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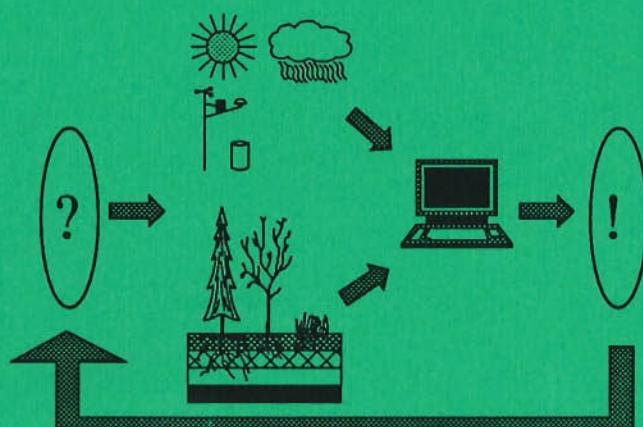
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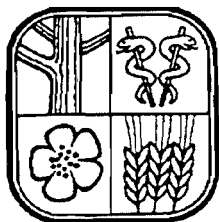
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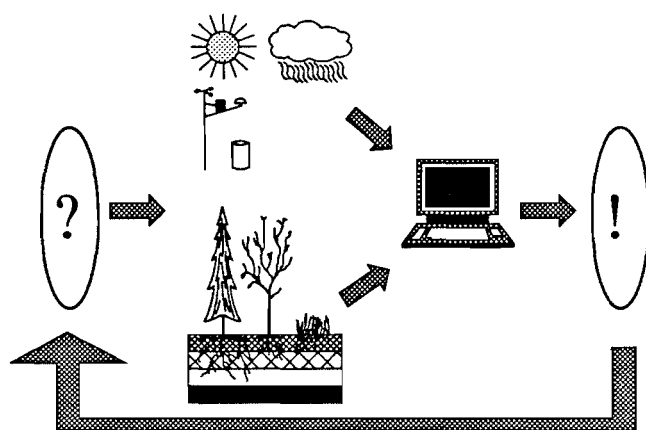
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Preface

The present report represents a detailed technical description of the SOIL water and heat model. Compared with the technical report by Jansson & Halldin (1980) it includes a number of model developments. In addition to this report users of the model are recommended to read the user's manual (Jansson, 1991). The user's manual includes detailed information on how to run the model on a IBM-PC computer. The user's manual also include information about technical matters as switches to which reference sometimes are made in this document. In chapter 5 a list of symbols is presented which is necessary for coupling this document with the user's manual.

A bibliography is presented representing reports and papers with examples of how the SOIL model has been used. The reference list only includes documents that are referred to in this report which are not found in the bibliography.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of using the SOIL model

A number of problems concerning hydrological and/or thermal processes in the soil can be elucidated using the model. Both applied and basic scientific problems have been solved including:

- assessment of the importance of different factors
- identification of gaps in our present knowledge
- formulation of new hypotheses
- generalization of results to new soils, climates and time periods
- prediction of the influence of management e.g. soil heat extraction, mulching, drainage, irrigation and plant husbandry
- simulation of regulating factors for biological and chemical processes in the soil.

1.2 Basic assumptions

The model, initially developed to simulate conditions in forest soils, has recently been generalized to elucidate water and heat processes in any soil independent of plant cover. This was possible since the model is based on well known physical equations. The fundamental nature of these physical equations allows the model to be adapted to many different types of ecosystems providing that we have quantitative knowledge of the governing properties of these systems.

The basic structure of the model is a depth profile of the soil. Processes such as snow-melt, interception of precipitation and evapotranspiration are examples of important interfaces between soil and atmosphere. Two coupled differential equations for water and heat flow represent the central part of the model. These equations are solved with an explicit numerical method. The basic assumptions behind these equations are very simple.

- 1) The law of conservation of mass and energy
- 2) Flows occur as a result of gradients in water potential (Darcy's Law) or temperature (Fourier's law).

1.3 Example of inputs

The soil profile is divided into a number of layers and for each layer, and each boundary between layers, these two basic principles are considered. The number of layers and the thickness of each layer can be varied depending on accuracy requirements.

The calculations of water and heat flows are based on soil properties such as:

- the water retention curve
- functions for unsaturated and saturated hydraulic conductivity
- the heat capacity including the latent heat at thawing/melting
- functions for the thermal conductivity

Water retention and unsaturated conductivity for a clay soil is illustrated in Figure 1.

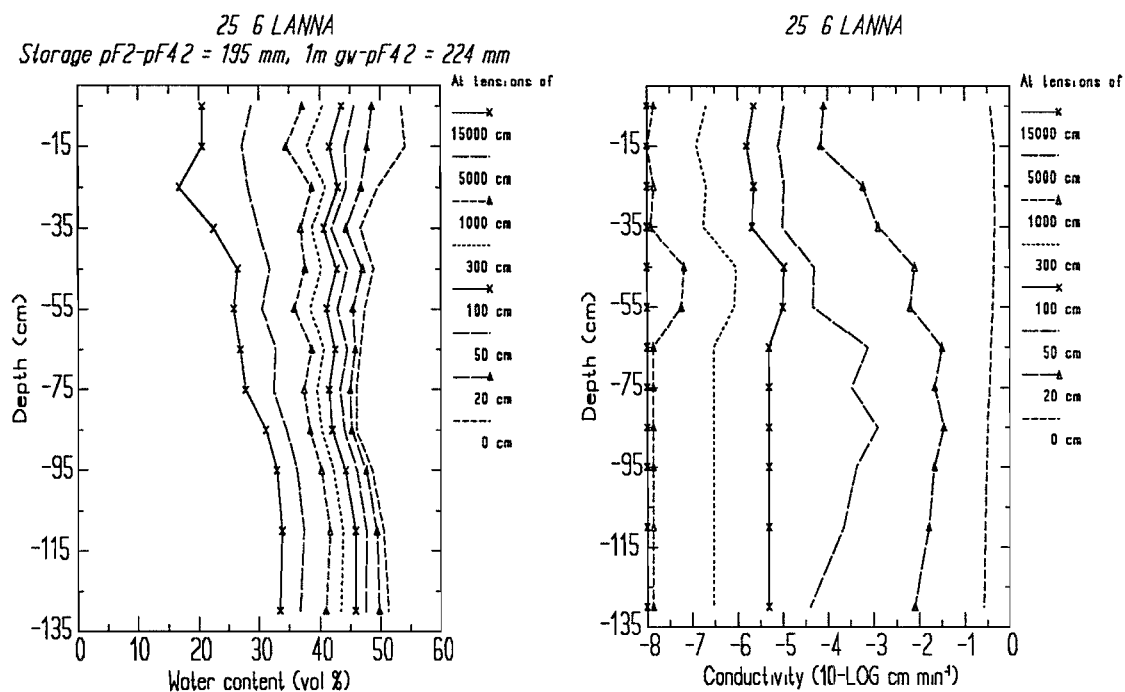


Figure 1. Physical soil properties of the Lanna clay soil, water retention (left) and unsaturated hydraulic conductivity (right). *Fysikaliska markegenskaper för lerjord vid Lanna, vattenbindning (till vänster) och omättad konduktivitet (till höger).*

The most important plant properties are:

- development of vertical root distributions
- the surface resistance for water flow between plant and atmosphere during periods with a non limiting water storage in the soil
- how the plants regulate water uptake from the soil and transpiration when stress occurs
- how the plant cover influences both aerodynamic conditions in the atmosphere and the radiation balance at the soil surface.

An example how the surface resistance may vary during the development of a crop is illustrated in Figure 2.

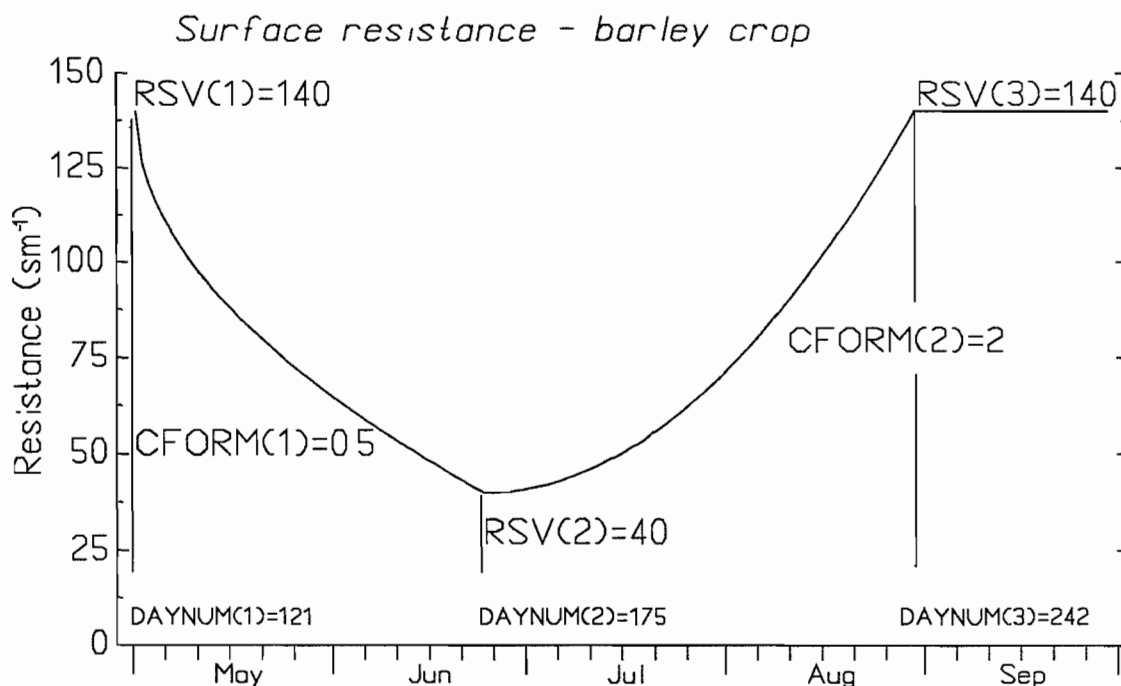


Figure 2. The surface resistance for a barley crop as specified by a set of parameter values.
Ytresistansens för en korngroda enligt angivna parametervärden.

All properties are represented as parameter values. Numerical values are assigned to a number of different parameters representing properties of the soil-plant-atmosphere system. For each parameter a certain range reflects differences between different types of crops, forests, soils etc ... or the range reflects a typical variation found within a certain area.

Meteorological data are driving variables to the model, but in contrast to parameters the numerical values of driving variables vary with time.

The driving variables govern the flows at the boundaries between atmosphere and soil and between plant and atmosphere. Most important of those are precipitation and air temperature (see Fig. 3) but air humidity, wind speed and cloudiness are also of great interest due to their influence on evaporation.

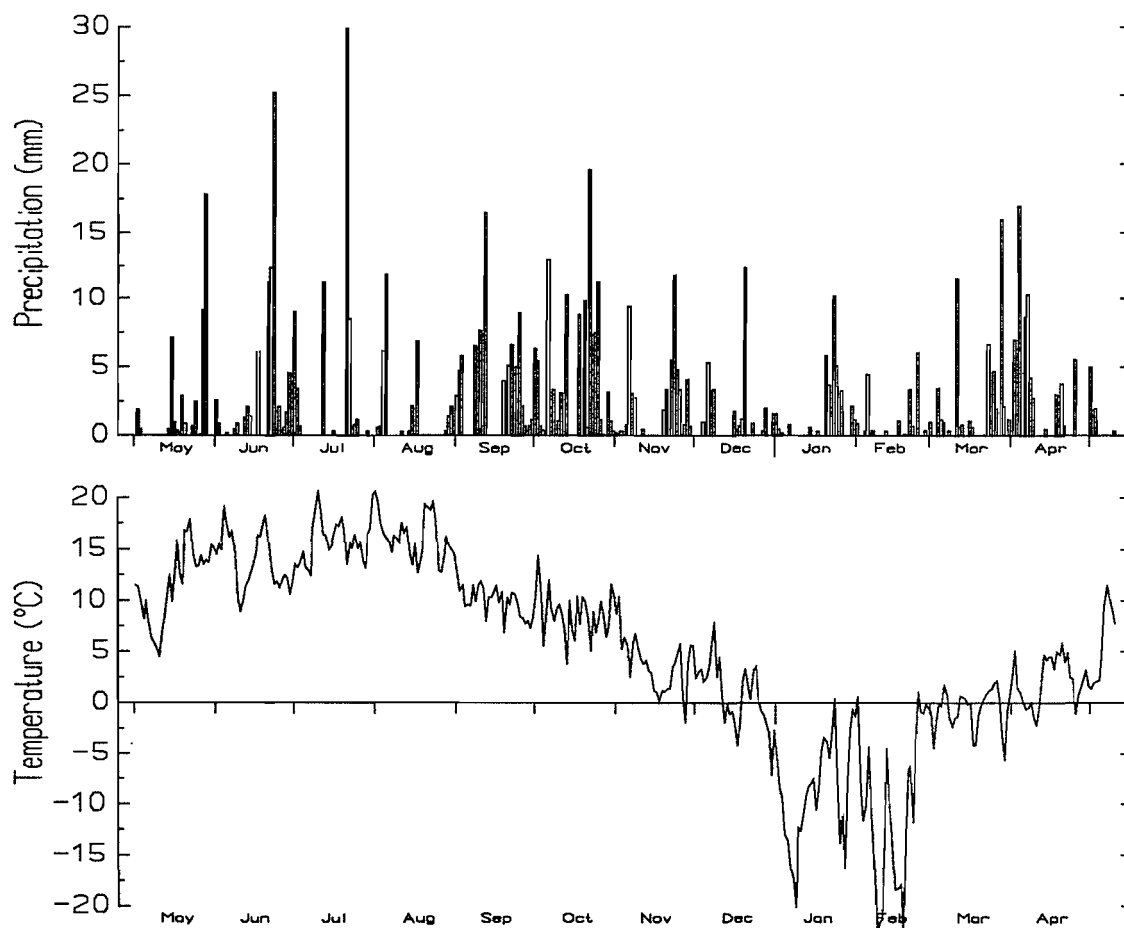


Figure 3. Daily values of precipitation and air temperature for one year. *Dagliga värden av nederbörd och lufttemperatur för ett år.*

The essential input data for running the model is stored in data bases accessible using interactive graphical programmes. Separate data bases for climate data and soil properties are available on IBM- PC standard diskette format.

The required information on soil properties is large compared to what is normally available from standard field investigations. To determine these properties by independent measurements in each application with the model would be time-consuming and very labour intensive, especially since some of these properties (e.g. hydraulic conductivity) show substantial spatial heterogeneity. The use of the data base enables the user to estimate a reasonable range for such soil properties from commonly available information such as soil texture and organic matter content. Most of the material in the data base originates from investigations in arable land in Sweden but the material is continuously updated with new sites including forest soils.

Figures 1 - 3 are examples of graphical representations of input data to the model. The graphic features are an integrated part of the data base programmes and plotting can be done on all standard graphic monitors such as CGA, EGA, VGA and Hercules as well as by printing devices which support any dot or vector based graphic standard.

1.4 Example of Outputs

Results of a simulation are obtained as time series either of variables which represent individual layers in the soil such as:

- temperature
- content of ice
- content of unfrozen water
- water potential
- vertical and horizontal flows of heat and water
- water uptake by roots
- storages of water and heat

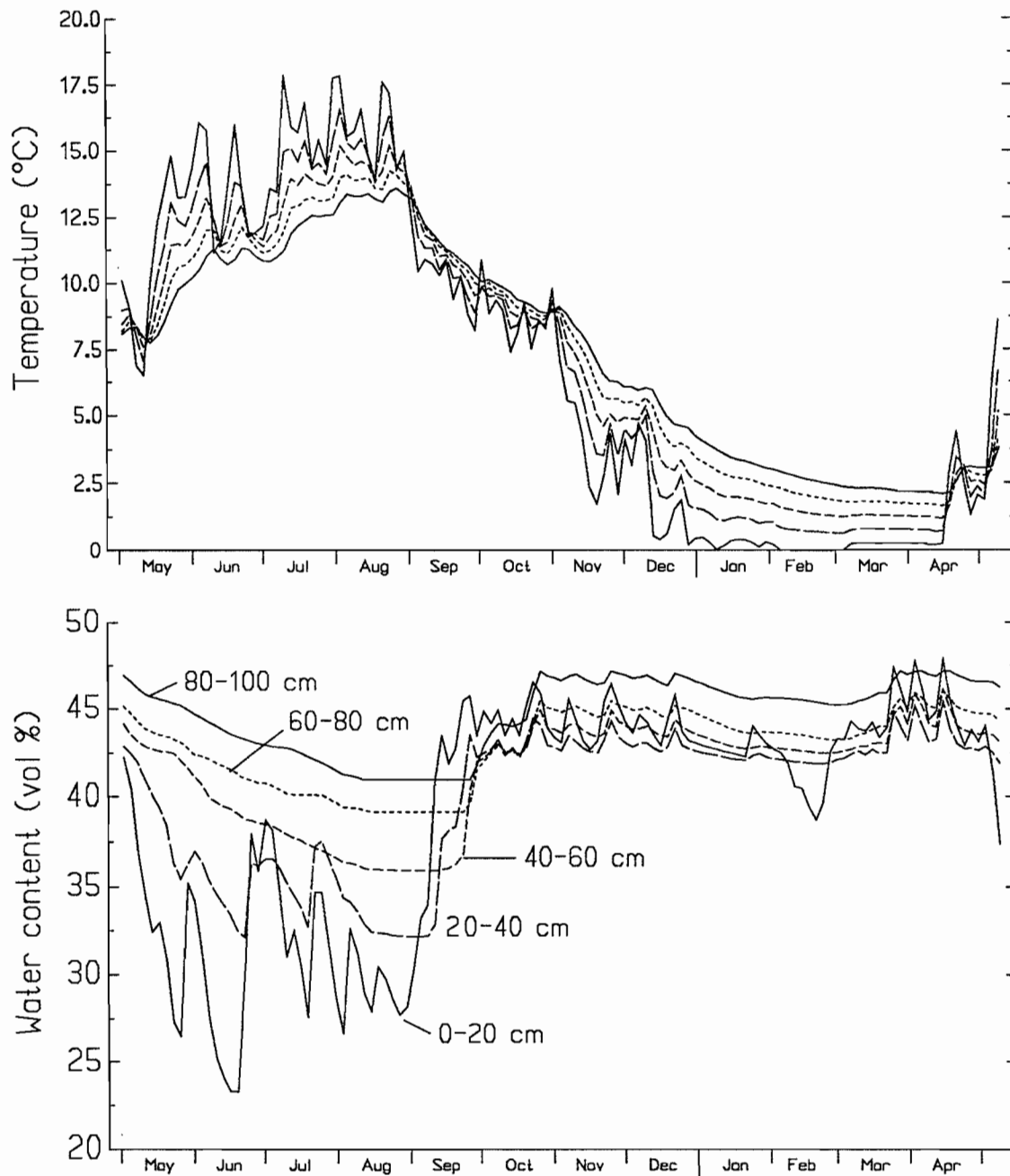


Figure 4. Simulated soil temperature and soil water content at different levels in a soil profile.
Simulerad marktemperatur och markvattenhalt för olika djup i en markprofil.

