



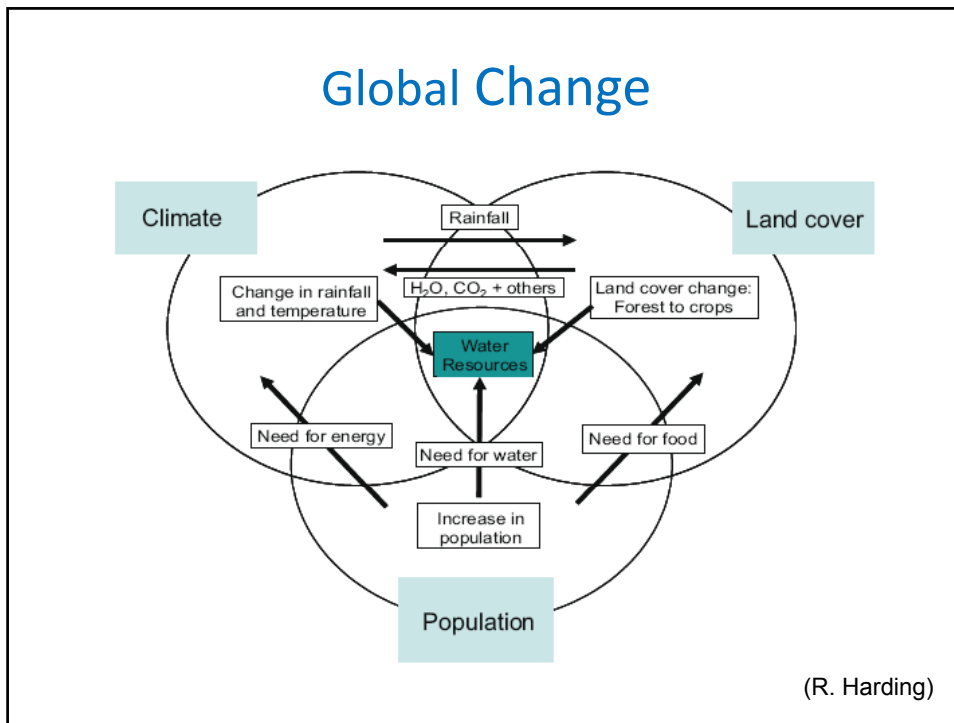
## Water Cycle and Global Change: how RS data can help ?

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### Outline

- What do we know about Global Change and the water cycle ?
- What is the expected impact of Global Change on the water cycle ?
- What are the existing tools to assess the components of the water cycle at regional and global scales ?
- What new Remote Sensing data and products can offer to understand the water cycle ?



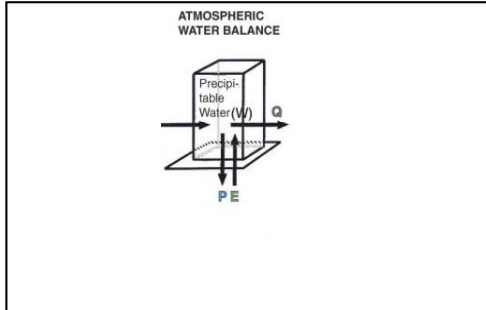
### Atmospheric-Terrestrial Water Balance

TERRESTRIAL WATER BALANCE

- Terrestrial water balance:  $\frac{\partial S}{\partial t} = (P - E) - R_s - R_g$

(S. Seneviratne)

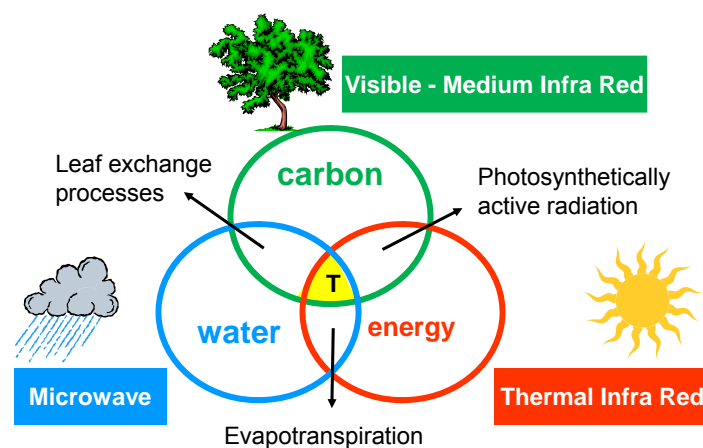
## Atmospheric-Terrestrial Water Balance



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- Atmospheric water balance:  $\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = -\nabla_H \vec{Q} - (P - E)$

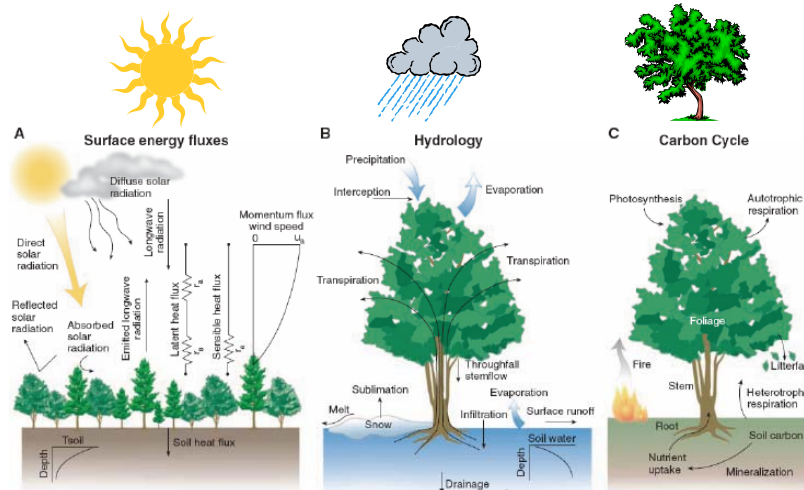
(S. Seneviratne)

## coupled biogeochemical cycles



➔ *land surface monitoring*

## coupled biogeochemical cycles



(Bonan, Science 2008)

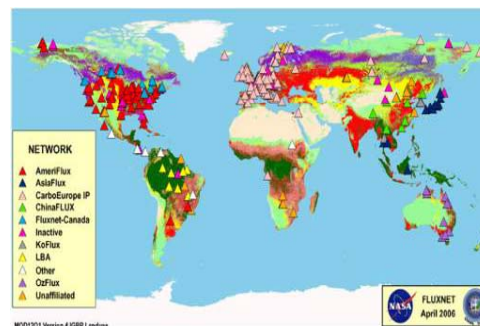
## Observations: FLUXNET

- Worldwide  $\text{CO}_2$ , water and energy flux measurements (integrating several projects such as AMERIFLUX, CARBOEUROPE, ...)

- At present, about 200 tower sites

- however, still some serious limitations in temporal availability (in Europe, most measurements available after 1995 only)

