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Coupling a large-scale glacier and hydrological model (OGGM v1.5.3 and CWatM V1.08) – towards an improved representation of mountain water resources in global assessments

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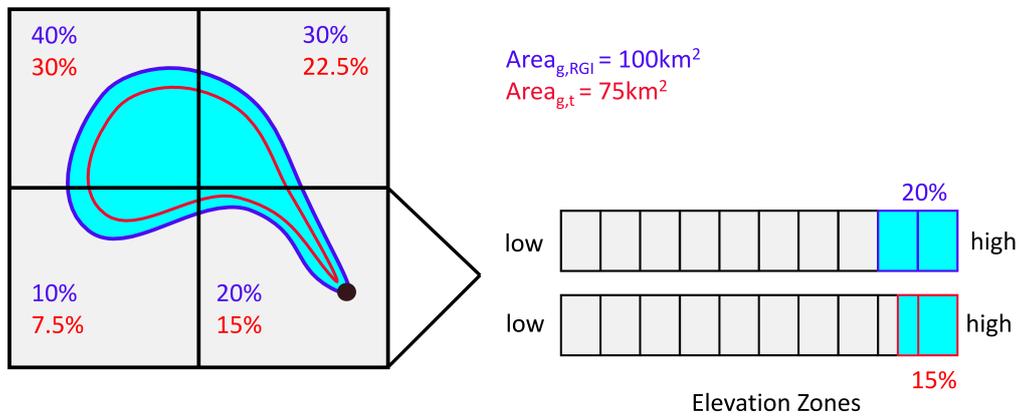


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S2 Model Evaluation

S2.1 Snow cover penalty

The penalty for the snow cover error is a simple function that ensures that the automatic calibration is not steered to parameter sets that represent the discharge well at the cost of snow cover representation. Therefore, we assumed the mean snow cover in the selected river basins should be close to zero for at least two months per year. To build a penalty sensitive to snow accumulation, we set a threshold of 0.2m above which the objective function is negative (Eq. S1). We combine the snow cover error penalty with the non-parametric KGE to obtain a single objective function for calibration (Eq. S2).

$$O_{SC} = 1 - (S_{mean,2months}/0.2) \quad (S1)$$

$$O_{tot} = 0.8 \cdot O_{KGE} + 0.2 \cdot O_{SC} \quad (S2)$$

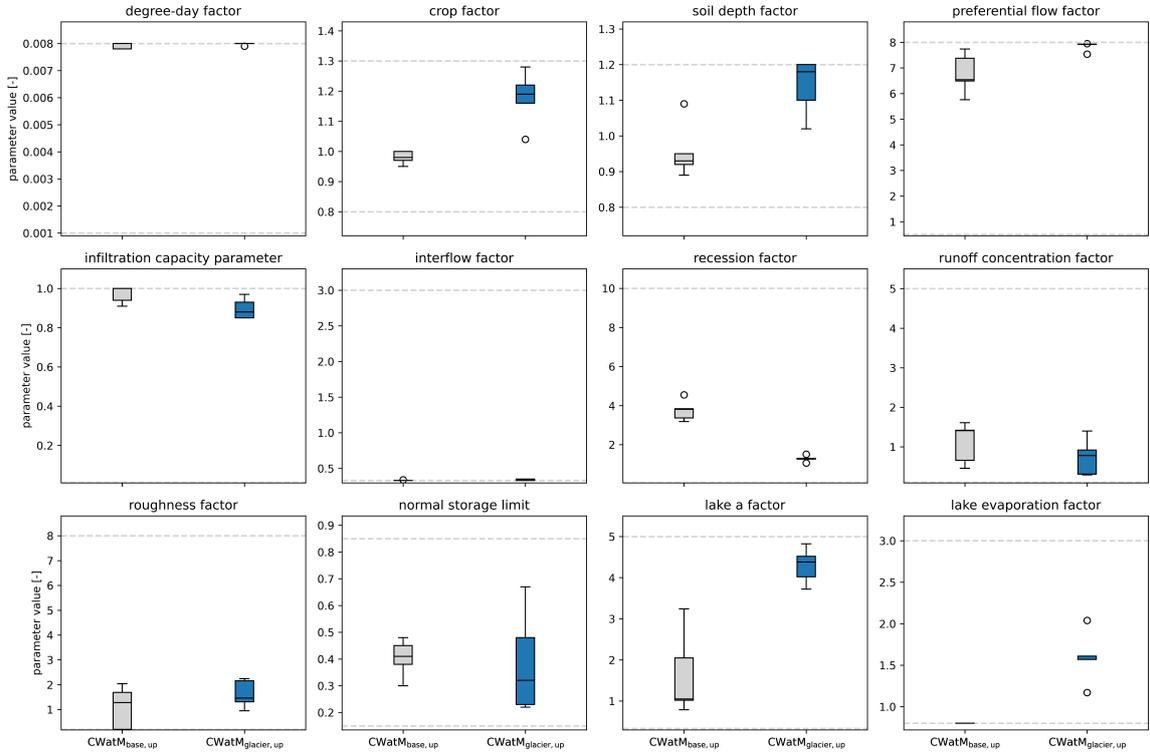


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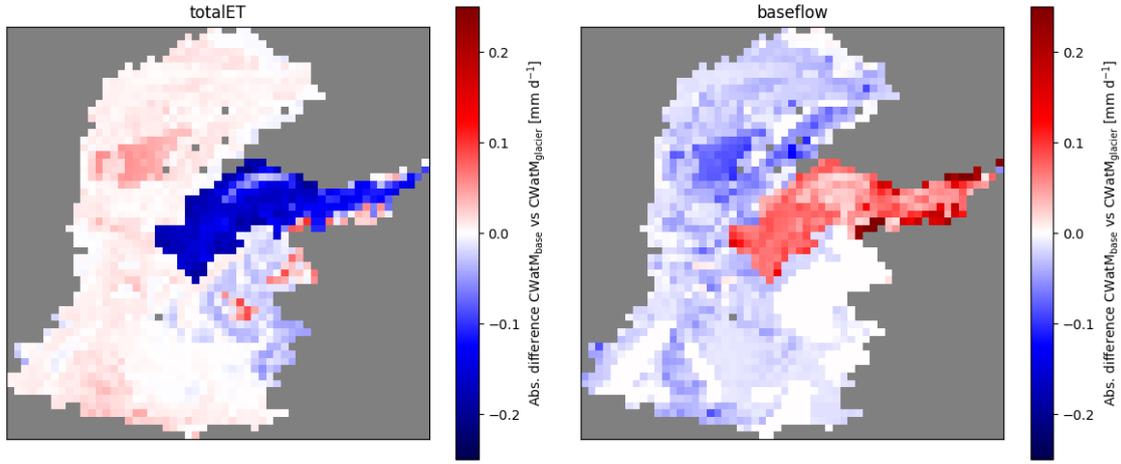


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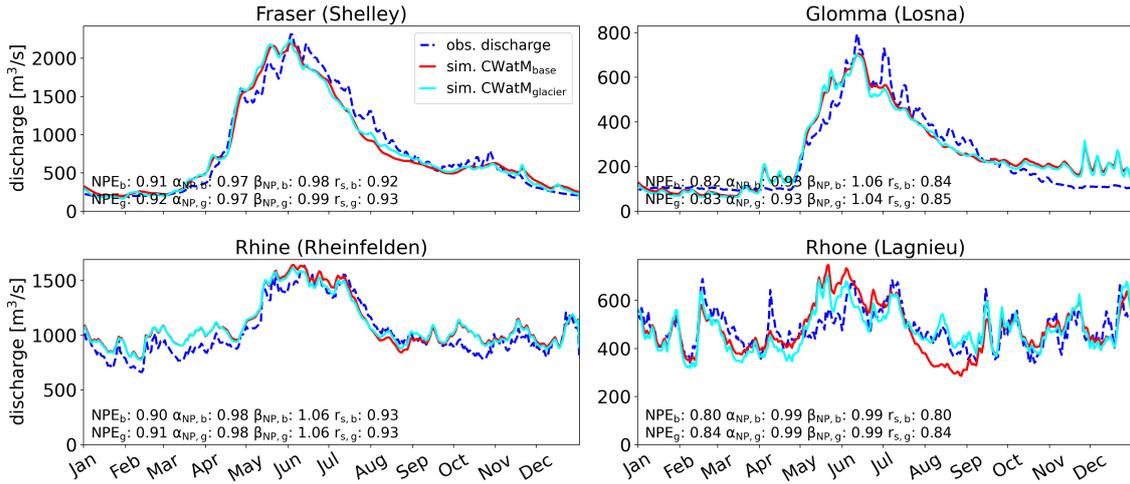


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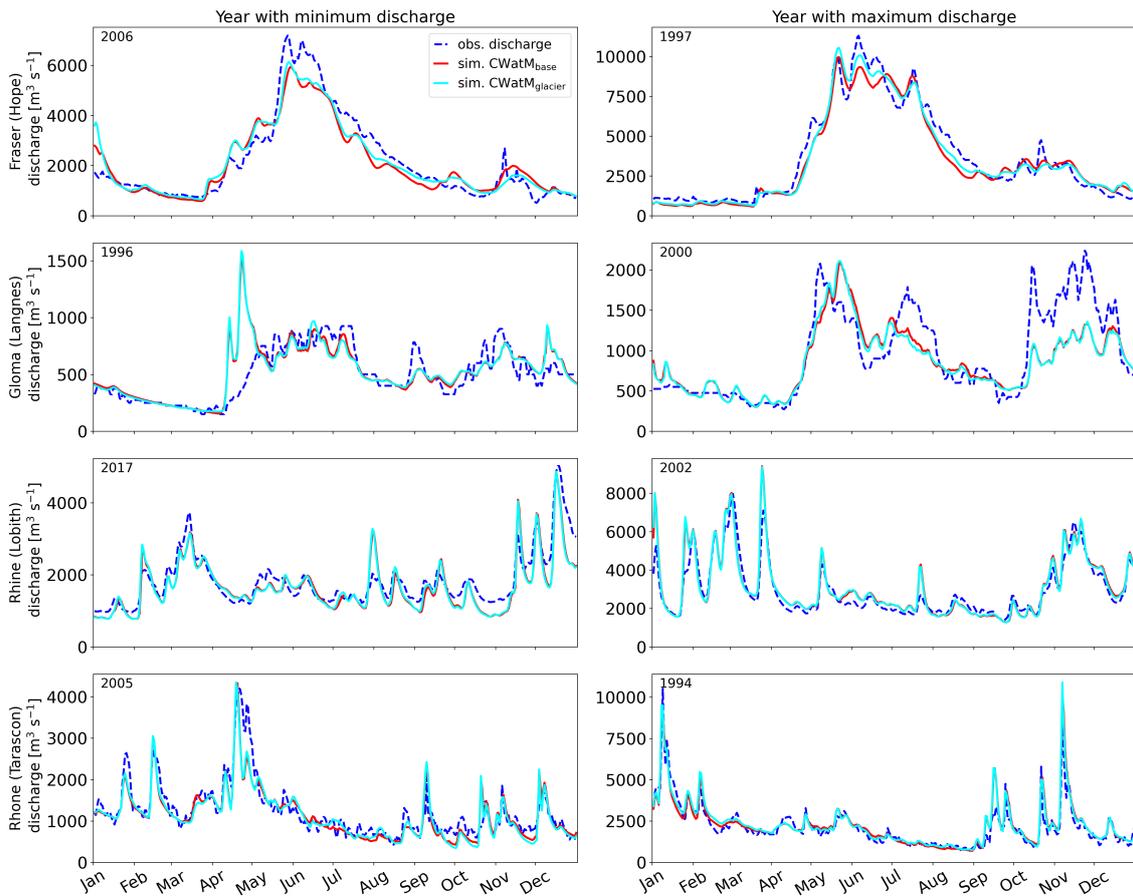


