

Symbol	Dimensions (L: length, H: height, T: time)	Description	Definition or first use
(x, y)	L	Horizontal coordinates	Eq. (1)
z	H	Elevation	Eq. (1)
t	T	Time	Eq. (1)
K	T^{-1}	Incision coefficient	Eq. (1)
D	$L^2 T^{-1}$	Diffusion coefficient	Eq. (1)
U	$H T^{-1}$	Uplift rate	Eq. (1)
A	L^2	Drainage area	Eq. (1)
$ \nabla z $	$H L^{-1}$	Topographic slope	Eq. (1)
$\nabla^2 z$	$H L^{-2}$	Curvature	Eq. (1)
m	–	Drainage area exponent	Eq. (A1)
n	–	Slope exponent	Eq. (A1)
ε	$H T^{-1}$	Steady-state threshold	Eq. (2)
l_c	L	Characteristic length	Eq. (3)
h_c	H	Characteristic height	Eq. (4)
t_c	T	Characteristic time	Eq. (5)
$(x^*, y^*), z^*, \nabla^*$, etc.	–	Dimensionless variables, operators, etc.	Eq. (16)
\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}	L	Unit vectors	Eq. (9)
G_c	$H L^{-1}$	Characteristic gradient	Eq. (11)
κ_c	$H L^{-2}$	Characteristic curvature	Eq. (13)
A_c	L^2	Characteristic area	Eq. (15)
K', x', l_c' , etc.		Parameters, variables, scales, etc., of the second of a pair of rescaled landscapes	Eq. (18)
u_c	$L T^{-1}$	Characteristic horizontal velocity	Eq. (20)
h_I	H	Incision height	Eq. (21)
h_D	H	Diffusion height	Eq. (22)
k_s	H	Steepness index	$k_s = A^{m/n} \nabla z $
κ_{thr}	$H L^{-2}$	Curvature threshold for valley definition	Sect. 4.1.4
h_{thr}	H	Incision height threshold for valley definition	$h_{\text{thr}} = l_c^2 \kappa_{\text{thr}} + h_c$
Pe	–	Péclet number	Eq. (36)
c	$L T^{-1}$	Kinematic wave celerity	$c = K \sqrt{A}$
l	L	Length scale	Sect. 4.2
t_I	T	Incision time	Eq. (34)
t_D	T	Diffusion time	Eq. (35)
p	–	Exponent of drainage area in scaling relationship with flow path length	Sect. 4.2.3