In addition some output variables are represented as a single variable such as:

- snow depth
- water equivalent of snow
- frost depth
- surface runoff
- drainage flow
- deep percolation to ground water

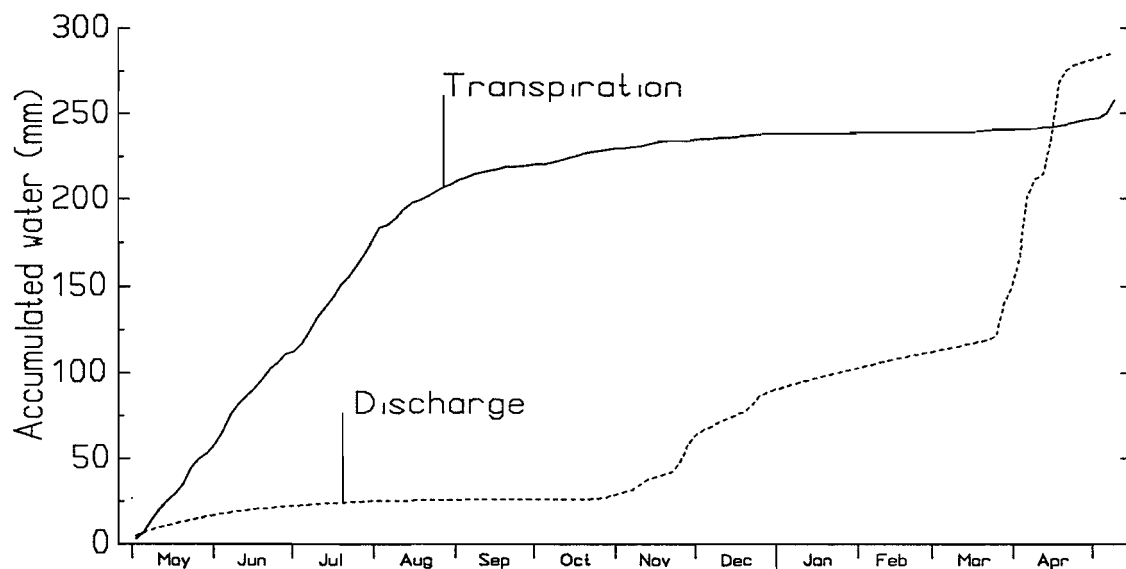


Figure 5. Simulated transpiration and discharge. *Akkumulerade summor av simulerad transpiration och dränering.*

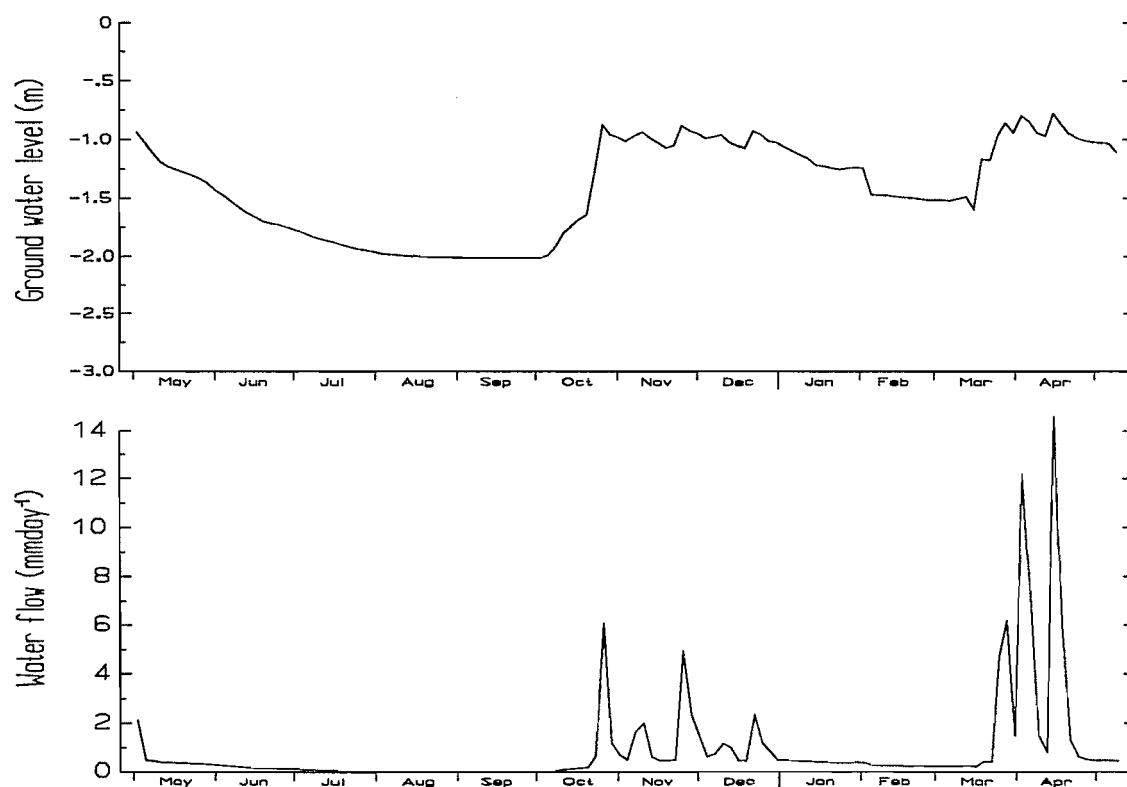


Figure 6. Simulated ground water level and discharge (tile drains at 1 m depth). *Simulerad grundvattenyta och dräneringsflöde genom dräneringsrör på 1 meters djup.*

It is a well known fact that no simulation model yields better results than can be expected from the quality of input data. Assessment of the uncertainty in the input data is therefore the first step when the model is to be used. Sometimes field measurements are available which enable a quantitative test of the model. The interpretation of discrepancies found between the measurements and the model predictions requires a lot of care and a basic knowledge of the different processes in the system. An improvement of the fit can normally be obtained after adjustments of some soil or plant properties. Nevertheless, it is not always the case that all input data including the physical properties of the system are correctly estimated just because a good fit is obtained when testing the model.

Figure 4 - 6 gives examples of typical results from model predictions in a standard application with an agricultural crop on a clay soil. Note that we can always simulate a much more complete picture of both the temporal pattern and of the interaction between variables than can be achieved by intensive field measurements. However, this should not lead us to believe more in the model predictions than in observations of the real system. Instead we have to design our field measurements to achieve an optimum test of the simulated results. We should concentrate on variables which are easy to measure and which have a strong connection to other variables in the soil-plant-atmosphere system. A typical example is soil water tension, which is easy to measure with a conventional tensiometer, but in addition reflects other factors such as soil water flow and water uptake by roots. Unsaturated water flows are very difficult to measure in field soils and in this case we must always rely on model predictions. However, tracers can be used as indicators of the actual water flow paths in the soil.

1.5 Experiences from model use

The model is helpful in elucidating how different processes and properties in the system interact. We are always constrained to investigate a limited part of the whole system with respect to both time and space. The model can be used as a tool to extend our knowledge.

The fundamental physical equations are well known and accepted but we still have to test their validity at different field scales. A general problem is that our knowledge of soil properties normally originates from small soil samples. The role of small soil units compared to larger units is not well understood and we have to find out how we can combine information which represents different scales. Areal mean values of soil properties such as the hydraulic conductivity are hard to determine even from intensive measurement programmes and it is not certain that the use of an areal mean will be the best choice for the model simulations.

One important aspect when testing the model is that parameter values should ideally have been estimated independently of the field measurements which are used to test the model predictions. In such a case we will learn about how the system behaves even when model predictions fail. On the other hand we will seldom learn about how nature behaves by using calibration procedures even if good agreements between simulated and observed variables are obtained. The estimated parameter values which result in a good agreement must always be compared with other independent estimates if a model application is to have scientific interest.

- 1) Do not be happy just because the model output is in agreement with observations; try instead to find out why there are no discrepancies.
- 2) Be happy when the model and the reality are different; then you have a key to new knowledge.
- 3) The model can provide you with a much better answer to an applied question than is possible with many field investigations.
In many cases we cannot wait for the results from long term field investigations.

- 4) An adviser using a good mathematical model will certainly be efficient if he/she is successful in combining the results from the model with critical thinking.
The model will stimulate an examination of problems if the adviser as well as the scientist gets an opportunity to play with the model.
- 5) An adviser who believes too much in the figures from a mathematical model will be equally poor as the one who fully trusts results from field investigations.

2 Theory and structure of model

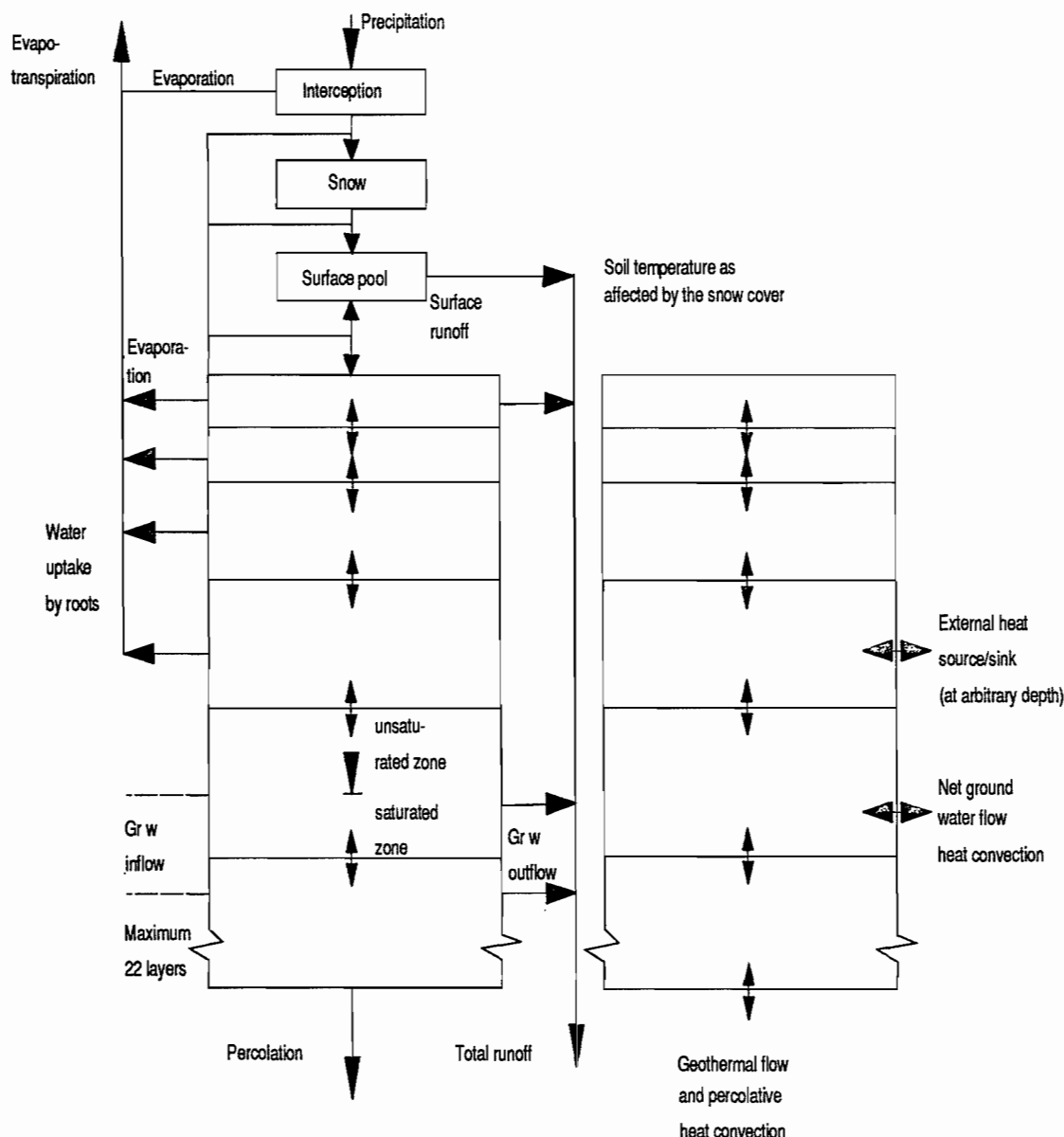


Figure 7. Mass balance (left) and heat balance (right) of the SOIL model. *Vattenflöden (till vänster) och värmeflöden (till höger) i SOIL modellen.*

The SOIL model represents, in one dimension, water and heat dynamics in a layered soil profile covered with vegetation. As the solution to model equations is performed with a finite difference method, the soil profile is divided into a finite number of layers (Fig. 7). Compartments for snow, intercepted water and surface ponding are included to account for processes at the upper soil boundary. Different types of lower boundary conditions can be specified including saturated conditions and ground water flow. In this chapter, the underlying concepts and equations are described for each component of the model.

2.1 Soil heat flow

Heat flow is the sum of conduction and convection:

$$q_h = -k_h \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} + C_w T q_w \quad (1)$$

where the indices h and w mean heat and liquid water, q is flow, k is the conductivity, T is the temperature, C is the heat capacity and z is depth. The convective term may be included or not in the solution depending on whether the switch HEATWF is put ON or OFF. Normally the convective term is important at high flow rates as during heavy snow melt infiltration. The general heat flow equation is obtained when combining Eq. (1) with the law of energy conservation:

$$\frac{\partial(CT)}{\partial t} - L_f \rho_i \frac{\partial \theta_i}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(k_h \frac{\partial T}{\partial z} \right) - C_w \frac{\partial(T q_w)}{\partial z} + s_h \quad (2)$$

where indices i and f mean ice and freezing respectively, t is time, ρ is density, L is latent heat, θ is the volumetric water content, and s is a source/sink term. The two terms on the left represent changes in sensible and latent soil heat contents, and the last term to the right accounts for, e.g., the soil heat exchange of a heat pump system.

2.1.1 Heat capacity, unfrozen conditions

Soil heat capacity equals the sum of heat capacities of soil constituents. Solid soil constituents are given on a volumetric basis. Heat capacity of air is negligible, such that:

$$C = f_s C_s + \theta C_w \quad (3)$$

where index f_s is the volumetric fraction of solid soil material including mineral and organic matter. C_s and C_w are heat capacities for solid material and water, respectively. C , here given for unfrozen soil, can also be computed for a frozen soil (cf. Eq. (18)). C is never explicitly given for a partly frozen soil since temperature, in this case, is obtained by special calculations (see Eqs. (19) - (25)).

2.1.2 Thermal conductivity, unfrozen conditions

Thermal conductivity is a complex function of soil solids and soil moisture. For humus, i.e., organic matter, the thermal conductivity function is adapted from a figure in de Vries (1975):

$$k_{ho} = h_1 + h_2 \theta \quad (4)$$

where h_1 and h_2 are empirical constants. For unfrozen mineral soil an empirical conductivity function is adapted from a Kersten (1949):

$$k_{hm} = \left(a_1 \log \left(\frac{\theta}{\rho_s} \right) + a_2 \right) 10^{a_3 \rho_s} \quad (5)$$

where a_1, a_2, a_3 are constants and ρ_s is the dry bulk soil density (Fig. 8). The logarithmic argument, θ/ρ_s , is equivalent to the soil water content expressed on a mass basis.

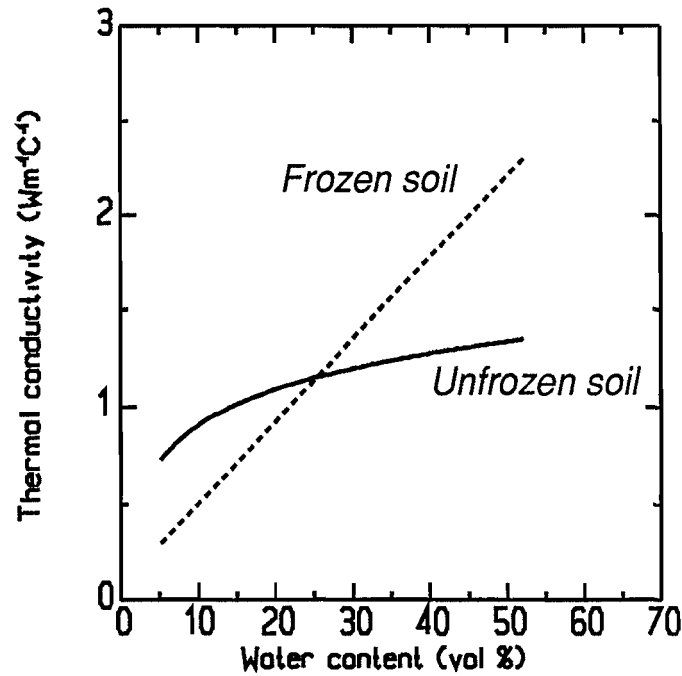


Figure 8. Thermal conductivity. Kersten's equations, originally given for water content in percent by weight, are here recalculated to volumetric basis for a specific soil. *Värmeledningsförmåga enligt Kerstens ekvationer.*

2.1.3 Upper boundary condition

The upper boundary condition can be specific in different ways. If soil surface temperature, T_s , is not measured, then the simplest way (where the switch SUREBAL is put OFF) is to assume for snow free periods that:

$$T_s = T_a \quad (6)$$

where the indices s and a mean surface and air respectively. If the interaction between aerodynamic properties, plant cover and surface evaporation is of interest, the surface temperature may also be calculated by solving the heat flow equation at the soil surface (The switch SUREBAL is put ON). This physical approach is described in the section 2.6.1 which is also relevant for the boundary condition for the water flow equations.

For periods with snow cover, soil surface temperature is given by assuming steady state heat flow (see Fig. 9) between the soil and a homogeneous snow pack:

$$T_s = \frac{T_1 + aT_a}{1 + a} \quad (7)$$

where the index 1 means the top soil layer, and the snow surface temperature is assumed to obey Eq. (6). The weighting factor, a , is given by:

$$a = \frac{k_{snow} \left(\frac{\Delta z_1}{2} \right)}{k_h \cdot \Delta z_{snow}} \quad (8)$$

where Δz denotes thickness.

If the amount of liquid water in the snow pack (S_w) exceeds a constant threshold, s_{wlimin} , soil surface temperature, T_s , is put equal to 0°C .

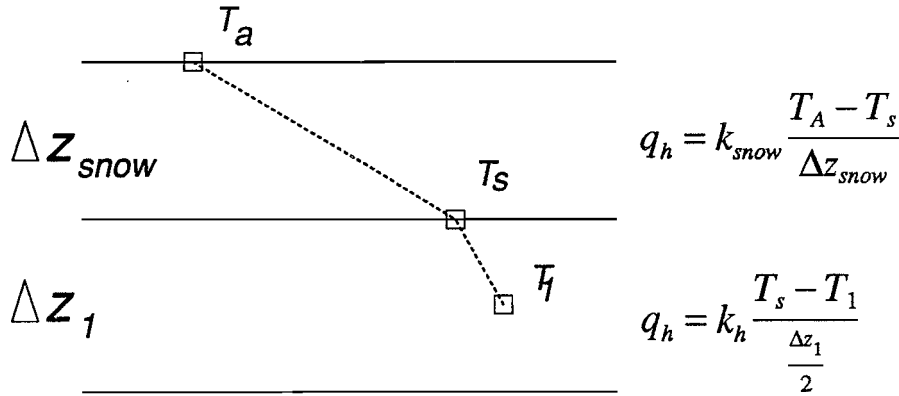


Figure 9. The steady state assumption of heat flow through the upper soil layer and the snow pack. *Antagandet om stationärt flöde genom snötäcket och det översta markskiktet.*

2.1.4 Mixed composition of toplayer

Calculation of soil surface heat flow, $q_h(0)$, requires special attention. Convective heat inflow is given by precipitation throughfall and/or snow melt multiplied by the relevant surface temperature and the heat capacity of liquid water (cf. Eq. (1)). Since thermal properties of humus and mineral soil differ markedly, special treatment is required for a thin humus layer when numerical requirements demand that the top compartment represents a layer thicker than the humus layer. Three special cases for heat conduction are given, depending on the depth of the insulating litter or humus layer.

For negligible depths, i.e., less than 5 mm, thermal conduction in humus is neglected:

$$q_h(0) = 2k_{hm} \frac{(T_s - T_1)}{\Delta z_1} \quad (9)$$

For a humus layer thicker than 5 mm but less than half the depth of the top soil layer a steady-state solution, analogous to the one for snow, gives the boundary temperature between humus and mineral soil:

$$T_b = \frac{T_1 + aT_s}{1 + a} \quad (10)$$

where

$$a = \frac{k_{ho}(\Delta z_1/2 - \Delta z_{humus})}{k_{hm}\Delta z_{humus}} \quad (11)$$

This finally yields

$$q_h(0) = k_{ho} \frac{(T_s - T_b)}{\Delta z_{humus}} \quad (12)$$

For humus layers thicker than half the top soil layer, Eq. 12 degenerates into the standard solution, i.e.:

$$q_h(0) = 2k_{ho} \frac{(T_s - T_1)}{\Delta z_1} \quad (13)$$

2.1.5 Lower boundary condition

The lower boundary condition for heat conduction can be given as a temperature or as a constant flow which may be zero or equal to a constant geothermal contribution, $q_h(low)$. The temperature, $T(low)$ is calculated from the assumed values of mean air temperature, T_{amean} and the amplitude of air temperature, T_{aamp} during the year (see Fig. 10) from an analytical solution of the conduction equation.

$$T(z, t) = T_{amean} - T_{aamp} e^{-z/d_a} \cos\left((t - t_{ph})\omega - \frac{z}{d_a}\right) \quad (14)$$

where t is the time, t_{ph} is the phase shift, ω is the frequency of the cycle and d_a is the damping depth. The frequency is defined as:

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{y_{cycle}} \quad (15)$$

where y_{cycle} is the length of the period and the damping depth, d_a , is given as:

$$d_a = \sqrt{\frac{2D}{\omega}} \quad (16)$$

where D is the thermal diffusivity which is given as the ratio between the thermal conductivity, k_h , and the heat capacity, C , of the soil at a moisture content that equals the selected initial conditions.

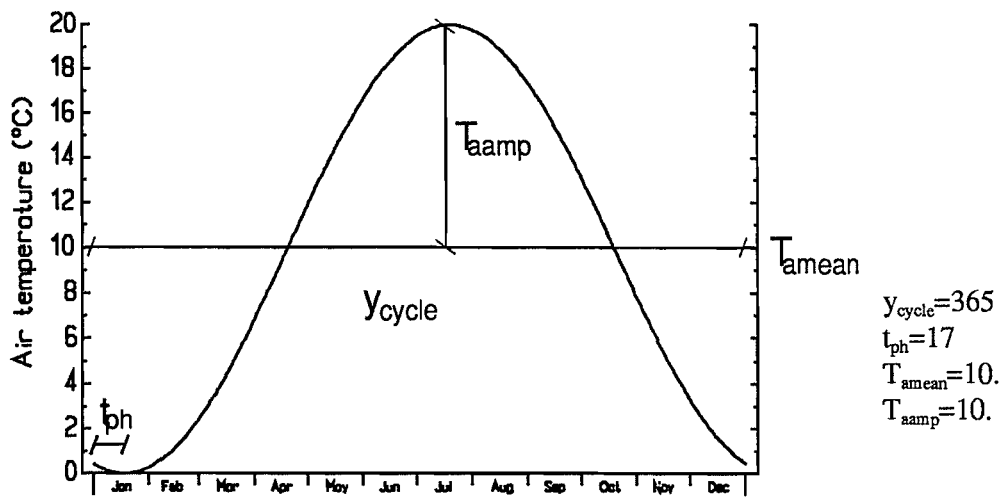


Figure 10. The air temperature calculated using a set of parameter values. *Lufttemperaturens variation under året beräknad med givna parametervärden.*

Heat convection at the lower boundary condition for depends on the presence of a ground water table in the profile. For an unsaturated profile convection follows percolation from the lowest soil layer. When a horizontal net ground water flow is present, convection follows this flow and is neglected for all layers below ground water level.

