

Response to Editor's comments

Comments to the Author:

Thank you for the detailed revisions and good response letter. Precipitation (also on annual scale) is a flux; therefore the unit should be mm per year and not just mm.

Many thanks for your good comments.

We have corrected the unit of annual precipitation to “mm per year” (Table RR1).

Other typing mistakes (for example, “ENSO/ PDO”, “precipitation/ streamflow” have also been carefully revised in the new version.

Table RR1 Background information of the four selected river basin in this study

River basin	Station (Location)	Drainage area (km ²)	Annual streamflow record period	Monthly streamflow record period	Annual mean precipitation (mm per year)	Annual mean streamflow (10 ⁸ m ³ /a)
Songhua River (I)	Harbin (126°46'E, 45°45'N)	390,526	1901-2009	1901-1948,1953-2004	491 (1901-2009)	386 (1901-2009)
Yellow River (II)	Sanmenxia (111°22'E, 34°49'N)	688,421	1901-2009	-	385 (1901-2009)	489 (1901-2009)
Yellow River (II)	Huayuankou (113°40'E, 34°54'N)	730,036	-	1950-2004	449 (1901-2009)	555 (1950-2004)
Yangtze River (III)	Hankou (114°18'E, 30°37'N)	1,488,036	1901-2009	1901-2004	887 (1901-2009)	7256 (1901-2009)
Pearl River (IV)	Wuzhou (111°30'E, 23°48'N)	329,705	1901-2009	1950-2004	1307 (1901-2009)	2175 (1901-2009)

