Hydrological Information Transfer Using HOMS

ABSTRACT

The Hydrological Operational Multipurpose Subprogramme (HOMS) scheme of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) consists of an international network for the transfer of packages of proven hydrological know-how, with particular emphasis on helping developing countries. More than one hundred HOMS centres worldwide produce and supply information components and handle requests for components for use in their own countries. Details are presented of the organization and operation of HOMS.

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I INTRODUCTION

This report contains a general description of the HOMS scheme together with a full listing of all available HOMS components and the HOMS National Reference Centres. It has been extracted from the HOMS manual, full copies of which are held at all HOMS Offices.

Further details of specific components, sequences etc referred to in these extracts can be provided on request.

The HOMS scheme is always very pleased to receive suggestions for possible new components and offers should please be made direct to the main UK HOMS National Reference Centre in Wallingford.

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II.1 TECHNICAL STRUCTURE OF HOMS

II.1.1 Terminology and definitions

To enable a wide variety of hydrological technology to be made available for use in differing circumstances, HOMS has adopted a modular structure. The basic modules of this structure, HOMS components are the items of hydrological technology provided to HOMS by Members of WMO for transfer to other interested Members. Each component is a self-contained entity, which cannot be further subdivided without destroying its functions or usefulness, and should in general be able to work on its own to perform some specific hydrological task. Components are classified into sections dealing with the basic activities carried out by a hydrological service, viz: network design, instrumentation, data collection and transmission, data processing and storage, hydrological modelling, etc. Sections are further divided into subsections to provide a more detailed division of the subject matter of HOMS. See Part III below for a fuller description of the types of components available and of the classification system.

HOMS components are also available at different <u>levels of complexity</u>, ranging from simple manual techniques to those involving sophisticated computer software. In many instances, two or more alternative components are available to meet a particular need. These may be at different levels of complexity, or simply reflect different approaches to the same basic problem.

Components may be grouped into <u>HOMS sequences</u>: logical aggregations of HOMS components, which may be applied to meet some requirement for hydrological information. The concept of sequences is described more fully in Part IV below.

Finally, <u>HOMS user requirements</u> give advice to users of HOMS as to how they might fulfil their requirements for hydrological information. These include information on the components and sequences which might be applied for some major hydrological problem such as design of a reservoir spillway, or flood plain zoning, and comparative analyses of the intended fields of application of different components with similar purposes. See Part IV for a fuller description.

II.1.2 Standards and criteria

HOMS components are required to meet the standards and recommendations laid down in such WMO regulatory and guidance material as the WMO Technical Regulations, Vol. III - Hydrology, and the Guide to Hydrological Practices. In addition it is recommended that components meet other relevant standards of such bodies as the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

II.2 ADMINISTRATION

II.2.1 General

HOMS provides an international framework for the co-ordination and promotion of technology transfer in operational hydrology between the Members of WMO. It was established as a subprogramme of the pre-existing operational Operational Hydrology Programme (OHP) of WMO by the WMO Eight Congress (1979) by its Resolution 30 (Cg-VIII). Resolution 25 (Cg-IX) lays down a plan for the second phase of HOMS (1984 to 1991). Resolution 30 (Cg-VIII) established HOMS as a co-operative effort of Members, with co-ordination of national activities through the WMO Commission for Hydrology (CHy).

II.2.2 HOMS National Reference Centres

Members of WMO which wish to participate in HOMS do so by designating a HOMS National Reference Centre. This centre, which is usually established in the national Hydrological Service, has responsibility for co-ordination of HOMS activities within the country and liaison with centres in other countries. The activities that need to be undertaken at the national level by HOMS National Reference Centres include:

 Establishment of an inventory of components which are currently available and operationally used in the country and which are considered appropriate to be proposed for inclusion in the HOMS project. j

- Collection of these components, their adaptation as necessary, and transmission of their description to WMO for inclusion in the HOMS Reference Manual.
- At the request of other countries or of WMO, transmission of these components, either bilaterally or through WMO, for use and application in other countries.
- Receipt and storage of components requested and received from other countries, either directly or through WMO.
- Calling the attention of potential users in the country to the availability of HOMS components.
- Assistance in the use and application of the HOMS components, as appropriate.

