

# Supporting Information for "The Urban-PLUMBER land surface model evaluation project: the water balance representation"

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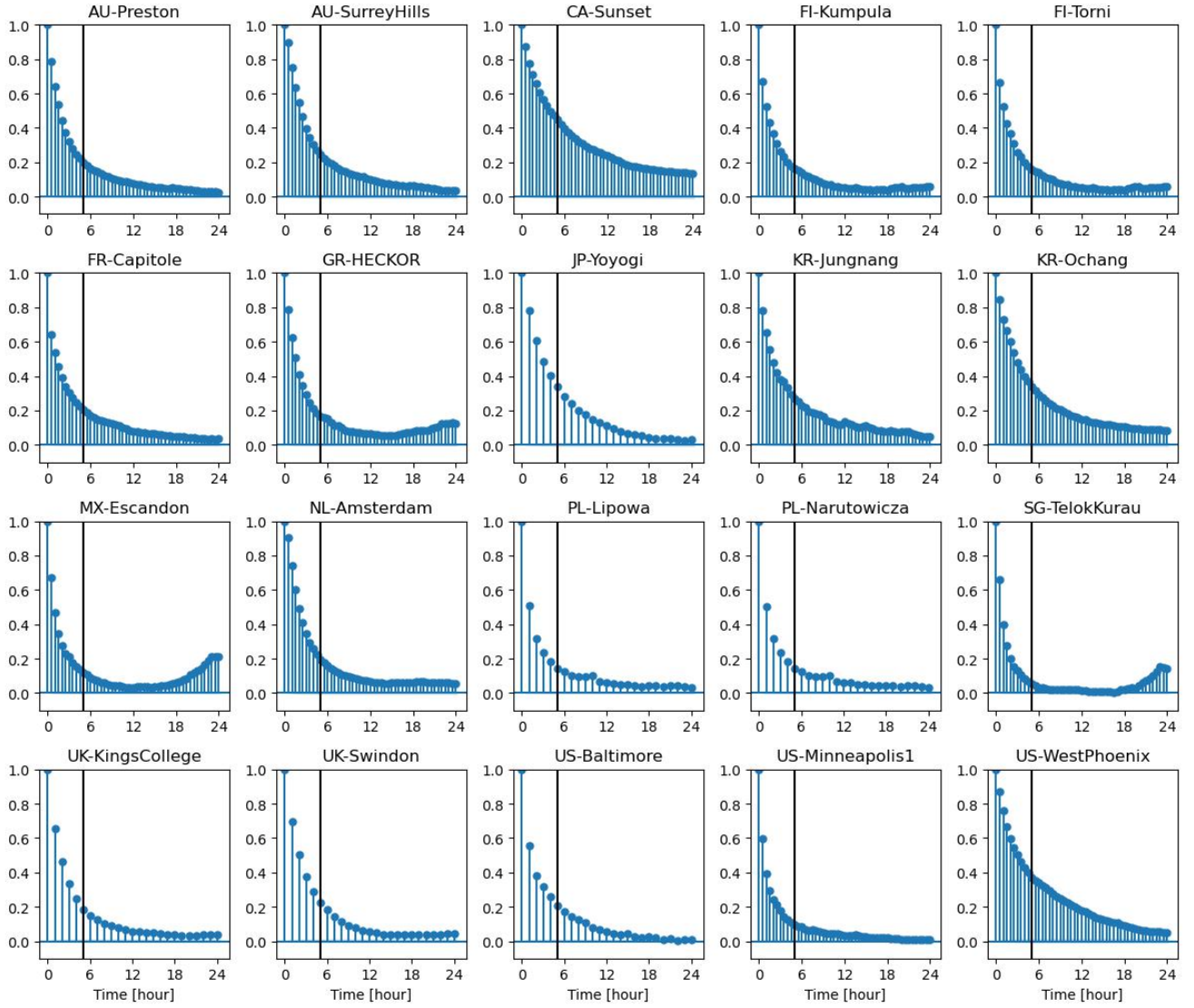
### 1. Figures S1 to S6

