

# Could be hydrological model parameters inferred from a soil texture?

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## Summary

- Parameters of surface runoff model were derived for each soil texture (past work)
- Newly the parameters were derived with optimization on extended set of data
- Sensitivity analysis and Monte Carlo model uncertainty assessment were performed
- New open source GIS (Geographic Information System) model provider is presented

#### 1 Material and Methods

Presented work has been done within a framework on a SMODEPR2D runoff/erosion model which is being developed at the CTU in Prague.

#### 1.1 Model structure

Based on a balance equation  $\frac{Storage}{\Delta t} = Inflow - Outflow$  is inferred bucket model with kinematic wave approach for momentum

$$\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial t} = es_i + \sum_{j=1}^{n} q_j - inf_i - q_i - ret_i$$

where h is water level [L], es is effective precipitation  $[L.T^{-1}]$ , inf is infiltration  $[L.T^{-1}]$ , ret surface retention [L], and q is the Manning-Strickler formula

$$q = Xi^Y h^b. (1)$$

Parameters  $X[T^{-1}]$ , Y[-], and b[-] were inferred for each soil textural class. Variability of those parameters within and among textural classes is assessed in this poster. Infiltration is solved with Phillip's infiltration equation:

$$inf = 1/2St^{-1/2} + Ks,$$
 (2)

where saturated hydraulic conductivity Ks  $[L.T^{-1}]$  and sorptivity S  $[L.T^{-1/2}]$  were fitted with measured data.

#### 1.2 Current parameter values

Actual parameter values were inferred based on rainfall simulations and shallow water flow experiments Kavka (2011)

Current parameter set for soil textural classes

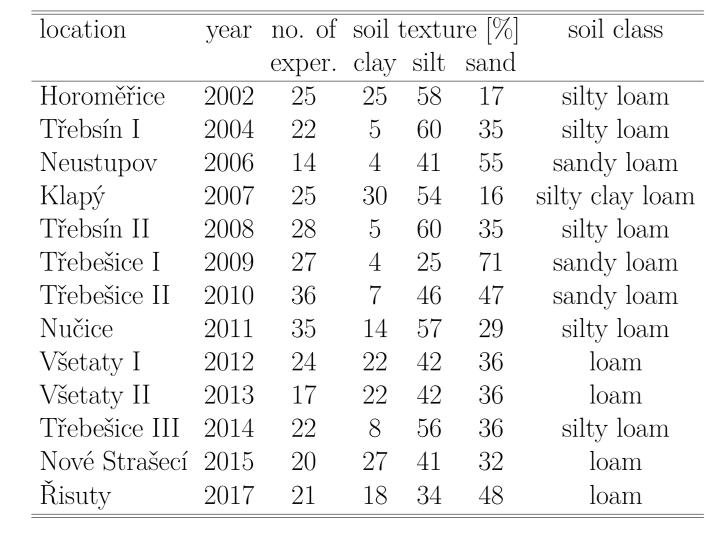
Textural class	ID	b	X	Y	Textural class	ID	b	X	Y
sand	SS	1.82	8.81	0.366	sandy clay loam	SCL	1.7	10.7	0.603
loamy sand	LS	1.82	8.81	0.366	clay loam	CL	1.7	10.7	0.603
sandy loam	SL	1.79	9.2	0.462	silty clay loam	SICL	1.7	10.7	0.603
loam	LL	1.74	10.1	0.561	sandy clay	SC	1.67	11.3	0.636
silt loam	SIL	1.74	10.1	0.561	silty clay	SIC	1.67	11.3	0.636
silt	SI	1.74	10.1	0.561	clay	CC	1.67	11.3	0.636

# 1.3 Soil classes and experiments

- 266 experiments with artificial rainfall were performed
- Various slopes and rainfall intensities were tested for each location

