

# GSFC's Land Data Assimilation Systems:

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## An Ensemble Land Surface Modeling and Assimilation Testbed for HEPEX

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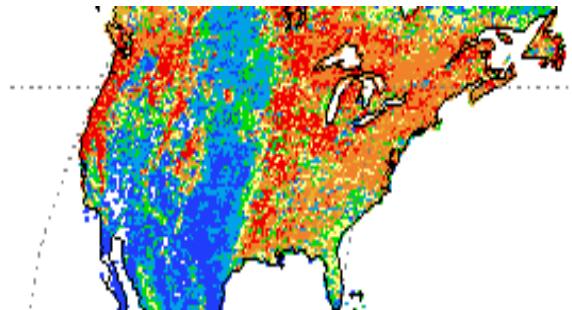
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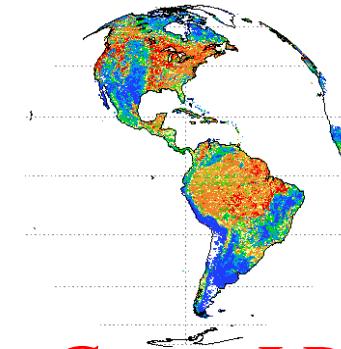


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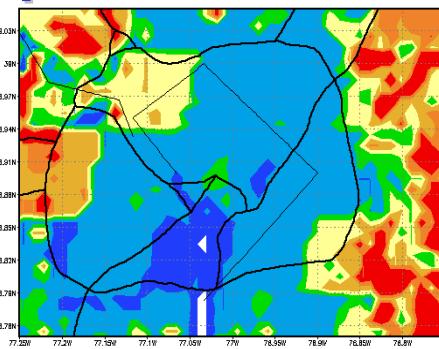
**North American *LDAS***  
***1/8 Degree Resolution***

Mitchell et al., JGR, 2004



**Global *LDAS***

***1/4 Degree Resolution***  
Rodell et al., BAMS, 2004



**Land *Information System***

***Variable (2 deg-1km) Resolution***

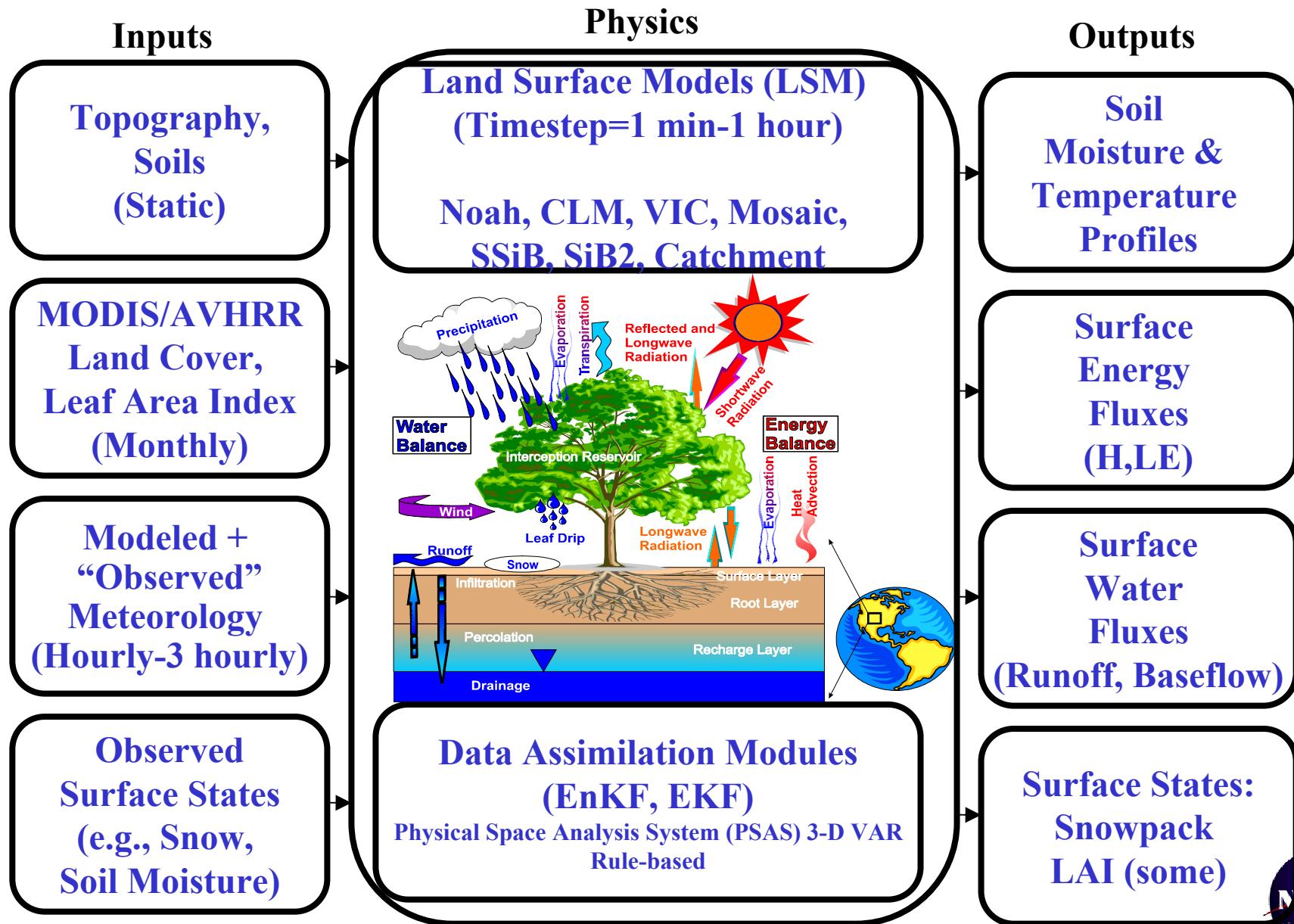
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# LDAS/LIS Modeling Approach



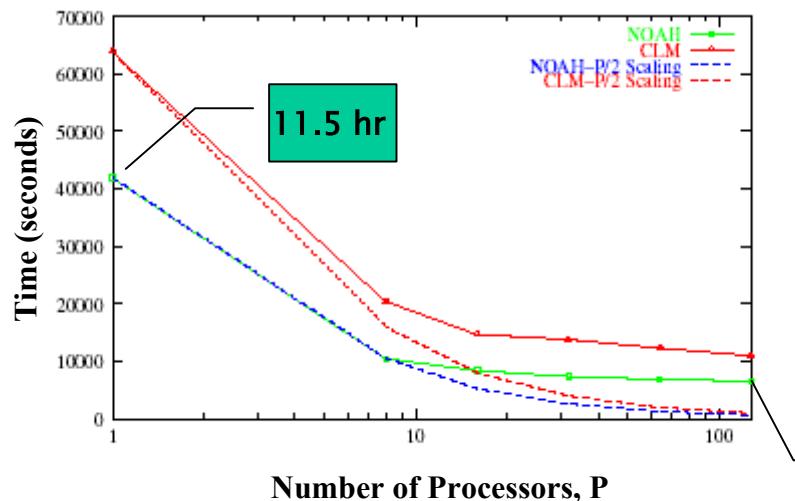
# LIS High Performance Computing

Simulation: one day, 15 minute time step

## a. Performance improvement at $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ resolution

	<b>Memory</b> <b>(MB)</b>	<b>Wallclock time</b> <b>(minutes)</b>	<b>CPU time</b> <b>(minutes)</b>
<b>LDAS</b>	3169	116.7	115.8
<b>LIS</b>	313	22	21.8
<b>reduction factor</b>	<b>10.12</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>

