
**5.1 Real Time snow reporting:
BUFR Templates, registration as GCW stations, monitoring progress
and outreach**

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**Snow Watch meeting
UQAM, Montreal, 17-19 July 2019**

International exchange of snow data

WMO EC-69 (2017), Abridged final report with resolutions and decisions

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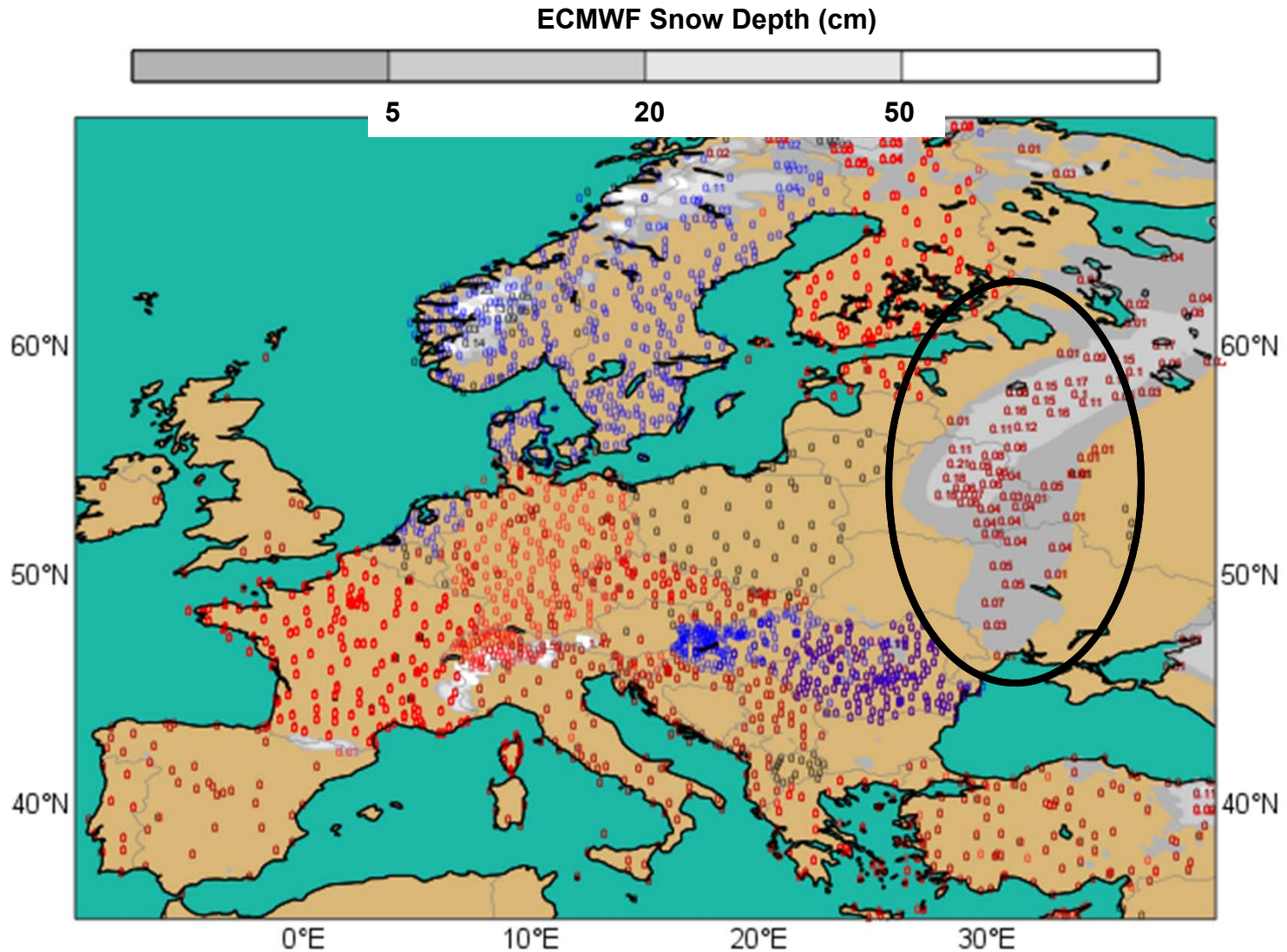
SNOTEL, COOP, SCAN data on the GTS (NOAA) with support from ECMWF & SnowWatch, WMO
Resolution 15 used in support of required resources at NOAA (Sept 2018) – Role of GODEX (Global Observance Exchange). Next meeting (webex) Sept 2019

Snow Observations

Snow SYNOP and National Network data in Europe

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ow reports from Ukraine

Ukraine increased number of stations from 30 to more than 160, using BUFR SYNOP. Started in operations since June 2018 at ECMWF



<https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/media-centre/news/2018/extra-weather-station-data-improve-ecmwfs-forecasts>

Now reports from Bulgaria (NIMH)

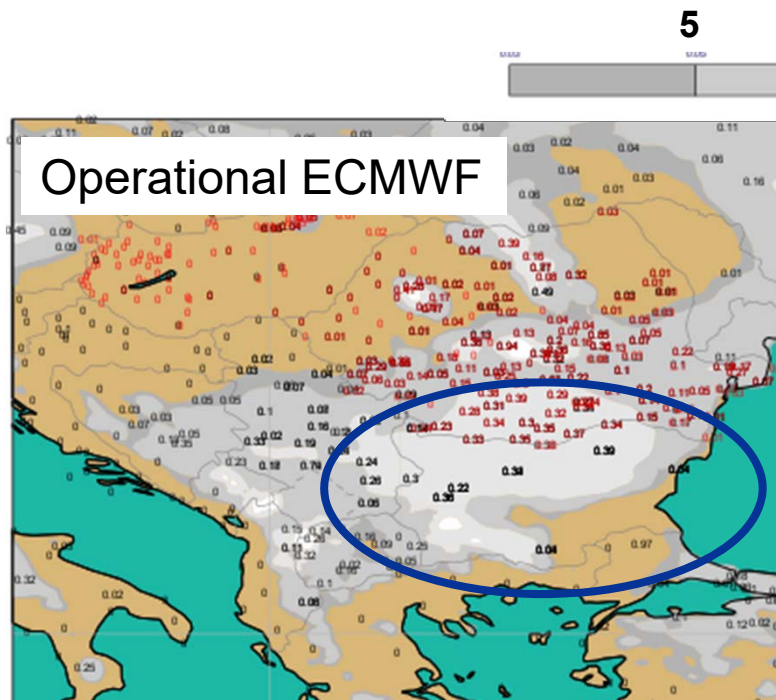
Snow COST action ES1404 → contribute to improve in situ data exchange for NWP

H: 39 additional stations (BUFR format, routinely produced)

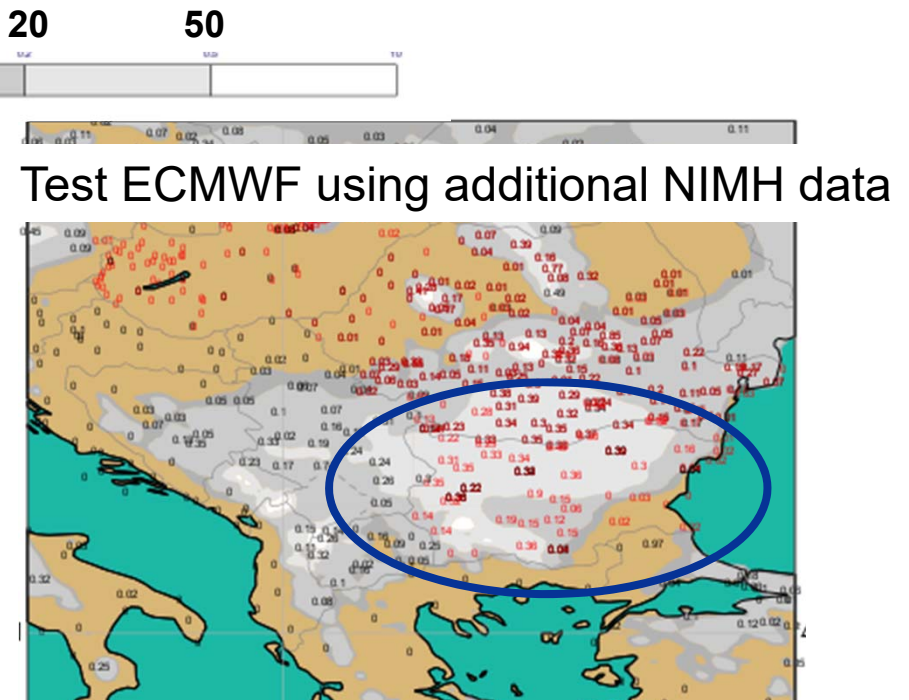
WF data acquisition, 1-month assimilation test

