



## PAVICS-Hydro Kick-off Meeting – RAVEN I/O, implementation and use –

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open SVN code on CHyMS portal

↪ <https://chyms.nrc.gc.ca>

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  - specifies initial conditions for all state variables in all HRUs and subbasins



# RAVEN data formats

– forcing data (ASCII) –

\*.rvt

## ASCII mode:

```
# meteorological forcings
```

```
:Gauge
```

```
:Latitude      54.4848
```

```
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```

```
:Elevation     843.0
```

```
:MultiData
```

```
<YYYY-MM-DD> <HH:MM:SS> <time step in days> <# data points>
```

```
:Parameters  RAINFALL      SNOWFALL      TEMP_DAILY_AVE
```

```
:Units        mm/d           mm/d           C
```

```
0.000000     0.000000     -12.991528
```

```
...
```

```
:EndMultiData
```

```
:EndGauge
```

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:MultiData-:EndMultiData block usually moved to separate file and linked in modelname.rvt as:

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  :Longitude     -123.3659
  :Elevation     843.0
  :RedirectToFile data_obs/meteo_daily.rvt
:EndGauge
```

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**NetCDF mode** (NetCDF file contains time series per gauge):

```
:Gauge meteorological forcings
  :Latitude      54.4848
  :Longitude     -123.3659
  :Elevation     843.0
  :Data RAINFALL mm/d
    :ReadFromNetCDF
      :FileNameNC      data_obs/meteo_daily.nc
      :VarNameNC       rain
      :DimNamesNC      [nstations] time
      :StationIdx      [ID of station of interest (starts with 1)]
      :TimeShift       0.0
      :LinearTransform 1.0 0.0
    :EndReadFromNetCDF
  :EndData
  ...
:EndGauge
```

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**NetCDF mode** (NetCDF file contains forcings at multiple stations):

```
:StationForcing maximum_temperature
  :ForcingType      TEMP_MAX
  :FileNameNC       data_obs/meteo_daily_gridded_2d.nc
  :VarNameNC        temp_max
  :DimNamesNC       nstations ntime
  :TimeShift        0.0
  :LinearTransform  1.0 0.0
  :RedirectToFile    GriddedForcings_2D.txt
:EndStationForcing
```

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```
:GriddedForcing maximum_temperature
  :ForcingType      TEMP_MAX
  :FileNameNC       data_obs/meteo_daily_gridded_3d.nc
  :VarNameNC        temp_max
  :DimNamesNC       nlon nlat ntime # must be in the order of (x,y,t)
  :TimeShift        0.0
  :LinearTransform  1.0 0.0
  :RedirectToFile    GriddedForcings_3D.txt
:EndGriddedForcing
```

# RAVEN data formats

– calibration data (ASCII) –

\*.rvt

## ASCII mode:

```
:ObservationData HYDROGRAPH <subbasin-id> m3/s
  <YYYY-MM-DD> <HH:MM:SS> <time step in days> <# data points>
  5.78
  5.66
  -1.2345   # nodata value
  ...
:EndObservationData
```

usually moved to separate file and linked in modelname.rvt as:

```
:RedirectToFile data_obs/Qobs_daily.rvt
```





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– calibration data (NetCDF) –

\*.rvt

## NetCDF mode:

```
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  :ReadFromNetCDF
    :FileNameNC      data_obs/meteo_daily.nc
    :VarNameNC       qobs
    :DimNamesNC      [nstations] time
    :StationIdx      [ID of station of interest (starts with 1)]
  :EndReadFromNetCDF
:EndObservationData
```

# RAVEN data formats

– outputs (ASCII) –

\*.rvi

## default outputs:

- Hydrographs.csv
- WatershedStorage.csv
- solution.rvc
- RavenErrors.txt

## custom outputs: (set in \*.rvi)

- `set :EvaluationMetrics <list of metrics>`  
↪ Diagnostics.csv
- `set :WriteForcingFunctions`  
↪ ForcingFunctions.csv
- `set :WriteMassBalanceFile`  
↪ WatershedMassEnergyBalance.csv



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## some helpful output flags:

- `:SilentMode`  
minimizes terminal output (good for calibration mode)
- `:NoisyMode`  
maximizes terminal output (good for debugging)
- `:SuppressOutput`  
nothing but `Diagnostics.csv` is written to file  
(good for calibration mode)
- `:WriteNetcdfFormat yes`  
default outputs `Hydrographs.nc` and `WatershedStorage.nc` are  
written in NetCDF format

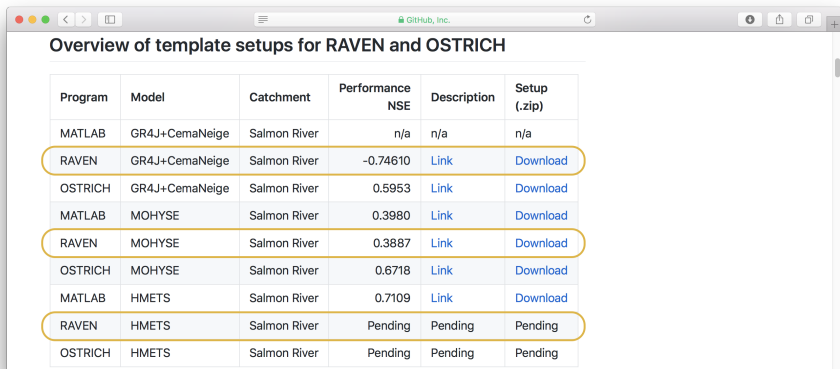


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– GR4J, MOHYSE, and HMETs model –

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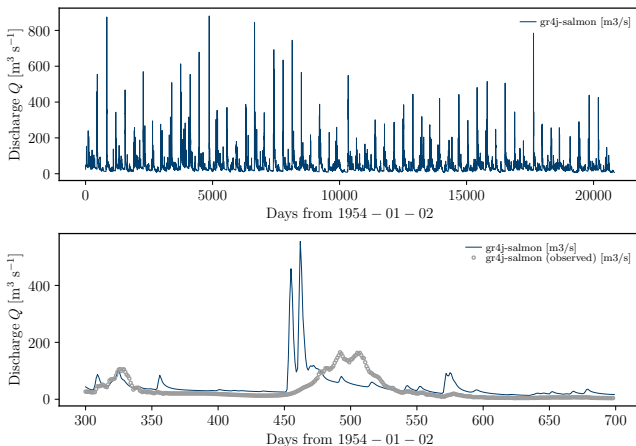


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Overview of template setups for RAVEN and OSTRICH". The browser address bar shows "GitHub, Inc.". The table below lists various model setups for RAVEN and OSTRICH, including Program, Model, Catchment, Performance NSE, Description, and Setup (.zip).

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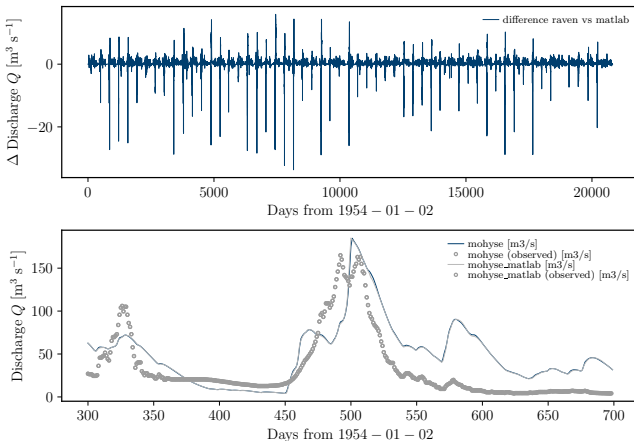