The details of the organization of the National Reference Centre are of course entirely a matter for national decision, taking into account existing national practices and structures. Formally, the centre is designated by the Permanent Representative of the country with WMO who should communicate to the Secretary-General the name of the institution or service where the centre is established and the officer responsible for the centre. Annex A of this Reference Manual lists existing HNRCs.

A number of international water resources bodies have established arrangements for assisting their member countries in HOMS activities. These regional focal points are also listed in Annex A.

II.2.3 International co-ordination

As a project within the Operational Hydrology Programme, technical guidance and review of HOMS is the responsibility of the Commission for Hydrology. The Advisory Working Group of the Commission acts as Steering Committee for HOMS and rapporteurs and working groups of the Commission advise on the technical development of HOMS in the areas related to their terms of reference.

The following co-ordinating functions need to be carried out at the international level, by the Steering Committee:

- Ascertaining the needs of Members in the overall orientation of the project.
- Elaborating and distributing to Members general and specific guidance on the substance and form of HOMS components to be prepared at the national level.
- Preparing, maintaining and updating the HOMS Reference Manual and periodically distributing it to Members.
- Assisting in the technology transfer among Members, within the framework of the project.

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Secretariat support is provided by the HOMS Office in the Hydrology and Water Resources Department of the WMO Secretariat. This office is responsible for:

- Keeping the HOMS Reference Manual up to date by the timely issue of supplements;
- Assisting with administrative formalities in the transfer of components, if necessary and requested;
- Arranging for assistance in the adaptation of components for use in developing countries;
- Advising on the availability of support from UNDP and VCP projects and, where appropriate, arranging for this support;
- Monitoring the operation of HOMS, including collection of statistics on transfers, assisting transfers, keeping track of unfulfilled requests, and identifying gaps in the components and sequences available;
- Requesting new components and sequences from appropriate HNRCs to cover gaps identified by the monitoring exercise, or by CHy working groups and rapporteurs;
- Publishing the HOMS Newsletter.

The Secretary-General, in co-operation with the president of CHy submits reports to the WMO Executive Council, the Commission for Hydrology and the WMO Congress on the status of HOMS together with proposals for its further development.

II.3 HOMS OPERATIONS

II.3.1 Availability and use of HOMS components

HOMS components are available to all Members of WMO, to their national services and agencies and to all international agencies for use in water resources projects requiring operational hydrology. Persons wishing to make use of the technology available through HOMS should first consult the HOMS National Reference Centre (HNRC) for their country (see Annex A). International agencies and potential users in countries without a HNRC should contact the HOMS Office in the WMO Secretariat by writing to:

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The HNRCs all hold a copy of the HOMS Reference Manual and are able to advise users on the selection of components appropriate to their needs. Once a selection has been made the HNRC can obtain the required components. In the case of a commercial user, such as a firm of consulting engineers, the user may be requested to sign a simple declaration that he will not charge his clients for the component apart, of course, from such costs as salaries, materials, etc. that he incurs in obtaining and using the component on the client's behalf.

Components are normally to be obtained from the HNRC where they originated, but there are exceptions to this rule and certain components can be obtained from the HOMS Office in the WMO Secretariat (typically those developed by WMO field projects) or from some other source. Paragraph 9. Availability, of the summary description of the component, indicates where the component can be obtained. In any case, to assist monitoring of HOMS, HNRCs are asked to keep the HOMS Office informed of the components they request and, in turn, of the requests they receive.

II.3.2 Technical co-operation and training

The existence of HOMS, and the consequent availability of HOMS components, does not eliminate the need for assistance to developing countries through technical co-operation. Indeed, the need often arises for assistance or training in the use of specific HOMS components. A number of avenues exist for the provision of this assistance: UNDP has established a number of regional projects in support of HOMS; UNDP national projects in water resources can often fund assistance; as can the WMO Voluntary Co-operation Programme (VCP). In addition, a number of countries offering components are able to arrange training through bilateral aid agencies. As the situation necessarily changes from time to time, the HOMS Office in the WMO Secretariat and/or the supplier of the component should be consulted as to the availability of assistance.

