

# DMIP 2: First Results from North Fork American River

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# Distributed Model Intercomparison Project (DMIP)

## Phase 2 Scope



### Tests with Complex Hydrology

1. Snow, Rain/snow events
2. Soil Moisture
3. Lumped and Distributed



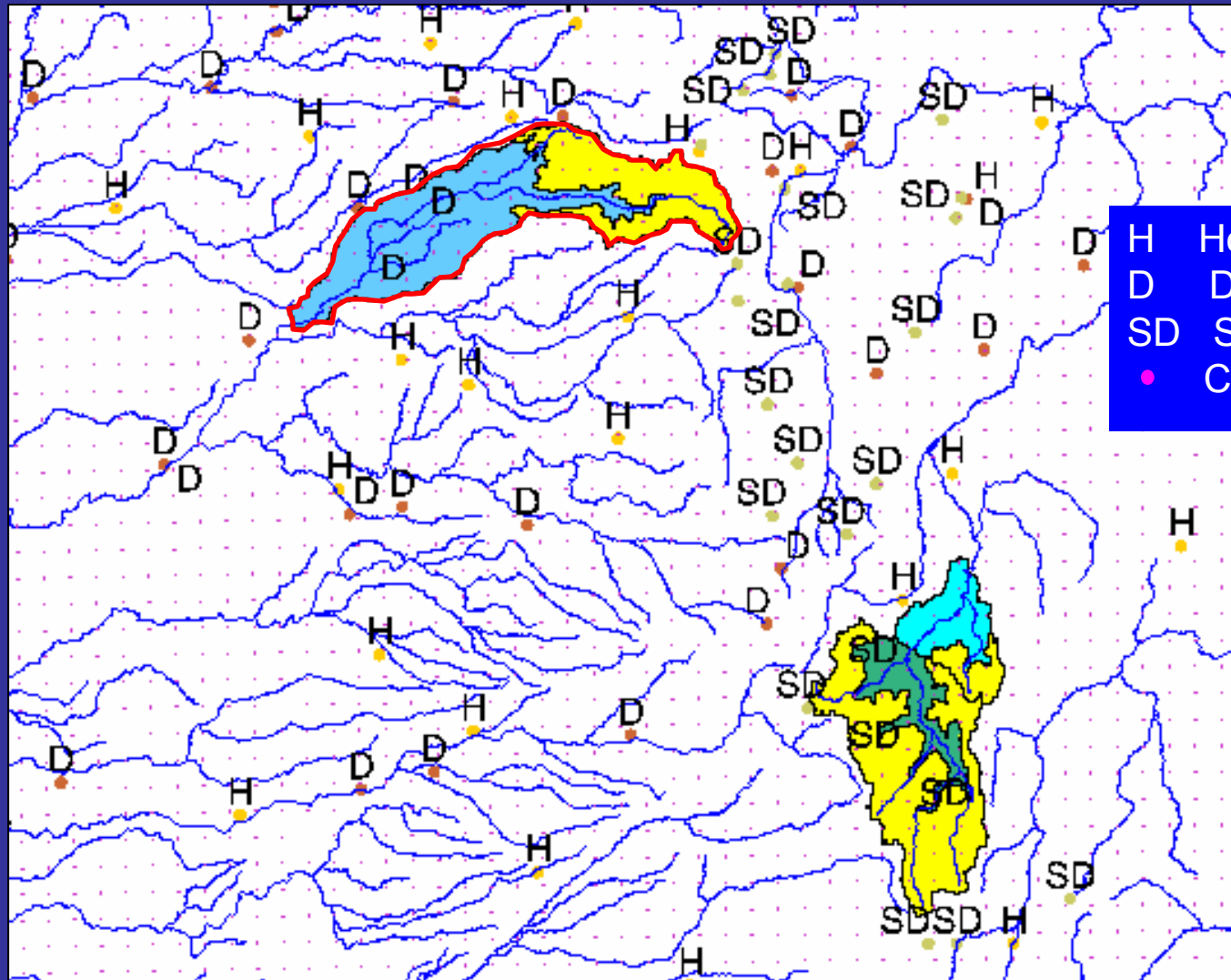
### Additional Tests in DMIP 1 Basins

1. Routing
2. Soil Moisture
3. Lumped and Distributed

# North Fork American River Near Iowa Hill Bridge



# DMIP 2 Western Basins: Gauge Network for 'Basic' Data (mimic RFC operations)

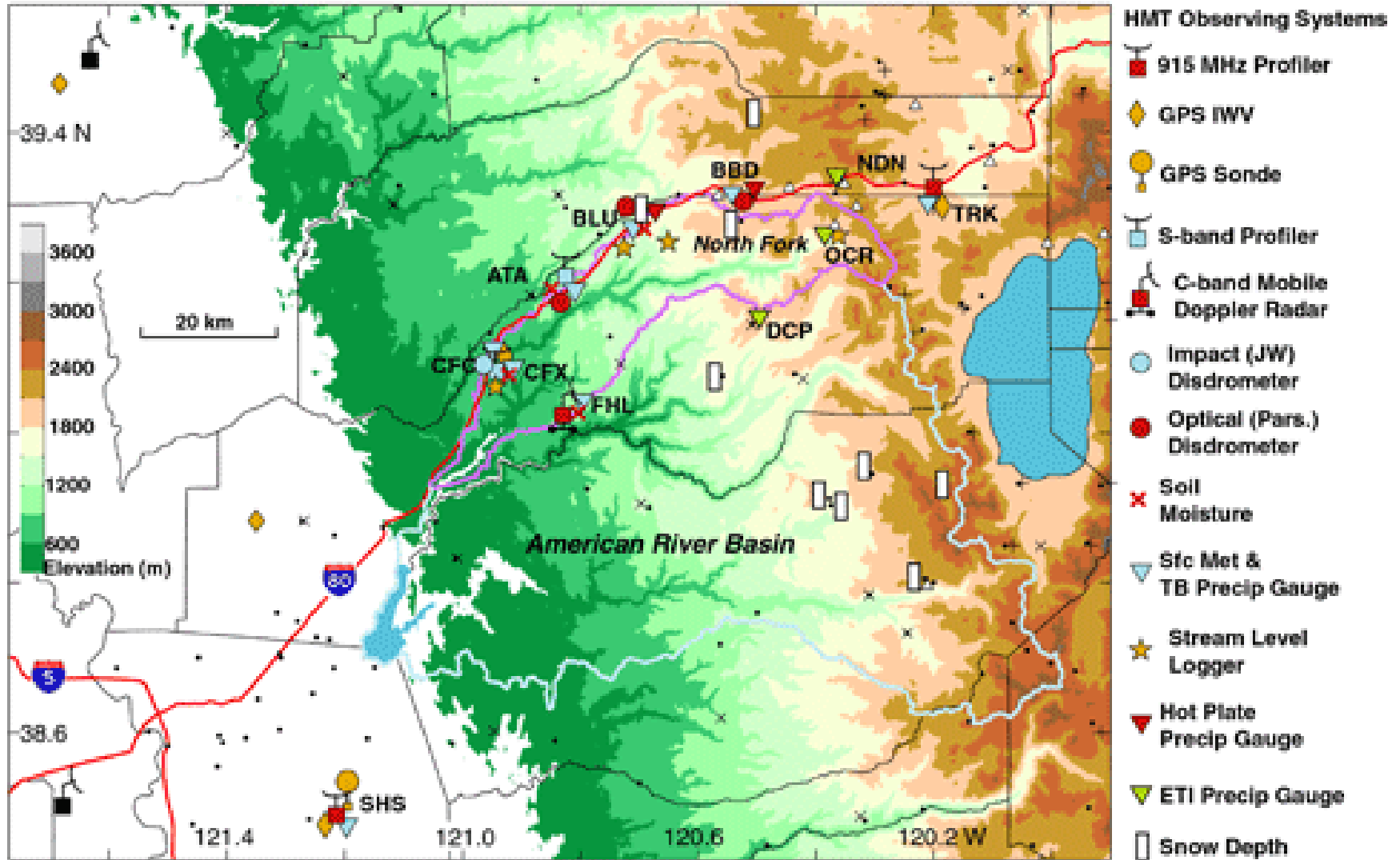


- H Hourly gauges
- D Daily gauges
- SD SNOTEL daily gauges
- Center of HRAP grids

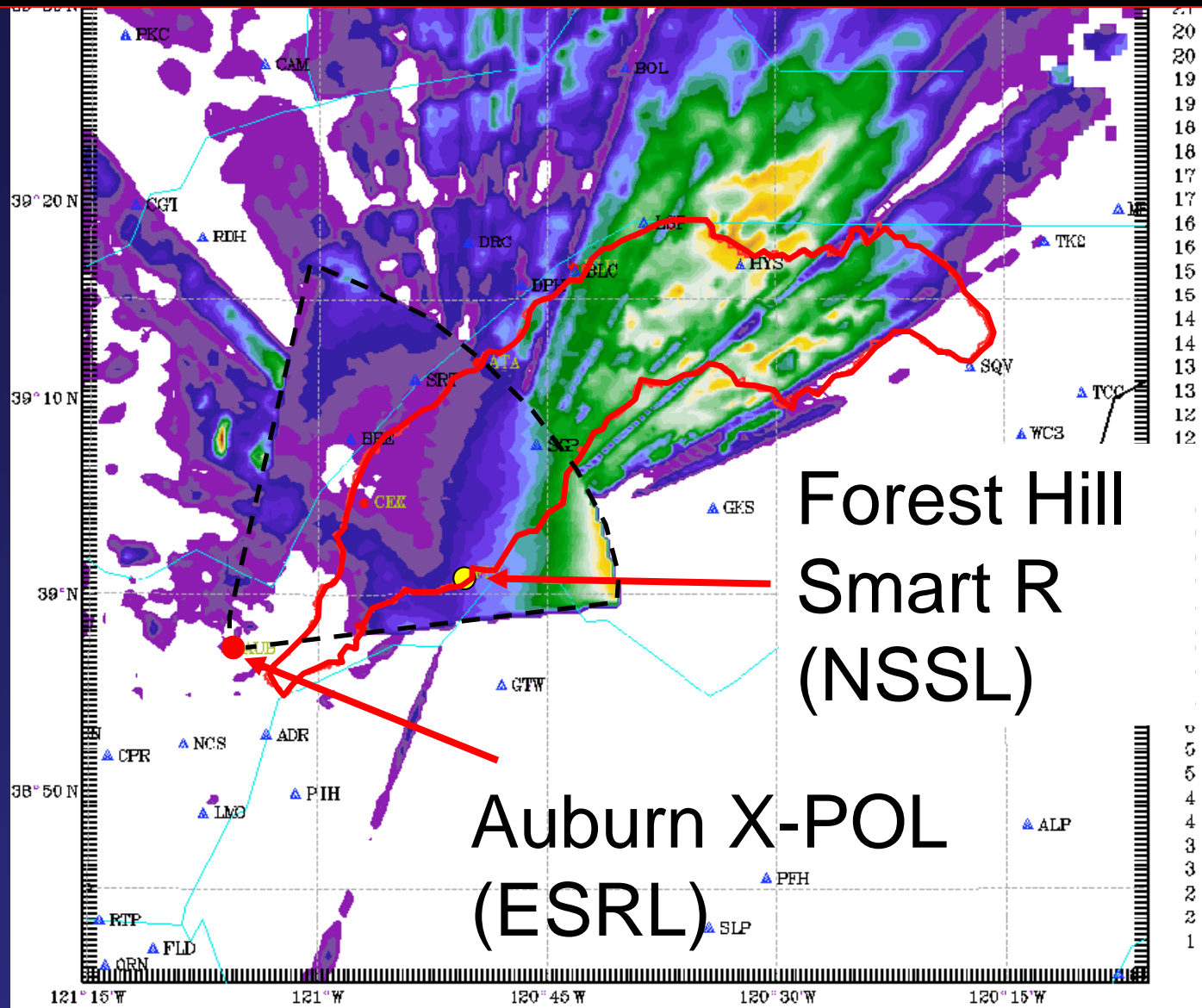
Precipitation  
And  
Temperature

# Additional Data for DMIP 2

## HMT-WEST 2006-2007: Basin Scale Domain



# DMIP 2 Western Basins: Leverage HydroMet Testbed Radar QPE



Two Radars in  
2005-2006

Forest Hill  
Smart R  
(NSSL)

Auburn X-POL  
(ESRL)

# QPE Data Processing for Use in DMIP 2

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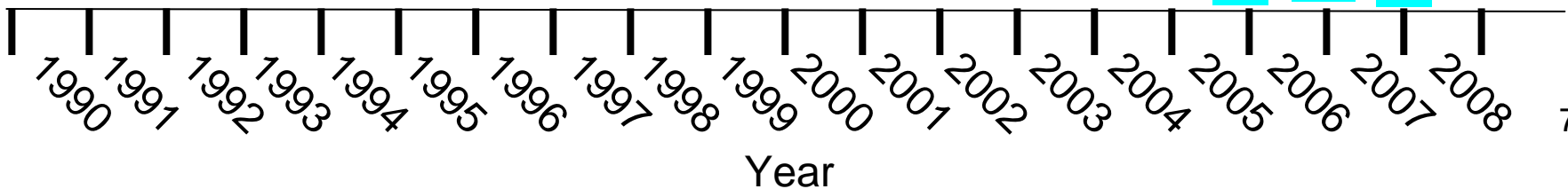
## Step 3

Gridded Precipitation for each IOP replaces Basic Data

Analysis of Data ESRL, NSSL, OHD

HMT-West Observations Gathered

1 2 3



# STATUS: Use of HMT Data and DMIP 2 Science Questions

	1 Data	2 Type	3 Processing	4 Status	5 DMIP 2 Modeling Experiment	6 DMIP 2 Science Questions
1	NCDC, Snotel precip and temperature	'Basic Data' represents RFC current data	Process into grids	Complete through 2006; being used by DMIP 2 participants through 2002	Run lumped and dist. models with data currently available	Can we run dist. models now with current data in mountains? Is there gain over lumped models? DMIP 2 Science Plan question VIII, pg. 9
2	<b>HMT</b> gap filling radar QPE for IOPs	HMT 'value added' QPE; corrected for mean field bias	1. Replace 'basic' grids with HMT value added	Delivered to OHD; tested cases	Run lumped, dist. models with HMT 'value added' QPE	Can we run advanced distributed models using emerging data? Is there gain over lumped models? DMIP 2 Science Plan question IX, pg. 9
3			2. Use MPE, gauge data for correction	Processed all '05/'06 cases	Run lumped, dist. Models with HMT 'value added QPE	Same as above
4	<b>HMT</b> estimates of freezing level for IOPs	HMT 'value added' freezing level	Flag grids as rain/snow given freezing level	Data collected; approach identified from 2 journal papers	Run models with new freezing level data; compare to current RFC approach	Art Henkel thinks the greatest improvements may be from better rain/snow level detection. DMIP 2 Science Plan question X, pg. 10
5	<b>HMT</b> additional in situ rain, temp gauge data	Denser in situ network	Process into grids using MPE or Schaake's program	Data from CDEC delivered to OHD by Dave Kingsmill;	Lumped, distributed model runs with forcings from networks of various densities.	What is required gauge density in mountainous areas? DMIP 2 Science Plan question IX, pg. 9
6	<b>HMT</b> Soil Moisture	HMT value added	QC, process into point time series	Some data collected; new sensors to be installed	Validate distributed models:	Using soil moisture obs., can we understand if we're getting the right answer for right reason? 8 DMIP 2 Science Plan question IX, pg. 9



# DMIP 2 Participants for Western Basins with 'Basic' Data

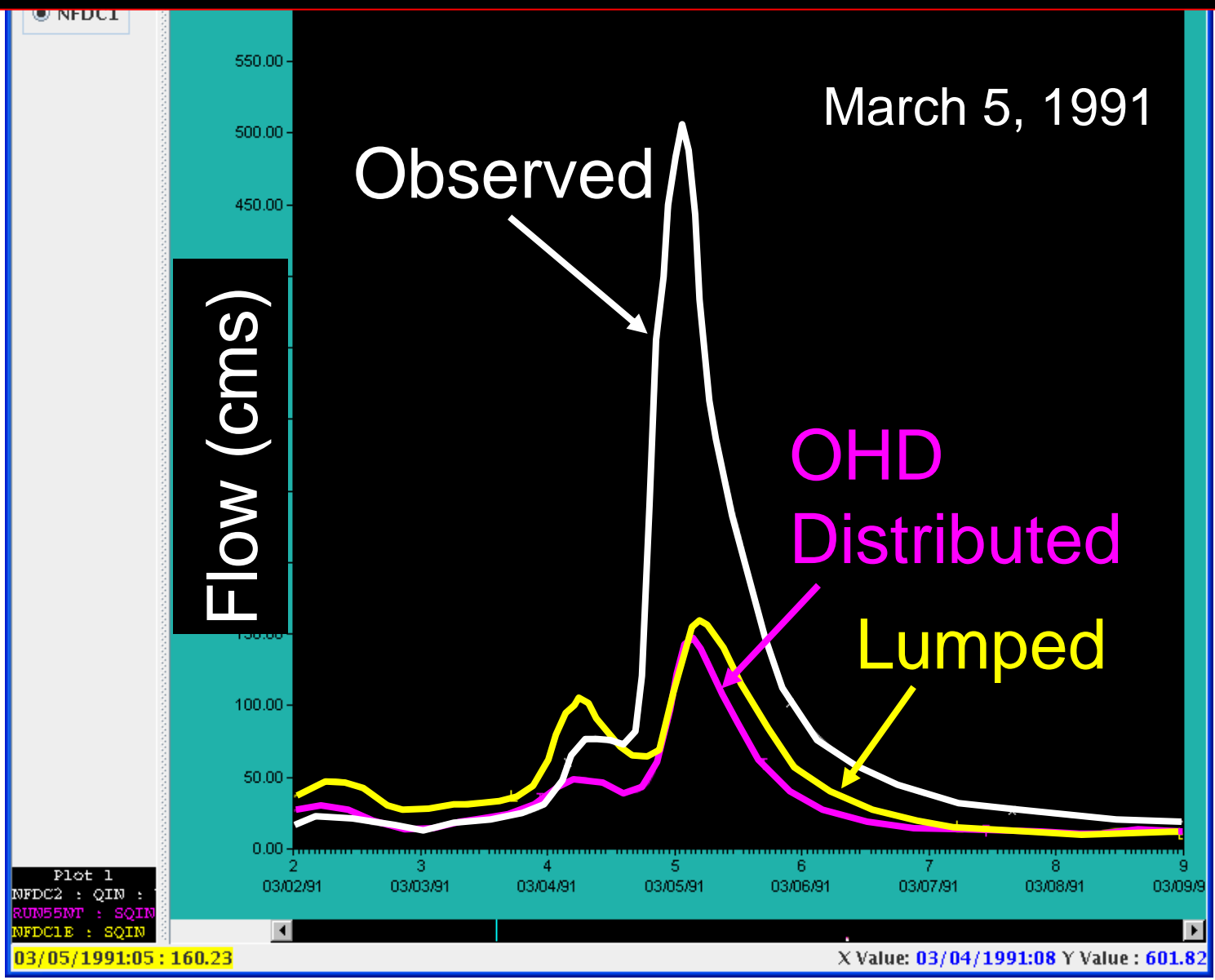
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- U. Illinois
- Hydrologic Research Center
- U. Bologna
- U. California at Irvine
- U. Nebraska at Lincoln
- U. Arizona

Note: Results not yet analyzed

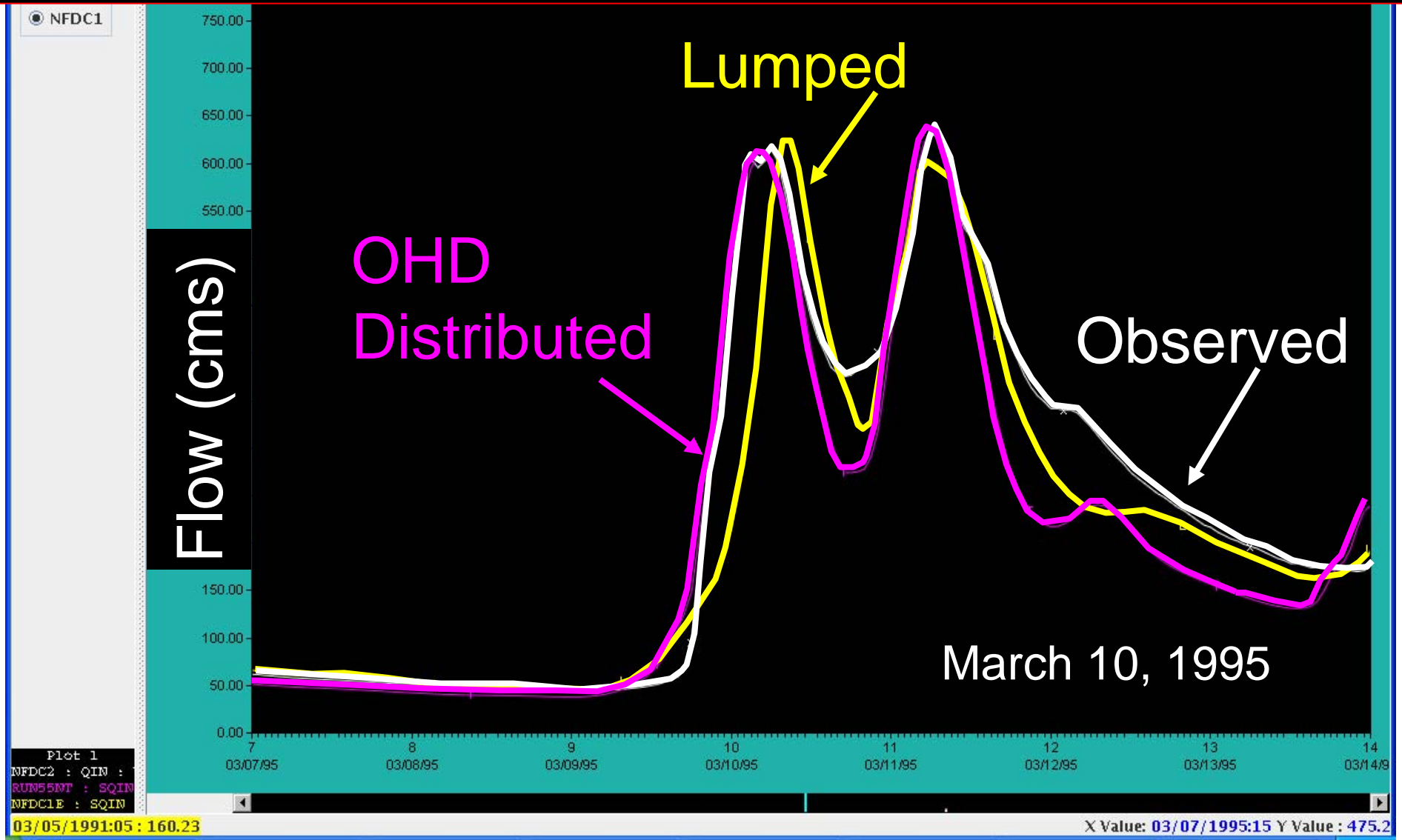
# OHD DMIP 2 North Fork Streamflow Simulations Using Basic Data

- OHD Lumped model (standard)
  - Two elevation zones; 5000 ft.
  - Calibrated
- OHD distributed model
  - 48 grid cells, ~4km x 4km
  - Calibrated:
    - Started with calibrated lumped parameters
    - Manual calibration of parameters (scalars)
    - Maintain elevation zone relationships
    - Basic scripts developed to generate zone parameters

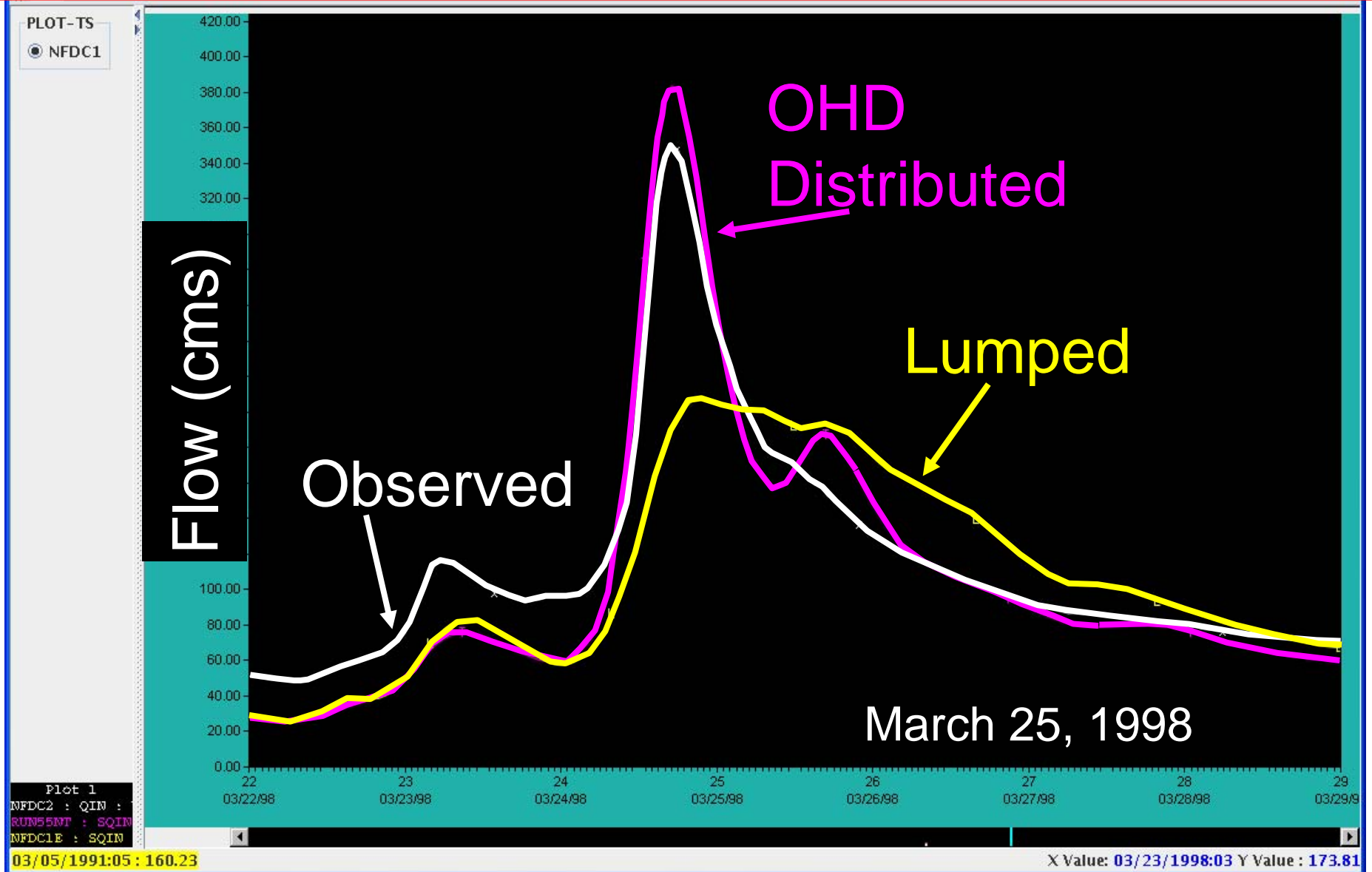
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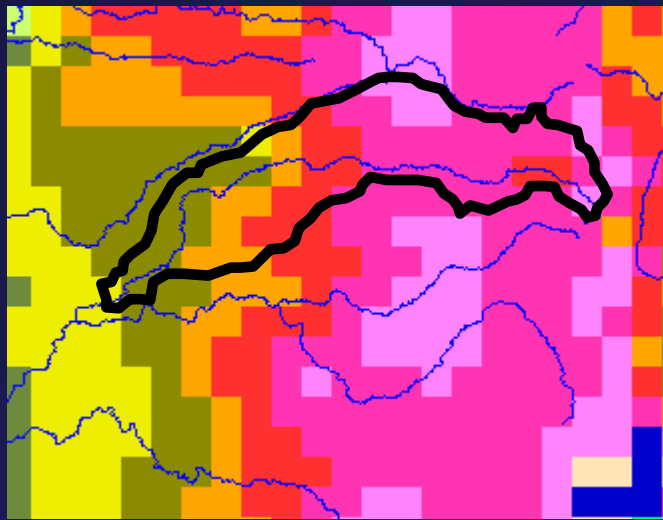


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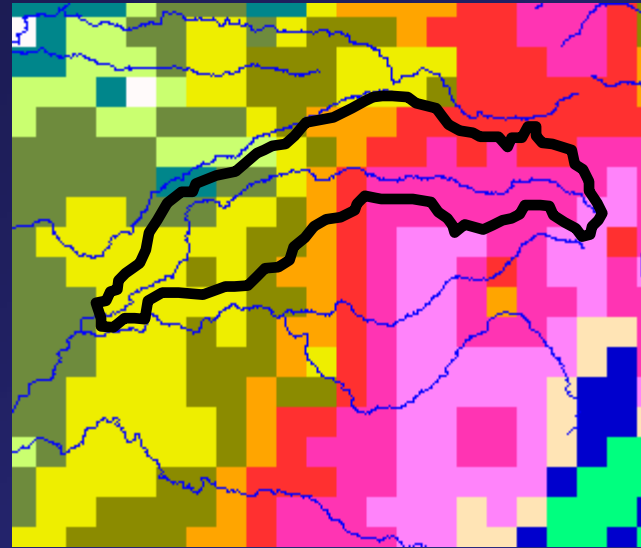


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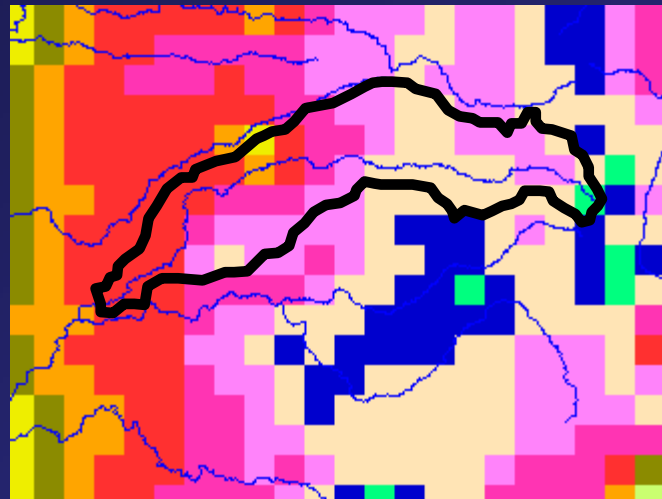




