Combining Data From Multiple Sources Using the CUAHSI Hydrologic Information System

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Hydrologic Data Challenges

- From dispersed federal agencies
- From investigators collected for different purposes
- Different formats
 - Points
 - Lines
 - Polygons
 - Fields
 - Time Series

Data Heterogeneity

The way that data is organized can enhance or inhibit the analysis that can be done

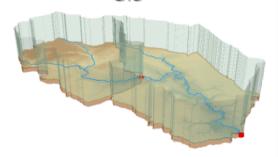
Water quality



Rainfall and Meteorology



GIS



Water quantity



Soil water

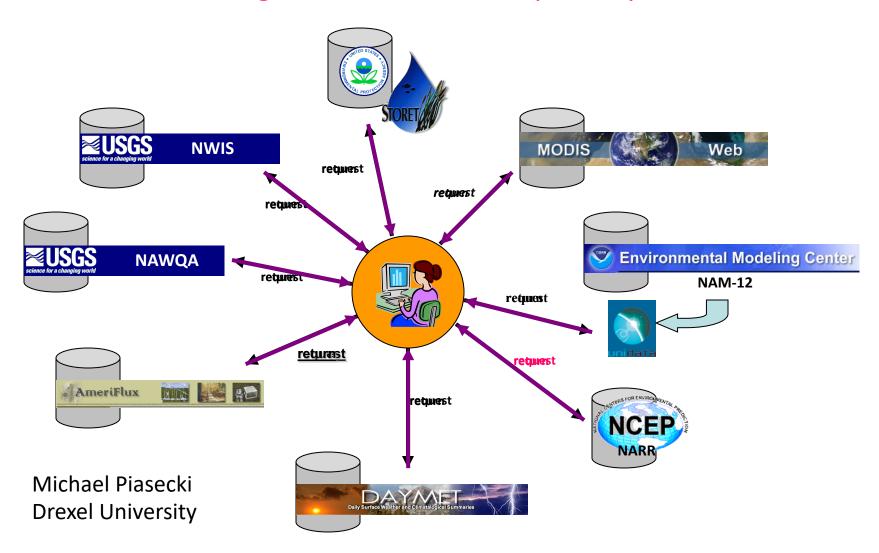


