## Supplement of

Modeling canopy-induced turbulence in the Earth system: a unified parameterization of turbulent exchange within plant canopies and the roughness sublayer

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## S1 Numerical solution of Eqs. (8) and (9)

Richtmyer and Morton (1967, pp. 275–278) provide a numerical solution for Eqs. (8) and (9),

common to that used for tridiagonal equations. These equations are

$$a_{1,i}\theta_{i-1}^{n+1} + b_{11,i}\theta_{i}^{n+1} + b_{12,i}q_{i}^{n+1} + c_{1,i}\theta_{i+1}^{n+1} = d_{1,i}$$
(S1)

$$a_{2,i}q_{i-1}^{n+1} + b_{21,i}\theta_i^{n+1} + b_{22,i}q_i^{n+1} + c_{2,i}q_{i+1}^{n+1} = d_{2,i}$$
(S2)

The solution involves rewriting these in the form

$$\theta_i^{n+1} = f_{1,i} - e_{11,i}\theta_{i+1}^{n+1} - e_{12,i}q_{i+1}^{n+1}$$
(S3)

$$q_i^{n+1} = f_{2,i} - e_{21,i}\theta_{i+1}^{n+1} - e_{22,i}q_{i+1}^{n+1}$$
(S4)

Here, e is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix at each level i, and f is a  $2 \times 1$  matrix at each level. These are found

by substituting

$$\theta_{i-1}^{n+1} = f_{1,i-1} - e_{11,i-1} \theta_i^{n+1} - e_{12,i-1} q_i^{n+1}$$
(S5)

$$q_{i-1}^{n+1} = f_{2,i-1} - e_{21,i-1}\theta_i^{n+1} - e_{22,i-1}q_i^{n+1}$$
(S6)

into Eqs. (S1) and (S2) to eliminate  $\theta_{i-1}^{n+1}$  and  $q_{i-1}^{n+1}$ , and then substituting the resulting equation for  $\theta_i^{n+1}$  into that for  $q_i^{n+1}$  and vice versa. This gives

$$e_{11,i} = c_{1,i} \left( b_{22,i} - a_{2,i} e_{22,i-1} \right) / \det$$

$$e_{12,i} = -c_{2,i} \left( b_{12,i} - a_{1,i} e_{12,i-1} \right) / \det$$

$$e_{21,i} = -c_{1,i} \left( b_{21,i} - a_{2,i} e_{21,i-1} \right) / \det$$

$$e_{22,i} = c_{2,i} \left( b_{11,i} - a_{1,i} e_{11,i-1} \right) / \det$$
(S7)

and

$$f_{1,i} = \frac{\left(b_{22,i} - a_{2,i}e_{22,i-1}\right)\left(d_{1,i} - a_{1,i}f_{1,i-1}\right) - \left(b_{12,i} - a_{1,i}e_{12,i-1}\right)\left(d_{2,i} - a_{2,i}f_{2,i-1}\right)}{\det}$$

$$f_{2,i} = \frac{-\left(b_{21,i} - a_{2,i}e_{21,i-1}\right)\left(d_{1,i} - a_{1,i}f_{1,i-1}\right) + \left(b_{11,i} - a_{1,i}e_{11,i-1}\right)\left(d_{2,i} - a_{2,i}f_{2,i-1}\right)}{\det}$$
(S8)

with

$$\det = (b_{11,i} - a_{1,i}e_{11,i-1})(b_{22,i} - a_{2,i}e_{22,i-1}) - (b_{12,i} - a_{1,i}e_{12,i-1})(b_{21,i} - a_{2,i}e_{21,i-1})$$
(S9)

The **e** and **f** matrices are found sequentially upward through the canopy from i = 1 to N with  $e_{11,0} = e_{12,0} = e_{21,0} = e_{22,0} = 0$  and  $f_{1,0} = f_{2,0} = 0$ . Then,  $\theta_i^{n+1}$  and  $q_i^{n+1}$  are calculated downward through the canopy from i = N - 1 to 1 using Eqs. (S3) and (S4) with  $\theta_N^{n+1} = f_{1,N}$  and  $q_N^{n+1} = f_{2,N}$ .

## S2 Algebraic derivation of Eqs. (8) and (9)

In the equations that follow,  $g_{H,i}^{sun} = 2g_{b,i}\Delta L_{sun,i}$  and  $g_{H,i}^{sha} = 2g_{b,i}\Delta L_{sha,i}$  are sunlit and shaded leaf conductances for sensible heat scaled to the canopy.  $g_{E,i}^{sun} = g_{\ell sun,i}\Delta L_{sun,i}$  and  $g_{E,i}^{sha} = g_{\ell sha,i}\Delta L_{sha,i}$  are similar conductances for evapotranspiration. The coefficients in Eqs. (8) and (9) are

$$a_{1,i} = -g_{a,i-1} \tag{S10}$$

$$b_{11,i} = \frac{\rho_m \Delta z_i}{\Delta t} + g_{a,i-1} + g_{a,i} + g_{H,i}^{sun} \left(1 - \alpha_i^{sun}\right) + g_{H,i}^{sha} \left(1 - \alpha_i^{sha}\right)$$
(S11)

$$b_{12,i} = -g_{H,i}^{sun} \beta_i^{sun} - g_{H,i}^{sha} \beta_i^{sha}$$
(S12)