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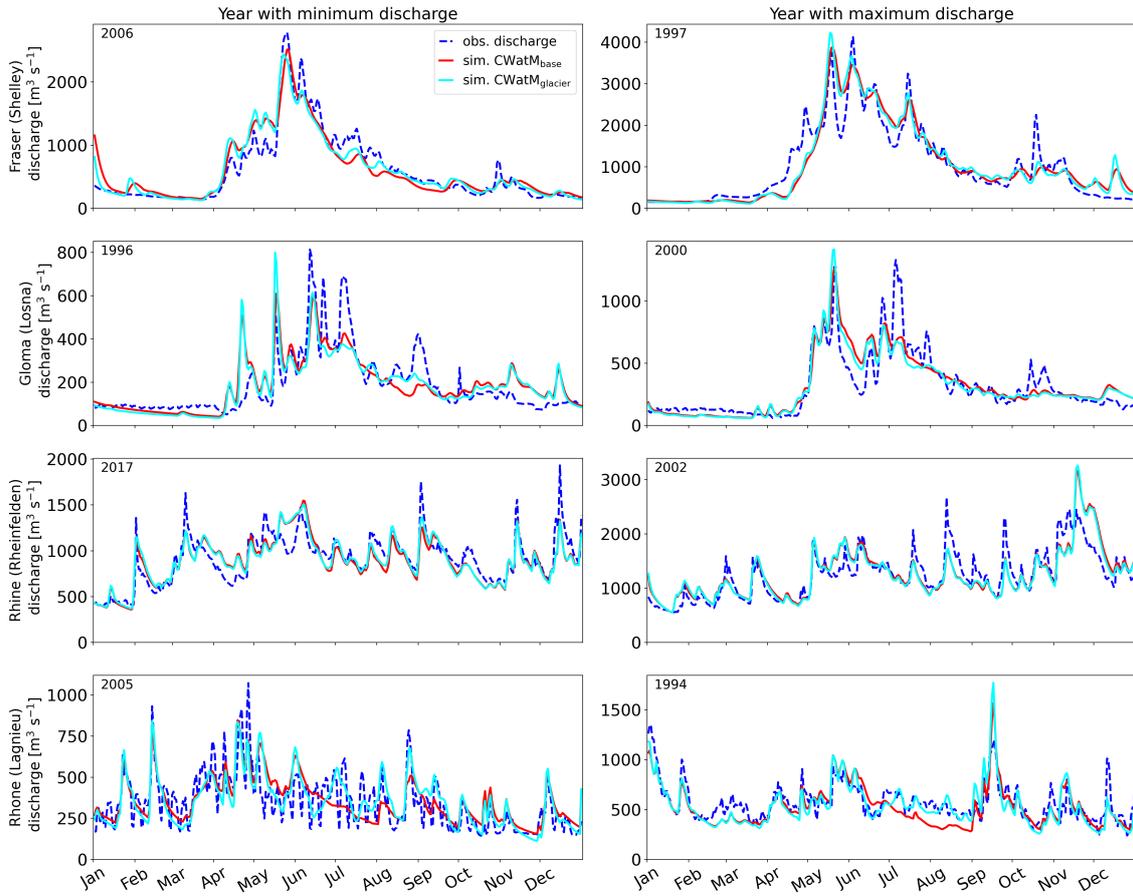


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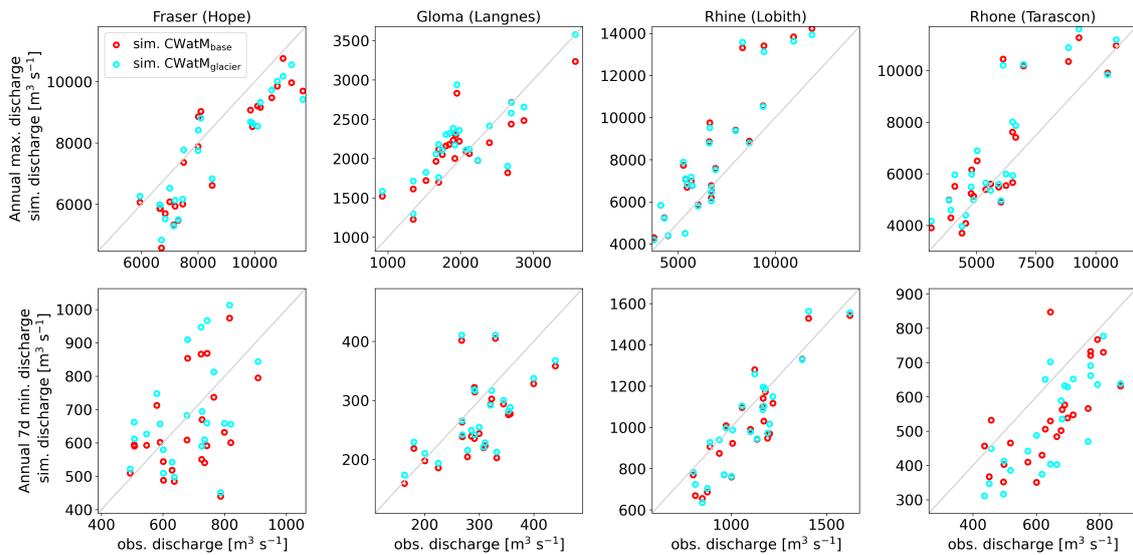


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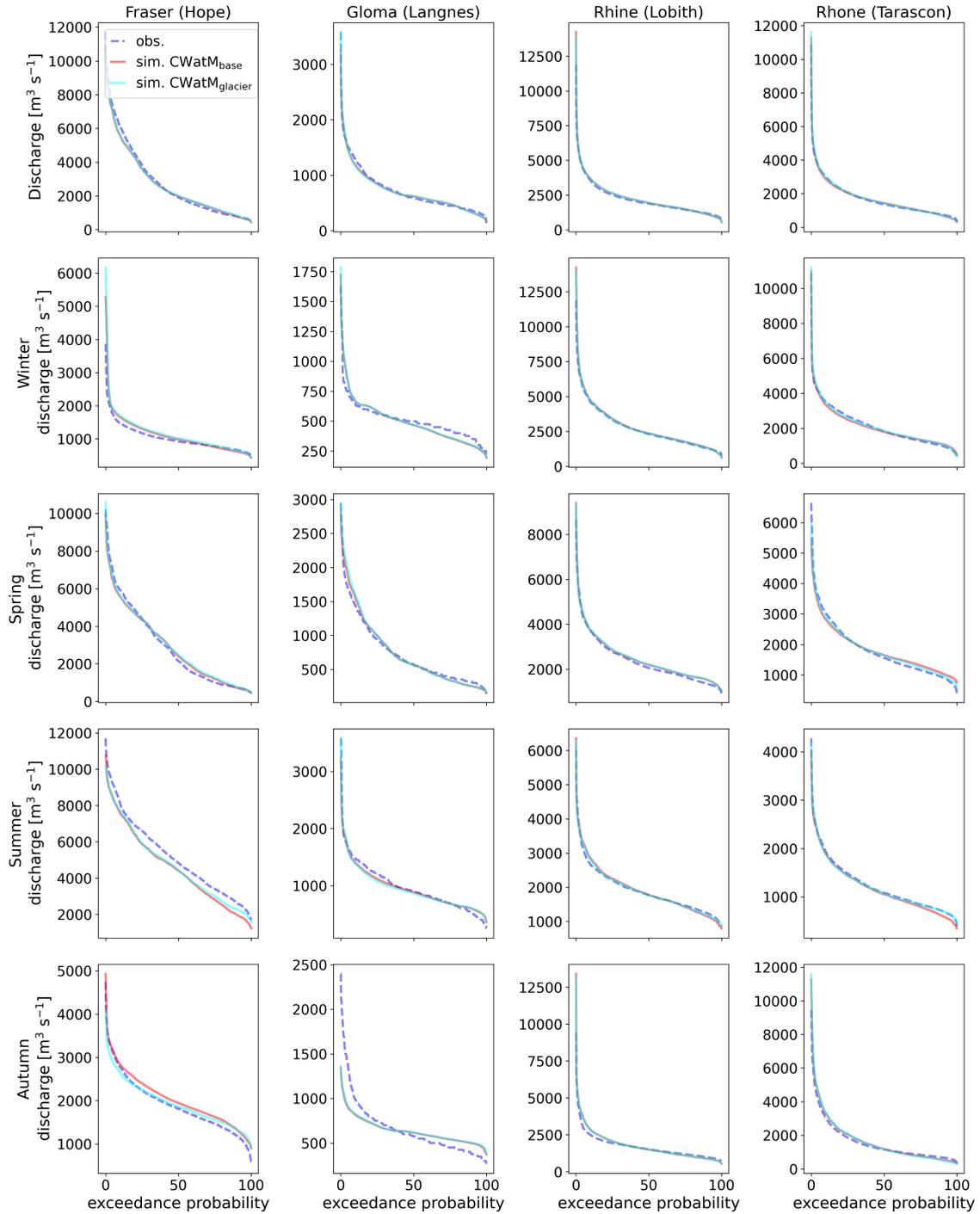


