corrections are applied for radiation on a sloping surface (i.e., on HRUs with a non-zero slope). Aspects are corrected for in the default approach using the corrections put forth in Dingman (2002), and can handle the two sunset effect.

## UBC Watershed Model approach (SW\_RAD\_UBCWm)

Shortwave radiation is calculated using the same equations as the SW\_RAD\_DEFAULT approach (equation 6.33), but employs a correction to the day length to account for mountain barrier effects. Two sets of monthly correction parameters are employed in this method to correct for SW radiation for north- and south-facing slopes. The parameters are included in the UBCNorthSWCorr and UBCSouthSWCorr keywords in the RVP file with one parameter for each month (January to December). The HRU orientation factor is calculated as a function of the aspect of the HRU

$$O = 1 - \left| \frac{\theta}{\pi} - 1 \right|$$

where  $\theta$  is the dominant aspect direction and  $O$  is the orientation (eg. north = 0 and south = 1, east/west = 0.5). The final SW radiation estimate is

$$f_{asp} = [O \cdot C_S + (1 - O) \cdot C_N]$$

where  $f_{asp}$  is the correction factor for shortwave radiation on an inclined plane,  $S_{ET}$  is the uncorrected shortwave radiation estimate based on equation 6.33, and  $C_S$  and  $C_N$  are the south and north correction factors respectively (from UBC\_S\_CORR and UBC\_N\_CORR).

## Interpolate From Data (SW\_RAD\_DATA)

The incident shortwave radiation is read from a file, specified at one or more gauge locations. The radiation could be either measured, generated from an atmospheric model, or estimated using an external preprocessor. If incident shortwave is provided directly, cloud cover corrections (but not aspect, or canopy corrections) are implicitly contained in this figure. What is actually being input is

$$\cdot f_{cloud} f_{atm} \cdot S_{ET}$$

Additional algorithms are required to attend to slope/aspect and canopy corrections.

## 6.5.2 Clear Sky Radiation

As radiation passes through the earth's atmosphere, energy is absorbed and scattered by particles and water vapor, both in cloudy and cloud-free areas. Corrections must be made to extraterrestrial radiation to account for this.

### Dingman (SW\_RAD\_DEFAULT)

The approach outlined in Dingman (2002), total incident radiation is calculated as:

$$f_{atm} = (\tau_{dir} + 0.5(1 - \tau_{diff})) \cdot (1 + 0.5(1 - \tau_{diff})\alpha)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the surface albedo, and the scattering correction factors for diffuse and direct solar radiation  $\tau_{diff}$  and  $\tau_{dir}$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{dir} &= \exp(-0.124 - 0.0207W_p - (0.0682 + 0.0248W_p)M_{opt}) \\ \tau_{diff} &= \exp(-0.0363 - 0.0084W_p - (0.0572 + 0.0173W_p)M_{opt}) \end{aligned} \quad (6.34)$$

where the precipitable water vapor,  $W_p$ , is calculated as  $W_p = 1.12 \exp(0.0614T_d)$ , where  $T_d$  is the dew point temperature, and the optical air mass,  $M_{opt}$ , is calculated using the methods of Yin (1997).

### UBC Watershed Model approach (SW\_RAD\_UBCWm)

In the UBC watershed model, the corrections for atmospheric scattering and adsorption are given as

$$f_{atm} = \exp(-2.0 \cdot (0.0128 - 0.0234 \ln(m_a)))$$

where the air mass,  $m_a$  is given by

$$m_a = \frac{1 - 0.001 \cdot z}{[\cos(\delta) \cdot \cos(\Lambda) \cdot \cos(2\pi t) + \sin(\delta) \sin(\Lambda)]} \quad (6.35)$$

This product  $f_{atm} \cdot S_{ET}$  is numerically integrated over the course of the day to estimate the daily clear sky radiation. The day length in this integration calculation is corrected for using a mountain barrier correction.

### 6.5.3 Cloud Cover Corrections

Additional corrections are required to handle cloud cover. While the algorithms for estimating actual cloud cover are included in section 6.7 below, the use of the cloud cover factor for estimating incident radiation is treated here.

#### UBC approach (SW\_CLOUDCOV\_CORR\_UBC)

The UBC watershed model corrects shortwave radiation due to cloud cover using the following equation

$$f_{cloud} = (1 - (1 - POCAST) \cdot C_c)$$

where  $S_C$  is the shortwave radiation corrected for cloud cover,  $S$  is the uncorrected shortwave radiation,  $C_C$  is the cloud cover correction factor and  $POCAST$  is the cloud penetration factor specified in the RVP file with the `:UBCCloudPenetration` keyword.

#### UBC Watershed model approach (SW\_CLOUDCOV\_CORR\_DINGMAN)

The cloud cover correction factor may also be estimated as outlined in Dingman (2002, Eq. 5-30):

$$f_{cloud} = (0.355 + 0.68 \cdot (1 - C_c)) \quad (6.36)$$

where  $C_c$  is cloud cover. This approach does not require any parameters to be set in the RVP file.

### 6.5.4 Canopy Cover Corrections

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Calculates the ratio of solar radiation under forest canopy relative to open. The default canopy cover correction method is no correction (SW\_CANOPY\_CORR\_NONE).

## UBC Method (SW\_CANOPY\_CORR\_UBC)

To correct for shortwave correction due to canopy cover the UBC watershed model method employs the following equation

$$f_{can} = F_E$$

where  $S_C$  is the shortwave energy corrected for canopy cover,  $S$  is the uncorrected shortwave energy, and  $F_E$  is the forest cover correction factor specified using the `:UBCExposureFactor` command in the RVP file.

## Bulk transmittance approach (SW\_CANOPY\_CORR\_STATIC)

The Bulk transmittance approach provides a static canopy transmittance based on leaf-area index and stem-area index estimates to produce a “sky view” factor, or the fraction of the ground that receives sunlight (Dingman, 2002):

$$f_{can} = \exp(-k(\text{LAI} + \text{SAI}))$$

where  $k$  is the extinction coefficient, LAI is the leaf-area index and SAI is the stem-area index. The extinction coefficient, leaf-area index and stem-area index are supplied or calculated from parameters within the `:VegetationClasses` parameter structure in the RVP file by the `EXTINCTION`, `MAX_LAI`, and `SAI_HT_RATIO` columns respectively.

The leaf-area index is calculated based on the sparseness:

$$\text{LAI} = (1 - f_c)(\text{LAI}_{max})$$

where  $f_c$  is the sparseness index (`SPARSENESS`) and  $\text{LAI}_{max}$  is the maximum leaf-area index. Stem-area index is estimated as follows:

$$\text{SAI} = (1 - f_c)(C_s \cdot h_{veg})$$

where  $C_s$  is the ratio between vegetation height and the maximum stem-area index and  $h_{veg}$  is the vegetation height.

To do (13)

## 6.6 Longwave Radiation

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Longwave radiation is the electromagnetic radiation emitted by materials with near-earth-surface temperatures. The net longwave is the difference between the incident longwave emitted (or back scattered) by the atmosphere, clouds, and canopy and the outgoing radiation from the land surface. Unlike with shortwave radiation, in RAVEN only the net longwave radiation is tracked.

### 6.6.1 Data method (LW\_RAD\_DATA)

The net longwave radiation is read from a file, specified at one or more gauge locations. The radiation could be either measured or estimated using an external preprocessor.

### 6.6.2 Default method (LW\_RAD\_DEFAULT)

Net longwave radiation is treated using the Stefan -Boltzmann law, with a correction factor for the inefficiency of the land and atmospheres as black-body emitters.

$$L_n = \sigma \cdot \epsilon_s \cdot (\epsilon_{atm} \cdot T_{atm,K}^4 - T_{s,K}^4)$$

Where  $\sigma$  is the Stefan Boltzmann constant ( $4.9 \times 10^{-9}$  MJm<sup>-2</sup>d<sup>-1</sup>K<sup>-4</sup>),  $T_{atm,K}$  and  $T_{s,K}$  [°K] are the effective temperatures of the atmosphere and ground surface (here presumed equal to the air temperature in Kelvin), and  $\epsilon_s$  and  $\epsilon_{atm}$  are the effective emissivities of the surface and atmosphere, respectively. In RAVEN, the surface emissivity is held constant as  $\epsilon_s = 0.99$  and the atmospheric emissivity is calculated as Dingman (2002)

$$\epsilon_{atm} = (1 - F_c) \cdot 1.72 \cdot \left( \frac{e}{T_{a,K}} \right)^{1/7} \cdot (1 + 0.22 \cdot C_c^2) + F_c$$

where  $F_c$  [0..1] is the forest cover (treated as a blackbody),  $e$  is the vapor pressure,  $T_{a,K}$  is the air temperature in Kelvin, and  $C_c$  is the cloud cover.

### 6.6.3 UBC Method (LW\_RAD\_UBC)

The longwave radiation is estimated in the UBC Watershed model separately for open and forested covers. The open longwave radiation is estimated using

$$L_o = (1 - f_{cloud}) \cdot \lambda_f \rho_w \cdot (-20 + 0.94 T_{avg}) + f_{cloud} \cdot \lambda_f \rho_w \cdot (1.24 T_{min})$$

where  $L_o$  is the net longwave radiation estimate for open forest cover in mmd<sup>-1</sup>,  $T_{avg}$  °C is the daily average temperature,  $T_{min}$  °C is the daily minimum temperature,  $f$  is the UBC cloud cover correction factor (see Section 6.7), and  $\lambda_f$  is the latent heat of fusion. The net longwave radiation estimate for forest covered areas is:

$$L_f = \lambda_f \rho_w f_{LW} T_{avg}$$

where  $L_f$  is the longwave radiation estimate for open forest cover in mmd<sup>-1</sup>,  $t_{avg}$  is the daily average temperature, and  $f_{LW}$  is the temperature multiplier factor in mmd<sup>-1</sup>K<sup>-1</sup> which is set in the RVP file using the :UBCLWForestFactor keyword. If the forest cover for an HRU is greater than zero then Equation ?? is employed. Note that this expression is a linearization of the Stefan-Boltzmann law.

### 6.6.4 HSPF Method (LW\_RAD\_HSPF)

Net longwave radiation is given as a simple function of average daily temperature,  $T_{avg}$  [°C]

$$L_n = 0.361 * (T_{avg} - 6.6) \tag{6.37}$$

where  $L_n$  is in MJm<sup>-2</sup>d<sup>-1</sup>.

## 6.7 Cloud Cover

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This section outlines the various method for the estimation of a cloud cover in the model and the associated cloud cover corrections for incident short wave radiation. The default cloud cover method is CLOUDCOV\_NONE, implying no cloud cover estimation or cloud cover correction.

### 6.7.1 No cloud cover calculations (CLOUDCOV\_NONE)

No cloud cover is the default approach to cloud cover for RAVEN and can be set explicitly in the RVI file using the `:CloudCoverMethod` keyword of `NONE`, or by excluding the keyword entirely.

### 6.7.2 Interpolate From Data (CLOUDCOV\_DATA)

The cloud cover data [0-1] may be incorporated from gauge data if available in which case the `CLOUDCOV_DATA` option for the `CloudCoverMethod` keyword should be employed in the RVI file. The cloud cover data is stored in the meteorological time series data files (see Section A.4 for details).

### 6.7.3 UBC approach (CLOUDCOV\_UBC)

Cloud cover factor in the UBC watershed model are estimated by determining the daily temperature range as observed at the meteorological gauges that influence an HRU and comparing that range to specified cloud temperature range parameters. The observed temperature range for the HRU is calculated as

$$\Delta T = T_{max} - T_{min} \quad (6.38)$$

where  $T_{max}$  and  $T_{min}$  are the interpolated maximum and minimum temperatures and  $\Delta t$  is the temperature range at HRU. The cloud cover correction factor is

$$C_c = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \Delta T \leq T_{cmin} \\ 1 - \frac{\Delta T - T_{cmin}}{T_{cmax} - T_{cmin}}, & \text{if } T_{cmin} > \Delta T > T_{cmax} \\ 0, & \text{if } \Delta t \geq T_{cmax} \end{cases} \quad (6.39)$$

where  $C_c$  is the cloud cover factor [0-1], and  $T_{cmin}$  and  $T_{cmax}$  are the cloud cover temperature ranges in °Cas specified for each gauge within the RVT file using the keyword `:CloudTempRanges`.

## 6.8 Energy

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This section includes a number of processes that are involved in the energy balance in the RAVEN model, including the estimates of potential snowmelt

### 6.8.1 Potential Melt

Potential snow melt can be estimated using a number a methods in the RAVEN model. To set the appropriate process in the model the RVI must include the `:PotentialMeltMethod` keyword along with the appropriate value for the method selected.



## Degree Day Method (POTMELT\_DEGREE\_DAY)

The degree day method estimates a potential snow melt using an temperature index approach as described in, e.g., Dingman (2002):

$$M_{melt} = M_a \cdot \max(T - T_f, 0)$$

where  $M_{melt}$  is the potential melt rate [mm/day],  $T$  is the atmospheric temperature of the HRU [deg C],  $T_f$  is the freeze/melt temperature [°C] (zero by default), and  $M_a$  is the melt factor [mm/day/deg C], specified using the land use/land type parameter MELT\_FACTOR.

