

# Bayesian calibration and evaluation of transferability of hydrologic parameters in CLM

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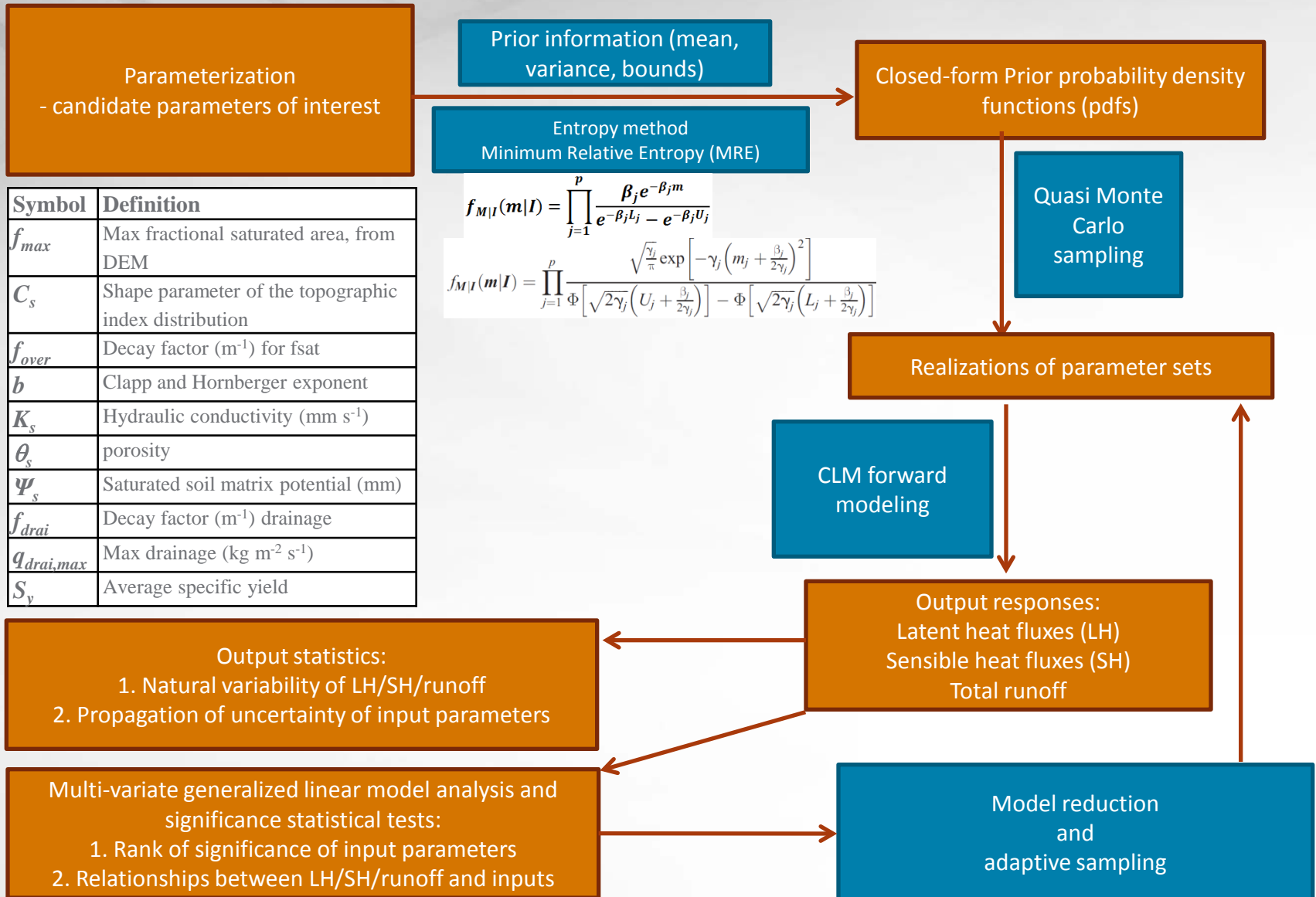


# Outline

- ▶ An uncertainty quantification framework designed for CLM
  - Results at selected flux towers and MOPEX basins
  
- ▶ Bayesian inversion/calibration of the hydrologic parameters
  - MCMC inversion of CLM4
  - MCMC inversion using surrogates (Ray et al., this meeting)
  
- ▶ Toward understanding the parameter transferability
  - Classification of MOPEX basins
  - Future work plan

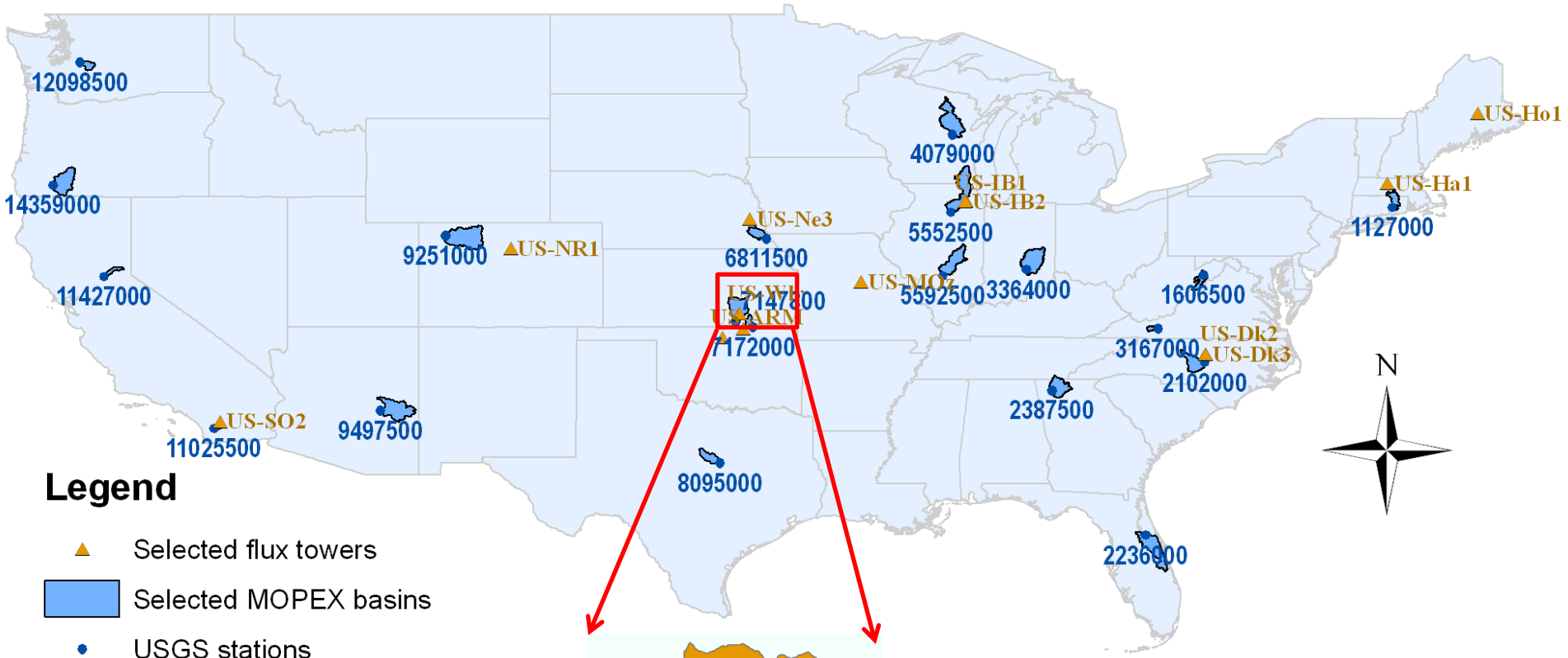


# An uncertainty quantification framework designed for CLM





# Selected flux towers and MOPEX basins



## Legend

- ▲ Selected flux towers
- Selected MOPEX basins
- USGS stations



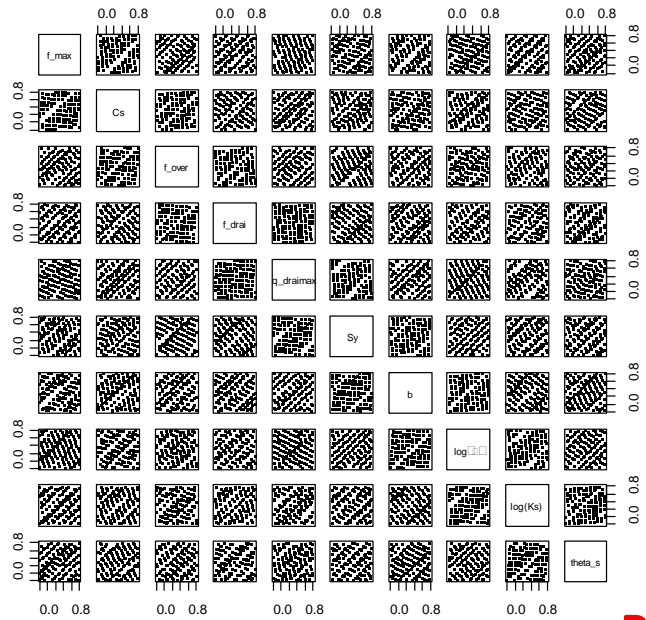
*Hou et al. (2012), JGR*  
*Huang et al. (in review), JHM*



