

# SURFEX in the climate group:

Off-line global applications  
&  
CNRM Earth System Model

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# Off-line global experiments

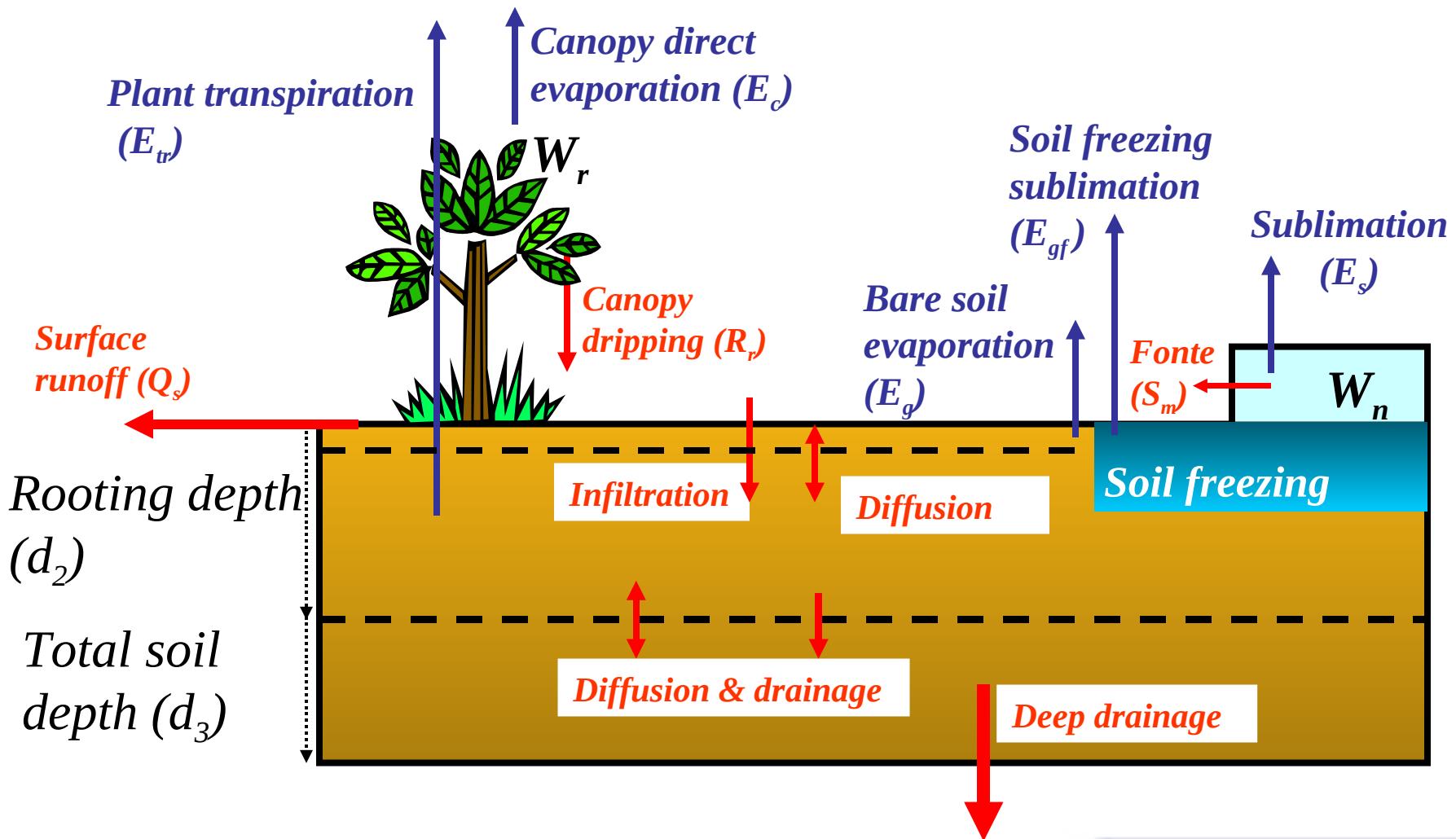
- **Especially relevant to evaluate :**

- Meso-scale parameterizations from GMME
    - Hydrology
    - Snow (simple or multi-layer explicit)
    - ISBA-Ags (interactive vegetation with photosynthesis)
    - ....
  - Global parameterizations from GMGEC
    - Sub-grid hydrology
    - TRIP river routing model
    - Continental carbon cycle

- **Other applications**

- Runoff/Discharge trends over the past and the future
  - Hydrological impacts of global warming
  - ....

# Offline experiment design : Configuration – ISBA 3-L



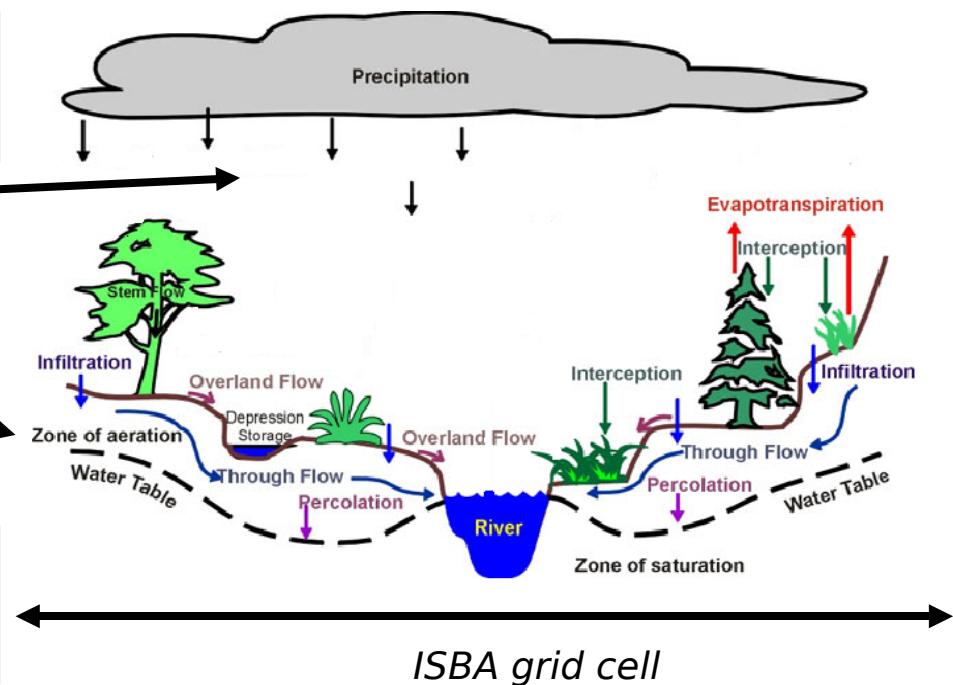
Noilhan and Planton 1989; Douville et al. 1995; Mahfouf and Noilhan 1996; Boone et al. 1999; Boone et al. 2000

# Offline experiment design : Sub-Grid Hydrology

## Spatial variability of hydrologic processes :

- Precipitation
- Topography (TOPMODEL)
- Soil properties
- Vegetation (Tiles)