## b. Scaling curves at 5km resolution



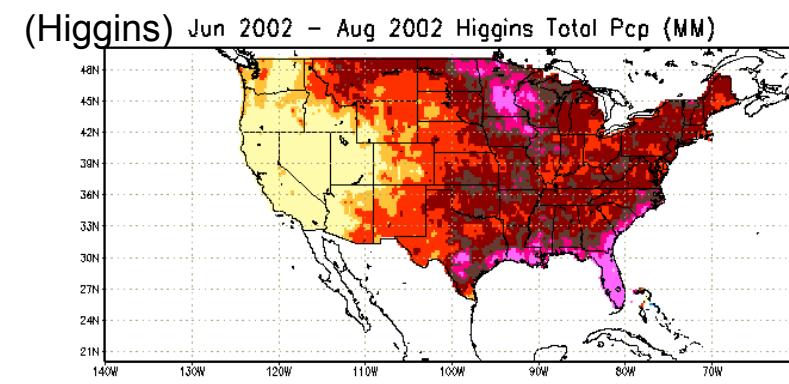
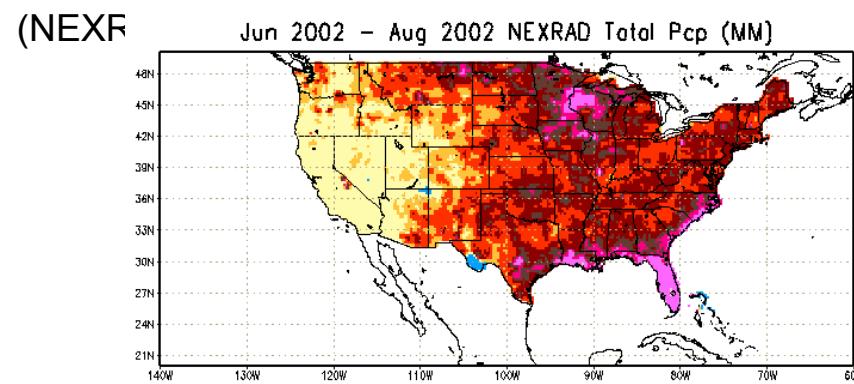
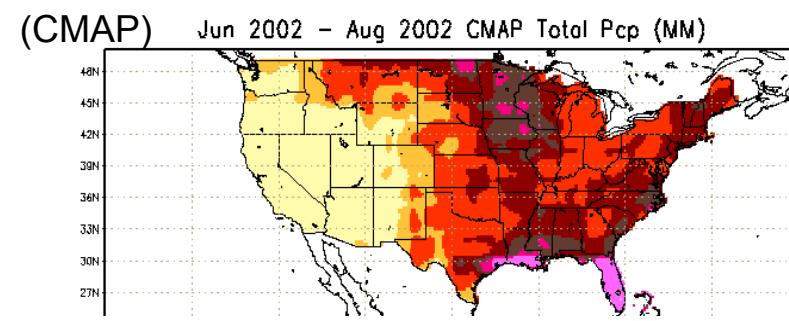
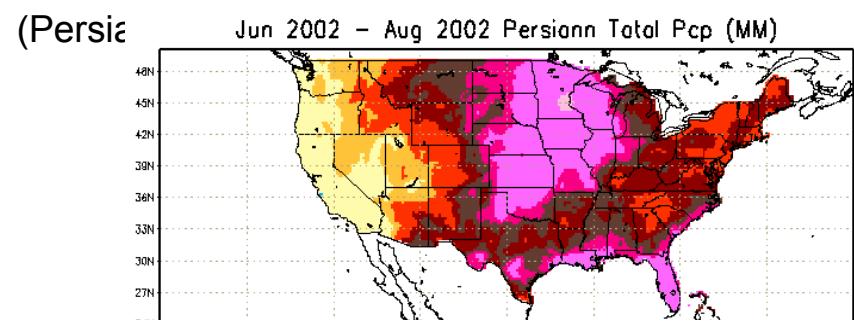
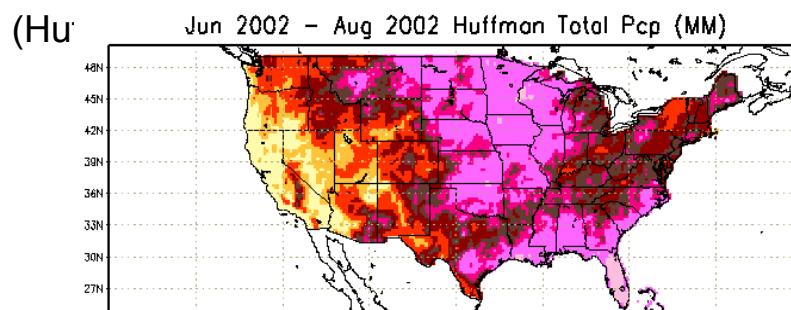
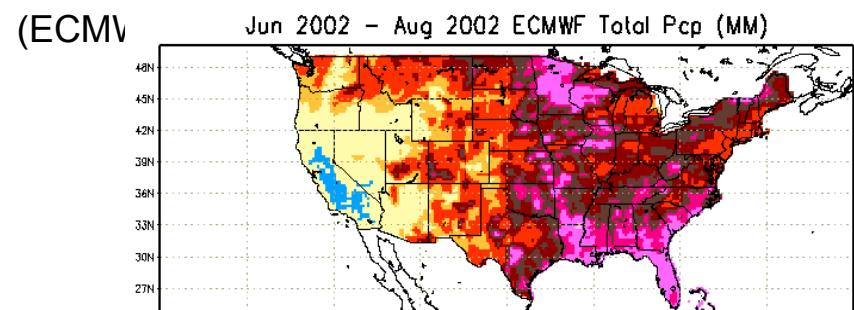
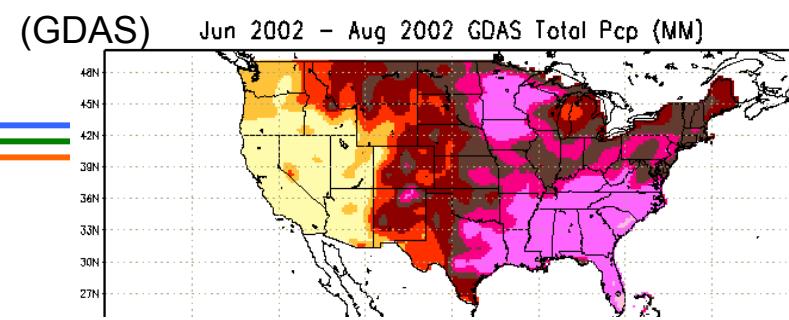
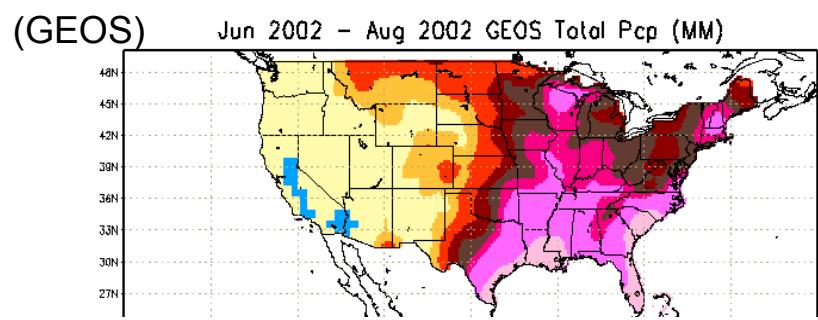
- solid lines depict LIS results on SGI O3K at NASA/ARC
- hatched lines depict LIS goal of P/2 scaling

