

Global, Terrestrial Energy Budget Validation and Closure using Remotely-Sensed Satellite Data

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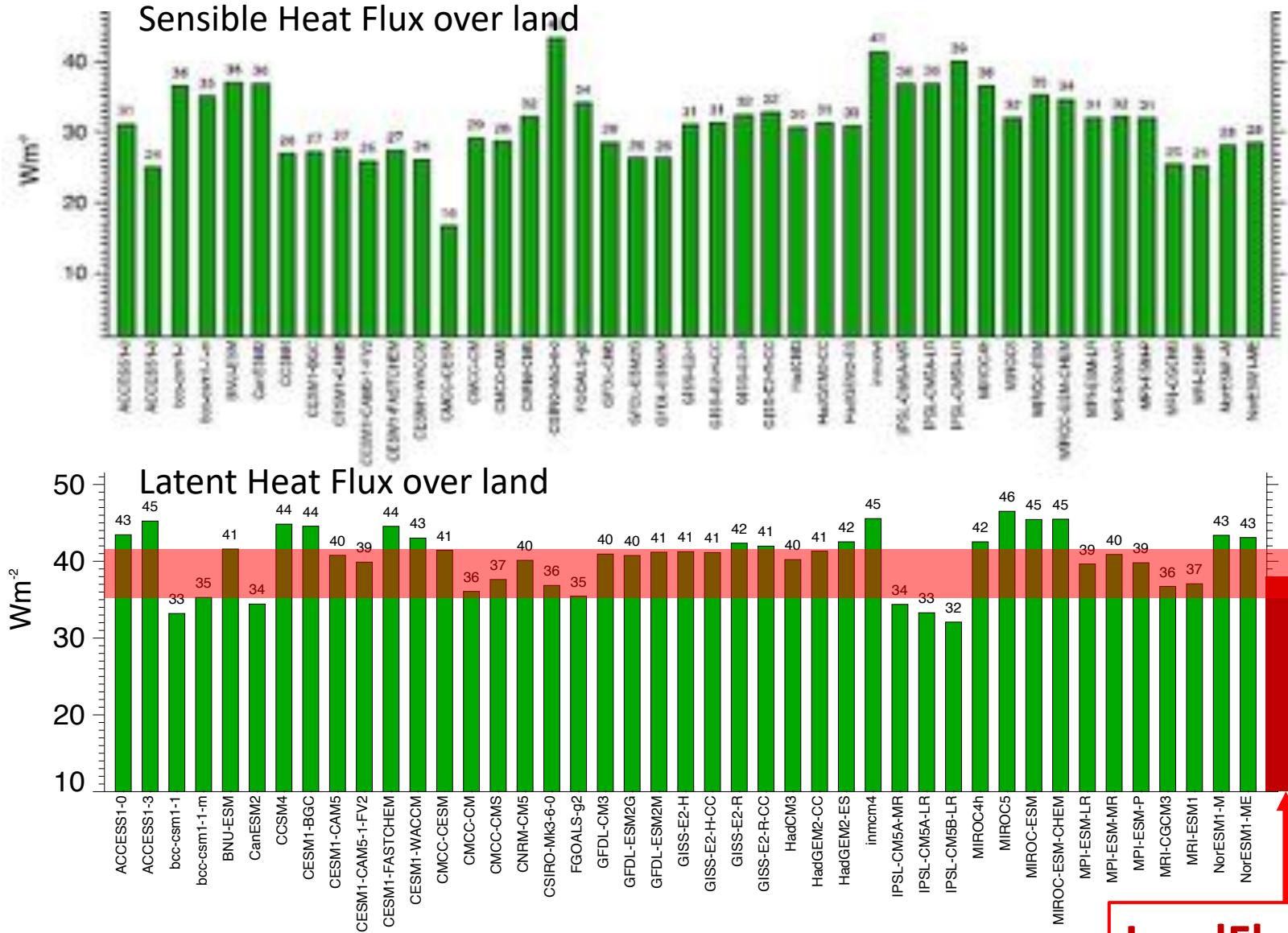
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Motivation

What are limitations of models and reanalysis data for estimating energy fluxes?



Programs supporting the development of global water and energy cycle data systems

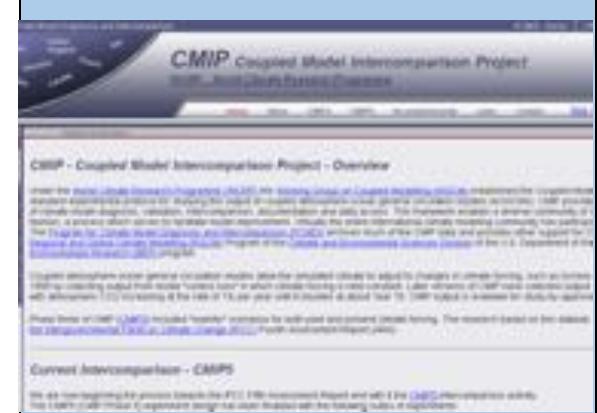
Historic Climate Analysis



Climate Monitoring and Forecasting



Future Climate Projections



1900

1950

2000

2050

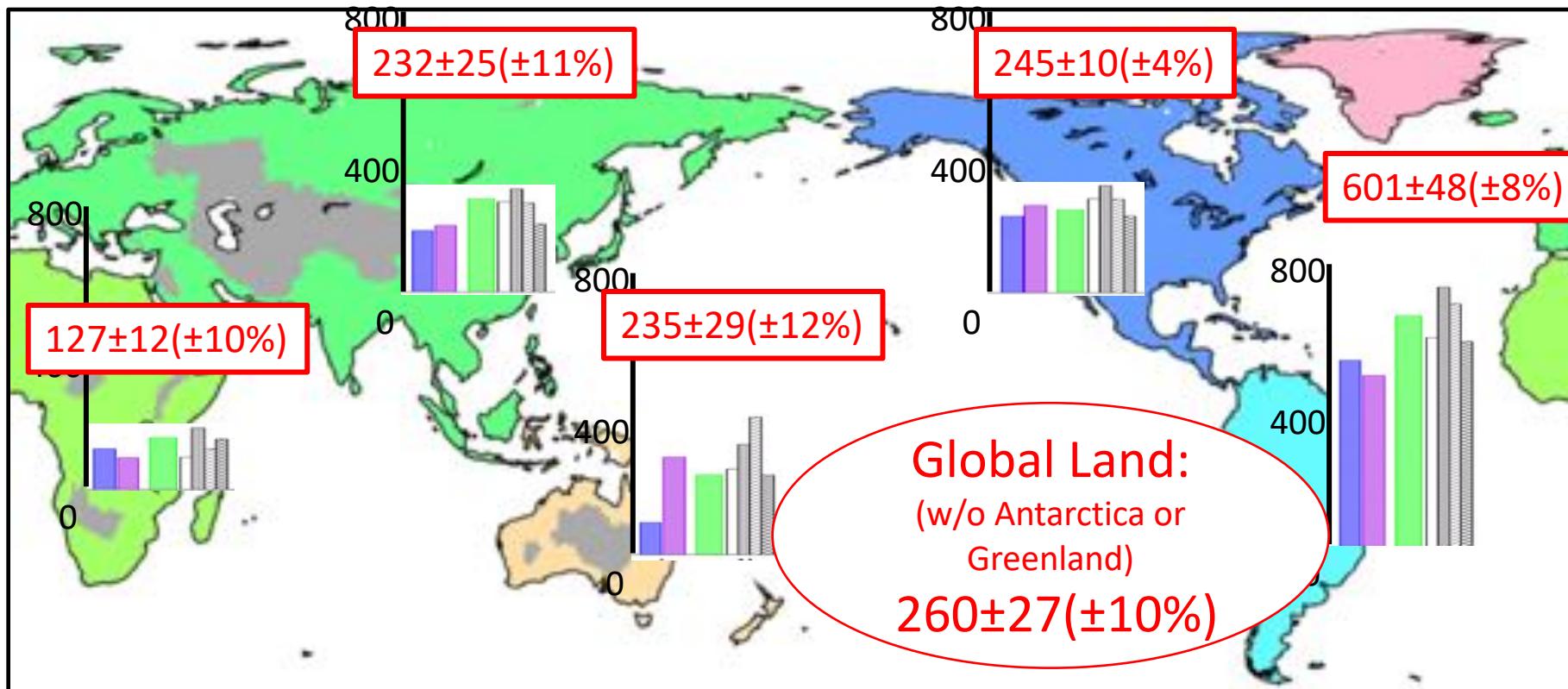
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Summary of the Global Water Cycle

