

# Land Data Assimilation in China: A review

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# **1. Data assimilation in China: a quick review**

# LDAS sisters and developers in China

- (1) First LDAS in China
- (2) Multi-model and observation operators
- (3) Multiple data
- (4) Rich application directions

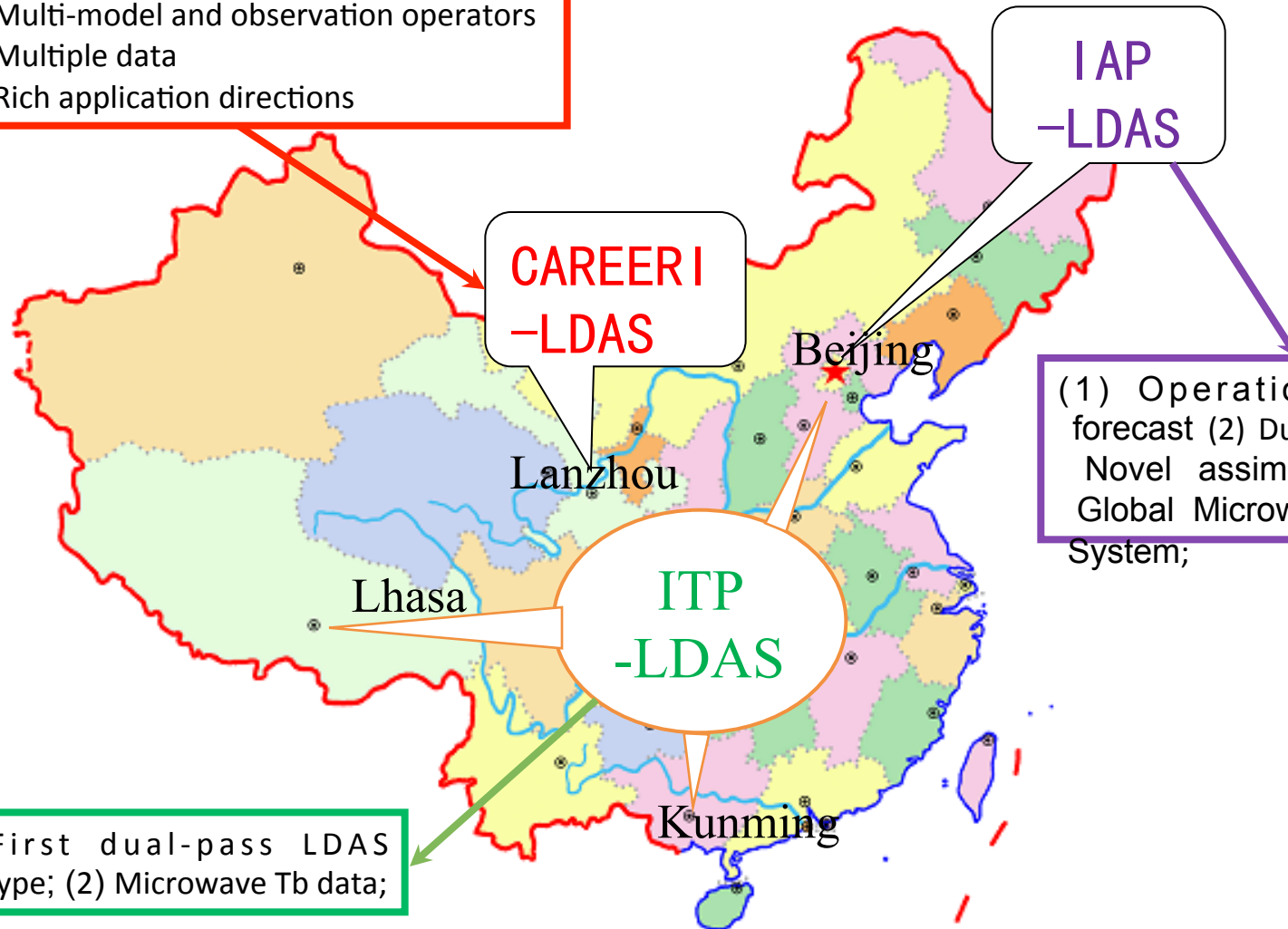
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-LDAS

IAP  
-LDAS

- (1) Operational weather forecast
- (2) Dual-pass LDAS;
- (3) Novel assimilation;
- (4) The Global Microwave Land Data System;

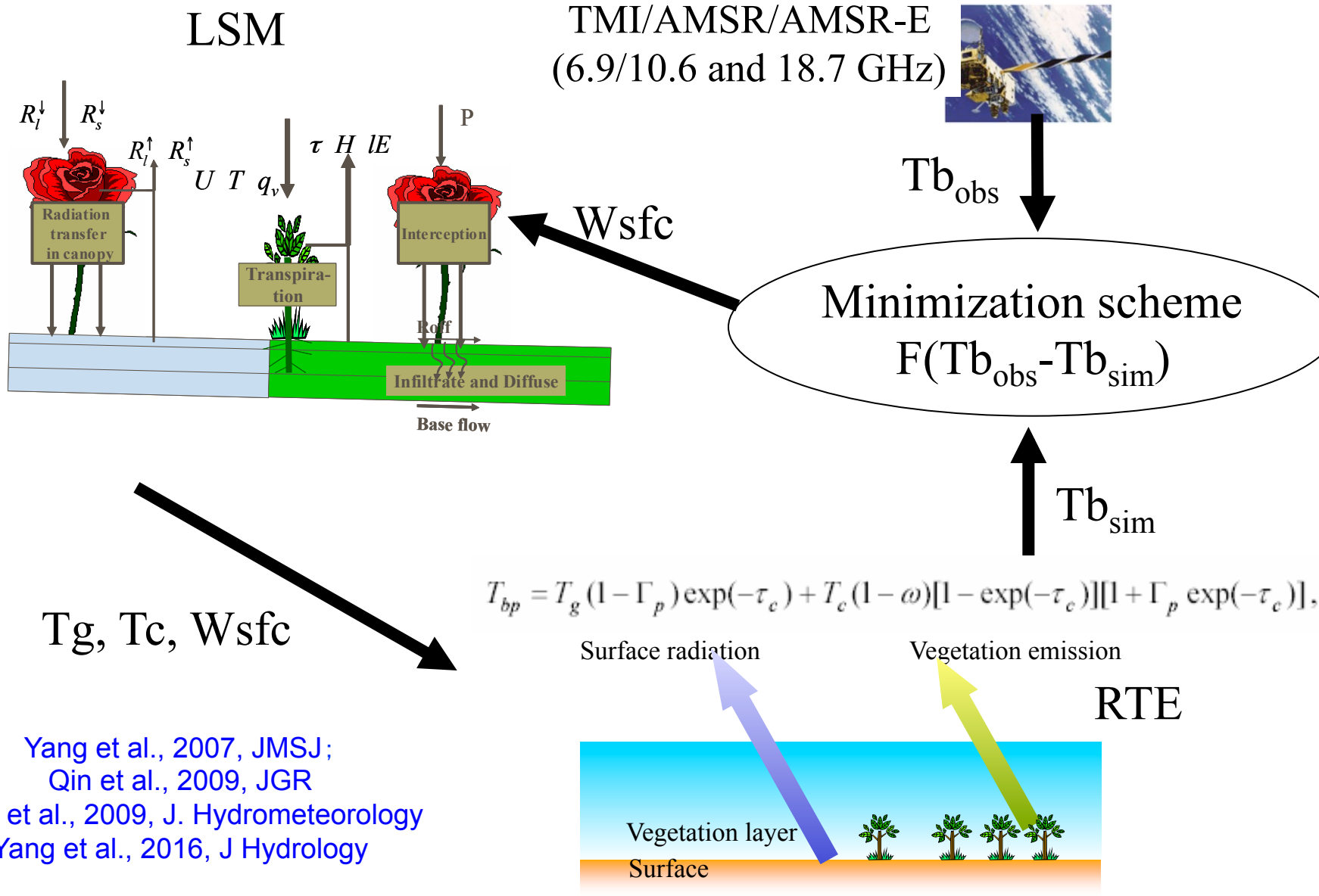
ITP  
-LDAS

- (1) First dual-pass LDAS prototype;
- (2) Microwave Tb data;



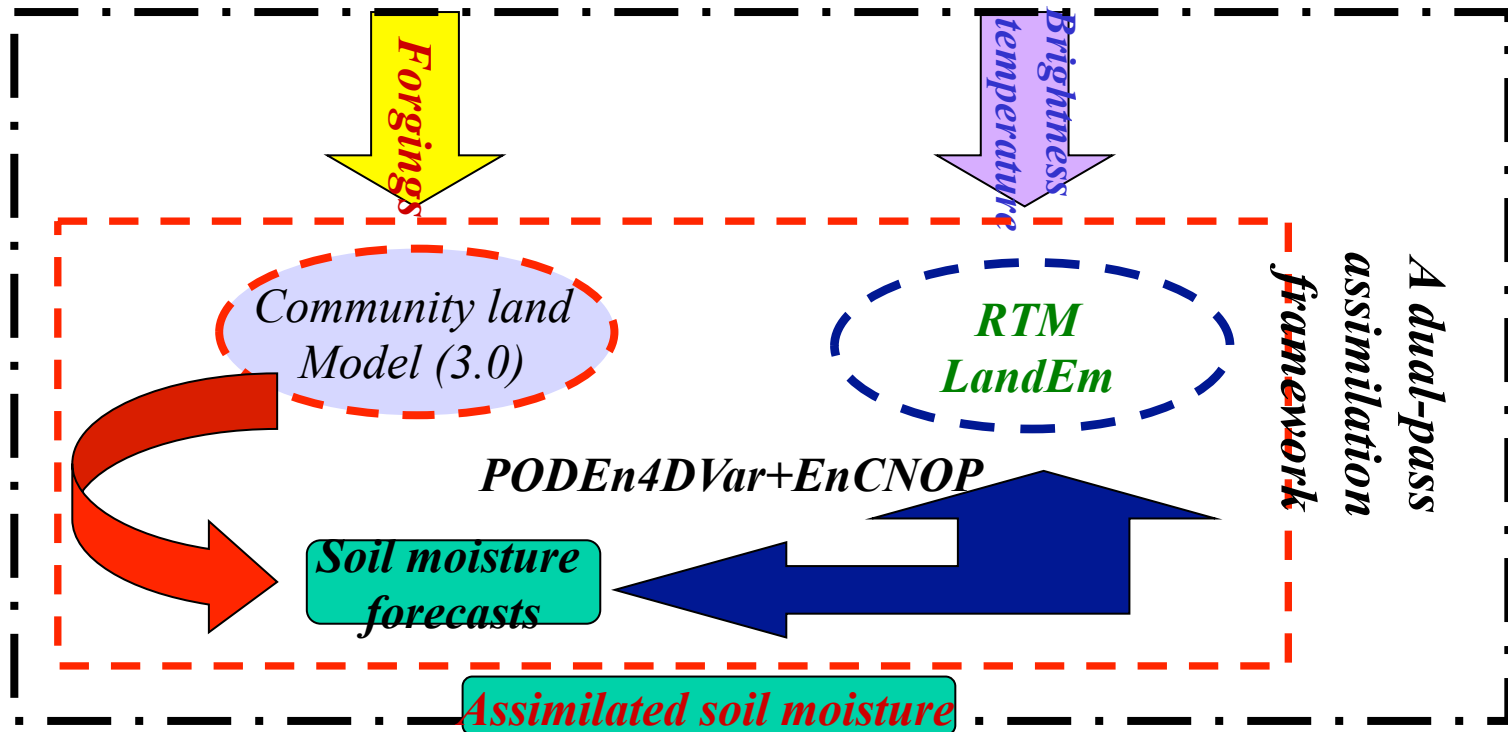
From Prof. Kun Yang

# Dual-pass LDAS at ITP: (1) first dual-pass LDAS prototype; (2) model operator: SiB2; (3) microwave Tb data



Yang et al., 2007, JMSJ;  
 Qin et al., 2009, JGR  
 Yang et al., 2009, J. Hydrometeorology  
 Yang et al., 2016, J Hydrology

