



Data Assimilation for Continuous Assessment of Severe Conditions Over Terrestrial Surfaces

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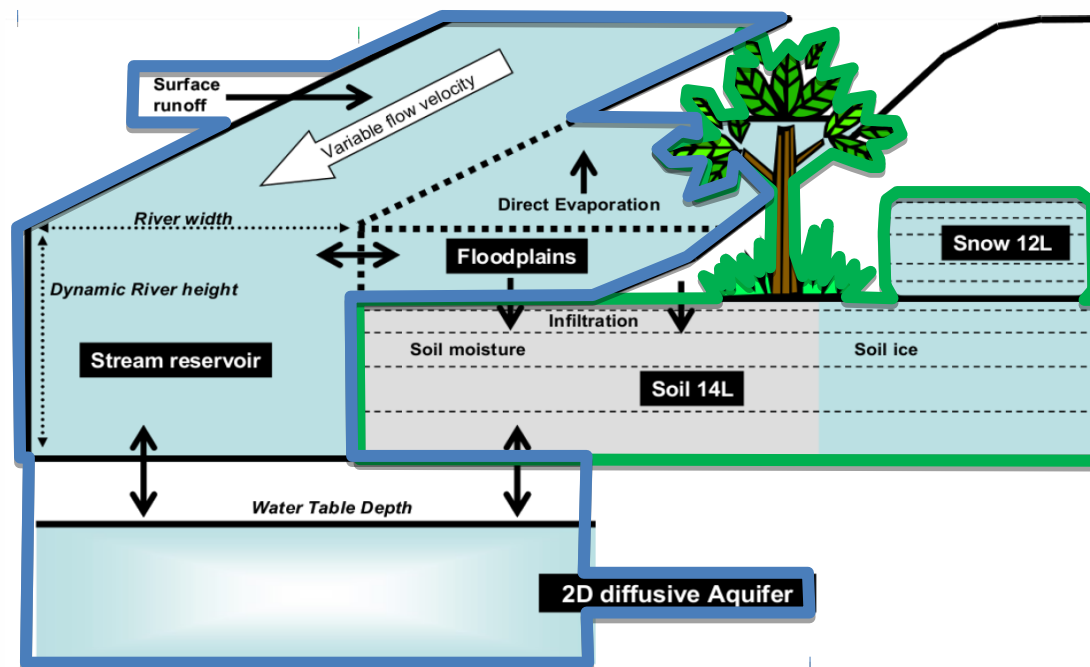
- **Current fleet of Earth Satellite missions holds an unprecedented potential to quantify Land Surface Variables (LSVs)**
[Lettenmaier et al., 2015, Balsamo et al., 2018]
 - ➔ Spatial and temporal gaps & cannot observe all key LSVs (e.g. RZSM)
- **Land Surface Models (LSMs) provide LSV estimates at all time/location**
 - ➔ LSMs have uncertainties
- 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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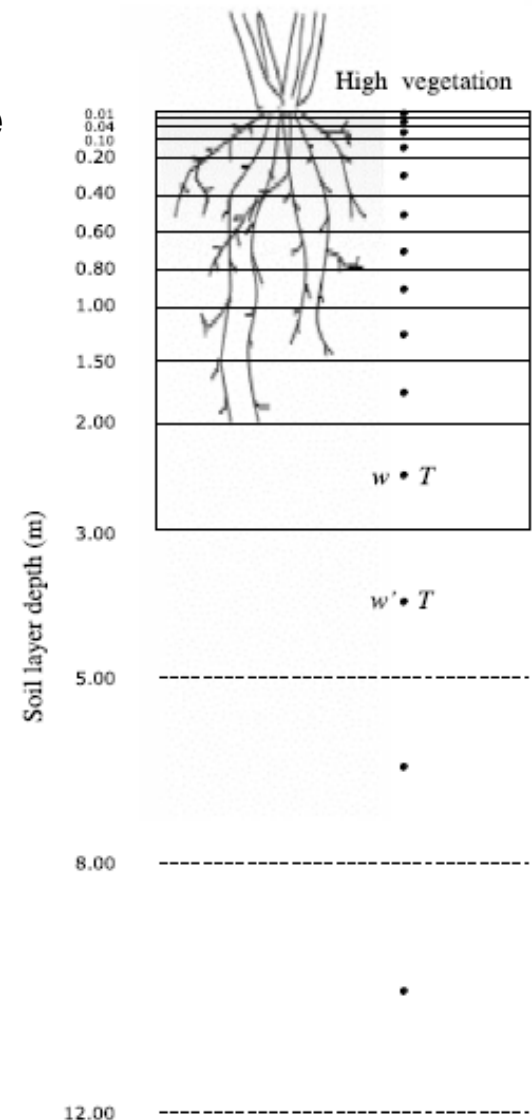
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ISBA Land Surface Model

ISBA solves the energy and water budgets at the surface level and describes the exchanges between the land surface and the atmosphere (on a sub-hourly basis)

- **ISBA-A-gs** (CO₂-responsive version) simulates the diurnal cycle of water and carbon fluxes, plant growth and key vegetation variables
- Phenology driven by photosynthesis
- ➔ *LAI is very flexible and can be updated when observations are available*
- **ISBA-Dif** multilayer soil diffusion scheme (14 layers, 12 m)
- **ISBA** land surface model needs:
 - Parameters for the vegetation and soil texture
Derived from the ECOCLIMAP-II landcover database*
 - Atmospheric forcing
Longwave & shortwave radiation, 2-metre air temperature & humidity, precipitations (liquid and solid), surface pressure and near surface wind speed



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LDAS-Monde successfully validated at regional/continental scale

- Agricultural statistics (e.g. Dewaele et al., 2018, HESS)
- River discharge (e.g. Albergel et al., 2017, GMD, 2018, RS)
- In situ measurements of soil moisture (e.g. Albergel et al., 2018, RS)
- Evapotranspiration from GLEAM, Fluxnet2015 (e.g. Albergel et al., 2018, RS)
- Gross Primary Production from FLUXCOM (e.g. Tall et al., 2019, RS)
- Sun-Induced Fluorescence (vs. GPP, e.g. Leroux et al., 2018, RS, Tall et al., 2019, RS)

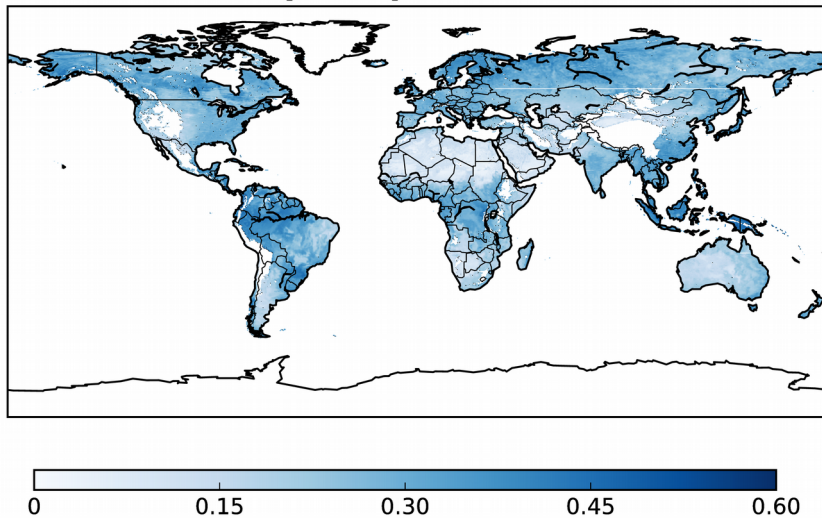
[*LDAS EnSRF: Bonan et al HESSD]



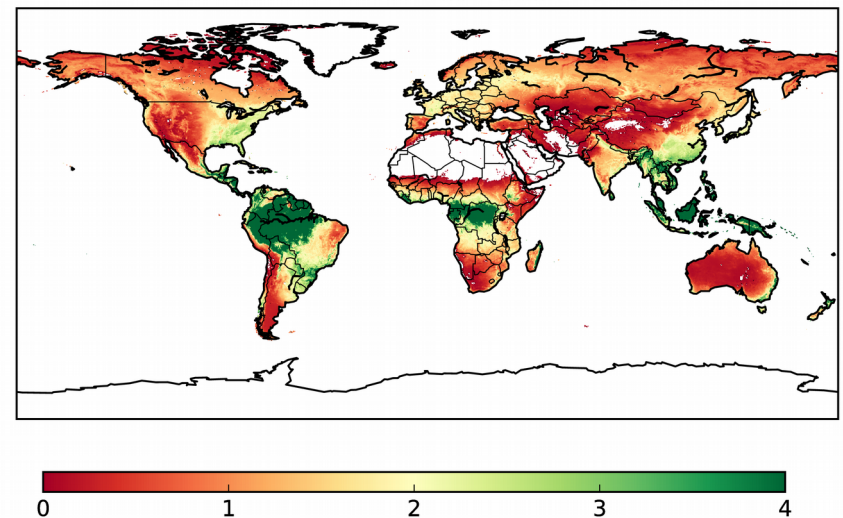
LDAS-Monde goes global

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ASCAT SSM [m³m⁻³] mean Obs.: 2010-2018



LAI GEOV1 [m²m⁻²] mean Obs.: 2010-2018



- Control variables (CVs) are directly updated thanks to their sensitivity to the observed variables
- Other variables are indirectly modified through biophysical processes and feedbacks in the model

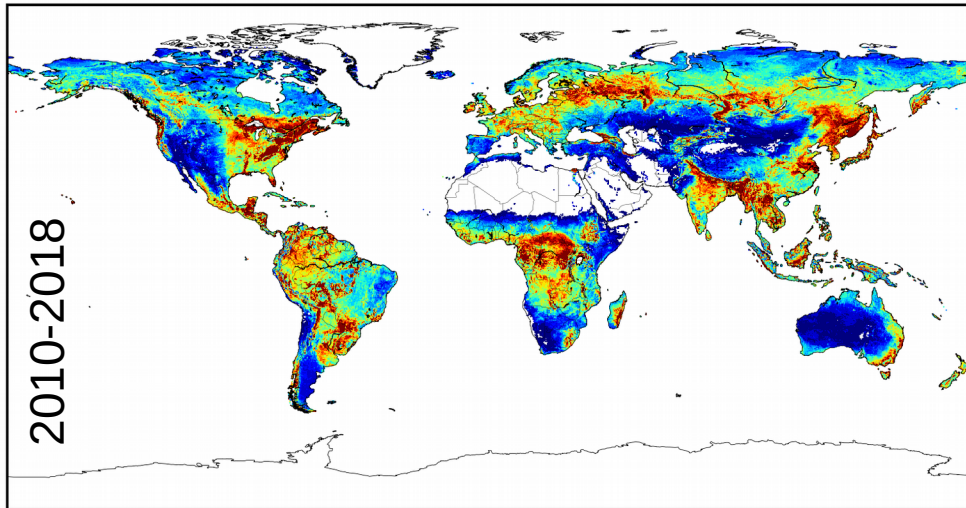
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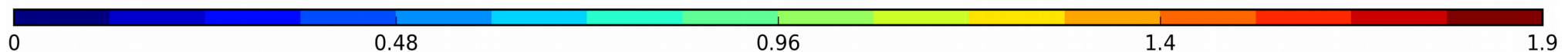
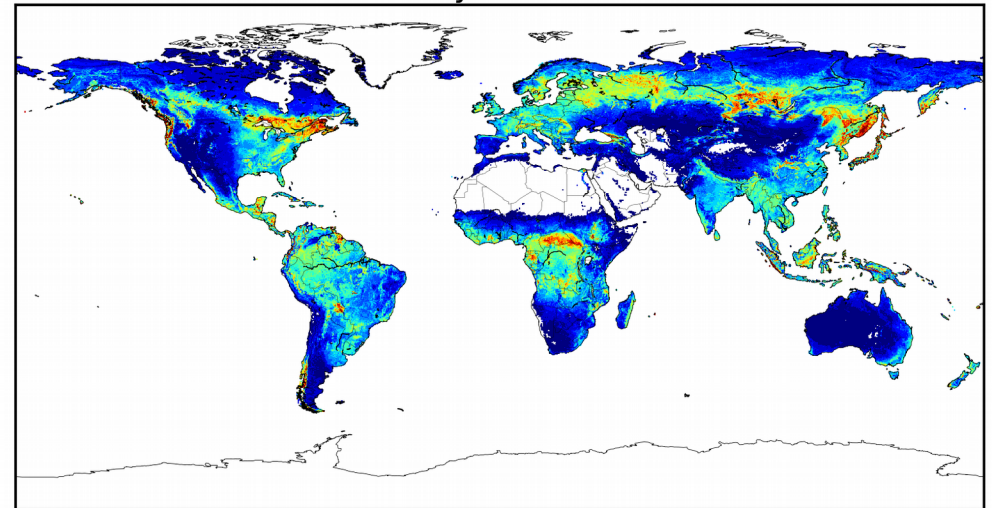
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2 LDAS-ERA5 experiments : Model/Open-loop (no assimilation) and Analysis (assimilation)

