## NUMERICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SNOW ACCUMULATION AND ABLATION FOR SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE AND BLACK SEA AND MIDDLE EAST IN 2013

Design, Data and Model Results

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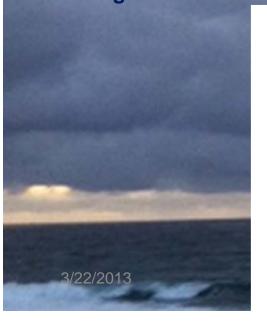
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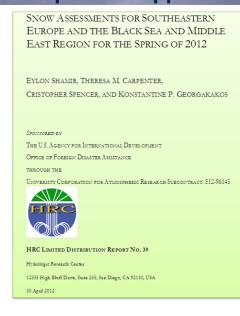
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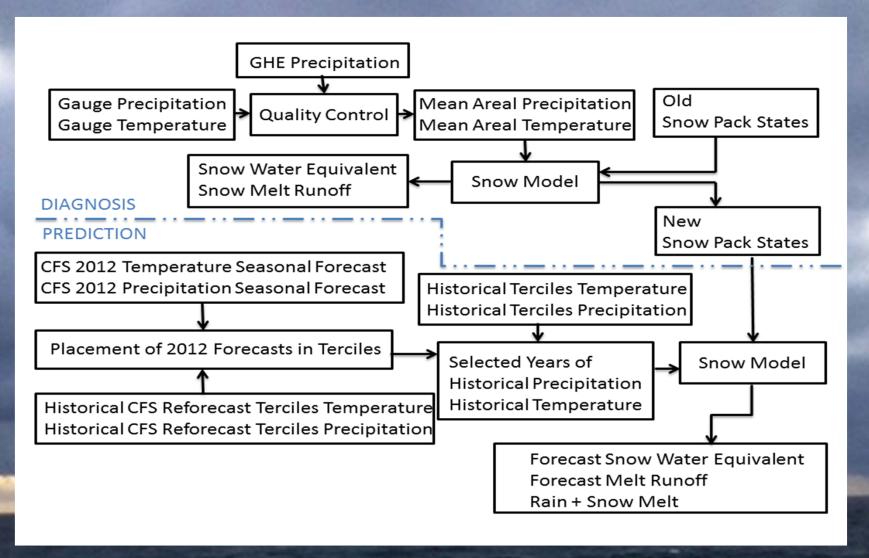
## ASSESSMENT AND OUTLOOK FOR 2012

- 1. Winter of 2012 was unusual in the large cover extent for southeastern Europe
- 2. In most countries this winter follows a dry 2011
- 3. By February 15, 2012 most significant snowfall events had occurred and in some regions significant melt also had occurred
- 4. No significant regional flood risk from snowmelt was estimated by the numerical analysis and consensus discussion at the Ankara Workshop on 29 March 2012, although some local quick melt episodes appeared likely in a small number of cases





## DIAGNOSIS AND PREDICTION



### GOALS AND METHODS

## A. ESTIMATE PRESENT SNOW STATE (DIAGNOSIS)

- Bias adjusted satellite data (precipitation) + station data (temperature)
   (2007-2013) (Current phase for SEE: 11/2012 3/2013)
- Model runs for basins that cover the SEE and BSME regions (parameter estimation based on spatial data)
- Adjustments to parameters based on few available snow depth,
   snow water equivalent, and snow cover observations (determined: 2012)

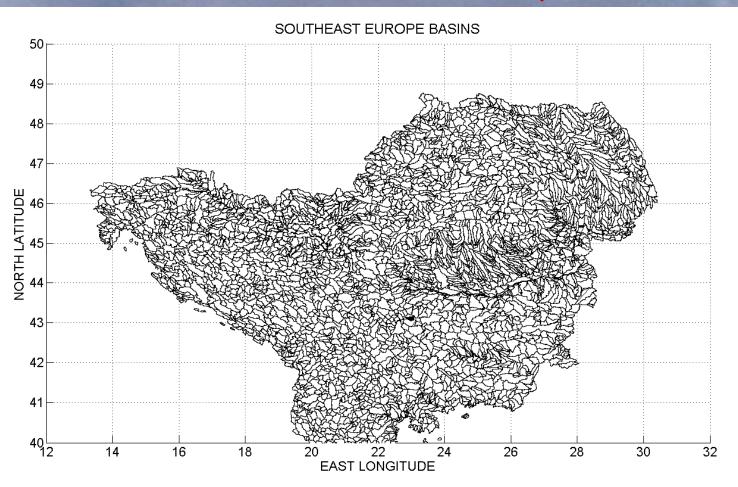
### GOALS AND METHODS

## B. ESTIMATE PLAUSIBLE EVOLUTION IN THE NEXT MONTHS (OUTLOOK)

- Climate Forecast System (CFS) ensemble forecasts of precipitation and temperature and large-scale snow water equivalent
- Determine the current precipitation and temperature forecast placement in the tercile of its distribution for April/May 2013 with initial time in March 2013
- Select from the historical years and for each station the years that belong to the same tercile of their distribution as the current climate forecast tercile
- Run the snow model using the historical year station input, interpolated in space and with model initial condition in March 2013

# BASIN APPROACH FOR SNOW MODEL

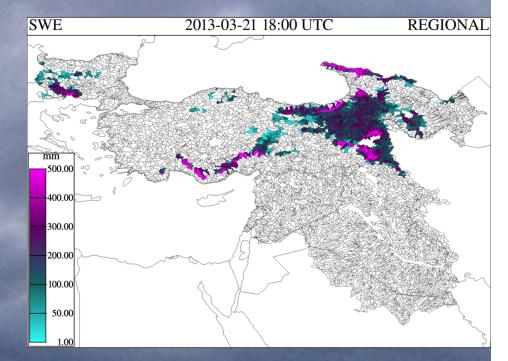
**DIVIDE THE DOMAIN IN DRAINAGE BASINS (AREA ~ 100 KM²)** 



## COUNTRY DATA

SLOVENIA
(10/2012 – 3/2013)
Six-hourly Precipitation Accumulation
Six-hourly Temperature
Twelve-hourly Snow Water Equivalent
and Snow Depth

SERBIA (1981 – 2010) Daily Precipitation Accumulation Mean Daily Temperature Five-day Snow Depth



TURKEY
BSMEFFG system precipitation and temperature data

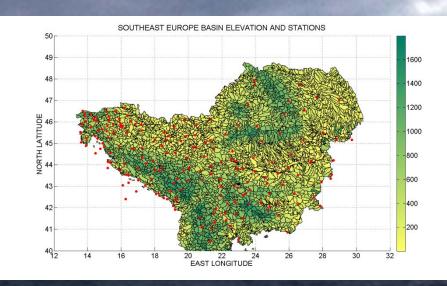
### FOR DIAGNOSTICS

## SNOW MODELING USING OPERATIONAL US NWS SNOW17 AND ALL AVAILABLE DATA

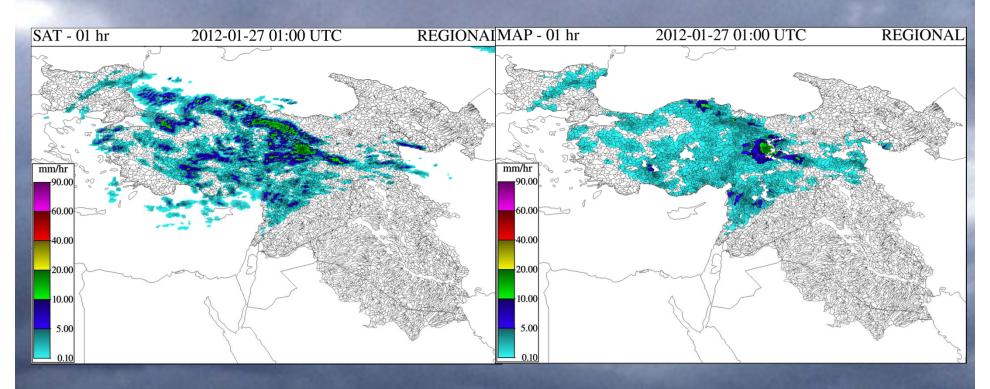
ARCHIVES OF SATELLITE GLOBAL HYDROESTIMATOR DATA (NESDIS) (1/2007 – 3/2013)

Six-hourly Precipitation Accumulation (~ 4km x 4km)

ARCHIVES OF STATION DATA (NCDC) (1/1998 – 3/2013) (1/2007 – 3/2013) Six-hourly Precipitation Accumulation Six-hourly Temperature Average Six-hourly Snow Depth Six-hourly Snow Water Equivalent



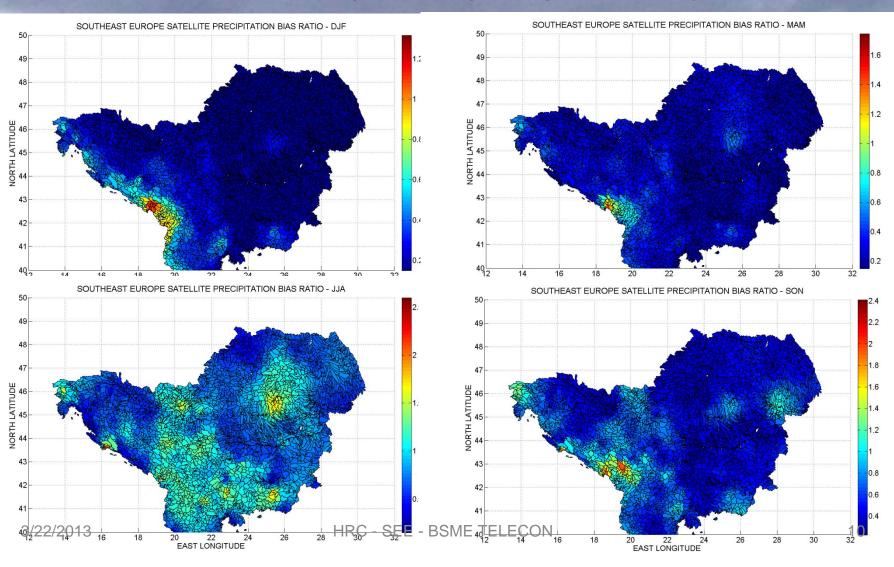
# GLOBAL HYDROESTIMATOR PRECIPITATION



IR BASED FOR CLOUD-TOP TEMPERATURE LOW LATENCY (4KMX4KM; HOURLY)
BETTER FOR STRONG CONVECTION

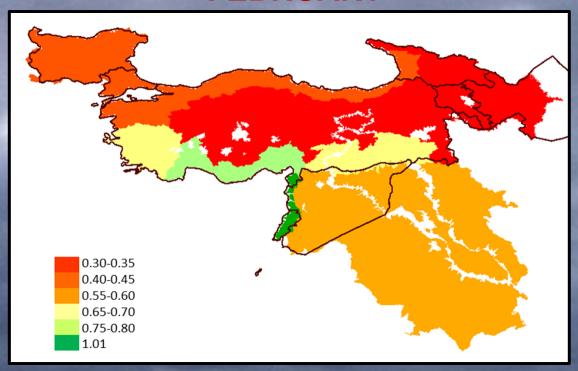
### SATELLITE AND STATION DATA

GHE BIAS ADJUSTMENT (2007-2012)
BIAS RATIO: sum(STATION)/sum(GHE PIXEL)



# SATELLITE BIAS ADJUSTMENT BSMEFFG

#### **FEBRUARY**



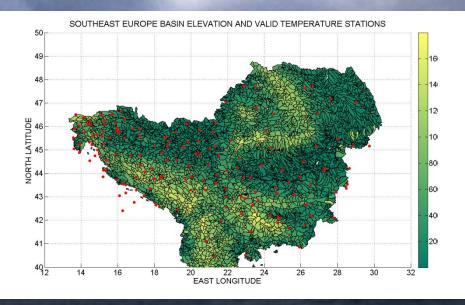
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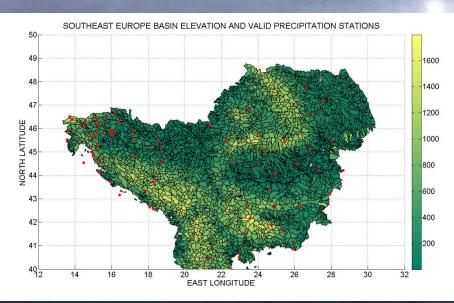
### STATION DATA ISSUES

## MANY STATIONS HAD NO DATA FOR SEVERAL YEARS IN THE NCDC DATABASE

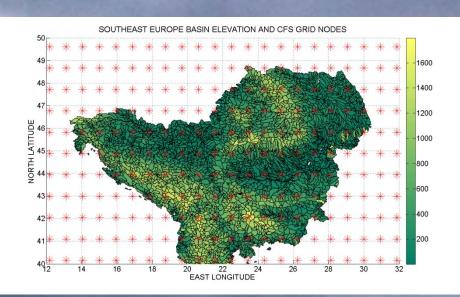
FROM A TOTAL OF 569 STATIONS FOR THE REGION: 179 HAD REASONABLY GOOD DATA FOR TEMPERATURE AND 79 HAD REASONABLY GOOD DATA FOR PRECIPITATION (1998-)

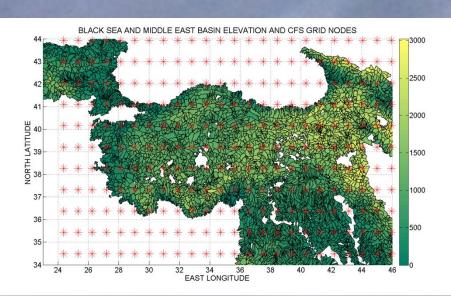
MOST STATIONS ONLY RARELY REPORTED SNOW DEPTH





### CFS NODES AND SEE DOMAIN



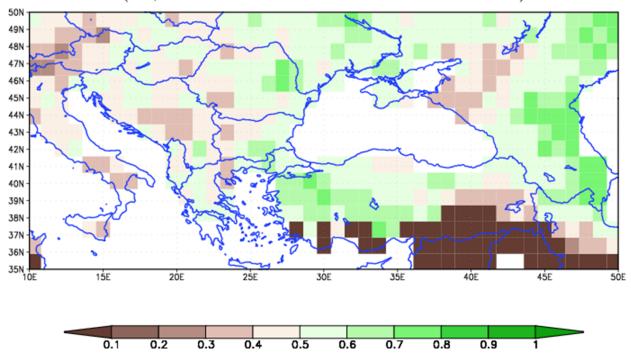


REFORECAST SINCE 1982 (5 DAY STARTS)
REAL-TIME 4 TIMES DAILY SEASONAL FORECASTS (NCEP)