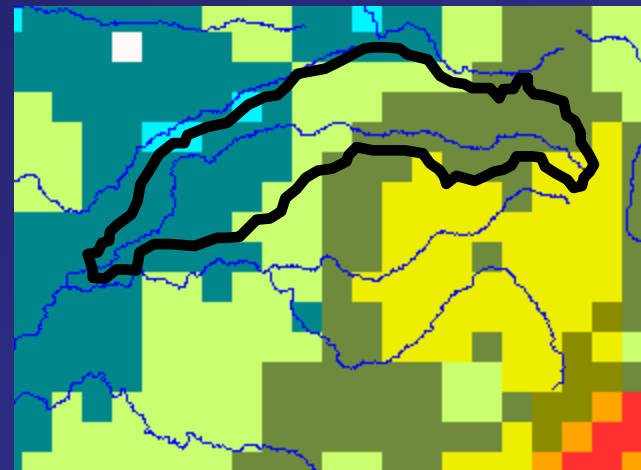
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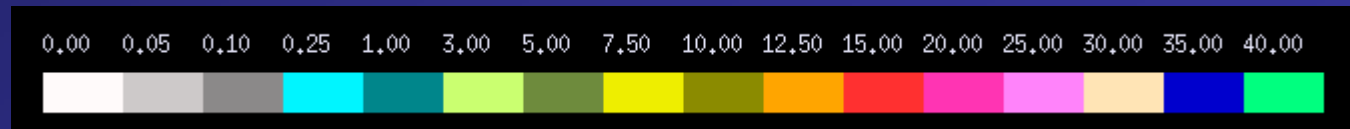
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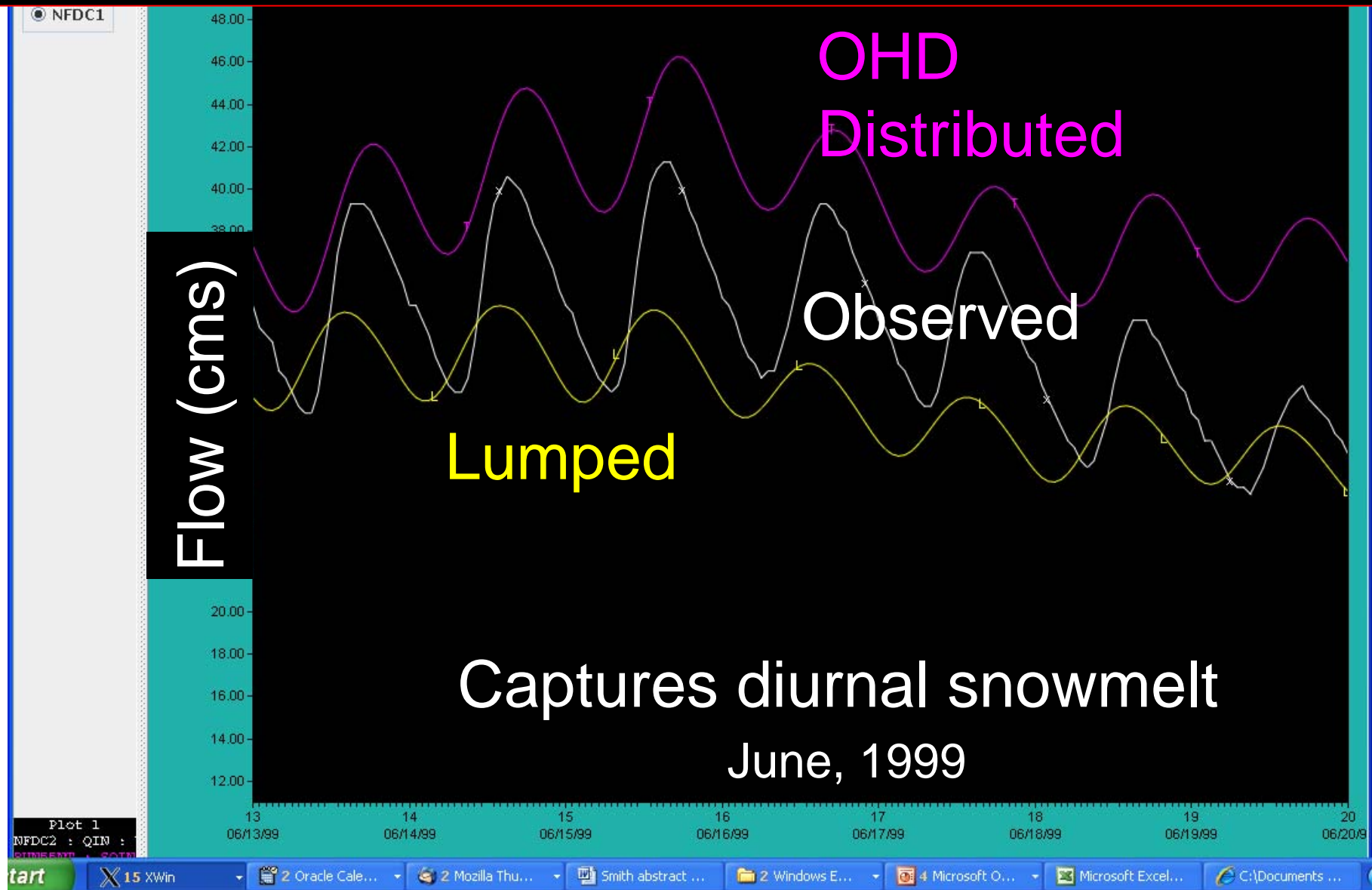
Mar. 23-25, 1998  
6hr. precipitation  
accumulations

(XDMS Images)



6 hour accumulation in mm

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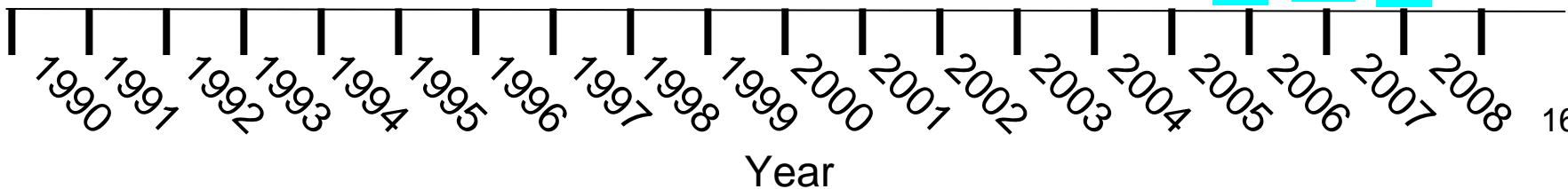
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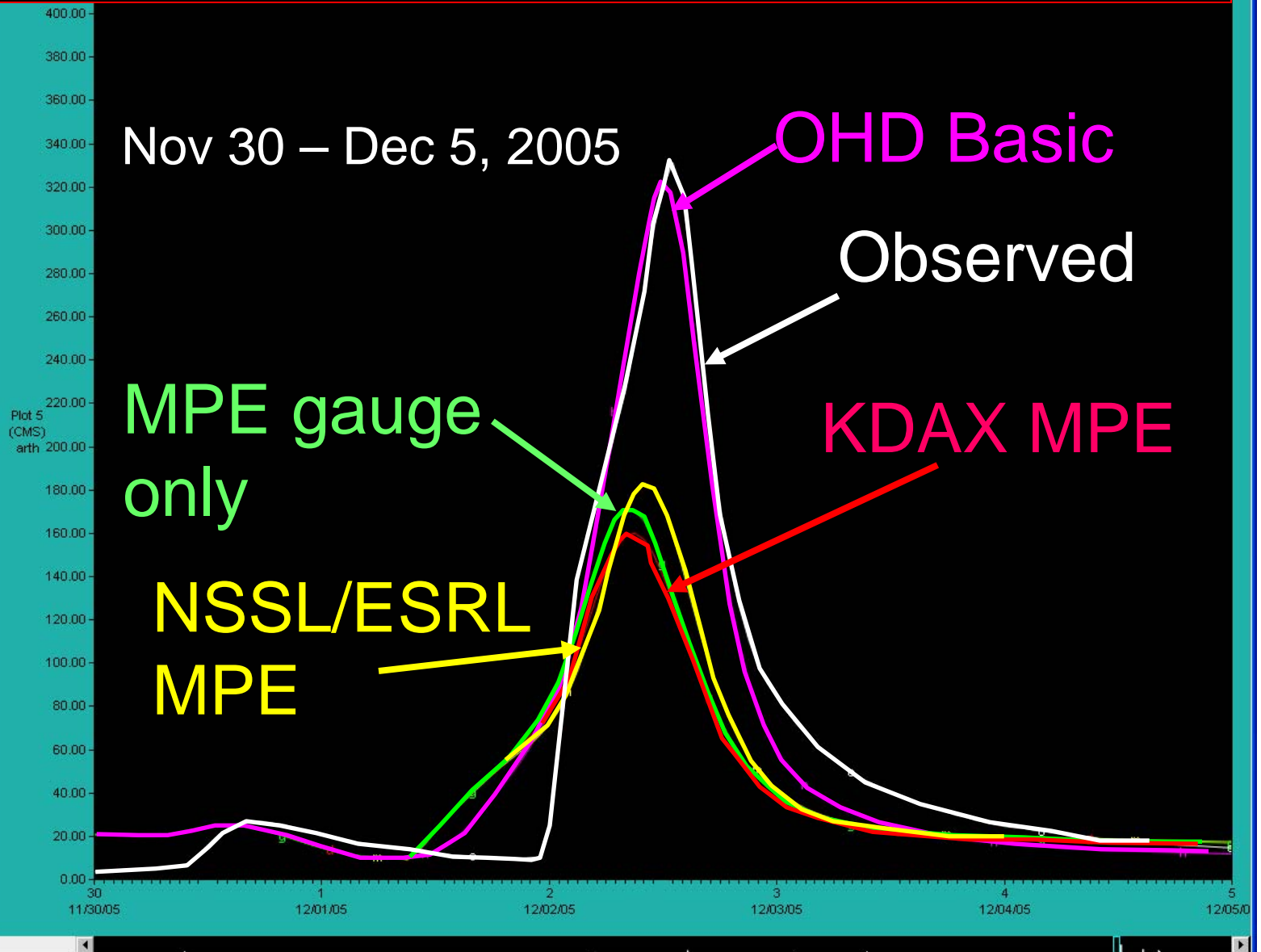
# Initial Distributed Model Analysis of Gridded Precipitation Data: 4 QPE Cases for HMT

- OHD gauge only
  - NCDC hourly/daily and SNOTEL
  - PRISM,  $1/d^{1/2}$
- MPE gauge only
  - 12 Hourly NCDC gauges
  - No PRISM,  $1/d^2$
- KDAX/gauge (MPE)
  - 12 Hourly NCDC gauges
- NSSL/ESRL/gauge (MPE)
  - 12 NCDC hourly gauges
  - Uses KDAX/MPE as 'fill' between IOPs

# Initial Distributed Model Analysis of Gridded Precipitation Data: 4 QPE Cases for HMT

- Run distributed model to Dec 1, 2005 using OHD Basic data
- Save internal states.
- Use saved states as initial conditions for 4 distributed model simulations

# North Fork American River Streamflow Simulations: 4 Cases

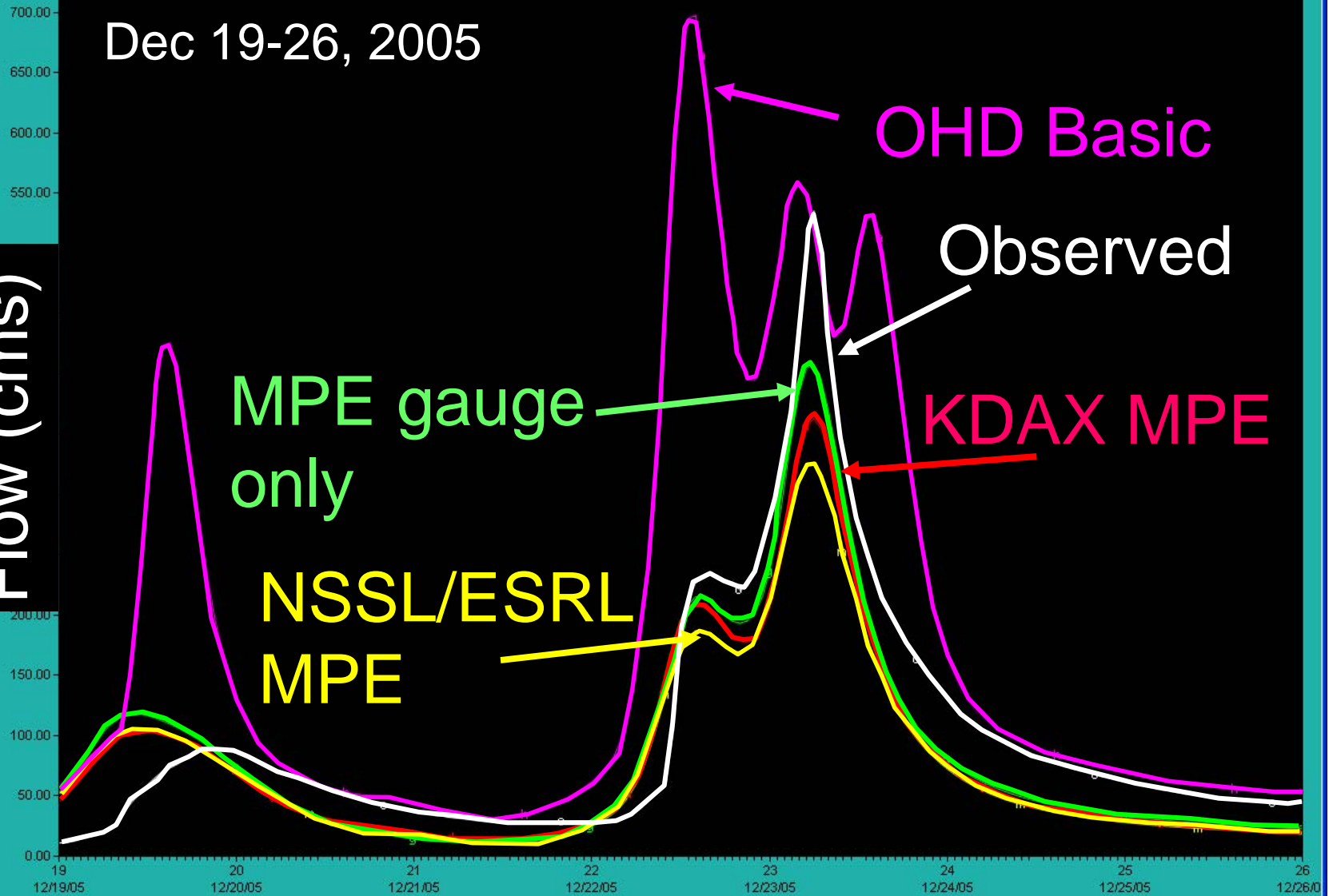


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# North Fork American River Streamflow Simulations: 4 Cases

Dec 19-26, 2005

Flow (cms)



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PLOT-TS

X Value: 12/24/2005:10 Y Value : 444.15

# North Fork American River Streamflow Simulations: 4 Cases

Dec 28 – Jan 4, 2006

Flow (cms)

1600.00  
1500.00  
1400.00  
1300.00

500.00  
400.00  
300.00  
200.00  
100.00  
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MPE gauge only

NSSL/ESRL  
MPE

OHD Basic

Observed

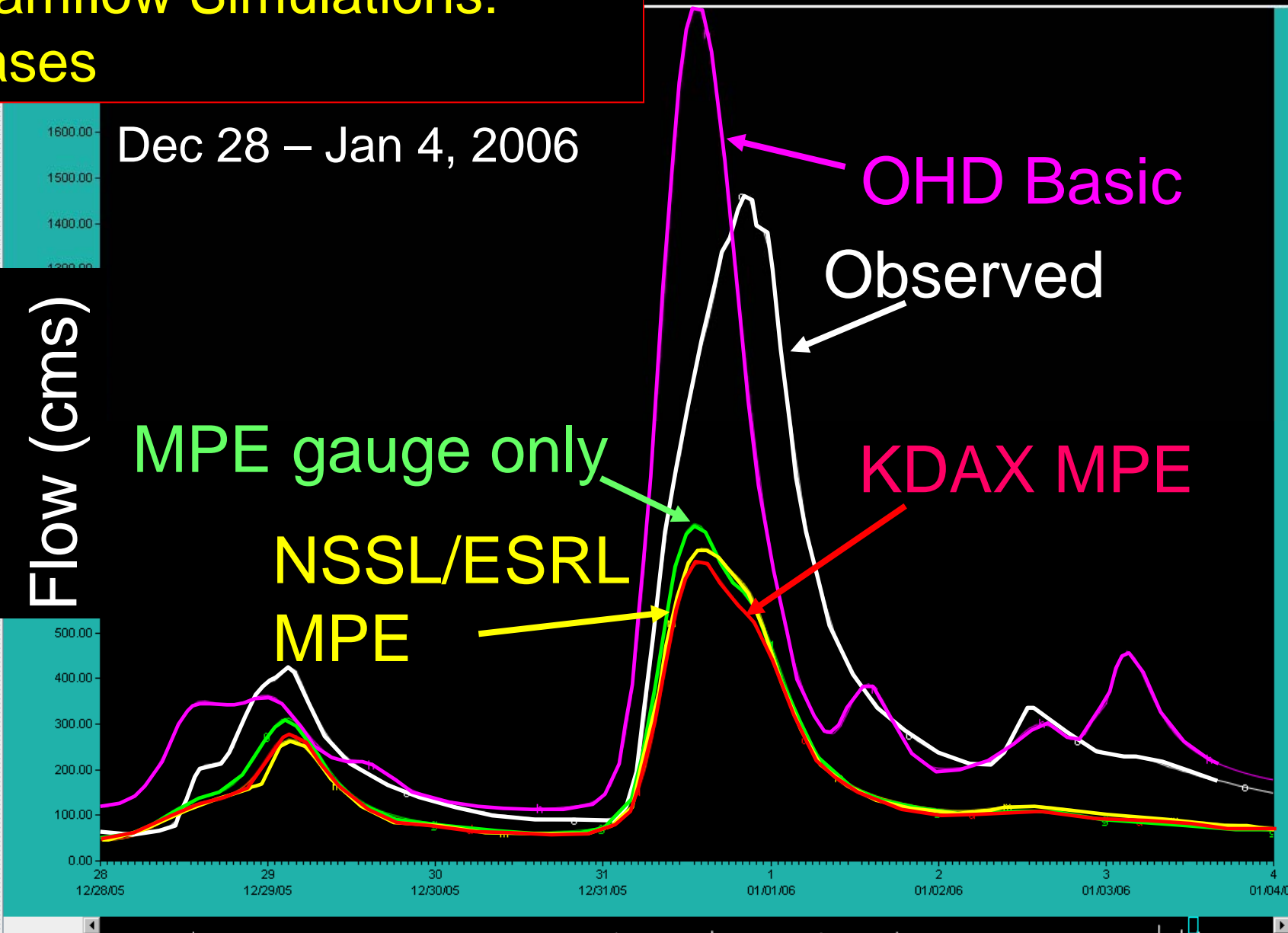
KDAX MPE

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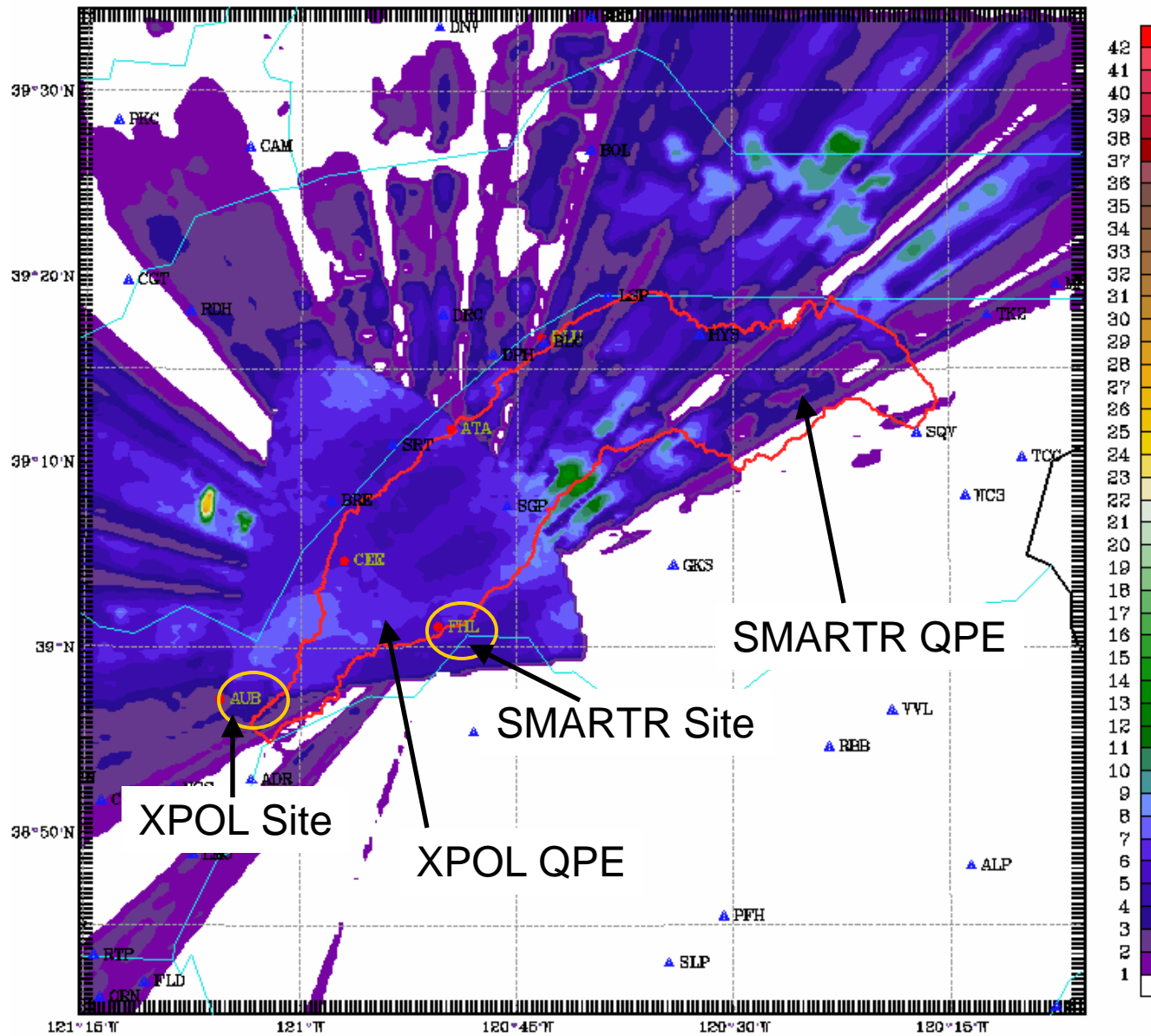




# An example of azimuthal artifacts in SMARTR data

North Fork American River Basin

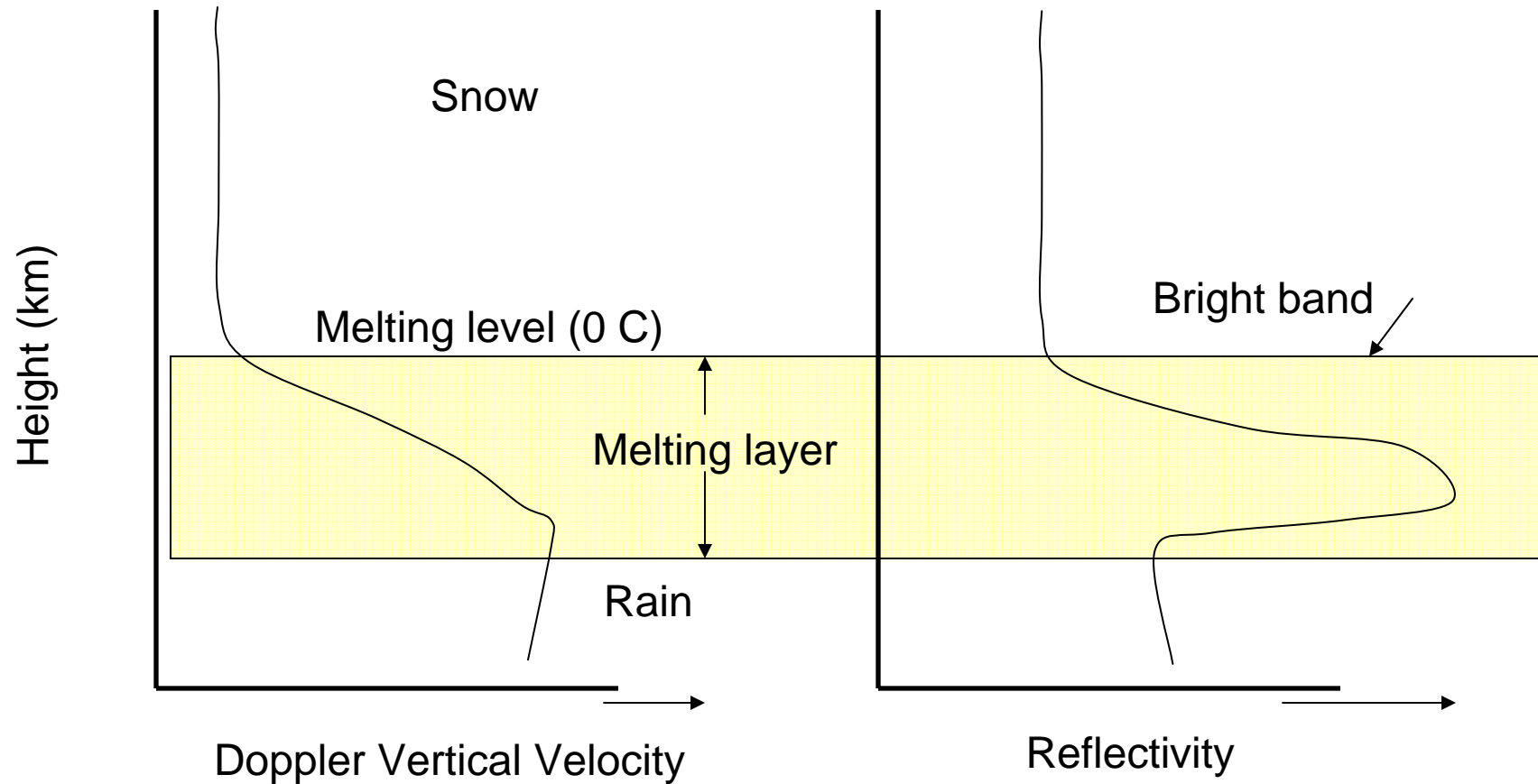
Radar-derived QPE [mm] SMART-R1 051201/20:00:08-051201/20:55:07 UTC



Merged QPE for  
1 Dec 2005 20-21 UTC

- Note the pattern of QPE that emanates radially from the SMARTR radar site.
- ESRL had artifacts in data too.

# Detection of Rain/Snow Elevation Using Radar Data

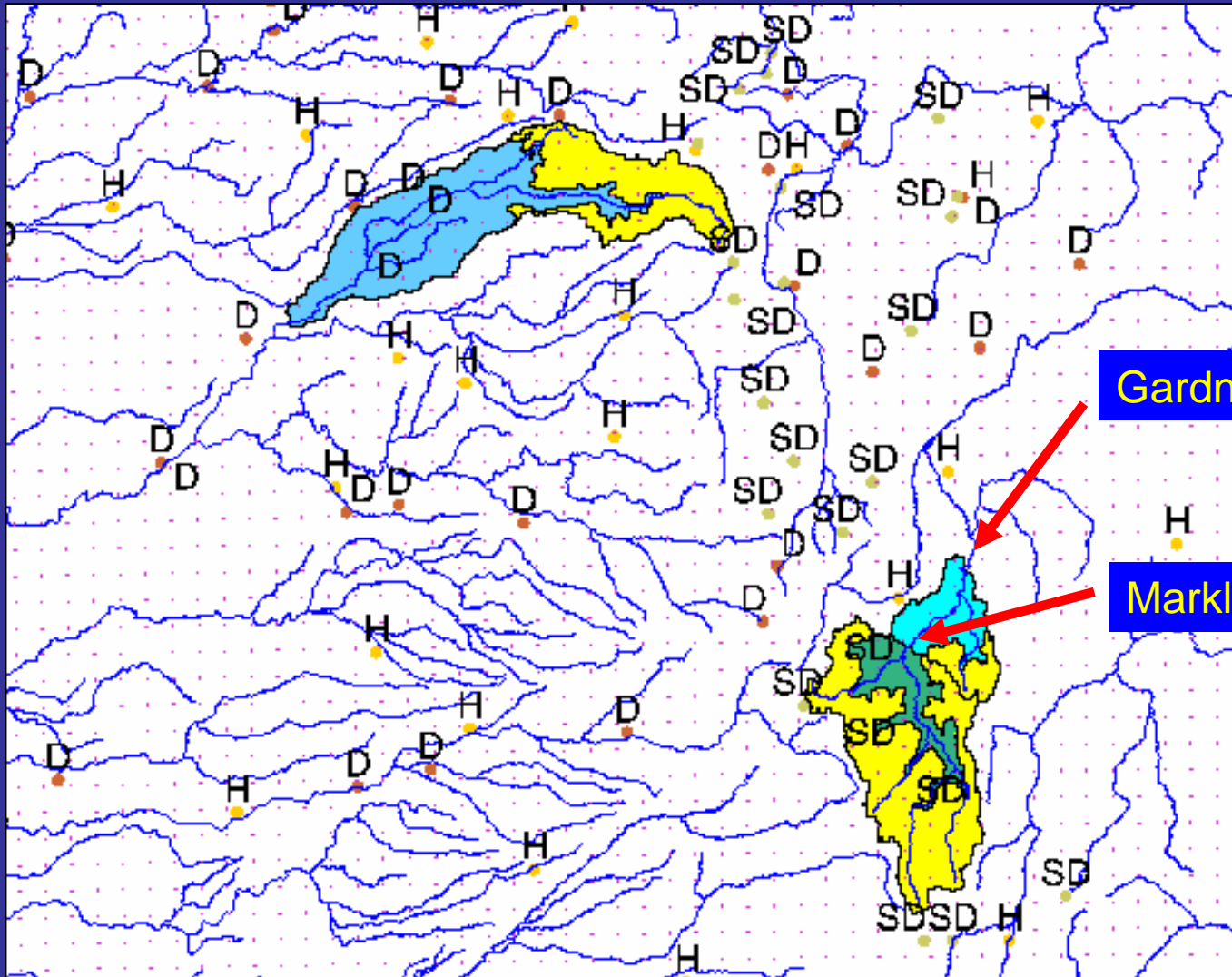




# Proposed Method for Using HMT Freezing Level Data

- Rain versus Snow in the Sierra Nevada, California: Comparing Doppler Profiling Radar and Surface Observations of Melting Level, Lundquist et al., 2008, Journal of Hydrometeorology
- Using Radar Data to Partition Precipitation into Rain and Snow in a Hydrologic Model, Maurer and Mass, 2006, J. Hydrologic Engineering

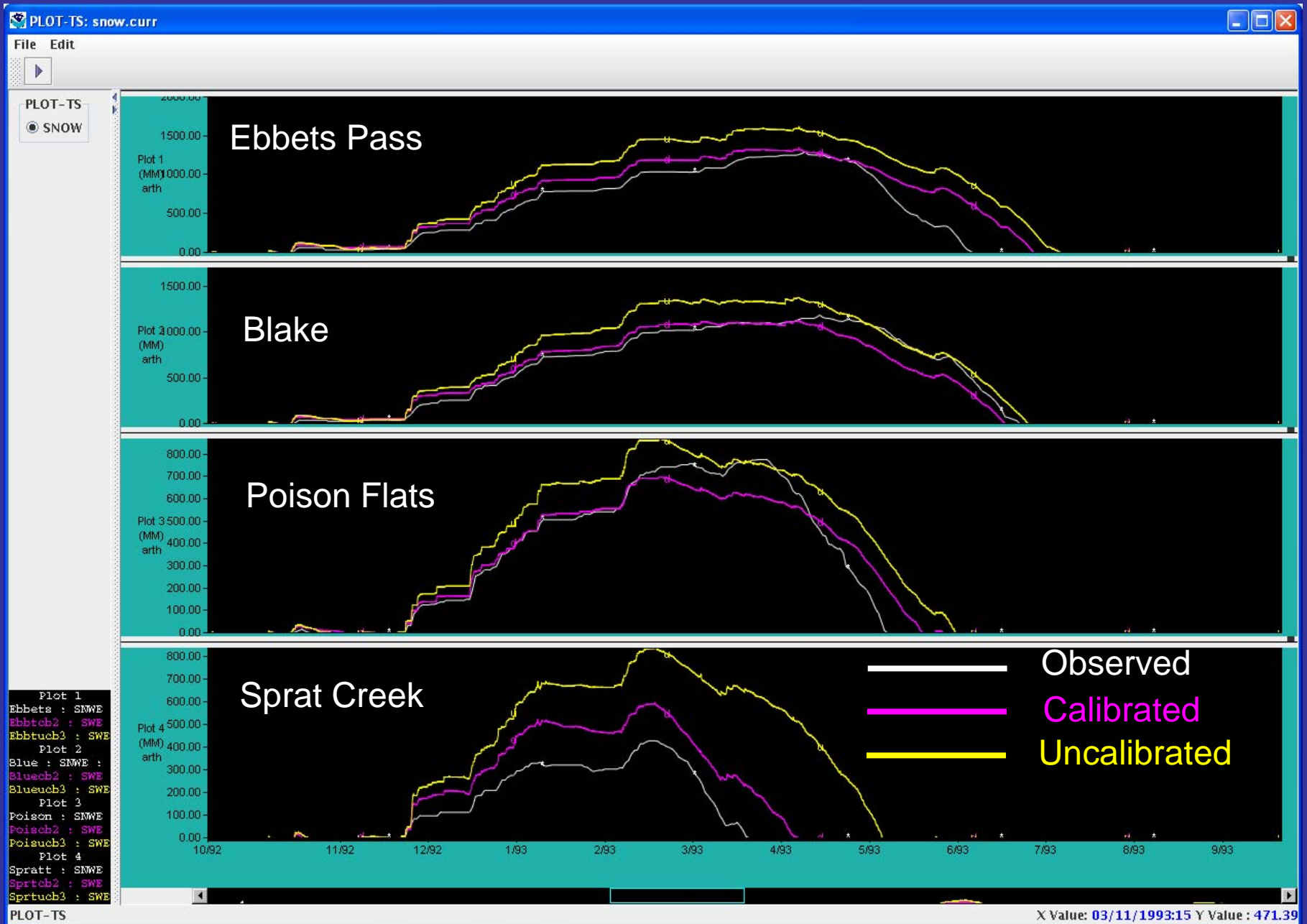
# OHD DMIP 2 Results for the East Fork Carson Basin



# Outlet Hydrograph Statistics from Lumped and Distributed Simulations: Carson Basin

Statistics	GRDN2 outlet calibration						CEMC1 outlet calibrated	
	GRDN2 outlet			CEMC1 outlet			CEMC1 outlet	
	LMP	OHD	A Priori	LMP	OHD	A Priori	LMP	OHD
Overall statistics								
Bias%	-3.00	-2.40	46.50	-13.40	-13.70	29.60	-3.90	4.50
RMSE%	51.20	47.60	136.00	52.70	57.50	111.00	46.90	46.80
R	0.94	0.94	0.92	0.95	0.95	0.93	0.96	0.96
NS	0.87	0.89	0.09	0.89	0.87	0.51	0.91	0.91
Flood event statistics								
Bias%	19.70	16.70	70.10	20.50	25.70	34.20	8.30	15.30
RMSE%	23.00	21.40	78.90	25.00	25.50	40.10	15.40	17.50
R	0.82	0.83	0.80	0.79	0.88	0.84	0.85	0.87
Rm	0.41	0.54	0.50	0.32	0.44	0.49	0.62	0.57
Peak Error%	22.90	19.30	75.10	25.60	28.90	35.60	12.30	16.00
Peak Time Error, hr	3.32	3.29	3.84	4.58	3.63	3.87	3.63	3.63

# Calibrated and Uncalibrated Dist. Model Simulations of SWE



# Overall Results for the Carson Basin

- Distributed model calibration at GRDN2 outlet provides slightly better statistics compared to lumped. However, results for nested outlet CEMC1 lead to considerable runoff bias from both models
- Calibration of both models at CEMC1 outlet improves simulations significantly.
- Combination of calibrated distributed CEMC1 and GRDN2 local area parameters leads to slightly better results compared to just GRDN2 based calibrated distributed parameters.

