



Updates to Lower Basin Data and Calibrations





Major Projects in the Lower Colorado River Basin



Quality control of gage precipitation for calibration



Re-calibration effort

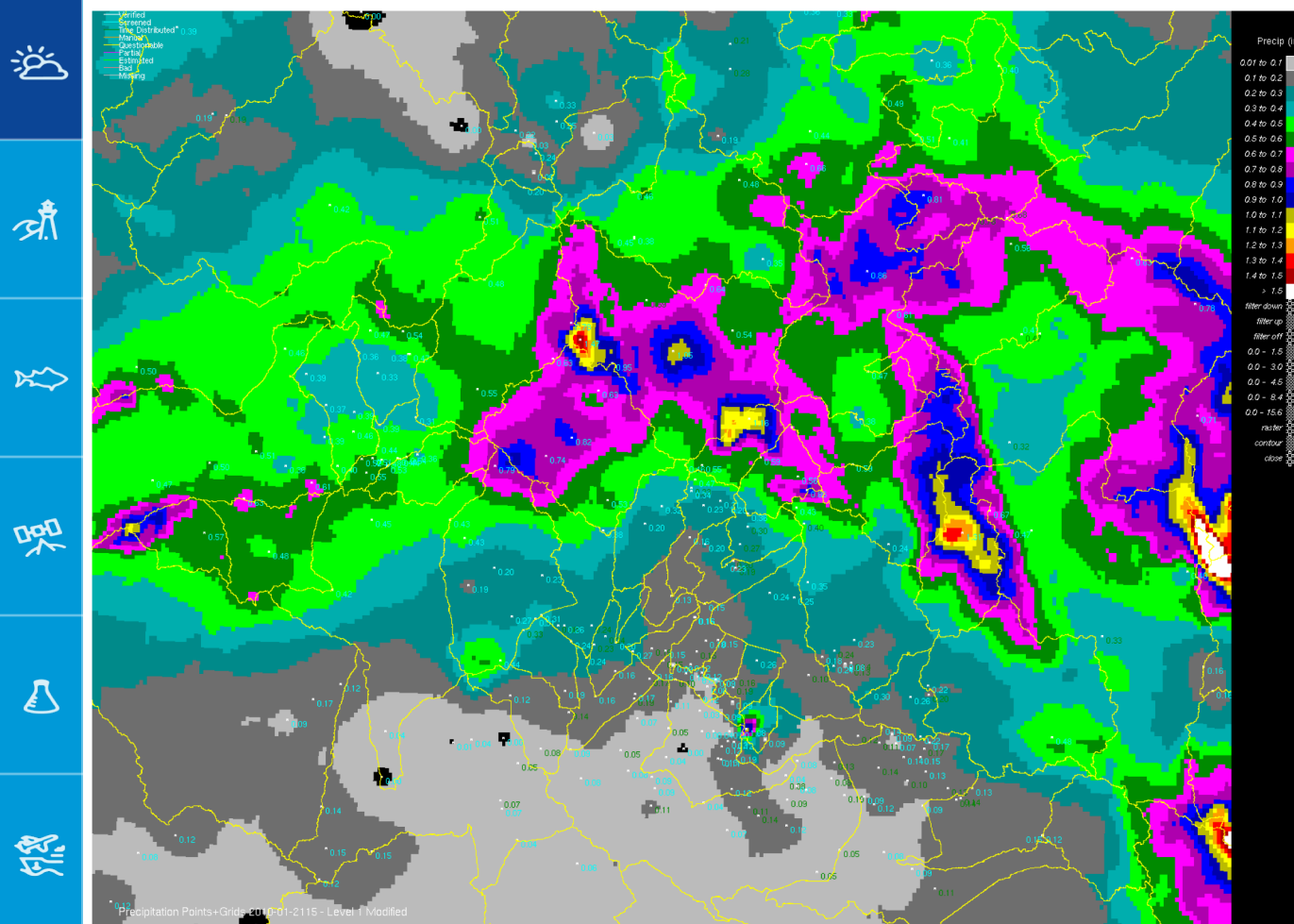




QC of Precipitation Information for Calibration



- Precip/Temp gages were QC'd from Oct. 2000 through current
- ALL available gages were used
- 3-hourly, gridded precip and temp fields were created using PRISM
- 3-hourly MAPs and MATs generated
- Iterative process
 - Additional QCing is easy
 - Subtle errors can be identified during the calibration process and corrected
- Update record monthly in real-time
- Grids are a starting point for future distributed modeling and are available on our FTP site



