

Distributed Precipitation HEC-HMS Model For UTM Map Projection System

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1. Introduction

Understanding the complex relationships between rainfall and runoff process is necessary for the proper estimation of the quantity of the flood peak generated in a watershed. The Hydrologic Engineering Center's Hydrologic Modeling System (HEC-HMS) is a powerful system which is designed to simulate the rainfall-runoff processes. Hydrographs produced by the program are used directly or in conjunction with other software, for example HEC-RAS, for many hydrological and hydraulic studies such as water availability, urban drainage, flow forecasting, future urbanization impact, reservoir spillway design, flood damage reduction, floodplain regulation, and systems operation.

In the traditional approach of hydrologic modeling, hydrologic parameters were averaged over a large basin. However, these averaged hydrologic parameters cannot represent the details well in a basin, especially for the basin with versatile hydrologic properties. With the availability of radar rainfall and spatial data (digital elevation model and national land cover dataset), hydrologic modeling using smaller subbasin areas or a grid system can introduce a more details to represent the basin as real as possible. By calculating the rainfall and infiltration cell by cell, the gridded HEC-HMS model can provide better accuracy over traditional basin average methods.

In order to prepare input files, datasets, parameters for a HEC-HMS model, we need to utilize two toolkits operating on the ArcMap software, namely HEC-GeoHMS and Arc Hydro. They contain a set of tools specifically designed to process geospatial data, digital elevation model and perform hydrological analysis. Through a user-friendly graphical user interface, which consists of menus, tools, and buttons, and the integrated data management, the user can analyze the terrain information, delineate subbasins and streams, and prepare hydrologic inputs, expediently.

In order to visualize gridded rainfall data and gridded curve number file, HEC-DSSVue is necessary to use. HEC-DSSVue is a Java-based visual utilities program that allows users to plot, tabulate, edit, and manipulate data in a HEC-DSS database file (file_name.dss).

This tutorial introduces and demonstrates the necessary details about how to develop a gridded hydrological model based on the widely used, free-access and open-source software, HEC-HMS. The training of this tutorial will be benefit to the audience who are interested in hydrologic study.

In this tutorial, you will use the following software

- ArcMap 10.X
- HEC-GeoHMS 10.X
- Arc Hydro 10.X
- HEC-DSSVue 3.2.3
- HEC-HMS 4.8.1

Readers are expected to understand some basic knowledge on hydrology and hydraulics as well as the operation skills on the HEC-RAS software, ArcMap, and Windows 10 before reading this tutorial

! The default operational system is Windows 10 and the ArcMap 10.6 is used to prepare this tutorial.

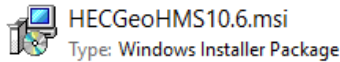
2. Download and Install Required Software

2.1 Download and install HEC-GeoHMS

The link below is for downloading the HEC-GeoHMS. The version of HEC-GeoHMS has to be consistent with the version of ArcMap on your operational desktop. For example, if your ArcMap version is 10.6, then your HEC-GeoHMS has to be 10.6. The name of the install package would be HECGeoHMS10.6.msi in the link provided below.

Link for downloading HECGeoHMS10.6.msi
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- **Direct To** your download folder, **Double Click** on the Windows Installer Package named HECGeoHMS10.6.msi, and follow the instruction to install HEC-GeoHMS.

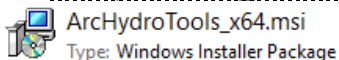


2.2 Download and install Arc Hydro

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- **Direct To** your download folder, **Double Click** on the Windows Installer Package named ArcHydroTools_x64.msi, and follow the instruction to install Arc Hydro.

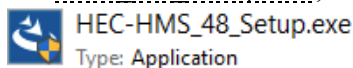


2.3 Download and install HEC-HMS

The link below is for downloading the HEC-HMS. The version we needed in this tutorial shows the following name in the download page,

Link for downloading HEC-HMS 4.8 for Windows (199MB)
<https://www.hec.usace.army.mil/software/hec-hms/downloads.aspx>

- **Direct To** your download folder, **Double Click** on the Application named HEC-HMS_4.8_Setup.exe, follow the instruction to install HEC-HMS.



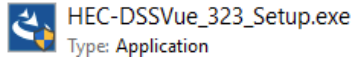
2.4 Download and install HEC-DSSVue

The link below is for downloading the HEC-DSSVue. The version we needed in this tutorial shows the following name in the download page,

Link for downloading [HEC-DSSVue 3.2.3 for Windows \(66.5 MB\)](https://www.hec.usace.army.mil/software/hec-dssvue/downloads.aspx)

<https://www.hec.usace.army.mil/software/hec-dssvue/downloads.aspx>

- **Direct to** your download folder, **double click** on the Application named HEC-DSSVue_323_Setup.exe, follow the instruction to install HEC-DSSVue.










2.5 Download the datasets

The links below are for downloading the datasets that you need use in this tutorial. Table 1 below introduces the function of the files in this exercise.

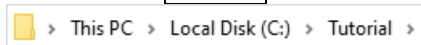
Link for downloading the datasets folder named [Tutorial](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b17cROjkkokxU7w33o12HtFWFDKs8wUZa?usp=sharing).

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Table 1. The datasets and files in the tutorial and their functions

 CypressDEM.tif	A digital elevation model (DEM) used for hydrologic processing.
 CypressCN.tif	A gridded dataset which has Curve Number (CN).
 2016 PDIR.dss	A gridded dss file which has rainfall data.
 River Lag Time.xlsx	A excel file used to calculate river lag time.
 Tools	Tools in the folder used to generate gridded CN dss file.
 asc2dssGrid.exe	An executable program used for transferring ASCII format dataset to dss format dataset.
 CN ASC2DSS Project.bat	A script file contains commands to project the coordinate system.

- **Store** the [Tutorial](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b17cROjkkokxU7w33o12HtFWFDKs8wUZa?usp=sharing) folder under the C drive. The location looks like following,




2.6 Others

In addition, this tutorial also provides some useful reading materials for whom is interested in learning more details.

Link for downloading the reading materials

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1wP6ypF5rMkidKISdmJSaOsEn-quRGtE-?usp=sharing>

 For how to generate the gridded rainfall dss file, please see the link below

https://web.eng.fiu.edu/arleon/Code_Precip_Forecast_DSS.html

If you are not familiar with the user interface of ArcMap and HEC-HMS, please see the Appendix 1 and 2 first. If you are familiar with the user interface of these two software, you are ready to go.



Now we are ready to explore how to build a gridded HEC-HMS model.

3. Prepare a basin model for HEC-HMS

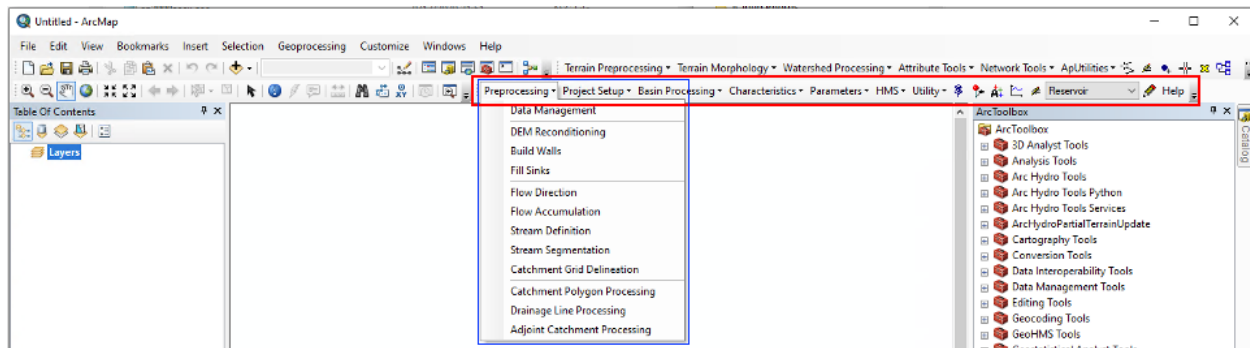
In this section, we are going to use HEC-GeoHMS to prepare a gridded basin model. Before processing datasets, we need to setup the ArcMap for running HEC-GeoHMS.

