

A Brief Tutorial for running DHSVM-RBM

The **DHSVM-RBM** modeling system couples a spatially distributed land surface hydrologic model, **DHSVM**, (Wigmosta et al., 1994) with the distributed stream temperature model, **RBM** (Sun et al., 2015, Yearsley, 2009; Yearsley, 2012).

Note: Please cite the above publications if using this modeling system.

Cloning Files from GitHub

Assuming that **git** is installed, clone the repository, **DHSVM-RBM**:

git clone <https://github.com/jyearsley/DHSVM-RBM.git>

Note: This version of **DHSVM** is created with a modified version of **makefile_for_binary**. In addition, some of the scripting for preparing **RBM** files differs slightly from the version maintained by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory at

<https://github.com/pnnl/DHSVM-PNNL>.

File Structure

The source code for **DHSVM** version 3.1.3 and **RBM** and supporting files will be in the newly created (local) working directory, **DHSVM-RBM**, with the following structure:

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|-------------------------|--|
| DHSVM3.1.3/src | -source code and Makefile for DHSVM3.1.3 . |
| DHSVM3.1.3/White | -archived input files for simulating hydrology and energy budget for the White River basin in Vermont. |
| Scripts | -various scripts used to build the network file for simulating stream temperature with RBM . |
| Create | -Fortran 90 source code and makefile to build forcing files from DHSVM output. |
| Test_Problem | - sample workspace for simulating water temperature in the sample basin (White River in Vermont) with RBM , |

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Executing the Model Chain

The stream temperature model, **RBM**, simulates water temperature using forcing data and topology created by the distributed hydrologic model, **DHSVM**. To obtain simulated stream temperatures, execute the following steps based on the test data set from the White River in Vermont:

Running DHSVM

→**I.** Prepare the required input files for **DHSVM** as described in the [Tutorial DHSVM v3.1.pdf](#). The sample files for the White River are in the directory, **DHSVM3.1.3/White**. Sample input files, including [input.tar.gz](#), [metfiles.tar.gz](#) and [modelstate.tar.gz](#) for **DHSVM**. The files can be unpacked with the **Unix tar** utility:

```
>>tar -xf <file name>
```

→**II.** In the folder, **DHSVM3.1.3/src**, create the executable, **DHSVM3.1.3**:

```
>>make
```

Note: This makefile creates the version of **DHSVM** that uses/creates binary files. Functions that require **Xwindows** have been removed.

→**III.** Create a configuration file similar to **DHSVM3.1.3/White/INPUT.White.Only**. For guidance on estimating parameters in sections **[SOILS]** and **[VEGETATION]** see Cuo et al (2011).

→**IV.** In the configuration file, (see **DHSVM3.1.3/White/INPUT.White.Only**) enable stream temperature modeling in the section **[OPTIONS]**:

Stream Temperature = TRUE

If riparian shading is being considered, enable this feature in the section **[OPTIONS]**:

Canopy Shading = TRUE

When setting **Canopy Shading = TRUE**, it is necessary to create a riparian network file similar to **DHSVM3.1.3/White/input/rveg.baseline.network** and enter the path to this network file in the **DHSVM** configuration file (see **DHSVM3.1.3/White/INPUT.White.Only**) in the section **[ROUTING]**:

Riparian Veg File = ../input/rveg.baseline.network

Type equation here.

In the riparian network file (e.g., **rveg.baseline.network**), the format for parameter values, on each line beginning in Column 1 is:

- Stream Segment ID
- Tree Height (m)
- Vegetation Buffer Width (m)
- Monthly Extinction Coefficient from Jan to Dec (12 columns)
- Overhang Coefficient that is a percentage of tree height used to represent overhanging canopy (0 -1)
- Canopy Bank Distance indicating the distance from bank to canopy (m)
- Channel Width (m).

The Monthly Extinction Coefficient represents the parameter, ***k***, in the attenuation, ***I***, of solar radiation, ***I₀***, through a canopy of riparian vegetation of height, ***z***:

$$I = I_0 e^{-kz}$$

In previous studies using DHSVM, the parameter, ***k***, was estimated as ***LAI/64*** where ***LAI*** is the leaf area index for the riparian vegetation type. See Aubin et al (2000) and Smith (1992) for estimates of the parameter, ***k***.

