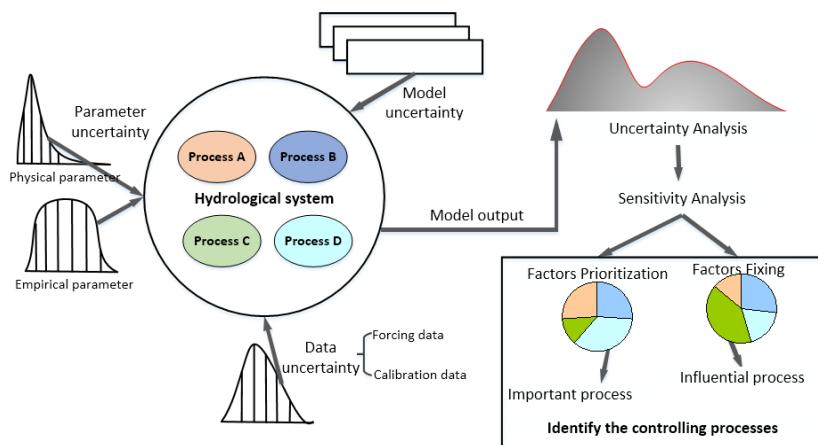




# 地下水模型控制过程识别的多模型全局敏感性分析方法及应用



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# 1. Introduction

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## 1.1 Research Background 研究背景

本文论文题目：

Two questions: 地下水模型控制过程识别的多模型  
全局敏感性分析方法及应用

Q1. Why brother to identify the controlling processes?  
为什么要识别控制过程？(什么是控制？)

Q2. Why multiple models should be considered?  
为什么要考虑多模型？(什么是多模型？)

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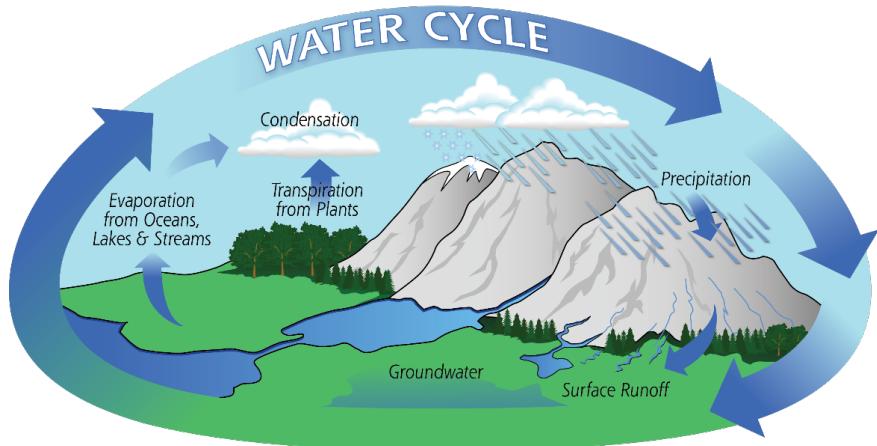
## 1.1 Research Background 研究背景

### Q1. Why bother to identify the controlling processes? 控制过程?

*“...for many phenomena 80% of the output or consequences are produced by 20% of the input or causes.”*

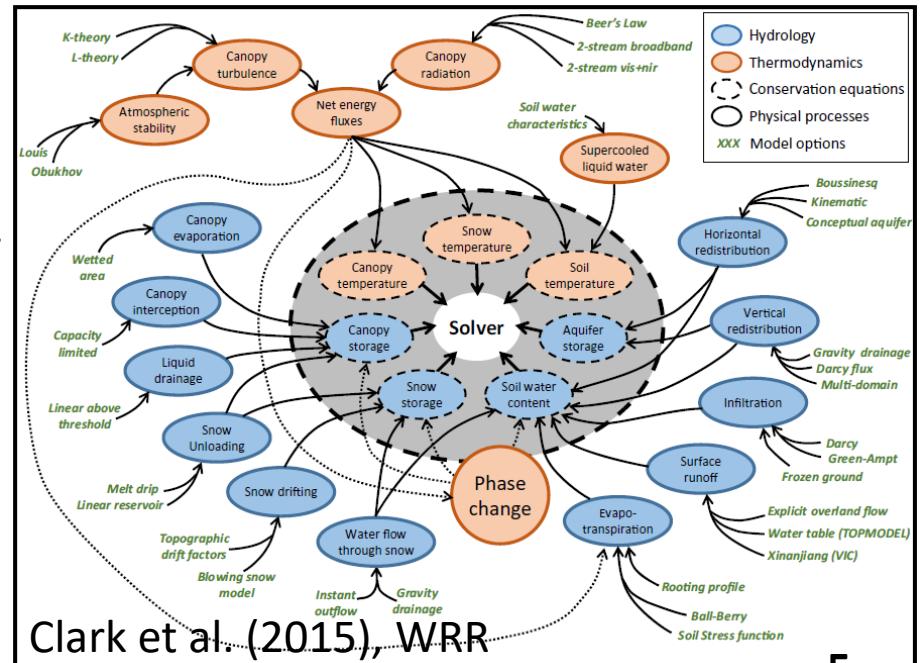
80% 的影响来自于 20% 的投入.

—The Pareto Principle



From:

<https://gpm.nasa.gov/education/interactive/anime-webquest-water-cycle>



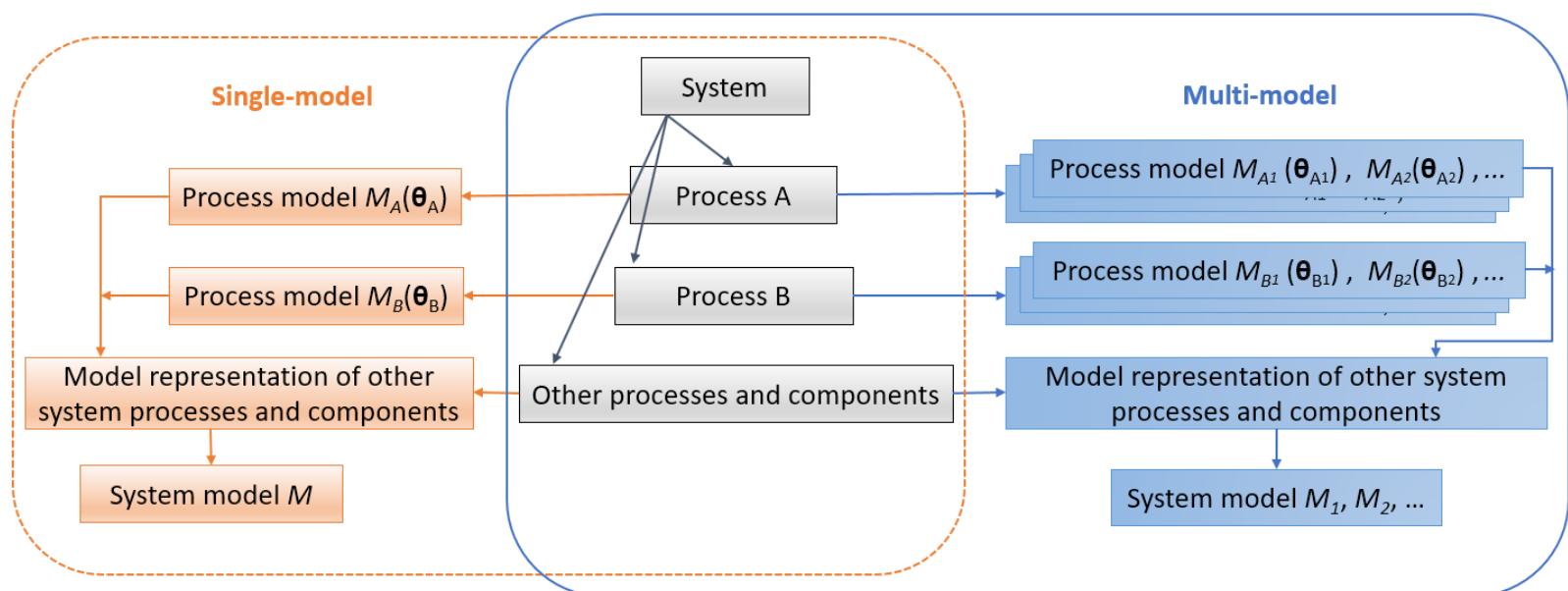
Clark et al. (2015), WRR

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## 1.1 Research Background 研究背景

### Q2. Why multiple models should be considered? 多模型?

第二个问题



系统与过程之间的关系和过程模型与系统模型之间的关系

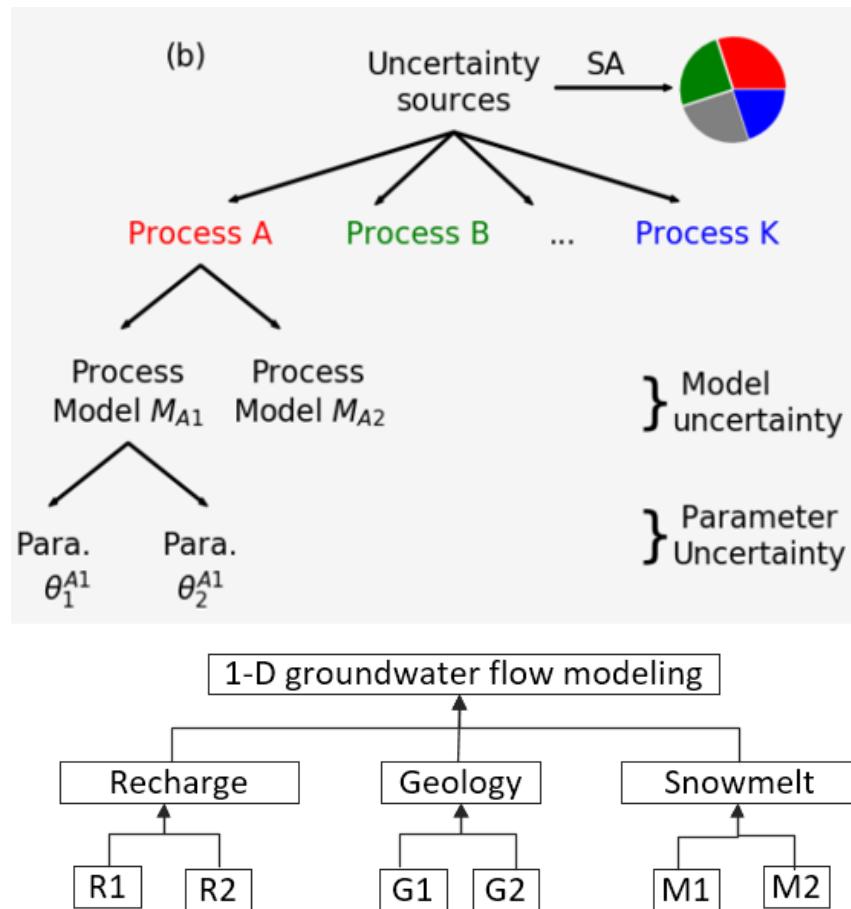
传统单模型：一个过程对应一个过程模型

多模型：一个过程对应多个过程模型

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### Q2. Why multiple models should be considered? 多模型?



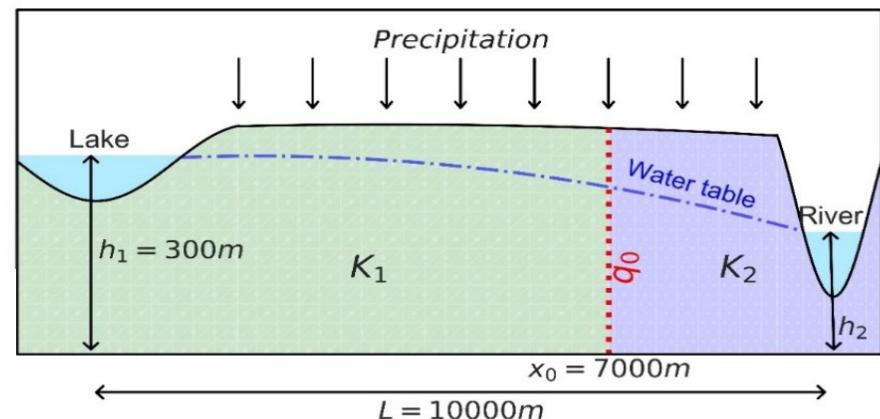
第二个问题

输出变量:  $x_0=7000$  m处流量

降雨入渗 ( $R_1, R_2$ )

渗透系数均值/非均质 ( $G_1, G_2$ )

右侧河流水位 ( $M_1, M_2$ )



8个模型 =  $2 \times 2 \times 2$   
 $R_1G_1M_1, \dots, R_2G_2M_2$

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## 1.1 Research Background 研究背景

### Q2. Why multiple models should be considered? 必要性2

$S_A - S_D$  denote fictitious values of “controlling index” for processes  $A - D$  of a system

|                   | $S_R$ | $S_G$ | $S_M$ |
|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Model $R_1G_1M_1$ | 50%   | 30%   | 20%   |
| Model $R_2G_2M_2$ | 30%   | 20%   | 50%   |

假设已经找到一个控制指标,  $S$ , 可以刻画模型的控制程度.  
由于多模型的存在, 考虑这个系统可以由两个模型刻画。

Which one is really of controlling?  
哪一个过程才是真正的控制过程?



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## 1.2 Literature Review and Problems 研究现状与存在问题

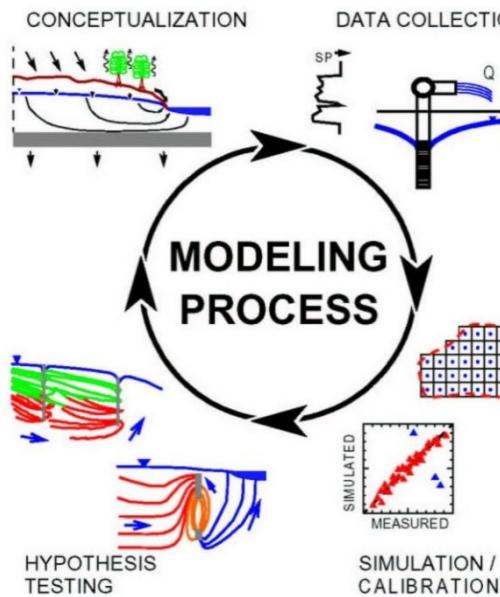
**Q. Can we measure the degree of the controlling for a process?**

给定一个过程，是否能测定它的控制程度？

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## 1.2 Literature Review and Problems 研究现状与存在问题

### 1.2.1 Uncertainty in hydrology modeling 水文模型不确定性



#### 三大类不确定

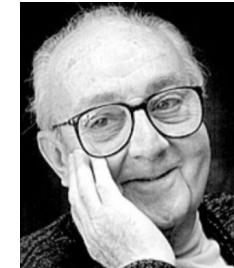
1. Data 数据
2. Parameter 参数
3. Model 模型



<http://inside.mines.edu/~epoeter/> 2006 Darcy Lecture

*“All models are approximations. Essentially, All models are wrong, but some are useful”.*

—George E. P. Box



All models are wrong, but some are useful.

— George E. P. Box —

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## 1.2 Literature Review and Problems 研究现状与存在问题

### 1.2.2 Sensitivity Analysis for Uncertainty Apportionment

The relationship between Uncertainty Analysis (UA) and Sensitivity Analysis (SA)?  
不确定性分析和敏感性分析的关系与区别

Why sensitivity analysis?



Generally, **UA comes before SA and SA should precede UA**: uncertainty needs to be first estimated and before it can be apportioned.

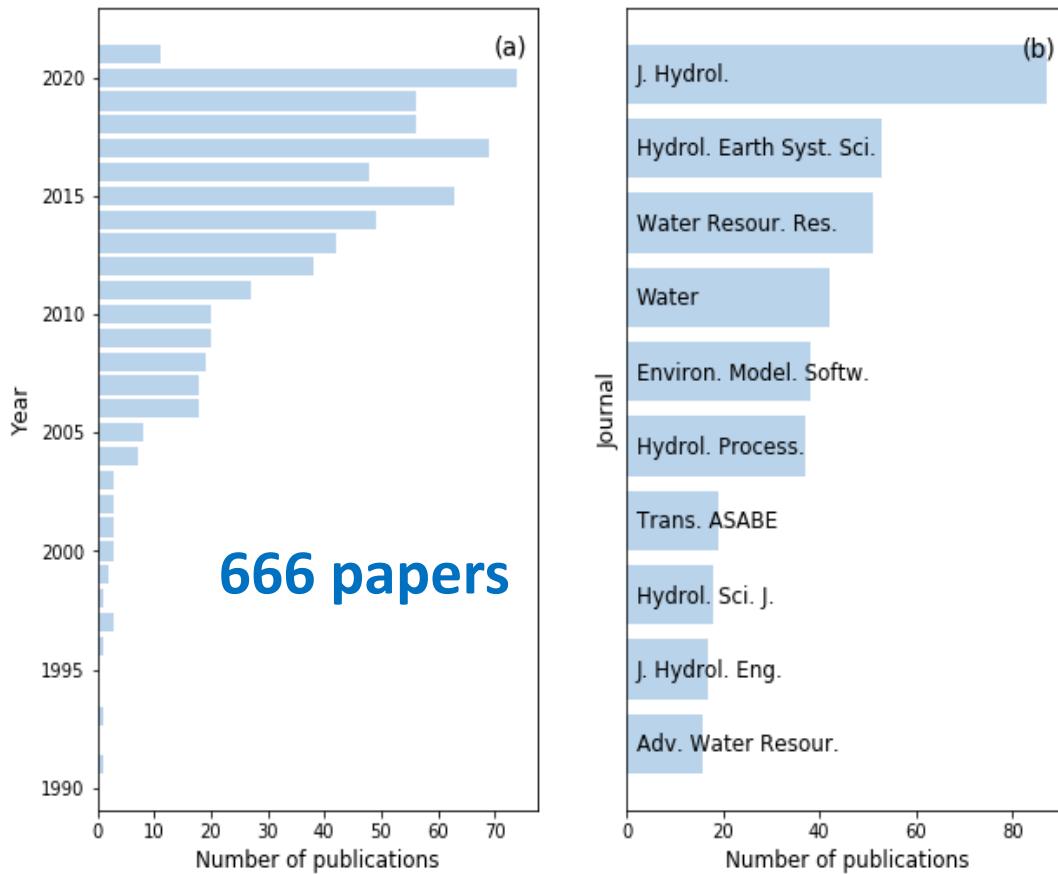
UA -- “How uncertain is my model output?” . 模型输出有多不确定

SA -- “this factor alone is responsible for 80% of the uncertainty in the output” . 某个因子贡献了80%的不确定

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## 1.2 Literature Review and Problems 研究现状与存在问题

### 1.2.2 Sensitivity Analysis for Uncertainty Apportionment



**Figure 1-2** (a) Yearly publications of peer-reviewed journal articles (i.e., the publication type should be “J”) on sensitivity analysis in the field of hydrologic modeling from the Web of Science Core Collection and (b) the top 10 publishing journals. The total number of records is 666 based on the search terms: **“sensitivity analysis” AND (“hydrologic” OR “hydrological”) AND (“model” OR “modeling”) AND “uncertainty”** on May 26, 2021.

