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# **INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACTS OF, AND INTERACTIONS BETWEEN CLIMATE, LAND USE AND THE HYDROLOGICAL CYCLE**

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# IMPACTS: CLIMATE, ANTHROPOSPHERE AND NATURE (I:CAN) RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NORWAY

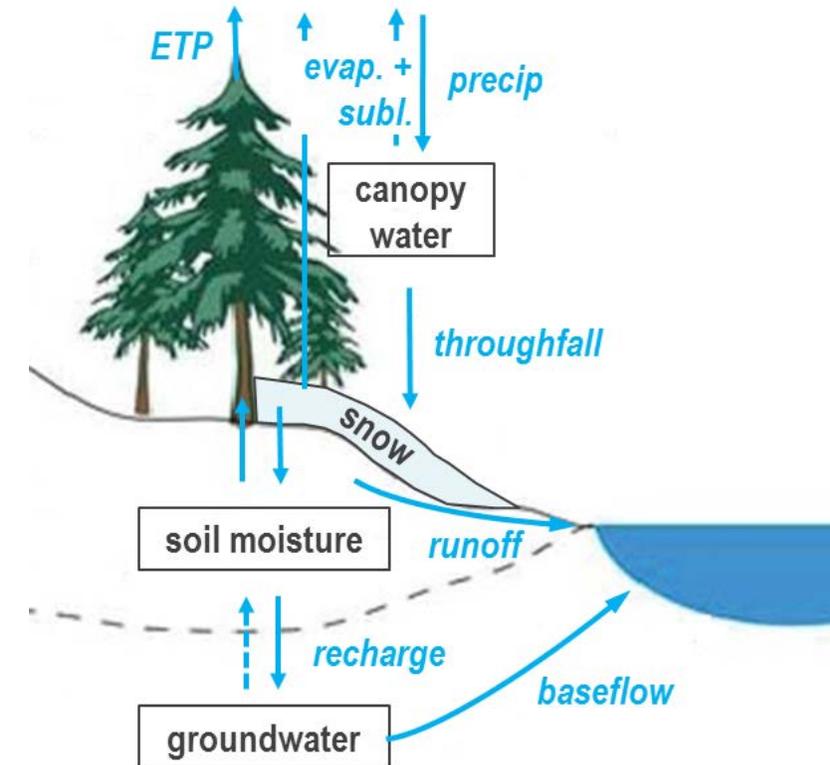
- Improve the quantitative assessment of the components of the water cycle in Norway by explicitly including forest changes in the model procedures
- Demonstrate the effects of land use and climate changes on the hydrological cycle
- Investigate local, regional and global hydrological impact assessments

# IMPACTS OF FOREST STRUCTURE ON HYDROLOGY



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- Forests are recognized for their decisive effect on the landscape water balance
- Forest structure determines energy partitioning and dominant flow paths
- Threefold increase of standing forest volume over the past 100 years
- Spatial and temporal variability in forest structure often poorly represented in (large scale) hydrological modeling frameworks
- Couple the distributed HBV hydrological model with forest structural information from the Norwegian NFI and multi-source remote sensing data
- Forest classification scheme based on forest structure to account for impacts of forest management



# CURRENT LAND COVER SCHEME



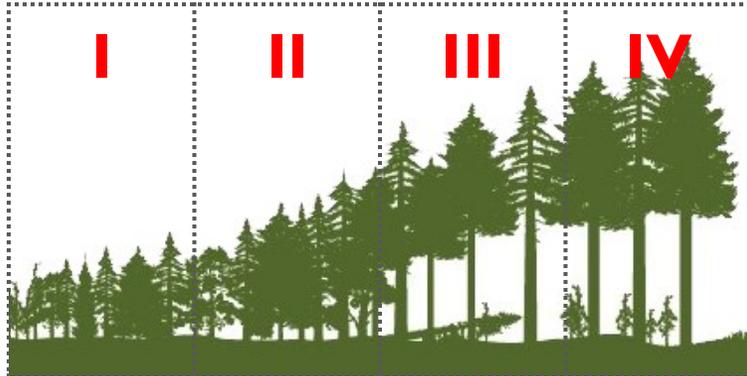
**Data-driven, spatially distributed forest characterization** that reflects hydrologically relevant differences in land surface parameters:

- Albedo
- Canopy height
- Leaf area index
- Deciduous leaf area (share)