# The Global Microwave Land Data System at ITP: (1) dual-pass LDAS; (2) Novel assimilation

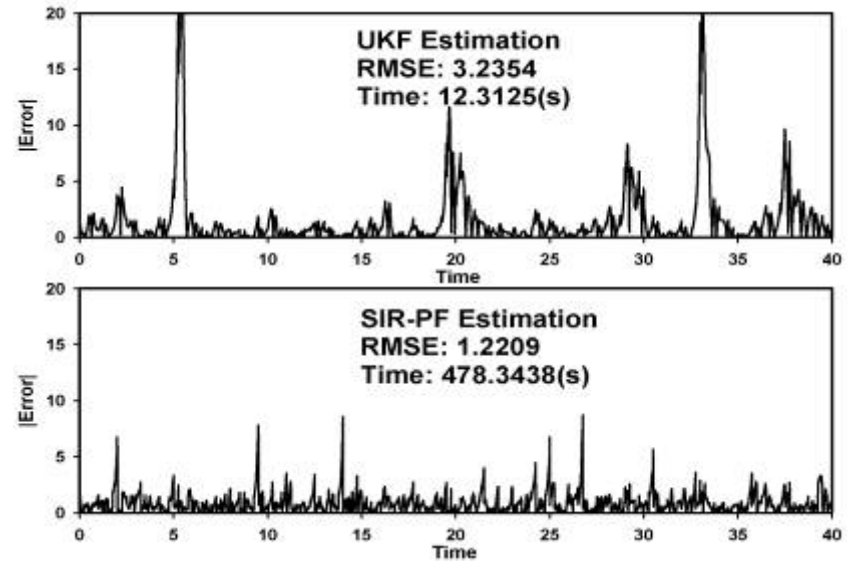


- ◆ A Dual-pass Assimilation-Calibration strategy (Tian et al., 2009, JGR)
- ◆ A POD-based ensemble 4DVar method (Tian et al., 2010, Tellus-A; 2008, JGR)
- ◆ A EnCNOP-P parameter calibration method (Tian et al., 2010, WRR)
- ◆ A BMA-based observation operator framework (Tian et al., 2011, JGR)

## **2. Data assimilation method development**

# Comparisons of nonlinear non-Gaussian filtering algorithms

- UKF is a good choice in nonlinear Gaussian problems;
- The performance of the Kalman filter depends on the accurate estimation of system and observation error;
- For nonlinear non-Gaussian Problem, the best option is particle filter;
- Balance between calculation accuracy, numerical stability and computational efficiency.



Accuracy and computation cost (VIC model)

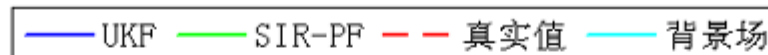
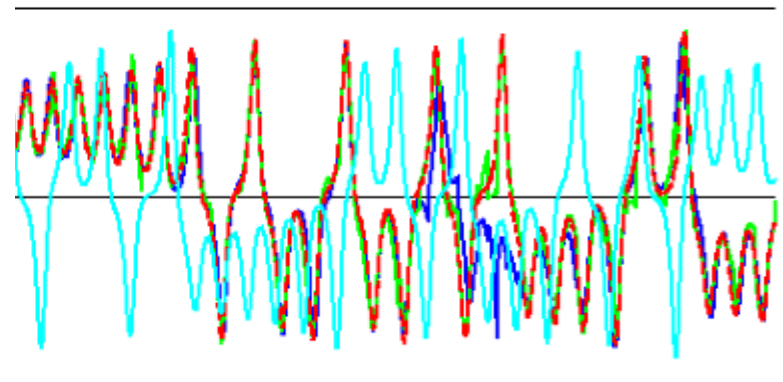


Table of the algorithms, the mean of the RMSE and the error standard deviations for experiment A calculated over 100 independent runs with  $\Delta t_{\text{obs}}=0.1$

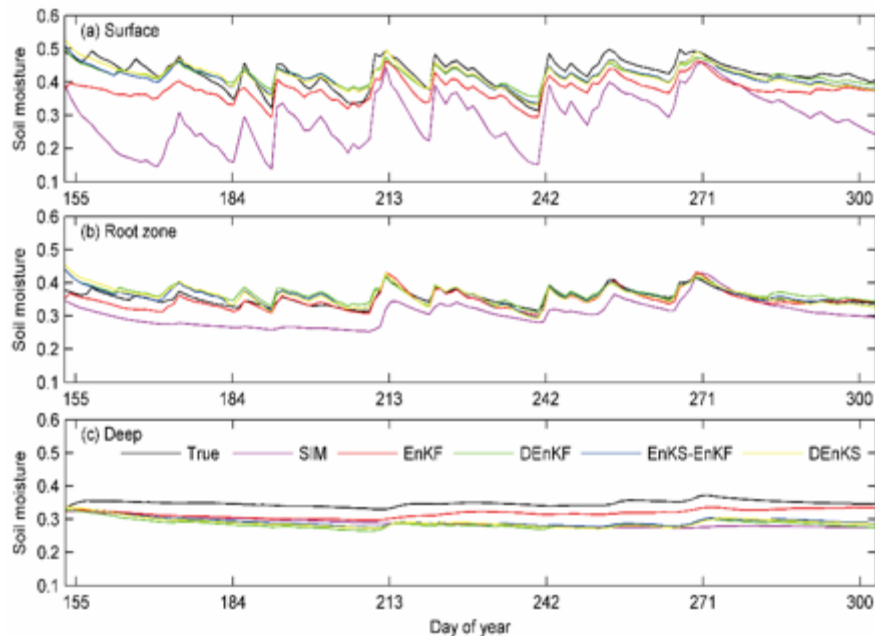
Algorithm	$x$		$y$		$z$	
	RMSE	S.D.	RMSE	S.D.	RMSE	S.D.
Unscented Kalman filter (UKF)	1.157	1.340	1.872	2.319	1.667	2.082
Ensemble Kalman filter (EnKF)	1.102	1.421	1.811	2.433	1.663	2.176
Particle filter (SIR-PF)	1.179	1.298	1.909	2.254	1.724	2.029
Unscented particle filter (UPF)	1.076	1.270	2.022	2.194	1.799	1.677