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## 1.2 Literature Review and Problems 研究现状与存在问题

### 1.2.2 Sensitivity Analysis for Uncertainty Apportionment

| Classifications | LSA 局部敏感性分析   | GSA全局敏感性分析   |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Descriptions    | Compute <b>local response</b> of model output<br><br>区别：特定参数值点还是整个参数空间  | Evaluate the effect in the <b>entire ranges</b> of uncertain parameters  |
| Characteristics | Easy of operation and interpret, relatively low computational cost  | Estimating the effect of all the inputs or their combined effect on the variation of output based on numerous model runs   |
| Typical methods | Finite difference method; First-order second moment (FOSM)  | Regression method; Morris' method ( <a href="#">Morris 1991</a> ); Sobol's method ( <a href="#">Sobol' 2001</a> ); PAWN index; AMA indices; Delta moment-independent measure |
| Software        | C++ based PSUADE software ( <a href="#">Gan et al. 2014a</a> ); Sensitivity package for R; SAFE toolbox for MATLAB ( <a href="#">Pianosi et al. 2015</a> ); SALib package for Python ( <a href="#">Herman and Usher 2017</a> ). |  |

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## 1.2 Literature Review and Problems 研究现状与存在问题

### 1.2.2 Sensitivity Analysis for Uncertainty Apportionment

An open question in SA is how the uncertainty of the model output can be apportioned. **怎么分配?**

Within the framework of GSA, Saltelli et al. (2004) argued that this must be linked to the nature of the question(s) the SA is intended to address. They introduced four “settings”, i.e.,

- (1) Factors Prioritization Setting 因子排序,
- (2) Factors Fixing Setting 因子固定,
- (3) Variance Cutting Setting, 方差阈值
- (4) Factors Mapping Setting. 因子映射

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## 1.2 Literature Review and Problems 研究现状与存在问题

### 1.2.2 Sensitivity Analysis for Uncertainty Apportionment 前人研究

(1). Factors Prioritization Setting 因子排序: The objective of this setting is to identify the most important factor 重要因子, which is defined as the one that, if determined would result in the greatest reduction in the uncertainty of the system model output. 一经确定, 模型不确定性减少最多

(2). Factors Fixing Setting 因子固定: The objective of this setting, which could also be labelled “screening”, is to identify the non-influential factor 无影响因子 or the subset of input factors that we can fix at any given value within their range of uncertainty without significantly reducing the uncertainty in output. 可随意处置, 对模型不确定性减少最少

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## 1.2 Literature Review and Problems 研究现状与存在问题

### 1.2.2 Sensitivity Analysis for Uncertainty Apportionment 前人研究

A simple example:

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k). \quad f : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

#### Factors Prioritization 因子排序

统计指标 (方差 差分)  
衡量不确定性

找到这样的一个参数，当这个参数固定在参数真值的时候（假设我们知道），模型输出的不确定性减少最多 ---- 重要参数

#### Factors Fixing 因子固定

统计指标 (方差 差分)  
衡量不确定性

找到这样的一个参数，当其他参数固定在其真值，而这个参数在其范围任意变化时，模型不确定性基本不变 --- 无影响参数

where  $P_Y$  and  $P_{Y|x_i \sim i^*}$  are unconditional and conditional distributions (PDF or CDF) of the model output.

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## 1.2 Literature Review and Problems 研究现状与存在问题

### 1.2.3 Sensitivity Analysis for Uncertainty Apportionment 本文研究

#### Factors Prioritization – Important processes 重要过程

We want to make a rational bet on what is the process that one should fix to achieve the greatest reduction in the uncertainty of the output. In line with this, controlling processes are those control reductions of predictive uncertainty. **找到一个过程，此过程一经确定，模型输出不确定减少最多**

#### Factors Fixing – Influential processes 影响过程

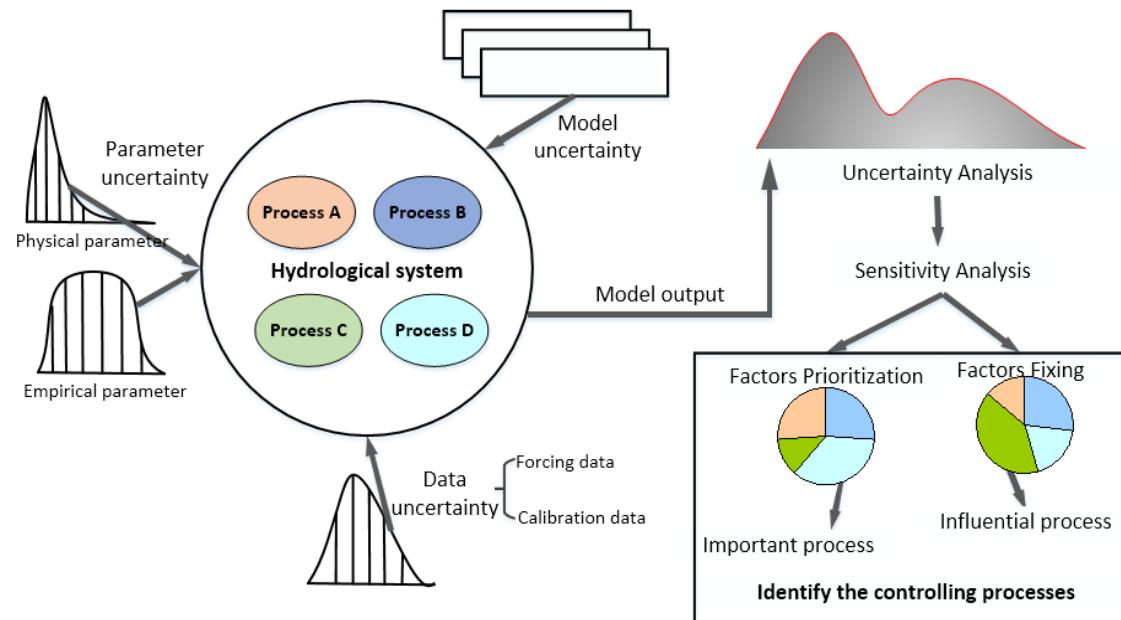
We try to screen the input processes by identifying process or sets of processes that non-influential. In this sense, controlling processes are those control how much uncertainty caused by themselves and their interactions with other processes. **找到一个过程，此过程无法确定，模型输出不确定最多，（相应的有最不影响的过程）**

# 1. General Background

## 1.2 Literature Review and Problems 研究现状与存在问题

### 1.2.3 Sensitivity Analysis for Uncertainty Apportionment

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**Figure 1-3.** A big picture depicting the uncertainties in hydrologic modeling, uncertainty analysis, sensitivity analysis, and identifying the controlling process via sensitivity analysis.

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## 1.2 Literature Review and Problems 研究现状与存在问题

### 1.2.4 Main Problems 主要问题

- The existing methods ignore the inherent uncertainty in conceptualizing and modeling individual processes. 多忽略模型不确定性
- The existing methods are lack of a summary measure that explicitly quantifies the relative importance of individual processes. 缺乏同时考虑模型不确定性和参数不确定性的方法
- The existing methods cannot be directly used for large-scale problems in practice, because the methods are computationally expensive due to their relying on Monte Carlo implementations. 计算量大，没有工具

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## 1.3 Research Objectives, Procedure, and Innovations

### 1.3.1 Research Objectives

The overarching scientific question to be answered in this project is as follows: **本文科学问题**

If we are not certain about the choice of process models and model parameters, how can we correctly identify the controlling processes of a complex system?

如果地下水模型过程模型和模型参数都不确定，  
怎样正确识别水文模型的控制过程？

# 1. General Background

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## 1.3 Research Objectives, Procedure, and Innovations

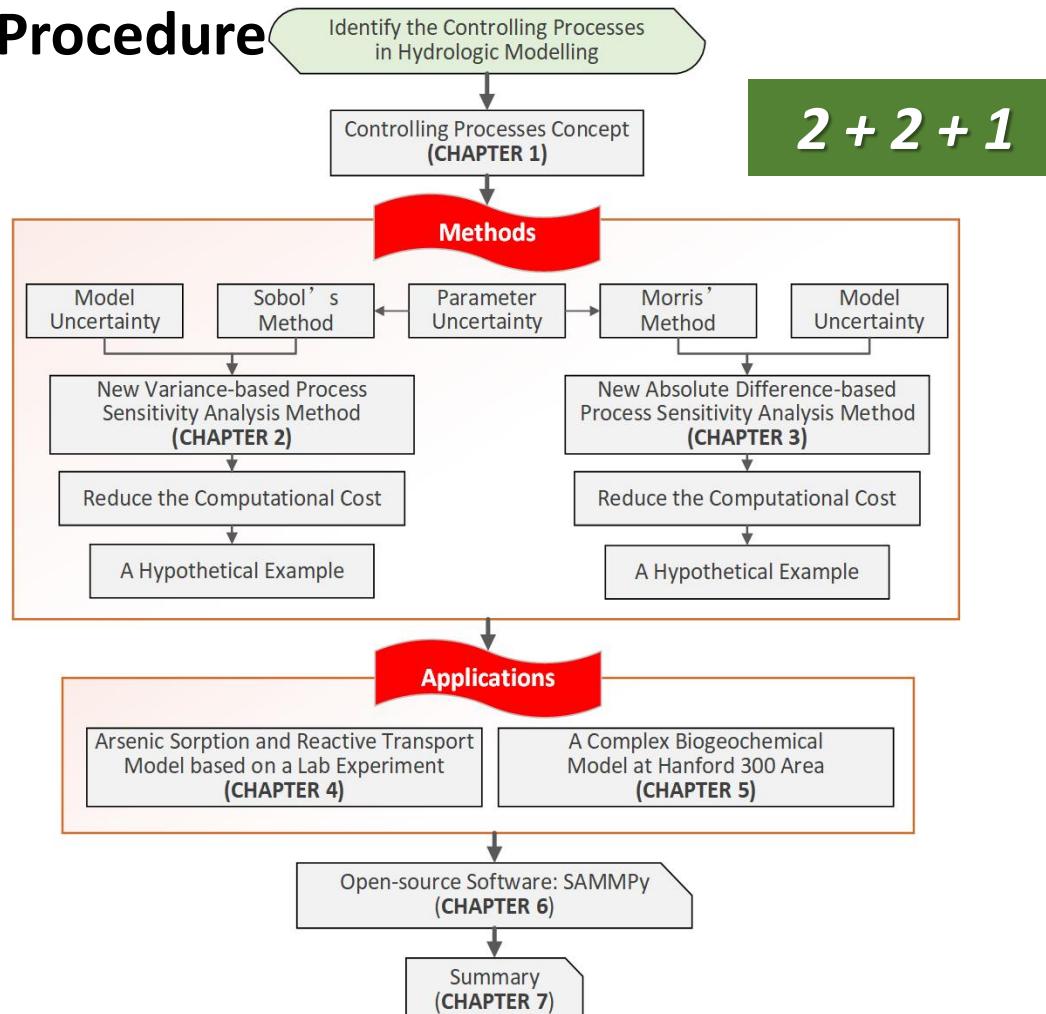
### 1.3.1 Research Objectives

- Introduce the concept of multiple working hypotheses and apply the new developed methods to real-word hydrologic models. 引入新概念，多模型
- Develop a set of new process sensitivity indices as summary measures to explicitly quantify relative importance and influence of individual processes. 提出新方法，控制过程
- Create new software or a package to put the ethos into action. 开发新软件，工具

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### 1.3.2 Research Procedure



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## 2. New VBSA Method

### 2.1 Methodology

#### 2.1.1 Traditional Sobol's Parameter Sensitivity Indices for a Single Model 前人研究：用方差衡量不确定性 --- 因子排序—重要过程

##### Factors Prioritization

Sobol first-order sensitivity index—阶敏感性指数

$$S_i = E_{X_i} \left( \frac{V(Y) - V_{X_{\sim i}}(Y | X_i = x_i)}{V(Y)} \right)$$

重要参数  
越大越重要

$$= \frac{V(Y) - E_{X_i} \left( V_{X_{\sim i}}[Y | X_i = x] \right)}{V(Y)} = \boxed{\frac{E_{X_i} \left( V_{X_{\sim i}}[Y | X_i = x] \right)}{V(Y)}}$$

因子排序-重要过程

找到这样的一个参数，当这个参数固定在参数真值的时候（假设我们知道），模型输出的不确定性减少最多 ---- 重要参数

单模型，仅考虑参数不确定

$$\zeta(P_Y, P_{Y|x_i^*}) \longrightarrow V(Y) - \boxed{V(Y | x_i = x_i^*)}$$

方差衡量不确定

## 2. New VBSA Method

### 2.1 Methodology

#### 2.1.1 Traditional Sobol's Parameter Sensitivity Indices for a Single Model 前人研究：用方差衡量不确定性 --- 因子固定—影响过程

#### Factors Prioritization

有影响参数  
越小影响程度就越小

Sobol total-effect sensitivity index 总效应敏感性指数

$$S_{Ti} = E_{X_{\sim i}} \left( \frac{V_{X_i}(Y | X_{\sim i})}{V(Y)} \right) = \frac{E_{X_{\sim i}} V_{X_i}(Y | X_{\sim i})}{V(Y)} = 1 - \frac{V_{X_{\sim i}} E_{X_i}(Y | X_{\sim i})}{V(Y)}$$

单模型，仅考虑参数不确定

因子固定-影响过程

找到这样的一个参数，当其他参数(除了这个参数)固定在其真值，而这个参数在其范围任意变化时，模型不确定基本不变 --- 无影响参数

$$\zeta(P_Y, P_{Y|x_{\sim i}^*}) \longrightarrow V(Y | x_{\sim i} = x_{\sim i}^*)$$

## 2. New VBSA Method

### 2.1 Methodology

#### 2.1.2 New Variance-based Process Sensitivity Indices for Multi-model

First-order process sensitivity index by Dai et al.  
(2017, WRR) 一阶过程敏感性指数

因子排序：重要过程

$$\text{Dai et al. (2017)} \quad PS_K = \frac{V_{\mathbf{M}_K} (E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} [\Delta | M_K])}{V(\Delta)}$$

找到一个过程，此过程一经确定(过程模型固定在真值，过程模型涉及的参数固定在真值)，模型输出不确定减少最多

Factors Fixing: WRR) 总效应过程敏感性指数

因子固定：影响过程

$$\text{本文贡献} \quad PS_{TK} = \frac{E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} (V_{\mathbf{M}_K} [\Delta | M_{\sim K}])}{V(\Delta)} = 1 - \frac{V_{\mathbf{M}_K} (E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} [\Delta | M_{\sim K}])}{V(\Delta)}$$

找到一个过程，此过程无法确定(过程模型无法确定，过程模型参数亦无法确定)，模型输出不确定最多

## 2. New VBSA Method

### 2.1 Methodology

#### 2.1.2 New Variance-based Process Sensitivity Indices for Multi-model

Total-effect process sensitivity index

$$PS_{TK} = \frac{E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}}(V_{\mathbf{M}_K}[\Delta | M_{\sim K}])}{V(\Delta)} = 1 - \frac{V_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}}(E_{\mathbf{M}_K}[\Delta | M_{\sim K}])}{V(\Delta)}$$

Expend it to include parameter uncertainty 推导扩展

$$V(\Delta) = E(\Delta^2) - E^2(\Delta)$$

$$V_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}}(E_{\mathbf{M}_K}[\Delta | M_{\sim K}]) = E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}}(E_{\mathbf{M}_K}[\Delta | M_{\sim K}])^2 - (E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\mathbf{M}_K}[\Delta | M_{\sim K}])^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}}(E_{\mathbf{M}_K}[\Delta | M_{\sim K}]) &= E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}}(E_{\mathbf{M}_K} E_{\theta_K | M_K}[\Delta | M_{\sim K}, \theta_{\sim K}, \theta_K, M_K])^2 \\ &\quad - (E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} E_{\mathbf{M}_K} E_{\theta_K | M_K}[\Delta | M_{\sim K}, \theta_{\sim K}, \theta_K, M_K])^2 \end{aligned}$$

## 2. New VBSA Method

### 2.2 Numerical Evaluation

**Total-effect process sensitivity index** 总效应过程敏感性指数

$$V_{M_{\sim K}}(E_{M_K}[\Delta | M_{\sim K}]) = [E_{M_{\sim K}} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} (E_{M_K} E_{\theta_K | M_K} [\Delta | M_{\sim K}, \theta_{\sim K}, \theta_K, M_K])^2 - (E_{M_{\sim K}} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} E_{M_K} E_{\theta_K | M_K} [\Delta | M_{\sim K}, \theta_{\sim K}, \theta_K, M_K])^2]$$

➤ Expectation with model uncertainty – Model Averaging

$$E_{M_{\sim K}} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} (\bullet) = \sum_{M_{\sim K}} E_{\sim \theta_K | M_K} (\bullet) P(M_{\sim K})$$

模型求期望--模型平均法

➤ Expectation with parameter uncertainty – Monte Carlo

参数求期望—蒙特卡洛方法

$$E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} \quad E_{\theta_K | M_K}$$

## 2. New VBSA Method

### 2.2 Numerical Evaluation

Loop [1] over model combinations  $M_{\sim K}$  for process  $\sim K$  in  $\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}$

Loop [2] over parameter realizations  $\theta_{\sim K}$  of model  $M_{\sim K}$  in  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim K}$

Loop [3] over process models  $M_K$  for process  $K$  in  $\mathbf{M}_K$

#### 伪代码

Loop [4] over parameter realizations  $\theta_K$  of model  $M_K$  in  $\boldsymbol{\theta}_K$

    Compute  $\Delta | M_{\sim K}, \theta_{\sim K}, M_K, \theta_K$

    End Loop [4]

    Compute  $E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K|M_K} [\Delta | \sim M_K, \sim \theta_K, \theta_K, M_K]$

End Loop [3]

Compute  $E_{M_K} E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K|M_K} [\Delta | \sim M_K, \sim \theta_K, \theta_K, M_K]$  and

$(E_{M_K} E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K|M_K} [\Delta | \sim M_K, \sim \theta_K, \theta_K, M_K])^2$  using model averaging

End Loop [2]

Compute  $E_{\sim \boldsymbol{\theta}_K \mid \sim M_K} E_{M_K} E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K|M_K} [\Delta | \sim M_K, \sim \theta_K, \theta_K, M_K]$  and

$E_{\sim \boldsymbol{\theta}_K \mid \sim M_K} (E_{M_K} E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K|M_K} [\Delta | \sim M_K, \sim \theta_K, \theta_K, M_K])^2$

End Loop [1]

Compute  $(E_{\sim M_K} E_{\sim \boldsymbol{\theta}_K \mid \sim M_K} E_{M_K} E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K|M_K} [\Delta | \sim M_K, \sim \theta_K, \theta_K, M_K])^2$  and

$E_{\sim M_K} E_{\sim \boldsymbol{\theta}_K \mid \sim M_K} (E_{M_K} E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K|M_K} [\Delta | \sim M_K, \sim \theta_K, \theta_K, M_K])^2$  using model averaging

To evaluate the total-effect process sensitivity index (as well as the first-order process sensitivity index proposed by [Dai et al. \(2017b\)](#)) for each process needs four loops, the corresponding total number of model executions is  $(N_{\sim K} \times n_{\sim K}) \times (N_K \times n_K)$ . The  $n_{\sim K} \times n_K$  would be computationally demanding since it relies Monte Carlo simulations.