3.1 Presetting the ArcMap and Add Datasets

 For your convenience, those who are not familiar with ArcMap read Appendix first please.

- **Open** ArcMap 10.6.
- In **ArcMap Menu**,
- **Click** **Customize**  **Extensions**, **Check** **Spatial Analyst**, **Click** **Close**.
 - **Click** **Geoprocessing**  **Geoprocessing Options...**, in **Geoprocessing Options** window **Background Processing** option, **Uncheck** **Enable**, **Click** **Ok**.
 - **Right click** on the blank space (Next to **Help**), **Click to Check** **HEC-GeoHMS** and **Arc Hydro Tools**.




Now you can see **HEC-GeoHMS Menu** and **Arc Hydro Tools Menu** in the ArcMap user surface.



HEC-GeoHMS Menu has 7 tabs, namely **Preprocessing**, **Project Setup**, **Basin Processing**, **Characteristics**, **Parameters**, **HMS**, and **Utility**. Under each of tabs there are a series of tools. Normally, the dataset processing needs to follow a certain sequence. Fortunately, the sequence of datasets processing is already organized by **HEC-GeoHMS Menu** from left tab (**Preprocessing**) to right tab (**Utility**) from the top tool (**Data Management**) to bottom tool (**Adjoint Catchment Processing**) under the each of tab.

The initial step always begins with adding the datasets we need to process.

In **ArcMap Standard Menu**

- **Click**  (Add Data), in Add Data window, **Click**  (Connect To Folder), **Navigate To** and **Select** the **Tutorial** folder, **Click** **Ok**, **Select** **CypressDEM.tif**, **Click** **Add**.
- **Click**  (Save), in **Save As** window, **Save in:** **Choose** **Tutorial** folder, **File Name:** **Type** **CypressMap**, **Save as type:** **Choose** **ArcMap Document (*.mxd)**, **Click** **Save**.

Now, we will dig into the real business for building a gridded HEC-HMS model.

3.2 Preprocessing

Terrain preprocessing marks the first step in developing an HEC-GeoHMS project. In this step, a terrain model (digital elevation model) is used as an input to derive eight additional datasets that collectively describe the drainage pattern of the watershed and allows for stream and subbasin delineation.

! Please keep the saving location as default during this process

In **HEC-GeoHMS Menu**

- **Click Preprocessing**

☞ **Fill Sinks**, in **Input DEM** **Click** ▾ **Choose CypressDEM.tif**, **Click Ok**, when **Fill Sinks** window shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

☞ **Flow Direction**, **Click Ok**, when **Flow Direction** window shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

☞ **Flow Accumulation**, **Click Ok**, when **Flow Accumulation** window shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

☞ **Stream Definition**, **Click Ok**, when **Stream Definition** window shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

☞ **Stream Segmentation**, **Click Ok**, **Stream Segmentation** window shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

☞ **Catchment Grid Delineation**, **Click Ok**, when **Catchment Grid Delineation** window shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

☞ **Catchment Polygon Processing**, **Click Ok**, when **Catchment Polygon Processing** window shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

☞ **Drainage Line Processing**, **Click Ok**, when **Drainage Line Processing** window shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

☞ **Adjoint Catchment Processing**, **Click Ok**, when **Adjoint Catchment Processing** window shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

Now you finished the **Preprocessing**


3.3 Project Setup


The HEC-GeoHMS Project Step menu has tools for defining the outlet for the watershed and delineating the watershed for the HEC-HMS project. The location of the outlet represents the downstream boundary for the HEC-HMS project. After defining the downstream outlet, HEC-GeoHMS will extract data from the datasets created using the tools in the Preprocessing menu (introduced in 2.1) for the watershed area (drainage area) upstream of the outlet.


In **HEC-GeoHMS Menu**

- **Click Project Setup**

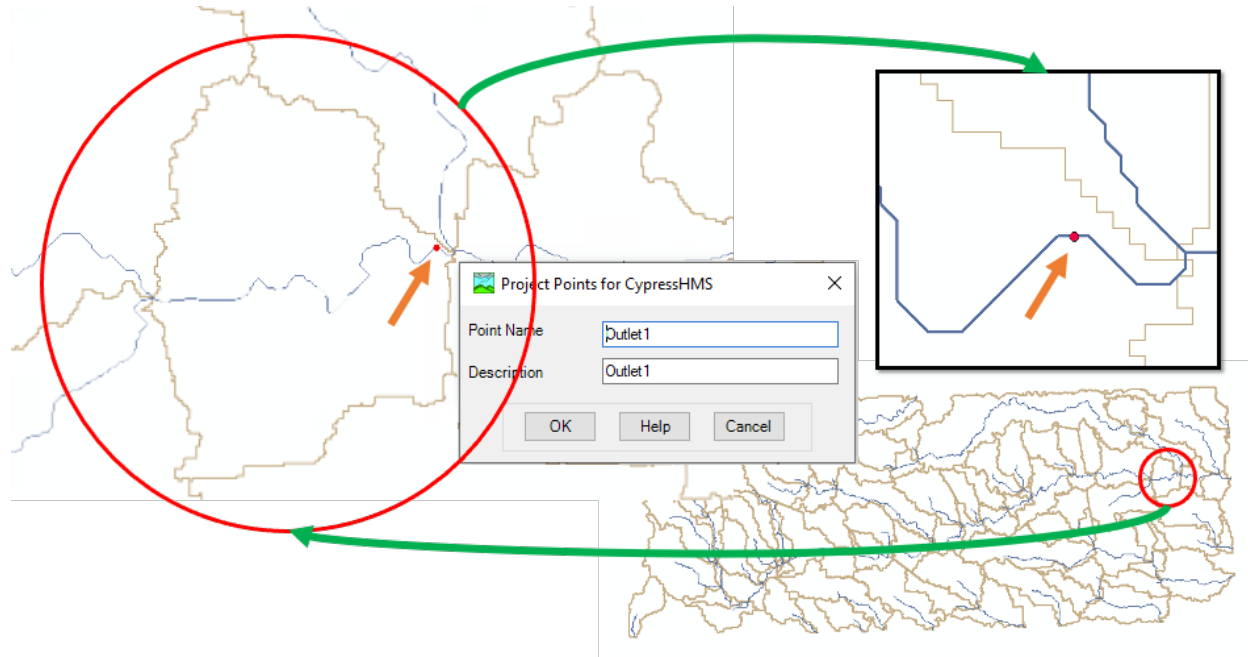
☞ **Data Management**, in **Data Management** window **Raw DEM**, **Choose CypressDEM.tif**, leave other parameter as default, **Click Ok**.


 This is the reason why I would recommend you leave the name as default in the Section 2.1 [Preprocessing](#). In such way, you will not need to set up the default datasets for each other parameters in the following section. Therefore, I strongly recommend using [Data Management](#) to decrease your unnecessary workload.


 [Start New Project](#), in [Start New Project](#) window, leave the name of [Project Area](#) and [Project Point](#) as default, **Click OK**. In the pop-out [Define A New Project](#) window [Project Name](#) **Type in Cypress**, [Description](#) **Type in This is Cypress Creek HEC HMS model**. Leave other options as default, **Click OK**. In the pop-out [Start New Project](#) window, please **Read** the window and **Click OK**.

- In [ArcMap Table of Contents](#), **Uncheck** other datasets except [ProjectPoint](#), [ProjectArea](#), [DrainageLine](#), and [Catchment](#).
- **Zoom-in** to the location as shown in the figure below in the **red cycle**, in [HEC-GeoHMS Menu](#), **Click**  (Add Project Points), and **Click** on the location of **red dot** as shown in the figure below, in [Project Point for Cypress](#) window, leave the [Point Name](#) and [Description](#) in as default, and **Click OK**.