**Introduction** This supplementary information contains seven additional figures further visualizing the analyses that we present in the paper. We show the auto-correlations for precipitation for all sites to determine the duration of no rain before a new event starts (Figure S1). Additionally, we include the relation between the impervious fraction of a site and the runoff ratio per model (Figure S2). We added the overviews of both the

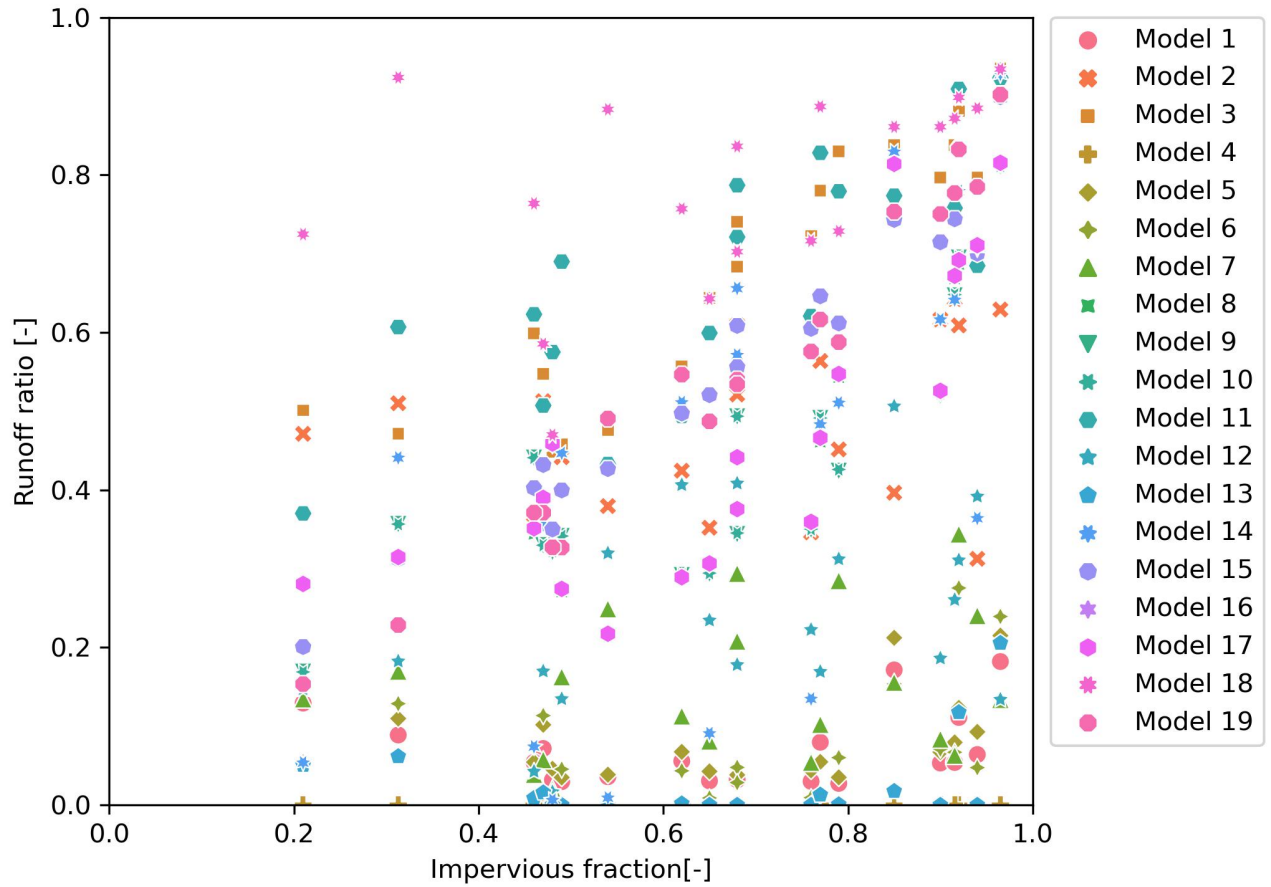
