



Cyberinfrastructure for Cloud-Based Modeling

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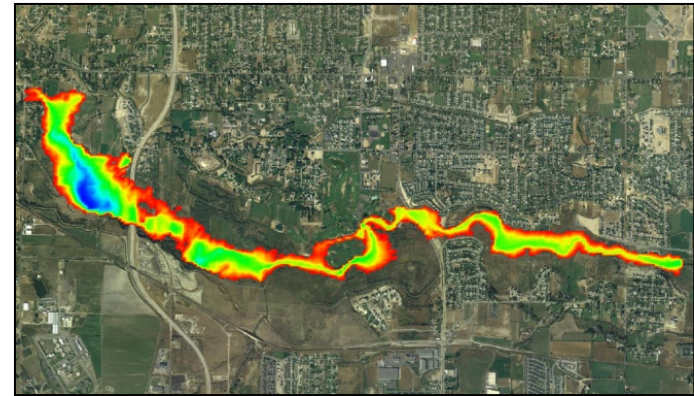


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Water Modeling Collaboration

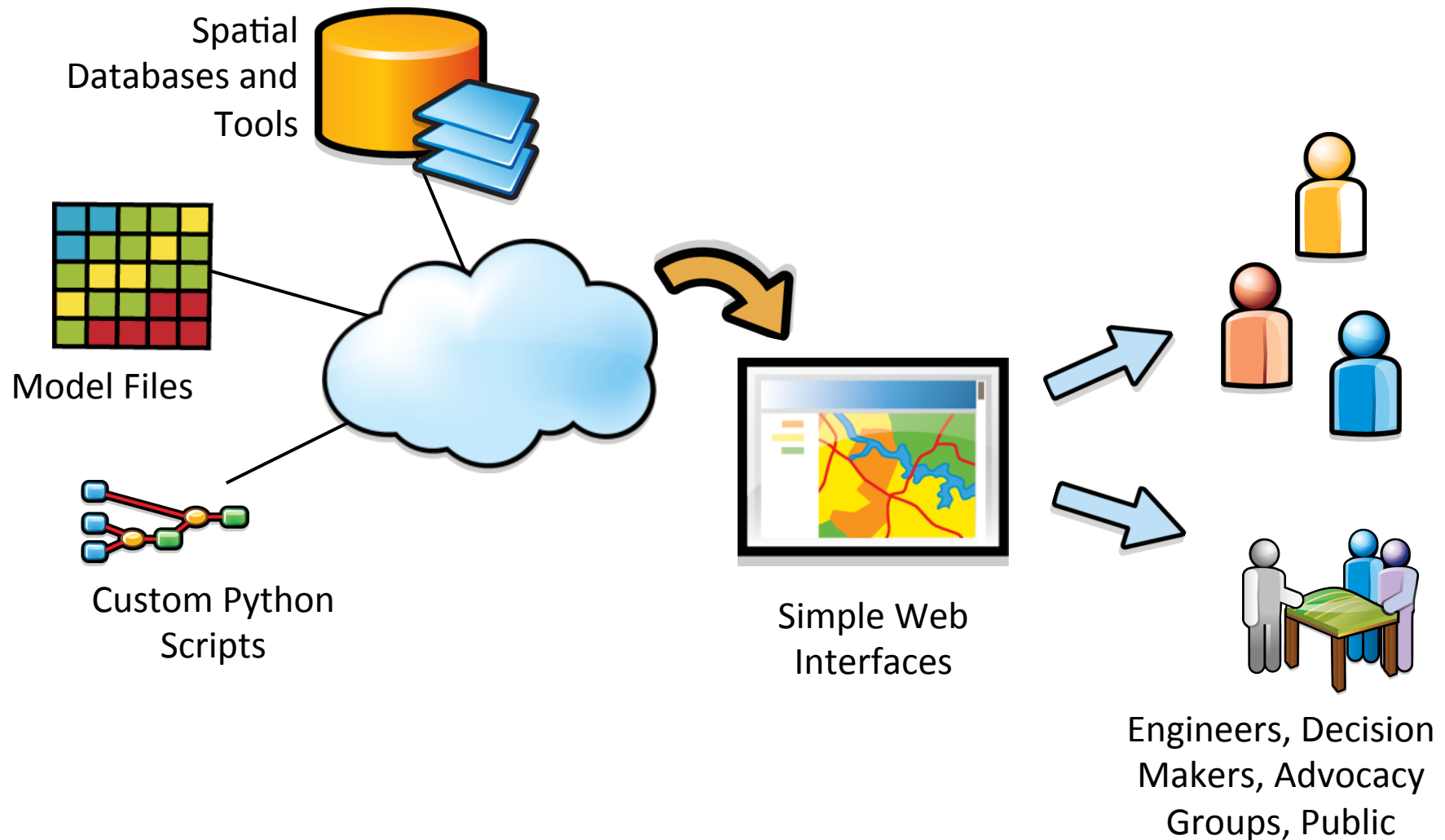


CI-WATER Project Objectives

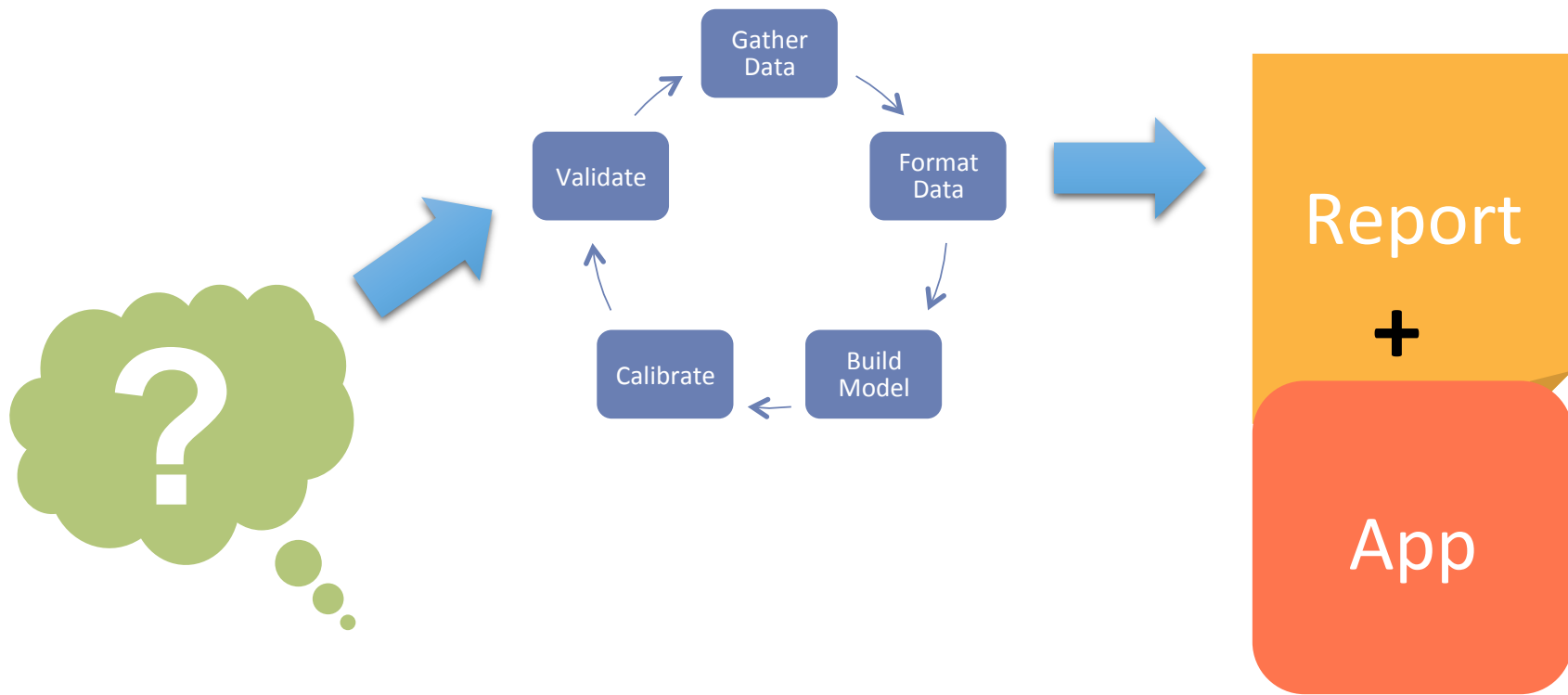
- Enhance cyberinfrastructure facilities
- **Enhance access to data- and computationally-intensive modeling**
- Advance high-resolution multi-physics watershed modeling
- Promote STEM learning and water science engagement



Cloud-Based Modeling for Decision Support



An App Approach



Tethys Platform

The screenshot shows the Tethys Platform Apps Library interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the Tethys logo on the left, the text "Tethys" in the center, and navigation links for "Apps" and "Developer" on the right. A dropdown menu is open, showing "Norm" and a grid icon. Below the header is a light blue banner with the text "Apps Library". The main content area is a light gray grid containing seven application cards, each with a representative image and a title:

- Early Flood Warning**: Image showing cars in floodwater with a house icon.
- UEB Model Builder**: Image showing a map with a snowflake icon.
- Burned Area Flooding**: Image showing a charred landscape with a fire icon.
- Spring Runoff**: Image showing a topographic map with a blue water icon.
- Wasatch Front Simulator**: Image showing a mountain range with a blue water drop icon.
- ADHydro Visualizer**: Image showing a yellow-green map with a red box and lines.
- Urban Stormwater Runoff**: Image showing construction workers with blue pipes.

Barriers

Spatial Data Storage



Spatial Analysis



Spatial Visualization



Web Framework

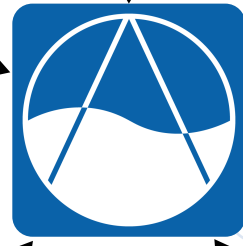


Spatial Publishing

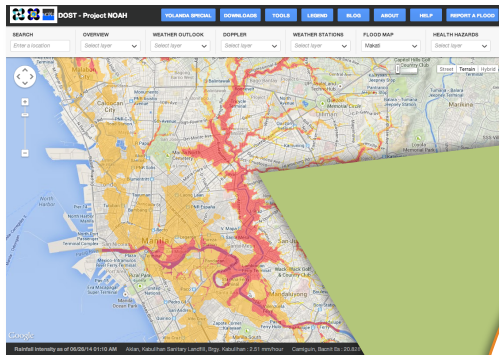


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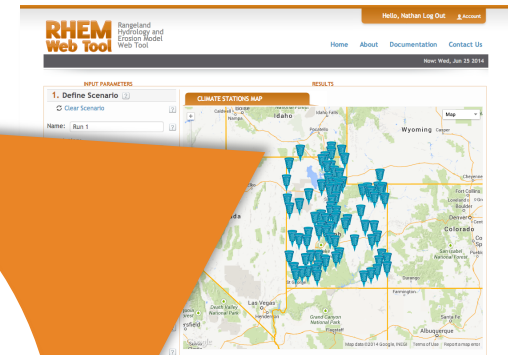
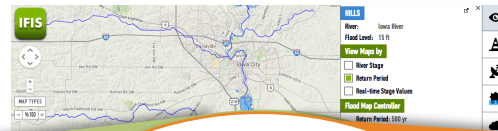
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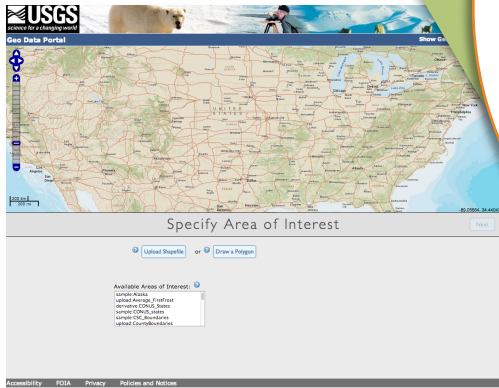
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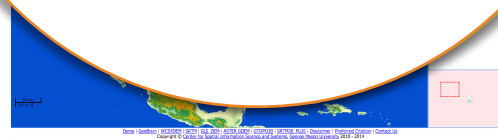
NOAH (Alconis et al., 2013)



