



LDAS-Monde sequential assimilation of satellite-derived vegetation and soil moisture products

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With help from many others !

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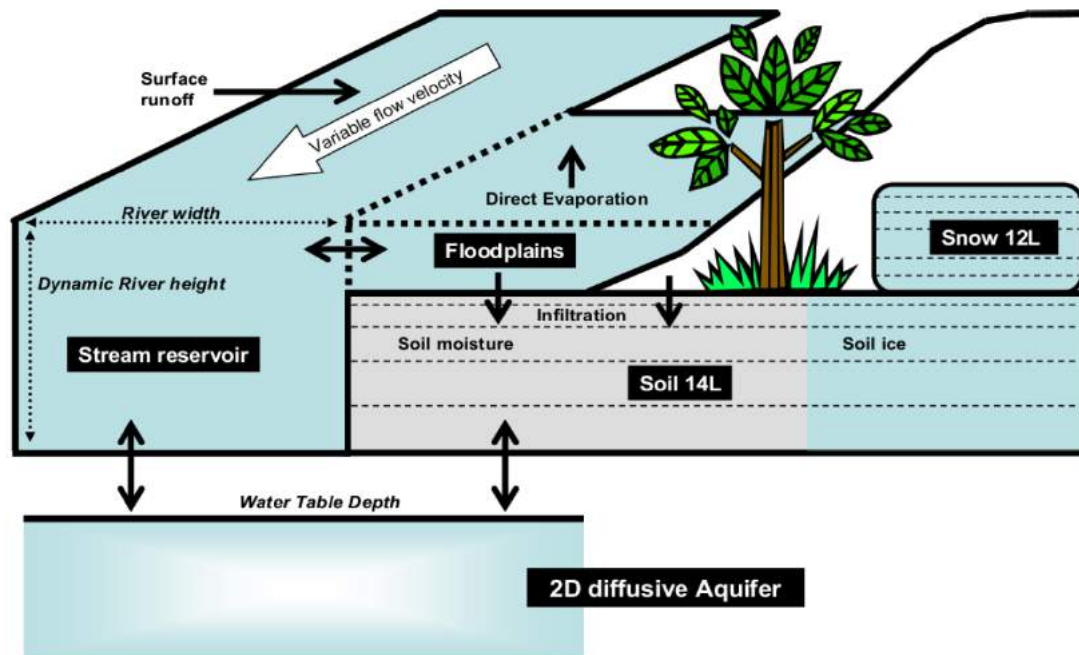
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- Through a weighted combination of both, LSVs can be better estimated than by either source of information alone [*Reichle et al., 2007*]
- ➔ **Data assimilation** : spatially and temporally integrates the observed information into LSMs in a consistent way to unobserved locations, time steps and variables

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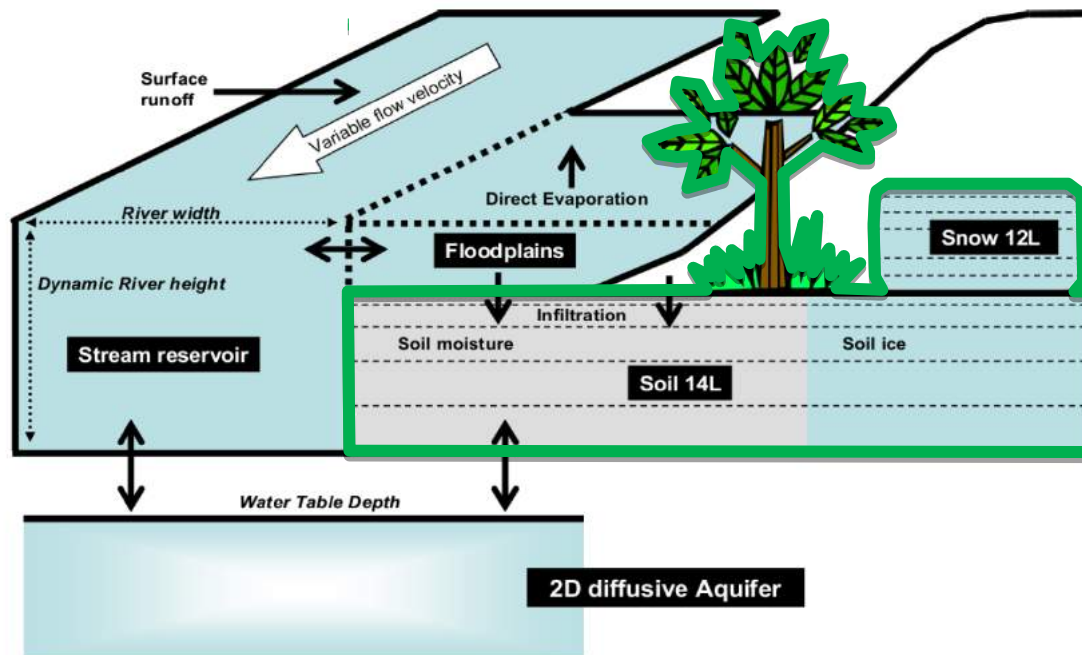
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- **ISBA-A-gs** : simulates the diurnal cycle of water and carbon fluxes, plant growth and key vegetation variables on a daily basis
(Calvet et al., 1998, 2007, Gibelin et al., 2006)

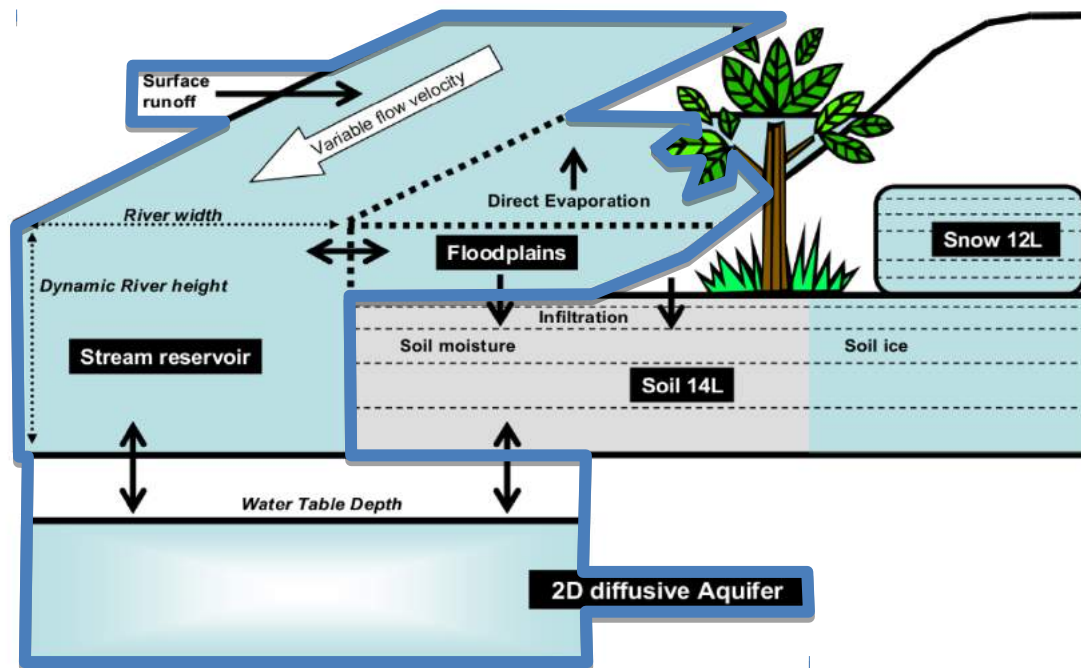


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- **CTRIP** : TRIP based river routing system with CNRM developments for global hydrological applications

(Oki and Sud, 1998, Decharme et al., 2008, 2010)



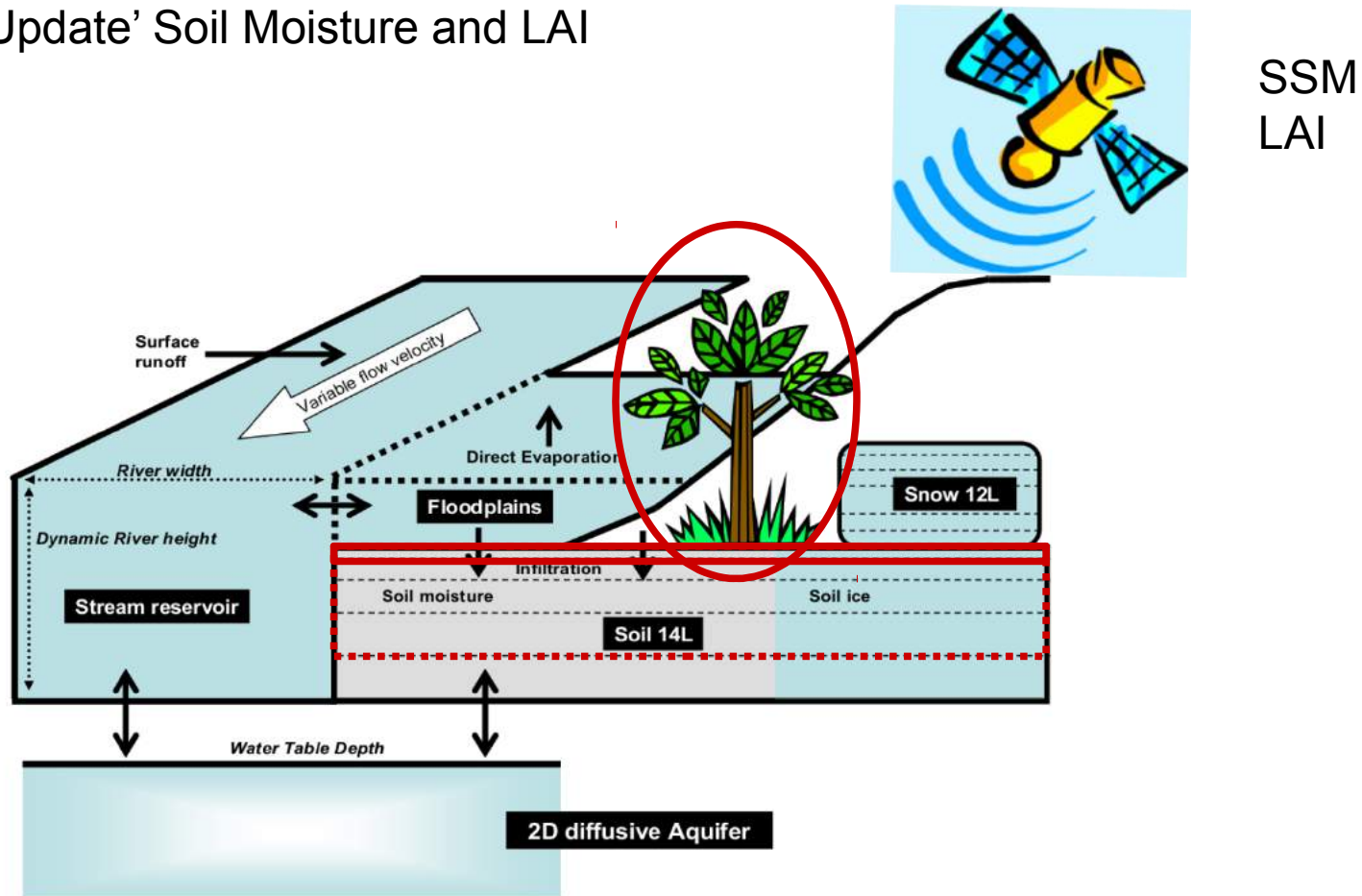
ISBA to CTRIP :
*runoff, drainage, groundwater
and floodplain recharges*