Groundwater

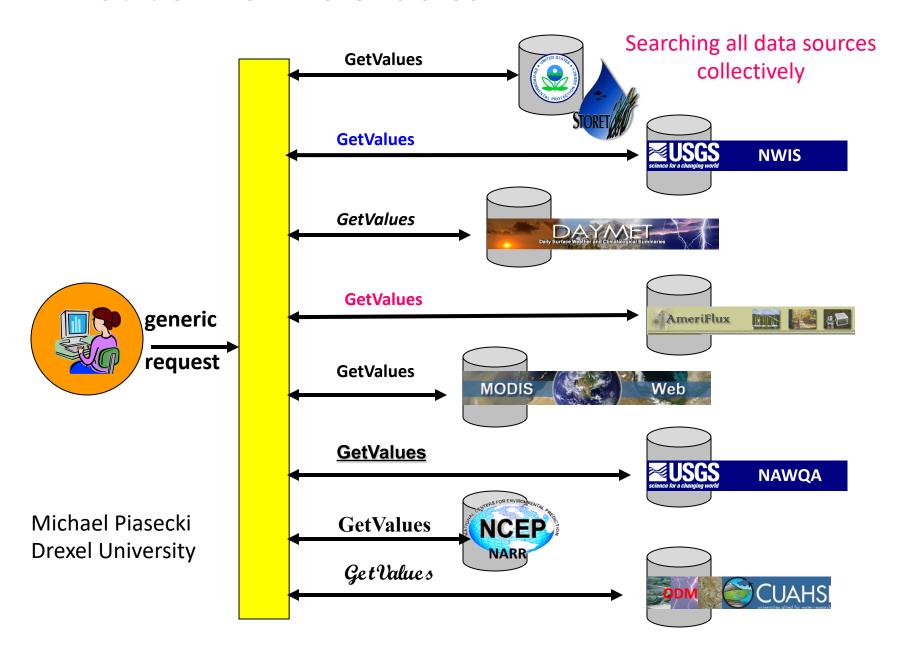


Data Searching – What we used to have to do

Searching each data source separately

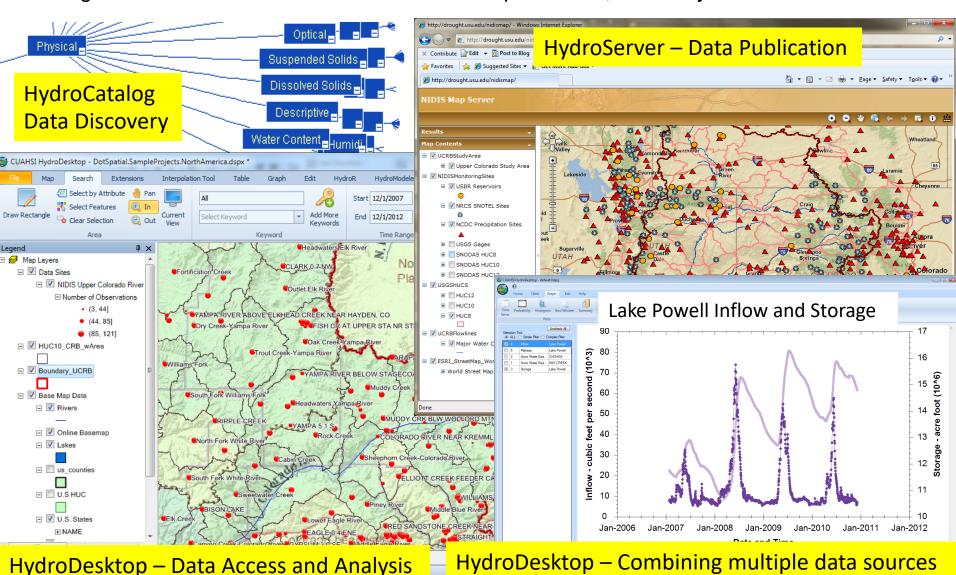


What CUAHSI HIS enables

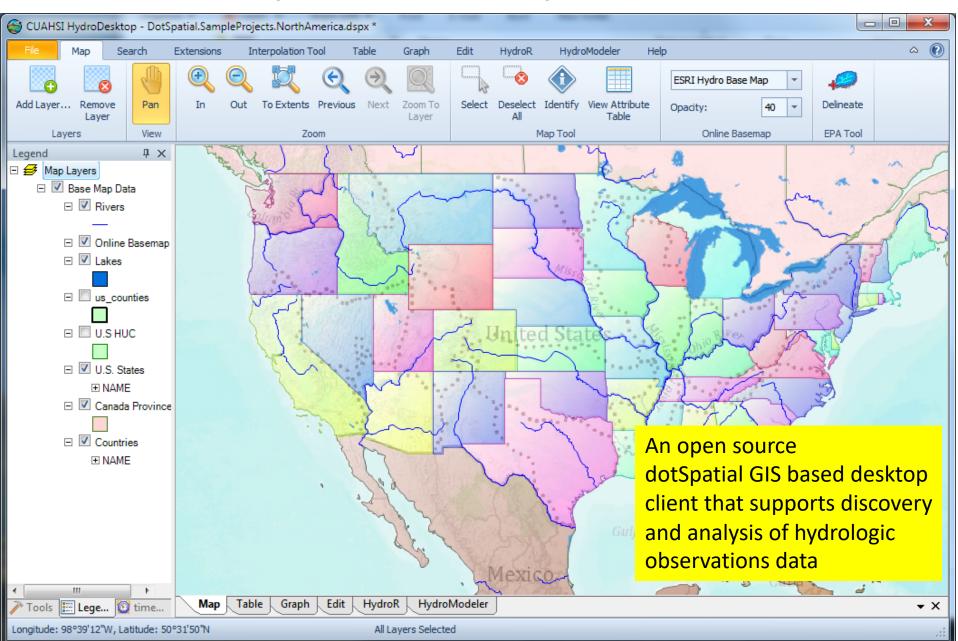


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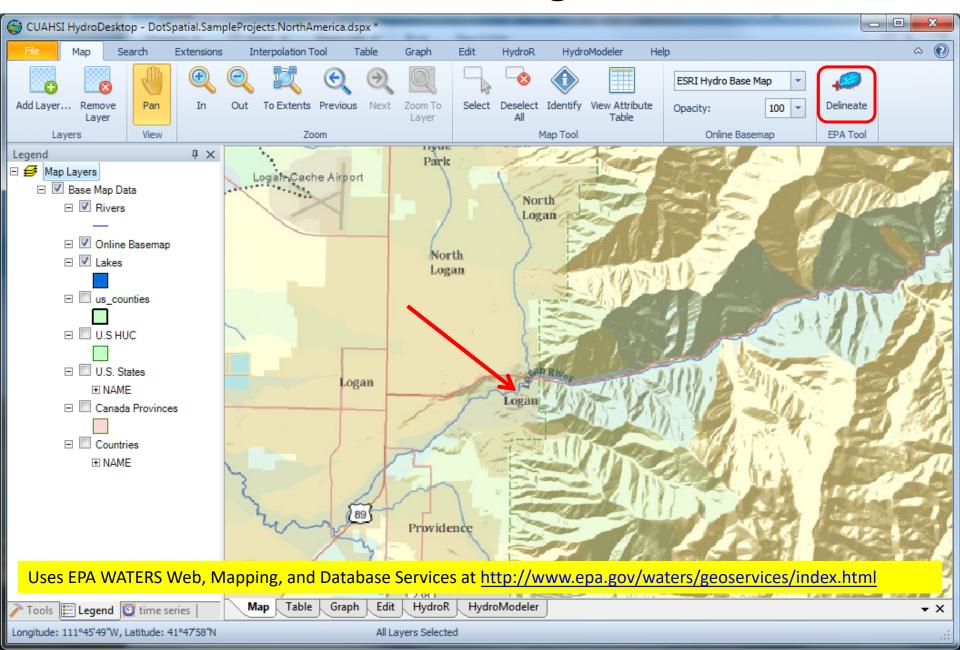
The CUAHSI Hydrologic Information System (HIS) is an internet based system to support the sharing of hydrologic data. It is comprised of hydrologic databases and servers connected through web services as well as software for data publication, discovery and access.



