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# Satellite Estimation of Land Surface Radiation and Energy Budgets

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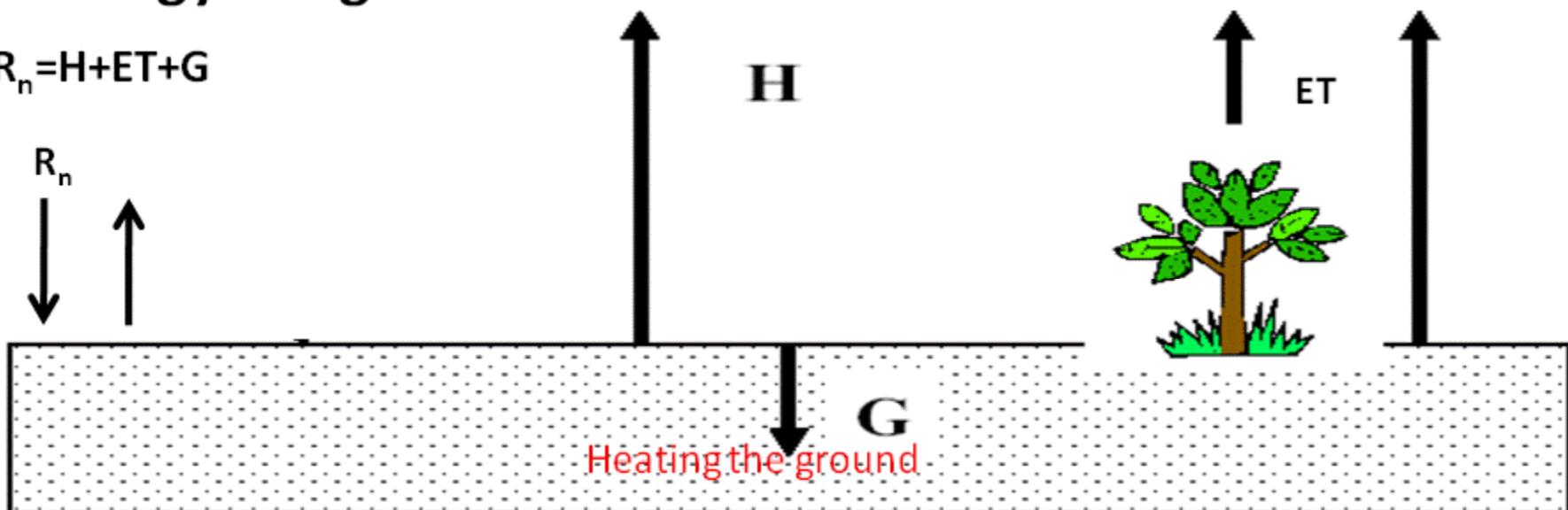
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## Energy budget

$$R_n = H + ET + G$$



$$R_n = R_n^s + R_n^l = (1 - \alpha)F_d^s + \varepsilon F_d^l - \sigma \varepsilon T^4$$

Net radiation

albedo

Insolation

Longwave downward radiation

Emissivity

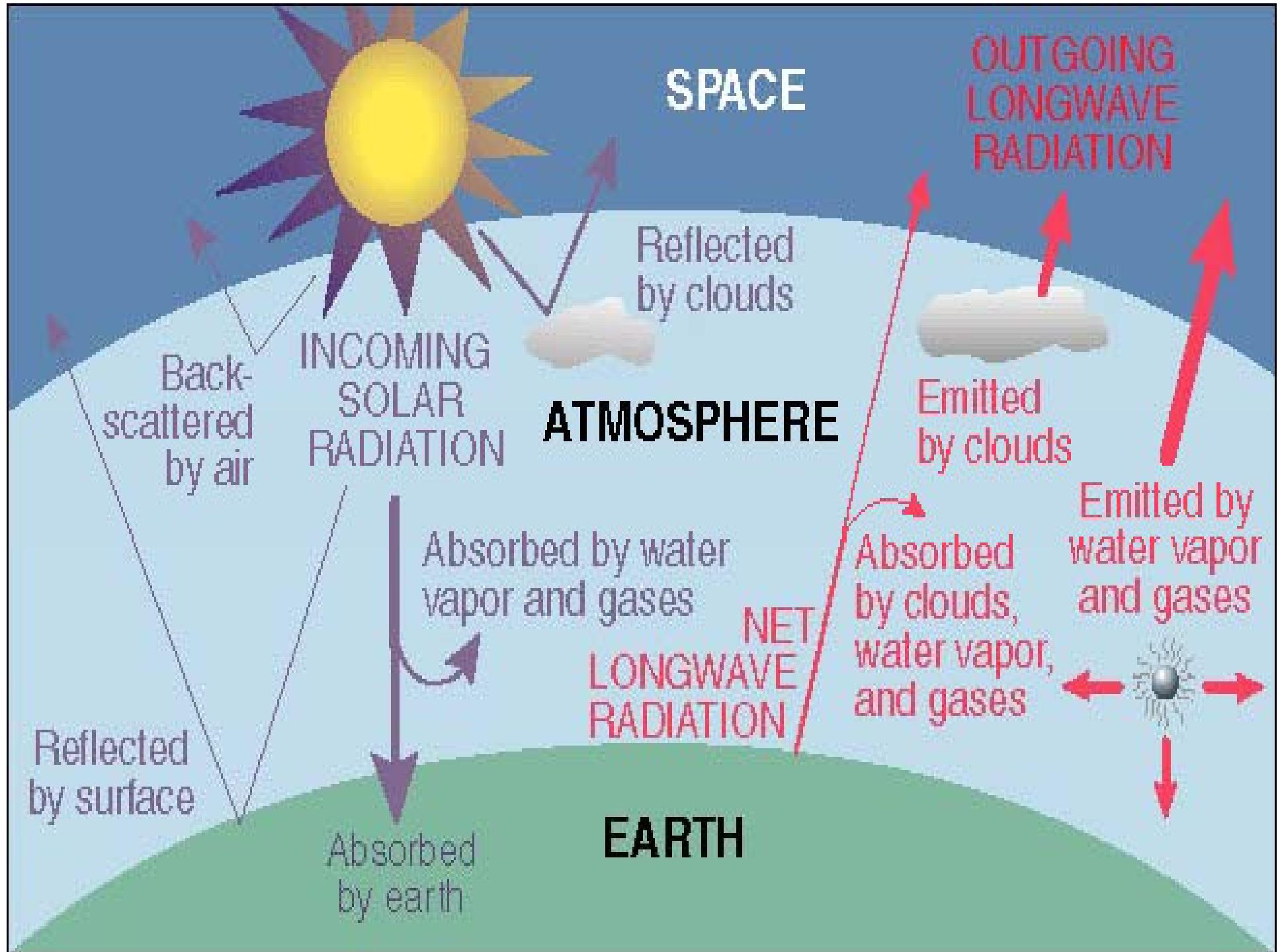
Skin temperature

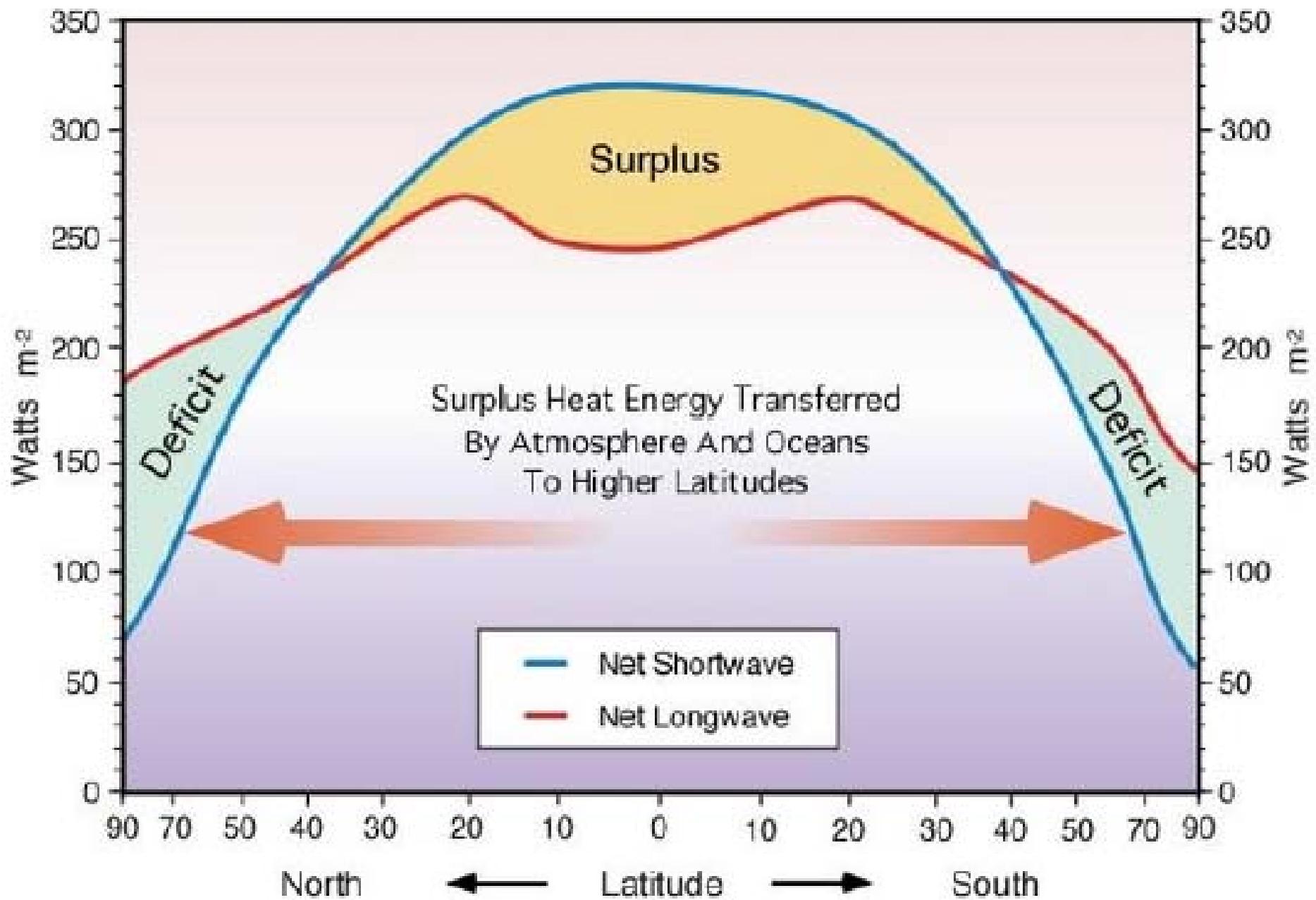
## Radiation budget

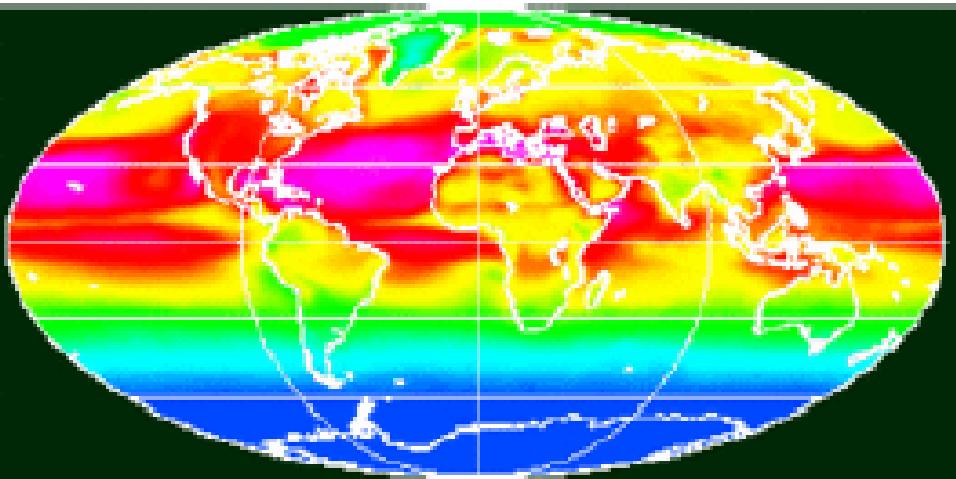
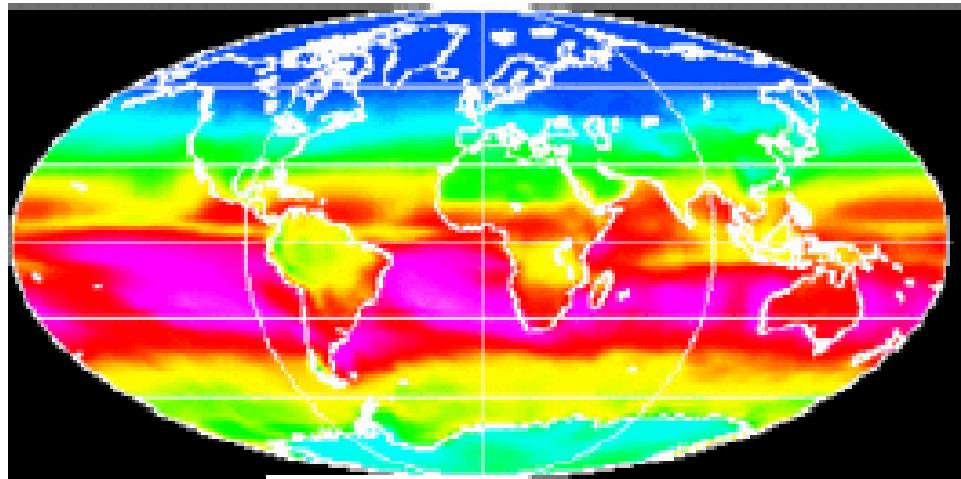


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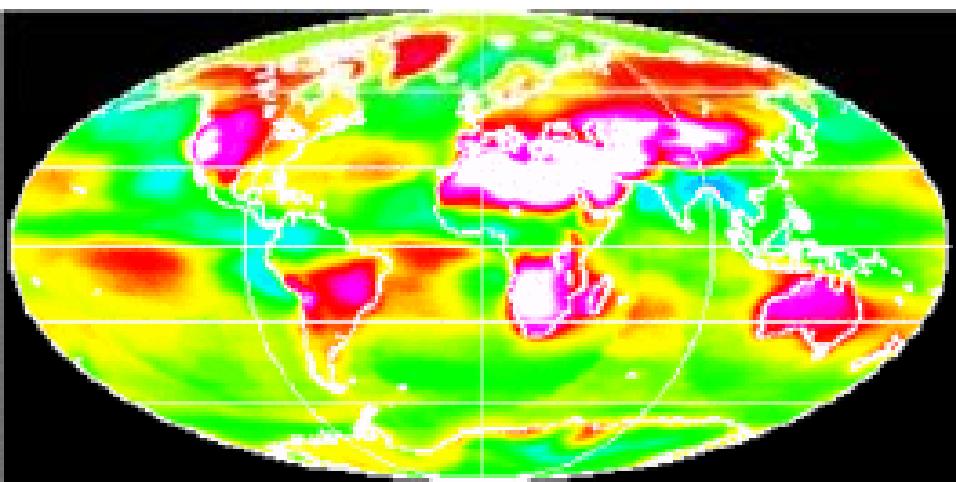
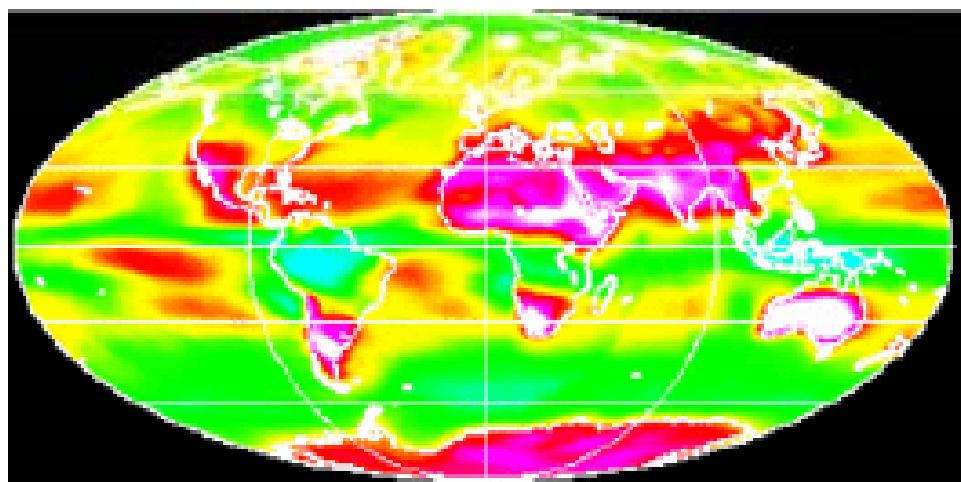






Average Net Shortwave Radiation at the Earth's Surface:  
January 1984-1991 (K)

Average Net Shortwave Radiation at the Earth's Surface:  
July 1984-1991 (K)



Average Net longwave Radiation at the Earth's Surface:  
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# radiation and energy budgets in the climate models

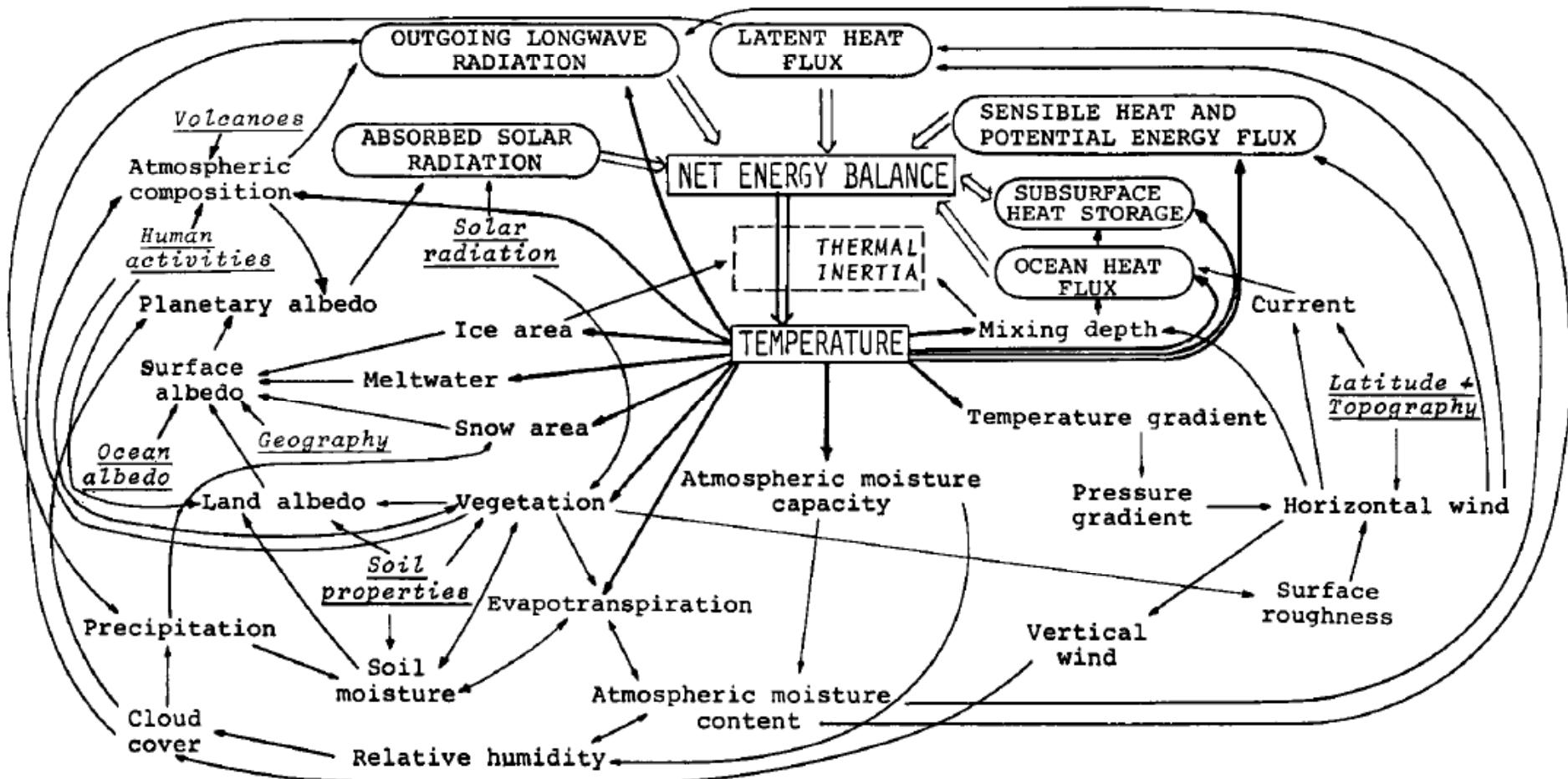
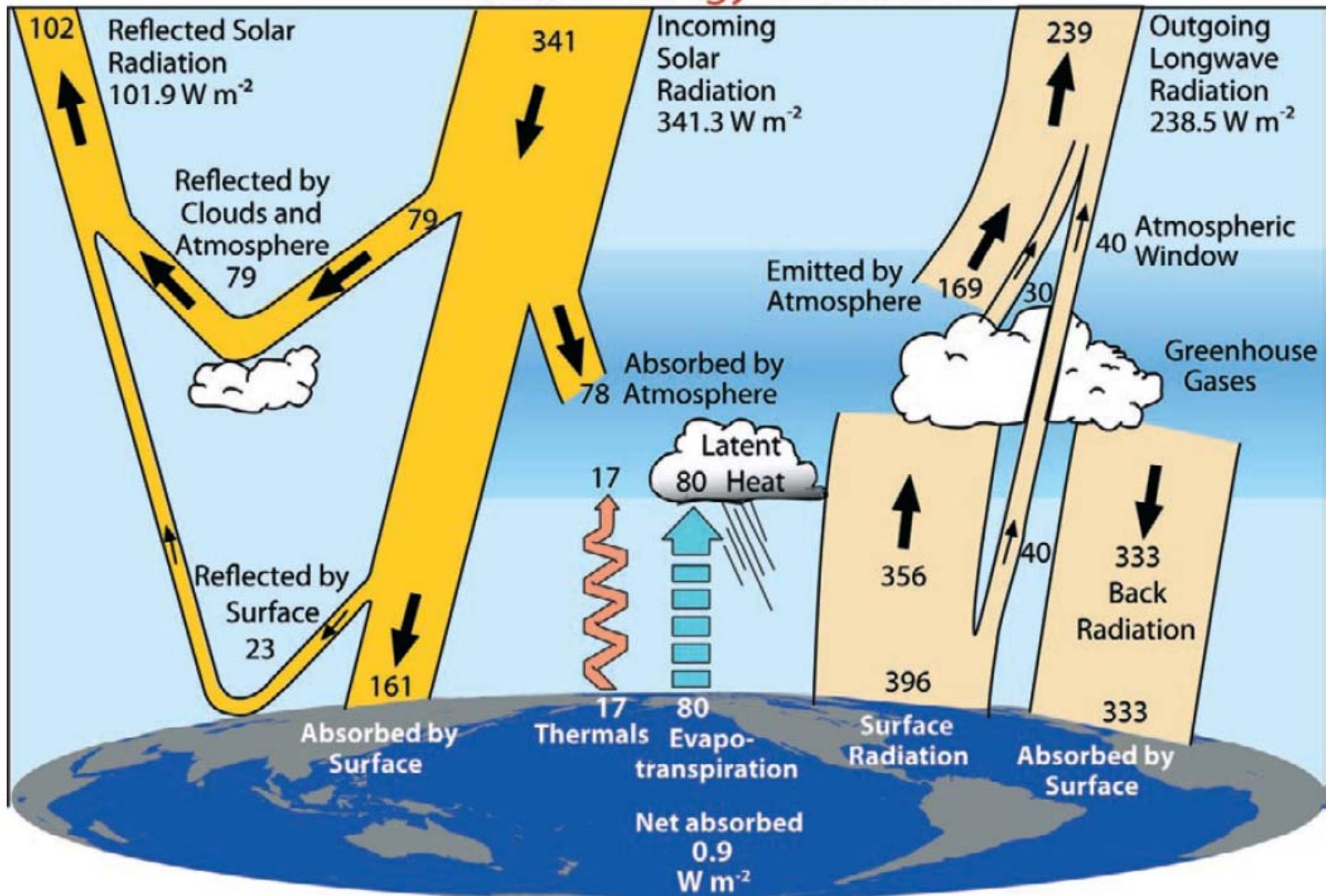


FIG. 1. Climate feedback diagram.

(Robock, 1985)

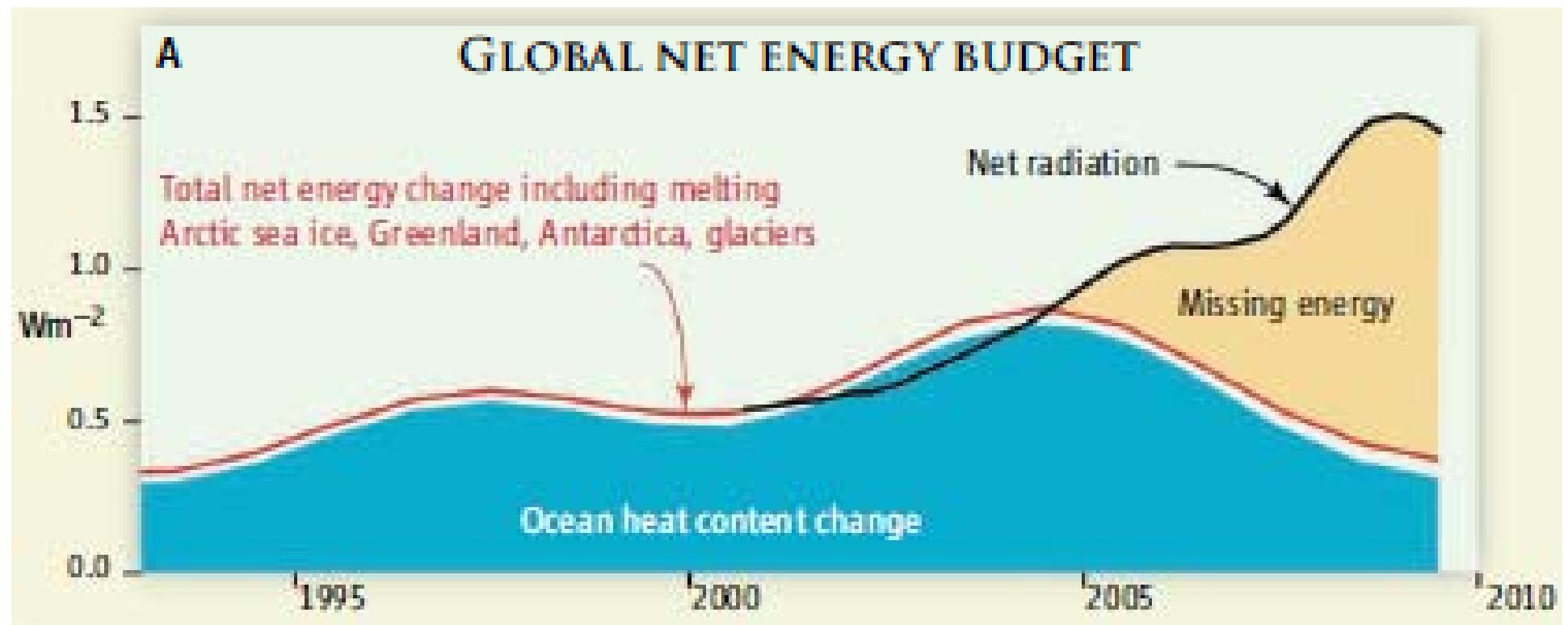
## Global Energy Flows $\text{W m}^{-2}$



Trenberth et al. (2009)



Global energy budget from 1992 to 2007



*Trenberth, Science, 2010*

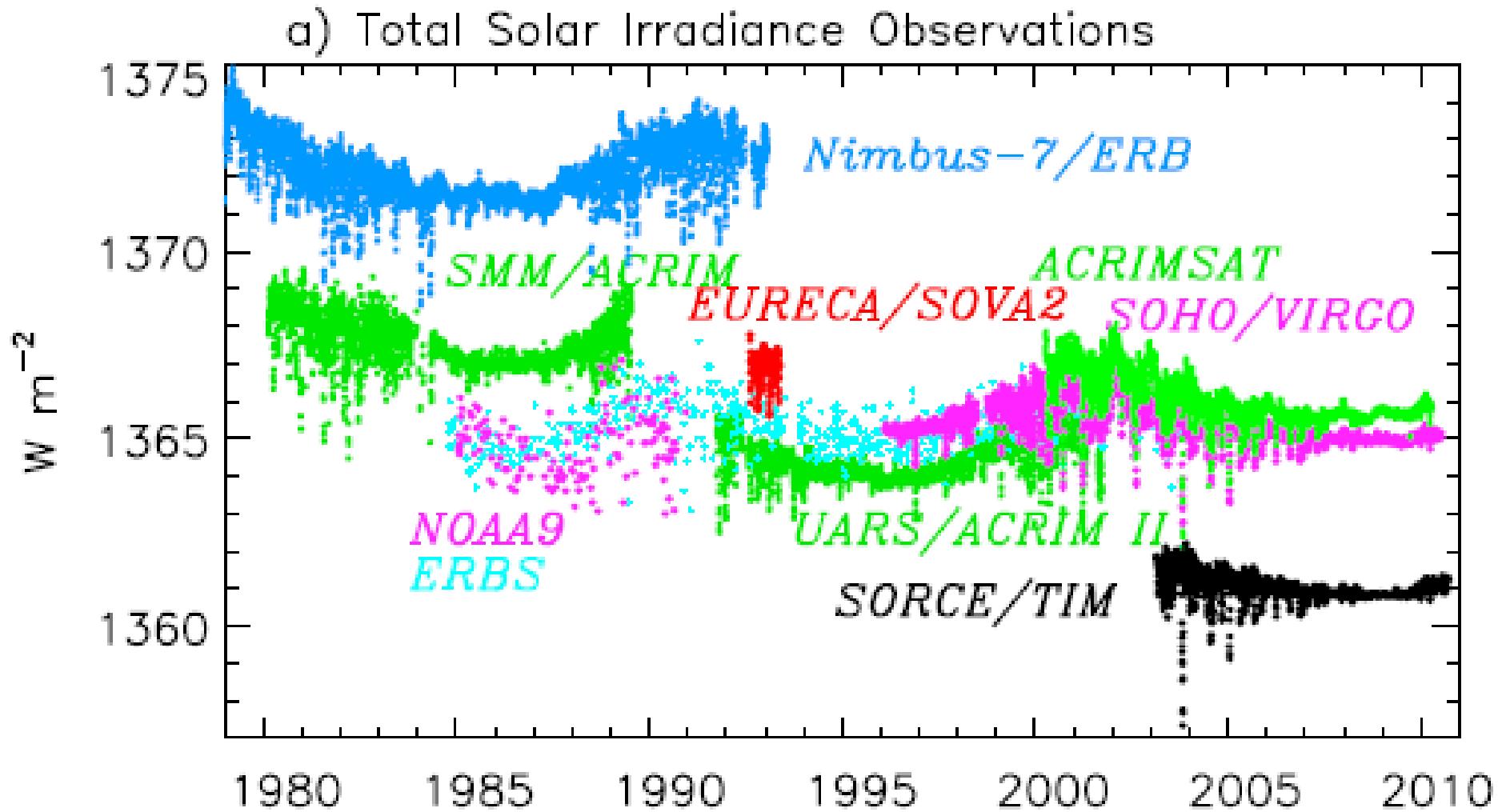


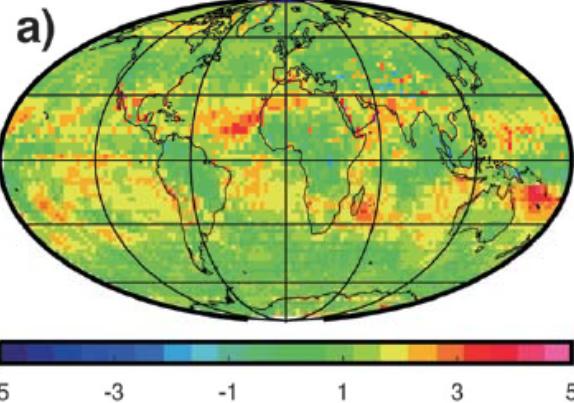
Figure Space-borne total solar irradiance (TSI) measurements are shown on “native” scales with offsets attributable to calibration errors. Instrument overlap allows corrections for offsets and the creation of a composite TSI record.