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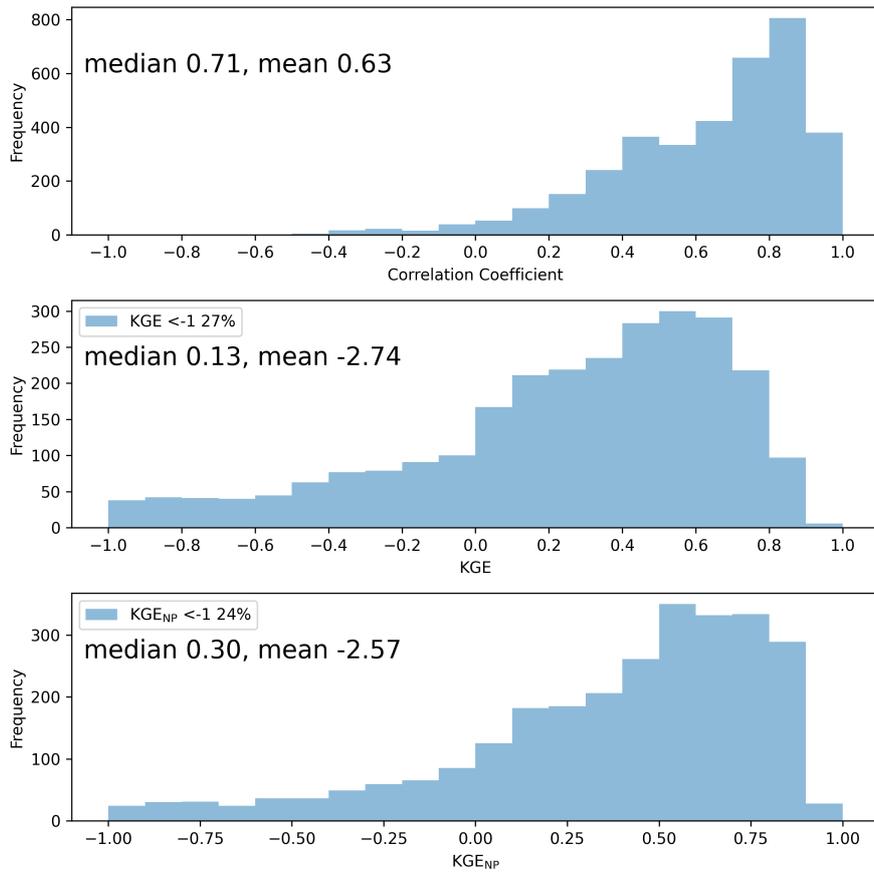


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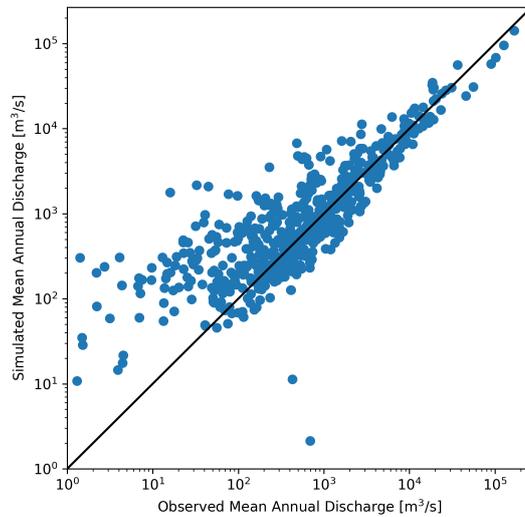


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For estimating median temperature increases of 2070–2099 compared to the pre-industrial era, we used the estimates of past temperature increases from the IPCC AR6 report (Figure 1.12 IPCC, 2021). This shows that the temperature increase in the period 1986–2005 was 0.69°C and in 1995–2014 0.85°C compared to pre-industrial levels. We thus calculated the global mean temperature for the same periods with our meteorological data and the median global temperature of all GCMs for the period 2070–2099. We then derived the median temperature increase compared to pre-industrial levels. This was 1.96°C for SSP1-2.6 and 4.25°C for SSP5-8.5 for using the period 1986–2005, and 1.98°C and 4.26°C using the period 1995–2014, respectively. Thus, we rounded the temperature increase in our manuscript to 2.0°C and 4.3°C .

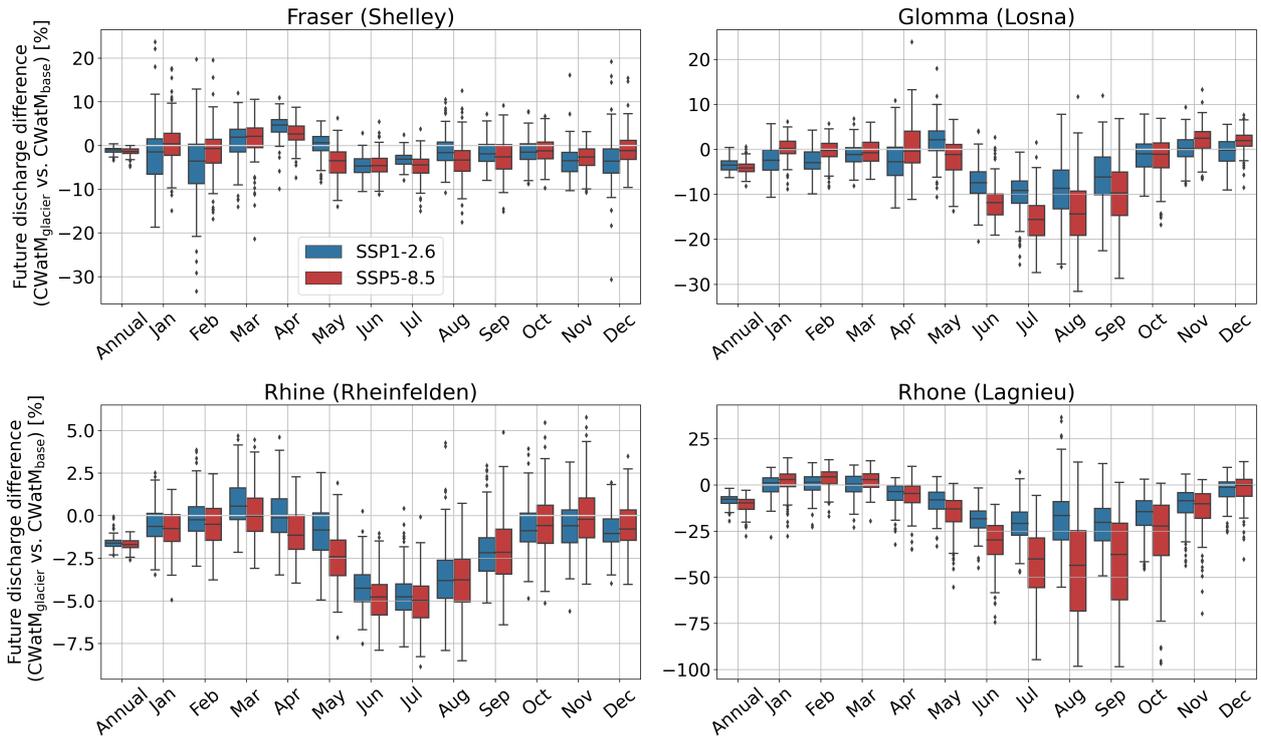


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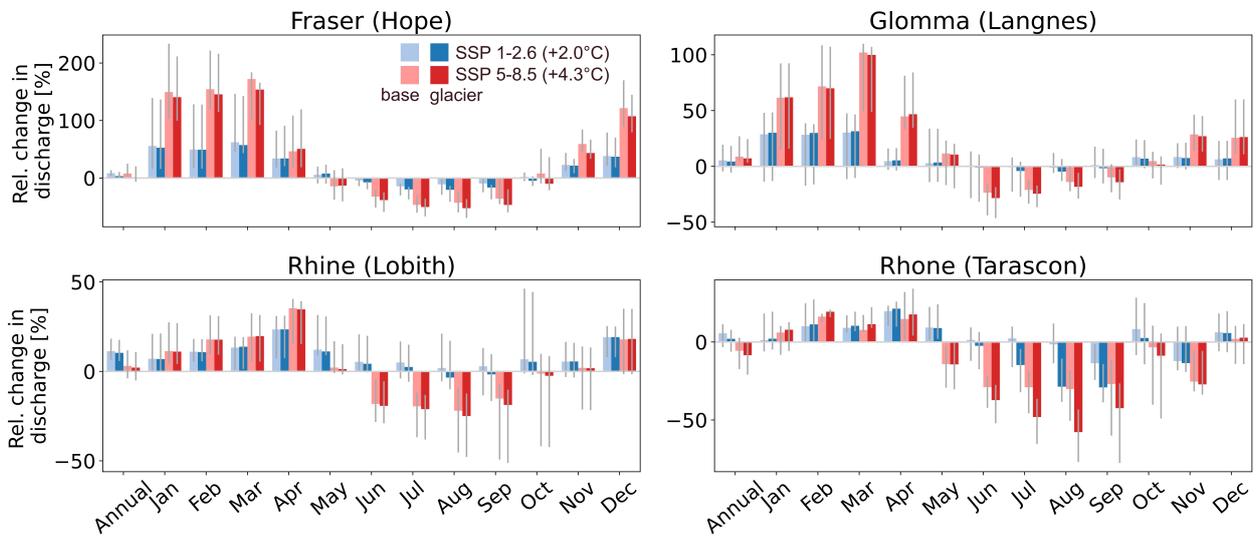


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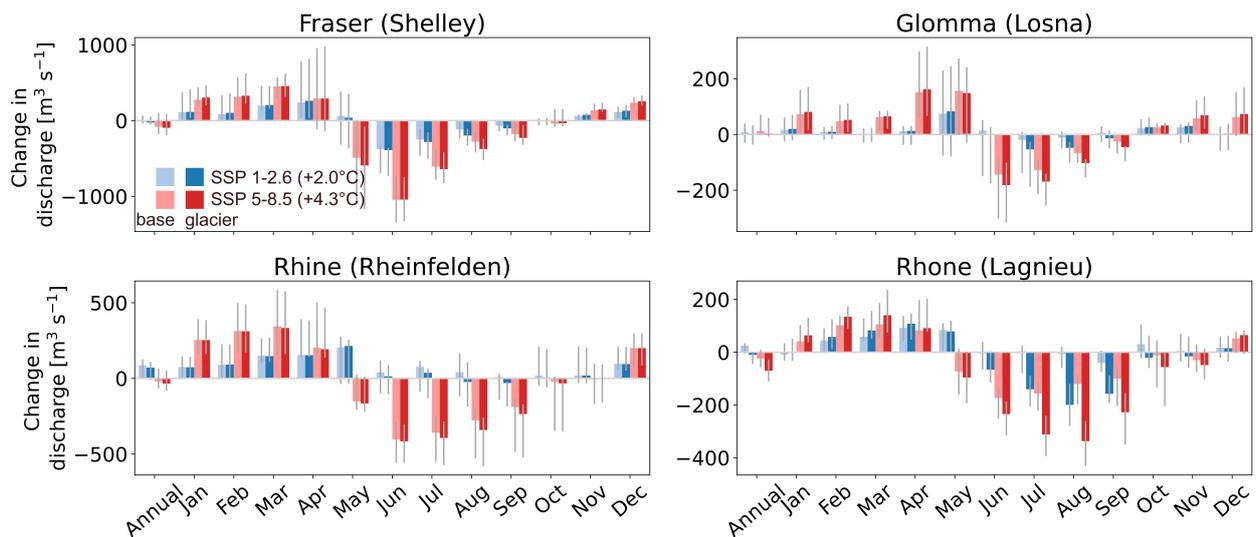


