

Managing Hydrologic Data, Observations and Terrain Analysis

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Outline

- The CUAHSI Hydrologic Information System



<http://his.cuahsi.org/>

- Terrain Analysis Using Digital Elevation Models



<http://hydrology.usu.edu/taudem>

Hydrologic Data Challenges

- From dispersed federal agencies
- From investigators collected for different purposes
- Different formats
 - Points
 - Lines
 - Polygons
 - Fields

Data Heterogeneity

Water quality



Water quantity



Rainfall and
Meteorology



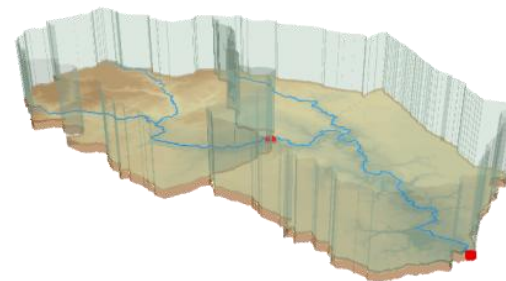
Soil water



Groundwater



GIS



The way that data is organized can enhance or inhibit the analysis that can be done

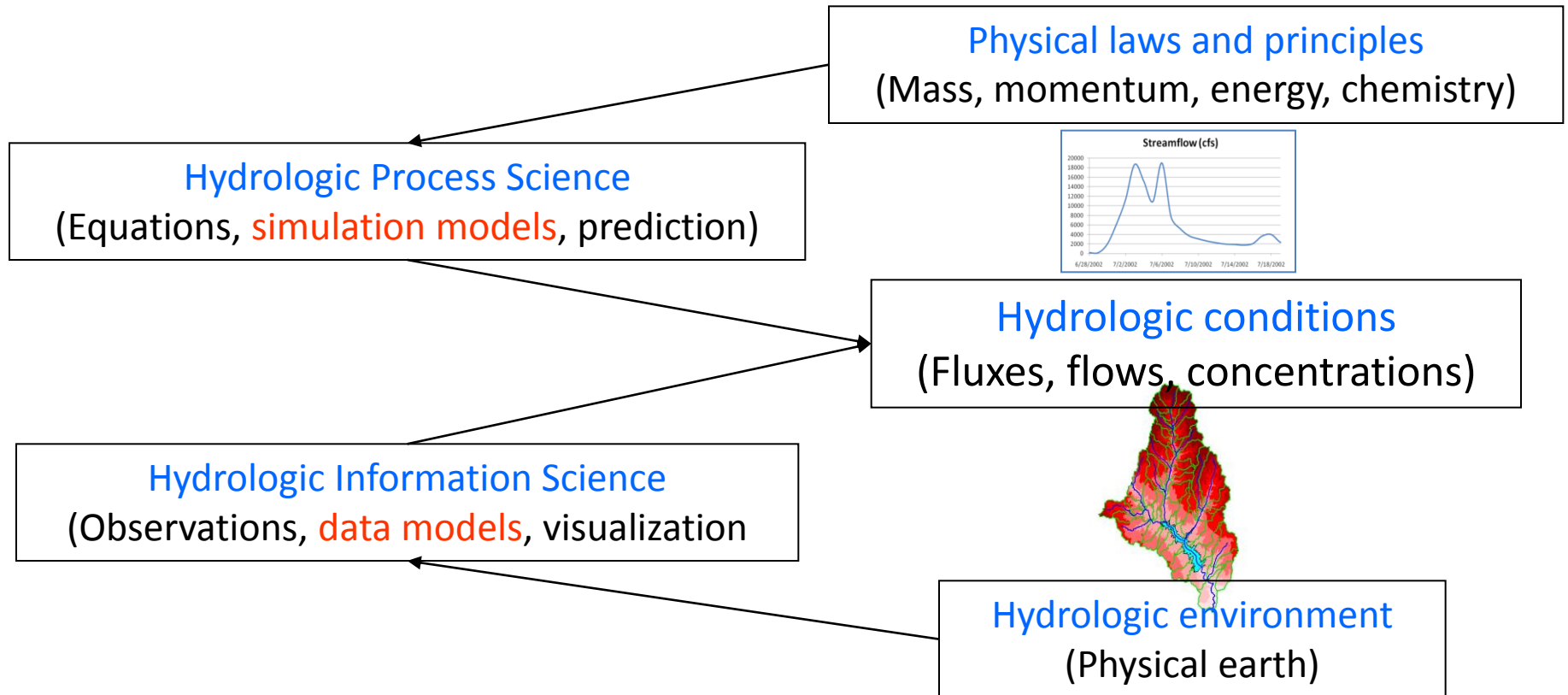


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right here ...

Picture from: <http://initsspace.com/>

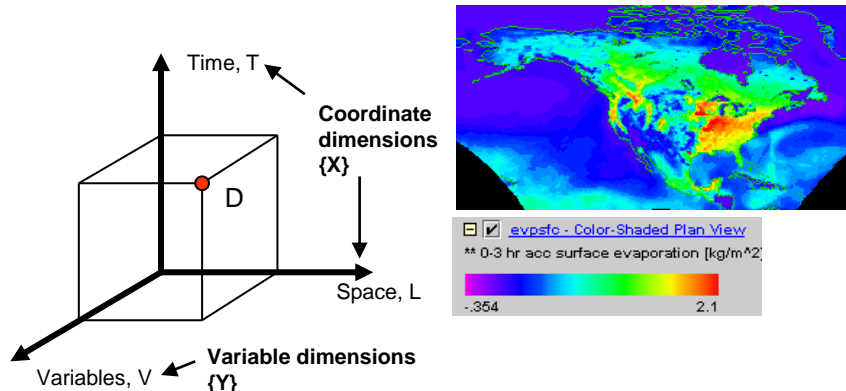
Hydrologic Science

*It is as important to represent **hydrologic environments** precisely with data as it is to represent **hydrologic processes** with equations*

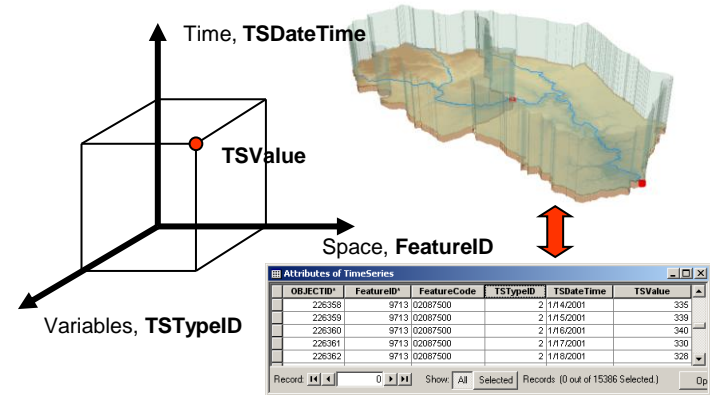


Data models capture the complexity of natural systems

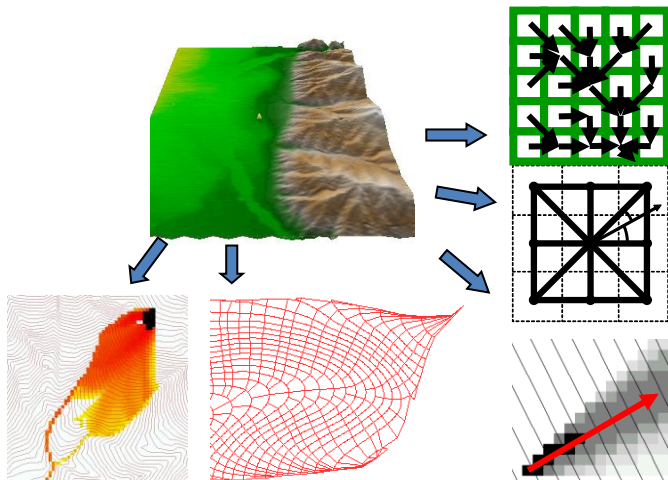
NetCDF (Unidata) - A model for Continuous Space-Time data



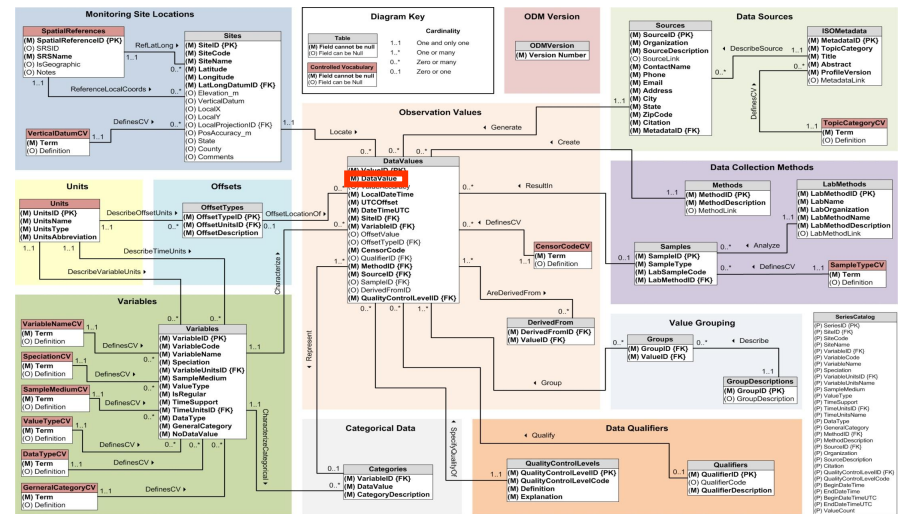
ArcHydro – A model for Discrete Space-Time Data



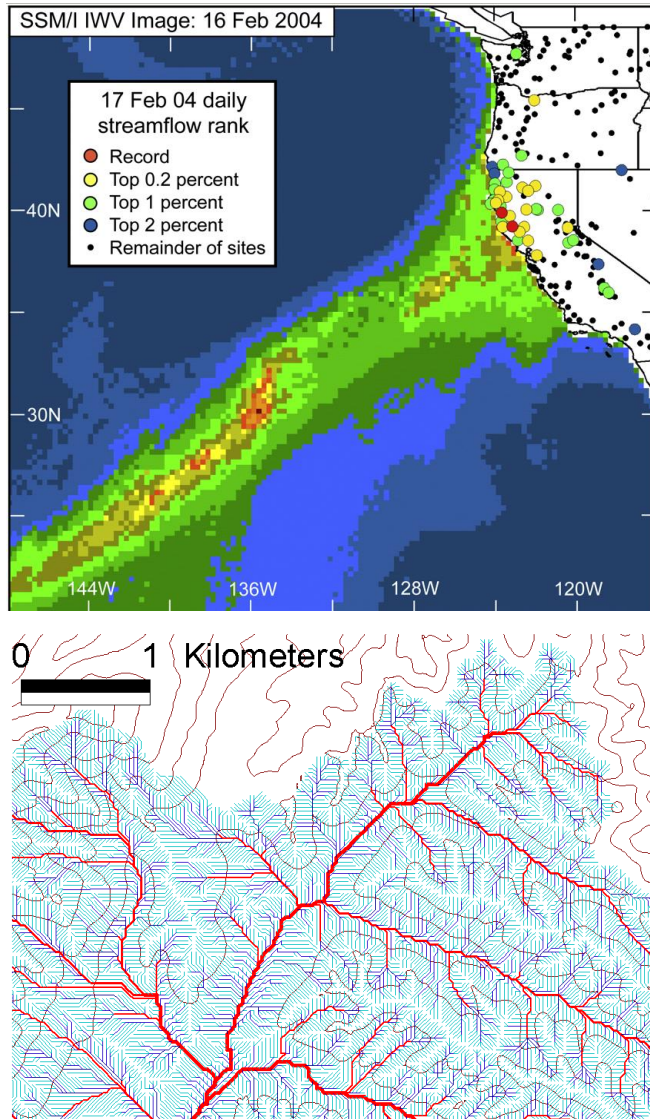
Terrain Flow Data Model used to enrich the information content of a digital elevation model



CUAHSI Observations Data Model: What are the basic attributes to be associated with each single data value and how can these best be organized?



Data intensive science synthesizes large quantities of information (Hey et al., 2009).

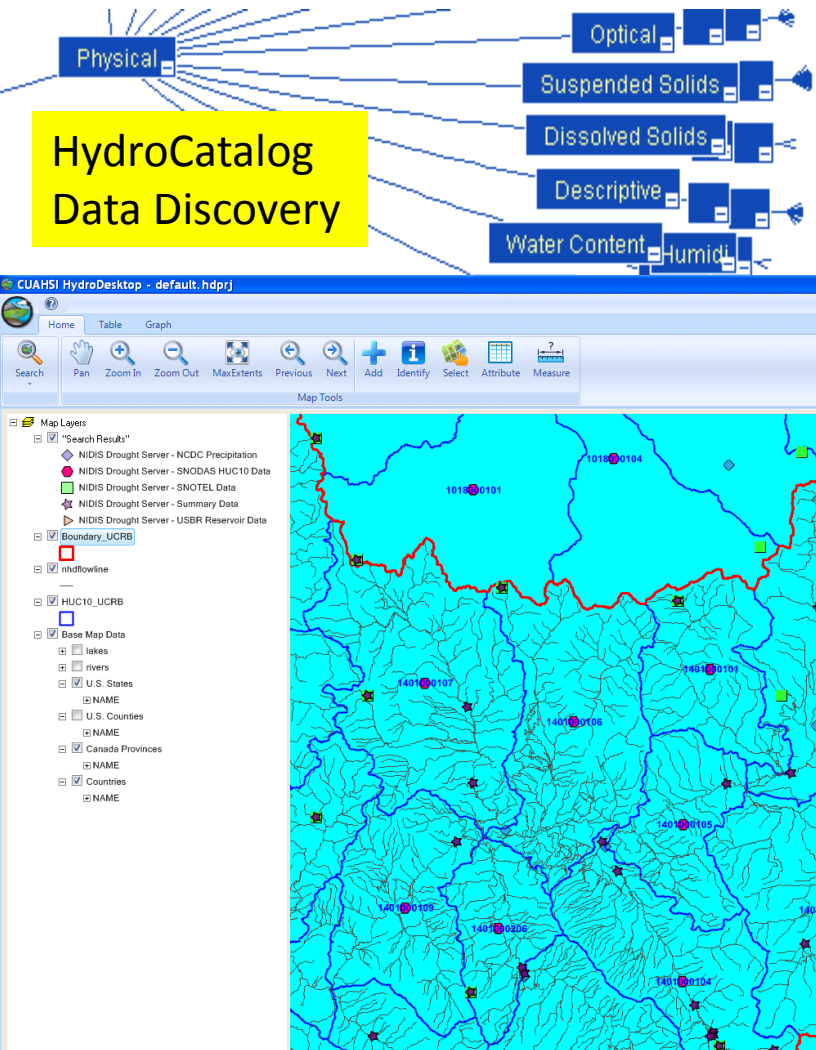


- exploiting advanced computational capability for the **analysis** and **integration** of large new datasets to elucidate complex and emergent behavior
- In hydrology, the image at left (Ralph et al., 2006) illustrates **connection between extreme floods** recorded in USGS stream gages and **atmospheric water vapor** from space based sensors
- Satellite remote sensing and massive datasets enhance understanding of multi-scale complexity in processes such as rainfall and river networks

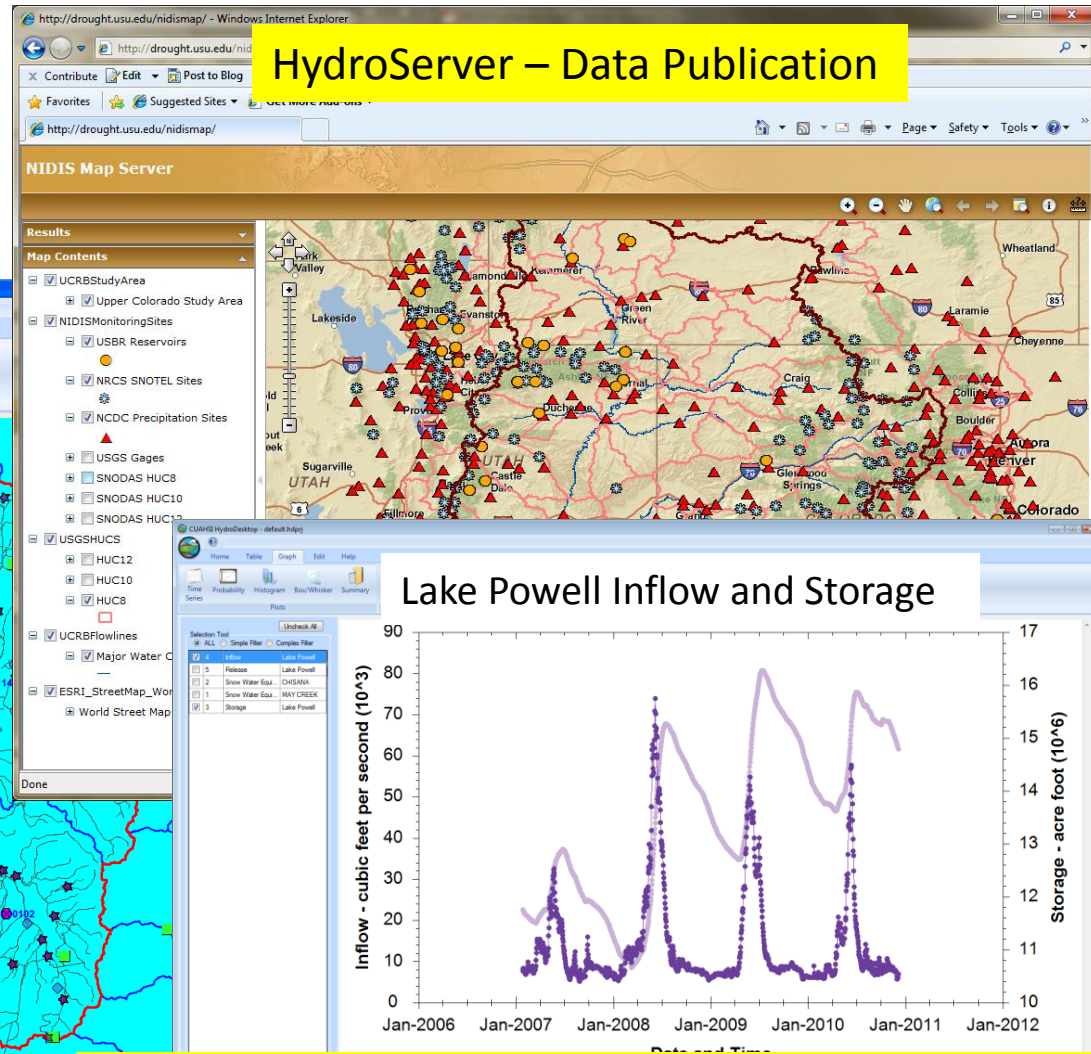
CUAHSI HIS

The CUAHSI Hydrologic Information System (HIS) is an internet based system to support the sharing of hydrologic data. It is comprised of hydrologic databases and servers connected through web services as well as software for data publication, discovery and access.

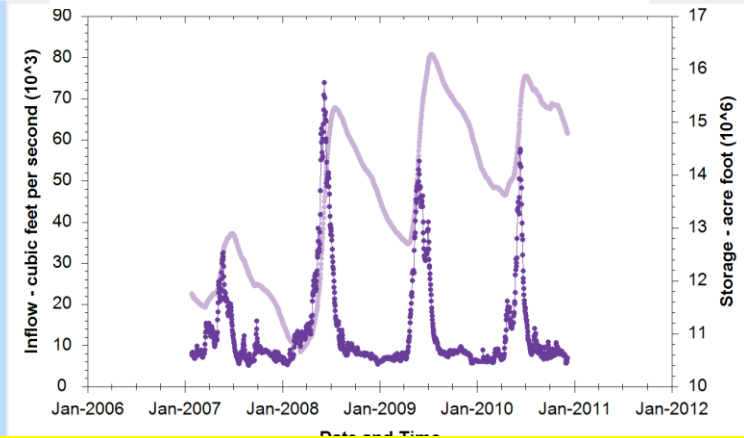
HydroCatalog
Data Discovery



HydroServer – Data Publication



Lake Powell Inflow and Storage



HydroDesktop – Data Access and Analysis

HydroDesktop – Combining multiple data sources

The CUAHSI Community Hydrologic Information System

- [University of Texas at Austin](#) – David Maidment, Tim Whiteaker, James Seppi, Fernando Salas, Jingqi Dong, Harish Sangireddy
- [San Diego Supercomputer Center](#) – Ilya Zaslavsky, David Valentine, Tom Whitenack, Matt Rodriguez
- [Utah State University](#) – Jeff Horsburgh, Kim Schreuders, Stephanie Reeder, Edward Wai Tsui, Ravichand Vegiraju, Ketan Patil
- [University of South Carolina](#) – Jon Goodall, Anthony Castronova
- [Idaho State University](#) – Dan Ames, Ted Dunsford, Jiří Kadlec, Yang Cao, Dinesh Grover
- [Drexel University/CUNY](#) – Michael Piasecki
- [WATERS Network](#) – Testbed Data Managers
- [CUAHSI Program Office](#) – Rick Hooper, Yoori Choi, Conrad Matiuk
- [ESRI](#) – Dean Djokic, Zichuan Ye



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HIS

Sharing hydrologic data

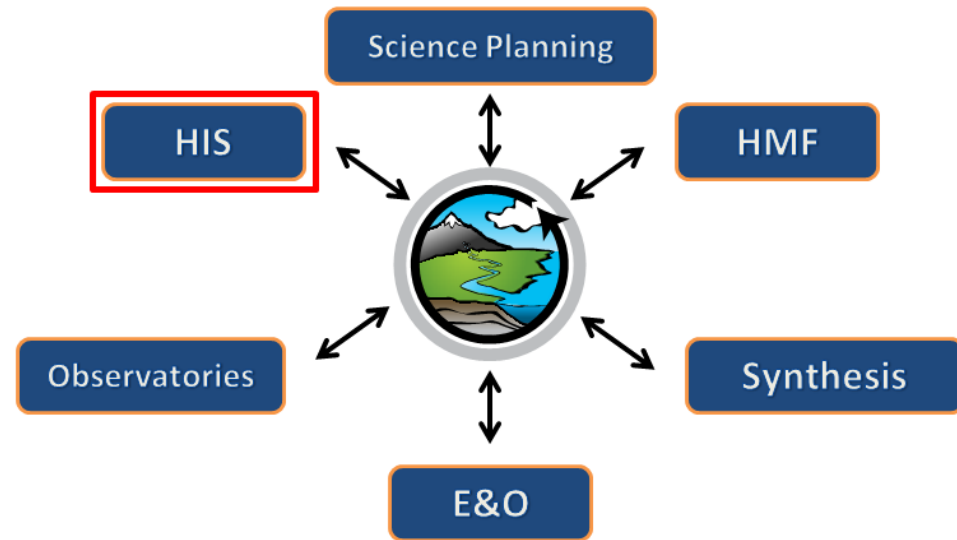
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What is CUAHSI?

Consortium of Universities for the Advancement of Hydrologic Science, Inc.