# Ensembles in LIS

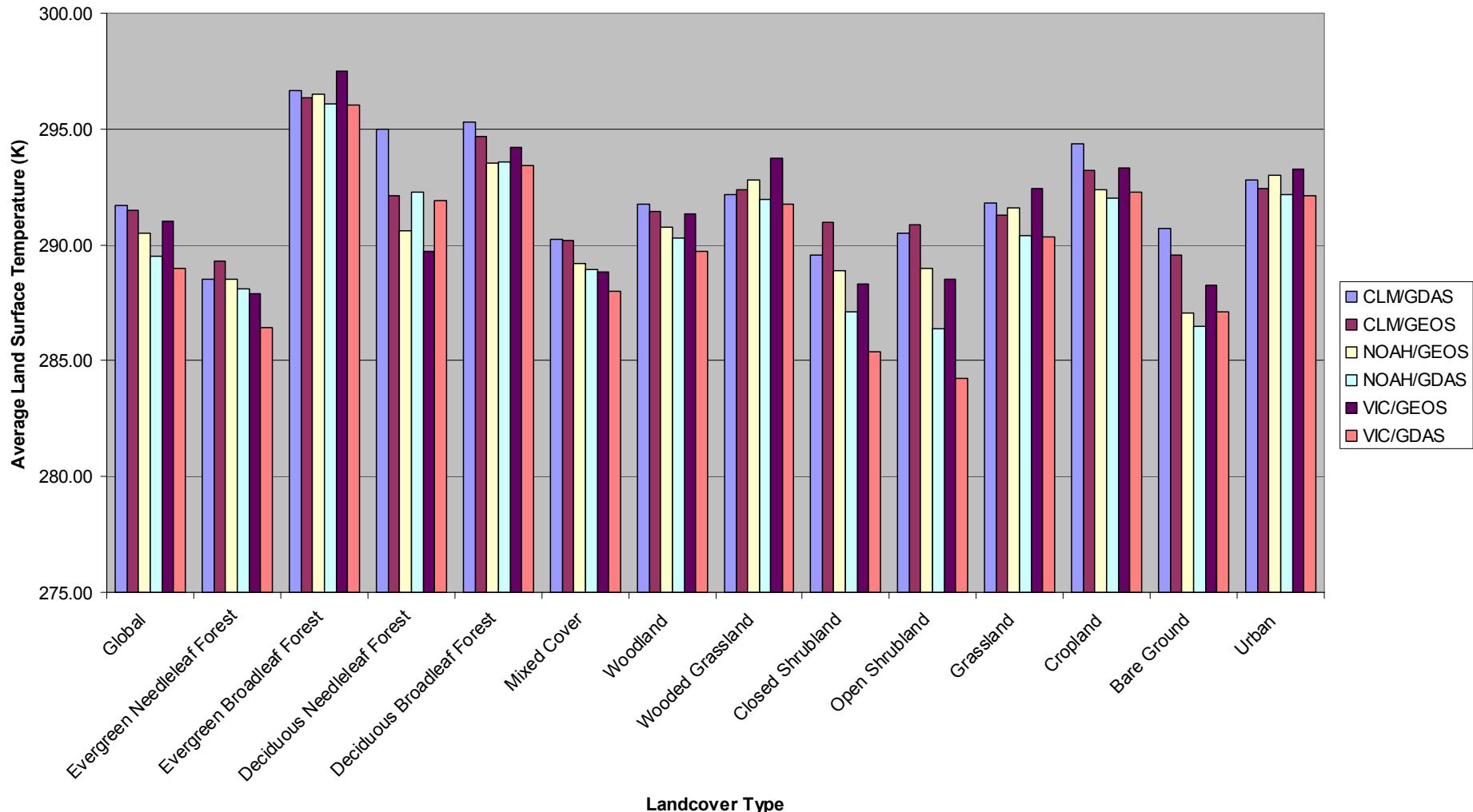
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- Physics
  - Noah, CLM, VIC, Mosaic, etc.
  - (could perturb initial conditions)
- Forcing
  - Models: NOAA/GDAS, NASA/GEOS, ECMWF
  - Precipitation: NRL/Turk, GSFC/Huffman, Persiann, CMAP, CMORPH
  - Radiation: GOES SRB (US), AGRMET-based
  - (could be analysis/forecast members)
- Parameters
  - Land Cover: AVHRR climatology or MODIS real-time
  - Subgrid “tiles” or nested fine grid at 1km
  - (could use PDF’s of soil/land cover parameters)



