

# **CEOP Components: Crosscutting Studies**

**Water and Energy Budget Study  
(WEBS)**

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# Outline

- WEBS objectives
- Recent WEBS Activities
- Connections with other CEOP activities

# WEBS Objectives

- Identify suitable data sets for water and energy budget studies;
- Examine deficiencies in the parameterizations for the land-surface, convection, and boundary layer processes;
- Understand and quantify climatology and temporal variability of water and energy budgets for regional hydroclimate “hotspots”

# Recent WEBS Activities

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# Science Issue: Terrestrial Water Budgets from Space



# Land Surface Hydrology Group @ Princeton University

## Approach:

Evaluate water budget closure from remote sensing (RS)-only. Quantify uncertainty for each of the independent terms.

## Remote Sensing Data:

ET- exploit the suite of sensors on-board NASA Aqua to provide inputs to Penman-Monteith (P-M): AIRS (RH,Tair,Ts), MODIS (LAI, NDVI), and CERES (radiation).

P- NASA TRMM  
3b42,3b42RT and/or  
JAXA GSMaP.

AS- GRACE

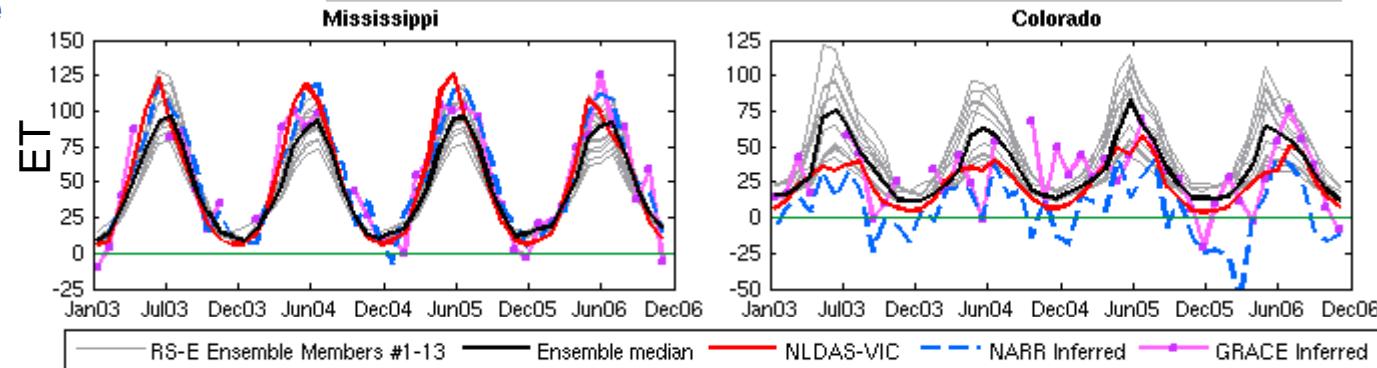
## Other Data/Models:

## NLDAS-VIC and NARR reanalysis

# Evapotranspiration (ET) estimated using a terrestrial water budget:

$$\text{ET} = P - Q - \Delta S$$

↑              ↑              ↑              ↗  
**P-M**      **TRMM**      **Runoff Observations**  
**(RS)**                **USGS (1979-2003)**      **GRACE**



### **Publications:**

Sheffield, J., C. R. Ferguson, T. J. Troy, E. F. Wood, and M. F. McCabe, 2009: **Closing the terrestrial water budget from satellite remote sensing**, Geophys. Res. Lett., 36, L07403, doi:10.1029/2009GL037338.

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## Science Issue:

# Evaluating Land-Atmosphere Coupling Through Remote Sensing Observations

## Approach:

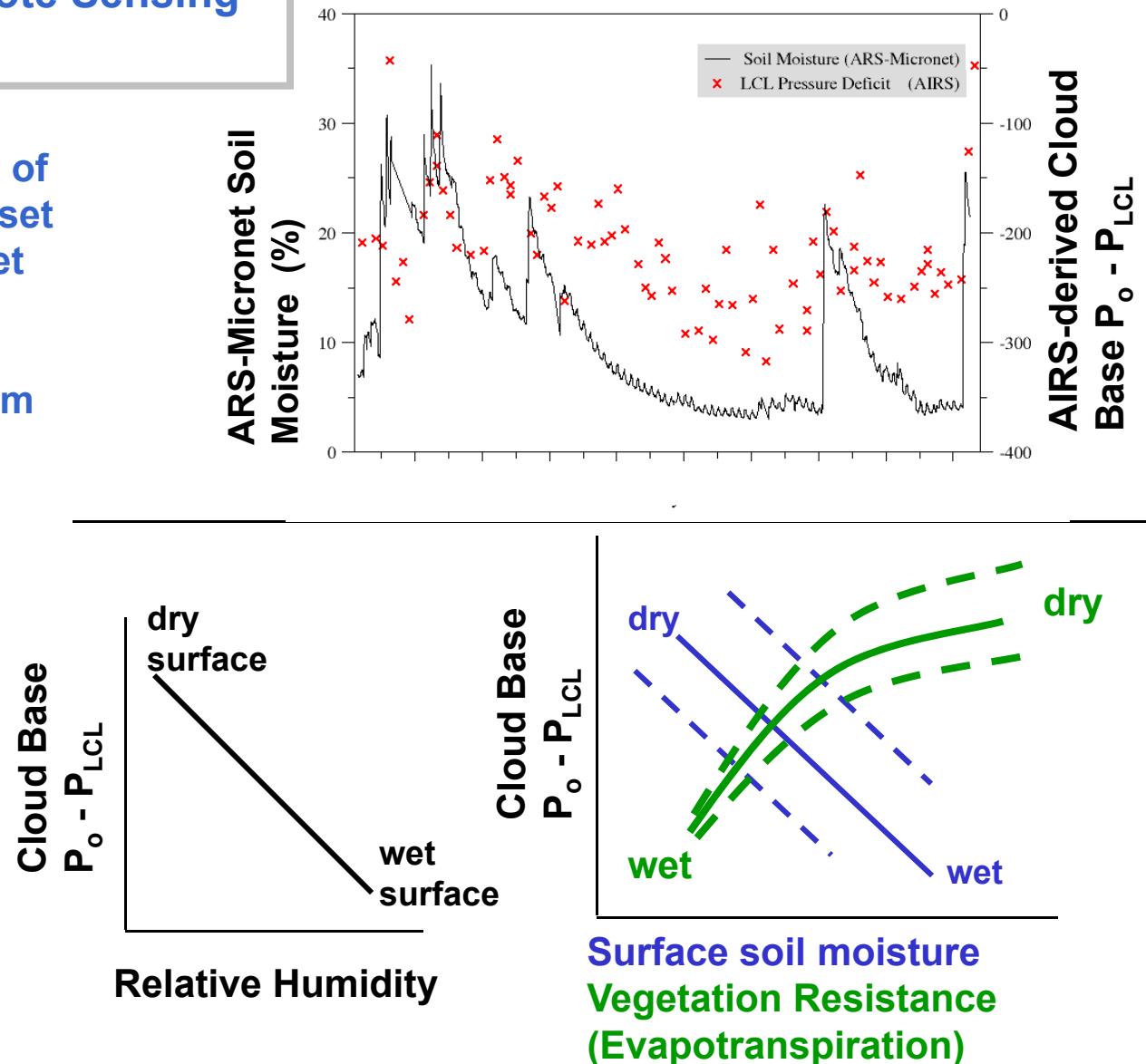
Quantify coupling in terms of observational diagnostics set forth by the work of Betts et al. (2004, 2007) and Findell and Eltahir (2003), using observational products from remote sensing

## Remote Sensing Data:

NASA Aqua AIRS (RH, Ts),  
AMSR-E (X-band soil moisture)

## Other Data:

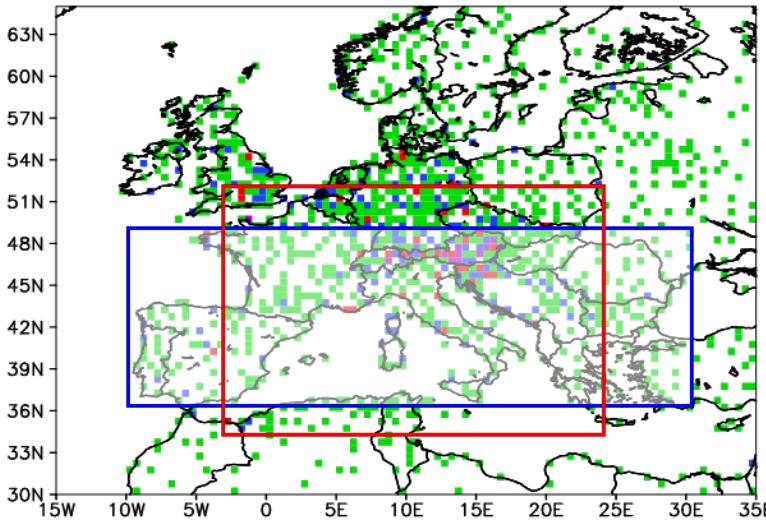
Princeton RS-ET, in-situ observations from the Oklahoma Mesonet, West Texas Mesonet and WMO Radiosonde Network



