# Development of HBV Water Balance Model in R

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# Organize project directory

To run this RMarkdown, the project folder should have separate sub-folders for "data", "output", and "script" (all in lowercase). The "data" folder will store the raw data and the cleaned version of the data. The "script" folder will store the RMarkdown file. The "output" folder will have separate folders for "images" and "paper." The "paper" folder will store project related templates and manuscripts. The "image" folder will store any figures generated from running the markdown.

After creating the project directory, set the working directory to the project directory.

### Load libraries

```
if(!require("pacman")) install.packages("pacman")
pacman::p_load(dplyr, tidyr, pander, ggplot2, ggthemes, cowplot, gridExtra, png)
```

## Read data

The HBV dataset in csv format is created from the original excel file Data set HBV Model 1950-1953\_Q42019.xlsx that was provided as part of the assignment. Notes, formula columns, and graphs were removed from the excel file and saved as hbv\_data.csv. The cleaned dataset, thus, only contains time series data on precipitation (mm/day) and potential evapotranspiration (mm/day), which span three years from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2000.

```
hbv <- read.csv("../data/hbv_data.csv")

str(hbv)  # Date is read in as character;

## 'data.frame': 1096 obs. of 4 variables:

## $ Date: chr "1/1/1998" "1/2/1998" "1/3/1998" "1/4/1998" ...

## $ Qobs: num 0.32 0.31 0.28 0.28 0.28 0.28 0.27 0.26 0.26 0.26 ...

## $ P : num 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...

## $ Etp : num 3.2 3.4 3.4 2.6 3.3 3.6 3.3 3.5 3.2 3.5 ...
```

```
# Qobs (mm/day) as numeric;
# P (precipitation (mm/day)) as numeric; and
# Etp (potential evapotranspiration (mm/day)) as numeric.
```

```
# Convert Date to Date format
hbv$Date <- as.Date(hbv$Date, "%m/%d/%Y")</pre>
```

```
# Examine data
## Show first six observations
pander(head(hbv))
```

Date	Qobs	Р	Etp
1998-01-01	0.32	0	3.2
1998-01-02	0.31	0	3.4
1998-01-03	0.28	0	3.4
1998-01-04	0.28	0	2.6
1998-01-05	0.28	0	3.3
1998-01-06	0.28	0	3.6

```
# Examine data
## Summarize the data
summary(hbv) # No missing values
```

```
##
         Date
                                Qobs
                                                                    Etp
##
            :1998-01-01
                                  : 0.050
                                            Min.
                                                    : 0.000
                                                                      :1.80
##
    1st Qu.:1998-10-01
                          1st Qu.: 0.140
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                                                               1st Qu.:3.10
    Median: 1999-07-02
                          Median : 0.670
                                            Median : 1.900
                                                               Median:3.50
            :1999-07-02
                                  : 3.033
                                                                       :3.59
##
    Mean
                          Mean
                                            Mean
                                                    : 5.822
                                                               Mean
    3rd Qu.:2000-04-01
                          3rd Qu.: 5.810
                                             3rd Qu.:10.000
                                                               3rd Qu.:4.10
##
    Max.
            :2000-12-31
                          Max.
                                  :16.090
                                             Max.
                                                    :41.000
                                                               Max.
                                                                       :5.70
```

# Object 1

Develop a reproducible, functional HBV model that correctly accounts for water balance.

To achieve this objective, functions are written in R to develop an HBV model, and to run, plot, and analyze the model results. RMarkdown is chosen for reproducibility of model development and simulations. Hence, codes, outputs, as well as any changes made throughout the modelling process are documented.

The initial conditions and parameter values that were chosen are given in the table below and can also be found under Run 1. Starting with soil moisture reservoir, none to a small amount of direct flow (Qd) was assumed, and hence after an examination of the mean and maximum of the observed discharge and precipitation, a small soil moisture (SM) and a large field capacity (FC) values were chosen. The evapotransipration threshold was set to a maximum of 1,  $\beta$  value to simulate recharge flux to a maximum of 4, and capillary flux was set to a small value of 0.01. With a small SM, a large FC, and a large  $\beta$ , the expected recharge (Qin) was expected to be large. Similarly, for upper zone reservoir, water content was assumed to be small though larger in comparison to the SM,  $\alpha$  was set to 1, the recession coefficient (Kf) to 0.005, and the percolation was set to a fixed value of 0.1. With these parameter and variable values, quick discharge (Qo) was expected

to be larger than Qd but smaller than Qin. It was expected that with relation between the SM and UZ through Qin and Cf and the values of  $\alpha$  and Kf, the discharge curve would match the curvilinear shape of the observed discharge (Qobs), that there would also be a match with the rising and recession limbs, how fast they climb and recess. Finally for the lower zone reservoir, the water content was assumed to be more than that of the upper zone. The recession coefficient, Ks, was set to 0.05, a value larger than Kf, to allow quick recession. At this point, there should be a parameter that controls the rising limb of the lower zone, because with fixed percolation, with no parameter to relate upper zone, lower zone, soil precipitation, and precipitation to each other, and no parameter to define the curvilinear shape of the discharge, baseflow (Q0) would be flat. That is, any changes in precipitation that would drive changes in discharge would not be correspondingly observed for the baseflow (Qo). In model runs following the first, changes are, thus, introduced for percolation.

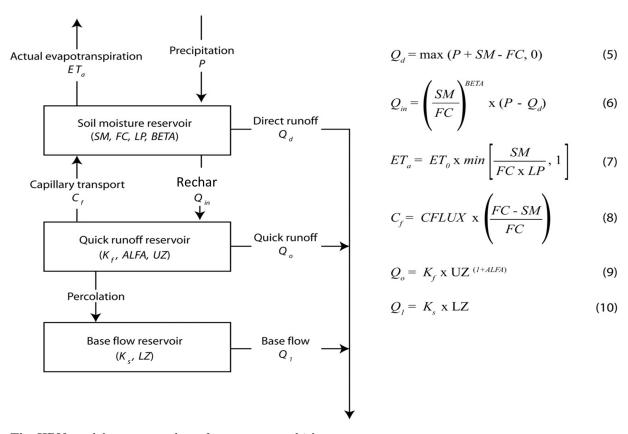
sm	uz	lz	FC	Beta	LP	Cflux	Alpha	Kf	Ks	Perc
10	30	50	650	4	1	0.01	1	0.005	0.05	0.1

### HBV model development in R

HBV model is used to simulate rainfall-runoff behavior. It is a lumped conceptual catchment model with several routines. For the purposes of the assignment, only rainfall is considered as precipitation with three reservoirs - soil, upper zone, and lower zone - and correspondingly, three routines, namely soil moisture, a quick response, and a slow response. For each, simple equations are solved to estimate runoff, which are summed to get predicted stream discharge.

Figure below depicts the model structure that is used to develop an HBV model in R. The diagram highlights the three linked compartments that allow flow in and out, and hence, work on the principle of mass conservation. The water balance is solved for each compartment using a small number of parameters and variables, the values for which are specific to water basins.

Until Run 1, the code chunks show functions that are written to create an HBV model, plot model results, and assess the model performance. Following this, the functions are run using the provided data and the initial condition mentioned above to test that the model runs as desired.



The HBV model uses a number of parameters, which are:

FC: Field capacity or the maximum soil moisture storage (mm)

 $\boldsymbol{Beta}\!:$  Parameter of power relationship to simulate indirect runoff (-)

**LP**: Limit above which evapotranspiration reaches its potential value (-)

**Alpha**: Measure for non-linearity of flow in quick runoff reservoir (-)

 $K_f$ : Recession coefficient for runoff from quick runoff reservoir  $(day^{-1})$ 

 $K_s$ : Recession coefficient for runoff from base flow reservoir  $(day^{-1})$ 

**PERC**: Constant percolation rate occurring when water is available (mm/day)

CFLUX: Maximum value for Capillary Flow (mm/day)

The model is initialized using the following variables:

**SM**: Soil moisture storage (mm),

UZ: Upper zone storage (mm), and

**LZ**: Lower zone storage (mm).

### Create a function to run the model

```
hbv_run <- function(df, int_conds, params, perc, pct_perc){

# The function uses the following arguments:

# df: a data frame that holds the data

# int_conds: a data frame that holds the initial conditions

# params: a data frame that holds the model parameter values

# perc: a numeric value for percolation

# pct_perc: a numeric value for percent percolation
```

```
# Create empty vectors of length equal to ...
# ... number of observations + 1 so that the ...
# ... first location holds the initial value.
SM = rep(0, dim(df)[1]+1)
UZ = rep(0, dim(df)[1]+1)
LZ = rep(0, dim(df)[1]+1)
Qd = rep(0, dim(df)[1]+1)
Qin = rep(0, dim(df)[1]+1)
Eta = rep(0, dim(df)[1]+1)
Cf = rep(0, dim(df)[1]+1)
Qo = rep(0, dim(df)[1]+1)
Perc = rep(0, dim(hbv)[1]+1)
Q1 = rep(0, dim(df)[1]+1)
# Declare intial conditions
SM[1] = int_conds$sm
UZ[1] = int conds$uz
LZ[1] = int_conds$lz
# Declare initial percolation
if(perc == 0.1)
    Perc[1] = perc  # Percolation is taken as a constant
    Perc[1] = UZ[1]*pct_perc # Percolation as a percentage of UZ
# Run the statement once for each time step
\# This updates SM, LZ, and UZ values, and ...
# ... creates a vector of values for all variables
for (i in 1:dim(df)[1]+1){
  \# print(i) \# Starts at i = 2 and goes until i = 1097
  # break
  # Soil moisture routine
  Qd[i] = pmax((dfP[i-1] + SM[i-1] - paramsfc), 0)
  # Fills in Qd[2], Qd[3], and so on until Qd[1097]
  # Qd[1] is already set to 0
  Qin[i] = ((SM[i-1]/params fc)^params beta) * (df P[i-1] - Qd[i])
  Eta[i] = df$Etp[i-1] * pmin((SM[i-1] / (params$fc * params$lp)), 1)
  Cf[i] = params$cflux * ((params$fc - SM[i-1]) / params$fc)
  SM[i] = SM[i-1] + df P[i-1] + Cf[i] - Eta[i] - Qin[i] - Qd[i]
  # Value of SM is updated from SM[2] onward.
  # SM[1] has the initial value that was declared.
```

```
# Quick runoff routine
  Qo[i] = params kf * ((UZ[i-1])^(1 + params alpha))
  UZ[i] = pmax(UZ[i-1] + Qin[i] - Cf[i] - Qo[i] - Perc[i-1], 0)
  # Value of UZ is updated from UZ[2] onward.
  # UZ[1] has the initial value that was declared.
  # As storage cannot be negative, max(x, 0) keeps the UZ value positive.
  if(perc == 0.1)
    Perc[i] = perc
                     # Percolation is taken as constant
  else{
    Perc[i] = UZ[i-1]*pct_perc # Percolation changes in each time step as...
                                 # ... a percentage of UZ.
                                 # Chosen modification.
  }
  # Baseflow routine
  Q1[i] = params ks * (LZ[i-1])
  LZ[i] = LZ[i-1] + Perc[i-1] - Q1[i]
}
# Create a dataframe to store values for variables
df_new <- df %>%
mutate(
  Eta = Eta[-1],
                  # Since the first position for each variable was used ...
  Qin = Qin[-1], # ... as a filler, these are excluded from the new data frame.
  Qd = Qd[-1], # Doing so, the number of rows in the new data frame will ...
  Cf = Cf[-1],
                # ... equal the number of rows in the original df ...
  SM = SM[-1],
                 # ... (in this case, 1096).
  Q_0 = Q_0[-1],
 Perc = Perc[-1],
 UZ = UZ[-1],
  Q1 = Q1[-1],
  LZ = LZ[-1],
  Qsim = Qd + Qo + Q1)
# Return
return(df new)
```