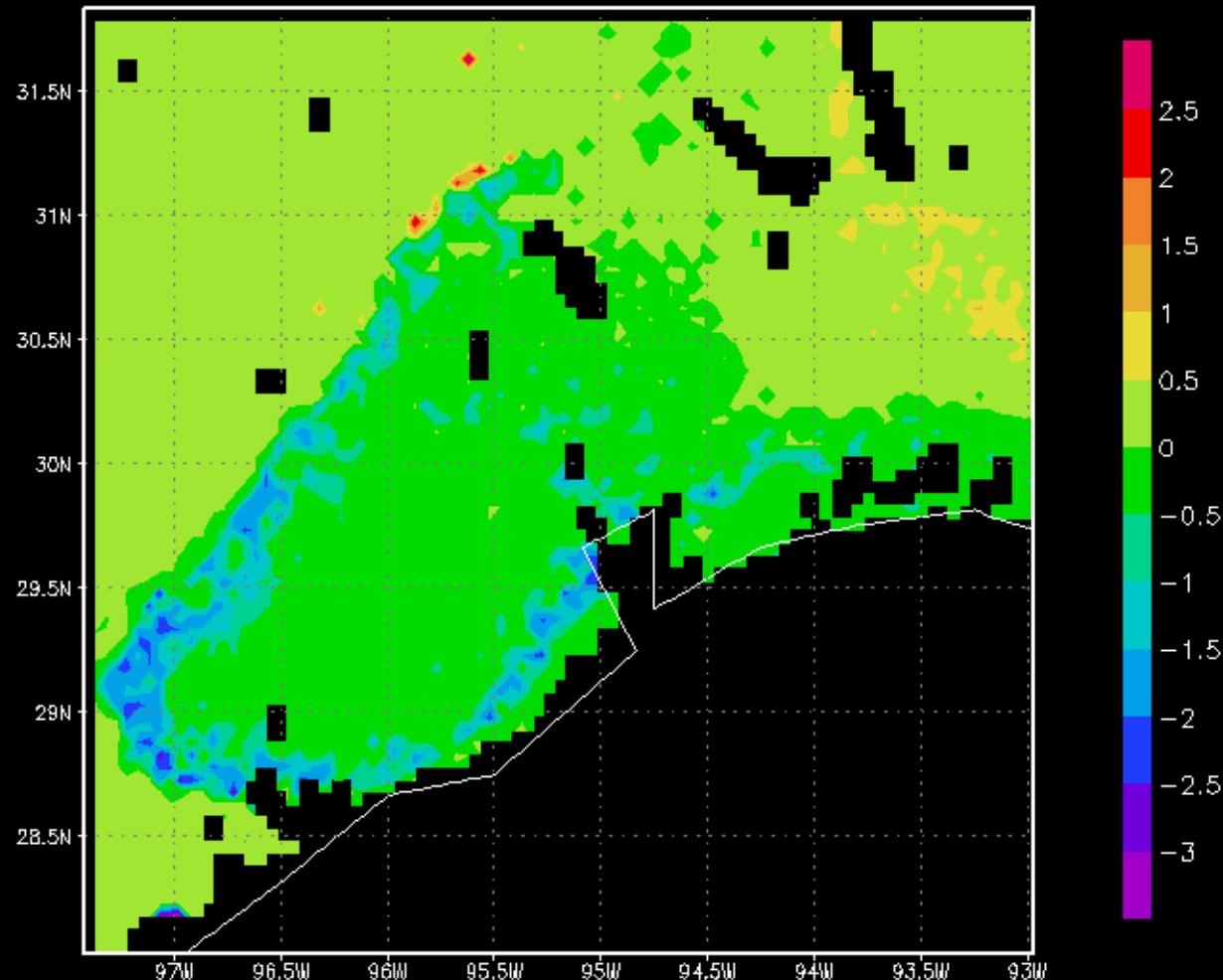


# Example: LIS Physics/Forcing Ensemble

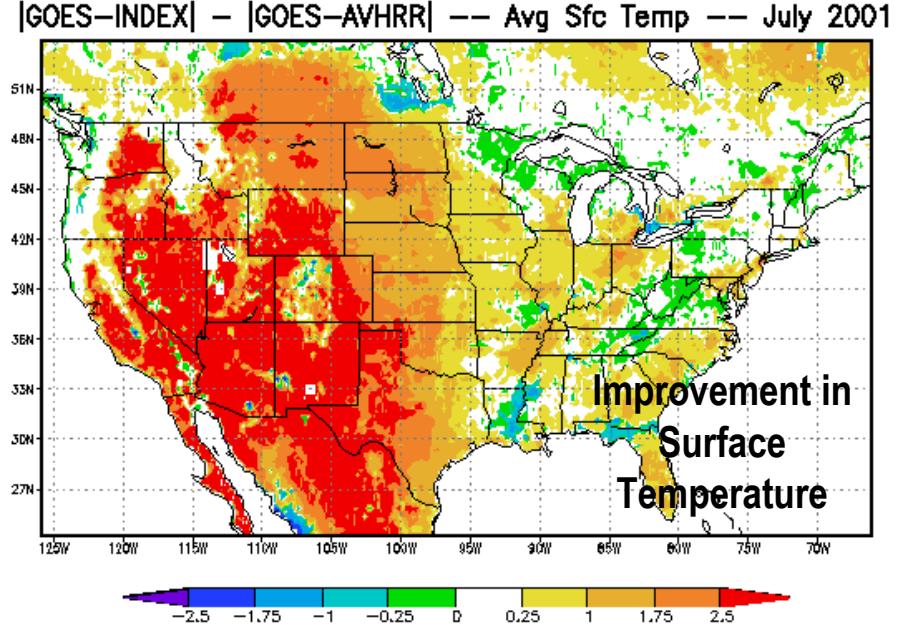
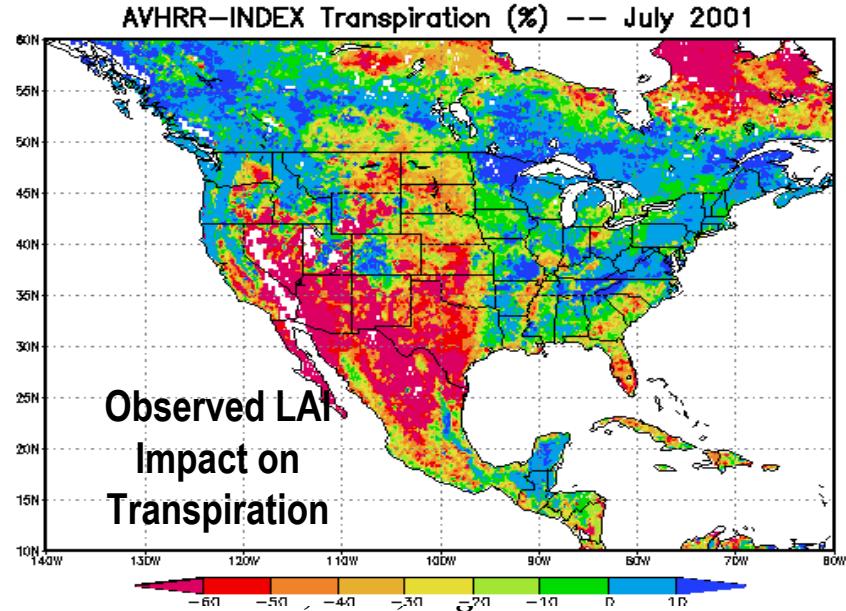
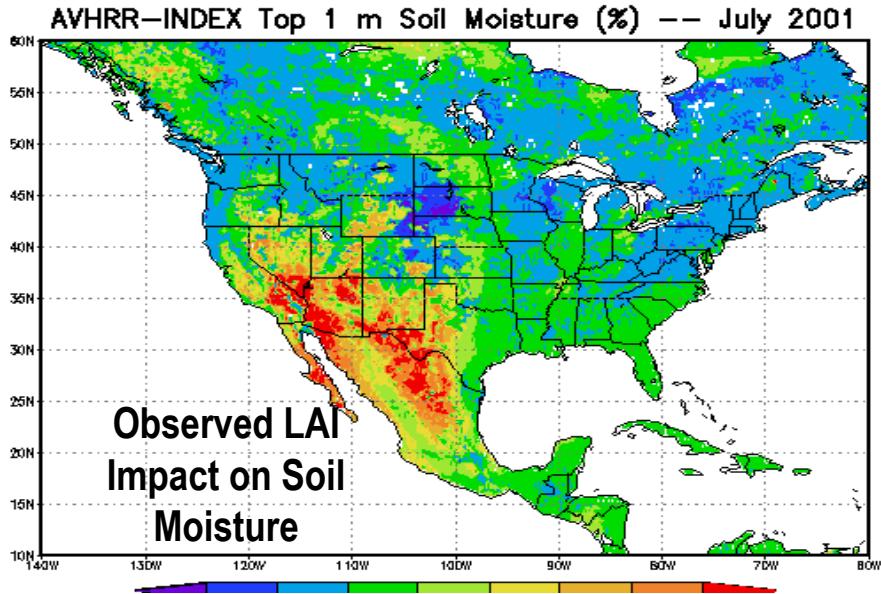
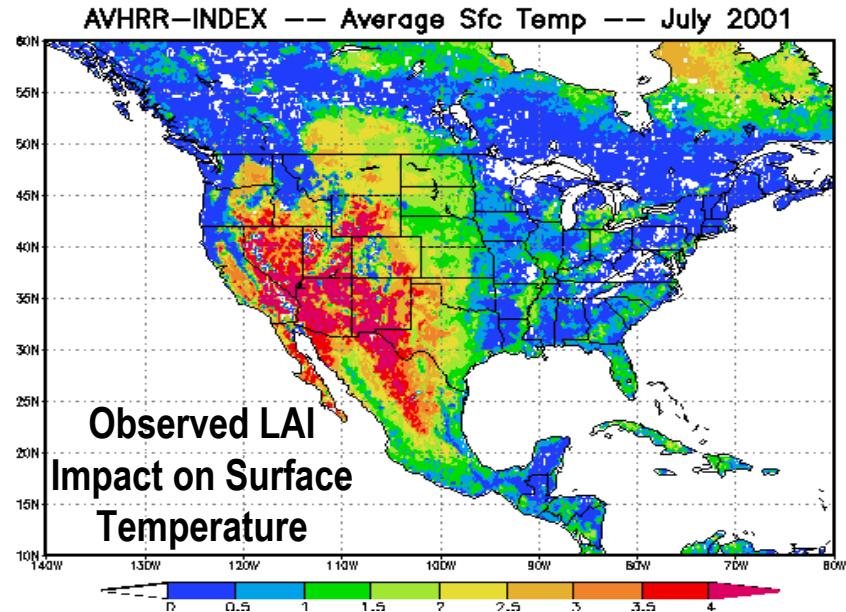


# Impact of Observed vs. Modeled Forcing

August 22, 2002 22UTC Surface Temperature Differences  
(GDAS+CMAP+AGRMET – GDAS)