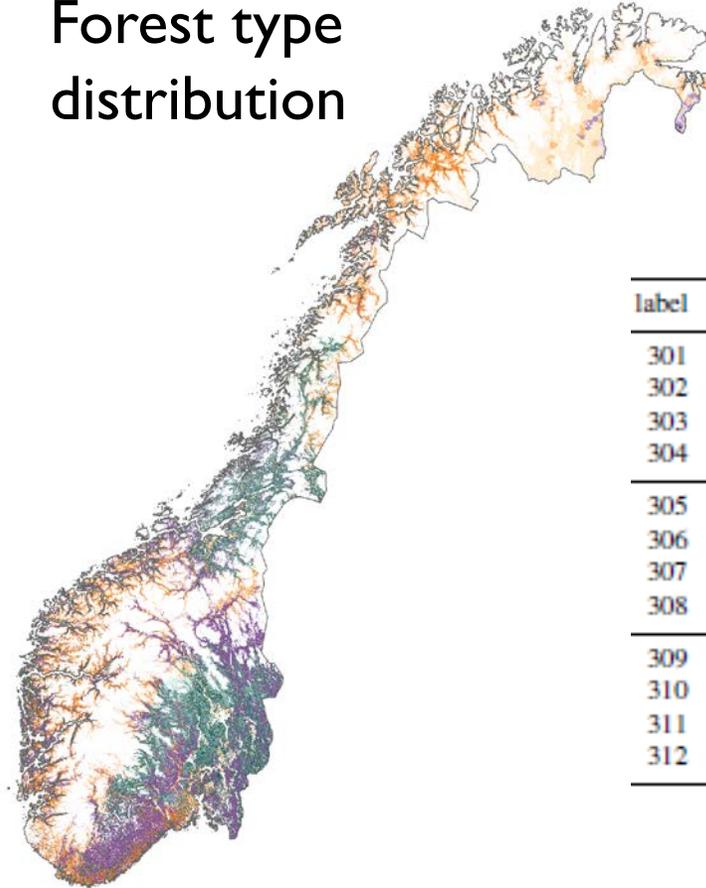
Multi-source remote sensing data

National forest inventory data

# FOREST CLASSIFICATION SCHEME



Forest type distribution

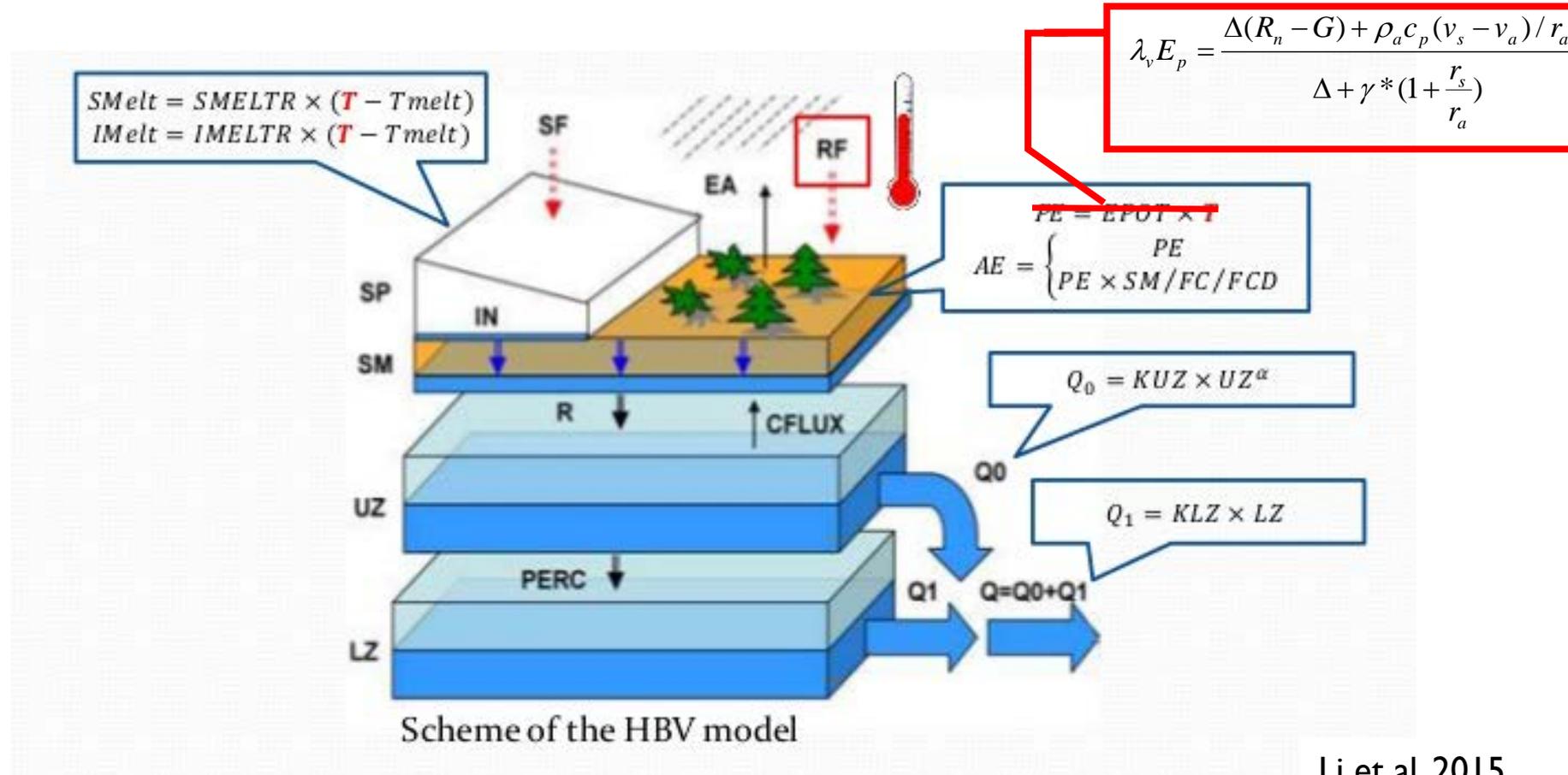


Parameter look-up table

label	V	H	CL	LAI <sub>max</sub>
301	22 (28.9)	7.5 (3.1)	6.3 (2.8)	1.4 (1.6)
302	92.2 (51.7)	12.3 (2.5)	10.1 (2.2)	4.3 (2.2)
303	201.3 (70.1)	16.8 (3.1)	13.2 (2.6)	6.7 (2.5)
304	373.9 (138.9)	22 (4.5)	15.8 (3.5)	9.1 (3.4)
305	20.8 (23.1)	7.5 (2.8)	4.6 (1.7)	0.9 (1)
306	80 (49.2)	11.6 (2.4)	6.7 (1.4)	2.4 (1.4)
307	129.5 (67.9)	17 (3.9)	9.4 (2)	2.3 (1.2)
308	236.4 (107.1)	17.2 (5)	8.4 (1.6)	4.4 (1.5)
309	7.2 (10.8)	4.9 (1.6)	3.2 (1.1)	0.5 (0.7)
310	36.1 (28.9)	8.4 (2.1)	5.5 (1.3)	1.8 (1.6)
311	97.6 (50.8)	12.2 (3.7)	7.9 (2.5)	3.9 (2.1)
312	227 (111.2)	18.3 (5.5)	10.3 (3.2)	7 (3.2)