计算复杂度  $O(n^2)$

$n$ : Monte Carlo 采样次数

## 2. New VBSA Method

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### 2.3 Efficient Design and Estimator to Reduce the Computational Cost

高效计算法

$$\Delta = f(R, G, S)$$

$$R_1 = M_{R1}(\theta_{R1}) \quad G_1 = M_{G1}(\theta_{G1}) \quad S_1 = M_{S1}(\theta_{S1})$$

$$R_2 = M_{R2}(\theta_{R2}) \quad G_2 = M_{G2}(\theta_{G2}^1, \theta_{G2}^2) \quad S_2 = M_{S2}(\theta_{S2}^1, \theta_{S2}^2)$$

## 2. New VBSA Method

### 2.3 Efficient Design and Estimator to Reduce the Computational Cost 高效算法

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{R1}^{(1)} & \theta_{G1}^{(1)} & \theta_{S2}^{1(1)} & \theta_{S2}^{2(1)} \\ \theta_{R1}^{(2)} & \theta_{G1}^{(2)} & \theta_{S2}^{1(2)} & \theta_{S2}^{2(2)} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \theta_{R1}^{(n)} & \theta_{G1}^{(n)} & \theta_{S2}^{1(n)} & \theta_{S2}^{2(n)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{R1}^{(1)} & \theta_{G1}^{(1)} & \theta_{S2}^{1(1)} & \theta_{S2}^{2(1)} \\ \theta_{R1}^{(2)} & \theta_{G1}^{(2)} & \theta_{S2}^{1(2)} & \theta_{S2}^{2(2)} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \theta_{R1}^{(n)} & \theta_{G1}^{(n)} & \theta_{S2}^{1(n)} & \theta_{S2}^{2(n)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{R1}^{(1)} & \theta_{G1}^{(1)} & \theta_{S2}^{1(1)} & \theta_{S2}^{2(1)} \\ \theta_{R1}^{(2)} & \theta_{G1}^{(2)} & \theta_{S2}^{1(2)} & \theta_{S2}^{2(2)} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \theta_{R1}^{(n)} & \theta_{G1}^{(n)} & \theta_{S2}^{1(n)} & \theta_{S2}^{2(n)} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{C}_2 = [\dots] \quad \text{特别设计采样矩阵} \\ \mathbf{C}_3 = [\dots] \quad O(n)$$

## 2. New VBSA Method

### 2.3 Efficient Design and Estimator to Reduce the Computational Cost

$$S_i = \frac{V_{\theta_i}(E_{\theta_{\sim i}}[\Delta | \theta_i])}{V(\Delta)} = 1 - \frac{(1/2n) \sum_{j=1}^n (\Delta_B^{(j)} - \Delta_{C_i}^{(j)})^2}{(1/n) \sum_{j=1}^n (\Delta_A^{(j)})^2 - \overline{\Delta}_A^2}$$

单模型 (传统)  
一阶敏感性

$$S_{Ti} = \frac{E_{\theta_{\sim i}}(V_{\theta_i}[\Delta | \theta_{\sim i}])}{V(\Delta)} = \frac{(1/2n) \sum_{j=1}^n (\Delta_A^{(j)} - \Delta_{C_i}^{(j)})^2}{(1/n) \sum_{j=1}^n (\Delta_A^{(j)})^2 - \overline{\Delta}_A^2}$$

单模型 (传统)  
总效应敏感性

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### 2.3 Efficient Design and Estimator to Reduce the Computational Cost

$E_{\mathbf{M}_K} E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K | M_K} (E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} [\Delta | \Delta | \boldsymbol{\theta}_K, M_K, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}])^2$  多模型一阶敏感性

$$= \sum_{p=1}^{m_k} \sum_{q=1}^{m_{\sim k}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n [\Delta_B^{(j)} | M_{K_p}, M_{\sim K_q}] [\Delta_{C_i}^{(j)} | M_{K_p}, M_{\sim K_q}] P(M_{\sim K_q})^2 P(M_{K_p})$$
$$+ \sum_{p=1}^{m_k} \sum_{q=1}^{m_{\sim k}} \sum_{r=1 \atop r \neq q}^{m_{\sim k}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n [\Delta_B^{(j)} | M_{K_p}, M_{\sim K_q}] [\Delta_{C_i}^{(j)} | M_{K_p}, M_{\sim K_r}] P(M_{\sim K_r}) P(M_{\sim K_q}) P(M_{K_p})$$

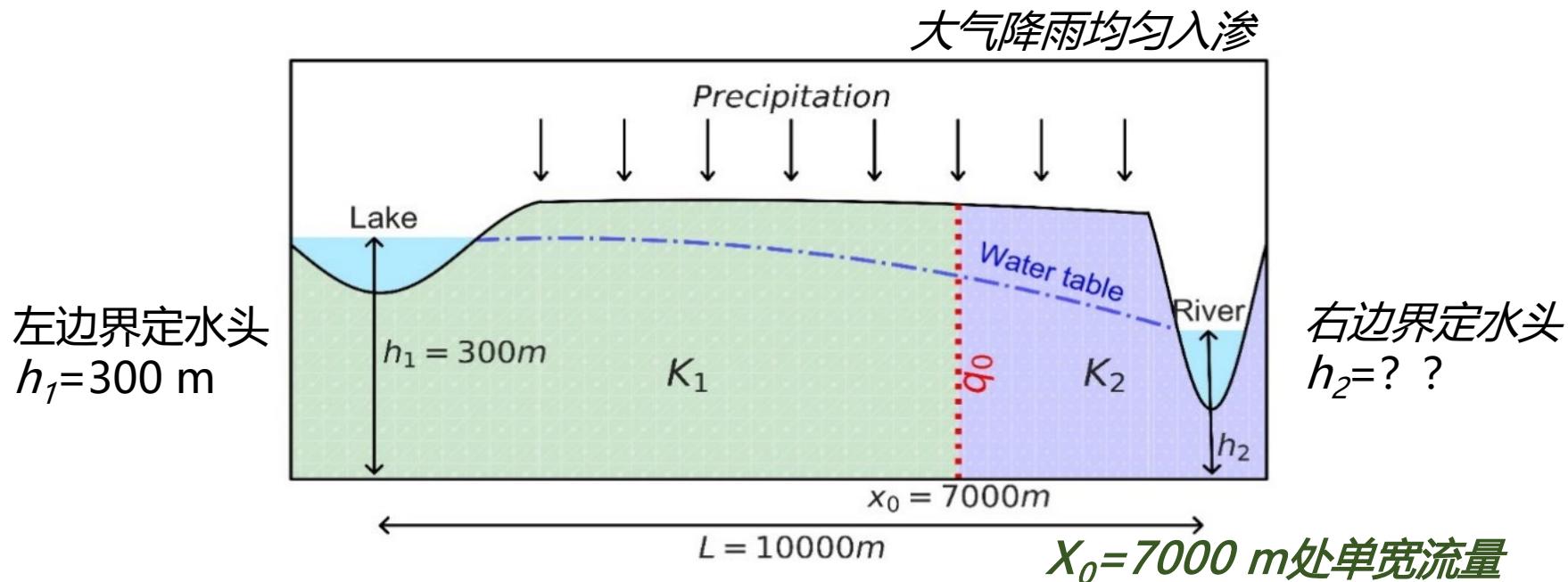
计算复杂度  $O(n)$

$E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} (E_{\mathbf{M}_K} E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K | M_K} [\Delta | \boldsymbol{\theta}_K, M_K, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}])^2$  多模型总效应敏感性

$$= \sum_{q=1}^{m_{\sim K}} \sum_{p=1}^{m_K} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n [\Delta_A^{(j)} | M_{K_p}, M_{\sim K_q}] [\Delta_{C_i}^{(j)} | M_{K_p}, M_{\sim K_q}] P(M_{K_p})^2 P(M_{\sim K_q})$$
$$+ \sum_{q=1}^{m_{\sim K}} \sum_{p=1}^{m_K} \sum_{r=1 \atop r \neq p}^{m_K} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n [\Delta_A^{(j)} | M_{K_p}, M_{\sim K_q}] [\Delta_{C_i}^{(j)} | M_{K_r}, M_{\sim K_q}] P(M_{K_r}) P(M_{K_p}) P(M_{\sim K_q})$$

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### 2.4 A Hypothetical Example 一维河间地块模型



**Figure 2.2** Sketch of the one-dimensional groundwater flow model. The aquifer is bounded with constant head boundary conditions. The left boundary is adjacent to a lake with a constant head of  $h_1=300\text{ m}$ . The right boundary is adjacent to a river while no measuring data is available for the river stage. The divide of the two zones for the hydraulic conductivity at  $x_0=7000\text{ m}$  is marked with dashed line and the groundwater discharge per unit width at this location ( $q_0$ ) is our quantity of interest.

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### 2.4 A Hypothetical Example

- Two recharge process models 降雨入深模型

$$R_1 : w = a(P - 14)^{0.5} \times 0.0254 / 365$$

$$R_2 : w = b(P - 15.7) \times 0.0254 / 365$$

线性/非线性入渗补给

where  $P = 60$  inch/yr;  $a$  and  $b$  are scaling parameter, which follows  $N(2.0, 0.4^2)$  and  $U[0.2, 0.5]$ , respectively.

- Two geology process models 地质模型

$$G_1 : K \text{ for any } x$$

$$G_2 : K = \begin{cases} K_1 & \text{for } x < 7000 \\ K_2 & \text{for } x \geq 7000 \end{cases}$$

均值/非均质渗透系数

where  $K$  follows  $LN(2.9, 0.5^2)$ ,  $K_1$  follows  $LN[2.6, 0.3^2]$ , and  $K_2$  follows  $LN[3.2, 0.3^2]$ .

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### 2.4 A Hypothetical Example

- Two snowmelt process models 融雪径流模型 → 右侧河流水位

$$h_2 = 0.3Q^{0.6} + 289 \quad \text{河流水位-流量关系}$$

where  $Q$  is the river discharge, which is estimated as

$$Q = C_{sn} \times M \times SVC \times A \times \frac{0.001}{86400} \quad \text{河道流量由上游融雪量控制}$$

where  $C_{sn} = 0.8$  is runoff coefficient,  $M = 0.7 \text{ mm/d}$  is the snowmelt rate,  $SVC = 0.7$  is the ratio of snow-covered area to the watershed area  $A = 2000 \text{ km}^2$ .

不考虑/考虑太阳辐射

$$M_1 : M = f_1(T_a - T_m) \quad \text{度-日模型}$$

$$M_2 : M = f_2(T_a - T_m) + rR_n \quad \text{融入太阳辐射的度-日模型}$$

where  $f_1$  follows  $LN(2.9, 0.5^2)$ ,  $f_2$  follows  $LN[2.6, 0.3^2]$ , and  $r$  follows  $LN[3.2, 0.3^2]$ .  $T_a = 7^\circ\text{C}$  is the average temperature,  $T_m = 0^\circ\text{C}$  temperature threshold when snowmelt occurs,  $R_n = 80 \text{ W/m}^{-2}$ .

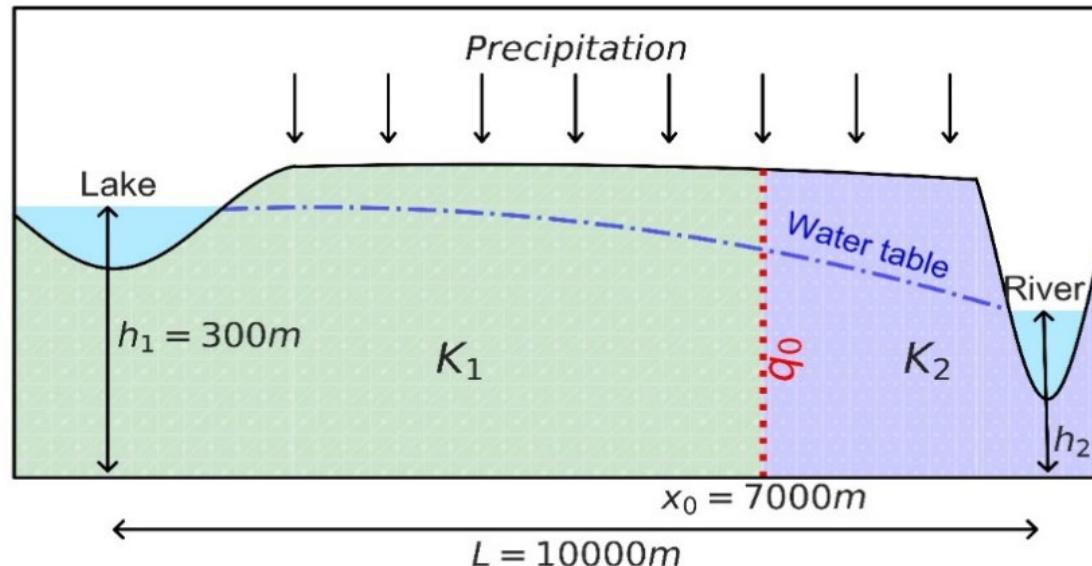
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### 2.4 A Hypothetical Example

Analytical solutions for the groundwater discharge per unit width 解析解

**单宽流量**  $q(x) = K_1 \frac{h_1^2 - h_2^2}{2(x_0 - \lambda x_0 + \lambda L)} - \frac{1}{2} w \frac{x_0^2 - \lambda x_0^2 + \lambda L^2}{x_0 - \lambda x_0 + \lambda L} + wx$

where  $\lambda = K_1/K_2$ .



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### 2.4 A Hypothetical Example

Sensitivity Results – Eight individual system models

单模型下控制过程识别  
重要过程 -  $S_i$   
影响过程 -  $S_{Ti}$

|              | Considering parametric uncertainty but not process model uncertainty |    |       |             |    |            |             |              |       |             |              |            |
|--------------|--|----|-------|-------------|----|------------|-------------|--------------|-------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| Model        | $R_1G_1M_1$  |    |       | $R_1G_1M_2$ |    |            | $R_1G_2M_1$ |              |       | $R_1G_2M_2$ |              |            |
| Parameter    | a  | K  | $f_1$ | a           | K  | $f_2 \& r$ | a           | $K_1 \& K_2$ | $f_1$ | a           | $K_1 \& K_2$ | $f_2 \& r$ |
| $S_i$ (%)    | 12   | 22 | 51    | 15          | 47 | 30         | 33          | 11           | 51    | 35          | 36           | 26         |
| Rank         | 3  | 2  | 1     | 3           | 1  | 2          | 2           | 3            | 1     | 2           | 1            | 3          |
| $S_{Ti}$ (%) | 12   | 37 | 66    | 15          | 56 | 38         | 34          | 16           | 55    | 36          | 39           | 28         |
| Rank         | 3  | 2  | 1     | 3           | 1  | 2          | 2           | 3            | 1     | 2           | 1            | 3          |
| Model        | $R_2G_1M_1$  |    |       | $R_2G_1M_2$ |    |            | $R_2G_2M_1$ |              |       | $R_2G_2M_2$ |              |            |
| Parameter    | b  | K  | $f_1$ | b           | K  | $f_1$      | b           | $K_1 \& K_2$ | $f_1$ | b           | $K_1 \& K_2$ | $f_2 \& r$ |
| $S_i$ (%)    | 22   | 20 | 45    | 26          | 41 | 26         | 49          | 11           | 37    | 49          | 30           | 19         |
| Rank         | 2  | 3  | 1     | 2           | 1  | 3          | 1           | 3            | 2     | 1           | 2            | 3          |
| $S_{Ti}$ (%) | 22   | 33 | 59    | 26          | 48 | 33         | 50          | 14           | 40    | 50          | 32           | 20         |
| Rank         | 3  | 2  | 1     | 3           | 1  | 2          | 1           | 3            | 2     | 1           | 2            | 38 3       |

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### 2.4 A Hypothetical Example

多模型下控制过程识别

Sensitivity Results – Considering multiple models

|                      | Considering parametric uncertainty and process model uncertainty |  |       |  |       |
|----------------------|--|--|-------|--|-------|
| Process              | R  |  | G     |  | M     |
| PS <sub>K</sub> (%)  | 14.32  |  | 6.79  |  | 63.99 |
| Rank                 | 2  |  | 3     |  | 1     |
| PS <sub>TK</sub> (%) | 14.67  |  | 21.68 |  | 78.54 |
| Rank                 | 3  |  | 2     |  | 1     |

The results were obtained by using a total number of  $216,000,000 = 2 \times 300 \times 2 \times 300 \times 2 \times 300$  Monte Carlo simulation runs, corresponding to 2 recharge process models  $\times$  300 parameters  $\times$  2 geology process models  $\times$  300 parameters  $\times$  2 snowmelt process models  $\times$  300 parameters.

$PS_K \neq PS_{TK}$  跟Dai et al. (2017) 最大的不同

The ranking changes!

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### 2.4 A Hypothetical Example

#### Process Interaction

Second-order

Third-order

过程间的相互作用

Decomposition:  $PS_{TK} = PS_K + \sum_K \sum_V PS_{K,V} + \sum_K \sum_V \sum_W PS_{K,V,W} + \dots$

Define:  $PS_{K,V} = \frac{V_{K,V}(E_{\sim(K,V)}[\Delta | K, V])}{V(\Delta)} - \frac{V_K(E_{\sim K}[\Delta | K])}{V(\Delta)} - \frac{V_V(E_{\sim V}[\Delta | V])}{V(\Delta)}$

$$V_{K,V}(E_{\sim(K,V)}[\Delta | K, V])$$

$$= V_{M_{K,V}}(E_{M_{\sim(K,V)}}[\Delta | M_{K,V}])$$

$$= E_{M_{K,V}} E_{\theta_{K,V}|M_{K,V}} (E_{M_{\sim(K,V)}} E_{\theta_{\sim(K,V)}|M_{\sim(K,V)}} [\Delta | M_{K,V}, \theta_{K,V}, M_{\sim(K,V)}, \theta_{\sim(K,V)}])^2$$

$$- (E_{M_{K,V}} E_{\theta_{K,V}|M_{K,V}} E_{M_{\sim(K,V)}} E_{\theta_{\sim(K,V)}|M_{\sim(K,V)}} [\Delta | M_{K,V}, \theta_{K,V}, M_{\sim(K,V)}, \theta_{\sim(K,V)}])^2$$

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### 2.4 A Hypothetical Example

Weighted average? 多模型下控制程度（一阶和总效应）  
是否是单模型的平均？

- The variance left for total-effect process sensitivity index  $PS_{TK}$  under multiple models is not simply the weighted average.

$$\begin{aligned} & E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}}(V_{\mathbf{M}_K}[\Delta | M_{\sim K}]) \\ &= E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}}(V_{\mathbf{M}_K}[\Delta | M_{\sim K}]) \\ &= \underbrace{\sum_{N_{\sim K}} \sum_{N_K} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} V_{\theta_K | M_K} [\Delta | \theta_K, M_K, \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}] P(M_K) P(M_{\sim K})}_{\text{within-model variance left}} \end{aligned}$$

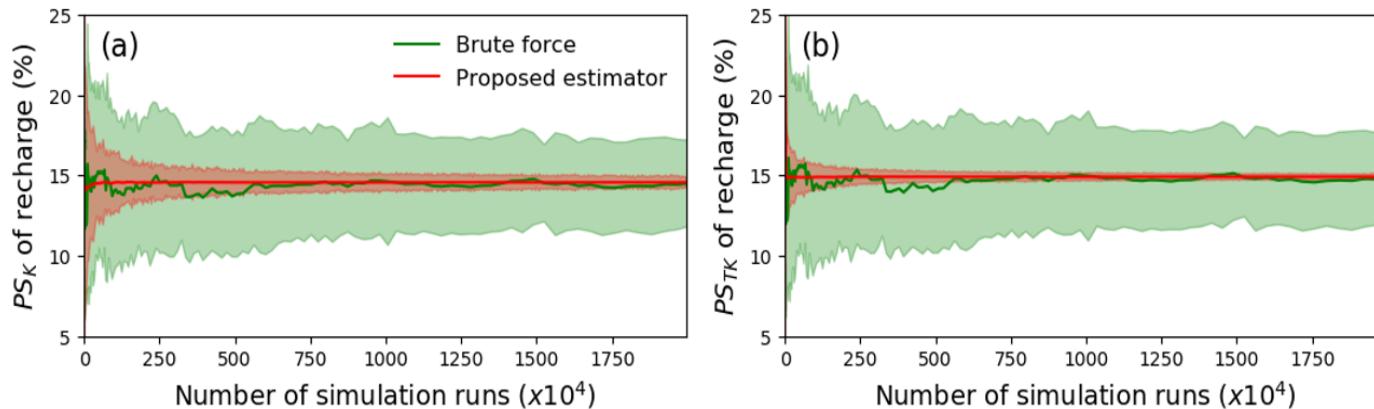
$$+ \underbrace{\sum_{N_{\sim K}} \sum_{N_K} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} \left( \frac{E_{\theta_K | M_K} [\Delta | \theta_K, M_K, \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}] - E_{\mathbf{M}_K} E_{\theta_K | M_K} [\Delta | \theta_K, M_K, \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}]}{\sqrt{P(M_K) P(M_{\sim K})}} \right)^2}_{\text{between-model variance left}}$$

多模型下的控制指标并不是单模型下的简单平均！！！

## 2. New VBSA Method

### 2.4 A Hypothetical Example

Convergence and Computational Cost Analysis 高效算法对比



**Figure 2-9.** Convergence plots of (a) first-order process sensitivity index  $PS_K$  and (b) total-effect process sensitivity index  $PS_{TK}$  of recharge process in the groundwater flow modeling. The green and red areas denote the 95% confidence intervals estimated using bootstrap sampling for the brute force method and proposed efficient estimator, respectively.

