Real-time Global Flood Monitoring and Forecasting Using an Enhanced Land Surface Model with Satellite-based and NWP Forcings

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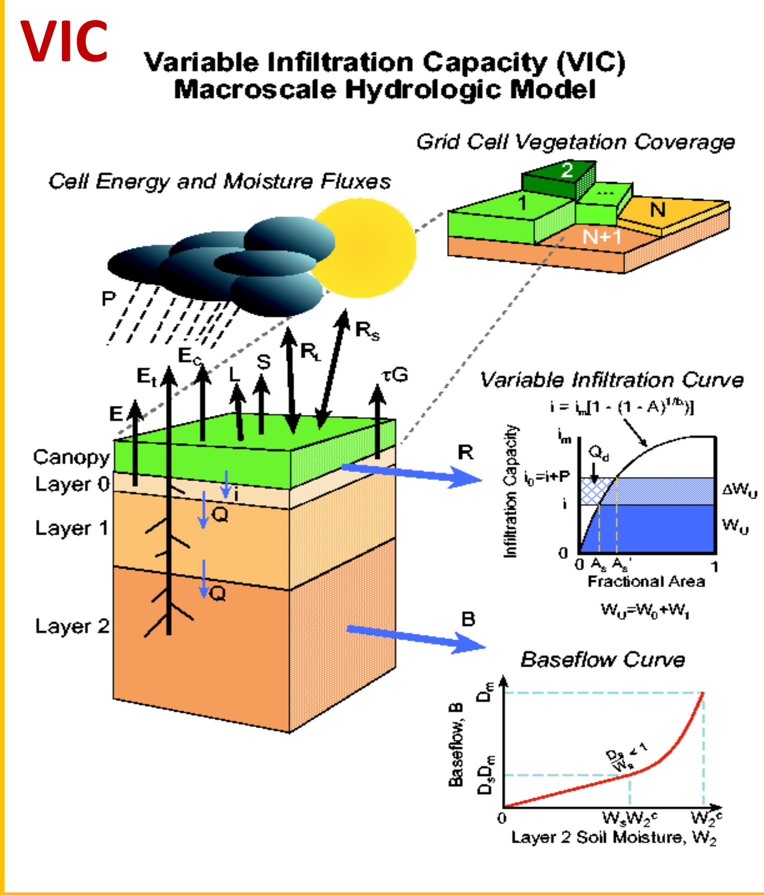
Dominant river tracing-Routing Integrated with VIC Environment (DRIVE) model

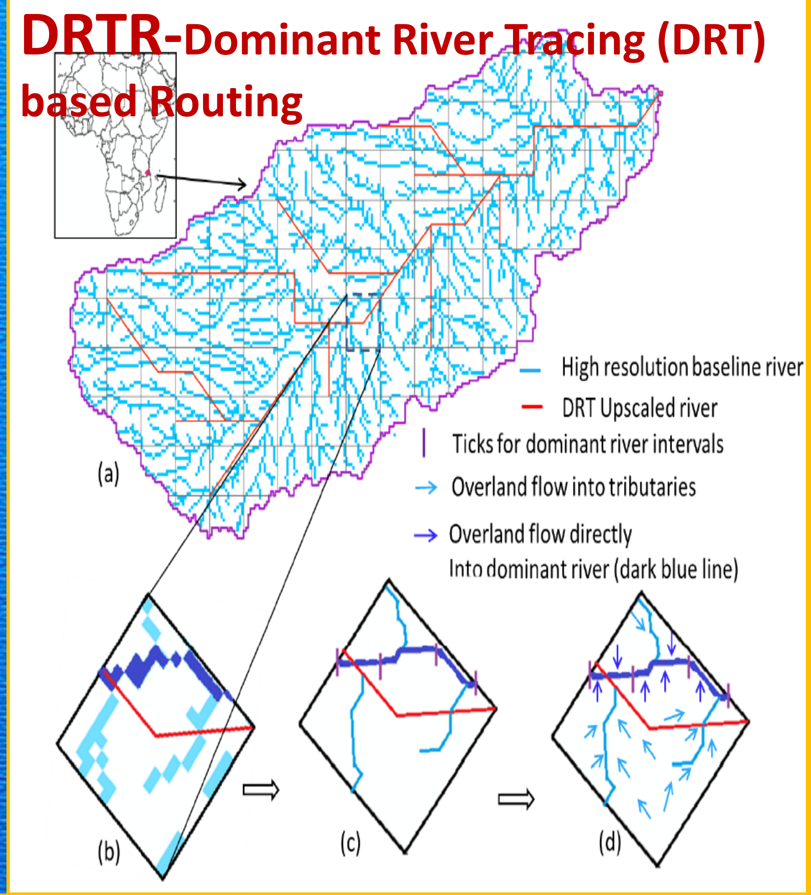
(Wu et al., 2011, 2012, 2013 *Water Resources Research*)

VIC



Coupled

DRTR-Dominant River Tracing (DRT) based Routing



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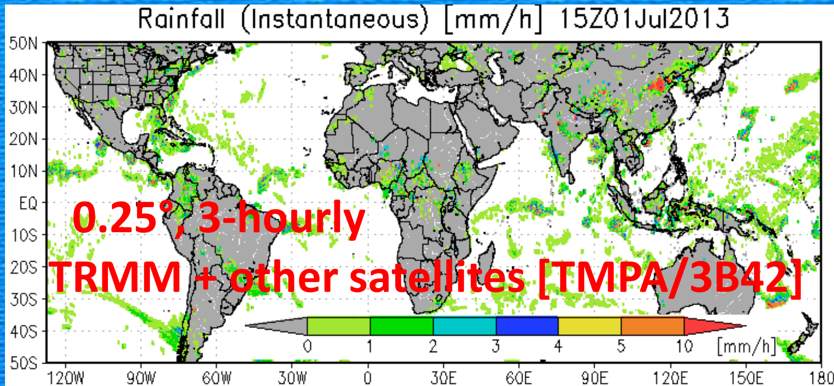
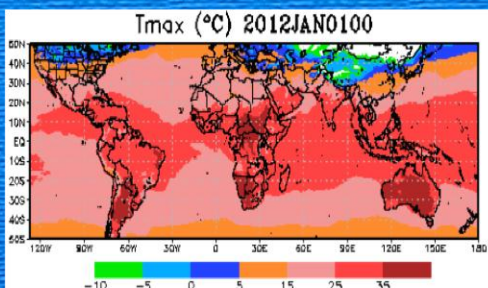
ESSIC, University of Maryland/NASA GSFC

System is running quasi-globally <u>every three hours at 1/8th degree</u>, and routing is also running at <u>1km resolution.</u>

DRIVE model

http://flood.umd.edu





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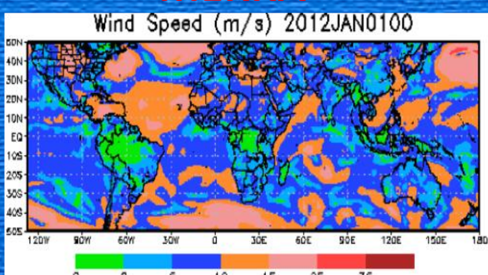
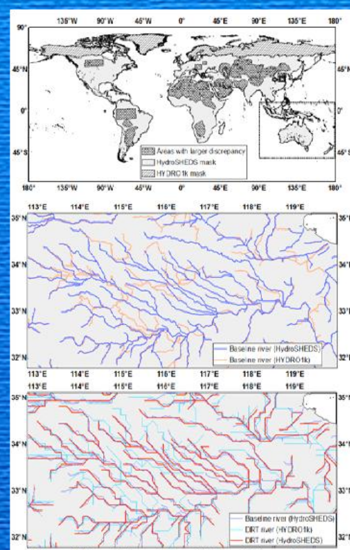
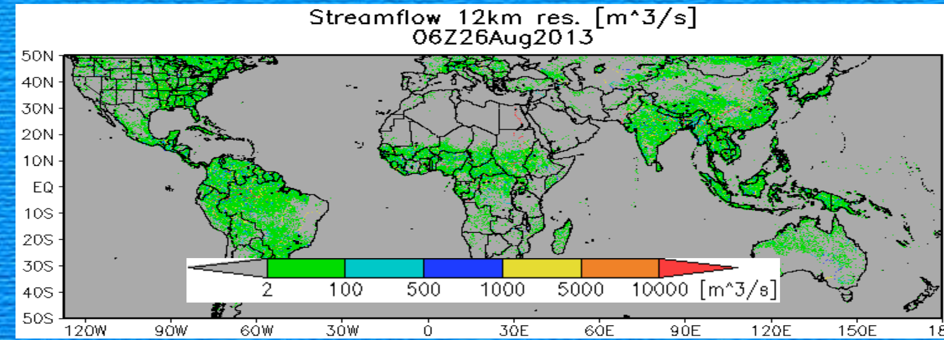


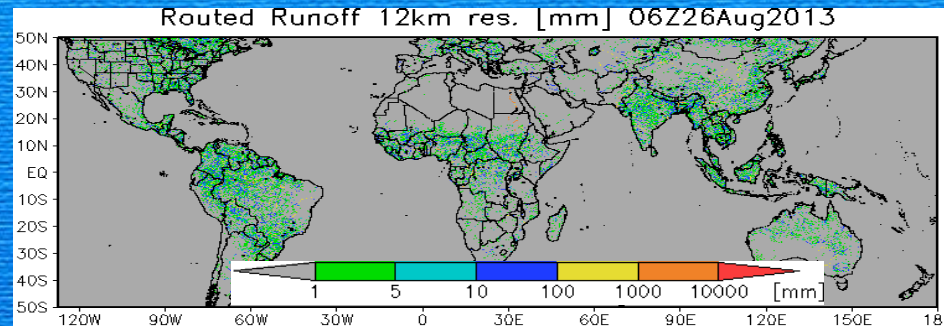


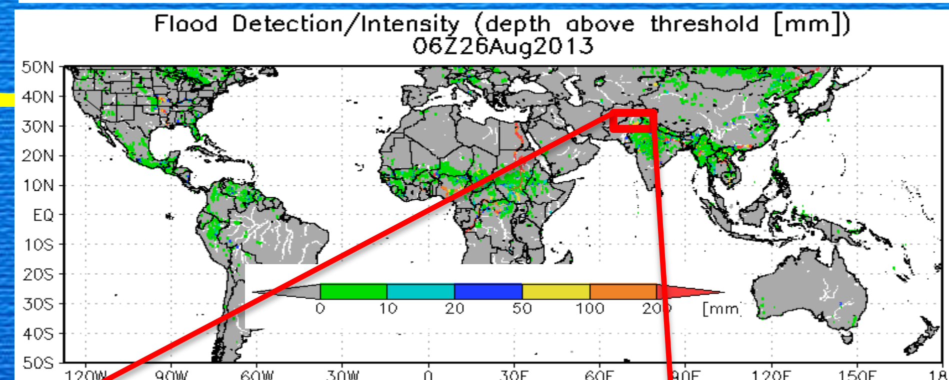
DRT, Wu et al., 2012

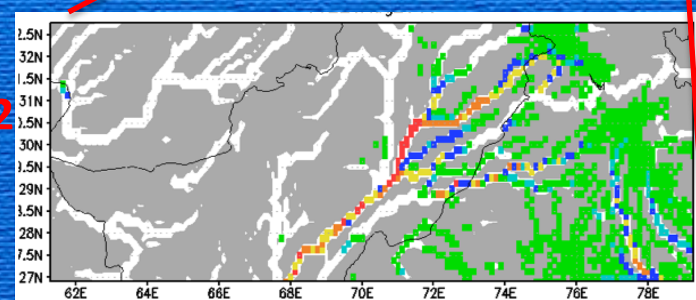
Soil, Vegetation (Princeton)

DEM (HydroSHEDS)