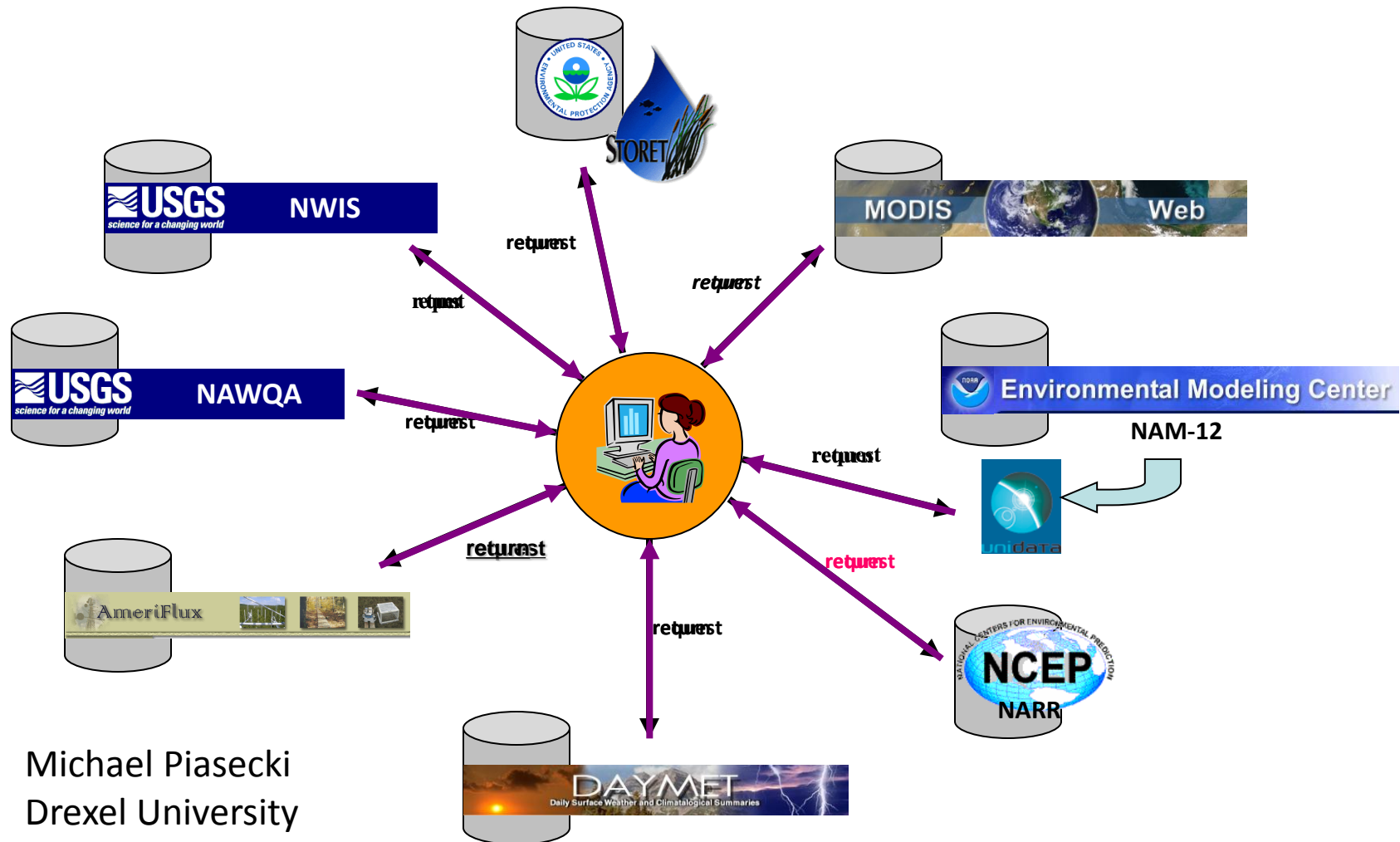


- 110 US University members
- 6 affiliate members
- 12 International affiliate members
(as of March 2009)

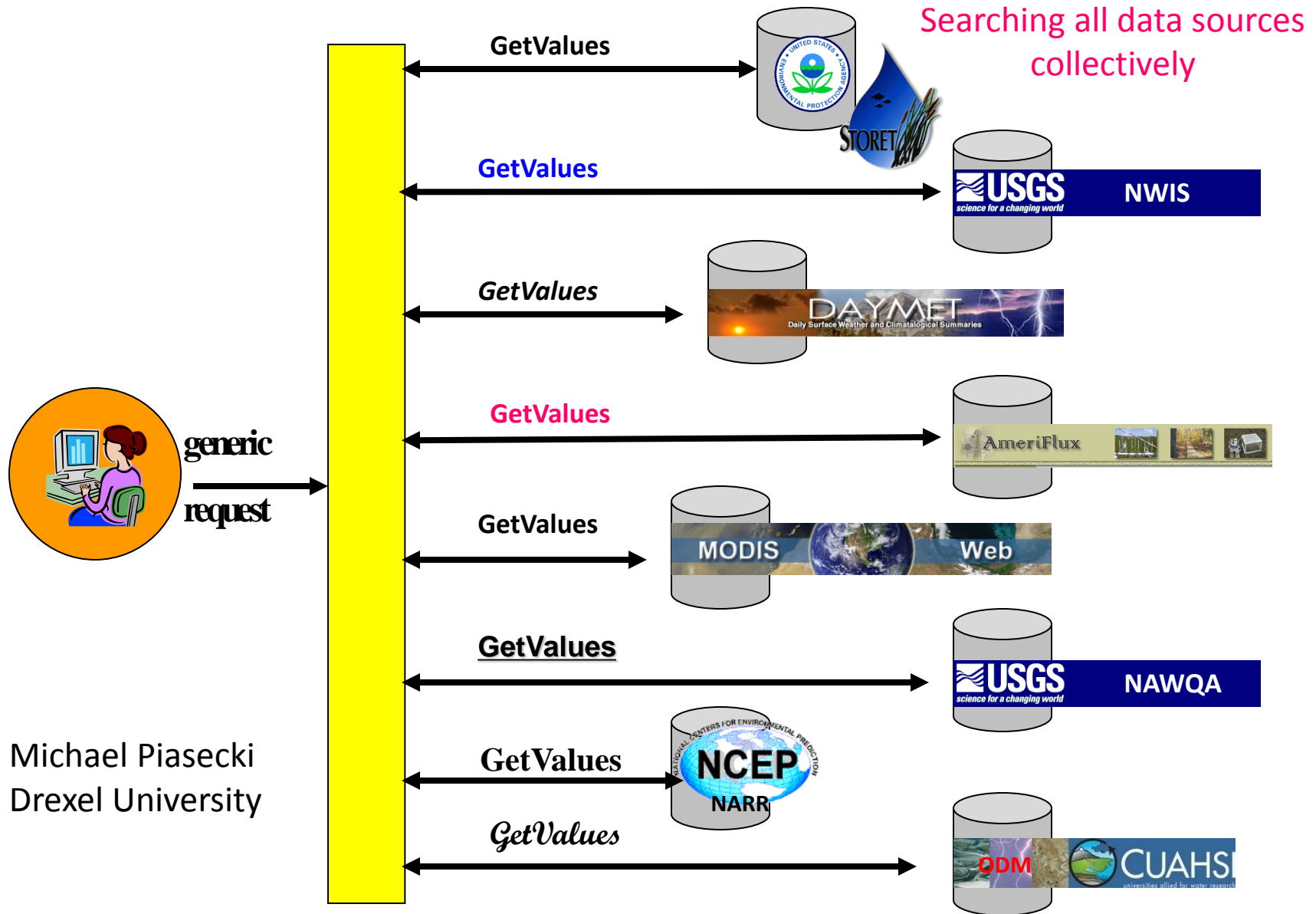
Infrastructure and services for the advancement of hydrologic science and education in the U.S.

Data Searching – What we used to have to do

Searching each data source separately



What HIS enables



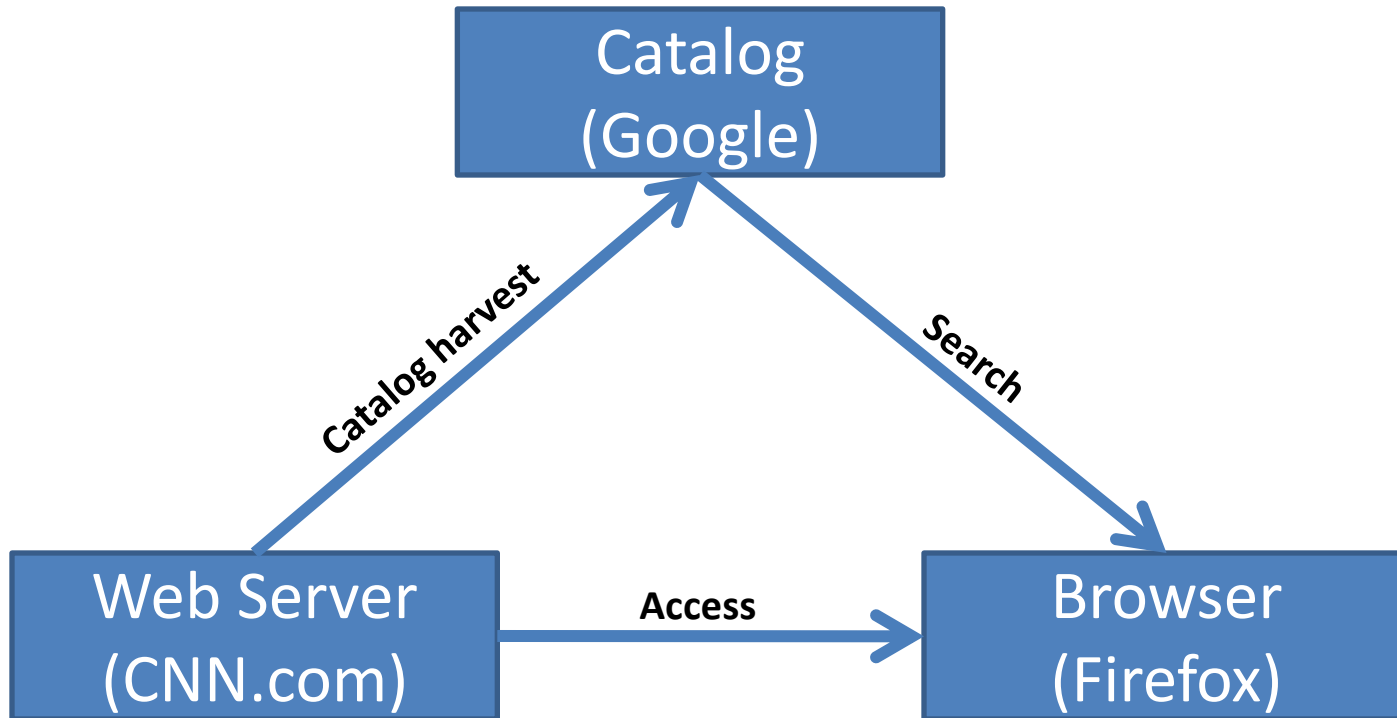
Finding Water Data with CUAHSI-HIS

Tim Whiteaker, Ph.D.
Research Associate
The University of Texas at Austin

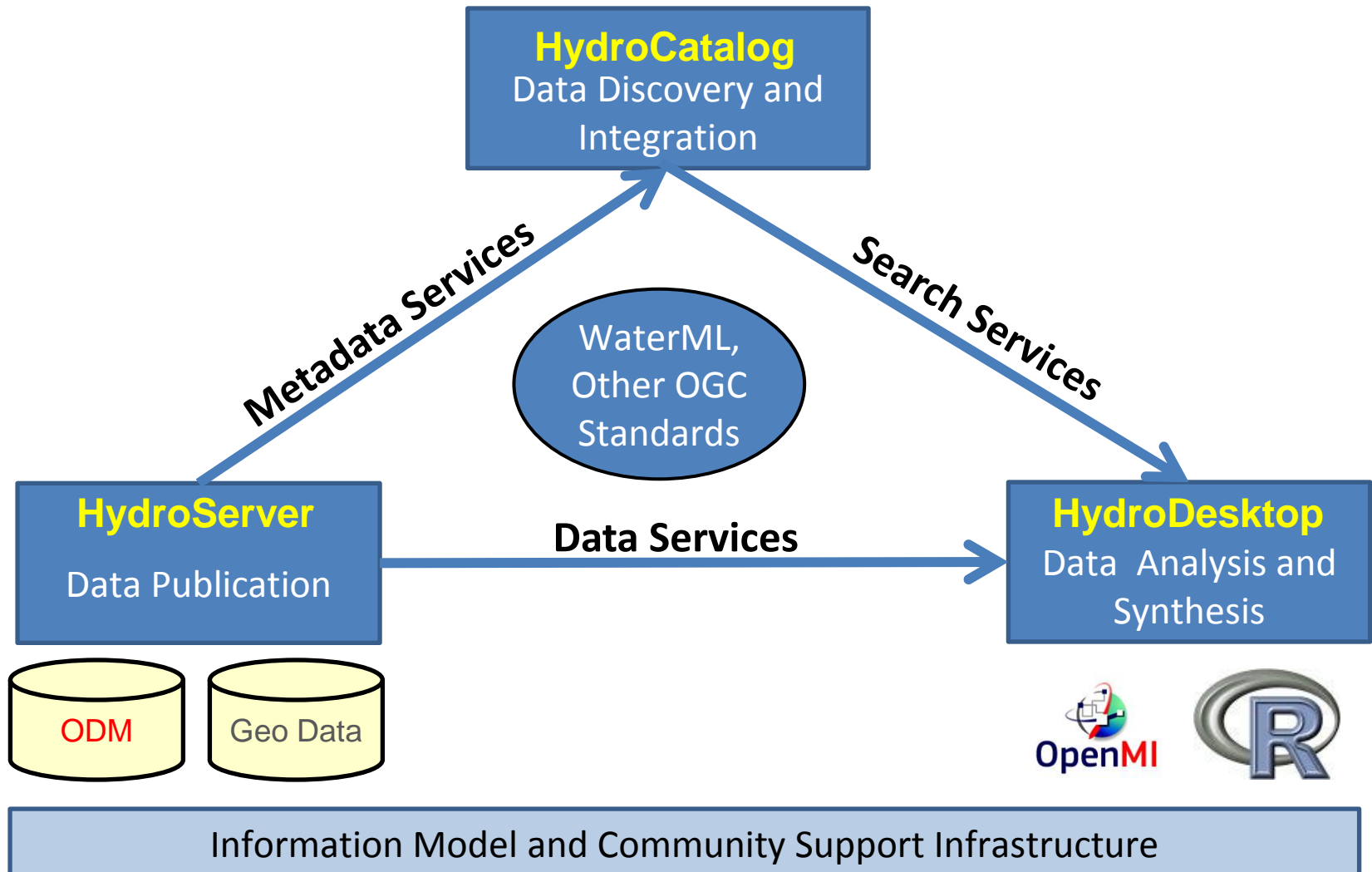


<http://his.cuahsi.org/movies/JacobsWellSpring/JacobsWellSpring.html>

Web Paradigm



CUAHSI Hydrologic Information System Services-Oriented Architecture



What are the basic attributes to be associated with each single data value and how can these best be organized?

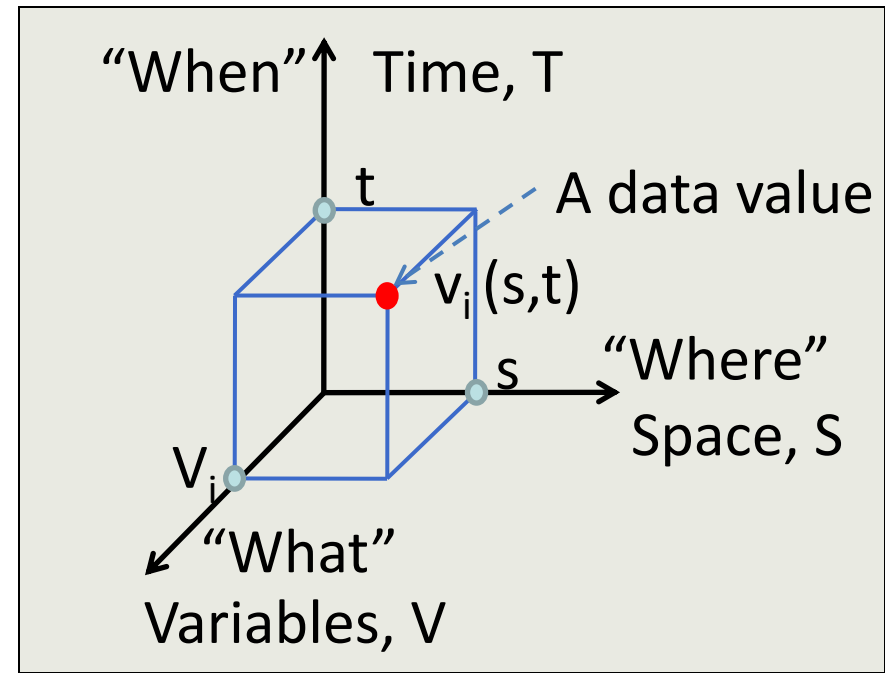
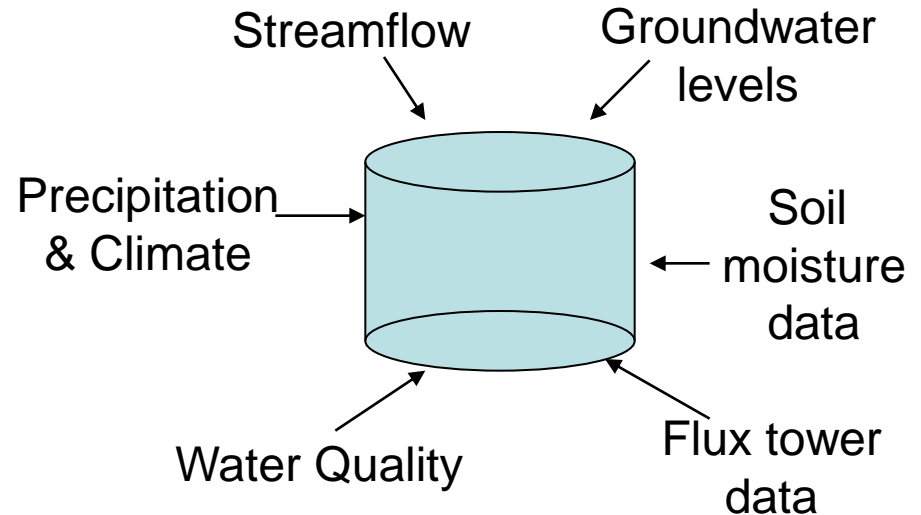
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Variable
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Units
Interval (support)
Accuracy

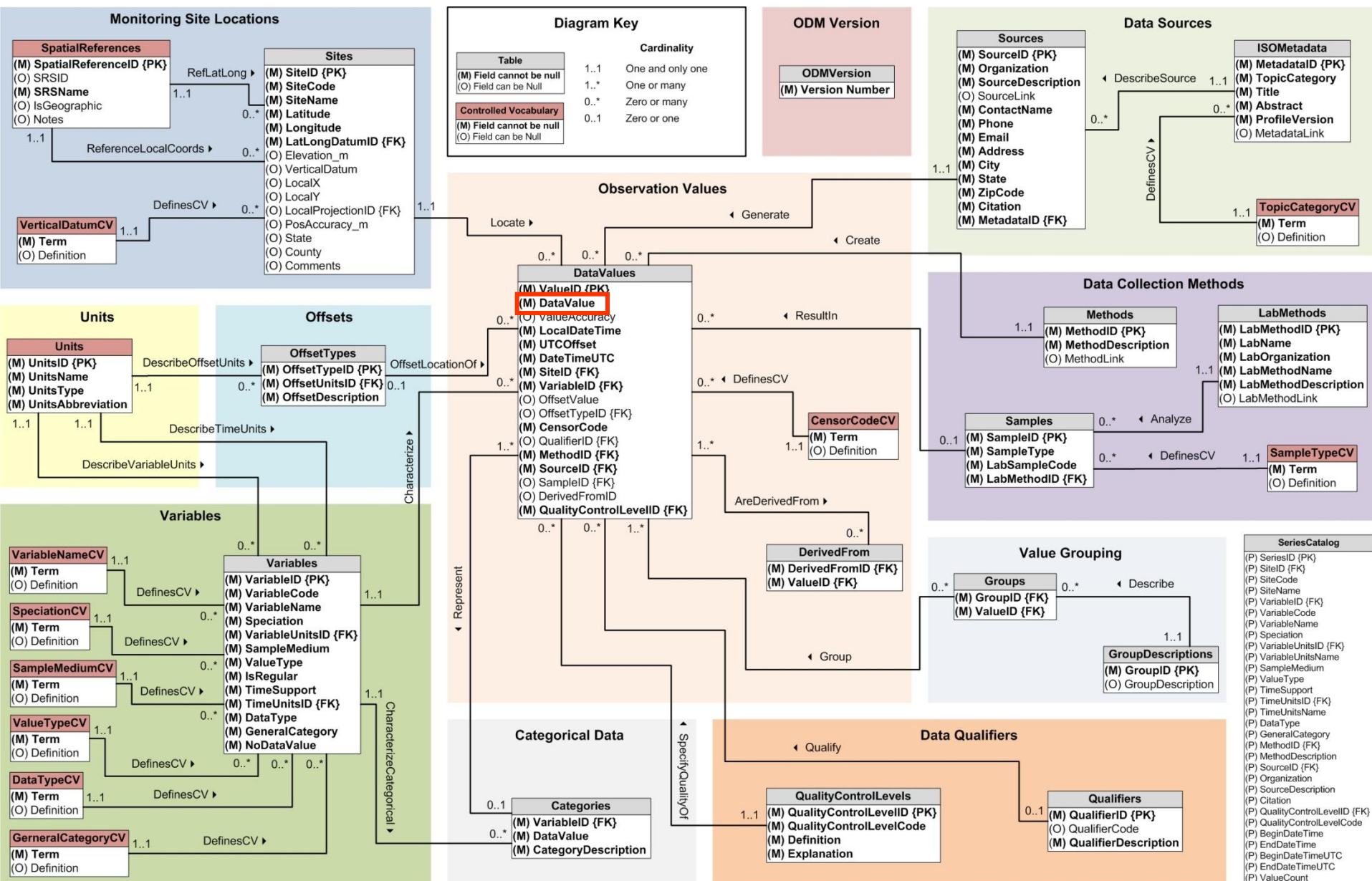
Offset
OffsetType/ Reference Point
Source/Organization
Censoring
Data Qualifying Comments

Method
Quality Control Level
Sample Medium
Value Type
Data Type

CUAHSI Observations Data Model

- A **relational database** at the single observation level (atomic model)
- Stores **observation data** made at points
- Metadata for **unambiguous interpretation**
- Traceable heritage from **raw** measurements to **usable** information
- **Standard format** for data sharing
- **Cross dimension** retrieval and analysis





Stage and Streamflow Example

The diagram illustrates the relationship between four data tables in a hydrological database, showing how raw data is processed into derived streamflow measurements.