CTRIP to ISBA :
*water table depth/rise, floodplain
fraction, flood potential infiltration*

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- 'Update' Soil Moisture and LAI

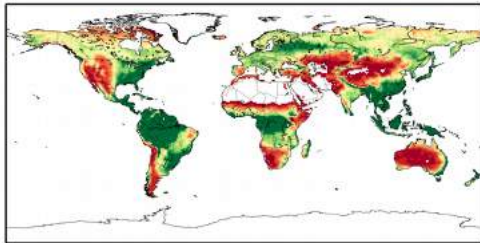


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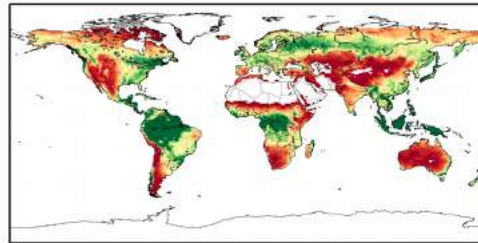
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LAI (m²m⁻²)

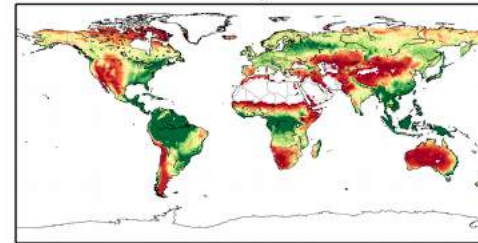
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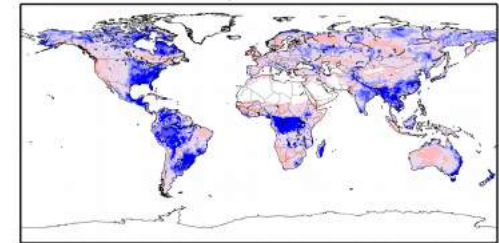
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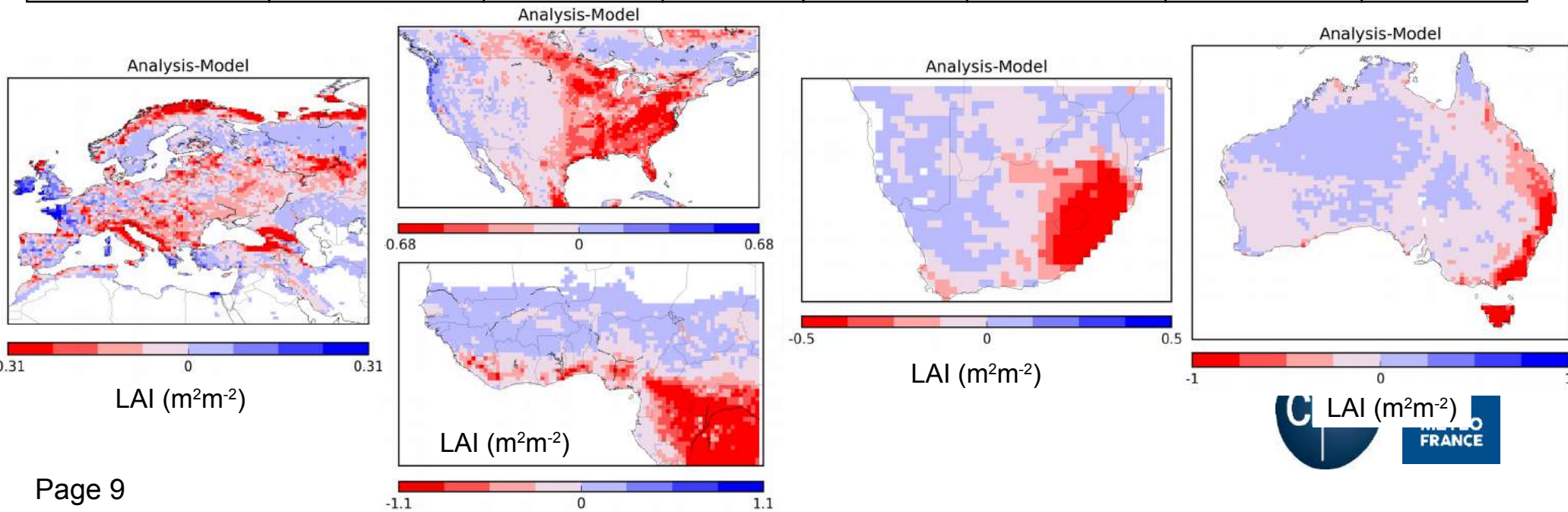


