



# Soil Moisture estimation from satellite data: Umbria Region early warning centre experience

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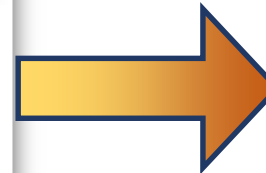
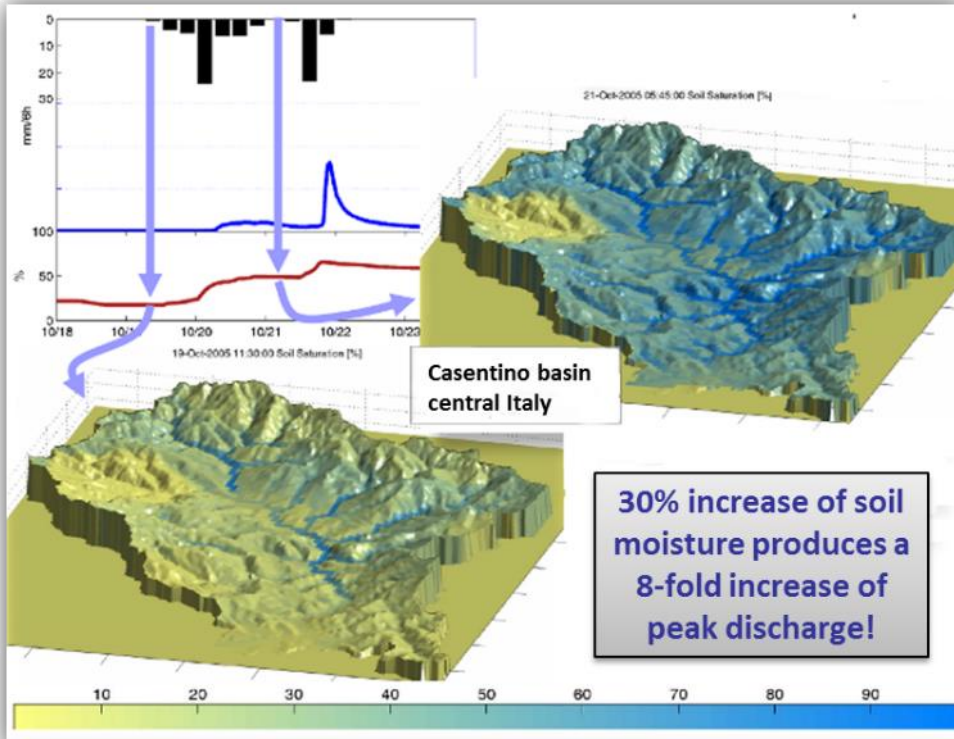


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## Why?



**FLOODS**

**DROUGHTS**



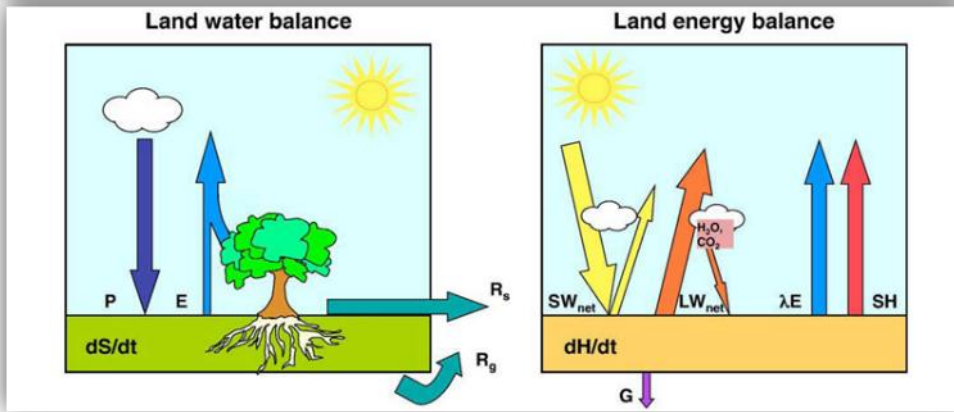
**WEATHER PREDICTION**

**CLIMATE SYSTEM**

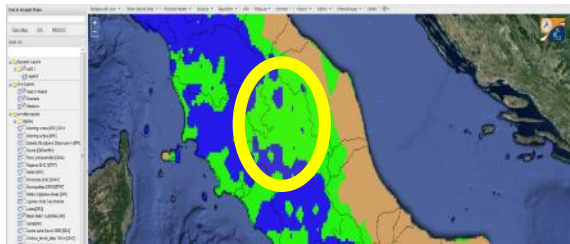


**LANDSLIDES**

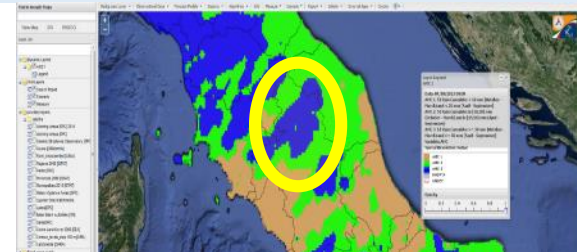
**CROP PRODUCTION**



## «Starting» value

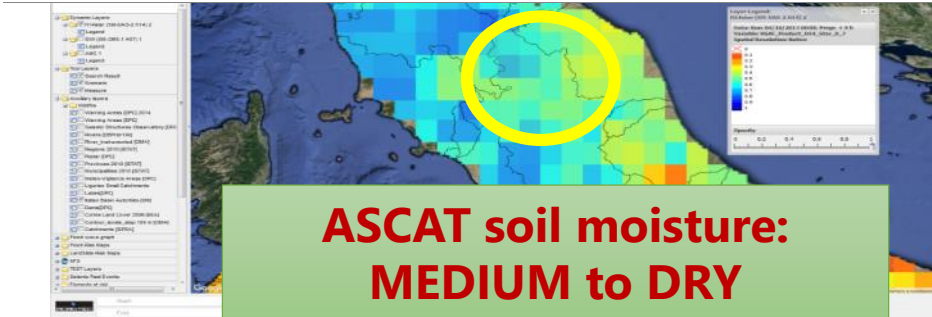
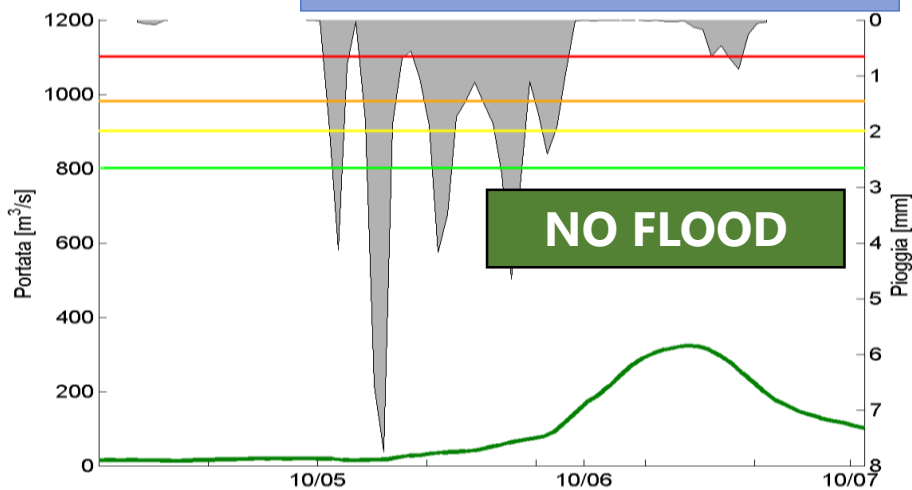
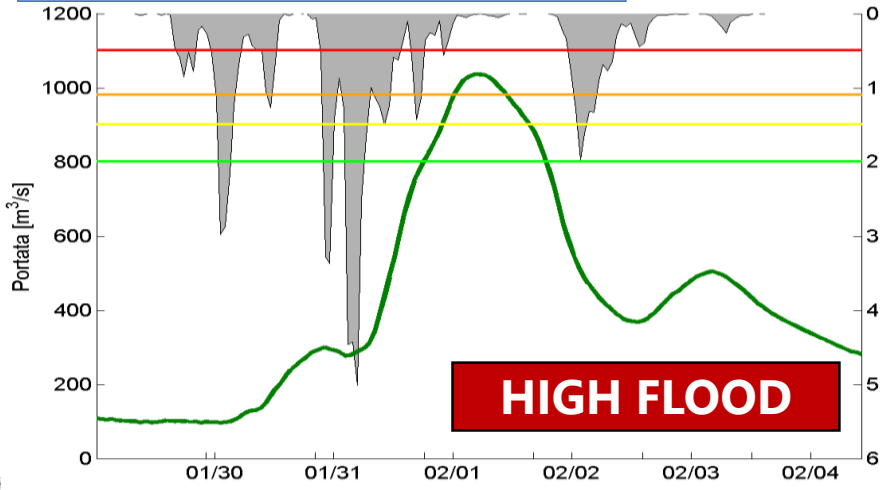


2 flood events with the same RAINFALL: 70mm/1.5 days

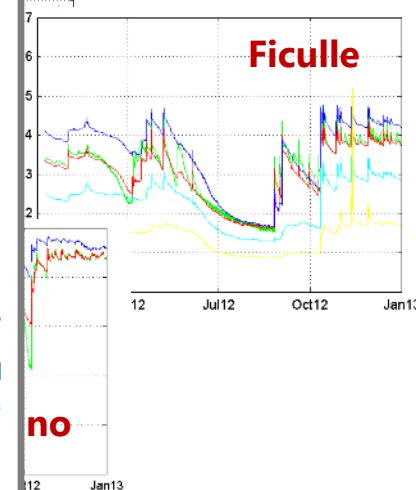
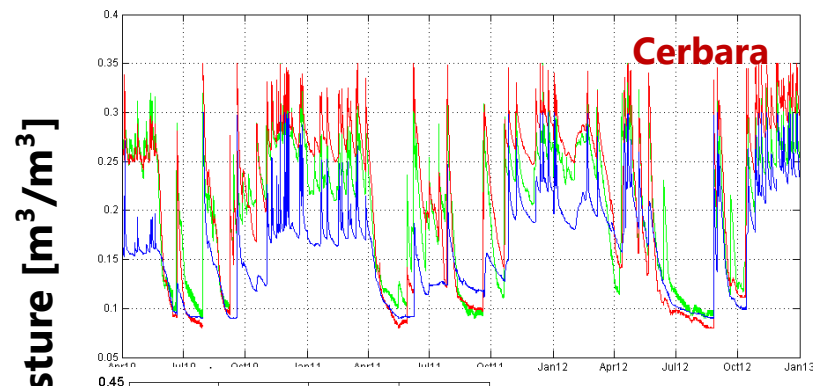
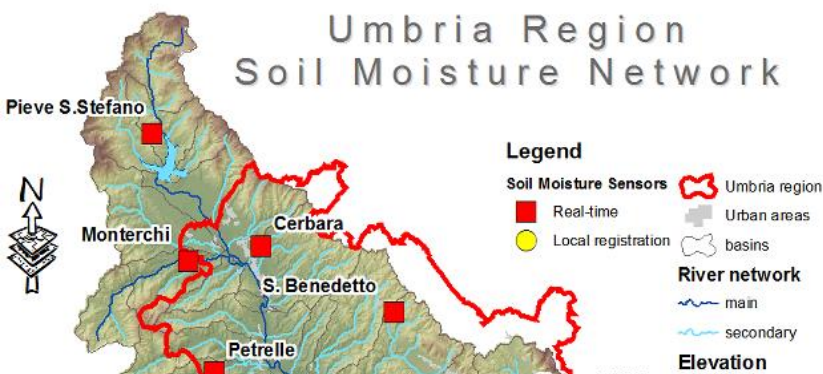


