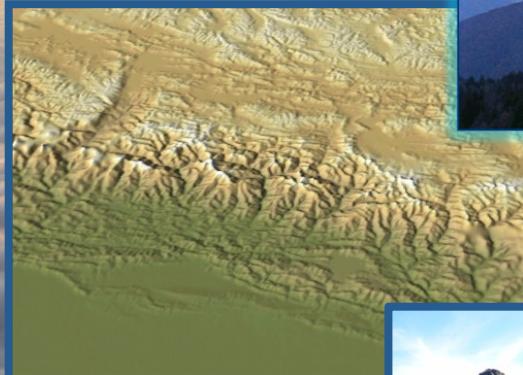




Ground Validation in Regions of Complex Topography

Mapping the 4D structure of rainfall : implications for hydrologic services and water resources management



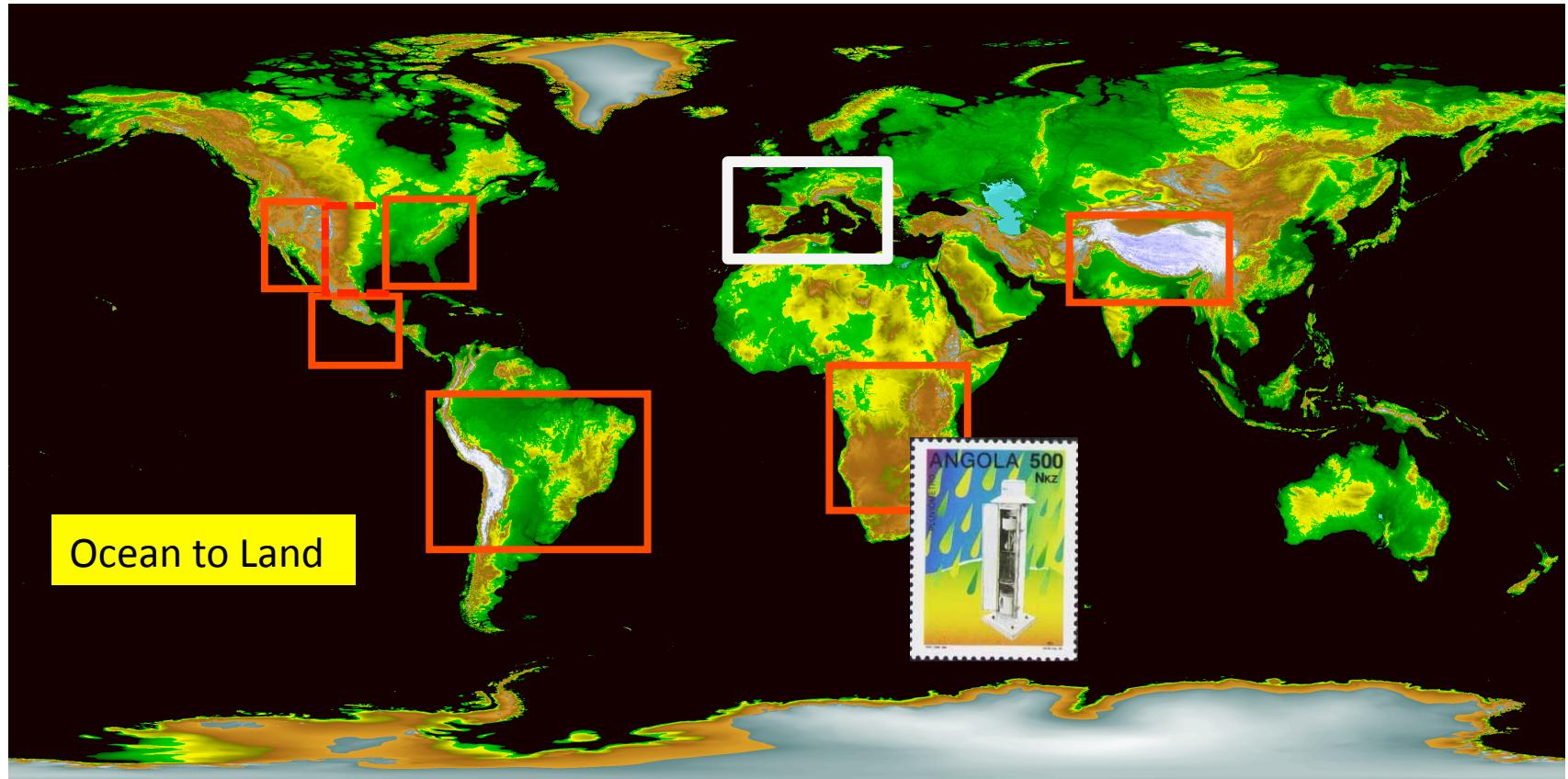
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Duke University



PMM 2011, November 9 2011



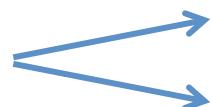
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Heavy to Light to Snow



Flat to Complex



Foothills
Mid-Mountains
Plateaus
Cordilleras



4D Structure Of Rainfall

- Hydrology
- Satellite Based Estimation

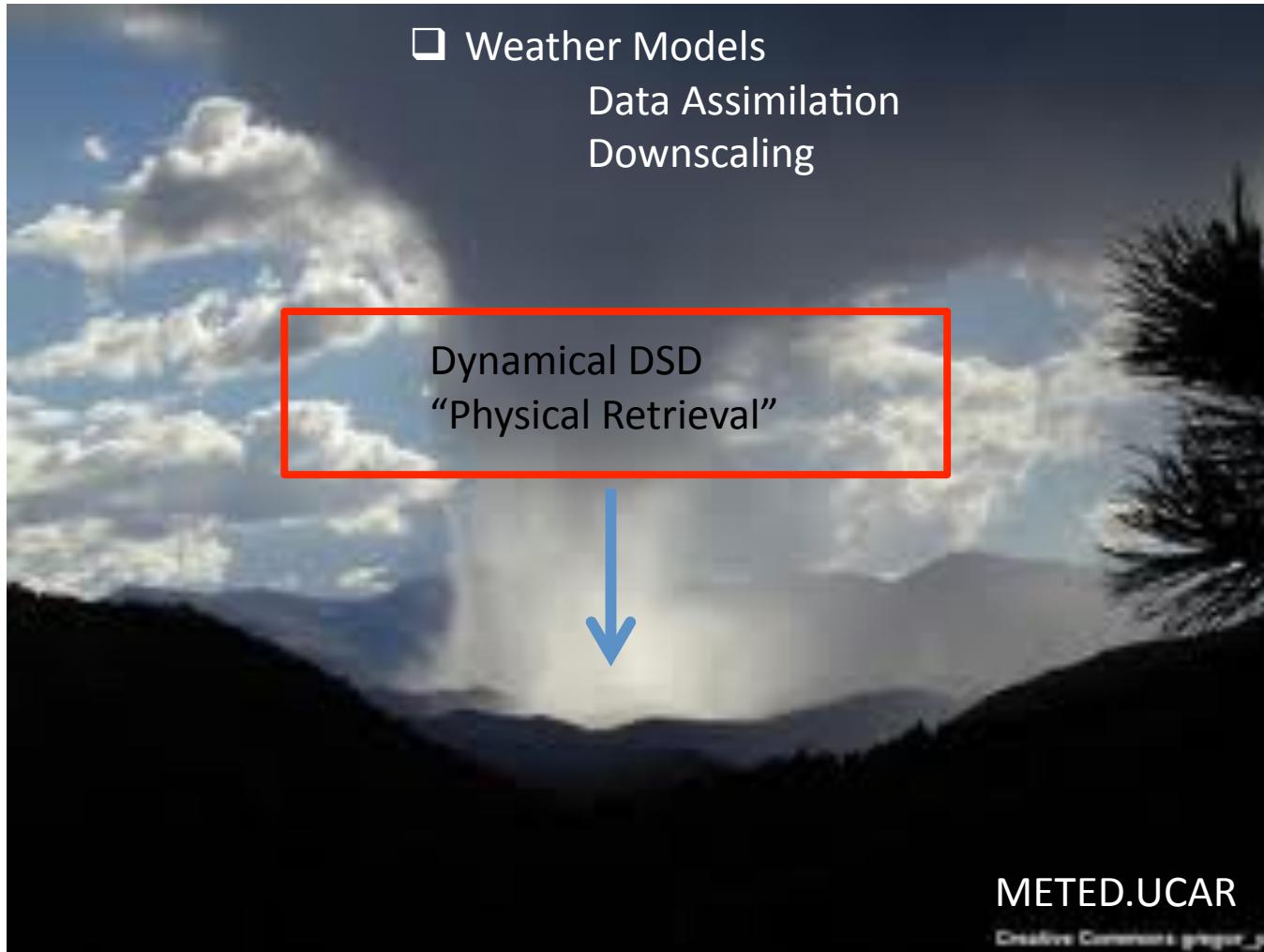
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- Data Assimilation
- Downscaling

Dynamical DSD
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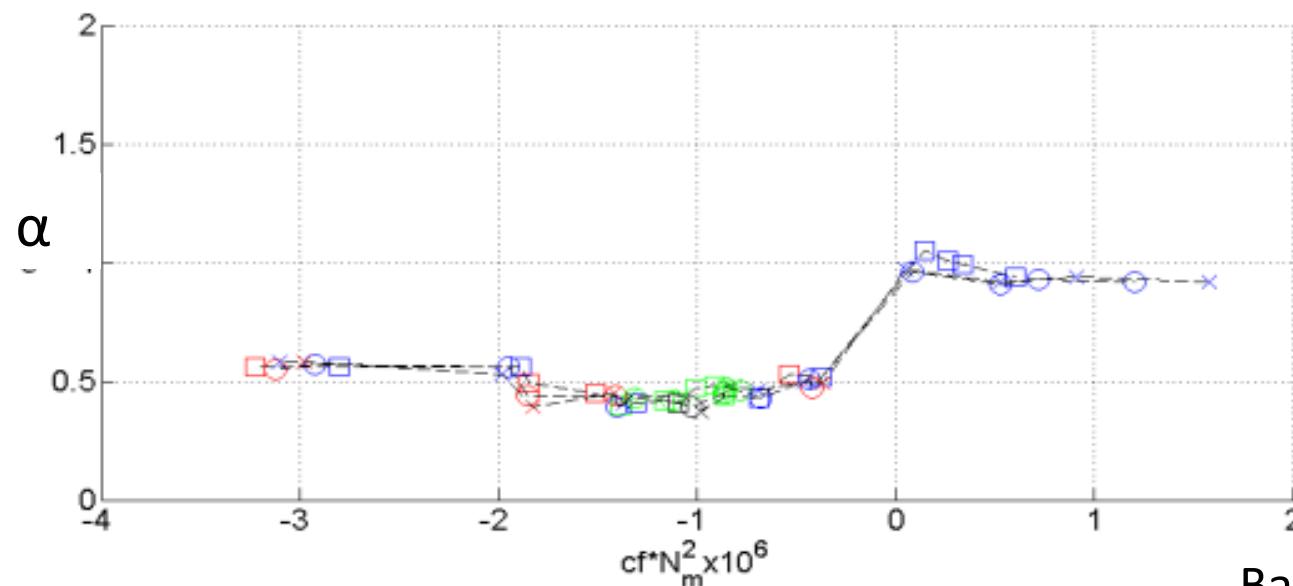
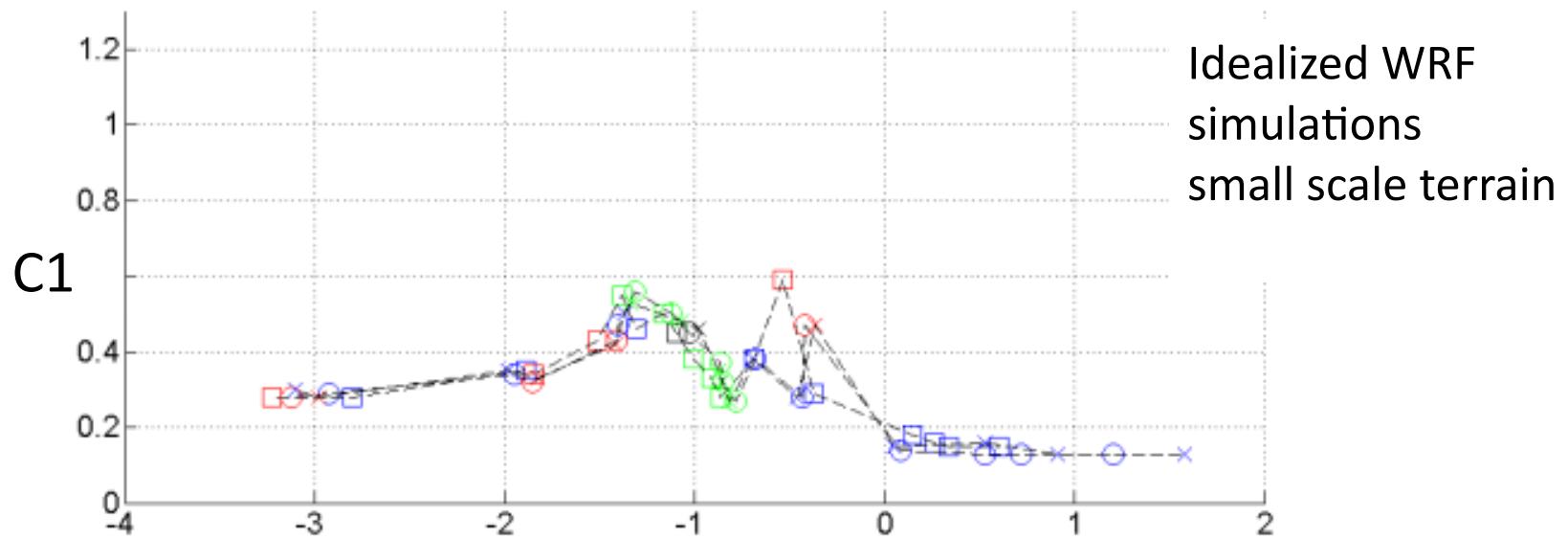