DataValues : Table

ValueID	DataValue	ValueAccuracy	LocalDateTime	UTCOffset	SiteID	VariableID	MethodID	DerivedFromID
1	4.18		05/01/2006 0:00:00.000	-7	1	1	1	
97	748		05/01/2006 0:00:00.000	-7	1	2	2	1
193	722	22.89831642	05/01/2006 0:00:00.000	-7	1	8	3	100
2	4.18		05/01/2006 0:15:00.000	-7	1	1	1	
98	748		05/01/2006 0:15:00.000	-7	1	2	2	2
3	4.17		05/01/2006 0:30:00.000	-7	1	1	1	
99	742		05/01/2006 0:30:00.000	-7	1	2	2	3
4	4.17		05/01/2006 0:45:00.000	-7	1	1	1	
100	742		05/01/2006 0:45:00.000	-7	1	2	2	4
5	4.17		05/01/2006 1:00:00.000	-7	1	1	1	
101	742		05/01/2006 1:00:00.000	-7	1	2	2	5
6	4.17		05/01/2006 1:15:00.000	-7	1	1	1	
102	742		05/01/2006 1:15:00.000	-7	1	2	2	6

DerivedFrom : Table

DerivedFromID	ValueID
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
11	11
12	12
13	13
14	14
15	15
16	16
17	17

Variables : Table

VariableID	VariableCode	VariableName	VariableUnitsID	SampleMedium	ValueType	IsRegular	TimeSupport	TimeUnitsID	DataType	GeneralCategory	NoDataValue
1	00065	Gage height	1	Water	Field Observation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15	5	Continuous	Hydrologic	-9999
2	00060	Discharge	2	Water	Derived Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15	5	Continuous	Hydrologic	-9999
3	00060	Discharge, daily average	2	Water	Derived Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	24	6	Average	Hydrologic	-9999
4	00300	Dissolved oxygen concentration	3	Water	Field Observation	<input type="checkbox"/>	0		Instantaneous	Water Quality	-9999

Units : Table

UnitsID	UnitsName	UnitsType	UnitsAbbreviation
1	Feet	Length	ft
2	Cubic feet per second	Flow	ft ³ /s
3	Milligrams per liter	Concentration	mg/L
4	Meters	Length	m
5	Minutes	Time	min
6	Hours	Time	hr

Methods : Table

MethodID	MethodDescription
1	Gage height measured with continuous data logger
2	Discharge derived from water stage using site specific rating curve
3	Daily average discharge derived from 15 minute continuous discharge values
4	Dissolved oxygen measured with a Hydrolab multiprobe field instrument

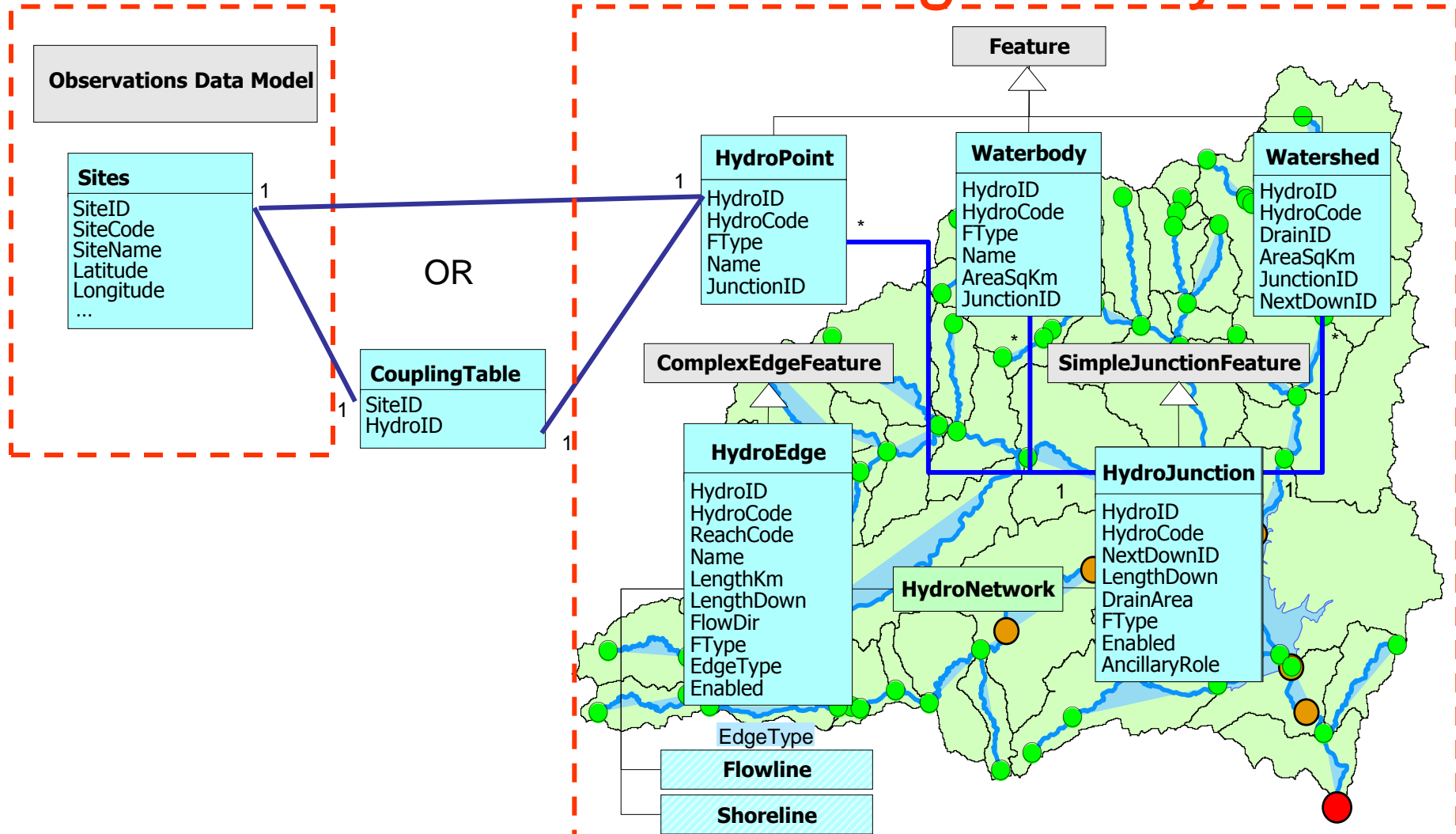
Relationships:

- Orange line:** Connects ValueID 1 in DataValues to DerivedFromID 1 in DerivedFrom.
- Red line:** Connects DerivedFromID 1 in DerivedFrom to ValueID 1 in DataValues.
- Blue line:** Connects VariableID 2 in DataValues to VariableID 2 in Variables.
- Green line:** Connects MethodID 2 in DataValues to MethodID 2 in Methods.
- Purple line:** Connects VariableUnitsID 2 in Variables to UnitsID 2 in Units.

Independent of, but can be coupled to Geographic Representation

ODM

e.g. Arc Hydro



Importance of the Observations Data Model

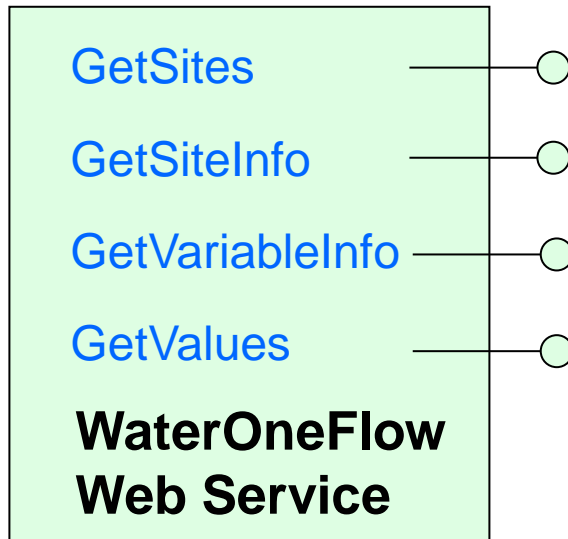
- Provides a common persistence model for observations data
- Syntactic heterogeneity (File types and formats)
- Semantic heterogeneity
 - Language for observation attributes (structural)
 - Language to encode observation attribute values (contextual)
- Publishing and sharing research data
- Metadata to facilitate unambiguous interpretation
- Enhance analysis capability

WaterML and WaterOneFlow

WaterML is an XML language for communicating water data

WaterOneFlow is a set of web services based on WaterML

- Set of **query** functions



- Returns data in **WaterML**

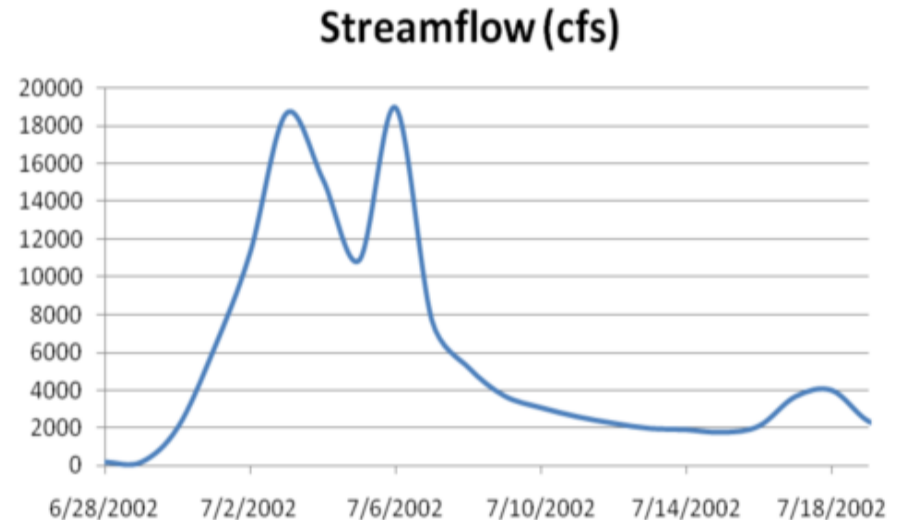
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WaterML as a Web Language

USGS Streamflow data in WaterML language

Discharge of the San
Marcos River at Luling, TX
June 28 - July 18, 2002

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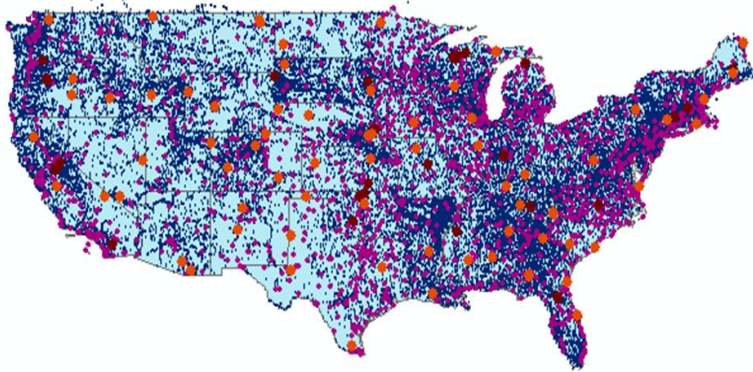


This is the WaterML GetValues response from NWIS Daily Values

Open Geospatial Consortium Web Service Standards

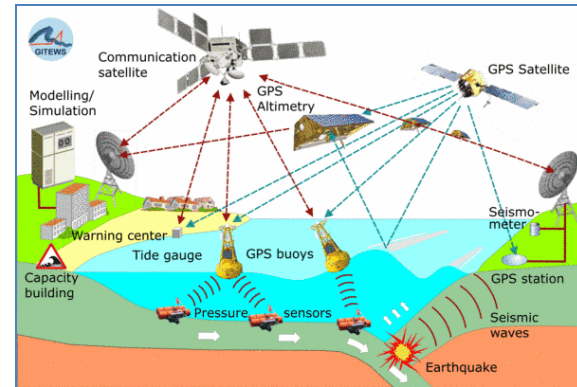
These standards have been developed over the past 10 years
... by 400 companies and agencies working within the OGC

• Map Services



- Web Map Service (WMS)
- Web Feature Service (WFS)
- Web Coverage Service (WCS)
- Catalog Services for the Web (CS/W)

• Observation Services



- Observations and Measurements Model
- Sensor Web Enablement (SWE)
- Sensor Observation Service (SOS)

OGC Hydrology Domain Working Group evolving WaterML into an International Standard
<http://www.opengeospatial.org/projects/groups/waterml2.0swg>

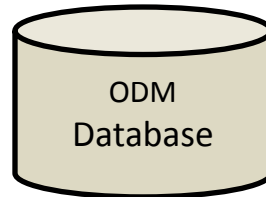
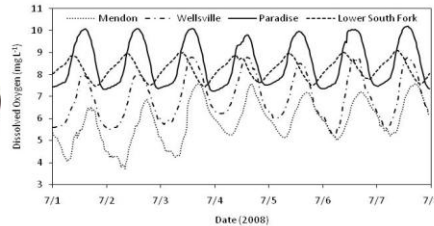
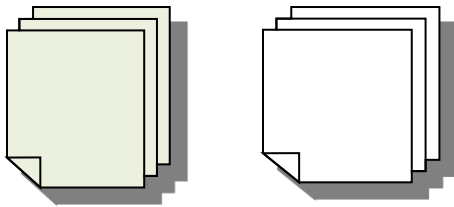
HydroServer – Data Publication

Point Observations Data

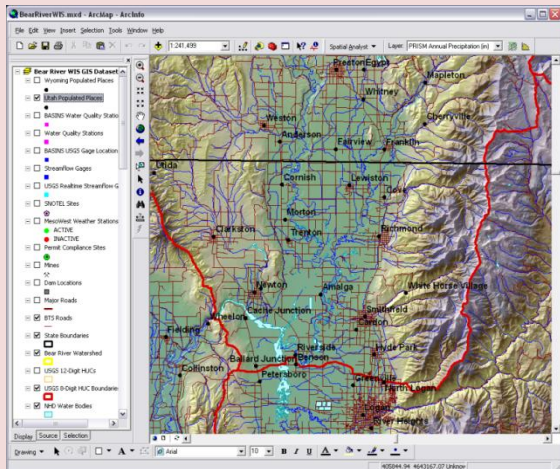
Ongoing Data Collection



Historical Data Files



GIS Data



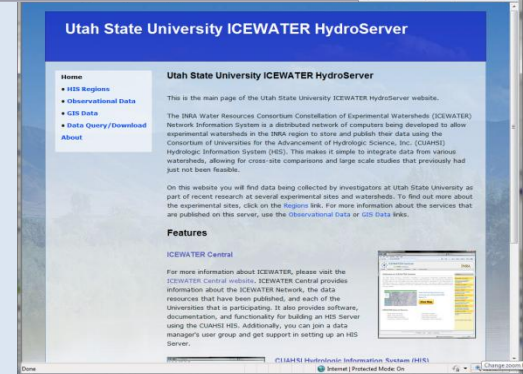
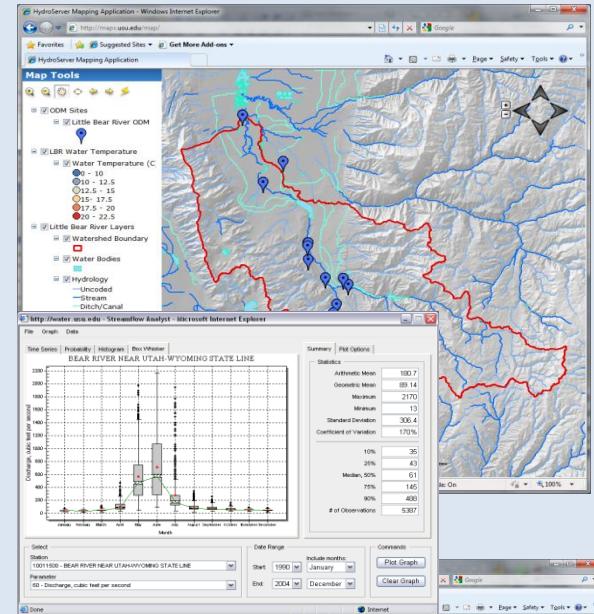
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WaterML

WaterOneFlow
Web Service

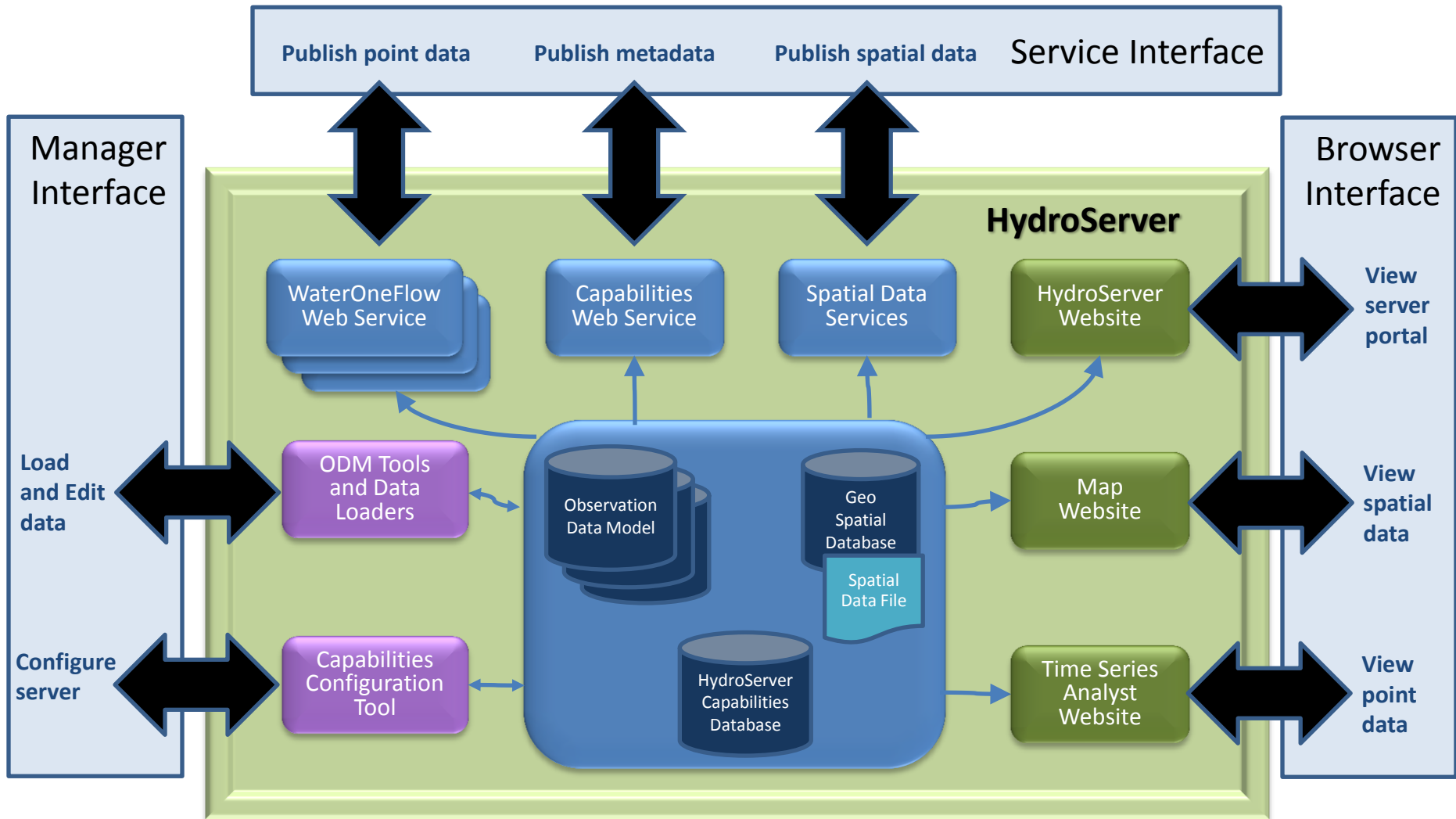
OGC Spatial
Data Service
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Server

Internet Applications



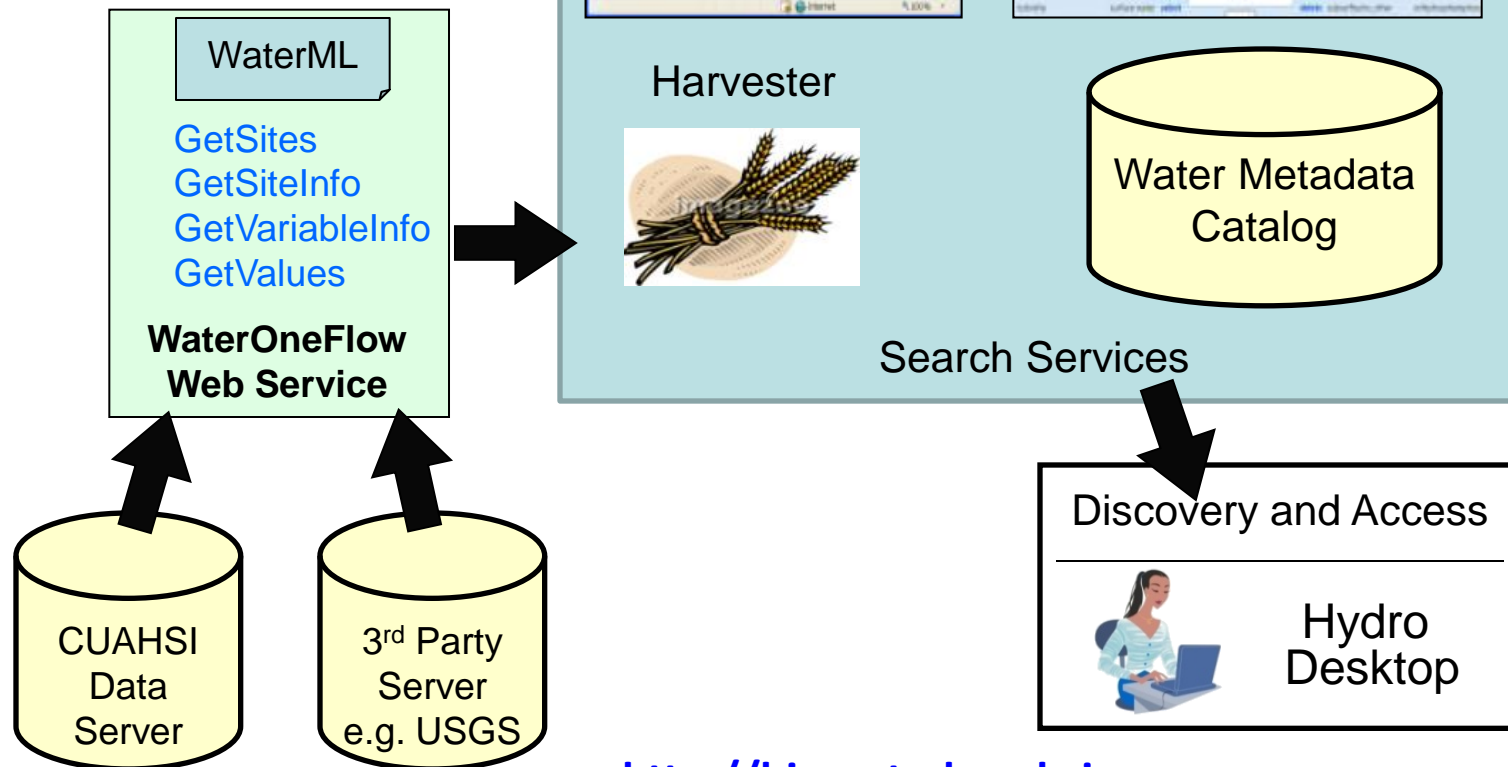
Data presentation, visualization,
and analysis through Internet
enabled applications