3 hourly precipitation
ending 01/22/2010 18Z



Re-calibration Effort

- Entire Lower Colorado River Basin will be calibrated using the 3-hourly gridded data
- Will closely match operational data set
 - Operational data is hourly, includes bias-adjusted dual pol radar estimate
 - Especially true in the winter when radar is trimmed below the freezing level and 12,000 feet
- Use of all data significantly improves simulations
- Will add more basins
- Areas that utilize ESP (Salt, Verde, and Gila)
 - Will bias adjust MAP and MAT data prior to 2000 using overlapping data
 - Will allow full use of 1981-2015 period



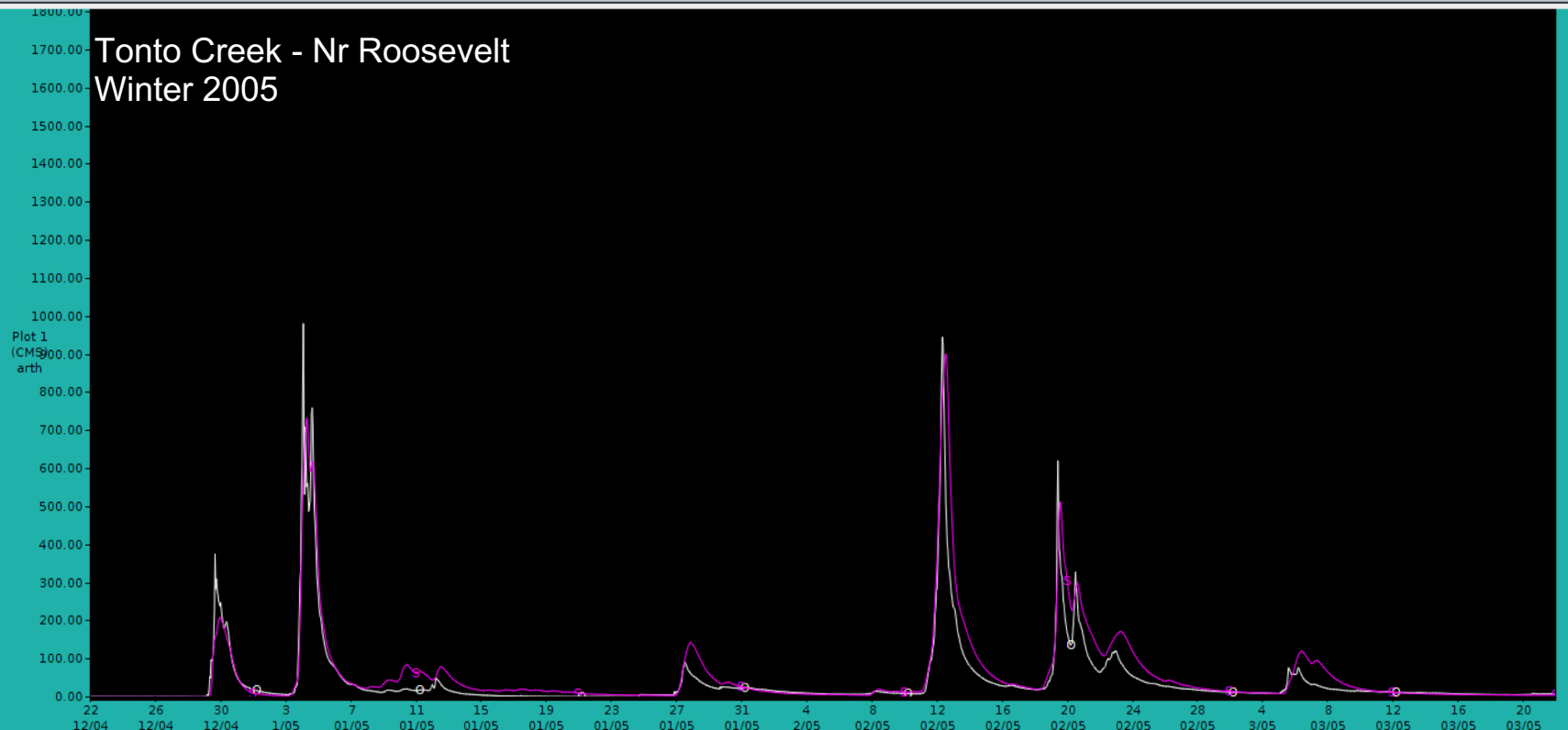
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● TNRA3H

Tonto Creek - Nr Roosevelt Winter 2005



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Plot 1

TNRA3 : QINE :

SIM1 : SQIN :

MCP3 Stop Number : 4

X Value: 12/31/2004:04 Y Value : 1646.85



PLOT-TS

● TNRA3H

Tonto Creek - Nr Roosevelt Winter 2017

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SIM1 : SQIN :

MCP3 Stop Number : 4

X Value: 03/13/2017:09 Y Value : 1791.72





PLOT-TS

● MCZA3H

Cave Creek - Cave Creek
January 22, 2010
~13000 CFS

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