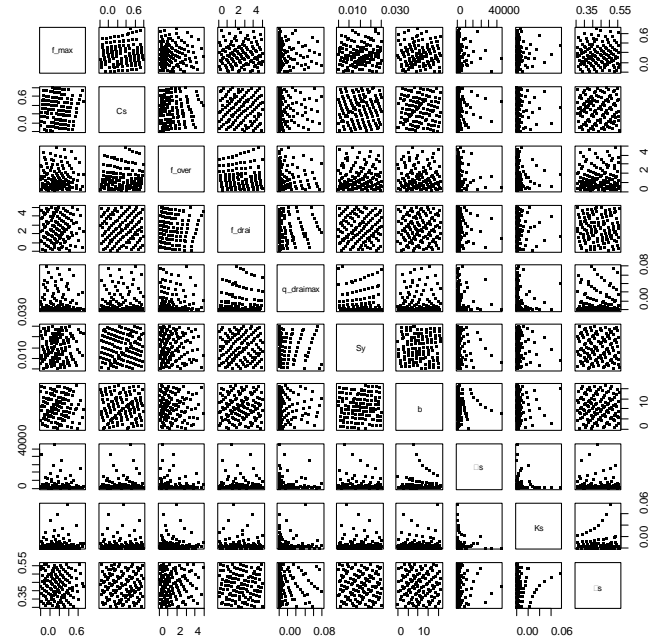
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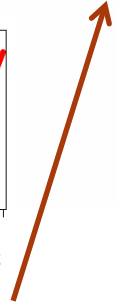
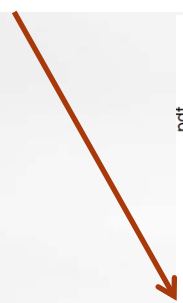
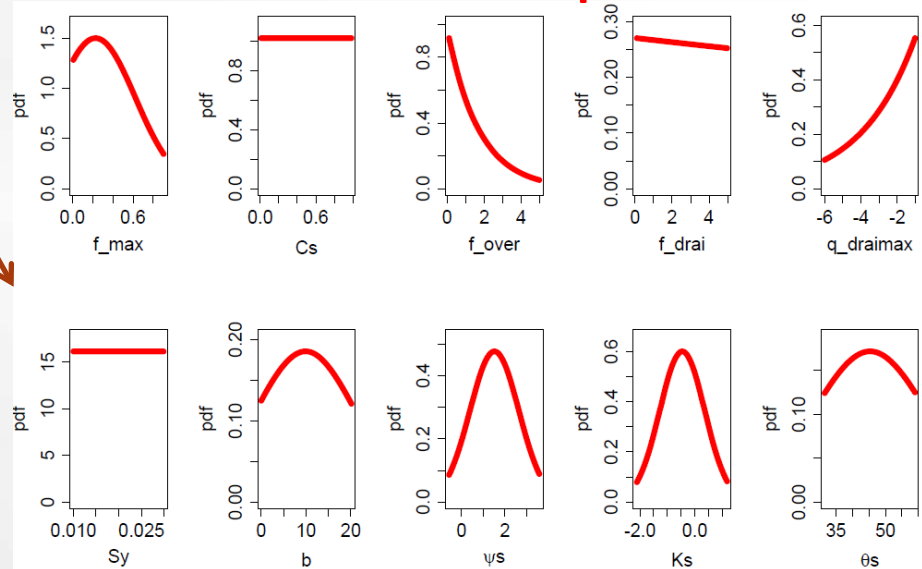
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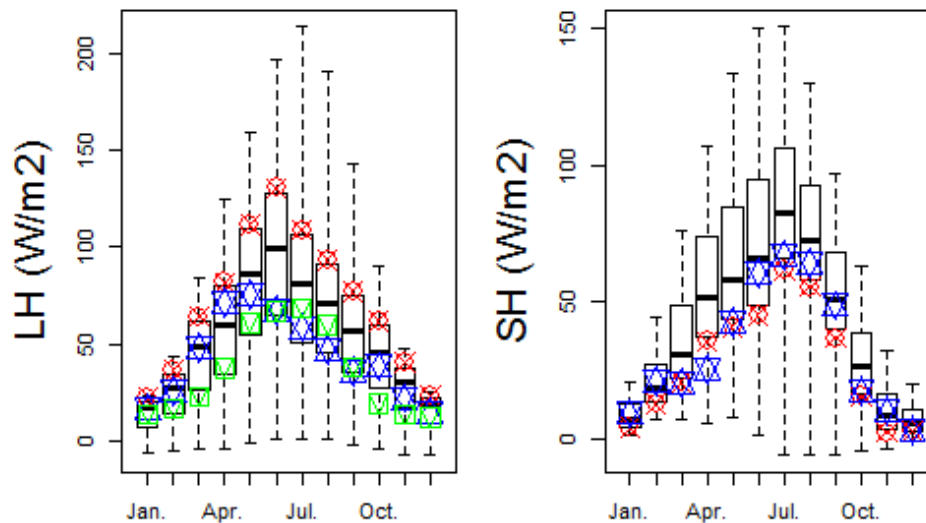
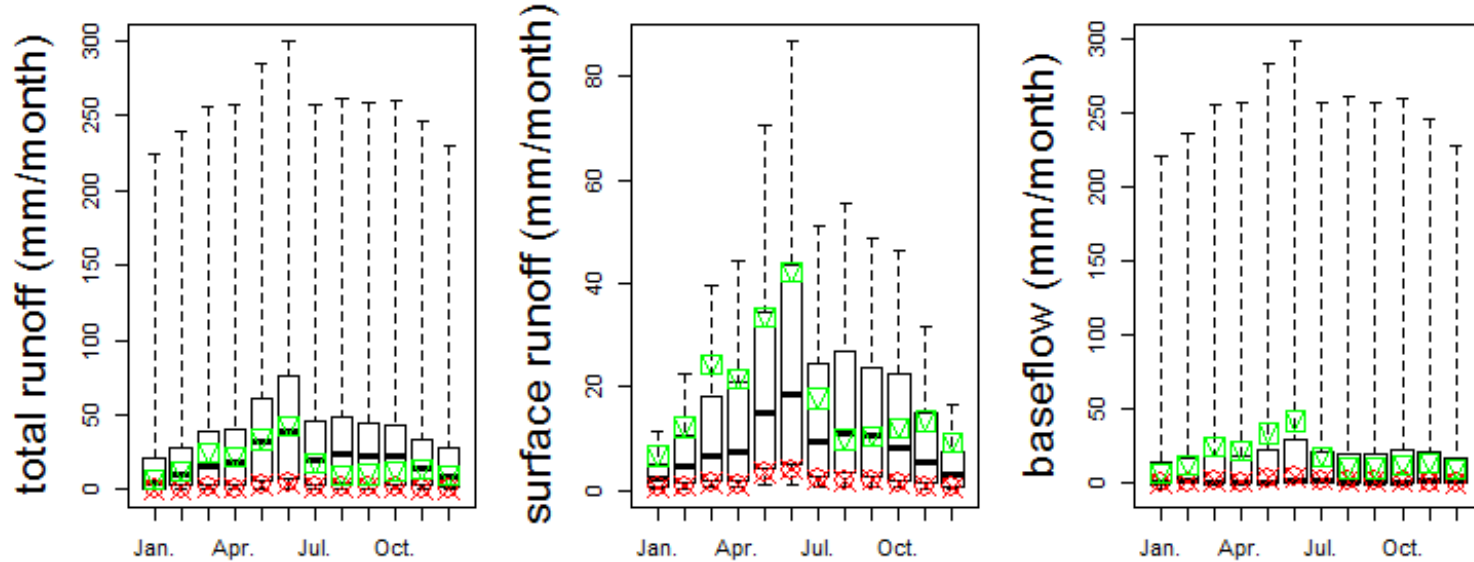
## QMC samples in parameter space