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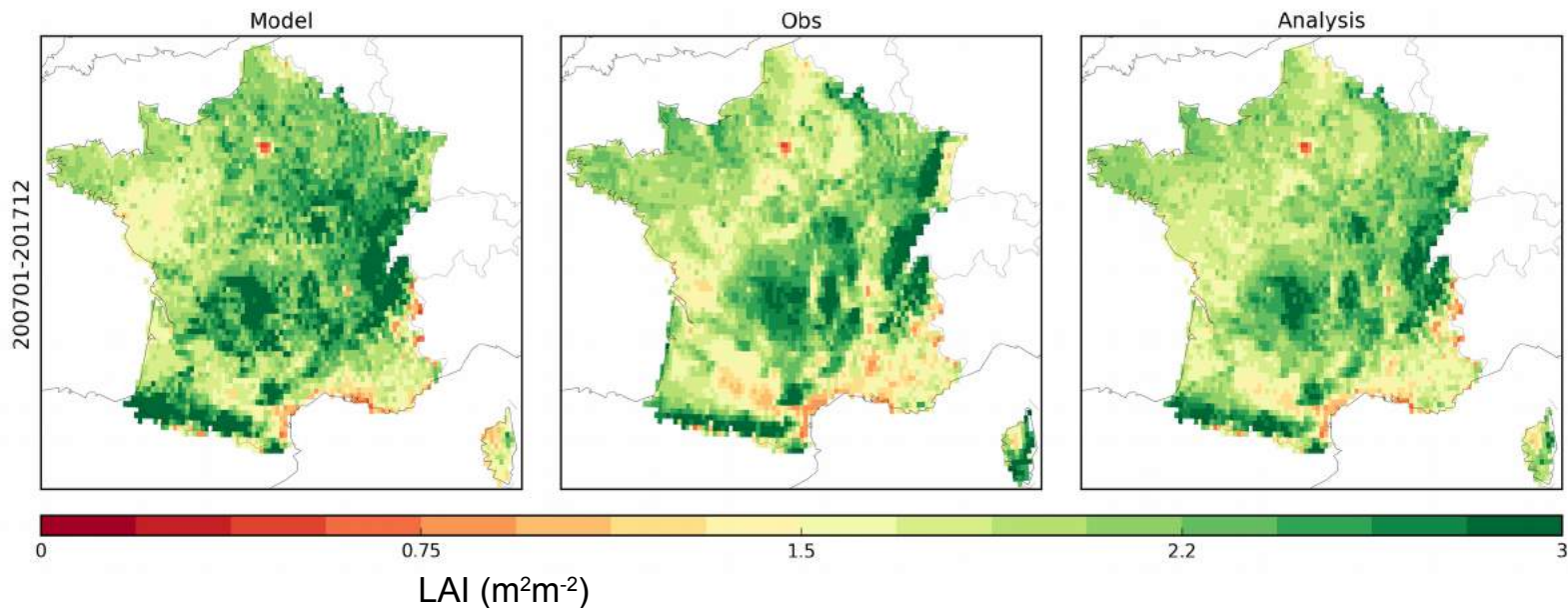
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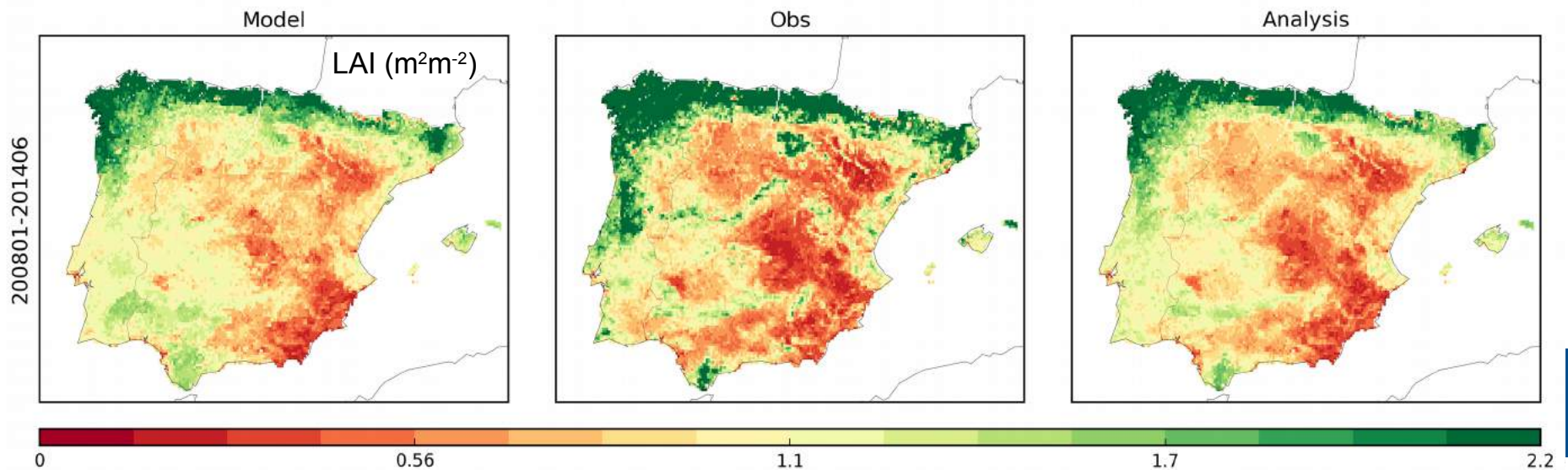
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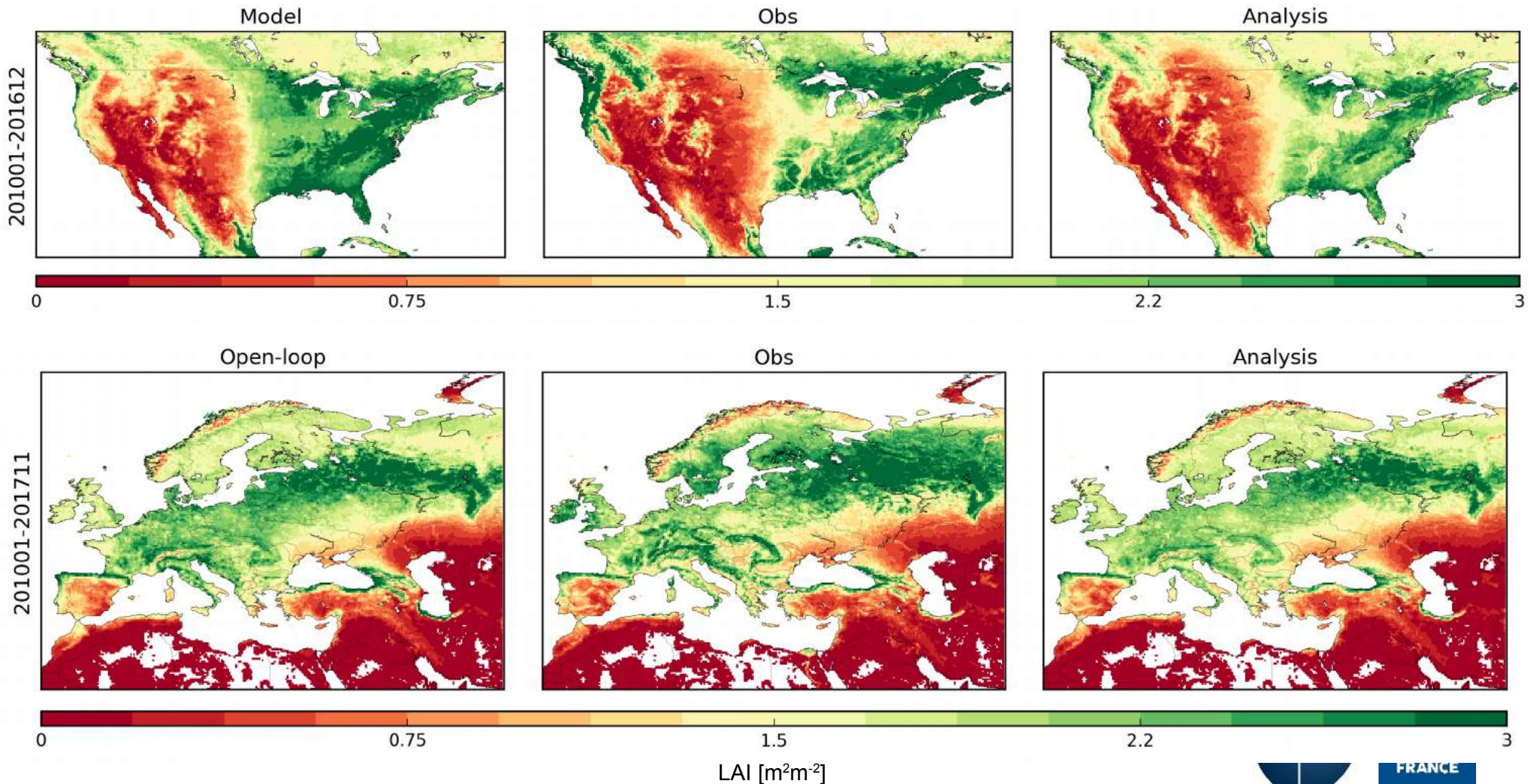
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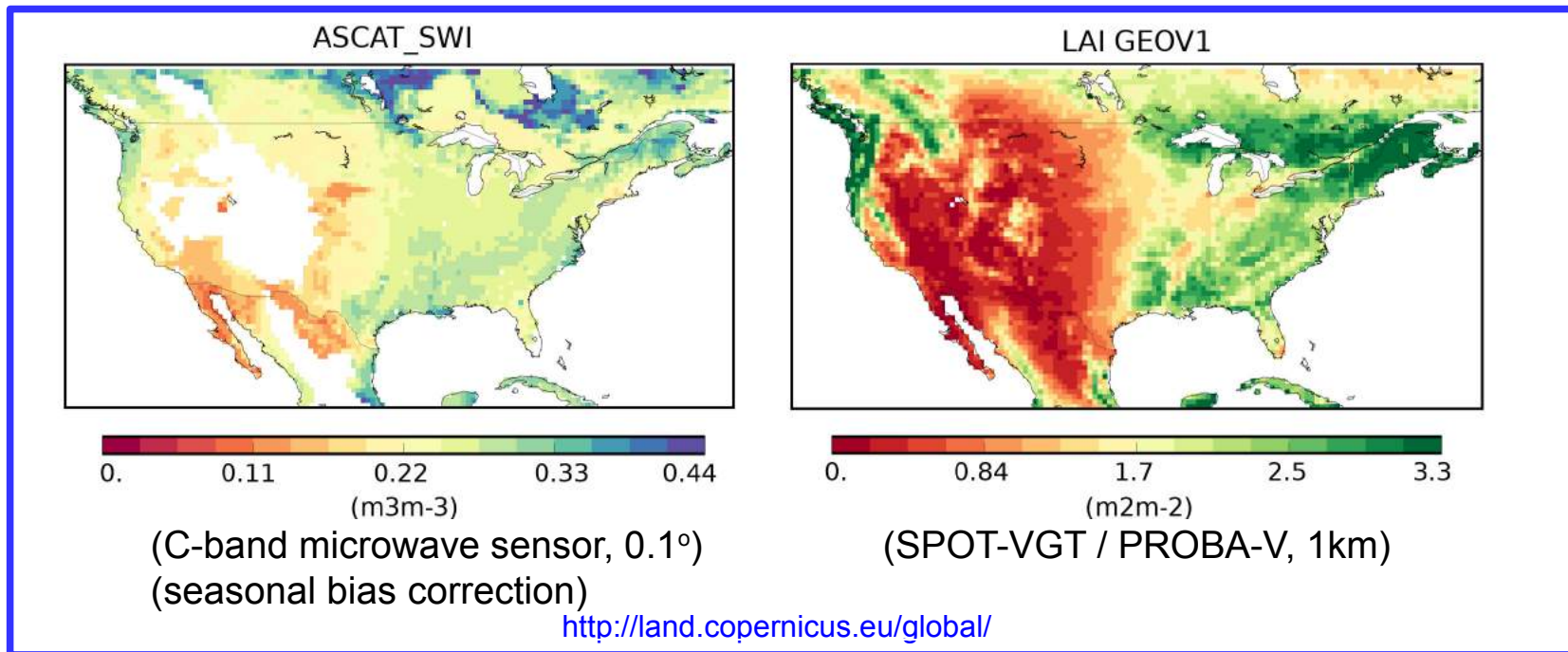
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- First results using ECMWF latest atmospheric re-analysis era-5, $0.25 \times 0.25^\circ$, 2010-2016[17] to force LDAS-Monde : Leaf Area Index



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2 experiments over 2007-2016: **open-loop** (i.e. model run), **analysis** (i.e. assimilation)

