



# Science of the CLEVER Model

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# What CLEVER stands for?

In this study, a different hybrid watershed model, the Channel Links Evolution Efficient Routing (CLEVER) Model, is developed for the purpose of real-time flood forecasting for the large-scale watersheds in BC.

--Technical Reference for The CLEVER Model – A Real-time Flood Forecasting Model for British Columbia, Charles Luo, 2015

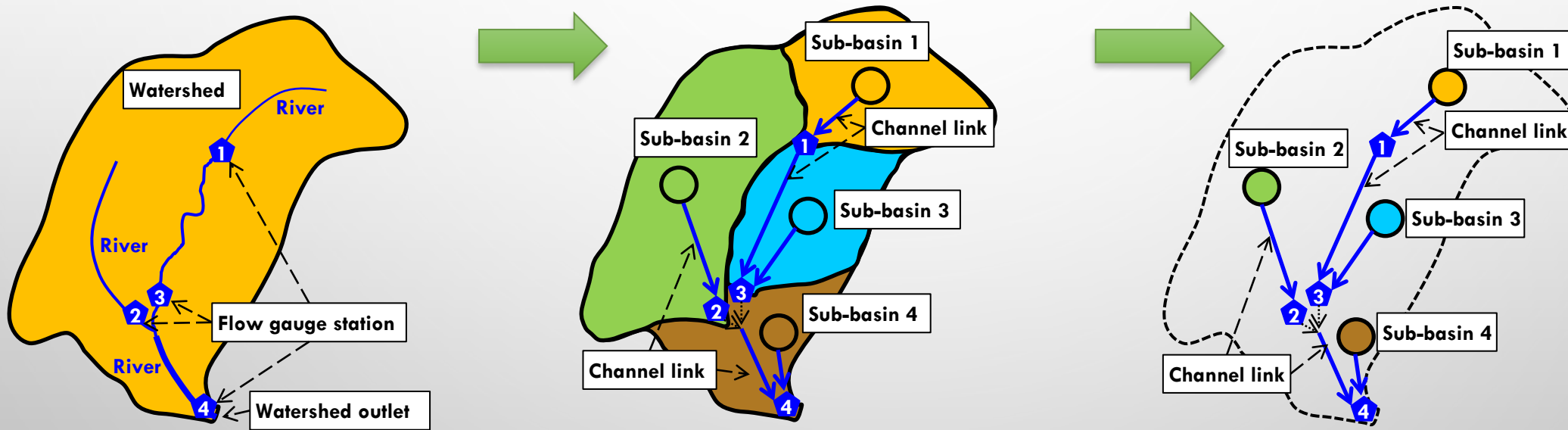
COFFEE Model – Coastal Fall  
flood Ensemble Estimation model

ELF Model – Extrapolating Logarithmic  
Flow (ELF) Model for 30-Day Low  
Streamflow Forecast