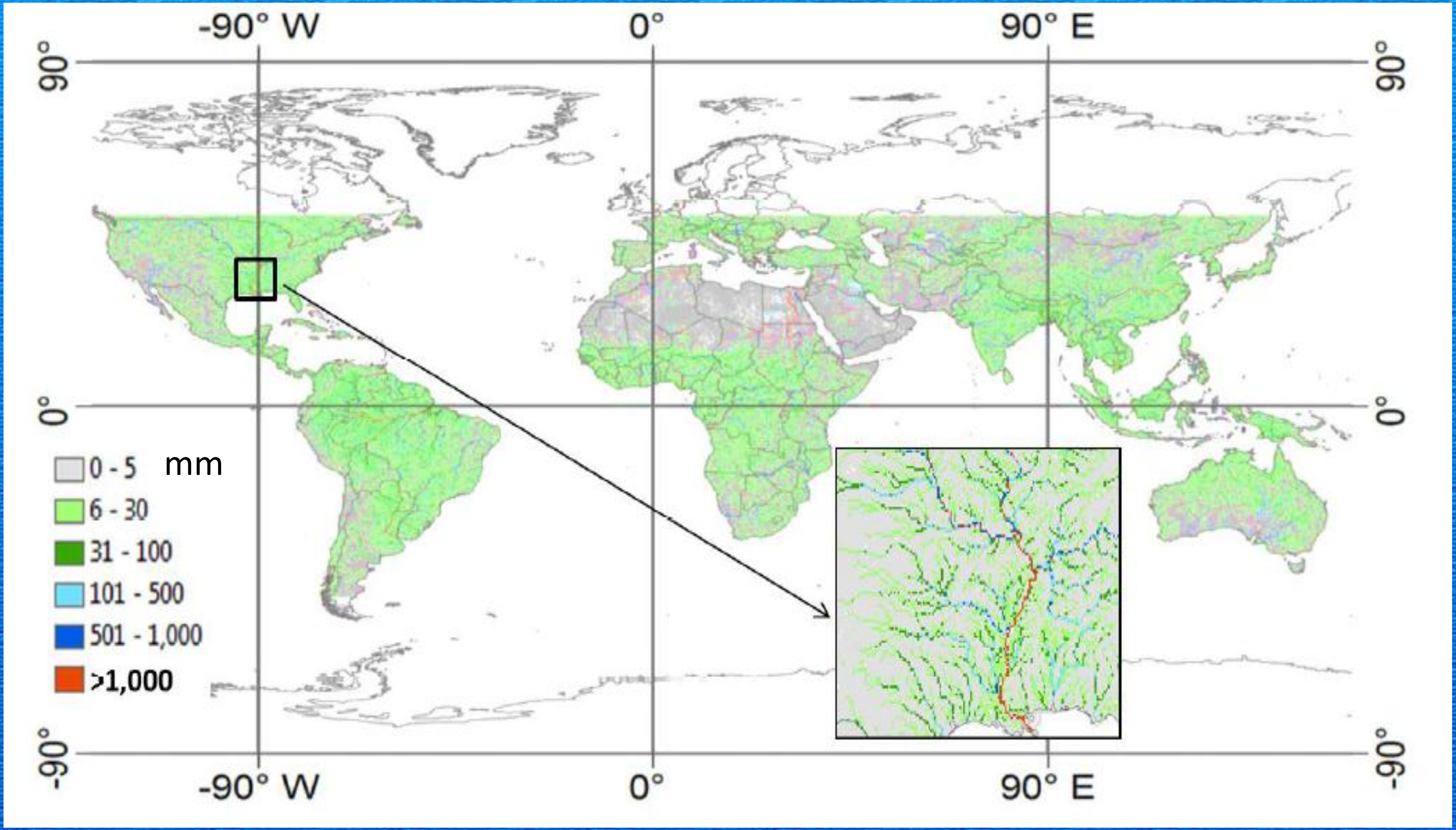


20 August 2013 06 GMT

Routed runoff [mm] based Flood Threshold Map

$$\text{Threshold} = P_{95} + \delta$$

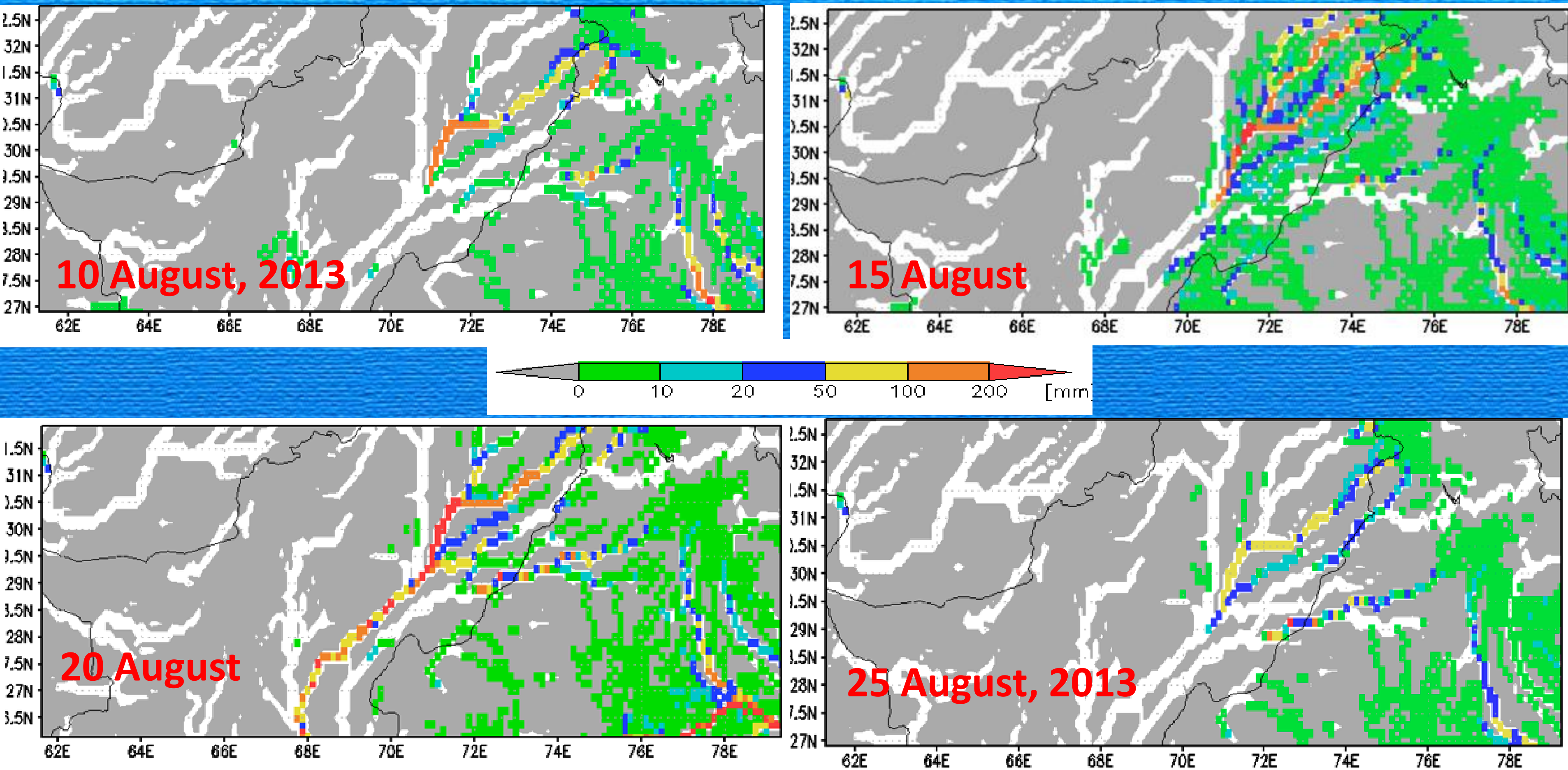
P_{95}: *95^{th} percentile value of routed runoff*
δ: *temporal standard deviation of routed runoff*



15-year global hydrology model run using satellite rainfall data.

Example: Detection of Recent Flooding in Pakistan

Flood Detection/Intensity (depth above threshold [mm])



$$R > P_{95} + \delta$$

and

$$Q > 10\ m^3/s$$

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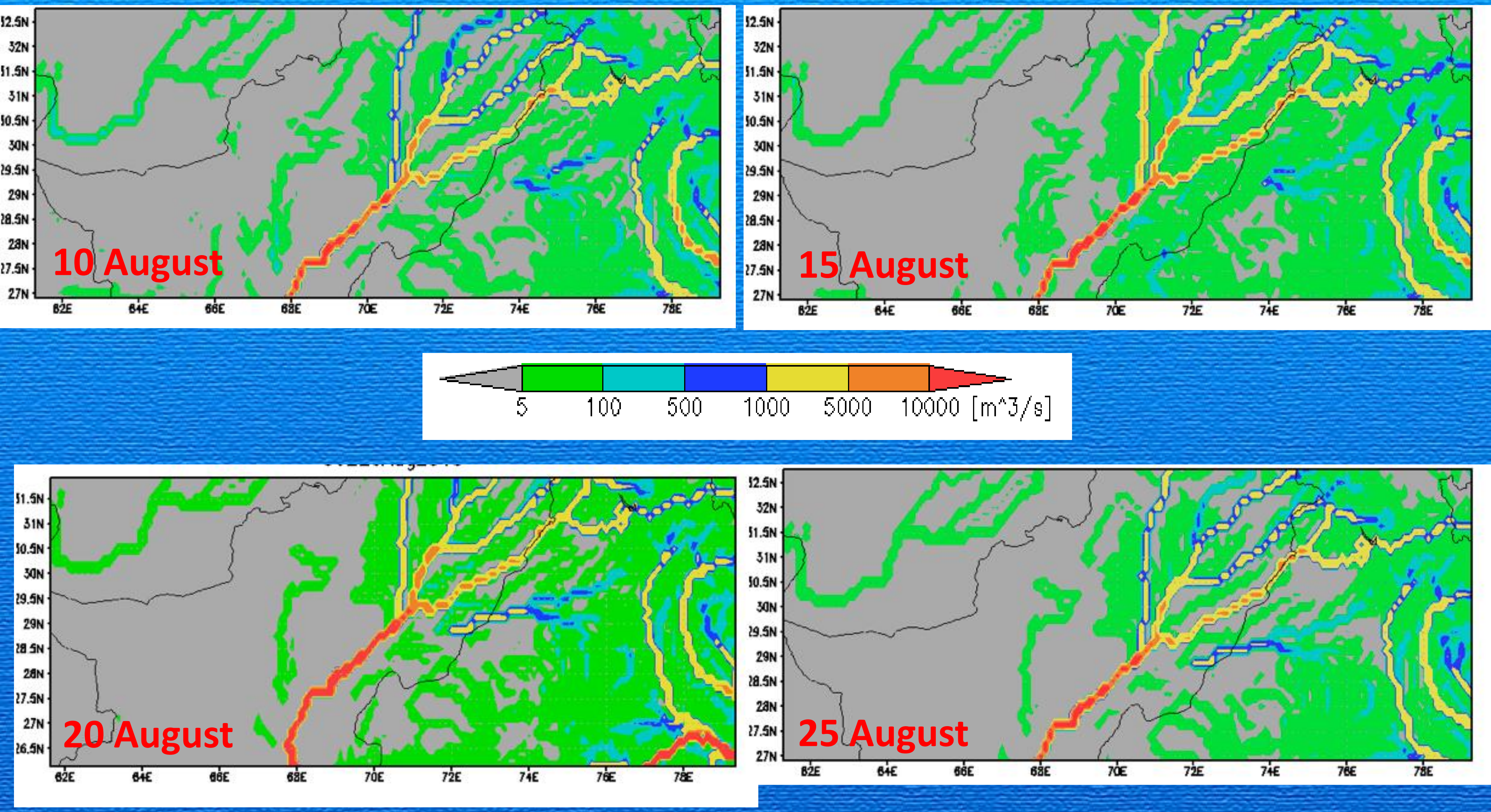
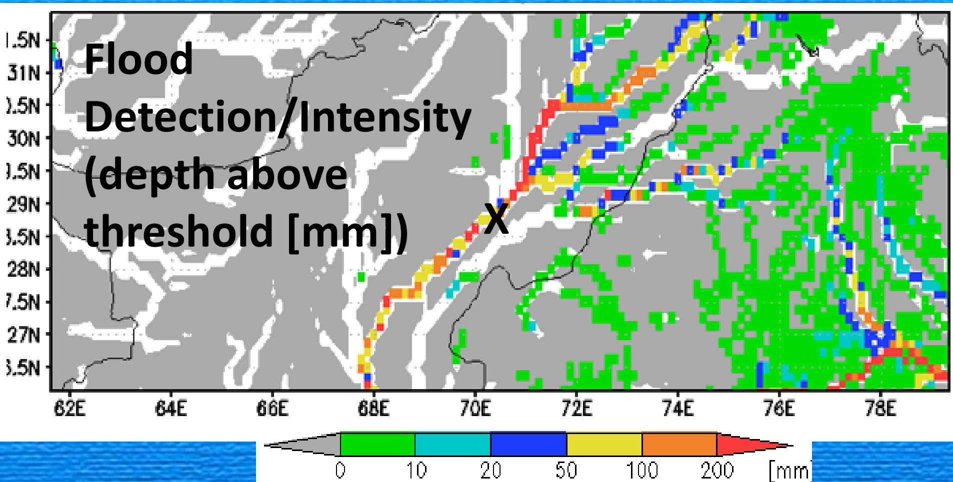
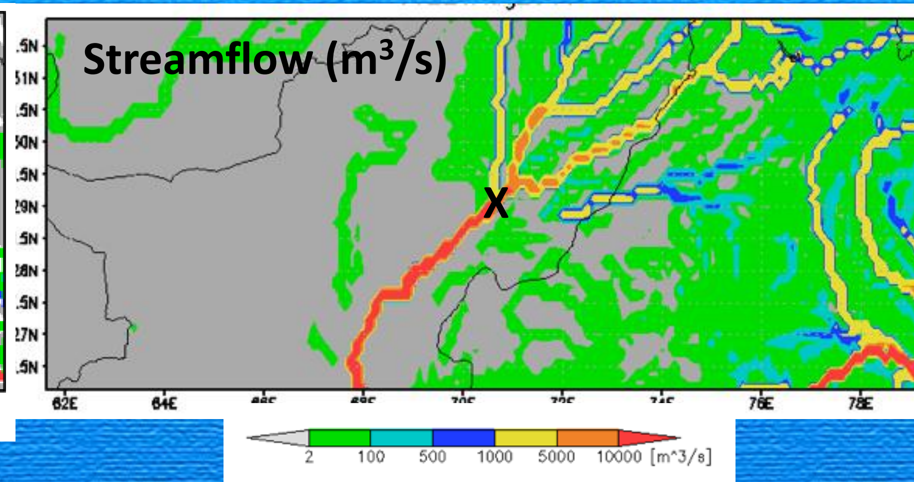
Streamflow [m^3/s]