  Overview of artificial rainfall experiments

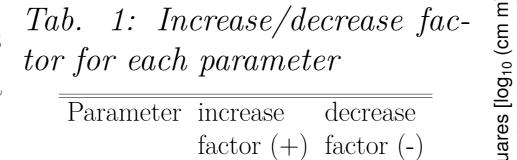
Soil classification for all locations

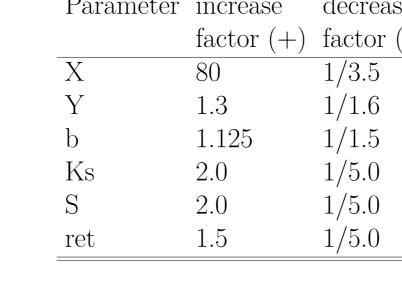


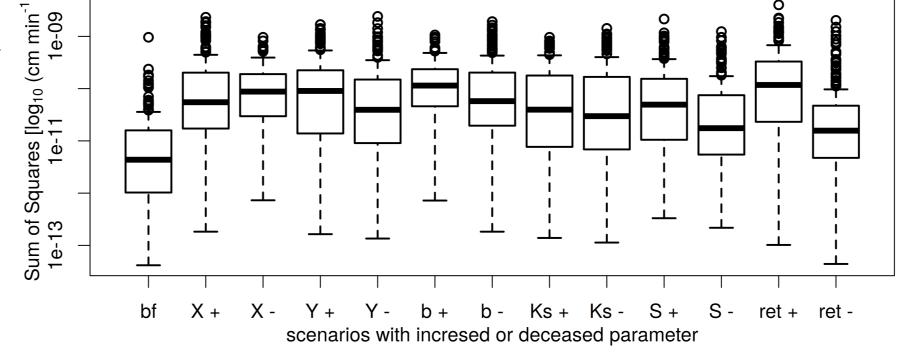
#### 2 Results

# 2.1 Sensitivity analyses

- Sensitivity of model parameters
- Each parameter changed with a factor and compared to optimized parameter set
- Sum of squares (SS) for comparison
  Parameter specific factor
- Parameter specific factor increases SS by ca. order of magnitude







sand: r-sqr = 0

Sensitivity of model parameters. bf - best fit: SS for all optimized model runs; parameter (+) and (-) stands for parameter increase based on factors in Tab. 1

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Functionalities of the python package Scipy were used to perform the optimization (Jones et al., 01)

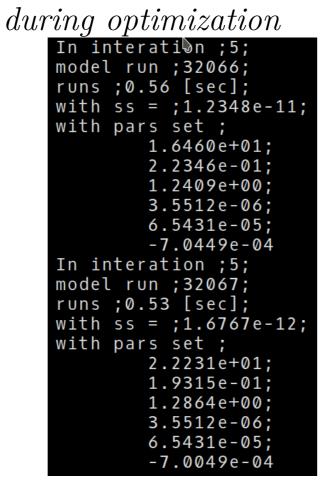
## 2.2 Model parameters and textural classes