## UBC approach (POTMELT\_UBC)

The UBC watershed model approach to calculating potential snowmelt is described below. The model requires a certain number of participating parameters defined in the RVP file: FOREST\_COVERAGE supplied in the :LandUseClasses table, and UBC\_MIN\_SNOW\_ALBEDO, UBC\_SW\_S\_CORR and UBC\_SW\_N\_CORR provided as global variables. The total snow melt is an accumulation of separate melt components:

$$M_{melt} = \frac{1}{\lambda_f \rho_w} ((1 - \alpha_s)S + L_n + Q_c + Q_a + Q_r)$$

where  $M_{melt}$  is the total potential melt rate [mm/d],  $S$  is the incoming shortwave radiation,  $\alpha_s$  is the snow albedo,  $L_n$  [MJ/m<sup>2</sup>/d] is the long wave radiation,  $Q_c$  [MJ/m<sup>2</sup>/d] is the convective melt energy,  $Q_a$  [MJ/m<sup>2</sup>/d] is the condensation or advective melt energy and  $Q_r$  [MJ/m<sup>2</sup>/d] is the melt energy due to rainfall. The convective and advective melt energy is estimated using

$$Q_c = 0.113 \cdot p \cdot T_a \cdot V \cdot R_M$$

$$Q_a = 0.44 \cdot T_{min} \cdot V \cdot R_M \cdot [(1 - f_c)p + f_c]$$

where  $p$  is the air pressure  $T_a$  is the average air temperature,  $T_{min}$  is the minimum daily air temperature,  $V$  is the wind velocity,  $f_c$  is the fraction of forest cover and  $R_M$  is a reduction factor as described below

$$R_M = 1.0 - 7.7 \cdot R_I$$

$$0 \leq R_M \leq 1.6$$

where  $R_I$  is a linearized estimate of Richardson's number

$$R_I = \frac{0.095 \cdot T_{avg}}{V^2}$$

The rainfall related melt is estimated using the following equation

$$Q_r = k \cdot T_a \cdot P_r$$

where  $k$  represents the heat content of the rain mm/C and  $P_r$  is the rainfall over the time step.

## HBV Method (POTMELT\_HBV)

The potential melt in the HBV method is given by a corrected version of the degree day approach, with the corrected melt coefficient given by

$$M'_a = C_f \cdot C_a \left( M_{a.min} + (M_{a.max} - M_{a.min}) \cdot \frac{1.0 - \cos(\Gamma - \Gamma_s)}{2} \right) \quad (6.40)$$

where  $M'_a$  is the potential melt coefficient,  $C_f$  is the forest correction factor,  $C_a$  is the aspect correction factor,  $A_c$  is the aspect correction factor,  $M_{a.max}$  and  $M_{a.min}$  are the maximum and minimum potential melt rate parameters specified using the MELT\_FACTOR and MIN\_MELT\_FACTOR keywords respectively, and are specified in the land use parameters.  $\Gamma$  is the day angle calculated using equation 6.30 and  $\Gamma_s$  is the winter solstice angle and is a model constant of  $23.5^\circ$ . The forest and aspect correction factors are described below:

$$C_f = (1.0 - F_c) \cdot (1.0 + (F_c) \cdot M_{RF}) \quad (6.41)$$

$$C_a = \max(1 - A_m \cdot C_s \cdot \cos(\theta), 0.0) \quad (6.42)$$

where  $F_c$  is the fraction of forest cover,  $M_{RF}$  is the forest melt correction parameter specified using HBV\_MELT\_FOR\_CORR,  $A_m$  is the aspect melt correction parameter HBV\_MELT ASP\_CORR, and  $\theta$  is the landscape aspect angle.  $C_s$  is slope correction factor described below:

$$C_s = (1.0 - F_c) \cdot (1.0 + (F_c) \cdot \sin(\theta_s)) \quad (6.43)$$

where  $\theta_s$  is the landscape slope.

$$M_{melt} = M'_a \cdot (T - T_f) \quad (6.44)$$

## Restricted Method (POTMELT\_RESTRICTED)

The potential melt rate is given by the degree day method plus a correction term due to net incoming radiation:

$$M_{melt} = M_a \cdot (T - T_f) + \frac{S_n + L_n}{\lambda_f \rho_w} \quad (6.45)$$

where  $S_n$  and  $L_n$  are the net incoming radiation, and the melt factor,  $M_a$  is the land surface parameter MELT\_FACTOR.

## Energy Balance Method (POTMELT\_EB)

Similar to the POTMELT\_UBC approach, except the estimates for  $Q_c$ ,  $Q_a$  and  $Q_r$  are obtained using the methods of Dingman (2002). This approach requires no additional parameters: all energy estimates are taken from the current air and surface temperatures, and roughness heights of the land/vegetation.

## 6.9 Atmospheric Variables

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This section includes various methods for estimating wind speed, relative humidity,

### 6.9.1 Wind Speed

The following methods can be used to estimate the wind speed at 2 metres, as used for a number of ET and potential melt estimation algorithms.

#### Constant Method (WINDVEL\_CONSTANT)

Returns a constant value of 2.0 m/s (the global average).

#### Interpolate From Data (WINDVEL\_DATA)

Wind velocity is interpolated from data supplied at a gauge location, as specified in the .rvt file.

#### UBC Watershed model approach (WINDVEL\_UBC)

An algorithm adapted from the UBC Watershed model. The base wind speed,  $v_b$  [km/hr] is first estimated to be between a reasonable range using the temperature range for the day

$$v_b = (1 - \omega)v_{max} + (\omega)v_{vmin}$$

where  $v_{max} = 8$  km/hr,  $v_{min} = 1$  km/hr, and  $\omega = 0.04 \cdot \min(T_{max} - T_{min}, \Delta T_{max})$ . Here  $T_{max}$  and  $T_{min}$  are the orographically corrected minimum and maximum daily temperature,  $\Delta T_{max}$  is the global parameter MAX\_RANGE\_TEMP, which may be corrected for elevation. If the following maximum temperature range is smaller than MAX\_RANGE\_TEMP, it overrides MAX\_RANGE\_TEMP:

$$\Delta T_{max} = 25.0 - 0.001 \cdot POTEDL \cdot z_g - 0.001 \cdot POTEDU(z - z_g)$$

where POTEDL and POTEDU are global lapse rate parameters specified using the :UBCTempLapseRates command, and  $z_g$  and  $z$  are the elevation of the temperature gauge and HRU, respectively. The wind velocity is then converted to m/s, then corrected for forest cover and elevation,

$$v = \alpha_f \cdot (0.001 \cdot z)^{1/2} \cdot v_b$$

where  $\alpha_f$  is equal to 1 for bare ground and 0.7 if FOREST\_COVER is greater than zero.

### 6.9.2 Relative Humidity

The following algorithms may be used to estimate relative humidity in RAVEN:

#### Constant Method (RELHUM\_CONSTANT)

The relative humidity is (somewhat arbitrarily) estimated to be 0.5.

#### Interpolate From Data (RELHUM\_DATA)

Relative humidity is interpolated from data supplied at a gauge location, as specified in the .rvt file.

### Minimum Daily Temp as estimator of dew point (RELHUM\_MINDEWPT)

The minimum daily temperature is assumed to be equal to the dew point, allowing relative humidity to be estimated as

$$RH = \frac{e_s(T_{min})}{e_s(T_{ave})}$$

where  $T_{min}$  and  $T_{ave}$  are the minimum and average daily temperatures and  $e_s(T)$  is the saturated vapor pressure, a function of temperature.

### 6.9.3 Air Pressure

The following approaches may be used to estimate atmospheric pressure:

#### Constant Method (AIRPRESS\_CONSTANT)

A constant air pressure of 101.3 kPa is used (air pressure at standard temperature of 25 °C)

#### Interpolate From Data (AIRPRESS\_DATA)

Air pressure is interpolated from data supplied at a gauge location, as specified in the .rvt file.

#### UBC Watershed model approach (AIRPRESS\_UBC)

Air pressure is corrected for elevation above mean sea level,  $z$ ,

$$P = 101.3 \cdot (1 - 0.001z)$$

where  $P$  is in kPa.

#### Basic Approach (AIRPRESS\_BASIC)

Air pressure is corrected for both temperature and pressure using the following relationship

$$P = 101.3 \cdot \left(1 - 0.0065 \frac{z}{T_{ave}^K}\right)^{5.26}$$

where  $T_{ave}^K$  is the average temperature for the time step in °K, and  $z$  is the HRU elevation.

## 6.10 Sub Daily Corrections

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Many of the above algorithms estimate incoming radiation, potential melt, and/or ET on a daily timescale. When simulating at a sub-daily timescale, it is advantageous to be able to downscale these estimates for smaller time intervals. If a time step less than  $\Delta t=1.0$  is used, the sub-daily corrections are used to modify the following quantities:

- potential melt
- shortwave radiation
- PET

### Simple Method (SUBDAILY\_NONE)

No modification is used.

### Simple Method (SUBDAILY\_SIMPLE)

The half-day length is used to scale a cosine wave which peaks at midday, is zero after sunset and before sunrise, and has a total area of 1.0 underneath; the average value of this sine wave over the time step is used as the subdaily correction.

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_t^{t+\Delta t} -\frac{1}{2} \cos\left(\frac{\pi t}{DL}\right) dt$$

where  $DL$  is the day length, in days.

### UBC Watershed model approach (SUBDAILY\_UBC)

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## 6.11 Monthly Interpolation

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Various methods to be used for interpolation and use of all monthly data.

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### Uniform Method (MONTHINT\_UNIFORM)

Monthly values are assumed to be uniform throughout the month, jumping abruptly when moving from month to month.

### Related To Data Of The First Day Of The Month (MONTHINT\_LINEAR\_FOM)

Monthly values are linearly interpolated, assuming that the specified value refers to the first day of the month.

### Related To Data Of The Median Day Of The Month (MONTHINT\_LINEAR\_MID)

Monthly values are linearly interpolated, assuming that the specified value refers to the middle of the month.

**Related To Data Of The Twenty-First Day Of The Month (MONTHINT\_LINEAR\_21)**

Monthly values are linearly interpolated, assuming that the specified value refers to the 21st day of the month (as done in the UBC Watershed model).

## Chapter 7

# Tracer and Contaminant Transport

RAVEN can be used to track contaminants and/or tracers (referred to as constituents) through a watershed via advection. It also has the capacity to (in the future) simulate dispersion, turbulent dispersion, and single and multi-species chemical reactions, volatilization, and settling; these capabilities have yet to be implemented. Transport is now limited to single-subbasin models; mass cannot yet be routed downstream through the channel reach.

The advective transport capabilities of RAVEN are relatively simple in concept. During each time step, water exchange in the HRU is first calculated. Using the known water fluxes between storage compartments over a given time step, and the mass of a given constituent in each storage compartment, the net mass flux is calculated between all storage compartments for the time step. Internally, the mass density (in  $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$ ) is stored in each storage compartment (i.e., soils, surface water, snow, etc.), though concentrations of constituents are reported in more natural concentration units of  $\text{mg}/\text{L}$ . Advective fluxes between all water storage compartments are calculated as

$$J = M \cdot \left( \frac{m}{\phi} \right)$$

where  $J$  is the advective flux [ $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2/\text{d}$ ],  $M$  is the water exchange rate between compartments [ $\text{mm}/\text{d}$ ],  $m$  is the constituent mass [ $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$ ],  $\phi$  is the water storage of the compartment which the mass is leaving [ $\text{mm}$ ]. In any of the storage compartments, constituent concentration is calculated as

$$C = \frac{m}{\phi}$$

With the `ORDERED_SERIES` global numerical algorithm, mass balance errors for each constituent should be exactly zero. Because the transport module wraps around the hydrologic water balance model, the addition of new hydrologic processes and algorithms does not require the addition of new code for simulating mass transport.

For flow tracers, the option may be used to ignore the inherent units of mass density, and instead track the percent of flows sourced from particular sources. This can be useful, for example, in tracking snow vs. rain components of streamflow, or determining the timing of outflow coming from a given HRU. In the case of a tracer, the same expression as above is valid, though using an equivalent flux and equivalent mass, i.e.,

$$J' = M \cdot \left( \frac{m'}{\phi} \right)$$

where  $J'$  is the advective flux [ $\text{mm}/\text{d}$ ], and  $m'$  is the effective mass [ $\text{mm}$ ]. In this case,  $J'/M$  may be interpreted as the fraction of the flow which contains the tracer fluid; likewise,  $m'/\phi$ , the tracer

concentration [unitless] can be interpreted as the fraction of storage which is marked by tracer. Tracer concentrations should range from 0 to 1.

The primary outputs from the transport simulation are the average concentrations of a given constituent in each of the various storage compartments and pollutographs at subbasin outlets.

## 7.1 Constituent Sources

Sources of constituents may be handled in one of two ways:

- As Dirichlet conditions, where the constituent concentration in a given compartment is fixed at a user-specified value
- As Neumann conditions, where a user-specified (dry) mass flux is applied to a given compartment

Other source types may be incorporated into RAVEN at a later date.

## 7.2 Catchment Routing

Constituents are routed through the catchment in a manner consistent with the catchment routing process described in section 5.1. A discrete transfer function approach is used,

$$QC(t + \Delta t) = \sum_{n=0}^N QC_{lat}(t - n\Delta t) \cdot UH_n \quad (7.1)$$

where  $QC$  [mg/d] is the mass loading,  $QC_{lat}$  is the loading released from the catchment at time  $t$ , and  $\vec{UH}$  is a unitless vector which describes the distribution of arrival times to the channel, and is the same distribution used by the catchment routing for water, described in section 5.1.

## 7.3 In-channel Routing

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# Appendix A

## Input Files

### A.1 Primary Input file (.rvi)

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The primary input file stores the model simulation options and numerical options. An example .rvi file is shown below.

#### Example File: modelname.rvi

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* -----
* Raven Input (.rvi) file
* -----
:StartDate      2000-01-01 00:00:00
:Duration       366.0
:Method        EULER
:TimeStep      1.0
* -Options-----
:Routing        ROUTE_MUSKINGUM
:CatchmentRoute ROUTE_GAMMA_CONVOLUTION
:Evaporation    PET_PENMAN_MONTEITH
:SoilModel      SOIL_TWO_LAYER
* -Processes-----
:HydrologicalProcesses
:Precipitation  PRECIP_RAVEN      ATMOS_PRECIP  MULTIPLE
:Infiltration   INF_GREEN_AMPT    PONDED_WATER  SOIL[0]
:SoilEvaporation SOILEVAP_SEQUEN  SOIL[0]       ATMOSPHERE
:Percolation    PERC_POWER_LAW    SOIL[0]       SOIL[1]
:Percolation    PERC_POWER_LAW    SOIL[1]       GROUNDWATER
:Baseflow      BASE_LINEAR       SOIL[1]       SURFACE_WATER
:EndHydrologicalProcesses
* -Custom Output-----
:CustomOutput Daily   Average SOIL[0]   BY_HRU
:CustomOutput Monthly Maximum SOIL[1]   BY_BASIN
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Note that comments may be included on individual lines using the \* or # characters as the first word on the line.