Create a function to plot observed and simulated data

```
# Write a function to create a plot of observed and simulated data
plt_q <- function(df){
    # Add plot components</pre>
```

```
## Date breaks
## Currently not automated, but should be.
datebreaks \leftarrow seq(as.Date("1998-01-01"), as.Date("2001-01-31"), by = "4 month")
## Precipitation and actual evapotranspiration
p_{eta} \leftarrow ggplot(df, aes(x = Date)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = P, colour = "Rainfall (mm)")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = Eta, colour = "ETa (mm)")) +
  guides(colour=guide legend(title="")) +
  scale_x_date(position = "top") +
  scale_y_reverse(limits = c(41, 0)) + # Limit should change according to ...
  ylab("") +
                                          # ... the max value of precipitation.
  xlab("") +
  theme_economist()
## Observed and simulated discharges
q_all \leftarrow ggplot(df,
  aes(x = Date)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = Qobs, colour = "Qobs (mm/day)"), size = 0.75) +
  geom_line(aes(y = Qsim, colour = "Qsim (mm/day)"), size = 0.8) +
  geom line(aes(y = Qd, colour = "Qd (mm/day)")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = Qo, colour = "Qo (mm/day)")) +
  geom\_line(aes(y = Q1, colour = "Q1 (mm/day)"), size = 0.75) +
  guides(colour = guide_legend(title="")) +
  scale_y_continuous(name = "", limits = c(0, 41)) + # Limit should change with max(Qsim)
  scale x date(breaks = datebreaks, date labels = "%b-%Y") +
  theme_economist()
# Put the two plots together
# Align vertically
plt_run <- plot_grid(p_eta, q_all, ncol=1, align="v")</pre>
# Return plot
return(plt_run)
```

### Create a function to plot changes in storages

```
# Write a function to plot changes in storage
plt_s <- function(df){
    # Add plot components

## Date breaks
## Manual input of date that should be automated
datebreaks <- seq(as.Date("1998-01-01"), as.Date("2001-01-31"), by = "4 month")

## Precipitation and actual evapotranspiration
p_eta <- ggplot(df, aes(x = Date)) +
    geom_line(aes(y = P, colour = "Rainfall (mm)")) +
    geom_line(aes(y = Eta, colour = "ETa (mm)")) +
    guides(colour=guide_legend(title="")) +
    scale_x_date(position = "top") +</pre>
```

```
scale_y_reverse(limits = c(41, 0)) + # Limit should change with max(P)
 vlab("") +
 xlab("") +
 theme_economist()
## SM = Soil Moisture, UZ = Upper Zone, and LZ = Lower Zone
s_all <- ggplot(df,</pre>
  aes(x = Date)) +
  geom_line(aes(y = SM, colour = "SM (mm)")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = UZ, colour = "UZ (mm)")) +
  geom_line(aes(y = LZ, colour = "LZ (mm)")) +
 ylab("Storage (mm)") +
  guides(colour = guide legend(title="Reservoirs")) +
  scale_x_date(breaks = datebreaks, date_labels = "%b-%Y") +
  theme_economist()
# Put the two plots together
# Align vertically
p_eta_s_all <- plot_grid(p_eta, s_all, ncol=1, align="v")</pre>
# Return plot
return(p_eta_s_all)
```

### Assess model performance

The model performance can be evaluated using two objective functions, Nash–Sutcliffe efficiency (NSE) and relative volumetric error (RVE). The equations for these are as follows:

$$NSE = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Q_{sim,i} - Q_{obs,i})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Q_{obs,i} - \bar{Q}_{obs})^{2}}$$

$$RVE = \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Q_{sim,i} - Q_{obs,i})}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (Q_{obs,i})}\right] \times 100\%$$

where,

 $Q_{sim}$  is simulated streamflow, and  $Q_{obs}$  is observed streamflow.

Both NSE and RVE are dimensionless. Whereas NSE ranges from  $-\infty$  to 1.0, with 1.0 corresponding to a perfect fit, RVE ranges between  $-\infty$  and  $\infty$ , with 0 corresponding to the best model with no volumetric error (or, mass balance error). Hence, according to these objective functions, a good model is one for which NSE is maximized and RVE is minimized. More objectively, a model with NSE between 0.6 and 0.8 is taken to be a reasonably good performing model and with 0.8 and 0.9 as a very good model. With respect to RVE, a model with an error between  $\pm$  5% is a very good model, whereas the one with an error between  $\pm$  5% and  $\pm$  10% is a reasonably well performing model.

### Create a function to compute NSE and RVE

```
# Define a function to assess model performance
mod.performance <- function(qsim, qobs){
    # Calculate relative volumetric error (RVE)
    rve <- (sum(qsim - qobs) / sum(qobs)) * 100

# Calculate Nash-Sutcliffe model efficiency (NSE)
    nse <- 1 - sum((qsim - qobs)^2) / sum((qobs - mean(qobs))^2)

error_df <- data.frame(RVE = c(rve), NSE = c(nse))
    return(error_df)
}</pre>
```

### Run the HBV Model

#### Run 1

Set initial conditions and parameters

```
# Create data frames to hold values for ...
\# \ldots sm, uz, lz, p, beta, lp, cflux, alpha, kf, ks, and perc.
# The initial conditions are chosen after examining the given data and ...
# ... reasoning the combination of initial conditions and parameter values ...
# ... that would not give back insane values for direct, guick, and delayed flows.
int_con <- data.frame(</pre>
                "sm" = 10,
                "uz" = 30,
                "1z" = 50
                )
param <- data.frame(</pre>
                "fc" = 650,
                "beta" = 4,
                "lp" = 1,
                "cflux" = 0.01,
                "alpha" = 1,
                "kf" = 0.005,
                "ks" = 0.05
```

Set percolation as a constant of 0.1

```
# Set percolation as a constant of 0.1
# Hence, set pct_perc to 0 or any other number for that matter.

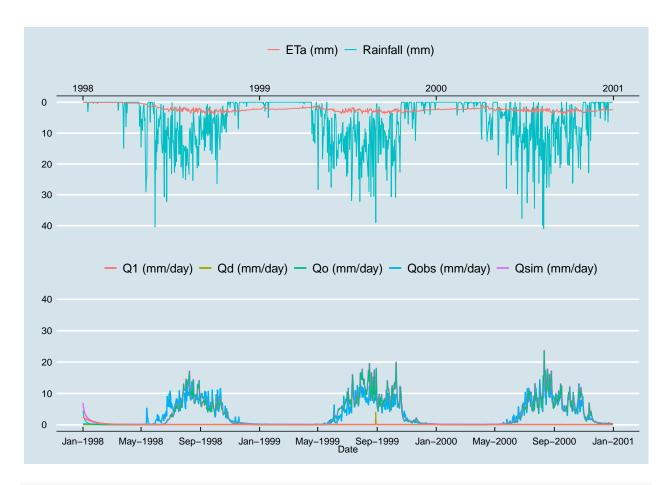
# Create a data frame to store values of Run 1
hbv_run_1 <- hbv_run(hbv, int_con, param, 0.1, 0)

# Summarize the data
summary(hbv_run_1)</pre>
```

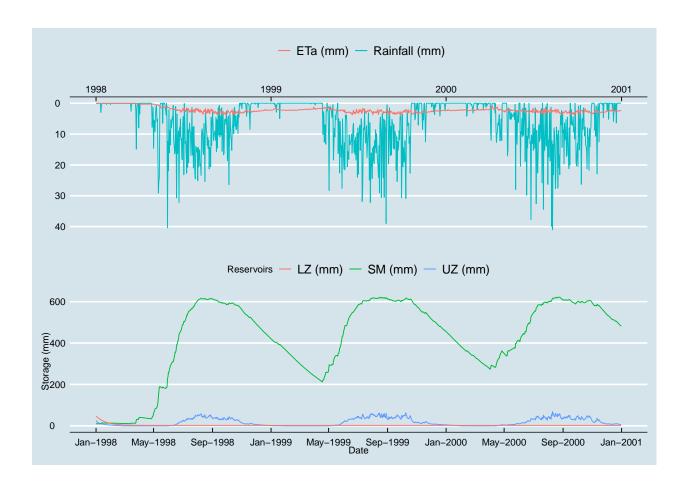
```
##
        Date
                             Qobs
                                                              Etp
                                        Min. : 0.000
##
          :1998-01-01
                        Min. : 0.050
   Min.
                                                         Min.
                                                                :1.80
   1st Qu.:1998-10-01
                        1st Qu.: 0.140
                                         1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                         1st Qu.:3.10
  Median :1999-07-02
                        Median : 0.670
                                        Median : 1.900
                                                         Median:3.50
   Mean :1999-07-02
                        Mean : 3.033
                                        Mean : 5.822
                                                         Mean :3.59
##
   3rd Qu.:2000-04-01
                        3rd Qu.: 5.810
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                        Max. :16.090
                                         Max.
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                                                         Max.
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                         Qin
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                                                              Cf
##
        Eta
                           : 0.0000
##
   Min.
          :0.0395
                    Min.
                                      Min.
                                             :0.000000
                                                        Min.
                                                               :0.0004346
##
                    1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                      1st Qu.:0.000000
                                                        1st Qu.:0.0008911
   1st Qu.:1.9741
   Median :2.3284
                    Median : 0.1761
                                      Median :0.000000
                                                        Median: 0.0025595
                    Mean : 3.1946
##
   Mean
         :2.1977
                                      Mean
                                            :0.003715
                                                        Mean
                                                               :0.0034888
                    3rd Qu.: 5.0979
##
   3rd Qu.:2.7875
                                      3rd Qu.:0.000000
                                                        3rd Qu.:0.0052083
##
   Max.
         :3.8238
                           :31.5409
                                            :4.071102
                                                        Max.
                                                               :0.0098523
                    Max.
                                      Max.
##
         SM
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                   Min.
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                                       Min. :0.1
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                                                           : 0.0000
##
   1st Qu.:312.5
                   1st Qu.: 0.001164
                                       1st Qu.:0.1
                                                    1st Qu.: 0.4824
  Median :483.6
                   Median: 0.418600
                                       Median:0.1
                                                    Median: 9.1360
  Mean :423.7
                   Mean : 3.133739
                                      Mean
                                            :0.1
                                                    Mean
                                                          :17.3183
##
   3rd Qu.:592.1
                   3rd Qu.: 5.848726
                                       3rd Qu.:0.1
                                                    3rd Qu.:34.2015
                                             :0.1
   Max.
##
          :621.8
                   Max.
                          :23.573946
                                      Max.
                                                    Max.
                                                           :68.6643
##
         Q1
                          LZ
                                          Qsim
                    Min. : 2.000
                                           : 0.1000
##
          :0.1000
  Min.
                                    Min.
   1st Qu.:0.1000
                    1st Qu.: 2.000
                                    1st Qu.: 0.1116
##
## Median :0.1000
                    Median : 2.000
                                    Median: 0.6098
                    Mean : 2.832
## Mean :0.1438
                                    Mean : 3.2812
##
   3rd Qu.:0.1000
                    3rd Qu.: 2.000
                                     3rd Qu.: 5.9590
         :2.5000
                          :47.600
                                    Max.
                                           :23.6739
   Max.
                    Max.
```

#### Plot observed and simulated data for Run 1

```
# Plot and save the plot as a png image
plt_run1 <- plt_q(hbv_run_1)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/run_1.png", plot = plt_run1, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 600)
plt_run1  # Qsim > Qobs; Baseflow is flat
```



```
# Plot storages and save the plot as a png image
p_eta_s_all <- plt_s(hbv_run_1)
ggsave(filename=".../output/images/storages_run_1.png", plot = p_eta_s_all, width = 8, height = 10, dpi
p_eta_s_all</pre>
```



## Assess model performance of Run 1

```
# Assess model performance for run 1
pander(mod.performance(hbv_run_1$Qsim, hbv_run_1$Qobs)) # the model performs OK

RVE NSE
```

0.7723

8.191

Given the results, further examine the following two phenomena:

- 1. Whether changing the percolation changes the pattern of baseflow, and
- 2. Whether changing the recession coefficient for UZ changes the steepness of the Qsim curve to match Qobs.

# Object 2

Understand how making percolation (Perc) a function of the upper zone changes baseflow (Q1)

To achieve this objective, Perc is modeled as a function of UZ, specifically, as a certain percentage of UZ. For the purposes of examination, five different percentage values are chosen. Except for Perc, the initial conditions and parameter values are kept the same as in Run 1.

