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## **A hydrological emulator for global applications – HE v1.0.0**

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## Figure captions

**Figure S1** Comparison between the monthly GRDC observations and the VIC, and the UNH/GRDC runoff products at Amazon, Columbia and Yenisey basins for the period of 1986-1995. Note that the basin delineation here is consistent with that of Dai et al. (2009), the streamflow data of each basin ( $\text{km}^3 \text{mon}^{-1}$ ) is transferred to the unit of  $\text{mm mon}^{-1}$  by dividing by the basin area, and each dot on the scatter plot represent 2-dimensional monthly runoff/streamflow values.

**Figure S2** Comparison between the long-term annual mean VIC runoff product and the streamflow data in Dai et al. (2009) and UNH/GRDC runoff product during 1986-1995 across 260 global major basins. Note that the basin delineation here is consistent with that of Dai et al. (2009), and the streamflow of each basin ( $\text{km}^3 \text{yr}^{-1}$ ) is transferred to the unit of  $\text{mm yr}^{-1}$  by dividing by the basin area.

**Figure S3** Kling-Gupta efficiency of the simulated basin-level total runoff across the global 235 basins (lump = lumped, dist = distributed, cal = calibration, the x-axis labels of “lump\_val” or “dist\_val” represent lumped/distributed scheme during validation period).

**Figure S4** Comparison of basin-specific long-term annual total runoff, direct runoff and baseflow estimates from the lumped abcd model against VIC product, across global 235 basins and for the calibration period of 1971-1990. Note that here only the total runoff is involved in the objective function.

**Figure S5** Spatial patterns of long-term annual ET ( $\text{mm yr}^{-1}$ ) across global 235 basins: a) the mean of the LandFlux-EVAL merged data sets for 1989-2005; b) ET product from VIC simulation; c) ET estimates from the lumped abcd model (lump = lumped) for 1981-1990; and d) ET estimates from the distributed abcd model (dist = distributed) for 1981-1990.