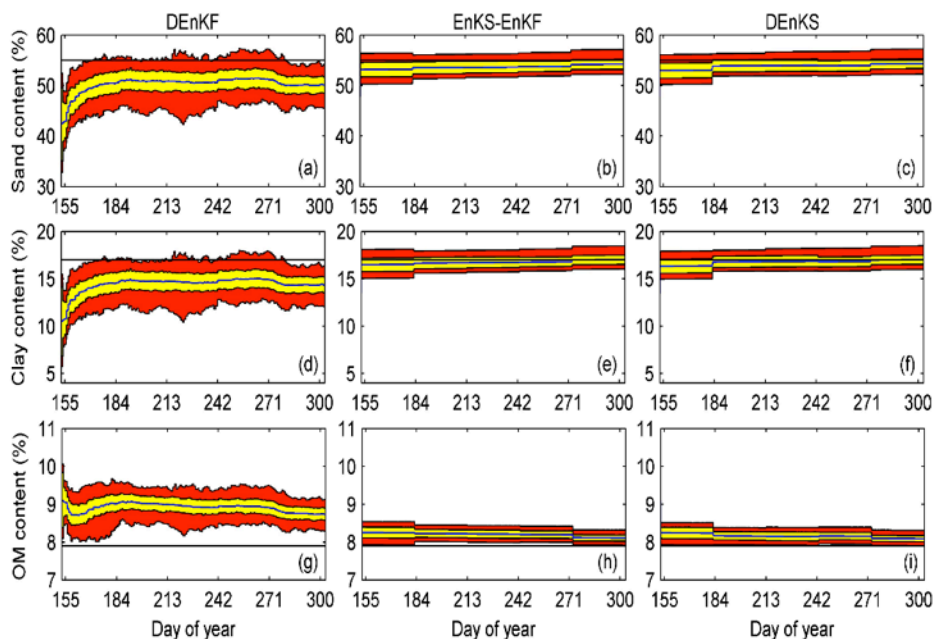


# Dual Ensemble Kalman Smoother for simultaneous estimation of soil moisture and soil properties

## Soil moisture

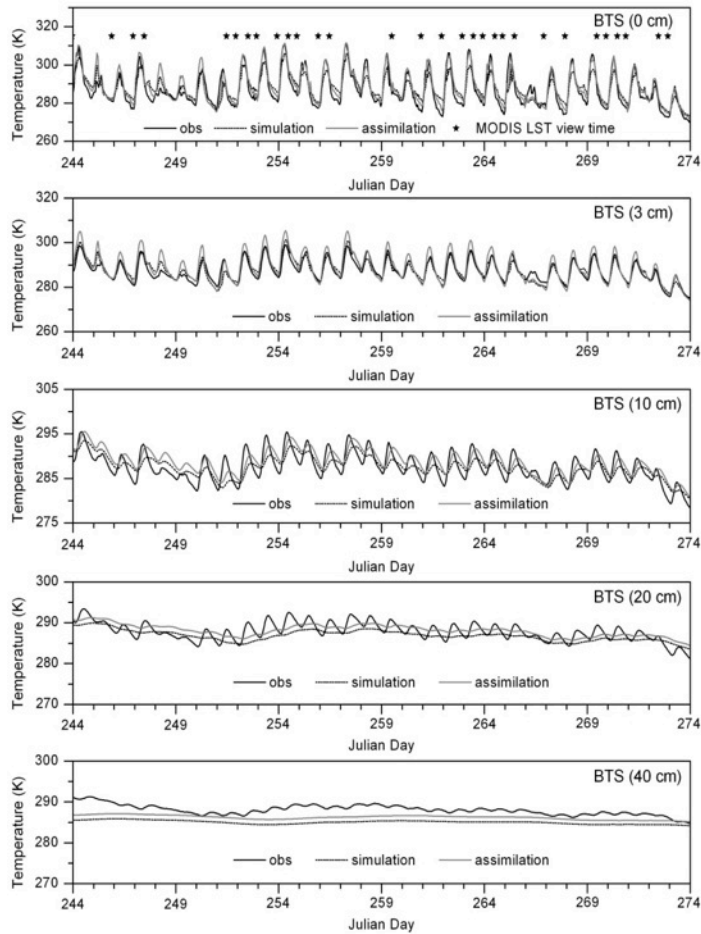


## Soil properties

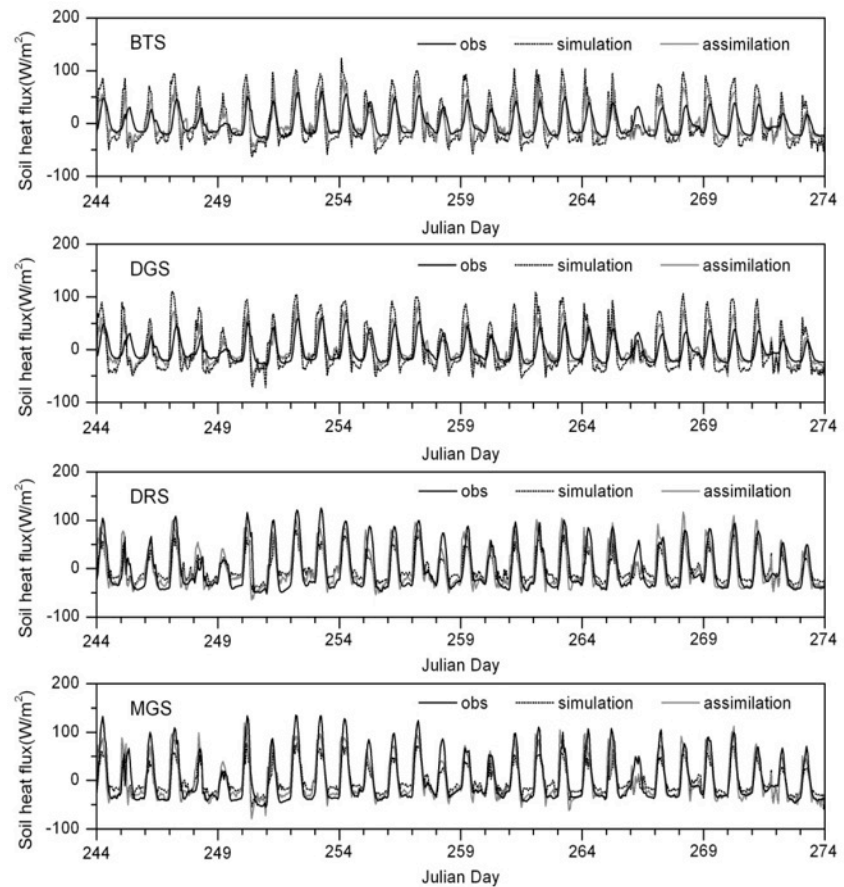


	Surface(5cm)			Root-zone(20cm)			Deep(80cm)		
	24h	72h	240h	24h	72h	240h	24h	72h	240h
<b>EnKF</b>	0.059	0.070	0.093	0.042	0.051	0.072	0.019	0.025	0.046
<b>DEnKF</b>	0.044	0.047	0.054	0.037	0.036	0.042	0.064	0.043	0.015
<b>EnKF-EnKS</b>	0.039	0.041	0.045	0.028	0.031	0.037	0.054	0.062	0.067
<b>DEnKS</b>	<b>0.035</b>	<b>0.038</b>	<b>0.040</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.028</b>	<b>0.032</b>	<b>0.052</b>	<b>0.057</b>	<b>0.060</b>

# Assimilating the MODIS LST Products



Assimilating the MODIS LST products at CEOP Mongolian reference (Sep 1-30), the estimation of land surface temperature can increase 2K averagely



Ground flux (simulated and assimilated)

	BTS	DGS	DRS	MGS
simulation	32.421	33.293	27.625	25.824
assimilation	19.649	19.671	25.436	23.578

# One-dimensional experiment of assimilating AMSR-E data for snow state estimation

- Data: CEOP Siberia reference; Land model: CoLM; Radiative transfer model of snow: MEMLS

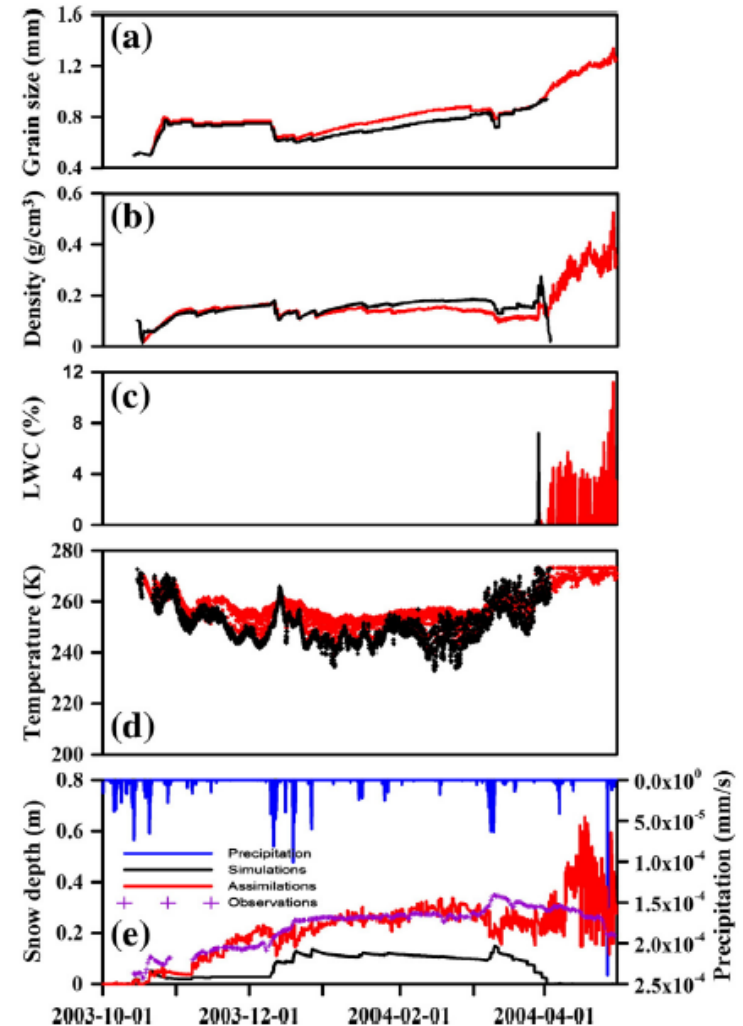
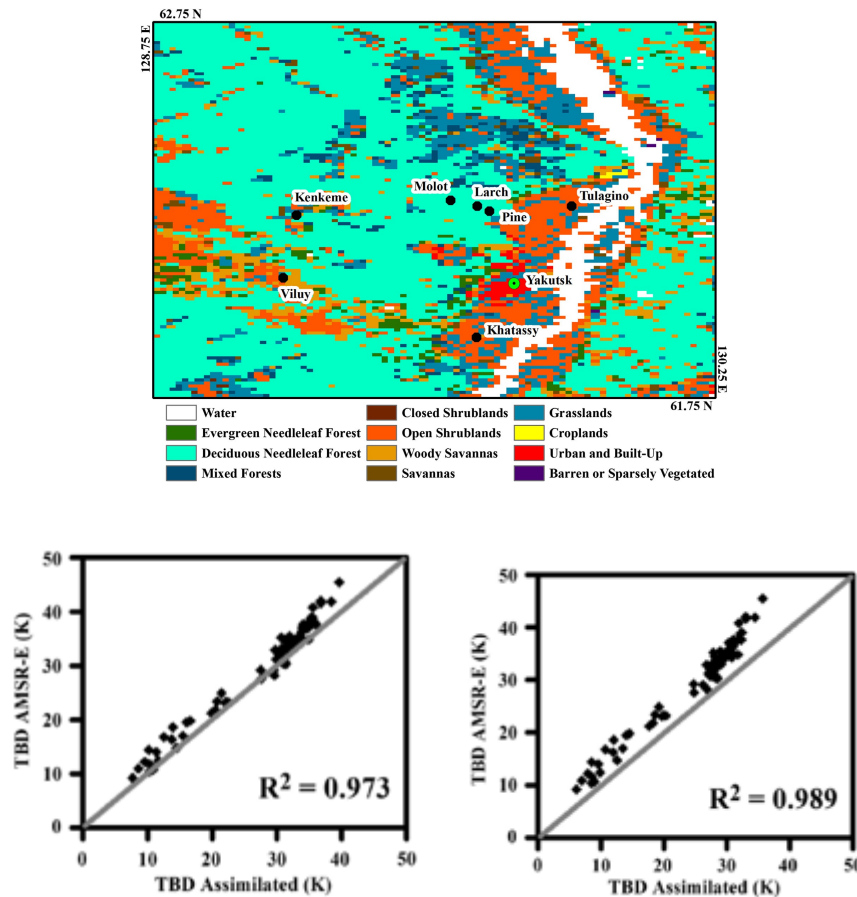
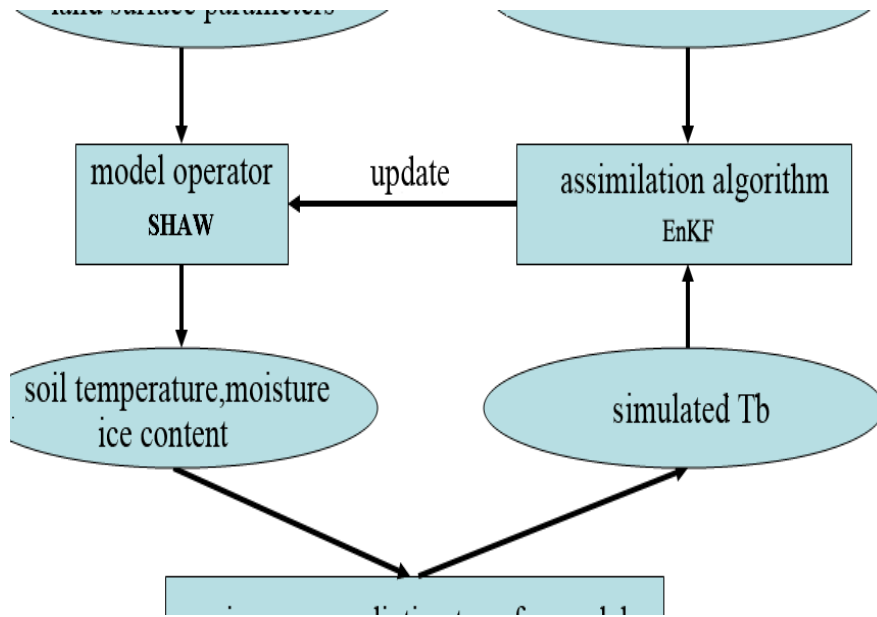


Fig. 4. Snow variables from simulations and assimilations at Larch station. (a) Snow grain size, (b) snow density, (c) liquid water content, (d) snow temperature, and (e) snow depth as well as the precipitation.

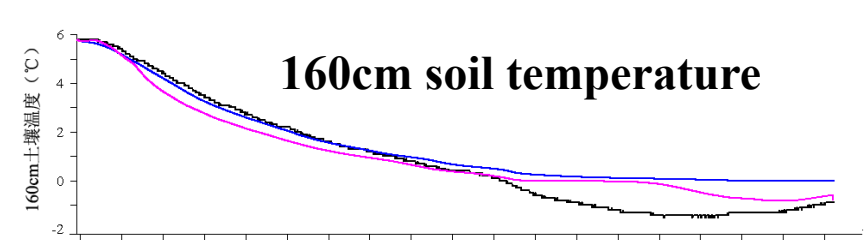
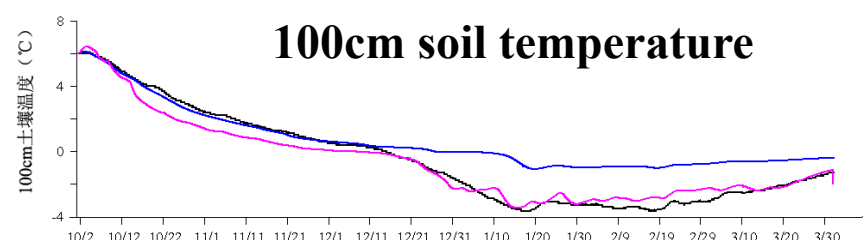
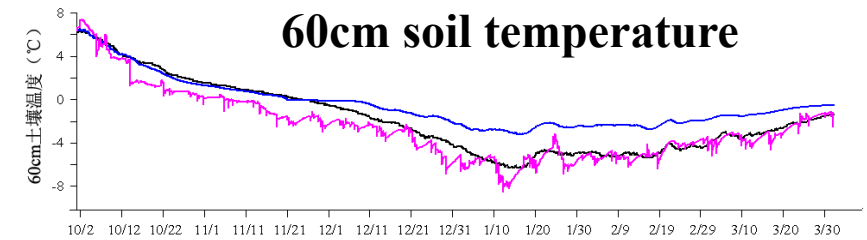
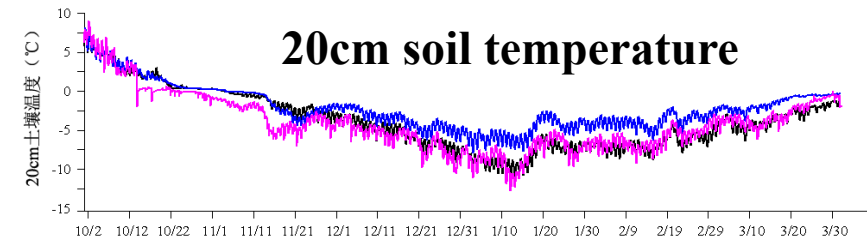
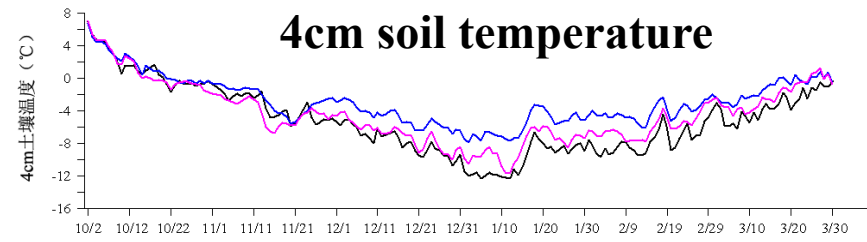
# Assimilating SSM/I brightness temperature for active layer soil temperature estimation