RMSD: Model vs. Obs



RMSD: Analysis vs. Obs



LAI (m²m⁻²)

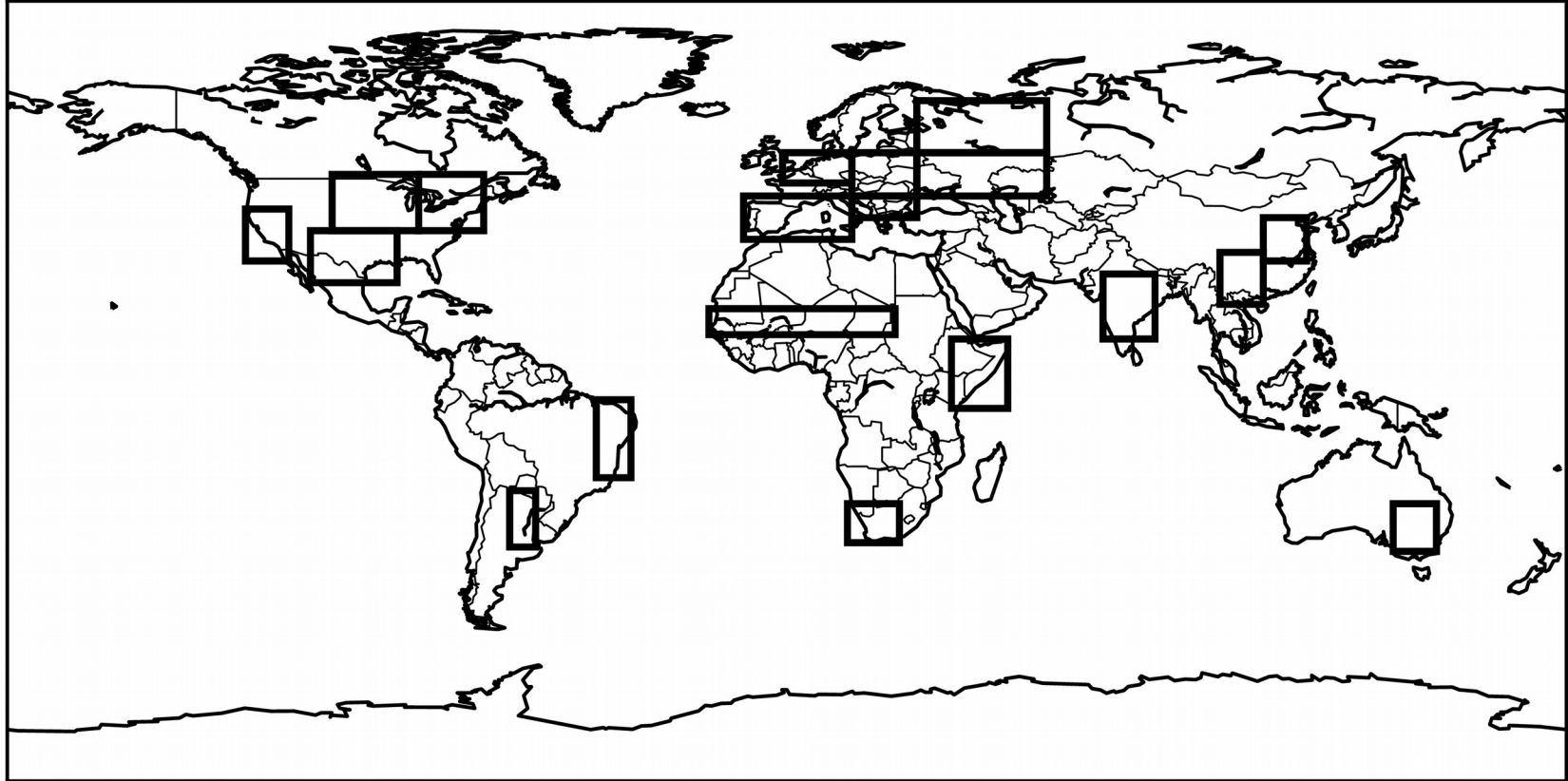
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More evaluation :
<https://www.hydrol-earth-syst-sci-discuss.net/hess-2019-534/>



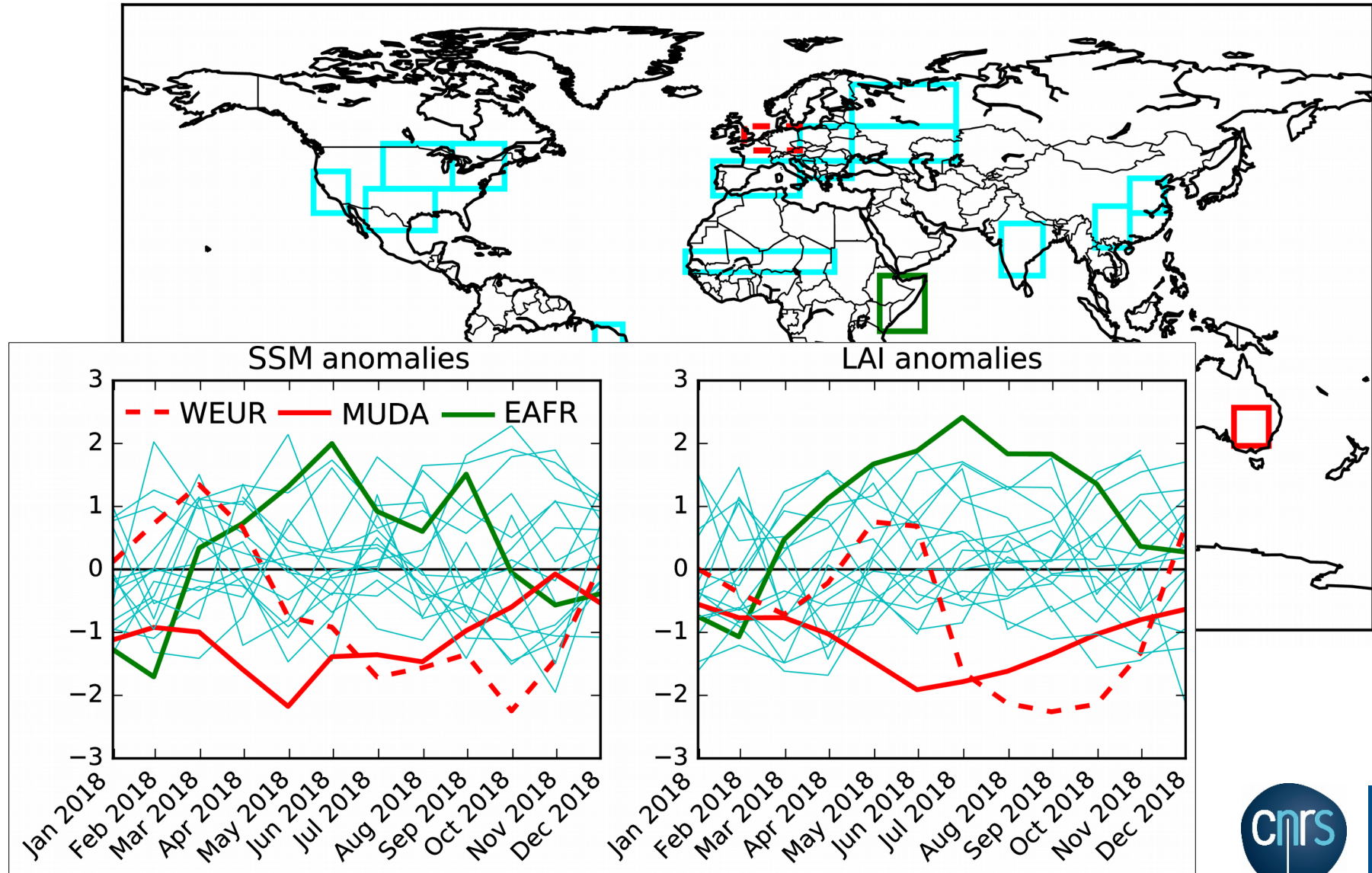
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Selection of 19 regions known for being potential hot spots for droughts and heat waves



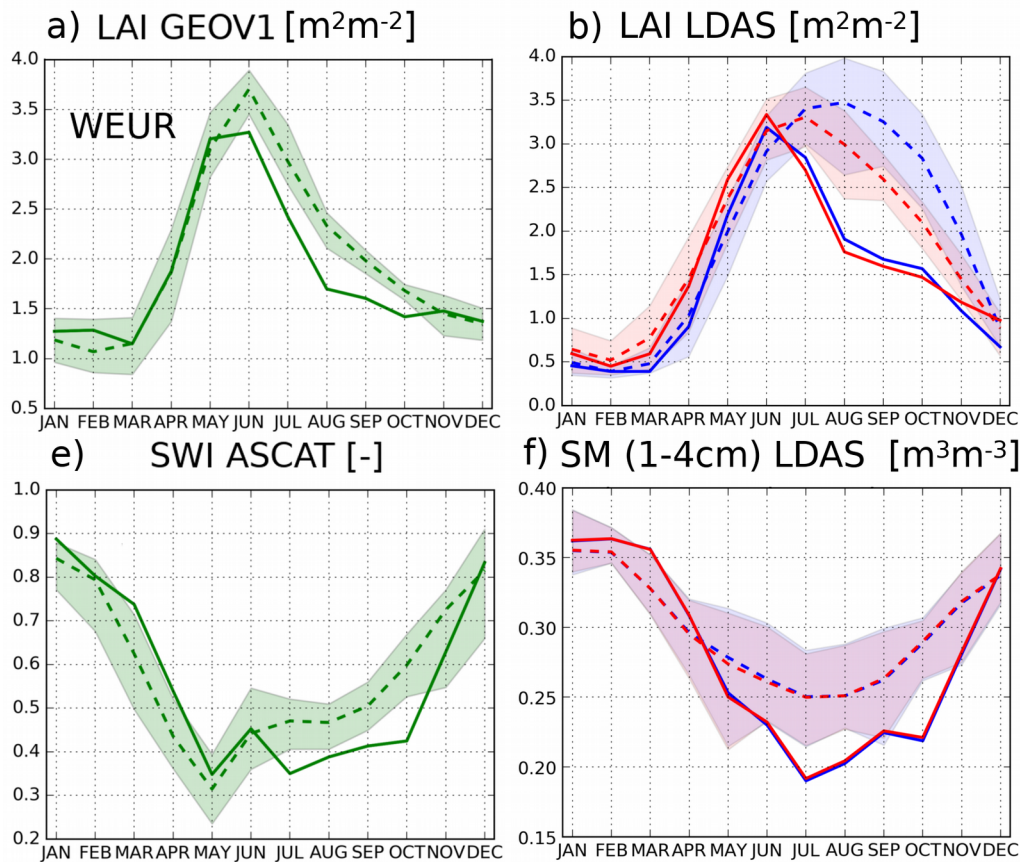
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Monthly anomalies for 2018 with respect to 2010-2018