ble for operational use

January 2016
Snow depth in cm



Lack of observations in Bulgaria



39 more stations provided by NIMH

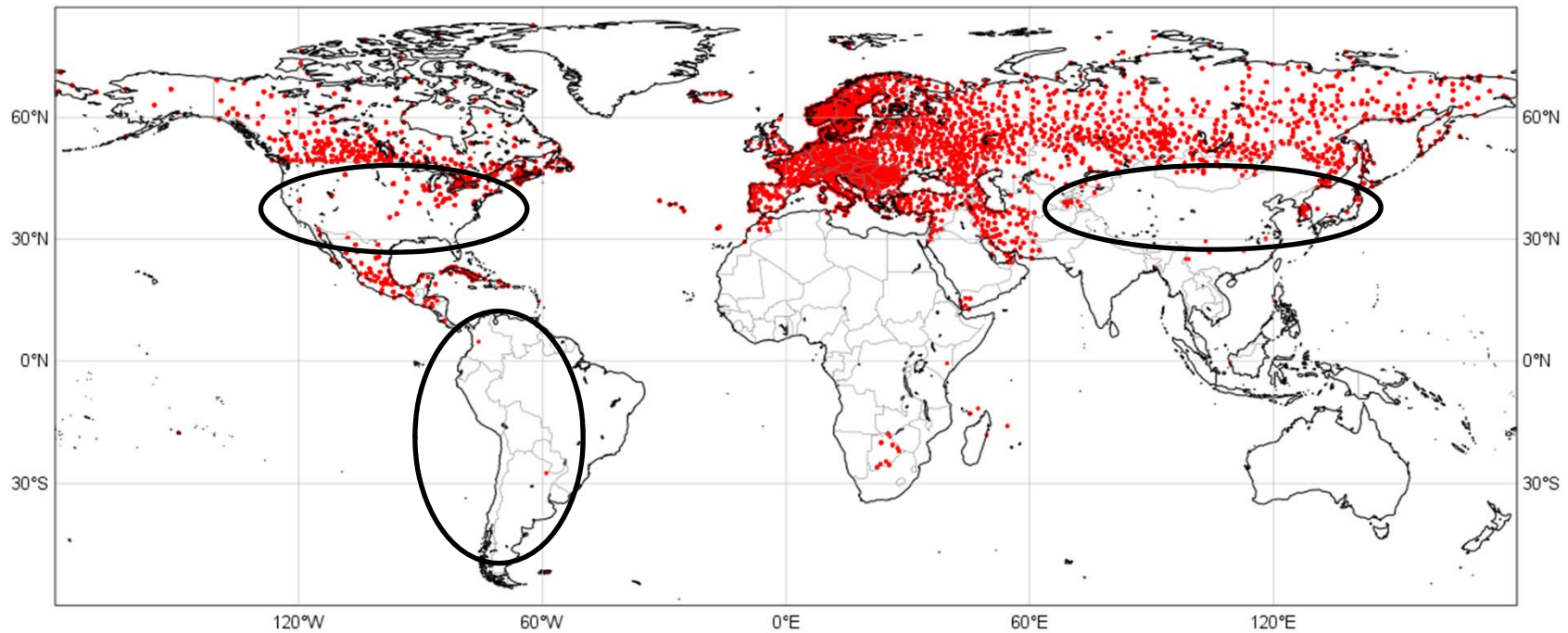
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In situ snow depth observations

GTS Snow depth availability

SYNOP TAC + SYNOP BUFR + national BUFR data

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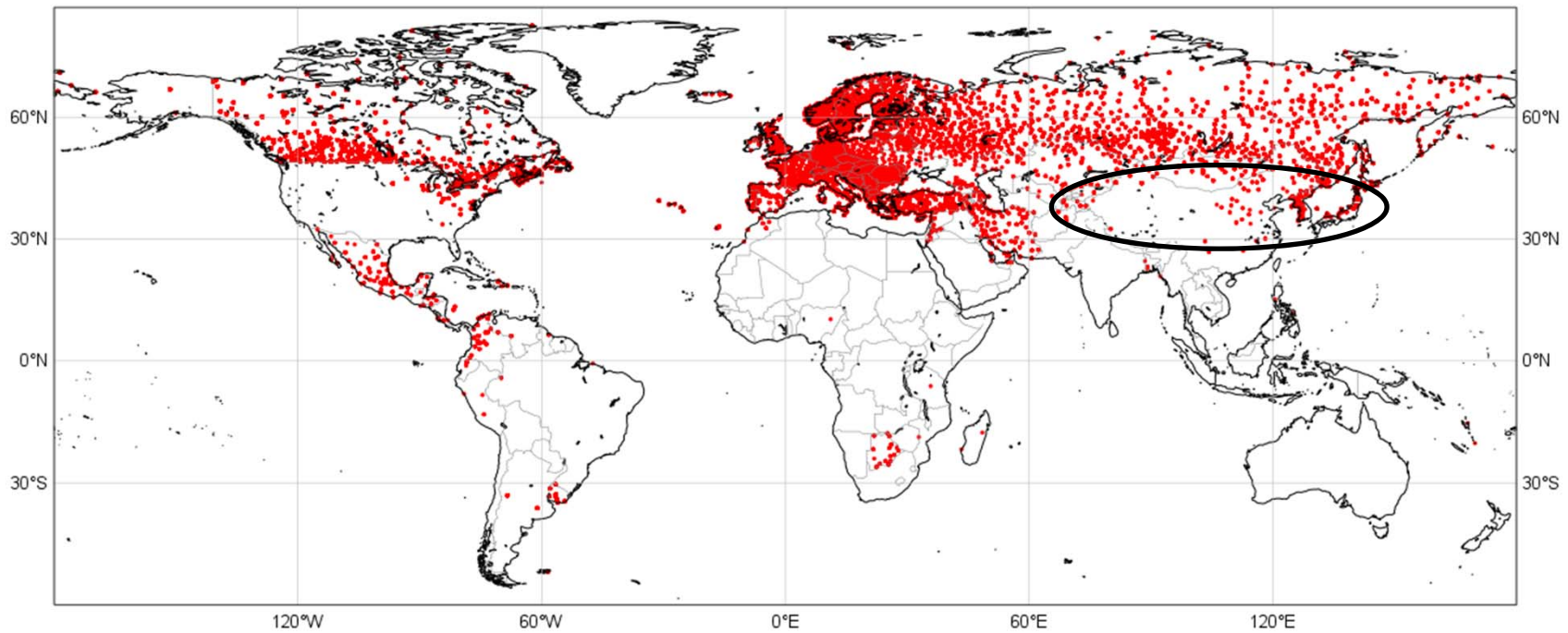


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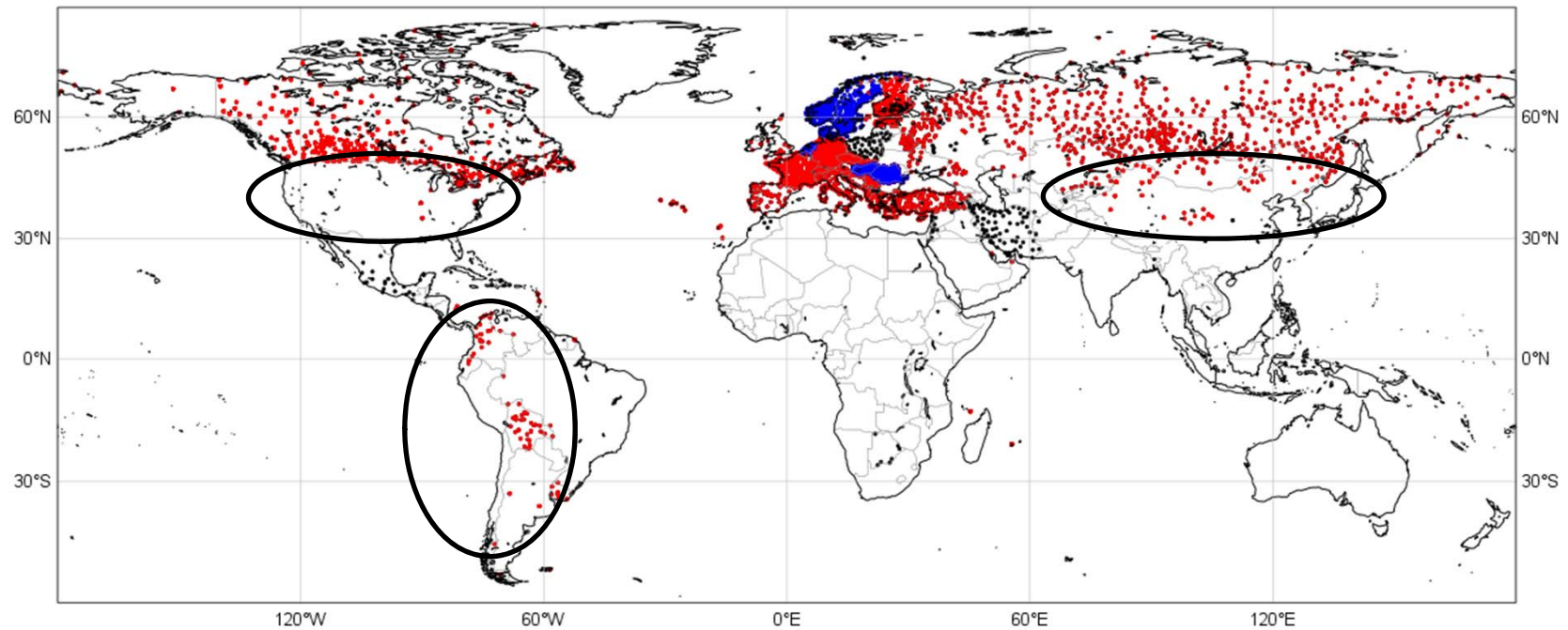