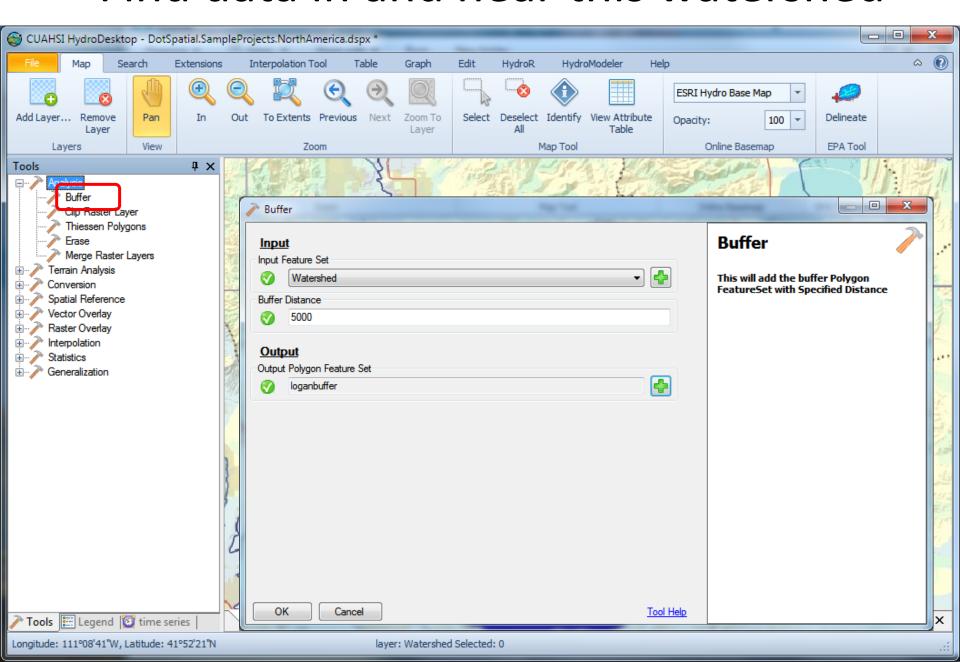
HydroDesktop Demo



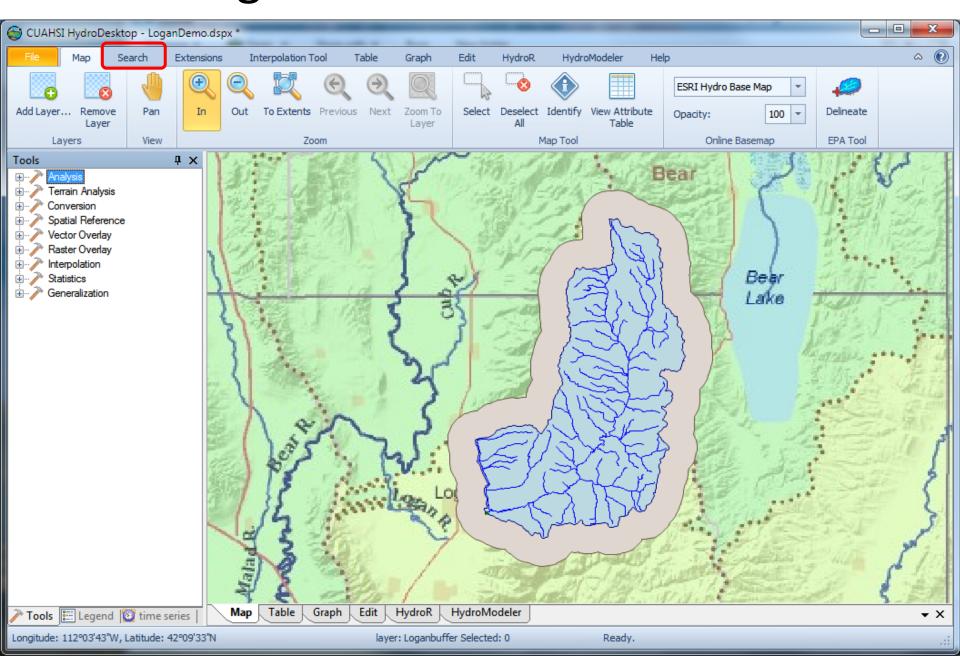
Delineate Watershed using EPA web services