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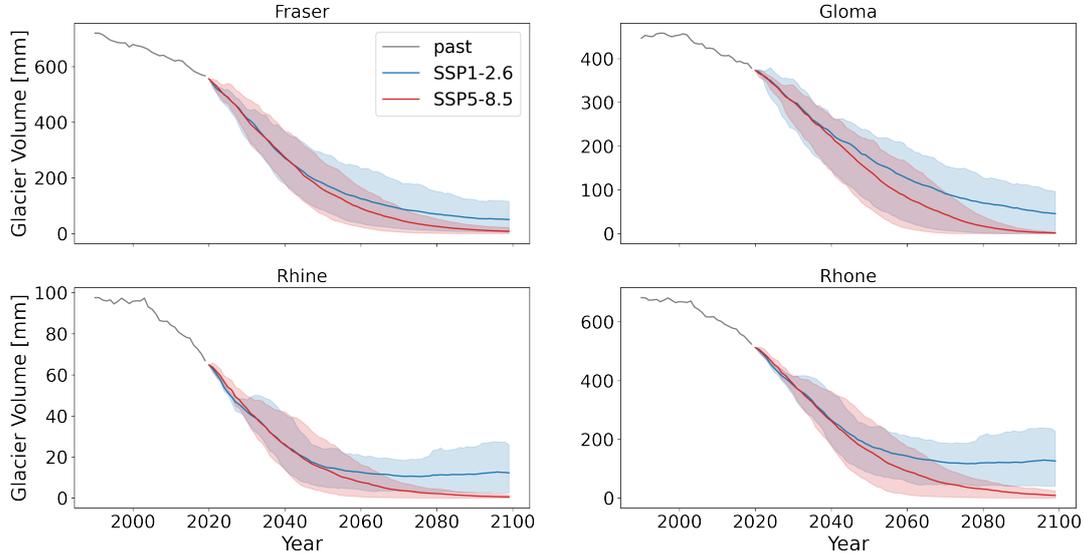


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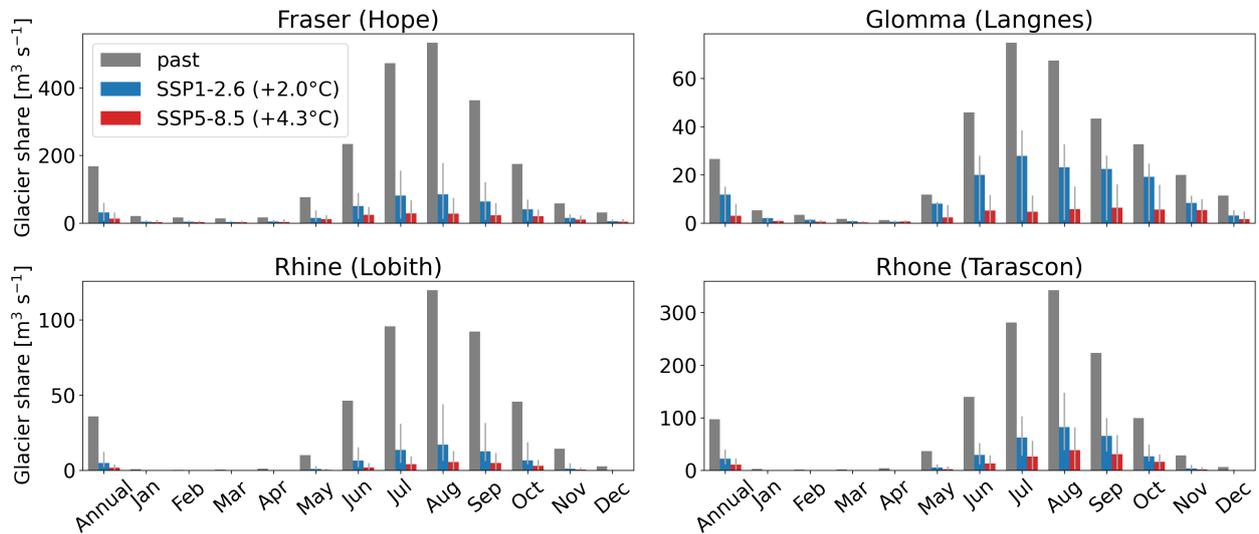


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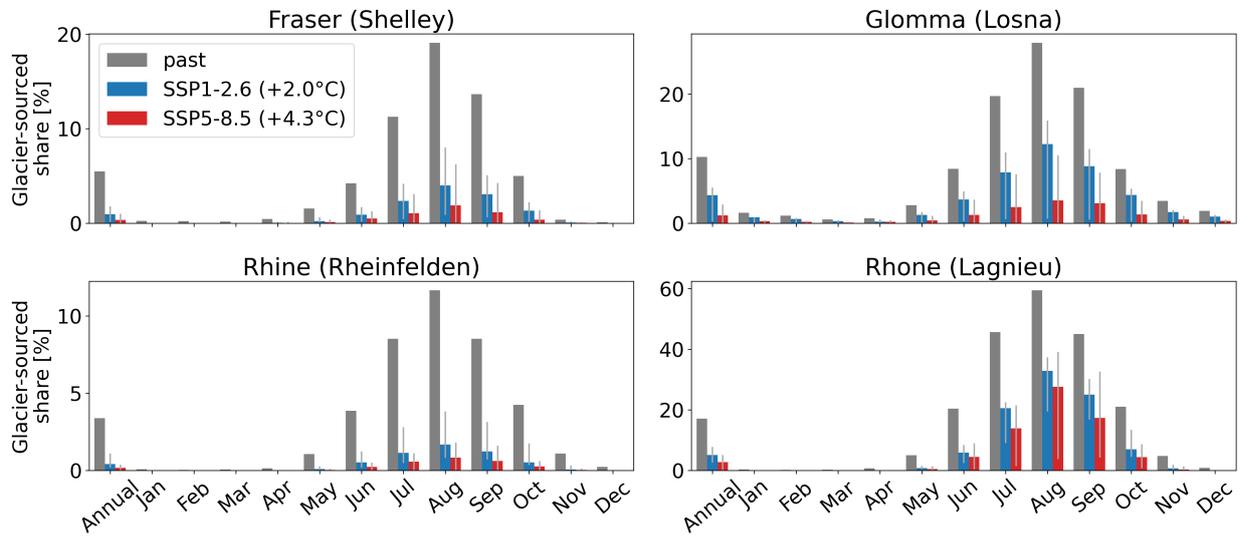


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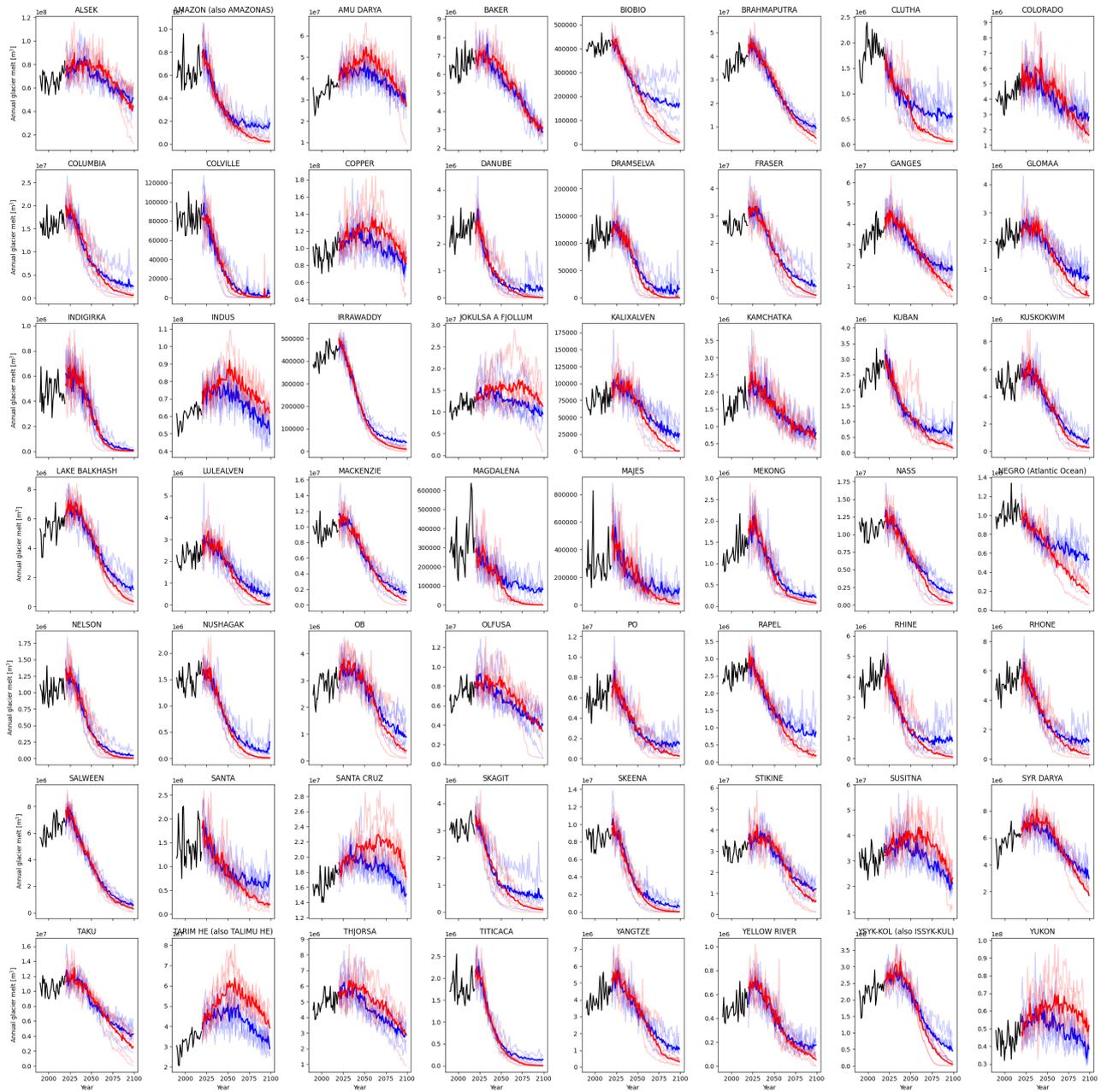