Using the global data sets: What are the variability and trends of the global water cycle

Closure among 3 Flux Terms: $-\nabla \cdot q$, P-E, and Q (1984-2007, mm/year)



$-\nabla \cdot q$



ERA-Interim
MERRA

Q



VIC

P-E



PGF+PM



PGF+PT



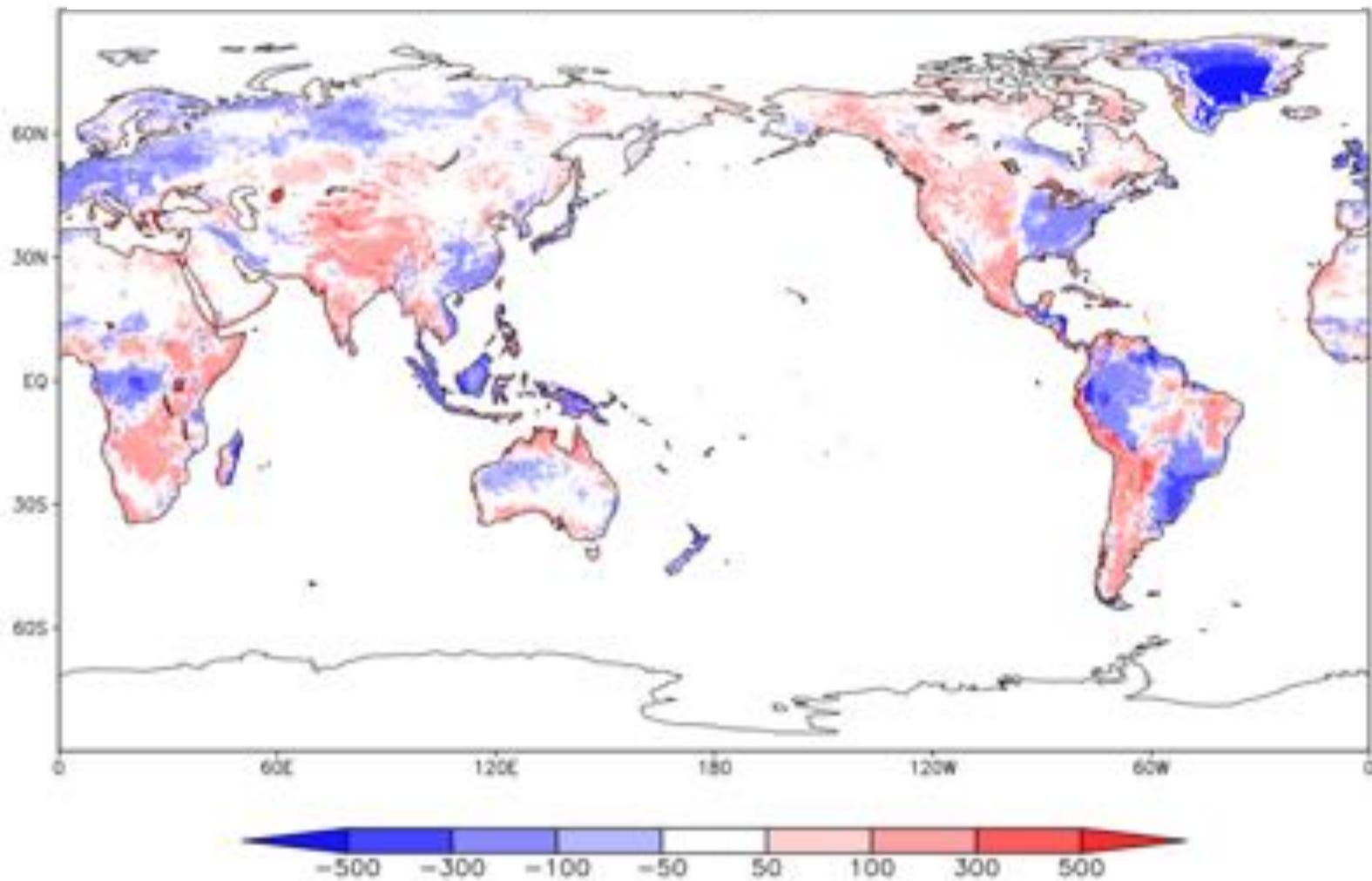
PGF+SEBS



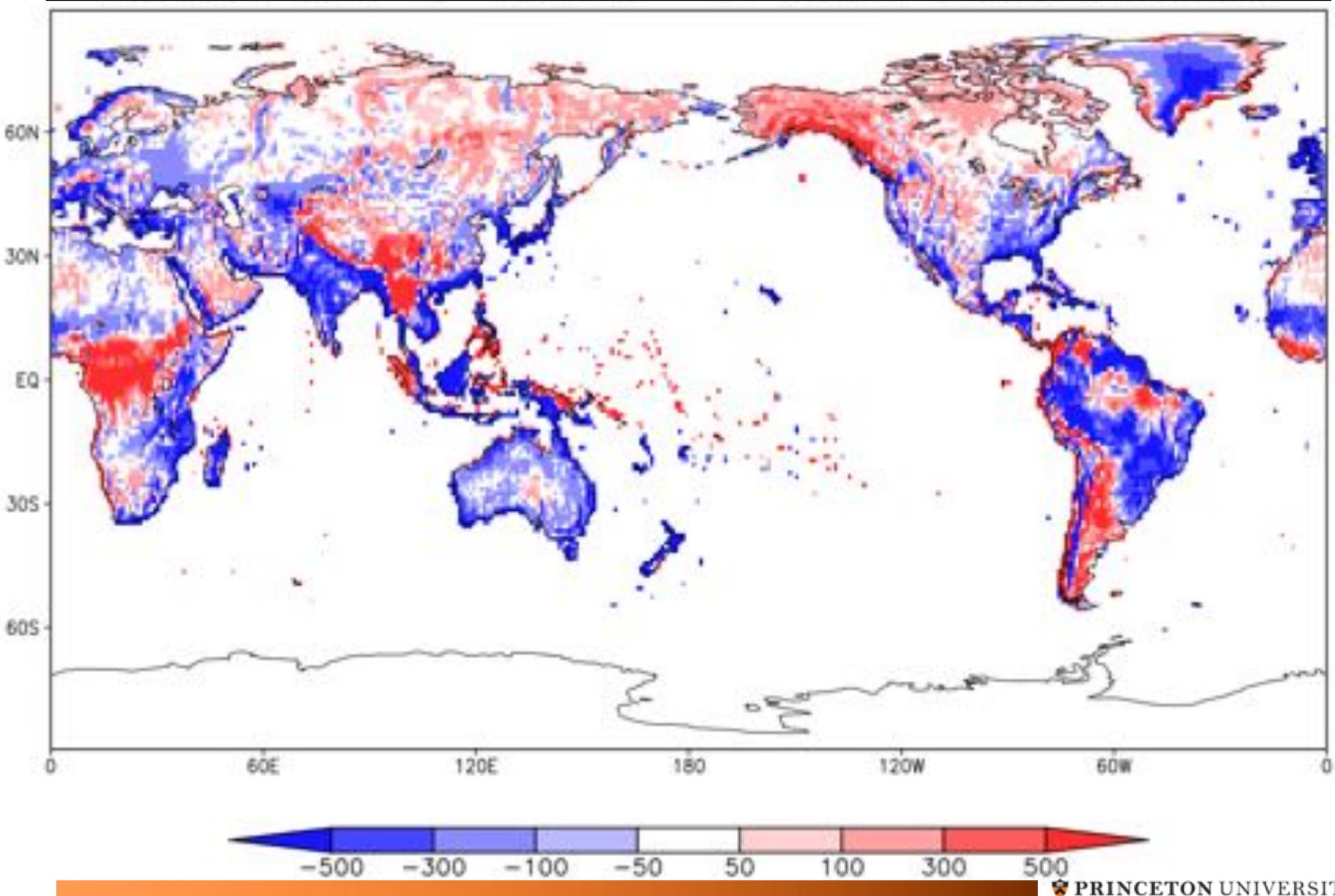
PGF+GLEAM

Closure residual for the global terrestrial water cycle

Residual Q-(P-E); Average=3 (1984-2007; mm/yr)



