

SWOT Mission overview

Surface water applications

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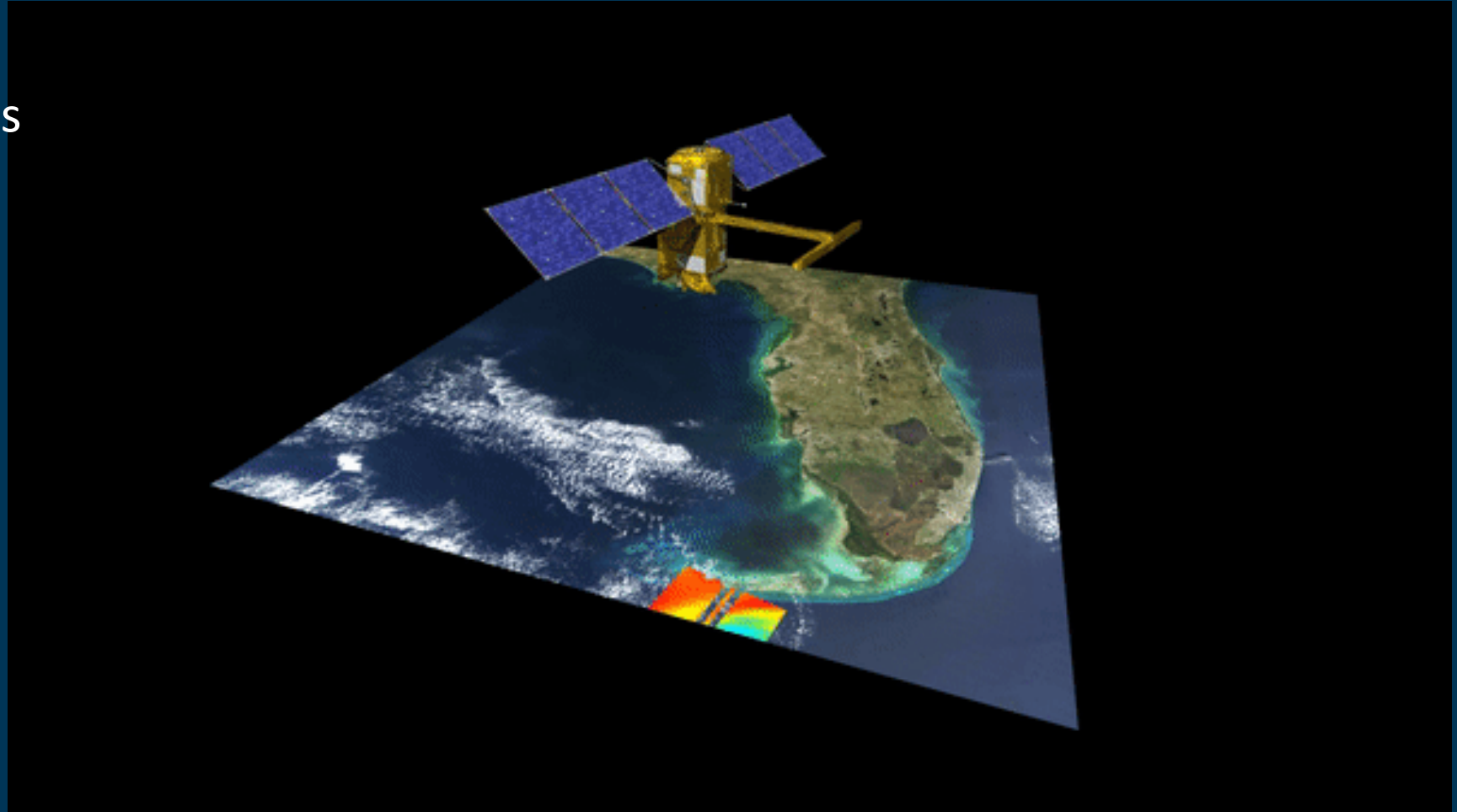
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Photo: Jim Crow Creek catchment, central Victoria JIM4373 (© Alison Pouliot)

What's SWOT's Surface Water Applications: <https://swot.jpl.nasa.gov/hydrology.htm>

Provides a comprehensive view of Earth's freshwater bodies from space and changing volumes of fresh water

- Lakes/reservoirs/reservoirs greater than 250m (ultimately 100m): [lakes video](#)
- river reaches (over 100m wide): [rivers video](#)



How is that useful in Australia?