## Exponential profile of $k_{sat}$ with soil depth



Details will be given this afternoon  
during specific talk about ISBA

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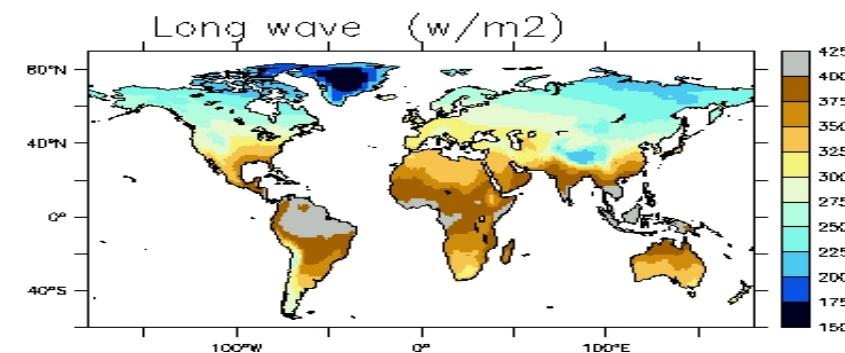
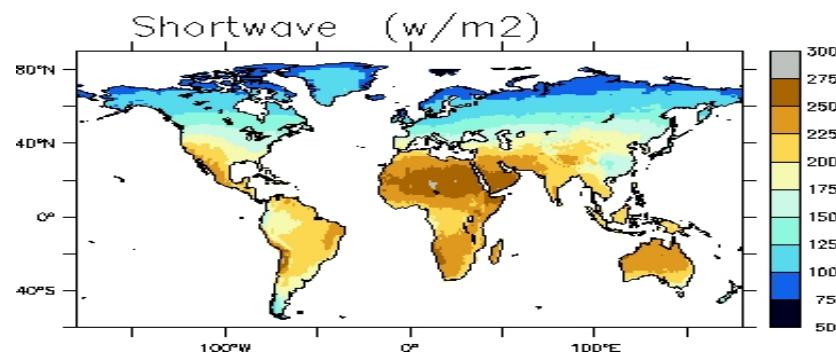
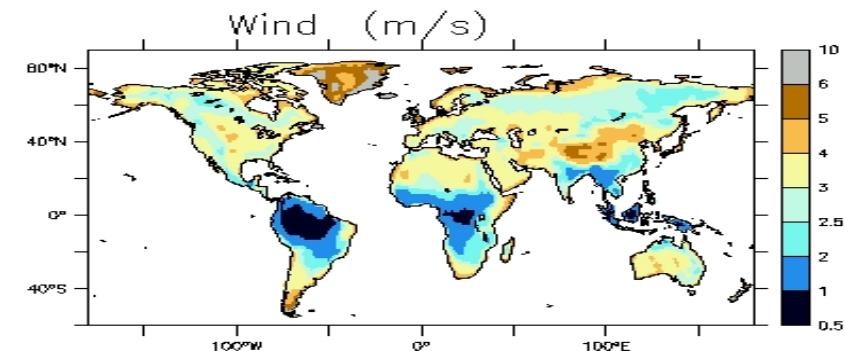
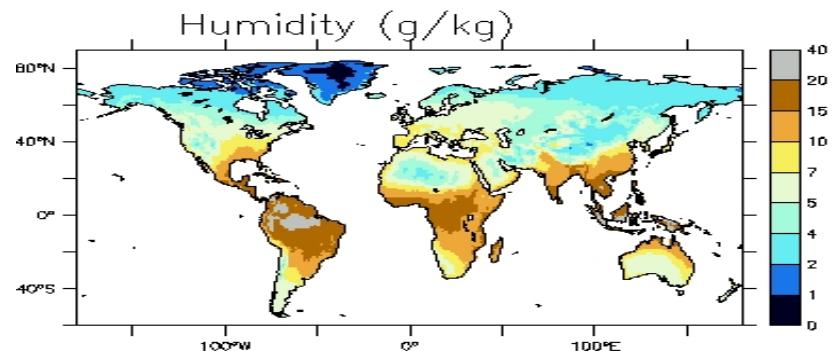
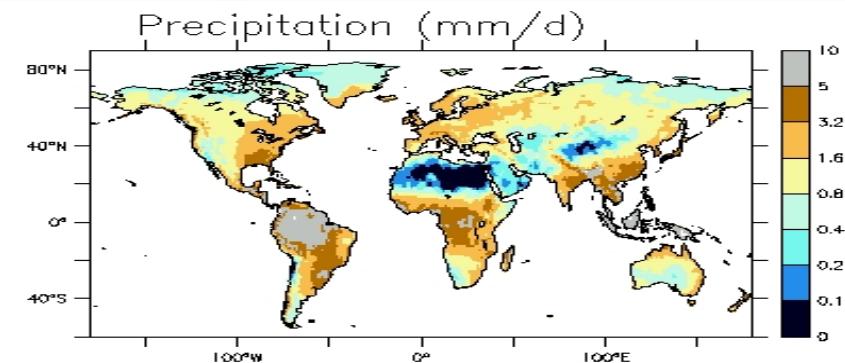
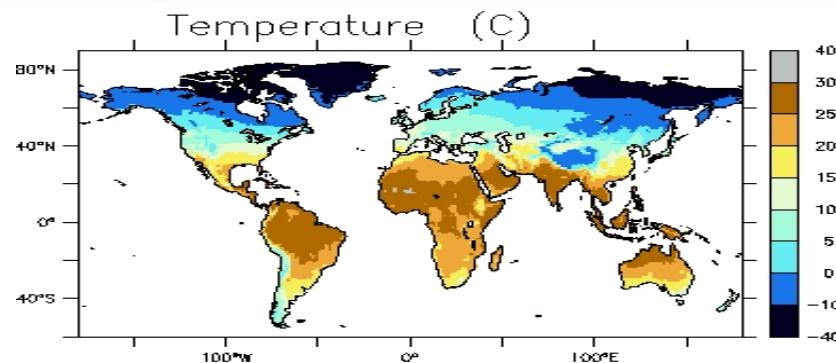
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Atmospheric forcing:

Princeton Univ. + GPCC  
3-hr, 1°

**SURFEX**

# Offline experiment: Atmospheric forcing



1986-2006 Average (Princeton University)



# Offline experiment design

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**SURFEX**

**PGD.exe**

Sol and vegetation  
parameters →  $1^\circ$   
ECOCLIMAP 1km

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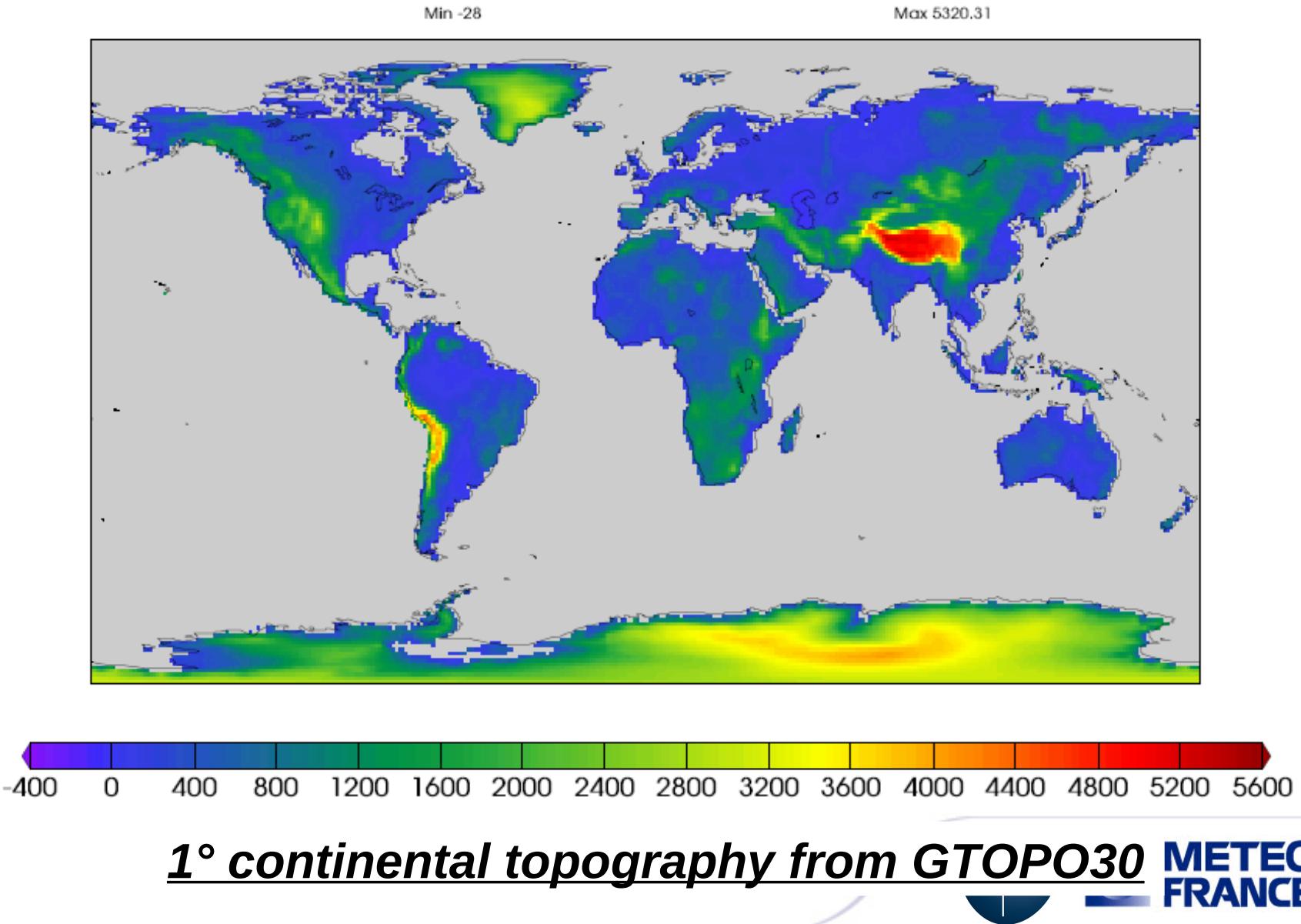
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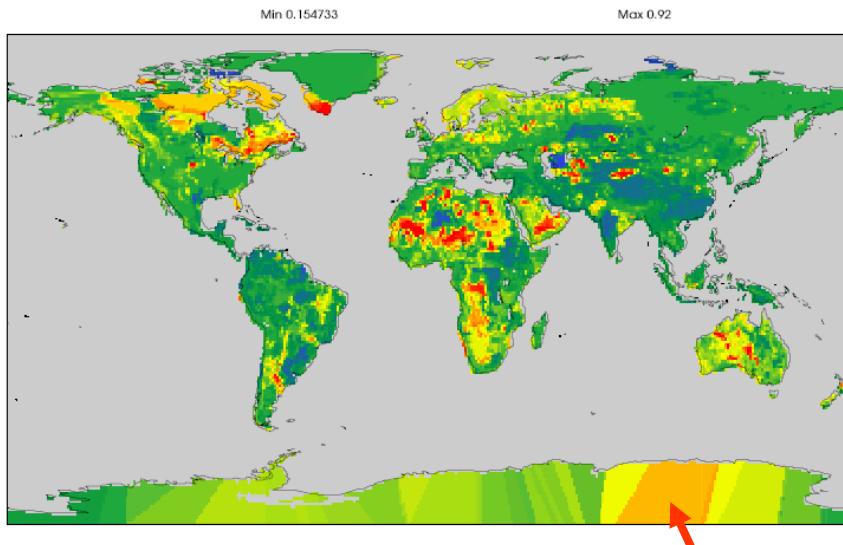
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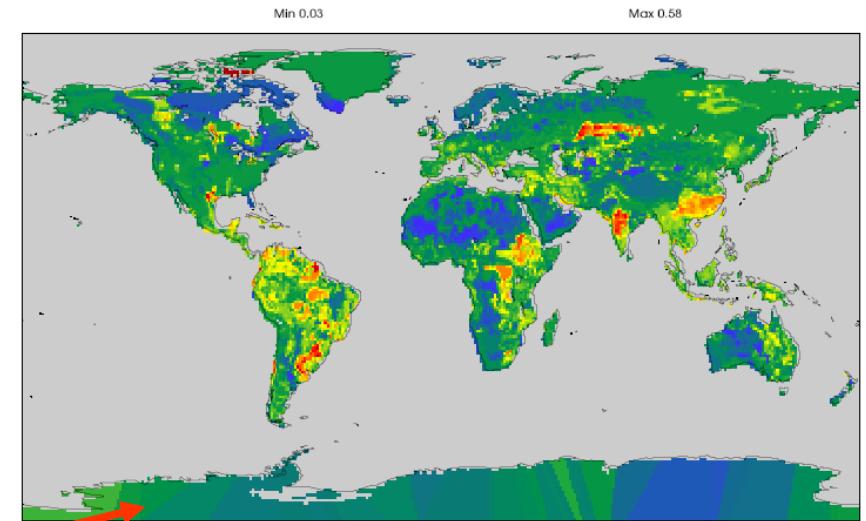
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# Offline experiment design : PGD.exe

sand



Clay



Not know so SURFEX  
performs an interpolation  
(Nearest grid points)