### A.1.1 Required Commands

The .rvi file consists of the following required commands:

- `:StartDate [yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss]`  
Starting time of the simulation: can be used as alternate to `:JulianStartDay` and `:JulianStartYear`
- `:Duration [days]`  
Duration of the simulation, in decimal days, beginning from the start date specified.
- `:Method [method string]`  
Numerical method used for simulation. Can be one of the following strings:
  - `EULER` - uses the classical Euler method, with operator-splitting. Process order as specified in the input file does not matter
  - `ORDERED_SERIES` - the standard approach. Process ordering is defined as being the same as the order of hydrological process in the input file
- `:TimeStep [time step in days]`  
Time step for the simulation. As RAVEN is intended for sub-daily calculations, it is suggested that the time step be less than or equal to 1.0.
- `:TimeStep [hh:mm:ss]`  
Time step for the simulation (alternate format).
- `:SoilModel [soilmodel string] {optional other_data}`  
Soil model used in the simulation, one of the following:
  - `SOIL_LUMPED` Groundwater and soil surface (and, likely, canopy) treated as single lumped landform
  - `SOIL_ONE_LAYER` Single soil layer
  - `SOIL_TWO_LAYER` Two soil layers
  - `SOIL_MULTILAYER [number of layers]` Any number of soil layers
- `:HydrologicalProcesses-:EndHydrologicalProcesses`  
(Required) These commands bracket the list of hydrological processes to be modeled (see section A.1.5)

## A.1.2 Model Operational Options

The following section discusses about the several hydrological processes that are supported by RAVEN and their respective algorithms. Some of these algorithms require specific parameters to be entered by the users. Refer to section A.1.3 for more details about the required parameters.

- `:CatchmentRoute` [approach string]  
Catchment routing method, used to convey water from the catchment tributaries and rivulets to the subbasin outlets. Can be one of the following methods, discussed in section ??:
  - `DUMP` (**default**) - *water from the catchment is dumped directly to the basin outlet.*
  - `ROUTE_GAMMA_CONVOLUTION` - *a Gamma distribution is used to represent the unit hydrograph*
  - `ROUTE_TRI_CONVOLUTION` - *a triangular distribution is used for the unit hydrograph*
  - `ROUTE_RESERVOIRS_SERIES` - *series of linear reservoirs (Nash Hydrograph)*
- `:Routing` [approach string]  
Channel routing method which is used to transport water from upstream to downstream *within* the main subbasin channels. Can be one of the following methods, as described in section 5.2:
  - `ROUTE_NONE` - *water is not routed from subbasin to subbasin. Intended for single-subbasin/single catchment models or numerical testing only.*
  - `STORAGE_COEFF` (**default**) - *From Williams (1969)*
  - `ROUTE_PLUG_FLOW` - *water travels as a pulse of uniform celerity along the reach*
  - `ROUTE_MUSKINGUM` - *reach storage is updated using the Muskingum-Cunge routing algorithm*
  - `ROUTE_DIFFUSIVE_WAVE`
  - `ROUTE_HYDROLOGIC`
- `:InterpolationMethod` [method]  
(Optional) Means of interpolating forcing function data (e.g., precipitation, PET, etc.) between monitoring gauges. The centroid of the HRU is used as the interpolation point. The following methods, discussed in section 6.1 are supported:
  - `INTERP_NEAREST_NEIGHBOR` (**default**) - *the nearest neighbor (Voronoi) method*
  - `INTERP_INVERSE_DISTANCE` - *inverse distance weighting*
  - `INTERP_AVERAGE_ALL` - *averages all specified gauge readings*
  - `INTERP_FROM_FILE` [filename]- *weights for each gauge at each HRU are specified in a tabular format, given by*

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{[NG]} \quad \{\# \text{ of HRUs}\} \\ \{w_{n1} \ w_{n2} \ \dots \ w_{nNG}\} \times \{\# \text{ of HRUs}\} \end{array}$$

where NG is the number of gauges. The sum of the weights in each row (i.e., for each HRU) should be 1.

- `:RainSnowFraction` [method]
 

(Optional) Means of partitioning precipitation into snow and rain, if these values are not specified as time series data. The following methods, discussed in detail in section 6.3.1, are supported:

  - `RAINSNOW_DINGMAN` (**default**)
  - `RAINSNOW_DATA` - *gauge time series of snowfall used*
  - `RAINSNOW_UBC`
  - `RAINSNOW_HBV`
  - `RAINSNOW_HSPF`
  
- `:Evaporation` [method]
 

PET calculation method for land surface. Can be one of the following methods, described in detail in section 6.4:

  - `PET_CONSTANT` (**default**)
  - `PET_PENMAN_MONTEITH`
  - `PET_PENMAN_COMBINATION`
  - `PET_PRIESTLEY_TAYLOR`
  - `PET_HARGREAVES`
  - `PET_HARGREAVES_1985`
  - `PET_FROM_MONTHLY`
  - `PET_DATA` - *gauge time series used*
  - `PET_HAMON_1961`
  - `PET_TURC_1961`
  - `PET_MAKKINK_1957`
  - `PET_MONTHLY_FACTOR`
  
- `:OEvaporation` [method]
 

(Optional) PET calculation method for open water. Has the same options as `Evaporation` command.
  
- `:OroPrecipCorrect` [method]
 

(Optional) Method for correcting total precipitation for orographic (elevation) effects. The following methods, discussed in detail in section 6.3.2, are supported:

  - `OROCORR_NONE` (**default**)
  - `OROCORR_HBV`
  - `OROCORR_UBC`
  - `OROCORR_UBC_2`
  - `OROCORR_SIMPLE`

- `:OroTempCorrect` [method]  
 (Optional) Method for correcting estimated Temperatures for orographic (elevation) effects. The following methods are supported:
  - `OROCORR_NONE` (**default**)
  - `OROCORR_HBV`
  - `OROCORR_UBC`
  - `OROCORR_UBC_2`
  - `OROCORR_SIMPLE`
  
- `:OroPETCorrect` [method]  
 (Optional) Method for correcting estimated PET for orographic (elevation) effects. The following methods are supported, as discussed in section 6.3.2:
  - `OROCORR_NONE` (**default**)
  - `OROCORR_HBV`
  - `OROCORR_UBC`
  - `OROCORR_UBC_2`
  - `OROCORR_PRMS`
  
- Note:** No specific parameter required for any of the methods mentioned above.
  
- `:SWRadiationMethod` [method]  
 (Optional) Means of estimating shortwave radiation to the surface. The following methods, described in detail in section 6.5, are supported:
  - `SW_RAD_DEFAULT`(**default**) - *From Dingman (2002)*
  - `SW_RAD_DATA` - *gauge time series used*
  - `SW_RAD_UBCWM` - *From ?*
  
- `:SWCanopyCorrect` (Optional) Means of correcting shortwave radiation to the surface due to canopy cover. The following methods, described in detail in section 6.5, are supported:
  - `SW_CANOPY_CORR_NONE`(**default**)
  - `SW_CANOPY_CORR_STATIC`
  - `SW_CANOPY_CORR_DYNAMIC`
  - `SW_CANOPY_CORR_UBC` - *From ?*
  
- `:SWCloudCorrect` (Optional) Means of correcting shortwave radiation to the surface due to cloud cover. The following methods, described in detail in section 6.5, are supported:
  - `SW_CLOUDCOV_CORR_NONE`(**default**)
  - `SW_CLOUDCOV_CORR_DINGMAN`
  - `SW_CLOUDCOV_CORR_UBC` - *From ?*
  
- `:LWRadiationMethod` [method]  
 (Optional) Means of estimating longwave radiation. The following methods are supported, as discussed in section 6.6:

- LW\_RAD\_DATA - *gauge time series used*
  - LW\_RAD\_DEFAULT(**default**) - *From Dingman (2002)*
  - LW\_RAD\_UBC - *From ?*
  - LW\_RAD\_HSPF
- **:CloudCoverMethod [method]**  
(Optional) Means of calculating cloud cover percentages, if used. The following methods, as described in section 6.7, are supported:
    - CLOUDCOV\_NONE (**default**)
    - CLOUDCOV\_DATA - *gauge time series used*
    - CLOUDCOV\_UBC - *From ?*
  - **:WindspeedMethod [method]**  
(Optional) Means of calculating wind speed at a reference height. The following methods are supported, as described in section 6.9.1:
    - WINDVEL\_CONSTANT (**default**) - *constant wind velocity of 3 m/s*
    - WINDVEL\_DATA - *gauge time series used*
    - WINDVEL\_UBC - *From ?*
  - **:RelativeHumidityMethod [method]**  
(Optional) Means of calculating relative humidity. The following methods are supported, as described in section 6.9.2:
    - RELHUM\_CONSTANT (**default**) - *constant relative humidity of 0.5*
    - RELHUM\_MINDEWPT
- Note:** No specific parameter required for any of the methods mentioned above.
- **:AirPressureMethod [method]**  
(Optional) Means of estimating air pressure. The following methods are supported, as described in section 6.9.3:
    - AIRPRESS\_BASIC (**default**)
    - AIRPRESS\_CONST - *standard atm pressure at 20°C*
    - AIRPRESS\_DATA - *gauge time series used*
    - AIRPRESS\_UBC - *From ?*
  - **:PrecipIceptFract [method]**  
(Optional) Means of estimating the precipitation interception fraction (i.e., what percentage of precip is intercepted by the canopy). The following methods are supported:
    - PRECIP\_ICEPT\_USER (**default**) - *uses fixed vegetation parameters 1-TFRRAIN and 1-TFSNOW*
    - PRECIP\_ICEPT\_LAI -  $\alpha(LAI+SAI)$  where  $\alpha$  are the vegetation parameters RAIN\_ICEPT\_PCT or SNOW\_ICEPT\_PCT
    - PRECIP\_ICEPT\_EXPLAI -  $(1.0 - \exp(-0.5(LAI + SAI)))$

- `:PotentialMelt [method]`  
 (Optional) If used, estimates the potential melt. The following methods are supported , as discussed in section 6.8.1:
  - `POTMELT_DEGREE_DAY` (**default**)
  - `POTMELT_EB`
  - `POTMELT_RESTRICTED`
  - `POTMELT_UBC`
  - `POTMELT_HBV`
  
- `:MonthlyInterpolationMethod [method]`  
 (Optional) If used, performs monthly interpolations. The following methods, as discussed in section 6.11, are supported:
  - `MONTHINT_UNIFORM`
  - `MONTHINT_LINEAR_MID` (**default**)
  - `MONTHINT_LINEAR_FOM`
  - `MONTHINT_LINEAR_21`
  
- Note:** No specific parameter required for any of the methods mentioned above.
  
- `:SubDailyMethod [method]`  
 (Optional) Used for sub-daily temporal downscaling of daily average PET and snowmelt. The supported methods are, as described in section ??:  
  - `SUBDAILY_NONE` (**default**)
  - `SUBDAILY_UBC`
  - `SUBDAILY_SIMPLE`

**Note:** No specific parameter required for any of the methods mentioned above.

### A.1.3 Required Parameters for Model Operation Options

The following table (Table A.1) shows the required parameters in order to use the different Model Operation Options that were listed in the previous section (Section A.1.2).

Table A.1: Required Parameters for All Model Operation Options.  
 \*=Default Algorithm

OPTIONS	ALGORITHMS	REQUIRED PARAMETERS
Interpolation	INTERP_FROM_FILE INTERP_AVERAGE_ALL INTERP_NEAREST_NEIGHBOR*	GaugeWeights Table required - -
Routing	ROUTE_NONE ROUTE_DIFFUSIVE_WAVE* ROUTE_PLUG_FLOW ROUTE_STORAGE_COEFF ROUTE_MUSKINGUM ROUTE_MUSKINGUM_LAGGED ROUTE_MUSKINGUM_CUNGE ROUTE_HYDROLOGIC	Channel Geometry and Manning's n Channel Geometry and Manning's n Channel Geometry and Manning's n Channel Geometry and Manning's n Channel Geometry and Manning's n Channel Geometry and Manning's n Channel Geometry and Manning's n Channel Geometry and Manning's n
CatchmentRoute	ROUTE_DUMP* ROUTE_LAG ROUTE_DELAYED_FIRST_ORDER ROUTE_GAMMA_CONVOLUTION ROUTE_TRI_CONVOLUTION ROUTE_RESERVOIR_SERIES ROUTE_EXPONENTIAL	- TIME_LAG TIME_LAG and RES_CONSTANT TIME_TO_PEAK TIME_TO_PEAK and TIME_CONC NUM_RESERVOIRS and RES_CONSTANT RES_CONSTANT
Evaporation and OW_Evaporation	PET_CONSTANT PET_FROMFILE PET_FROMMONTHLY  PET_MONTHLY_FACTOR  PET_PENMAN_MONTEITH  PET_PENMAN_COMBINATION PET_HAMON PET_HARGREAVES PET_HARGREAVES_1985* PET_TURC_1961 PET_MAKKINK_1957 PET_PRIESTLEY_TAYLOR	- [time series at gauge] :MonthlyAveEvaporation and :MonthlyAveTemperature FOREST_PET_CORR, FOREST_COVERAGE and :MonthlyEvapFactor MAX_HEIGHT, RELATIVE_HT, MAX_LAI, RELATIVE_LAI, MAX_LEAF_COND and SPARSENESS MAX_HEIGHT and RELATIVE_HT - TEMP_MONTH_MAX and TEMP_MONTH_MIN - - - -
OroPETCorrect	OROCORR_NONE* OROCORR_SIMPLELAPSE OROCORR_HBV OROCORR_UBC & OROCORR_UB2 OROCORR_PRMS	- - [hard coded for now] - -
SWRadiationMethod	SW_RAD_DATA SW_RAD_DEFAULT* SW_RAD_UBCWM	[time series at gauge] SLOPE and ASPECT HORIZON_CORR and TURBIDITY
LWRadiationMethod	LW_RAD_DATA LW_RAD_DEFAULT* LW_RAD_UBCWM	[time series at gauge] FOREST_COVERAGE FOREST_COVERAGE
CloudCoverMethod	CLOUDCOV_NONE*	-