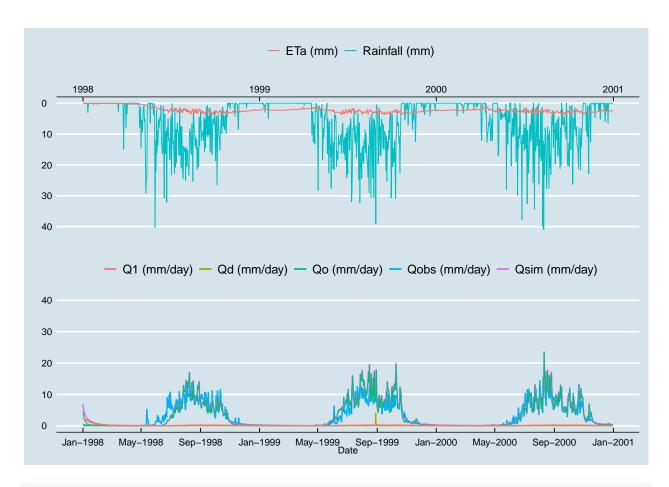
### Run 2.1 with percolation equal to 0.5% of UZ

```
# Make percolation dynamic
# Hence, set perc to 0 to forgo its use.
# Assume that 0.5% of the water in the upper zone percolates to the lower zone.
# Hence, declare pct_perc as:
pct_perc <- (0.5/100)
# Create a new data frame to store the values of Run 2.1
hbv_run_2_1 <- hbv_run(hbv, int_con, param, 0, pct_perc)
summary(hbv_run_2_1)</pre>
```

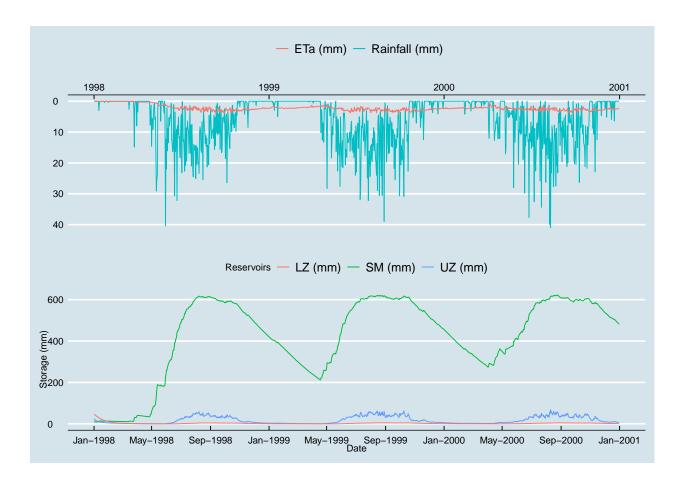
```
##
                              Qobs
         Date
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           :1998-01-01
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                                                                   :0.0004346
##
   1st Qu.:1.9741
                     1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                        1st Qu.:0.000000
                                                           1st Qu.:0.0008911
  Median :2.3284
                     Median : 0.1761
##
                                        Median :0.000000
                                                           Median :0.0025595
  Mean
                     Mean
                                               :0.003715
           :2.1977
                            : 3.1946
                                        Mean
                                                           Mean
                                                                   :0.0034888
##
   3rd Qu.:2.7875
                     3rd Qu.: 5.0979
                                        3rd Qu.:0.000000
                                                           3rd Qu.:0.0052083
##
   Max.
           :3.8238
                     Max.
                             :31.5409
                                        Max.
                                               :4.071102
                                                           Max.
                                                                   :0.0098523
##
          SM
                          Qo
                                              Perc
                                                                  UΖ
##
                                                :0.002682
                                                                   : 0.5363
  Min.
           : 9.6
                    Min.
                           : 0.001438
                                        Min.
                                                            Min.
##
   1st Qu.:312.5
                    1st Qu.: 0.035273
                                         1st Qu.:0.013280
                                                            1st Qu.: 2.6561
##
  Median :483.6
                    Median: 0.468239
                                        Median :0.048386
                                                            Median: 9.6182
## Mean
           :423.7
                           : 3.122114
                                         Mean
                                                :0.090046
                                                                   :17.9880
                    Mean
## 3rd Qu.:592.1
                    3rd Qu.: 5.767366
                                         3rd Qu.:0.169814
                                                            3rd Qu.:33.9628
##
   Max.
           :621.8
                    Max.
                           :23.391855
                                                :0.341993
                                                            Max.
                                                                   :68.3986
##
          Q1
                             LZ
                                                Qsim
##
           :0.004666
                              : 0.09331
                                                  : 0.006703
  Min.
                       Min.
                                           Min.
                       1st Qu.: 0.39668
                                           1st Qu.: 0.064360
##
  1st Qu.:0.019834
## Median :0.081671
                       Median : 1.62038
                                           Median: 0.636108
## Mean
           :0.134693
                              : 2.64932
                                                 : 3.260522
                       Mean
                                           Mean
   3rd Qu.:0.183785
                       3rd Qu.: 3.67169
                                           3rd Qu.: 5.915433
##
  Max.
           :2.500000
                       Max.
                               :47.65000
                                           Max.
                                                  :23.572344
```

### Plot observed and simulated data for Run 2.1

```
# Plot observed and simulated data
plt_run2_1 <- plt_q(hbv_run_2_1)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/run_2_1.png", plot = plt_run2_1, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 600)
# Baseflow changes with percipitation.
# Still Qsim >> Qobs.
plt_run2_1
```



```
# Plot storages for Run 2.1
p_eta_s_all <- plt_s(hbv_run_2_1)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/storages_run_2_1.png", plot = p_eta_s_all, width = 8, height = 10, dp
p_eta_s_all</pre>
```



### Assess model performance of Run 2.1

```
# Assess model performance for run 2.1
# Improvement compared to Run 1
pander(mod.performance(hbv_run_2_1$Qsim, hbv_run_2_1$Qobs))
```

RVE	NSE
7.507	0.7745

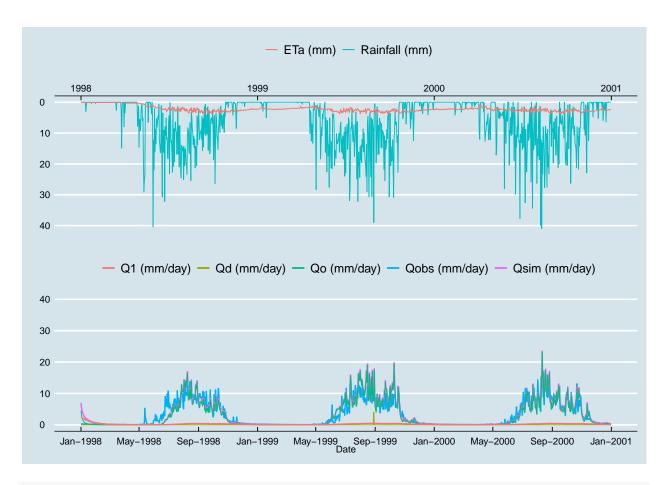
# Run 2.2 with percolation equal to 1% of UZ

```
# Make percolation dynamic
# Hence, set perc to 0.
# Assume that 1% of the water in the upper zone percolates to the lower zone.
# Hence, declare pct_perc as:
pct_perc <- (1/100)
# Create a new data frame to store the values of Run 2.2
hbv_run_2_2 <- hbv_run(hbv, int_con, param, 0, pct_perc)
summary(hbv_run_2_2)</pre>
```

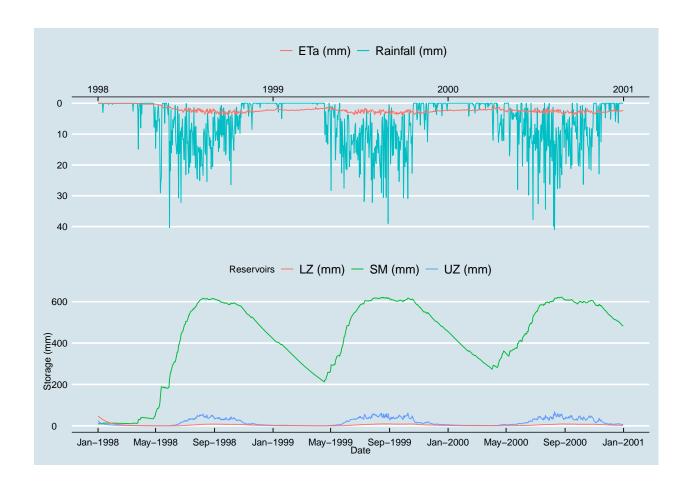
```
##
         Date
                              Qobs
                                                                 Etp
                                                : 0.000
   Min.
                                : 0.050
##
           :1998-01-01
                         Min.
                                                            Min.
                                                                   :1.80
                                          \mathtt{Min}.
                                          1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                            1st Qu.:3.10
   1st Qu.:1998-10-01
                         1st Qu.: 0.140
   Median :1999-07-02
                         Median : 0.670
                                          Median : 1.900
                                                            Median:3.50
##
   Mean
           :1999-07-02
                         Mean : 3.033
                                          Mean : 5.822
                                                            Mean :3.59
##
   3rd Qu.:2000-04-01
                         3rd Qu.: 5.810
                                          3rd Qu.:10.000
                                                            3rd Qu.:4.10
   Max.
           :2000-12-31
                         Max.
                                :16.090
                                                            Max.
                                                                   :5.70
                                          Max.
                                                  :41.000
                                                                 Cf
##
         Eta
                          Qin
                                             Qd
                            : 0.0000
                                               :0.000000
##
   Min.
           :0.0395
                     Min.
                                       Min.
                                                           Min.
                                                                  :0.0004346
                     1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                       1st Qu.:0.000000
##
   1st Qu.:1.9741
                                                           1st Qu.:0.0008911
   Median :2.3284
                     Median : 0.1761
                                       Median :0.000000
                                                           Median: 0.0025595
   Mean
          :2.1977
                           : 3.1946
                                       Mean
                                              :0.003715
                                                           Mean
                                                                  :0.0034888
##
                     Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:2.7875
                     3rd Qu.: 5.0979
                                       3rd Qu.:0.000000
                                                           3rd Qu.:0.0052083
##
                            :31.5409
                                                                  :0.0098523
   Max.
          :3.8238
                     Max.
                                       Max.
                                               :4.071102
                                                           Max.
##
          SM
                          Qo
                                             Perc
                                                                  UΖ
##
   Min.
         : 9.6
                    Min.
                          : 0.000242
                                        Min.
                                                :0.002201
                                                            Min.
                                                                  : 0.2201
##
   1st Qu.:312.5
                    1st Qu.: 0.024914
                                         1st Qu.:0.022322
                                                            1st Qu.: 2.2322
   Median :483.6
                    Median: 0.420695
                                        Median :0.091727
                                                            Median: 9.1259
                    Mean : 3.036808
   Mean
         :423.7
                                                                 :17.5457
##
                                        Mean
                                              :0.175673
                                                            Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:592.1
                    3rd Qu.: 5.591173
                                        3rd Qu.:0.334400
                                                            3rd Qu.:33.4400
##
   Max.
           :621.8
                    Max.
                           :23.071232
                                        Max.
                                               :0.679282
                                                            Max.
                                                                   :67.9282
##
          Q1
                             LZ
                                             Qsim
##
                              : 0.102
                                               : 0.005852
   Min.
           :0.005102
                       Min.
                                        Min.
   1st Qu.:0.033748
                       1st Qu.: 0.675
                                        1st Qu.: 0.070598
##
##
  Median :0.149268
                       Median : 2.974
                                        Median: 0.660703
  Mean
           :0.219439
                       Mean
                            : 4.345
                                        Mean
                                              : 3.259962
##
   3rd Qu.:0.358031
                       3rd Qu.: 7.159
                                        3rd Qu.: 5.867335
           :2.500000
                              :47.800
   Max.
                       Max.
                                        Max.
                                              :23.427345
```

### Plot observed and simulated data for Run 2.2

```
# Plot observed and simulated data
plt_run2_2 <- plt_q(hbv_run_2_2)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/run_2_2.png", plot = plt_run2_2, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 600)
# Baseflow changes with precipitation.
# Still Qsim >> Qobs.
plt_run2_2
```



```
# Plot storages for Run 2.2
p_eta_s_all <- plt_s(hbv_run_2_2)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/storages_run_2_2.png", plot = p_eta_s_all, width = 8, height = 10, dp
p_eta_s_all</pre>
```



### Assess model performance of Run 2.2

```
# Assess model performance for Run 2.2
# Slight improvement compared to Run 2.1 and perceptible improvement over Run 1.
pander(mod.performance(hbv_run_2_2$Qsim, hbv_run_2_2$Qobs))
```