Residual Conv-(P-E); Average=-65 (1984-2007; mm/yr)



Comparison with SeaFlux and PU Measures/GPCP/LandFlux

Variable	Source	Land (w/o Antarctica, Greenland)	Ocean	Globe
Runoff	PU Measures*	-38.2	38.2	
Converg.	Reanalysis	29.2±0.78	-29.2	
Closure		-9.0±1		
Precip.	PU Measures (GPCP)	102.8		486.9
	SeaFlux**		384.1	
ET	LandFlux (PM)	-64.9±5		474.4
	SeaFlux		-409.5	
Closure	LandFlux	-0.3±5 (0.3%)		12.5 (2.5%)
	SeaFlux		12.8 (3.1%)	

x1000 km³/yr

* 1984-2007

** 1998-2007(?)

Summary of the Global Energy Cycle over Land

Global Annual Average Energy Budget Fluxes 1984-2007

Available Energy

Energy Budget Product	excl. A&G	incl. A&G	Energy Budget Product	excl. A&G	incl. A&G
RS_Rnet_aIM, A&G CFSR	89.8	79.3	RS_Gflux	0.0	0.1
RS_Rnet_aIS, A&G CFSR	91.8	81.1	Rea_Gflux_CFSR	-1.2	-1.0
RS_Rnet_aIM, A&G CFSR bc	89.8	77.9	Wild et al., 2015 Gflux	N/A	N/A
RS_Rnet_aIS, A&G CFSR bc	91.8	79.7	L'Ecuyer et al., 2015 Gflux	N/A	N/A
Rea_Rnet_CFSR	111.9	99.1			
Rea_Rnet_CFSR_bc	98.7	85.8			
Wild et al., 2015 Rnet	N/A	70.0			
L'Ecuyer et al., 2015 Rnet	N/A	76.3			

Turbulent Fluxes

RS_L_aIM_Gr_CFSR	45.1	40.7	RS_H_aIM_Gr_CFSR	44.7	36.2
RS_L_aIM_T_CFSR	38.2	34.5	RS_H_aIM_T_CFSR	51.6	42.4
RS_L_aIM_T_MERRA	40.8	36.9	RS_H_aIM_T_MERRA	48.9	40.0
RS_L_aIS_Gr_CFSR	45.4	41.0	RS_H_aIS_Gr_CFSR	46.4	37.7
RS_L_aIS_T_CFSR	38.5	34.8	RS_H_aIS_T_CFSR	53.2	43.9
RS_L_aIS_T_MERRA	41.2	37.2	RS_H_aIS_T_MERRA	50.6	41.5
Rea_L_CFSR	41.7	37.6	Rea_H_CFSR	43.0	34.7
Rea_L_MERRA	49.7	44.8	Rea_H_MERRA	42.2	34.0
Wild et al., 2015 L	N/A	38.0	Wild et al., 2015 H	N/A	32.0
L'Ecuyer et al., 2015 L	N/A	38.1	L'Ecuyer et al., 2015 H	N/A	38.1

