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# **SMRF Documentation**

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Spatial Modeling for Resources Framework (SMRF) was developed by Dr. Scott Havens at the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) in Boise, ID. SMRF was designed to increase the flexibility of taking measured weather data and distributing the point measurements across a watershed. SMRF was developed to be used as an operational or research framework, where ease of use, efficiency, and ability to run in near real time are high priorities.



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**FEATURES**

SMRF was developed as a modular framework to enable new modules to be easily integrated and utilized.

- Load data into SMRF from MySQL database, CSV files, or gridded climate models (i.e. WRF)
- **Variables currently implemented:**
  - Air temperature
  - Vapor pressure
  - Precipitation mass, phase, density, and percent snow
  - Wind speed and direction
  - Solar radiation
  - Thermal radiation
- Output variables to NetCDF files
- Data queue for multithreaded application
- Computation tasks implemented in C

## 1.1 Getting started

### 1.1.1 Installation

To install SMRF locally on Linux or MacOSX, first clone the repository and build into a virtual environment. The general steps are as follows and will test the SMRF installation by running the tests.

Clone from the repository

```
git clone https://github.com/USDA-ARS-NWRC/smrf.git
```

And install the requirements, SMRF and run the tests.

```
python3 -m pip install -r requirements_dev.txt
python3 setup.py install
python3 -m unittest -v
```

For in-depth instructions and specific requirements for SMRF, check out the the [installation page](#)

For Windows, the install method is using Docker.

### Installation

SMRF relies on the Image Processing Workbench (IPW) so it must be installed first. IPW currently has not been tested to run natively on Windows and must use Docker. Check the [Windows](#) section for how to run. Please go through and install the dependencies for your system prior to installing IPW and SMRF.

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**Note:** SMRF is only maintained for Python 3 and using Python 2 may not work.

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**Note:** SMRF uses the OpenMP specification v4.X and will not work with GCC >= 9.0.

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### Ubuntu

SMRF is actively developed on Ubuntu and requires gcc greater than 4.8 and less than 9.0. Install the dependencies by updating, install build-essentials and installing python3-dev:

```
sudo apt-get update
sudo apt-get install build-essential
sudo apt-get install python3-dev
```

### Mac OSX

Mac OSX greater than 10.8 is required to run SMRF. Mac OSX comes standard with Python installed with the default compiler clang. To utilize multi-threading and parallel processing, gcc must be installed with Python compiled with that gcc version.

Install the system dependencies using MacPorts or homebrew:

- MacPorts install system dependencies

```
port install gcc5
port install python3
```

- Homebrew install system dependencies

```
brew tap homebrew/versions
brew install gcc5
brew install python3
```

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**Note:** Ensure that the correct gcc and Python are activated, use `gcc --version` and `python3 --version`. If they are not set, use Homebrew or MacPorts activate features.

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## Windows

Since IPW has not been tested to run in Window, Docker will have to be used to run SMRF. The docker image for SMRF can be found on docker hub [here](#). The docker image is already setup to run SMRF so the following steps do not apply for running out of a docker.

### Installing IPW

Clone IPW using the command below and follow the instructions in the Install text file. If you would prefer to read the file in your browser [click here](#).

```
git clone https://github.com/USDA-ARS-NWRC/ipw.git
```

Double check that the following environment variables are set and readable by Python

- \$IPW, and \$IPW/bin environment variable is set.
- WORKDIR, the location where temporary files are created and modified which is not default on Linux. Use ~/tmp for example.
- PATH, is set and readable by Python (mainly if running inside an IDE environment).

### Installing SMRF

Once the dependencies have been installed for your respective system, the following will install smrf. It is preferable to use a Python [virtual environment](#) to reduce the possibility of a dependency issue.

1. Create a virtualenv and activate it.

```
python3 -m virtualenv .venv  
source .venv/bin/activate
```

2. Clone SMRF source code from the ARS-NWRC github.

```
git clone https://github.com/USDA-ARS-NWRC/smrf.git
```

3. Change directories into the SMRF directory. Install the python requirements. After the requirements are done, install SMRF.

```
cd smrf  
python3 -m pip install -r requirements_dev.txt  
python3 setup.py install
```

4. (Optional) Generate a local copy of the documentation.

```
make docs
```

To view the documentation use the preferred browser to open up the files. This can be done from the browser by opening the index.rst file directly or by the commandline like the following:

```
google-chrome _build/html/index.html
```

5. Test the installation by running the test suite.

```
python3 -m unittest -v
```

If all tests passed, SMRF is installed. See examples for specific types of runs. Happy SMRF-ing!

### Create a Topo

The topo provides SMRF with the following static layers:

1. Digital elevation model
2. Vegetation type
3. Vegetation height
4. Vegetation extinction coefficient
5. Vegetation optical transmissivity
6. Basin mask (optional)

All these layers are stored in a netCDF file, typically referred to the `topo.nc` file.

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**Note:** The `topo.nc` *must* have projection information. It's just good practice.

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### Generating the topo

While the `topo.nc` file can be generated manually, a great option is to use `basin_setup` which creates a topo file that is compatible with SMRF and AWSM. To get a minimal topo file generated, the following are necessary:

1. Pour point file in `bna` format
2. Docker

`basin_setup` will perform auto basin delineation for the watershed and will output shapefiles for the basin and sub basins. Next, `basin_setup` will generate the `topo.nc` file with all the necessary variables for SMRF.

See the [basin\\_setup documentation](#) for more details.

### Vegetation

The vegetation data comes from the [LandFire dataset](#) and contains the vegetation type and height at 30 meters. The vegetation is important in the following locations within SMRF

1. Adds sheltering in the wind distribution in the [`Winstral wind model`](#)
2. WindNinja log law roughness [`scaling`](#)
3. Precipitation redistribution interference in the [`Winstral precipitation rescaling model`](#)
4. Albedo [`decay date method`](#)
5. Vegetation correction to [`solar radiation`](#)
6. Vegetation correction to [`thermal radiation`](#)

Vegetation type is configured in SMRF as `veg_<type>`. For example, to add sheltering for vegetation type 3011, the configuration option `veg_3011` will be set to the value needed, say `10.0`. SMRF will apply the value `10.0` to any cells with vegetation type 3011.

## Maxus file

If running SMRF with the Winstral wind model, a maxus (maximum upwind slope) file must be generated. The file is a calculation of the *maximum upwind slope* for many possible wind directions. To generate the maxus file, use the gen\_maxus script.

```
gen_maxus --out_maxus=maxus.nc --sv_global 300 --sv_local=60 topo.nc
```

This will generate a maxus.nc which are the raw calulations for each direction. gen\_maxus will also generate a maxus\_100window.nc that averages the maxus values over a window, this averaged file is what typically is used for SMRF.

If using the Winstral precipitation rescaling method, the tbreak.nc is also required. Using the same command as above, adding the --make\_tbreak will make this file.

```
gen_maxus --out_maxus=maxus.nc --sv_global 300 --sv_local=60 --make_tbreak --out_
↪tbreak=tbreak.nc topo.nc
```

## Create a config file

After the topo file has been created, build the SMRF configuration file. For in depth documentation see how to [use a configuration file](#) and the [core configuration](#) for all SMRF options.

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**Note:** Configuration file paths are relative to the configuration file location.

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At a minimum to get started, the following configuration file will apply all the defaults. The required changes are specifying the path to the topo.nc file, dates to run the model and the location of the csv input data.

```
#####
# Files for DEM and vegetation
#####
[topo]
filename:          ./topo/topo.nc

#####
# Dates to run model
#####
[time]
time_step:         60
start_date:        1998-01-14 15:00:00
end_date:          1998-01-14 19:00:00
time_zone:         utc

#####
# CSV section configurations
#####
[csv]
wind_speed:        ./station_data/wind_speed.csv
air_temp:          ./station_data/air_temp.csv
cloud_factor:      ./station_data/cloud_factor.csv
wind_direction:    ./station_data/wind_direction.csv
precip:            ./station_data/precip.csv
vapor_pressure:   ./station_data/vapor_pressure.csv
metadata:          ./station_data/metadata.csv
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```
#####
# Air temperature distribution
#####
[air_temp]

#####
# Vapor pressure distribution
#####
[vapor_pressure]

#####
# Wind speed and wind direction distribution
#####
[wind]
maxus_ncdf:          ./topo/maxus.nc

#####
# Precipitation distribution
#####
[precip]

#####
# Albedo distribution
#####
[albedo]

#####
# Cloud Factor - Fraction used to limit solar radiation Cloudy (0) - Sunny (1)
#####
[cloud_factor]

#####
# Solar radiation
#####
[solar]

#####
# Incoming thermal radiation
#####
[thermal]

#####
# Soil temperature
#####
[soil_temp]

#####
# Output variables
#####
[output]
out_location:        ./output

#####
# System variables and Logging
#####
[system]
```

## Run SMRF

After installing SMRF, generating a topo and creating a configuration file, SMRF can be ran. There are two ways to run SMRF, first is through the `run_smrf` command or through the SMRF API. If SMRF is being used as input to a snow or hydrology model, we recommend to use `run_smrf` as it will generate all the input required.

### `run_smrf` command

To run a full simulation simply run (barring any errors):

```
run_smrf <config_file_path>
```

## SMRF API

The `smrf` package can also be used as an API, typically to focus on a single variable. There are steps that SMRF uses to load the data then distribute and usage of the API should follow the same pattern. For example, below is the function `run_smrf`.

```
with SMRF(config) as s:
    # load topo data
    s.loadTopo()

    # initialize the distribution
    s.initializeDistribution()

    # initialize the outputs if desired
    s.initializeOutput()

    # load weather data and station metadata
    s.loadData()

    # distribute
    s.distributeData()
```

The next example below builds on above and will distribute air temperature and vapor pressure. They can be used to get the distributed dew point or web bulb temperature.

```
configFile = 'config.ini'

with smrf.framework.SMRF(configFile) as s:

    # =====
    # Model setup and initialize
    # =====

    # These are steps that will load the necessary data and initialize
    # the framework. Once loaded, this shouldn't need to be re-ran except
    # if something major changes

    # load topo data
    s.loadTopo()

    # Create the distribution class
    s.distribute['air_temp'] = smrf.distribute.air_temp.ta()
```

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```
s.config['air_temp'])
s.distribute['vapor_pressure'] = smrf.distribute.vapor_pressure.vp(
    s.config['vapor_pressure'])

# load weather data and station metadata
s.loadData()

# Initialize the distribution
for v in s.distribute:
    s.distribute[v].initialize(s.topo, s.data)

# initialize the outputs if desired
s.initializeOutput()

# Distribute the data and output
for output_count, t in enumerate(s.date_time):

    s.distribute['air_temp'].distribute(s.data.air_temp.ix[t])
    s.distribute['vapor_pressure'].distribute(
        s.data.vapor_pressure.ix[t],
        s.distribute['air_temp'].air_temp)

    # output at the frequency and the last time step
    if (output_count % s.config['output']['frequency'] == 0) or \
        (output_count == len(s.date_time)):
        s.output(t)
```

## SMRF and Docker

SMRF is also built into a docker image to make it easy to install on any operating system. The docker images are built automatically from the Github repository and include the latest code base or stable release images.

The SMRF docker image has a folder meant to mount data inside the docker image at /data.

```
docker run -v <path to data>:/data usdaarsnwrc/smrf run_smrf <path to config>
```

The <path to data> should be the path to where the configuration file, data and topo are on the host machine. This will also be the location to where the SMRF output will go.

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**Note:** The paths in the configuration file must be adjusted for being inside the docker image. For example, in the command above the path to the config will be inside the docker image. This would be /data/config.ini and not the path on the host machine.

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In a way that ARS uses this, we keep the config, topo and data on one location as the files are fairly small. The output then is put in another location as its file size can be much larger. To facilitate this, mount the input and output data separately and modify the configuration paths.

```
docker run -v <input>:/data/input -v <output>:/data/output usdaarsnwrc/smrf run_smrf
    ↳<path to config>
```

## Contributing

Contributions are welcome, and they are greatly appreciated! Every little bit helps, and credit will always be given.

You can contribute in many ways:

### Types of Contributions

#### Report Bugs

Report bugs at <https://github.com/USDA-ARS-NWRC/smrf/issues>.

If you are reporting a bug, please include:

- Your operating system name and version.
- Any details about your local setup that might be helpful in troubleshooting.
- Detailed steps to reproduce the bug.

#### Fix Bugs

Look through the GitHub issues for bugs. Anything tagged with “bug” is open to whoever wants to implement it.

#### Implement Features

Look through the GitHub issues for features. Anything tagged with “feature” is open to whoever wants to implement it. If the added feature expands the options available in the config file, please make them available by adding to the CoreConfig.ini in ./smrf/framework/CoreConfig.ini. For more information on syntax for this, please reference the configuration section.

#### Write Documentation

SMRF could always use more documentation, whether as part of the official SMRF docs, in docstrings, or even on the web in blog posts, articles, and such.

#### Versioning

SMRF uses bumpversion to version control. More about bumpversion can be found at <https://pypi.python.org/pypi/bumpversion>. This can easily be used with the command:

```
$ bumpversion patch --tag
```

Don't forget to push your tags afterwards with:

```
$ git push origin --tags
```

The development team of SMRF attempted to adhere to semantic versioning. Here is the basics taken from the semantic versioning website.

- Patch version Z (x.y.Z | x > 0) MUST be incremented if only backwards compatible bug fixes are introduced. A bug fix is defined as an internal change that fixes incorrect behavior.

- Minor version Y ( $x.Y.z \mid x > 0$ ) MUST be incremented if new, backwards compatible functionality is introduced to the public API. It MUST be incremented if any public API functionality is marked as deprecated. It MAY be incremented if substantial new functionality or improvements are introduced within the private code. It MAY include patch level changes. Patch version MUST be reset to 0 when minor version is incremented
- Major version X ( $X.y.z \mid X > 0$ ) MUST be incremented if any backwards incompatible changes are introduced to the public API. It MAY include minor and patch level changes. Patch and minor version MUST be reset to 0 when major version is incremented.

For more info on versions see <http://semver.org>

### Submit Feedback

The best way to send feedback is to file an issue at <https://github.com/USDA-ARS-NWRC/smrf/issues>.

If you are proposing a feature:

- Explain in detail how it would work.
- Keep the scope as narrow as possible, to make it easier to implement.
- Remember that this is a volunteer-driven project, and that contributions are welcome :)

### Get Started!

Ready to contribute? Here's how to set up *smrf* for local development.

1. Fork the *smrf* repo on GitHub.

2. Clone your fork locally:

```
$ git clone https://github.com/your_name_here/smrf
```

3. Install your local copy into a virtualenv. Assuming you have virtualenvwrapper installed, this is how you set up your fork for local development:

```
$ mkvirtualenv smrf
$ cd smrf/
$ pip install -r requirements.txt
$ pip install -e .
```

4. Create a branch for local development:

```
$ git checkout -b name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

Now you can make your changes locally.

5. When you're done making changes, check that your changes pass flake8 and the tests, including testing other Python versions with tox:

```
$ flake8 smrf
$ python setup.py test
```

To get flake8, just pip install them into your virtualenv.

6. Commit your changes and push your branch to GitHub:

```
$ git add .
$ git commit -m "Your detailed description of your changes."
$ git push origin name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

7. Submit a pull request through the GitHub website.

## Pull Request Guidelines

Before you submit a pull request, check that it meets these guidelines:

1. The pull request should include tests.
2. If the pull request adds functionality, the docs should be updated. Put your new functionality into a function with a docstring, and add the feature to the list in README.rst.
3. The pull request should work for Python 3.4+, and for PyPy. Check [https://travis-ci.com/USDA-ARA-NWRC/smrf/pull\\_requests](https://travis-ci.com/USDA-ARA-NWRC/smrf/pull_requests) and make sure that the tests pass for all supported Python versions.

## Tips

To run a subset of tests:

```
$ python3 -m unittest discover -v
```

To check the coverage of the tests:

```
$ coverage run --source smrf setup.py test
$ coverage html
$ xdg-open htmlcov/index.html
```

## History

### 0.10.0 (TBD)

- Cloud factor was removed from solar and made its own module
- IPW Topo has been fully deprecated and removed
- Dozens config file options were renamed in favor of verbosity
- New documentation

### 0.9.0 (2019-12-05)

- First formal release under new branching model
- Updated Weather forecast retrieval in dockerfile
- Fixed a bug with tbreak in the wind calc
- Fixed Cloud Factor typo
- Reduced designated solar hours to limit dusk and dawn effects
- Expanded tests to HRRR input data

- Performance improvements to the gridded input data calculations

### 0.8.0 (2019-02-06)

- Added local gradient interpolation option for use with gridded data
- Removed ipw package to installed spatialnc dependency
- Added projection info to output files

### 0.7.0 (2018-11-28)

- New cloud factor method for HRRR data
- Added use of WindNinja outputs from Katana package using HRRR data
- Added unit testing as well as Travis CI and Coveralls
- Added PyKrig
- Various bug fixes

### 0.6.0 (2018-07-13)

- Added a new feature allowing wet bulb to be used to determine the phase of the precip.
- Added a new feature to redistribute precip due to wind.
- Added in kriging as a new distribution option all distributable variables.

### 0.5.0 (2018-04-18)

- Removed inicheck to make its own package.
- Added in HRRR input data for new gridded type
- Fixed various bugs associated with precip
- Modularized some functions for easier use scripting
- Added netcdf functionality to gen\_maxus
- Added first integration test

### 0.4.0 (2017-11-14)

- Small improvements to our config file code including: types checking, relative paths to config, auto documentation
- Fixed bugs related to precip undercatch
- Improvements to ti station data backup
- Various adjustments for better collaboration with AWSM
- Moved to a new station database format

### 0.3.0 (2017-09-08)

- New feature for backing up the input data for a run in csv.
- Major update to config file, enabling checking and default adding
- Updated C file prototypes.

### 0.2.0 (2017-05-09)

- SMRF can run with Python 3
- Fixed indexing issue in wind
- Minor Config file improvements.

## 1.2 User Guide

The User Guide covers concepts within SMRF. This starts with the configuration file where a user can specify parameters for almost any part of SMRF. The *CoreConfig* has detailed information on all of the SMRF configuration options.

### 1.2.1 Using Configuration Files

SMRF simulation details are managed using configuration files. The python package `inicheck` is used to manage and interpret the configuration files. Each configuration file is broken down into sections containing items and each item is assigned a value.

A brief description of the syntax is:

- Sections are noted by being in a line by themselves and are bracketed.
- Items are denoted by colon ( : ).
- Values are simply written in, and values that are lists are comma separated.
- Comments are preceded by a #

For more information regarding `inicheck` syntax and utilities refer to the `inicheck` documentation.

### Understanding Configuration Files

The easiest way to get started is to look at one of the config files in the repo already. A simple case to use is the Lakes Basin test which can be view easily [here](#).

Take a look at the “topo” section from the config file show below

```
#####
# Files for DEM and vegetation
#####

[topo]
filename:          ./topo/topo.nc
```

This section describes all the topographic information required for SMRF to run. At the top of the section there is comment that describes the section. The section name “topo” is bracketed to show it is a section and the items underneath are assigned values by using the colon.

### Editing/Checking Configuration Files

Use any text editor to make changes to a config file. Some editors have the ability to read and edit .ini syntax.

If you are unsure of what to use various entries in your config file refer to the [CoreConfig](#) or use the inicheck command for command line help. Below is an example of how to use the inicheck details option to figure out what options are available for the topo section type item.

```
inicheck --details topo <filename> -m smrf
```

The output is:

```
Providing details for section topo and item filename...
Section      Item      Default      Options      Description
=====
topo        filename    None        []          A netCDF_
↳file containing all veg info and dem.
```

### Creating Configuration Files

Not all items and options need to be assigned, if an item is left blank it will be assigned a default. If it is a required parameter, SMRF will throw an error until it is assigned.

To make an up to date config file use the following command to generate a fully populated list of options.

