

# Package ‘HGDMr’

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## Description

Implementation of the Hysteretic and Gatekeeping Depressions Model (HGDM) which calculates variable connected/contributing areas and resulting discharge volumes in prairie basins dominated by depressions (``slough" or ``potholes"). The small depressions are combined into a single ``meta" depression which explicitly models the hysteresis between the storage of water and the connected/contributing areas of the depressions. The largest (greater than 5% of the total depressional area) depression (if it exists) is represented separately to model its gatekeeping, i.e. the blocking of upstream flows until it is filled. The methodology is described in detail in Shook and Pomeroy (2025, <[doi:10.1016/j.jhydrol.2025.132821](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhydrol.2025.132821)>).

**License** GPL-3

**URL** <https://github.com/CentreForHydrology/HGDMr>

**Depends** R (>= 4.0.0)

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 HGDMr-package

*The Hysteretic and Gatekeeping Depressions Model (HGDM)*


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### Description

**HGDMr** is an implementation of the Hysteretic and Gatekeeping Depressions Model (HGDM) which is a one-dimensional model of the effects of varying connected/contributing fractions of Canadian Prairie basins.

Using specified fluxes (rainfall, snowmelt, upland runoff and evaporation), HGDM computes a) the time-varying connected/contributing fraction of a basin having depressional storage and b) the depth of discharge in each time interval.

Note that this model does not route the flows through the basin. This would require the use of another R package, such as **RHMS**, which has the function ‘reachRouting’.

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### References

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/CentreForHydrology/HGDMr>

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daily\_7120951600

*daily basin 7120951600 PHyDAP fluxes*

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**Description**

A dataframe of daily CRHM fluxes modelled for basin 7120951600. The fluxes were taken from the PHyDAP project <https://www.frdr-dfdr.ca/repo/dataset/7ce4bd7a-4bcc-4f8c-8129-32a691f46c8e> hourly outputs of CRHM models forced with ERA5 data over the period 1950-2020. The fluxes were then aggregated to daily values.

**Usage**

```
daily_7120951600
```

**Format**

A dataframe with 25932 rows and 5 columns spanning the period 1950-2020.

**Details**

Variables:

**date** R date

**rainfall** Daily rainfall on water (mm)

**snowmelt** Daily snow melt on water (mm)

**runoff** Daily upland runoff (mm)

**evap** Daily water evaporation (mm)

**Source**

PHyDAP

**References**

Shook, Kevin R., Zhihua He, John W. Pomeroy, Chris Spence, and Colin J. Whitfield. "A Practitioner-Oriented Regional Hydrology Data Product for Use in Site-Specific Hydraulic Applications." *Scientific Data* 11, no. 1 (October 14, 2024): 1125. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-024-03962-1>.

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 HGDM

*Applies HGDM to forcings*


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### Description

Applies the Hysteretic and Gatekeeping Depressions Model to basin-scale fluxes determined by hydrological modelling to calculate the outflows during a given time interval. Note than no routing is performed.

### Usage

```

HGDM(
  upland_area = NULL,
  small_depression_area = NULL,
  large_depression_area = NULL,
  area_units = "km2",
  max_small_depression_storage = 0,
  max_large_depression_storage = 0,
  initial_small_depression_storage = 0,
  initial_large_depression_storage = 0,
  storage_units = "mm",
  small_depressions_initial_connected_fraction = 0,
  upland_fraction_to_small = 0,
  upland_fraction_to_large = 0,
  upland_fraction_to_outlet = 0,
  small_fraction_to_large = 0,
  forcings = NULL,
  small_p = NULL,
  large_rating = 0,
  sub_intervals = 1
)

```

### Arguments

upland_area	Required. Area of uplands, which drain to the outlet, small depressions or the large depression.
small_depression_area	Required. Area of small depressions.
large_depression_area	Optional. If 0 or NULL large depression is not \ modelled.
area_units	Units of all areas. Must be one of 'km2' (default), 'ha' or 'm2'.
max_small_depression_storage	Maximum depth of storage in small depressions.
max_large_depression_storage	Maximum depth of storage in large depressions.