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# EUROPE: DATA AND ANALYSIS



## DOMAINS USED FOR STATISTICS

- ✓  $36^{\circ} - 49^{\circ}$  N;  $10^{\circ}$  W- $30^{\circ}$  E → PRECIPITATION
- ✓  $35^{\circ} - 52^{\circ}$  N;  $3^{\circ}$  W- $24^{\circ}$  E → HGT, TMP, UR, U, V

## MODEL FORECASTS

### WRF-NMM v3.0

- ✓ 32 km horizontal resolution, 38 vertical levels
- ✓ initialization and boundary data: GFS T382L64

### RSM

- ✓ 50 km horizontal resolution, 28 vertical levels
- ✓ initialization and boundary data: EMC-GCM T126L28

### ECMWF

- ✓ 25 km horizontal resolution, 91 vertical levels
- ✓ global model T799L91

## OBSERVATIONS

### NOAA CPC Daily Rain Gauge Analysis

- ✓ Global daily precipitation from station data
- ✓  $0.5^{\circ} \times 0.5^{\circ}$  lat/lon, cumulated from 18z to 18z over Europe

### ECMWF ANALYSIS

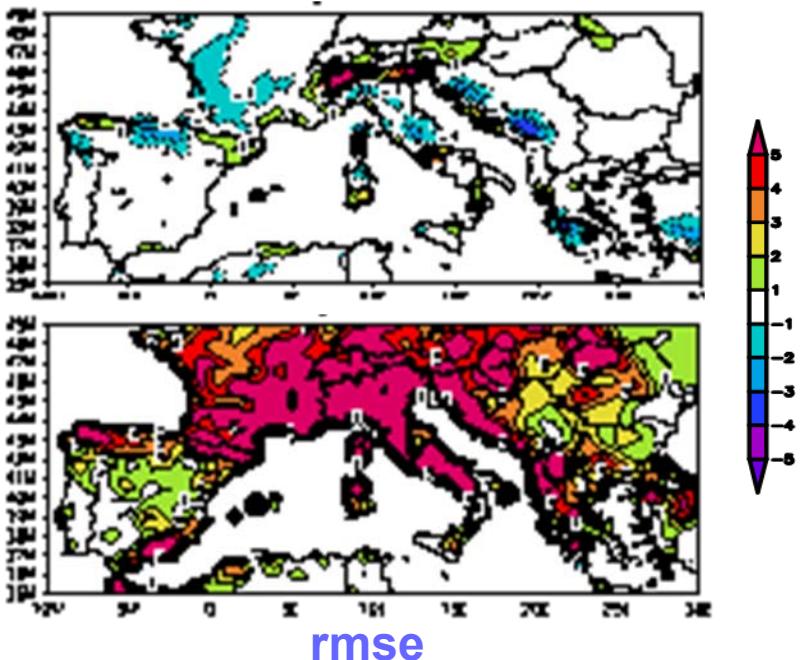
- ✓ +00 hrs data, 50 km horizontal resolution, 8 vertical levels

ALL DATA INTERPOLATED ON  $0.5^{\circ} \times 0.5^{\circ}$  LAT/LON GRID

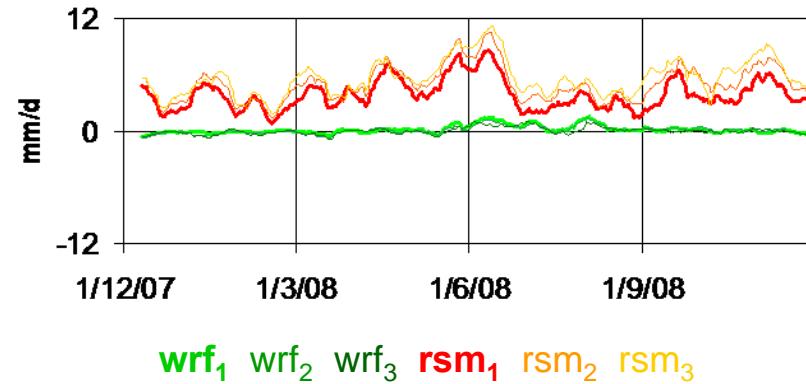
STATISTICS ONLY OVER LAND POINTS

## Precipitation: bias and rmse

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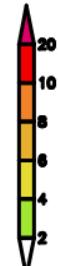
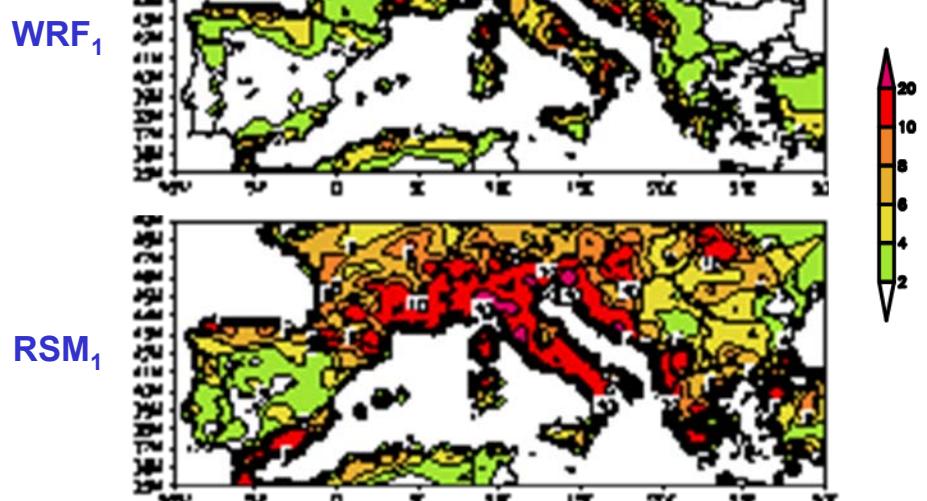


bias – running mean 10 days

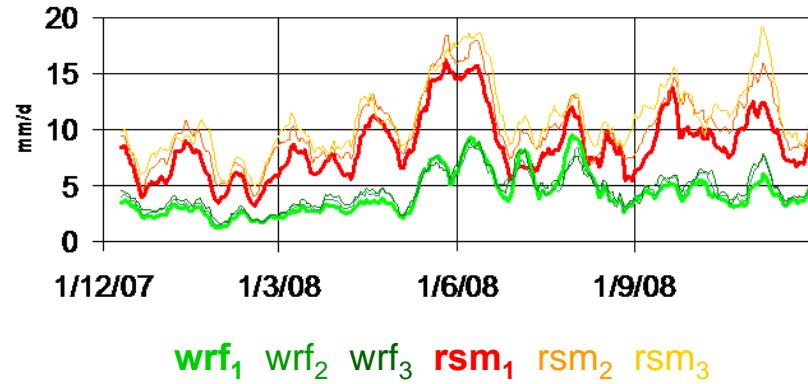


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rmse



rmse – running mean 10 days



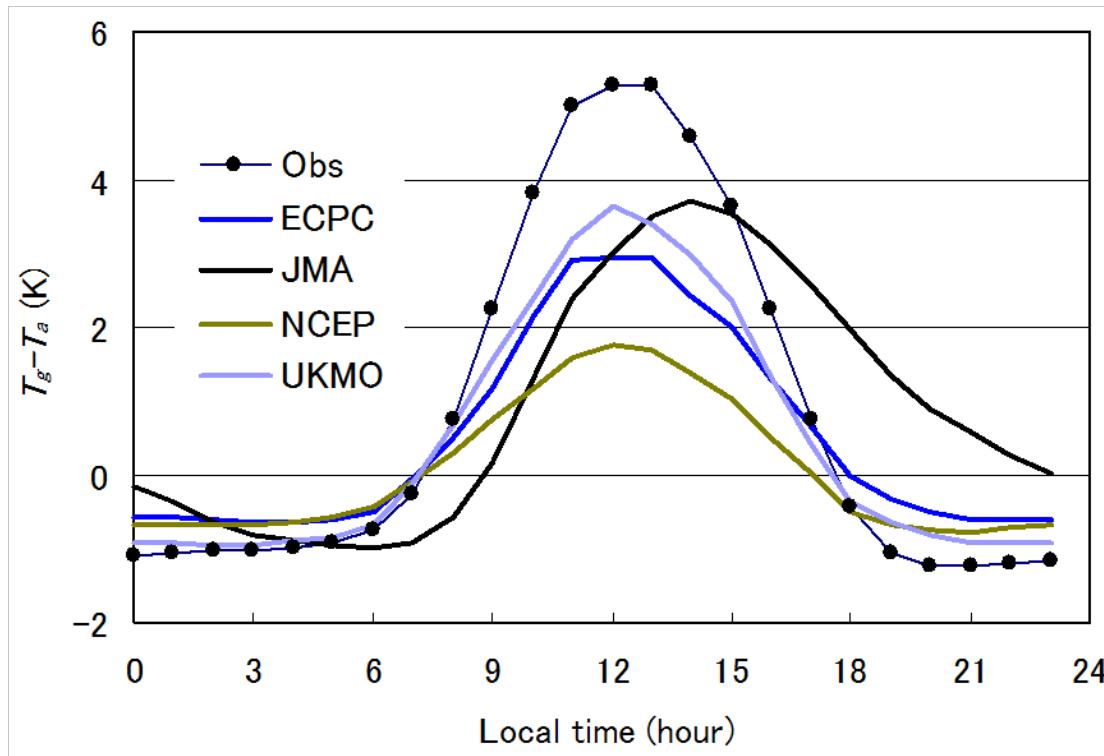
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# Deficiency in operational models