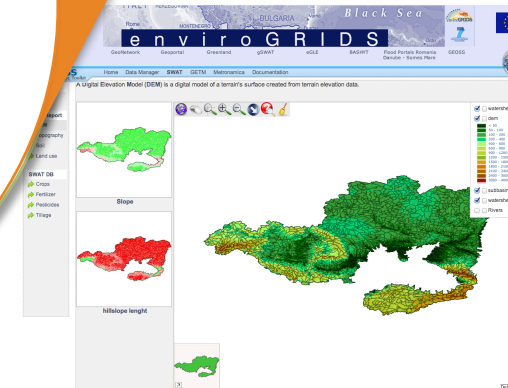
RHEM (Goodrich et al., 2008)



GeoData Portal (Kunicki et al., 2011)



DEM Explorer (Han et al., 2012)



BASHYT (Cau et al., 2013)

FOSS Review

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Earth Science Web
Applications Reviewed

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Categories of FOSS Software:
Web GIS & Web Development

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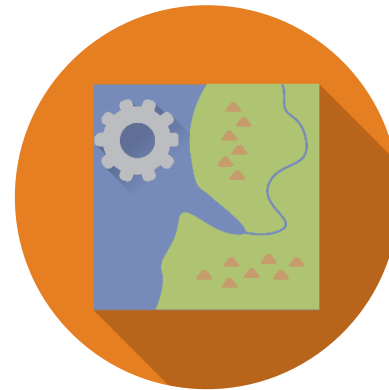
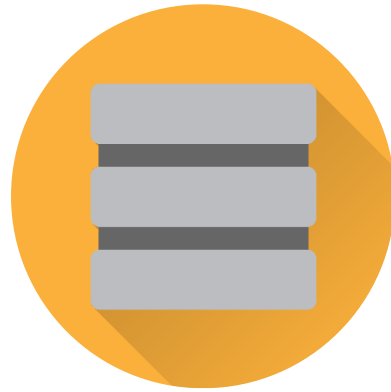
Web GIS

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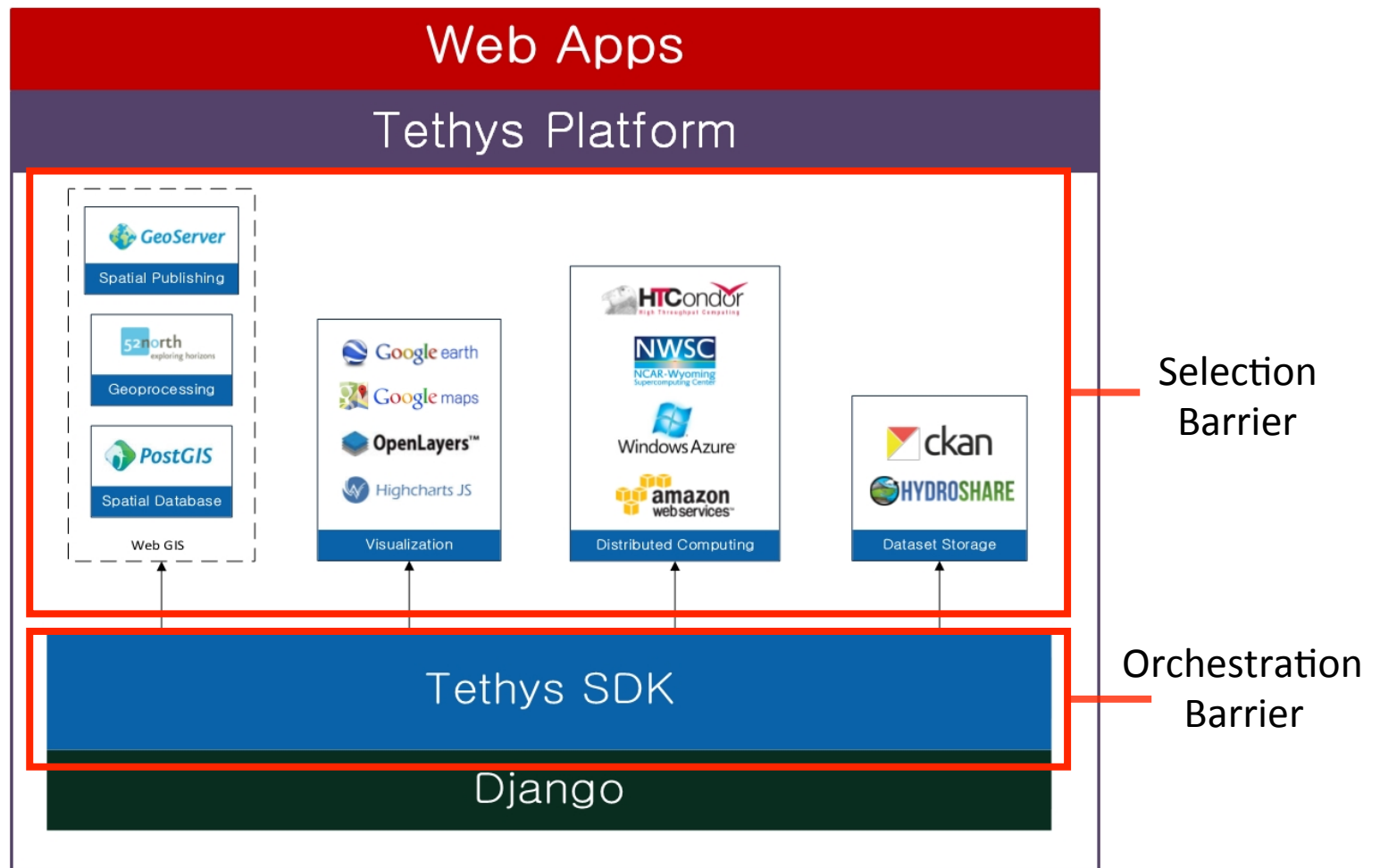
Web Development

Environmental Modelling & Software

Software Development Kit



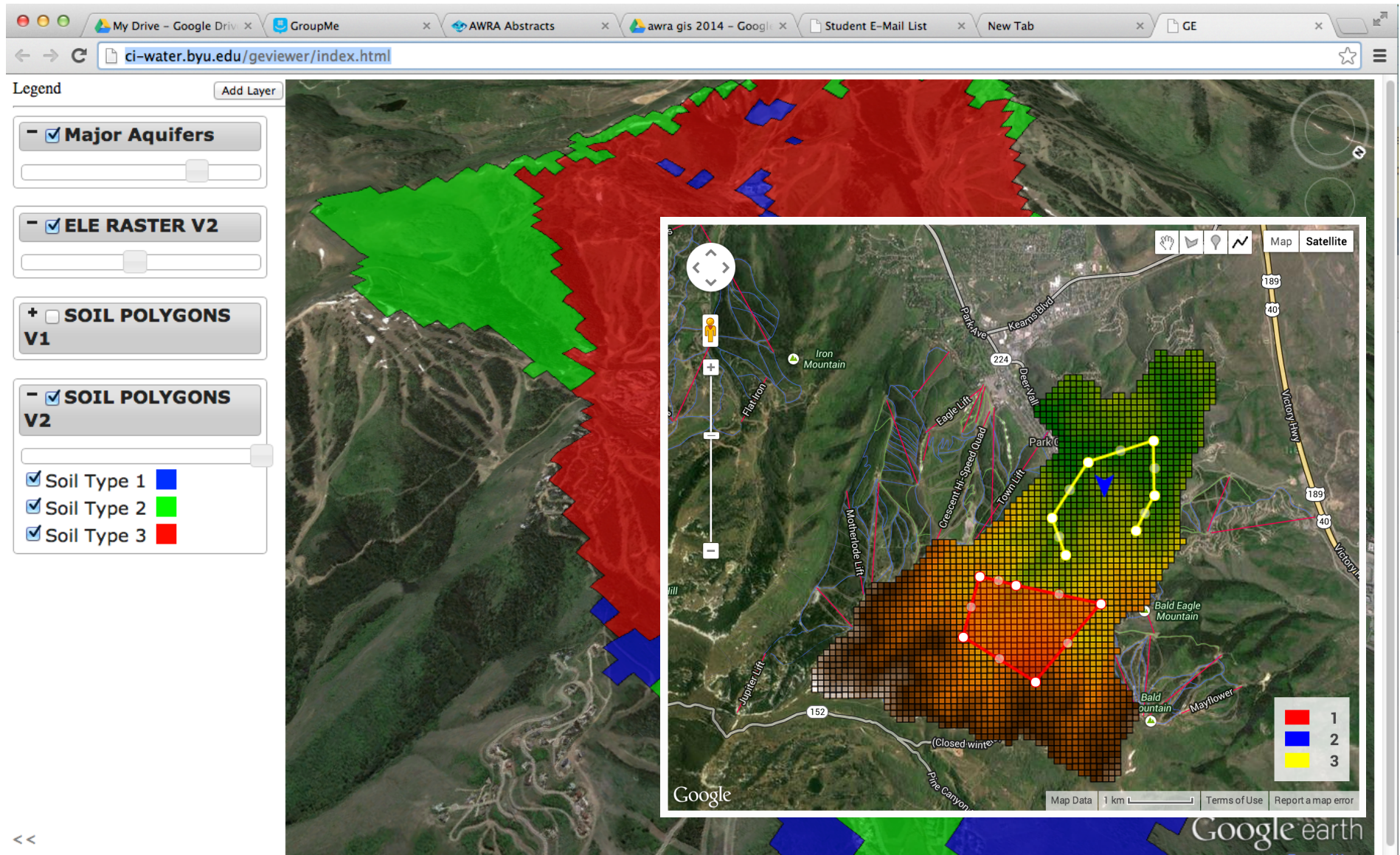
Tethys Platform Components



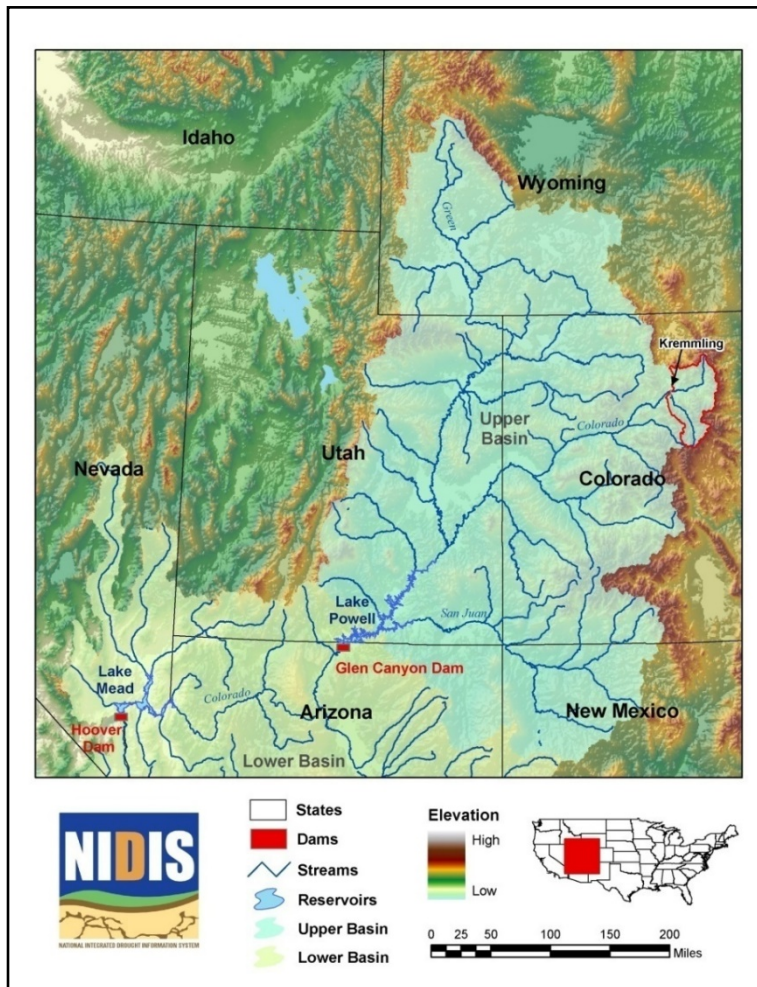
Tethys Platform Resources

- GitHub Repositories
 - <https://github.com/CI-WATER/tethys>
 - https://github.com/CI-WATER/django-tethys_apps
 - https://github.com/CI-WATER/django-tethys_gizmos
 - https://github.com/CI-WATER/django-tethys_datasets
- Documentation
 - <http://tethys-platform.readthedocs.org/en/latest/>
- Demo Tethys Servers
 - <http://ciwwweb.chpc.utah.edu>
 - <http://tethys.cloudapp.net>

Mapping & Visualization



High Resolution Visualization for Transient Watershed Models



Challenge: How do you visualize ultra-high resolution model output in a simple web framework?

