**Interactive comment on** “Hybridizing Bayesian and variational data assimilation for robust high-resolution hydrologic forecasting” by Felipe Hernández and Xu Liang

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The paper has been given a considerable review by two experts in the field. The replies of the authors show that they understand the comments well, and are ready to deal with them, and to revise the manuscript accordingly.

I would stress the importance of citing the paper in HESS-D in 2016 (of the same authors) which is basically the initial version of this manuscript, and explaining what is different in the new version to be submitted to HESS.

The authors are encouraged to revise the manuscript and, with the new detailed, point-
by-point replies to the reviews in the Interactive Discussions, to submit it. (Please indicate clearly what is changed in the revised manuscript w.r.t. the original version.)