Kopp & Lean, 2011

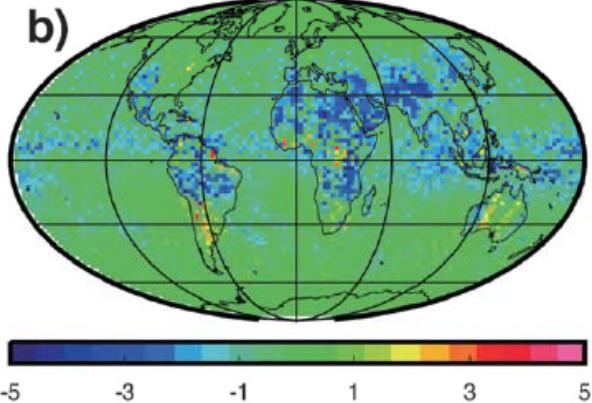
TABLE 1. Global mean clear- and all-sky SW, LW, and net TOA radiative fluxes, solar irradiance, and CRE for satellite-based data products (units in  $\text{W m}^{-2}$ ).

Product name	ERBE S-4	CERES				GEWEX SRB Version 2.86	ISCCP FD
		ES-4 Ed2_rev1	SRBAVG- nonGEO Ed2D_rev1	SRBAVG- GEO Ed2D_rev1			
Time period	02/85 – 01/89		03/00 – 02/2005				
Solar irradiance	341.3	341.3	341.3	341.3	341.8	341.5	
LW (All sky)	235.2	239.0	237.7	237.1	240.4	235.8	
SW (All Sky)	101.2	98.3	96.6	97.7	101.7	105.2	
Net (All Sky)	4.9	4.0	7.0	6.5	-0.3	0.5	
LW (Clear Sky)	264.9	266.6	266.4	264.1	268.1	262.3	
SW (Clear Sky)	53.6	49.3	51.2	51.1	54.5	54.2	
Net (Clear Sky)	22.8	25.4	23.7	26.2	19.2	25.0	
LW CRE	29.7	27.6	28.7	27.0	27.7	26.5	
SW CRE	-47.6	-49.0	-45.4	-46.6	-47.2	-51.0	
NET CRE	-17.9	-21.4	-16.7	-19.7	-19.5	-24.5	

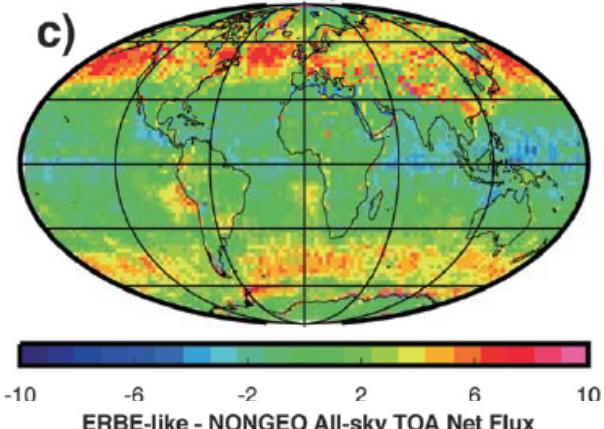
ERBE-like - NONGEO All-sky TOA Longwave Flux



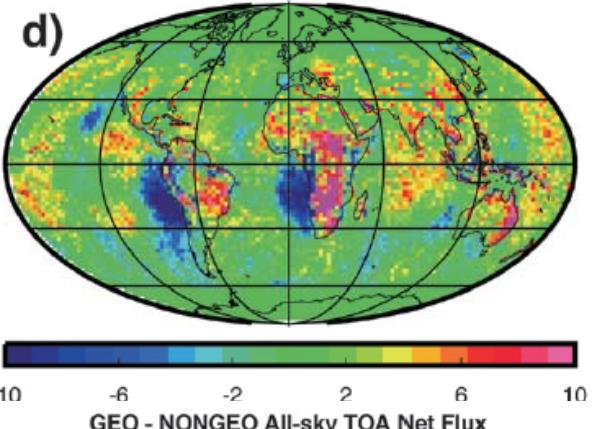
GEO - NONGEO All-sky TOA Longwave Flux



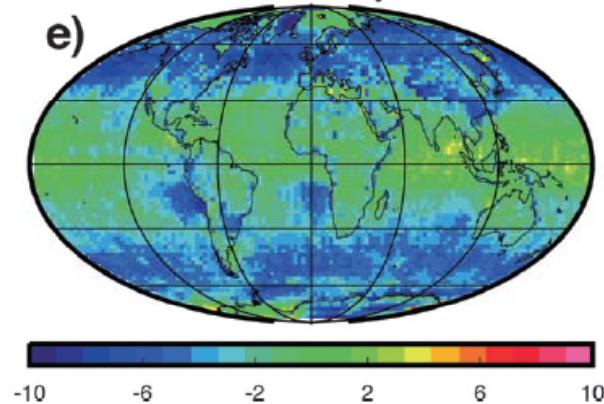
ERBE-like - NONGEO All-sky TOA Shortwave Flux



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ERBE-like - NONGEO All-sky TOA Net Flux



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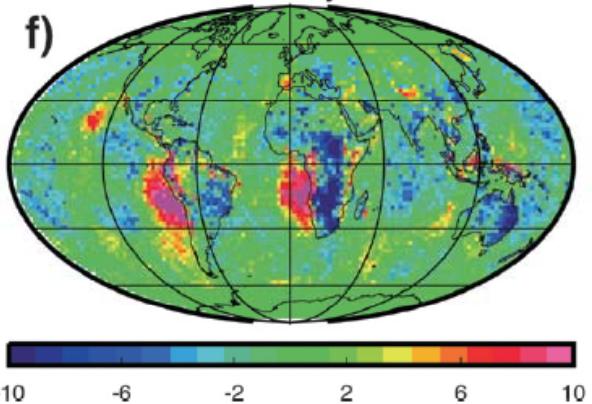
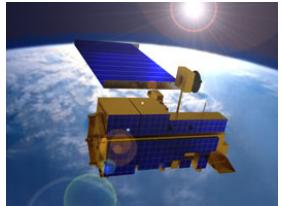


FIG. 1. Annual mean TOA flux difference between (left) CERES ERBE-like and CERES SRBAVG-nonGEO and (right) CERES SRBAVG-nonGEO and SRBAVG-GEO for (a), (b) LW; (c), (d) SW; and (e), (f) net for the year 2002.



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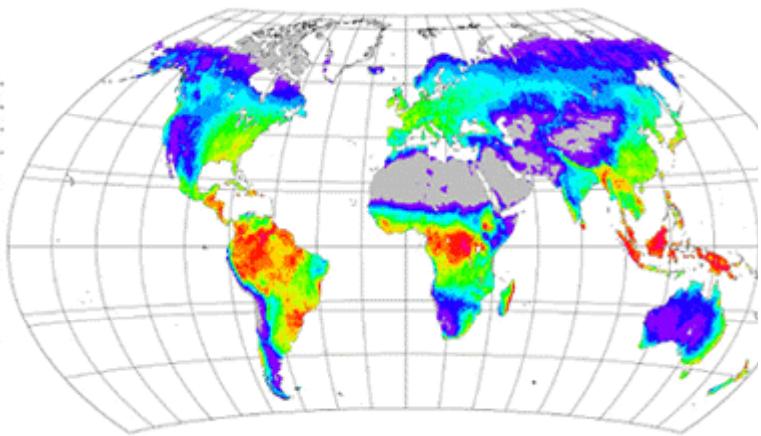
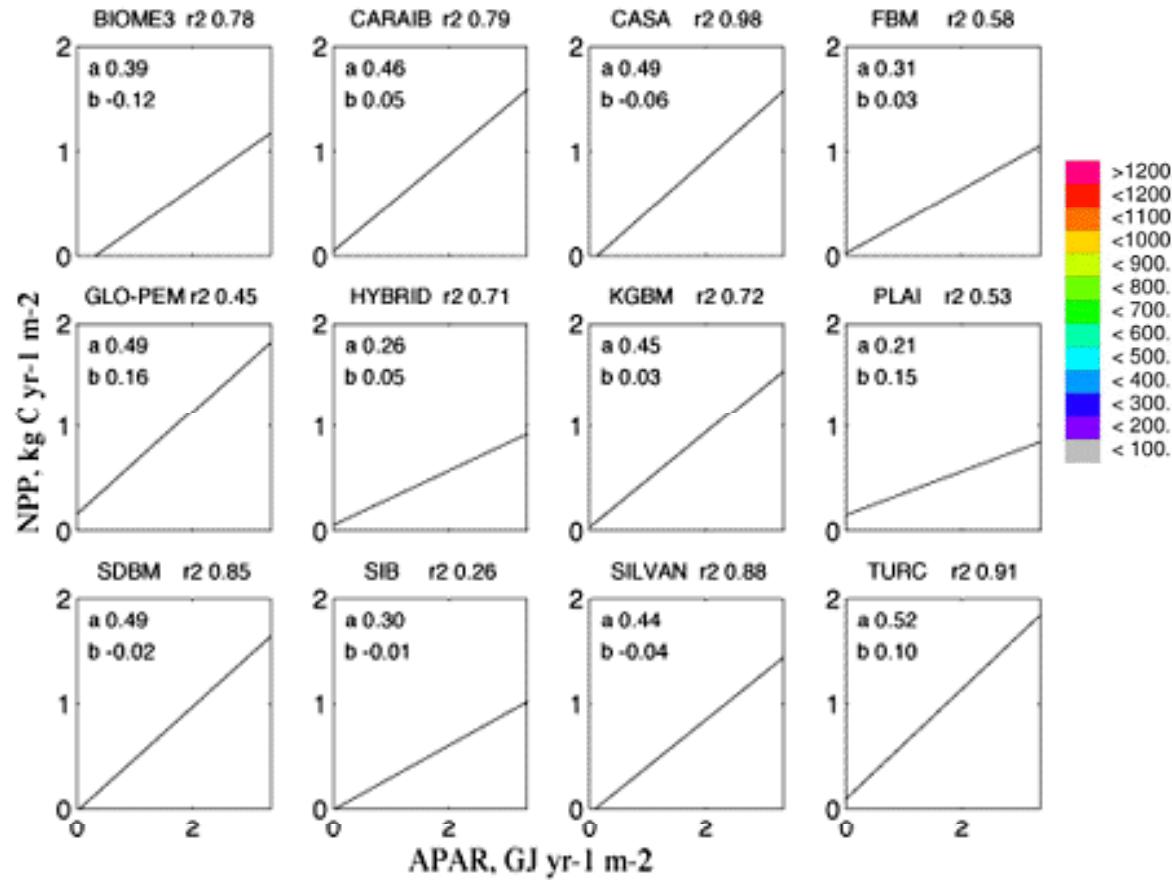


## Production Efficiency Principles:

$$GPP = \varepsilon_g \bullet fPAR \bullet PAR$$

$$NPP = \varepsilon_n \bullet fPAR \bullet PAR$$

where PAR (MJ m<sup>-2</sup>) is in a time period (day, month), FAPAR is the fraction of PAR absorbed by vegetation canopy, and  $\varepsilon_g$  is the light use efficiency (LUE, g C MJ<sup>-1</sup> PAR) in GPP calculation, and  $\varepsilon_n$  is the light use efficiency in NPP calculation.



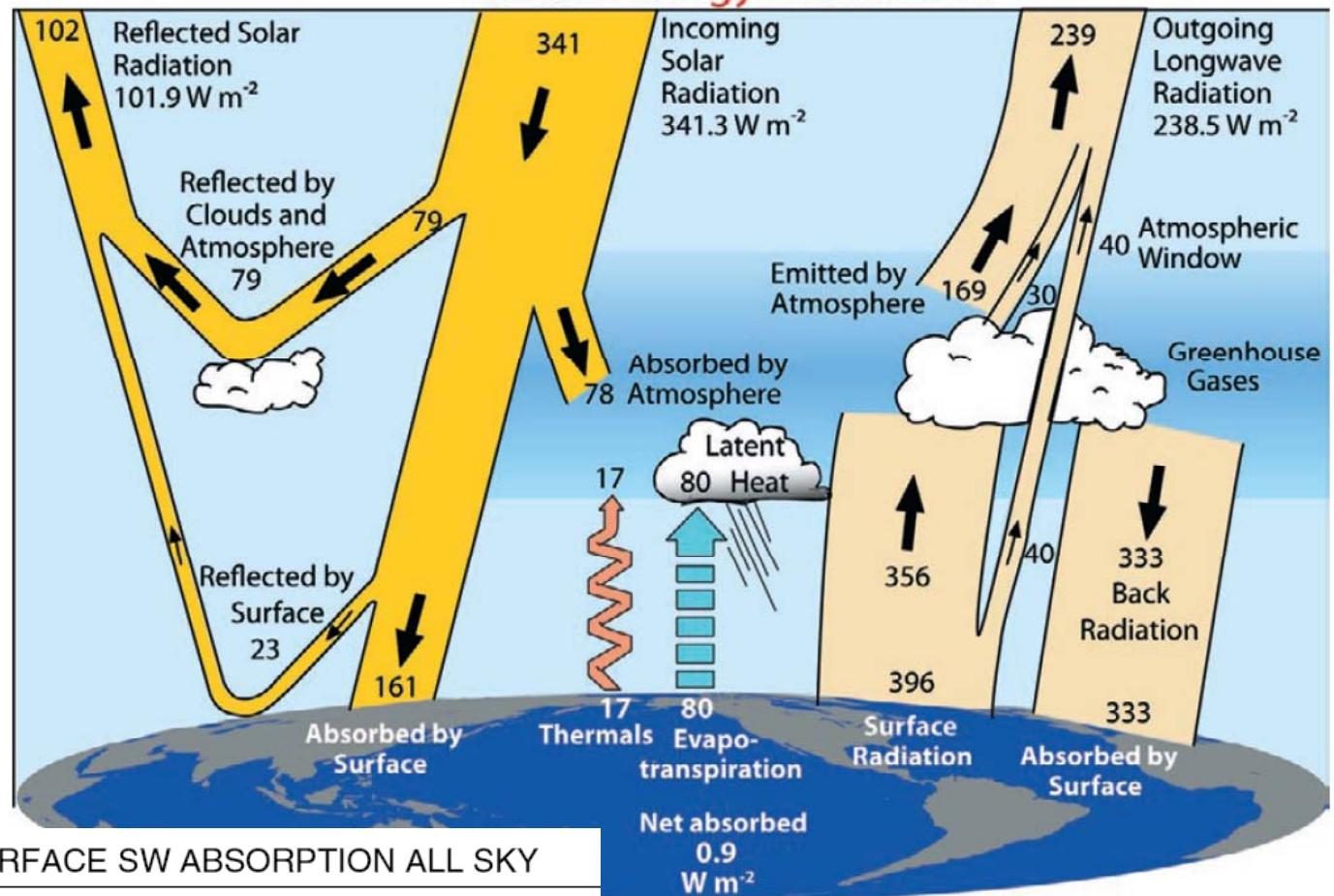
Annual net primary production (g C m<sup>-2</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>) estimated as the average of all model NPP estimates.

Grid cell level regression of net primary production (NPP) (kg C yr<sup>-1</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>) against absorbed photosynthetically active radiation (APAR) (GJ yr<sup>-1</sup> m<sup>-2</sup>)

Cramer, et al., 1995, Net primary productivity model inter-comparison activity, IGBP/GAIM report series 5

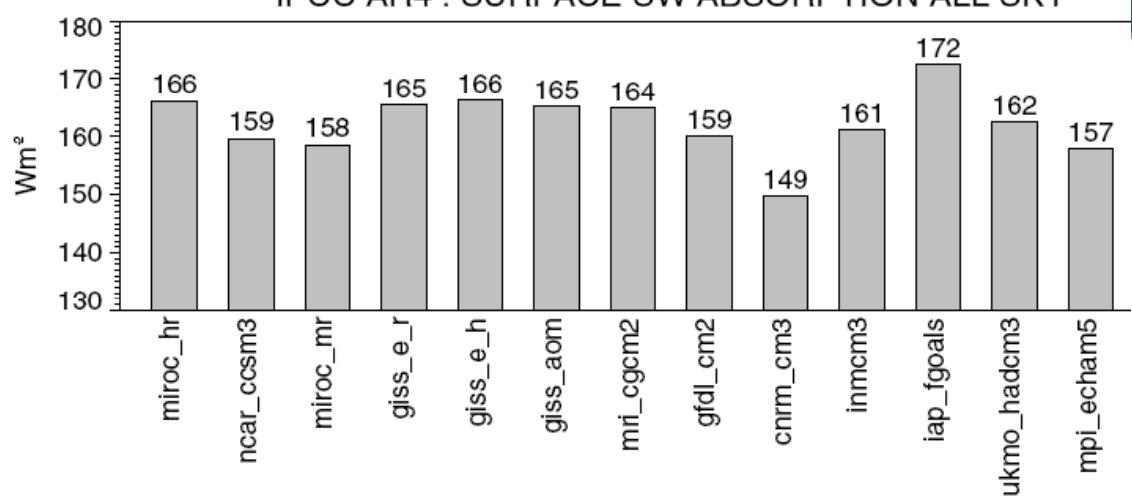


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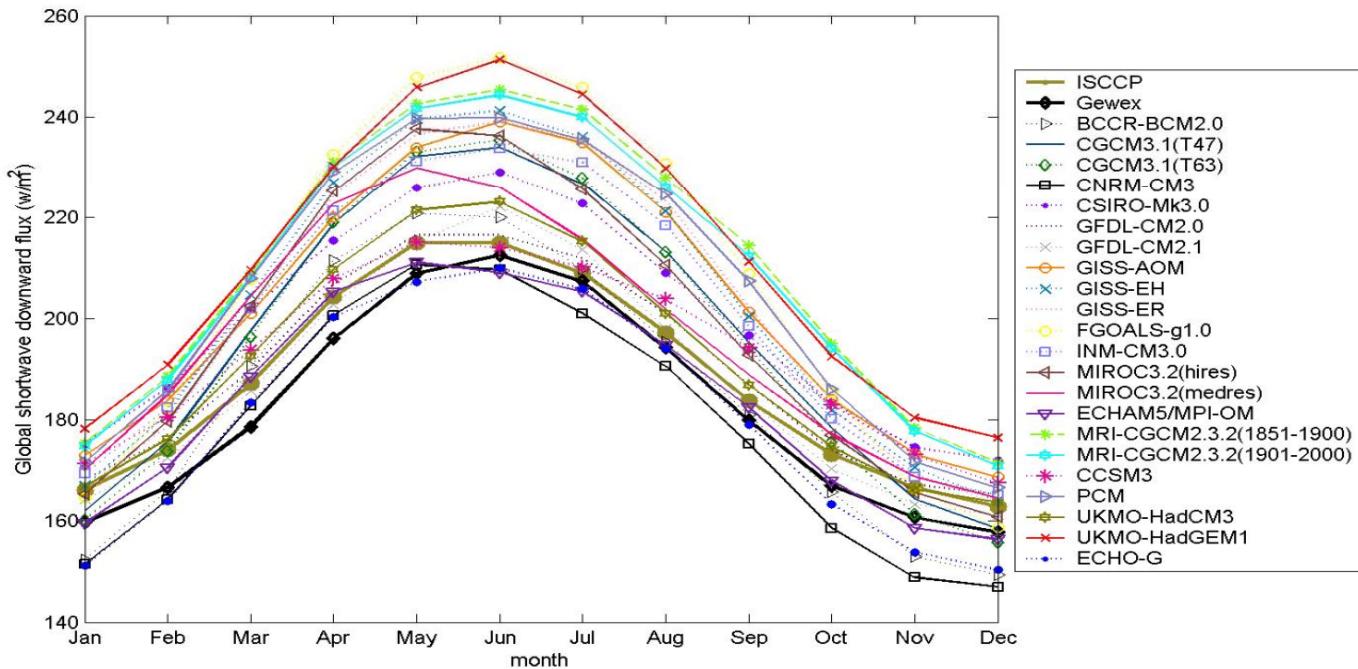


Model range: 24

Standard dev.: 5.5



Radiation budgets in IPCC  
AR4 GCMs

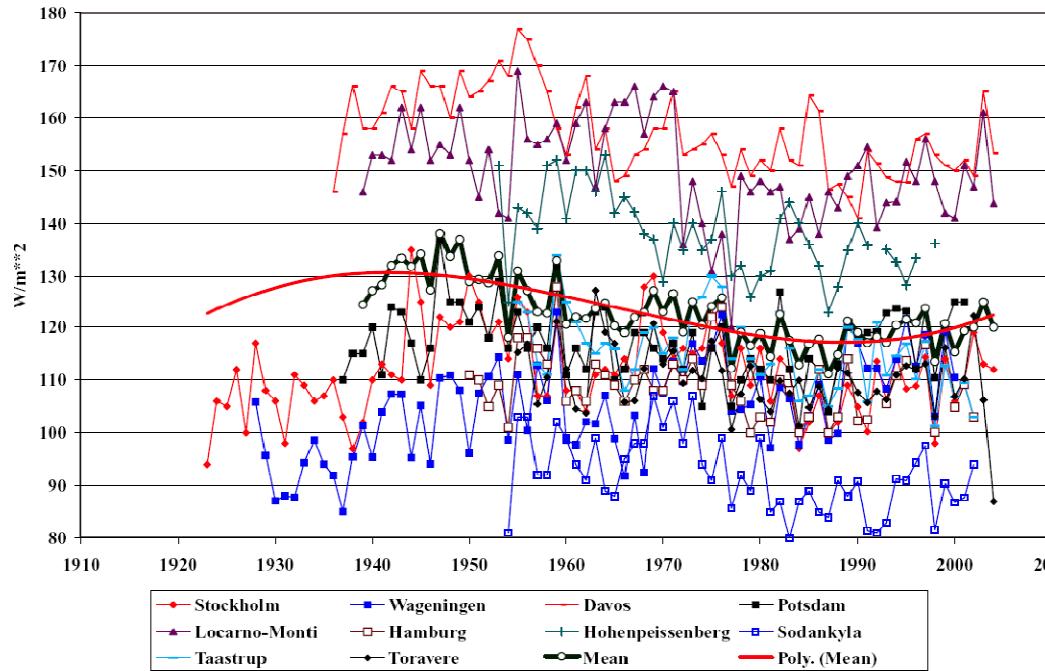


## IPCC AR4 GCM model simulations and two satellite products

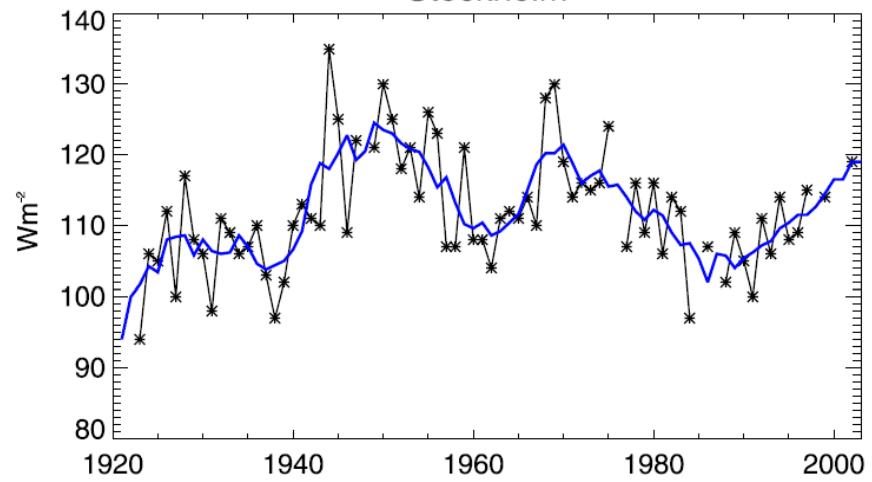
Table 1 Estimated averaged Insolation over land surfaces ( $\text{Wm}^{-2}$ )

dataset	ISCCP-FD [125]	NRA [125]	ERA-40 [125]	JRA [125]	Trenberth et al. [125]	AMIPII GCMs mean [140]	GEBA mean [140]	IPCC AR4 GCM mean	GEWEX
Feb. 1985- April 1989	190.1	224.1	177.2	206.4		178	169	175	
Mar 2000 – May 2004	188.8	225.4	-	207.4	184.7				182.4