## CFS SWE OUTLOOK

CFS-2 WEASD FCST: INITIALIZED 2013/02/28 - 2013/03/04 MEDIAN OF 14-28 DAY LEAD FCST MEAN WEASD (N=80)

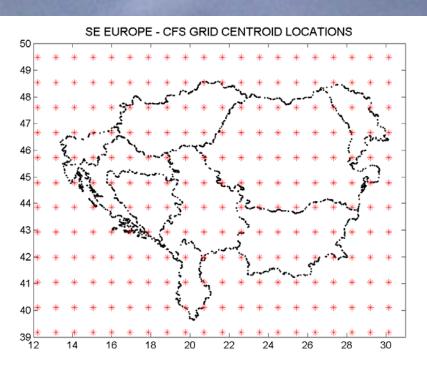
AS Q-TILES OF CORRESPONDING CFS-2 RE-FCST MEAN 2006-2010 (N=24; ENS. 1 ONLY) (E.G., VALUE OF 0.7 INDICATES  $0.6 \le FCST \text{ MEDIAN} \le 0.7$ )

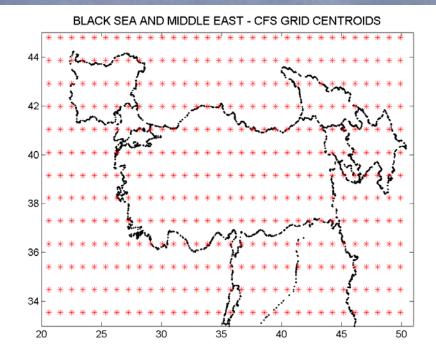


### CFS OUTLOOK FOR APRIL, MAY 2013

- Climate Forecast System (CFS) ensemble forecasts of precipitation and temperature for forecast dates of 3/10-13/2013 with 4 ensembles per day.
- Aggregate forecast to monthly precipitation volume and average monthly temperature on grid basis for April and May 2013.
- Compare current forecasts with CFS Reforecast for same forecast period (mid-March) and given forecast months of April and May.
- Regional assessment of current CFS forecast and placement in tercile distribution of reforecast.
- Select corresponding years from historical observation record in appropriate tercile of historical distribution to provide input to force snow model.

# CFS OPERATIONAL FORECAST AND REFORECASTS





**OPERATIONAL (REAL-TIME) SEASONAL FORECASTS:** 

**4 FORECASTS PER DAY** 

**6 HOURLY RESOLUTION** 

**REFORECASTS:** 

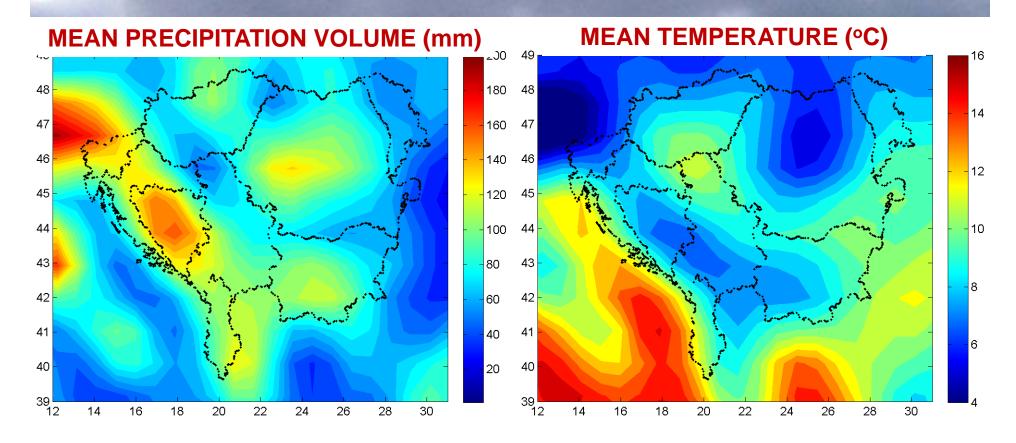
MONTHLY RESOLUTION
REFORECAST STARTS EVERY 5 DAYS

3/22/2013

1982 - 201 jRC - SEE - BSME TELECON

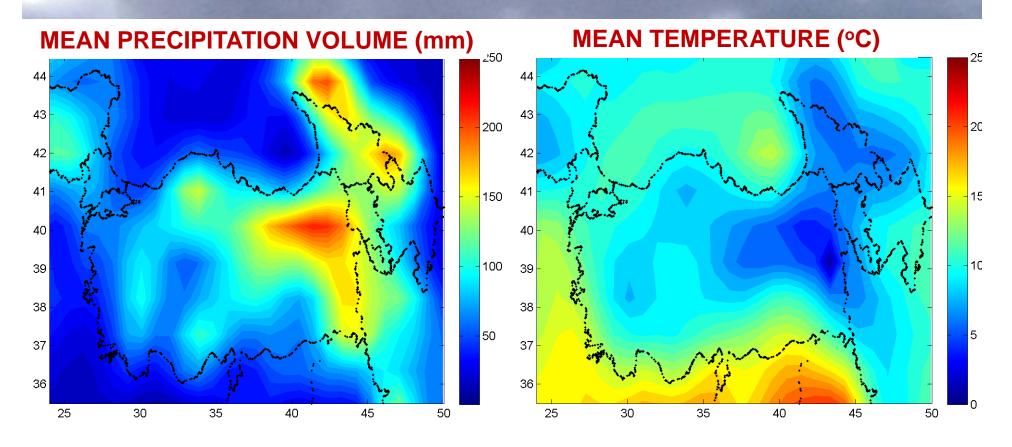
## CFS FORECAST FOR APRIL SE EUROPE

FORECAST DATES OF 3/10, 11, 12, 13 with 4 FORECASTS EACH DAY



## CFS FORECAST FOR APRIL BLACK SEA/MIDDLE EAST

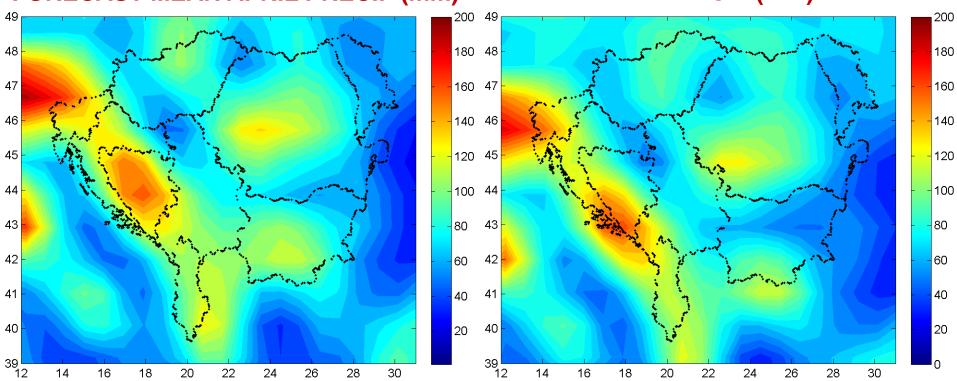
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## HOW DOES CURRENT FORECAST COMPARE WITH MODEL CLIMATOLOGY?



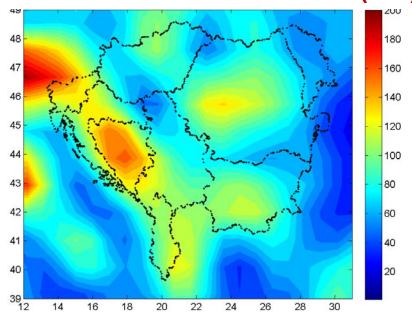
## CLIMATOLOGICAL APRIL PRECIP (mm)



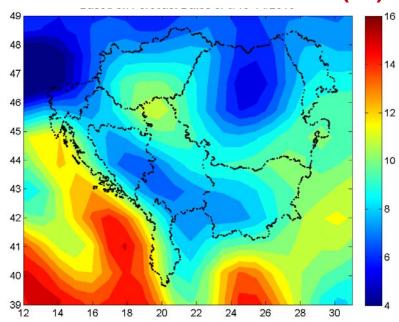
16 FORECASTS (4 DAYS X 4 PER DAY)

INCLUDED DATES OF 3/7, 12, and 17 4 REFORECASTS PER DAY 29 YEARS (1982-2010)

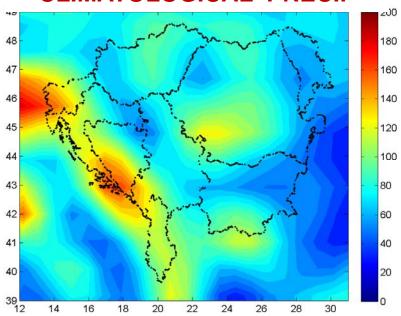
#### **FORECAST MEAN APRIL PRECIP (mm)**



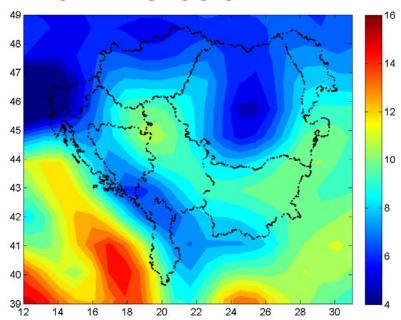
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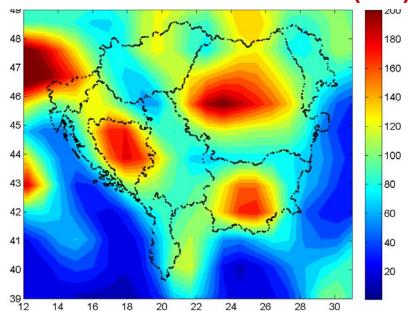
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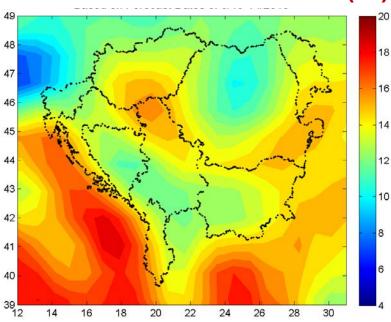
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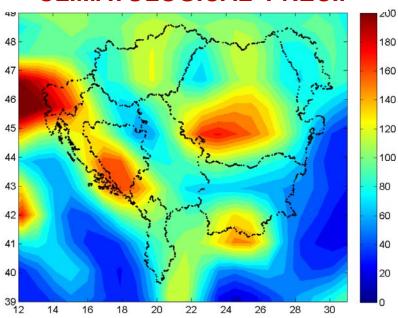
#### **FORECAST MEAN MAY PRECIP (mm)**



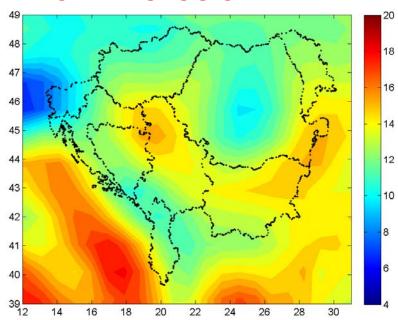
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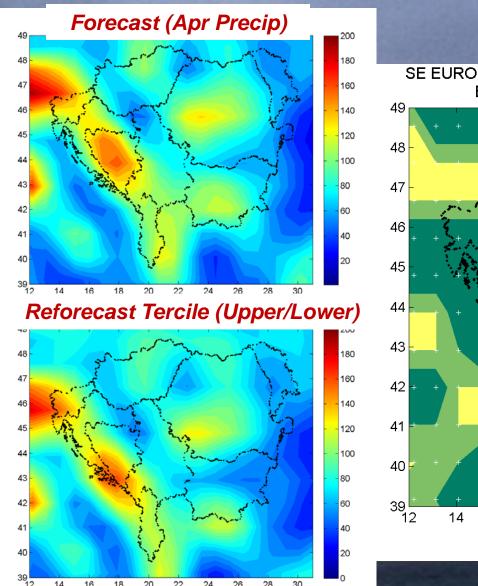
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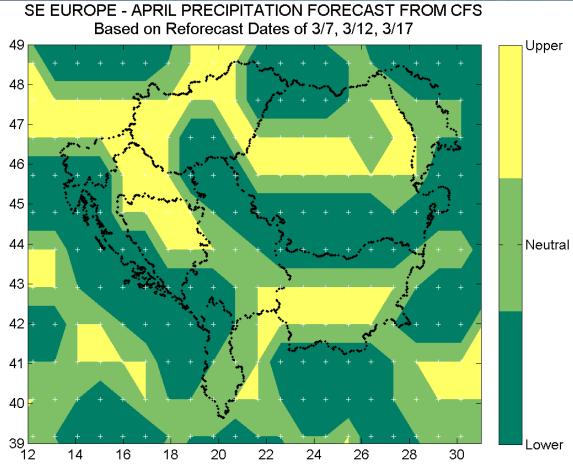


