

Central Asia Snow Accumulation, Ablation & Cover

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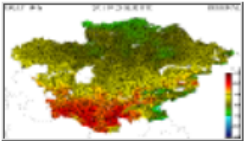
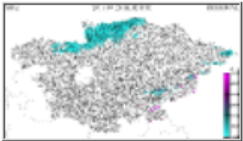
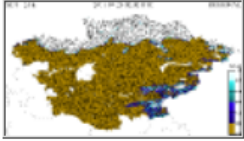
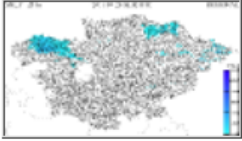
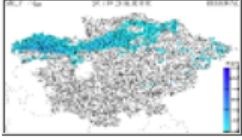
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FFGS Snow Products

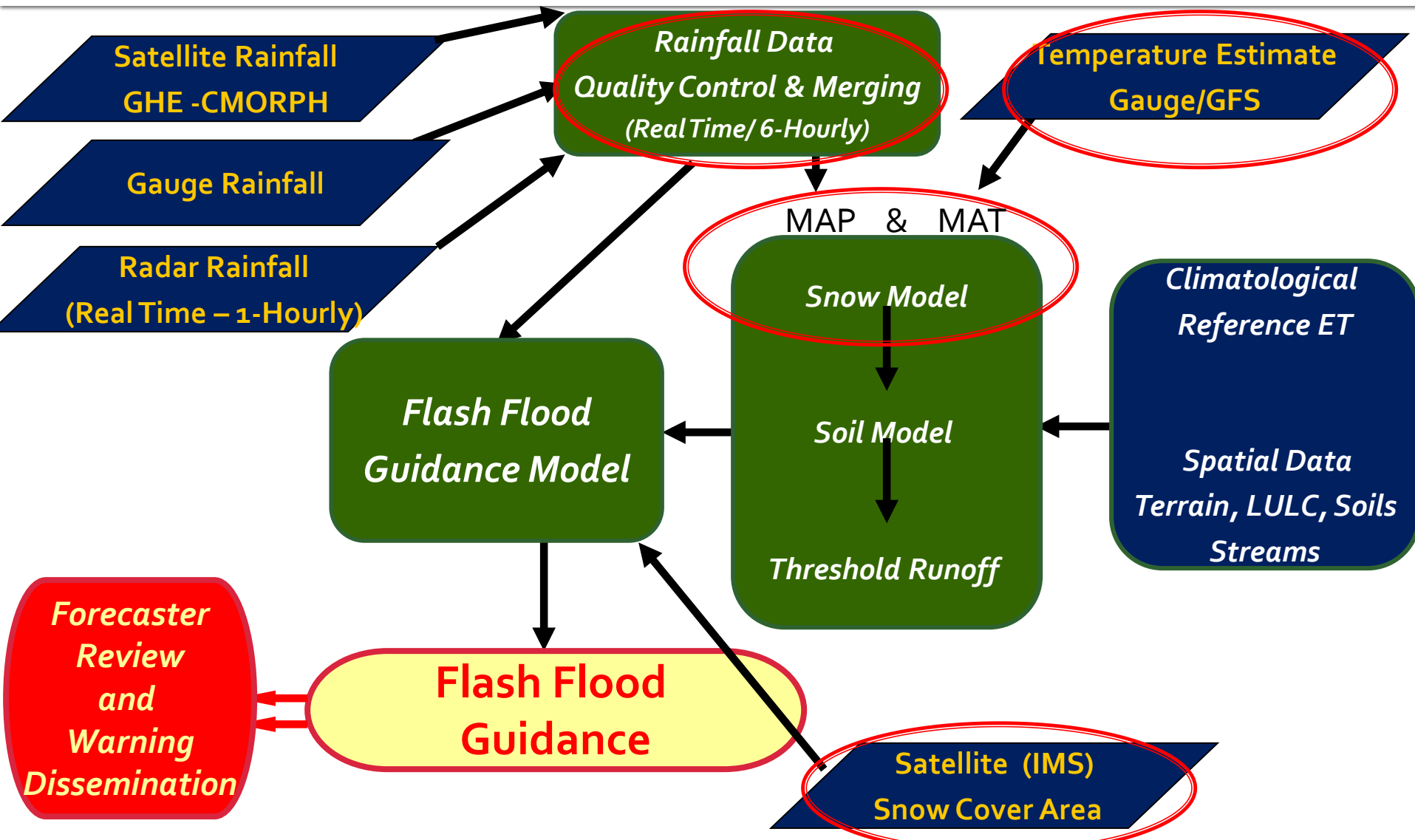
Snowpack Products				
DT	Gauge MAT	Latest IMS SCA	SWE	Melt
06-hr	 <p>2017-10-29 06:00 UTC Text: view</p>		 <p>2017-10-29 06:00 UTC Text: view</p>	
24-hr		 <p>2017-10-29 00:00 UTC Text: view</p>		 <p>2017-10-29 06:00 UTC Text: view</p>
4-day				 <p>2017-10-29 06:00 UTC Text: view</p>

Presentation Outline:

