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c	rate of soil accumulation, m/yr.
d	median grain size of water-deposited material, μm .
D	distance of the locus of points, m.
h	elevation of the rock stream channel at a particular time t_p , m.

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Fang, X., M. W. Liemohn, A. F. Nagy, J. G. Luhmann, and Y. Ma (2009), On the effect of the Martian crustal magnetic field on atmospheric erosion, *Icarus*, doi:10.1016/j.icarus.2009.01.012, in press.

Wang, C. (2005), A modeling study of the response of tropical deep convection to the increase of cloud condensational nuclei concentration: 1. Dynamics and microphysics, *J. Geophys. Res.*, *110*, D21211, doi:10.1029/2004JD005720.

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Moridis, G. J. (1998), A set of semianalytical solutions for parameter estimation in diffusion cell experiments, *Rep. LBNL-41857*, Lawrence Berkeley Natl. Lab., Berkeley, Calif.

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Sample Tables

Table 1. Fitted Parameters of the Waxman and Smits Equation Relating Soil Electrical Conductivity and Water Saturation for the Three Soils Investigated in This Study^a

	F_{sat}	n	σ_s (S/m)
Avignon silty clay loam	5.48	5.96	0.359
Collias loam	4.54	1.88	0.109
Fontainebleau sand	4.62	2.58	0.036

^aSee equation (3).

Table 2. Coefficients of Determination for Both Seasons When x Is the Topographic Index Using Total Periods^a

Regression Equations	6–22 Nov 2003		2–22 May 2004	
	10 cm	30 cm	10 cm	30 cm
<i>MD8 Surface</i>				
Linear	0.13 (0.08)	0.35 (0.38)	0.00 (0.01)	0.03 (0.02)
Logarithm	0.07 (0.07)	0.40 (0.39)	0.00 (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)
Exponential	0.12 (0.07)	0.34 (0.41)	0.00 (0.02)	0.03 (0.02)
Power	0.07 (0.14)	0.42 (0.39)	0.00 (0.04)	0.02 (0.02)
<i>MD8 Bedrock</i>				
Linear	0.20 (0.10)	0.49 (0.48)	0.00 (0.01)	0.05 (0.03)
Logarithm	0.11 (0.11)	0.50 (0.50)	0.00 (0.00)	0.04 (0.04)
Exponential	0.18 (0.11)	0.45 (0.55)	0.00 (0.01)	0.05 (0.02)
Power	0.09 (0.20)	0.52 (0.50)	0.00 (0.03)	0.03 (0.04)
<i>MD∞ Surface</i>				
Linear	0.04 (0.02)	0.43 (0.57)	0.05 (0.00)	0.03 (0.01)
Logarithm	0.01 (0.02)	0.55 (0.56)	0.02 (0.00)	0.01 (0.01)
Exponential	0.03 (0.10)	0.42 (0.58)	0.05 (0.03)	0.02 (0.00)
Power	0.01 (0.03)	0.56 (0.57)	0.01 (0.10)	0.00 (0.02)
<i>MD∞ Bedrock</i>				
Linear	0.24 (0.14)	0.53 (0.76)	0.04 (0.00)	0.07 (0.02)
Logarithm	0.11 (0.09)	0.73 (0.75)	0.01 (0.00)	0.02 (0.02)
Exponential	0.22 (0.10)	0.50 (0.75)	0.03 (0.00)	0.05 (0.02)
Power	0.09 (0.23)	0.73 (0.74)	0.01 (0.00)	0.01 (0.05)

^aHere r^2 represents explained variation divided by total variation between averages of measured and estimated soil moisture using contributing areas for several regression analysis conditions such as computing algorithm, used topography, date, soil depth, and regression models. Linear equation is $y = ax + b$, logarithm equation is $y = a \ln(x) + b$, exponential equation is $y = a \exp(bx)$, and power equation is $y = ax^b$, where y and x are mean soil moistures and modeled contributing areas and a and b are constants for regression models, respectively. Numbers in parentheses are regression analysis.

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