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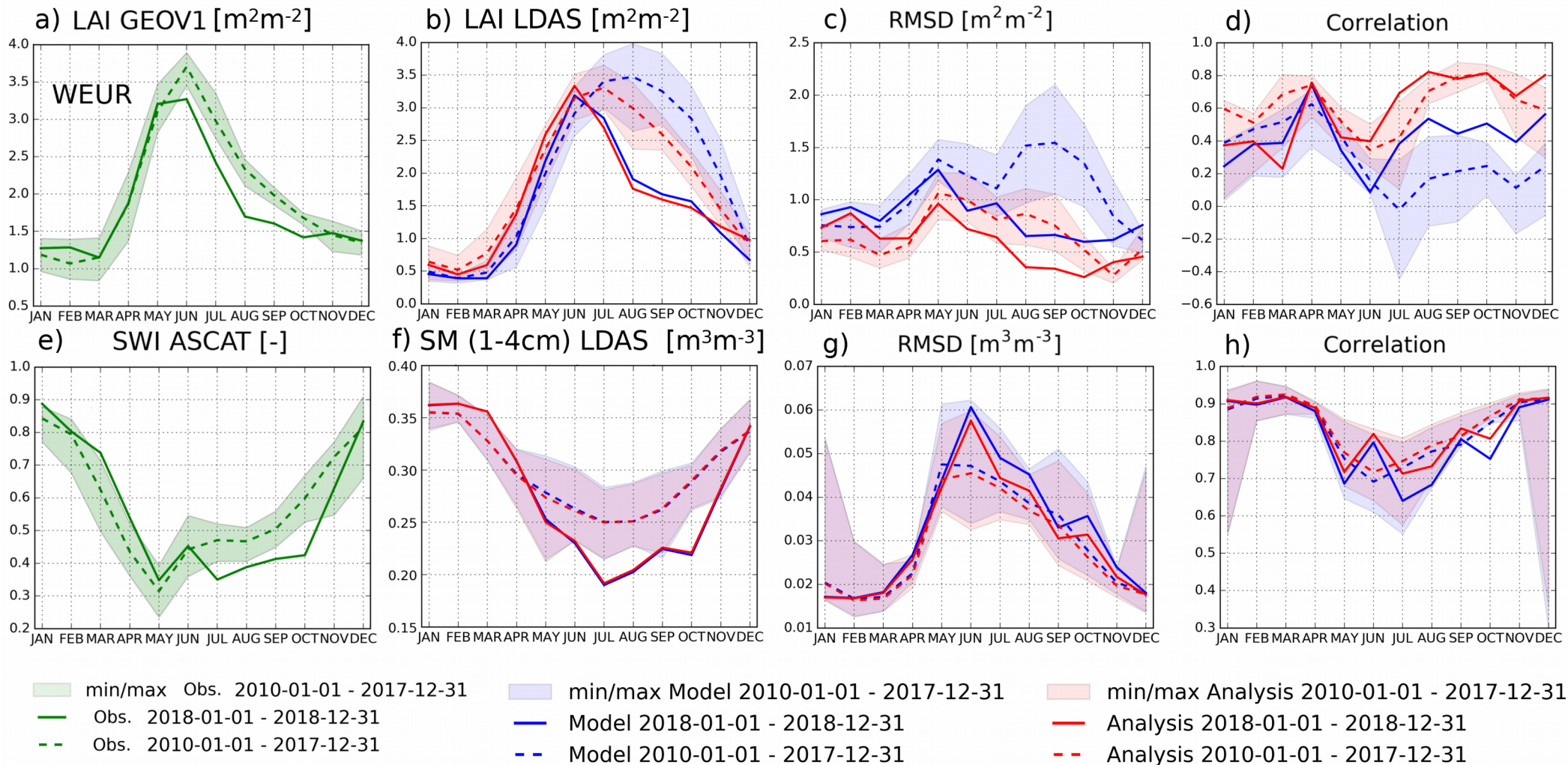
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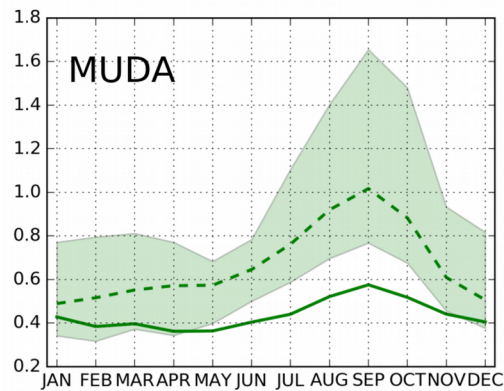


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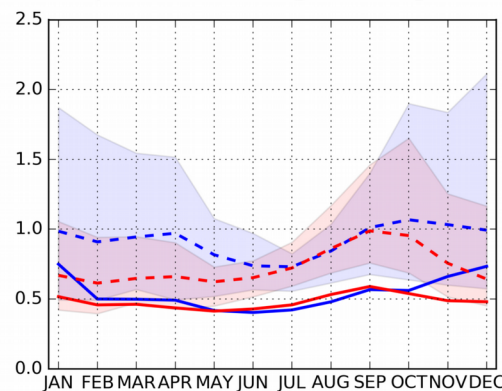


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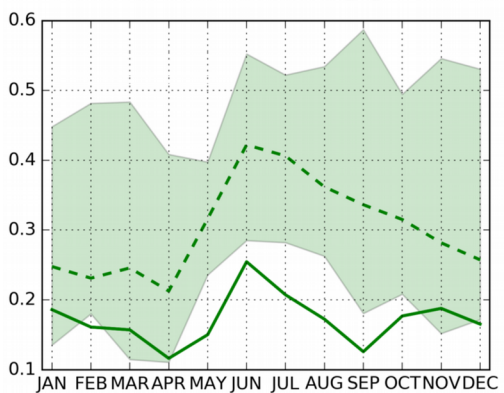
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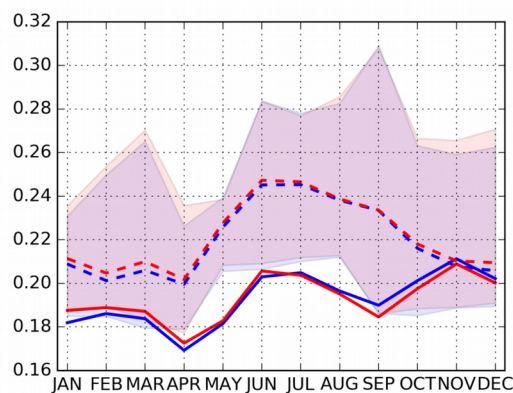
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f) SM (1-4cm) LDAS [m^3m^{-3}]



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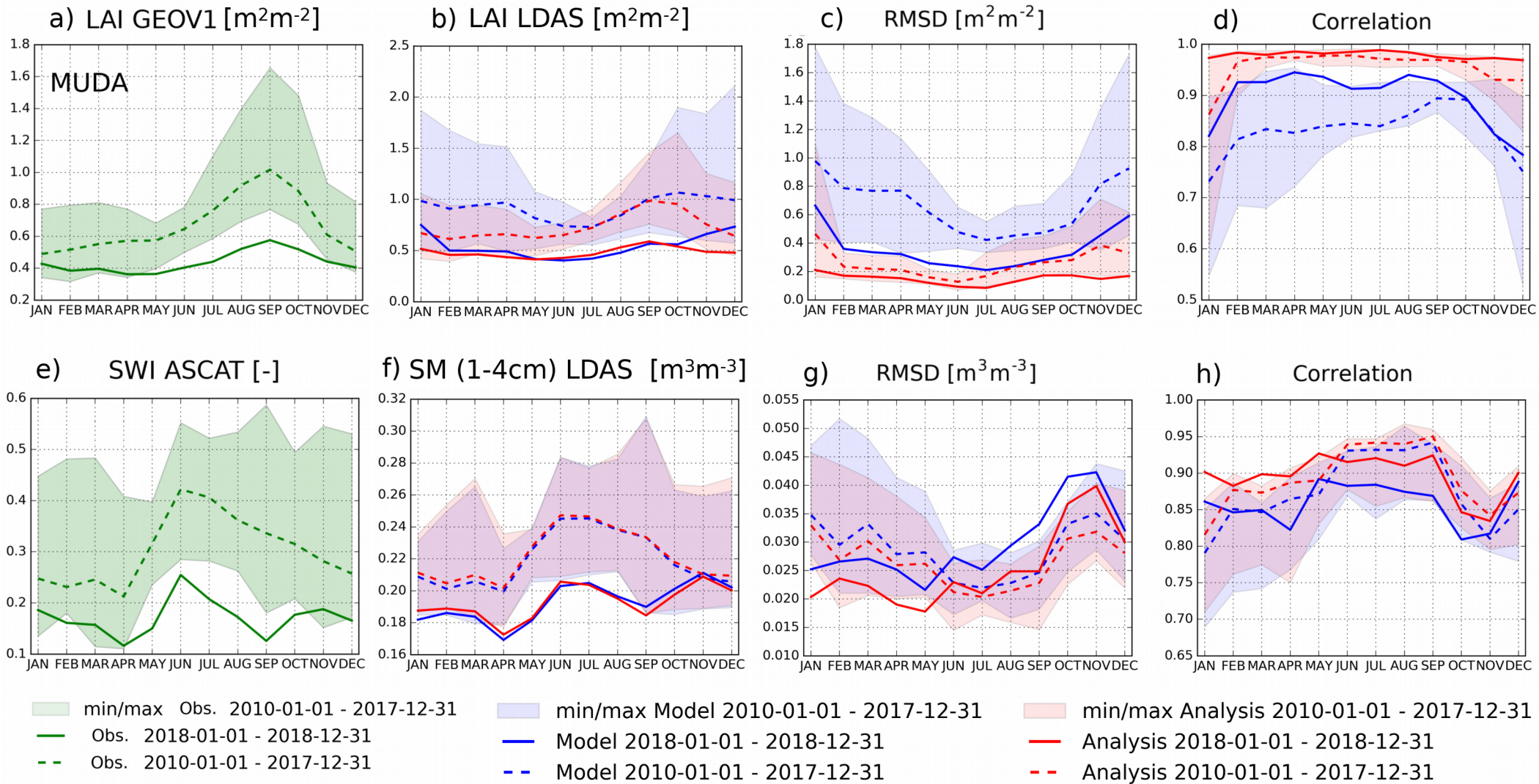
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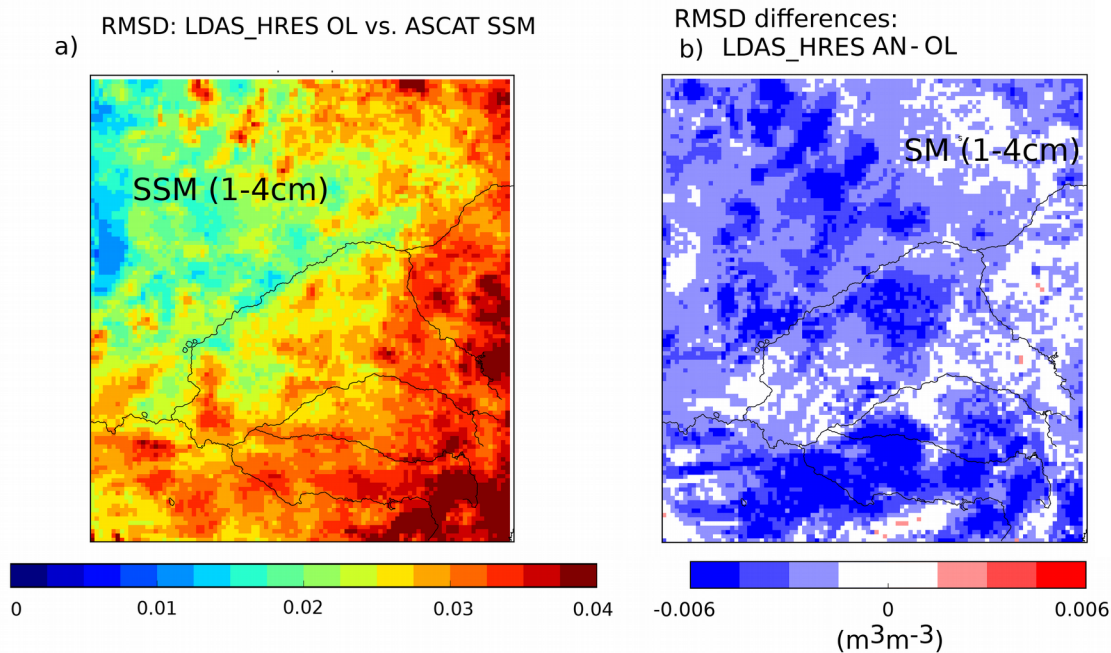


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Such an extreme event needs more attention!