**1° sand and clay fractions from FAO**

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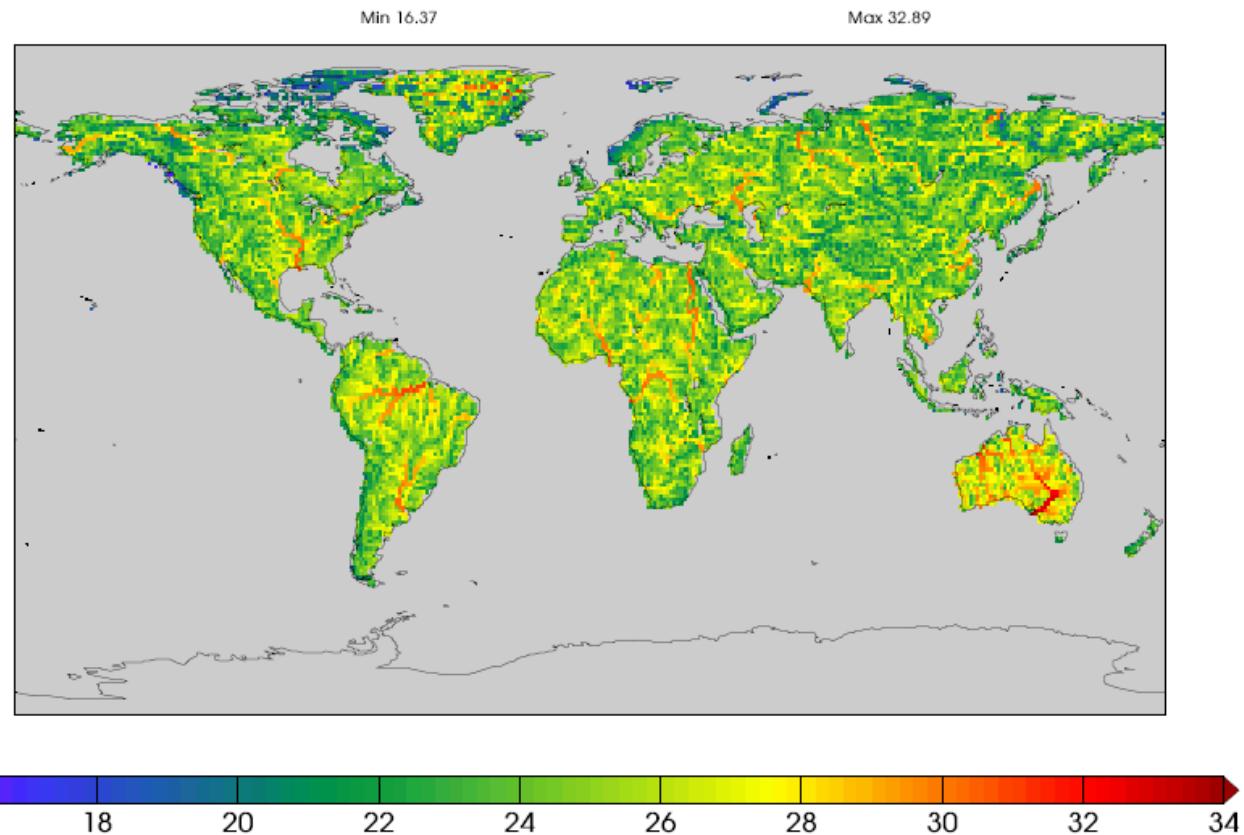
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1km Topo indexes (TOPMODEL)



# Offline experiment design : PGD.exe

In ISBA, the  
TOPMODEL based  
approach used Topo  
index statistics (*min*,  
*max*, *mean*, *std* and  
*skewness*) to simulate  
surface runoff in each  $1^{\circ}$   
grid-cells.



**1° Topo index (max) used by TOPMODEL**

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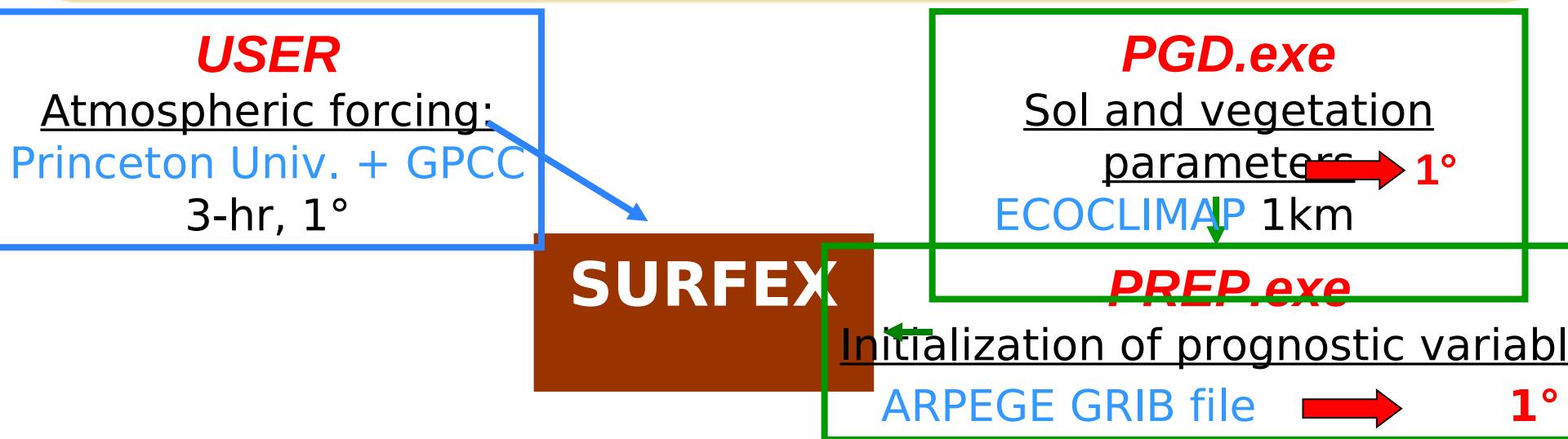
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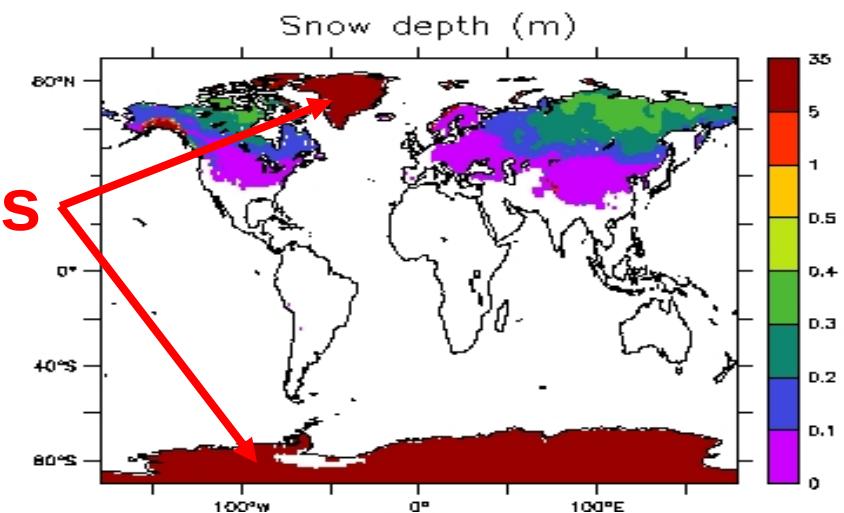
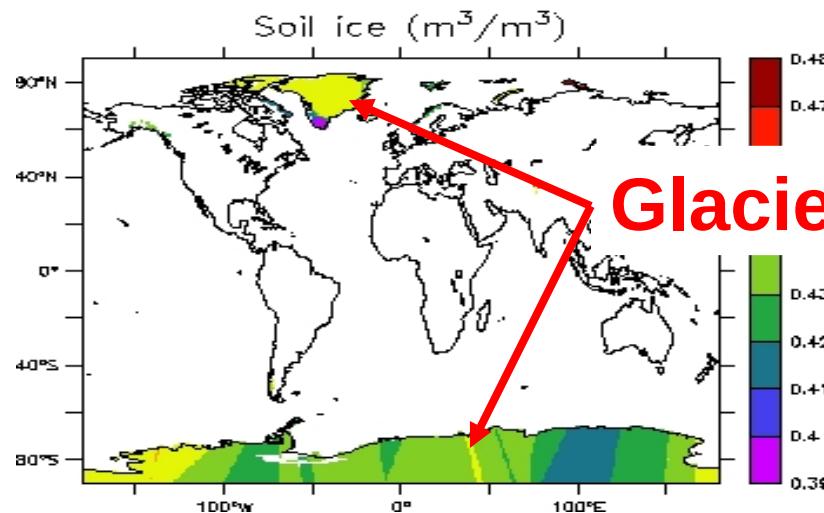
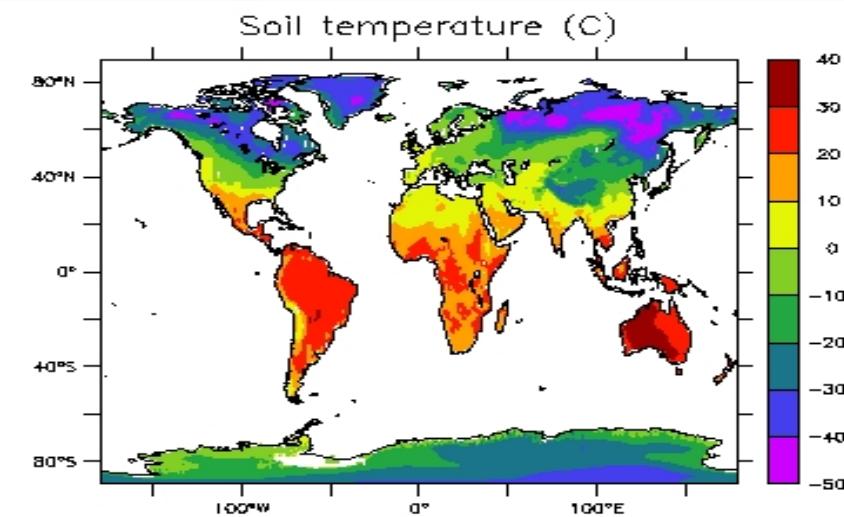
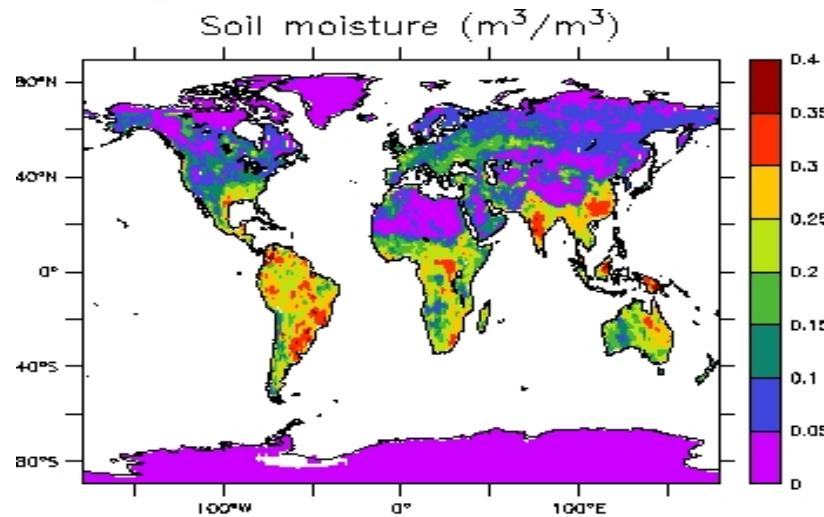
ISBA configuration