Antecedent Precipitation: MEDIUM

Antecedent Precipitation: MEDIUM to WET



## Umbria real time network



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### Contributing Networks

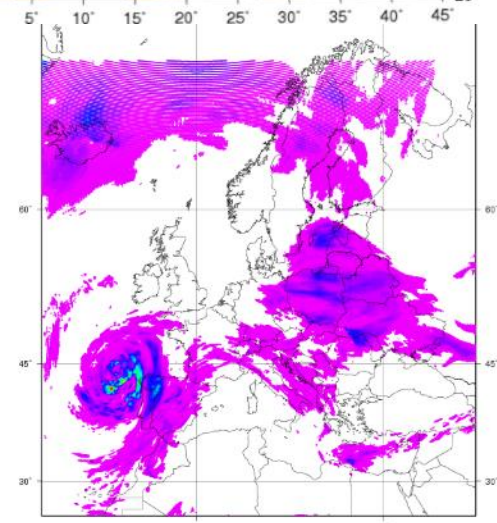
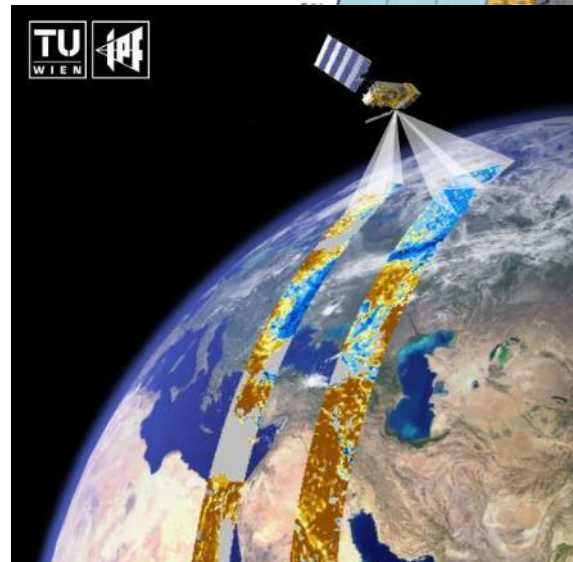
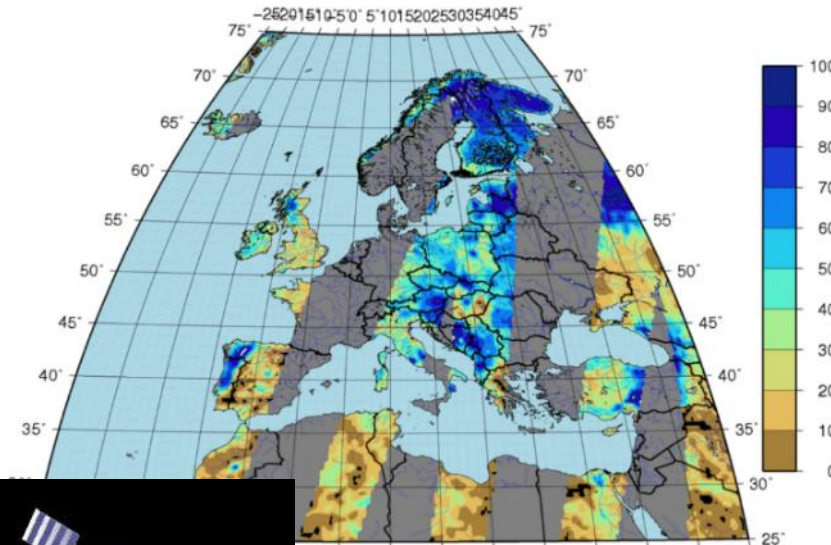
There is a growing number of in-situ soil moisture networks typically run by universities or national and regional organisations. The following networks have thankfully shared their soil moisture measurements with the *International Soil Moisture Network*.

Name	Country	Stations	Website
AMMA	Benin, Niger, Mali	7	<a href="http://amma-international.org/">http://amma-international.org/</a>
ARM	USA	25	<a href="http://www.arm.gov">http://www.arm.gov</a>
CALABRIA	Italy	5	<a href="http://www.cfcababria.it">http://www.cfcababria.it</a>

## ASCAT Advanced SCATterometer

- Active
- C-band, 5.3 GHz, 5.67 cm
- VV-polarisation
- Spatial Resolution: 25/50 km
- Daily global coverage: 82 %
- Swath: 2 x 500 km
- Multi-incidence: 25 –62°
- 6 Antennas
- 3 (quasi) instantaneous independent measurements

ASCAT 25km soil moisture 20090603\_141100



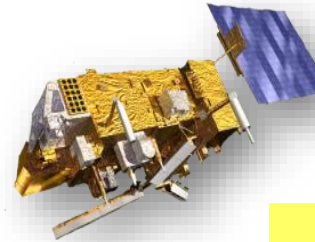
Accumulated Precipitation in the previous 24 hours 20171103 0300

2017 Nov 3 03:04:33 Predefinierte\_SATELLITE\_AREA\_COELET\_Algorith\_JSAAC\_OIB - EUMETSAT

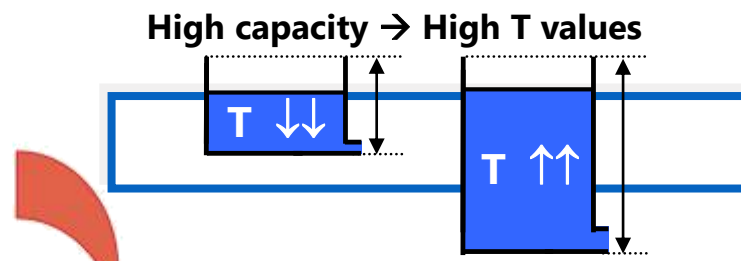
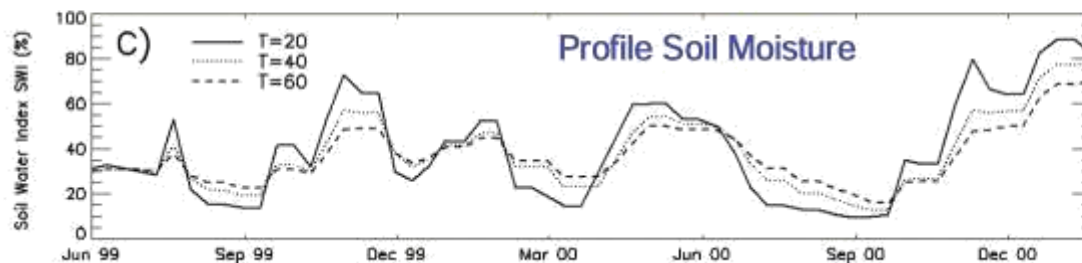
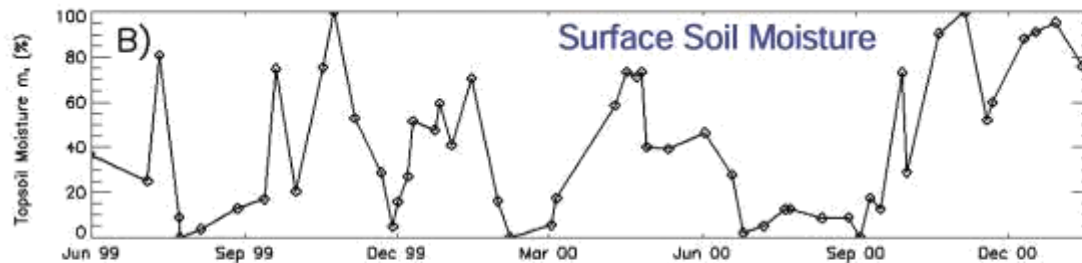
## SWI soil Water Index (filtro esponenziale)

**Soil water index** (roots region) is obtained filtering the large scale product

$$SWI(t) = \frac{\sum_i m_{s,t_i} \exp\left(-\frac{t-t_i}{T}\right)}{\sum_i \exp\left(-\frac{t-t_i}{T}\right)}$$



**SM\_ASCAT  
(HSAF)**

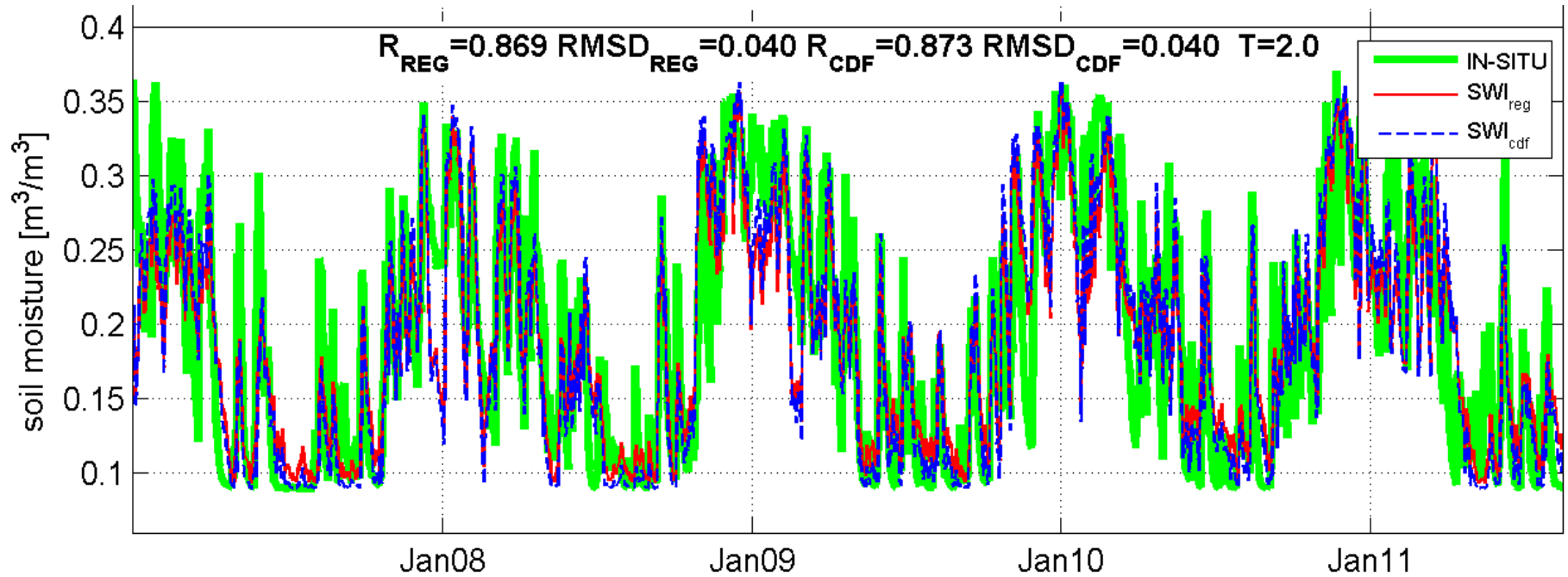


**Wagner et al., 1999 (RSE)  
Albergel et al., 2009 (HESS)**



## Validation

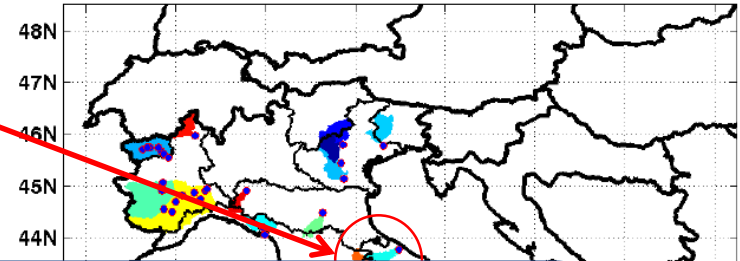
### CENTRAL ITALY



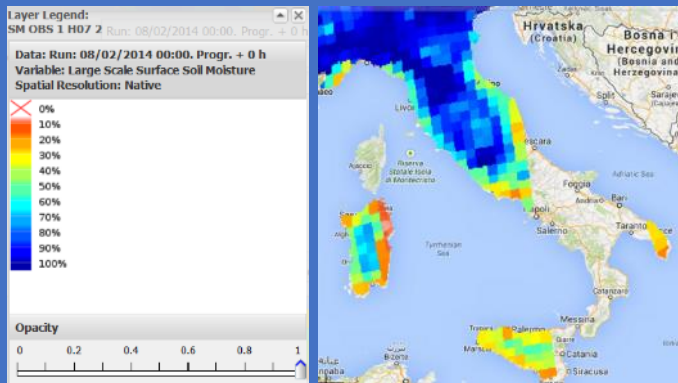
**17 events** : January 2010 – February 2013, Area=4815 Km<sup>2</sup>