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#### 3.1 Methodology

##### 3.1.1 Traditional Morris Screening Method for a Single Model

Based on the Elementary Effect (EE) 基效应 (Morris, 1991)

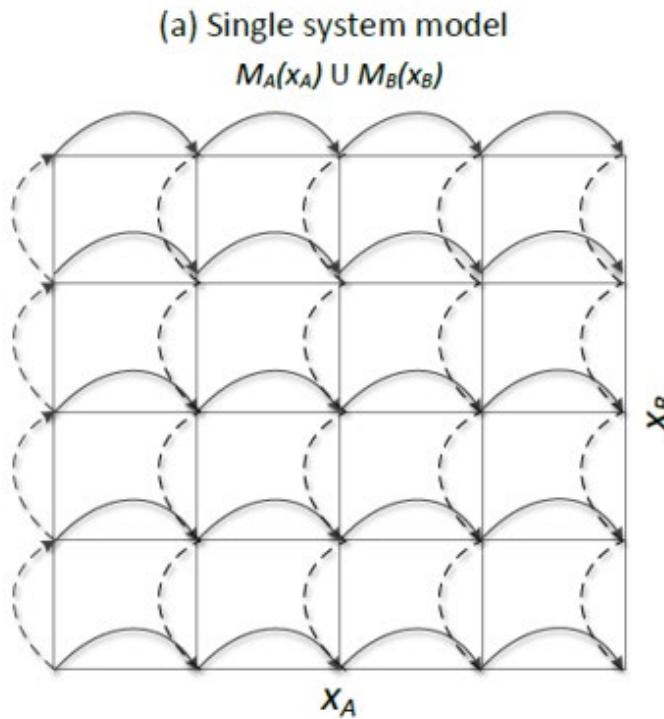
$$EE_i = \frac{[y(x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_i + \delta, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_k) - y(\mathbf{x})]}{\delta}$$

- Assume each parameter ranges in interval [0,1] and partitioned into  $(p-1)$  equally-sized intervals.
- There reference value of each parameter is selected randomly from the set  $[0, 1/(p-1), 2/(p-1), \dots, 1-\Delta]$ .
- The fixed increment  $\Delta=p/2(p-1)$  is added to each parameter in order to compute the **EE**.

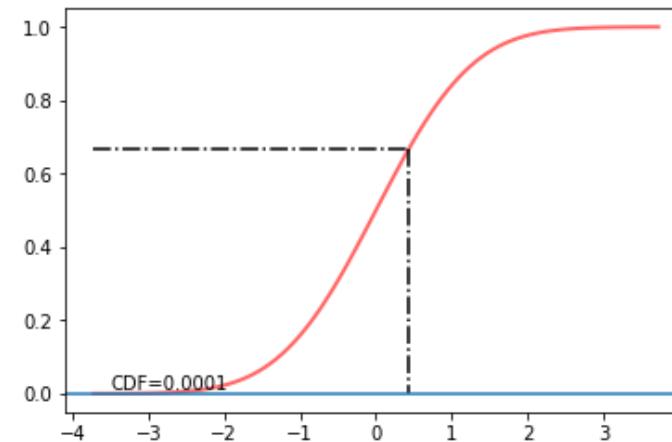
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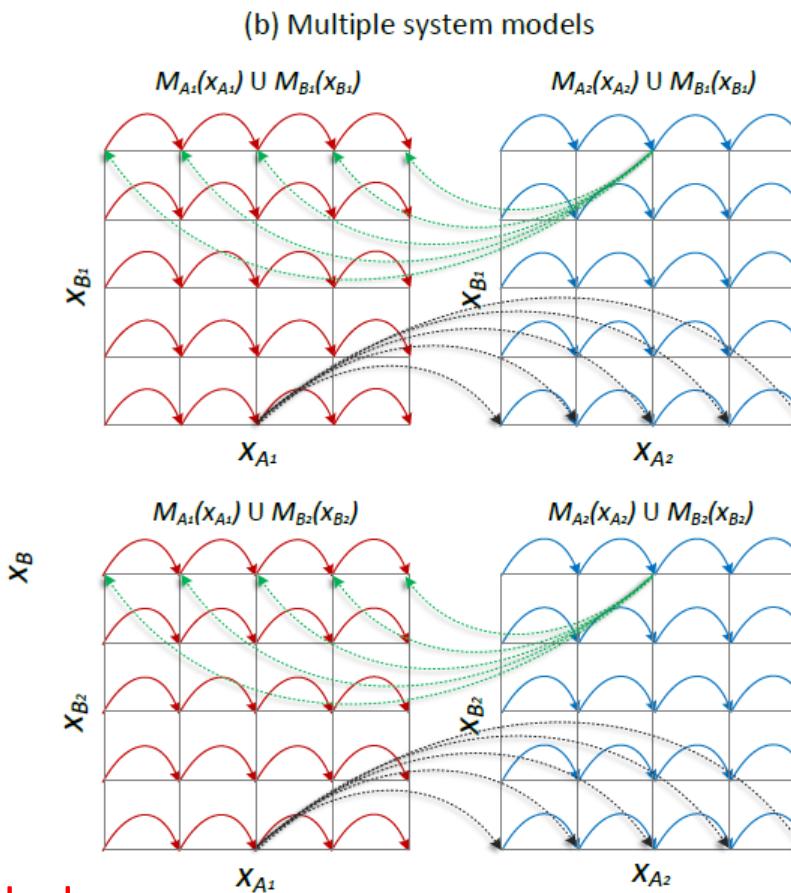
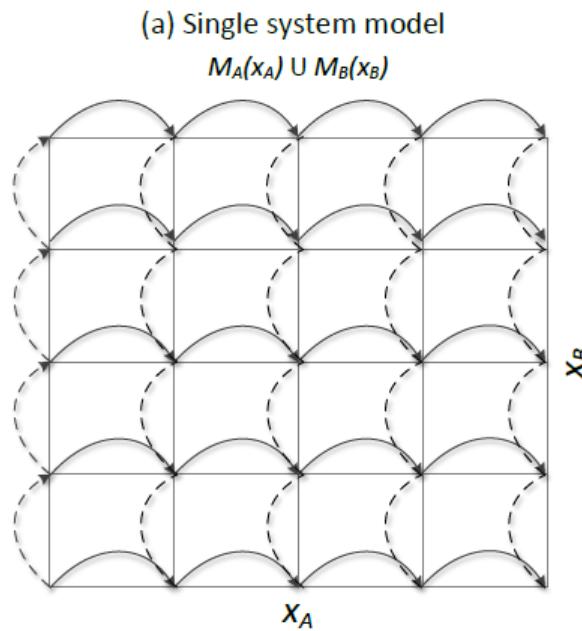
- Mean of  $EE_i$
- Standard deviation of  $EE_i$
- Mean of  $|EE_i|$



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#### 3.1 Methodology

##### 3.1.2 Basic Ideas of MMADS for Multi-model



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#### 3.1 Methodology

##### 3.1.2 Basic Ideas of MMADS for Multi-model

The basic ideas of MMADS are to evaluate the absolute difference,  $d\Delta$ , of the system model output,  $\Delta$ , in the following two situations under process model uncertainty (assuming that parametric uncertainty does not exist at this stage):

- (1) Transition between the two models of process A, conditioning on model  $M_{B1}$ , of process B. There are four transitions between the two models of process A as follows:  $T_{MA} = \{M_{A1} \rightarrow M_{A1}, M_{A1} \rightarrow M_{A2}, M_{A2} \rightarrow M_{A1}, M_{A2} \rightarrow M_{A2}\}$  where  $M_A = \{M_{A1}, M_{A2}\}$ . The difference,  $d\Delta$ , of model output for each transition is evaluated, and then averaged over all the transitions to yield  $E_{T_{MA}}(d\Delta | M_{B1})$ .
- (2) Transition between the two models of process A, conditioning on model  $M_{B2}$ , of process B. There are four transitions between the two models of process A as follows:  $T_{MA} = \{M_{A1} \rightarrow M_{A1}, M_{A1} \rightarrow M_{A2}, M_{A2} \rightarrow M_{A1}, M_{A2} \rightarrow M_{A2}\}$  where  $M_A = \{M_{A1}, M_{A2}\}$ . Repeat the calculation above, we have  $E_{T_{MA}}(d\Delta | M_{B2})$ .

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#### 3.1 Methodology

##### 3.1.2 Basic Ideas of MMADS for Mutli-model

- (1) For  $E_{T_{MA}}(d\Delta | M_{B1})$  and  $E_{T_{MA}}(d\Delta | M_{B2})$ , calculate the average to yield  $E_{MB}E_{T_{MA}}(d\Delta | M_B) = E_A(d\Delta)$  for process A, which measures how the changes between and within the two models of process A affect model output.
- Similarly, we can also have  $E_{MA}E_{T_{MB}}(d\Delta | M_A) = E_B(d\Delta)$  for process B, which measures how the changes between and within the two models of process B affect model output.

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#### 3.1 Methodology

##### 3.1.2 Basic Ideas of MMADS for Multi-model

差值均值  $E_K(d\Delta) = E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{T_{\mathbf{M}_K}}(d\Delta | M_{\sim K})$

差值方差  $V_K(d\Delta) = E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} V_{T_{\mathbf{M}_K}}(d\Delta | M_{\sim K}) + V_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{T_{\mathbf{M}_K}}(d\Delta | M_{\sim K})$

Expanded to include  
parameter uncertainty

$$\begin{aligned}E_K(d\Delta) &= E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{T_{\mathbf{M}_K}}(d\Delta | M_{\sim K}) \\&= E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} E_{T_{\mathbf{M}_K}} E_{T_{\theta_K} | T_{M_K}}(d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_K}, T_{M_K})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}V_K(d\Delta | K) &= E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} E_{T_{\mathbf{M}_K}} E_{T_{\theta_K} | T_{M_K}}(d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_K}, T_{M_K})^2 \\&\quad - \left( E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} E_{T_{\mathbf{M}_K}} E_{T_{\theta_K} | T_{M_K}}(d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_K}, T_{M_K}) \right)^2\end{aligned}$$

### 3. New MMADS Method

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#### 3.2 Numerical Evaluation

- Expectation with model uncertainty – Model Averaging

$$E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} (\bullet) = \sum E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} (\bullet) P(M_{\sim K})$$

$$E_{T_{M_K}} E_{T_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K} | T_{M_K}} (\bullet) = \sum E_{T_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K} | T_{M_K}} (\bullet) P(T_{M_K})$$

模型求期望--模型平均法

- Expectation with parameter uncertainty – Monte Carlo

$$E_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} \quad E_{T_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_K} | T_{M_K}}$$

参数求期望—蒙特卡洛方法

### 3. New MMADS Method

#### 3.2 Numerical Evaluation

Use LHS method to generate the sampling matrix of all parameters

Loop [1] over model combinations  $M_{\sim K}$  for process  $\sim K$  in  $\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}$

Combine parameter values for parameters associate with  $M_{\sim K}$  to yield  $\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}$

Loop [2] over parameter realizations  $\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}$

Loop [3] over process model  $M_K$  for process  $K$  in  $\mathbf{M}_K$

Combine parameter values for parameters associated with  $M_K$  to yield  $\theta_K | M_K$

Loop [4] over parameter realizations  $\theta_K | M_K$

Compute  $\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, \theta_K, M_K$

End loop [4]

End loop [3]

Loop [5] over process model transitions in  $T_{M_K}$

Loop [6] over parameter realizations  $T_{\theta_K | T_{M_K}}$  associated with  $T_{M_K}$

Compute  $d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_{\sim K}}, T_{M_K}$  and  $(d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_{\sim K}}, T_{M_K})^2$

End Loop [6]

Compute  $E_{T_{\theta_K | T_{M_K}}} (d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_{\sim K}}, T_{M_K})$  and  $E_{T_{\theta_K | T_{M_K}}} (d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_{\sim K}}, T_{M_K})^2$

End Loop [5]

Compute  $E_{T_{M_K}} E_{T_{\theta_K | T_{M_K}}} (d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_{\sim K}}, T_{M_K})$  and

$E_{T_{M_K}} E_{T_{\theta_K | T_{M_K}}} (d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_{\sim K}}, T_{M_K})^2$  using model averaging

End Loop [2]

Compute  $E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} E_{T_{M_K}} E_{T_{\theta_K | T_{M_K}}} (d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_{\sim K}}, T_{M_K})$  and

$E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} E_{T_{M_K}} E_{T_{\theta_K | T_{M_K}}} (d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_{\sim K}}, T_{M_K})^2$

End Loop [1]

Compute  $E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} E_{T_{M_K}} E_{T_{\theta_K | T_{M_K}}} (d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_{\sim K}}, T_{M_K})$  and

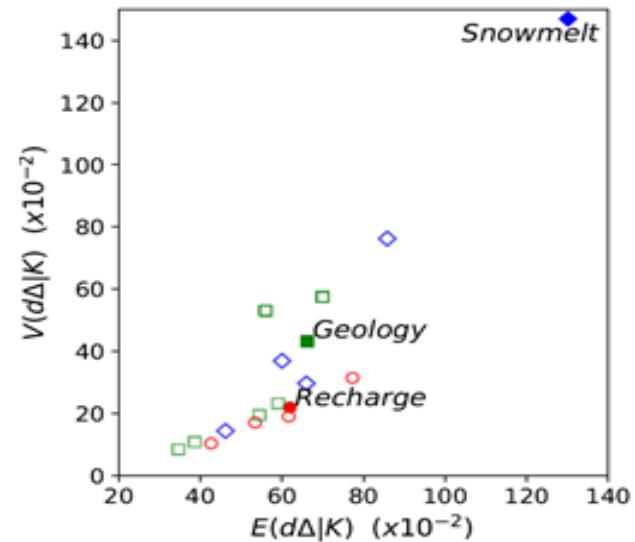
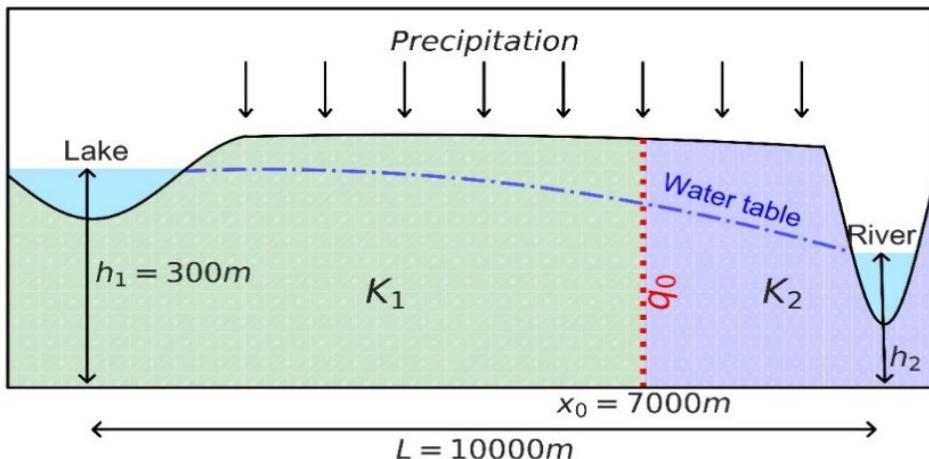
$E_{\mathbf{M}_{\sim K}} E_{\theta_{\sim K} | M_{\sim K}} E_{T_{M_K}} E_{T_{\theta_K | T_{M_K}}} (d\Delta | \theta_{\sim K}, M_{\sim K}, T_{\theta_{\sim K}}, T_{M_K})^2$  using model averaging

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**Figure 3-2** Pseudo codes for evaluating the two sensitivity measures for process  $K$  using LHS. The number of model execution based on the pseudo code shown in Figure 3-2 is  $(N_{M \sim K} \times n) \times (N_{MK} \times n)$ , where the  $n^2$  is caused by the nested loops [2] and [4], respectively.

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#### 3.4 A Hypothetical Example



Considering parametric uncertainty and process model uncertainty

| Process   | R     |                   |                   | G     |                   |                   | M     |                    |                    |
|-----------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| $PS_{TK}$ | 14.67 |                   |                   | 21.68 |                   |                   | 78.54 |                    |                    |
| Rank      | 3     |                   |                   | 2     |                   |                   | 1     |                    |                    |
| Mean      | 61.9  | 60.8 <sup>a</sup> | 65.5 <sup>b</sup> | 66.2  | 65.8 <sup>a</sup> | 68.9 <sup>b</sup> | 130.1 | 125.8 <sup>a</sup> | 136.5 <sup>b</sup> |
| Variance  | 22.0  | 21.1 <sup>a</sup> | 33.6 <sup>b</sup> | 43.3  | 37.9 <sup>a</sup> | 40.9 <sup>b</sup> | 146.9 | 129.7 <sup>a</sup> | 164.8 <sup>b</sup> |

### 3. New MMADS Method

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#### 3.4 A Hypothetical Example

The MMADS results shown in Table 3-1 are obtained by using  $n = 5,000$  random samples for each parameter. The total number of model executions is  $200,000,000 = 2 \times 2 \times 5,000 \times 2 \times 5,000$ , which ensures that the Monte Carlo calculation of MMADS converges. The high computational cost is unnecessarily and can be substantially reduced. Table 3-1 shows that the MMADS results are still accurate enough when using  $n = 20$ , and the corresponding number of model executions is  $3,200 = 2 \times 2 \times 20 \times 2 \times 20$ , which is computationally affordable to moderate models with the current computational resources.

The number of model executions of the binning method is  $800 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 100$ , substantially smaller than the number of  $3,200 = 2 \times 2 \times 20 \times 2 \times 20$  needed for the pseudo code shown in Figure 3-2.

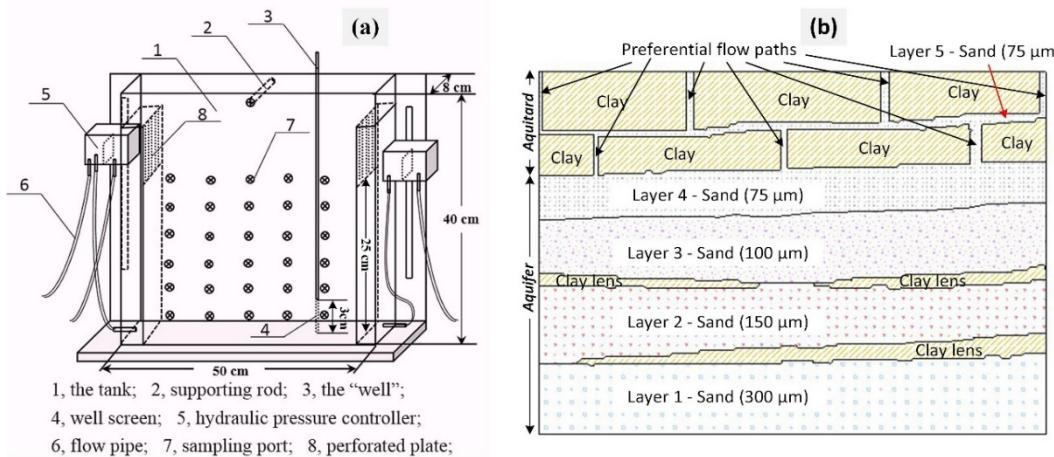
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## 4.1 Lab Experiment by Duan et al. (2020)



A synthetic heterogeneous aquifer was constructed in a tank and a flume experiment was performed by [Duan et al. \(2020\)](#) to investigate the effect of physico-chemical heterogeneity with preferential flow paths on As sorption and reactive transport under water extraction in a layered system.

**Figure 4-1.** Schematic diagram of the experimental setup: (a) experimental tank design; (b) schematic diagram of the layered system with complex preferential flow paths; (c) image of the packed flume showing the sampling ports with numeric labels (modified from [Duan et al. \(2020\)](#)).

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### 4.2 Numerical Model Setup

A **2-D reactive transport model** adopted from Duan et al. (2020) was built to simulate the As sorption and transport in the flume system. The numerical model was built using an open source, state-of-the-art massively **parallel reactive flow and transport model** for describing subsurface processes (Hammond et al., 2014).