RVE	NSE
7.489	0.7767

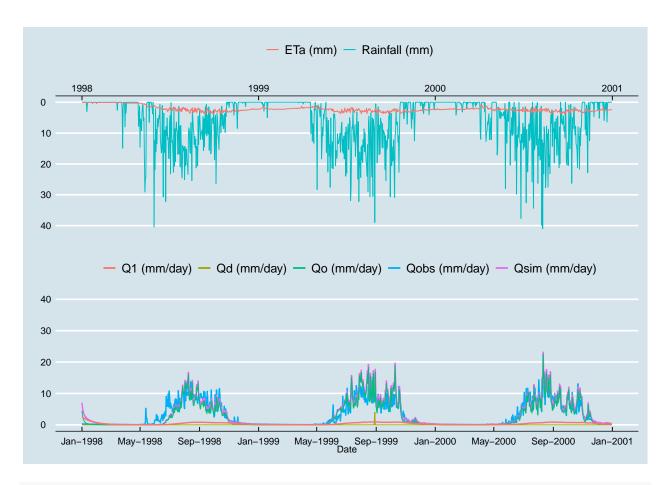
# Run 2.3 with percolation equal to 2% of UZ

```
# Make percolation dynamic
# Hence, set perc to 0.
# Assume that 2% of the water in the upper zone percolates to the lower zone.
# Hence, declare pct_perc as:
pct_perc <- (2/100)
# Create a new data frame to store the values of Run 2.3
hbv_run_2_3 <- hbv_run(hbv, int_con, param, 0, pct_perc)
summary(hbv_run_2_3)</pre>
```

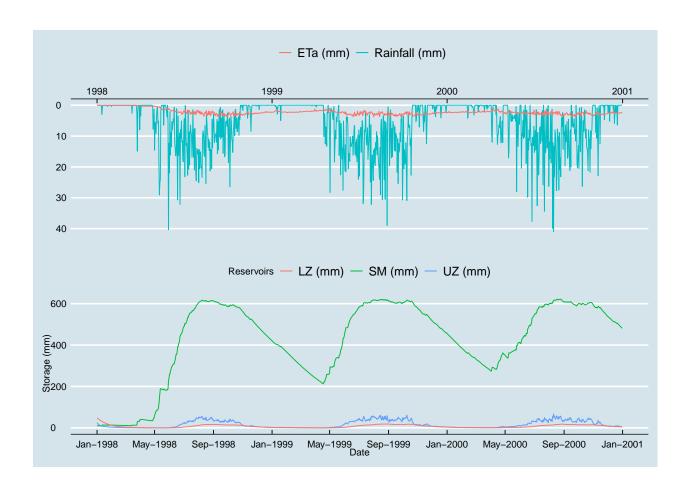
```
##
         Date
                              Qobs
                                                                Etp
                                               : 0.000
                               : 0.050
##
   Min.
           :1998-01-01
                         Min.
                                                           Min.
                                                                   :1.80
                                          \mathtt{Min}.
                                          1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                           1st Qu.:3.10
   1st Qu.:1998-10-01
                         1st Qu.: 0.140
   Median :1999-07-02
                         Median : 0.670
                                          Median : 1.900
                                                           Median:3.50
##
   Mean
           :1999-07-02
                         Mean : 3.033
                                          Mean : 5.822
                                                           Mean :3.59
##
   3rd Qu.:2000-04-01
                         3rd Qu.: 5.810
                                          3rd Qu.:10.000
                                                           3rd Qu.:4.10
   Max.
           :2000-12-31
                         Max.
                                :16.090
                                                 :41.000
                                                           Max.
                                                                  :5.70
                                          Max.
                                                                Cf
##
         Eta
                          Qin
                                             Qd
                            : 0.0000
##
   Min.
           :0.0395
                     Min.
                                       Min.
                                              :0.000000
                                                          Min.
                                                                  :0.0004346
                     1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                       1st Qu.:0.000000
##
   1st Qu.:1.9741
                                                           1st Qu.:0.0008911
   Median :2.3284
                     Median : 0.1761
                                       Median :0.000000
                                                          Median :0.0025595
   Mean
          :2.1977
                           : 3.1946
                                       Mean
                                              :0.003715
                                                          Mean
                                                                  :0.0034888
##
                     Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:2.7875
                     3rd Qu.: 5.0979
                                       3rd Qu.:0.000000
                                                           3rd Qu.:0.0052083
                                              :4.071102
##
                            :31.5409
                                       Max.
                                                                  :0.0098523
   Max.
          :3.8238
                     Max.
                                                          Max.
##
          SM
                          Qo
                                            Perc
                                                               UZ
##
   Min.
         : 9.6
                    Min.
                          : 0.00000
                                       Min.
                                              :0.00000
                                                         Min.
                                                                : 0.000
##
   1st Qu.:312.5
                    1st Qu.: 0.01251
                                       1st Qu.:0.03164
                                                         1st Qu.: 1.582
  Median :483.6
                    Median : 0.33760
                                       Median :0.16434
                                                         Median: 8.192
                                       Mean
   Mean
         :423.7
                    Mean : 2.87731
                                             :0.33585
                                                               :16.770
##
                                                         Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:592.1
                    3rd Qu.: 5.25230
                                       3rd Qu.:0.64822
                                                         3rd Qu.:32.411
##
   Max.
           :621.8
                    Max.
                           :22.44928
                                       Max.
                                              :1.34013
                                                         Max.
                                                                :67.006
##
          Q1
                             LZ
                                               Qsim
##
                              : 0.07506
                                                 : 0.003988
   Min.
           :0.003753
                       Min.
                                          Min.
   1st Qu.:0.051264
                       1st Qu.: 1.02527
                                          1st Qu.: 0.079190
##
## Median :0.266306
                       Median : 5.30762
                                          Median: 0.717517
  Mean
           :0.378101
                       Mean
                            : 7.52021
                                          Mean : 3.259123
##
   3rd Qu.:0.686753
                       3rd Qu.:13.72585
                                          3rd Qu.: 5.883879
           :2.500000
                              :48.10000
   Max.
                       Max.
                                          Max.
                                                 :23.142554
```

#### Plot observed and simulated data for Run 2.3

```
# Plot observed and simulated data
plt_run2_3 <- plt_q(hbv_run_2_3)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/run_2_3.png", plot = plt_run2_3, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 600)
# Baseflow changes with precipitation.
# Still Qsim >> Qobs.
plt_run2_3
```



```
# Plot storages for Run 2.3
p_eta_s_all <- plt_s(hbv_run_2_3)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/storages_run_2_3.png", plot = p_eta_s_all, width = 8, height = 10, dp
p_eta_s_all</pre>
```



### Assess model performance of Run 2.3

```
# Assess model performance for run 2.3
# Improvement compared to run 1
pander(mod.performance(hbv_run_2_3$Qsim, hbv_run_2_3$Qobs))
```

RVE	NSE
7.461	0.7807

# Run 2.4 with percolation equal to 5% of UZ

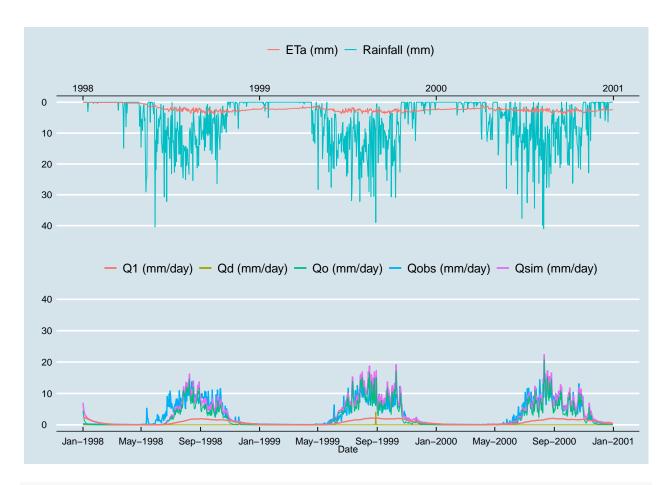
```
# Make percolation dynamic
# Hence, set perc to 0.
# Assume that 5% of the water in the upper zone percolates to the lower zone.
# Hence, declare pct_perc as:
pct_perc <- (5/100)

# Create a new dataframe to store the values of Run 2.4
hbv_run_2_4 <- hbv_run(hbv, int_con, param, 0, pct_perc)
summary(hbv_run_2_4)</pre>
```

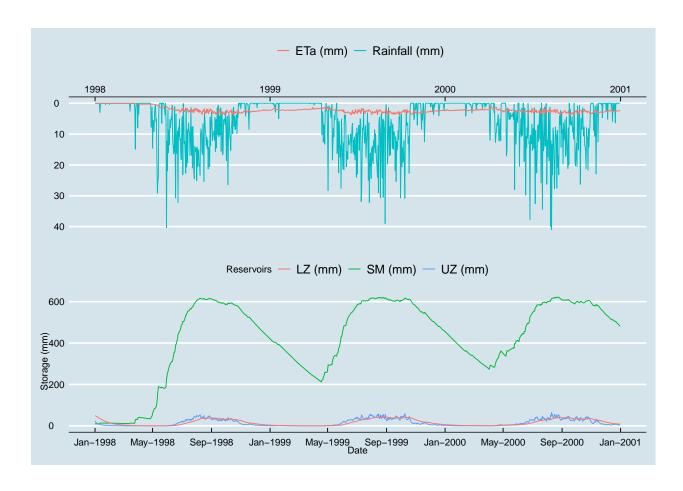
```
##
         Date
                              Qobs
                                                                Etp
                                               : 0.000
                               : 0.050
##
   Min.
           :1998-01-01
                         Min.
                                          Min.
                                                           Min.
                                                                  :1.80
                                          1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                           1st Qu.:3.10
   1st Qu.:1998-10-01
                         1st Qu.: 0.140
   Median :1999-07-02
                         Median : 0.670
                                          Median : 1.900
                                                           Median:3.50
##
   Mean
           :1999-07-02
                         Mean : 3.033
                                          Mean : 5.822
                                                           Mean :3.59
##
   3rd Qu.:2000-04-01
                         3rd Qu.: 5.810
                                          3rd Qu.:10.000
                                                           3rd Qu.:4.10
   Max.
          :2000-12-31
                         Max.
                                :16.090
                                                 :41.000
                                                           Max.
                                                                  :5.70
                                          Max.
                                                                Cf
##
        Eta
                          Qin
                                             Qd
                            : 0.0000
##
   Min.
           :0.0395
                     Min.
                                       Min.
                                              :0.000000
                                                          Min.
                                                                 :0.0004346
                     1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                       1st Qu.:0.000000
##
   1st Qu.:1.9741
                                                          1st Qu.:0.0008911
   Median :2.3284
                     Median : 0.1761
                                       Median :0.000000
                                                          Median :0.0025595
   Mean
          :2.1977
                           : 3.1946
                                       Mean
                                              :0.003715
                                                          Mean
                                                                 :0.0034888
##
                     Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:2.7875
                     3rd Qu.: 5.0979
                                       3rd Qu.:0.000000
                                                          3rd Qu.:0.0052083
                                              :4.071102
##
                            :31.5409
                                       Max.
                                                                 :0.0098523
   Max.
          :3.8238
                     Max.
                                                          Max.
##
          SM
                          Qo
                                             Perc
                                                               UZ
##
   Min.
         : 9.6
                    Min.
                          : 0.000000
                                        Min.
                                               :0.0000
                                                         Min.
                                                                : 0.0000
##
   1st Qu.:312.5
                    1st Qu.: 0.002205
                                        1st Qu.:0.0332
                                                         1st Qu.: 0.6641
   Median :483.6
                    Median: 0.186896
                                        Median :0.3057
                                                         Median: 6.0819
   Mean
         :423.7
                         : 2.464795
                                        Mean
                                              :0.7501
                                                                :14.9768
##
                    Mean
                                                         Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:592.1
                    3rd Qu.: 4.460014
                                        3rd Qu.:1.4933
                                                         3rd Qu.:29.7437
##
   Max.
           :621.8
                    Max.
                           :20.729747
                                        Max.
                                               :3.2195
                                                         Max.
                                                                :64.3890
##
          Q1
                             LZ
                                               Qsim
##
                              : 0.03817
                                                 : 0.002005
   Min.
           :0.001909
                       Min.
                                          Min.
   1st Qu.:0.070064
                       1st Qu.: 1.40128
                                          1st Qu.: 0.085515
##
## Median :0.526740
                       Median :10.46845
                                          Median: 0.888829
  Mean
           :0.789357
                       Mean
                              :15.74904
                                          Mean : 3.257867
##
   3rd Qu.:1.560610
                       3rd Qu.:31.19767
                                          3rd Qu.: 5.844836
           :2.500000
                              :49.00000
   Max.
                       Max.
                                          Max.
                                                 :22.330117
```