# HYDROLOGICAL MODEL

- The distributed HBV model with the Penman-Monteith method



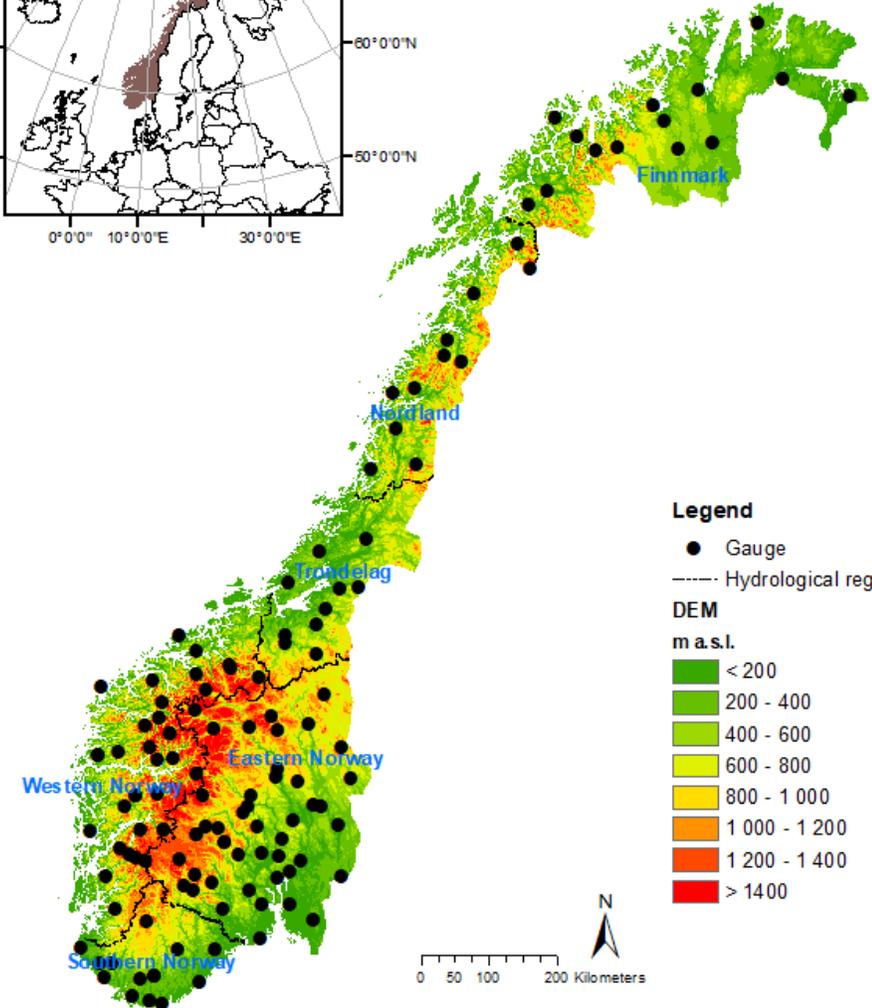
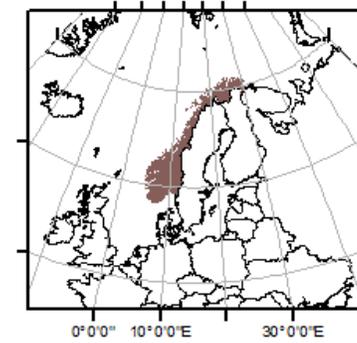
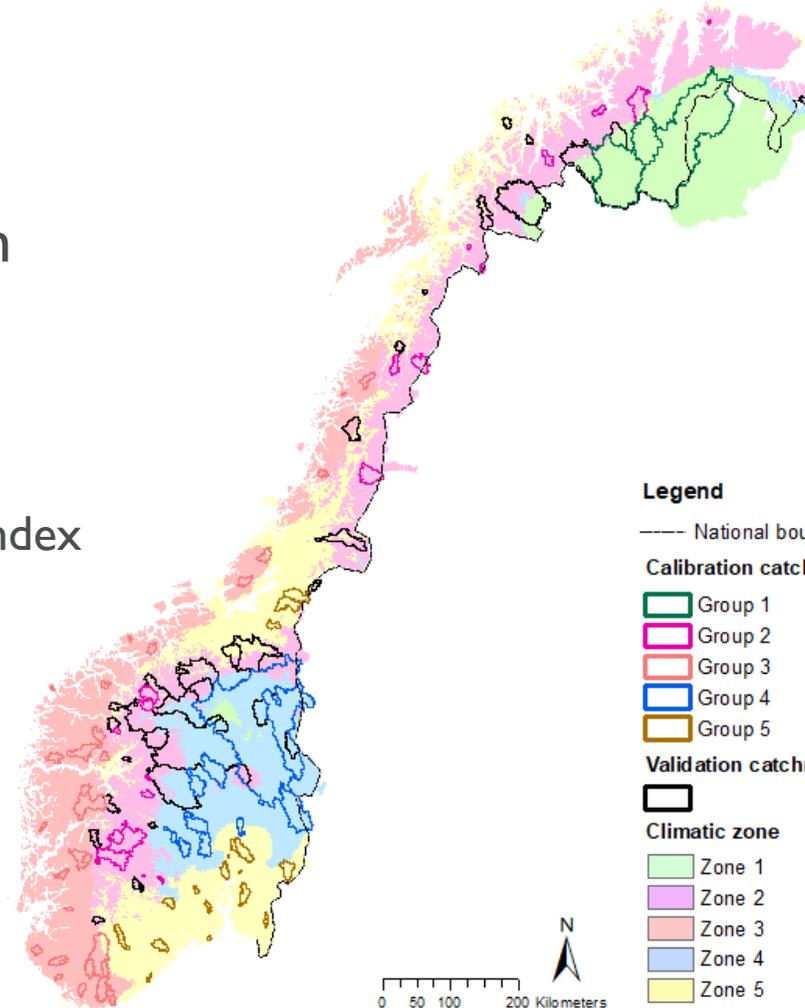


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# NORWAY (323 781 KM<sup>2</sup>), 123 CATCHMENTS (7 – 15450 KM<sup>2</sup>)

## Regionalized calibration

- Climate indices
- Mean annual precipitation
- Precipitation seasonality index
- Mean annual temperature
- Temperature seasonality
- K-mean clustering