40 cm × 8 cm × 30 cm

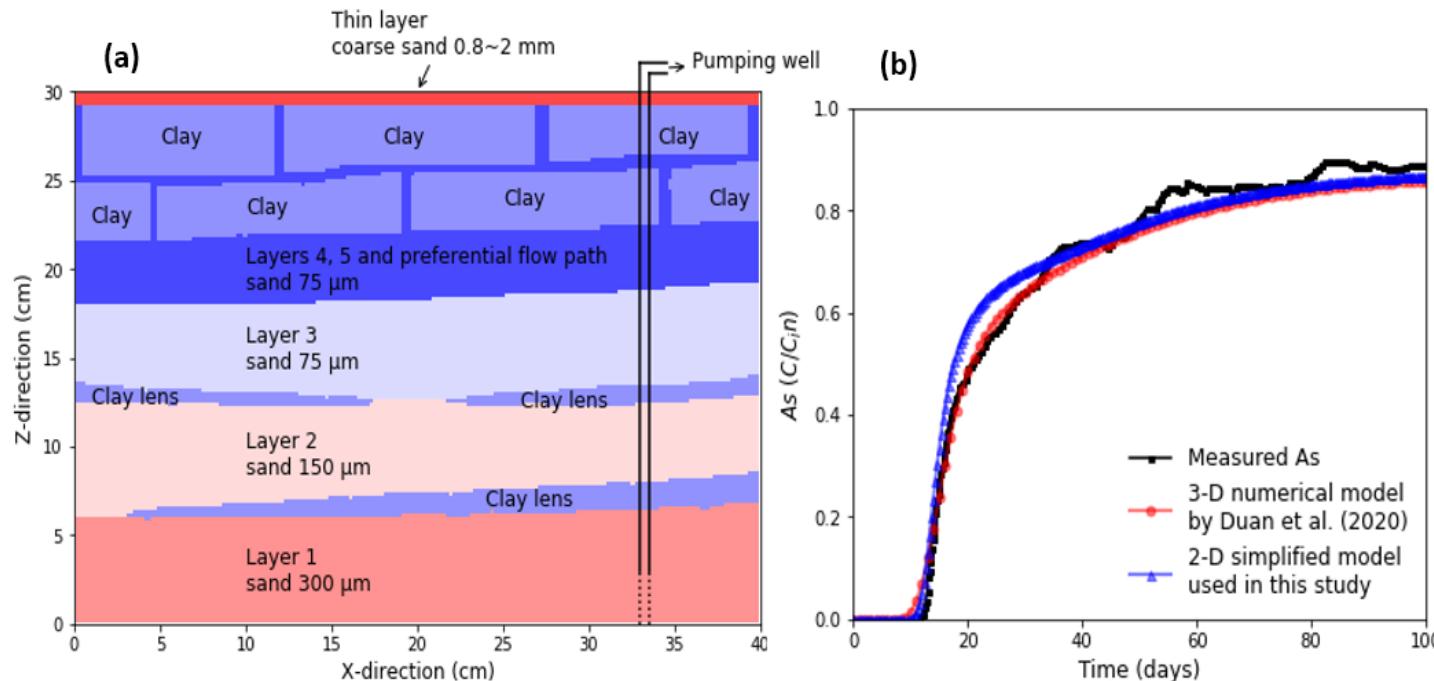
200 × 1 × 150 uniform grid cells

Constant hydraulic pressure head. Left head is 32.3 cm and the right head is 30.0 cm.

Simulation time 104 days: 0~7.75 day: no pumping; 7.75~99 day: pumping start; 99day ~ 104 day : end pumping

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### 4.2 Numerical Model Setup



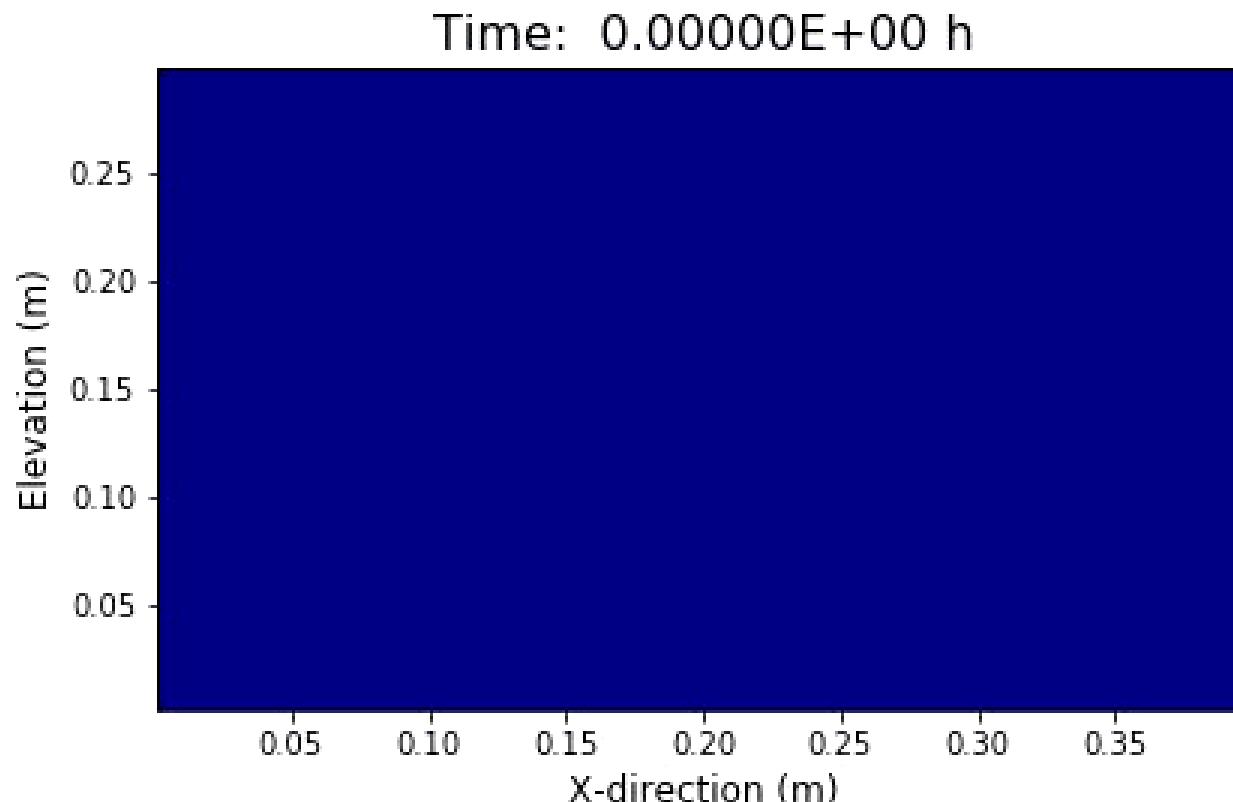
**Figure 4-2** (a) Schematic diagram of the layered system with complex preferential flow paths and (b) time series of As concentration in the pumping well from the sampling measurements, the 3-D numerical model from [Duan et al. \(2020\)](#), and 2-D simplified model used in this study.

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### 4.2 Numerical Model Setup

Total Tracer  $C/C_0$

Pumping state at  $t=7.75d$  (186h)



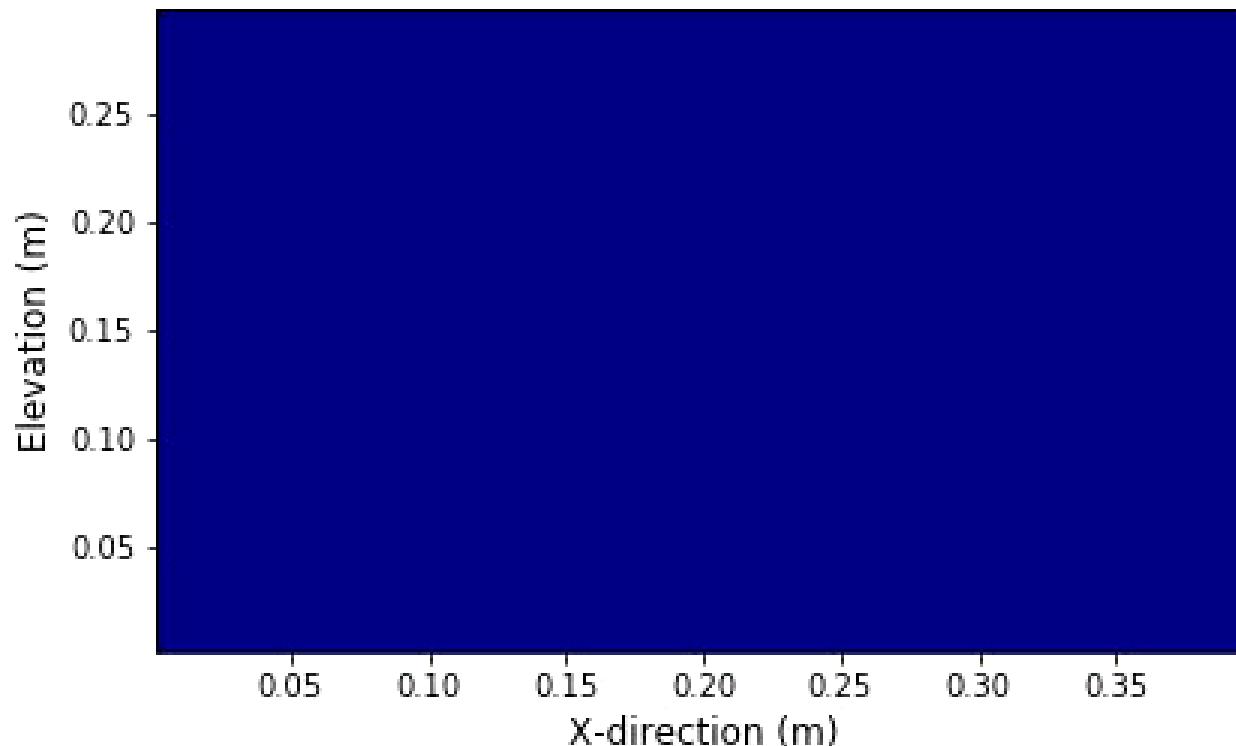
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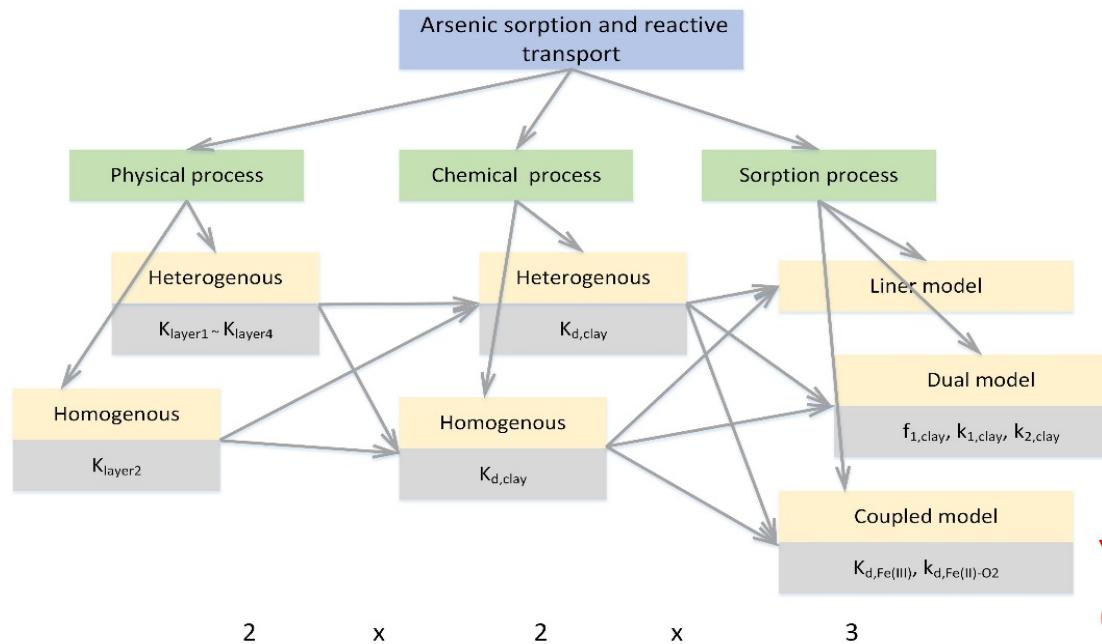
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Time: 0.00000E+00 h



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## 4.3 Modeling Uncertainty



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**Figure 4-3** Overview of the  $12 = 2 \times 2 \times 3$  alternative models, corresponding to the heterogenous or homogenous permeability field (physical process), heterogenous or homogenous distribution coefficient (chemical process), and three sorption models (sorption process). The gray boxes show the uncertainty parameters associated with the corresponding process models. Note there is no parameter involved in the linear sorption model

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### 4.3 Modeling Uncertainty

- Three sorption process models 三个吸附模型

Simple linear equilibrium model 线性平衡吸附模型  $q_{As} = K_d \times C_{As}$

Dual first-order kinetic sorption model 双室一级动力学模型

$$\frac{dq_{t,i}}{dt} = k_i (q_{e,i} - q_{t,i}) \quad (i=1,2) \quad q_{e,i} = K_d \times C_{As} \times f_i \quad q_t = q_{t,1} + q_{t,2}$$

Linear equilibrium sorption model coupled with a kinetic model accounting for oxidation of Fe(II)-bearing clay minerals  
线性平衡吸附模型耦合二价铁氧化吸附模型



$$R_{\text{Fe(III)}} = k_{Fe(II)-O_2} c(\text{Fe(II)})c(DO)$$

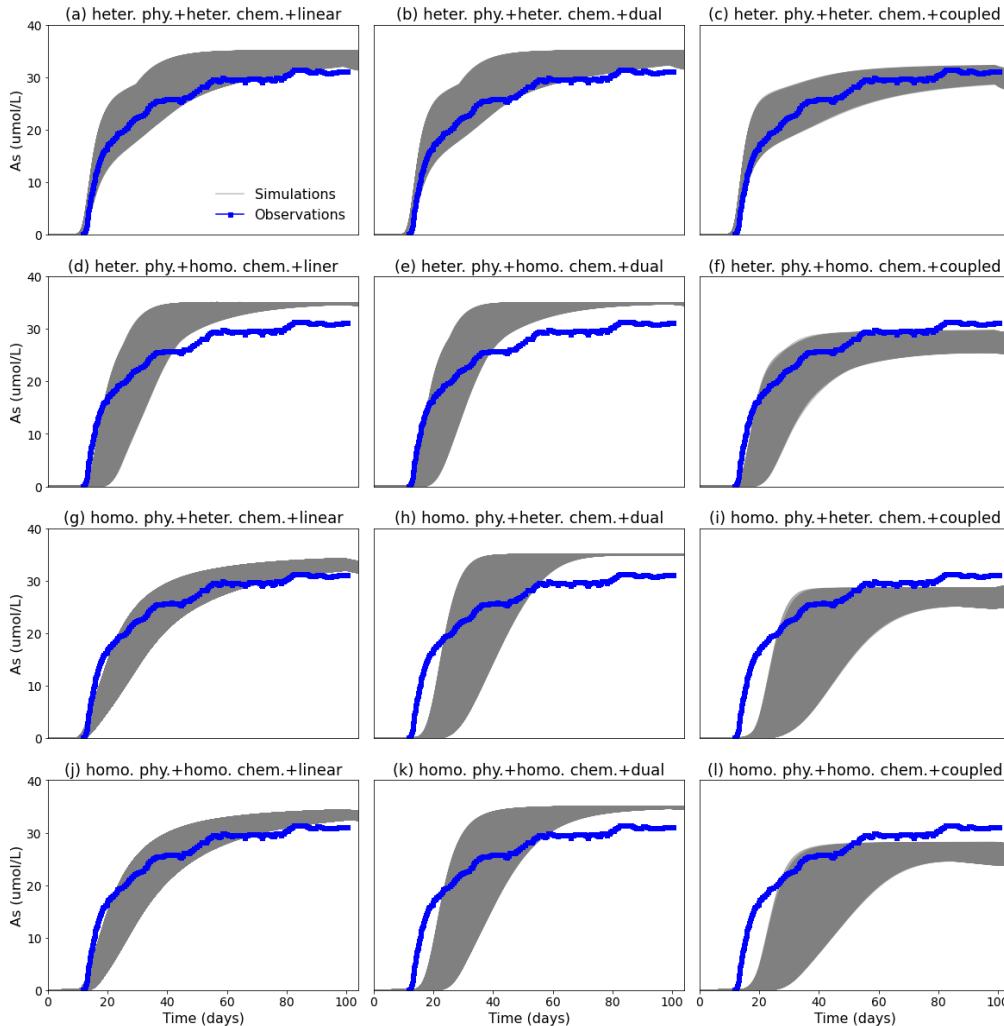
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### 4.3 Modeling Uncertainty

| Parameter        | Unit      | Nominal*               | Description                                  |
|------------------|-----------|------------------------|--|
| $K_{layer1}$     | $m^2$     | $1.86 \times 10^{-11}$ | Permeability of layer 1                      |
| $K_{layer2}$     | $m^2$     | $4.66 \times 10^{-12}$ | Permeability of layer 2                      |
| $K_{layer3}$     | $m^2$     | $2.07 \times 10^{-12}$ | Permeability of layer 3                      |
| $K_{layer4}$     | $m^2$     | $1.16 \times 10^{-12}$ | Permeability of layer 4                      |
| $K_{d,clay}$     | $mL/g$    | 5.65                   | Sorption distribution coefficient of clay    |
| $f_{1,clay}$     | -         | 0.89                   | Site fraction of clay at sorption site 1     |
| $k_{1,clay}$     | $h^{-1}$  | 118.07                 | First-order rate constant of clay at site 1  |
| $k_{2,clay}$     | $h^{-2}$  | 0.23                   | First-order rate constant of clay at site 2  |
| $K_{d,Fe(III)}$  | $mL/g$    | $3.01 \times 10^3$     | Sorption distribution coefficient of Fe(III) |
| $K_{Fe(II)-O_2}$ | $L/mol/s$ | 0.5                    | Reaction rate constant                       |

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## 4.4 Simulation Results 基于方差的方法+高效算法

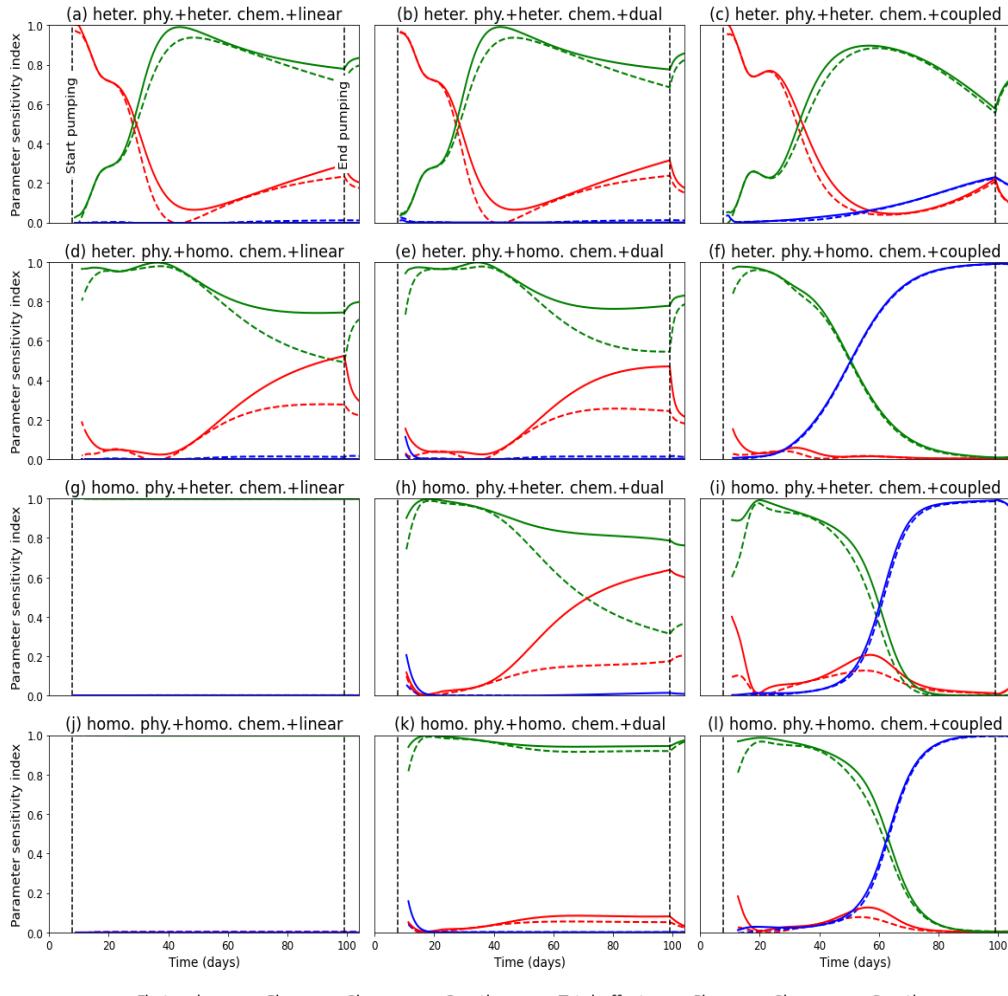


Using the efficient design proposed in Chapter 2, PFLOTRAN simulations were ran on a total of  $2 \times 2 \times 3 \times (3 + 2) \times 3,600 = 216,000$  model simulations considering all possible combinations of model configuration and input parameters. 总运行次数

