



## Supplement of

## **Evaluating uncertainties in modelling the snow hydrology of the Fraser River Basin, British Columbia, Canada**

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Supplementary Table 1: Details of Fraser River main stem at Hope (LF) and major sub-basins within the Fraser River Basin. The list includes information of the sub-basin abbreviations (in parentheses), mean elevation, gauged area, percentage gauged area relative to LF, and latitude and longitude of the gauge at the outlet of each sub-basin (Déry et al. 2012).

Basin	Mean basin elevation [m]	Gauged area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Gauged area relative to LF [%]	Latitude (°N)	Longitude (°W)
Fraser-Shelley (UF)	1413	32,400	14.9	54.01	122.62
Stuart (SU)	1097	14,200	6.5	54.42	124.27
Nautley (NA)	1070	6030	2.8	54.08	124.59
Quesnel (QU)	1391	11,500	5.3	52.84	122.22
Chilko (CH)	1756	6940	3.2	52.07	123.54
Thompson-Nicola (TN)	1363	54,900	25.3	50.35	121.39
Fraser at Hope (LF)	1320	217,000	100.0	49.38	121.45

Supplementary Table 2: The Nash–Sutcliffe coefficient of efficiency (NSE) for the PCIC driven VIC calibration (1979–1990) and validation (1991–2006) periods for six major sub-basins of the FRB.

Basins	1979-1990 Calibration	1991-2006 Validation	
	Daily NSE	Daily NSE	
Fraser-Shelley (UF)	0.77	0.76	
Stuart (SU)	0.70	0.86	
Nautley (NA)	0.23	0.15	
Quesnel (QU)	0.89	0.83	
Chilko (CH)	0.69	0.65	
Thompson- Nicola (TN)	0.86	0.80	



Supplementary Figure 1: Spatial differences of mean seasonal air temperature (°C) based on PCIC-VIC minus ANUSPLIN-VIC (1st row), NARR -VIC (2nd row) and UW (3rd row) simulations, water years 1979-2006. DFJ, MAM, JJA and SON correspond to winter, spring, summer and autumn seasons, respectively.



Supplementary Figure 2: Same as Supplementary Figure 1 but for seasonal precipitation (mm day<sup>-1</sup>).



Supplementary Figure 3: Same as Supplementary Figure 1 but for total seasonal runoff (mm day<sup>-1</sup>).



Supplementary Figure 4: Comparison of the ANUSPLIN-VIC, NARR-VIC, UW-VIC and PCIC-VIC simulated daily snow water equivalent (SWE) with the BC snow pillow daily SWE observations in the Upper Fraser at (a) Yellowhead and (b) McBride and in the Middle Fraser at (c) Mission Ridge and (d) Boss Mountain Mine.



Supplementary Figure 5: Area-averaged time series of daily mean (a) SWE and routed (b) discharge for Fraser River at Hope in the VIC sensitivity simulations (See text for detail). Water year starts on 1 October and ends on 30 September of the following calendar year.



Supplementary Figure 6: Monthly trends in the ANUSPLIN, NARR, UW and PCIC (a) air temperature, (b) precipitation and the VIC simulated (c) runoff. Air temperature and precipitation forcings are averaged across the FRB gridcells whereas runoff is calculated using external routing model for Fraser River at Hope over water years 1979-2006.



Supplementary Figure 7: Spatial patterns of monthly runoff trends in the ANUSPLIN-VIC, NARR-VIC, UW-VIC and PCIC-VIC simulations over the 1979-2006 time period. March to September months are shown only to cover spring and summer runoff. Column represents VIC simulated runoff driven by different forcing datasets whereas rows are for different months.

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Supplementary Figure 8: Annual variation of mean (a) air temperature, (b) precipitation, (c)  $SWE_{melt}$  and (d) runoff in cool (blue line) and warm (red line) phases of the PDO. Air temperature and precipitation are extracted from the UW forcing dataset whereas  $SWE_{melt}$  and runoff are the UW-VIC simulation output. (a), (b) and (c) shows areally-averaged values over all FRB's grid cells whereas runoff is calculated using external routing model for Fraser River at Hope.