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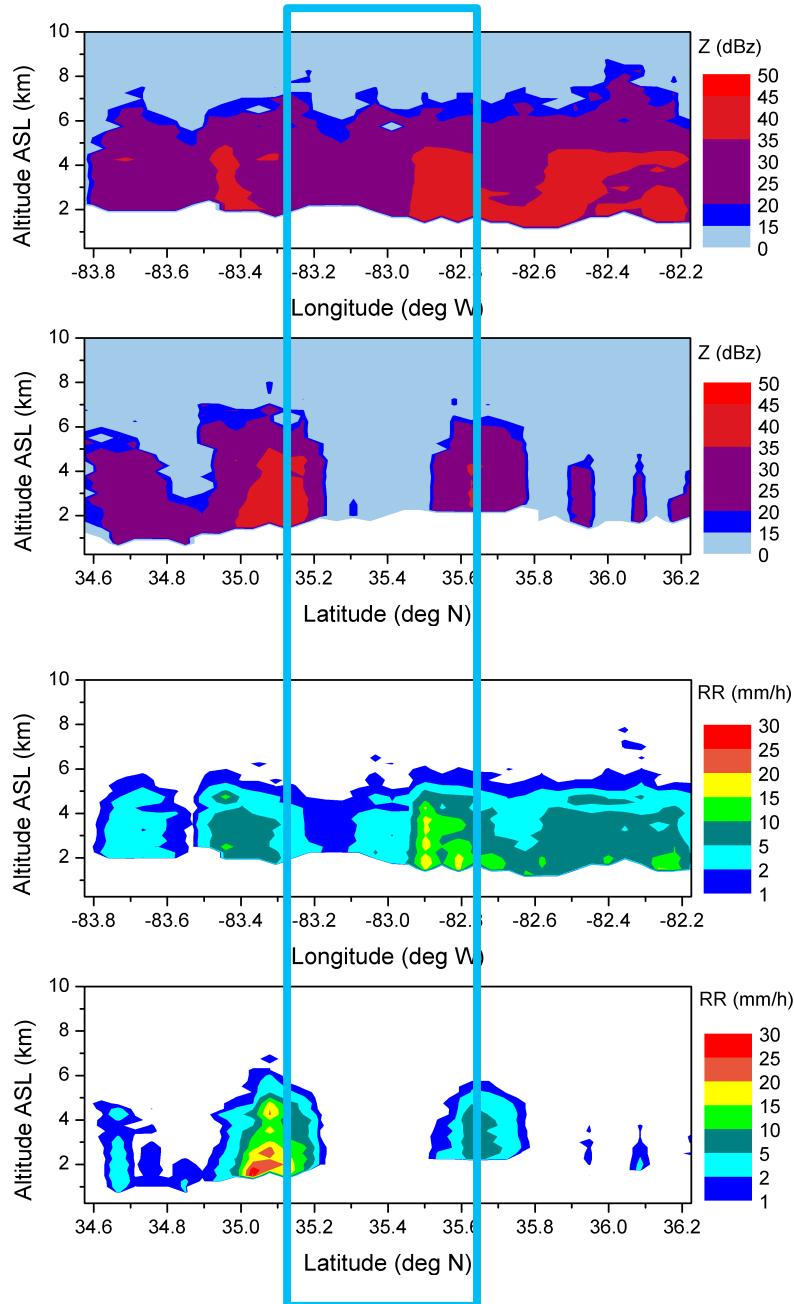


Scaling Behavior of Shallow Embedded Convection



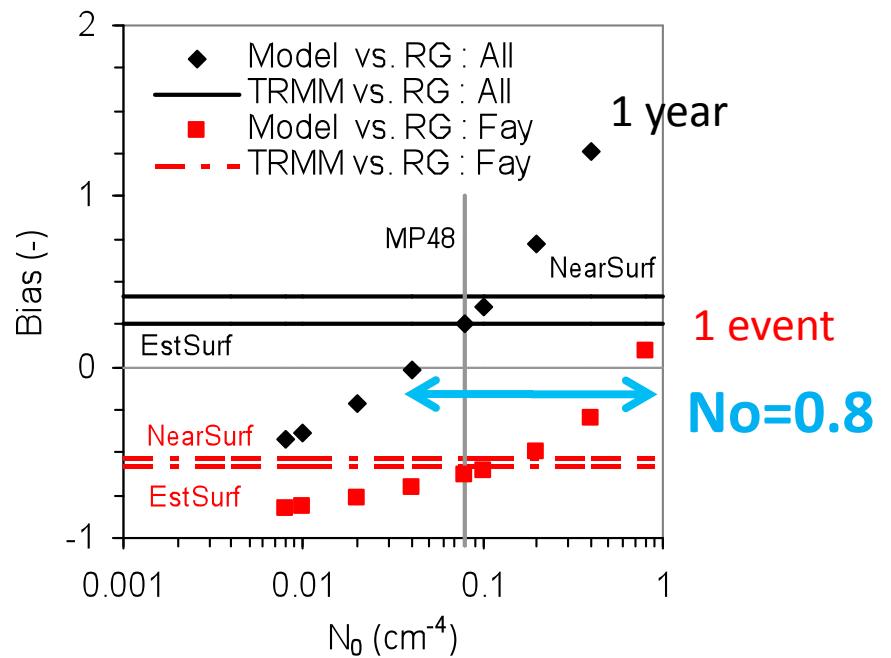
Barros et al. 2004

Nogueira et al. 2011



TRMM-PR

2007-2008

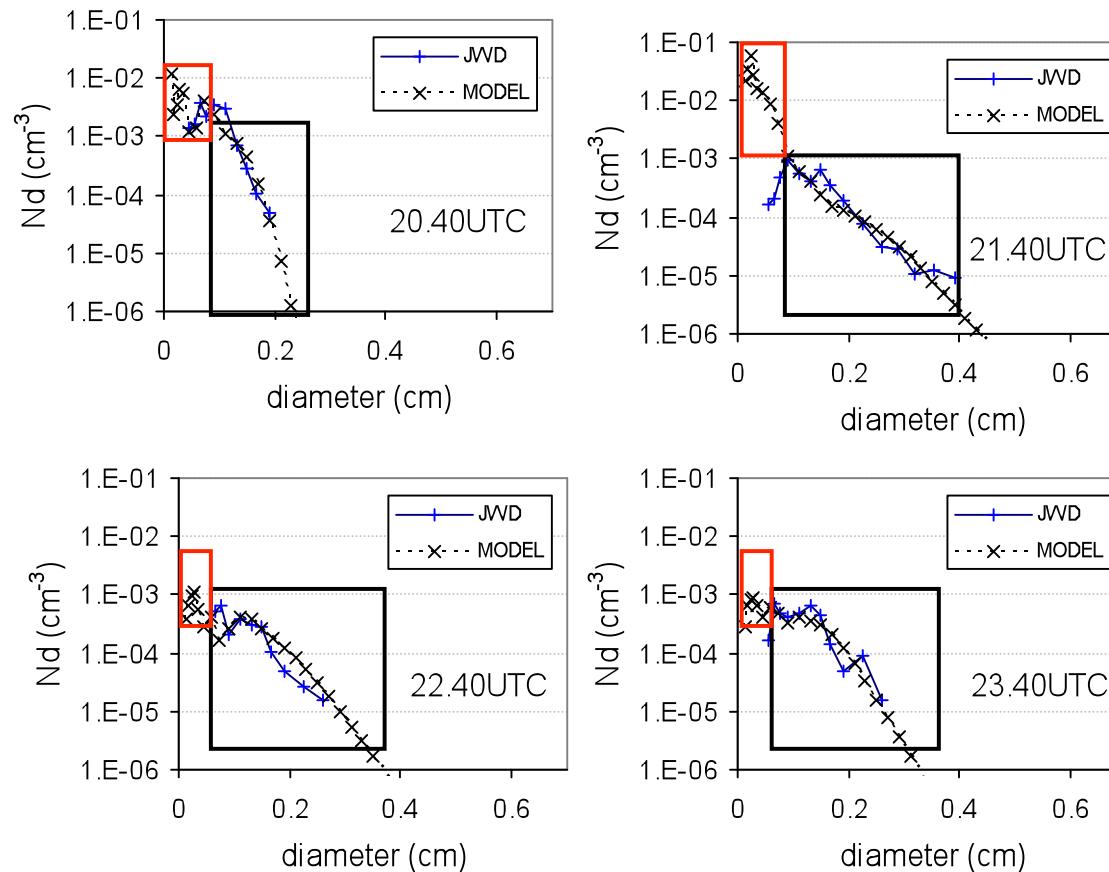


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1D-Model/Disdrometer DSD Comparison for TWP-ICE

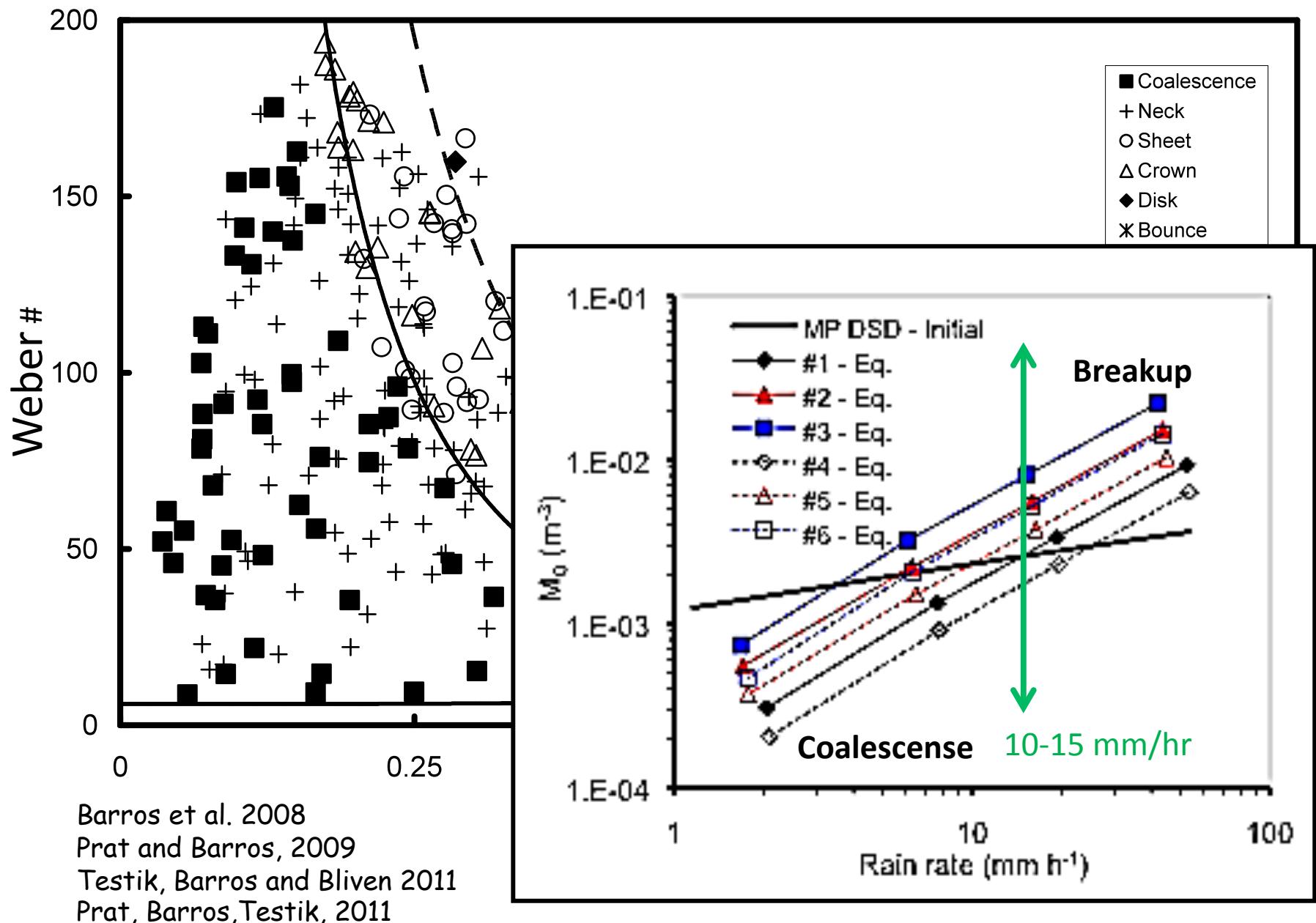


- For $d > 0.1\text{cm}$, numerical results forced by VPR and JWD data match closely drop number concentrations down to $1.\text{E}-05 \text{ cm}^{-3}$.



