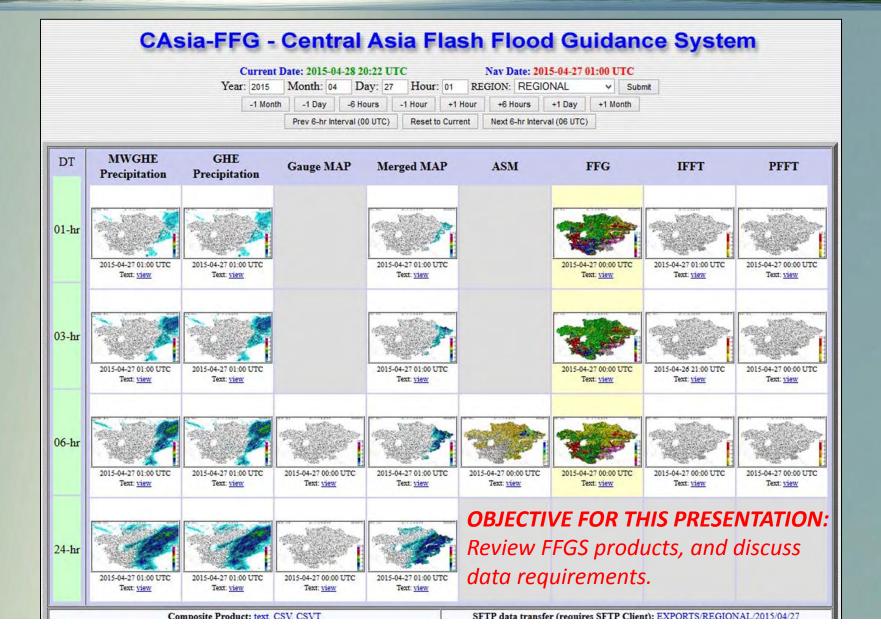
# Central Asia Regional Flash Flood Guidance System: FFGS Products and Data Needs



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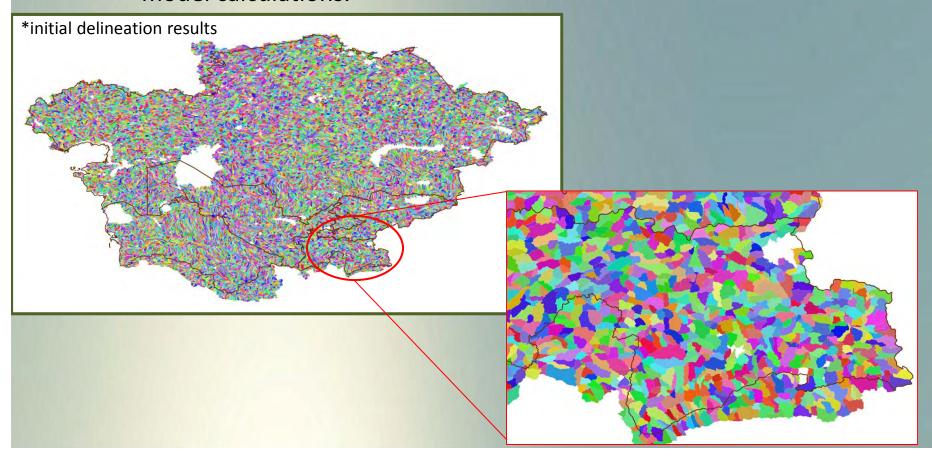
### **Motivation**



# **Spatial Analysis for Basin Delineation**

### **OBJECTIVE:**

- Define flash flood-scale watershed boundaries
- Provide spatial representation for model parameterization
- Determine geometric properties of flash flood basins used in model calculations.



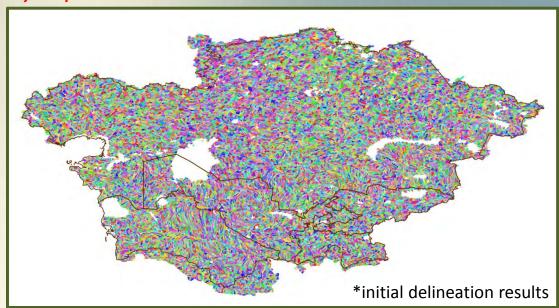
### **Spatial Analysis for Basin Delineation**