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OPTIONS	ALGORITHMS	REQUIRED PARAMETERS
	CLOUDCOV_DATA CLOUDCOV_UBC	[time series at gauge] -
RainSnowFraction	RAINSNOW_DATA RAINSNOW_DINGMAN RAINSNOW_HBV RAINSNOW_UBC	[time series at gauge] RAINSNOW_TEMP RAINSNOW_TEMP and RAINSNOW_DELTA RAINSNOW_TEMP and RAINSNOW_DELTA
PrecipIceptFract	PRECIP_ICEPT_USER PRECIP_ICEPT_LAI PRECIP_ICEPT_EXPLAI	RAIN_ICEPT_PCT and SNOW_ICEPT_PCT RAIN_ICEPT_FACT and SNOW_ICEPT_FACT -
OroPrecipCorrect	OROCORR_NONE* OROCORR_UBC OROCORR_HBV OROCORR_SIMPLELAPSE	- :UBCPrecipLapseRates :RainCorrection and :SnowCorrection -
OroTempCorrect	OROCORR_NONE* OROCORR_UBC OROCORR_HBV OROCORR_SIMPLELAPSE	- :UBCPrecipLapseRates ADIABATIC_LAPSE ADIABATIC_LAPSE
PotentialMeltMethod	POTMELT_DEGREE_DAY* POTMELT_RESTRICTED POTMELT_HBV  POTMELT_UBC	MELT_FACTOR MELT_FACTOR MIN_MELT_FACTOR, HBV_MELT_ASP_CORR, HBV_MELT_FOR_CORR and FOREST_COVERAGE MIN_SNOW_ALBEDO, FOREST_COVERAGE and ASPECT, :UBCNorthSWCorr, :UBCSouthSWCorr and FOERGY,
SubDailyMethod	SUBDAILY_NONE* SUBDAILY_SIMPLE SUBDAILY_UBC	- - -
WindspeedMethod	WINDVEL_CONSTANT* WINDVEL_DATA WINDVEL_UBC	- [time series at gauge] :UBCTempLapseRates and FOREST_COVERAGE
RelativeHumidityMethod	RELHUM_CONSTANT* RELHUM_DATA RELHUM_MINDEWPT	- - -
AirPressureMethod	AIRPRESS_BASIC* AIRPRESS_UBC AIRPRESS_DATA AIRPRESS_CONST	- - [time series at gauge] -
MonthlyInterpolationMethod	MONTHINT_UNIFORM MONTHINT_LINEAR_FOM MONTHINT_LINEAR_MID* MONTHINT_LINEAR_21	- - - -

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### A.1.4 Input/Output Control Commands

- **:RunName [name]**  
(Optional) The name of the model run. This acts as a prefix to all output files generated by the program. The default is no run name, and no prefix is appended to the file outputs.
- **:rvh\_FileName [name]**  
(Optional) The name of the \*.rvh file. By default, the .rvh file has the same name as the .rvi file; this command allows the user to override this. If no directory is specified, it is assumed the file exists in the working directory. Equivalent to the command prompt argument -h [name].
- **:rvc\_FileName, :rvp\_FileName, :rvt\_FileName**  
(Optional) Same as **:rvh\_FileName [name]** above, but for .rvc, .rvp, and .rvt files, respectively
- **:OutputDirectory [directory name]**  
(Optional) Sets the output directory, which by default is the working directory from which the executable is called. Directory name is usually in a system independent format, using all forward slashes for folders, ending with a forward slash, e.g., C:/Temp/Model Output/run 3/. Equivalent to the command line argument -o [directory name]. If used, this should be called as early as possible in the .rvi file.
- **:OutputInterval [frequency]**  
The frequency of printing output to the output files. Default of 1 (printing every timestep). Typically used for simulations with small timesteps (e.g., if frequency=60 for a model with a timestep of 1 minute, output is printed hourly).
- **:WriteMassBalanceFile**  
(Optional) The file `runname_WatershedMassEnergyBalance.csv` (or `.tb0`) is generated (see appendix B)
- **:WriteForcingFunctions**  
(Optional) The file `runname_ForcingFunctions.csv` (or `.tb0`) is generated (see appendix B)
- **:WriteEnergyStorage**  
(Optional) The file `runname_WatershedEnergyStorage.csv` is generated (see appendix B)
- **:WriteParametersFile**  
(Optional) The file `runname_WatershedEnergyStorage.csv` is generated (see appendix B)
- **:WriteEnsimFormat [yes or no]**  
(Optional) Specify whether the output files generated by Raven should be in an EnSim format (e.g. `tb0`, `ts3`, etc.) or standard text files (`.csv`). String values can be one of:
  - `yes` - file output in Ensim formats, or
  - `no` - file output in standard formatsThe default is standard format
- **:WriteExhaustiveMB**  
(Optional) The file `runname_ExhaustiveMB.csv` is generated (see appendix B)
- **:EndPause [yes or no]**  
(Optional) if **:EndPause** is set to 'yes' then the program output will stay on the screen (e.g., as a DOS window) until the user exits manually.

- `:DebugMode` [yes or no]  
(Optional) If set to 'yes', the equivalent of including `:WriteMassBalanceFile`, `:WriteForcingFunctions`, `:WriteEnergyStorage`, and `:WriteParameters`.
- `:SilentMode`  
(Optional) If the `SilentMode` command is included, output to the command prompt is minimized.
- `:CustomOutput` [time\_per] [processing] [variable/parameter] [space\_aggregation]  
(Optional) This command is used to create a custom output file that tracks a single variable, parameter, or forcing function over time at a number of basins, HRUs, or across the watershed. Here, the `variable` is specified using either the state variable name (for an exhaustive list, see table C.1), the forcing name (see table ??), or parameter name. `time_per` refers to the time period, one of `DAILY`, `MONTHLY`, `YEARLY`, or `CONTINUOUS` (for output created every time step). `processing` is one of
  - `AVERAGE`
  - `MAXIMUM`
  - `MINIMUM`
  - `RANGE`
  - `MEDIAN`
  - `QUARTILES`
  - `HISTOGRAM`

If `HISTOGRAM` is selected, the command should be followed (in the same line) with the minimum and maximum bounding values of the histogram range and the number of evenly spaced bins.

`space_aggregation` refers to the evaluation domain, and is either `BY_BASIN`, `BY_HRU`, `BY_HRU_GROUPS`, or `ENTIRE_WATERSHED`.

If the state variable is not used in the model (it does not participate in any of the user-specified hydrologic processes), the output file will not be created; a warning will be generated.

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- `:LakeStorage` [lake storage variable]  
(Optional) Specifies variable to be used for rainfall on lake HRUs, typically `SURFACE_WATER` (default) or `LAKE_STORAGE`
- `:OutputDump` [timestamp (YYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss)] Outputs snapshot of all state variables to file `state_(timestamp).rvc`. Format is the same as `solution.rvc`. This can later be used as an initial condition file. Multiple calls to this command will cause snapshots to be written at all requested dump times.
- `:SnapshotHydrograph` Hydrographs are reported using the values at the end of each time step. By default, hydrographs are reported as averaged over the time step, to be consistent with observation data, typically reported using time-averaged values.

### A.1.5 Hydrologic Processes

In addition to the above commands, the .rvi file must include the list of all of the necessary hydrological processes to be included in the model, which are bracketed by the `:HydrologicalProcesses` and `:EndHydrologicalProcesses` commands. The process commands are typically in some variation of the following format:

- `:ProcessName ProcessAlgorithm {ProcessFrom} {ProcessTo}`

Where `:ProcessName` is the name of the process (e.g., `:CanopyDrip`), `ProcessAlgorithm` refers to the particular algorithm used for simulation (e.g., `RUTTER` corresponds to the (Rutter et al., 1971) model for loss of water from canopy to ground surface), and `ProcessFrom` and `ProcessTo` are the state variable code for the source and sink storage compartments, which are selected from the complete list of state variables in table .

The state variables `SURFACE_WATER`, `PONDED_WATER`, `ATMOS_PRECIP` and `ATMOSPHERE` are automatically included in all models. The others will be dynamically included in the model as processes are added. For example, the `SNOW` variable will be automatically added if a snowmelt or sublimation hydrological process is added to the list. Note that the computational cost of a model is directly related to the number of state variables and number of processes included in that model. Note that the `SOIL` variable is followed by the index of the soil layers in the model, with `[0]` corresponding to the topmost layer. The `MULTIPLE` tag is a placeholder, indicating that there are more than one compartments either receiving water/energy/mass, or more than one losing. The specific compartments are determined from the chosen algorithm.

Important: depending upon the numerical method chosen, the ordering of the processes in the input file may determine the accuracy and/or behavior of the solution.

Table A.2 includes a detailed description of the process commands available in RAVEN.

Table A.2: Hydrologic Process Commands for the .rvi file. Compartments with an asterisk must be specified within the command (placeholder `[T]`-’To’ or `[F]`-’From’).

Process Command	Algorithms	Valid “From” Compartments	Valid “To” Compartments
<code>:Precipitation</code> section 4.1	<code>PRECIP_RAVEN</code>	<code>ATMOS_PRECIP</code>	<code>MULTIPLE</code>
<code>:Infiltration [F]</code> section 4.2	<code>INF_PARTITION_COEFF</code> <code>INF_SCS</code> <code>INF_GREEN_AMPT</code> <code>INF_GA_SIMPLE</code> <code>INF_VIC</code> <code>INF_VIC_ARNO</code> <code>INF_HBV</code> <code>INF_PRMS</code> <code>INF_UBC</code>	<code>PONDED_WATER</code>	<code>SURFACE_WATER*</code> <code>SOIL [0] *</code> <code>SOIL [m] *</code>
<code>:Baseflow [F]</code> section 4.3	<code>BASE_LINEAR</code> <code>BASE_VIC</code> <code>BASE_POWER_LAW</code> <code>BASE_TOPMODEL</code> <code>BASE_SAC</code> <code>BASE_CONSTANT</code>	<code>SOIL [m] *</code> <code>AQUIFER*</code> <code>LUMPED_LANDFORM*</code>	<code>SURFACE_WATER</code>
<code>:Percolation [F] [T]</code> section 4.4	<code>PERC_CONSTANT</code> <code>PERC_GAWSER</code>	<code>SOIL [m] *</code>	<code>SOIL [m] *</code>

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Process Command	Algorithms	Valid “From” Compartments	Valid “To” Compartments
	PERC_POWER_LAW PERC_PRMS PERC_SACRAMENTO		
:Interflow [F] section 4.5	INTERFLOW_PRMS	SOIL [m]*	SURFACE_WATER
:SoilEvaporation section 4.6	SOILEVAP_VIC SOILEVAP_HBV SOILEVAP_TOPMODEL SOILEVAP_ROOT SOILEVAP_SEQUEN	SOIL [0] SOIL [m]	ATMOSPHERE
:CapillaryRise [F] [T] section 4.7	CRISE_HBV	SOIL [m]*	SOIL [m]*
:CanopyEvap section 4.8	CANEVAP_MAXIMUM CANEVAP_ALL CANEVAP_RUTTER	CANOPY	ATMOSPHERE
:CanopyDrip section 4.9	CANEVAP_RUTTER CANEVAP_SLOWDRAIN	CANOPY	PONDED_WATER
:SnowBalance section 4.10		MULTIPLE	MULTIPLE
:SnowMelt [T]	MELT_SIMPLE	SNOW	PONDED_WATER* SNOW_LIQ*
:Sublimation section 4.11	SUBLIM_KUZMIN SUBLIM_CENTRAL_SIERRA	SNOW	ATMOSPHERE
:SnowAlbedoEvolve section 4.14	SNOALB_UBC	SNOW_ALBEDO	SNOW_ALBEDO
:GlacialMelt section 4.15	GMELT_DEGREE_DAY GMELT_UBC	GLACIER_ICE GLACIER_CC	GLACIER GLACIER_CC
:GlacierRelease section ??	GRELEASE_LINEAR_STORAGE GRELEASE_HBV_EC	GLACIER	SURFACE_WATER
:OpenWaterEvaporation	OPEN_WATER_EVAP	PONDED_WATER DEPRESSION	ATMOSPHERE
:Flush section 4.18	N/A	any	any
:Overflow section 4.18	N/A	any	any

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Note that application of any given process algorithm can be made conditional using the `-->Conditional` command immediately after the process command. For example,

```
:Flush          PONDED_WATER  SURFACE_WATER
:-->Conditional HRU_TYPE      IS_NOT GLACIER
:Flush          PONDED_WATER  GLACIER
:-->Conditional HRU_TYPE      IS GLACIER
```

The above input file snippet moves ponded water to surface water, unless the HRU type is a glacier (as defined by its soil profile properties). Currently, the conditional command only supports conditionals based upon HRU type (`HRU_TYPE`), where the type is one of `{GLACIER, LAKE, ROCK, STANDARD}`. The only available comparison operators are `IS` and `IS_NOT`.

**To do** (20)

## A.2 Classed Parameter Input file (.rvp)

The classed parameter input file stores a database of soil, vegetation, river, aquifer, and land class properties. Not all classes specified in the \*.rvp file need to be included in the model. An example .rvp file is shown below.