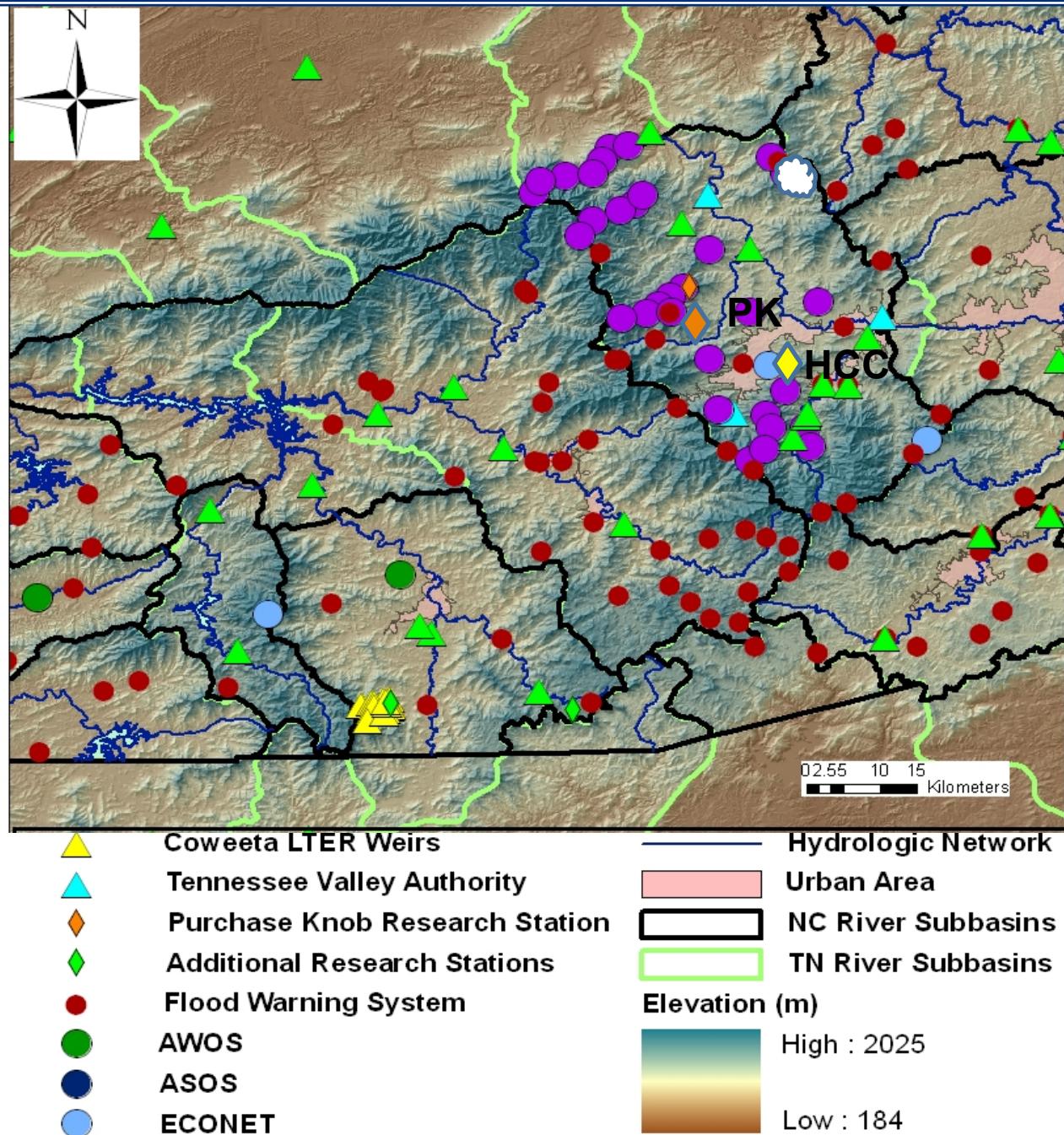
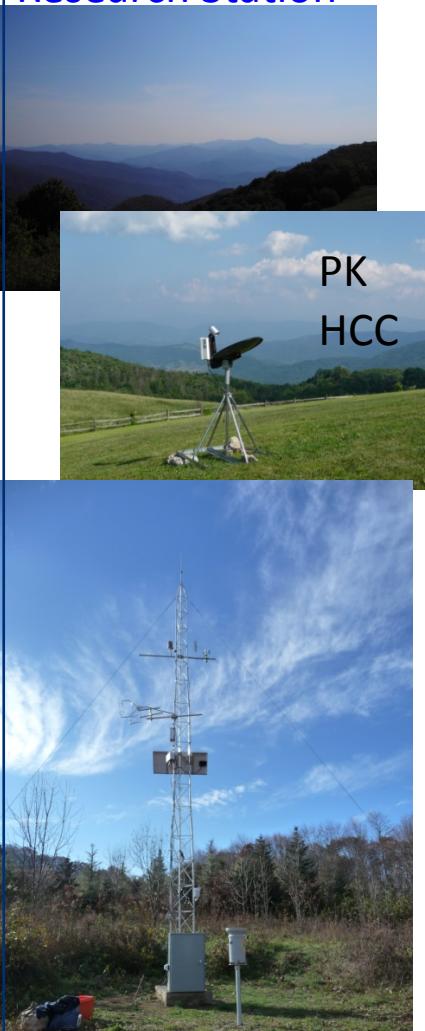
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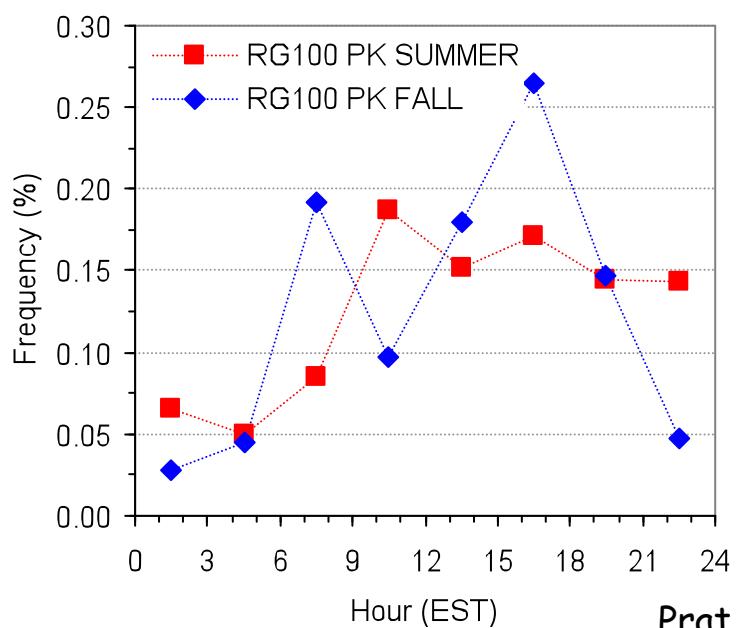
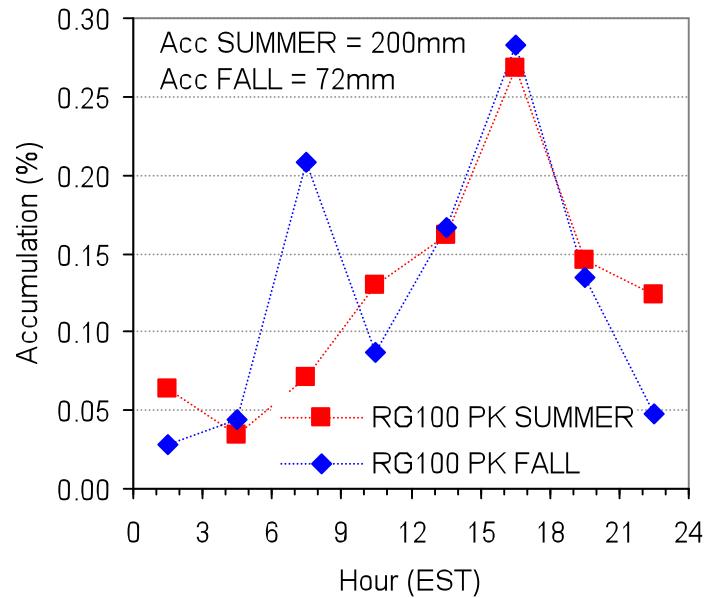
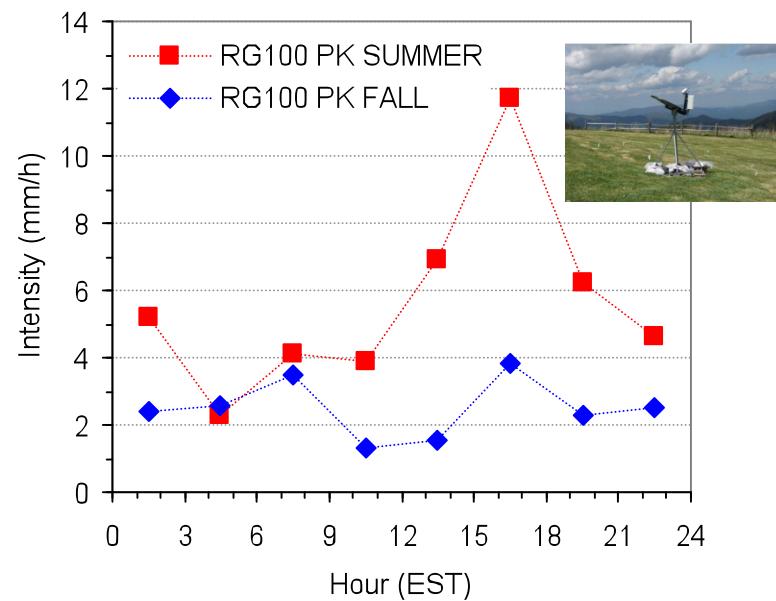
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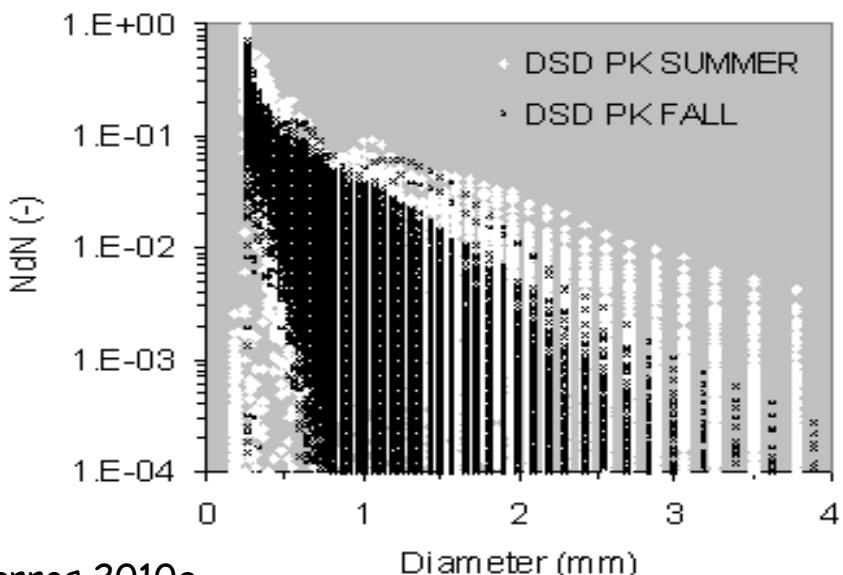
Purchase Knob Research Station





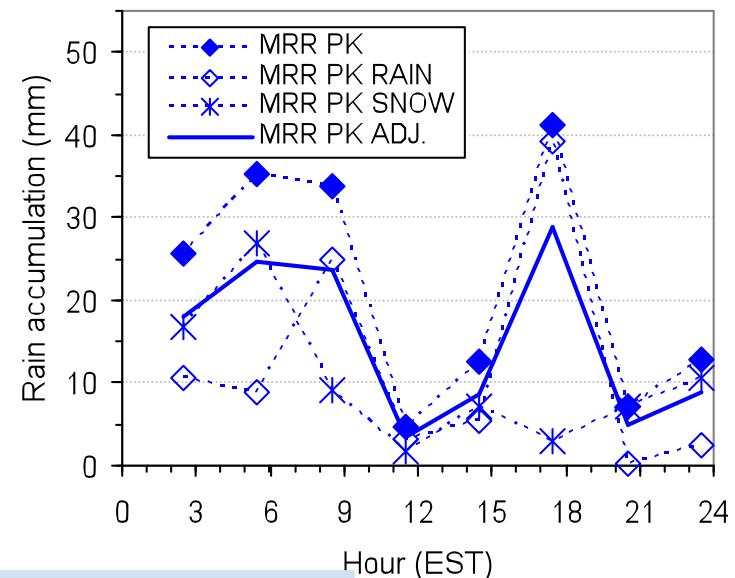
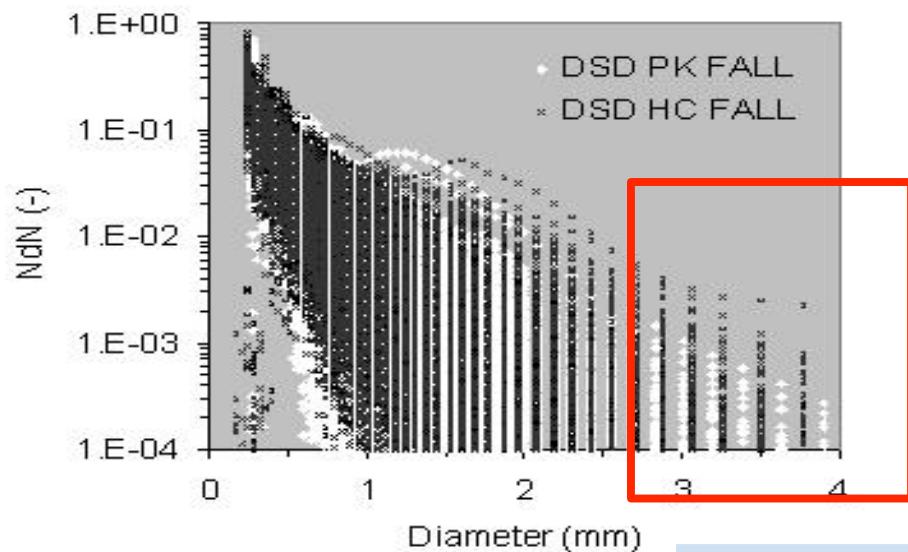
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Mountain Ridge : Summer / Fall

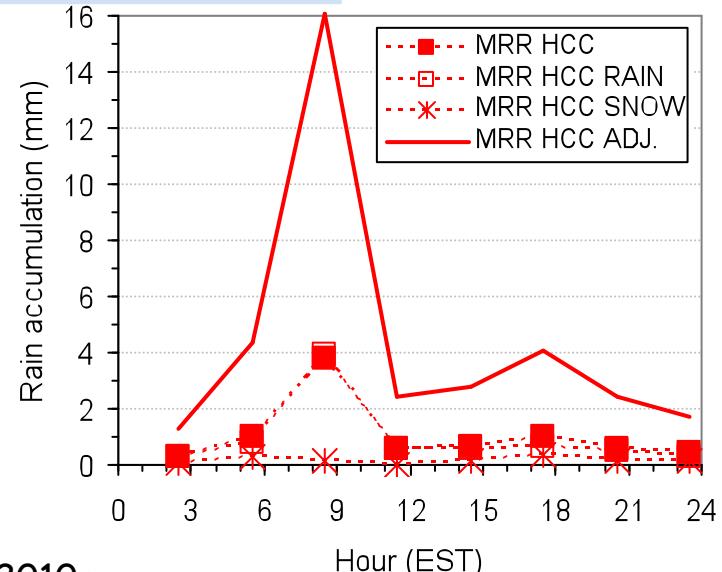
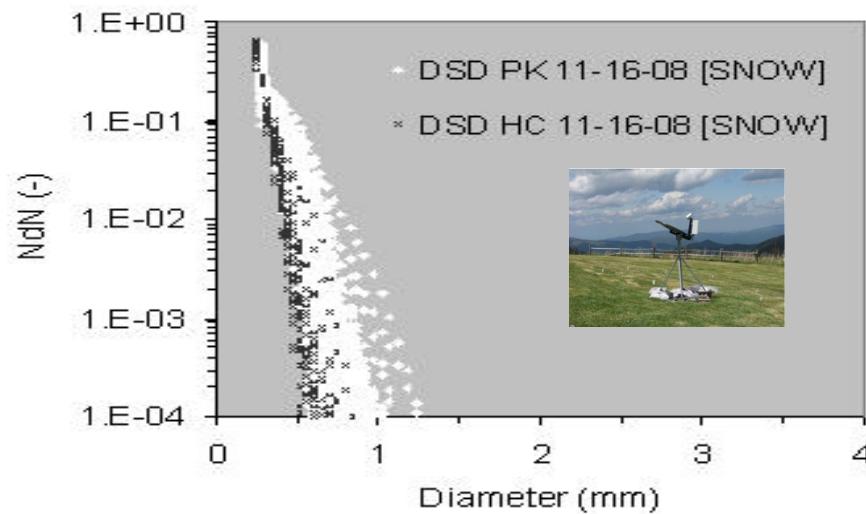




Fall : Mountain Ridge / Valley



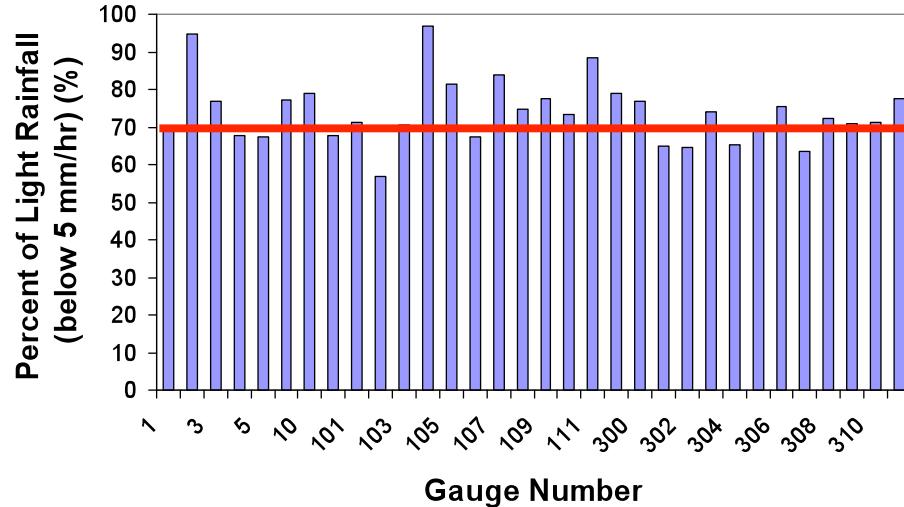
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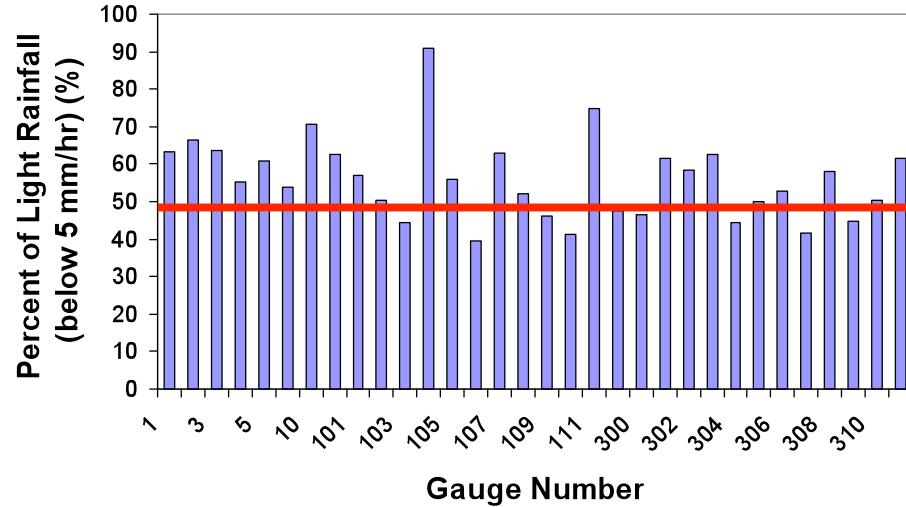
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Seasonal Variability of Light Rainfall