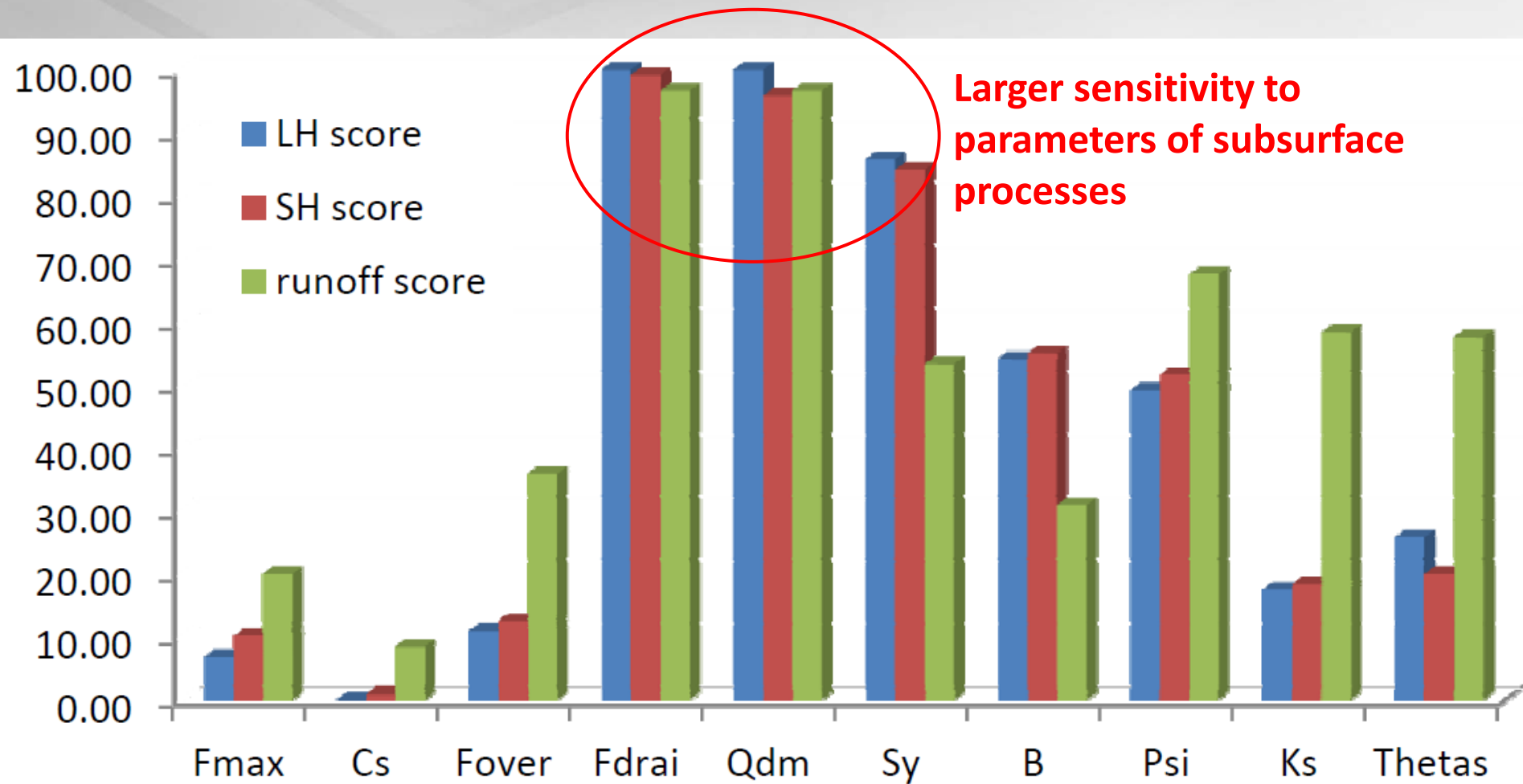
## Prior PDF of model parameters



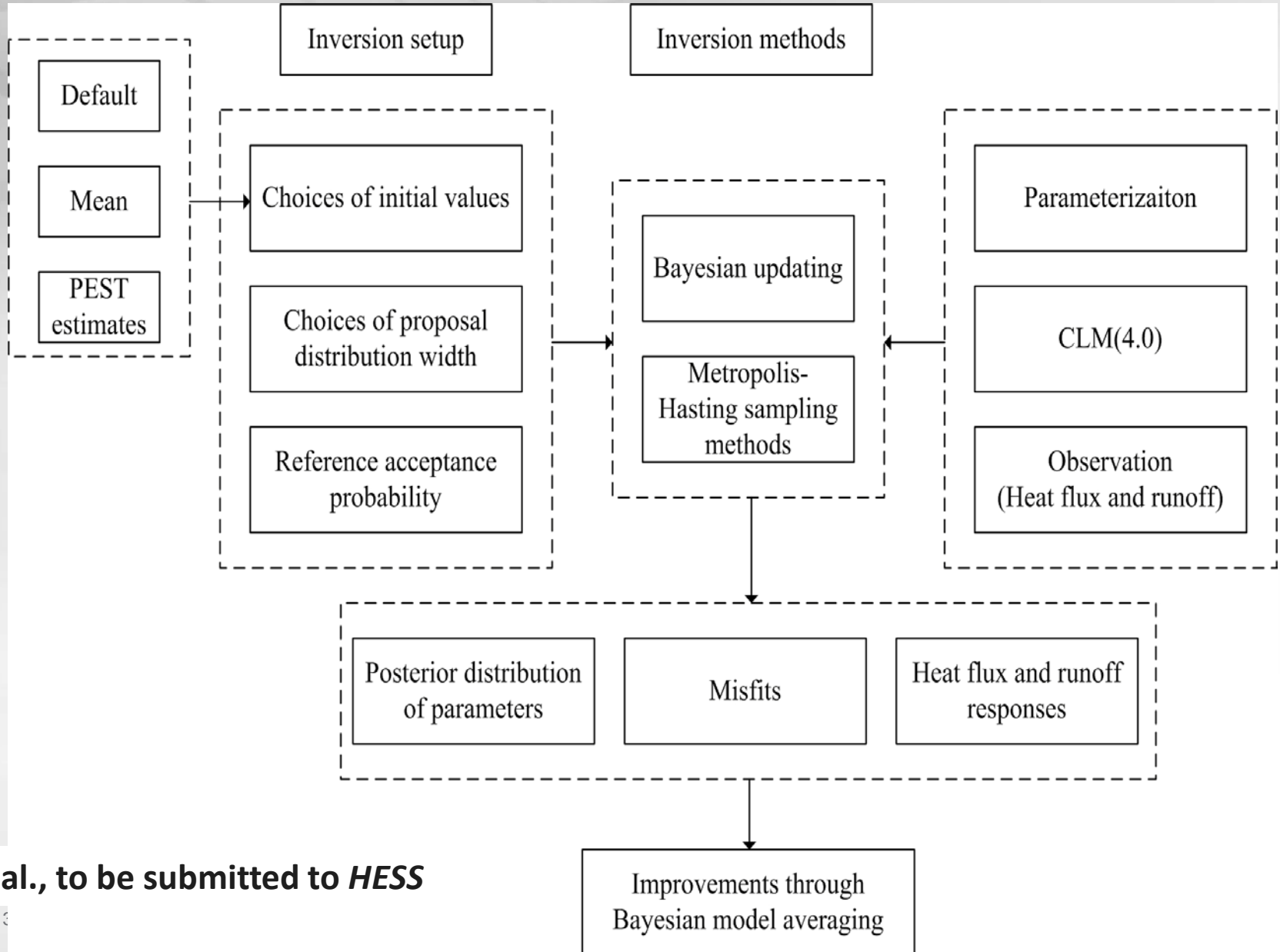
# Surface fluxes and runoff are very sensitive to model parameters