```
inicheck -f config.ini -m smrf -w
```

This will create a config file using the same name but call “config\_full.ini” at the end.

### Core Configuration File

Each configuration file is checked against the core configuration file stored `./smrf/framework/CoreConfig.ini` and various scenarios are guided by the a recipes file that is stored in `./smrf/framework/recipes.ini`. These files work together to guide the outcomes of the configuration file.

To learn more about syntax and how to contribute to a Core or Master configuration file see [Master Configuration Files](#) in inicheck.

## 1.2.2 Configuration File Reference

The SMRF configuration file is described in detail below. This information is all based on the CoreConfig file stored under framework.

For configuration file syntax information please visit <http://inicheck.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

**topo****filename**

A netCDF file containing all veg info and dem.

*Default: None*

*Type: criticalfilename*

**gradient\_method**

Method to use for calculating the slope and aspect. gradient\_d8 uses 3 by 3 finite difference window and gradient\_d4 uses a two cell finite difference for x and y which mimics the IPW gradient function

*Default: gradient\_d8*

*Type: string*

*Options: gradient\_d8 gradient\_d4*

**northern\_hemisphere**

Boolean describing whether the model domain is in the northern hemisphere or not

*Default: True*

*Type: bool*

**time****end\_date**

Date and time to end the data distribution that can be parsed by pandas.to\_datetime

*Default: None*

*Type: datetimeorderedpair*

**start\_date**

Date and time to start the data distribution that can be parsed by pandas.to\_datetime

*Default: None*

*Type: datetimeorderedpair*

**time\_step**

Time interval that SMRF distributes data at in minutes

*Default: 60*

*Type: int*

**time\_zone**

Time zone for all times provided and how the model will be run see pytz docs for information on what is accepted

*Default: UTC*

*Type: string*

### **csv**

#### **air\_temp**

Path to CSV containing the station measured air temperature

*Default: None*

*Type: criticalfilename*

#### **cloud\_factor**

Path to CSV containing the station measured cloud factor

*Default: None*

*Type: criticalfilename*

#### **metadata**

Path to CSV containing the station metadata

*Default: None*

*Type: criticalfilename*

#### **precip**

Path to CSV containing the station measured precipitation

*Default: None*

*Type: criticalfilename*

#### **stations**

List of station IDs to use for distributing any of the variables

*Default: None*

*Type: station*

#### **vapor\_pressure**

Path to CSV containing the station measured vapor pressure

*Default: None*

*Type: criticalfilename*

**wind\_direction**

Path to CSV containing the station measured wind direction

*Default: None*

*Type: criticalfilename*

**wind\_speed**

Path to CSV containing the station measured wind speed

*Default: None*

*Type: criticalfilename*

**mysql****air\_temp**

name of the table column containing station air temperature

*Default: air\_temp*

*Type: string*

**cloud\_factor**

name of the table column containing station cloud factor

*Default: cloud\_factor*

*Type: string*

**data\_table**

name of the database table containing station data

*Default: tbl\_level2*

*Type: string*

**database**

name of the database containing station data

*Default: weather\_db*

*Type: string*

**host**

IP address to server.

*Default: None*

*Type: string*

### **metadata**

name of the database table containing station metadata

*Default: tbl\_metadata*

*Type: string*

### **password**

password used for database login.

*Default: None*

*Type: password*

### **port**

Port for MySQL database.

*Default: 3606*

*Type: int*

### **precip**

name of the table column containing station precipitation

*Default: precip\_accum*

*Type: string*

### **solar**

name of the table column containing station solar radiation

*Default: solar\_radiation*

*Type: string*

### **station\_table**

name of the database table containing client and source

*Default: tbl\_stations*

*Type: string*

### **stations**

List of station IDs to use for distributing any of the variables

*Default: None*

*Type: station*

### **user**

username for database login.

*Default: None*

*Type: string*

#### **vapor\_pressure**

name of the table column containing station vapor pressure

*Default: vapor\_pressure*

*Type: string*

#### **wind\_direction**

name of the table column containing station wind direction

*Default: wind\_direction*

*Type: string*

#### **wind\_speed**

name of the table column containing station wind speed

*Default: wind\_speed*

*Type: string*

### **gridded**

#### **data\_type**

Type of gridded input data

*Default: hrrr\_netcdf*

*Type: string*

*Options: wrf hrrr\_grib netcdf hrrr\_netcdf*

#### **hrrr\_directory**

Path to the top level directory where multiple HRRR gridded dataset are located

*Default: None*

*Type: criticaldirectory*

#### **hrrr\_forecast\_flag**

True if the HRRR data is a forecast

*Default: False*

*Type: bool*

### **netcdf\_file**

Path to the netCDF file containing weather data

*Default: None*

*Type: criticalfilename*

### **wrf\_file**

Path to the netCDF file containing WRF data

*Default: None*

*Type: criticalfilename*

### **air\_temp**

The air\_temp section controls all the available parameters that effect the distribution of the air\_temp module, especially the associated models. For more detailed information please see [\*smrf.distribute.air\\_temp\*](#)

#### **detrend**

Whether to elevationally detrend prior to distributing

*Default: true*

*Type: bool*

#### **detrend\_slope**

If detrend is true constrain the detrend\_slope to positive (1) or negative (-1) or no constraint (0)

*Default: -1*

*Type: int*

*Options: -1 0 1*

#### **distribution**

Distribution method to use for <this variable>. Stations use dk idw or kriging. Gridded data use grid. Stations use dk idw or kriging. Gridded data use grid.

*Default: idw*

*Type: string*

*Options: dk idw grid kriging*

#### **dk\_ncores**

Number of threads or processors to use in the dk calculation

*Default: 1*

*Type: int*

**grid\_local**

Use local elevation gradients in gridded interpolation

*Default: False*

*Type: bool*

**grid\_local\_n**

number of closest grid cells to use for calculating elevation gradient

*Default: 25*

*Type: int*

**grid\_mask**

Mask the distribution calculations

*Default: True*

*Type: bool*

**grid\_method**

Gridded interpolation method to use for air temperature

*Default: cubic*

*Type: string*

*Options: nearest linear cubic*

**idw\_power**

Power for decay of a stations influence in inverse distance weighting.

*Default: 2.0*

*Type: float*

**krig\_anisotropy\_angle**

CCW angle (in degrees) by which to rotate coordinate system in order to take into account anisotropy.

*Default: 0.0*

*Type: float*

**krig\_anisotropy\_scaling**

Scalar stretching value for kriging to take into account anisotropy.

*Default: 1.0*

*Type: float*

**krig\_coordinates\_type**

Determines if the x and y coordinates are interpreted as on a plane (euclidean) or as coordinates on a sphere (geographic).

*Default: euclidean*

*Type: string*

*Options: euclidean geographic*

**krig\_nlags**

Number of averaging bins for the kriging semivariogram

*Default: 6*

*Type: int*

**krig\_variogram\_model**

Specifies which kriging variogram model to use

*Default: linear*

*Type: string*

*Options: linear power gaussian spherical exponential hole-effect*

**krig\_weight**

Flag that specifies if the kriging semivariance at smaller lags should be weighted more heavily when automatically calculating variogram model.

*Default: False*

*Type: bool*

**max**

Maximum possible value for air temperature in Celsius

*Default: 47.0*

*Type: float*

**min**

Minimum possible value for air temperature in Celsius

*Default: -73.0*

*Type: float*

**stations**

Stations to use for distributing air temperature

*Default: None*

*Type: station*

**vapor\_pressure**

The vapor\_pressure section controls all the available parameters that effect the distribution of the vapor\_pressure module, especially the associated models. For more detailed information please see [\*smrf.distribute.vapor\\_pressure\*](#).

**detrend**

Whether to elevationally detrend prior to distributing

*Default:* true

*Type:* bool

**detrend\_slope**

If detrend is true constrain the slope to positive (1) or negative (-1) or no constraint (0)

*Default:* -1

*Type:* int

*Options:* -1 0 1

**dew\_point\_nthreads**

Number of threads to use in the dew point calculation

*Default:* 2

*Type:* int

**dew\_point\_tolerance**

Solving criteria for the dew point calculation

*Default:* 0.01

*Type:* float

**distribution**

Distribution method to use for vapor pressure. Stations use dk idw or kriging. Gridded data use grid.

*Default:* idw

*Type:* string

*Options:* dk idw grid kriging

**dk\_ncores**

Number of threads to use in the dk calculation

*Default:* 1

*Type:* `int`

**grid\_local**

Use local elevation gradients in gridded interpolation

*Default:* `False`

*Type:* `bool`

**grid\_local\_n**

number of closest grid cells to use for calculating elevation gradient

*Default:* `25`

*Type:* `int`

**grid\_mask**

Mask the distribution calculations

*Default:* `True`

*Type:* `bool`

**grid\_method**

interpolation method to use for this variable

*Default:* `cubic`

*Type:* `string`

*Options:* `nearest linear cubic`

**idw\_power**

Power for decay of a stations influence in inverse distance weighting

*Default:* `2.0`

*Type:* `float`

**krig\_anisotropy\_angle**

CCW angle (in degrees) by which to rotate coordinate system in order to take into account anisotropy.

*Default:* `0.0`

*Type:* `float`

**krig\_anisotropy\_scaling**

Scalar stretching value for kriging to take into account anisotropy.

*Default:* `1.0`

Type: float

### krig\_coordinates\_type

Determines if the x and y coordinates are interpreted as on a plane (euclidean) or as coordinates on a sphere (geographic).

Default: euclidean

Type: string

Options: euclidean geographic

### krig\_nlags

Number of averaging bins for the kriging semivariogram

Default: 6

Type: int

### krig\_variogram\_model

Specifies which kriging variogram model to use

Default: linear

Type: string

Options: linear power gaussian spherical exponential hole-effect

### krig\_weight

Flag that specifies if the kriging semivariance at smaller lags should be weighted more heavily when automatically calculating variogram model.

Default: False

Type: bool

### max

Maximum possible vapor pressure in Pascals

Default: 5000.0

Type: float

### min

Minimum possible vapor pressure in Pascals

Default: 20.0

Type: float

### stations

Stations to use for distributing vapor pressure in Pascals

*Default: None*

*Type: station*

### wind

The wind section controls all the available parameters that effect the distribution of the wind module, especially the associated models. For more detailed information please see [\*smrf.distribute.wind\*](#)

### detrend

Whether to elevationally detrend prior to distributing

*Default: False*

*Type: bool*

### detrend\_slope

if detrend is true constrain the detrend\_slope to positive (1) or negative (-1) or no constraint (0)

*Default: 1*

*Type: int*

*Options: -1 0 1*

### distribution

Distribution method to use for wind. Stations use dk idw or kriging. Gridded data use grid.

*Default: idw*

*Type: string*

*Options: dk idw grid kriging*

### dk\_ncores

Number of threads to use in the dk calculation

*Default: 2*

*Type: int*

### grid\_local

Use local elevation gradients in gridded interpolation

*Default: False*

*Type: bool*

**grid\_local\_n**

Number of closest grid cells to use for calculating elevation gradient

*Default:* 25

*Type:* int

**grid\_mask**

Mask the distribution calculations

*Default:* True

*Type:* bool

**grid\_method**

interpolation method to use for wind

*Default:* linear

*Type:* string

*Options:* nearest linear cubic

**idw\_power**

Power for decay of a stations influence in inverse distance weighting

*Default:* 2.0

*Type:* float

**krig\_anisotropy\_angle**

CCW angle (in degrees) by which to rotate coordinate system in order to take into account anisotropy.

*Default:* 0.0

*Type:* float

**krig\_anisotropy\_scaling**

Scalar stretching value for kriging to take into account anisotropy.

*Default:* 1.0

*Type:* float

**krig\_coordinates\_type**

Determines if the x and y coordinates are interpreted as on a plane (euclidean) or as coordinates on a sphere (geographic).

*Default:* euclidean

*Type:* string

*Options:* euclidean geographic

**krig\_nlags**

Number of averaging bins for the kriging semivariogram

*Default:* 6

*Type:* int

**krig\_variogram\_model**

Specifies which kriging variogram model to use

*Default:* linear

*Type:* string

*Options:* linear power gaussian spherical exponential hole-effect

**krig\_weight**

Flag that specifies if the kriging semivariance at smaller lags should be weighted more heavily when automatically calculating variogram model.

*Default:* False

*Type:* bool

**max**

Maximum possible wind in M/s

*Default:* 35.0

*Type:* float

**maxus\_netcdf**

NetCDF file containing the maxus values for wind

*Default:* None

*Type:* criticalfilename

**min**

Minimum possible for wind in M/s

*Default:* 0.447

*Type:* float

**reduction\_factor**

If wind speeds are still off here is a scaling factor

*Default:* 1.0

*Type: float*

#### **station\_default**

Account for sheltered station wind measurements for example 11.4 equates to a small forest opening and 0 equates to unsheltered measurements.

*Default: 11.4*

*Type: float*

#### **station\_peak**

Name of stations that lie on a peak or a high point

*Default: None*

*Type: station*

#### **stations**

Stations to use for distributing wind in M/s

*Default: None*

*Type: station*

#### **veg\_3011**

Applies the value where vegetation equals 3011(Rocky Mountain aspen)

*Default: 3.3*

*Type: float*

#### **veg\_3061**

Applies the value where vegetation equals 3061(mixed aspen)

*Default: 3.3*

*Type: float*

#### **veg\_41**

Applies the value where vegetation type equals NLCD class 41

*Default: 3.3*

*Type: float*

#### **veg\_42**

Applies the value where vegetation type equals NLCD class 42

*Default: 3.3*

*Type: float*

**veg\_43**

Applies the value where vegetation type equals NLCD class 43

*Default: 11.4*

*Type: float*

**veg\_default**

Applies the value to all vegetation not specified

*Default: 0.0*

*Type: float*

**wind\_model**

Wind model to interpolate wind measurements to the model domain

*Default: winstral*

*Type: string*

*Options: winstral wind\_ninja interp*

**wind\_ninja\_dir**

Location in which the ascii files are output from the WindNinja simulation. This serves as a trigger for checking for WindNinja files.

*Default: None*

*Type: criticaldirectory*

**wind\_ninja\_dxdy**

grid spacing at which the WindNinja ascii files are output.

*Default: 100*

*Type: int*

**wind\_ninja\_height**

The output height of wind fields from WindNinja in meters.

*Default: 5.0*

*Type: string*

**wind\_ninja\_pref**

Prefix of all outputs from WindNinja that matches the topo input to WindNinja.

*Default: None*

*Type: string*

### **wind\_ninja\_roughness**

The surface roughness used in WindNinja generally grass.

*Default: 0.01*

*Type: string*

### **wind\_ninja\_tz**

Time zone that from the WindNinja config.

*Default: UTC*

*Type: string*

## **precip**

The precipitation section controls all the available parameters that effect the distribution of the precipitation module, especially the associated models. For more detailed information please see [\*smrf.distribute.precipitation\*](#)

### **detrend**

Whether to elevationally detrend prior to distributing

*Default: true*

*Type: bool*

### **detrend\_slope**

if detrend is true constrain the detrend\_slope to positive (1) or negative (-1) or no constraint (0)

*Default: 1*

*Type: int*

*Options: -1 0 1*

### **distribution**

Distribution method to use for precipitation. Stations use dk idw or kriging. Gridded data use grid.

*Default: dk*

*Type: string*

*Options: dk idw grid kriging*

### **dk\_ncores**

Number of threads to use in the dk calculation

*Default:* 2

*Type:* int

**grid\_local**

Use local elevation gradients in gridded interpolation

*Default:* False

*Type:* bool

**grid\_local\_n**

number of closest grid cells to use for calculating elevation gradient

*Default:* 25

*Type:* int

**grid\_mask**

Mask the distribution calculations

*Default:* True

*Type:* bool

**grid\_method**

interpolation method to use for precipitation

*Default:* cubic

*Type:* string

*Options:* nearest linear cubic

**idw\_power**

Power for decay of a stations influence in inverse distance weighting

*Default:* 2.0

*Type:* float

**krig\_anisotropy\_angle**

CCW angle (in degrees) by which to rotate coordinate system in order to take into account anisotropy.

*Default:* 0.0

*Type:* float

**krig\_anisotropy\_scaling**

Scalar stretching value for kriging to take into account anisotropy.

*Default:* 1.0

*Type:* float

#### **krig\_coordinates\_type**

Determines if the x and y coordinates are interpreted as on a plane (euclidean) or as coordinates on a sphere (geographic).

*Default:* euclidean

*Type:* string

*Options:* euclidean geographic

#### **krig\_nlags**

Number of averaging bins for the kriging semivariogram

*Default:* 6

*Type:* int

#### **krig\_variogram\_model**

Specifies which kriging variogram model to use

*Default:* linear

*Type:* string

*Options:* linear power gaussian spherical exponential hole-effect

#### **krig\_weight**

Flag that specifies if the kriging semivariance at smaller lags should be weighted more heavily when automatically calculating variogram model.

*Default:* False

*Type:* bool

#### **marks2017\_timesteps\_to\_end\_storms**

number of timesteps to elapse with precip under start criteria before ending a storm.

*Default:* 6

*Type:* int

#### **max**

Maximum possible precipitation in millimeters

*Default:* None

*Type:* float

**min**

Minimum possible for precipitation in millimeters

*Default: 0.0*

*Type: float*

**new\_snow\_density\_model**

Method to use for calculating the new snow density

*Default: susong1999*

*Type: string*

*Options: marks2017 susong1999 piecewise\_susong1999*

**precip\_rescaling\_model**

Method to use for redistributing precipitation. Winstrals method focuses forming drifts from wind

*Default: None*

*Type: string*

*Options: winstral*

**precip\_temp\_method**

which variable to use for precip temperature

*Default: dew\_point*

*Type: string*

*Options: dew\_point wet\_bulb*

**station\_adjust\_for\_undercatch**

Apply undercatch relationships to precip gauges

*Default: true*

*Type: bool*

**station\_undercatch\_model\_default**

WMO model used to adjust for undercatch of precipitation

*Default: us\_nws\_8\_shielded*

*Type: string*

*Options: us\_nws\_8\_shielded us\_nws\_8\_unshielded*

**stations**

Stations to use for distributing this precipitation

*Default: None*

*Type:* station

**storm\_days\_restart**

Path to netcdf representing the last storm days so a run can continue in between stops

*Default:* None

*Type:* discretionarycriticalfilename

**storm\_mass\_threshold**

Start criteria for a storm in mm of measured precipitation in millimeters in any pixel over the domain.

*Default:* 1.0

*Type:* float

**susong1999\_timesteps\_to\_end\_storms**

number of timesteps to elapse with precip under start criteria before ending a storm.

*Default:* 6

*Type:* int

**winstral\_max\_drift**

max multiplier for precip redistribution in a drift cell

*Default:* 3.5

*Type:* float

**winstral\_max\_scour**

max multiplier for precip redistribution to account for wind scour.

*Default:* 1.0

*Type:* float

**winstral\_min\_drift**

min multiplier for precip redistribution in a drift cell

*Default:* 1.0

*Type:* float

**winstral\_min\_scour**

minimum multiplier for precip redistribution to account for wind scour.

*Default:* 0.55

*Type:* float

**winstral\_tbreak\_netcdf**

NetCDF file containing the tbreak values for wind

*Default:* None

*Type:* filename

**winstral\_tbreak\_threshold**

Threshold for drift cells measured in degrees from tbreak file.

*Default:* 7.0

*Type:* float

**winstral\_veg\_3011**

Interference inverse factor for precip redistribution where vegetation equals 3011(Rocky Mountain Aspen).

*Default:* 0.7

*Type:* float

**winstral\_veg\_3061**

Interference inverse factor for precip redistribution where vegetation equals 3061(Mixed Aspen).

*Default:* 0.7

*Type:* float

**winstral\_veg\_41**

Interference inverse factor for precip redistribution where vegetation equals 41.

*Default:* 0.7

*Type:* float

**winstral\_veg\_42**

Interference inverse factor for precip redistribution where vegetation equals 42.

*Default:* 0.7

*Type:* float

**winstral\_veg\_43**

Interference inverse factor for precip redistribution where vegetation equals 43.

*Default:* 0.7

*Type:* float

**winstral\_veg\_default**

Applies the value to all vegetation not specified

*Default: 1.0*

*Type: float*

**albedo**

The albedo section controls all the available parameters that effect the distribution of the albedo module, especially the associated models. For more detailed information please see [\*smrf.distribute.albedo\*](#)

**date\_method\_decay\_power**

Exponent value of the decay rate equation prescribed by the method.

*Default: 0.714*

*Type: float*

**date\_method\_end\_decay**

Starting date for applying the decay method described by date\_method

*Default: None*

*Type: datetimedatepair*

**date\_method\_start\_decay**

Starting date for applying the decay method described by date\_method

*Default: None*

*Type: datetimedatepair*

**date\_method\_veg\_41**

Applies the value where vegetation equals 41

*Default: 0.36*

*Type: float*

**date\_method\_veg\_42**

Applies the value where vegetation equals 42

*Default: 0.36*

*Type: float*

**date\_method\_veg\_43**

Applies the value where vegetation equals 43

*Default:* 0.25

*Type:* float

**date\_method\_veg\_default**

Applies the value to all vegetation not specified

*Default:* 0.25

*Type:* float

**decay\_method**

Describe how the albedo decays in the late season

*Default:* None

*Type:* string

*Options:* \* hardy2000 date\_method none\*

**dirt**

Effective contamination for adjustment to visible albedo (usually between 1.5-3.0)

*Default:* 2.0

*Type:* float

**grain\_size**

Effective optical grain radius of snow after last storm in micro-meters

*Default:* 100.0

*Type:* float

**grid\_mask**

Mask the distribution calculations

*Default:* True

*Type:* bool

**hardy2000\_litter\_albedo**

Albedo of the litter on the snow using the hard method

*Default:* 0.2

*Type:* float

**hardy2000\_litter\_default**

Litter rate for places where vegetation not specified for Hardy et al. 2000 decay method

*Default:* 0.003

*Type:* float

#### **hardy2000\_litter\_veg\_41**

Litter rate for places where vegetation not specified for Hardy et al. 2000 decay method for vegetation classes NLCD 41

*Default:* 0.006

*Type:* float

#### **hardy2000\_litter\_veg\_42**

Litter rate for places where vegetation not specified for Hardy et al. 2000 decay method for vegetation classes NLCD 42

*Default:* 0.006

*Type:* float

#### **hardy2000\_litter\_veg\_43**

Litter rate for places where vegetation not specified for Hardy et al. 2000 decay method for vegetation classes NLCD 43

*Default:* 0.003

*Type:* float

#### **max**

Maximum possible for albedo

*Default:* 1.0

*Type:* float

#### **max\_grain**

Max optical grain radius of snow possible in micro-meters

*Default:* 700.0

*Type:* float

#### **min**

Minimum possible for albedo

*Default:* 0.0

*Type:* float

**cloud\_factor**

The cloud\_factor section controls all the available parameters that effect the distribution of the cloud\_factor module, especially the associated models. For more detailed information please see [\*smrf.distribute.cloud\\_factor\*](#)

**detrend**

Whether to elevationally detrend prior to distributing

*Default:* false

*Type:* bool

**detrend\_slope**

If detrend is true constrain the detrend\_slope to positive (1) or negative (-1) or no constraint (0)

*Default:* 0

*Type:* int

*Options:* -1 0 1

**distribution**

Distribution method to use for cloud factor. Stations use dk idw or kriging. Gridded data use grid. Stations use dk idw or kriging. Gridded data use grid.

*Default:* idw

*Type:* string

*Options:* dk idw grid kriging

**dk\_ncores**

Number of threads or processors to use in the dk calculation

*Default:* 1

*Type:* int

**grid\_local**

Use local elevation gradients in gridded interpolation

*Default:* False

*Type:* bool

**grid\_local\_n**

number of closest grid cells to use for calculating elevation gradient

*Default:* 25

*Type:* int

**grid\_mask**

Mask the distribution calculations

*Default: True*

*Type: bool*

**grid\_method**

Gridded interpolation method to use for cloud factor

*Default: cubic*

*Type: string*

*Options: nearest linear cubic*

**idw\_power**

Power for decay of a stations influence in inverse distance weighting.

*Default: 2.0*

*Type: float*

**krig\_anisotropy\_angle**

CCW angle (in degrees) by which to rotate coordinate system in order to take into account anisotropy.

*Default: 0.0*

*Type: float*

**krig\_anisotropy\_scaling**

Scalar stretching value for kriging to take into account anisotropy.

*Default: 1.0*

*Type: float*

**krig\_coordinates\_type**

Determines if the x and y coordinates are interpreted as on a plane (euclidean) or as coordinates on a sphere (geographic).

*Default: euclidean*

*Type: string*

*Options: euclidean geographic*

**krig\_nlags**

Number of averaging bins for the kriging semivariogram

*Default: 6*

*Type: int*

**krig\_variogram\_model**

Specifies which kriging variogram model to use

*Default: linear*

*Type: string*

*Options: linear power gaussian spherical exponential hole-effect*

**krig\_weight**

Flag that specifies if the kriging semivariance at smaller lags should be weighted more heavily when automatically calculating variogram model.

*Default: False*

*Type: bool*

**max**

Max possible cloud factor as a decimal representing full clouds (0) to full sun (1).

*Default: 1.0*

*Type: float*

**min**

Minimum possible cloud factor as a decimal representing full clouds (0) to full sun (1).

*Default: 0.0*

*Type: float*

**stations**

Stations to use for distributing cloud factor as a decimal representing full clouds (0) to full sun (1).

*Default: None*

*Type: station*

**solar**

The solar section controls all the available parameters that effect the distribution of the solar module, especially the associated models. For more detailed information please see [\*smrf.distribute.solar\*](#)

**clear\_gamma**

Scattering asymmetry parameter

*Default: 0.3*

*Type: float*

**clear\_omega**

Single-scattering albedo

*Default:* 0.85

*Type:* float

**clear\_opt\_depth**

Elevation of optical depth measurement

*Default:* 100.0

*Type:* float

**clear\_tau**

Optical depth at z

*Default:* 0.2

*Type:* float

**correct\_albedo**

Multiply the solar radiation by 1-snow\_albedo.

*Default:* true

*Type:* bool

**correct\_cloud**

Multiply the solar radiation by the cloud factor derived by station data.

