Concept Flyer — SSUM-Snow

A Structural Trust Framework for Snow Forecasting Under Uncertainty

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The Breakthrough

Near-elimination of false alarms under structural admissibility. Explicit trust signaling. Forecast silence when prediction is unsafe.

SSUM-Snow introduces a **structural trust layer** to snow forecasting.

Instead of asking only

“How much snow will fall?”

SSUM-Snow asks first:

“Is it structurally safe to trust this forecast at all?”

Across multiple U.S. stations and climates, SSUM-Snow demonstrates a powerful operational advantage:

- **False alarms are structurally suppressed**
- **Volatility-driven depth spikes are denied**
- **Forecast silence is intentional and informative**
- **Admitted snow windows are rare, stable, and trustworthy**

This makes SSUM-Snow fundamentally different from classical models that are forced to speak even when uncertainty is high.

The Problem

Why Snow Forecasts Fail Operationally

Classical snow forecasting systems excel at atmospheric simulation, yet they routinely struggle with:

- **False alarms near freezing thresholds**
- **Highly volatile depth estimates**
- **Overconfident forecasts during unstable regimes**
- **No explicit signal of forecast trustworthiness**

In practice:

- Large precipitation signals propagate through unstable conditions
- Depth forecasts spike, collapse, and reverse
- Users lose trust due to "cry-wolf" behavior
- Silence is treated as failure rather than safety

Classical models answer **what might happen**.
They do not answer **whether a forecast should be trusted**.

The Shift

From Prediction-At-All-Costs to Forecast Permissibility

SSUM-Snow introduces a structural law:

Forecasts must earn permission before being issued.

This is governed by the **Law of Forecast Permissibility (Law 0FP)**:

- If structural stress is high → **prediction is denied**
- If structural coherence exists → **prediction may be admitted**
- **Magnitude alone never grants permission**

Forecasting is reframed from:

"What will happen?"
to
"Is it structurally safe to speak?"

This question does not exist explicitly in modern snow forecasting systems.

What SSUM-Snow Does (Core Capabilities)

1. Structural Coherence Measurement
SSUM-Snow evaluates atmospheric structure, not raw magnitude.

2. Admissibility Gating
Prediction corridors are admitted only when structure is stable.

3. False-Signal Suppression (Primary Advantage)
When structural violence appears:

- confidence collapses
- corridors collapse
- predicted snow state collapses to zero

Even under high precipitation.

4. Conservative Snow State Mapping
When permitted, snow depth is mapped conservatively:

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predicted_depth ~ alpha * corridor_score
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This ensures:

- smooth evolution
- bounded accumulation
- resistance to volatility spikes

5. Intentional Structural Abstention
Silence is not failure.
Silence signals:

- instability
- high uncertainty
- elevated false-alarm risk

What SSUM-Snow Reveals in Practice

Across **10 hourly stations** spanning:

- Great Lakes edge regimes
- Interior continental climates
- Lake-effect extremes
- Transitional threshold zones

SSUM-Snow consistently exhibits:

- **denial of structurally violent snow windows**
- **admission of rare, stable snow corridors**
- **near-elimination of false alarms**
- **predictability emerging only within coherent regimes**

Hourly results are especially strong:

- Trust-permitted snow windows are sharply defined
- Non-snow hours are confidently suppressed
- Users receive fewer, safer, higher-confidence signals

This makes SSUM-Snow immediately valuable for **hour-ahead to same-day decision-making**.

How to Interpret SSUM-Snow Correctly

SSUM-Snow is **not** a classical snow depth prediction model.
It does not attempt to:
• maximize peak matching
• predict daily depth precisely
• mirror observed accumulation day-by-day

Instead, it operates as a **structural trust filter**.

As a result, SSUM-Snow may:
• under-predict real snowfall
• admit corridors with zero snow
• refuse prediction when classical models are most confident

These are **not errors**.
They are direct consequences of enforcing forecast integrity.

Operational Value

For People (hour-ahead to day-of decisions):
• far fewer false alarms
• clear “snow” vs “no snow” signals
• silence explicitly means *do not trust conditions*

For Governments & Agencies:
• reliable counts of trust-permitted snow windows
• early identification of structurally stable periods
• reduced over-mobilization and wasted response costs

SSUM-Snow prioritizes **safety, trust, and interpretability** over raw numerical aggression.

Automatic Safety Properties

SSUM-Snow is **low-risk by design**:

• when structure adds no value, predictions collapse to zero
• classical models are never overridden or distorted
• no station-specific tuning or post-hoc smoothing

SSUM-Snow augments existing systems.
It never destabilizes them.

What SSUM-Snow Will Not Do

SSUM-Snow is intentionally constrained.

It will not:

• guarantee daily depth accuracy
• force forecasts under instability
• chase peak accumulation events
• convert raw magnitude directly into depth
• hallucinate snow without admissible evidence
• maximize coverage for appearance

If apparent accuracy violates structural permissibility, **SSUM-Snow refuses it**.

Why SSUM-Snow Matters

SSUM-Snow introduces what modern forecasting lacks:
the ability to say "no" safely.

By enforcing structural trust before prediction, SSUM-Snow:

• reduces false confidence
• suppresses false alarms
• restores meaning to silence

SSUM-Snow does not try to predict more.
It predicts **only when prediction deserves trust**.

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