Figure S1

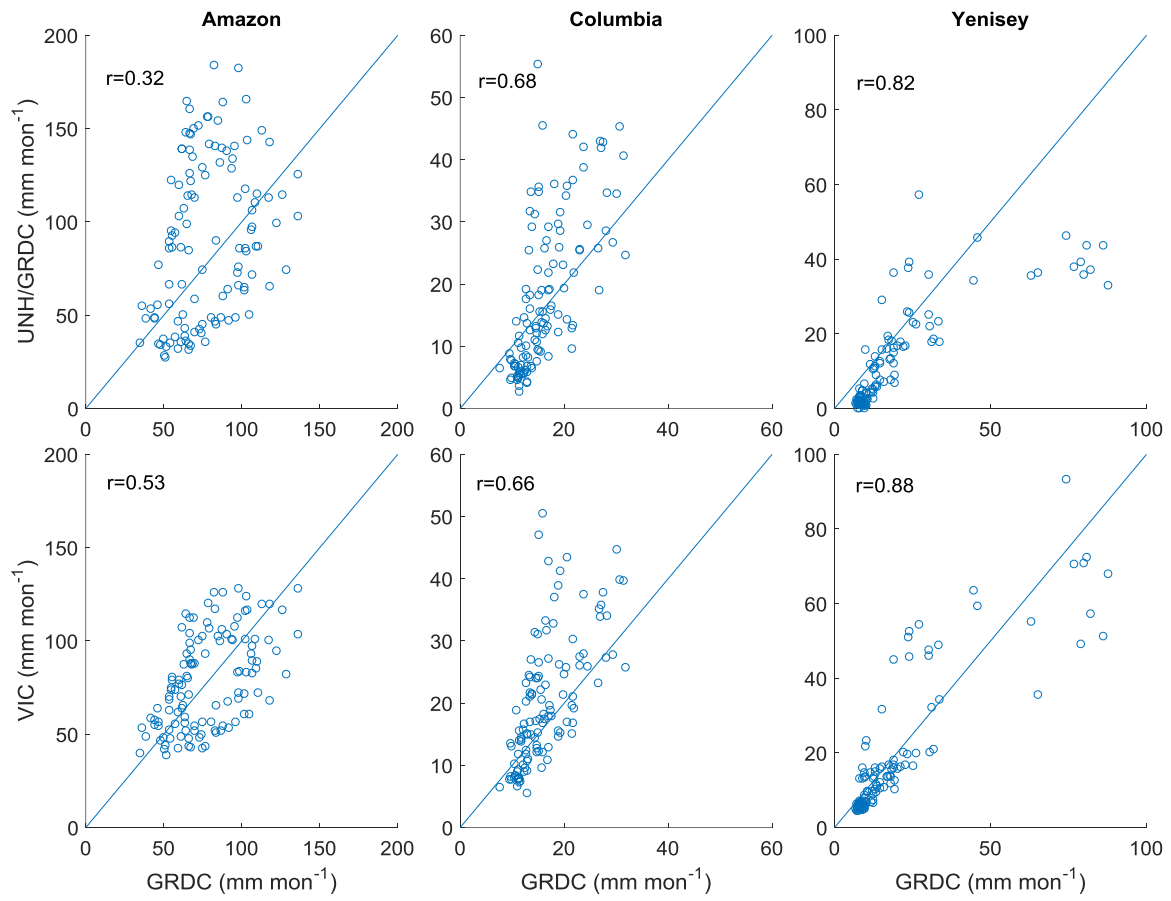


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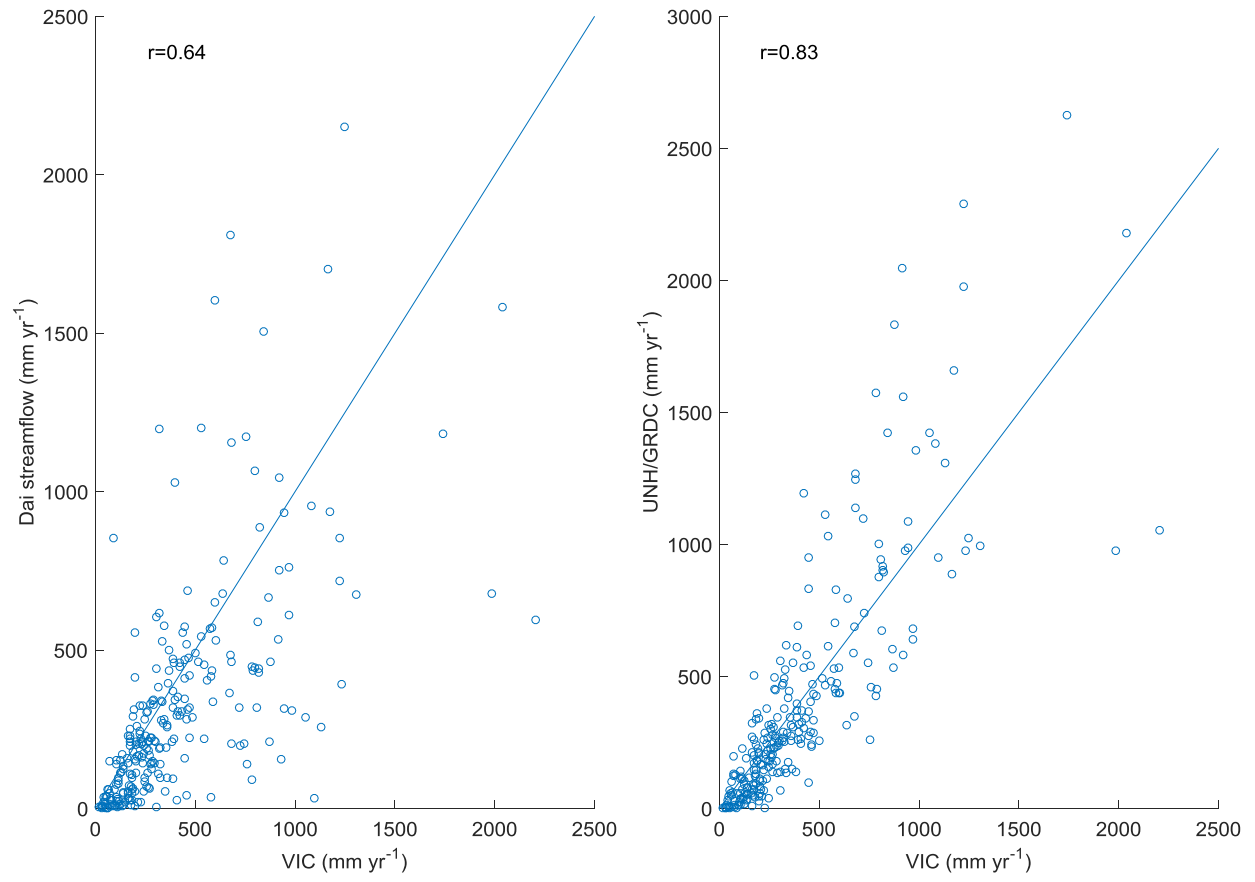