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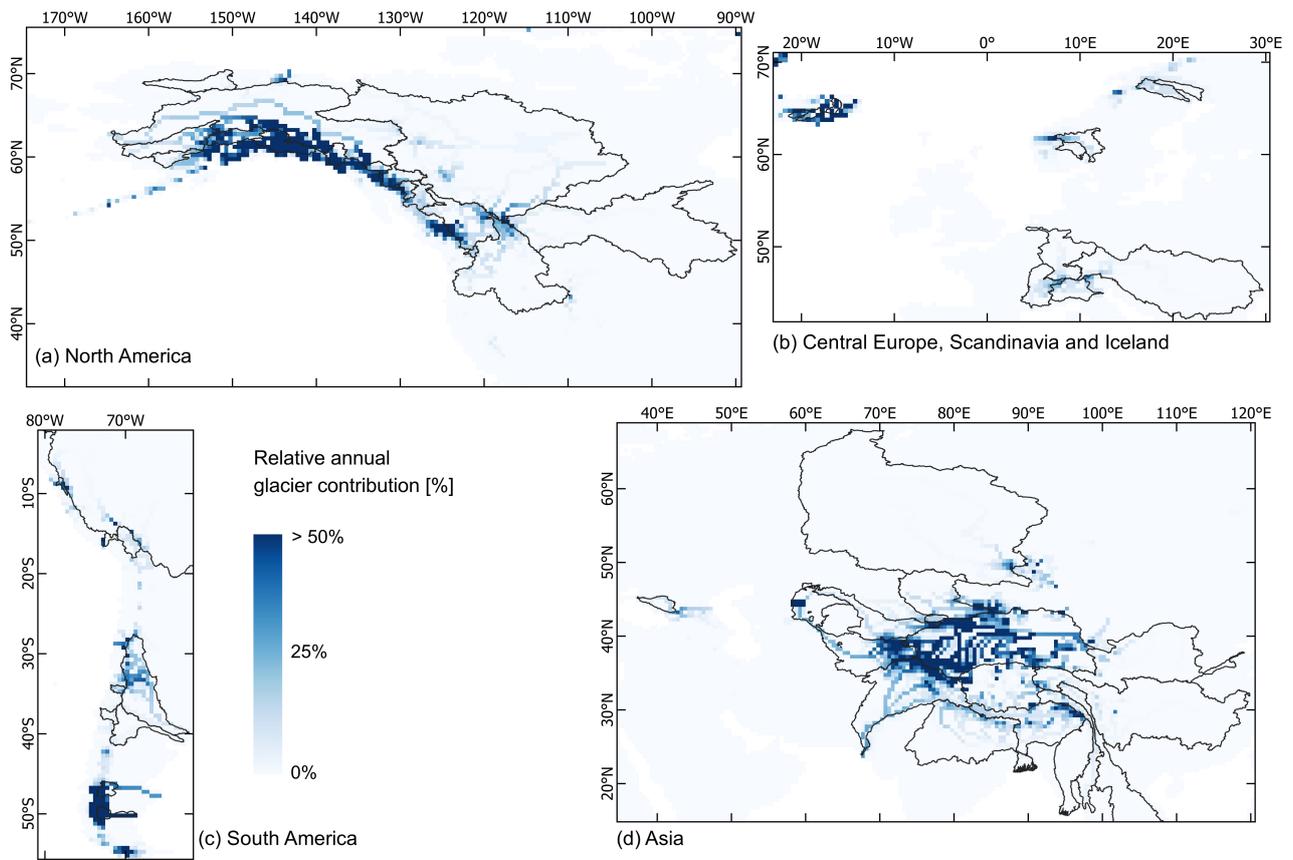


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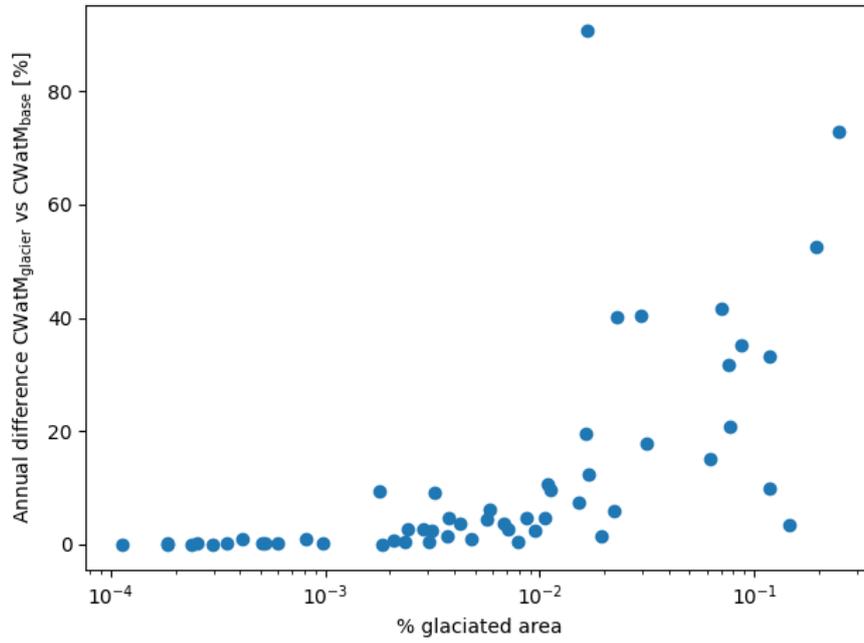


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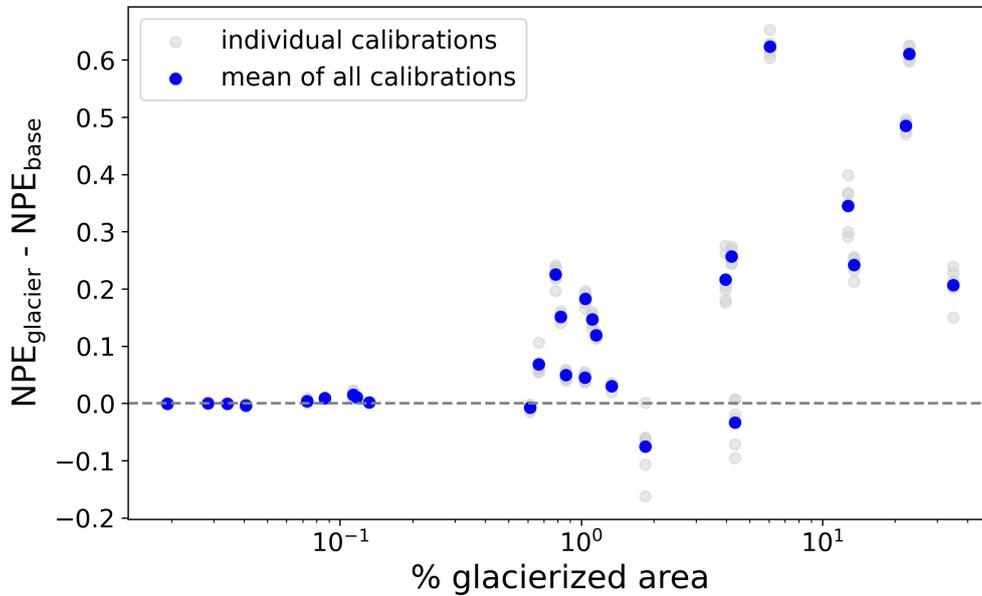


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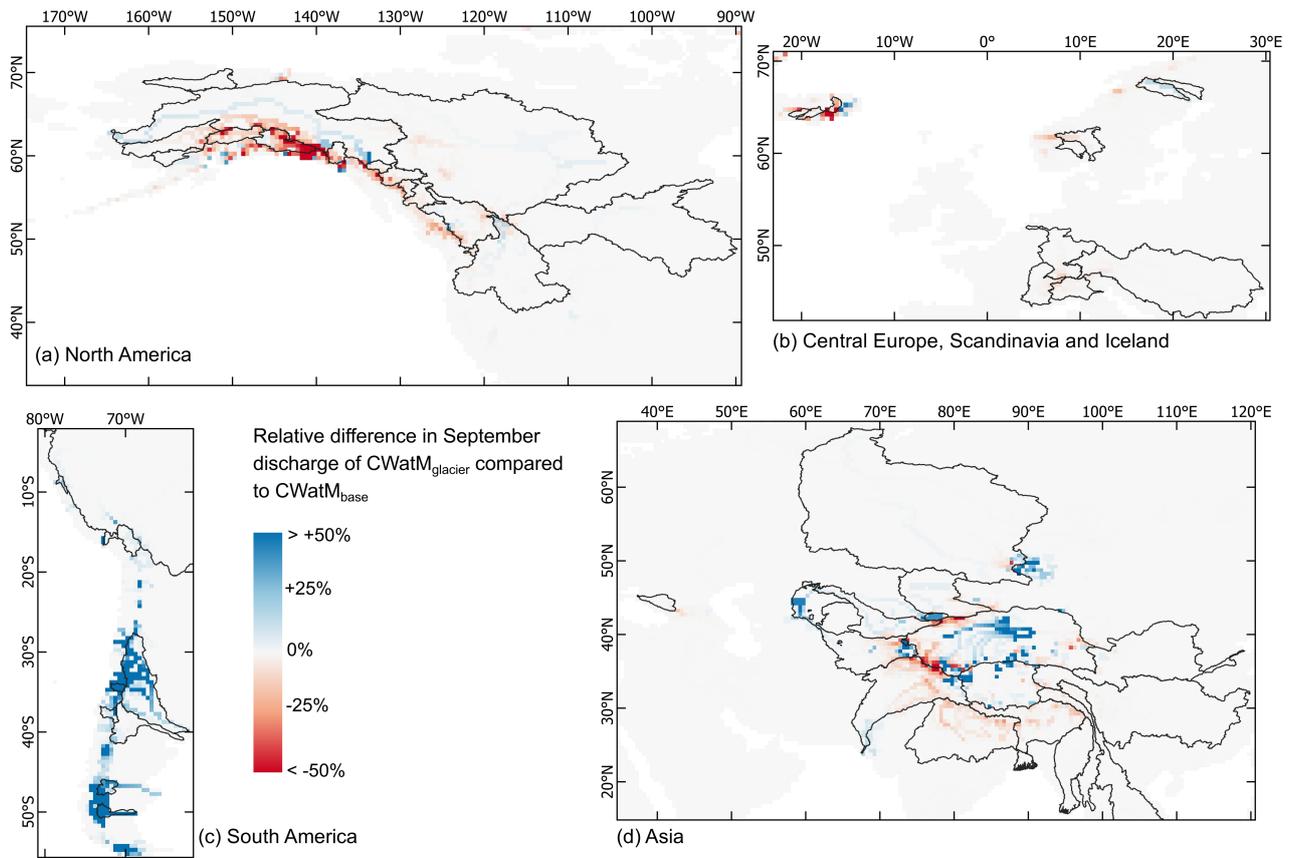