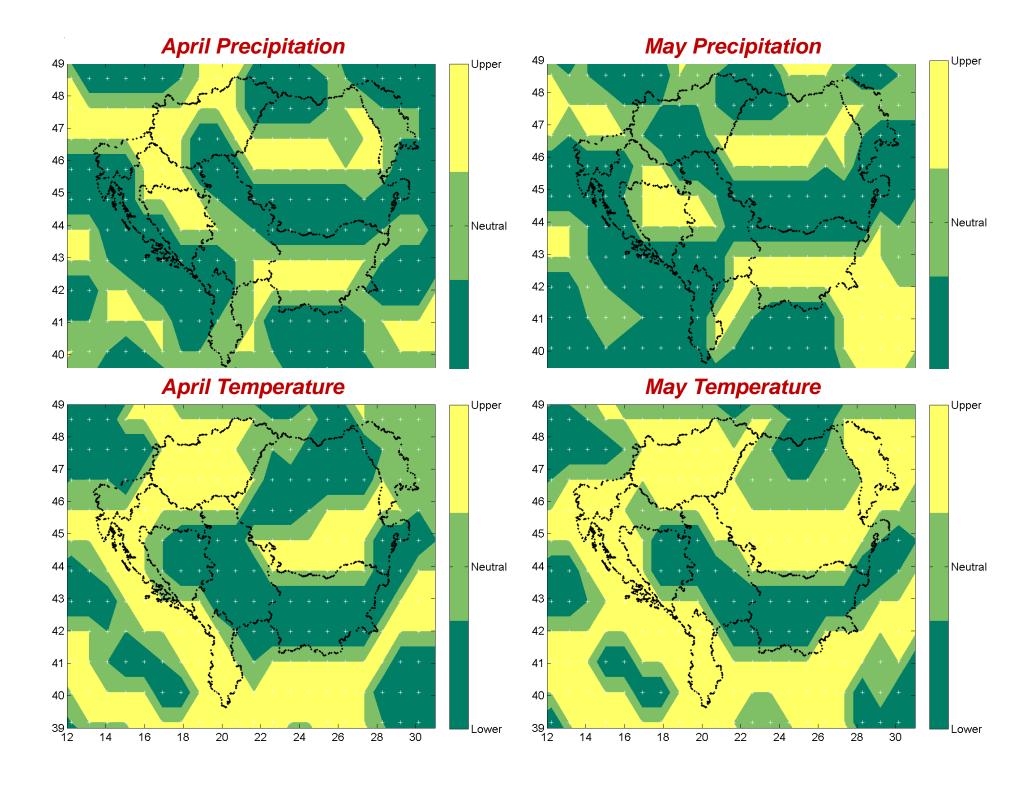
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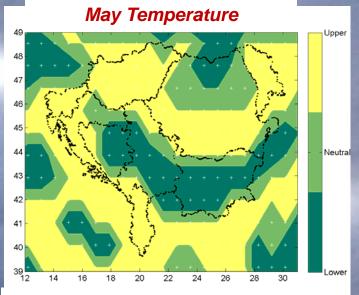
### QUANTITATIVE COMPARISON



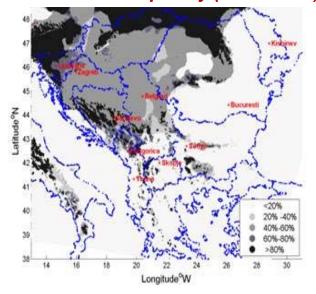




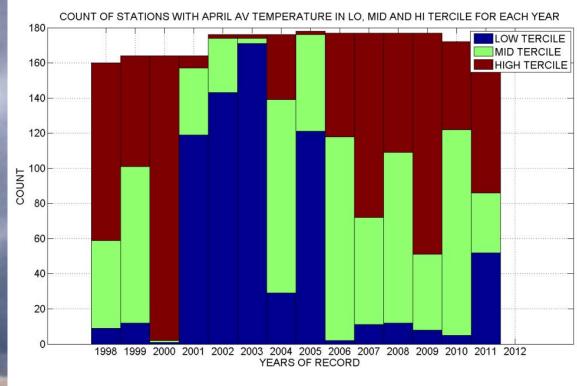
## USING THE CFS COMPARISON TO SELECT HISTORICAL YEARS FOR MODEL RUNS



#### Snow Cover Frequency (~3/15/2013)



#### HISTORICAL OBSERVATIONS: NUMBER OF STATIONS IN GIVEN TERCILES FOR EACH YEAR



YEARS WITH TEMPERATURE IN UPPER TERCILE

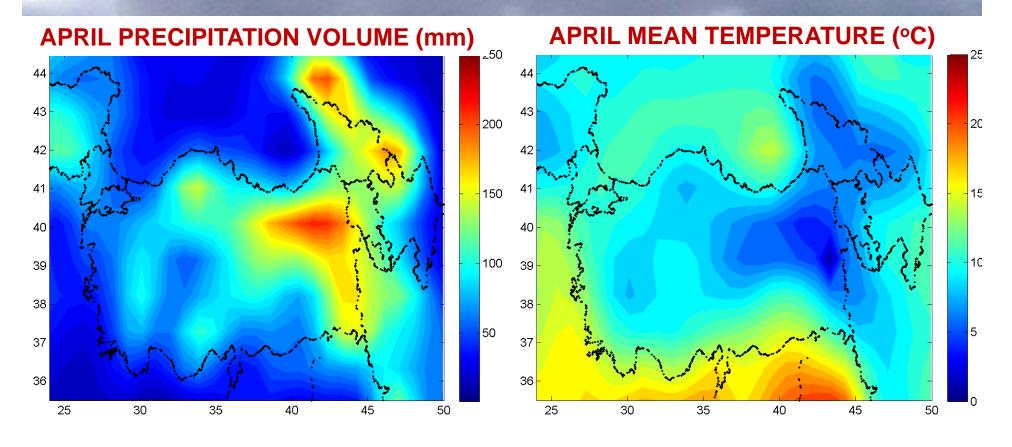
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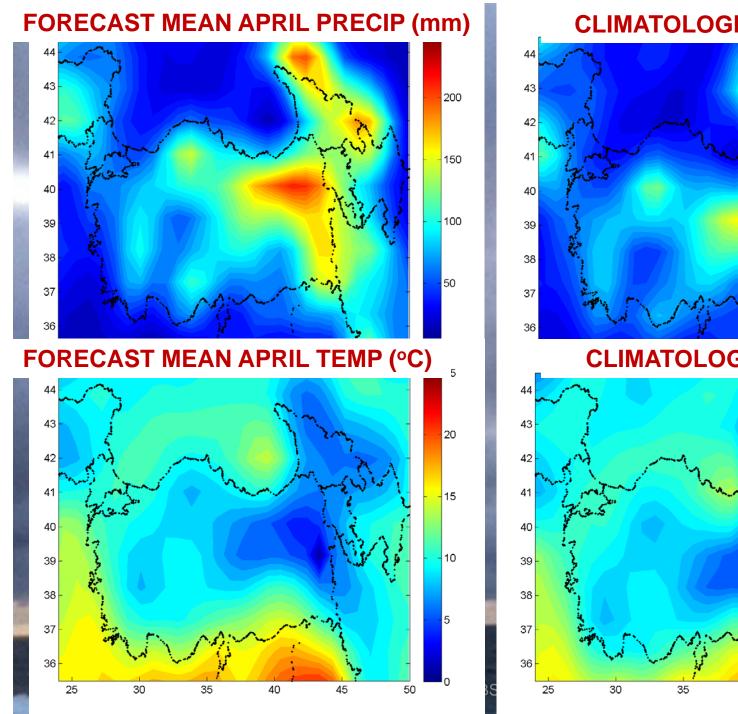
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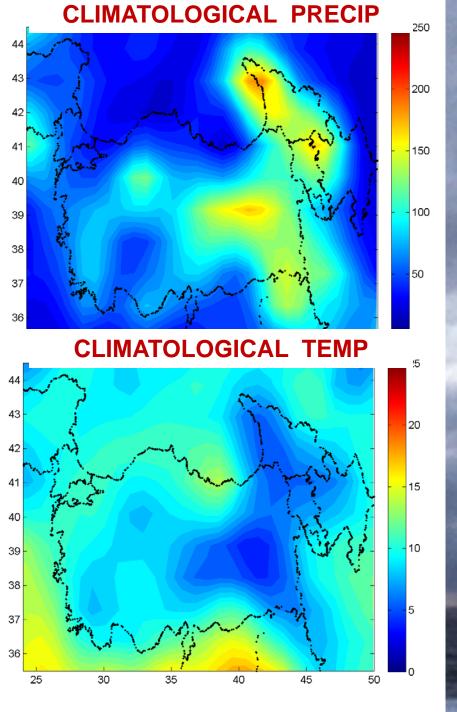
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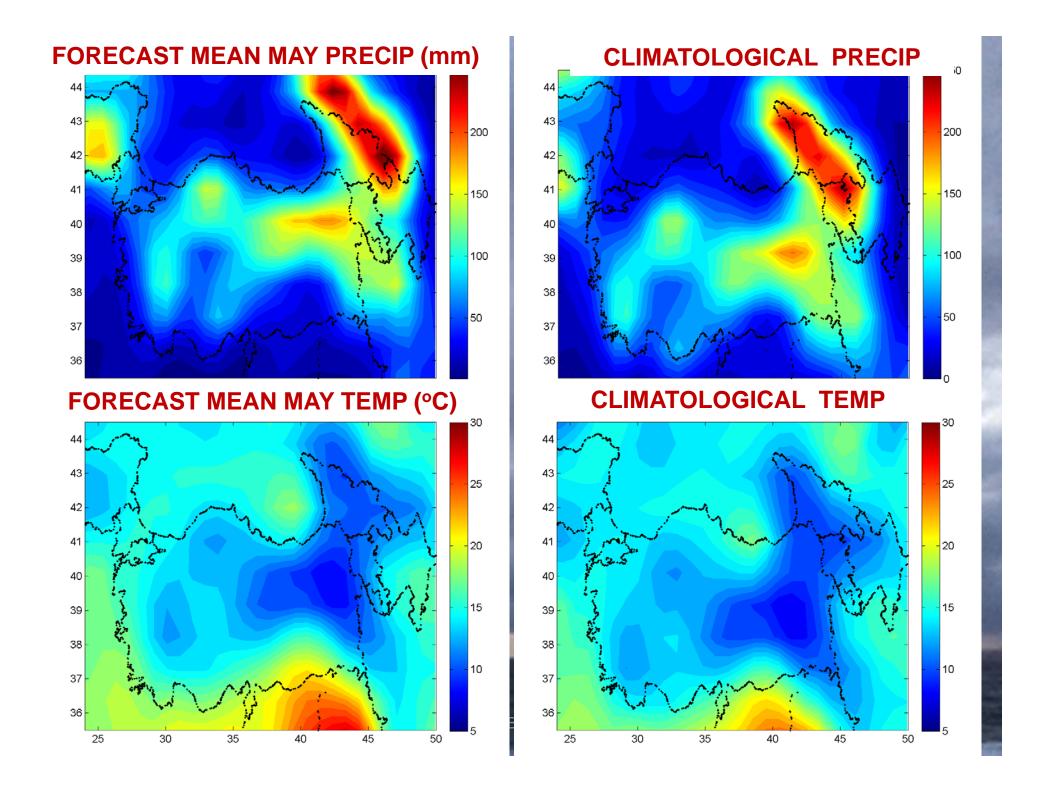
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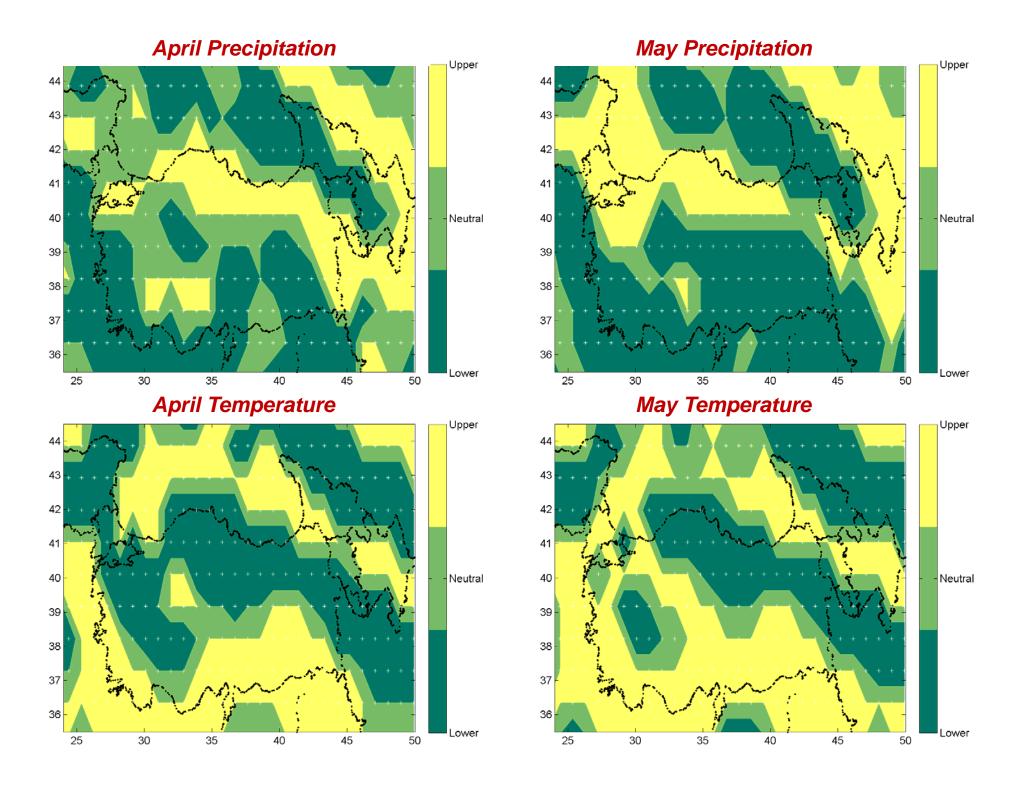
NOTE: BSME SNOW MODEL DRIVEN BY BSMEFFG SYSTEM PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURE - ONLY HISTORICAL RECORD FOR 2007 - 2013