*Default:* true

*Type:* bool

**correct\_veg**

Apply solar radiation corrections according to veg\_type

*Default:* true

*Type:* bool

**max**

Maximum possible solar radiation in W/m<sup>2</sup>

*Default:* 800.0

*Type:* float

**min**

Minimum possible solar radiation in W/m<sup>2</sup>

*Default:* 0.0

*Type:* float

**thermal**

The thermal section controls all the available parameters that effect the distribution of the thermal module, especially the associated models. For more detailed information please see [\*smrf.distribute.thermal\*](#)

**clear\_sky\_method**

Method for calculating the clear sky thermal radiation

*Default:* marks1979

*Type:* string

*Options:* marks1979 dilley1998 prata1996 angstrom1918

**cloud\_method**

Method for adjusting thermal radiation due to cloud effects

*Default:* garen2005

*Type:* string

*Options:* garen2005 unsworth1975 kimball1982 crawford1999

**correct\_cloud**

Specify whether to use the cloud adjustments in thermal calculation

*Default:* true

*Type:* bool

**correct\_terrain**

Specify whether to account for vegetation in the thermal calculations

*Default:* true

*Type:* bool

**correct\_veg**

Specify whether to account for vegetation in the thermal calculations

*Default:* true

*Type:* bool

**detrend**

Whether to elevationally the detrend prior to distributing

*Default: False*

*Type: bool*

**detrend\_slope**

if detrend is true constrain the detrend\_slope to positive (1) or negative (-1) or no constraint (0)

*Default: 0*

*Type: int*

*Options: -1 0 1*

**distribution**

Distribution method to use for incoming thermal when using HRRR input data.

*Default: grid*

*Type: string*

*Options: grid*

**grid\_local**

Use local elevation gradients in gridded interpolation

*Default: False*

*Type: bool*

**grid\_local\_n**

number of closest grid cells to use for calculating elevation gradient

*Default: 25*

*Type: int*

**grid\_mask**

Mask the thermal radiation calculations

*Default: True*

*Type: bool*

**grid\_method**

interpolation method to use for this variable

*Default: cubic*

*Type: string*

*Options: nearest linear cubic*

**marks1979\_nthreads**

Number of threads to use thermal radiation calcs when using Marks1979

*Default:* 2

*Type:* int

**max**

Maximum possible incoming thermal radiation in W/m<sup>2</sup>

*Default:* 600.0

*Type:* float

**min**

Minimum possible incoming thermal radiation in W/m<sup>2</sup>

*Default:* 0.0

*Type:* float

**soil\_temp**

The soil\_temp section controls all the available parameters that effect the distribution of the soil\_temp module, especially the associated models. For more detailed information please see [\*smrf.distribute.soil\\_temp\*](#)

**temp**

Constant value to use for the soil temperature.

*Default:* -2.5

*Type:* float

**output****file\_type**

Format to use for outputting data.

*Default:* netcdf

*Type:* string

*Options:* netcdf

**frequency**

Number of timesteps between output values. 1 is every timestep.

*Default:* 1

Type: *int*

### **input\_backup**

Specify whether to backup the input data and create config file to run the smrf run from that backup

Default: *true*

Type: *bool*

### **mask\_output**

Mask the final NetCDF output.

Default: *False*

Type: *bool*

### **out\_location**

Directory to output results

Default: *None*

Type: *directory*

### **variables**

Variables to output after being calculated.

Default: *thermal air\_temp vapor\_pressure wind\_speed wind\_direction net\_solar precip percent\_snow snow\_density precip\_temp*

Type: *string*

Options: *all air\_temp albedo\_vis albedo\_ir precip percent\_snow snow\_density storm\_days precip\_temp clear\_ir\_beam clear\_ir\_diffuse clear\_vis\_beam clear\_vis\_diffuse cloud\_factor cloud\_ir\_beam cloud\_ir\_diffuse cloud\_vis\_beam cloud\_vis\_diffuse net\_solar veg\_ir\_beam veg\_ir\_diffuse veg\_vis\_beam veg\_vis\_diffuse thermal vapor\_pressure dew\_point flatwind wind\_speed wind\_direction thermal\_clear thermal\_veg thermal\_cloud*

### **system**

#### **log\_file**

File path to a txt file for the log info to be outputted

Default: *None*

Type: *filename*

#### **log\_level**

level of information to be logged

Default: *debug*

*Type: string*  
*Options: debug info error*

**qotw**

*Default: false*  
*Type: bool*

**queue\_max\_values**

How many timesteps that a calculation can get ahead while threading if it is independent of other variables.

*Default: 2*  
*Type: int*

**threading**

Specify whether to use python threading in calculations.

*Default: true*  
*Type: bool*

**time\_out**

Amount of time to wait for a thread before timing out

*Default: None*  
*Type: float*

### 1.2.3 Input Data

To generate all the input forcing data required to run iSnobal, the following measured or derived variables are needed

- Air temperature
- Vapor pressure
- Precipitation
- Wind speed and direction
- Cloud factor

This page documents a more detailed description of each of the input variables, the types of input data that can be used for SMRF, and the data format for passing the data to SRMF.

## Variable Descriptions

**Air temperature [Celsius]** Measured or modeled air temperature at the surface

**Vapor pressure [Pascals]** Derived from the air temperature and measured relative humidity. Can be calculated using the IPW utility `sat2vp` or the SMRF function `rh2vp`.

**Precipitation [mm]** Instantaneous precipitation with no negative values. If using a weighing precipitation gauge that outputs accumulated precipitation, the value must be converted.

**Wind speed [meters per second]** The measured wind speed at the surface. Typically an average value over the measurement interval.

**Wind direction [degrees]** The measured wind direction at the surface. Typically an average value over the measurement interval.

**Cloud factor [None]** The percentage between 0 and 1 of the incoming solar radiation that is obstructed by clouds. 0 equates to no light and 1 equates to no clouds. The cloud factor is derived from the measured solar radiation and the modeled clear sky solar radiation. The modeled clear sky solar radiation can be calculated using the IPW utility `twostream` or the SMRF function `model_solar`.

## Input Data Types

All types of input data to SMRF are assumed to be point measurements. Therefore, each measurement location must have a X, Y, and elevation associated with it.

## Weather Stations

Generally, SMRF will be run using measured variables from weather stations in and around the area of interest. Below are some potential websites for finding data for weather stations:

- Mesowest
- NRCS SNOTEL
- California Data Exchange Center

## Gridded Model Output

Gridded datasets can be used as input data for SMRF. The typical use will be for downscaling gridded weather model forecasts to the snow model domain in order to produce a short term snowpack forecast. In theory, any resolution can be utilized, but the methods have been tested and developed using Weather Research and Forecasting ([WRF](#)) at a 1 and 3 km resolution. Each grid point will be used as if it were a weather station, with its own X, Y, and elevation. Therefore, the coarse resolution model terrain can be taken into account when downscaling to a higher resolution DEM.

See Havens et al. (2017) for more details and further discussion on using WRF for forcing iSnowball.

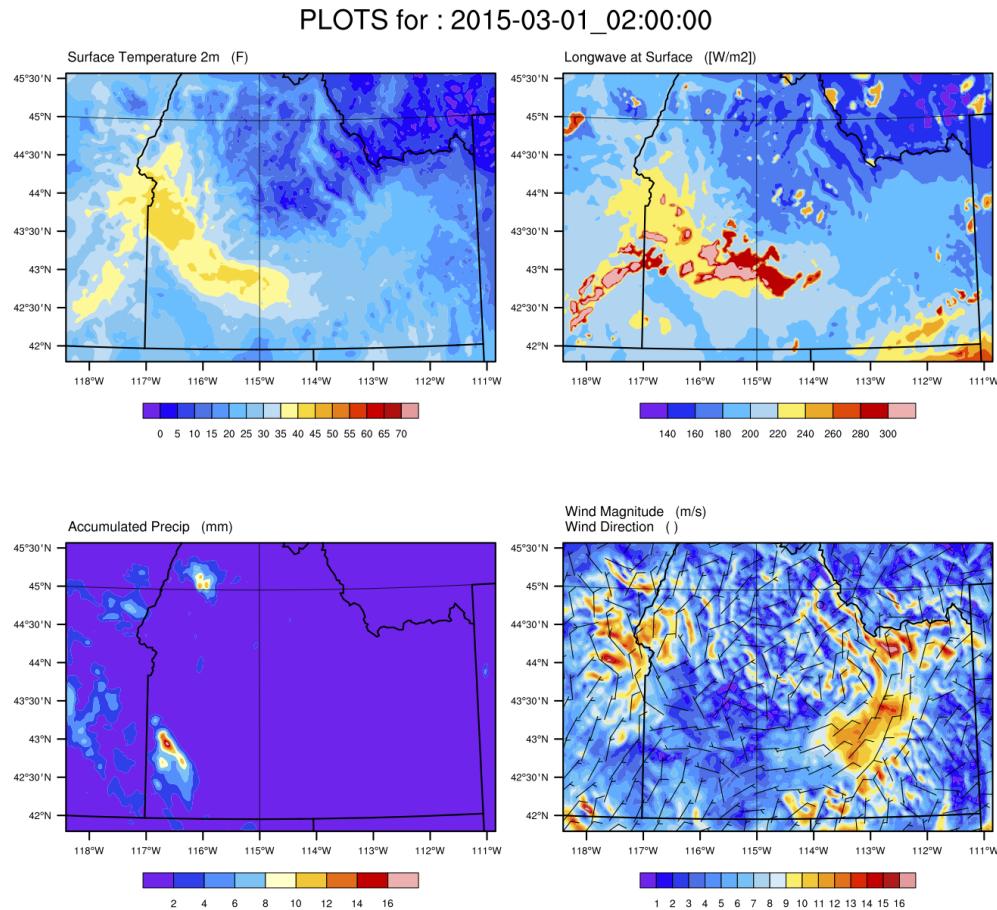


Fig. 1.1: Using WRF as a gridded dataset for SMRF.

## Data Formats

### CSV Files

Each variable requires its own CSV file plus a metadata file. See `smrf.data.csv_data` for more information. The variable files must be structured as:

date_time	ID_1	ID_2	...	ID_N
10/01/2008 00:00	5.2	13.2	...	-1.3
10/01/2008 01:00	6.3	NAN	...	-2.5
...	...	...	...	...
09/30/2009 00:00	10.3	21.9	...	0.9

`date_time` must be chronological and in any format that `pandas.to_datetime()` can parse. Errors will occur on import when pandas cannot parse the string. The best format to use is MM-DD-YYYY HH:mm.

The column headers are the station ID numbers, which uniquely identify each station. The station ID is used throughout SMRF to filter and specify stations, as well as the metadata.

The data for each station is in the column under the station ID. Missing values can be included as either NAN or blank, which will be converted to NaN in SMRF. Missing data values will not be included in the distribution calculations.

The metadata CSV file tells SMRF important information about the location for each stations. At a minimum the metadata file must have a `primary_id`, X, Y, and elevation. The locations must be in UTM and the elevation is in same units as the DEM (typically meters).

primary_id	X	Y	elevation
ID_1	625406	4801625	1183
ID_2	586856	4827316	998
...	...	...	...
ID_N	641751	4846381	2310

Example data files can be found in the `tests` directory for RME.

## MySQL Database

The MySQL database is more flexible than CSV files but requires more effort to setup. However, SMRF will only import the data and stations that were requested without loading in additional data that isn't required. See `smrf.data.mysql_data` for more information.

The data table contains all the measurement data with a single row representing a measurement time for a station. The date column (i.e. `date_time`) must be a DATETIME data type with a unique constraint on the `date_time` column and `primary_id` column.

date_time	primary_id	var1	var2	...	varN
10/01/2008 00:00	ID_1	5.2	13.2	...	-1.3
10/01/2008 00:00	ID_2	1.1	0	...	-10.3
10/01/2008 01:00	ID_1	6.3	NAN	...	-2.5
10/01/2008 01:00	ID_2	0.3	7.1	...	9.4

The metadata table is the same format as the CSV files, with a `primary_id`, X, Y, and elevation column. A benefit to using MySQL is that we can use a client as a way to group multiple stations to be used for a given model run. For example, we can have a client named BRB, which will have all the station ID's for the stations that would be used to

run SMRF. Then we can specify the client in the configuration file instead of listing out all the station ID's. To use this feature, a table must be created to hold this information. Then the station ID's matching the client will only be imported. The following is how the table should be setup. Source is used to track where the data is coming from.

station_id	client	source
ID_1	BRB	Mesowest
ID_2	BRB	Mesowest
ID_3	TUOL	CDEC
...	...	...
ID_N	BRB	Mesowest

Visit the [Weather Database GitHub page](#) if you'd like to use a MySQL database.

## Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF)

Gridded datasets can come in many forms and the `smrf.data.loadGrid` module is meant to import gridded datasets. Currently, SMRF can ingest WRF output in the standard wrf\_out NetCDF files. SMRF looks for specific variables with the WRF output file and converts them to the related SMRF values. The grid cells are imported as if they are a single measurement station with it's own X, Y, and elevation. The minimum variables required are:

**Times** The date time for each timestep

**XLAT** Latitude of each grid cell

**XLONG** Longitude of each grid cell

**HGT** Elevation of each grid cell

**T2** Air temperature at 2 meters above the surface

**DWPT** Dew point temperature at 2 meters above the surface, which will be used to calculate vapor pressure

**GLW** Incoming thermal radiation at the surface

**RAINNC** Accumulated precipitation

**CLDFRA** Cloud fraction for all atmospheric layers, the average will be used at the SMRF cloud factor

**UGRD** Wind vector, u component

**VGRD** Wind vector, v component

## High Resolution Rapid Refresh (HRRR)

The [High Resolution Rapid Refersh \(HRRR\)](#) is a real time 3-km, hourly atmospheric model with forecasts ran by NOAA. The data is focused on recent water years (>WY2017). Loading the HRRR data into SMRF is performed by `weather_forecast_retrieval` based on a rigid directory structure used by the NOMADS archive. Because HHHR has a minimum of an 18 hour forecast every hour, if a data file is not found or is incomplete, `weather_forecast_retrieval` will search the previous forecasts for a good image for that specific time.

The variables used from HRRR are:

- Air temperature at 2 meters
- Relative humidity at 2 meters
- Wind u/v components at 10 meters
- Total precipitation for that hour

- Short wave radiation at the surface to calculated cloud factor
- Elevation of the terrain

### Generic netCDF files

SMRF also has the ability to load generic netCDF files that may come from a variety of sources. At a minimum, the netCDF file requires at a minimum the following fields:

- lat for the grid cell latitude
- lon for the grid cell longitude
- elev for the grid cell elevation
- time CF compliant time

Each variable name is specified in the configuration file and maps from the file variable to the SMRF variable.

## 1.2.4 Distribution Methods

### Detrending Measurement Data

Most meteorological variables used in SMRF have an underlying elevational gradient. Therefore, all of the distribution methods can estimate the gradient from the measurement data and apply the elevational gradient to the DEM during distribution. Here, the theory of how the elevational gradient is calculated, removed from the data, and reapplied after distribution is explained. All the distribution methods follow this pattern and detrending can be ignored by setting detrend: False in the configuration.

#### Calculating the Elevational Trend

The elevational trend for meteorological stations is calculated using all available stations in the modeling domain. A line is fit to the measurement data with the slope as the elevational gradient ([Fig. 1.2a](#), [Fig. 1.3a](#), and [Fig. 1.4a](#)). The slope can be constrained as positive, negative, or no constraint.

Gridded datasets have significantly more information than point measurements. Therefore, the approach is slightly different for calculating the elevational trend line. To limit the number of grid cells that contribute to the elevational trend, only those grid cells within the mask are used. This ensures that only the grid cells within the basin boundary contribute to the estimation of the elevational trend line.

#### Distributing the Residuals

The point measurements minus the elevational trend at the stations (or grid cell's) elevation is the measurement residual. The residuals are then distributed using the desired distribution method ([Fig. 1.2b](#), [Fig. 1.3b](#), and [Fig. 1.4b](#)) and show the deviance from the estimated elevational trend.

#### Retrending the Distributed Residuals

The distributed residuals are added to the elevational trend line evaluated at each of the DEM grid points ([Fig. 1.2c](#), [Fig. 1.3c](#), and [Fig. 1.4c](#)). This produces a distributed value that has the underlying elevational trend in the measurement data but also takes into account local changes in that value.

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**Note:** Constraints can be placed on the elevational trend to be either positive, negative, or no constraint. However, if a constraint is applied and the measurement data does not fit the constraint (for example negavite trend for air temp but there is a positive trend during an inversion or night time), then the slope of the trend line will be set to zero. This will distribute the data based on the underlying method and not apply any trends.

## Methods

The methods outlined below will distribute the measurement data or distribute the residuals if detrending is applied. Once the values are distributed, the values can be used as is or retrended.

### Inverse Distance Weighting

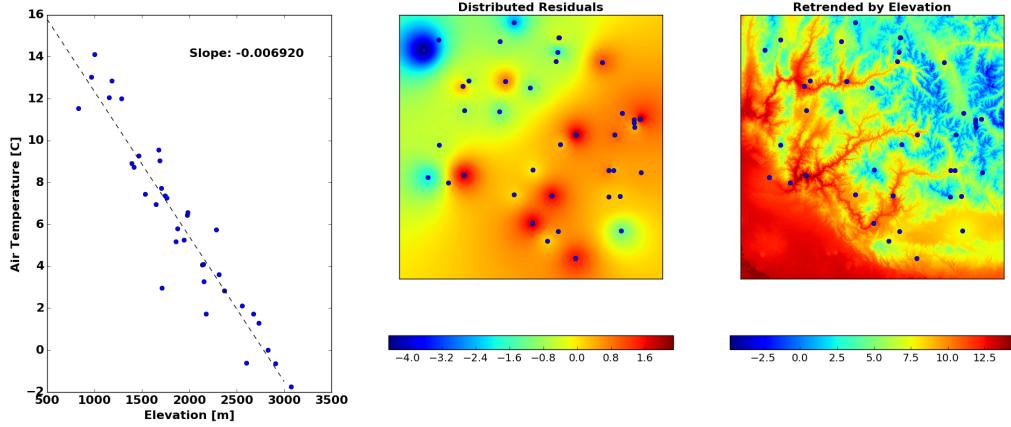


Fig. 1.2: Distribution of air temperature using inverse distance weighting. a) Air temperature as a function of elevation. b) Inverse distance weighting of the residuals. c) Retrending the residuals to the DEM elevation.

Inverse distance weighting takes the weighted average of the measurement data based on the inverse of the distance between the measurement location and the modeling grid [22]. For  $N$  set of measurement locations, the value at any  $x, y$  location can be calculated:

$$u(x, y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N w_i(x, y) u_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N w(x, y)}$$

where

$$w_i(x, y) = \frac{1}{d_i(x, y)^p}$$

and  $d_i(x, y)$  is the distance between the model grid cell and the measurement location raised to a power of  $p$  (typically defaults to 2). The results of the inverse distance weighting,  $u(x, y)$ , is shown in Figure 1.2b.

### Detrended Kriging

Detrended kriging is based on the work developed by Garen et al. (1994) [23].

Detrended kriging uses a model semivariogram based on the station locations to distribute the measurement data to the model domain. Before kriging can begin, a model semivariogram is developed from the measurement data that provides structure for the distribution. Given measurement data  $Z$  for  $N$  measurement points, the semivariogram  $\hat{\gamma}$  is defined as:

$$\hat{\gamma}(\mathbf{h}) = \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^m [z(\mathbf{x}_i) - z(\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{h})]^2$$

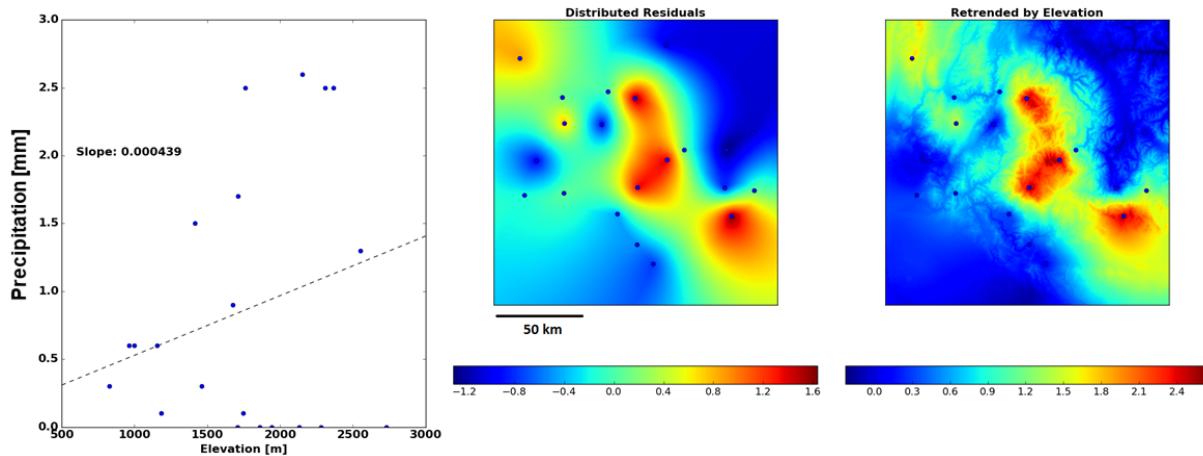


Fig. 1.3: Distribution of precipitation using detrended kriging. a) Precipitation as a function of elevation. b) Kriging of the residuals. c) Retrending the residuals to the DEM elevation.

where  $\mathbf{h}$  is the separation vector between measurement points,  $m$  is the number of points at lag  $\mathbf{h}$ , and  $z(\mathbf{x})$  and  $z(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{h})$  represent the measurement values at locations separated by  $\mathbf{h}$ . For the purposes of the detrended kriging within SMRF,  $m$  will be one as all locations will have their unique lag distance  $\mathbf{h}$ .

The kriging calculations require a semivariogram model to interpolate the measurement data. Detrended kriging uses a linear semivariogram  $\tau(\mathbf{h}) = \tau_n + b\mathbf{h}$  where  $\tau_n$  is the nugget and  $b$  is the slope of the line. A linear semivariogram model means that on average,  $Z$  becomes increasing dissimilar at larger lag distances. With the linear semivariogram model, ordinary kriging methods are used to calculate the weights at each point through solving of a system of linear equations with the constraint of the weights summing to 1. See Garen et al. (1994) [23] or [24] for a review of ordinary kriging methods.

In this implementation of detrended kriging, simplifications are made based on the use of the linear semivariogram. With a linear semivariogram, the kriging weights are independent of the slope and nugget of the model, as the semivariogram is a function of only the lag distance. Therefore, this assumption simplifies the kriging weight calculations as  $\hat{\gamma}(\mathbf{h}) = h$ . There the weights only need to be calculated once when the current set of measurement locations change. The kriging weights are further constrained to only use stations that are within close proximity to the estimation point.

## Ordinary Kriging

Detrended kriging above is a specific application of ordinary kriging for distributing meteorological data. A more generic kriging approach is to use PyKriging that supports 2D ordinary and universal kriging. See PyKriging documentation for more information and the [configuration file reference](#) for specific application within SMRF.

## Gridded Interpolation

Gridded interpolation was developed for gridded datasets that have orders of magnitude more data than station measurements (i.e. 3000 grid points for a gridded forecast). This ensures that the computations required for inverse distance weighting or detrended kriging are not performed to save memory and computational time. The interpolation uses `scipy.interpolate.griddata` (documentation [here](#)) to interpolate the values to the model domain. Four different interpolation methods can be used:

- linear (default)
- nearest neighbor

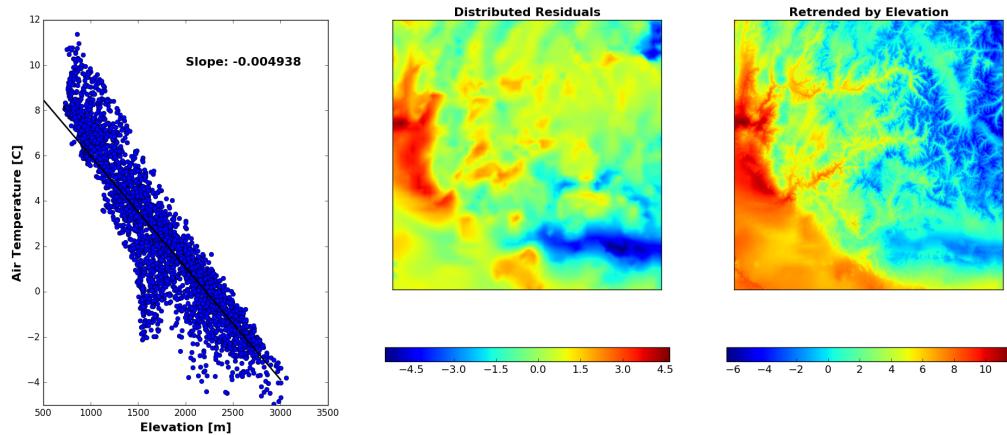


Fig. 1.4: Distribution of air temperature using gridded interpolation. a) Air temperature as a function of elevation. b) Linear interpolation of the residuals. c) Retrending the residuals to the DEM elevation.

- cubic 1-D
- cubic 2-D

## 1.2.5 Wind Models

Three wind distribution methods are available for the Wind class:

1. Winstral and Marks 2002 method for maximum upwind slope (maxus)
2. Import WindNinja simulations
3. Standard interpolation

The type of wind model can be specified in the [wind] section of the configuration file. The options are `winstral`, `wind_ninja`, and `interp`.

### Wind Measurement Height

This paragraph aims to be a cautionary note. Wind is an important driver for the turbulent fluxes in a snow or hydrological model. However, atmospheric models and wind measurements can be taken at a multitude of different heights. For example, with WindNinja, HRRR outputs at 10 meters above the ground surface. WindNinja can then scale that to a different height (default is 5 meters in `katana`). Therefore, the wind speed that SMRF interpolates will be at 5 meters and that should match the measurement height of wind in the snow or hydrology model.

The same is true with wind speed measurements as not all sensors are placed at the same height. Take care to review the weather station metadata and convert the wind speed to fixed height above the ground before using SMRF.

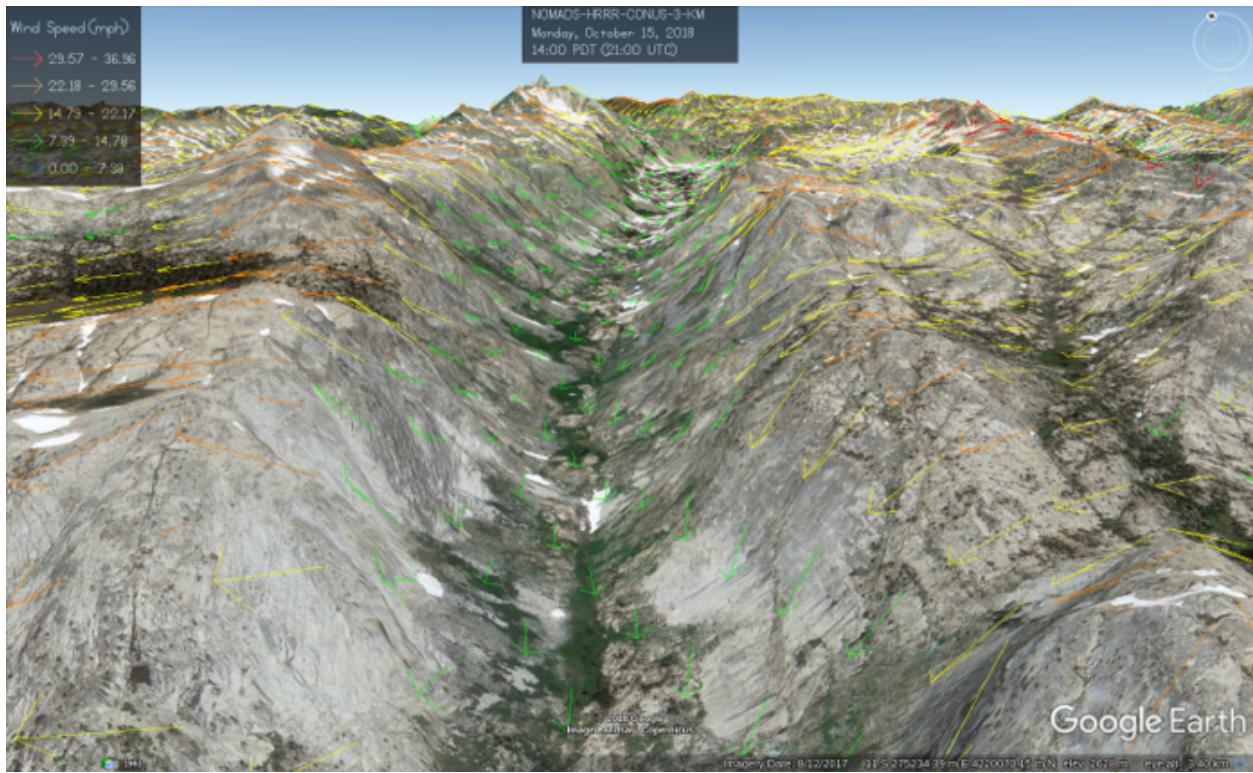
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**Note:** Check the wind measurement and output heights for consistency.

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## WindNinja

WindNinja simulates wind over complex terrain using a computational fluid dynamics approach and was originally developed for wildland fire forecasting. WindNinja includes a conservation of mass and a conservation of mass and momentum solver, implemented using OpenFOAM.



WindNinja has been built into a Docker image in [katana](#) that performs the WindNinja simulations. The function of Katana is to deal with the data editing and data flow required to run WindNinja over large areas and long periods of time, as well as actually running WindNinja. The power of Katana is that it organizes all of the necessary software (WindNinja, GDAL, wgrib2) into an easy to use docker.

The steps that Katana takes are as follows:

1. Create topo ascii for use in WindNinja
2. Crop grib2 files to a small enough domain to actually run WindNinja as we cannot read in the full CONUS domain
3. Extract the necessary variables from the grib2 files
4. Organize the new, smaller grib2 files into daily folders
5. Create WindNinja config
6. Run WindNinja (one run per day)

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**Note:** [katana](#) must be ran prior to SMRF.

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SMRF reads the ASCII WindNinja outputs and interpolates (if needed) to the model domain. See the [katana README](#) for more information on how to setup the configuration file and what atmospheric models it can run. For SMRF, WindNinja is ran as if the vegetation was grass.

Once WindNinja simulations have been performed, SMRF applies a log law scaling to adjust the simulated wind field for the roughness of the vegetation height. The vegetation roughness in the log law scaling is based on Brutsaert (1974) [25] and Cataldo and Zeballos (2009) [26].

## Winstral Wind Model

The methods described here follow the work developed by Winstral and Marks (2002) and Winstral et al. (2009) [19] [20] which parametrizes the terrain based on the upwind direction. The underlying method calculates the maximum upwind slope (maxus) within a search distance to determine if a cell is sheltered or exposed. See [\*smrf.utils.wind.model\*](#) for a more in depth description. A maxus file (library) is used to load the upwind direction and maxus values over the dem. The following steps are performed when estimating the wind speed:

1. Calculate the maxus values for the topo
2. Adjust measured wind speeds at the stations and determine the wind direction components
3. Distribute the flat wind speed and wind direction components
4. Simulate the wind speeds based on the distribute flat wind, wind direction, and maxus values

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**Note:** Winstral wind model works only with station measurements and not atmospheric models.

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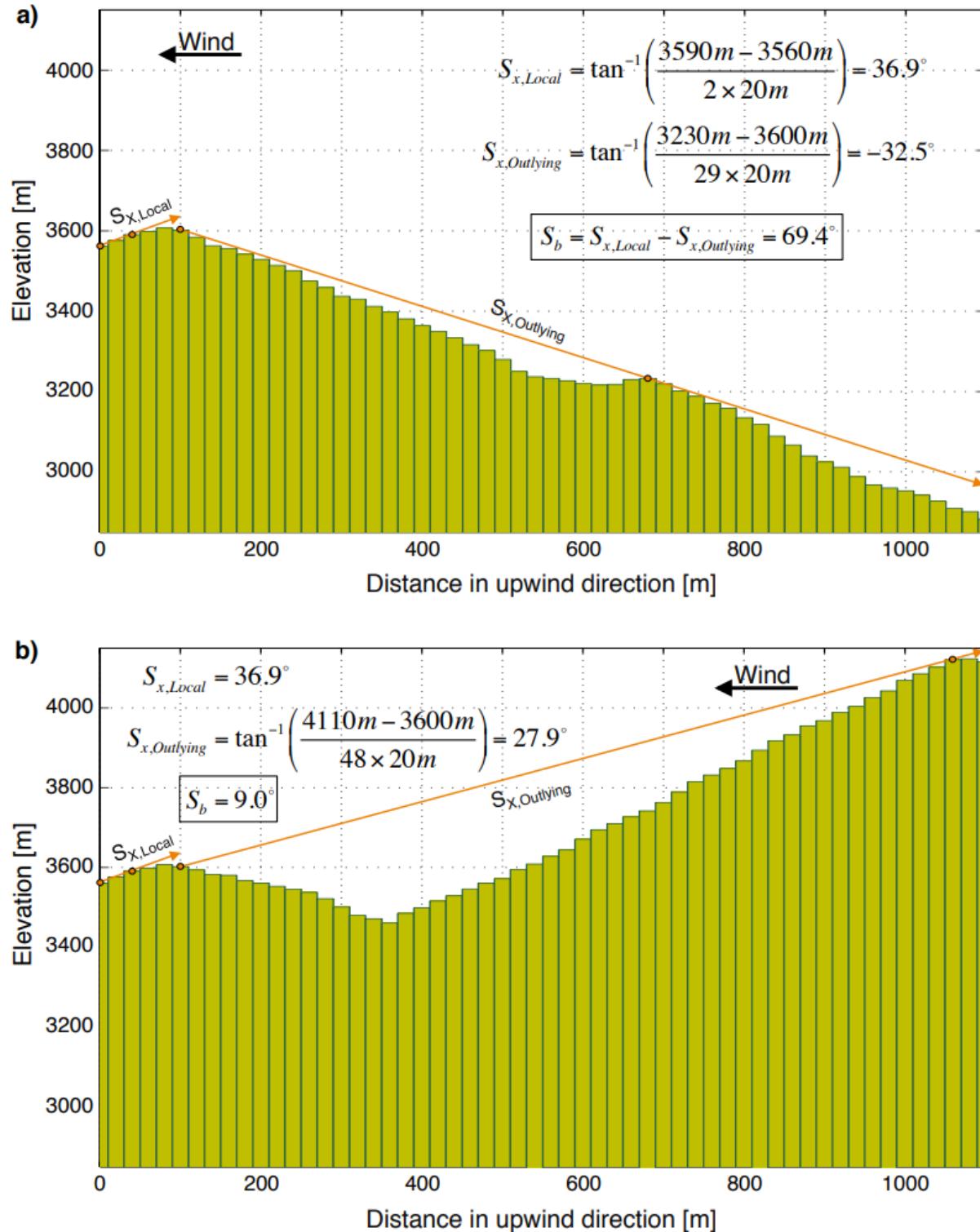
### 1. Maxus values

The azimuth **A** is the direction of the prevailing wind for which the maxus value will be calculated within a maximum search distance **dmax**. The maxus (**Sx**) parameter can then be estimated as the maximum value of the slope from the cell of interest to all of the grid cells along the search vector. The efficiency in selection of the maximum value can be increased by using the techniques from the horizon function which calculates the horizon for each pixel. Therefore, less calculations can be performed. Negative **Sx** values indicate an exposed pixel location (shelter pixel was lower) and positive **Sx** values indicate a sheltered pixel (shelter pixel was higher).

After all the upwind direction are calculated, the average **Sx** over a window is calculated. The average **Sx** accounts for larger landscape obstacles that may be adjacent to the upwind direction and affect the flow. A window size in degrees takes the average of all **Sx**.

### 2. Adjust measured wind speeds

After the maxus is calculated for multiple wind directions over the entire DEM, the measured wind speed and direction can be distributed. The first step is to adjust the measured wind speeds to estimate the wind speed if the site were on a flat surface. The adjustment uses the maxus value at the station location and an enhancement factor for the site based on the sheltering of that site to wind. A special consideration is performed when the station is on a peak, as artificially high wind speeds can be calculated. If the station is on a peak, the minimum maxus value is chosen for all wind directions. The wind direction is then broken up into the u,v components.



### 3. Distribute flat wind speed and direction

Next the flat wind speed, u wind direction component, and v wind direction component are distributed using the underlying SMRF distribution methods.

### 4. Simulate wind speed with maxus

With the distributed flat wind speed and wind direction, the simulated wind speeds can be estimated. The distributed wind direction is binned into the upwind directions in the maxus library. This determines which maxus value to use for each pixel in the DEM. Each cell's maxus value is further enhanced for vegetation, with larger, more dense vegetation increasing the maxus value (more sheltering) and bare ground not enhancing the maxus value (exposed). With the adjusted maxus values, wind speed is estimated using the relationships in Winstral and Marks (2002) and Winstral et al. (2009) [19] [20] based on the distributed flat wind speed and each cell's maxus value.

#### Standard interpolation

Standard interpolation using SMRF's *distribution methods*.

## 1.3 API Documentation

Everything you could ever want to know about SMRF.

### 1.3.1 smrf.data package

#### Submodules

##### smrf.data.loadData module