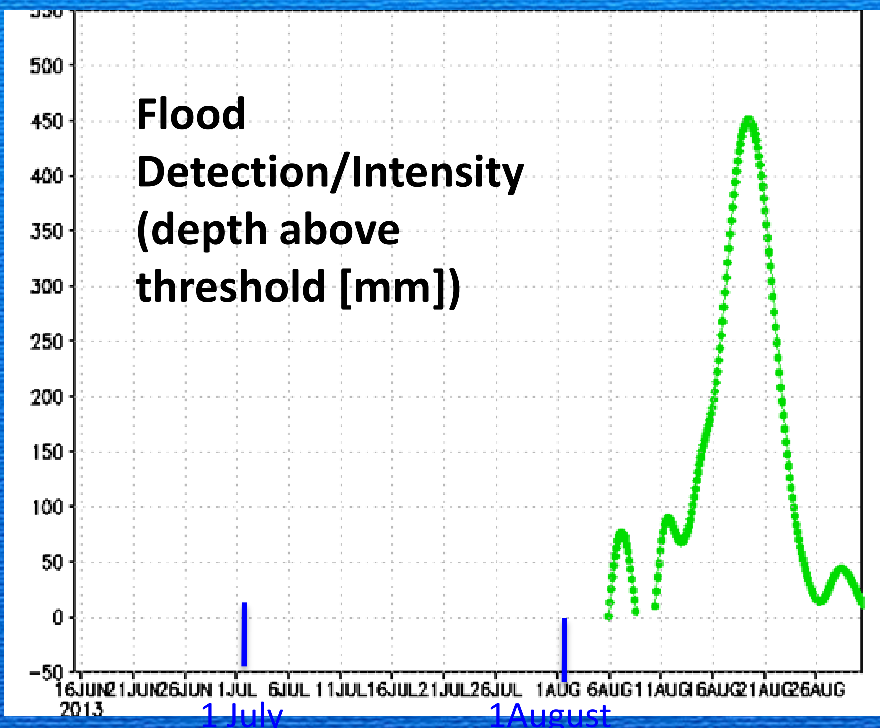
August 10-25, 2013

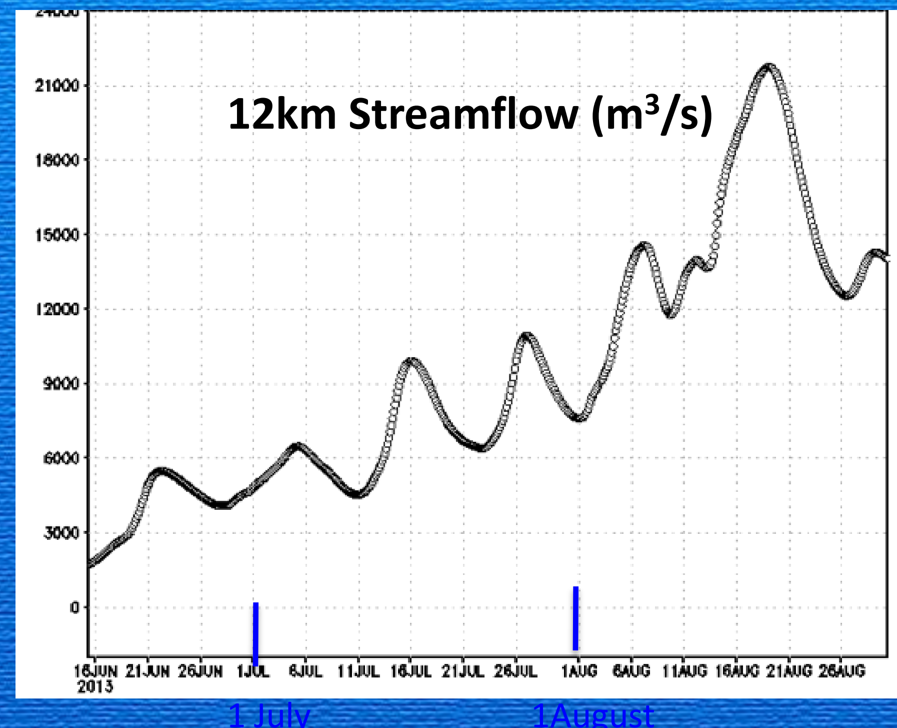


Recent Flooding in Indus River, Pakistan (20 august 2013)



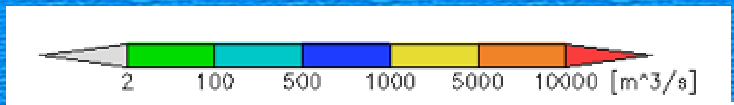


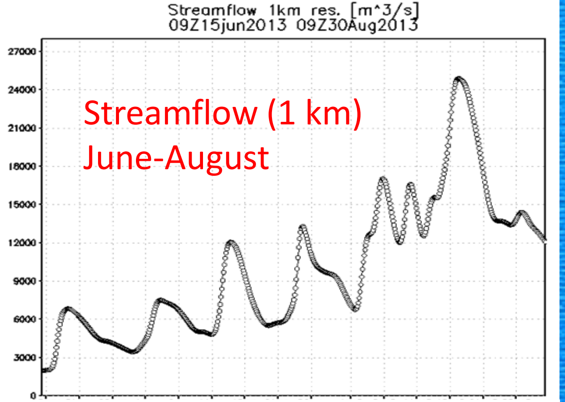


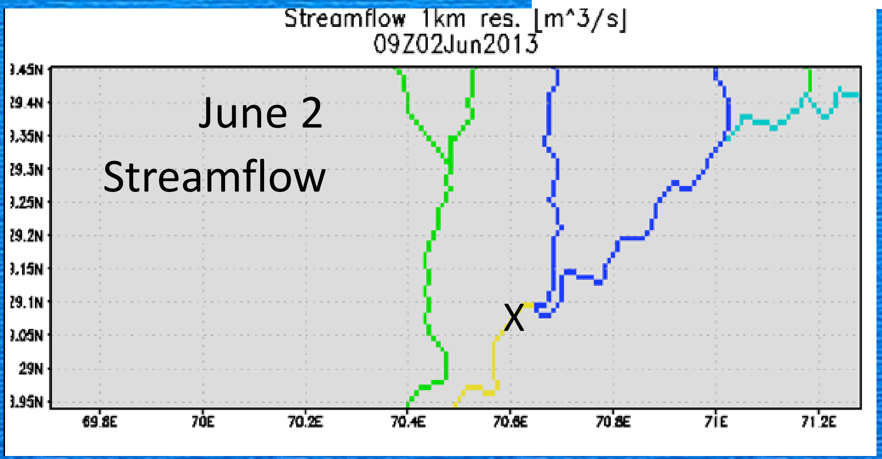


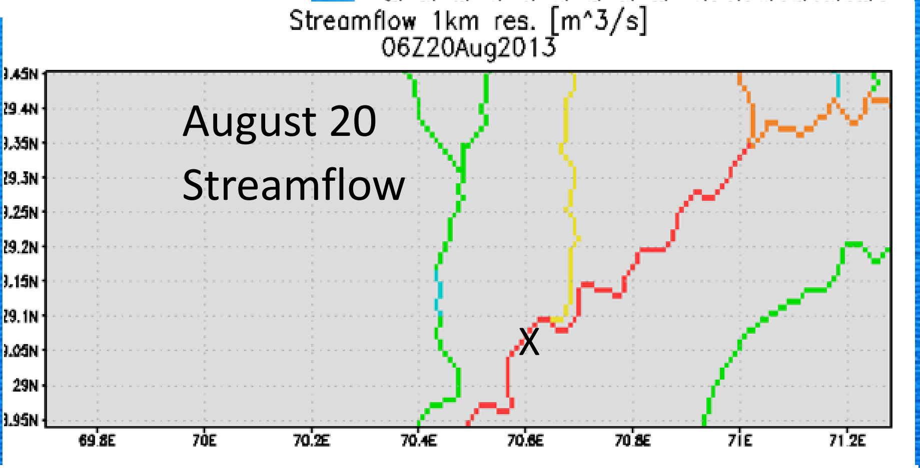
Real-time Calculations at 1 km

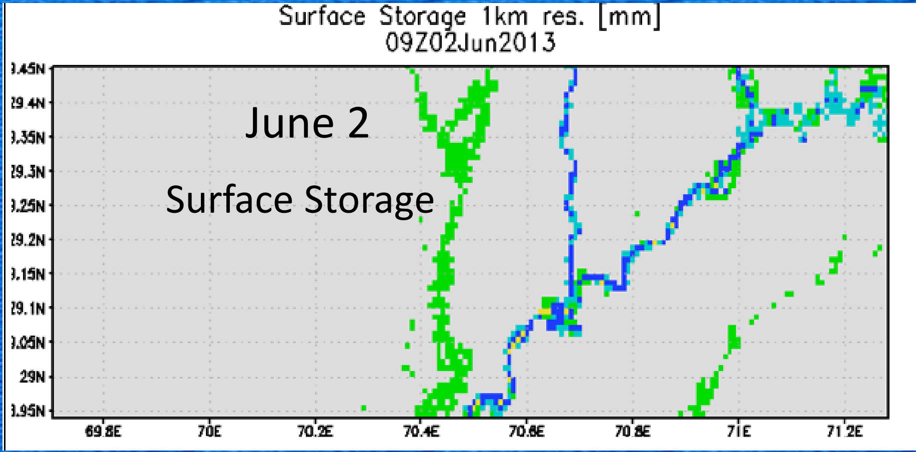
Streamflow and
Water Storage (Routed Runoff + Bank Overflow)

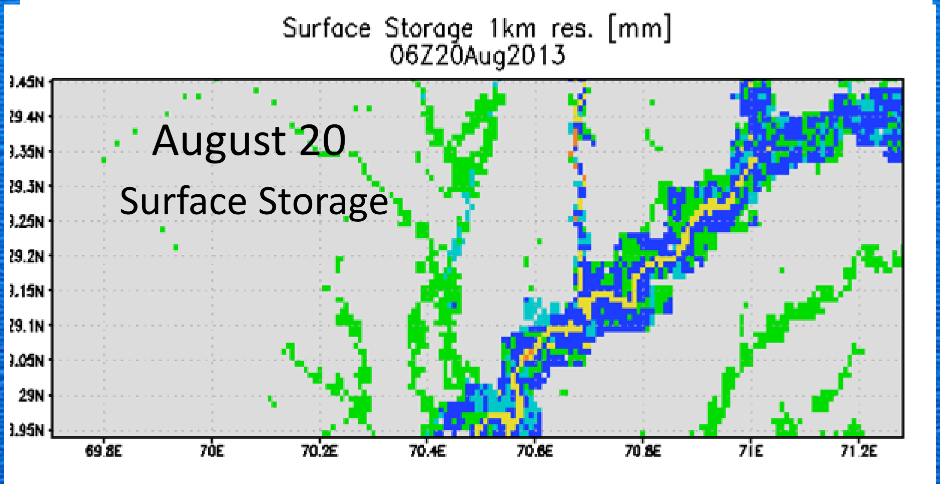












Global evaluation TMPA real-time (DRIVE-RT) and research (rain gauge adjusted, DRIVE-V7) [15yrs (1998~), 3-hrly, 1/8° res.]