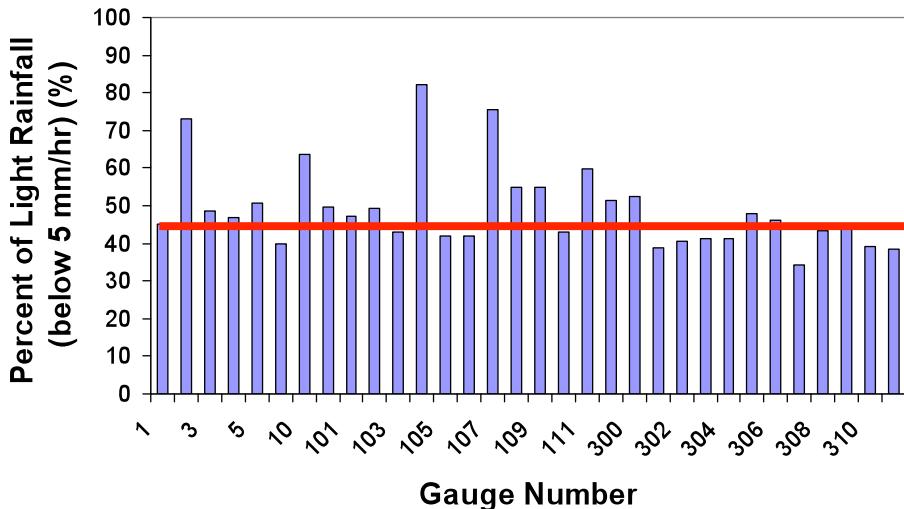
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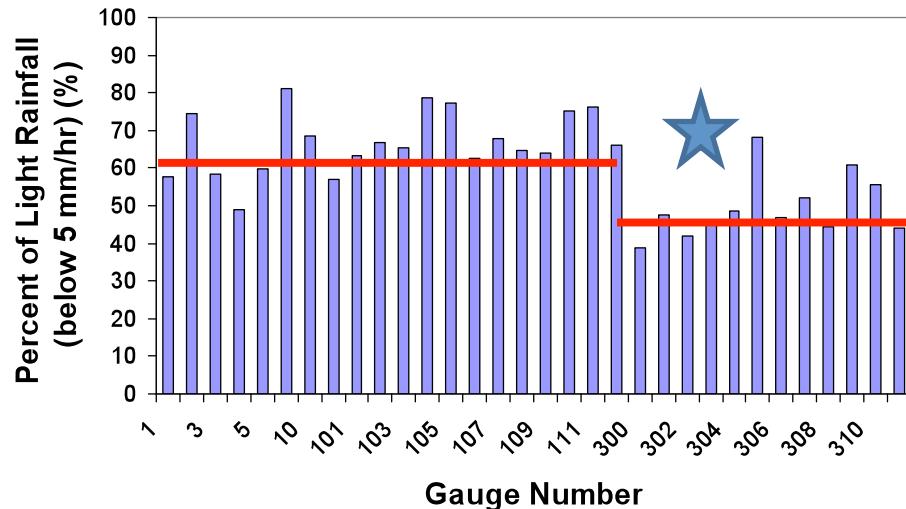
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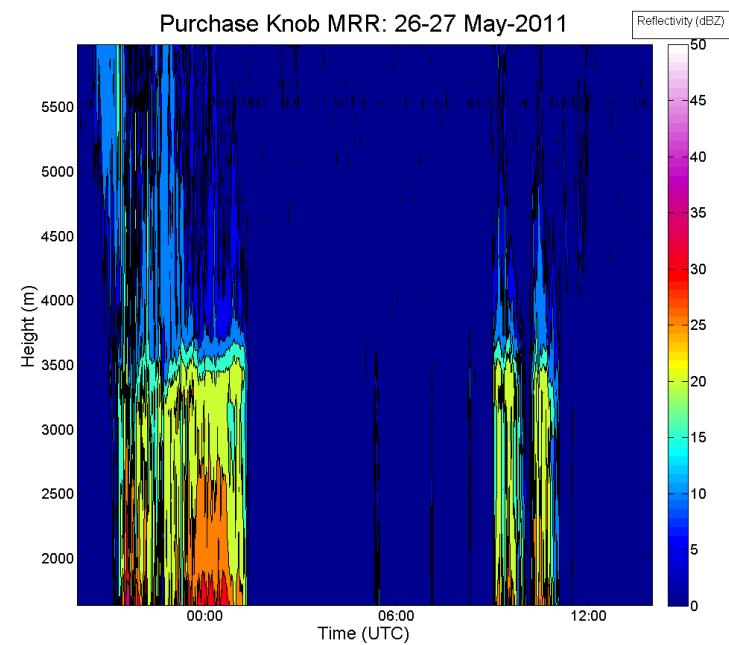
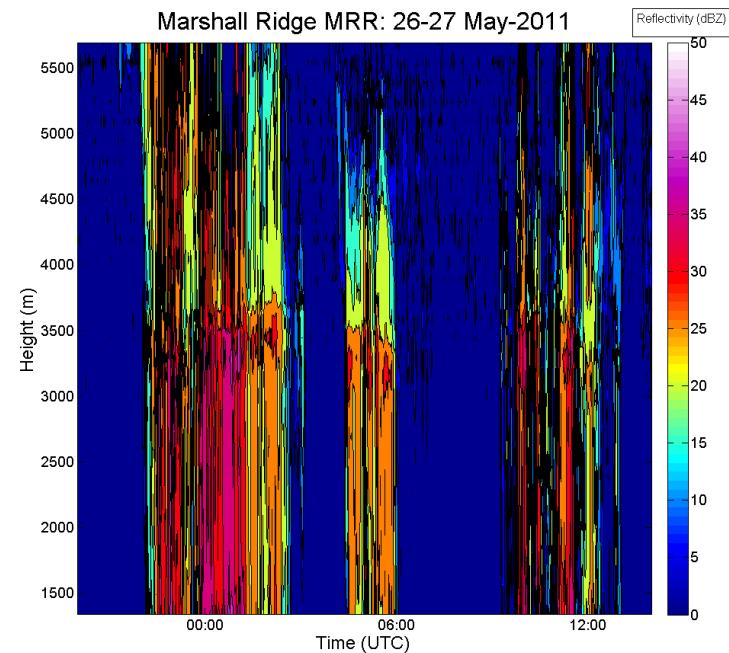
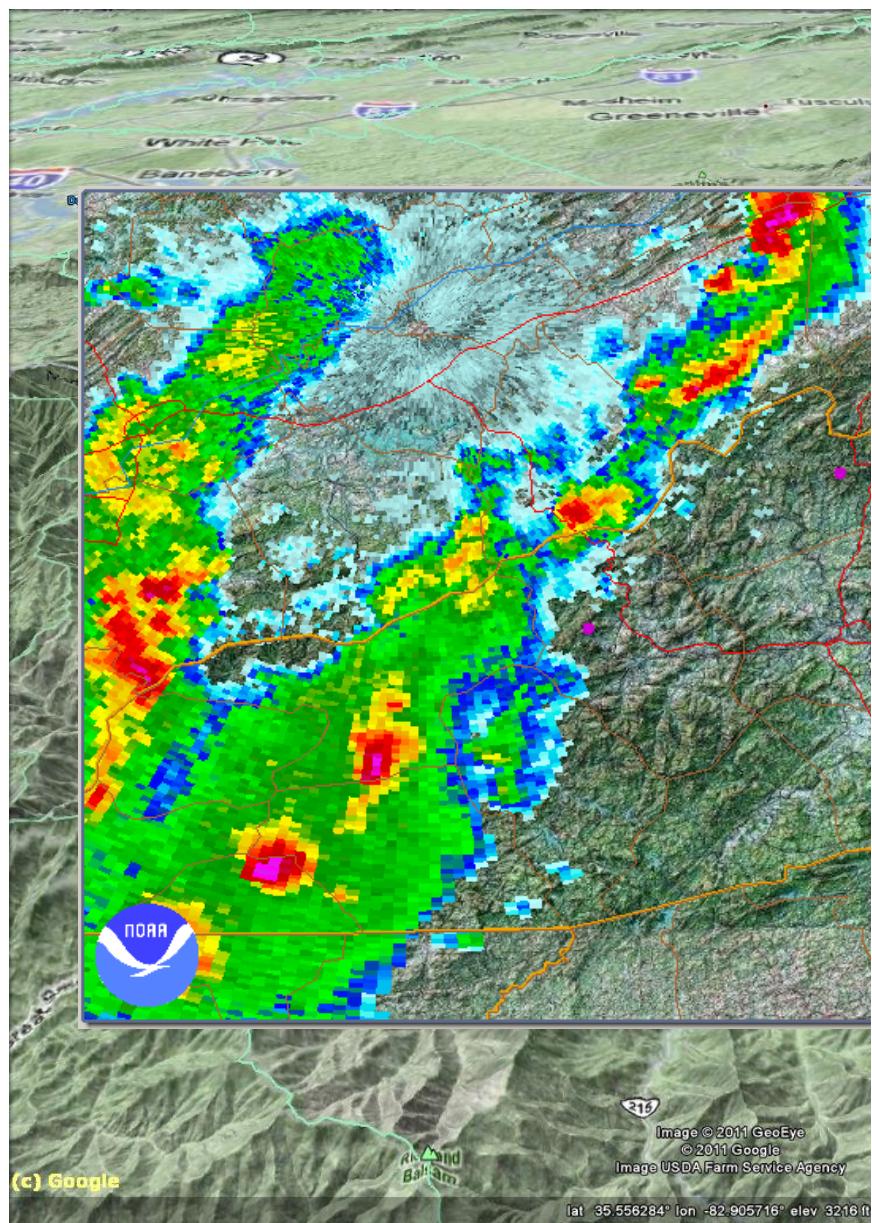


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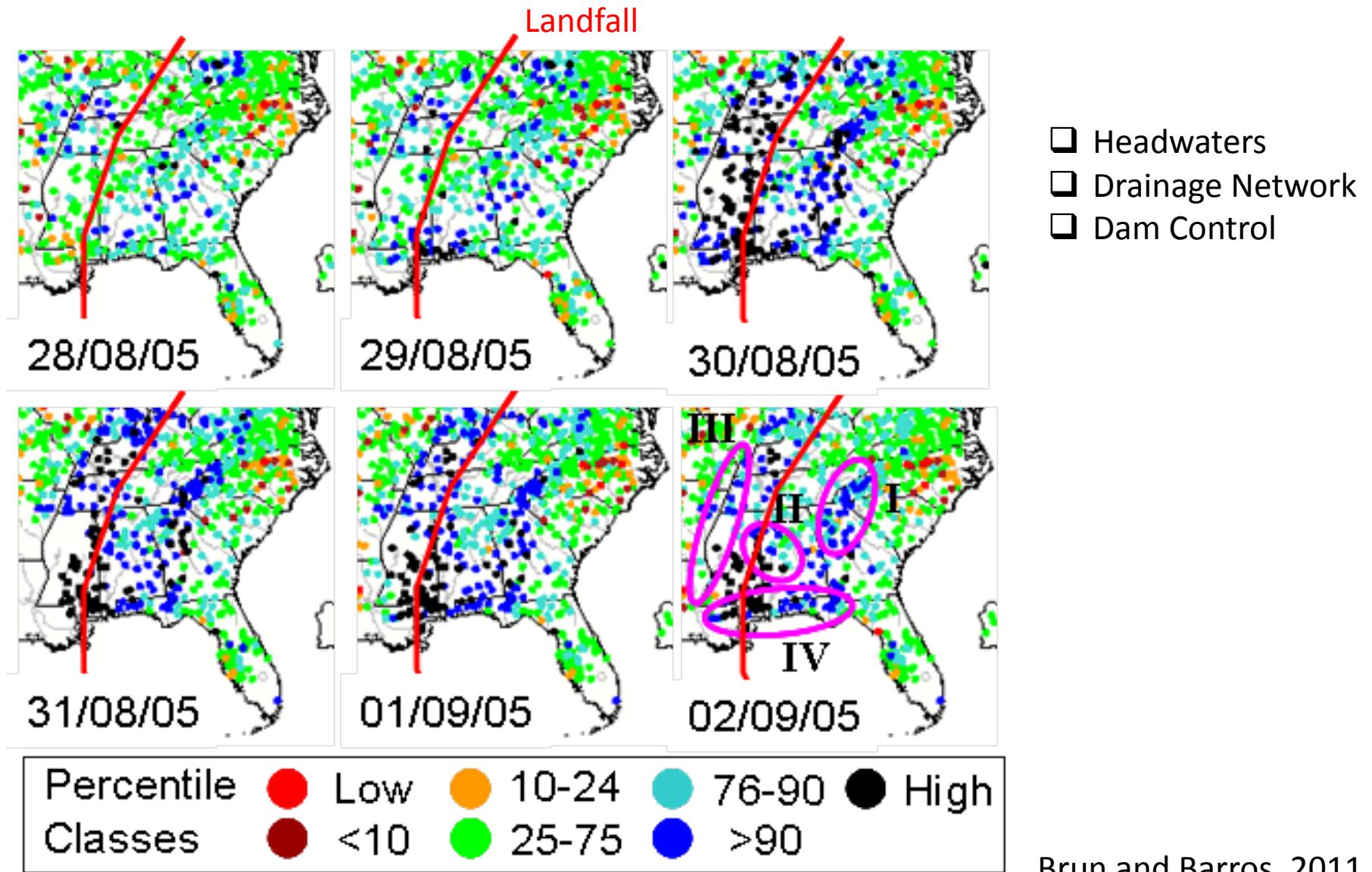
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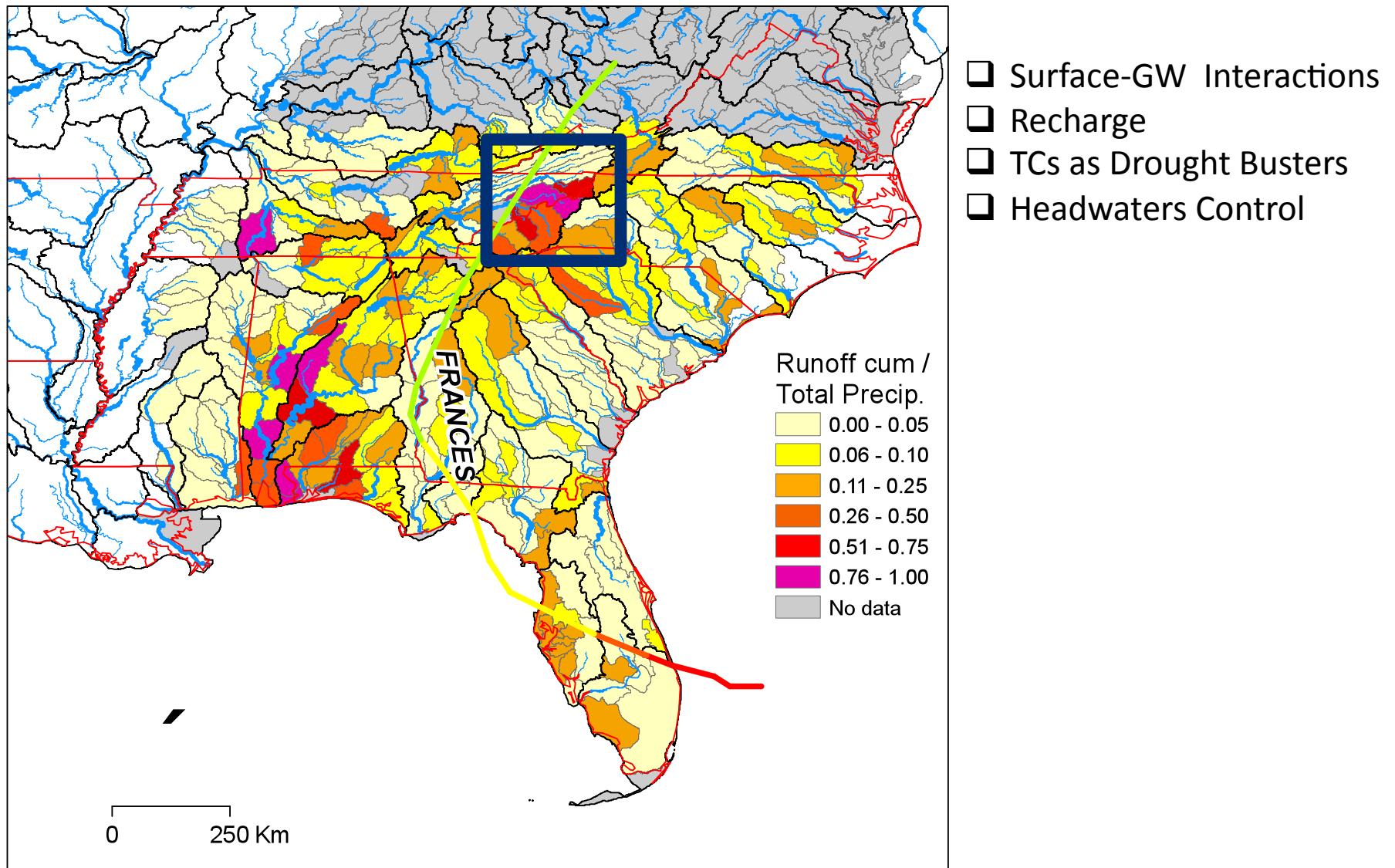
Hurricanes – Tropical Storms