**Input data:**  
Observed rainfall

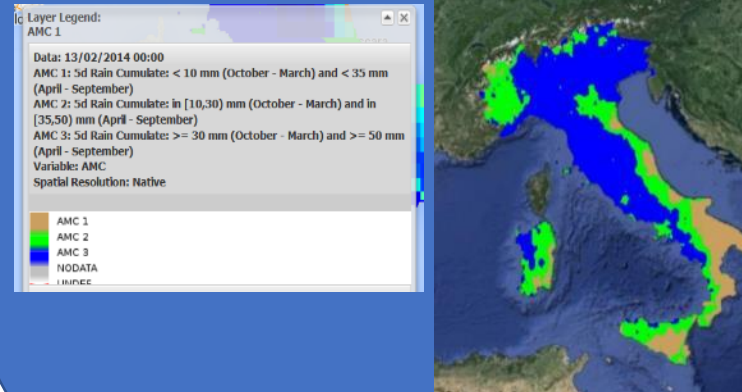
**Benchmark**  
Discharge data at  
Montemolino  
section (Tiber river)

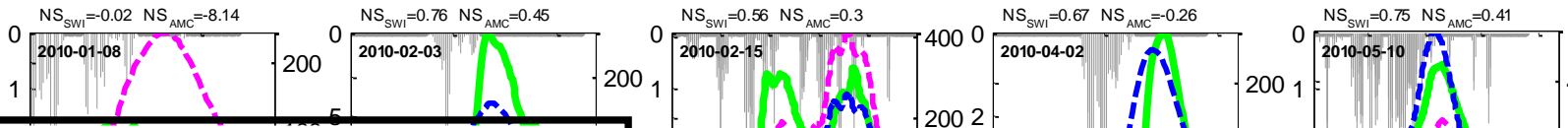


**Initial conditions evaluation**  
SM\_ASCAT product

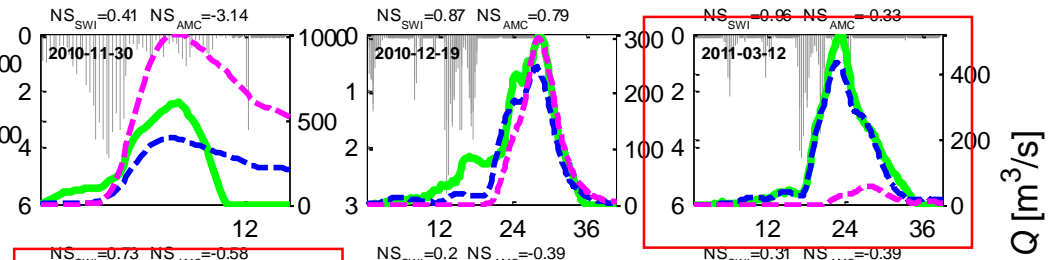


**Initial conditions evaluation**  
API5 and AMC class

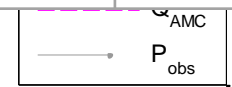




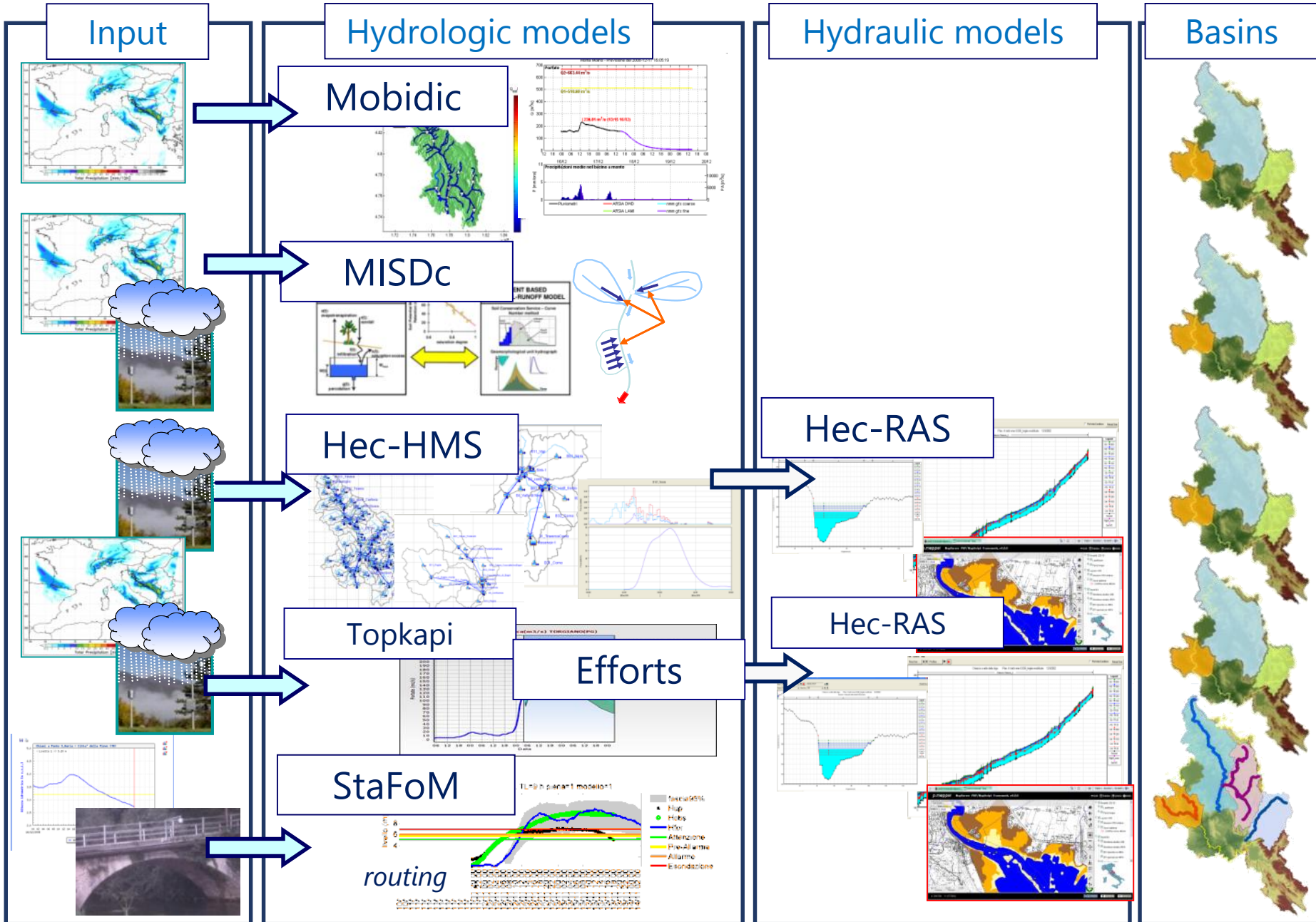
Date	SWI	AMC	NS <sub>SCRRM</sub>	NS <sub>SCS</sub>
2010-01-08	0.3809	3	-0.0009	-8.1105
2010-02-03	0.3911	2	0.7499	0.4601
2010-02-15	0.4356	2	0.5596	0.2983
2010-04-02	0.473	1	0.644	-0.2631
2010-05-10	0.4112	1	0.7437	0.4131
2010-11-17	0.4163	2	0.4923	-0.8986
2010-11-25	0.4649	3	0.8706	-3.3982
2010-11-30	0.4823	3	0.4233	-3.1336
2010-12-19	0.47	2	0.8665	0.7967
2011-03-12	0.4812	1	0.9626	-0.3264
2012-11-09	0.3947	2	0.8124	-0.5614
2012-11-25	0.4291	1	0.8367	-0.4408
2013-01-10	0.4509	1	0.7252	-0.5875
2013-01-19	0.467	2	0.1901	-0.3938
2013-02-01	0.4832	2	0.3164	-0.3982
2013-02-09	0.4867	2	0.5353	-0.2052
2013-02-20	0.4562	1	0.7385	-0.3743




	SCRRM	SCS-CN
NS medio	0.63	-1.01
EQp medio	32.95	82.10
NS mediana	0.73	-0.40




time [h]



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utente **Nicola Berni**

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**MISDc\_QPF** è un sistema modellistico basato sul modello MISDc (sviluppato dal CNR-IRPI di Perugia - Reparto di Idrologia) costituito da un modello di bilancio idrologico del suolo per la simulazione in continuo dell'evoluzione temporale del contenuto d'acqua accoppiato con un modello idrologico semidistribuito (MISD) per la simulazione afflussi-deflussi a scala di evento che, oltre a considerare i dati di precipitazione e temperatura registrati dalla rete di monitoraggio idrometeorologico regionale operante in tempo reale, utilizza le QPF (Quantitative Precipitation Forecast - Previsioni Quantitative di Precipitazione) provenienti dai modelli meteorologici ECMWF, COSMO-5M.

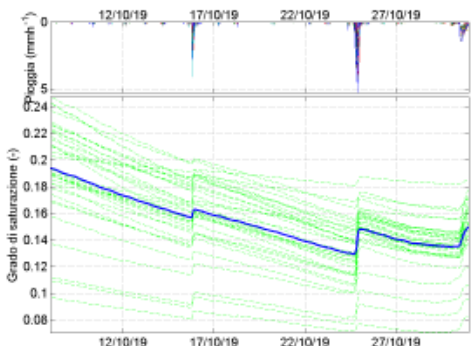
- Descrizione Modello
- Descrizione Interfaccia

**Prodotti**

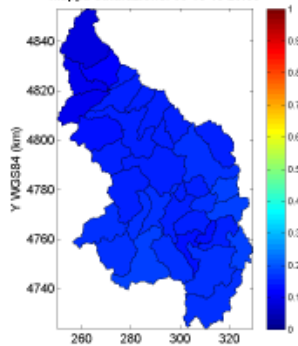
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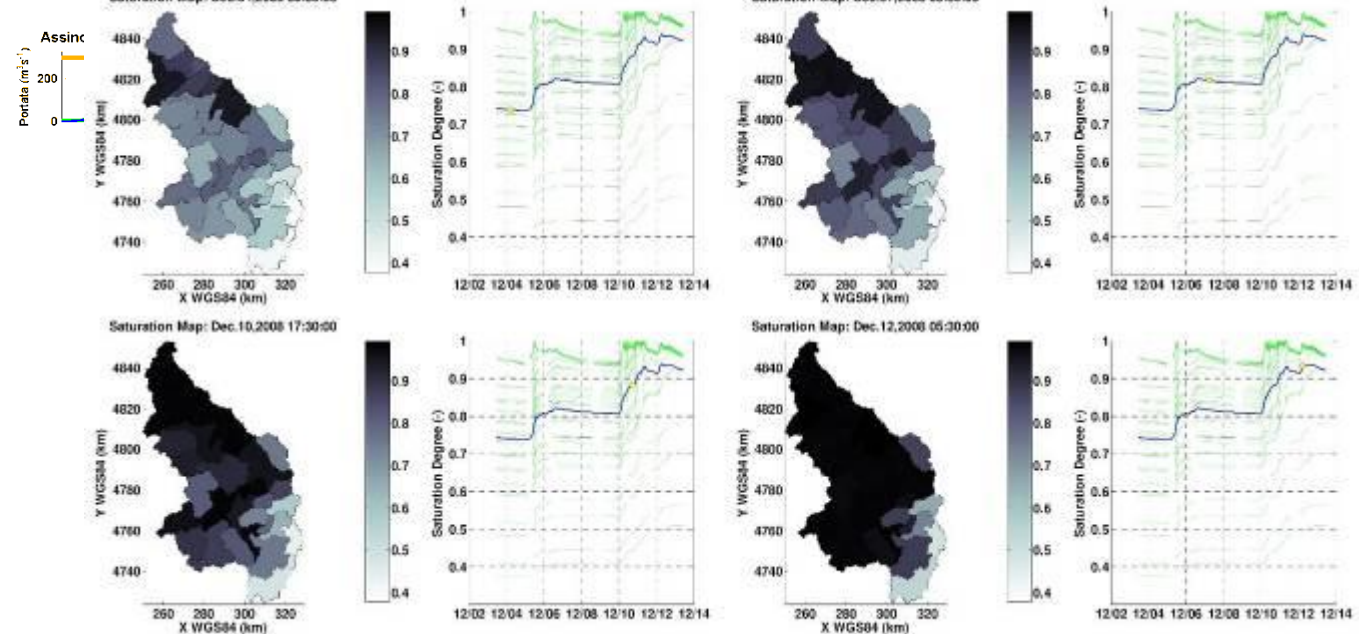
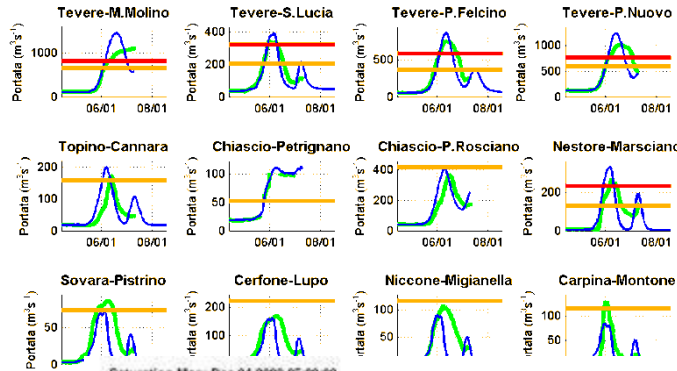
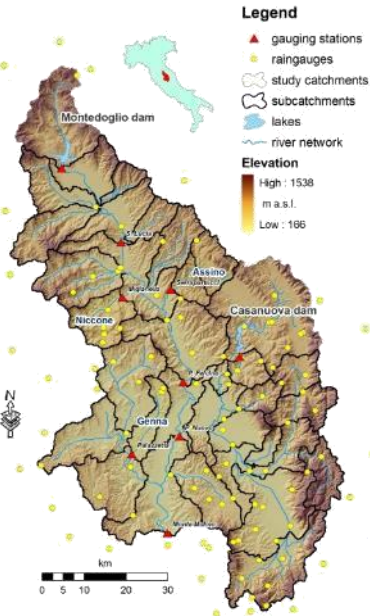
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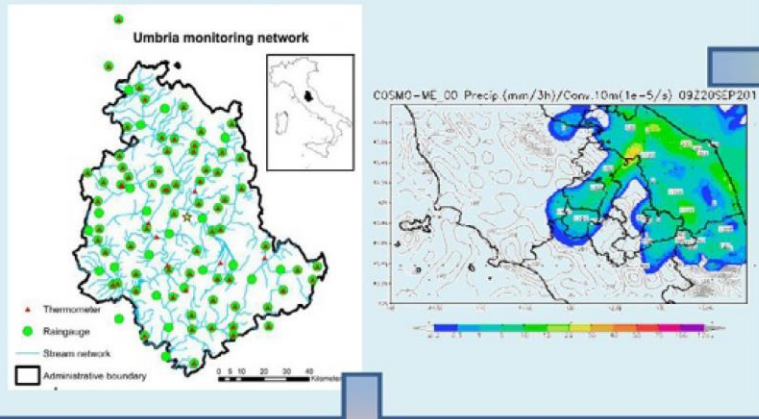