Global radiation for Europe for sites with more than 50 years observation



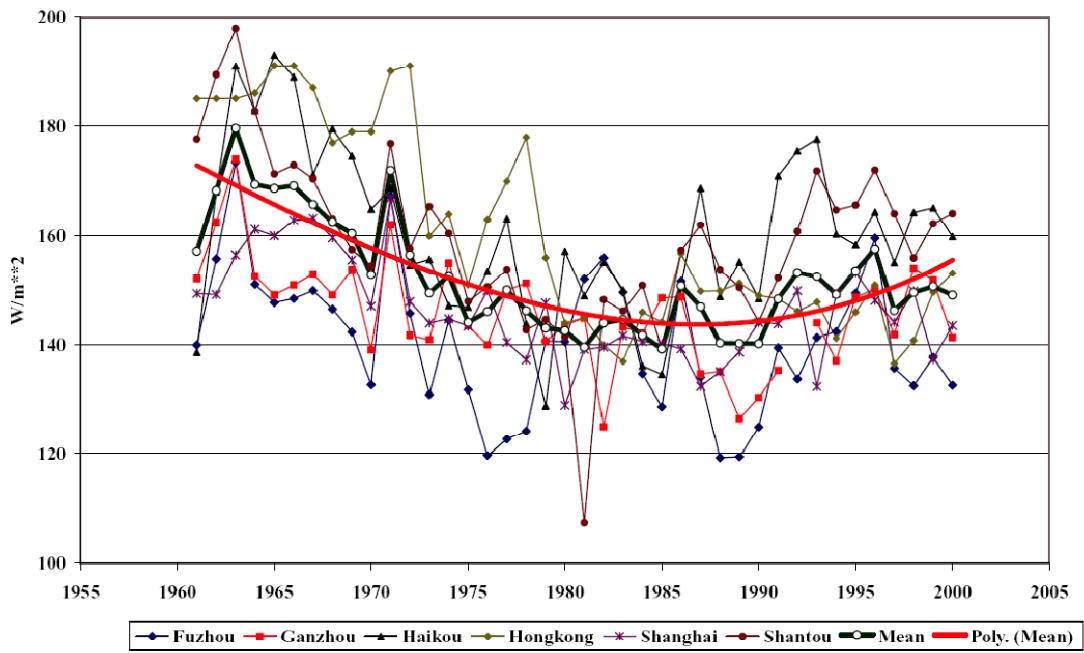
Stockholm

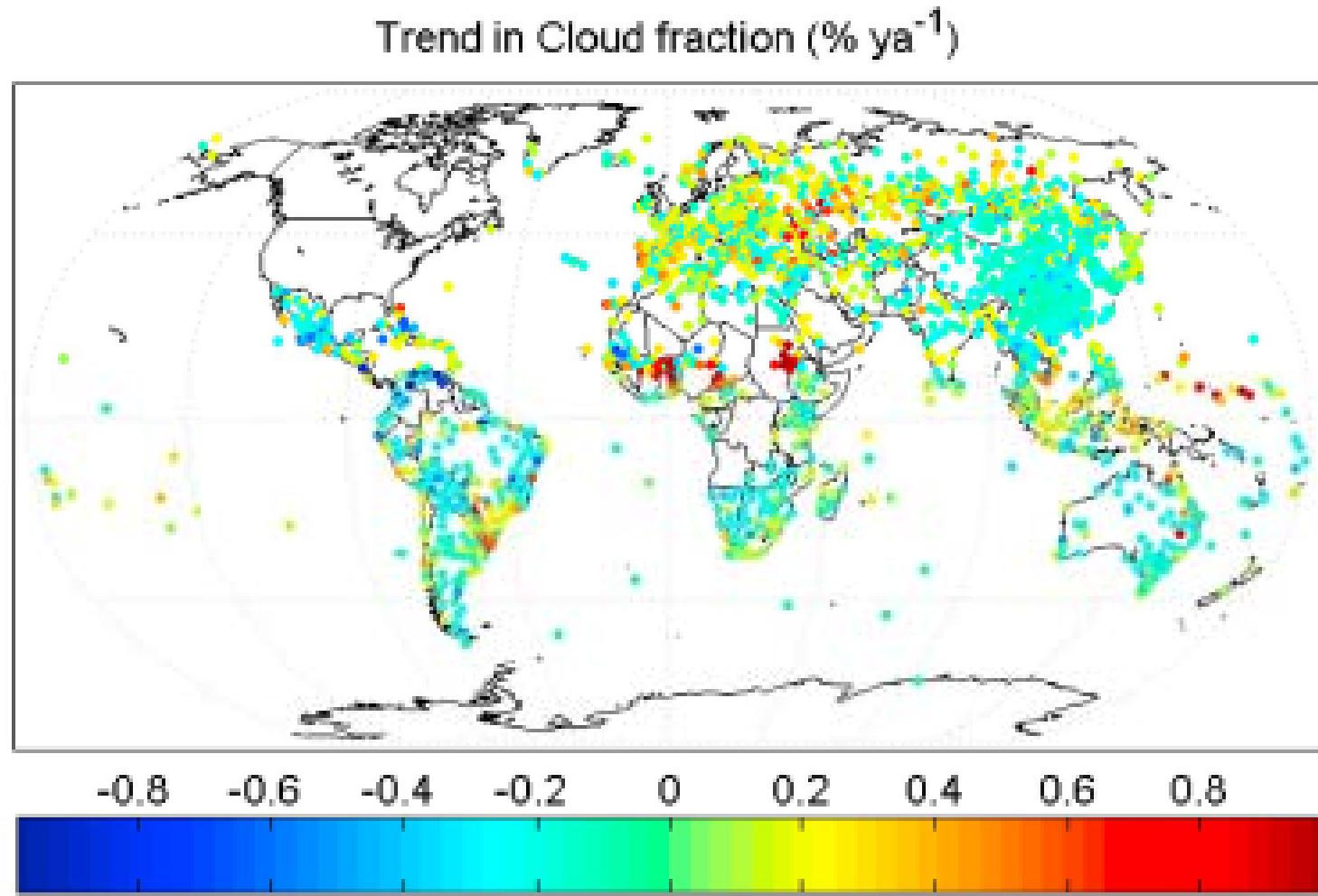


**“global dimming”**: Substantial decline in solar radiation the surface

**“global brightening”**: Substantial increase in solar radiation the surface

Best 6 stations in southeast China



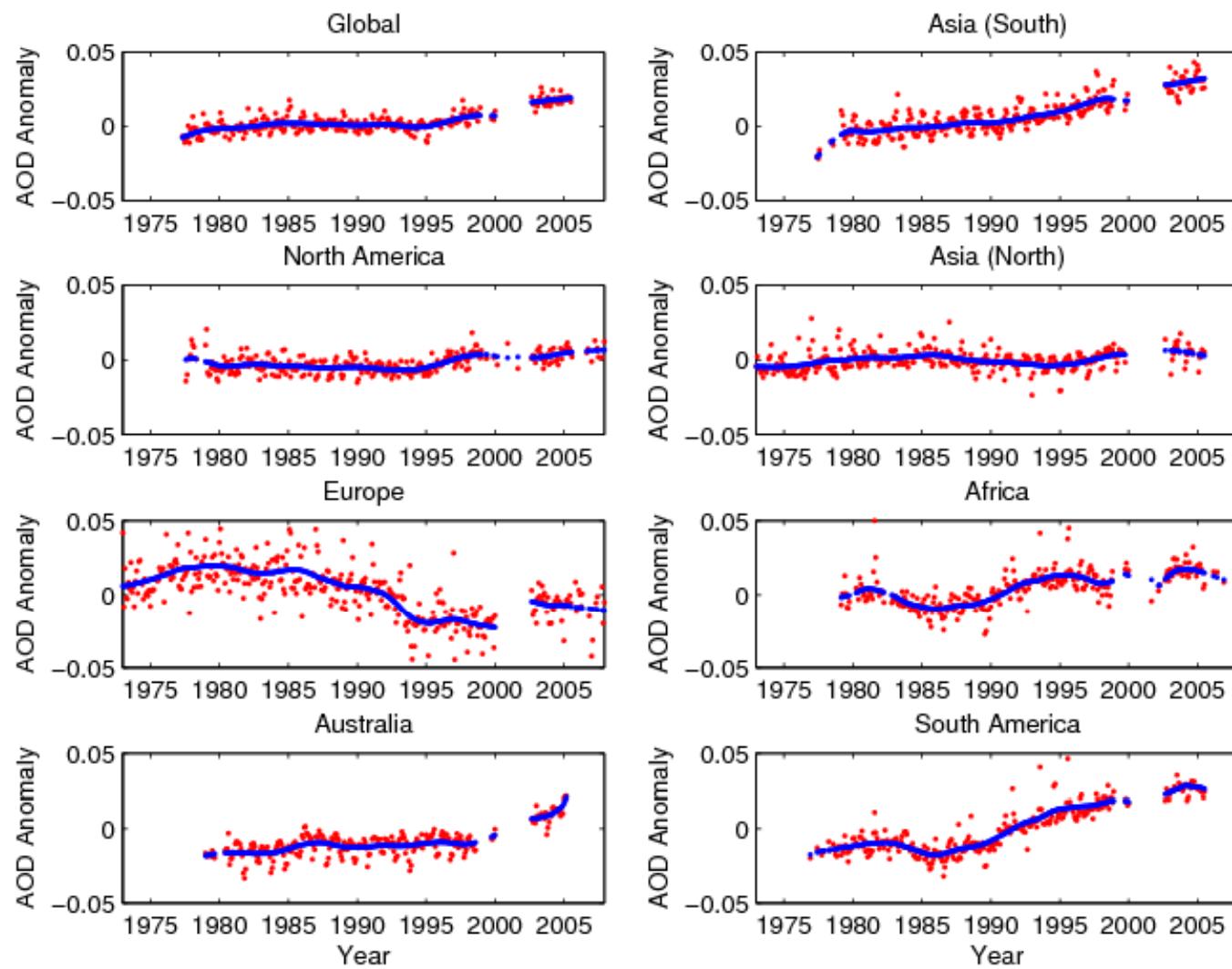


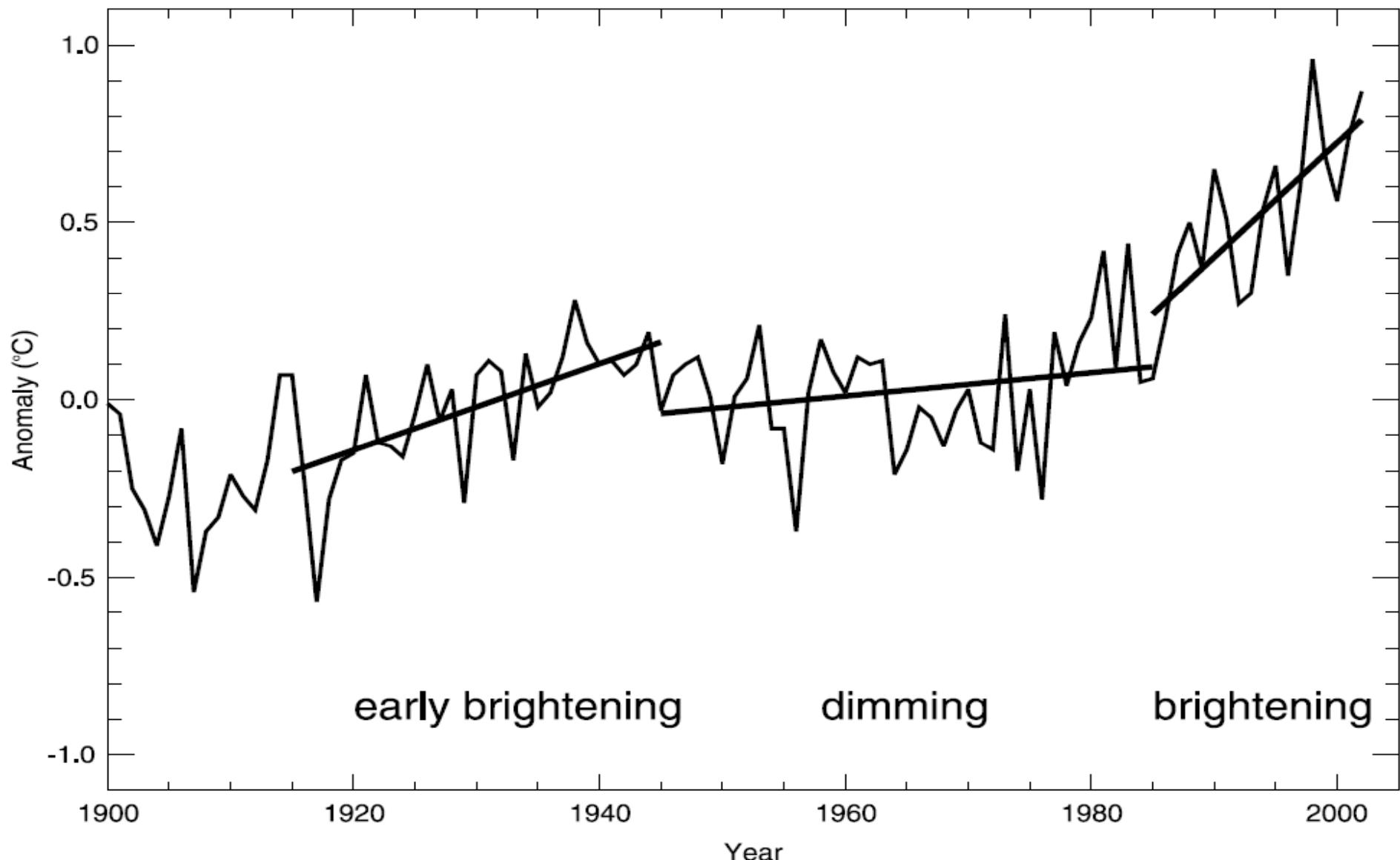
**Figure 6.** Linear trend of daily total cloud coverage from 1973 to 2008. The monthly total cloud cover fraction anomaly is derived and used to calculate the linear trend using the Mann-Kendall trend test method, and only stations that pass the 95% significance level in the Mann-Kendall trend test are shown. Some sites over North America and some European countries changed the observational method from human visual observations to instrument observations during the 1990s and are excluded because they show obvious discontinuities in total cloud coverage.

Wang, et al., 2010

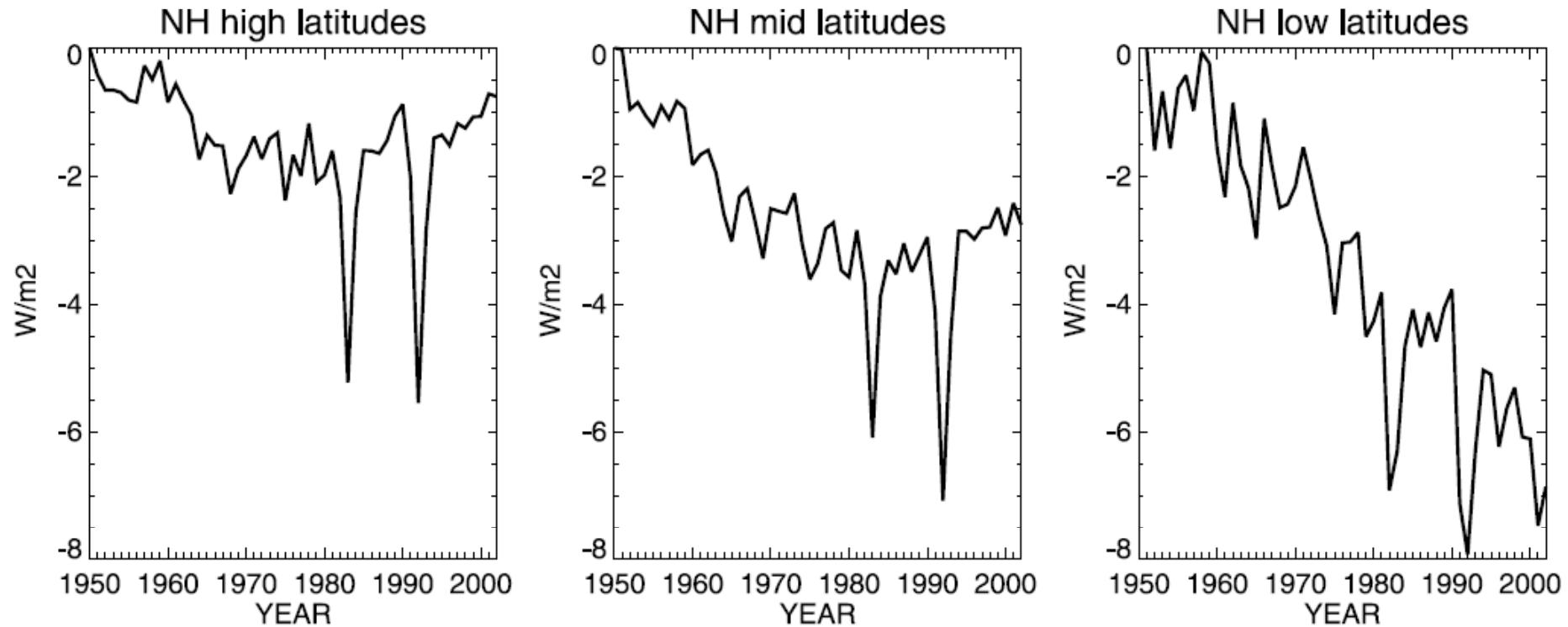


Wang, K., R. Dickinson and S. Liang, (2009), Clear sky visibility has decreased over land globally from 1973 to 2007, *Science*, 323, 1468-1470





**Figure 9.** Observed 2-m temperature anomalies over global land surfaces during the 20th century. There is indication for a suppression of greenhouse-induced warming through “global dimming” between the 1950s and 1980s, and an enhancement through “brightening” between the 1920s and 1940s as well as from the 1980s onward. Anomalies with respect to the 20th century average. Units are  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Adapted from Wild *et al.* [2007].



**Figure 5.** Simulated annual clear-sky surface solar radiation anomalies over the period 1950–2000 in different latitude belts of the Northern Hemisphere: High latitudes ( $60^{\circ}\text{N}$ – $90^{\circ}\text{N}$ ), middle latitudes ( $30^{\circ}\text{N}$ – $60^{\circ}\text{N}$ ), and low latitudes ( $0^{\circ}$ – $30^{\circ}\text{N}$ ). Simulations done with the aerosol-climate modeling system ECHAM5 HAM [Stier *et al.*, 2005, 2006]. Reference value is 1950. Units are  $\text{W m}^{-2}$ .

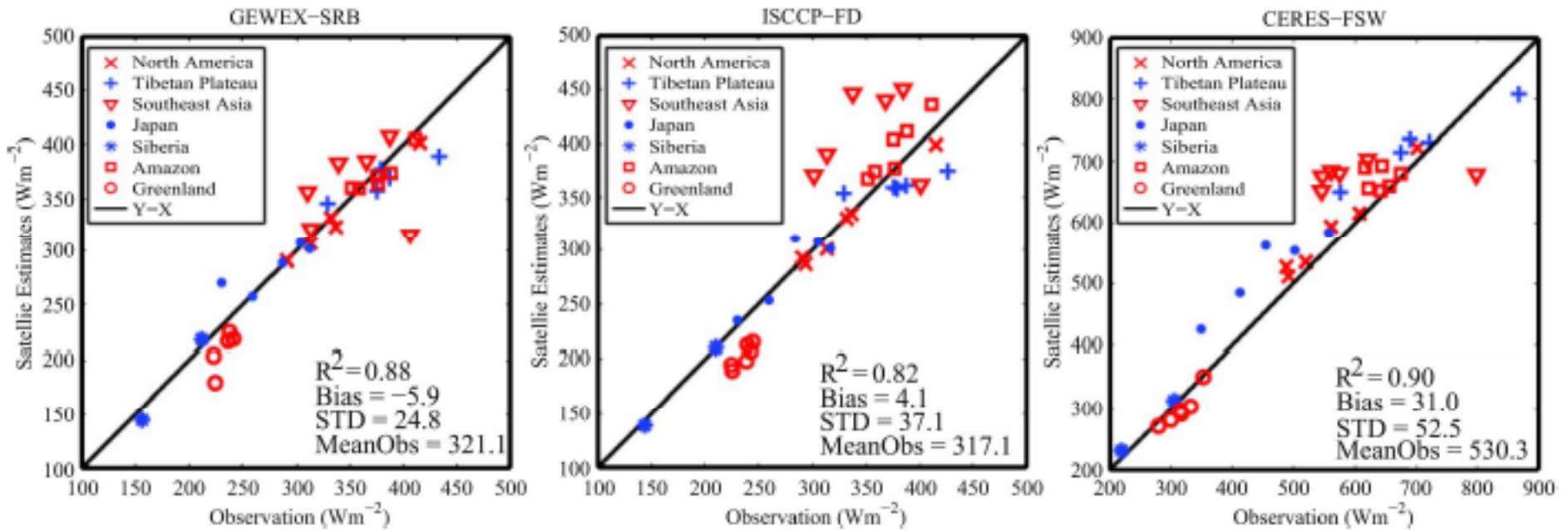


Fig. 2. Comparison of three-year mean DSSR between satellite estimates and ground measurements at 36 sites in seven regions, averaged from three hourly or hourly values over 2000–2002.

Gui, et al., *IEEE GRSL*, 2010



# Estimating incident solar radiation

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- Wang, D., Liang, S., & Zheng, T. (2010). Estimation of daily-integrated PAR from MODIS data. *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, 31(6), 1661, doi:10.1080/01431160903475407
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A set of temporal observations for each pixel

Convert blue-band TOA radiance to “surface reflectance”  
using a default clear atmosphere

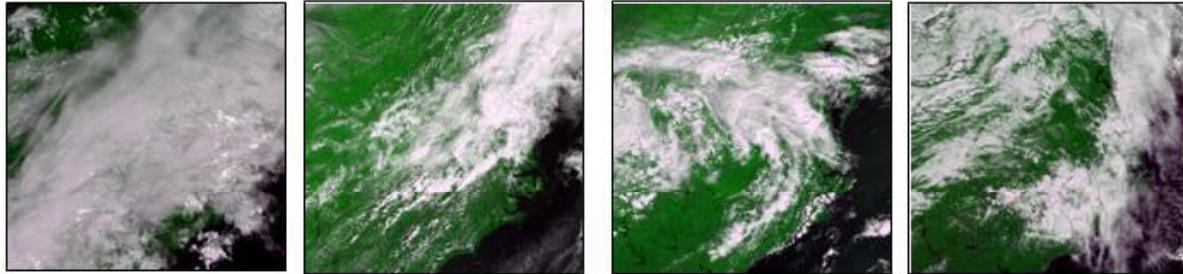
Identify a set of “clear” observations with the  
minimum blue-band reflectance

Interpolate surface reflectance of other observations

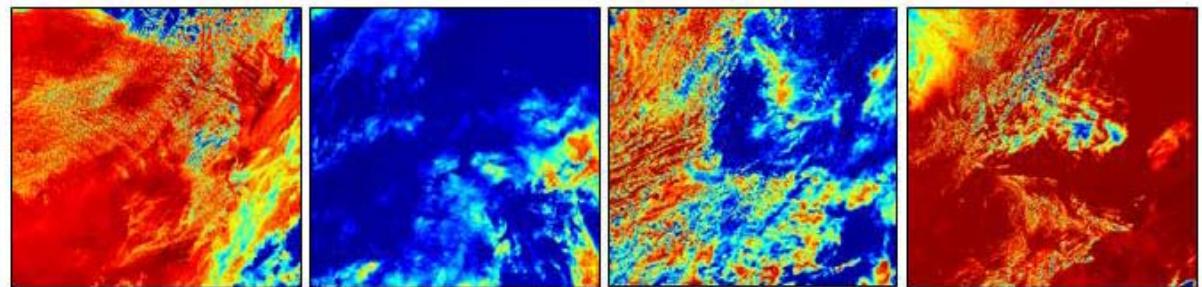
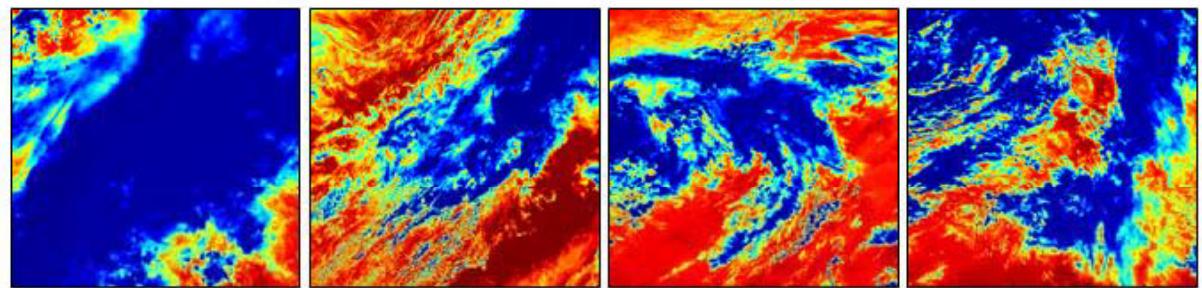
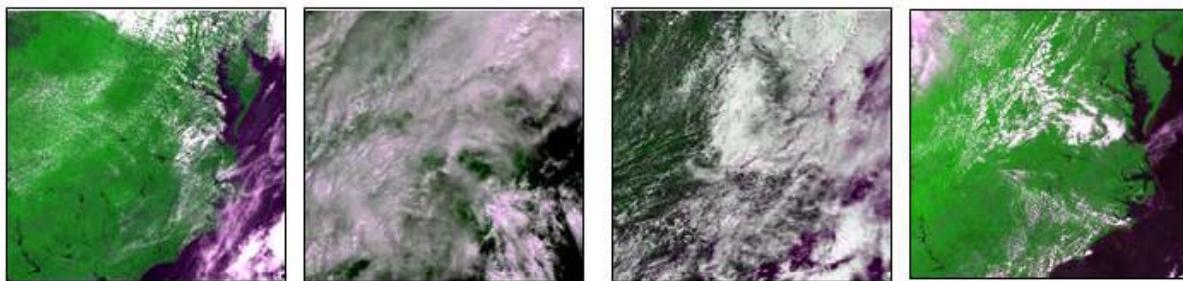
Table looking-up for incident PAR

## Flowchart of the algorithm using the temporal signatures

(Liang, et al., 2006)



**MODIS TOA radiance on 8 days in 2003: May 22, May 25, May 29, May 31, June 5, June 7, June 8, and June 10**



Estimated incident PAR



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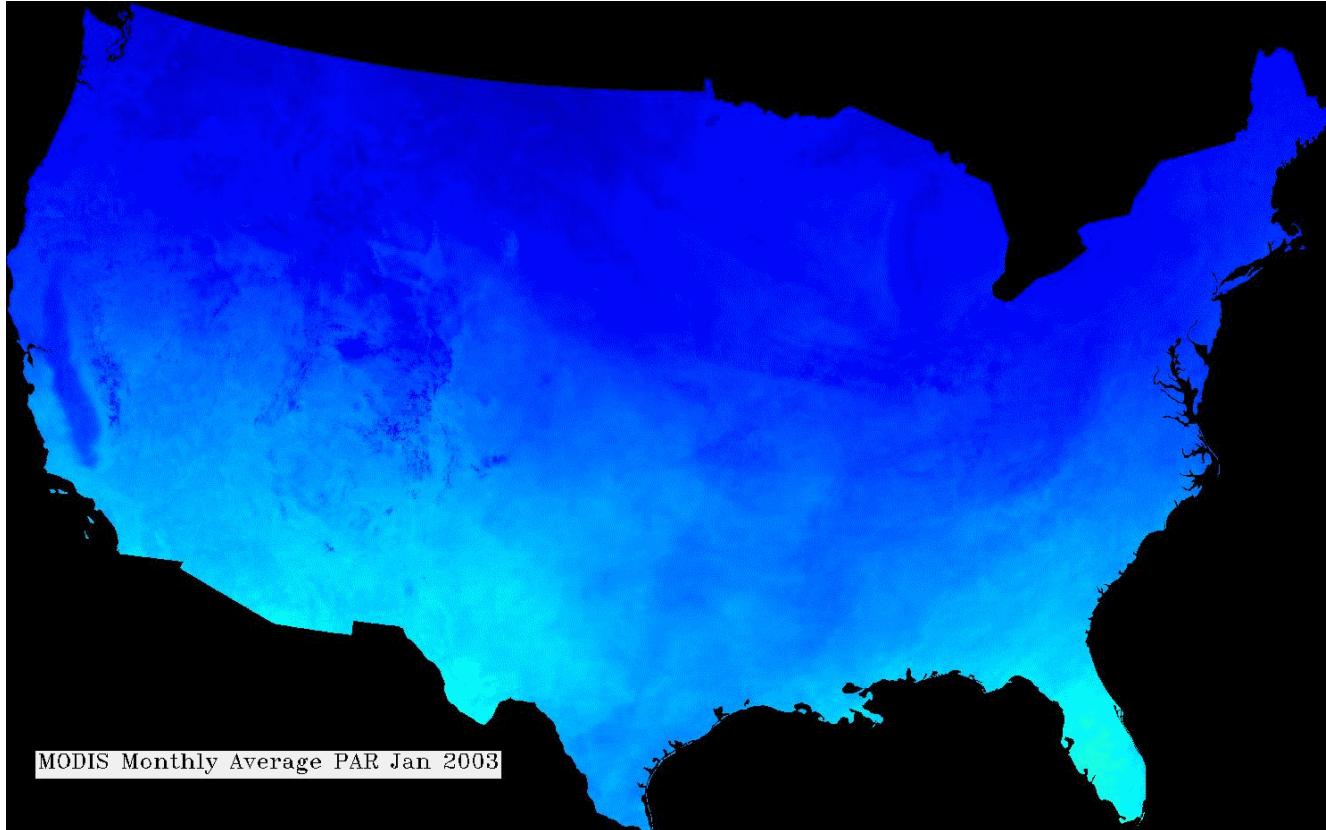
1000

1500

2000 ( $\mu\text{mol}/\text{m}^2/\text{s}$ )



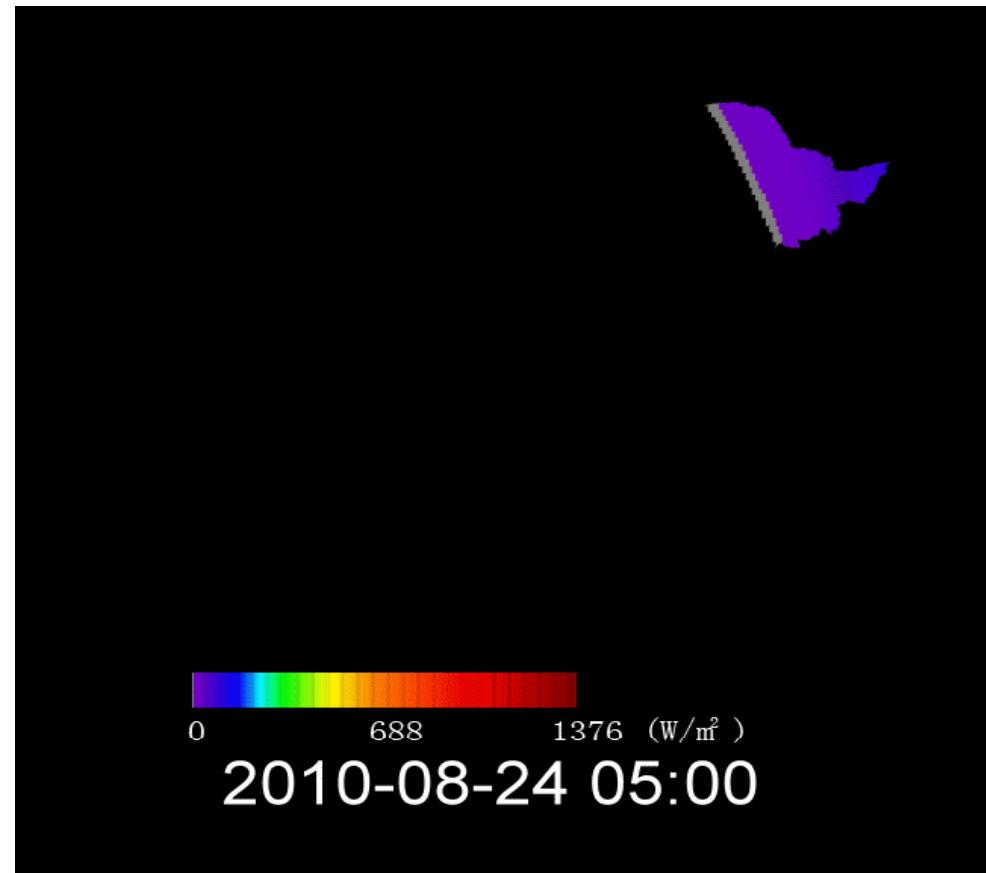
# Monthly PAR from MODIS



Three years (2003-2005) daily incident PAR at 4km over North America available now; Bob Cook has kindly agreed to distribute them at ORNL DAAC.