It may also be noted that components can themselves be used in the training of hydrological staff. This applies not only to section Y, Training aids in operational hydrology, but to a wide range of other components as well. To assist in the use of HOMS as a source of training material the CHy rapporteur on training has developed a cross-reference between the topics in the WMO curricula for the training of personnel in operational hydrology and the subsections of HOMS. This is reproduced in Annex G to this manual.

II.3.3 Monitoring the operation of HOMS

One of the duties of the HOMS Office in the WMO Secretariat is to monitor the operation of the subprogramme, and to report on the development of HOMS to relevant WMO bodies including Congress, the Executive Council, and the Commission for Hydrology. This monitoring has two aspects: the collection of statistics on the transfer of components, and reports on the experience of using components.

For the collection of statistics, HNRCs are asked to inform the HOMS Office of the components that they request from other HNRCs, and of the components that they transfer. Perhaps the simplest method of doing this is for each HNRC to copy any correspondence with other HNRCs, concerning the transfer of HOMS components to the HOMS Office in the WMO Secretariat. Alternatively a separate report could be made. The basic information required is the number of the component, the date it was requested, and date of transfer. The HOMS Office maintains a computerized data base of transfers which can be consulted by HNRCs. Each HNRC is sent annually a copy of the information held about its transfers to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this data base.

Users of components are asked to report to the supplier on the use they make of a component and on their general experience with the component. These reports provide valuable feedback on components leading to their improvement. The HNRC supplying a component should include a report form with the component when it is transferred. The HOMS Office in the WMO Secretariat can provide a sample pro forma for these reports, but HNRCs can develop their own, if they so wish.

II.3.4 New components, sequences and user requirements

As HOMS is intended to be dynamic and evolving to meet the needs of users new components and sequences are continually required to fill gaps in the existing coverage of the field of operational hydrology, and to meet the needs of new developments. The various working groups and rapporteurs of the WMO Commission for Hydrology have as part of their terms of reference responsibility for advising on the technical content of HOMS and, in particular recommending where new components are needed. Potential users of HOMS are particularly requested to report when their needs are not adequately met by existing components.

Before inclusion in HOMS, new components are approved by the Steering Committee for HOMS, on the advice where appropriate of a relevant CHy rapporteur. This approval ensures that the technology contained in the component is within the field of interest of HOMS and that it is in accordance with WMO Technical Regulations and recommendations. The approval also ensures that the summary description, to be included in the HOMS Reference Manual, accurately describes the component.

An HNRC wishing to submit a new component should prepare a summary description and submit it to the HOMS Office. Guidelines on preparing a summary description are issued to all HNRCs and detail the information and format required. The HNRC submitting a component should advise on its classification (subsection) and level of complexity. Once the component has been approved, the summary description will be edited and published in a supplement to the HRM. It should be noted that components are to be submitted through National Reference Centres, and individuals who wish to submit components should contact their country's HNRC.

A similar procedure is followed in the approval of HOMS sequences and HOMS user requirements. HNRCs are urged when submitting a group of related components, to group them formally as a sequence and to submit the sequence together with the components. In addition, sequences and user requirements grouping existing components may also be submitted.

Part III HOMS components

III.1 TYPES OF HOMS COMPONENTS

HOMS components usually take one of the three following forms:

Instruments and equipment

HOMS components relating to instruments and equipment offer specifications or descriptions of an instrument, or instructions, including working drawings, for making an instrument, rather than the instrument itself. When a number of components relating to the same basic instrument (for example water level recorders, or current meters) are available, the components are combined into a comparative catalogue of the type of instrument concerned. These catalogues are produced with the assistance and advice of the Hydrological Services of the Members of WMO to include the makes of instrument that they themselves use in their normal operations. Each catalogue contains a description of the various instruments concerned written to a standard format, and where available, manufacturer's brochures. Once written, these catalogues replace the individual components dealing with the instruments of the given type in the HOMS Reference Manual.

Computer software

Many components consist of computer programs developed to carry out common hydrological computations. The material transferred will normally be the program itself in machine readable form, that is on cards, diskette, or magnetic tape, together with user manuals describing how to use the program. Paragraph 6, Form of presentation of the summary description will specify such details as the media (tape, diskette, etc.) on which the program can be obtained, and the computer language in which it is written. Emphasis is laid on using standard forms of such common languages as FORTRAN or BASIC in preparing components.