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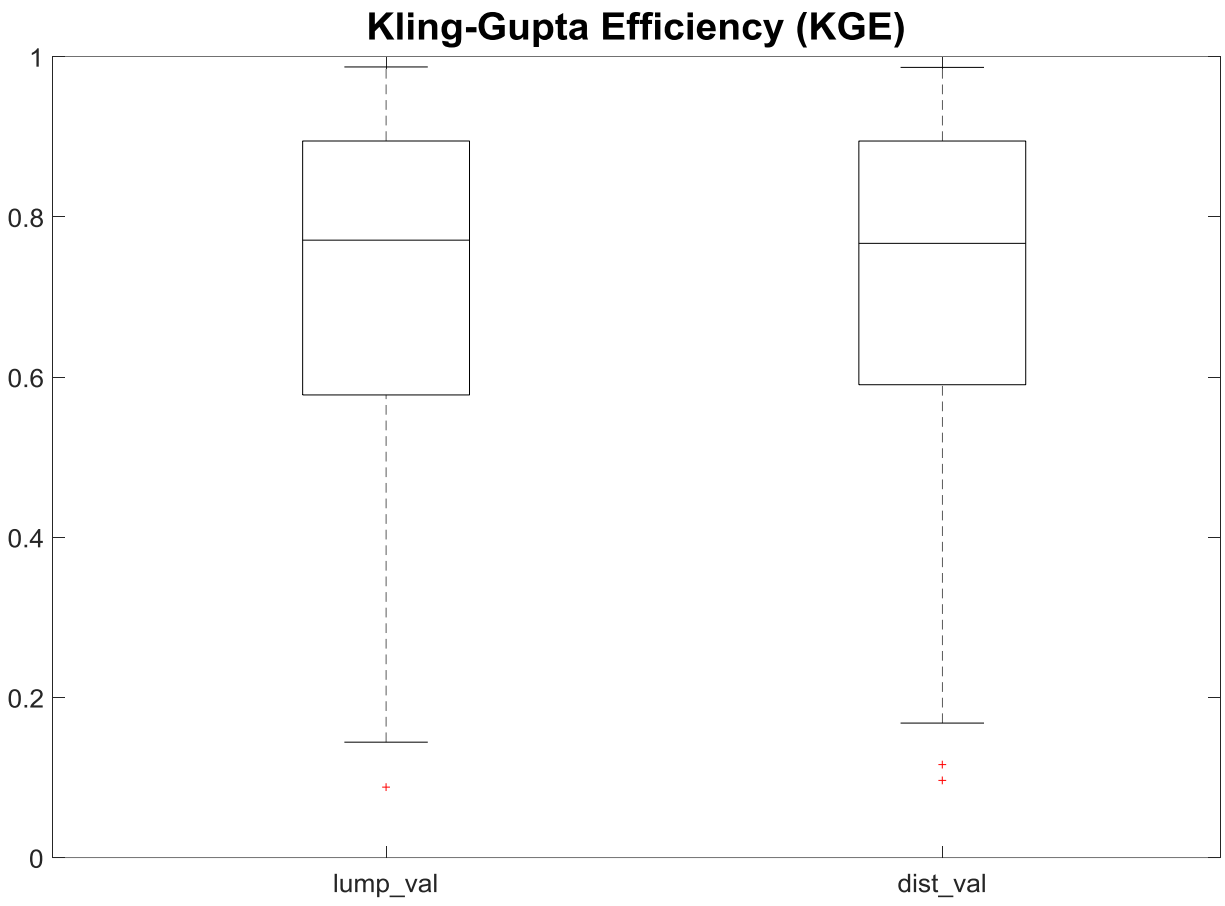