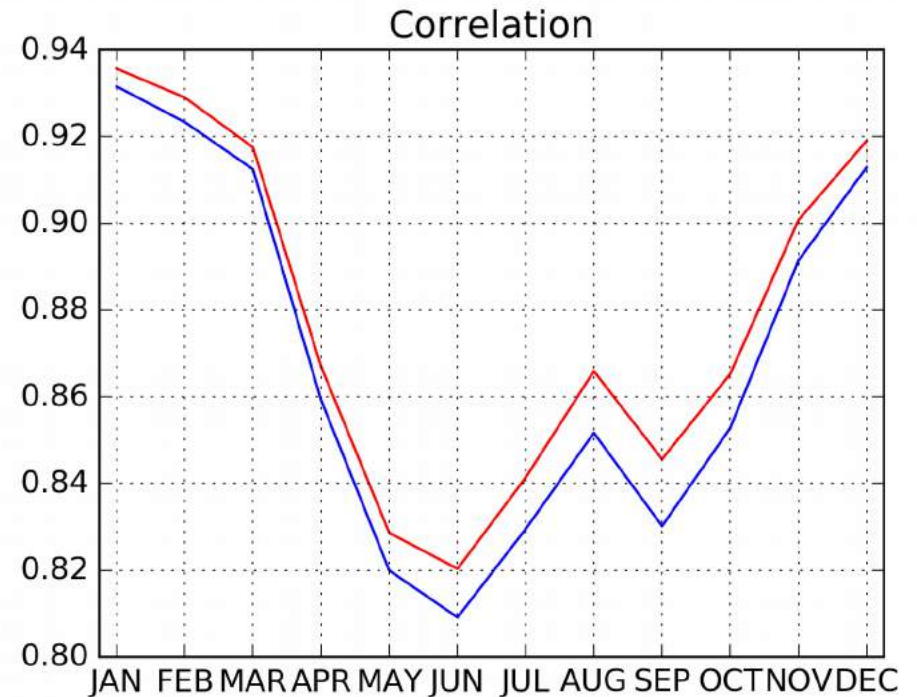
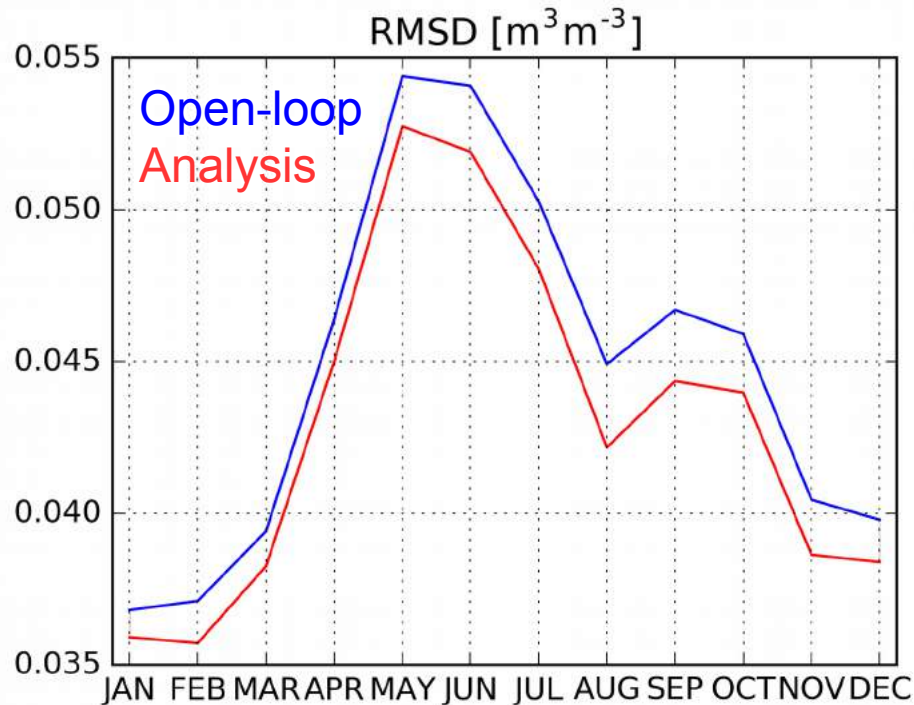
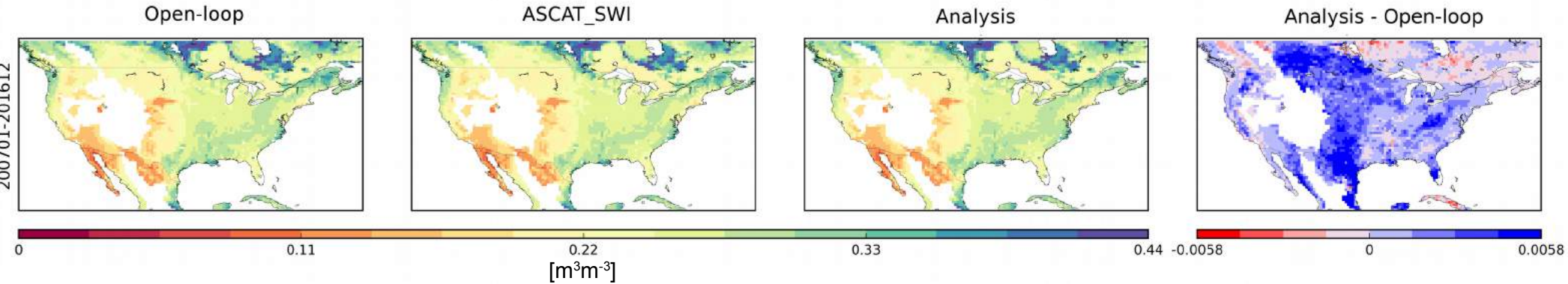
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- Analysis Impact is evaluated by comparing performance improvement relative to the open-loop

Assimilated SSM & LAI (analysis has to be closer to them than the open-loop !)	https://land.copernicus.eu/
In situ measurements of soil moisture from USCRN network	https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/crn
River discharge from USGS	https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis
FLUXNET measurements : H, LE and NEE	http://fluxnet.fluxdata.org/data/fluxnet2015-dataset/
Evapotranspiration from the GLEAM project	http://www.gleam.eu
Gross Primary Production from the FLUXCOM project	http://www.fluxcom.org

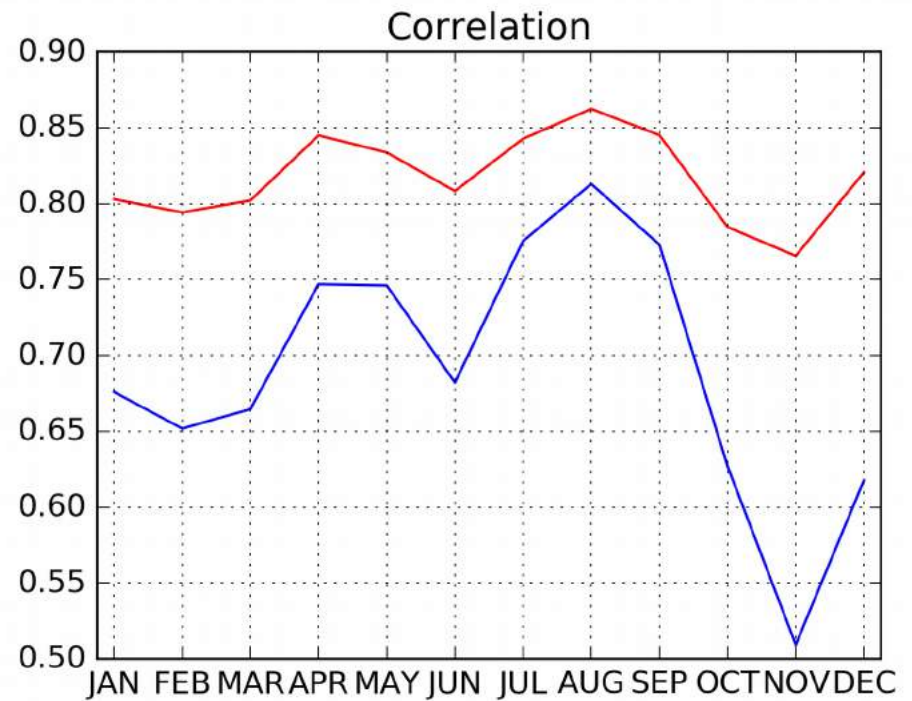
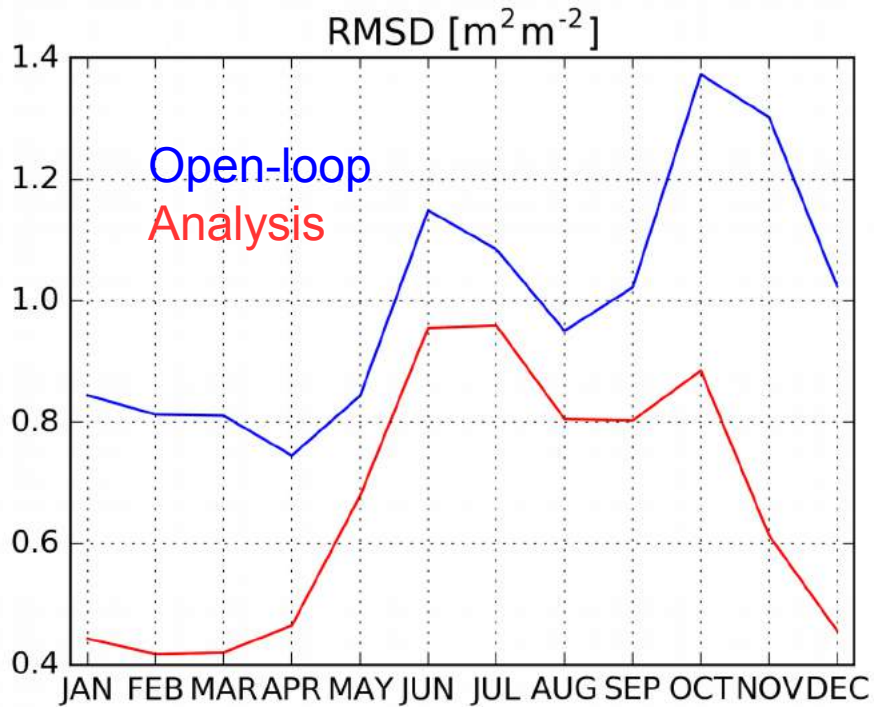
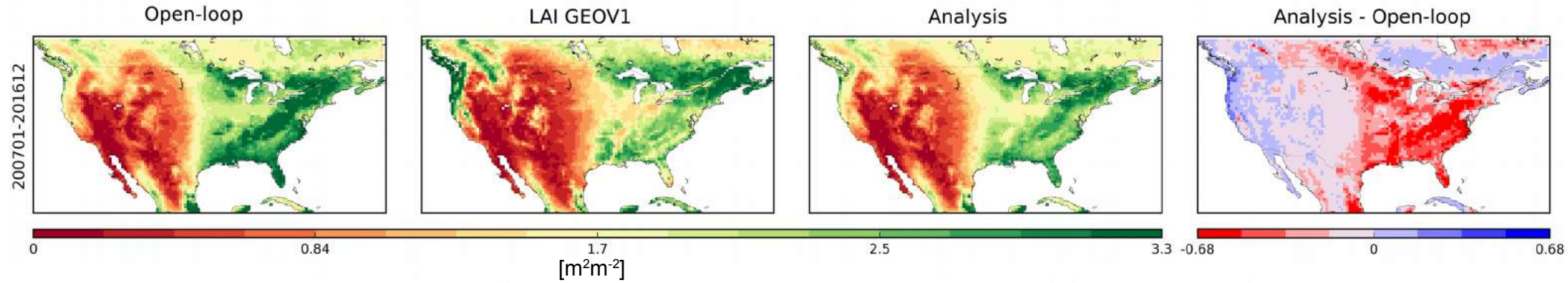
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- SSM : Averaged maps and seasonal scores over 2007-2016



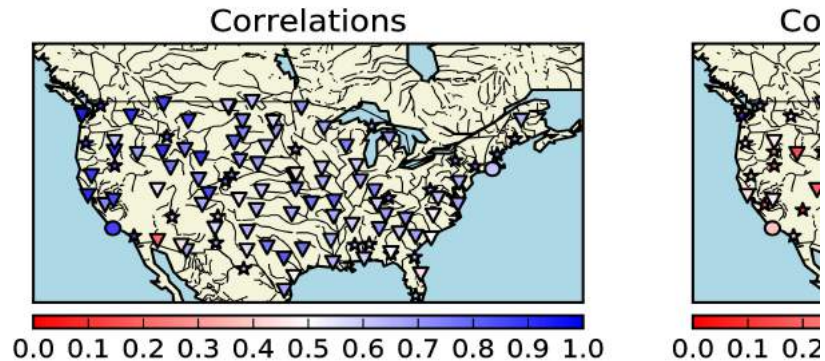
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- Soil moisture from USCRN network, 2009-2016 (*April-September, tri-hourly data*)



	Correlations
N stations (significant Correlations values)	108
% stations $R(\text{Analysis}) \geq R(\text{Open-loop})$	74%