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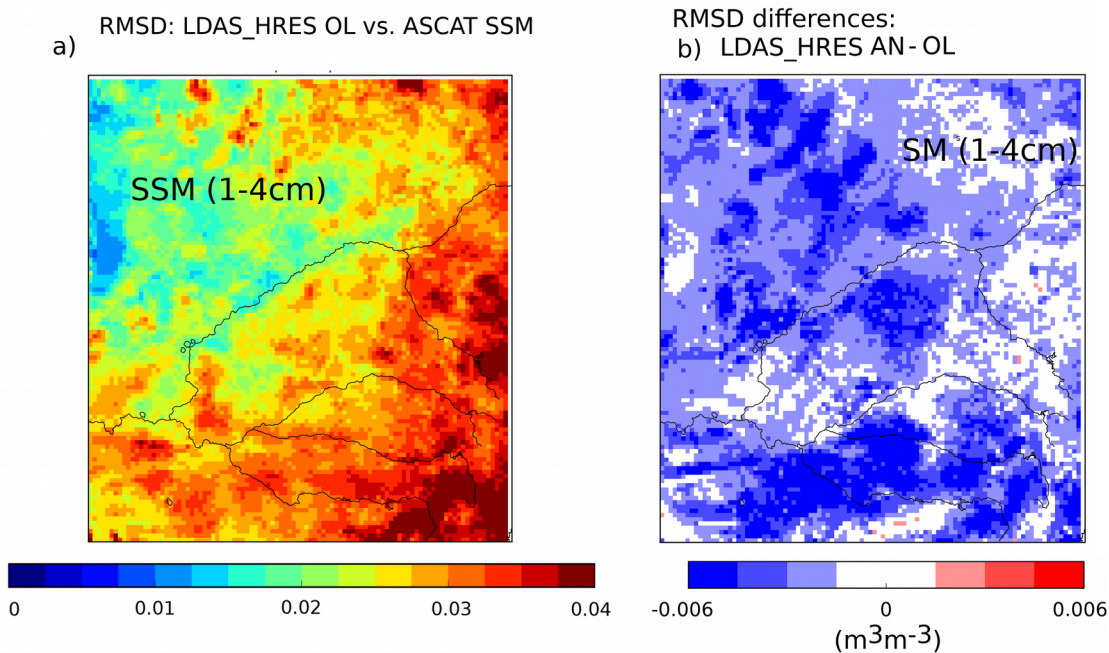
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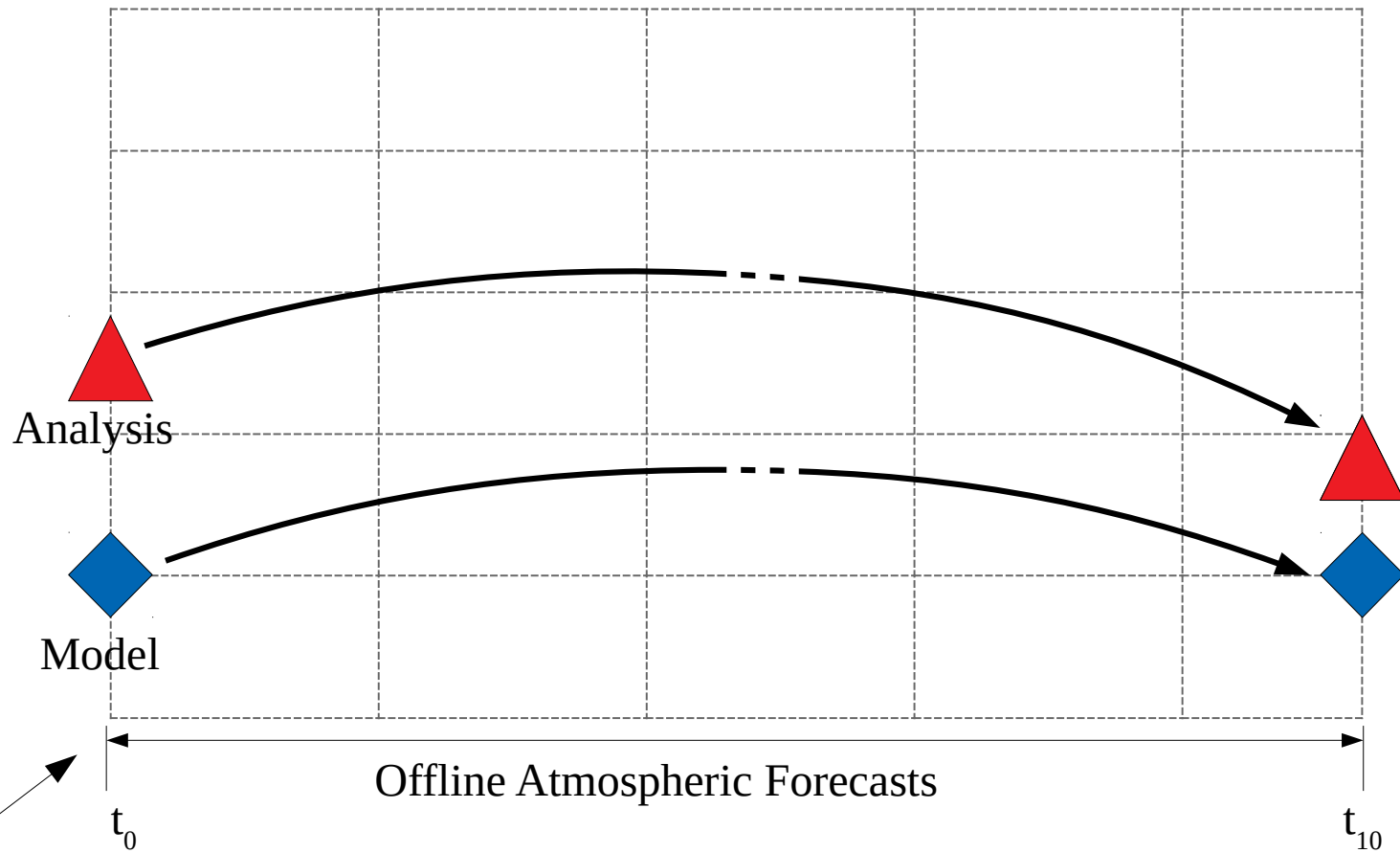
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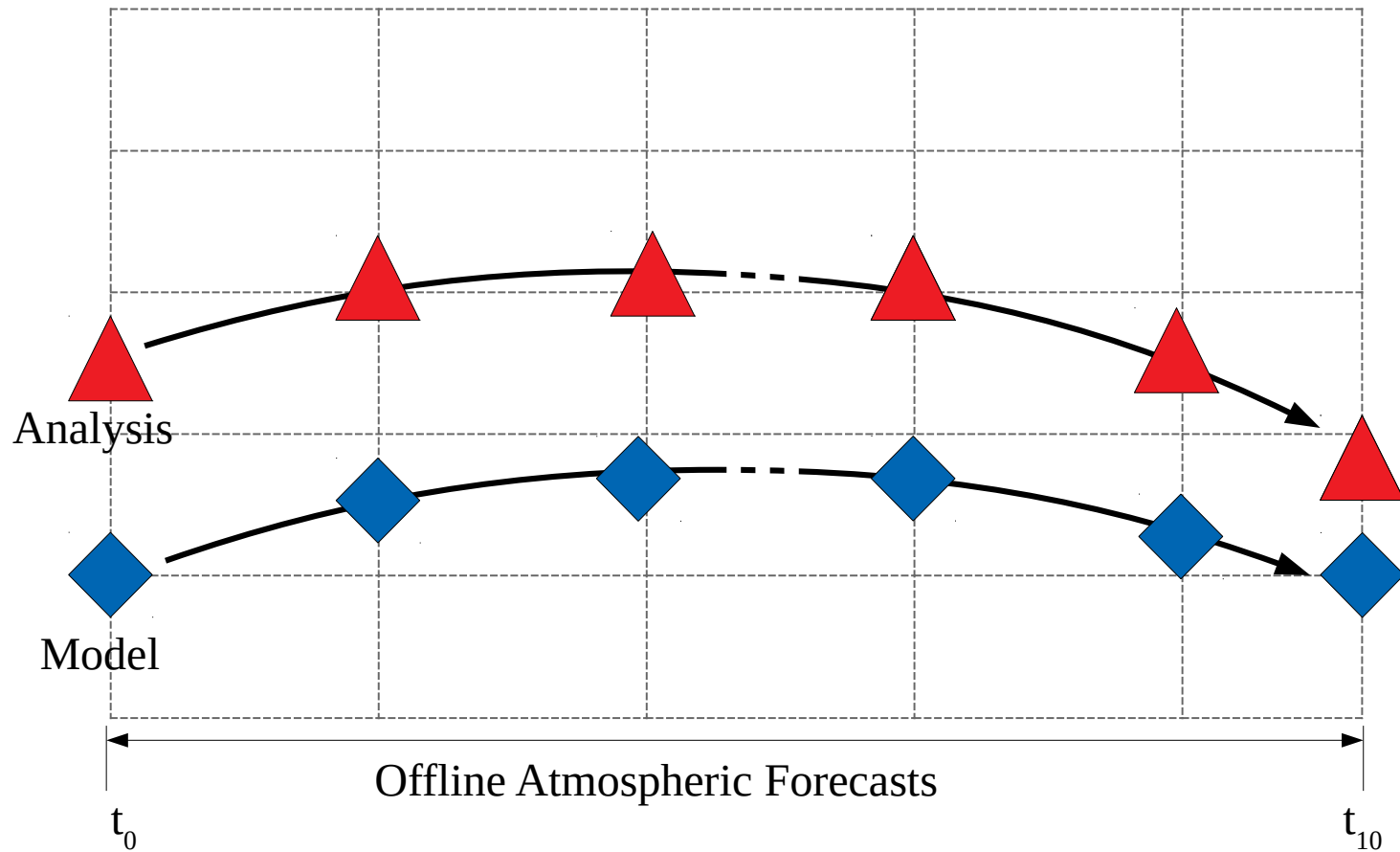
LDAS-Monde Forecast Implementation



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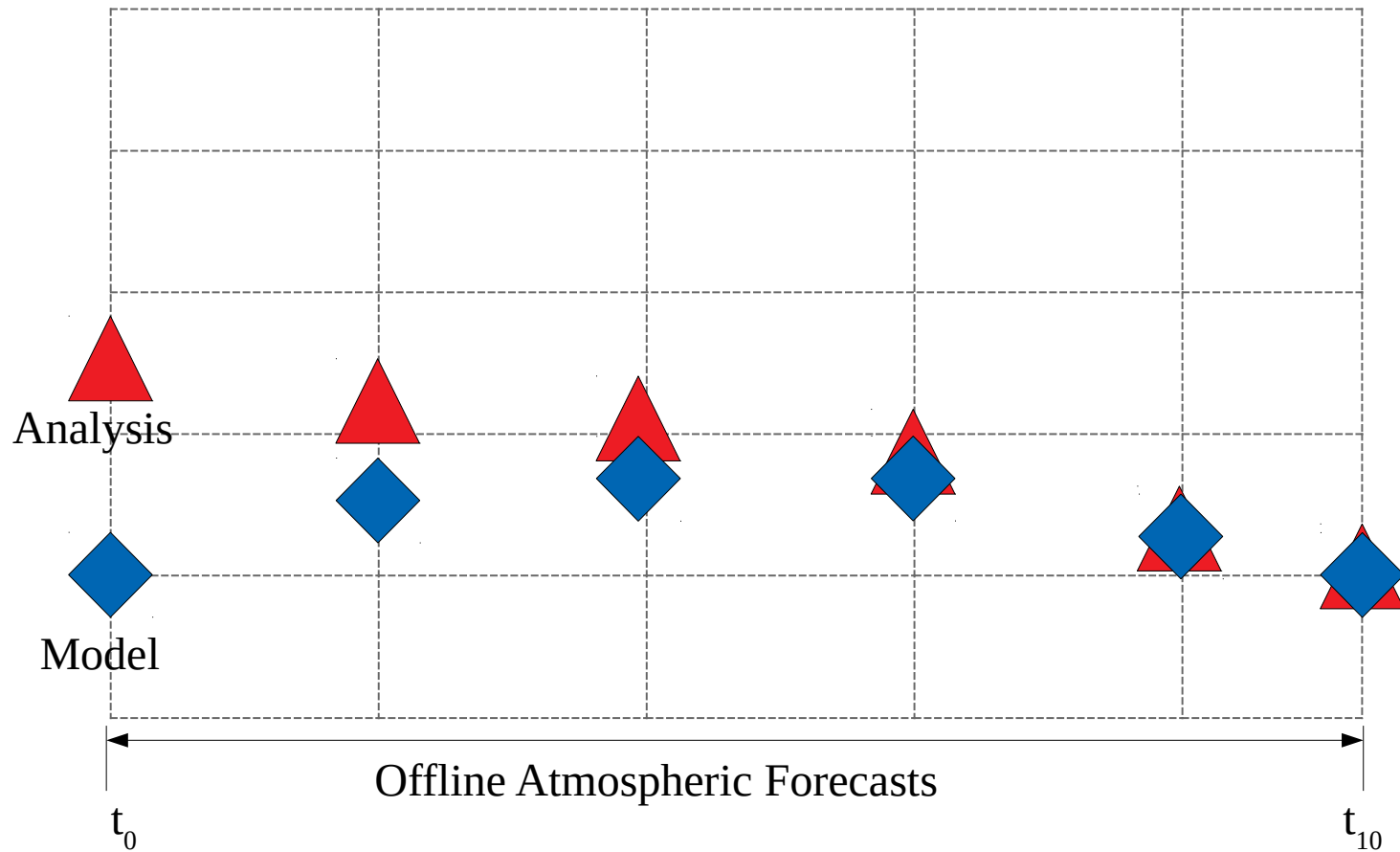
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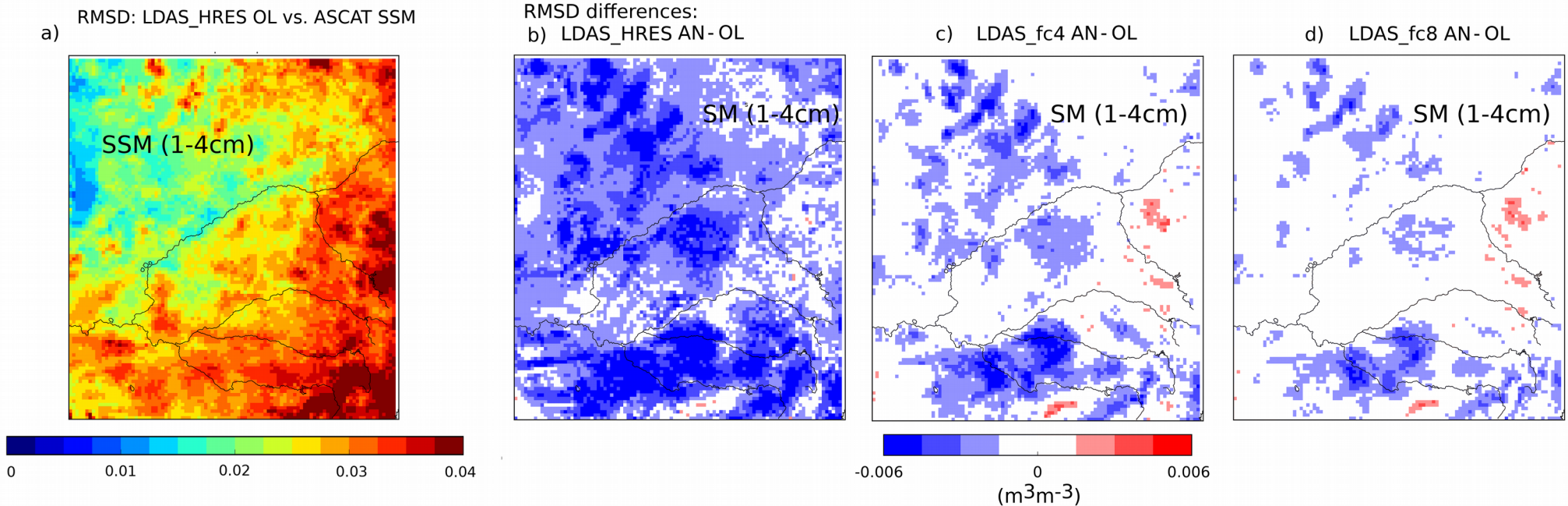
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Small impact from the initial conditions, model
goes back quickly to its climatology