Katrina Flood Response



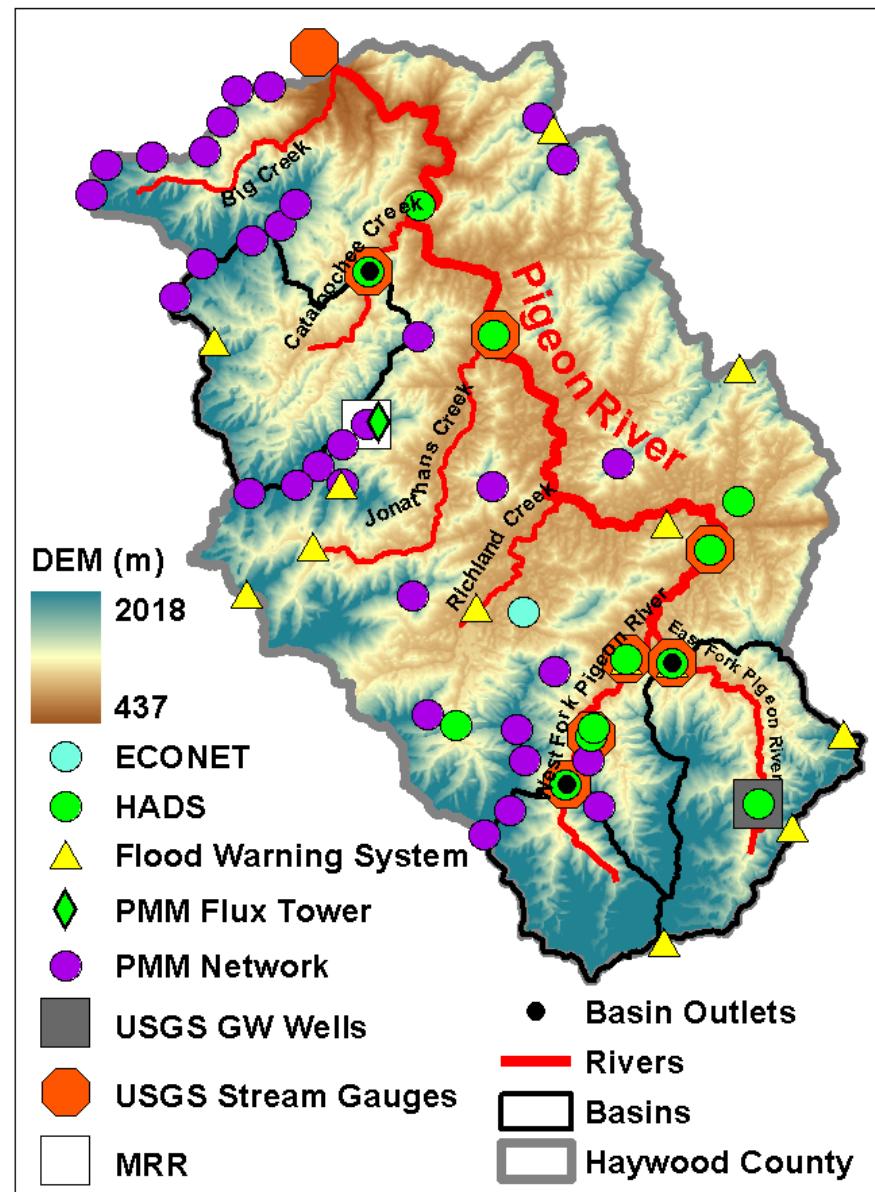
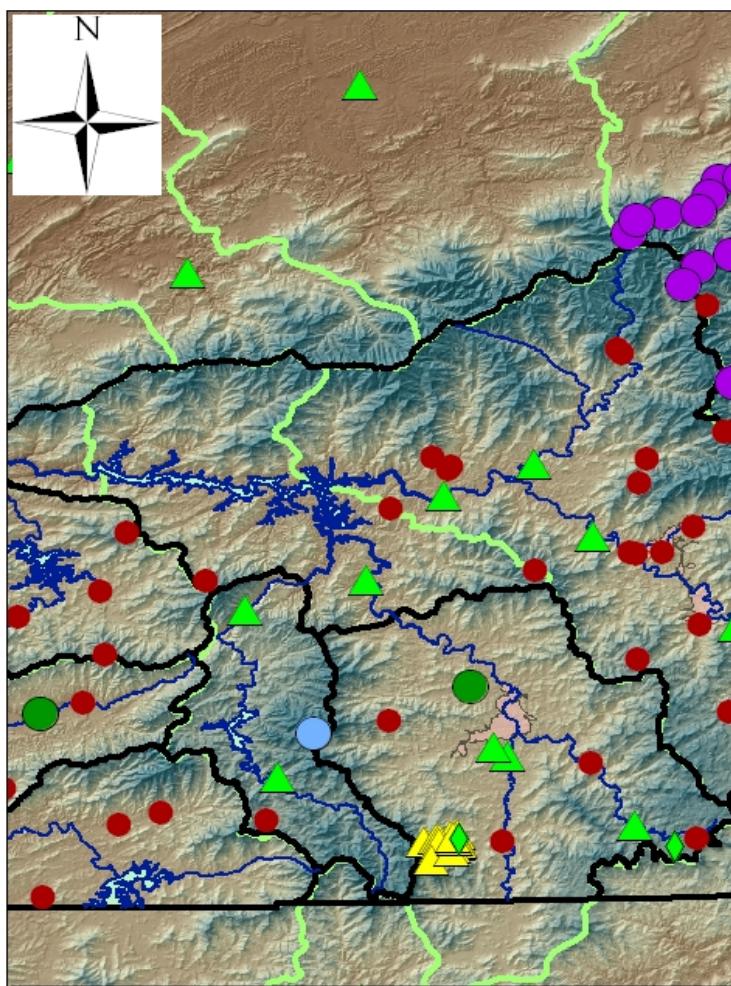
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Water Balance – Hurricane Frances

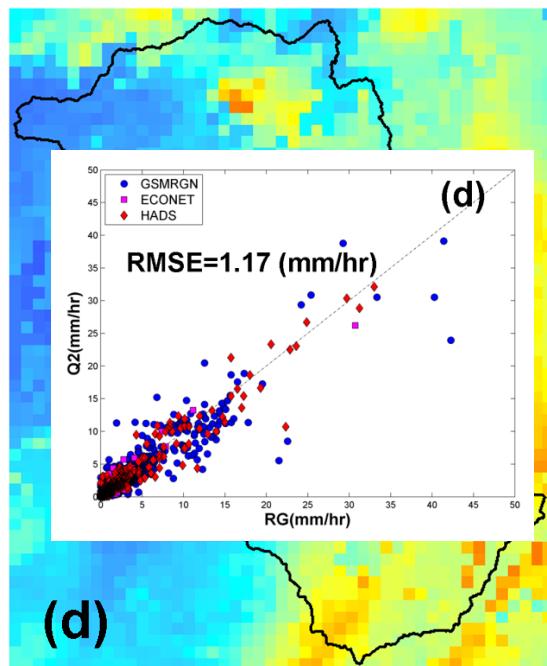
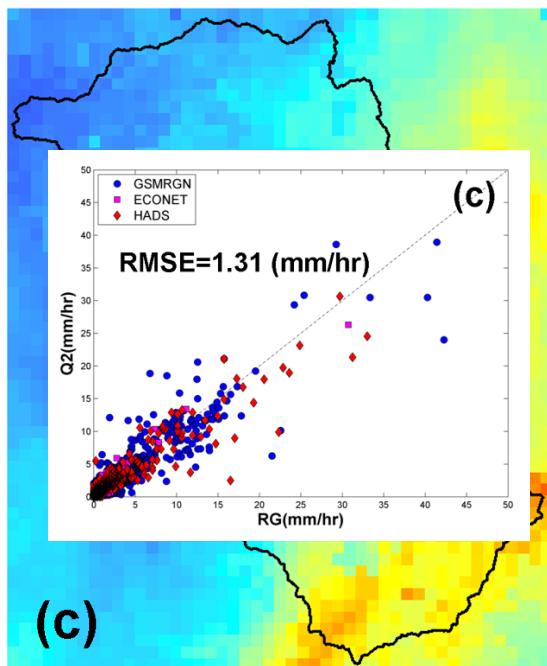
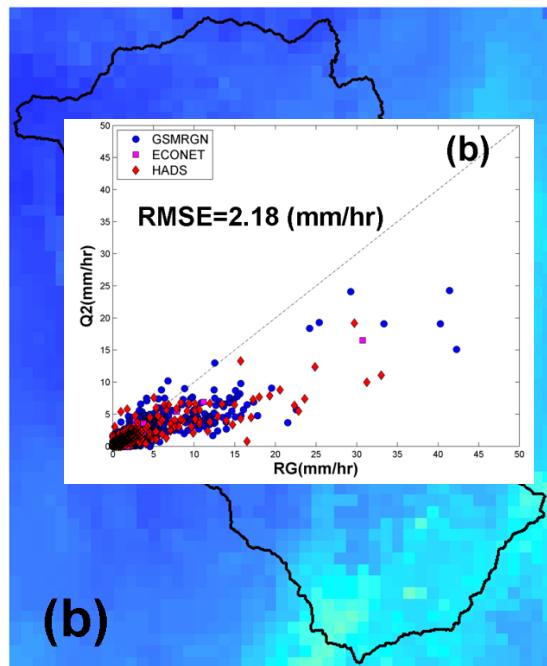
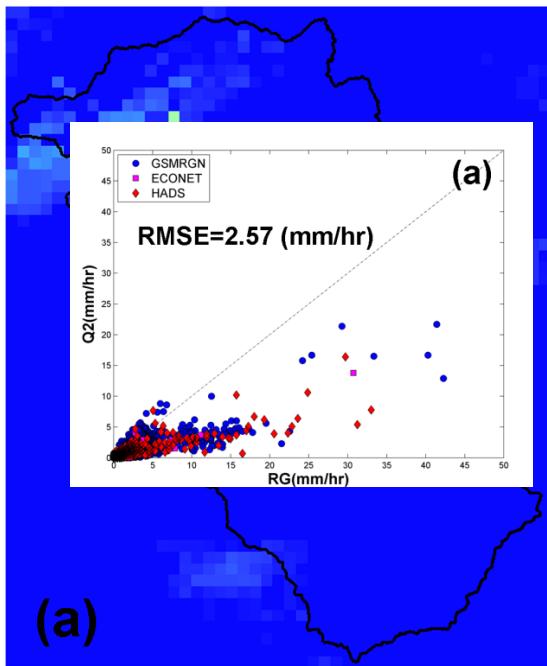


Catchment-Scale Hydrological Response to Tropical Storms

Natural LULC



Tropical Storm Fay....