I/O Format

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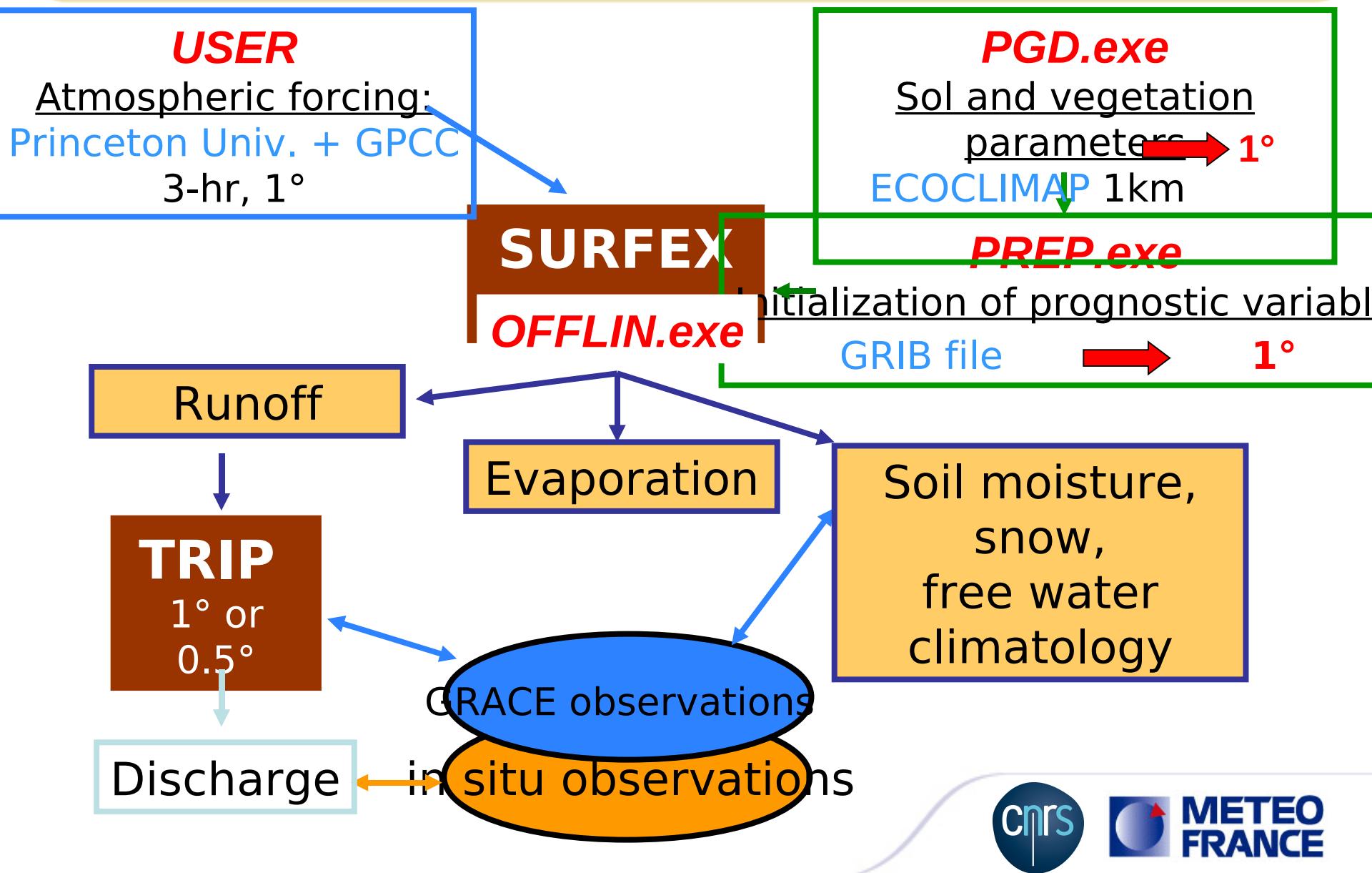
# Offline experiment design : PREP.exe



**Glaciers**

1° prognostic variable

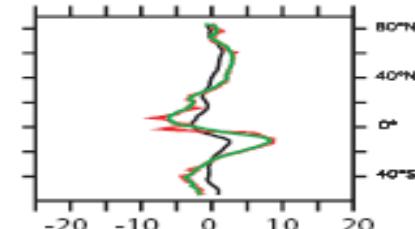
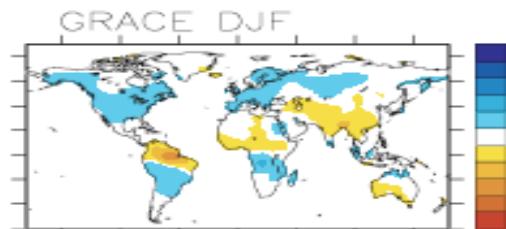
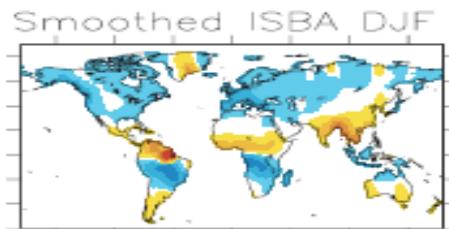
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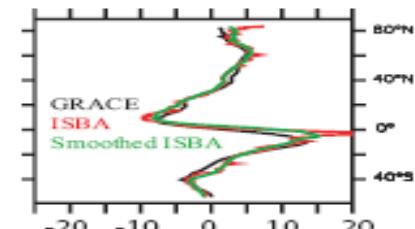
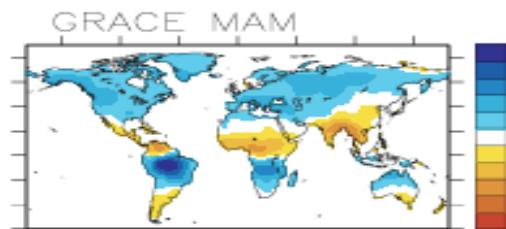
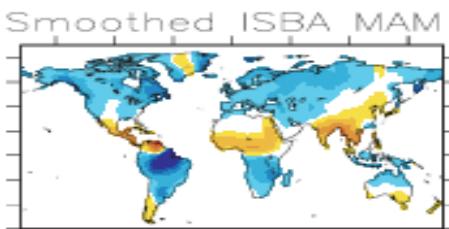
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*Terrestrial Water Storage= soil moisture + snow + river + plant interception*