2.2 Soil frost

Treatment of frost in the soil is based on a function for freezing point depression and on an analogy between processes of freezing-thawing and drying-wetting, i.e., the liquid-ice interface is considered equal to the liquid-air interface. Thus, unfrozen water below zero is associated with a matric potential and an unsaturated conductivity. Freezing gives rise to a potential gradient which in turn forces a water flow according to the prevailing conductivity. This causes a capillary rise of water towards the frost zone and it also allows drainage of snow melt through the frost zone when frozen soil temperatures are close to 0 °C.

2.2.1 Freezing point depression and heat capacity of frozen soil

The simplifying assumption is made that all water at the temperature, T_f is frozen except of a residual unfrozen amount, θ_{if} , calculated as:

$$\theta_{if} = d_1 \theta_{wilt} \quad (17)$$

where d_1 is a constant and θ_{wilt} is volumetric water content at a soil water potential corresponding to pF 4.2. For temperatures below T_f , heat flows and temperatures are calculated in analogy with unfrozen conditions. For temperatures between 0°C and T_f a soil heat capacity is first calculated:

$$C_f = f_s C_s + \theta_i C_i + \theta_{if} C_w \quad (18)$$

This is used to calculate heat content of total soil, E_f , at the temperature T_f :

$$E_f = C_f T_f - L_f w_{ice} \quad (19)$$

Where w_{ice} is the mass of water available for freezing which is calculated as:

$$w_{ice} = w - \Delta z \theta_{if} \rho_{water} \quad (20)$$

where w is the total mass of water.

Relative fraction of latent heat of ice to the total heat content of soil is given at T_f by:

$$f_{lat} = -\frac{L_f w_{ice}}{E_f} \quad (21)$$

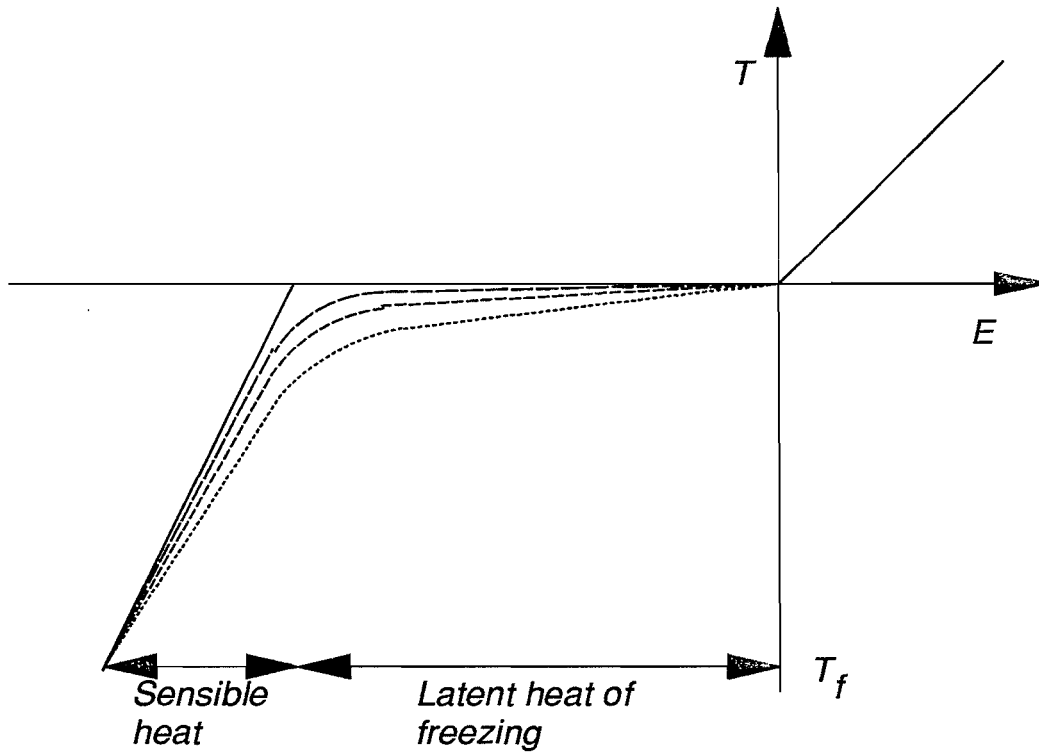


Figure 11. Soil temperature (T) as a function of heat content (E) for different degrees of freezing point depression, i.e., different values of $d_2\lambda$ (see Eq. (22)). Both axes are distorted for the sake of clarity. With a completely frozen soil temperature (T_f) of -5°C the ratio between sensible and latent heat is approximately 1:24. *Marktemperatur som en funktion av värmeinhåll för olika värden av $d_2\lambda$. Axlarna är ej skalenliga. För en helt frusen jord så är relationen ungefär 1:24 mellan sensibel och latent energi.*

Freezing point depression, which depends on soil texture (Fig. 11), is then expressed by the ratio between latent heat contents of E at temperature T ($0 > T > T_f$) and E_f at temperature T_f :

$$r = \left(1 - \frac{E}{E_f}\right)^{d_2\lambda} \min\left(1, \frac{E_f - E}{E_f + L_f w_{ice}}\right) \quad (22)$$

where d_2 is an empirical constant and λ is the pore size distribution index (cf. Eq. (24)). The second term in Eq. (22) is inserted to ensure that temperatures close to T_f never exceed free water temperatures at equivalent heat contents. Sensible heat content, H , is given by:

$$H = E(1 - f_{ice})(1 - r) \quad (23)$$

Temperature is finally achieved as a function of sensible heat content:

$$T = \frac{H}{C_f} \quad (24)$$

When the upper boundary condition is given as a measured temperature of the uppermost layer and the temperature corresponds to a partially frozen soil ($T_f < T < 0$), the heat content, E_1 , is calculated from the temperature, T_1 . This is accomplished through an approximate inversion of Eq. (22):

$$E_1 = -L_f w \left(\frac{T_1}{T_f} \right)^{\left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda_2} \right)} + C_i T_1 \quad (25)$$

2.2.2 Thermal conductivity, frozen soil

Thermal conductivity of a fully frozen organic soil is calculated with a similar equation as for unfrozen organic soils but including a second degree coefficient to account for the inhomogeneity of ice in the soil.

$$k_{ho}(frozen) = \left(1 + 2Q \left(\frac{\theta}{100} \right)^2 \right) k_{ho}(unfrozen) \quad (26)$$

where Q is the thermal quality of the soil layer (see eq. 29).

Thermal conductivity of fully frozen mineral soil (Fig. 8) is adapted from Kersten (1949):

$$k_{hi} = b_1 10^{b_2 \rho_s} + b_3 \left(\frac{\theta}{\rho_s} \right) 10^{b_4 \rho_s} \quad (27)$$

where b_1 to b_4 are empirical constants. For temperatures between 0°C and T_f a weighted conductivity is used:

$$k_h = Q k_{hi} + (1 - Q) k_{hw} \quad (28)$$

where the thermal quality, Q , (the mass ratio of frozen water to total amount of water) is deduced from energy relations:

$$Q = - \frac{(E - H)}{L_f w_{ice}} \quad (29)$$

2.2.3 Frost boundary

For purposes of model output frost boundaries are calculated in a separate subroutine as isotherms of 0°C . The somewhat less realistic assumption of linear heat variations with depth between discrete layers give these isotherms a strong dependence on compartmentalization. Not more than two frost layers are allowed for output purposes.

2.2.4 Influence of ice on water flows

Two different calculations are made in the model to reduce the hydraulic conductivity under partially frozen conditions. The interpolation procedure for obtaining the boundary conductivity between two layers may optionally (see section "switches" in user's manual) be replaced by a procedure in which the boundary conductivity is selected as the minimum conductivity of the two layers. This will normally substantially reduce the flow towards the layer where freezing is taking place and the clear tendency to overestimate redistribution during freezing will be reduced (Lundin, 1990).

In addition to the alternative interpolation procedure an impedance factor is considered when the hydraulic conductivity of a partially frozen layer, k_{wf} , is calculated:

$$k_{wf} = 10^{-fc_i Q} k_w \quad (30)$$

where Q is the thermal quality, fc_i is an impedance parameter and k_w is the hydraulic conductivity of the layer calculated from the unfrozen water content without accounting for occurrence of ice.

2.2.5 Frost heaving

Frost heave is optionally treated (see section "switches" in user's manual) in a simplistic way. A soil compartment will heave if the total volume of ice and unfrozen water exceeds the porosity of the soil in a layer.

2.3 Soil water flow

Water flow in the soil is assumed to be laminar and, thus, obey Darcy's law as generalized for unsaturated flow by Richards (1931):

$$q_w = k_w \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + 1 \right) \quad (31)$$

where ψ is the water tension. The general equation for unsaturated water flow follows from Eq. (31) and the law of mass conservation:

$$\frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial q_w}{\partial z} + s_w \quad (32)$$

where s_w is a source/sink term.

2.3.1 Bypass flow in macropores

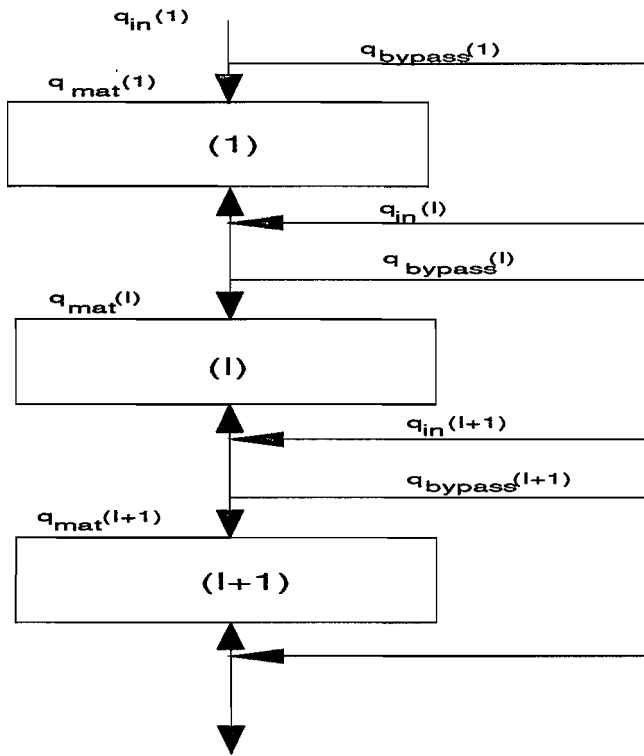


Figure 12. Water flow paths when bypass flows are considered.
Vattenflödesbanor vid förbipassage av markskikt.

An optional switch (CRACK) to account for bypass flow has been included in the model to consider rapid flow in macropores during conditions when smaller pores are only partially filled with water (Fig. 12). The amount of water in the macropores is not accounted for explicitly. Instead, the infiltration flow rate at the soil surface or the vertical flow in the macropores at any depth in the soil profile, q_{in} , determines the partitioning into ordinary Darcy flow, q_{mat} , and bypass flow, q_{bypass} .

$$q_{mat} = \max \left(k_w(\theta) \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z} + 1 \right), q_{in} \right) \quad 0 < q_{in} < S_{mat} \quad (33)$$

$$q_{bypass} = 0 \quad 0 < q_{in} < S_{mat} \quad (34)$$

$$q_{mat} = S_{mat} \quad q_{in} \geq S_{mat} \quad (35)$$

$$q_{bypass} = q_{in} - q_{mat} \quad q_{in} \geq S_{mat} \quad (36)$$

where $k(\theta)$ is the unsaturated conductivity at a given water content, ψ is the water tension and z is the depth coordinate. At the soil surface, q_{in} is the infiltration rate. At other depths in the soil, q_{in} is the vertical flow rate in the macropores (q_{bypass}) from the layer immediately above. S_{mat} is defined as:

$$S_{mat} = a_{scale} a_r k_{mat} pF \quad (37)$$

where k_{mat} is the maximum conductivity of smaller pores (i.e. matrix pores), a_r is the ratio between compartment thickness and the unit horizontal area represented by the model, pF is $^{10}\log$ of ψ and a_{scale} is an empirical scaling coefficient accounting for the geometry of aggregates.

The calculated water flow in the matrix (q_{mat}) is used to update the water contents and the water tensions in the numerical solution, whereas q_{bypass} is directed without delay to the next soil compartment. However, q_{bypass} can never reach layers below the water table depth, which is the lower boundary condition for the use of Richards equation.

2.3.2 Soil hydraulic properties

Two different soil hydraulic properties are important namely the water retention curve and the unsaturated conductivity function. Both properties are considered as unique functions of the water content without any hysteresis effects. Figure 13 shows how experimental data of water retention can be used when estimating coefficients in the function proposed by Brooks & Corey (1964) which is used in an intermediate range of the water retention curve (see Fig. 14).

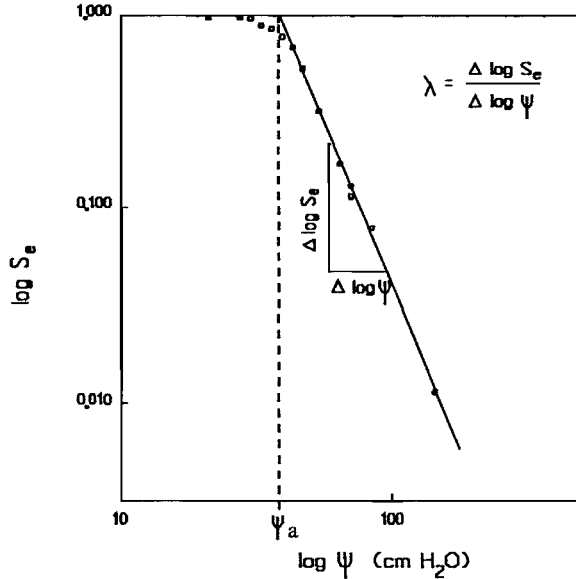


Figure 13. Log S_e as a function of log ψ . The air entry pressure (ψ_a) is given at $S_e=1.0$. Pore size distribution index (λ) is the slope of the line. *Grafisk återgivning av Brooks & Corey's samband i log-log diagram. Porstorleksfördelningsindex (λ) fås genom lutningen av den rätta linjen.*

The function by Brooks & Corey (1964) is given by:

$$S_e = \left(\frac{\psi}{\psi_a} \right)^{-\lambda} \quad (38)$$

where ψ_a is the air-entry tension and λ is the pore size distribution index. Effective saturation is defined as:

$$S_e = \frac{\theta - \theta_r}{\theta_s - \theta_r} \quad (39)$$

where θ_s is the porosity and θ_r is the residual water content. Calculation of the parameters λ , ψ_a and θ_r is done by least squares fittings of Eqs. (38) and (39) to experimental data, preferably from undisturbed soil cores or *in situ* measurements (see Fig. 13). Such experimental data usually yield a good fit over an intermediate range of tensions. In order to get a good fit in the whole range, Eqs. (38) and (39) are fitted only to data corresponding to tensions below a threshold value, ψ_x . The relation between water content and tension above this threshold is assumed log-linear:

$$\frac{\log\left(\frac{\psi}{\psi_x}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{\psi_{wilt}}{\psi_x}\right)} = \frac{\theta_x - \theta}{\theta_x - \theta_{wilt}} \quad \psi_x < \psi < \psi_{wilt} \quad (40)$$

where $\theta_x (= \theta(\psi_x))$ is the threshold water content and θ_{wilt} is the water content at wilting point, defined as a tension of 15 000 cm water.

In the range close to saturation, i.e. from $\theta_s - 4$ to θ_s , a linear expression is used for the $\theta - \psi$ relationship.

$$\psi = \psi_m - \frac{(\theta + 4 - \theta_s)}{4} \psi_m \quad (41)$$

where ψ_m is the tension which corresponds to a water content of $\theta_s - 4$. The three different parts of the water retention curve is illustrated for a sandy soil below (Fig. 14.)

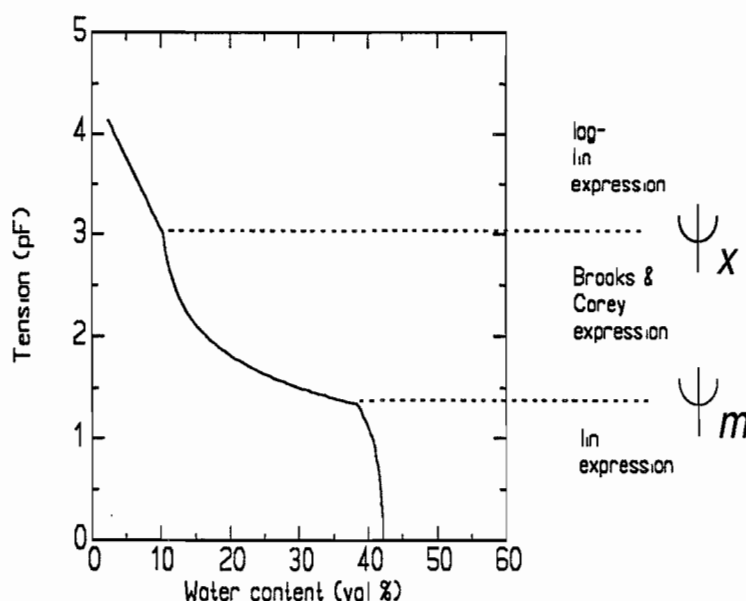


Figure 14. An example of how three different expressions in the water retention curve are used in different ranges. The pF value corresponds to the logarithm of tension expressed in cm water. *Ett exempel på hur 3 olika uttryck används för att beskriva pF-kurvan. pF motsvarar logaritmen av tensionen uttryckt i cm vattenpelare.*

Following Mualem (1976), and using the analytical expressions (38) and (39), the unsaturated conductivity is given by:

$$k_w = k_{mat} S_e^{\left(n+2+\frac{2}{\lambda}\right)} \quad (42)$$

and

$$k_w = k_{mat} \left(\frac{\Psi_a}{\Psi} \right)^{2+(2+n)\lambda} \quad (43)$$

k_{mat} is saturated conductivity and n is a parameter accounting for pore correlation and flow path tortuosity. Eqs. (41) and (42) are used for water contents in the matrix pores.

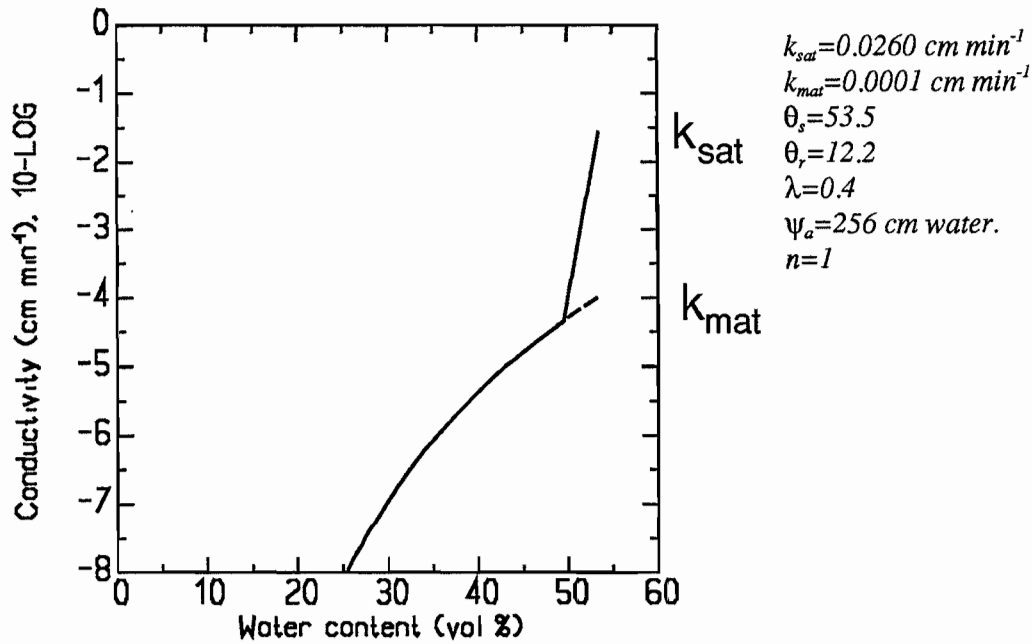


Figure 15. The unsaturated conductivity for a clay soil calculated with the parameter values given above. *Omättad konduktivitet beräknad för en lerjord med angivna parametervärden.*

To account for the contribution of macropores, an additional contribution the the hydraulic conductivity is considered when water content exceeds $\theta_s - 4$ (see Fig. 15.).

$$k_w = 10^{\left(\log(k_w(\theta_s - 4)) + \frac{\theta - \theta_s + 4}{4} \log \left(\frac{k_{sat}}{k_w(\theta_s - 4)} \right) \right)} \quad (44)$$

where k_{sat} is the saturated conductivity which includes the macropores and $k_w(\theta_s - 4)$ is the hydraulic conductivity calculated from Eq. (42/43).