Stars : open-loop provides better Correlations (R)

Circles : no impact at all

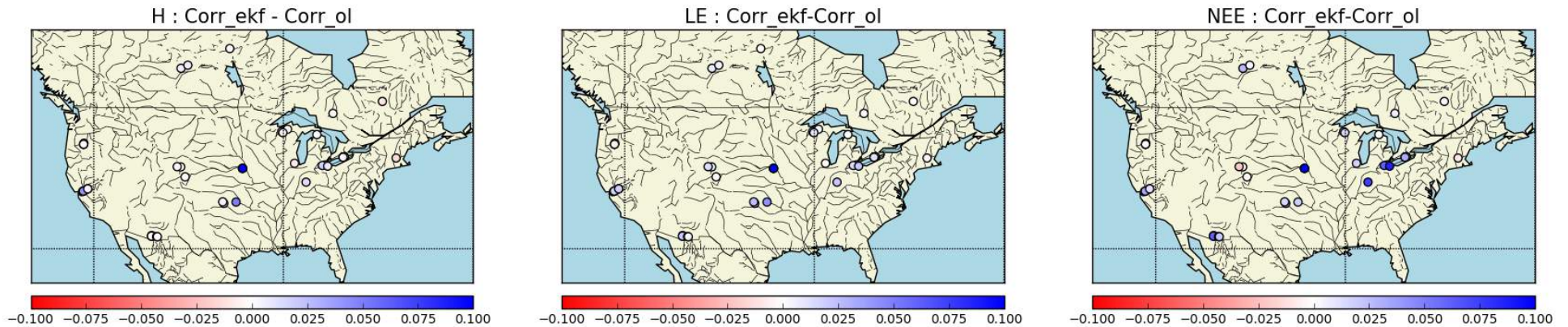
Downward-pointing triangles : analysis provide better Correlations (R)

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- FLUXNET 2015 data, 2007-2016 (*daily data if at least 2-yr of data*)

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N stations (significant R values)	44	44	40
N stations (%) R(Analysis) > R(Open-loop)	30 (68%)	32 (72%)	31 (77%)
N stations (%) RMSD(Analysis) < RMSD(Open-loop)	32 (72%)	33 (75%)	29 (72%)

Analysis better compare to the FLUXNET stations than the open-loop

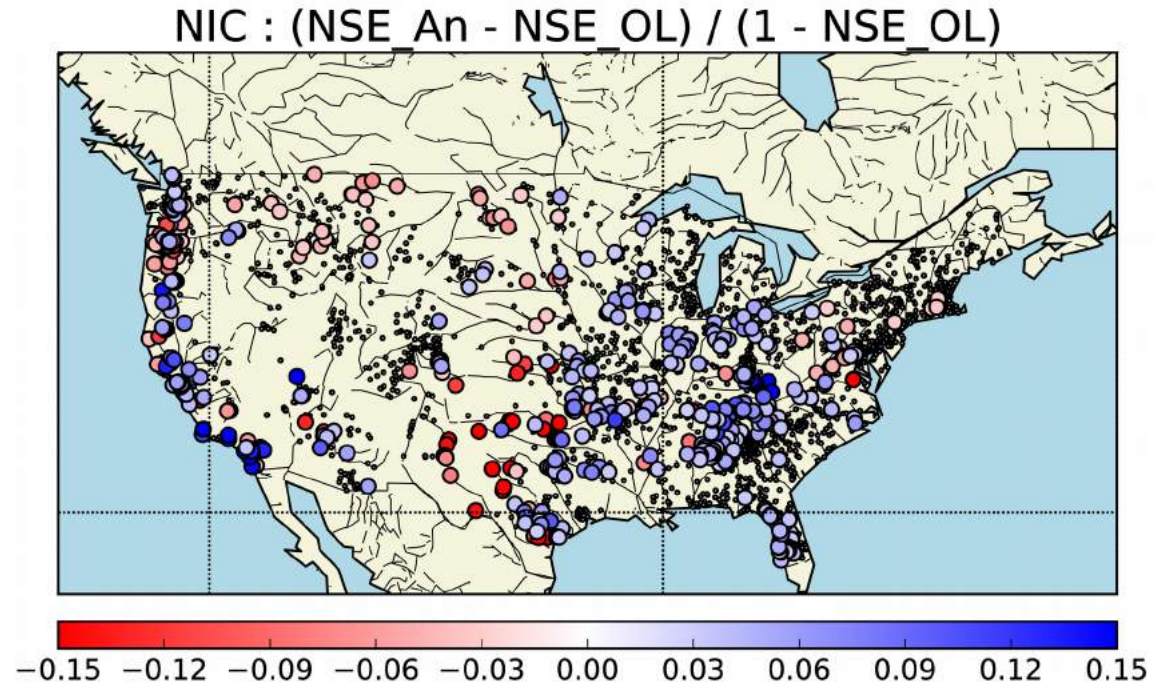


Blue : R(analysis) is better than R(open-loop)

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- River discharge from USGS
- **NSE** values are computed for each stations (*monthly values scaled to the drainage area*)
- **Normalised Information Contribution** used to quantify improvment/degradation

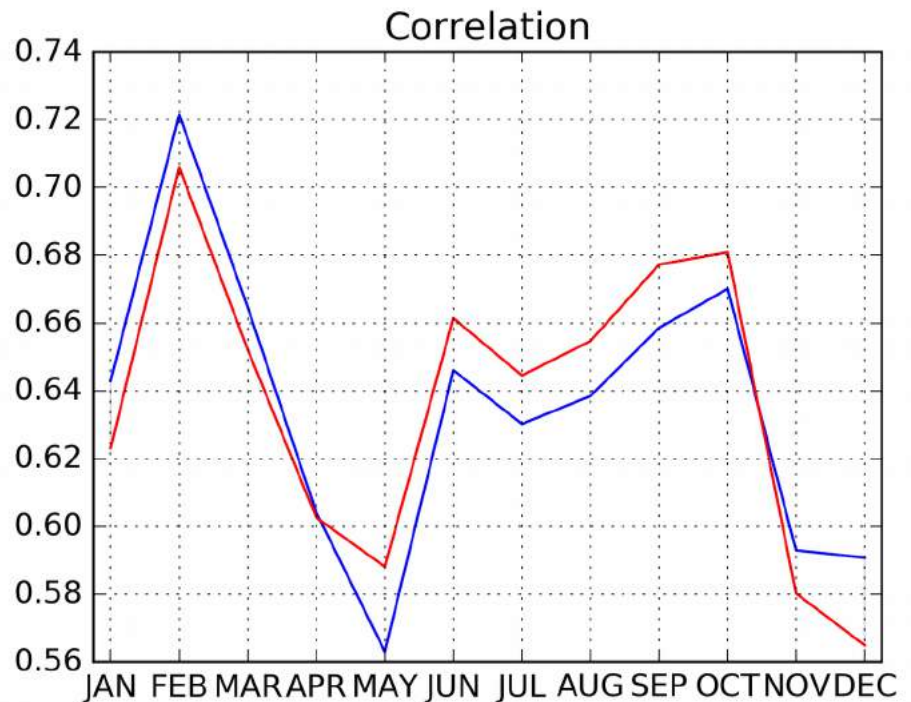
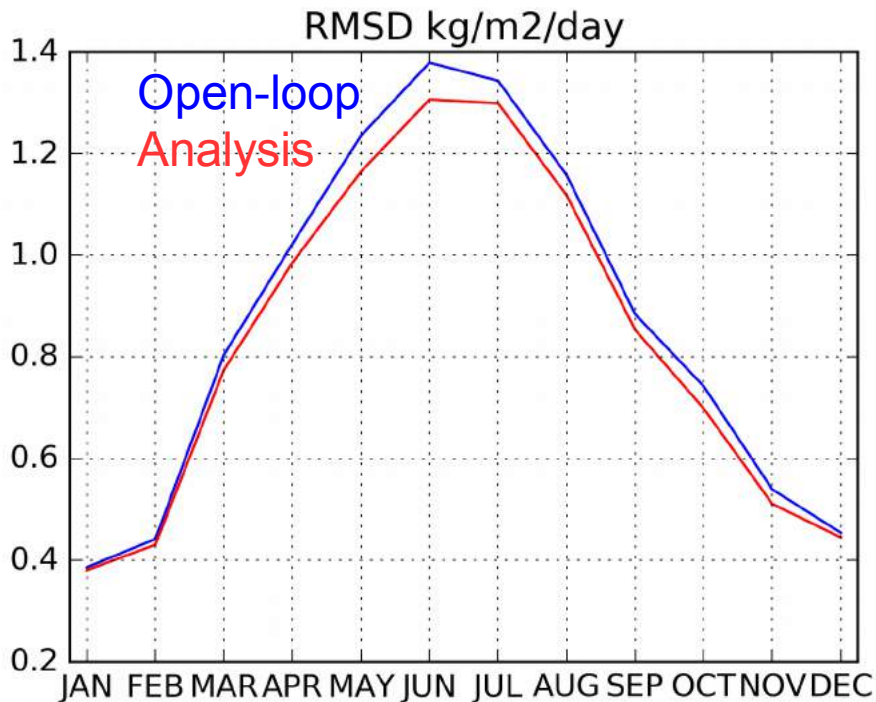
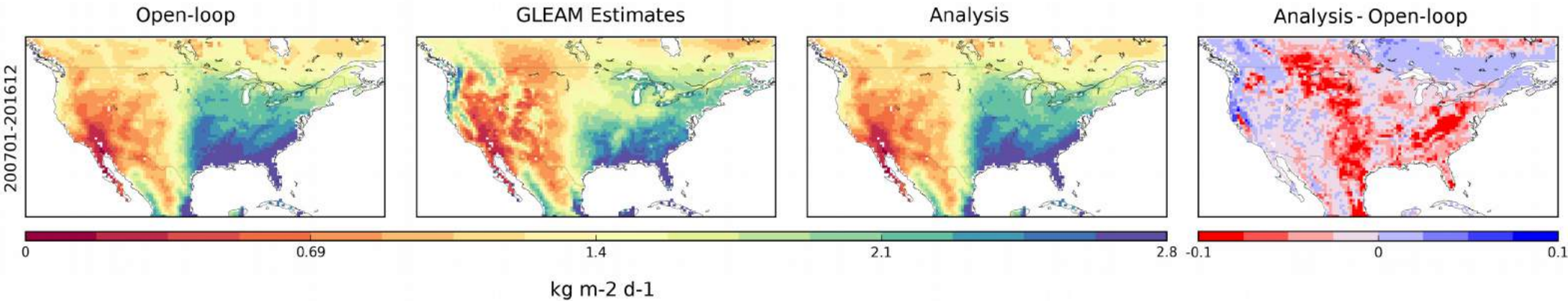
N stations >4-yr of data	
3155	
N stations >4-yr of data Analysis impact > 3 %	
503 (16 %)	
Impact is +3 %	Impact is -3 %
354 (70 %)	149 (30 %)