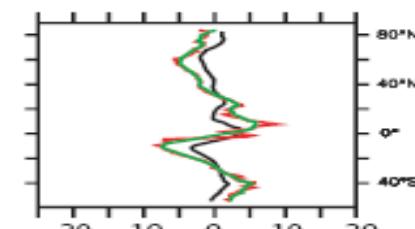
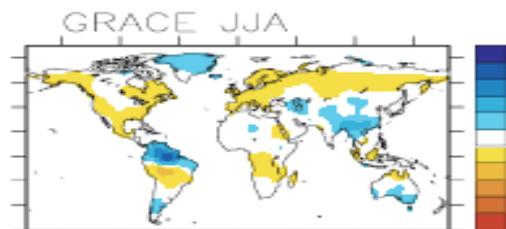
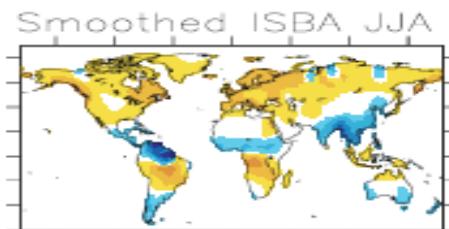
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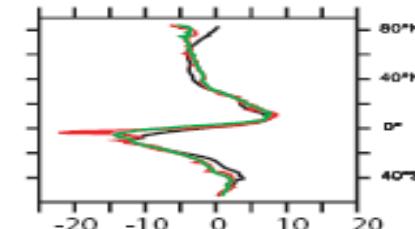
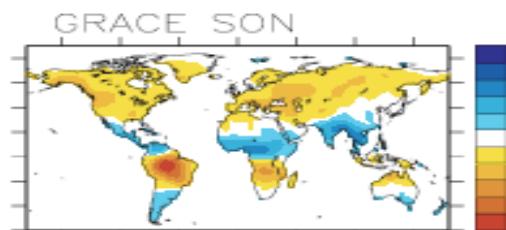
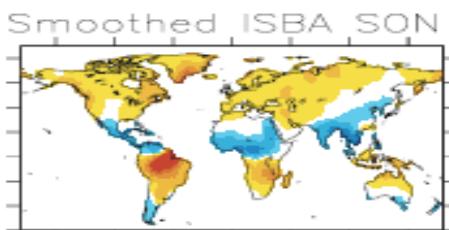
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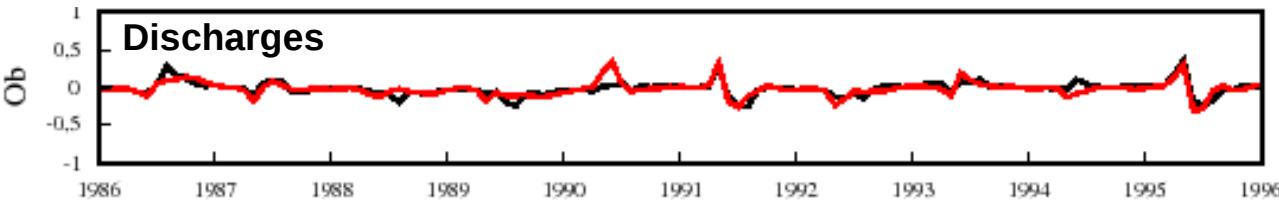
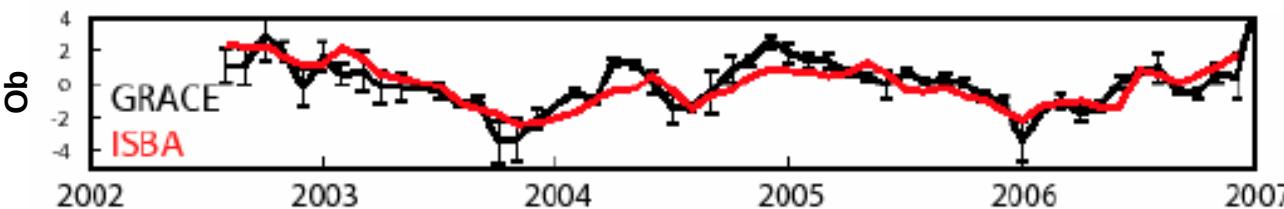
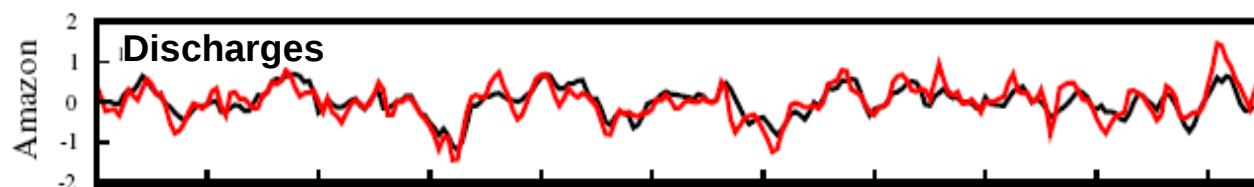
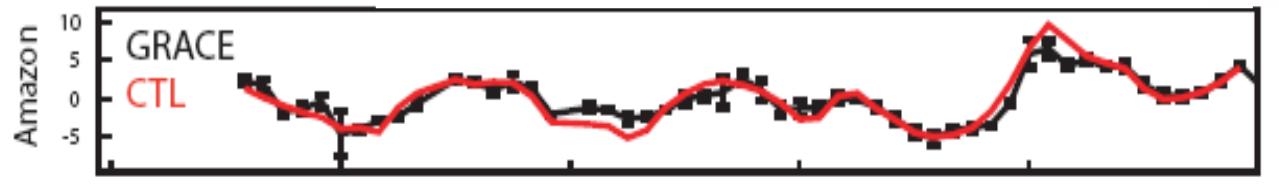


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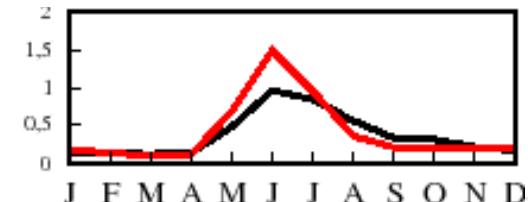
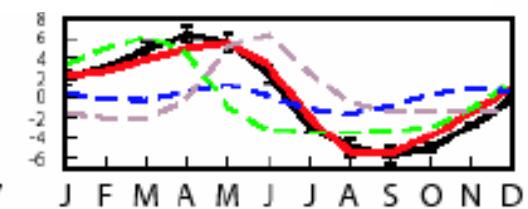
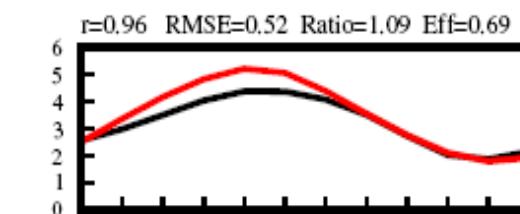
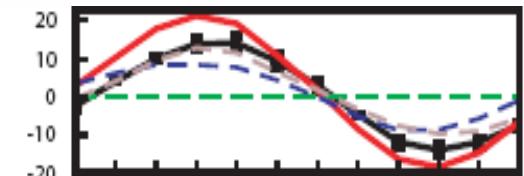
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Interannual variability



