

Challenges in assessing the hydrology of extreme events under climate change conditions

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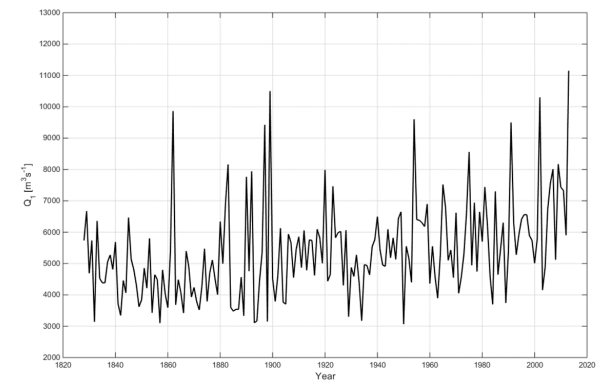
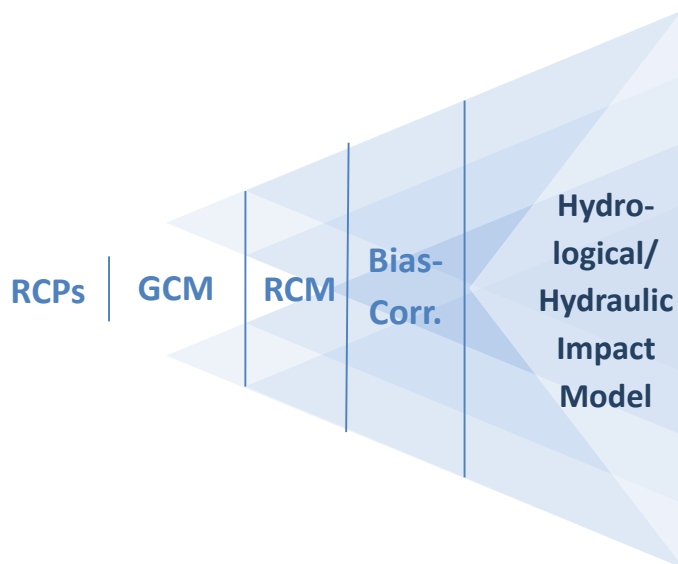
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