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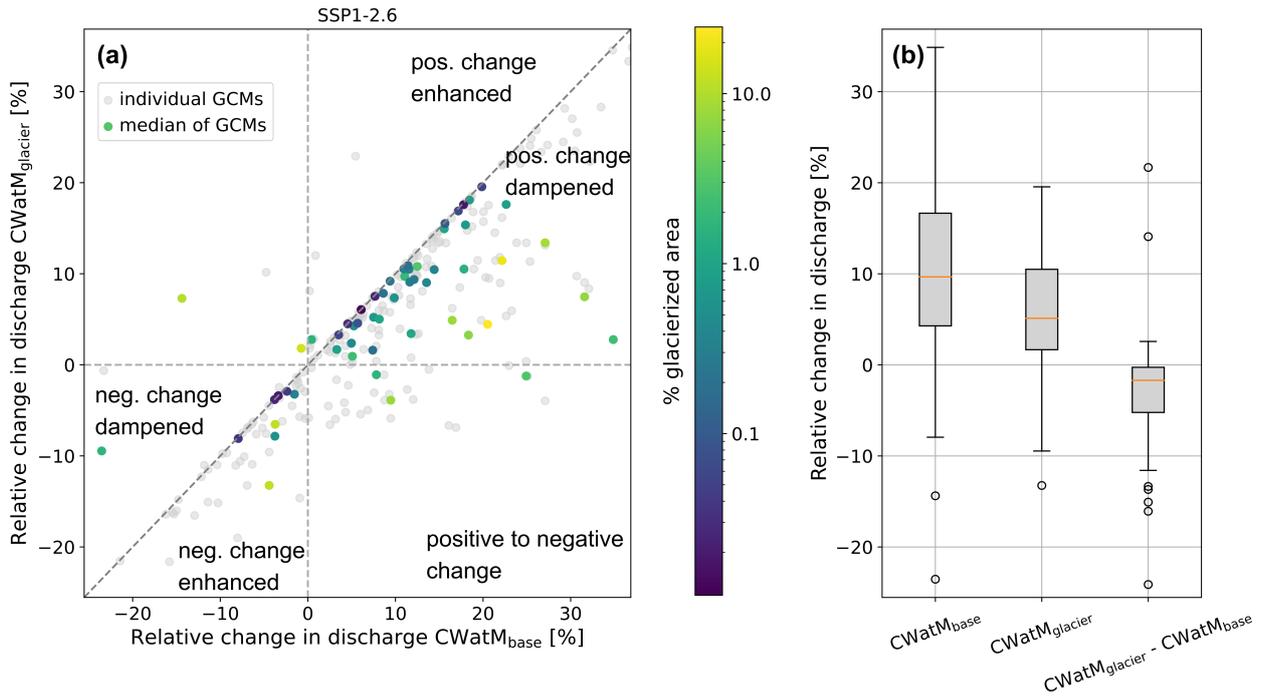


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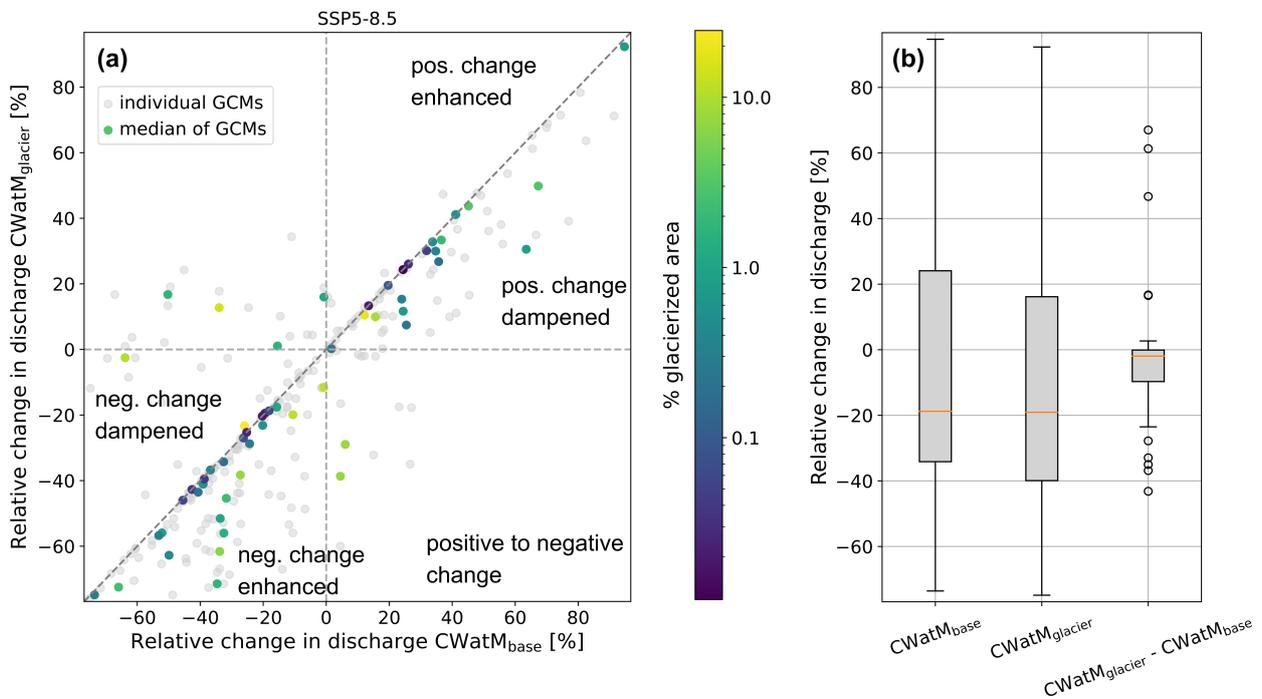


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S6 Influence of Precipitation Factor

The precipitation correction is handled differently in OGGM and CWatM as explained in Section 2.3 of the main paper. This difference in precipitation correction between OGGM and CWatM led to a larger precipitation input for CWatM_{glacier} compared to CWatM_{base} as discussed in Section 6.2.1.

The additional snowfall (S_{add}) on glaciers resulting from a precipitation factor larger than one is obtained from OGGM model output (snowfall_{on}, S). Snowfall on glaciers was post-processed similar to melt and rain on glaciers to obtain results per grid cells.

$$S_{add} = S/p_f \cdot (p_f - 1) \quad (\text{S3})$$

The difference in precipitation input was assessed by comparing the precipitation/snowfall of CWatM_{base} (P_{base}) to the sum of precipitation input of CWatM_{base} and additional snowfall on the glaciers (S_{add}).

The precipitation input was summed across each of the 56 glacierized river basins using zonal statistics. It was repeated for a precipitation factor of $p_f = 1$, $p_f = 2$ and $p_f = 3$ (Fig. S24). Differences between CWatM_{glacier}, $p_f = 1$ and CWatM_{base} are marginal for most basins, suggesting that the impact of differences in mountainous terrain representations in the two models (discussed in Section 6.2.3) is low in most basins. Precipitation input differences between CWatM_{glacier} and CWatM_{base} increase with increasing p_f and are larger for snowfall. The mean difference over all basins was +5% for total precipitation and +17% for snowfall for the past period for $p_f = 3$. This shows that the difference at basin level is much lower than the difference at glacier locations, for which the snowfall input in OGGM is three times as high as in CWatM.

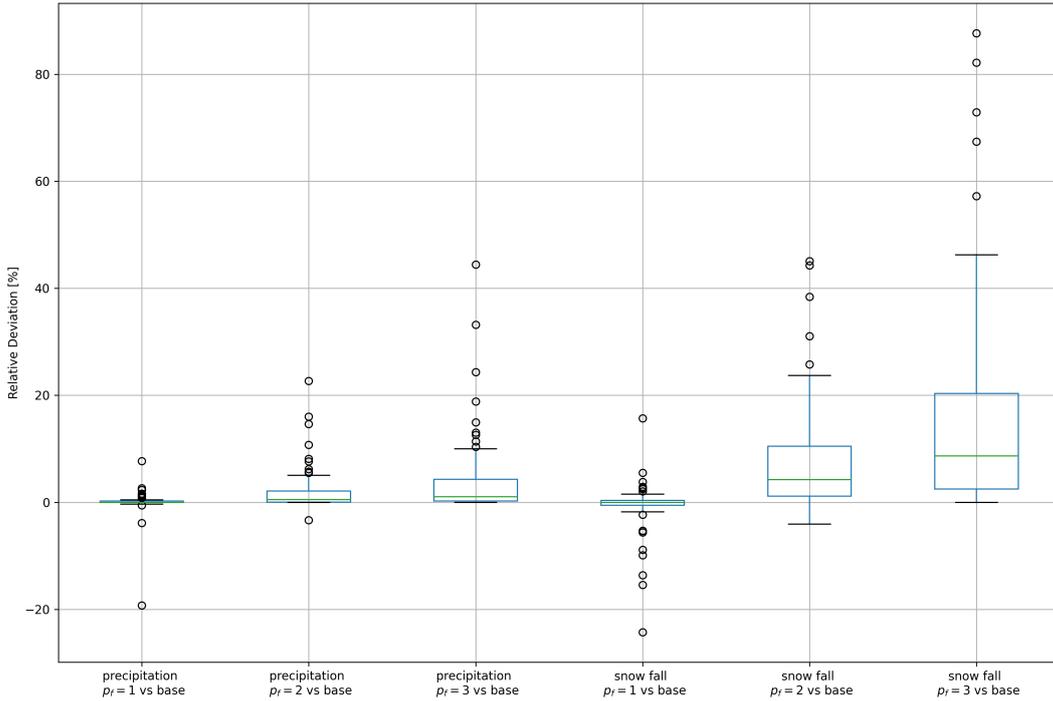


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We also ran additional simulations with CWatM_{base} using $P_{base} + S_{add}$ as input to investigate whether the performance improvement of CWatM_{glacier} compared to CWatM_{base} can be attributed to increased precipitation input. The results show that the performance of CWatM_{base} is higher with the increased precipitation input (Fig. S25). However, this is not sufficient to explain the performance increase for CWatM_{glacier} (Fig. S26). This reaffirms that including glaciers in CWatM improves its performance.

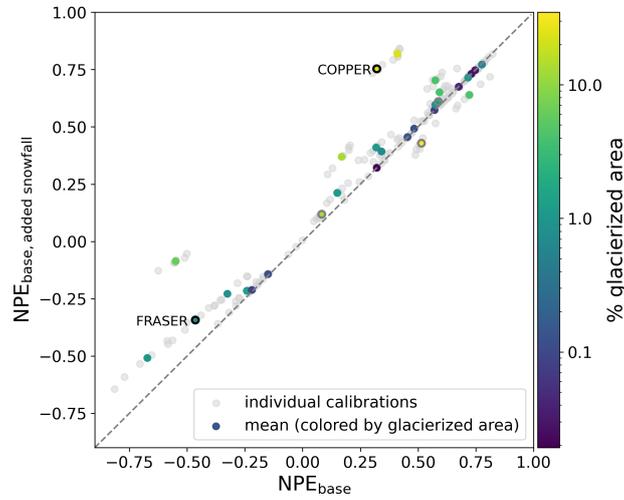


Figure S25: Performance comparison using same discharge stations as presented in Wiersma et al. (2022) between $\text{CWatM}_{\text{base}}$ and $\text{CWatM}_{\text{base}}$ with increased precipitation input ($P_{\text{base}} + S_{\text{add}}$) for individual calibrations (grey dots) and mean of all calibrations (coloured dots) for the 10 year period 2004 to 2013. The performance metric used is NPE (Pool et al., 2018). The Santa Cruz River basin lies outside the figure boundaries. Dots with grey outlines show basins smaller than 10,000 km².