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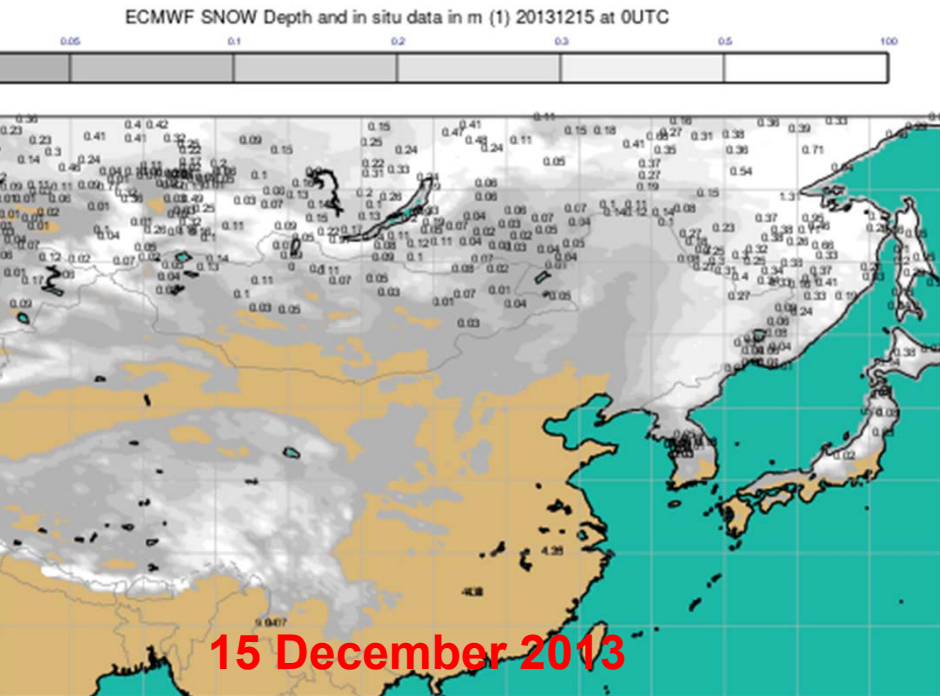
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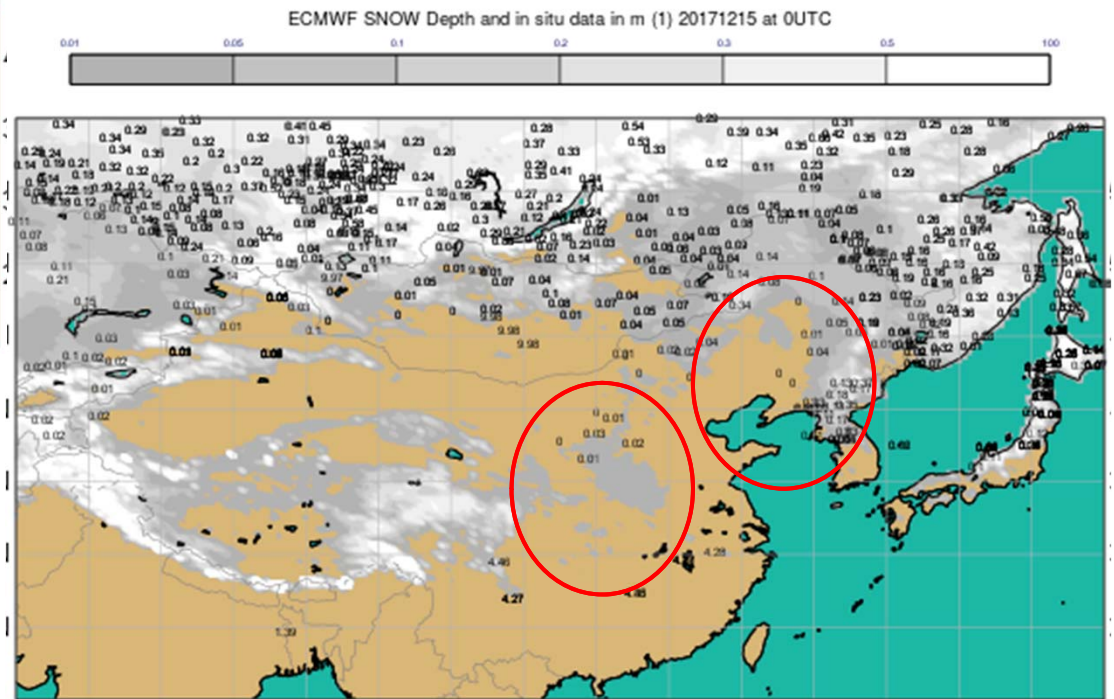


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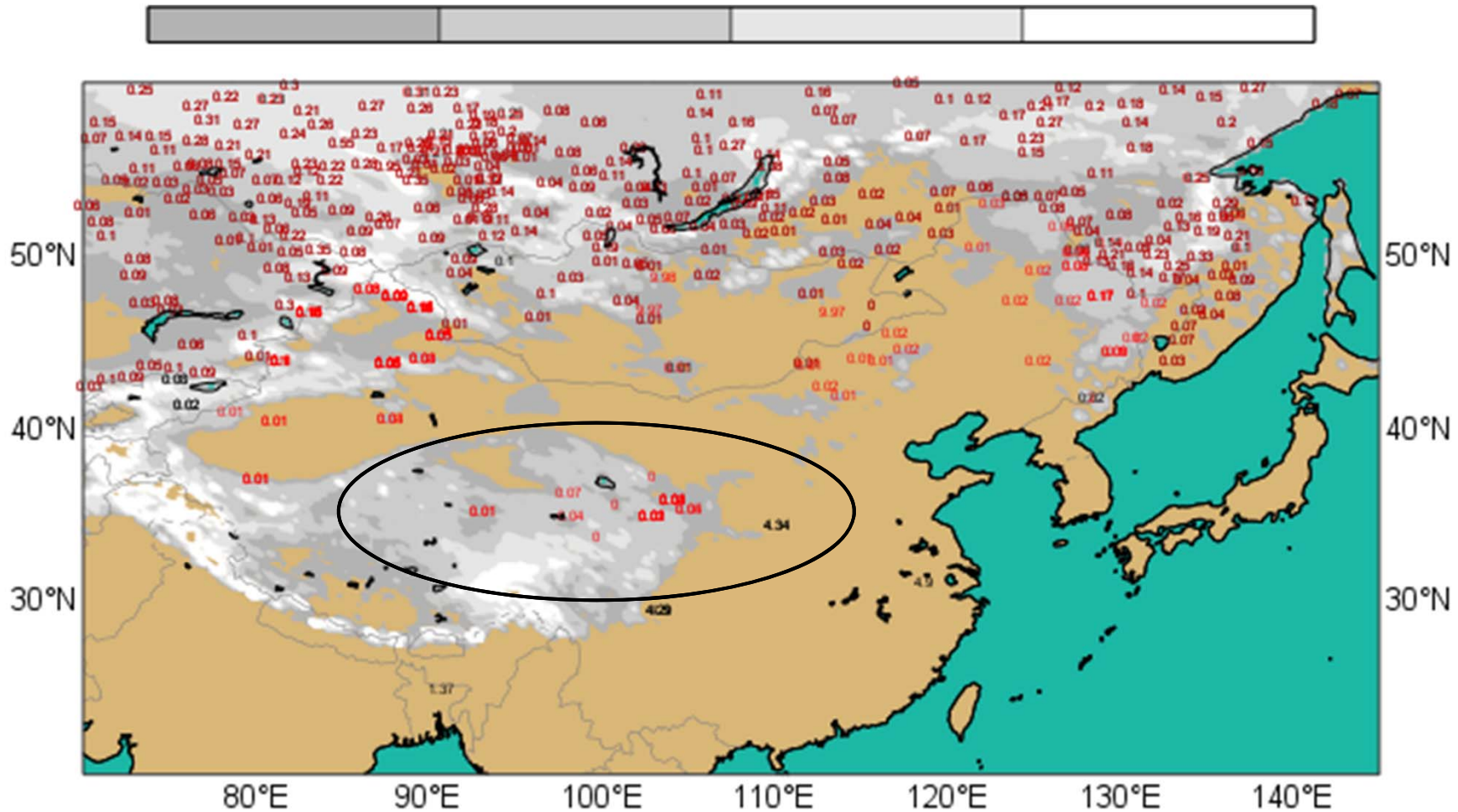
Improvement in China: About 200 new stations reporting (in snow conditions) in SYNOP BUFR