(1) **Flood event** based evaluation using 2,086 archived flood events by Dartmouth Flood Observatory

(2) **Streamflow** based evaluation at 1,121 river gauges by GRDC, across the globe.

Real-time Global Flood Estimation using Satellite-based Precipitation and a Coupled Land Surface and Routing Model (2013). Wu, Adler et al. Submitted to WRR

[manuscript available on http://flood.umd.edu/]

Flood event based evaluation

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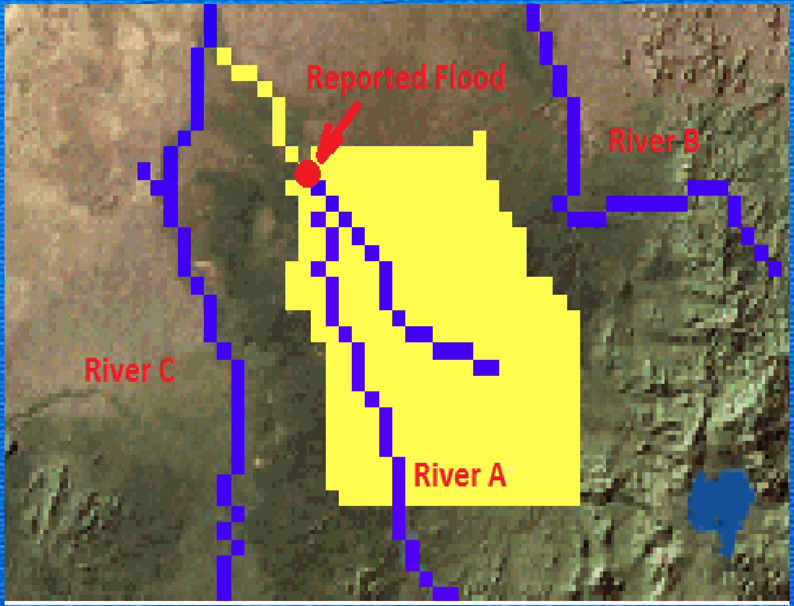
Matching floods between simulated and reported

Temporal window: ±1 days

Spatial window: all upstream basin area within ~200 km & ~100 km downstream stem river



Wu H., R. F. Adler, Y. Hong, Y. Tian, and F. Policelli (2012), Evaluation of Global Flood Detection Using Satellite-Based Rainfall and a Hydrologic Model. J. Hydrometeor, 13, 1268.1284.

Flood detection verification against the Dartmouth Flood Observatory (DFO) flood database over the 38 Well Reported Areas (WRAs) for floods with duration more than 3 days.

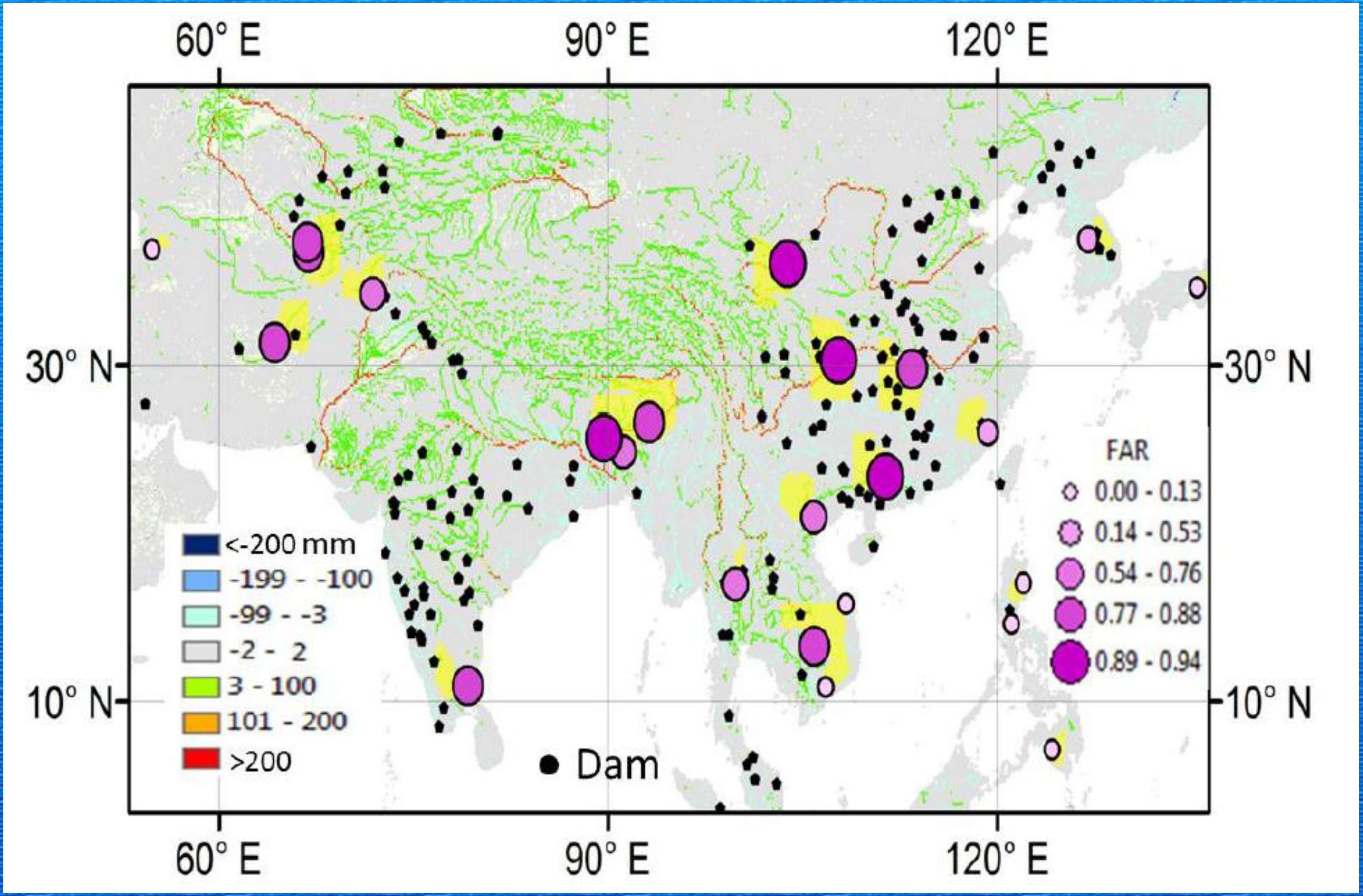
Metrics	POD	FAR	CSI
Metrics averaged over all the 38 WRAs			
DRIVE-V7RT	0.90	0.73	0.25
DRIVE-V7	0.93	0.65	0.34
Metrics averaged over the 20 WRAs with ≥ 5 dam			
DRIVE-V7RT	0.93	0.80	0.19
DRIVE-V7	0.94	0.73	0.26
Metrics averaged over the 18 WRAs with < 5 dam			
DRIVE-V7RT	0.87	0.66	0.32
DRIVE-V7	0.92	0.56	0.43

Better flood detection statistics with "research" (instead of RT) rain, with fewer dams (drop in FAR) and for longer, larger floods

Bottom line--For 3-day floods in basins with few dams using RT rainfall:
POD ~ 0.9 FAR ~ 0.7

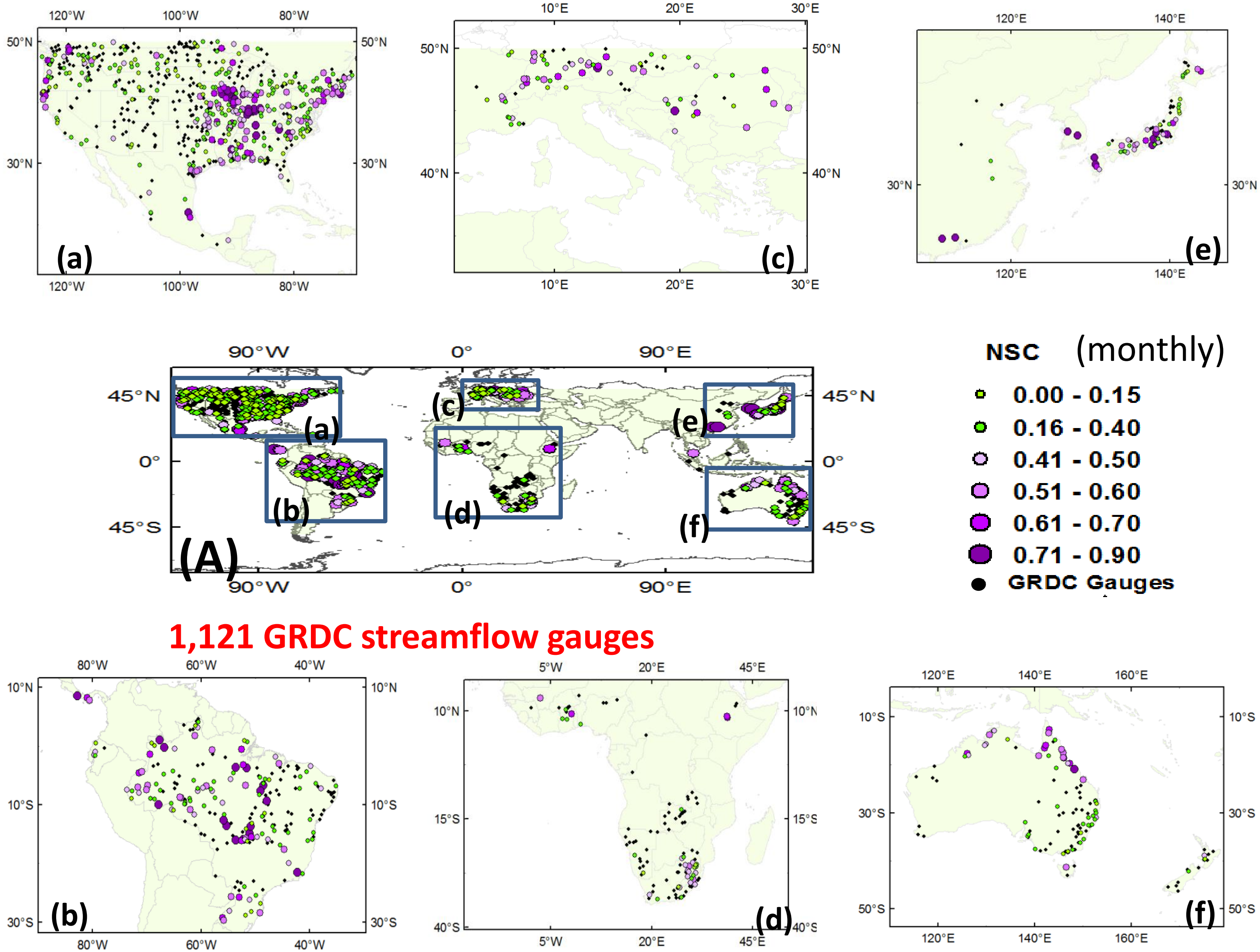
Validation Against Global Flood Events (Dartmouth Flood Observatory)

Example of Well Reported Areas [WRAs] (shaded in yellow) and their corresponding FAR metrics for all floods with duration greater than 1 day