#### Plot observed and simulated data for Run 2.4

```
# Plot observed and simulated data
plt_run2_4 <- plt_q(hbv_run_2_4)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/run_2_4.png", plot = plt_run2_4, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 600)
# Baseflow changes with precipitation.
# Still Qsim >> Qobs.
plt_run2_4
```



```
# Plot storages for Run 2.4
p_eta_s_all <- plt_s(hbv_run_2_4)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/storages_run_2_4.png", plot = p_eta_s_all, width = 8, height = 10, dp
p_eta_s_all</pre>
```



### Assess model performance of Run 2.4

```
# Assess model performance for run 2.4
# Slight improvement compared to run 2.3
pander(mod.performance(hbv_run_2_4$Qsim, hbv_run_2_4$Qobs))
```

RVE	NSE
7.42	0.7892

# Run 2.5 with percolation equal to 10% of UZ

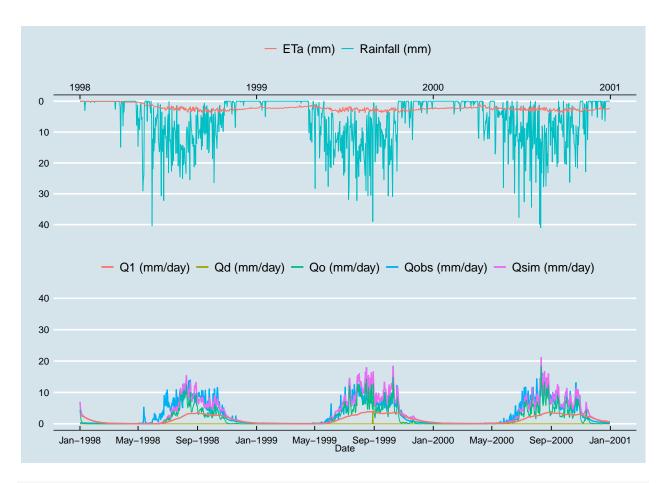
```
# Make percolation dynamic
# Hence, set perc to 0.
# Assume that 10% of the water in the upper zone percolates to the lower zone.
# Hence, declare pct_perc as:
pct_perc <- (10/100)

# Create a new dataframe to store the values of Run 2.4
hbv_run_2_5 <- hbv_run(hbv, int_con, param, 0, pct_perc)
summary(hbv_run_2_5)</pre>
```

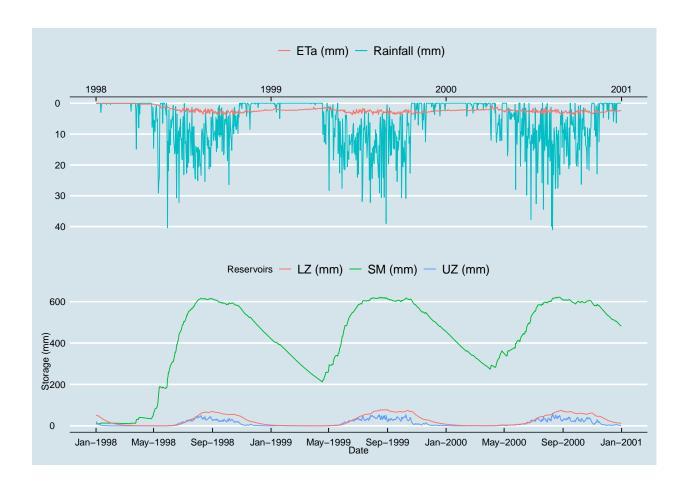
```
##
         Date
                              Qobs
                                                                Etp
                                               : 0.000
                               : 0.050
##
   Min.
           :1998-01-01
                         Min.
                                          Min.
                                                           Min.
                                                                  :1.80
                                          1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                           1st Qu.:3.10
   1st Qu.:1998-10-01
                         1st Qu.: 0.140
   Median :1999-07-02
                         Median : 0.670
                                          Median : 1.900
                                                           Median:3.50
##
   Mean
           :1999-07-02
                         Mean : 3.033
                                          Mean : 5.822
                                                           Mean :3.59
##
   3rd Qu.:2000-04-01
                         3rd Qu.: 5.810
                                          3rd Qu.:10.000
                                                           3rd Qu.:4.10
   Max.
          :2000-12-31
                         Max.
                                :16.090
                                          Max.
                                                 :41.000
                                                           Max.
                                                                  :5.70
                          Qin
                                                                Cf
##
        Eta
                                             Qd
                            : 0.0000
##
   Min.
           :0.0395
                     Min.
                                       Min.
                                              :0.000000
                                                          Min.
                                                                 :0.0004346
                     1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                       1st Qu.:0.000000
##
   1st Qu.:1.9741
                                                          1st Qu.:0.0008911
   Median :2.3284
                     Median : 0.1761
                                       Median :0.000000
                                                          Median: 0.0025595
##
   Mean
          :2.1977
                           : 3.1946
                                       Mean
                                              :0.003715
                                                          Mean
                                                                 :0.0034888
                     Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:2.7875
                     3rd Qu.: 5.0979
                                       3rd Qu.:0.000000
                                                          3rd Qu.:0.0052083
##
          :3.8238
                            :31.5409
                                       Max.
                                              :4.071102
                                                          Max.
                                                                 :0.0098523
   Max.
                     Max.
##
          SM
                          Qo
                                             Perc
                                                                UΖ
##
   Min.
         : 9.6
                    Min.
                          : 0.000000
                                        Min.
                                               :0.00000
                                                          Min.
                                                                : 0.0000
##
   1st Qu.:312.5
                    1st Qu.: 0.000234
                                        1st Qu.:0.02164
                                                          1st Qu.: 0.2164
   Median :483.6
                    Median: 0.075352
                                        Median :0.38820
                                                          Median: 3.8537
   Mean
         :423.7
                    Mean : 1.934037
                                        Mean
                                              :1.28158
                                                                :12.7898
##
                                                          Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:592.1
                    3rd Qu.: 3.317469
                                        3rd Qu.:2.57584
                                                          3rd Qu.:25.7239
##
   Max.
           :621.8
                    Max.
                          :18.299772
                                        Max.
                                               :6.04976
                                                          Max.
                                                                 :60.4976
##
          Q1
                             LZ
                                               Qsim
##
                              : 0.02964
                                                 : 0.001579
   Min.
           :0.001482
                       Min.
                                          Min.
   1st Qu.:0.081324
                       1st Qu.: 1.62649
                                          1st Qu.: 0.089260
##
                       Median :15.38138
## Median :0.769461
                                          Median: 1.021903
  Mean
          :1.319096
                      Mean
                              :26.34698
                                          Mean : 3.256848
##
   3rd Qu.:2.688145
                       3rd Qu.:53.76290
                                          3rd Qu.: 5.882153
          :3.887816
                              :77.75633
   Max.
                       Max.
                                          Max.
                                                :21.113316
```

#### Plot observed and simulated data for Run 2.5

```
# Plot observed and simulated data
plt_run2_5 <- plt_q(hbv_run_2_5)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/run_2_5.png", plot = plt_run2_5, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 600)
# Baseflow changes with precipitation.
# Still Qsim >> Qobs.
plt_run2_5
```



```
# Plot storages for Run 2.4
p_eta_s_all <- plt_s(hbv_run_2_5)
ggsave(filename=".../output/images/storages_run_2_5.png", plot = p_eta_s_all, width = 8, height = 10, dp
p_eta_s_all</pre>
```

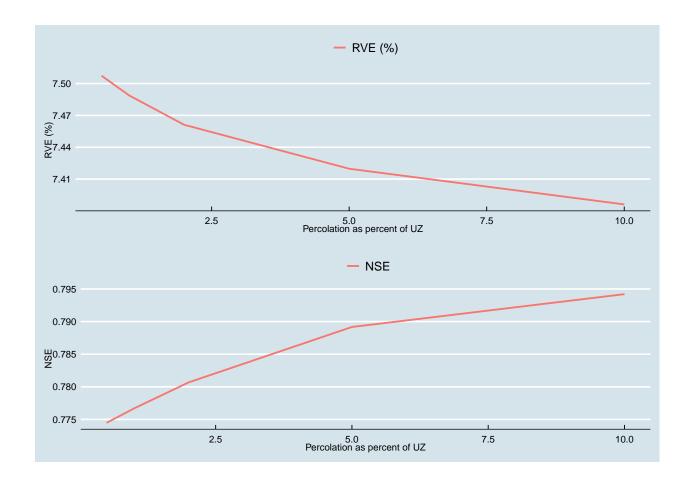


### Assess model performance of Run 2.5

```
# Assess model performance for run 2.5
# Slight improvement compared to Run 2.4
pander(mod.performance(hbv_run_2_5$Qsim, hbv_run_2_5$Qobs))
```

RVE	NSE
7.386	0.7942

```
mod.performance(hbv_run_2_2$Qsim, hbv_run_2_2$Qobs)[2],
                            mod.performance(hbv_run_2_3$Qsim, hbv_run_2_3$Qobs)[2],
                            mod.performance(hbv_run_2_4$Qsim, hbv_run_2_4$Qobs)[2],
                           mod.performance(hbv_run_2_5$Qsim, hbv_run_2_5$Qobs)[2]
                               # Returns a list
NSE <- unlist(NSE)</pre>
                     # Unlist
# Create a data frame
df <- data.frame(Percent = c(0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10), RVE = RVE, NSE = NSE)
# Plot RVE
p_rve <- ggplot(df, aes(x = Percent)) +</pre>
    geom_line(aes(y = RVE, colour = "RVE (%)"), size = 1) +
    guides(colour=guide_legend(title="")) +
    ylab("RVE (%)") +
    xlab("Percolation as percent of UZ") +
    theme_economist()
# Plot NSE
p_nse \leftarrow ggplot(df, aes(x = Percent)) +
    geom_line(aes(y = NSE, colour = "NSE"), size = 1) +
    ylab("NSE") +
    xlab("Percolation as percent of UZ") +
    guides(colour = guide_legend(title="")) +
    theme_economist()
# Put the two plots together
p_rve_nse <- plot_grid(p_rve, p_nse, ncol=1)</pre>
ggsave(filename="../output/images/run_2_errors.png", plot = p_rve_nse, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 60
p_rve_nse
```



# Object 3

Understand how changing recession coefficient changes quick discharge (Qo) with percolation of 5% of UZ

It is understood that the recession coefficient is dependent on the ground condition. For the purposes of the assignment, this information is not available. Hence, several kf values can be tested to come up with an optimized value. So, five different models are run, with values of Kf that successively increase (Kf =  $\{0.001, 0.003, 0.005, 0.007, 0.009, 0.01\}$  (per day)). The Kf is tuned by keeping the initial conditions the same as in Run 1 and 2 (all) and taking the percolation to be 5% of UZ.