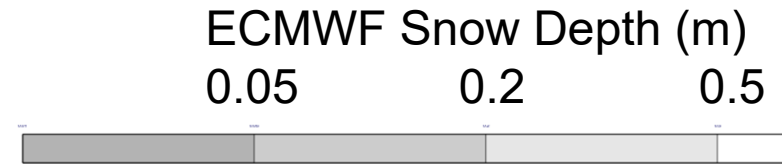
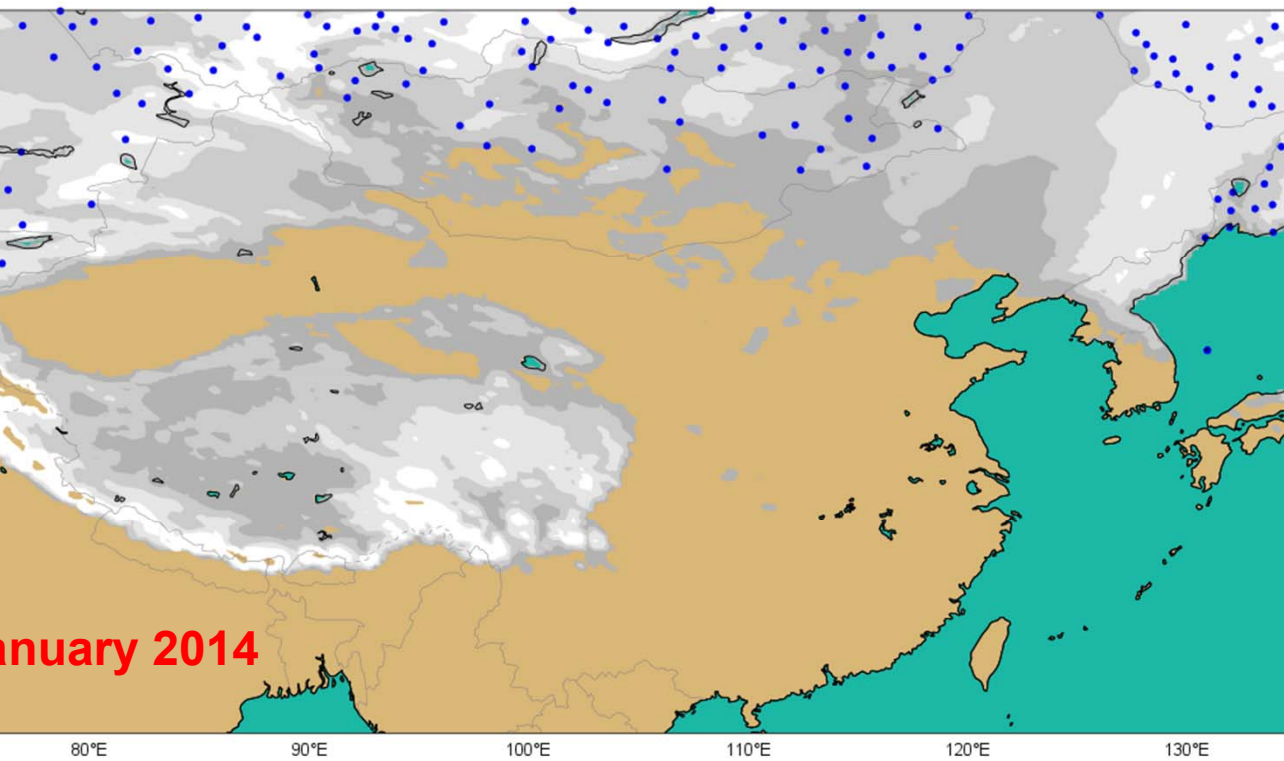
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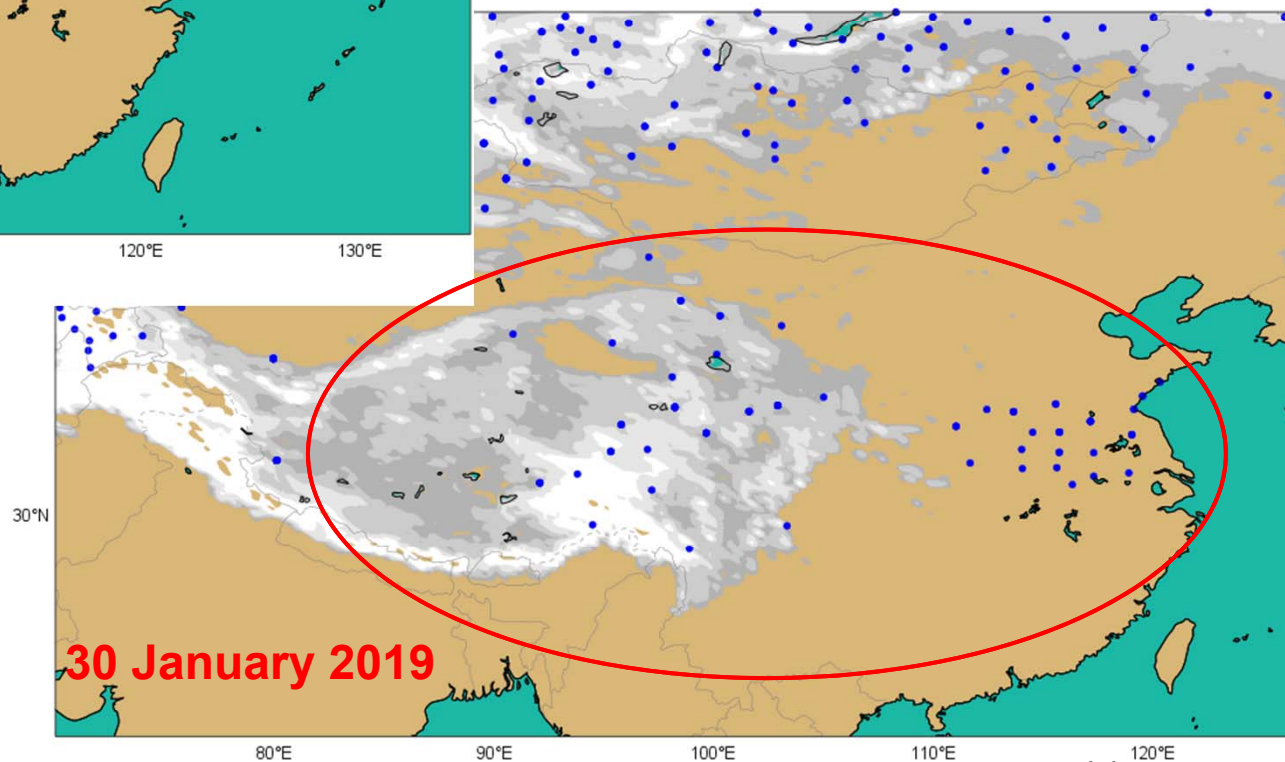
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CMA in situ snow depth observations on the GTS