<code>initial_small_depression_storage</code>	Initial depth of storage in small depressions.
<code>initial_large_depression_storage</code>	Initial depth of storage in large depressions.
<code>storage_units</code>	Units of all storage depths. Must be one of 'mm' (default) 'm', or 'm3'. If a depth is specified then it will be converted to a volume by multiplying by the appropriate area.
<code>small_depressions_initial_connected_fraction</code>	Initial connected fraction (0-1).
<code>upland_fraction_to_small</code>	Fraction of uplands draining to small depressions. If 0 then the small depressions are unlikely to fill.
<code>upland_fraction_to_large</code>	Fraction of uplands draining to large depression. This is the basin of the large depression.
<code>upland_fraction_to_outlet</code>	Fraction of uplands draining directly to outlet. Analogous to the effective fraction.
<code>small_fraction_to_large</code>	Fraction of small depression area draining into large depression. Governed by location of large depression in the basin.
<code>forcings</code>	Required. A data frame of time series of rainfall, snowmelt, evap, and runoff. The first variable must be either date (an <b>R</b> date) or datetime (a POSIXct date-time).
<code>small_p</code>	Parameter for small depression water volume-area relationship.
<code>large_rating</code>	Rating curve parameters for large depression.
<code>sub_intervals</code>	Number of sub-intervals for solution of each time step.

### Value

Returns a data frame. Depending on whether or not a large depression was specified, the data frame will have differing variables. Note that regardless of the units specified for areas and volumes, all of the variables returned are in SI dimensions, i.e. 'm' and 'm<sup>3</sup>/s' values

If no large depression is specified, the returned variables are:

**date or datetime** R date or POSIXct datetime.

**total\_contrib\_frac** The connected/contributing fraction of the basin. Includes both the meta depression and the upland fraction connected to the outlet.

**total\_outflow\_volume** The volume of outflow (m<sup>3</sup>) in the interval.

**small\_depression\_contrib\_frac** The connected/contributing fraction of the meta depression.

**small\_depression\_water\_volume** The volume of water (m<sup>3</sup>) retained in the meta depression.

**small\_depression\_water\_depth** The depth of water (m) retained in the meta depression.

**small\_depression\_water\_area** The area of water (m<sup>2</sup>) retained in the meta depression.

If there is a large depression, then ‘total\_contrib\_frac’ includes the effect of the large depression and the additional variables are also returned:

**date or datetime** R date or POSIXct datetime.

**large\_depression\_contrib\_frac** The connected/contributing fraction of the large depression.

**large\_depression\_water\_volume** The volume of water ( $\text{m}^3$ ) retained in the large depression.

**large\_depression\_water\_area** The area of water ( $\text{m}^2$ ) retained in the large depression.

### Examples

```
{
daily_fluxes <- daily_7120951600
basin_area <- 100
small_depression_frac <- 0.24
small_depression_area <- small_depression_frac * basin_area
large_depression_area <- 0
upland_area <- basin_area - (small_depression_area + large_depression_area)
area_units <- "km2"
max_small_depression_storage <- 300
max_large_depression_storage <- 0
initial_small_depression_storage <- max_small_depression_storage / 2
initial_large_depression_storage <- max_large_depression_storage / 2
storage_units <- "mm"
small_depressions_initial_connected_fraction <- 0
upland_fraction_to_small <- 0.98
upland_fraction_to_large <- 0
upland_fraction_to_outlet <- 0.02
small_fraction_to_large <- 0
small_p <- 1.2
large_rating <- 1.4
sub_intervals <- 1

results <- HGDM(upland_area,
small_depression_area,
large_depression_area = 0,
area_units = "km2", max_small_depression_storage,
max_large_depression_storage,
initial_small_depression_storage,
initial_large_depression_storage,
storage_units,
small_depressions_initial_connected_fraction,
upland_fraction_to_small,
upland_fraction_to_large,
upland_fraction_to_outlet,
small_fraction_to_large,
forcings = daily_fluxes[1:100,],
small_p = small_p,
large_rating = large_rating,
sub_intervals = sub_intervals)
}
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