- only few sites with soil moisture measurements

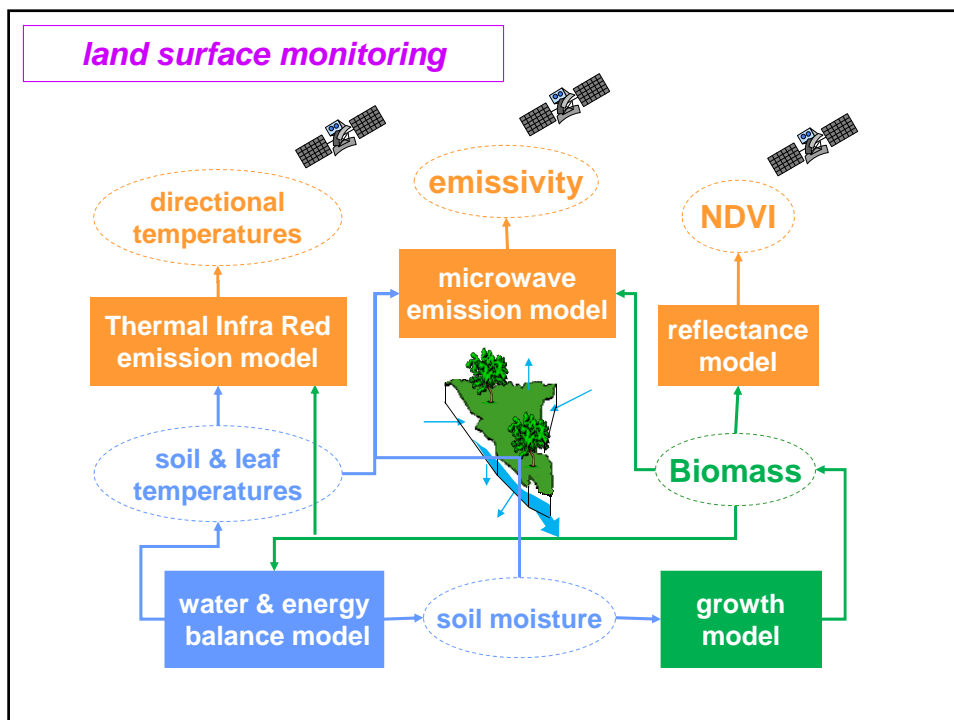


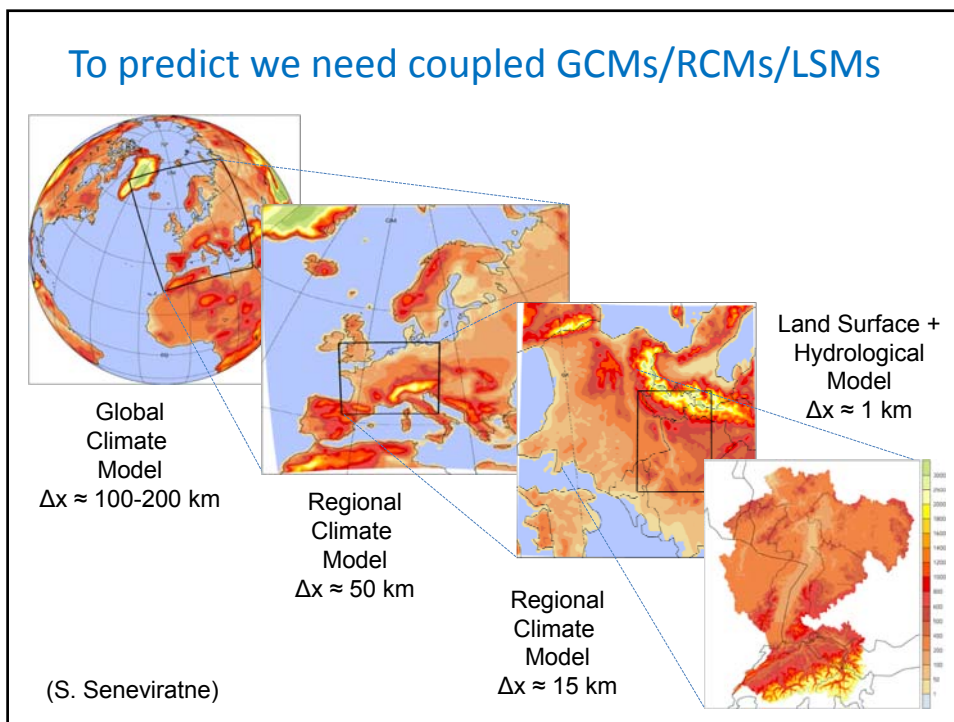
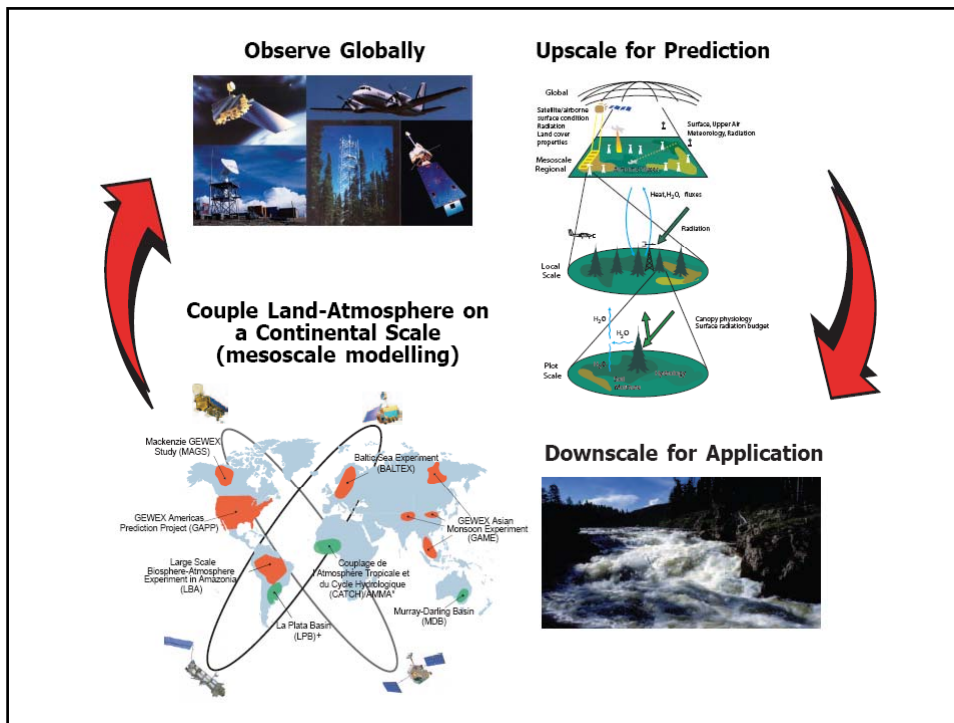
<http://www-eosdis.ornl.gov/FLUXNET/>



## Rationale

- Mix of in situ obs / RS obs / models
  - In situ obs: point scale mostly, except streamflow = integrating variable; some are very old
  - RS obs: at many scales but indirect estimates, mostly recent data
  - Models: at many scales but uncertain; good prospective tools
- Beforehand = separate use or forcing; now = joint use of all obs and models



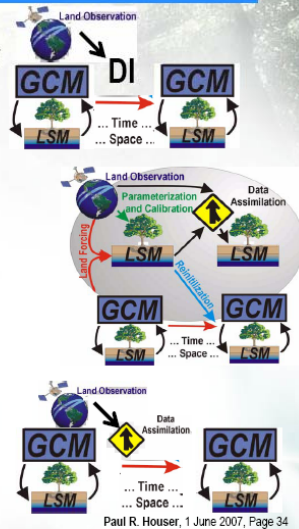




## Land Data Assimilation System

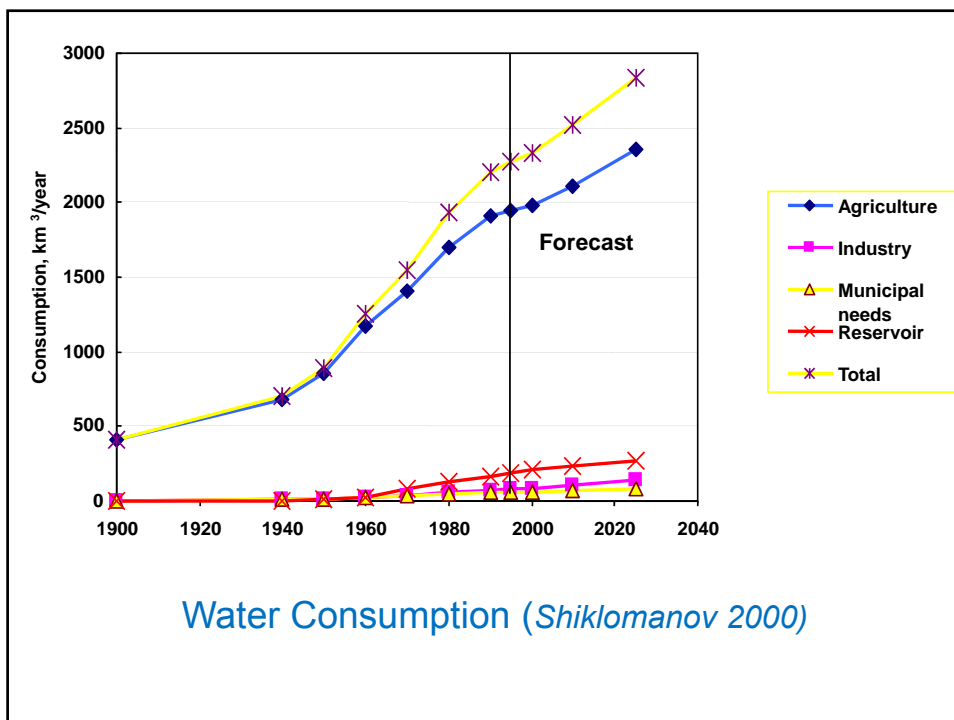
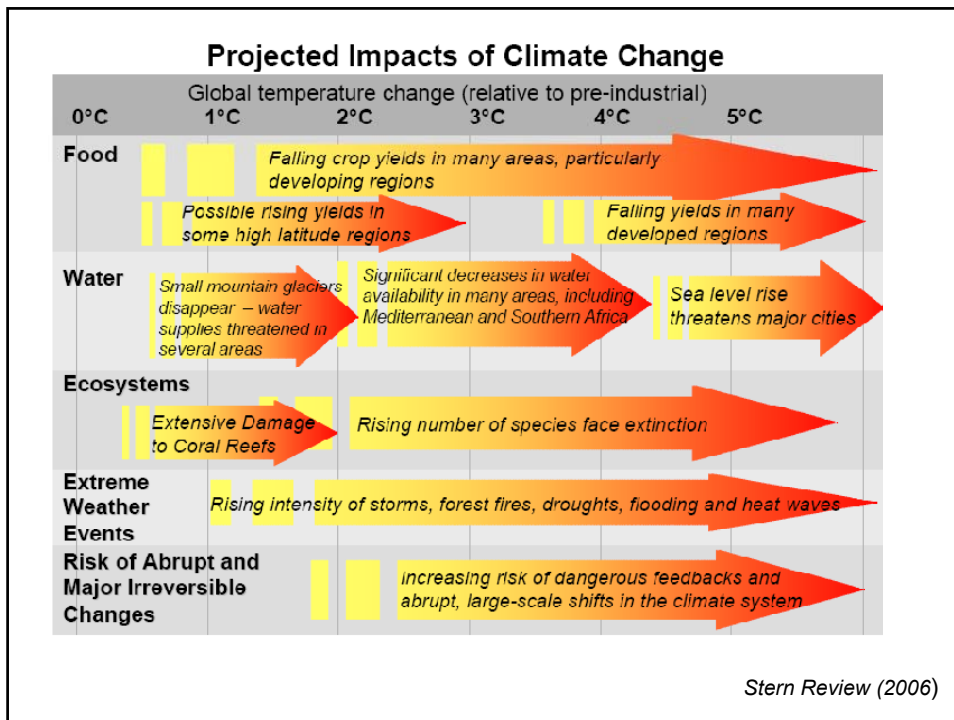
### LandFlux Strawman