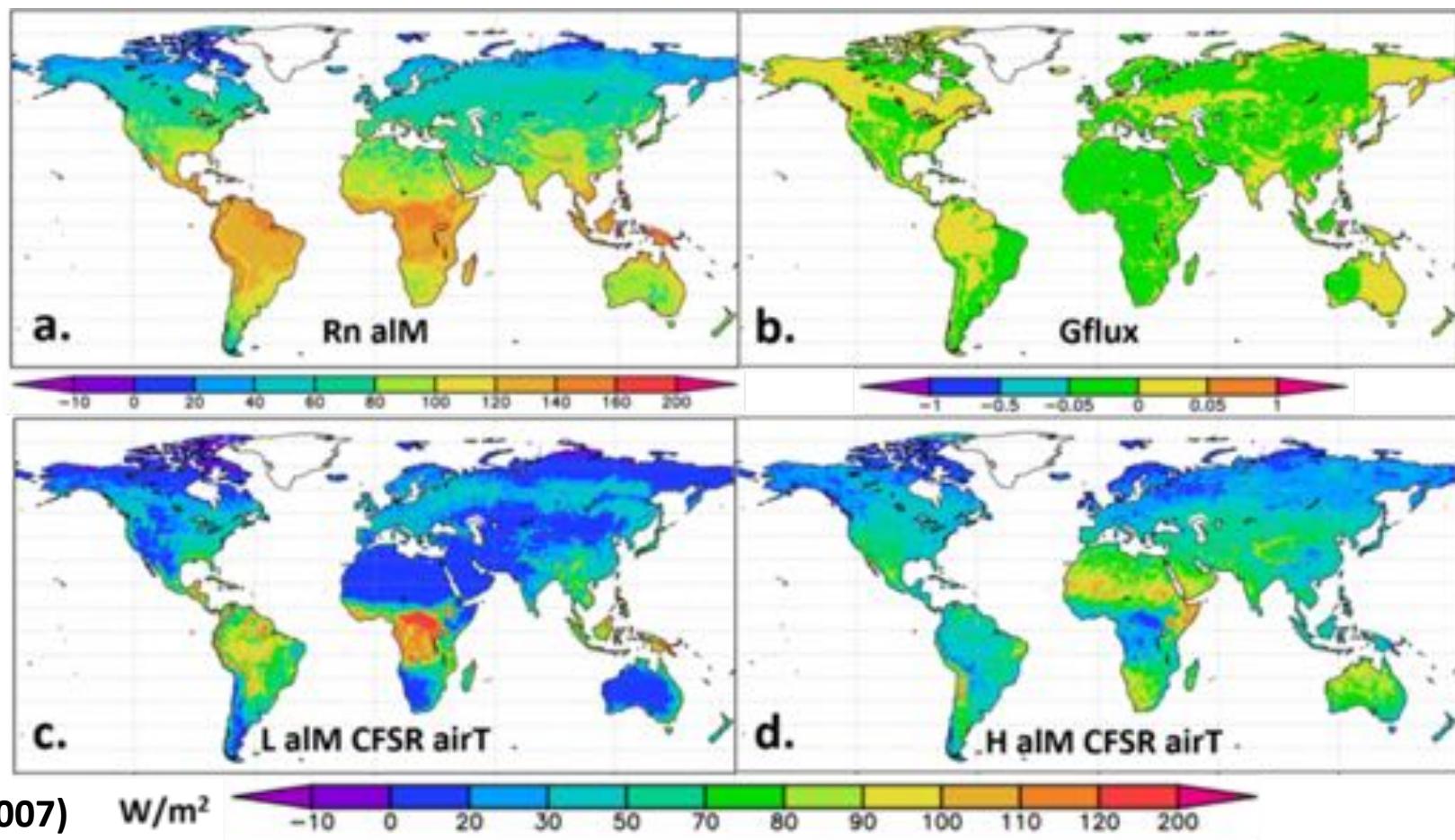
W/m²

Global Annual Average Energy Budget Fluxes Comparisons

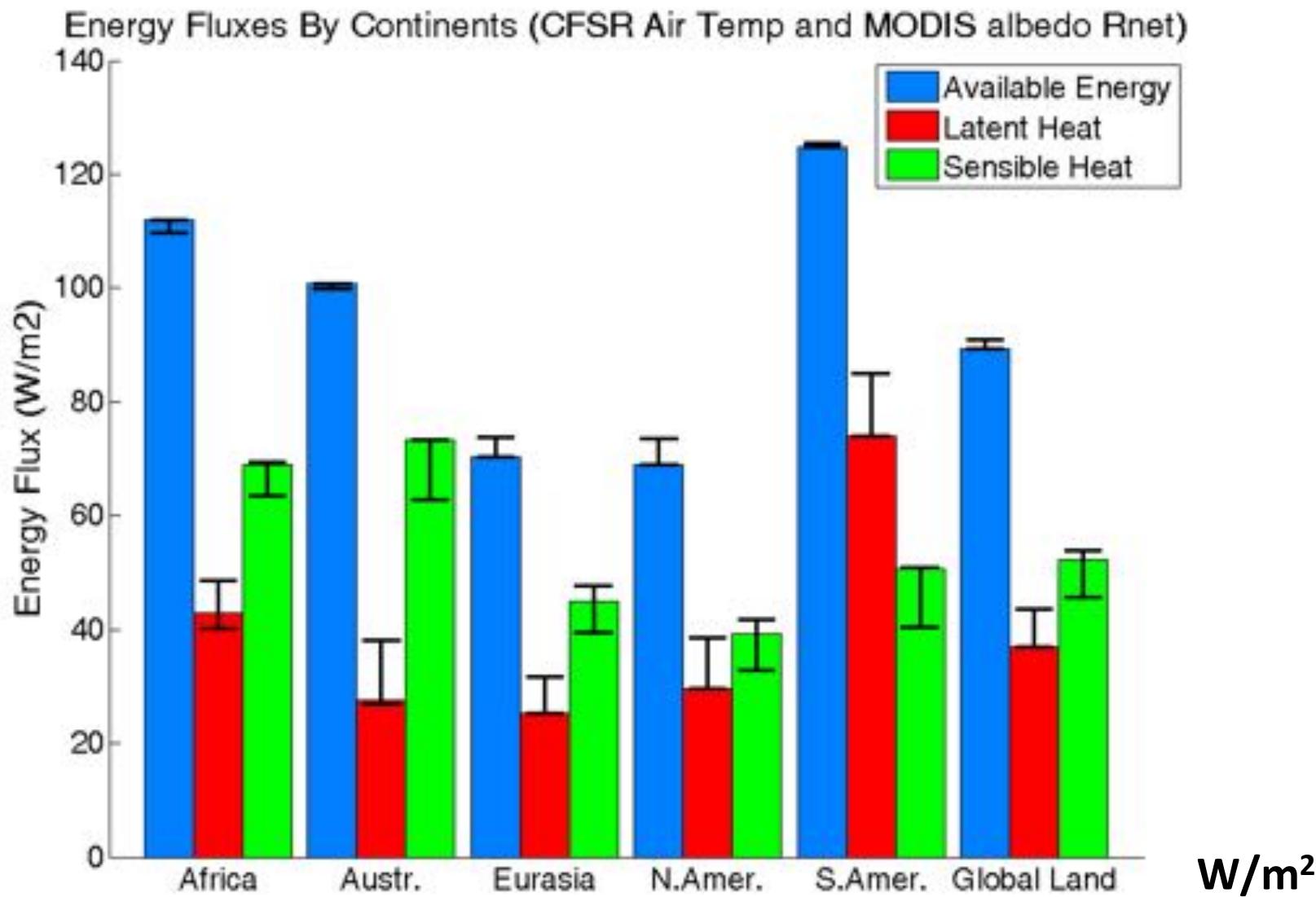
1984-2007 (W/m²)

Net Radiation	excl. A&G	incl. A&G	Latent Heat Flux	excl. A&G	incl. A&G
Rnet MODIS albedo, A&G CFSR	89.8	79.3	CFSR airT, MODIS albedo	38.2	34.5
Rnet CFSR reanalysis	111.9	99.1	L CFSR reanalysis	41.7	37.6
Rnet CFSR bias- corrected reanalysis	98.7	85.8	L MERRA reanalysis	49.7	44.8
Wild et al., 2015 Rnet	N/A	70.0	Wild et al., 2015 L	N/A	38.0
L'Ecuyer et al., 2015 Rnet	N/A	76.3	L'Ecuyer et al., 2015 L	N/A	38.1
Sensible Heat Flux					
H CFSR Reanalysis	43.0	34.7	CFSR gradient; MODIS albedo	44.7	36.2
H MERRA Reanalysis	42.2	34.0	CFSR airT; MODIS albedo	51.6	42.4
Wild et al., 2015; H		32.0			
L'Ecuyer et al., 2015 constrained		38.1			

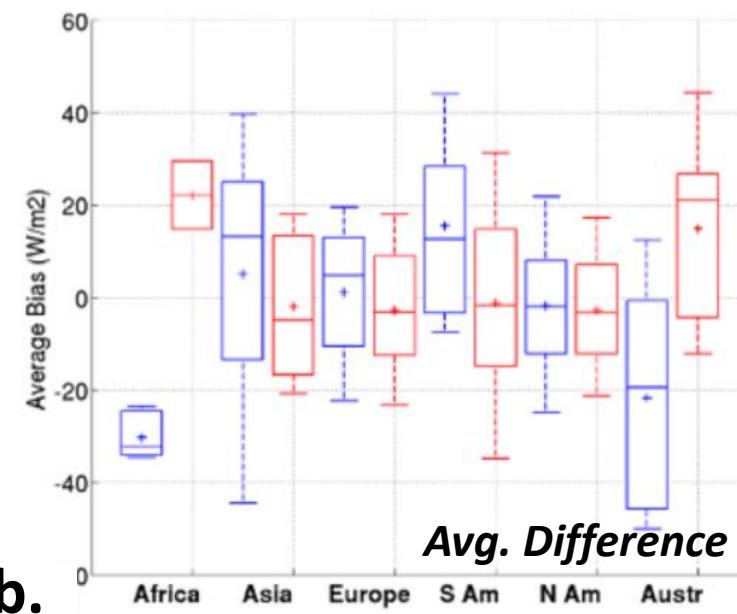
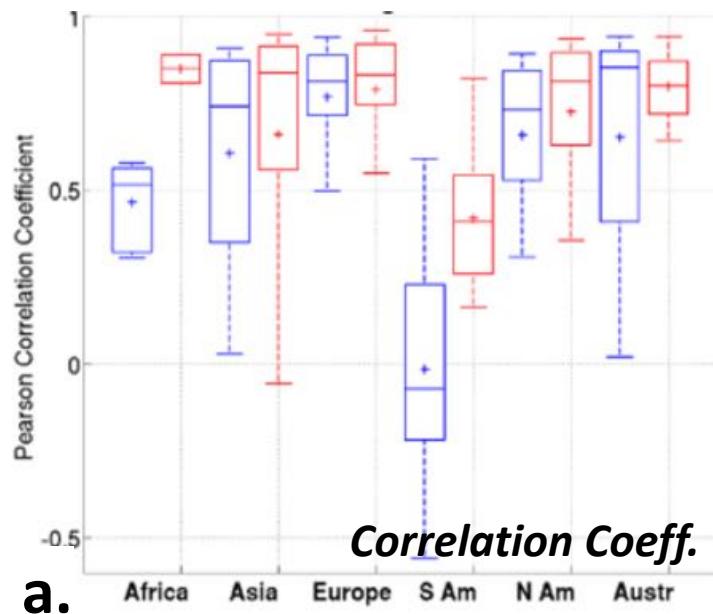
Using the global data sets: What are the spatial variability of the global energy cycle



