

## **General simulation and output requirements for all test cases**

In order to ensure adequate numerical accuracy for each test case and model, a convergence test is required with respect to the applied spatial (lateral/vertical) and temporal discretizations, which are used to generate the intercomparison results. The results of the convergence tests should be briefly summarized in a separate paragraph or document.

The description of the simulations and results need to be as detailed and transparent as possible, in order to arrive at a meaningful interpretation.

Output can be provided in simple CSV, text files or Excel spreadsheets.

- Units
  - All output should be provided in units of meters (m) and seconds (sec) if not otherwise indicated.
- Time series for  $N$  variables
  - ASCII format
  - space, comma, or tab delimited columns
  - Column 1: time (sec) followed by simulation time
  - Column 2 to  $N$ : model abbreviation and variable name followed by values
- Cross sections
  - ASCII format
  - Space, comma, or tab delimited columns
  - Column 1:  $x$ -location followed by values; specific locations are provided for the respective test cases
  - Column 1:  $z$ -location followed by values; specific locations are provided for the respective test cases
  - Column 2 -  $N$ : model abbreviation and variable name followed by values
- Maps
  - ASCII format
  - Space, comma, or tab delimited columns
  - Column 1:  $x$ -location followed by values; specific locations are provided for the respective test cases
  - Column 2:  $y$ -location followed by values; specific locations are provided for the respective test cases
  - Column 2 -  $N$ : model abbreviation and variable name followed by values
- Transects
  - ASCII format
  - Space, comma, or tab delimited columns
  - Column 1:  $x$ -or  $y$ -location followed by values; specific locations are provided for the respective test cases
  - Column 2 -  $N$ : model abbreviation and variable name followed by values
- Profiles
  - ASCII format
  - Space, comma, or tab delimited columns
  - Column 1:  $z$ -location followed by values; specific locations are provided for the respective test cases
  - Column 2 -  $N$ : model abbreviation and variable name followed by values

## Superslab Case (2D cross-section)

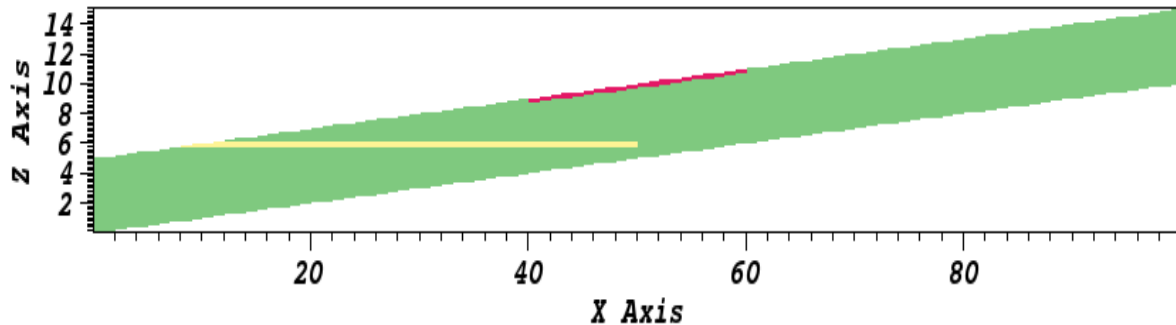


Figure 3. Cross-section of the simulation domain (green) including the 1<sup>st</sup> slab (yellow) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> slab (red).

### Model geometry

Lateral extensions in x: 100m  
Vertical extension in z: 5m below land surface

Lateral resolution,  $\Delta x$ : 1m  
Vertical resolution,  $\Delta z$ : 0.05

1<sup>st</sup> slab, lateral extension in x: 8 – 50m  
1<sup>st</sup> slab, lateral extension in z: 5.8 – 6.2m

2<sup>nd</sup> slab, lateral extension in x: 40 – 60m  
2<sup>nd</sup> slab, lateral extension in z: 1.3m below the land surface

### Boundary conditions

Overland flow: critical depth  
Subsurface lateral & bottom: no flow  
Subsurface top: overland flow

### Initial conditions

Water table 5m below land surface, hydrostatic conditions vertically

### Hydraulic parameters - overland flow:

Friction slope in  $x$ -direction:  $S_{f,x} = 0.1$

Friction slope in  $y$ -direction:  $S_{f,y} = 0.0$

Manning's roughness:  $n_c = 1.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ (hour/m}^{1/3}\text{)}$

### Hydraulic parameters - subsurface

	$K_{\text{sat}}$ (m/hour)	Porosity, $\phi$ (-)	Specific storage, $S_s$ ( $\text{m}^{-1}$ )
Domain	10.0	0.1	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$
1 <sup>st</sup> slab	0.025	0.1	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$
2 <sup>nd</sup> slab	0.001	0.1	$1.0 \times 10^{-5}$

### Van Genuchten parameters

	$n$ (-)	$\alpha$ ( $\text{m}^{-1}$ )	$\theta_{\text{res}}$ (-)	$\theta_{\text{sat}}$ (-)
Domain	2.0	6.0	0.02	0.1
1 <sup>st</sup> slab	3.0	1.0	0.03	0.1
2 <sup>nd</sup> slab	3.0	1.0	0.03	0.1

### Simulation period

Simulation period: 12hours

Time step size:  $\Delta t = 0.05 \text{ hours}$

Rain duration: 2 hours

Rain rate:  $q_r = 0.05 \text{ (m/hour)}$

Recession duration: 10hours

### Output

- Time series of
  - Discharge at outlet and downstream end of slab1 and 2
  - Surface storage
  - Soil storage ( $p < 0\text{m}$ )
  - Groundwater storage ( $p \geq 0\text{m}$ )
  - Integral of surface soil moisture (top model layer) per unit depth
  - Profiles of  $S$  and  $p$  at  $t = 1, 2, 4, 8$ , and  $12\text{h}$  at  $x = 32$  and  $41\text{m}$ .
- Animations of  $S$  and  $p$