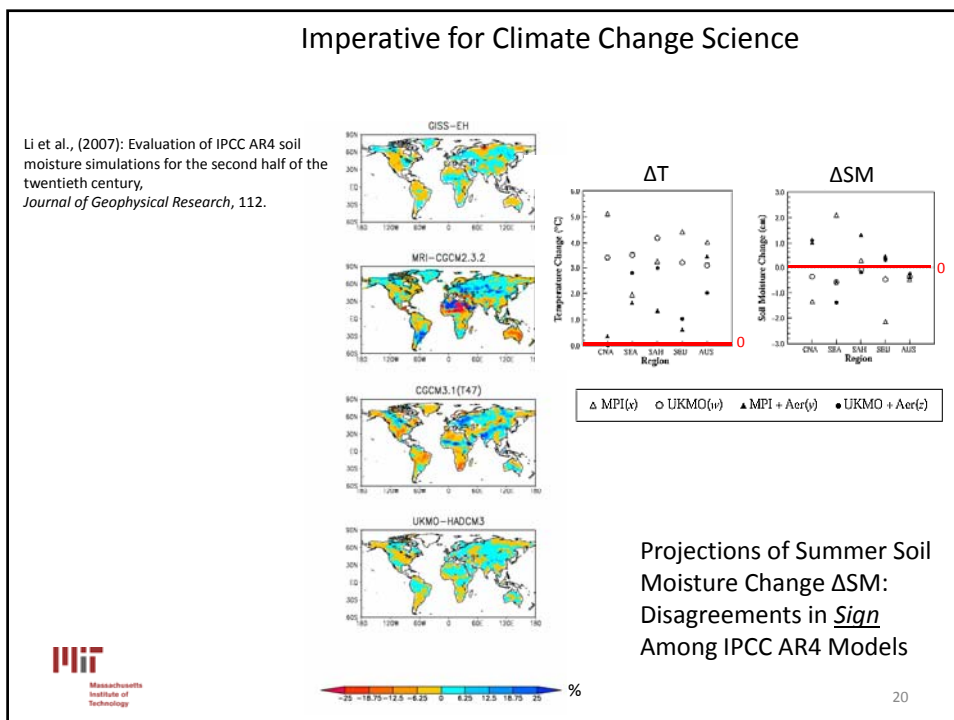
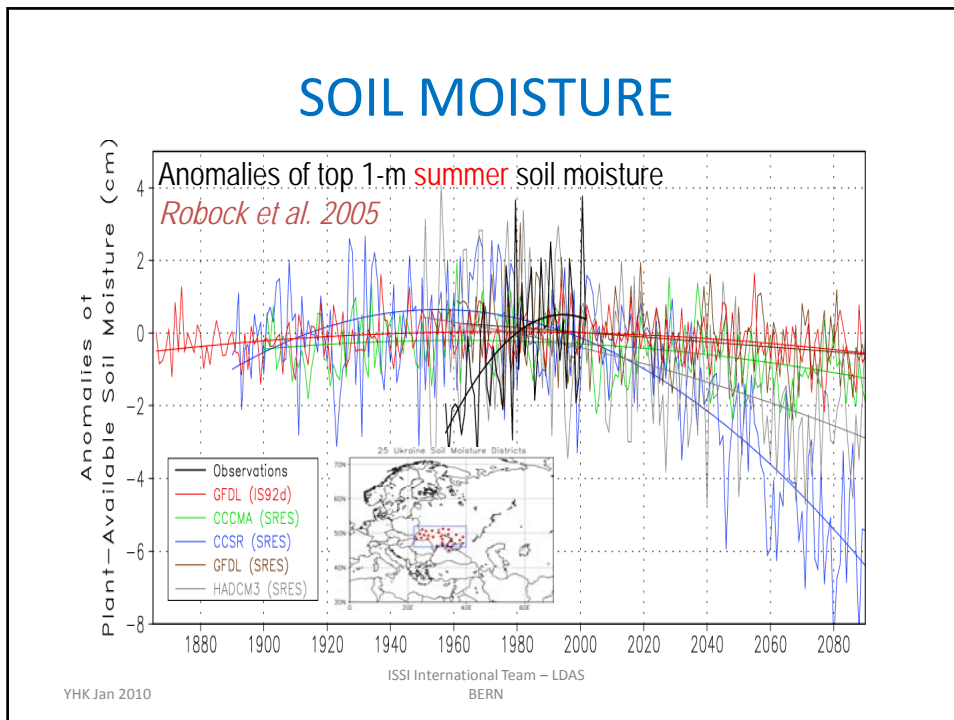
- **Option 1:** "Poor-Man's LDAS" (Semi-Coupled Model) constrained by many observations. (allow T and H to evolve unconstrained)
- **Option 2:** Uncoupled-coupled assimilation. Constrain off-line assimilation with as many observations as possible, and have coupled model assimilate off-line land STATES only.
- **Option 3:** Fully-coupled assimilation, where all observation constraints are analyzed by the system. Still allow T and H to evolve unconstrained to prevent crazy gradients.



### Drivers of Global Change:

- Increasing population
- Increasing water consumption
- Land cover/use change
- Increasing greenhouse gases





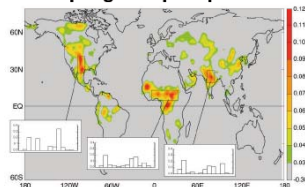
## Multi-Model Consensus of Regions Where Soil Moisture Impacts Seasonal Precipitation

### Impact of soil moisture on precipitation and temperature

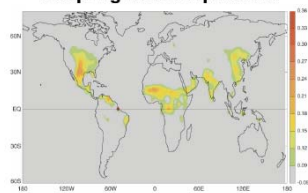
(Global Land-Atmosphere Coupling Experiment / GLACE, 12 global climate models, summer 1994)

(IPCC simulations: ECHAM5, GFDL, HadGEM1; summers 1970-1989)

**Coupling with precipitation**

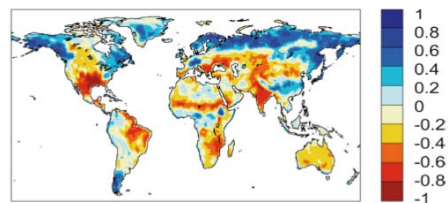


**Coupling with temperature**



(Koster et al., 2004, Science; Koster et al. 2006, JHM)

**Correlation (temperature, evapotranspiration)**



(Seneviratne et al. 2006, Nature)

**Strong coupling in transitional zones between dry and wet climates**

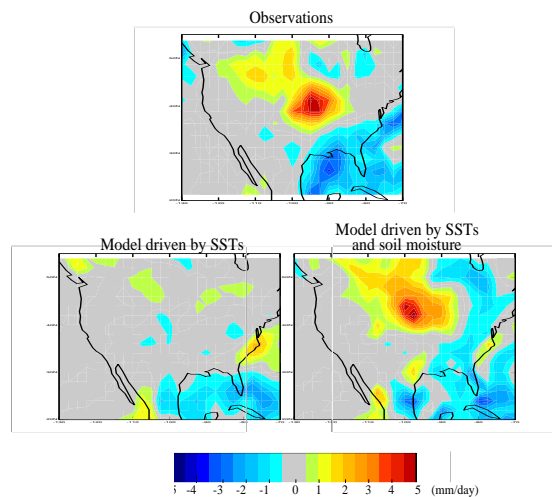
(S. Seneviratne)

- relevant for **climate variability and extreme events** (droughts, heatwaves, heavy precipitations events, floods, ...)

- relevant for **numerical weather prediction, seasonal forecasting, climate change projections** ...

- important **source of uncertainty** for our understanding of the climate system due to lack of observations and complexity (feedbacks, heterogeneity)

SUMMER 1993 RAINFALL MINUS SUMMER 1988 RAINFALL



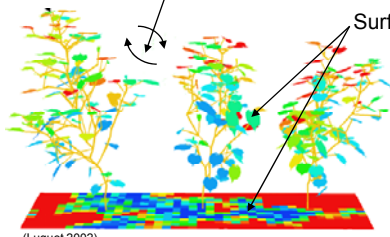
(courtesy S. Seneviratne + Y. Kerr)

## Surface energy balance

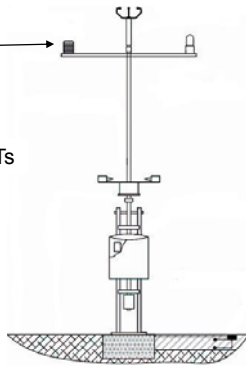
Air temperature =  $T_a$

Aerodynamic temperature =  $T_0$

Surface temperature =  $T_s$



(Luquet 2002)

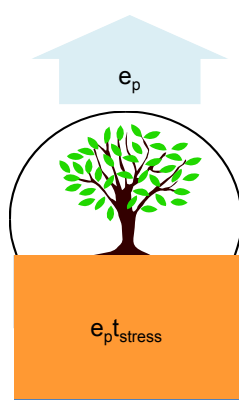


$$R_n(T_s) - G(\sim T_s) = H(T_0) + \lambda e(T_0)$$

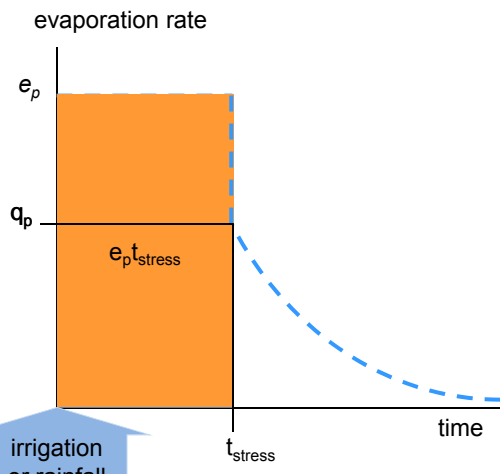
Link between the energy and the water balance = surface resistance to evaporation

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## Two-stage transpiration description