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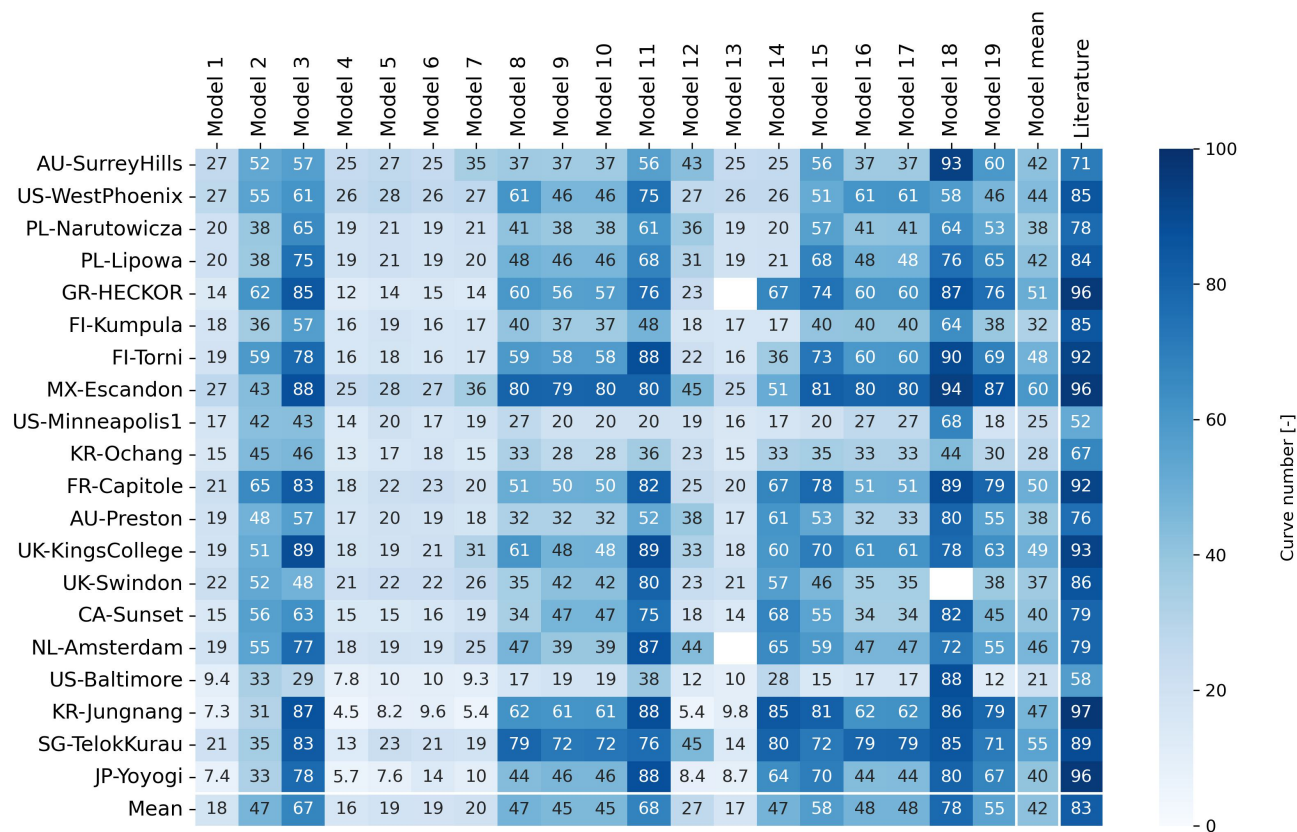
curve number (Figure S3) and lag time (Figure S4) for all model runs. Next, we give an overview of the urban water balance representation scores averaged per site (Figure S5). We also present the evaluation of the latent heat flux compared to the UWBR score (Figure S6).