# Conclusions

- Density of hourly rain gauges near North Fork basin appears sufficient to support distributed modeling
- Gridded Snow-17 needs areal depletion curve at 4km scale; may need finer scales
- Calibration starting from lumped parameters seems reasonable
- HMT radar QPE data needs to be reprocessed
- Uncertain quality of OHD 'Basic' gridded QPE data after 2003
- In general, may be difficult to identify QPE data impacts given short 3 mo. period

# Recommendations

- Re-process radar QPE in HMT
- Develop correction for gridded hourly gauge-only QPE
- Perform data denial experiments:
  - Remove hourly NCDC gauges from MPE analysis to see where radar QPE begins to add value
- Examine events for rain/snow

Discussion?



# Background Slides: Analysis of QPE for North Fork Basin for DMIP 2

Initial DMIP 2 period:

1987 – 2002

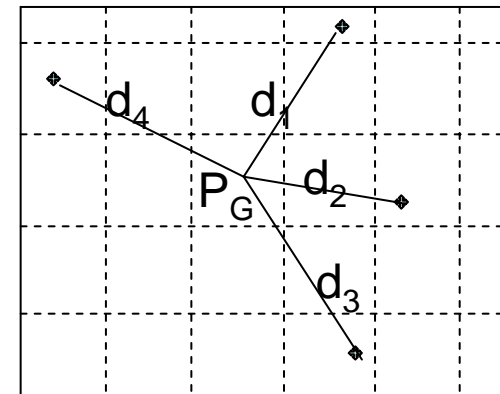
Extended DMIP 2 period:

1987 – 2006

(to include HMT QPE)

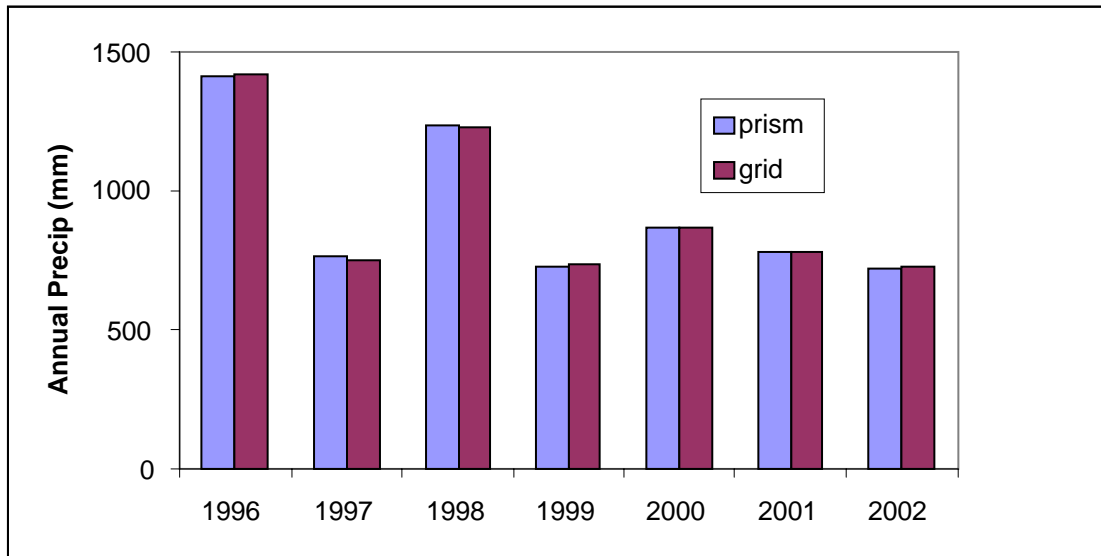
# Deriving Hourly Gridded Basic QPE For Initial DMIP 2 Experiments: 1987-2002

Derive precipitation estimates using three data sources for the period of 1987-2002: 1) NCDC hourly cooperative observer (coop) gauges, 2) NCDC daily total coop gauges, and 3) SNOW pack TELelemetry (SNOTEL) daily precipitation gauges. The daily values are disaggregated to hourly using the nearest hourly gauge values. The hourly values, expressed as fraction of normal, are then interpolated to approximately 4km Hydrologic Rainfall Analysis Project (HRAP) (Greene and Hudlow, 1982) grids using an inverse-distance ( $1/d^{1/2}$ ) method. Parameter- elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model (PRISM) (<http://www.ocs.orst.edu/prism/products/>) monthly precipitation climatology grids are used to compute fractions of normal at gage locations prior to the inverse distance interpolation and to convert interpolated fractions of normal to precipitation amounts at each grid point.



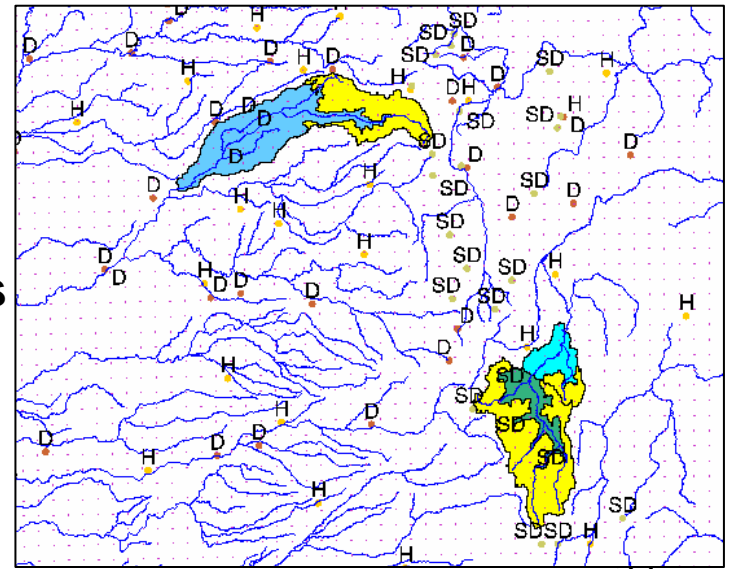
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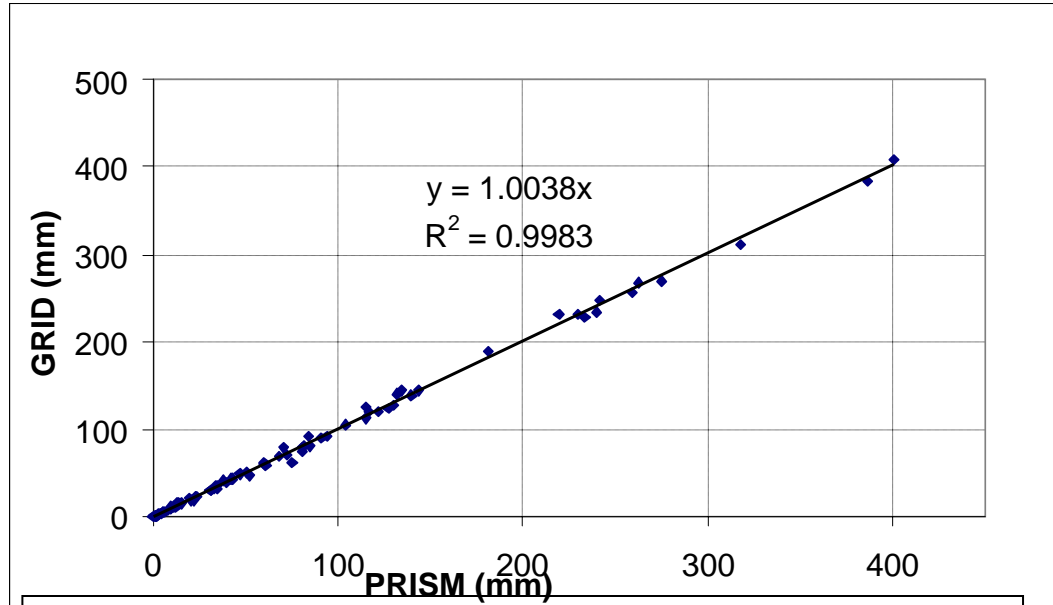
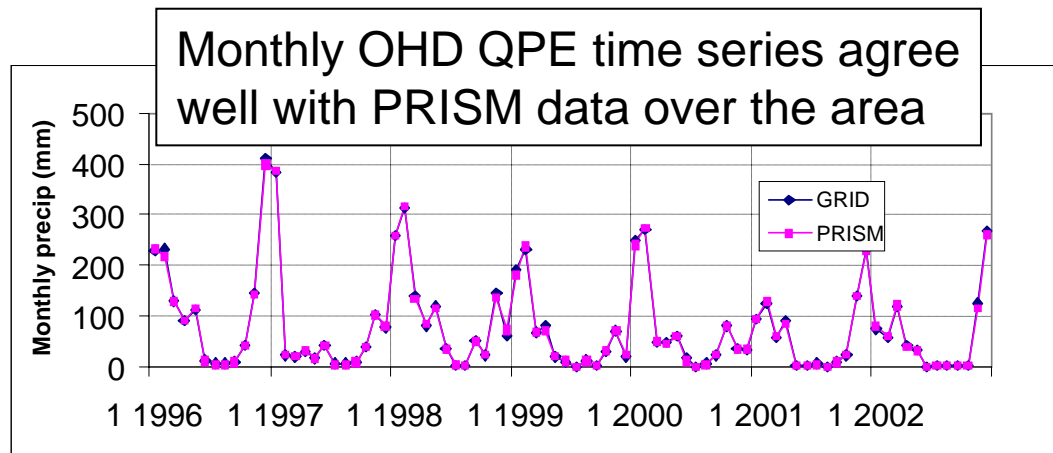
# Checking 1987-2002 OHD Basic QPE



**Annual precipitation derived from grids matches annual PRISM for the entire rectangular box**

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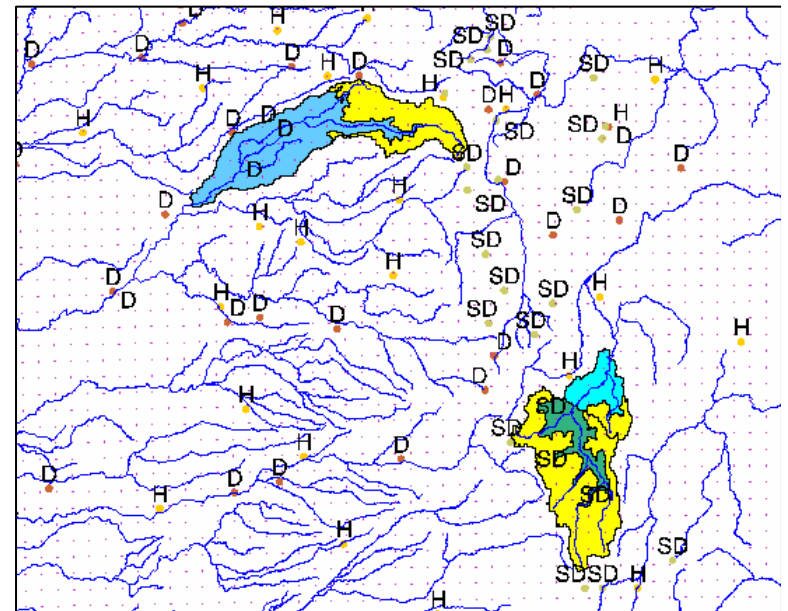




High correlation between Monthly OHD QPE and PRISM monthly totals

# Checking 1987-2002 OHD Basic QPE for DMIP 2

Compare PRISM and OHD QPE  
Over Analysis Domain



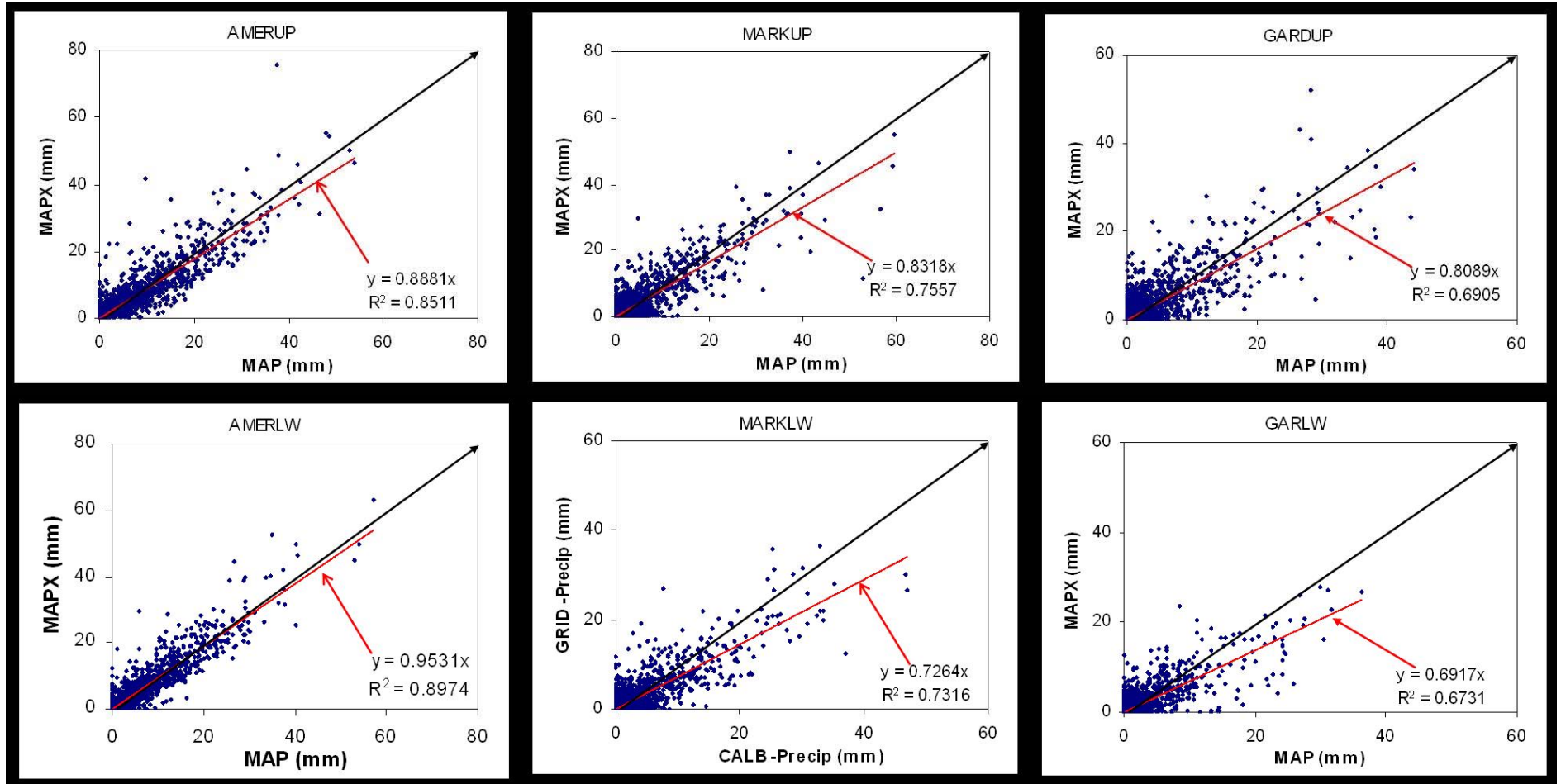
# Checking 1987-2002 OHD Basic QPE for DMIP 2

## Deriving Six-hourly Mean Areal Precipitation

- (1) From the CNRFC, we obtained six -hourly MAP time series for each basin. The two basins are decomposed into subbasins based on elevation differences (Table 1). The CNRFC MAP time series were derived using procedures developed by Anderson (2002) employing pre-determined weights.**
  
- (2) To derive an MAPX time series based on the gridded precipitation:**
  - Clip the subbasin shapefiles of the elevation zones to obtain HRAP points (center) in the subbasins**
  - Create list of HRAP points within a subbasin.**
  - For each of hourly gridded field of precipitation, obtain hourly average precipitation for the subbasins by averaging the value of all pixels in the subbasin**
  - The one hourly time series is then cumulated to obtain six -hourly time series**

Source: Moreda et al., 2006. Gridded Rainfall Estimation for Distributed Modeling in Western Mountainous Areas, Session H23A, AGU 2006 Spring Meeting, May 23 - 27, Baltimore, MD

# Comparison of OHD 6 hour QPE MAP values and CNRFC 6 hour values from historical MAP time series 1987 to 2002

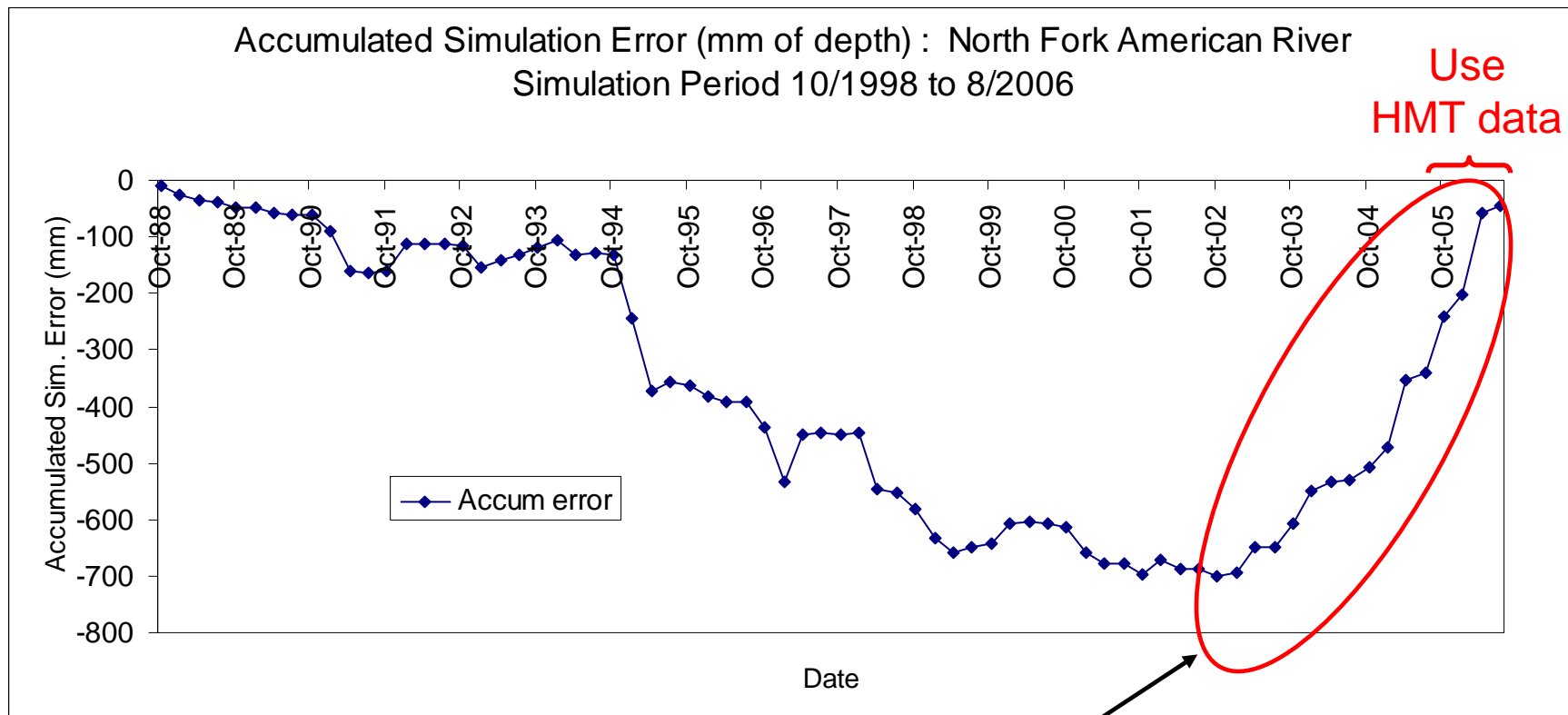


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# Conclusion

OHD 1987 – 2002 gridded QPE suitable  
for initial DMIP 2 experiments

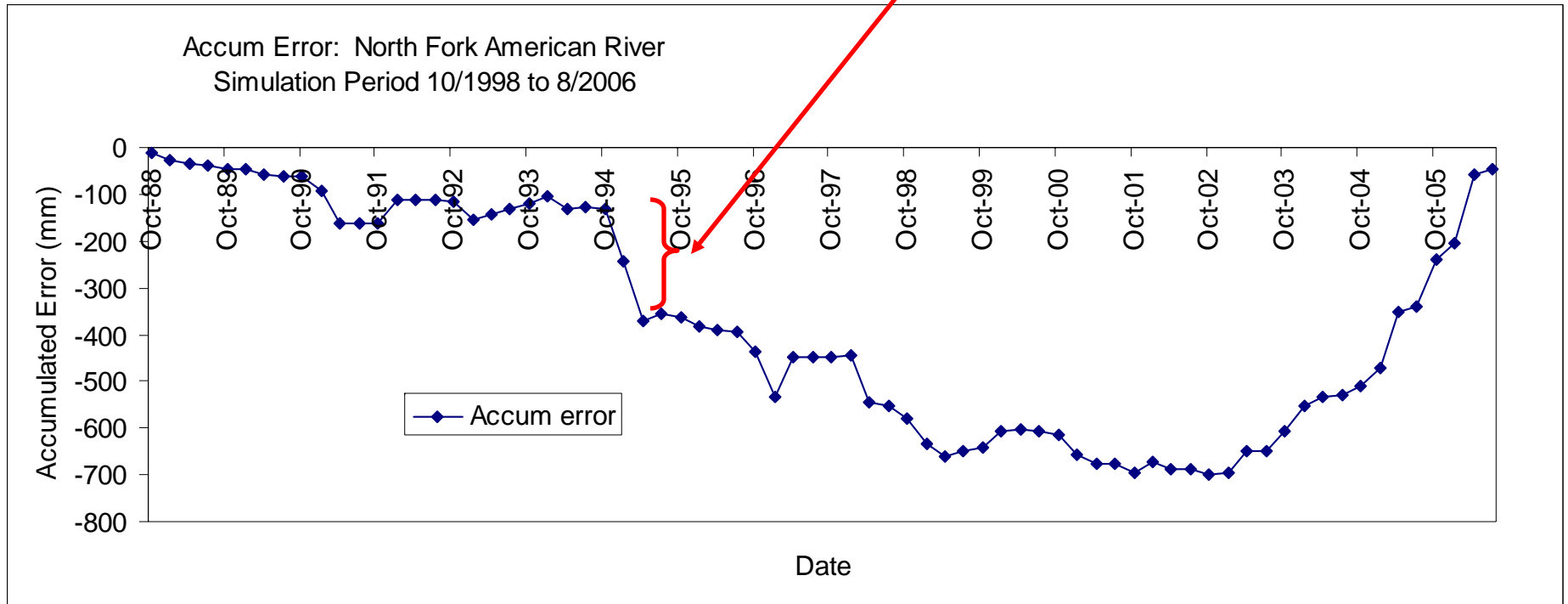
# Analysis of OHD Basic QPE 1987 - 2006



Inconsistent Precipitation?



Possible cause: bad data for the Blue Canyon station: “a lot of rain in Jan 95” was recorded as zeros in the NCDRC data. CNRFC set these values to ‘missing’ in their calibration. See email by Pete Fickenscher April 22, 2008



# Analysis of OHD Basic QPE 1987 - 2006

- Problem: time varying bias in precipitation estimates, starting after 2003
- Analyses
  1. Double mass analysis
    - Case 1: OHD QPE values to base of OHD QPE
    - Case 2: OHD QPE values to base of PRISM monthly accumulations
  2. Plot OHD QPE accumulation and PXPP accumulation
  3. Double mass analysis: OHD QPE to Observed North Fork Streamflow

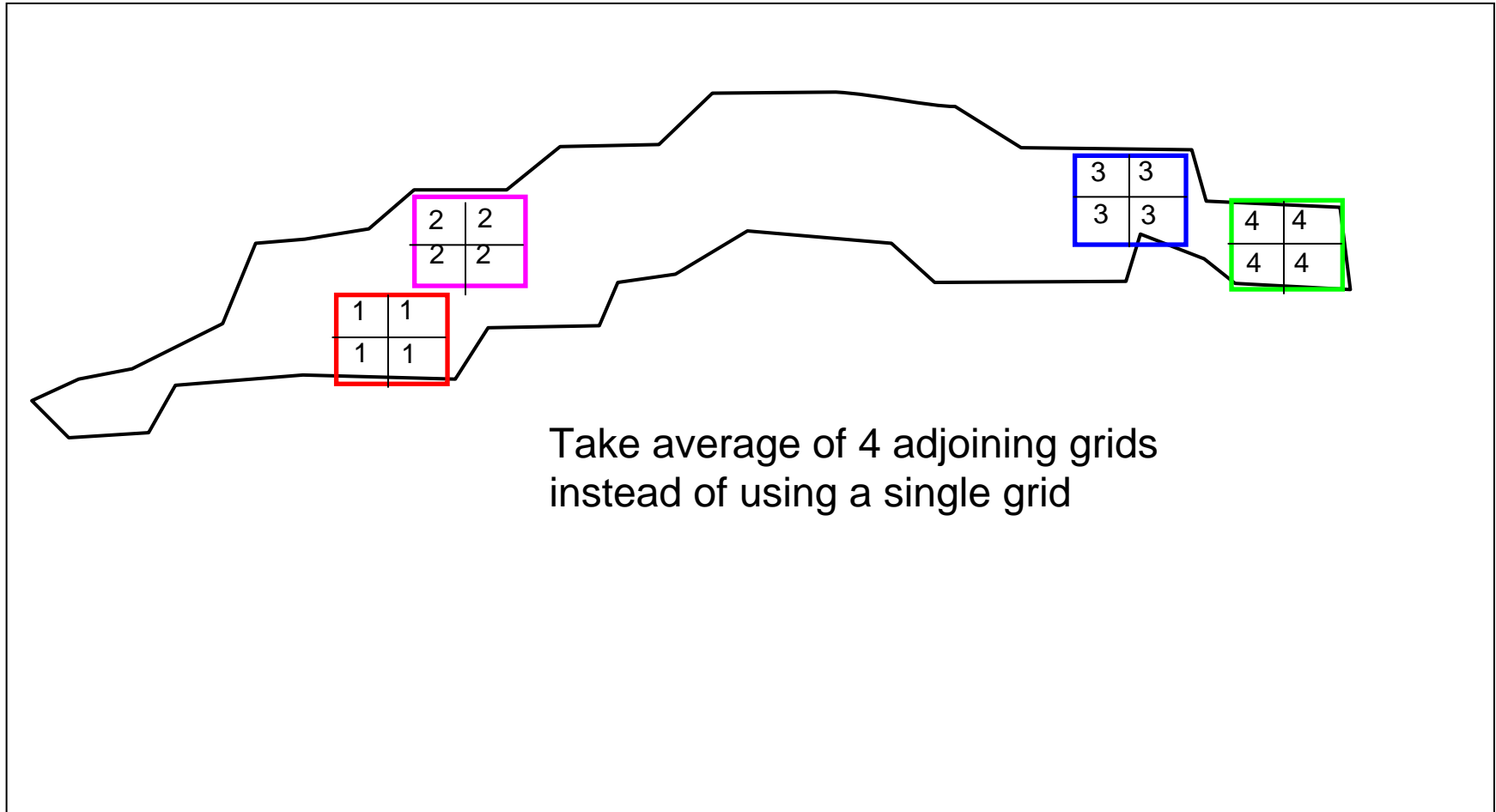
# 1. Double Mass Analysis of OHD Basic Data

Case 1: Group Base is OHD Basic Gridded QPE

For each set of 4 grids:

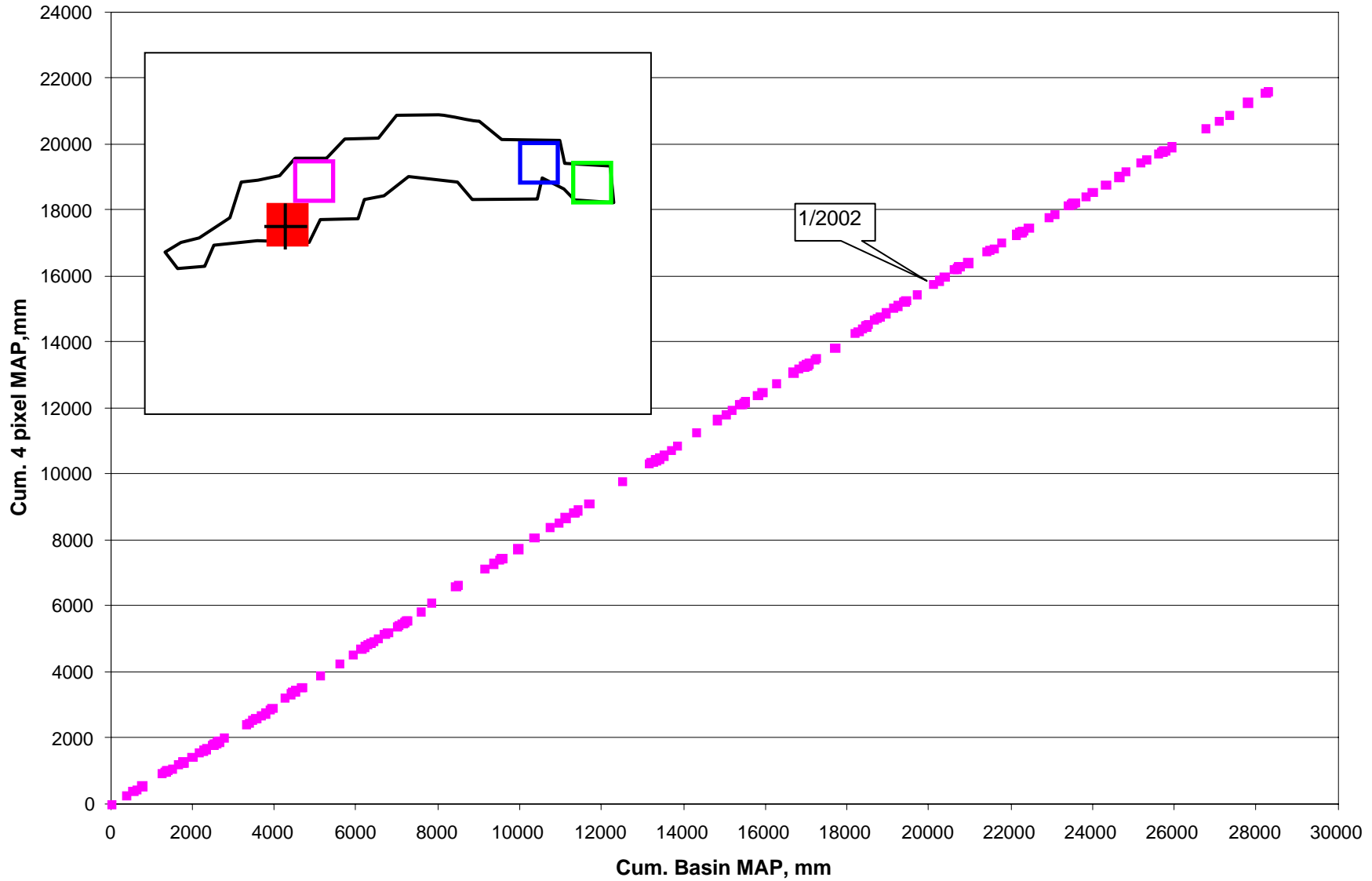
- Plot accumulation of grids versus average accumulation of all other OHD grids (group base).
- Use NWS double mass analysis to highlight trends:
  - Compute deviation of grids from group base
  - Plot acc. deviation versus acc. of group base.