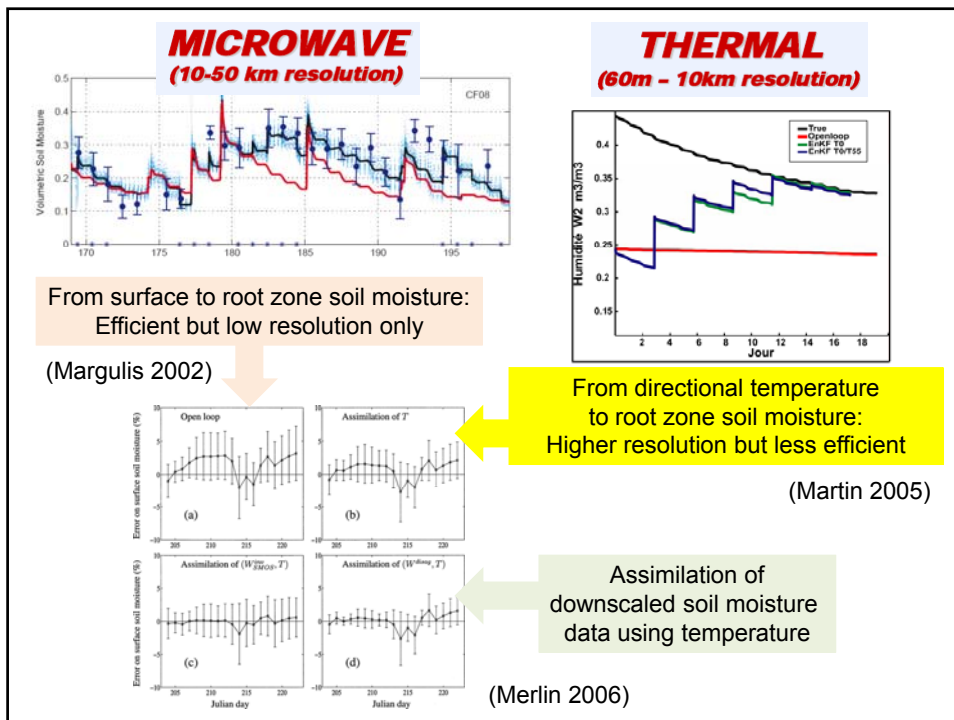
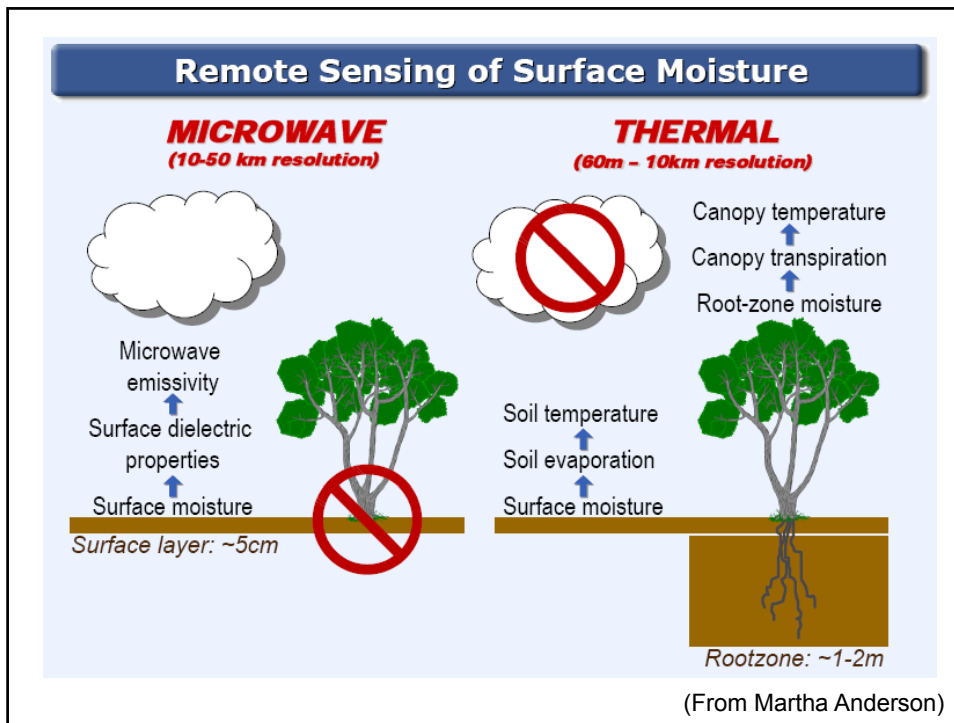


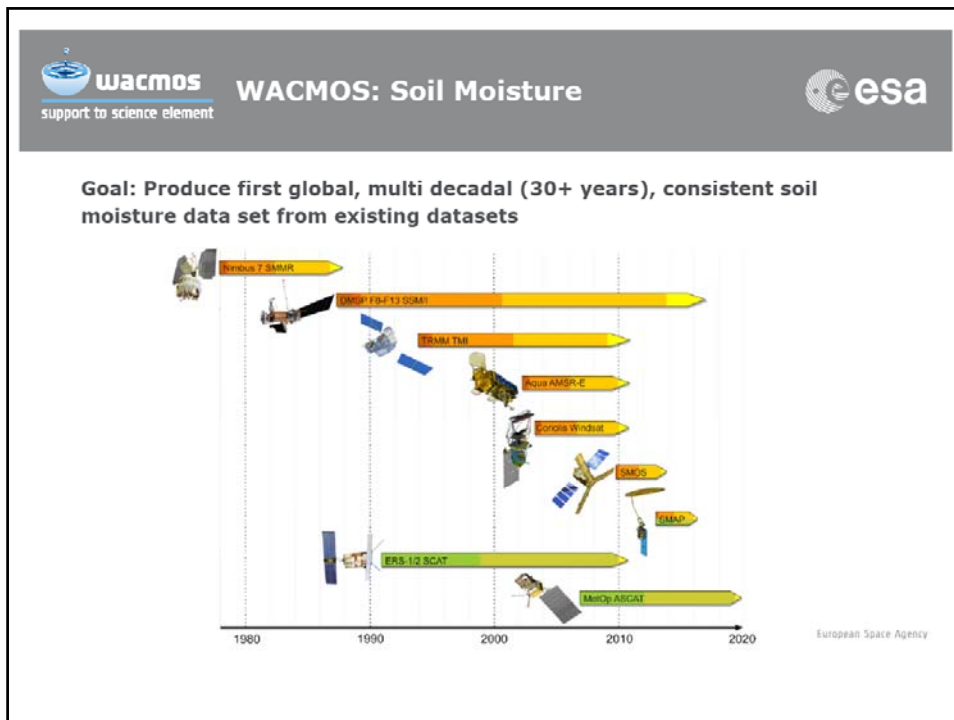
evaporation rate



(see Levine and Salvucci, Water Resour. Res 1999)

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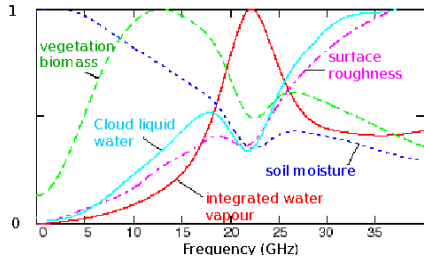
## How?

**Several passive microwaves sensors**


- Sensitivity to soil moisture variations is optimal on L-band
- Soil moisture products are provided based on these sensors

**Comparison of TB from SMOS to ones from other passive microwaves sensors**

- AMSR-E at 6.9 GHz
- TMI at 10.7 GHz

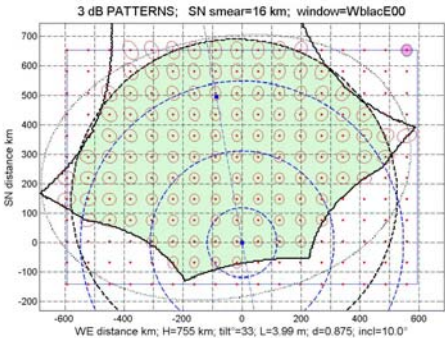
	Band	Repere	Angle	Spatial resol.	Acqu. time	Product used
SMOS	L / 1.4	XY	multi	43km	6:30	L1C
AMSR-E	C / 6.9	HV	55°	56km	1:30	L3 V06
TMI	X / 10.7	HV	52.8°	50km	flex	1B11



- 3 arms / interferometry
- Each integration time (2.4 s) a full scene is acquired (dual or full pol)
- Average resolution is 43 km, with a global coverage
- Each point of the surface seen with several angles
- Maximum revisit (equator) is 3 days (good for hydrology)

## Principle of operations

SMOS FOV; 755 km, 3x6, 33°, 0.875I,



P. Waldeufel, 2003

### SMOS soil moisture retrieval

LAI

Land cover

Soil Texture

Temperatures...

MODIS

ECOCLIMAP

FAO

ECMWF

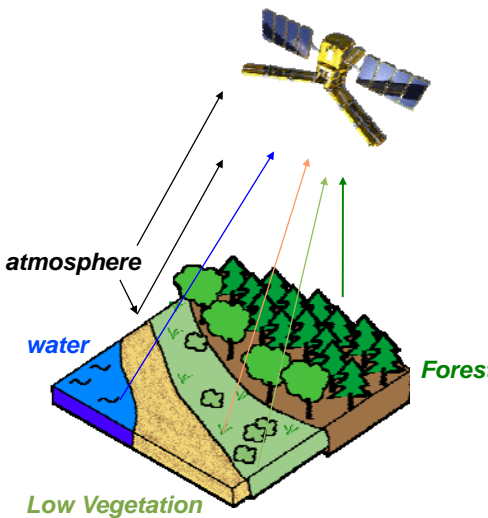
#### Vegetation Layer

Radiative transfer model : L-Meb model  
(L band Microwave Emission of the Biosphere)  
Wigneron et al.