HydroServer

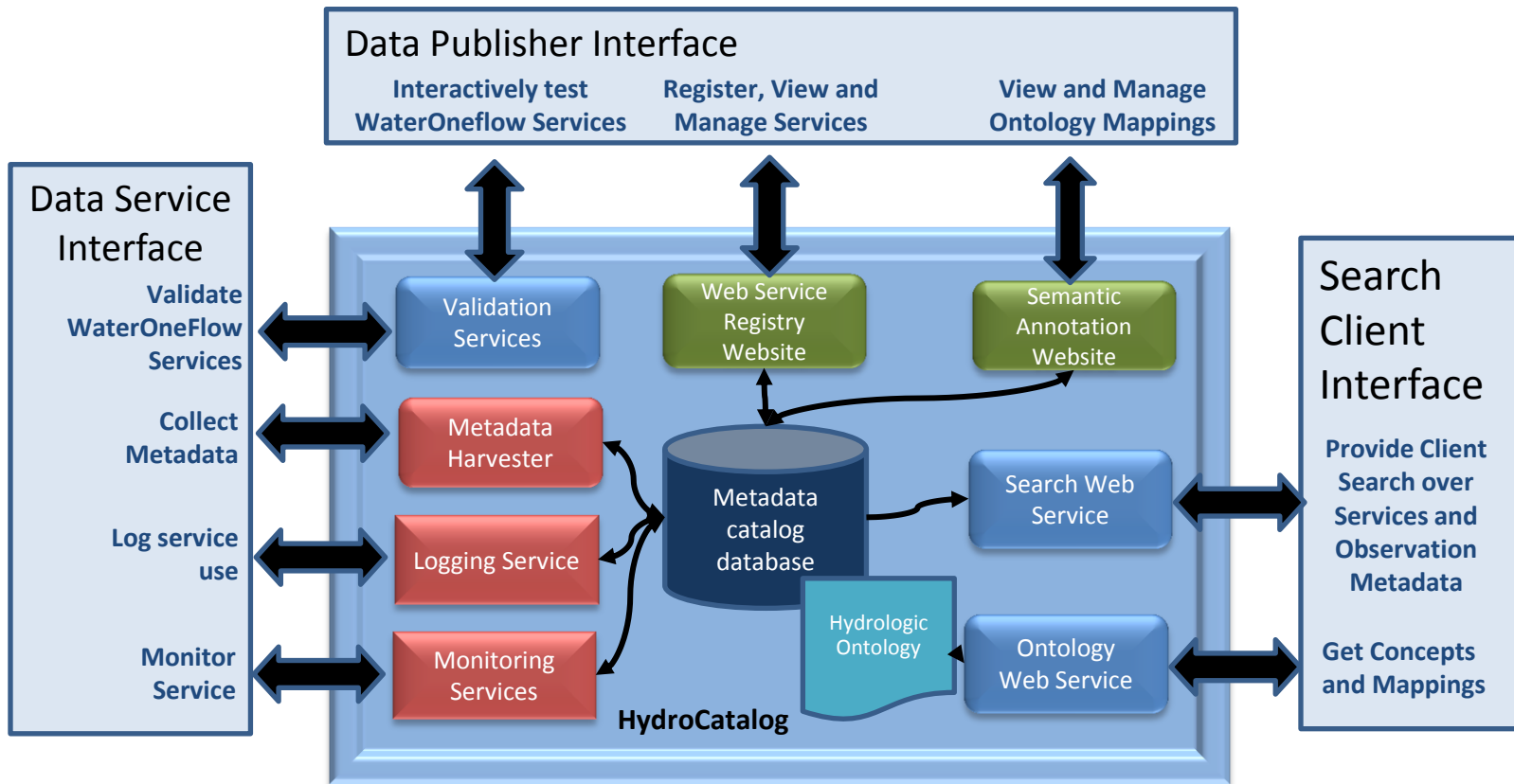


HydroCatalog

- Search over data services from multiple sources
- Supports concept based data discovery

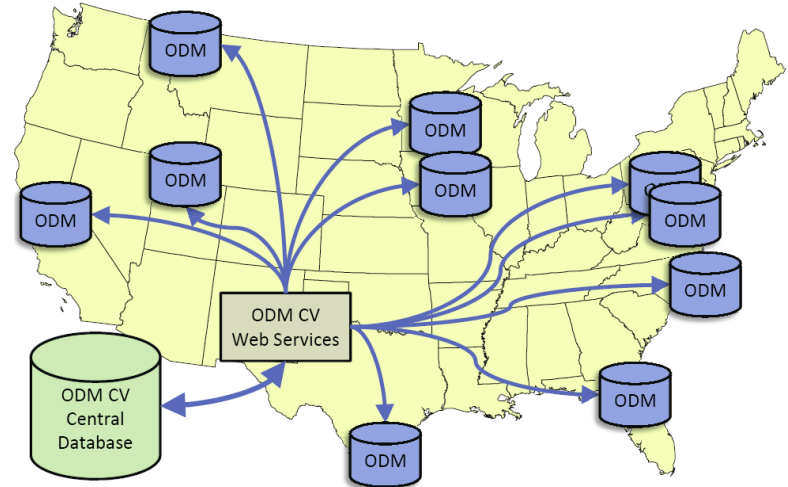


HydroCatalog



Overcoming Semantic Heterogeneity

- ODM Controlled Vocabulary System
 - ODM CV central database
 - Online submission and editing of CV terms
 - Web services for broadcasting CVs



ODM VariableNameCV

Variable Name	
Investigator 1:	"Temperature, water"
Investigator 2:	"Water Temperature"
Investigator 3:	"Temperature"
Investigator 4:	"Temp."

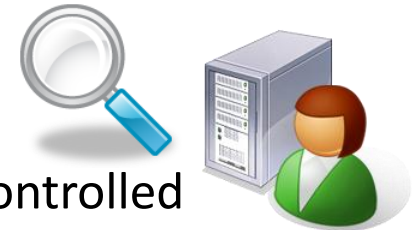
Term
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Sunshine duration
Temperature
Turbidity
...

Dynamic controlled vocabulary moderation system

ODM Data Manager

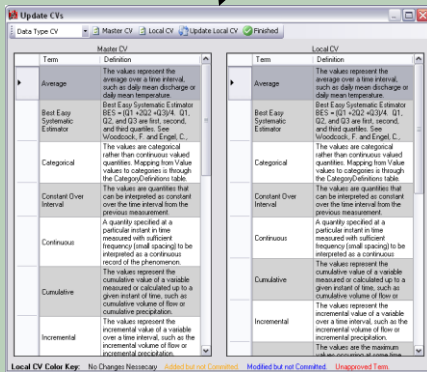


ODM Website

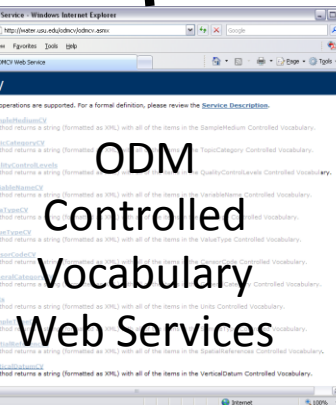


ODM Controlled Vocabulary Moderator

ODM Tools



XML



ODM Controlled Vocabulary Web Services

Master ODM Controlled Vocabulary

Local ODM Database

Local Server

<http://his.cuahsi.org/mastercvreg.html>

From Jeff Horsburgh

HydroDesktop – Data Access and Analysis

The screenshot displays the HydroDesktop application window. The top toolbar includes navigation tools (Search, Pan, Zoom In, Zoom Out, Max Extents, Previous, Next), data management tools (Add, Identify, Select, Attribute, Measure), and a Delineate tool. The Map Layers panel on the left lists several data sources: "Search Results" (circled in red), EPA, NCD CISH, NWISDV, NWISGW, NWISIID, NWISUV, rv14fe02, Local Watershed, Themes (My_NWISUV, NWISIID), Online Basemap, Base Map Data (lakes, rivers), U.S. HUC, U.S. Counties, Canada Provinces, and U.S. States. The central map shows a watershed boundary in cyan, with numerous red square markers and blue triangle markers representing data points. The right panel features a "Keywords" search interface (circled in red) with a list of terms including "Hydrosphere", "Hydroporus", "Hydropsyche", etc. Below this is a "Selected Keywords" section showing "Hydrosphere". At the bottom right, a "Search Summary" section (circled in red) displays "Server: HIS Central", "Area: 1 feature selected", "Web Services: All Webservices selected", and "Keywords: Hydrosphere". A "Run Search" button is located at the bottom right. The status bar at the bottom shows coordinates: Longitude: 78°37'06"W, Latitude: 36°31'41"N.

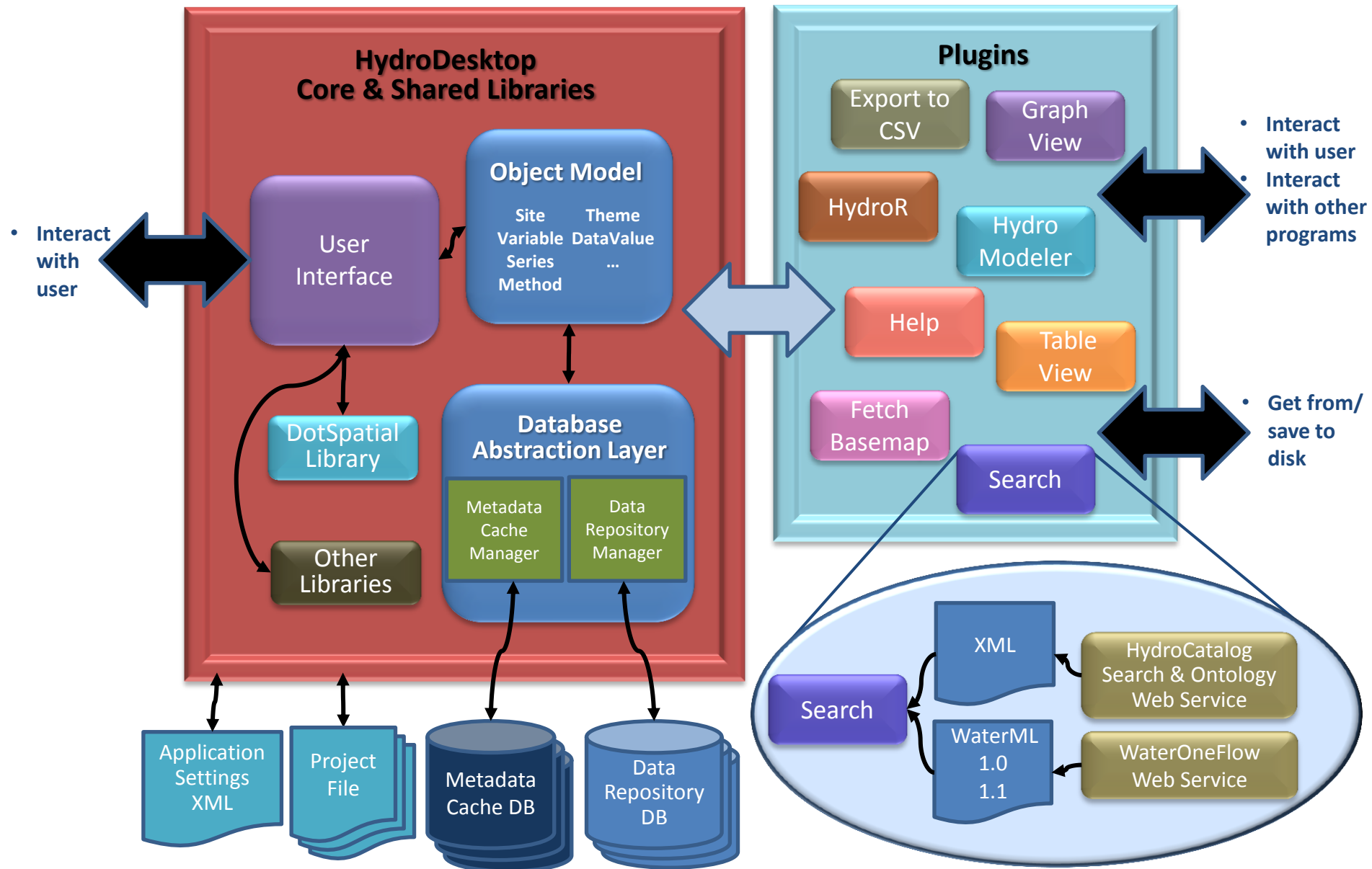
Integration from multiple sources

Thematic keyword search

Search on space and time domain

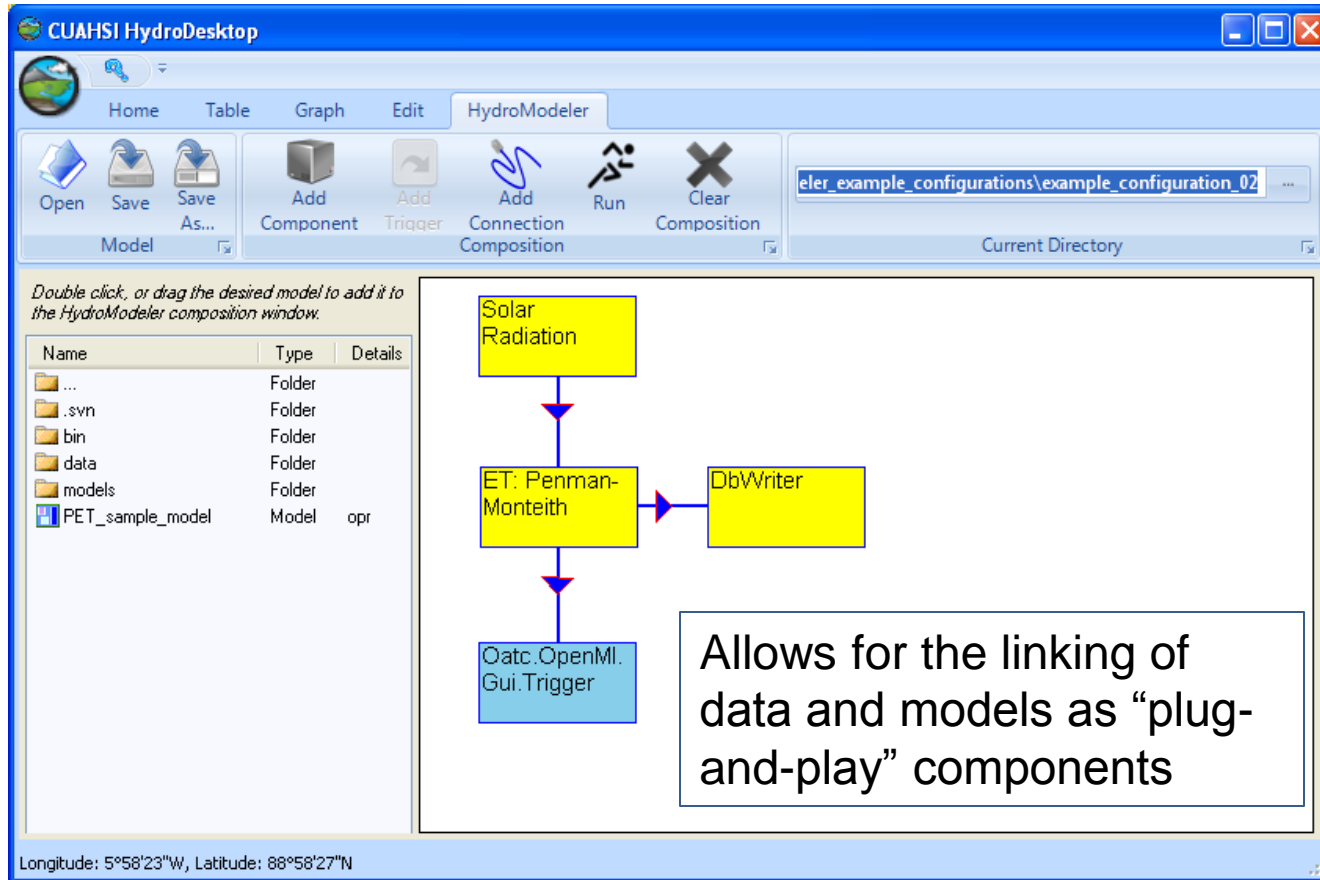
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HydroDesktop



HydroModeler

An integrated modeling environment based on the Open Modeling Interface (OpenMI) standard and embedded within HydroDesktop



In development at the University of South Carolina by Jon Goodall, Tony Castronova, Mehmet Ercan, Mostafa Elag, and Shirani Fuller



Integration with “R” Statistics Package

R Console

Abort Source/Load Quartz History Start X11 Set Colors Authentication Save Open In Editor

/Users/jago

```
rgl.sr> ylen <- ylim[2] - ylim[1] + 1
rgl.sr> colorlut <- terrain.colors(ylen)
rgl.sr> col <- colorlut[y - ylim[1] + 1]
rgl.sr> rgl.clear()
rgl.sr> rgl.surface(x, z, y, color = col)
```

R Data Editor

height	weight
58	115
59	117
60	120
61	123
62	126
63	129
64	132
65	135
66	139
67	142
68	146
69	150
70	154
71	159
72	164

Quartz (2) - Active

Given : depth

long

R Workspace Browser

Object	Type	Structure
dati	data.frame	dim: 20 4
g	factor	levels: 10
l	numeric	length: 12
n	numeric	length: 1
opar	list	length: 2
pie.sales	numeric	length: 6
pin	numeric	length: 2
scale	numeric	length: 1
usr	numeric	length: 4
women	data.frame	dim: 15 2
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weight	numeric	length: 15
x	numeric	length: 87

Refresh List

R Package Manager

Refresh List

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The R Graphics Package

Documentation for package 'graphics' version 2.0.0

Help Pages

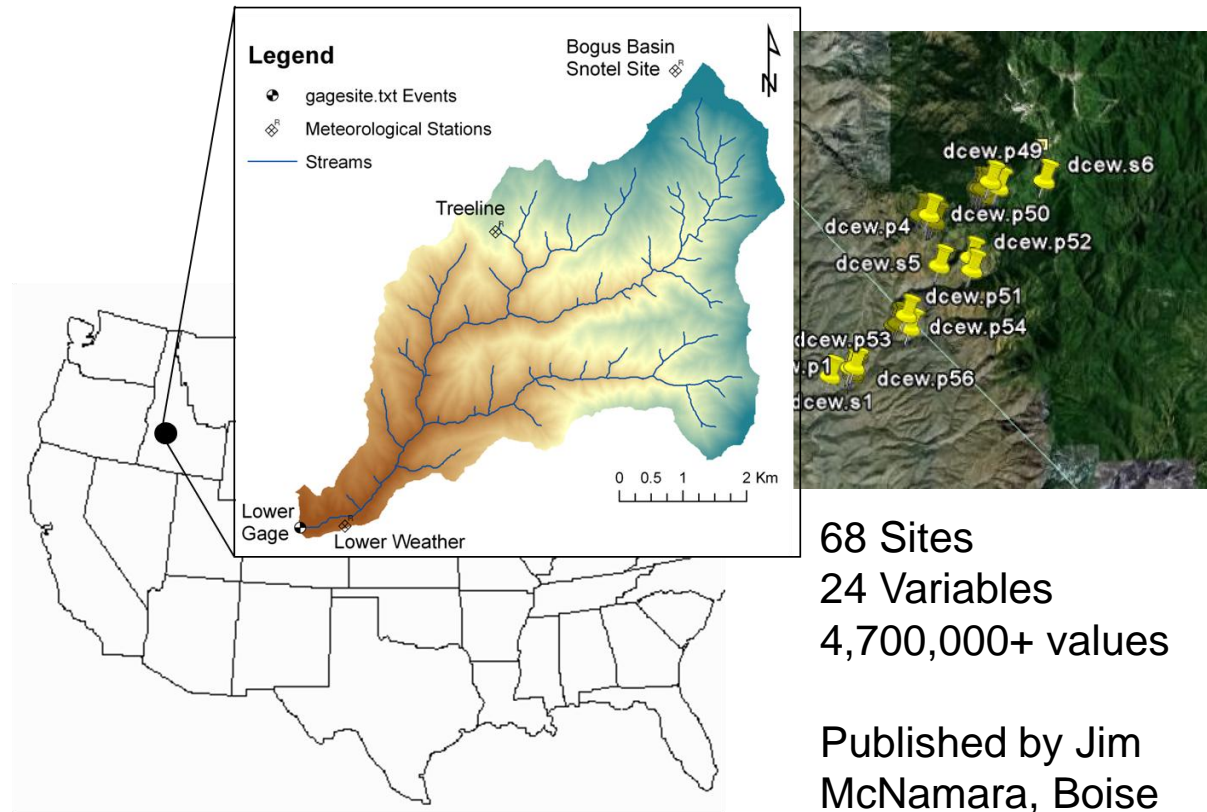
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RGL device 1 (active)

37 Water Data Services on HIS Central from 12 Universities

- University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- Montana State University
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Iowa
- Utah State University
- University of Florida
- University of New Mexico
- University of Idaho
- Boise State University
- University of Texas at Arlington
- University of California, San Diego
- Idaho State University

Dry Creek Experimental Watershed (DCEW) (28 km² semi-arid steep topography, Boise Front)



68 Sites
24 Variables
4,700,000+ values

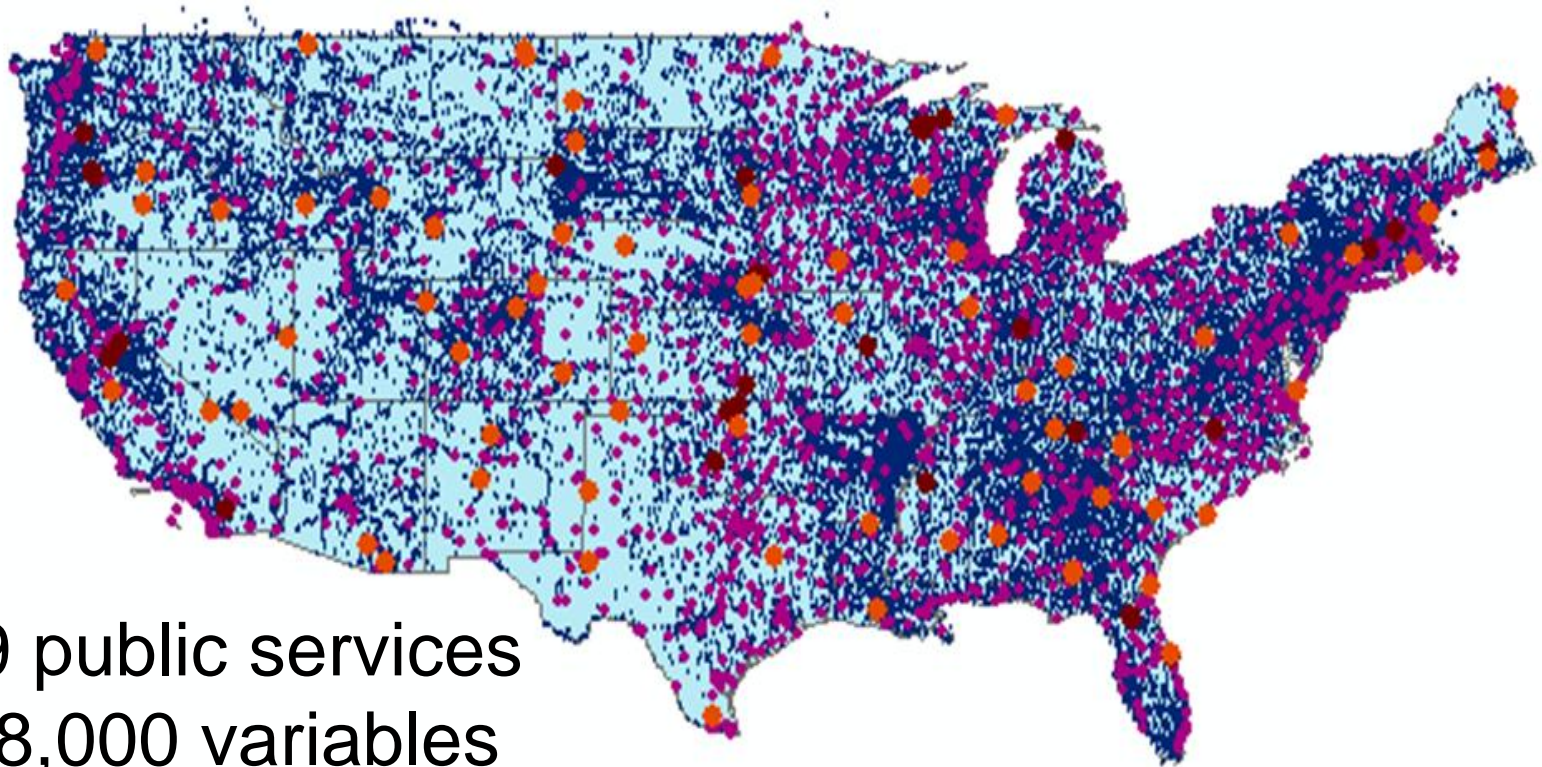
Published by Jim
McNamara, Boise
State University

Water Agencies and Industry

- **USGS, NCDC, Corps of Engineers** publishing data using HIS WaterML
- **OGC Hydrology Domain Working Group** evaluating WaterML as OGC standard
- **ESRI** using CUAHSI model in ArcGIS.com GIS data collaboration portal
- **Kisters** WISKI support for WaterML data publication
- **Australian Water Resources Information System** Water Accounting System has adopted aspects of HIS
- **NWS West Gulf River Forecast Center** Multi-sensor Precipitation Estimate published from ODM using WaterML



CUAHSI Water Data Services Catalog



69 public services

18,000 variables

1.9 million sites

23 million series

5.1 billion data values

(as of June 2011)

*The largest water data
catalog in the world*

*maintained at the San Diego
Supercomputer Center*

Open Development Model



The screenshot shows the HydroDesktop project page on the CodePlex Open Source Community. The browser address bar displays <http://hydrodesktop.codeplex.com/>. The page features the HydroDesktop logo, which includes a globe icon and the text "HydroDesktop CUAHSI Open Source Hydrologic Data Tools". Navigation tabs include Home, Downloads, Documentation, Discussions, Issue Tracker, Source Code, People, and License. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area includes links for "View All Comments", "Print View", "Page Info", and "Change History (all pages)". A sidebar on the right shows that 24 people are following the project, a large green "Download" button, and a table of project details:

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DATE	Wed Jan 26 2011 at 7:00 AM
STATUS	Stable
RATING	No Ratings
	530 downloads
MORE	View all downloads

Below the table, there is an "Activity" section with a "View Detailed Stats" button. The bottom of the page shows a "Related Projects" section.

