

Instruction on how to use the m-model stand-alone program

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The m-model stand-alone program `StandAloneMModel` is an exe-file that reads a standardized file with climate data and outputs the m-values both as a diagram and in a standardized output file.

The input file for climate data must have the name `Inputm.txt` and have the following structure with time (h), temperature (°C), relative humidity (Pa/Pa) and a fourth column which is not used, but which needs to be there (we have placed 8,0000 there):

0	21,900000	0,268000	8,000000
1	22,300000	0,267000	8,000000
2	22,100000	0,269000	8,000000
3	22,100000	0,269000	8,000000
4	22,100000	0,269000	8,000000
5	22,200000	0,270000	8,000000
6	22,100000	0,273000	8,000000
7	22,100000	0,273000	8,000000
8	22,100000	0,271000	8,000000
9	22,100000	0,270000	8,000000
10	22,100000	0,273000	8,000000
11	22,100000	0,277000	8,000000
12	22,100000	0,276000	8,000000
13	22,100000	0,277000	8,000000
14	22,000000	0,279000	8,000000
15	22,100000	0,280000	8,000000
16	22,100000	0,277000	8,000000
17	22,100000	0,278000	8,000000
18	22,100000	0,281000	8,000000
19	22,100000	0,280000	8,000000
20	22,100000	0,280000	8,000000
21	22,100000	0,269000	8,000000
22	22,100000	0,271000	8,000000
23	7,800000	0,739000	8,000000

Note that decimal comma needs to be used and that the values are separated by tabs.

The above data can be created by using Excel in this way:

1. Create the data above.
2. Column 1 should be formatted as numbers with 0 decimals.
3. Columns 2-4 should be formatted as numbers with 6 decimals.

4. Save as Inputm.txt using the following format: Text (Tab delimited).

The input file can also be created with the following MATLAB code (where t, T and RH are already defined):

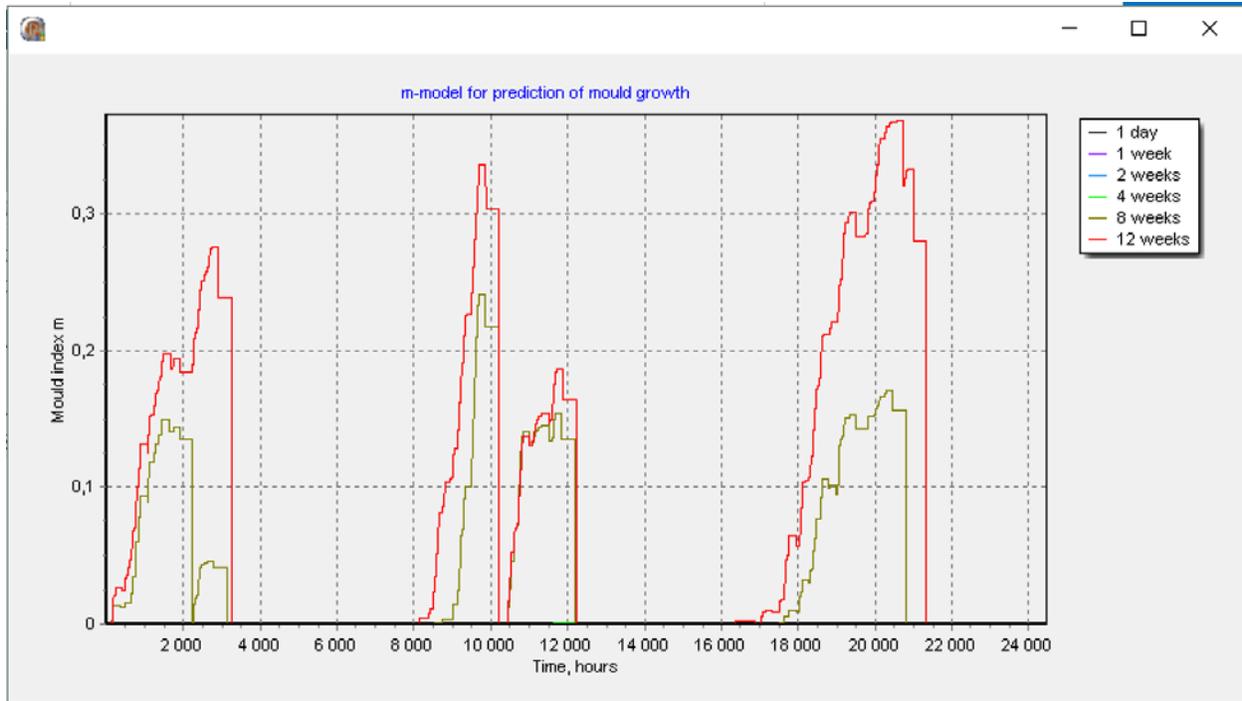
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w=8*ones(1,length(t)); %not used, but has to have a value
A=[t' T' (RH/100)' w']; %make matrix of output data
hf=fopen('Inputm.txt','w+'); %open file
for k=1:length(t)
    Aline=sprintf('%-u\t%-f\t%-f\t%-f\r',A(k,:)); %format
    Aline(findstr(Aline,'.')=','); %change to decimal comma
    fprintf(hf,'%s\n',Aline); %write a line to file
end
fclose(hf) %close file
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An output file with the m-values has the name Outputm.txt and contains the time (h) and the m-values for the six time-scales 1 day, 1 week, 2 weeks, 4 weeks, 8weeks and 12 weeks. It has the following format:

1	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
2	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
3	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
4	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
5	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
6	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
7	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
8	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
9	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
10	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
11	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
12	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
13	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
14	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
15	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
16	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
17	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
18	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
19	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
20	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
21	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
22	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000
23	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000	0.00000000000000000000

Note that the names of the two files cannot be changed, so you need to create a new input file or change the name of an existing file for each new run and also save the output file under a new name if you do not want it to be overwritten by the next run.

Below is an example of the result from an m-model calculation with StandAloneMMModel.exe. In this case only the longest time scales 8 and 12 weeks were active and the highest m-value is less than 0.4.



For a description of the m-model and how to interpret it, please look at Wadsö et al. "The m-model for prediction of mold growth" (manuscript; can be obtained from lars.wadso@byggtek.lth.se).