Continental Annual Average Energy Budget Fluxes 1984-2007

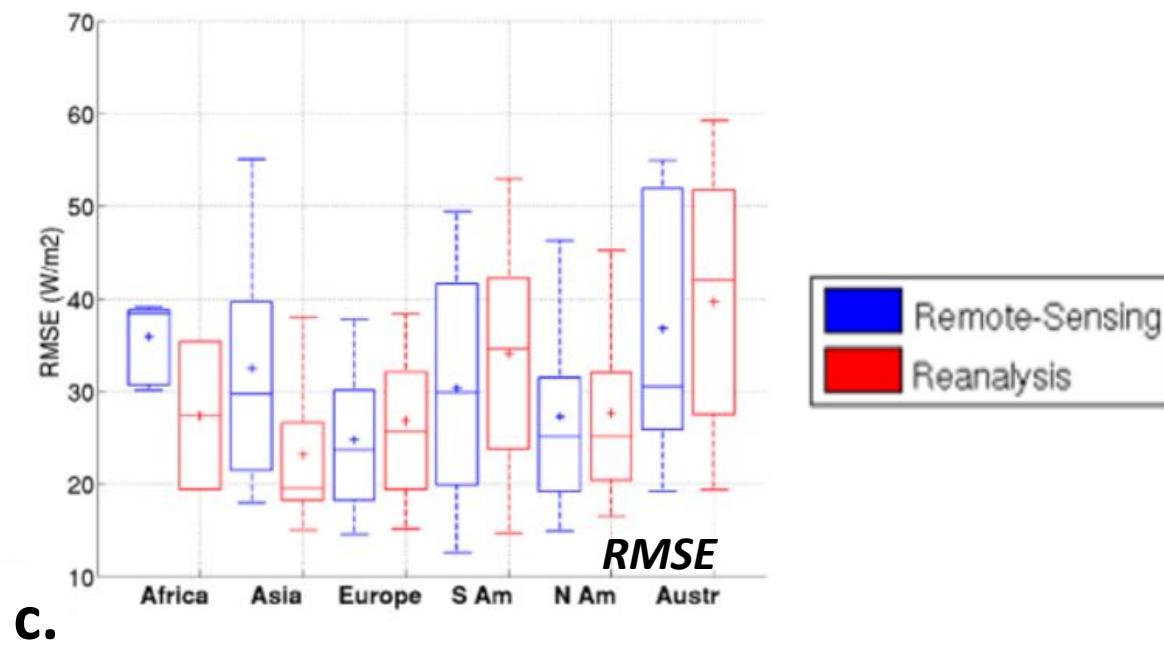


FLUXNET comparisons Available Energy 1984-2007

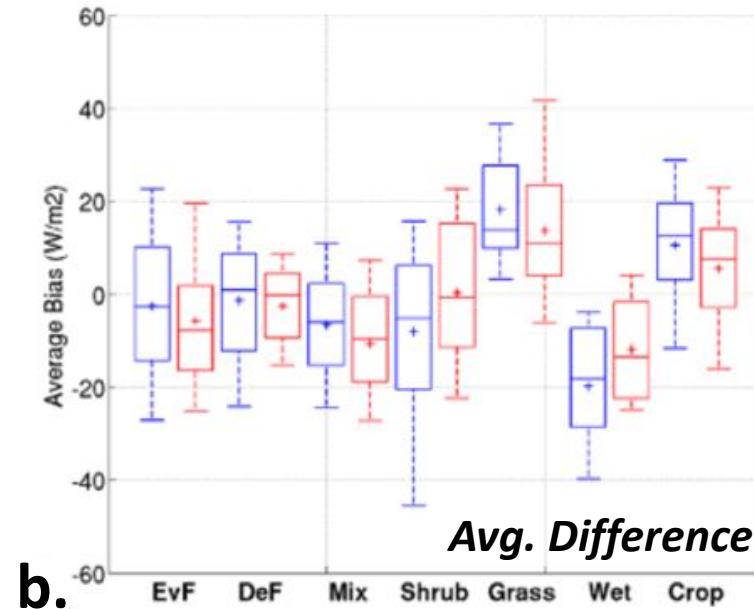
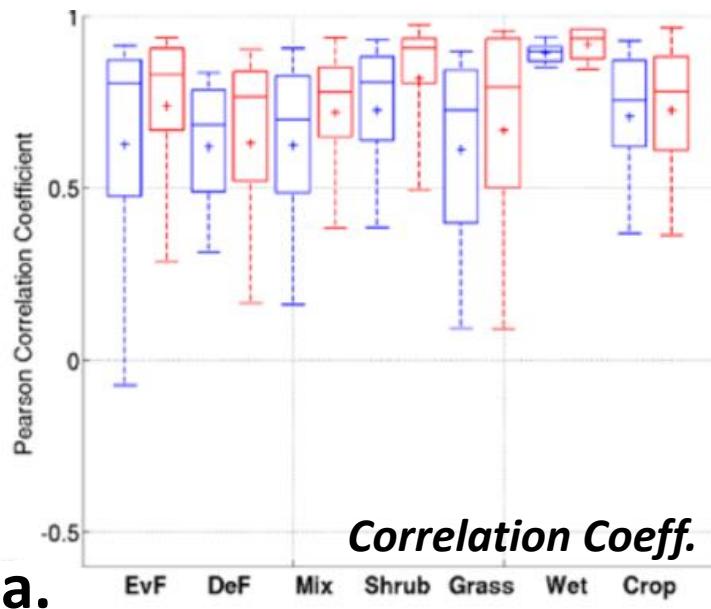


Statistics by Region

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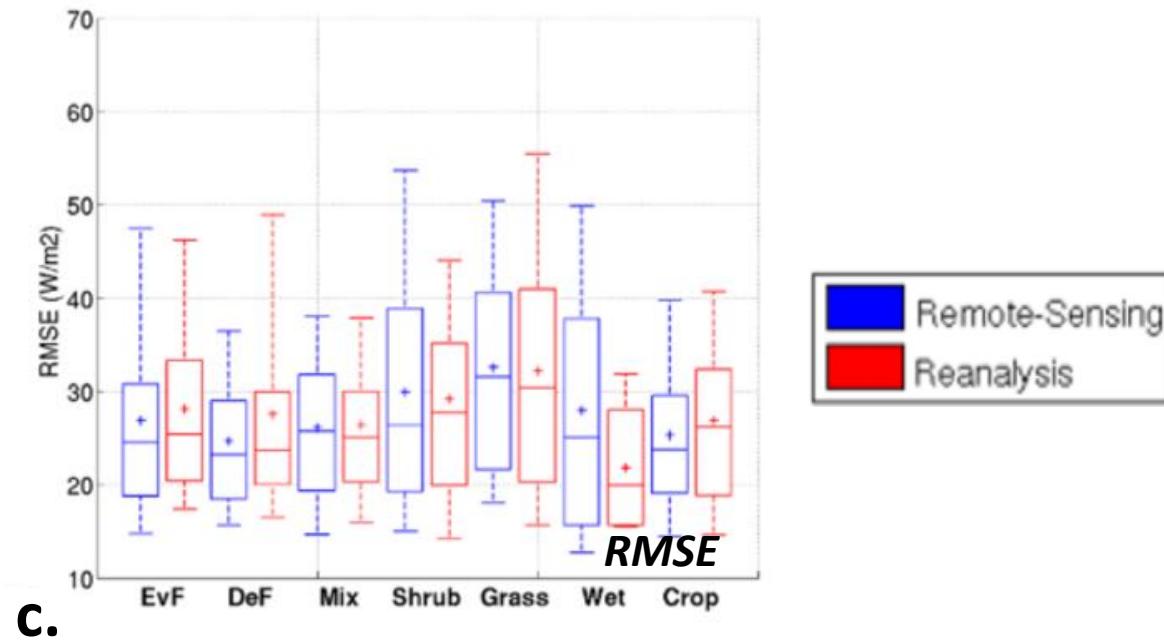


