Hydrologic Similarity Analysis by Unsupervised Classification of watershed's soft data Received from the SWAT Model.

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#### Use of Grouping hydrologicaly similar Watersheds

- Predictions on ungagued basins
- Calibration of large watersheds
  - In both the cases few watersheds are calibrated and the parameters are to be transferred to a hydrologicaly similar watershed.

### Study-Area

#### Upper- Mississippi watershed



Area: 2,981,076 km<sup>2</sup>

Discharge: Avg: 593,000 CFS Max: 3,065,000 CFS Min: 159,000 CFS

#### Approach

 Fuzzy c means clustering of the SWAT model's uncalibrated output.



### Variables used for Fuzzy c means clustering

#### \* 8- Variables

- \* Mean and Standard deviation of
  - \* Precipitation
  - \* Surface Runoff
  - \* GW Contribution
  - \* Evapotranspiration

These variables where taken for the initial analysis of the clustering technique to check the effect of the size of the sub-basins, scaling of the variable values and the effect of precipitation variable in the clustering analysis.

### Effect of the Size of the sub-basins on the clustering

Mean and Standard deviation of Mean and Standard deviation of values for all years



values for all years



# Effect of rescaling of the variables on the clustering

Variables used without rescaling

Variables were rescaled from 1-100 for clustering





## Effect of precipitation as a variable in clustering

### Rescaled mean values of variables divided by pcp

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## sensitivity of variables used for clustering

#### Variables used for sensitivity testing

- \* Area of the watershed
- Precipitation
- \* Snow melt
- Potential Evapotranspiration
- \* Evapotranspiration
- \* Soil Water
- Percolation
- \* Surface Discharge
- \* Ground Water Contribution

#### Sensitivity of Variables used-Identified by removing one variable at a time from classification





#### Validation of the methodology



#### If the Mississippi river should be divided based on the land use-It should be looking something similar to this



## Comparison of clustering with the classification based on the rainfall-runoff ratio

Fuzzy-C- means clustered

Runoff/Rainfall ratio of the subbasins





Future improvements planned for improving the methodology.

- The subgroups within the sub-basin at the hru level will be considered.
- The flow data will be considered only for the high flow seasons for the clustering.
- \* The lag between the rainfall and the runoff will be considered for the clustering analysis.
- The percentage split of the rainfall into various water budget components can be considered for the clustering.



## **Thank-You**