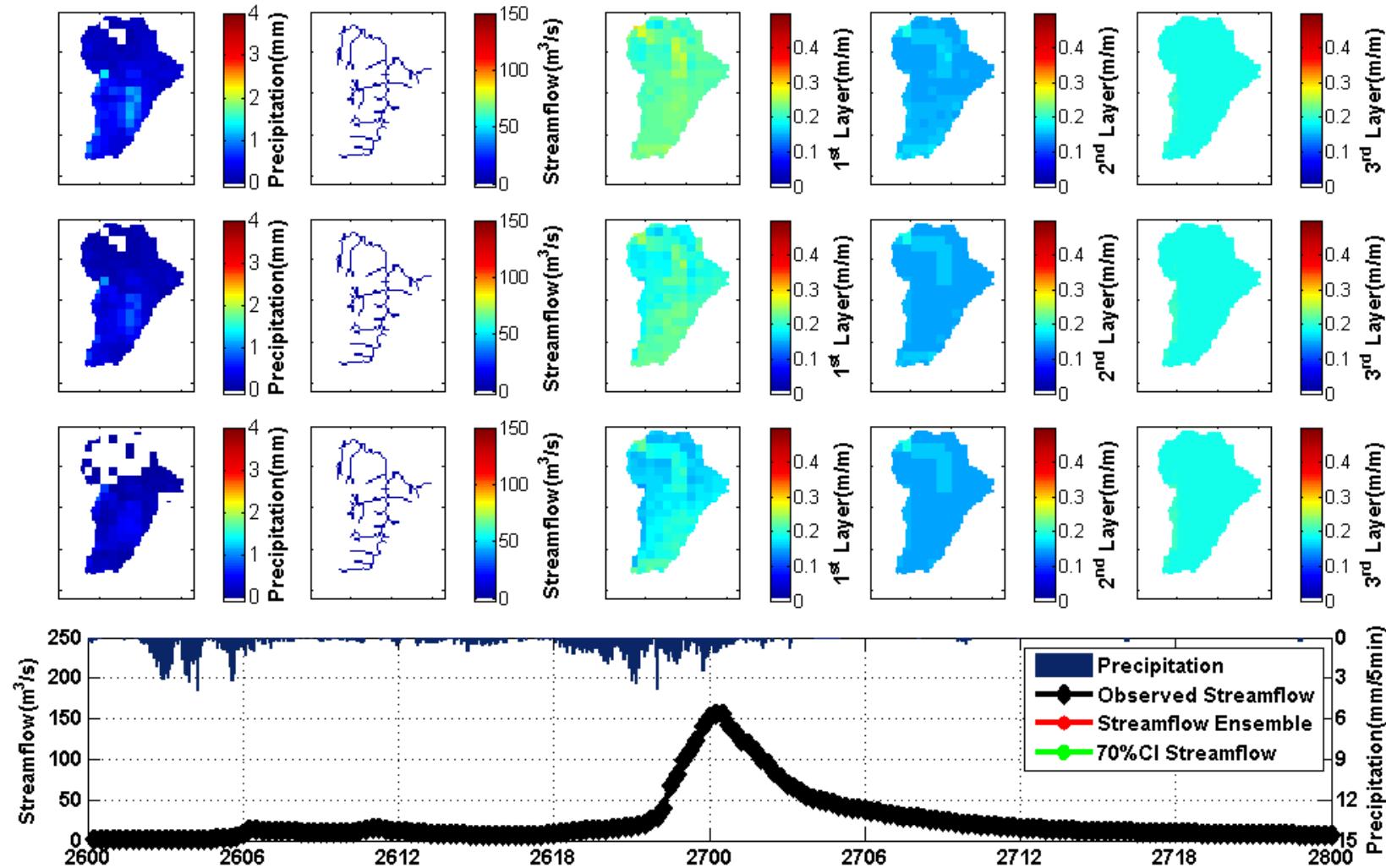


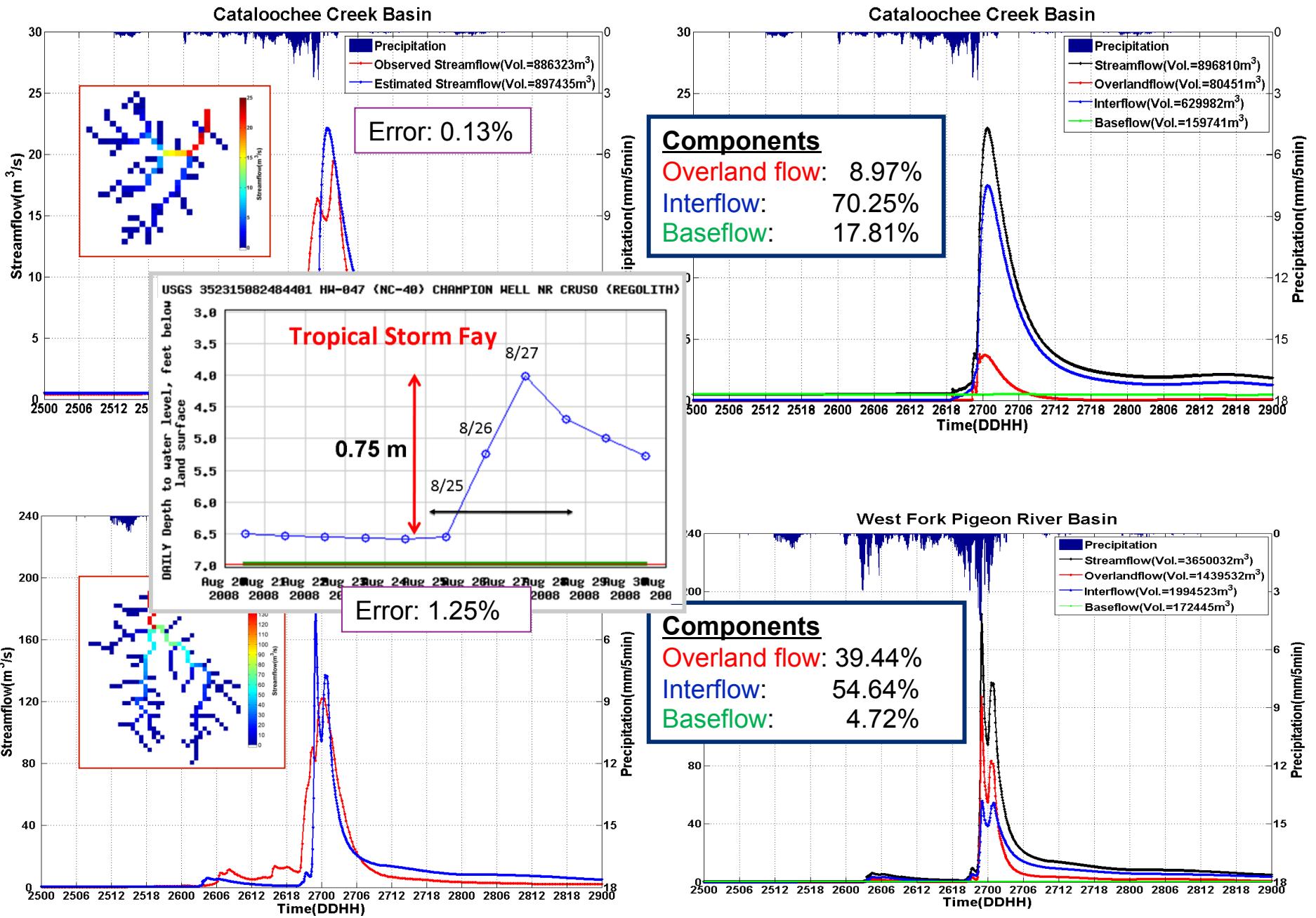
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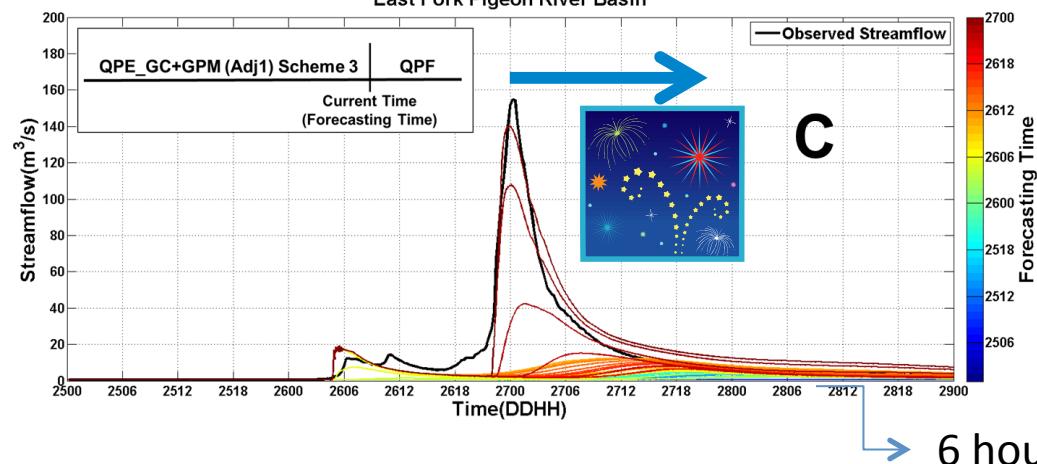
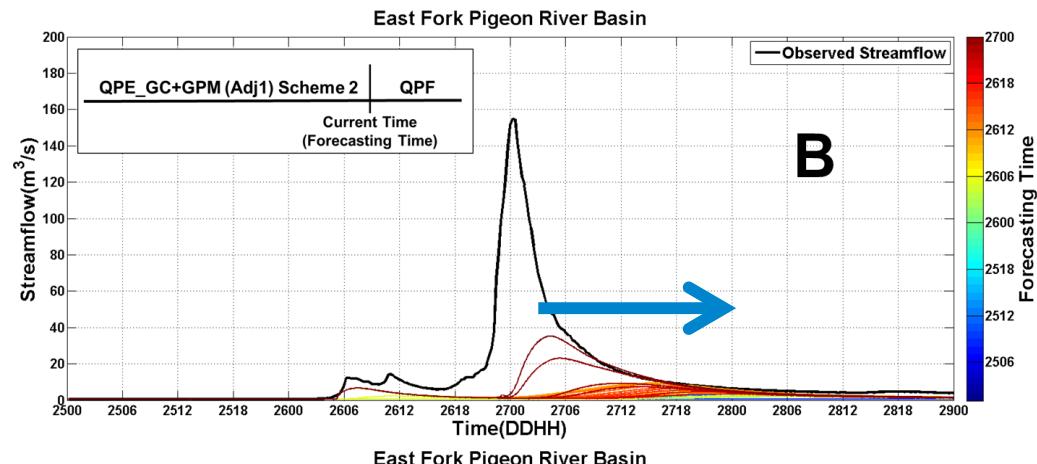
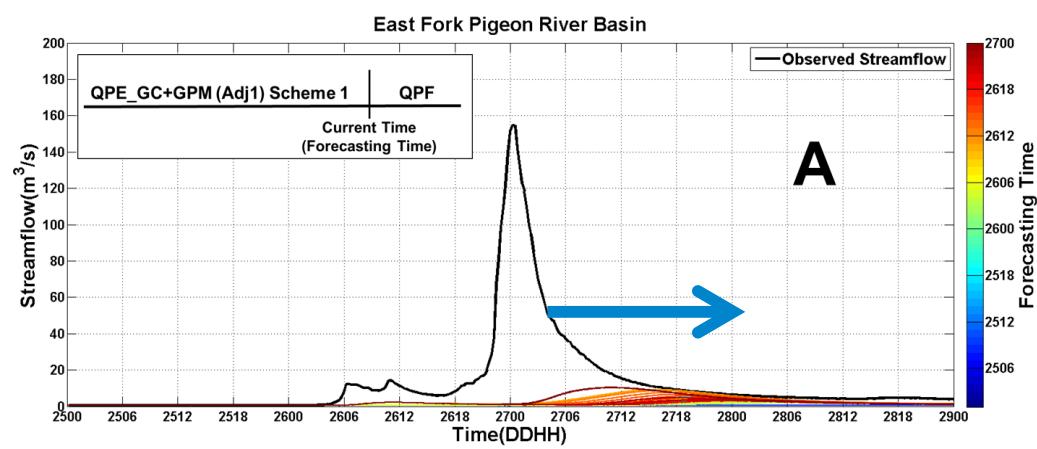
Accumulation(mm)
High : 340
Low : 30

East Fork of the Pigeon River Basin

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What is the Utility of "Instantaneous" Spatial Observations?

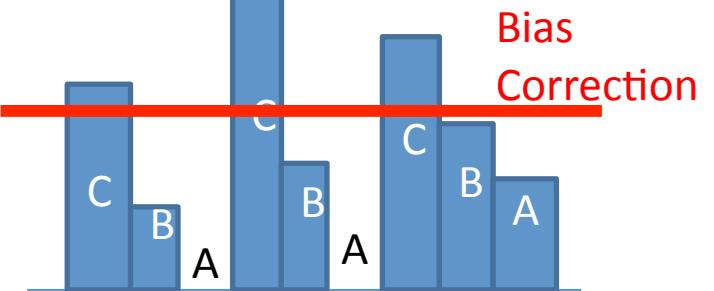
GPM “Simulator” 3 hourly

QPE and QPF [NFDB]

(Larry Lee, NWS)

Sampled from hourly Q2-GC-Adj*

Using Temporal Statistical Downscaling



Toward a Climatology of Extreme Events – Flash Floods ,Landslides, Debris Flows

Understanding the Space-Time Organization of Orographic Convection

Anatomy of a “Cloud Burst” on Balsam Ridge

Charlotte Observer - **September 11, 1992** - 1C METRO

HUNDREDS ARE EVACUATED AS WALL OF WATER RUSHES DOWN N.C. RIVER

Emergency workers in the mountains of Swain County scrambled Thursday night to evacuate residents from the path of a flash flood surging down the Oconaluftee River. ``We're in the process of evacuating now, with about an 11-foot wall`` of water headed toward Bryson City, county emergency coordinator David Hyatt said at 11:20 p.m. A wall of water reported at up to **20 feet high hit the Cherokee Indian** reservation at about 8 p.m. Thursday. Worst...