With animation?

Solution

GigaPan's Time Machine

A code that was developed to tile time-lapse imagery so that the user could zoom and pan high resolution frames while maintaining an efficient viewing experience

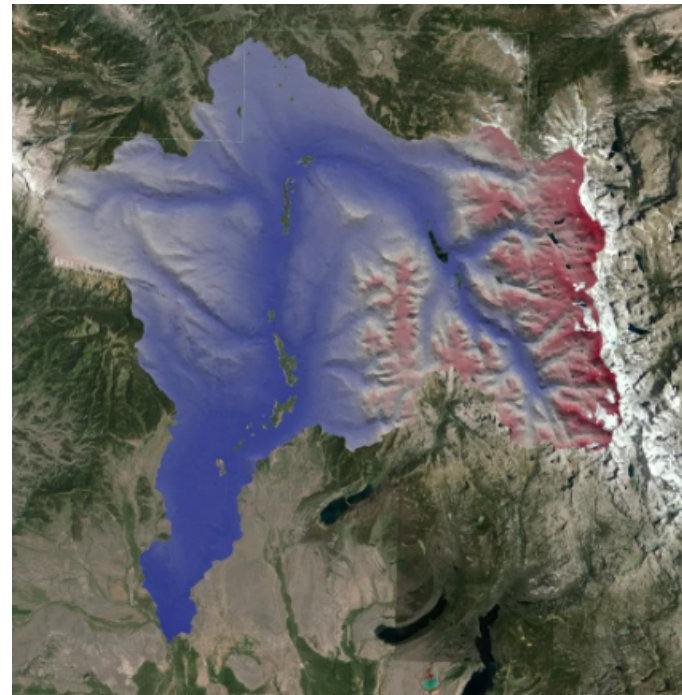
[http://timemachine.cmucreatelab.org/wiki/Main Page](http://timemachine.cmucreatelab.org/wiki/Main_Page)

TMAPS: Time Machine Automated Python Scripts

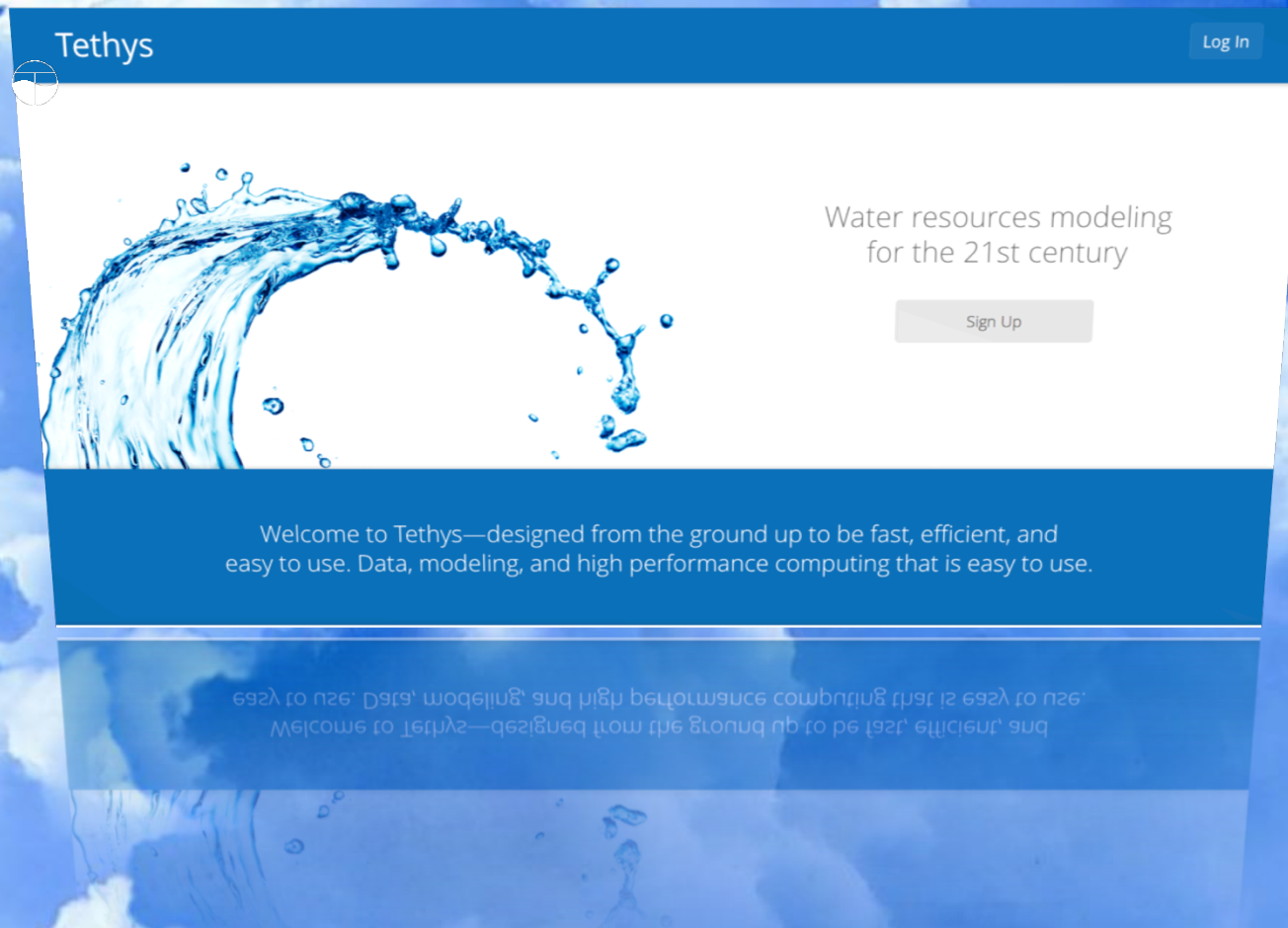


Python scripting tools designed to process ADHydro output and generate Time Machine animation files.

<http://gme.byu.edu/index.html>



Tethys and the Cloud



Tethys

Log In

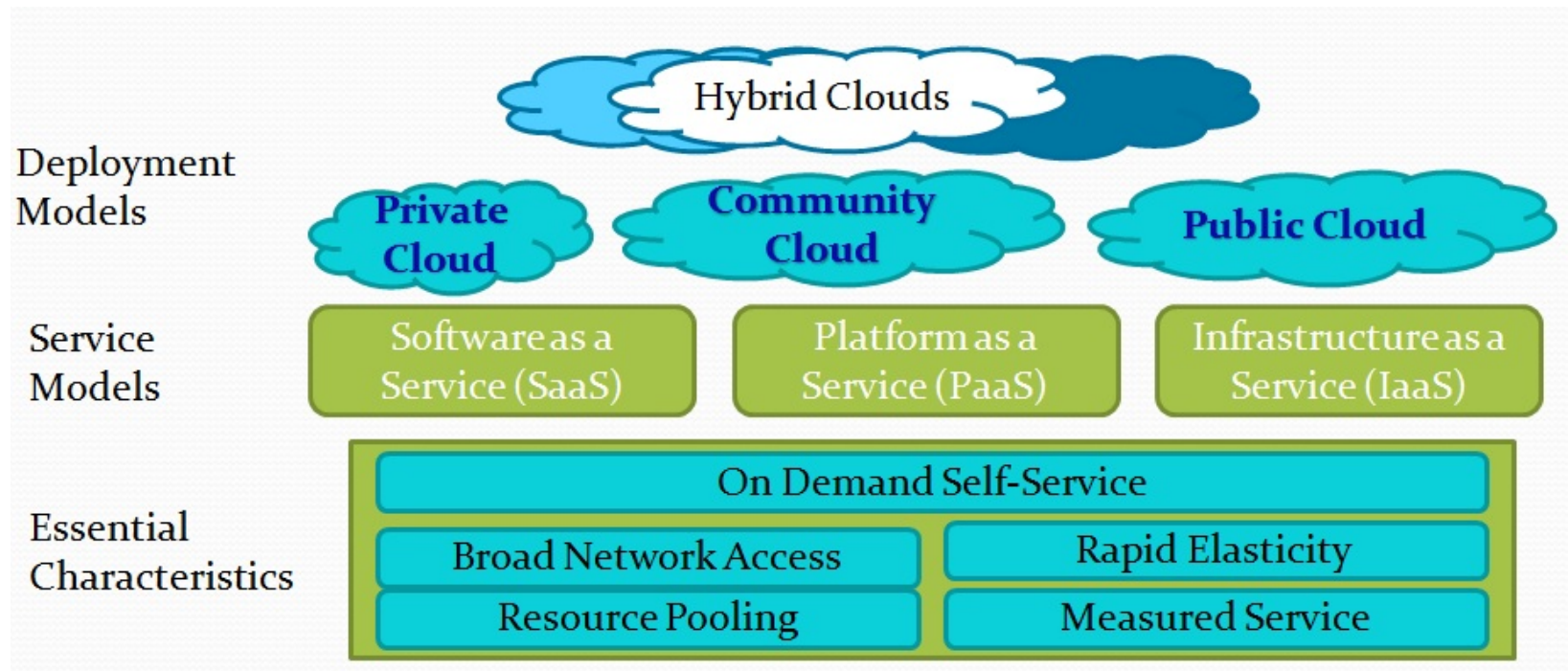
Water resources modeling
for the 21st century