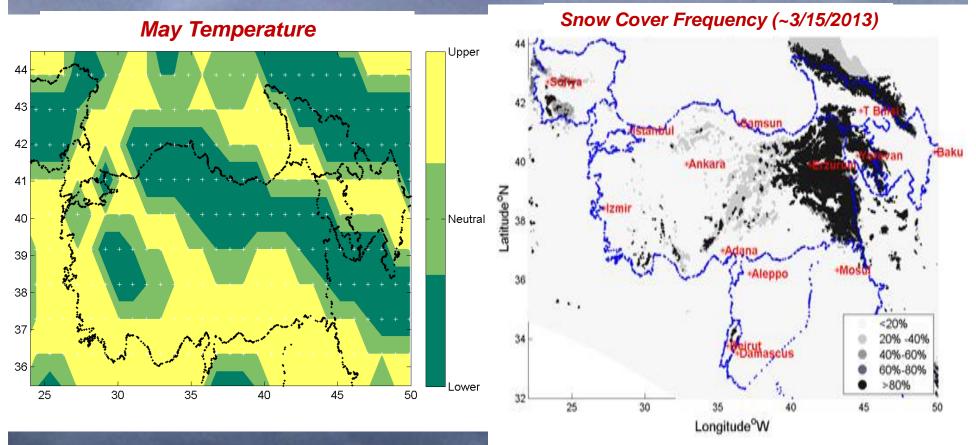








## CFS FORECAST ASSESSMENT FOR BLACK SEA/MIDDLE EAST

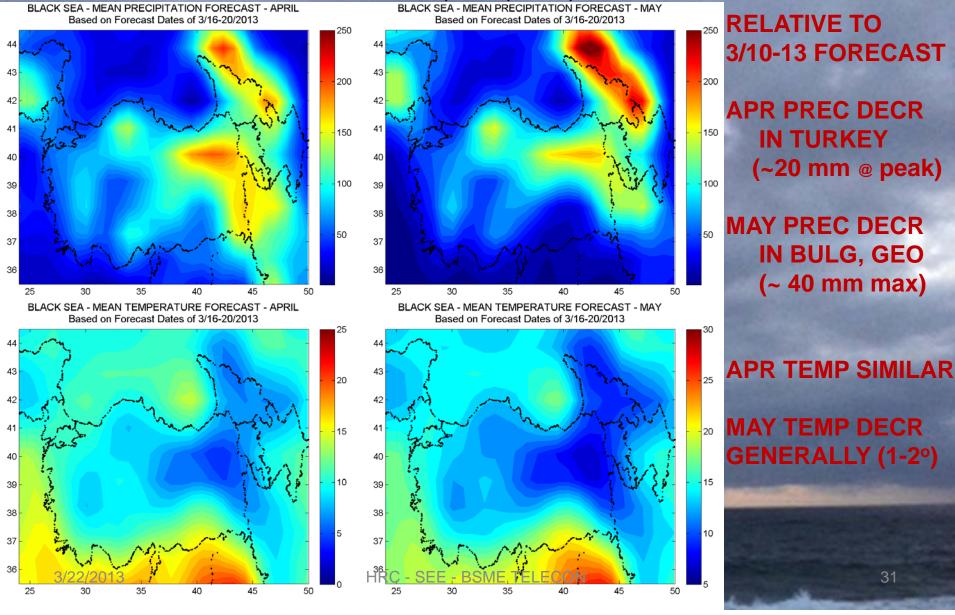


CFS FORECAST OVER BSME REGION SHOWS MIXED REGIONAL SIGNAL IN TERMS OF PRECIPITATION/TEMPERATURE IN TERCILE DISTRIBUTION.

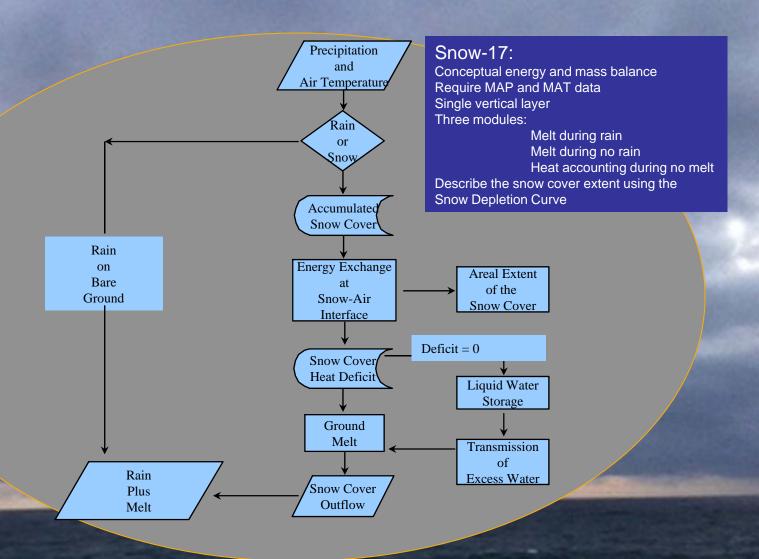
## CFS Forecast Update Dates of 3/16, 17, 19, 20/ 2013

SE EUROPE - MEAN PRECIP FORECAST - APRIL Based on Forecast Dates of 3/16-20/2013 Based on Forecast Dates of 3/16-20/2013 **RELATIVE TO 3/10-13 FORECAST APR PREC DECR** IN B-H, ROM (~20 mm @ peak) **MAY PREC DECR** IN B-H, ROM, BUL 12 (~ 40 mm) SE EUROPE - MEAN TEMPERATURE FORECAST - APRIL SE EUROPE - MEAN TEMPERATURE FORECAST - MAY Based on Forecast Dates of 3/16-20/2013 Based on Forecast Dates of 3/16-20/2013 **APR TEMP INCR GENERALLY (1-2°)** MAY TEMP DECR EAST, e.g., ROM 

## CFS Forecast Update Dates of 3/16, 17, 19, 20/ 2013



## NWSRFS Accumulation and Ablation Snow model (Anderson 1976)



## Snow Model 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)

### Snow 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**

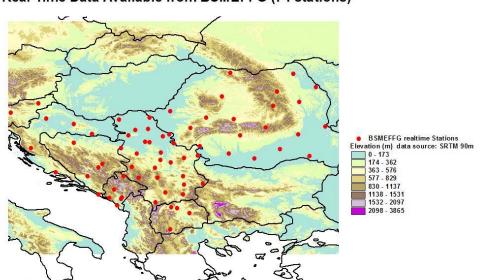
Rain plus Melt

# South East Europe (SEE) 4344 basins ~150 km<sup>2</sup>



#### GTS DATA AVAILABLE AT HRC

#### Real Time Data Available from BSMEFFG (74 stations)

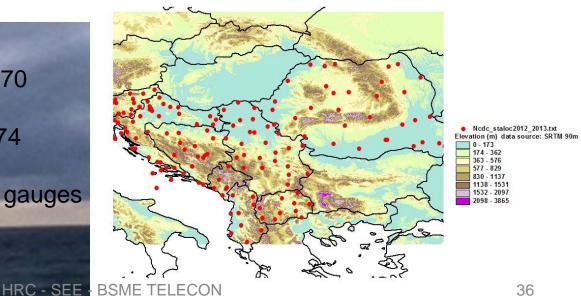


GTS Mean Areal Temperature (MAT)
STATION DATA

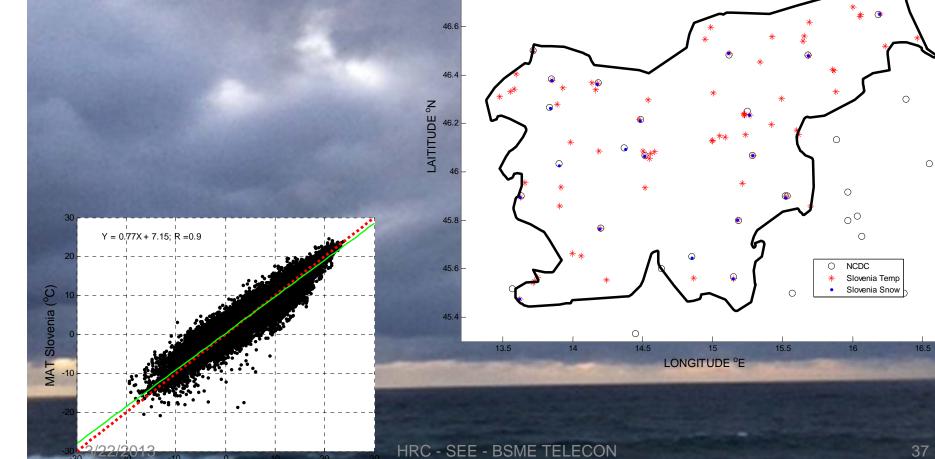
#### National Climatic Data Center / NOAA

NCDC (172 stations)



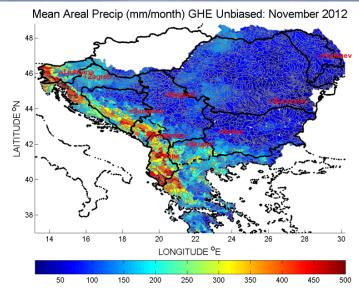


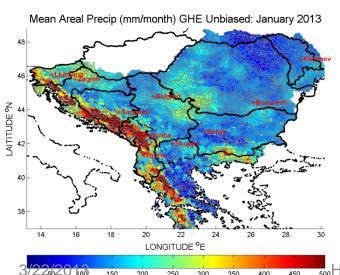
## Data from Slovenia

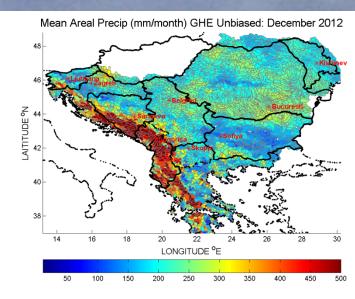


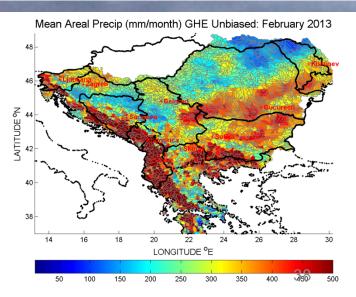
## Mean Areal Precipitation Bias Adjusted Hydro-Estimator

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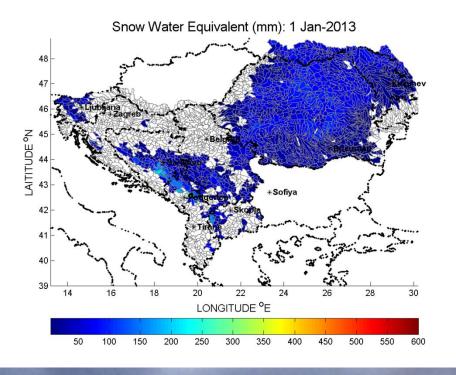


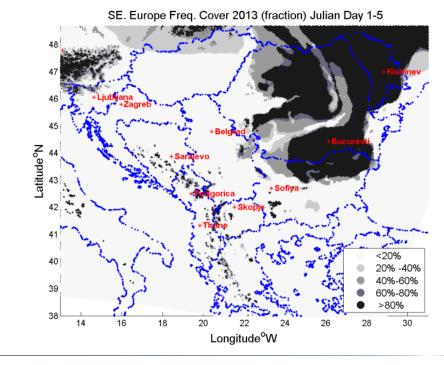


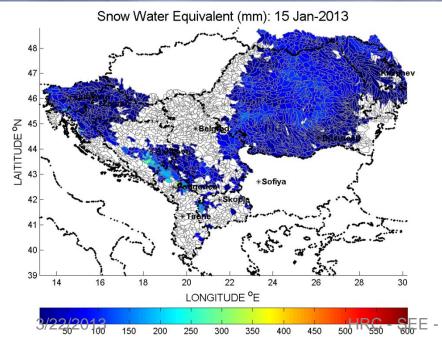


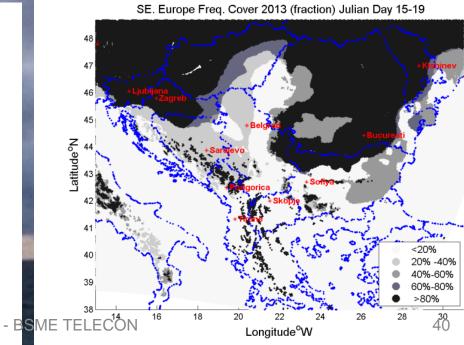
#### Satellite Snow Covered Area -IMS

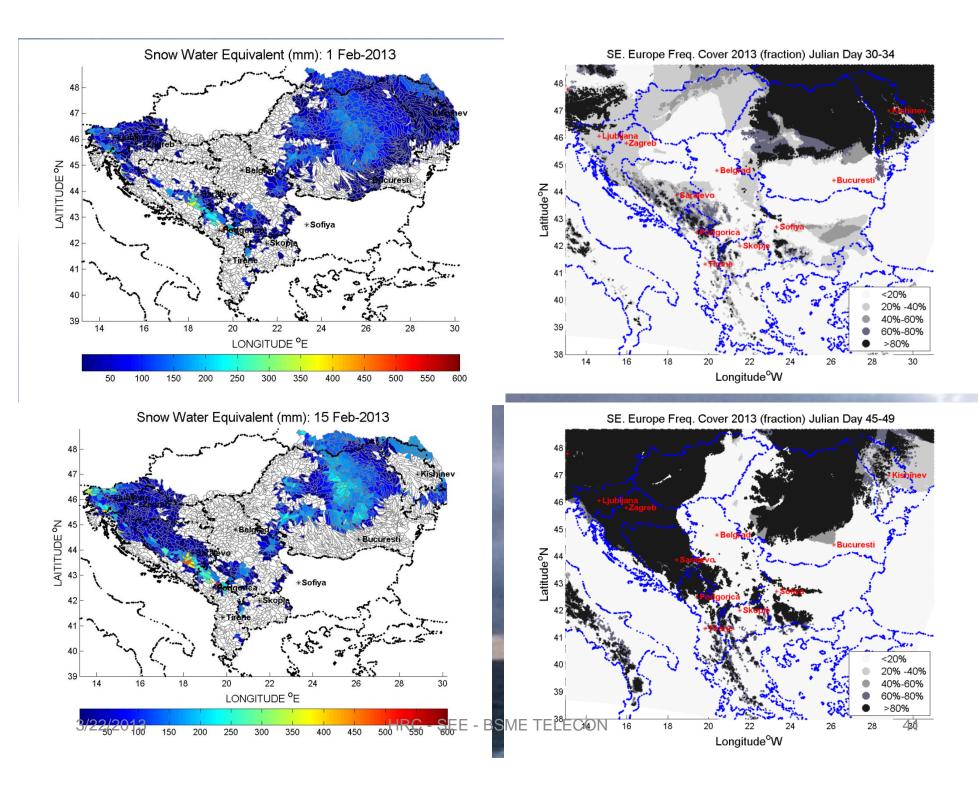
- □ Interactive Multisensor Snow and Ice Mapping System (IMS), made available through National Snow and Ice Data Center, NOAA. <a href="http://nside.org/data/docs/noaa/g02156\_ims\_snow\_ice\_analysis/index.html">http://nside.org/data/docs/noaa/g02156\_ims\_snow\_ice\_analysis/index.html</a>
   □ Daily (23:00 GMT) snow cover based on summary of multiple satellites at 4km x 4km resolution.
   □ Geostationary satellites
   □ Polar orbiter: MODIS, AVHRR & Microwave
   □ Assisted by modeling, climatological maps, and personnel expertise
- ☐ Generally available within 1 day (often within several hours) following date of observation
- ☐ 4km product is Operational since 2006-2011 (movie)
- ☐ Helfrich et al., 2007 Hydrological Processes