# Grid Sets Used in Analysis of OHD Gridded QPE 1987 - 2006



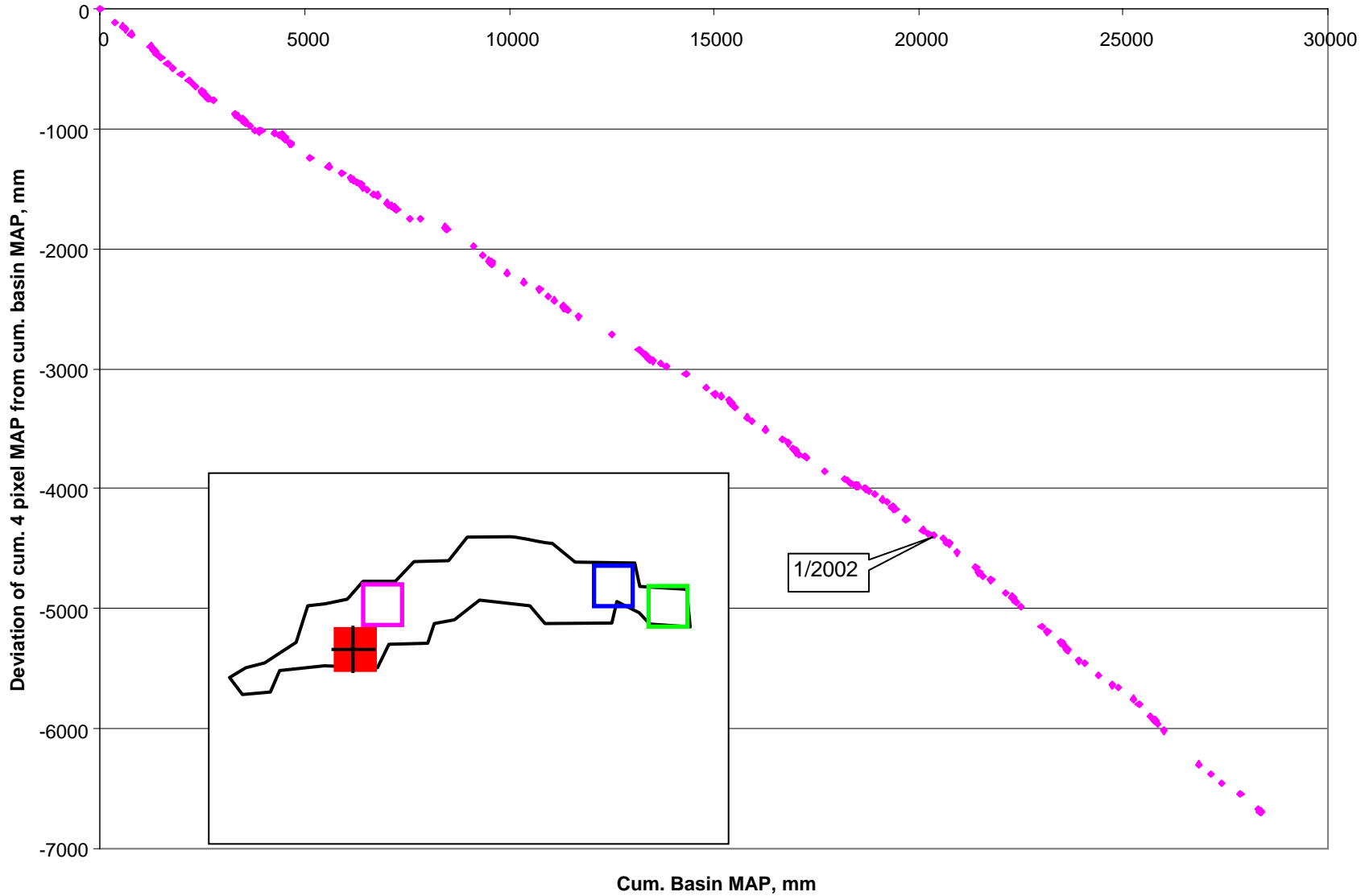
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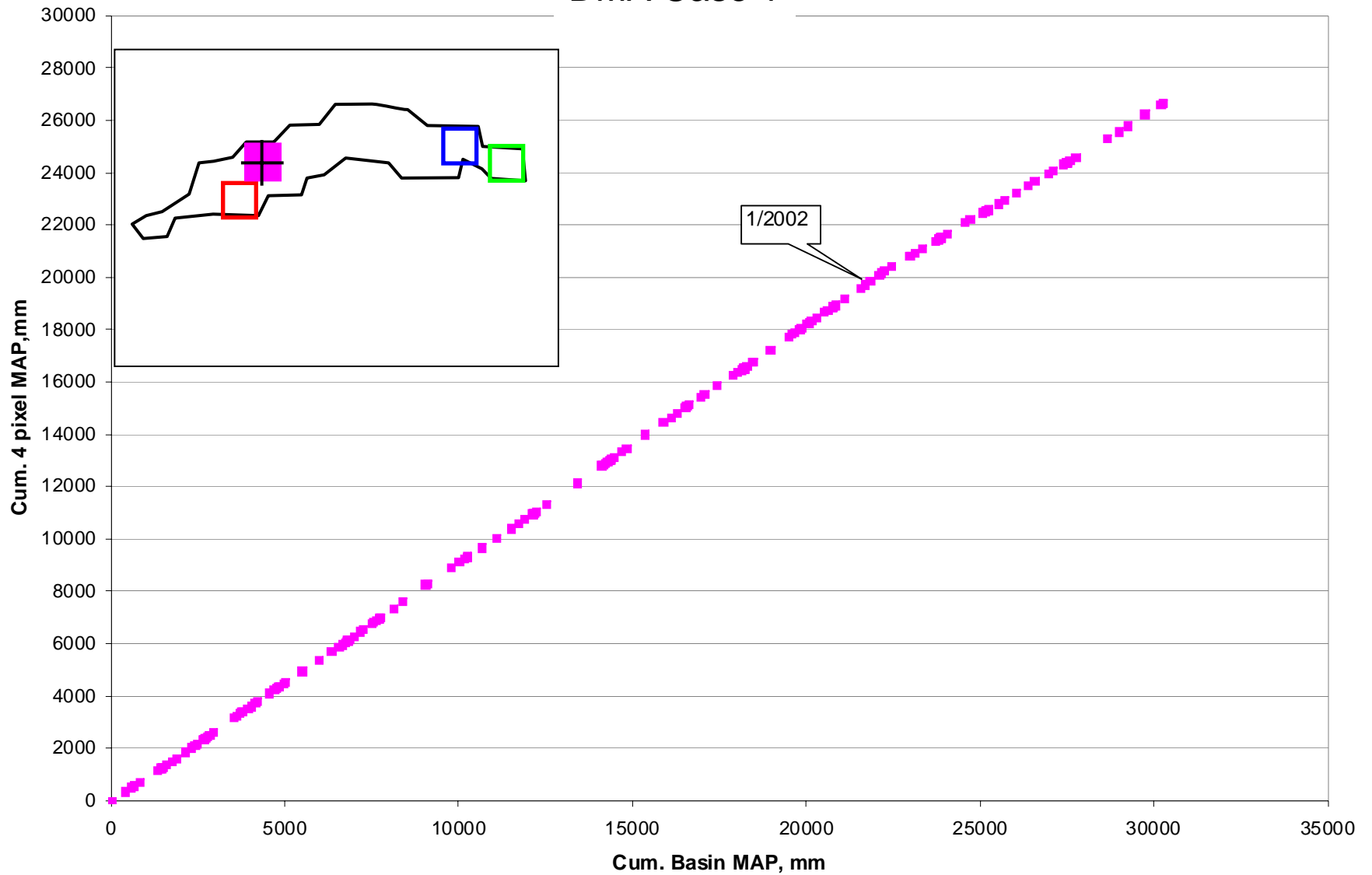
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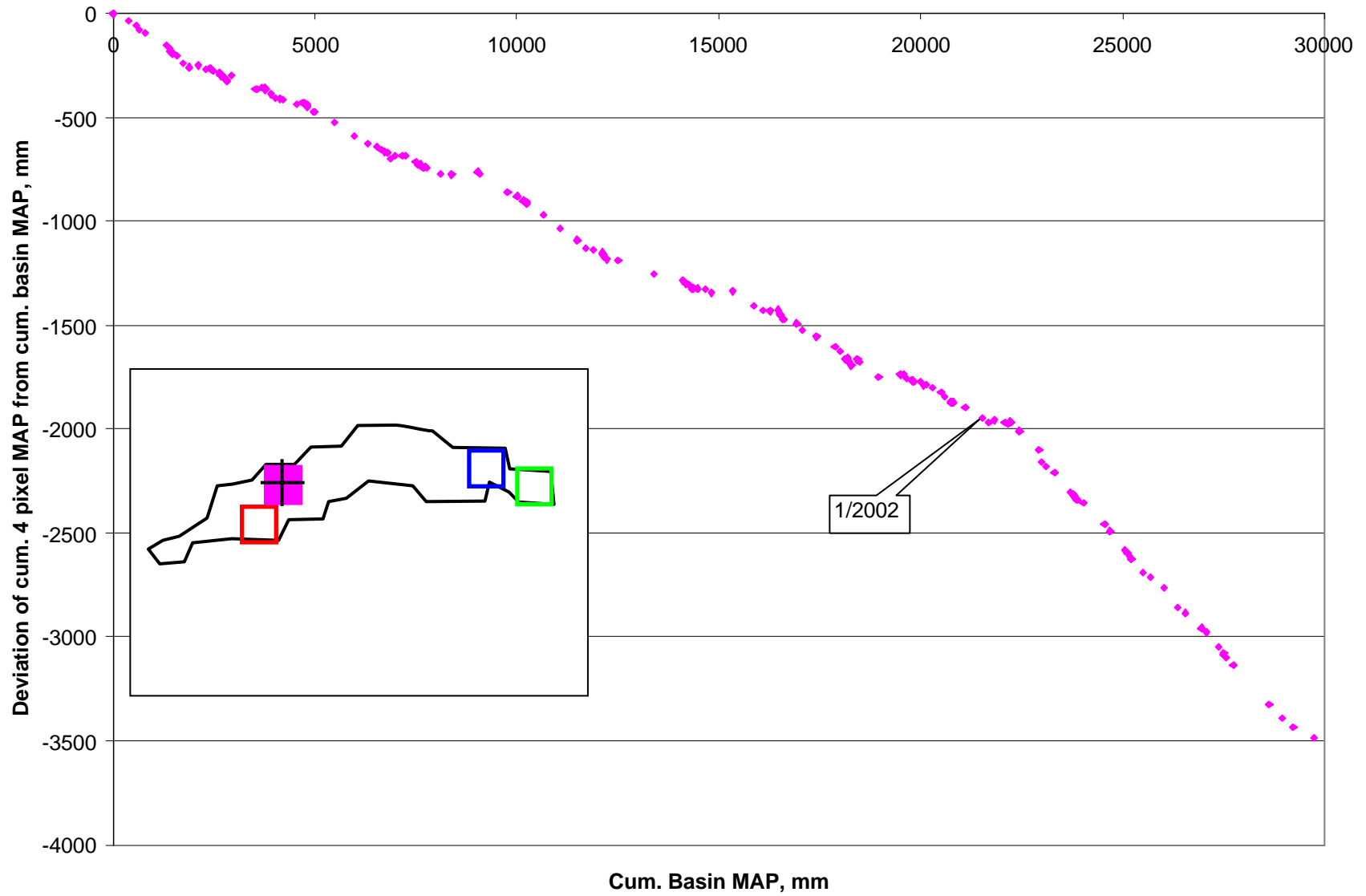
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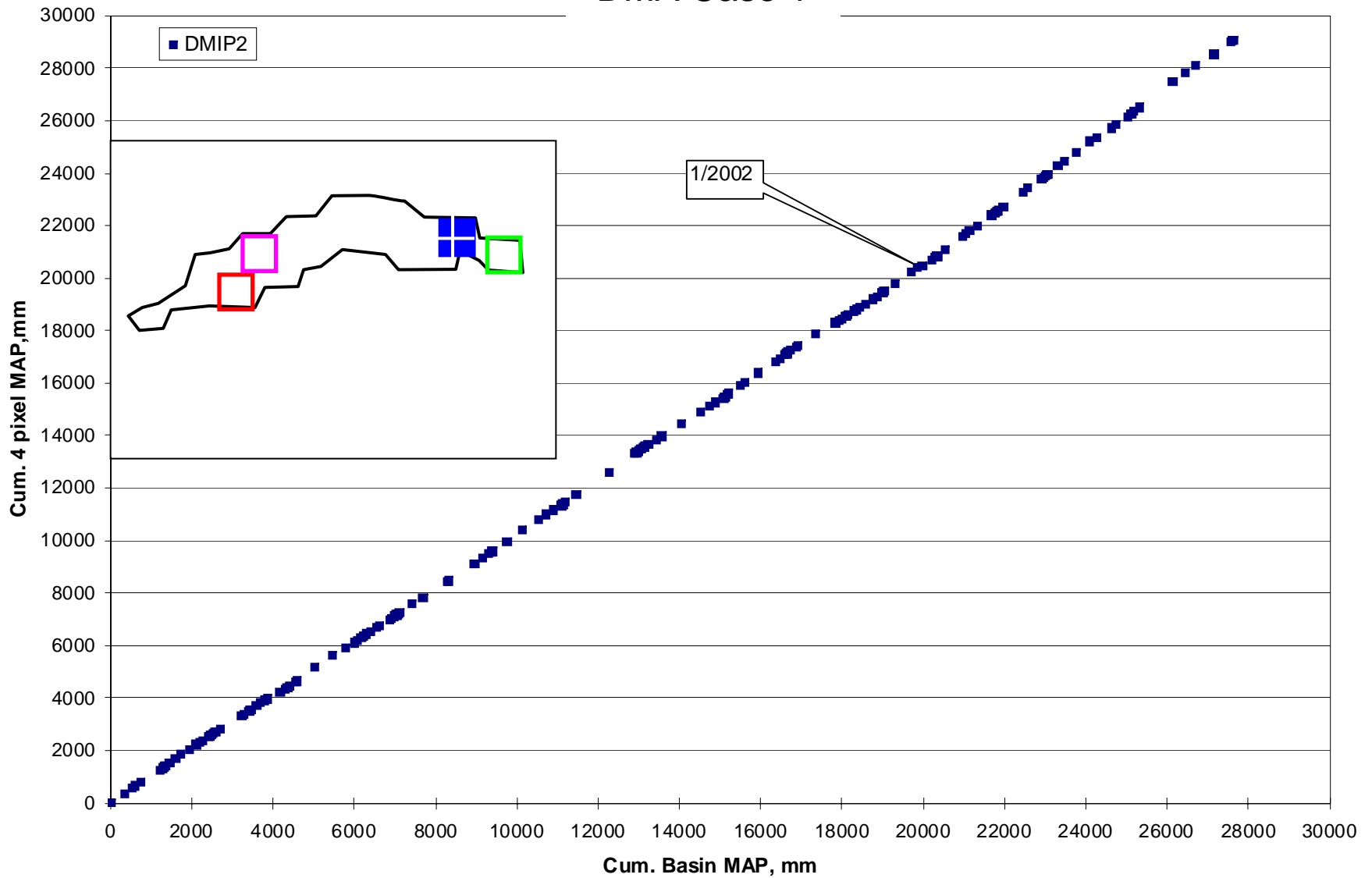
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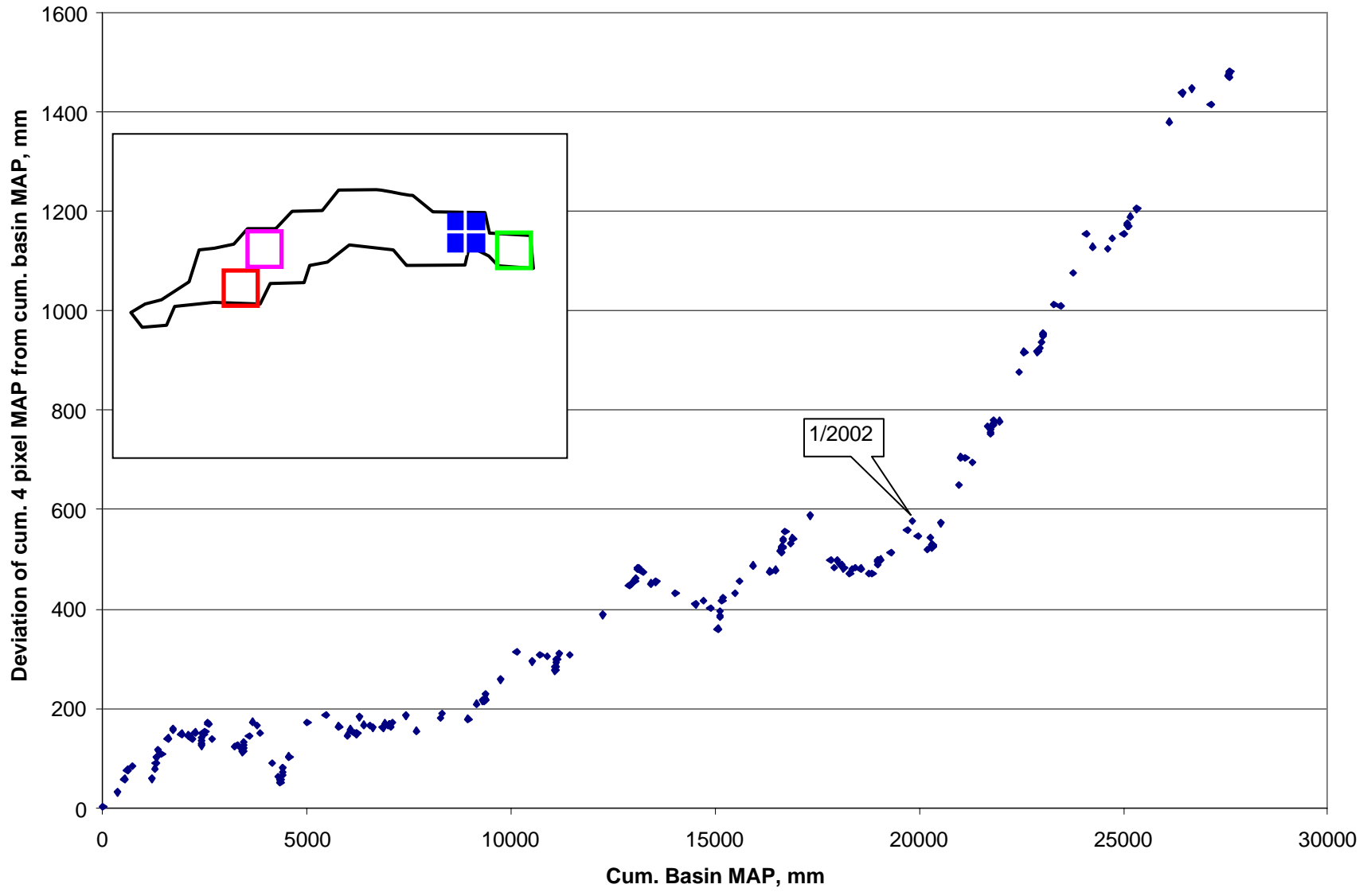


# Accumulation of Grid Set 3 versus Average Accumulation of Group Base DMA Case 1



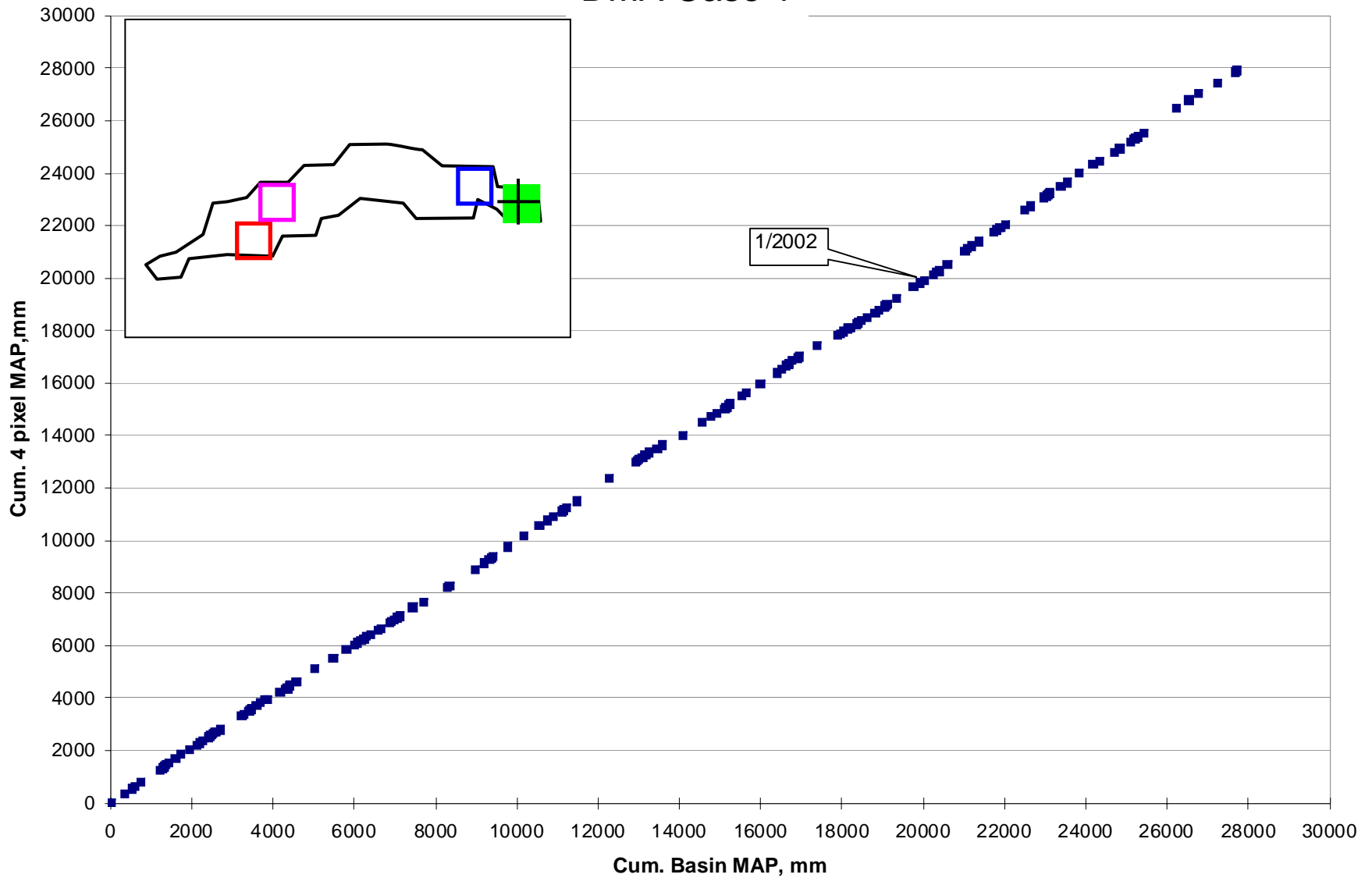
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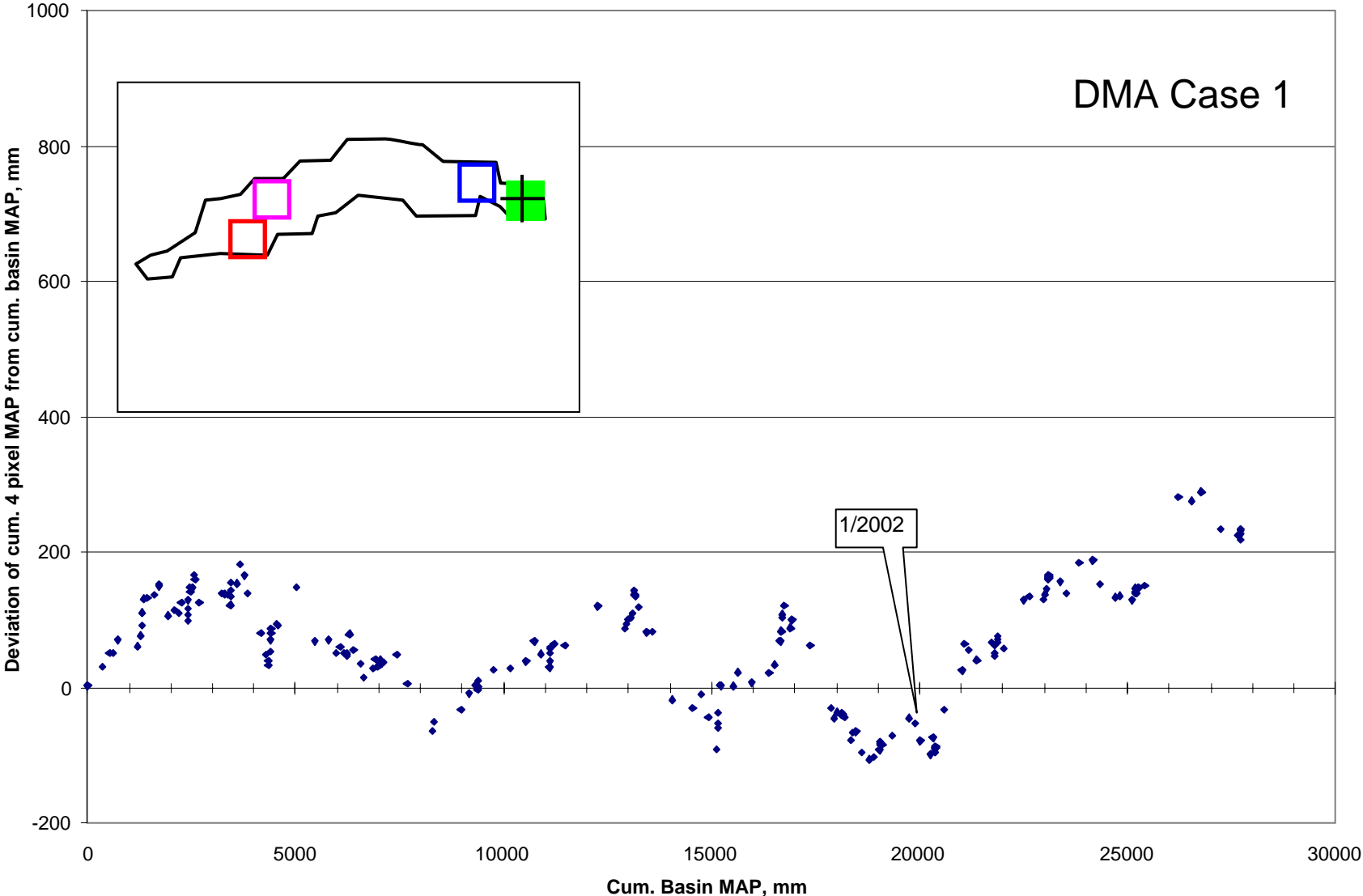


# Accumulation of Grid Set 4 versus Average Accumulation of Group Base

## DMA Case 1



# Accumulation of Deviation of Grid Set 4 from Group Base Plotted Versus Accumulation of Group Base



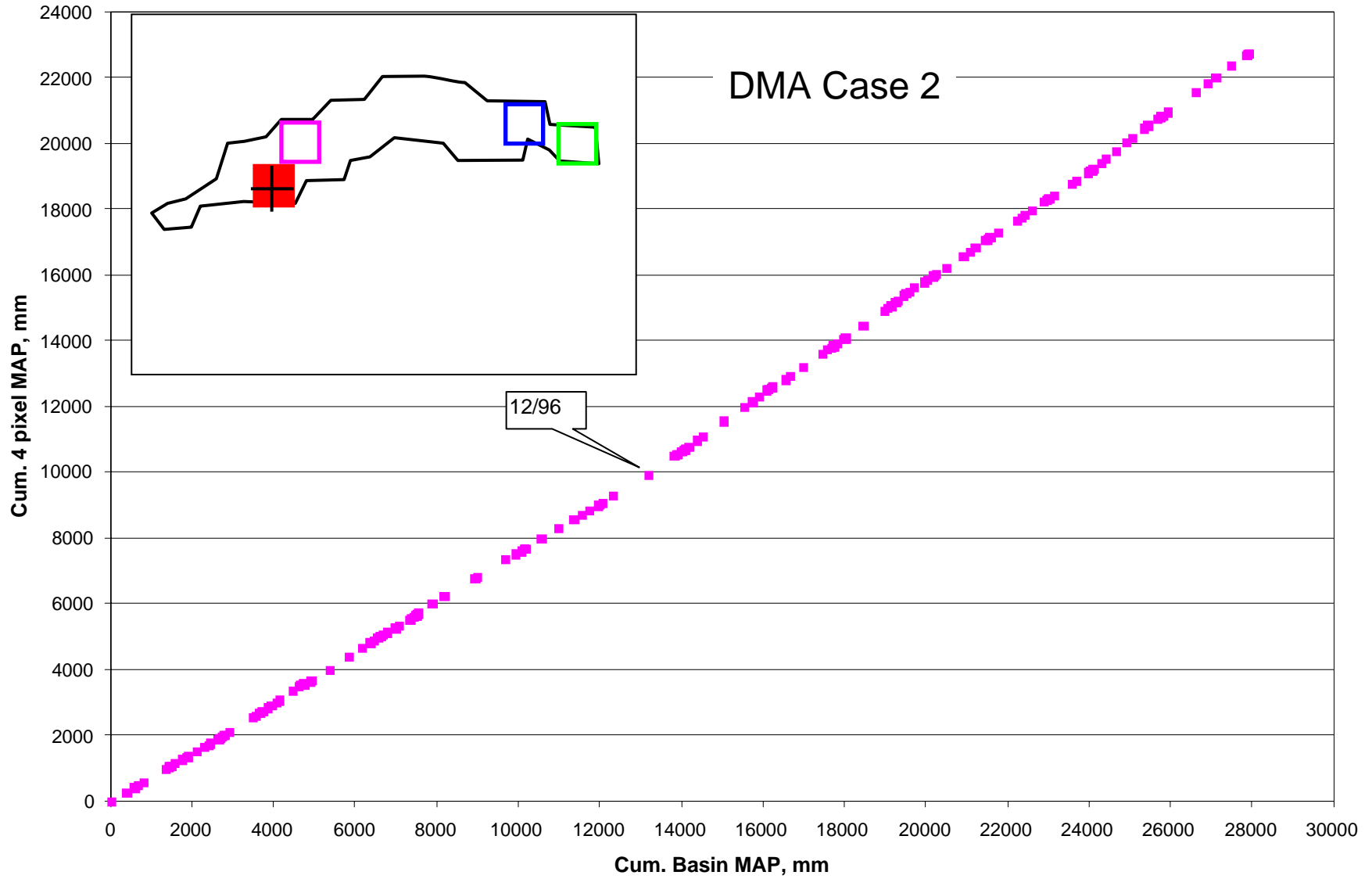
# 1. Double Mass Analysis of OHD Basic Data

Case 2: Group Base is PRISM Monthly Gridded QPE

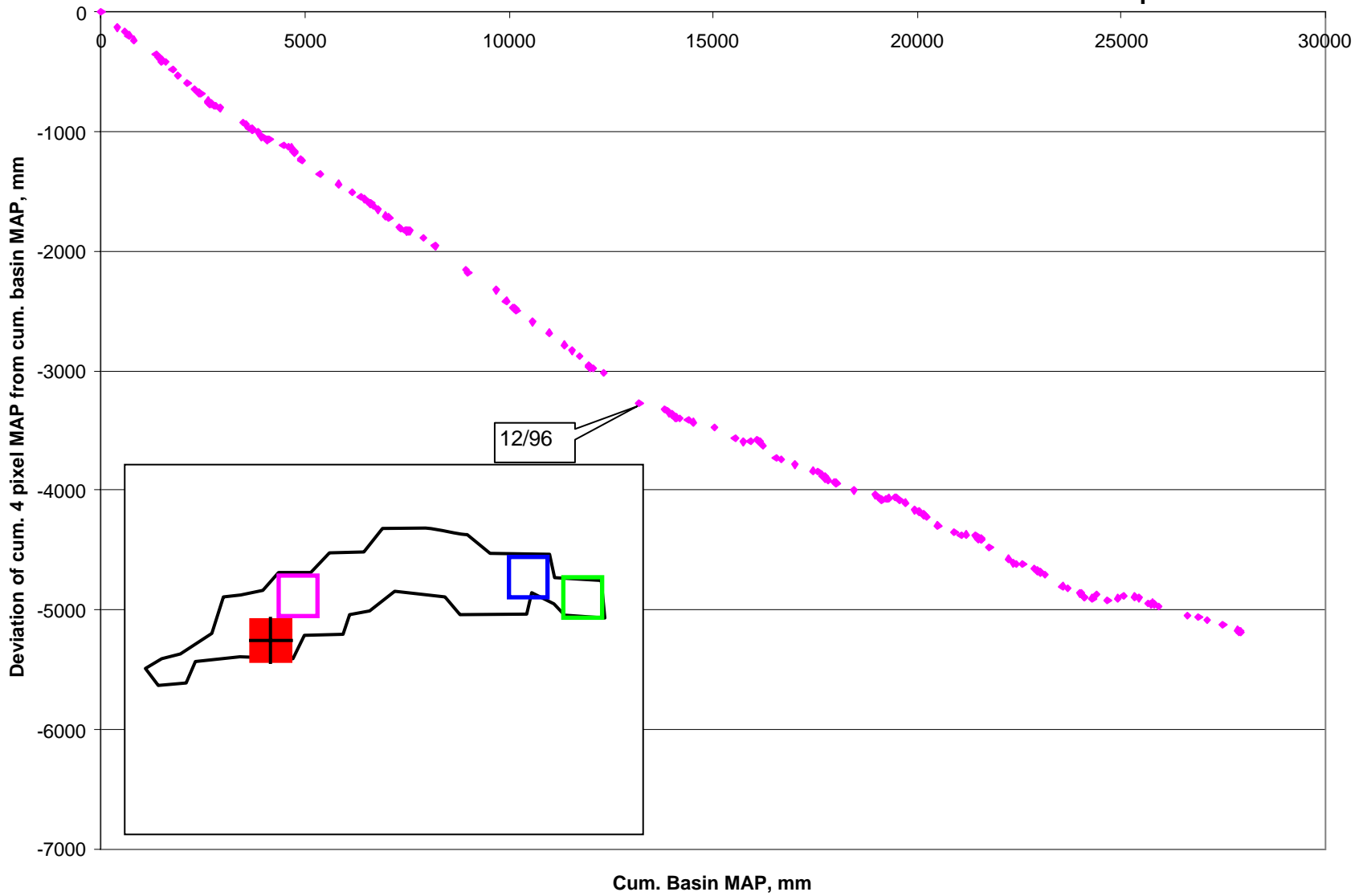
For each set of 4 grids:

- Plot average accumulation of grids versus average accumulation of PRISM grids (group base).
- Use NWS double mass analysis to highlight trends:
  - Compute deviation of grids from group base
  - Plot acc. deviation versus acc. of group base.