→V. Copy the executable, **DHSVM3.1.3** and the configuration file (**/DHSVM3.1.3/White/configfiles/INPUT.White.Only** in the example) to the directory that contains the various input files (**/DHSVM3.1.3/White**, in the example) and execute, as in the example problem:

>>DHSVM3.1.3 INPUT.White.Only

The output forcing files will be in the directory, **../output**.

Outputs of RBM forcing files include:

••Each file contains the time series for each Stream Segment. **Note:** The Segment ID is consistent with the ID used in the **stream.network.dat** file. ••

ATP.Only	air temperature, °C
NSW.Only	net shortwave radiation, W/m^2
NLW.Only	net longwave radiation, W/m^2
VP.Only	vapor pressure, <i>Pascals</i>
WND.Only	wind speed, m/s
Inflow.Only	stream inflow, m^3/s
Outflow.Only	segment outflow, m^3/s

The format of each of the *.Only files is as follows:

<MM/DD/YYYY-HH:MM:SS (start date)> <MM/DD/YYYY-HH:MM:SS (end date)>

<seg#(n), n=1, number of segments>

<MM.DD.YYYY-HH:MM:SS (data time), **dhsvm_output(n)**, n=1,number of segments>

where **dhsvm output(n)** are the simulated values of air temperature, shortwave radiation, longwave radiation, vapor pressure, wind speed, inflow and outflow, for each segment and are output for each time step.

NOTE: The start date in the above forcing files, *.Only, is one day behind the start date specified in the DHSVM configuration file, and so is the start date of output stream temperature simulations.

→VI. In the directory, **Scripts**, compile the program, **make_stream_connectivity.c**, to create the stream topology file, **<Project>.dir** where **<Project>** is the name assigned to the project. In the example, the project name is **White**:

```
>>gcc make_stream_connectivity.c -o make_stream_connectivity
```

Copy **DHSVM3.13/<Project>/input/stream.map.dat**,
DHSVM3.13/<Project>/input/stream.network.dat, and the executable,
make_stream_connectivity, to the working directory (**Test_Problem** is the working directory

in the sample problem). Execute the program:

```
>>make_stream_connectivity <#seg> <Project>
```

The **<#seg>** is the total number of segments and **<Project>** specifies the project name (**White** in the example). The resulting output file, **<Project>.dir**, has the following format for each of the **<#seg>** lines:

<RBM seg#><DHSVM seg#> <seg length><seg height> <seg azimuth> <tribs>

Note: If more than one segment other than the basin outlet has the “SAVE” indicator in the 7th column in file, **stream.network.dat**, REMOVE the “SAVE” indicators for these segments before using the network file in this program!!

Also, make sure that ONLY the outlet segment has a value of -1 in the sixth column. If more than one segment has the value -1 in the 6th column, reduce the minimum contributing area and rerun the **create_stream_network** script such that the above criterion is met.

→**VII.** Copy the topology file, **<Project>.dir**, created previously, and the script, **Scripts/build_DHSVM_network.pl** to the working directory (**Test_Problem** in the example) and run the script:

```
>>perl build_DHSVM_network.pl
```

NOTE: This is an updated version of build_DHSVM_network that builds the network file for the version of RBM that incorporates variable Mohseni and Leopold parameters.

The number of reach cells, **ndelta**, is set at 2. Specific changes, where necessary, must be made in the ***.net** file.

Input Project Name for topology file: **<Project>**

This script will build a network file: **<Project>.net** and a **<Project>.segmap** file.

At the prompt, enter the project name, as in the example:

```
>>White
```

Executing the Perl script creates the network text file, **<Project>.net** and **<Project>.segmap**, required by the stream temperature model, **RBM**. The resulting river basin network is comprised of **<#seg>** stream segments and each stream segment is divided into **<ndelta>** cells for computational purposes. **Note:** In what follows, **<#seg>** refers to the total number of stream segments and **<seg#>** refers to a specific segment. Similarly, **<#nreach>** refers to the total number of stream reaches and **<reach#>** refers to an individual reach.