Sign Up

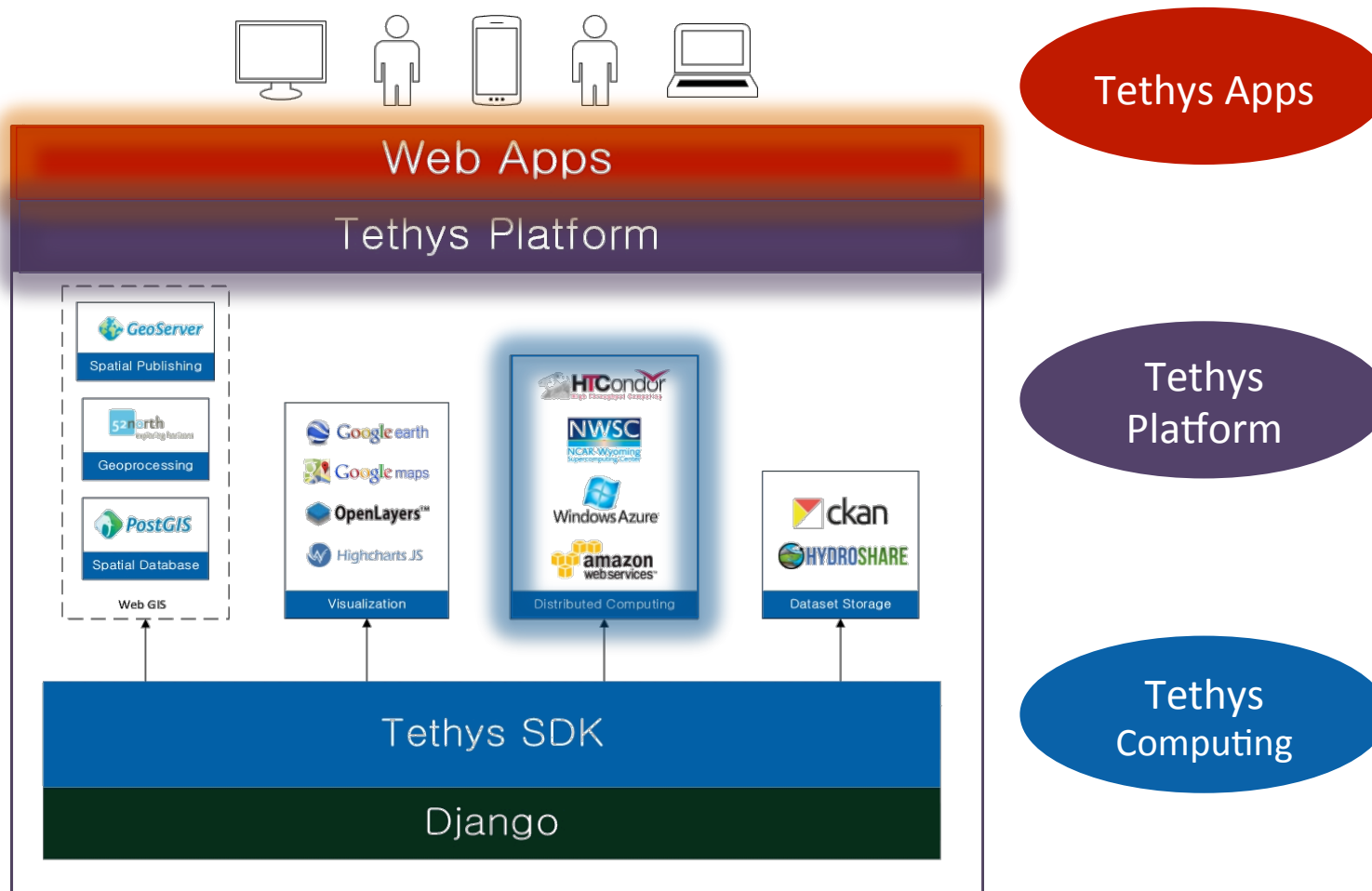
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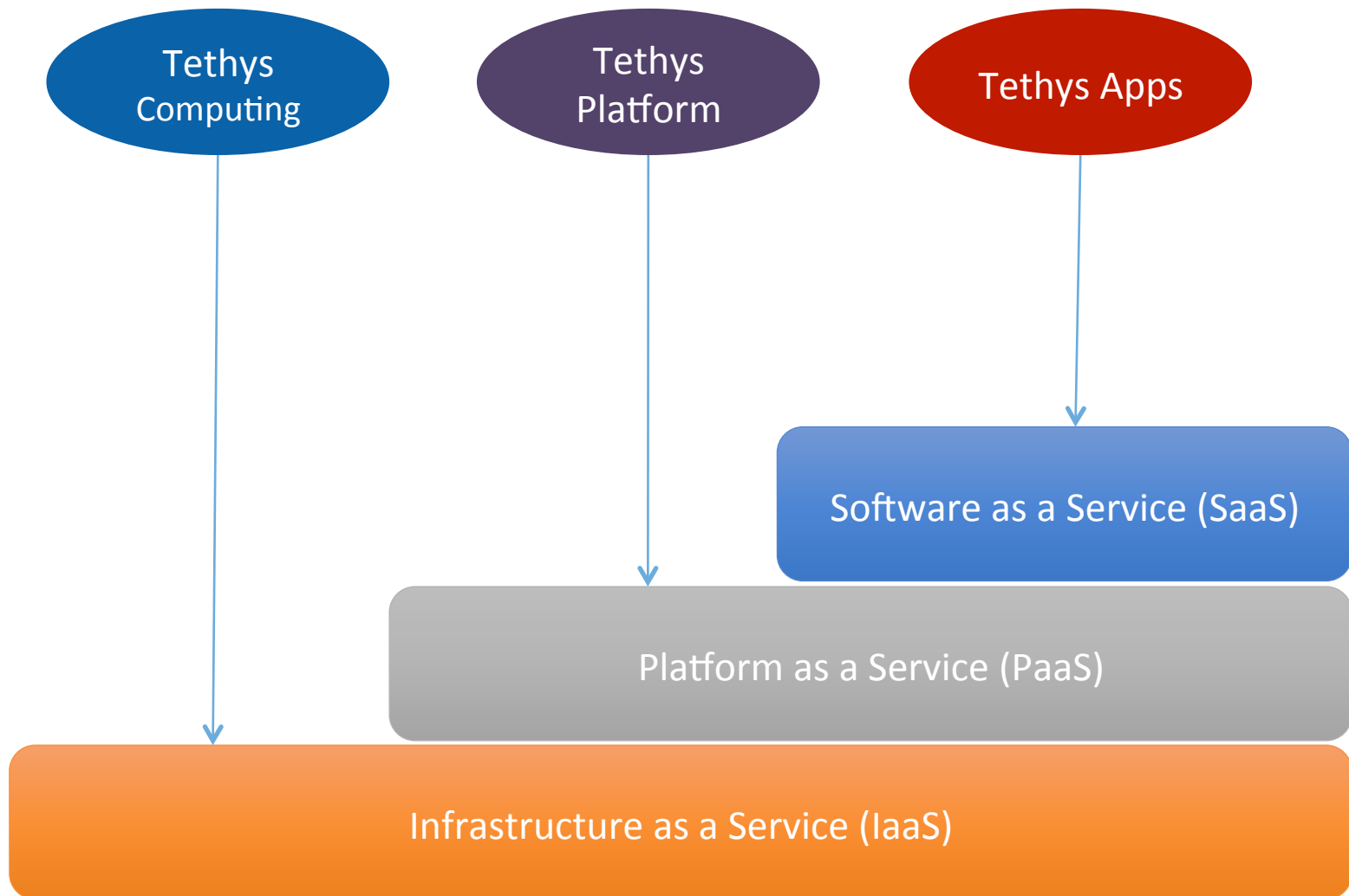
What exactly is “The Cloud”?



