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- real time data from about 270 meteorological and climatological station
- real time data on water level and discharges from about 330 hydrological stations
- data are transmitted by wireless GPRS system to dedicated servers in 10 minutes time steps
- most of them are available for public on website
- very useful is "merge precipitation information" based on combination of radar data and ground measured precipitation data. It is probably the only way for detection of local intensive rainfalls. This information is also presented on website.



merge information about 24 hours precipitation sum that caused flash floods in June 2009



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Thank you for attention

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