Technical and general guidance manuals

These describe the steps to be carried out in performing some hydrological task, or give general guidance on hydrology or water resources assessment. Examples include a manual describing how to measure the discharge of a stream using a current meter or advice on the design of networks for measuring particular hydrological elements. Some manuals describe how to perform simple hand calculations of, say, storm runoff, which at a higher level of complexity would be done by a computer program.

III.2 BASIS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Each HOMS component is given a unique component number by which it may be referenced. So that these numbers may be of help to users in locating the components they require, part of the component number is a subject classification code for the components. For the purpose of this classification the subject matter of HOMS is divided into 13 sections each designated by a letter. These sections largely follow the major sequence of activities of an operational hydrological service viz:

A Policy, planning and organization

B Network design

C Instruments and equipment

D Remote sensing

E Methods of observation

F Data transmission

G Data storage, retrieval and dissemination

H Primary data processing

I Secondary data processing

J Hydrological forecasting models

K Hydrological analysis for the planning and design of engineering structures and water-resource systems

L Groundwater

X Mathematical and statistical computations

Y Training aids in operational hydrology

(Sections M to W. and Z do not exist at present)

Sections are subdivided into subsections each of which is given a two digit numeric code. For example H09 denotes a subsection of section H primary data processing, and happens to contain components dealing with the primary processing of sediment transport data. Annex B part 2 contains the complete classification system, to the level of sections and subsections.

HOMS aims to provide components for users at all levels of development, therefore the components available must range from the simplest to the most complex. This range is reflected in the component number. Each component is assigned a level of complexity denoted by a single digit in the range 1 to 3. Level 1 is the lowest level of complexity and contains the simplest components. Level 3 denotes the most complex components while components with level of complexity 2 are of intermediate complexity. In certain sections this concept of level of complexity was not judged appropriate and no levels of complexity have been assigned to the components in these sections. In these cases the level of complexity is shown as zero in the component number.

The component number is completed by a two digit serial number, used only to distinguish components in the same subsection and level of complexity from each other. The complete component number is written in a form similar to the following coding:

Snn.c.xx

S represents a letter (A to L, X or Y) denoting a section, nn is a two-digit subsection number, c is a one-digit level of complexity (1, 2 or 3), xx is a two-digit serial number.

As an example note that component H09.2.10 is in section H, subsection H09 of medium complexity (level 2) and has serial number 10.

Annex B, part 1 shows a list of all the currently available components in component number order. This order is also the order of sections and subsections of the classification scheme, making it particularly simple to find the component or components intended for a particular purpose.

III.3 SUMMARY DESCRIPTIONS OF COMPONENTS

Annex C contains the summary descriptions of the currently available components. Each description is written to a standard format, and is kept to a maximum length of two pages (both sides of a sheet of paper).

The summary description includes the following ten paragraphs:

- 1. Purpose and objectives
- Description
- 3. Input
- 4. Output
- Operational requirements and restrictions
- 6. Form of presentation
- Operational experience
- 8. Originator and technical support
- 9. Availability
- 10. Conditions on use.

HNRCs hold a copy of the Guidelines for writing a HOMS component description which gives detailed instructions as to the information to be included in each paragraph. Hydrologists wishing to submit components to HOMS should consult these guidelines.

III.4 COMPATIBILITY

HOMS has adopted a modular structure so as to be able to include a wide variety of components. On the other hand, there is a need for the components to be able to work with each other. This section of the HRM advises individuals or organizations developing potential HOMS components how they can meet this aim and ensure that the components they develop will be compatible with other HOMS components. It also advises prospective users of HOMS components how they can determine whether the components they wish to use will be compatible both with each other and with their existing procedures and equipment.

III.4.1 General principles

Compatibility between components requires, among other conditions, that they meet recognized international standards or recommendations. WMO standards and recommendations are contained in the Technical Regulations (WMO-No. 49) and the Guide to Hydrological Practices (WMO - No. 168). The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) promulgates standards in many fields and WMO collaborates with ISO in fields of common interest to ensure agreement on the standards published by the two organizations. In addition, many Members have adopted their own national standards where international standards either do not exist or must be changed to meet local circumstances. Contributors of components are encouraged to develop and present components in accordance with internationally recognized standards so that they may easily be linked with each other.