– GR4J, MOHYSE, and HMETS model –



**Figure:** GR4J+CemaNeige run for Salmon River watershed using RAVEN

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– GR4J, MOHYSE, and HMET5 model –

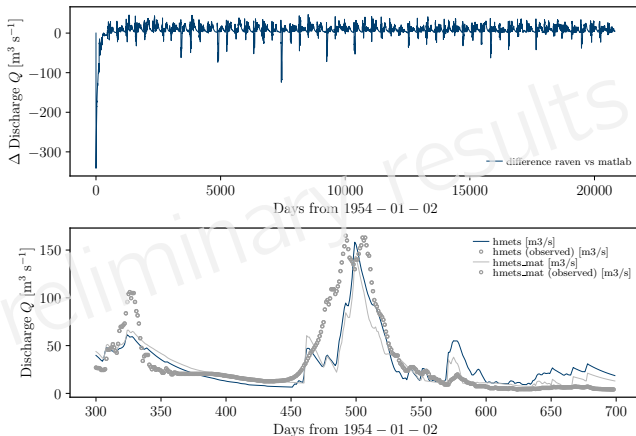


**Figure:** MOHYSE run for Salmon River watershed comparing MATLAB and RAVEN



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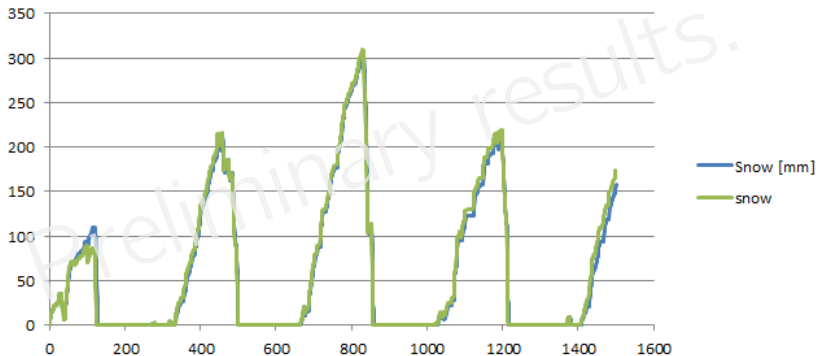
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# Run RAVEN

– GR4J, MOHYSE, and HMETs model –



**Figure:** HMETs run for Salmon River watershed comparing MATLAB and RAVEN

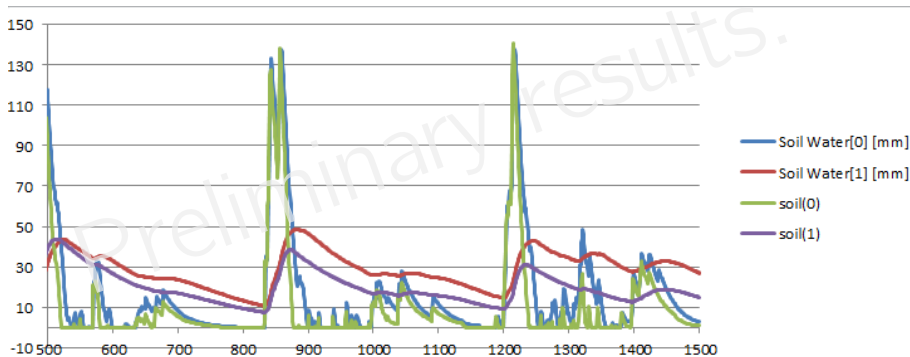


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# OSTRICH

(Hydrologic)  
Model

RAVEN  
GR4J  
MOHYSE  
CEQUEAU

...

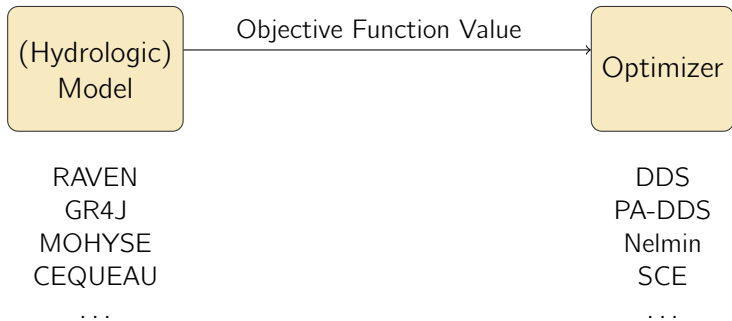
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DDS  
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Nelmin  
SCE

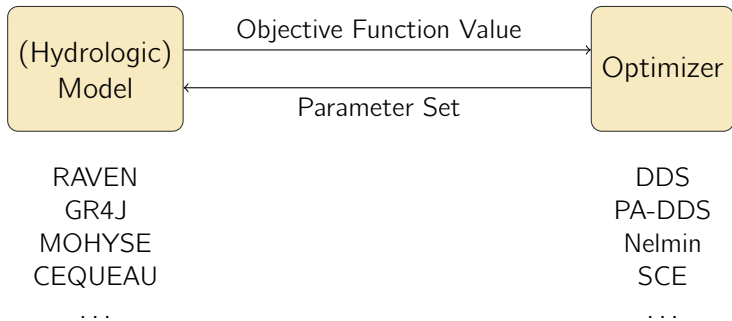
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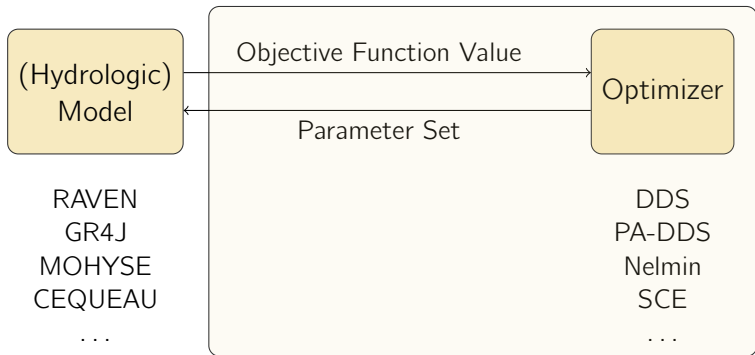
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**Framework provided by  
OSTRICH toolbox**

# OSTRICH



OSTRICH - Optimization Software Toolkit  
developed by L. Shawn Matott (University of Buffalo)  
includes various optimization, sensitivity and uncert. analysis algorithms

webpage: <http://www.eng.buffalo.edu/~lsmatott/Ostrich/OstrichMain.html>

citation: Matott, LS. 2017. OSTRICH: an Optimization Software Tool, Documentation and User's Guide, Version 17.12.19. 79 pages, University at Buffalo Center for Computational Research.

# OSTRICH

– Example: Setup for GR4J –

ostIn.txt