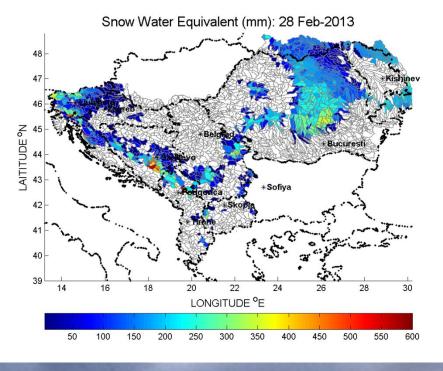


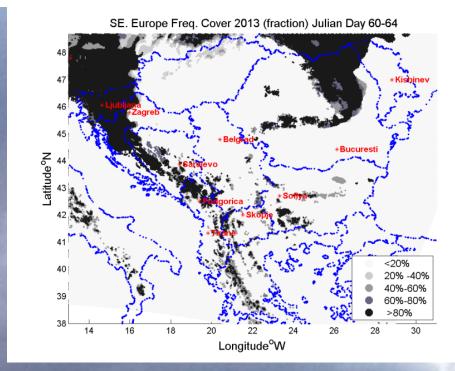


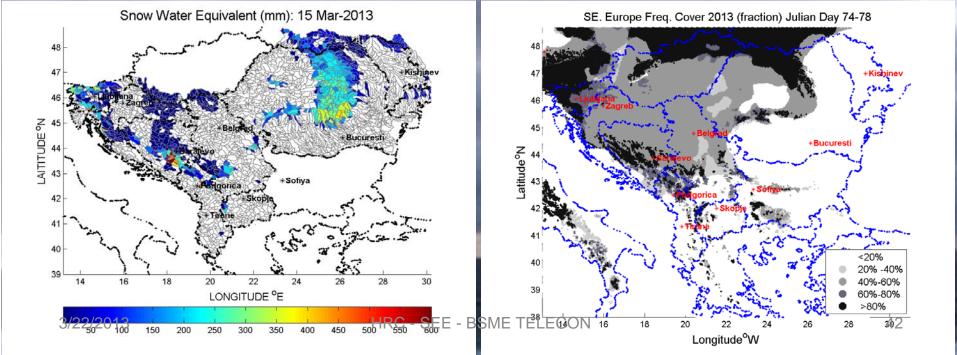




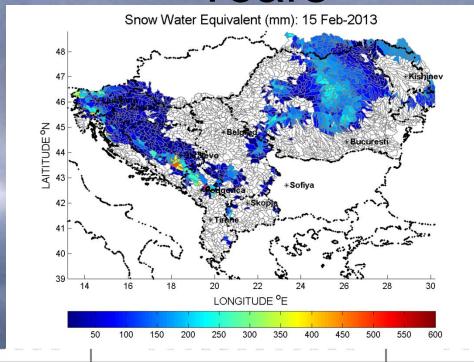


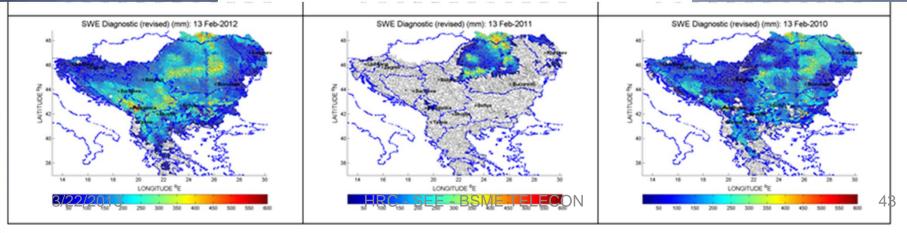






# Comparison of SWE with previous Years



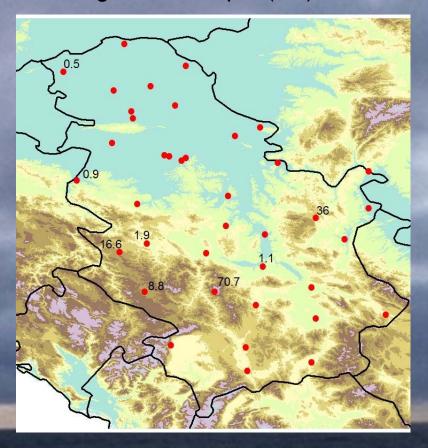


#### Serbia: Comparison of SWE to climatology of Snow depth

SWE 15 March 2013

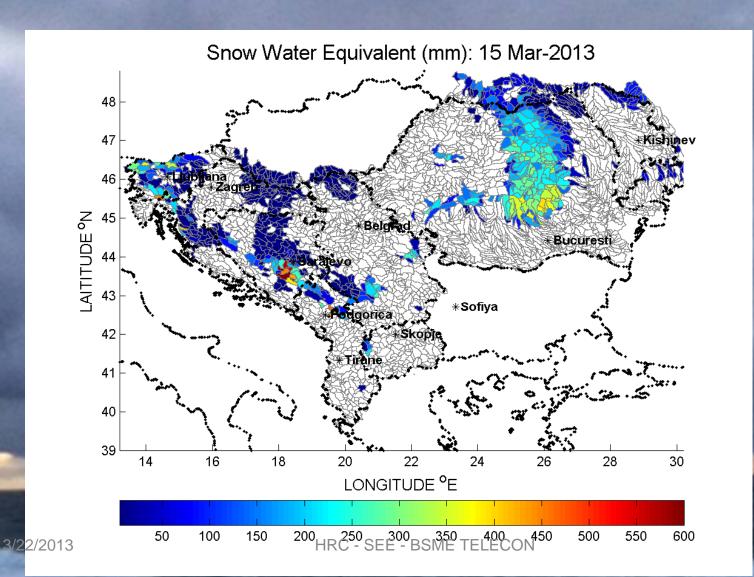


Average Snow Depth (cm) March 15



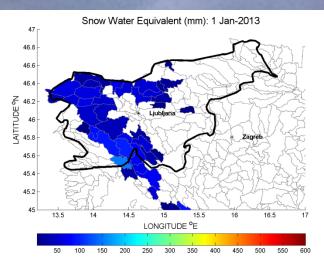
Climatological data 1980-2010 from Serbia
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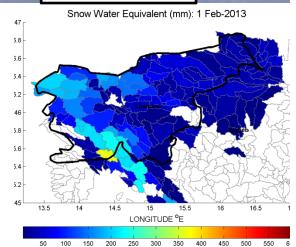
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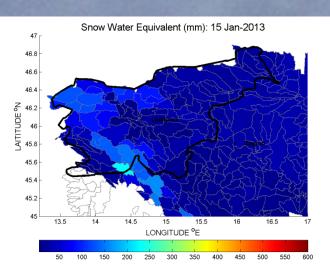


#### Slovenia: Comparison of SWE using different sources of Temperature data

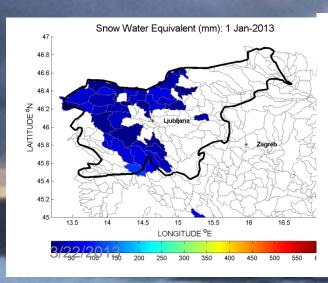


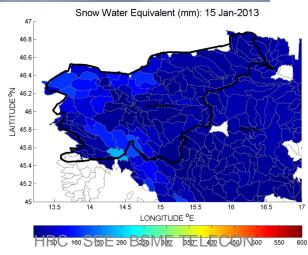


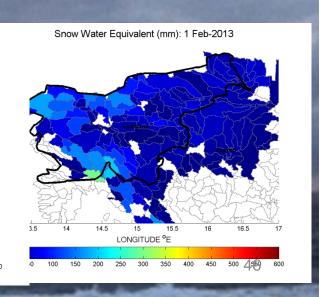




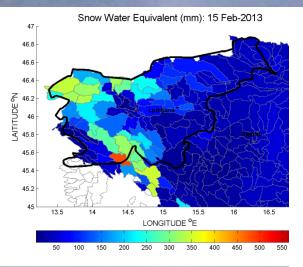
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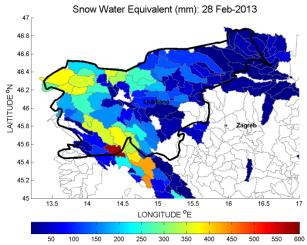


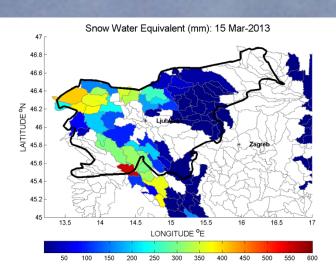




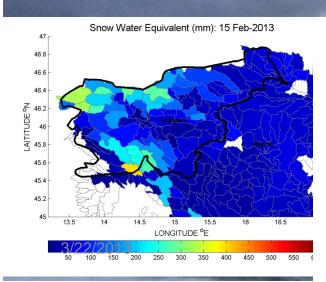
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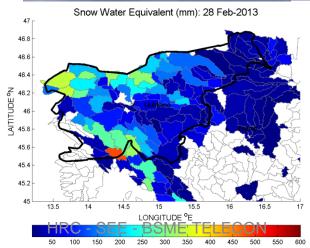


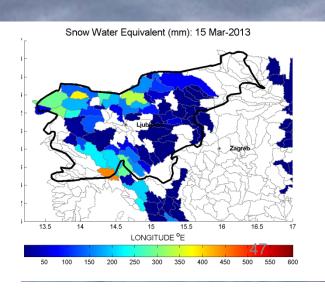




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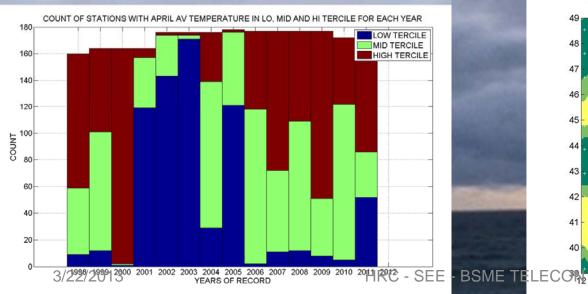


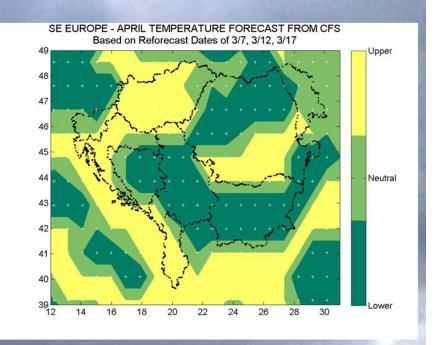


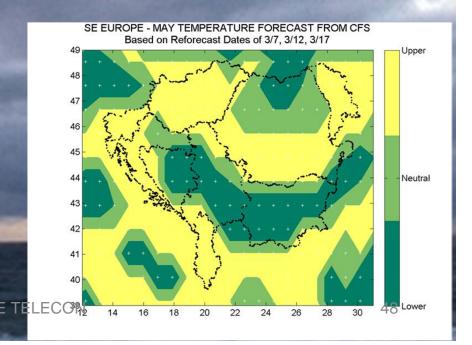
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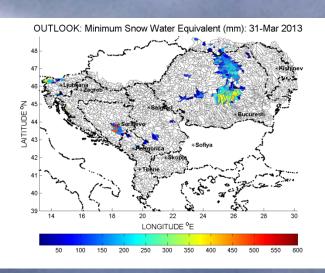
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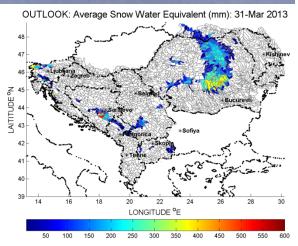


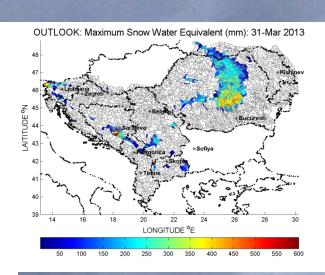


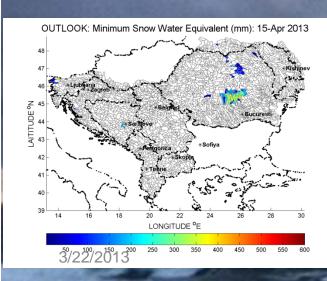


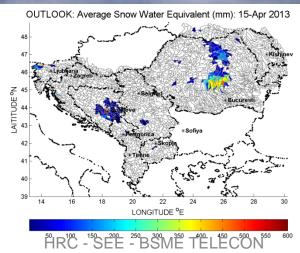
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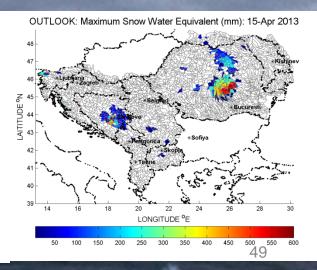