Tethys and the Cloud



Tethys and the Cloud

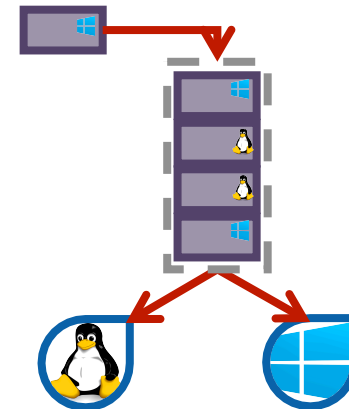


Features of the Tethys Cloud-modeling Tools

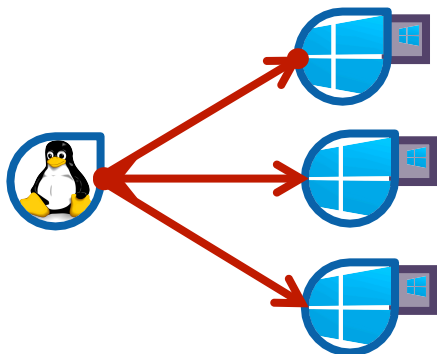
1. Resource Provisioning



2. Batch Scheduling



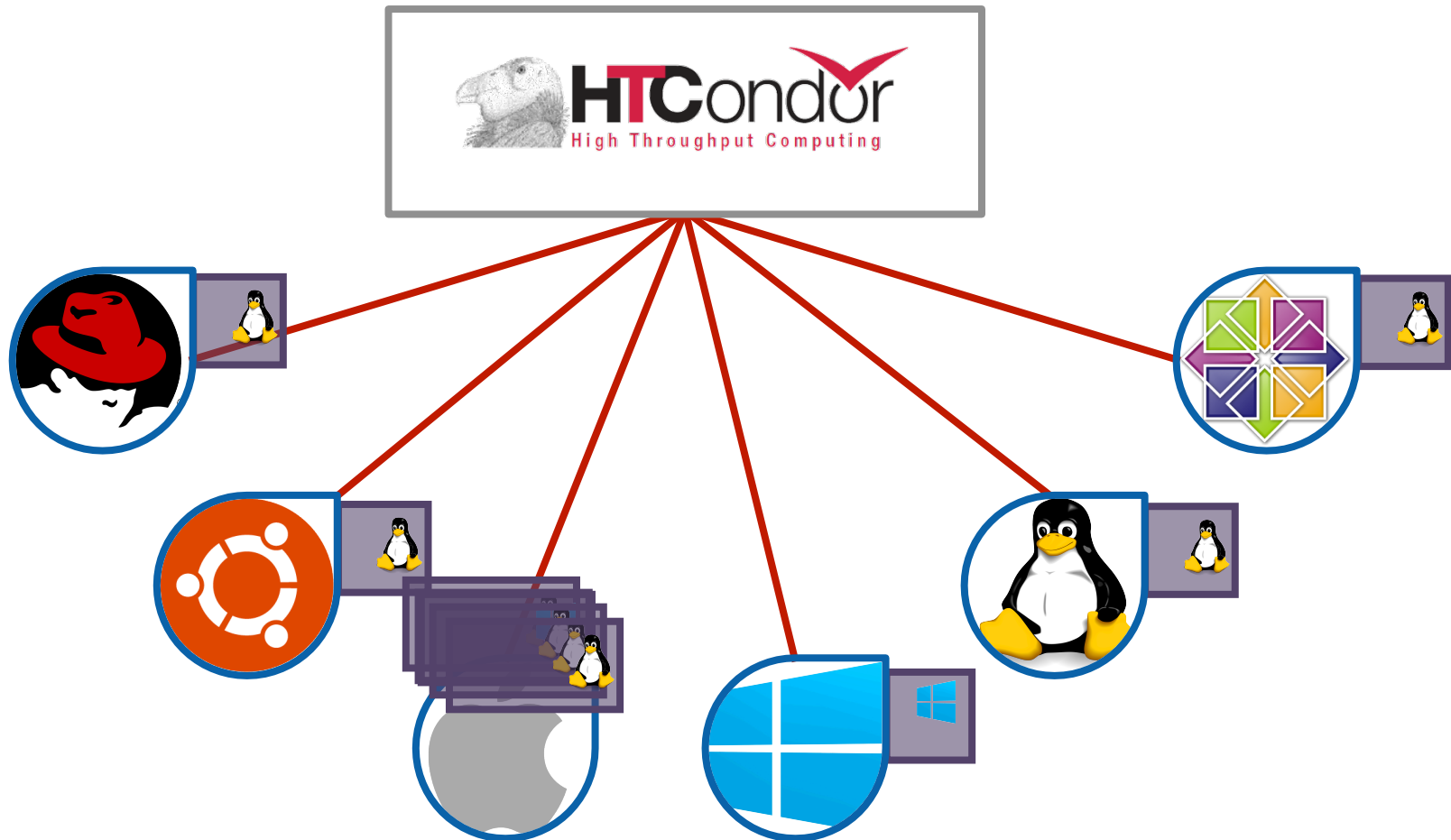
3. Data Management



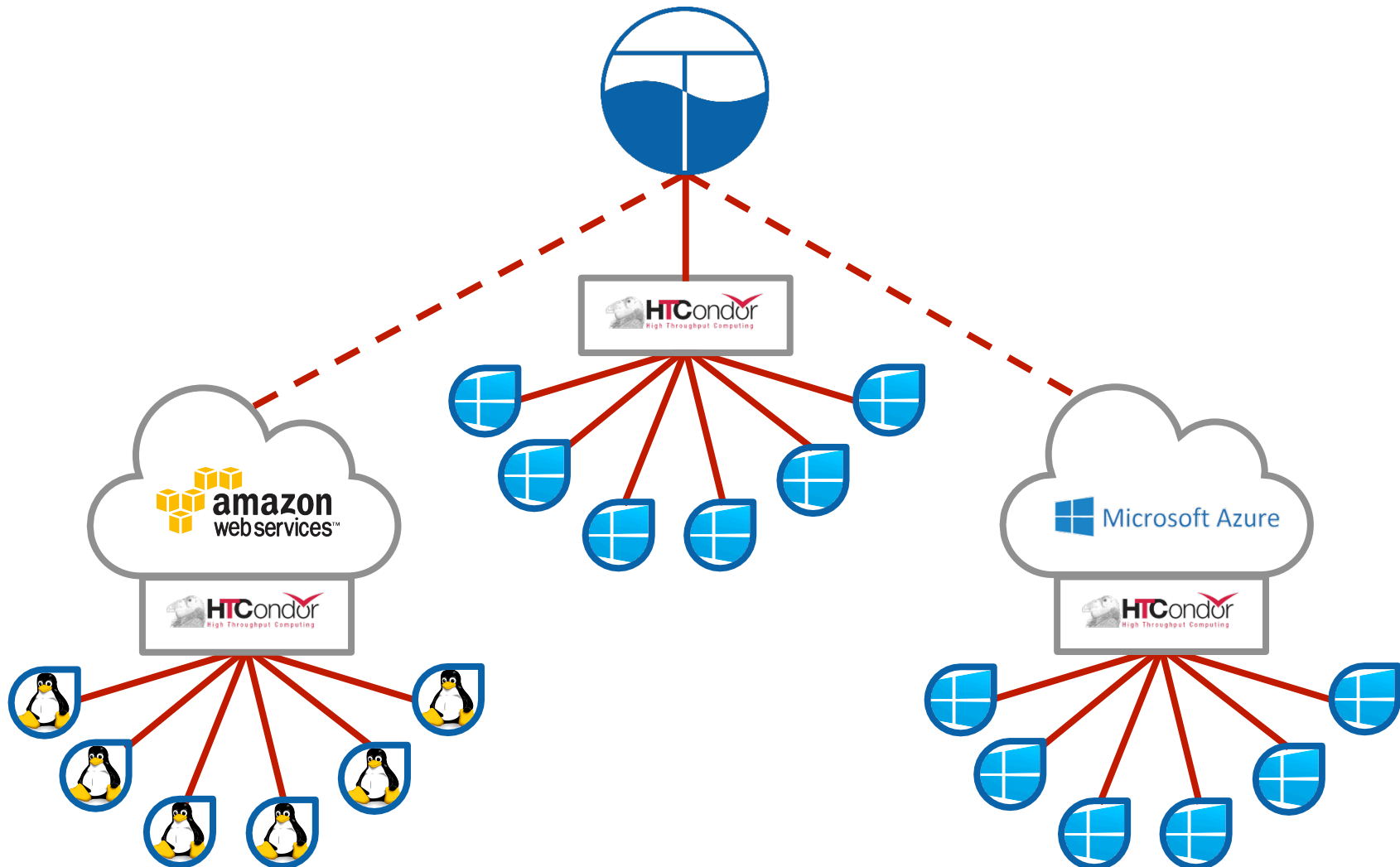
4. Job creation



HTCondor



HTCondor in Tethys



Applications

Cloud-Based Water Resource Modeling

Flood Early Warning System





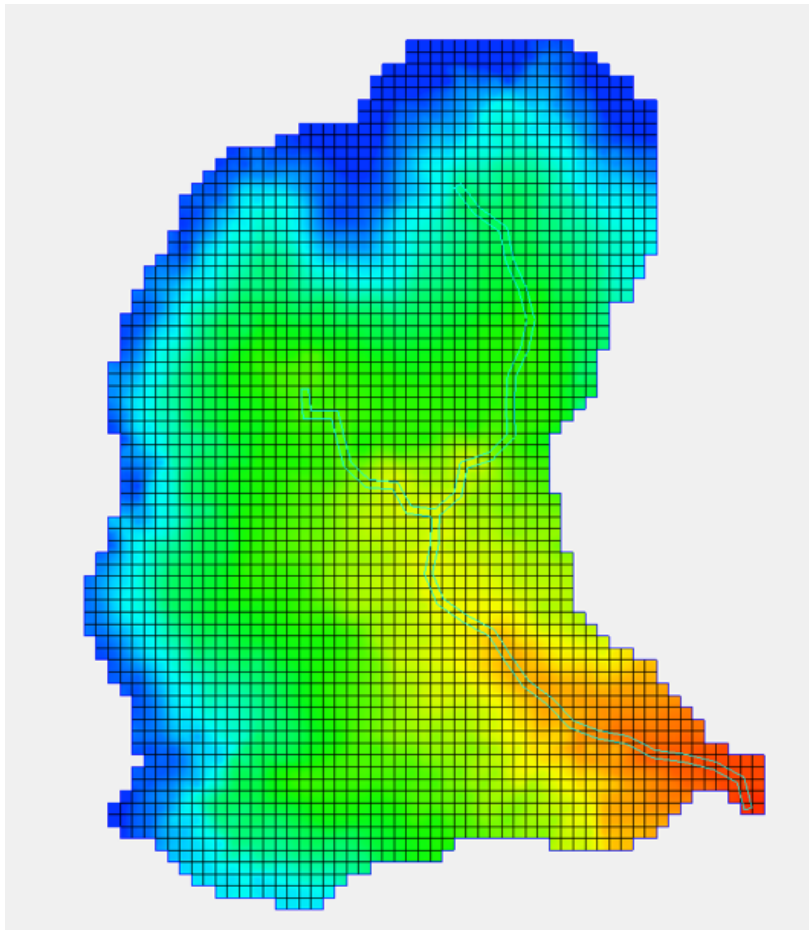
- ✓ Food
 - ✓ Water
 - ✓ Fuel
 - ✓ Clothes
- Computation Time

Assumption:

“Similar conditions produce similar results”

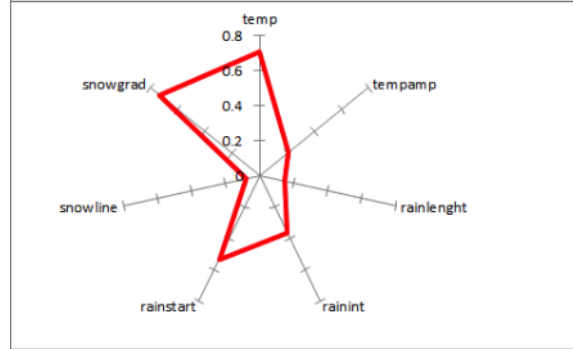
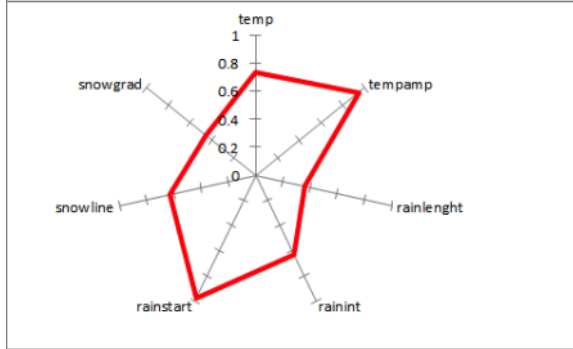
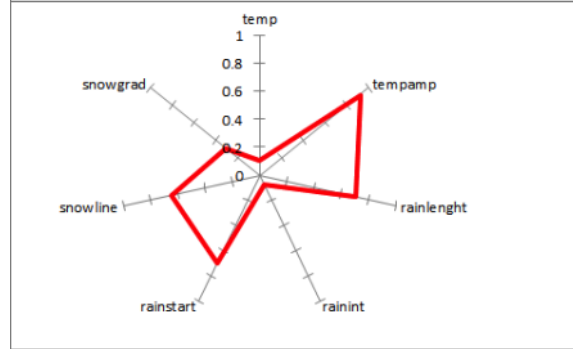
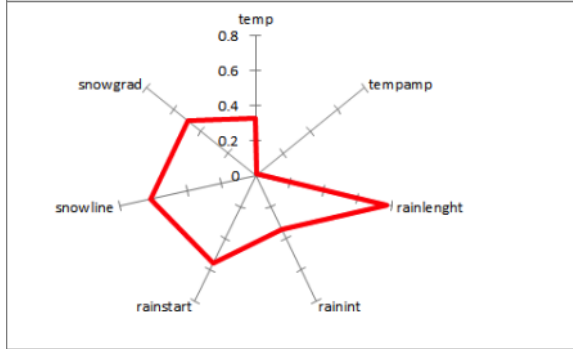
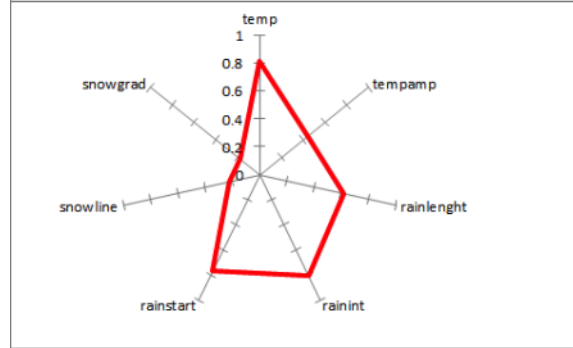
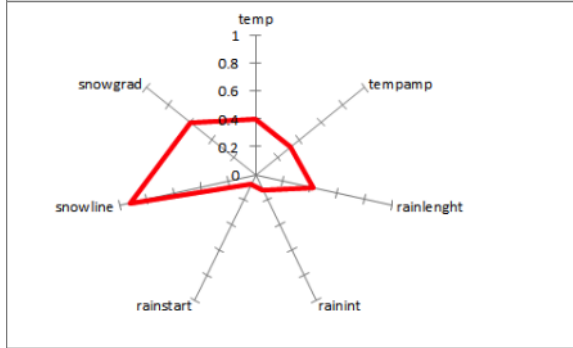
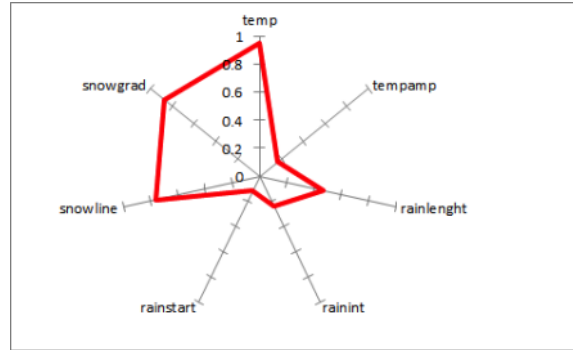
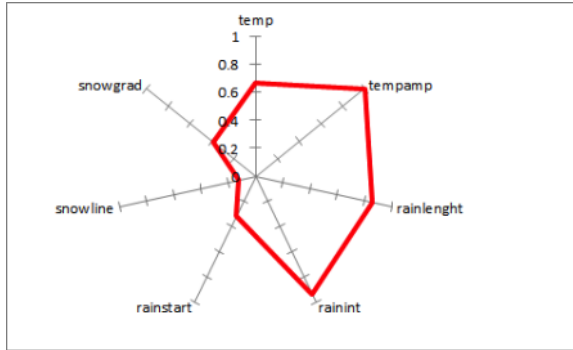
Our purpose will be to generate a large set of model runs to evenly cover the “variables space” and a technique to select the one that best fits the current conditions