! The **red dot** cannot go outside of the outline of the sub-catchment. Otherwise, the study watershed will be the different.



- **Click Project Setup**  [Generate Project](#). In the pop-out [Generate Project](#) window, **Click Yes**. In the pop-out [Generate Project](#) window, **Click OK**. When [Generate Project](#) shows [Generate Project successfully completed.](#), **Click Ok**.

 This process needs few minutes. You will get a new Data Frame called Cypress in [ArcMap Table of Contents](#).

3.4 Basin Processing


We don't perform basin processing in this tutorial. The details can be found in the User manual of HEC-GeoHMS


3.5 Characteristics

HEC-GeoHMS computes several topographic characteristics of streams and subbasins that can be used for estimating hydrologic parameters. This section will discuss the tools for extracting topographic characteristics of streams and subbasins. These tools are available from the [Characteristics](#) tab on the [HEC-GeoHMS Menu](#).

In [HEC-GeoHMS Menu](#)

- [Click Characteristics](#)

 [Data Management](#), you will find Slope Grid shows Null, [Click Ok](#).

 Now we need to generate watershed slope gridded file.


In [Arc Hydro Menu](#)

[Click Terrain Preprocessing](#)  [Slope](#), in [Raw DEM](#) [Select RawDEM](#), [Click OK](#). When [Slope](#) windows shows [Slope successfully completed.](#), [Click OK](#).


In [HEC-GeoHMS Menu](#)

- [Click Characteristics](#)





 [Data Management](#), in [Slope Grid](#) [Select WshSlope](#), [Click Ok](#).


 [River Length](#), [Click OK](#). When [River Length](#) windows shows [Completed](#), [Click Close](#).

 [River Slope](#), [Click OK](#). When [River Slope](#) windows shows [Completed](#), [Click Close](#).

 [Basin Slope](#), [Click OK](#). When [Basin Slope](#) windows shows [Completed](#), [Click Close](#).

 [Longest Flowpath](#), [Click OK](#). When [Longest Flowpath](#) windows shows [Completed](#), [Click Close](#).

[You might want to add Longest Flowpath in the Cypress Data Frame. In ArcMap Standard Menu, [Click](#) , [Navigate to](#) the location [Tutorial](#)  [Cypress](#) folder  [Cypress.gdb](#)  [Cypress](#), [Select LongestFlowPath###](#), [Click Add](#).]

 [Basin Centroid](#), [Click OK](#). When [Basin Centroid](#) windows shows [Completed](#), [Click Close](#).

 [Centroid Elevation](#), [Click OK](#). When [Basin Elevation](#) windows shows [Completed](#), [Click Close](#).

 [Centroidal Longest Flowpath](#), [Click OK](#). When [Centroidal Longest Flowpath](#) windows shows [Completed](#), [Click Close](#).

3.6 Parameters

After the physical characteristics of streams and subbasins have been extracted, a number of hydrologic parameters need estimate. Tools on the Parameters menu will populate the attribute tables for the subbasin and river layers. This information will be contained in the HEC-HMS model file generated by HEC-GeoHMS, thus saving the user time when parameterizing the model. This

section will discuss the tools for estimating hydrologic parameters that are available from the Parameters tab.

In [HEC-GeoHMS Menu](#)

- **Click Parameters**

☞ **Data Management**, *Inspect* all the parameters are not null and be consistent with the datasets, **Click OK**.

☞ **Select HMS Process**,

In [Subbasin – Loss Method](#), **Choose SCS**;

In [Subbasin – Transform Method](#), **Choose None**;

In [Subbasin – Baseflow Method](#), **Choose None**

In [River – Route Method](#), **Choose Lag**;

Click OK. When **Select HMS Processes** windows shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

📎 Currently we choose SCS as Loss Method because we need to generate the gridded Curve Number datasets (CN.dss) for HEC-HMS model. The Loss Method will later revise to gridded SCS method in the HEC-HMS.

☞ **River Auto Name**, **Click OK**. When **River Auto Name** windows shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

☞ **Basin Auto Name**, **Click OK**. When **Basin Auto Name** windows shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

☞ **Grid Cell Processing**, in [Select the grid cell method](#): **Check SHG**, in [SHG Parameters](#) ☞ [Select SHG grid cell](#): **Choose 2000**, ☞ [Select the project](#): **Click Change...**

Navigate to Projected Coordinate Systems ☞ **UTM** ☞ **WGS 1984** ☞ **Northern Hemisphere** ☞ **WGS 1984 UTM Zone 14N**, **Click OK**, in **Grid Cell Processing** window, **Click OK**. In the pop-out **Grid Cell Processing** window, **Click OK**. In the pop-out **Grid Cell View** window, **Click OK**. When **Grid Cell Processing** windows shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

📎 This process needs few minutes. You will get a new shape file named **GridCellIntersect####** in **Cypress Data Frame** in [ArcMap Table of Contents](#).

Now we need to generate the data for the basin concentration time.

☞ **TR55 Flow Path Segments**, in the pop-out window, **Click OK**. When **TR55 Flow Path Segments** windows shows **Completed**, **Click OK**.

☞ **TR55 Flow Path Parameter**, in the pop-out window, **Click OK**. In the pop-out **Unit Conversion** window, **Click OK**. When **TR55 Flow Path Parameter** windows shows **Completed**, **Click OK**.

☞ **TR55 Export to Excel**, in the pop-out **TR55 Export to Excel** window, **Click OK**. **Close** and **Save** the Excel for now.

📎 The excel is automatically stored at the **Tutorial** folder in your C drive. e.g., C:\Tutorial\XLSFiles\Tc_20210529155818.xls

☞ **CN Lag**, in the pop-out **CN Lag** window, **Click OK**.

3.7 HMS

This section will discuss the tools for generating HEC-HMS model files.

In **HEC-GeoHMS Menu**

- Click **HMS**

☞ **Map to HMS Units**, in the pop-out window, **Click OK**. In the pop-out **Select unit type for HMS Model** window, **Select the Unit type for HMS Unit Conversion**, **Choose SI**. **Click OK**. When **Map to HMS Units** windows shows **Completed**, **Click OK**.

☞ **Check Data**, **Click OK**. In the pop-out **Check Data** window, **Click No** to not see the logfile.

☞ **HMS Schematic**, **Click OK**. When **HMS Schematic** windows shows **HMS Schematic is created.**, **Click OK**.

☞ **Toggle Legend** ☞ **HMS Legend**.

☞ **Add Coordinates**, **Click OK**, in **Unit Conversion** window, **Click OK**. When **Add Coordinates** window shows **Add Coordinates successfully completed**, **Click OK**.

☞ **Prepare Data for Model Export**, **Click OK**, in pop-out **Prepare Data for Model Export** window, **Click Yes**. When **Prepare Data for Model Export** window shows **Prepare Data for Model Export successfully completed**, **Click OK**.

☞ **Background Shape File**, **Click OK**. When **Background Shape File** window shows **Background Shape File successfully completed**, **Click OK**.

☞ **Basin Model File**. When **Basin Model File** window shows **GIS data exported successfully for Basin Model File function! Basin file location=C:\Tutorial\Cypress\Cypress.basin**, **Click OK**.

☞ **Grid Cell File**. When **Grid Cell File** window shows **GIS data exported successfully for Grid Cell File function! Grid Cell File =C:\Tutorial\Cypress\Cypress.mod**, **Click OK**.


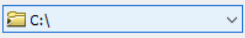
Now you have a basin file named **Cypress.basin** which is used for HEC-HMS model. And you have a grid cell file named **Cypress.mod** which is the important input data for a gridded HEC-HMS model. Once we reach to this point, we are close to finished.

3.8 Utility

Tools available from the Utilities menu assist in the estimation of hydrologic parameter. In this section we will discuss how to use the tools in the Utility to generate the gridded curve number file which uses as input for Loss Method of gridded SCS in the HEC-HMS.