# What's the CLEVER Model?

How to model a big watershed - Model Structure

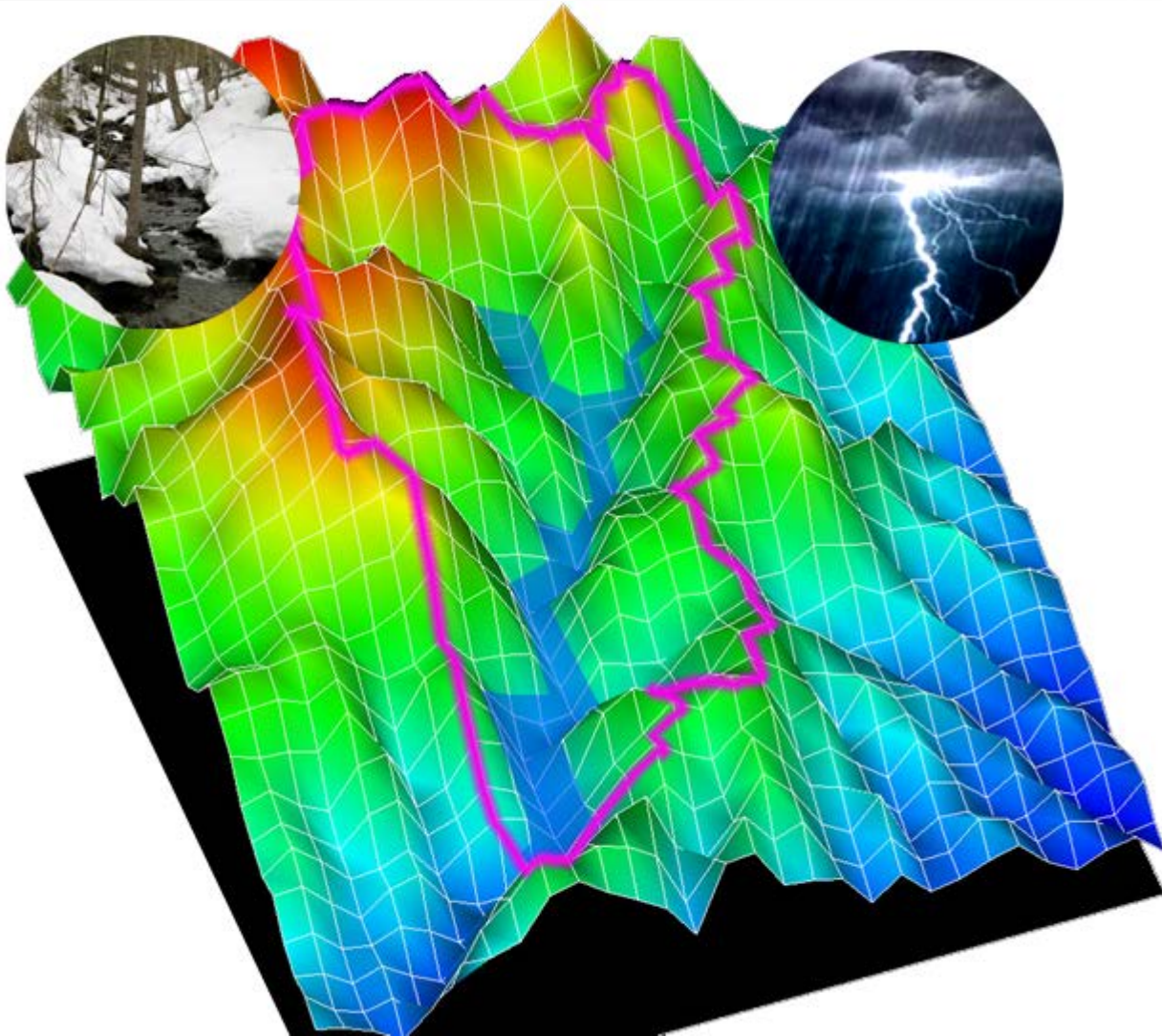


**Watershed Skeletonization Procedure**



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Watershed routing sub-model: Hourly Temperature Index + instantaneous. UH