```
class smrf.data.loadData.wxdata(dataConfig, start_date, end_date, time_zone='UTC',
                                 dataType=None)
```

Bases: object

Class for loading and storing the data, either from - CSV file - MySQL database - Add other sources here

Inputs to data() are: - dataConfig, either the [csv] or [mysql] section - start\_date, datetime object - end\_date, datetime object - dataType, either 'csv' or 'mysql'

The data will be loaded into a Pandas dataframe

```
db_config_vars = ['user', 'password', 'host', 'database', 'port', 'metadata', 'data_table']
```

```
load_from_csv()
```

Load the data from a csv file Fields that are operated on - metadata -> dictionary, one for each station, must have at least the following: primary\_id, X, Y, elevation - csv data files -> dictionary, one for each time step, must have at least the following columns: date\_time, column names matching metadata.primary\_id

```
load_from_mysql()
```

Load the data from a mysql database

```
variables = ['air_temp', 'vapor_pressure', 'precip', 'wind_speed', 'wind_direction', 'wind_gust']
```

**smrf.data.loadGrid module**

`smrf.data.loadGrid.apply_utm(s, force_zone_number)`  
Calculate the utm from lat/lon for a series

**Parameters**

- **s** – pandas series with fields latitude and longitude
- **force\_zone\_number** – default None, zone number to force to

**Returns** pandas series with fields ‘X’ and ‘Y’ filled

**Return type** s

```
class smrf.data.loadGrid.Grid(dataConfig, topo, start_date, end_date, time_zone='UTC',
                               dataType='wrf', tempDir=None, forecast_flag=False,
                               day_hour=0, n_forecast_hours=18)
```

Bases: object

Class for loading and storing the data, either from a gridded dataset in: - NetCDF format - other format

Inputs to data() are: - dataConfig, from the [gridded] section - start\_date, datetime object - end\_date, datetime object

`get_latlon(utm_x, utm_y)`

Convert UTM coords to Latitude and longitude

**Parameters**

- **utm\_x** – UTM easting in meters in the same zone/letter as the topo
- **utm\_y** – UTM Northing in meters in the same zone/letter as the topo

**Returns**

**(lat,lon) latitude and longitude conversion from the UTM coordinates**

**Return type** tuple

`load_from_hrrr()`

Load the data from the High Resolution Rapid Refresh (HRRR) model The variables returned from the HRRR class in dataframes are

- metadata
- air\_temp
- relative\_humidity
- precip\_int
- cloud\_factor
- wind\_u
- wind\_v

The function will take the keys and load them into the appropriate objects within the *grid* class. The vapor pressure will be calculated from the *air\_temp* and *relative\_humidity*. The *wind\_speed* and *wind\_direction* will be calculated from *wind\_u* and *wind\_v*

`load_from_netcdf()`

Load the data from a generic netcdf file

**Parameters**

- **lat** – latitude field in file, 1D array

- **lon** – longitude field in file, 1D array
- **elev** – elevation field in file, 2D array
- **variable** – variable name in file, 3D array

**load\_from\_wrf()**

Load the data from a netcdf file. This was setup to work with a WRF output file, i.e. wrf\_out so it's going to look for the following variables: - Times - XLAT - XLONG - HGT - T2 - DWPT - GLW - RAINNC - CLDFRA - UGRD - VGRD

Each cell will be identified by grid\_IX\_IY

**model\_domain\_grid()**

Retrieve the bounding box for the gridded data by adding a buffer to the extents of the topo domain.

**Returns** (dlat, dlon) Domain latitude and longitude extents

**Return type** tuple

**smrf.data.loadTopo module**

**class** smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo (*topoConfig*, *calcInput=True*, *tempDir=None*)  
Bases: object

Class for topo images and processing those images. Images are: - DEM - Mask - veg type - veg height - veg k - veg tau

Inputs to topo are the topo section of the config file topo will guess the location of the WORKDIR env variable and should work for unix systems.

**topoConfig**

configuration for topo

**tempDir**

location of temporary working directory

**dem**

numpy array for the DEM

**mask**

numpy array for the mask

**veg\_type**

numpy array for the veg type

**veg\_height**

numpy array for the veg height

**veg\_k**

numpy array for the veg K

**veg\_tau**

numpy array for the veg transmissivity

**sky\_view****ny**

number of columns in DEM

**nx**

number of rows in DEM

```

u, v
    location of upper left corner

du, dv
    step size of grid

unit
    geo header units of grid

coord_sys_ID
    coordinate syste,

x, y
    position vectors

X, Y
    position grid

stoporad_in
    numpy array for the sky view factor

IMAGES = ['dem', 'mask', 'veg_type', 'veg_height', 'veg_k', 'veg_tau']

get_center(ds, mask_name=None)
    Function returns the basin center in the native coordinates of the a netcdf object.

    The incoming data set must contain at least and x, y and optionally whatever mask name the user would like to use for calculating . If no mask name is provided then the entire domain is used.

Parameters

- ds – netCDF4.Dataset object containing at least x,y, optionally a mask variable name
- mask_name – variable name in the dataset that is a mask where 1 is in the mask

Returns x,y of the data center in the datas native coordinates

Return type tuple

gradient(gfile)
    Calculate the gradient and aspect

Parameters gfile – IPW file to write the results to

readNetCDF()
    Read in the images from the config file where the file listed is in netcdf format

stoporadInput()
    Calculate the necessary input file for stoporad The IPW and WORKDIR environment variables must be set

```

## smrf.data.mysql\_data module

Created on Dec 22, 2015

Read in metadata and data from a MySQL database The table columns will most likely be hardcoded for ease of development and users will require the specific table setup

```
class smrf.data.mysql_data.database(user, password, host, db, port)
```

Bases: object

Database class for querying metadata and station data

**get\_data** (*table*, *station\_ids*, *start\_date*, *end\_date*, *variables*, *time\_zone='UTC'*)  
Get data from the database, either for the specified stations or for the specific group of stations in client

### Parameters

- **table** – table to load data from
- **station\_ids** – list of station ids to get
- **start\_date** – start of time period
- **end\_date** – end of time period
- **variable** – string for variable to get
- **time\_zone** – String timezone to set the data in

**metadata** (*table*, *station\_ids=None*, *client=None*, *station\_table=None*)

Similar to the CorrectWxData database call Get the metadata from the database for either the specified stations or for the specific group of stations in client

### Parameters

- **table** – metadata table in the database
- **station\_id** – list of stations to read, default None
- **client** – client to read from the station\_table, default None
- **station\_table** – table name that contains the clients and list of stations, default None

**Returns** Pandas DataFrame of station information

### Return type

**query** (*query*, *params*)

`smrf.data.mysql_data.date_range(start_date, end_date, increment)`

Calculate a list between start and end date with an increment

## Module contents

### 1.3.2 smrf.distribute package

#### Subpackages

##### smrf.distribute.wind package

#### Submodules

##### smrf.distribute.wind.wind module

**class** `smrf.distribute.wind.wind.Wind(config)`  
Bases: `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data`

The `wind` class allows for variable specific distributions that go beyond the base class.

Three distribution methods are available for the Wind class:

1. Winstral and Marks 2002 method for maximum upwind slope (maxus)
2. Import WindNinja simulations

### 3. Standard interpolation

**Parameters** `self.config` – The full SMRF configuration file

#### `config`

configuration from [wind] section

#### `wind_speed`

numpy matrix of the wind speed

#### `wind_direction`

numpy matrix of the wind direction

#### `veg_type`

numpy array for the veg type, from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo.veg_type`

#### `_maxus_file`

the location of the maxus NetCDF file

#### `maxus`

the loaded library values from `_maxus_file`

#### `maxus_direction`

the directions associated with the `maxus` values

#### `min`

minimum value of wind is 0.447

#### `max`

maximum value of wind is 35

#### `stations`

stations to be used in alphabetical order

#### `VARIABLE = 'wind'`

#### `distribute(data_speed, data_direction, t)`

Distribute given a Panda's dataframe for a single time step. Calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._distribute` for the `wind_model` chosen.

#### Parameters

- `data_speed` – Pandas dataframe for single time step from `wind_speed`
- `data_direction` – Pandas dataframe for single time step from `wind_direction`
- `t` – time stamp

#### `distribute_thread(queue, data_speed, data_direction)`

Distribute the data using threading and queue. All data is provided and `distribute_thread` will go through each time step and call `smrf.distribute.wind.wind.distribute` then puts the distributed data into the queue for `wind_speed`.

#### Parameters

- `queue` – queue dictionary for all variables
- `data` – pandas dataframe for all data, indexed by date time

#### `initialize(topo, data)`

Initialize the distribution, calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._initialize`. Checks for the enhancement factors for the stations and vegetation.

#### Parameters

- **topo** – `smrf.data.loadTopo`. *Topo* instance contain topographic data and information
- **data** – data Pandas dataframe containing the station data, from `smrf.data.loadData` or `smrf.data.loadGrid`

```
output_variables = {'flatwind': {'long_name': 'Simulated wind on a flat surface', 'standard_name': 'wind', 'units': 'm s-1'}, 'gusts': {'long_name': 'Wind gusts', 'standard_name': 'gust', 'units': 'm s-1'}}  
post_process_variables = {}
```

## smrf.distribute.wind.wind\_ninja module

```
class smrf.distribute.wind.wind_ninja.WindNinjaModel(smrf_config)  
Bases: smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data
```

The *WindNinjaModel* loads data from a WindNinja simulation. The WindNinja is ran externally to SMRF and the configuration points to the location of the output ascii files. SMRF takes the files and interpolates to the model domain.

```
DATE_FORMAT = '%Y%m%d'  
VARIABLE = 'wind'  
WN_DATE_FORMAT = '%m-%d-%Y_%H%M'
```

```
convert_wind_ninja(t)
```

Convert the WindNinja ascii grids back to the SMRF grids and into the SMRF data streamself.

**Parameters** `t` – datetime of timestep

**Returns** wind speed numpy array `wd`: wind direction numpy array

**Return type** `ws`

```
distribute(data_speed, data_direction)
```

Distribute the wind for the model

**Parameters**

- `{DataFrame}` -- wind speed data frame (`data_speed`) –
- `{DataFrame}` -- wind direction data frame (`data_direction`) –

```
fill_data(g_vel)
```

Fill the WindNinja array that has NaN's. This makes an assumption that all the NaN values are along the left and bottom edge. This will be the case in the Northern hemisphere. First fill the Y direction with 1d interpolation extrapolated to the edges, then do the same in the X direction. At the end, it will check to ensure that there are no NaN values left.

**Parameters** `{np.array}` -- numpy array to fill (`g_vel`) –

**Raises** `ValueError` – If there are still NaN values after filling

**Returns** `np.array` – filled numpy array

```
initialize(topo, data=None)
```

Initialize the model with data

**Parameters**

- `{topo class}` -- `Topo class` (`topo`) –
- `{None}` -- Not used but needs to be there (`data`) –

---

```
initialize_interp(t)
    Initialize the interpolation weights

    Parameters {datetime} -- initialize with this file (t) --
wind_ninja_path(dt, file_type)
    Generate the path to the wind ninja data and ensure it exists.

    Parameters {str} -- type of file to get (file_type) --
smrf.distribute.wind.wind_ninja.interpx(yi, xi, x)
    Interpolate in on direction

Parameters

- {array} -- y data to fit (yi) --
- {array} -- x data to fit (xi) --
- {array} -- x data to interpolate over (x) --

Returns array – y values evaluated at x
```

## smrf.distribute.wind.winstral module

```
class smrf.distribute.wind.winstral.WinstralWindModel (smrf_config)
Bases: smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data
```

Estimating wind speed and direction in complex terrain can be difficult due to the interaction of the local topography with the wind. The methods described here follow the work developed by Winstral and Marks (2002) and Winstral et al. (2009) [19] [20] which parameterizes the terrain based on the upwind direction. The underlying method calculates the maximum upwind slope (maxus) within a search distance to determine if a cell is sheltered or exposed. See [smrf.utils.wind.model](#) for a more in depth description. A maxus file (library) is used to load the upwind direction and maxus values over the dem. The following steps are performed when estimating the wind speed:

1. Adjust measured wind speeds at the stations and determine the wind direction components
2. Distribute the flat wind speed
3. Distribute the wind direction components
4. Simulate the wind speeds based on the distribute flat wind, wind direction, and maxus values

After the maxus is calculated for multiple wind directions over the entire DEM, the measured wind speed and direction can be distributed. The first step is to adjust the measured wind speeds to estimate the wind speed if the site were on a flat surface. The adjustment uses the maxus value at the station location and an enhancement factor for the site based on the sheltering of that site to wind. A special consideration is performed when the station is on a peak, as artificially high wind speeds can be calculated. Therefore, if the station is on a peak, the minimum maxus value is chosen for all wind directions. The wind direction is also broken up into the u,v components.

Next the flat wind speed, u wind direction component, and v wind direction component are distributed using the underlying distribution methods. With the distributed flat wind speed and wind direction, the simulated wind speeds can be estimated. The distributed wind direction is binned into the upwind directions in the maxus library. This determines which maxus value to use for each pixel in the DEM. Each cell's maxus value is further enhanced for vegetation, with larger, more dense vegetation increasing the maxus value (more sheltering) and bare ground not enhancing the maxus value (exposed). With the adjusted maxus values, wind speed is estimated using the relationships in Winstral and Marks (2002) and Winstral et al. (2009) [19] [20] based on the distributed flat wind speed and each cell's maxus value.

```
VARIABLE = 'wind'  
distribute(data_speed, data_direction)
```

Distribute the wind for the model

Follows the following steps for station measurements:

1. **Adjust measured wind speeds at the stations and determine the wind direction components**
2. Distribute the flat wind speed
3. Distribute the wind direction components
4. **Simulate the wind speeds based on the distributed flat wind, wind direction, and maxus values**

#### Parameters

- {DataFrame} -- wind speed data frame (data\_speed) –
- {DataFrame} -- wind direction data frame (data\_direction) –

```
initialize(topo, data)
```

Initialize the model with data

#### Parameters

- {topo class} -- Topo class (topo) –
- {data object} -- SMRF data object (data) –

```
simulateWind(data_speed)
```

Calculate the simulated wind speed at each cell from flatwind and the distributed directions. Each cell's maxus value is pulled from the maxus library based on the distributed wind direction. The cell's maxus is further adjusted based on the vegetation type and the factors provided in the [wind] section of the configuration file.

**Parameters** **data\_speed** – Pandas dataframe for a single time step of wind speed to make the pixel locations same as the measured values

```
stationMaxus(data_speed, data_direction)
```

Determine the maxus value at the station given the wind direction. Can specify the enhancement for each station or use the default, along with whether or not the station is on a peak which will ensure that the station cannot be sheltered. The station enhancement and peak stations are specified in the [wind] section of the configuration file. Calculates the following for each station:

- flatwind
- u\_direction
- v\_direction

#### Parameters

- **data\_speed** – wind\_speed data frame for single time step
- **data\_direction** – wind\_direction data frame for single time step

## Module contents

### Submodules

#### `smrf.distribute.air_temp module`

**class** `smrf.distribute.air_temp.ta (taConfig)`  
 Bases: `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data`

The `ta` class allows for variable specific distributions that go beyond the base class.

Air temperature is a relatively simple variable to distribute as it does not rely on any other variables, but has many variables that depend on it. Air temperature typically has a negative trend with elevation and performs best when detrended. However, even with a negative trend, it is possible to have instances where the trend does not apply, for example a temperature inversion or cold air pooling. These types of conditions will have unintended consequences on variables that use the distributed air temperature.

**Parameters** `taConfig` – The [air\_temp] section of the configuration file

**config**

configuration from [air\_temp] section

**air\_temp**

numpy array of the air temperature

**stations**

stations to be used in alphabetical order

**distribute (data)**

Distribute air temperature given a Panda's dataframe for a single time step. Calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._distribute`.

**Parameters** `data` – Pandas dataframe for a single time step from air\_temp

**distribute\_thread (queue, data)**

Distribute the data using threading and queue. All data is provided and `distribute_thread` will go through each time step and call `smrf.distribute.air_temp.ta._distribute` then puts the distributed data into `queue['air_temp']`.

**Parameters**

- `queue` – queue dictionary for all variables
- `data` – pandas dataframe for all data, indexed by date time

**initialize (topo, data)**

Initialize the distribution, solely calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._initialize`.

**Parameters**

- `topo` – `smrf.data.loadTopo`.`Topo` instance contain topographic data and information
- `metadata` – metadata Pandas dataframe containing the station metadata from `smrf.data.loadData` or `smrf.data.loadGrid`

`output_variables = {'air_temp': {'long_name': 'Air temperature', 'standard_name': 'air_temperature'}}`

`post_process_variables = {}`

`variable = 'air_temp'`

**smrf.distribute.albedo module**

**class** smrf.distribute.albedo.**albedo** (*albedoConfig*)  
Bases: *smrf.distribute.image\_data.image\_data*

The `albedo` class allows for variable specific distributions that go beyond the base class.

The visible (280-700nm) and infrared (700-2800nm) albedo follows the relationships described in Marks et al. (1992) [1]. The albedo is a function of the time since last storm, the solar zenith angle, and grain size. The time since last storm is tracked on a pixel by pixel basis and is based on where there is significant accumulated distributed precipitation. This allows for storms to only affect a small part of the basin and have the albedo decay at different rates for each pixel.

**Parameters** `albedoConfig` – The [albedo] section of the configuration file

**albedo\_vis**

numpy array of the visible albedo

**albedo\_ir**

numpy array of the infrared albedo

**config**

configuration from [albedo] section

**min**

minimum value of albedo is 0

**max**

maximum value of albedo is 1

**stations**

stations to be used in alphabetical order

**distribute** (*current\_time\_step*, *cosz*, *storm\_day*)

Distribute air temperature given a Panda's dataframe for a single time step. Calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._distribute`.

**Parameters**

- `current_time_step` – Current time step in datetime object
- `cosz` – numpy array of the illumination angle for the current time step
- `storm_day` – numpy array of the decimal days since it last snowed at a grid cell

**distribute\_thread** (*queue*, *date*)

Distribute the data using threading and queue

**Parameters**

- `queue` – queue dict for all variables
- `date` – dates to loop over

**Output:**

Changes the queue `albedo_vis`, `albedo_ir` for the given date

**initialize** (*topo*, *data*)

Initialize the distribution, calls `image_data.image_data._initialize()`

**Parameters**

- `topo` – `smrf.data.loadTopo`.Topo instance contain topo data/info

- **data** – data dataframe containing the station data

```
output_variables = {'albedo_ir': {'long_name': 'Infrared wavelength albedo', 'standard_name': 'albedo_ir', 'units': '1'}, 'albedo': {'long_name': 'Albedo', 'standard_name': 'albedo', 'units': '1'}, 'cloud_factor': {'long_name': 'Cloud factor', 'standard_name': 'cloud_factor', 'units': '1'}, 'cloudiness': {'long_name': 'Cloudiness', 'standard_name': 'cloudiness', 'units': '1'}, 'precipitation': {'long_name': 'Precipitation', 'standard_name': 'precipitation', 'units': 'mm/day'}, 'radiation': {'long_name': 'Radiation', 'standard_name': 'radiation', 'units': 'W/m^2'}, 'station': {'long_name': 'Station', 'standard_name': 'station', 'units': 'none'}, 'time': {'long_name': 'Time', 'standard_name': 'time', 'units': 'seconds since epoch'}}

post_process_variables = {}

variable = 'albedo'
```

## smrf.distribute.cloud\_factor module

**class** smrf.distribute.cloud\_factor.cf(config)  
Bases: [smrf.distribute.image\\_data.image\\_data](#)

The `cf` class allows for variable specific distributions that go beyond the base class. Cloud factor is a relatively simple variable to distribute as it does not rely on any other variables.

Cloud factor is calculated as the ratio between measured incoming solar radiation and modeled clear sky radiation. A value of 0 means no incoming solar radiation (or very cloudy) and a value of 1 means sunny.

**Parameters config** – The [cloud\_factor] section of the configuration file

**config**

configuration from [cloud\_factor] section

**cloud\_factor**

numpy array of the cloud factor

**stations**

stations to be used in alphabetical order

**distribute(data)**

Distribute cloud factor given a Panda's dataframe for a single time step. Calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._distribute`.

**Parameters data** – Pandas dataframe for a single time step from `cloud_factor`

**distribute\_thread(queue, data)**

Distribute the data using threading and queue. All data is provided and `distribute_thread` will go through each time step and call `smrf.distribute.cloud_factor.cf.distribute` then puts the distributed data into `queue['cloud_factor']`.

**Parameters**

- **queue** – queue dictionary for all variables
- **data** – pandas dataframe for all data, indexed by date time

**initialize(topo, data)**

Initialize the distribution, solely calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._initialize`.

**Parameters**

- **topo** – `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo` instance contain topographic data and information
- **metadata** – metadata Pandas dataframe containing the station metadata from `smrf.data.loadData` or `smrf.data.loadGrid`

```
output_variables = {'cloud_factor': {'long_name': 'cloud factor', 'standard_name': 'cloud_factor', 'units': '1'}}
```

```
post_process_variables = {}
```

```
variable = 'cloud_factor'
```

**smrf.distribute.image\_data module**

```
class smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data(variable)
Bases: object
```

A base distribution method in SMRF that will ensure all variables are distributed in the same manner. Other classes will be initialized using this base class.