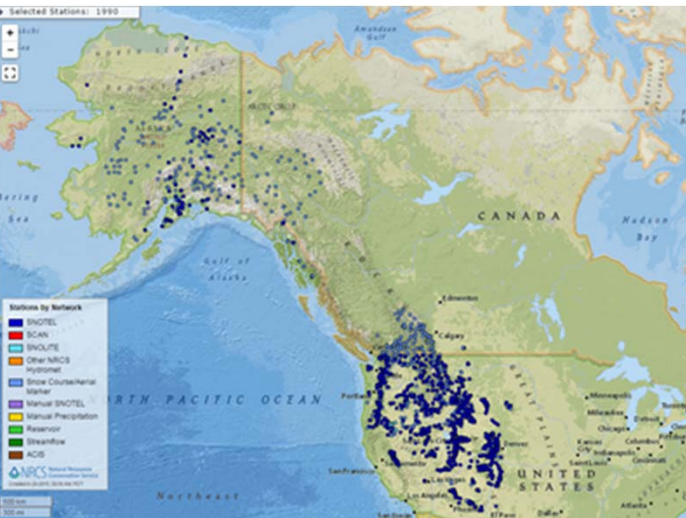


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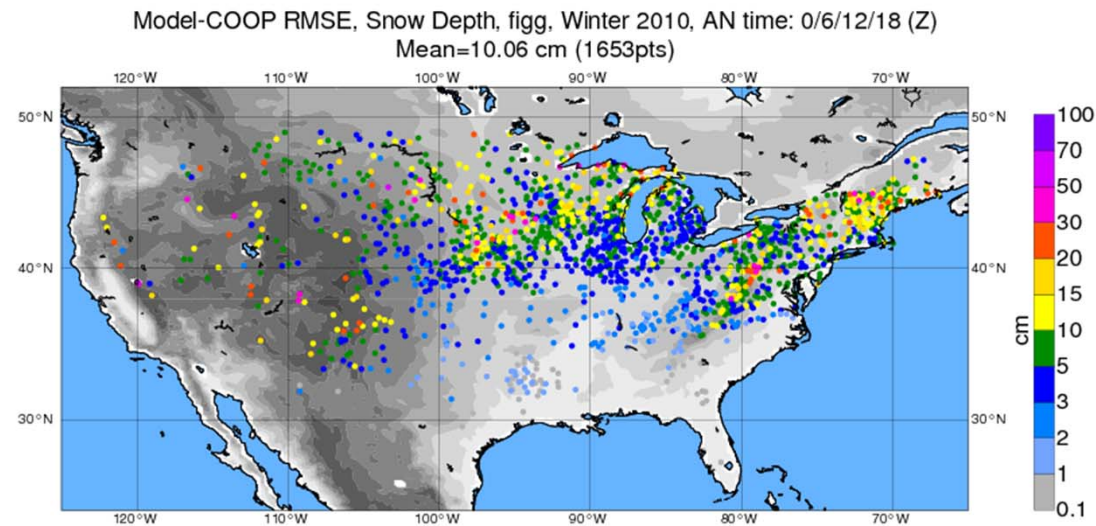


In situ snow depth observations in the US

NOTEL (Snow Telemetry) network



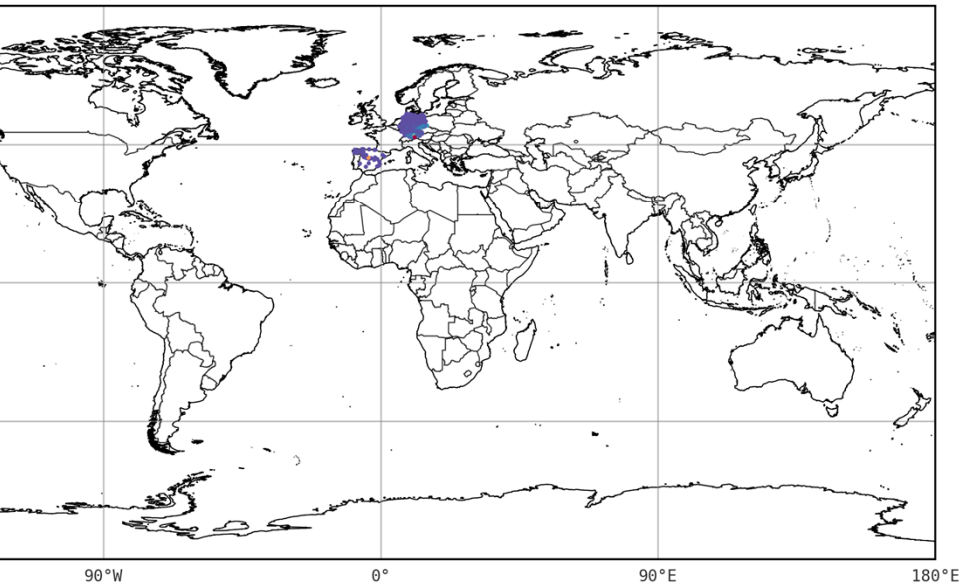
Other networks, inc. National Weather Service Cooperative Observer Program (COOP), or Soil Climate Analysis Network (SCAN) that provide thousands of stations



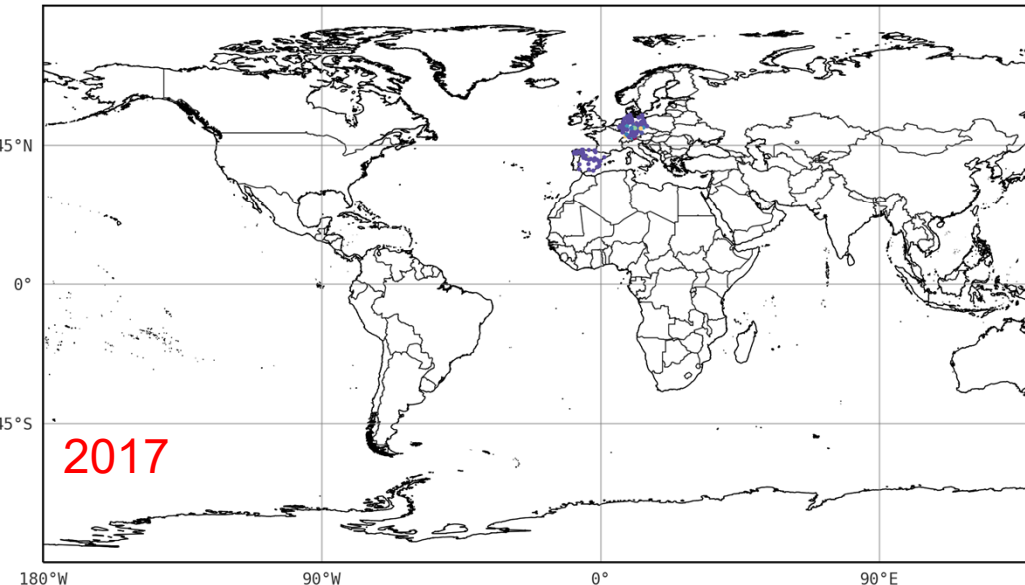
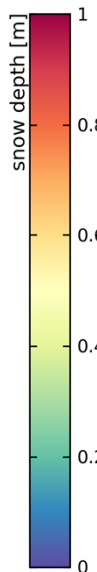
webex meeting in November in India (Ioannis Isaksen and Lars Isaksen from ECMWF attended)

next Godex meeting: webex in September
next: NOAA and US institutions committed to provide data on the GTS