# DATA

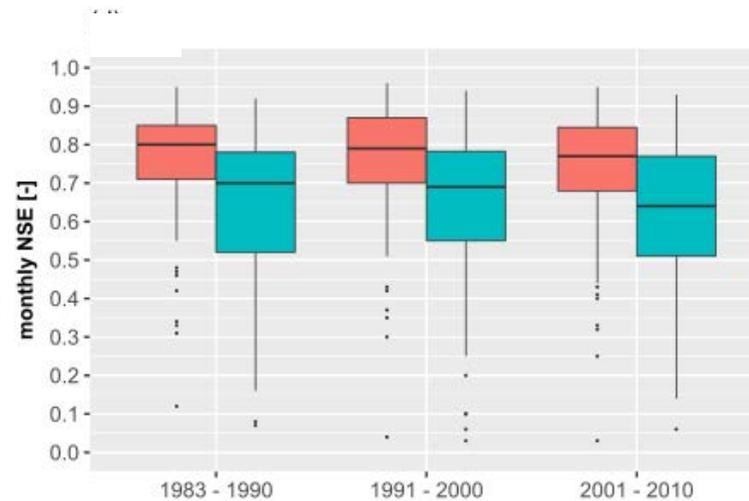
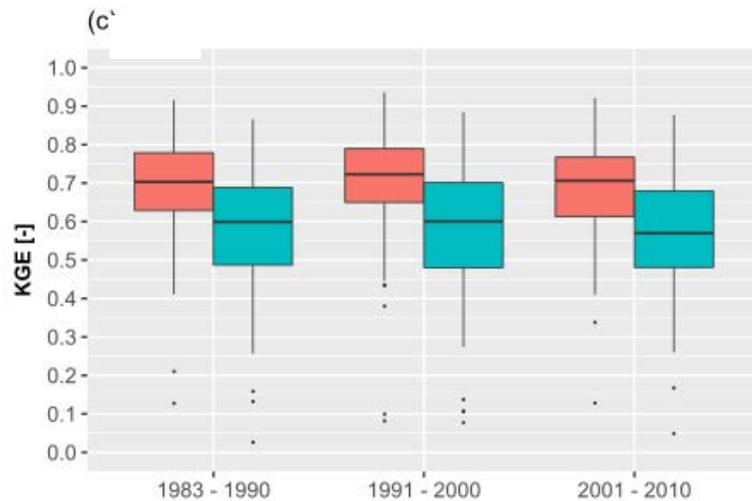
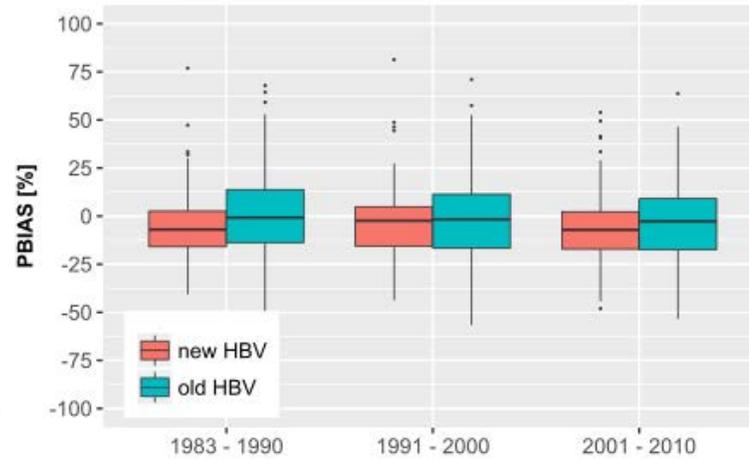
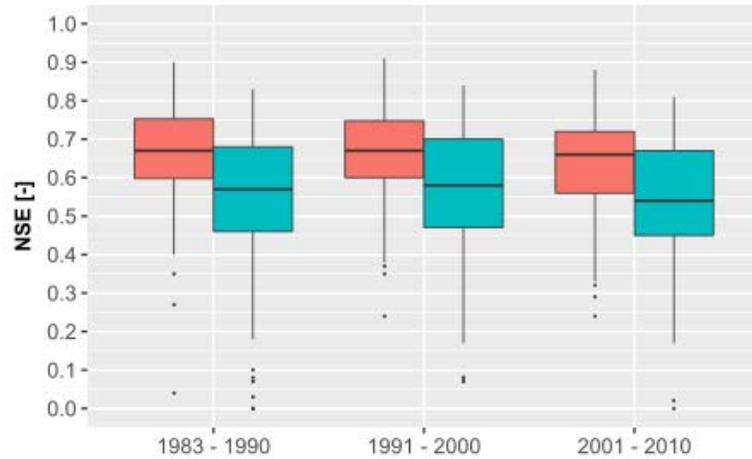
## ■ Land surface parameters (20 landscape types)

- Albedo
- LAI
- Vegetation height (m)
  
- Bulk resistance (s/m)
- Roughness parameter (m)
  