### Run 3.1 with Kf = 0.001/day

```
"lp" = 1, # unchanged
                "cflux" = 0.01, # unchanged
                "alpha" = 1,
                                  # unchanged
                "kf" = 0.001,
                                  # Changed from 0.005
                "ks" = 0.05 # unchanged
                )
# Make percolation dynamic
# Hence, set perc to O.
# Assume that 5% of the water in the upper zone percolates to the lower zone.
# Hence, declare pct_perc as:
pct_perc <- (5/100)</pre>
# Create a new data frame to store the values of Run 3.1
hbv_run_3_1 <- hbv_run(hbv, int_con, param, 0, pct_perc)</pre>
summary(hbv_run_3_1)
##
         Date
                              Qobs
                                                Ρ
                                                                 Etp
##
                         Min. : 0.050
                                          Min. : 0.000
  Min.
           :1998-01-01
                                                           Min.
                                                                   :1.80
   1st Qu.:1998-10-01
                         1st Qu.: 0.140
                                          1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                           1st Qu.:3.10
                                          Median : 1.900
##
  Median :1999-07-02
                         Median : 0.670
                                                           Median:3.50
## Mean
           :1999-07-02
                         Mean
                               : 3.033
                                          Mean
                                                 : 5.822
                                                           Mean
                                                                  :3.59
##
   3rd Qu.:2000-04-01
                         3rd Qu.: 5.810
                                          3rd Qu.:10.000
                                                           3rd Qu.:4.10
##
  Max.
           :2000-12-31
                         Max.
                                :16.090
                                          Max.
                                                 :41.000
                                                           Max.
                                                                  :5.70
                                                                Cf
##
         Eta
                          Qin
                                             Qd
##
                            : 0.0000
                                              :0.000000
                                                                  :0.0004346
   Min.
           :0.0395
                     Min.
                                       Min.
                                                           Min.
   1st Qu.:1.9741
                     1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                       1st Qu.:0.000000
                                                           1st Qu.:0.0008911
##
  Median :2.3284
                     Median : 0.1761
                                       Median :0.000000
                                                          Median :0.0025595
##
   Mean
           :2.1977
                           : 3.1946
                                              :0.003715
                                                                  :0.0034888
                     Mean
                                       Mean
                                                           Mean
                                       3rd Qu.:0.000000
##
   3rd Qu.:2.7875
                     3rd Qu.: 5.0979
                                                           3rd Qu.:0.0052083
##
   Max.
           :3.8238
                            :31.5409
                                              :4.071102
                                                                  :0.0098523
##
          SM
                          Qo
                                                                UZ
                                             Perc
##
   Min.
          : 9.6
                    Min.
                          : 0.000000
                                        Min.
                                               :0.00000
                                                          Min.
                                                                  : 0.0000
                                        1st Qu.:0.04654
                                                           1st Qu.: 0.9307
##
   1st Qu.:312.5
                    1st Qu.: 0.000866
  Median :483.6
                    Median : 0.118782
                                        Median :0.54493
                                                          Median: 10.8118
  Mean
          :423.7
                          : 1.796393
                                               :1.41602
                                                                 : 28.2984
##
                    Mean
                                        Mean
                                                          Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:592.1
                    3rd Qu.: 3.400321
                                        3rd Qu.:2.91561
                                                           3rd Qu.: 58.3122
##
   Max.
          :621.8
                    Max.
                           :11.062155
                                        Max.
                                               :5.25884
                                                          Max.
                                                                :105.1768
##
          Q1
                             LZ
                                               Qsim
## Min.
           :0.003064
                       Min.
                              : 0.06127
                                          Min.
                                                 : 0.003083
##
   1st Qu.:0.103721
                       1st Qu.: 2.07442
                                          1st Qu.: 0.114599
## Median :0.881038
                       Median :17.57361
                                          Median: 1.188126
## Mean
           :1.448369
                       Mean
                              :28.93610
                                          Mean
                                                : 3.248477
##
   3rd Qu.:2.905459
                       3rd Qu.:58.10918
                                          3rd Qu.: 6.350643
```

Plot observed and simulated data for Run 3.1

Max.

:84.76862

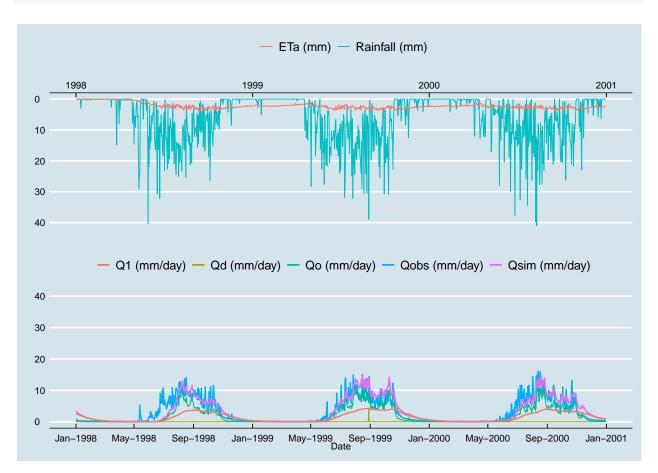
:4.238431

Max.

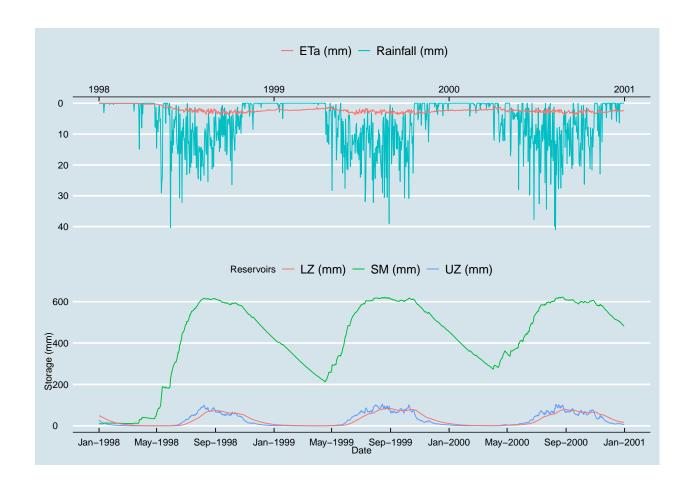
Max.

:15.063411

```
# Plot observed and simulated data
plt_run3_1 <- plt_q(hbv_run_3_1)
ggsave(filename=".../output/images/run_3_1.png", plot = plt_run3_1, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 600)
plt_run3_1</pre>
```



```
# Plot storages
p_eta_s_all <- plt_s(hbv_run_3_1)
ggsave(filename=".../output/images/storages_run_3_1.png", plot = p_eta_s_all, width = 8, height = 10, dp
p_eta_s_all</pre>
```



# Assess model performance of Run 3.1

```
# Assess model performance for run 3.1
pander(mod.performance(hbv_run_3_1$Qsim, hbv_run_3_1$Qobs)) # RVE gets better;

RVE NSE
7.11 0.7685
```

# NSE worsens (at 10th decimal place)

## Run 3.2 with Kf = $0.003/\mathrm{day}$

```
"beta" = 4,

"lp" = 1,

"cflux" = 0.01,

"alpha" = 1,

"kf" = 0.003,  # Changed from 0.001

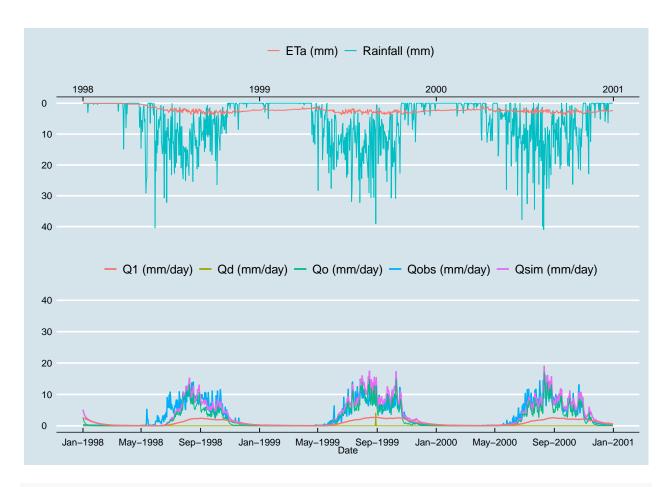
"ks" = 0.05
)
```

```
# Create a new dataframe to store the values of Run 3.2
hbv_run_3_2 <- hbv_run(hbv, int_con, param, 0, pct_perc)
summary(hbv_run_3_2)</pre>
```

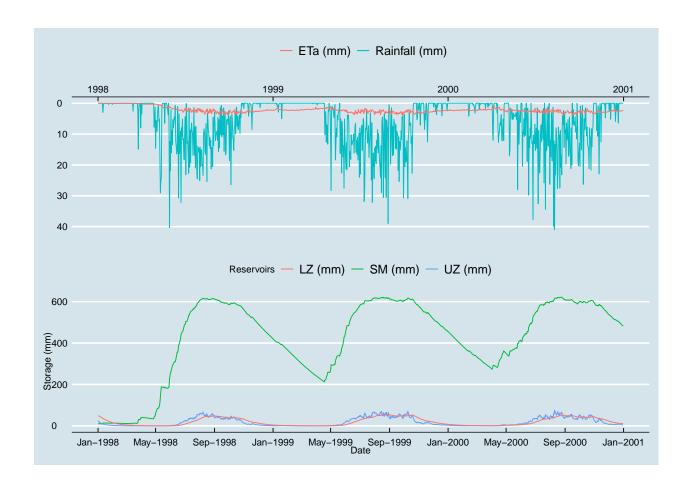
```
##
                              Qobs
                                                P
                                                                Etp
         Date
   Min.
           :1998-01-01
                        Min.
                               : 0.050
                                         Min.
                                                : 0.000
                                                           Min.
                                                                 :1.80
##
   1st Qu.:1998-10-01
                        1st Qu.: 0.140
                                         1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                           1st Qu.:3.10
   Median :1999-07-02
                        Median : 0.670
                                         Median : 1.900
                                                          Median:3.50
##
          :1999-07-02
                        Mean : 3.033
                                         Mean : 5.822
  Mean
                                                          Mean :3.59
   3rd Qu.:2000-04-01
                        3rd Qu.: 5.810
                                         3rd Qu.:10.000
                                                           3rd Qu.:4.10
          :2000-12-31
                                                                 :5.70
##
   Max.
                        Max.
                               :16.090
                                         Max.
                                                 :41.000
                                                          Max.
##
        Eta
                         Qin
                                            Qd
                                                               Cf
##
                           : 0.0000
                                              :0.000000
                                                                 :0.0004346
   Min.
          :0.0395
                    Min.
                                      Min.
                                                         Min.
   1st Qu.:1.9741
                    1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                      1st Qu.:0.000000
                                                          1st Qu.:0.0008911
   Median :2.3284
                    Median : 0.1761
                                      Median :0.000000
                                                         Median: 0.0025595
##
##
   Mean
          :2.1977
                          : 3.1946
                                             :0.003715
                                                                 :0.0034888
                    Mean
                                      Mean
                                                         Mean
##
   3rd Qu.:2.7875
                    3rd Qu.: 5.0979
                                       3rd Qu.:0.000000
                                                          3rd Qu.:0.0052083
##
   Max.
          :3.8238
                           :31.5409
                                              :4.071102
                                                                 :0.0098523
                    Max.
                                      Max.
                                                         Max.
##
          SM
                         Qo
                                             Perc
                                                                UΖ
                          : 0.000000
##
                                              :0.00000
                                                                : 0.0000
   Min.
         : 9.6
                                       Min.
                                                         Min.
                   Min.
   1st Qu.:312.5
                   1st Qu.: 0.001772
                                       1st Qu.:0.03843
                                                          1st Qu.: 0.7687
                                                         Median: 7.4699
                                       Median :0.37439
##
  Median :483.6
                   Median : 0.168202
   Mean
         :423.7
                   Mean : 2.283741
                                       Mean
                                             :0.93038
##
                                                         Mean
                                                                 :18.5840
##
   3rd Qu.:592.1
                   3rd Qu.: 4.139359
                                        3rd Qu.:1.85727
                                                          3rd Qu.:37.1455
           :621.8
                          :16.992773
                                              :3.76306
##
   Max.
                   Max.
                                       Max.
                                                          Max.
                                                               :75.2613
##
          Q1
                            LZ
                                               Qsim
                             : 0.04447
                                                : 0.002281
##
   Min.
           :0.002223
                      Min.
                                         Min.
##
   1st Qu.:0.081162
                      1st Qu.: 1.62324
                                         1st Qu.: 0.096131
  Median :0.631122
                     Median :12.53195
                                         Median: 0.947335
##
  Mean
          :0.967869
                      Mean
                              :19.32105
                                         Mean : 3.255325
##
   3rd Qu.:1.931758
                      3rd Qu.:38.62639
                                         3rd Qu.: 5.970991
##
   Max.
          :2.698336
                      Max.
                              :53.96673
                                         Max.
                                                :18.970384
```

### Plot observed and simulated data for Run 3.2

```
# Plot observed and simulated data
plt_run3_2 <- plt_q(hbv_run_3_2)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/run_3_2.png", plot = plt_run3_2, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 600)
plt_run3_2</pre>
```



```
# Plot storages
p_eta_s_all <- plt_s(hbv_run_3_2)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/storages_run_3_2.png", plot = p_eta_s_all, width = 8, height = 10, dp
p_eta_s_all</pre>
```