```
class ta(smrf.distribute.image_data):
    """
    This is the ta class extending the image_data base class
    """
```

**Parameters** `variable` (`str`) – Variable name for the class

**Returns** A `smrf.distribute.image_data` class instance

**variable**

The name of the variable that this class will become

**[variable\_name]**

The `variable` will have the distributed data

**[other\_attribute]**

The distributed data can also be stored as another attribute specified in `_distribute`

**config**

Parsed dictionary from the configuration file for the variable

**stations**

The stations to be used for the variable, if set, in alphabetical order

**metadata**

The metadata Pandas dataframe containing the station information from `smrf.data.loadData` or `smrf.data.loadGrid`

**idw**

Inverse distance weighting instance from `smrf.spatial.idw.IDW`

**dk**

Detrended kriging instance from `smrf.spatial.dk.dk.DK`

**grid**

Gridded interpolation instance from `smrf.spatial.grid.GRID`

**getConfig(cfg)**

Check the configuration that was set by the user for the variable that extended this class. Checks for standard distribution parameters that are common across all variables and assigns to the class instance. Sets the `config` and `stations` attributes.

**Parameters** `cfg` (`dict`) – dict from the [variable]

**getStations(config)**

Determines the stations from the [variable] section of the configuration file.

**Parameters** `config` (`dict`) – dict from the [variable]

**post\_processor(output\_func)**

Each distributed variable has the opportunity to do post processing on a sub variable. This is necessary in cases where the post processing might need to be done on a different timescale than that of the main loop.

Should be redefined in the individual variable module.

## smrf.distribute.precipitation module

```
class smrf.distribute.precipitation.ppt (pptConfig, start_date, time_step=60)
Bases: smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data
```

The `ppt` class allows for variable specific distributions that go beyond the base class.

The instantaneous precipitation typically has a positive trend with elevation due to orographic effects. However, the precipitation distribution can be further complicated for storms that have isolated impact at only a few measurement locations, for example thunderstorms or small precipitation events. Some distribution methods may be better suited than others for capturing the trend of these small events with multiple stations that record no precipitation may have a negative impact on the distribution.

The precipitation phase, or the amount of precipitation falling as rain or snow, can significantly alter the energy and mass balance of the snowpack, either leading to snow accumulation or inducing melt [2] [3]. The precipitation phase and initial snow density estimated using a variety of models that can be set in the configuration file.

For more information on the available models, checkout [snow](#).

After the precipitation phase is calculated, the storm information can be determined. The spatial resolution for which storm definitions are applied is based on the snow model thaths selected.

The time since last storm is based on an accumulated precipitation mass threshold, the time elapsed since it last snowed, and the precipitation phase. These factors determine the start and end time of a storm that has produced enough precipitation as snow to change the surface albedo.

### Parameters

- **pptConfig** – The [precip] section of the configuration file
- **time\_step** – The time step in minutes of the data, defaults to 60

#### config

configuration from [precip] section

#### precip

numpy array of the precipitation

#### percent\_snow

numpy array of the percent of time step that was snow

#### snow\_density

numpy array of the snow density

#### storm\_days

numpy array of the days since last storm

#### storm\_total

numpy array of the precipitation mass for the storm

#### last\_storm\_day

numpy array of the day of the last storm (decimal day)

#### last\_storm\_day\_basin

maximum value of last\_storm day within the mask if specified

#### min

minimum value of precipitation is 0

#### max

maximum value of precipitation is infinite

**stations**

stations to be used in alphabetical order

**distribute**(*data, dpt, precip\_temp, ta, time, wind, temp, az, dir\_round\_cell, wind\_speed, cell\_maxus, mask=None*)

Distribute given a Panda's dataframe for a single time step. Calls smrf.distribute.image\_data.image\_data.\_distribute.

The following steps are taken when distributing precip, if there is precipitation measured:

1. Distribute the instantaneous precipitation from the measurement data
2. **Determine the distributed precipitation phase based on the** precipitation temperature
3. **Calculate the storms based on the accumulated mass, time since last** storm, and precipitation phase threshold

**Parameters**

- **data** – Pandas dataframe for a single time step from precip
- **dpt** – dew point numpy array that will be used for
- **precip\_temp** – numpy array of the precipitation temperature
- **ta** – air temp numpy array
- **time** – pass in the time were are currently on
- **wind** – station wind speed at time step
- **temp** – station air temperature at time step
- **az** – numpy array for simulated wind direction
- **dir\_round\_cell** – numpy array for wind direction in discreet increments for referencing maxus at a specific direction
- **wind\_speed** – numpy array of wind speed
- **cell\_maxus** – numpy array for maxus at correct wind directions
- **mask** – basin mask to apply to the storm days for calculating the last storm day for the basin

**distribute\_for\_marks2017**(*data, precip\_temp, ta, time, mask=None*)

Specialized distribute function for working with the new accumulated snow density model Marks2017 requires storm total and a corrected precipitation as to avoid precip between storms.

**distribute\_for\_susong1999**(*data, ppt\_temp, time, mask=None*)

Susong 1999 estimates percent snow and snow density based on Susong et al, (1999) [4].

**Parameters**

- **data** (*pd.DataFrame*) – Precipitation mass data
- **ppt\_temp** (*pd.DataFrame*) – Precipitation temperature data
- **time** – Unused
- **mask** (*np.array, optional*) – Mask the output. Defaults to None.

**distribute\_thread**(*queue, data, date, mask=None*)

Distribute the data using threading and queue. All data is provided and distribute\_thread will go through each time step and call smrf.distribute.precip.ppt.distribute then puts the distributed data into the queue for:

- *percent\_snow*
- *snow\_density*
- *storm\_days*
- *last\_storm\_day\_basin*

**Parameters**

- **queue** – queue dictionary for all variables
- **data** – pandas dataframe for all data, indexed by date time

```
initialize(topo, data)
output_variables = {'last_storm_day': {'long_name': 'Decimal day of the last storm s'}
post_process_variables = {}
post_processor(main_obj, threaded=False)
    Each distributed variable has the opportunity to do post processing on a sub variable. This is necessary in
    cases where the post prorocessing might need to be done on a different timescale than that of the main loop.
        Should be redefined in the individual variable module.
post_processor_threaded(main_obj)
    variable = 'precip'
```

**smrf.distribute.soil\_temp module**

```
class smrf.distribute.soil_temp.ts(soilConfig, tempDir=None)
Bases: smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data
```

The **ts** class allows for variable specific distributions that go beyond the base class.

Soil temperature is simply set to a constant value during initialization. If soil temperature measurements are available, the values can be distributed using the distribution methods.

**Parameters**

- **soilConfig** – The [soil] section of the configuration file
- **tempDir** – location of temp/working directory (default=None)

**config**

configuration from [soil] section

**soil\_temp**

numpy array of the soil temperature

**stations**

stations to be used in alphabetical order

**distribute()**

No distribution is performed on soil temperature at the moment, method simply passes.

**Parameters** **None** –**initialize**(topo, data)

Initialize the distribution and set the soil temperature to a constant value based on the configuration file.

**Parameters**

- **topo** – `smrf.data.loadTopo`. `Topo` instance contain topographic data and information
- **metadata** – data Pandas dataframe containing the station data, from `smrf.data.loadData` or `smrf.data.loadGrid`

```
output_variables = {'soil_temp': {'long_name': 'Soil temperature', 'standard_name': 'Soil temperature', 'units': 'C'}}  
post_process_variables = {}  
variable = 'soil_temp'
```

## smrf.distribute.solar module

```
class smrf.distribute.solar.solar(config, stoporad_in, tempDir=None)  
Bases: smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data
```

The `solar` class allows for variable specific distributions that go beyond the base class.

Multiple steps are required to estimate solar radiation:

1. Terrain corrected clear sky radiation
2. Adjust solar radiation for vegetation effects
3. Calculate net radiation using the albedo

The Image Processing Workbench (IPW) includes a utility `stoporad` to model terrain corrected clear sky radiation over the DEM. Within `stoporad`, the radiation transfer model `twostream` simulates the clear sky radiation on a flat surface for a range of wavelengths through the atmosphere [5] [6] [7]. Terrain correction using the DEM adjusts for terrain shading and splits the clear sky radiation into beam and diffuse radiation.

The second step requires sites measuring solar radiation. The measured solar radiation is compared to the modeled clear sky radiation from `twostream`. The cloud factor is then the measured incoming solar radiation divided by the modeled radiation. The cloud factor can be computed on an hourly timescale if the measurement locations are of high quality. For stations that are less reliable, we recommend calculating a daily cloud factor which divides the daily integrated measured radiation by the daily integrated modeled radiation. This helps to reduce the problems that may be encountered from instrument shading, instrument calibration, or a time shift in the data. The calculated cloud factor at each station can then be distributed using any of the method available in `smrf.spatial`. Since the cloud factor is not explicitly controlled by elevation like other variables, the values may be distributed without detrending to elevation. The modeled clear sky radiation (both beam and diffuse) are adjusted for clouds using `smrf.envphys.radiation.cf_cloud`.

The third step adjusts the cloud corrected solar radiation for vegetation affects, following the methods developed by Link and Marks (1999) [8]. The direct beam radiation is corrected by:

$$R_b = S_b * \exp(-\mu h / \cos\theta)$$

where  $S_b$  is the above canopy direct radiation,  $\mu$  is the extinction coefficient ( $m^{-1}$ ),  $h$  is the canopy height ( $m$ ),  $\theta$  is the solar zenith angle, and  $R_b$  is the canopy adjusted direct radiation. Adjusting the diffuse radiation is performed by:

$$R_d = \tau * R_d$$

where  $R_d$  is the diffuse adjusted radiation,  $\tau$  is the optical transmissivity of the canopy, and  $R_d$  is the above canopy diffuse radiation. Values for  $\mu$  and  $\tau$  can be found in Link and Marks (1999) [8], measured at study sites in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The final step for calculating the net solar radiation requires the surface albedo from `smrf.distribute.albedo`. The net radiation is the sum of the beam and diffuse canopy adjusted radiation multiplied by one minus the albedo.

## Parameters

- **config** – full configuration dictionary contain at least the sections albedo, and solar
- **stoporad\_in** – file path to the stoporad\_in file created from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo`
- **tempDir** – location of temp/working directory (default=None, which is the ‘WORKDIR’ environment variable)

### **albedoConfig**

configuration from [albedo] section

### **config**

configuration from [albedo] section

### **clear\_ir\_beam**

numpy array modeled clear sky infrared beam radiation

### **clear\_ir\_diffuse**

numpy array modeled clear sky infrared diffuse radiation

### **clear\_vis\_beam**

numpy array modeled clear sky visible beam radiation

### **clear\_vis\_diffuse**

numpy array modeled clear sky visible diffuse radiation

### **cloud\_factor**

numpy array distributed cloud factor

### **cloud\_ir\_beam**

numpy array cloud adjusted infrared beam radiation

### **cloud\_ir\_diffuse**

numpy array cloud adjusted infrared diffuse radiation

### **cloud\_vis\_beam**

numpy array cloud adjusted visible beam radiation

### **cloud\_vis\_diffuse**

numpy array cloud adjusted visible diffuse radiation

### **ir\_file**

temporary file from stoporad for infrared clear sky radiation

### **metadata**

metadata for the station data

### **net\_solar**

numpy array for the calculated net solar radiation

### **stations**

stations to be used in alphabetical order

### **stoporad\_in**

file path to the stoporad\_in file created from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo`

### **tempDir**

temporary directory for stoporad, will default to the WORKDIR environment variable

### **veg\_height**

numpy array of vegetation heights from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo`

**veg\_ir\_beam**

numpy array vegetation adjusted infrared beam radiation

**veg\_ir\_diffuse**

numpy array vegetation adjusted infrared diffuse radiation

**veg\_k**

numpy array of vegetation extinction coefficient from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo`

**veg\_tau**

numpy array of vegetation optical transmissivity from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo`

**veg\_vis\_beam**

numpy array vegetation adjusted visible beam radiation

**veg\_vis\_diffuse**

numpy array vegetation adjusted visible diffuse radiation

**vis\_file**

temporary file from `stoporad` for visible clear sky radiation

**calc\_ir** (*min\_storm\_day*, *wy\_day*, *tz\_min\_west*, *wyear*, *cosz*, *azimuth*)

Run `stoporad` for the infrared bands

**Parameters**

- **min\_storm\_day** – decimal day of last storm for the entire basin, from `smrf.distribute.precip.ppt.last_storm_day_basin`
- **wy\_day** – day of water year, from `radiation_dates`
- **tz\_min\_west** – time zone in minutes west from UTC, from `radiation_dates`
- **wyear** – water year, from `radiation_dates`
- **cosz** – cosine of the zenith angle for the basin, from `smrf.envphys.radiation.sunang`
- **azimuth** – azimuth to the sun for the basin, from `smrf.envphys.radiation.sunang`

**calc\_net** (*albedo\_vis*, *albedo\_ir*)

Calculate the net radiation using the vegetation adjusted radiation. Sets `net_solar`.

**Parameters**

- **albedo\_vis** – numpy array for visible albedo, from `smrf.distribute.albedo.albedo.albedo_vis`
- **albedo\_ir** – numpy array for infrared albedo, from `smrf.distribute.albedo.albedo.albedo_ir`

**calc\_vis** (*min\_storm\_day*, *wy\_day*, *tz\_min\_west*, *wyear*, *cosz*, *azimuth*)

Run `stoporad` for the visible bands

**Parameters**

- **min\_storm\_day** – decimal day of last storm for the entire basin, from `smrf.distribute.precip.ppt.last_storm_day_basin`
- **wy\_day** – day of water year, from `radiation_dates`
- **tz\_min\_west** – time zone in minutes west from UTC, from `radiation_dates`
- **wyear** – water year, from `radiation_dates`

- **cosz** – cosine of the zenith angle for the basin, from `smrf.envphys.radiation.sunang`
- **azimuth** – azimuth to the sun for the basin, from `smrf.envphys.radiation.sunang`

**`cloud_correct()`**

Correct the modeled clear sky radiation for cloud cover using `smrf.envphys.radiation.cf_cloud`. Sets `cloud_vis_beam` and `cloud_vis_diffuse`.

**`distribute(t, cloud_factor, illum_ang, cosz, azimuth, min_storm_day, albedo_vis, albedo_ir)`**

Distribute air temperature given a Panda's dataframe for a single time step. Calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._distribute`.

If the sun is up, i.e. `cosz > 0`, then the following steps are performed:

1. Model clear sky radiation
2. Cloud correct with `smrf.distribute.solar.solar.cloud_correct`
3. **vegetation correct with** `smrf.distribute.solar.solar.veg_correct`
4. **Calculate net radiation with** `smrf.distribute.solar.solar.calc_net`

If sun is down, then all calculated values will be set to None, signaling the output functions to put zeros in their place.

**Parameters**

- **cloud\_factor** – Numpy array of the domain for cloud factor
- **cosz** – cosine of the zenith angle for the basin, from `smrf.envphys.radiation.sunang`
- **azimuth** – azimuth to the sun for the basin, from `smrf.envphys.radiation.sunang`
- **min\_storm\_day** – decimal day of last storm for the entire basin, from `smrf.distribute.precip.ppt.last_storm_day_basin`
- **albedo\_vis** – numpy array for visible albedo, from `smrf.distribute.albedo.albedo_vis`
- **albedo\_ir** – numpy array for infrared albedo, from `smrf.distribute.albedo.albedo_ir`

**`distribute_thread(queue, data)`**

Distribute the data using threading and queue. All data is provided and `distribute_thread` will go through each time step following the methods outlined in `smrf.distribute.solar.solar.distribute`. The data queues puts the distributed data into:

- `net_solar`

**Parameters**

- **queue** – queue dictionary for all variables
- **data** – pandas dataframe for all data, indexed by date time

**`distribute_thread_clear(queue, data, calc_type)`**

Distribute the data using threading and queue. All data is provided and `distribute_thread` will go through each time step and model clear sky radiation with stoporad. The data queues puts the distributed data into:

- `clear_vis_beam`
- `clear_vis_diffuse`
- `clear_ir_beam`
- `clear_ir_diffuse`

**initialize**(*topo, data*)

Initialize the distribution, soley calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._initialize`. Sets the following attributes:

- `veg_height`
- `veg_tau`
- `veg_k`

**Parameters**

- **topo** – `smrf.data.loadTopo`. *Topo* instance contain topographic data and information
- **data** – data Pandas dataframe containing the station data, from `smrf.data.loadData` or `smrf.data.loadGrid`

**output\_variables** = {'`clear_ir_beam`'': {'`long_name`'': 'Clear sky infrared beam solar radiation'}}

**post\_process\_variables** = {}

**radiation\_dates**(*date\_time*)

Calculate some times based on the date for stoporad

**Parameters** `date_time` – date time object

**Returns**

tuple containing:

- **wy\_day** - day of water year from October 1
- **wyear** - water year
- **tz\_min\_west** - minutes west of UTC for timezone

**Return type** (tuple)

**variable** = 'solar'

**veg\_correct**(*illum\_ang*)

Correct the cloud adjusted radiation for vegetation using `smrf.envphys.radiation.veg_beam` and `smrf.envphys.radiation.veg_diffuse`. Sets `veg_vis_beam`, `veg_vis_diffuse`, `veg_ir_beam`, and `veg_ir_diffuse`.

**Parameters** `illum_ang` – numpy array of the illumination angle over the DEM, from `smrf.envphys.radiation.sunang`

## smrf.distribute.thermal module

**class** smrf.distribute.thermal.**th**(*thermalConfig*)  
 Bases: *smrf.distribute.image\_data.image\_data*

The *th* class allows for variable specific distributions that go beyond the base class.

Thermal radiation, or long-wave radiation, is calculated based on the clear sky radiation emitted by the atmosphere. Multiple methods for calculating thermal radiation exist and SMRF has 4 options for estimating clear sky thermal radiation. Selecting one of the options below will change the equations used. The methods were chosen based on the study by Flerchinger et al (2009) [9] who performed a model comparison using 21 AmeriFlux sites from North America and China.

**Marks1979** The methods follow those developed by Marks and Dozier (1979) [10] that calculates the effective clear sky atmospheric emissivity using the distributed air temperature, distributed dew point temperature, and the elevation. The clear sky radiation is further adjusted for topographic affects based on the percent of the sky visible at any given point.

### Dilley1998

$$L_{clear} = 59.38 + 113.7 * \left( \frac{T_a}{273.16} \right)^6 + 96.96\sqrt{w/25}$$

References: Dilley and O'Brian (1998) [11]

### Prata1996

$$\epsilon_{clear} = 1 - (1 + w) * \exp(-1.2 + 3w)^{1/2}$$

References: Prata (1996) [12]

### Angstrom1918

$$\epsilon_{clear} = 0.83 - 0.18 * 10^{-0.067e_a}$$

References: Angstrom (1918) [13] as cited by Niemela et al (2001) [14]

The topographic correct clear sky thermal radiation is further adjusted for cloud affects. Cloud correction is based on fraction of cloud cover, a cloud factor close to 1 meaning no clouds are present, there is little radiation added. When clouds are present, or a cloud factor close to 0, then additional long wave radiation is added to account for the cloud cover. Selecting one of the options below will change the equations used. The methods were chosen based on the study by Flerchinger et al (2009) [9], where  $c = 1 - \text{cloud\_factor}$ .

**Garen2005** Cloud correction is based on the relationship in Garen and Marks (2005) [15] between the cloud factor and measured long wave radiation using measurement stations in the Boise River Basin.

$$L_{cloud} = L_{clear} * (1.485 - 0.488 * \text{cloud\_factor})$$

### Unsworth1975

$$\begin{aligned} L_d &= L_{clear} + \tau_8 c f_8 \sigma T_c^4 \\ \tau_8 &= 1 - \epsilon_{8z} (1.4 - 0.4 \epsilon_{8z}) \\ \epsilon_{8z} &= 0.24 + 2.98 \times 10^{-6} e_o^2 \exp(3000/T_o) \\ f_8 &= -0.6732 + 0.6240 \times 10^{-2} T_c - 0.9140 \times 10^{-5} T_c^2 \end{aligned}$$

References: Unsworth and Monteith (1975) [16]

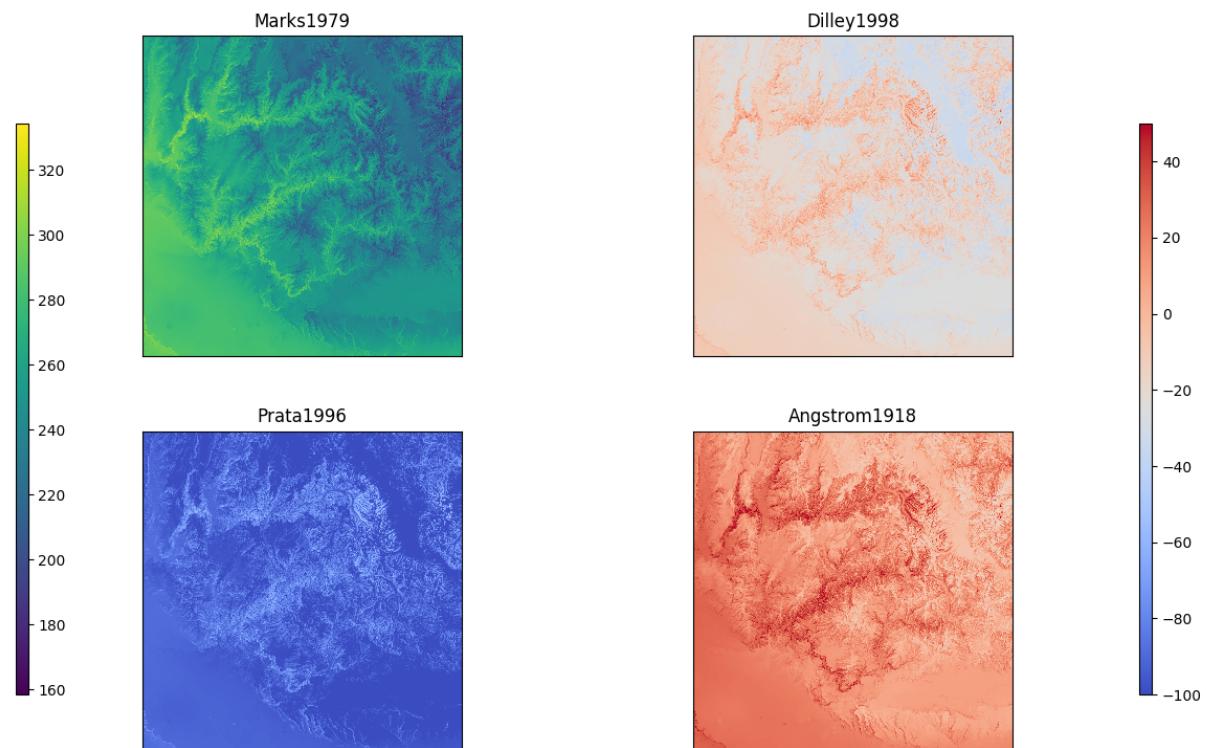


Fig. 1.5: The 4 different methods for estimating clear sky thermal radiation for a single time step. As compared to the Mark1979 method, the other methods provide a wide range in the estimated value of thermal radiation.

**Kimball1982**

$$L_d = L_{clear} + \tau_8 c \sigma T_c^4$$

where the original Kimball et al. (1982) [17] was for multiple cloud layers, which was simplified to one layer.  $T_c$  is the cloud temperature and is assumed to be 11 K cooler than  $T_a$ .

References: Kimball et al. (1982) [17]

**Crawford1999**

$$\epsilon_a = (1 - \text{cloud\_factor}) + \text{cloud\_factor} * \epsilon_{clear}$$

References: Crawford and Duchon (1999) [18] where *cloud\_factor* is the ratio of measured solar radiation to the clear sky irradiance.

The results from Flerchinger et al (2009) [9] showed that the Kimball1982 cloud correction with Dilley1998 clear sky algorithm had the lowest RMSD. The Crawford1999 worked best when combined with Angstrom1918, Dilley1998, or Prata1996.

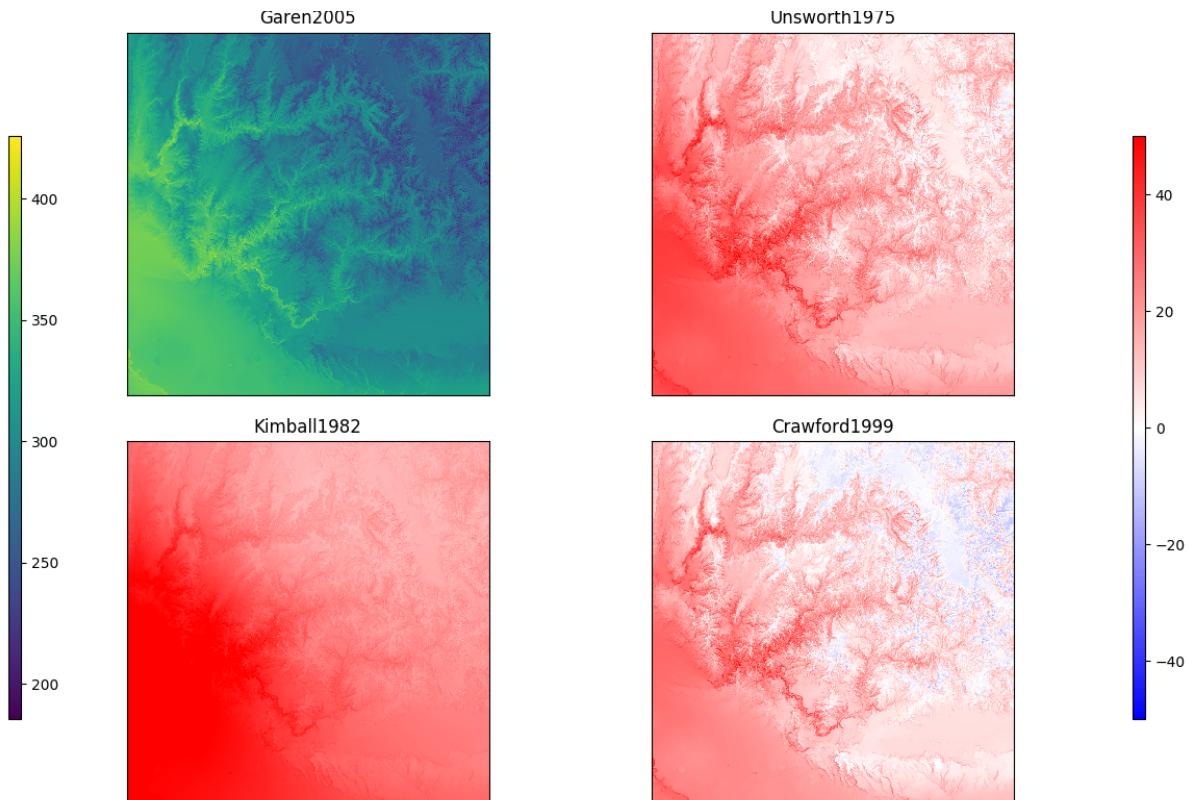


Fig. 1.6: The 4 different methods for correcting clear sky thermal radiation for cloud affects at a single time step. As compared to the Garen2005 method, the other methods are typically higher where clouds are present (i.e. the lower left) where the cloud factor is around 0.4.

The thermal radiation is further adjusted for canopy cover after the work of Link and Marks (1999) [8]. The correction is based on the vegetation's transmissivity, with the canopy temperature assumed to be the air temperature for vegetation greater than 2 meters. The thermal radiation is adjusted by

$$L_{canopy} = \tau_d * L_{cloud} + (1 - \tau_d)\epsilon\sigma T_a^4$$

where  $\tau_d$  is the optical transmissivity,  $L_{cloud}$  is the cloud corrected thermal radiation,  $\epsilon$  is the emissivity of the canopy (0.96),  $\sigma$  is the Stephan-Boltzmann constant, and  $T_a$  is the distributed air temperature.

**Parameters** `thermalConfig` – The [thermal] section of the configuration file

**config**

configuration from [thermal] section

**thermal**

numpy array of the precipitation

**min**

minimum value of thermal is -600 W/m<sup>2</sup>

**max**

maximum value of thermal is 600 W/m<sup>2</sup>

**stations**

stations to be used in alphabetical order

**dem**

numpy array for the DEM, from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo.dem`

**veg\_type**

numpy array for the veg type, from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo.veg_type`

**veg\_height**

numpy array for the veg height, from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo.veg_height`

**veg\_k**

numpy array for the veg K, from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo.veg_k`

**veg\_tau**

numpy array for the veg transmissivity, from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo.veg_tau`

**sky\_view**

numpy array for the sky view factor, from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo.sky_view`

**distribute** (*date\_time*, *air\_temp*, *vapor\_pressure=None*, *dew\_point=None*, *cloud\_factor=None*)

Distribute for a single time step.

The following steps are taken when distributing thermal:

1. Calculate the clear sky thermal radiation from `smrf.envphys.core.envphys_c.ctopotherm`
2. Correct the clear sky thermal for the distributed cloud factor
3. Correct for canopy affects

### Parameters

- **date\_time** – datetime object for the current step
- **air\_temp** – distributed air temperature for the time step
- **vapor\_pressure** – distributed vapor pressure for the time step
- **dew\_point** – distributed dew point for the time step
- **cloud\_factor** – distributed cloud factor for the time step measured(modeled)

**distribute\_thermal**(*data, air\_temp*)

Distribute given a Panda's dataframe for a single time step. Calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._distribute`. Used when thermal is given (i.e. gridded datasets from WRF). Follows these steps:

1. Distribute the thermal radiation from point values
2. Correct for vegetation

**Parameters**

- **data** – thermal values
- **air\_temp** – distributed air temperature values

**distribute\_thermal\_thread**(*queue, data*)

Distribute the data using threading and queue. All data is provided and `distribute_thread` will go through each time step and call `smrf.distribute.thermal.th.distribute_thermal` then puts the distributed data into the queue for `thermal`. Used when thermal is given (i.e. gridded datasets from WRF).

**Parameters**

- **queue** – queue dictionary for all variables
- **data** – pandas dataframe for all data, indexed by date time

**distribute\_thread**(*queue, date*)

Distribute the data using threading and queue. All data is provided and `distribute_thread` will go through each time step and call `smrf.distribute.thermal.th.distribute` then puts the distributed data into the queue for `thermal`.

**Parameters**

- **queue** – queue dictionary for all variables
- **data** – pandas dataframe for all data, indexed by date time

**initialize**(*topo, data*)

Initialize the distribution, calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._initialize` for gridded distribution. Sets the following from `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo`

- `veg_height`
- `veg_tau`
- `veg_k`
- `sky_view`
- `dem`

**Parameters**

- **topo** – `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo` instance contain topographic data and information
- **data** – data Pandas dataframe containing the station data, from `smrf.data.loadData` or `smrf.data.loadGrid`