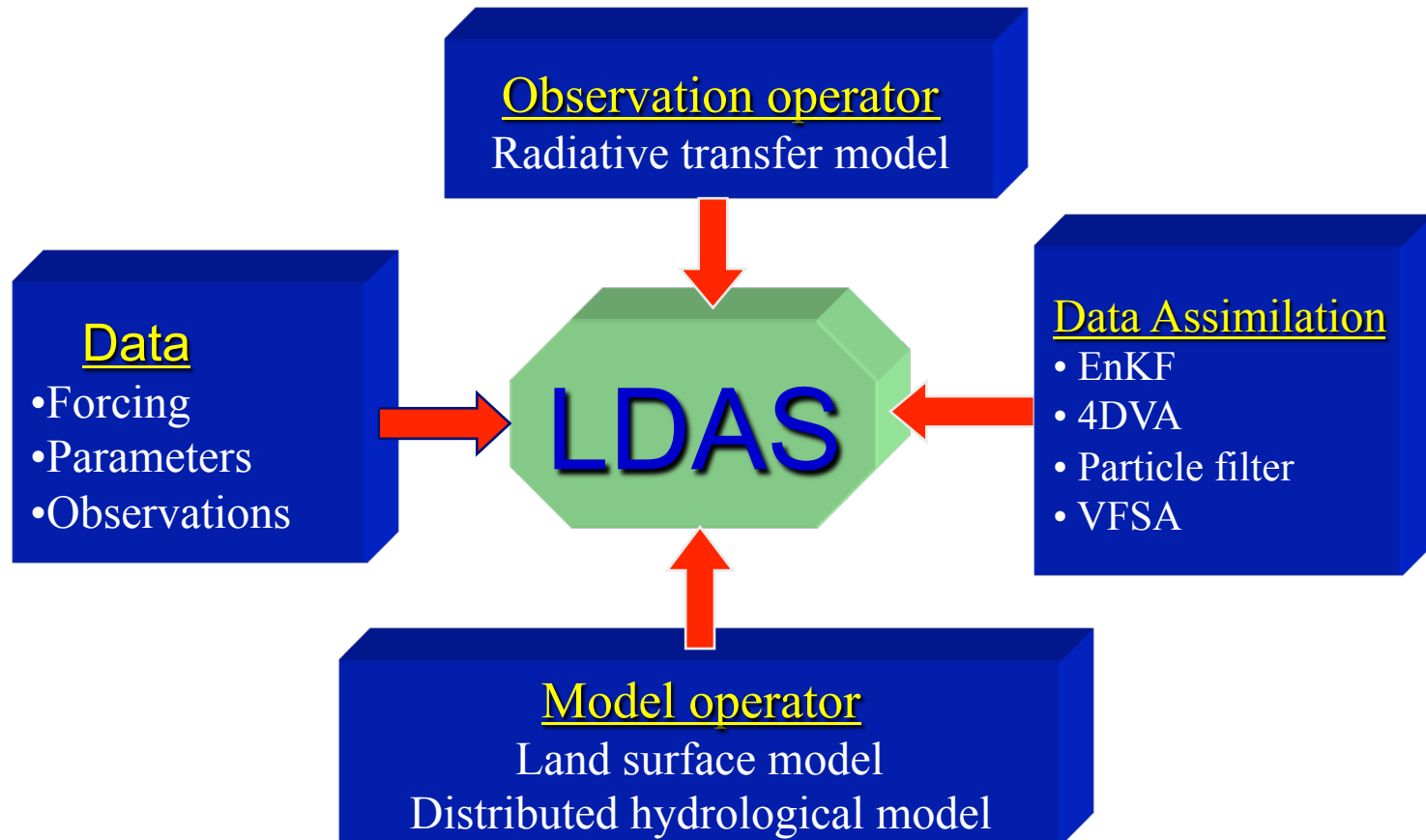
A frozen soil model is used as dynamic model

$$T_{eff}(t) = T_g(0,t) + \frac{1}{\kappa_e \sec \theta_t} \cdot \left( \frac{\partial T_t(z,t)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0}$$

Radiative transfer of microwave signal by considering frozen soil scattering darkening



# 3. Chinese Land Data Assimilation System



# Framework of Chinese Land Data Assimilation System (CLDAS)

## Input

### RS Data

MODIS LST

MODIS LAI

MODIS SCA

AMSR-E TB

### Model Parameters

BNU Soil Texture

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Land cover Map

### Forcing

GLDAS Forcing

ITPCAS Forcing

## Models

### PM-RTM

Soil (thaw/freeze)

Snow

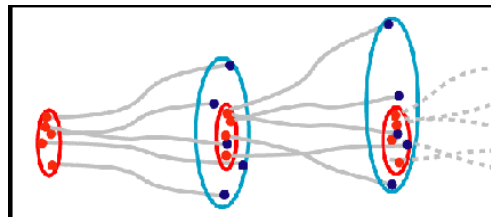
Water

### LSM

CoLM

### DA Algorithm

EnKF



## Output

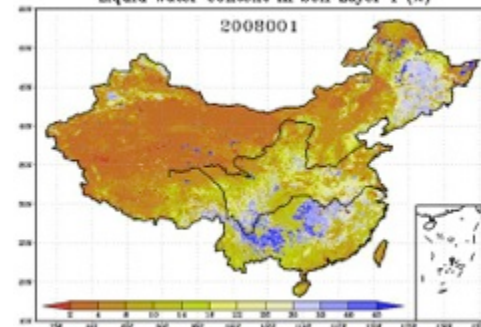
Soil Moisture

Soil Temperature

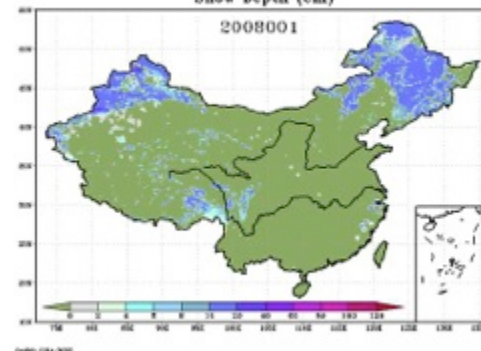
Surface fluxes

Snow

Liquid Water Content in Soil Layer 1 (%)

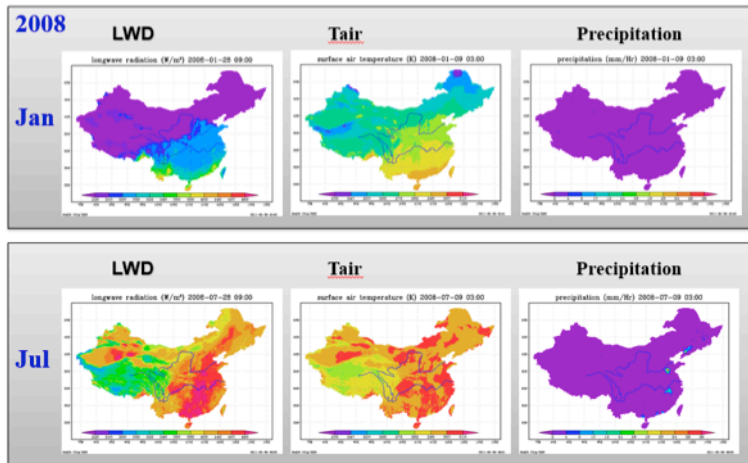


Snow Depth (cm)

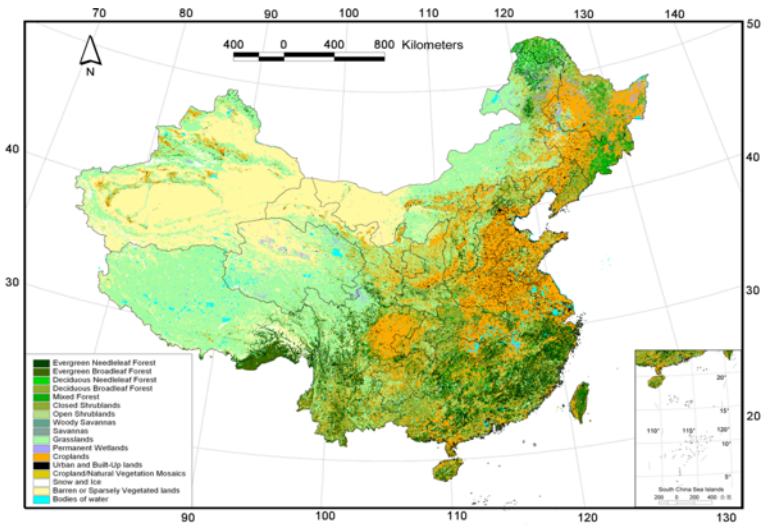




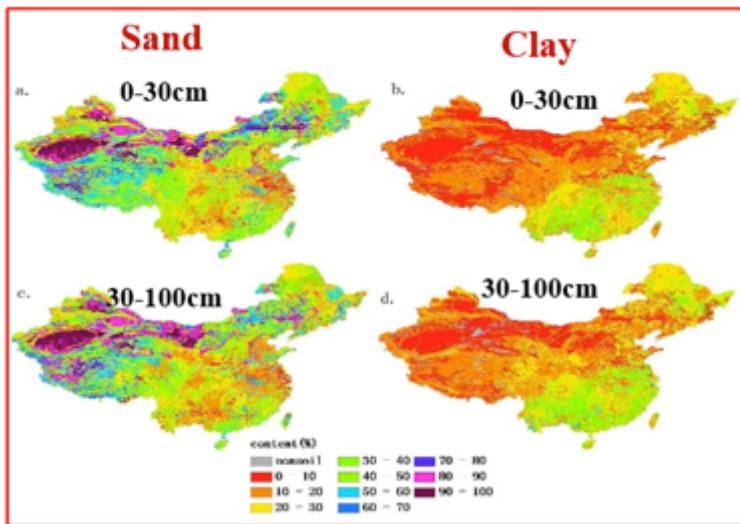
# Data sets used in the Chinese Data Assimilation System