#### Surface dielectric Model

**Dobson model** (Dobson et al. 1985)  
Nominal wet soil  
Pure Water  
Saline Water

**Simple empirical relationship**  
Frozen soil  
Ice  
Barren rocks  
Urban  
snow



atmosphere

water

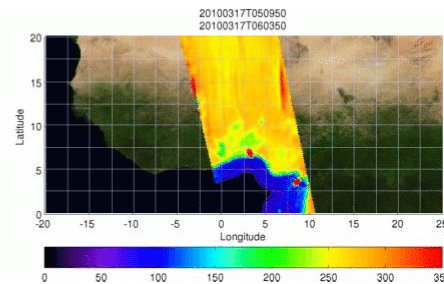
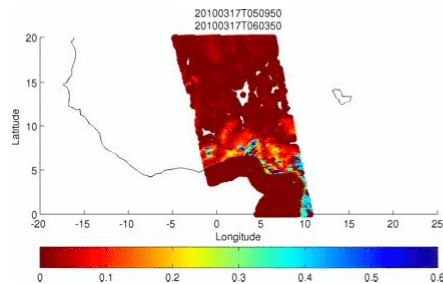
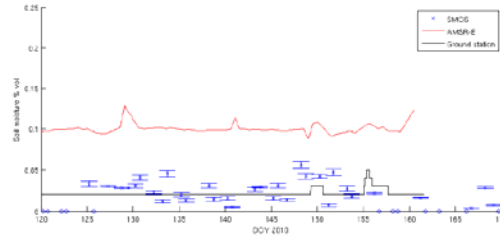
Forest

Low Vegetation

## Sahel L1 (Tb) and L2 (SM) products

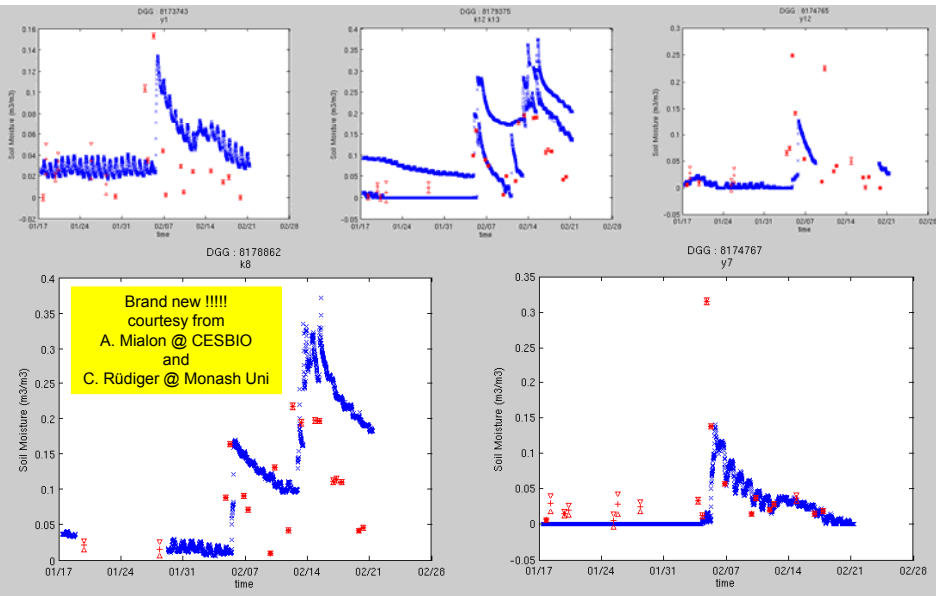
### Ground measurements and soil moisture products

- SMOS: L2SM
- AMSR-E: NSIDC V06
- Ground station: Niger
- Temporal periode: May - June



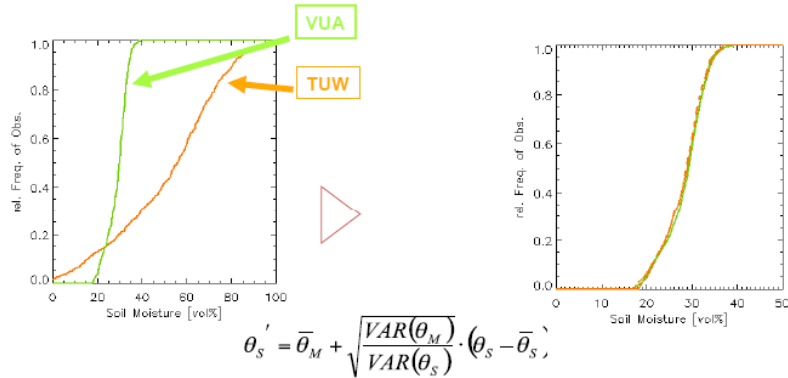
(C. Gruhier 2010)

## Evaluation: ACCESS experiment in Australia



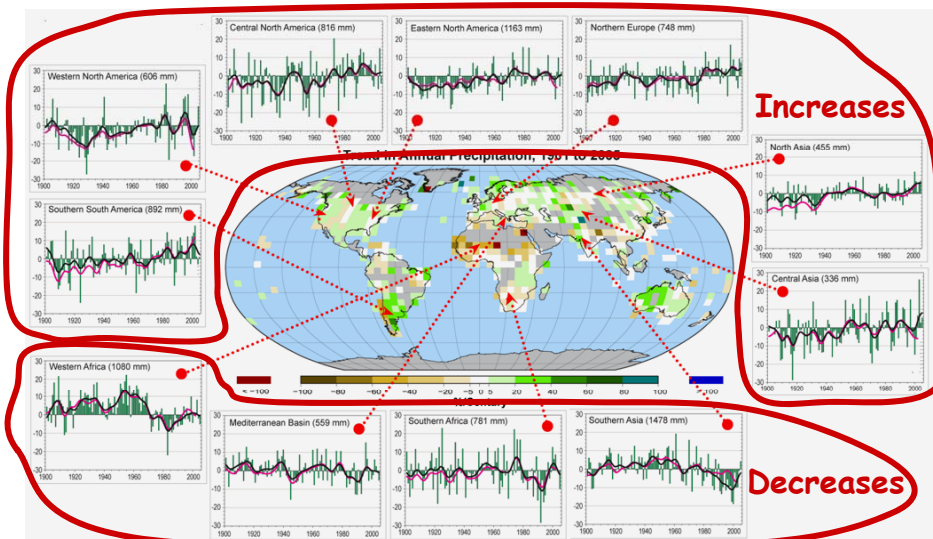
### Data set merging – current status

- Match the two datasets e.g. with Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) matching
  - **Problems:** data gaps and changes in frequency (SSM/I)

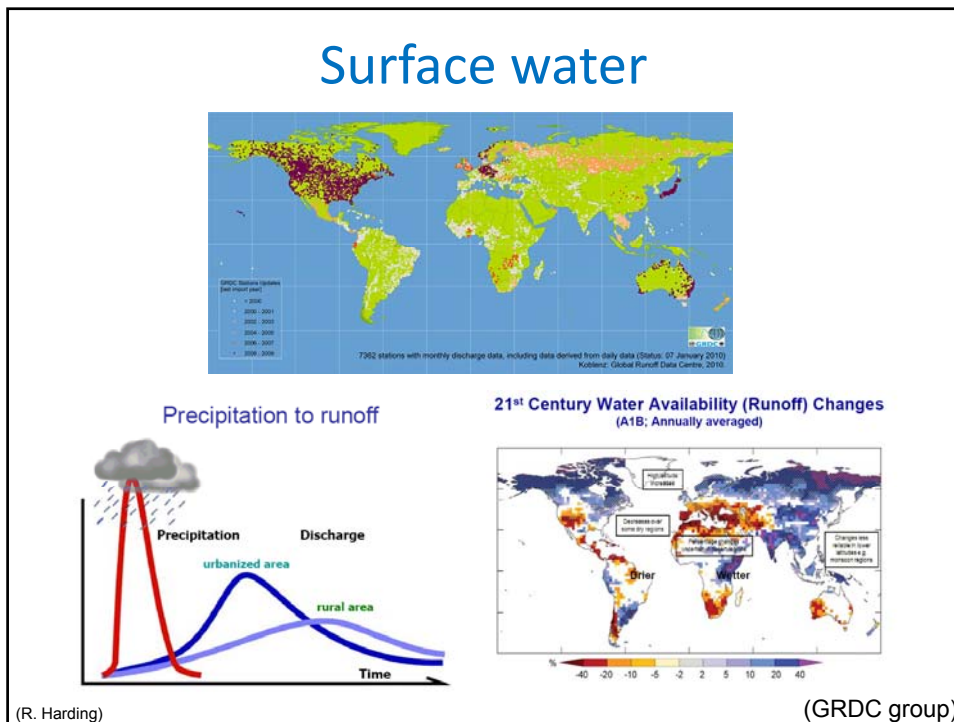
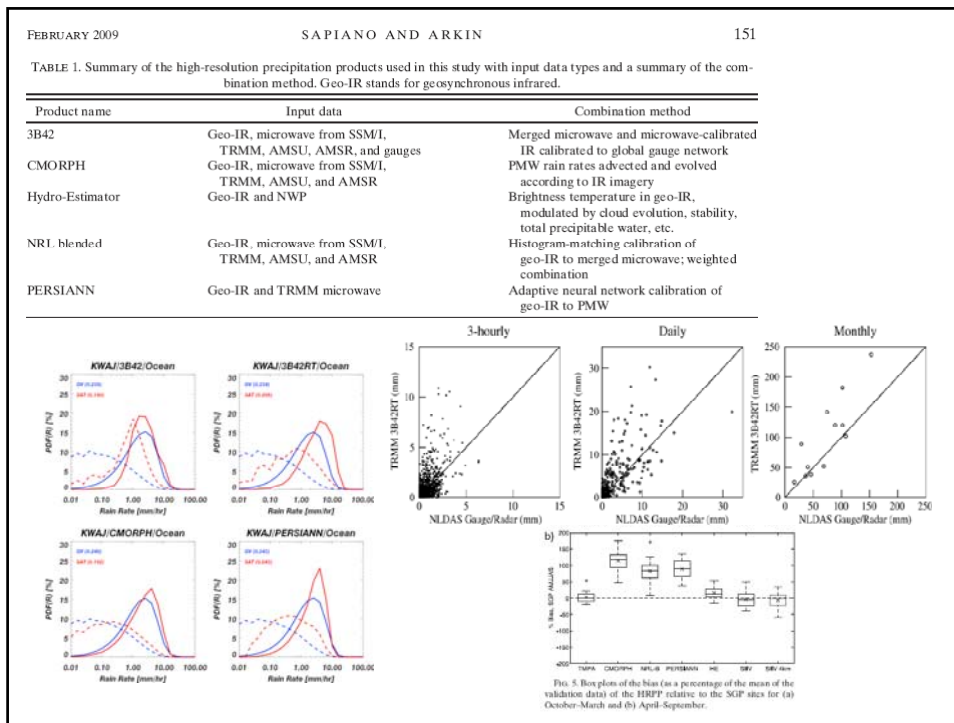