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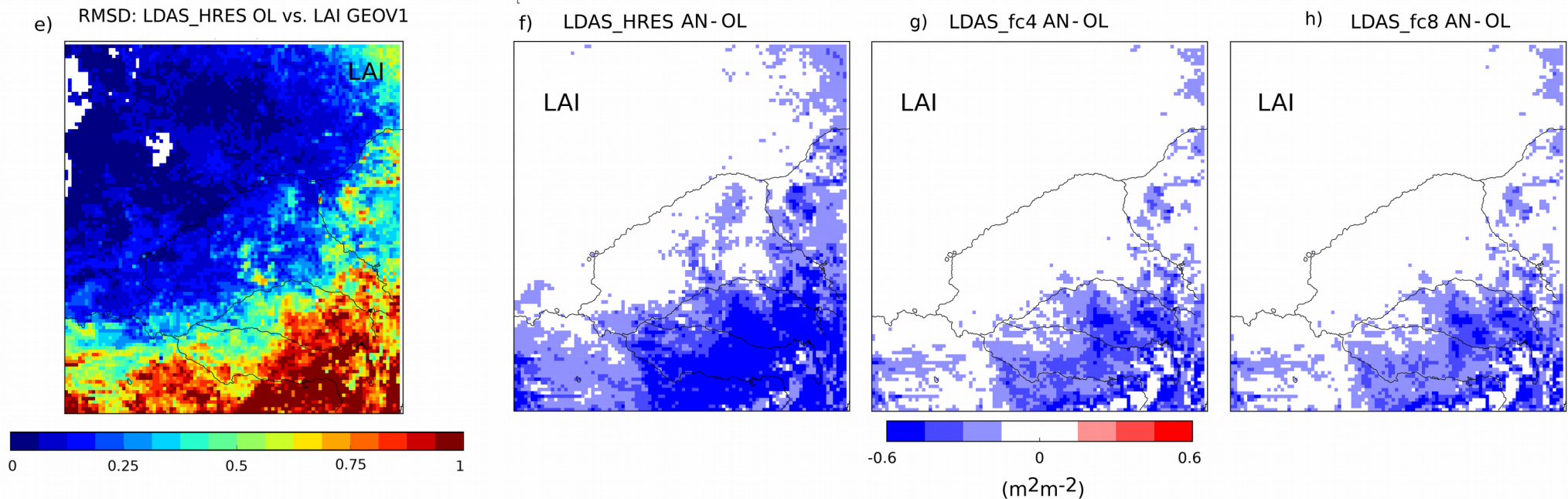
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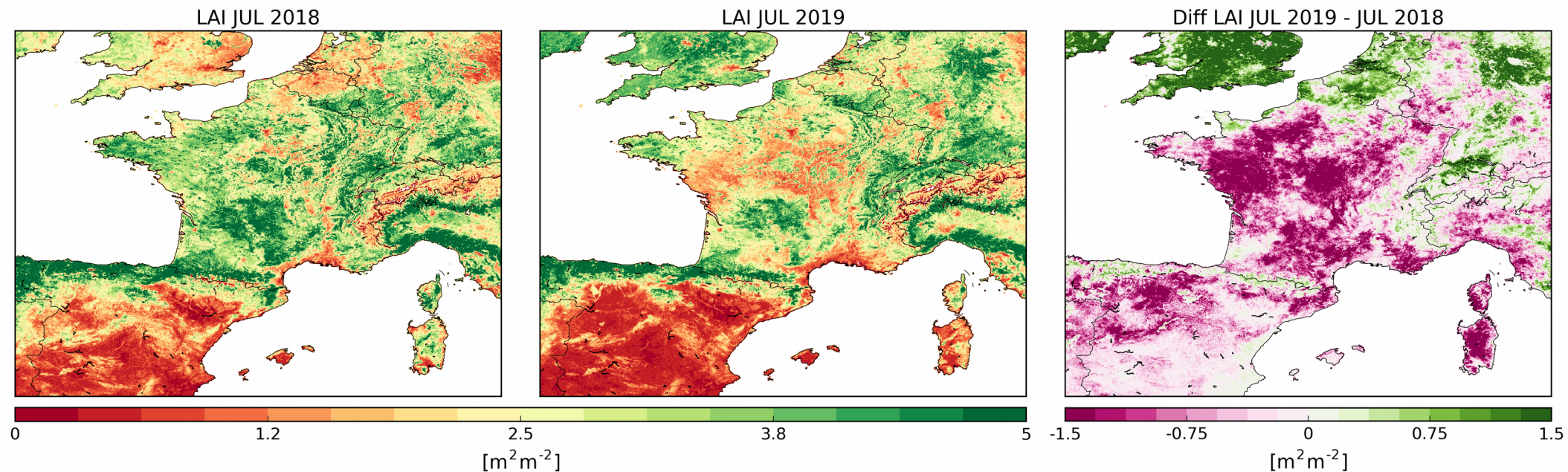
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- LAI: strong positive impact from the analysis, strong positive impact from the initialisation

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- **LDAS-Monde** forced by **AROME** atmospheric fields from Météo-France at 2.5km x 2.5km spatial resolution (aggregated from 1.3km x 1.3km spatial resolution), assimilation of LAI300 CGLS
 - ➔ Impact of the July 2019 heatwave



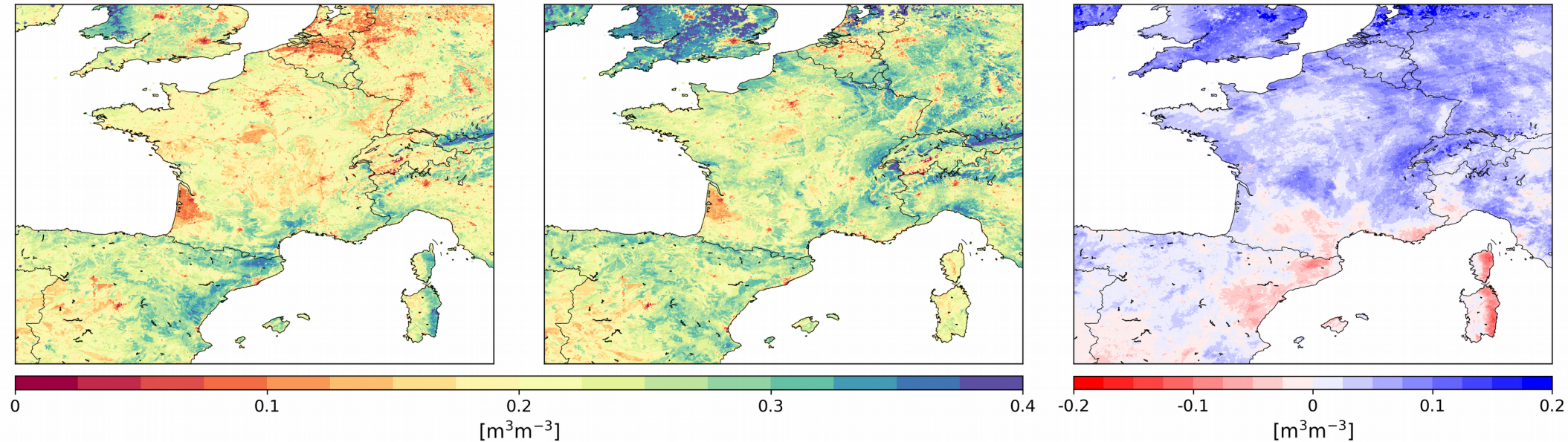
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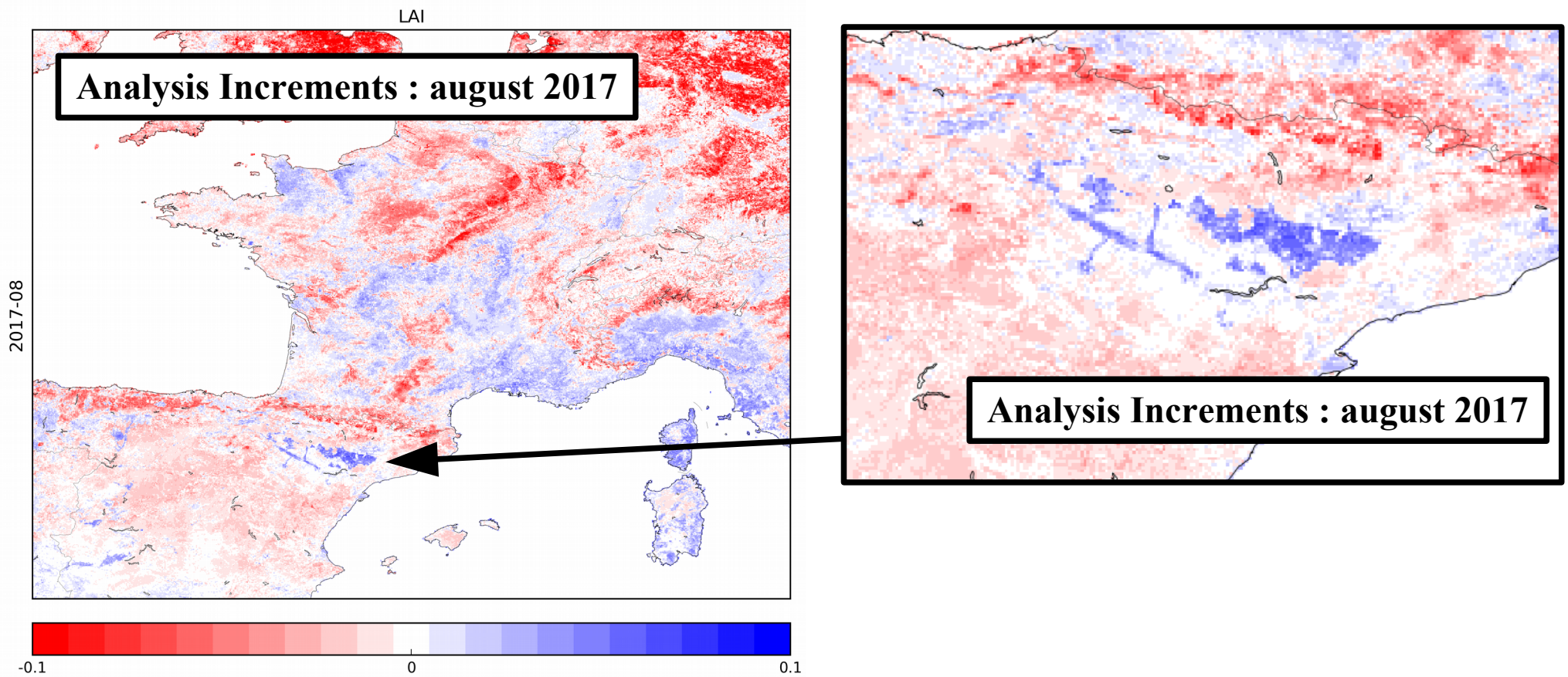
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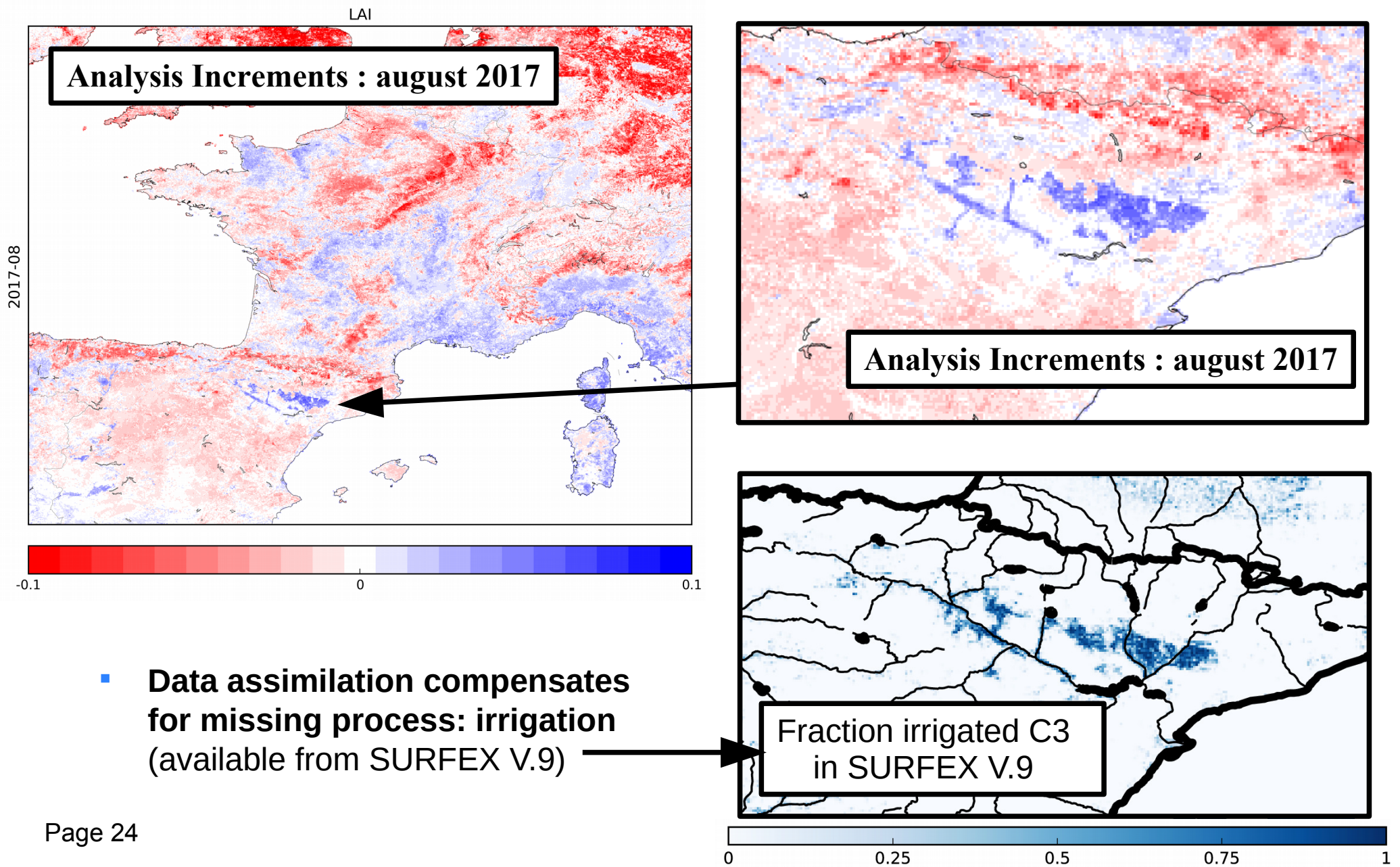
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LDAS-Monde : DA specific patterns