In making the sequences in Annexes E and F (see also Part IV below) attention was paid to the problem of compatibility between components and therefore by selecting sequences the user can obviate compatibility problems. In other cases the user can determine whether the components he selects will be compatible with each other from the paragraphs in the summary description dealing with input and output.

Many sequences have been submitted by Members who use them in their own operations and in these cases the components within the sequences will naturally be compatible with each other. Other sequences have been developed using components from different sources and often components may have had to be modified to ensure comptability with each other. In some cases this modification has been carried out by experts seconded from National Reference Centres to WMO to work on HOMS. In other cases users have developed compatible interfaces between components and submitted the resulting sequence.

III.4.2 Compatibility of equipment

Compatibility of instruments or equipment must satisfy two requirements: the need to interconnect instruments and the need to be able to replace an existing instrument with another either to enhance the technological level of a system or to extend its range of applicability. These two requirements may be referred to as the interfacing problem and the replacement problem, respectively.

Interfaces are particularly important with highly complex equipment such as might be used in an automatic or telemetering system where both physical (e.g. voltage levels, impedances, plug types) and logical (e.g. signalling codes, message formats) interfaces must be carefully defined. However, the problem also arises with simpler manual instruments, where such matters as units of measurement, precision, or recording chart format should be considered. Information on these points is contained in the summary description of the component under the paragraphs on input and output.

When it is necessary to replace an instrument component with another, compatibility of function will also be required. That is to say, the new instrument must carry out the same functions as the old one but perhaps at a different level of technology or perhaps with fewer restrictions on its range of application. Information on functional compatibility is given in the paragraph on description in the summary description of the component. The paragraph on operational requirements and restrictions should also be consulted to ensure that the new instrument or equipment can operate in the environment of the existing system.

III.4.3 Compatibility of software

For components consisting of computer programs, two types of compatibility must be considered: mutual compatibility between components and compatibility of the programs with the computer systems on which they will be used.

Generally, computer programs communicate with each other by means of files. A user who wishes to use together programs from two different components must ensure that the files reside on the same medium (disk, magnetic tape, etc.) and contain the information to be transferred in the same format. The paragraphs in the summary description input and output, contain the information required on these points.

In determining whether a program will operate on a particular computer system, several aspects must be considered:

Programming language:

Standards are defined for the common computer languages but often manufacturers will offer extensions to the standard and these may not be the same on different computers.

Size of memory:

That is to say, the program must be able to fit into the computer.

Peripherals requirements:

In addition to the usual magnetic disks or tapes, there may be a need for graph plotters or special displays.

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Speed of processing:

Processing time is, of course, crucial for time dependent operations such as hydrological forecasting. However, it can also be important for other applications, where a program taking a long time to run may overload the user's computer system.

The number of bits in the computer word:

This is mainly important in its effect on the accuracy of computation, but can also cause problems with the storage of characters for titles, error messages, etc.

Interaction with the operating system:

Most program-system interactions will be handled by the compiler for the language used, but programs may also include system calls for such purposes as connecting to files. In addition, the methods of handling less common types of peripherals such as communication lines, digitizers or graph plotters, vary greatly from system to system.

Information on the operating system and on special characteristics of programs is given in the summary description under operational requirements and restrictions. The paragraph on operational experience may also indicate the computer systems on which the component has already been used. As components are used on new systems this paragraph is updated.

Part IV. USE OF HOMS COMPONENTS IN HYDROLOGICAL AND WATER-RESOURCE PROJECTS

IV.1 HOMS SEQUENCES AND USER REQUIREMENTS

Though the classification system (see Part III.1) provides direct access to the components dealing with any particular subjects, many users of HOMS will not wish to approach HOMS in this manner. In general users will have some requirement for hydrological information and thus need some indication as to how the components of HOMS can be used to provide the information they require. As defined in paragraph II.1.1. guidance in the selection of components is provided by HOMS sequences and user requirements.