FLUXNET comparisons Sensible Heat Flux 1984-2007

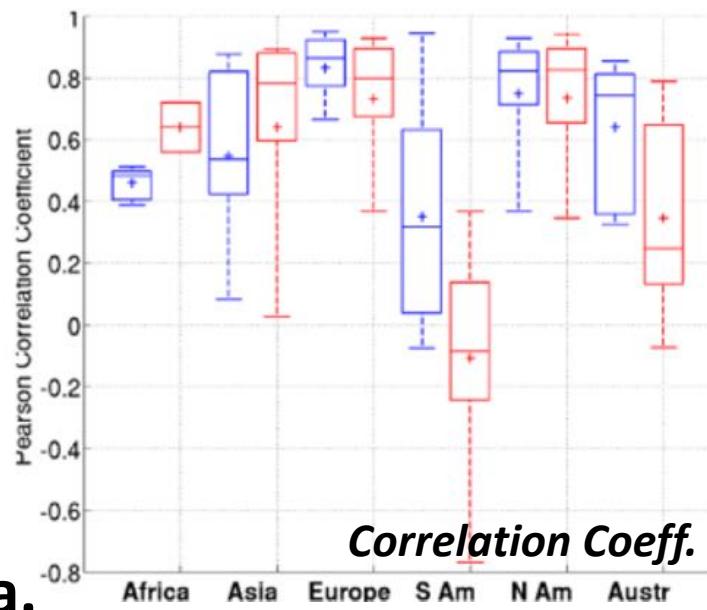


Statistics by Veg. Type

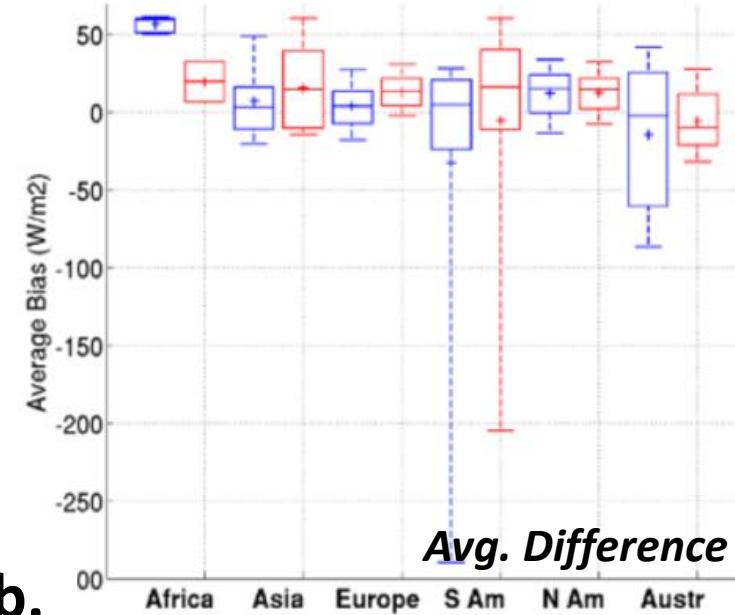
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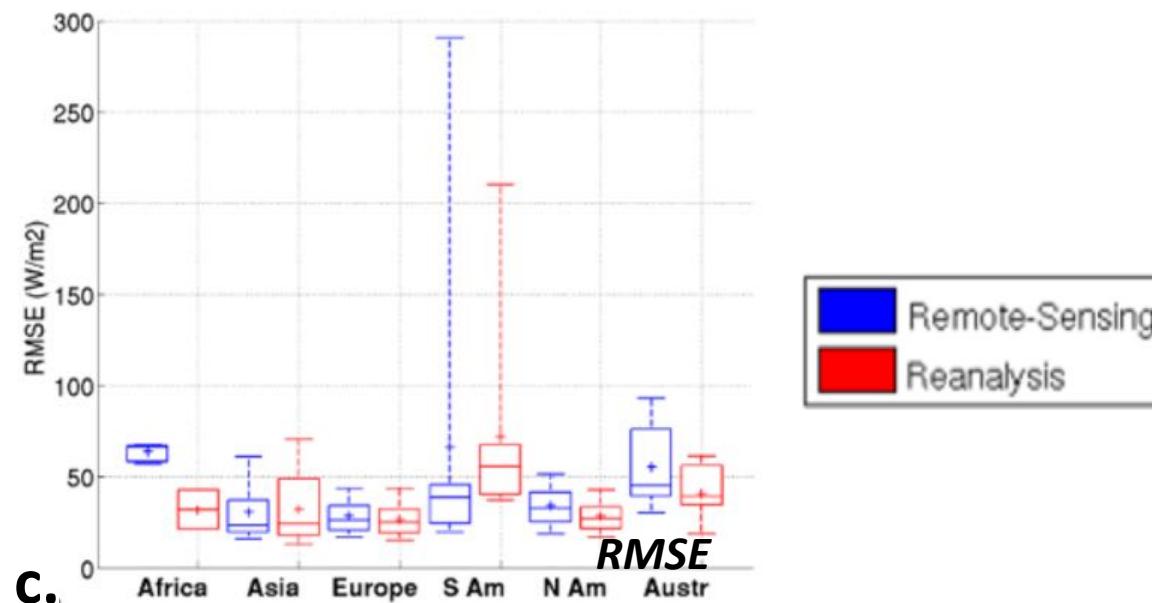
FLUXNET comparisons Latent Heat Flux 1984-2007



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b.

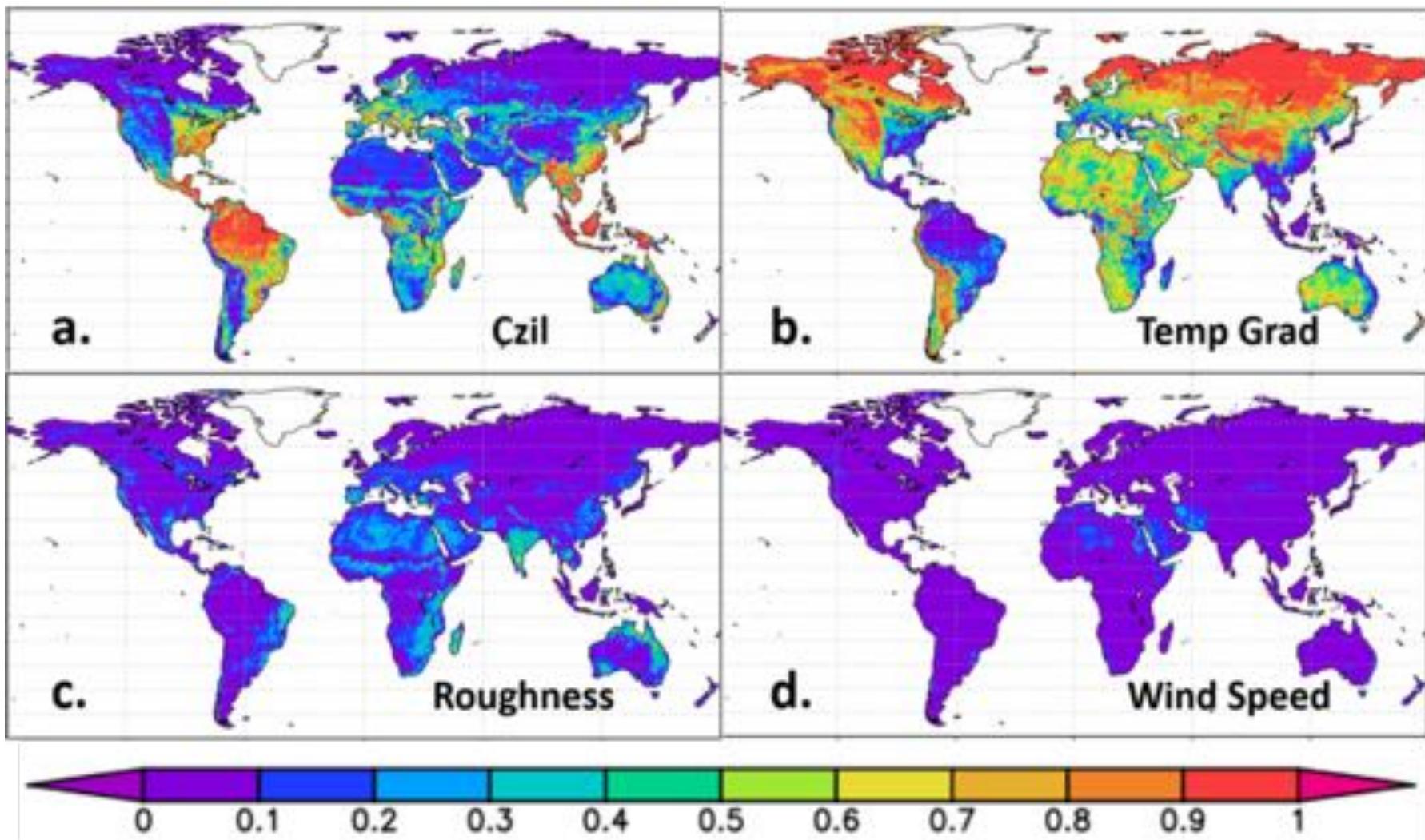


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Uncertainty of Sensible Heat Flux