Since we need to use gridded SCS method, we need to add the Curve Number for each cell of the basin. (The cell in the dataset named **GriddCellIntersect###**)

In **ArcMap Table of Contents**

- **Click**  (Add Data), **Click**  in **Look in: Navigate to** the folder **Tutorial**, **Select CypressCN.tif**, **Click Add**.

In **HEC-GeoHMS Menu**

- **Click Parameter** ☞ **subbasin Parameters From Raster**, in **Input Subbasin**, **Click** , **Choose GridCellIntersect###**, in **Input Curve Number Grid (optional)**, **Click** , **Choose**




CypressCN.tif, and **Click OK**. When Subbasin Parameters From Raster shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.


Now if you open the attribute table of the GridCellIntersect (as the command below), you will find there is a number in the column of BasinCN.

- In **ArcMap Table Of Contents**, Cypress data frame, **Right Click GridCellIntersect###**, **Click Open Attribute Table**, **See** the value in BasinCN column,



Now we need to generate gridded CN in ASCII, and use ASCII to generate DSS format. It should be noticed that HEC-HMS only can read data in DSS format.

In **HEC-GeoHMS Menu**






- **Click Utility**  **Generate ASCII Grid**, in Select parameter tag to create ASCII grid, **Click** , **Choose Curve Number**, in Input Grid Cell Intersection, **Click** , **Choose GridCellIntersect###**, and **Click OK**. When **Generate ASCII Grid** window shows **Completed**, **Click Close**.

 In Section 3.8.1 introduce the procedures that only works for HEC-HMS version **lower than** 4.8. If you use HEC-HMS 4.8 please go to Section 3.8.2

3.8.1 Generate grid CN for HEC HMS version lower than 4.8

- Open **Tutorial** folder, **Right Click**  **New**  **Text Document**. **Rename** **New Text Document.txt** as **GridCN.dss**

In **HEC-GeoHMS Menu**

- **Click Utility**  **Generate DSS from ASCII Grid**, in Input ASCII Grid File, **Click** , Navigate to location **Tutorial**  **Cypress**  **Cypress**, **Select** **CNGrid.asc**. In Input DSS Part C, **Choose** **CURVE NUMBER**, **Click Open**, in Input DSS Data Unit, **Choose** **UNDEF**. In Output DSS File, **Click** , **Navigate to Tutorial**, **Select** **GridCN.dss**, **Click Open**, and then **Click OK**. When **Generate DSS from ASCII Grid** Completed. **Click Close**.



 The DSS file store at the location: **C:\Tutorial\GridCN.dss**

3.8.2 Generate grid CN for HEC HMS 4.8

The method describe in Section 3.8.1 cannot change the spatial reference. However, our basin model and precipitation model use UTM 14N as spatial reference. And HEC-HMS 4.8 has higher error check requirements. Therefore, we need to project our GridCN.asc file into UTM 14N spatial reference.

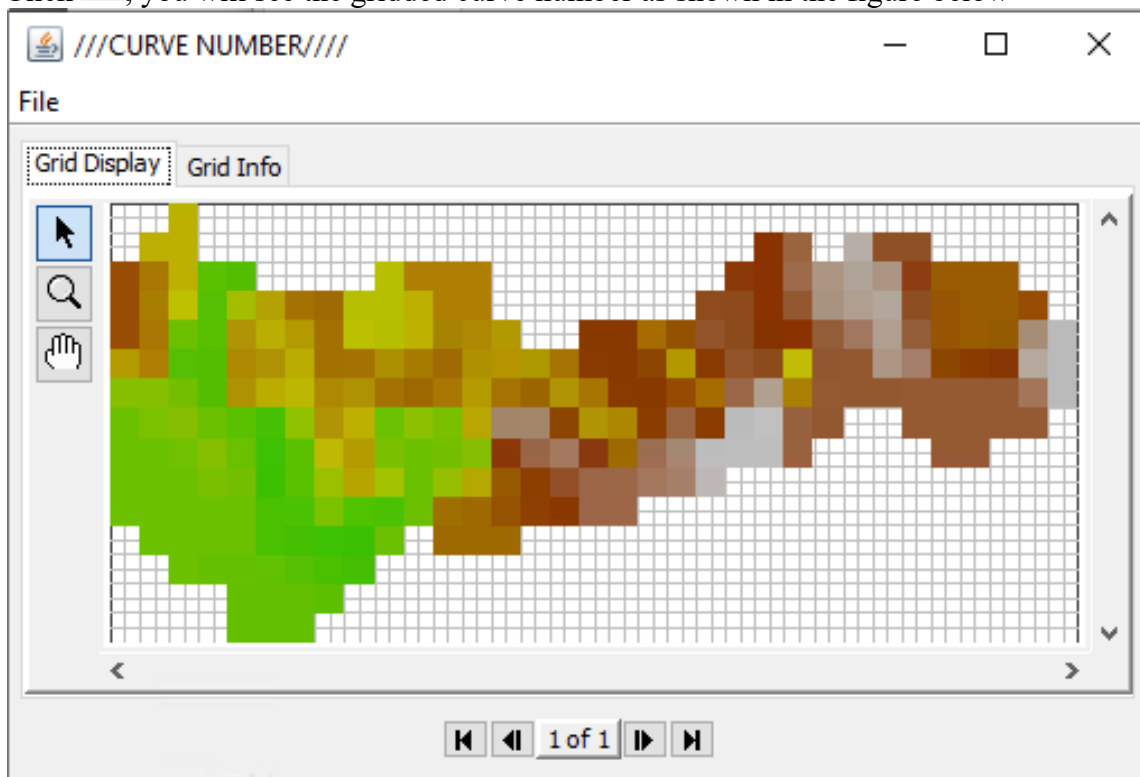
- **Open** the **Tutorial** folder  **Cypress**  **Cypress**, **Copy** **CNGrid.asc** to the **Tutorial** folder  **Tools**. Then, **Double Click** **CN ASC2DSS Project.bat**, a dss file named **CNGrid.dss** will automatically generated.

You can use HEC-DSSVue to check the GridCN.dss file

- **Open** HEC-DSSVue. Click , Navigate to HMS , Select CNGrid.dss, Click Open. Select DSS path as shown in the figure below

Number	Part A	Part B	Part C	Part D /range	Part E	Part F
1			CURVE NUMBER			

Click , you will see the gridded curve number as shown in the figure below




4. Build HEC-HMS model

4.1 Prepare data for ModClark method

- **Open** the excel file we generated in the section 3.6. The location should look like C:\Tutorial\XLSFiles\Tc_20210529155818.xls

 In our research area, Two-Year 24-hour Rainfall is 4.90 inches. (Details can be seen in the Appendix)

- **Fill 4.90** in the **Row 8** (Two-Year 24-hour Rainfall (in)) for every subbasin.
- **Check** in **Row 9** (Land Slope) and **Row 21** (Channel Slope), If a value is smaller and equal to 0, please **Revise** it into **0.0001**
- **Click**  to generate a new sheet and **Name** it **HMS**. **Name** table title as **Subbasin, Tc, R**.

	1	2	3
1	Subbasin	Tc	R
2			
3			
4			


- In **Tc** sheet, **Copy Row 3 and 26** into **HMS** sheet Subbasin and Tc columns.
- In **HMS** sheet, Fill in the column R by the following equation.

$$\frac{R}{T_c + R} = 0.65$$

Therefore,

$$R = \frac{13}{7} T_c$$

- Save the excel. It will be use later.

 Details can be read in the following link.