IV.1.1 Sequences

HOMS sequences indicate components which can be used together to satisfy some user requirement for hydrological information. The components in a sequence are all mutually compatible and can thus be used in conjunction with each other. Annex F of the HRM contains the currently available sequences, while Annex E is an index of these sequences in alphabetical order. Each sequence description has two parts: the first part, description, lists each of the components in the sequence, together with brief notes on its role in the sequence, while the second part, comments, describes the purpose of the sequence – the user requirement it meets – and gives notes on the application of the sequence.

When submitting new components for inclusion in HOMS, HNRCs are urged to group them in sequences wherever possible. The inclusion of components in sequences demonstrates that they can be used together and improves the systematization of HOMS.

IV.1.2 User requirements

HOMS User Requirements represent a higher level of systematization. A variety of different types of HOMS User Requirements are included in Annex D of the Reference Manual.

One form of HOMS User Requirement indicates how HOMS can be used to provide information on major areas of activity in hydrology and water resources. Examples include: flood forecasting, reservoir design, or flood plain zoning. These user requirements list the sequences to be applied to provide the hydrological information required in these general areas. It will be seen that user requirements are very general in scope, and need to be amplified by reference to the descriptions of the sequences and components they contain.

Annex D also contains other advice on the selection and use of components, including summary tables, comparing and contrasting similar HOMS components intended for application in some particular field. One example is a tabulation of the hydrological forecasting models currently available in HOMS, showing the element forecast, data requirements, and time resolution. This allows the user to quickly make a choice of model to meet his requirements. This form of advice supplements that given in the WMO Guide to Hydrological Practices or hydrological texts and is specific to the HOMS components currently available. It is kept updated as new components are added or old ones deleted.

IV.2 SELECTION OF COMPONENTS

The HOMS Reference Manual provides three basic methods for the selection of components: Users who know exactly what they require can use the classification system to find directly the subsection of HOMS dealing with their topic, from whence they can select a component appropriate to their needs.

Users who approach HOMS with a broader problem in mind can use sequences. For example, a hydrologist establishing a hydrological data processing system would consult HOMS sequences on primary and secondary data processing to determine the components he requires. The final choice would be made on the basis of the published component descriptions, as in the first method above.

Finally, HOMS User Requirements are available to give general guidance on the use of HOMS in operational hydrology and water resources. From the user requirements the user can turn to related sequences and components to analyze his requirements in more detail.

ANNEX A

LIST OF HOMS NATIONAL REFERENCE CENTRES AND FOCAL POINTS

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Part 1 of this annex gives a classified list of currently available HOMS components by section and subsection.

Part 2 of the annex gives the complete classification scheme for HOMS components.

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W70 0 00	projects (OPTWER)
K70.3.06	Interactive river system simulation program (IRIS)
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K75.2.04	Analysis of reservoir operation in the case of random drafts
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L10.1.02	Determination of hydraulic conductivity by test pumping with observation wells
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L20 AQUIFER SIMULATION MODELS

- L20.2.01 Ground water interface model
- L20.2.03 Groundwater flow model (GRW2M)
- L20.2.04 Modular finite-difference groundwater flow model (MODFLOW)
- L20.3.01 Ground water salinity model
- L20.3.02 Aquifer simulation system
- L20.3.03 IDROSIM: a simulation model for flow in a coastal aquifer
- L20.3.04 Multi-aquifer simulation system
- L20.3.05 A model for unsaturated flow above a shallow water table (MUST)
- L20.3.06 Determination of the position of a salt/fresh groundwater interface
- L20.3.07 Pathlines and travel times based on analytical solutions (AQ-AS)
- L20.3.08 Groundwater potential analysis based on finite element solution (AQ-FEM)
- L20.3.09 Groundwater pathlines and travel times analysis based on finite element solution (AQ-EF)
- L20.3.10 Groundwater head drawdowns based on analytical solutions (AQ-AP)

The International Groundwater Modelling Centre, with offices in Delft, The Netherlands, and Golden, Colorado, USA, operates a clearing house for groundwater modelling software. For further details of the services that IGWMC offers, users should contact the HOMS Office.