**OPERATIONAL FLOOD FORECASTING SYSTEMS FOR UMBRIA REGION CIVIL PROTECTION CENTRE**

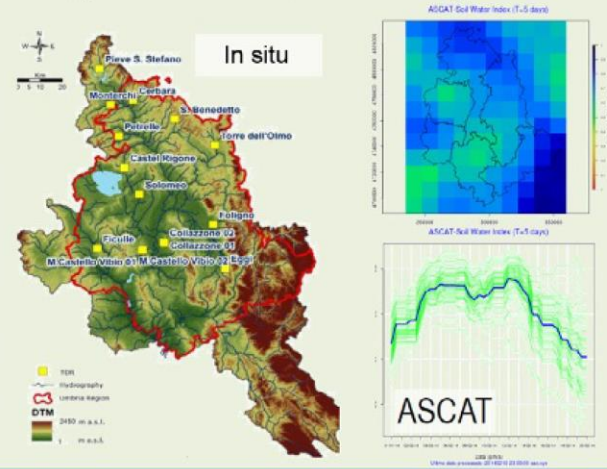
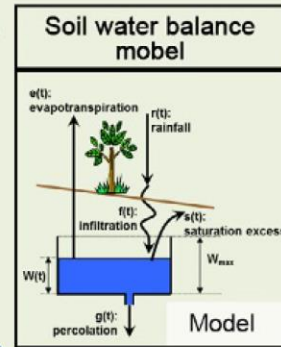
## Rainfall and temperature

From real-time observations and numerical weather prediction modelling

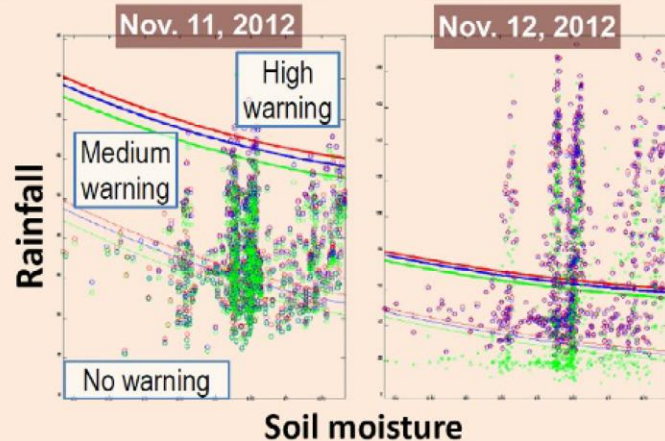


## Soil moisture

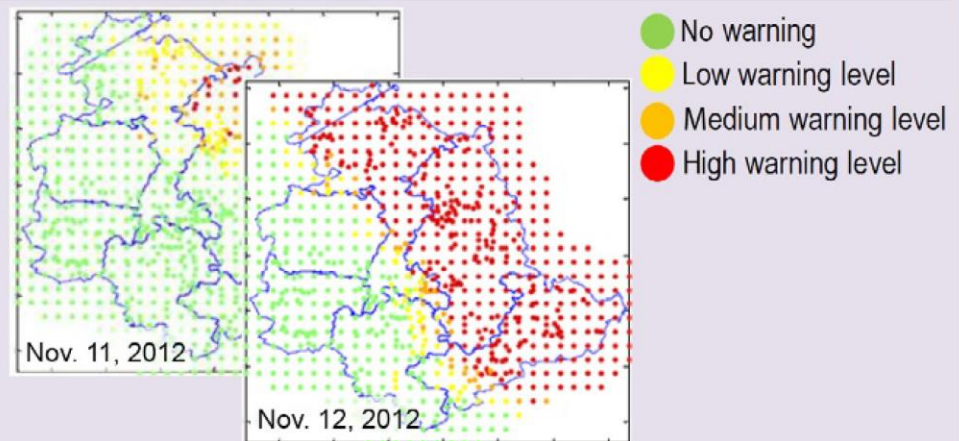
From real-time in situ observations, soil water balance modelling, and satellite data (ASCAT)



## Rainfall-soil moisture thresholds



## Landslide hazard maps



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- MISDc
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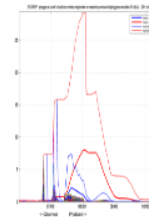
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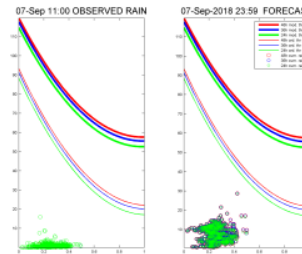
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ECMWF

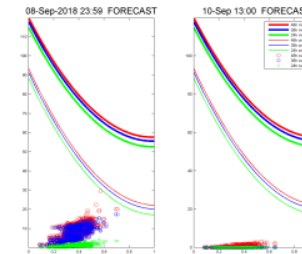
COSMO\_5M



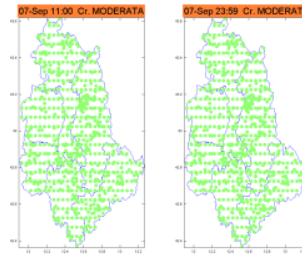
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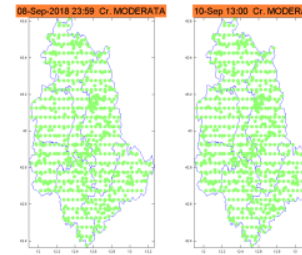
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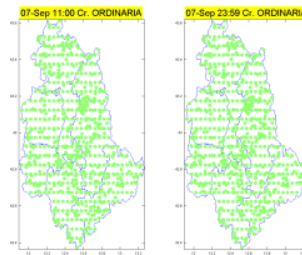
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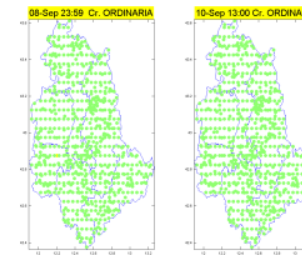
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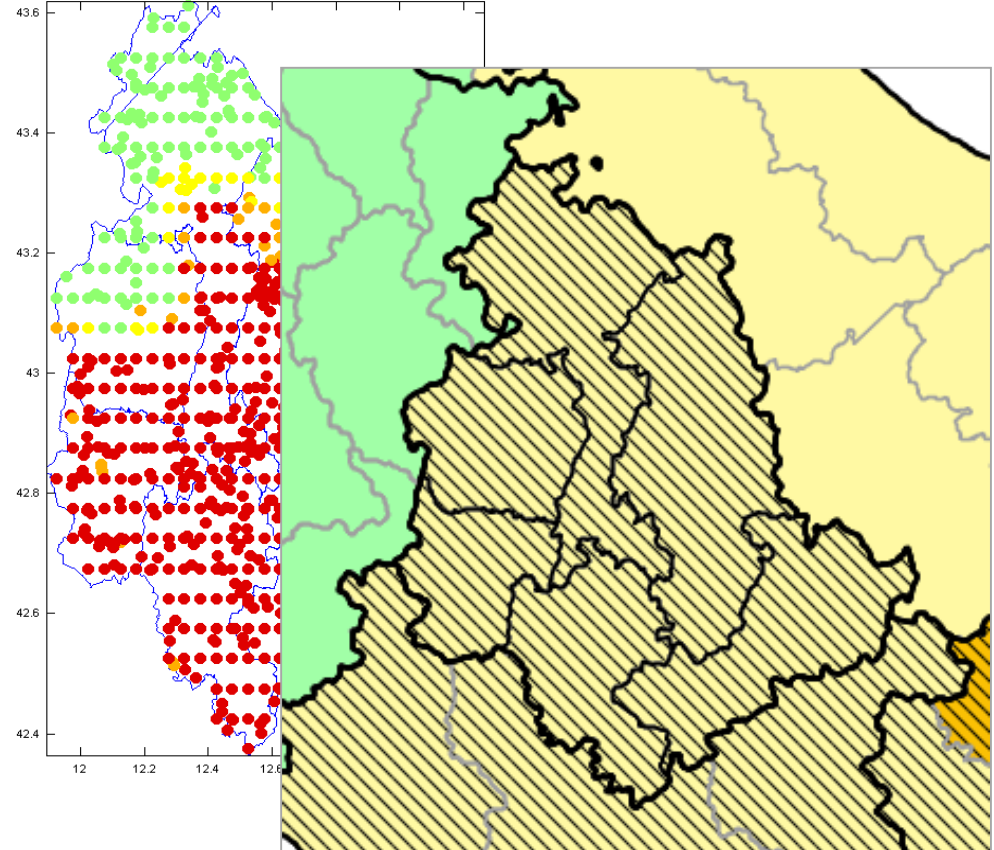
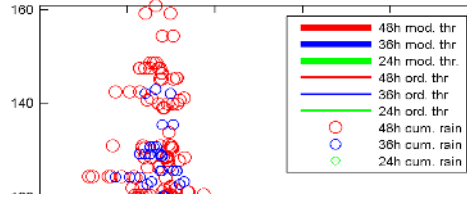
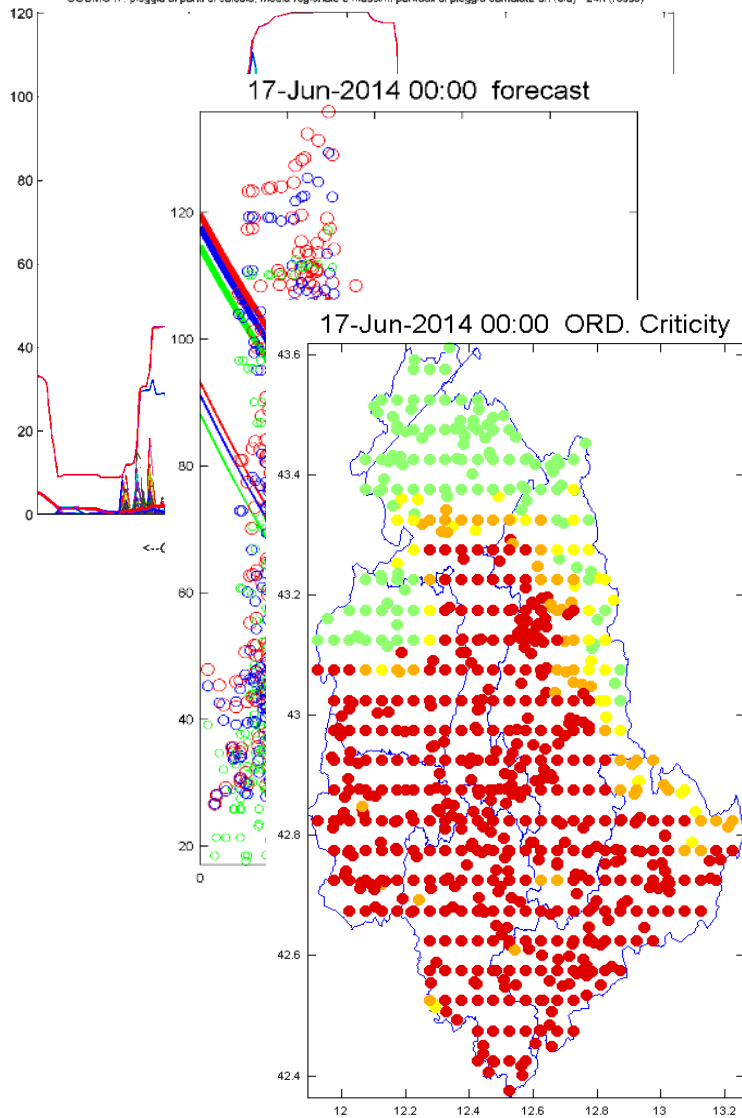
COSMO 17, pioggia ai punti di calcolo, media regionale e massimi puntuali di pioggia cumulata 3h (blu) - 24h (rosso)