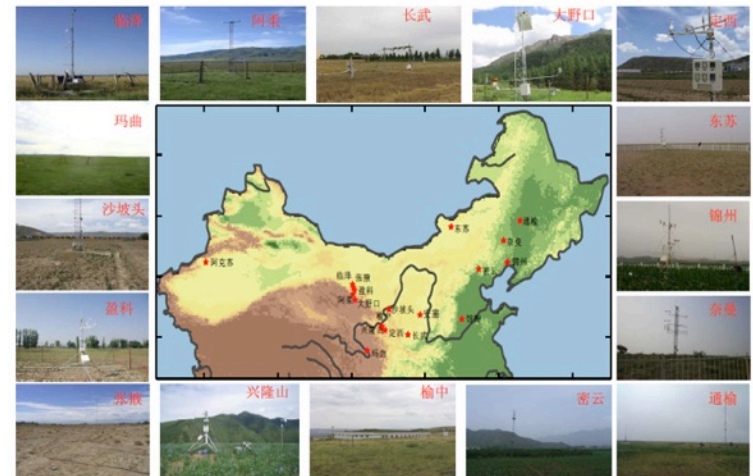
IPCAS forcing data (0.1degree, 3hour), Chen et al., 2011, JGR



Land cover and vegetation data  
Ran et al., 2012, IJGIS

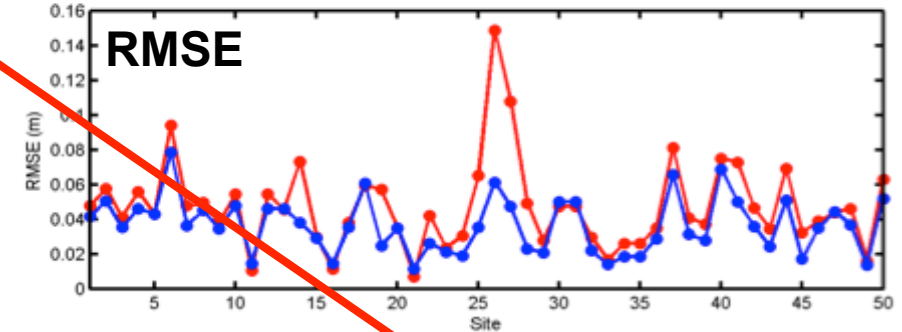
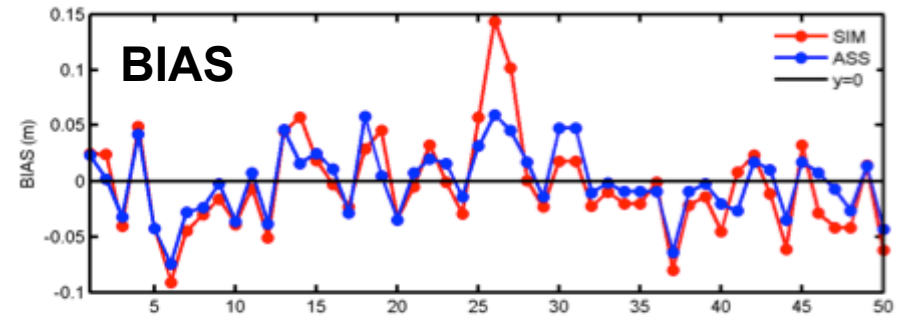
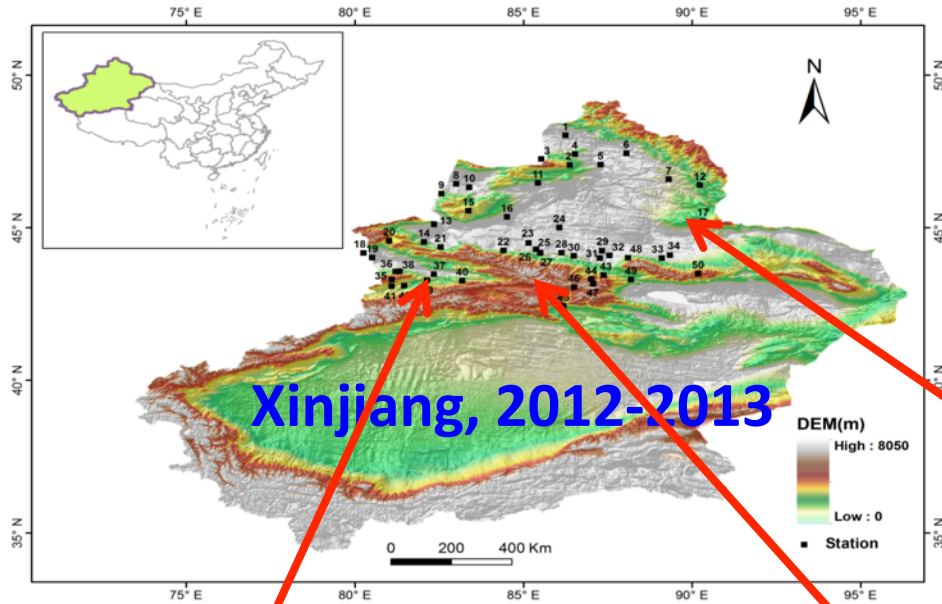


Soil texture data, Shangguan et al., 2012, Geoderma;  
Dai et al., 2013, JHM

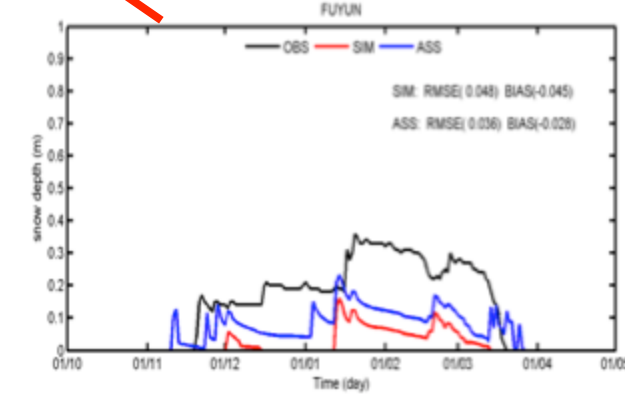
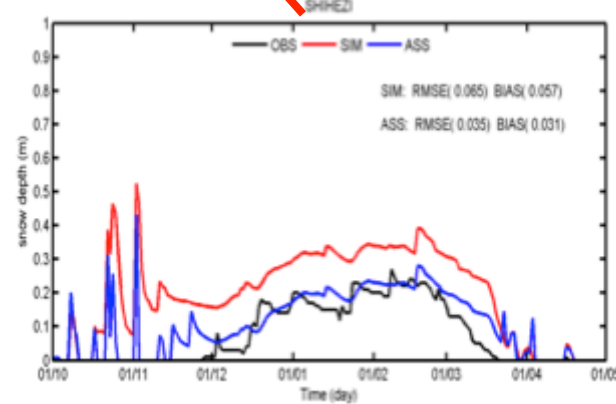
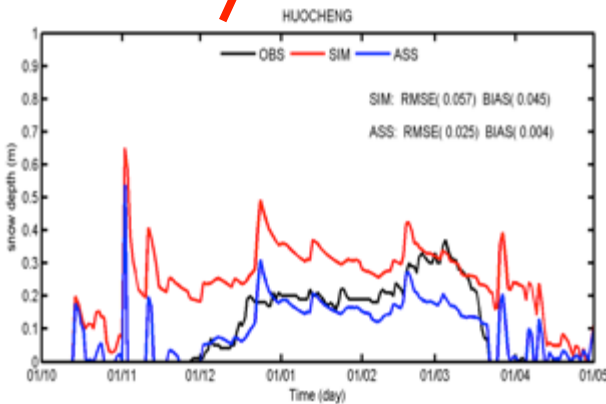


Validation data, different sources

# Assimilating MODIS Snow Cover Products into Land Surface Model: A Case Study in Northern Xinjiang, China



**Observation**     **Simulation**     **Assimilation**



**Snow Depth Evolution**

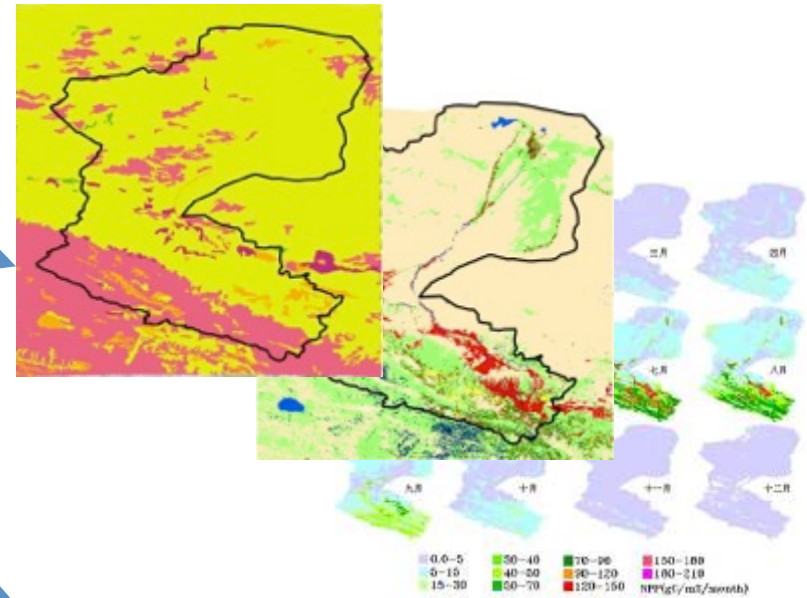
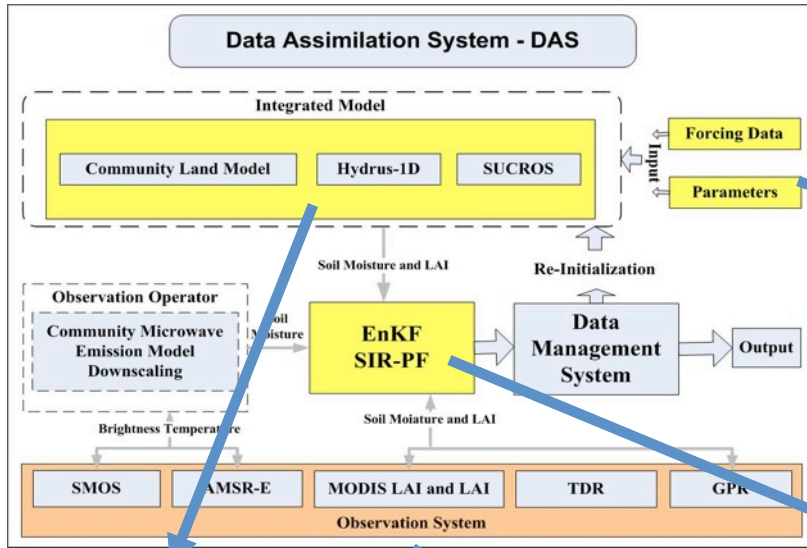


