

MISSISSIPPIVIEW 2023 - 2024

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MISSISSIPPIVIEW 2023 - 2024 ACTIVITIES

MississippiView was established in 2003 and is led by the Geodata Analytics Laboratory (GDAL) at the University of Mississippi. We promote and facilitate geospatial data usage, research, and collaboration among the geospatial community in Mississippi while fostering national and international cooperation.

Our high impact activity (HIA) involved studying the use of machine learning (ML) algorithms for downscaling remotely sensed Earth observation data.

In a world increasingly affected by climate change, there's a pressing requirement for high-resolution, continuous hydrological data to facilitate sustainable water management and predict water-related trends. The Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE) mission, since its launch in 2002 and its successor, GRACE-FO, has indeed transformed hydrological monitoring. By measuring the variations in Earth's gravity field, it provides crucial data on terrestrial water storage (TWS). Despite limitations in spatial and temporal resolutions, GRACE has proven invaluable in studying changes in groundwater storage and aiding in formulating long-term water management strategies.



Irrigation for farmland uses a great amount of groundwater. Mississippi River Valley Aquifer (MRVA) faces significant threats due to extensive groundwater withdrawals.



Groundwater level prediction of the Mississippi River Valley Aquifer (MRVA) for April 2013.

Key issues threatening the MRVA include:

- Since the late 1920s, water levels decreased by nearly half of its thickness
- Led to reductions in the baseflow of streams connected to the aquifer
- Formation of cones of depression in some areas, altering groundwater flow and potentially causing up-coning of brackish water
- Increased chloride concentrations in the aquifer, affecting water quality

MississippiView is a member of the AmericaView Consortium, a nationally coordinated network of academic, agency, non-profit, and industry partners and cooperators that share the vision of promoting and supporting the use of remote sensing data and technology within each state. AmericaView is funded by USGS grant agreement G23AP00683.

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BENEFITS TO MISSISSIPPI

MississippiView brings benefits to the state of Mississippi:

• Supports research to investigate improved flood forecasting, disaster response and recovery, and enhanced methods of education.

• Applications using a variety of the spaceborne, aerial, and terrestrialbased sensors are taught to students of Mississippi and support applied research in the state.

• Ongoing projects in use of machine learning help to better monitor changes to land use which may affect the tax base and urban/development planning of a region.

• Outreach partnership with K-12 and professional educators provide opportunities to introduce remote sensing concepts and Earth Observation.

• MississippiView supports teaching curriculum and expanding our consortium to promote training future users and advancing the workforce in a changing world.

• All these examples and more go to contribute to the economic development in the state of Mississippi.



Students safely observing the 2024 North American Solar Eclipse.



Students assembling a Landsat 9 puzzle at Pascagoula River Audubon Center on the Gulf Coast and event flyer for Eclipse event.



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