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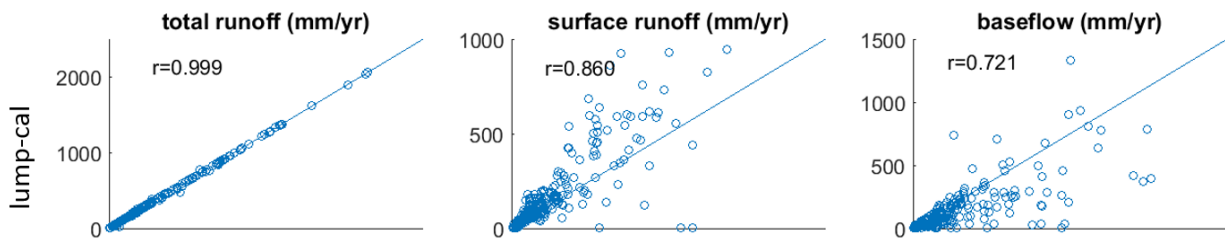
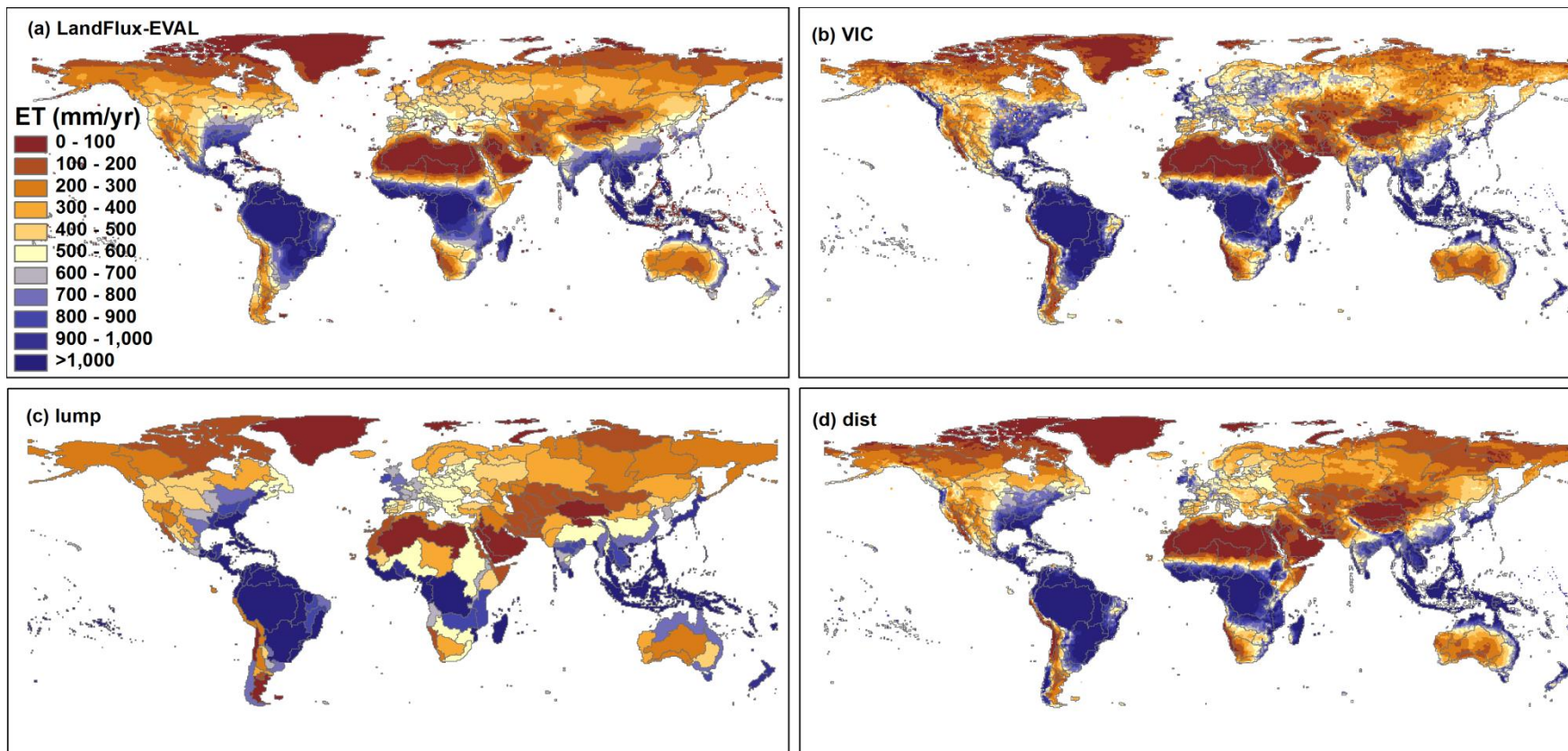


Figure S5



- 1 Table S1 Runtime for model calibration and simulation at Amazon basin for the lumped (lump)
- 2 and distributed (dist) “*abcd*” model scheme, as well as for the VIC model.

	<b>calibration</b>	<b>1000 years’ simulation</b>
<b>lump</b>	0.16 min	0.03 s
<b>dist</b>	11.05 min	3.20 s
<b>VIC</b>	N/A	~ 1 week

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