Neutral to positive impact from the analysis on river discharge

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- Evapotranspiration from the GLEAM project (*Martens et al., 2017, GMD*)



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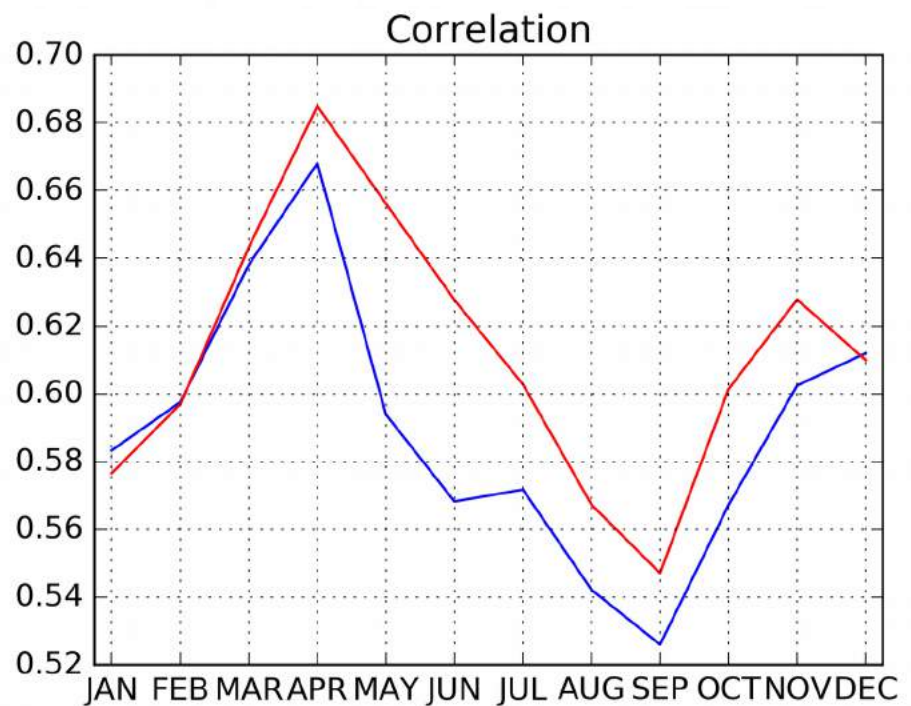
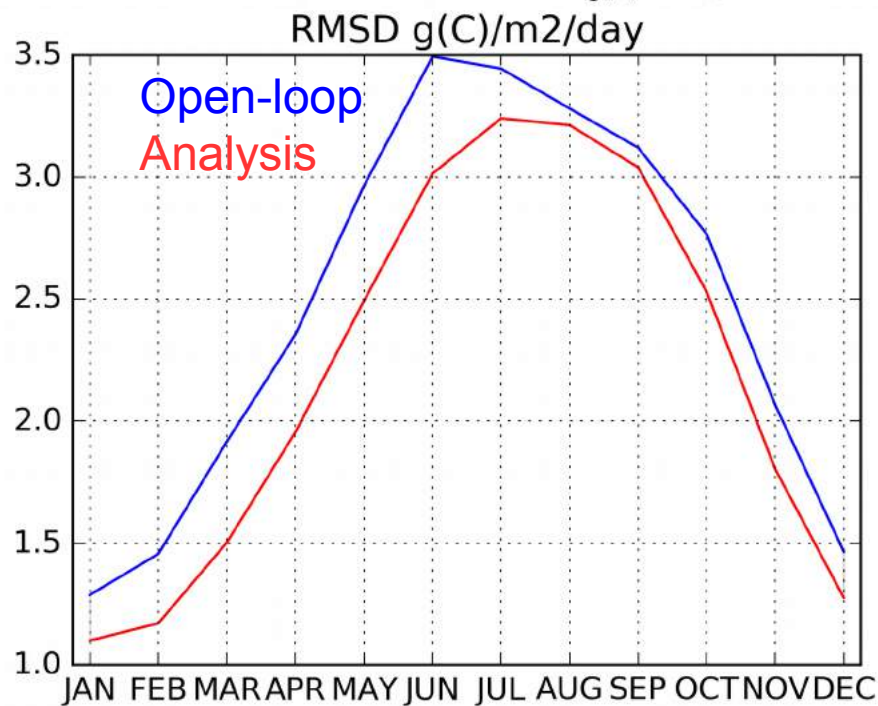
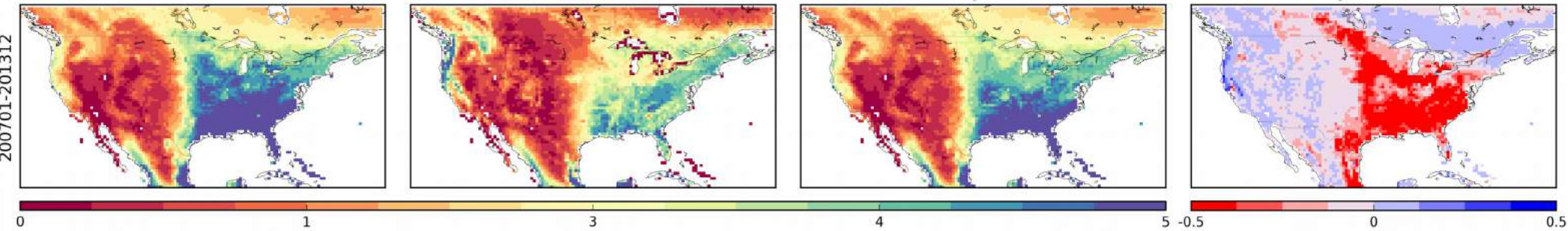
- Gross Primary Production from the FLUXCOM project (*Jung et al., 2017*)

Open-loop

FLUXCOM

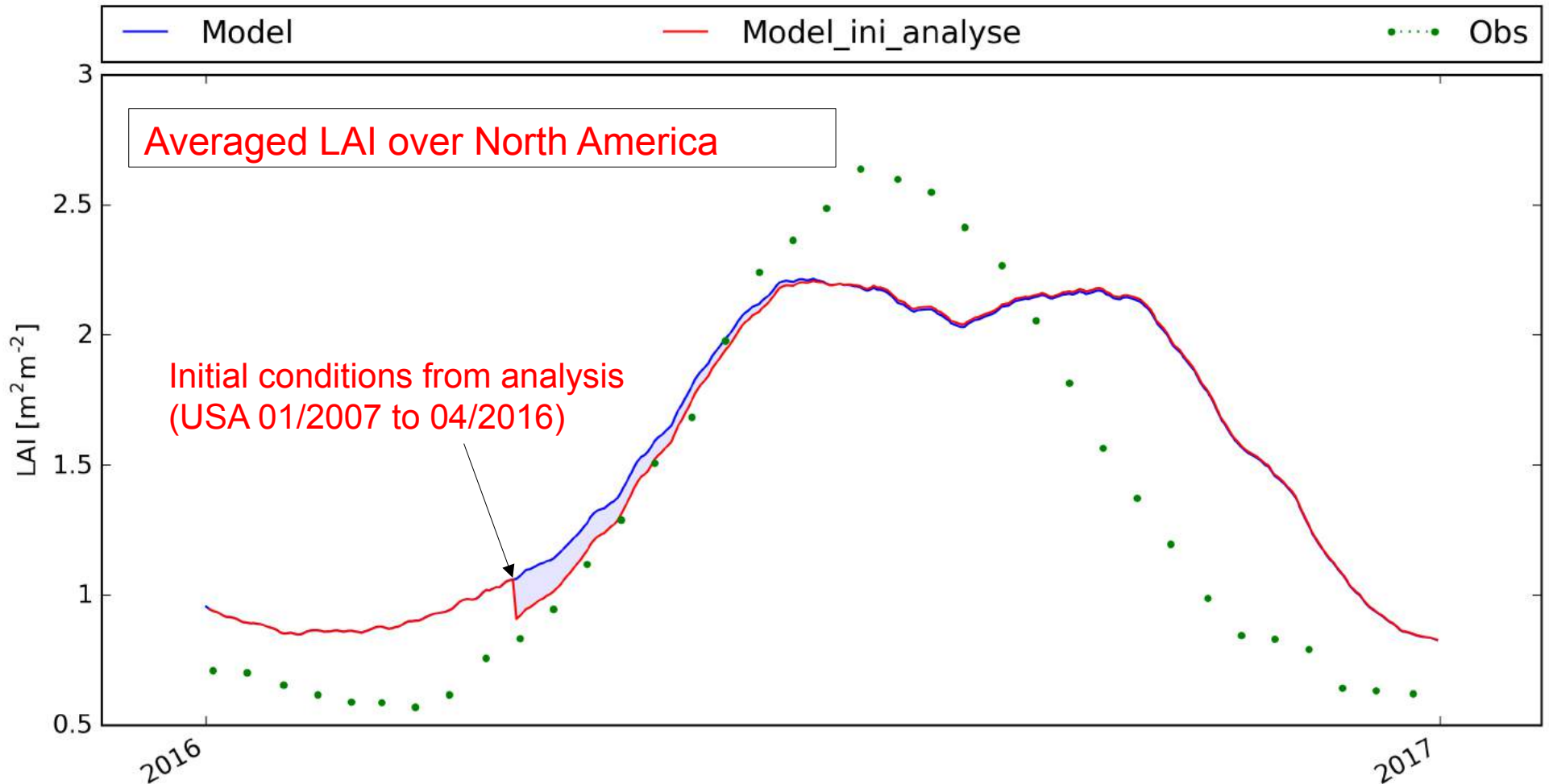
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Analysis - Open-loop