Composite of 13 sites-365 days



$T_g - T_a$ : Observed > GCM

(Yang et al., JMSJ 2007)

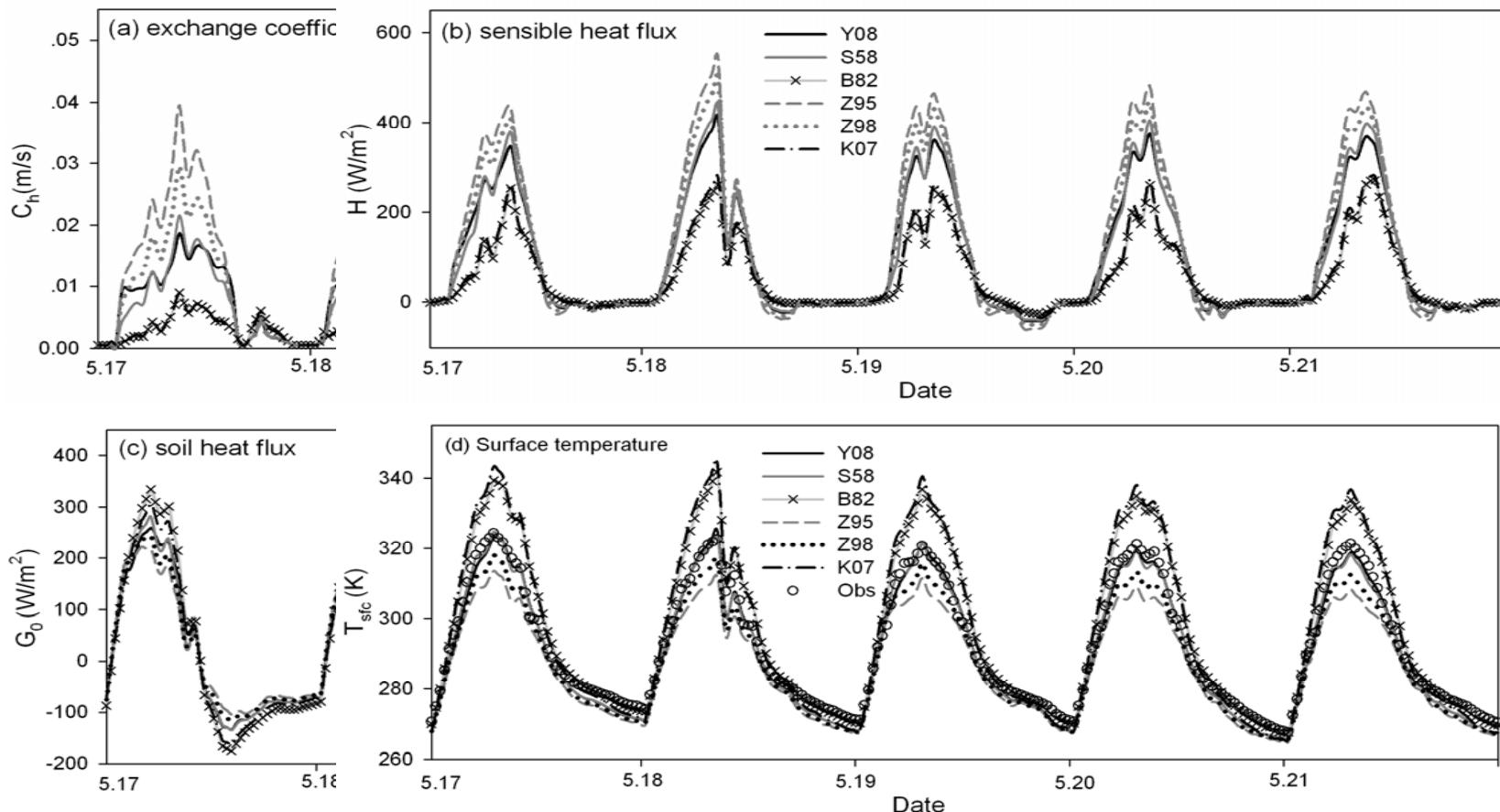
# Evaluation of $kB^{-1}$ schemes

Formula	Reference	Abbr.
$kB^{-1} = \ln(\Pr Re_*)$	Sheppard (1958)	S58
$kB^{-1} = k \alpha (8 Re_*)^{0.45} \Pr^{0.8}$	Owen & Thomson (1963)	OT63
$kB^{-1} = 2.46 Re_*^{0.25} - 2$	Brutsaert (1982)	B82
$kB^{-1} = 0.1 Re_*^{0.5}$	Zilitinkevich (1995)	Z95
$kB^{-1} = k \alpha Re_*^{0.45}$	Zeng et al. (1998)	Z98
$kB^{-1} = 1.29 Re_*^{0.25} - 2$	Kanda et al. (2007)	K07
$z_{0h} = \frac{70\nu}{u_*} \exp(-\beta u_*^{0.5}  T_* ^{0.25})$	Yang et al. (2007b)	Y07 <sup>a</sup>

# Sensitivity to thermal roughness length ( $z_{0h}$ ) in Noah

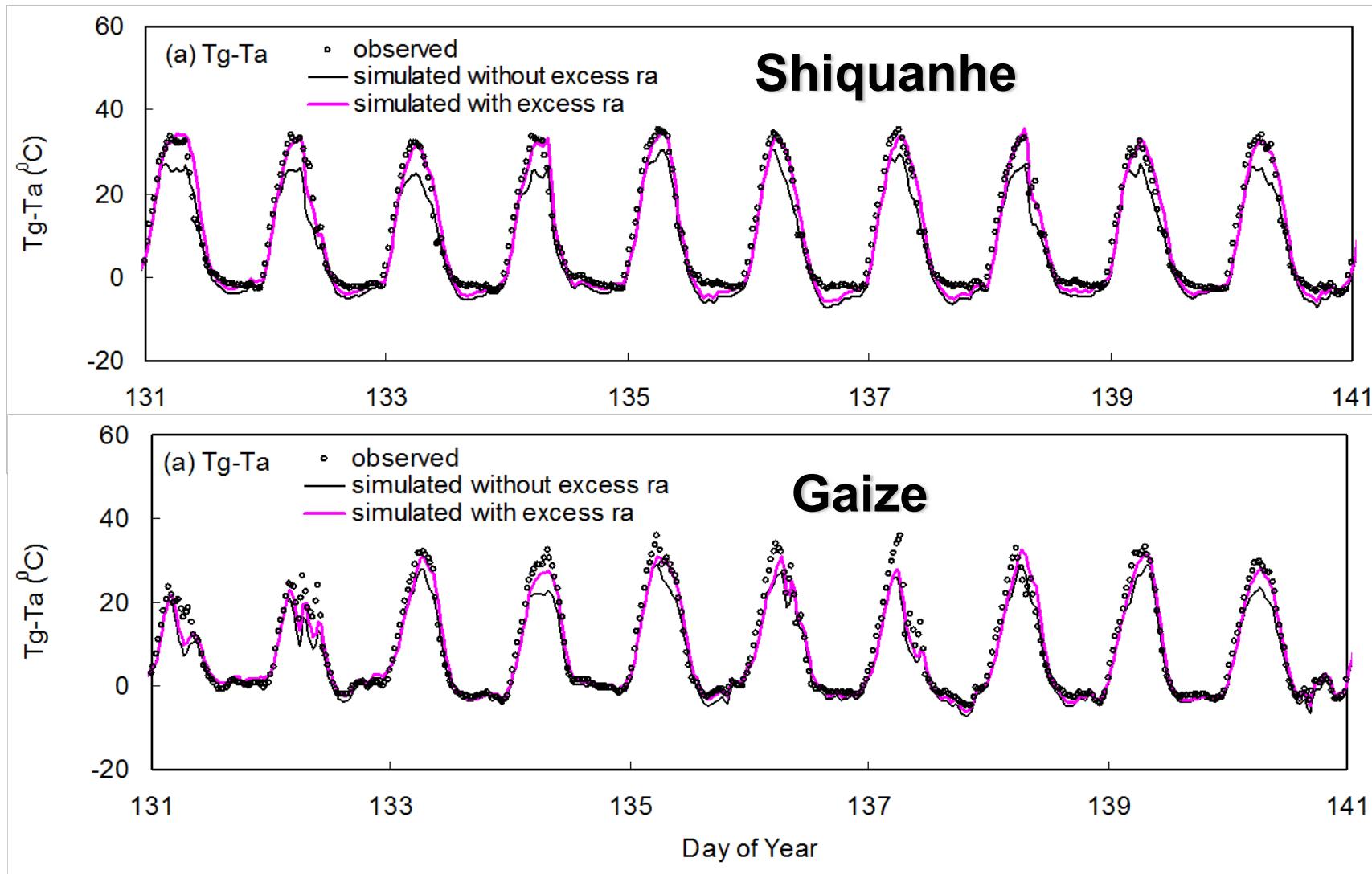
Six  $z_{0h}$  schemes were implemented in Noah LSM, including