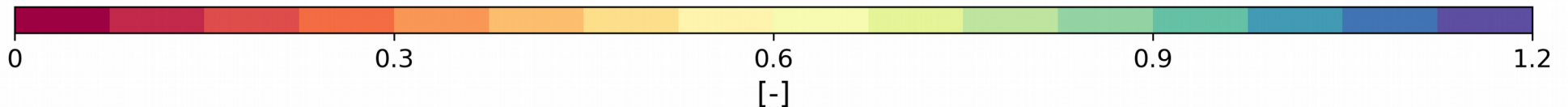
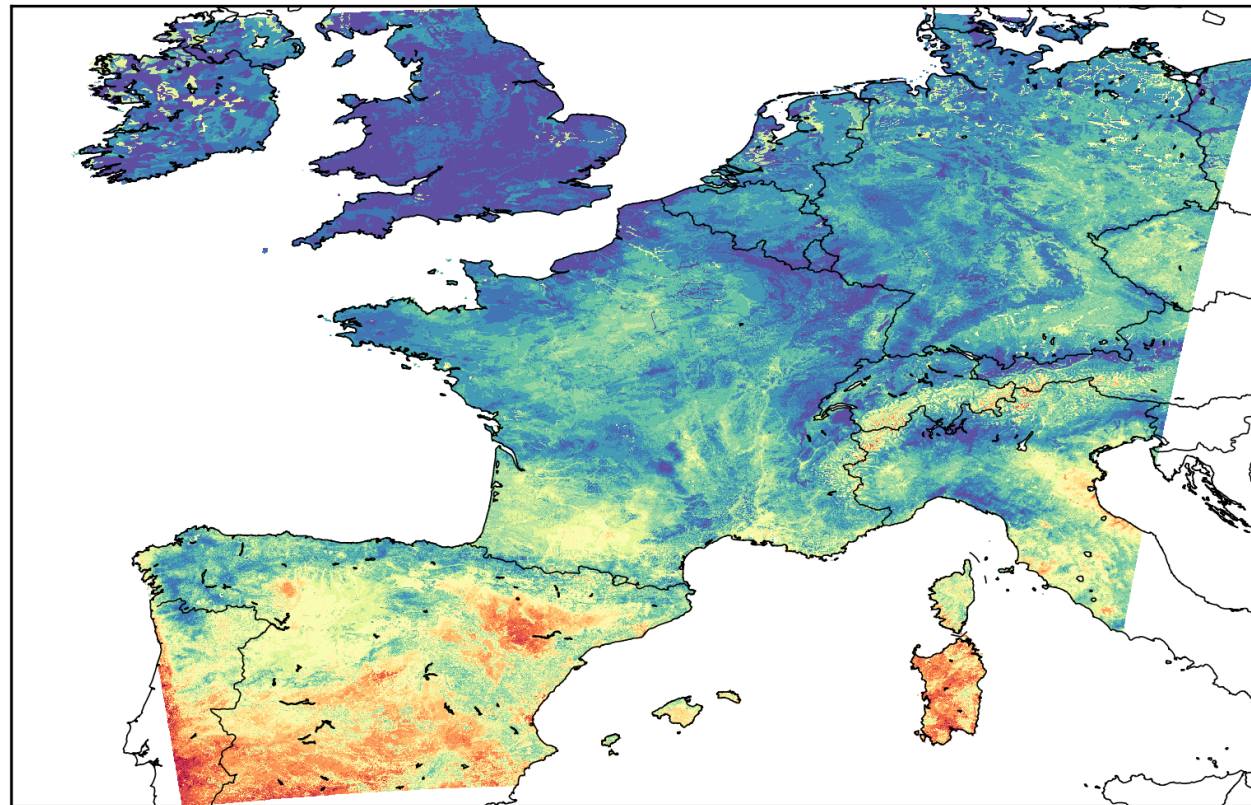
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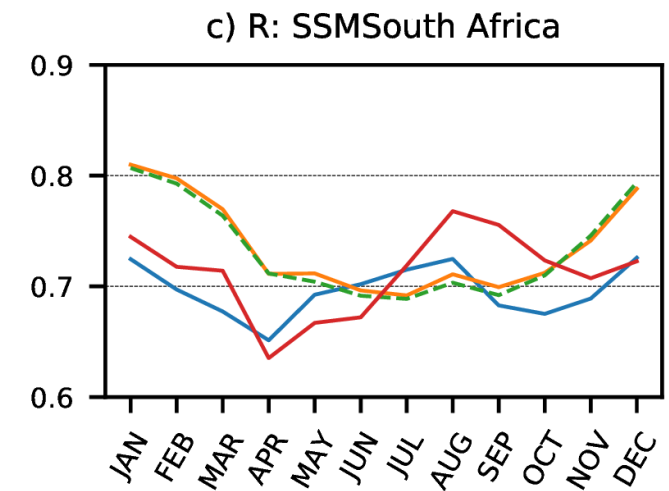
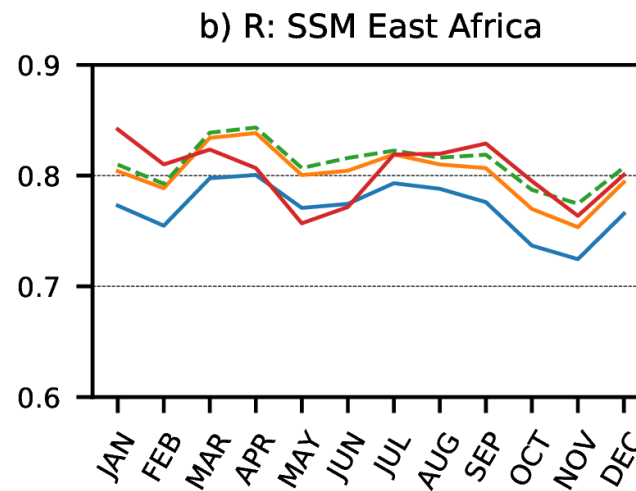
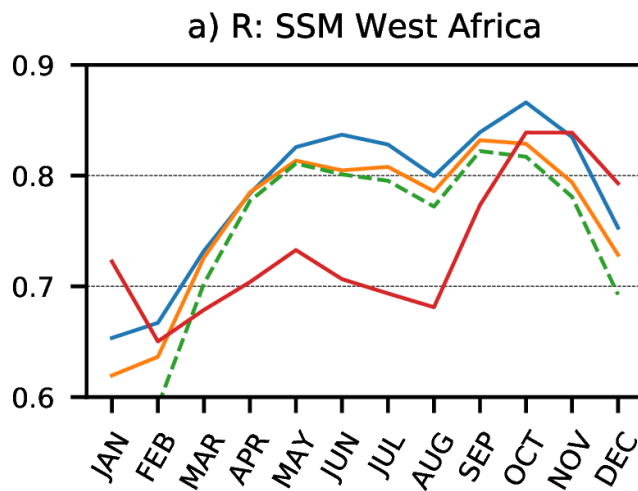
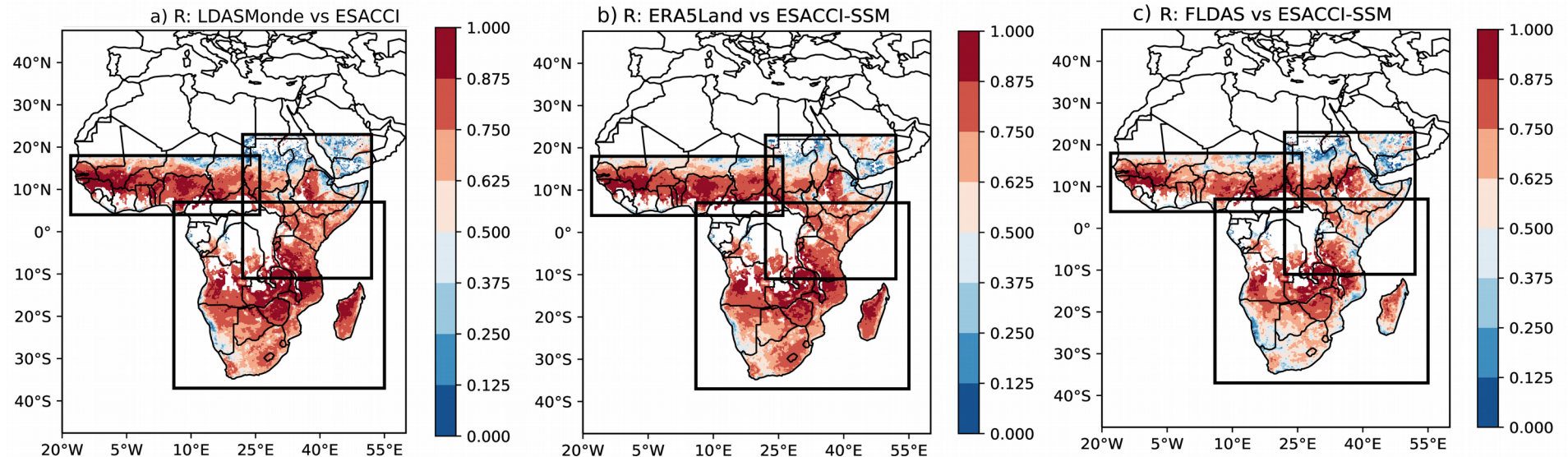
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- **LDAS-Monde** forced by **AROME** atmospheric fields from Météo-France at 1km x 1km spatial resolution from summer 2019, assimilation of LAI300 CGLS

SWI (1-4cm) OCT 2019 (SEKF)



Evaluation vs ESA-CCI v4.5 Combined product (2017-2018, 10kmx10km)



— R: LDASMonde — R: ERA5Land - - - R: ERA5 — R: FLDAS



Conclusions & Prospects (1/2)