L30 GROUNDWATER FORECASTING

L30.3.01 Groundwater levels forecast

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- X00.1.01 Statistics of monthly data
- X00.1.02 Program to fit the gamma distribution
- X00.1.03 Program to fit the log-normal distribution
- X00.1.04 Gumbel fitting program
- X00.1.05 Fitting the truncated Gumbel distribution with a known truncation point
- X00.1.06 Program to fit the Gumbel distribution
- X00.1.07 Fitting the truncated normal distribution with a known truncation point
- X00.1.09 Program to fit the general extreme value distribution
- X00.1.10 Program for frequency analysis
- X00.1.11 HYPROB: analysis of hydrological data
- X00.2.01 Statistical programs for extreme value distributions
- X00.2.02 Fitting of various distribution functions to a series of observations
- X00.2.03 Frequency distributions for extreme value statistics
- X00.2.05 Program for fitting six distributions to maximum discharge values
- X00.2.06 Extreme value statistics (STATI)
- X00.2.07 Computational methods in hydrology (with FORTRAN programs)
- X00.3.04 UNESCO IDAMS Internationally developed data analysis and management software

SECTION Y TRAINING AIDS IN OPERATIONAL HYDROLOGY.

- Y00.0.01 Manual for training of instructors of hydrological technicians
- Y00.0.02 Manual of hydrometeorological instruments
- Y00.0.03 Manual of the international course on operational hydrology
- Y00.0.04 Video tape on field maintenance of hydrological instruments
- Y00.0:05 Statistical analysis in hydrology
- Y00.0.06 On tides and storm surges
- Y00.0.07 Basic hydraulic principles of open-channel flow
- Y00.0.08 Study guide for beginning course in groundwater hydrology.

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- C05 Water quality, instruments monitoring several variables
- C06 Water temperature
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- C12 Bed load
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- C21 Biological quality
- C25 General meteorological data; climate and weather stations.
- C26 Precipitation, general
- C27 Precipitation, manual & storage gauges
- C30 Precipitation, recording and telemetering gauges
- C33 Precipitation, measurement by radar
- C35 Air temperature
- C37 Soil temperature
- C39 Humidity
- C41 Sunshine hours
- C43 Solar radiation
- C45 Evaporation, general
- C46 Evaporation, pans and tanks
- C48 Evaporation, lysimeters
- C52 Wind velocity and direction
- C53 Snow, depth and water equivalent
- C55 Soil moisture, general
- C56 Soil moisture, soil samplers
- C58 Soil moisture, nuclear methods
- C60 Soil moisture, electrical methods
- C62 Soil moisture, tensiometers
- C65 Groundwater, level
- C67 Groundwater, borehole loggers
- C71 Water level or stage
- C73 Stream discharge, flumes, weirs, ultrasonic, and electro-magnetic methods
- C79 Water velocity, current meters or floats
- C85 River gauging, general
- C86 River gauging, cableways
- C88 River gauging, cranes, bridge frames, winches, and reels
- C90 River gauging, equipment for use in boats
- C92 Ice measurements

Section D Remote sensing.

Section E Methods of observations.

- E00 General
- E05 Water quality

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E09	Sediment
E25	Meteorological observations for hydrology
E53	Snow and ice, glaciology
E55	Soil moisture
E65	Groundwater
E70	Surface water, level and flow
E71	Water level
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E79	Velocity measurements, use of current meters
E85	Measurement of hydrological characteristics from maps
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Section F Data transmission.

Section G Data storage, retrieval and dissemination.

Processing of historical flood information

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G00	General
G05	Standards, manuals and recommendations
G06	Systems for storing general hydrological data
G08	Surface water or river data storage systems
G10	Groundwater data storage systems: levels, water chemistry, well yields and flows
G12	Meteorological data storage systems
G14	Water quality data storage systems
G20	General hydrological data tabulation programs
G25	Hydrological yearbooks
G30	Information or data dissemination systems
G40	Transfer of data between authorities, standards, recommendations, manuals and methods of coding
G42	Transfer of data between authorities, programs implementing the standards in G40

Section H Primary data processing.