$$W = R + M + G - E - I$$

$$M = c_a c_d M_f (T_i - T_b)^\beta$$

$$u(\tau) = \frac{t^{N-1} e^{-\tau/k}}{k^N (N-1)!}$$

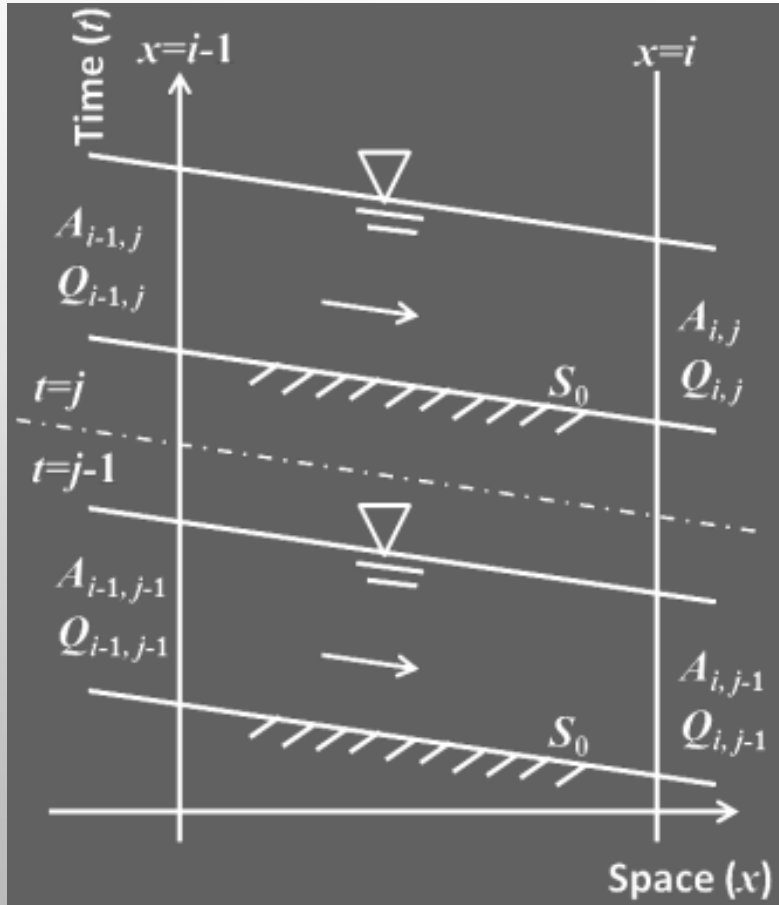
$$Q_l(t) = c_q W_l A u(t - t_{l0})$$

$$Q(t) = \sum_{l=1}^L Q_l(t)$$



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## Channel link routing sub-model: kinematic wave routing



$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = 0 \\ S_0 = \frac{n^2 Q^2}{A^2 R^{4/3}} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta x} \left[ \frac{Q_{i,j} + Q_{i,j-1}}{2} - \frac{Q_{i-1,j} + Q_{i-1,j-1}}{2} \right] + \frac{1}{\Delta t} \left[ \frac{A_{i,j} + A_{i-1,j}}{2} - \frac{A_{i,j-1} + A_{i-1,j-1}}{2} \right] = 0$$

$$Q_{i,j} = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{S_0} R_{i,j}^{2/3} A_{i,j} \quad V_{i,j} = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{S_0} R_{i,j}^{2/3} \quad Q_{i,j} = V_{i,j} A_{i,j}$$

$$A_{i,j} = \frac{\Delta t (Q_{i-1,j} + Q_{i-1,j-1} - Q_{i,j-1}) + \Delta x (A_{i,j-1} + A_{i-1,j-1} - A_{i-1,j})}{\Delta t V_{i,j} + \Delta x}$$

$$(A_{i,j})^{(k)} = \frac{\Delta t (Q_{i-1,j} + Q_{i-1,j-1} - Q_{i,j-1}) + \Delta x (A_{i,j-1} + A_{i-1,j-1} - A_{i-1,j})}{\Delta t (V_{i,j})^{(k-1)} + \Delta x}$$

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# What's the CLEVER Model?

Model calibration and verification: Statistically and visually

$$C_e = 1 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m (Q_{obs}^j - Q_{sim}^j)^2}{\sum_{j=1}^m (Q_{obs}^j - \overline{Q_{obs}})^2}$$

where  $\overline{Q_{obs}}$  is the mean of the observed flow and is given by:

$$\overline{Q_{obs}} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m Q_{obs}^j$$

$C_d$  can be written as:

$$\begin{cases} C_d = 1 - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m [Q_{obs}^j - (a \cdot Q_{sim}^j + b)]^2}{\sum_{j=1}^m (Q_{obs}^j - \overline{Q_{obs}})^2} \\ a = (\overline{P} - \overline{Q_{obs}} \cdot \overline{Q_{sim}}) / (\overline{Q_{sim}^2} - \overline{Q_{sim}}^2) \\ b = \overline{Q_{obs}} - a \cdot \overline{Q_{sim}} \end{cases}$$

