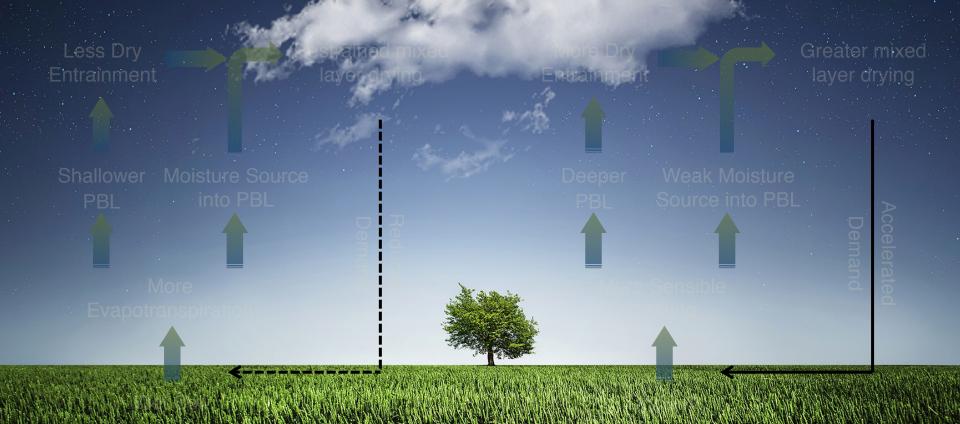
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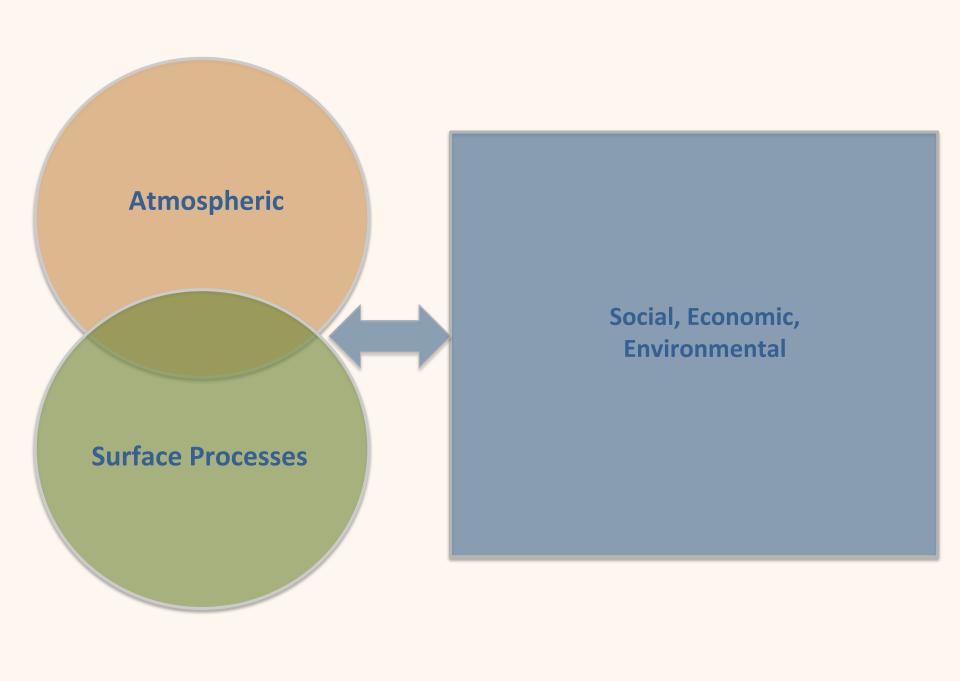
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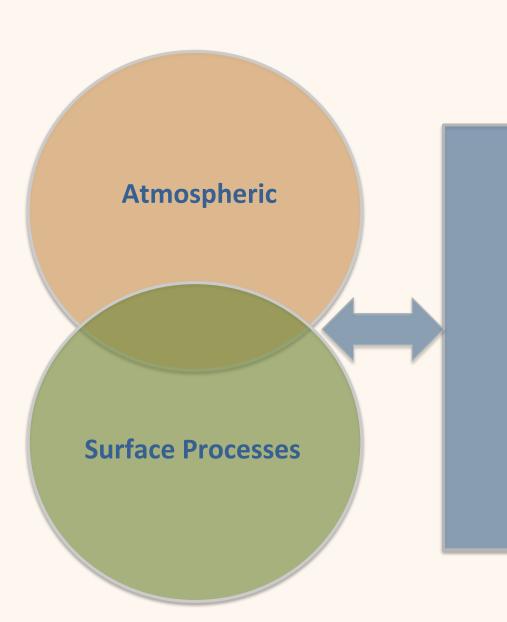
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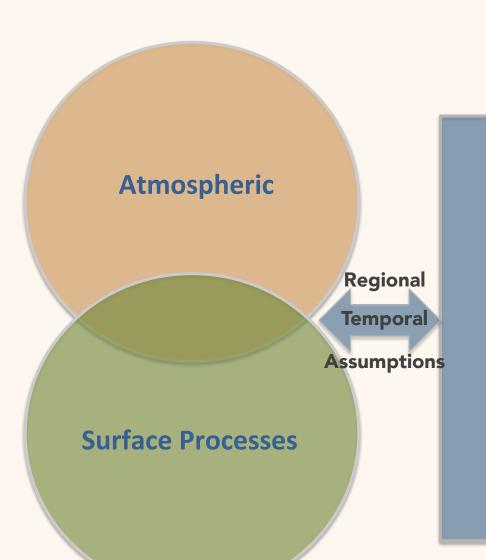