- 1) S58 (Sheppard 1958)
- 2) B82 (Brutsaert 1982)
- 3) Z95 (Zilitinkevich 1995)
- 4) Z98 (Zeng et al. 1998)
- 5) K07 (Kanda et al. 2007)
- 6) Y08 (Yang et al. 2008)



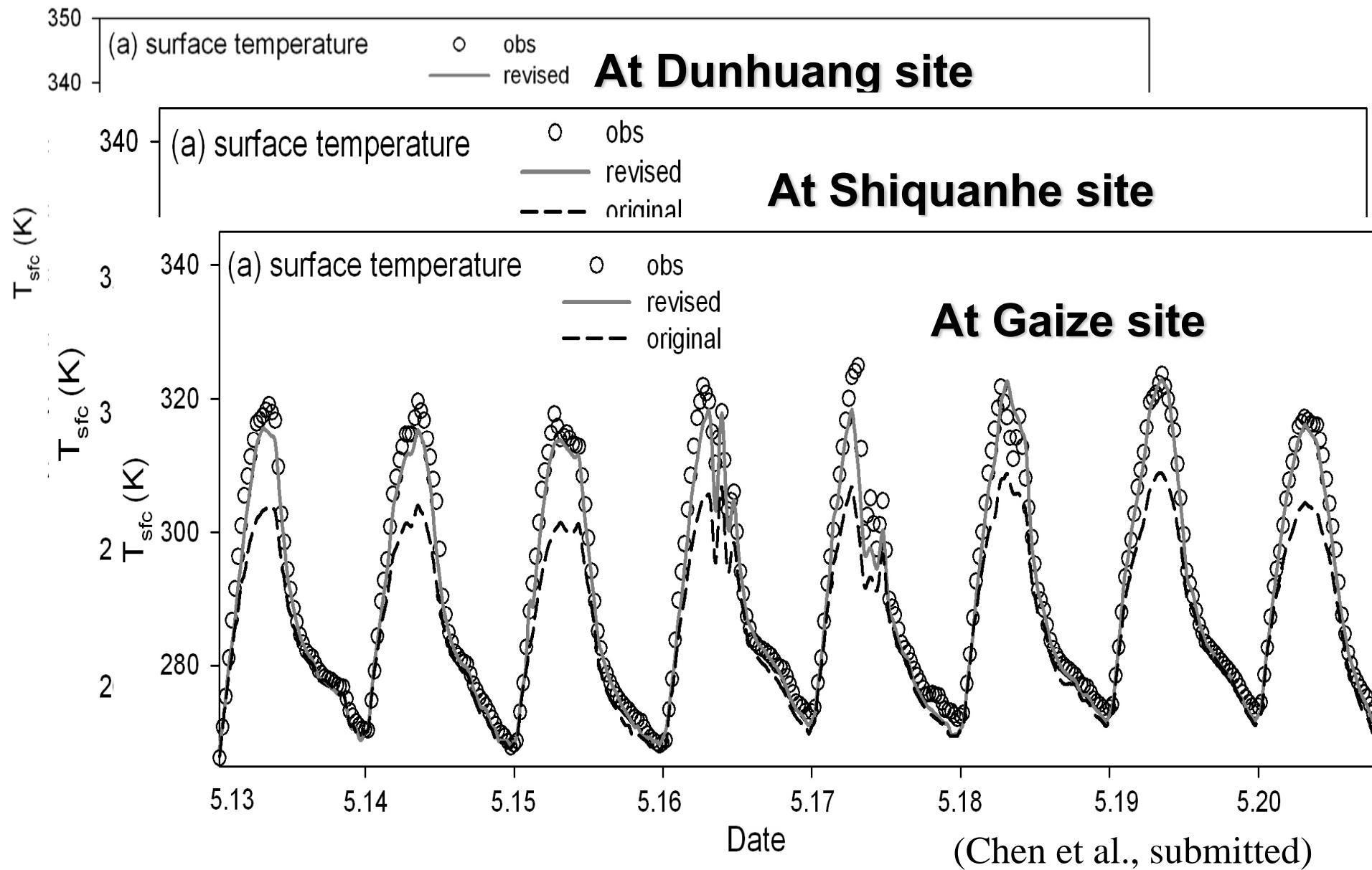
Y08 gives the smaller BIAS, RMSE in Tsfc than other schemes.

# Implement Y08 into SiB2

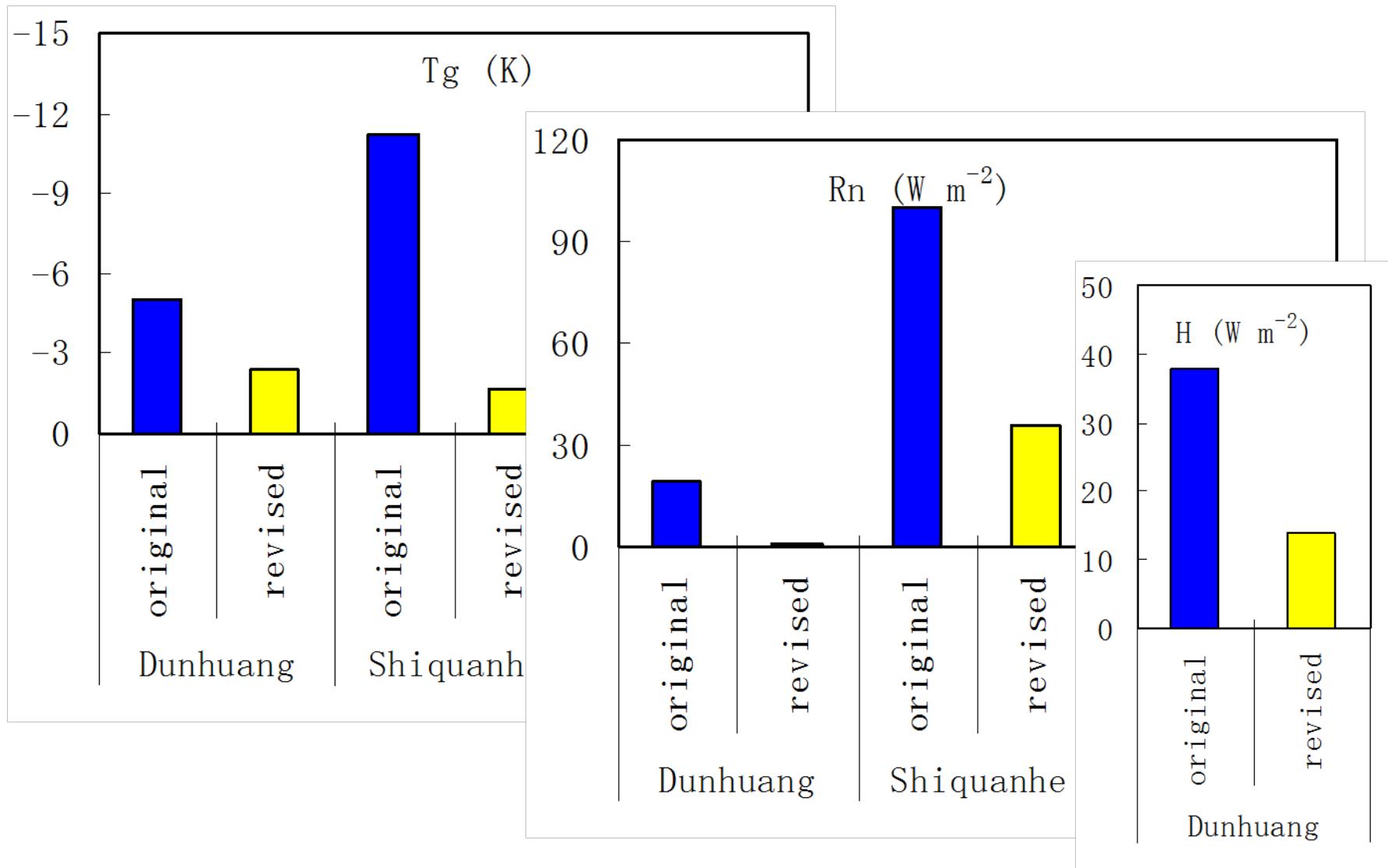


(Yang et al., HESS 2009)