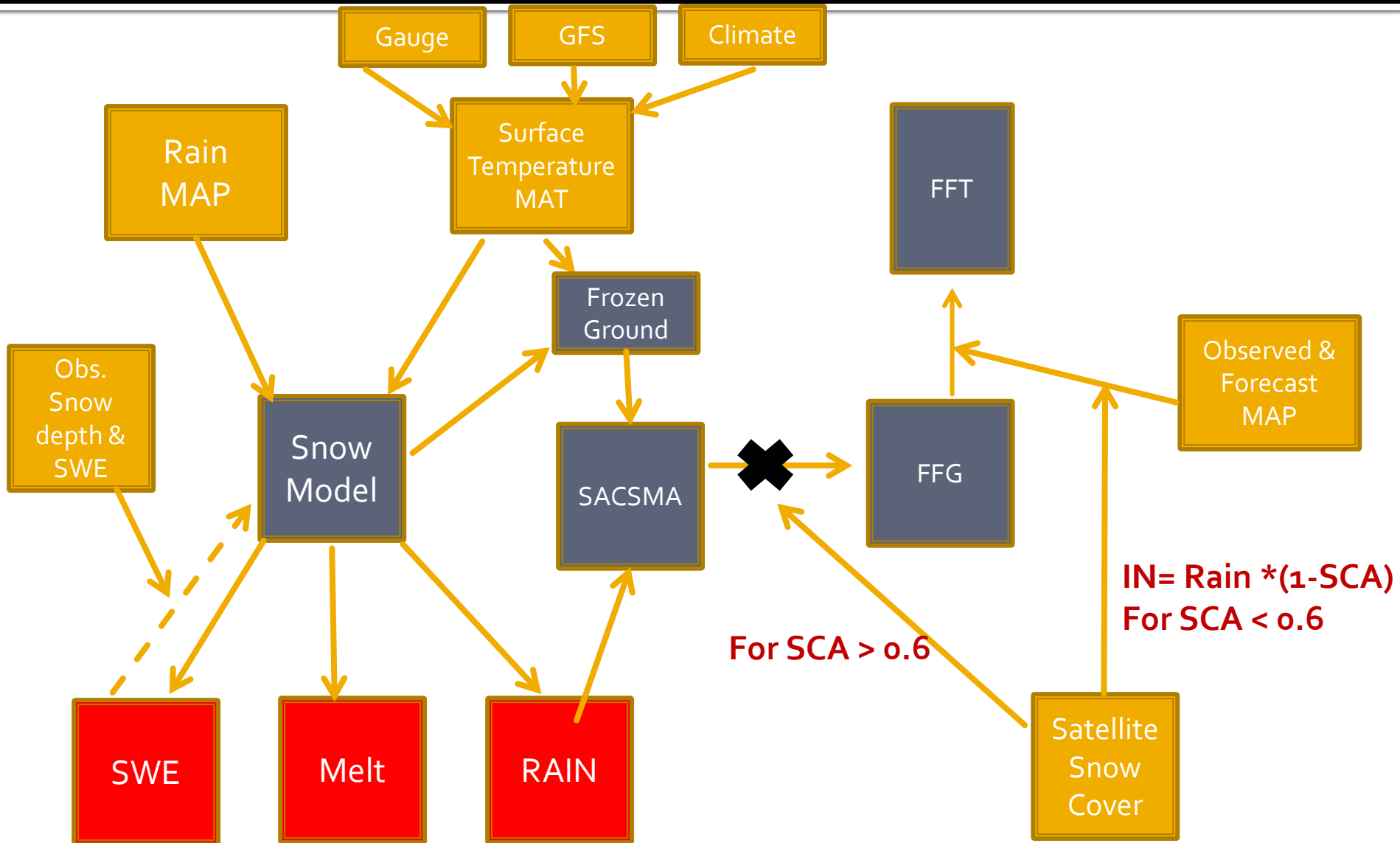
- FFGS Snow Components
- Snow Accumulation and Ablation Model
- Model Input (MAT and MAP)
- Snow Cover (IMS)
- Glaciers

- Model Evaluation

FFGS Snow Model Components



Modeling Schematic



Snow -17

- Anderson, Eric A., 1973: "National Weather Service River Forecast System -- Snow Accumulation and Ablation Model", *NOAA Technical Memorandum NWS HYDRO-17*, US Dept. of Commerce, Silver Spring, MD, 217p.
- Anderson, Eric, A., 1976: "A Point Energy and Mass Balance Model of a Snow Cover", *NOAA Technical Report 19*, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Silver Spring, MD, 150p.
- http://www.nws.noaa.gov/oh/hrl/nwsrfs/users_manual/part2/_pdf/22_snow17.pdf

Snow Model

- ❑ Snow Accumulation and Ablation Model (SNOW-17) of the U.S. NWS (Anderson, 1973; Anderson, 2005)
- ❑ Operational model at the National Weather Service, U.S.A
- ❑ A conceptual areal lumped energy and mass balance model
- ❑ *Air Temperature* used as an index for pack energy and division of precipitation as rain or snow
- ❑ Considers: melt during no rain; melt during rain; no melt
- ❑ Model states track: snow water equivalent (SWE), heat deficit, liquid content, and snow cover area

SNOW-17 MODEL:

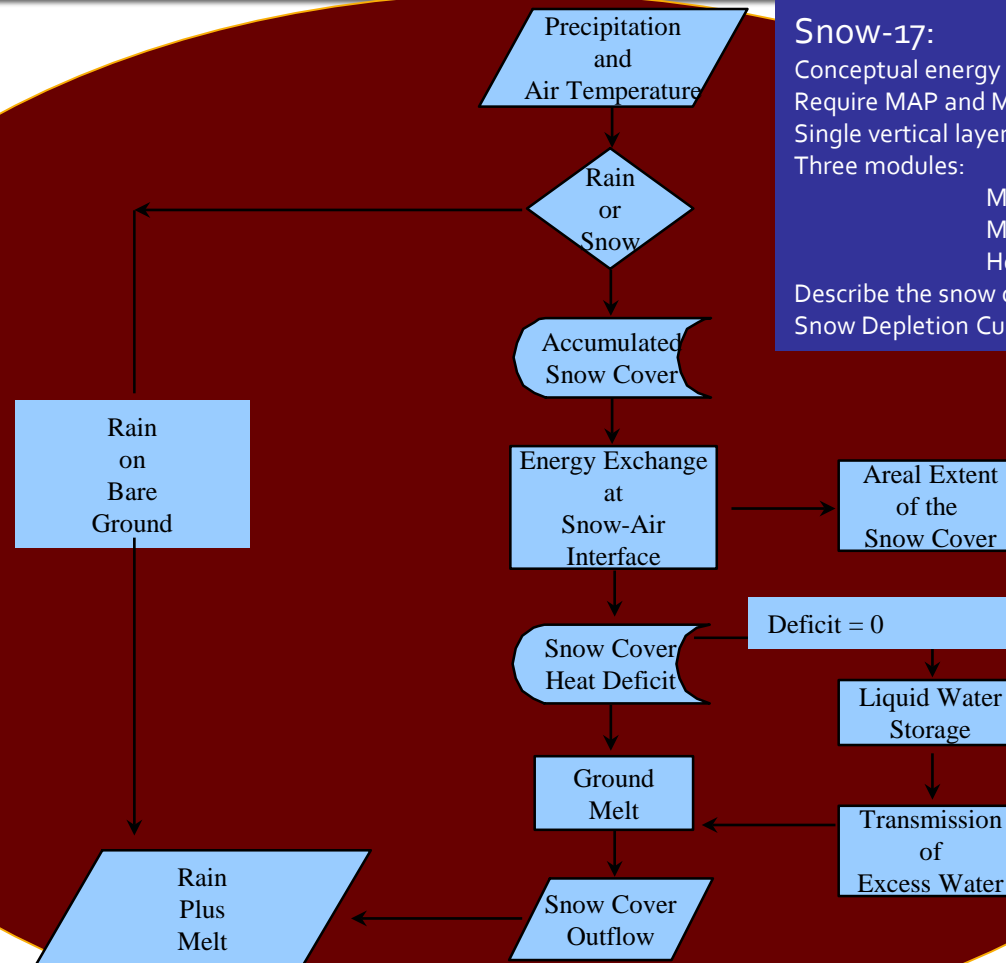
Snow-17:

Conceptual energy and mass balance
Require MAP and MAT data
Single vertical layer

Three modules:

- Melt during rain
- Melt during no rain
- Heat accounting during no melt

Describe the snow cover extent using the Snow Depletion Curve



Model Variables

States

- SWE - Snow water equivalent
- Liquid content – PLWHC parameter (vertical transmission through the pack)
- Heat Deficit - Energy required to bring the snowpack to isothermal 0° C
- ATI – Antecedent Temperature Index
- Snow Pack Depth – (Optional)
- SCA - Snow Cover Area

Output

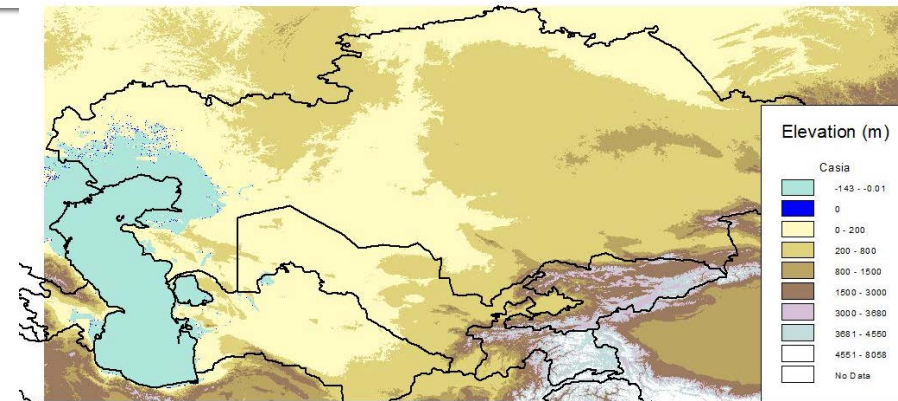
- Rain plus Melt

Data Requirements

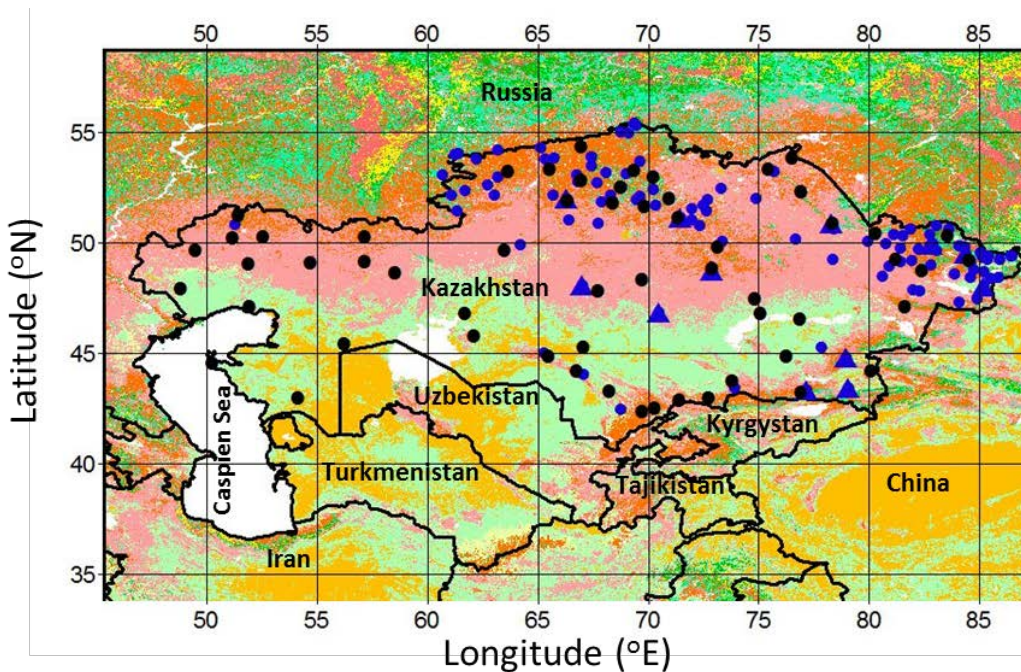
- Surface Air Temperature
 - Index for the pack energy balance and determine the form of precipitation (rain or snow)
- Precipitation
 - determine amount of snowfall and amount of rain-on-snow (PXTEMP)
 - SCF - Multiplying factor that adjusts precipitation data for gage catch deficiencies during periods of snowfall
- Other Data (when available)
 - Snowfall
 - Snow course and/or snow sensors (water-equivalent)
 - Areal extent of snow cover (satellite)

Spatial Information for Parameter Estimation

AVHRR Global Land Cover Product
GLCF 1 km resolution



GTOPO - DEM (~km)