```
# Optimization algorithm
ProgramType      [ DDS | PADDS | SCE | ... ]

# Objective function type
ObjectiveFunction [ GCOP | WSSE ]

# Script that runs model
ModelExecutable  ./Ost-RAVEN.sh | Ost-RAVEN.bat

# Optional: Script that conserves model runs with
#             currently best parameter set
PreserveBestModel ./save_best.sh | save_best.bat
```



# OSTRICH

## – Example: Setup for GR4J –

ostIn.txt

```
# calibration will work in seq. and parallel mode
ModelSubdir processor_

# list all directories that contain information
# required to run model
BeginExtraDirs
    model
EndExtraDirs

# name of template files and their proper final
# name required by model
BeginFilePairs
    raven-gr4j-salmon.rvp.tpl; raven-gr4j-salmon.rvp
EndFilePairs
```





# OSTRICH

– Example: Setup for GR4J –

ostIn.txt

```
# parameter/ decision variable specification
```

```
BeginParams
```

# param.	init.	low	high	tx_in	tx_ost	tx_out
par_x1	random	0.01	2.5	none	none	none
par_x2	random	-15	10	none	none	none
par_x3	random	10	700	none	none	none
par_x4	random	0	7	none	none	none
par_x5	random	1	30	none	none	none
par_x6	random	0	1	none	none	none

```
EndParams
```



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ostIn.txt

```
# Specify the response variables in model output
BeginResponseVars
  # name filename keyword line col token
  NSE ./model/Diagnostics.csv OST_NULL 1 4 ','
EndResponseVars

# (Optional) Modify response variables
BeginTiedRespVars
  NegNS 1 NS wsum -1.00
EndTiedRespVars

# Specify objective function
BeginGCOP
  CostFunction NegNS
  PenaltyFunction APM
EndGCOP
```

# OSTRICH

## – Example: Setup for GR4J –

ostIn.txt

```
# (Optional) Random seed control
RandomSeed 123

# Algorithm should be last in this file
# --> Look up algorithm specific settings in manual
BeginDDSAlg
  PerturbationValue 0.20
  MaxIterations      50
  UseRandomParamValues
  # (optional) initialize DDS to parameter
  # values in initial model input files:
  # UseInitialParamValues
EndDDSAlg
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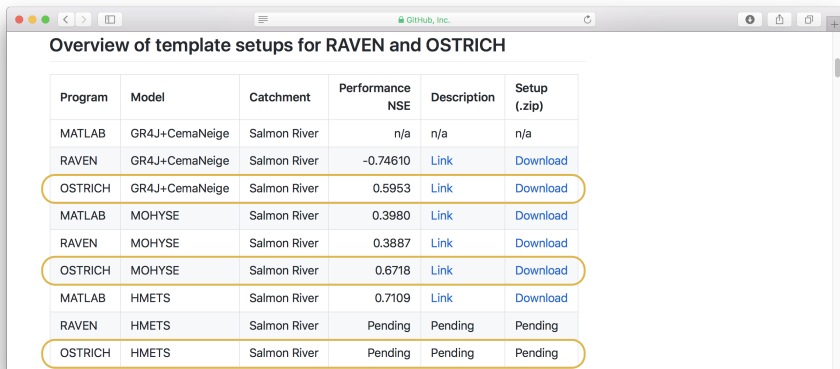


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