- <http://hydrodesktop.codeplex.com>
- <http://hydroserver.codeplex.com>
- <http://hydrocatalog.codeplex.com>

Summary

- **Data Storage** in an *Observations Data Model* (ODM) and publication through **HydroServer**
- **Data Access** through internet-based *Water Data Services* using a consistent data language, called WaterML from **HydroDesktop**
- **Data Discovery** through a *National Water Metadata Catalog* and thematic keyword search system at Central **HydroCatalog** (SDSC)
- **Integrated Modeling and Analysis** within **HydroDesktop**

The combination of these capabilities creates a common window on water observations data for the United States unlike any that has existed before.

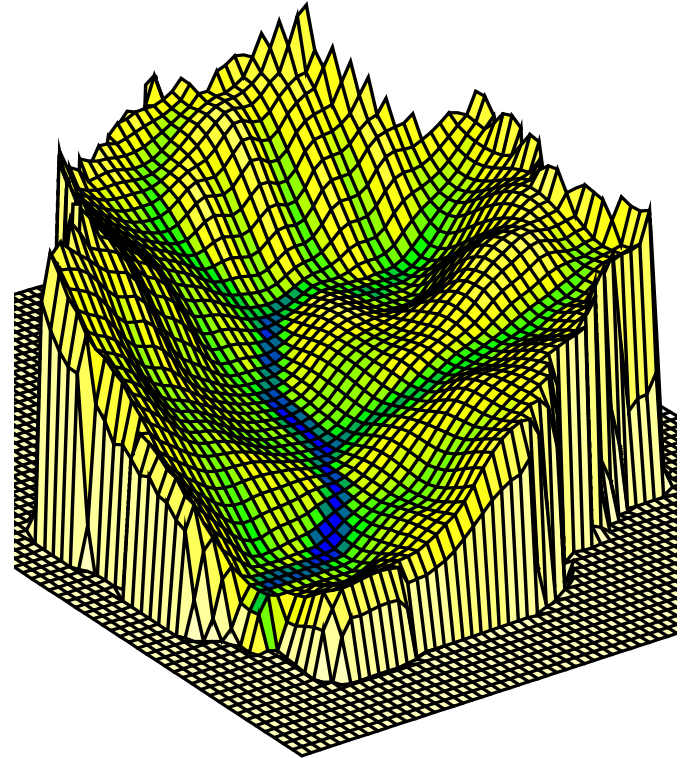
Terrain Analysis Using Digital Elevation Models (TauDEM)

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Jeremy Neff¹

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University, Logan, Utah

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Logan, Utah

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Center, Information Technology Lab, Vicksburg,
Mississippi



Deriving hydrologically useful information from Digital Elevation Models

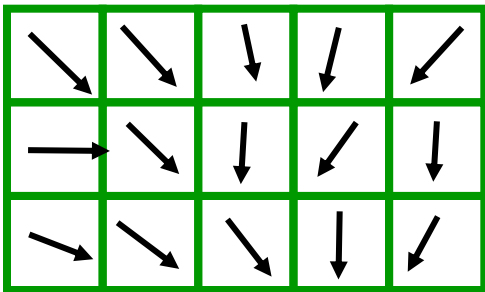
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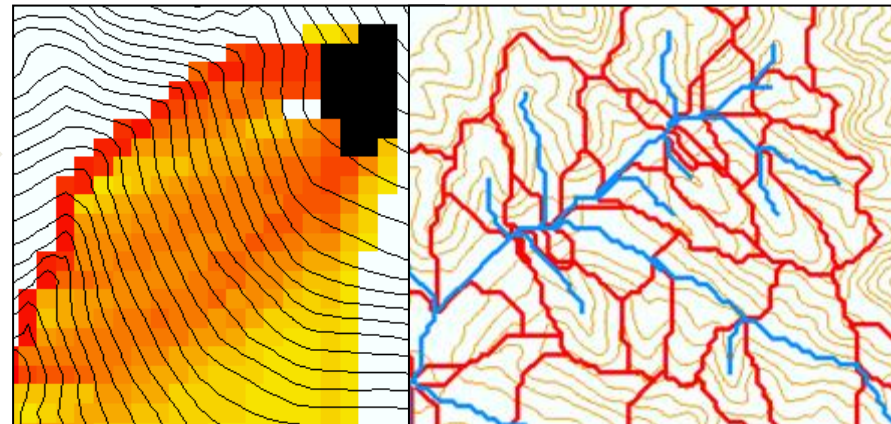
Pit Removal (Filling)



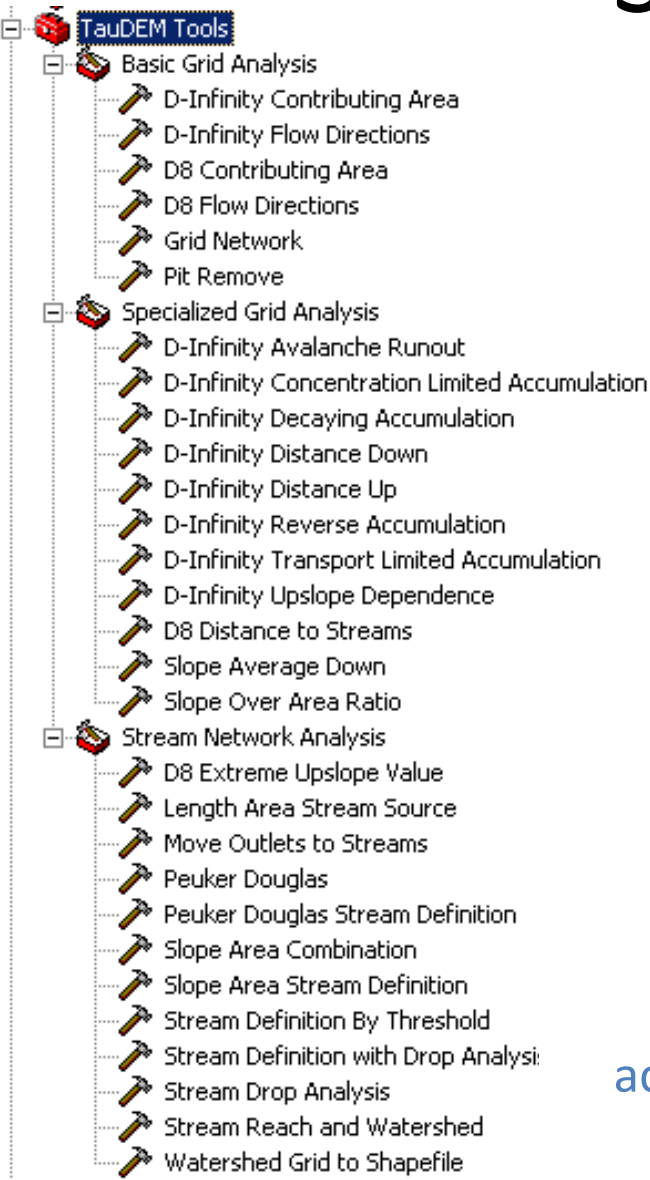
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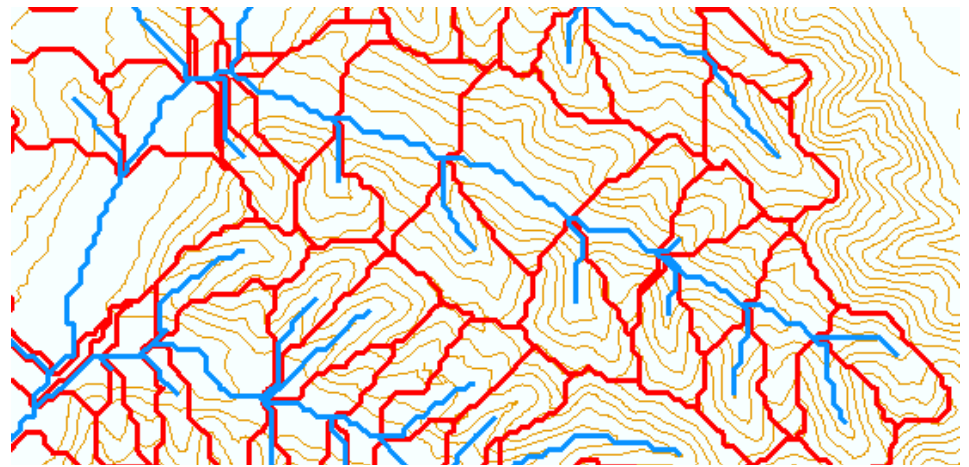
Flow Related Terrain Information



A parallel version of the TauDEM Software Tools



- Improved runtime efficiency
- Capability to run larger problems
- Platform independence of core functionality



Deployed as an ArcGIS Toolbox with tools that drive accompanying command line executables, available from

<http://hydrology.usu.edu/taudem/>

The challenge of increasing Digital Elevation Model (DEM) resolution

1980's DMA 90 m

10^2 cells/km²

1990's USGS DEM 30 m

10^3 cells/km²

2000's NED 10-30 m

10^4 cells/km²

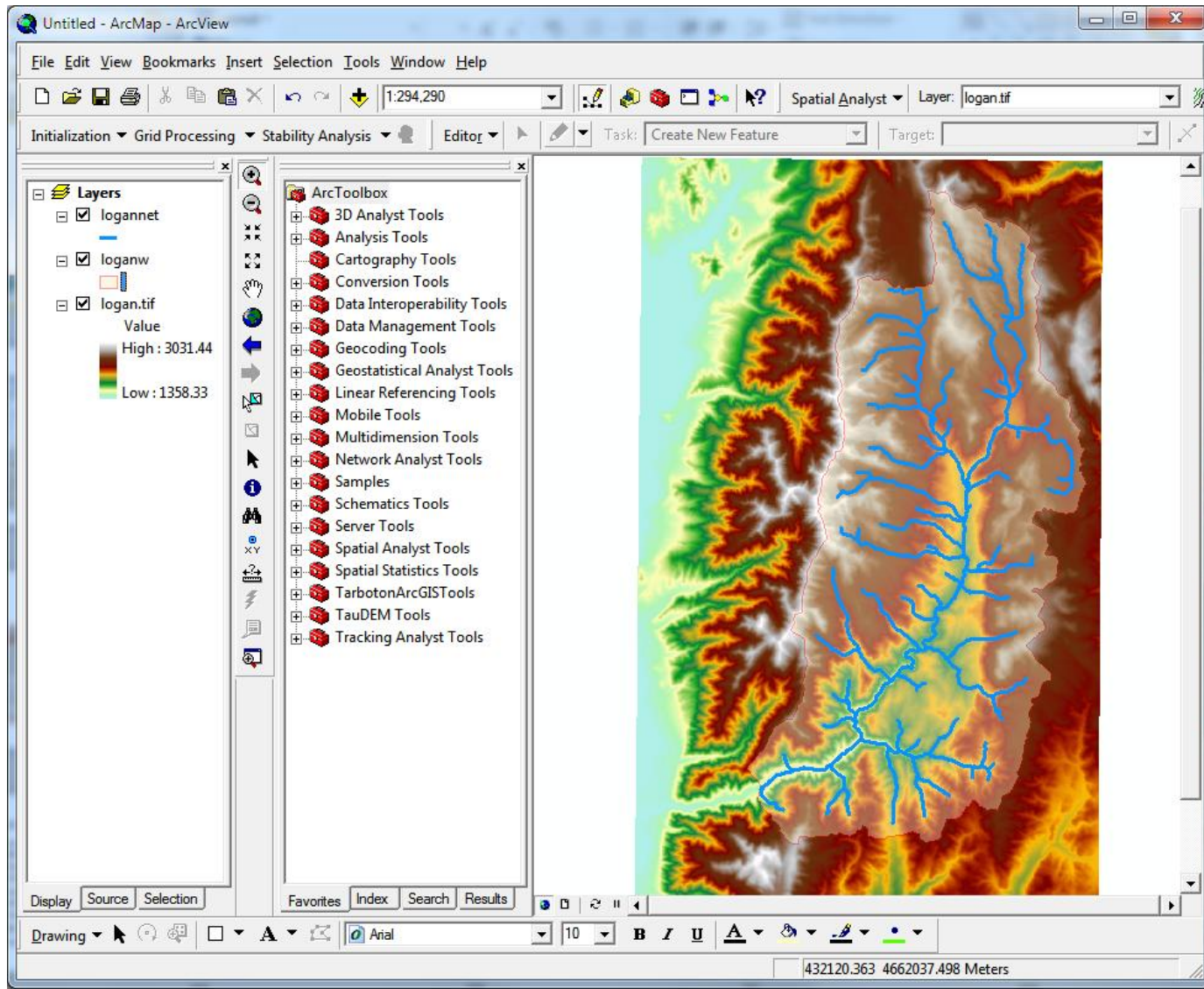
2010's LIDAR ~1 m

10^6 cells/km²

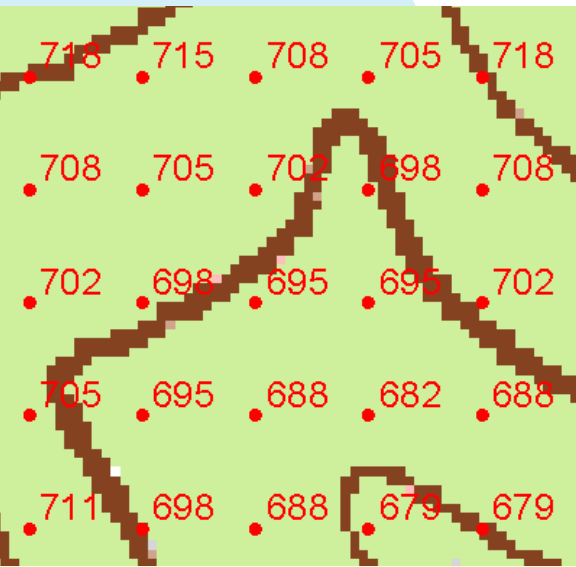


Website and Demo

- <http://hydrology.usu.edu/taudem>



Grid Data Format Assumptions



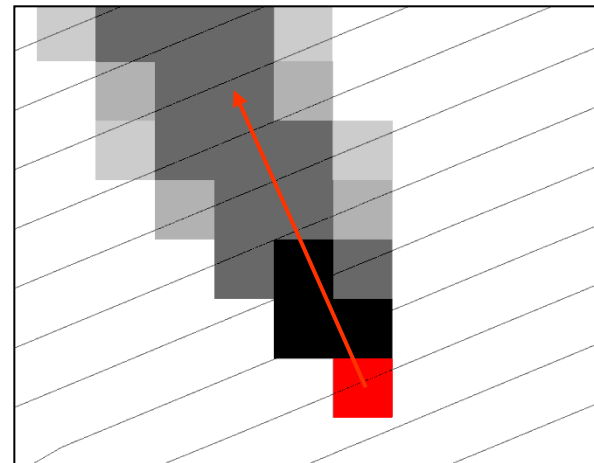
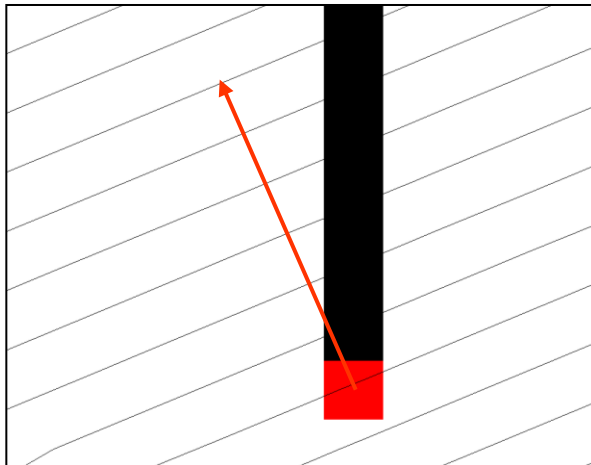
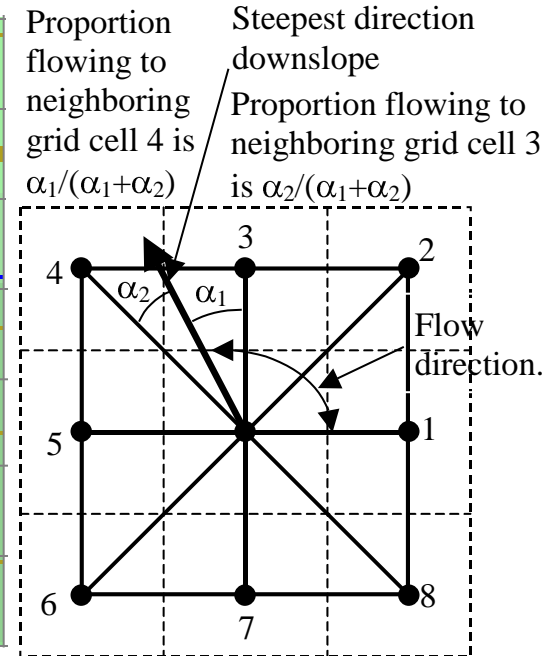
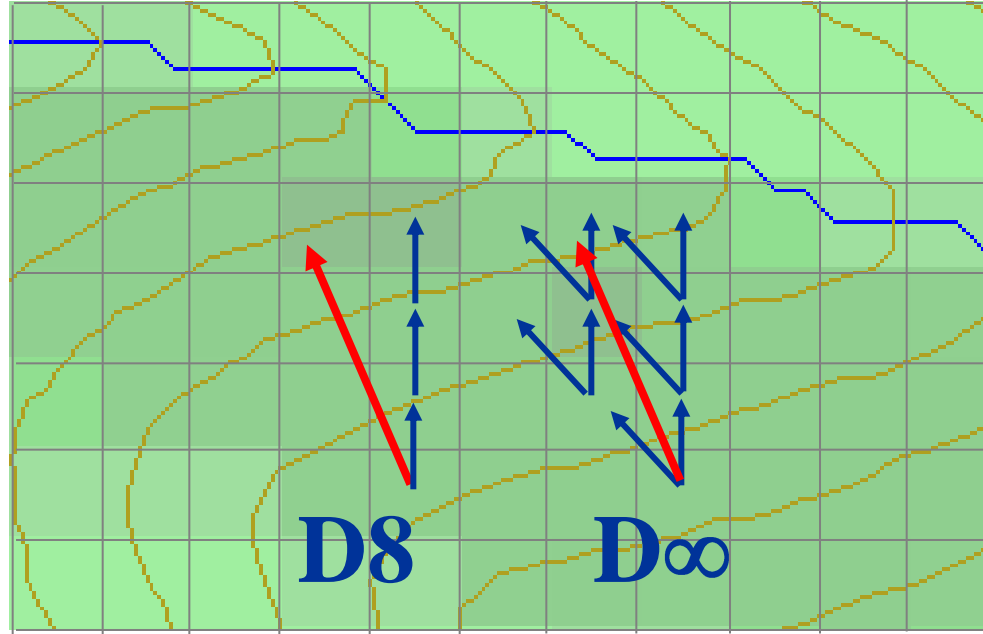
- Input and output grids are uncompressed GeoTIFF
- Maximum size 4 GB
- GDAL Nodata tag preferred (if not present, a missing value is assumed)
- Grids are square ($\Delta x = \Delta y$)
- Grids have identical extents, cell size and spatial reference
- Spatial reference information is not used (no projection on the fly)