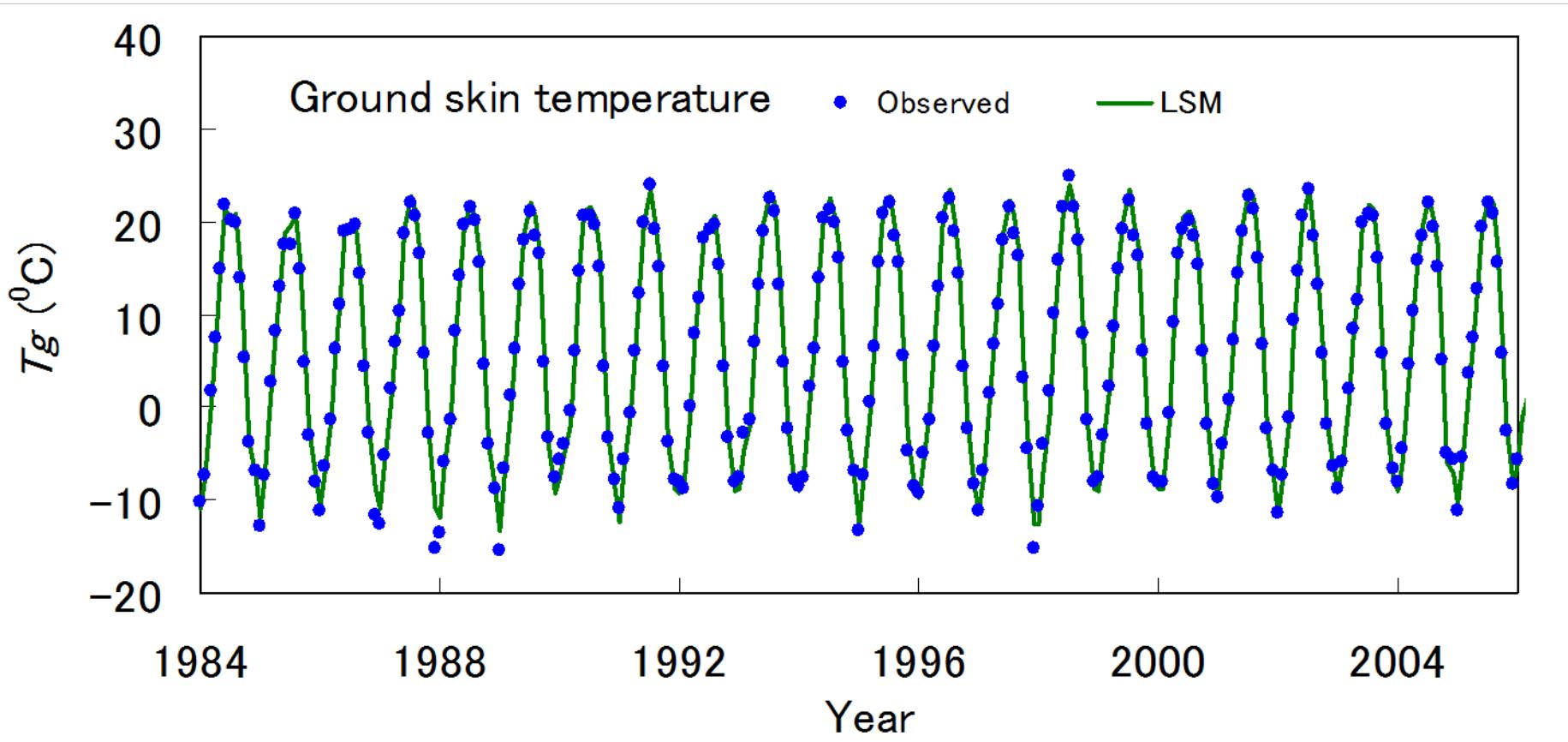
# Implement Y08 into Noah



# Mean biases at the three sites



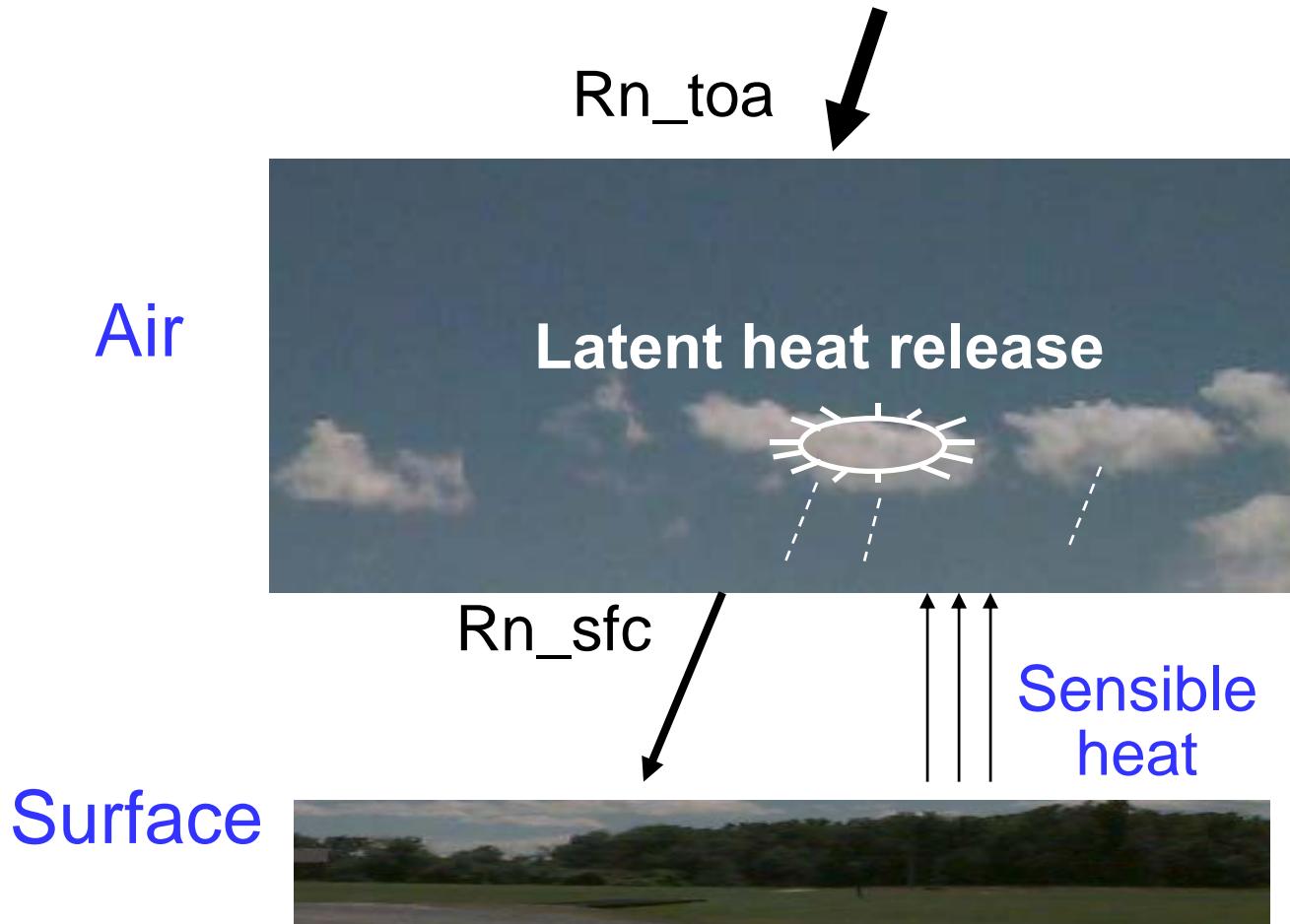
# Western TP: observe vs simulated



