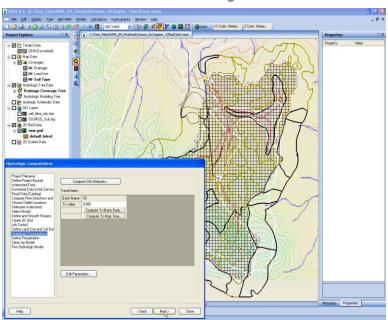


WMS 10.0 Tutorial

Spatial Hydrologic Modeling – HEC-HMS Distributed Parameter Modeling with the MODClark Transform

Setup a basic distributed MODClark model using the WMS interface



Objectives

In this tutorial, you learn how to setup a MODClark model using the hydrologic modeling wizard. You delineate a watershed, create a grid from the delineated watershed, and compute watershed geometric and hydrologic parameters from geometric, land use, and soil data. Then you run the MODClark model in HMS to obtain a hydrograph.

Prerequisite Tutorials

 Watershed Modeling – DEM Delineation

Required Components

- Data
- Drainage
- Map
- Hydrology
- Hydrologic Models
- 2D Grid

Time

30-60 minutes





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2 Introduction

In this tutorial we will see how a HEC-HMS model with the MODClark transform can be developed using the WMS interface. MODClark is a distributed transform method based on dividing the watershed into small grid cells of equal size and determining runoff from each of the grid cells.

The study site for this tutorial is Park City, Utah. The data used for this tutorial can be downloaded from the WMS learning center of the Aquaveo web site and can be unzipped to a folder called *spatial* on your computer.

3 Watershed Delineation using the Hydrologic Modeling Wizard

In the following steps, you will use the *Hydrologic Modeling Wizard* to delineate the watershed. This will make you more familiar and comfortable using the wizard. The steps through the wizard are outlined briefly here.

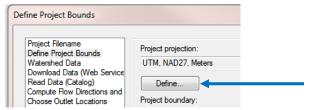
3.1 Project Filename

- 1. Close all instances of WMS
- 2. Open WMS
- 3. Click on the *Hydrologic Modeling Wizard* button in the *Get Data* toolbar in the WMS window

- 4. Click on the *Browse* button to specify the path location and set a file name for the project
- 5. Locate the *Hydrologic Models* folder in the files for this tutorial. If needed, download the tutorial files from www.aquaveo.com.
- 6. Browse to the \spatial\WMS\\ directory
- 7. For the File name enter "MODClark.wms" and click Save
- 8. Click on the Save button in the Hydrologic Modeling Wizard
- 9. Click *Next* > to advance to the next step

3.2 Define Project Bounds

1. Under Project projection, select *Define*...



- 2. Select the Global Projection option
- 3. In the Select Projection dialog set:
 - Projection to *UTM*
 - Datum to NAD83
 - Planar Units to *METERS*
 - Zone to 12 (114°W 108°W Northern Hemisphere)
- 4. Select OK
- 5. Set the Vertical Projection to NAVD 88 (US)
- 6. Set the Vertical Units to Meters
- 7. Select OK
- 8. Click *Next* > to advance to the next step

3.3 Watershed Data by Reading Files

- 1. Click on the *Open file(s)* button
- 2. Locate the folder *spatial**RawData**ParkCity*\ (all file folders referenced below are relative to this location)
- 3. In the $\langle DEM \rangle$ file folder open "ned 35172081.hdr"
- 4. Select *OK* to import the NED GridFloat DEM

WMS reads the projection data that comes with the DEM and converts the DEM coordinates to the project projection system specified in section 3.2.

- 5. Click on the *File | Open* button
- 6. In the \Luse\ file folder open "salt lake city.shp"
- 7. Click on the *File | Open* button
- 8. In the \SSURGO_Soil\Joinedsoil\ folder open "SSURGO_Soil.shp"
- 9. Turn off the display of all GIS Layers in the Project Explorer

Now you should be able to see the DEM contours behind the modeling wizard in the WMS main window.

- 10. Make sure the *Use web services* and the *Use a catalog file* options are turned **off** in the hydrologic modeling wizard
- 11. Click *Next* > to advance to the next step

3.4 Compute Flow Directions and Accumulations

- 1. Set the computational units for sub-basin areas to Square Miles
- 2. Set the computational units for distances to Feet
- 3. Select Compute TOPAZ

TOPAZ uses the DEM data to compute flow directions and accumulations, which are used to infer the stream locations.