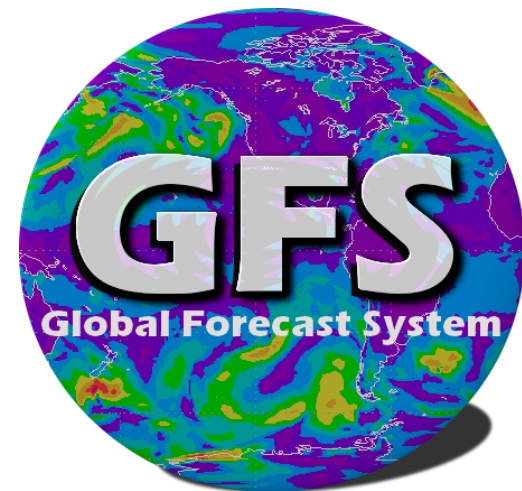
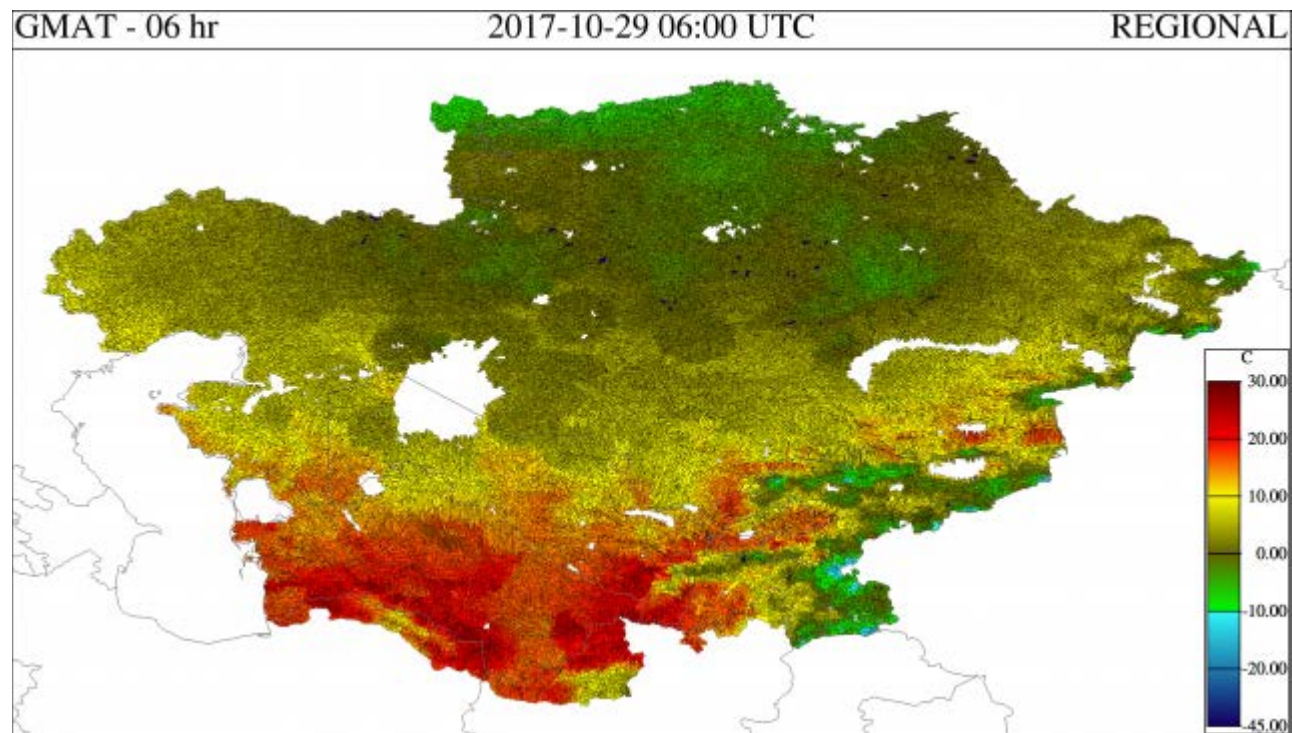


MAT from the Global Forecast System [GFS]

A weather forecast model:

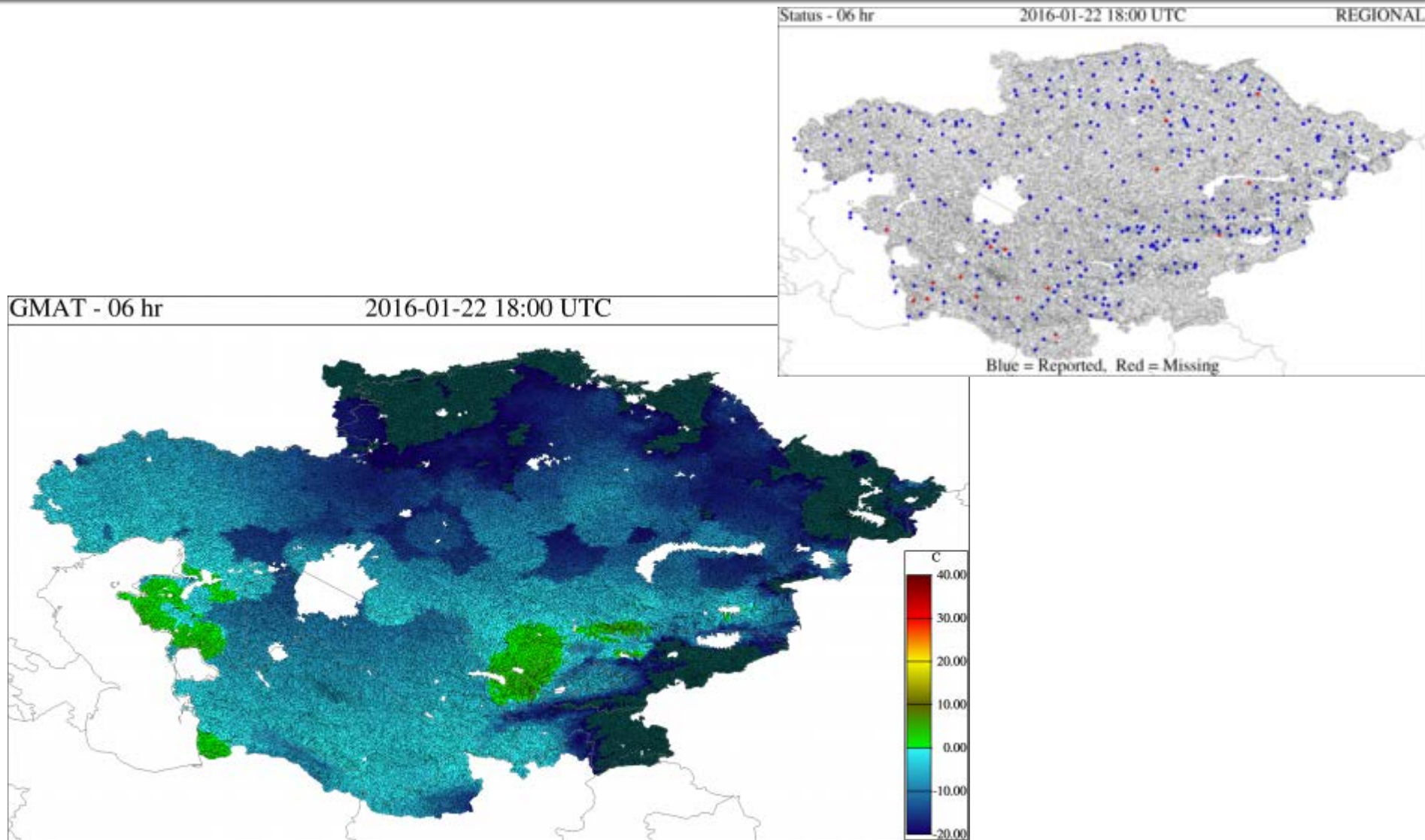
National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP), NOAA