### Assess model performance of Run 3.2

```
# Assess model performance for run 3.2
pander(mod.performance(hbv_run_3_2$Qsim, hbv_run_3_2$Qobs)) # RVE worsens (10th decimal place),

RVE NSE
7.336 0.7983
```

# NSE improves

Run 3.3 with Kf = 0.007/day

```
"kf" = 0.007, # Changed from 0.003
"ks" = 0.05
)

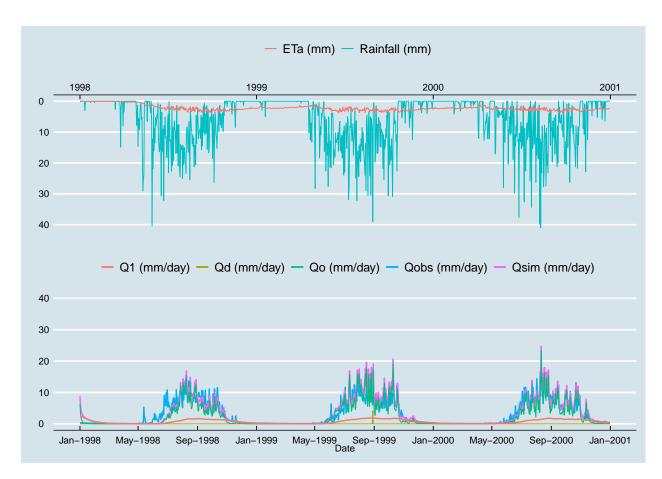
# Create a new dataframe to store the values of Run 3.3
hbv_run_3_3 <- hbv_run(hbv, int_con, param, 0, pct_perc)</pre>
```

```
##
         Date
                              Qobs
                                                Ρ
                                                                Etp
   Min.
           :1998-01-01
                         Min.
                                : 0.050
                                          Min.
                                                 : 0.000
                                                           Min.
                                                                 :1.80
                         1st Qu.: 0.140
                                          1st Qu.: 0.000
   1st Qu.:1998-10-01
                                                           1st Qu.:3.10
   Median :1999-07-02
                         Median : 0.670
                                          Median : 1.900
                                                           Median:3.50
##
   Mean
           :1999-07-02
                         Mean
                               : 3.033
                                          Mean : 5.822
                                                           Mean
                                                                 :3.59
   3rd Qu.:2000-04-01
                         3rd Qu.: 5.810
                                          3rd Qu.:10.000
                                                           3rd Qu.:4.10
##
   Max.
           :2000-12-31
                         Max.
                                :16.090
                                          Max.
                                                 :41.000
                                                           Max.
                                                                 :5.70
        Eta
                                             Qd
                                                                Cf
##
                          Qin
##
           :0.0395
                          : 0.0000
                                              :0.000000
                                                                  :0.0004346
   Min.
                     Min.
                                       Min.
                                                          Min.
   1st Qu.:1.9741
                     1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                       1st Qu.:0.000000
                                                           1st Qu.:0.0008911
##
   Median :2.3284
                     Median : 0.1761
                                       Median :0.000000
                                                          Median :0.0025595
##
##
   Mean :2.1977
                     Mean : 3.1946
                                       Mean
                                              :0.003715
                                                          Mean
                                                                  :0.0034888
##
   3rd Qu.:2.7875
                                       3rd Qu.:0.000000
                                                           3rd Qu.:0.0052083
                     3rd Qu.: 5.0979
##
   Max.
          :3.8238
                     Max.
                            :31.5409
                                       Max.
                                              :4.071102
                                                          Max.
                                                                 :0.0098523
                                                                UZ
##
          SM
                          Qo
                                             Perc
##
          : 9.6
                           : 0.000000
                                               :0.00000
                                                                  : 0.000
   Min.
                    \mathtt{Min}.
                                        Min.
                                                          Min.
   1st Qu.:312.5
                    1st Qu.: 0.002545
                                        1st Qu.:0.03015
                                                           1st Qu.: 0.603
   Median :483.6
                    Median: 0.204477
                                        Median :0.27024
                                                          Median : 5.386
##
   Mean
          :423.7
                    Mean
                         : 2.568327
                                        Mean
                                              :0.64699
                                                           Mean
                                                                  :12.915
##
   3rd Qu.:592.1
                    3rd Qu.: 4.489272
                                        3rd Qu.:1.26622
                                                           3rd Qu.:25.237
##
   Max.
           :621.8
                    Max.
                           :23.416658
                                              :2.89190
                                                           Max.
                                                                :57.838
##
          Q1
                             LZ
                                               Qsim
##
           :0.001719
                              : 0.03439
                                                 : 0.001854
   Min.
                       Min.
                                          Min.
##
   1st Qu.:0.064020
                       1st Qu.: 1.28041
                                          1st Qu.: 0.078268
  Median :0.461361
                       Median: 9.20194
                                          Median: 0.825696
##
           :0.687314
                              :13.70717
                                                 : 3.259356
  Mean
                       Mean
                                          Mean
   3rd Qu.:1.348530
                       3rd Qu.:26.95993
                                          3rd Qu.: 5.747671
##
##
   Max.
           :2.500000
                       Max.
                              :49.00000
                                          Max.
                                                 :24.800677
```

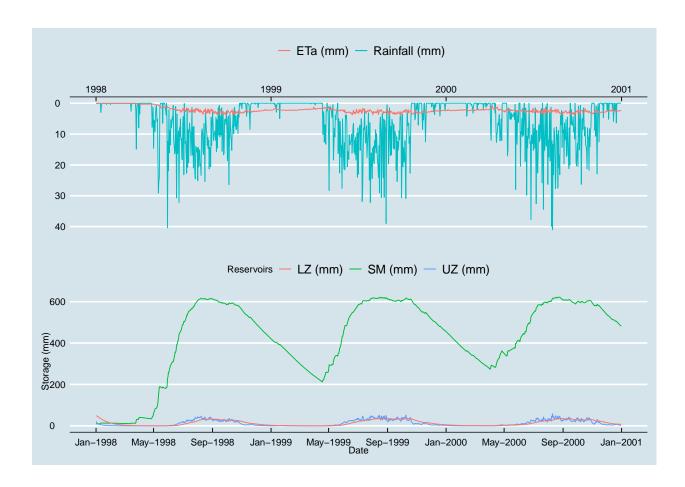
### Plot observed and simulated data for Run 3.3

summary(hbv\_run\_3\_3)

```
# Plot observed and simulated data
plt_run3_3 <- plt_q(hbv_run_3_3)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/run_3_3.png", plot = plt_run3_3, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 600)
plt_run3_3</pre>
```



```
# Plot storages
p_eta_s_all <- plt_s(hbv_run_3_3)
ggsave(filename=".../output/images/storages_run_3_3.png", plot = p_eta_s_all, width = 8, height = 10, dp
p_eta_s_all</pre>
```



### Assess model performance of Run 3.3

Run 3.4 with Kf = 0.009/day

```
# Assess model performance for run 3.3
pander(mod.performance(hbv_run_3_3$Qsim, hbv_run_3_3$Qobs)) # RVE worsens, NSE worsens

RVE NSE
```

0.771

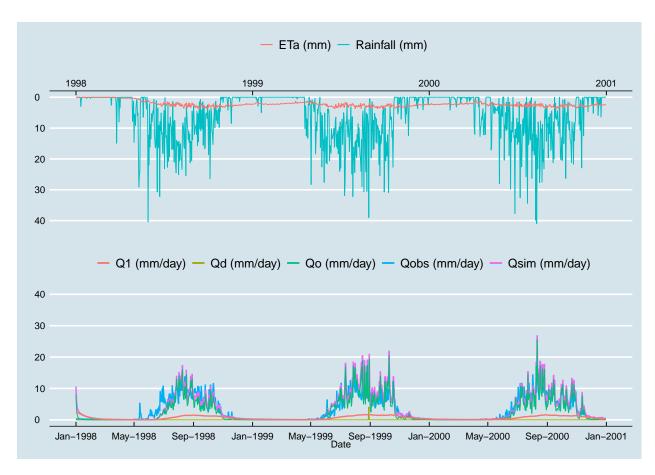
7.469

```
# Create a new dataframe to store the values of Run 3.4
hbv_run_3_4 <- hbv_run(hbv, int_con, param, 0, pct_perc)
summary(hbv_run_3_4)</pre>
```

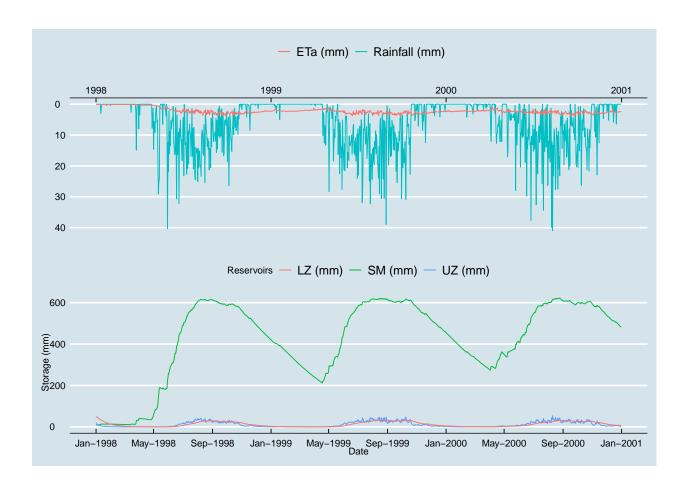
```
Etp
##
        Date
                              Qobs
##
   Min.
          :1998-01-01
                        Min. : 0.050
                                         Min. : 0.000
                                                           Min. :1.80
##
   1st Qu.:1998-10-01
                        1st Qu.: 0.140
                                          1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                           1st Qu.:3.10
   Median :1999-07-02
                        Median : 0.670
                                          Median : 1.900
                                                           Median:3.50
          :1999-07-02
                        Mean : 3.033
##
  Mean
                                         Mean
                                               : 5.822
                                                           Mean
                                                                :3.59
##
   3rd Qu.:2000-04-01
                         3rd Qu.: 5.810
                                          3rd Qu.:10.000
                                                           3rd Qu.:4.10
                        Max. :16.090
                                                 :41.000
          :2000-12-31
##
   Max.
                                         Max.
                                                           Max.
                                                                  :5.70
##
        Eta
                          Qin
                                             Qd
                                                                Cf
##
                    Min. : 0.0000
                                              :0.000000
   Min.
          :0.0395
                                       Min.
                                                          Min.
                                                                 :0.0004346
##
   1st Qu.:1.9741
                     1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                       1st Qu.:0.000000
                                                          1st Qu.:0.0008911
##
   Median :2.3284
                     Median : 0.1761
                                       Median :0.000000
                                                          Median :0.0025595
          :2.1977
                           : 3.1946
                                       Mean
                                              :0.003715
                                                          Mean
                                                                 :0.0034888
   Mean
                     Mean
   3rd Qu.:2.7875
                     3rd Qu.: 5.0979
                                       3rd Qu.:0.000000
##
                                                          3rd Qu.:0.0052083
          :3.8238
                                              :4.071102
##
   Max.
                     Max.
                            :31.5409
                                       Max.
                                                          Max.
                                                                 :0.0098523
##
         SM
                         Qo
                                             Perc
                                                                UZ
   Min.
         : 9.6
                          : 0.000000
                                       Min.
                                               :0.00000
                                                          Min.
                                                                 : 0.0000
                    Min.
   1st Qu.:312.5
                    1st Qu.: 0.002898
                                        1st Qu.:0.02837
                                                          1st Qu.: 0.5674
##
##
  Median :483.6
                   Median : 0.209021
                                        Median :0.24094
                                                          Median: 4.7442
## Mean
         :423.7
                    Mean : 2.637976
                                        Mean
                                             :0.57768
                                                          Mean
                                                                 :11.5285
   3rd Qu.:592.1
                    3rd Qu.: 4.474512
                                        3rd Qu.:1.11486
                                                          3rd Qu.:22.2654
                           :25.560662
                                                          Max. :53.2923
##
   Max.
          :621.8
                   Max.
                                        Max.
                                               :2.66462
##
         Q1
                            LZ
                                              Qsim
## Min.
           :0.001585
                      Min.
                             : 0.0317
                                                : 0.001756
                                         Min.
                       1st Qu.: 1.1979
                                         1st Qu.: 0.074694
   1st Qu.:0.059896
## Median :0.416072
                      Median: 8.2922
                                        Median: 0.779581
## Mean
          :0.618690
                      Mean
                              :12.3340
                                        Mean : 3.260381
   3rd Qu.:1.204749
                       3rd Qu.:24.0884
                                         3rd Qu.: 5.670999
           :2.500000
                              :49.0000
##
   Max.
                                                :26.799146
                      Max.
                                        Max.
```