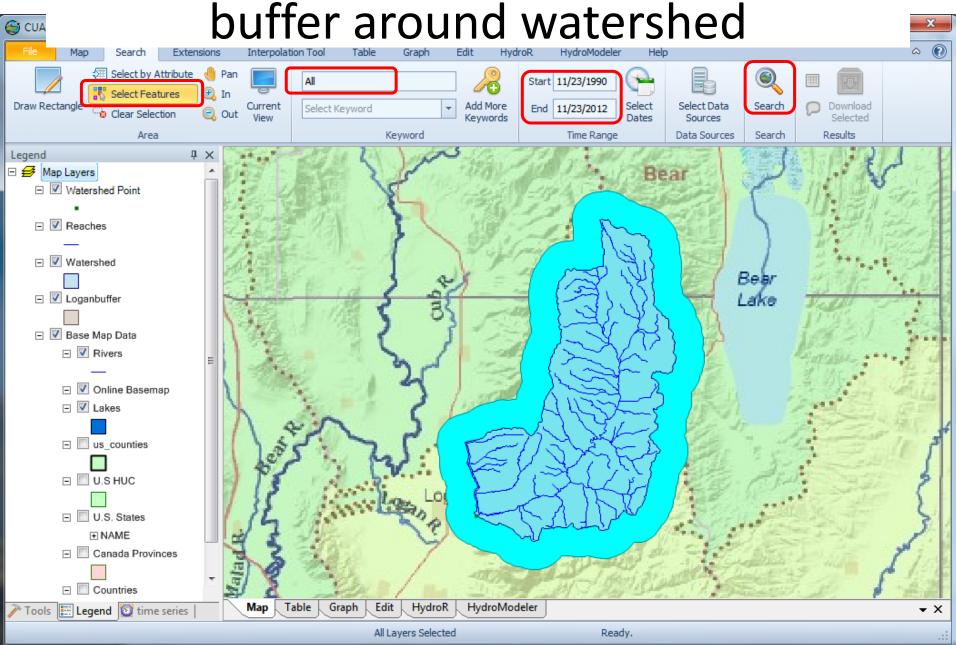
Find data in and near this watershed



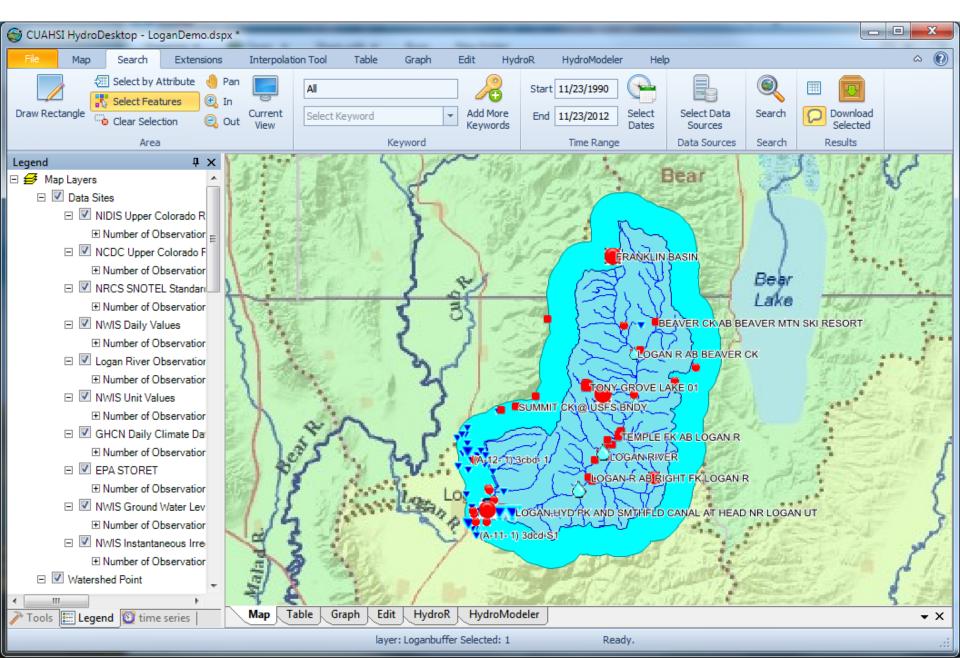