# Ranks of significance of input parameters



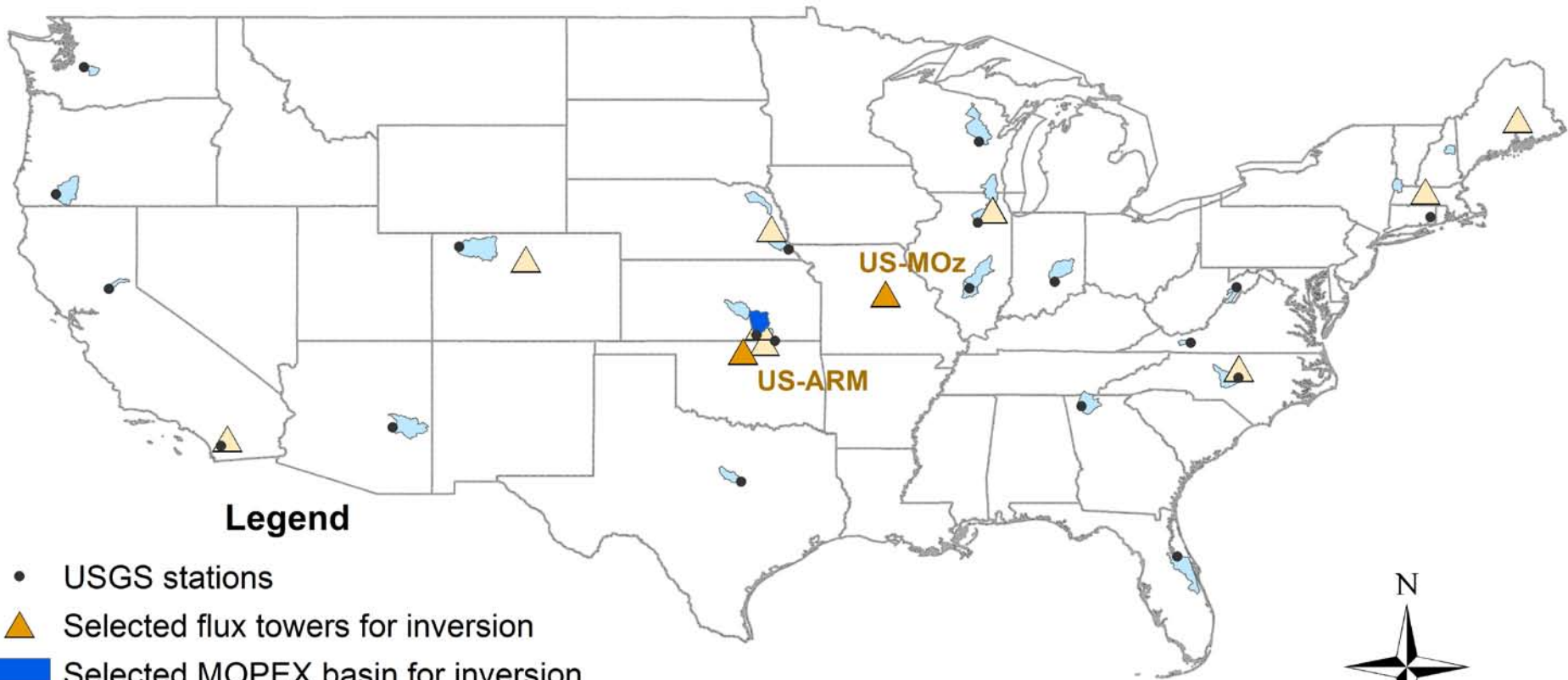
# Inversion workflow for CLM4



Sun et al., to be submitted to *HESS*



# Selected sites for inversion

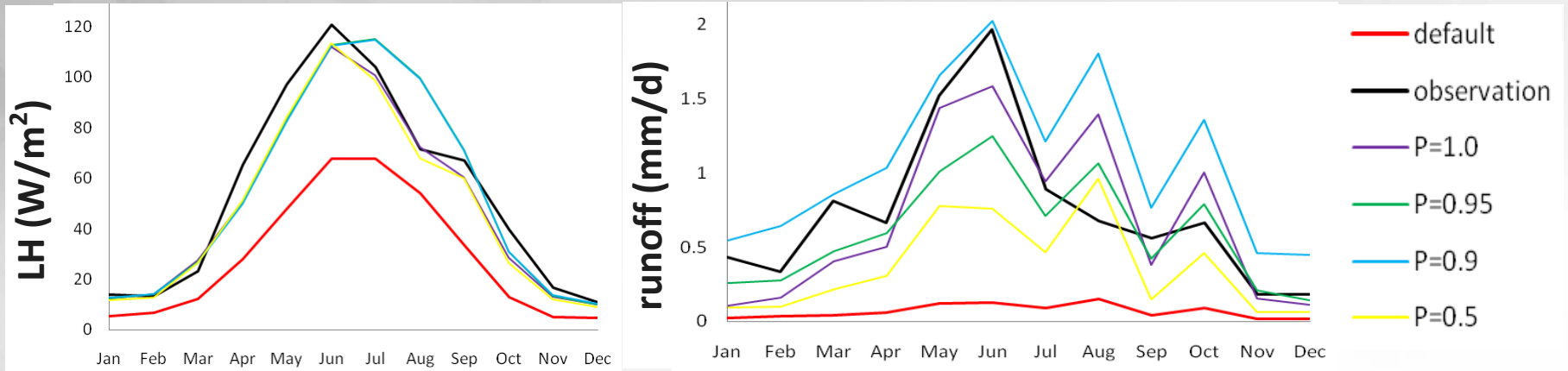


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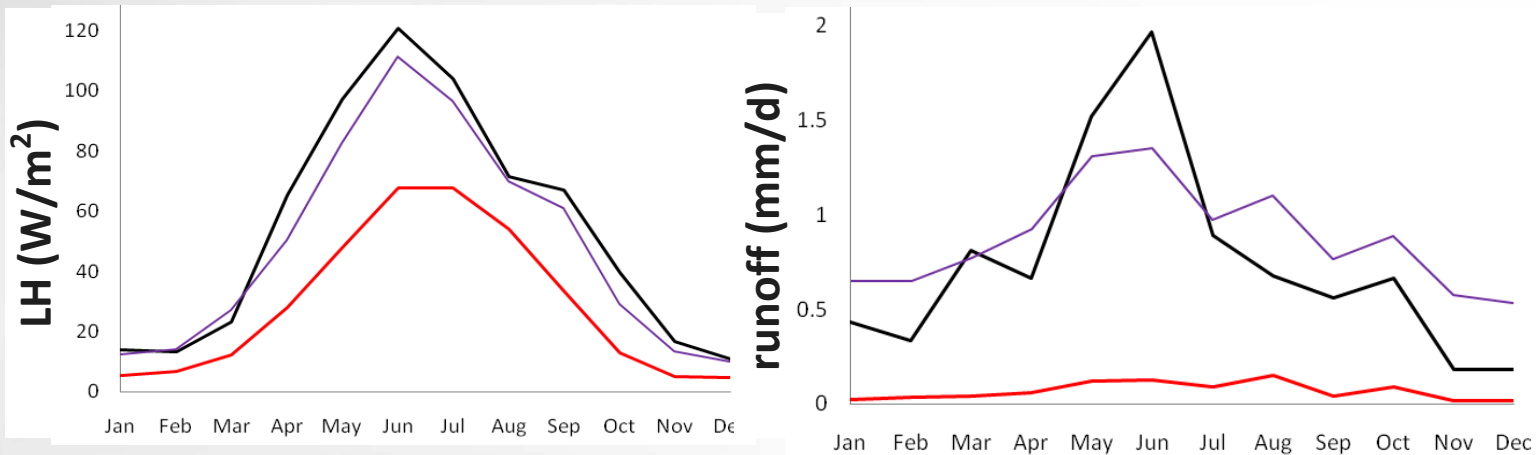
- USGS stations
- ▲ Selected flux towers for inversion
- Selected MOPEX basin for inversion
- △ Flux towers in HOU2012
- MOPEX basins in HUANG2012