```
output_variables = {'thermal': {'long_name': 'Thermal (longwave) radiation', 'standard_name': 'longwave_radiation', 'units': 'W m^-2'}, 'post_process_variables': {}}
```

```
variable = 'thermal'
```

## **smrf.distribute.vapor\_pressure module**

```
class smrf.distribute.vapor_pressure.vp(vpConfig, precip_temp_method)
```

```
Bases: smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data
```

The `vp` class allows for variable specific distributions that go beyond the base class

Vapor pressure is provided as an argument and is calculated from coincident air temperature and relative humidity measurements using utilities such as IPW's `rh2vp`. The vapor pressure is distributed instead of the relative humidity as it is an absolute measurement of the vapor within the atmosphere and will follow elevational trends (typically negative). Were as relative humidity is a relative measurement which varies in complex ways over the topography. From the distributed vapor pressure, the dew point is calculated for use by other distribution methods. The dew point temperature is further corrected to ensure that it does not exceed the distributed air temperature.

**Parameters** `vpConfig` – The [vapor\_pressure] section of the configuration file

**config**

configuration from [vapor\_pressure] section

**vapor\_pressure**

numpy matrix of the vapor pressure

**dew\_point**

numpy matrix of the dew point, calculated from vapor\_pressure and corrected for dew\_point greater than air\_temp

**min**

minimum value of vapor pressure is 10 Pa

**max**

maximum value of vapor pressure is 7500 Pa

**stations**

stations to be used in alphabetical order

**distribute**(*data, ta*)

Distribute air temperature given a Panda's dataframe for a single time step. Calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._distribute`.

The following steps are performed when distributing vapor pressure:

1. Distribute the point vapor pressure measurements
2. Calculate dew point temperature using `smrf.envphys.core.envphys_c.cdewpt`
3. Adjust dew point values to not exceed the air temperature

**Parameters**

- `data` – Pandas dataframe for a single time step from precip
- `ta` – air temperature numpy array that will be used for calculating dew point temperature

**distribute\_thread**(*queue, data*)

Distribute the data using threading and queue. All data is provided and `distribute_thread` will go through each time step and call `smrf.distribute.vapor_pressure.vp.distribute` then puts the distributed data into the queue for:

- `vapor_pressure`

- *dew\_point*

#### Parameters

- **queue** – queue dictionary for all variables
- **data** – pandas dataframe for all data, indexed by date time

**initialize**(*topo, data*)

Initialize the distribution, calls `smrf.distribute.image_data.image_data._initialize`. Preallocates the following class attributes to zeros:

#### Parameters

- **topo** – `smrf.data.loadTopo`.*Topo* instance contain topographic data and information
- **data** – data Pandas dataframe containing the station data, from `smrf.data.loadData` or `smrf.data.loadGrid`

```
output_variables = {'dew_point': {'long_name': 'Dew point temperature', 'standard_name': 'dew_point', 'units': 'Celsius'}, 'vapor_pressure': {'long_name': 'Vapor pressure', 'standard_name': 'vapor_pressure', 'units': 'Pascals'}, 'relative_humidity': {'long_name': 'Relative humidity', 'standard_name': 'relative_humidity', 'units': '%'}}  
post_process_variables = {}  
variable = 'vapor_pressure'
```

## Module contents

### 1.3.3 smrf.envphys package

#### Subpackages

##### smrf.envphys.core package

#### Submodules

##### smrf.envphys.core.envphys\_c module

C implementation of some radiation functions

`smrf.envphys.core.envphys_c.cdewpt(ndarray vp, ndarray dwpt, float tolerance=0, int nthreads=1)`

**Parameters** **vp** –

**Out:** dwpt changed in place

20160505 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.core.envphys_c.ctopotherm(ndarray ta, ndarray tw, ndarray z, ndarray skvfac, ndarray thermal, int nthreads=1)`

Call the function krige\_grid in krige.c which will iterate over the grid within the C code

**Parameters** **tw**, **z**, **skvfac**(`ta`,) –

**Out:** thermal changed in place

20160325 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.core.envphys_c.cwbt (ndarray ta, ndarray td, ndarray z, ndarray tw, float tolerance=0, int nthreads=1)`

Call the function iwbt in iwbt.c which will iterate over the grid within the C code

**Parameters** `td, z, tw_o(ta,)` –

**Out:** tw changed in place (wet bulb temperature)

20180611 Micah Sandusky

### `smrf.envphys.core.envphys_c module`

C implementation of some radiation functions

`smrf.envphys.core.envphys_c.cdewpt (ndarray vp, ndarray dwpt, float tolerance=0, int nthreads=1)`

**Parameters** `vp` –

**Out:** dwpt changed in place

20160505 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.core.envphys_c.ctopotherm (ndarray ta, ndarray tw, ndarray z, ndarray skyfac, ndarray thermal, int nthreads=1)`

Call the function krige\_grid in krige.c which will iterate over the grid within the C code

**Parameters** `tw, z, skvfac(ta,)` –

**Out:** thermal changed in place

20160325 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.core.envphys_c.cwbt (ndarray ta, ndarray td, ndarray z, ndarray tw, float tolerance=0, int nthreads=1)`

Call the function iwbt in iwbt.c which will iterate over the grid within the C code

**Parameters** `td, z, tw_o(ta,)` –

**Out:** tw changed in place (wet bulb temperature)

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## Module contents

### Submodules

#### `smrf.envphys.phys module`

Created April 15, 2015

Collection of functions to calculate various physical parameters

@author: Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.phys.idewpt(vp)`

Calculate the dew point given the vapor pressure

**Parameters** – array of vapor pressure values in [Pa] ([vp](#)) –

**Returns**

**dewpt** - array same size as **vp** of the calculated dew point temperature [C] (see Dingman 2002).

`smrf.envphys.phys.rh2vp(ta, rh)`

Calculate the vapor pressure given the air temperature and relative humidity

**Parameters**

- **ta** – array of air temperature in [C]
- **rh** – array of relative humidity from 0-100 [%]

**Returns** vapor pressure

`smrf.envphys.phys.satvp(dpt)`

Calculate the saturation vapor pressure at the dew point temperature.

**Parameters** **dwpt** – array of dew point temperature in [C]

**Returns** vapor\_pressure

## smrf.envphys.precip module

Created on Apr 15, 2015

@author: scott

`smrf.envphys.precip.adjust_for_undercatch(p_vec, wind, temp, sta_type, metadata)`

Adjusts the vector precip station data for undercatchment. Relationships should be added to `catchment_ratio()`.

**Parameters**

- – The station vector data in pandas series (**p\_vec**) –
- – The vector wind data (**wind**) –
- – The vector air\_temp data (**temp**) –
- – A dictionary of station names and the type of correction to apply (**sta\_type**) –
- – station metadata TODO merge in the station\_dict info to **metadata(station\_metadata)** –

**Returns** adj\_precip - Adjust precip accoding to the corrections applied.

`smrf.envphys.precip.catchment_ratios(ws, gauge_type, snowing)`

Point models for catchment ratios of the

`smrf.envphys.precip.dist_precip_wind(precip, precip_temp, az, dir_round_cell, wind_speed, cell_maxus, tbreak, tbreak_direction, veg_type, veg_fact, cfg, mask=None)`

Redistribute the precip based on wind speed and direciton to account for drifting.

**Parameters**

- **precip** – distributed precip
- **precip\_temp** – precip\_temp array

- **az** – wind direction
- **dir\_round\_cell** – from wind module
- **wind\_speed** – wind speed array
- **cell\_maxus** – max upwind slope from maxus file
- **tbreak** – relative local slope from tbreak file
- **tbreak\_direction** – direction array from tbreak file
- **veg\_type** – user input veg types to correct
- **veg\_factor** – interception correction for veg types. ppt mult is multiplied by 1/veg\_factor

**Returns** numpy array of precip redistributed for wind

**Return type** precip\_drift

`smrf.envphys.precip.mkprecip(precipitation, temperature)`

Follows the IPW command mkprecip

The precipitation phase, or the amount of precipitation falling as rain or snow, can significantly alter the energy and mass balance of the snowpack, either leading to snow accumulation or inducing melt [2] [3]. The precipitation phase and initial snow density are based on the precipitation temperature (the distributed dew point temperature) and are estimated after Susong et al (1999) [4]. The table below shows the relationship to precipitation temperature:

Min Temp [deg C]	Max Temp [deg C]	Percent snow [%]	Snow density [kg/m^3]
-Inf	-5	100	75
-5	-3	100	100
-3	-1.5	100	150
-1.5	-0.5	100	175
-0.5	0	75	200
0	0.5	25	250
0.5	Inf	0	0

#### Parameters

- – **array of precipitation values [mm]** (*precipitation*) –
- – **array of temperature values, use dew point temperature** (*temperature*) – if available [degree C]

**Output:** returns the percent snow and estimated snow density

`smrf.envphys.precip.storms(precipitation, perc_snow, mass=1, time=4, stormDays=None, stormPrecip=None, ps_thresh=0.5)`

Calculate the decimal days since the last storm given a precip time series, percent snow, mass threshold, and time threshold

- Will look for pixels where *perc\_snow* > 50% as storm locations
- **A new storm will start if the mass at the pixel has exceeded the mass limit**, this ensures that the enough has accumulated

#### Parameters

- – **precipitation values** (*precipitation*) –
- – **percent of precipitation that was snow** (*perc\_snow*) –
- – **threshold for the mass to start a new storm** (*mass*) –
- – **threshold for the time to start a new storm** (*time*) –
- – **if specified, this is the output from a previous run** (*stormDays*) – of storms
- – **keeps track of the total storm precip** (*stormPrecip*) –

#### Returns

(**stormDays**, **stormPrecip**) - the timesteps since the last storm and the total precipitation for the storm

Created April 17, 2015 @author: Scott Havens

```
smrf.envphys.precip.storms_time (precipitation, perc_snow, time_step=0.041666666666666664,  
                                mass=1, time=4, stormDays=None, stormPrecip=None,  
                                ps_thresh=0.5)
```

Calculate the decimal days since the last storm given a precip time series, percent snow, mass threshold, and time threshold

- Will look for pixels where *perc\_snow* > 50% as storm locations
- A new storm will start if the mass at the pixel has exceeded the mass limit, this ensures that the enough has accumulated

#### Parameters

- – **precipitation values** (*precipitation*) –
- – **percent of precipitation that was snow** (*perc\_snow*) –
- **time\_step** – step in days of the model run
- – **threshold for the mass to start a new storm** (*mass*) –
- – **threshold for the time to start a new storm** (*time*) –
- – **if specified, this is the output from a previous run** (*stormDays*) – of storms else it will be set to the date\_time value
- – **keeps track of the total storm precip** (*stormPrecip*) –

#### Returns

(**stormDays**, **stormPrecip**) - the timesteps since the last storm and the total precipitation for the storm

Created January 5, 2016 @author: Scott Havens

**smrf.envphys.radiation module**smrf.envphys.radiation.**albedo** (*telapsed*, *cosz*, *gsize*, *maxgsz*, *dirt*=2)

Calculate the abedo, adapted from IPW function albedo

**Parameters**

- – **time since last snow storm** (*telapsed*) –
- – **cosine local solar illumination angle matrix** (*cosz*) –
- – **gsize is effective grain radius of snow after last storm** (*gsize*) –
- – **maxgsz is maximum grain radius expected from grain growth** (*maxgsz*) –
- – **dirt is effective contamination for adjustment to visible albedo** (*dirt*) –

**Returns**

Returns a tuple containing the visible and IR spectral albedo

- **alb\_v** (*numpy.array*) - albedo for visible spectrum
- **alb\_ir** (*numpy.array*) - albedo for ir spectrum

**Return type** tuplesmrf.envphys.radiation.**beta\_0** (*cosz*, *g*)

we find the integral-sum

sum (n=0 to inf) g^n \* (2\*n+1) \* Pn(u0) \* int (u'=0 to 1) Pn(u')

note that int of Pn vanishes for even values of n (Abramowitz &amp; Stegun, eq 22.13.8-9); therefore the series becomes

sum (n=0 to inf) g^n \* (2\*n+1) \* Pn(u0) \* f(m)

where 2\*m+1 = n and the f's are computed recursively

**Parameters**

- **cosz** – cosine illumination angle
- **g** – scattering asymmetry param

**Returns** beta\_0smrf.envphys.radiation.**cf\_cloud** (*beam*, *diffuse*, *cf*)

Correct beam and diffuse irradiance for cloud attenuation at a single time, using input clear-sky global and diffuse radiation calculations supplied by locally modified toporad or locally modified stoporad

**Parameters**

- **beam** – global irradiance
- **diffuse** – diffuse irradiance
- **cf** – cloud attenuation factor - actual irradiance / clear-sky irradiance

**Returns** cloud corrected gobal irradiance c\_drad: cloud corrected diffuse irradiance**Return type** c\_grad

20150610 Scott Havens - adapted from cloudcalc.c

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`smrf.envphys.radiation.decay_alb_hardy(litter, veg_type, storm_day, alb_v, alb_ir)`

Find a decrease in albedo due to litter accumulation using method from [21] with `storm_day` as input.

$$lc = 1.0 - (1.0 - lr)^{day}$$

Where  $lc$  is the fractional litter coverage and  $lr$  is the daily litter rate of the forest. The new albedo is a weighted average of the calculated albedo for the clean snow and the albedo of the litter.

Note: uses input of `l_rate` (litter rate) from config which is based on veg type. This is decimal percent litter coverage per day

#### Parameters

- `litter` – A dictionary of values for default,albedo,41,42,43 veg types
- `veg_type` – An image of the basin's NLCD veg type
- `storm_day` – numpy array of decimal day since last storm
- `alb_v` – numpy array of albedo for visible spectrum
- `alb_ir` – numpy array of albedo for IR spectrum
- `alb_litter` – albedo of pure litter

#### Returns

Returns a tuple containing the corrected albedo arrays based on date, veg type - `alb_v` (`numpy.array`) - albedo for visible spectrum

- `alb_ir` (`numpy.array`) - albedo for ir spectrum

#### Return type

Created July 19, 2017 Micah Sandusky

`smrf.envphys.radiation.decay_alb_power(veg, veg_type, start_decay, end_decay, t_curr, pwr, alb_v, alb_ir)`

Find a decrease in albedo due to litter accumulation. Decay is based on max decay, decay power, and start and end dates. No litter decay occurs before start\_date. Fore times between start and end of decay,

$$\alpha = \alpha - (dec_{max}^{\frac{1.0}{pwr}} \times \frac{t - start}{end - start})^{pwr}$$

Where  $\alpha$  is albedo,  $dec_{max}$  is the maximum decay for albedo,  $pwr$  is the decay power,  $t$ ,  $start$ , and  $end$  are the current, start, and end times for the litter decay.

#### Parameters

- `start_decay` – date to start albedo decay (datetime)
- `end_decay` – date at which to end albedo decay curve (datetime)
- `t_curr` – datetime object of current timestep
- `pwr` – power for power law decay
- `alb_v` – numpy array of albedo for visible spectrum
- `alb_ir` – numpy array of albedo for IR spectrum

#### Returns

Returns a tuple containing the corrected albedo arrays based on date, veg type - `alb_v` (`numpy.array`) - albedo for visible spectrum

- `alb_ir` (`numpy.array`) - albedo for ir spectrum

**Return type** tuple

Created July 18, 2017 Micah Sandusky

`smrf.envphys.radiation.deg_to_dms(deg)`

Decimal degree to degree, minutes, seconds

`smrf.envphys.radiation.find_horizon(i, H, xr, yr, Z, mu)`

`smrf.envphys.radiation.get_hrrr_cloud(df_solar, df_meta, logger, lat, lon)`

Take the combined solar from HRRR and use the two stream calculation at the specific HRRR pixels to find the cloud\_factor.

### Parameters

- – **solar dataframe from hrrr** (`df_solar`) –
- – **meta\_data from hrrr** (`df_meta`) –
- – **smrf logger** (`logger`) –
- – **basin lat** (`lat`) –
- – **basin lon** (`lon`) –

**Returns** `df_cf` - cloud factor dataframe in same format as `df_solar` input

`smrf.envphys.radiation.growth(t)`

Calculate grain size growth From IPW albedo > growth

`smrf.envphys.radiation.hor1f(x, z, offset=1)`

BROKEN: Haven't quite figured this one out

Calculate the horizon pixel for all x,z This mimics the algorithim from Dozier 1981 and the hor1f.c from IPW

Works backwards from the end but looks forwards for the horizon

xrange stops one index before [stop]

### Parameters

- – **horizontal distances for points** (`x`) –
- – **elevations for the points** (`z`) –

**Returns** `h` - index to the horizon point

20150601 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.radiation.hor1f_simple(z)`

Calculate the horizon pixel for all x,z This mimics the simple algorithim from Dozier 1981 to help understand how it's working

Works backwards from the end but looks forwards for the horizon 90% faster than rad.horizon

### Parameters

- – **horizontal distances for points** (`x`) –
- – **elevations for the points** (`z`) –

**Returns** `h` - index to the horizon point

20150601 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.radiation.hord(z)`

Calculate the horizon pixel for all x,z This mimics the simple algorithim from Dozier 1981 to help understand how it's working

Works backwards from the end but looks forwards for the horizon 90% faster than rad.horizon

**Args::** x - horizontal distances for points z - elevations for the points

**Returns** h - index to the horizon point

20150601 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.radiation.ihorizon(x, y, Z, azm, mu=0, offset=2, ncores=0)`

Calculate the horizon values for an entire DEM image for the desired azimuth

Assumes that the step size is constant

#### Parameters

- – **vector of x-coordinates (X)** –
- – **vector of y-coordinates (Y)** –
- – **matrix of elevation data (Z)** –
- – **azimuth to calculate the horizon at (azm)** –
- – 0 → **calculate cos (mu)** –  
– >0 → calculate a mask whether or not the point can see the sun

#### Returns

**H** - if mask=0 cosine of the local horizontal angles

- if mask=1 index along line to the point

20150602 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.radiation.model_solar(dt, lat, lon, tau=0.2, tzone=0)`

Model solar radiation at a point Combines sun angle, solar and two stream

#### Parameters

- – **datetime object (dt)** –
- – **latitude (lat)** –
- – **longitude (lon)** –
- – **optical depth (tau)** –
- – **time zone (tzone)** –

**Returns** corrected solar radiation

`smrf.envphys.radiation.mwgamma(cosz, omega, g)`

gamma's for phase function for input using the MEADOR WEAVER method

Two-stream approximations to radiative transfer in planetary atmospheres: a unified description of existing methods and a new improvement, Meador & Weaver, 1980

#### Parameters

- **cosz** – cosine illumination angle
- **omega** – single-scattering albedo
- **g** – scattering asymmetry param

**Returns** gamma values

`smrf.envphys.radiation.shade(slope, aspect, azimuth, cosz=None, zenith=None)`

Calculate the cosize of the local illumination angle over a DEM

Solves the following equation  $\cos(ts) = \cos(t0) * \cos(S) + \sin(t0) * \sin(S) * \cos(\phi_0 - A)$

**where** t0 is the illumination angle on a horizontal surface phi0 is the azimuth of illumination S is slope in radians A is aspect in radians

Slope and aspect are expected to come from the IPW gradient command. Slope is stored as sin(S) with range from 0 to 1. Aspect is stored as radians from south (aspect 0 is toward the south) with range from -pi to pi, with negative values to the west and positive values to the east

### Parameters

- **slope** – numpy array of sine of slope angles sin(S)
- **aspect** – numpy array of aspect in radians from south
- **azimuth** – azimuth in degrees to the sun -180..180 (comes from sunang)
- **cosz** – cosize of the zenith angle 0..1 (comes from sunang)
- **zenith** – the solar zenith angle 0..90 degrees

At least one of the cosz or zenith must be specified. If both are specified the zenith is ignored

**Returns** numpy matrix of the cosize of the local illumination angle cos(ts)

### Return type

The python shade() function is an interpretation of the IPW shade() function and follows as close as possible. All equations are based on Dozier & Frew, 1990. ‘Rapid calculation of Terrain Parameters For Radiation Modeling From Digital Elevation Data,’ IEEE TGARS

20150106 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.radiation.shade_thread(queue, date, slope, aspect, zenith=None)`

See shade for input argument descriptions

### Parameters

- **queue** – queue with illum\_ang, cosz, azimuth
- **date\_time** – loop through dates to accesss queue

20160325 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.radiation.solar(d, w=[0.28, 2.8])`

Solar calculates exoatmospheric direct solar irradiance. If two arguments to -w are given, the integral of solar irradiance over the range will be calculated. If one argument is given, the spectral irradiance will be calculated.

If no wavelengths are specified on the command line, single wavelengths in um will be read from the standard input and the spectral irradiance calculated for each.

### Parameters

- – [um um2] **If two arguments are given, the integral of solar** (w) – irradiance in the range um to um2 will be calculated. If one argument is given, the spectral irradiance will be calculated.
- – **date object, This is used to calculate the solar radius vector** (d) – which divides the result

**Returns** s - direct solar irradiance

`smrf.envphys.radiation.solar_data()`

Solar data from Thekaekara, NASA TR-R-351, 1979

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`smrf.envphys.radiation.solar_ipw(d, w=[0.28, 2.8])`

Wrapper for the IPW solar function

Solar calculates exoatmospheric direct solar irradiance. If two arguments to -w are given, the integral of solar irradiance over the range will be calculated. If one argument is given, the spectral irradiance will be calculated.

If no wavelengths are specified on the command line, single wavelengths in um will be read from the standard input and the spectral irradiance calculated for each.

#### Parameters

- – **[um um2] If two arguments are given, the integral of solar (w)** – irradiance in the range um to um2 will be calculated. If one argument is given, the spectral irradiance will be calculated.
- – **date object, This is used to calculate the solar radius vector (d)** – which divides the result

#### Returns s - direct solar irradiance

20151002 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.radiation.solint(a, b)`

integral of solar constant from wavelengths a to b in micrometers

This uses scipy functions which will produce different results from the IPW equivalents of ‘akcoef’ and ‘splint’

`smrf.envphys.radiation.sunang_ipw(date, lat, lon, zone=0, slope=0, aspect=0)`

Wrapper for the IPW sunang function

#### Parameters

- – **date to calculate sun angle for (date)** –
- – **latitude in decimal degrees (lat)** –
- – **longitude in decimal degrees (lon)** –
- – **The time values are in the time zone which is min minutes (zone)** – west of Greenwich (default: 0). For example, if input times are in Pacific Standard Time, then min would be 480.
- **slope (default=0)** –
- **aspect (default=0)** –

#### Returns cosz - cosine of the zenith angle azimuth - solar azimuth

Created April 17, 2015 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.radiation.twostream(cosz, S0, tau=0.2, omega=0.85, g=0.3, R0=0.5)`

Provides twostream solution for single-layer atmosphere over horizontal surface, using solution method in: Two-stream approximations to radiative transfer in planetary atmospheres: a unified description of existing methods and a new improvement, Meador & Weaver, 1980, or will use the delta-Eddington method, if the -d flag is set (see: Wiscombe & Joseph 1977).

#### Parameters

- **cosz** – The cosine of the incidence angle is cos (from program sunang). An error if cosz is <= 0.0; set all outputs to 0.0 and go on. Program will fail if incidence angle is <= 0.0, unless -0 has been set.
- **S0** – The direct beam irradiance is S0 This is usually the solar constant for the specified wavelength band, on the specified date, at the top of the atmosphere, from radiation.solar.
- **tau** – The optical depth is tau. 0 implies an infinite optical depth.

- **omega** – The single-scattering albedo
- **g** – The asymmetry factor is g.
- **R0** – The reflectance of the substrate is R0. If R0 is negative, it will be set to zero.

**Returns** R[0] - reflectance R[1] - transmittance R[2] - direct transmittance R[3] - upwelling irradiance R[4] - total irradiance at bottom R[5] - direct irradiance normal to beam

```
smrf.envphys.radiation.twostream_ipw(mu0, S0, tau=0.2, omega=0.85, g=0.3, R0=0.5,  
d=False)
```

Wrapper for the twostream.c IPW function

Provides twostream solution for single-layer atmosphere over horizontal surface, using solution method in: Two-stream approximations to radiative transfer in planetary atmospheres: a unified description of existing methods and a new improvement, Meador & Weaver, 1980, or will use the delta-Eddington method, if the -d flag is set (see: Wiscombe & Joseph 1977).

#### Parameters

- – **The cosine of the incidence angle is cos(mu0)** –
- – **Do not force an error if mu0 is <= 0.0; set all outputs to 0.0 and (0)** – go on. Program will fail if incidence angle is <= 0.0, unless -0 has been set.
- – **The optical depth is tau. 0 implies an infinite optical depth.** (tau) –
- – **The single-scattering albedo is omega.** (omega) –
- – **The asymmetry factor is g.** (g) –
- – **The reflectance of the substrate is R0. If R0 is negative, it (R0)** – will be set to zero.
- – **The direct beam irradiance is S0 This is usually the solar (S0)** – constant for the specified wavelength band, on the specified date, at the top of the atmosphere, from program solar. If S0 is negative, it will be set to 1/cos, or 1 if cos is not specified.
- – **The delta-Eddington method will be used.** (d) –

**Returns** R[0] - reflectance R[1] - transmittance R[2] - direct transmittance R[3] - upwelling irradiance R[4] - total irradiance at bottom R[5] - direct irradiance normal to beam

20151002 Scott Havens

```
smrf.envphys.radiation.veg_beam(data, height, cosz, k)
```

Apply the vegetation correction to the beam irradiance using the equation from Links and Marks 1999