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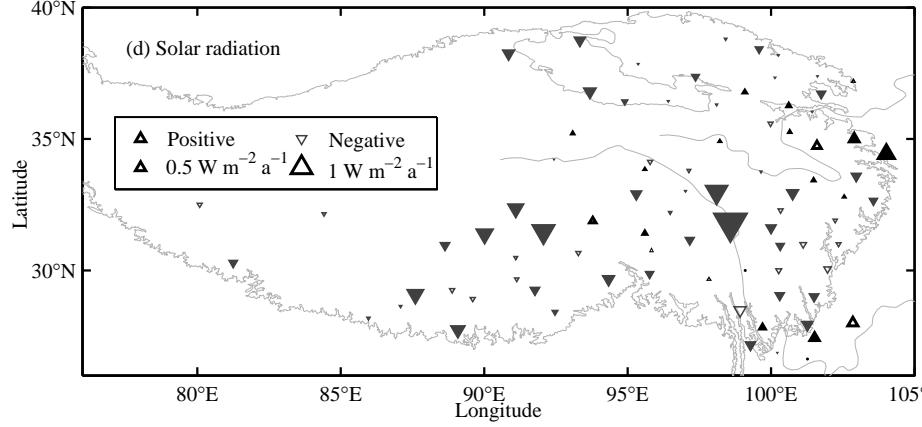
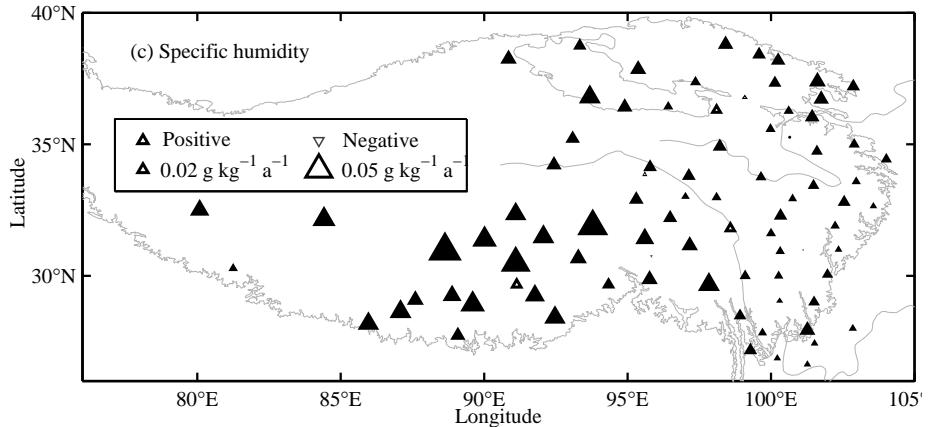
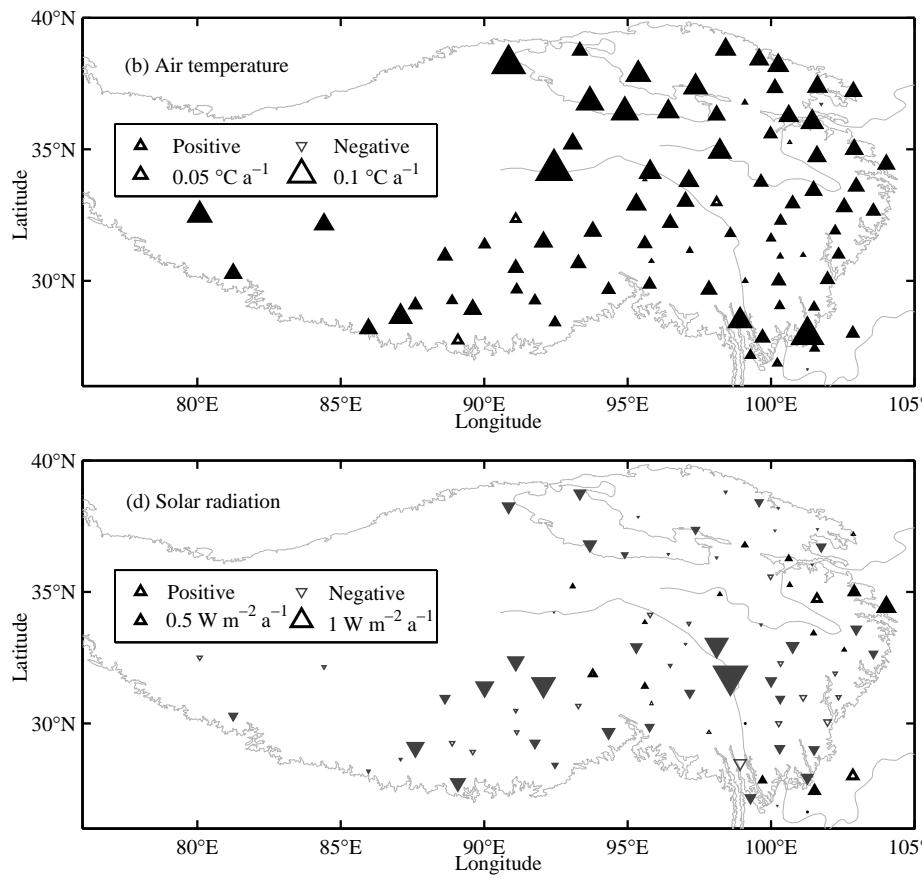
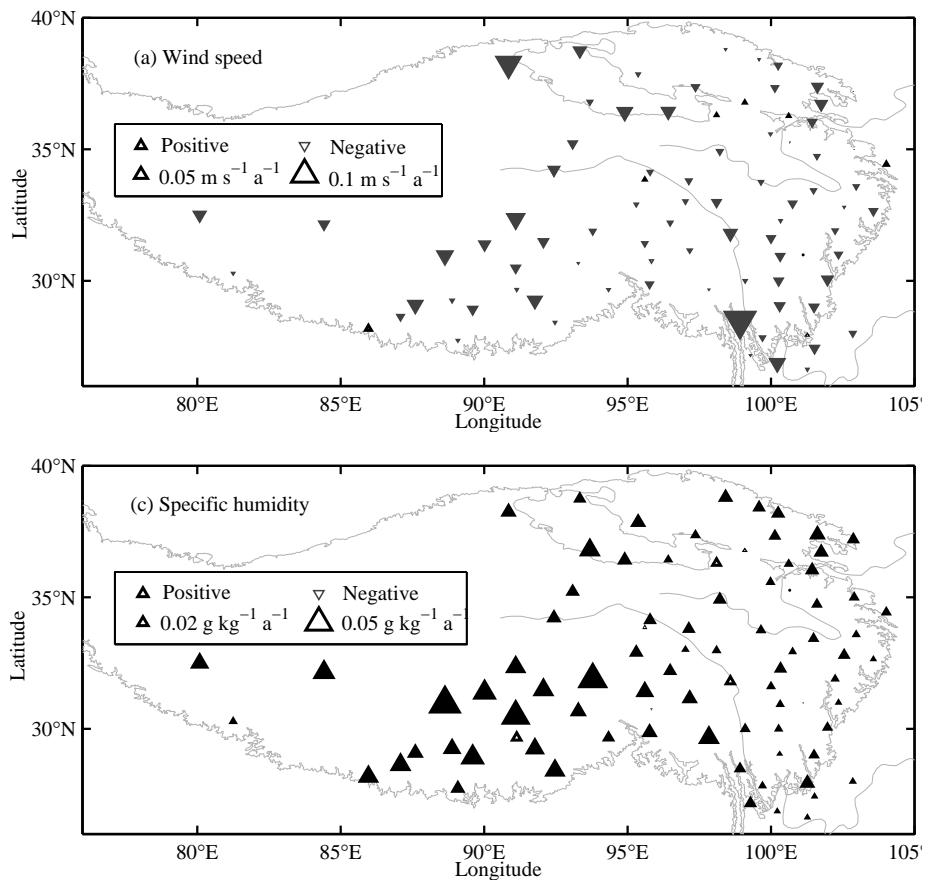
# Atmospheric heating