And the percentage volume difference ( $dV$ ) is calculated by:

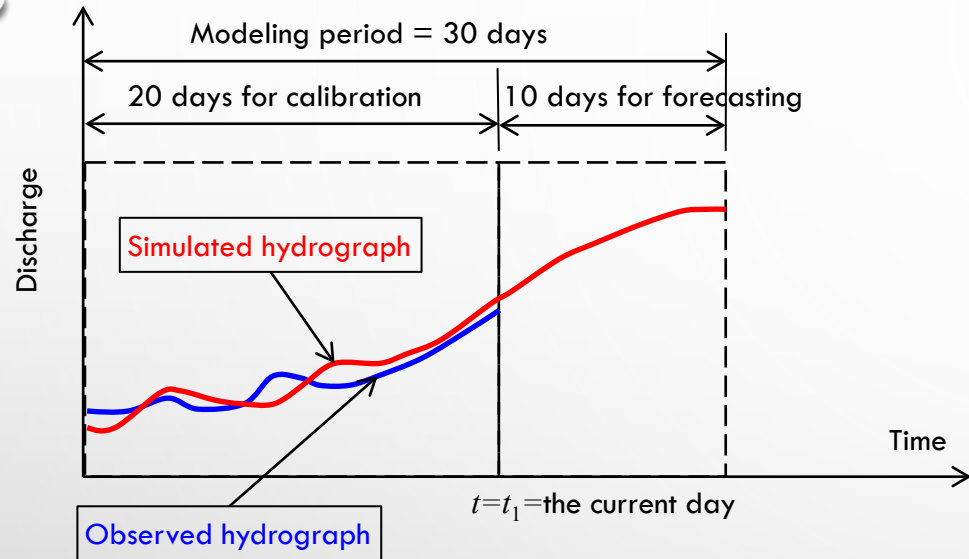
$$dV = 100 \times (\overline{Q_{sim}} - \overline{Q_{obs}}) / \overline{Q_{obs}}$$

$$Erra = 100 \times \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m |Q_{sim}^j - Q_{obs}^j| \right) / \overline{Q_{obs}}$$

$$r^2 = \frac{[\sum_{j=1}^m (Q_{obs}^j - \overline{Q_{obs}})(Q_{sim}^j - \overline{Q_{sim}})]^2}{\sum_{j=1}^m (Q_{obs}^j - \overline{Q_{obs}})^2 \sum_{j=1}^m (Q_{sim}^j - \overline{Q_{sim}})^2}$$