- Crop parameters
  
- Additional biome properties

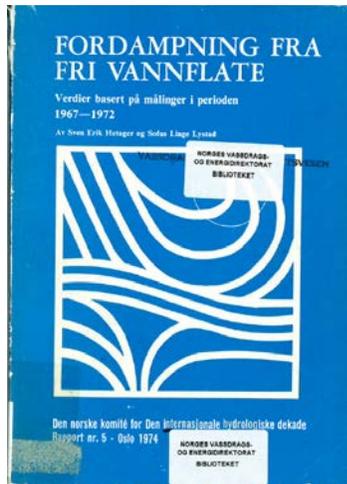


# MODEL PERFORMANCE

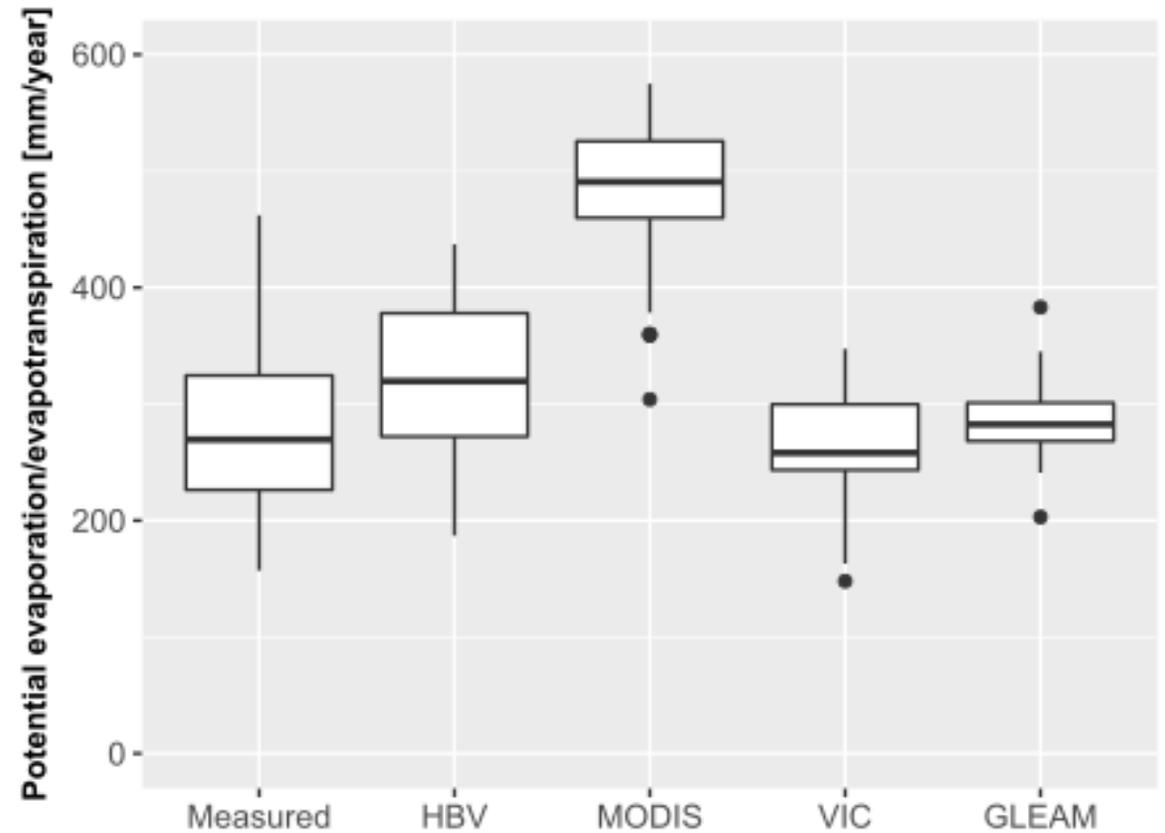
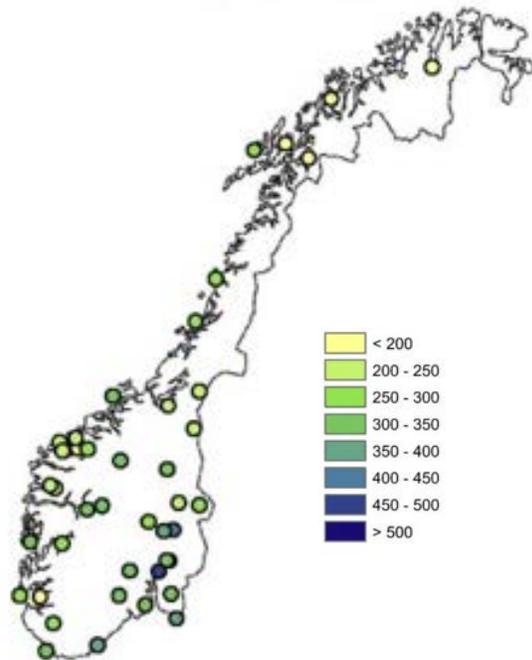
Compare the model performance between the new and old version of the HBV model



# POTENTIAL EVAPOTRANSPIRATION



Pan measurement  
1967 - 1972 (May - Sep.)



# RESULTS

## Average annual actual evapotranspiration (E) and runoff in 1983 – 2012

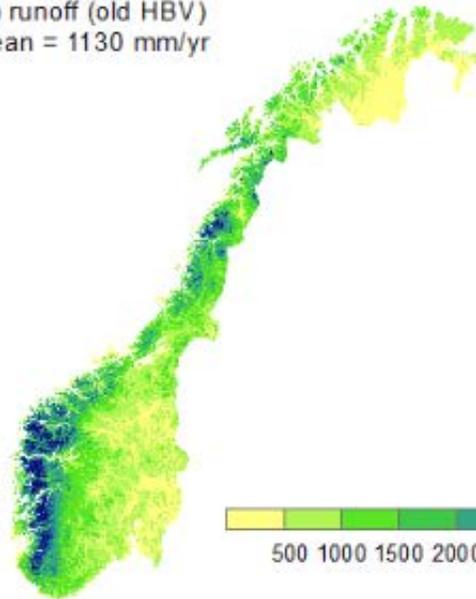
(a) actual E (old HBV)  
mean = 517 mm/yr



(b) actual E (new HBV)  
mean = 239 mm/yr



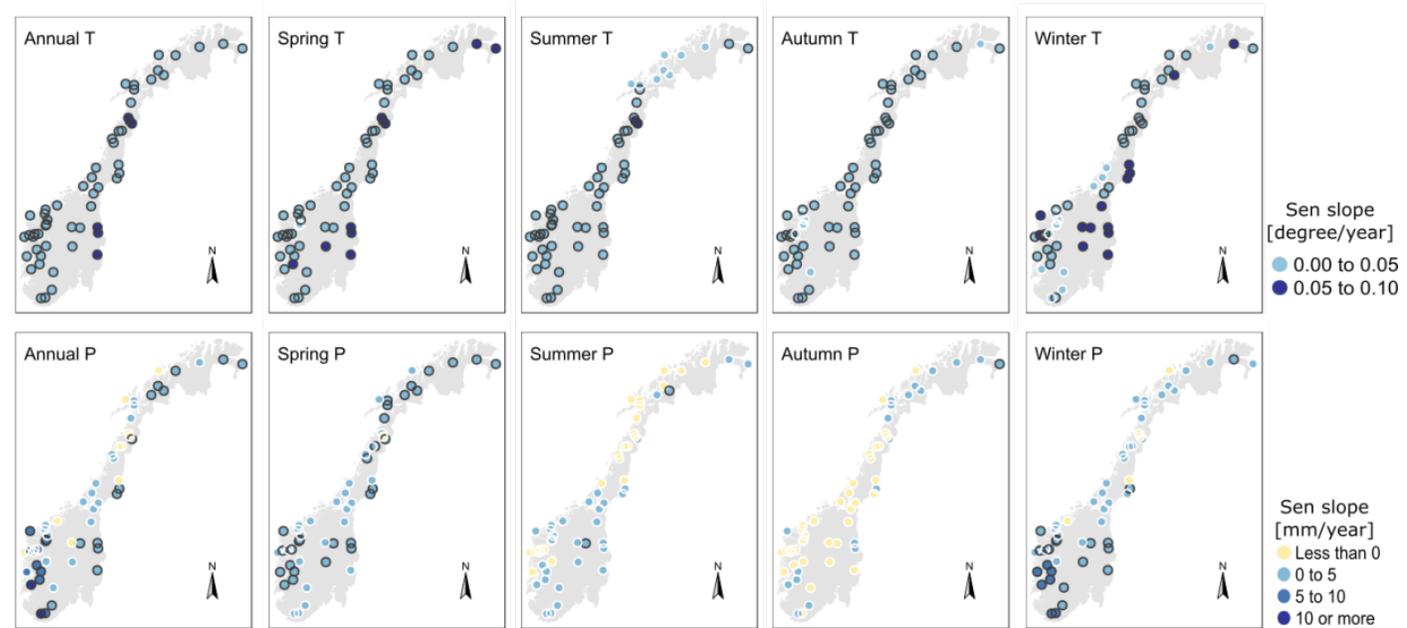
(c) runoff (old HBV)  
mean = 1130 mm/yr