# Summary on CLDAS

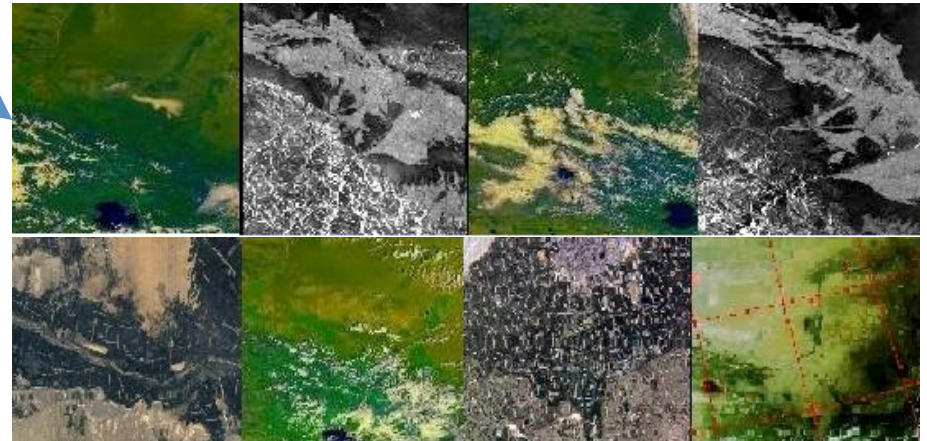
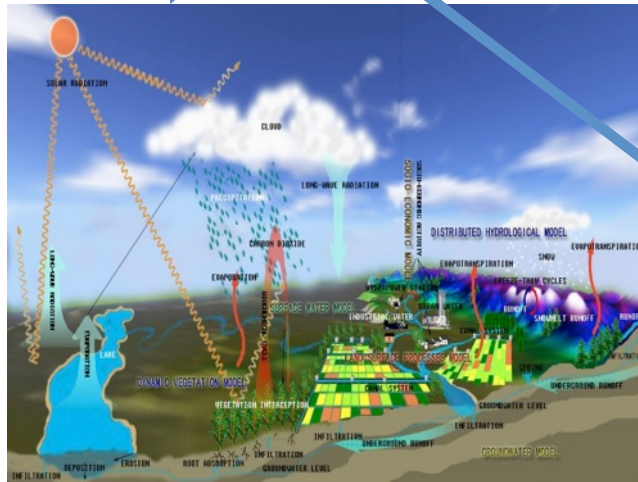
- A multivariate, multi-source, and multi-purpose LDAS of China has been developed by a joint effort of different institutions.
- Various kinds of remote sensing data and data products can be operationally assimilated.
- DA results have been preliminarily validated.
- Results have not been published, data have not been published as well, systematic validation is still required.

# 4. Catchment Scale Eco-Hydrological Data Assimilation

# A catchment scale eco-hydrological data assimilation system



$$p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{y}_k) = \frac{p(\mathbf{y}_k | \mathbf{x}_k) p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{y}_{k-1})}{p(\mathbf{y}_k | \mathbf{y}_{k-1})}$$



- Han et al., 2012, Hydrology and Earth System Sciences
- Han et al., 2013, Vadose Zone Journal
- Han et al., 2014, Water Resources Research
- Han et al., 2015, PloS One; Han et al., 2015, HESS
- Han et al., 2015, Geoscientific Model Development

**HiWATER:** An eco-hydrological experiment designed from an interdisciplinary perspective addresses problems including **heterogeneity, scaling, uncertainty**, and closing water cycle at the watershed scale.



Data information system: <http://heihedata.org/hiwater>  
More information:  
<http://hiwater.westgis.ac.cn/>

**HEIHE WATERSHED ALLIED  
TELEMETRY EXPERIMENTAL  
RESEARCH (HiWATER)**  
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An eco-hydrological experiment designed from an interdisciplinary perspective  
addresses problems including heterogeneity, scaling, uncertainty, and  
closing water cycle at the watershed scale.

**A** major research plan entitled "Integrated research on the eco-hydrological process of the Heihe River Basin" (hereafter referred to as the Heihe Plan) was launched by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC) in 2010. The scientific objectives of the Heihe Plan is to reveal the processes and mechanisms of the eco-hydrological system in an inland river basin at different scales (e.g., leaf, individual plant, community, landscape, and watershed scales); to improve the research capabilities and predictability of the evolution of hydrological, ecological, and economic systems; to determine the responses of eco-hydrological processes to climate change and human activities; and to provide fundamental theory and technical support for water security, ecological security, and sustainable development in inland river basins. Eventually, the implementation of the Heihe Plan will establish a research platform that integrates the observation, data management, and model simulation of both physical and socioeconomic processes to foster twenty-first-century watershed science in China.

The Heihe River basin (HRB) in the arid region of northwest China has been selected as an experimental watershed to carry out this research plan. This area was selected because, first, the HRB is a typical inland river basin (endorheic basin). Inland river basins occupy approximately 11.4% of world's land

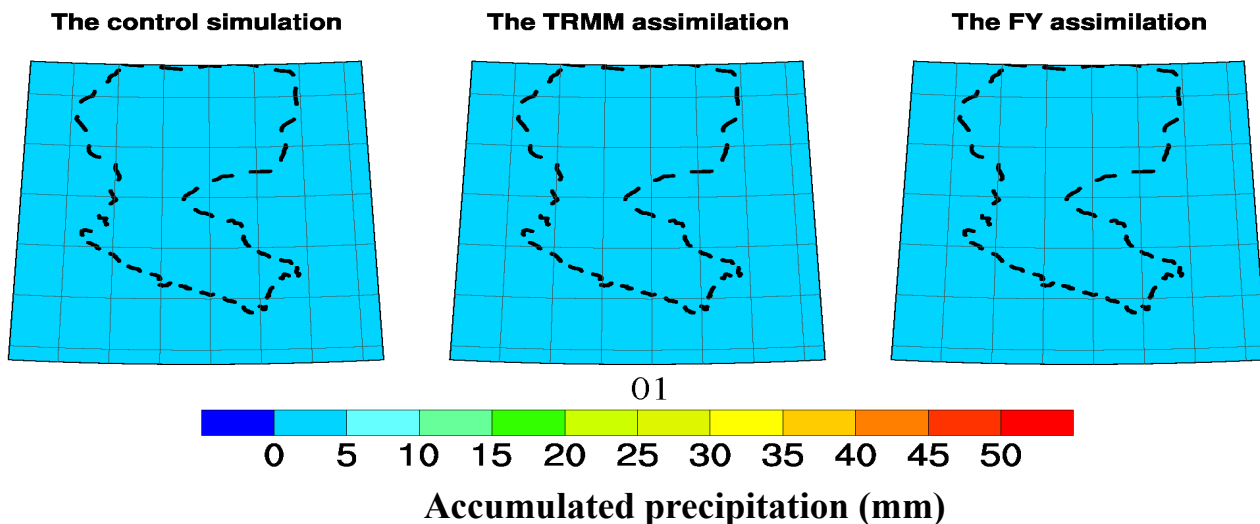
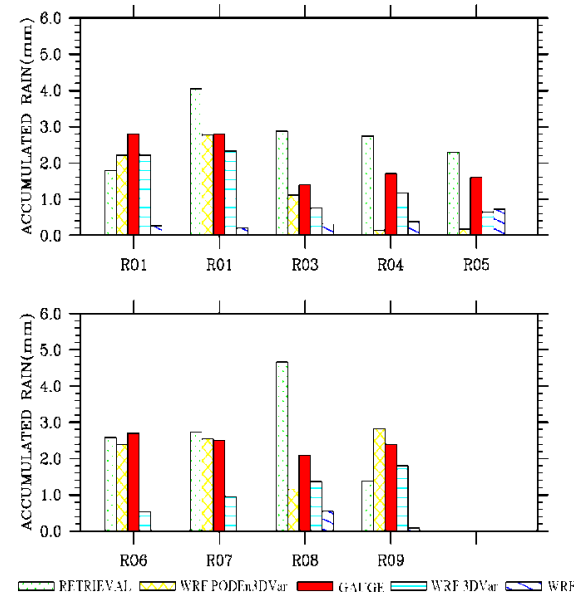
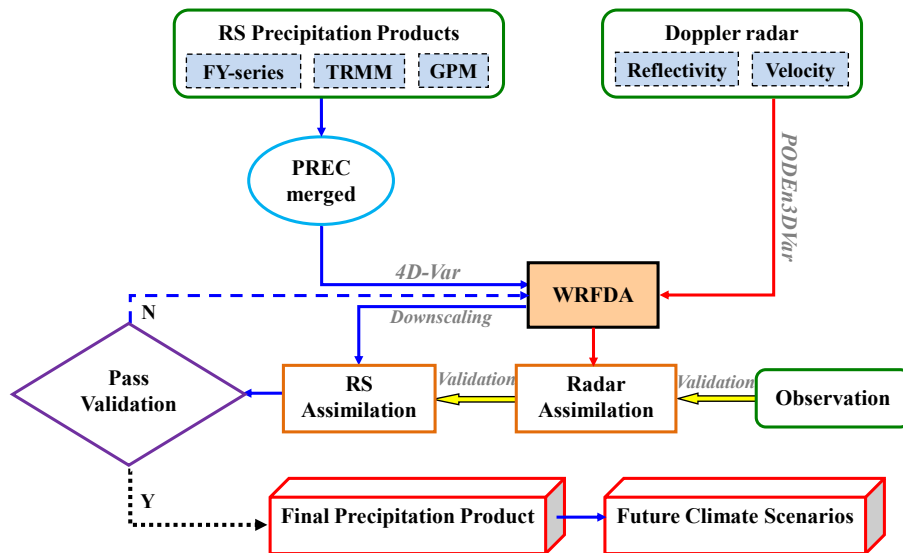
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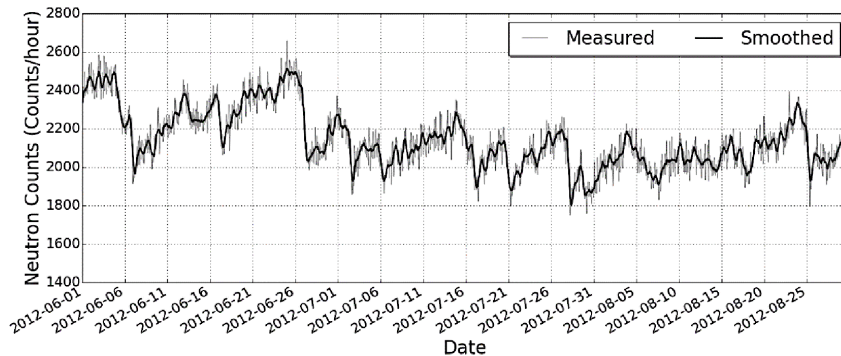
# High-resolution precipitation data by data assimilation at Heihe river basin



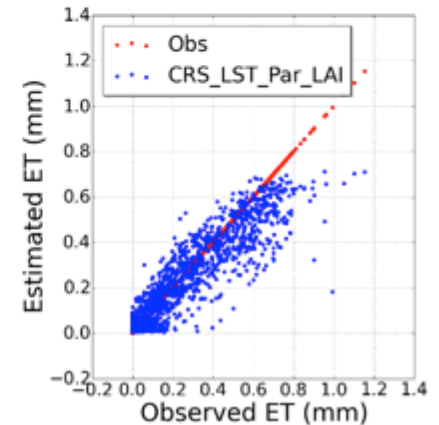
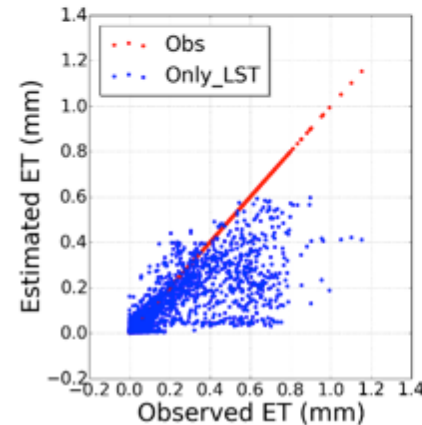
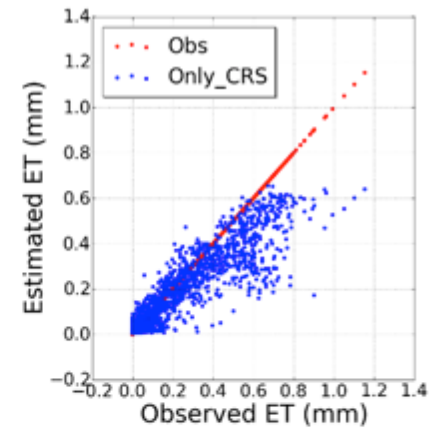
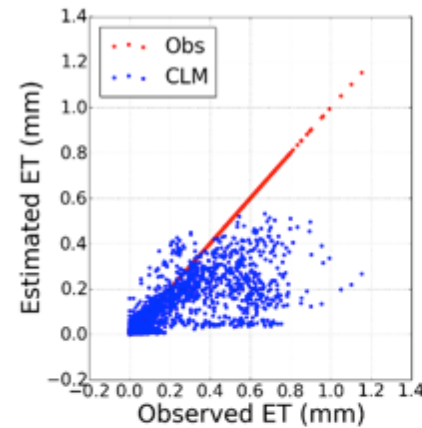