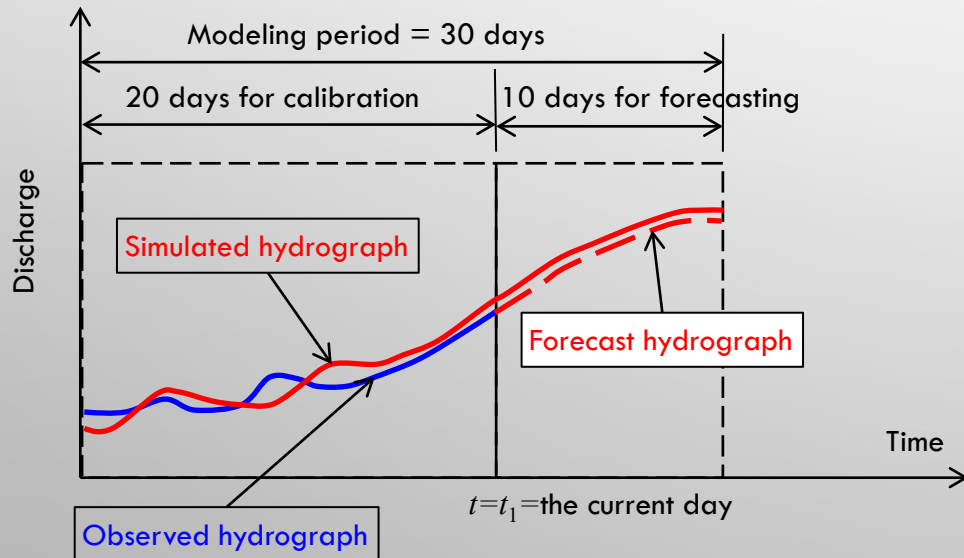


# Forecast operation



## Model Period: 30 day

- 20-day calibration
- 10-day forecast



# Model Accuracy?

## Model calibration: Statistics (2018)

Basin	Station	CE_HR	CD_HR	DV_HR (%)
Fraser	MCGREGOR RIVER AT LOWER CANYON (08KB003)	0.926	0.948	-2.907
	FRASER RIVER AT HANSARD (08KA004)	0.954	0.958	-2.648
	FRASER RIVER AT SHELLEY (08KB001)	0.910	0.936	-6.258
	FRASER RIVER NEAR MARGUERITE (08MC018)	0.926	0.949	6.491
	FRASER RIVER AT HOPE (08MF005)	0.978	0.988	3.289
	NECHAKO RIVER AT ISLE PIERRE (08JC002)	0.962	0.963	0.652
	WEST ROAD RIVER NEAR CINEMA (08KG001)	0.894	0.902	9.246
	QUESNEL RIVER NEAR QUESNEL (08KH006)	0.991	0.992	1.386
	LILLOOET RIVER NEAR PEMBERTON (08MG005)	0.905	0.907	1.260
	Thompson	NORTH THOMPSON RIVER AT MCLURE (08LB064)	0.982	0.989
SOUTH THOMPSON RIVER AT CHASE (08LE031)		0.982	0.986	2.755
NICOLA RIVER NEAR SPENCES BRIDGE (08LG006)		0.946	0.947	-0.567
THOMPSON RIVER NEAR SPENCES BRIDGE (08LF051)		0.982	0.991	5.361