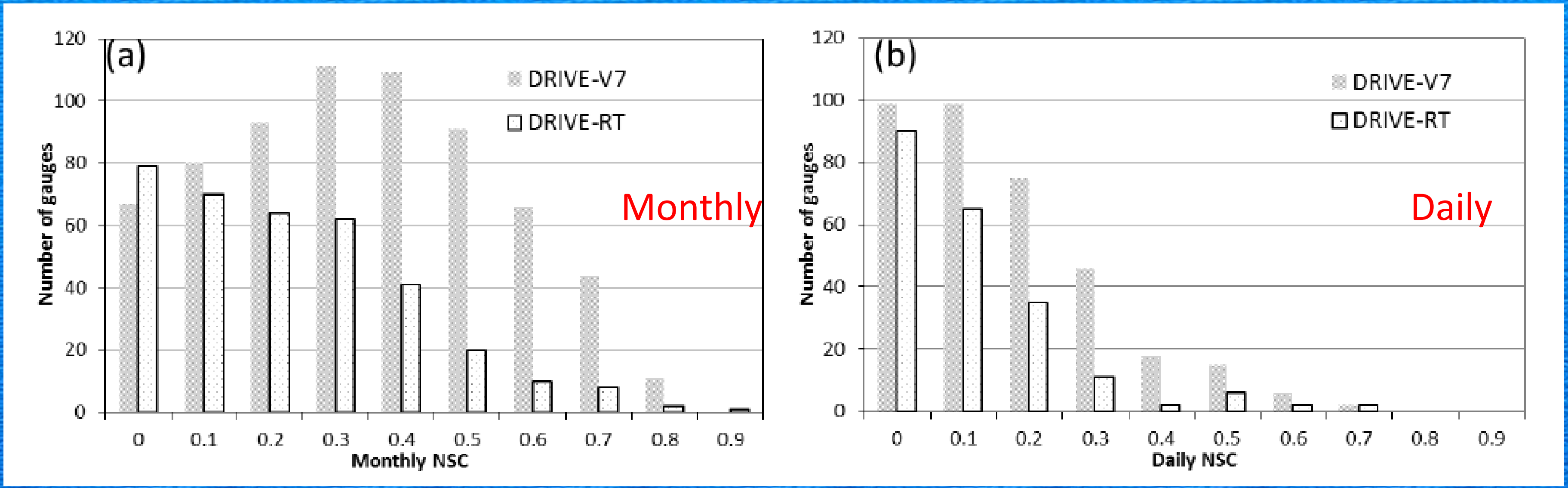


River gauges based evaluation

DRIVE-V7 (12km res.)



Distribution of the number of gauges with positive monthly and daily NSC metrics for DRIVE-V7 and DRIVE-RT simulation for 2001-2011, respectively



Better NSC statistics for "research" rainfall indicate potential improvement of streamflow estimations when satellite rainfall improves

Comparison with GRDC Streamflow Gauges

Nash-Sutcliffe (NSC) Daily and Monthly
Mean annual Relative Error (MARE)

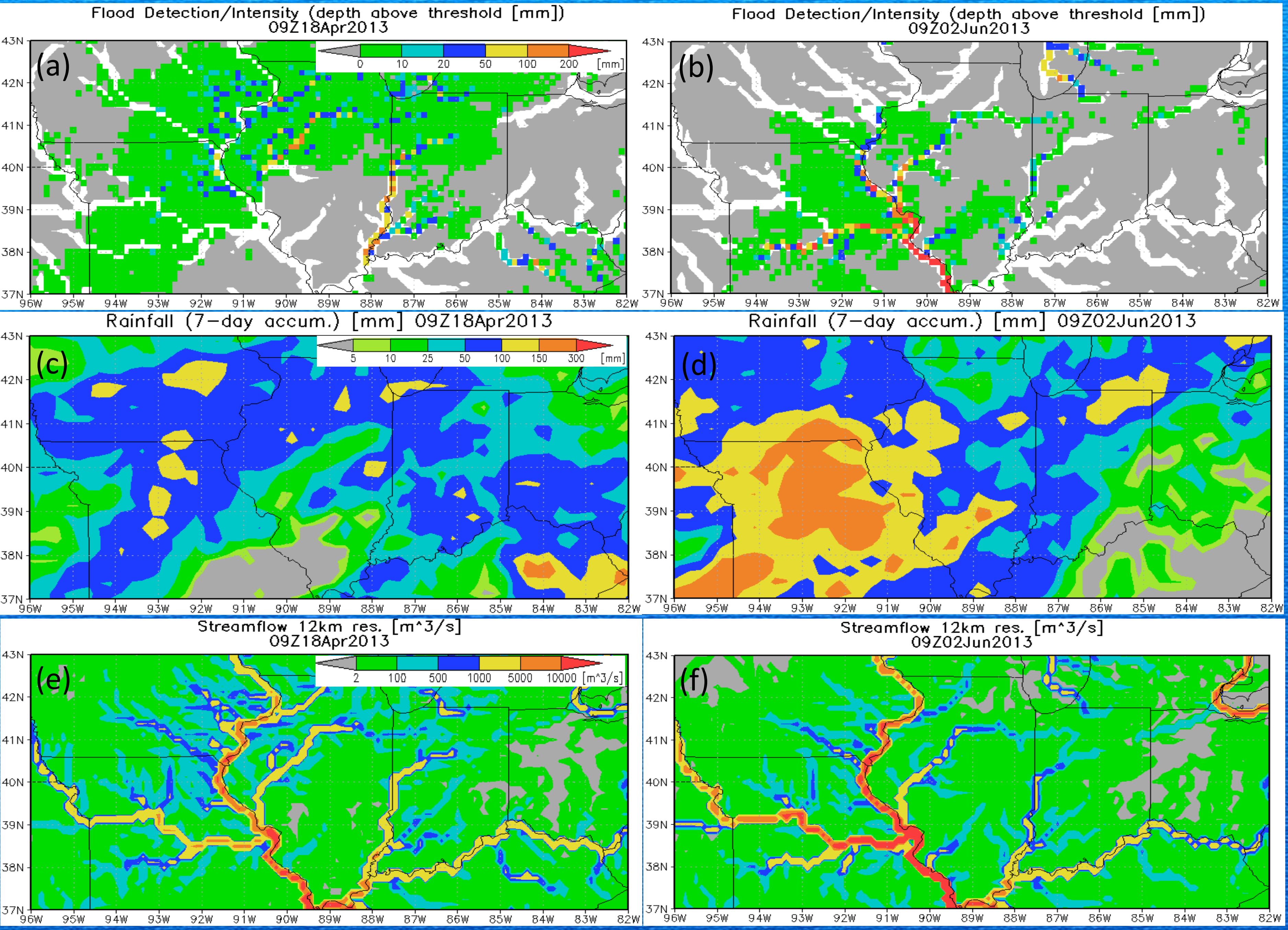
		Daily NSC		Monthly NSC		Correlation Coeff.		MARE<30%
		$N_d>0$	$N_d>0.4$	$N_m>0$	$N_m>0.4$	$R_d>0.4$	$R_m>0.4$	
Global (-50°S to 50°N) with 1,121 gauges								
% of gauges	V7	32	4	60	29	58	99	38
	V7RT	*19*	*1*	*32*	*7*	*42*	*95*	*27*
Mean metrics	V7	0.22	0.52	0.39	0.57	0.57	0.67	-0.3%
	V7RT	*0.16*	*0.57*	*0.27*	*0.54*	*0.53*	*0.53*	*-2.9%*
-10°S~10°N with 141 gauges								
% of gauges	V7	44	9	62	31	76	99	44
	V7RT	*39*	*6*	*57*	*22*	*75*	*98*	*51*
Mean metrics	V7	0.25	0.55	0.41	0.58	0.64	0.70	-6.8%
	V7RT	*0.23*	*0.60*	*0.36*	*0.58*	*0.61*	*0.66*	*-5.5%*

Results are positive, but show considerable room for improvement

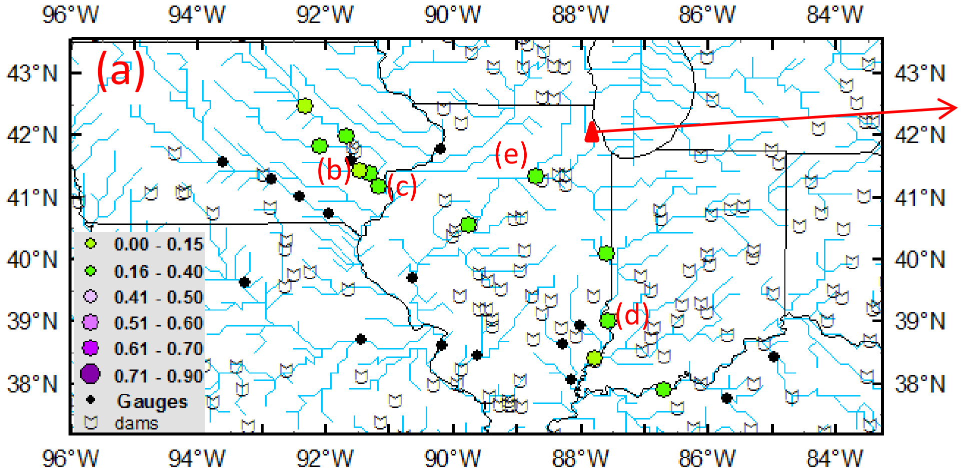
Tropics show better results than global, indicating problems in cool season, higher latitudes; research precipitation shows generally better results over real-time.

Tropics show lower bias with RT, indicating research procedure to reduce rain bias with rain gauges not working well in tropics where rain gauges are sparse

Evaluation of on-line events



41% (12) out of 29 gauges with daily NSC>0 with mean of 0.23



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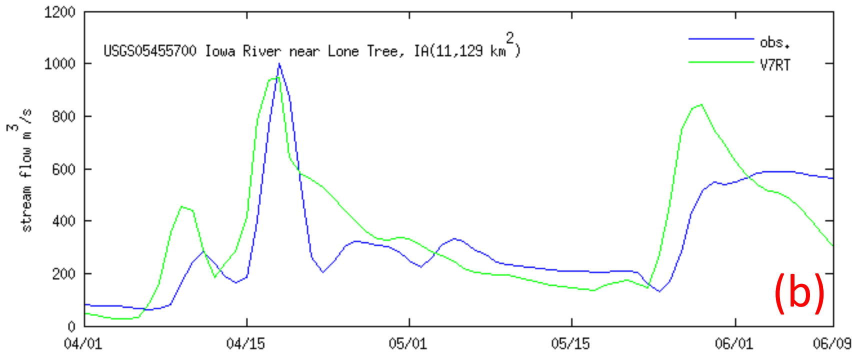
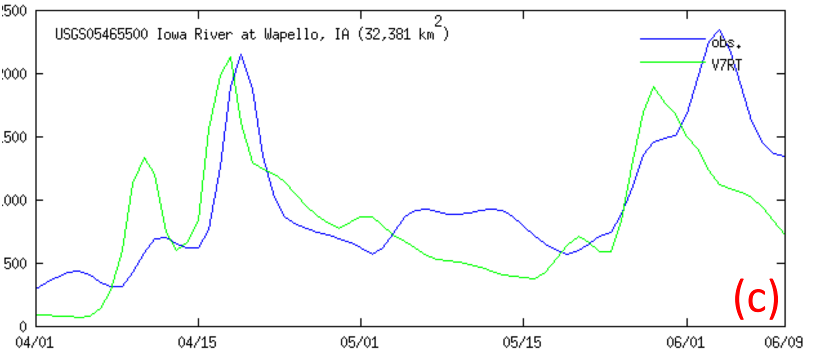
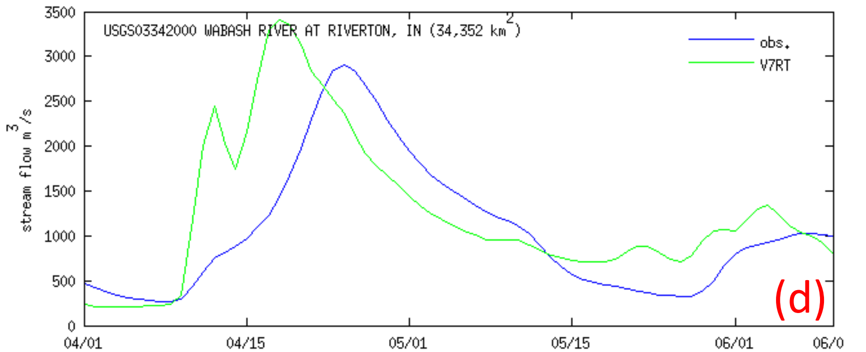
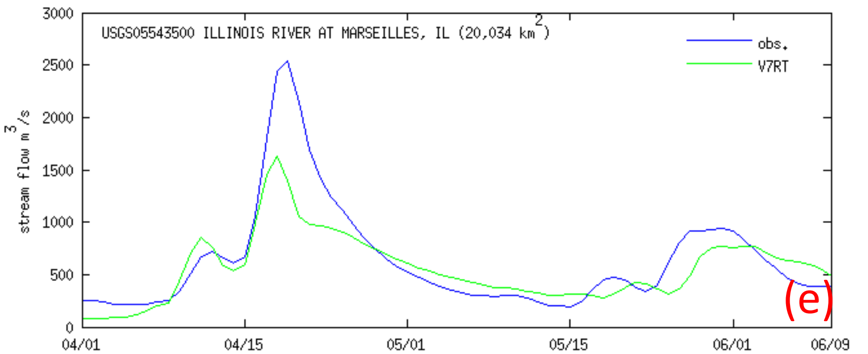