17-Jun-2014 00:00 forecast

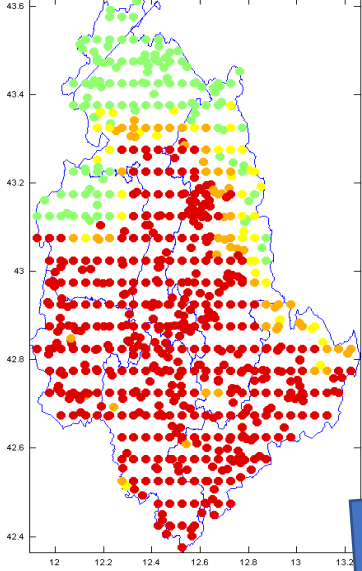
18-Jun-2014 01:26 forecast

17-Jun-2014 00:00 ORD. Criticity

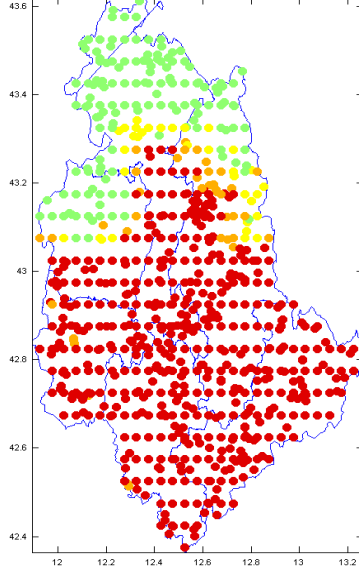
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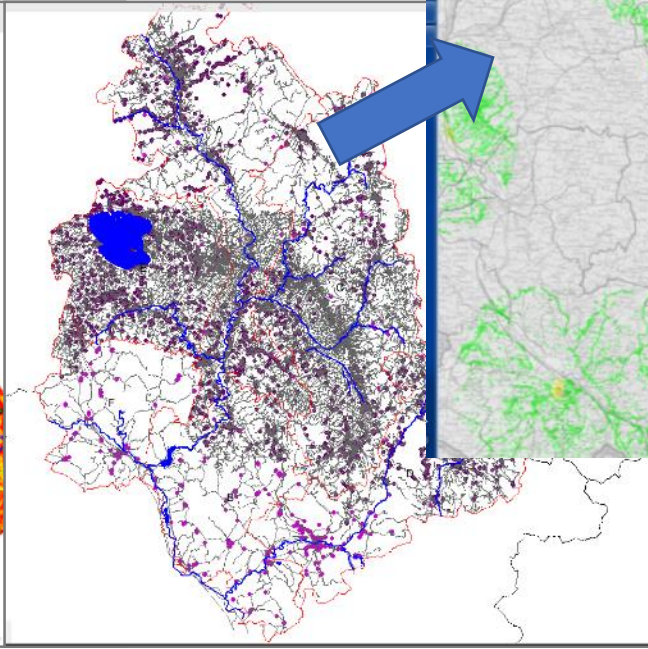
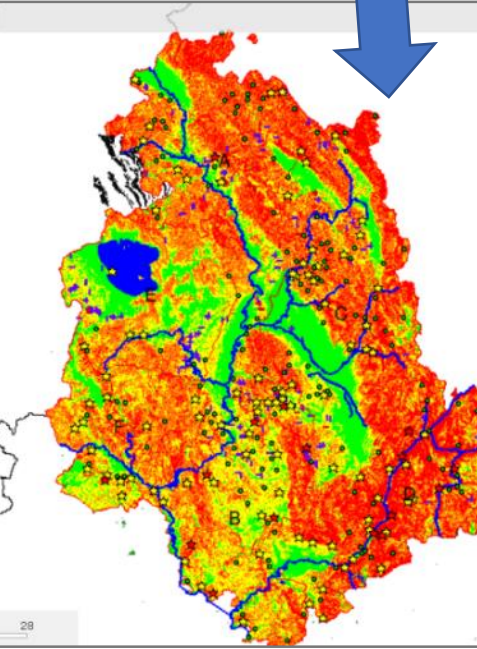
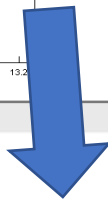
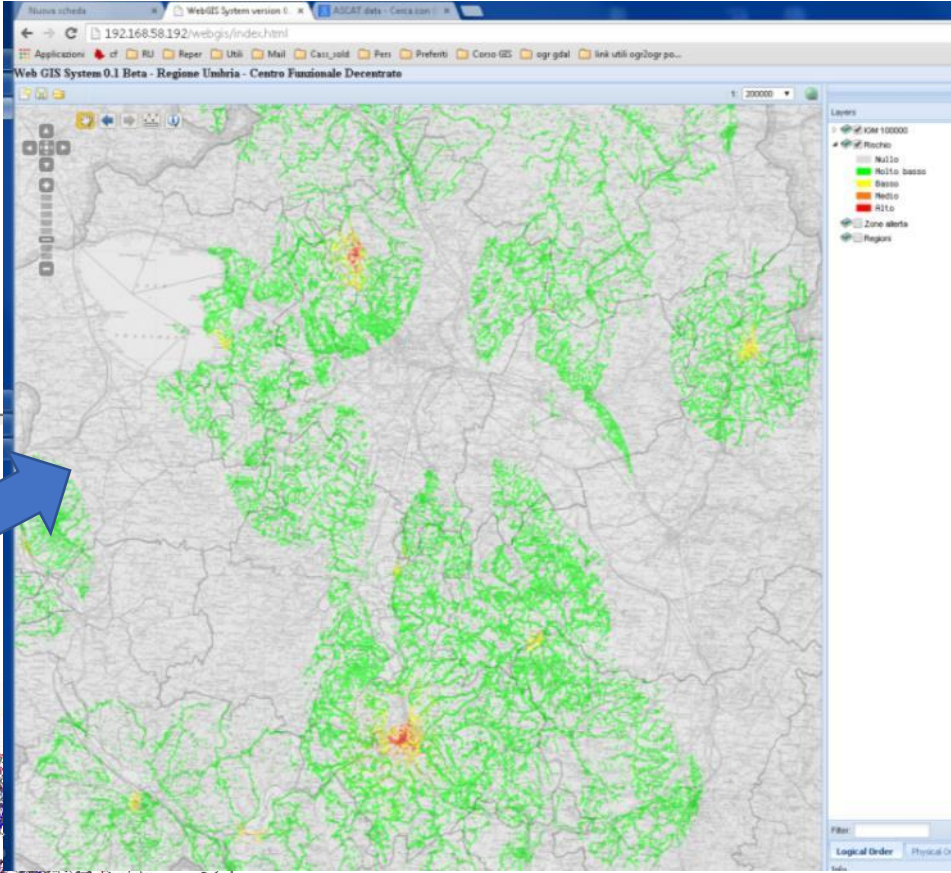
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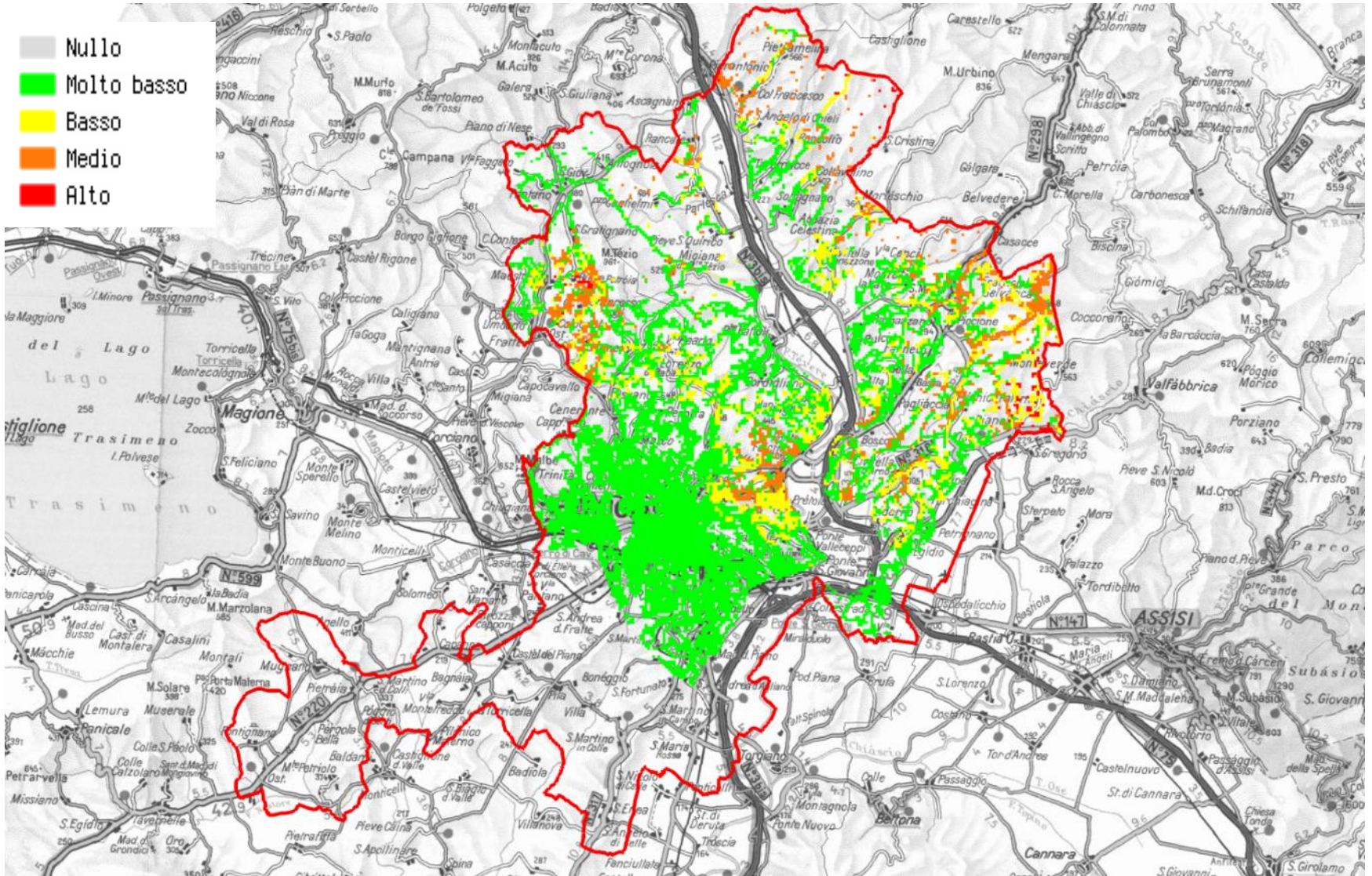