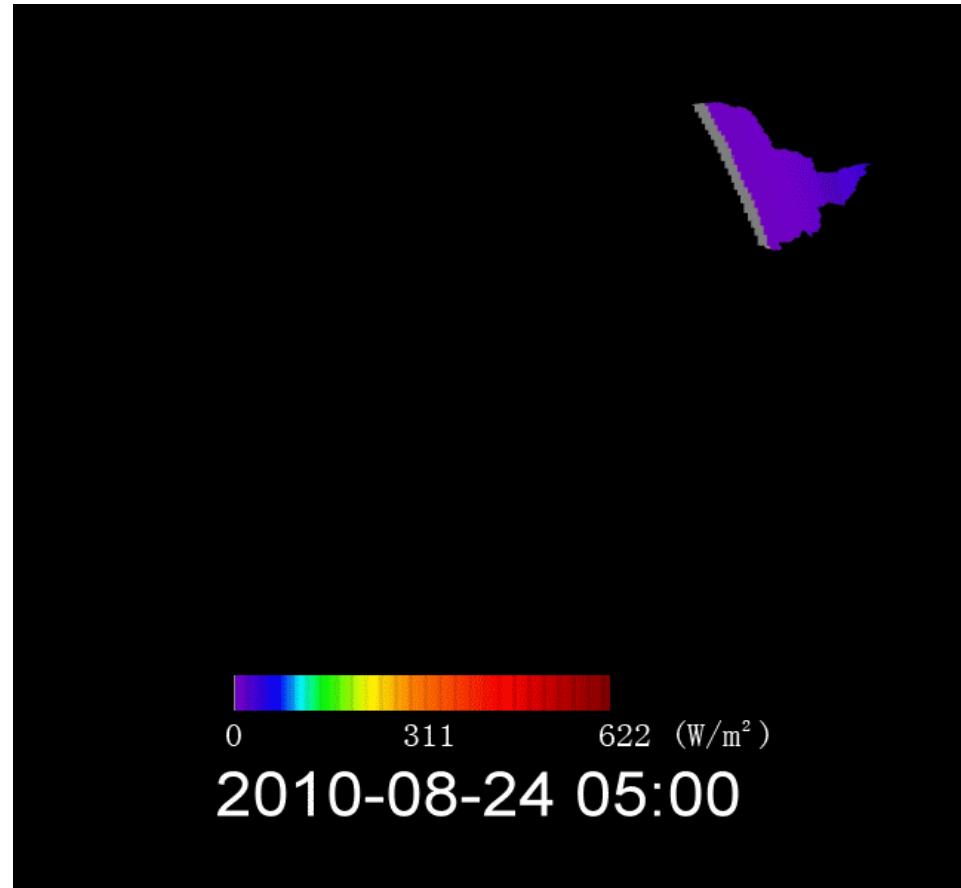
# Downwelling Shortwave Radiation



**Downward Surface Shortwave Radiation of China from MTSAT images.  
3 hours ,5km, (2008-2010, global)**

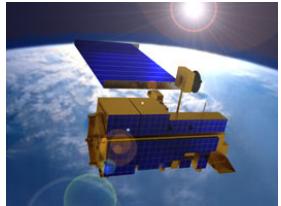


# Photosynthetically Active Radiation



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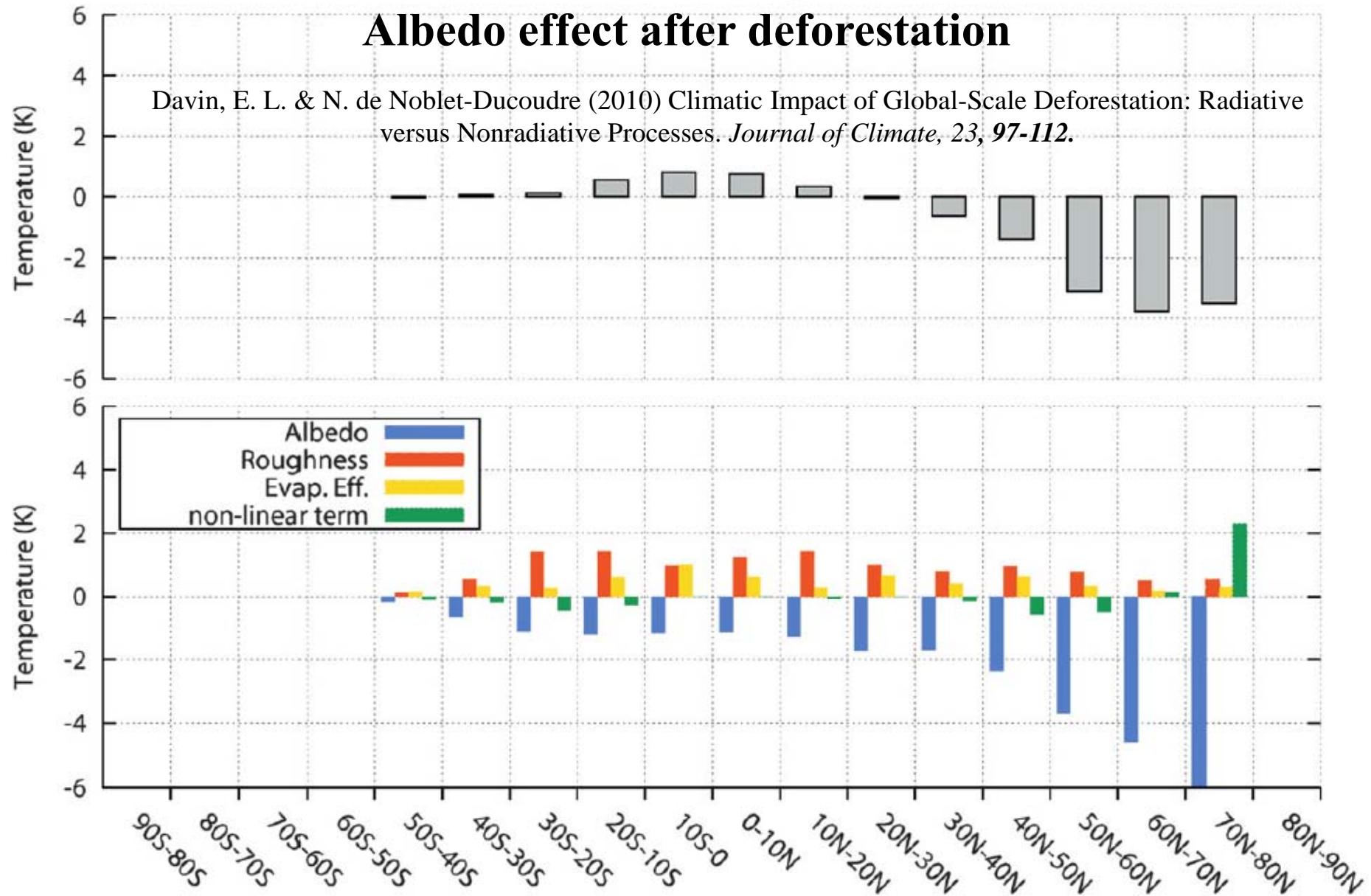
3hours, 5km. (2008-2010, global)



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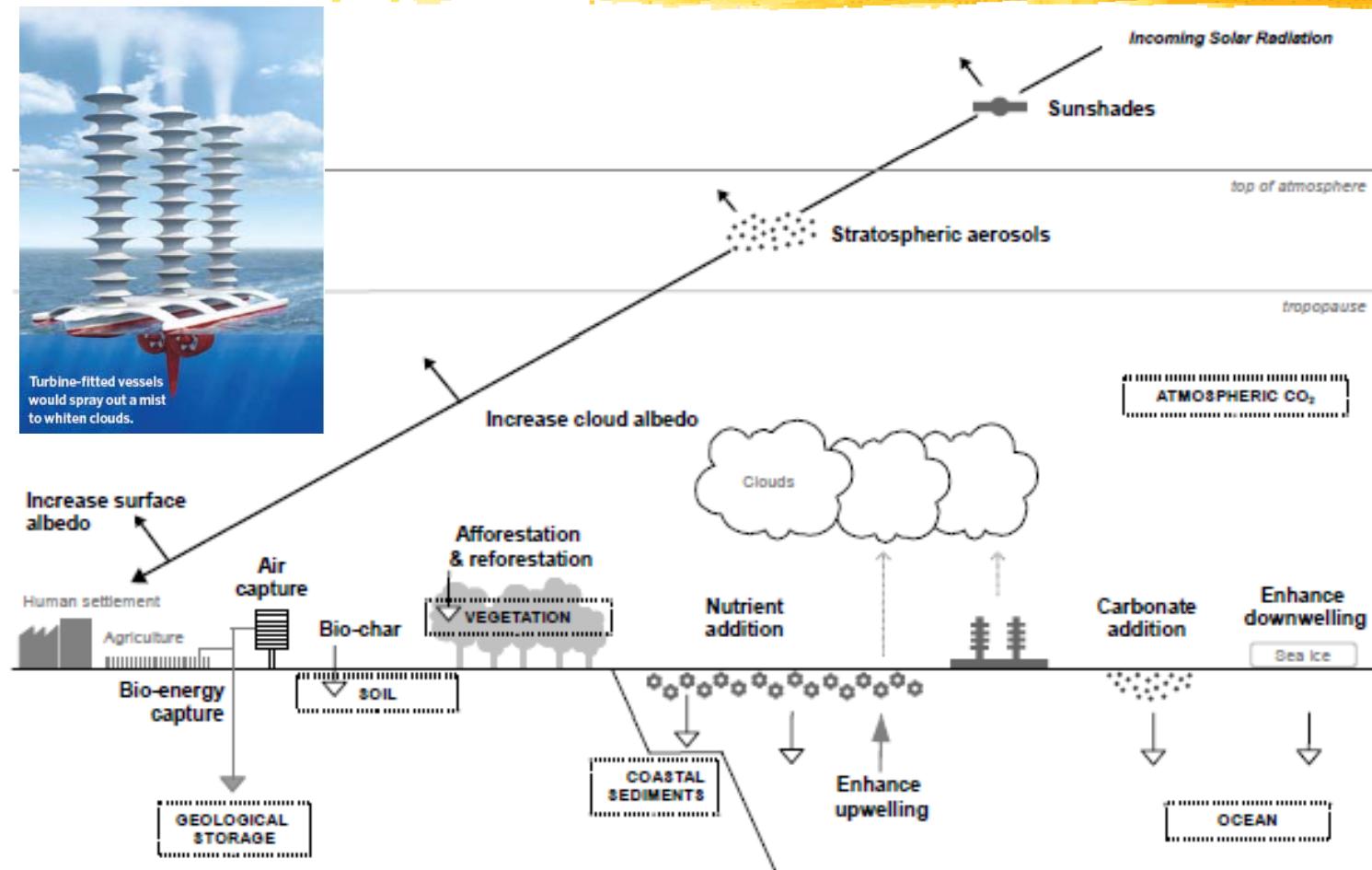
# Albedo effect after deforestation



Annual mean change in surface temperature zonally averaged over deforested areas only. The bottom panel of each figure indicates the relative contribution of change



# Albedo-based geoengineering solutions to offset CO<sub>2</sub>



**Fig. 1.** Schematic overview of the climate geoengineering proposals considered. Black arrowheads indicate shortwave radiation, white arrowheads indicate enhancement of natural flows of carbon, grey downward arrow indicates engineered flow of carbon, grey upward arrow indicates engineered flow of water, dotted vertical arrows illustrate sources of cloud condensation nuclei, and dashed boxes indicate carbon stores. From Vaughan and Lenton (2009), not to scale.



**Table 1.** Estimated radiative forcing potential of geoengineering options to alter planetary albedo. In common with the literature, for the first option, a back calculation is made of the albedo change required to counteract the radiative forcing due to doubling CO<sub>2</sub>, whereas for the remaining options, forward calculations are made of the maximum potential radiative forcing. The latter are based on upper limit albedo changes and areas suggested in the literature (see text). Calculations were done at full precision but outputs are generally given to 2 significant figures commensurate with our first order approach.

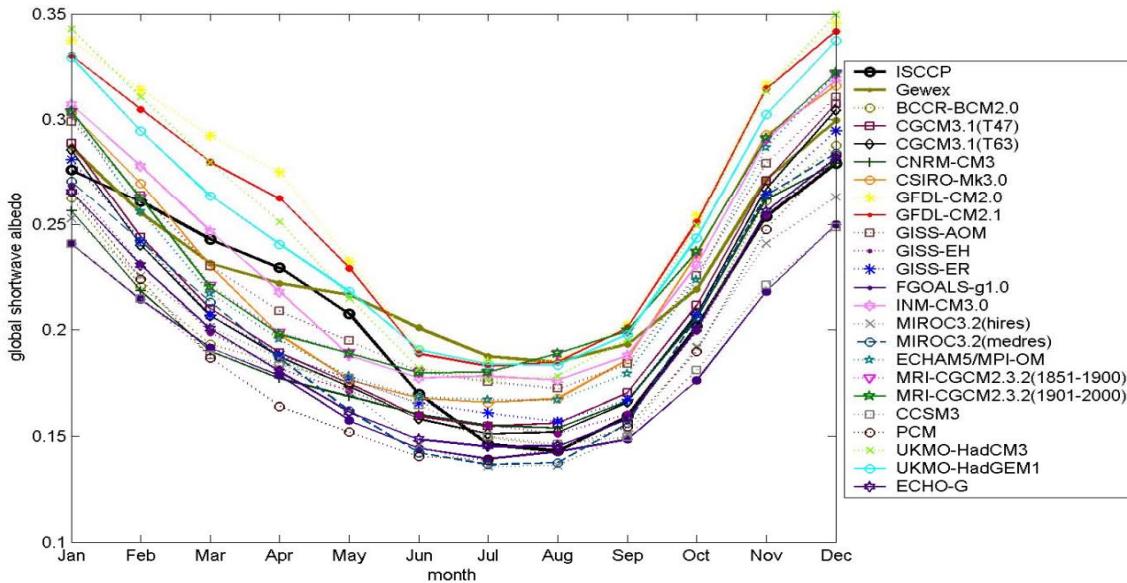
Option	Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Fraction of Earth /Earth	Albedo change within area $\Delta\alpha$	Scaled albedo change of layer	Transmittance factor $f_a$	Planetary albedo change $\Delta\alpha_p$	Solar radiation at TOA $S_0$ (W m <sup>-2</sup> )	Radiative forcing RF (W m <sup>-2</sup> )
<i>Increase marine cloud albedo</i>								
Mechanical	$8.9 \times 10^{13}$	0.175	0.074	0.013	0.84	0.011	345	-3.71
Biological	$5.1 \times 10^{13}$	0.1	0.008	0.000067*	0.84	0.000056	345	-0.019
<i>Increase land surface albedo</i>								
Desert	$1.0 \times 10^{13}$	0.02	0.44	0.0088	0.73	0.0064	330	-2.12
Grassland	$3.85 \times 10^{13}$	0.075	0.0425	0.0032	0.48	0.0015	330	-0.51
Cropland	$1.4 \times 10^{13}$	0.028	0.08	0.0022	0.48	0.0011	330	-0.35
Settlements	$3.25 \times 10^{12}$	0.0064	0.15	0.00096	0.48	0.00046	330	-0.15
Urban areas	$1.5 \times 10^{12}$	0.0029	0.1	0.00029	0.48	0.00014	330	-0.047



## Estimated radiative forcing potential of carbon cycle geoengineering options

**Table 2.** Estimated radiative forcing potential of carbon cycle geoengineering options. Effects are calculated relative to a strong mitigation scenario in which a total of 1000 PgC are emitted and atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> (and corresponding radiative forcing) reaches 450 ppm (2.58 W m<sup>-2</sup>) in 2050, stabilises at 500 ppm (3.14 W m<sup>-2</sup>) in 2100 and then declines to 363 ppm (1.43 W m<sup>-2</sup>) on a millennial timescale.

Geoengineering Option	2050		2100		$\Sigma C_{\text{seq}}$ (PgC)	$\Delta C_{\text{CO}_2}$ (ppm)	RF <sub>final</sub> (W m <sup>-2</sup> )
	$\Delta C_{\text{CO}_2}$ (ppm)	RF (W m <sup>-2</sup> )	$\Delta C_{\text{CO}_2}$ (ppm)	RF (W m <sup>-2</sup> )			
<i>Enhance land carbon sink</i>							
Afforestation	-41	-0.49	-34	-0.37	183	-16	-0.27
Bio-char production	-10	-0.12	-37	-0.40	399	-34	-0.52
Air capture and storage	-58	-0.74	-186	-2.5	>1000	>-85	> -1.43
<i>Enhance ocean carbon sink</i>							
Phosphorus addition	-5.9	-0.070	-12	-0.13	574	-52	-0.83
Nitrogen fertilisation	-4.5	-0.054	-9.3	-0.10	299	-25	-0.38
Iron fertilisation	-9.0	-0.11	-19	-0.20	227	-19	-0.29
Enhance upwelling	-0.1	-0.0017	-0.3	-0.0032	16*	-1.9	-0.028
Enhance downwelling	-0.08	-0.00095	-0.18	-0.0019	9*	-1.1	-0.016
Carbonate addition	-0.4	-0.0048	-2.3	-0.025	251*	-30	-0.46



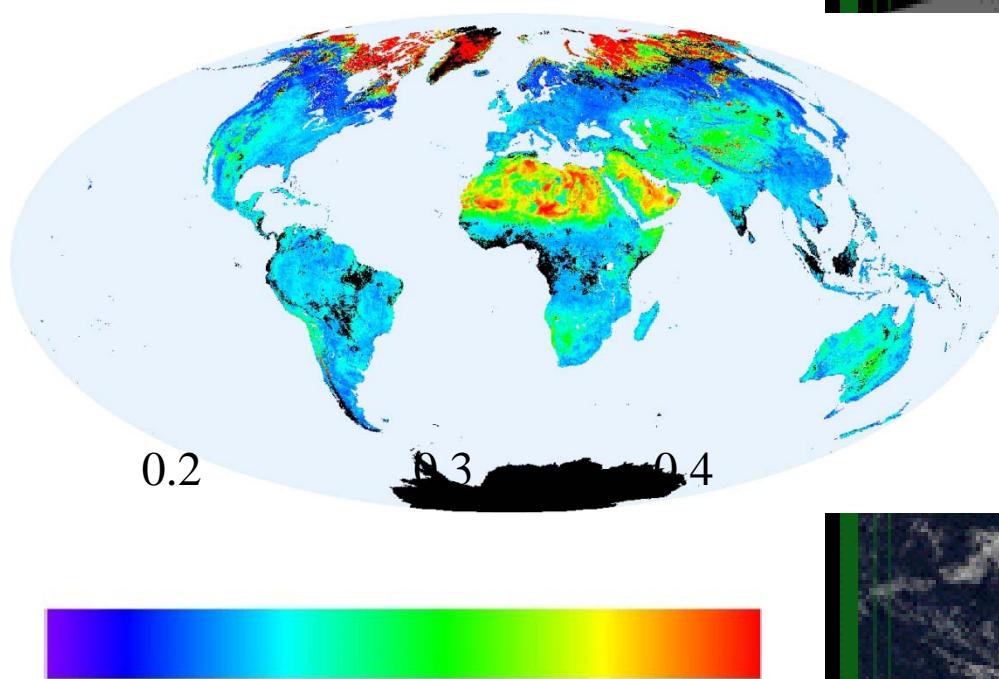
IPCC AR4 GCM model simulations and two satellite products

## Land Surface Albedo

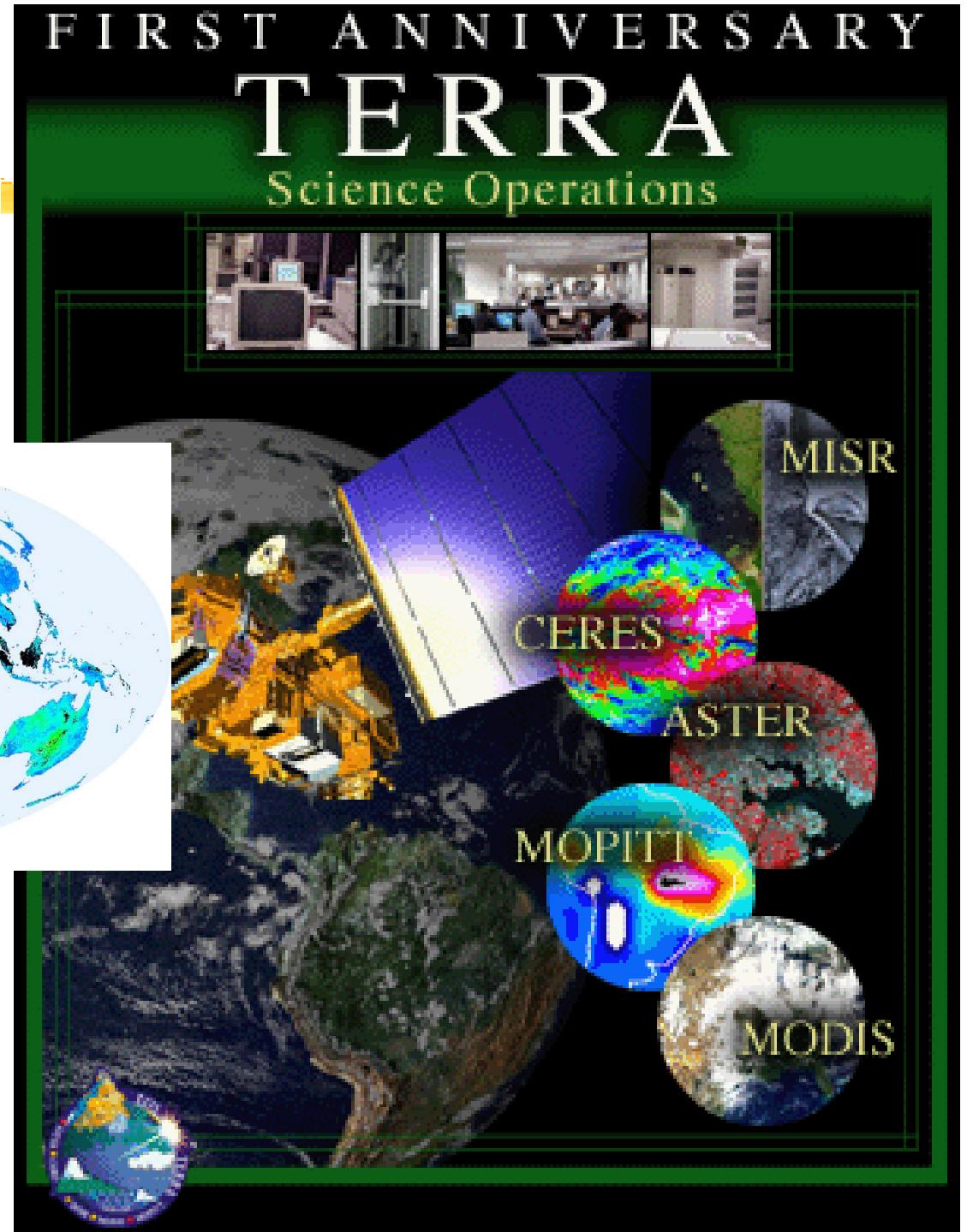
Model ID	Global	70°-90°N	50°-70°N	30°-50°N	10°-30°N	10°S-10°N	10°-30°S	30°-50°S	50°-70°S	70°-90°S
MODIS	0.240	0.526	0.230	0.208	0.266	0.148	0.160	0.155	0.716	0.747
ISCCP	0.211	0.579	0.261	0.183	0.201	0.093	0.117	0.104	0.701	0.773
GEWEX	0.228	0.520	0.217	0.187	0.241	0.153	0.161	0.157	0.692	0.767
BCCR-BCM2.0	0.194	0.541	0.255	0.191	0.190	0.106	0.139	0.119	0.598	0.752
CGCM3.1(T47)	0.205	0.445	0.278	0.180	0.155	0.125	0.238	0.234	0.796	0.786
CGCM3.1(T63)	0.202	0.495	0.297	0.204	0.181	0.129	0.252	0.218	0.836	0.782
CNRM-CM3	0.195	0.610	0.210	0.171	0.179	0.136	0.215	0.156	0.735	0.708
CSIRO-Mk3.0	0.221	0.659	0.252	0.271	0.201	0.126	0.167	0.194	0.822	0.799
GFDL-CM2.0	0.256	0.663	0.312	0.251	0.210	0.124	0.143	0.167	0.806	0.806
GFDL-CM2.1	0.251	0.561	0.268	0.203	0.193	0.112	0.136	0.076	0.378	0.756
GISS-AOM	0.222	0.465	0.248	0.208	0.178	0.127	0.172	0.177	0.770	0.750
GISS-EH	0.196	0.389	0.241	0.209	0.178	0.118	0.146	0.139	0.669	0.774
GISS-ER	0.203	0.486	0.262	0.215	0.178	0.123	0.151	0.147	0.726	0.787
FGOALS-g1.0	0.178	0.539	0.284	0.167	0.125	0.111	0.186	0.172	0.778	0.779
INM-CM3.0	0.227	0.492	0.302	0.237	0.199	0.142	0.203	0.227	0.755	0.782
MIROC3.2(hires)	0.187	0.479	0.272	0.176	0.134	0.106	0.175	0.163	0.767	0.740
MIROC3.2(medres)	0.195	0.513	0.282	0.181	0.135	0.107	0.178	0.155	0.768	0.712
ECHAM5/MPI-OM	0.217	0.761	0.274	0.224	0.209	0.108	0.161	0.194	0.866	0.865
MRI-CGCM2.3.2	0.225	0.448	0.207	0.211	0.182	0.148	0.254	0.234	0.791	0.784
CCSM3	0.186	0.745	0.286	0.205	0.164	0.097	0.111	0.129	0.929	0.828
PCM	0.185	0.524	0.242	0.149	0.175	0.126	0.181	0.124	0.824	0.803
UKMO-HadCM3	0.248	0.432	0.292	0.205	0.166	0.135	0.193	0.218	0.775	0.777
UKMO-HadGEM1	0.243	0.508	0.283	0.213	0.201	0.136	0.207	0.215	0.776	0.790
ECHO-G	0.193	0.413	0.284	0.192	0.174	0.124	0.164	0.139	0.744	0.755

Zhang, et al., IEEE  
JSTARS, 2010

## Part of MODIS algorithm for global production



Global White-sky  
(bihemispherical) Albedo for the  
period 30 Sep - 13 Oct, 2002



*bidirectional reflectance factor* (BRF)  $R(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_v, \phi_v)$ , which is numerically equivalent to BRDF multiplied by  $\pi$ :

$$R(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_v, \phi_v) = \pi f(\theta_i, \phi_i, \theta_v, \phi_v) \quad \text{Equation 1-9}$$

we need surface *directional-hemispherical reflectance* (DHR), which can be integrated

from BRF over all reflected directions:

$$r(-\mu_i, \phi_i) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 R(\mu_i, \phi_i, \mu, \phi) \mu d\mu d\phi \quad \text{Equation 1-10}$$

It is often called local or planar *albedo*, but is called black-sky albedo in the MODIS products of the NASA Earth Observing System (EOS) program. The *bihemispherical reflectance* (BHR) is a further integration of DHR over all illumination directions:

$$r_0 = 2 \int_0^1 r(-\mu_i, \phi_i) \mu_i d\mu_i \quad \text{Equation 1-11}$$

which is also called global or spherical albedo, or bright-sky albedo in the MODIS