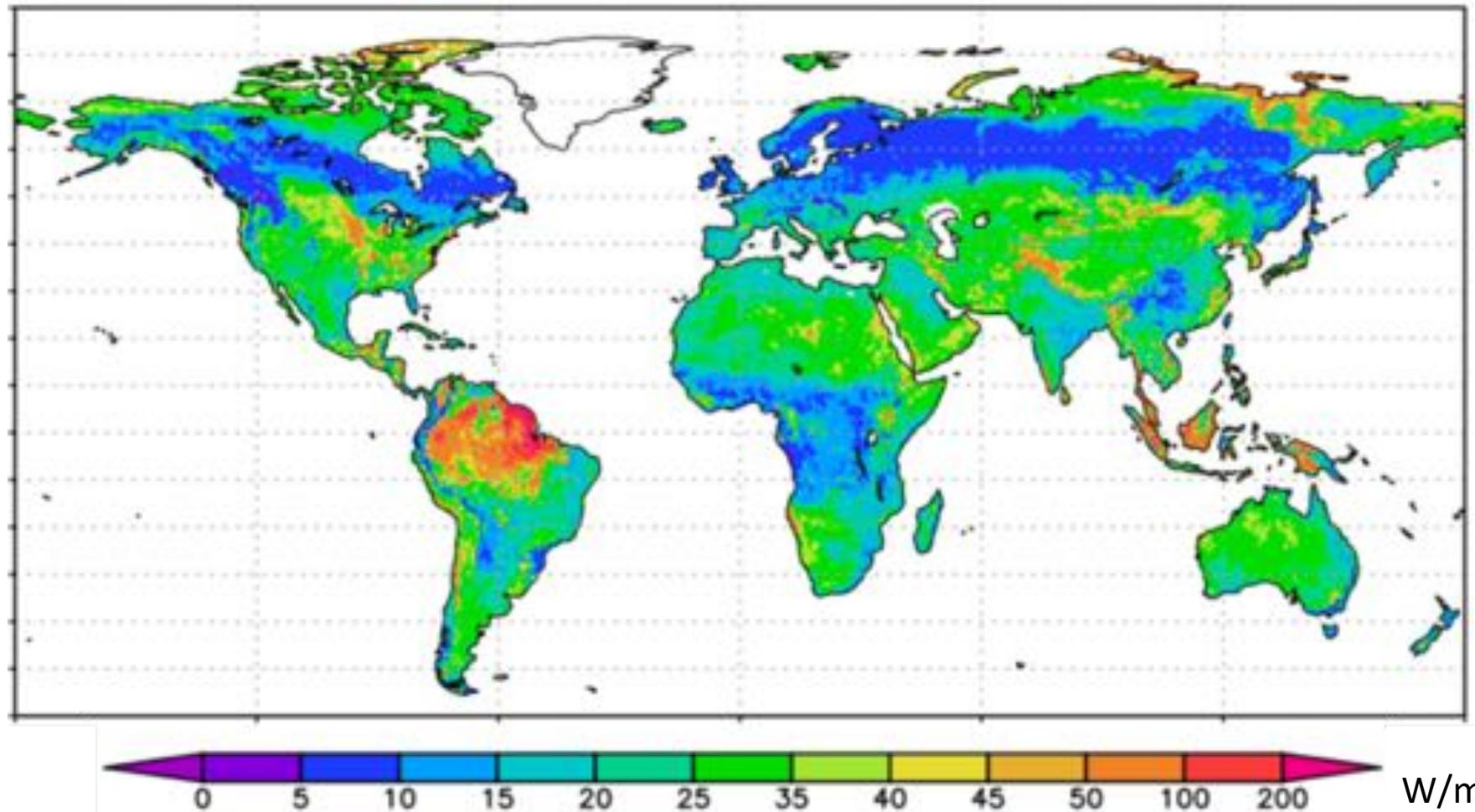
Fraction of uncertainty in H due to inputs



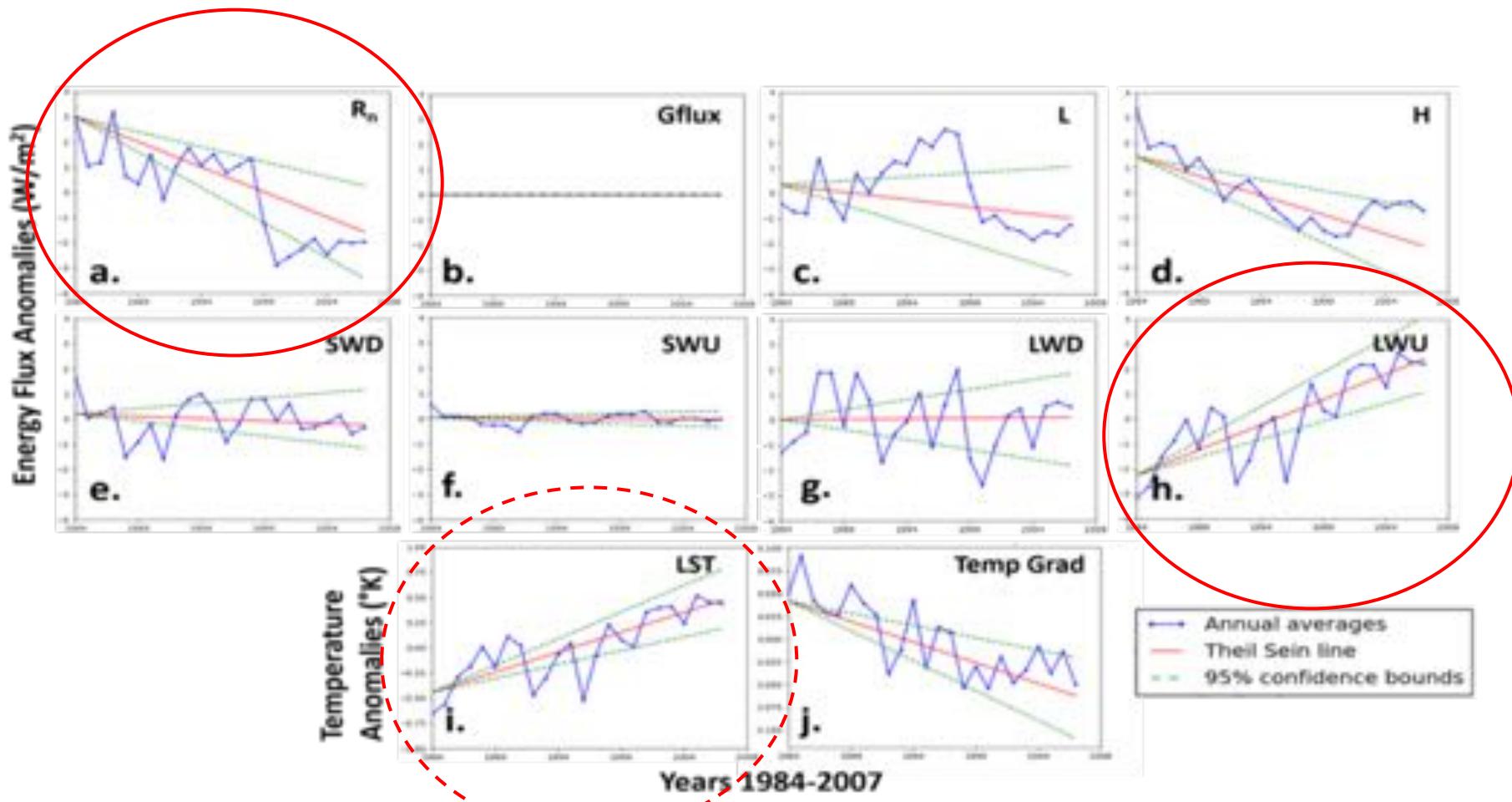
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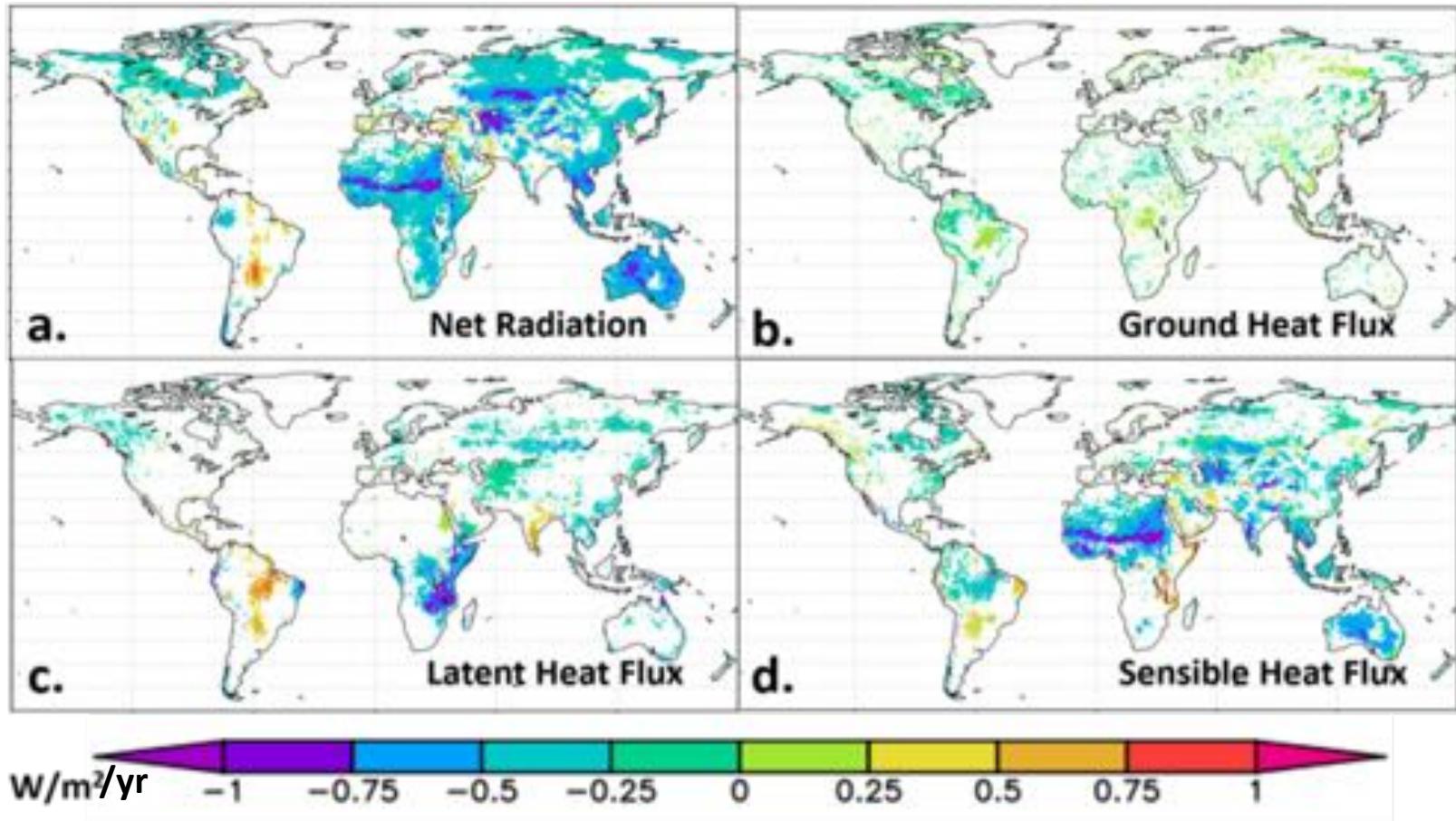
Global Average:
27.4 W/m²



