

Delft Software Days imod-python

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Summary: imod-python

A collection of Python tools for groundwater modeling and MODFLOW input & output

- Preparing: e.g. rasterizing river shapefiles
- Formatting: produce MODFLOW input
- Extracting and post-processing: compare heads with piezometers, compute water balance
- Visualization: time series, map, cross-sections, 3D

Part of a much broader set of tools for reproducible groundwater modeling



Set of tools

Scripting language



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Link to MODFLOW



File format



Example: NHI fresh-salt

(National Hydrological Instruments)

iMOD-Water Quality model (structured):

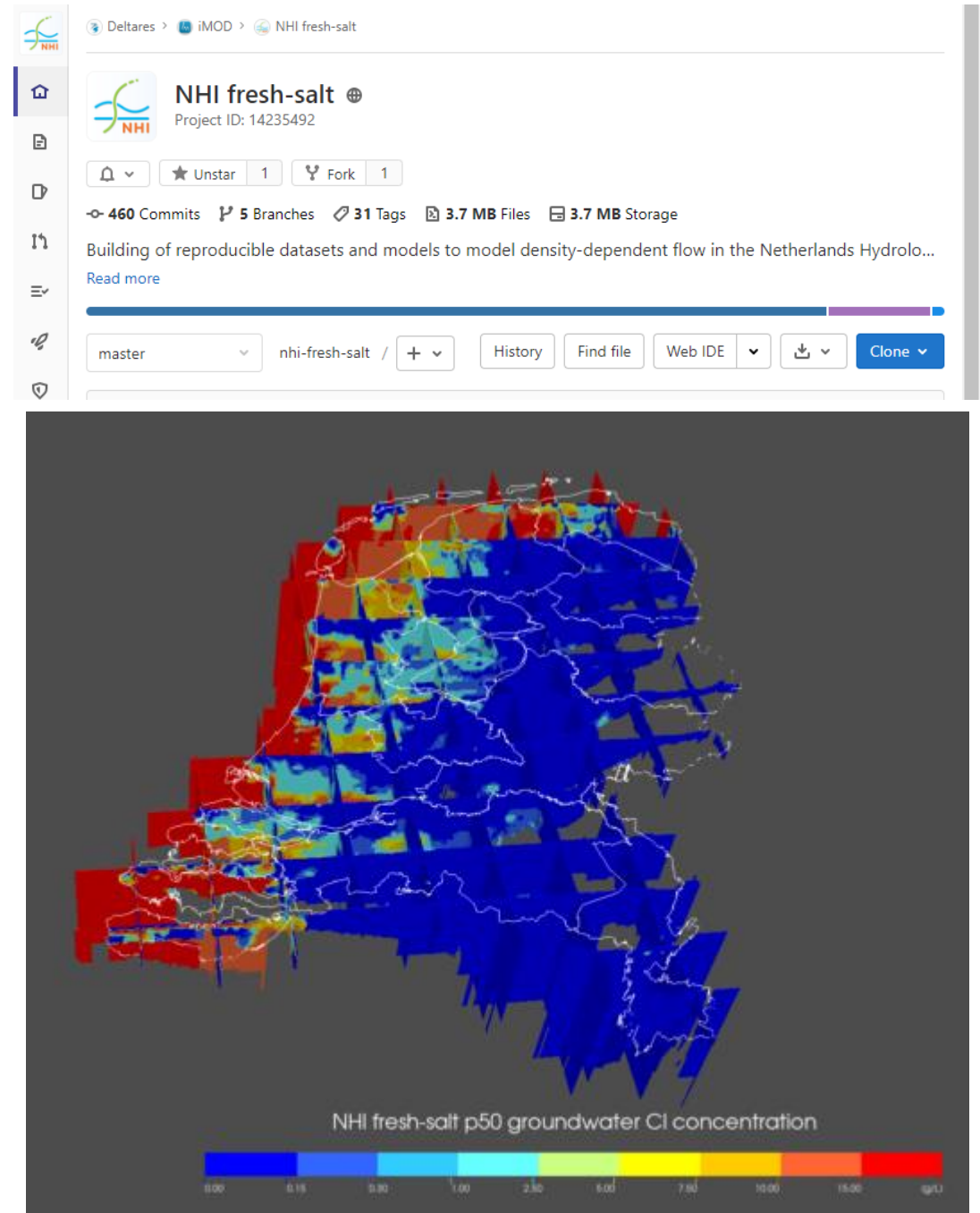
SEAWAT + PH3TD + bells & whistles

50 layers, 1300 rows, 1200 columns

- Fully scripted
- In version control
- One workflow from external data to figures