<https://www.hec.usace.army.mil/confluence/hmsdocs/hmsguides/estimating-clark-unit-hydrograph-parameters/estimating-time-of-concentration-storage-coefficient>

4.2 Prepare data for Lag routing method

In this tutorial you will apply the HEC-HMS Lag routing method to a modeling application. Initial parameter estimates will use GIS. The travel time of a flood waving moving through a reach can also be estimated by dividing the length of the reach, L, by the flood wave velocity Vw

$$T = \frac{L}{V_w}$$

To estimate a flood wave velocity, Manning's Equation can be used

$$v = \frac{1}{n} \cdot R^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot S^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Details can be read in the following link,

<https://www.hec.usace.army.mil/confluence/hmsdocs/hmsguides/applying-reach-routing-methods-within-hec-hms/applying-the-lag-routing-method>

In **ArcMap Table Of Contents**

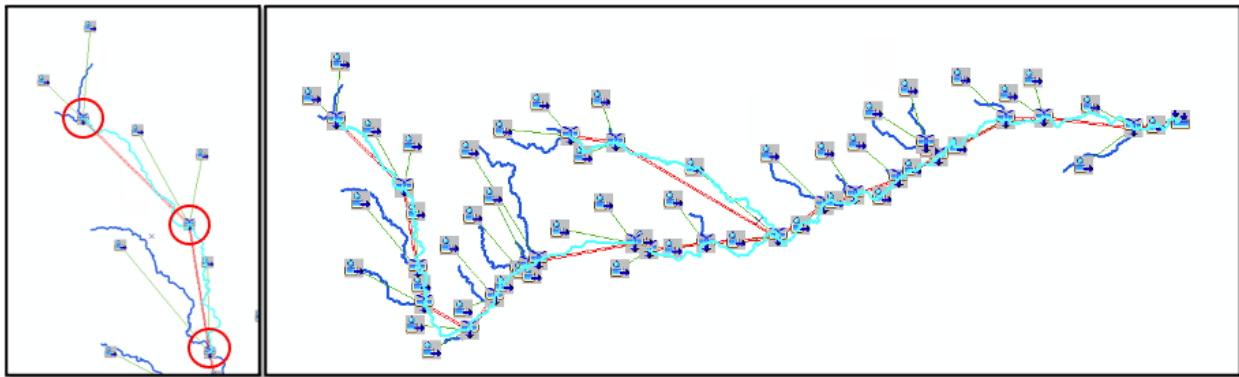
- In **Cypress** Data Frame, **Keep** the following sequence by **Selecting** and **holding** a layer and **moving** that.

HMSNode#### ➡ HMS Link#### ➡ River#### ➡ GridCellIntersect####

- **Right Click** River#### ▾ **Edit Features** ▾ **Start Editing**,

In **ArcMap Window**

- **Click** the River between two Junction points.
- **Press** and **Hold** **Shift** key on keyboard, and **Select** all the reach between two Junction points from upstream to downstream, details can be seen in the figure below



In **ArcMap Table Of Contents**

- **Right Click** River#### ▾ **Open Attribute Table**, you can See the Selected Reach is highlighted. In Table window, **Click** [Table Icon] ▾ ▾ **Export...**, In the pop-out Export Data window, in **Export**: make sure **Select records** is chosen; in **Output table**: **Click** [Table Icon], in **Save as type**, **Select** Text File. In **Name**: **Type** River Lag.txt, **Click** Save. In the **Export Data** window, **Click** OK. In the pop-out ArcMap window, **Click** Yes.

- In **Editor Menu** (as shown in the figure below), **Click** Editor [Editor Icon] Stop Editing.




- In keyboard **Press** **Ctrl** + **F** , **Search** window will pop out. **Type** Table to Excel in search window. **Select** Table to Excel Tool.

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Table to Excel

Table To Excel (Conversion) (Tool)
Converts a table to a Microsoft Excel file.
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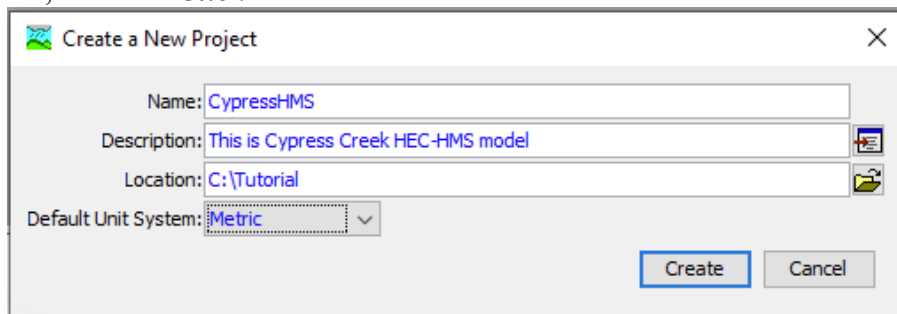
- In **Table to Excel** window, in **Input Table**, **Click** , **Select River_Lag.txt**. In **Output Excel File**, **Click** , **Navigate to** in the **Tutorial** folder, in **File name: Type River Lag Data**, and **Click Save**, and then **Click OK**. **Click Close**.

In **Windows File Explorer**

- **Navigate to** **Tutorial** folder, **Open River Lag Data.xls** and **River Lag Time.xlsx**.
- **Copy Name** column in **River Lag Data.xls** **to** **River Name** column in **River Lag Time.xlsx**.
- **Copy Slp** column in **River Lag Data.xls** **to** **Slope** column in **River Lag Time.xlsx**
- **Copy Shape_Length** in **River Lag Data.xls** **to** **Length** column in **River Lag Time.xlsx**
- **Save River Lag Time.xlsx**. It will be use later.


4.3 Compose gridded HEC-HMS model

- **Open** HEC-HMS 4.8, **Click**  (Create a New Project), **Input** the information as shown in figure below, and then **Click Create**.





- **Click File**  **Import**  **Basin Model...** In **Look in:** **Navigate to Tutorial**  **Cypress**, **Select Cypress.basin**, **Click Select**.

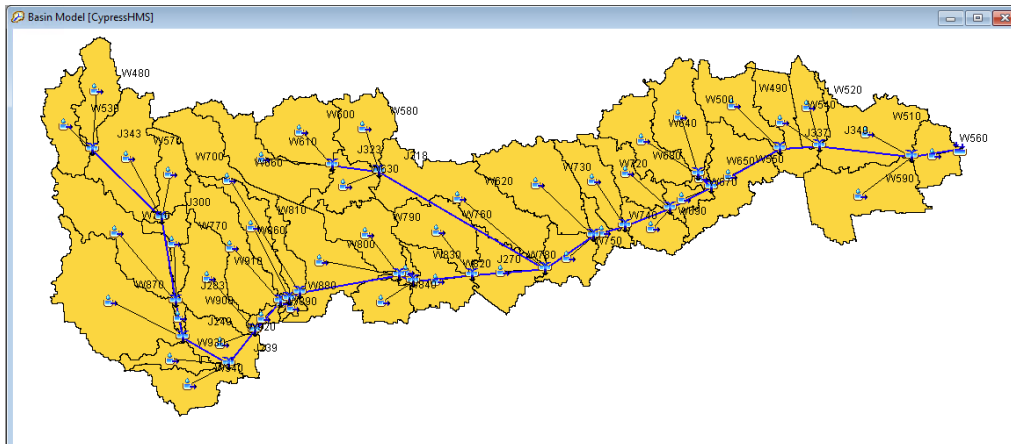
In **Watershed Explorer**

Click  **Cypress**, a HEC-HMS scheme will show at **HEC-HMS window**

In **HEC-HMS Menu**

- **Click View**  **Map Layers**, **Click Add...**, in **Cypress** folder, **Select Subbasin.shp**, **Click Select**. In the pop-out **Basin Model Coordinate System** window, **Click Skip**.
- In **Map Layers**, **Click Draw Properties...**, in **Color**, **Choose orange**, **Click OK**. **Click**  in **Map Layers** window.

