Application of WaterHUB for Sharing Hydrologic Models



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What is WaterHUB?

- Based on Purdue's HUBzero Web Portal technology, utilizing CUAHSI HIS web services and open standards for data access
- WaterHUB creates an environment for hydrologists to share and discover information- especially models and data
- Think of WaterHUB as Social Networking for hydrology researchers, students, educators, and the public



Example: Data Discovery & Access

Users can access water data and run simple calculations (e.g., computing water balance over a watershed)



User selects a watershed in Indiana to see available USGS and NCDC data points

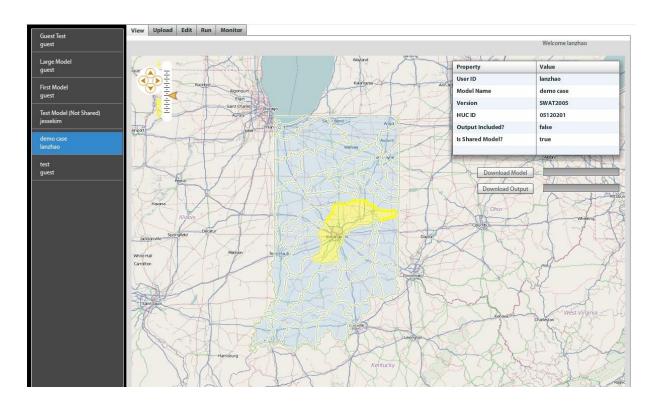
Information from all the data points is fetched through CUAHSI HIS services to get the above plot of rainfall and streamflow

Example: Sharing of SWAT Models

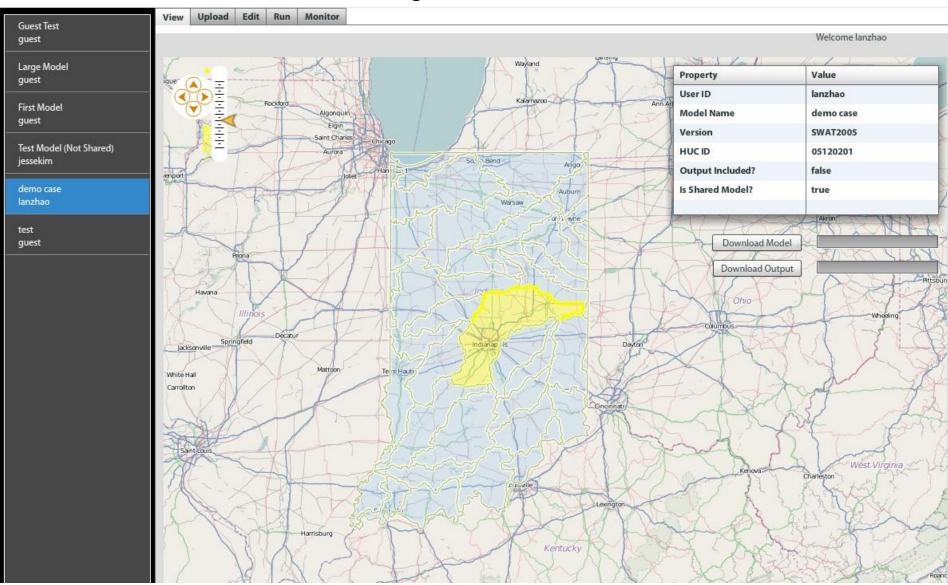
- Our initial efforts are focused on sharing of SWAT (Soil Water Assessment Tool) on WaterHUB
- SWAT is a semi-distributed model for simulating both hydrology and water quality of watershed
- Why SWAT:
 - It is a popular, open source model with users located around the globe
 - Several SWAT models exist for many watersheds in Indiana (where Purdue is located), thus making the initial testing easy

SWAT Tool: Model Search & Discovery

- Explore SWAT models uploaded to WaterHUB (list, search)
- View model metadata
- Download a model (input/output) if it is published to the public