LDAS-Monde: combining LSM, satellite EOs and atmospheric forcing

- Great potential to monitor and forecast the impact of extreme weather on LSVs

LDAS-Monde provides a climatology as reference for anomalies of LSVs

- Significant anomalies trigger more detailed monitoring and forecasting activities at higher spatial resolution

LDAS-Monde ready for use in various applications

- Reanalyses of land ECVs
- Water resource / drought / vegetation monitoring
- Detection of severe conditions over land and initialisation of LSVs forecast

Collaborations with different national meteorological services, research institutes, service providers

- ANAM (Burkina-Faso), BoM (Australia), CESBIO, Delft Uni., Monash Uni.
Agro-meteorological department of Météo-France



Conclusions & Prospects (2/2)

LAI DA can improve RZSM but LAI is available every 10-day at best

- VOD available daily (X-, C-, L- Band) could be used as a surrogate of LAI (?) *

Sigma0 contains information on both SSM and vegetation

- Assimilation of level1 data**
- AI in support of data assimilation (observation operators)

Impact of the initial conditions on LSVs forecast up to 15-d ahead

- Use the control member of ECMWF ensemble as atm. forcing*

Higher spatial resolution

- ~1km atm. forcing over AROME domain, <1km satellite observations

Assimilation of snow data

- IMS, ESA CCI+ snow cover

Open LDAS-Monde freely available:

<https://opensource.umr-cnrm.fr/projects/openldasmonde>

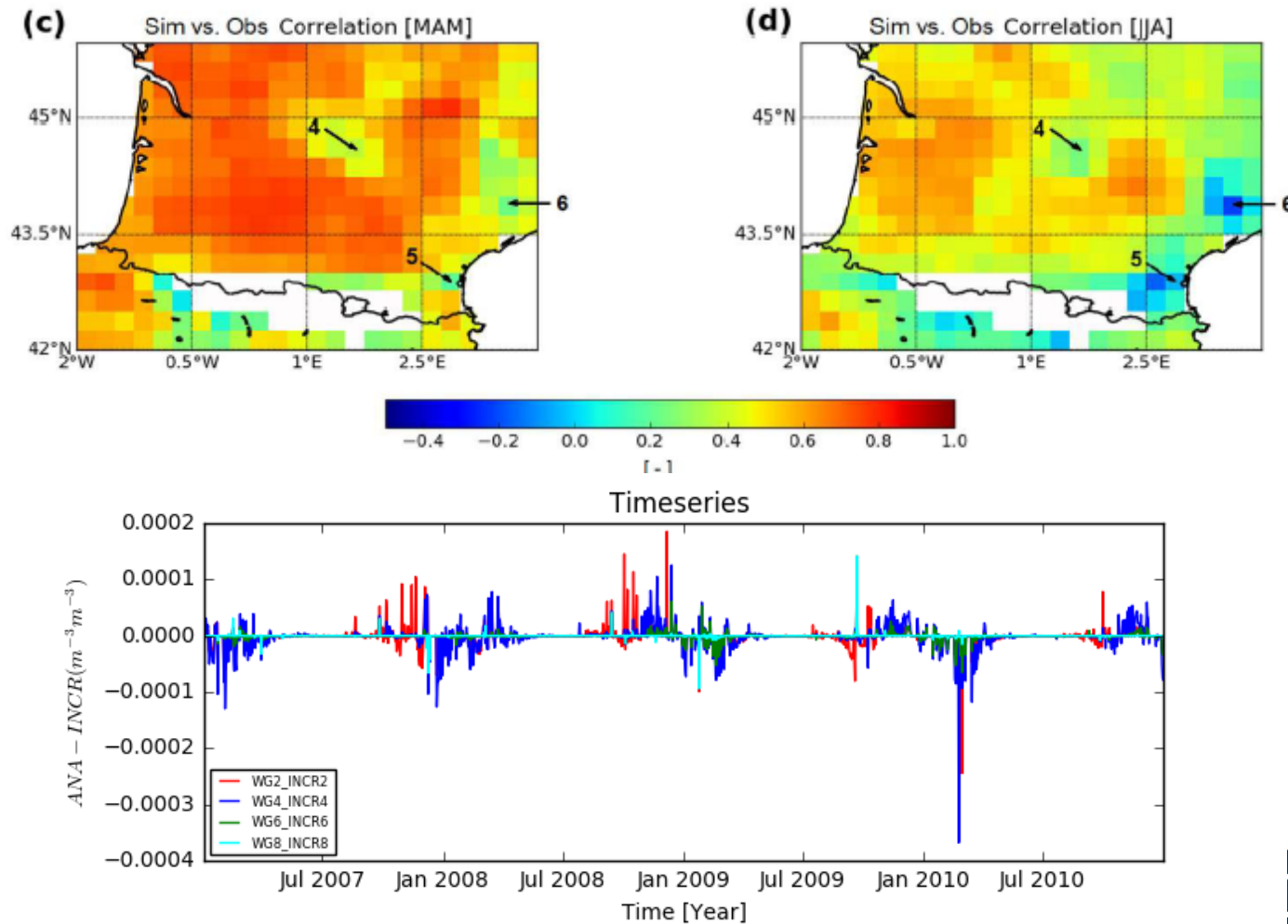
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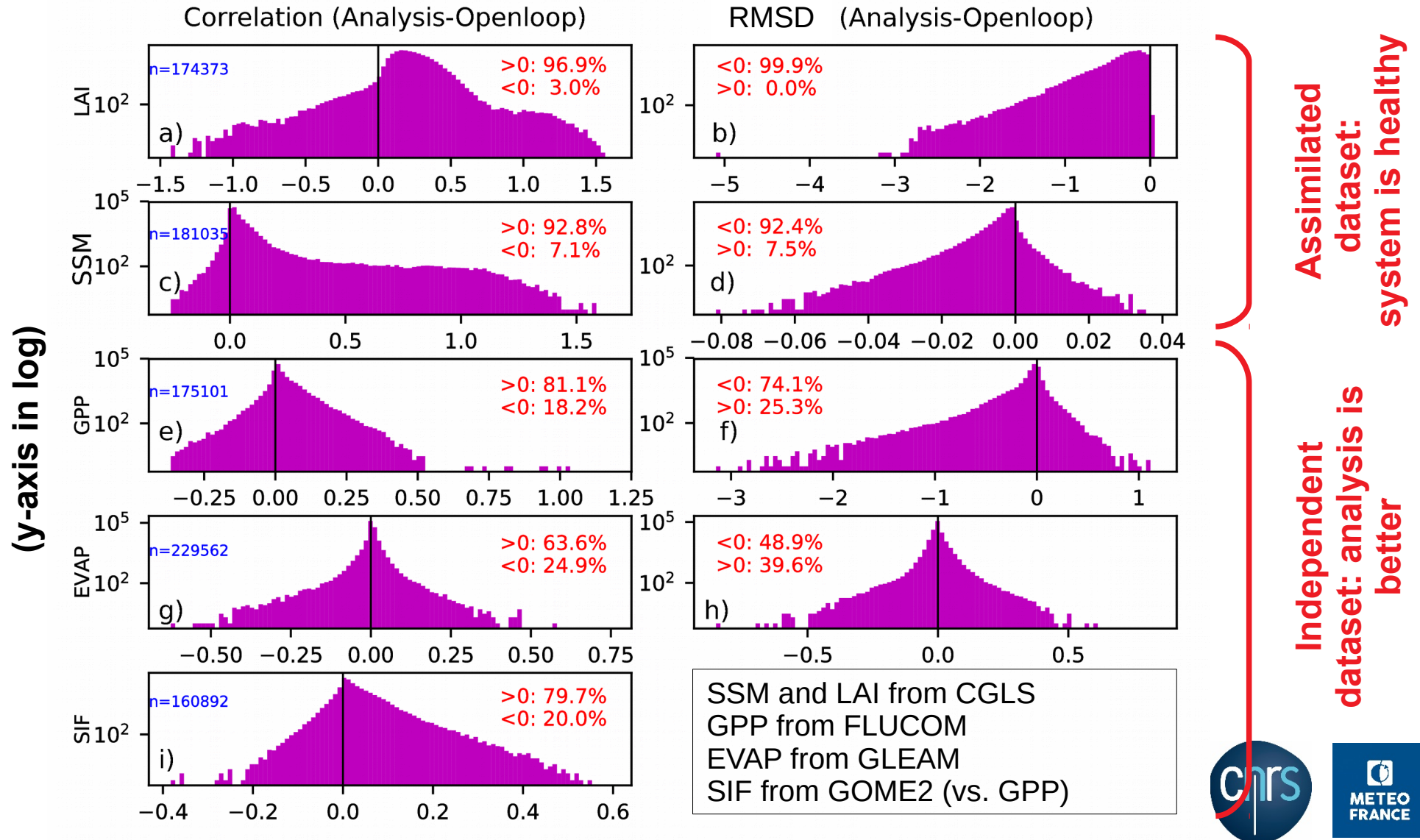
Assimilating new types of observations

ASCAT derived SSM is obtained from radar backscatter measurements :
Assimilating radar backscatter instead of SSM using the Water Cloud Model fed by modelled SSM and LAI



LDAS-Monde global evaluation (in a nutshell!)

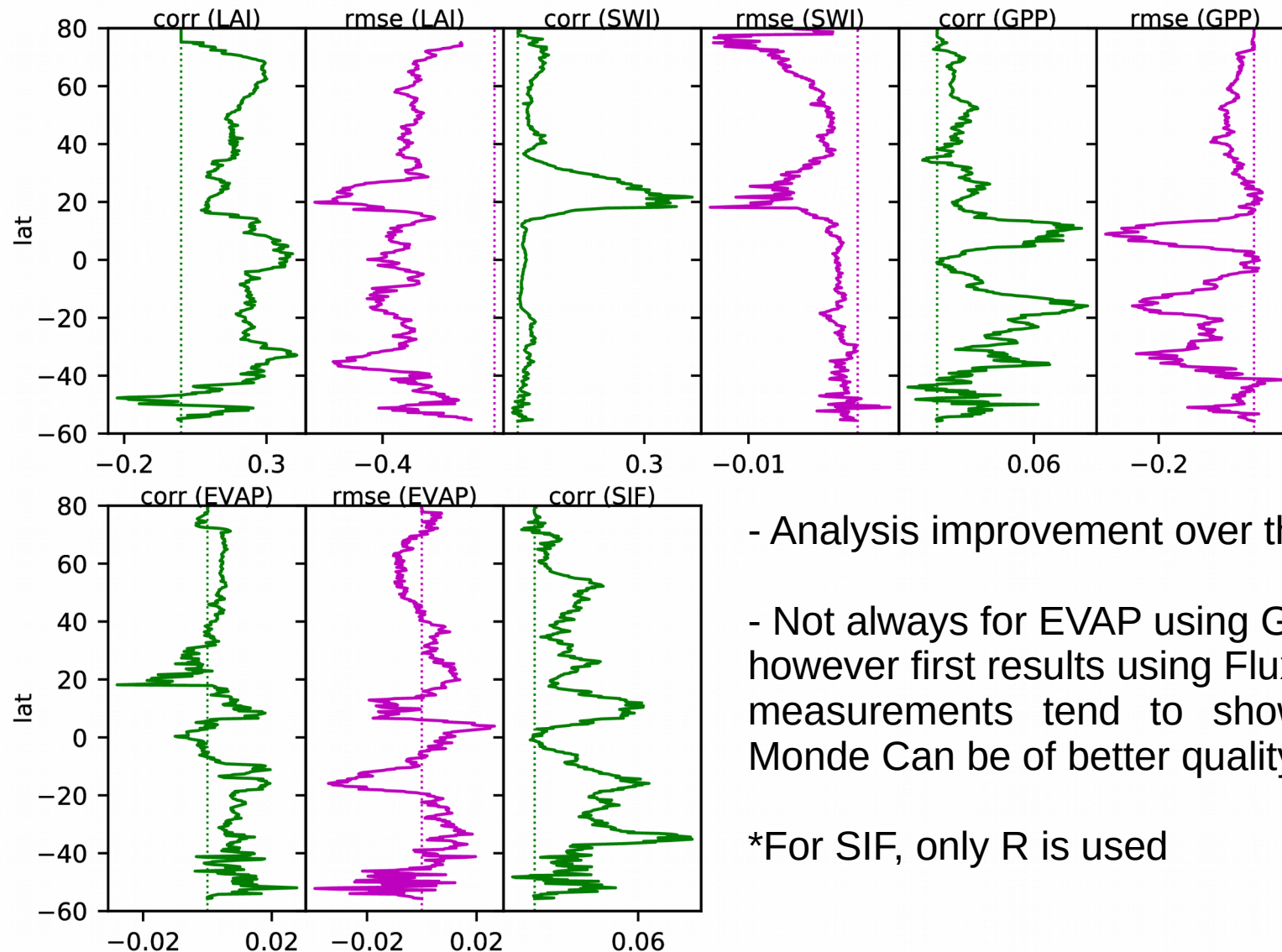
Histograms of score differences: Analysis – Openloop (Correlation, RMSD)