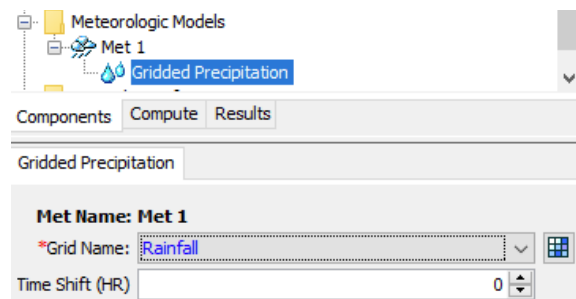
You will see the watershed in the **Basin Model** window, which as shown in the figure below



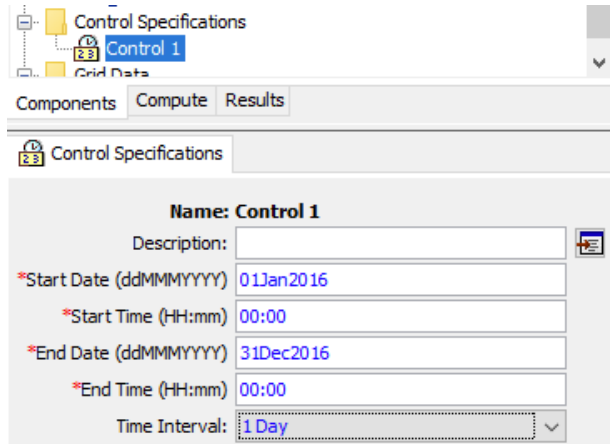
- **Click Components** **Create Component** **Meteorologic Model....** In **Create A New Meteorologic Model** window, leave as default, **Click Create**. Click in **In Create A New Meteorologic Model** window.
- **Control Specifications....** In **Create A New Control Specifications** window, leave as default, **Click Create**. Click in **In Create A New Control Specifications** window.
- **Grid Data....** In **Create A Parameter Grid Data** window, in **Name:** *Type Rainfall*, in **Data Type:** **Choose Precipitation Gridsets**. **Click Create**. Click in **In Create A Parameter Grid Data** window.
- **Grid Data....** In **Create A Parameter Grid Data** window, in **Name:** *Type CNGrid*, in **Data Type:** **Choose SCS Curve Number Grids**. **Click Create**. Click in **In Create A Parameter Grid Data** window.

In **Watershed Explorer**

- **Click Meteorologic Models** **Met 1**, in **Component Editor** **Meteorology Model** tab **Precipitation** **Choose Gridded Precipitation**, **Replace Missing** **Choose Set to Default**. **Basin** tab **Include Subbasins**, **Choose Yes**.
- **Click Gridded Precipitation**, in **Component Editor** **Gridded Precipitation** tab, **Grid Name** **Choose Rainfall**.

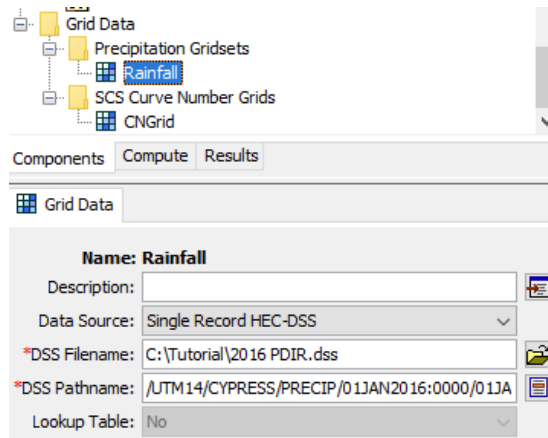


- **Click Control Specifications** **Control 1**, in **Component Editor** **Control Specifications** tab, **Fill** in the information as shown in the figure below



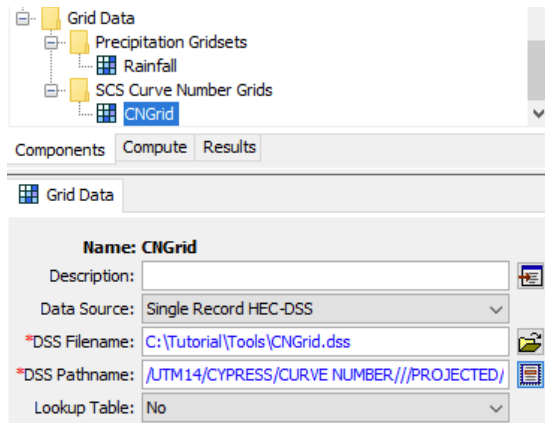
- **Click** [Grid Data](#) [Precipitation Gridsets](#) [Rainfall](#), in [DSS Filename](#), **Click** , **Navigate to** [Tutorial](#) folder, **Select** [2016 PDIR.dss](#). in [DSS Pathname](#): **Click** , in pop-out [Select Pathname From HEC-DSS File](#) window, **Select** the first row as shown in the figure below, and then **Click Set Pathname**.

Number	Part A	Part B	Part C	Part D / range	Part E	Part F
1	UTM14	CYPRESS	CURVE NUMB...			PROJECTED



- **Click** [Grid Data](#) [SCS Curve Number Grid](#) [CNGrid](#), in [DSS Filename](#), **Click** , **Navigate to** [Tutorial](#) folder [Tool](#), **Select** [CNGrid.dss](#). in [DSS Pathname](#): **Click** , in pop-out [Select Pathname From HEC-DSS File](#) window, **Select** the first row as shown in the figure below, and then **Click Set Pathname**.

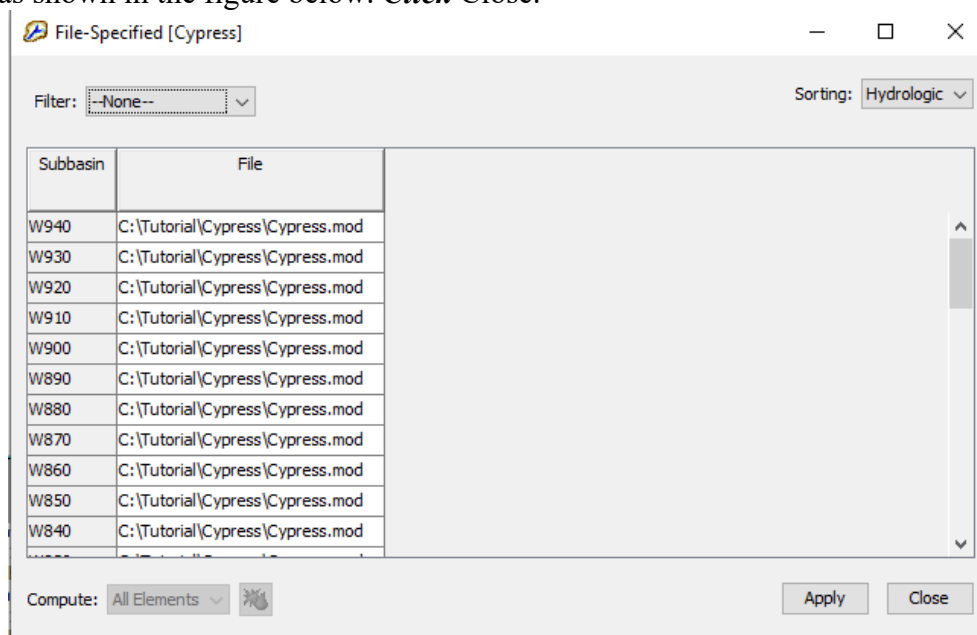
Number	Part A	Part B	Part C	Part D / range	Part E	Part F
1	UTM14	CYPRESS	CURVE NUMBER			PROJECTED



- **hoose** Gridded Precipitation, Replace Missing **Choose** Set to Default. Basin tab Include Subbasins, **Choose Yes**.

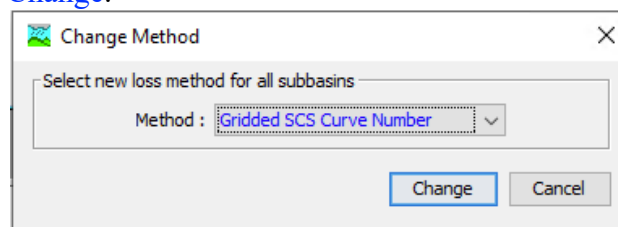
In **HEC-HMS Menu**

- **Click** Parameter **Discretization** **File-Specified**, **Check** File Path in each subbasin is as same as shown in the figure below. **Click** Close.



- **Click** Parameter **Loss** **Change Method...**, in the pop-out **Change Method** window, **Click** **Yes**.