Annual Cycle

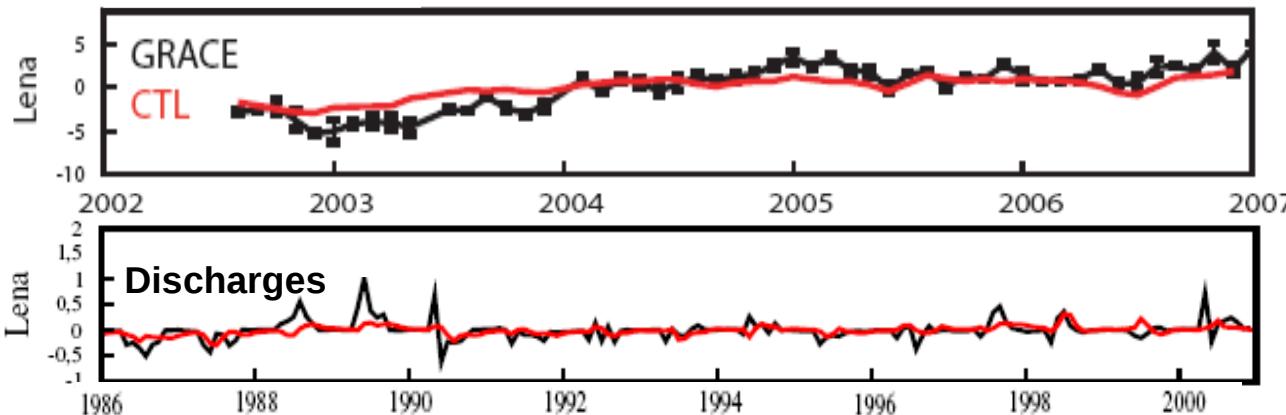
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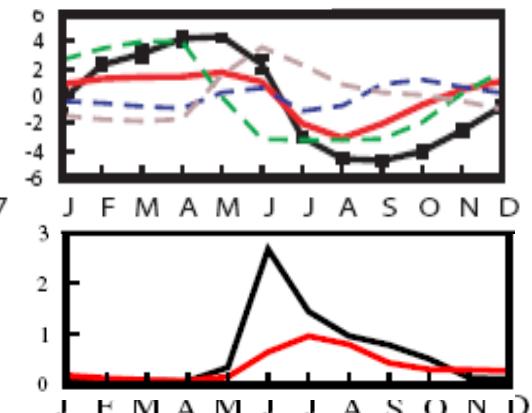
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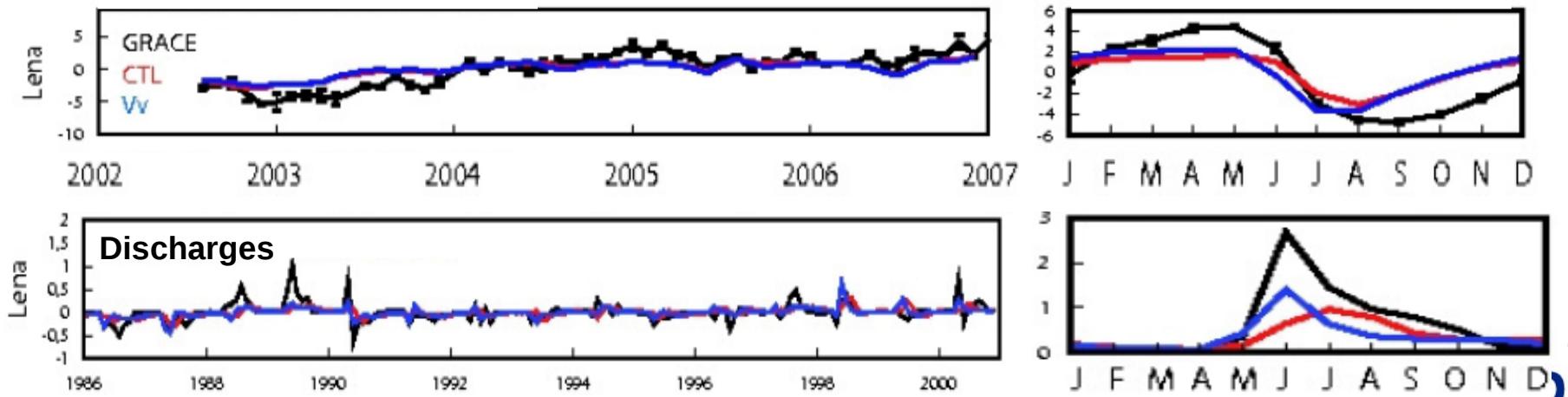
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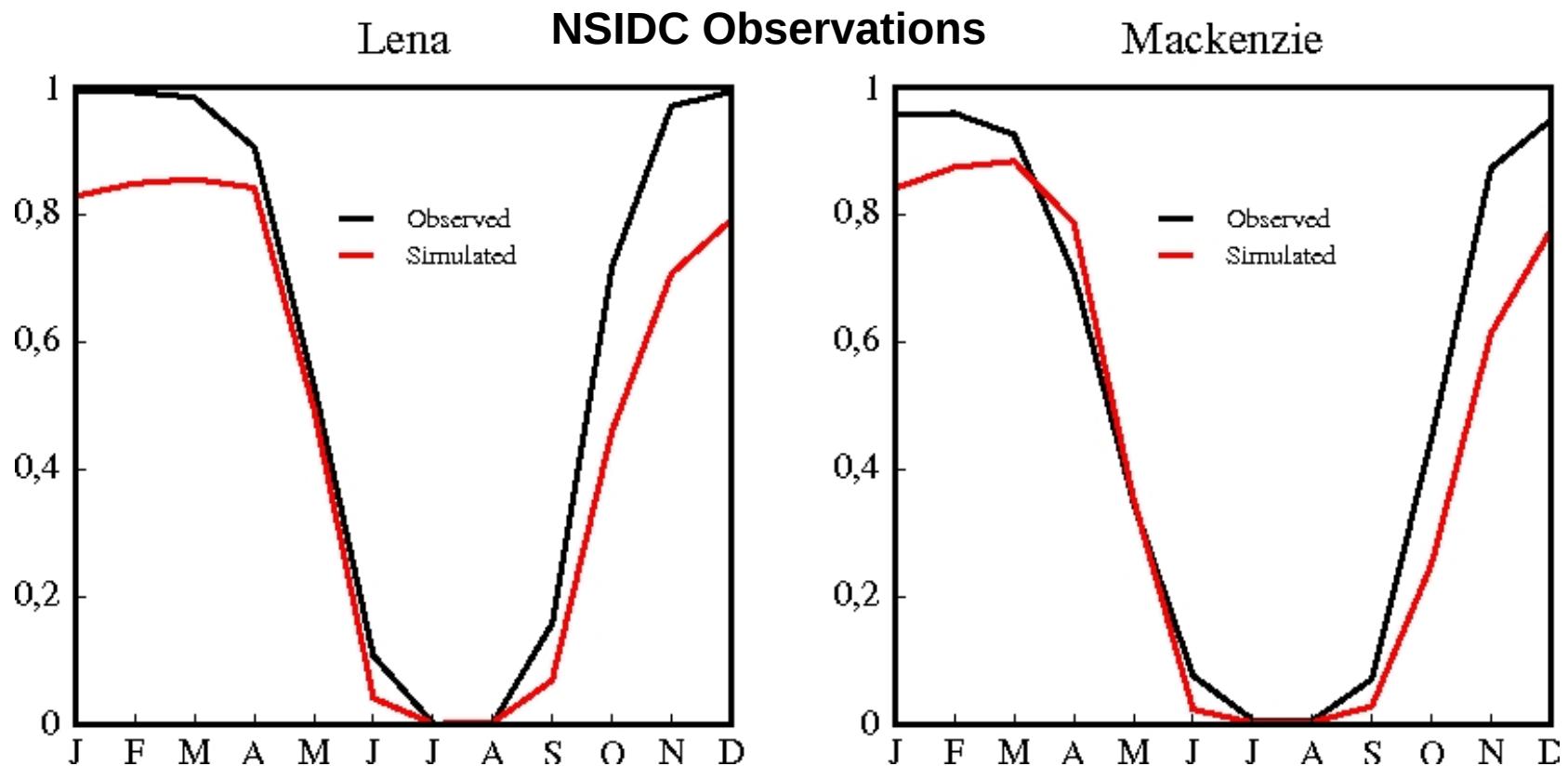


Variable flow velocity in TRIP (Manning formula)



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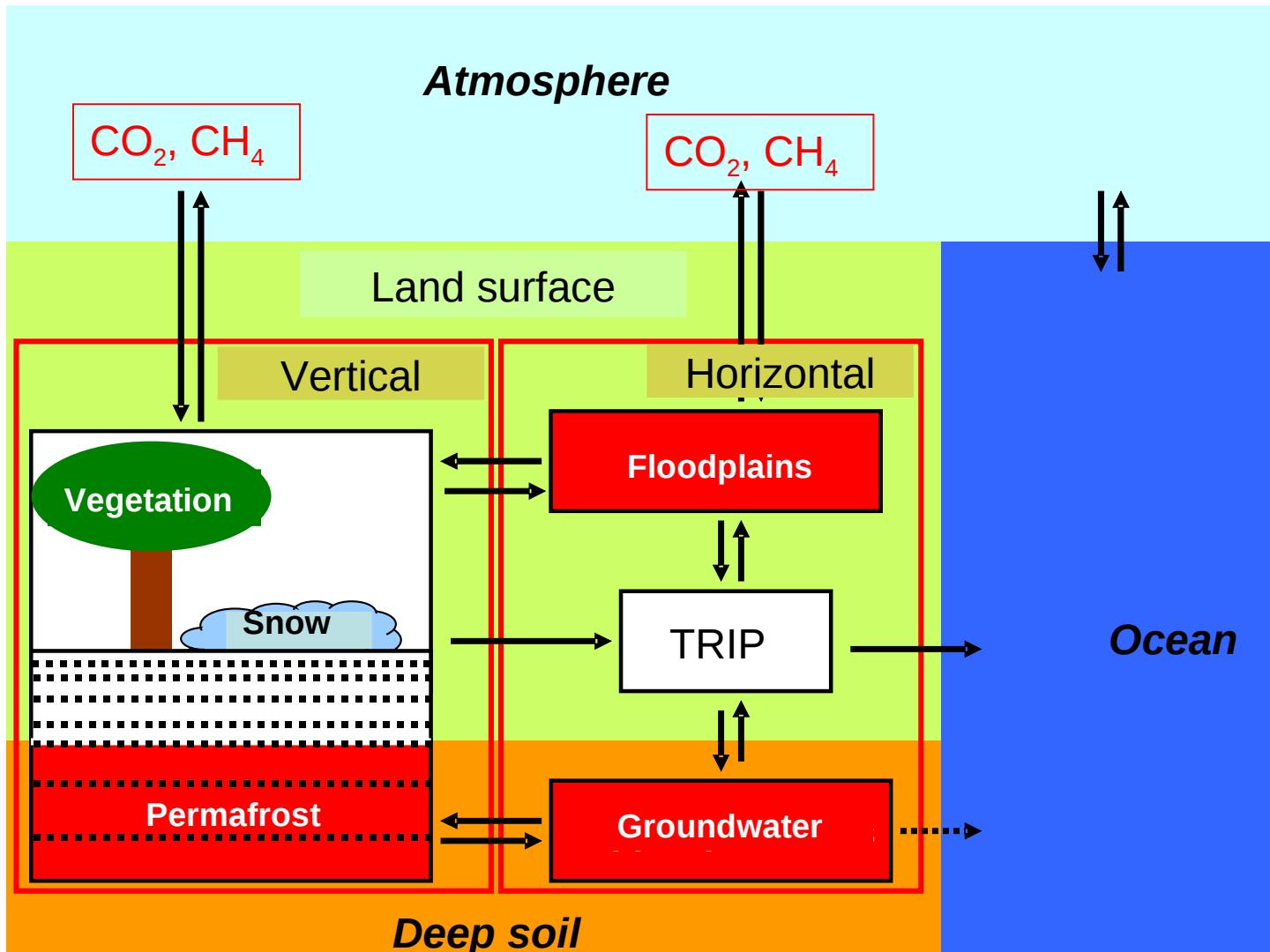
# Annual cycle of snow fractions