### **DEVELOPMENT INPUT DATA:**

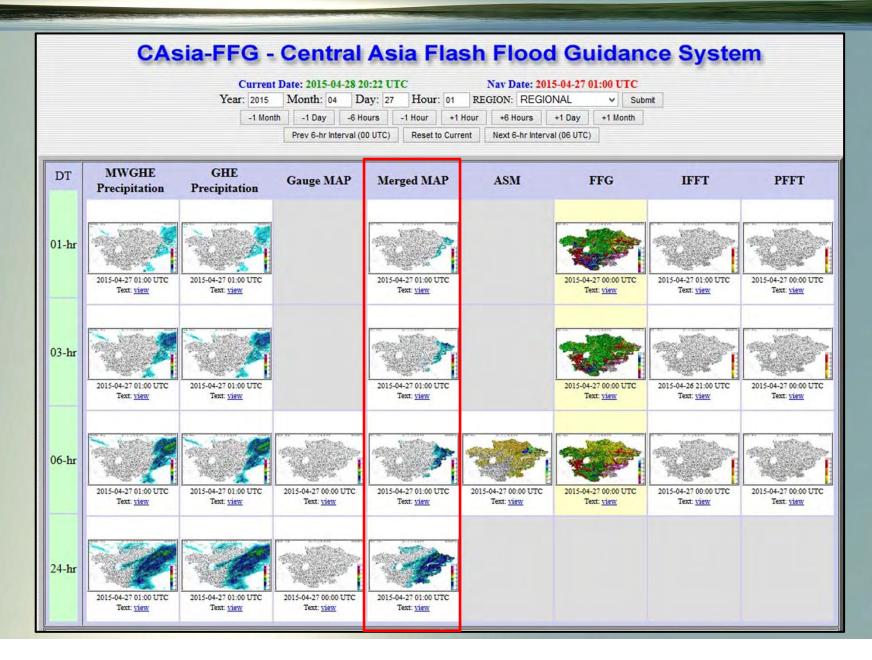
- Digital Elevation Model (DEM) data
  - The preliminary delineation shown was based on SRTM-90m data

### **VALIDATION DATA:**

- □ Digital stream network data (Digital Chart of the World database)
- Comparison with satellite visible imagery (e.g., GoogleEarth)
- Country-provided digital stream and/or basin GIS files
- Country-representative review and comments



## **Real-Time Rainfall Processing and Merged MAP**



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#### **OBJECTIVE:**

Provide "best estimate" of mean areal precipitation over each watersheds input to soil water and FFG models.

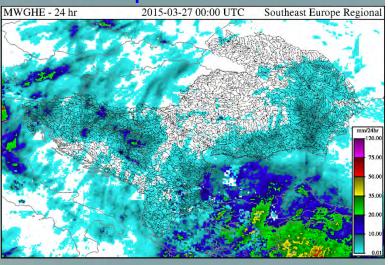
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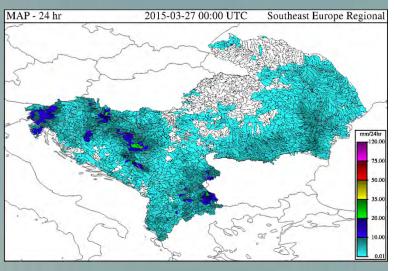
- Historical satellite precipitation data (HRC)
- Historical rain gauge precipitation data (6-hourly or daily)
- Analysis of climatological bias of satellite precipitation

#### **RFAL-TIME INPUT DATA:**

- Satellite precipitation (GHE, MWGHE)
- Climatological adjustment factors
- Real-time rain gauge precipitation for dynamic (real-time) precipitation bias adjustment

#### **Examples from SEEFFGS**





### Flash Flood Guidance



**FFG** product is computed through several hydrologic modeling components:

- Threshold Runoff Modeling
- Snow Modeling
- Soil Water Modeling

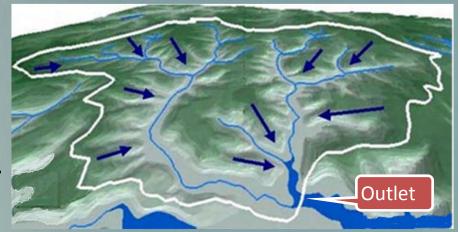
### **Threshold Runoff Model Component**

Threshold Runoff is a foundational parameter of FFG, defined as the amount of *effective* rainfall of a given duration over a watershed that produces

bankfull flow at the watershed outlet.

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

 Estimate Threshold Runoff for all flash flood-scale watersheds in region.



### **DEVELOPMENT INPUT DATA:**

- Geometric properties of watersheds as determined via spatial analysis;
- □ Stream surveys or estimates of cross-sectional properties at channel bankfull for developing regional relationships;
- Return period discharge information for flash flood prone streams to develop regional relationships.

# **Snow Model Component (1)**

### **OBJECTIVE:**

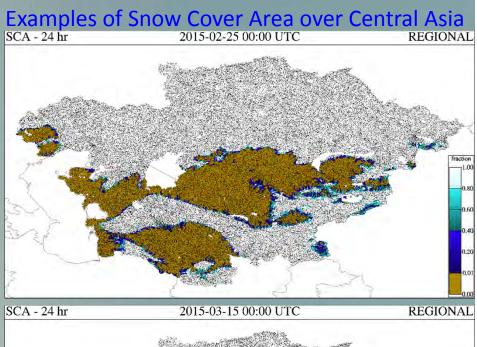
Estimate area covered by snow

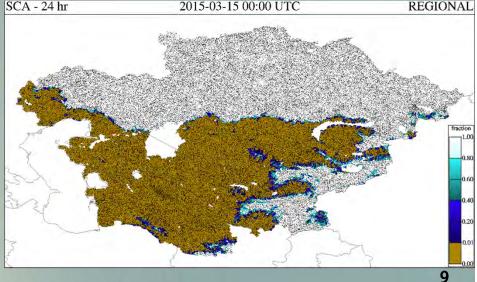
### **REAL-TIME INPUT DATA:**

NOAA Integrated Multi-Sensor (IMS)
Snow and Ice satellite product

### **DEVELOPMENT INPUT DATA:**

- Spatial Land Cover Data
- ☐ Historical archive of IMS products (for climatology analysis)
- Historical snow cover data (observations)