In **Change Method** window, Select new loss method for all subbasins **Select** Gridded SCS Curve Number, **Click** **Change**.



- **Click Parameter** \Rightarrow **Loss** \Rightarrow **Gridded SCS Curve Number**, in **Curve Number Grid** column, **Select CNGrid** for each Subbasin. **Click Apply** and **Click Close**.

Subbasin	Curve Number Grid	Ratio	Factor
W940	CNGrid	0.2	1.0
W930	--None--	0.2	1.0
W920	--None--	0.2	1.0
W910	--None--	0.2	1.0
W900	--None--	0.2	1.0
W890	--None--	0.2	1.0
W880	--None--	0.2	1.0
W870	--None--	0.2	1.0

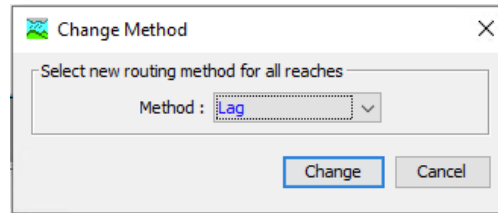
- **Click Parameter** \Rightarrow **Transform** \Rightarrow **Change Method...**, in the pop-out **Change Method** window, **Click Yes**.
In **Change Method** window, **Select new transform method for all subbasins** **Select ModClark**, **Click Change**.
- **Click Parameter** \Rightarrow **Transform** \Rightarrow **ModClark**, in **Storing**: **Select Alphabetic**.

Subbasin	Time of Concentration (HR)	Storage Coefficient (HR)
W940		

- **Copy** the data in the excel **HMS** sheet located at **Tutorial** \Rightarrow **XLSFiles** to **ModClark [Cypress]** window by **Ctrl+C** and **Ctrl+V**. **Click Apply** and **Click Close**.

Subbasin	Time of Concentration (HR)	Storage Coefficient (HR)
W480	10.53047182	19.55659051
W490	14.56472837	27.04878125
W500	20.49501939	38.06217887
W510	14.5302543	26.98475799
W520	10.13986114	18.8311707
W530	11.07070579	20.55988218
W540	15.92513735	29.57525508
W550	17.7402324	32.94614588
W560	7.43283021	13.80382753
W570	16.10973182	29.91807338
W580	10.16505948	18.8779676

- **Click** [Parameter](#) [Routing](#) [Change Method...](#), in the pop-out **Change Method** window, **Click Yes**.
In **Change Method** window, [Select new routing method for all reaches](#) **Select Lag**, **Click Change**.



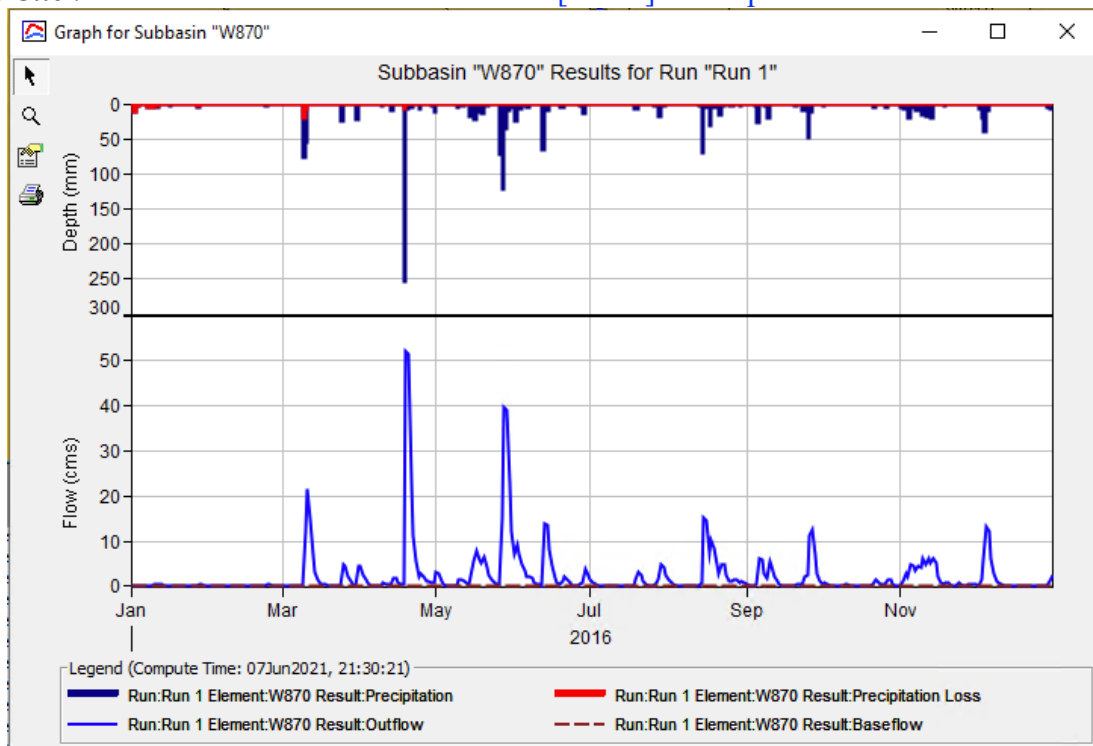
- **Click** [Parameter](#) [Routing](#) [Lag](#).
- **Copy** the data in the [River Lag Time](#) excel [Lag Time \(min\)](#) row located at [Tutorial](#) to [Lag Routing \[Cypress\]](#) window by Ctrl+C and Ctrl+V. **Click Apply** and **Click Close**.
- **Click** [Compute](#) [Create Compute Simulation](#) [Run...](#), in [Create a Simulation Run \[Step 1 of 4\]](#) window, **Click Next**. in [Create a Simulation Run \[Step 2 of 4\]](#) window, **Click Next**. in [Create a Simulation Run \[Step 3 of 4\]](#) window, **Click Next**. in [Create a Simulation Run \[Step 4 of 4\]](#) window, **Click Finish**.

- **Click** [Compute](#) [Compute Run \[Run 1\]](#)

5. Review results

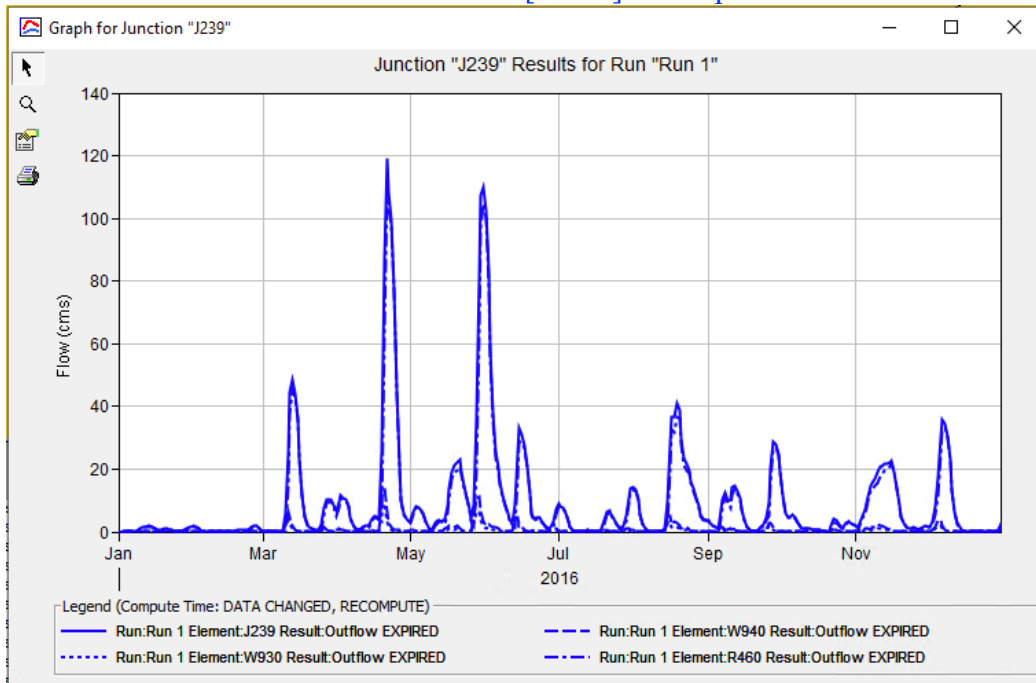
5.1 Subbasin Rainfall and Runoff

Right Click a [Subbasin](#) icon  [View Results \[Run 1\]](#) [Graph](#)

