$\Delta V/\Delta t = P_n + S_i + G_i - ET - S_o - G_o \pm T$ Groundwater & Wetlands

Interactions between wetlands and groundwater: Discharge, seep, recharge, perched, isolated







$\Delta V/\Delta t = P_n + S_i + G_i - ET - S_o - G_o \pm T$

Groundwater Flow

Flow rate through geologic material controlled by:

- porosity (sediment or rock type)
- grain sorting
- hyraulic gradient (slope)
- hydraulic conductivity (porosity and viscosity (temperature)) (k values typically for pure water at 15.6 C (60 F))





$\Delta V / \Delta t = P_n + S_i + G_i - ET - S_o - G_o \pm T$

Groundwater Flow

Hydraulic conductivity (k) values

| | Hydraulic conductivity |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Material | (cm/sec) |
| Clay | 10 ⁻⁹ – 10 ⁻⁶ |
| Silt, sandy & clayey silts | 10 ⁻⁶ — 10 ⁻⁴ |
| Silty sand, fine sand | 10 ⁻⁵ – 10 ⁻³ |
| Well-sorted sand | 10 ⁻³ – 10 ⁻¹ |
| Well-sorted gravel | 10 ⁻² - 1 |

Rock:

Sedimentary (sandstone, etc), crystalline (igneous, metamorphic, chemically-preciptated rock (limestone, dolomite, etc.))

organic soils

(k values typically for pure water at 15.6 C (60 F))





$\Delta V/\Delta t = P_n + S_i + G_i - ET - S_o - G_o \pm T$ Groundwater Flow

Darcy's law: G = kAxs G = groundwater flow rate (cm³/s) k = hydraulic conductivity (cm/s) $A_x =$ cross sect area (cm²) s = hydraulic gradient (slope)

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| Well-sorted sand | 10 ⁻³ – 10 ⁻¹ | 2 x 10 ⁻⁷ |
| Well-sorted gravel | 10 ⁻² - 1 | 8 x 10 ⁻³ |



Figure 4.15 Possible discharge-recharge interchanges between wetlands and groundwater systems including (a) marsh as a depression receiving groundwater flow ("discharge wetland"); (b) groundwater spring or seep wetland or groundwater slope wetland at the base of a steep slope; (c) floodplain wetland fed by groundwater; (d) marsh as a "recharge wetland" adding water to groundwater; (e) perched wetland or surface water depression wetland; (f) groundwater flow through a tidal wetland. Dashed lines indicate groundwater level.

Human alteration of groundwater flow



$$\label{eq:star} \begin{split} \Delta V / \Delta t &= P_n + S_i + G_i - \textbf{ET} - S_o - G_o \pm T \\ \textbf{Evapotranspiration} \end{split}$$

Dalton's law: evaporation is controlled by water vapor pressure differences between evaporative surfaces and air.

Transpiration is under more direct control of plants (stomates, photosynthetic pathway).





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Evapotranspiration

•Direct measurement:

- pan evaporation
- water vapor in chambers

•Inferred:

- diurnal water level fluctuations
- Empirical equations:
 - evaporation nomograph



Evapotranspiration

- Empirical equations:
 - Penman: requires a lot of solar radiation information
 - Scheffe: also relies on solar radiation measurements
 - Thornthwaite: based only on monthly mean air temperatures
 - ignore influence of plant type, density, maturity, etc.
 - best for annual averages



Evapotranspiration Thornthwaite

 $I = \Sigma (T_i/5)^{1.514}$ heat

heat index

 $T_i = monthly avg temp$

 $a = (0.675I^3 - 77.1I^2 + 17,920I + 492,390) \times 10^{-6}$

 $Et_i = 16(10T_i/I)^a$

PET correction factors $Corr Et_i = Et_i x corr factor$

| Table 5-2 | Correction | factor for | monthly | sunshine | duration | for | multiplication | of | the | standard | potential |
|-------------|---------------|------------|---------|----------|----------|-----|----------------|----|-----|----------|-----------|
| evapotransp | piration from | n Figure | 5-4. | | | | - | | | | |

| LATITUDE | JAN. | FEB. | MAR. | APR. | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG. | SEPT. | OCT. | NOV. | DEC. |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| 60°N | 0.54 | 0.67 | 0.97 | 1.19 | 1.33 | 1.56 | 1.55 | 1.33 | 1.07 | 0.84 | 0.58 | 0.48 |
| 50°N | 0.71 | 0.84 | 0.98 | 1.14 | 1.28 | 1.36 | 1.33 | 1.21 | 1.06 | 0.90 | 0.76 | 0.68 |
| 40°N | 0.80 | 0.89 | 0.99 | 1.10 | 1.20 | 1.25 | 1.23 | 1.15 | 1.04 | 0.93 | 0.83 | 0.78 |
| 30°N | 0.87 | 0.93 | 1.00 | 1.07 | 1.14 | 1.17 | 1.16 | 1.11 | 1.03 | 0.96 | 0.89 | 0.85 |
| 20°N | 0.92 | 0.96 | 1.00 | 1.05 | 1.09 | 1.11 | 1.10 | 1.07 | 1.02 | 0.98 | 0.93 | 0.91 |
| 10°N | 0.97 | 0.98 | 1.00 | 1.03 | 1.05 | 1.06 | 1.05 | 1.04 | 1.02 | 0.99 | 0.97 | 0.96 |
| 0 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| 10°S | 1.05 | 1.04 | 1.02 | 0.99 | 0.97 | 0.96 | 0.97 | 0.98 | 1.00 | 1.03 | 1.05 | 1.06 |
| 20°S | 1.10 | 1.07 | 1.02 | 0.98 | 0.93 | 0.91 | 0.92 | 0.96 | 1.00 | 1.05 | 1.09 | 1.11 |
| 30°S | 1.16 | 1.11 | 1.03 | 0.96 | 0.89 | 0.85 | 0.87 | 0.93 | 1.00 | 1.07 | 1.14 | 1.17 |
| 40°S | 1.23 | 1.15 | 1.04 | 0.93 | 0.83 | 0.78 | 0.80 | 0.89 | 0.99 | 1.10 | 1.20 | 1.25 |
| 50°S | 1.33 | 1.19 | 1.05 | 0.89 | 0.75 | 0.68 | 0.70 | 0.82 | 0.97 | 1.13 | 1.27 | 1.36 |

Vegetation: increase or decrease water loss?

| | Evapotranspiration |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Wetland/veg type | (% of evap) |
| Bog | < winter, > summer |
| Bog | 88 – 121 |
| Pothole | 90 |
| Depression | 180 |
| Cypress dome pond | 60 – 80 |
| Cypress pond | < |

ET effects on wetland water table



Figure 1. Ground-water well hydrograph from the Great Bog wetland system in central Maine. The hydrograph illustrates diurnal declines of the water table due to evapotranspirative discharge and partial rebound of the water table at night.

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Fig. 1. A conceptually generalized model for the effects of management on wetlands hydrology, southern US.

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FIG. 8. Approximate water budget for Old Woman Creek for March through November, 1988 (from Mitsch and Reeder 1992).