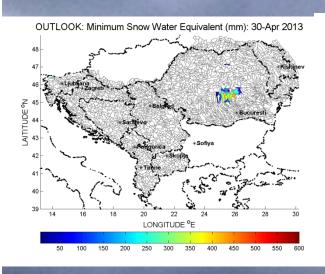


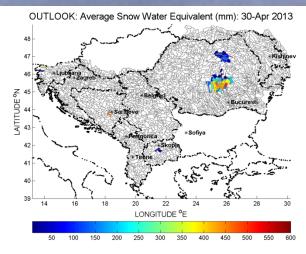


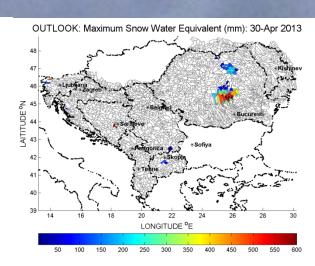


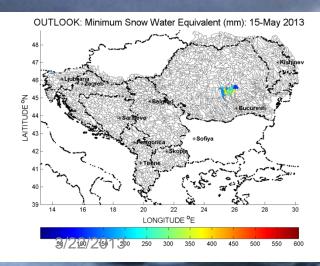


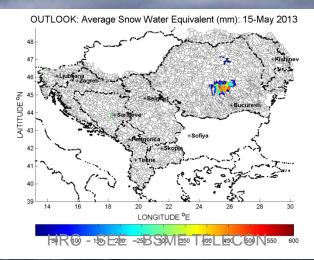
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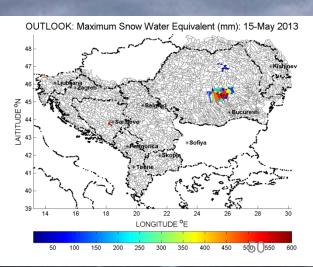




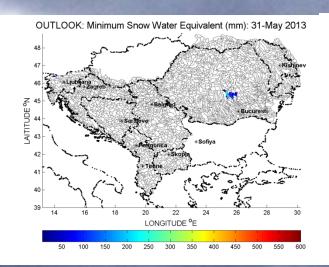


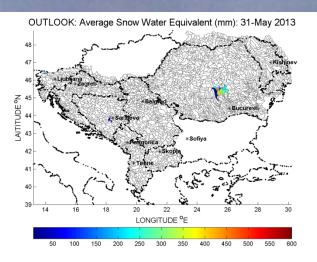


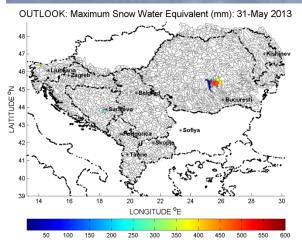


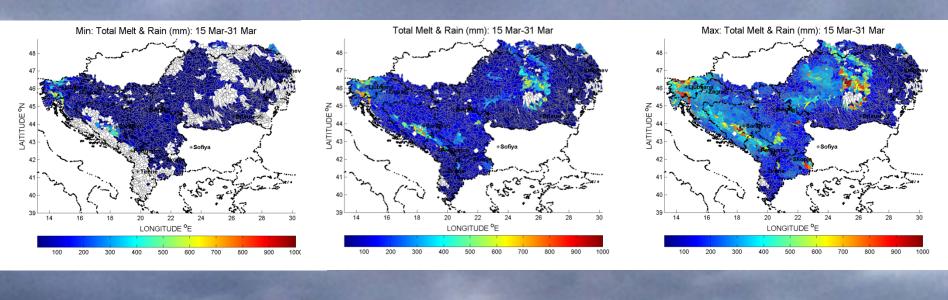


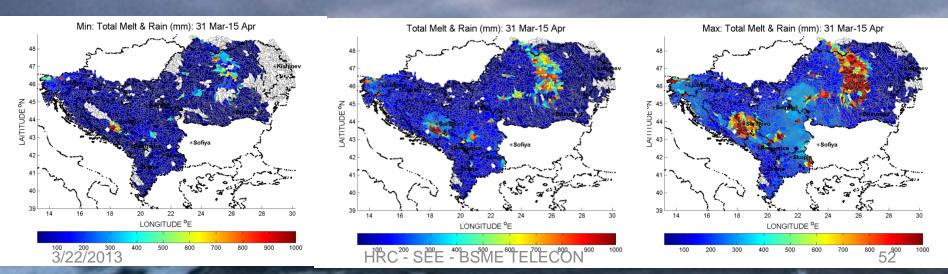
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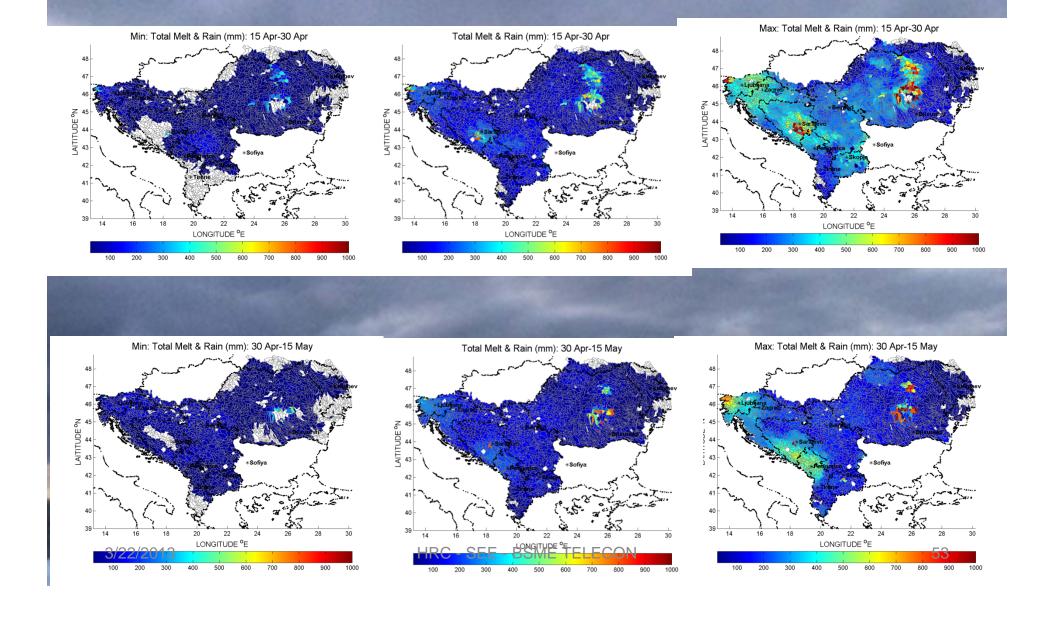