- 0.5 degree globally 4-time per day [0 6 12 18 UTC]
- ~5-hr latency, forecast is used in realtime
- 16 days lead time 3-hour intervals
- a coupled model, composed of four separate models: atmosphere, ocean land/soil and a sea ice models



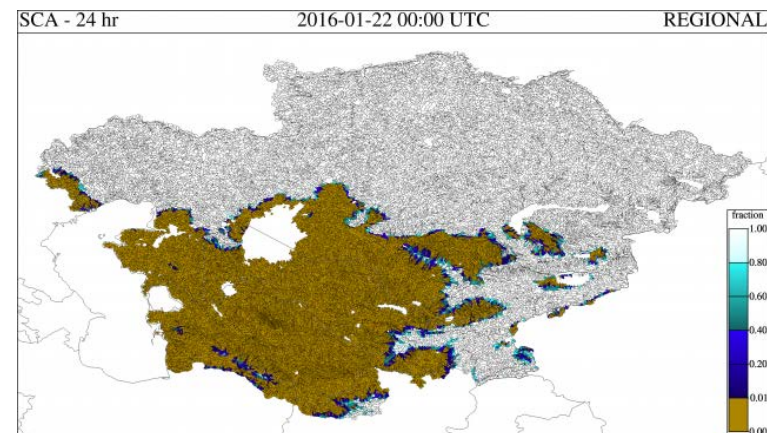
Monthly Climatological temperature

Climate Research Unit –East Anglia [1960-1990]



Satellite Snow Covered Area

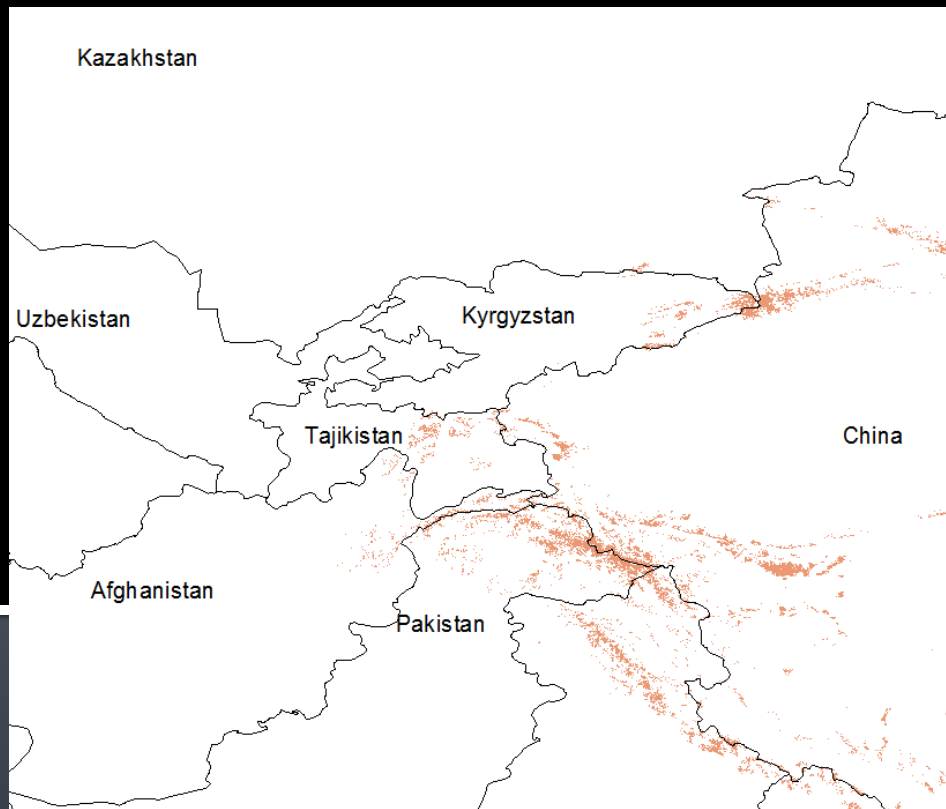
- ❑ Interactive Multisensor Snow and Ice Mapping System (IMS), made available through National Snow and Ice Data Center, NOAA.
http://nsidc.org/data/docs/noaa/g02156_ims_snow_ice_analysis/index.html
- ❑ Northern Hemisphere daily snow cover based on summary of multiple satellites at 4km x 4km resolution.
- ❑ Product defines: Snow covered land, sea ice, sea land (no snow)
- ❑ Since December 2014 a 1 km SCA and snow depth (4-km) products are available (to be evaluated for FFGS)
- ❑ Generally available within 1 day (often within several hours) following date of observation
- ❑ Archive is available for 2006-current
- ❑ **Helfrich et al., 2007 Hydrological Processes**