# Impact of Observed LAI



# LDAS/LIS Data Assimilation

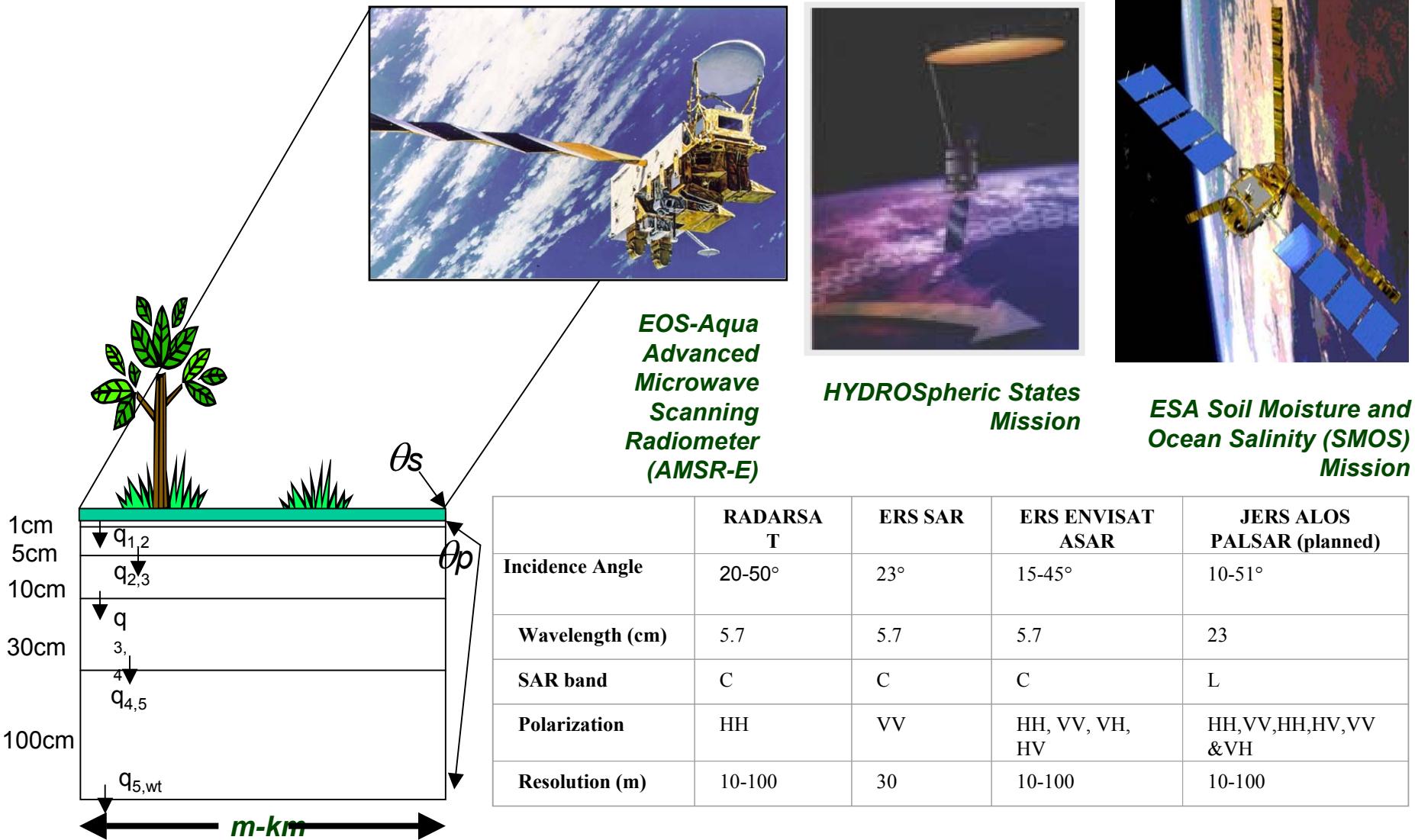
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- Soil Moisture
- Skin Temperature
- Snow Cover and SWE
- Total Water Storage