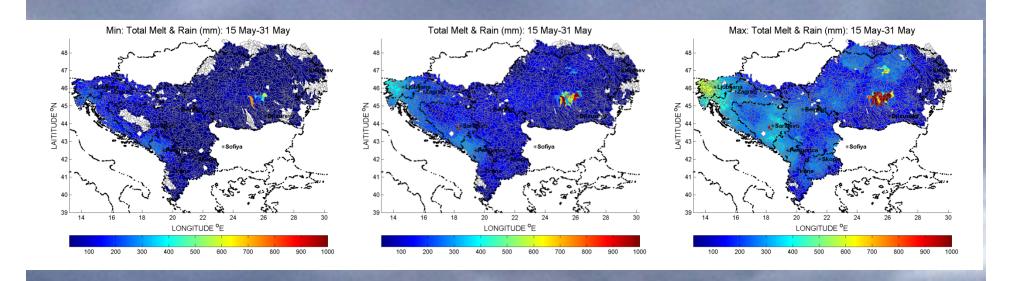


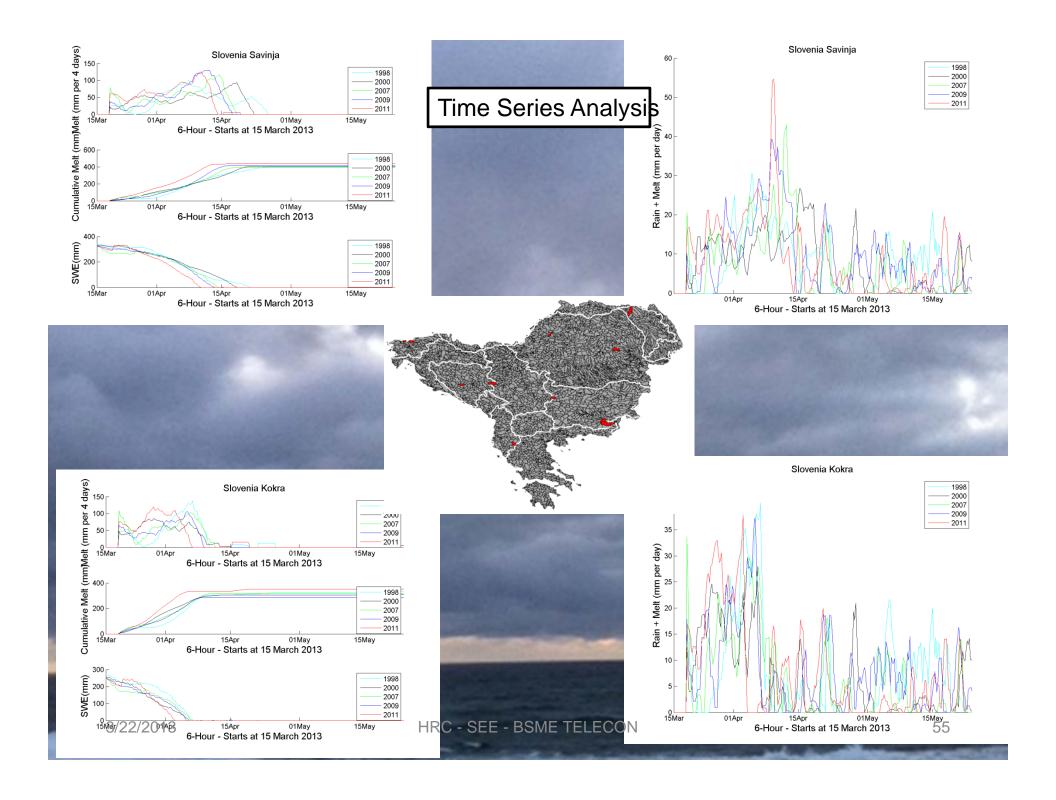


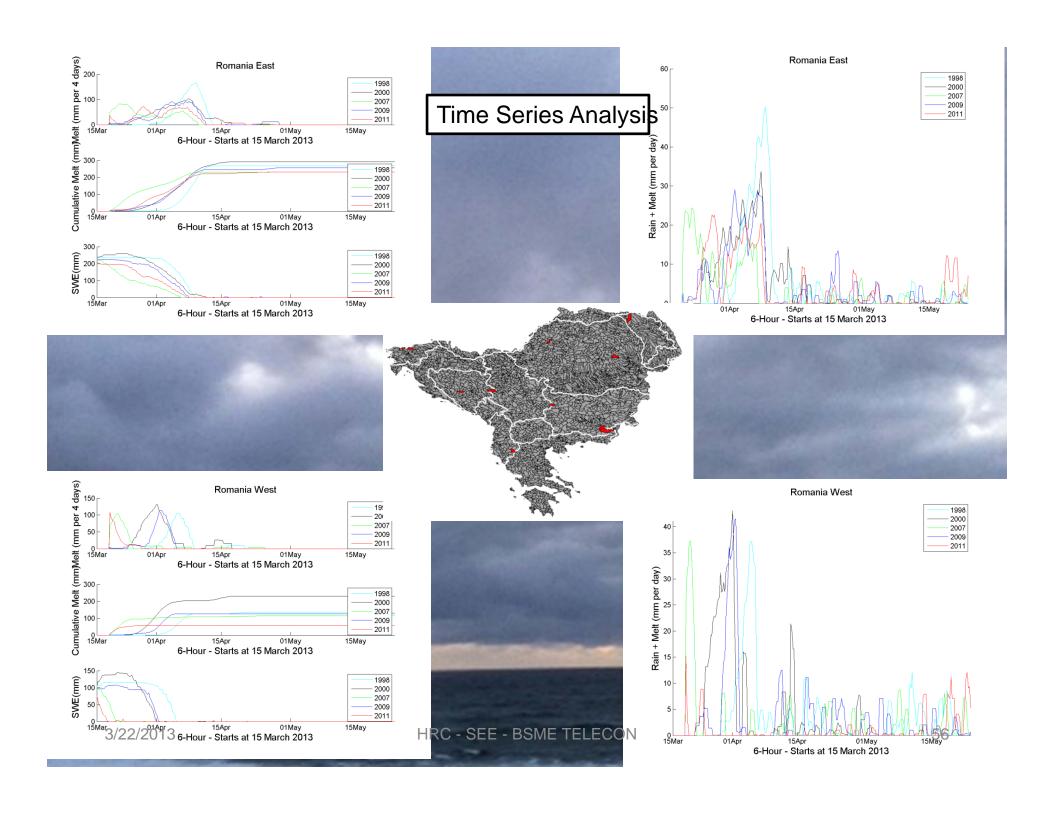


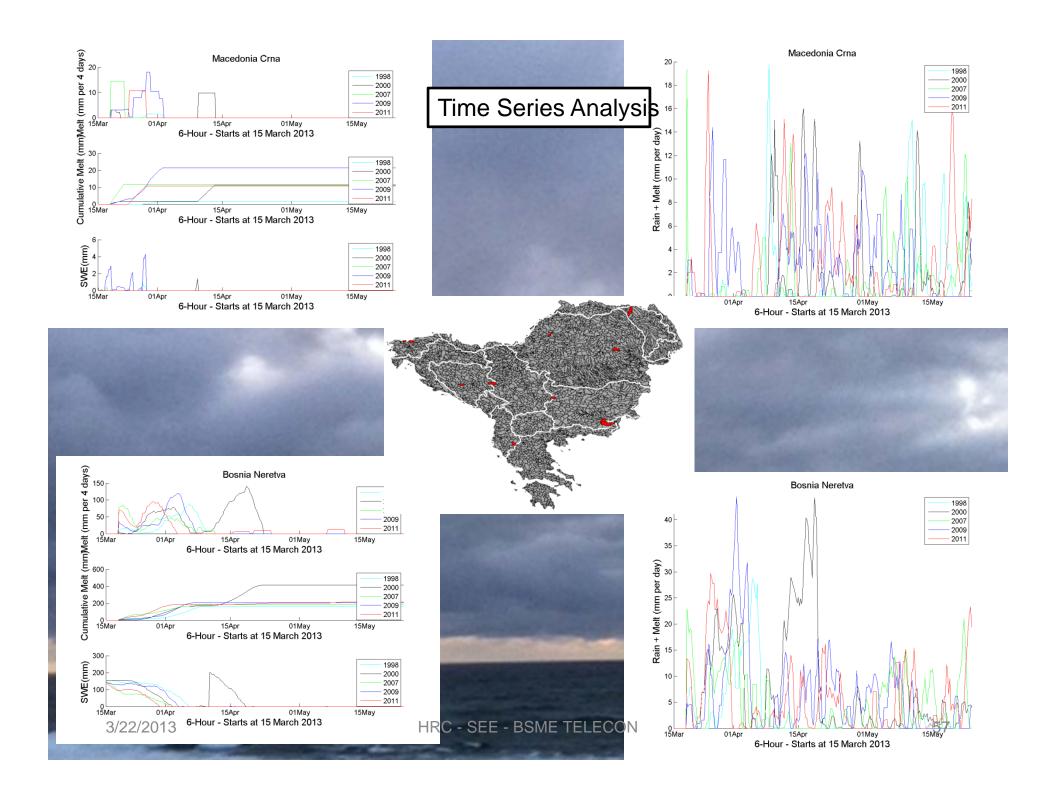


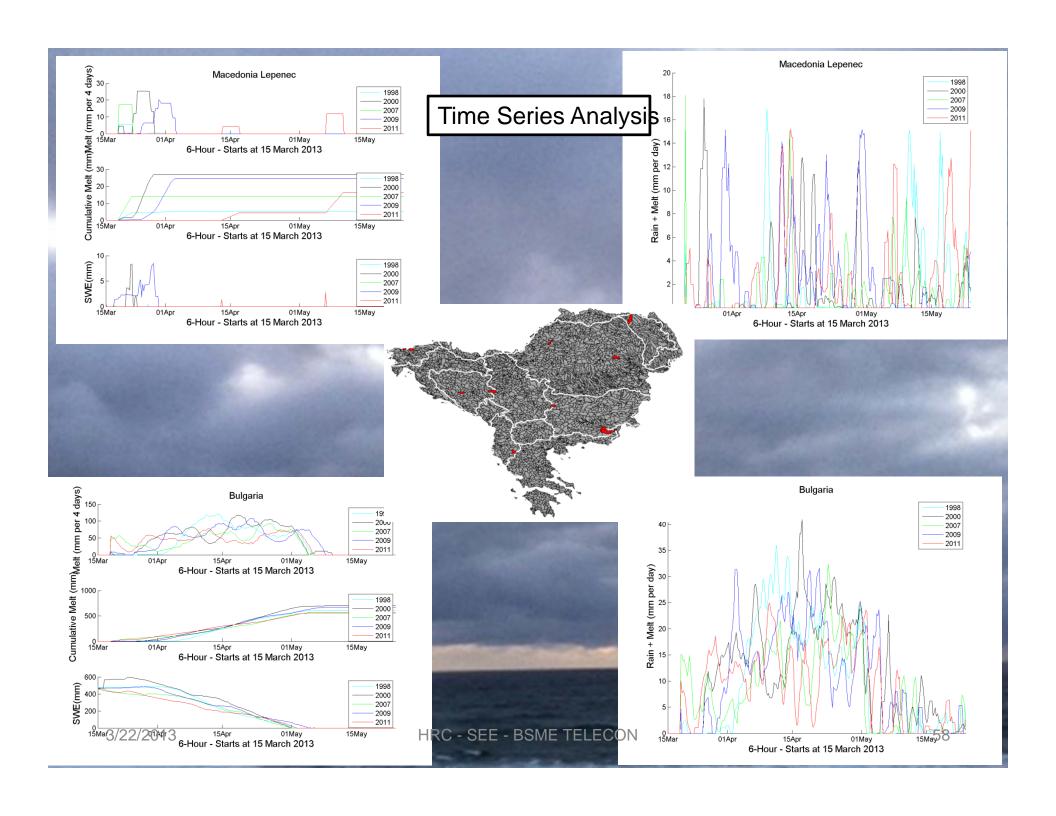




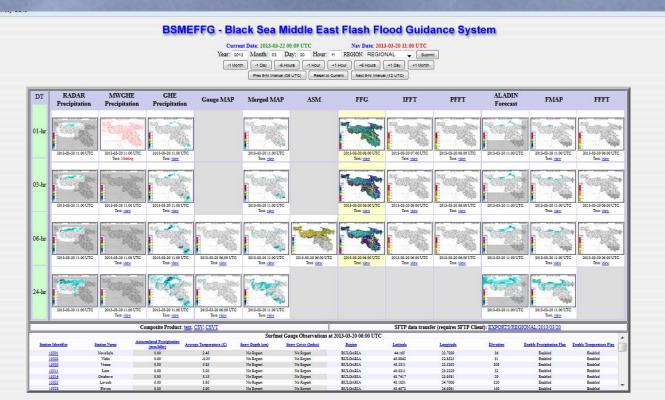


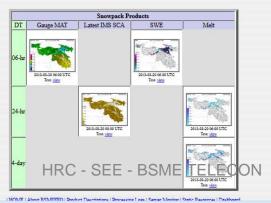


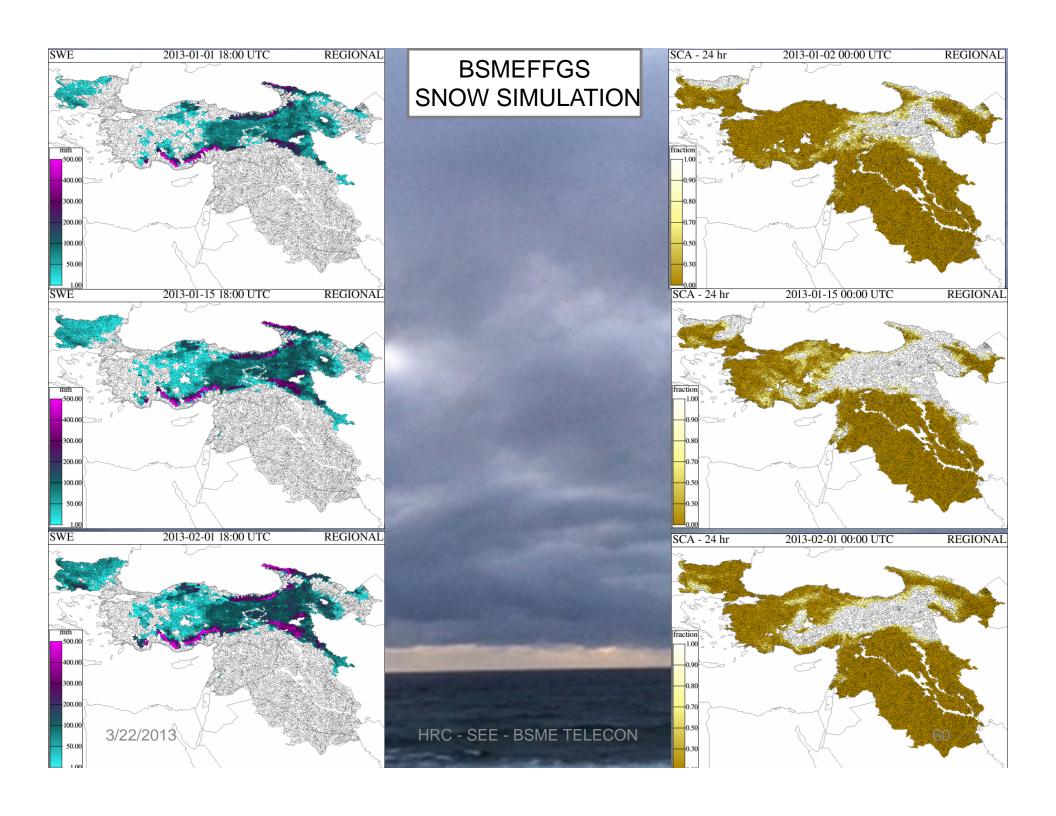


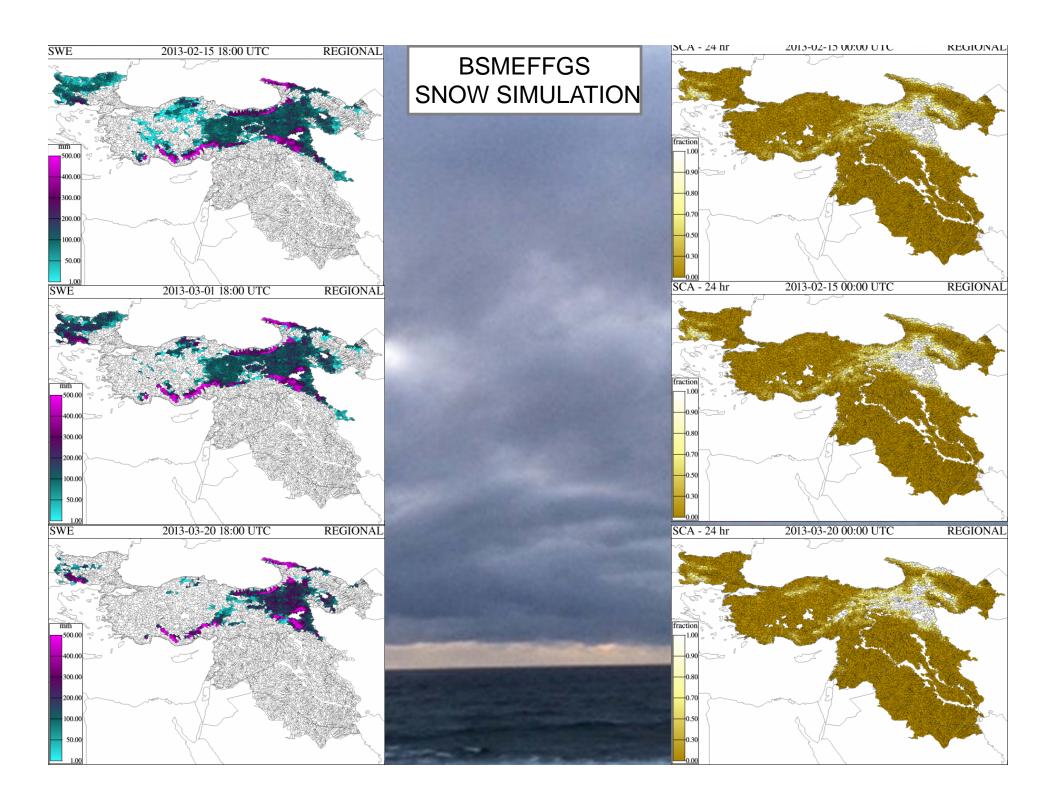


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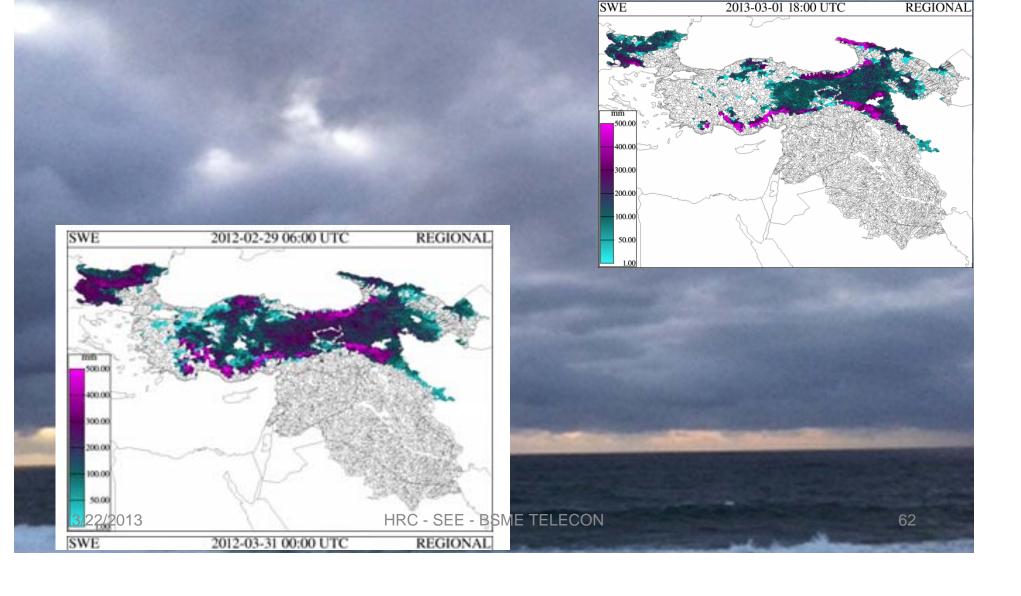






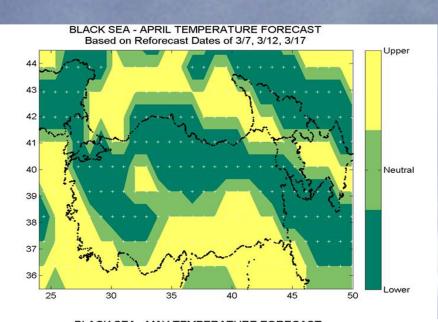


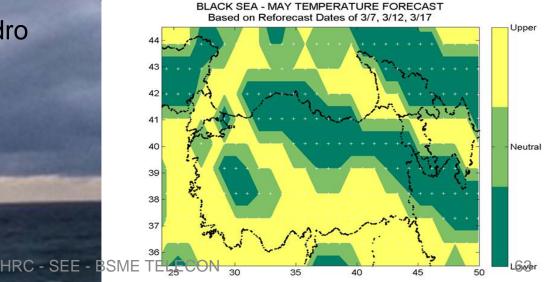
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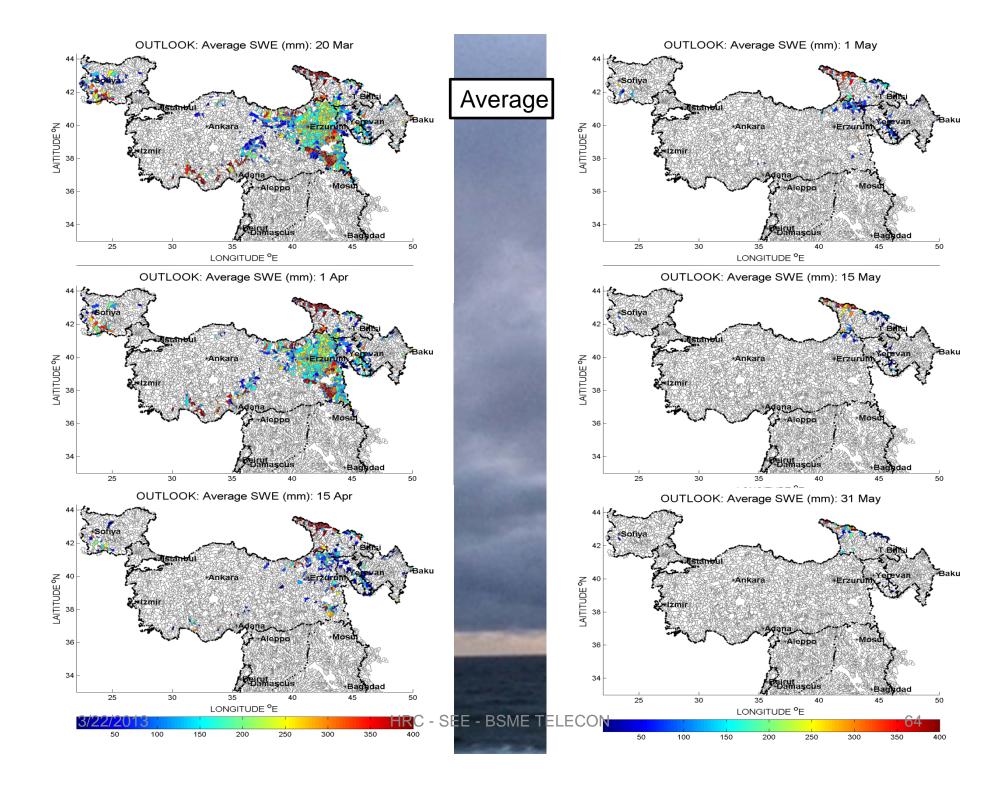