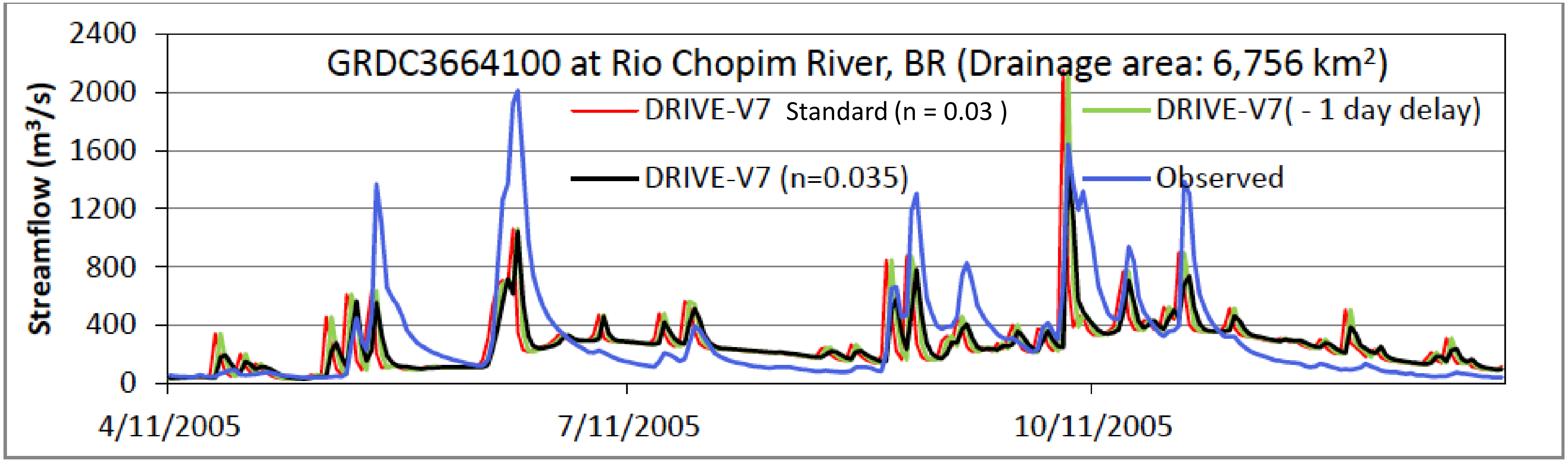






USGS WaterWatch program http://waterwatch.usgs.gov

Flood Wave Too Fast?

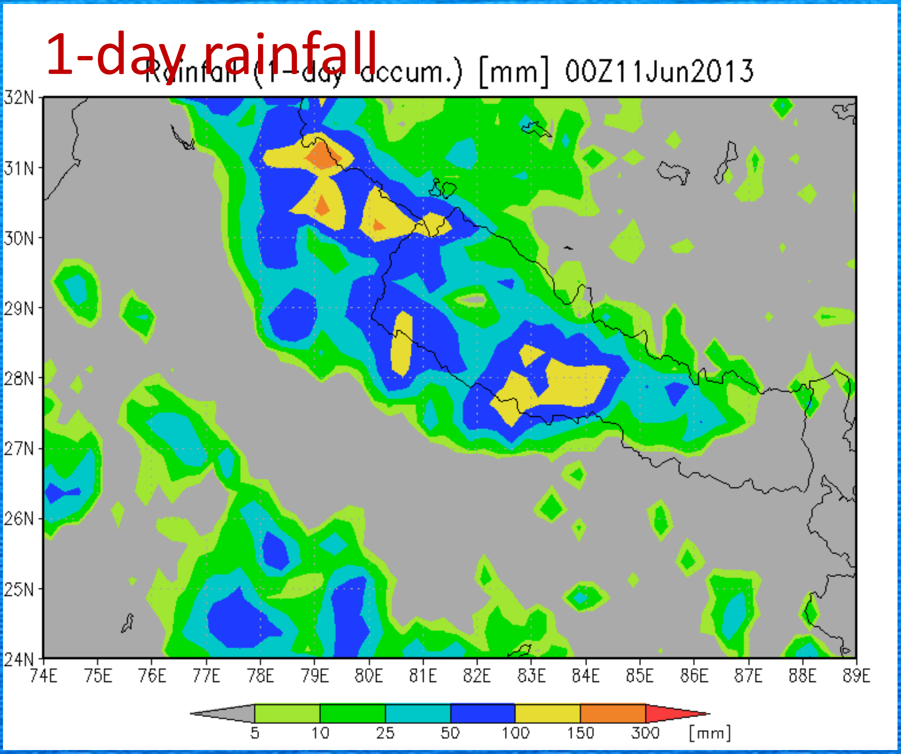


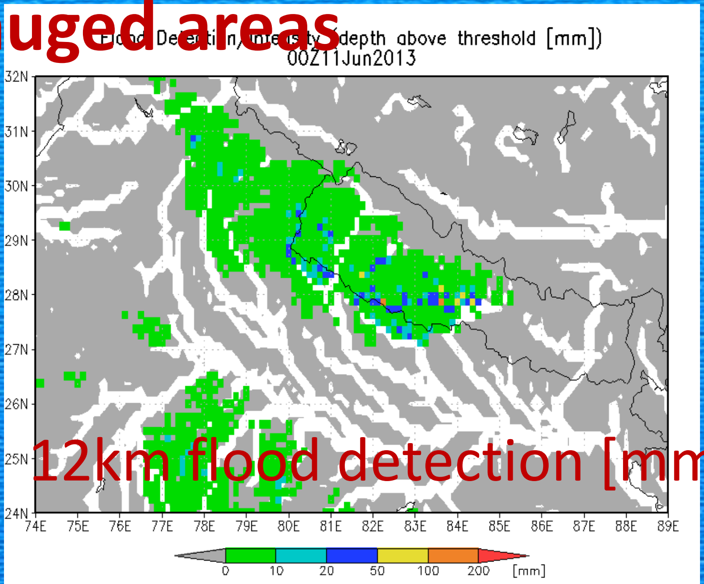
Experiment 1: Example hydrograph with 1 day lag gives better results. Larger rivers may have larger lag.

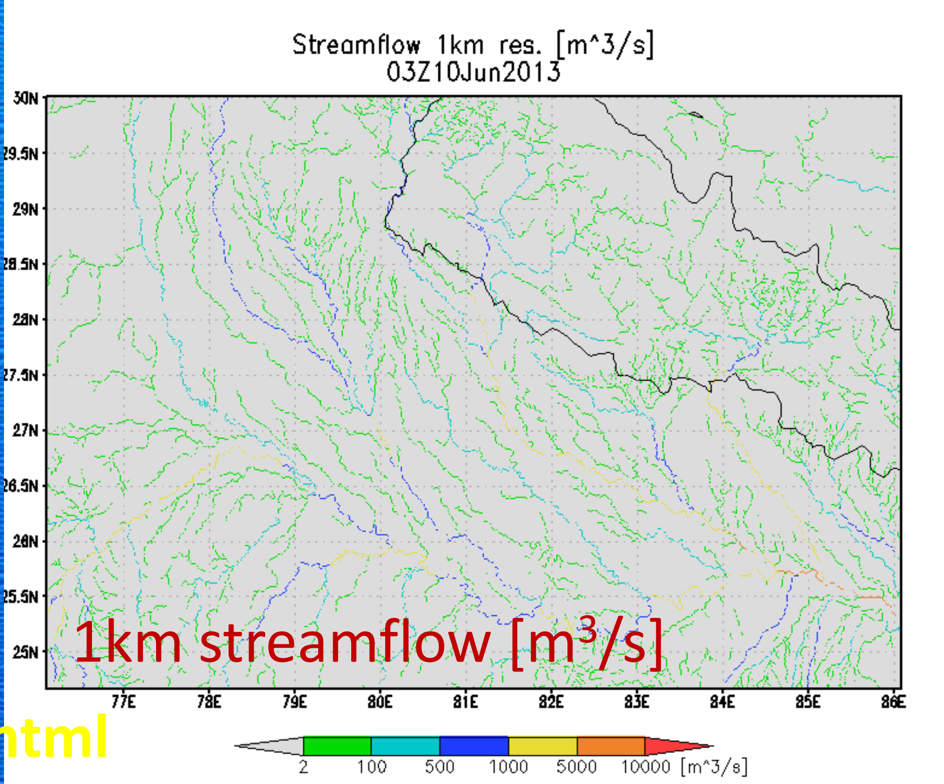
Experiment 2: Increase of Manning parameter (streambed roughness) to .035 (from .03) also provides better timing—in this one case.

Further model tuning and calibration will likely improve results.

Evaluation of on-line events in ungauged areas







"The last 10-day flood evolution, rainfall, and streamflow simulations (at 1km resolution)
for north India (north sub-basins of Ganges)
The flood during last week has been reported killing more than 130 people in this area."

http://flood.umd.edu/temp/share.html

- United States
- Italy
- Australia
- Poland
- China
- Spain
- Colombia
- Switzerland
- Philippines
- Thailand
- United Kingdom
- India
- Austria
- Germany
- Canada
- Russian Federation
- Indonesia
- France
- Sweden
- Malaysia
- Japan
- Brazil
- Uruguay
- Pakistan
- Korea, Republic Of
- Cameroon
- Chile
- Egypt
- Peru
- South Africa
- Kenya
- Argentina
- Venezuela
- Ethiopia
- Nicaragua
- Honduras
- Cambodia
- Greece
- Malawi
- Europe
- Iran, Islamic Republic Of
- Sudan
- Norway
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Visitor map in last two weeks

NASA Iowa Flood Center

IFloodS
Iowa Flood Studies

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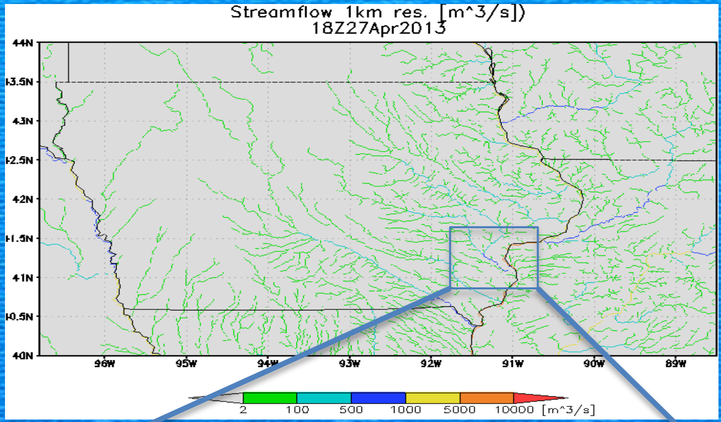