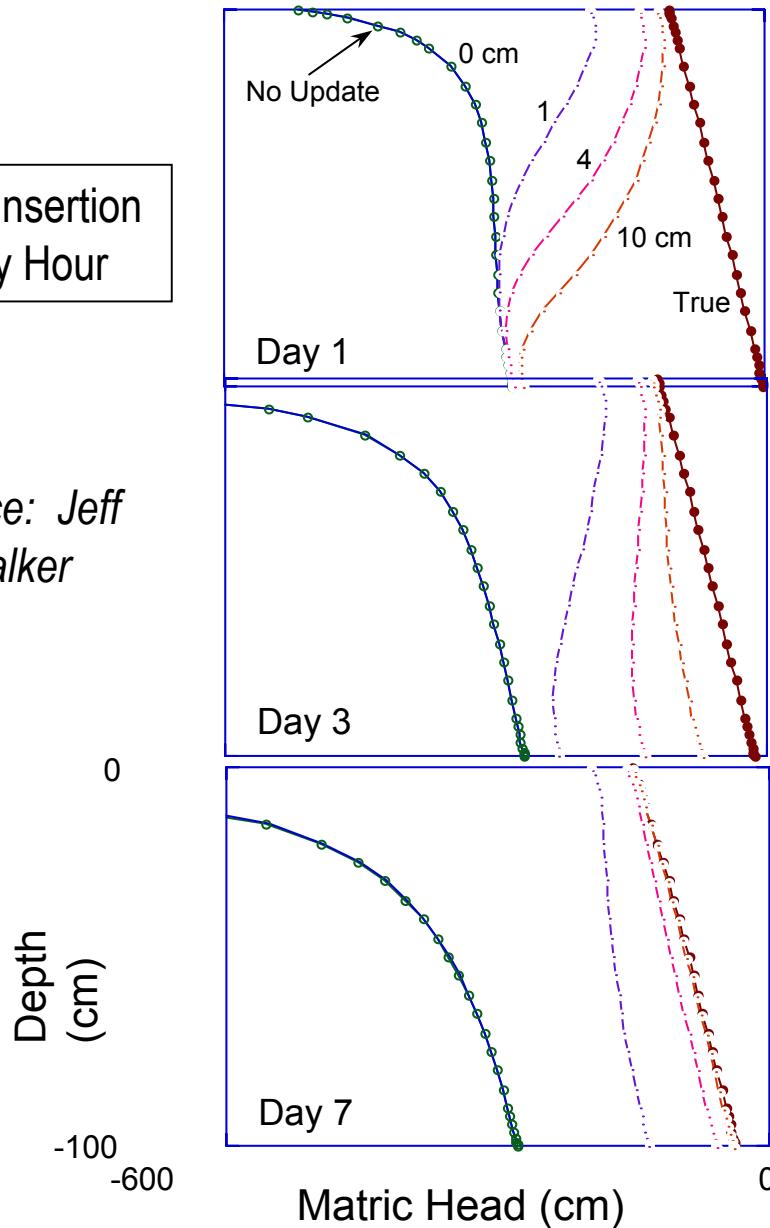


# Assimilation: Soil Moisture

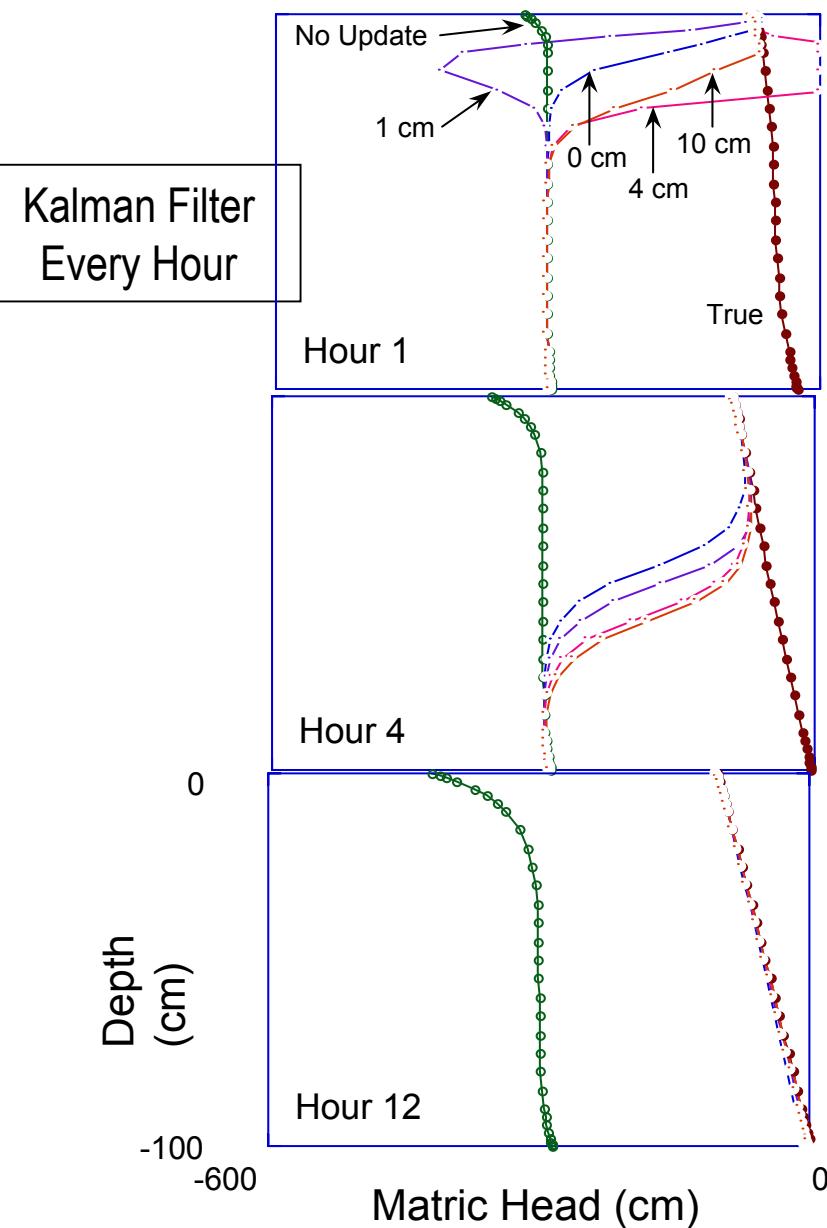


# KF Soil Moisture Profile Estimation

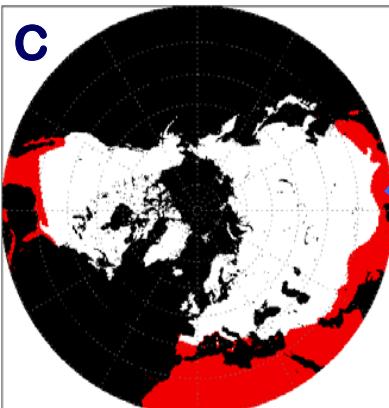
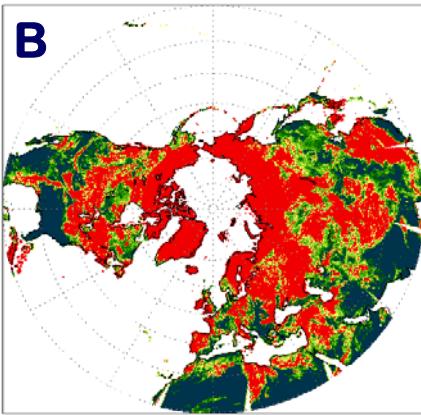
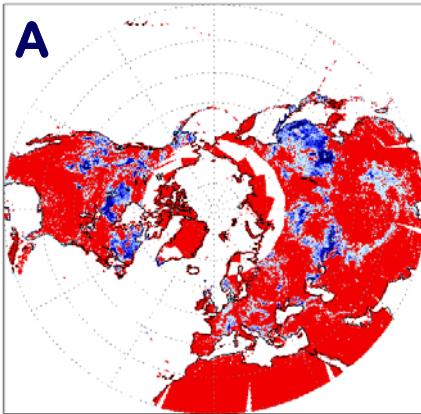
Direct Insertion  
Every Hour



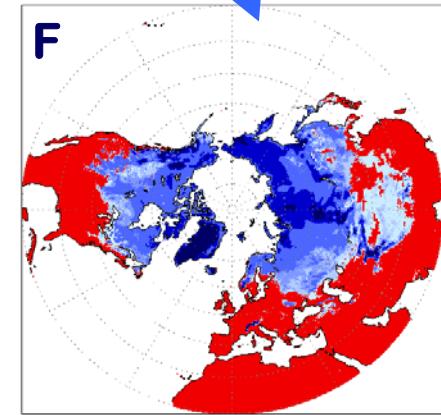
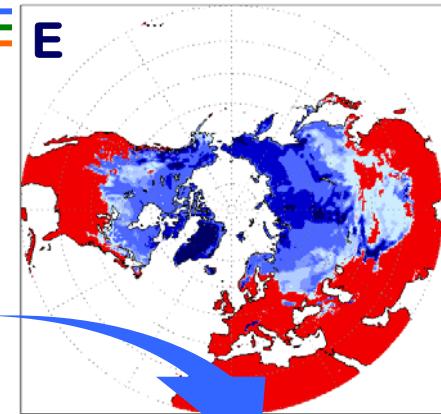
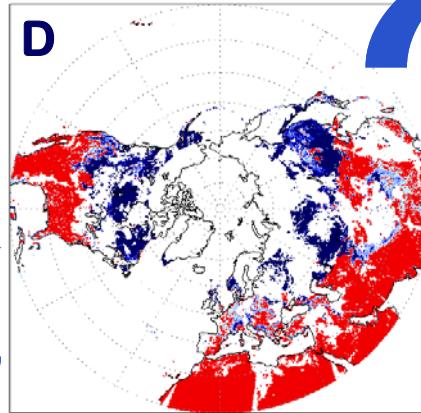
Source: Jeff  
Walker



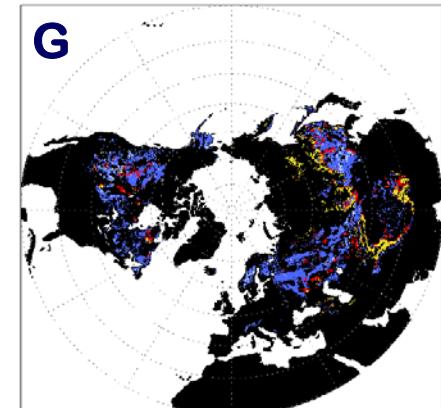
# Assimilation: Snow



Original MODIS visible snow cover (%) **A** is modified using MODIS confidence index (total visibility; %) **B** and a snow impossible mask **C** in order to produce an enhanced snow field **D**.



This is used to update the modeled snow on a daily basis. Output snow depth (mm H<sub>2</sub>O) is shown for 30 November 2000, after running the Mosaic LSM without **E** and with **F** the snow correction for 30 days. Map **G** shows the difference (mm H<sub>2</sub>O) between the two results.