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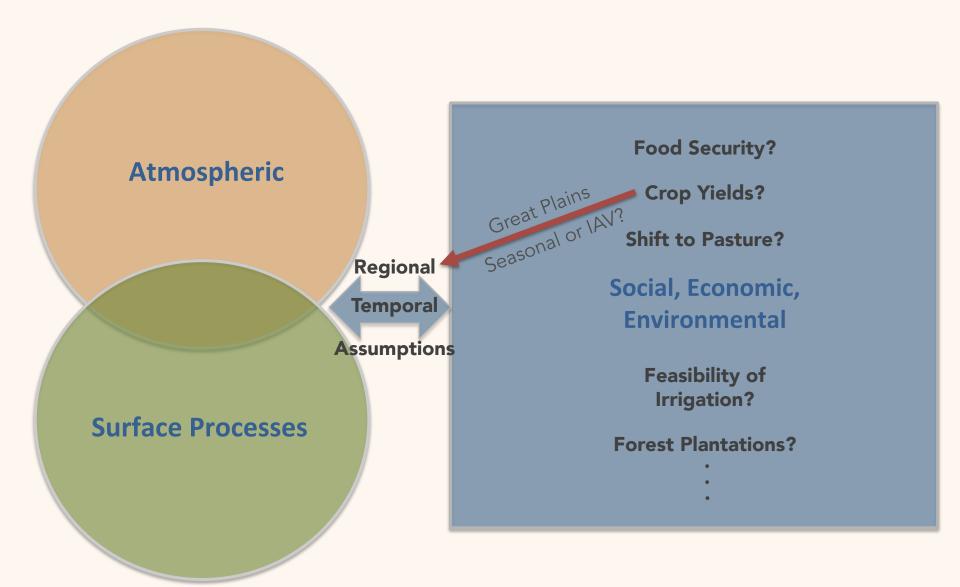
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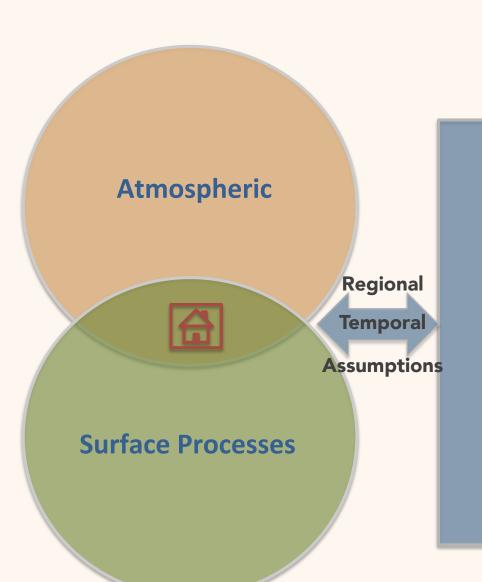
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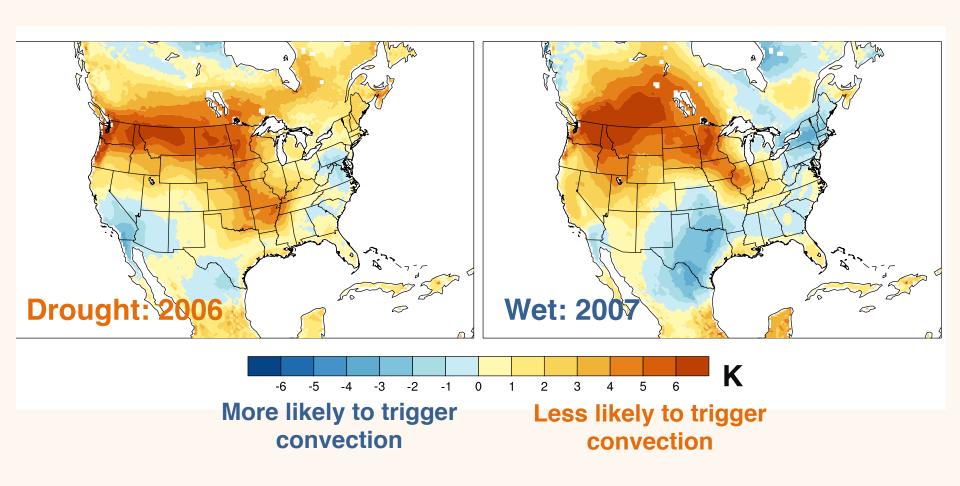