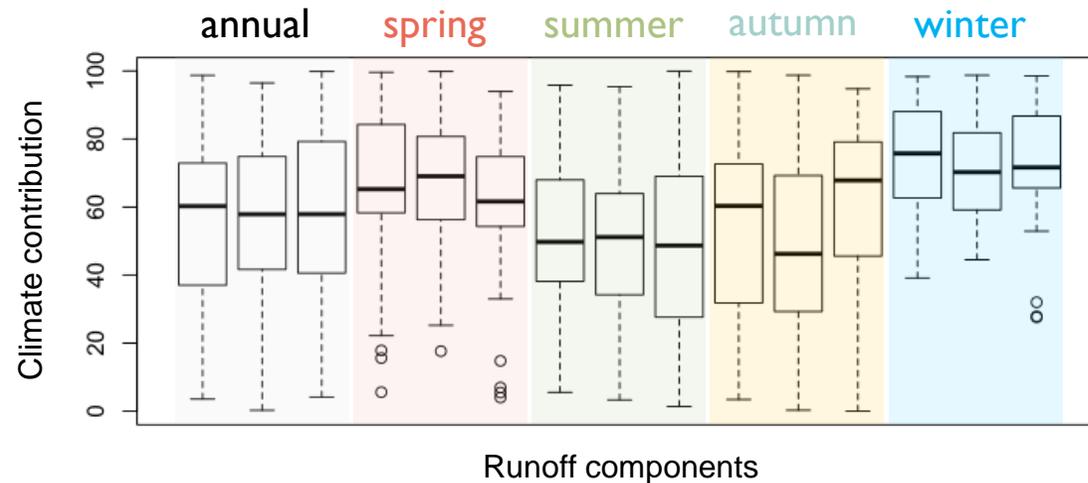
(d) runoff (new HBV)  
mean = 1094 mm/yr



# CONTRIBUTION OF CLIMATE AND LAND COVER IMPACTS ON STREAMFLOW



Reference period: 1961 – 1988  
 Changing period: 1989 – 2015



# EFFECT OF FOREST TYPE ON SNOW PACK DYNAMICS

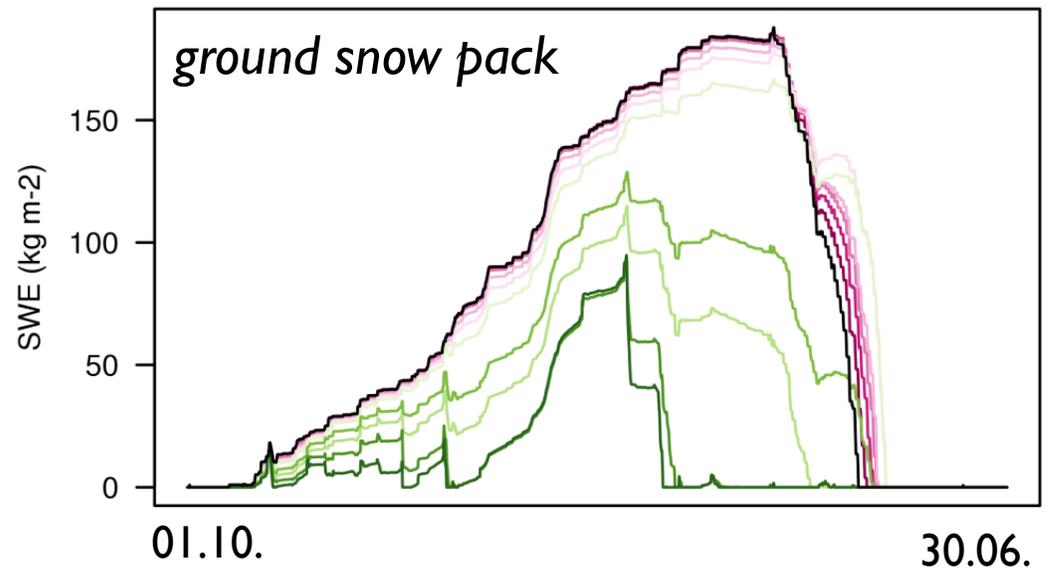
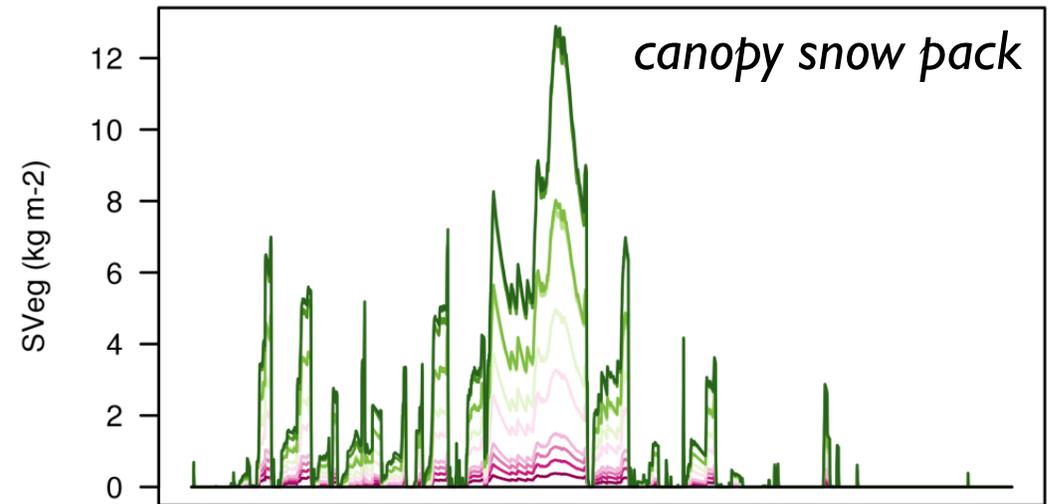
- Site-based sensitivity analysis of snow dynamics under different forest structures (LAI & canopy height)