## Albedometer measurements

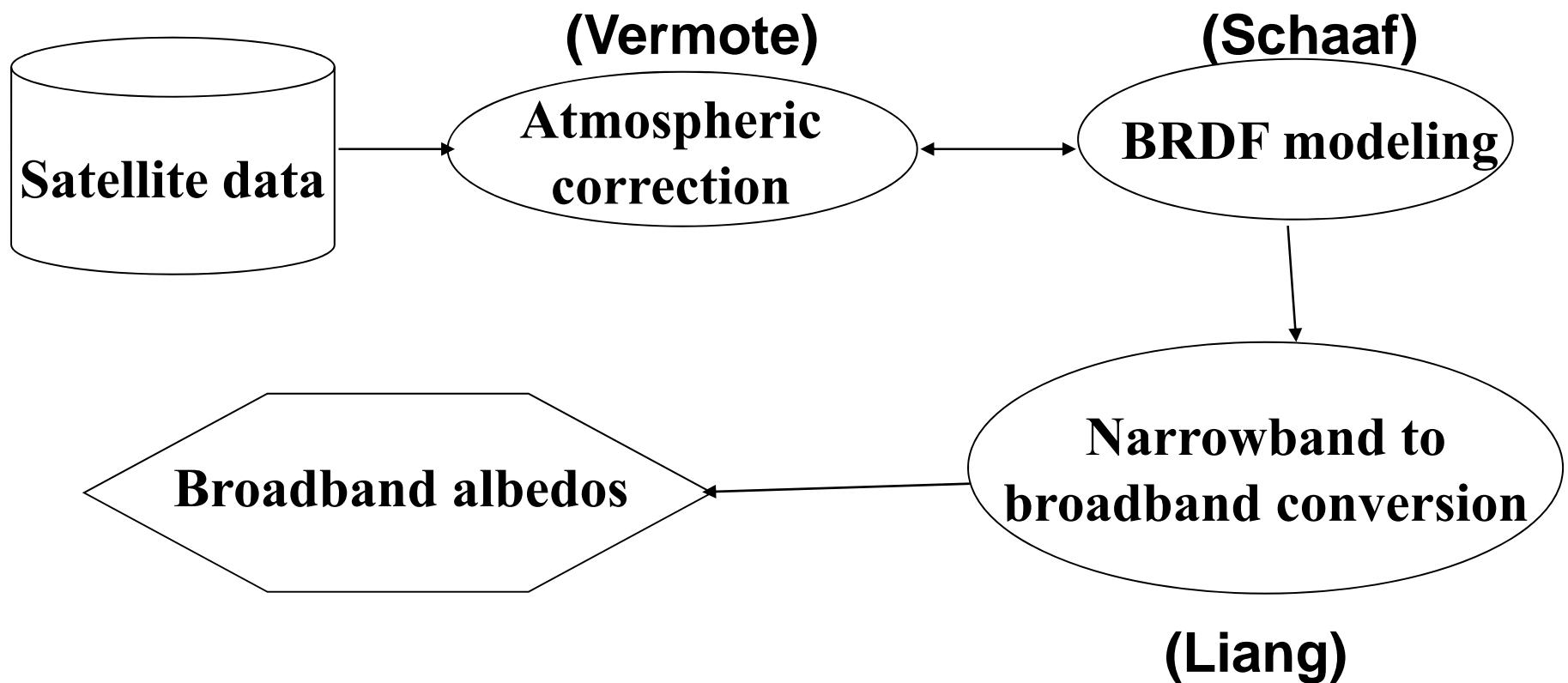
$$\alpha_s = \frac{E_s^\uparrow}{E_s^\downarrow} = \frac{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 I_s^\uparrow(\theta_s, \theta_v, \phi) \cdot \mu \cdot d\mu \cdot d\phi}{\int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 I_s^\downarrow(\theta_s, \theta_v, \phi) \cdot \mu^* \cdot d\mu^* \cdot d\phi^*}$$

$$I_s^\uparrow = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^1 r_s(\theta_s, \theta_v, \phi) I_s^\downarrow(\theta_s, \theta_v, \phi) \mu^* d\mu^* d\phi^*$$

$$\alpha_s = (1 - s) \cdot \alpha_{black} + s \cdot \alpha_{white}$$



## MODIS albedo algorithm





# MODIS aerosol over the land

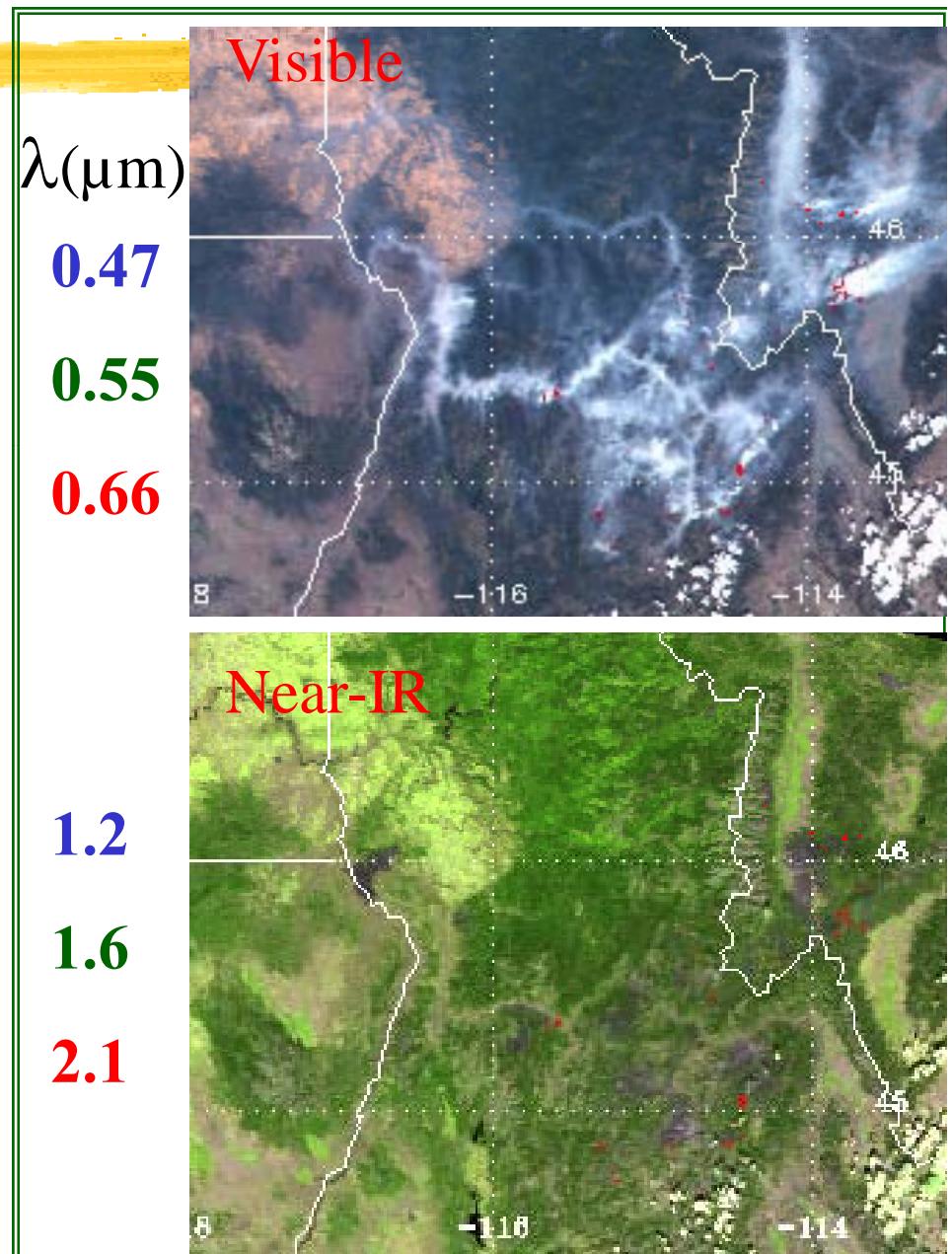
- Derive apparent reflectance (normalized radiance at the top of the atmosphere) at  $2.2 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $\rho^*_{2.2}$
- Assume that aerosol is transparent at  $2.2 \mu\text{m}$ , thus:  $\rho^s_{2.2} = \rho^*_{2.2}$  where  $\rho^s_{2.2}$  is the surface reflectance.
- Determine surface reflectance at  $0.47 \mu\text{m}$  and  $0.66 \mu\text{m}$ :  

$$\rho^s_{0.47} = 0.5 \rho^s_{0.66} = 0.25 \rho^*_{2.2}$$
- Determine the aerosol type (e.g. smoke or dust) from the excess radiance:  

$$\Delta\rho^*_{0.47} = \rho^*_{0.47} - \rho^s_{0.47}$$
   
$$\Delta\rho^*_{0.66} = \rho^*_{0.66} - \rho^s_{0.66}$$
  

$$\Delta\rho^*_{0.47} / \Delta\rho^*_{0.66} \Rightarrow \text{aerosol type}$$
- Determine the optical thickness from the excess radiance:  

$$\Delta\rho^*_{0.47} \Rightarrow \tau_{0.47}$$
 ,  $\Delta\rho^*_{0.66} \Rightarrow \tau_{0.66}$



The modified three-parameter linear surface BRF kernel model:

$$r_s(\theta_s, \theta_v, \phi) = f_{iso} + f_{vol} \cdot K_{vol}(\theta_s, \theta_v, \phi) + f_{geo} \cdot K_{geo}(\theta_s, \theta_v, \phi)$$

Where: the volumetric and geometrical kernel function has the following form:

$$K_{vol} = K_{RT} = \frac{(\pi/2 - \xi) \cos \xi + \sin \xi}{\cos \theta + \cos \vartheta} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{\xi}{\xi_0}}} \right) - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$K_{geo} = K_{LSR} = O(\theta_s, \theta_v, \phi) - \sec \theta' - \sec \vartheta' + 0.5(1 + \cos \xi') \sec \theta' \sec \vartheta'$$

$$O = (t - \sin t \cos t)(\sec \theta' + \sec \vartheta') / \pi$$

$$\cos t = \frac{h \sqrt{D^2 + (\tan \theta' \tan \nu' \sin \phi)^2}}{b(\sec \theta' + \sec \vartheta')}$$

$$D = \sqrt{\tan^2 \theta' + \tan^2 \nu' - 2 \tan \theta' \tan \nu' \cos \phi}$$

$$\cos \xi' = \cos \theta' \cos \nu' + \sin \theta' \sin \nu' \cos \phi$$

$$\theta' = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{b}{r} \tan \theta_s \right)$$

$$\vartheta' = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{b}{r} \tan \theta_v \right)$$

$$\xi_0 = 1.5^\circ, \frac{h}{b} = 2.0 \text{ and } \frac{b}{r} = 1.0$$

**Liang, S.,** (2001), Narrowband to Broadband Conversion of Land Surface Albedo. I. Algorithms, *Remote Sensing of Environment*, 76:213-238.

$$\alpha_{\text{short}} = 0.160\alpha_1 + 0.291\alpha_2 + 0.243\alpha_3 + 0.116\alpha_4 + 0.112\alpha_5 + 0.081\alpha_7 - 0.0015$$

$$\alpha_{\text{visible}} = 0.331\alpha_1 + 0.424\alpha_3 + 0.246\alpha_4$$

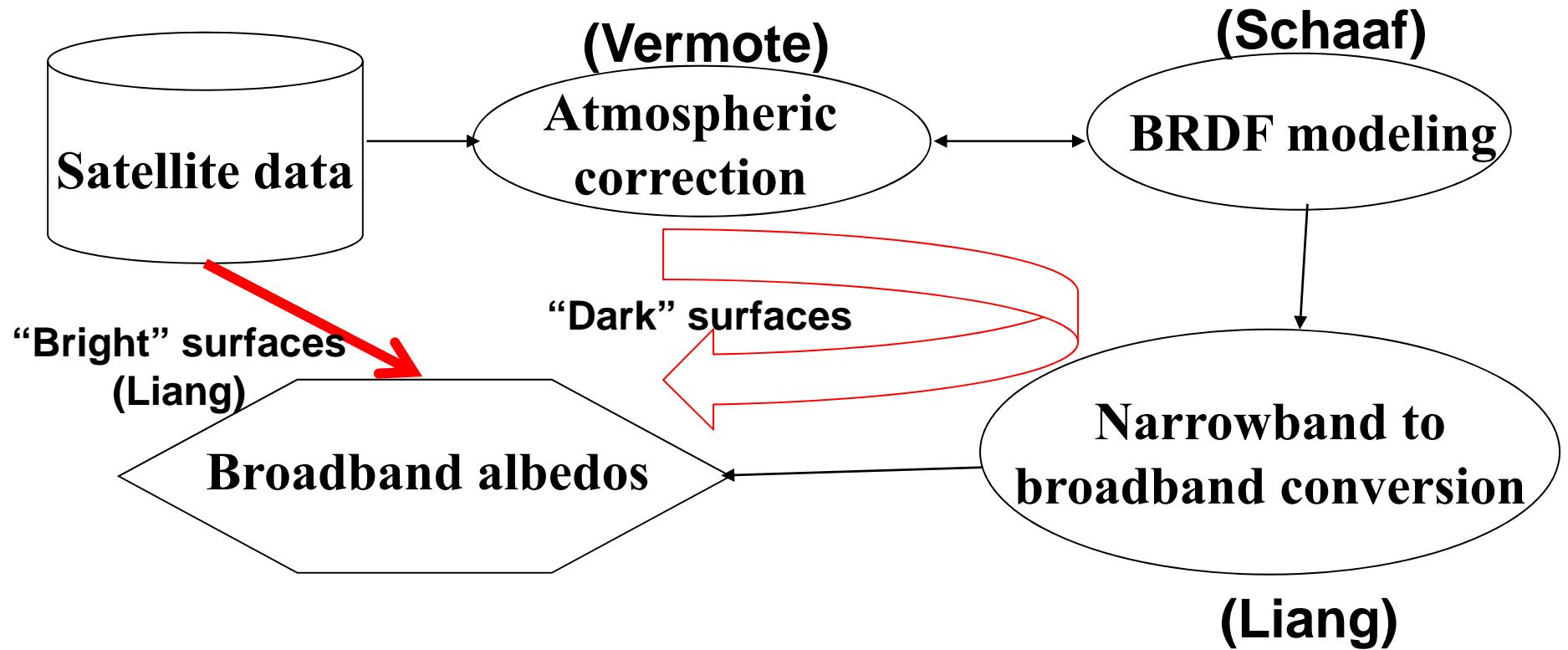
$$\alpha_{\text{diffuse-visible}} = 0.246\alpha_1 + 0.528\alpha_3 + 0.226\alpha_4 - 0.0013$$

$$\alpha_{\text{direct-visible}} = 0.369\alpha_1 + 0.374\alpha_3 + 0.257\alpha_4$$

$$\alpha_{\text{NIR}} = 0.039\alpha_1 + 0.504\alpha_2 - 0.071\alpha_3 + 0.105\alpha_4 + 0.252\alpha_5 + 0.069\alpha_6 + 0.101\alpha_7$$

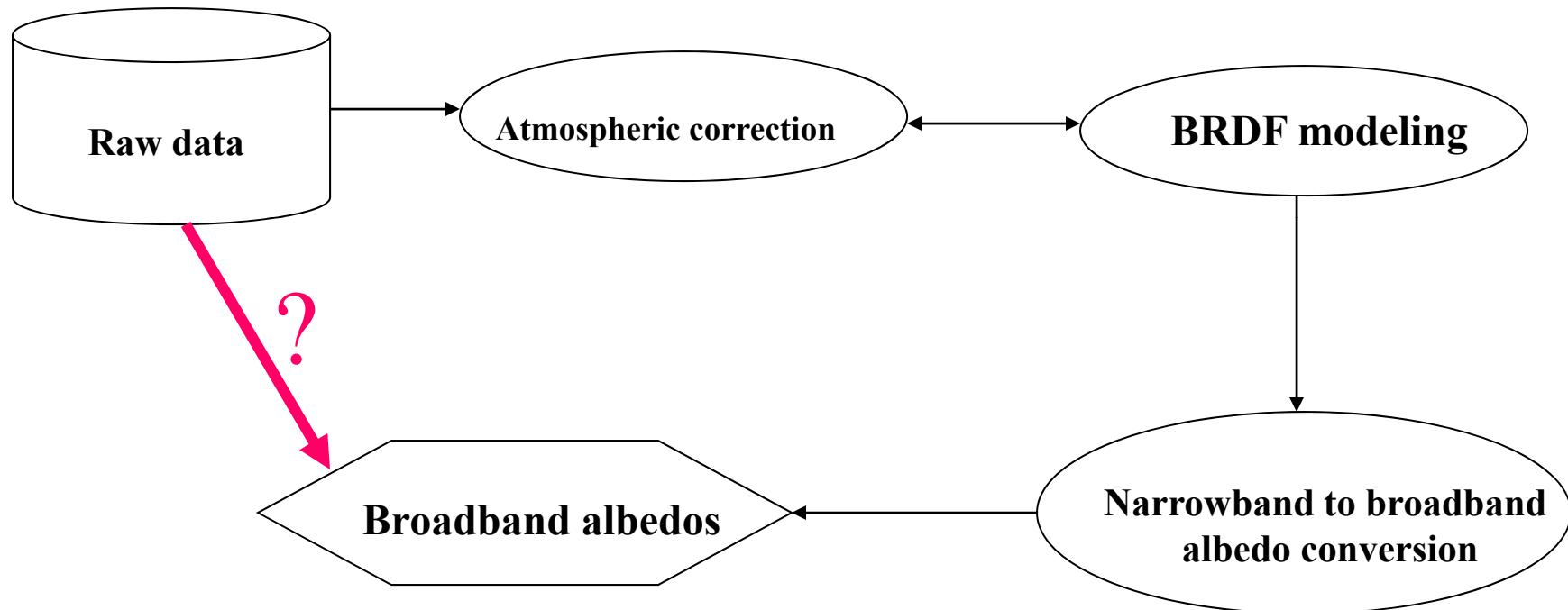


## JPSS (VIIRS) two albedo algorithms





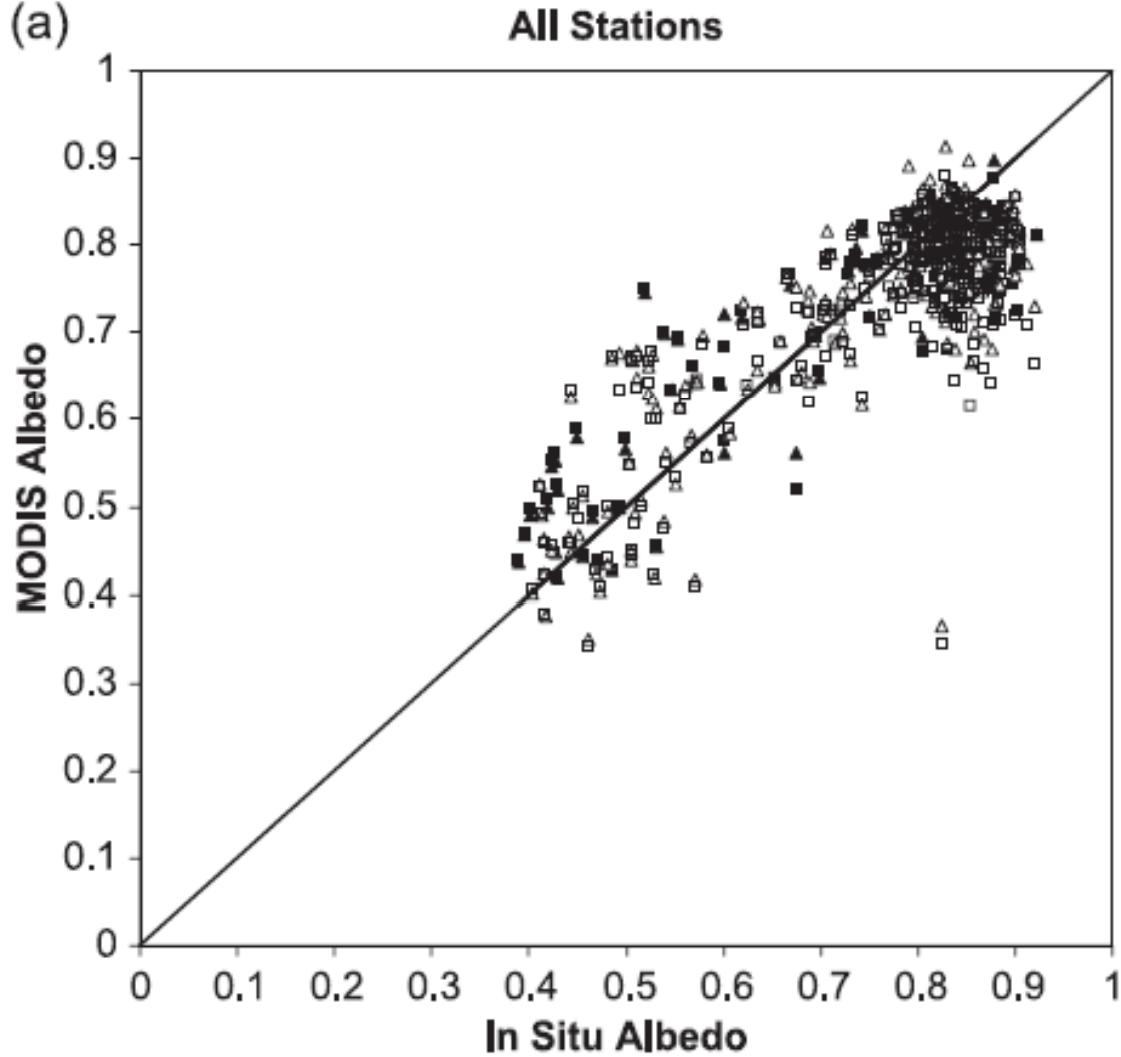
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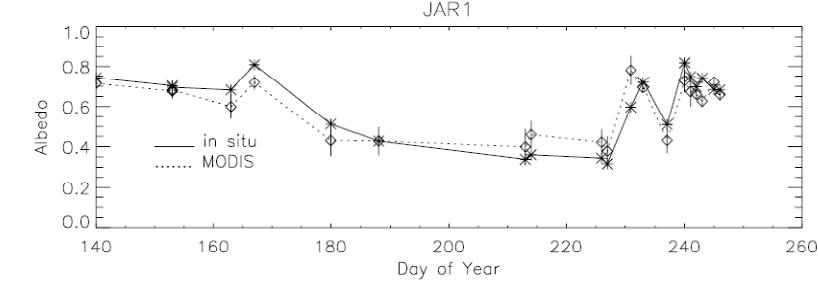
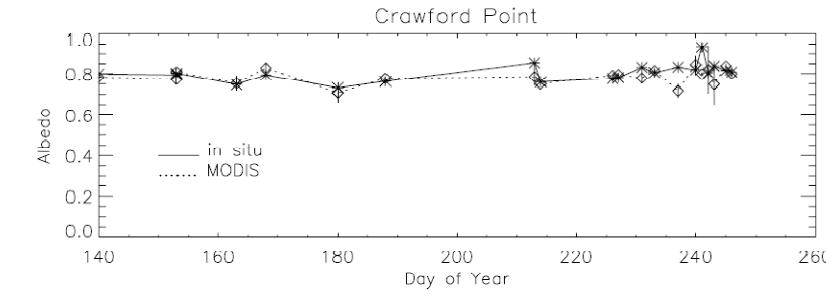
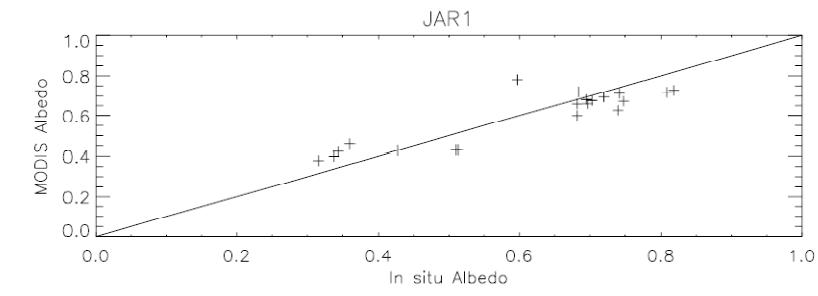
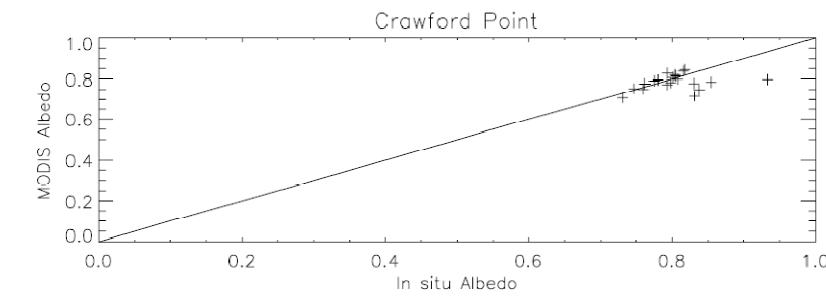
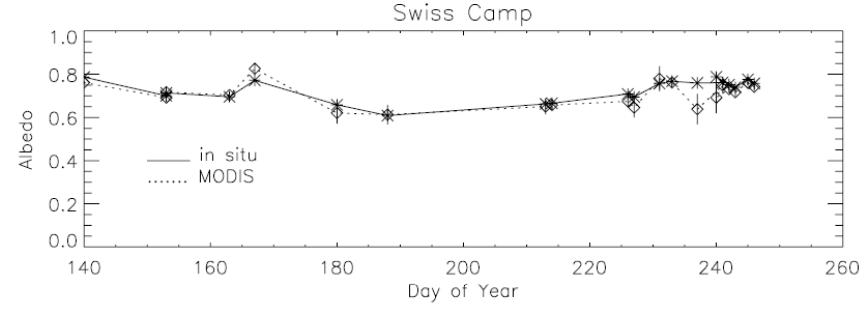
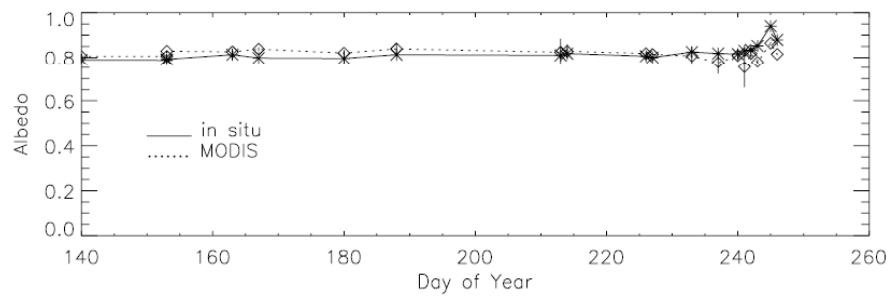
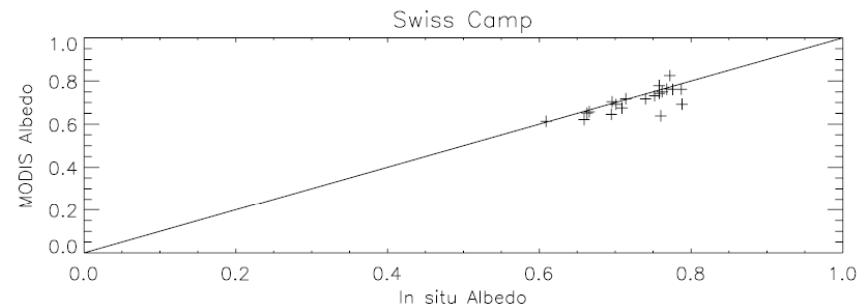
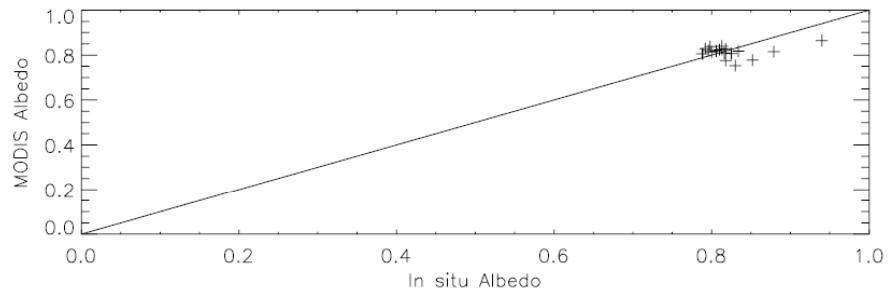
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Validation of MODIS  
shortwave albedo product  
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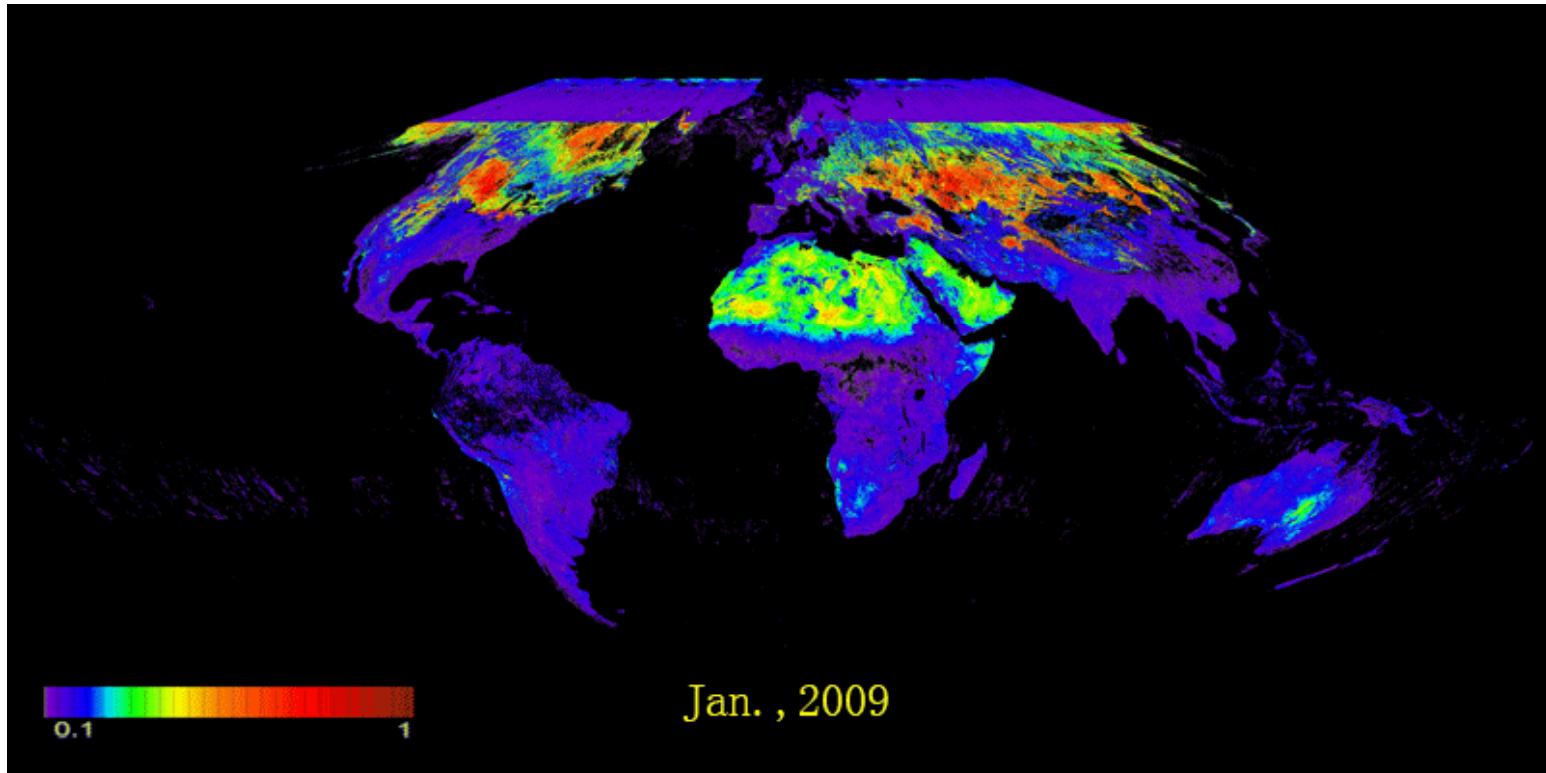
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# Global Broadband Albedo