$$\text{Heat source} = H + IP + \delta R$$

where  $\delta R = Rn_{toa} - Rn_{sfc}$

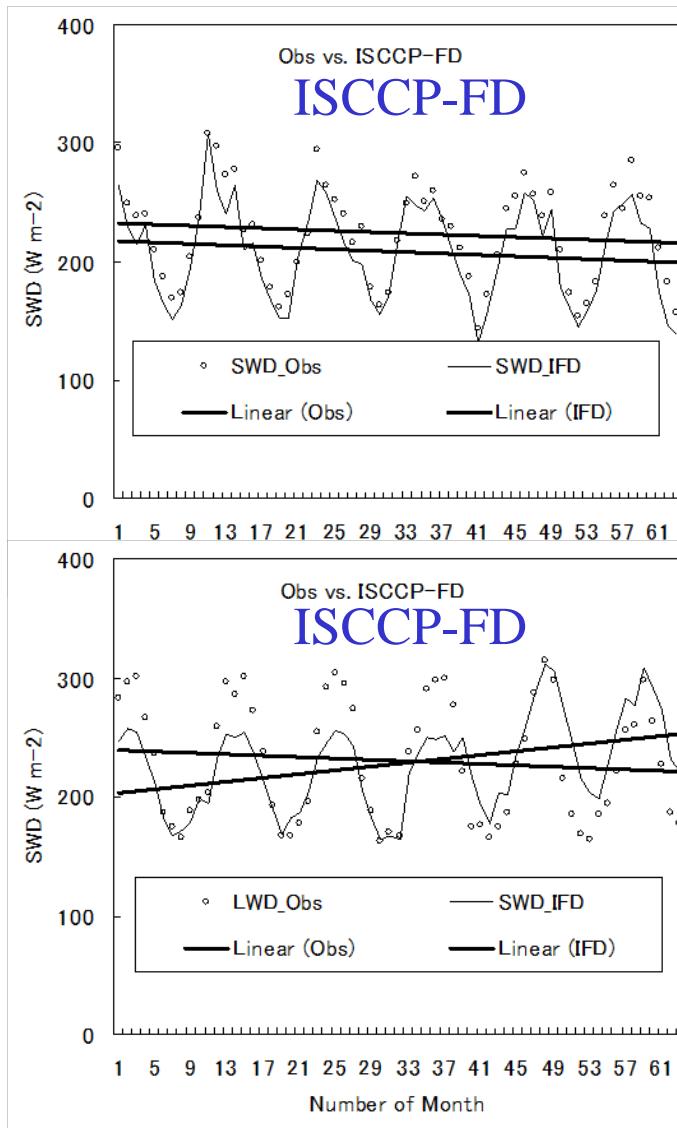
# Climate change



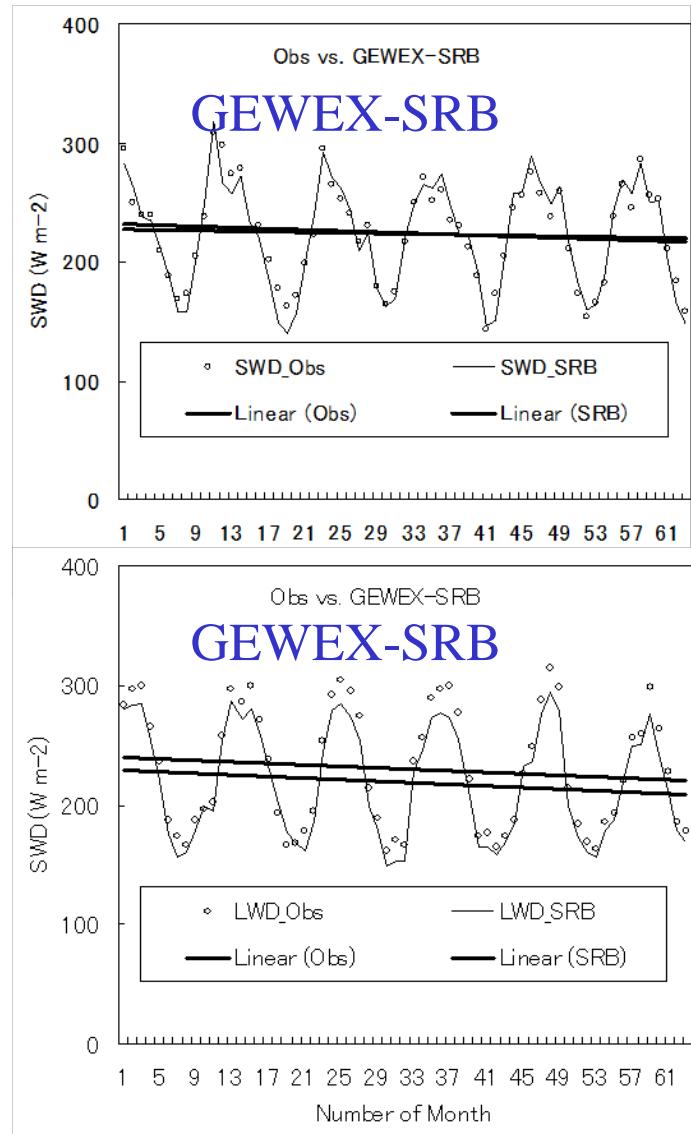
Tibetan Plateau has been experiencing a rapid warming and wetting while wind speed and solar radiation are declining in recent decades.

# Evaluation ISCCP-FD and GEWEX-SRB at Amdo

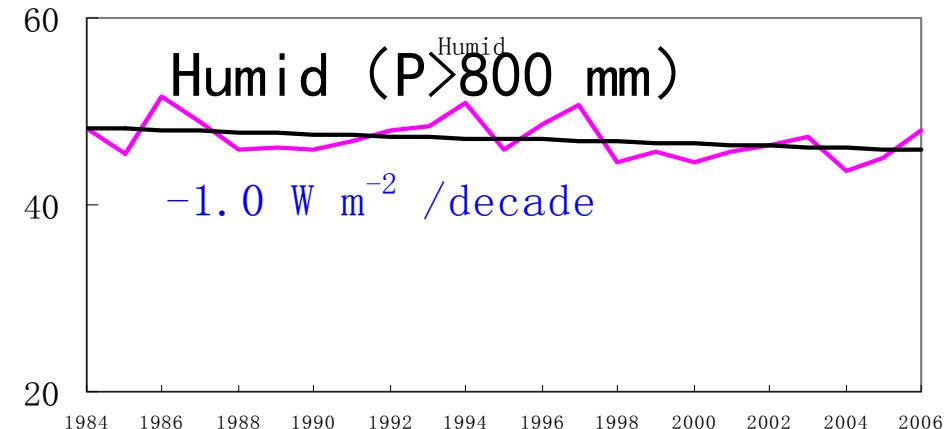
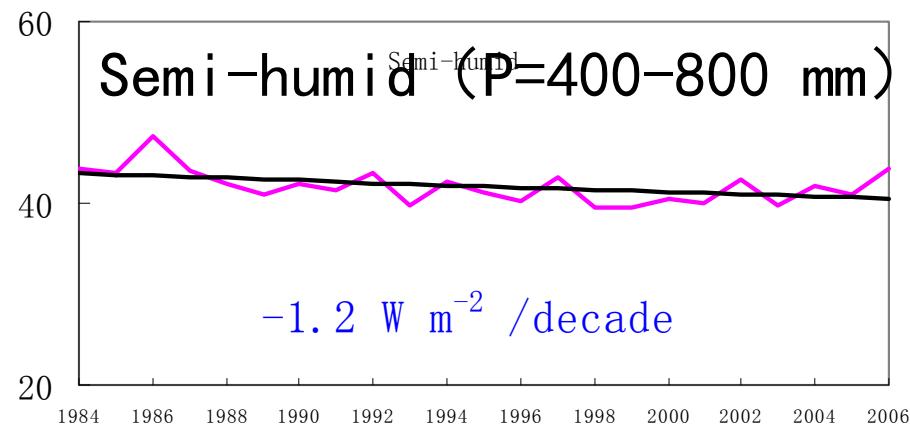
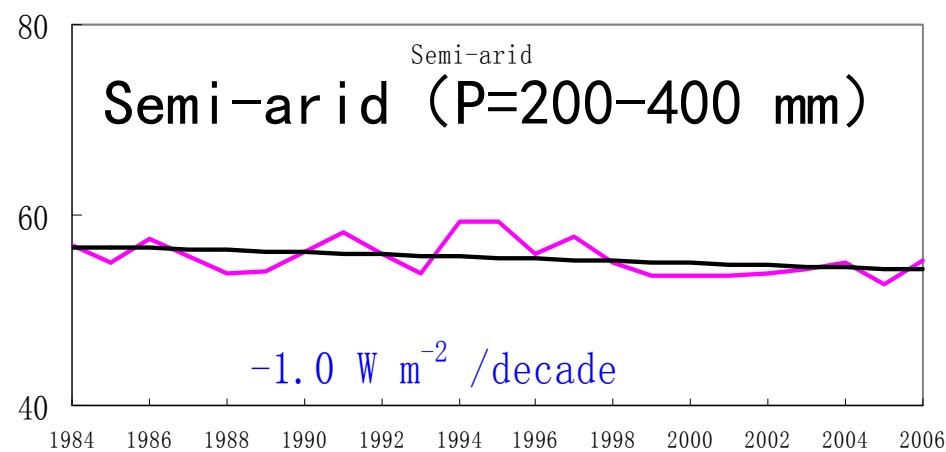
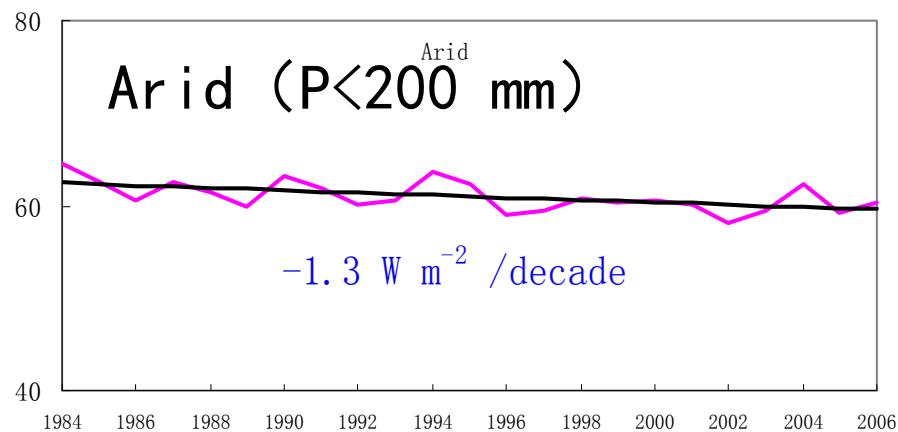
SW