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**Nearly real time risk scenario production**





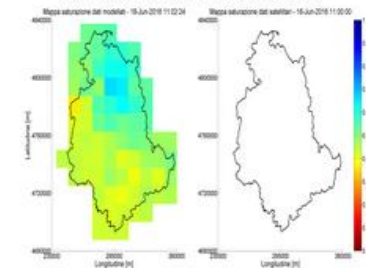
Perugia municipality scale scenario example

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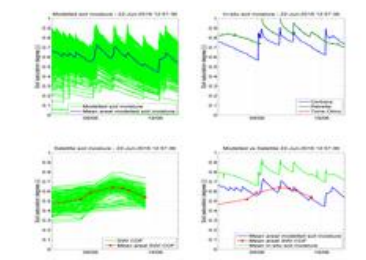
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### Interface description

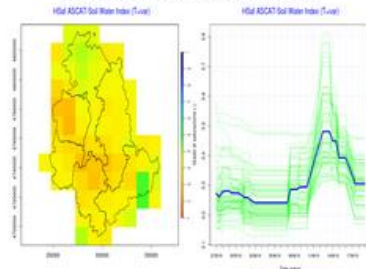
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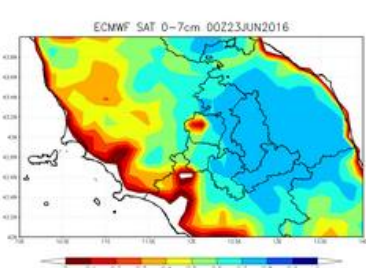
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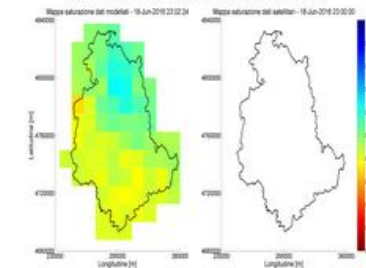


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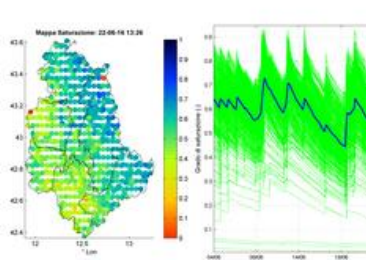


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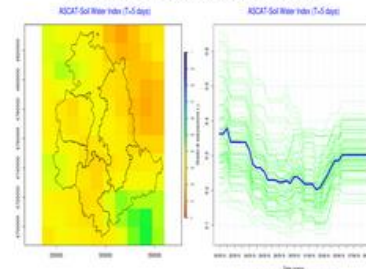
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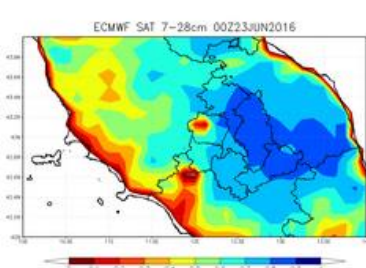
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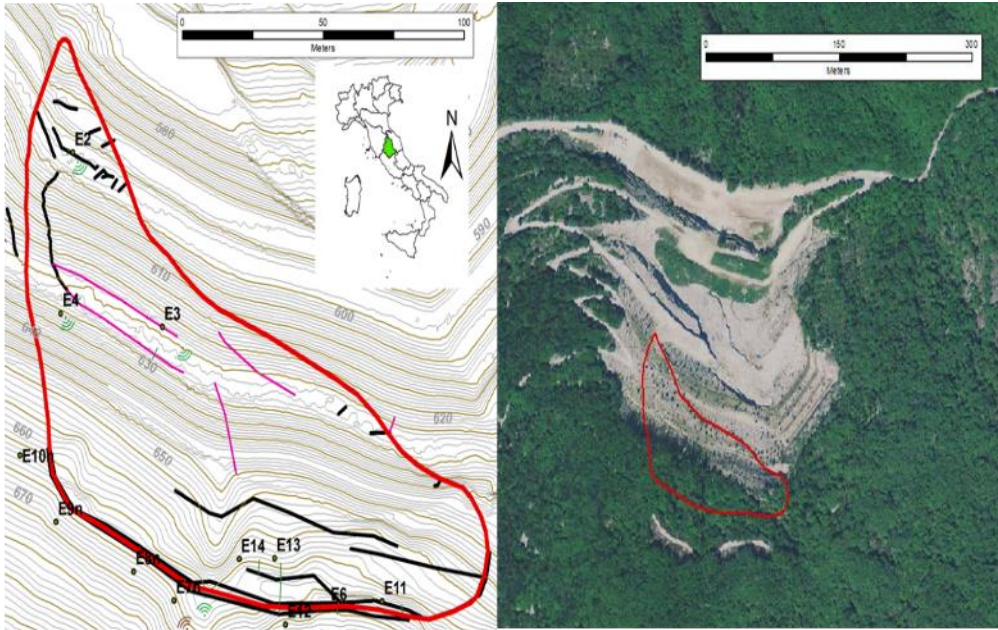
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## TIME VARIANT DATA

- ✓ Rainfall RT observations
- ✓ Thermometric RT observations
- ✓ Soil Moisture automatic data (ground stations)
- ✓ ASCAT satellite data:
  - ftp H-SAF project (Europe)
  - EUMETCAST service (globe)
- ✓ METEO RADAR data (National Civil Protection Dept)

## PREDICTED DATA

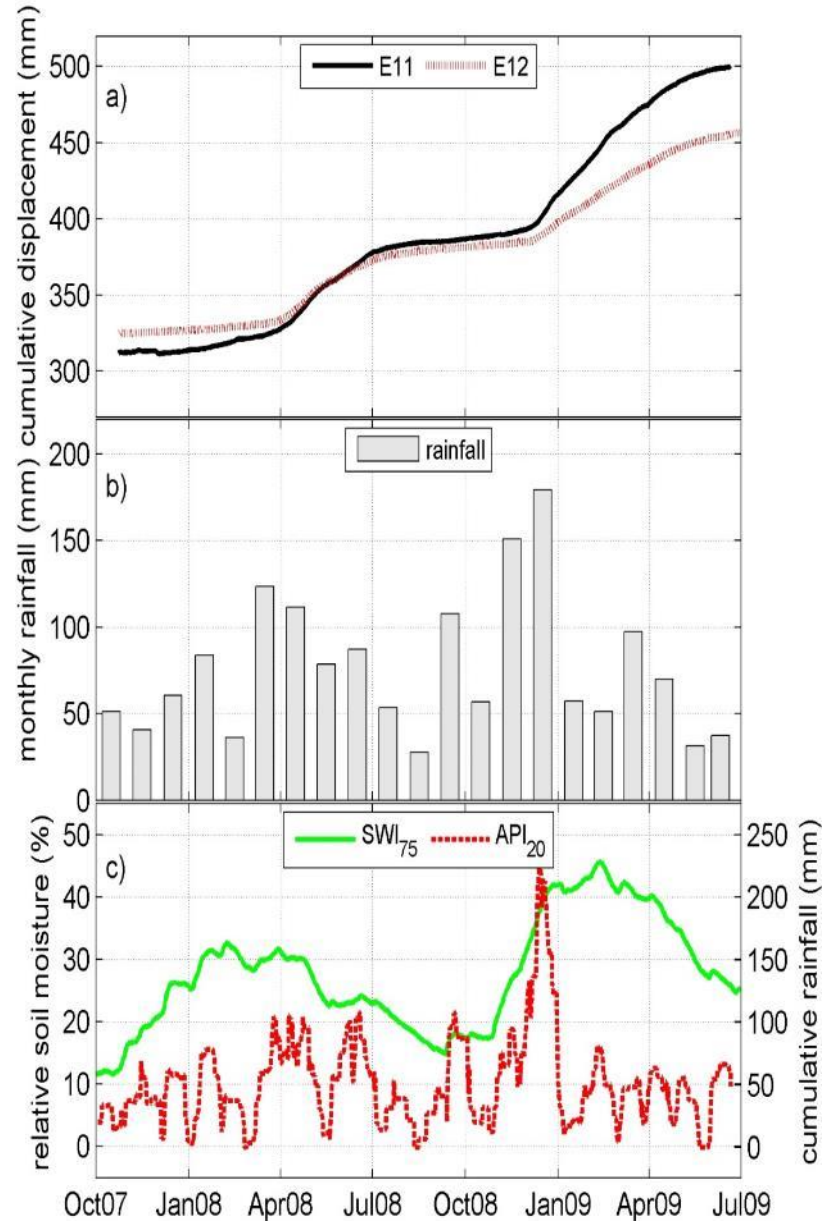
- ✓ QPF (various meteorological models)
- ✓ Predicted temperature



- ✓ Near Assisi
- ✓ Rock slope (abandoned stone quarry)
- ✓ First slide in 2003
- ✓ Landslide monitoring (extensometer, inclinometer)
- ✓ Meteorological monitoring (rainfall and temperature)

October 2007 – July 2009

Soil moisture is estimated through ASCAT and considering an Antecedent Precipitation Index



## Multiple linear regression

$$d\hat{H} = \alpha + \beta \cdot P_{max-1h} + \gamma \cdot P_{tot} + \delta \cdot API_{20} + \varepsilon \cdot SWI_{75}$$

Displacements

1h max rainfall

Total rainfall

Soil Water Index (T=75 g)

Antecedent Precipitation Index (N=20 g)

### 1) only rainfall ( $P_{max-1h}$ e $P_{tot}$ )

$$d\hat{H} = \alpha + \beta \cdot P_{max-1h} + \gamma \cdot P_{tot}$$

### 2) rainfall + $API_{20}$

$$d\hat{H} = \alpha + \beta \cdot P_{max-1h} + \gamma \cdot P_{tot} + \delta \cdot API_{20}$$