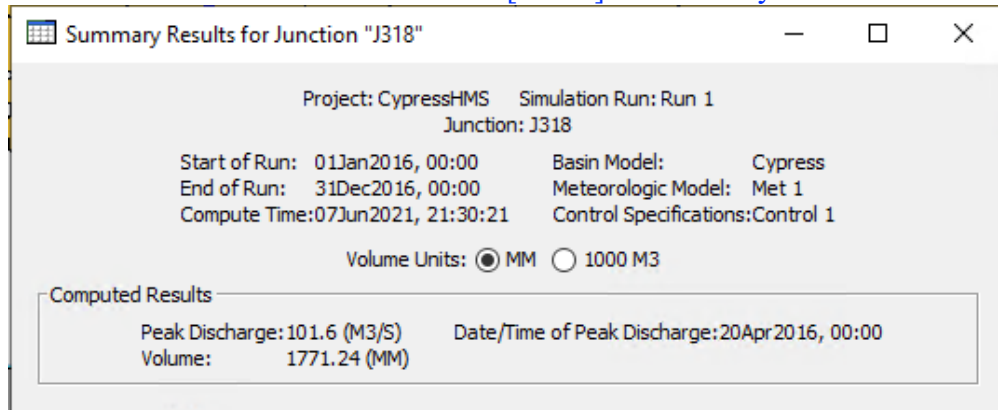


5.2 Junction

Right Click a **Junction** icon  **View Results [Run 1]**  **Graph**



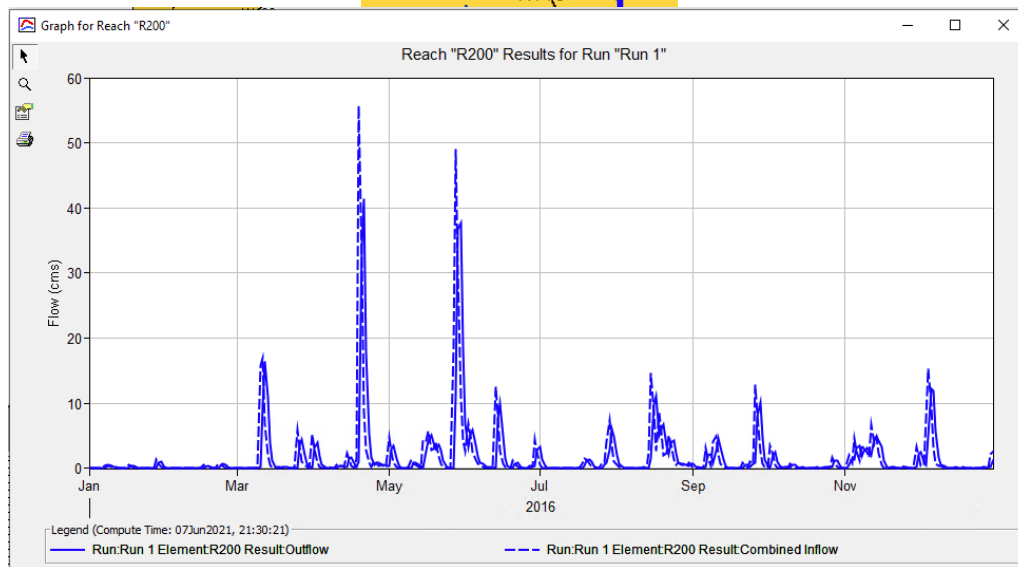
Right Click a **Junction** icon  **View Results [Run 1]**  **Summary Table**



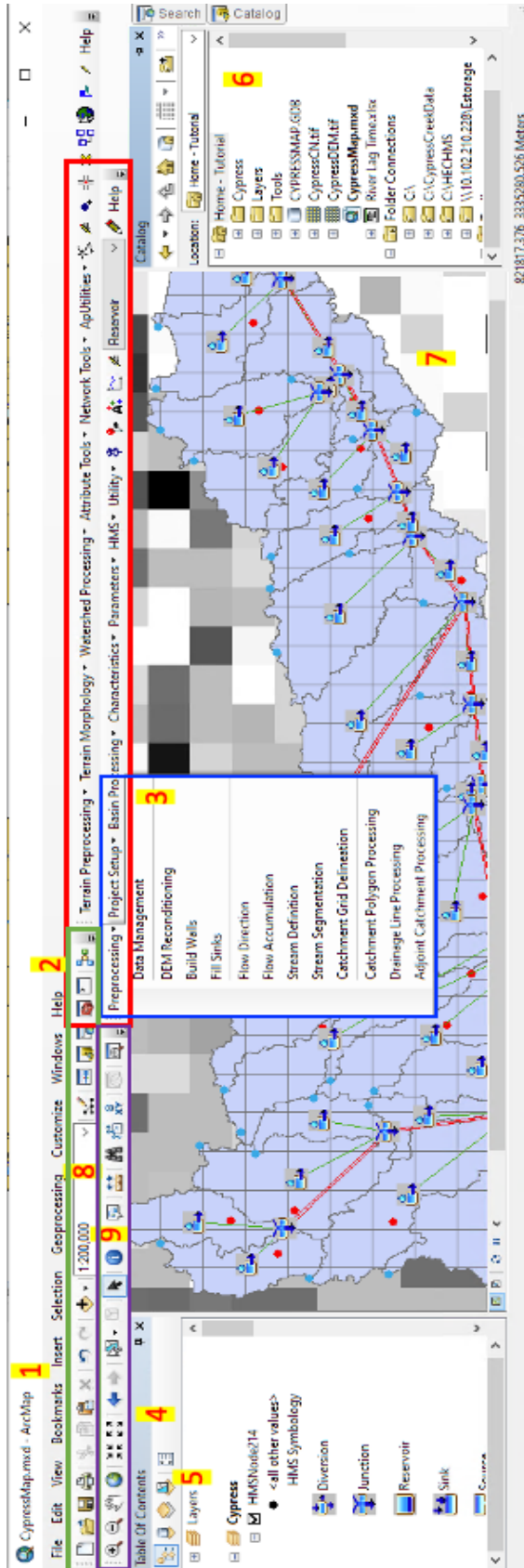
Summary Results for Junction "J318"	
Project: CypressHMS Simulation Run: Run 1	
Junction: J318	
Start of Run: 01Jan2016, 00:00	Basin Model: Cypress
End of Run: 31Dec2016, 00:00	Meteorologic Model: Met 1
Compute Time:07Jun2021, 21:30:21	Control Specifications:Control 1
Volume Units: <input checked="" type="radio"/> MM <input type="radio"/> 1000 M3	
Computed Results	
Peak Discharge: 101.6 (M3/S)	Date/Time of Peak Discharge: 20Apr2016, 00:00
Volume: 1771.24 (MM)	

5.3 Reach

Right Click a [Reach icon](#)  [View Results \[Run 1\]](#)  [Graph](#)



Appendix 1 The introduction of the user interface of ArcMap



1. ArcMap Name: shows the map name that you are working on
2. ArcMap Menu
3. Arc Hydro and HEC-GeoHMS Menu, and Tools: contains the tools for geo-spatial analysis
4. Table of Content: store the different data frame
5. Data Frame: demonstrate the output file name and show the file in ArcMap Window in sequence
6. Catalog and Search: datasets and toolkits browser and search a toolkit
7. ArcMap Window: demonstrate the datasets
8. ArcMap Standard Menu
9. ArcMap Tools Menu

Appendix 2. The introduction of the user interface of HEC-HMS