Resulting buffer around the watershed



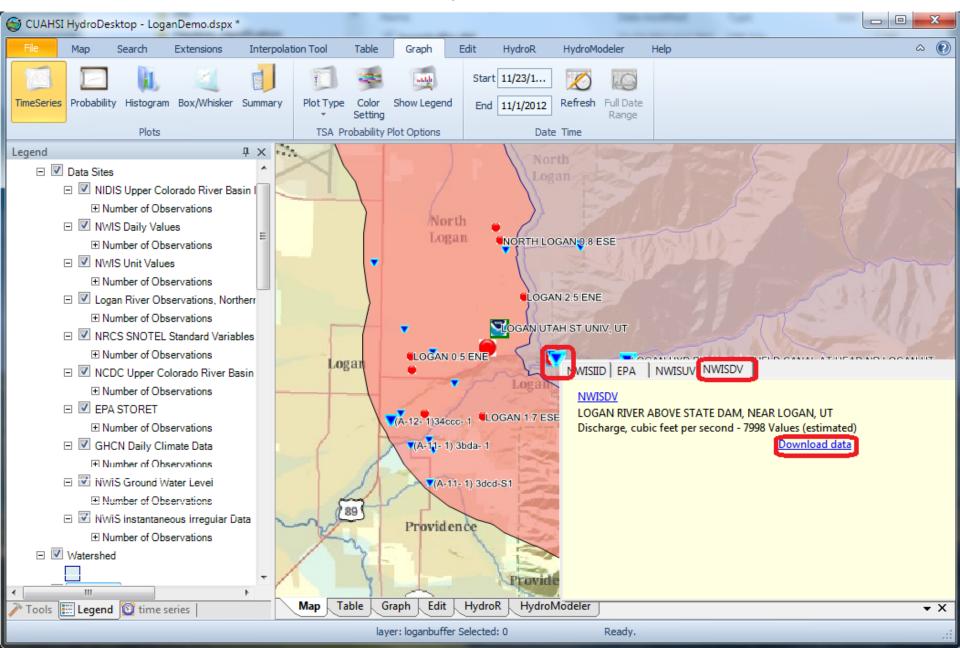
Search last 22 years for all data in



