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Introduction

This file includes mean streamflow plots for each watershed, grouped by watershed type. The purpose of this file is to visualize and explore sample sizes and hydrograph variation *within* watershed types. Captions provide a narrative description of within-type variability in some cases. Hydrographs for the continental watersheds are not shown here because they are included in the Supporting Information files.



Figure 1. Hydrograph for the only gauged GMH type watershed. This was the most glacial dominated hydrograph in the study.



Figure 2. Hydrographs for all gauged GMM type watersheds. Within the GMM type (n = 10 gauged watersheds), 9 of 10 gauged watersheds showed a glacier supported nival runoff regime but with varying degrees of glacial and pluvial influence. Of these, the five wettest (MAP \ge 2147 mm) and warmest (MAT \ge 1.6 °C) watersheds (Wannock, Clayton Falls, Harding, Kemano, Kitsault) also showed a secondary peak in the fall, presumably associated with fall rains – including atmospheric rivers – and likely rain-on-snow runoff events (Eaton & Moore, 2010; Curran & Biles, 2020). The four watersheds with a clear single peak (Klinaklini, Homathko, Taiya, Skagway) had lower MAP (\le 1945 mm) and lower MAT (\le 1.2 °C). Furthermore, GMM catchments with higher ice cover reached maximum summer flow later, reflecting a shift from snowmelt to icemelt controlled peakflow timing (Fleming, 2005) and potentially also reflecting the effect of elevation on snowmelt timing and summer precipitation (Curran & Biles, 2020). The only GMM watershed without a glacial supported runoff regime (Tyee Lake Outlet) had only ~1% ice cover and thus a nival dominant hybrid regime.



Figure 3. Hydrographs for all gauged SMX type watersheds.



Figure 4. Hydrographs for all gauged SMN type watersheds.



Figure 5. Hydrographs for all gauged SMC type watersheds. Within the SMC type (*n* = 22 gauged watersheds), two watersheds with a high % precipitation as snow (43-50%) but low ice cover (0.0-2.2%) had a nival dominant (spring>fall) hybrid regime (Lime Ck. and Kitimat R.) and two watersheds (Squamish and Wakeman R.) had sufficient ice cover (14.3-4.9% respectively) to produce a glacier supported nival regime (the Wakeman also had a secondary fall peak). By contrast, the other 18 watersheds in SMC had a lower % snow (12-28%) and thus had a runoff regime this is a pluvial dominated (fall > spring) hybrid, approximately balanced hybrid (spring = fall), or less frequently a pluvial regime – where the spring snowmelt signal was very subtle (e.g., Nisqually River, with 12% precipitation as snow).



Figure 6. Hydrographs for all gauged RMN type watersheds. Only two of the 57 gauged rain-type watersheds showed enough of a spring freshet to recognize a clear pluvial dominant hybrid regime (Tonalite Creek and Kadashan River in RMN), which were both associated with higher proportion of precipitation as snow (26-27%) than typical for these watershed types.



Figure 7. Hydrographs for all gauged watersheds in watershed type RHN.



Figure 8. Hydrographs for all gauged RMC type watersheds.



Figure 9. Hydrographs for all gauged RHC type watersheds.



Figure 10. Hydrographs for all gauged RLC type watersheds.



Figure 11. Hydrographs for all gauged RHS type watersheds.