(WACMOS, VU Amsterdam+TUWien)

### Precipitations

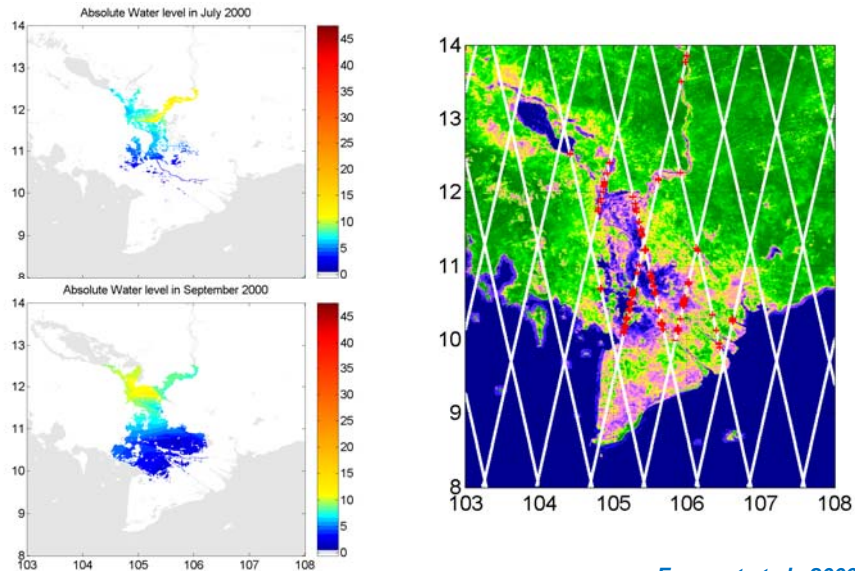


Smoothed annual anomalies for precipitation (%) over land from 1900 to 2005; other regions are dominated by variability (from R. Harding based on IPCC 2007 report).



## Seasonal flood monitoring in the Mekong Basin

ERS/ENVISAT altimetry + SPOT/VGT imagery



Frappart et al., 2006

## Dynamic of surface water extent at global scale

### 1) Global surface water extent from multi-satellite method

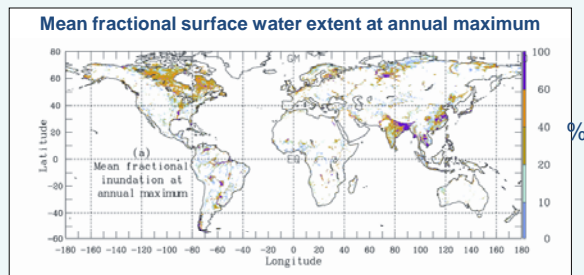
Merging of satellite data with different wavelengths (surface classification, NN, vegetation)

**Passive microwave**  
SSM/I emissivities at 19, 37 GHz, H and V polarizations

**Active microwave**  
ERS scatterometer backscattering coefficient at 5.25 GHz

**Visible and near infrared**  
AVHRR NDVI (visible and near-infrared reflectances)

[Prigent et al., 2001; Prigent et al., 2007  
Papa et al., 2006, 2007, 2008]

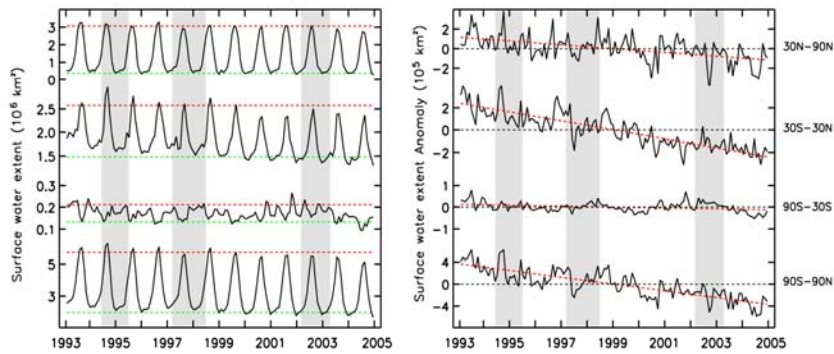


- Data mapped on equal-area grid with 0.25°x0.25° resolution at equator (773 km<sup>2</sup>)
- Monthly resolution for 1993-2004 and at least extended to 2012 and longer

(Papa 2007)

**Dynamic of surface water extent at global scale**

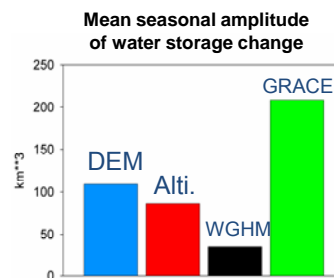
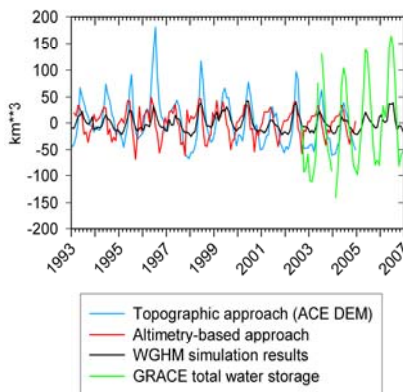
Global and zonal temporal variations of inundated surfaces extent



Global results: maximum extent: ~6.7 million km<sup>2</sup>, strong seasonal cycle and inter-annual variability

 Need of validation, comparison, evaluation of these results

**Surface water storage change: Rio Negro basin case study**



Surface water volume change from multi-sat/alti is ~ 38% of Grace total storage

(Frappart et al., 2008)

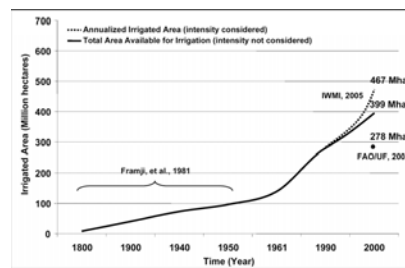
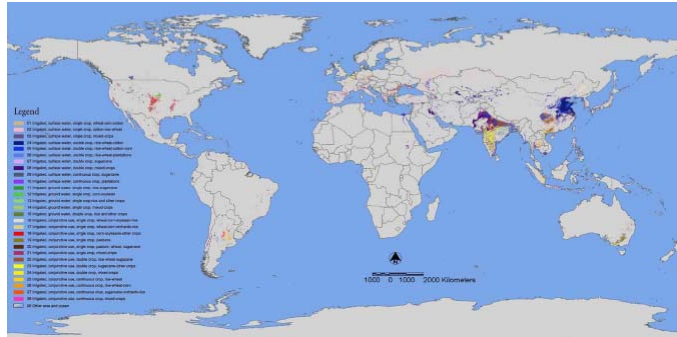
**Gravity**  
 $g = 9.8072467\dots m/s^2$

**The constituents of 'g'**

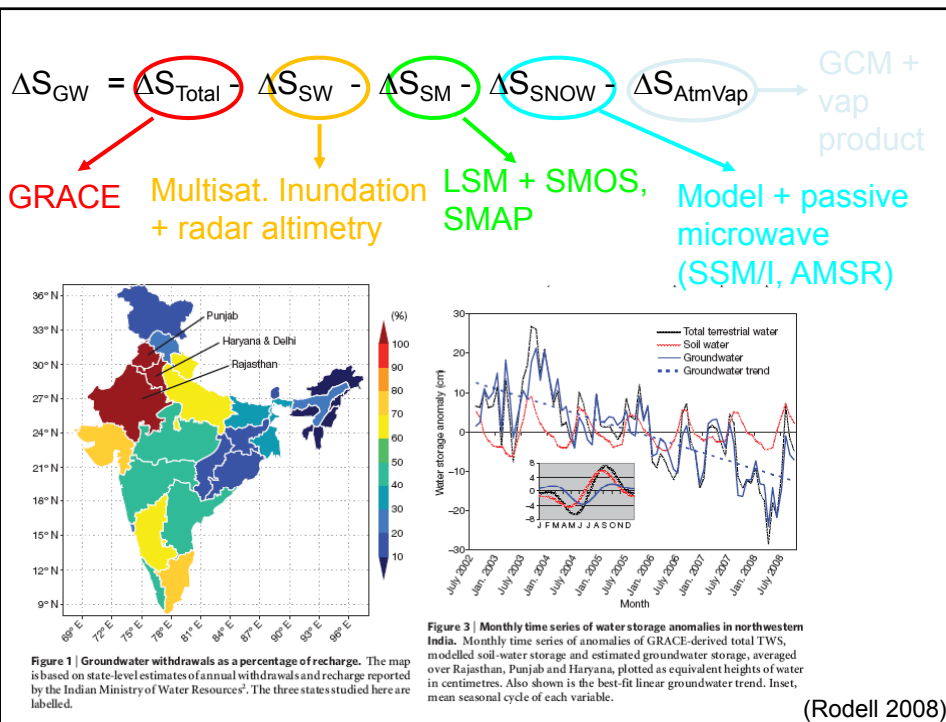
- Earth flattening & rotation
- Mountains & Ocean trenches
- Internal mass distribution
- Large reservoirs
- Earth & Ocean tides
- Nearby large buildings

Many geographical phenomena influence the value of g. GRACE will determine g to the 5th decimal digit at all latitudes, except near the poles.