### Example File: modelname.rvp

---

```
* -----
* Raven Classed Parameter File
* -----
:SoilClasses
:Attributes, %SAND, %CLAY, %SILT, %ORGANIC
:Units, none, none, none, none
SAND, 1, 0, 0, 0
LOAM, 0.5, 0.1, 0.4, 0.4
:EndSoilClasses
:SoilProfiles
* name, #horizons, hor1, th1, hor2, th2
LAKE, 0
GLACIER, 0
LOAM_SEQ, 2, LOAM, 0.5, SAND, 1.5
ALL_SAND, 1, SAND, 2.0
:EndSoilProfiles
:VegetationClasses
:Attributes, MAX_HT, MAX_LAI, MAX_LEAF_COND
:Units, m, none, mm_per_s
CONIFER_FOREST, 25, 6.0, 5.3
BROADLEAF, 25, 5.0, 5.3
:EndVegetationClasses
:LandUseClasses
:Attributes, IMPERMEABLE_FRAC, FOREST_COVERAGE,
:Units, fract, fract,
GRASSLAND, 0, 0,
SUBURBAN, 0.3, 0.3,
:EndLandUseClasses
```

---

As with the \*.rvi file, \* or # denotes a comment.

### A.2.1 Required Commands

- :SoilClasses  
:Attributes, %SAND, %CLAY, %SILT, %ORGANIC  
:Units, none, none, none, none  
{soil\_class\_name,%sand,%clay,%silt,%organic}x[NSC]  
:EndSoilClasses

or

- :SoilClasses  
{soil\_class\_name}x[NSC]  
:EndSoilClasses

Defines each soil class and (optionally) specifies the mineral and organic composition of the soil which can be used to automatically generate some physical properties such as porosity or hydraulic conductivity. These parameters are defined as follows:

- `soil_class_name` is the code (less than 30 characters) used to identify the soil class, within the code, the .rvp file and in the .rvh file, discussed below. The name may not contain spaces or special characters.
- `%SAND,%CLAY,%SILT,%ORGANIC` [0..1] are the percent sand, clay, and organic matter of the soil, expressed in decimal form, between 0 and 1. The sand, silt, and clay fractions refer to the non-organic component of the soil, i.e., specifying `%SAND=0.5, %CLAY=0.3, %SILT=0.2, %ORGANIC=0.1` indicates a soil composition of 45% sand, 27% clay, 18% silt, and 10% organic matter. The sum of the mineral components (`%SAND, %CLAY, and %SILT`) must be 1.

With soil information provided, RAVEN can autogenerate many other physically-based (i.e., measurable) soil properties such as hydraulic and thermal conductivities, wilting pressure, etc. To override these autogenerated parameters or to specify other soil parameters, an additional command (`:SoilParameterList`), described below, may optionally be added to the input file *after* the `SoilProperties` command has been called. For conceptual (i.e., box) models, the soil composition should generally not be specified.

- `:SoilProfiles`  
`{profile_name,#horizons,{soil_class_name,thickness}x{#horizons}}x[NP]`  
`:EndSoilProfiles`

Defines all  $N_P$  stored soil profiles, which is a collection of soil horizons with known depth and thickness, each belonging to a soil class. The soils should be specified from the top downward. Because `soil_class_name` is required, this command must come after the `SoilClasses` command. The thickness of each horizon is specified in meters.

The special cases of lakes and glaciers (land surface elements with 'no' surface soils, or where it is not appropriate to simulate using soil infiltration and evaporation routines, are represented with the special profile names LAKE, ROCK, and GLACIER, all with zero horizons.

- `:VegetationClasses`  
`:Attributes, MAX_HT, MAX_LAI,MAX_LEAF_COND`  
`:Units, m, none, mm_per_s`  
`{veg_class_name,MAX_CANOPY_HT,MAX_LAI,MAX_LEAF_COND}x[NVC]`  
`:EndVegetationClasses`

Defines the basic parameters for each vegetation class, which are used to optionally autogenerate many canopy and root properties. Here,

- `veg_class_name` is the tag (less than 30 characters) used to identify the vegetation class, within the code, the .rvp file and in the .rvh file, discussed below.
- `MAX_CANOPY_HT` [m] is the maximum canopy height reached during the year
- `MAX_LAI` [ $\text{m}^2/\text{m}^2$ ] is the maximum leaf area index (LAI) of the vegetation
- `MAX_LEAF_COND` [mm/s] is the maximum leaf conductance of the vegetation

- `:LandUseClasses`  
`:Attributes, IMPERMEABLE_FRAC, FOREST_COVERAGE`  
`:Units, fract, fract`



```

    {LU_class_name, IMPERMEABLE_FRAC, FOREST_COVERAGE}x [NLUC]
:EndLandUseClasses

```

Defines all  $N_{LU}$  land use/land type classes in the model. Land use is assumed to determine many of the surface roughness, albedo, and snow parameters. Here,

- `LU_class_name` is the tag (less than 30 characters) used to identify the land use class, within the code, the `.rvp` file and in the `.rvh` file, discussed below.
- `IMPERMEABLE_FRAC` [0..1] is the percentage of the land surface that is considered impermeable.
- `FOREST_COVERAGE` [0..1] is the percentage of the land surface that is covered with a vegetation canopy.

## A.2.2 Optional Classes and Objects

Terrain classes and channel profiles do not need to be included in all models.

```

• :TerrainClasses
  :Attributes, HILLSLOPE_LENGTH, DRAINAGE_DENSITY
  :Units      ,                m,                km/km2
  {terrain_class_name, HILLSLOPE_LENGTH, DRAINAGE_DENSITY}x [NTC]
:EndTerrainClasses

```

Defines all  $N_{TC}$  physiographic terrain classes in the model, ranging from flat to hilly to steep and mountainous. Here,

- `terrain_class_name` is the tag (less than 30 characters) used to identify the terrain class, within the code, the `.rvp` file and in the `.rvh` file, discussed below.
- `HILLSLOPE_LENGTH` [m] is the representative hillslope length within the terrain
- `DRAINAGE_DENSITY` [km/km<sup>2</sup>] is the terrain drainage density

If no terrain classes are specified, the tag [NONE] should be placed in the `:HRUs` command under terrain class.

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```

• :ChannelProfile [channel_name]
  :Bedslope [slope]
  :SurveyPoints
    {double x double bed_elev}x num survey points
  :EndSurveyPoints
  :RoughnessZones
    {double x_zone double mannings_n}xnum roughness zones
  :EndRoughnessZones
:EndChannelProfile

```

Defines a channel profile with the unique name `channel_name`. The channel geometry is fully defined by a number of survey points (at least 2) along a transect. At the leftmost and rightmost points along the transect, it is assumed that the channel is bounded with infinitely steep sides. The x-coordinate system is arbitrary. In the same coordinate system, at least one zone with one Manning’s  $n$  value must be specified. The coordinate  $x_{zone}$  is the leftmost

boundary of the zone, and therefore the leftmost  $x_{zone}$  must be to the left of the leftmost (smallest) survey coordinate  $x$ . The channel configuration definitions are depicted in figure A.1. A representative bedslope is also needed: this is used to calculate flow rates using Manning's equation.

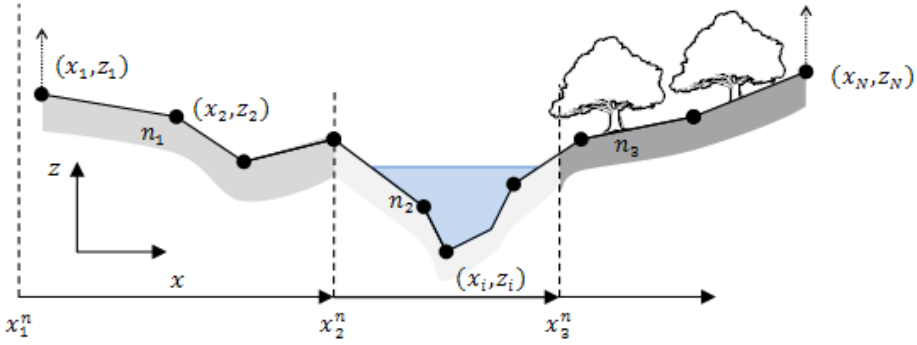


Figure A.1: Channel Profile definition. Each channel is defined by a cross sectional profile and a number of zones with different Manning's  $n$  values.

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### A.2.3 Parameter Specification

In addition to the required terms above, the following optional commands may be used to override autogeneration of parameters and specify parameters that cannot be autogenerated. If these are not included, either for an entire class or individual parameter, it is assumed that the parameter is to be autogenerated.

#### Soil Parameter Specification

- The following command is used to specify parameters linked to each soil class.

```
:SoilParameterList
  :Parameters      , { param_name1, param_name1,..., param_nameNP}
  :Units           , { unit_type1, unit_type2,..., unit_typeNP}
  {[DEFAULT]      , {default_val1,default_val2,..., default_valNP} [optional]
  {soil_class_name, { param_val1, param_val2,..., param_valNP}}x[<=NSC]
:EndSoilProperties
```

where, available soil parameter names (`param_name`) are described in the table A.2 and the soil class names (with the exception of the special [DEFAULT] tag) must already have been declared in the `:SoilClasses` command.

The [DEFAULT] soil class name is used to specify parameter values for all classes not explicitly included as rows in the parameter list. Only soil classes which have parameters different from the default soil properties need to be specified in this list. If the user desires to autogenerate any of the parameters in the list (if RAVEN has the capacity to autogenerate these parameters), the `_AUTO` flag should be placed instead of a numerical value, as depicted in the example file. The `_DEFAULT` flag may be used if the default property (which can also be `_AUTO`) should be applied.

Note that the units must be consistent with the native units of each parameter indicated in table A.2 - this line is intended for user interface processing and readability; **units will not be automatically converted if alternative unit specifiers are used.**

While many watershed model and algorithm parameters have a physical basis (e.g., hydraulic conductivity), certain algorithms, particularly for lumped models, abstract a physical process so that coefficients in the relationships between storage and fluxes are completely artificial. These artificial parameters, which cannot be automatically generated based upon soil type, need to be specified directly by the user, and are often used as calibration (or 'tuning') parameters. These parameters are described in the second section of table A.2.

Name	Definition	Units	Reasonable range	
POROSITY	effective porosity of the soil	[0..1]	0.1-0.6	Physical Parameters
STONE_FRAC	stone fraction of the soil	[0..1]	0.0-0.5	
SAT_WILT	hygroscopic minimum saturation	[0..1]	0.0-0.9	
FIELD_CAPACITY	field capacity saturation of the soil	[0..1]	0.0-1.0	
BULK_DENSITY	bulk dry density of the soil	[kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]		
HYDRAUL_COND	saturated hydraulic conductivity of the soil	[mm/d]		
CLAPP_B	Clapp-Hornberger exponent	[-]		
CLAPP_N,CLAPP_M	Clapp-Hornberger transition parameters	[-],[mm]		
SAT_RES	residual saturation	[0..1]		
AIR_ENTRY_PRESSURE	(positive) air entry pressure ( $\phi_{ae}$ )	[-mm]		
WILTING_PRESSURE	(positive) wilting pressure	[-mm]		
HEAT_CAPACITY	saturated volumetric heat capacity	[J/m <sup>3</sup> /K]		
THERMAL_COND	saturated soil thermal conductivity	[W/m/K]		
WETTING_FRONT_PSI	Green-Ampt wetting front pressure	[-mm]		
EVAP_RES_FC	soil evaporation resistance at Field capacity	[d/mm]		
SHUTTLEWORTH_B	Shuttleworth b expon. relating resistance to pressure	[-]		
ALBEDO_WET	albedo of the soil when fully saturated	[-]		
ALBEDO_DRY	albedo of the soil when dry	[-]		
VIC_ZMIN	Xinanjiaog parameters for VIC model	[mm]		Conceptual Model Parameters
VIC_ZMAX	Xinanjiaog parameters for VIC model	[mm]		
VIC_ALPHA [-]	Xinanjiaog parameters for VIC model	[-]		
VIC_EVAP_GAMMA	power law exponent for VIC soil evaporation	[-]		
MAX_PERC_RATE	VIC/ARNO/GAWSER percolation rate	[mm/d]	0.010 - 1000.0	
PERC_N	VIC/ARNO percolation exponent	[-]	1.00 - 20.00	
SAC_PERC_ALPHA	Sacramento percolation multiplier	[-]	1.00 - 250.00	
SAC_PERC_EXPON	Sacramento percolation exponent	[-]	1.00 - 5.00	
MAX_BASEFLOW_RATE	maximum baseflow rate	[mm/d]	0.001 - 10000.00	
BASEFLOW_N	VIC/ARNO baseflow exponent	[-]	1.0 - 10.0	
BASEFLOW_COEFF	linear baseflow storage/routing coefficient	[1/d]		
BASEFLOW_THRESH	threshold saturation for onset of baseflow	[0..1]		
MAX_CAP_RISE_RATE	HBV max capillary rise rate	[mm/d]		
MAX_INTERFLOW_RATE	PRMS max interflow rate	[mm/d]		
INTERFLOW_COEFF	linear interflow storage/routing coefficient	[1/d]		
UBC_EVAP_SOIL_DEF	UBC model evaporation reference soil deficit	[mm]		
UBC_INFIL_SOIL_DEF	UBC watershed model infiltration reference soil deficit	[mm]		
GR4J_X2	GR4J Maximum groundwater exchange rate	[mm/d]		
GR4J_X3	GR4J reference storage for baseflow/GW exchange	[mm]		

Figure A.2: Soil Parameters. The top section described autocalculable parameters which may be generated automatically using only the base soil class information (sand, clay, silt, and organic content). The bottom section must be user-specified.

## Vegetation Parameter Specification

- `:VegetationParameterList`