### Plot observed and simulated data for Run 3.4

```
# Plot observed and simulated data
plt_run3_4 <- plt_q(hbv_run_3_4)
ggsave(filename=".../output/images/run_3_4.png", plot = plt_run3_4, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 600)
plt_run3_4</pre>
```



```
# Plot storages
p_eta_s_all <- plt_s(hbv_run_3_4)
ggsave(filename=".../output/images/storages_run_3_4.png", plot = p_eta_s_all, width = 8, height = 10, dp
p_eta_s_all</pre>
```



## Assess model performance of Run 3.4

```
# Assess model performance for run 3.4
pander(mod.performance(hbv_run_3_4$Qsim, hbv_run_3_4$Qobs)) # RVe worsens; NSE worsens
```

RVE	NSE
7.503	0.7476

## Run 3.5 with Kf = 0.01/day

```
"alpha" = 1,

"kf" = 0.01,  # Changed from 0.009

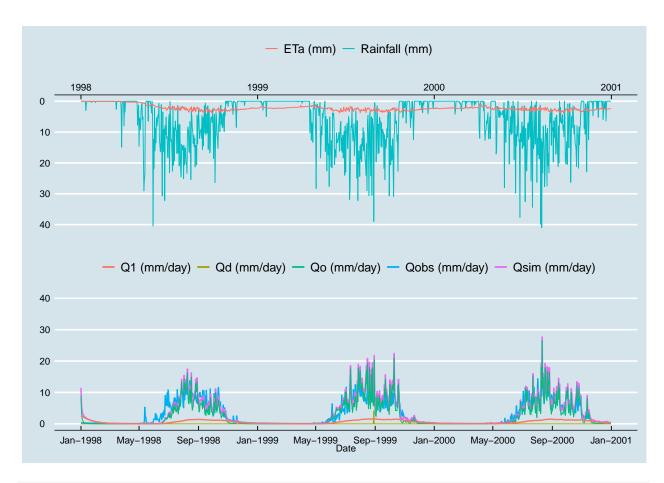
"ks" = 0.05
)
```

```
# Create a new dataframe to store the values of Run 3.5
hbv_run_3_5 <- hbv_run(hbv, int_con, param, 0, pct_perc)
summary(hbv_run_3_5)</pre>
```

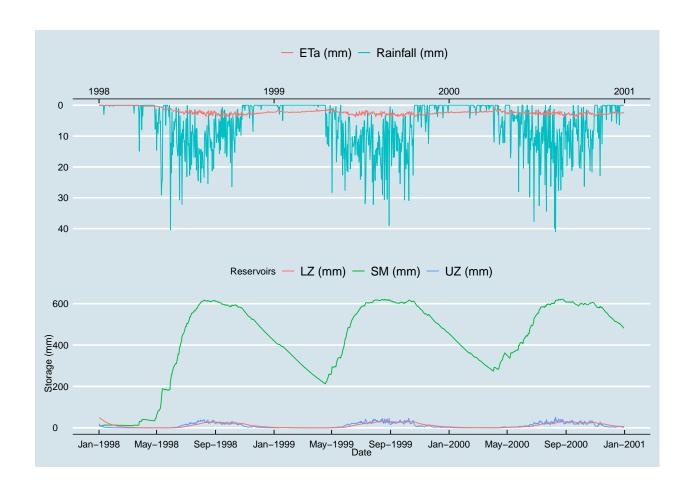
```
##
         Date
                              Qobs
                                                                 Etp
                         Min. : 0.050
##
           :1998-01-01
                                                : 0.000
                                                            Min. :1.80
   Min.
                                           Min.
   1st Qu.:1998-10-01
                         1st Qu.: 0.140
                                           1st Qu.: 0.000
                                                            1st Qu.:3.10
##
   Median :1999-07-02
                         Median : 0.670
                                           Median : 1.900
                                                            Median:3.50
   Mean
           :1999-07-02
                         Mean
                               : 3.033
                                           Mean
                                                : 5.822
                                                            Mean
                                                                   :3.59
##
   3rd Qu.:2000-04-01
                         3rd Qu.: 5.810
                                           3rd Qu.:10.000
                                                            3rd Qu.:4.10
           :2000-12-31
##
   Max.
                         Max.
                                :16.090
                                           Max.
                                                  :41.000
                                                            Max.
                                                                   :5.70
##
                          Qin
                                              Qd
                                                                 Cf
         Eta
##
                            : 0.0000
                                               :0.000000
   Min.
           :0.0395
                     Min.
                                        Min.
                                                           Min.
                                                                   :0.0004346
                     1st Qu.: 0.0000
                                        1st Qu.:0.000000
                                                           1st Qu.:0.0008911
##
   1st Qu.:1.9741
##
   Median :2.3284
                     Median : 0.1761
                                        Median :0.000000
                                                           Median: 0.0025595
##
   Mean
                                        Mean
                                                           Mean
           :2.1977
                     Mean
                           : 3.1946
                                               :0.003715
                                                                   :0.0034888
##
   3rd Qu.:2.7875
                     3rd Qu.: 5.0979
                                        3rd Qu.:0.000000
                                                           3rd Qu.:0.0052083
##
   Max.
           :3.8238
                     Max.
                            :31.5409
                                        Max.
                                               :4.071102
                                                           Max.
                                                                   :0.0098523
##
          SM
                          Qo
                                              Perc
                                                                 UΖ
##
   Min.
          : 9.6
                           : 0.000000
                                                :0.00000
                                                           Min.
                                                                   : 0.0000
   1st Qu.:312.5
                    1st Qu.: 0.002912
                                         1st Qu.:0.02698
                                                           1st Qu.: 0.5396
##
   Median :483.6
                    Median : 0.214228
                                         Median :0.23142
                                                           Median: 4.5351
##
   Mean
           :423.7
                    Mean
                           : 2.665323
                                         Mean
                                               :0.55047
                                                           Mean
                                                                   :10.9842
##
   3rd Qu.:592.1
                    3rd Qu.: 4.497191
                                         3rd Qu.:1.06033
                                                           3rd Qu.:21.1910
                                                                   :51.4864
##
   Max.
           :621.8
                    Max.
                           :26.508541
                                         Max.
                                                :2.57432
                                                           Max.
##
          Q1
                             LZ
                                                Qsim
##
           :0.001531
                       Min.
                              : 0.03062
                                                  : 0.001696
   Min.
                                          Min.
   1st Qu.:0.058020
                       1st Qu.: 1.16040
                                           1st Qu.: 0.072425
  Median :0.402065
                       Median : 7.95548
                                          Median: 0.770638
##
                               :11.79499
##
   Mean
           :0.591751
                       Mean
                                           Mean
                                                  : 3.260789
##
   3rd Qu.:1.147555
                       3rd Qu.:22.94853
                                           3rd Qu.: 5.634159
           :2.500000
                              :49.00000
   Max.
                       Max.
                                           Max.
                                                  :27.689917
```

#### Plot observed and simulated data for Run 3.5

```
# Plot observed and simulated data
plt_run3_5 <- plt_q(hbv_run_3_5)
ggsave(filename="../output/images/run_3_5.png", plot = plt_run3_5, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 600)
plt_run3_5</pre>
```



```
# Plot storages
p_eta_s_all <- plt_s(hbv_run_3_5)
ggsave(filename=".../output/images/storages_run_3_5.png", plot = p_eta_s_all, width = 8, height = 10, dp
p_eta_s_all</pre>
```



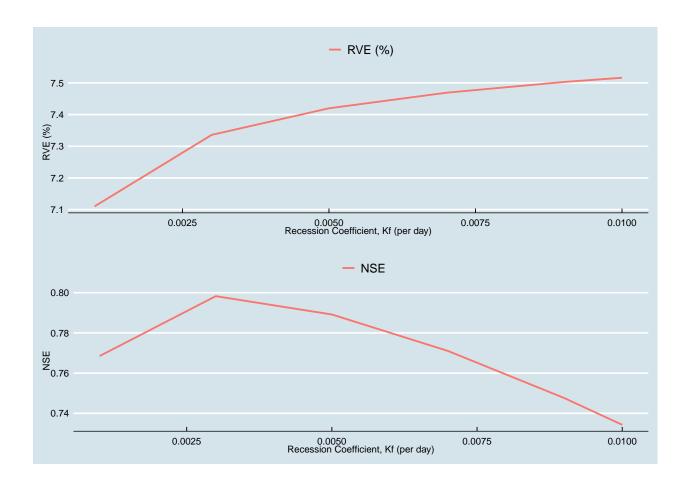
## Assess model performance of Run 3.5

```
# Assess model performance for Run 3.5
pander(mod.performance(hbv_run_3_5$Qoim, hbv_run_3_5$Qobs)) # RVE worsens; NSE worsens
```

RVE	NSE
7.516	0.7343

### Plot model errors against Kf values

```
# Extract NSE
NSE <- c(mod.performance(hbv_run_3_1$Qsim, hbv_run_3_1$Qobs)[2],</pre>
                            mod.performance(hbv_run_3_2$Qsim, hbv_run_3_2$Qobs)[2],
                            mod.performance(hbv_run_2_4$Qsim, hbv_run_2_4$Qobs)[2],
                                                                                         # 5% pct_perc & Kf
                            mod.performance(hbv_run_3_3$Qsim, hbv_run_3_3$Qobs)[2],
                            mod.performance(hbv_run_3_4$Qsim, hbv_run_3_4$Qobs)[2],
                            mod.performance(hbv run 3 5$Qsim, hbv run 3 5$Qobs)[2]
                               # Returns a list
NSE <- unlist(NSE)</pre>
                      # Unlist
# Create a data frame
df \leftarrow data.frame(Kf = c(0.001, 0.003, 0.005, 0.007, 0.009, 0.01), RVE = RVE, NSE = NSE)
# Plot RVE
p_rve \leftarrow ggplot(df, aes(x = Kf)) +
    geom_line(aes(y = RVE, colour = "RVE (%)"), size = 1) +
    guides(colour=guide_legend(title="")) +
    ylab("RVE (%)") +
    xlab("Recession Coefficient, Kf (per day)") +
    theme_economist()
# Plot NSE
p_nse \leftarrow ggplot(df, aes(x = Kf)) +
    geom_line(aes(y = NSE, colour = "NSE"), size = 1) +
    ylab("NSE") +
    xlab("Recession Coefficient, Kf (per day)") +
    guides(colour = guide_legend(title="")) +
    theme_economist()
# Put the two plots together
p_rve_nse <- plot_grid(p_rve, p_nse, ncol=1)</pre>
ggsave(filename="../output/images/run_3_errors.png", plot = p_rve_nse, width = 10, height = 8, dpi = 60
p_rve_nse
```



### Conclusion

An HBV model was developed and water balance equations were solved for the three reservoirs - SM, UZ, and LZ - using an initial condition and a small number of parameters. After the first run, Perc and Kf were tuned to improve the match between simulated and observed discharge hydrographs. Optimum Perc and Kf were determined with RVE and NSE that were estimated to assess the model performance.

Following Run 1, where percolation was set to a fixed value of 0.1, percolation was modified to be a function of UZ (Perc = x\% of UZ). By modifying percolation in this way, a dynamic baseflow was achieved. According to the initial condition that was set and the RVE and NSE values, the optimum percolation was determined to be 10\% of UZ. A limitation of this is that  $\alpha$  value was not considered. UZ changes with changes in  $\alpha$  and this would translate to changes in percolation. As such, it is thought that  $\alpha$  parameter should have been tuned before modifying Perc.

After modifying percolation, recession coefficient (Kf) was tuned to improve the match between simulated and observed discharge curves, especially at the tails for each year. The optimal Kf was found to be 0.003 (per day).

Overall, since the system is coupled, changes in any one parameter affects discharges from the three reservoirs. Model calibration is not easy, as not only an informed decision has to be made, but models have to be rerun and assessed iteratively. Even so, decisions cannot be based solely on RVE and NSE. To reach a justifiable conclusion, the results of each model has to be critically examined, qualitatively and quantitatively.