Generate

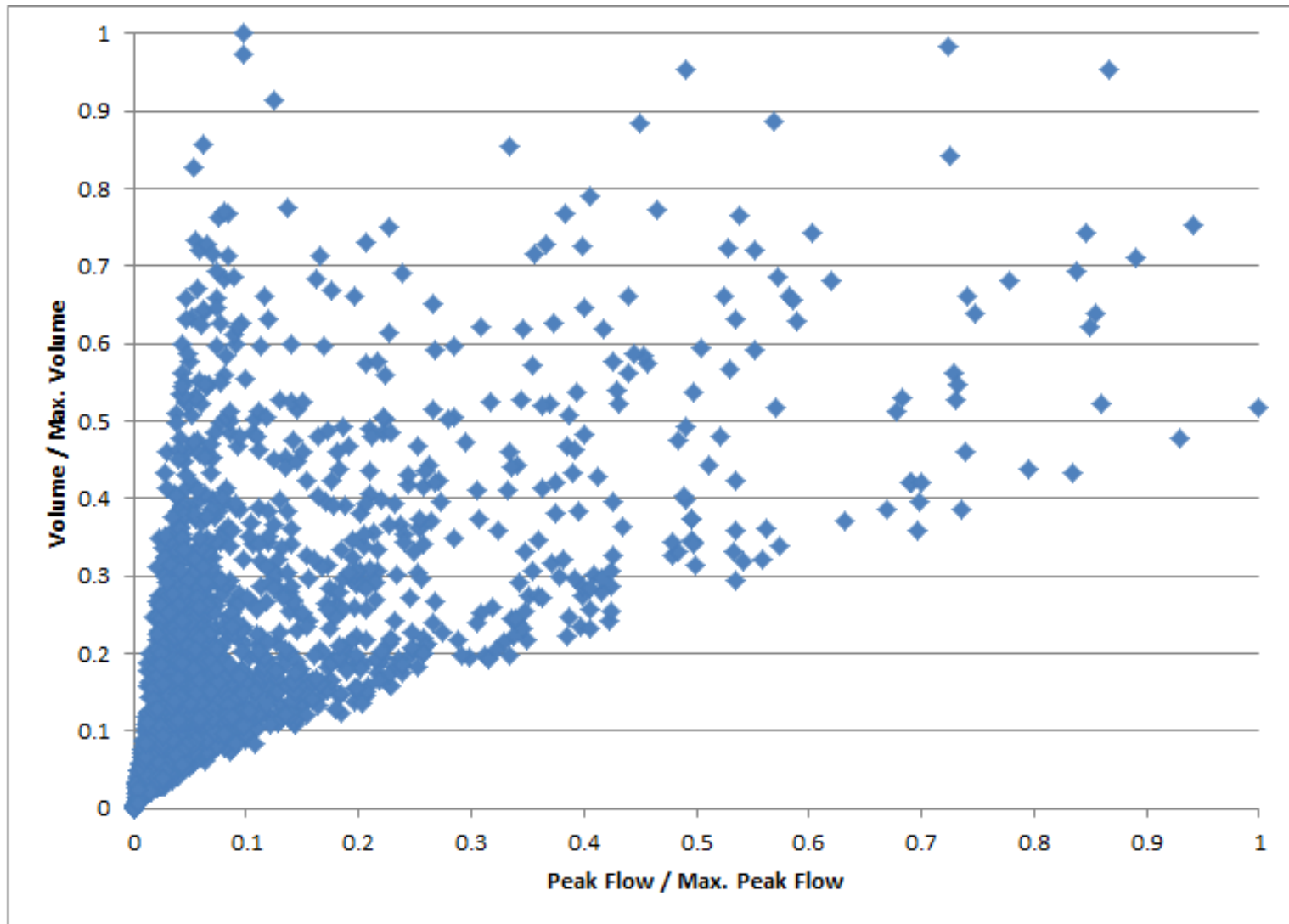


Variable	Min value	Max value	units
temp	20	100	°F
tempamp	5	20	°F
rainlenght	1	10	hs
rainint	10	100	mm
rainstart	0	24	hs
snowgrad	0	0.002	m/m
snowline	-100	400	m

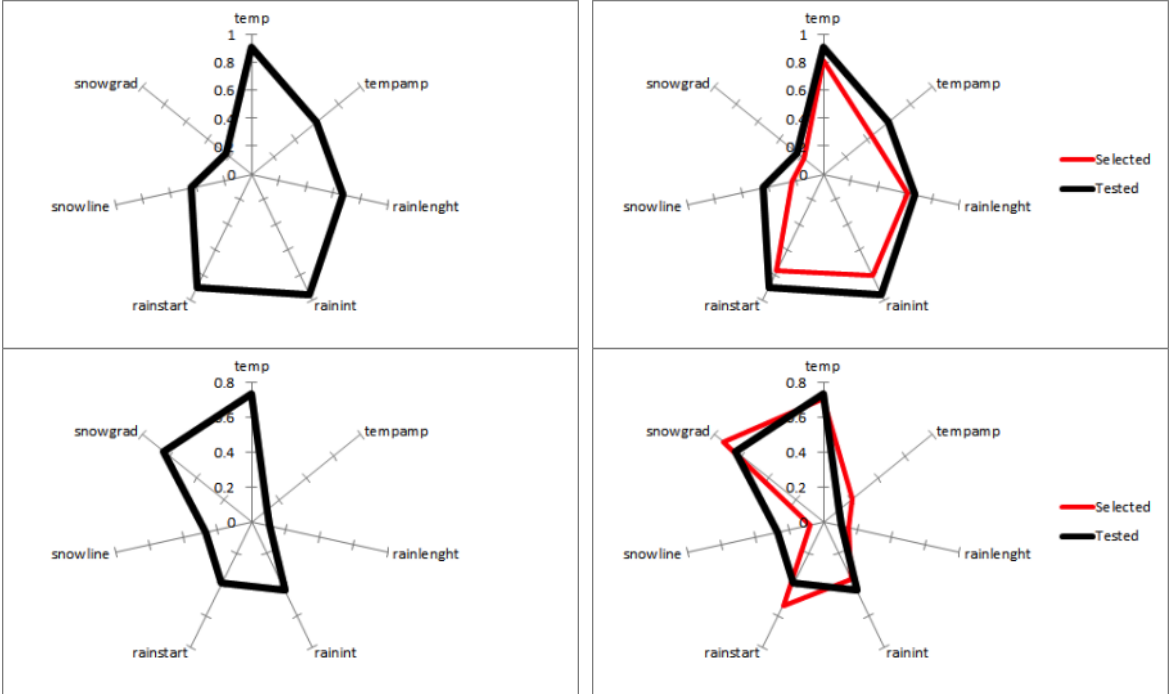
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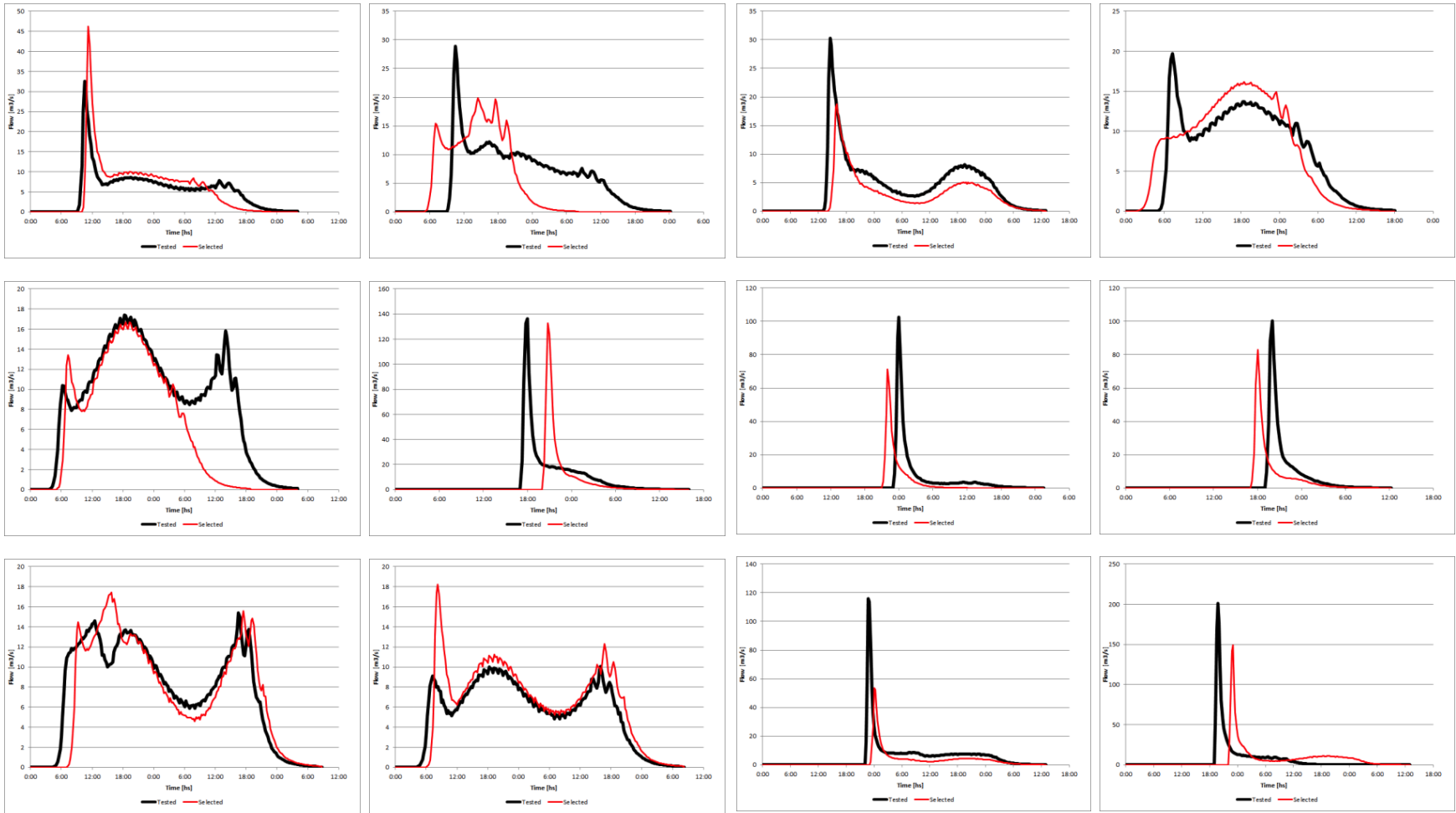
Generate



Select



Select



Similar conditions produced similar results?

Find Match

Hydrograph

Canned GSSHA

Temperature [°F]

20 100 75

Temperature Amplitude [°F]

5 20 12

Rain Duration [hours]

1 10 6.75

Rain Intensity [mm]

10 100 85

Rain Start [hour]

0 24 15

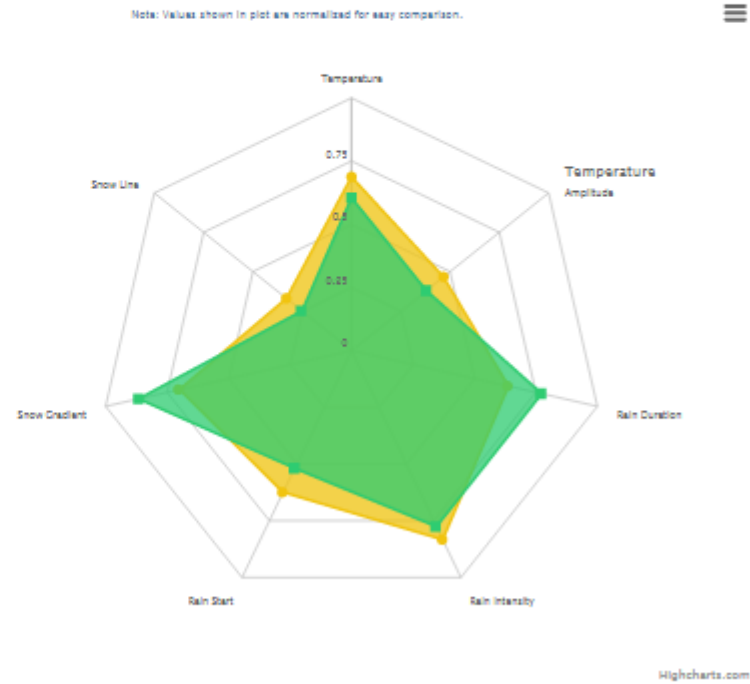
Snow Line [m]

-100 400 250

Snow Gradient [m/m]

0 0.002 0.00066

Input Match



<http://ciwweb.chpc.utah.edu/apps/canned-gssha>

GSSHA Index Map Editor

Land Use Change Impact Simulator

Select a Model

Below is a list of GSSHA models stored in the datasets. Please select which one you would like to edit.