# **Snow Model Component (2)**

#### **OBJECTIVE:**

Account for snow melt contribution to soil water modeling

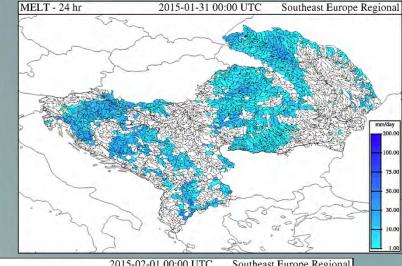
### **REAL-TIME INPUT DATA:**

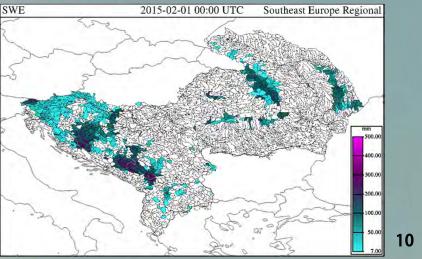
- Mean Areal Precipitation (from Rainfall Processing)
- Mean Areal Temperature
- Snow Covered Area (IMS Product)

### **DEVELOPMENT INPUT DATA:**

- Spatial Land Cover Data
- Historical temperature data (for climatology)
- Historical snow cover/snow depth data
- Historical snow water equivalent

#### **Examples of Snow Melt & SWE from SEEFFGS**





### **Soil Water Model Component**

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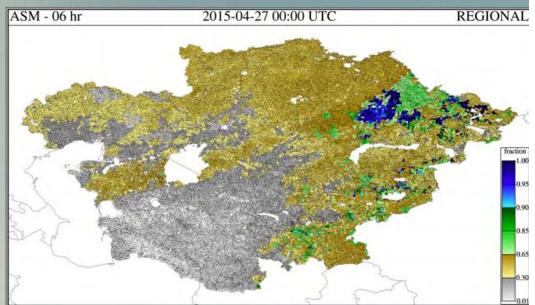
- Estimate soil water conditions within basins in real-time
- Account for land surface processing in transformation of rainfall to runoff

#### **REAL-TIME INPUT DATA:**

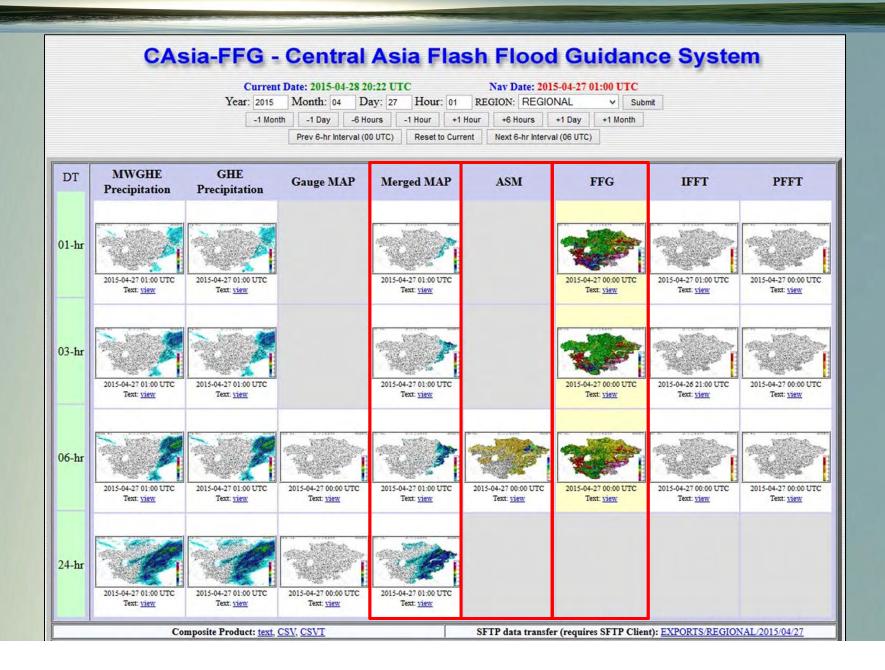
- Small watershed mean areal precipitation
- Snow melt

### **DEVELOPMENT INPUT DATA:**

- Soils Properties
- Spatial Land Cover Data
- Historical temperature and evaporation data
- Stream discharge data



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