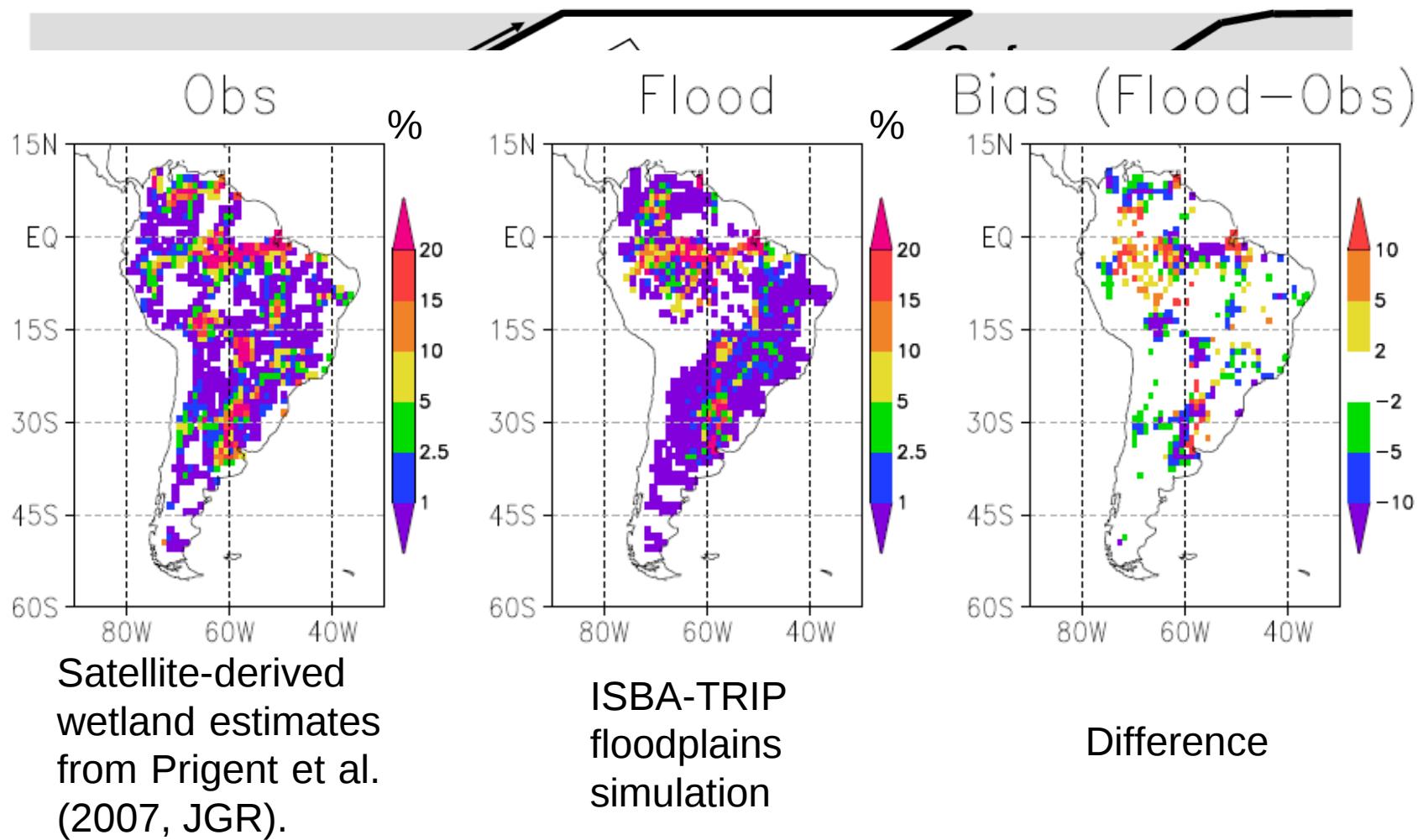
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# Prospect

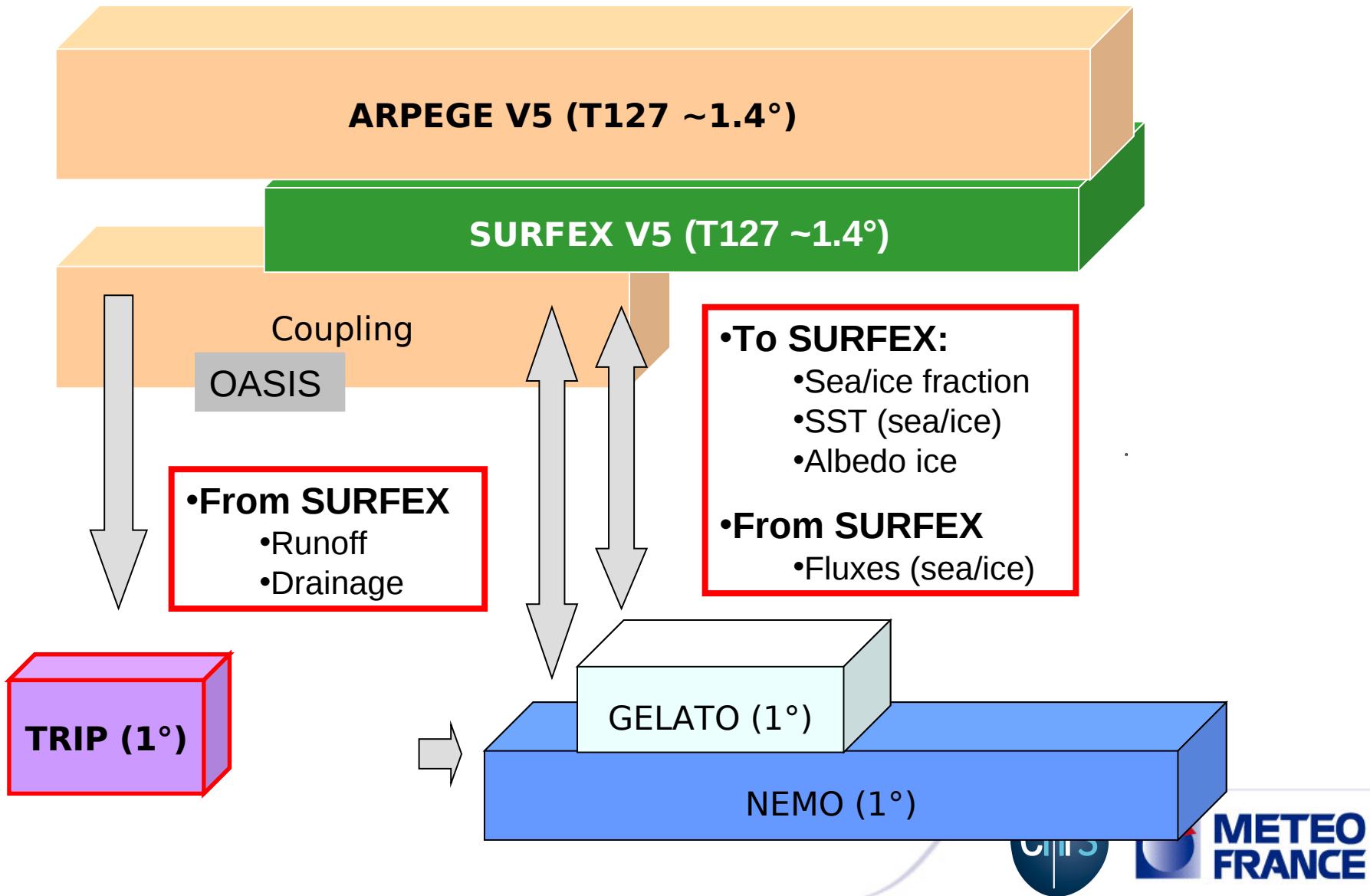


# Prospect: Floodplains



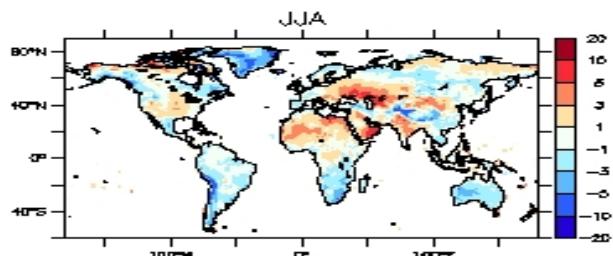
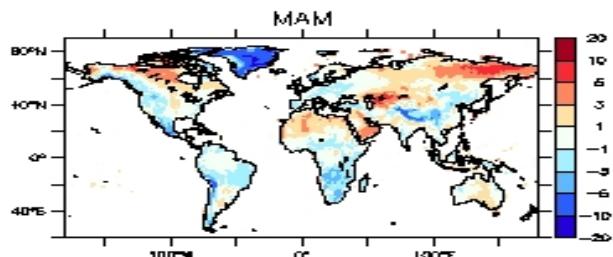
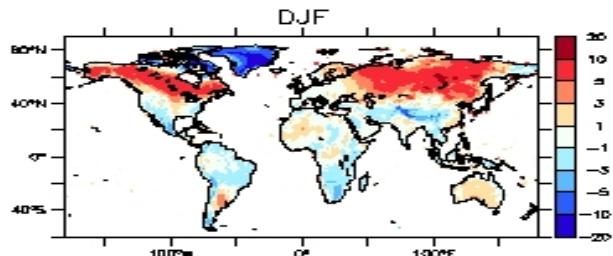
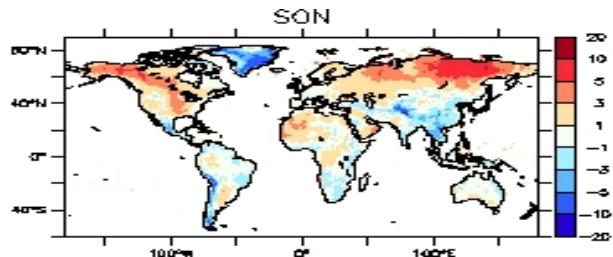
(Decharme et al. 2008, JGR, 113)