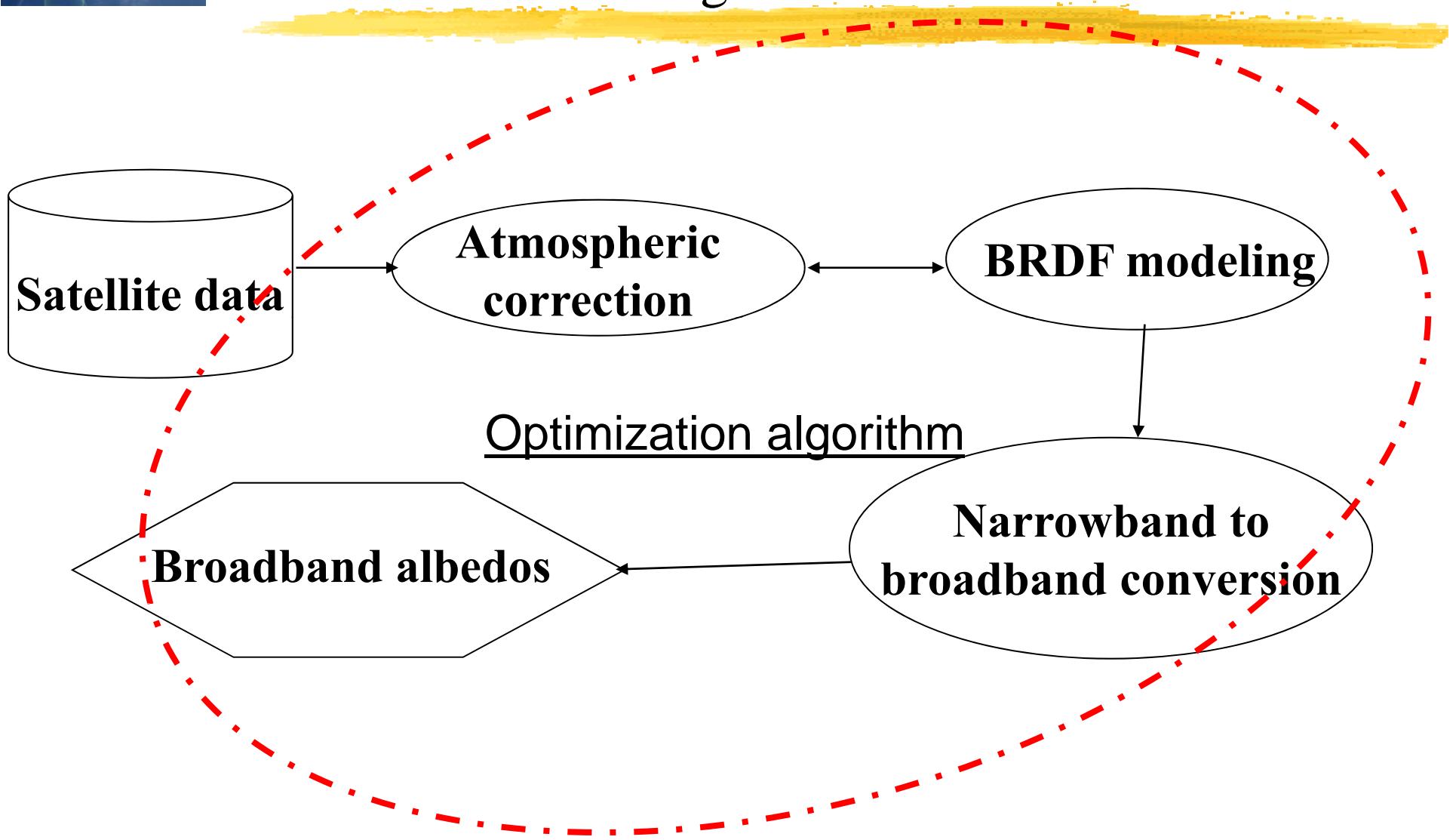
The GLASS project retrieves the daily 1km global albedo from MODIS surface reflectance products  
(1984-2010, 5km from 1984-1999; 1km from 2000-2010)



Developing GOSE-R algorithm as a NOAA  
GOES-R Land Science Team member



# Illustration of the proposed GOES-R ABI albedo algorithms



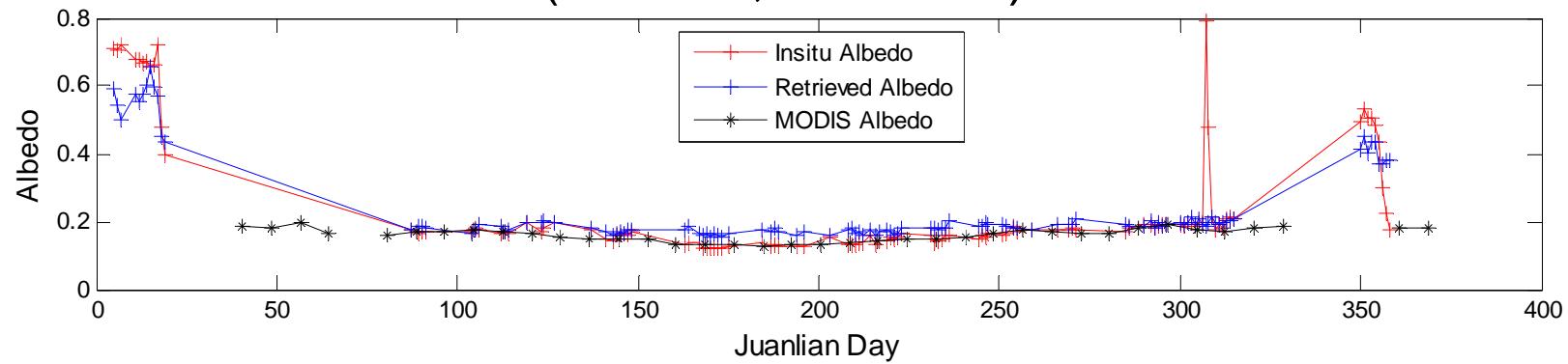
Minimizing the cost function:

$$J(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{NO} \left( A_i^{Clm} - A_i^{Est}(x) \right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{NO} \sum_{j=1}^{NB} \left( R_{i,j}^{Obs} - R_{i,j}^{Est}(x) \right)^2 \\ + J_c = J_b + J_o + J_c$$

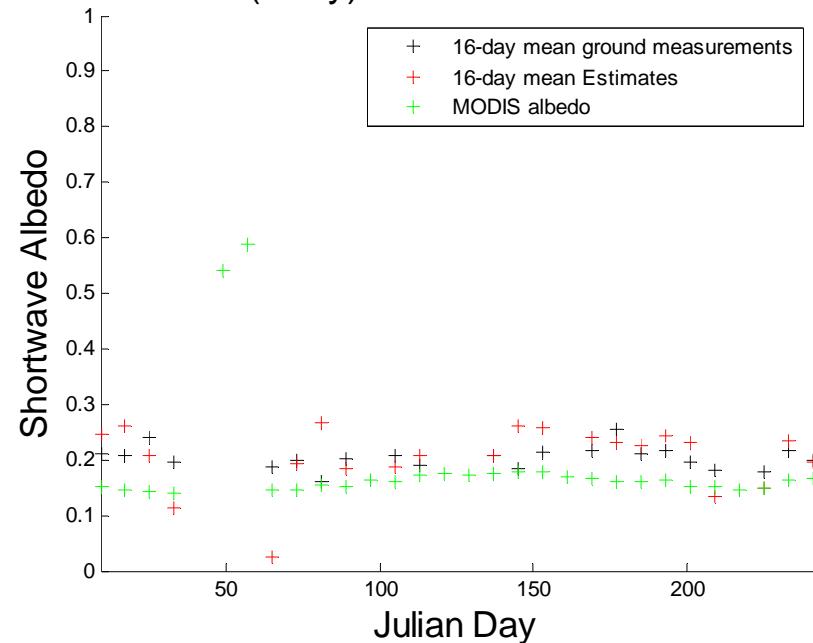
Where  $x$  are the coefficients of the surface BRDF model and aerosol optical depth (AOD),  $A_i^{Est}(x)$  is the calculated surface albedo using the BRDF model,  $A_i^{Clm}$  are the background values of albedo from albedo climatology,  $R_{i,j}^{Obs}$  and  $R_{i,j}^{Est}$  refer to the observed and modeled top-of-atmosphere (TOA) reflectance.  $J_c$  is the cost function to account for various constraints (physical meanings of BRDF parameters and AODs, etc.)



## Fort Peck (48.31N,105.10W) Valid Obs=4



DE-Geb(Daily) Lat:51.1001 Lon:10.9143



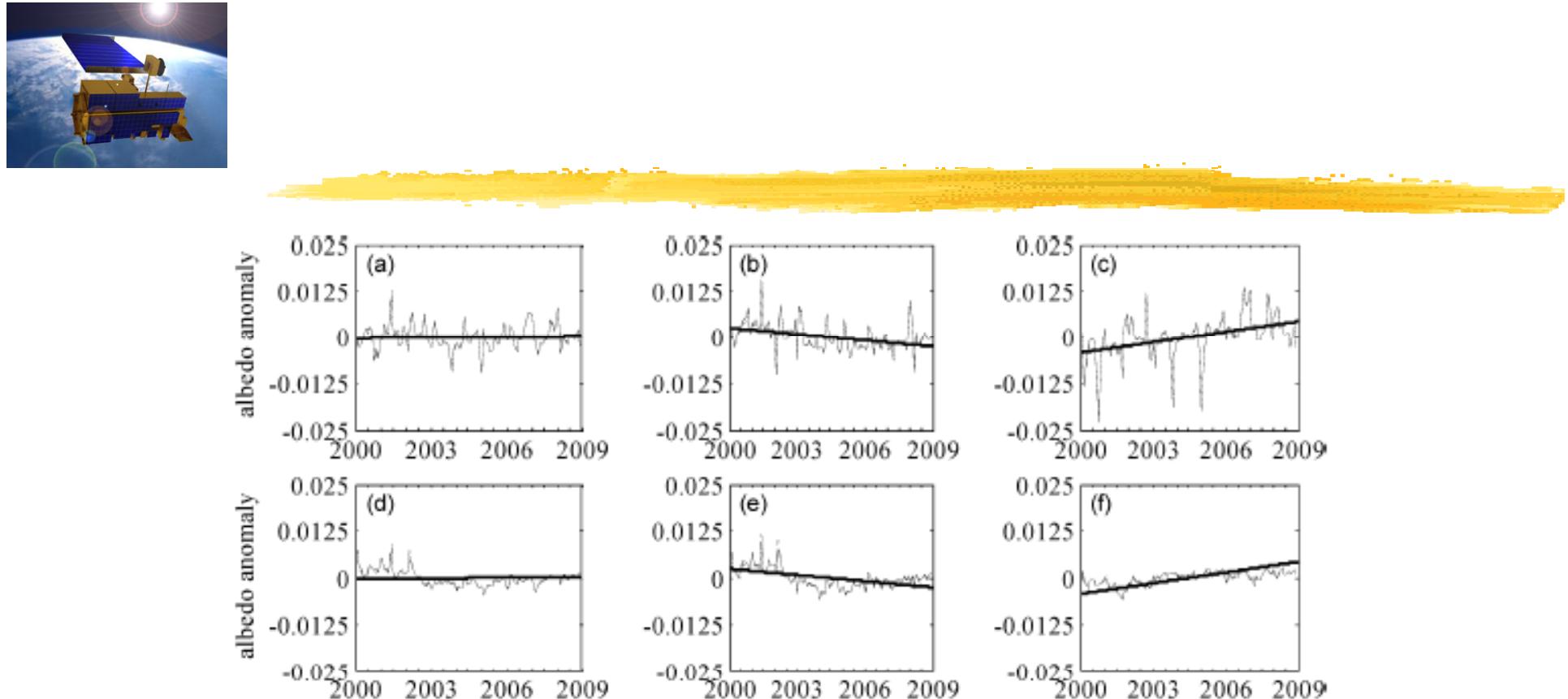


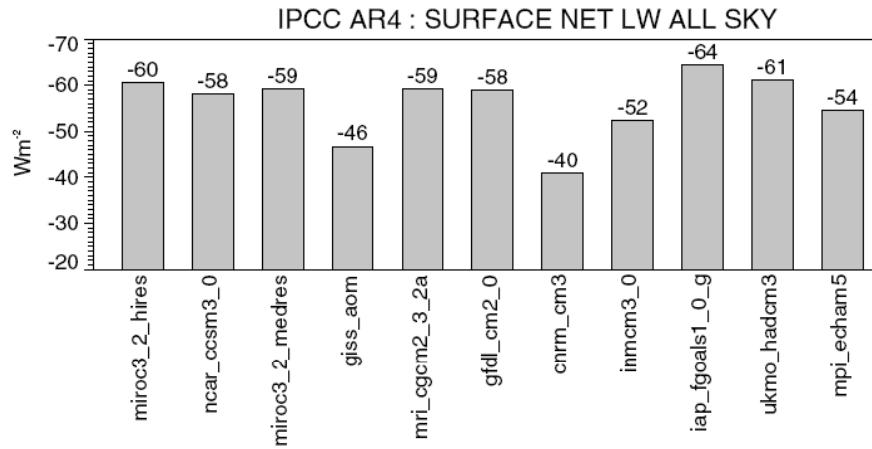
Fig. 2. Global, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere land surface shortwave albedo anomalies under snow-covered and snow-free conditions. (a) Global albedo anomaly under snow-covered condition. (b) NH albedo anomaly under snow-covered condition. (c) SH albedo anomaly under snow-covered condition. (d) Global albedo anomaly under snow-free condition. (e) NH albedo anomaly under snow-free condition. (f) SH albedo anomaly under snow-free condition.

Zhang, X. S. Liang, K. Wang, L. Li, and S. Gui, (2010), A climatological analysis of global land surface shortwave broadband albedo from MODIS, *IEEE Journal of Special Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing*, 3:296-305



# Outlines

- ♣ Background
- ♣ Insolation/PAR
- ♣ Albedo
- ♣ Longwave net radiation
- ♣ Evapotranpiration
- ♣ Summary



## Radiation budgets by IPCC

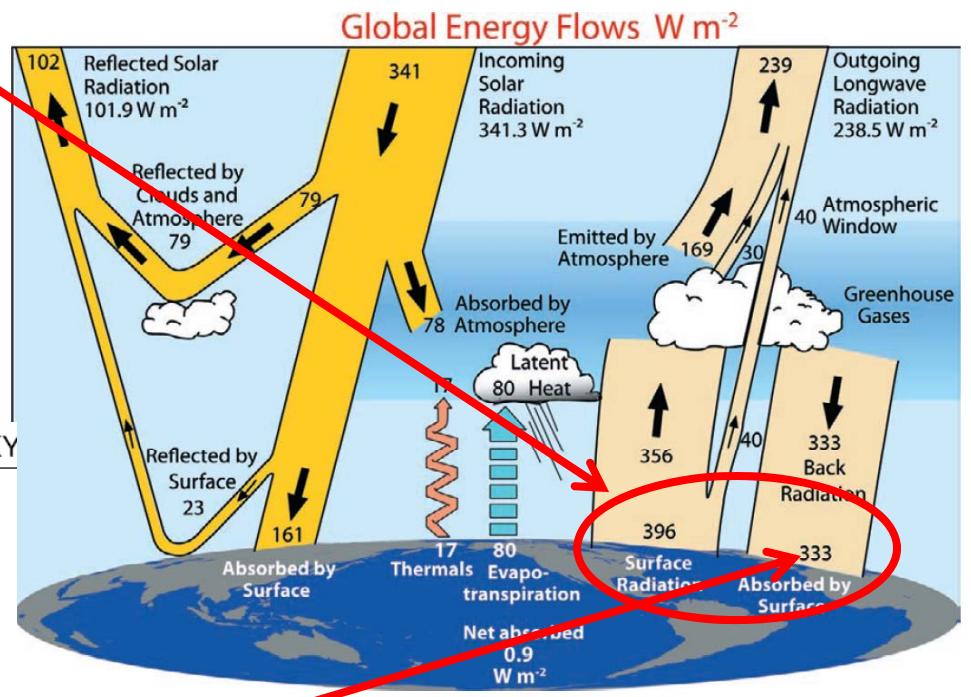
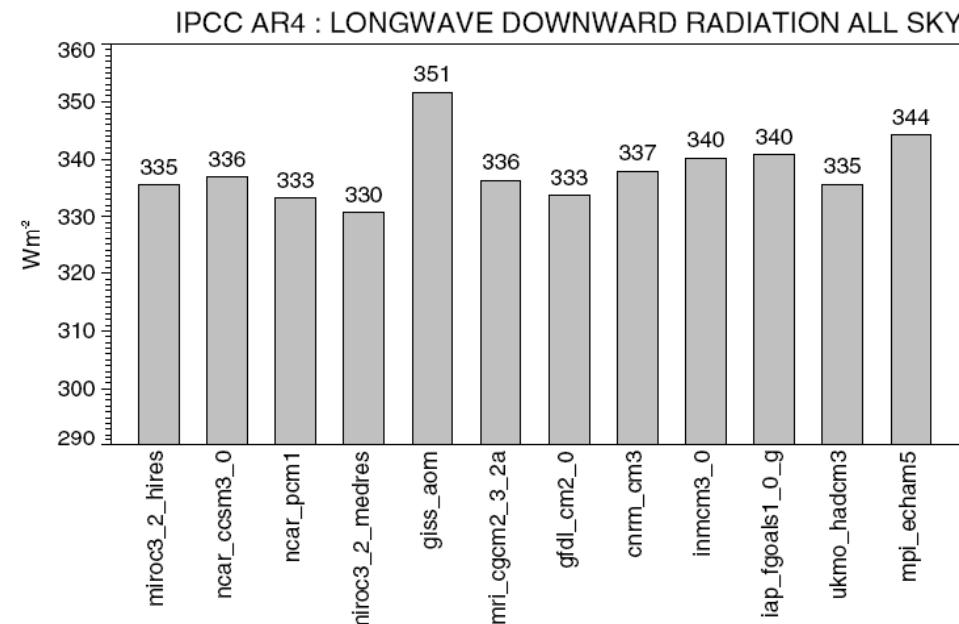
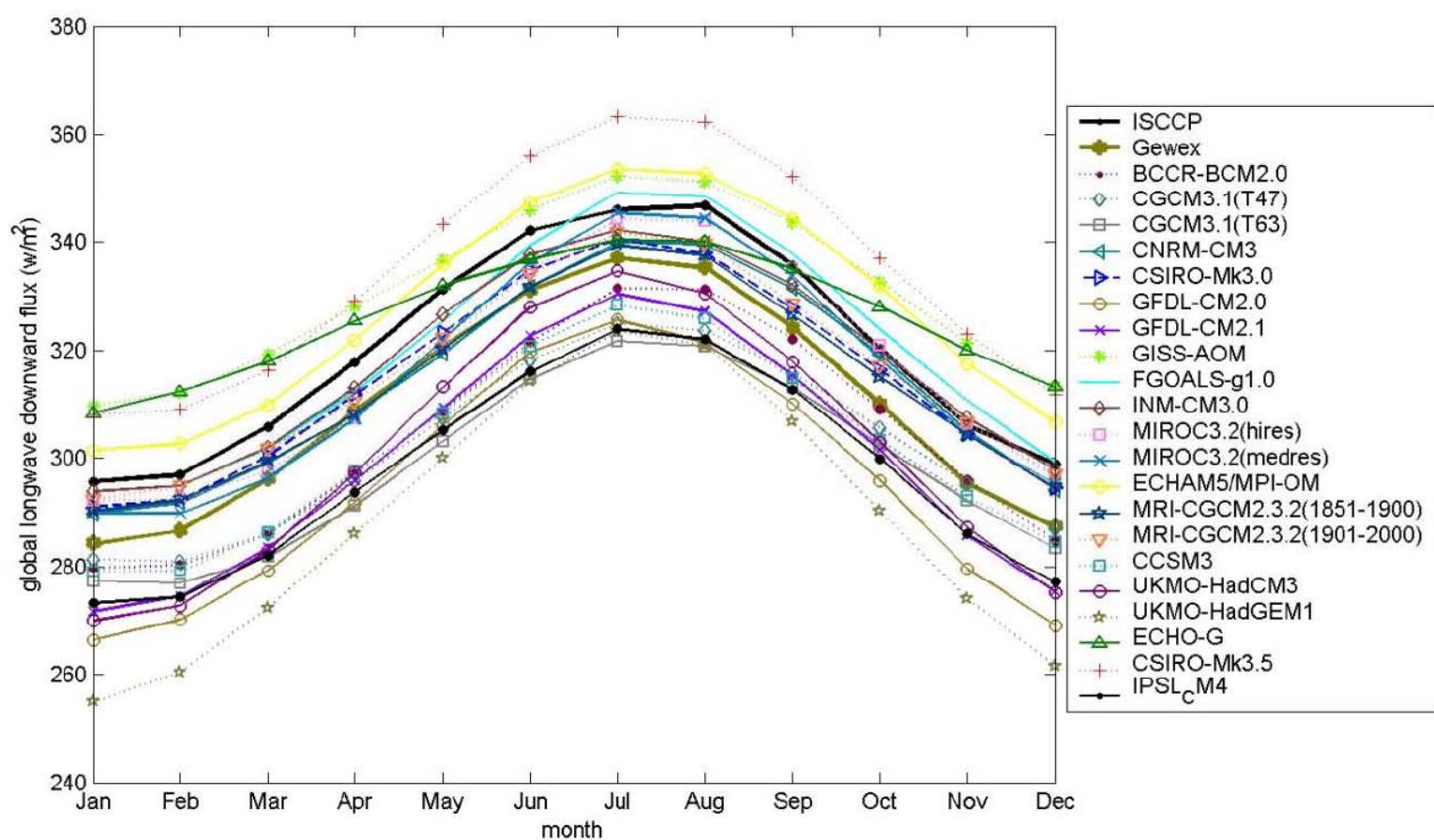




Figure 1 shows monthly averages of longwave downward radiation from two satellite products (ISCCP and GEWEX) and different GCMs in the IPCC AR4.





# Estimation of downward longwave radiation

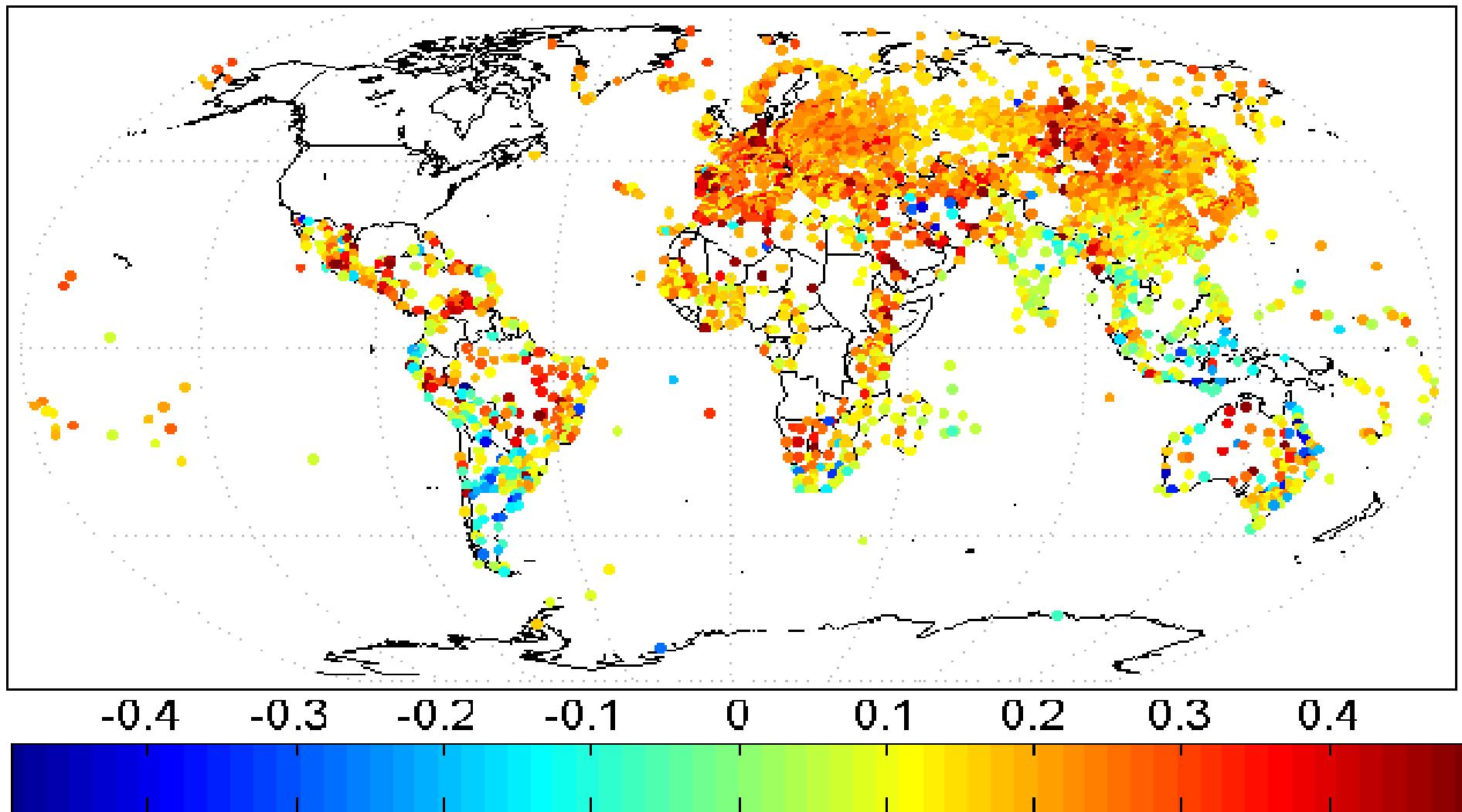
- 1). Empirical methods
- 2). Calculating downward flux using atmospheric profiles
- 3). Calculating downward flux from TOA radiance directly

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Wang, W., & **S. Liang**, (2010). A Method for Estimating Clear-sky Instantaneous Land Surface Longwave Radiation from GOES Sounder and GOES-R ABI Data. *IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters*, 7, 708-712

## Trend in Downward Longwave Radiation ( $\text{W m}^{-2} \text{ ya}^{-1}$ )



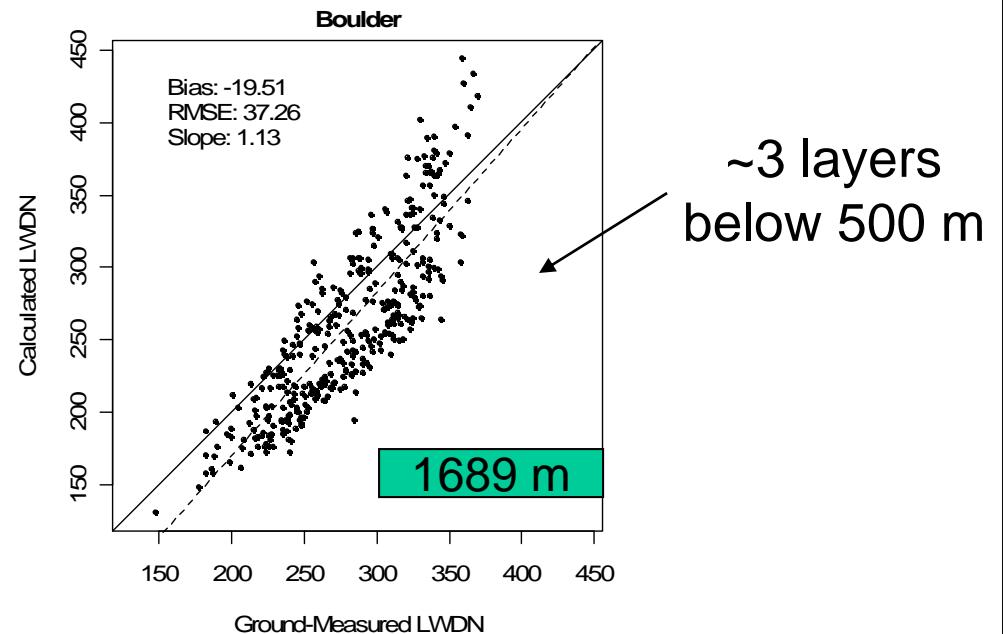
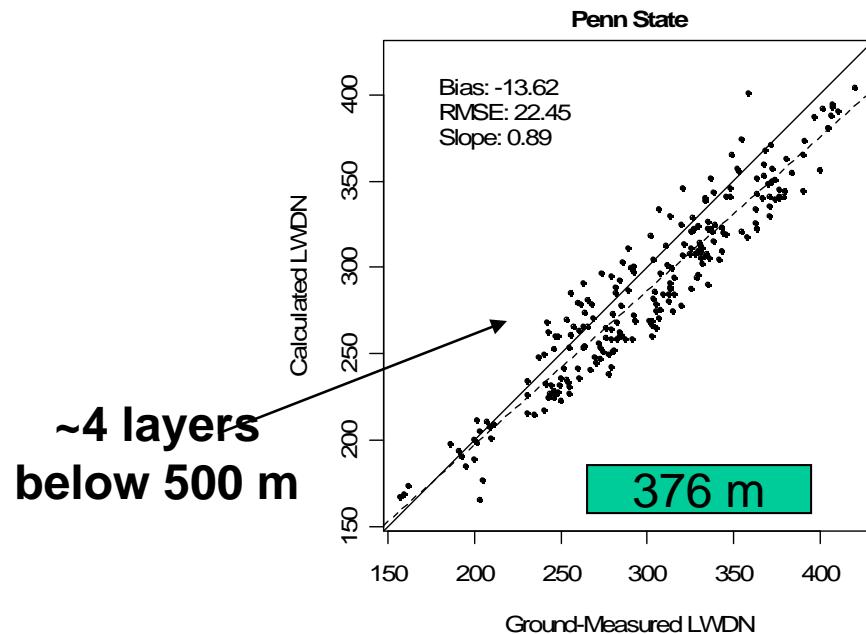
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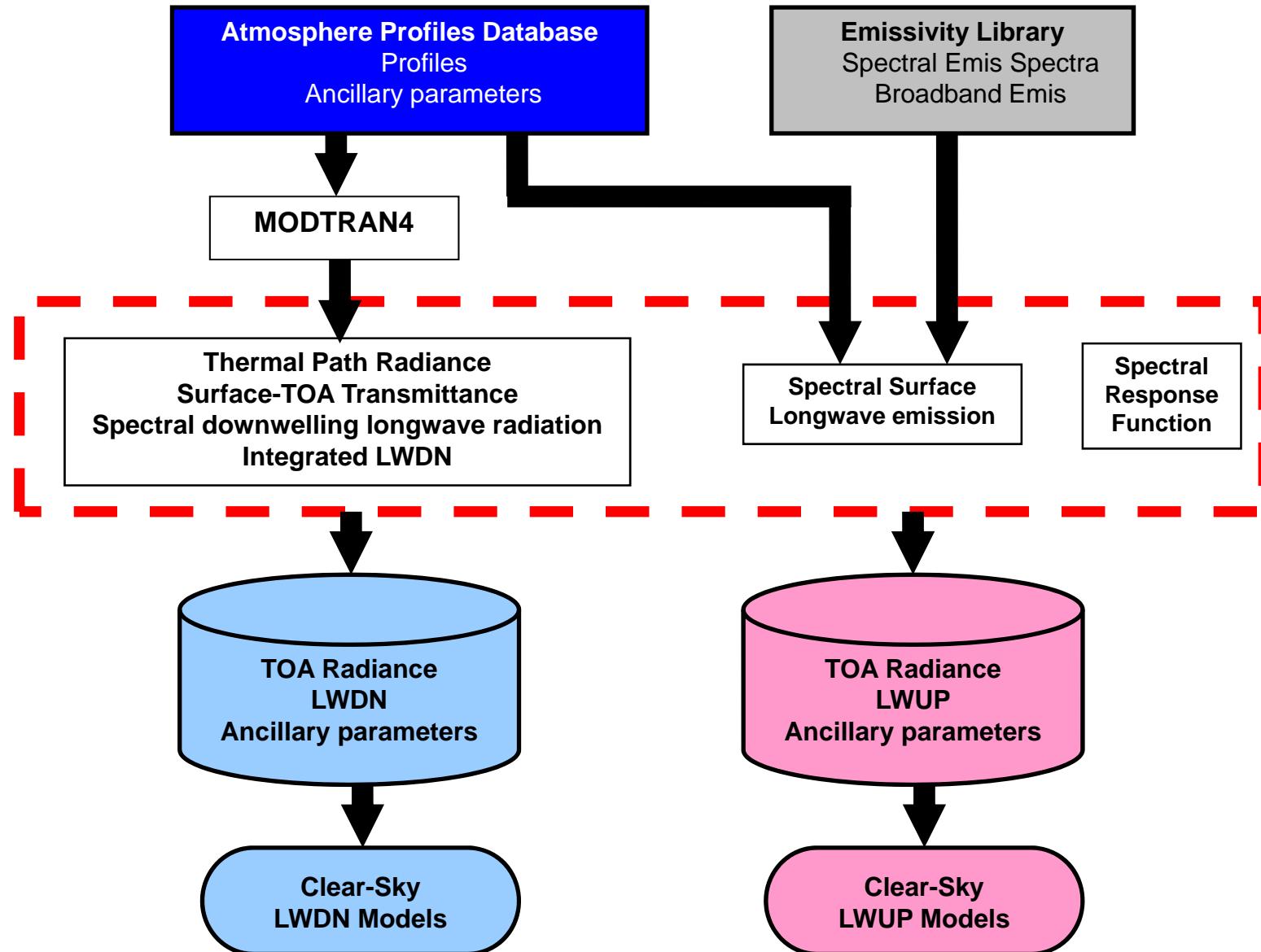