Representation of Flow Field

Steepest
single
direction

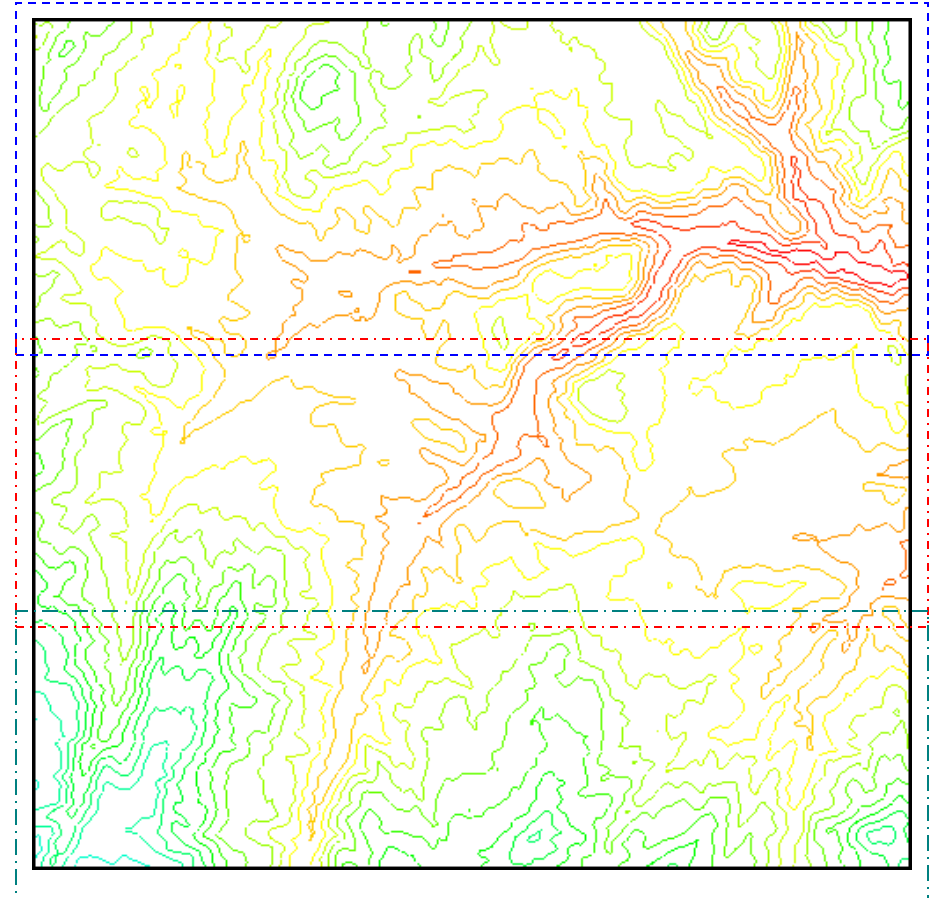
48	52
56	67

$$\frac{67 - 52}{30} = 0.50$$



Parallel Approach

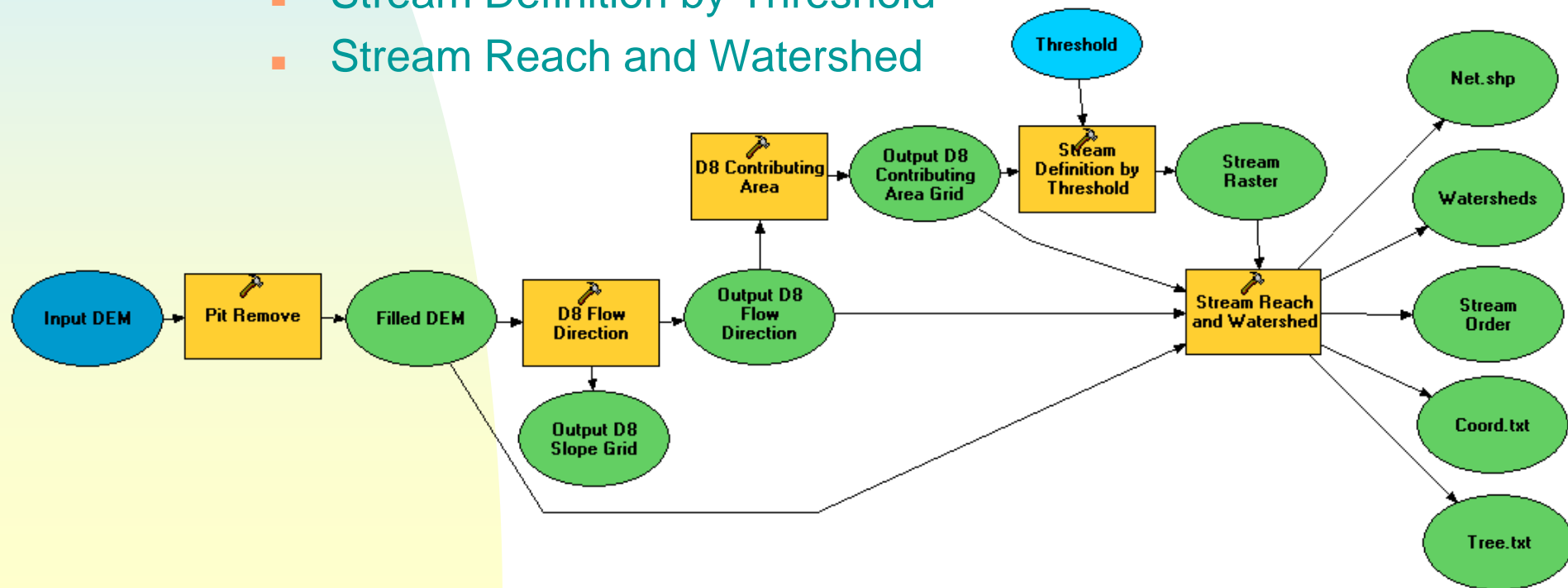
- MPI, distributed memory paradigm
- Row oriented slices
- Each process includes one buffer row on either side
- Each process does not change buffer row

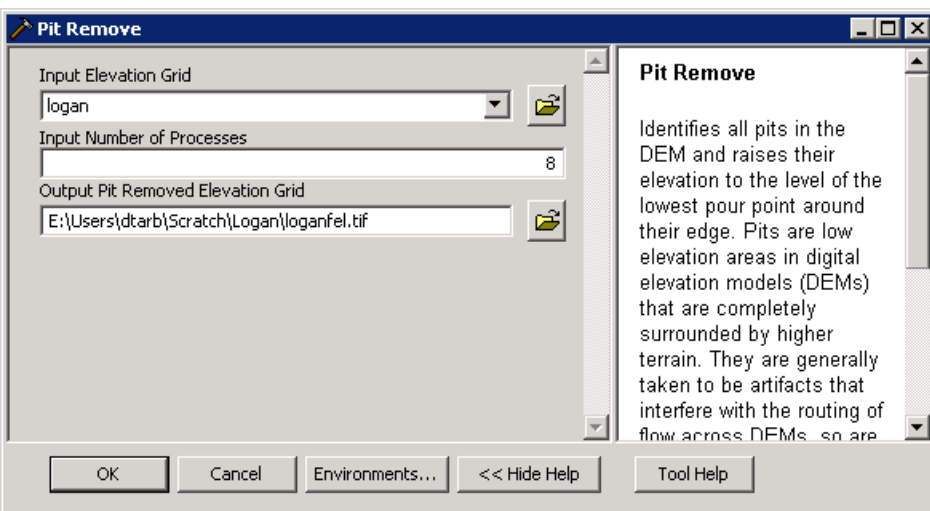


Illustrative Use Case: Delineation of channels and watersheds using a constant support area threshold

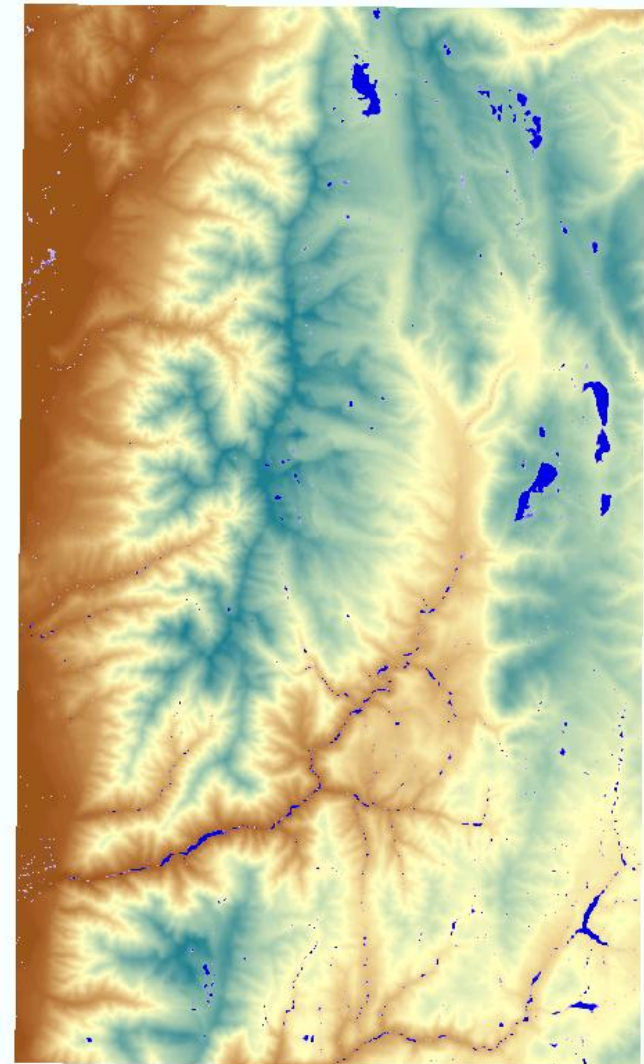
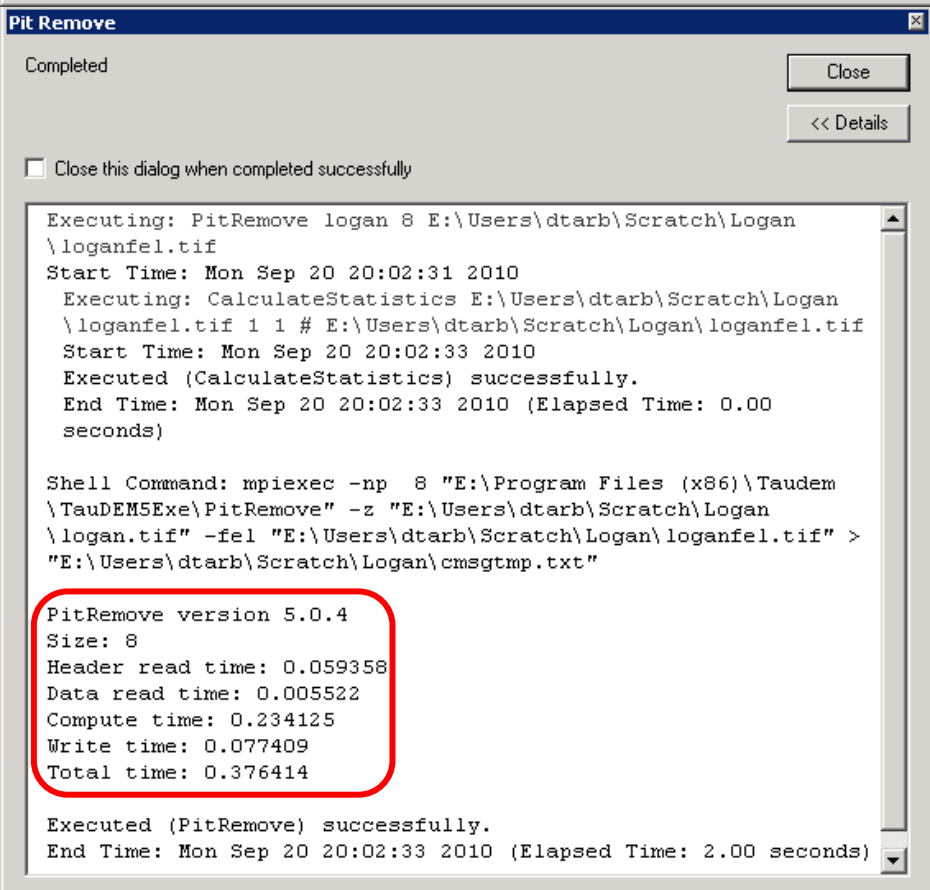
Steps

- Pit Remove
- D8 Flow Directions
- D8 Contributing Area
- Stream Definition by Threshold
- Stream Reach and Watershed

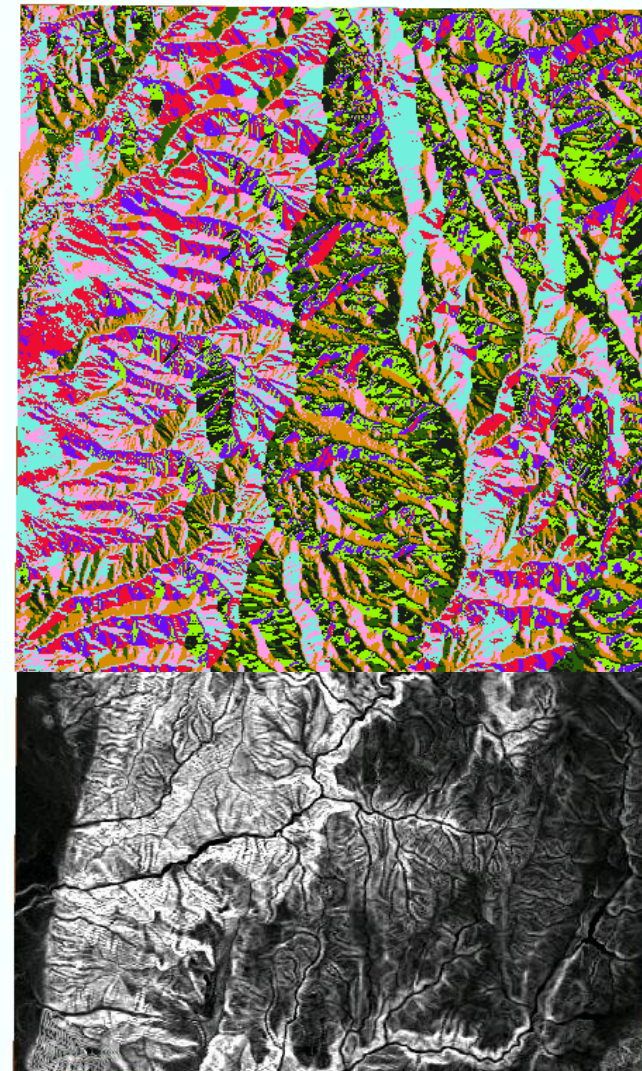
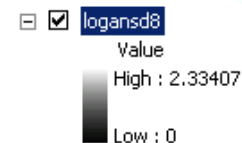
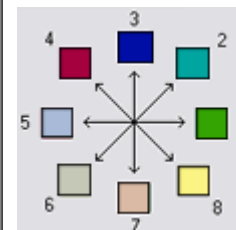
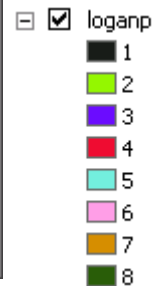
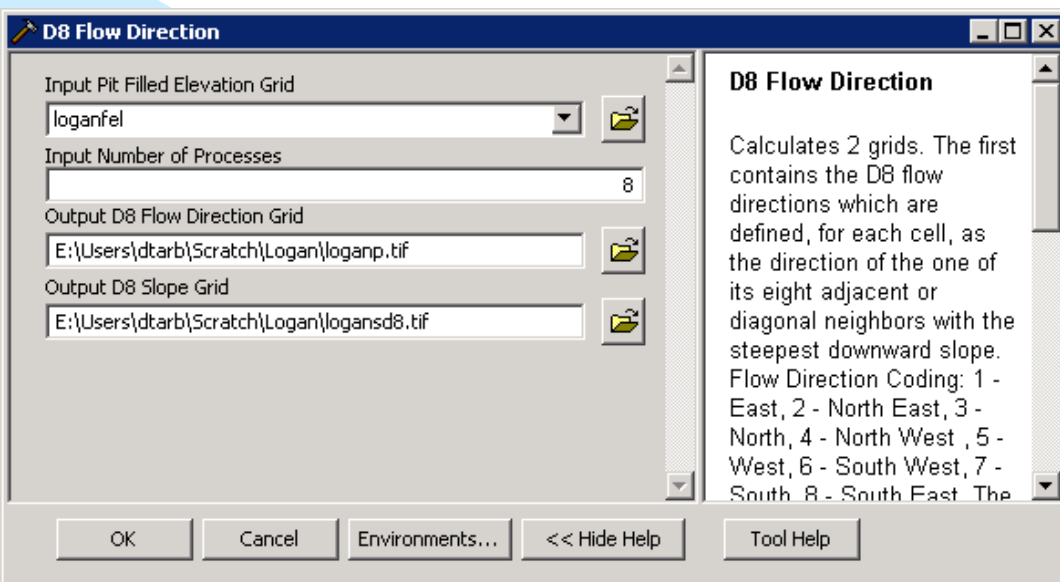




Pit Remove



D8 Flow Direction (and Slope)



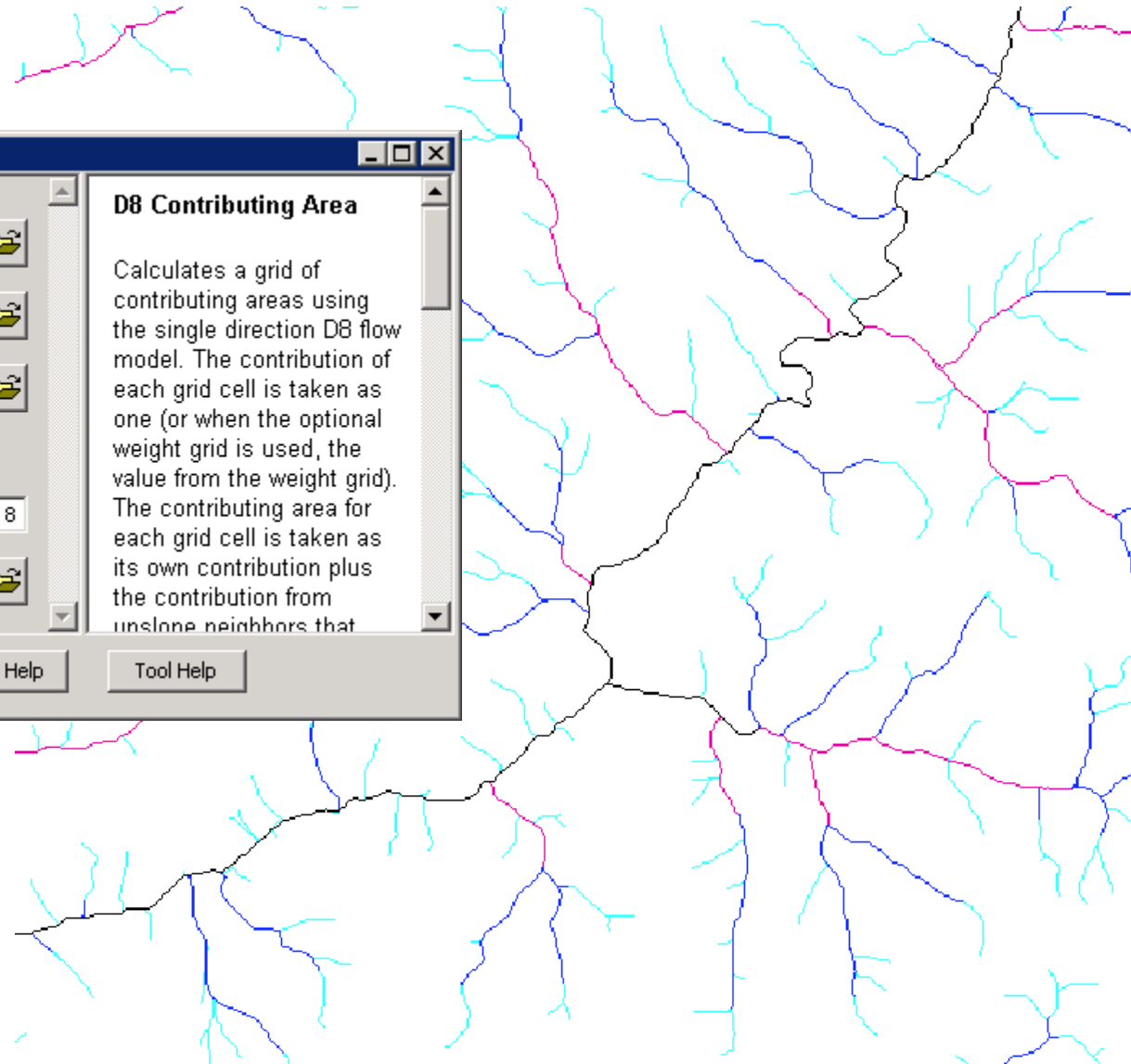
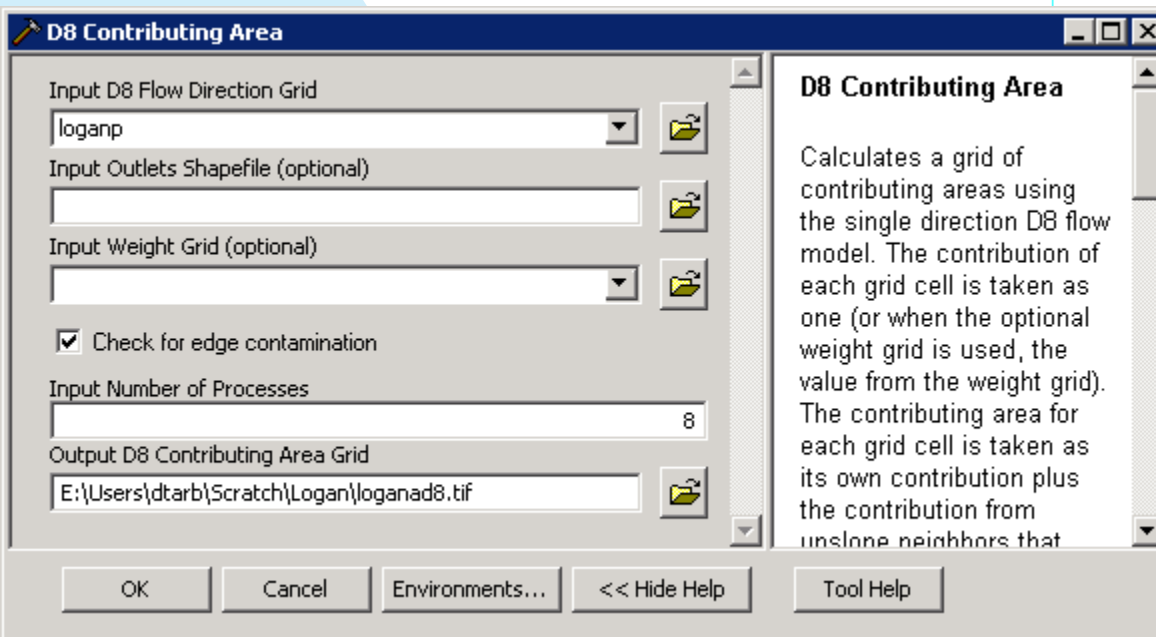
Executed (CalculateStatistics) successfully.
End Time: Mon Sep 20 20:11:18 2010 (Elapsed Time: 1.00 seconds)

Shell Command: mpiexec -np 8 "E:\Program Files (x86)\Taudem\TauDEM5Exe\D8FlowDir" -fel "E:\Users\dtarb\Scratch\Logan\loganfel.tif" -p "E:\Users\dtarb\Scratch\Logan\logand8.tif" -sd8 "E:\Users\dtarb\Scratch\Logan\logansd8.tif" > "E:\Users\dtarb\Scratch\Logan\cmsgtmp.txt"