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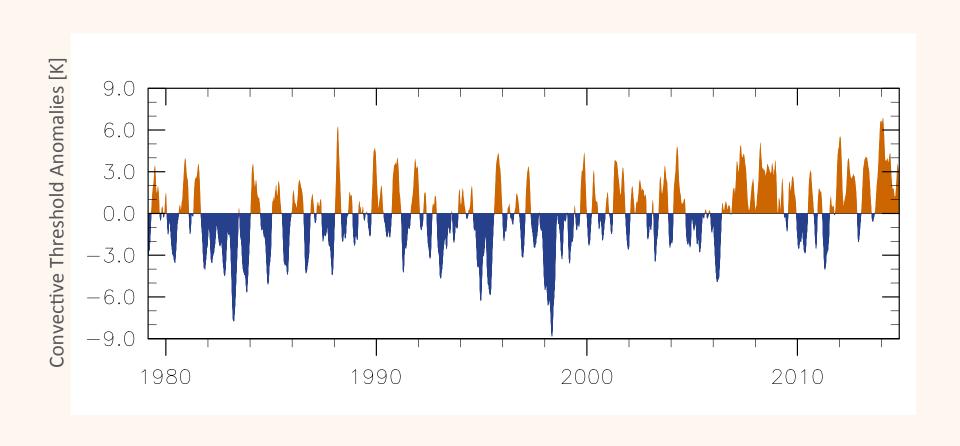
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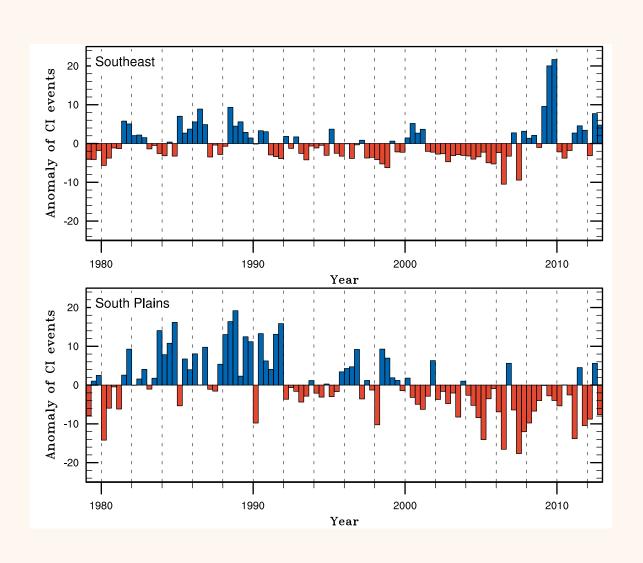
## **Drought Year versus Wet Year**



# **California Drought**



## Climate: Interannual Variability of CI Events



## **Mechanism: Land Cover Comparison 2002**