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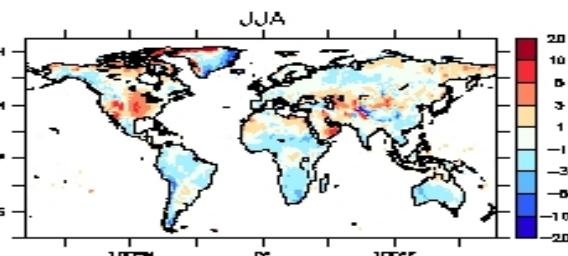
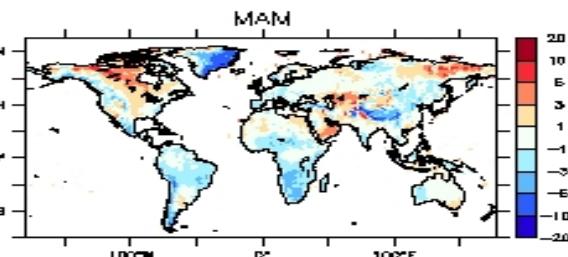
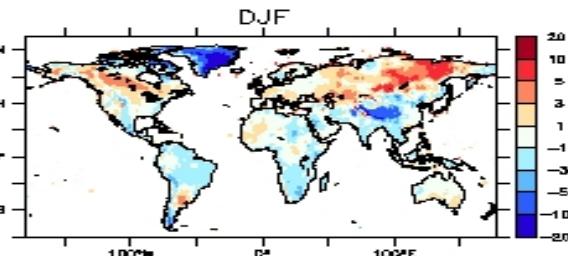
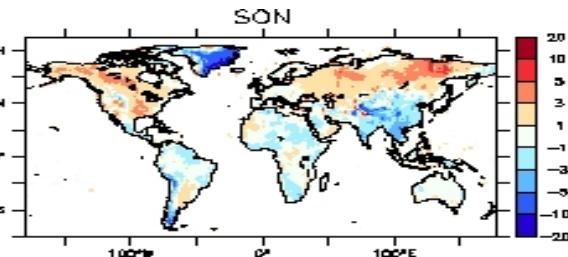


# Test in SST (ERA-40) forced mode (1990-1999): 2m Air Temperature bias to CRU2

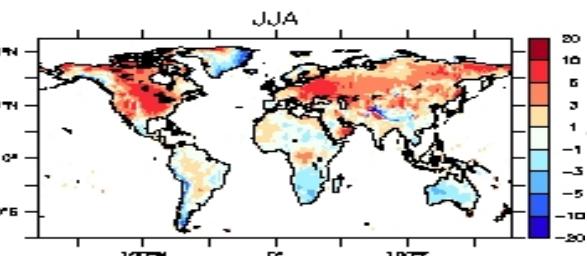
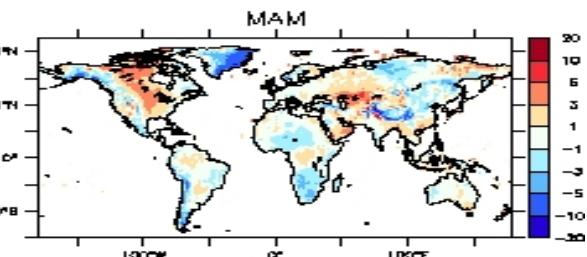
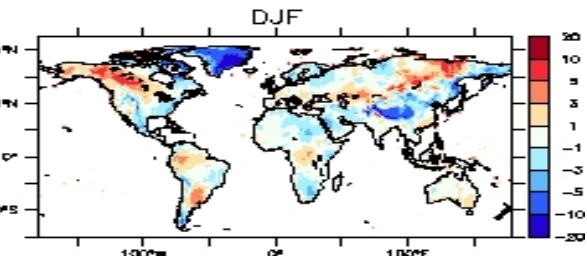
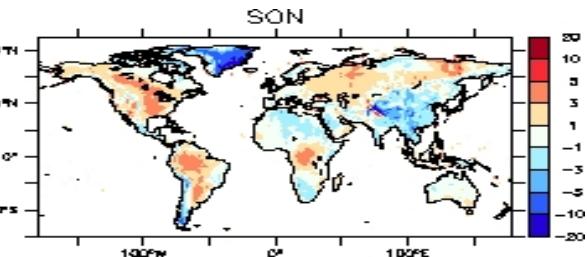
Without SURFEX  
(Very simple ISBA)



SURFEX but same  
previous hydrology



SURFEX with same  
“off-line” hydrology

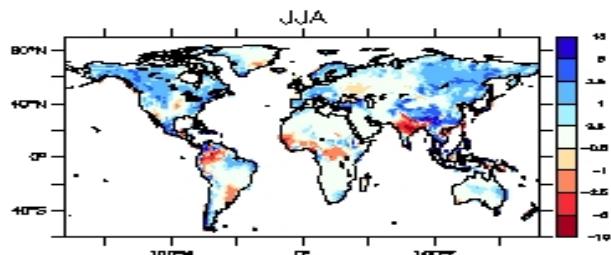
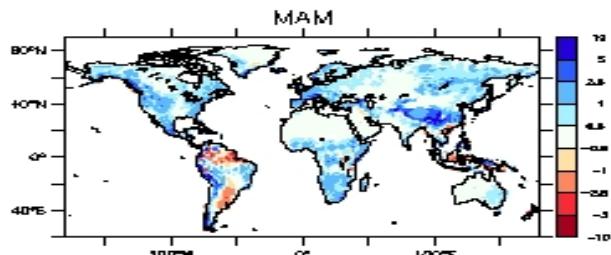
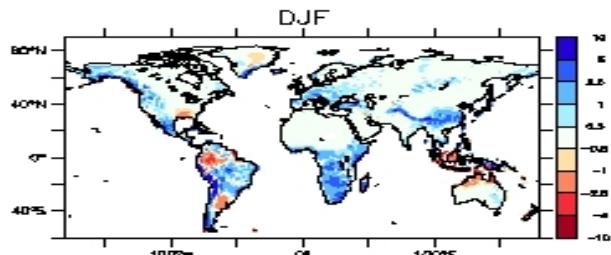
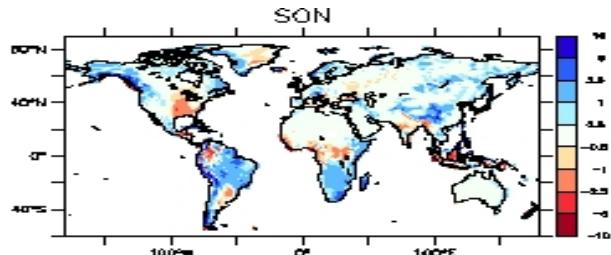


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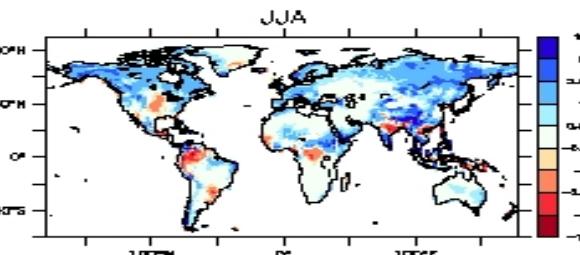
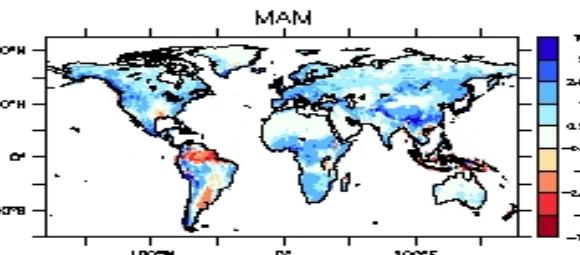
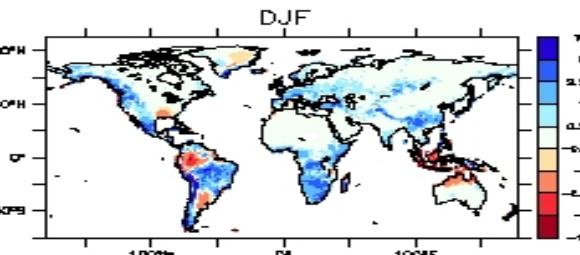
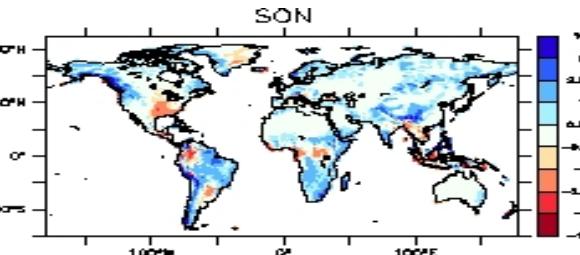
- **Especially relevant to study climate sensibility to :**
  - Continental processes :
    - Hydrology
    - Snow
    - Carbon cycle
    - Land use
  - Ocean fluxes parameterizations :
    - Simple (Louis)
    - ECUME
    - ....
- **Important applications (CNRM/CERFACS)**
  - IPCC (Starting debut 2010)
  - Seasonal and ten-years forecast
  - ....

# Test in SST (ERA-40) forced mode (1990-1999): Precipitation bias to GPCC

Without SURFEX



SURFEX but same  
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SURFEX with same  
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