Openly available at:

<https://gitlab.com/deltares/imod/nhi-fresh-salt>



In comparison with FloPy

flopy: fundamental data structure is numpy

is easy to install: `pip install flopy`

supports every member of the USGS MODFLOW family

supports nearly every option of MODFLOW6

defaults to text formats

provides a complete, but “low-level” interface



imod: fundamental data structure is xarray

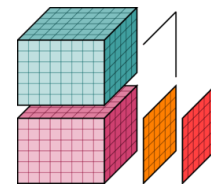
is a large install: `mamba install imod`

supports iMODFLOW, iMOD-WQ, MODFLOW6

supports a selection of MODFLOW6 options

defaults to (faster) binary formats, aiming at large models

provides an incomplete, but “high-level” interface



xarray

What does “high-level” mean?

```
hds = flopy.utils.binaryfile.HeadFile(
    "GWF_1/GWF_1.hds"
)
head = hds.get_data()
head
```



```
head = imod.mf6.open_hds(
    "GWF_1/GWF_1.hds",
    "GWF_1/dis.dis.grb",
)
head
```

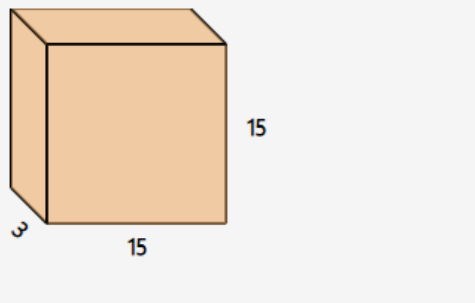


```
array([[[[ 0.          , 22.28474113, 39.88772925, ..., 114.57583707,
          116.29196868, 117.15249252],
         [ 0.          , 21.89827766, 39.1967694 , ..., 113.43970131,
          115.17194278, 116.04312901],
         [ 0.          , 21.09882573, 37.77525411, ..., 111.16168182,
          112.93094855, 113.82637874],
         ...,
         [ 0.          , 17.22837501, 30.29687701, ..., 63.64460732,
          62.19359835, 67.81020959],
         [ 0.          , 17.7078248 , 31.13534651, ..., 67.17680409,
          68.2147706 , 70.11759493],
         [ 0.          , 17.93537942, 31.54176956, ..., 69.34023532,
          70.62305431, 71.67693927]],

        [[ 0.          , 11.35052405, 19.43268759, ..., 60.81765867,
          63.17403693, 64.49440303],
         [ 0.          , 10.86141028, 18.16412003, ..., 58.08726266,
          61.05385554, 62.72903322],
         [ 0.          , 10.04844779, 15.9543571 , ..., 52.1491187 ,
          56.769254 , 59.33303066],
         ...,
         ...]
```

xarray.DataArray 'head' (time: 3, layer: 3, y: 15, x: 15)

	Array	Chunk
Bytes	15.82 kiB	5.27 kiB
Shape	(3, 3, 15, 15)	(1, 3, 15, 15)
Count	9 Tasks	3 Chunks
Type	float64	numpy.ndarray



3 15 15

▼ Coordinates:

x	(x)	float64	2.5e+03	7.5e+03	...	7.25e+04
y	(y)	float64	7.25e+04	6.75e+04	...	2.5e+03
dx		float64	5e+03			
dy		float64	-5e+03			
layer	(layer)	int32	1	2	3	
time	(time)	float64	1.0	2.0	3.0	

Attributes: (0)

What does “high-level” mean?