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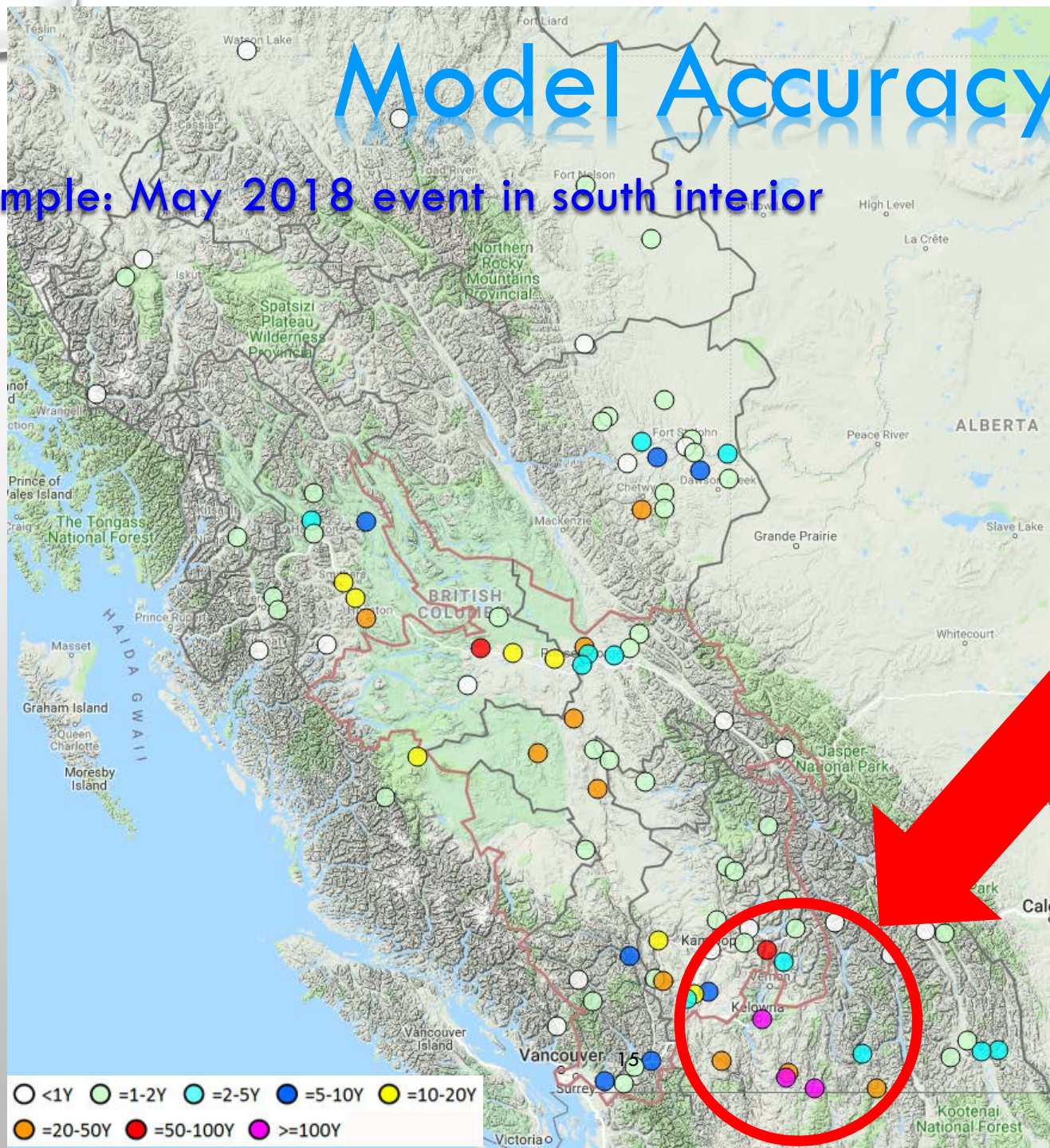
## Model verification (forecast): Statistics (2018)

Basin	Station	ERA(%)	RSQU
Fraser	MCGREGOR RIVER AT LOWER CANYON (08KB003)	22.534	0.375
	FRASER RIVER AT HANSARD (08KA004)	16.927	0.465
	FRASER RIVER AT SHELLEY (08KB001)	14.599	0.522
	FRASER RIVER NEAR MARGUERITE (08MC018)	12.651	0.560
	FRASER RIVER AT HOPE (08MF005)	10.030	0.606
	NECHAKO RIVER AT ISLE PIERRE (08JC002)	9.383	0.644
	WEST ROAD RIVER NEAR CINEMA (08KG001)	31.511	0.462
	QUESNEL RIVER NEAR QUESNEL (08KH006)	9.655	0.622
	LILLOOET RIVER NEAR PEMBERTON (08MG005)	26.486	0.343
	Thompson	NORTH THOMPSON RIVER AT MCLURE (08LB064)	18.448
SOUTH THOMPSON RIVER AT CHASE (08LE031)		9.065	0.879
NICOLA RIVER NEAR SPENCES BRIDGE (08LG006)		32.966	0.318
THOMPSON RIVER NEAR SPENCES BRIDGE (08LF051)		9.963	0.734



# Model Accuracy?

An example: May 2018 event in south interior



On May 09, 2018, the CLEVER Model forecasts about 200 year return period floods for the south interior for the next day, May 10, 2018