```
S_b,f = S_b,o * exp[ -k h sec(theta) ] or S_b,f = S_b,o * exp[ -k h / cosz ]
```

20150610 Scott Havens

```
smrf.envphys.radiation.veg_diffuse(data, tau)
```

Apply the vegetation correction to the diffuse irradiance using the equation from Links and Marks 1999

```
S_d,f = tau * S_d,o
```

20150610 Scott Havens

## smrf.envphys.snow module

Created on March 14, 2017 Originally written by Scott Havens in 2015 @author: Micah Johnson

### Creating Custom NASDE Models

When creating a new NASDE model make sure you adhere to the following:

1. Add a new method with the other models with a unique name ideally with some reference to the origin of the model. For example see `susong1999()`.
2. Add the new model to the dictionary `available_models` at the bottom of this module so that `calc_phase_and_density()` can see it.
3. Create a custom distribution function with a unique in `distribute()` to create the structure for the new model. For an example see `distribute_for_susong1999()`.
4. Update documentation and run smrf!

`smrf.envphys.snow.calc_perc_snow(Tpp, Tmax=0.0, Tmin=-10.0)`

Calculates the percent snow for the nasde\_models piecewise\_susong1999 and marks2017.

#### Parameters

- `Tpp` – A numpy array of temperature, use dew point temperature if available [degree C].
- `Tmax` – Max temperature that the percent snow is estimated. Default is 0.0 Degrees C.
- `Tmin` – Minimum temperature that percent snow is changed. Default is -10.0 Degrees C.

**Returns** A fraction of the precip at each pixel that is snow provided by Tpp.

**Return type** numpy.array

`smrf.envphys.snow.calc_phase_and_density(temperature, precipitation, nasde_model)`

Uses various new accumulated snow density models to estimate the snow density of precipitation that falls during sub-zero conditions. The models all are based on the dew point temperature and the amount of precipitation. All models used here must return a dictionary containing the keywords `pes` and `rho_s` for percent snow and snow density respectively.

#### Parameters

- `temperature` – a single timestep of the distributed dew point temperature
- `precipitation` – a numpy array of the distributed precipitation
- `nasde_model` – string value set in the configuration file representing the method for estimating density of new snow that has just fallen.

#### Returns

Returns a tuple containing the snow density field and the percent snow as determined by the NASDE model.

- `snow_density (numpy.array)` - Snow density values in kg/m^3
- `perc_snow (numpy.array)` - Percent of the precip that is snow in values 0.0-1.0.

**Return type** tuple

`smrf.envphys.snow.check_temperature(Tpp, Tmax=0.0, Tmin=-10.0)`

Sets the precipitation temperature and snow temperature.

#### Parameters

- **Tpp** – A numpy array of temperature, use dew point temperature if available [degrees C].
- **Tmax** – Thresholds the max temperature of the snow [degrees C].
- **Tmin** – Minimum temperature that the precipitation temperature [degrees C].

**Returns**

- **Tpp (numpy.array)** - Modified precipitation temperature that is thresholded with a minimum set by tmin.
- **tsnow (numpy.array)** - Temperature of the surface of the snow set by the precipitation temperature and thresholded by tmax where tsnow > tmax = tmax.

**Return type** tuple

`smrf.envphys.snow.marks2017(Tpp, pp)`

A new accumulated snow density model that accounts for compaction. The model builds upon `piecewise_susong1999()` by adding effects from compaction. Of four mechanisms for compaction, this model accounts for compaction by destructive metamorphism and overburden. These two processes are accounted for by calculating a proportionality using data from Kojima, Yosida and Mellor. The overburden is in part estimated using total storm deposition, where storms are defined in `tracking_by_station()`. Once this is determined the final snow density is applied through the entire storm only varying with hourly temperature.

**Snow Density:**

$$\rho_s = \rho_{ns} + (\Delta\rho_c + \Delta\rho_m)\rho_{ns}$$

**Overburden Proportionality:**

$$\Delta\rho_c = 0.026e^{-0.08(T_z - T_{snow})} SWE * e^{-21.0\rho_{ns}}$$

**Metamorphism Proportionality:**

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\rho_m &= 0.01c_{11}e^{-0.04(T_z - T_{snow})} \\ c_{11} &= c_{min} + (T_z - T_{snow})C_{factor} + 1.0\end{aligned}$$

**Constants:**

$$C_{factor} = 0.0013$$

$$T_z = 0.0$$

$$ex_{max} = 1.75$$

$$exr = 0.75$$

$$ex_{min} = 1.0$$

$$c1r = 0.043$$

$$c_{min} = 0.0067$$

$$c_{fac} = 0.0013$$

$$T_{min} = -10.0$$

$$T_{max} = 0.0$$

$$T_z = 0.0$$

$$T_{r0} = 0.5$$

$$P_{cr0} = 0.25$$

$$P_{c0} = 0.75$$

**Parameters**

- **Tpp** – Numpy array of a single hour of temperature, use dew point if available [degrees C].
- **pp** – Numpy array representing the total amount of precip deposited during a storm in millimeters

**Returns**

- **rho\_s (numpy.array)** - Density of the fresh snow in kg/m<sup>3</sup>.
- **swe (numpy.array)** - Snow water equivalent.
- **pcs (numpy.array)** - Percent of the precipitation that is snow in values 0.0-1.0.
- **rho\_ns (numpy.array)** - Density of the uncompacted snow, which is equivalent to the output from `piecewise_susong1999()`.
- **d\_rho\_c (numpy.array)** - Prportional coefficient for compaction from overburden.
- **d\_rho\_m (numpy.array)** - Proportional coefficient for compaction from melt.
- **rho\_s (numpy.array)** - Final density of the snow [kg/m<sup>3</sup>].
- **rho (numpy.array)** - Density of the precipitation, which continuously ranges from low density snow to pure liquid water (50-1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup>).
- **zs (numpy.array)** - Snow height added from the precipitation.

**Return type** dictionary

```
smrf.envphys.snow.piecewise_susong1999(Tpp,      precip,      Tmax=0.0,      Tmin=-10.0,
                                         check_temps=True)
```

Follows `susong1999()` but is the piecewise form of table shown there. This model adds to the former by accounting for liquid water effect near 0.0 Degrees C.

The table was estimated by Danny Marks in 2017 which resulted in the piecewise equations below:

**Percent Snow:**

$$\%_{snow} = \begin{cases} \frac{-T}{T_{r0}} P_{cr0} + P_{c0}, & -0.5^\circ C \leq T \leq 0.0^\circ C \\ \frac{-T_{pp}}{T_{max}+1.0} P_{c0} + P_{c0}, & 0.0^\circ C \leq T \leq T_{max} \end{cases}$$

**Snow Density:**

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_s &= 50.0 + 1.7 * (T_{pp} + 15.0)^{ex} \\ ex &= \begin{cases} ex_{min} + \frac{T_{range} + T_{snow} - T_{max}}{T_{range}} * ex_r, & ex_r < 1.75 \\ 1.75, & ex_r > 1.75 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

**Parameters**

- **Tpp** – A numpy array of temperature, use dew point temperature if available [degree C].
- **precip** – A numpy array of precip in millimeters.
- **Tmax** – Max temperature that snow density is modeled. Default is 0.0 Degrees C.
- **Tmin** – Minimum temperature that snow density is changing. Default is -10.0 Degrees C.
- **check\_temps** – A boolean value check to apply special temperature constraints, this is done using `check_temperature()`. Default is True.

**Returns**

- **pcs** (`numpy.array`) - Percent of the precipitation that is snow in values 0.0-1.0.
- **rho\_s** (`numpy.array`) - Density of the fresh snow in kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Return type** dictionary

`smrf.envphys.snow.susong1999(temperature, precipitation)`

Follows the IPW command `mkprecip`

The precipitation phase, or the amount of precipitation falling as rain or snow, can significantly alter the energy and mass balance of the snowpack, either leading to snow accumulation or inducing melt [2] [3]. The precipitation phase and initial snow density are based on the precipitation temperature (the distributed dew point temperature) and are estimated after Susong et al (1999) [4]. The table below shows the relationship to precipitation temperature:

Min Temp [deg C]	Max Temp [deg C]	Percent snow [%]	Snow density [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]
-Inf	-5	100	75
-5	-3	100	100
-3	-1.5	100	150
-1.5	-0.5	100	175
-0.5	0	75	200
0	0.5	25	250
0.5	Inf	0	0

#### Parameters

- – **numpy array of precipitation values [mm]** (`precipitation`) –
- – **array of temperature values, use dew point temperature** (`temperature`) –
- **available [degrees C] (if)** –

#### Returns

#### Return type

dictionary

- **perc\_snow** (`numpy.array`) - Percent of the precipitation that is snow in values 0.0-1.0.
- **rho\_s** (`numpy.array`) - Snow density values in kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

## smrf.envphys.storms module

Created on March 14, 2017 Originally written by Scott Havens in 2015 @author: Micah Johnson

`smrf.envphys.storms.clip_and_correct(precip, storms, stations=[])`

Meant to go along with the storm tracking, we correct the data here by adding in the precip we would miss by ignoring it. This is mostly because will get rain on snow events when there is snow because of the storm definitions and still try to distribute precip data.

#### Parameters

- **precip** – Vector station data representing the measured precipitation
- **storms** – Storm list with dictionaries as defined in `tracking_by_station()`

- **stations** – Desired stations that are being used for clipping. If stations is not passed, then use all in the dataframe

**Returns** The correct precip that ensures there is no precip outside of the defined storms with the clipped amount of precip proportionally added back to storms.

Created May 3, 2017 @author: Micah Johnson

```
smrf.envphys.storms.storms(precipitation, perc_snow, mass=1, time=4, stormDays=None, stormPrecip=None, ps_thresh=0.5)
```

Calculate the decimal days since the last storm given a precip time series, percent snow, mass threshold, and time threshold

- Will look for pixels where perc\_snow > 50% as storm locations
- **A new storm will start if the mass at the pixel has exceeded the mass limit**, this ensures that the enough has accumulated

#### Parameters

- **precipitation** – Precipitation values
- **perc\_snow** – Percent of precipitation that was snow
- **mass** – Threshold for the mass to start a new storm
- **time** – Threshold for the time to start a new storm
- **stormDays** – If specified, this is the output from a previous run of storms
- **stormPrecip** – Keeps track of the total storm precip

#### Returns

- **stormDays** - Array representing the days since the last storm at a pixel
- **stormPrecip** - Array representing the precip accumulated during the most recent storm

#### Return type tuple

Created April 17, 2015 @author: Scott Havens

```
smrf.envphys.storms.time_since_storm(precipitation, perc_snow, time_step=0.04166666666666664, mass=1.0, time=4, stormDays=None, stormPrecip=None, ps_thresh=0.5)
```

Calculate the decimal days since the last storm given a precip time series, percent snow, mass threshold, and time threshold

- Will look for pixels where perc\_snow > 50% as storm locations
- **A new storm will start if the mass at the pixel has exceeded the mass limit**, this ensures that the enough has accumulated

#### Parameters

- **precipitation** – Precipitation values
- **perc\_snow** – Percent of precipitation that was snow
- **time\_step** – Step in days of the model run
- **mass** – Threshold for the mass to start a new storm
- **time** – Threshold for the time to start a new storm

- **stormDays** – If specified, this is the output from a previous run of storms else it will be set to the date\_time value
- **stormPrecip** – Keeps track of the total storm precip

**Returns**

- **stormDays** - Array representing the days since the last storm at a pixel
- **stormPrecip** - Array representing the precip accumulated during the most recent storm

**Return type** tuple

Created January 5, 2016 @author: Scott Havens

```
smrf.envphys.storms.time_since_storm_basin(precipitation, storm, stormid, storming,
                                             time, time_step=0.041666666666666664,
                                             stormDays=None)
```

Calculate the decimal days since the last storm given a precip time series, days since last storm in basin, and if it is currently storming

- Will assign uniform decimal days since last storm to every pixel

**Parameters**

- **precipitation** – Precipitation values
- **storm** – current or most recent storm
- **time\_step** – step in days of the model run
- **last\_storm\_day\_basin** – time since last storm for the basin
- **stormid** – ID of current storm
- **storming** – if it is currently storming
- **time** – current time
- **stormDays** – uniform days since last storm on pixel basis

**Returns** uniform days since last storm on pixel basis**Return type** stormDays

Created May 9, 2017 @author: Scott Havens modified by Micah Sandusky

```
smrf.envphys.storms.time_since_storm_pixel(precipitation, dpt, perc_snow, storming,
                                              time_step=0.041666666666666664, storm-
                                              Days=None, mass=1.0, ps_thresh=0.5)
```

Calculate the decimal days since the last storm given a precip time series

- Will assign decimal days since last storm to every pixel

**Parameters**

- **precipitation** – Precipitation values
- **dpt** – dew point values
- **perc\_snow** – percent\_snow values
- **storming** – if it is storming
- **time\_step** – step in days of the model run

- **stormDays** – uniform days since last storm on pixel basis
- **mass** – Threshold for the mass to start a new storm
- **ps\_thresh** – Threshold for percent\_snow

**Returns** days since last storm on pixel basis

**Return type** stormDays

Created October 16, 2017 @author: Micah Sandusky

```
smrf.envphys.storms.tracking_by_basin(precipitation, time, storm_lst,
                                         time_steps_since_precip, is_storming,
                                         mass_thresh=0.01, steps_thresh=2)
```

#### Parameters

- **precipitation** – precipitation values
- **time** – Time step that smrf is on
- **time\_steps\_since\_precip** – time steps since the last precipitation
- **storm\_lst** – list that store the storm cycles in order. A storm is recorded by its start and its end. The list is passed by reference and modified internally. Each storm entry should be in the format of: [{start:Storm Start, end:Storm End}]  
**e.g.** [ {start:date\_time1,end:date\_time2}, {start:date\_time3,end:date\_time4}, ]  
#would be a two storms
- **mass\_thresh** – mass amount that constitutes a real precip event, default = 0.0.
- **steps\_thresh** – Number of time steps that constitutes the end of a precip event, default = 2 steps (typically 2 hours)

**Returns** storm\_lst - updated storm\_lst time\_steps\_since\_precip - updated time\_steps\_since\_precip  
is\_storming - True or False whether the storm is ongoing or not

**Return type** tuple

Created March 3, 2017 @author: Micah Johnson

```
smrf.envphys.storms.tracking_by_station(precip, mass_thresh=0.01, steps_thresh=3)
Processes the vector station data prior to the data being distributed
```

#### Parameters

- **precipitation** – precipitation values
- **time** – Time step that smrf is on
- **time\_steps\_since\_precip** – time steps since the last precipitation
- **storm\_lst** – list that store the storm cycles in order. A storm is recorded by its start and its end. The list is passed by reference and modified internally. Each storm entry should be in the format of: [{start:Storm Start, end:Storm End}]  
**e.g.** [ {start:date\_time1,end:date\_time2,'BOG1':100, 'ATL1':85},
 {start:date\_time3,end:date\_time4,'BOG1':50, 'ATL1':45}, ]  
#would be a two storms at stations BOG1 and ATL1
- **mass\_thresh** – mass amount that constitutes a real precip event, default = 0.01.
- **steps\_thresh** – Number of time steps that constitutes the end of a precip event, default = 2 steps (typically 2 hours)

**Returns**

- **storms** - A list of dictionaries containing storm start,stop, mass accumulated, of given storm.
- **storm\_count** - A total number of storms found

**Return type** tuple

Created April 24, 2017 @author: Micah Johnson

**smrf.envphys.sunang module**

smrf.envphys.sunang.**dsign**(*a, b*)  
modified from /usr/src/lib/libF77/d\_sign.c

smrf.envphys.sunang.**ephemeris**(*dt*)  
Calculates radius vector, declination, and apparent longitude of sun, as function of the given date and time.

The routine is adapted from:

W. H. Wilson, Solar ephemeris algorithm, Reference 80-13, 70

pp., Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA, 1980.

**Parameters** **dt** – date time python object

**Returns** solar declination angle, in radians omega: sun longitude, in radians r: Earth-Sun radius vector

**Return type** declin

smrf.envphys.sunang.**leapyear**(*year*)

leapyear determines if the given year is a leap year or not. year must be positive, and must not be abbreviated; i.e. 89 is 89 A.D. not 1989.

**Parameters** **year** –

**Returns** True if a leap year, False if not a leap year

smrf.envphys.sunang.**numdays**(*year, month*)

numdays returns the number of days in the given month of the given year.

**Parameters**

- **year** –
- **month** –

**Returns** number of days in month

**Return type** ndays

smrf.envphys.sunang.**rotate**(*mu, azm, mu\_r, lam\_r*)

Calculates new spherical coordinates if system rotated about origin. Coordinates are right-hand system. All angles are in radians.

**Parameters**

- **mu** – cosine of angle theta from z-axis in old coordinate system, sin(declination)
- **azm** – azimuth (+ccw from x-axis) in old coordinate system, hour angle of sun (long. where sun is vertical)

- **mu\_r** – cosine of angle theta\_r of rotation of z-axis, sin(latitude)
- **lam\_r** – azimuth (+ccw) of rotation of x-axis, longitude

**Returns** cosine of the solar zenith aPrime: solar azimuth in radians

**Return type** muPrime

`smrf.envphys.sunang.sunang(date_time, latitude, longitude, truncate=True)`

Calculate the sun angle (the azimuth and zenith angles of the sun's position) for a given geodetic location for a single date time and coordinates. The function can take either latitude longitude position as a single point or numpy array.

#### Parameters

- **date\_time** – python datetime object
- **latitude** – value or np.ndarray (in degrees)
- **longitude** – value or np.ndarray (in degrees)
- **truncate** – True will replicate the IPW output precision, not applied if position is an array

**Returns** cosz - cosine of the zenith angle, same shape as input position azimuth - solar azimuth, same shape as input position rad\_vec - Earth-Sun radius vector

`smrf.envphys.sunang.sunang_thread(queue, date, lat, lon)`

See sunang for input descriptions

#### Parameters

- **queue** – queue with cosz, azimuth
- **date** – loop through dates to accesss queue, must be same as rest of queues

`smrf.envphys.sunang.sunpath(latitude, longitude, declination, omega)`

Sun angle from solar declination and longitude

#### Parameters

- **latitude** – in radians
- **longitude** – in radians
- **declination** – solar declination (radians)
- **omega** – solar longitude (radians)

**Returns** cosz: cosine of solar zenith azimuth: solar azimuth in radians

`smrf.envphys.sunang.yearday(year, month, day)`

yearday returns the yearday for the given date. yearday is the ‘day of the year’, sometimes called (incorrectly) ‘julian day’.

#### Parameters

- **year** –
- **month** –
- **day** –

**Returns** day of year

**Return type** yday

## smrf.envphys.thermal\_radiation module

The module contains various physics calculations needed for estimating the thermal radition and associated values.

`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.Angstrom1918 (ta, ea)`

Estimate clear-sky downwelling long wave radiation from Angstrom (1918) [13] as cited by Niemela et al (2001) [14] using the equation:

$$\epsilon_{clear} = 0.83 - 0.18 * 10^{-0.067e_a}$$

Where  $e_a$  is the vapor pressure.

### Parameters

- `ta` – distributed air temperature [degree C]
- `ea` – distrubted vapor pressure [kPa]

**Returns** clear sky long wave radiation [W/m<sup>2</sup>]

20170509 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.Crawford1999 (th, ta, cloud_factor)`

Cloud correction is based on Crawford and Duchon (1999) [18]

$$\epsilon_a = (1 - cloud\_factor) + cloud\_factor * \epsilon_{clear}$$

where `cloud_factor` is the ratio of measured solar radiation to the clear sky irradiance.

### Parameters

- `th` – clear sky thermal radiation [W/m<sup>2</sup>]
- `ta` – temperature in Celcius that the clear sky thermal radiation was calcualted from [C]
- `cloud_factor` – fraction of sky that are not clouds, 1 equals no clouds, 0 equals all clouds

**Returns** cloud corrected clear sky thermal radiation

20170515 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.Dilly1998 (ta, ea)`

Estimate clear-sky downwelling long wave radiation from Dilley & O'Brian (1998) [11] using the equation:

$$L_{clear} = 59.38 + 113.7 * \left( \frac{T_a}{273.16} \right)^6 + 96.96 \sqrt{w/25}$$

Where  $T_a$  is the air temperature and  $w$  is the amount of precipitable water. The preipitable water is estimated as  $4650e_o/T_o$  from Prata (1996) [12].

### Parameters

- `ta` – distributed air temperature [degree C]
- `ea` – distrubted vapor pressure [kPa]

**Returns** clear sky long wave radiation [W/m<sup>2</sup>]

20170509 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.Garen2005 (th, cloud_factor)`

Cloud correction is based on the relationship in Garen and Marks (2005) [15] between the cloud factor and measured long wave radiation using measurement stations in the Boise River Basin.

$$L_{cloud} = L_{clear} * (1.485 - 0.488 * cloud\_factor)$$

**Parameters**

- **th** – clear sky thermal radiation [W/m2]
- **cloud\_factor** – fraction of sky that are not clouds, 1 equals no clouds, 0 equals all clouds

**Returns** cloud corrected clear sky thermal radiation

20170515 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.Kimball1982(th, ta, ea, cloud_factor)`

Cloud correction is based on Kimball et al. (1982) [17]

$$\begin{aligned} L_d &= L_{clear} + \tau_8 c f_8 \sigma T_c^4 \\ \tau_8 &= 1 - \epsilon_{8z}(1.4 - 0.4\epsilon_{8z}) \\ \epsilon_{8z} &= 0.24 + 2.98 \times 10^{-6} e_o^2 \exp(3000/T_o) \\ f_8 &= -0.6732 + 0.6240 \times 10^{-2} T_c - 0.9140 \times 10^{-5} T_c^2 \end{aligned}$$

where the original Kimball et al. (1982) [17] was for multiple cloud layers, which was simplified to one layer.  $T_c$  is the cloud temperature and is assumed to be 11 K cooler than  $T_a$ .

**Parameters**

- **th** – clear sky thermal radiation [W/m2]
- **ta** – temperature in Celcius that the clear sky thermal radiation was calcualted from [C]
- **ea** – distributed vapor pressure [kPa]
- **cloud\_factor** – fraction of sky that are not clouds, 1 equals no clouds, 0 equals all clouds

**Returns** cloud corrected clear sky thermal radiation

20170515 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.Prata1996(ta, ea)`

Estimate clear-sky downwelling long wave radiation from Prata (1996) [12] using the equation:

$$\epsilon_{clear} = 1 - (1 + w) * \exp(-1.2 + 3w)^{1/2}$$

Where  $w$  is the amount of precipitable water. The preipitable water is estimated as  $4650e_o/T_o$  from Prata (1996) [12].

**Parameters**

- **ta** – distributed air temperature [degree C]
- **ea** – distributed vapor pressure [kPa]

**Returns** clear sky long wave radiation [W/m2]

20170509 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.Unsworth1975(th, ta, cloud_factor)`

Cloud correction is based on Unsworth and Monteith (1975) [16]

$$\epsilon_a = (1 - 0.84)\epsilon_{clear} + 0.84c$$

where  $c = 1 - cloud\_factor$

**Parameters**

- **th** – clear sky thermal radiation [W/m2]

- **ta** – temperature in Celcius that the clear sky thermal radiation was calcualted from [C]  
cloud\_factor: fraction of sky that are not clouds, 1 equals no clouds, 0 equals all clouds

**Returns** cloud corrected clear sky thermal radiation

20170515 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.brutsaert (ta, l, ea, z, pa)`  
Calculate atmosphere emissivity from Brutsaert (1975):[cite:Brutsaert:1975](#)

**Parameters**

- **ta** – air temp (K)
- **l** – temperature lapse rate (deg/m)
- **ea** – vapor pressure (Pa)
- **z** – elevation (z)
- **pa** – air pressure (Pa)

**Returns** atmosphericy emissivity

20151027 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.calc_long_wave (e, ta)`  
Apply the Stephan-Boltzman equation for longwave  
`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.hysat (pb, tb, L, h, g, m)`  
integral of hydrostatic equation over layer with linear temperature variation

**Parameters**

- **pb** – base level pressure
- **tb** – base level temp [K]
- **L** – lapse rate [deg/km]
- **h** – layer thickness [km]
- **g** – grav accel [m/s^2]
- **m** – molec wt [kg/kmole]

**Returns** hydrostatic results

20151027 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.precipitable_water (ta, ea)`  
Estimate the precipitable water from Prata (1996) [\[12\]](#)  
`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.sati (tk)`  
saturation vapor pressure over ice. From IPW sati

**Parameters** **tk** – temperature in Kelvin

**Returns** saturated vapor pressure over ice

20151027 Scott Havens

`smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.satw (tk)`  
Saturation vapor pressure of water. from IPW satw  
**Parameters** **tk** – temperature in Kelvin  
**Returns** saturated vapor pressure over water

20151027 Scott Havens

```
smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.thermal_correct_canopy(th, ta, tau, veg_height,
height_thresh=2)
```

Correct thermal radiation for vegetation. It will only correct for pixels where the veg height is above a threshold. This ensures that the open areas don't get this applied. Vegetation temp is assumed to be at air temperature

#### Parameters

- **th** – thermal radiation
- **ta** – air temperature [C]
- **tau** – transmissivity of the canopy
- **veg\_height** – vegetation height for each pixel
- **height\_thresh** – threshold hold for height to say that there is veg in the pixel

**Returns** corrected thermal radiation

Equations from Link and Marks 1999 [8]

20150611 Scott Havens

```
smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.thermal_correct_terrain(th, ta, viewf)
```

Correct the thermal radiation for terrain assuming that the terrain is at the air temperature and the pixel and a sky view

#### Parameters

- **th** – thermal radiation
- **ta** – air temperature [C]
- **viewf** – sky view factor from view\_f

**Returns** corrected thermal radiation

20150611 Scott Havens

```
smrf.envphys.thermal_radiation.topotherm(ta, tw, z, skvfac)
```

Calculate the clear sky thermal radiation. topotherm calculates thermal radiation from the atmosphere corrected for topographic effects, from near surface air temperature Ta, dew point temperature DPT, and elevation. Based on a model by Marks and Dozier (1979) :citeL`Marks&Dozier:1979`.

#### Parameters

- **ta** – air temperature [C]
- **tw** – dew point temperature [C]
- **z** – elevation [m]
- **skvfac** – sky view factor

**Returns** Long wave (thermal) radiation corrected for terrain

20151027 Scott Havens

**Module contents****1.3.4 smrf.framework package****Submodules****smrf.framework.model\_framework module**

The module `model_framework` contains functions and classes that act as a major wrapper to the underlying packages and modules contained with SMRF. A class instance of `SMRF` is initialized with a configuration file indicating where data is located, what variables to distribute and how, where to output the distributed data, or run as a threaded application. See the help on the configuration file to learn more about how to control the actions of `SMRF`.

**Example**

The following examples shows the most generic method of running SMRF. These commands will generate all the forcing data required to run iSnobal. A complete example can be found in `run_smrf.py`