# Inversion results

## Inversion based on 10 parameters



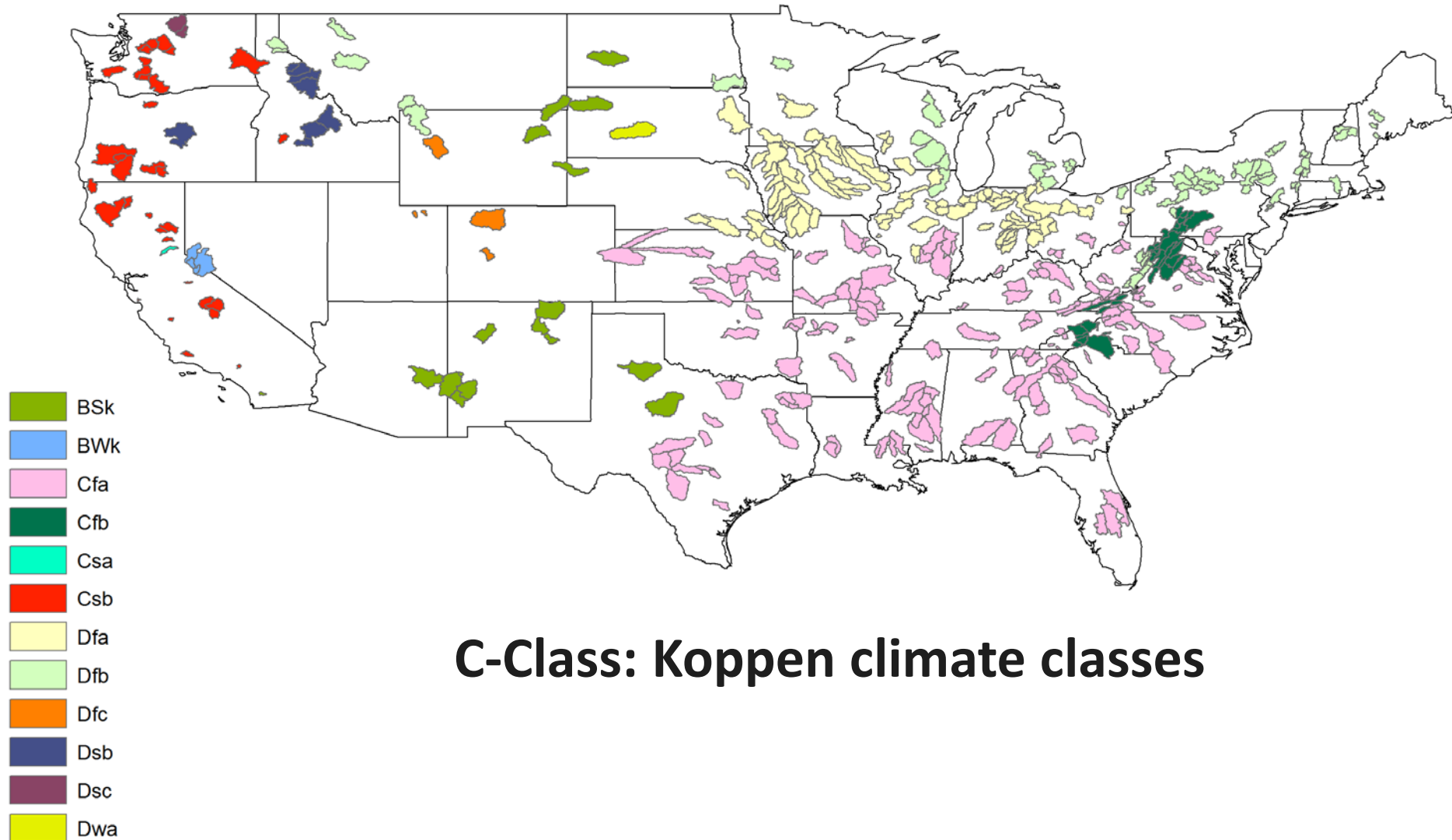
## Inversion based on 3 parameters



# Model reduction and parameter transferability

- ▶ Although parameter calibration could be used to improve model simulations and quantify uncertainties, it suffers from issues associated with high-dimensionality in number of parameters or large spatial dimensions (e.g., a global domain);
- ▶ To reduce the dimensionality, we need to cluster sites/grid cells into classes that share similar characteristics;
- ▶ A PCA+MCLUST-based approach is used for classifications;
- ▶ Different classification systems were explored:
  - C-Class: Climate-based
  - S-Class: sensitivity-based;
  - H-Class: hydrologic indices-based

# 431 MOPEX basins over the US



## C-Class: Koppen climate classes

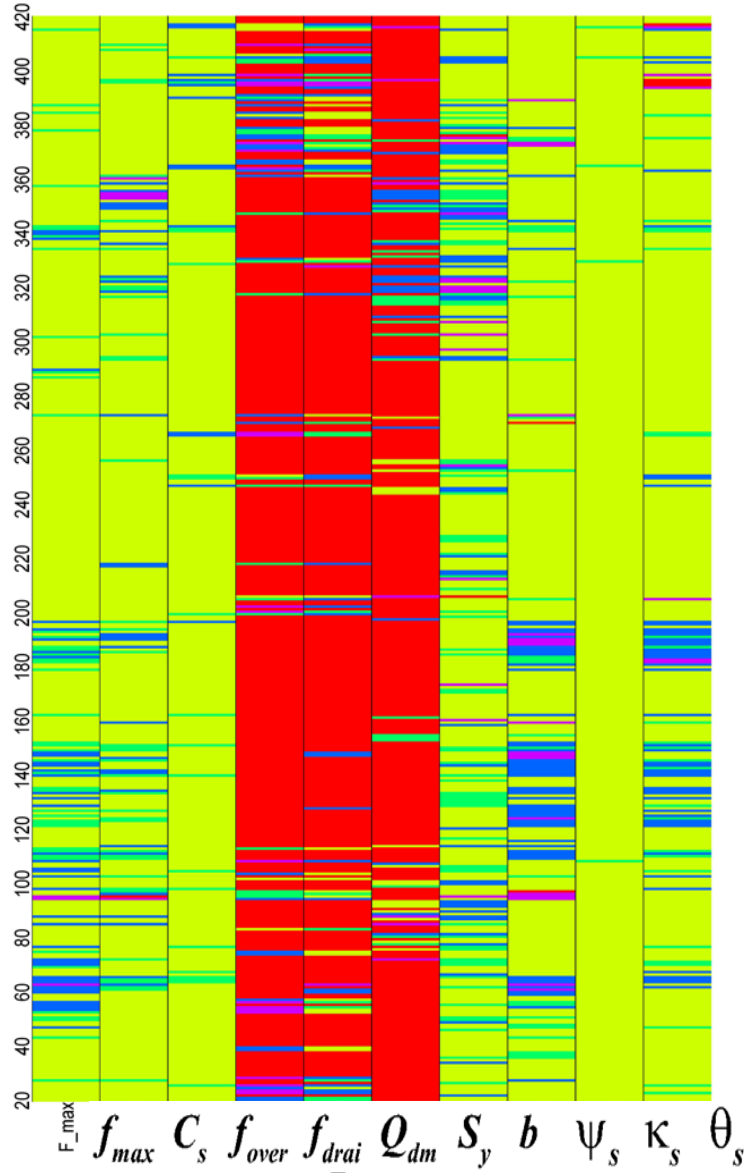
# Parameter sensitivity over 431 MOPEX basin



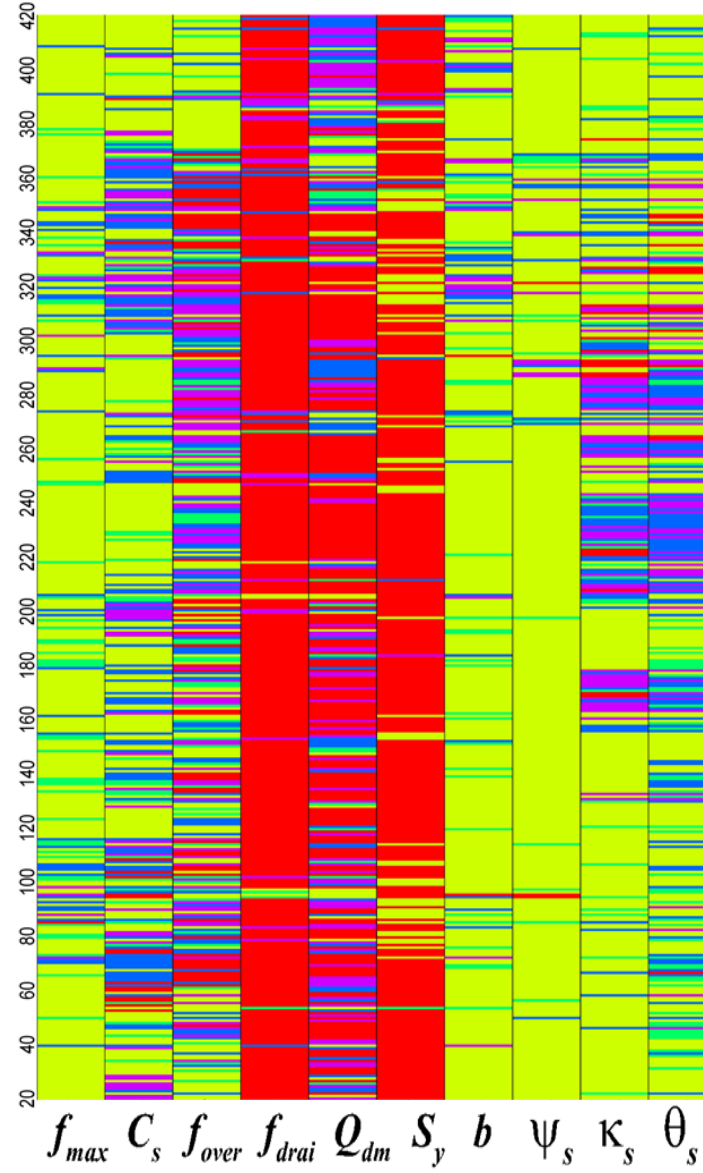
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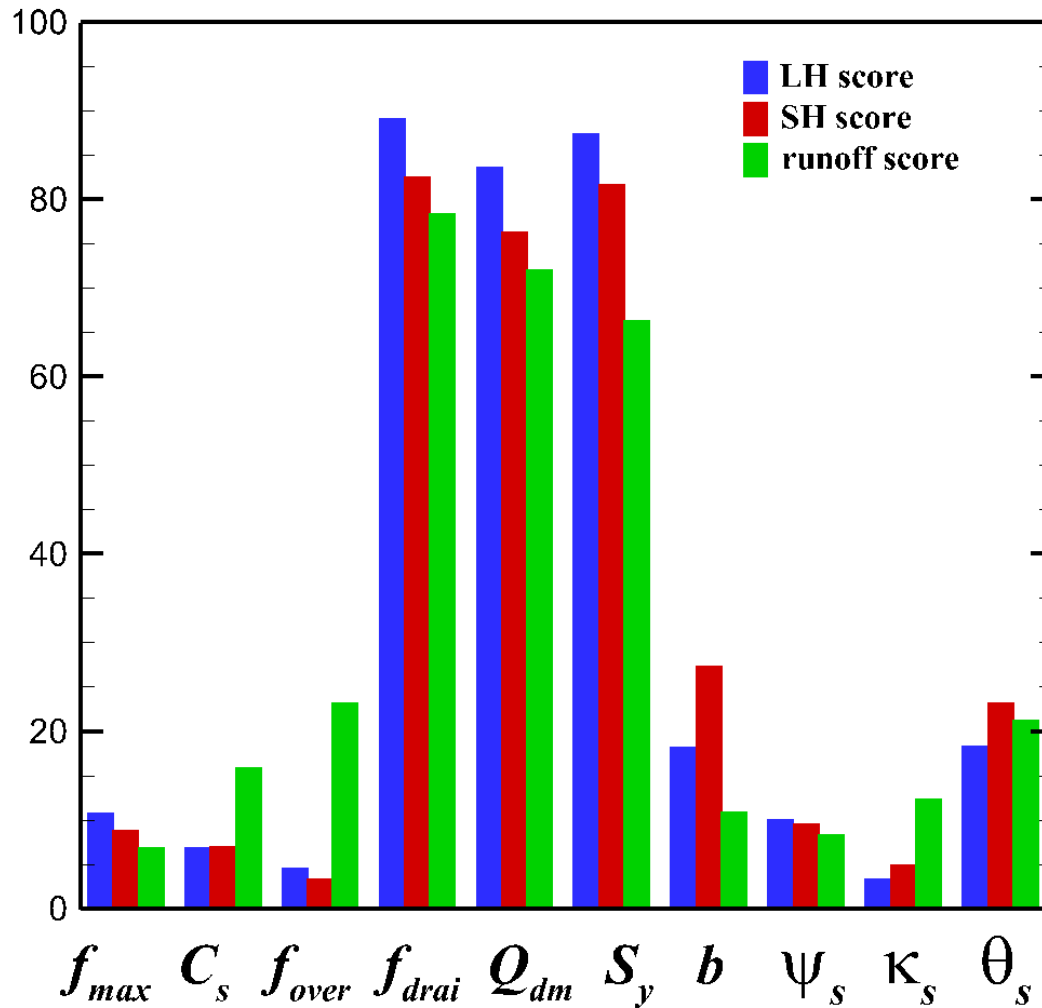
## Sensitivity of LH