Now let’s assume the heads are (much) too big to fit in memory (e.g. 100 GB).
How to compute the mean of the simulated head over time?

```
hds = flopy.utils.binaryfile.HeadFile(  
    "GWF_1/GWF_1.hds"  
)  
times = hds.get_times()  
accumulator = hds.get_data(totim=times[0])  
  
for time in times[1:]:  
    accumulator += hds.get_data(totim=time)  
  
result = accumulator / len(times)
```



```
head = imod.mf6.open_hds(  
    "GWF_1/GWF_1.hds",  
    "GWF_1/dis.dis.grb",  
)  
  
result = head.mean("time")
```



A high level interface is **convenient**, **scalable**, and **extensible**.

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Unstructured: 3 problems

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Link to MODFLOW

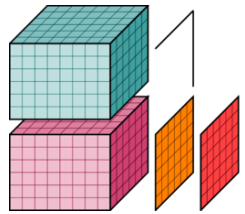


Unstructured: problem & solution



File format: no widely used convention for unstructured grid data

File format: UGRID Conventions



xarray

Data representation: xarray does not fully represent unstructure data

Data representation: create new data structure



Imod-python: relies on xarray to represent data

imod-python: Use new data structure

Working with unstructured grids



- Xarray + UGRID: Xugrid
- Extension of Xarray, specifically for unstructured grids
- Xugrid automatically reads the grid specification from a UGRID netCDF and returns an “xarray-like” data structure
- When possible, join forces with NSF-funded Project Raiijin
- Behaves like Xarray behavior where possible