[Thousands of fish killed at Cherokee Fish Hatchery - The Daily ...](#)

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The Associated Press. Sunday, **July 17, 2011** ... CHEROKEE, N.C. (AP) — Thousands of fish were killed when a wall of water swept through the Cherokee ... Hatchery supervisor Doug Reed says the *flash flood* Thursday night washed nearly 3000 ... **8-feet wall of water**.Midnight

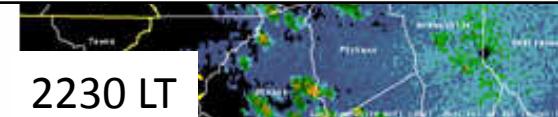
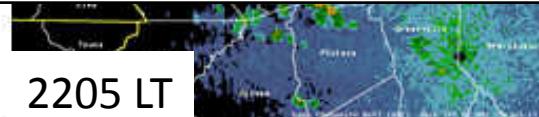
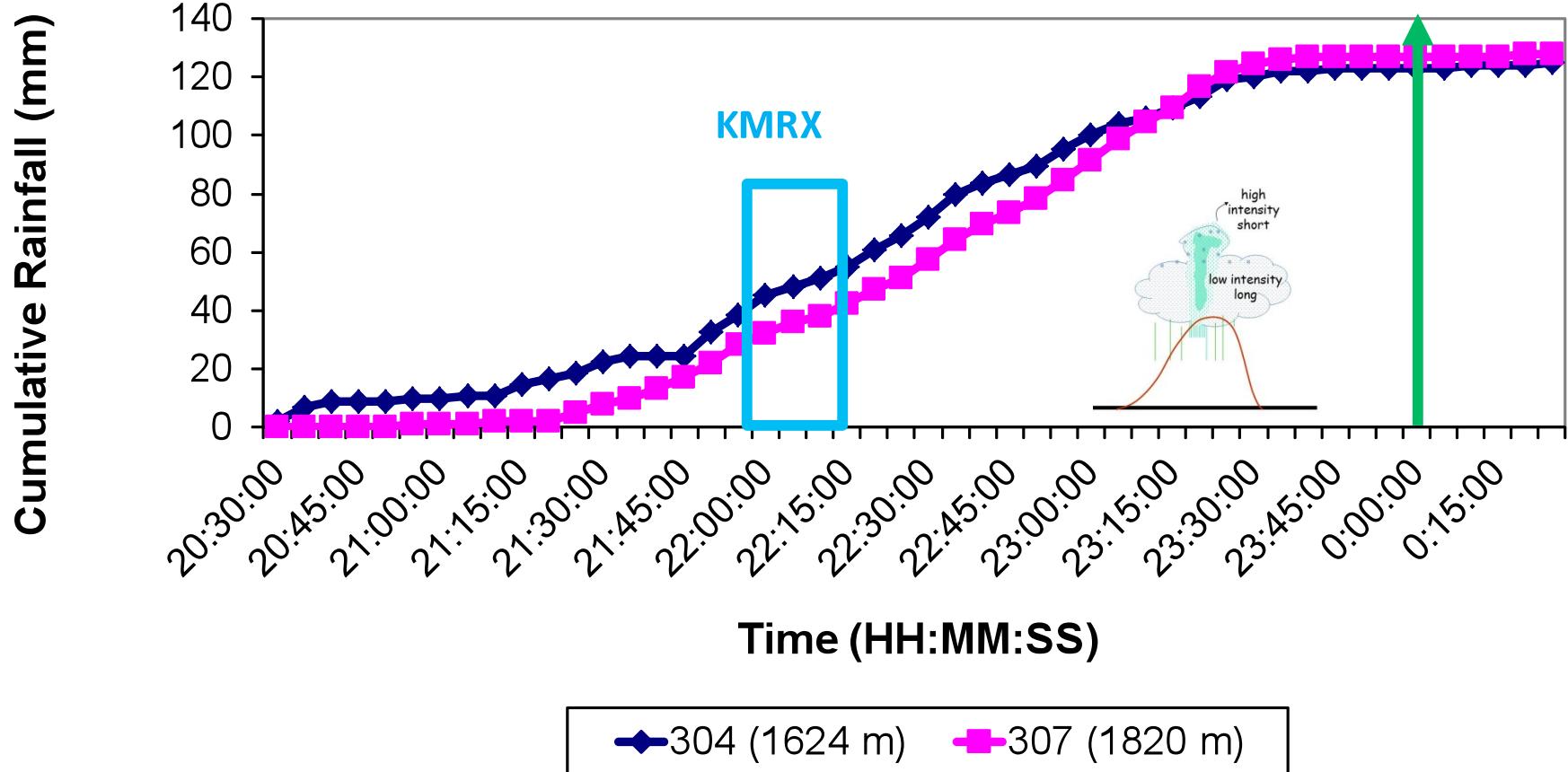
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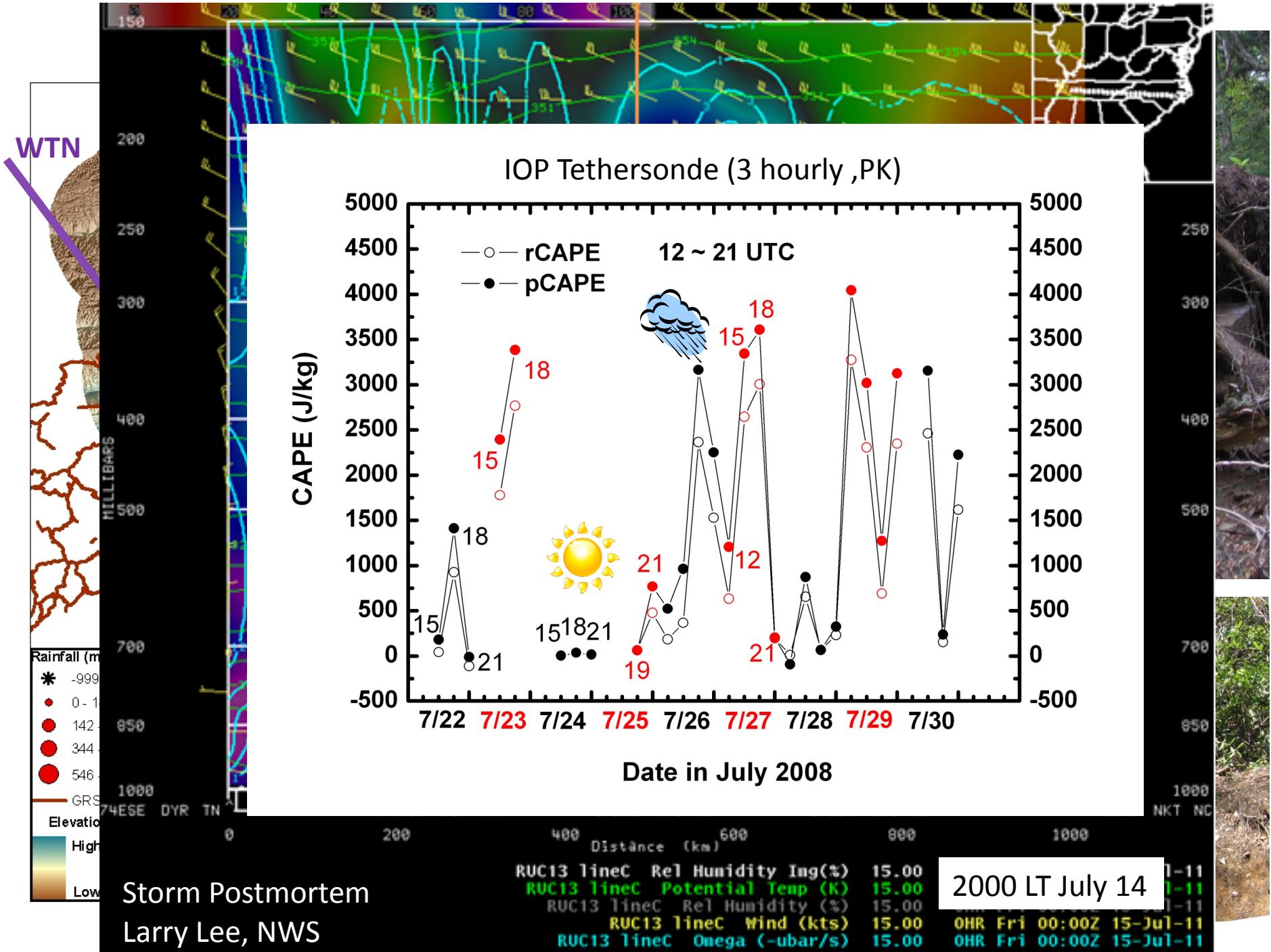
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Balsam Mountain 14-15 July 2011, 5-min Accumulations

Flash Flood
Cherokee Hatchery

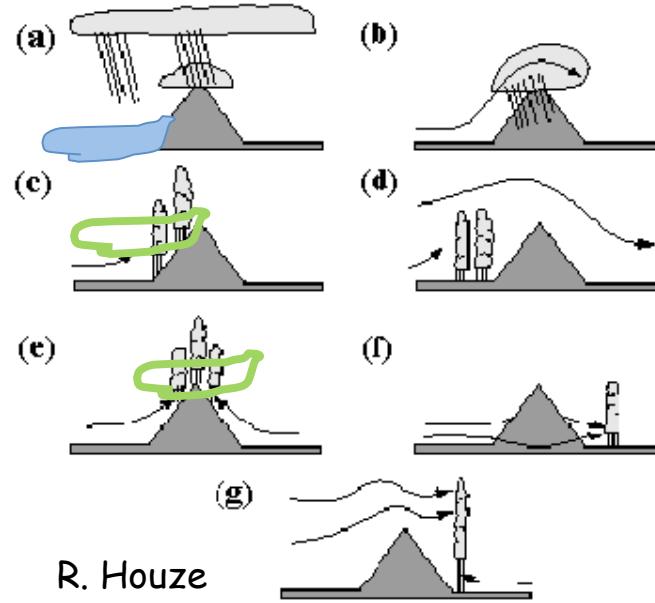


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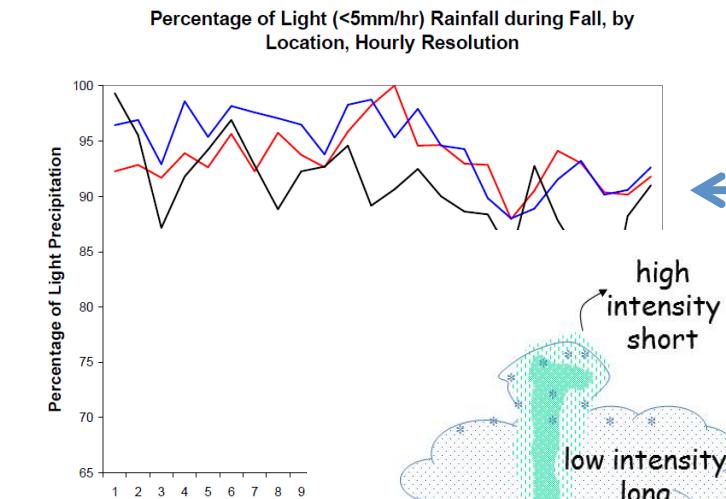




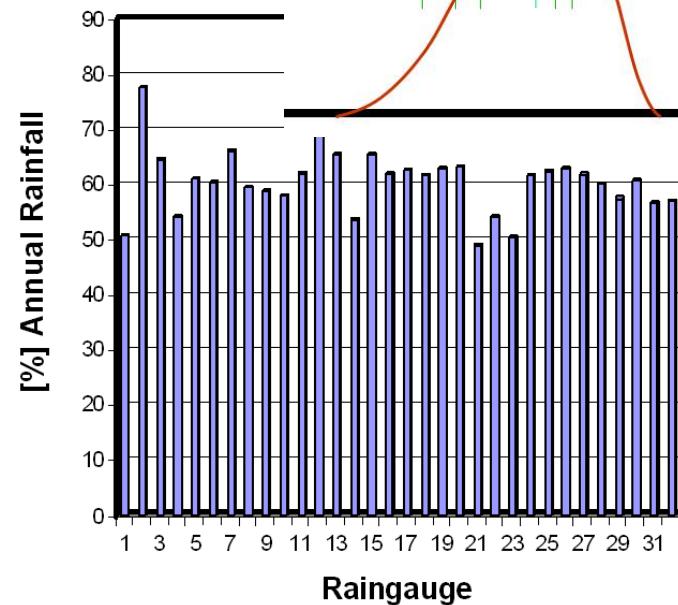
Orographic Rainfall Processes



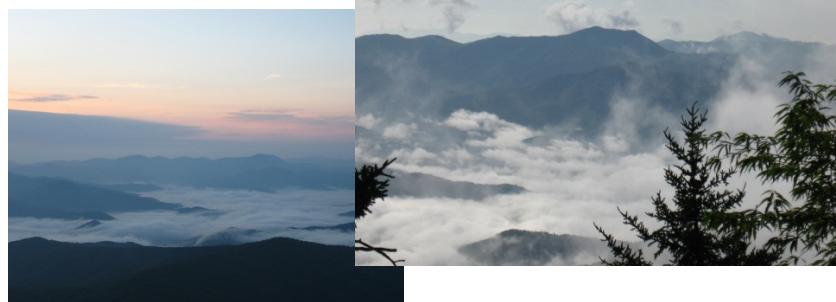
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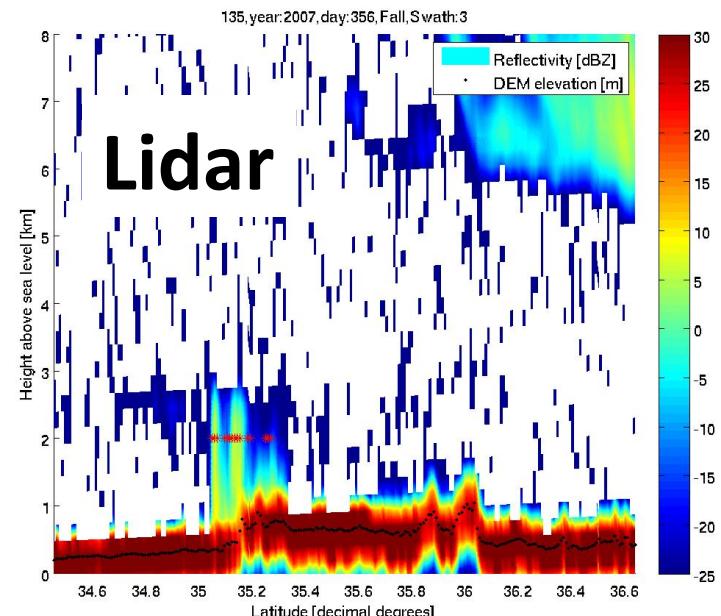
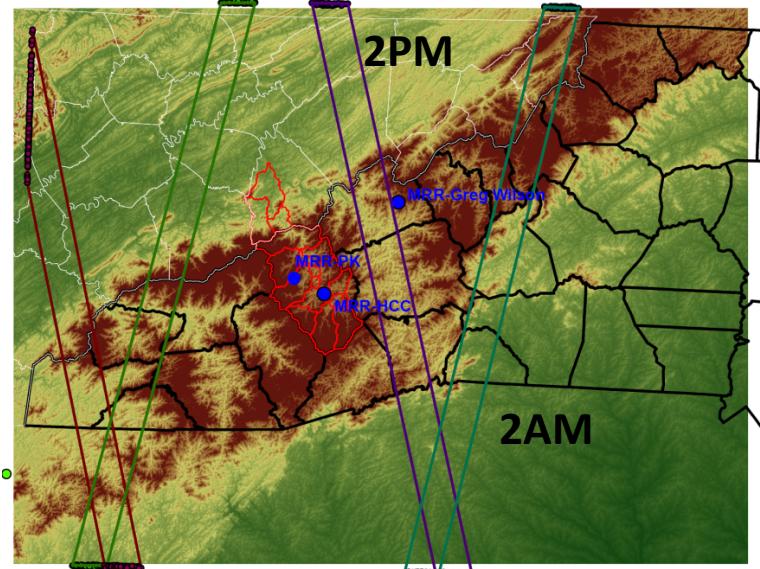
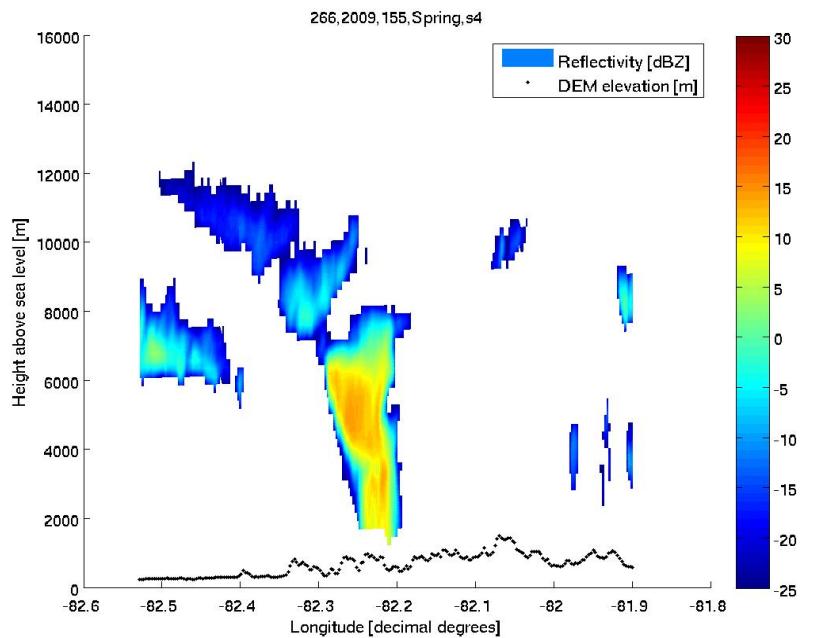
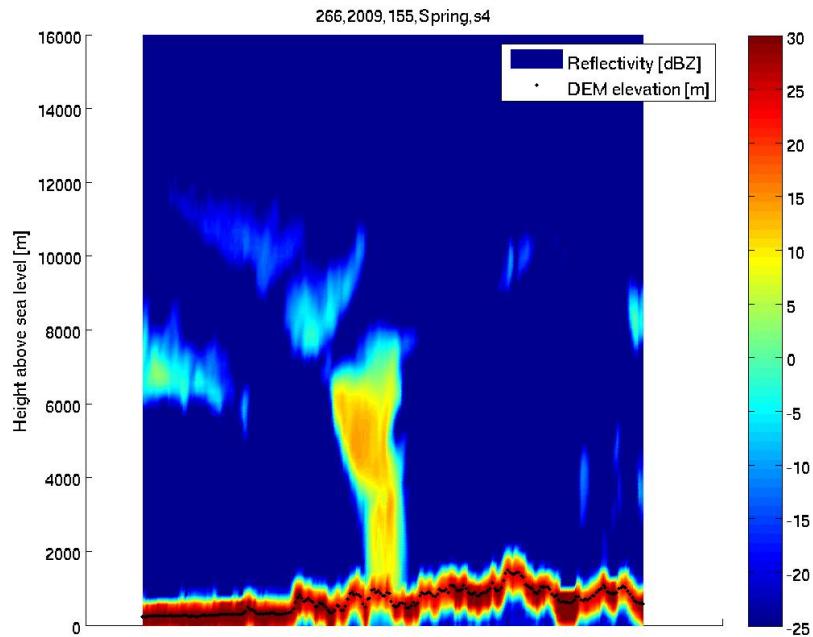
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Fog and Low Level Clouds