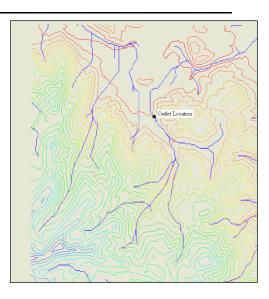
- 4. Click *Close* when TOPAZ terminates
- 5. Set the Min flow accumulation threshold to 0.2 mi^2
- 6. Click on the *Apply to Display* button
- 7. Click *Next* > to advance to the next step

3.5 Choose Outlet Location

- 1. Choose the *Create Outlet Point* tool
 in the Hydrologic Modeling
 Wizard
- Click on the outlet location in the WMS graphics window as shown in the image to the right as a guide (you can use the middle scroll button of mouse to zoom in or out)

Figure 3-1: Outlet location for Park City watershed

3. Click *Next* > to advance to the next step



3.6 Delineate Watershed

- 1. Make sure that the Stream threshold value is 0.2 mi²
- 2. Click on the *Delineate Watershed* button
- 3. Save your WMS project by selecting *File | Save* in the main WMS window
- 4. Click *Next* > to advance to the next step

4 Setup Gridded HEC-HMS Model

4.1 Select Model

- 1. Set the model to be HEC-HMS ModClark
- 2. Click on the *Initialize Model Data* button
- 3. Click *Next* > to advance to the next step

4.2 Create 2D Grid

- 1. Make sure that the Enter cell size option is selected
- 2. For the X-dimension enter a cell size of 90 meters (the Y-dimension is automatically set to the same value as the X-dimension)
- 3. Click on the Create 2D Grid button
- 4. Select *OK* to interpolate elevations for each grid cell from the background DEM
- 5. Click *Next* > to advance to the next step

4.3 Job Control

- 1. Set the Starting date to 01/01/2008
- 2. Set the Starting time to 12:00:00 PM
- 3. Set the Ending date to 01/03/2008
- 4. Set the Ending time to 12:00:00 PM
- 5. Set the Time interval to 15 min
- 6. Click on the Set Job Control Data button
- 7. Click *Next* > to advance to the next step

5 Hydrologic Input Parameters

5.1 Define Land Use and Soil Data

Since you have already read land use and soil shapefiles, you are ready to convert these to feature data that can be used for computing hydrologic model input parameters.

- 1. Verify that "salt lake city.shp" is set to a Land Use shapefile type.
- 2. Make sure that "SSURGO_Soil.shp" is set to a Soil Type shapefile type.
- 3. Click on the *Create Coverages*... button
- 4. Select *Next* > in the GIS to Feature Objects Wizard

Notice that WMS automatically set the LUCODE in the shapefile to be mapped to the Land use parameter in WMS.

- 5. Select *Next* >
- 6. Select Finish
- 7. Repeat the same mapping process for the soil shapefile

WMS maps HYDGRP to SCS soil type, TEXTURE to Texture, KSAT to Hydraulic conductivity, MOISTURE to Initial moisture, FIELDCAP to Field capacity, and WILTINGPT to Wilting point.

8. Click *Next* > in the Hydrologic Modeling Wizard to advance to the next step

5.2 Hydrologic Computations

- 1. Click on the Compute GIS Attributes... button
- 2. For Grid Computation choose SCS Curve Number
- 3. Click on the *Import* button to import the mapping table file
- 4. In the *spatial*\(\mathbb{RawData\)\) folder open "scsland.tbl"
- 5. Select OK

A curve number (CN) is computed for each grid cell by overlaying the 2D grid with the land use and soil polygons.

- 6. Click on the Edit Parameters... button to open the HMS Properties dialog
- 7. In the Display options portion of the dialog, toggle on the following:
 - Loss Rate Method
 - o Gridded SCS Curve Number
 - Transform
 - ModClark

Turning on these options adds the appropriate fields to the Properties section of the dialog. Some of the properties have already been calculated by WMS.