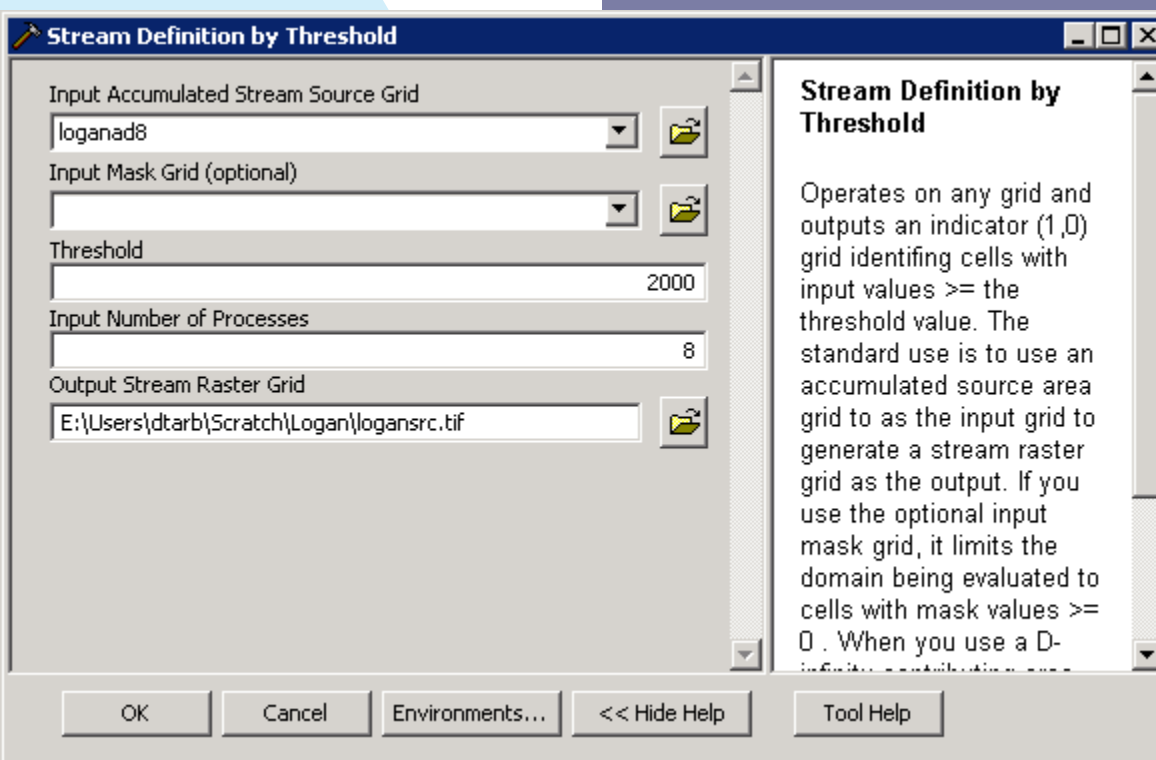
D8FlowDir version 5.0.4
Size: 8
Header read time: 0.027037
Data read time: 0.009796
Compute Slope time: 0.102044
Write Slope time: 0.084885
Resolve Flat time: 0.353239
Write Flat time: 0.047082
Total time: 0.624084

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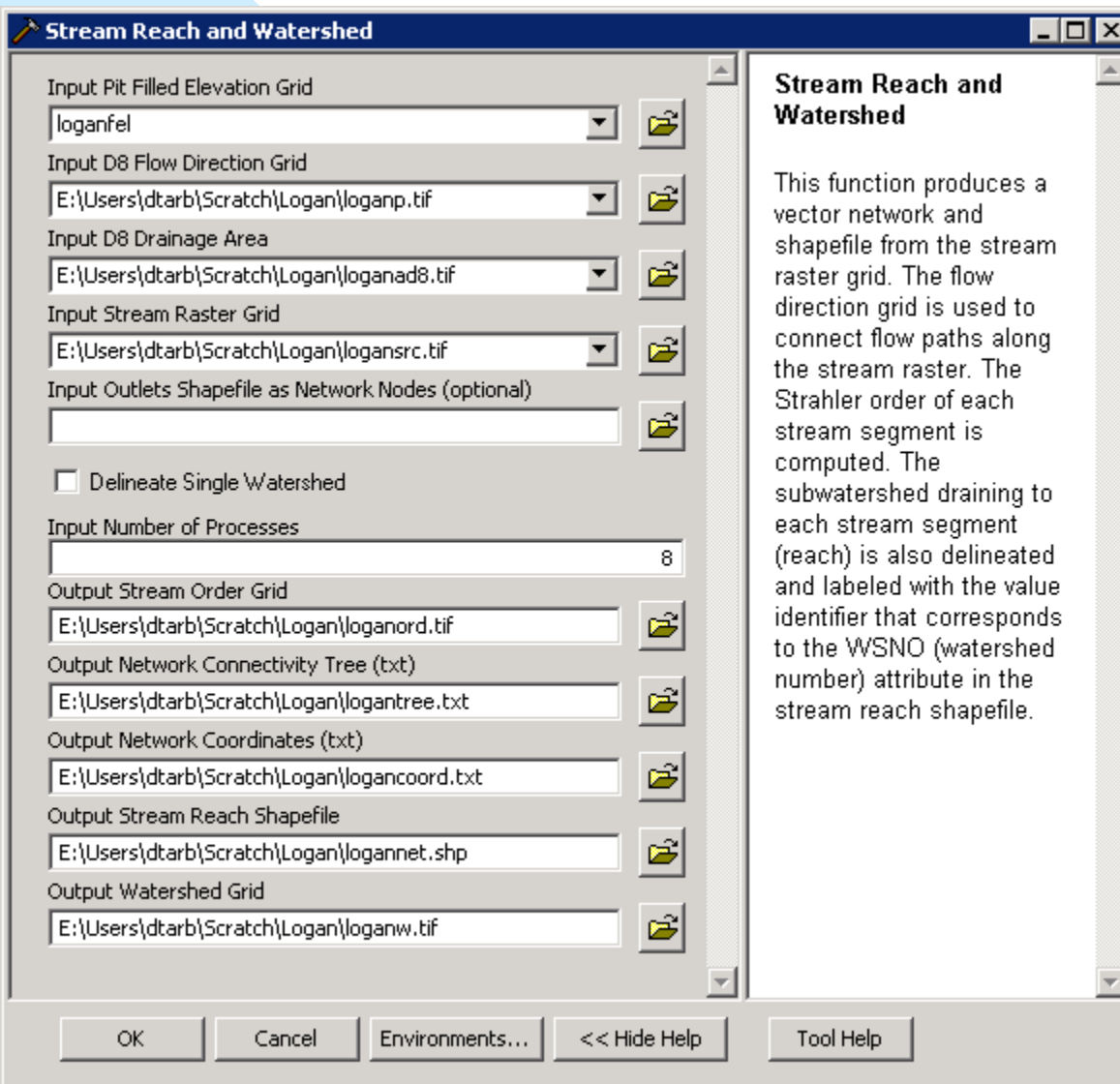
D8 Contributing Area



Stream Definition by Threshold

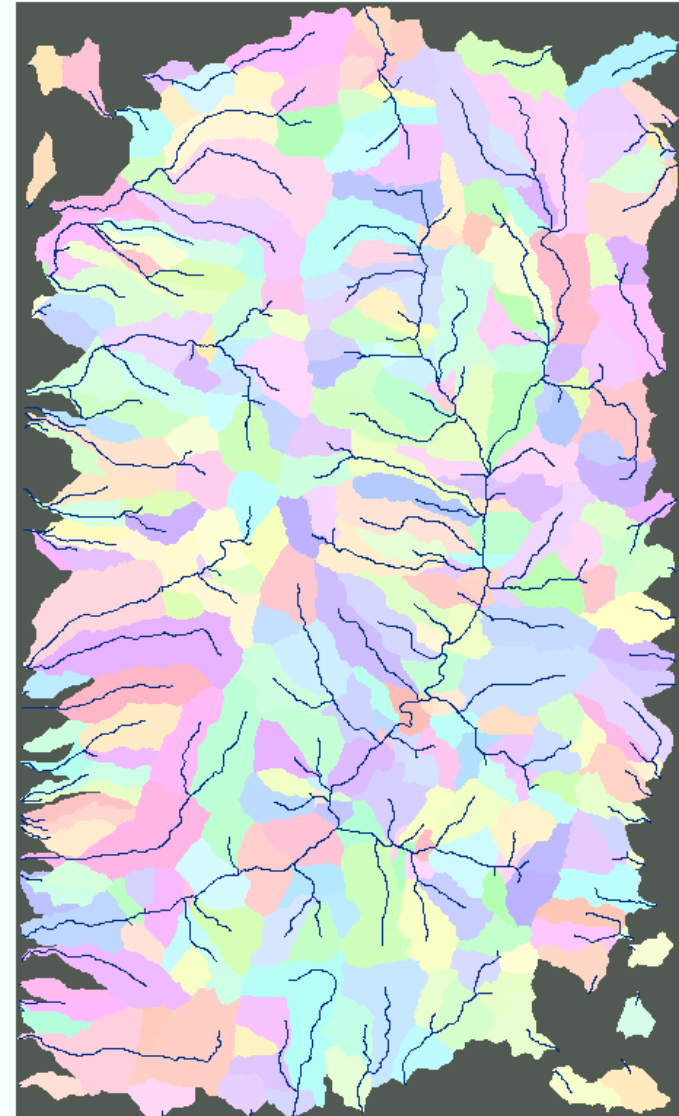


Stream Reach and Watershed



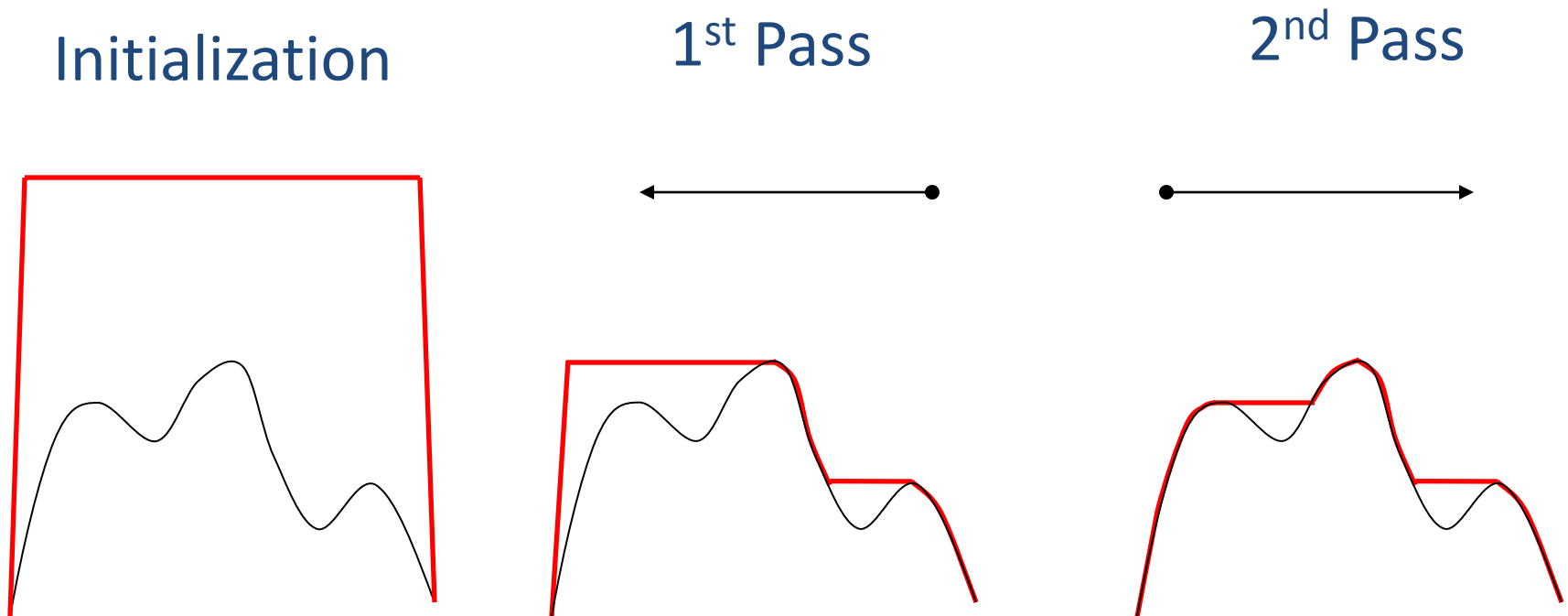
Stream Reach and Watershed

This function produces a vector network and shapefile from the stream raster grid. The flow direction grid is used to connect flow paths along the stream raster. The Strahler order of each stream segment is computed. The subwatershed draining to each stream segment (reach) is also delineated and labeled with the value identifier that corresponds to the WSNO (watershed number) attribute in the stream reach shapefile.



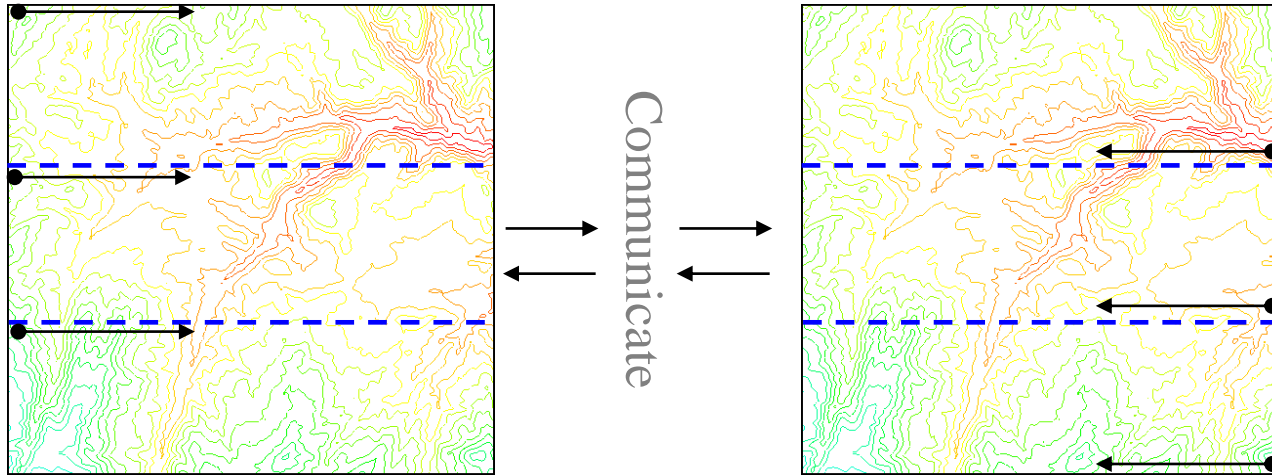
Some Algorithm Details

Pit Removal: Planchon Fill Algorithm



Planchon, O., and F. Darboux (2001), A fast, simple and versatile algorithm to fill the depressions of digital elevation models, *Catena*(46), 159-176.

Parallel Scheme



Initialize(Z,F)

Do

for all grid cells i

if $Z(i) > n$

$F(i) \leftarrow Z(i)$

Else

$F(i) \leftarrow n$

i on stack for next pass

endfor

Send(topRow, rank-1)

Send(bottomRow, rank+1)

Recv(rowBelow, rank+1)

Recv(rowAbove, rank-1)

Until F is not modified

Z denotes the original elevation.

F denotes the pit filled elevation.

n denotes lowest neighboring elevation

i denotes the cell being evaluated

Iterate only over stack of changeable cells

Parallelization of Contributing Area/Flow Algebra

1. Dependency grid

Executed by every process with grid flow field P , grid dependencies D initialized to 0 and an empty queue Q .

FindDependencies(P, Q, D)

```

for all i
  for all k neighbors of i
    if  $P_{ki} > 0$   $D(i) = D(i) + 1$ 
    if  $D(i) = 0$  add  $i$  to  $Q$ 
next
    
```

2. Flow algebra function

Executed by every process with D and Q initialized from FindDependencies.