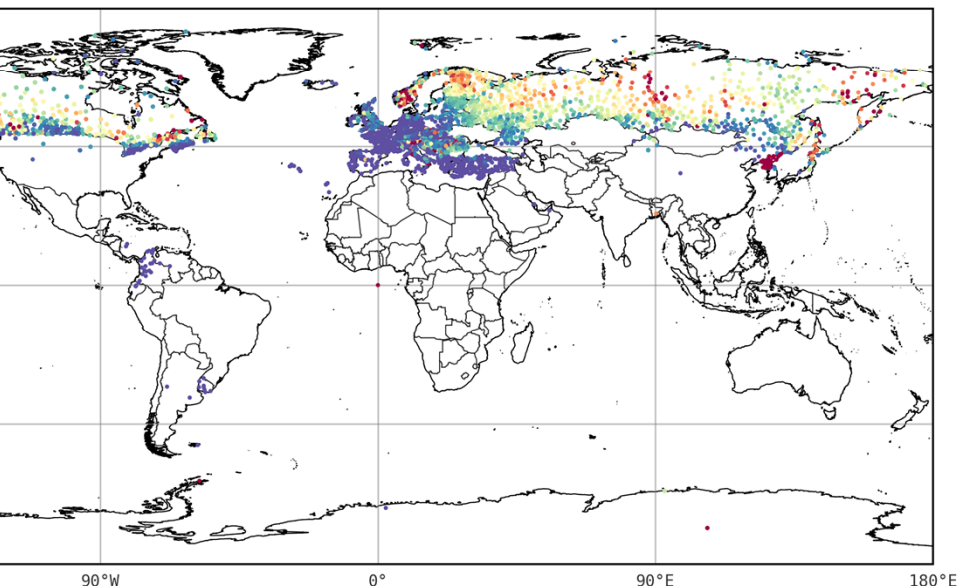
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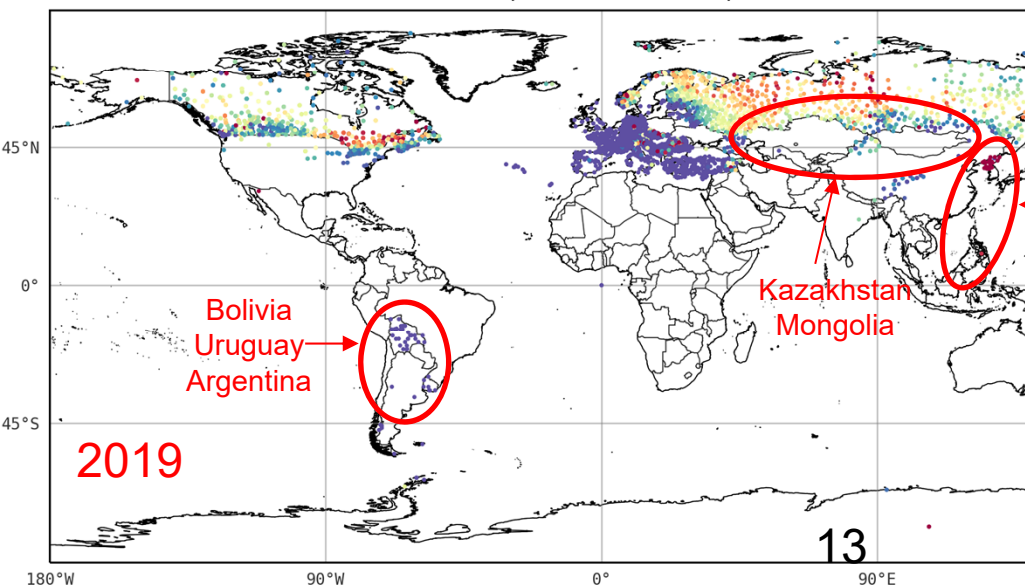
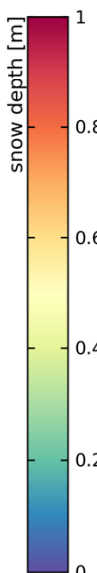
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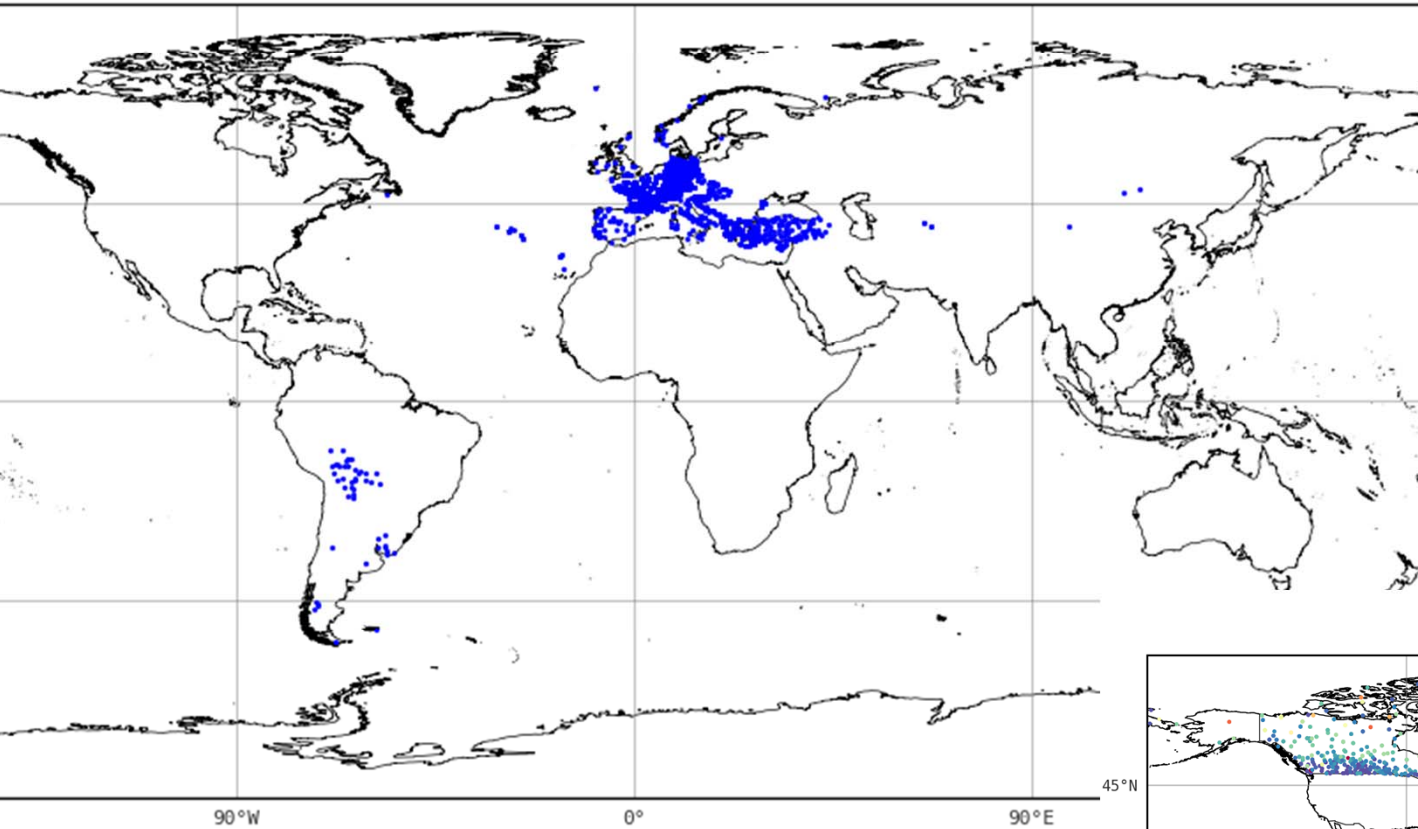
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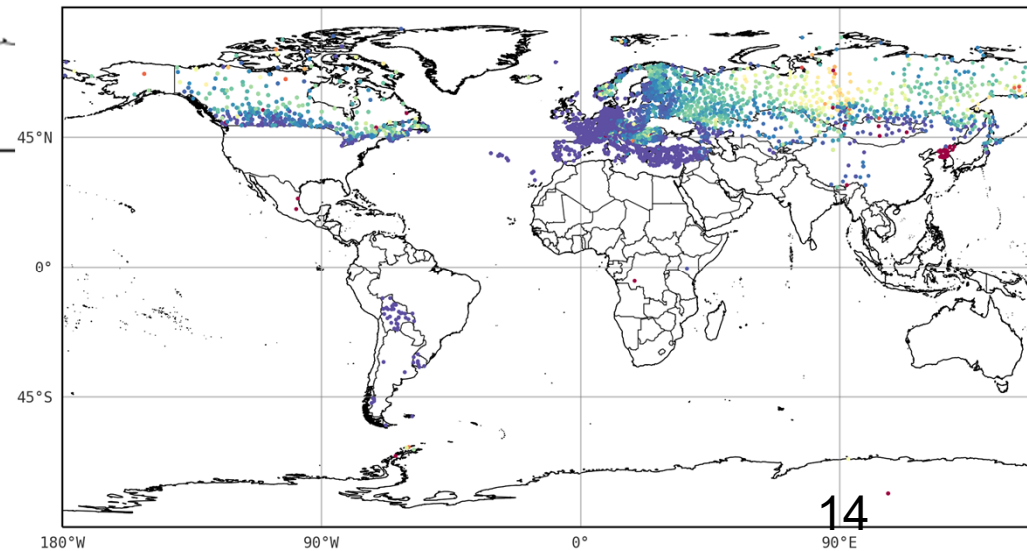