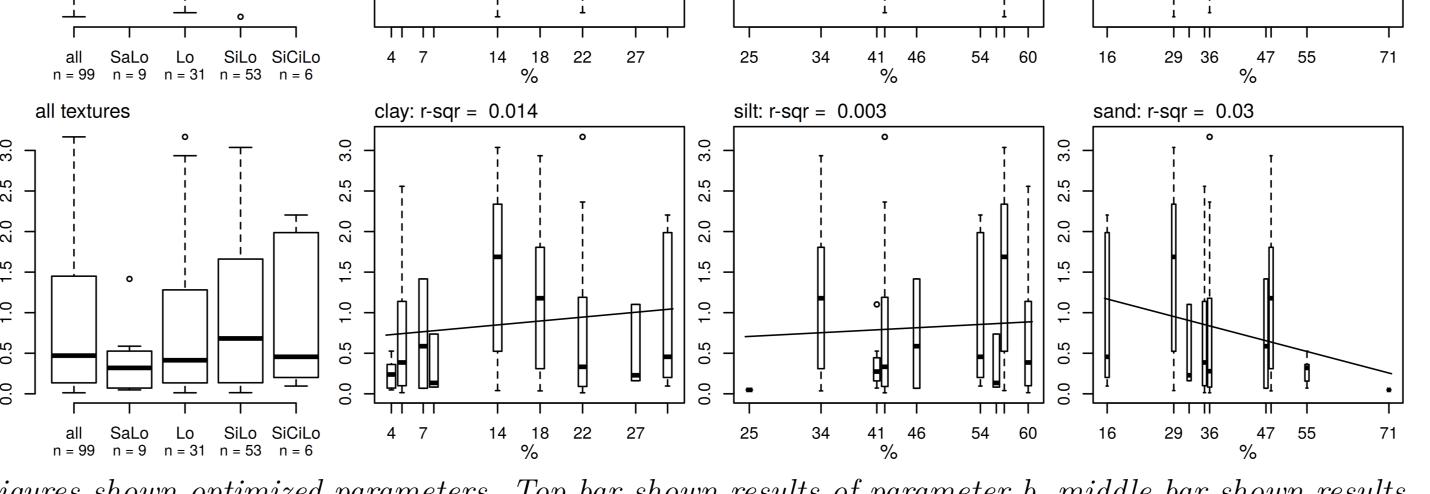
- Infiltration parameters fitted with data
- Eq. 1 parameters were optimized with differential evolution
- Effect of textural class and soil fraction to each parameter was tested
- Each experiment was optimized separately

Parameter margins for optimization

Parameter:	Χ	Z	b	ret
Max	30	5	4	0
Min	1	0.01	1	-0.5

Example of model output during ontimization



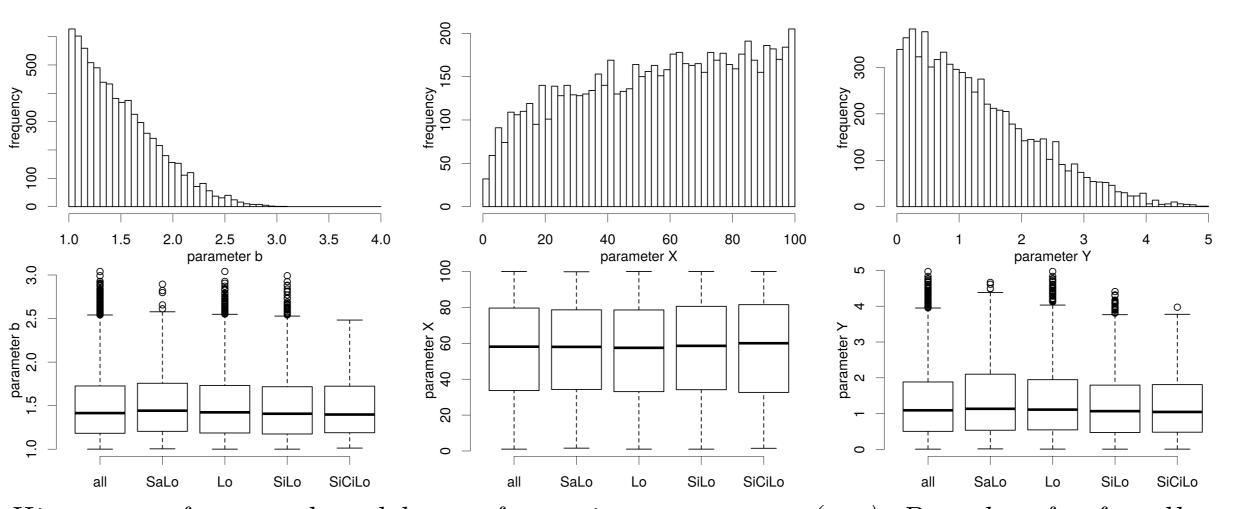


Figures shown optimized parameters. Top bar shown results of parameter b, middle bar shown results of parameter Y, and bottom bar shown results of parameter Y. Left graph shows values for textural class. Second to fourth graph shows parameter values for each soil fraction.