2.3.3 Upper boundary condition

Boundary conditions at the soil surface are given by separate subroutines accounting for snow melt and interception of precipitation by vegetation.

Water coming from snow or from precipitation infiltrates into the soil providing that the infiltration capacity is high enough. Otherwise a surface pool of water will be formed on the soil surface. Water in the surface pool can either infiltrate with a delay into the soil or be lost as surface runoff. The surface runoff, q_{surf} , is calculated as a first order rate process:

$$q_{surf} = a_{surf} W_{pool} \quad (45)$$

where a_{surf} is an empirical coefficient and W_{pool} is the total amount of water in the surface pool.

The infiltration capacity at the soil surface is calculated from the saturated conductivity of the topsoil and assuming a unit gradient. During conditions with frost in the soil the saturated conductivity can be reduced because of the ice content in the soil (cf 2.2.4).

A physical barrier for infiltration such as a roof can also be simulated by setting a value larger than zero for the i_{scov} parameter.

Surface runoff can also be formed if the infiltration capacity is high enough but the topsoil is saturated because of too low hydraulic conductivities in the layers below. This type of surface runoff, q_{surfe} , will immediately be lost as surface runoff if the water content in the top layer exceeds the porosity.

2.3.4 Lower boundary condition

Conditions at the lower profile boundary depend on whether a ground water level exists above this boundary. For an unsaturated lower boundary, percolation is assumed to be caused by a unit head gradient, i.e., by gravitational forces only.

2.3.5 Groundwater outflow

Groundwater flow may be considered with two different approaches, one physically based and one fully empirical. The two approaches can be combined to account for water flows in different parts of the soil profile depending on the existence of artificial drainage systems and/or topographical and geological conditions. The groundwater flows are considered as a sink term in the one dimensional structure of the model.

The physical approach can conceptually be compared with a drainage system (see Fig. 16). Water flows to drainage pipes occurs when the simulated ground water table is above the level of the pipes, i.e., flow occurs horizontally from a layer to drainage pipes when the soil is saturated. The horizontal flow rate, q_{wp} , is assumed to be proportional to the hydraulic gradient and to the thickness and saturated hydraulic conductivity of each soil layer:

$$q_{wp} = k_s a_r \frac{(z_{sat} - z_p)}{d_p} \quad (46)$$

where a_r is the ratio between the thickness of the layer and the unit horizontal area, z_p is the depth of the drainage pipe, z_{sat} is the simulated depth of the ground water table and d_p is a characteristic distance.

Vertical redistribution within the saturated zone is calculated based on the assumption that the water content will only change in the uppermost saturated layer. Redistribution is made to satisfy the losses from all the other layers.

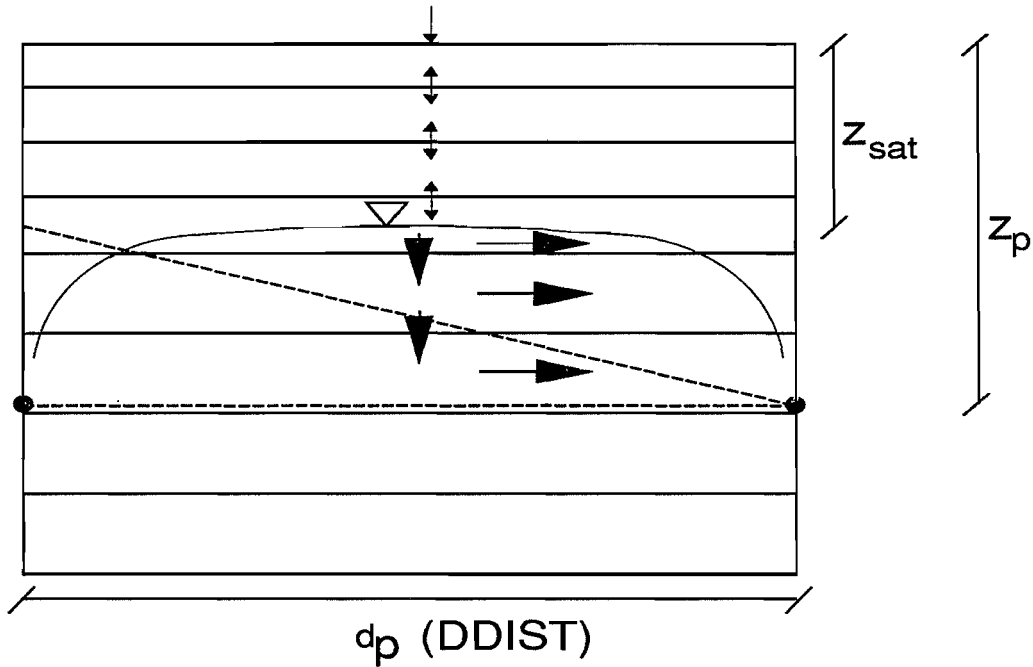


Figure 16. The geometrical assumptions behind the ground water flow towards a sink point in the saturated zone of the soil. *Den geometriska formen av grundvattenytan mellan två dräneringsrör som är grunden för antagandet om flödet som en sänkterm i modellen.*

The empirical approach is based on a first order recession equation. Unlike the case for the physically based approach, this sink term will only be calculated in the layer where the ground water table is located and no account is taken of flow paths in the saturated part of the soil profile. When ground water level, z_{sat} , is above the bottom of the profile, a net horizontal water flow is given as a sum of 'base flow' and a more rapid 'peak flow':

$$q_{gr} = q_1 \frac{\max(0, z_1 - z_{sat})}{z_1} + q_2 \frac{\max(0, z_2 - z_{sat})}{z_2} \quad (47)$$

where q_1, q_2, z_1, z_2 are parameters obtained by fitting techniques, and z_{sat} is defined as the level where the matric potential is zero.

2.3.6 Groundwater inflow

In a similar way as for groundwater outflow (drainage), a horizontal source flow may be defined. The source flow could either be the simulated outflow from a previous simulation (for quasi-two dimensional modelling) or set to a constant value, q_{sof} , for a specific layer, q_{sol} .

2.4 Transpiration and root water uptake

Transpiration is defined as a potential rate when neither soil water deficits nor low soil temperatures influence the water loss. Unless given directly as a driving variable, daily potential transpiration, TR_p is calculated from Penman's combination equation in the form given by Monteith (1965):

$$L_v TR_p = \frac{\Delta R_n + \rho_a c_p \frac{(e_s - e)}{r_a}}{\Delta + \gamma \left(1 + \frac{r_s}{r_a}\right)} \quad (48)$$

where R_n is net radiation available for transpiration (i.e. $R_{na} - R_{ns}$, at the reference height z_{ref} (see Fig. 20)), e_s is the vapour pressure at saturation, e is the actual vapour pressure, ρ_a is air density, c_p is the specific heat of air at constant pressure, L_v is the latent heat of vaporization, Δ is the slope of saturated vapour pressure versus temperature curve, γ is the psychrometer 'constant', r_s is an 'effective' surface resistance. The aerodynamic resistance, r_a , is calculated as:

$$r_a = \frac{\ln^2\left(\frac{(z_{ref} - d)}{z_o}\right)}{k^2 u} \quad (49)$$

where the wind speed, u , is given at reference height, k is von Karman's 'constant', d is the displacement height and z_o is the roughness length. d and z_o are given explicitly as model parameters.

As an alternative expression for the aerodynamic resistance Anders Lindroth (pers. comm.) suggested that:

$$r_a = \frac{r_{a1} + r_{a2} \cdot LAI}{u} \quad (50)$$

where r_{a1} and r_{a2} are parameters.

This alternative expression is activated by using an optional switch in the model and it can be recommended for willow plantation or other vegetation where canopy closure smooths out the boundary between the vegetation and the atmosphere.

Water uptake by roots is assumed to equal actual transpiration, without considering any variations in the water storage of vegetation. Waring *et al.* (1979) indicated that, for forests, water in vegetation may contribute a considerable amount to transpiration during short periods. Thus, careful interpretation of simulated water uptake rates should be made if within day resolution is considered for a forested site.

Reduction of potential to actual transpiration is performed separately for each depth where the normalized root density, $r(z)$ is above zero. Root density may be expressed by root length per unit soil volume, or by any other pertinent measure of roots.

Reduction because of dry soil is supposed to act through the stomatal mechanism and xylary tissue resistance, which both have shown to be very sensitive to transpiration rate. The water tension response, R_ψ which has been given an analytical form of wide applicability (see Fig. 17.), therefore reacts to the same transpiration demand at all levels:

$$R_\psi(z) = \left(\frac{\psi_c}{\psi(z)} \right)^{p_1 TR_p + p_2} \quad (51)$$

where p_1 and p_2 are parameters and ψ_c is a critical tension where reduction begins.

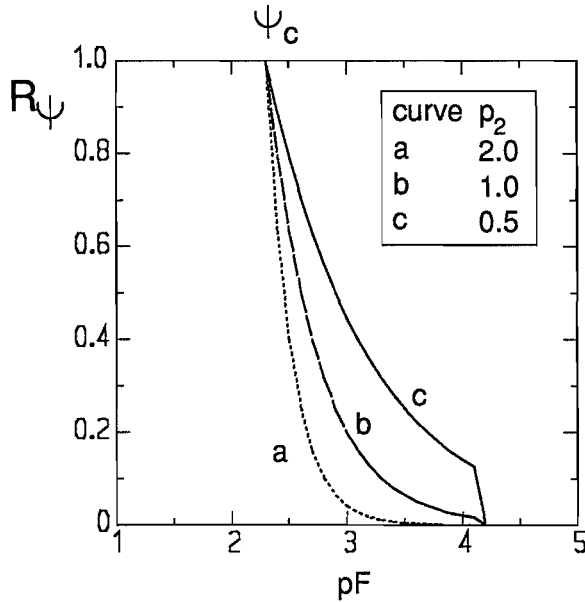


Figure 17. The response of water uptake by roots to soil water tension using different parameter values. *Responsen av markvattentensionen på vattenupptagningen genom rötter.*

Reduction because of low soil temperatures acts primarily through a lowered conductivity between root surface and xylem and is, thus, responding to temperature at each depth. The analytical form of the soil temperature response (see Fig. 18), R_T , was proposed by Axelsson & Ågren (1976):

$$R_T(z) = 1 - e^{-t_1 \max(0, T(z))^{t_2}} \quad (52)$$

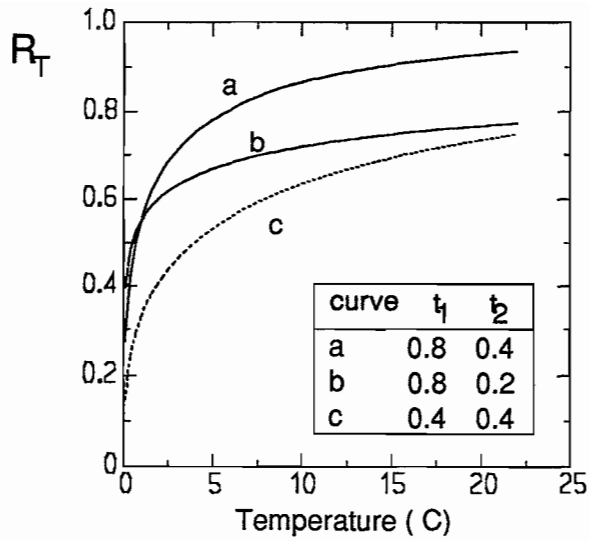


Figure 18. The response of water uptake by roots to soil temperature using different parameter values. Curve (a) corresponds to the default curve suggested by Axelsson & Ågren (1976). *Responsen av marktemperaturen på vattenupptagningen genom rötter. Kurva (a) motsvarar den som föreslogs av Axelsson & Ågren (1976).*

Flexibility of a root system to reallocate roots from layers where a deficiency occurs to layers which have an excess of water is accounted for in the model. Actual transpiration is first calculated without any compensatory uptake as:

$$TR_a^* = TR_p^* \int_0^{z_r} R_\psi(z) R_T(z) r(z) dz \quad (53)$$

where z_r is the maximal root depth. The compensatory uptake is finally accounted for when calculating the total transpiration :

$$TR_a = TR_a^* + f_{unov} \cdot (TR_p^* - TR_a^*) \quad (54)$$

where f_{unov} is the degree of compensation. The compensatory uptake is distributed to the layers where R_ψ is greater than zero according to the relative fraction of the roots in layers with an excess of water.

2.5 Dynamic behaviour of plant related properties

Some properties which have typical temporal patterns during the season can be varied in a as a function of the day number t_{day} in the year or they can be given as driving variables in a special file (see "additional driving variable file" in the user's manual) or may be changed step wise by using the switch CHAPAR (see "switches" in the user's manual) . The properties which can be given as functions of time are divided into one group for above ground properties (Surface resistance, r_s , Leaf area index, LAI, Roughness length, z_o and displacement height, d) and one for below ground properties (Root depth, z_r). The temporal function is defined by:

$$x = (1 - \alpha)x(i - 1) + \alpha x(i) \quad (55)$$

$$x = x(1) \quad t \leq t_{day}(1) \quad (56)$$

$$\alpha = \left(\frac{t - t_{day}(i - 1)}{t_{day}(i) - t_{day}(i - 1)} \right)^{c_{form}(i - 1)} \quad t_{day}(i - 1) < t \leq t_{day}(i) \quad (57)$$

$$x = x(i) \quad t > t_{day}(i) \text{ and } t_{day}(i+1) = 0 \quad (58)$$

where $x(i)$ is the parameter defined at day number $t_{day}(i)$ in an array from 1 to n. Up to 5 day numbers can be defined, with values > 0 and ≤ 365 . If $t_{day}(i)$ is set to 0, only indices lower than i will be considered.

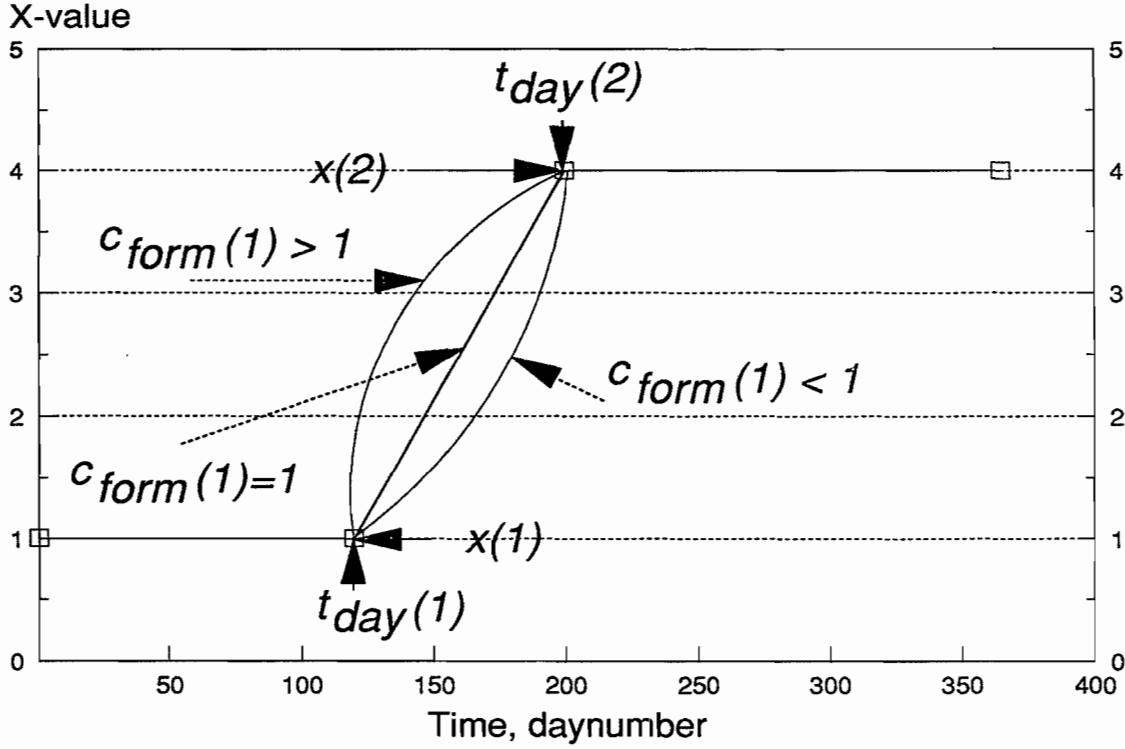


Figure 19. Graphical representation of the interpolation procedure used for some plant related properties according to Eq. (55-58). *Grafisk återgivning av interpolationsförfarandet av växtrelaterade egenskaper enligt ekvationerna (55-58).*

Depth distribution of roots, $r(z)$, can be defined either as a fraction of roots in each horizon according to parameter values or as a functional relationship (uniform, linear or exponential). In a similar way to the uniform and linear function the exponential form is normalized making the integral of the whole soil profile equal to unity. The fraction of roots below a depth z is given by:

$$\int_{z_r}^z r(z) = \frac{1 - e^{-k_{rr}(z/z_r)}}{(1 - r_{frac})} \quad (59)$$

where it can be shown that the exponential extinction coefficient k_{rr} equals $-\ln(r_{frac})$. r_{frac} is a parameter in the model.

2.6 Evaporation from the soil surface

Soil evaporation can be calculated by two different approaches in the model. The more empirical approach is based on a Penman type equation and the more physically based approach is developed from an iterative solution of the energy balance including both water and heat flow at the soil surface. The empirical approach is normally used when the water balance conditions are of major

interest, since it will not influence the soil surface temperature or heat flow. The iterative solution of the energy balance is recommended when the feedback between temperature and water conditions is of interest.

Common to both approaches is the partitioning of net radiation between the plant canopy and the soil surface assuming the Beer's law to be valid (Impens & Lemeur, 1969):

$$R_{ns} = R_{na} e^{-k_{rn} LAI} \quad (60)$$

where R_{na} is the net radiation above the plant canopy, R_{ns} is the net radiation at the soil surface, k_{rn} is an extinction coefficient and LAI is the leaf area index.

The energy flows and resistances in the soil-plant-atmosphere system are illustrated in Fig. 20.

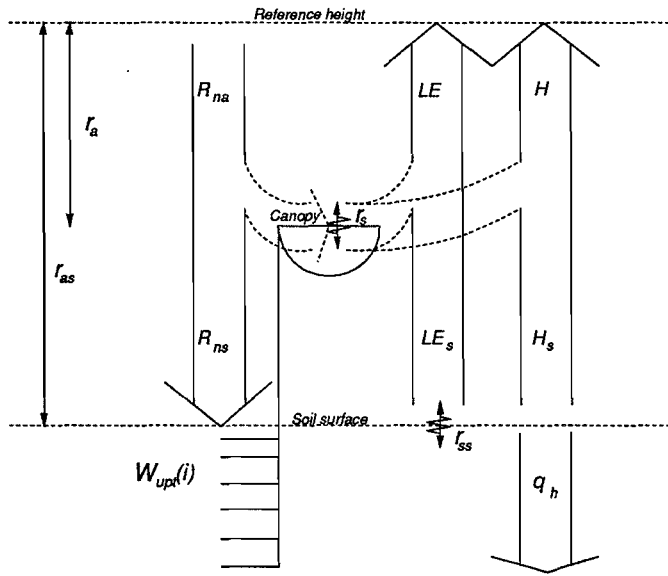


Figure 20. The energy flows and resistances above the canopy and at the soil surface. *Energiflödena och resistanserna ovan kronan och vid markytan.*

2.6.1 Surface energy balance approach

The physically based approach, for calculating soil evaporation, originates from the idea of solving the equation of heat flow at the soil surface boundary. According to the law of conservation of energy:

$$R_{ns} = LE_s + H_s + q_h \quad (61)$$

where R_{ns} is the available net radiation at the soil surface, LE_s is the latent heat flow to the air, H_s is the sensible heat flow to the air and q_h is the heat flow to the soil. The three different heat flows are estimated by an iterative procedure where the soil surface temperature is varied according to a given scheme.

$$H_s = \rho_a c_p \frac{(T_s - T_a)}{r_{as}} \quad (62)$$

$$LE_s = \gamma \rho_a c_p \frac{(e_{swf} - e_a)}{r_{as}} \quad (63)$$

$$q_h = k_h \frac{(T_s - T_1)}{\frac{\Delta z_1}{2}} \quad (64)$$

As an alternative, the heat flow can be calculated using a simplified resistance approach valid for daily mean values. The flow is then given by:

$$q_h = \frac{T_s - T_1}{r_{soil}} \quad (65)$$

where the r_{soil} represent the integrated resistance of the uppermost 20 cm of the soil profile. The existence of an organic topsoil is accounted for when the resistance is calculated from the thermal conductivity of humus, k_{ho} and of mineral soil, k_{hm} :

$$r_{soil} = \frac{\Delta z_{humus}}{k_{ho}} + \frac{0.2 - \Delta z_{min}}{k_{hm}} \quad (66)$$

where Δz_{humus} and Δz_{min} are the thickness of humus and mineral soil, respectively in the upper 20 cm of the soil profile.