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Latitudinal plots of score differences: Analysis – Model (Correlation, RMSE)*

- **!! DASHED LINE IS THE 0 VALUE !!**

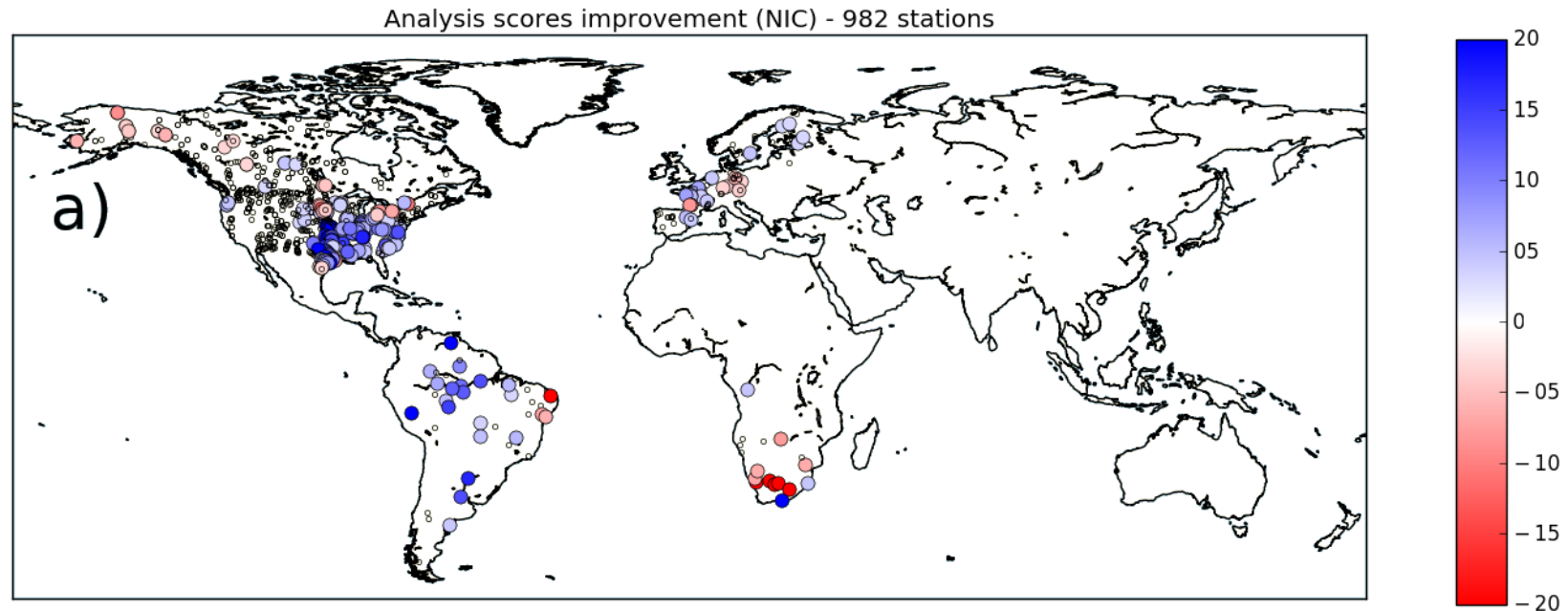


- Analysis improvement over the model run
- Not always for EVAP using GLEAM dataset however first results using Fluxnet2015 insitu measurements tend to show that LDAS-Monde Can be of better quality than GLEAM

*For SIF, only R is used

Evaluation against river discharge

- River discharge from 982 stations
- **NSE** values are computed for each stations (*monthly values scaled to the drainage area*)
- **Normalised Information Contribution** used to quantify improvment/degradation

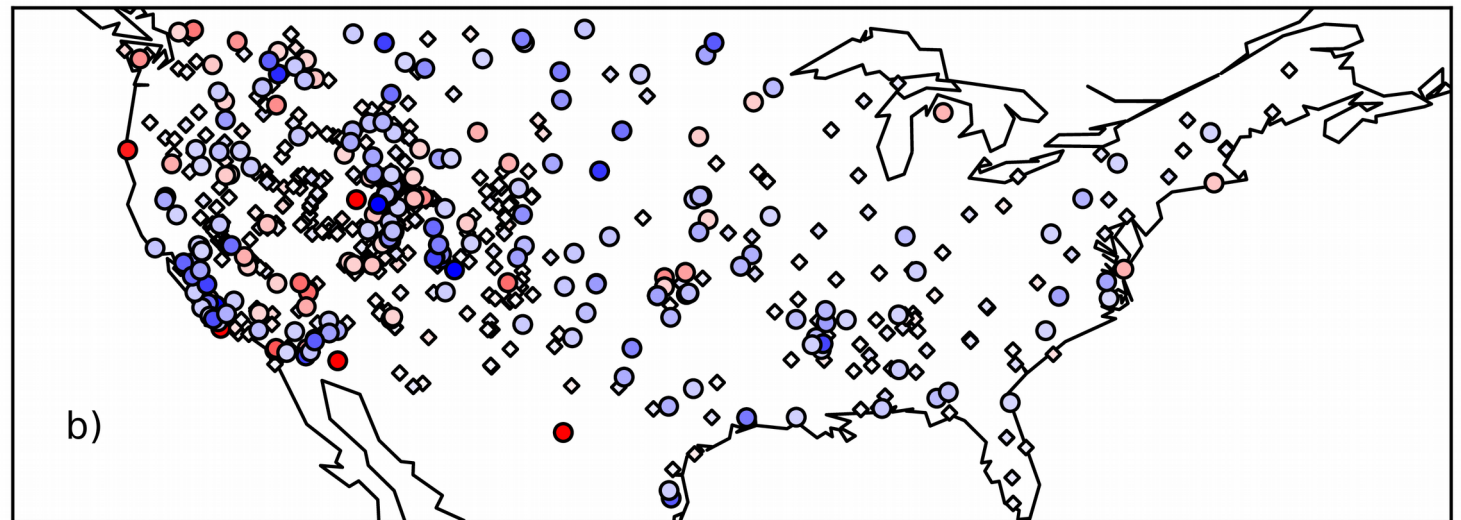
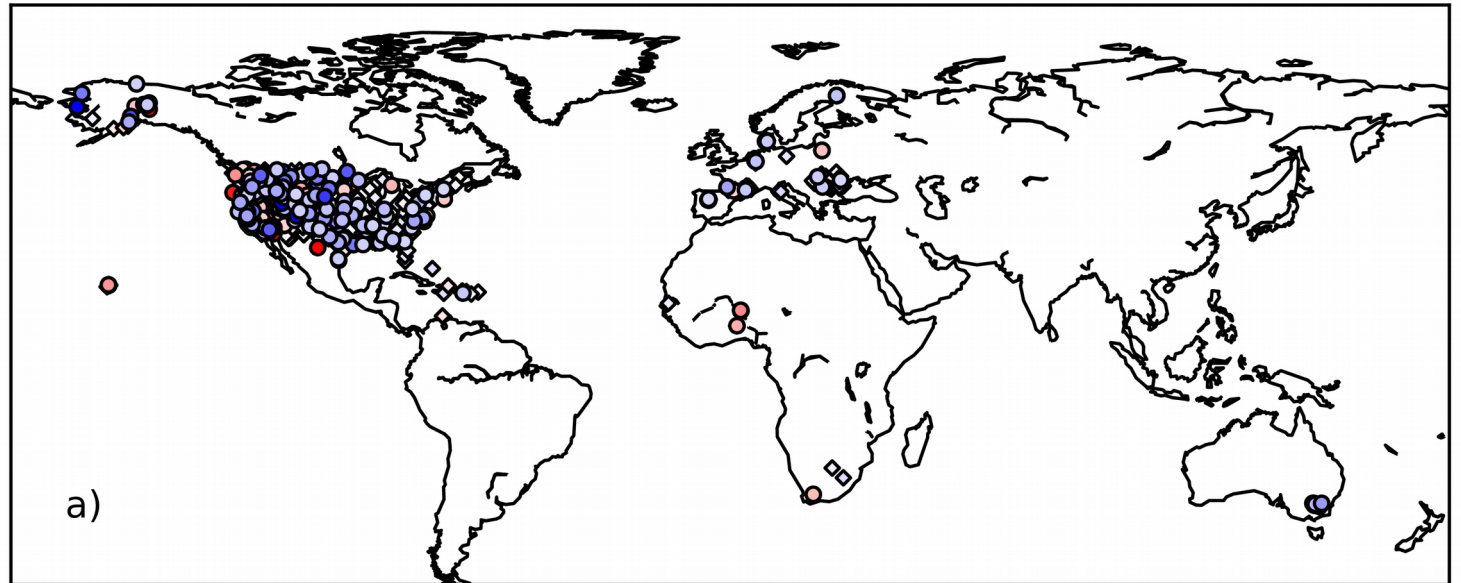


N stations >2-yr of data Analysis impact > 3 %	
254 (26 %)	
Impact is >+3 %	Impact is < -3 %
189 (74 %)	65 (26 %)

Evaluation against in situ SSM

NIC R : LDAS_ERA5 analysis vs. openloop

> 900 stations
Score for the analysis
R : 0.68
UbRMSD : $0.058 \text{ m}^{-3} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$
Bias: $0.078 \text{ m}^{-3} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$



Evaluation against Fluxnet2015 (evap)

- Evapotranspiration from 85 stations (2010-2015), NIC on R values

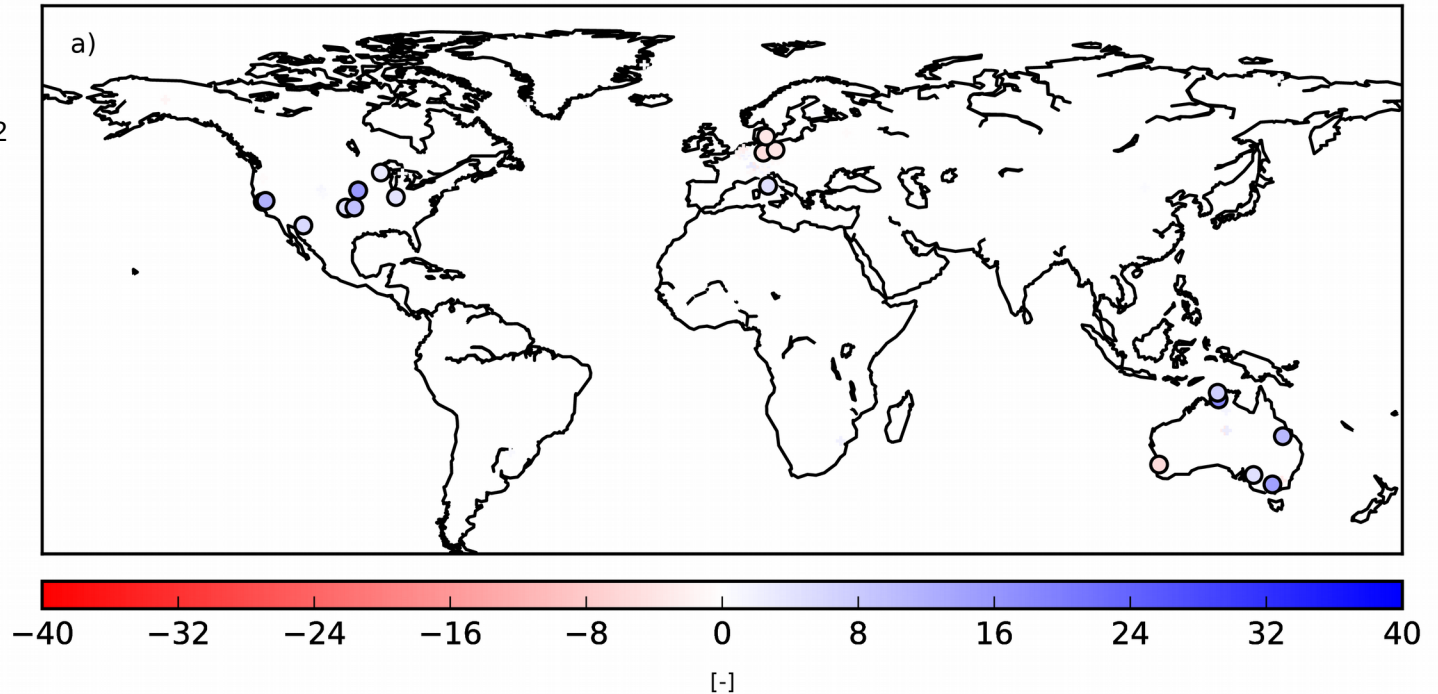
Normalized Information Contribution (NIC) based on R values, LDAS_Monde EKF-OL

Score for the analysis

R : 0.73

UbRMSD : 29.60 w.m⁻²

Bias: 4.64 w.m⁻²



N stations >2-yr of data Analysis impact > 3 %	
25 stations	
Impact is >+3 %	Impact is < -3 %
20 stations	5 stations



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