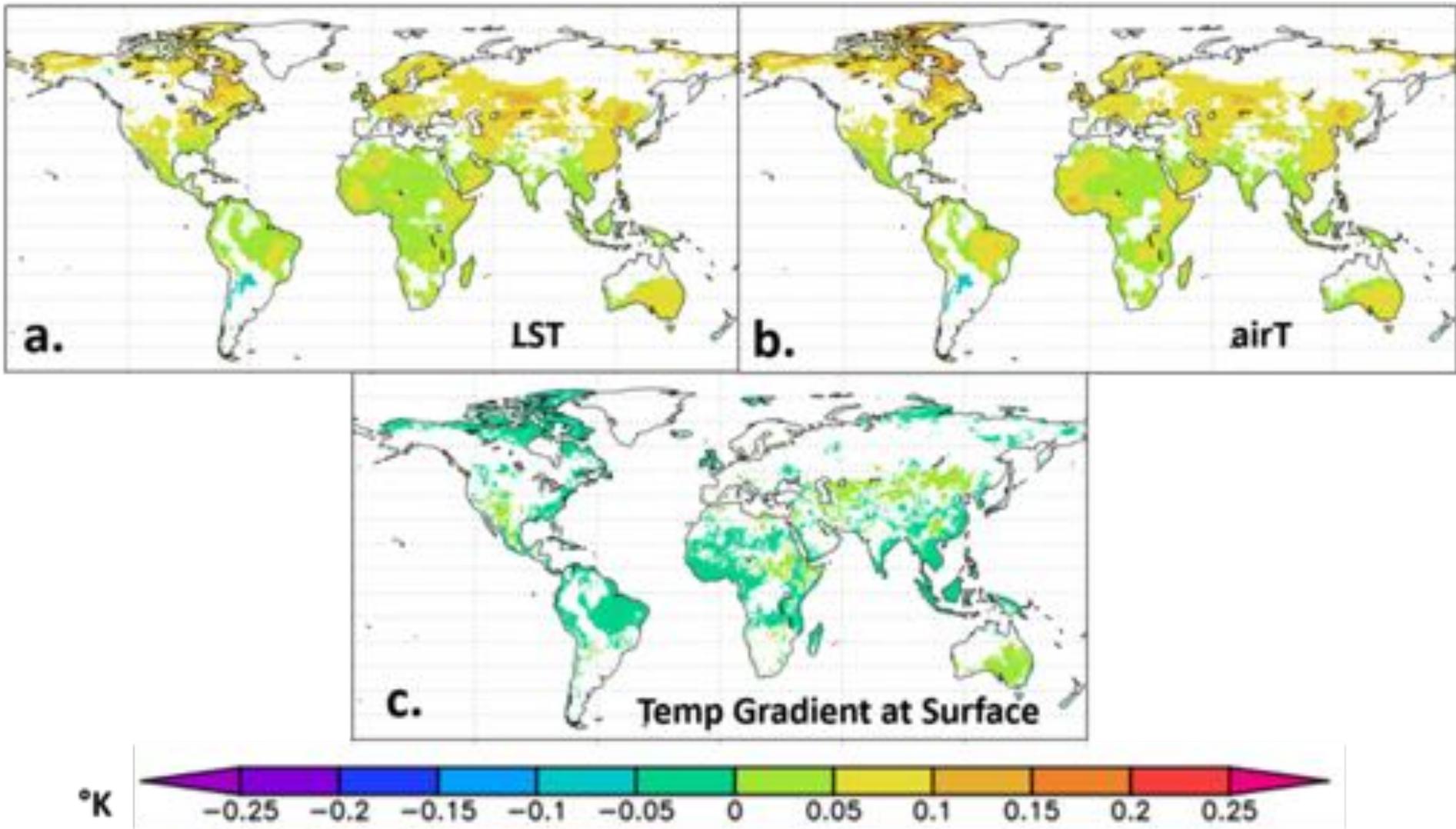
Using the global data sets: What is the trend in the global energy cycle



Using the global data sets:
What are the variability and trends of the global energy cycle



Results – Global Trends



95% confidence (based on Mann Kendall p-values) significant Theil-Sein trends in °K per yr

Summary, Conclusions and Future work

1. Using 1984 – 2007 terrestrial water budget variables from land-surface models (calibrated against GRDC observations), GPCP-based precipitation and remotely sensed estimates of terrestrial ET (from LandFlux), the terrestrial water budget can be closed to within 1%.
2. Using GPCP estimates of global precipitation, Terrestrial estimates of ET from LandFlux and Ocean estimates of E from SeaFlux, the global water cycle budget can be closed to within 2.5%.
3. Using 1984-2007 terrestrial surface variables, long-term surface flux data sets can be estimated. Integrating these with SeaFlux is needed to provide a global estimate to the surface fluxes.

Future Work?? The data sets have been offered to GDAP but no reply.
How will GEWEX make these data sets available to the community?
What are the next steps? Certainly lots of opportunities for analyses.