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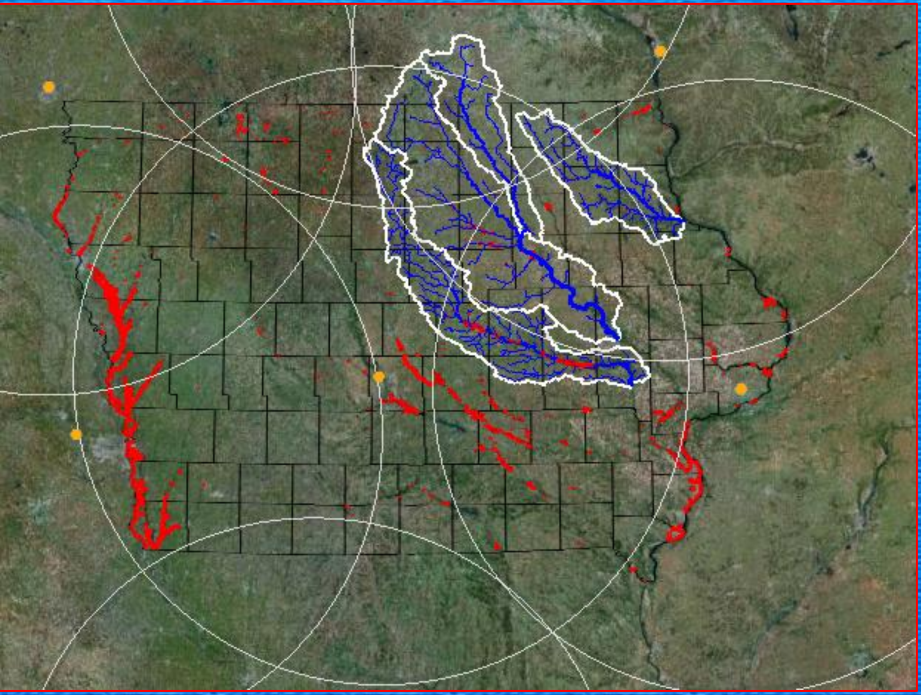

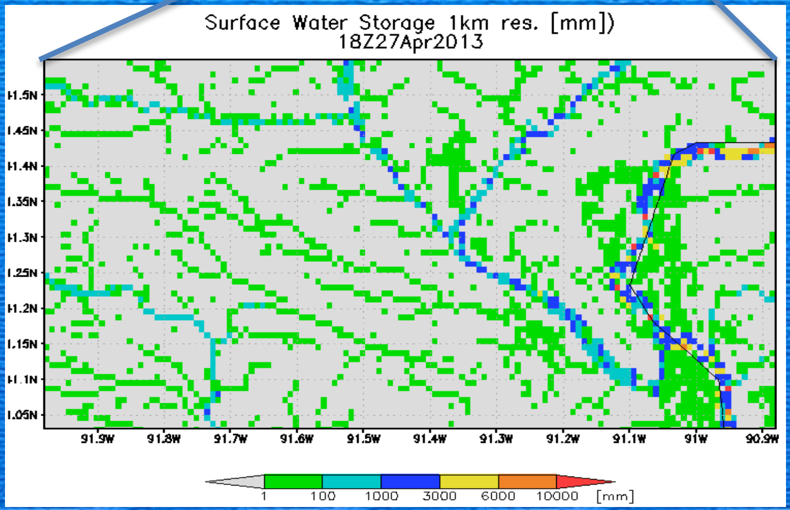

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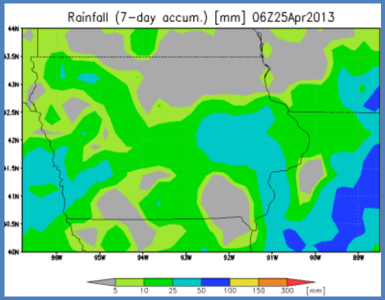

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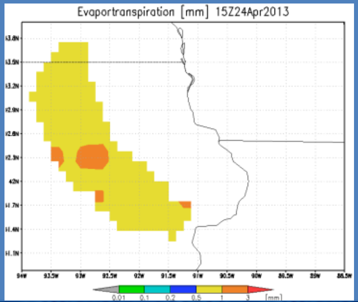
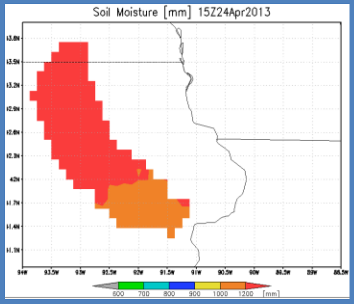


Soil moisture



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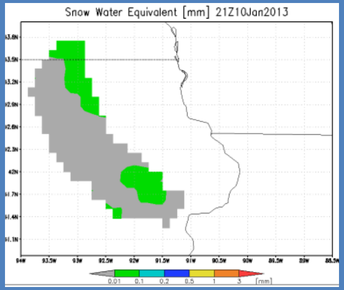
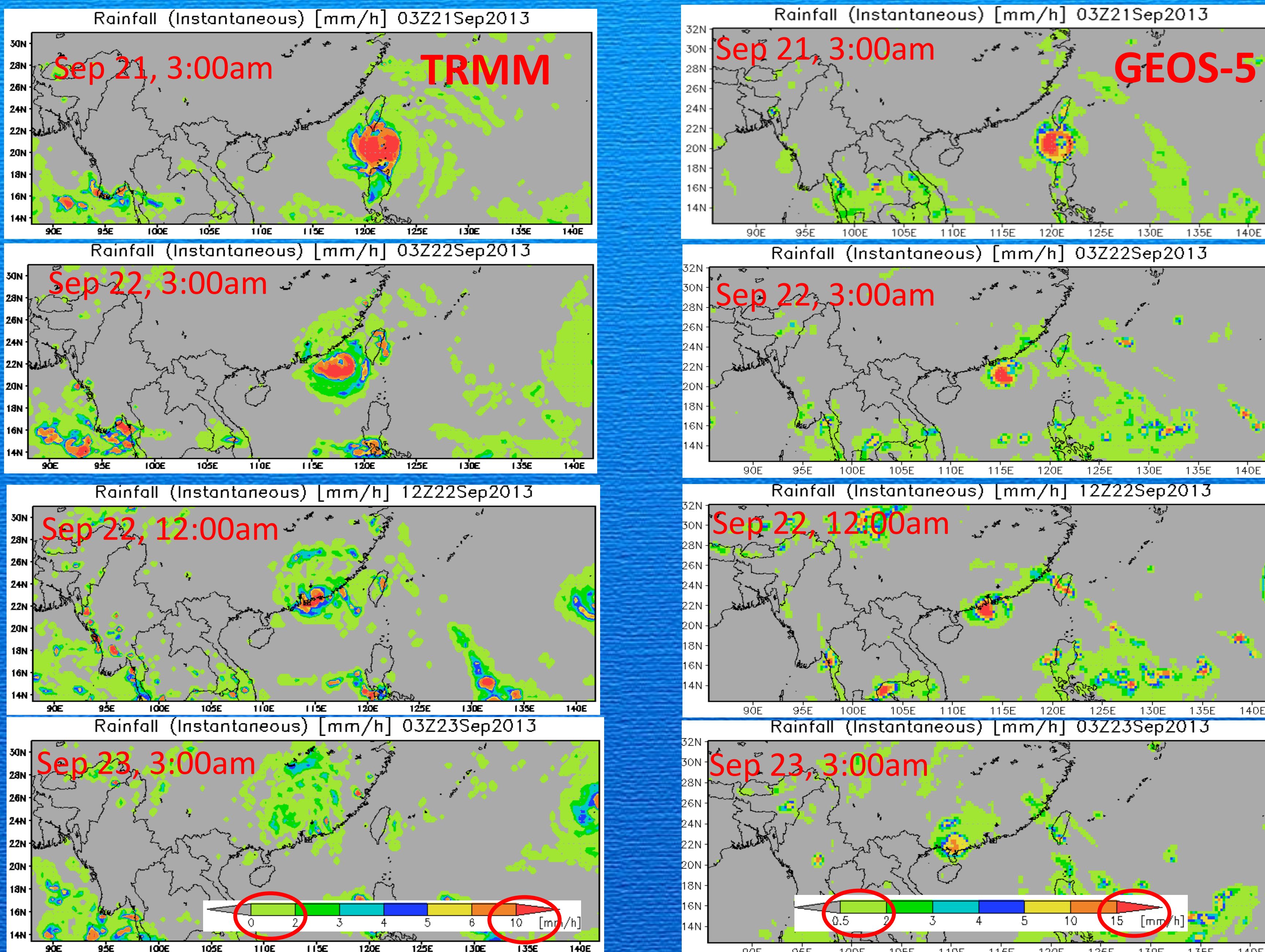


~5-day lead Flood Forecasting



Summary and Future

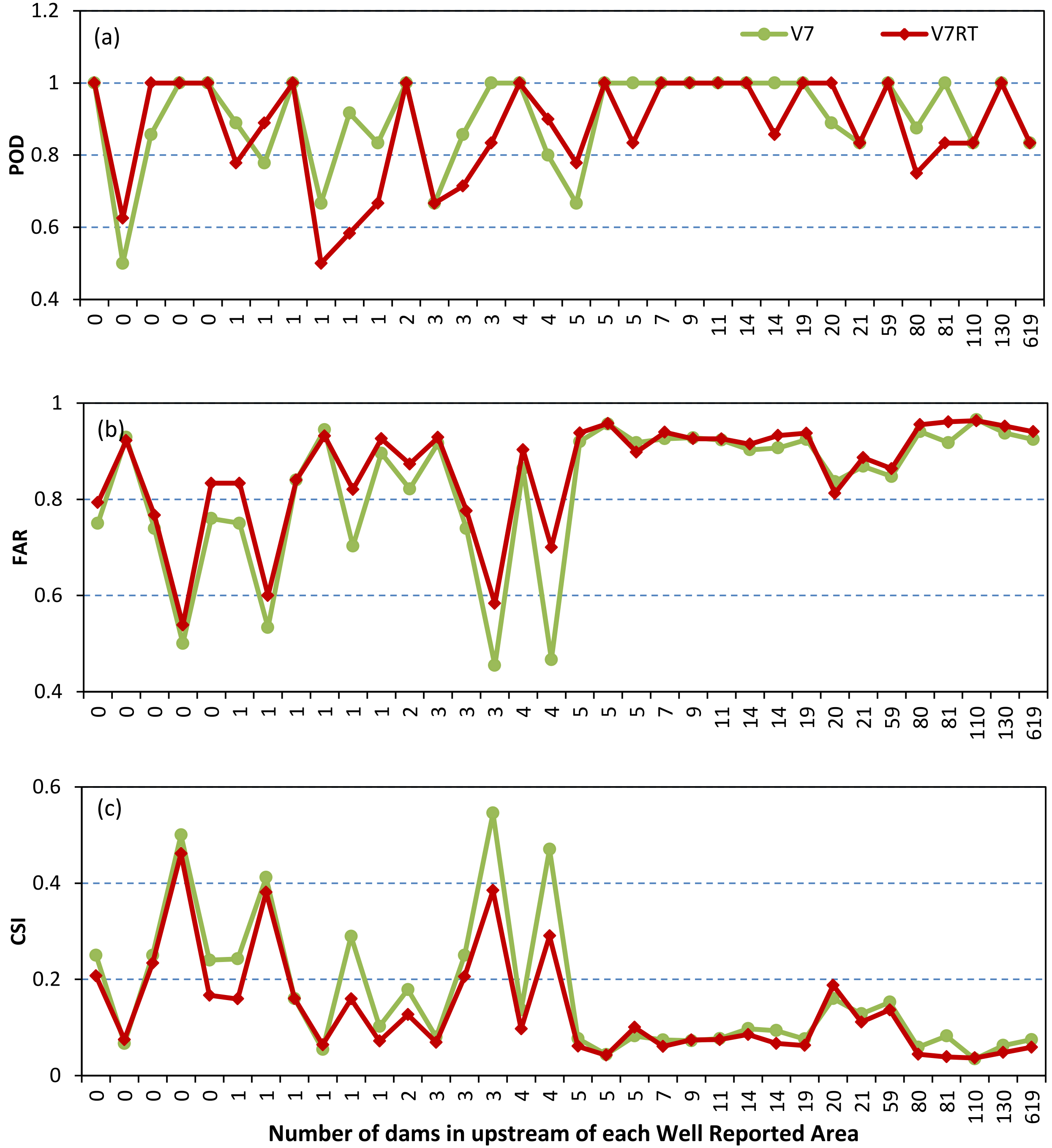
1. A new version of the Global Flood Monitoring System (GFMS) has been implemented for real-time application using the U. of Washington VIC community Land Surface Model and a new physically based DRTR routing model from the U. of Maryland for more accurate flood calculation and greater flexibility, including 1 km routing. The VIC/DRTR combination is called the Dominant river Routing Integrated with VIC Environment (DRIVE) system.

2. The evaluation of the DRIVE model shows promising performance in retrospective runs vs. observed streamflow records and in flood event detection against global flood event statistics. Results show impact of dams (higher FAR), potential improvement with improved accuracy of satellite precipitation and greater skill with longer floods.