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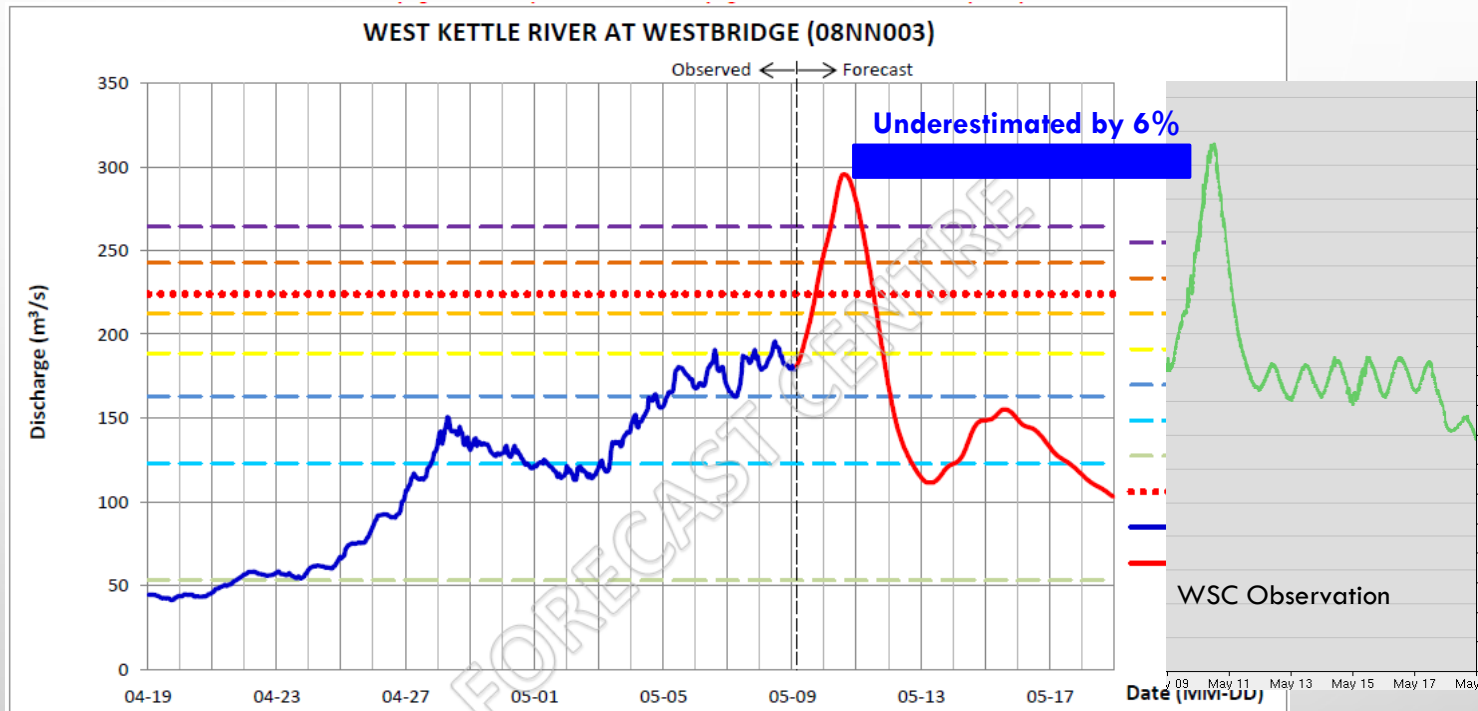






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Reading at 07 AM (m³/s)	Forecast Daily Discharge (m³/s): AVERAGE										
	MAX										
	MIN										
Wed	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
2018-05-09	2018-05-09	2018-05-10	2018-05-11	2018-05-12	2018-05-13	2018-05-14	2018-05-15	2018-05-16	2018-05-17	2018-05-18	
	247.0	295.4	277.6	167.1	122.4	148.6	155.1	148.9	132.4	115.9	
180.7	211.8	280.3	227.2	135.2	115.3	136.4	152.0	142.2	124.3	109.2	
	182.4	250.1	171.6	115.4	111.3	122.7	148.7	133.4	116.7	102.9	
				RTP=1Y	RTP=2Y	RTP=5Y	RTP=10Y	RTP=20Y	RTP=50Y	RTP=100Y	2017 Peak
				53.1	122.8	163.0	188.6	212.5	242.5	264.2	224.0
											(m³/s)