# Joint assimilation of cosmic-ray and land surface temperature at Heihe river basin

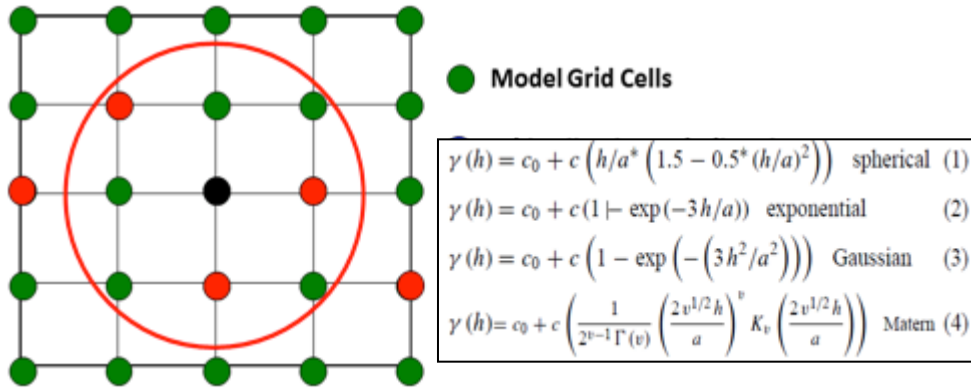
- Cosmic Ray measures the 12 cm~76 cm soil moisture in a 300 m radius (non-invasive, intermediate scale)



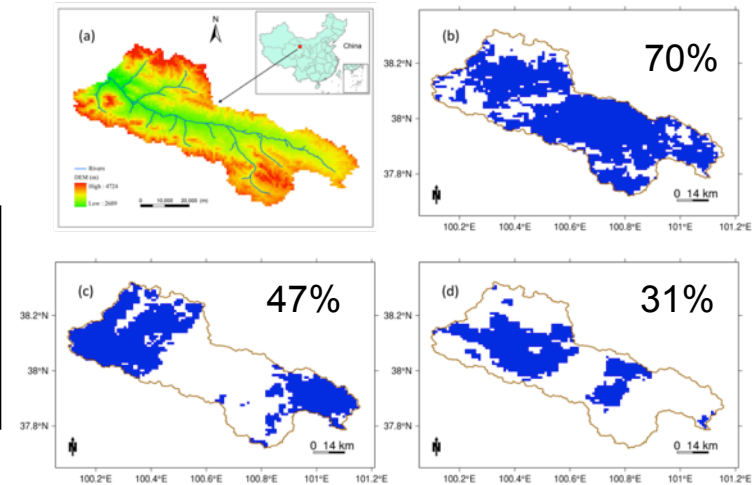
Highlight,: a Cosmic-ray forward model was used as an observation operator



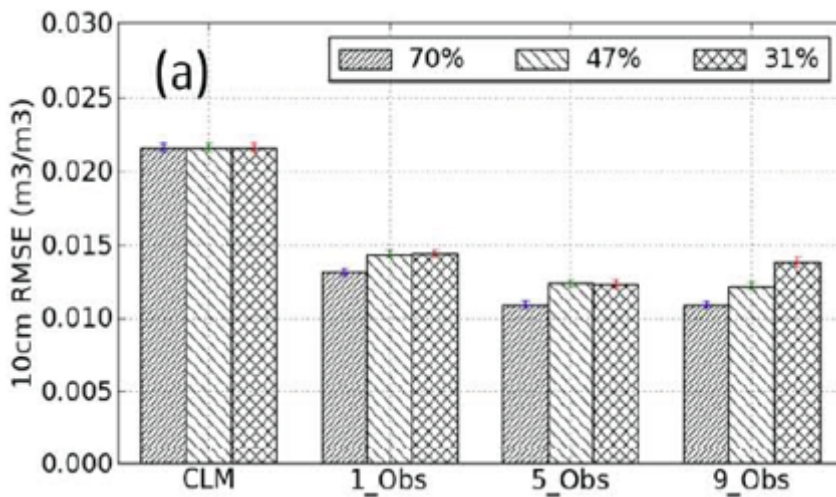
# An improved observation localization strategy in data assimilation by incorporating Geostatistics



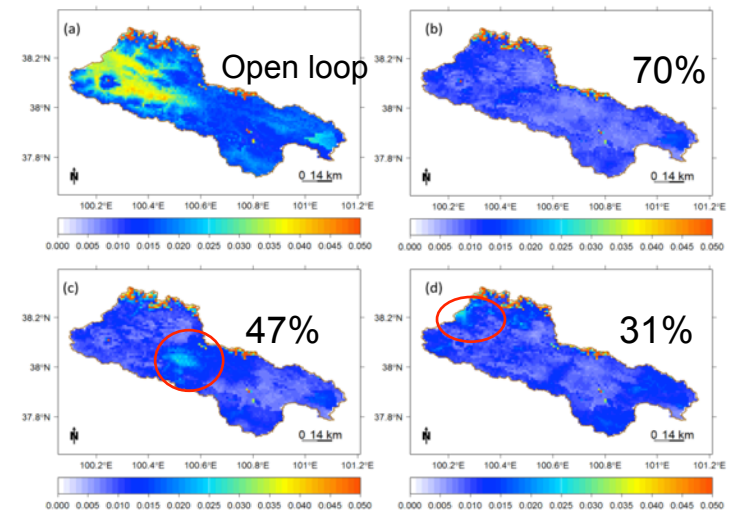
LETKF & localization



Observational coverages



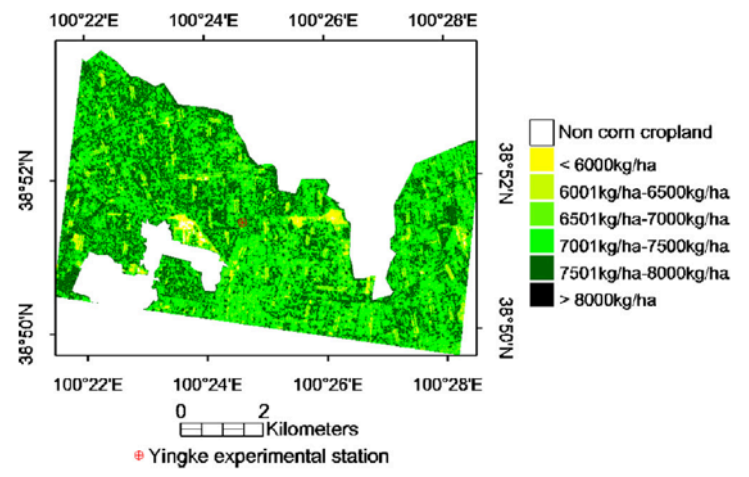
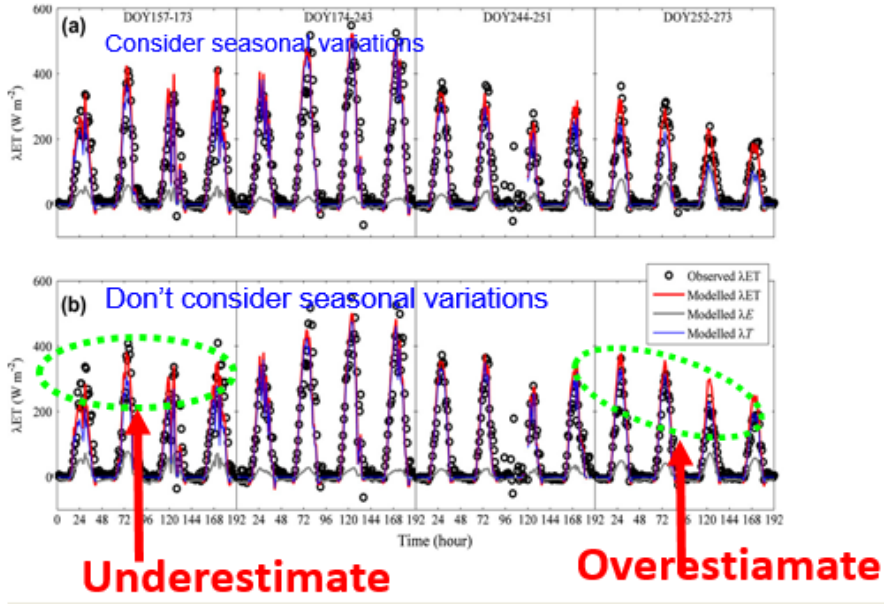
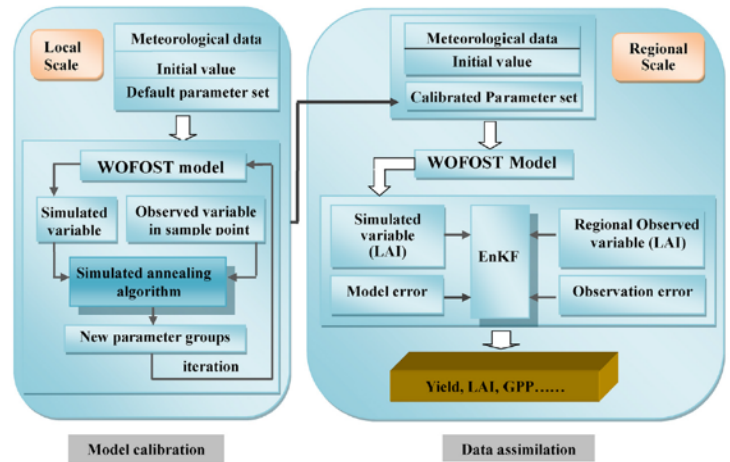
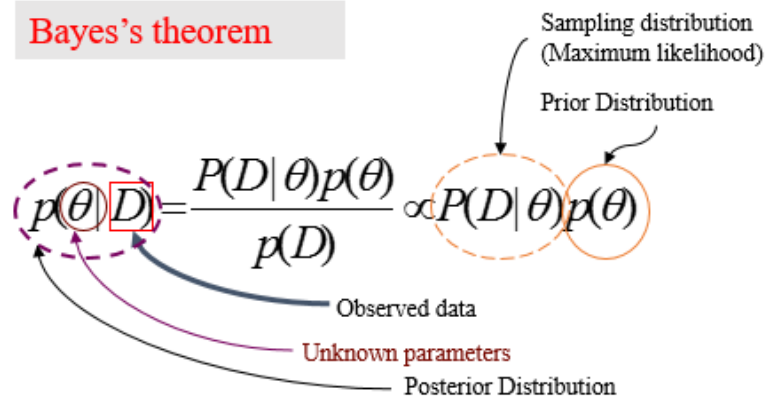
Mean basin scale soil moisture RMSE values