3. High resolution (1 km) routing and water storage calculations will lead to high resolution inundation mapping for comparison with high resolution visible and SAR imagery of floods.

4. For the future we will also:
   - be implementing a "dam module" to try to include the impact of man-made structures on the calculations
   - be implementing the use of forecast precipitation info. from numerical models (adjusted by the satellite estimates) to extend the calculations a few days into the future

Thanks!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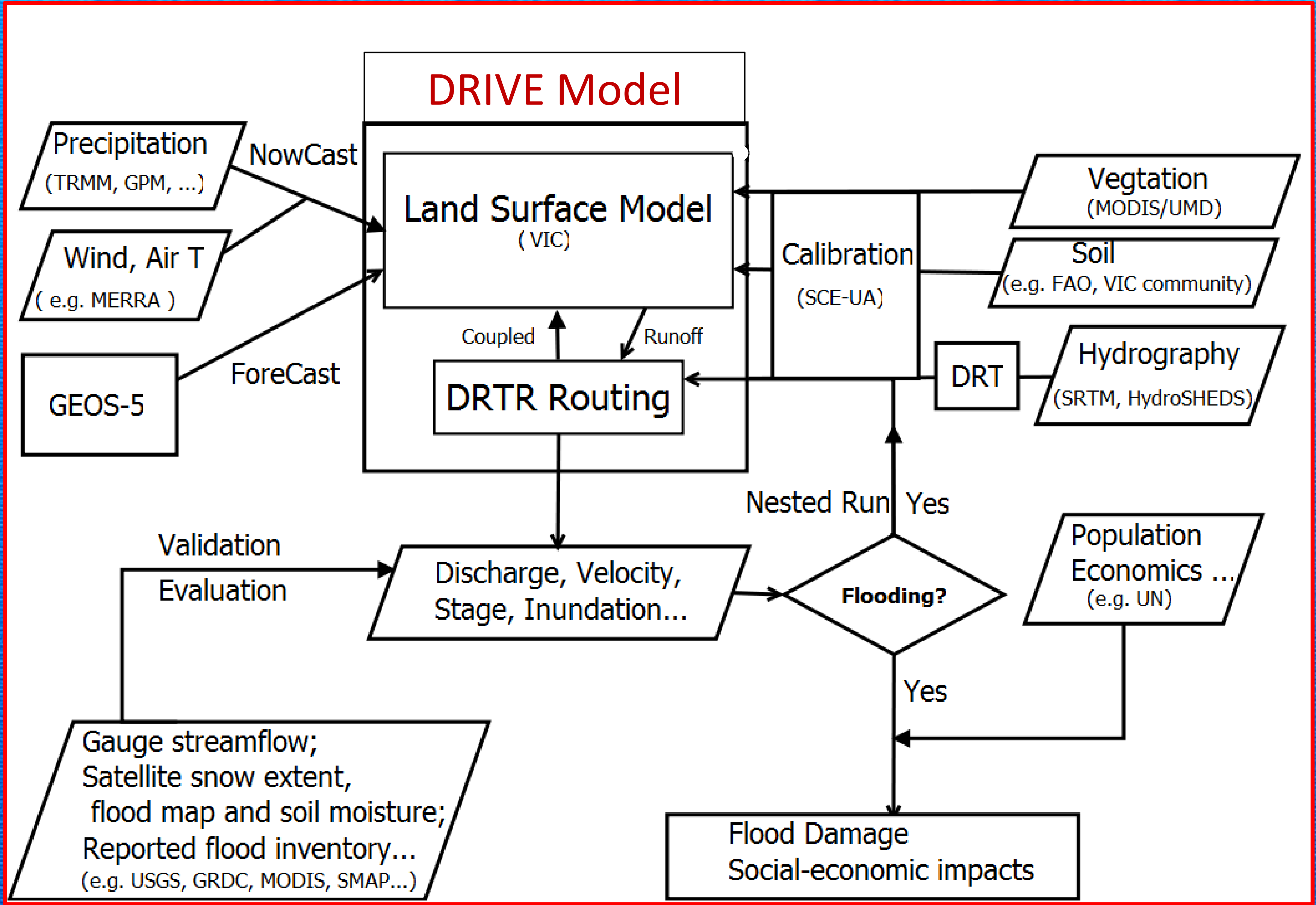
Number of dams in upstream of each Well Reported Area


DRIVE Model
Precipitation
(TRMM, GPM, ...)
NowCast
Wind, Air T
(e.g. MERRA)
GEOS-5
ForeCast
Land Surface Model
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Coupled
Runoff
DRTR Routing
Calibration
(SCE-UA)
Vegtation
(MODIS/UMD)
Soil
(e.g. FAO, VIC community)
DRT
Hydrography
(SRTM, HydroSHEDS)
Nested Run
Yes
Validation
Evaluation
Discharge, Velocity,
Stage, Inundation...
Flooding?
Population
Economics ...
(e.g. UN)
Yes
Gauge streamflow;
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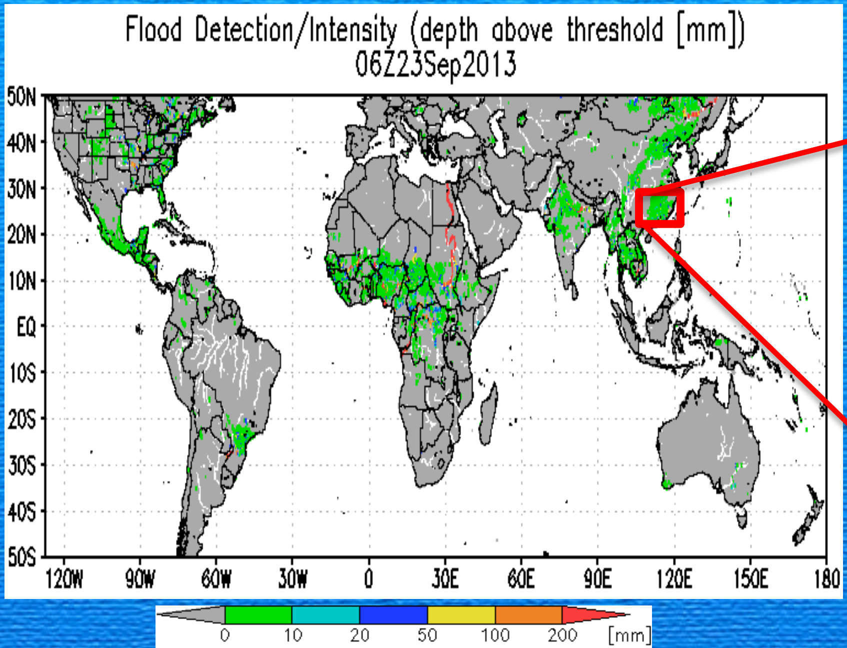
Flood Damage
Social-economic impacts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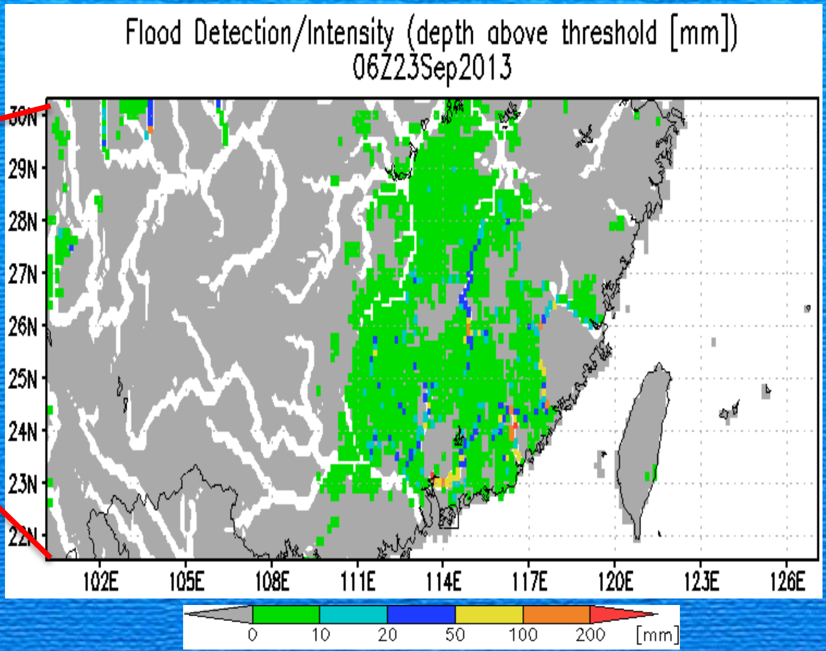
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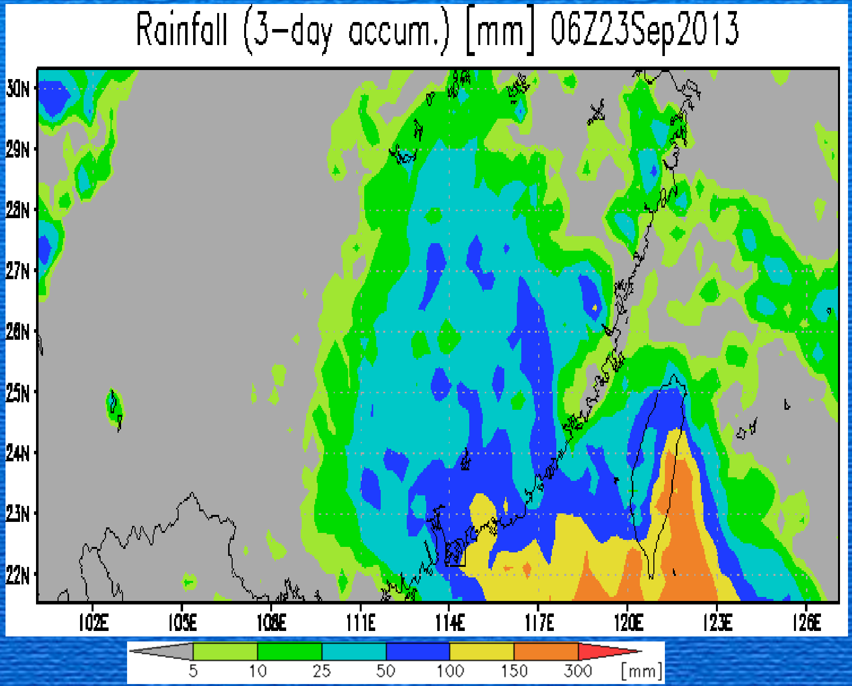
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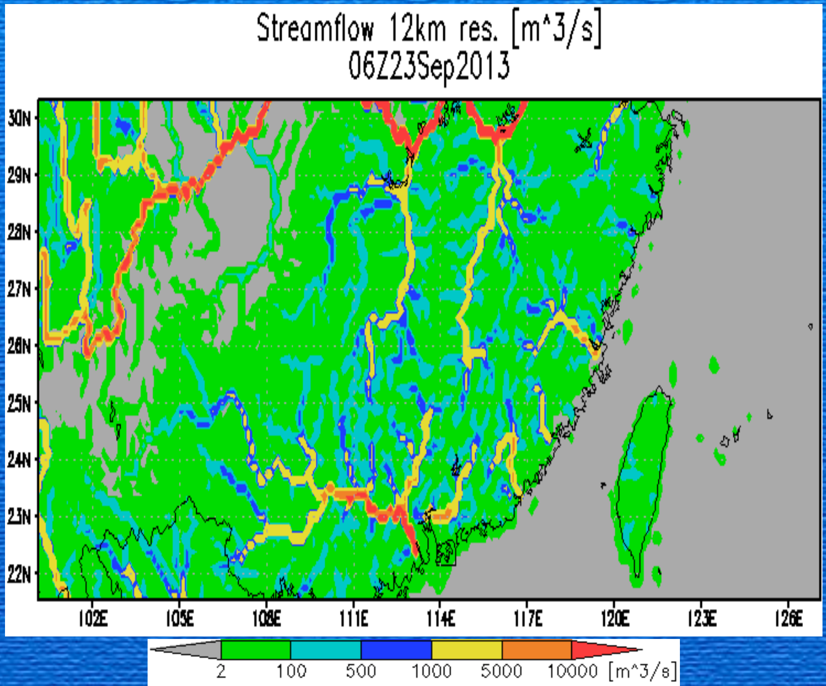
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