December 2018

Good uptake in Europe

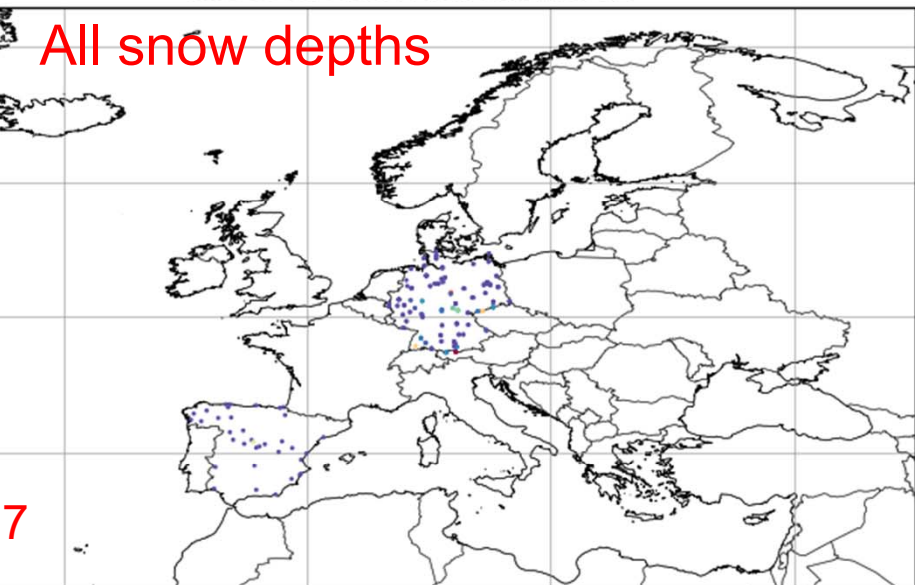
Some in China, S. America

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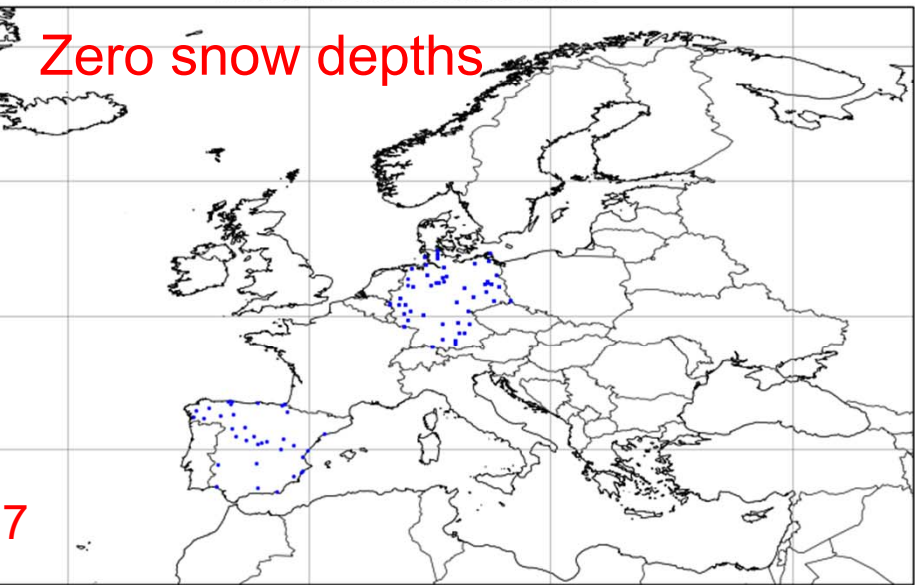
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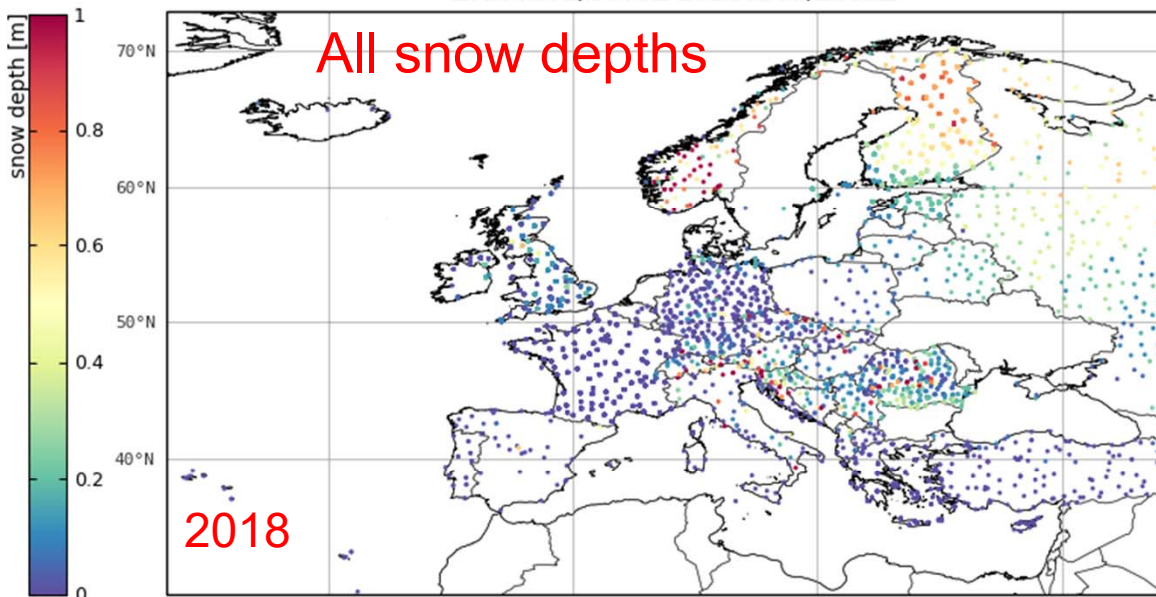
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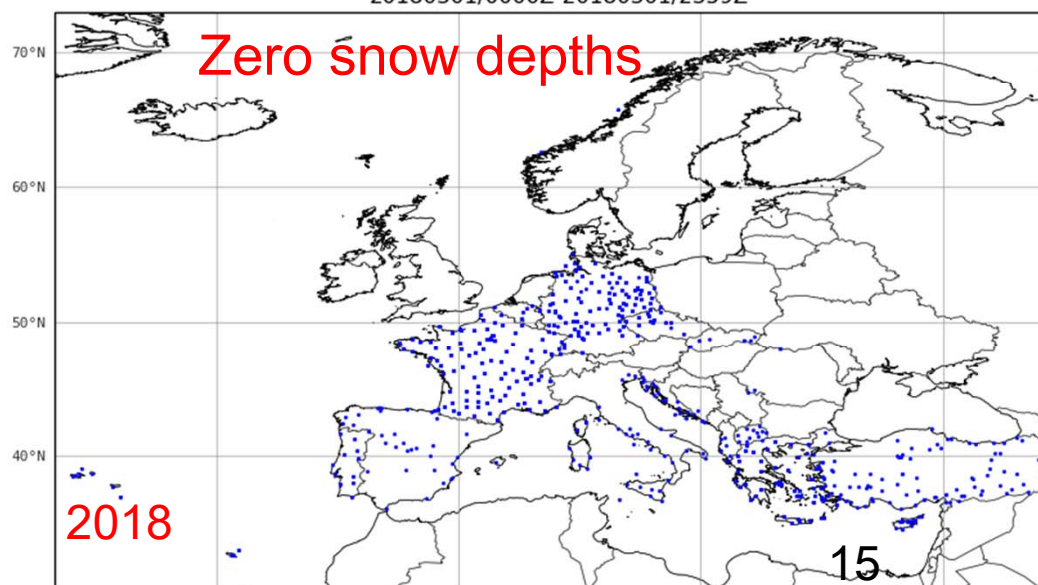
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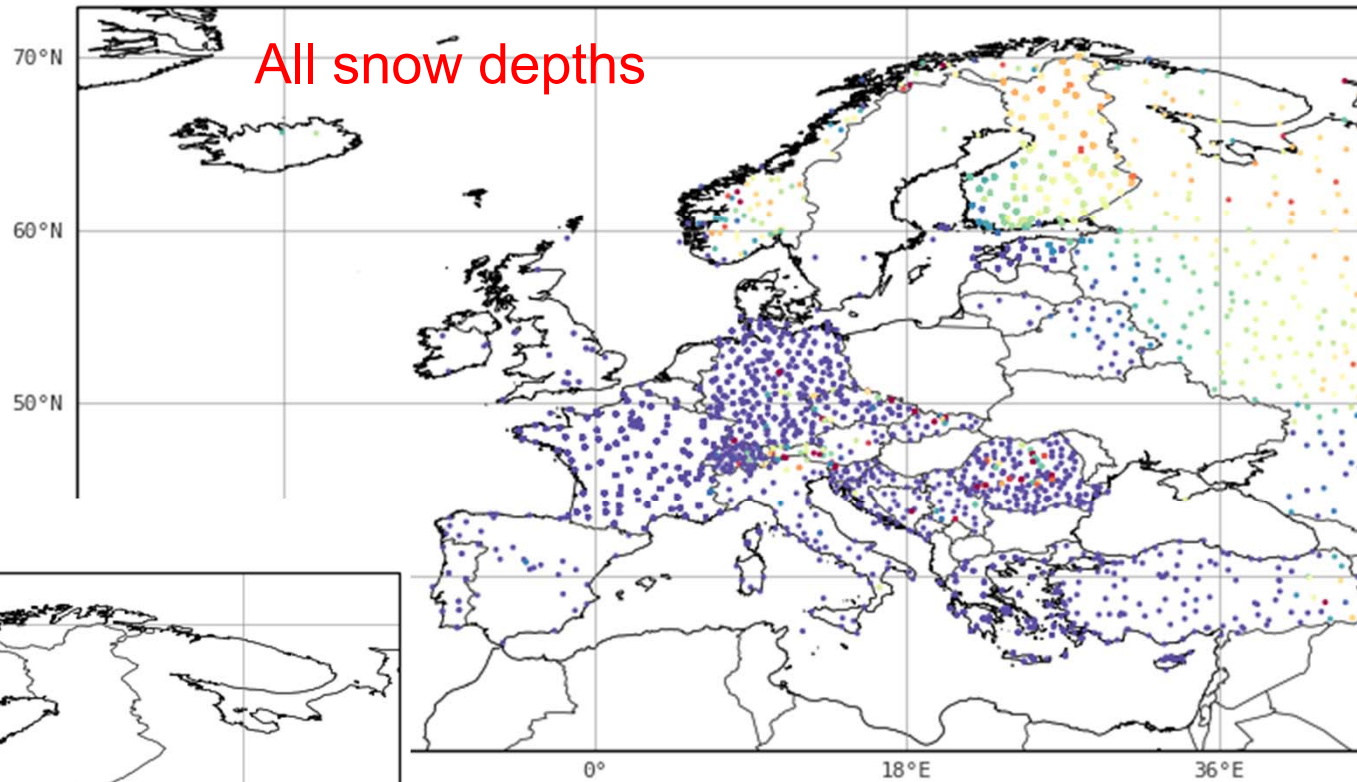
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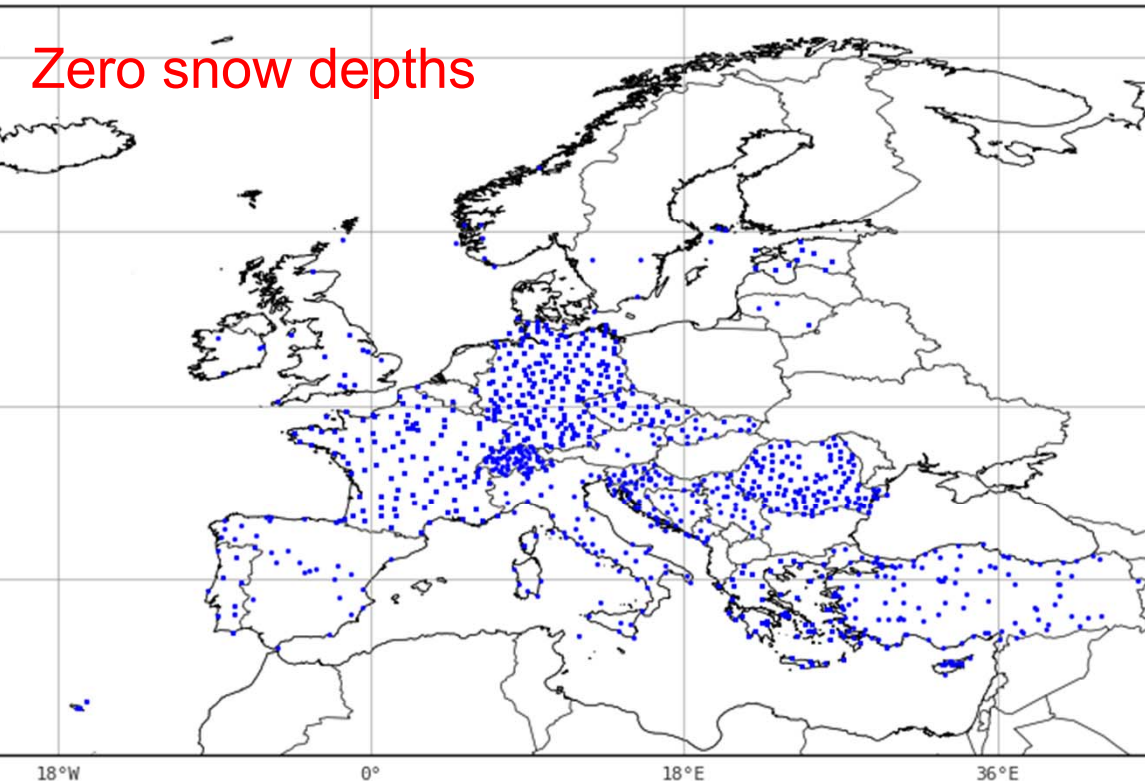