The aerodynamic resistance is influenced by the atmospheric stability through the Richardsons number (R_i) and the crop cover (r_{ab}).

$$r_{as} = \frac{r_a}{(1 - 10R_i)} + r_{ab} \quad (67)$$

$$R_i = g(h - z_o) \frac{(T_A - T_s)}{(T_A + 273.15)u^2} \quad (68)$$

where the resistance between the soil surface and the crop canopy, r_{ab} , is made proportional to the leaf area index.

$$r_{ab} = r_{alai} LAI \quad (69)$$

where r_{alai} is a parameter.

Vapour pressure at the soil surface is given by the surface temperature, T_s , the water tension of the uppermost layer and an empirical correction factor, e_{corr} , accounting for steep gradients in moisture between the uppermost layer and the soil surface.

$$e_{surf} = e_s(T_s) e^{\left(\frac{-\Psi}{100} e_{corr} \right)} e^{\left(\frac{-\Psi}{R(T_s + 273.15)} \right)} \quad (70)$$

where R is the gas constant.

The empirical correction factor depends on a parameter ψ_{eg} and the a calculated mass balance at the soil surface, δ_{surf} , which is allowed to vary between -2 and 1 mm of water.

$$e_{corr} = 10^{(-\delta_{surf}\psi_{eg})} \quad (71)$$

$$\delta_{surf}(t) = \max(-2, \min(1, \delta_{surf}(t-1) + (P - E_{surf})\Delta t)) \quad (72)$$

2.6.2 Empirical approach

The radiation energy reaching the soil surface, R_{ns} , is used to calculate the soil surface evaporation, ES_a using the Penman combination equation:

$$L_v ES_a = \frac{\Delta(R_{ns} - q_h) + \rho_a c_p \frac{(e_s - e)}{r_{as}}}{\Delta + \gamma \left(1 + \frac{r_{ss}}{r_{as}}\right)} \quad (73)$$

where r_{as} , is the sum of the aerodynamic resistance and r_{ss} is the surface resistance at the soil surface.

The aerodynamic resistance between the soil surface and the reference height, r_{as} , is calculated in the same way as in the physically based approach using Eq. (67).

The surface resistance at the soil surface, r_{ss} is given as an empirical function accounting for moisture conditions at the soil surface and the water tension in the uppermost soil layer:

$$\begin{aligned} r_{ss} &= r_\psi (\log \psi - 1 - \delta_{surf}) & \psi > 100 \\ r_{ss} &= r_\psi (1 - \delta_{surf}) & \psi < 100 \end{aligned} \quad (74)$$

where r_ψ is an empirical coefficient and ψ is the water tension in the uppermost layer. As above, δ_{surf} is the mass balance at the soil surface, in units of mm water, which is allowed to vary between -2 and 1. The mass balance at the surface is calculated by Eq. (72) as in the energy balance approach. The soil surface temperature will also be estimated if the switch SUREBAL is put to the value 1. This is done by first solving the heat balance equation for the sensible heat flow to the air as:

$$H_s = R_{ns} - LE_s - q_h \quad (75)$$

where the soil heat flow, q_h , is taken as an weighted sum of the heat flow from the preceding time steps. The soil surface temperature is finally given as:

$$T_s = \frac{H_s r_{as}}{\rho_a c_p} + T_a \quad (76)$$

2.7 Evaporation of intercepted water

A simple threshold formulation gives the interception rate of precipitation, S_{int} , by the vegetation canopy:

$$S_{int} = \min\left(P, \frac{(S_{imax} - S_i(t-1))}{\Delta t}\right) \quad (77)$$

where P is precipitation, S_{imax} is the interception storage threshold, and $S_i(t-1)$ is the interception storage remaining from the previous time step. S_{imax} is a function of the leaf area index, LAI :

$$S_{imax} = i_{LAI} LAI \quad (78)$$

where i_{LAI} is a parameter.

Infiltration to the soil, $q_w(0)$, is then:

$$q_w(0) = \max(0, P - S_{int}) \quad (79)$$

In forests, evaporation of intercepted water may considerably exceed transpiration rates with equivalent local-climatic conditions.

The potential evaporation rate, EI_p , from interception storage can either be calculated from the Penman combination equation assuming a surface resistance (r_{sint}) representing the resistance to the single source point of the whole canopy. When potential transpiration is used as a driving variable a constant relation between wet surface evaporation rate and potential transpiration rate is assumed:

$$EI_p = e_{rat} TR_p \quad (80)$$

where e_{rat} is a parameter. If the Penman combination equation is used to calculate EI_p , the e_{rat} value is given by the equation above and not taken as a parameter.

Actual evaporation from the canopy is limited either by the potential daily rate, EI_p , or by the interception storage, S_{int} :

$$EI_a = \min\left(EI_p, S_{int} + \frac{S_i(t-1)}{\Delta t}\right) \quad (81)$$

where $S_i(t-1)$ is the residual intercepted water which remains from the previous time step (Δt) if the actual evaporation, EI_a , was smaller than the interception storage. Remaining intercepted water at the present time step is calculated as:

$$S_i(t) = S_i(t-1) + (S_{int} - EI_a)\Delta t \quad (82)$$

When evaporation of intercepted water, EI_a , takes place the potential transpiration rate, TR_p is reduced based on the assumption that evaporation and transpiration are complementary in time:

$$TR_p^* = \max\left(0, TR_p - \frac{EI_a}{e_{rat}}\right) \quad (83)$$

Evapotranspiration, i.e., the total water loss to the atmosphere per unit ground surface, is calculated as the sum of actual transpiration and wet surface evaporation. This yields the final expression for daily evapotranspiration, ET :

$$ET = EI_a + E_s + TR_a \quad (84)$$

2.8 Snow dynamics

Snow is separated into liquid water and the total water equivalent. The entire snow pack is considered to be homogeneous both horizontally and vertically and only day to day variations are calculated. The fundamental part of the model is the melting-freezing function which combines the two separate budgets. Daily amount of snow melt, M , is made up by a temperature function, M_T , a function accounting for influence of solar radiation, M_R , and the soil surface heat flow, $q_h(0)$:

$$M = M_T T_a + M_R R_{is} + \frac{q_h(0)}{L_f} \quad (85)$$

where T_a is air temperature and R_{is} is global radiation. Melting will affect the whole snow pack, whereas refreezing will only affect a limited surface layer. Refreezing efficiency is, therefore, inversely proportional to snow depth, Δz_{snow} :

$$\begin{aligned} M_T &= m_T & T_a &\geq 0 \\ M_T &= m_T \min\left(1, \frac{m_f}{\Delta z_{snow}}\right) & T_a &< 0 \end{aligned} \quad (86)$$

where T_a is air temperature and m_T And m_f are parameters.

Albedo is markedly reduced with age of snow surface, such that radiation absorption increases with time. This is the reason for making M_R dependent on the age of the surface snow, t_{sage} :

$$M_R = m_{Rmin} \left(1 + s_1 \left(1 - e^{-s_2 t_{sage}}\right)\right) \quad (87)$$

where m_{Rmin} , s_1 and s_2 are parameters. Age of surface snow is determined by the number of days since the last snowfall. To reduce the influence of mixed precipitation and minor showers, snowfall is counted in this context only for snow spells larger than a critical value, P_{samin} , and for precipitation with thermal quality above a threshold value Q_{samin} .

The accumulation of free water in the snow pack is calculated on a daily basis as:

$$S_{wl} = S_{wlres} + P_r + M \quad (88)$$

where S_{wlres} is the free water remaining from the previous day, P_r is the rain precipitation, and S is the water equivalent (total amount of water in the snow pack) and with the restriction that $0 < S_{wl} < S$. If the free water is above a given retention threshold, S_{wlmax} , it will be released as infiltration:

$$q_w(0) = \max(0, S_{wl} - S_{wlmax}) \quad (89)$$

such that the remaining amount of free water becomes:

$$S_{wlres} = S_{wl} - q_w(0) \quad (90)$$

The retention capacity is assumed to be a fixed fraction, f_{ret} , of the snow pack water equivalent:

$$S_{wlmax} = f_{ret} S \quad (91)$$

The snow pack not only contributes melt water to infiltration but soil surface temperature is also influenced through snow depth and thermal conductivity (cf. Eqs. 7 and 8).

Snow thermal conductivity, k_{snow} is sensitively related to snow density, ρ_{snow} (Corps of Engineers, 1956):

$$k_{snow} = s_k \rho_{snow}^2 \quad (92)$$

where s_k is an empirical parameter, and snow density is a weighted average of the old snow pack (i.e. the density of snow remaining from the previous day ρ_{old}) and precipitation density, ρ_{prec} :

$$\rho_{snow} = \frac{\rho_{prec} \Delta z_{prec} + \rho_{old} \Delta z_{old}}{\Delta z_{snow}} \quad (93)$$

where Δz indicates depth and the indices represent old snow pack, precipitation and updated snow pack.

A perfectly frozen precipitation is assumed to have a constant, minimum density, ρ_{min} . For mixed precipitation, density depends on the ratio of rain, P_r , to total precipitation, P :

$$\rho_{prec} = \rho_{min} + (\rho_{water} - \rho_{min}) \frac{P_r}{P} \quad (94)$$

Depth of precipitation is then automatically given as:

$$\Delta z_{prec} = \frac{P}{\rho_{prec}} \quad (95)$$

Density of the old snow pack increases with the relative amount of free water in the pack and with overburden pressure, i.e., with increasing water equivalent. Density also generally increases with age. The age dependency is accounted for by updating density as the maximum of the previous day's density or:

$$\rho_{old} = \rho_{min} + s_{dl} \frac{S_{wl}}{S_{wlmax}} + s_{dw} S_{res} \quad (96)$$

where s_{dl} and s_{dw} are parameters and S_{res} is the water equivalent of the snow pack from the previous day. Depth of old pack is given by definition as:

$$\Delta z_{old} = \frac{S_{res}}{\rho_{old}} \quad (97)$$

3 Model input

Three classes of input data may be distinguished. Driving variables are the climatic data which govern the model. Initial values are required to define a starting point at a specific time and physical parameters are constants needed to express relevant properties for the different processes in the model. However, some of these properties may be varied with time and this could either be done by using time dependent functions for some of the parameters or by selecting a new value of a certain parameter to be valid at a specified date (see Switches CHAPAR).

3.1 Driving variables

The SOIL model can be run in several simulation modes depending on the purpose of the simulation. Each mode has its own requirements for driving variables. If, for example, soil temperature is simulated with variations within the day and with soil moisture treated as constant, a measured top soil temperature will suffice as a single driving variable. If the aim is to simulate effects of soil heat extraction on an annual basis, air temperature, precipitation and heat extraction rate will suffice as measured driving variables, since in this case potential transpiration can be given as a simplified analytical function to account for annual variations.

The most common simulation mode, thus far, has been to simulate, on an annual basis, both soil heat and water flows in a natural, vegetated soil. This mode requires the input of the following meteorological variables once a day: Precipitation, air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, net radiation and global, shortwave radiation. Ideally, these variables should be measured at a reference height above vegetation, but being daily sums or averages, it will commonly be sufficient to use data from a nearby standard meteorological network station. If, by chance, a reliable measure of potential transpiration can be given, this measure will substitute relative humidity, wind speed and net radiation. If, on the other hand, some of the driving variables are not measured, they can be substituted by analytical expressions or they can be deduced from other measurements. Global radiation can be substituted by degree of cloudiness or duration of bright sunshine. Relative humidity, wind speed and cloudiness could each be substituted by parameter values representing average conditions for longer time periods. Net radiation can be substituted by global radiation. The minimum requirement to produce realistic results from simulations of annual heat and water flows is to have only measured precipitation and air temperature.

In the present form, treatment of driving variables and simulation mode options mainly reflect past development and use of the model but new options can easily be included, if needed for a specific purpose.

Potential transpiration is normally calculated in the model by Monteith's equation (Eq. 48) in which case account is also made for heat flow into the soil. Potential transpiration can also be given directly as a measured time series or as an analytical expression:

$$\begin{aligned} TR_p &= 0 & |t - t_{pmax}| &\geq \Delta t_T \\ TR_p &= TR_{pmax} \sin\left(\left(\frac{(t - t_{pmax} + \Delta t_T)}{2\Delta t_T}\right)\pi\right) & |t - t_{pmax}| &< \Delta t_T \end{aligned} \quad (98)$$

This function gives a "smooth pulse" with a half width of Δt_T and a maximal value of TR_{pmax} at time t_{pmax} .

Precipitation can be given as a series of pulses, with regular frequency and specified pulse height. Normally, however, it is given as a measured time-series. To account for the precipitation phase, i.e., whether snow or rain, thermal quality, Q , i.e., relative fraction of frozen water, is calculated from air temperature, T_a :

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= 0 & T_a > T_{\max} \\
 Q &= \frac{(T_a - T_{\max})}{(T_{\min} - T_{\max})} & T_{\min} \leq T_a \leq T_{\max} \\
 Q &= 1 & T_a < T_{\min}
 \end{aligned} \tag{99}$$

Where all precipitation is assumed to be rain for air temperatures above T_{\max} and to be snow for air temperatures below T_{\min} . Between these limits proportions vary linearly. Rain, P_r , and snowfall, P_s , is, thus, given from precipitation as:

$$P_r = (1 - Q)P \tag{100}$$

$$P_s = QP \tag{101}$$

Measured precipitation, P_m , is almost always less than the "true" value, P , primarily because of wind-losses. These losses are more pronounced for snowfall than for rain. An acceptable long-term, average, correction can be given by multiplying the measured value by a constant fraction, different for rain and snowfall:

$$P = (c_{rain} + Qc_{snow})P_m \tag{102}$$

For Swedish conditions, the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI) recommends a rain correction of 7% and a snow correction of 15%, meaning that $c_{rain} = 1.07$ and $c_{snow} = 0.08$.

Air temperature is normally supplied as a measured value, sometimes being the average of a night- and a day-time temperature. It can also be given an analytical form:

$$T_a = T_{amean} - T_{aamp} \cos\left(\frac{t - t_{ph}}{y_{cycle}} 2\pi\right) \tag{103}$$

which, with correct choices of parameters T_{amean} , T_{aamp} , t_{ph} and y_{cycle} , can properly represent both diurnal and annual variations.

Topsoil temperature, when used as a driving variable, is supplied as a measured time-series.

The air humidity can either be expressed as relative humidity, h_r , or as the actual vapour pressure (e). *The air humidity*, is normally supplied as a measured time-series but if it is not available a constant value of the relative humidity can be specified as a parameter. The vapour pressure, e_a , will be calculated from air temperature if the relative humidity is used and from the vapour pressure, e_s , the vapour pressure deficit, δe , is calculated:

$$e_a = \frac{h_r}{100} e_s(T_a) \quad (104)$$

$$\delta e = e_s(T_a) - e_a \quad (105)$$

The saturated vapour pressure function, $e_s(T)$, is defined by:

$$e_s(T) = 10^{\left(12.5553 - \frac{2667}{T+273.15}\right)} \quad T \geq 0 \quad (106)$$

$$e_s(T) = 10^{\left(11.4051 - \frac{2353}{T+273.15}\right)} \quad T < 0 \quad (107)$$

where e_s is calculated in (Pa) and T in °C.

Wind speed is normally supplied as a measured time-series but it can be substituted by a constant parameter value if it is not available. Wind speeds less than 0.1 mm/s are rejected and replaced by this lower limit.

Net radiation would ideally be supplied as a measured time-series but in most cases it has been estimated from other meteorological variables. It can be deduced from global radiation, R_{is} , air temperature, T_a , vapour pressure, e_a , and relative duration of sunshine, n_{sun} , as the sum of net shortwave, R_{ns} , and net longwave radiation, R_{nl} , the latter given by Brunt's formula:

$$R_n = R_{nsh} + R_{nl} \quad (108)$$

where

$$R_{nsh} = R_{is}(1 - \alpha_r) \quad (109)$$

and

$$R_{nl} = \sigma(T_a + 273.15)^4 (r_1 + r_2 \sqrt{e})(r_3 + r_4 n_{sun}) \quad (110)$$

where α_r is shortwave albedo (assumed constant), r_1 to r_4 are empirical parameters and σ is Stefan-Boltzmann's constant.

Relative cloudiness, n_c , can be used to calculate relative duration of sunshine, n_{sun} :

$$n_{sun} = 1 - n_c \quad (111)$$

Duration of bright sunshine, Δt_{sun} , can also be used to estimate relative duration of sunshine:

$$n_{sun} = \frac{\Delta t_{sun}}{\Delta t_{max}} \quad (112)$$

Daylength, Δt_{\max} , is calculated as a function of the latitude:

$$\Delta t_{\max} = 1440 \cdot \frac{120}{\text{rad} \cdot 15} \cdot \cosh(a_1) \quad (113)$$

where rad is a radian and the argument in the cosines hyperbolicus a_1 is given as:

$$a_1 = \min(1, \max(-1, \frac{\sin(\text{rad} \cdot \text{lat}) \cdot \sin(\text{rad} \cdot \text{dec})}{\cos(\text{rad} \cdot \text{lat}) \cdot \cos(\text{rad} \cdot \text{dec})}) \quad (114)$$

where the declination dec is given as:

$$\text{dec} = -23.45 \cos\left(3.14 \frac{(t_{\text{day}} + 10.173)}{182.61}\right) \quad (115)$$

Global shortwave radiation is normally supplied as a measured time-series. If not directly measured, it can be deduced from potential global radiation, R_{pris} , and relative duration of sunshine, n_{sun} , with Ångström's formula:

$$R_{\text{is}} = R_{\text{pris}}(r_5 + r_6 n_{\text{sun}}) \quad (116)$$

where r_5 and r_6 are turbidity constants.

Potential global radiation above the atmosphere is given as a function of the declination, dec , and daylength, Δt_{\max} :

$$R_{\text{pris}} = 1360 \cdot 60 \cdot a_2 \cdot \Delta t_{\max} \quad (117)$$

where daylength, Δt_{\max} is given by Eq. (113) and

$$a_2 = \sin(\text{rad} \cdot \text{lat}) \sin(\text{rad} \cdot \text{dec}) - \frac{\cos(\text{rad} \cdot \text{lat}) \cos(\text{rad} \cdot \text{dec})}{\Delta t_{\max}/120 \cdot \text{rad} \cdot 15} \sin\left(\text{rad} \cdot 15 \left(24 - \frac{\Delta t_{\max}}{120}\right)\right) \quad (118)$$

where the declination dec is given by Eq. (115).

Two man-made climatic impacts can also be considered:

Irrigation can be given as a measured time-series or specified to take place at certain soil moisture conditions. The irrigation is considered either as totally above vegetation ($i_{\text{sfrac}} = 0$), totally at the soil surface ($i_{\text{sfrac}} = 1$) or with any other partition ($0 < i_{\text{sfrac}} < 1$) between the vegetation and the soil.

The control of irrigation is governed by the actual soil water storage S_{swat} which is the sum of water storage in a number of layers (n_{isl}). When S_{swat} drops below a critical threshold S_{min} irrigation of an amount i_{am} takes place at an intensity i_{ar} .

Soil heat extraction rate from a specified layer, z_{hlp} , can be given as a measured time-series but may also be given as a function of air temperature according to governing rules for commercially available soil heat pump equipment:

$$s_h = s_{h1} \quad T_a < T_{hpc} \quad (119)$$

$$s_h = \min(s_{hmax}, s_{h1} + s_{h2}(T_{hplim} - T_a)) \quad T_a \geq T_{hpc} \quad (120)$$

where s_{h1} is a constant heat extraction required for hot water purposes, T_{hpc} a critical temperature below which domestic heating is necessary and s_{h2} And T_{hplim} are design parameters in the air temperature dependence.

When the soil temperature drops below T_{hpcut} the extraction rate will be reduced according to

$$s_h = s_h \cdot \frac{T_s - T_{hp0}}{T_{hpcut} - T_{hp0}} \quad T_s \geq T_{hp0} \quad (121)$$

$$s_h = 0 \quad T_s \leq T_{hp0}$$

where T_{hp0} is the temperature at which the heat extraction reaches ceases.

3.2 Initial values

Initial values are needed for all state variables in the model, i.e., snow water equivalent, snow thermal quality, interception water storage, heat and water contents in each of the soil compartments.

Initial values for snow and interception may best be chosen to zero which is always possible by choosing a suitable starting time. They are, therefore, not explicitly included in the model.

Initial soil water contents may be specified as a (measured) profile or as a constant value for the whole profile. Initial water contents may also be deduced from a soil water potential profile or from a constant, i.e., equilibrium potential in the whole profile. If a ground water table exists above the lower boundary it should be separately assigned a starting value.

Initial soil heat contents are commonly given directly only in combination with the INSTATE option when several consecutive simulations must be started with the same initial values, specified only once before the first simulation. Heat contents are complex functions of solid soil properties, soil freezing, soil water content, compartment thickness and soil temperature. Thus initial soil temperatures are instead normally used to specify initial heat content values. Initial temperatures can be given either as a single value or as a (measured) profile. When heat content is calculated from temperature in partially frozen conditions, the same solution is used as in Eq. (25).