```

:Parameters      , { param_name1, param_name1,..., param_nameNP}
:Units           , { unit_type1, unit_type2,..., unit_typeNP}
{[DEFAULT]      , {default_val1,default_val2,..., default_valNP} [optional]
{veg_class_name, { param_val1, param_val2,..., param_valNP}}x[<=NSC]
:EndSoilProperties

```

The `:VegetationParameterList` command operates in the same fashion as the `:SoilParameterList` command described above. The available vegetation parameters in RAVEN are described in table A.3

name	definition [units]	reasonable range
EXTINCTION	stone fraction of the soil [0..1]	0-0.1
RAIN_ICEPT_FACT	relates percentage of throughfall of rain to LAI+SAI	
SNOW_ICEPT_FACT	relates percentage of throughfall of snow to LAI+SAI	
RAIN_ICEPT_PCT	percentage of rain intercepted by canopy [0..1]	
SNOW_ICEPT_PCT	percentage of snow intercepted by canopy [0..1]	
RELATIVE_HT	relative vegetation height over 12 mos [m/m]	
RELATIVE_LAI	relative vegetation LAI over 12 mos [m/m]	
TRUNK_FRACTION	fraction of canopy attributed to tree trunk [0..1]	
STEMFLOW_FRAC	0.03	
SAI_HT_RATIO	ratio of stem area index to height [ $m^2/m^3$ ]	
MAX_CAPACITY	maximum canopy storage capacity [mm]	
MAX_SNOW_CAPACITY	maximum canopy snow storage capacity [mm]	
ALBEDO	visible/near-infrared albedo of leaf	
ALBEDO_WET	albedo of wet leaf	
DRIP_PROPORTION	drip proportion for bucket drip model [1/d]	
TFRAIN	throughfall percentage for rain when [-] :PrecipIceptFract=USER.SPECIFIED	
TFSNOW	throughfall percentage for snow when [-] :PrecipIceptFract=USER.SPECIFIED	
MAX_INTERCEPT_RATE	maximum daily interception rate for [mm/d] :OroPrecipCorr=UBC or UBC.2	
ROOT_EXTINCT	extinction coefficient for roots [-]	
MAX_ROOT_LENGTH	root length per unit canopy area [mm/m <sup>2</sup> ]	
MIN_RESISTIVITY	1.0/max_conductivity [d/mm]	
XYLEM_FRAC	fraction of plant resistance in xylem [0..1]	
ROOTRADIUS	average root radius [mm]	
PSI_CRITICAL	minimum plant leaf water potential [mm] (critical potential at which stomated close)	
CHU_MATURITY	crop heat unit maturity; level at which PET is maximized [-]	

Table A.3: Vegetation Parameters. The top section describes autocalculable parameters which may be generated automatically using only the base vegetation class information (max. height, LAI, and leaf conductance). The bottom section must be user-specified.

`:SeasonalCanopyLAI` **To do** (23)

`:SeasonalCanopyHeight` **To do** (24)

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## Land Use / Land Type Parameter Specification

- :LandUseParameterList
  - :Parameters , { param\_name1, param\_name1,..., param\_nameNP}
  - :Units , { unit\_type1, unit\_type2,..., unit\_typeNP}
  - {[DEFAULT] , {default\_val1,default\_val2,..., default\_valNP} [optional]
  - {lult\_class\_name, { param\_val1, param\_val2,..., param\_valNP}}x[<=NSC]
  - :EndSoilProperties

The :LandUseParameterList command operates in the same fashion as the :SoilParameterList command described above. The available land use parameters in RAVEN are described in table A.4

name	definition [units]	reasonable range
SPARSENESS	sparseness of the vegetation cover (0 default) [0..1]	
FOREST_SPARSENESS	sparseness of canopy in land covered by forest [0..1]	
FOREST_COVERAGE	fraction of land covered by canopy [0..1]	
ROUGHNESS	roughness parameter of ground surface [m]	
IMPERMEABLE_FRAC	fraction of surface that is impermeable [0..1]	
MELT_FACTOR	(maximum) degree day melt factor [mm/°C/d]	2-4
MIN_MELT_FACTOR	minimum degree day melt factor [mm/°C/d]	2-4
REFREEZE_FACTOR	(maximum) degree day refreeze factor [mm/°C/d]	2-5
HBV_MELT_FOR_CORR	HBV snowmelt forest correction [-]	
HBV_MELT_ASP_CORR	HBV snowmelt aspect correction [-]	
GLAC_STORAGE_COEFF	linear storage coefficient for glacial release [1/d]	
HBV_MELT_GLACIER_CORR	degree day correction factor for glacial melt [-]	
HBV_GLACIER_KMIN	minimum linear storage coefficient for glacial melt [-]	
HBV_GLACIER_AG	extinction coefficient for diminishing storage coefficient with snow depth atop glacier [-]	
CC_DECAY_COEFF	decay coefficient of cold content [1/d]	
SCS_CN	SCS curve number [-]	
PARTITION_COEFF	simple partitioning coefficient: percentage of rainfall that runs off [0..1]	
SCS_IA_FRACTION	fraction of rainfall/melt which is initially abstracted to depression storage [0..1]	
MAX_SAT_AREA_FRAC	PRMS maximum saturated area [0..1]	0.050-0.950
B_EXP	ARNO/VIC b exponent [-]	0.001-3.000
DEP_MAX	maximum amount of water that can be stored in depressions [mm]	
ABST_PERCENT	percentage of rainfall/melt which is abstracted to depression storage [0..1]	
OW_PET_CORR	fraction of PET to apply to open water evaporation [0..1]	
LAKE_PET_CORR	fraction of PET to apply to lake evaporation [0..1]	
FOREST_PET_CORR	fraction of PET to apply to forest evapotranspiration [0..1]	
SNOW_PATCH_LIMIT	SWE limit below which snow does not completely cover ground [mm]	

Table A.4: Land Use Parameters. All land use parameters must be user-specified; none are autocalculable.

## Global Parameter Specification

The following global parameters can also be specified, anywhere in the .rvp file:

- **:AdiabaticLapseRate [rate]**  
The base adiabatic lapse rate [ $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{m}$ ]
- **:WetAdiabaticLapseRate [rate]**  
The wet adiabatic lapse rate [ $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{m}$ ]
- **:RainSnowTransition [rainsnow\_temp] [rainsnow\_delta]**  
Specifies the range of temperatures (`rainsnow_delta`, [ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ]) over which there will be a rain/snow mix when partitioning total precipitation into rain and snow components. The midpoint of the range is `rainsnow_temp`
- **:IrreducibleSnowSaturation [saturation]**  
Maximum liquid water content of snow, as percentage of SWE [0..1]
- **:ReferenceMaxTemperatureRange [range]**  
A parameter (`A0TERM`) used in the UBC watershed model orographic corrections for temperature [ $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ]
- **:UBCTempLapseRates [A0TLXM A0TLNM A0TLXH A0TLNH P0TEDL P0TEDU]**  
Parameters used in the UBC watershed model orographic corrections for temperature. `A0TLXM` and `A0TLXH` [ $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{km}$ ] are the low and high elevation lapse rates of the maximum daily temperature; `A0TLNM` and `A0TLNH` [ $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{km}$ ] are the low and high elevation lapse rates of the minimum daily temperature; `P0TEDL` and `P0TEDU` [ $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{km}$ ] are the low and high elevation lapse rates of the maximum temperature range. Low and high elevation refer to below or above 2000 masl.
- **:UBCPrecipLapseRates [E0LLOW E0LMID E0LHI P0GRADL P0GRADM P0GRADU A0STAB]**  
Parameters used in the UBC watershed model orographic corrections for precipitation. `E0LLOW`, `E0LMID` and `E0LHI`, are the low, medium, and high reference elevations; `P0GRADL`, `P0GRADM`, and `P0GRADU` are the precipitation gradient factors (%) applied below `E0LMID`, between `E0LMID` and `E0LHI`, and above `E0LHI`, respectively; `A0STAB` is a precipitation gradient modification factor.
- **:UBCEvapLapseRates [A0PELA]**  
The PET lapse rate [ $^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{km}$ ].
- **:UBCNorthSWCorr [J F M A M J J A S O N D]**  
Monthly correction factors for shortwave radiation on north-facing slopes, used in the UBC shortwave generation routine.
- **:UBCSouthSWCorr [J F M A M J J A S O N D]**  
Monthly correction factors for shortwave radiation on south-facing slopes, used in the UBC shortwave generation routine.
- **:UBCSnowParams [POALBMIN POALBMAX POALBREC POALBASE POALBSNW POALBMLX]**  
Parameters used in the UBC-style snow albedo evolution algorithm. `POALBREC` [-] is the Recessional constant for albedo decay of new snow ( 0.9); `POALBSNW` [mm] is the daily snowfall required to bring albedo to that of new snow; `POALBMAX` is the albedo of fresh snow ( 0.95); `POALBMIN` is the albedo of an aged snowpack or glacier ( 0.30); `POALBMLX` [mm] is a constant on the order of total snowmelt in one year; `POALBASE` is the albedo initial decay value ( 0.65).



- :UBCGroundwaterSplit [value]  
The UBC model deep zone share, which controls how much infiltration goes to deep vs. shallow storage.
- :UBCExposureFactor<sup>To do (28)</sup>
- :UBCCLoudPenetration<sup>To do (29)</sup>
- :UBCLWForestFactor<sup>To do (30)</sup>
- :PrecipitationLapseRate<sup>To do (31)</sup>

## A.3 HRU / Basin Definition file (.rvh)

An example .rvh file is shown below:

### Example File: modelname.rvh

---

```
* -----
* Raven HRU Input file
* TEST input
* Author: JRC
* -----
:SubBasins
:Attributes,  NAME, DOWNSTREAM_ID, PROFILE, REACH_LENGTH, GAUGED
:Units,      none,          none,    none,          km,    none
           1,  Downstream,      -1,  DEFAULT,      3.0,    1
           2,   Upstream,       1,  DEFAULT,      3.0,    0
:EndSubBasins
:HRUs
:Attributes, AREA, ELEVATION, LATITUDE, LONGITUDE, BASIN_ID, LAND_USE_CLASS, ...
              VEG_CLASS,SOIL_PROFILE, AQUIFER_PROFILE, TERRAIN_CLASS, SLOPE, ASPECT
:Units,      km2,          m,      deg,      deg,      none,          none, ...
              none,          none,          none,          none,          ratio, degN
101,  10,143, 43,-80,    1,FORESTED,BROADLEAF, ALL_SAND,SAND_AQ,  HILLY,0.0,0.0
102,  10,145, 43,-80,    1,URBAN   ,BROADLEAF, ALL_SAND,SAND_AQ,  HILLY,0.0,0.0
103,  10,143, 43,-80,    2,FORESTED,BROADLEAF,  TILL,SAND_AQ,  HILLY,0.0,0.0
104,  10,147, 43,-80,    2,FORESTED,BROADLEAF,  TILL,SAND_AQ,  HILLY,0.0,0.0
:EndHRUs
```

---

Note that, as with the .rvi file, comments may be included on individual lines using the \* or # characters as the first word on the line.

### A.3.1 Required Commands

The .rvh file consists of the following required commands:

- `:SubBasins`  
  `:Attributes, ID, NAME, DOWNSTREAM_ID, PROFILE, REACH_LENGTH, GAUGED,`  
  `:Units , none, none, none, none, km, none,`  
  `{ID,name,downstream_ID profile,reach_length,gauged}x[number of subbasins]`  
  `:EndSubBasins`

To specify an array of SubBasins of the watershed and the connectivity between subbasins. Each subbasin may only have one outlet subbasin, specified by ID (a unique positive integer). The subbasin-specific parameters are defined as follows:

- `ID` A positive integer unique to this subbasin. Used to refer to the subbasin in other parts of the input file.
- `name` The nickname for the basin (cannot include commas or spaces)
- `downstream_ID` The ID of the basin that receives this subbasins outflowing waters. If the drainage for this subbasin leaves the modeled watershed, a value of -1 for the downstream

ID should be specified.

- **profile** The representative channel profile code (channel profiles specified in the .rvp file)
  - **reach\_length** The length of the primary reach channel in the basin (in km). If this is a headwater basin, in-channel routing can be avoided by setting **reach\_length** to zero. If set to **\_AUTO**, the reach length will be estimated from total subbasin area.
  - **gauged** Flag which determines whether modeled hydrographs for this subbasin are generated as output from the model (either 1 or 0, true or false)
- **:HRUs**  
:Attributes,AREA,ELEVATION,LATITUDE,LONGITUDE,BASIN\_ID,LAND\_USE\_CLASS,  
VEG\_CLASS,SOIL\_PROFILE,AQUIFER\_PROFILE,TERRAIN\_CLASS,SLOPE,ASPECT  
:Units ,km2, m, deg, deg, none, none,  
none, none, none, none, ratio, degN  
{ID,area,lat,long,basin\_ID,...  
LU/LT,veg\_class\_name,soil\_profile\_name,...  
terrain\_class\_name,slope,aspect}x[number of HRUs]  
:EndHRUs

To specify an array of HRUs within the subbasins defined above. Each HRU is defined by an ID (a unique positive integer), a total HRU area (in km<sup>2</sup>), a latitude-longitude location of the HRU centroid (in decimal degrees), the ID of the basin in which the HRU is located (as defined in the **:SubBasins** command), land use, terrain, aquifer classes and a soil profile (as defined in the .rvp file), an average slope (in degrees), and average aspect (in degrees).

If terrain classes or aquifer profiles are not used in the model, the flag **[NONE]** goes in the place of the class specifier.

### A.3.2 Optional Commands

- **:HRUGroup [group\_name]**  
17,18,30-37  
:EndHRUGroup

HRU Groups are used for a number of reasons: to generate custom output only for a select set of HRUs (or organize/aggregate output for multiple sets) or to control which processes are applied in what locations. Group names are typically specified using the **:DefineHRUGroups** command in the .rvi file; this command populates the memberships of these predefined groups. Individual HRUs are specified with their ID numbers (as defined in the **:HRUs** command), separated by commas. Ranges of HRUs can be specified using the hyphen, as shown above.

- **:SubBasinProperties**  
:Parameters PARAMETER\_1 PARAMETER\_2 PARAMETER\_3, ...  
:Units unit\_1 unit\_2 unit\_3, ...  
{basin ID,v\_1, v\_2, v\_3,...}x[number of SubBasins]  
:EndSubBasinProperties

This command allows the user to specify subbasin properties, mostly those use to control the in-catchment routing schemes. The list of sub-basin parameters is included in table C.3

- `:Reservoir {name}`
  - `:SubBasinID {SBID}`
  - `:HRUID {HRUID}`
  - `:StageRelations`
    - `{# of points on rating curve}`
    - `{stage [m], flow [m3/s], volume [m3], area [m2]}x[# of points on rating curve]`
  - `:EndStageRelations`
  - `:EndReservoir`

This command creates a reservoir at the outlet of the subbasin referenced by `SBID`. Precipitation and ET from the reservoir surface are obtained from the HRU referenced by `HRUID` (this is the only purpose for this; a special HRU for the reservoir is not needed). The reservoir volume, outflow, and net precipitation to the reservoir surface are obtained by interpolating their value from the specified stage-discharge, stage-area, and stage-volume relations. Future implementations of RAVEN may accommodate alternate means of treating reservoir outflows with more complex reservoir rules.

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## A.4 Time Series Input file (.rvt)

The time series input file is used to store time series of forcing functions (precipitation, temperature, etc.).

### Example File: modelname.rvt

---