### 3) rainfall + $SWI_{75}$

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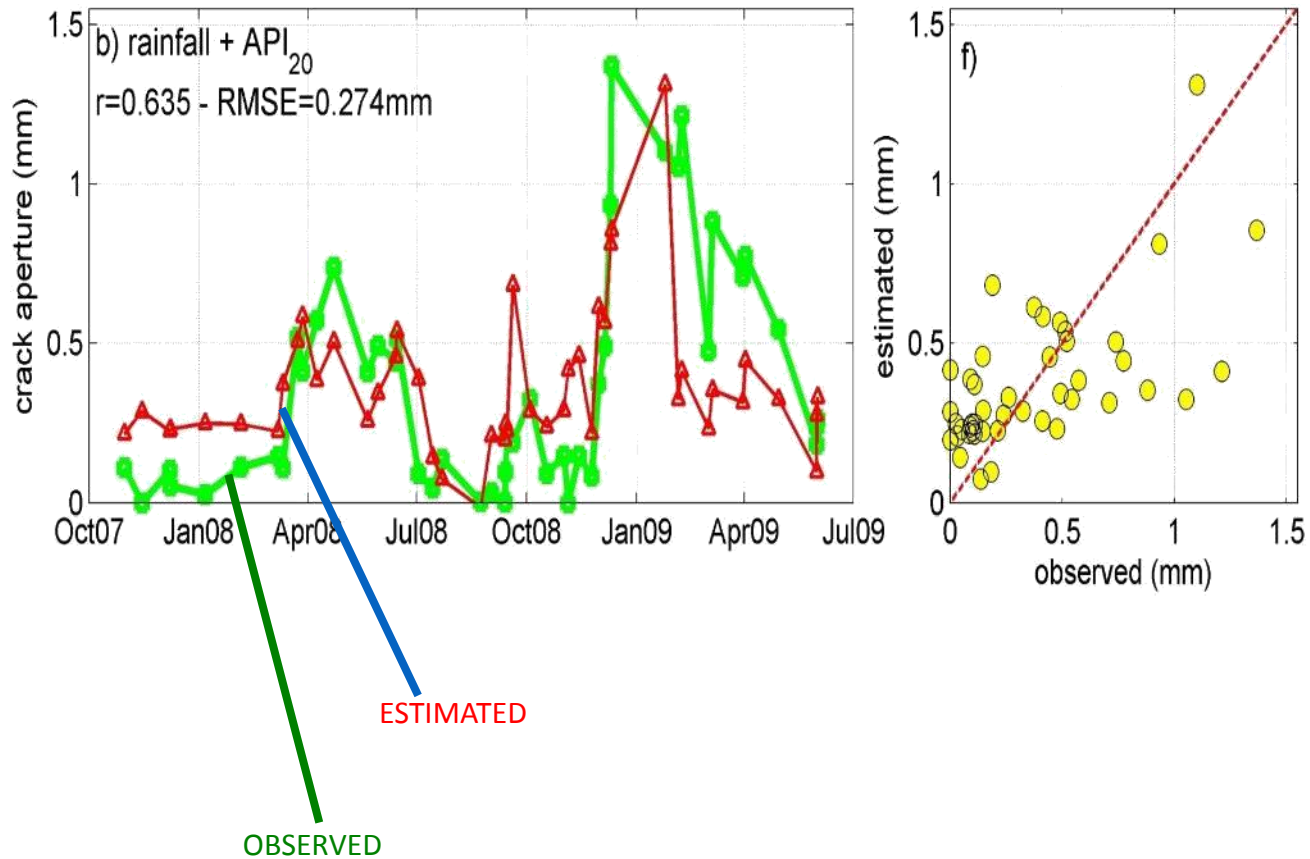
### 4) rainfall + $API_{20}$ + $SWI_{75}$

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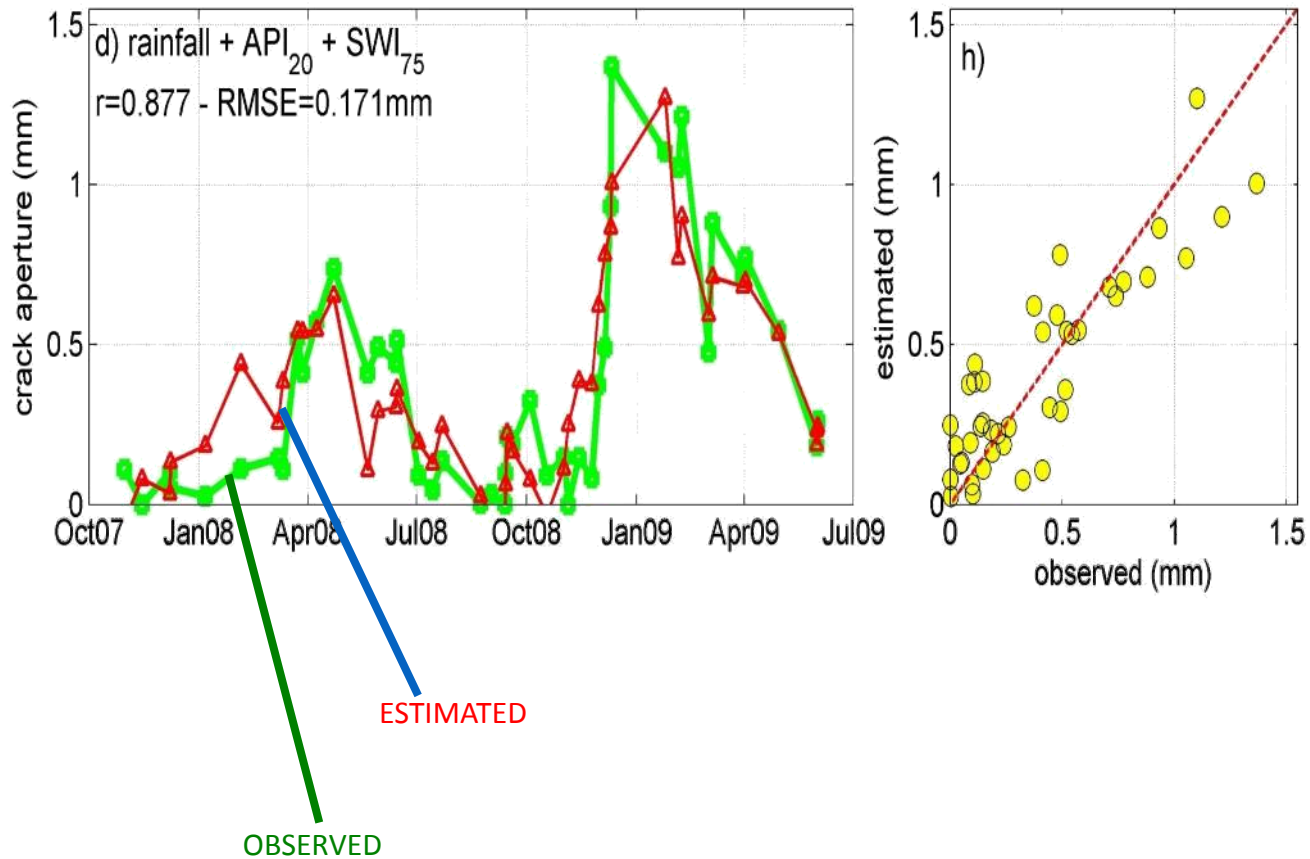
## Landslide displacement prediction

### 2) rainfall + API<sub>20</sub>

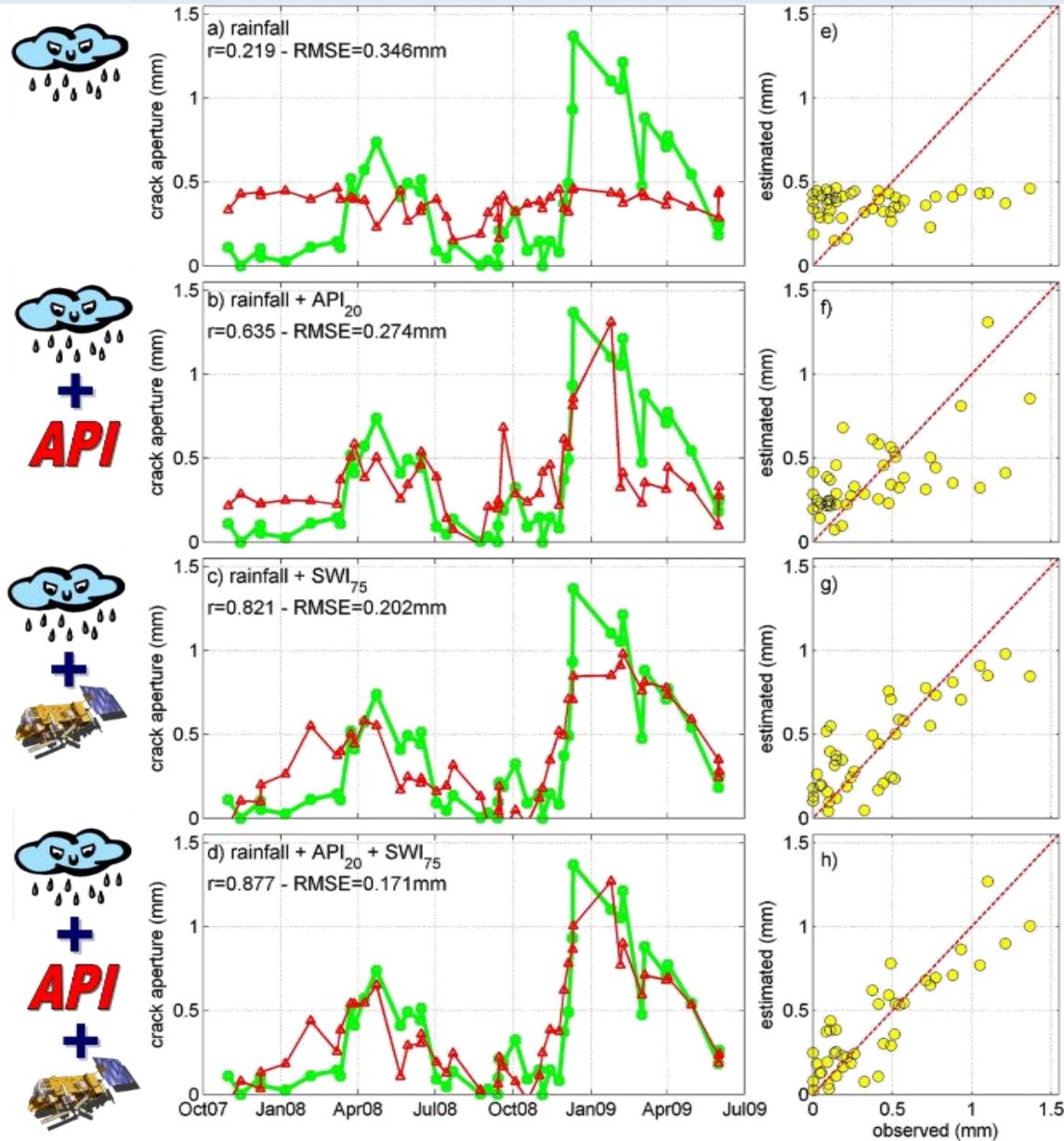


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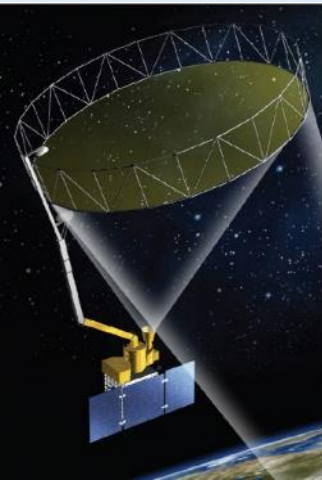
### 4) rainfall + $API_{20}$ + $SWI_{75}$



## Landslide displacement prediction



## SMAP soil Moisture Active and Passive

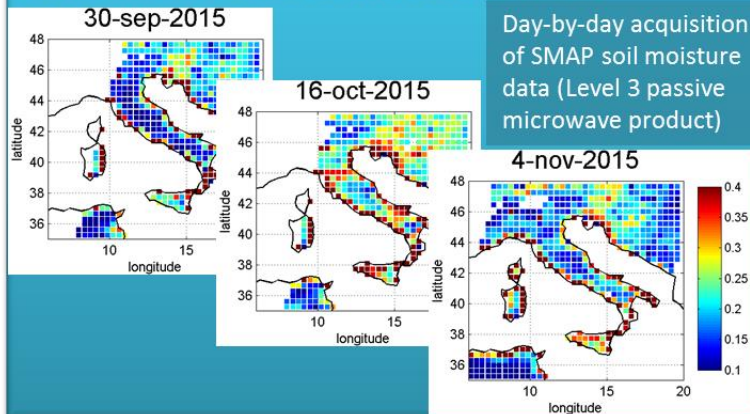


### SMAP (band L, 9km resolution, 2-3 days)

**SMAP:**  
**Soil**  
**Moisture**  
**Active and**  
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**mission**

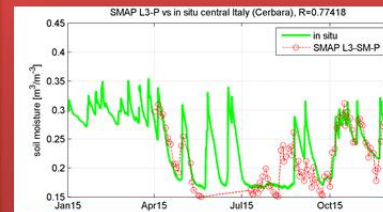
#### REAL-TIME ACQUISITION OF SMAP SOIL MOISTURE DATA OVER ITALY

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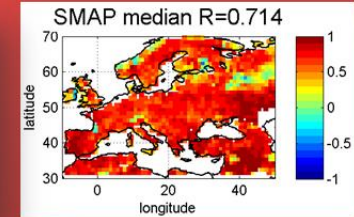
#### REAL-TIME ASSESSMENT THROUGH IN SITU OBSERVATIONS

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Validation with ground-based soil moisture observations (point scale)  
Brocca et al. (2011)