3.3 Physical parameters

Different types of parameters are found in the computer program. Option parameters are used to choose between different simulation modes etc. Initial value parameters have no meaning except to provide a starting point for the simulation. Parameters defining soil compartment thickness are important when concerning numerical stability. Physical parameters, as defined in this section, refer only to those parameters (i.e. constant) which are intrinsic components of process equations.

The number and type of physical parameters are good measures of the degree to which a model rests on basic physical foundations. An attempt has been made in Table 1 to classify the physical parameters in the SOIL model according to present model applications. Class A refers to those parameters whose values are well established, whereas class B refers to parameters whose values rest on more subjective grounds. A_1 parameter values have been measured directly with surmountable effort. A_2 parameters have values taken from established knowledge. B_1 parameter values have been optimized from time-series of the entity to be predicted by the model, whereas B_2 parameter values are more or less safe 'guesstimates', based as far as possible on the best existing knowledge. Division of parameters into the various process categories is somewhat arbitrary, and it should be clear that several parameters directly influence more than one process.

Ideally all parameters should be of type A, but in some cases this will not even be theoretically possible. This is the case, for instance, for groundwater parameters. Since groundwater movements are governed by forces outside the system, groundwater should in a strict sense be regarded as a driving variable. When present in the model, it is, however, possible to predict groundwater movements with reasonable accuracy, provided there is a sufficiently long time-series for estimation.

The number of model parameters depend on the degree to which driving variable processes have been included. If, for instance, net radiation is measured, there will be no need to include albedo in the model. On the other hand, it is a rather subjective choice not to include Brunt's coefficients (cf. Eq. 110) as model parameters when net radiation is calculated from other available climatic data. It is also a rather subjective choice when parameters are not explicitly expressed in the programme, simply implying their values to unity or zero, or to a fixed numerical value. This is done, for instance, when putting density of mineral soil solids to 2.65 g/cm, thereby implying a unique relationship between dry bulk density and porosity.

It is not meaningful to discuss generally the sensitivity of a model to variations in parameter values, but from present applications of the SOIL model, a few parameters have always been found to be of importance. Surface resistance and interception threshold represent the major controls of water loss to the atmosphere. Soil heat balance is strongly affected by depth of the humus layer, and on an annual basis, both heat and water balances depend sensitively on snow melt which is primarily determined by the two constants relating melting to air temperature and global radiation. The parameter values which are most difficult to determine accurately for soil water calculations, are the saturated conductivity and parameters that controls the unsaturated conductivity (e.g. the tortuosity factor).

Table 1. Physical parameters for the various parts of the SOIL model. Parameter derivations is A: directly measured (1) or established knowledge (2), or B: estimated by fitting techniques (1) or 'guesstimates' (2) *Fysikaliskt baserade parameterar för olika delar av modellen. Där kategorie A uppdelas i direkt mätta (1) eller känd kunskap (2) och kategorie B uppdelas i (1) skattade genom anpassning eller (2) genom intelligenta gissningar*

Group	Parameter	NAME	Definition	Parameter derivation			
				A ₁	A ₂	B ₁	B ₂
Driving variables	C _{rain}	PRECA0	Wind correction, rain		x		
	C _{snow}	PRECA1	Wind correction, snow		x		
Soil properties	a _{scale}	ASCALE	Aggregates, scaling				x
	λ	LAMBDA	Pore size distribution	x			
	θ _r	RES	Residual water content	x			
	θ _s	PORO	Porosity	x			
	ψ _a	PSIE	Air entry pressure	x			
	θ _w	WILT	Water content at wilting point	x			
	k _{sat}	SATCT	Saturated conductivity, including macropores	x			
	k _{mat}	SATC	Saturated conductivity, excluding macropores			x	
	n	NVAR	Tortuosity factor			x	
	ψ _x	XPSI	Upper limit for use of the Brooks & Corey expression	x			
	a ₁₋₃		Thermal conductivity, Kerstens equation, unfrozen soil			x	
	b ₁₋₄		Thermal conductivity, Kerstens equation, frozen soil			x	
	h ₁₋₂		Thermal conductivity, Organic soil			x	
	Δz _{humus}	HUMUS	Thickness of humus layer			x	
	q _{h(low)}	GEOTER	Geothermal heat flow	x			
	d ₁	FWFRAC	Unfrozen water content coefficient			x	
	d ₂	FDF	Freezing point depression			x	
	fc _i	FCOND	Impedance parameter for the effect of ice on hydraulic conductivity			x	
Evapotranspiration	a _r	ALBEDO	Albedo for vegetation and soil	x			
	d	DISPLV	Displacement height			x	
	z ₀	ROUGHV	Roughness length			x	
	r _s	RSV	Surface resistance				x
	e _{rat}	EPRAT	Evaporation ratio				x
	i _{LAI}	INTLAI	Specific interception capacity			x	
	r _{s int}	INTRS	Surface resistance			x	
	r _{al1}	LAIROUGH(1)	Coefficient			x	
	r _{al2}	LAIROUGH(2)	Coefficient			x	
	LAI	LAIV	Leaf area index	x			

Group	Parameter	NAME	Definition	Parameter derivation			
				A ₁	A ₂	B ₁	B ₂
Soil evaporation	Ψ_{eg}	EGPSI	Surface resistance dependence				x
	r_{alai}	RALAI	Aerodynamic resistance				x
	k_{rn}	RNTLAI	Extinction coefficient		x		
Root water uptake	Ψ_c	WUPCRI	Critical soil water tension		x		
	p_1	WUPF	Water tension function		x		
	p_2	WUPFB	Water tension function		x		
	t_1	WUPATE	Temperature function		x		
	t_2	WUPBTE	Temperature function		x		
	f_{umov}	UPMOV	Compensatory uptake				x
	r_{frac}	RFRACLOW	Exponential root function			x	
		ROOTF	Root fraction			x	
	z_r	ROOTDEP	Root depth			x	
		ROOTT	Daynumber for Root depth			x	
Ground water	z_1	GFLEV(1)	Ground water depth			x	
	z_2	GFLEV(2)	Ground water depth			x	
	q_1	GFLOW(1)	Ground water flow			x	
	q_2	GFLOW(2)	Ground water flow			x	
	d_p	DDIST	Characteristic distance	x			
	z_p	DDRAIN	Depth of drain pipes	x			
		GWSOL	Layer for source flow	x			
		GWSOF	Rate of source flow	x			
	a_{surf}	SURDEL	Surface runoff coefficient			x	
Snow	T_{max}	PRLIM	Rain threshold		x		
	T_{min}	PSLIM	Snow threshold		x		
	S_1	SAGEM1	Age coefficient				x
	S_2	SAGEM2	Age coefficient				x
	P_{samin}	SAGEZP	Age coefficient				x
	Q_{samin}	SAGEZQ	Age coefficient				x
	s_{dl}	SD1OL	Snow density				x
	s_{dw}	SD2OM	Snow density				x
	ρ_{smin}	SDENS	Snow density				x
	s_{wlmin}	SLWL0	Liquid water threshold				x
	m_f	SMAFR	Refreezing				x
	m_{Rmin}	SMRIS	Melting coefficient				x
	m_T	SMTEM	Melting coefficient				x
	f_{ret}	SRET	Retention capacity				x
	s_k	STCON	Thermal conductivity				x

4 Numerical computation

The two partial differential equations (2) and (32) are solved with an explicit forward differencing method (Euler integration). This solution requires the soil profile to be approximated with a discrete number of internally homogeneous layers.

Slowly changing state variables are bypassed and changes of the integration time step are made during simulation to speed up execution times.

4.1 Soil Compartmentalization

The soil profile (Fig. 7) is divided into a number of compartments (maximum 22) with arbitrary thickness. Compartment thickness are the same for state variables of both heat and water.

To ensure conditions at the lower boundary the soil profile should normally be deep enough to make vertical soil heat flow close to zero. To simulate variation of heat flow within the day, for one week, a profile depth of about one metre is normally required. If the annual cycle is to be simulated, profile depth must extend to between 10 and 20 m, depending on soil type. Site specific groundwater conditions also influence the necessary depth. A minimum soil depth must include the root zone and the underlying unsaturated zone where capillary rise can occur. This depth, however, is normally well above the depth required to obtain a well defined lower boundary condition to the heat flow equation.

The chosen thickness of individual compartments depend on temporal extent and resolution of the simulation. The thickness of compartments are chosen to account for the morphological structure of the soil and numerical requirements of the solution method. Since both variation in vertical soil properties and temporal variations of state variables are most pronounced near the soil surface the smallest compartments are needed there. A compartment thickness of not more than 2 cm is needed to simulate variation within the day. If only annual resolution is required the smallest compartment can be extended to about 10 cm thereby decreasing the necessary execution time by a factor of 25 compared to the solution with the 2 cm compartment.

4.1.1 Difference approximation of soil heat and water flow equations.

To calculate the flow between two adjacent compartments, a finite difference approximation is made. The governing gradients of temperature (Eq. 1) and total water potential (Eq. 31) are calculated linearly between the mid-points of consecutive compartments. The flow is given by:

$$q_{i,i+1} = k_{i,i+1}(\theta_{i,i+1}) \frac{2(\phi_i - \phi_{i+1})}{(\Delta z_i + \Delta z_{i+1})} \quad (122)$$

where i designates the layer number, ϕ the appropriate potential and Δz the layer thickness.

The numerical solution is sensitive to the choice of interblock conductivity (Haverkamp & Vauclin, 1979). A number of different methods to obtain this interblock conductivity were discussed by Halldin et al. (1977). The solution used by the SOIL model is obtained by defining conductivity at the boundary between two bordering compartments. States, and parameters defining conductivities, are assumed to vary linearly between mid-points of compartments. Water content at the boundary between two compartments is, thus, given by:

$$\theta_{i,i+1} = \frac{\Delta z_i \theta_{i+1} + \Delta z_{i+1} \theta_i}{\Delta z_i + \Delta z_{i+1}} \quad (123)$$

4.1.2 Compartmentalization of soil properties

Soil heat and water characteristics must be defined for each compartment and thermal and unsaturated conductivities must be defined for each boundary between compartments in the soil profile. Available field data representing these properties seldom coincide exactly with the chosen discretization of the soil profile.

Continuous profiles of soil properties are obtained by linear interpolation between, and extrapolation outside of measurement or sampling depths (Fig. 21). From a continuous profile of a parameter, $p(z)$, discrete parameter values are obtained for each compartment by:

$$p_i = \frac{\int_{z_i}^{z_{i+1}} p(z) dz}{(z_{i+1} - z_i)} \quad (124)$$

where z_i and z_{i+1} are the upper and lower boundaries of compartment i . Conductivity parameters are calculated for each boundary between compartments by:

$$p_{i,i+1} = \frac{\Delta z_i p_{i+1} + \Delta z_{i+1} p_i}{\Delta z_i + \Delta z_{i+1}} \quad (125)$$

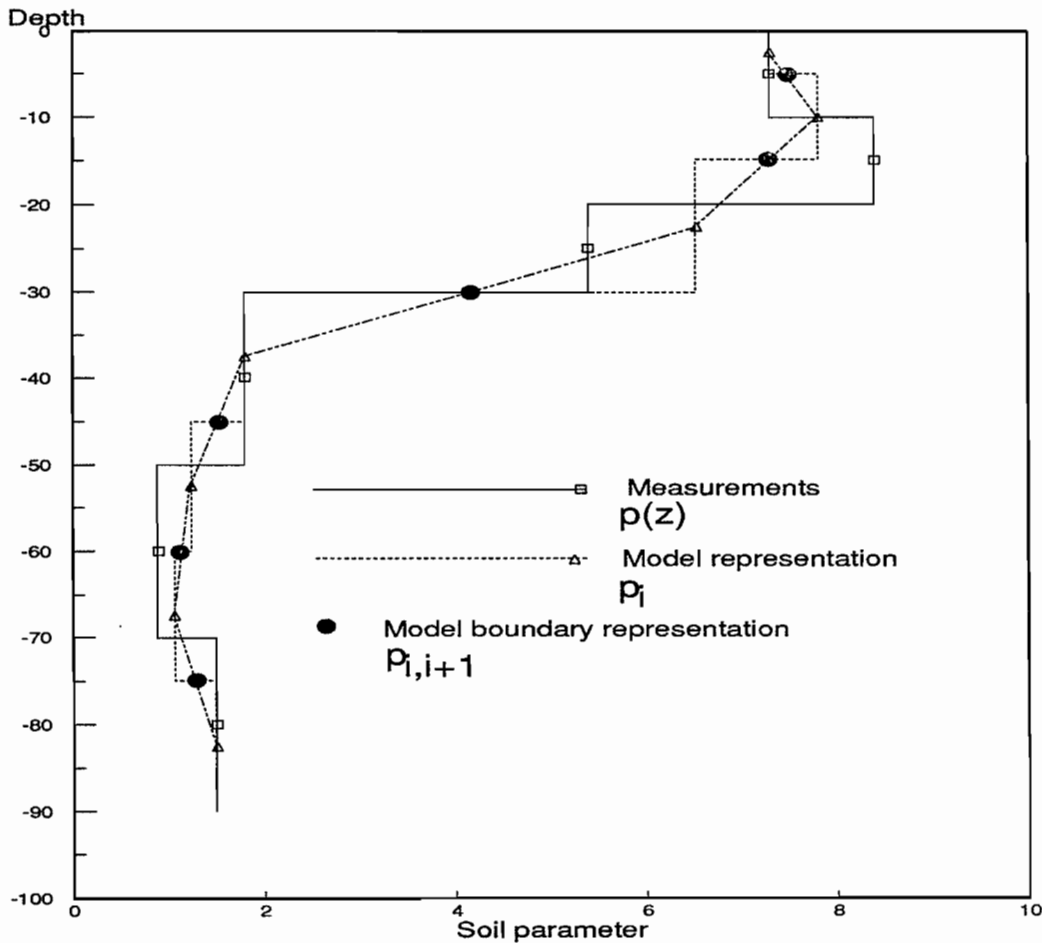


Figure 21. Graphical representation of how the model calculates soil parameters to represent a soil profile. *Grafisk återgivning av hur modellen representerar markgenskaper från uppmätta mätpunkter i en markprofil.*

4.2 Integration time step and bypass of slow processes

Integration time step must be chosen to avoid numerical instabilities in the simulation. With Euler integration one must normally choose the simulation time step equal to the shortest step necessary for the most variable condition. This may result in inconceivably long execution times, if long-term simulations are made, even for a moderate compartmentalization of the soil. Conditional changes of the time step are made during simulation to avoid such execution times. A base time step is given initially for the simulation, but during conditions of high infiltration rates the time step is substantially decreased. Water flow rates into the top soil layer and into a layer slightly below top soil are used as tests. The occurrence of frost in the soil also decreases the time step.

In addition to conditional changes in integration time step, conditional bypasses are made to cut down execution times. If the changes in some state variable have been below a prescribed limit no flow recalculation is made. This procedure is used for water and heat flow equations separately. Since frost conditions strongly influence both water and heat flows, recalculation of both are made if any change exceeds the limit for either water or heat. Recalculation is made of flows for a number of the upper soil layers. At regular intervals the whole soil profile is updated.

5 List of symbols

5.1 Sorted by symbol names

Symbol	Description	Unit	Category	(eq)/ section	Name or value
Ψ	Soil water tension	cm water	Auxiliary, output	(31,33,38,41)	PSI
α_r	Albedo of vegetation and soil	-	Parameter	(109)	ALBEDO
δ_{surf}	Surface water balance	mm water	Auxiliary	(72)	SURFMOS
Ψ_a	Soil water tension at air entry	cm water	Parameter	(38,43)	See PLOTTPF
Ψ_{Eg}	Empirical coefficient used to calculate vapour pressure at soil surface	-	Parameter	(71)	EGPSI
Ψ_c	Critical soil water tension where reduction of transpiration begins	cm water	Parameter	(51)	WUPCRI
Δ	Slope of saturated vapour pressure versus temperature curve	Pa °C ⁻¹	Natural property	(48)	
γ	Psychrometric constant	Pa °C ⁻¹	Natural constant	(48)	66.
Ψ_m	Soil water tension at the lower boundary of Brooks & Corey's expression used	cm water	Auxiliary, internal	(41)	
Ψ_x	Soil water tension at the upper boundary of Brooks & Corey's expression used	cm water	Parameter, input	(40)	See PLOTTPF
Ψ_{wilt}	Soil water tension at wilting point	cm water	Natural, constant	(40)	15 000
σ	Stefan-Boltzmann's constant	Wm ⁻² K ⁻¹	Natural constant	(110)	5.67 10 ⁻⁸
ρ_a	Density of air (at 15 °C)	kgm ⁻³	Natural constant	(48)	1.220
ρ_{old}	Density of snow from preceding day	kgm ⁻³	Auxiliary, internal	(93)	
ρ_{prec}	Density of precipitation (mixture snow + rain)	kgm ⁻³	Auxiliary, internal	(93)	
ρ_s	Dry bulk density	kgm ⁻³	Auxiliary, internal	(5,27)	
ρ_{smin}	Snow density of newly formed snow	kgm ⁻³	Parameter	(94)	SDENS
ρ_{water}	Density of liquid water	kgm ⁻³	Natural constant	(20)	1000
ρ_{snow}	Snow density	kgm ⁻³	Auxiliary, internal	(92,93)	
θ	Liquid water content	vol %	Auxiliary	(3,4,5..)	THETA
θ_i	Ice content	vol %	Auxiliary, internal	(2,18)	
θ_x	Water content at the upper boundary of the Brooks & Corey's expression	vol %	Auxiliary, internal	(40)	
θ_s	Water content at saturation	vol %	Parameter	(39,41)	See PLOTTPF
θ_{if}	Liquid water content at the temperature T _f	vol %	Auxiliary, internal	(17,18,20)	See PLOTTPF
θ_r	Residual soil water content	vol %	Parameter	(39)	See PLOTTPF
θ_{wilt}	Water content at wilting point (15 atm)	vol %	Parameter	(17,40)	See PLOTTPF
λ	Pore size distribution index	-	Parameter	(22,25,38,42, 43)	See PLOTTPF
ω	Angle frequency	s ⁻¹	Auxiliary, internal	(15)	See YCH
Δz	Thickness	m			THICK
Δz_{humus}	Thickness of humus layer	m	Parameter	(11,12)	HUMUS
Δz_{snow}	Thickness of snow	m	State, output	(93)	HSNOW
Δz_l	Thickness of uppermost soil layer	m	Parameter	(8,13)	HSNOW
Δe_a	Vapour pressure deficit	Pa	Auxiliary		VPD
Δt_T	Duration of half period for potential transpiration	days	Constant	(98)	90

Symbol	Description	Unit	Category	(eq)/ section	Name or value
Δz_{prec}	Thickness of precipitation (snow + rain)	m		(95)	
Δz_{old}	Thickness snow pack from preceding day	m		(93)	
Δz_{snow}	Thickness of snow pack	m	State	(8,93)	HSNOW
a	Weighting factor	-	Auxiliary, internal	(7,8,10,11)	
a_1	Thermal conductivity coefficient for mineral soil, unfrozen	$W m^{-1} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Property, input	(5)	See THCOEF.DAT
a_2	Thermal conductivity coefficient for mineral soil, unfrozen	$W m^{-1} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Property, input	(5)	See THCOEF.DAT
a_3	Thermal conductivity coefficient for mineral soil, unfrozen	$W m^{-1} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Property, input	(5)	See THCOEF.DAT
a_r	Ratio between layer thickness and unit horizontal area.	-	Auxiliary, internal	(37,46)	See THICK
a_{scale}	Scaling coefficient accounting for the geometry of aggregates	-	Parameter	(37)	ASCALE
a_{surf}	First order coefficient in surface runoff equation	day ⁻¹	Parameter	(45)	SURDEL
b_1	Thermal conductivity coefficient for mineral soil, frozen	$W m^{-1} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Property, input	(27)	See THCOEF.DAT
b_2	Thermal conductivity coefficient for mineral soil, frozen	$W m^{-1} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Property, input	(27)	See THCOEF.DAT
b_3	Thermal conductivity coefficient for mineral soil, frozen	$W m^{-1} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Property, input	(27)	See THCOEF.DAT
b_4	Thermal conductivity coefficient for mineral soil, frozen	$W m^{-1} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Property, input	(27)	See THCOEF.DAT
C	Heat capacity	$J m^{-3} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(3)	
C_f	Heat capacity of frozen soil	$J m^{-3} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(18,19,24)	
C_i	Heat capacity of ice	$J m^{-3} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Natural constant	(18,25)	
c_p	Specific heat of air (at 15 °C)	$J kg^{-1} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Natural constant	(48)	1004
c_{rain}	Correction coefficient for rain precipitation	-	Parameter	(102)	PRECAO
C_s	Heat capacity of solid material	$J m^{-3} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(3,18)	
c_{snow}	Addition correction coefficient for snow precipitation	-	Parameter	(102)	PRECA1
c_{form}	Shape coefficient	-	Parameter	(57)	CFORM
C_w	Heat capacity of water	$J m^{-3} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Natural constant	(3,18)	$4.2 \cdot 10^6$
d	Displacement height	m	Auxiliary, Parameter	(49)	DISPL
D	Thermal diffusivity of soil	$m^2 s^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(16)	
d_1	Coefficient in freezing point depression function		Parameter	(17)	FWFRAC
d_2	Coefficient in freezing point depression function		Parameter	(22,25)	FDF
d_a	Damping depths of soil	m	Auxiliary, internal	(14,16)	
d_p	Characteristic distance when calculating q_{wp}	m	Parameter	(46)	DDIST
E	Energy storage of soil. Expressed relative to a level at 0°C and fully unfrozen soil	$J m^{-3}$	State, output	(23,29)	HEAT
e_a	Vapour pressure air at reference height	Pa	Auxiliary (Driving)	(48)	VPA
e_{corr}	Empirical function accounting for difference in moisture between soil surface and the middle of the uppermost layer	-	Auxiliary, internal	(71)	