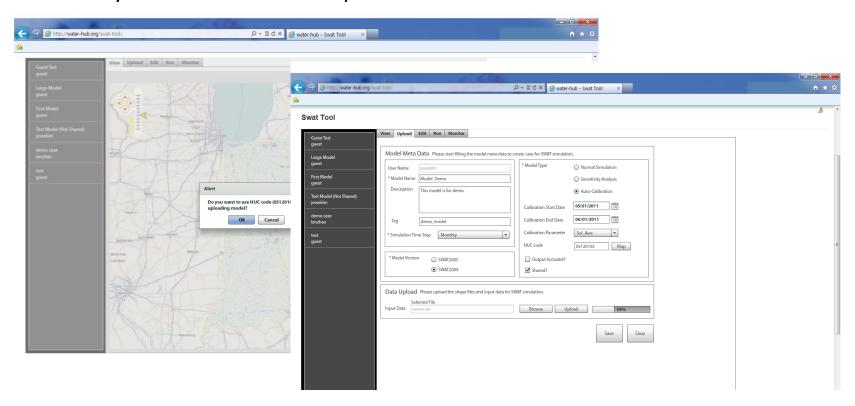


Browse/View Mode

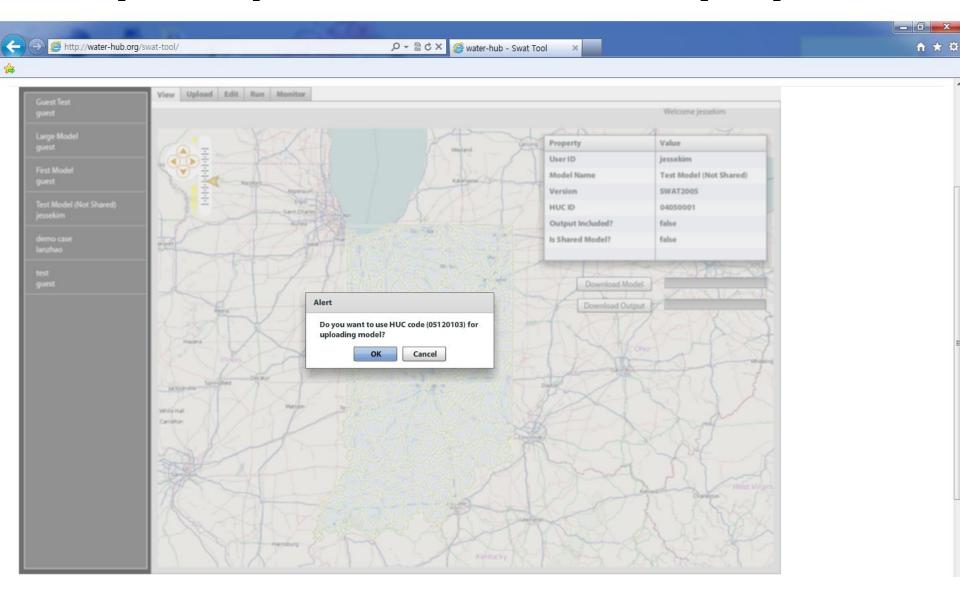


SWAT Tool: Model Upload & Sharing

- Select a watershed to upload a new model
- Enter or edit the metadata describing the model (parameters, time range, model mode, HUC code, access permission)
- Upload the model input data to the server
- Only the model owner can perform edits



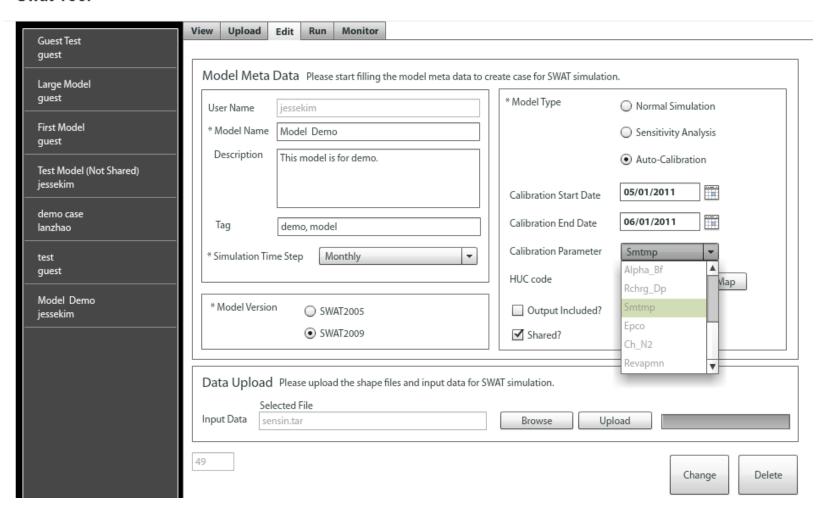
Upload/Share Model: Map Space



Upload/Share Model: Metadata

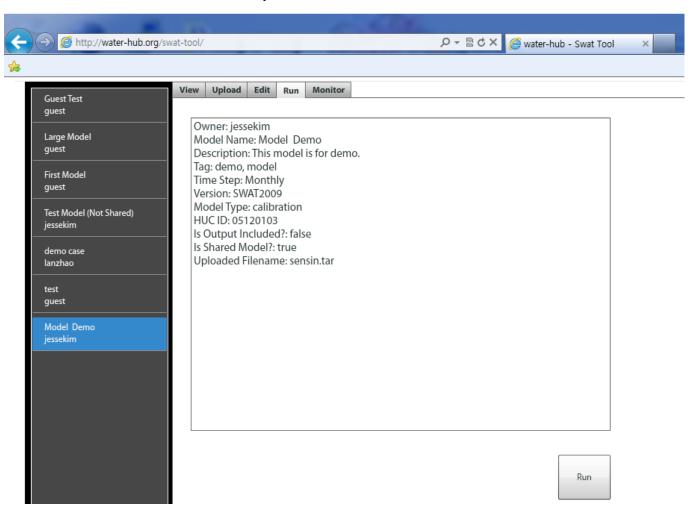


Swat Tool



SWAT Tool: Run Model on "Cloud"

- Run a Model (Run Mode)
 - Run a SWAT model on computation resources at the backend



Conclusions

- HydroHUB allows data discovery, model publication/sharing, and results visualization
- We use CUAHSI HIS services for data
- Model Metadata is published
- First functionality is now available via the SWAT prototype on Purdue servers
- We want to connect this project with others in the HIS and hydrology community