```
>>> import smrf
>>> s = smrf.framework.SMRF(configFile) # initialize SMRF
>>> s.loadTopo() # load topo data
>>> s.initializeDistribution() # initialize the distribution
>>> s.initializeOutput() # initialize the outputs if desired
>>> s.loadData() # load weather data and station metadata
>>> s.distributeData() # distribute
```

**class** smrf.framework.model\_framework.**SMRF**(*config*, *external\_logger=None*)

Bases: object

SMRF - Spatial Modeling for Resources Framework

**Parameters** `configFile` (*str*) – path to configuration file.

**Returns** SMRF class instance.

**start\_date**

start\_date read from configFile

**end\_date**

end\_date read from configFile

**date\_time**

Numpy array of date\_time objects between start\_date and end\_date

**config**

Configuration file read in as dictionary

**distribute**

Dictionary the contains all the desired variables to distribute and is initialized in `initializeDistribution()`

**create\_distributed\_threads()**

Creates the threads for a distributed run in smrf. Designed for smrf runs in memory

**Returns** t: list of threads for distribution q: queue

**distributeData()**

Wrapper for various distribute methods. If threading was set in configFile, then `distributeData_threaded()` will be called. Default will call `distributeData_single()`.

**distributeData\_single()**

Distribute the measurement point data for all variables in serial. Each variable is initialized first using the `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo()` instance and the metadata loaded from `loadData()`. The function distributes over each time step, all the variables below.

**Steps performed:**

1. Sun angle for the time step
2. Illumination angle
3. Air temperature
4. Vapor pressure
5. Wind direction and speed
6. Precipitation
7. Cloud Factor
8. Solar radiation
9. Thermal radiation
10. Soil temperature
11. Output time step if needed

**distributeData\_threaded()**

Distribute the measurement point data for all variables using threading and queues. Each variable is initialized first using the `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo()` instance and the metadata loaded from `loadData()`. A `DateQueue` is initialized for *all threading variables*. Each variable in `smrf.distribute()` is passed all the required point data at once using the `distribute_thread` function. The `distribute_thread` function iterates over `date_time` and places the distributed values into the `DateQueue`.

**initializeDistribution()**

This initializes the distribution classes based on the configFile sections for each variable. `initializeDistribution()` will initialize the variables within the `smrf.distribute()` package and insert into a dictionary ‘distribute’ with variable names as the keys.

**Variables that are initialized are:**

- *Air temperature*
- *Vapor pressure*
- *Wind speed and direction*
- *Precipitation*
- *Albedo*
- *Solar radiation*
- *Thermal radiation*
- *Soil Temperature*

**initializeOutput()**

Initialize the output files based on the configFile section [‘output’]. Currently only *NetCDF files* is supported.

**loadData()**

Load the measurement point data for distributing to the DEM, must be called after the distributions are initialized. Currently, data can be loaded from three different sources:

- *CSV files*
- *MySQL database*
- *Gridded data source (WRF)*

After loading, `loadData()` will call `smrf.framework.model_framework.find_pixel_location()` to determine the pixel locations of the point measurements and filter the data to the desired stations if CSV files are used.

**loadTopo(*calcInput=True*)**

Load the information from the configFile in the ['topo'] section. See `smrf.data.loadTopo.Topo()` for full description.

`modules = ['air_temp', 'albedo', 'precip', 'soil_temp', 'solar', 'cloud_factor', 'thermometer']`

`output(current_time_step, module=None, out_var=None)`

Output the forcing data or model outputs for the *current\_time\_step*.

**Parameters**

- **current\_time\_step** (*date\_time*) – the current time step datetime object
- – (*var\_name*) –
- – –

**post\_process()**

Execute all the post processors

`thread_variables = ['cosz', 'azimuth', 'illum_ang', 'air_temp', 'dew_point', 'vapor_pr']`

`title(option)`

A little title to go at the top of the logger file

`smrf.framework.model_framework.can_i_run_smrf(config)`

Function that wraps `run_smrf` in try, except for testing purposes

**Parameters** `config` – string path to the config file or inicheck UserConfig instance

`smrf.framework.model_framework.find_pixel_location(row, vec, a)`

Find the index of the stations X/Y location in the model domain

**Parameters**

- **row** (*pandas.DataFrame*) – metadata rows
- **vec** (*npyarray*) – Array of X or Y locations in domain
- **a** (*str*) – Column in DataFrame to pull data from (i.e. 'X')

**Returns** Pixel value in vec where row[a] is located

`smrf.framework.model_framework.run_smrf(config)`

Function that runs smrf how it should be operate for full runs.

**Parameters** `config` – string path to the config file or inicheck UserConfig instance

## Module contents

### 1.3.5 smrf.output package

#### Submodules

##### smrf.output.output\_hru module

Functions to output the gridded data for a HRU

```
class smrf.output.output_hru.output_hru(variable_list, topo, date_time, config)
```

Bases: object

Class output\_hru() to output values to a HRU dataframe, then to a file

```
date_cols = ['year', 'month', 'day', 'hour', 'minute', 'second']
```

```
fmt = '%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S'
```

```
generate_prms_header()
```

Generate the header for the PRMS output file

```
output(variable, data, date_time)
```

Output a time step

#### Parameters

- **variable** – variable name that will index into variable list
- **data** – the variable data
- **date\_time** – the date time object for the time step

##### smrf.output.output\_netcdf module

Functions to output as a netCDF

```
class smrf.output.output_netcdf.output_netcdf(variable_list, topo, time, outConfig)
```

Bases: object

Class output\_netcdf() to output values to a netCDF file

```
cs = (6, 10, 10)
```

```
fmt = '%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S'
```

```
output(variable, data, date_time)
```

Output a time step

#### Parameters

- **variable** – variable name that will index into variable list
- **data** – the variable data
- **date\_time** – the date time object for the time step

```
type = 'netcdf'
```

## Module contents

### 1.3.6 smrf.spatial package

#### Subpackages

##### smrf.spatial.dk package

#### Submodules

##### smrf.spatial.dk.detrended\_kriging module

Compiling dk's kriging function

20160205 Scott Havens

```
smrf.spatial.dk.detrended_kriging.call_grid(ad, dgrid, ndarray elevations, ndarray  
weights, int nthreads=1)
```

Call the function krige\_grid in krige.c which will iterate over the grid within the C code

#### Parameters

- – [nsta x nsta] matrix of distances between stations (ad) –
- – [ngrid x nsta] matrix of distances between grid points and stations (dgrid) –
- – [nsta] array of station elevations (elevations) –
- weights (return) –
- – number of threads to use in parallel processing (nthreads) –

**Out:** weights changed in place

20160222 Scott Havens

##### smrf.spatial.dk.detrended\_kriging module

Compiling dk's kriging function

20160205 Scott Havens

```
smrf.spatial.dk.detrended_kriging.call_grid(ad, dgrid, ndarray elevations, ndarray  
weights, int nthreads=1)
```

Call the function krige\_grid in krige.c which will iterate over the grid within the C code

#### Parameters

- – [nsta x nsta] matrix of distances between stations (ad) –
- – [ngrid x nsta] matrix of distances between grid points and stations (dgrid) –
- – [nsta] array of station elevations (elevations) –
- weights (return) –
- – number of threads to use in parallel processing (nthreads) –

**Out:** weights changed in place

20160222 Scott Havens

## smrf.spatial.dk.dk module

2016-02-22 Scott Havens

Distributed forcing data over a grid using detrended kriging

**class** smrf.spatial.dk.dk.DK(mx, my, mz, GridX, GridY, GridZ, config)

Bases: object

Detrended kriging class

**calculate**(data)

Calcluate the deternded kriging for the data and config

**Arg:** data: numpy array same length as m\* config: configuration for dk

**Returns** returns the distributed and calculated value

**Return type** v

**calculateWeights**()

Calculate the weights given those stations with nan values for data

**detrendData**(data)

Detrend the data in val using the heights zmeas data - is the same size at mx,my flag - 1 for positive, -1 for negative, 0 for any trend imposed

**retrendData**(r)

Retrend the residual values

## Module contents

### Submodules

## smrf.spatial.grid module

2016-03-07 Scott Havens

Distributed forcing data over a grid using interpolation

**class** smrf.spatial.grid.GRID(config, mx, my, GridX, GridY, mz=None, GridZ=None, mask=None, metadata=None)

Bases: object

Inverse distance weighting class - Standard IDW - Detrended IDW

**calculateInterpolation**(data, grid\_method='linear')

Interpolate over the grid

### Parameters

- **data** – data to interpolate
- **mx** – x locations for the points
- **my** – y locations for the points

- **X** – x locations in grid to interpolate over
- **Y** – y locations in grid to interpolate over

**detrendedInterpolation** (*data*, *flag*=0, *grid\_method*='linear')  
Interpolate using a detrended approach

#### Parameters

- **data** – data to interpolate
- **grid\_method** – scipy.interpolate.griddata interpolation method

**detrendedInterpolationLocal** (*data*, *flag*=0, *grid\_method*='linear')  
Interpolate using a detrended approach

#### Parameters

- **data** – data to interpolate
- **grid\_method** – scipy.interpolate.griddata interpolation method

**detrendedInterpolationMask** (*data*, *flag*=0, *grid\_method*='linear')  
Interpolate using a detrended approach

#### Parameters

- **data** – data to interpolate
- **grid\_method** – scipy.interpolate.griddata interpolation method

## smrf.spatial.idw module

**class** smrf.spatial.idw.IDW (*mx*, *my*, *GridX*, *GridY*, *mz=None*, *GridZ=None*, *power=2*, *zeroVal=-1*)  
Bases: object

Inverse distance weighting class for distributing input data. Available options are:

- Standard IDW
- Detrended IDW

**calculateDistances ()**

Calculate the distances from the measurement locations to the grid locations

**calculateIDW** (*data*, *local=False*)

Calculate the IDW of the data at mx,my over GridX,GridY Inputs: data - is the same size as mx,my

**calculateWeights ()**

Calculate the weights for

**detrendData** (*data*, *flag*=0, *zeros=None*)

Detrend the data in val using the heights zmeas data - is the same size as mx,my flag - 1 for positive, -1 for negative, 0 for any trend imposed

**detrendedIDW** (*data*, *flag*=0, *zeros=None*, *local=False*)

Calculate the detrended IDW of the data at mx,my over GridX,GridY Inputs: data - is the same size as mx,my

**retrendData** (*idw*)

Retrend the IDW values

**smrf.spatial.kriging module**

**class** smrf.spatial.kriging.KRIGE (*mx, my, mz, GridX, GridY, GridZ, config*)  
 Bases: object

Kriging class based on the pykrige package

**calculate** (*data*)

Estimate the variogram, calculate the model, then apply to the grid

**Arg:** *data*: numpy array same length as *m\** *config*: configuration for dk

**Returns**

**Z-values of specified grid or at the specified set of points.** If style was specified as ‘masked’, zvalues will be a numpy masked array.

**sigmasq: Variance at specified grid points or** at the specified set of points. If style was specified as ‘masked’, sigmasq will be a numpy masked array.

**Return type** v

**detrendData** (*data, flag=0, zeros=None*)

Detrend the data in val using the heights zmeas

**Parameters**

- **data** – is the same size as mx,my
- **flag** –
  - 1 for positive, -1 for negative, 0 for any trend imposed

**Returns** data minus the elevation trend

**retrendData** (*idw*)

Retrend the IDW values

**Module contents****1.3.7 smrf.utils package****Subpackages****smrf.utils.wind package****Submodules****smrf.utils.wind.model module**

**class** smrf.utils.wind.model.wind\_model (*x, y, dem, nthreads=1*)  
 Bases: object

Estimating wind speed and direction in complex terrain can be difficult due to the interaction of the local topography with the wind. The methods described here follow the work developed by Winstral and Marks (2002) and Winstral et al. (2009) [19] [20] which parameterizes the terrain based on the upwind direction. The underlying method calculates the maximum upwind slope (maxus) within a search distance to determine if a cell is sheltered or exposed.

The azimuth **A** is the direction of the prevailing wind for which the maxus value will be calculated within a maximum search distance **dmax**. The maxus (**Sx**) parameter can then be estimated as the maximum value of the slope from the cell of interest to all of the grid cells along the search vector. The efficiency in selection of the maximum value can be increased by using the techniques from the horizon functio which calculates the horizon for each pixel. Therefore, less calculations can be performed. Negative **Sx** values indicate an exposed pixel location (shelter pixel was lower) and positive **Sx** values indicate a sheltered pixel (shelter pixel was higher).

After all the upwind direction are calculated, the average **Sx** over a window is calculated. The average **Sx** accounts for larger lanscape obsticles that may be adjacent to the upwind direction and affect the flow. A window size in degrees takes the average of all **Sx**.

**Parameters**

- **x** – array of x locations
- **y** – array of y locations
- **dem** – matrix of the dem elevation values
- **nthread** – number of threads to use for maxus calculation

**bresenham (start, end)**

Python implementation of the Bresenham algorithim to find all the pixels that a line between start and end intersct

**Parameters**

- **start** – list of start point
- **end** – list of end point

**Returns** Array path of all points between start and end

**find\_maxus (index)**

Calculate the maxus given the start and end point

**Parameters** **index** – index to a point in the array

**Returns** maxus value for the point

**hord (x, y, z)**

Calculate the horizon pixel for all z This mimics the simple algorithim from Dozier 1981 but was adivated for use in finding the maximum upwind slope

Works backwards from the end but looks forwards for the horizon

**Parameters**

- **x** – x locations for the points
- **y** – y locations for the points
- **z** – elevations for the points

**Returns** array of the horizon index for each point

**ismember (a, b)****maxus (dmax, inc=5, inst=2, out\_file='smrf\_maxus.nc')**

Calculate the maxus values

**Parameters**

- **dmax** – length of outlying upwind search vector (meters)
- **inc** – increment between direction calculations (degrees)

- **inst** – Anemometer height (meters)
- **out\_file** – NetCDF file for output results

**Returns** None, outputs maxus array straight to file

#### **maxus\_angle (angle, dmax)**

Calculate the maxus for a single direction for a search distance dmax

**Note:** This will produce different results than the original maxus program. The differences are due to:

1. Using dtype=double for the elevations
2. Using different type of search method to find the endpoints.

However, if the elevations are rounded to integers, the cardinal directions will reproduce the original results.

#### **Parameters**

- **angle** – middle upwind direction around which to run model (degrees)
- **dmax** – length of outlying upwind search vector (meters)

**Returns** array of maximum upwind slope values within dmax

**Return type** maxus

#### **output (ptype, index)**

Output the data into the out file that has previously been initialized.

#### **Parameters**

- **ptype** – type of calculation that will be saved, either ‘maxus’ or ‘tbreak’
- **index** – index into the file for where to place the output

#### **output\_init (ptype, filename, ex\_att=None)**

Initialize a NetCDF file for outputting the maxus values or tbreak

#### **Parameters**

- **ptype** – type of calculation that will be saved, either ‘maxus’ or ‘tbreak’
- **filename** – filename to save the output into
- **ex\_att** – extra attributes to add

#### **tbreak (dmax, sepdist, inc=5, inst=2, out\_file='smrf\_tbreak.nc')**

Calculate the topobreak values

#### **Parameters**

- **dmax** – length of outlying upwind search vector (meters)
- **sepdist** – length of local max upwind slope search vector (meters)
- **angle** – middle upwind direction around which to run model (degrees)
- **inc** – increment between direction calculations (degrees)
- **inst** – Anemometer height (meters)
- **out\_file** – NetCDF file for output results

**Returns** None, outputs maxus array straight to file

### **windower** (*maxus\_file*, *window\_width*, *wtype*)

Take the maxus output and average over the window width

#### Parameters

- **maxus\_file** – location of the previously calculated maxus values
- **window\_width** – window width about the wind direction
- **wtype** – type of wind calculation ‘maxus’ or ‘tbreak’

**Returns** New file containing the windowed values

## **smrf.utils.wind.wind\_c module**

Cython wrapper to the underlying C code

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### **smrf.utils.wind.wind\_c.call\_maxus()**

Call the function maxus\_grid in calc\_wind.c which will iterate over the grid within the C code

#### Parameters

- – [nsta x nsta] matrix of distances between stations (*ad*) –
- – [ngrid x nsta] matrix of distances between grid points and stations (*dgrid*) –
- – [nsta] array of station elevations (*elevations*) –
- **weights** (*return*) –
- – number of threads to use in parallel processing (*nthreads*) –

**Out:** weights changed in place

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## Module contents

### Submodules

#### **smrf.utils.gitinfo module**

#### **smrf.utils.gradient module**

`smrf.utils.gradient.aspect(dz_dx, dz_dy)`

Calculate the aspect from the finite difference. Aspect is degrees clockwise from North (0/360 degrees)

See below for a reference to how ArcGIS calculates slope [http://help.arcgis.com/en/arcgisdesktop/10.0/help/index.html#/How\\_Aspect\\_works/00q9000002300000/](http://help.arcgis.com/en/arcgisdesktop/10.0/help/index.html#/How_Aspect_works/00q9000002300000/)

#### Parameters

- `dz_dx` – finite difference in the x direction
- `dz_dy` – finite difference in the y direction

**Returns** aspect in degrees

`smrf.utils.gradient.aspect_to_ipw_radians(a)`

IPW defines aspect differently than most GIS programs so convert an aspect in degrees from due North (0/360) to the IPW definition.

Aspect is radians from south (aspect 0 is toward the south) with range from -pi to pi, with negative values to the west and positive values to the east

#### Parameters `a` – aspect in degrees from due North

**Returns** `a`: aspect in radians from due South

`smrf.utils.gradient.gradient_d4(dem, dx, dy, aspect_rad=False)`

Calculate the slope and aspect for provided dem, this will mimic the original IPW gradient method that does a finite difference in the x/y direction

Given a center cell e and it's neighbors:

```
a | b | c |
d | e | f |
g | h | i |
```

The rate of change in the x direction is  $[dz/dx] = (f - d) / (2 * dx)$

The rate of change in the y direction is  $[dz/dy] = (h - b) / (2 * dy)$

The slope is calculated as  $\text{slope\_radians} = \arctan(\sqrt{[dz/dx]^2 + [dz/dy]^2})$

#### Parameters

- `dem` – array of elevation values
- `dx` – cell size along the x axis

- **dy** – cell size along the y axis
- **aspect\_rad** – turn the aspect from degrees to IPW radians

**Returns** slope in radians aspect in degrees or IPW radians

`smrf.utils.gradient.gradient_d8(dem, dx, dy, aspect_rad=False)`

Calculate the slope and aspect for provided dem, using a 3x3 cell around the center

Given a center cell e and it's neighbors:

```
a | b | c |
d | e | f |
g | h | i |
```

The rate of change in the x direction is  $[dz/dx] = ((c + 2f + i) - (a + 2d + g)) / (8 * dx)$

The rate of change in the y direction is  $[dz/dy] = ((g + 2h + i) - (a + 2b + c)) / (8 * dy)$

The slope is calculated as  $\text{slope\_radians} = \arctan(\sqrt{[dz/dx]^2 + [dz/dy]^2})$

### Parameters

- **dem** – array of elevation values
- **dx** – cell size along the x axis
- **dy** – cell size along the y axis
- **aspect\_rad** – turn the aspect from degrees to IPW radians

**Returns** slope in radians aspect in degrees or IPW radians

## smrf.utils.io module

Input/Output functions Adapted from the UW-Hydro tonic project

`smrf.utils.io.isbool(x)`

Test if str is an boolean

`smrf.utils.io.isfloat(x)`

Test if value is a float

`smrf.utils.io.isint(x)`

Test if value is an integer

`smrf.utils.io.isscalar(x)`

Test if a value is a scalar

**smrf.utils.pycompat module**

```
smrf.utils.pycompat.iteritems(d)
smrf.utils.pycompat.itervalues(d)
```

**smrf.utils.queue module**

Create classes for running on multiple threads

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```
class smrf.utils.queue.DateQueue_Threading(maxsize=0, timeout=None, name=None)
Bases: queue.Queue
```

DateQueue extends Queue.Queue module Stores the items in a dictionary with date\_time keys When values are retrieved, it will not remove them and will require cleaning at the end to not have to many values

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```
clean(index)
```

Need to clean it out so mimic the original get

```
get(index, block=True, timeout=None)
```

Remove and return an item from the queue.

If optional args ‘block’ is true and ‘timeout’ is None (the default), block if necessary until an item is available. If ‘timeout’ is a non-negative number, it blocks at most ‘timeout’ seconds and raises the Empty exception if no item was available within that time. Otherwise (‘block’ is false), return an item if one is immediately available, else raise the Empty exception (‘timeout’ is ignored in that case).

This is from queue.Queue but with modifcation for supplying what to get

**Parameters**

- **index** – datetime object representing the date/time being processed
- **block** – boolean determining whether to wait for a variable to become available
- **timeout** – Number of seconds to wait before dropping error, none equates to forever.

```
put(item, block=True, timeout=None)
```

Put an item into the queue.

If optional args ‘block’ is true and ‘timeout’ is None (the default), block if necessary until a free slot is available. If ‘timeout’ is a non-negative number, it blocks at most ‘timeout’ seconds and raises the Full exception if no free slot was available within that time. Otherwise (‘block’ is false), put an item on the queue if a free slot is immediately available, else raise the Full exception (‘timeout’ is ignored in that case).

```
class smrf.utils.queue.QueueCleaner(date_time, queue)
```

Bases: threading.Thread

QueueCleaner that will go through all the queues and check if they all have a date in common. When this occurs, all the threads will have processed that time step and it’s not longer needed

```
run()
```

Go through the date times and look for when all the queues have that date\_time

```
class smrf.utils.queue.QueueOutput(queue, date_time, out_func, out_frequency, nx, ny)
```

Bases: threading.Thread

Takes values from the queue and outputs using ‘out\_func’

### `run()`

Output the desired variables to a file.

Go through the date times and look for when all the queues have that date\_time

## **smrf.utils.utils module**

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Collection of utility functions

### `class smrf.utils.utils.CheckStation(**kwargs)`

Bases: `inicheck.checkers.CheckType`

Custom check for ensuring our stations are always capitalized

#### `type_func(value)`

Attempt to convert all the values to upper case.

**Parameters** `value` – A single string in a config entry representing a station name

**Returns** A single station name all upper case

**Return type** value

### `smrf.utils.utils.backup_input(data, config_obj)`

Backs up input data files so a user can rerun a run with the exact data used for a run.

#### **Parameters**

- `data` – Pandas dataframe containing the station data
- `config_obj` – The config object produced by `inicheck`

### `smrf.utils.utils.check_station_colocation(metadata_csv=None, metadata=None)`

Takes in a data frame representing the metadata for the weather stations as produced by `smrf.framework.model_framework.SMRF.loadData` and check to see if any stations have the same location.

#### **Parameters**

- `metadata_csv` – CSV containing the metadata for weather stations
- `metadata` – Pandas Dataframe containing the metadata for weather stations

**Returns** list of station primary\_id that are colocated

**Return type** repeat\_sta

### `smrf.utils.utils.find_configs(directory)`

Searches through a directory and returns all the .ini fullfil filenames.

**Parameters** `directory` – string path to directory.

**Returns** list of paths pointing to the config file.

**Return type** configs

### `smrf.utils.utils.getConfigHeader()`

Generates string for inicheck to add to config files

**Returns** string for cfg headers

**Return type** cfg\_str

### `smrf.utils.utils.get_asc_stats(fp)`

Returns header of ascii dem file

`smrf.utils.utils.get_config_doc_section_hdr()`

Returns the header dictionary for linking modules in smrf to the documentation generated by inicheck auto doc functions

`smrf.utils.utils.getgitinfo()`

gitignore file that contains specific SMRF version and path

**Returns** git version from ‘git describe’

**Return type** str

`smrf.utils.utils.getqotw()`

`smrf.utils.utils.grid_interpolate(values, vtx, wts, shp, fill_value=nan)`

Broken out gridded interpolation from `scipy.interpolate.griddata` that takes the vertices and wts from `interp_weights` function

#### Parameters

- **values** – flattened WindNinja wind speeds
- **vtx** – vertices for interpolation
- **wts** – weights for interpolation
- **shape** – shape of SMRF grid
- **fill\_value** – value for extrapolated points

**Returns** interpolated values

**Return type** ret

`smrf.utils.utils.grid_interpolate_deconstructed(tri, values, grid_points, method='linear')`

Underlying methods from `scipy grid_data` broken out to pass in the tri values returned from `qhull.Delaunay`. This is done to improve the speed of using `grid_data`

#### Parameters

- **tri** – values returned from `qhull.Delaunay`
- **values** – values at HRRR stations generally
- **grid\_points** – tuple of vectors for X,Y coords of grid stations
- **method** – either linear or cubic

**Returns** result of interpolation to gridded points

`smrf.utils.utils.handle_run_script_options(config_option)`

Handle function for dealing with args in the SMRF run script

**Parameters** `config_option` – string path to a directory or a specific config file.

**Returns** Full path to an existing config file.

**Return type** configFile

`smrf.utils.utils.interp_weights(xy, uv, d=2)`

Find vertices and weights of LINEAR interpolation for gridded interp. This routine follows the methods of `scipy.interpolate.griddata` as outlined here: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/20915502/speedup-scipy-griddata-for-multiple-interpolations-between-two-irregular-grids> This function finds the vertices and weights which is the most computationally expensive part of the routine. The interpolation can then be done quickly.

#### Parameters

- **xy** – n by 2 array of flattened meshgrid x and y coords of WindNinja grid
- **uv** – n by 2 array of flattened meshgrid x and y coords of SMRF grid
- **d** – dimensions of array (i.e. 2 for our purposes)

**Returns** wts:

**Return type** vertices

`smrf.utils.utils.is_leap_year(year)`

`smrf.utils.utils.nan_helper(y)`

Helper to handle indices and logical indices of NaNs.

### Example

```
>>> # linear interpolation of NaNs
>>> nans, x= nan_helper(y)
>>> y[nans]= np.interp(x(nans), x(~nans), y[~nans])
```

**Parameters** **y** – 1d numpy array with possible NaNs

**Returns** **nans** - logical indices of NaNs **index** - a function

**Return type** tuple

`smrf.utils.utils.set_min_max(data, min_val, max_val)`

Ensure that the data is in the bounds of min and max

#### Parameters

- **data** – numpy array of data to be min/maxed
- **min\_val** – minimum threshold to trim data
- **max\_val** – Maximum threshold to trim data

**Returns** numpy array of data trimmed at min\_val and max\_val

**Return type** data

`smrf.utils.utils.water_day(indate)`

Determine the decimal day in the water year

**Parameters** **indate** – datetime object

**Returns** **dd** - decimal day from start of water year **wy** - Water year

**Return type** tuple

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