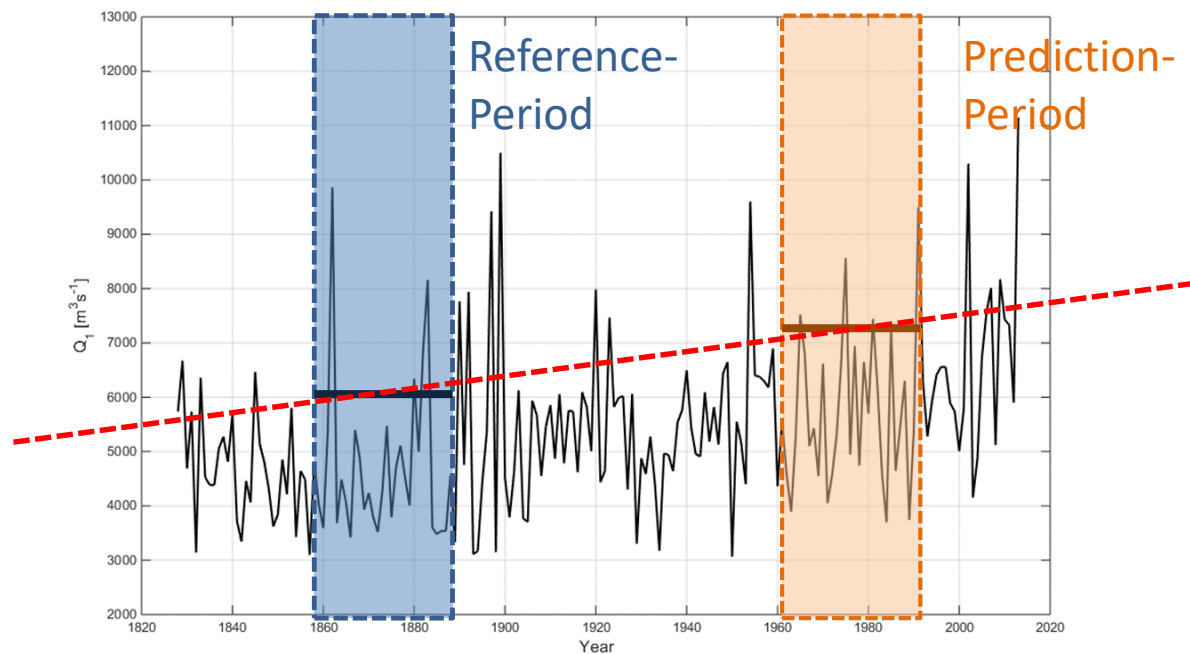
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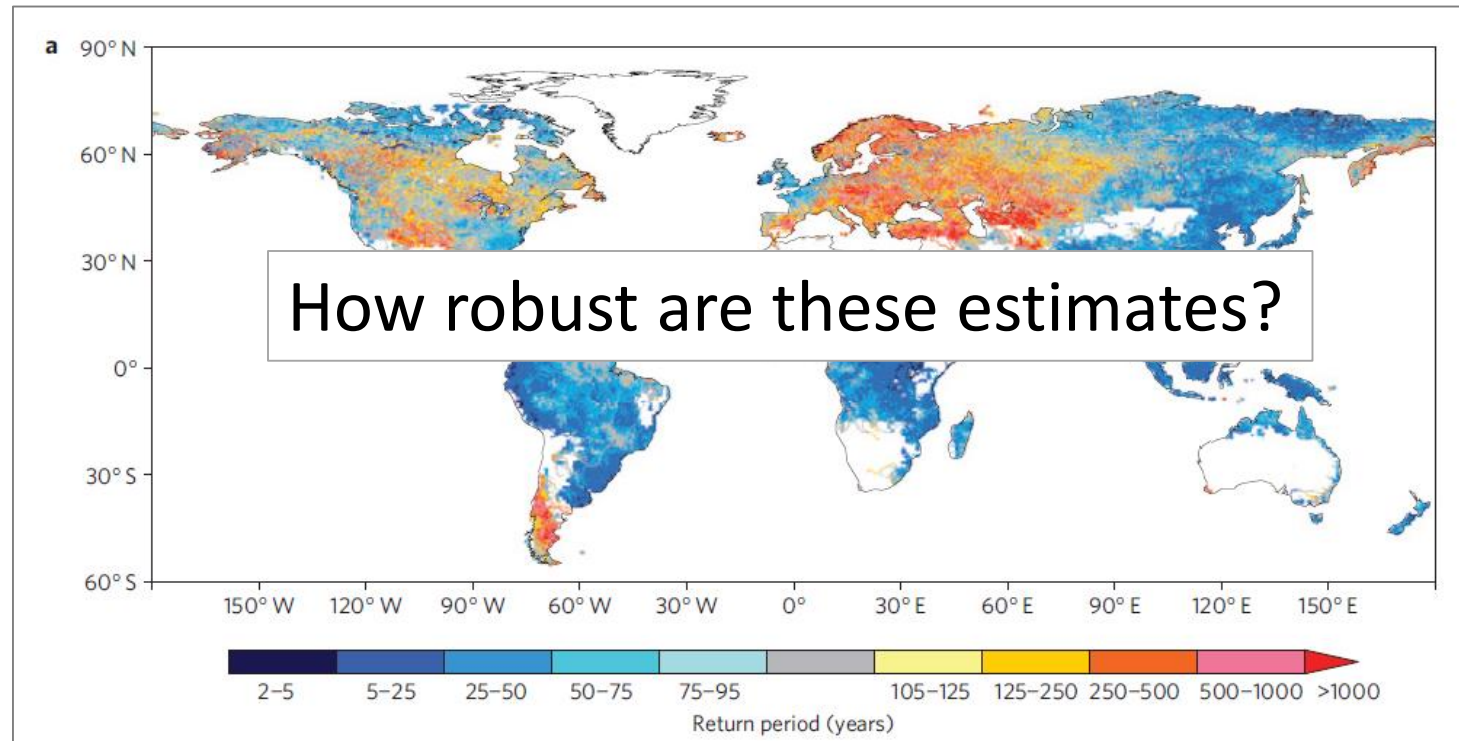
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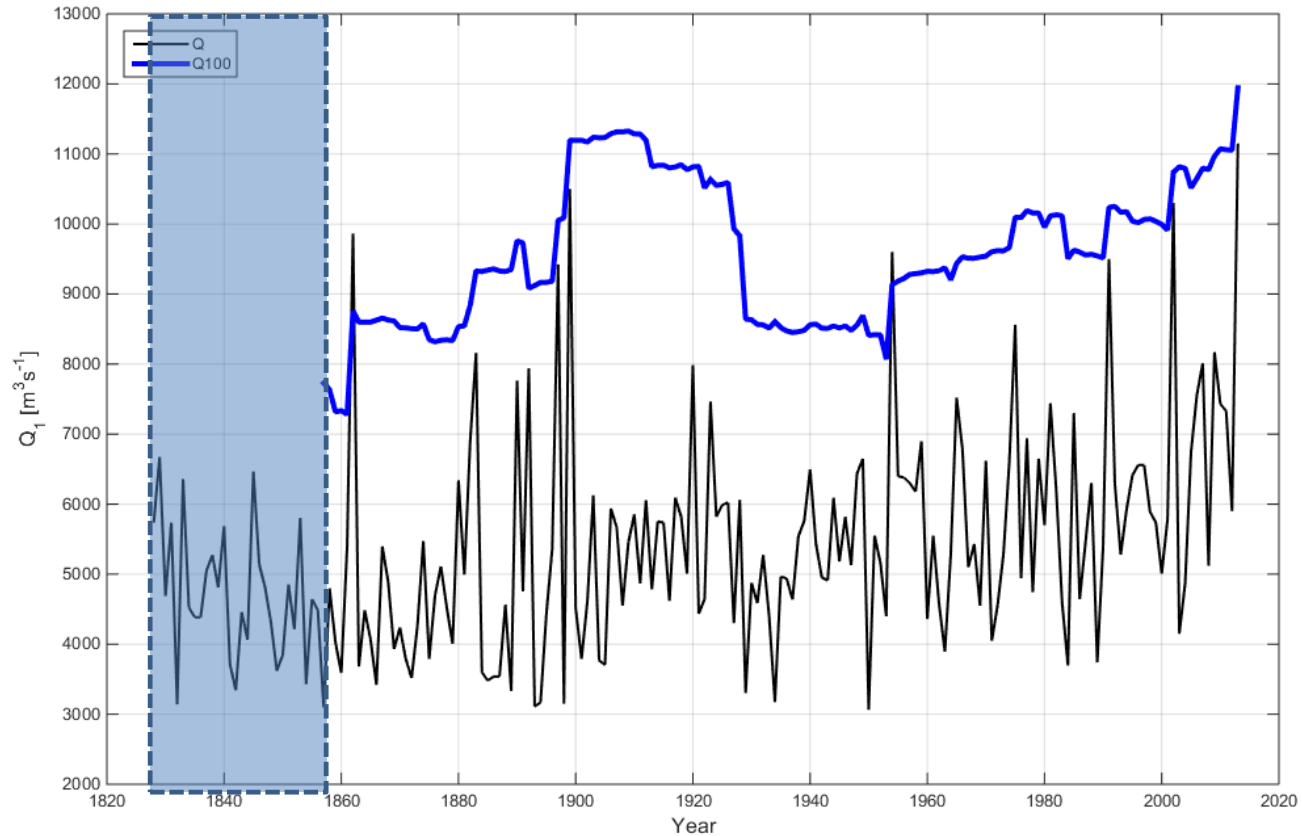