Incorporating Glacier mapping information in the FFGS

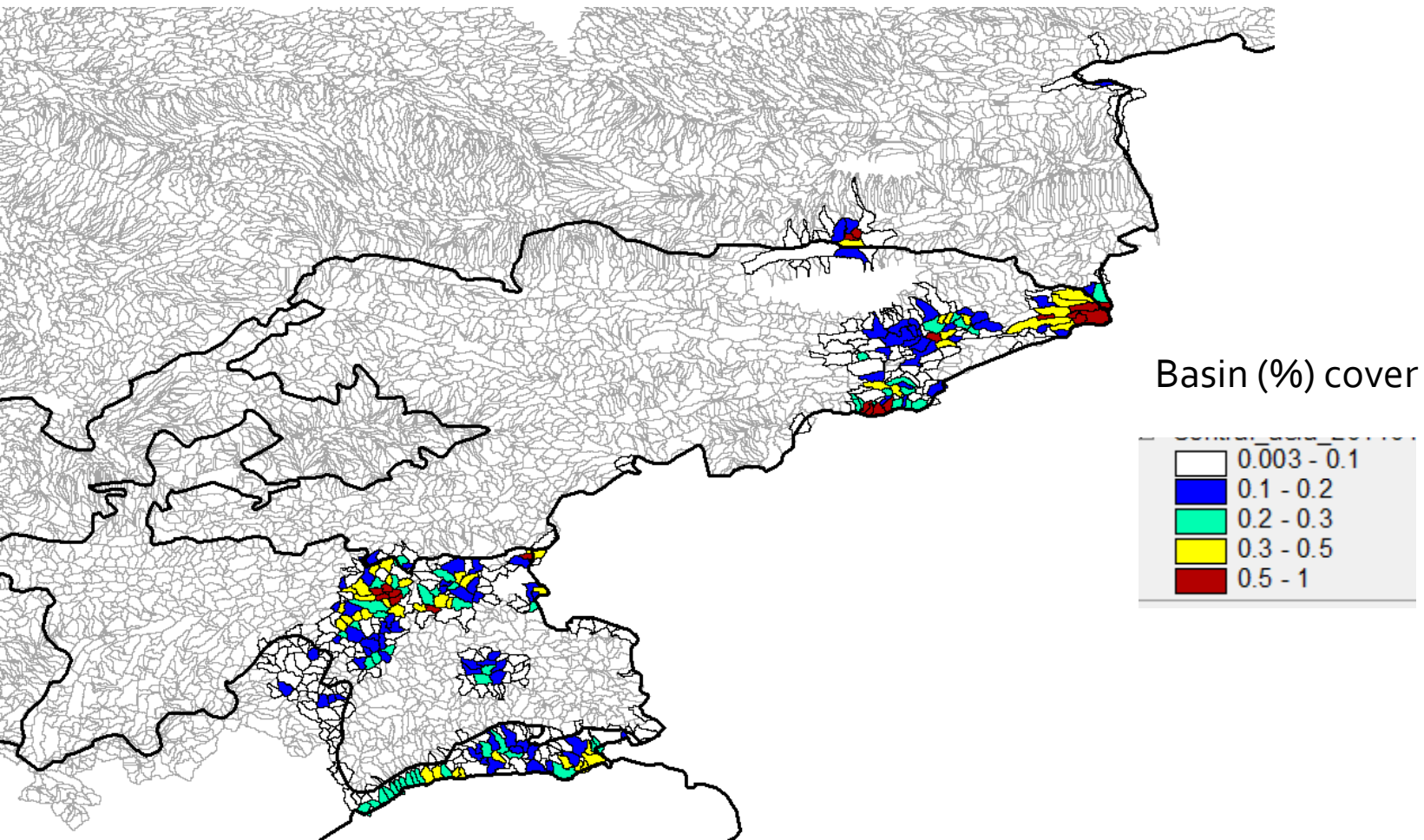
GLIMS: Global Land Ice Measurements from Space (<http://www.glims.org/>)

- National Snow and Ice Data Center
- Contribution from more than 60 institutions
- Based on data from ASTER (Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and reflection Radiometer) and the Landsat Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus (ETM+) as well as historical information derived from maps and aerial photographs.