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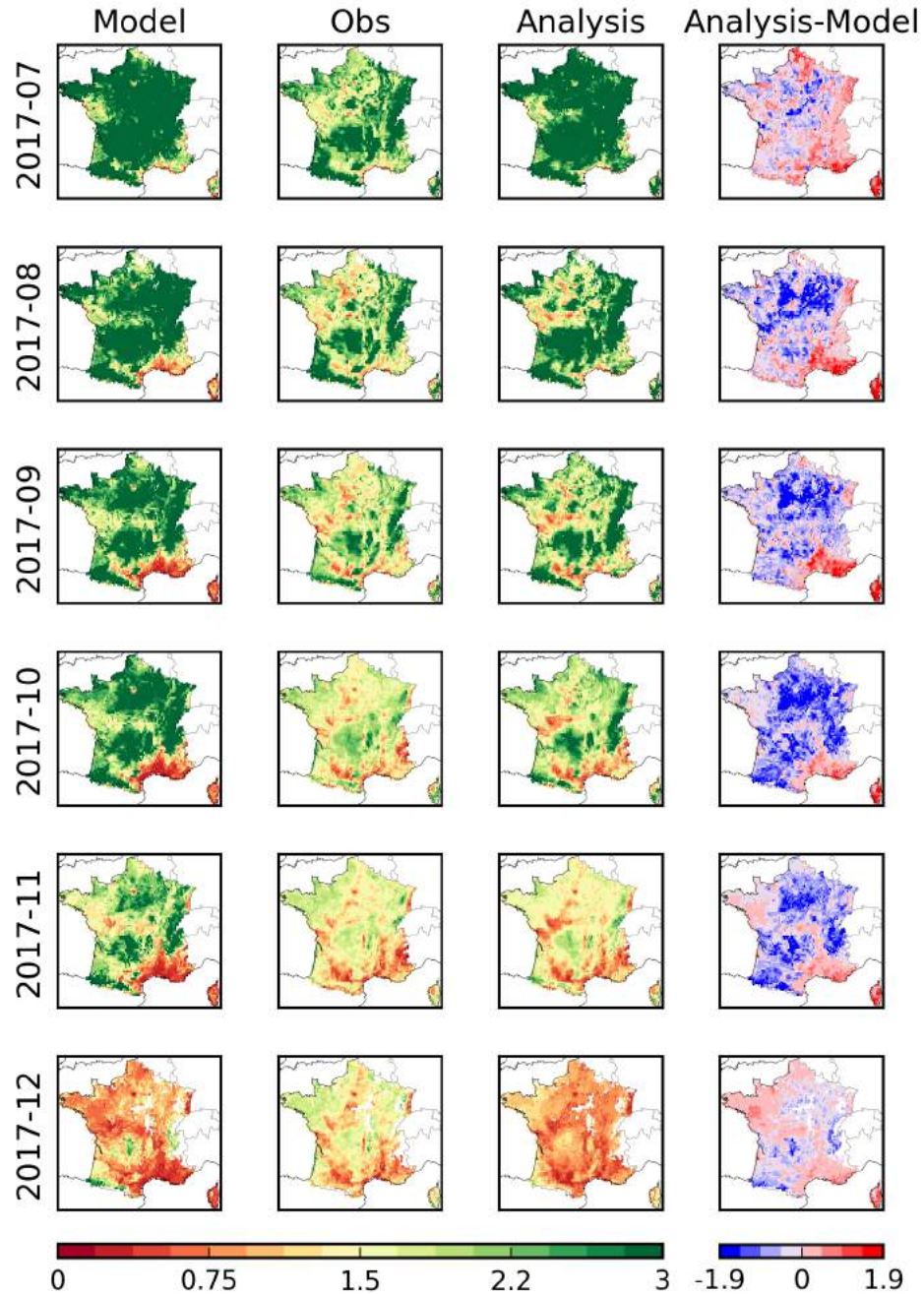
- Does analysis provide better initial conditions that last in time ?
 - Use analysis initial conditions at 01/04/2016 to start a 8-month simulation
- ➔ **Persistence for several weeks / months on LAI**



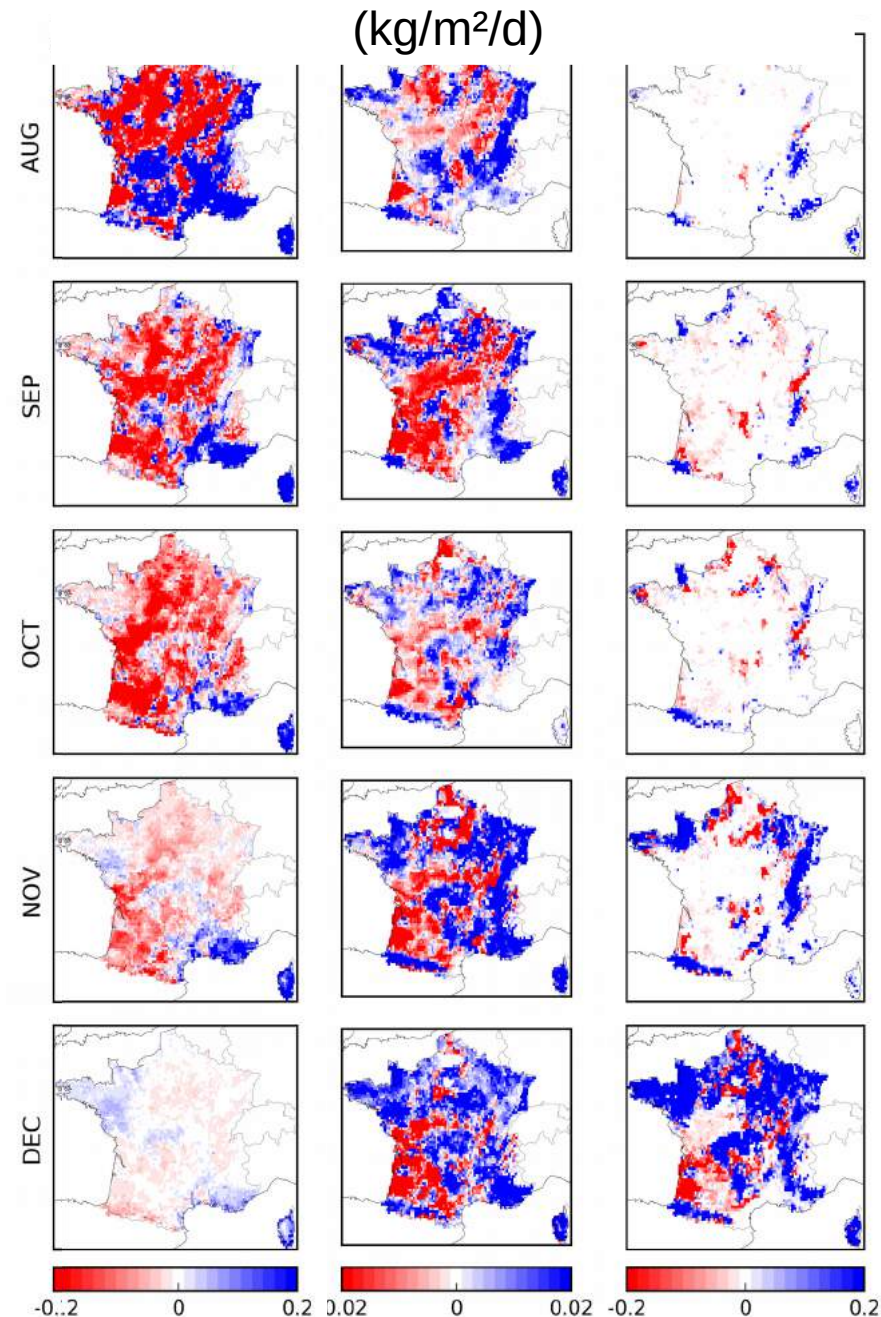
LDAS-Monde over France

Analysis – Model (2017)

LAI (m^2m^{-2})



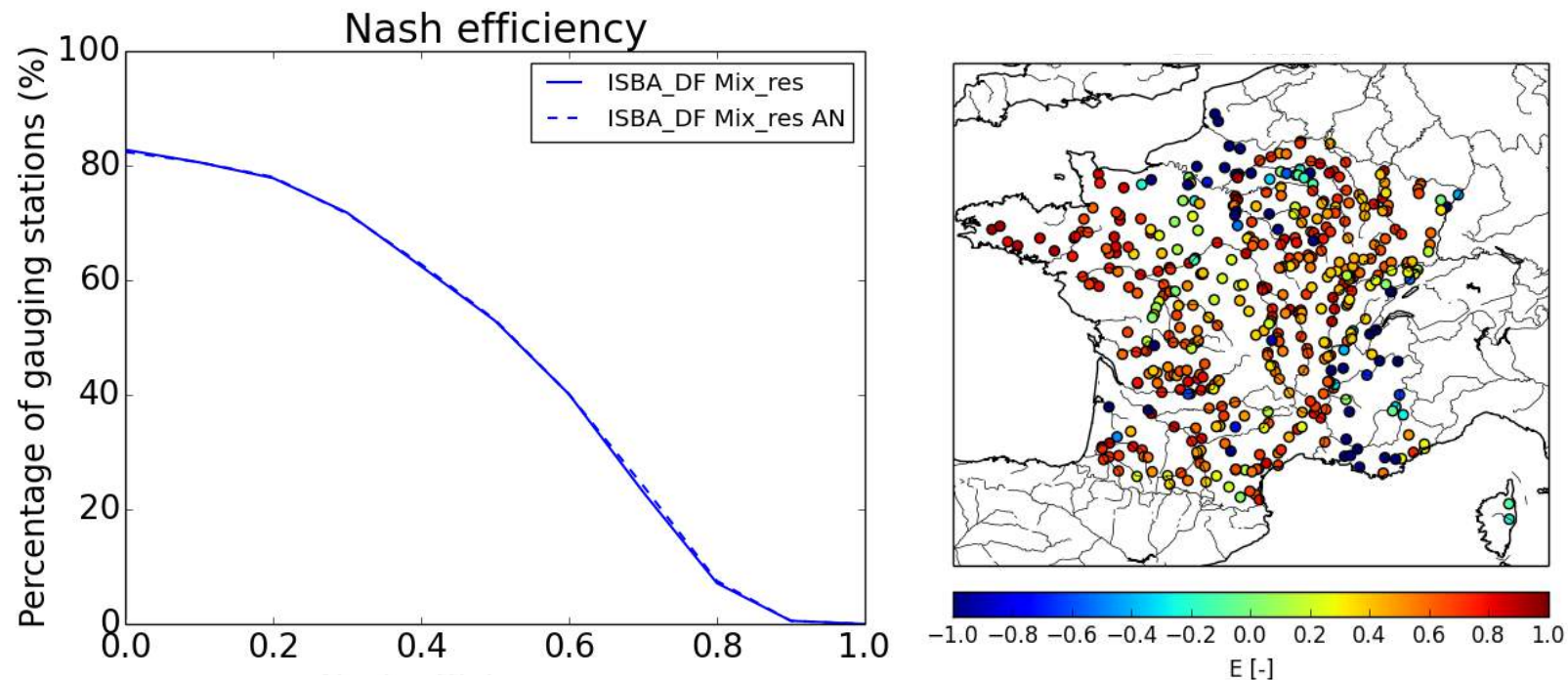
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Towards a 'SIM2-like' LDAS