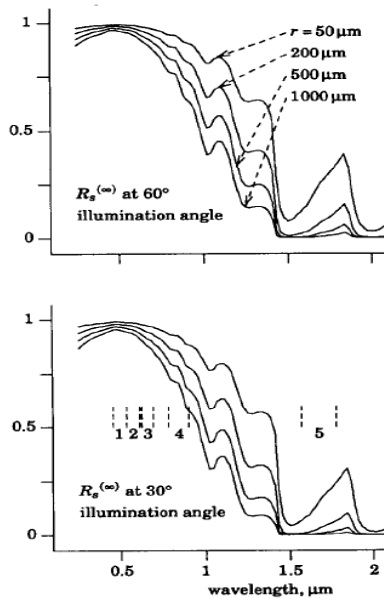
# Groundwater



Source: IWMI

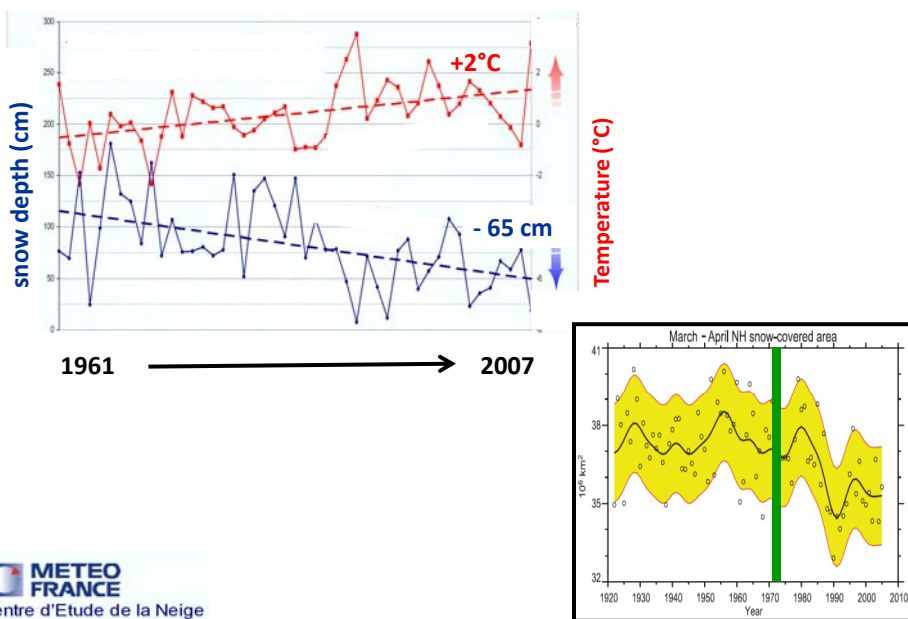


## Snow

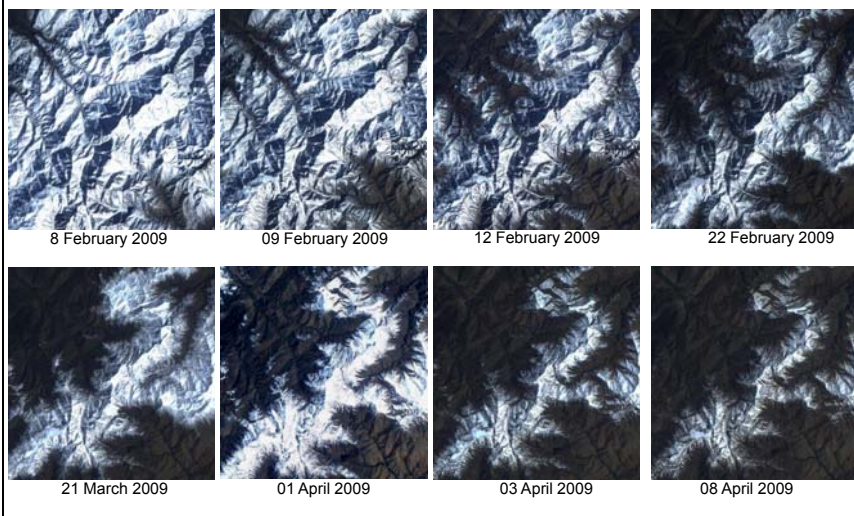


- Good signature of CC, esp. in remote areas where direct anthropogenic perturbations are minimum
- Snowmelt sustains summer lowflows in many semiarid mountains
- Snowfall, snowmelt, sublimation rates will be modified

“col de porte”, French Alps, elevation 1300m  
(December-April average)

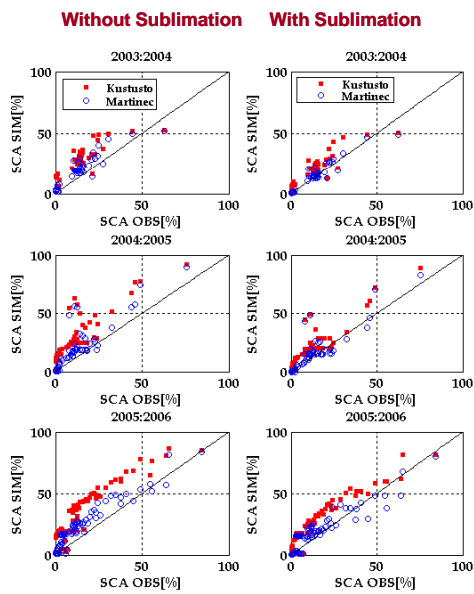


**METEO FRANCE**  
Centre d'Etude de la Neige



CNES - SPOT-Image

Sample of the 2008/09 time series of FORMOSAT2 images @ 8 m resolution



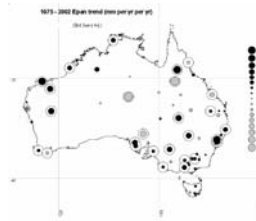
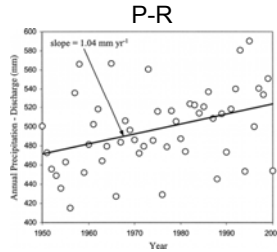
		Martinec	
		Without subl.	With sublimation
2003/2004	RMSE (%)	7,70	3,93
	BIAIS (%)	5,40	0,68
2004/2005	RMSE (%)	12,75	8,80
	BIAIS (%)	7,59	2,64
2005/2006	RMSE (%)	9,54	7,43
	BIAIS (%)	7,65	3,20

		Kustusto	
		Without subl.	Avec sublimation
2003/2004	RMSE (%)	14,98	8,66
	BIAIS (%)	13,18	6,32
2004/2005	RMSE (%)	19,51	11,46
	BIAIS (%)	16,43	8,33
2005/2006	RMSE (%)	19,50	12,17
	BIAIS (%)	17,61	10,40

# EVAPORATION



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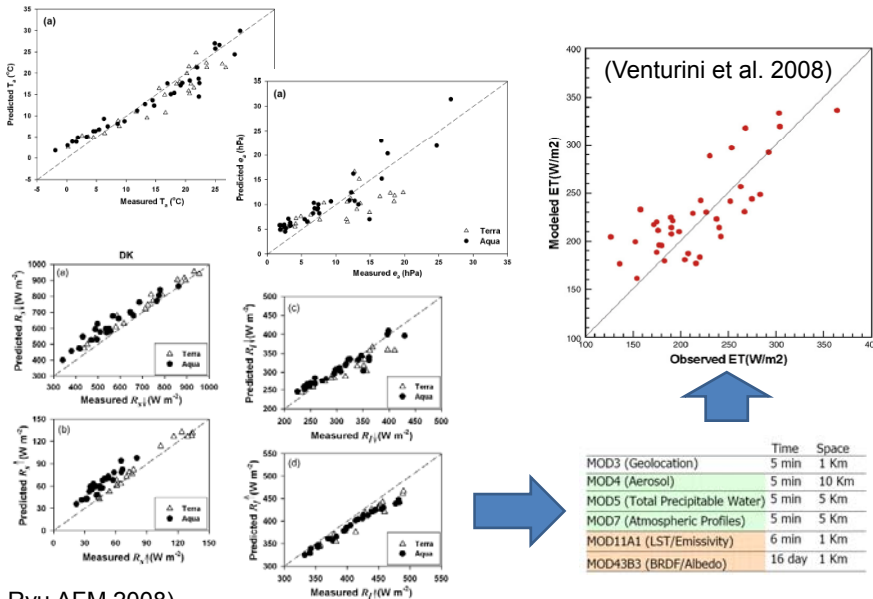
From Rodetick & Farquhar, Int. J. Climatology (2004)  
 • The finer spatial and temporal details of the trends are still an active area of research  
 • After adjusting for bird guards (N. Nicholls, personal communication), RF2004 estimate an overall trend of  $-3.2 \pm 1.8 \text{ mm a}^{-2}$  for 1975-2002

Walter, M. T., D. S. Wilks, J.-Y. Parlange, and R. L. Schneider. 2004. Increasing Evapotranspiration from the Conterminous United States. *Journal of Hydrometeorology* 5: 405-08.

The Class A Pan controversy

What about an increase in groundwater uptake ? (Pan A location ?)