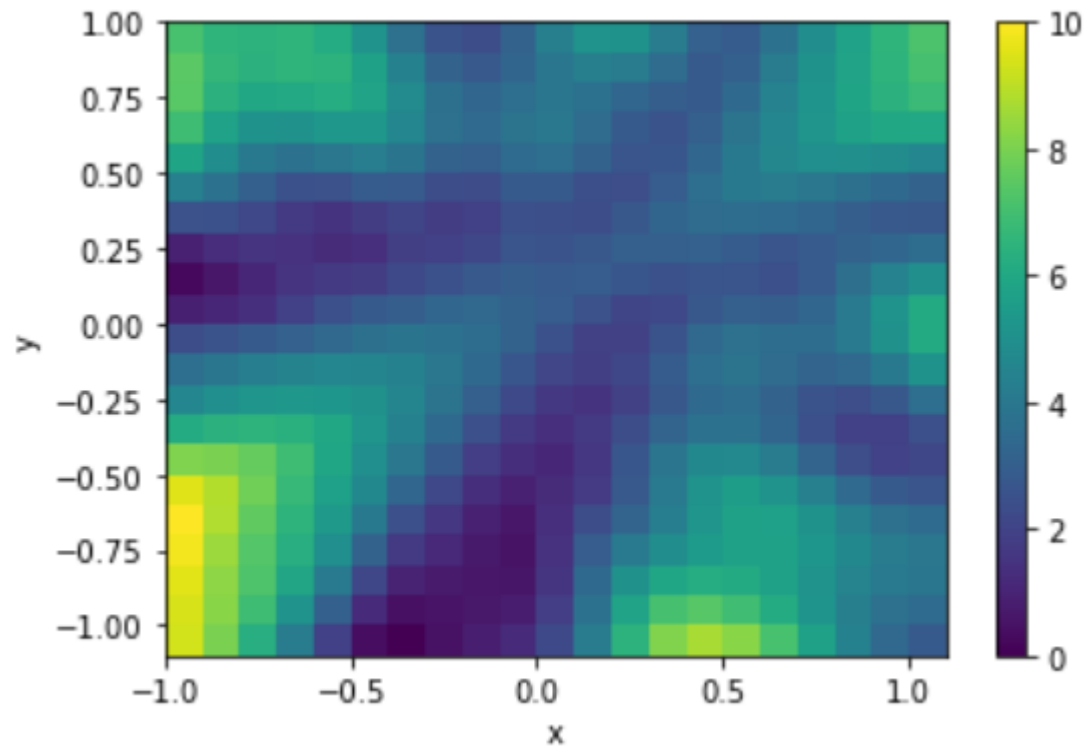
<https://github.com/Deltares/xugrid>

<https://raijin.ucar.edu/>

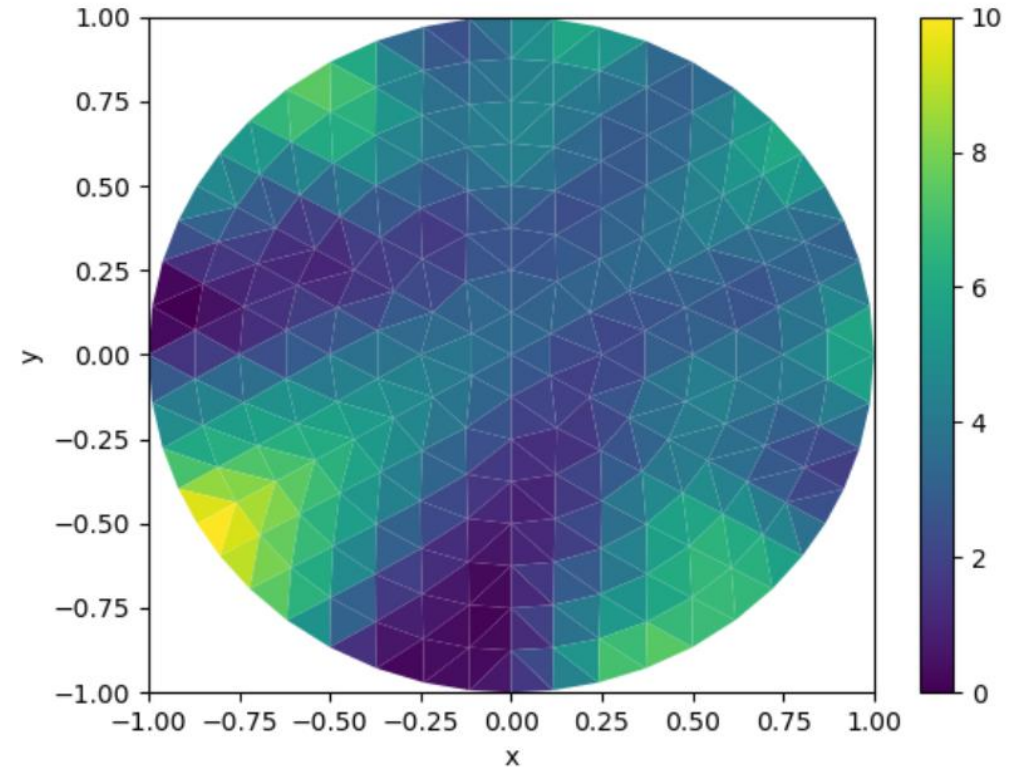
<https://github.com/UXARRAY/uxarray>

Behaves like Xarray where possible

`structured.plot()`



`unstructured.ugrid.plot()`



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Unstructured grids in imod-python

The classes in imod-python have been expanded to take `xugrid.UgridDataArray` objects next to `xarray.DataArray` objects, and the regridder changed to understand unstructured grids.

To build an unstructured model instead of a structured MODFLOW6 model:

- Create an unstructured mesh
- Use the imod-python Regridder to create unstructured `UgridDataArray` data
- Use the `VerticesDiscretization` instead of `StructuredDiscretization`

The examples in the documentation demonstrate.