*accumulated precipitation & runoff*

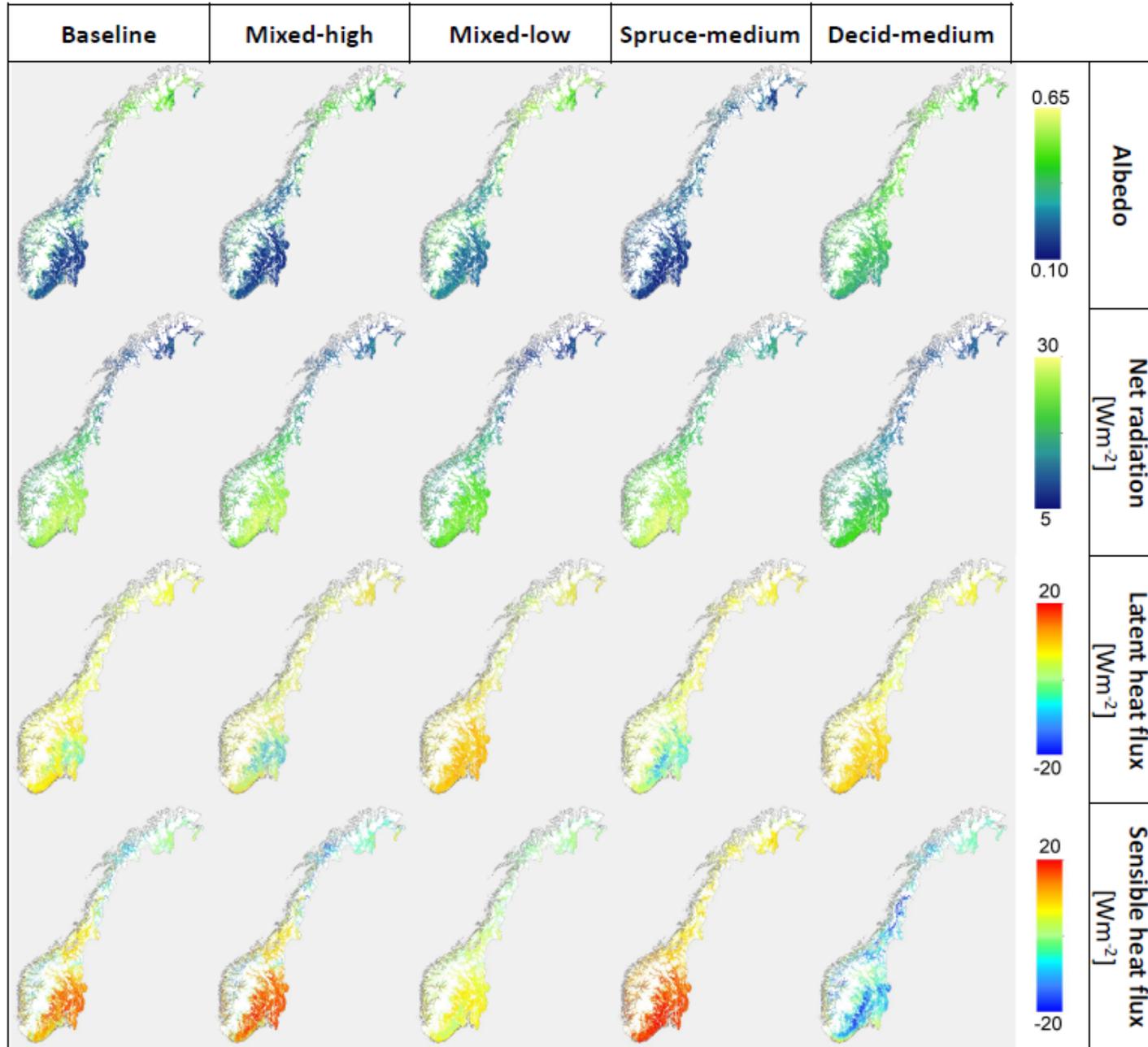
[low LAI]  [high LAI]