## Evaporation from RS data only



	Time	Space
MOD3 (Geolocation)	5 min	1 Km
MOD4 (Aerosol)	5 min	10 Km
MOD5 (Total Precipitable Water)	5 min	5 Km
MOD7 (Atmospheric Profiles)	5 min	5 Km
MOD11A1 (LST/Emissivity)	6 min	1 Km
MOD43B3 (BRDF/Albedo)	16 day	1 Km

(Y. Ryu AFM 2008)

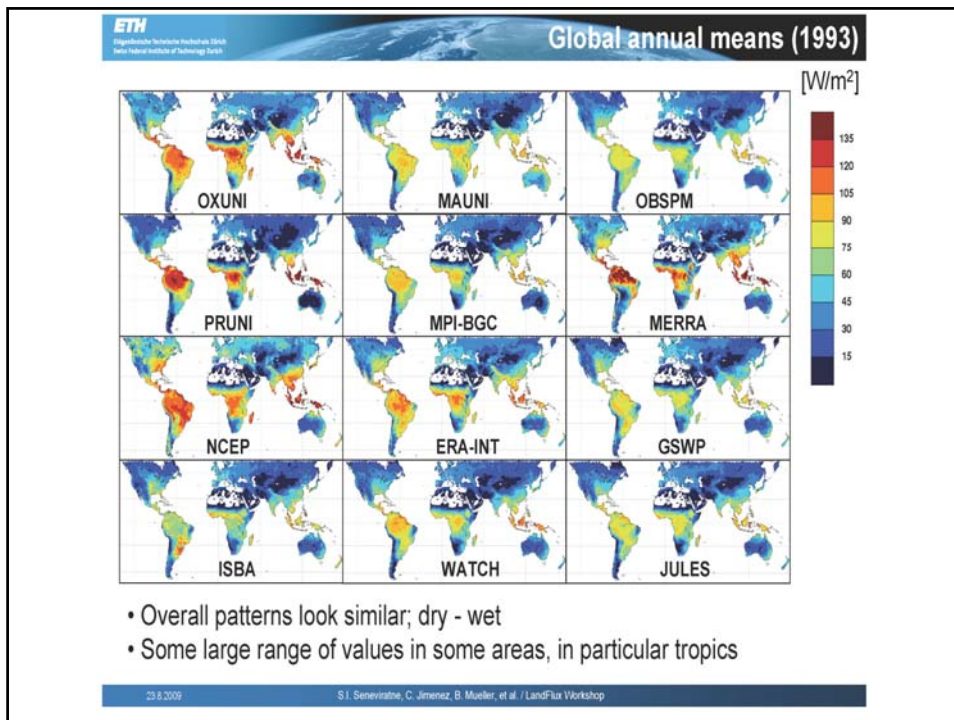
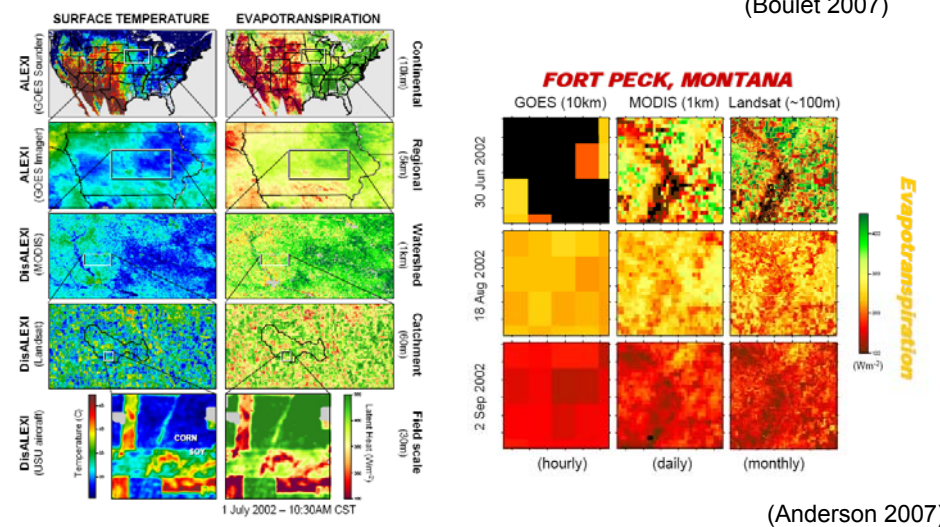
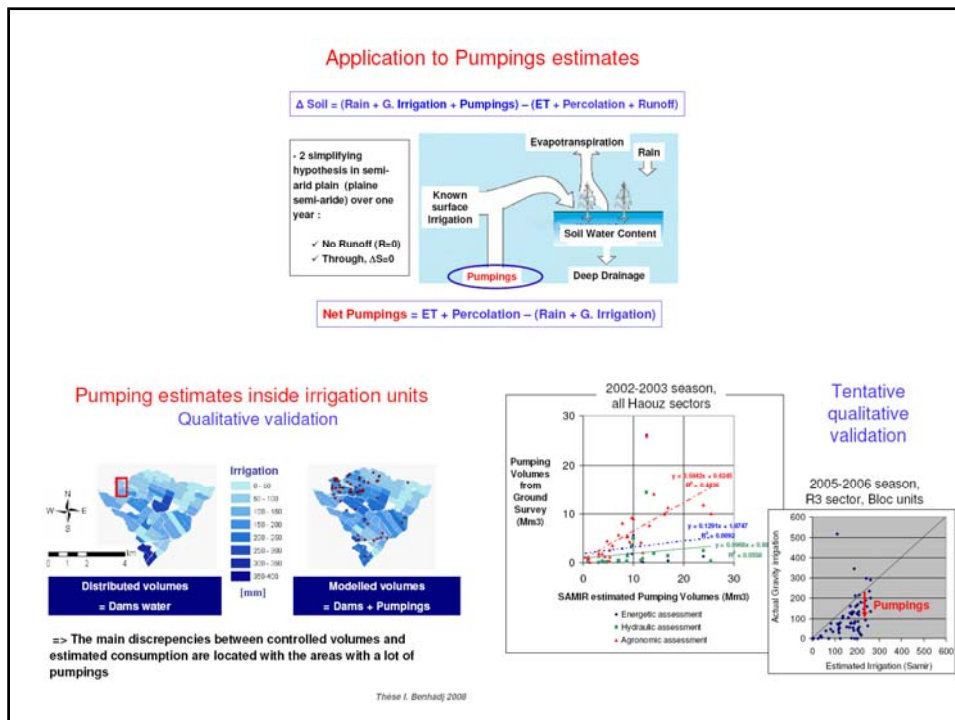
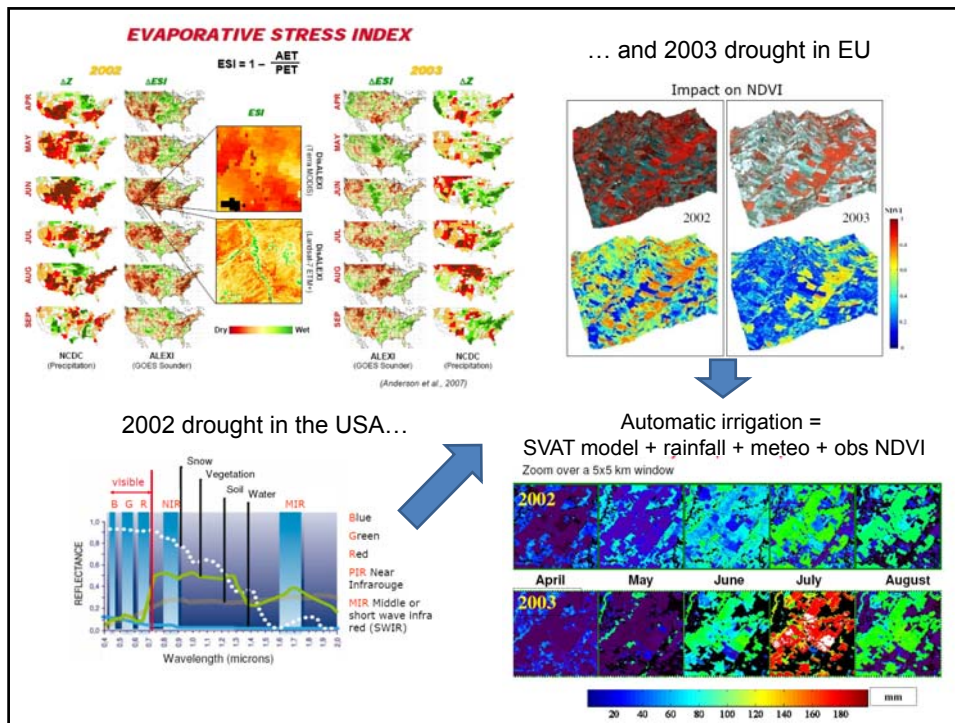


Table 1  
 Classification of some methods to assess water stress from TIR data.

	With an energy balance model	Without energy balance model
Instantaneous retrieval	SEBAL, ALARM, SEBS, etc.	TVI, TVDI, etc.
Time series analysis	CWSI, SEBI, WDI, etc.	Albedo, $T_s - T_a$ , $(T_s - T_a)/R_n$ , etc.
Data assimilation in a state-space model	Simple (thermal inertia only, no water balance involved) or complex (SVAT, water balance involved)	Assimilation of time to stress in water balance models (e.g. SVATsimple)

(Boulet 2007)



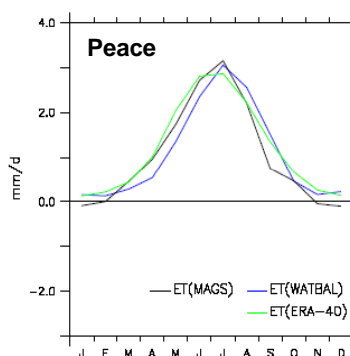
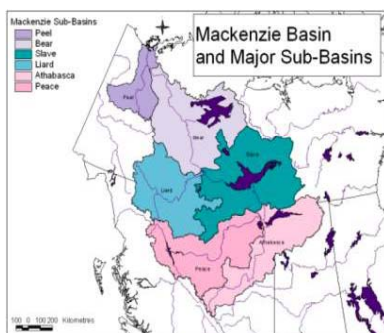


## Estimation of large-scale ET

Atmospheric water balance:

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} = -\nabla_H \vec{Q} - (P - E) \quad \Rightarrow \quad E = \frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \nabla_H \vec{Q} + P$$

Mackenzie GEWEX Study (MAGS)



Louie et al. 2002

## Conclusion

- In situ observations show usually the longest historical records for most water cycle components, but it is hard to infer continental and global trends, and some components are poorly observed (e.g. evaporation)
- RS data have little historical records > pb of continuity, but they do provide integrated information at many scales
- RS data at present are mostly used to evaluate and improve the chain of GCM/RCM/LSM models