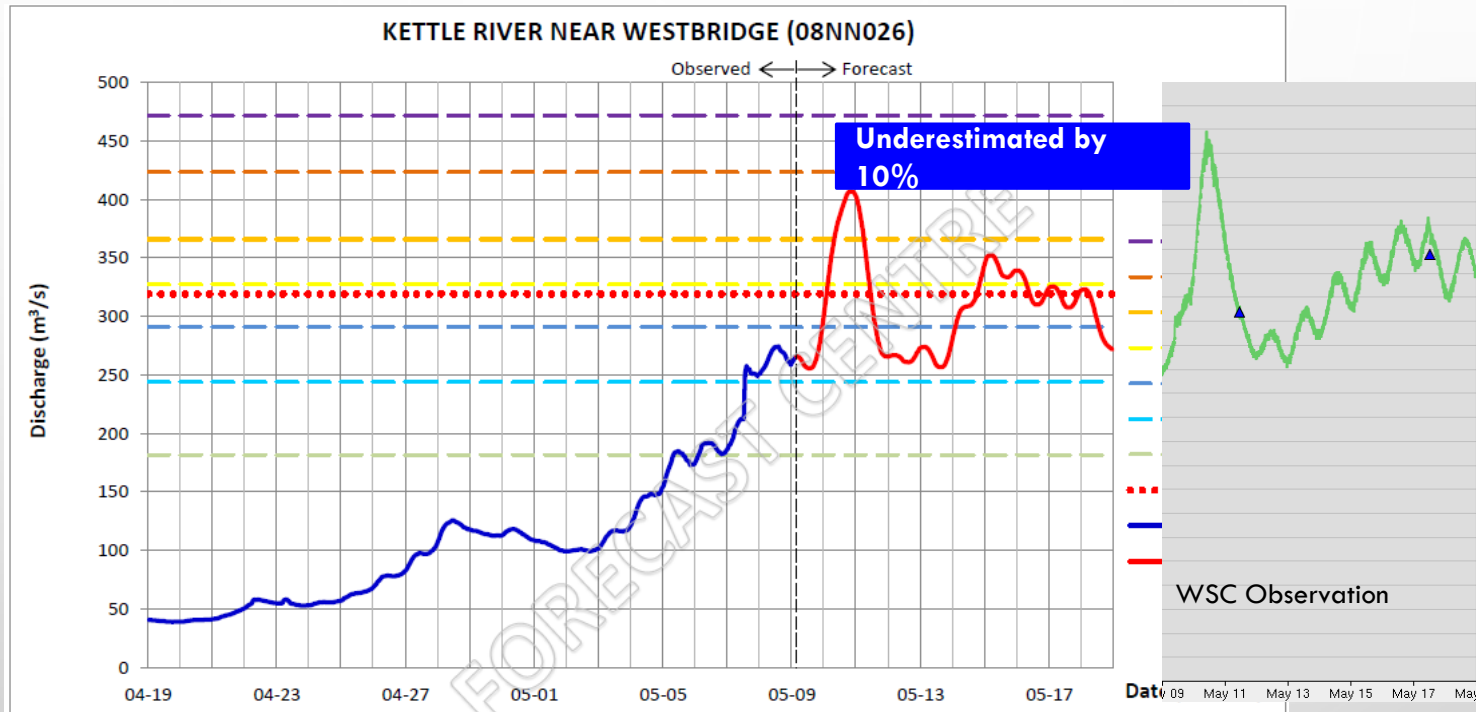
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265.8	294.3	406.7	401.5	272.3	277.3	341.9	352.2	338.9	325.3	322.9	
	264.7	374.7	321.1	264.8	265.7	310.7	342.0	321.7	316.3	297.7	
	255.8	302.9	265.5	260.7	256.5	282.4	333.3	309.9	307.4	271.4	
			RTP=1Y	RTP=2Y	RTP=5Y	RTP=10Y	RTP=20Y	RTP=50Y	RTP=100Y	2017 Peak	
			181.4	243.8	290.9	327.0	365.8	423.0	471.6	319.0	
										(m³/s)	

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