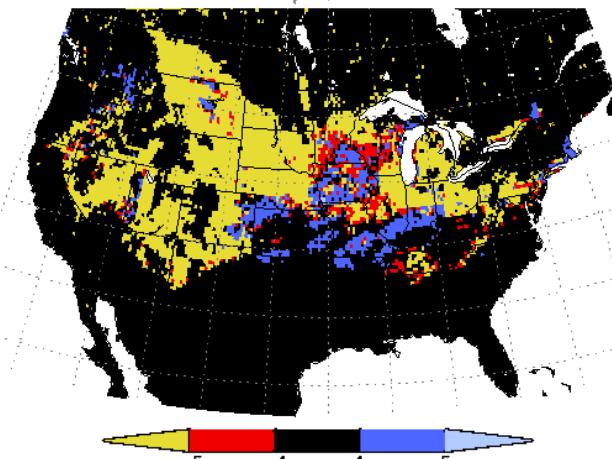
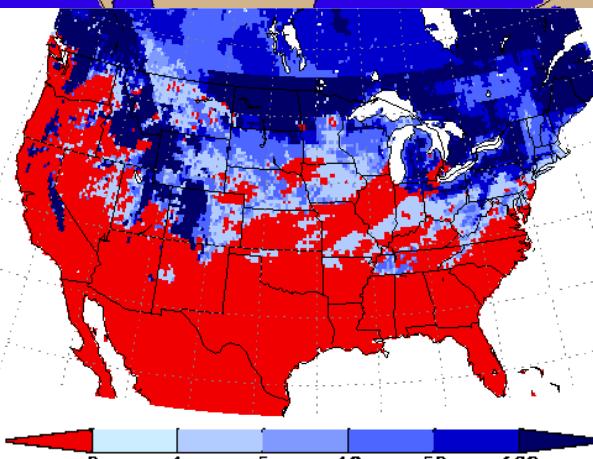
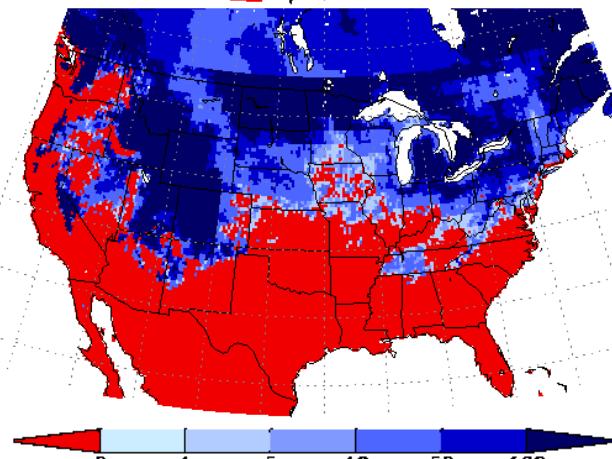
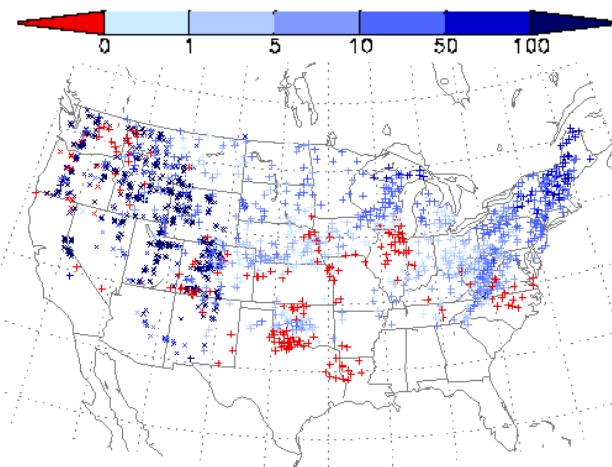
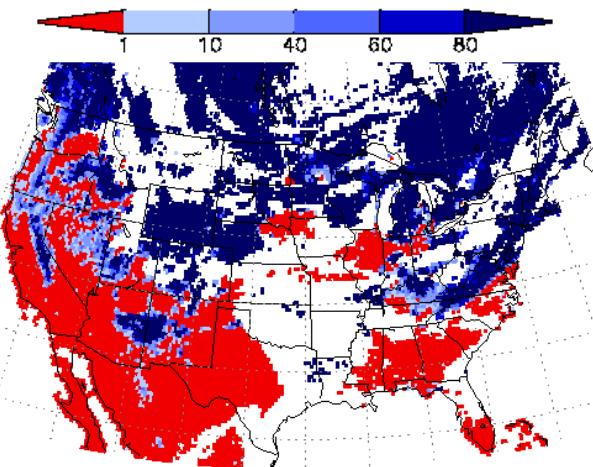


# Assimilation: Snow

Enhanced MODIS  
Snow Cover (%)

21Z 9 February 2003

SNOTEL and Co-op  
Network SWE (mm)



Control Run Mosaic  
SWE (mm)

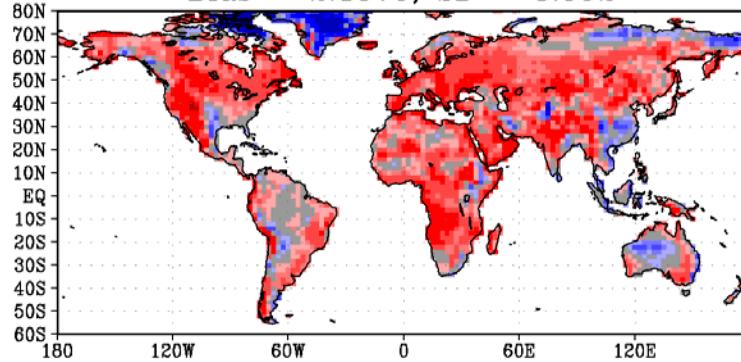
Assimilated Mosaic  
SWE (mm)

Mosaic SWE Difference  
(mm)

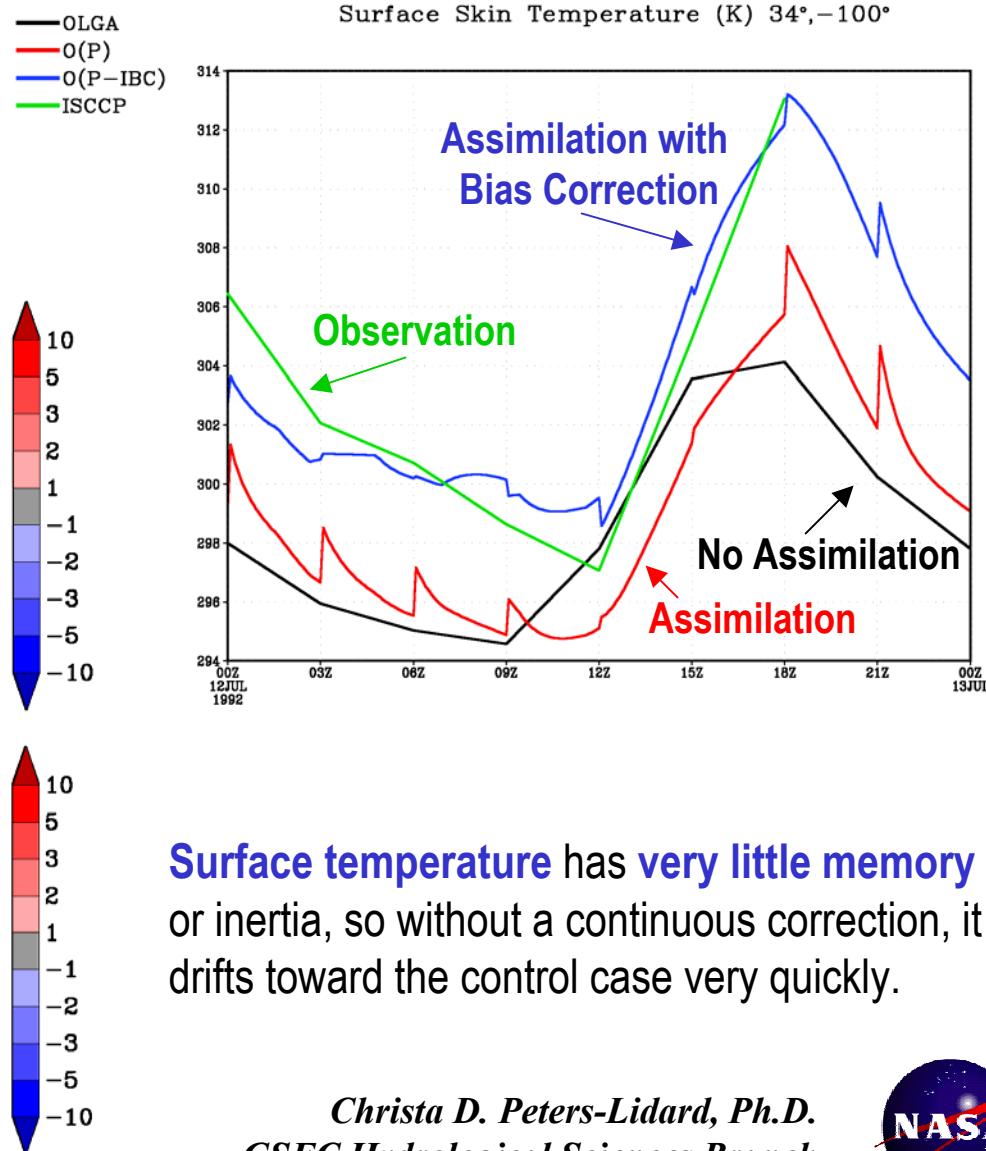
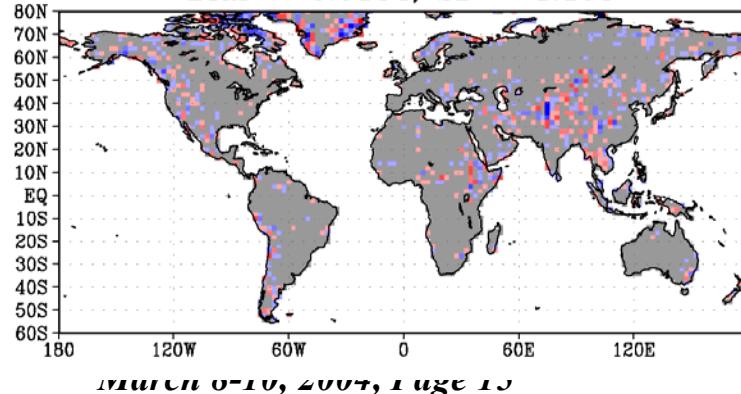
# Assimilation: Skin Temperature

DAO-PSAS Assimilation of ISCCP (IR based) Surface Skin Temperature into a global 2 degree uncoupled land model.