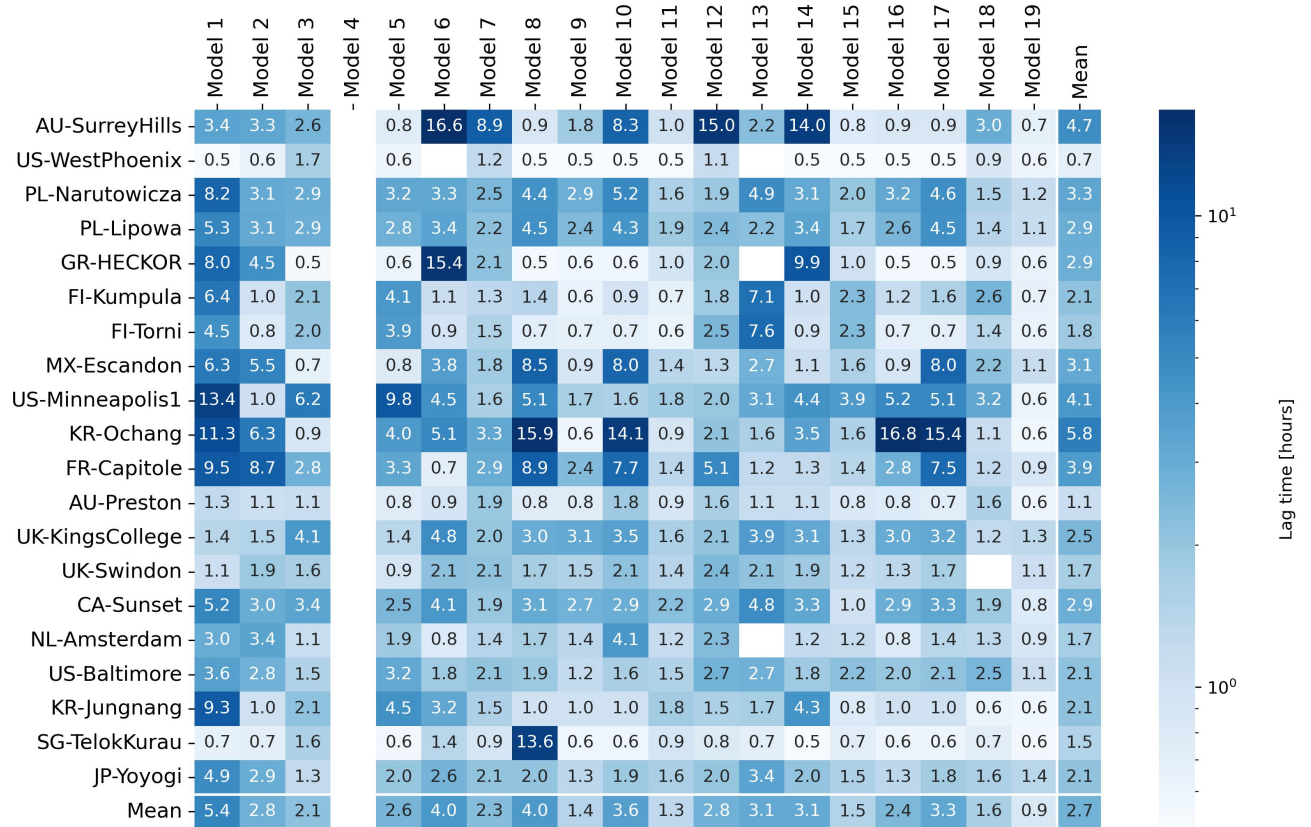
**Figure S1.** Auto-correlation of precipitation for all sites to determine separate events with the threshold of 5 hours (vertical line).



**Figure S2.** Relation between the site impervious fraction and runoff ratio per model run (R/P) for each model (marker).



**Figure S3.** Curve numbers estimated from modeled runoff for each model run and from curve number reference tables in Croshney et al. (1985), see methods section.