```
* -----  
* Raven Time Series Input file  
* From Environment Canada - 2004  
* -----  
:Gauge Stratford MOE (ID:6148105)  
  :Latitude  43.37250  
  :Longitude -80.55360  
  :Elevation 53  
  :RedirectToFile StratfordMOEData.rvt  
:EndGauge  
:RedirectToFile UpstreamInflow.rvt  
:RedirectToFile LandCoverChange.rvt
```

---

The entries in the .rvt file are meteorological gauge locations (either real or hypothetical) that provide time series of needed precipitation, temperature and other atmospheric forcings used by the model. Each gauge entry is specified within a bracketed statement,

```
:Gauge [gaugename]  
  :Latitude [latitude]  
  :Longitude [longitude]  
  :Elevation [elevation]  
  [other gauge data and time series information here]  
:EndGauge
```

and must contain the latitude/longitude (using the `:Latitude`, `:Longitude` commands) and typically contain a number of time series. Two formats, `:Data` (for a single time series) and `:MultiData` (for multiple time series), may be used to specify collections of forcing functions measured at the gauge. These are often stored in their own individual file and accessed via the `:RedirectToFile` command.

- `:Data` `PARAMETER`  
 [date yyyy-mm-dd] [time hh:mm:ss.0] [time interval (d)] [number of entries (N)]  
 v\_1 v\_2 v\_3 v\_4 v\_5  
 ...  
 v\_N-2 v\_N-1 v\_N  
:EndData

Where here,  $v_i$  are the  $i^{\text{th}}$  time series values and the `PARAMETER` term is one of the forcings listed in table C.2 (e.g., `PRECIP`, `TEMP_MIN`. etc.).

It is assumed that the array of values specified are time-averaged values over the specified time interval. Note that the terms may be space-, comma-, or tab-delimited.

- `:MultiData`  
 [date yyyy-mm-dd] [time hh:mm:ss.0] [time interval (d)] [number of entries (N)]  
 :Parameters `PARAMETER_1` `PARAMETER_2` ... `PARAMETER_J`

```

:Units      units_tag_1 units_tag_2 ... units_tag_J
v_11, v_12, v_13
v_21, v_22, v_23
...
v_N1, v_N2, v_N3
:EndMultiData

```

This command is an alternate to the `:Data` approach, allowing multiple data to be included as a single data table using the `:MultiData` command, with columns corresponding to individual data types. Here, `PARAMETER_i` corresponds to the name of the input parameter (one of the forcing values in table C.2), and the units tags should be consistent with the actual desired units in table C.2.

Other additional terms may be associated with each gauge, contained between the `:Gauge-:EndGauge` brackets:

- `:Elevation [elevation]`  
elevation of gauge, typically in meters above mean sea level
- `:MonthlyAveTemperature [J F M A M J J A S O N D]`  
a list of 12 representative monthly average temperatures at the gauge, from Jan to Dec, in °C.
- `:MonthlyMinTemperature [J F M A M J J A S O N D]`  
a list of 12 representative monthly minimum temperatures at the gauge, from Jan to Dec, in °C.
- `:MonthlyMaxTemperature [J F M A M J J A S O N D]` a list of 12 representative monthly maximum temperatures at the gauge, from Jan to Dec, in °C.
- `:MonthlyAveEvaporation [J F M A M J J A S O N D]`  
a list of 12 representative monthly average potential evapotranspiration rates at the gauge, from Jan to Dec, in mm/d.
- `:RainCorrection [value]`  
a multiplier (hopefully near 1.0) applied to all reported rainfall rates at this gauge; often used as a correction factor for estimating proper rainfall volumes
- `:SnowCorrection [value]`  
a multiplier (hopefully near 1.0) applied to all reported snowfall rates at this gauge; often used as a correction factor for estimating proper snow volumes.
- `:CloudTempRanges [cloud_temp_min] [cloud_temp_max]`  
temperature ranges used for estimation of cloud cover using the UBCWM model approach (CLOUDCOV\_UBCWM).
- `:RedirectToFile [filename]`  
This treats the contents of file “filename” as if they were simply inserted into the .rvt file at the location of the `:RedirectToFile` command. This is useful for storing individual time series or gauges in separate files. If no path is specified, the filename must be reported relative to the working directory.
- `:EnsimTimeSeries [filename]` A table of timeseries (similar to the `:MultiData` command) may be specified using the Ensim .tb0 format. The input parameter names are the same which are provided in table C.2. An example is provided below:

```
#####
:FileType tb0 ASCII EnSim 1.0
#-----
:ColumnMetaData
:ColumnName MAX_TEMPERATURE MIN_TEMPERATURE PRECIP
:ColumnUnits DegC DegC mm/d
:ColumnType float float float
:EndColumnMetaData
#
:StartTime 1983/02/01 00:00:00.000
:DeltaT 24:00:00.000
#
:EndHeader
4.4000001 -0.60000002 0
5 -2.5 0.60000002
...
5.5999999 -3 0.30000001
4.4000001 -4.5999999 0
1.1 -4.4000001 0
```

For dense gauge networks, it is more practical to generate gauge inputs in bulk. Therefore, the following commands have been supplied:

- `:GaugeList`<sup>To do (33)</sup>
- `:GaugeDataTable`

```
:DataType PRECIP
:Units mm/d
:StartTime 01-01-2012 00:00:00.0
:TimeIncrement 01:00:00.0
:NumMeasurements 730
:Gauge, Cell_11,Cell_12,Cell_13, ... Cell_240360
1, 0.0,0.0,0.0, ...,0.2
2, 0.0,0.0,0.0, ...,0.1
...
```
- `:MonthlyMaxTemperatures`<sup>To do (34)</sup>
- `:MonthlyMinTemperatures`<sup>To do (35)</sup>
- `:MonthlyAveEvaporations`<sup>To do (36)</sup>
- `:MonthlyAveTemperatures`<sup>To do (37)</sup>
- `:MonthlyEvapFactors`<sup>To do (38)</sup>

Here, the `:DataType` entry corresponds to a forcing tag as specified in table C.2.

#### A.4.1 Other Time Series Commands

Time series of known flows and model parameters may also need to be specified to support the model. These are not linked to a specific Gauge, and would therefore not be included in an

:Gauge...:EndGauge bracket.

- `:BasinInflowHydrograph [Basin ID]`  
    `[date yyyy-mm-dd] [time hh:mm:ss.0] [time interval (d)] [number of entries (N)]`  
    `Q_1 Q_2 Q_3 Q_4 Q_5`  
    `...`  
    `Q_N-2 Q_N-1 Q_N`  
`:EndBasinInflowHydrograph`

where  $Q_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  inflow in  $m^3d^{-1}$ . This command is typically used to (1) specify inflows coming from an unmodeled portion of the domain; (2) override modeled inflow to a stream reach with observed inflows from a stream gauge, as might be done during calibration; or (3) add additional inflows to a stream reach from human activities, e.g., a wastewater treatment plant inflow.

- `:ReservoirExtraction [Basin ID]`  
    `[date yyyy-mm-dd] [time hh:mm:ss.0] [time interval (d)] [number of entries (N)]`  
    `Q_1 Q_2 Q_3 Q_4 Q_5`  
    `...`  
    `Q_N-2 Q_N-1 Q_N`  
`:EndReservoirExtraction`

where  $Q_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  inflow in  $m^3d^{-1}$ .

- `:TransientParameter [PARAM_NAME] [Parameter_class] {ClassName (Optional)}`  
    `[date yyyy-mm-dd] [time hh:mm:ss.0] [time interval (d)] [number of entries (N)]`  
    `{double value} x N`  
`:EndTransientParameter`

This command may be used to replace any (usually fixed) parameter specified in the .rvp file with a time series of user-specified parameter values. This is often used to represent the influence of changing land use, seasonal impacts of agriculture, or unmodeled hydrologic processes such as frozen soils. Here, `PARAM_NAME` corresponds to one of the parameters included in tables A.2, A.4, or A.3. `Parameter_class` is one of `SOIL`, `VEGETATION`, `LANDUSE`, `TERRAIN` or `GLOBALS`. The optional classname specifies the particular soil/vegetation/land use class to override; if not included, the parameter will be overridden for all soil/vegetation/land use classes.



## A.5 Initial Conditions Input file (.rvc)

The initial conditions input file is used to store the initial conditions for the model. By default, the initial conditions for all model state variables is zero, and there are no required commands in this file (it could even be completely empty).

### Example File: modelname.rvc

---