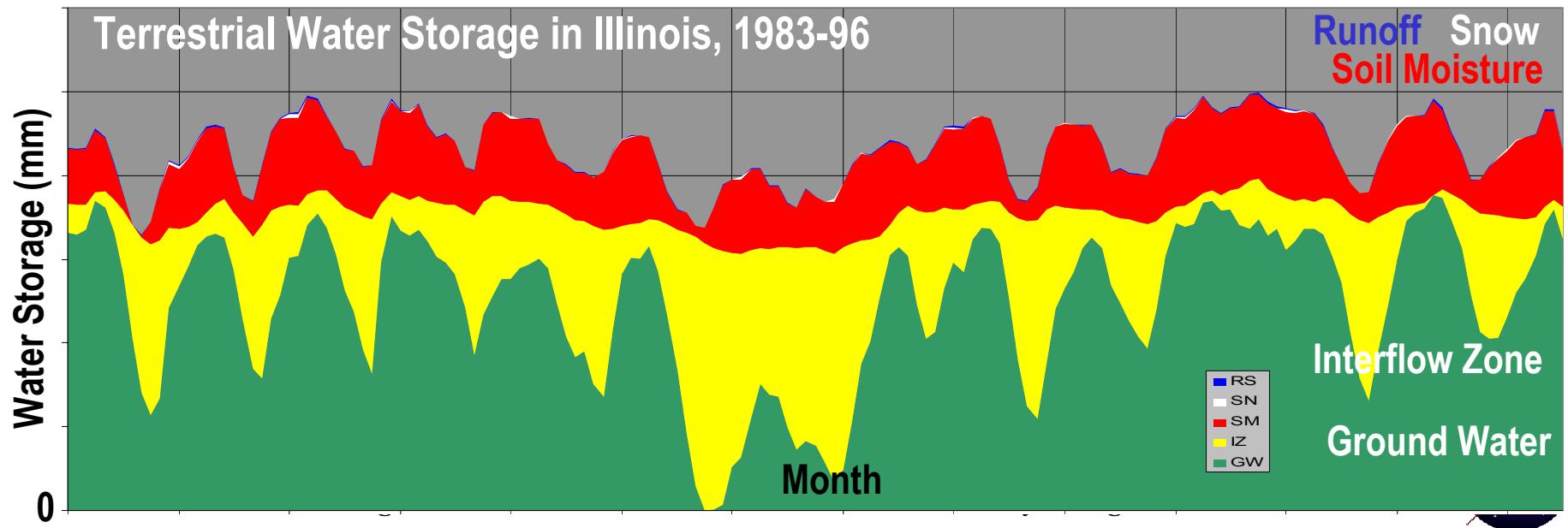
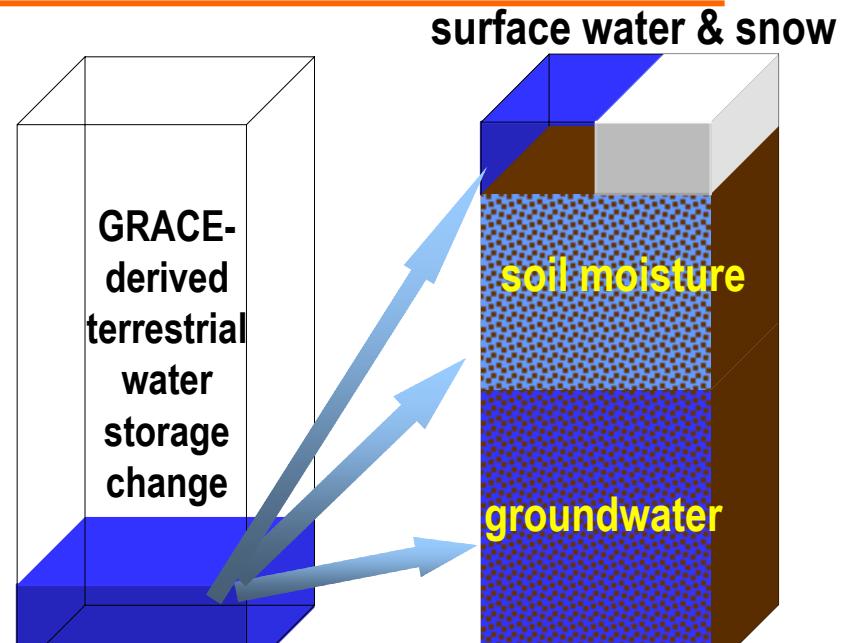
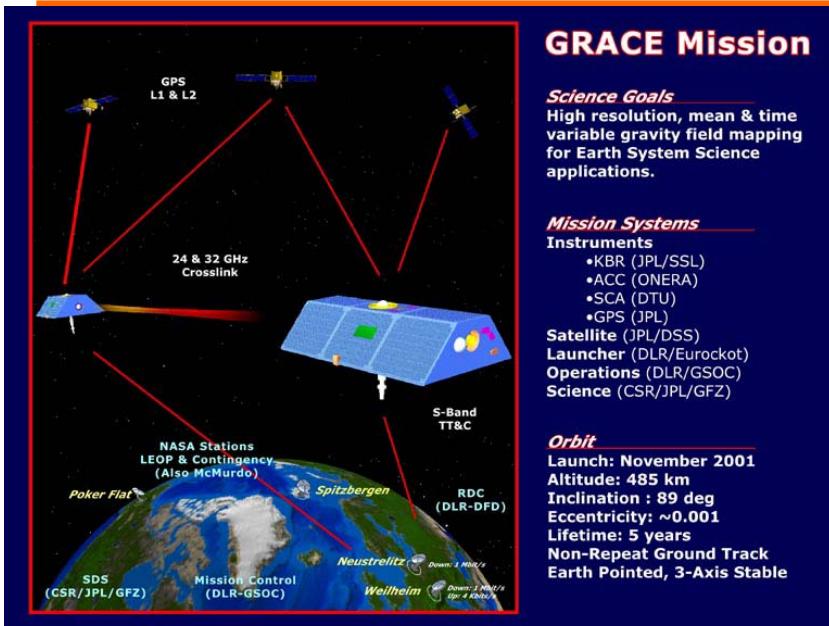
JJA 1992 Skin Temperature (K)  
Model - Obs  
Bias = 2.1570; SD = 3.592



Assim.V - Obs  
Bias = 0.0134; SD = 1.103



# Assimilation: GRACE Water Storage



# LIS as a testbed for HEPEX

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- Ensembles
  - Initial conditions
  - Physics
  - Forcing
  - Parameters
    - NEED: Long-term retrospective run to establish PDFs
    - NEED: Hydrologic models
    - NEED: Ensemble Calibration
- Assimilation
  - Soil Moisture, Snow, Temperature, Total Water Storage
  - Constrains the ensemble IC's
    - NEED: How ensembles above could be used in EnKF
    - NEED: Error characterization

**LIS CODE and DATA at**  
<http://lis.gsfc.nasa.gov>