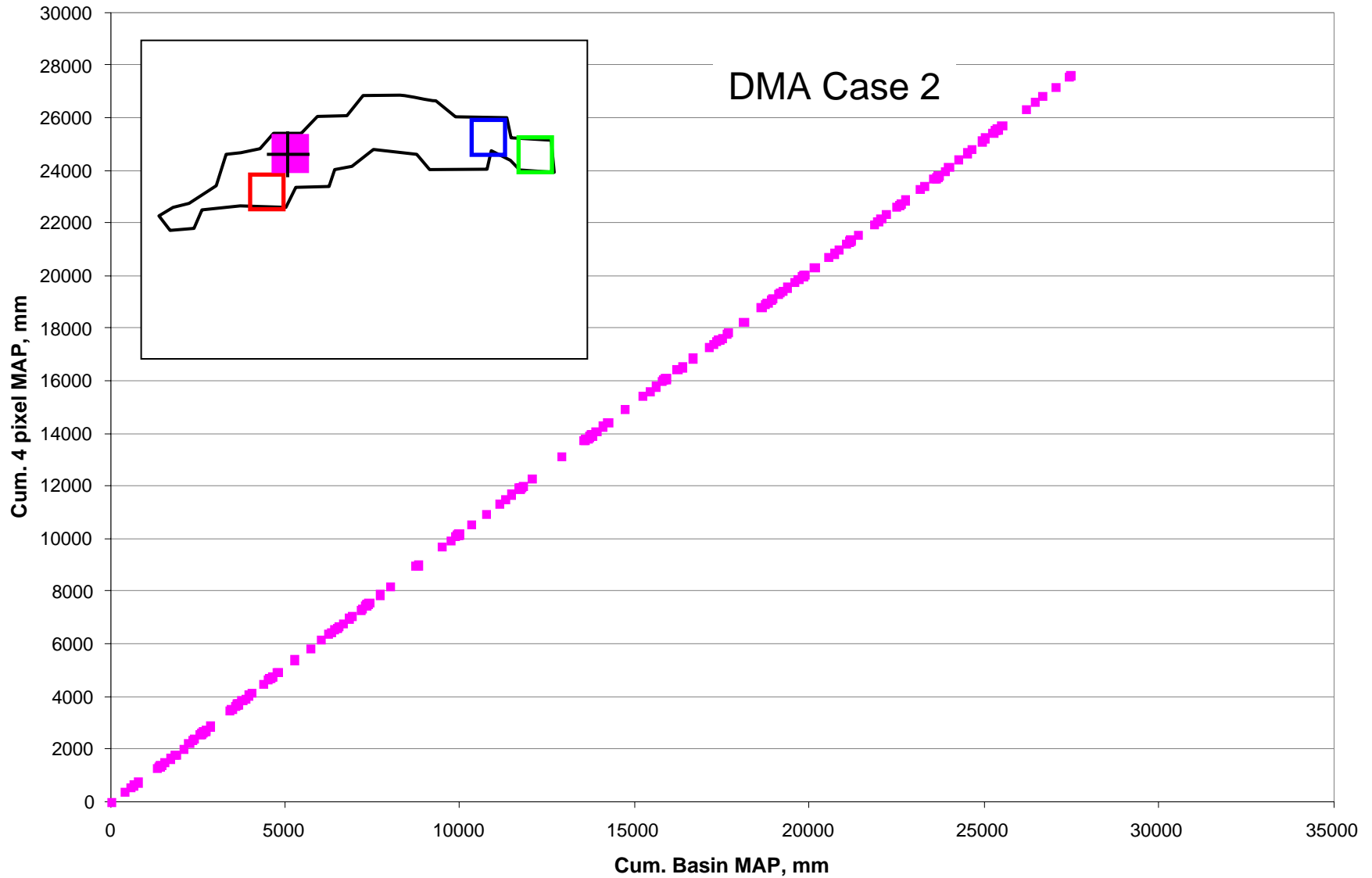
# Accumulation of Grid Set 1 versus Ave. Accumulation of PRISM Group Base



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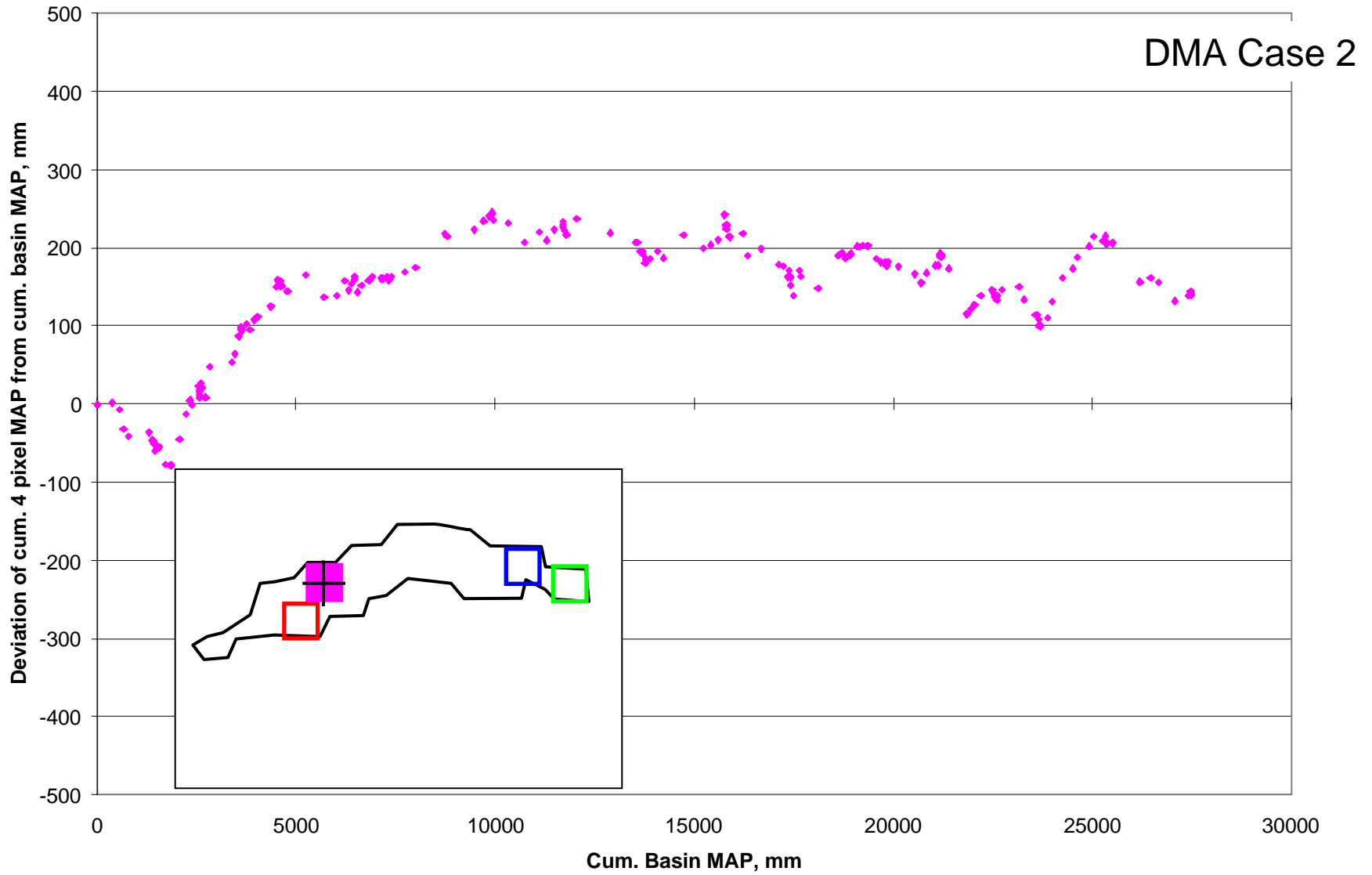


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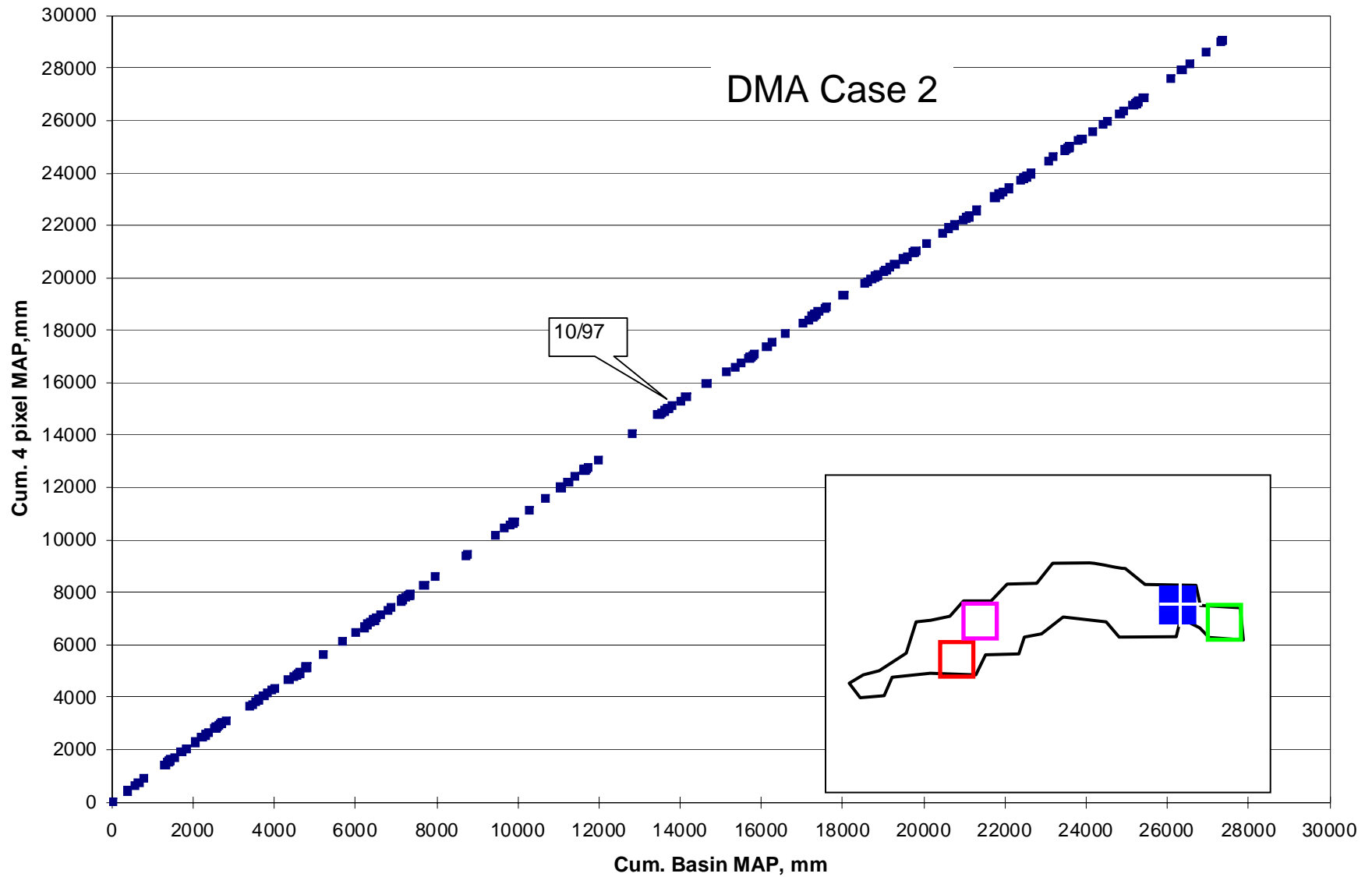




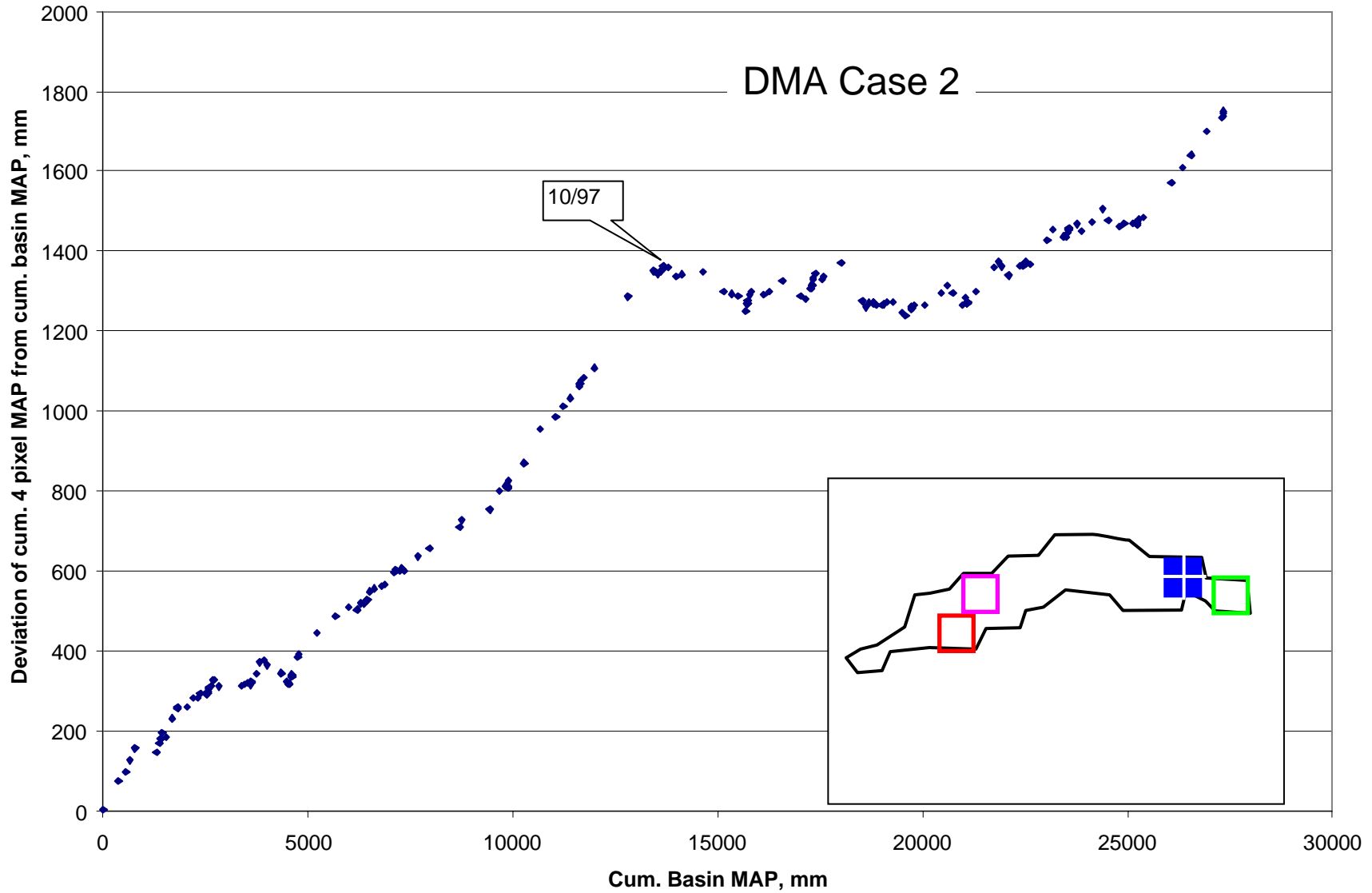
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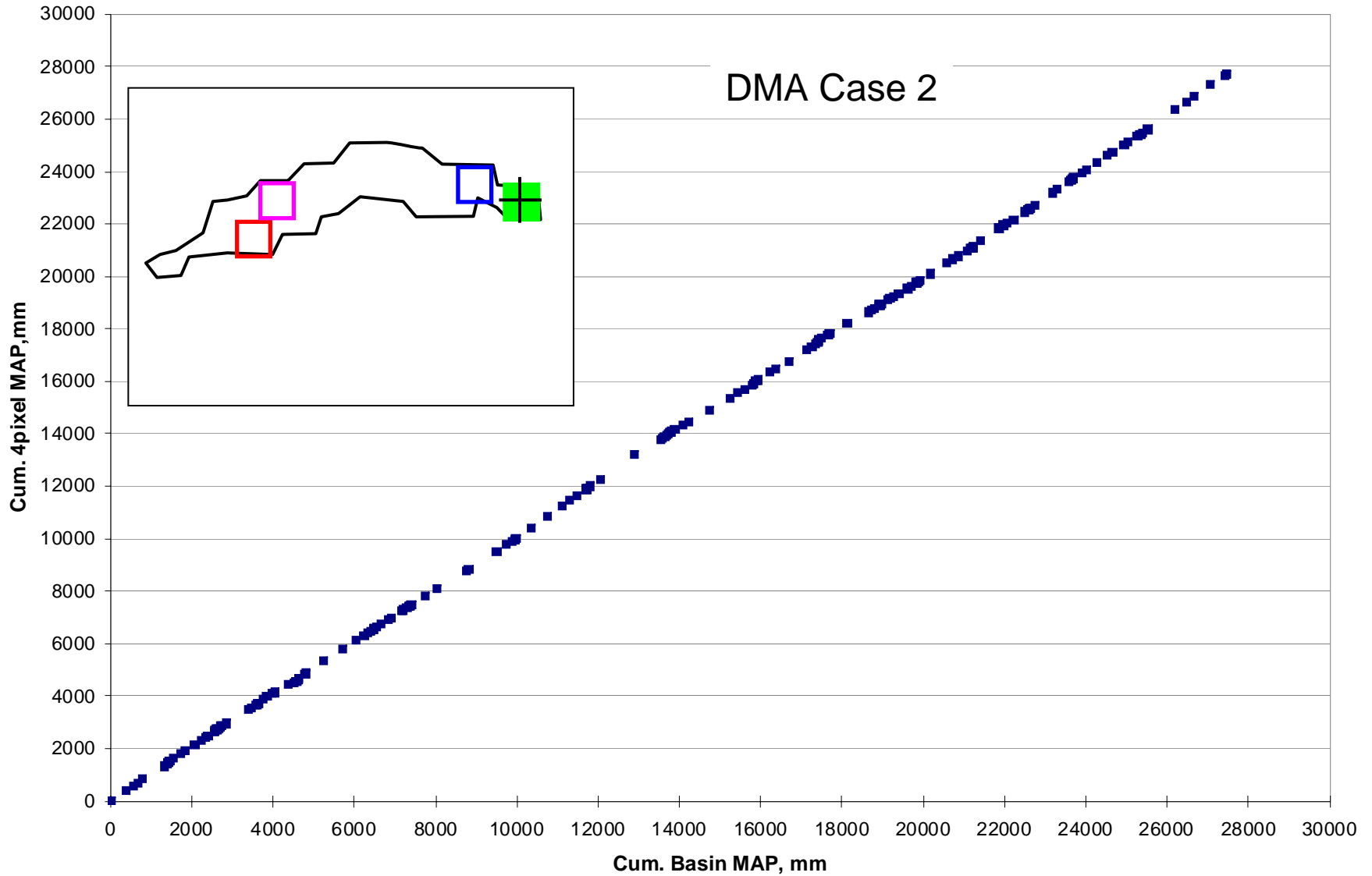
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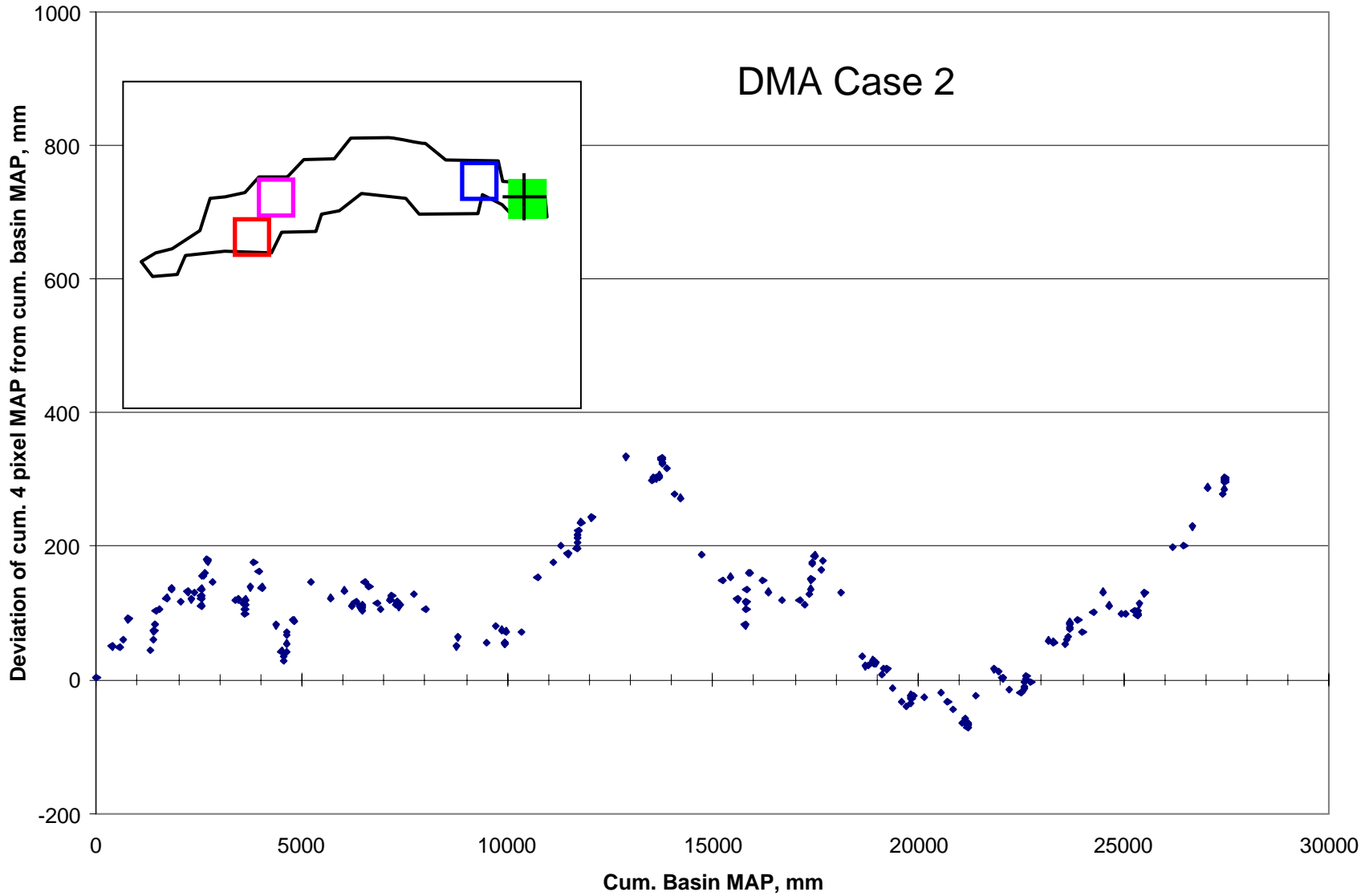
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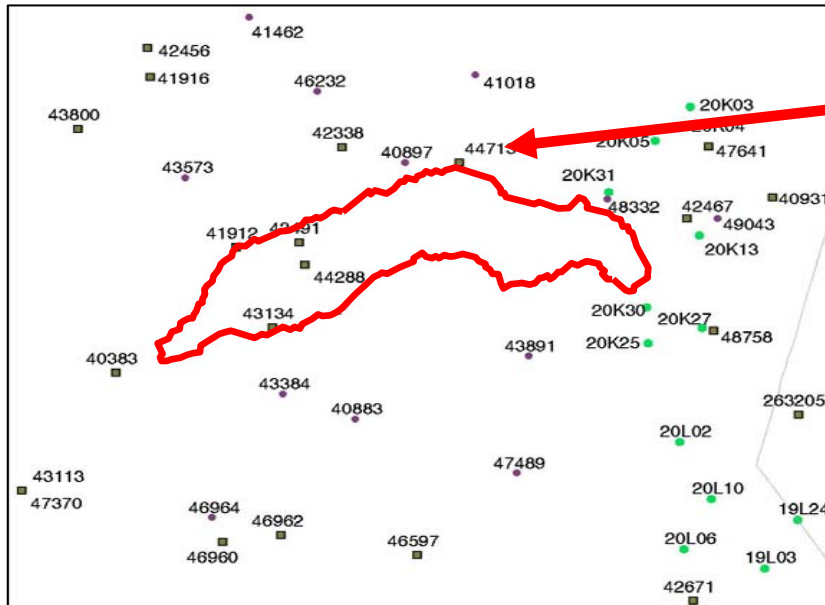
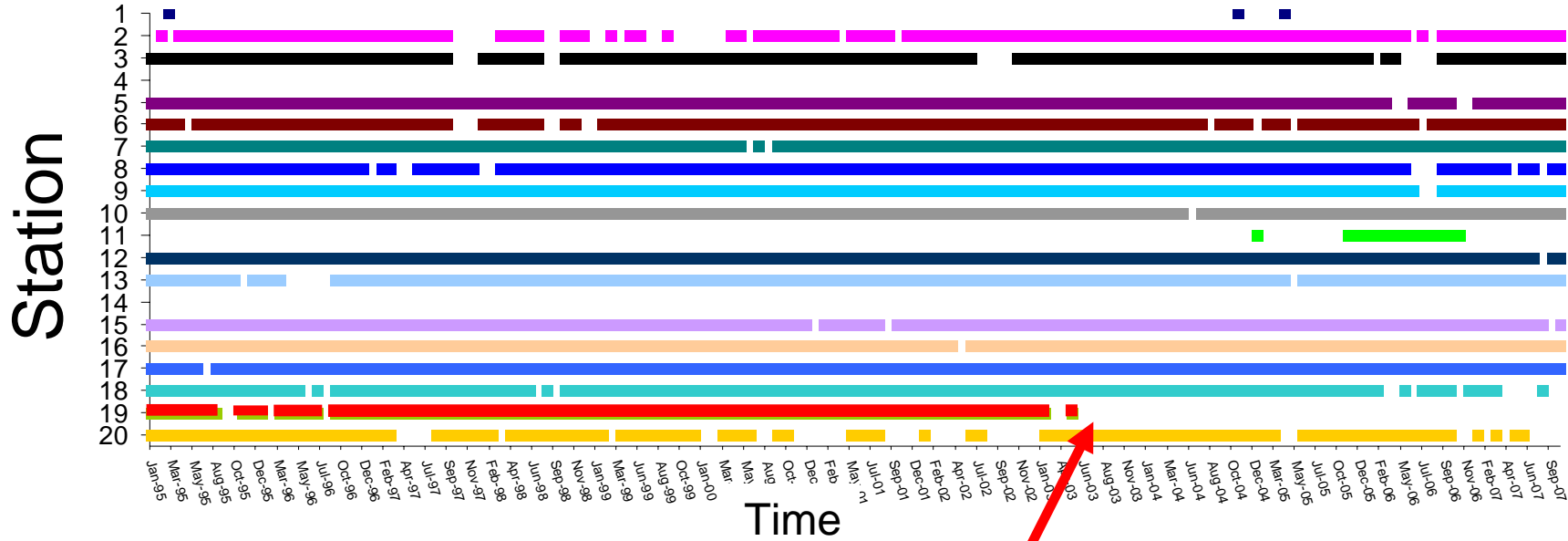