10 cm depth soil moisture RMSE

# Ecological data assimilation system at catchment-scale

## Bayes's theorem



Crop yield estimation by assimilating LAI into crop growth model

Zhu et al., 2010, HESS; Zhu et al., 2011, Tree Physiology; Zhu et al., 2014, Geoscientific Model Development

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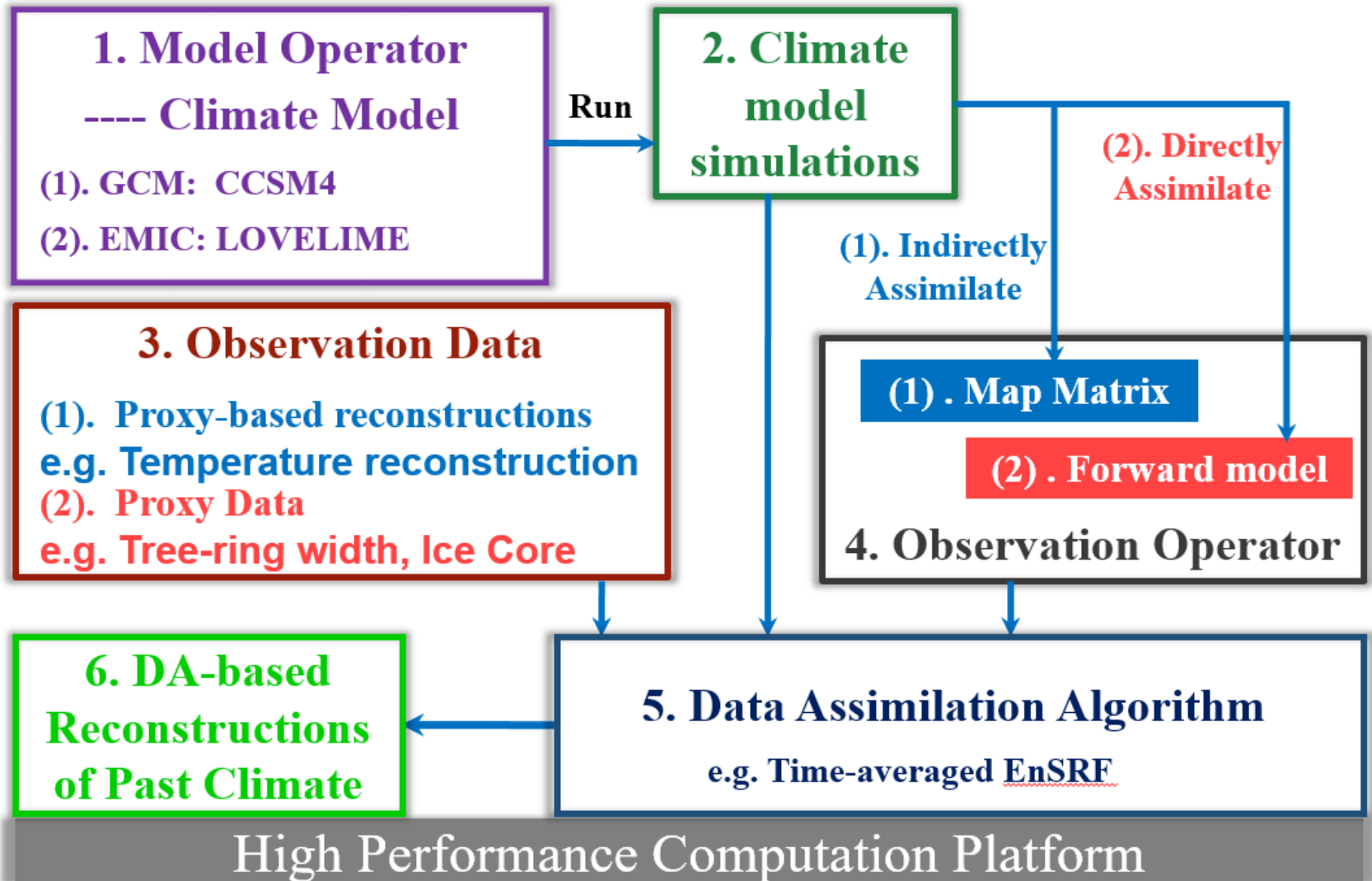


# Summary on catchment scale DAS

- A high-resolution, multivariate, and multi-source data assimilation system of the Heihe River Basin has been developed.
- Synthetic and true-data experiments have been conducted.
- Observational data and data products are plentiful but many of them have not been used yet.
- The objective is to improve the predictability and observability of watershed ecohydrology as well as operational usability such as irrigation scheduling and groundwater pumping.

## 5. Ongoing projects

# Paleoclimate data assimilation--scheme description

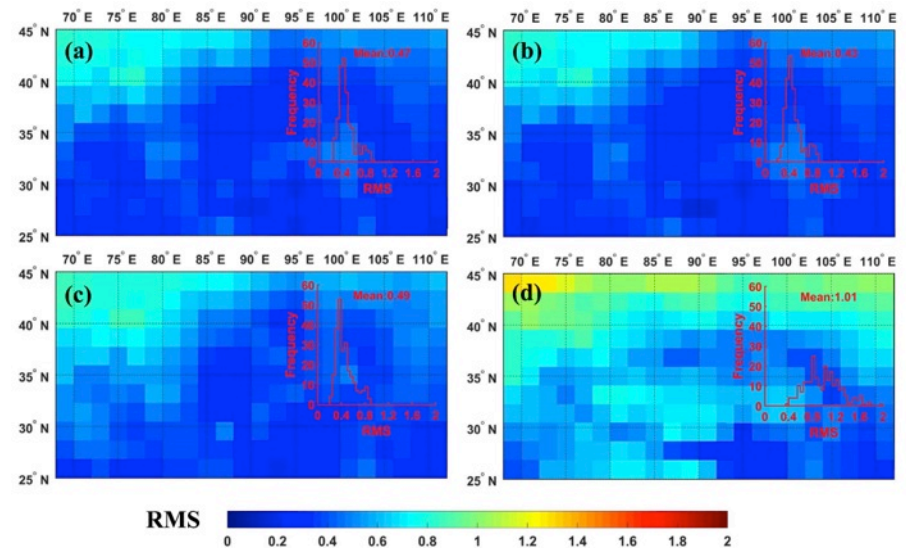
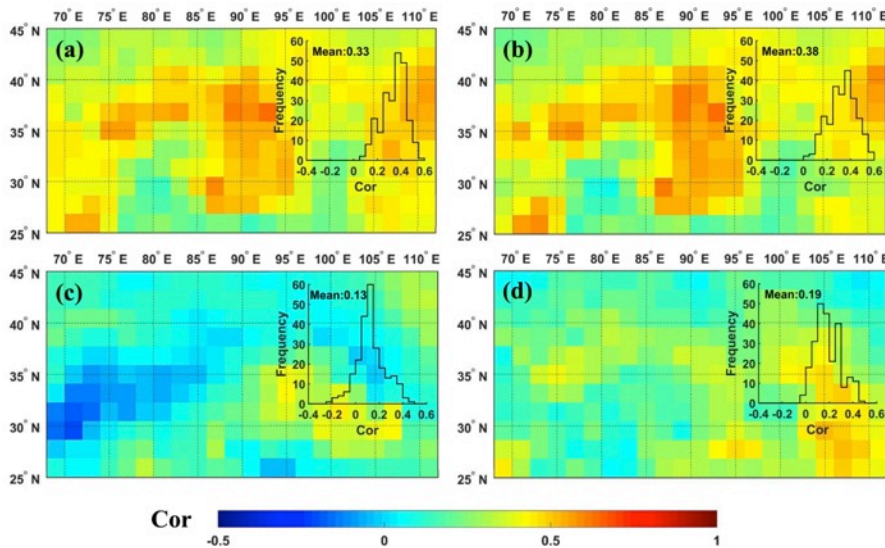
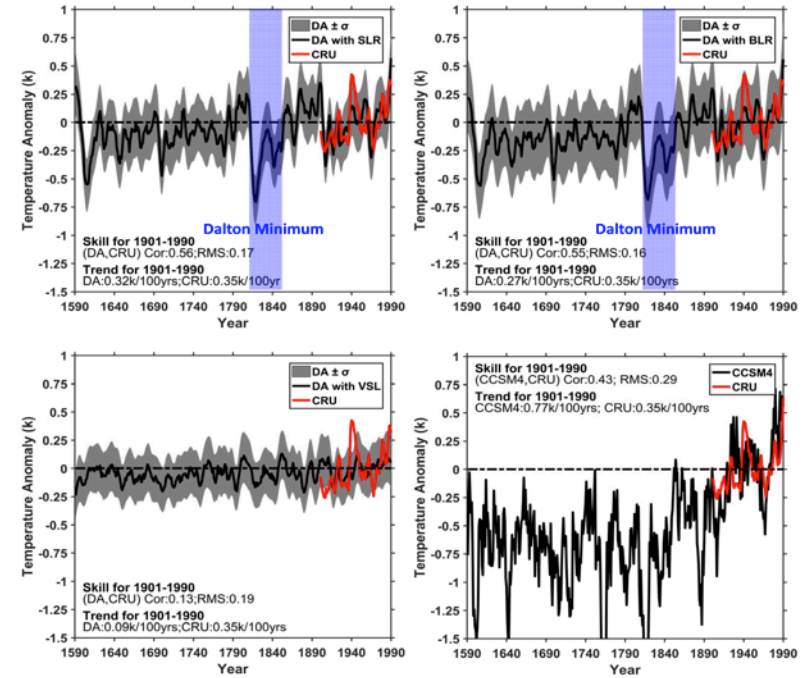
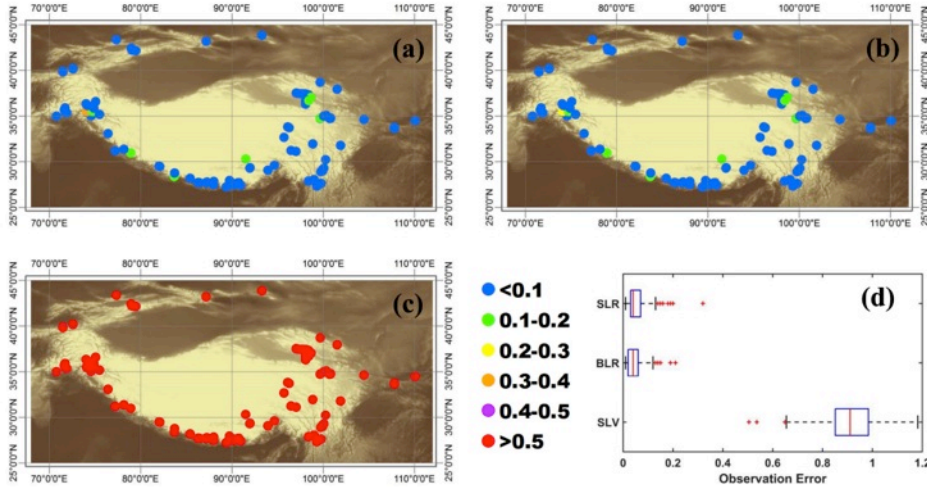


# Temperature reanalysis over high-Asia through assimilating tree-ring widths chronologies

Data assimilation method: Time-averaged EnSRF

Observation: 61 tree-ring widths chronologies

Observation operator: VS-Lite, SLR, BLR



# 6. Summary

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- Large scale and catchment scale DASs that truly assimilate various kinds of remote sensing observations have been developed.
- Integration
  - Multivariate, multi-source data assimilation
  - Eco-hydrology applications
  - Paleoclimate reconstruction
  - Historical LUCC reconstruction
- Next step efforts
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  - Operational application in ecohydrological forecasting and water resource management



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