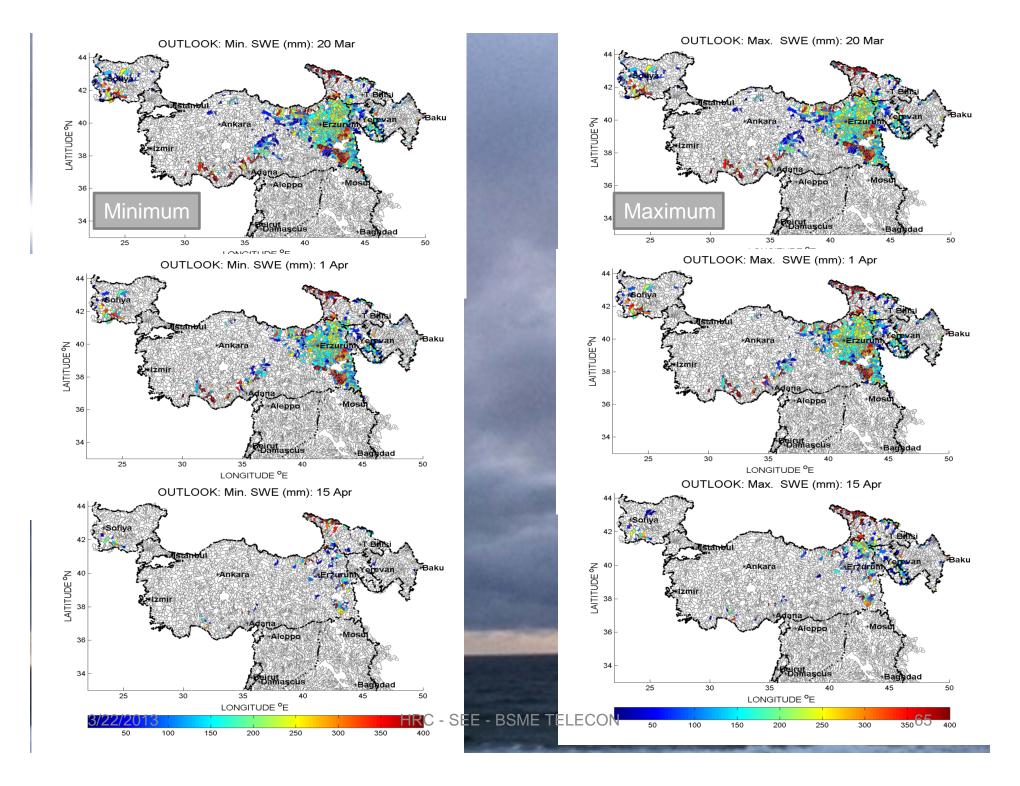
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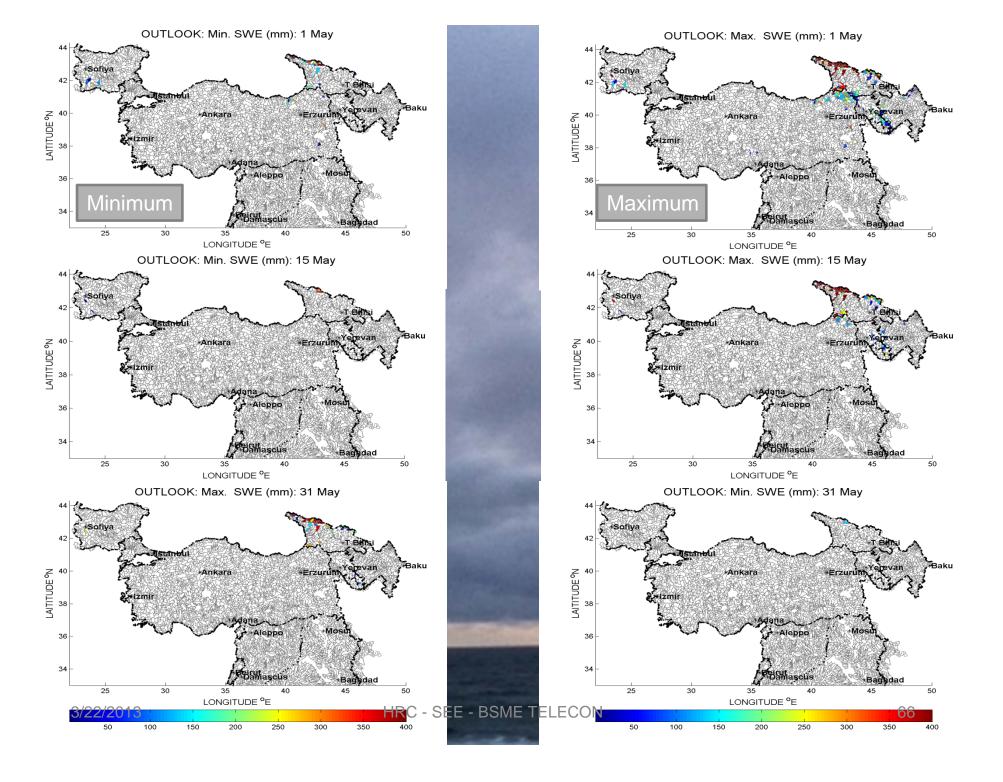
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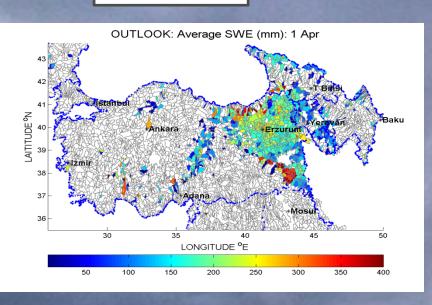


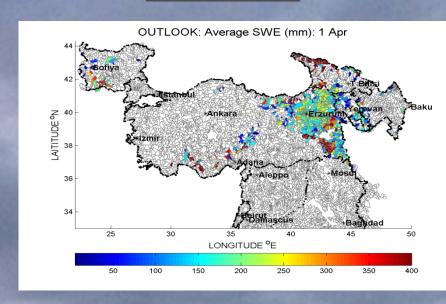


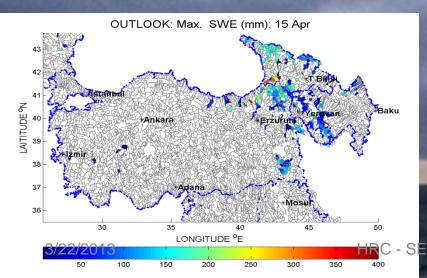
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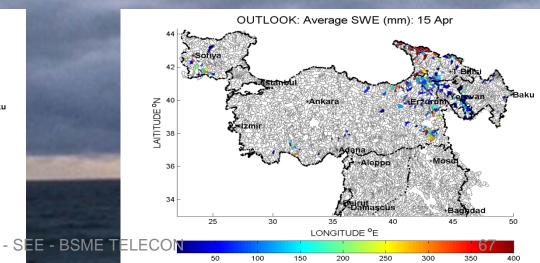


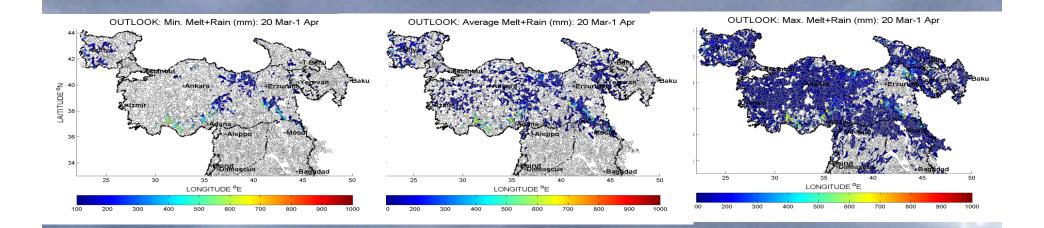
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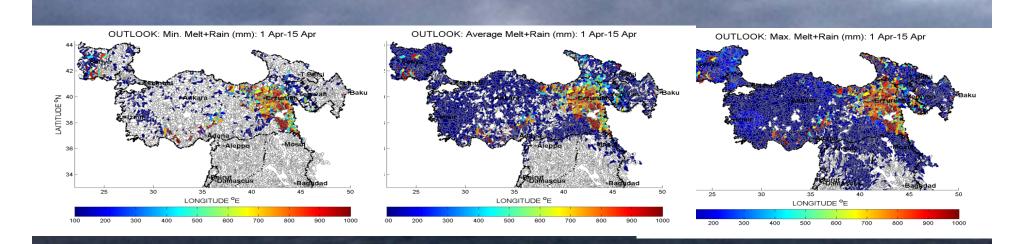


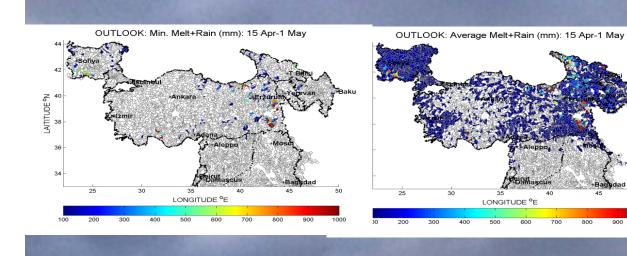


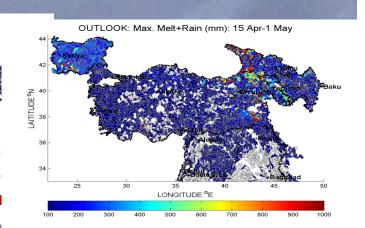


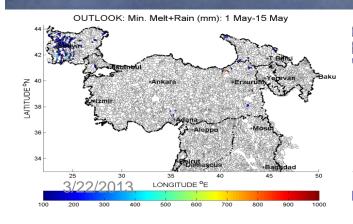


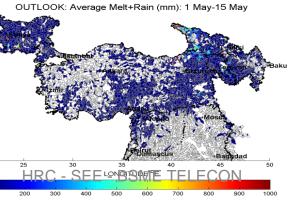


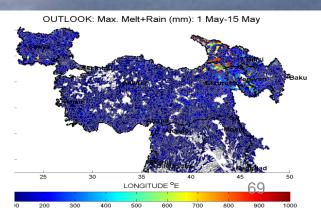


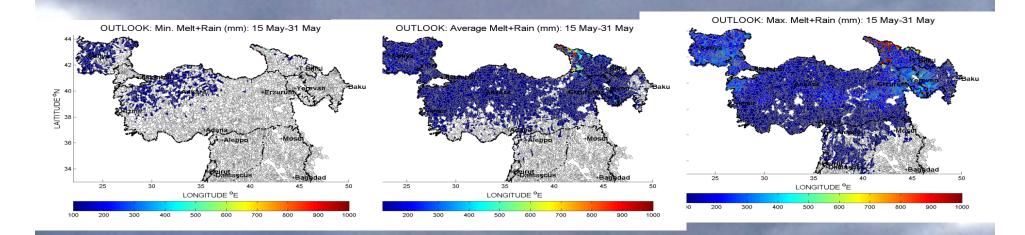




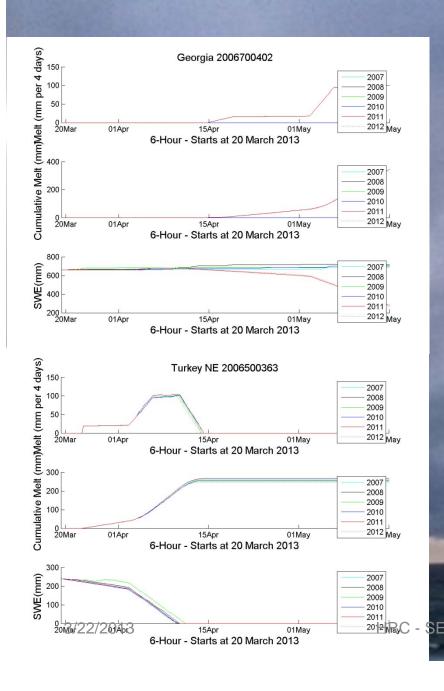




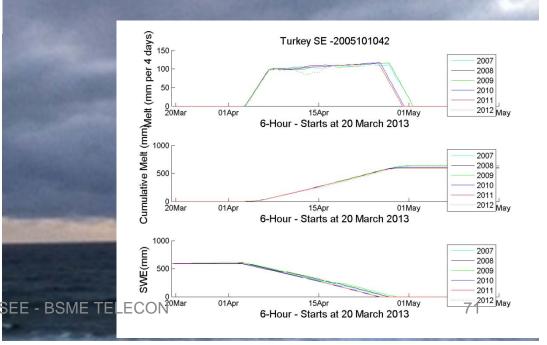




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