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No snow reports:
Netherlands, Poland, Denmark?, Belgium?
Latvia, Ukraine, Hungary, Albania, N. Macedo
Kosovo, Bulgaria

Report snow but not zero snow:
Belarus, Finland?, Russia?

With thanks to Cristina Charlton-Perez and Benjamin Ke

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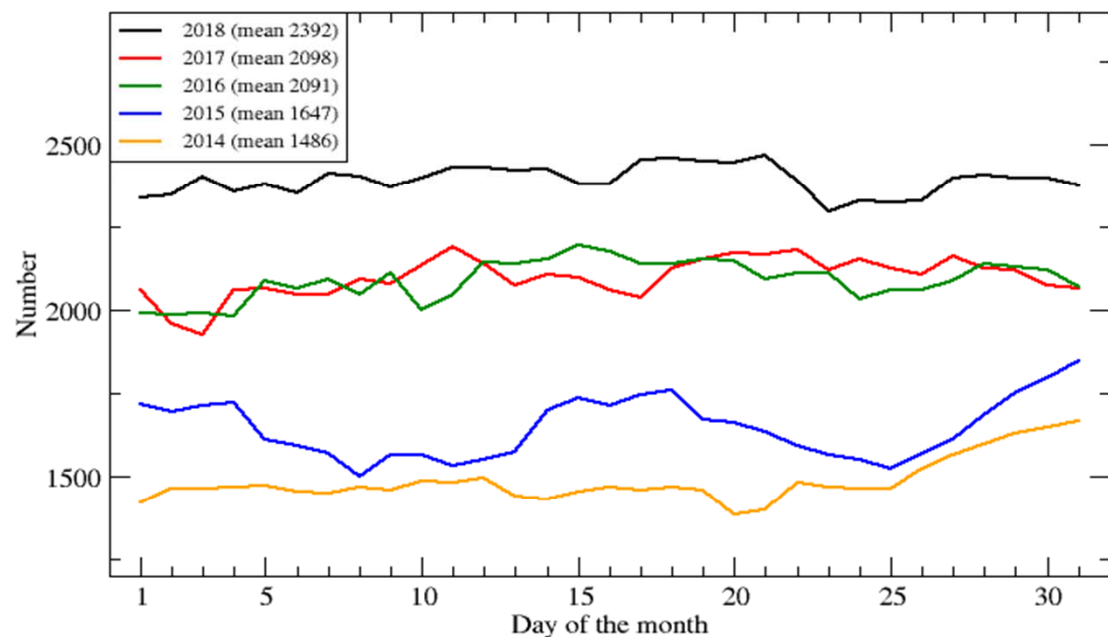
WMO Integrated Global Observing System
WIGOS NEWSLETTER

Volume 5, Number 2

Global Cryosphere Watch:
Improvements in the international
reporting of Snow Depth

Rosnay and Nitu)

Stations reporting snow depth on the GTS in December
(BUFR SYNOP, Global, 2014-2018)



Increase in available snow depth data from distinct SYNOP stations reporting in BUFR SYNOP on GTS, for the month of December of each year, from 2014 to 2018.

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Work in BUFR (2018): for NRT exchange of SWE data via GTS

IPET-CM = Inter-programme expert team on code maintenance

Low SWE BUFR approved May 2018: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/ISS/Meetings/IPET-Offenbach2018/IPET-CM_DocPlan.html

Available to WMO MSs November 2018

Presented at ECMWF TAC (Tech. Adv. Committee) in October 2018

Presented at the IPET-SUP/GODEX meeting this week (India)

GCW Snow Watch actions

International exchange of snow data

Snow Water Equivalent BUFR

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION
 COMMISSION FOR BASIC SYSTEMS
 SECOND MEETING OF
 PROGRAMME EXPERT TEAM ON
 CODES MAINTENANCE
 DORTMUND, GERMANY, 28 MAY - 1 JUNE 2018

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MANUAL ON CODES: TABLE-DRIVEN CODE FORMS
 FM 94 BUFR/FM 95 CREX

New BUFR sequence for Snow Water Equivalent (SWE)

by [Marijana Crepulja](#), [Enrico Fucile](#) and [Patricia de Rosnay](#), all from (ECMWF)

Based on the existing 3-07-101
 (Snow observation) by adding the
 WIGOS Station Identifier and the
 required elements to report the
 Snow Water Equivalent

SWE: model prognostic variable
 Relevant for data assimilation
 Long term benefit for operational
 NWP & hydrology

→ New BUFR sequence 3 07 103 & corresponding
 BUFR table B entries and code

| TABLE REFERENCE | TABLE REFERENCES | ELEMENT NAME |
|-----------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| F X Y | | |
| 3 07 103 | | (Snow observation, snow density, snow water equivalent) |
| | 3 01 150 | WIGOS identifier |
| | 3 07 101 | Snow observation |
| | 0 13 117 | Snow density |
| | 0 03 028 | Method of snow water equivalent measurement |
| | 0 13 163 | Snow water equivalent |

Code table 0 03 028 – Method of Snow Water Equivalent Measurement

| Code figure | |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 0 | MULTI POINT MANUAL SNOW SURVEY |
| 1 | SINGLE POINT MANUAL SNOW WATER EQUIVALENT MEASUREMENT |
| 2 | SNOW PILLOW OR SNOW SCALE |
| 3 | PASSIVE GAMMA |
| 4 | GNSS/GPS METHODS |
| 5 | COSMIC RAY ATTENUATION |
| 6 | TIME DOMAIN REFLECTOMETRY |
| 7-62 | Reserved |
| 63 | Missing |

T Actions: HarmoSnow (2014-2018)



- Aim: To enhance the capability of the research community and operational services to provide and exploit quality-assured and comparable regional and global observation-based data on the variability of the state and extent of snow.
- 13 workshops, 21 meeting, 3 field campaigns, 1 training school, 8 publications and support to the European snow booklet
- Web: WWW.HARMOSNOW.EU



COST Actions: EuroSnow (in prep)

Aim of EuroSnow

- Strengthen the established network of snow information providers and
- Coordinate the process of the utilization of snow information through measurement via assimilation into numerical models and user-oriented products on European level
- Assisting community sections affected by snow related hazards and extreme events.

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