The wall clock time for each simulation run was approximately 2 ~ 5 mins using 8 cores on the high-performance computer system at the Florida State University. 佛罗里达州立大学超算平台

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## 4.4 Simulation Results

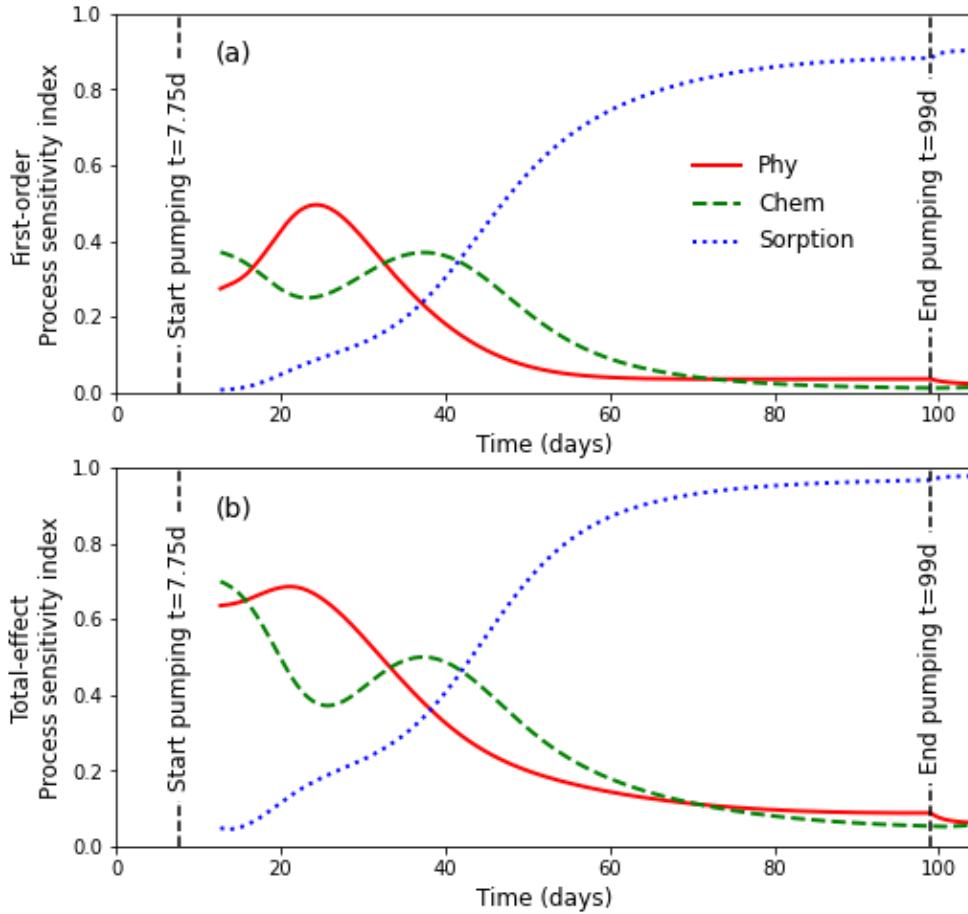


单模型下控制过程识别

- (1) For individual system model , Importance/influence changes dramatically along with the simulation time.
- (2) Within individual system model, total-effect always higher than the first-order.
- (3) Relative importance/influence of the three process changes dramatically among the twelve models.
- (4) Physical process is only identified to be controlling at the beginning simulation period with heterogenous permeability filed and diffusion coefficient field.

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## 4.4 Simulation Results



多模型下控制过程识别

- (1) At very beginning of the simulation period, the chemical process is the most important process and the sorption process is not important at all.
- (2) After the simulation time of  $t = 16$  d, the physical process becomes more important than the chemical process and becomes the most important process.
- (3) The chemical process becomes the most important process once again after  $t = 32$  d.
- (4) The sorption process becomes the largest one among the three process after  $t = 41$  d.

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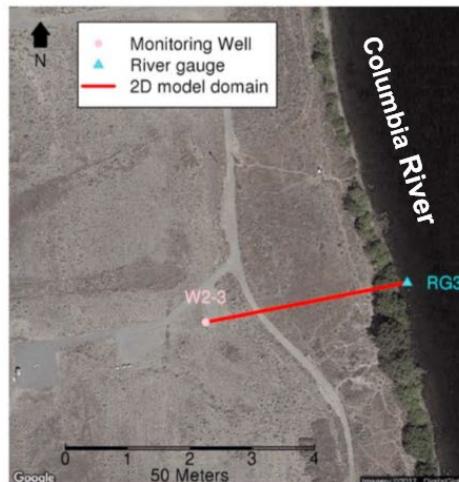
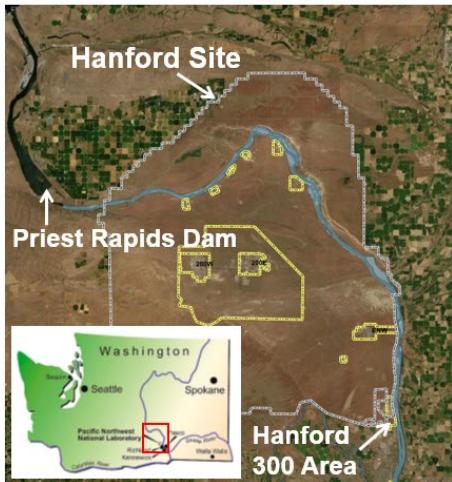
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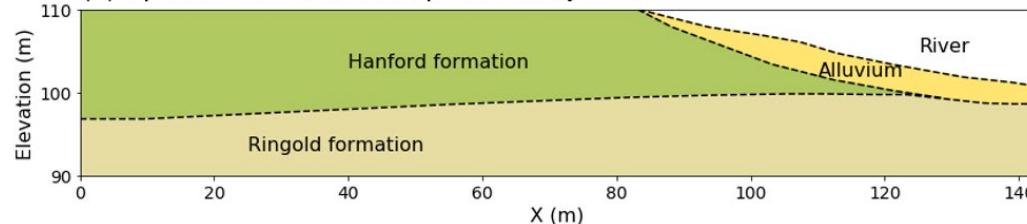
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## 5.1 Site Description

(a) Sketch of river reach



(b) Spatial structural of the permeability field



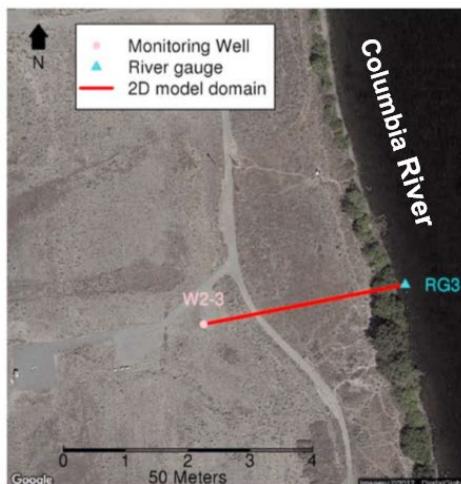
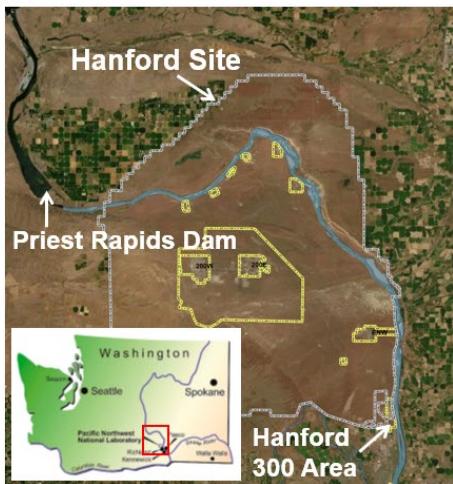
The Columbia River is the second largest river in the contiguous United States in terms of total flow. The river stage at the study site is highly dynamic due to the upstream dam operations, fluctuating ~0.5 m daily and up to 2–3 m annually.

**Figure 5-1.** Location map and conceptual model. (a) Sketch of the river reach. The redline is the profile on the 2-D model between inland groundwater monitoring well W2-3 and the river gauge RG3 with continuous level and temperature data. (b) Geological structure of the Hanford formation, Ringold formation, and alluvium layer beneath the Columbia River.

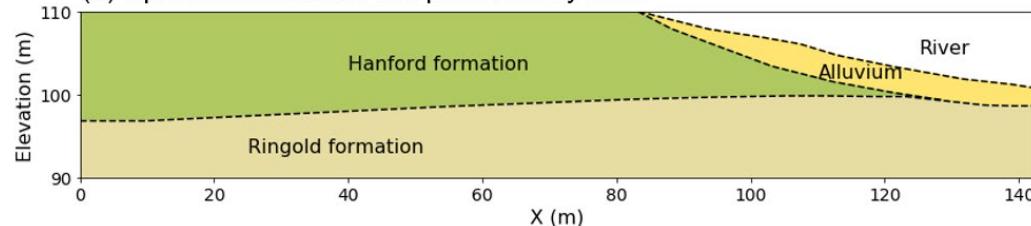
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## 5.1 Numerical Model Setup

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**Key Points:**

- High-frequency flow variations enhance hydrologic exchange and create long-term alterations to thermal regimes and biogeochemical reactions
- High-frequency flow variations have the largest impact on thermal regimes in the hyporheic zone

Drought Conditions Maximize the Impact of High-Frequency Flow Variations on Thermal Regimes and Biogeochemical Function in the Hyporheic Zone

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A 2-D groundwater biogeochemical reactive transport model has been recently built in the 300 Area by Song et al. (2018).

143.2 m × 20 m

580 × 325 nonuniform grid cells

Lateral boundaries: a transient hydraulic pressure head boundary and a Dirichlet temperature boundary .

Top and bottom: no flow no heat

Simulation period: 2010-2015 with hourly step

Song et al., 2018 WRR

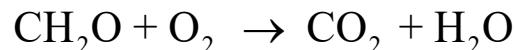
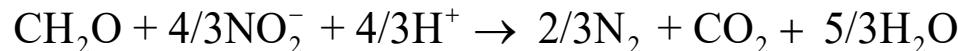
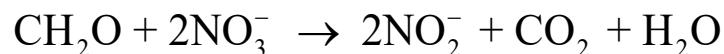
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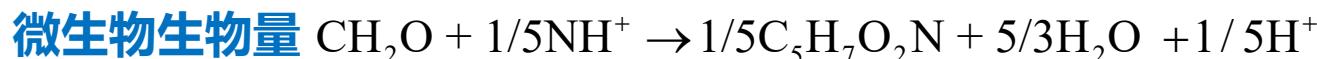
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### Reaction Network

A two-step denitrification for the dissolved organic carbon ( $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ) and oxidative respiration : **有机碳参与下的反硝化反应和有氧呼吸**

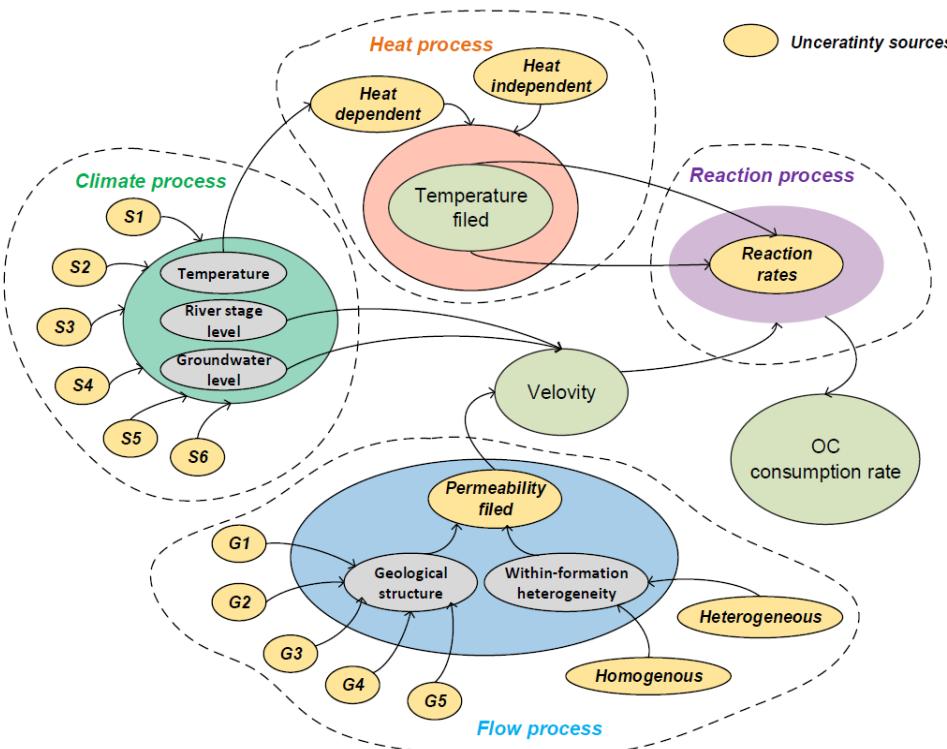


Microbial biomass (BM;  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_7\text{O}_2\text{N}$ ) synthesis was considered as



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## 5.2 Uncertainty Sources



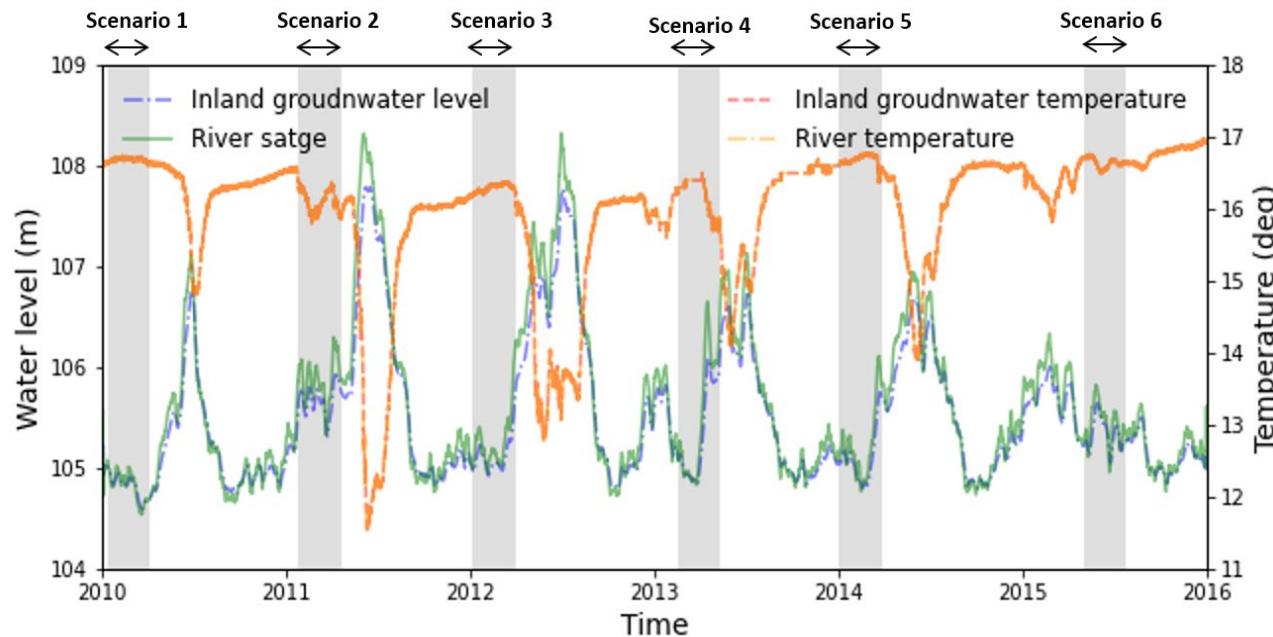
Four processes

- (1) Climate 气象场景 : six climate scenarios.
- (2) Flow 水流: The permeability and the thickness.
- (3) Heat 热: with and without heat.
- (4) Reaction 反应 : reaction rates.

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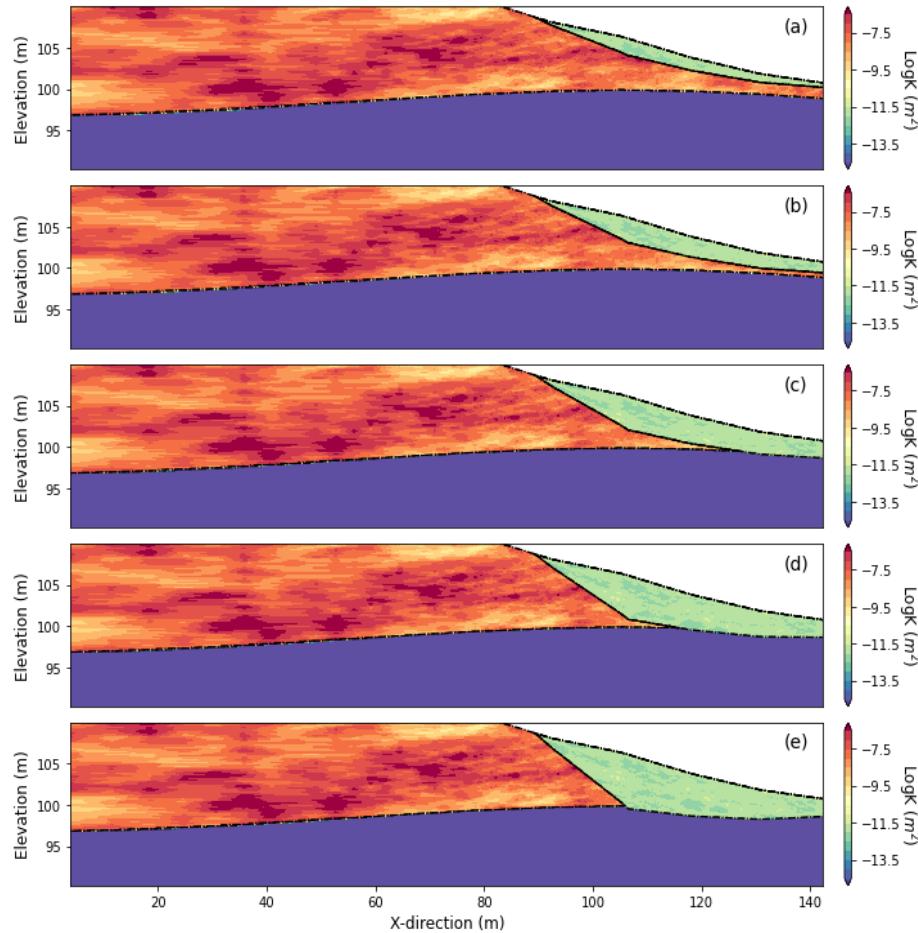
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Climate: six climate scenarios.

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## 5.2 Uncertainty Sources



The five geological configurations shared the same geostatistical realizations of permeability formation.