## Sensitivity of runoff

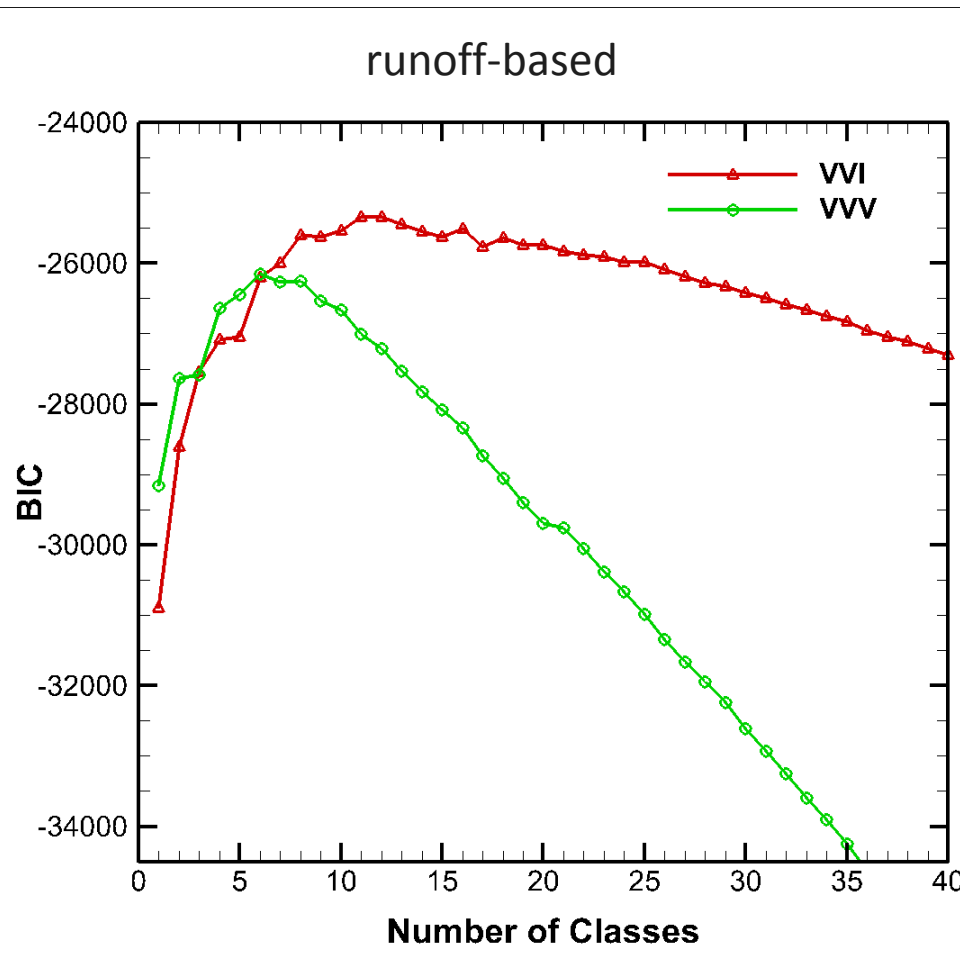
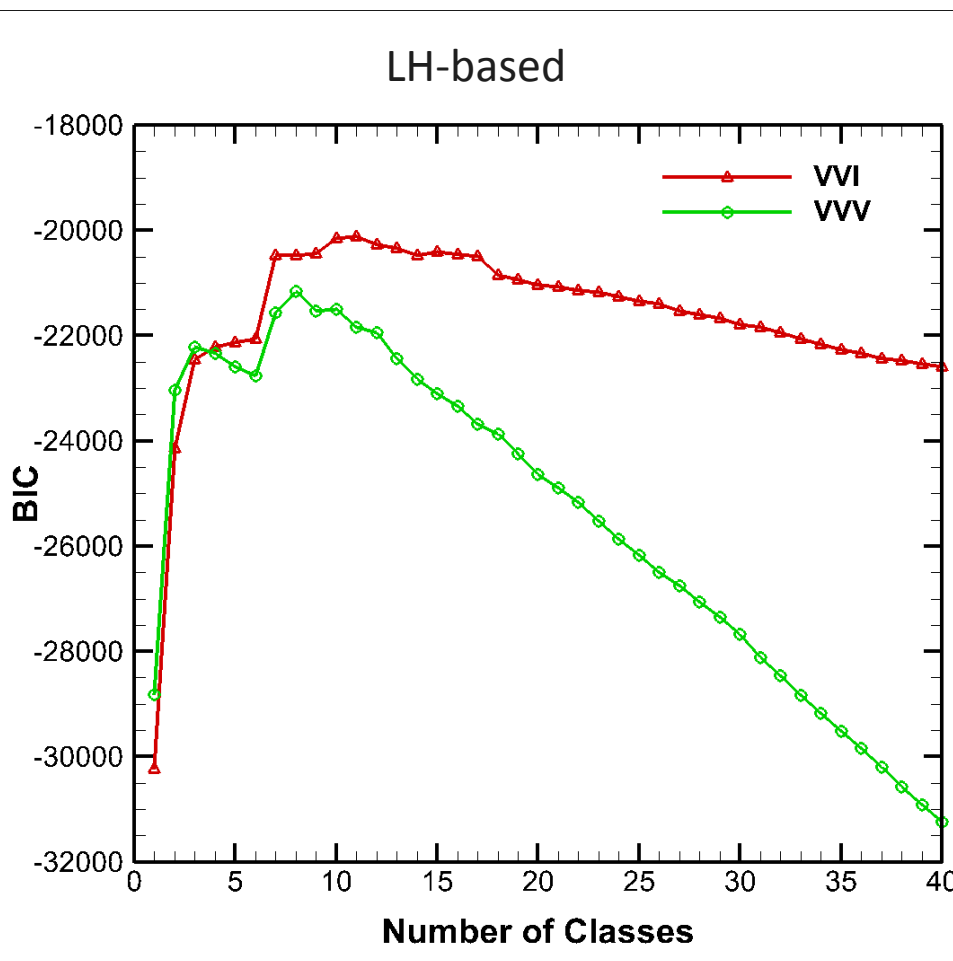