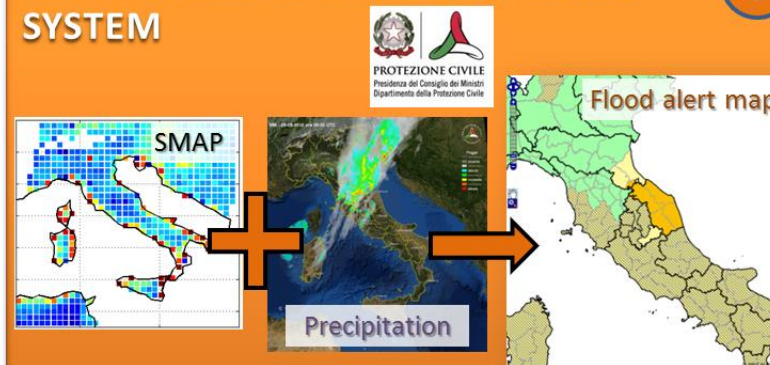
Correlation map between SMAP-derived and observed precip (Jul-Dec 2015)



Indirect validation with ground-based precipitation observations (large scale)  
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#### NATIONAL SCALE FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

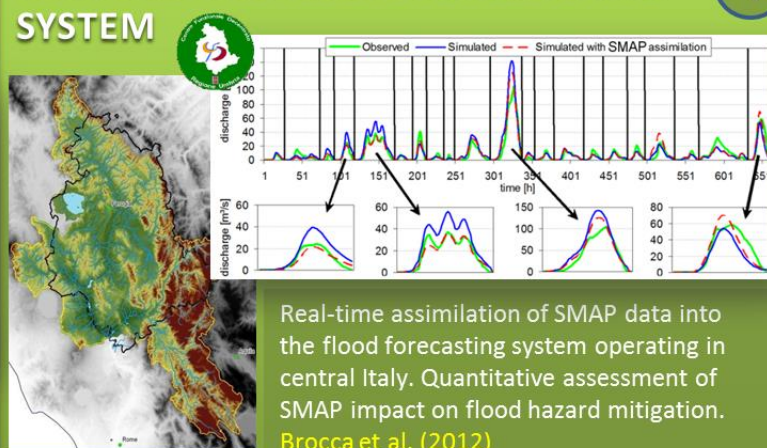
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Integration of SMAP soil moisture and ground-based precipitation observations for flood (and landslide) alert issuing at national scale.

#### CENTRAL ITALY FLOOD FORECASTING SYSTEM

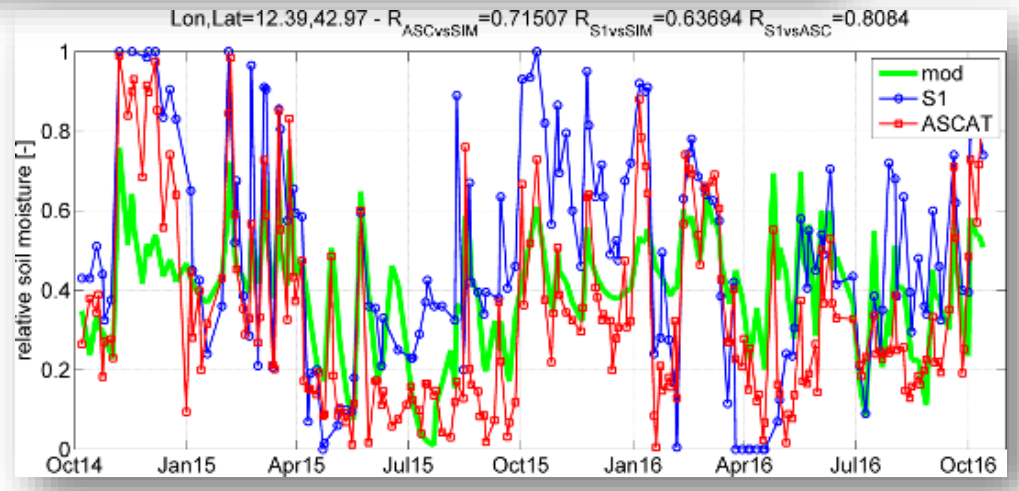
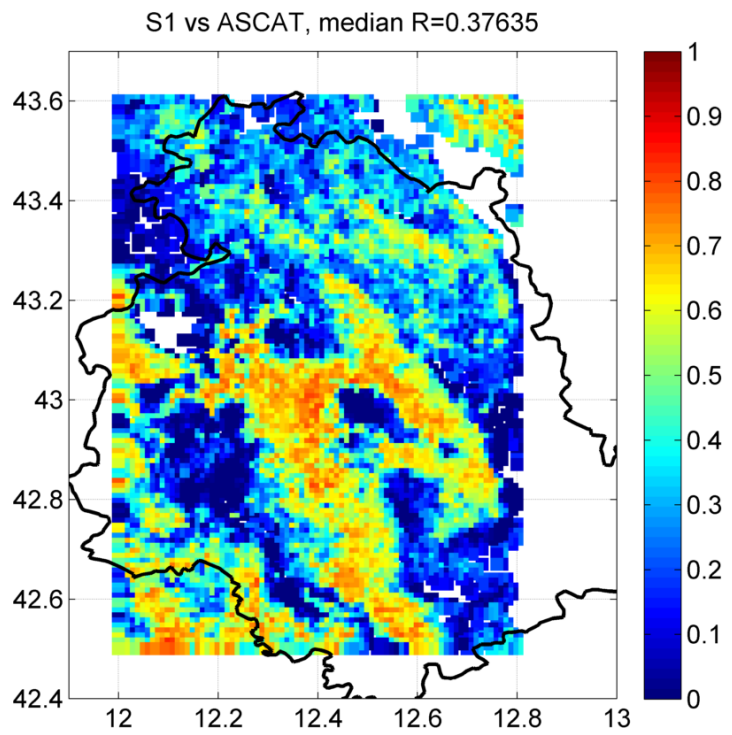
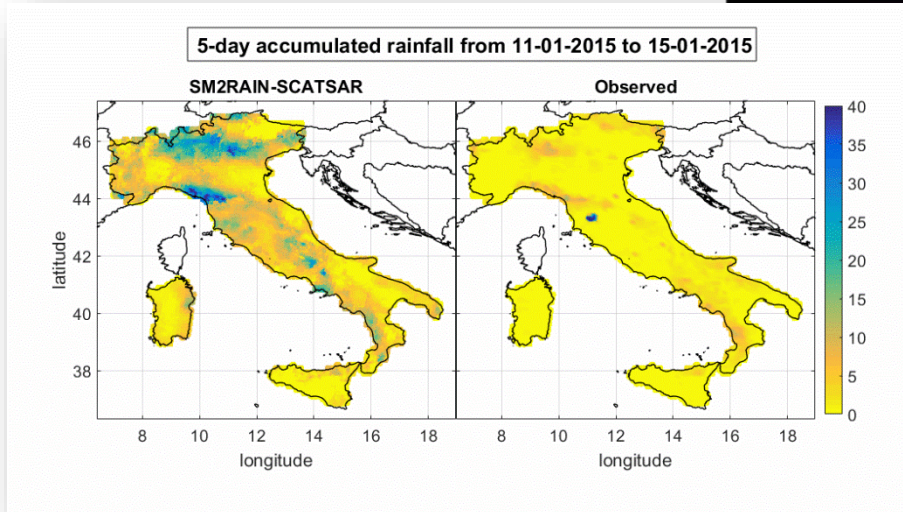
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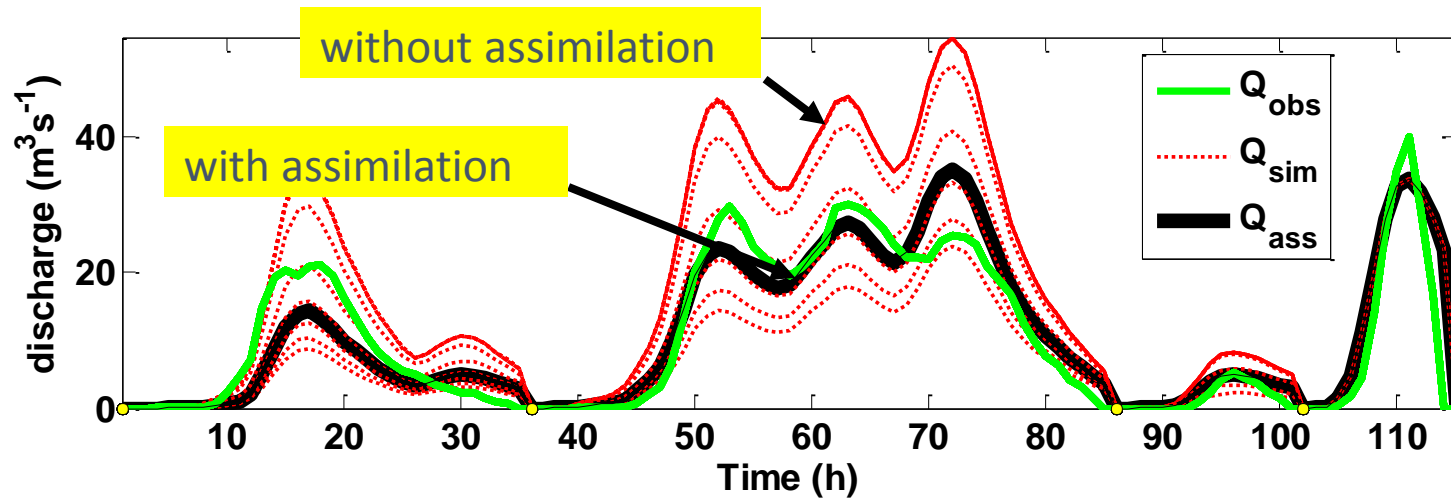
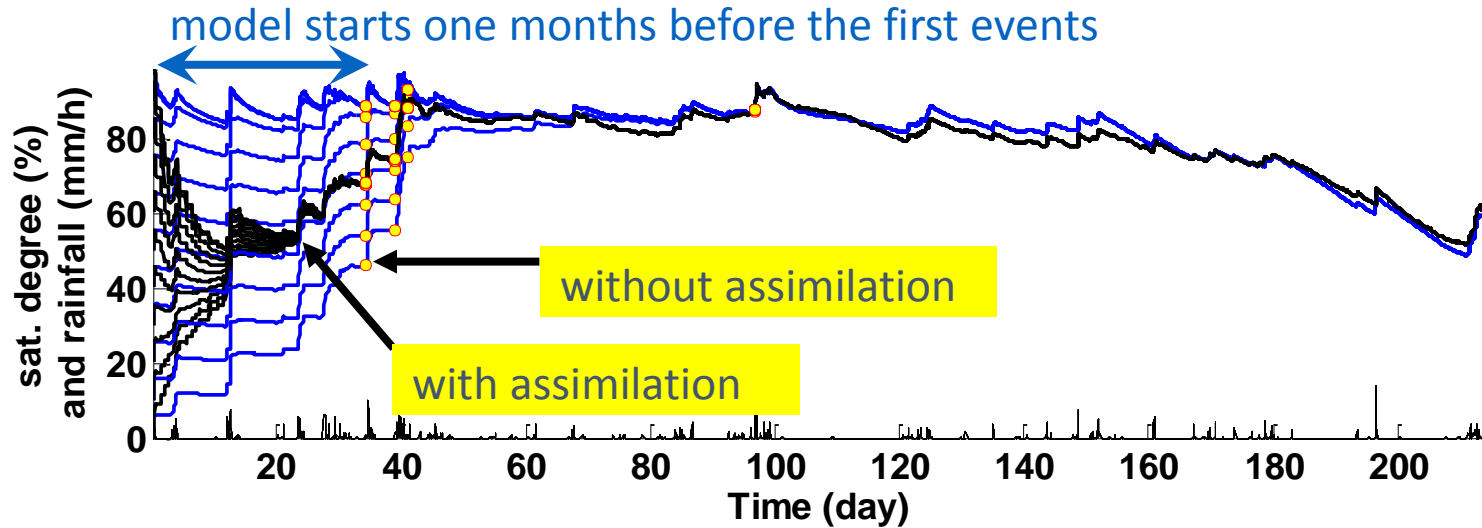
## Sentinel-1



**Sentinel-1**  
(1km, 2-3 days)



## Full early warning models assimilation



A large, modern glass dome building with a central staircase leading to a circular plaza with a star pattern.

**Thank you for attention!**

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