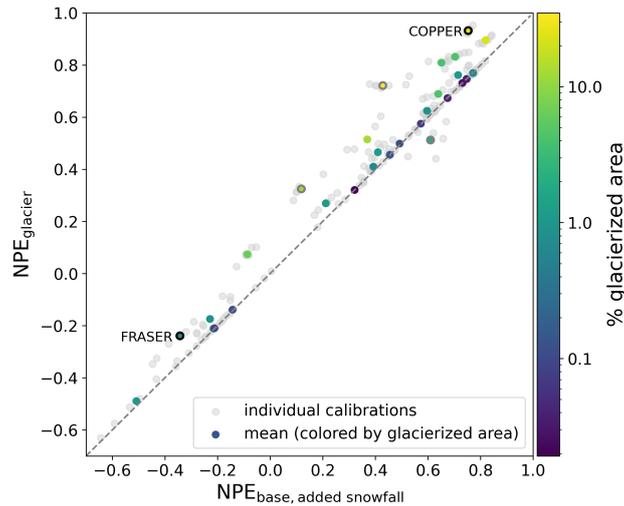


Figure S26: Performance comparison using same discharge stations as presented in Wiersma et al. (2022) between $\text{CWatM}_{\text{base}}$ with increased precipitation input ($P_{\text{base}} + S_{\text{add}}$) and $\text{CWatM}_{\text{glacier}}$ for individual calibrations (grey dots) and mean of all calibrations (coloured dots) for the 10 year period 2004 to 2013. The performance metric used is NPE (Pool et al., 2018). The Santa Cruz River basin lies outside the figure boundaries. Dots with grey outlines show basins smaller than 10,000 km².

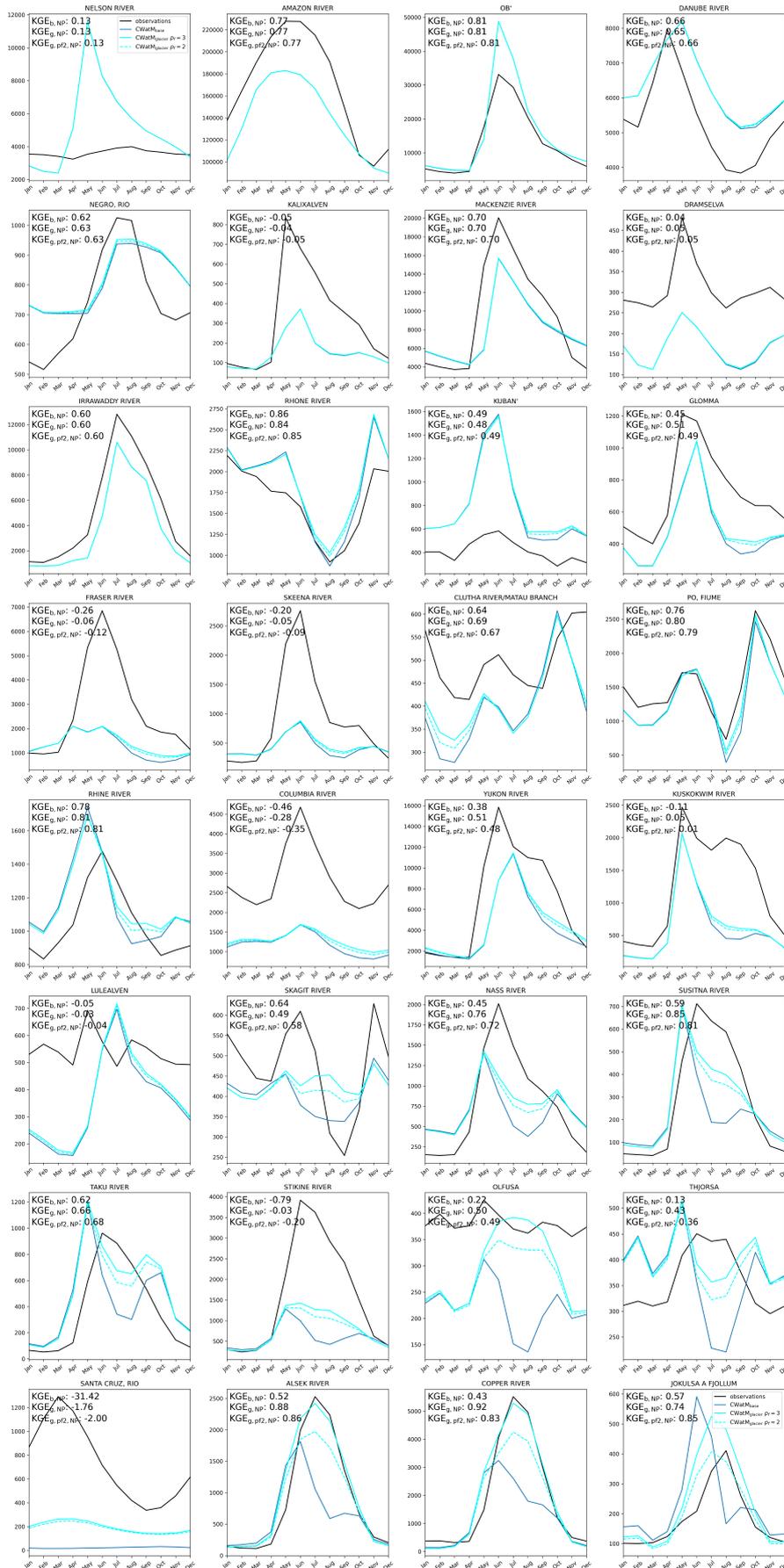


Figure S27: Comparison of mean monthly discharge between 1990–2019 of observations and simulations by CWatM_{base} and CWatM_{glacier} using the global parameter set used in ISIMIP3 simulations and a globally fixed precipitation factor of 2 and 3 to show the effect on hydrological simulations.

S7 Glacier location in modelling grid

Table S1: Area of basins, glacier coverage and contributing glacier melt derived from shapefiles of upstream basin area at most downstream discharge stations at 30 arcmin, 5 arcmin and 100 m resolution for which data was available from Burek and Smilovic (2022). Station No. refers to the GRDC station ID. Glacier melt is derived as summed annual glacier runoff (1990–2019) from OGM simulations using all glaciers with terminus inside the shapefile corresponding to the respective resolution. The last three columns show the agreement of the 30 arcmin/5 arcmin resolution with the 100 m resolution.