## 2. Plot OHD QPE accumulation and PXPP accumulation

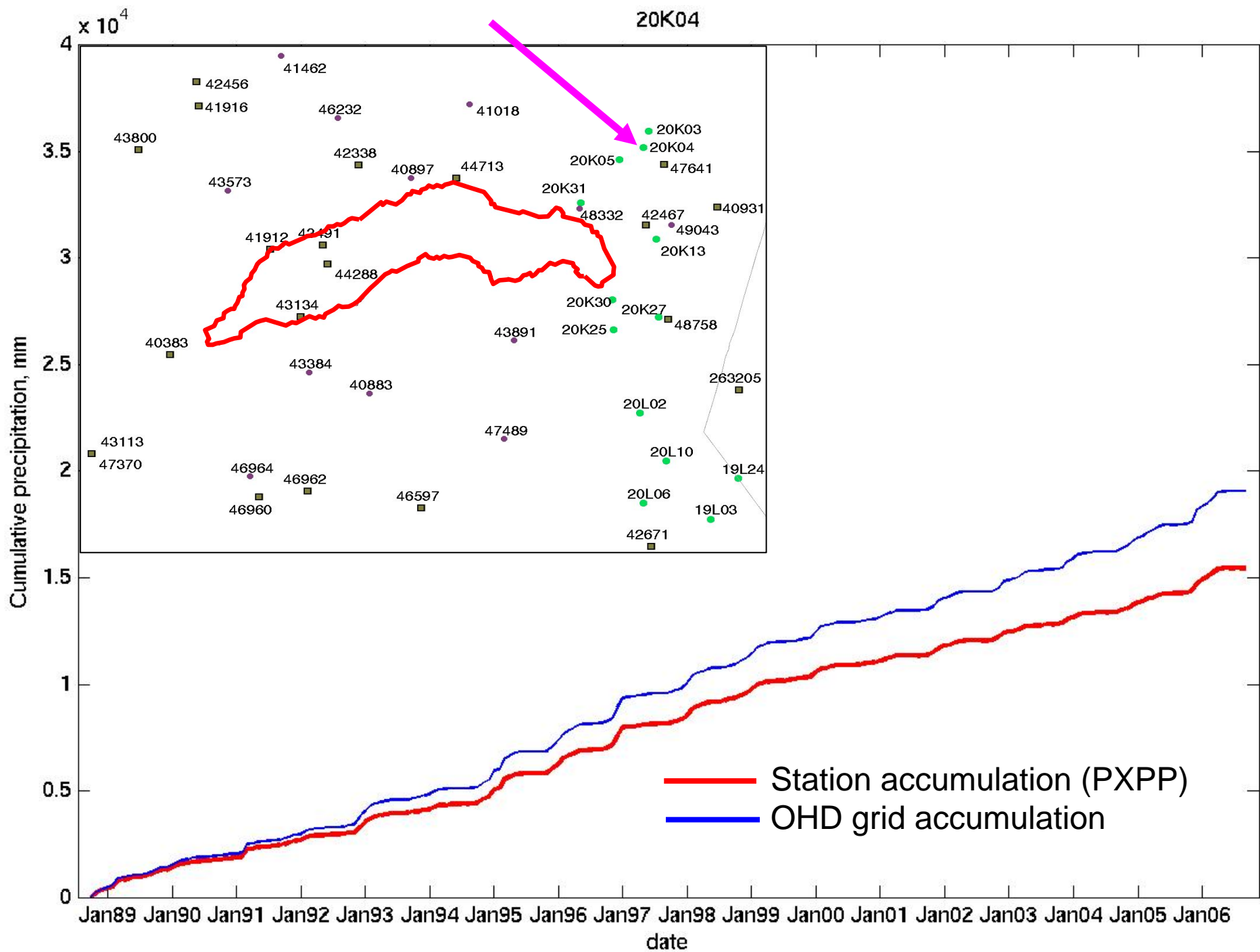
### Method

- Download NCDC hourly/daily and SNOTEL data for 1980-2007 for stations around North Fork basin
- Use PXPP program to generate monthly time series at each station for entire period.
- Plot accumulation of PXPP time series and the accumulation of the 'co-located' OHD QPE grid

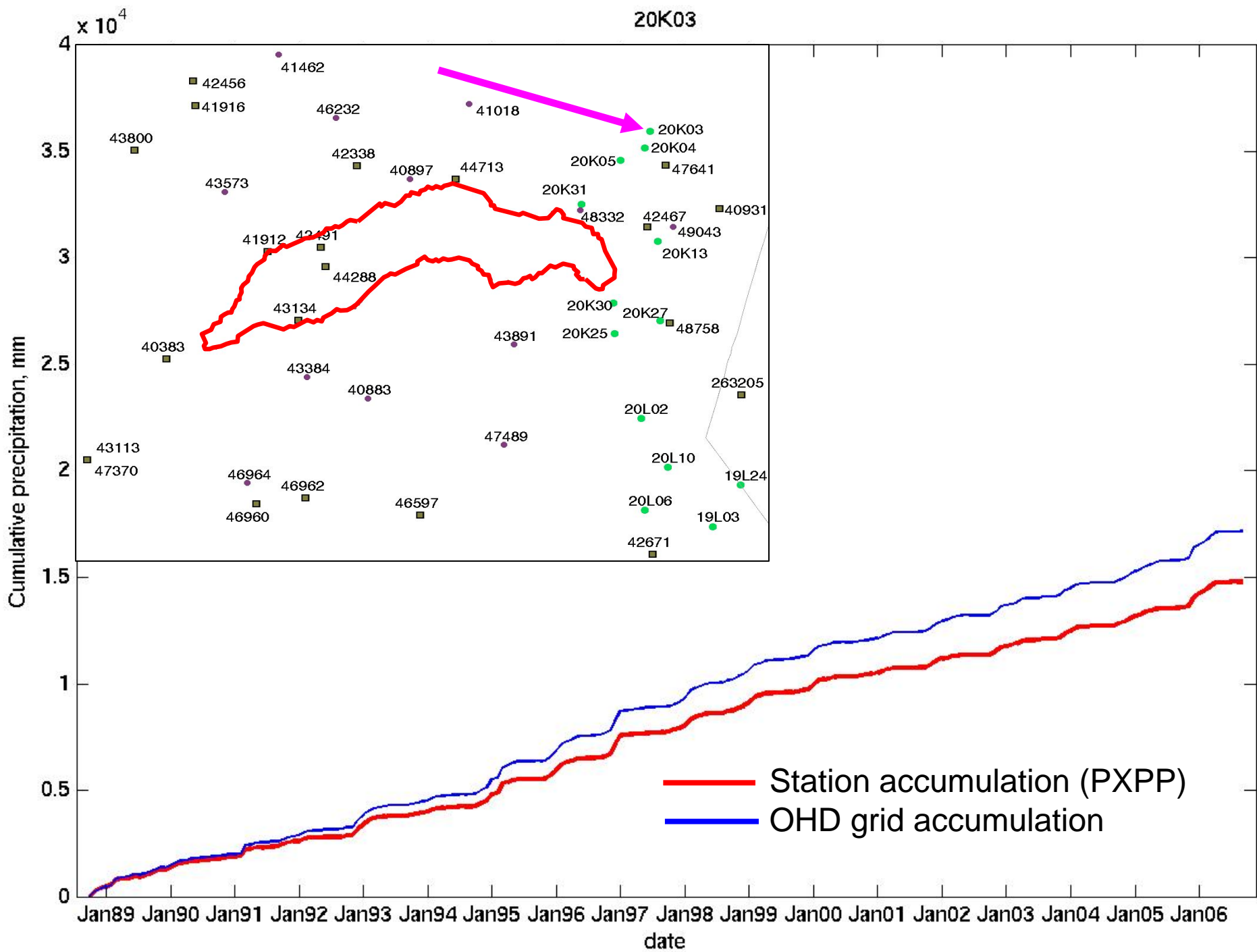
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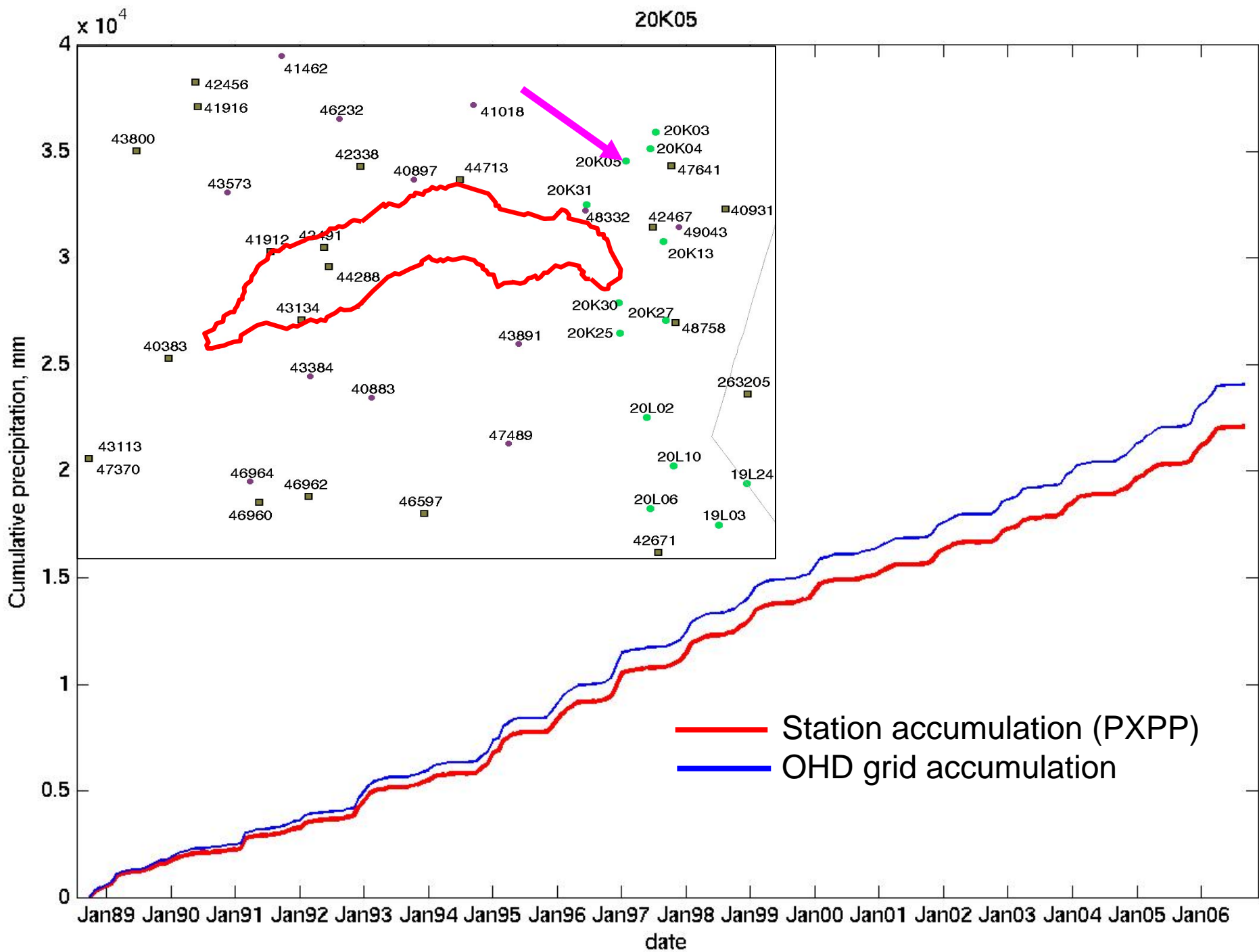