# Overall significance of the hydrologic parameters across the MOPEX basins

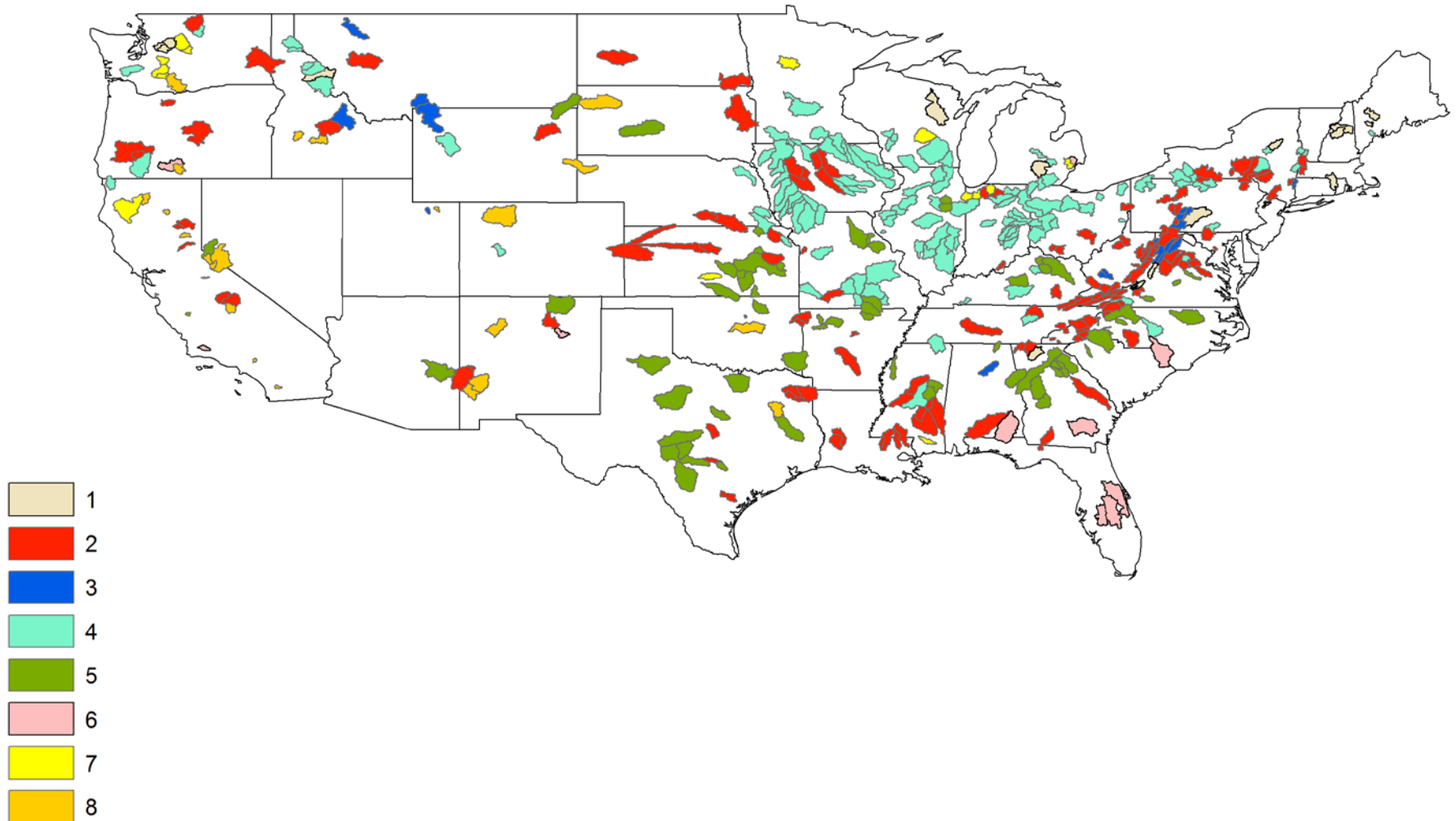


# Determine number of classes

- Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) for determining number of classes
- It is reasonable to choose 8 classes for the best compromise between class model complexity and likelihood of the model

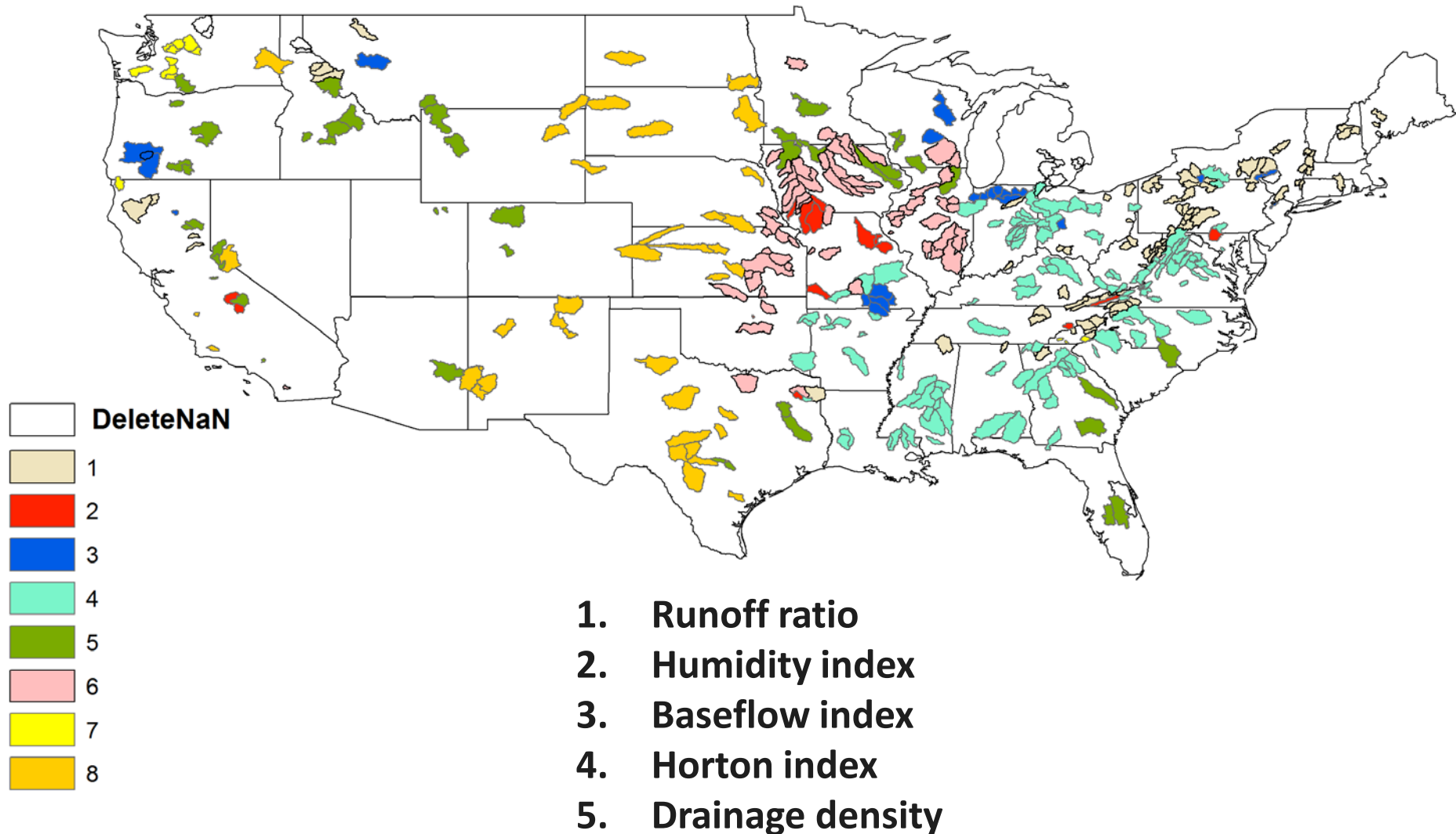


# S-Classes of the MOPEX basins





# H-Classes of the MOPEX basins





## Summary and future work

- ▶ An uncertainty quantification framework has been implemented with CLM4; Application of the framework to selected sites suggests that CLM4 show the largest sensitivity to subsurface runoff generation parameters;
- ▶ The global sensitivity analyses provides guidance on reduction of parameter set dimensionality and parameter inversion framework design for CLM4;
- ▶ To reduce the dimensionality, we classify sites into classes that share similar characteristics;
- ▶ MCMC-Bayesian calibrations (using CLM or its surrogates) will be conducted at representative sites within each class to test/confirm the parameter transferability among all MOPEX basins.



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# Summary of significance over flux towers

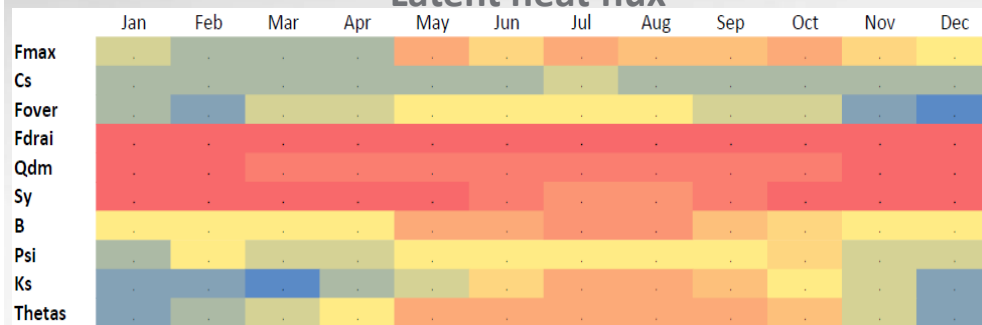
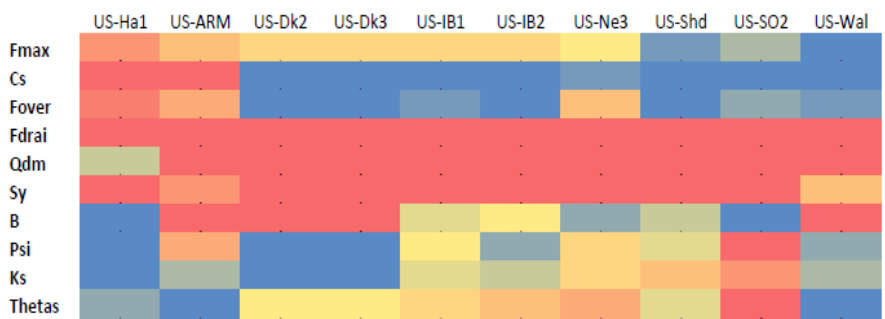
site-wise