Symbol	Description	Unit	Category	(eq)/ section	Name or value
E_l	Energy storage of uppermost soil layer	J m^{-3}	State	(25)	HEAT(1)
E_f	Energy storage of frozen soil at temperature T_f	J m^{-3}	Auxiliary, internal	(19,21,22)	
El_a	Actual evaporation rate from intercepted water	mm day^{-1}	Auxiliary	(81)	EACTI
El_p	Potential evaporation rate from intercepted water	mm day^{-1}	Auxiliary	(80)	EINTPOT
e_{rat}	Ratio between potential evaporation rate and potential transpiration rate	-	Parameter	(80)	EPRAT
$e_s(T)$	Saturation vapour pressure function	Pa	Natural constant	(48)	
e_{surf}	Vapour pressure at soil surface	Pa	Auxiliary	(70)	VPSS
E_{surf}	Evaporation from soil surface	mm day^{-1}	Flow	(72)	EVAG
ET	Evapotranspiration, $El_a + E_{surf} + TR_a$	mm day^{-1}	Auxiliary	(84)	EVAPO
fc_i	Impedance parameter for the effect of ice on hydraulic conductivity	-	Parameter	(30)	FCOND
f_{lat}	Fraction of latent heat to total heat storage at T_f	$\text{J m}^{-2}/(\text{Jm}^{-2})$	Auxiliary, internal	(21)	
f_{rat}	Retention capacity of snow	-	Parameter	(91)	SRET
f_s	Fraction of soil material	m^3/m^3	Auxiliary, internal	(3)	
f_{unov}	Degree of compensatory uptake	-	Parameter	(54)	UPMOV
g	Gravitational constant	ms^{-2}	Natural constant		9.81
h_1	Thermal conductivity coefficient for organic soil, unfrozen	$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$	Property, input	(4)	See THCOEF.DAT
h_2	Thermal conductivity coefficient for organic soil, unfrozen	$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1} \text{ vol } \%$	Property, input	(4)	See THCOEF.DAT
h_r	Relative humidity	%	Driving		HR
H	Sensible heat storage	J m^{-2}	Auxiliary, internal	(23,24,29)	
H_s	Sensible heat flow	$\text{J m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(61)	SENSE
i_{am}	Amount of automatic irrigation	mm	Parameter		IRRIAM
i_{ar}	Intensity of automatic irrigation	mm day^{-1}	Parameter		IRRIRATE
i_{scov}	The degree of soil cover	-	Parameter		SOILCOVER
i_{LAI}	Specific interception storage capacity of canopy	mm LAI^{-1}	Parameter	(78)	INTLAI
i_{frac}	Soil irrigation fraction	-	Parameter		SIFRAC
k	von Karman's constant	-	Natural constant	(49)	0.41
k_h	Thermal conductivity	$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$	Property, internal	(1,8,28)	See PLOTPTF
k_{hi}	Thermal conductivity of frozen soil	$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$	Property, internal	(27,28)	See PLOTPTF
k_{hm}	Thermal conductivity of mineral soil, unfrozen	$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$	Property, internal	(5,9,11,28)	See PLOTPTF
k_{Ho}	Thermal conductivity of organic soil	$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$	Property, internal	(4,11,13,26)	See PLOTPTF
k_{hw}	Thermal conductivity of unfrozen soil	$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$	Property, internal	()	See PLOTPTF
k_{mat}	Saturated conductivity of soil matrix, excluding effects of macropores	mm day^{-1}	Property, input	(37,42,43)	See PLOTPTF
k_{rn}	Extinction coefficient for net radiation	LAI^{-1}	Parameter	(60)	RNTLAI
k_{sat}	Saturated conductivity of soil	mm day^{-1}	Property, input	(44,46)	See PLOTPTF

Symbol	Description	Unit	Category	(eq)/ section	Name or value
k_{snow}	Thermal conductivity of snow	$W m^{-1} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Property, internal	(8)	See PLOTTPF
k_w	Unsaturated conductivity of soil	$mm day^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(30,31,33,42,44)	
k_{wf}	Unsaturated conductivity of partially frozen soil	$mm day^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(30)	
LE_s	Latent heat flow from soil surface	$J m^{-2} day^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(61)	
L_f	Latent heat of freezing	$J kg^{-1}$	Natural constant	(2,19,21,22,25)	
L_v	Latent heat of vaporization	$J kg^{-1}$	Natural constant	(48)	
M	Melting rate of snow	$mm day^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(85)	
m_f	Refreezing efficiency coefficient in snow melt function	m	Parameter	(86)	SMAFR
M_R	Radiation influence function on snow melting	$mm J^{-1} m^2$	Auxiliary, internal	(85,87)	
m_{Rmin}	Minimum value of Global radiation influence in snow melt function	$mm J^{-1}$	Parameter	(87)	SMRIS
m_T	Temperature coefficient in snow melt function	$mm day^{-1} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Parameter	(86)	SMTEM
M_T	Temperature influence function on snow melting	$mm day^{-1} ^\circ C^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(85,87)	
n	Tortuosity coefficient	-	Property, input	(42)	See PLOTTPF
n_{isl}	Number of soil layers considered in irrigation control	#	Parameter		ISTOREL
P	Precipitation	$mm day^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(100,101,102)	PREC
p_1	Parameter in water tension response function for transpiration.	$day mm^{-1}$	Parameter	(51)	WUPF
p_2	Parameter in water tension response function for transpiration.	-	Parameter	(51)	WUPFB
pF	Water tension expressed as $\log(\psi)$	-	Auxiliary, internal	(37)	
P_m	Measured precipitation	$mm day^{-1}$	Driving	(102)	PRECMM
P_r	Rain precipitation	$mm day^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(88,100)	
P_{samin}	Limit for snow age updating	$mm day^{-1}$	Parameter		SAGEZP
q	Flow				
Q	Thermal quality	-	Auxiliary, output	(26,28,29,30)	THQUAL
q_1	Maximum flow rate for peak flow in q_{gr}	$mm day^{-1}$	Parameter	(47)	GFLOW(1)
q_2	Maximum flow rate for base flow in q_{gr}	$mm day^{-1}$	Parameter	(47)	GFLOW(2)
q_{bypass}	Soil water flow in macropores	$mm day^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(34,36)	
q_{gr}	Groundwater sink flow	$mm day^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(47)	
q_h	Soil heat flow, between layers	$J m^{-2} day^{-1}$	Flow, output	(1,9,12,13)	EFLOW
$q_h(low)$	Soil heat flow, lower boundary	$J m^{-2} day^{-1}$	Parameter	2.1.5	GEOTER
q_{in}	Soil water flow to a soil layer in macropores or as infiltration rate.	$mm day^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(33)	
q_{mat}	Soil water flow in matrix	$mm day^{-1}$	Auxiliary, internal	(33,35,36)	
q_{sof}	Ground water source flow	$mm day^{-1}$	Parameter	2.3.6	GWSOF
q_{sol}	Layer for the ground water source flow	#	Parameter	2.3.6	GWSOL
Q_{samin}	Thermal quality limit for snow age updating	-	Parameter		SAGEZQ

Symbol	Description	Unit	Category	(eq)/ section	Name or value
q_{surf}	Surface runoff from surface pool	mm day ⁻¹	Flow, output	(45)	SURR
q_{surra}	Surface runoff from topsoil	mm day ⁻¹	Auxiliary		SURRE
q_w	Soil water flow, between layers	mm day ⁻¹	Flow, output	(31,32)	WFLOW
q_{wp}	Total water flow to drainage pipe	mm day ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(4)	PIPEQ
$q_{wp}(i)$	Soil water flow to drainage pipe	mm day ⁻¹	Flow, output	(46)	DFLOW
r	Degree of freezing point depression	-	Auxiliary, internal	(22)	
r_ψ	Empirical coefficient used to calculated surface resistance of soil surface	s m ⁻¹	Parameter	(73)	PSIRS
R_ψ	Water tension effect on transpiration	-	Auxiliary, internal	(51)	
$r(z)$	Normalized depth distribution of water uptake	-	Parameter	(52)	ROOTF
r_1	Coefficient in Brunt's formula		Constant	(110)	0.56
r_2	Coefficient in Brunt's formula		Constant	(110)	7.79 10 ⁻³
r_3	Coefficient in Brunt's formula		Constant	(110)	0.1
r_4	Coefficient in Brunt's formula		Constant	(110)	0.9
r_5	Coefficient in Ångström's formula		Constant	(113)	0.22
r_6	Coefficient in Ångström's formula		Constant	(113)	0.50
r_a	Aerodynamic resistance between reference height and vegetation	s m ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(48,49,50)	RA
r_{ab}	Aerodynamic resistance between vegetation and soil surface	s m ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(67,69)	RA
r_{as}	Aerodynamic resistance between reference height and soil surface	s m ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(67)	RAC
r_{alai}	Increase of aerodynamic resistance below canopy per LAI of canopy	s m ⁻¹	Parameter	(69)	RALAI
r_{al1}	Coefficient in empirical equation for aerodynamic resistance		Parameter	(50)	LAIROUGH
r_{al2}	Coefficient in empirical equation for aerodynamic resistance		Parameter	(50)	LAIROUGH
R_i	Richardson number	-	Auxiliary, internal	(68)	
r_{is}	Global radiation	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹	Driving	(85,109)	RIS
r_{frac}	Root fraction	-	Parameter	(59)	RFRACLOW
r_{pis}	Potential global radiation (no atmosphere)	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹	Function	(113)	
R_n	Net radiation	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹	Auxiliary, internal	(48,108)	
R_{Na}	Net radiation at reference height	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹	Driving	(60)	RNT
R_{ns}	Net radiation at soil surface	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(60,61,75)	RNTG
R_{nsh}	Net shortwave radiation	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹	Auxiliary, internal	(109)	
R_{nl}	Net longwave radiation	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹	Auxiliary, internal	(110)	
r_s	Surface resistance	s m ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(48)	RSV
r_{ss}	Surface resistance, soil surface	s m ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(73)	RSSOIL
r_{sint}	Surface resistance for intercepted water	s m ⁻¹	Parameter	2.7	INTRS
R_T	Soil temperature response on transpiration	-	Auxiliary, internal	(52,53)	
S	Water equivalent of snow	mm	State	2.8	WSNOW
S_1	Radiation melt factor for old snow	-	Parameter	(87)	SAGEM1
S_2	Snow age coefficient in radiation melt response on snow	-	Parameter	(87)	SAGEM2

Symbol	Description	Unit	Category	(eq)/ section	Name or value
s_{dl}	Liquid water coefficient in snow density function	Kg m^{-3}	Parameter	(96)	SD1OL
s_{dw}	Water equivalent coefficient in snow density function	m^{-1}	Parameter	(96)	SD2OM
S_e	Effective saturation	-	Auxiliary, internal	(38,39,42)	
s_h	Heat source flow in soil	$\text{J m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$	Flow, output	(2)	PUMP
s_{h1}	Base rate of heat extraction from soil	$\text{J m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$	Parameter	(115)	HPBAS
s_{h2}	Air temperature dependence of heat extraction from soil	$\text{J m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$	Parameter	(115)	HPAMP
$s_{hpm\max}$	Maximal heat extraction rate from soil	$\text{J m}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$	Parameter	(115)	HPMAX
S_i	Interception storage	mm	Auxiliary	(81,82)	ISTORE
$S_{i\max}$	Interception storage capacity	mm	Auxiliary	(77)	INTCAP
S_{int}	Interception rate	mm day^{-1}	Auxiliary	(78,81,82)	INTERC
s_k	Thermal conductivity coefficient for snow.	$\text{W m}^{-1} \text{kg}^{-2}$	Parameter	(92)	STCON
S_{mat}	Sorptivity capacity of aggregates	mm day^{-1}	Auxiliary, internal	(35,37)	
S_{res}	Water equivalent of snow from preceding day			(96,97)	
s_{smin}	Critical soil water storage used for irrigation control	mm	Parameter		ISTOREMIN
s_w	Net water source flow in soil	$\text{mm}^{-2} \text{day}^{-1}$	Flow, output	(32)	
S_{wl}	Daily accumulation of liquid water in snow	mm day^{-1}	Auxiliary, internal	(88)	
S_{wimax}	The total water retention capacity of snow	mm	Auxiliary, internal	(89,91)	
S_{wimin}	Threshold liquid water storage of snow, controlling soil surface temperature	kg m^{-2}	Parameter	2.1.3	SLWL0
S_{wires}	Residual amount of liquid water in snow at the end of a day	mm	Auxiliary	(88,90)	
T	Temperature	$^\circ\text{C}$			
T_1	Temperature of the uppermost layer	$^\circ\text{C}$	Auxiliary, internal	(7,9,10,13)	TEMP(1)
t_1	Temperature coefficient when calculating R_T	-	Parameter	(52)	WUPATE
t_2	Temperature coefficient when calculating R_T	-	Parameter	(52)	WUPBTE
T_a	Temperature of air at reference height	$^\circ\text{C}$	Driving, input	(6,7)	TA
T_{aamp}	Amplitude of air temperature in sine function.	$^\circ\text{C}$	Parameter	(14)	YTAMP
T_{amean}	Mean air temperature in sine function.	$^\circ\text{C}$	Parameter	(14)	YTAM
T_b	Temperature at boundary between two horizons	$^\circ\text{C}$	Auxiliary, internal	(10)	
$t_{day}(i)$	Day number for specification of temporal variation within year.	#	Parameter	(56,57,58)	DAYNUM ROOTT
T_f	Temperature of fully frozen soil	$^\circ\text{C}$	Constant	(19,25)	-5 $^\circ\text{C}$
T_{hplim}	Air temperature used to calculate heat extraction from soil	$^\circ\text{C}$	Constant	(115)	17.0
T_{hpc}	Air temperature when heat extraction from soil begins	$^\circ\text{C}$	Constant	(115)	11.0

Symbol	Description	Unit	Category	(eq)/ section	Name or value
T_{hpcut}	Soil temperature where heat extraction will be reduced	°C	Parameter	(116)	HPCUT
T_{hp0}	Soil temperature where extraction ceases	°C	Parameter	(116)	HPZERO
T_{max}	Rain temperature threshold	°C	Parameter	(99)	PRLIM
T_{min}	Snow temperature threshold	°C	Parameter	(99)	PSLIM
t_{ph}	Phase shift of analytical air temperature	days	Parameter	(14)	YPHAS
t_{pmax}	Daynumber for maximum potential transpiration rate	#	Constant	(98)	195
TR_a	Actual transpiration rate	mm day ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(54)	EACT
TR_p	Potential transpiration rate	mm day ⁻¹	Driving, internal	(48,83))	EPOT
TR_p^*	Potential transpiration after adjusting for evaporation of intercepted water	mm day ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(83,53)	WUPPOT
TR_{pmax}	Maximum potential transpiration rate	mm day ⁻¹	Constant	(98)	4
T_s	Temperature of soil surface	°C	Driving, input/output	(6,7,9,13)	TD
t_{sage}	Age of snow	days	Auxiliary, Internal	(87)	
u	Wind speed	ms ⁻¹	Driving, input	(49,50)	WS, AWS
w	Mass of water	Kg m ⁻²	State, output	(20)	WATER
w_i	Mass of ice	Kg m ⁻²	State, internal	(19,20,21,22, 29)	WATER
W_{pool}	Amount of water in surface pool	mm	State, output	(45)	SURPOOL
$x(i)$	Property that can be given as temporal function of $t_{day}(i)$		Parameter	(55,56,57,58)	DISPLV, LAIV, ROUGHV, RSV, ROOTDEP
y_{cycle}	Cycle of analytical air temperature	days	Parameter	(15)	YCH
z	Depth	m	Internal		DEPTH
z_0	Roughness length	m	Parameter	(49)	ROUGHV
z_1	Depth where the peak flow of q_{gr} ceases	m	Parameter	(47)	GFLEV(1)
z_2	Depth where the base flow of q_{gr} ceases	m	Parameter	(47)	GFLEV(2)
z_p	Level of drainage pipes	m	Parameter	(46)	DDRAIN
z_r	Root depth	m	Parameter (driving)	(59)	ROOTDEP
z_{ref}	Reference height for climatic data	m	Parameter	(49)	HEIGHT
z_{sat}	Depth of ground water table	m		(46,47)	
z_{nhp}	Layer from which heat is extracted	#	Parameter	3.1	HPLAY

5.2 Sorted by names in the program

Name	Description	Unit	Category	(eq)/section	Symbol
ALBEDO	Albedo of vegetation and soil	-	Parameter	(109)	α_r
ASCALE	Scaling coefficient accounting for the geometry of aggregates	-	Parameter	(37)	a_{scale}
CFORM	Shape coefficient	-	Parameter	(57)	c_{form}
DAYNUM	Day number for specification of temporal variation within year.	#	Parameter	(56,57,58)	$t_{day}(i)$
ROOTT					
DDIST	Characteristic distance when calculating q_{wp}	m	Parameter	(46)	d_p
DDRAIN	Level of drainage pipes	m	Parameter	(46)	z_p
DEPTH	Depth	m	Internal		z
DFLOW	Soil water flow to drainage pipe	mm day ⁻¹	Flow, output	(46)	$q_{wp}(i)$
DISPL	Displacement height	m	Auxiliary, Parameter	(49)	d
DISPLV, LAIV, ROUGHV, RSV, ROOTDEP	Property that can be given as temporal function of $t_{day}(i)$		Parameter	(55,56,57,58)	$x(i)$
EACT	Actual transpiration rate	mm day ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(54)	TR_a
EACTI	Actual evaporation rate from intercepted water	mm day ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(81)	EI_a
EFLOW	Soil heat flow, between layers	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹	Flow, output	(1,9,12,13)	q_h
EGPSI	Empirical coefficient used to calculate vapour pressure at soil surface	-	Parameter	(71)	ψ_{Eg}
EINTPOT	Potential evaporation rate from intercepted water	mm day ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(80)	EI_p
EPOT	Potential transpiration rate	mm day ⁻¹	Driving, internal	(48,83))	TR_p
EPRAT	Ratio between potential evaporation rate and potential transpiration rate	-	Parameter	(80)	e_{rat}
EVAG	Evaporation from soil surface	mm day ⁻¹	Flow	(72)	E_{surf}
EVAPO	Evapotranspiration, $EI_a + E_{surf} + TR_a$	mm day ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(84)	ET
FCOND	Impedance parameter for the effect of ice on hydraulic conductivity	-	Parameter	(30)	fc_i
FDF	Coefficient in freezing point depression function		Parameter	(22,25)	d_2
FWFRAC	Coefficient in freezing point depression function		Parameter	(17)	d_1
GEOTER	Soil heat flow, lower boundary	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹	Parameter	2.1.5	$q_h(low)$
GFLEV(1)	Depth where the peak flow of q_{gr} ceases	m	Parameter	(47)	z_1
GFLEV(2)	Depth where the base flow of q_{gr} ceases	m	Parameter	(47)	z_2
GFLOW(1)	Maximum flow rate for peak flow in q_{gr}	mm day ⁻¹	Parameter	(47)	q_1
GFLOW(2)	Maximum flow rate for base flow in q_{gr}	mm day ⁻¹	Parameter	(47)	q_2
GWSOF	Ground water source flow	mm day ⁻¹	Parameter	2.3.6	q_{sof}
GWSOL	Layer for the ground water source flow	#	Parameter	2.3.6	q_{sol}