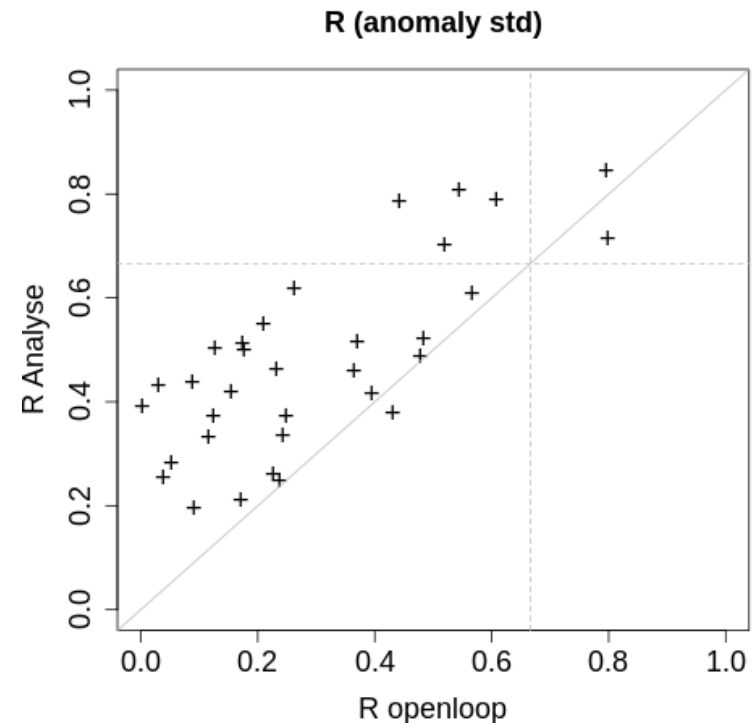
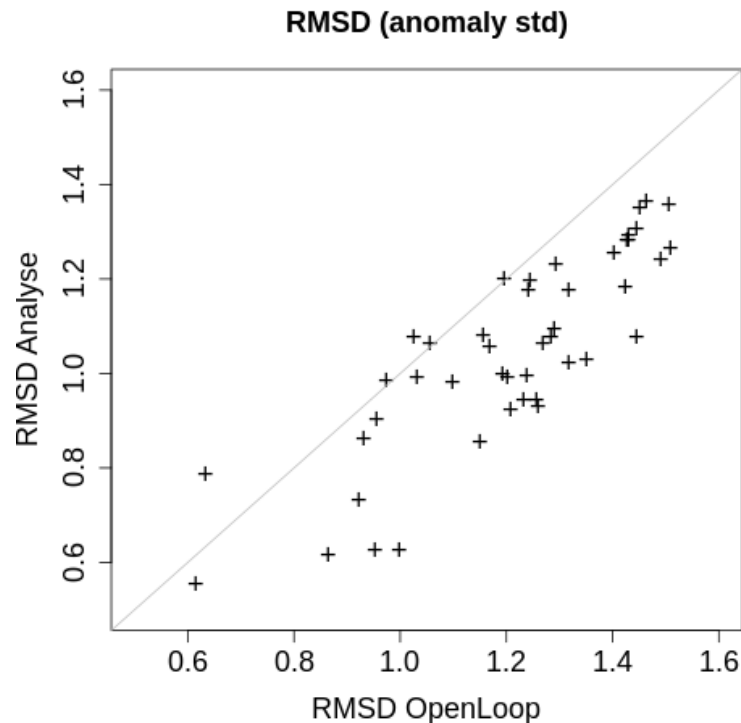
- Run SURFEX over 9892 grid points, over 3878 mountainous grid points
(Save *RUNOFFC*, *DRAINC*)
- ➔ Mix the results of mountains elevation tiles to the original grid France, two different water transfer for mountainous cells and for plain areas outside aquifers simulated by MODCOU (mix_res)



- ➔ Neutral impact on river discharge / Positive impact on vegetation
- ➔ Re-activate this activity (coll. S. Munier CNRM/GMME/SURFACE)

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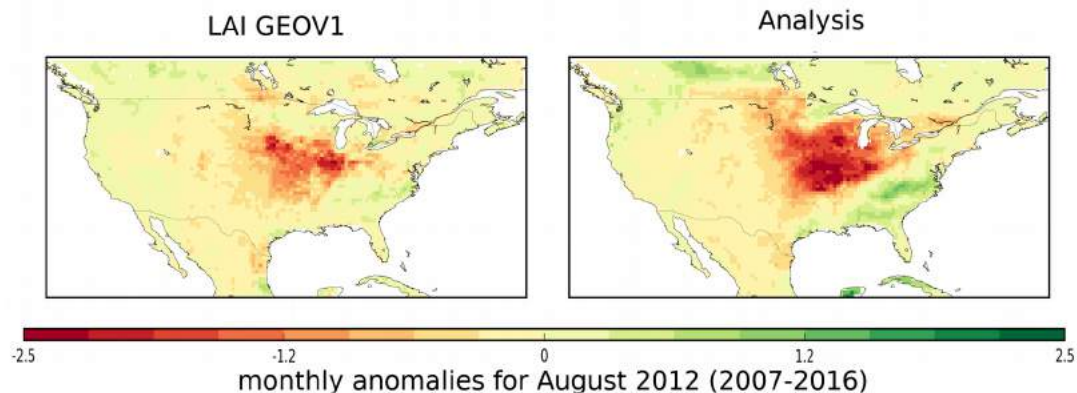
- Evaluation of analysis impact 2000-2010: grain yield over France vs. above-ground biomass 45 sites (Agreste portal, <http://agreste.agriculture.gouv.fr>)
- ➔ Inter-annual variability



- ➔ Analysed Biomass shows better R and RMSD than that of the open-loop

LDAS-Monde : Conclusions and perspectives

- Integration of satellite observations into SURFEX, fully coupled to hydrology
- Now the only system able to sequentially assimilate vegetation products together with soil moisture observations
- Positive impact on terrestrial water cycle, vegetation cycle
- ➔ **Powerful tool to monitor land surface variables, droughts**



Foster link to applications

- **Climate reanalysis**
- **From monitoring to forecasting**

(Analysis provides better initial conditions than a model run)

PhD for 2018 : *Assimilation of satellite data for monitoring and forecasting agricultural drought and water resources* (funding ? MF/ED/MOPGA)



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LDAS recent publications :

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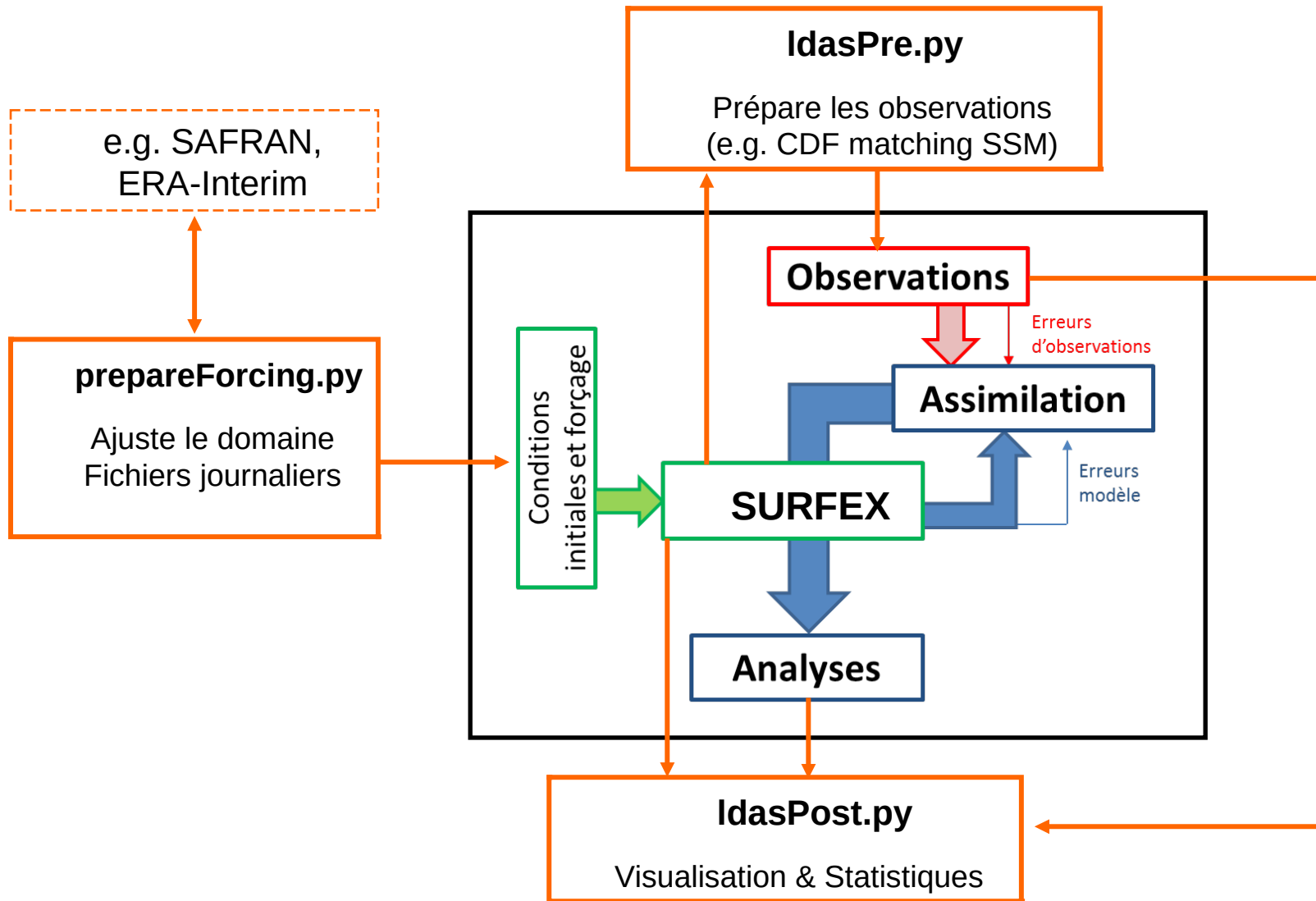
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