CLOUDSAT Low Cloud Detection Algorithm

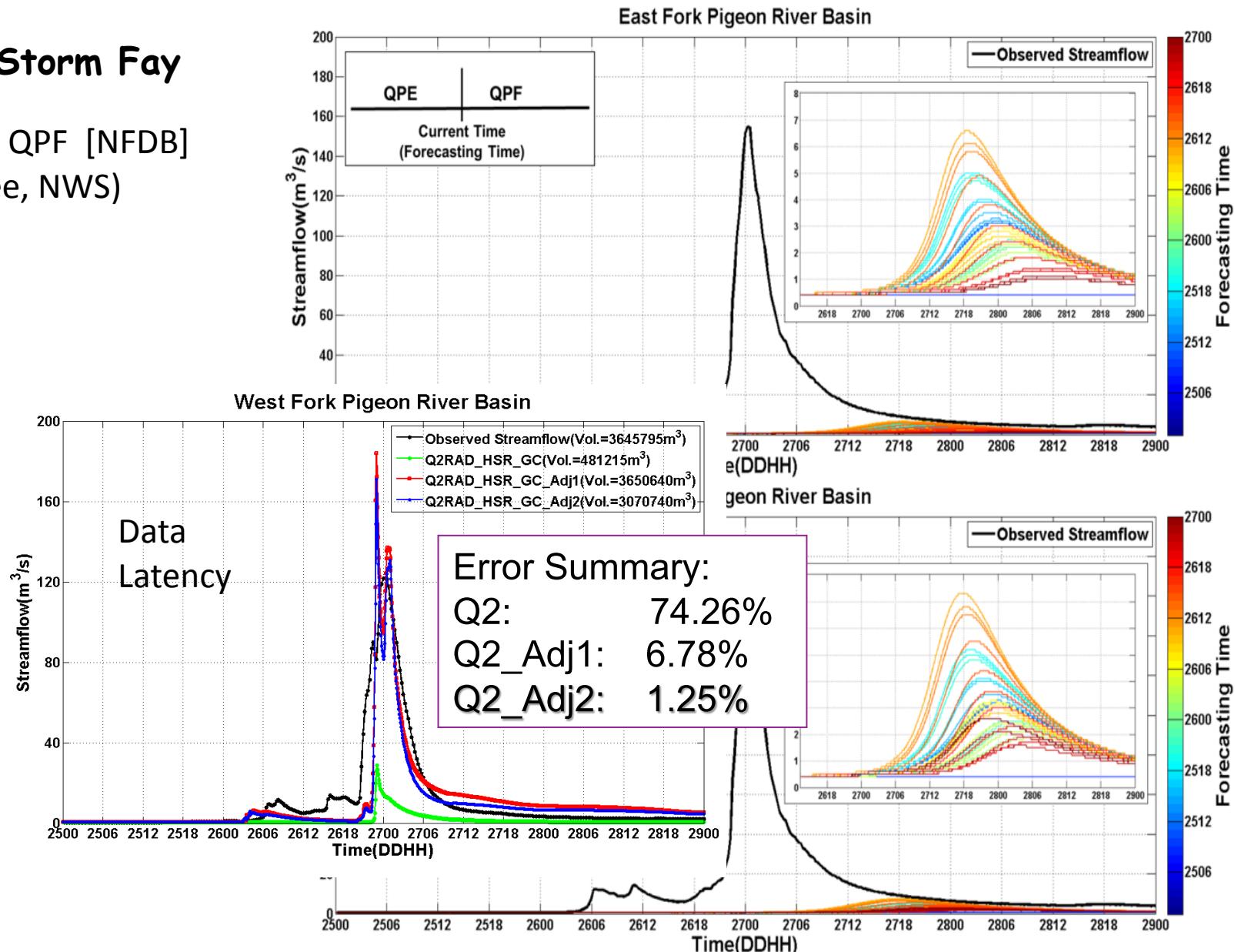


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FlashFlood QPE Operational Demo

Tropical Storm Fay

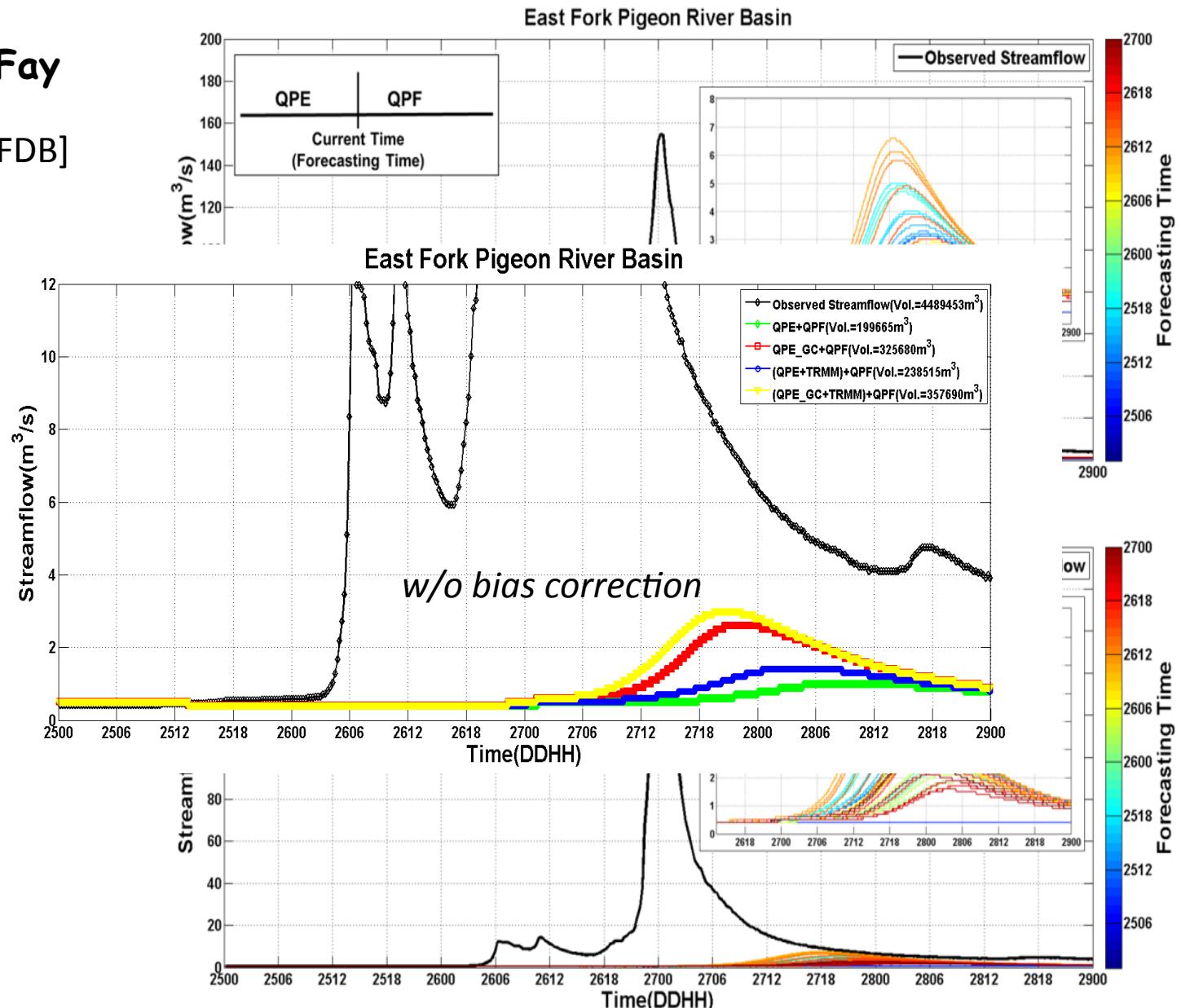
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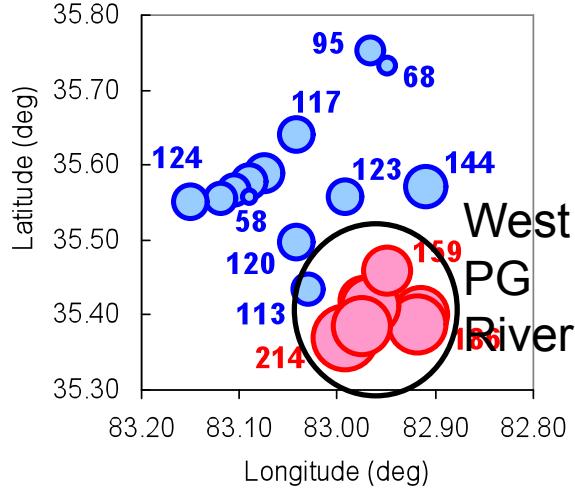
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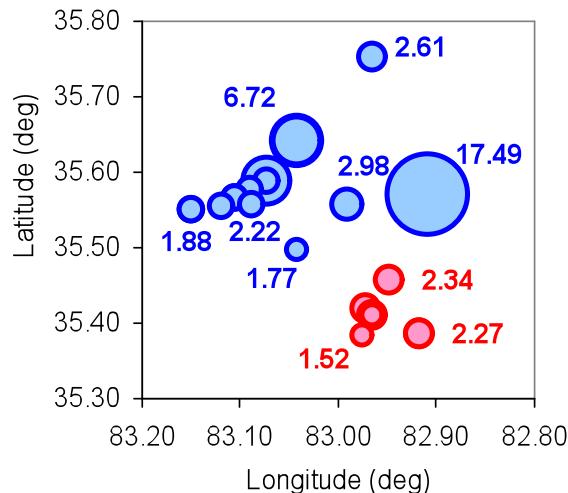
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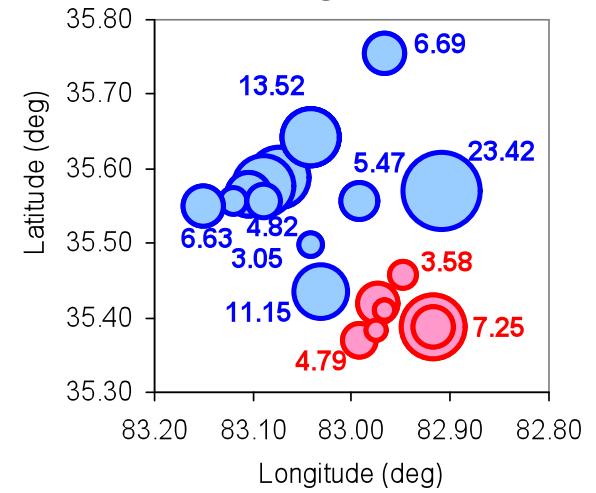
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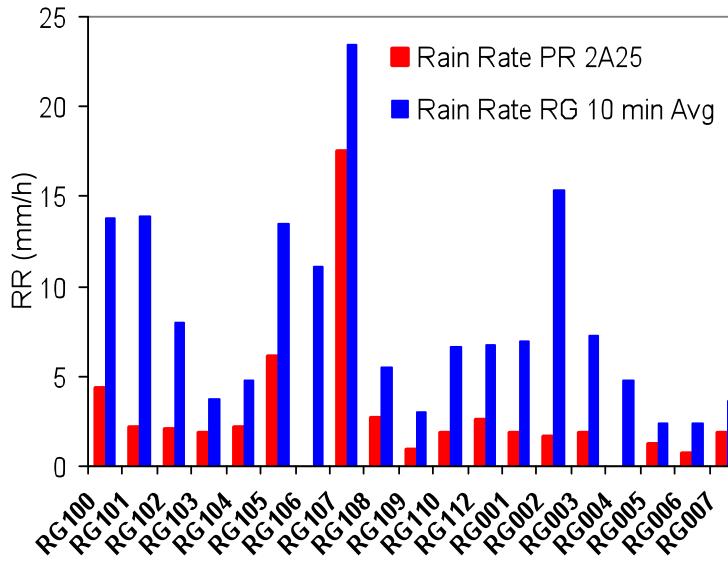
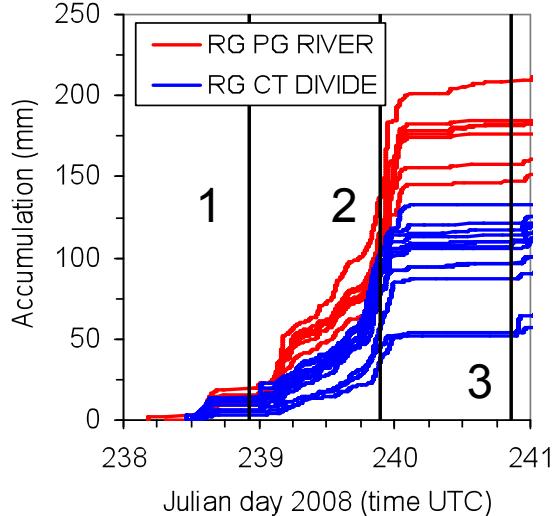
TRMM PR 2A25 RR (mm/h)



RG 10min Averaged RR (mm/h)



► 3 TRMM Overpasses



► Average bias
TRMM/RG = - 66%