The network text file, **<Project>.net**, has the following structure:

Group 1: **<Title>**

Group 2: **<Forcing File>**

Group 3: **<#nreach>** Headwater **<#seg>** stream segments in **<Project**

There are **<#nreach>** of the following two Groups:

Group 4: #_Segments **<#seg>** Headwaters **<dmmmy>** Tribcell **<dmmmy><dmmmy><dmmmy>**
(**<dmmmy>** refers to segment numbers not used by **RBM**)

Group 5: Seq **<seq_id>** Path **<DHSVM_id>** X_0 **<seg_x0>** X_1 **<seg_x1>**
Elevation **<elev>** **<#ncells>**

The file, **<Project>.segmap**, contains a mapping from the sequence number used by **RBM** to the segment ID created by **DHSVM** in **stream.network.data**. The file has the following structure:

Group 1: **<#nreach>** **<#seg>**

There are **<#seg>** of the following Group:

Group 2: Sequence **<RBM seg#>** Path **<DHSVM seg#>**

→**VIII**. Create the file, **<Project>.Mohseni**, that has the parameters for estimating headwaters temperatures from air temperature based on the method described by Mohseni et al. (1998) :

$$T_{\text{smooth}}(\text{reach\#}) = (1 - \theta) * T_{\text{smooth}}(\text{reach\#}) + \theta * T_{\text{air}}(\text{reach\#})$$

where,

$T_{\text{smooth}}(\text{reach\#})$ = the smoothed air temperature in the headwaters (most upstream segment of the **reach#th** branch, °C,

$T_{\text{air}}(\text{reach\#})$ = the air temperature in the headwaters (most upstream segment of the **reach#th** branch, °C,

θ = a smoothing parameter

The smoothed value of the air temperature, $T_{\text{smooth}}(\text{reach\#})$, is used to estimate the headwaters temperature, $T_{\text{head}}(\text{reach\#})$ with the following equation:

$$T_{\text{head}}(\text{reach\#}) = \mu + \frac{\alpha - \mu}{1 - e^{\gamma(\beta - T_{\text{smooth}})}}$$

where,

a = the estimated maximum stream temperature, °C,

b = measure of the steepest slope of the function,

g = the air temperature at the inflection point, °C.

→IX. Create the file, **<Project>.Leopold**, containing the variable parameters for estimating stream speed and depth in the directory, **./Test_Problem**, or similar working (local) directory, using the relationships described in Leopold and Maddock (1953) with the following format:

There are **<#seg>** of the following two Groups:

Group 1: **<seg#> <u_a> <u_b> <u_{min}>**

Group 2: **<d_a> <d_b> <d_{min}>**

These parameters are used in the following equations to estimate stream speed, $U(\text{ft/sec})$ and stream depth, $D(\text{ft})$:

$$U = u_a Q^{u_b}, U > u_{\min}$$

$$D = d_a Q^{d_b}, D > d_{\min}$$

The parameters of Group 1 and Group 2, above, can be estimated from data collected by the US Geological Survey at gaging stations.

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```
>>make
```

Copy the executable, **Create_File**, to the working directory, (**./Test_Problem** in the example) and execute it:

```
./CreateFile <Input Files Directory> <Project>
```

where **<Input Files Directory>** is the directory with the ***.only** files, **<Project>** is the project name.

→XI. Run **RBM** by first navigating to the directory, **./RBM** and creating the executable, **RBM**:

```
>>make
```

Copy the executable, **RBM**, to the working directory, (**./Test_Problem** in the example). The working directory should now have all the following files required for performing stream temperature simulations:

RBM	-one-dimensional, time-dependent stream temperature model
<Project>.net	-stream network file
<Project>.forcing	-hydrologic and meteorologic forcings
<Project>.Leopold	-Leopold parameters for each stream segment
<Project>.Mohseni	-Mohseni parameters of each stream headwaters

execute it:

```
./RBM <Project> <Result>
```

The simulation results will be in the file, **<Result>.temp**. There is output for each segment for every simulation period.

Each line of the file, **<Result>.temp**, has the following structure:

```
<time> <year> <day> <seg#> <ndelta> <simulated temperature> <headwaters  
temperature> <air temperature> <depth> <speed> <flow>
```


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