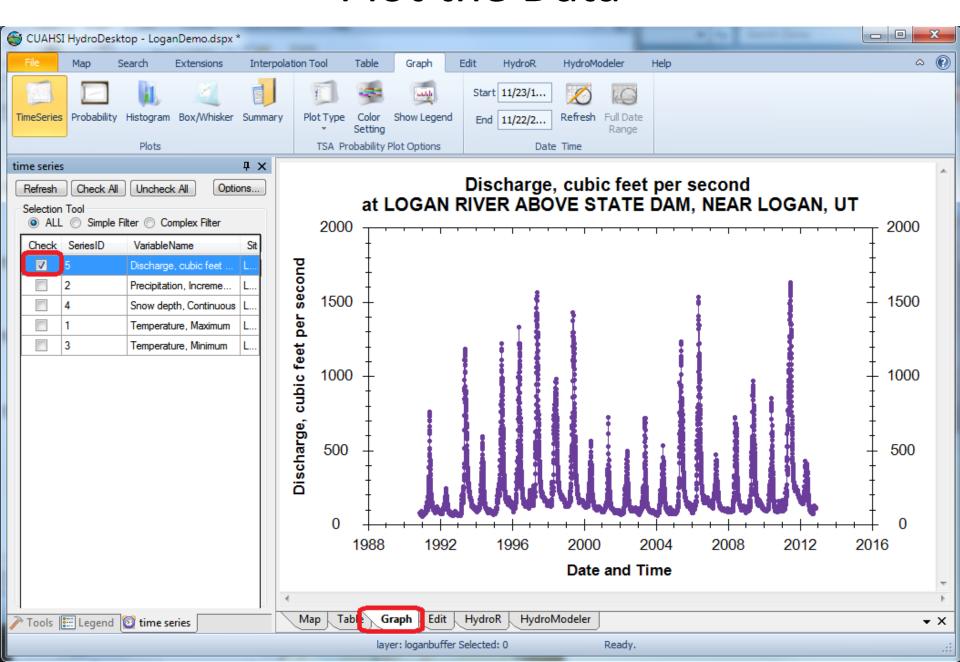
Data Discovered



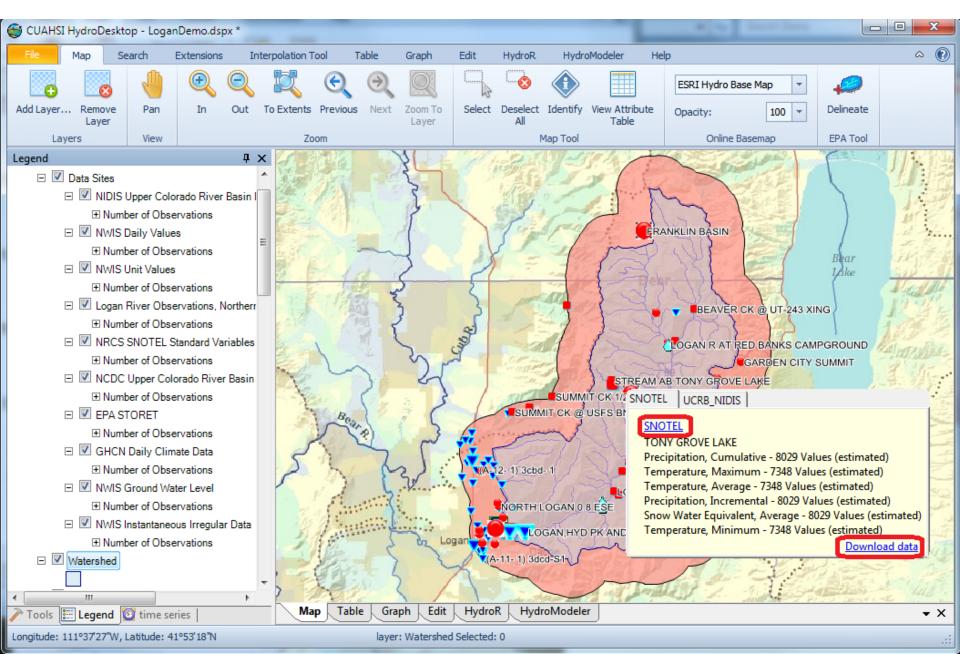
Download USGS Daily Value Streamflow Data