FlowAlgebra(P, Q, D, θ, γ)

```

while  $Q$  isn't empty
  get  $i$  from  $Q$ 
   $\underline{\theta}_i = FA(\gamma_i, \underline{P}_{ki}, \underline{\theta}_k, \gamma_k)$ 
  for each downslope neighbor  $n$  of  $i$ 
    if  $P_{in} > 0$ 
       $D(n) = D(n) - 1$ 
      if  $D(n) = 0$ 
        add  $n$  to  $Q$ 
  next  $n$ 
end while
swap process buffers and repeat
    
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~~Each time a process is deleted from the queue, the queue is updated with the new dependencies.~~

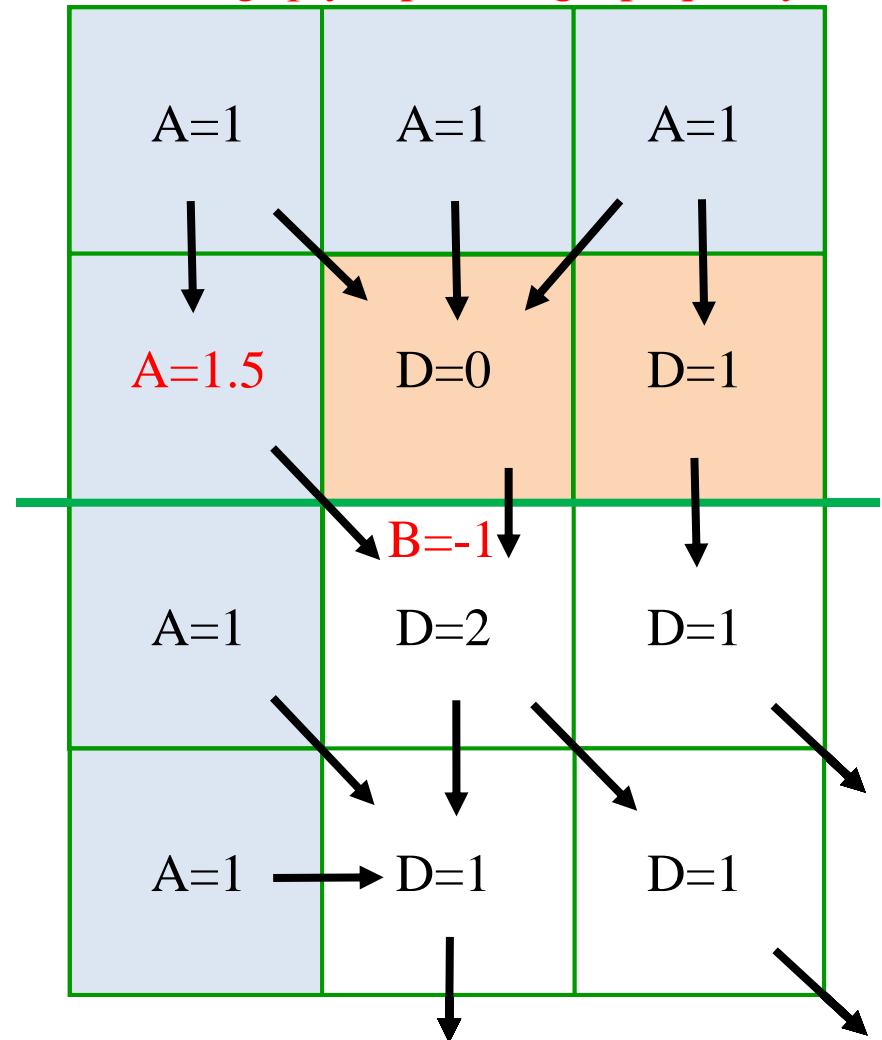


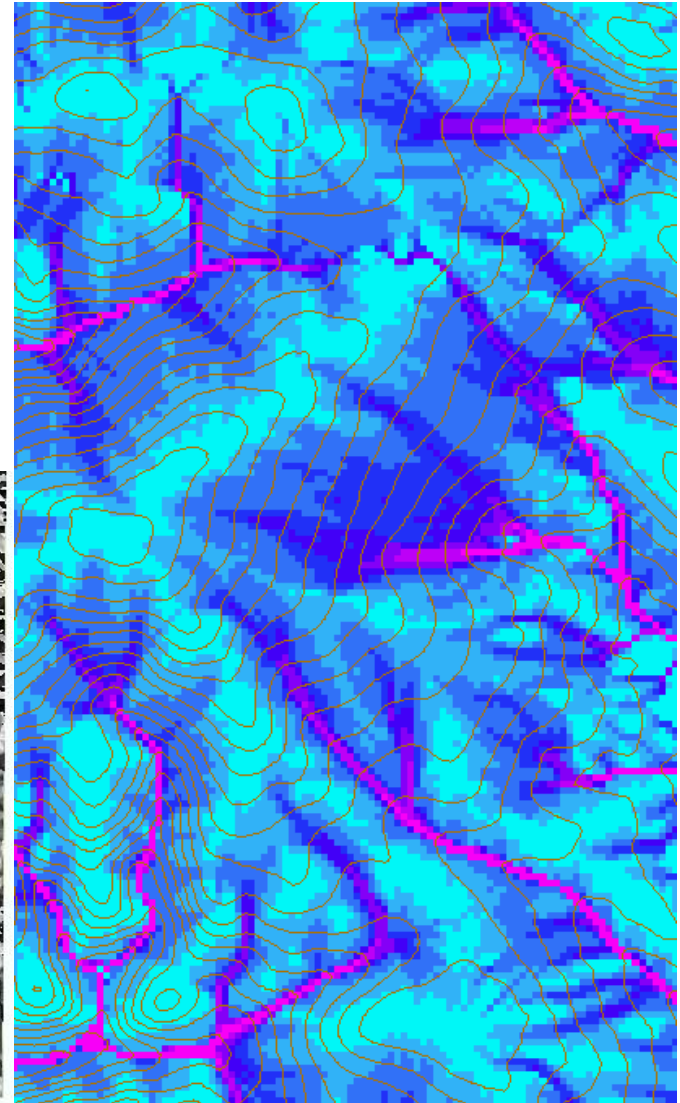
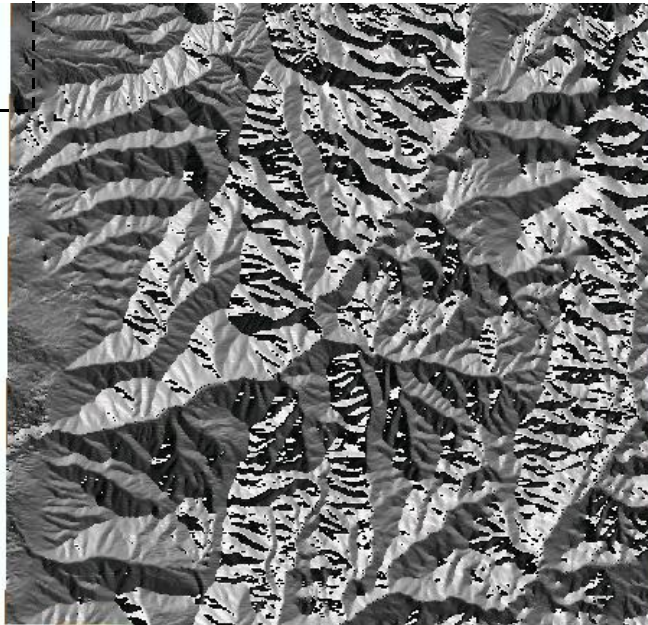
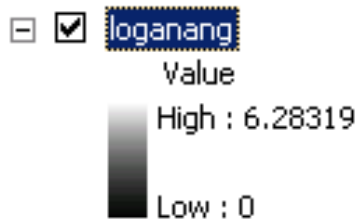
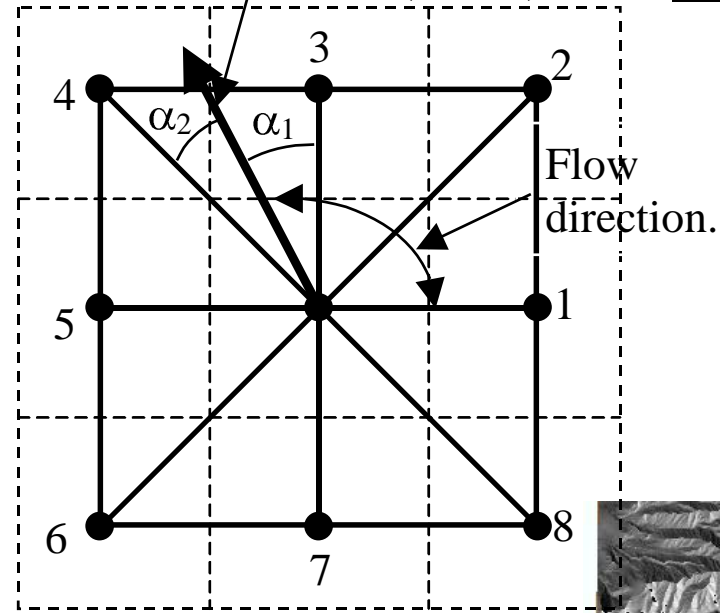
Illustration of some other functions

D-Infinity Slope and Contributing Area

Proportion flowing to neighboring grid cell 4 is $\alpha_1/(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)$

Steepest direction downslope

Proportion flowing to neighboring grid cell 3 is $\alpha_2/(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)$



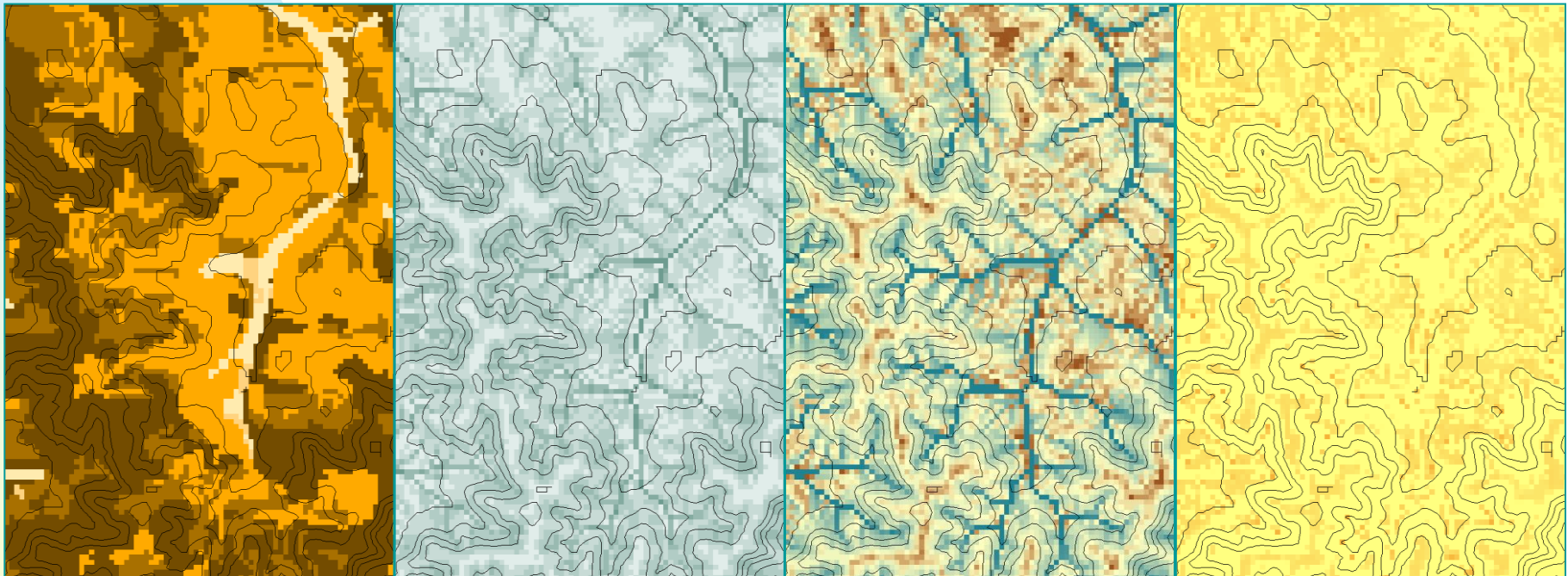
Transport limited accumulation

Supply

Capacity

Transport

Deposition



S

$$T_{cap} = \chi a^2 \tan(b)^2$$

$$T_{out} = \min\{S + \sum T_{in}, T_{cap}\} \quad D = S + \sum T_{in} - T_{out}$$

Useful for modeling erosion and sediment delivery, the spatial dependence of sediment delivery ratio and contaminant that adheres to sediment

Decaying Accumulation

A decayed accumulation operator DA[.] takes as input a mass loading field $m(x)$ expressed at each grid location as $m(i, j)$ that is assumed to move with the flow field but is subject to first order decay in moving from cell to cell. The output is the accumulated mass at each location $DA(x)$. The accumulation of m at each grid cell can be numerically evaluated

$$DA[m(x)] = DA(i, j) = m(i, j)\Delta^2 + \sum_{k \text{ contributing neighbors}} p_k d(i_k, j_k) DA(i_k, j_k)$$

Here $d(x) = d(i, j)$ is a decay multiplier giving the fractional (first order) reduction in mass in moving from grid cell x to the next downslope cell. If travel (or residence) times $t(x)$ associated with flow between cells are available $d(x)$ may be evaluated as $\exp(-\lambda t(x))$ where λ is a first order decay parameter.



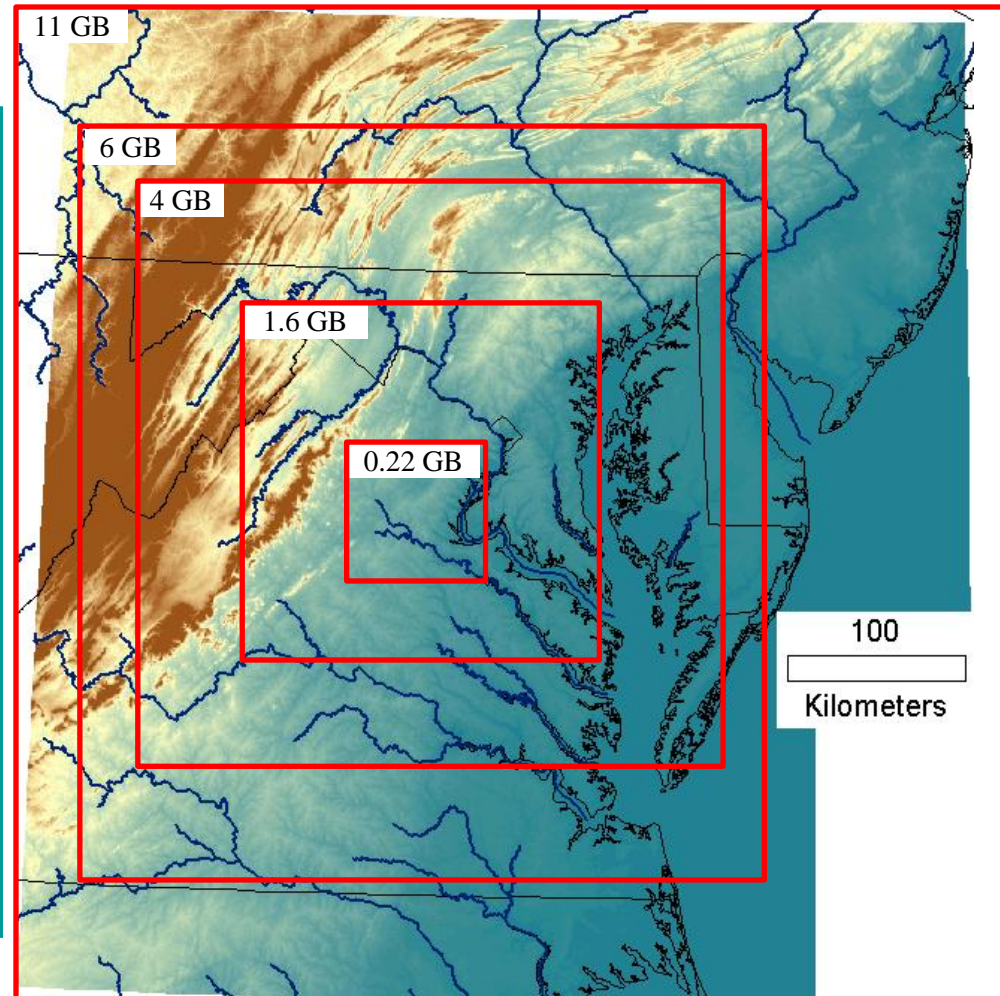
Useful for a tracking
contaminant or compound
subject to decay or attenuation

Capabilities Summary

Capability to run larger problems

		Processors used	Grid size	
			Theoretical limit	Largest run
2008	TauDEM 4	1	0.22 GB	0.22 GB
Sept 2009	Partial implementation	8	4 GB	1.6 GB
June 2010	TauDEM 5	8	4 GB	4 GB
Sept 2010	Multifile on 48 GB RAM PC	4	Hardware limits	6 GB
Sept 2010	Multifile on cluster with 128 GB RAM	128	Hardware limits	11 GB

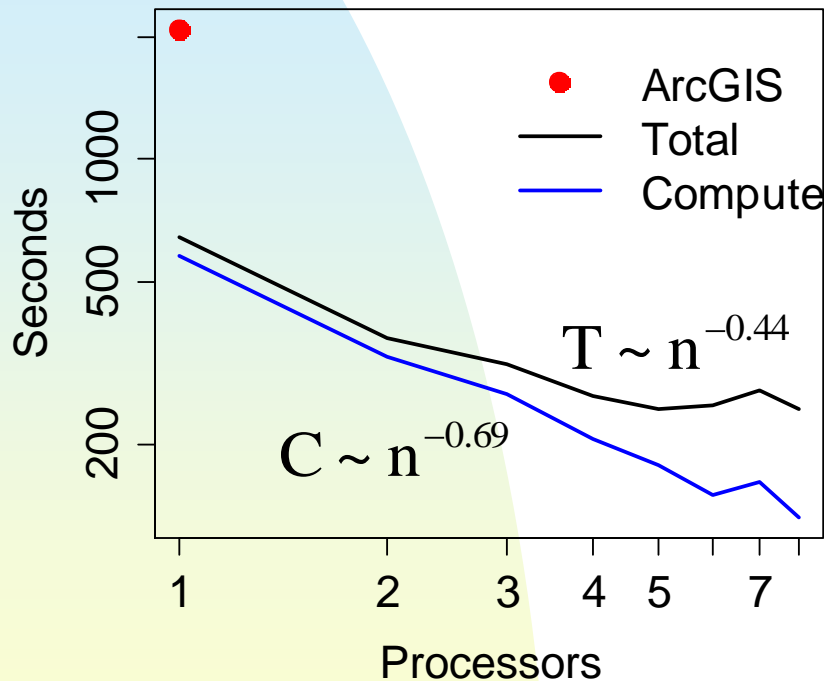
Single file size limit 4GB



At 10 m grid cell size

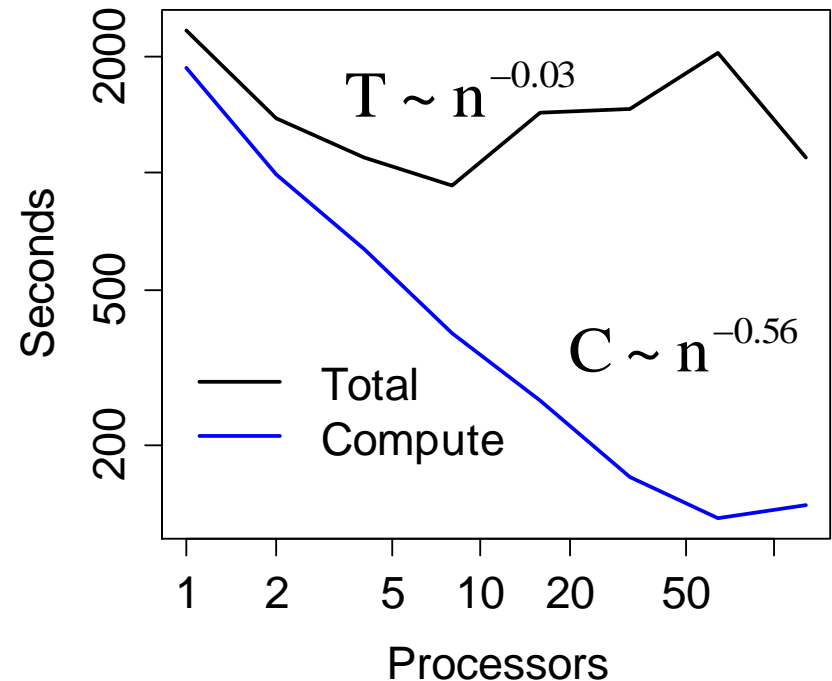
Improved runtime efficiency

Parallel Pit Remove timing for NEDB test dataset (14849 x 27174 cells \approx 1.6 GB).



8 processor PC

Dual quad-core Xeon E5405 2.0GHz PC with 16GB RAM

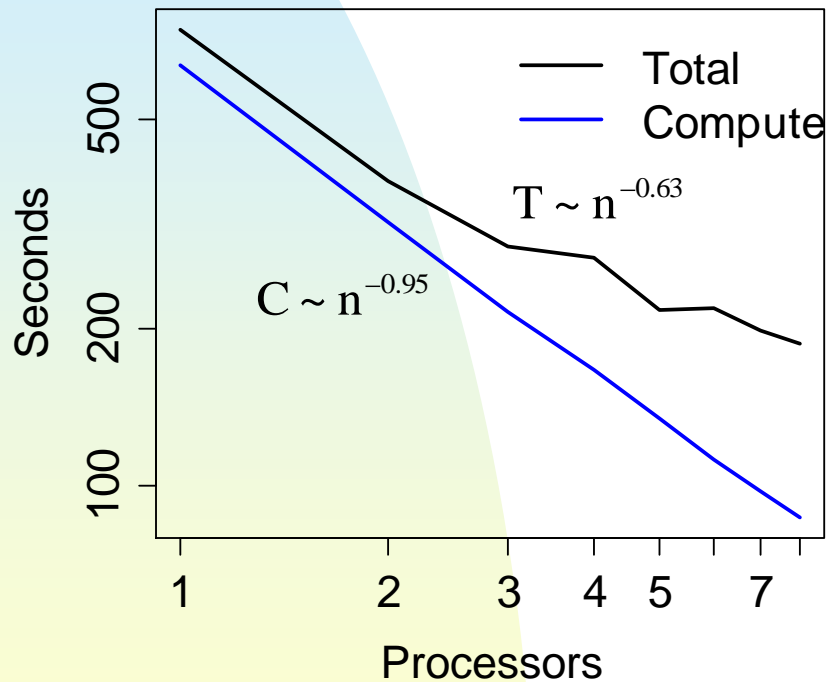


128 processor cluster

16 diskless Dell SC1435 compute nodes, each with 2.0GHz dual quad-core AMD Opteron 2350 processors with 8GB RAM

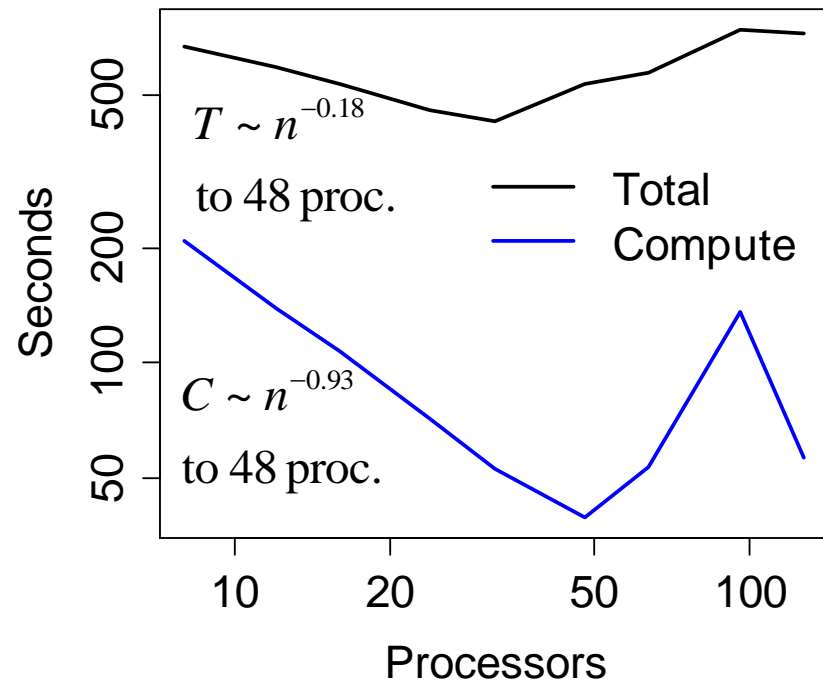
Improved runtime efficiency

Parallel D-Infinity Contributing Area Timing for Boise River dataset (24856 x 24000 cells ~ 2.4 GB)



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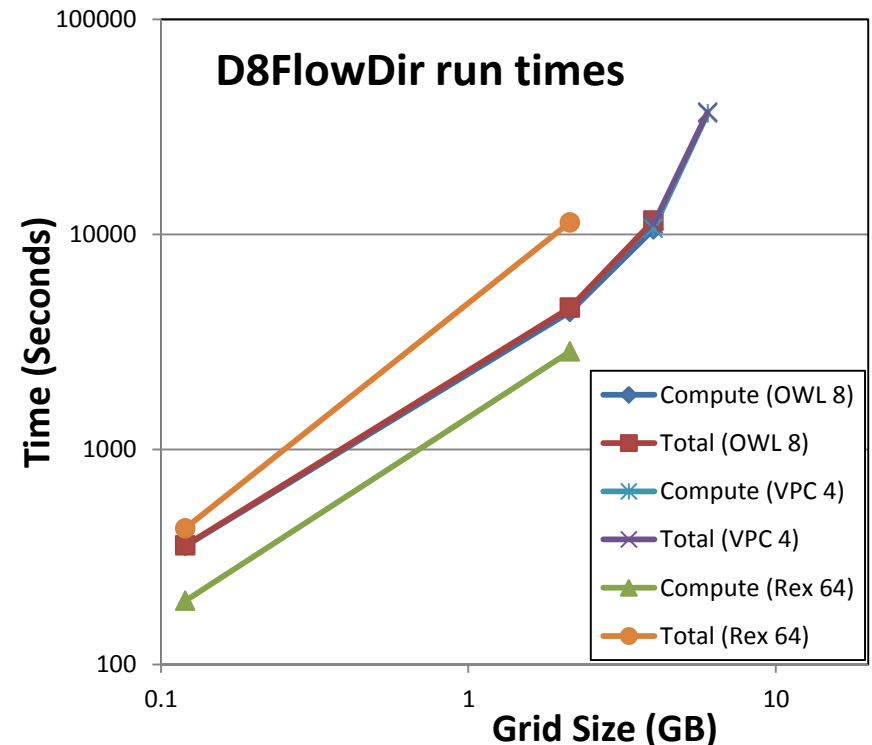
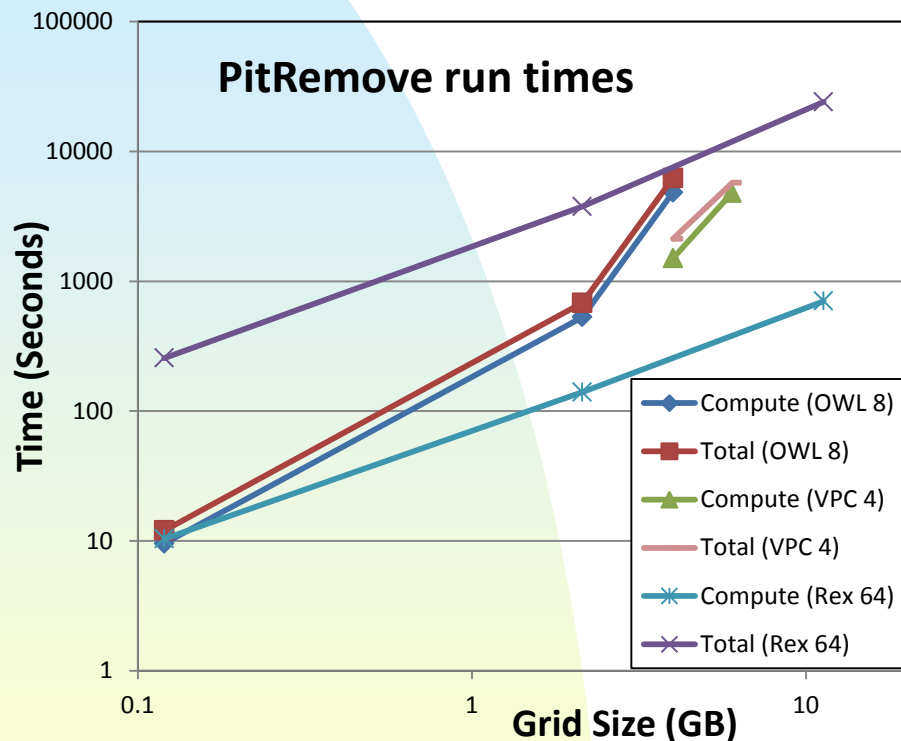
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Scaling of run times to large grids

Dataset	Size (GB)	Hardware	Number of Processors	PitRemove (run time seconds)		D8FlowDir (run time seconds)	
				Compute	Total	Compute	Total
GSL100	0.12	Owl (PC)	8	10	12	356	358
GSL100	0.12	Rex (Cluster)	8	28	360	1075	1323
GSL100	0.12	Rex (Cluster)	64	10	256	198	430
GSL100	0.12	Mac	8	20	20	803	806
YellowStone	2.14	Owl (PC)	8	529	681	4363	4571
YellowStone	2.14	Rex (Cluster)	64	140	3759	2855	11385
Boise River	4	Owl (PC)	8	4818	6225	10558	11599
Boise River	4	Virtual (PC)	4	1502	2120	10658	11191
Bear/Jordan/Weber	6	Virtual (PC)	4	4780	5695	36569	37098
Chesapeake	11.3	Rex (Cluster)	64	702	24045		

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3. Virtual is a virtual PC resourced with 48 GB RAM and 4 Intel Xeon E5450 3 GHz processors
4. Mac is an 8 core (Dual quad-core Intel Xeon E5620 2.26 GHz) with 16GB RAM

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Summary and Conclusions

- Parallelization speeds up processing and partitioned processing reduces size limitations
- Parallel logic developed for general recursive flow accumulation methodology (flow algebra)
- Documented ArcGIS Toolbox Graphical User Interface
- 32 and 64 bit versions (but 32 bit version limited by inherent 32 bit operating system memory limitations)
- PC, Mac and Linux/Unix capability
- Capability to process large grids efficiently increased from 0.22 GB upper limit pre-project to where < 4GB grids can be processed in the ArcGIS Toolbox version on a PC within a day and up to 11 GB has been processed on a distributed cluster (a 50 fold size increase)

Limitations and Dependencies

- Uses MPICH2 library from Argonne National Laboratory
<http://www.mcs.anl.gov/research/projects/mpich2/>
- TIFF (GeoTIFF) 4 GB file size (for single file version)
- Capability to use multiple files to cover domain not yet on web site
- Processor memory
- Toolbox user interface only for ArcGIS 9.3.1

Are there any questions ?