warmer = more significant

seasonal

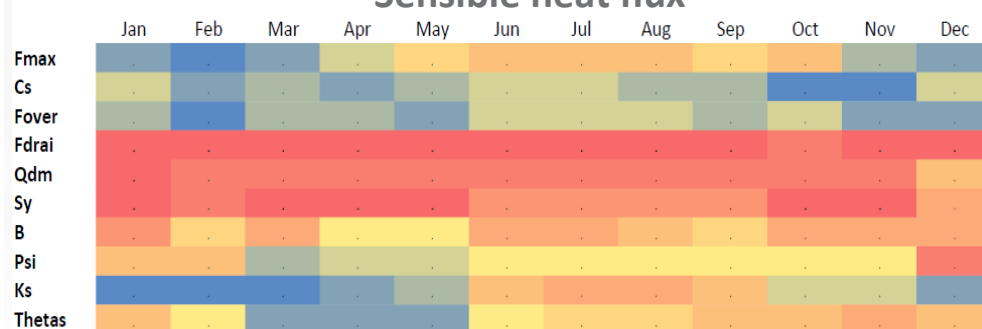
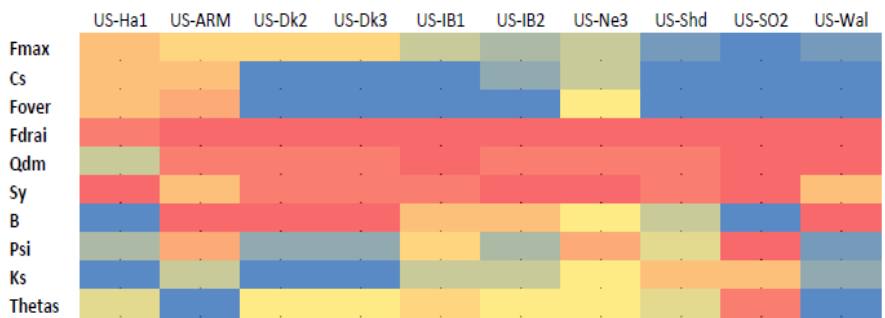
Latent heat flux

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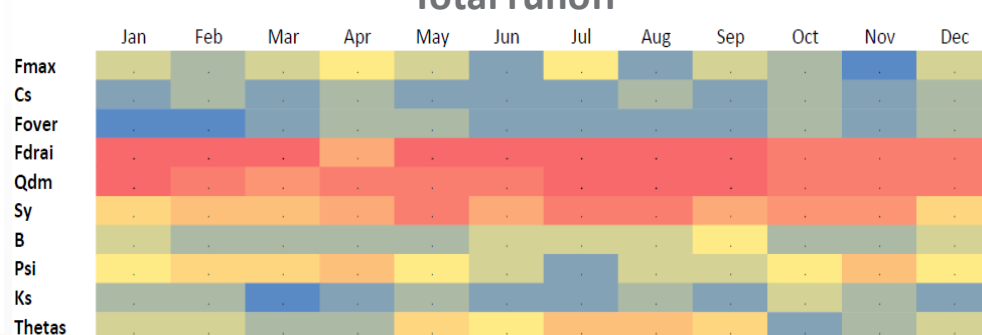
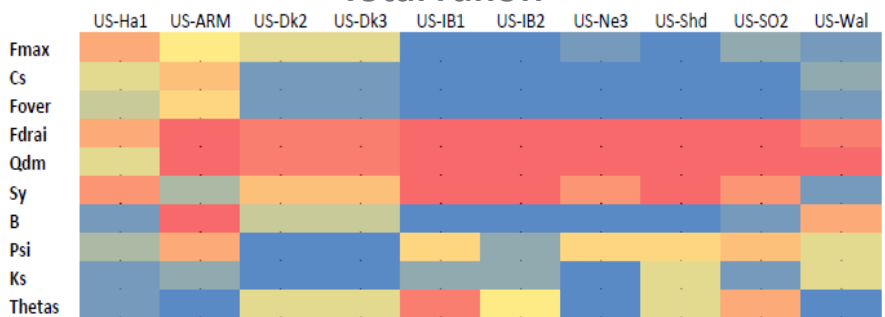
Sensible heat flux

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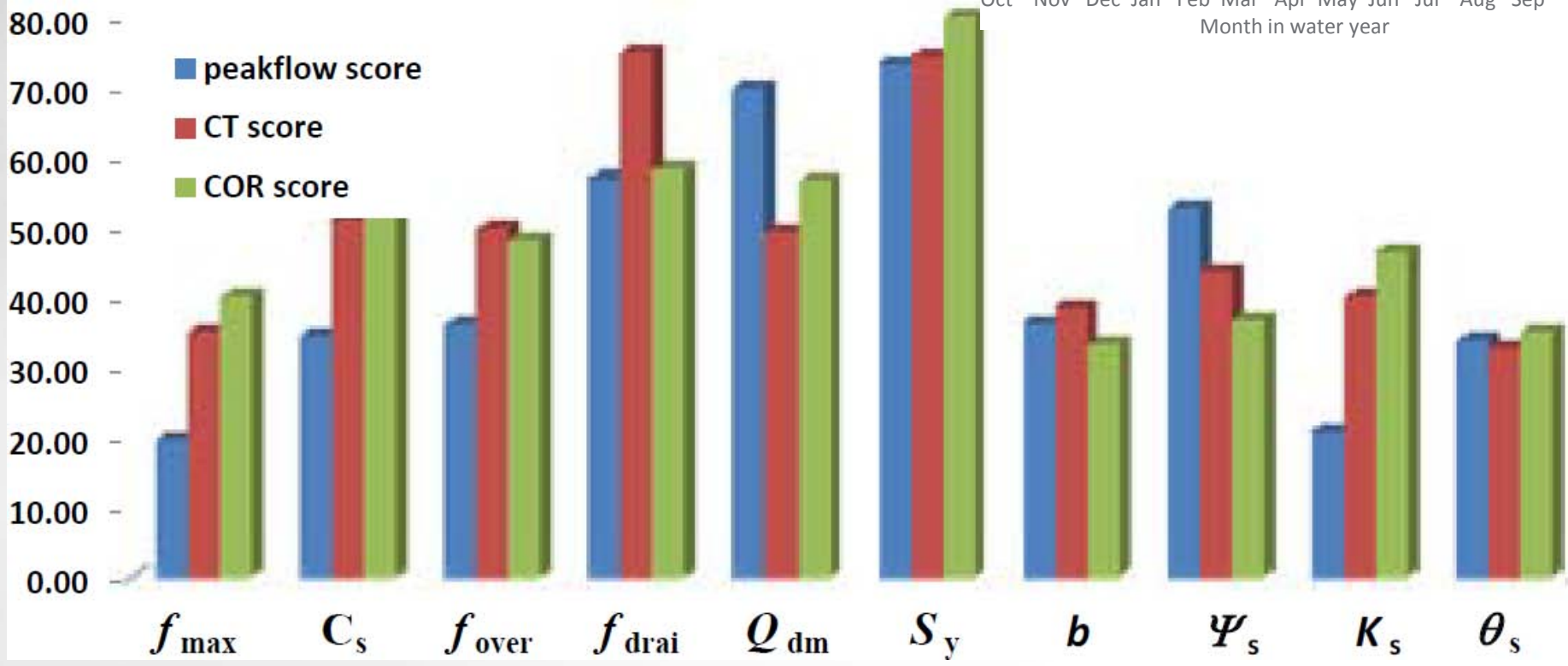
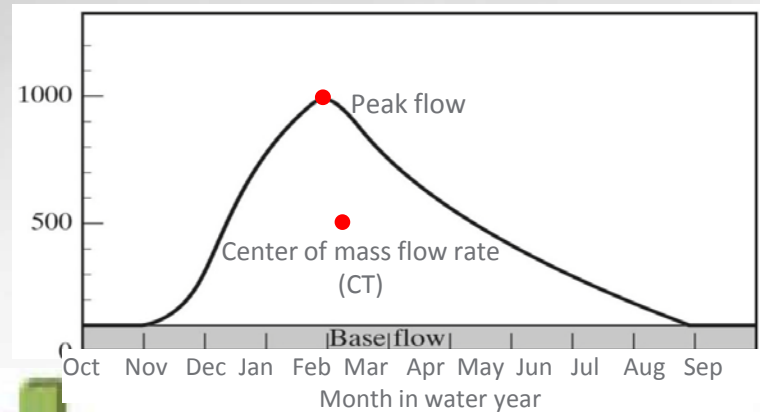
Total runoff

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# Potential of inversion: sensitivity of correlation with observed hydrographs over the MOPEX basins



# Posterior distributions based on the 3-parameter inversion at US-MOz