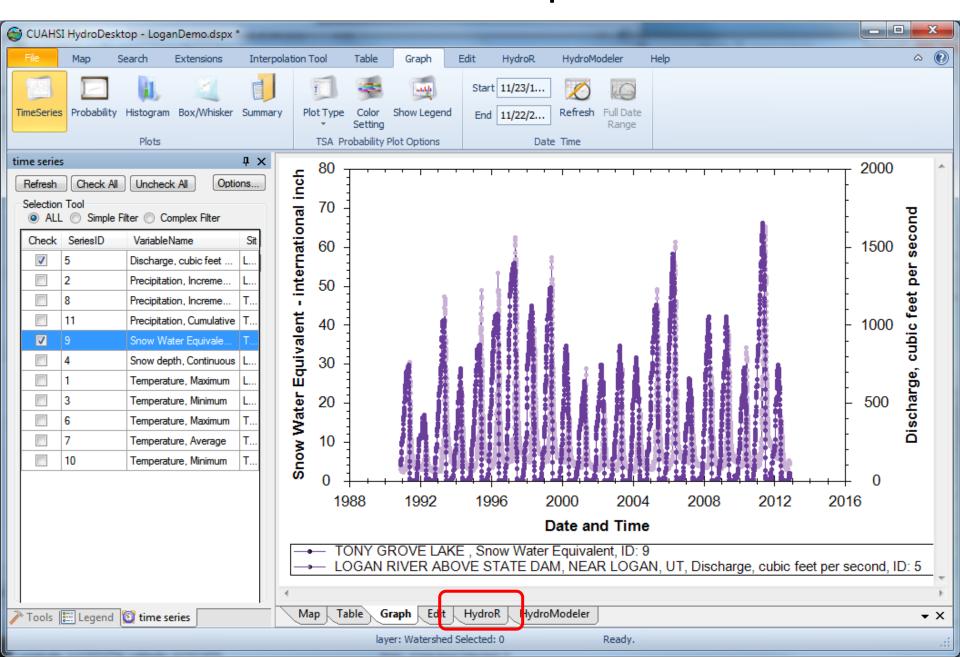
Plot the Data



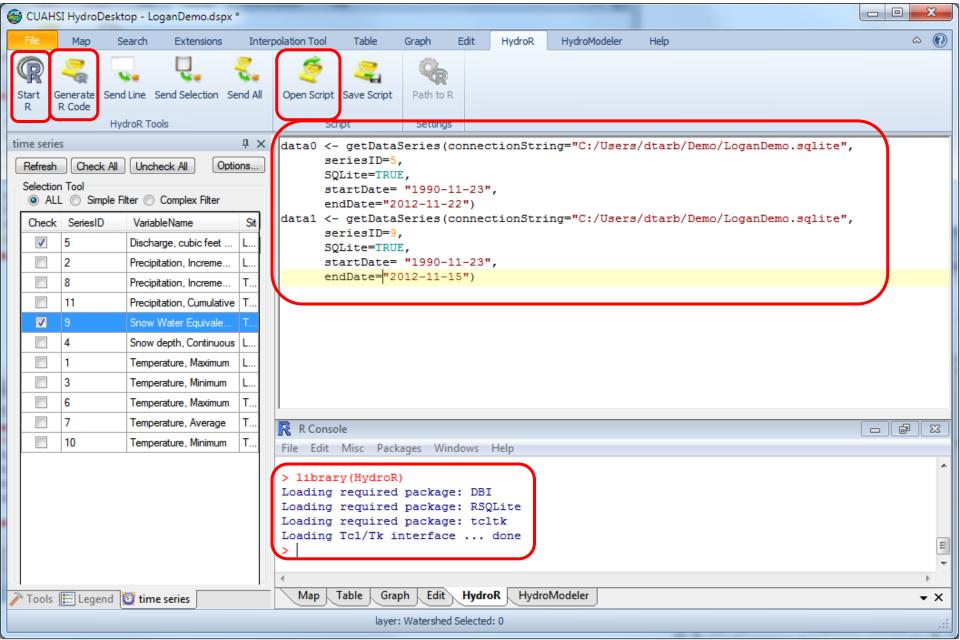
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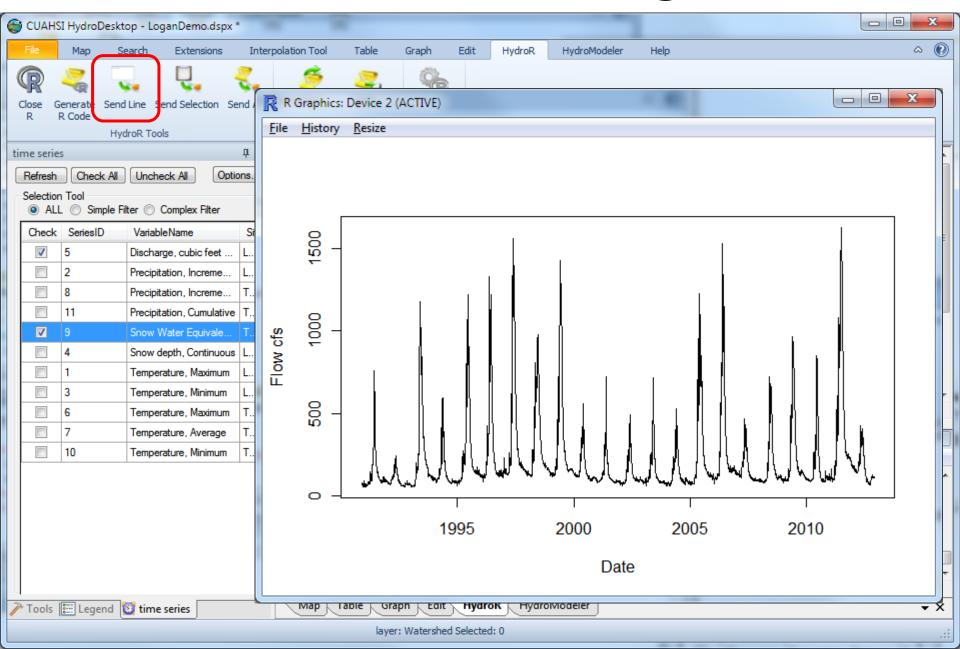
Combined plot