Ice_Age

Ice_Age

VERIFIED

No_Ice_Age

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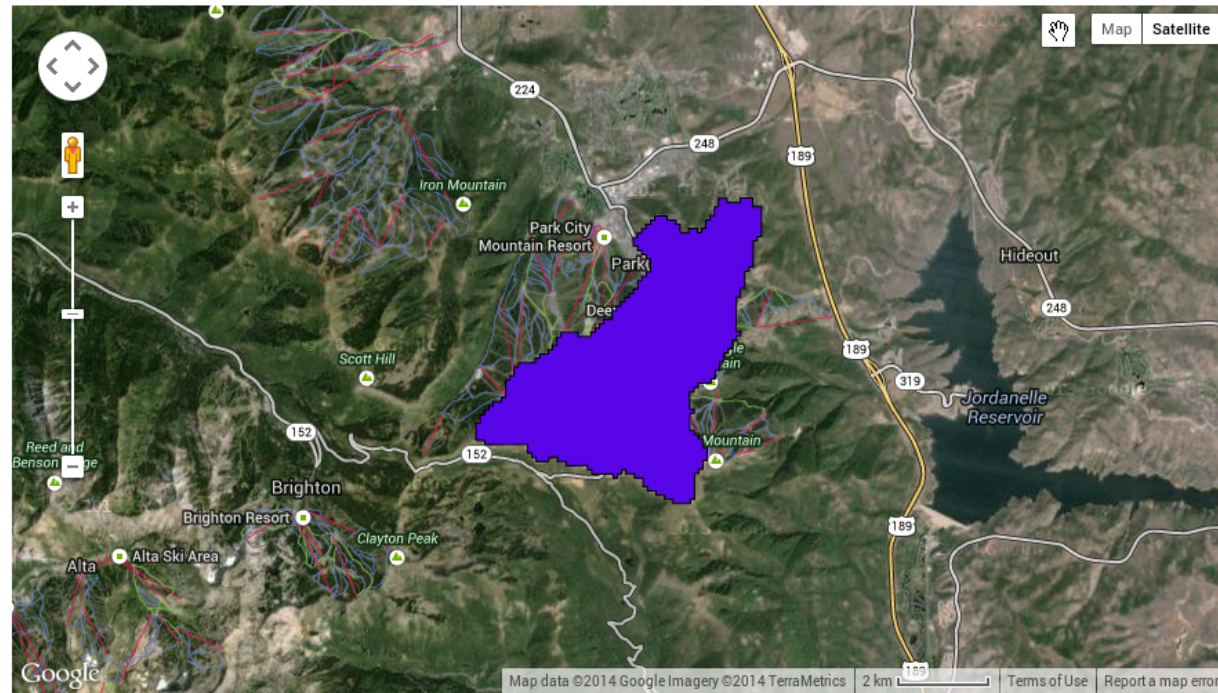
Select

See Past Comparisons

GSSHA Model: Ice_Age

Model Description

This is what would happen if Park City was attacked by a glacier.



Edit Index Mapping Table Values

Index Map: soil

Below is a list of mapping tables you can edit that are related to this index map. After making changes to values, click "Save Edits". Then click "Next" to continue and review the mapping tables.

GREEN AMPT INITIAL SOIL MOISTURE

Save Edits

Back: Edit Map and Descriptions

Next: Review

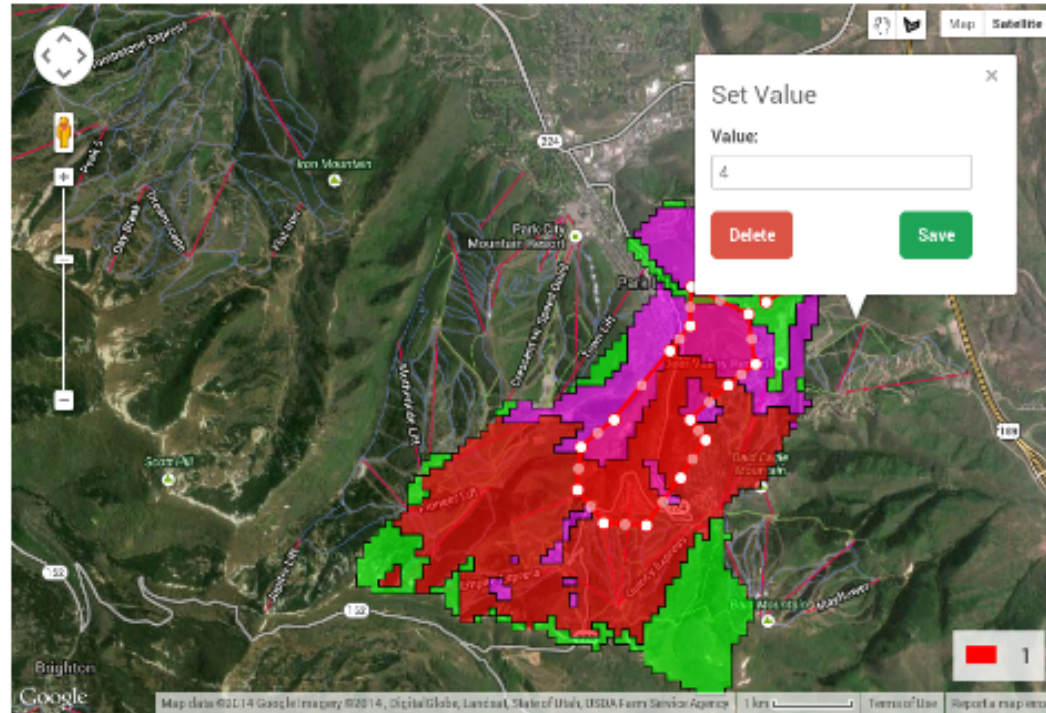
Edit Manually

Draw polygons over locations of the index map that are changing and assign the areas IDs. Click "Update Map" after drawing to update the index map and click "Next" after adding descriptions to continue and edit the mapping table.

Update Map

Next: Save and Edit Mapping Tables

Index Map: soil



ID	Description 1	Description 2
1	Clay loam	

Select an Index File

Below is a list of Index maps for this GSSHA file. Please select one to edit.

soil

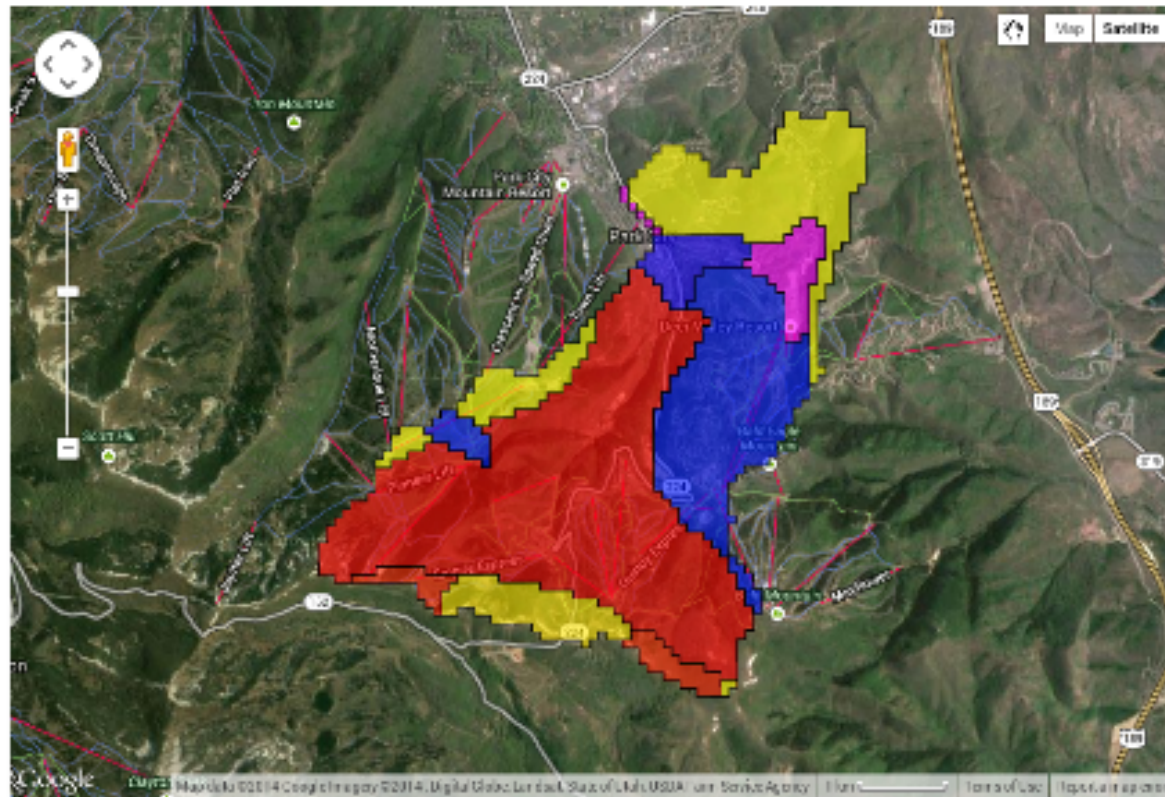
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Edit Selected Index Map

Submit New GSSHA File for Comparison

Index Map: soil



Comparison Results

These are the results of the GSSHA project comparison.

[Return to Start](#)

[See Past Comparisons](#)

Swap Maps

Difference between new and old models

[Max Depth](#)

[Time Series](#)

New Development:

[Max Depth](#)

[Time Series](#)

No Modification:

[Max Depth](#)

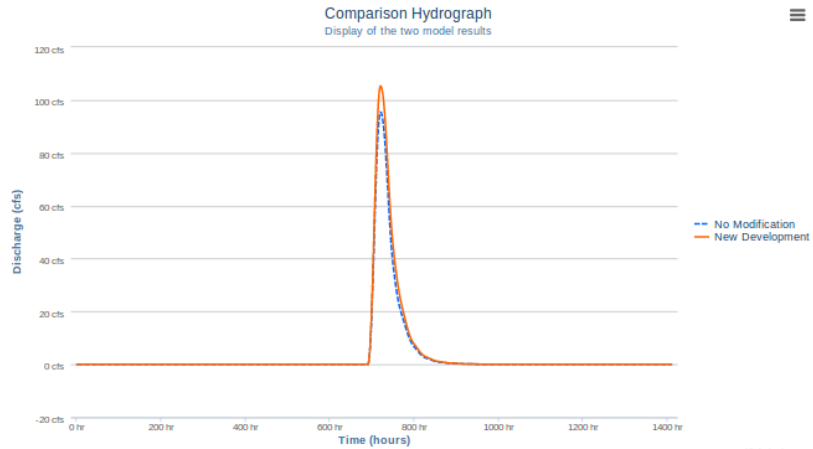
[Time Series](#)

Click on the files below if you'd like to download the results.