Lake Spaulding NCDC daily gauge discontinued

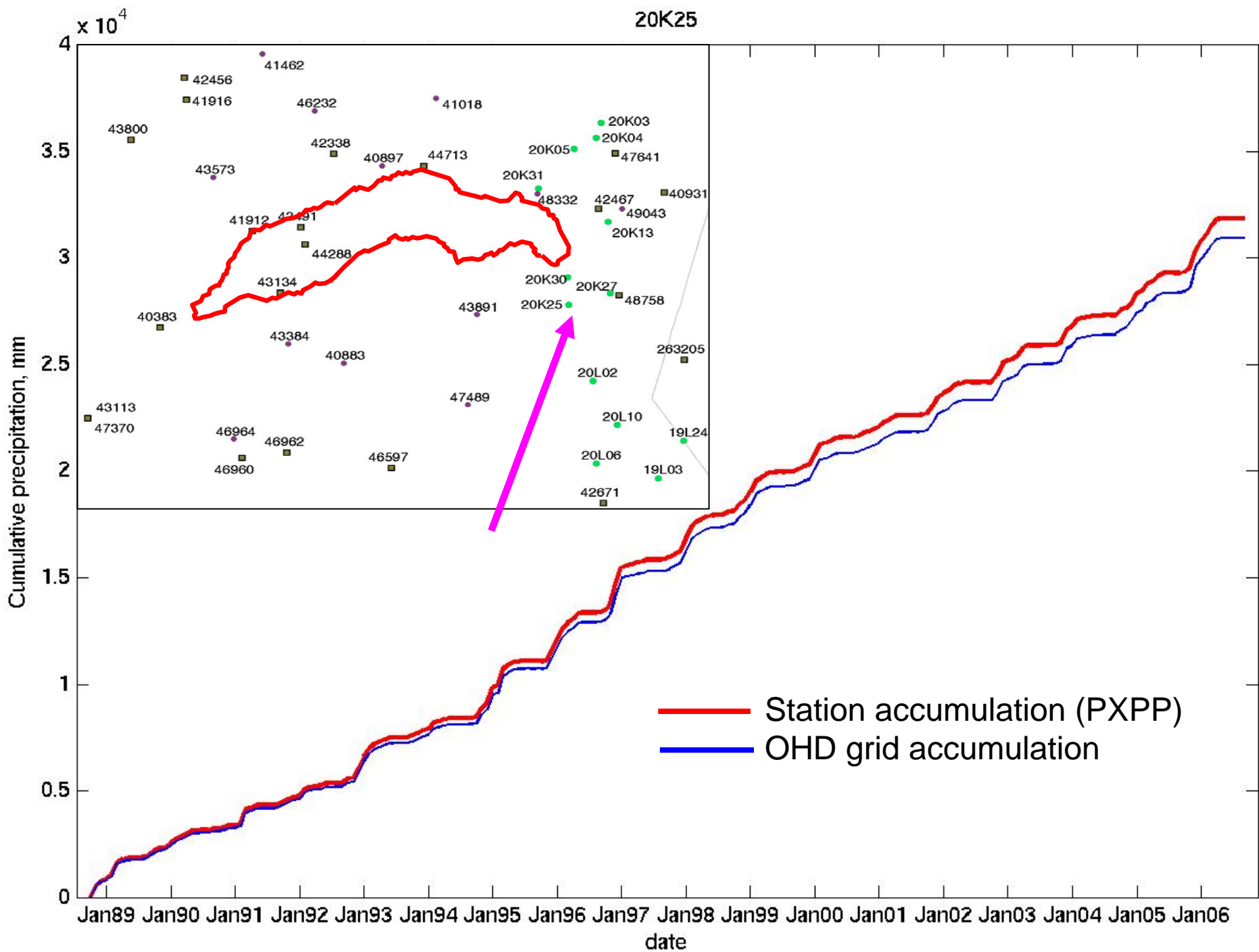


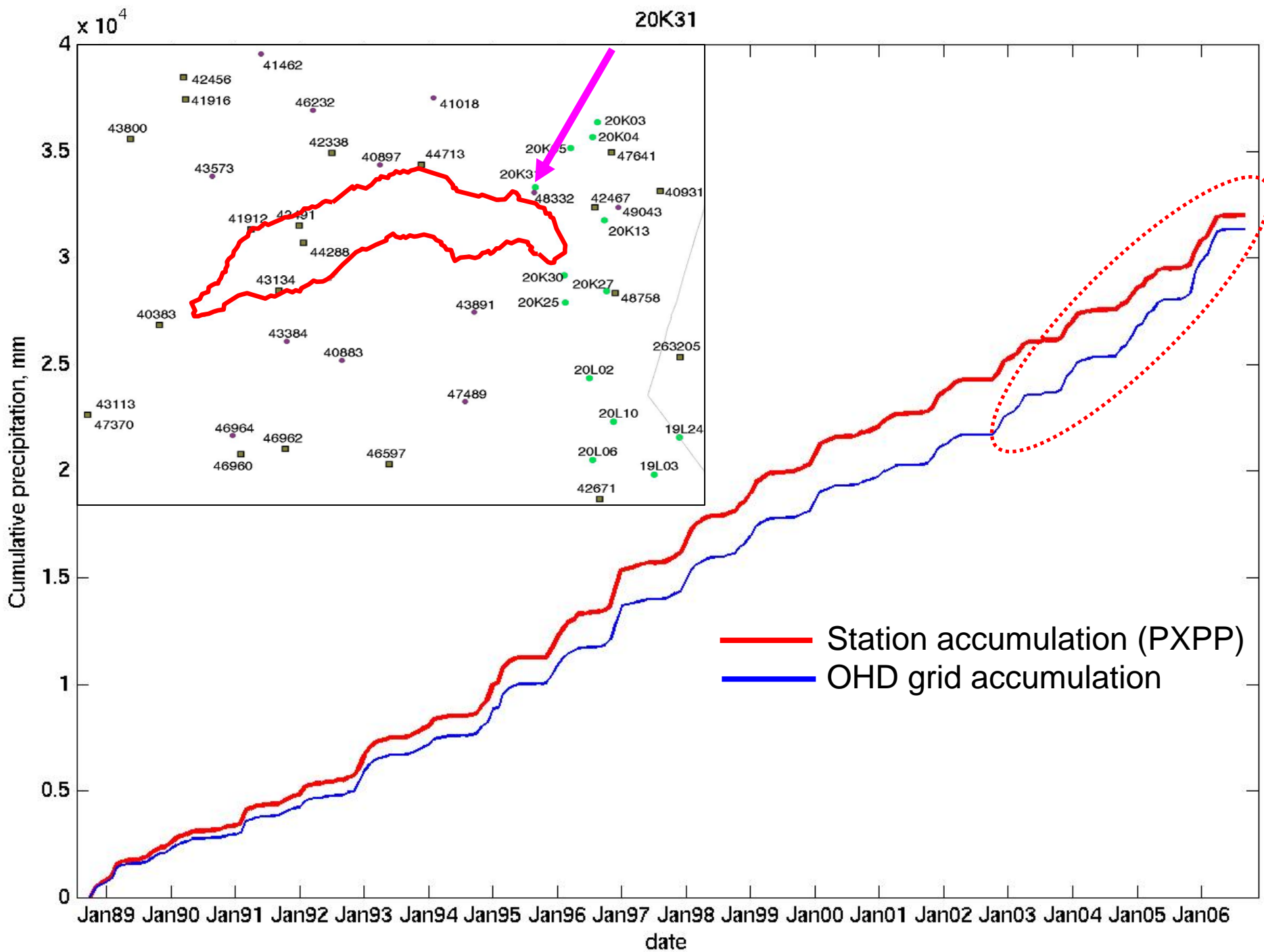


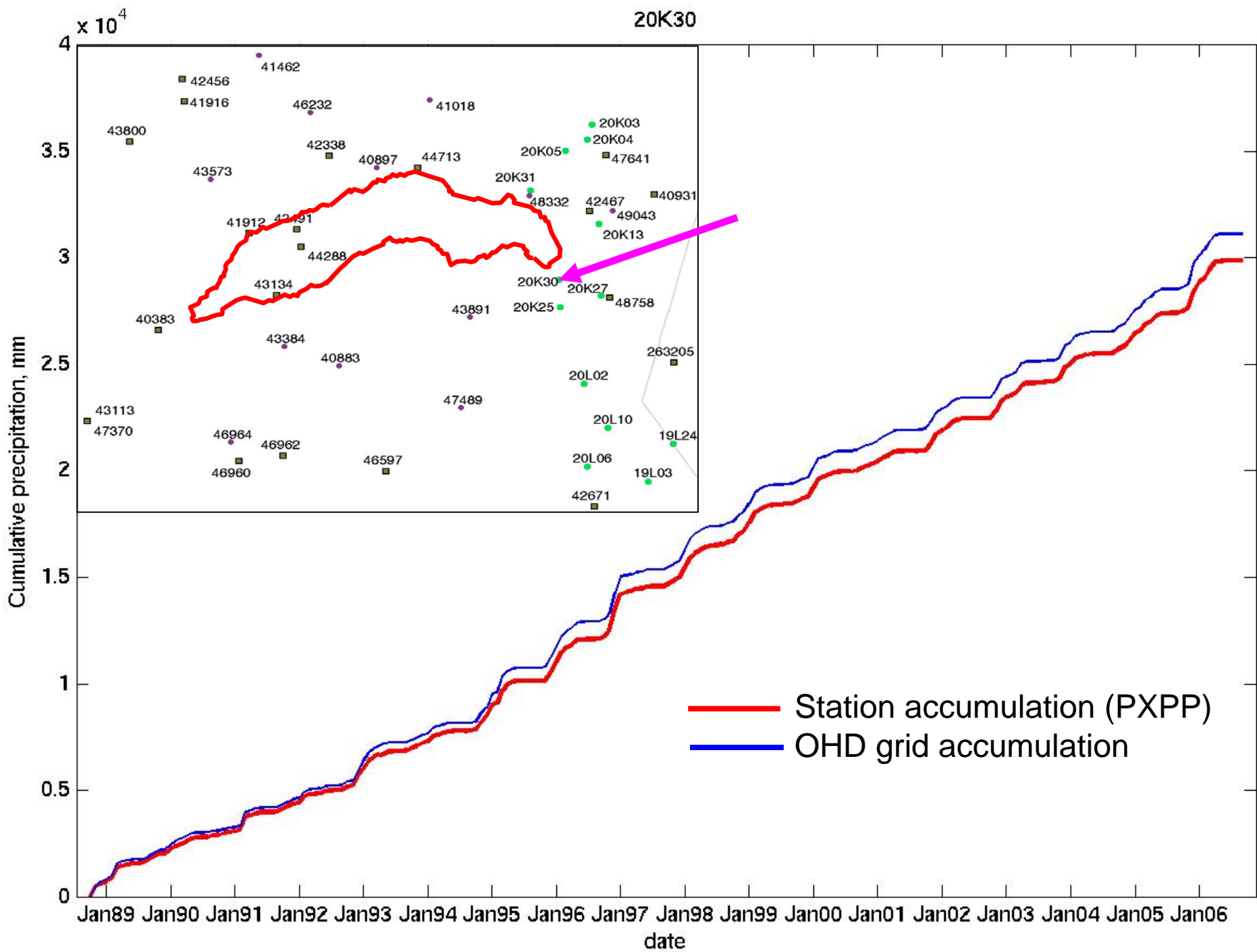




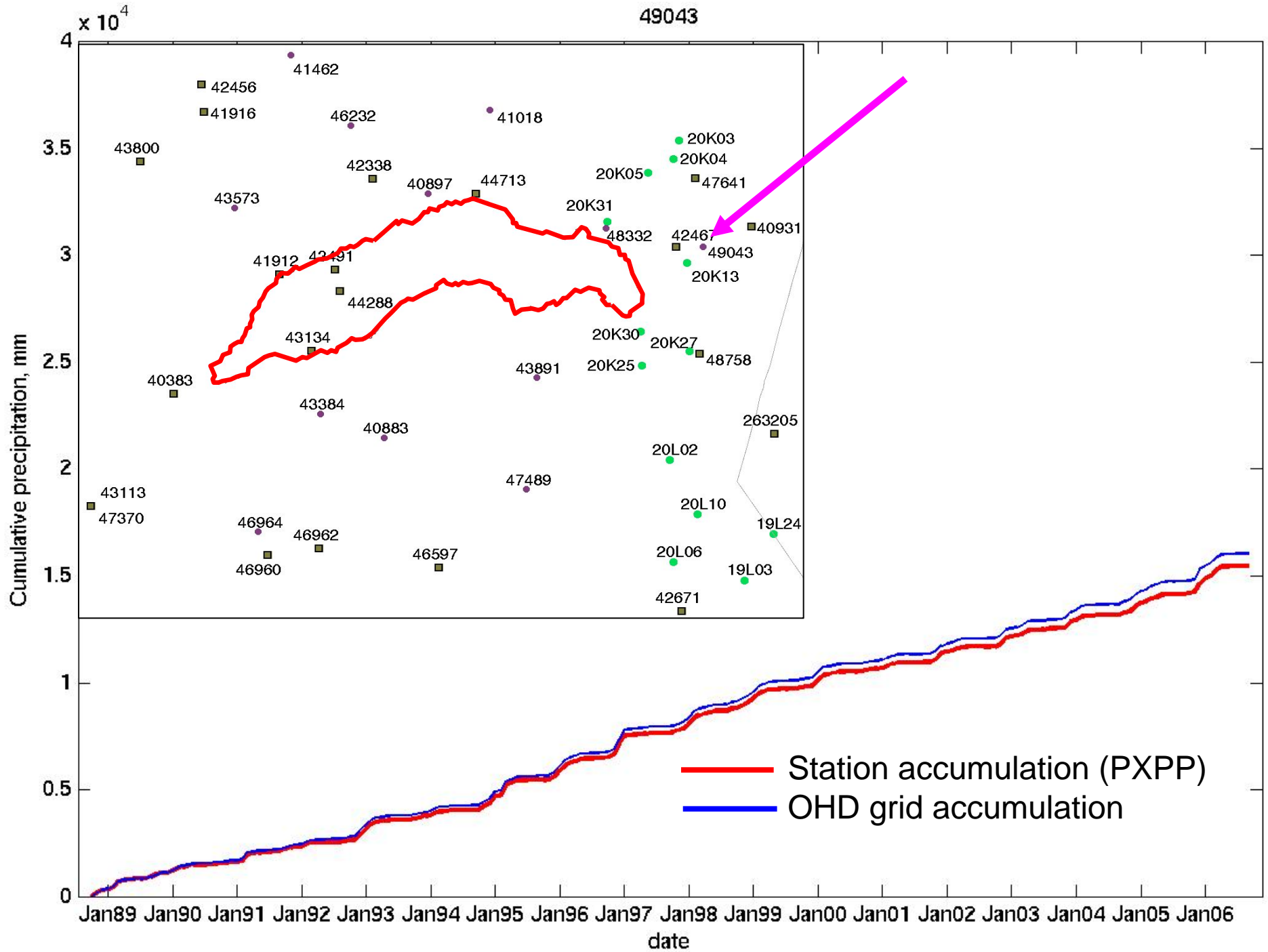




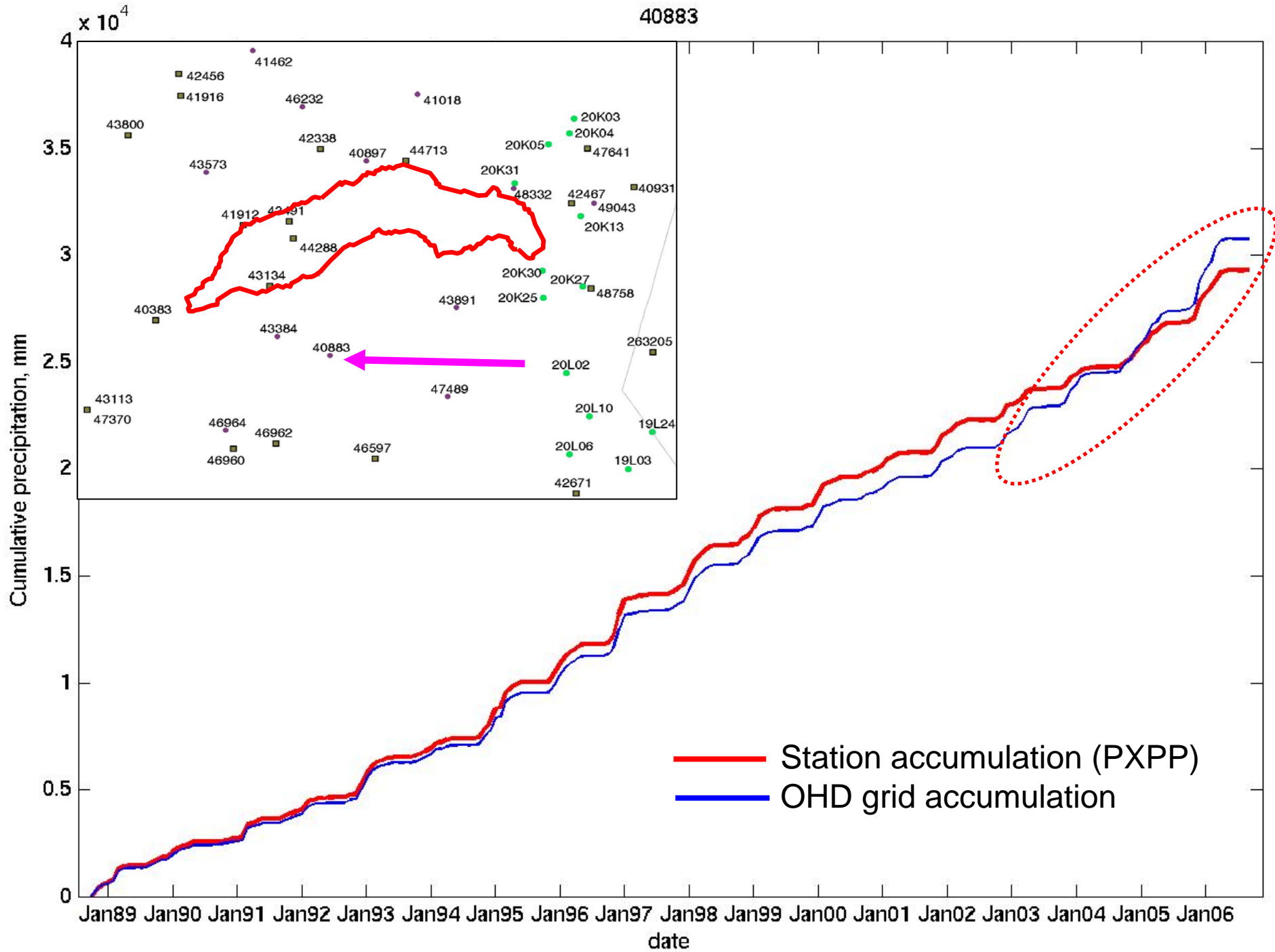




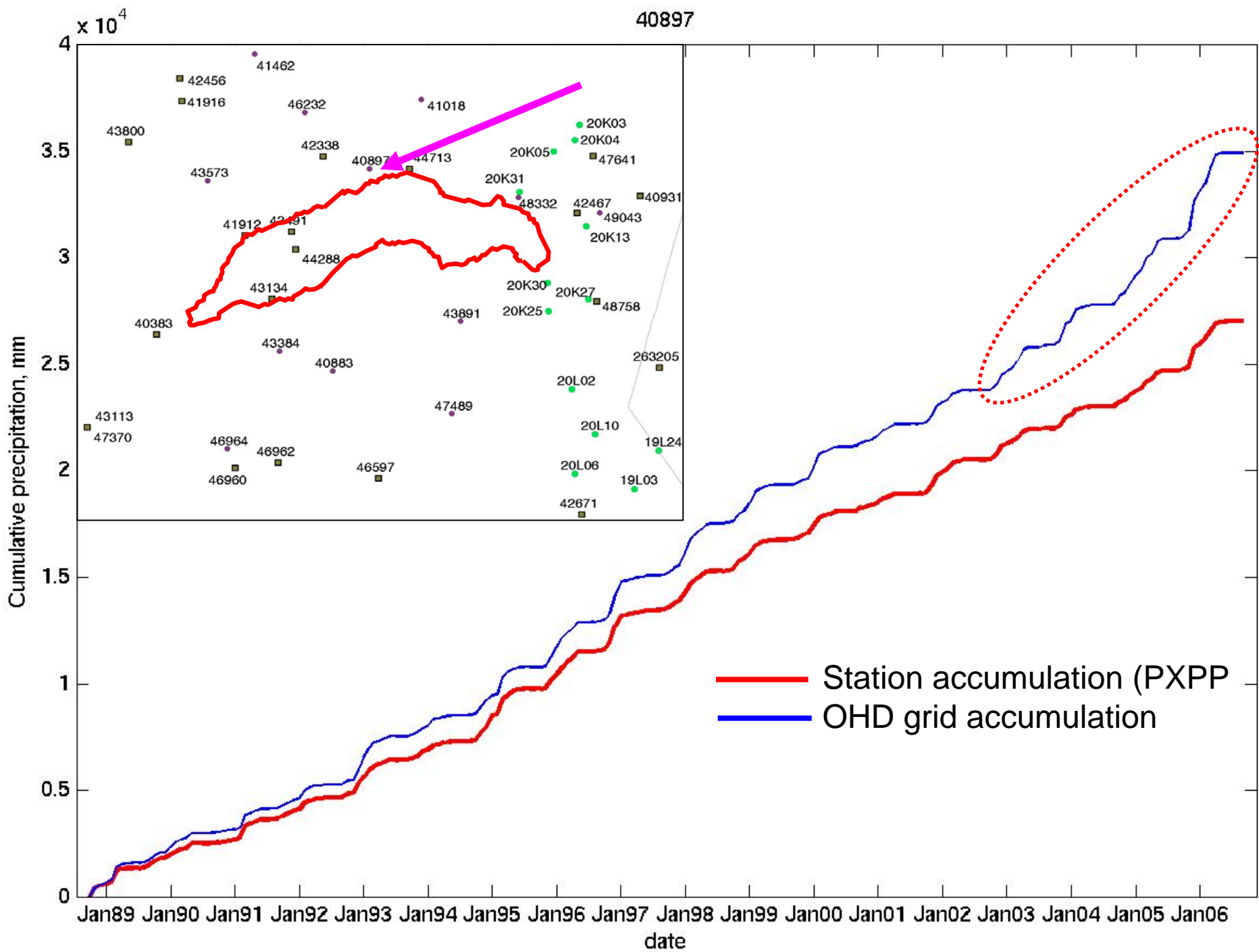
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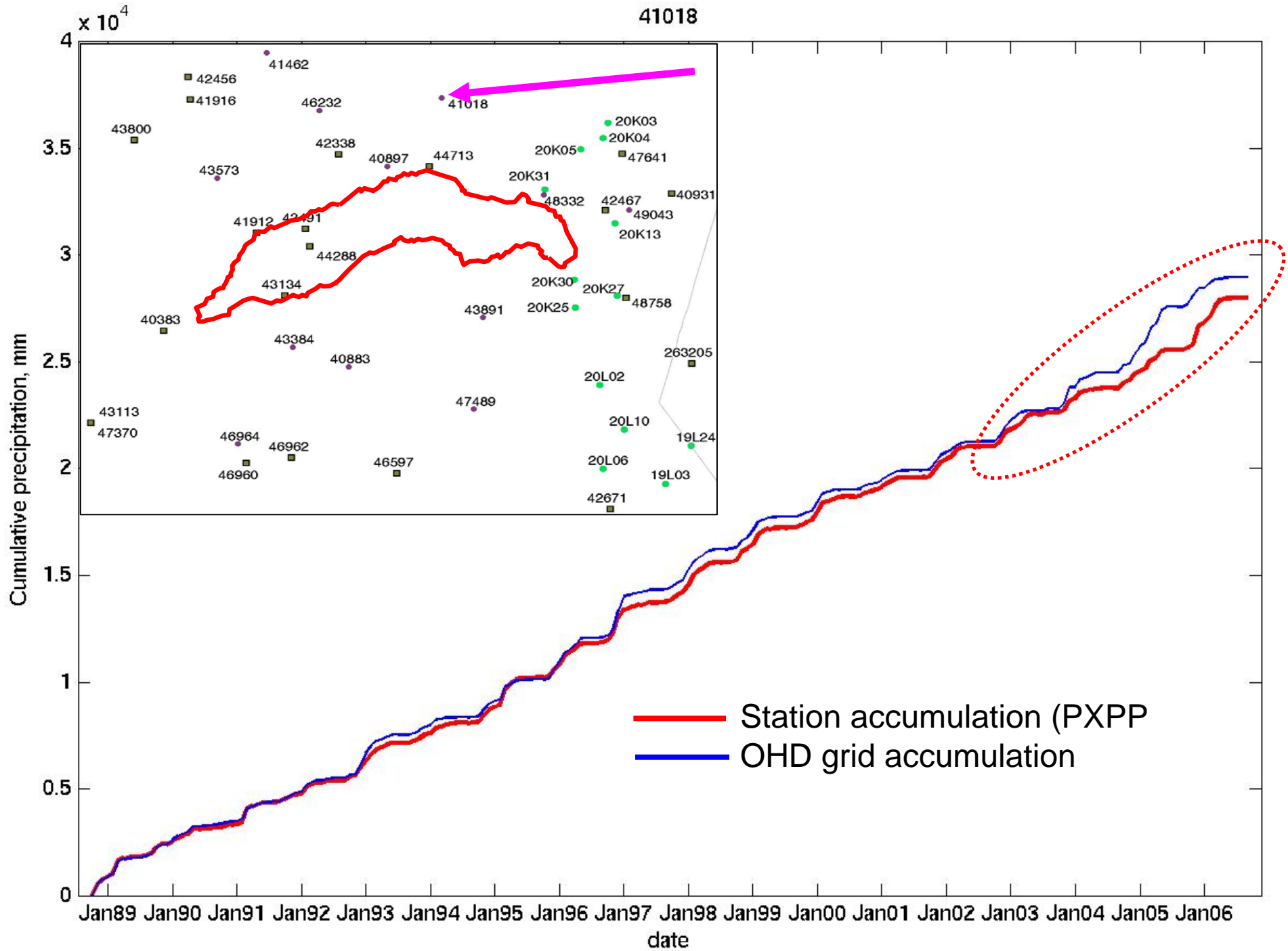
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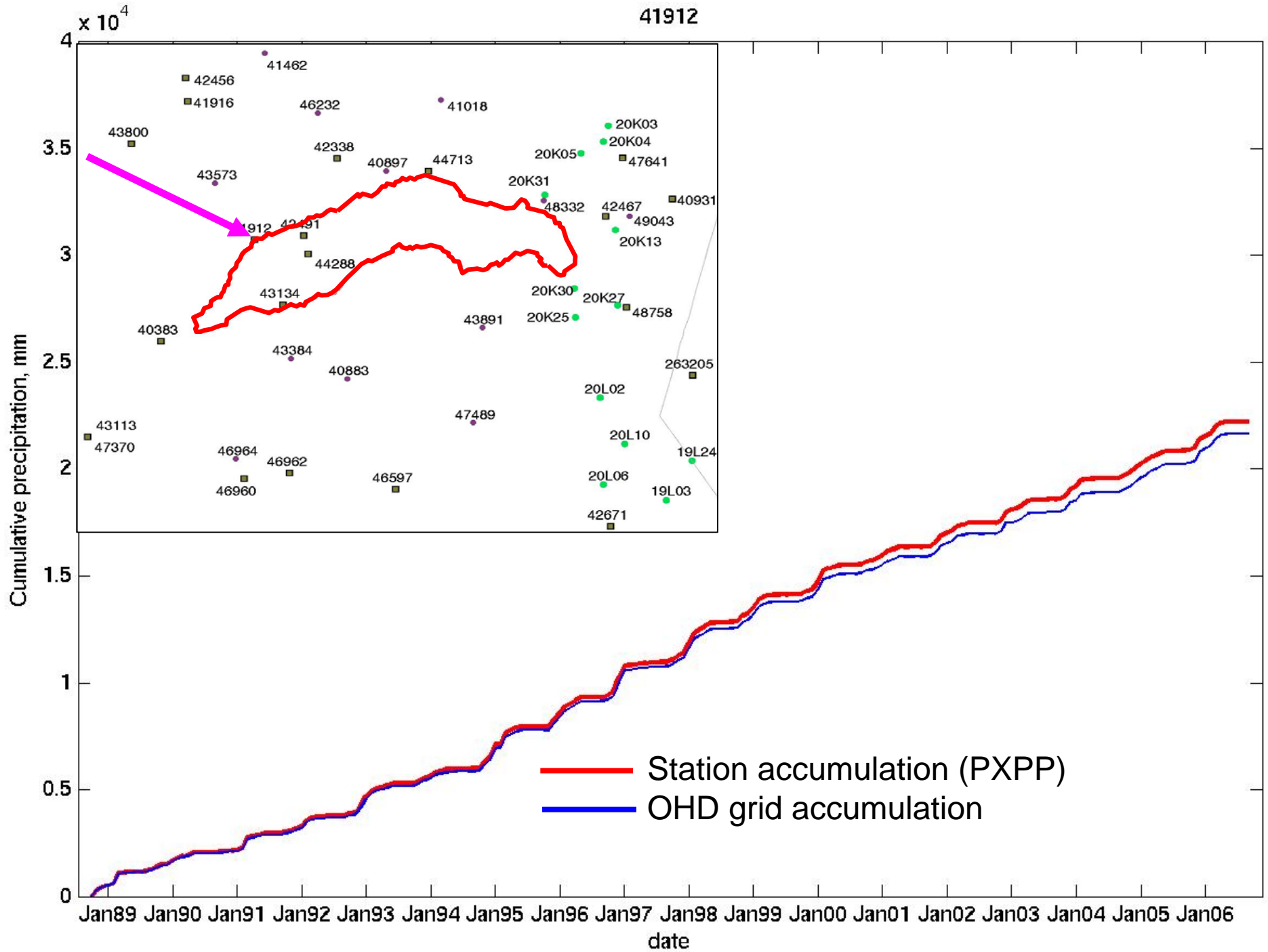




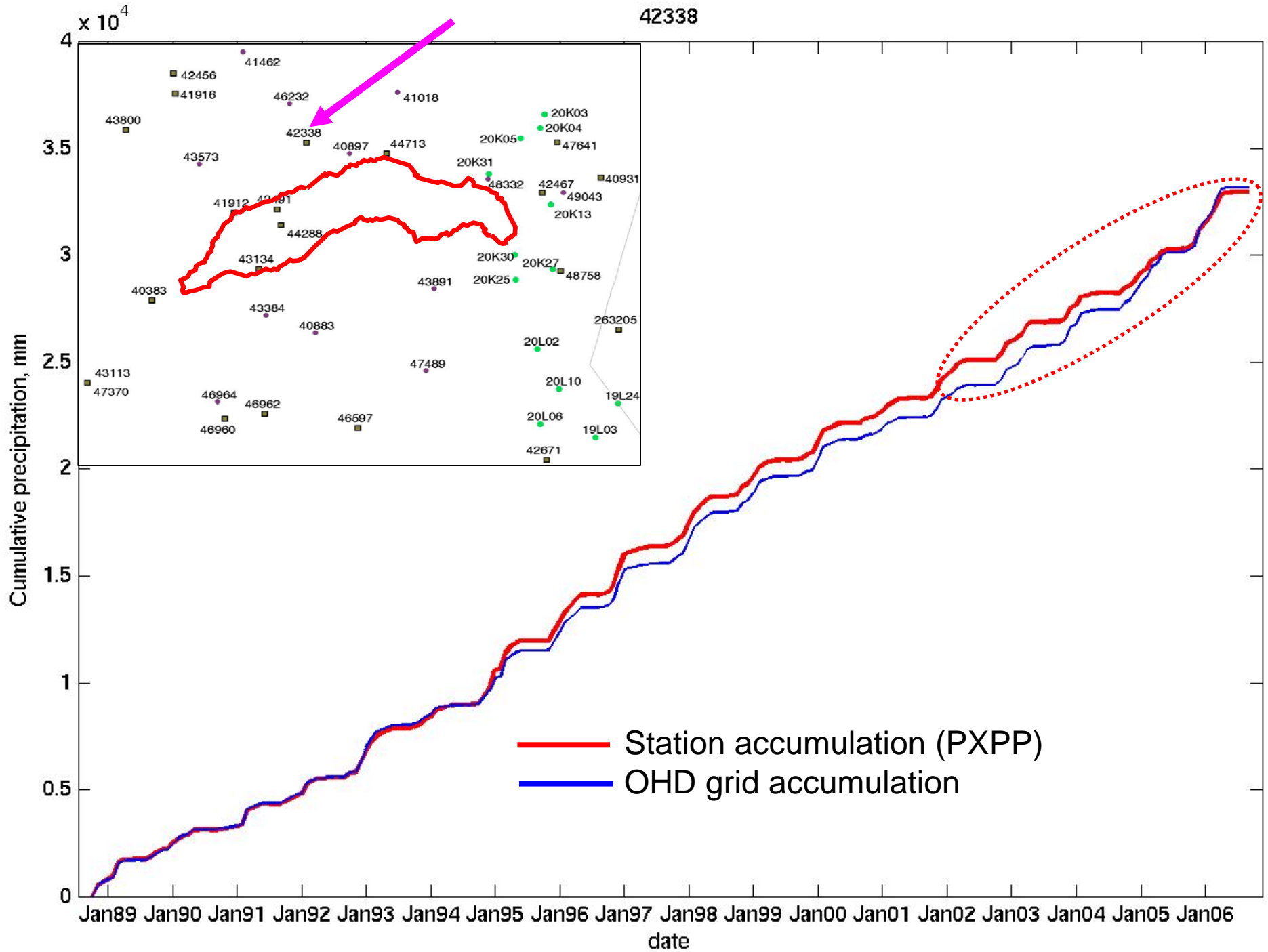
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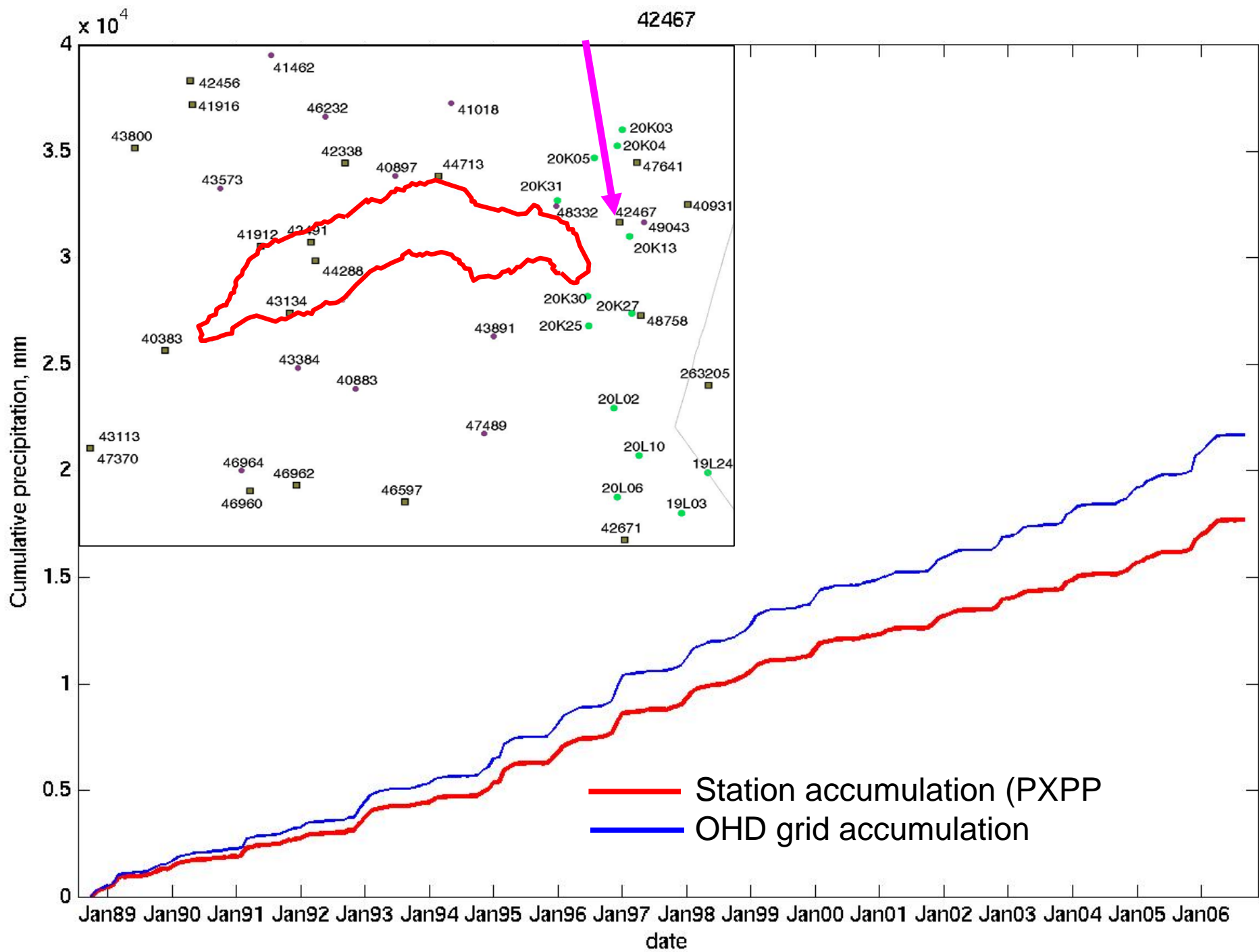


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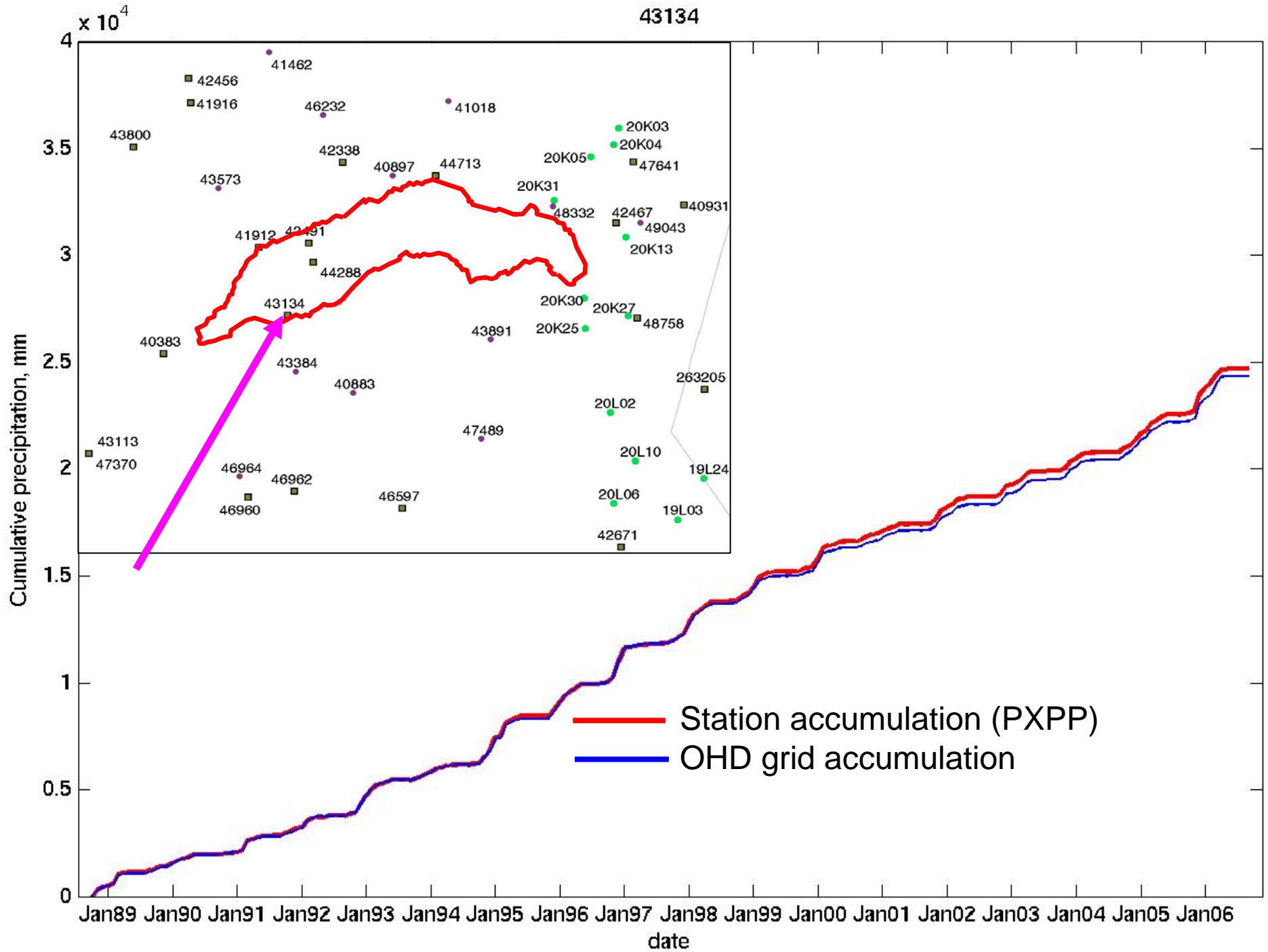


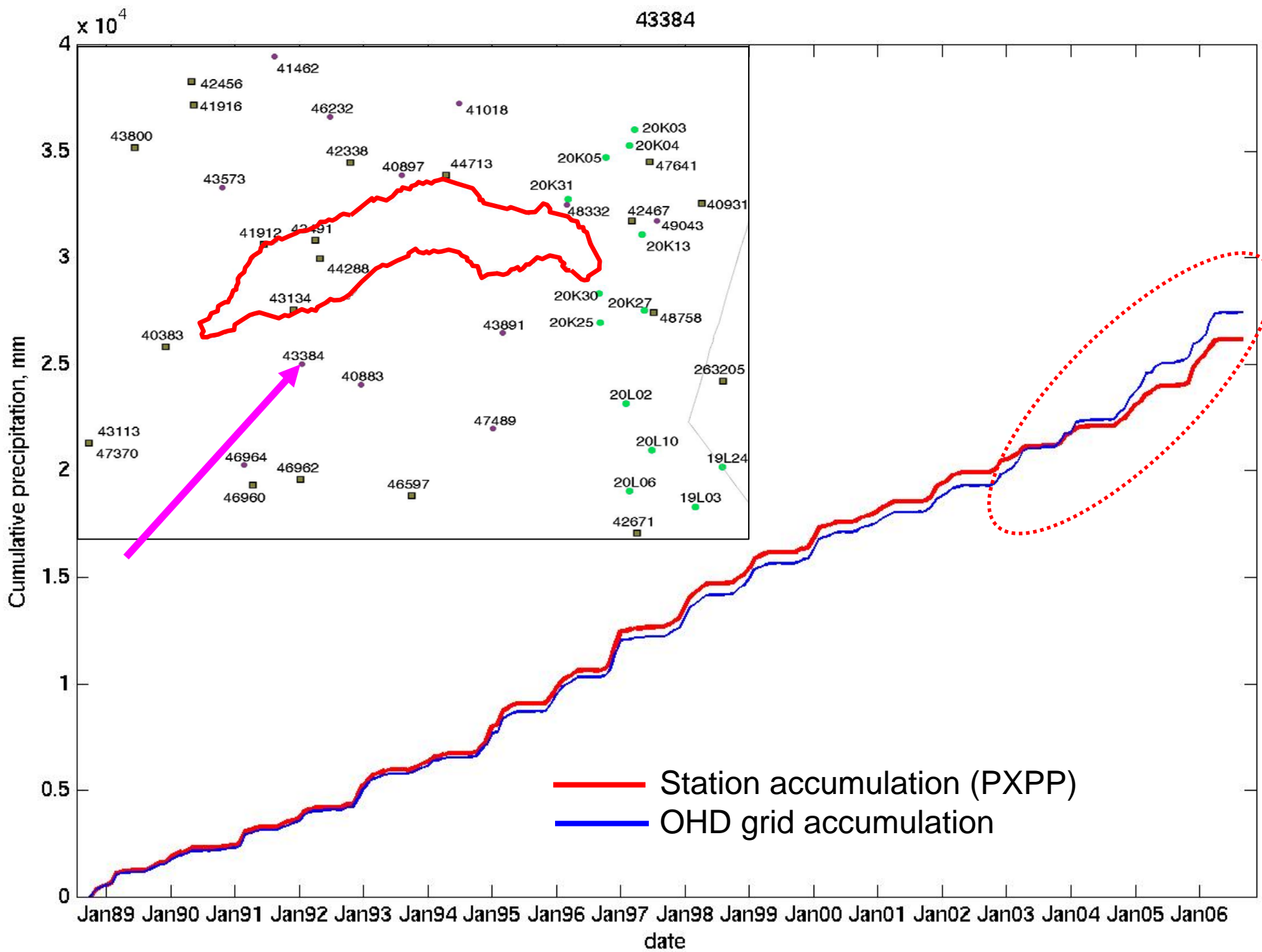
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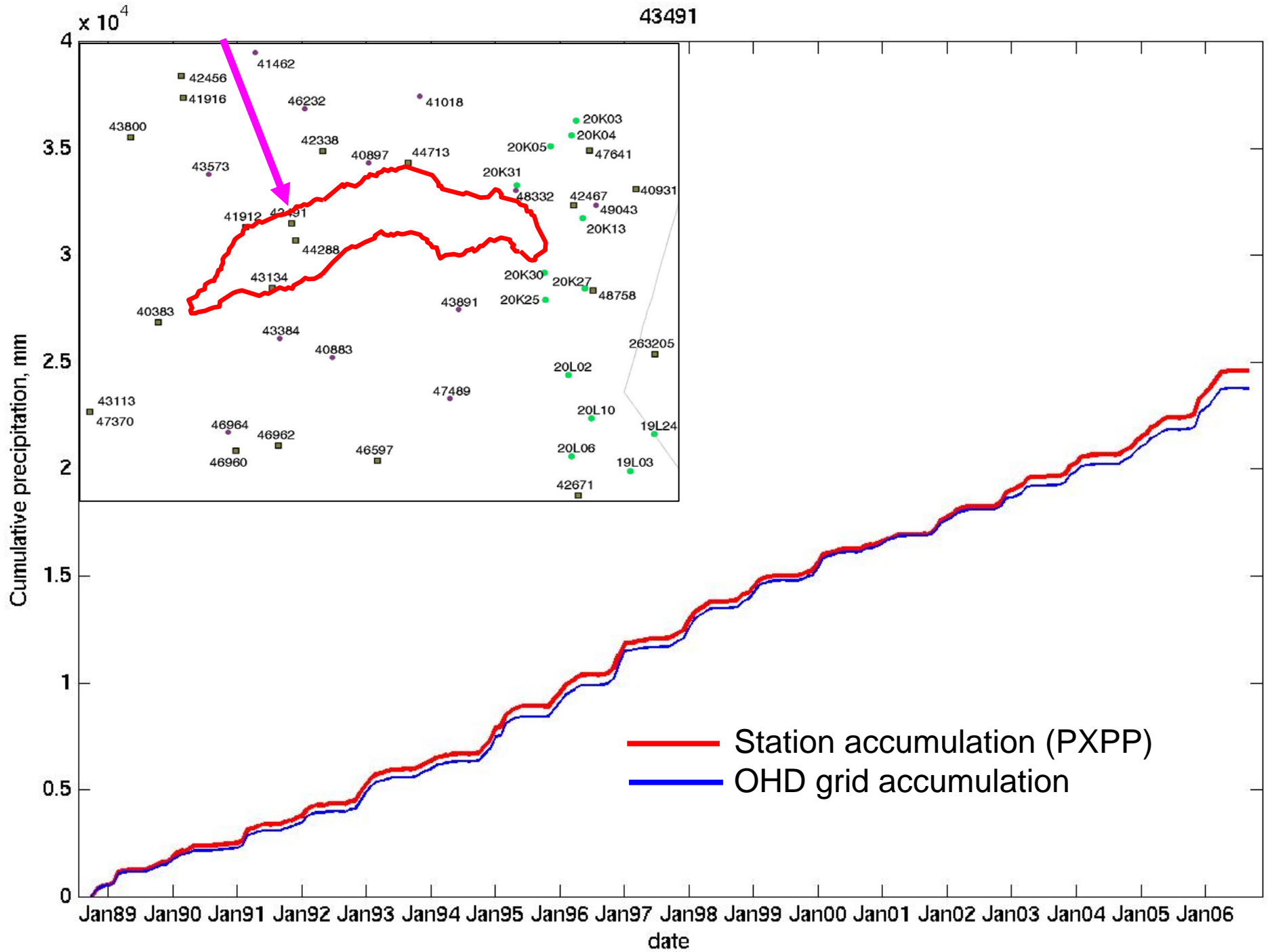


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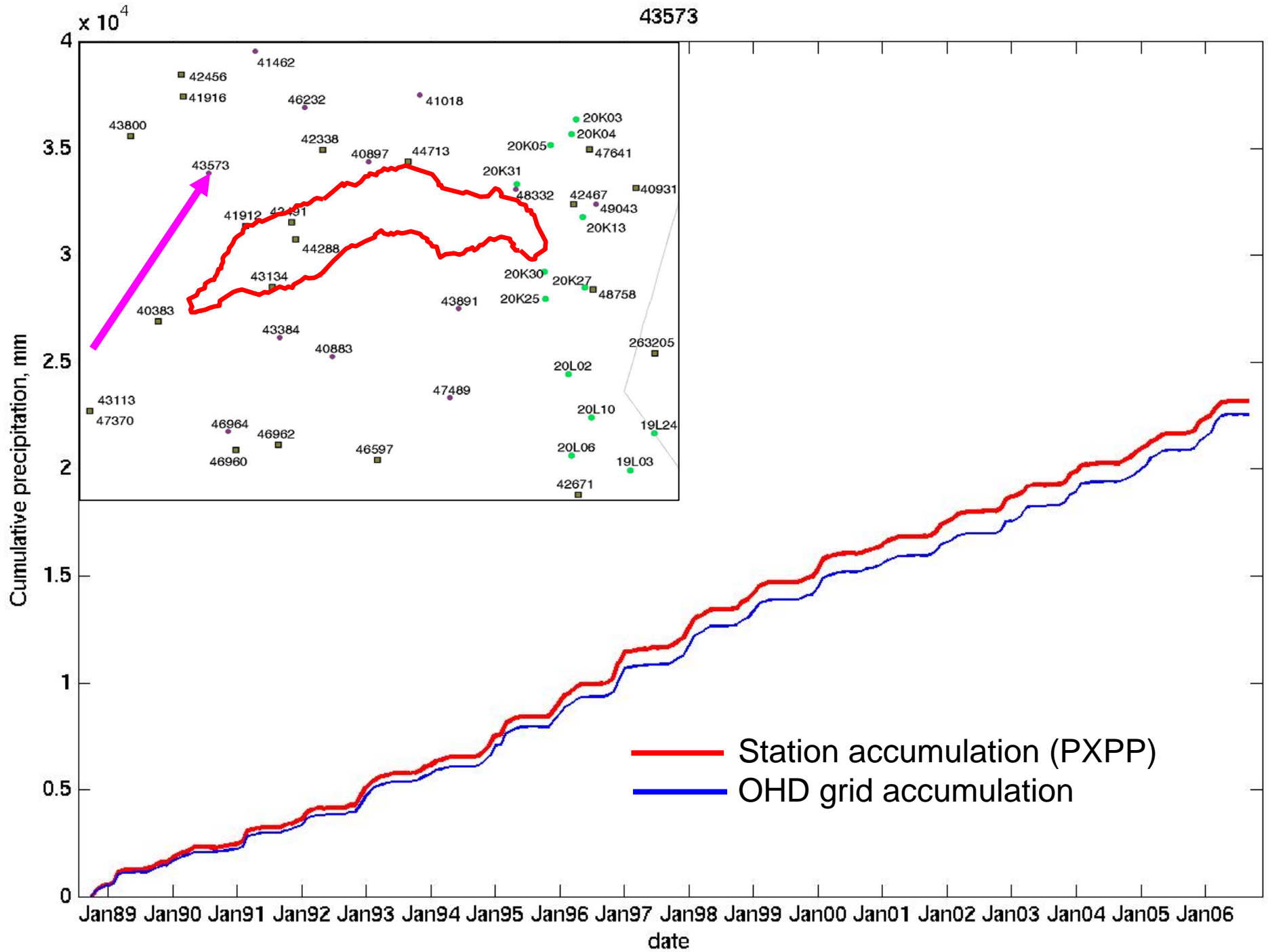


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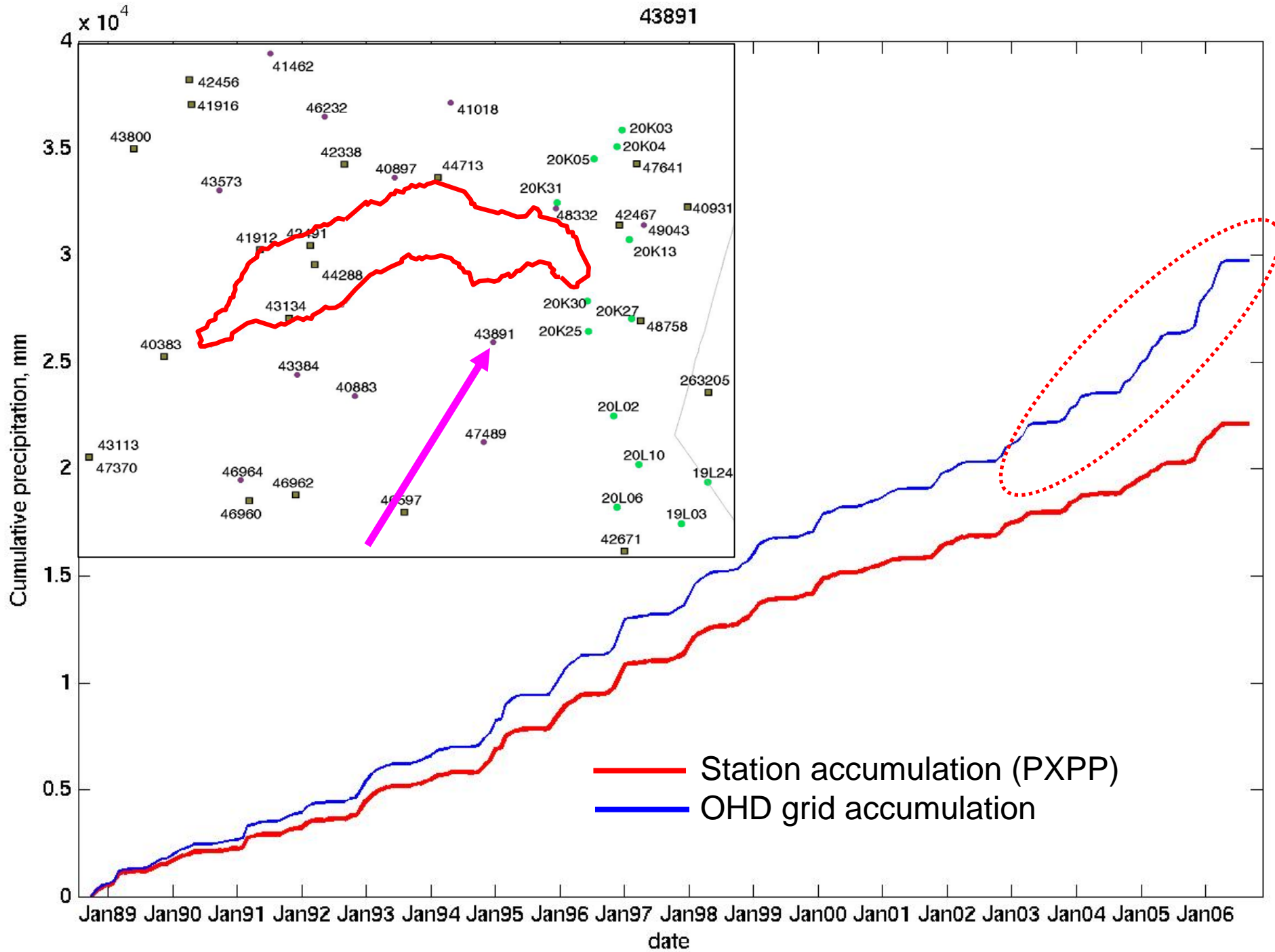