**Figure S4.** Average lag times (hours) for all model runs at each site. Note that the color scale is logarithmic.

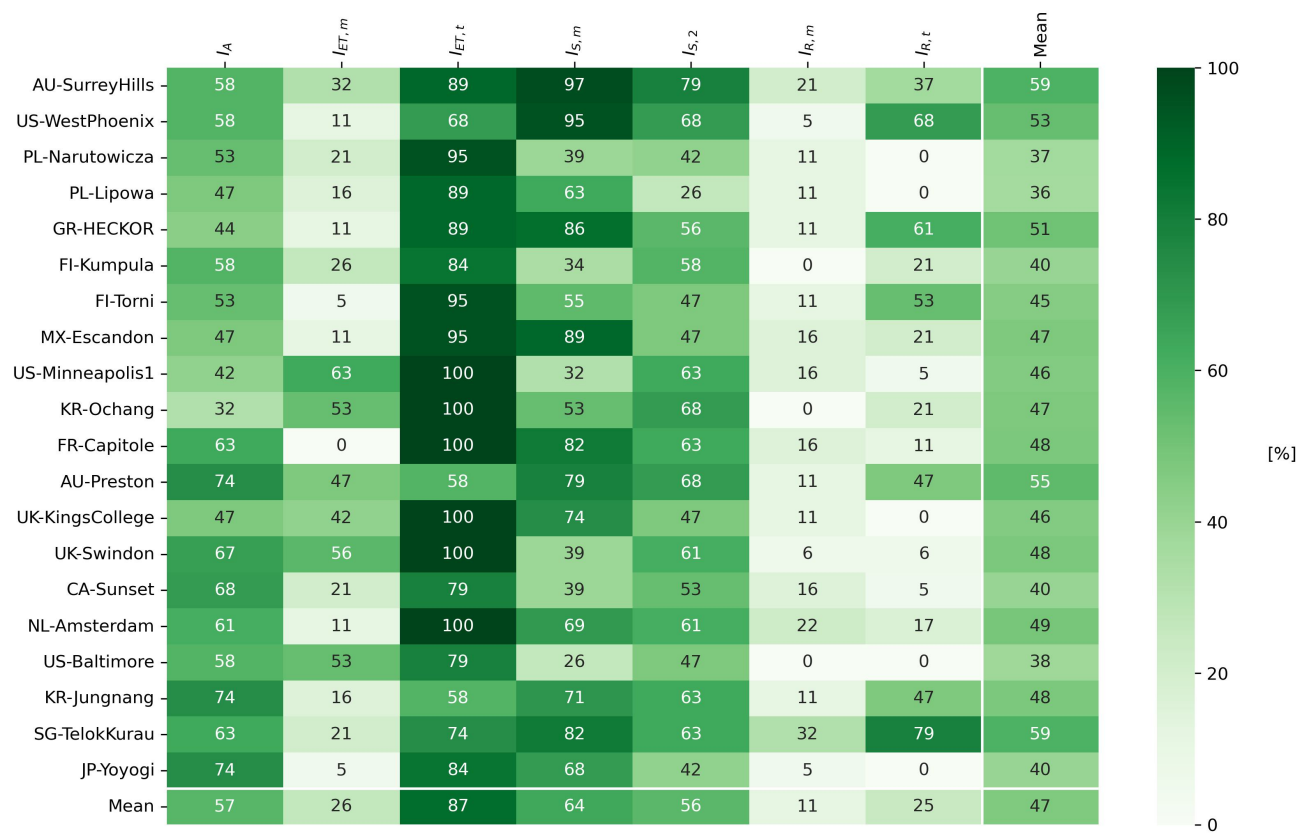
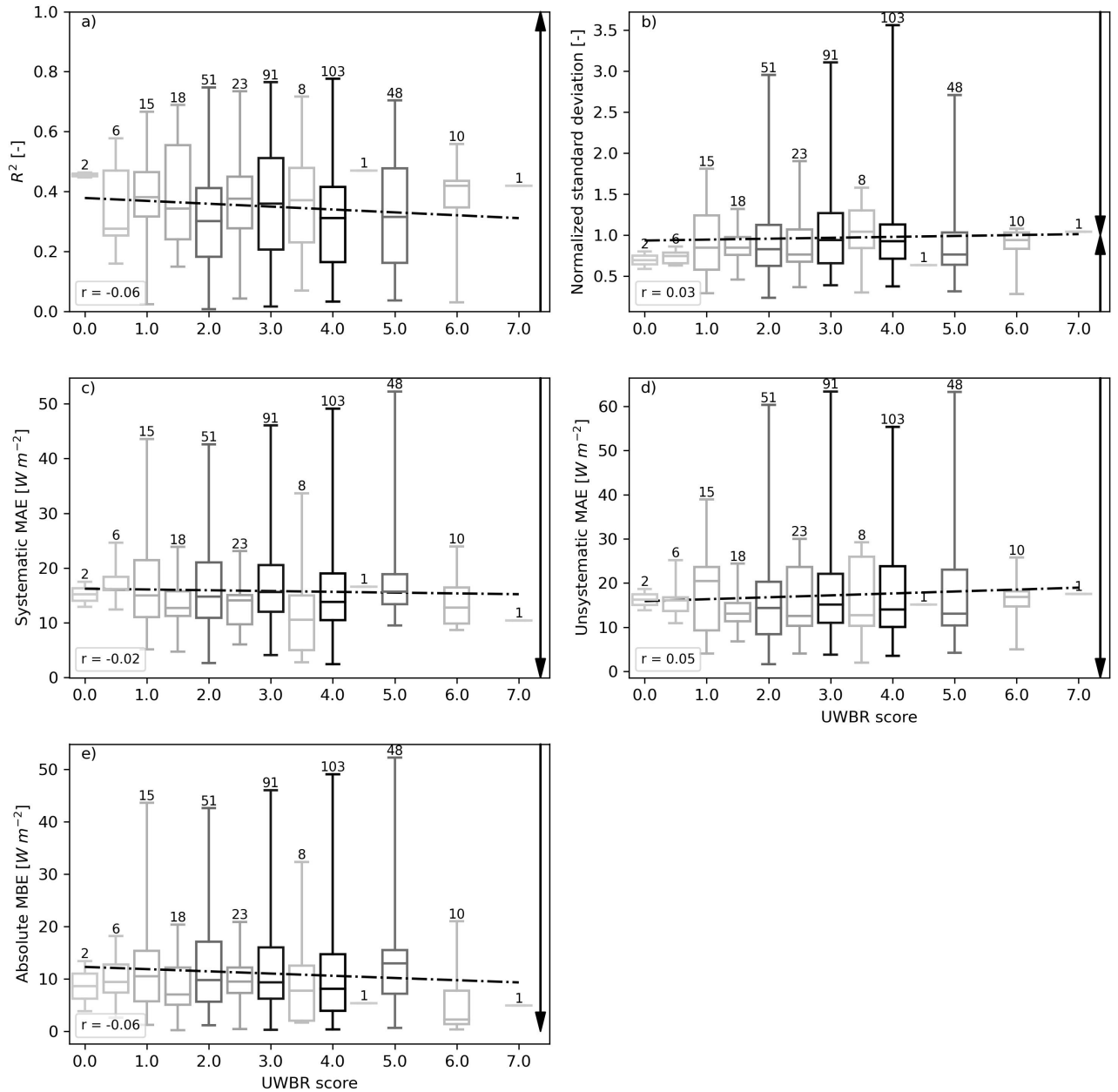


Figure S5. As Figure 4, but are averaged per site.





**Figure S6.** Relation between the urban water balance representation (UWBR) score (0.5) classes and (half-)hourly MBE for the modeled  $Q_E$  separated between (a)  $R^2$ , (b) normalized standard deviation, (c) systematic, (d) unsystematic MAE, and (e) absolute MBE. The number of model runs per class is given above the box. Whiskers indicate the minimum and maximum values. A Wald (1943) test indicates a significant correlation (\*). Arrows indicate the direction of better model performance.