- 8. Set/enter values for the following properties (columns):
 - Area (mi^2): Computed by WMS
 - Loss Rate Method: Gridded SCS Curve Number
 - Initial abstraction ratio: 0.2
 - Potential Retention Scale Factor: 1.0
 - Transform Method: *ModClark*
- 9. In the Basin Data column after the Transform Method click on the *Compute*... button
- 10. In the Basin Time Computation dialog change Computation type to Compute Lag Time
- 11. Set the Method to SCS Method
- 12. In the Variables window at the bottom of the dialog highlight the "CN SCS curve number 0.000" line of text as shown in Figure 5-1

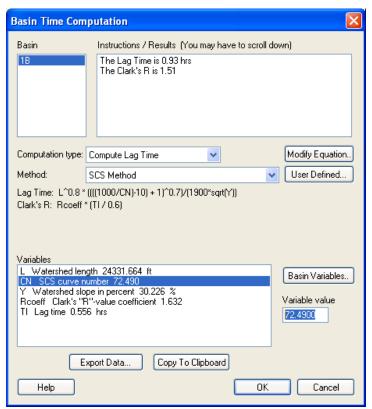


Figure 5-1: Lag time computation

- 13. For the Variable value enter 72.49
- 14. Click on another line of text to see the CN value and lag time values updated in the list
- 15. Select OK

Scroll all the way to the right and make sure that the time of concentration and storage coefficient were calculated and entered appropriately.

- 16. Select *OK* in the HMS Properties dialog
- 17. Click *Next* > in the Hydrologic Modeling Wizard to advance to the next step

6 Define Precipitation

- 1. Click on the *Define Precipitation*... button to open the HMS Meteorological Model dialog
- 2. Set the Precipitation Method to User Hyetograph
- 3. Click on the *XY Series*... button to define the temporal distribution of the rainfall
- 4. Set the Selected Curve to *TypeI-24hour* as shown in Figure 6-1

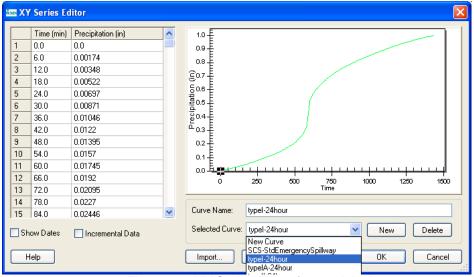


Figure 6-1: XY Series Editor for precipitation

- 5. Select *OK* to close the XY Series Editor
- 6. In the Total Depth (in) column enter 3.5 inches
- 7. Select OK
- 8. Click *Next* > to advance to the next step

7 Clean Up Model

- 1. Click on the Clean up Model button
- 2. In the Redistribute Vertices dialog that appears, enter a vertex Spacing of 80 meters
- 3. Toggle ON the option to *Use Cubic Spline*

- 4. Select OK
- 5. When the model checker appears, fix any errors that appear
- 6. Select *Done* to close model checker
- 7. Click the *Save* button to save the WMS project file
- 8. Select *Close* to close the Hydrologic Modeling Wizard
- 9. In the WMS window, switch to the *Hydrologic Modeling* module
- 10. Select HEC-HMS / Save HMS File...
- 11. Locate the folder *spatial\HMS*
- 12. For File name enter "MODClark.hms" and click Save

WMS will then create the HEC-HMS input files. The progress of writing these files is displayed in the status bar of WMS. It may take a few minutes for the files to be created.

8 Run HEC-HMS

We have successfully created the HEC-HMS input files needed to run a MODClark simulation on the Park City watershed. Now we will run HEC-HMS.

- 1. Open HEC-HMS 4.0 or a later version from the Start Menu
- 2. Select *File | Open...*
- 3. Open the HEC-HMS file you just created (*spatial*|*HMS*|*MODClark.hms*)
- 4. Select Compute | Select Run | Run 1
- 5. Select Compute | Compute Run [Run 1]
- 6. Select *Close* when HEC-HMS is finished computing
- 7. Click on the Results tab
- 8. Expand the Simulation Runs folder
- 9. Select Run 1 to view results
- 10. Select basin 1B
- 11. Select Graph
- 12. Your outflow hydrograph should look similar to Figure 8-1

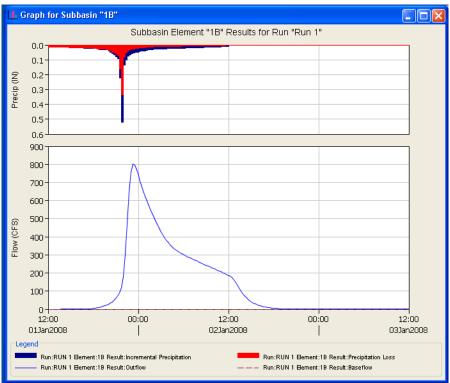


Figure 8-1: HMS Output Window

9 Conclusion

In this exercise you learned how to compute gridded hydrologic model parameters required for a HEC-HMS model with the MODClark transform.