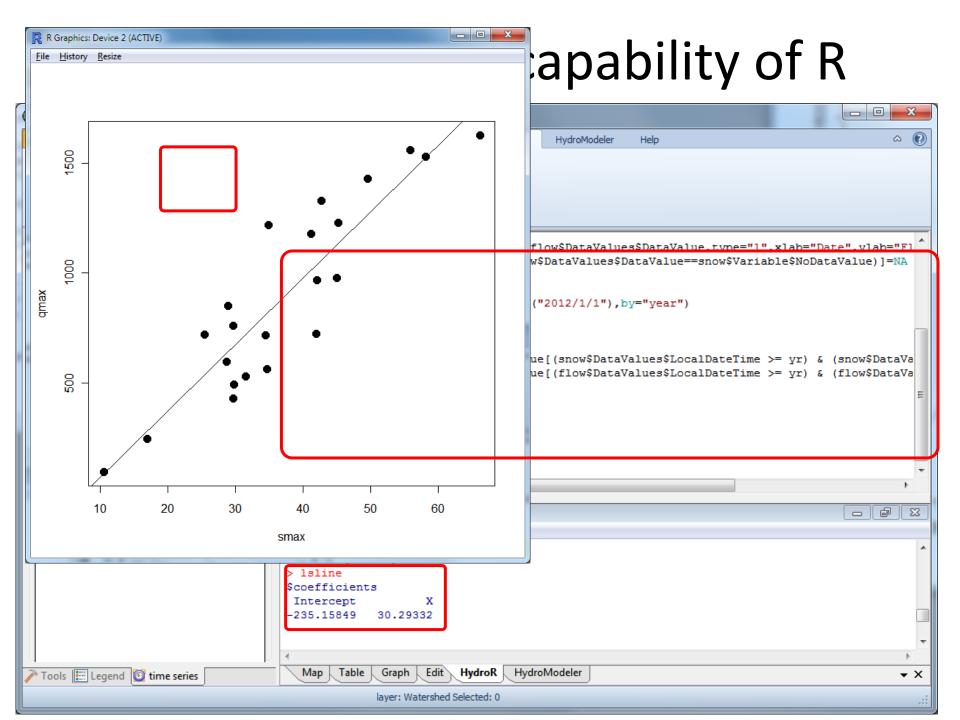


R Interoperability



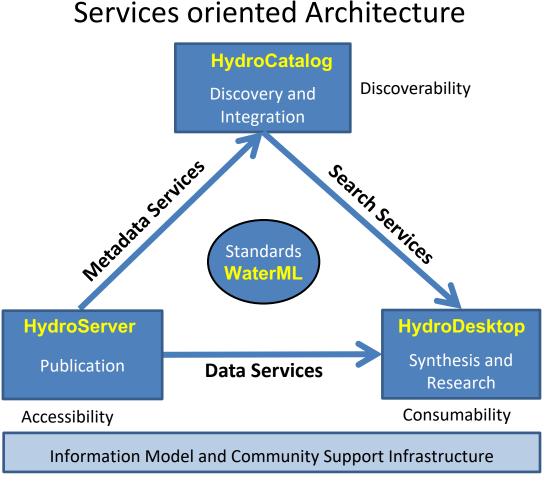
Plot the data using R





Conclusions

- Standards based architecture to enhance adoption and interoperability
- Publication from distributed servers
- Discovery through catalog search services
- Integrated modeling and analysis combining information from multiple sources
- Data sources include agencies and universities
- Open source extensibility
- CUAHSI governance



The combination of these capabilities creates a common window on water observations data for the United States unlike any that has existed before.

Open Development Model