- ♣ Using MODIS Profiles & MODTRAN4

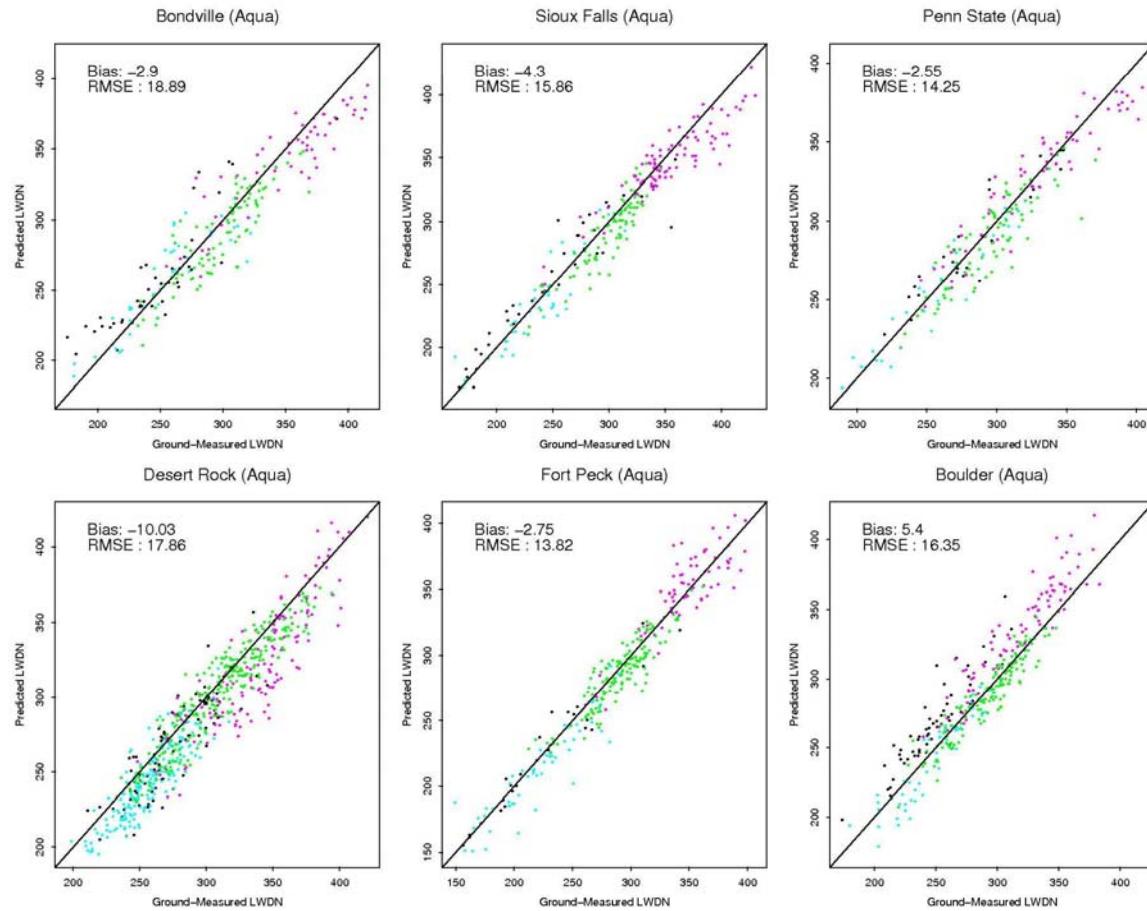
- ♣ Problems:

- LWDN dominated by near surface temp. & moisture
- MODIS profiles are coarse (20 levels)
  - 1000, 950, 920, 850, 800, 700, 620, 500, 400, 300, 250, 200, 150, 100, 70, 50, 30, 20, 10, 5 hPa
- Large errors, especially over high elevation sites





## Framework of Hybrid Methods

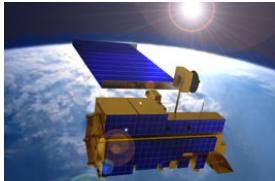


## Nonlinear Models

- ♣ Results similar to Terra
- ♣ Smaller RMSEs in Aqua-derived LWDN
  - ↗ Smaller systematic errors in Aqua ([Liu et. Al, 2006](#))
  - ↗ Diff. overpass times  
→ diff. atmospheric conditions

Avg. RMSE: 17.60 W/m<sup>2</sup>  
 Avg. Bias: -0.40 W/m<sup>2</sup>

day/fallwinter
night/fallwinter
day/springsummer
night/springsummer



# Estimating longwave upwelling radiation (LWUP)

## (1) Temperature-Emissivity Method

$$F_u = \varepsilon \int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} \pi B(T_s) d\lambda + (1 - \varepsilon) F_d$$

$T_s$  MODIS LST (MOD11\_L2)

$\varepsilon$  Broadband emis (derived from MOD11B1)

## (2) Hybrid Method

- ♣ Following the framework for hybrid methods
  - Emissivity Effect
    - UCSB Emissivity Library (59 spectra)
    - ~2000 MODIS Profile
  - ♣ Statistical Analysis
    - Linear SULR Models ( $R^2: 0.990$ ,  $RMSE < 5.42 \text{ W/m}^2$ )
    - Artificial Neural Network (ANN) Models ( $R^2: 0.996$   $RMSEs < 3.7 \text{ W/m}^2$ )

$$F_u = a_0 + a_1 L_{29} + a_2 L_{31} + a_3 L_{32}$$

5 Models in total

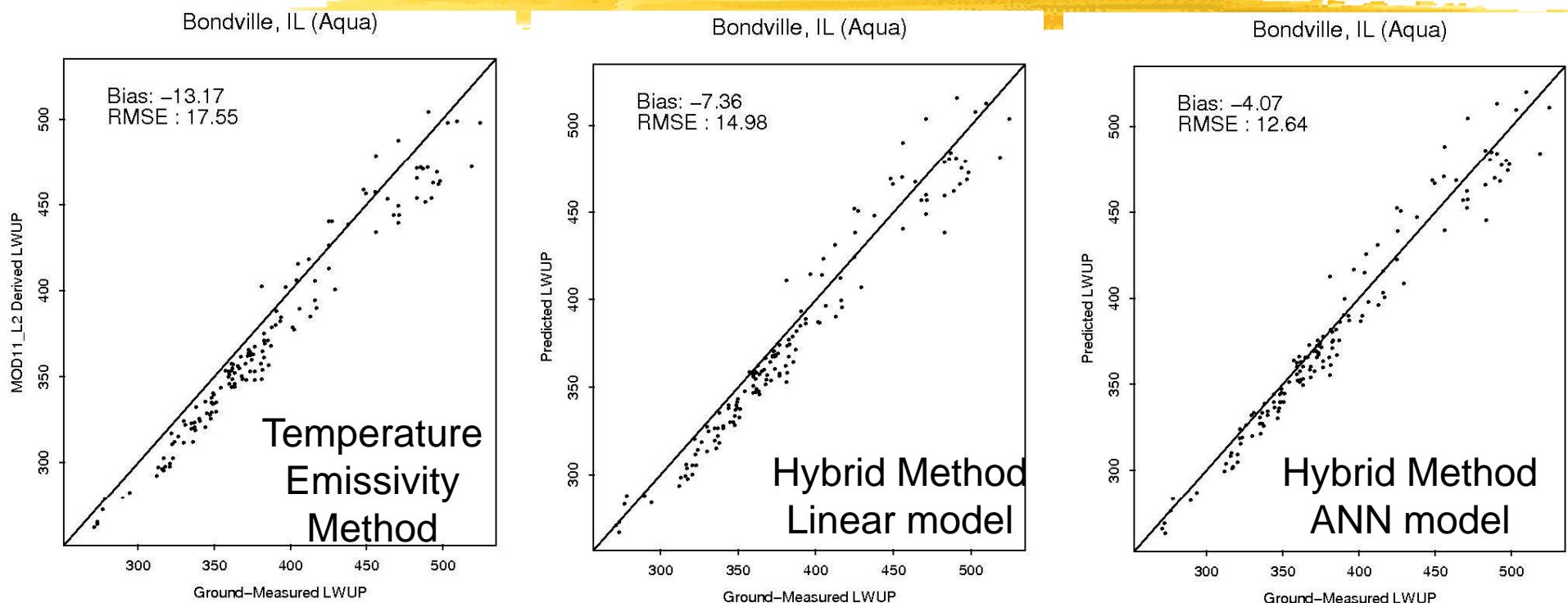
$\theta$	Model
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$15^\circ$	
$30^\circ$	
$45^\circ$	
$60^\circ$	

# Representative thermal space-borne RS systems

<b>sensors</b>	<b>Wavebands (<math>\mu\text{m}</math>)</b>	<b># of bands</b>	<b>Spatial resolution</b>
AVHRR	3.55 – 3.93 10.30 – 12.50	1 2	1.1km
MODIS	3.66 – 4.08 8.400 – 13.48	3 4	1km
ATSR/ATSR-2/AASTR	3.55 – 3.93 10.4 – 12.5	1 2	1km
ASTER	8.125 – 11.65	5	90m
TM/ETM+	10.00 – 12.90	1	120m/60m
MSG–SEVIRI	8.30–13.0	3	3km at nadir
FY-3	3.7 – 4 9.59 – 13.49	2 4	1.1km
GOES	10.2 – 12.5	2	4km at nadir
GMS(Geostationary Meteorological Satellite)	3.5 – 4.0 10.3 – 12.5	1 1	4km at nadir
HJ-1B	3.50 – 3.90 10.5 – 12.5	1 1	150m 300m
METOP-IASI	3.2–15.5 (645–2760 $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	8461	12km



# Estimating LWUP: validation



## Bondville, IL (cropland, elevation 213 m)

- Smaller RMSEs in Aqua
- Hybrid method outperforms temperature-emissivity method
  - ANN model outperforms linear model

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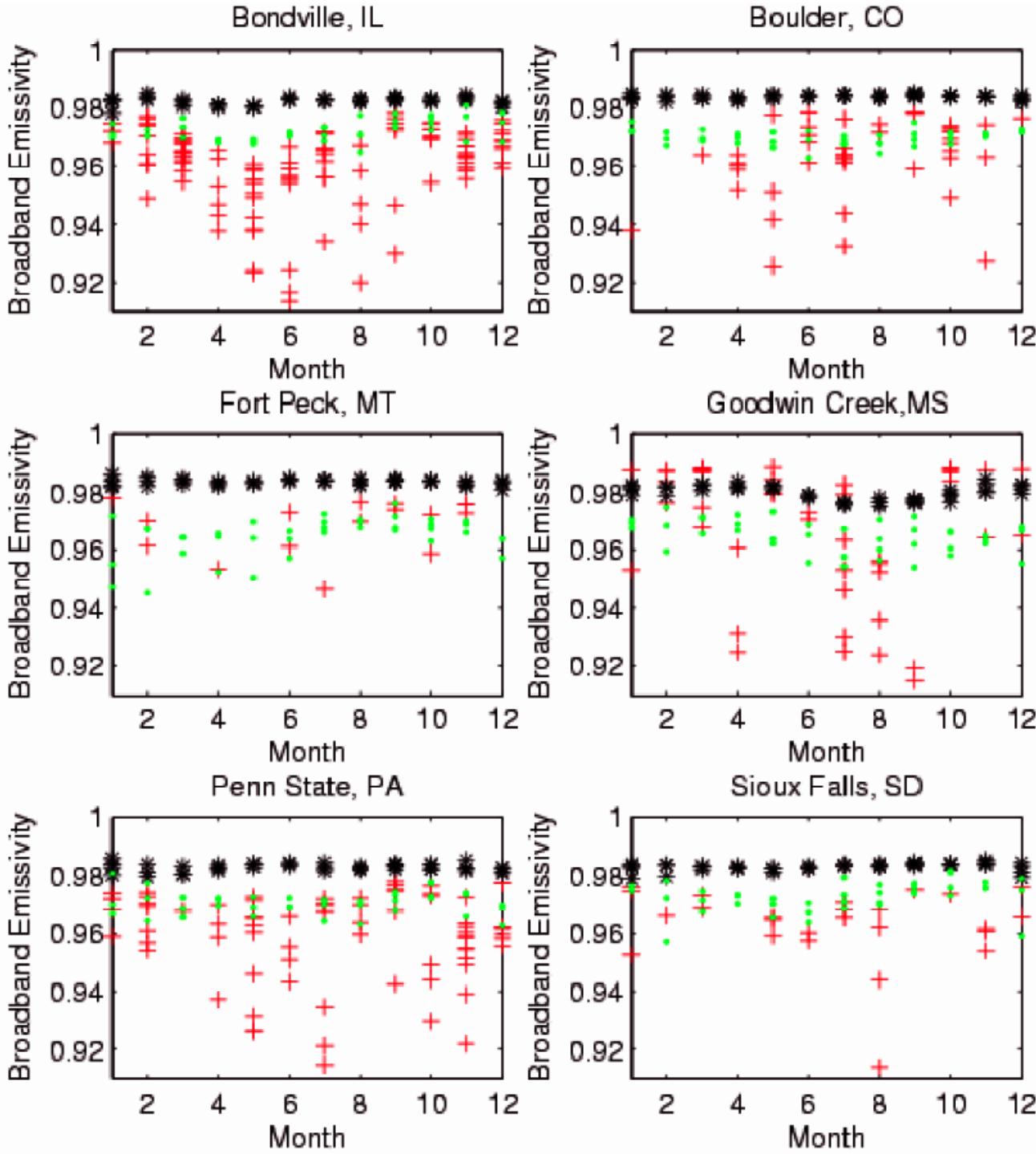


## MODIS LST validation

### Summary of validation results

Site	MOD11_L2 (°C)		MOD07_L2 (°C)	
	Bias (MOD-GT)	RMSE	Bias (MOD-GT)	RMSE
Brookings	0.62	1.63	1.30	1.97
Audubon	0.72	1.31	2.98	3.74
Canaan Valley	0.04	1.42	1.20	2.08
Black Hills	0.15	1.48	3.14	4.10
Fort Peck	-2.19	2.51	0.34	2.70
Hainich	-2.21	2.51	-2.12	2.58
Tharandt	-3.23	3.44	-3.38	3.73
Bondville	-3.09	3.41	-0.16	2.50

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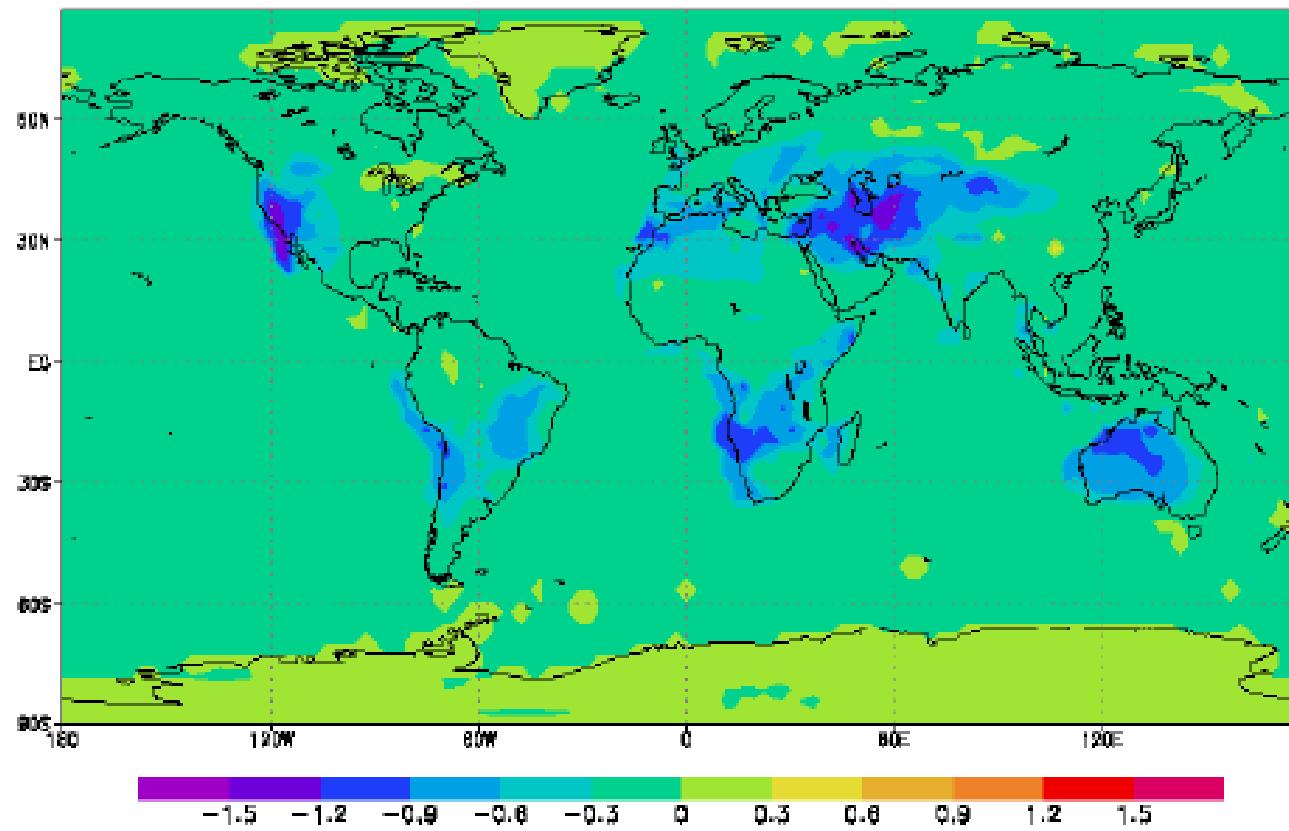


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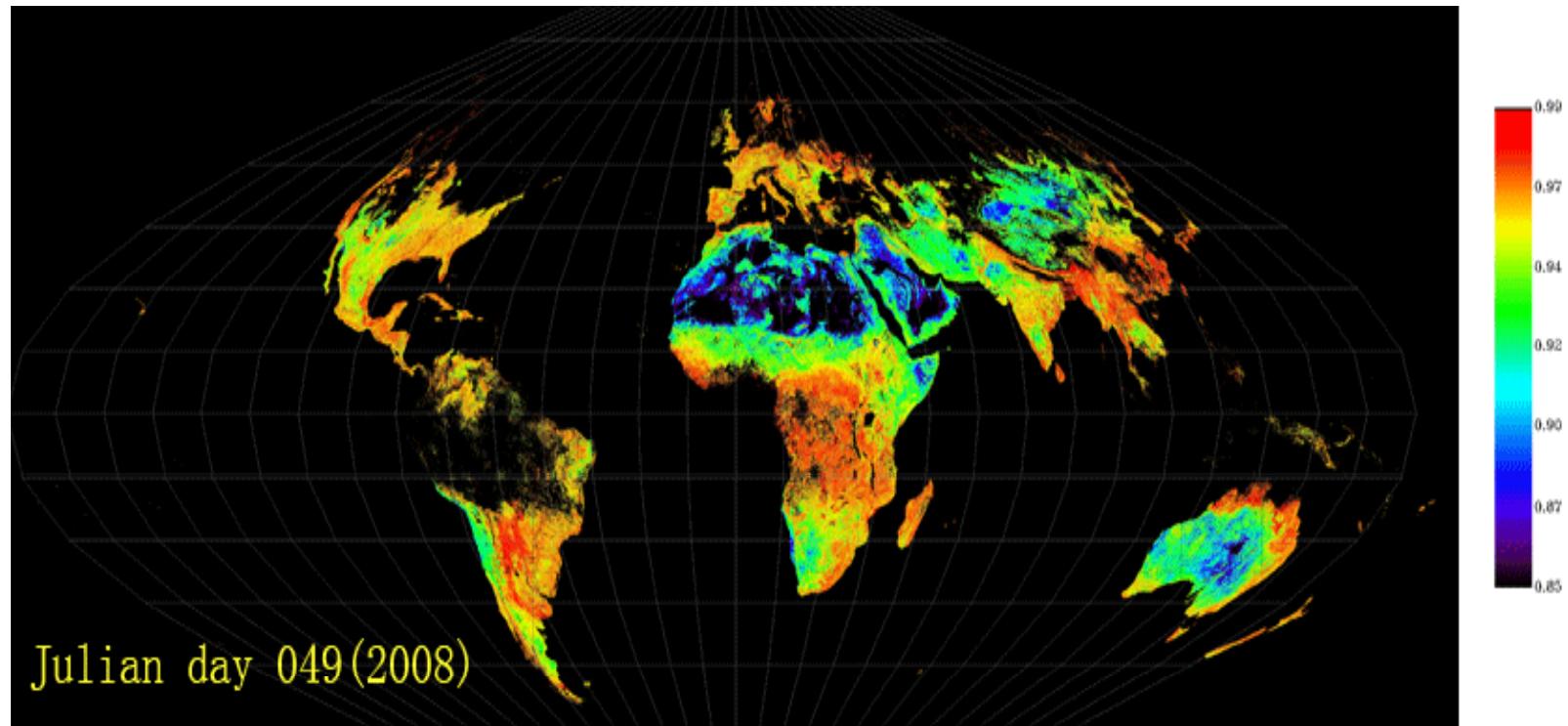
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# Chinese GLASS Broadband Emissivity Product



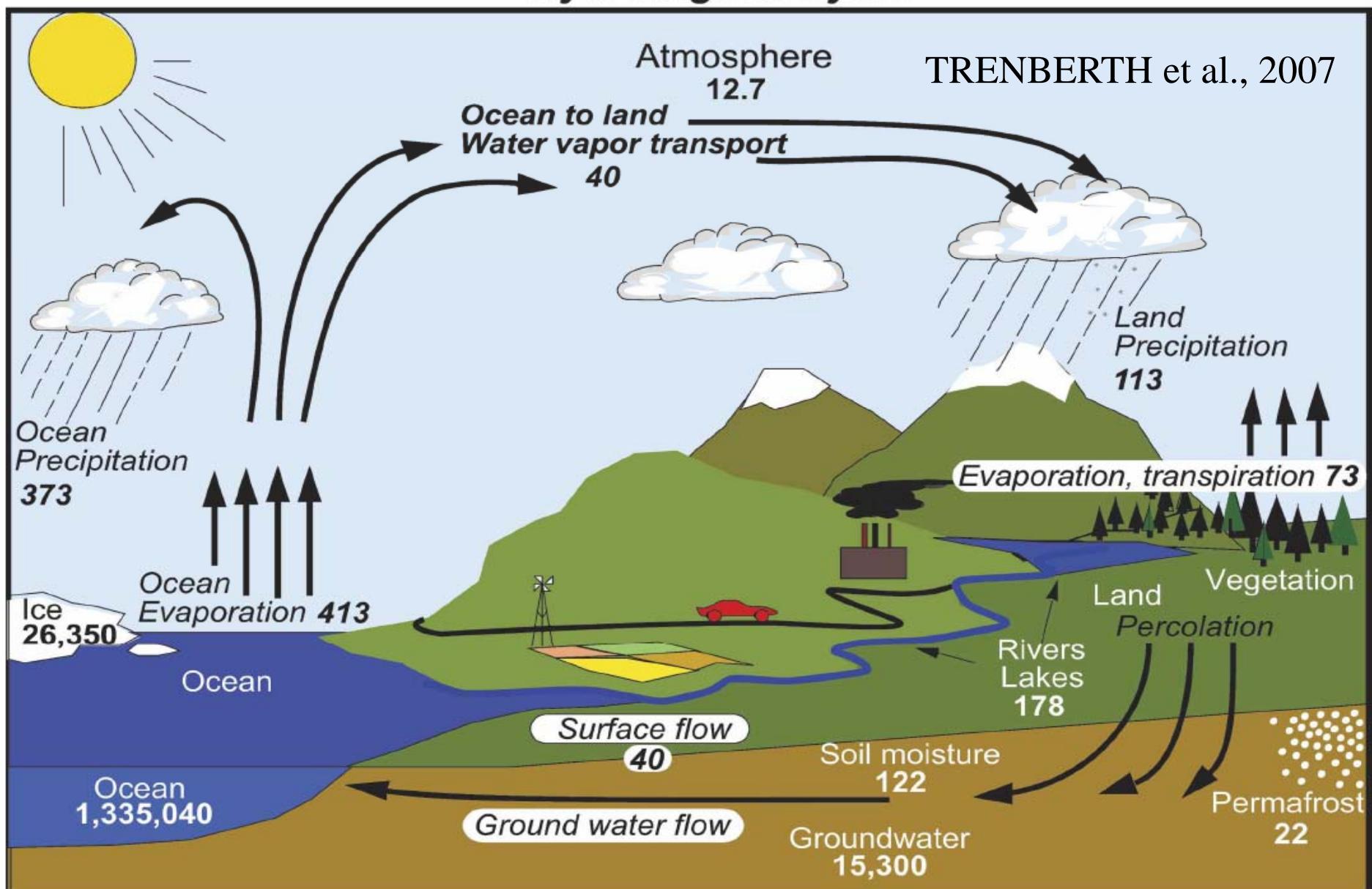
**Global eight-day 1-Km land surface broadband emissivity retrieved by  
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(5km from 1984-1999, 1km 2000-2010, 8day)**



# Outlines

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## Hydrological Cycle

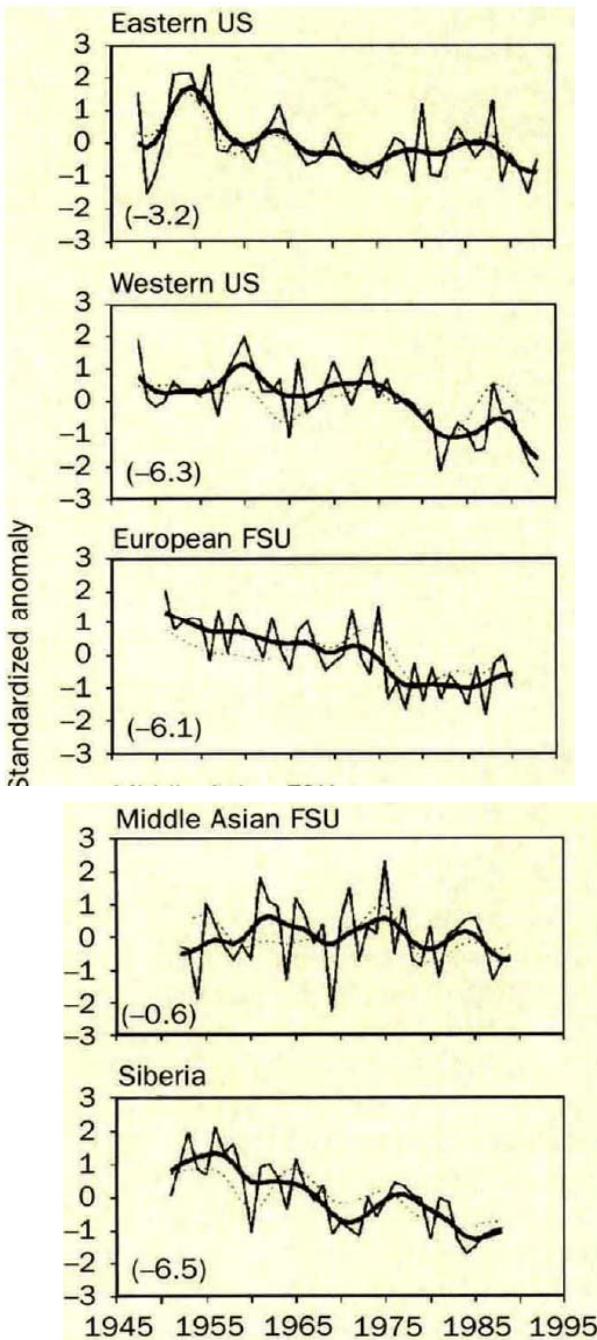


Units: Thousand cubic km for storage, and thousand cubic km/yr for exchanges

FIG. 1. The hydrological cycle. Estimates of the main water reservoirs, given in plain font in  $10^3 \text{ km}^3$ , and the flow of moisture through the system, given in slant font ( $10^3 \text{ km}^3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ), equivalent to  $Eg (10^{18} \text{ g}) \text{ yr}^{-1}$ .