- Flood, environmental flow delivery, compliance and drought monitoring
- Water resource assessment and accounting
- Coastal applications
 - Tides / surge for flood forecasting applications
 - Environmental applications: Mangroves

Murray irrigators lodge \$750 million class action against MDBA claiming 'negligent' water management

ABC Riverina By Rosie King

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PHOTO: An empty irrigation channel in the Southern Riverina. (ABC News: Will Kendrew)

Some river modelling SWOT applications trialled already on test data



Example passage of SWOT
over NSW/MDB

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Research papers

River discharge estimation from
using variational data assimilation
model

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ABSTRACT

The use of satellite remote sensing
to estimate the parameters of the
1D-network hydraulic model
simulated by the Saint-Venant
equations is investigated. The
method is based on the variational
data assimilation technique. The
model is calibrated using the
observed data. The model is then
used to estimate the parameters
of the Saint-Venant equations.

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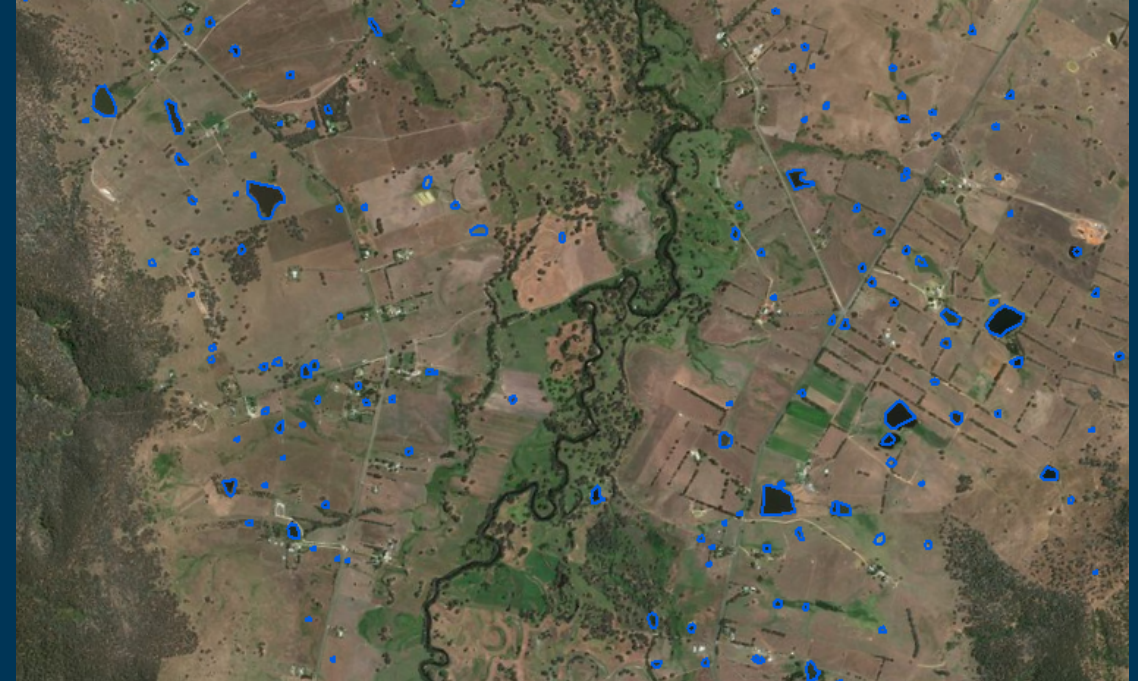
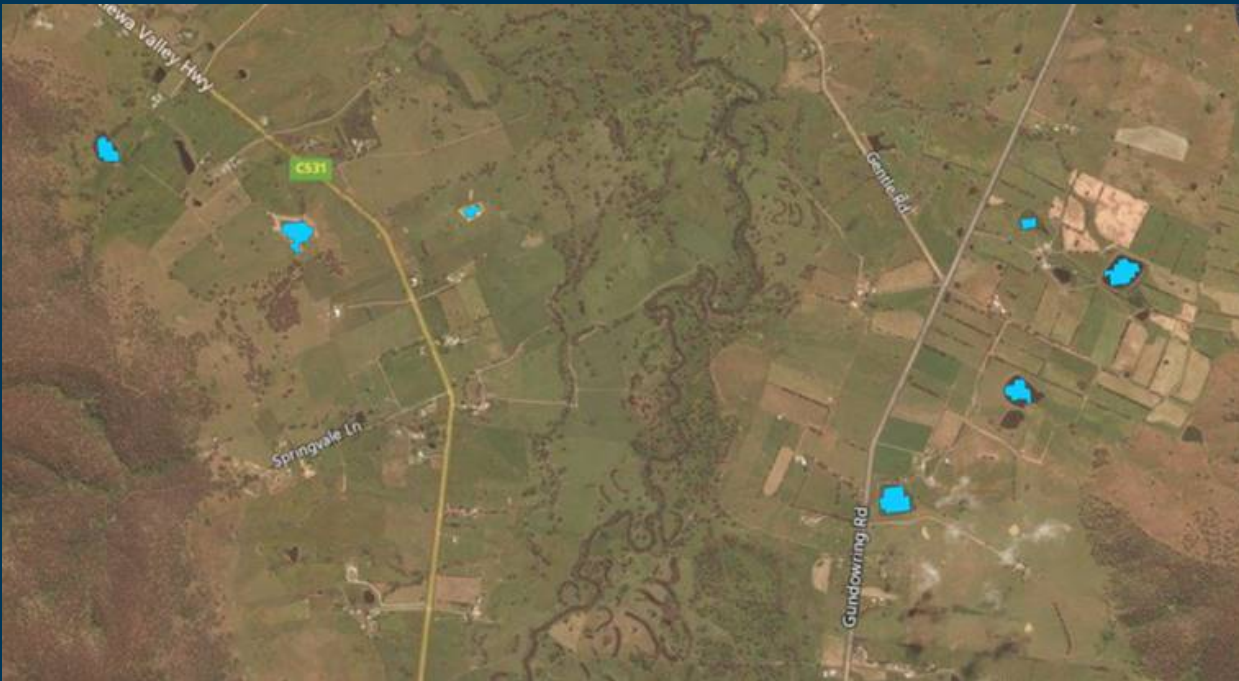
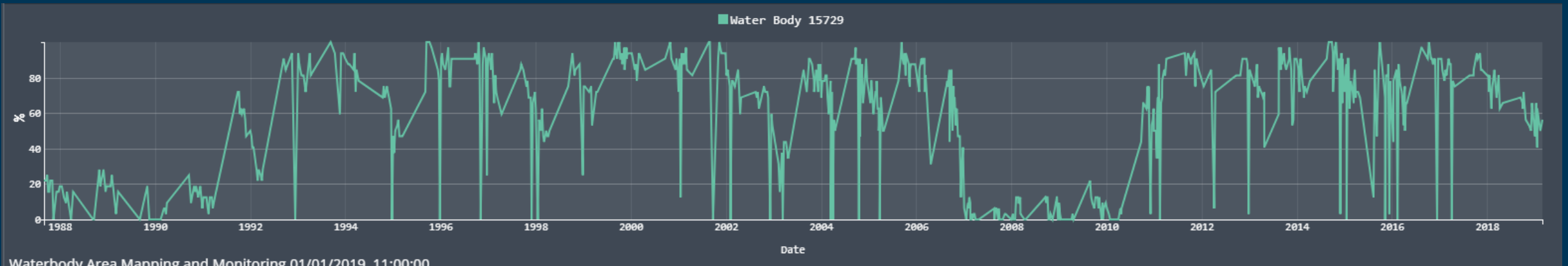
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work investigates the
water and Ocean
assimilation method
bathymetry, and

Supporting Information:

bed roughness in the context of a 1.5 D full Saint-Venant hydraulic model. Algorithms and procedures are

Billion \$ question: how much water is being held and used e.g. Farm dams
- scale and accuracy important



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