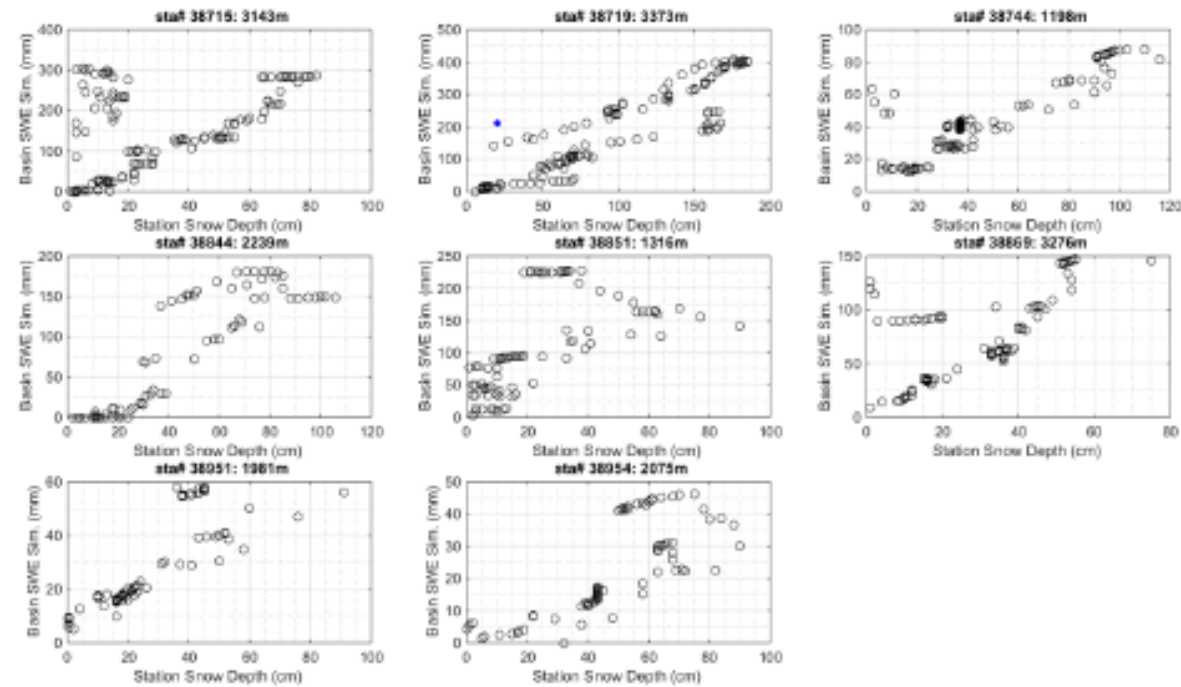


Map was updated in December 2014

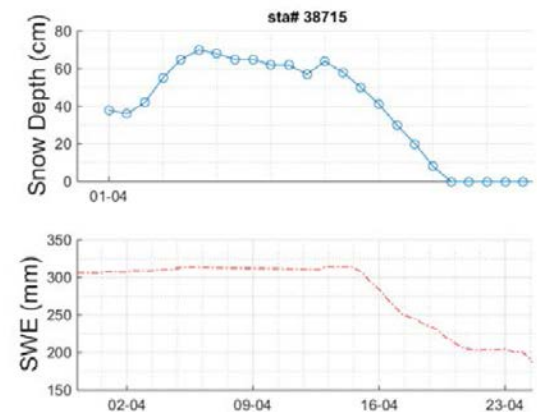
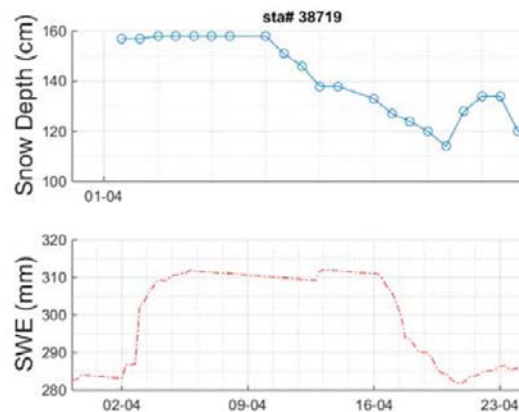
CARFFG Glacier percent cover



Snow Evaluation



7: Scatterplots of snow depth (cm) from point sensors versus basin-average snow water equivalent (SWE) (mm) for the basin embedding the snow depth sensor.



INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF TAJIKISTAN SNOWMELT RUNOFF AND POTENTIAL FLOOD OCCURRENCE THROUGHOUT THE 2017 HIGH RISK PERIOD

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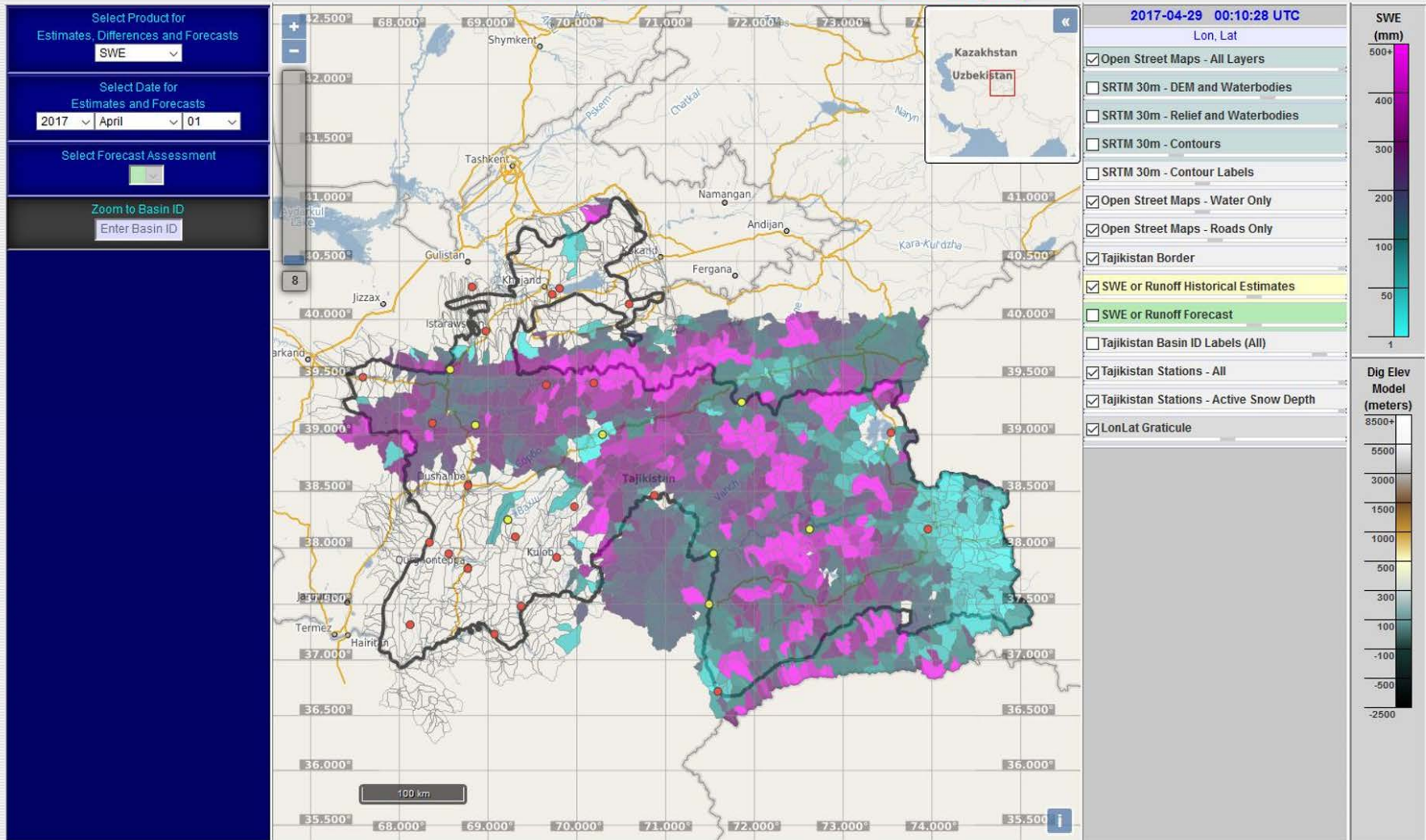
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Map Server Interface