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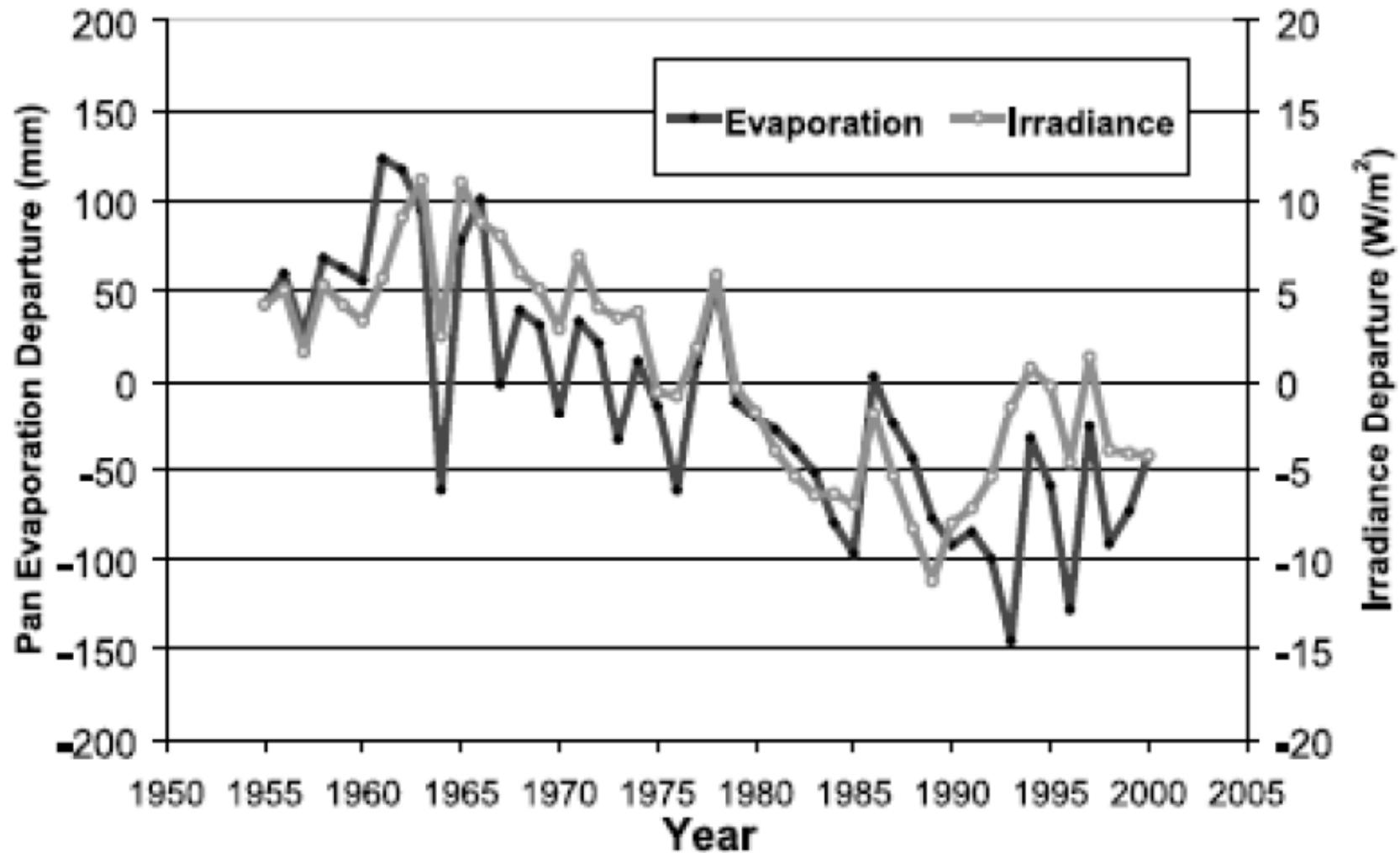


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## 85 sites in China



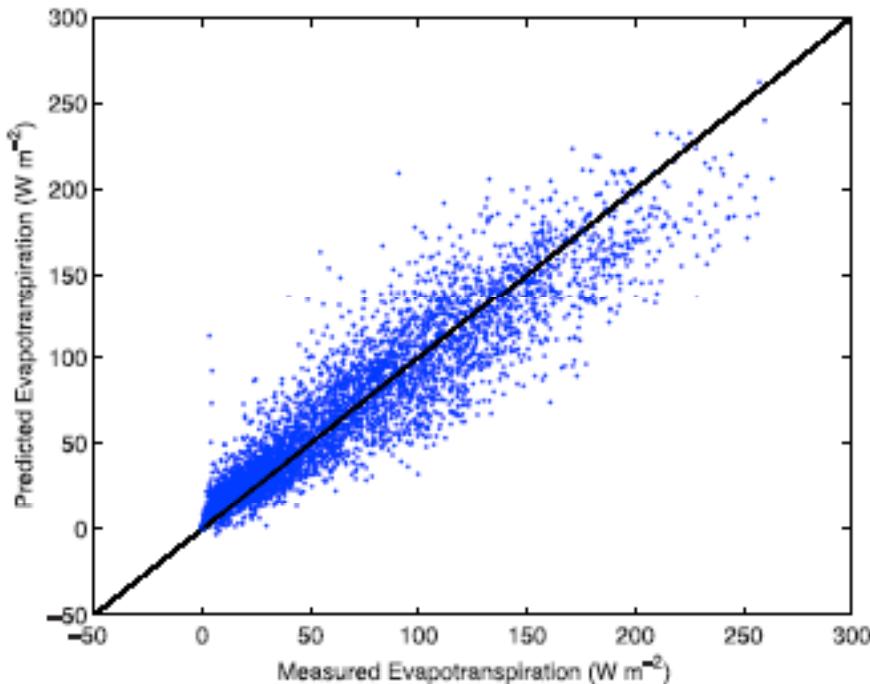
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Impact on pan evaporation

$$ET_E = \frac{\Delta}{\Delta + \gamma} \cdot R_s \cdot [a_1 + a_2 \cdot VI + RHD \cdot (a_3 + a_4 \cdot VT)], \quad (8)$$

$$ET_A = \frac{\gamma}{\Delta + \gamma} \cdot WS \cdot VPD \cdot [a_5 + RHD \cdot (a_6 + a_7 \cdot VT)], \quad (9)$$

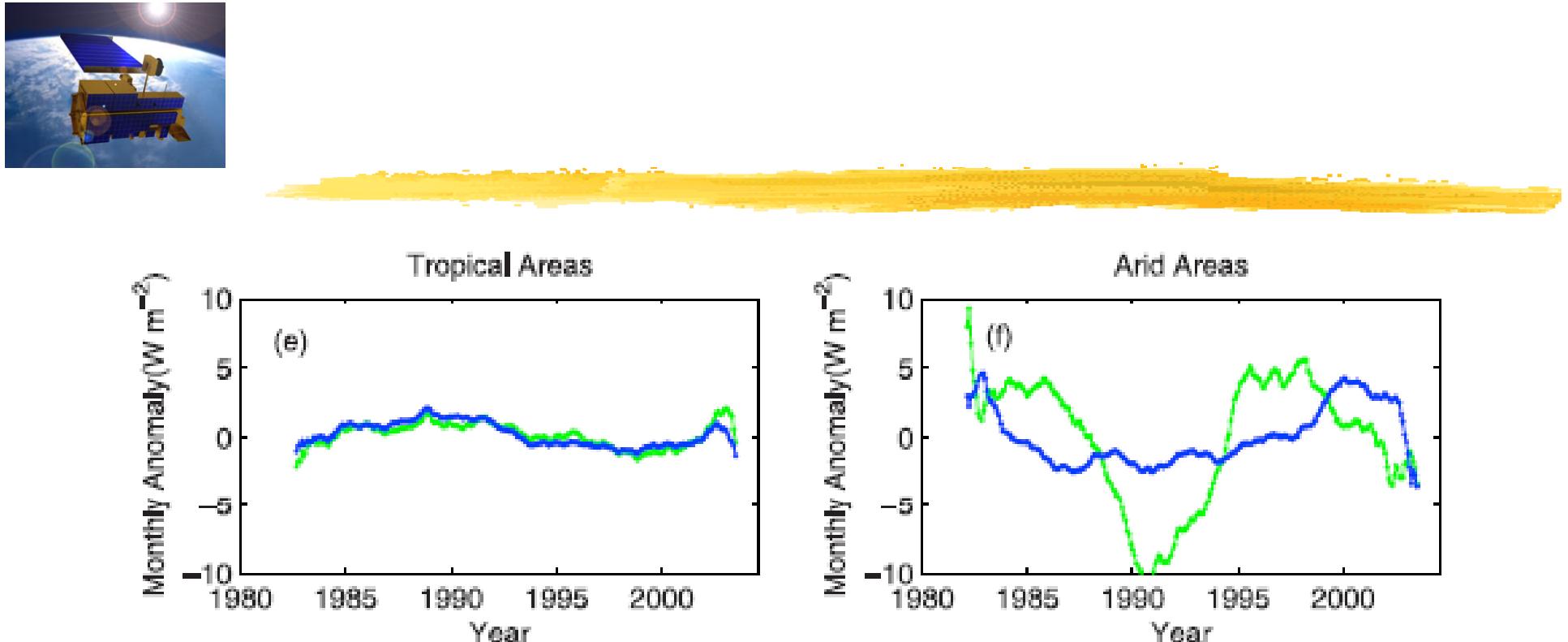
$$ET = a_8 \cdot (ET_E + ET_A) + a_9 \cdot (ET_E + ET_A)^2, \quad (10)$$



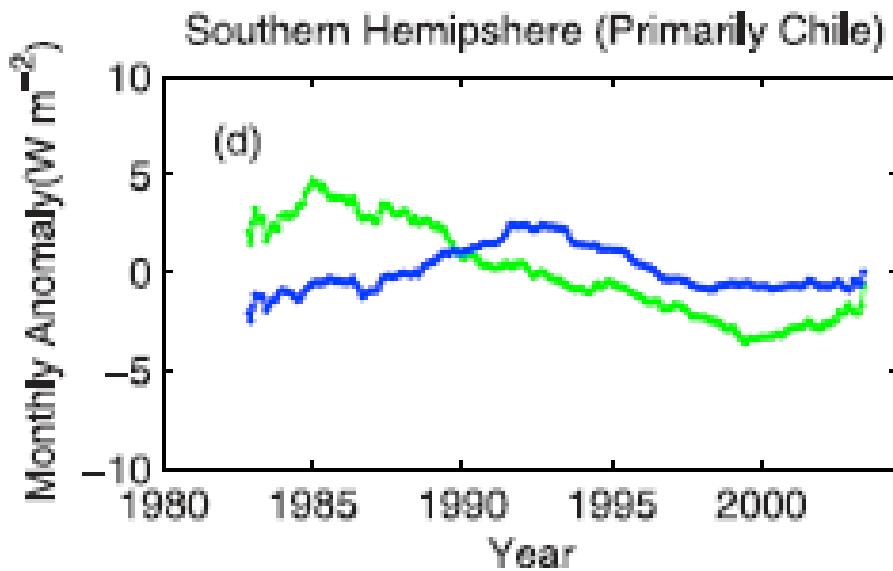
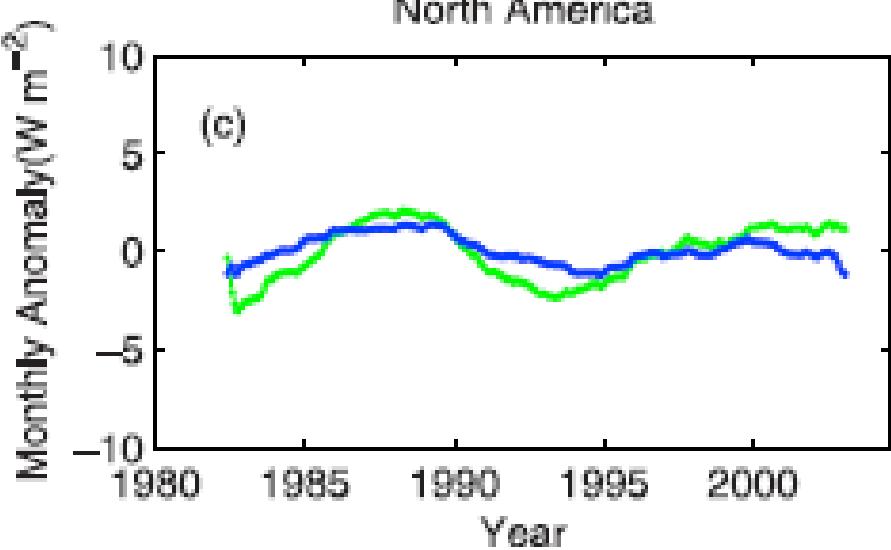
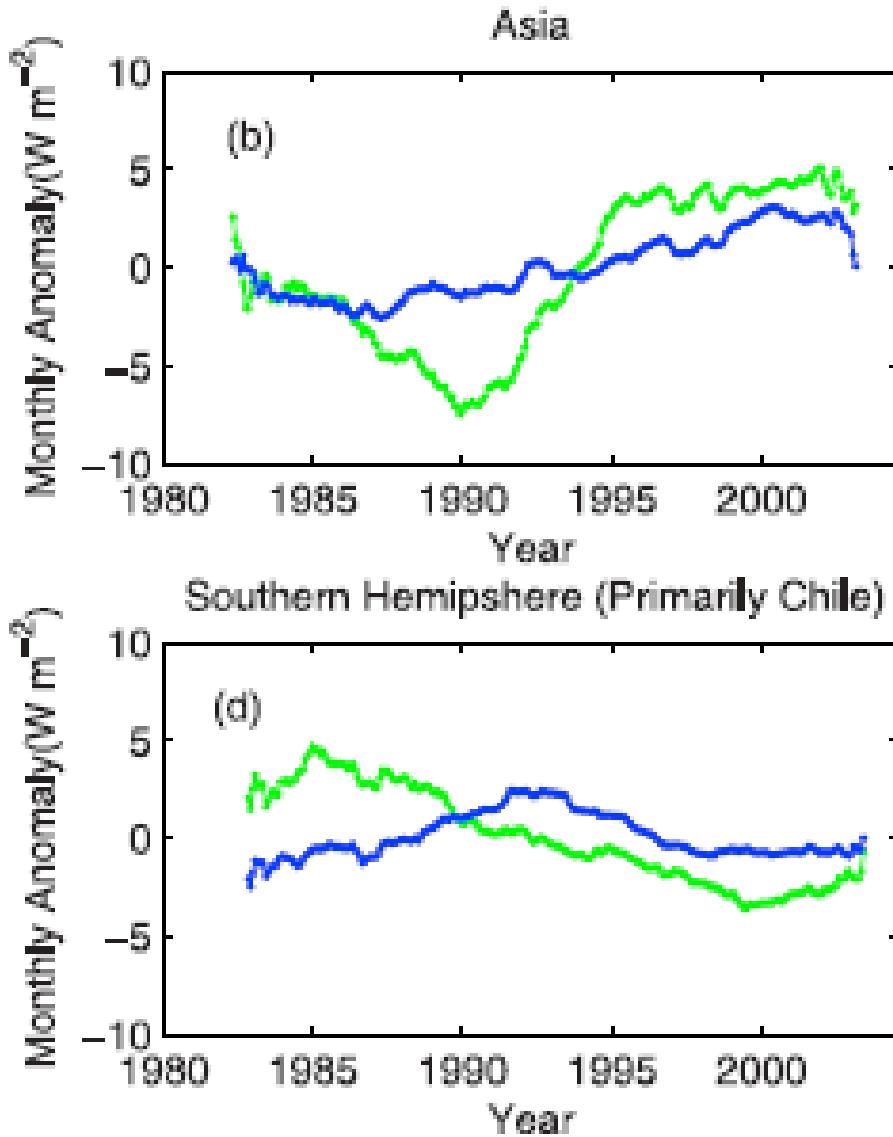
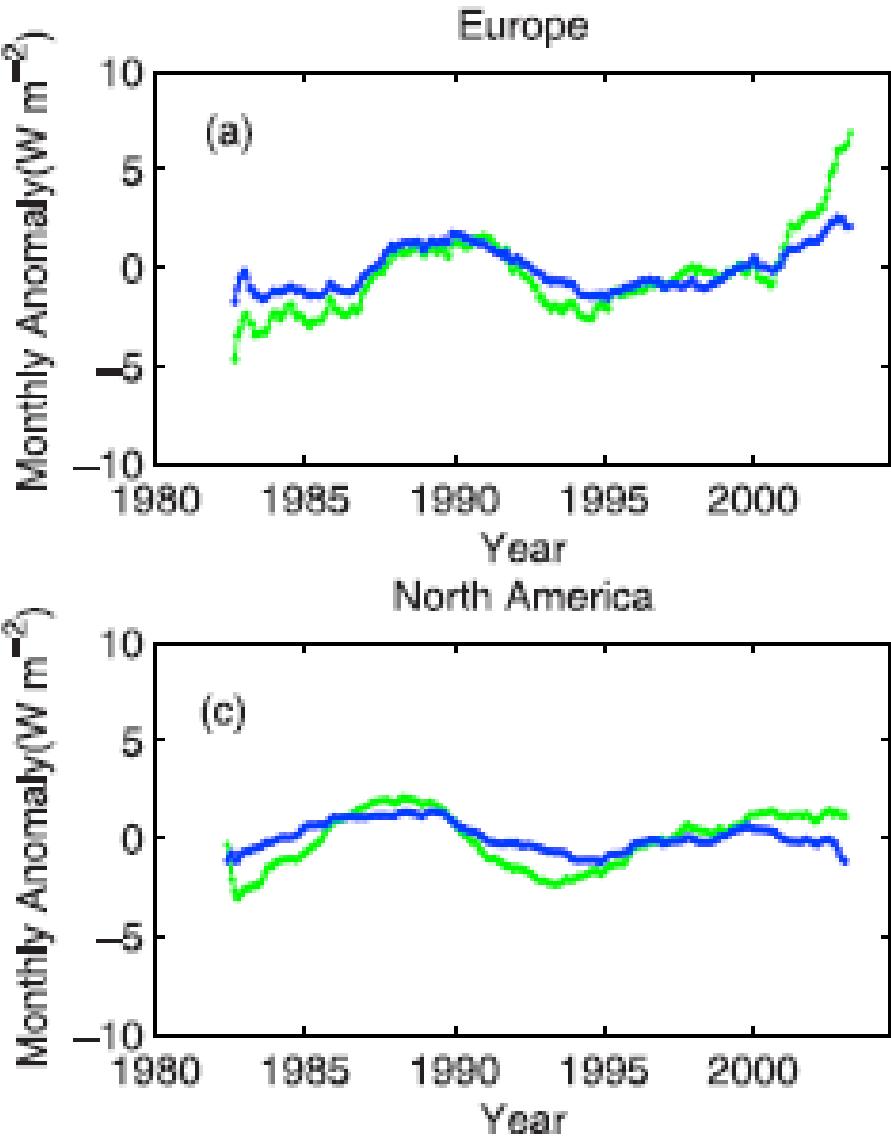
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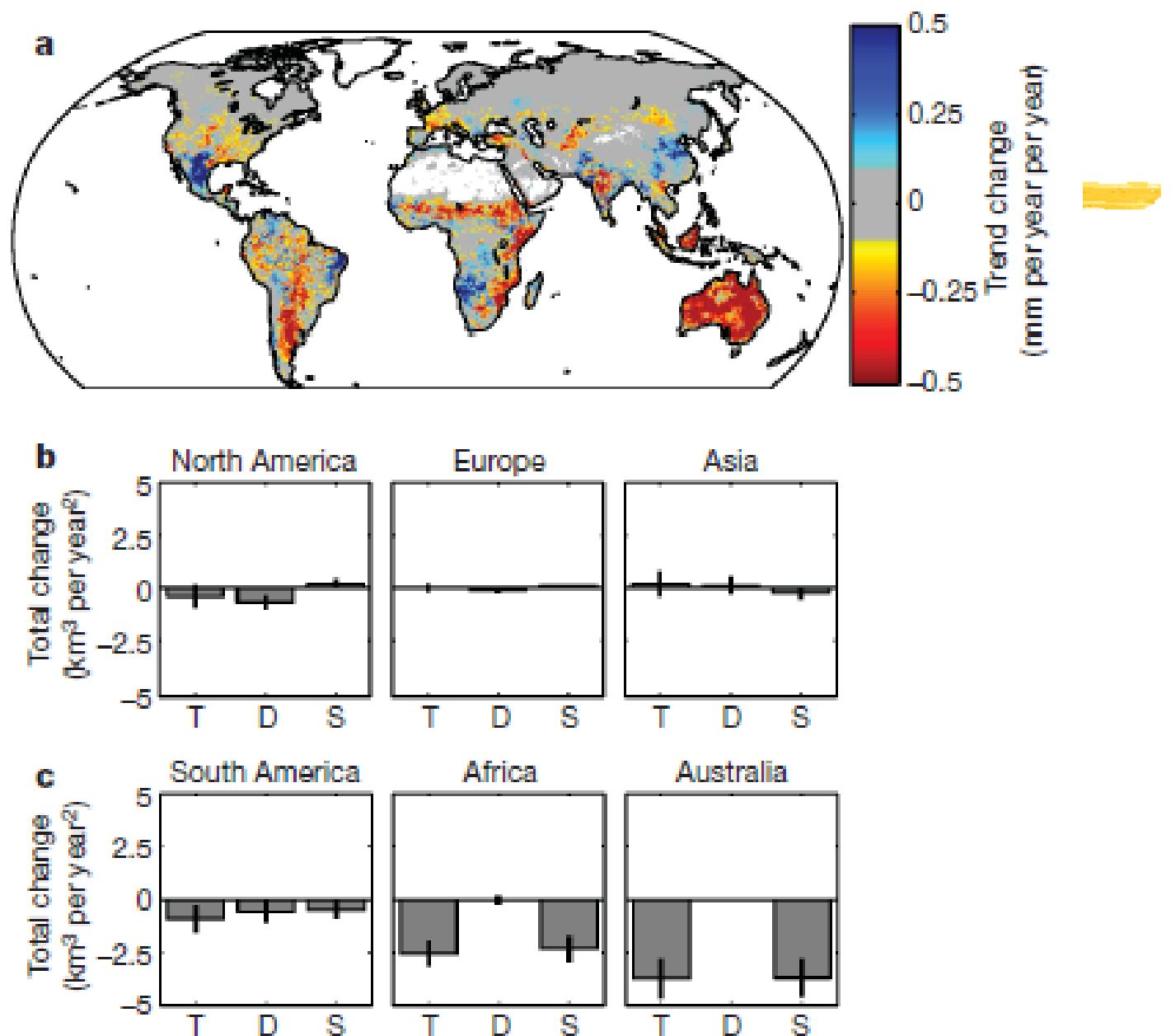
**Figure 3.** The times series of 5 year smoothed ET (blue line) and  $R_s$  (green line) anomalies for (a) Europe, (b) Asia, (c) North America, (d) the Southern Hemisphere, (e) tropical areas, and (f) arid areas. Tropical areas refer to regions where latitude is between  $20^{\circ}\text{S}$ – $20^{\circ}\text{N}$ , and arid areas refer to regions where multiyear average relative humidity is less than 50%. ET and  $R_s$  demonstrate significant decadal variation in all the regions.



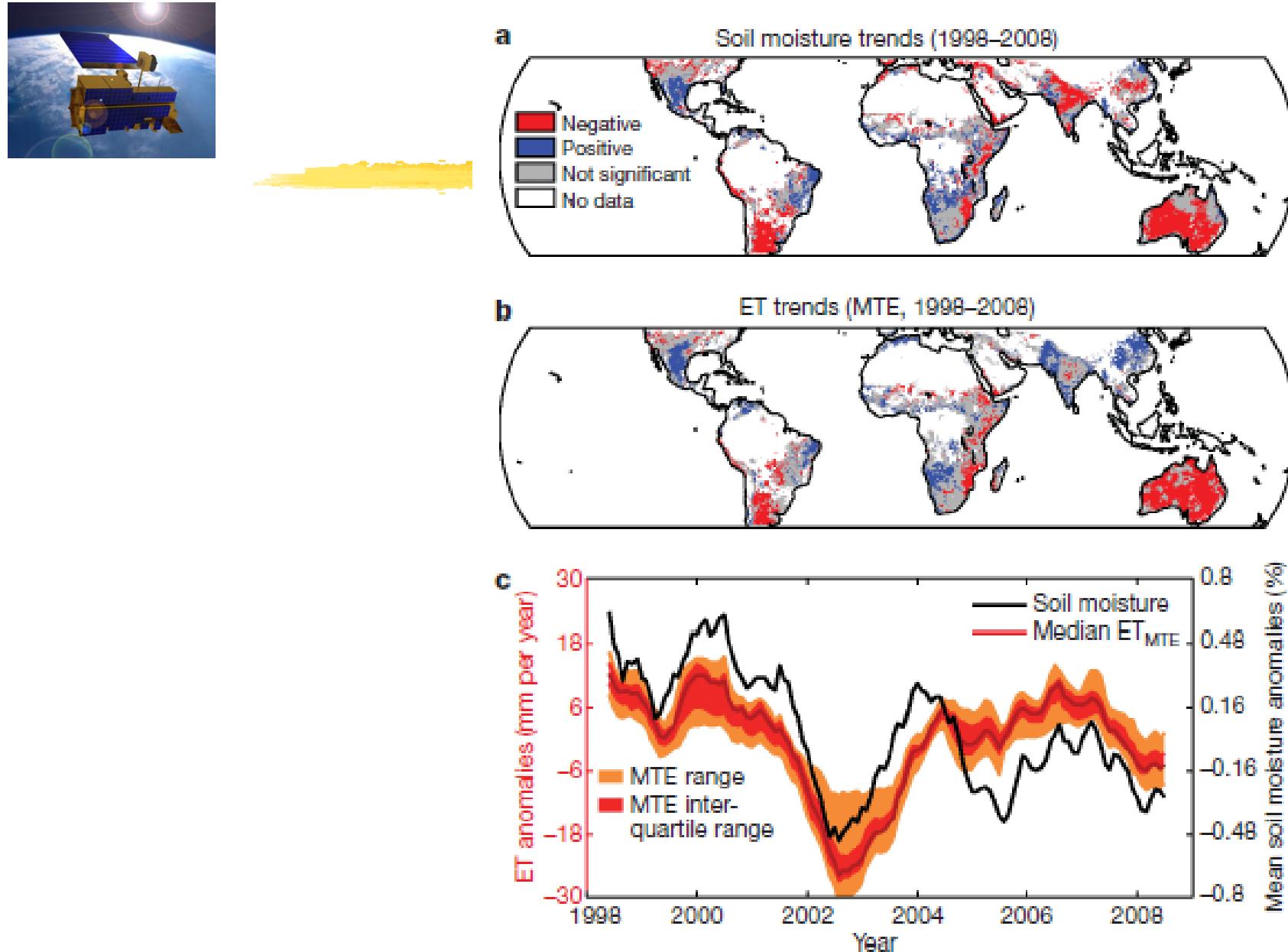
Global ET over land increased by  $0.6 \text{ W m}^{-2}$  per decade equal to  $1.2 \text{ W m}^{-2}$  (about 2.2% in relative value) or  $15 \text{ mm yr}^{-1}$  in water flux from 1982-2002



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**Figure 3 | ET trend changes.** a, Map of the change in ET trend between 1982–1997 and 1998–2008 in millimetres per year per year. Small trend changes of  $\pm 0.1$  mm per year per year are shown in grey to enhance clarity. Total



**Figure 4 | Soil-moisture and ET trends.** Significant ( $P < 0.1$ ) soil-moisture trends derived from TRMM (a), significant ( $P < 0.1$ ) ET trends from MTE (b) and mean ET and soil-moisture anomalies (seasonal cycle subtracted and filtered with an 11-month running mean) of all valid pixels of the TRMM



# Summary

- ♣ Climate change and human activities have greatly impacted land surface radiation and energy budgets
- ♣ Many feedbacks and impacts have not been fully understood
- ♣ Satellite remote sensing can accurately map high-resolution land surface radiation and energy budgets and thus be greatly valuable for various applications



Thank you !