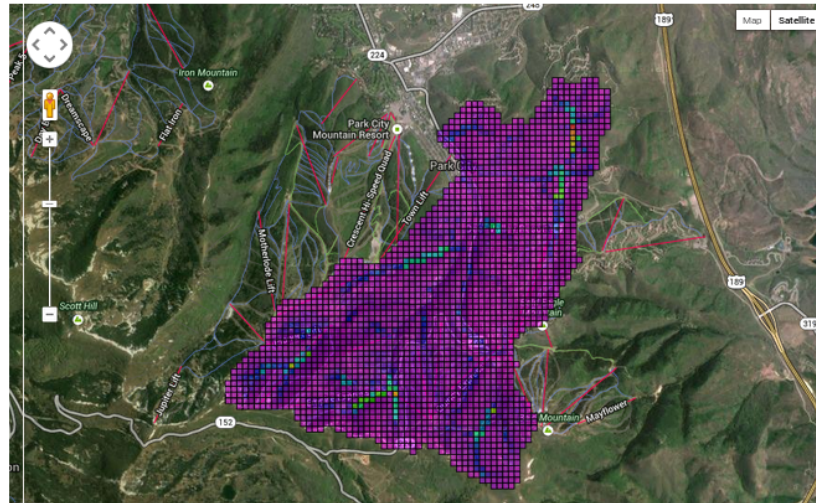
[No Modification](#)

[New Development](#)

Results



Depth Map



Parley's Creek Water Management Tool

Tethys Cloud-Based Modeling Application



✔ Ready? Let's get Started.

Click on the "New Scenario" button to begin.

[+ New Scenario](#)

Want to review past scenarios? Click here to view them.

[Scenarios](#)



Parleys Creek Management Tool

The Parleys Watershed is one of four drainages that are included in Salt Lake City's "Protected Watershed" Canyons. Parley's Creek Basin, located on western slope of Wasatch Mountains, includes two reservoirs, Little Dell and Mountain Dell. The reservoirs were developed with the primary use of municipal and industrial water supply and secondary use of flood control. The primary inflows are generated from Lamb's and Dell Creek.

This application can be used to evaluate various management scenarios for the Parley's Creek system to give this ability to managers, stakeholders, and users to test different alternatives. This also can be used to test climate change scenarios (uncertain future extreme climate conditions) to evaluate the reservoirs' performance. Click on the "New Scenario" button to get started.

Need Help?

In this page, user can select and modify reservoirs characteristics, to design and test new infrastructure developments. Default values show existing properties of reservoirs.

1 General

2 Inflow

3 Demand

4 Scenario

Mountain Dell Reservoir Characteristics

Capacity: ac-ft

Initial Volume: ac-ft

Dead Pool: ac-ft

Little Dell Reservoir Characteristics

Capacity: ac-ft

Initial Volume: ac-ft

Dead Pool: ac-ft

Cancel

Next

🔍 Need Help?

Dell Creek and Lambs Creek are inflows to the Little Dell and Mountain Dell reservoirs, respectively. Use this page to adjust monthly streamflow rates to test and evaluate possible changes in hydro-climatic conditions in the system.

Define your own estimation of future changes on streamflow based on possible climate variability or streamflow regulations. Select multipliers for each month. These multipliers are applied to the historical average inflow for that month.

1 General

2 Inflow

3 Demand

4 Scenario

Dell Creek Inflow Rate

January	<input type="range" value="1.9"/>	1.9
February	<input type="range" value="1.6"/>	1.6
March	<input type="range" value="0.7"/>	0.7
April	<input type="range" value="1.8"/>	1.8
May	<input type="range" value="0.5"/>	0.5
June	<input type="range" value="0.7"/>	0.7
July	<input type="range" value="2"/>	2
August	<input type="range" value="1.9"/>	1.9
September	<input type="range" value="0.6"/>	0.6
October	<input type="range" value="0.7"/>	0.7
November	<input type="range" value="1"/>	1

Need Help?

Use this page to change the monthly demand multipliers for the model. The multipliers chosen are applied to the monthly long-term average of demand for each month. This page can be used to test different scenarios such as conservation methods, population growth, land cover change, etc.

1 General

2 Inflow

3 Demand

4 Scenario

Demand Rates

January	0	<input type="range"/>	3	2.2
February	0	<input type="range"/>	3	1.8
March	0	<input type="range"/>	3	2.5
April	0	<input type="range"/>	3	1.9
May	0	<input type="range"/>	3	2.4
June	0	<input type="range"/>	3	2.1
July	0	<input type="range"/>	3	1.4
August	0	<input type="range"/>	3	2.2
September	0	<input type="range"/>	3	2
October	0	<input type="range"/>	3	1.9
November	0	<input type="range"/>	3	1.3

🔗 Need Help?

In this page user can name the modified scenarios in order to submit and send work for simulation. Moreover, predefined extreme climate scenarios are provided here, in order to test the system performance under future projections. If users want to run their own scenarios, it is recommended to use baseline period (historical period).

1 General

2 Inflow

3 Demand

4 Scenario

Micellaneous

Name:

Climate Scenario:

Cancel

Back

Next

🔗 Need Help?

A summary of this scenario is provided here.

Use the "Clone" button to create a copy of this scenario as a starting point for the next scenario run.

[Delete](#) [Clone](#) [Done](#)

Summary for Run 9

Reservoir Characteristics

Little Dell

Capacity	20000
Deadpool	0
Initial Volume	5700

Mountain Dell

Capacity	3200
Deadpool	800
Initial Volume	2000

Inflow Multipliers

Dell Creek

January	1	July	1
February	1	August	1
March	1	September	1

Scenarios

Home

New

Name	Last Updated	Status	Results	
Run 9	31Mar14 23:35	pending		Run Clone Delete
Run 8	31Mar14 23:32	complete	View Results	Clone Delete
Run 7	31Mar14 23:31	complete	View Results	Clone Delete
Run 6	31Mar14 23:31	complete	View Results	Clone Delete
Run 4	31Mar14 23:23	complete	View Results	Clone Delete
Run 3	31Mar14 23:21	complete	View Results	Clone Delete
Run 2	31Mar14 15:35	complete	View Results	Clone Delete
Run 1	31Mar14 15:25	complete	View Results	Clone Delete

RELIABILITY

1.0

LITTLE DELL RESERVOIR

[Volume](#)

Release

[Spill](#)

MOUNTAIN DELL RESERVOIR

[Volume](#)

[Release](#)

[Spill](#)

DELL CREEK

[Inflow](#)

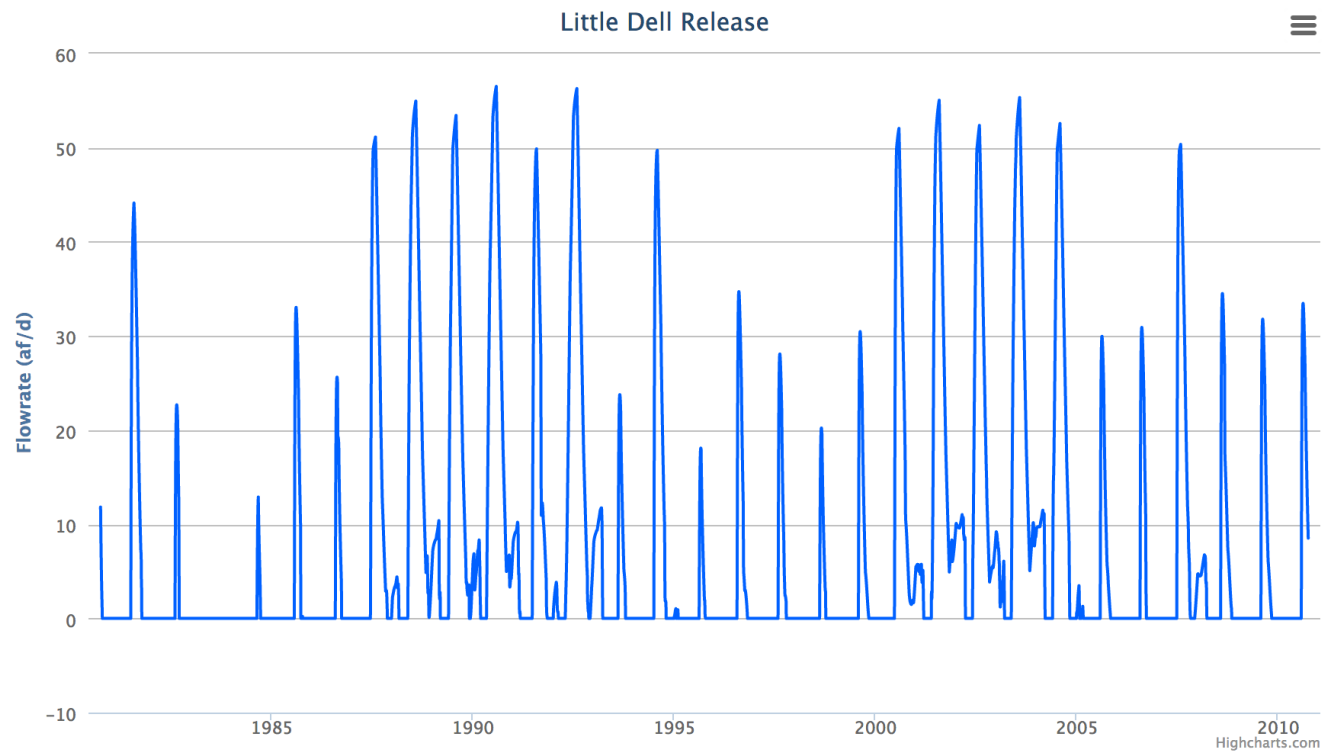
LAMBS CREEK

[Inflow](#)

Results for Run 9

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Utah Energy Balance Model Interface

Tethys Cloud-Based Modeling Application

Case Study #2



UEB App

Tethys SDK

CKAN

HTTP

Data Sources
DEM, NLCD, Daymet

Python Scripts

App Server

Python 2.7

NetCDF Python

GDAL Python

Home / Create UEB Model Package

Step-1

Domain setup is required. All other steps are optional.

1 Model Domain

2 Parameters

3 Initial Conditions

4 Snow Conditions

5 Land Cover

6 Geographic Variables

7 Bristow Cambell

8 Weather Variables

9 Outputs

i Your request for creating a UEB model package will be put into a queue.

Organization where model configuration will be saved:

utah-state-university

Step-1:Set Domain

Package name:

Logan river UEB model package

Description:

This UEB model package is for Logan river.

Home / Create UEB Model Package

Step-9

This step is optional unless you want to edit the default settings.

- 1 Model Domain
- 2 Parameters
- 3 Initial Conditions
- 4 Snow Conditions
- 5 Land Cover
- 6 Geographic Variables
- 7 Bristow Cambell
- 8 Weather Variables
- 9 Outputs**

Step-9:Output Variables

Use default output control file:

- Yes
- No

Use default aggregated output control file:

- Yes
- No

Submit

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Logan river UEB model package

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Organization



Utah State University
Utah State University is a land-grant, public research university located in Logan Utah. [read more](#)

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Dataset Activity Stream Related [Edit](#)

Logan river UEB model package

This is a dataset consisting of UEB model configuration related resources

Data and Resources

-  **ueb_pkg_request.txt**
UEB model package build request [Explore](#)
-  **Logan_river_watershed.zip**
No description for this resource [Explore](#)
-  **outputcontrol.dat**
UEB default output control file. [Explore](#)
-  **param.dat**
UEB default parameters file [Explore](#)
-  **aggregatedoutputcontrol.dat**
UEB default aggregated output control file. [Explore](#)

Additional Info

Field	Value
Author	pkdash
State	active
Model name	UEB
Package build request status	In Queue
Package build request job ID	a8ff7472-d8d9-4645-a38d-8777833548f5
Package availability	Not available

UEB Model Package Build Request is Stored as a Dataset

Summary

Enhance access to data- and computationally-intensive modeling

- Tethys is a development and hosting platform for deploying water resource models on the cloud for decision support
- Tethys significantly “lowers the barrier” for cloud-based app development
- Tethys simplifies the process of accessing scalable distributed cloud computing resources
- We are actively pursuing several follow-on projects that will leverage these tools.

Thank You

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