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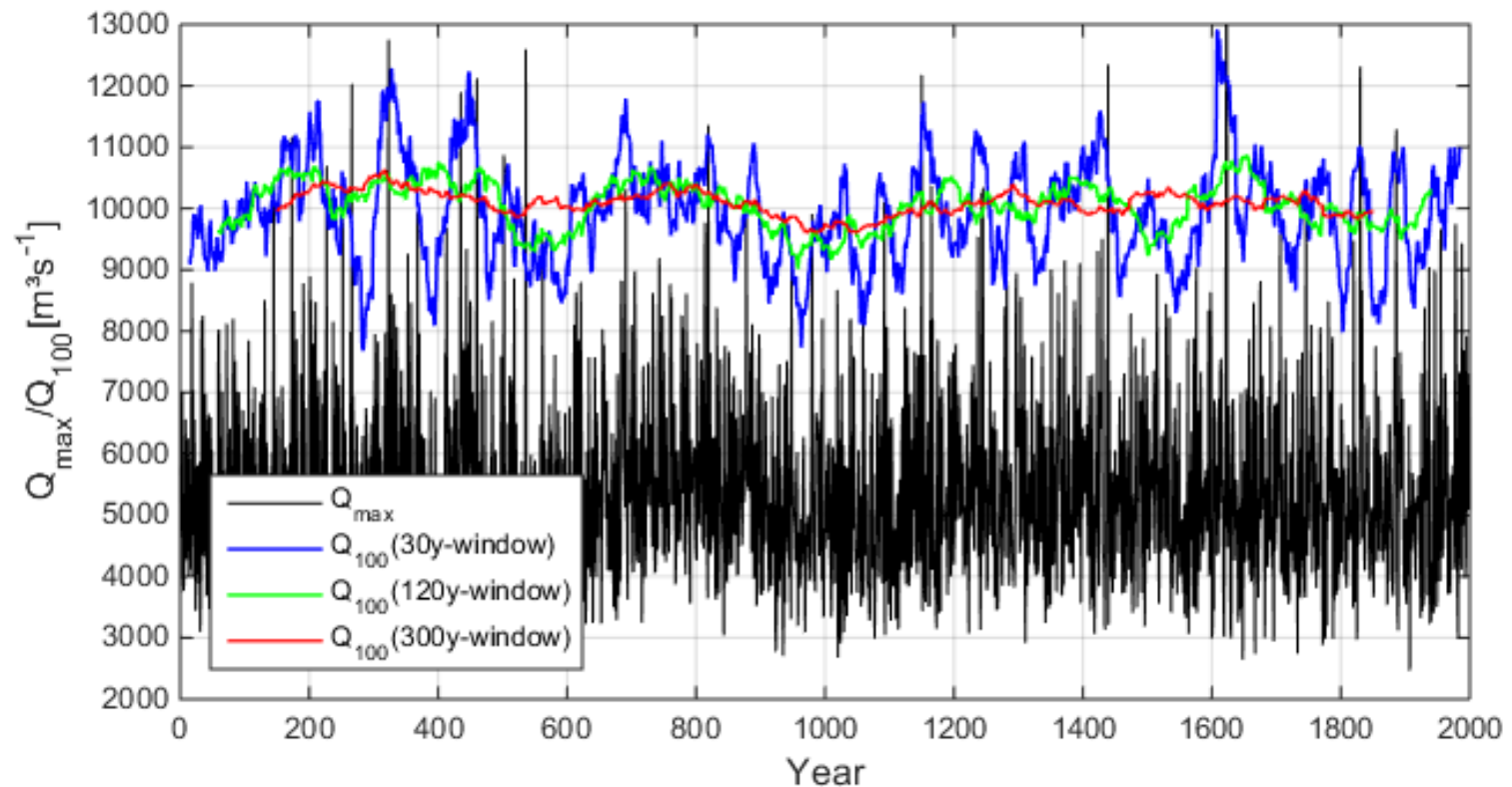


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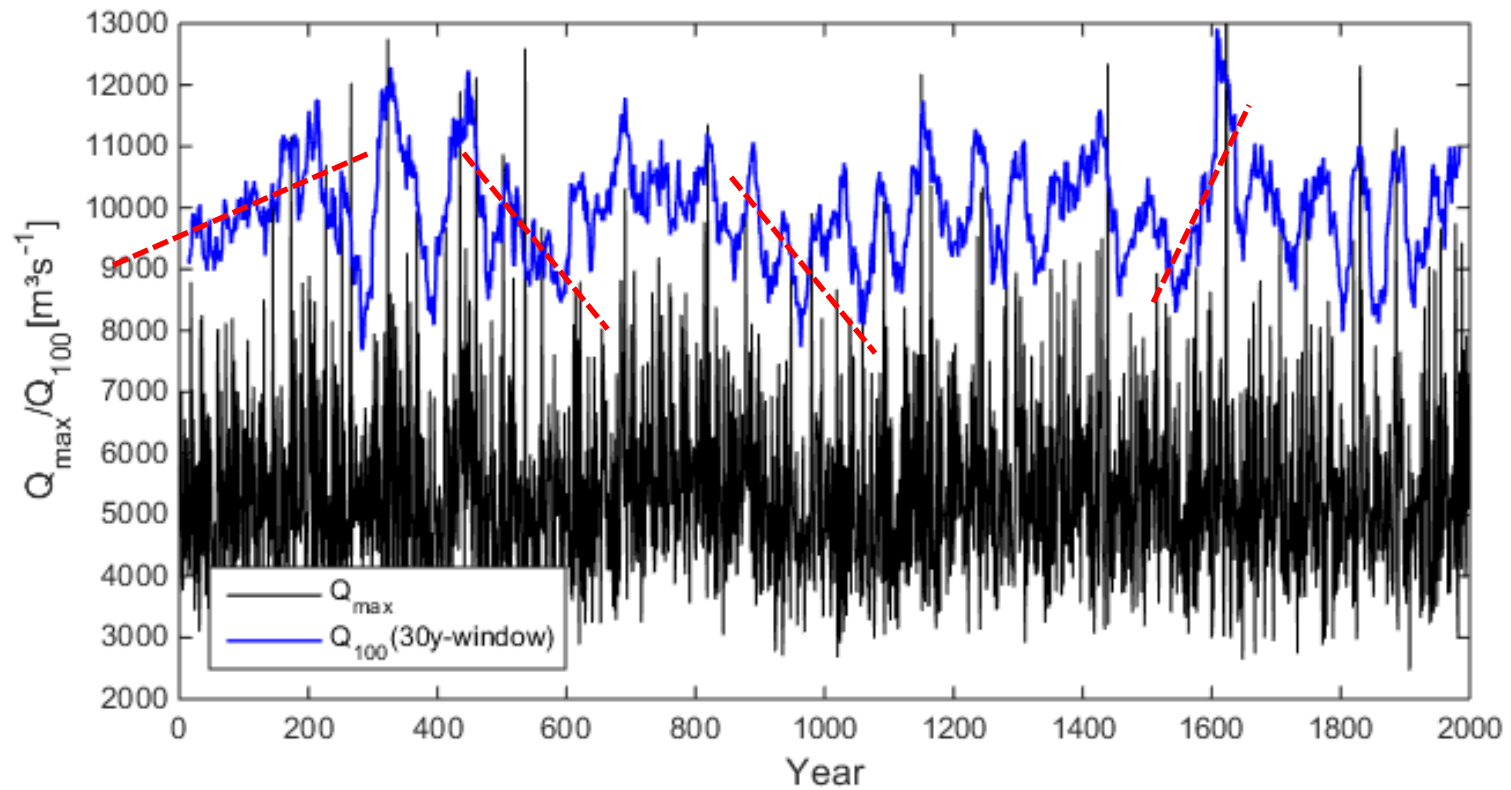
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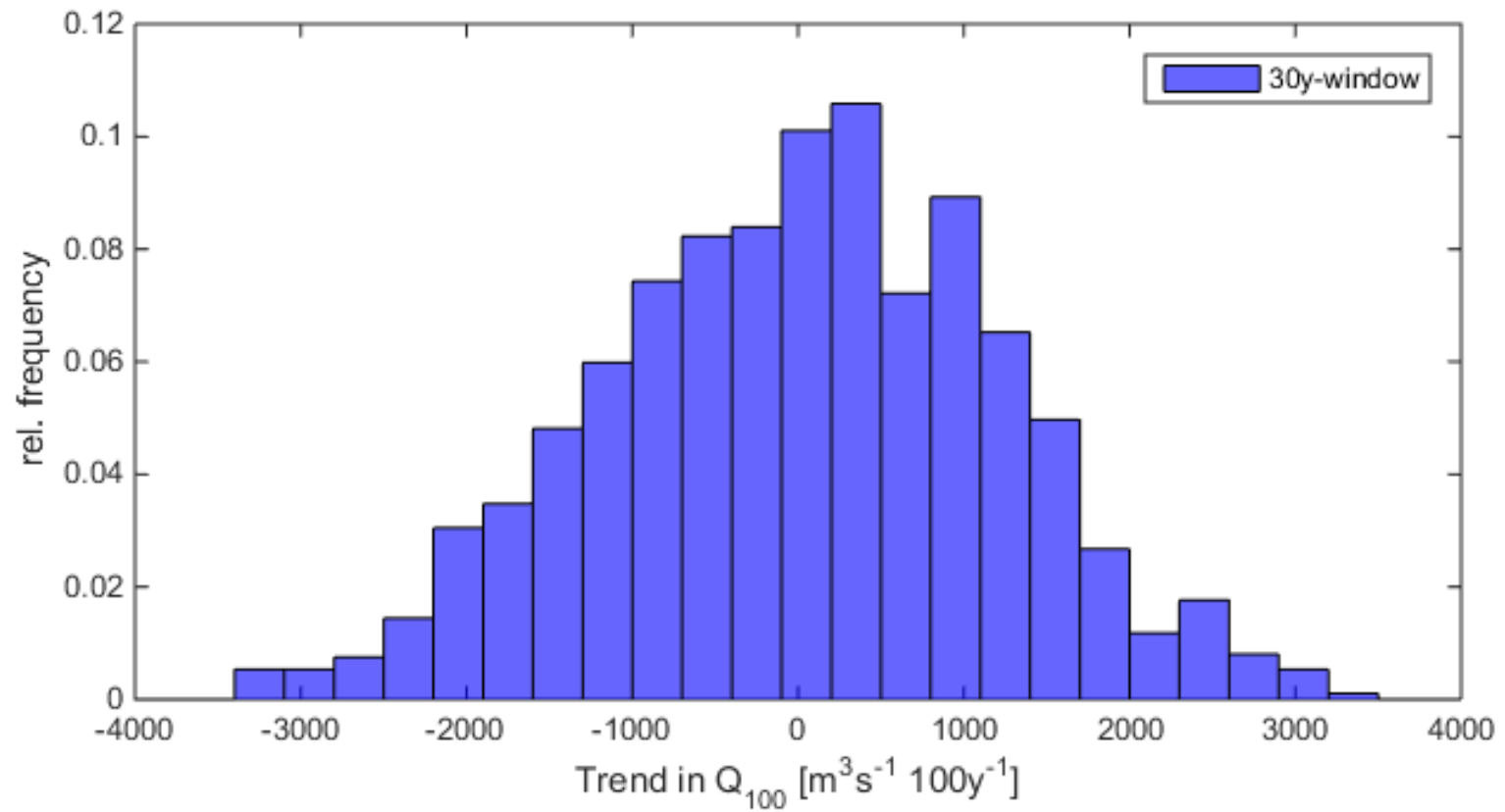