Interactive Interface for Tajikistan Snow and Runoff Assessments

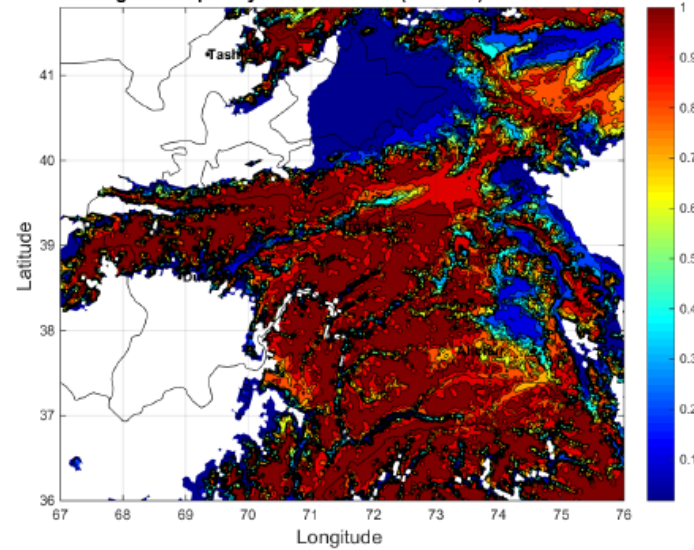
Loading speeds will improve as New Tile Views Become Cached on the Server

NOTE: Development in Progress - Contents and Functionality Might Break Frequently

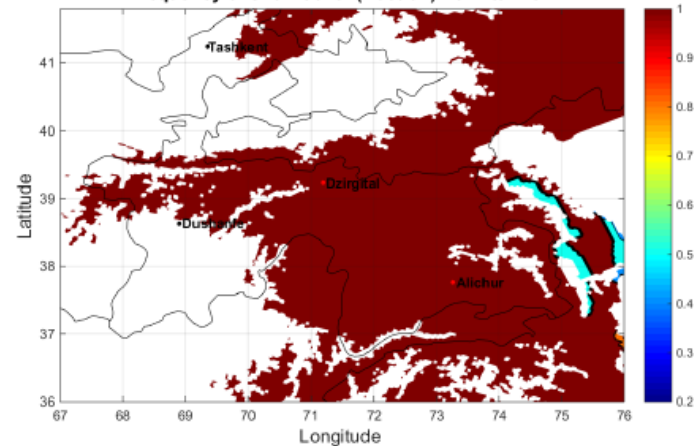


Snow Cover Frequency from: NOAA-NESDIS Interactive Multisensor Snow and Ice Mapping System [IMS]

Climatological frequency of snow cover (fraction): 1/4-5/4-2006-2016



Frequency of snow cover (fraction): 1/4 - 5/4 2017



Streamflow Projections

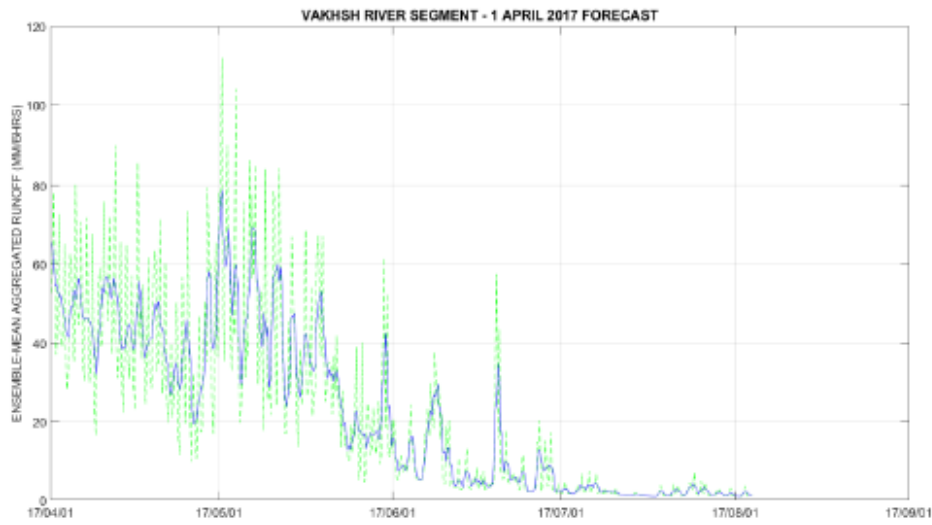


Figure 17: Time series of ensemble-mean aggregated basin-average runoff (mm/6hrs) contributed at the Vakhsh River segment identified in Figure 14 (green dotted line), and 24-hour moving average runoff (also in mm/6hrs) as an approximate estimate of flow volumes at the segment (blue solid line).

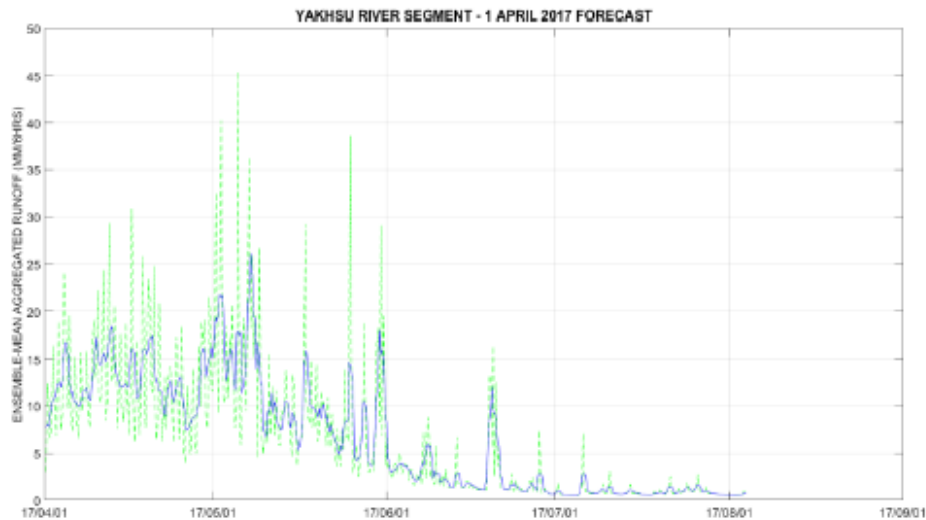


Figure 18: As in Figure 17 but for the Yakhsu River segment identified in Figure 15.