Mesh generation

```
import geopandas as gpd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

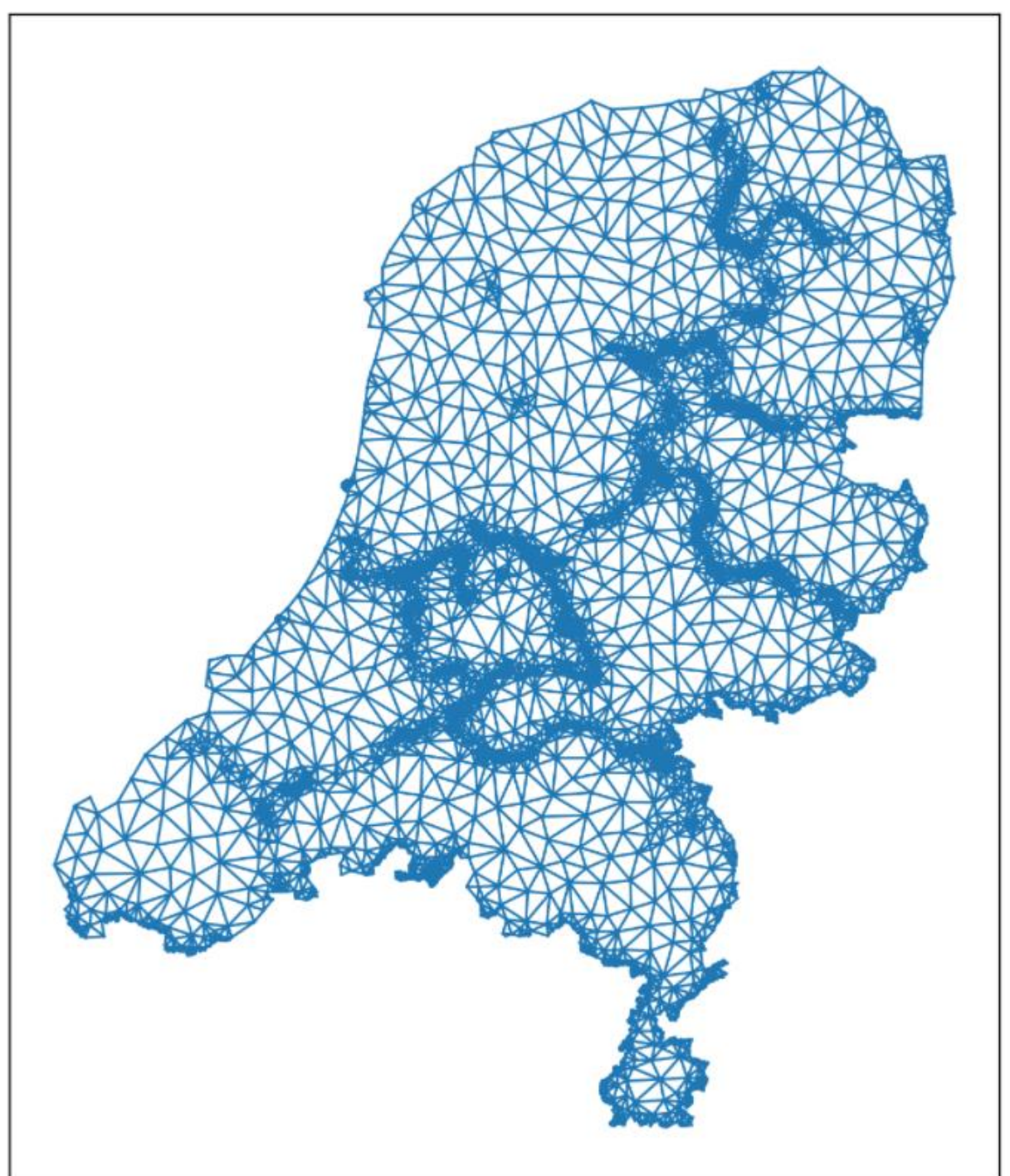
import geomesh
import geomesh.demo

# Read a file supported by GeoPandas
gdf = gpd.read_file("examples/data/provinces.geojson")