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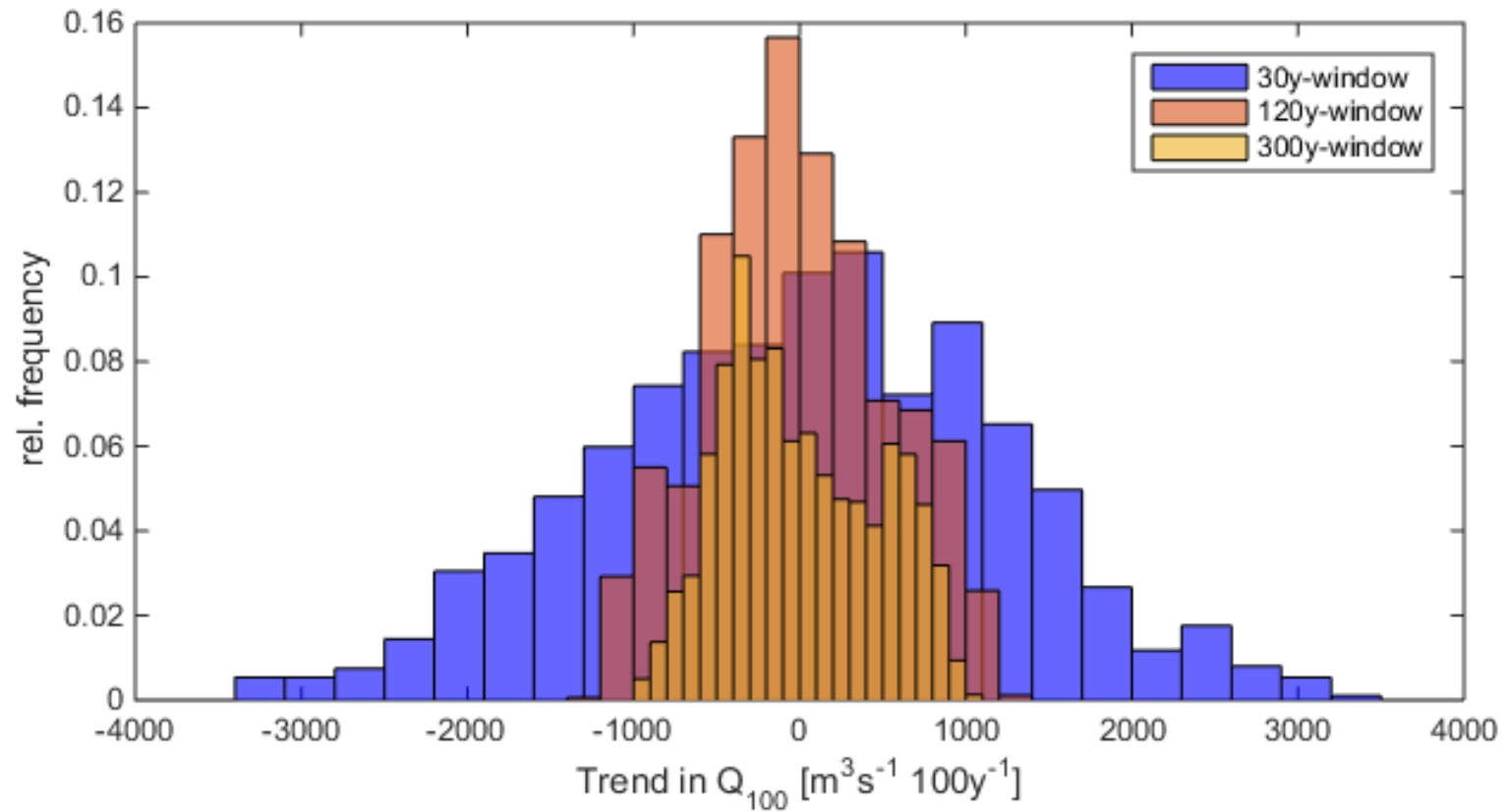
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EVD	Trends in Q_{100} [$\text{m}^3\text{s}^{-1}100\text{y}^{-1}$]											
	Danube			Rhine			Elbe			Thames		
	<u>(Klosterneuburg)</u>			<u>(Rees)</u>			<u>(Neu Darchau)</u>			<u>(Kingston)</u>		
	min.	max.	Q_{100} (data)	min.	max.	Q_{100} (data)	min.	max.	Q_{100} (data)	min.	max.	Q_{100} (data)
Extreme Value (Gumbel)	-3,457 (1,244)	3,486 (1,336)	10,071	-2,875 (1,552)	2,953 (1,634)	13,991	-1,285 (664)	1,198 (554)	4,338	-69 (68)	68 (65)	688
Weibull	-2,171 (950)	2,314 (1,092)	9,155	-956 (741)	938 (753)	11,078	-2,617 (1,605)	2,572 (1,694)	3,700	-81 (37)	80 (37)	576
log-Normal	-6,222 (4,218)	6,116 (3,067)	9,672	-3,113 (3,009)	3,112 (3,067)	13,202	-1,048 (653)	1,056 (687)	4,388	-129 (110)	132 (110)	656

Robust Estimation of Flood Extremes - Q_{100}

A small stream cannot produce a major Mississippi River flood, for much the same reason that an ordinary barnyard fowl cannot lay an egg a yard in diameter”
(Horton, 1936)