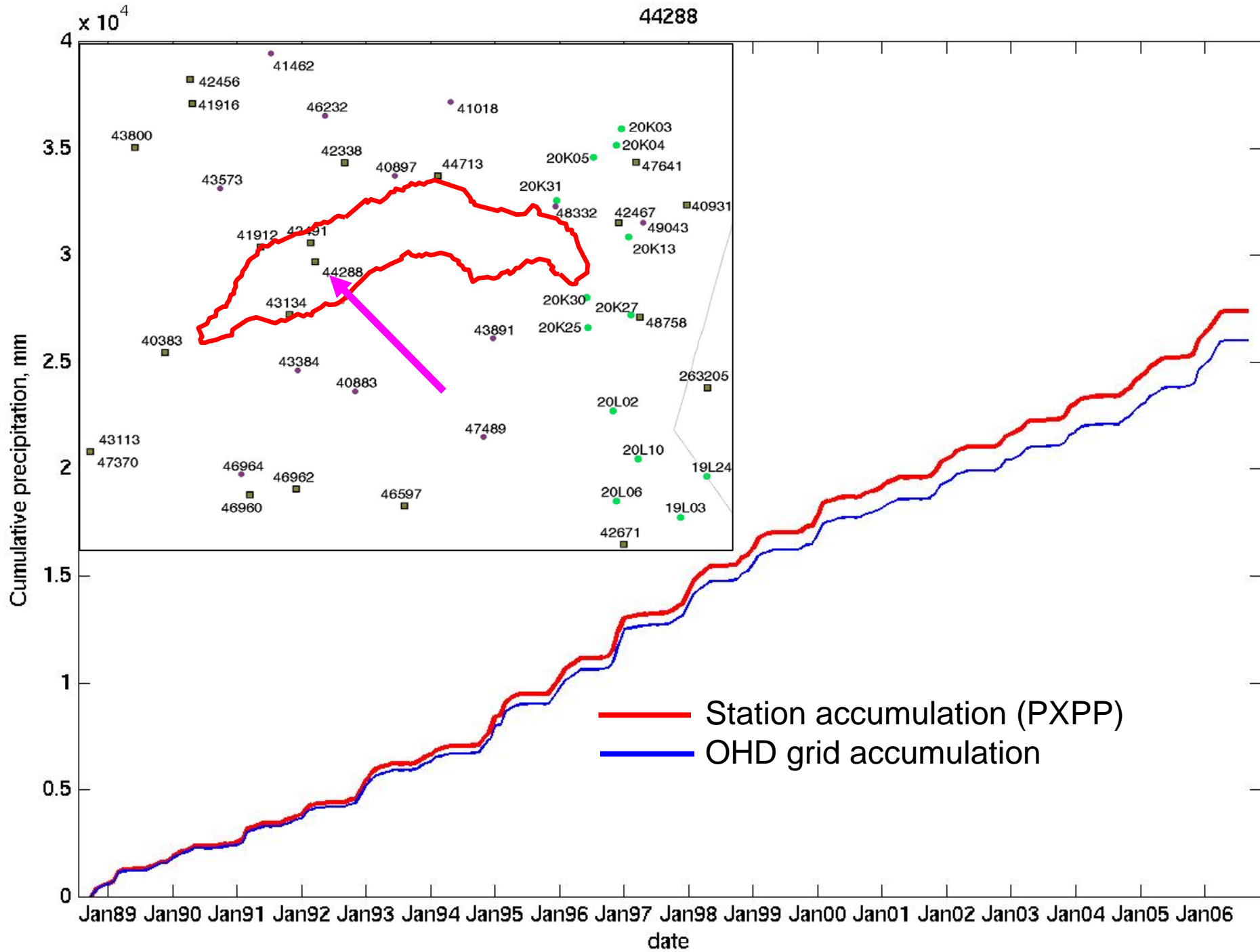
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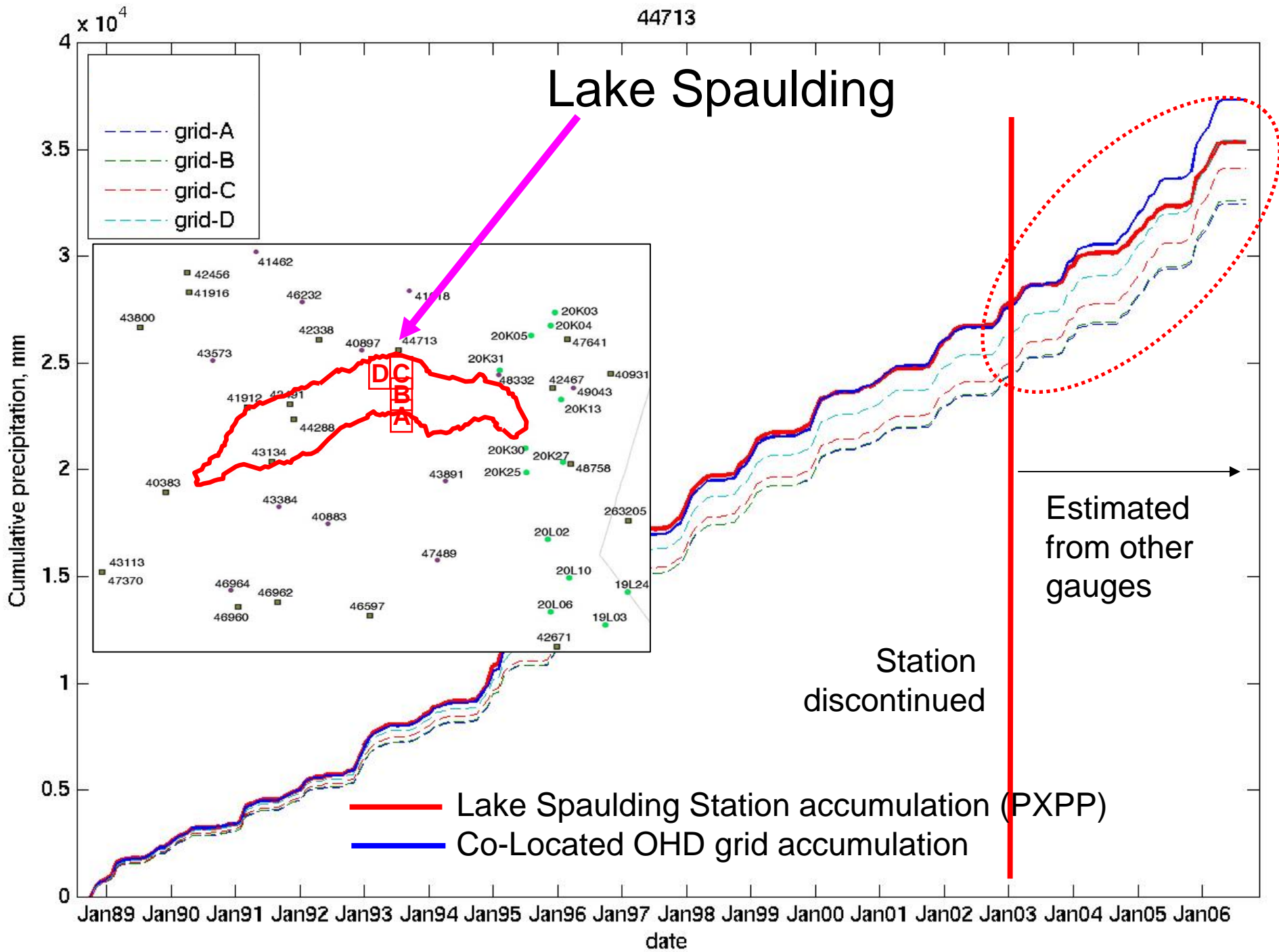


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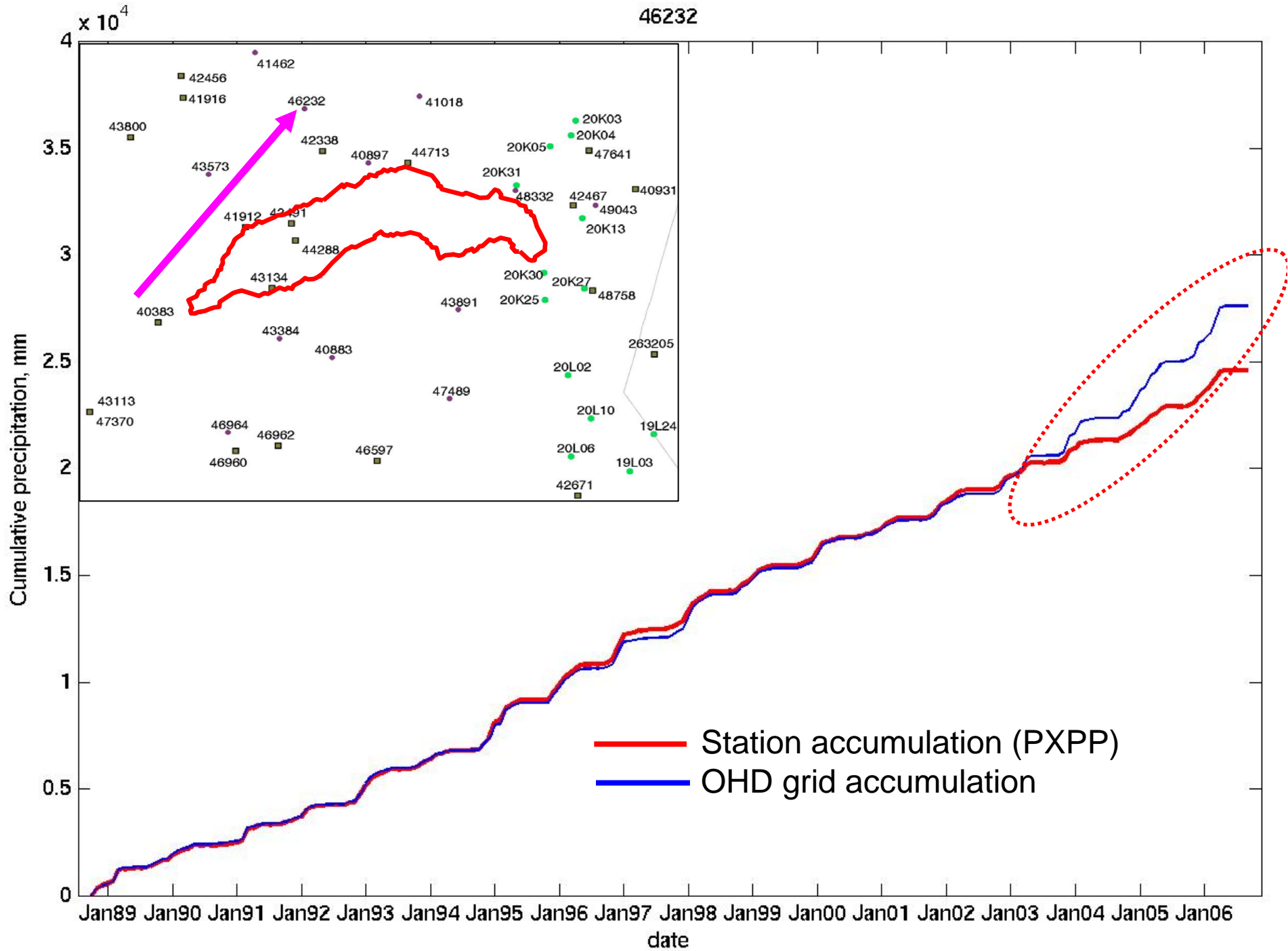


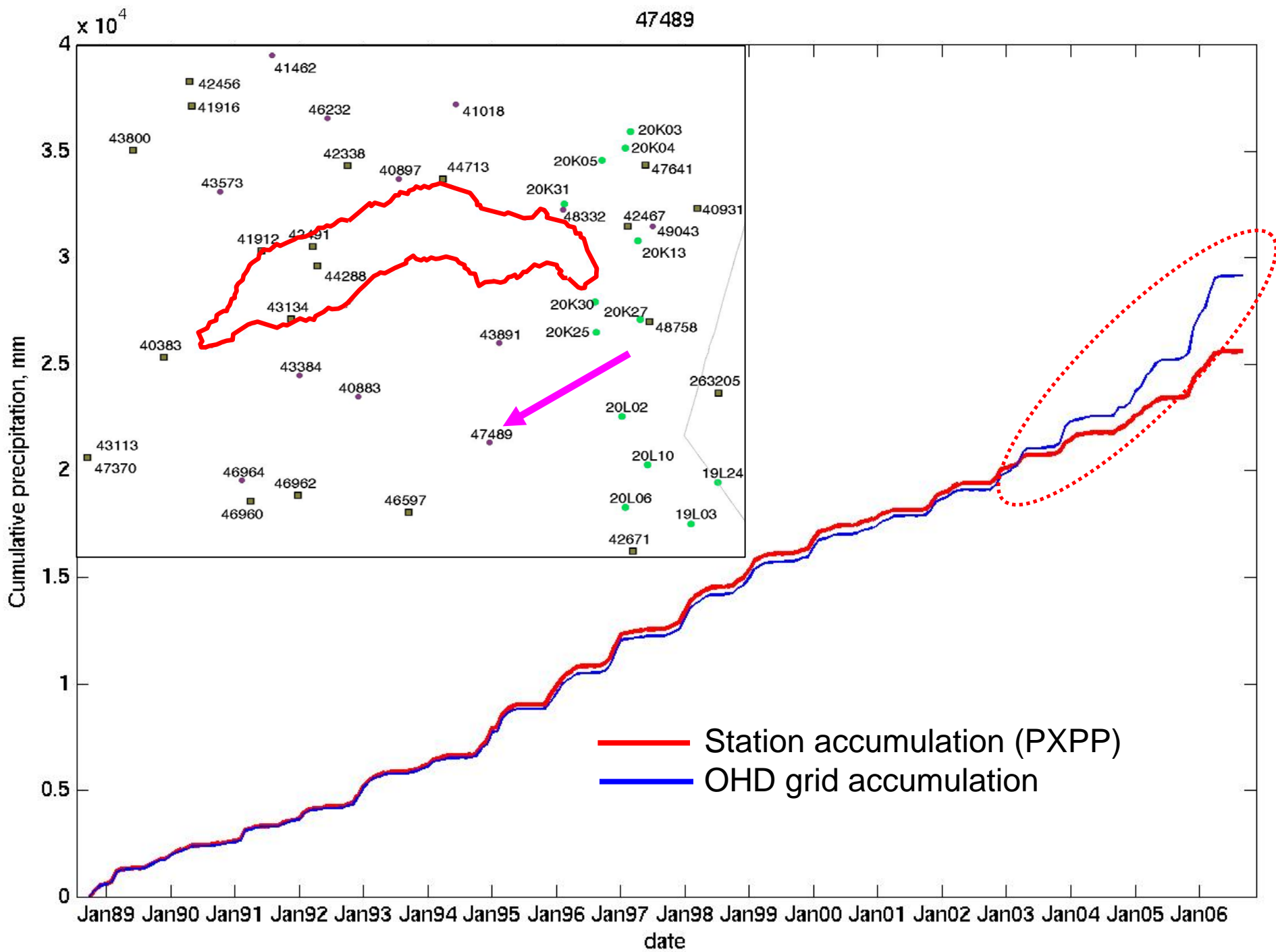
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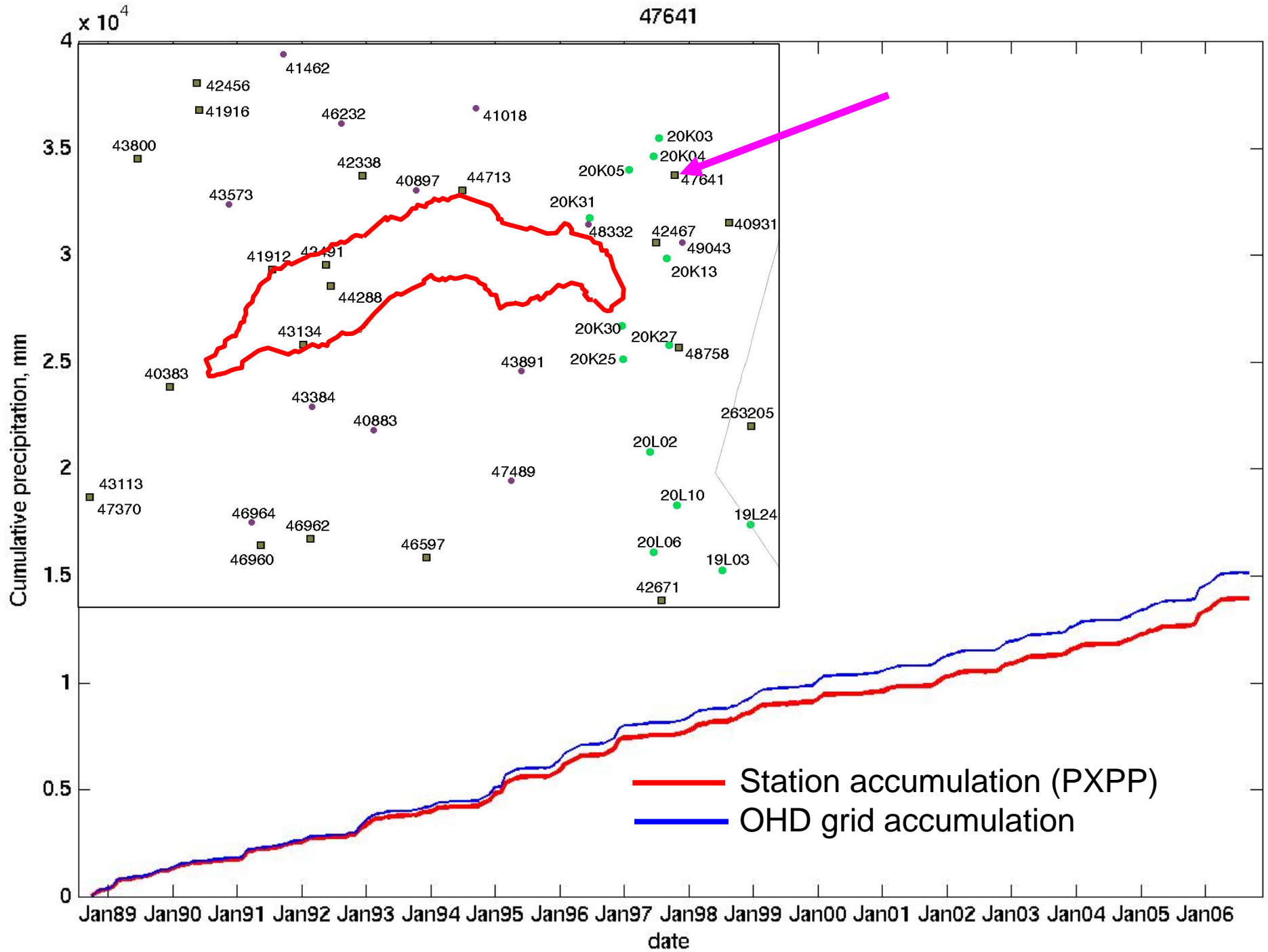


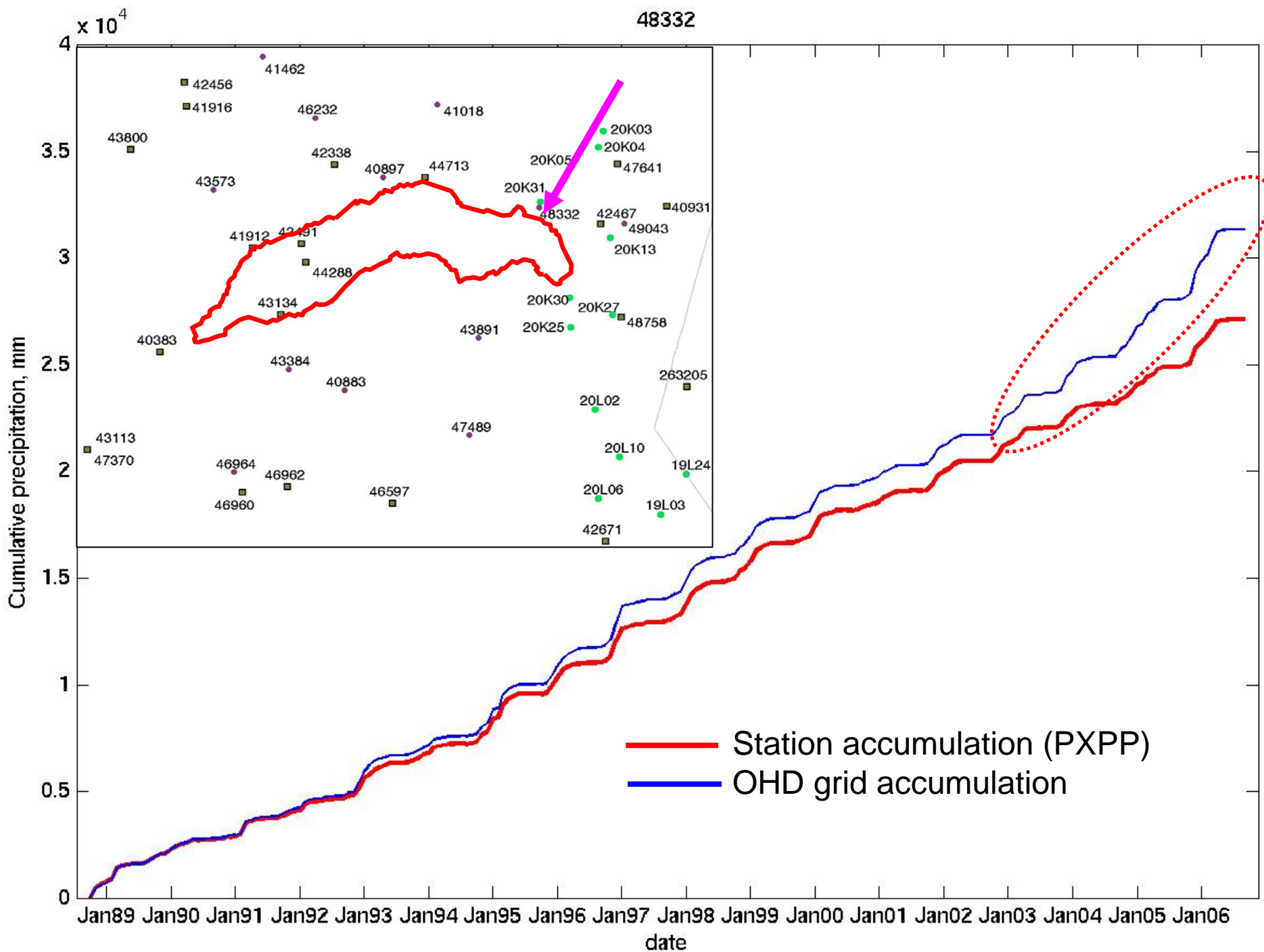
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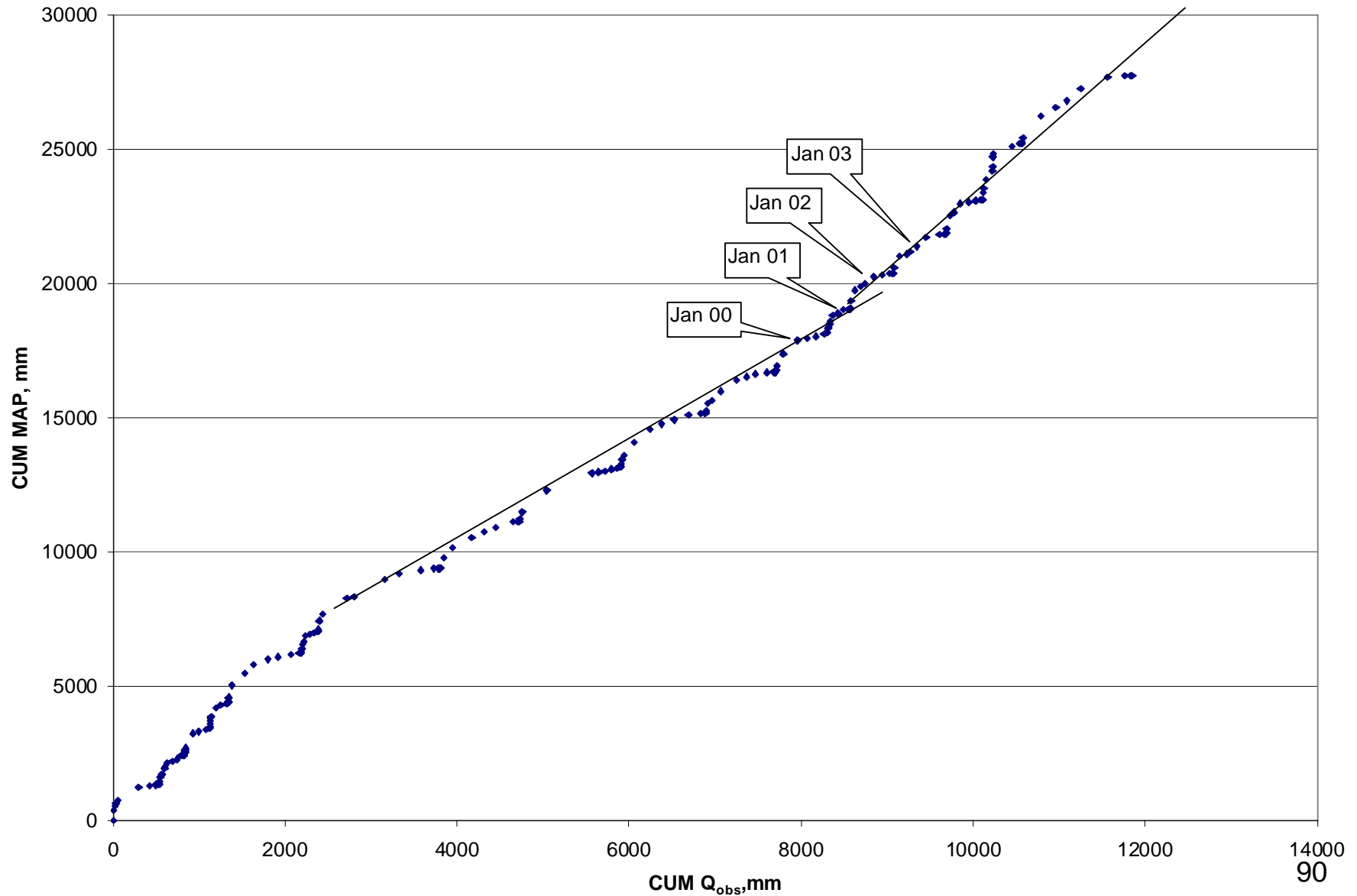




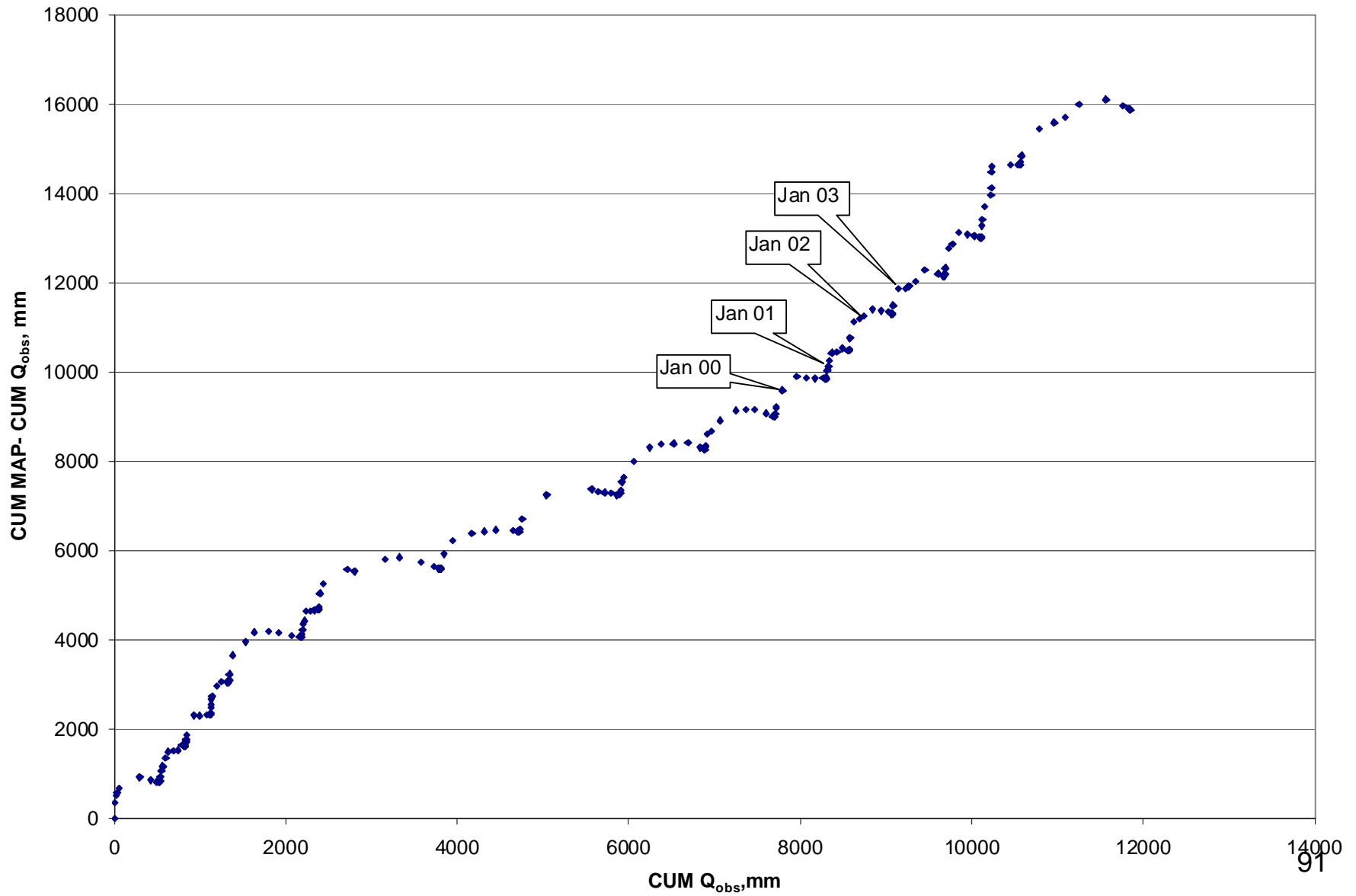
### 3. Double Mass Analysis: OHD QPE to Observed North Fork Streamflow

- Assumption: real changes in precipitation 'catch' should be reflected in the streamflow record
- Convert observed streamflow to mm depth over basin per time
  - 1. Plot accumulated OHD basin-ave QPE versus accumulated observed flow
  - 2. Use NWS approach: plot deviation of OHD basin-ave QPE from obs. flow versus accumulated observed flow to highlight trends

# 1. Accumulated OHD Basin-ave. QPE versus Accumulated Observed Flow



## 2. Deviation of OHD QPE from Observed Flow versus Accumulated Observed Flow



# Conclusions

- OHD gridded QPE is inconsistent over time after 2003
- Potential causes:
  - Problems interpolating gridded data after Lake Spaulding gage stopped reporting
  - $1/d^{1/2}$  weighting used to interpolate grids