# Change the index to use province names, and transform
provinces = gdf.set_index("name").to_crs("epsg:28992")
provinces["cellsize"] = 10_000.0

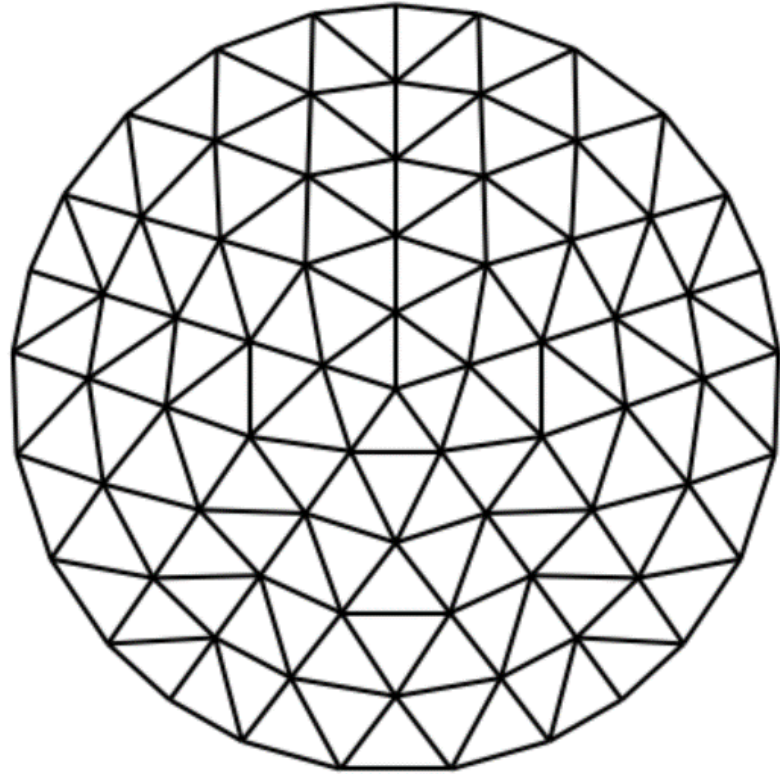
mesher = geomesh.TriangleMesher(provinces)
vertices, faces = mesher.generate()

geomesh.demo.plot_triangles(vertices, faces)
```