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### 5.2 Simulation Results

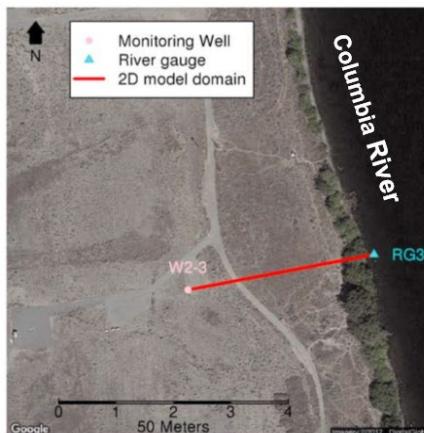
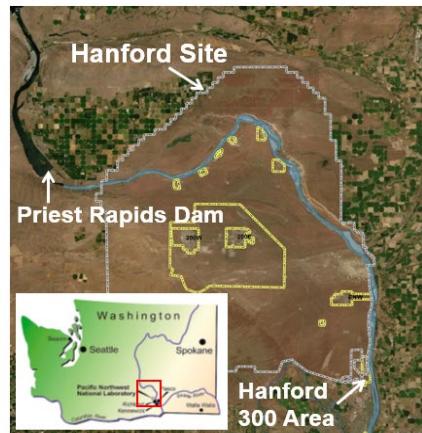
The total number of model simulations considering all possible combinations of model inputs and model configuration is  $6 \times 5 \times 2 \times 2 \times 100 = 12,000$ , which represents six scenarios, five thicknesses of alluvium layer, heterogeneous/homogeneous formations, with/without heat transport process, and 100 reaction rates and permeability fields. 总运行次数12,000

The carbon consumption rate is the most important indicator for the biogeochemical processes because it is the energy source for all biogeochemical reactions in the reaction network of the underlying system. The wall clock time for each realization was approximately 15 min using 128 cores on the Hopper supercomputer at the National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC). 美国国家能源研究科学计算中心

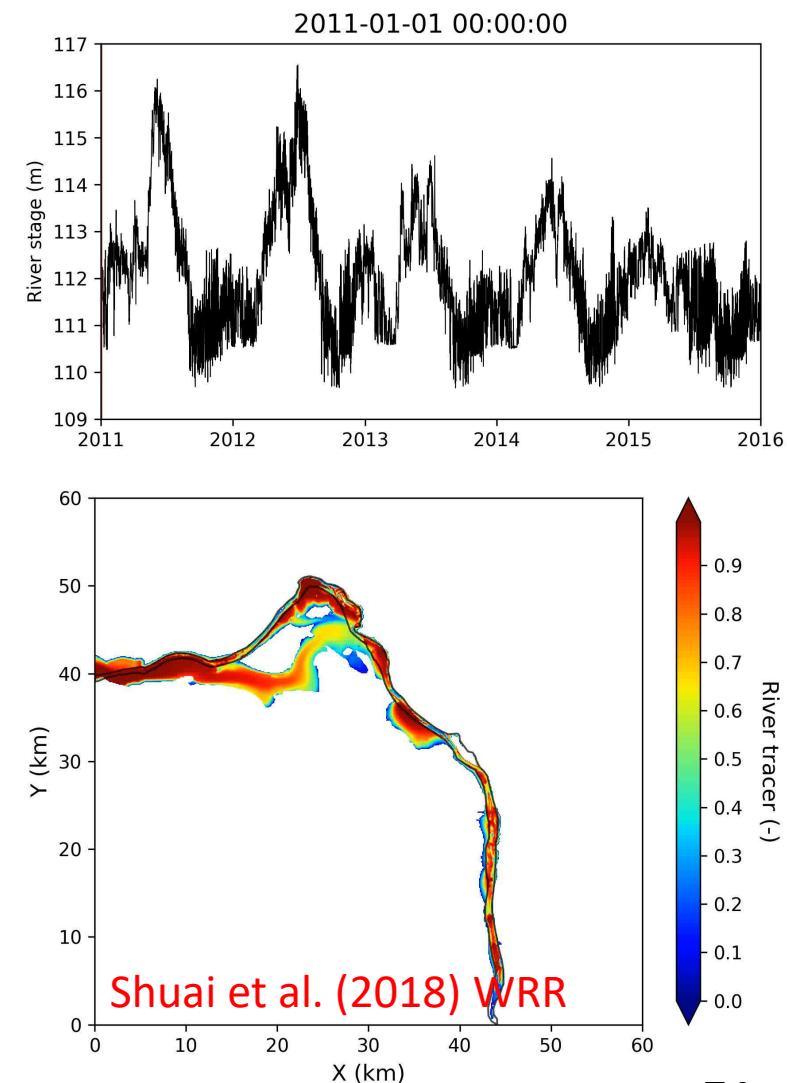
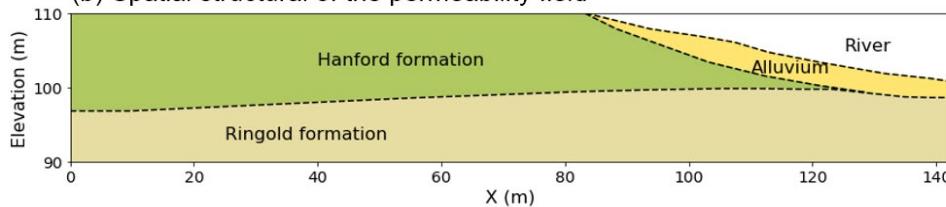
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## 5.2 Simulation Results

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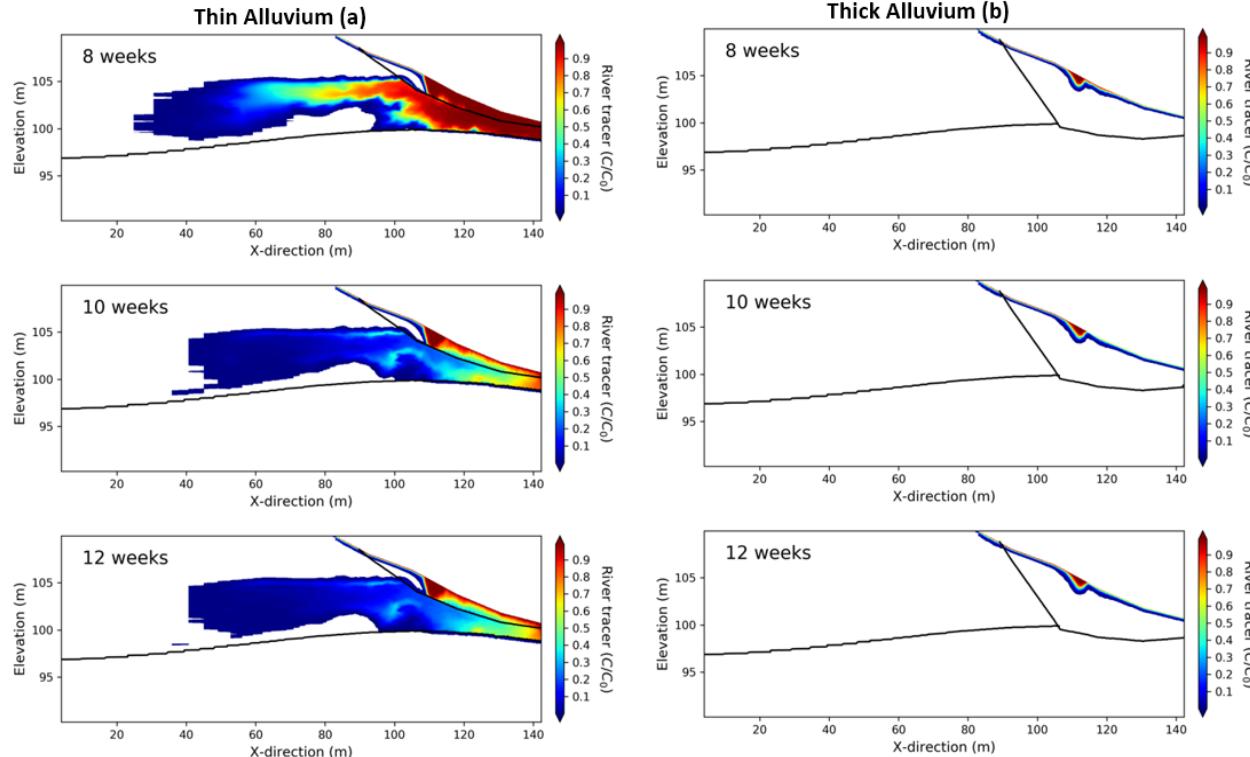
(b) Spatial structural of the permeability field



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## 5.2 Simulation Results

Total River Tracer  $C/C_0$

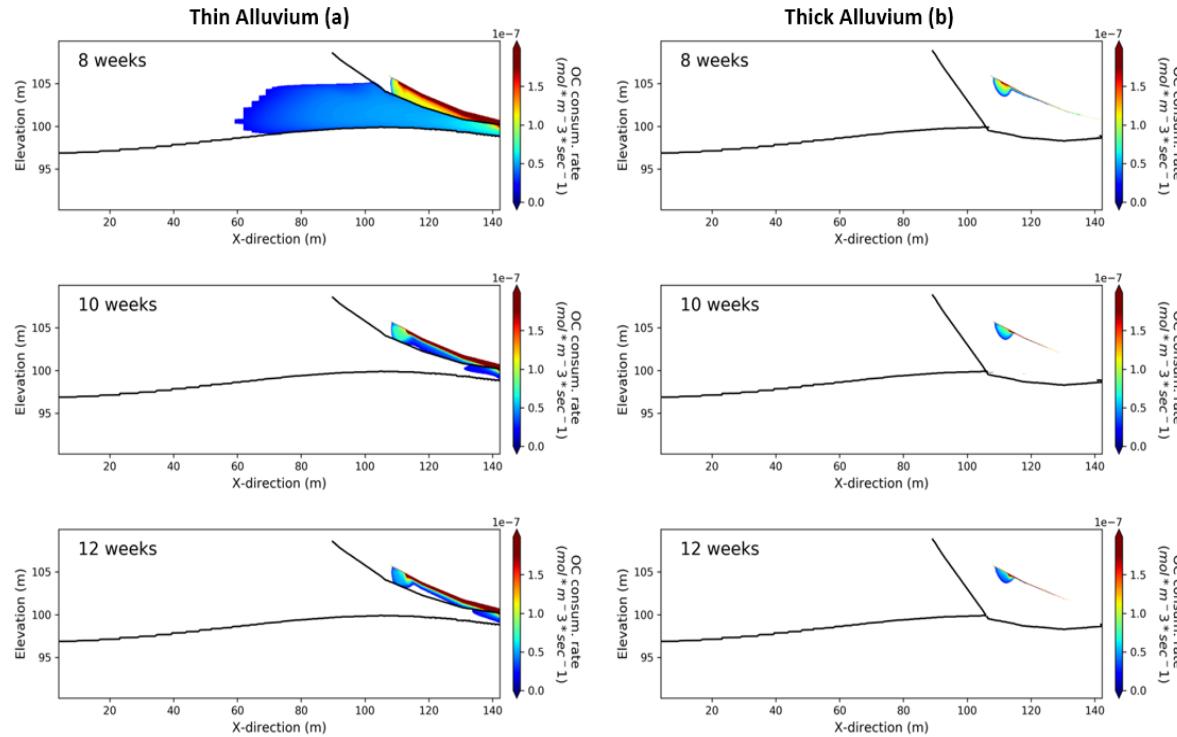


**Figure 5-5** Snapshots of normalized river tracer concentration at the three different simulation times under scenario 1 using two distinct thicknesses of the alluvium layer. The homogeneous formation and heat transport process were used.

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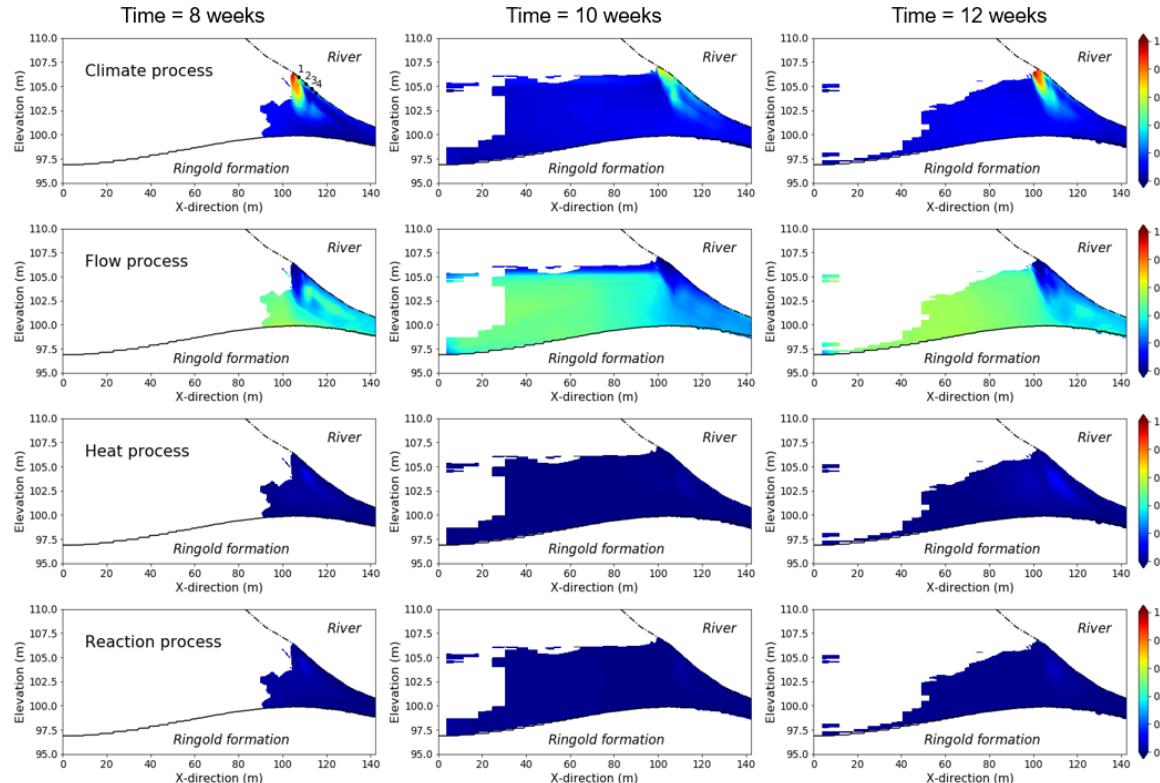
OC consumption rate



**Figure 5-6** OC consumption rate at the three different simulation times under scenario 1 using two distinct thicknesses of the alluvium layer. The homogeneous formation and heat transport process were used.

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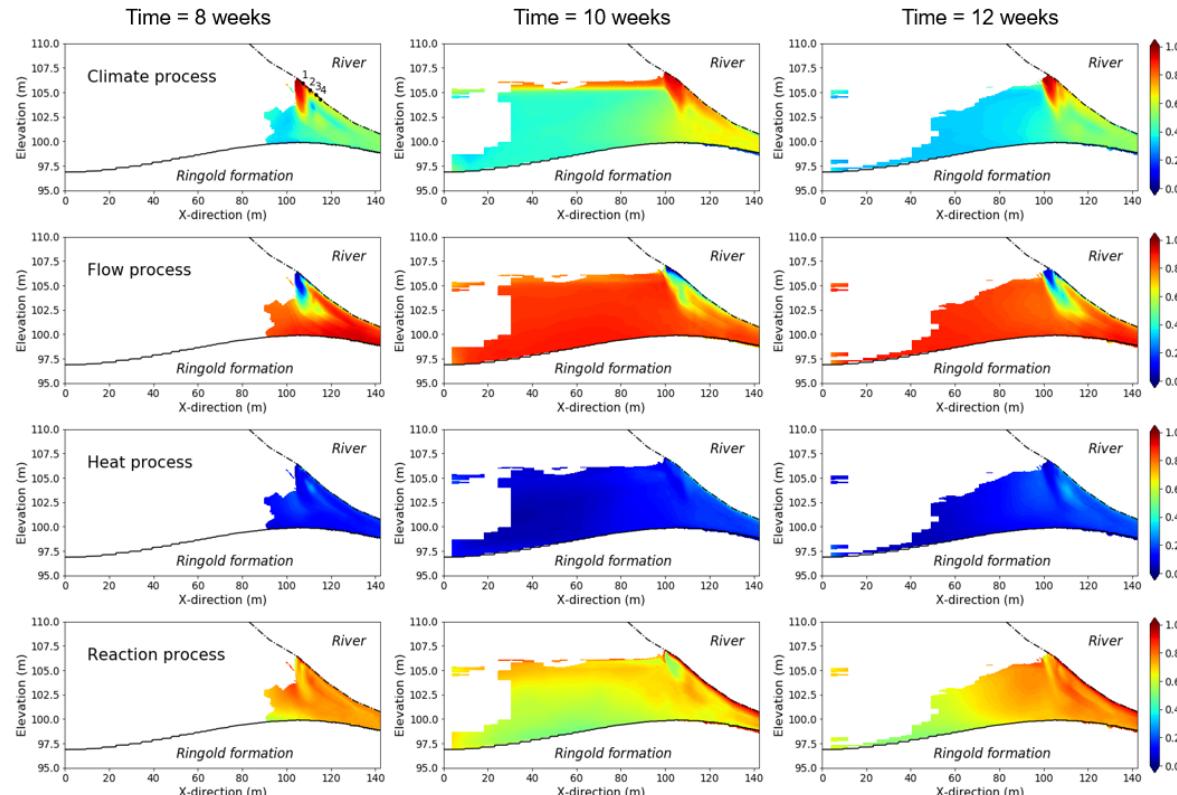
## 5.3 Sensitivity Results of VBSA



**Figure 5-7** Spatial distribution of first-order process sensitivity analysis indices for climate, flow, heat, and reaction processes at the simulation times of 8, 10, and 12 weeks. The four rows and three columns are corresponding to the four processes and three simulation times, respectively.

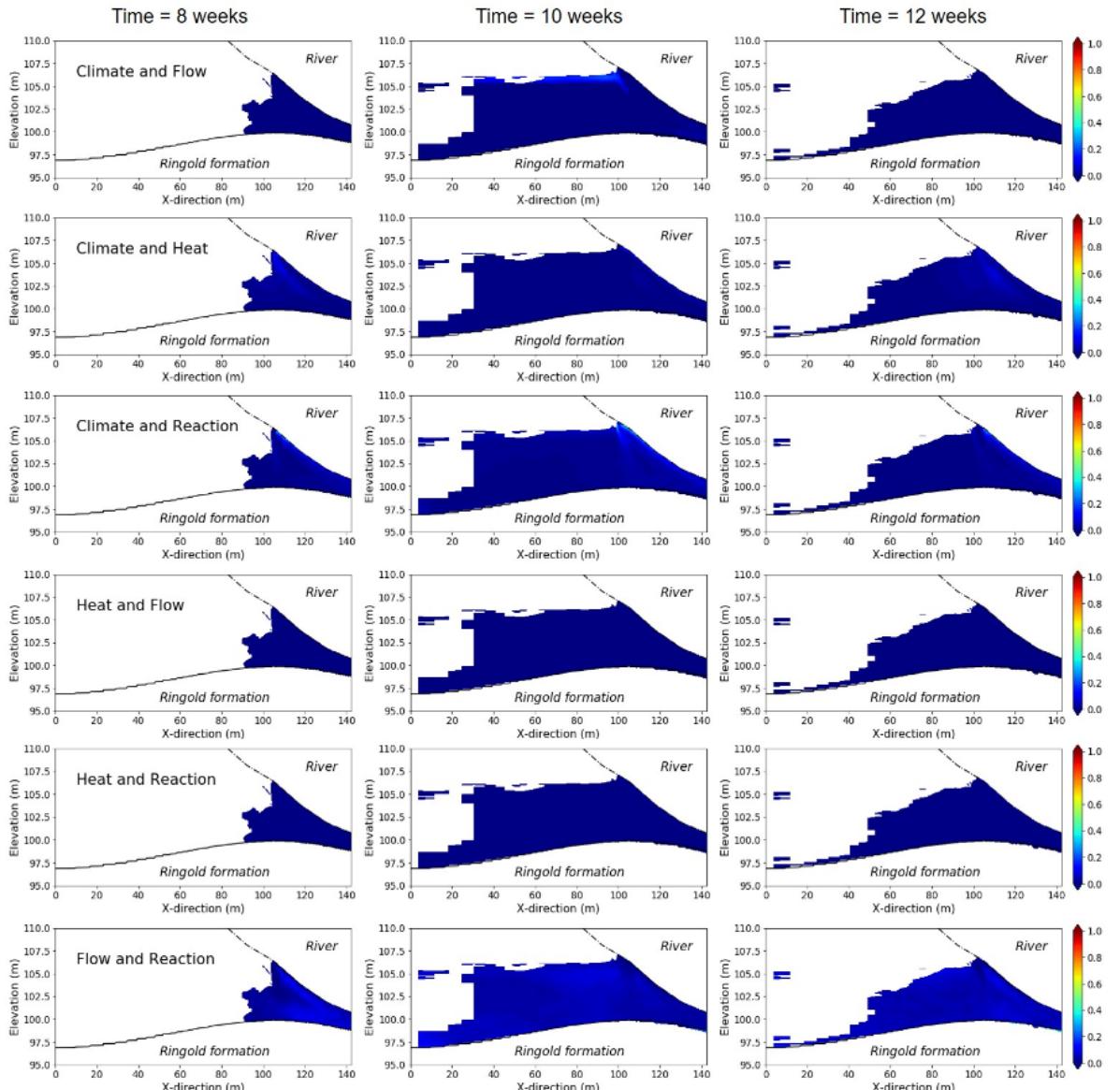
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## 5.3 Sensitivity Results of VBSA



**Figure 5-8** Spatial distribution of total-effect process sensitivity analysis indices for climate scenario, groundwater flow, heat transport, and reactive transport processes at the simulation times of 8, 10, and 12 weeks.