```
* -----
* Raven Initial Conditions Input file
* -----
:InitialConditionsTable
  :Attributes, SOIL[0], SNOW,
  :Units      ,      mm,   mm,
              1,      145,  33,
              2,      150,  13,
...
:EndInitialConditionsTable
:BasinInitialConditions
  :Attributes,      Q
  :Units        ,  m3/s
              1 ,   3.6
:EndBasinInitialConditions
```

---

### A.5.1 Optional Commands

- `:InitialConditionsTable`  
  :Attributes, {SV\_TAG\_1, SV\_TAG\_2,...,SV\_TAG\_NSV}  
  :Units , {units\_1, units\_2,...,units\_NSV}  
              {HRUID, SV\_value\_1,SV\_value\_2,...,SV\_value\_NSV}xNHRUs  
:EndInitialConditionsTable

Provides initial conditions for state variables in each HRU within the model. Here, *NSV* is the number of state variables for which initial conditions are provided, and *NHRUs* is the number of HRUs in the model. *SV\_TAG* refers to the state variable tag, with the complete list of state variable tags in table C.1.. Note that initial conditions have to be provided for all HRUs in the model and initial conditions have to be entered in the same order as in the `:HRUs` command in the `.rvh` file.

- `:BasinInitialConditions`  
  :Attributes, Q  
  :Units , m3/s  
              {SBID, FLOWRATE} x nSubBasins  
:EndBasinInitialConditions

A list of initial outflow rates from the subbasins, indexed by subbasin ID as specified within the `:SubBasins` command of the `.rvh` file.

- `:UniformInitialConditions [SV_TAG] [value]`

Applies a uniform initial condition (value) to the state variable corresponding to *SV\_TAG*, with the complete list of state variable tags in table C.1.

- **:BasinStateVariables**  
To do (39)
- **:HRUStateVariableTable**  
To do (40)
- **:TimeStamp**  
Specifies time stamp linked to the initial conditions file. This is generated automatically by RAVEN when it produces a snapshot of the state variables, such as when it generates the solution.rvc output file. The time stamp should be consistent with the start time of the model.

# Appendix B

## Output Files

- **WatershedStorage.csv**  
A comma-delimited file describing the total storage of water (in mm) in all water storage compartments for each time step of the simulation. Mass balance errors, cumulative input (precipitation), and output (channel losses) are also included. Note that the precipitation rates in this file are period-ending, i.e., this is the precipitation rate for the time step preceding the time stamp; all water storage variables represent instantaneous reports of the storage at the time stamp indicate. Created by default.
- **Hydrographs.csv**  
A comma-delimited file containing the outflow hydrographs (in m<sup>3</sup>/s) for all subbasins specified as 'gauged' in the .rvh file. If the `:SnapshotHydrograph` command is used, this reports instantaneous flows at the end of each time step (plus the initial conditions at the start of the first time step). Without, this reports period-ending time-averaged flows for the preceding time step, as is consistent with most measured stream gauge data (again, the initial flow conditions at the start of the first time step are included). Created by default.
- **ForcingFunctions.csv** (optional)  
A comma-delimited file containing the time series of all watershed-averaged system forcing functions (e.g., rainfall, radiation, PET, etc.). The output is all period-ending, i.e., the values reported correspond to the time-averaged forcings for the time step before the indicated time stamp. Created if `:WriteForcingFunctions` command included in .rvi file.
- **WatershedMassEnergyBalance.csv** (optional)  
A comma-delimited file describing the total cumulative fluxes of energy and water (in MJ/m<sup>2</sup> or mm) from all energy storage compartments for each time step of the simulation. Created if `:WriteMassBalanceFile` command included in .rvi file.
- **Parameters.csv** (optional)  
A comma-delimited file containing the values for all static specified and auto-generated parameters for all soil, vegetation, land use, and terrain classes. Created if `:WriteParametersFile` command included in .rvi file.
- **ReservoirStages.csv** (optional)  
A comma-delimited file reporting the instantaneous stage of all modeled reservoirs. Created automatically if reservoirs are present in the model.
- **{constituent}concentrations.csv** (optional)  
A comma-delimited file reporting the instantaneous watershed-averaged concentration of the

transport constituent in all water storage units. Created automatically if transport is included in the model.

- `{constituent}pollutograph.csv` (optional)  
A comma-delimited file reporting the instantaneous concentration of water flowing out from all gauged subbasins. Created automatically if transport is included in the model.

If the `:RunName` parameter is specified in the `.rvi` file, this run name is pre-appended to the above filenames.

## Appendix C

# Reference Tables

State Variable	[units] Description
<b>Required Water Storage Variables</b>	
SURFACE_WATER	[mm] Streams, rivers, rivulets - routed to basin outlet via in-catchment routing
ATMOSPHERE	[mm] atmosphere : recieves water only!!
ATMOS_PRECIP	[mm] atmosphere : provides water only!!
PONDED_WATER	[mm] water (melt & precip) waiting to infiltrate/runoff
<b>Water Storage</b>	
SOIL	[mm] Shallow subsurface/vadose zone
GROUNDWATER	[mm] Deep groundwater
CANOPY	[mm] liquid water on vegetation canopy
CANOPY_SNOW	[mm] snow on canopy
TRUNK	[mm] water stored in trunks of trees
ROOT	[mm] water stored in roots
DEPRESSION	[mm] depression/surface storage
WETLAND	[mm] deep depression storage
SNOW	[mm] frozen snow depth (mm SWE : snow water equivalent)
SNOW_LIQ	[mm] liquid snow cover
GLACIER	[mm] Glacier melt/reservoir storage
GLACIER_ICE	[mm] Glacier ice - typically assumed to be infinite reservoir.
<b>Convolution storage</b>	
CONVOLUTION	[mm] Convolution storage - for conceptual models with intermediate convolution steps
CONV_STOR	[mm] Convolution sub-storage - tracks internal water mass for convolution
<b>Temperature / Energy Storage</b>	
SURFACE_WATER_TEMP	[C] Temperature of surface water
SNOW_TEMP	[C] Temperature of snow
COLD_CONTENT	[C] Cold content of snowpack
GLACIER_CC	[C] cold content of glacier
SOIL_TEMP	[C] Temperature of soil
CANOPY_TEMP	[C] Temperature fo canopy
<b>Auxilliary Variables</b>	
SNOW_DEPTH	[mm] Snow depth - surrogate for density
PERMAFROST_DEPTH	[mm] depth of permafrost
SNOW_COVER	[0..1] fractional snow cover
SNOW_ALBEDO	[-] Snow Surface albedo
CROP_HEAT_UNITS	[-] cumulative crop heat units
<b>Memory Variables</b>	
CUM_INFIL	[mm] Cumulative infiltration to topsoil
CUM_SNOWMELT	[mm] Cumulative snowmelt
<b>Transport Variables</b>	
CONSTITUENT	[mg/m2] chemical species or tracer
CONSTITUENT_SRC	[mg/m2] chemical species or tracer cumulative source
CONSTITUENT_SW	[mg/m2] chemical species dumped to surface water
CONSTITUENT_SINK	[mg/m2] chemical species or tracer cumulative sink (e.g., decay)

Figure C.1: All state variables currently available in RAVEN. This list of state variables is supported by the :HydroProcesses commands and :CustomOutput commands, amongst others.

Forcing Name	Definition
PRECIP	rain/snow precipitation rate over time step /data interval [mm/d]
PRECIP_DAILY_AVE	average rain/snow precipitation over day (0:00-24:00) [mm/d]
PRECIP_5DAY	precipitation total from previous 5 days [mm]
SNOW_FRAC	fraction of precip that is snow [0..1]
SNOWFALL	snowfall rate over time step [mm/d]
RAINFALL	rainfall rate over time step [mm/d]
TEMP_AVE	average air temp over time step/data interval [°C]
TEMP_DAILY_AVE	average air temp over day (0:00-24:00) [°C]
TEMP_MIN/TEMP_DAILY_MIN	minimum air temperature over day (0:00-24:00)[°C]
TEMP_MAX/TEMP_DAILY_MAX	maximum air temperature over day (0:00-24:00)[°C]
TEMP_MONTH_MAX	maximum air temp during month [°C]
TEMP_MONTH_MIN	minimum air temp during month [°C]
TEMP_MONTH_AVE	average air temp during month [°C]
TEMP_AVE_UNC	uncorrected daily average air temp [°C]
TEMP_MAX_UNC	uncorrected daily min air temp [°C]
TEMP_MIN_UNC	uncorrected daily max air temp [°C]
AIR_DENS	air density [kg/m3]
AIR_PRES	air pressure [kPa]
REL_HUMIDITY	relative humidity [0..1]
ET_RADIA	uncorrected extraterrestrial shortwave radiation [MJ/m2/d]
SHORTWAVE/SW_RADIA	Incoming shortwave radiation (uncorrected for albedo) [MJ/m2/d]
SW_RADIA_NET	net shortwave radiation (albedo corrected) [MJ/m2/d]
LONGWAVE/LW_RADIA	net longwave radiation [MJ/m2/d]
CLOUD_COVER	cloud cover [0..1]
DAY_LENGTH	day length [d]
DAY_ANGLE	day angle [0..2PI] (=0 for Jan 1, 2pi for Dec 31)
WIND_VEL	wind velocity [m/s]
PET	potential evapotranspiration [mm/d]
OW_PET	open water potential evapotranspiration [mm/d]
PET_MONTH_AVE	average PET during month [mm/d]
POTENTIAL_MELT	potential snowmelt rate [mm/d]
SUBDAILY_CORR	a subdaily correction factor to downscale daily average PET or snowmelt [-]

Figure C.2: All forcing functions currently available in RAVEN. This list of forcing functions is supported by the :Data, :MultiData, :CustomOutput, and :GaugeMultiData commands, amongst others.

Parameter	[units] Description
TIME_TO_PEAK	[d] The time to peak of the unit hydrograph
TIME_CONC	[d] The time of concentration of the unit hydrograph
NUM_RESERVOIRS	[-] The number of reservoirs used in the ROUTE_RESERVOIR_SERIES method
RES_CONSTANT	[1/d] A linear reservoir constant used to generate the unit hydrograph

Figure C.3: All subbasin parameters currently available in RAVEN. These parameters may be specified in the :SubBasinParameters command in the .rvh file

# Appendix D

## Template Files

The following section provides template .rvi files.

To do (41)

### D.1 UBCWM Emulation

```
# -----  
# Raven Template Input File  
# UBC Watershed Model v5 Emulation  
# -----  
:StartDate      1991-10-01 00:00:00  
:Duration       365  
:Method         ORDERED_SERIES  
:TimeStep       24:00:00  
:RunName        UBCWM_Template  
#  
:Interpolation  FROM_FILE gauge_weights.txt  
:Routing        NONE  
:CatchmentRoute DUMP  
:Evaporation    MONTHLY_FACTOR  
:OW_Evaporation MONTHLY_FACTOR  
:SWRadiationMethod UBC  
:SWCanopyCorrect UBC  
:LWRadiationMethod UBC  
:WindspeedMethod UBC  
:RainSnowFraction UBC  
:PotentialMeltMethod UBC  
:OroTempCorrect UBC  
:OroPrecipCorrect UBC_2  
:CloudCoverMethod UBC  
:PrecipIceptFract USER_SPECIFIED  
:MonthlyInterpolationMethod LINEAR_21  
  
:SoilModel      SOIL_MULTILAYER 5
```



```

:SnapshotHydrograph
#
# -Processes-----
:Alias TOP_SOIL      SOIL[0]
:Alias INT_SOIL      SOIL[1]
:Alias SHALLOW_GW   SOIL[2]
:Alias DEEP_GW       SOIL[3]
:Alias INT_SOIL2     SOIL[4]
# -UBCWM EMULATION:-----
:HydrologicProcesses
:SnowAlbedoEvolve  SNOALB_UBC
:SnowBalance       SNOBAL_UBC      MULTIPLE      MULTIPLE
:Precipitation     PRECIP_RAVEN    ATMOS_PRECIP  MULTIPLE
:GlacialMelt       GMELT_UBC      GLACIER_ICE   GLACIER
:Infiltration      INF_UBC          PONDED_WATER  TOP_SOIL
:SoilEvaporation   SOILEVAP_UBC    TOP_SOIL      ATMOSPHERE
:Flush             RAVEN_DEFAULT   PONDED_WATER  SURFACE_WATER
:-->Conditional   HRU_TYPE IS_NOT GLACIER
:Flush             RAVEN_DEFAULT   PONDED_WATER  GLACIER
:-->Conditional   HRU_TYPE IS GLACIER
:Flush             RAVEN_DEFAULT   SURFACE_WATER INT_SOIL
:-->Conditional   HRU_TYPE IS_NOT GLACIER
:Percolation       PERC_LINEAR     INT_SOIL      INT_SOIL2
:Baseflow          BASE_LINEAR     INT_SOIL2     SURFACE_WATER
:Baseflow          BASE_LINEAR     SHALLOW_GW   SURFACE_WATER
:Baseflow          BASE_LINEAR     DEEP_GW       SURFACE_WATER
:GlacierRelease    GRELEASE_LINEAR GLACIER       SURFACE_WATER
:EndHydrologicProcesses

```

## D.2 HBV-EC Emulation

```

# -----
# Raven Input file
# HBV-EC Emulation
# -----
# --Simulation Details -----
:StartDate    1991-10-01 00:00:00
:Duration     365
:Method       ORDERED_SERIES
:TimeStep     1.0
#
# --Model Details -----
:Interpolation    NEAREST_NEIGHBOR
:RainSnowMethod   HBV
:PotentialMeltMethod HBV
:Routing          NONE
:CatchmentRoute   TRIANGULAR_UH
:Evaporation      FROM_MONTHLY
:OroPETCorrect    HBV
:OroTempCorrect   HBV
:OroPrecipCorrect HBV
:OW_Evaporation   FROM_MONTHLY
:PrecipIceptFract USER_SPECIFIED
:SoilModel        SOIL_MULTILAYER 3

# --Hydrologic Processes-----
:Alias          FAST_RESERVOIR SOIL[1]
:Alias          SLOW_RESERVOIR SOIL[2]
:LakeStorage    SLOW_RESERVOIR
:HydrologicProcesses
  :SnowRefreeze    FREEZE_DEGREE_DAY  SNOW_LIQ      SNOW
  :Precipitation   PRECIP_RAVEN          ATMOS_PRECIP  MULTIPLE
  :CanopyEvaporation CANEVP_ALL          CANOPY        ATMOSPHERE
  :CanopySnowEvap  CANEVP_ALL          CANOPY_SNOW   ATMOSPHERE
  :SnowBalance     SNOBAL_SIMPLE_MELT  SNOW          PONDED_WATER
  :SnowSqueeze     RAVEN_DEFAULT       SNOW_LIQ      PONDED_WATER
  :Flush           RAVEN_DEFAULT       PONDED_WATER  GLACIER
    :-->Conditional HRU_TYPE IS GLACIER
  :GlacierMelt     HBV                    GLACIER_ICE   GLACIER
  :GlacierRelease  HBV_EC           GLACIER       SURFACE_WATER
  :Infiltration    INF_HBV          PONDED_WATER  SOIL[0]
  :Flush           RAVEN_DEFAULT       SURFACE_WATER FAST_RESERVOIR
    :-->Conditional HRU_TYPE IS_NOT GLACIER
  :SoilEvaporation SOILEVAP_HBV        SOIL[0]       ATMOSPHERE
  :CapillaryRise   RISE_HBV          FAST_RESERVOIR SOIL[0]
  :LakeEvaporation LAKE_EVAP_BASIC    SLOW_RESERVOIR ATMOSPHERE
  :Percolation     PERC_CONSTANT      FAST_RESERVOIR SLOW_RESERVOIR
  :Baseflow        POWER_LAW         FAST_RESERVOIR SURFACE_WATER

```

```
:Baseflow          LINEAR_STORAGE    SLOW_RESERVOIR  SURFACE_WATER
:EndHydrologicProcesses
#
:AggregatedVariable FAST_RESERVOIR AllHRUs
:AggregatedVariable SLOW_RESERVOIR AllHRUs
```

### D.3 GR4J Emulation

```
# -----  
# Raven Input file  
# GR4J Emulation  
# -----  
:StartDate          2000-01-01 00:00:00  
:Duration           365  
:TimeStep           1.0  
:Method             ORDERED_SERIES  
  
:Routing            ROUTE_NONE  
:CatchmentRoute     ROUTE_DUMP  
  
:Evaporation        PET_DATA  
:RainSnowFraction   RAINSNOW_DINGMAN  
:PotentialMeltMethod POTMELT_DEGREE_DAY  
:OroTempCorrect     OROCORR_SIMPLELAPSE  
:OroPrecipCorrect   OROCORR_SIMPLELAPSE  
  
:SoilModel          SOIL_MULTILAYER 4  
  
# --Hydrologic Processes-----  
:Alias PRODUCT_STORE      SOIL[0]  
:Alias ROUTING_STORE      SOIL[1]  
:Alias TEMP_STORE         SOIL[2]  
:Alias GW_STORE           SOIL[3]  
:HydrologicProcesses  
:Precipitation           PRECIP_RAVEN      ATMOS_PRECIP  MULTIPLE  
:SnowTempEvolve         SNOTEMP_NEWTONS  SNOW_TEMP  
:SnowBalance            SNOBAL_CEMA_NIEGE SNOW          PONDED_WATER  
:OpenWaterEvaporation   OPEN_WATER_EVAP  PONDED_WATER  ATMOSPHERE  
:Infiltration           INF_GR4J          PONDED_WATER  MULTIPLE  
:SoilEvaporation        SOILEVAP_GR4J    PRODUCT_STORE  ATMOSPHERE  
:Percolation            PERC_GR4J         PRODUCT_STORE  TEMP_STORE  
:Flush                  RAVEN_DEFAULT    SURFACE_WATER  TEMP_STORE  
:Split                  RAVEN_DEFAULT    TEMP_STORE     CONVOLUTION[0] CONVOLUTION[1]  
:Convolve               CONVOL_GR4J_1    CONVOLUTION[0] ROUTING_STORE  
:Convolve               CONVOL_GR4J_2    CONVOLUTION[1] TEMP_STORE  
:Percolation            PERC_GR4JEXCH    ROUTING_STORE  GW_STORE  
:Percolation            PERC_GR4JEXCH2   TEMP_STORE     GW_STORE  
:Flush                  RAVEN_DEFAULT    TEMP_STORE     SURFACE_WATER  
:Baseflow               BASE_GR4J         ROUTING_STORE  SURFACE_WATER  
:EndHydrologicProcesses
```

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