Name	Description	Unit	Category	(eq)/section	Symbol
HEAT	Energy storage of soil. Expressed relative to a level at 0°C and fully unfrozen soil	J m ⁻³	State, output	(23,29)	E
HEAT(1)	Energy storage of uppermost soil layer	J m ⁻³	State	(25)	E_1
HEIGHT	Reference height for climatic data	m	Parameter	(49)	z_{ref}
HPAMP	Air temperature dependence of heat extraction from soil	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹ °C ⁻¹	Parameter	(115)	s_{h2}
HPBAS	Base rate of heat extraction from soil	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹	Parameter	(115)	s_{h1}
HPCUT	Soil temperature where heat extraction will be reduced	°C	Parameter	(116)	T_{hpcut}
HPLAY	Layer from which heat is extracted	#	Parameter	3.1	z_{nhp}
HPMAX	Maximal heat extraction rate from soil	J m ⁻² day ⁻¹	Parameter	(115)	s_{hpmx}
HPZERO	Soil temperature where heat extraction ceases	°C	Parameter	(116)	T_{hp0}
HR	Relative humidity	%	Driving		h_r
HSNOW	Thickness of snow	m	State, output	(93)	Δz_{snow}
HSNOW	Thickness of uppermost soil layer	m	Parameter	(8,13)	Δz_1
HSNOW	Thickness of snow pack	m	State	(8,93)	Δz_{snow}
HUMUS	Thickness of humus layer	m	Parameter	(11,12)	Δz_{humus}
INTCAP	Interception storage capacity	mm	Auxiliary	(77)	S_{imax}
INTERC	Interception rate	mm day ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(78,81,82)	S_{int}
INTLAI	Specific interception storage capacity of canopy	mm LAI ⁻¹	Parameter	(78)	i_{LAI}
INTRS	Surface resistance for intercepted water	s m ⁻¹	Parameter	2.7	r_{sint}
IRRIAM	Amount of automatic irrigation	mm	Parameter		i_{am}
IRRIRATE	Intensity of automatic irrigation	mm day ⁻¹	Parameter		i_{ar}
ISTORE	Interception storage	mm	Auxiliary	(81,82)	S_i
ISTOREL	Number of soil layers considered in irrigation control	#	Parameter		n_{isl}
ISTOREMIN	Critical soil water storage used for irrigation control	mm	Parameter		S_{smin}
LAIROUGH	Coefficient in empirical equation for aerodynamic resistance		Parameter	(50)	r_{al1}
LAIROUGH	Coefficient in empirical equation for aerodynamic resistance		Parameter	(50)	r_{al2}
PIPEQ	Total water flow to drainage pipe	mm day ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(4)	q_{wp}
PREC	Precipitation	mm day ⁻¹	Auxiliary	(100,101,102)	P
PRECA1	Addition correction coefficient for snow precipitation	-	Parameter	(102)	c_{snow}
PRECAO	Correction coefficient for rain precipitation	-	Parameter	(102)	c_{rain}
PREMM	Measured precipitation	mm day ⁻¹	Driving	(102)	P_m
PRLIM	Rain temperature threshold	°C	Parameter	(99)	T_{max}
PSI	Soil water tension	cm water	Auxiliary, output	(31,33,38,41)	ψ

Name	Description	Unit	Category	(eq)/section	Symbol
PSIRS	Empirical coefficient used to calculated surface resistance of soil surface	$s\ m^{-1}$	Parameter	(73)	r_{ψ}
PSLIM	Snow temperature threshold	$^{\circ}C$	Parameter	(99)	T_{min}
PUMP	Heat source flow in soil	$J\ m^{-2}\ day^{-1}$	Flow, output	(2)	S_h
RA	Aerodynamic resistance between reference height and vegetation	$s\ m^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(48,49,50)	r_a
RA	Aerodynamic resistance between vegetation and soil surface	$s\ m^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(67,69)	r_{ab}
RAC	Aerodynamic resistance between reference height and soil surface	$s\ m^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(67)	r_{as}
RALAI	Increase of aerodynamic resistance below canopy per LAI of canopy	$s\ m_1$	Parameter	(69)	r_{alai}
RFRACLOW	Root fraction	-	Parameter	(59)	r_{frac}
RIS	Global radiation	$J\ m^{-2}\ day^{-1}$	Driving	(85,109)	r_{is}
RNT	Net radiation at reference height	$J\ m^{-2}\ day^{-1}$	Driving	(60)	R_{Na}
RNTG	Net radiation at soil surface	$J\ m^{-2}\ day^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(60,61,75)	R_{ns}
RNTLAI	Extinction coefficient for net radiation	LAI^{-1}	Parameter	(60)	k_{rn}
ROOTDEP	Root depth	m	Parameter (driving)	(59)	z_r
ROOTF	Normalized depth distribution of water uptake	-	Parameter	(52)	$r(z)$
ROUGHV	Roughness length	m	Parameter	(49)	z_0
RSSOIL	Surface resistance, soil surface	$s\ m^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(73)	r_{ss}
RSV	Surface resistance	$s\ m^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(48)	r_s
SAGEM1	Radiation melt factor for old snow	-	Parameter	(87)	S_1
SAGEM2	Snow age coefficient in radiation melt response on snow	-	Parameter	(87)	S_2
SAGEZP	Limit for snow age updating	$mm\ day^{-1}$	Parameter		P_{samin}
SAGEZQ	Thermal quality limit for snow age updating	-	Parameter		Q_{samin}
SD1OL	Liquid water coefficient in snow density function	$Kg\ m^{-3}$	Parameter	(96)	S_{dl}
SD2OM	Water equivalent coefficient in snow density function	m^{-1}	Parameter	(96)	S_{dw}
SDENS	Snow density of newly formed snow	kgm^{-3}	Parameter	(94)	ρ_{smin}
SENSE	Sensible heat flow	$J\ m^{-2}\ day^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(61)	H_s
SIFRAC	Soil irrigation fraction	-	Parameter		i_{sfrac}
SLWLO	Threshold liquid water storage of snow, controlling soil surface temperature	$kg\ m^{-2}$	Parameter	2.1.3	S_{wlmin}
SMAFR	Refreezing efficiency coefficient in snow melt function	m	Parameter	(86)	m_f
SMRIS	Minimum value of Global radiation influence in snow melt function	$mm\ J^{-1}$	Parameter	(87)	m_{Rmin}
SMTEM	Temperature coefficient in snow melt function	$mm\ day^{-1}\ ^{\circ}C^{-1}$	Parameter	(86)	m_T
SOILCOVER	The degree of soil cover	-	Parameter		i_{scov}

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Name	Description	Unit	Category	(eq)/section	Symbol
SRET	Retention capacity of snow	-	Parameter	(91)	f_{ret}
STCON	Thermal conductivity coefficient for snow.	Wm^4kg^{-2}	Parameter	(92)	s_k
SURDEL	First order coefficient in surface runoff equation	day^{-1}	Parameter	(45)	a_{surf}
SURFMOS	Surface water balance	mm water	Auxiliary	(72)	δ_{surf}
SURPOOL	Amount of water in surface pool	mm	State, output	(45)	W_{pool}
SURR	Surface runoff from surface pool	$mm\ day^{-1}$	Flow, output	(45)	q_{surf}
SURRE	Surface runoff from topsoil	$mm\ day^{-1}$	Auxiliary		q_{surre}
TA	Temperature of air at reference height	$^{\circ}C$	Driving, input	(6,7)	T_a
TD	Temperature of soil surface	$^{\circ}C$	Driving, input/output	(6,7,9,13)	T_s
TEMP(1)	Temperature of the uppermost layer	$^{\circ}C$	Auxiliary, internal	(7,9,10,13)	T_l
THETA	Liquid water content	vol %	Auxiliary	(3,4,5..)	θ
THICK	Thickness	m			Δz
THQUAL	Thermal quality	-	Auxiliary, output	(26,28,29,30)	Q
UPMOV	Degree of compensatory uptake	-	Parameter	(54)	f_{umov}
VPA	Vapour pressure air at reference height	Pa	Auxiliary (Driving)	(48)	e_a
VPD	Vapour pressure deficit	Pa	Auxiliary		Δe_a
VPSS	Vapour pressure at soil surface	Pa	Auxiliary	(70)	e_{surf}
WATER	Mass of water	$Kg\ m^{-2}$	State, output	(20)	w
WATER	Mass of ice	$Kg\ m^{-2}$	State, internal	(19,20,21,22,29)	w_i
WFLOW	Soil water flow, between layers	$mm\ day^{-1}$	Flow, output	(31,32)	q_w
WS, AWS	Wind speed	ms^{-1}	Driving, input	(49,50)	u
WSNOW	Water equivalent of snow	mm	State	2.8	S
WUPATE	Temperature coefficient when calculating R_T	-	Parameter	(52)	t_1
WUPBTE	Temperature coefficient when calculating R_T	-	Parameter	(52)	t_2
WUPCRI	Critical soil water tension where reduction of transpiration begins	cm water	Parameter	(51)	Ψ_c
WUPF	Parameter in water tension response function for transpiration.	$day\ mm^{-1}$	Parameter	(51)	p_1
WUPFB	Parameter in water tension response function for transpiration.	-	Parameter	(51)	p_2
WUPPOT	Potential transpiration after adjusting for evaporation of intercepted water	$mm\ day^{-1}$	Auxiliary	(83,53)	TR_p^*
YCH	Cycle of analytical air temperature	days	Parameter	(15)	γ_{cycle}
YPHAS	Phase shift of analytical air temperature	days	Parameter	(14)	t_{ph}
YTAM	Mean air temperature in sine function.	$^{\circ}C$	Parameter	(14)	T_{amean}
YTAMP	Amplitude of air temperature in sine function.	$^{\circ}C$	Parameter	(14)	T_{aamp}

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7 Summary in Swedish (Sammanfattning)

En matematisk modell som används för att beräkna flöden och lagring av vatten i systemet mark-växt-atmosfär utgår från fysikaliska principer och mer eller mindre kända kunskaper om fysikaliska processer. Modellen finns programmerad för körning med IBM-PC kompatibel dator. Denna rapport ger en utförlig beskrivning av modellen medan en annan rapport (Jansson, 1991) ger en beskrivning om hur modellens används.

7.1 Modellens Struktur

Soil modellens struktur utgår ifrån marken uppdelad i ett antal skikt som behandlas separat för vatten och värme. För att beskriva gränsytorna till marken behandlas också vegetation, snötäcke och eventuell vattenanhopning på markytan. Marken inkluderar både den omättade och mättade delen av markprofilen.

7.2 Markfysikaliska egenskaper

Modellen utgår från de partiella differentialekvationer som beskriver vatten- och värme flöden i en markprofil. Ekvationen löses med en numerisk teknik där derivator med avseende på djupet och på tiden approximeras med små differenser.

Två markfysikaliska samband måste vara kända för att ekvationen skall kunna lösas, nämligen pF-kurvan ($\psi = f(\theta)$) och den mättade och omättade konduktiviteten ($K_w = f(\psi)$ eller $k_w = f(\theta)$).

7.3 Vegetationen och markytan

Vegetationen kan fysikaliskt ses som en länk mellan det vatten som finns i marken och den vattenånga som finns i luften. Vegetationens roll vid flödet av vatten från mark till atmosfär kan i huvudsak beskrivas genom väl accepterade fysikaliska teorier. Man utgår ifrån vad som kallas mark - växt - atmosfär - kontinuiteten. Denna innebär att flödet sker från ett högt potentialtillstånd i marken mot ett lägre tillstånd i växten och ytterligare lägre i atmosfären. Övergångarna mellan dessa tillstånd styrs av motstånd eller resistanser. Denna tankemodell brukar kallas SPAC som står för Soil - Plant - Atmosphere Continuum.

I en matematisk modell typ SOIL-modellen tas inte hänsyn till vattenflödet hela vägen från mark till atmosfär, utan man har valt en förenkling som innebär att endast de viktigaste delarna av flödesbanan är beaktade. Det potentiella eller möjliga flödet beräknas med en matematisk formel för avdunstning. Den utgår ifrån det arbete som Penman utförde under 40- och 50-talen i England. Begränsningar i flödet som uppkommer genom motstånd i marken, i roten, i växten eller vid vattnets övergång från växt till atmosfär är sammanfattade i olika empiriska reduktionsfaktorer.

För att efterlikna olika typer av vegetationstäckan kan man ange de olika egenskaperna som finns medtagna i modellen, genom olika parametervärden. De viktigaste parametrarna för att förklara skillnader mellan olika vegetationstäckan är de som ger bladytans storlek och ytresistansens värde. Även rotfördelningen är viktig, men den inverkar främst genom att det totala förrådet av växttillgängligt vatten påverkas.

I figur 20 visas hur olika flöden och resistanser är representerade i modellen.

7.3.1 Potentiell avdunstning

Potentiell avdunstning beräknas med en kombinationsformel som tar hänsyn till den energi som finns tillgänglig för vattnets fasomvandling och till den grad av effektivitet med vilken borttransport av vattenånga kan ske.

Ekvationen som används för att få ett värde på potentiell avdunstning kallas ofta för Penman-Monteiths formel (se ekvation 48)

Kombinationsformeln för potentiell avdunstning används på olika sätt för att beräkna tre bidrag till den totala avdunstningen.

- 1) Evaporation av på växten interceperat vatten.
- 2) Evaporation av vatten från markytan.
- 3) Transpiration genom växten.

Det som beskriver skillnaden i potentiell avdunstning från de olika källorna av vatten är dels den tillgängliga strålningsenergin, R_n , och de båda resistanserna som anger transportmotstånden i gränssytan mellan vegetation och luft (r_s) och luft ovan beståndet (r_a).

Först fördelas strålningsenergin, R_n , mellan bestånd och markyta enligt en exponentiell funktion (se ekvation 60). Den del av energin som absorberas av beståndet är tillgänglig för evaporation av interceperat vatten eller transpiration av vatten via växten. Evaporation av interceperat vatten sker utan eller med ett mycket litet transportmotstånd vid gränssytan mot luften. Därvid förbrukas en given mängd av tillgänglig energi om vatten förekommer på växtytan. Mängden av tillgänglig energi (givet av stålningsbalansen) som förbrukas motsvarar dock bara en del av den energi som åtgått vid fasomvandlingen. Detta beror av möjligheten att ta energi direkt ur luften vid hög turbulens och vid god tillgång på vatten (Luften kyls genom avdunstningen; jfr uppstigandet ur badet på blåsigt strand).

Den aerodynamiska resistansen, r_a , för transpiration och evaporation från bladtytor beräknas från vindhastigheten och ytans skrovlighet (se ekvation 49).

7.3.2 Markyteavdunstning

Avdunstningen från markytan är en komplex process där markens egenskaper i hög grad kommer att bestämma förutsättningarna. För att utföra den beräkningen finns två olika valmöjligheter i modellen, en mer empirisk som grundar sig på samma kombinationsformel som används för potentiell avdunstning och en som i högre grad grundar sig direkt på de fysikaliska ekvationerna för transport av värme och vatten i atmosfär och mark. Båda grundar sig på en lösning av energibalans ekvationen för markytan men den empiriska utgår från en analytisk lösning med hjälp av kombinationsformeln medan den mer mekanistiska utgår från en numerisk lösning av i grunden samma ekvationer. I bägge dessa fall måste hänsyn tas till energilagring i marken och upptorkningen närmast markytan. Detta görs på lite olika sätt i de bägge ansatserna som beskrivs nedan.

Gemensamt för båda ansatserna är att om ett vegetationstäckes finns så måste den aerodynamiska resistansen mellan markytan och referensnivån ta hänsyn till detta. Resistansen, r_{as} , är beroende av den totala bladytan, LAI, och luftens skiktning (se ekvationerna 67 och 68).

7.3.2.1 Ansats byggd på kombinationsformel

Avdunstningen från markytan beräknas med kombinationsformeln (ekvation 73) utgående från den tillgängliga strålningsenergin, R_{ns} och värmeflödet från marken, q_k . Värmeflödet från marken är delvis ett resultat av avdunstningen från markytan och för att kunna hantera detta så utnyttjas modellen beräknade värmeflöde från föregående tidssteg ($t-1$) vid beräkningen av avdunstningen vid tidpunkten (t). Genom att modellen normalt har ett betydligt mindre tidssteg än vad som motsvaras av upplösningen i de meteorologiska variablerna som oftast är medelvärden av en timme eller ett dygn föranleder detta normalt ingen större onoggrannhet i den beräknade avdunstningen.

För beräkning av markyteavdunstningen, LE_s , med kombinationsformeln definieras en resistans för vattenångflöde vid markytan. Markytans ytresistans, r_{ss} , beror i hög grad på tillgången av vatten på markytan och i det översta markskiktet. I modellen beräknas r_{ss} som en funktion av vattenpotential i markens översta skikt och en massbalansberäkning för markytan som indikerar markytans fuktighet (se ekvationerna 72 och 74).

Värmeflödet, q_h , kan därefter beräknas på två sätt. Det enklaste möjligheten förutsätter ingen koppling till avdunstningen utan utgår från att markytans temperatur är densamma som luftens temperatur. Denna ansats kan ge stora fel både för beräkningen av markens temperatur och för beräkningen av markyteavdunstningen. Den fysikaliskt rimligare lösningen är att utgående från den beräknade avdunstningen utnyttja den därvid implicit antagna yttemperaturen för beräkning av värmeflödet till marken. Detta göres genom att det sensibla flödet, H_s , erhålles från energibalansen (se ekvation 76).

7.3.2.2 Ansats byggd på numerisk lösning

Den numeriska ansatsen bygger på att energibalans ekvationen för markytan löses genom ett iterativt förfarande.

För att lösa denna ekvation så varieras markytans temperatur, T_s , enligt ett givet schema. Först ansättes T_s som lika med T_a och därefter beräknas alla ingående termer enligt deras respektive ekvationer.

Den erhållna summan av H_s , LE_s och q_h jämföres med R_{ns} och beroende på avvikelserna så skattas ett nytt värde för T_s . Denna procedur upprepas ända tills dess att avvikelserna mellan R_{ns} och summan av de tre energiflödena är mycket liten. Normalt erhålles ett fel på mindre än 0.1 °C efter cirka 15 iterationer.

Vattenångtrycket vid markytan beräknas av markens yttemperatur, T_s , och markvattnets tension i det översta skiktet och en empirisk korrektionsfaktor, e_{corr} , som tar hänsyn till stora gradienter i fuktighet nära markytan (se ekvationerna 70 - 72).

7.3.3 Avdunstning av interceperat vatten

Ytresistansen för interceperat vatten är mycket låg och bestäms av parametern r_{sint} . För transpirationen från en växt med god vattentillgång är ytresistansen i allmänhet betydligt högre.

7.3.4 Aktuell transpiration

För att kunna beskriva hur vattnet tas upp från marken anges rötternas fördelning i olika skikt och dessutom hur begränsningen av vattenupptaget sker då växten inte längre förmår att ta upp vatten till den potentiella nivån som beräknats med Penman-Monteith's formel. Aktuell (verklig) vattenupptagning från ett markskikt, $W_{up}(i)$ beräknas utgående från responsfunktioner som tar hänsyn till marktemperaturen, markvattenpotentialen, skiktets andel av det totala rotsystemet (se ekvation 53)

7.4 Avrinning och behandling av grundvatten

Avrinningen från en markprofil kan beräknas på flera olika sätt allt efter vilken information som finns om marken och vilka lokala geologiska dräneringsförhållanden som råder på platsen som skall efterliknas. En stor förenkling som är gjord är att modellen ej tar hänsyn till horisontella skillnader i vattenhalter och vattenflöden. Modellen kan i detalj beskriva hur vattnet fördelar sig

vertikalt genom att den partiella differentialekvationen löses med avseende på markdjup och tid. Ett horisontellt vattenflöde beräknas endast som ett netto i modellen (dvs skillnaden mellan in- och utflöde för en given nivå). Ett flöde till ett dike eller till ett grundvattenrör betraktas därför i ekvationen som en sänkterm på samma sätt som rötterna. Den stora skillnaden är att sänktermen för dränering endast är aktuell i den mättade zonen av marken medan sänktermen för vattenupptagning via rötter är aktuell för den omättade zonen.

Flödet från ett vattenmättat skikt i med tjockleken Δz och med mättad hydraulisk konduktivitet $k_z(i)$ till en dräneringsledning eller dike på nivån z_p beräknas med en ekvation som bygger på Darcys lag (se ekvation 46).

Darcys lag som också används för att beräkna det vertikala flödet i den omättade zonen. Avståndet l kan skattas på olika sätt allt efter vilken typ av flöde som skall beräknas. Ibland kan l väljas för att motsvara markytans lutning och därmed den gradient som styr ett naturligt dränerande grundvattenflöde. I andra fall, då vi exempelvis har dräneringsledning eller diken med fasta avstånd kan l skattas utgående från den form som grundvattenytan antar mellan två dräneringsledningar.

För att få det totala flödet till dräneringsledningarna summeras bidragen från alla mättade nivåer. Vertikala flöden mellan mättade skikt beräknas så att endast det skikt som gränsar till den omättade zonen kommer att få en förändrad vattenhalt.

Det är under naturliga förhållanden vanligt att grundvattenströmningen kan ske mot olika typer av sänkor i terrängen som är betingade av lokala geologiska förhållanden och inte bara mot ytliga diken och dräneringsledningar som kan finnas. För att hantera detta flöde kan flödet till dräneringsledningarna, q_{wp} , kombineras med ytterligare ett flöde i modellen, q_{gr} , vilket beräknas med en ekvation av typen 1:a ordningen. Denna ekvationstyp används mycket inom hydrologin för att beskriva flödets variation i bäckar och vattendrag. I ord innebär 1:a ordningens ekvation i här aktuellt fall att flödet vid en given tidpunkt är proportionellt mot ett tillstånd som beskriver mängden vatten som kan avdräneras (se ekvation 47).

Denna empiriskt funna ekvation kan användas för att efterlikna olika typer av akvifärer utan att vi behöver använda de strikt fysikaliska egenskaperna som definieras genom Darcys lag för vattenflöden i mark. Ekvationen är speciellt lämplig att använda för djupare skikt i marken där vi ofta saknar god information om de faktiska fysikaliska egenskaperna. I modellen används denna formel för flödet under dräneringsledningarnas nivå, vilket har fördelen att vi också kan behandla flöden som dränerar marken på djupare nivåer.

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