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ноо	Systems processing several types of data
	Standards, recommendations, manuals, etc. for primary data processing in general
H05	General water quality data
H06	Water temperature data
H09	Sediment transport data
H16	Chemical quality data
H21	Biological quality data
H25	General meteorological data for use in hydrology
H26	Precipitation data, non-radar
H33	Radar precipitation data, including calibration by comparison with telemetering gauges
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H39	Air humidity data
H41	Solar data, sunshine hours or radiation
H45	Evaporation data
H52	Wind data
H53	Snow and ice data, snow cover, depth, water equivalent
H55	Soil moisture data
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H70	Surface water (level and flow) general
H71	Water level data, river stage, lake or reservoir levels
H73	Discharge data, all ranges
H76	Derivation of rating curves, converting stage to flow by means of rating curves
H79	Water velocity data, computing discharge from point velocity measurements
	total velocity data, compating discharge from point velocity measurements

Section | Secondary data processing.

- 100 General
- 105 General water quality data
- 106 Water temperature data (Includes ice phenomena in rivers)
- 109 Sediment transport data
- 125 General meteorological data for use in hydrology
- 126 Precipitation data
- 136 Airborne pollution
- 141 Solar data, sunshine hours or radiation
- 145 Evaporation, general
- 150 Evaporation, computation from meteorological measurements
- 153 Snow data
- 155 Soil moisture data
- 160 Water balance
- 165 Groundwater levels
- 171 Water level data
- 173 Discharge data
- 180 Low flows

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181 Floods and flood frequency analysis

Section J Hydrological forecasting models.

Models and procedures whose main purpose is the operational forecasting of various hydrological elements

J04 Forecasting streamflow from hydrometeorological data

Forecasting basin or catchment runoff, including urban runoff, using rainfall-runoff and/or snowmelt-runoff models.

J10 Streamflow routing for forecasting

River stage and flow forecasting using models based on hydrometric data (stage and flow) only, starting from simple empirical and regression relations or storage-discharge relations and extending to full dynamic streamflow routing models.

J15 Combined streamflow forecasting and routing models

Forecasting stage or flow in river systems using complex models which include both rainfall-runoff and/or snowmelt-runoff components as well as channel routing components.

J22 Seasonal flow forecasting

Seasonal flow forecasting, including volume of runoff, using deterministic or stochastic methods.

J28 Forecasting low flows

J32 Forecasting soil moisture

Forecasting soil moisture conditions including water demands for irrigation

J45 Ice forecasts

Forecasting ice conditions in rivers, lakes and reservoirs

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- J54 Forecasting surface water temperature
- J55 Forecasting surface water quality
- J65 Forecasting sediment yield
- J80 Analysis of model performance

Methods of analyzing the performance of forecasting models

Section K Hydrological analysis for the planning and design of engineering structures and water-resource systems.

Models and procedures whose main purpose is hydrological analysis for planning, development, design, and management of water-resource systems, including studies of climatic change and man's influence.

K10 Regional analysis

Water resources inventories; regional flood flow, mean flow and low flow studies; analysis in general.

K15 Site-specific flood studies

Design floods, extent of flooding, flood plain mapping.

K22 Rainfall-runoff simulation models

Rainfall/snowmelt-runoff simulation models for the planning, development, design and management of water-resource systems. Coupled surface water/groundwater models. Models of the complete hydrological cycle.

K35 Streamflow simulation and routing

Models using only stage and flow data describing streamflow processes in rivers

K45 Routing through reservoirs and lakes

Models for routing flows through ponding areas, lakes, and reservoirs.

K54 Water temperature studies

Methods for water temperature studies, simulation and analysis in estuaries, streams, lakes and reservoirs

K55 Water quality studies

Methods for water quality studies, simulation and analysis in estuaries, streams, lakes and reservoirs

K65 Sediment studies

Methods for the simulation and analysis of sediment transport, reservoir sedimentation, scour, erosion and deposition

K70 Economic evaluation of water-resource projects and flooding

Methods for the economic evaluation of water-resource development strategies. Flood damage estimation

K75 Design and operating policies of reservoirs

Reservoirs: design, determining volume required, operating rules, coupled real time forecasting and operational systems

Section L Groundwater

Models and procedures for the simulation, analysis, assessment and forecasting of groundwater

L10 Analysis of data from wells and boreholes

Pump tests, well logging, and mapping techniques

L20 Aquifer simulation models

Models for simulation, analysis and assessment of groundwater flow, temperature, and quality

- L22 Calibration and verification of groundwater models
- L30 Groundwater forecasting

Section X Mathematical and statistical computations.

Section Y Training aids in operational hydrology.