#### 2.3 Uncertainty analyses: Monte Carlo runs

- 10000 Monte Carlo simulations for each experiment
- Random sampling in the parameter space
- Nash Sutcliffe model efficiency
   (NS) for model run comparison
- NS greater than one accepted
- Among and inter textural class variation is displayed

GNU Parallel software was used to run the Monte Carlo simulations (Tange, 2011).



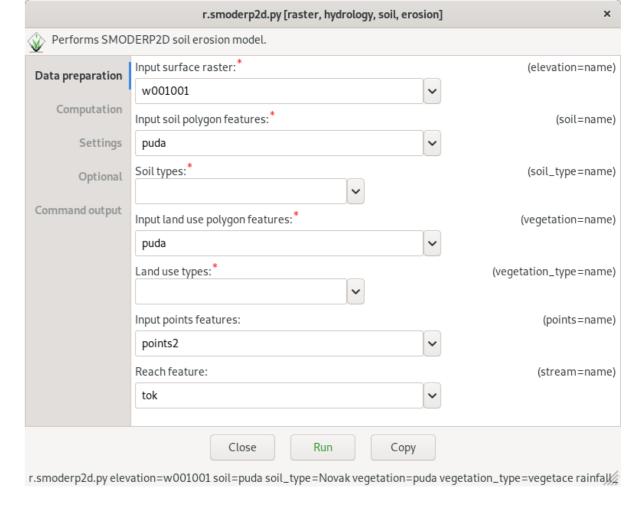
Histogram of excepted model runs for a given parameter (top); Box-plots for for all aggregated values and each soil textural class (bottom)

# 3 Open source GIS-based implementation

The SMODERP2D model belongs to a family of so called GIS-based hydrological models utilizing capabilities of GIS software for geodata preprocessing. This part is performed by so-called *GIS providers*. Currently there are two GIS providers implemented.

- Originally only proprietary Esri ArcGIS platform (http://desktop.arcgis.com) supported
- New generation comes with a provider suited for open source GRASS GIS platform

#### 3.1 GRASS GIS



GRASS (Geographic Resources Analysis Support System) GIS is a free and open source GIS software suite used for geospatial data management and analysis, image processing, spatial modeling, and visualization. (http://grass.osgeo.org)

- GRASS-based GIS provider for data preprocessing integrated into SMODERP2D codebase
- r.smoderp2d GRASS Addons module for performing model computation including data preprocessing

# **3.2 QGIS**

QGIS is a widely known free and open source crossplatform desktop geographic information system (GIS) application.

- A new QGIS plugin brings the model into QGIS environment while data preprocessing part is performed by integrated GRASS-based GIS provider
- QGIS plugin significantly increases accessibility of the SMODERP2D model for research purposes and also for engineering practice

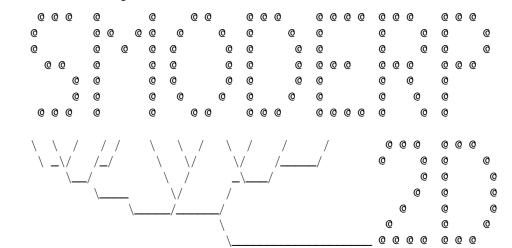


# 4 Conclusions & Results

- Model is not sensitive to parameter X
- Value of newly derived par. b is lower compared with previous inference
- Value of parameter Y corresponds to the previous inference
- Soil fractions and textural classes explain only a small portion of parameter variation
- New generation of SMODERP2D model comes with Esri and GRASS-based GIS providers

• Accessible via ArcToolbox, GRASS Addons or QGIS plugin

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SMODERP2D source code is licensed under GNU GPL (https://github.com/storm-fsv-cvut/smoderp2d).

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