<https://gitlab.com/deltares/imod/geomesh>

Or just a simple mesh example



Documentation improvements

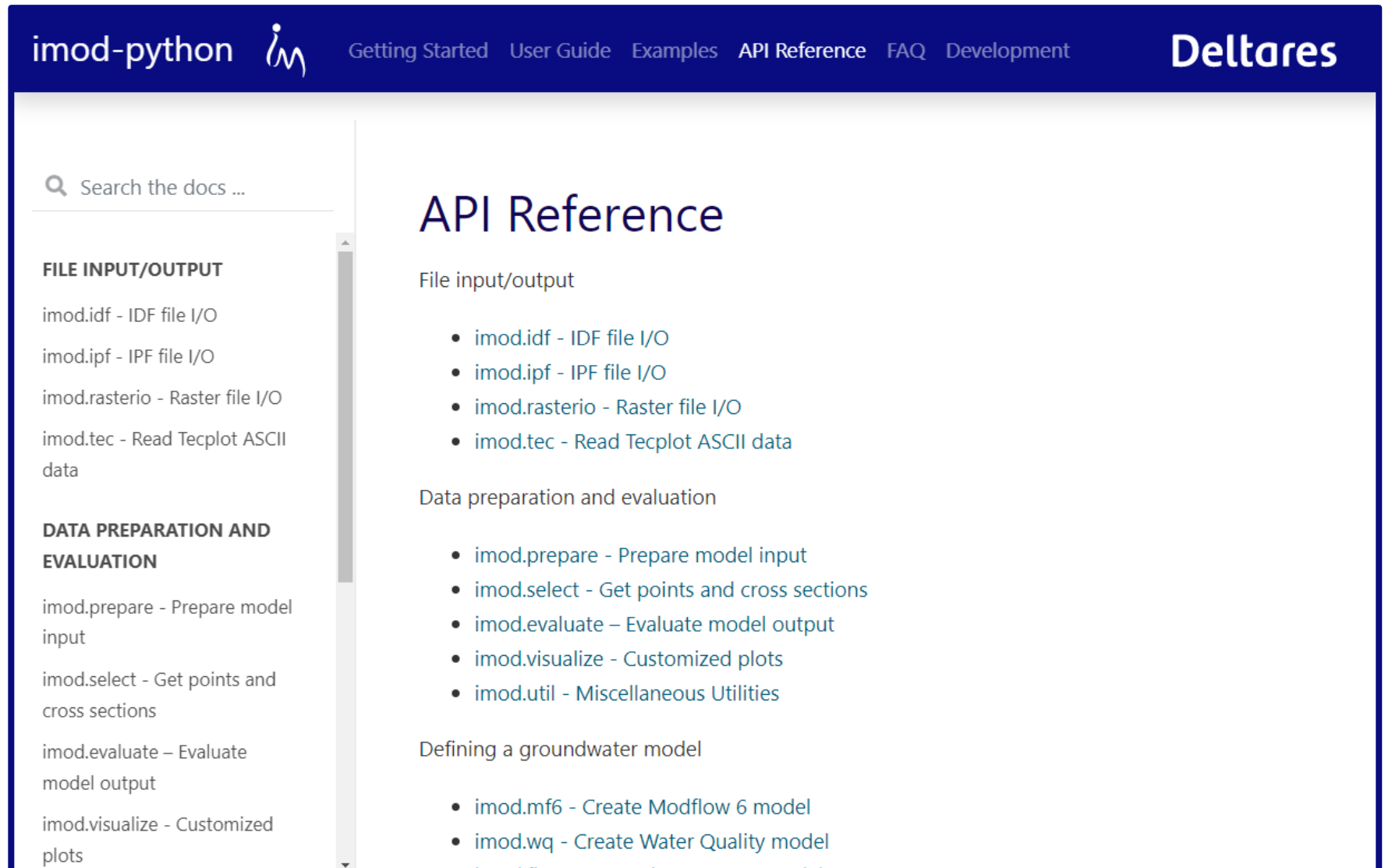
New theme

User Guide


Examples

Frequently Asked
Questions (FAQ) /
“How do I ...”

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The screenshot displays the documentation for imod-python on the Deltares website. The navigation bar includes links for Getting Started, User Guide, Examples, API Reference, FAQ, and Development. The main content area is titled "API Reference" and is organized into sections: "File input/output", "Data preparation and evaluation", and "Defining a groundwater model". A sidebar on the left provides a search bar and a list of links for "FILE INPUT/OUTPUT" and "DATA PREPARATION AND EVALUATION".

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Defining a groundwater model

- [imod.mf6 - Create Modflow 6 model](#)
- [imod.wq - Create Water Quality model](#)

From e.g. hourly data to daily average:

```
new = da.resample(time="1D").mean()
```

See [xarray documentation on resampling](#).

Select along a single layer

`sel()` is "key" selection, this selects the layer named "1":

```
da_layer1 = da.sel(layer=1)
```

`isel()` is "index" selection, this selects the first layer:

```
da_firstlayer = da.isel(layer=0)
```

Select part of the data

Generally, raster data is y-descending, so `ymax` comes before `ymin`:

```
da_selection = da.sel(x=slice(xmin, xmax), y=slice(ymax, ymin))
```

Create an empty raster

🔍 Search the docs ...

General Questions

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Groundwater Modeling with iMOD

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Arithmetic

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Change time resolution

Select along a single layer

Select part of the data

Create an empty raster

Fill/Interpolate nodata

Smooth data

Zonal statistics

Force loading into memory / dask array to numpy array

Select a single variable from a dataset

Sum properties over layers

Plot a timeseries for a single cell

Plot head of one layer at one time

Developments for 2022

- Explore options for “simplified” use:
 - Develop a project file equivalent (automatic resampling/regridding in time, space)
 - Run functions through a command line interface (compare iMOD Batch functionality)
- Unsaturated zone: pre- and post-processing support for MetaSWAP
- Add support for MODFLOW6 Transport and Buoyancy for solute transport and variable density modeling
- Add more utilities for unstructured grids, explore unstructured grids without layers (DISU)
- Add MODPATH support for particle tracking
- Connection to surface water modules