| Station No. | River Basin | Area [km ²] | | | Glacier area [km ²] | | | Glacier cover [%] | | | No. glaciers | | | Glacier melt [m ³ /s] | | | Area _{red,100m} | | | Glacier area _{red,100m} | | | Glacier melt _{red,100m} | | |
|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|---------|-------|--------------|---------|-------|----------------------------------|---------|--------|--------------------------|---------|-------|----------------------------------|---------|-------|----------------------------------|---------|------|
| | | 30arcmin | 5arcmin | 100m | 30arcmin | 5arcmin | 100m | 30arcmin | 5arcmin | 100m | 30arcmin | 5arcmin | 100m | 30arcmin | 5arcmin | 100m | 30arcmin | 5arcmin | 100m | 30arcmin | 5arcmin | 100m | 30arcmin | 5arcmin | 100m |
| 4105710 | COPPER | 61714 | 63211 | 63435 | 14134 | 13810 | 13962 | 22.9 | 21.85 | 22.01 | 3224 | 3157 | 3170 | 2837.6 | 3451.9 | 3481.5 | 0.973 | 0.906 | 1.012 | 0.989 | 0.989 | 1.021 | 0.815 | 0.992 | |
| 4105060 | ALSEK | 31151 | 28641 | 28650 | 6950 | 5992 | 22.31 | 20.92 | 20.92 | 20.92 | 1574 | 1441 | 1424 | 1282 | 1225.1 | 1256.2 | 1.087 | 1 | 1.159 | 0.999 | 1.021 | 1.021 | 0.975 | 0.975 | |
| 3276800 | SANTA CRUZ | 17113 | 17029 | 3529 | 3529 | 3098 | 3098 | 22.1 | 18.82 | 18.10 | 477 | 490 | 457 | 302.6 | 289.7 | 294.3 | 0.938 | 1.005 | 1.139 | 0.999 | 1.028 | 1.028 | 0.984 | 0.984 | |
| 4105800 | SUSTINA | 54380 | 49950 | 49845 | 4216 | 4355 | 4358 | 7.75 | 8.72 | 8.74 | 1283 | 1249 | 1272 | 407.8 | 438.7 | 446.7 | 1.091 | 1.002 | 0.967 | 0.999 | 0.913 | 0.982 | 0.982 | 0.982 | |
| 3186500 | BAKER | 14926 | 22435 | 22861 | 1767 | 1710 | 1715 | 11.84 | 7.62 | 7.5 | 1162 | 1474 | 1524 | 154 | 262.2 | 267.9 | 0.653 | 0.981 | 1.03 | 0.997 | 0.754 | 0.979 | 0.979 | 0.979 | |
| 4204900 | STIKINE | 51387 | 50707 | 50658 | 3113 | 3460 | 3552 | 6.06 | 6.82 | 7.01 | 2179 | 2241 | 2290 | 387 | 516.4 | 534.5 | 1.014 | 1.001 | 0.876 | 0.974 | 0.724 | 0.966 | 0.966 | 0.966 | |
| 4245100 | NASS | 18982 | 18170 | 18377 | 753 | 1317 | 1234 | 3.97 | 7.03 | 6.71 | 796 | 791 | 741 | 145.2 | 213.9 | 221.5 | 1.033 | 1.002 | 0.61 | 1.067 | 0.656 | 0.966 | 0.966 | 0.966 | |
| 4206601 | TAKU | 17655 | 17017 | 16860 | 765 | 1190 | 1023 | 4.33 | 7 | 6.07 | 414 | 616 | 593 | 143.4 | 327.5 | 285.1 | 1.047 | 1.009 | 0.748 | 1.163 | 0.503 | 1.149 | 1.149 | 1.149 | |
| 2335950 | INDUS | 821086 | 834863 | 833842 | 25876 | 27359 | 27042 | 3.15 | 3.28 | 3.24 | 22384 | 22991 | 22795 | 706 | 720 | 725.9 | 0.985 | 1.001 | 0.957 | 1.012 | 0.973 | 0.992 | 0.992 | 0.992 | |
| 3948300 | SANTA | 15301 | 11988 | 11951 | 325 | 349 | 349 | 2.12 | 3.03 | 3.22 | 399 | 426 | 405 | 17.2 | 20.5 | 19.1 | 1.28 | 1.003 | 0.931 | 1.04 | 0.901 | 1.076 | 1.076 | 1.076 | |
| 2651100 | BRAHMAPUTRA | 525994 | 514210 | 514170 | 9748 | 10382 | 10506 | 1.85 | 2.02 | 2.04 | 10994 | 11478 | 11430 | 428.8 | 461.6 | 475.7 | 1.023 | 1 | 0.928 | 0.993 | 0.953 | 0.973 | 0.973 | 0.973 | |
| 3179250 | RAPHEL | 12781 | 13485 | 13503 | 379 | 284 | 235 | 2.97 | 2.11 | 1.74 | 447 | 275 | 238 | 32 | 26.9 | 26.1 | 0.947 | 0.999 | 1.613 | 1.209 | 1.225 | 1.033 | 1.033 | 1.033 | |
| 4103200 | YUKON | 816227 | 821514 | 821207 | 9054 | 10313 | 10356 | 1.11 | 1.26 | 1.26 | 3005 | 3095 | 3082 | 1138.7 | 1364.8 | 1353.9 | 0.994 | 1 | 0.874 | 0.996 | 0.841 | 1.008 | 1.008 | 1.008 | |
| 4102100 | KUSKOKWIM | 82259 | 80037 | 80296 | 946 | 894 | 973 | 1.15 | 1.12 | 1.21 | 752 | 817 | 872 | 77.6 | 104.4 | 119.3 | 1.024 | 0.997 | 0.972 | 0.919 | 0.651 | 0.875 | 0.875 | 0.875 | |
| 6233750 | LULEALVEN | 24134 | 24460 | 24474 | 322 | 233 | 263 | 1.33 | 0.95 | 1.08 | 243 | 233 | 244 | 27.8 | 20.1 | 28.1 | 0.986 | 0.999 | 1.224 | 0.886 | 0.987 | 0.714 | 0.714 | 0.714 | |
| 6139100 | FRASE | 99516 | 94110 | 93590 | 612 | 891 | 916 | 0.61 | 0.95 | 0.98 | 1013 | 1195 | 1177 | 71.9 | 101.7 | 107.6 | 1.063 | 1.006 | 0.668 | 0.973 | 0.669 | 0.946 | 0.946 | 0.946 | |
| 4245254 | FRASE | 216641 | 216166 | 216412 | 1694 | 1729 | 1845 | 0.78 | 0.8 | 0.85 | 1912 | 1937 | 1959 | 157.9 | 152 | 178.9 | 1.001 | 0.999 | 0.918 | 0.937 | 0.883 | 0.85 | 0.85 | 0.85 | |
| 4245254 | SKEENA | 42158 | 41945 | 41861 | 347 | 366 | 357 | 0.82 | 0.87 | 0.85 | 608 | 601 | 586 | 33.5 | 36.7 | 37.6 | 1.007 | 1.002 | 0.972 | 1.025 | 0.892 | 0.978 | 0.978 | 0.978 | |
| 2646126 | FRASE | 933315 | 945500 | 945040 | 7479 | 8007 | 7831 | 0.8 | 0.85 | 0.83 | 6407 | 6652 | 6559 | 396 | 445.6 | 455.3 | 0.988 | 1 | 0.955 | 1.022 | 0.87 | 0.979 | 0.979 | 0.979 | |
| 2314450 | LAKE BALKHASH | 13201 | 13084 | 12970 | 86 | 122 | 106 | 0.65 | 0.93 | 0.81 | 126 | 185 | 179 | 6 | 8.4 | 9.2 | 1.018 | 1.009 | 0.811 | 1.151 | 0.653 | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.91 | |
| 5868100 | CLUTHA | 19705 | 20477 | 20572 | 113 | 149 | 149 | 0.58 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 586 | 534 | 651 | 20.9 | 32 | 38.9 | 0.958 | 0.995 | 0.758 | 1 | 0.536 | 0.823 | 0.823 | 0.823 | |
| 6729400 | GLOMAA | 41482 | 40356 | 40401 | 277 | 244 | 270 | 0.67 | 0.6 | 0.67 | 313 | 272 | 275 | 24.4 | 24.7 | 27.5 | 1.027 | 0.999 | 1.026 | 0.904 | 0.888 | 0.897 | 0.897 | 0.897 | |
| 2316201 | SVR DARYA | 291659 | 335047 | 334279 | 2125 | 1832 | 1868 | 0.73 | 0.55 | 0.56 | 3526 | 3422 | 3353 | 76 | 79.3 | 85.4 | 0.873 | 1.002 | 1.138 | 0.981 | 0.89 | 0.928 | 0.928 | 0.928 | |
| 6348000 | PO | 74041 | 73027 | 72903 | 657 | 381 | 316 | 0.89 | 0.52 | 0.43 | 1139 | 852 | 752 | 85.1 | 52.7 | 64.3 | 1.016 | 1.002 | 2.079 | 1.206 | 1.323 | 0.82 | 0.82 | 0.82 | |
| 3275750 | COLORADO | 279679 | 302102 | 301986 | 1144 | 1219 | 1277 | 0.41 | 0.4 | 0.42 | 1336 | 1600 | 1683 | 45.6 | 54.9 | 61 | 0.926 | 1 | 0.896 | 0.955 | 0.747 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | |
| 2902850 | KAMCHATKA | 52040 | 51567 | 51457 | 235 | 175 | 199 | 0.45 | 0.34 | 0.39 | 175 | 109 | 136 | 18.8 | 15.4 | 17.5 | 1.011 | 1.002 | 1.181 | 0.879 | 1.075 | 0.881 | 0.881 | 0.881 | |
| 6983350 | KUBAN | 48666 | 48434 | 47678 | 299 | 129 | 177 | 0.62 | 0.27 | 0.37 | 403 | 214 | 263 | 33.7 | 18.9 | 23.3 | 1.021 | 1.016 | 1.689 | 0.729 | 1.448 | 0.812 | 0.812 | 0.812 | |
| 4102740 | NUSHAGAK | 27670 | 25400 | 25287 | 173 | 88 | 84 | 0.63 | 0.35 | 0.33 | 207 | 105 | 105 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 14.3 | 1.094 | 1.004 | 2.06 | 1.048 | 1.525 | 0.747 | 0.747 | 0.747 | |
| 3179500 | BIOBIO | 24572 | 24428 | 24221 | 57 | 74 | 74 | 0.23 | 0.3 | 0.31 | 125 | 158 | 129 | 5.4 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 1.014 | 1.009 | 0.777 | 1 | 0.746 | 0.944 | 0.944 | 0.944 | |
| 4115201 | COLUMBIA | 663329 | 651226 | 651439 | 1854 | 1956 | 1928 | 0.28 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 3519 | 3396 | 3423 | 187.3 | 195.4 | 213 | 1.018 | 1 | 0.962 | 1.015 | 0.879 | 0.917 | 0.917 | 0.917 | |
| 6435060 | RHINE | 161953 | 158891 | 159333 | 371 | 329 | 337 | 0.23 | 0.21 | 0.21 | 724 | 730 | 793 | 59.1 | 63.9 | 68.1 | 1.016 | 0.997 | 1.101 | 0.976 | 0.867 | 0.939 | 0.939 | 0.939 | |
| 6729311 | DRAMSEIWA | 15178 | 16710 | 16928 | 18 | 45 | 27 | 0.12 | 0.27 | 0.16 | 36 | 48 | 42 | 1.2 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 0.897 | 0.987 | 0.667 | 1.667 | 0.214 | 1.195 | 1.195 | 1.195 | |
| 2181900 | YANGTZE | 1696096 | 1682196 | 1681512 | 1067 | 1597 | 1657 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.1 | 1241 | 1535 | 1596 | 47.5 | 72 | 79.8 | 1.009 | 1 | 0.644 | 0.964 | 0.595 | 0.902 | 0.902 | 0.902 | |
| 4208025 | MACKENZIE | 1666309 | 1667919 | 1668196 | 1886 | 1430 | 1404 | 0.11 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 2361 | 2051 | 2049 | 107.8 | 89.5 | 89 | 0.999 | 1 | 1.343 | 1.019 | 1.211 | 1.006 | 1.006 | 1.006 | |
| 4101500 | COLVILLE | 58255 | 58363 | 58146 | 20 | 34 | 36 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 76 | 118 | 117 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.002 | 1.004 | 0.556 | 0.944 | 0.594 | 1.001 | 1.001 | 1.001 | |
| 2903981 | INDIGIRKA | 307204 | 304604 | 304575 | 124 | 141 | 145 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 266 | 287 | 300 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 1.009 | 1 | 0.855 | 0.972 | 0.816 | 0.95 | 0.95 | 0.95 | |
| 6742900 | DANUBE | 783930 | 790272 | 785184 | 230 | 339 | 411 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 612 | 800 | 857 | 28 | 46.4 | 54.2 | 0.998 | 1.006 | 0.56 | 0.825 | 0.518 | 0.857 | 0.857 | 0.857 | |
| 3275990 | NEGRO | 112377 | 111757 | 113494 | 82 | 49 | 50 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 119 | 162 | 204 | 11.5 | 6.5 | 9.4 | 0.99 | 0.985 | 1.64 | 0.98 | 1.222 | 0.683 | 0.683 | 0.683 | |
| 2569002 | MEKONG | 667533 | 668603 | 666773 | 291 | 211 | 231 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 507 | 437 | 471 | 14.9 | 12.4 | 15 | 1.001 | 1.003 | 1.26 | 0.913 | 0.995 | 0.829 | 0.829 | 0.829 | |
| 4213711 | NELSON | 1051075 | 1294587 | 1294651 | 202 | 324 | 376 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 539 | 570 | 599 | 11.9 | 28.1 | 32.2 | 0.812 | 1 | 0.557 | 0.862 | 0.371 | 0.874 | 0.874 | 0.874 | |
| 3629001 | AMAZON | 4689800 | 4703705 | 4702228 | 1329 | 1396 | 1438 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 1477 | 1549 | 1572 | 73.4 | 82.2 | 94.3 | 0.997 | 1 | 0.924 | 0.971 | 0.778 | 0.872 | 0.872 | 0.872 | |
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| 2180800 | YELLOW RIVER | 722771 | 740732 | 739525 | 129 | 130 | 126 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 170 | 161 | 162 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 0.977 | 1.002 | 1.024 | 1.032 | 0.838 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.86 | |
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| 2260700 | IRRAWADDY | 357330 | 359729 | 362355 | 99 | 46 | 48 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 149 | 136 | 145 | 5.2 | 2.7 | 3.6 | 0.986 | 0.993 | 2.062 | 0.958 | 1.447 | 0.749 | 0.749 | 0.749 | |

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