$$c_{1,i} = -g_{a,i} \tag{S13}$$

$$d_{1,i} = \frac{\rho_m \Delta z_i}{\Delta t} \theta_i^n + g_{H,i}^{sun} \delta_i^{sun} + g_{H,i}^{sha} \delta_i^{sha}$$
(S14)

for temperature, and

$$a_{2,i} = -g_{a,i-1} \tag{S15}$$

$$b_{21,i} = -g_{E,i}^{sun} s_i^{sun} \alpha_i^{sun} - g_{E,i}^{sha} s_i^{sha} \alpha_i^{sha}$$
(S16)

$$b_{22,i} = \frac{\rho_m \Delta z_i}{\Delta t} + g_{a,i-1} + g_{a,i} + g_{E,i}^{sun} \left( 1 - s_i^{sun} \beta_i^{sun} \right) + g_{E,i}^{sha} \left( 1 - s_i^{sha} \beta_i^{sha} \right)$$
(S17)

$$c_{2,i} = -g_{a,i}$$
 (S18)

$$d_{2,i} = \frac{\rho_m \Delta z_i}{\Delta t} q_i^n + g_{E,i}^{sun} \left[ q_{sat} \left( T_{\ell sun,i}^n \right) + s_i^{sun} \left( \delta_i^{sun} - T_{\ell sun,i}^n \right) \right] + g_{E,i}^{sha} \left[ q_{sat} \left( T_{\ell sha,i}^n \right) + s_i^{sha} \left( \delta_i^{sha} - T_{\ell sha,i}^n \right) \right]$$
(S19)

for water vapor.

Special boundary conditions are needed at the top layer (i = N), where  $\theta_{i+1}^{n+1} = \theta_{ref}^{n+1}$  and

$$q_{i+1}^{n+1} = q_{ref}^{n+1}$$
 so that  
 $c_{1,i} = 0$  (S20)

$$d_{1,i} = \frac{\rho_m \Delta z_i}{\Lambda t} \theta_i^n + g_{H,i}^{sun} \delta_i^{sun} + g_{H,i}^{sha} \delta_i^{sha} + g_{a,i} \theta_{ref}^{n+1}$$
(S21)

$$c_{2,i} = 0$$
 (S22)

$$d_{2,i} = \frac{\rho_m \Delta z_i}{\Delta t} q_i^n + g_{E,i}^{sun} \left[ q_{sat} \left( T_{\ell sun,i}^n \right) + s_i^{sun} \left( \delta_i^{sun} - T_{\ell sun,i}^n \right) \right] + g_{E,i}^{sha} \left[ q_{sat} \left( T_{\ell sha,i}^n \right) + s_i^{sha} \left( \delta_i^{sha} - T_{\ell sha,i}^n \right) \right]$$

$$+ g_{a,i} q_{ref}^{n+1}$$
(S23)

and other terms are as given before.

Special boundary conditions are also needed for the first layer (i = 1), where  $\theta_{i-1}^{n+1} = T_0^{n+1}$ and  $q_{i-1}^{n+1} = q_0^{n+1}$  are the ground surface temperature and water vapor concentration, respectively, so that

$$a_{1,i} = 0$$
 (S24)

$$b_{11,i} = \frac{\rho_m \Delta z_i}{\Delta t} + g_{a,i-1} + g_{a,i} + g_{H,i}^{sun} \left(1 - \alpha_i^{sun}\right) + g_{H,i}^{sha} \left(1 - \alpha_i^{sha}\right) - g_{a,i-1} \alpha_0$$
(S25)

$$b_{12,i} = -g_{H,i}^{sun} \beta_i^{sun} - g_{H,i}^{sha} \beta_i^{sha} - g_{a,i-1} \beta_0$$
(S26)

$$d_{1,i} = \frac{\rho_m \Delta z_i}{\Delta t} \theta_i^n + g_{H,i}^{sun} \delta_i^{sun} + g_{H,i}^{sha} \delta_i^{sha} + g_{a,i-1} \delta_0$$
(S27)

$$a_{2,i} = 0$$
 (S28)

$$b_{21,i} = -g_{E,i}^{sun} s_i^{sun} \alpha_i^{sun} - g_{E,i}^{sha} s_i^{sha} \alpha_i^{sha} - h_{s0} s_0 g_{s0} \alpha_0$$
(S29)

$$b_{22,i} = \frac{\rho_m \Delta z_i}{\Delta t} + g_{s0} + g_{a,i} + g_{E,i}^{sun} \left(1 - s_i^{sun} \beta_i^{sun}\right) + g_{E,i}^{sha} \left(1 - s_i^{sha} \beta_i^{sha}\right) - h_{s0} s_0 g_{s0} \beta_0$$
(S30)

$$d_{2,i} = \frac{\rho_m \Delta z_i}{\Delta t} q_i^n + g_{E,i}^{sun} \left[ q_{sat} \left( T_{\ell sun,i}^n \right) + s_i^{sun} \left( \delta_i^{sun} - T_{\ell sun,i}^n \right) \right] + g_{E,i}^{sha} \left[ q_{sat} \left( T_{\ell sha,i}^n \right) + s_i^{sha} \left( \delta_i^{sha} - T_{\ell sha,i}^n \right) \right] + h_{s0} \left[ q_{sat} \left( T_0^n \right) + s_0 \left( \delta_0 - T_0^n \right) \right] g_{s0}$$
(S31)

and other terms are as given before.