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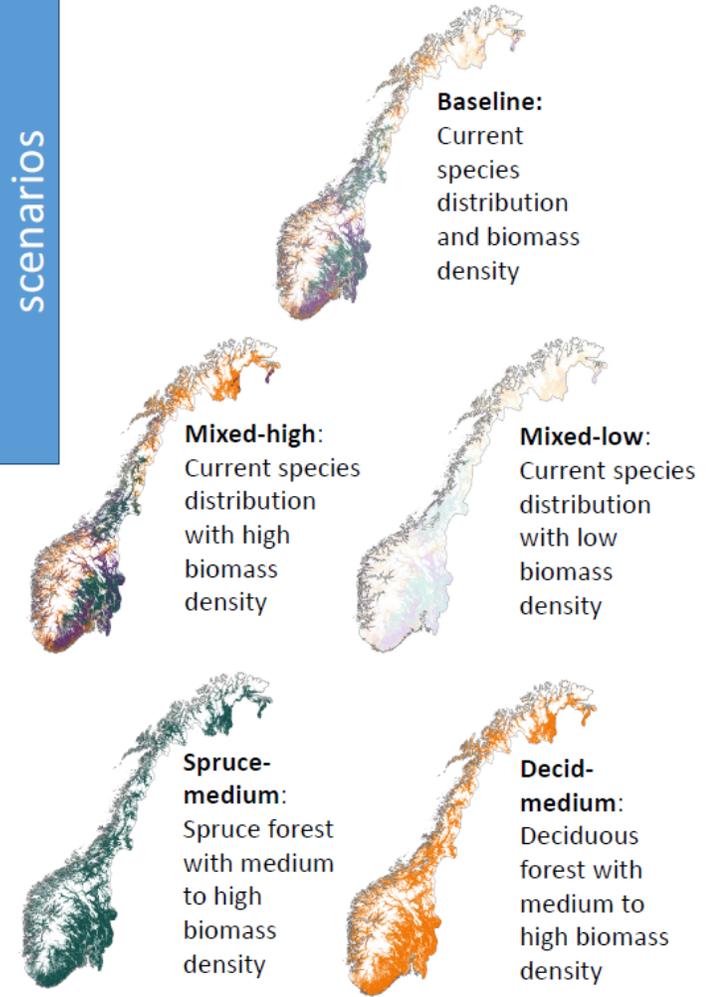
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# SEASONAL AVERAGE SEPTEMBER - JUNE



Forest management scenarios



Factorial Snowpack Model, Essery 2015

Eisner et al. 2019

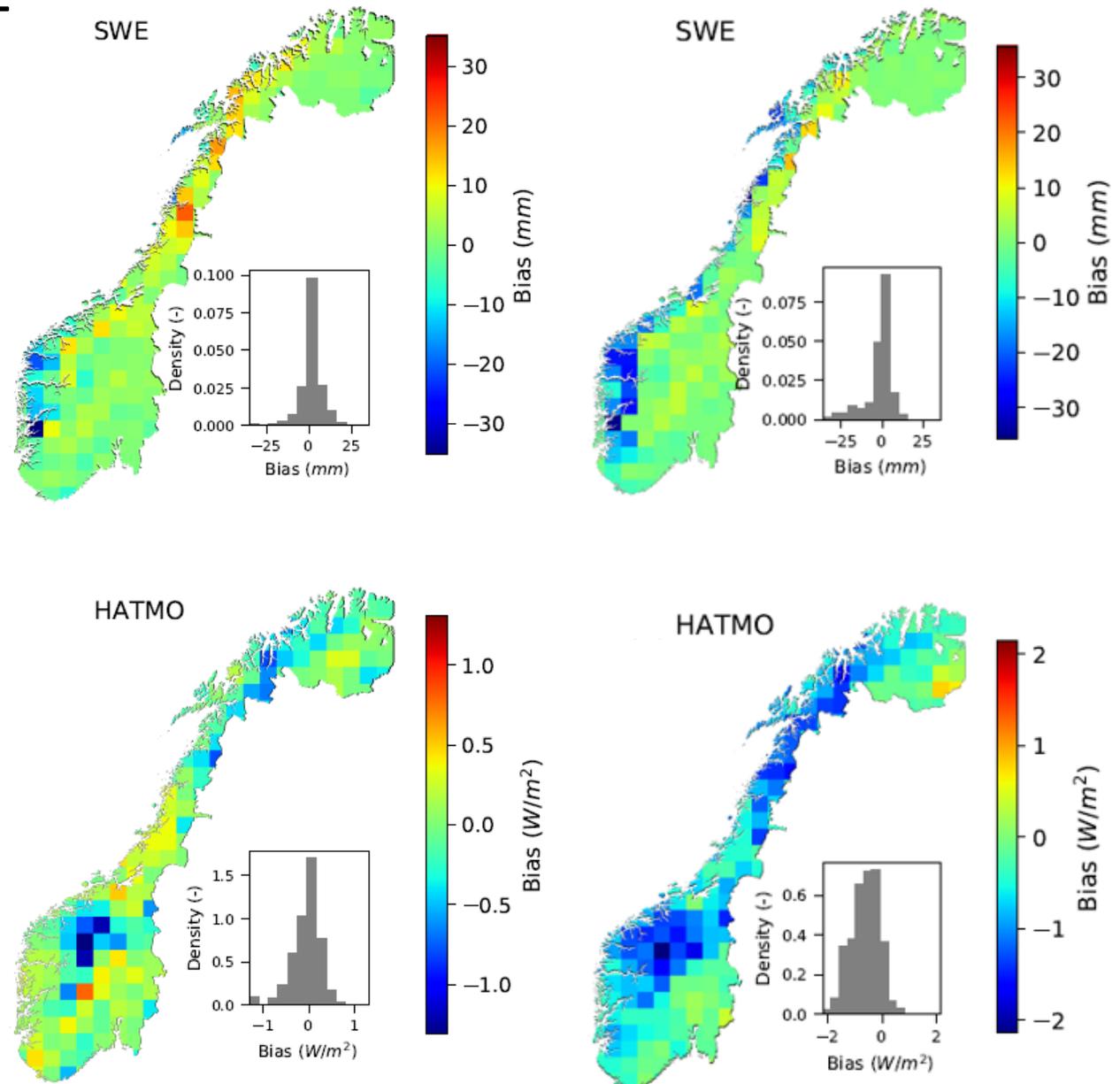


# FACTORIAL SNOWPACK MODEL

Bias between the coarse (50 km) and fine (1 km) scale simulations for snow water equivalent (top), and sensible heat fluxes (bottom).

Left figures: all process parameterisations are set to option 1, also for turbulent heat exchanges (atmospheric stability correction scheme).

Right figures: all process parameterisations are set to option 1, except for turbulent heat exchanges that was set to 0 (assuming neutral atmospheric conditions).



Factorial Snowpack Model, Essery 2015

Magnusson et al. 2019



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## CONCLUSIONS

- The Penman-Monteith method was successfully implemented in the HBV model and showed reasonable estimation of potential evapotranspiration for Norway
- The calibration and validation results show a significant improvement on the simulated discharge as well as hydrological components compared to previous simulation results
- Further improvement may be obtained by substituting a physically based snow model for Norway for the parametric snow module in HBV
- Forest structure impacts on albedo, energy balance and water balance
- Model simulations show that scale errors depends on model structure and process parameterization

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