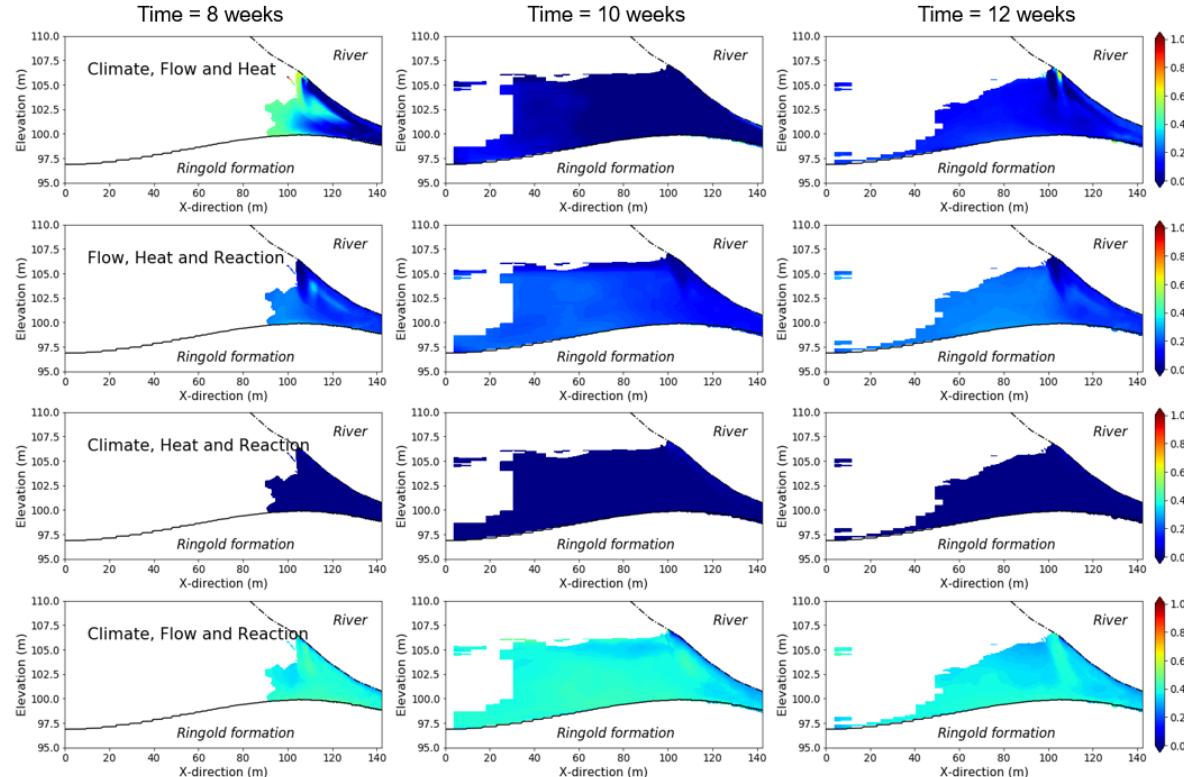
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**Figure 5-9** Spatial distribution of second-order process sensitivity analysis indices between climate scenario and groundwater flow, climate scenario and heat transport, climate scenario and reactive transport, heat transport and groundwater flow, and groundwater flow and reactive transport at the simulation times of 8, 10, and 12 weeks.

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## 5.3 Sensitivity Results of VBSA

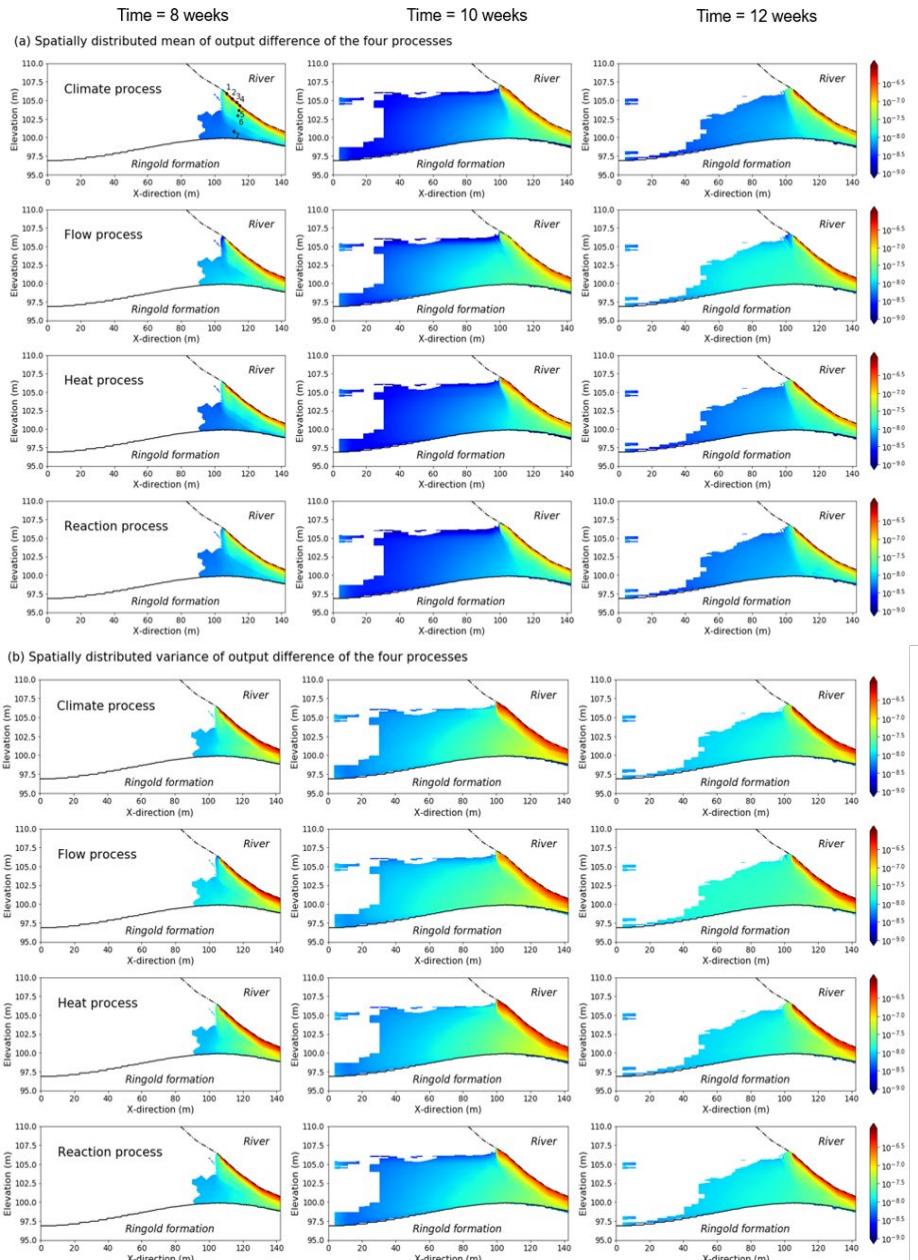


**Figure 5-10** Spatial distribution of third-order process sensitivity analysis indices for climate scenario, groundwater flow, heat transport, and reactive transport processes at the simulation times of 8, 10, and 12 weeks.

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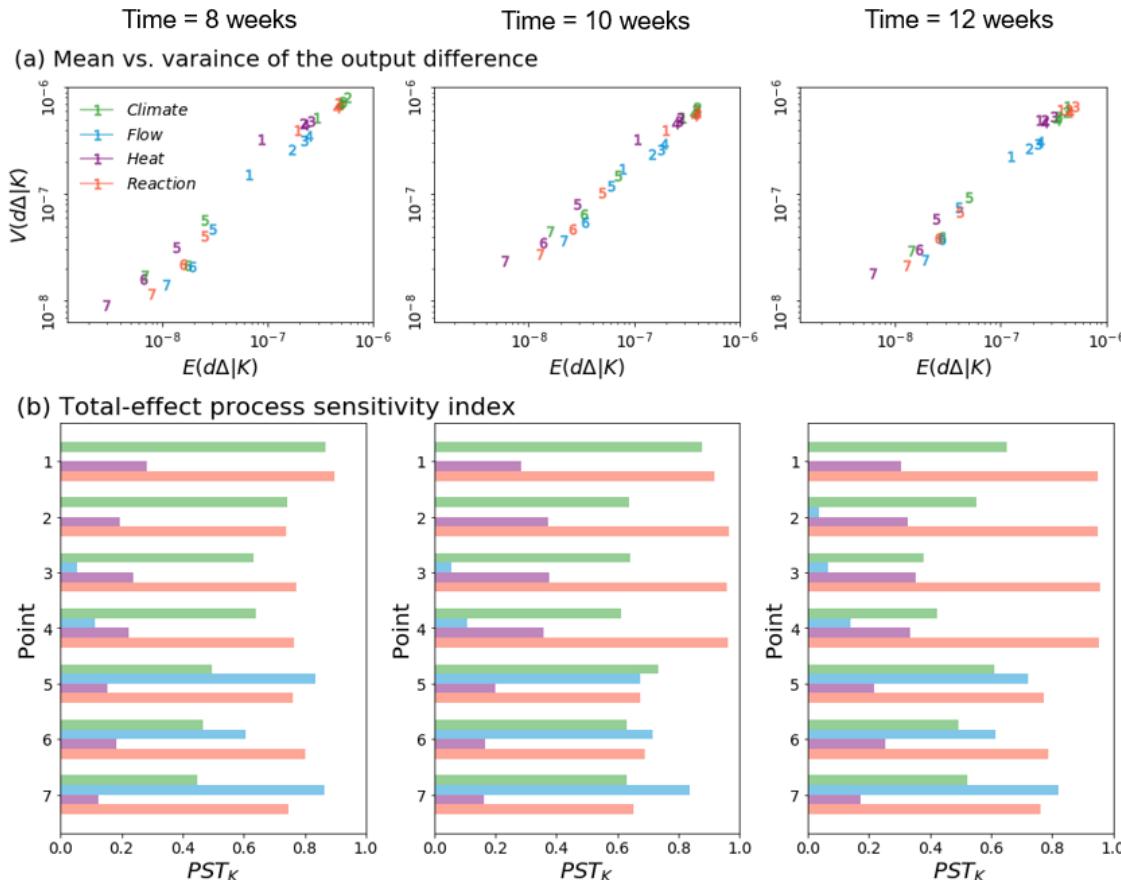
## 5.3 Sensitivity Results of MMADS

**Figure 5-11** Spatial distribution of the two sensitivity analysis measures of (a) mean and (b) variance of the output difference of climate scenario ( $P_S$ ), groundwater flow ( $P_F$ ), heat transport ( $P_H$ ), and reactive transport processes ( $P_R$ ) to the OC consumption rate at simulation times of 8, 10, 12 weeks. Black dotted line denotes the river-sediment interface and dashed line denotes the upper bound of the Ringold formation.



# 5. Application to a Complex Biogeochemical Model

## 5.4 Comparison of the two methods



**Figure 5-12** Comparison of the total-effect process sensitivity indices and the results of MMDS for the seven selected points

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### 5.4 Comparison of the two methods

| Simulation time          | 8 weeks                                      | 10 weeks | 12 weeks |
|--------------------------|--|----------|----------|
| Number of cells computed | 37,664                                       | 55,157   | 52,008   |
|                          | Percentage of highest PS <sub>K</sub> (%)    |          |          |
| Climate process          | 11.24  | 14.83    | 11.85    |
| Flow process             | 88.31  | 84.88    | 87.74    |
| Heat process             | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.15     |
| Reaction Process         | 0.45   | 0.29     | 0.26     |
|                          | Percentage of lowest PST <sub>K</sub> (%)    |          |          |
| Climate process          | 0.18   | 0.11     | 0.20     |
| Flow process             | 1.83   | 1.34     | 0.96     |
| Heat process             | 97.99  | 98.55    | 98.84    |
| Reaction Process         | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     |
|                          | Percentage of lowest E(dΔ K) and V(dΔ K) (%) |          |          |
| Climate process          | 0.15   | 0.10     | 0.09     |
| Flow process             | 0.59   | 0.82     | 0.75     |
| Heat process             | 96.29  | 97.76    | 96.55    |
| Reaction Process         | 0.00   | 0.00     | 0.00     |

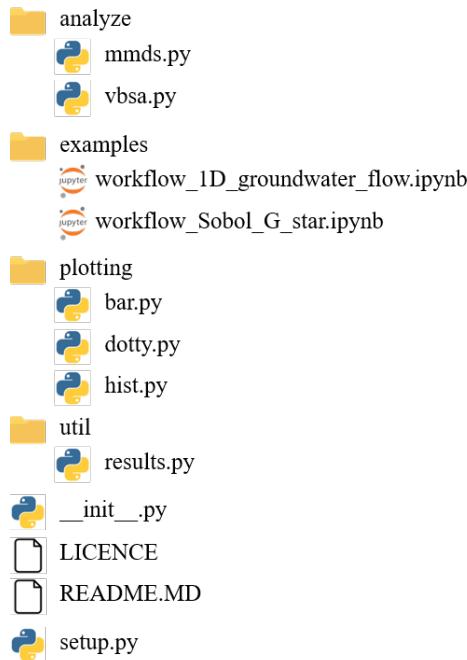
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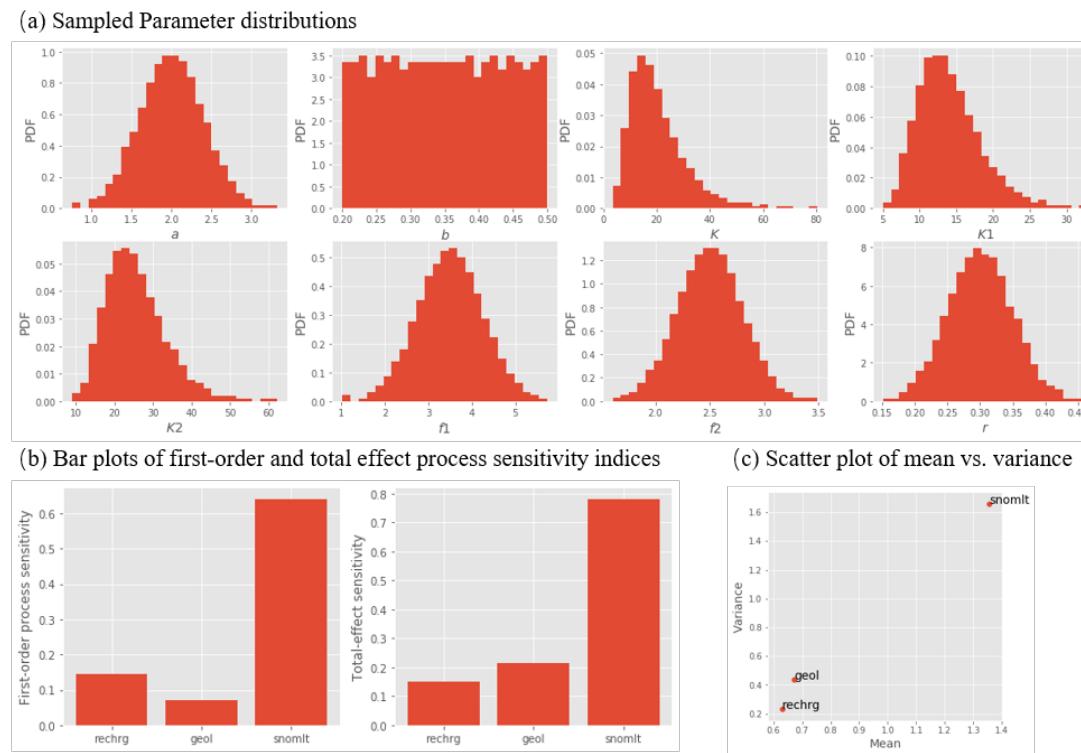


```
>>>import sammpy as sm  
>>>model = sm.model()  
>>>model.name = 'gwmodel'  
>>>model.frames = {'names': ['rechrg', 'geol', 'snomlt'],  
                  'options': [['rechrg_lin', 'rechrg_power'],  
                             ['geol_single', 'geol_double'],  
                             ['snomlt_degree', 'snomlt_restrcd']],  
                  'weights': [[0.5, 0.5],  
                             [0.5, 0.5],  
                             [0.5, 0.5]]}
```

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**Figure 6-2** Examples of visualization tools implemented in the SAMMPy

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## 6.2 Software Available and Maintenance

Name of software: SAMMPy

Programming language: Python

Operating system: Windows, Linux and MacOS

Availability: <https://github.com/jyangfsu/SAMMPy> GitHub开源平台

Cost: Free for non-commercial academic research

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## 7.1 Thesis Summary

In this research, we developed two different methods, namely, the variance-based process sensitivity analysis method and the multi-model absolute difference-based sensitivity analysis method, to identify controlling processes in hydrologic modeling under process model and parameter uncertainty. We also presented a new Python package called SAMMPy: Sensitivity Analysis for Multiple Models, to evaluate the sensitivity indices of the two new methods.

The controlling processes are defined in the context of Factors Prioritization and Factors Fixing as discussed in Saltelli et al. (2004). For Factors Prioritization, the purpose is “make a rational bet on what is the factor that one should fix to achieve the greatest reduction in the uncertainty of the output”. For Factors Fixing, the purpose is to “screen the input factors by identifying factors or sets of factors that are non-influential”.

The developed methods were applied to two hydrologic models for identifying the controlling processes. The first one is a 2-D arsenic (As) sorption and reactive transport model based a laboratory experiment by Duan et al. (2020). The second one is 2-D complex biogeochemical model at Hanford’s 300 Area focusing on spatio-temporal distribution of the organic carbon (OC) consumption rate in the aquifer.

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## 7.1 Thesis Summary

All the sensitivity analysis methods are implemented by developing python codes, and the codes are in a software called SAMMPy: a python package for process sensitivity analysis under multiple models.

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## 7.2 Thesis Contributions

The main contributions of this thesis are:

- (1) The proposal of the two new multi-model global sensitivity analysis methods, which extends the traditional parameter sensitivity analysis methods for a single model and can be used to identify the controlling processes in hydrologic modeling with the presence of process model and parameter uncertainty. **两个方法**
- (2) The application of the two hydrologic models, which introduces the concept of multiple working hypotheses, evidences the need to include model uncertainty, and demonstrates how uncertainty estimates and sensitivity analysis can be combined to guide the identification of controlling processes, in hydrologic modeling to improve system robustness and reliability. **两个应用**
- (3) The development of new open-source Python package SAMMPy, which facilities the sensitivity analysis under multiple models. **一个软件**

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## 7.3 Future Work

There are a number of possible extensions to the research presented in this thesis:

- (1) The first is to incorporate observation data D to the current methods. In this thesis, the uncertainty of the parameters is characterized by using the prior distributions and the model weights of the plausible process models are set to be equally weighted. 整合观测数据
- (2) A related issue is to link the data-worth analysis (or value-of-information) to the current methods. A major benefit of new data is its potential to help improve one's understanding of the system, in large part through a reduction in model predictive uncertainty and corresponding risk of failure (Neuman et al. 2012). 数据价值分析
- (3) One last problem discussed here is to further break the computational barrier. 进一步克服计算屏障



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