LW

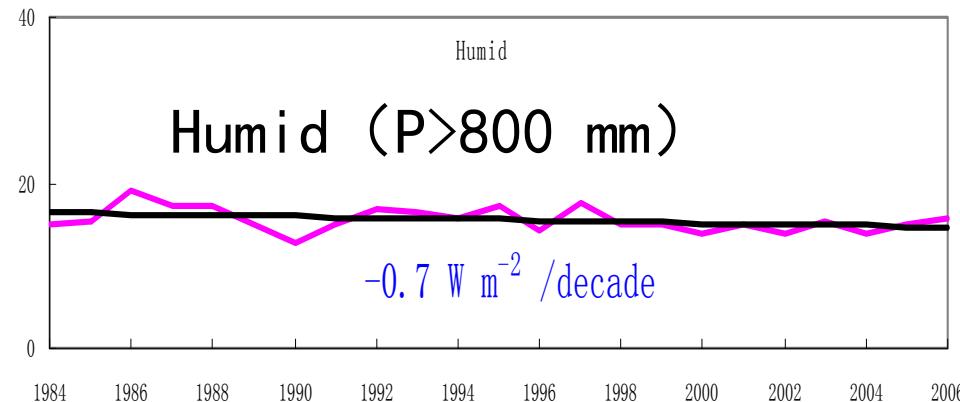
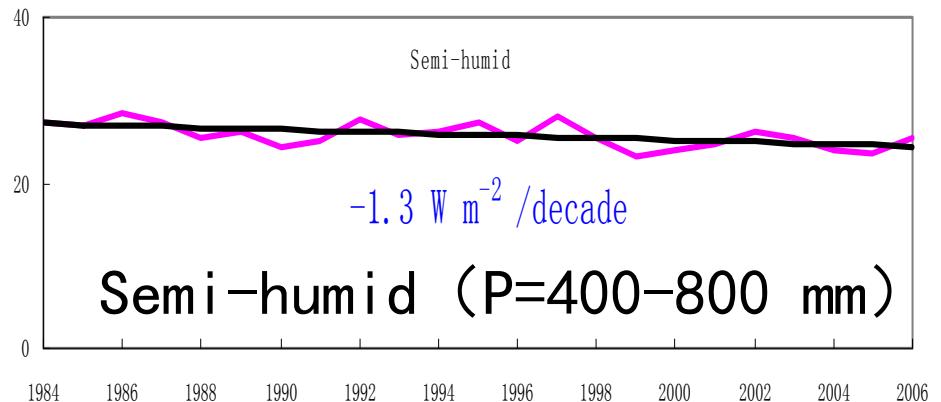
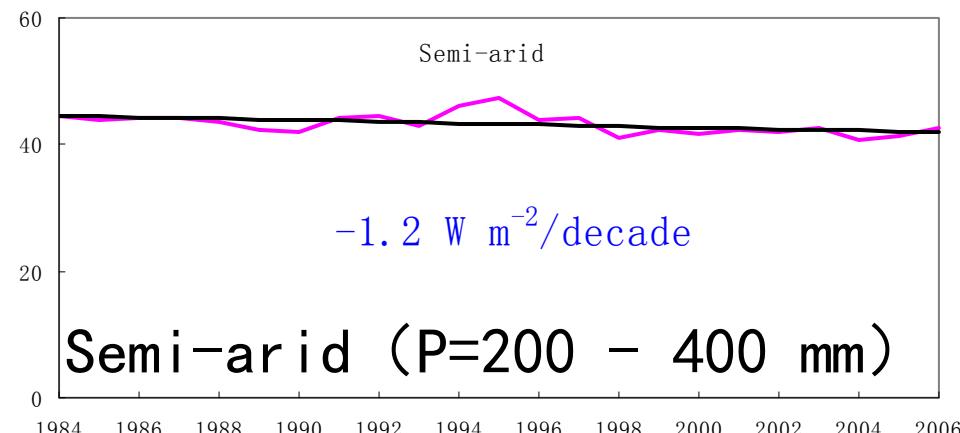
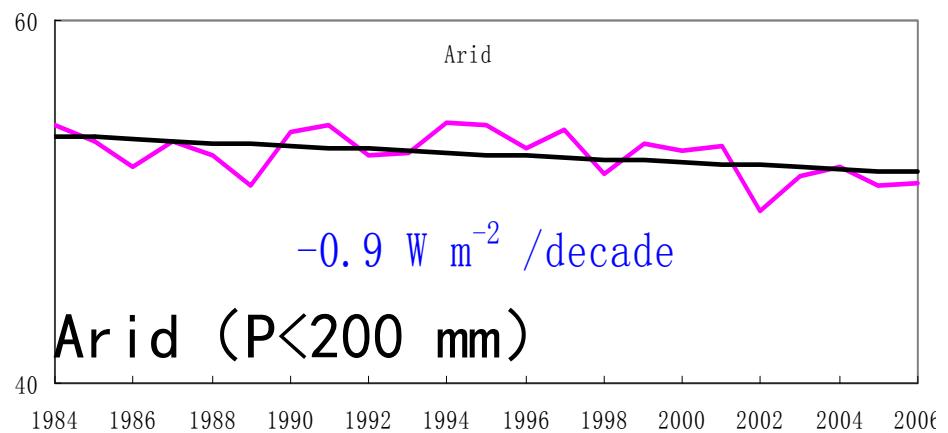


# Trend of sensible heat flux from data analysis



Sensible heat flux is weakening ( $1\text{Wm}^{-2}/10\text{a}$ ),  
but the trend is far less than previous one ( $3\text{Wm}^{-2}/10\text{a}$ )

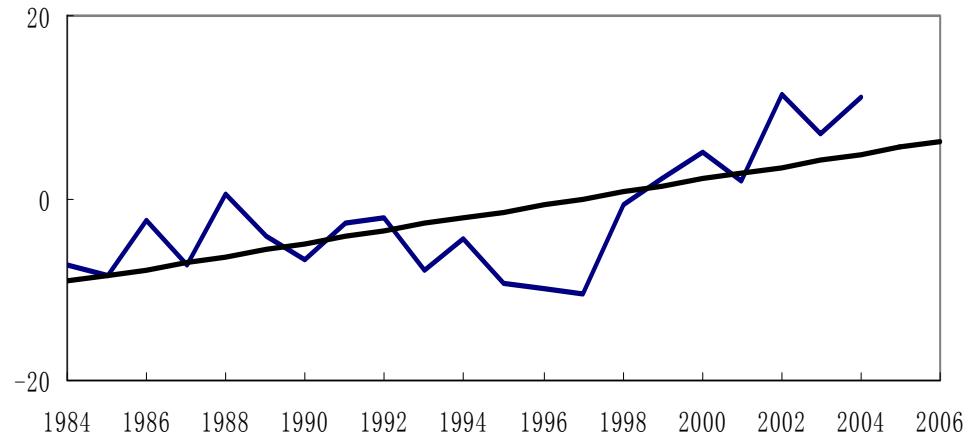
# Trend of sensible heat flux from LSM modeling



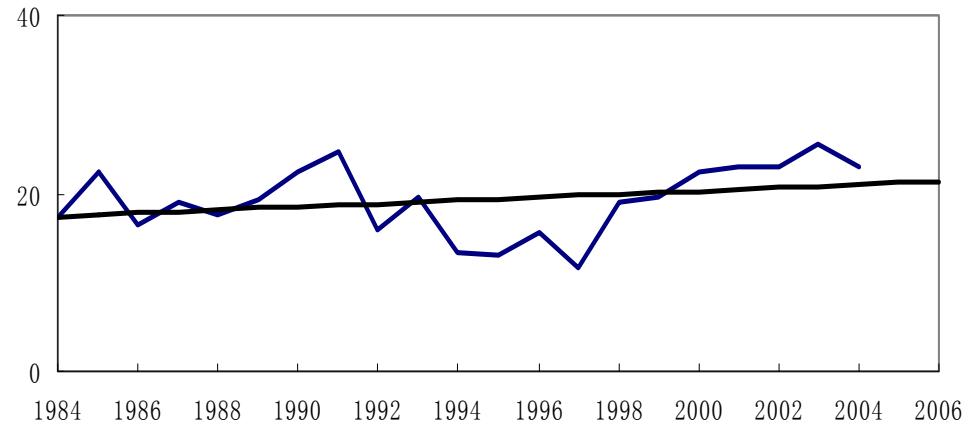
The simulated trend is consistent with the data analysis

$$\text{Heat} = H + LP + \delta R$$

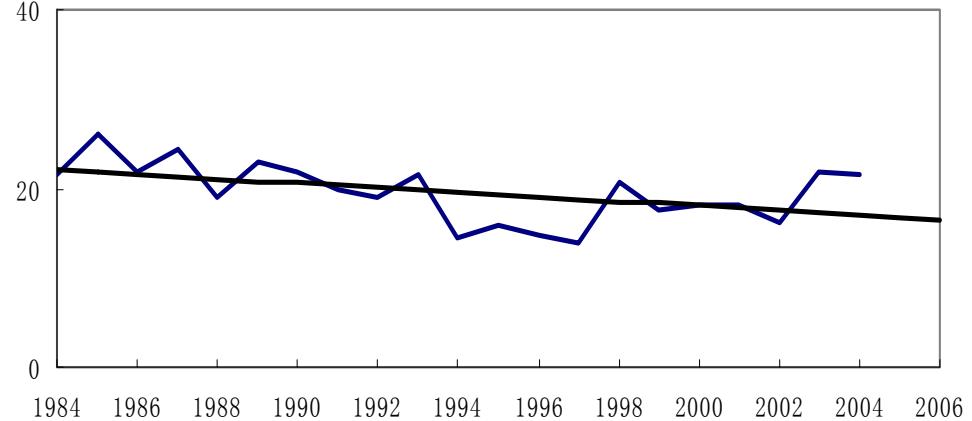
Western ( $\text{Lon} < 85\text{E}$ )



Central ( $\text{Lon}=85\text{--}95\text{E}$ )



Eastern ( $\text{Lon} > 95\text{E}$ )



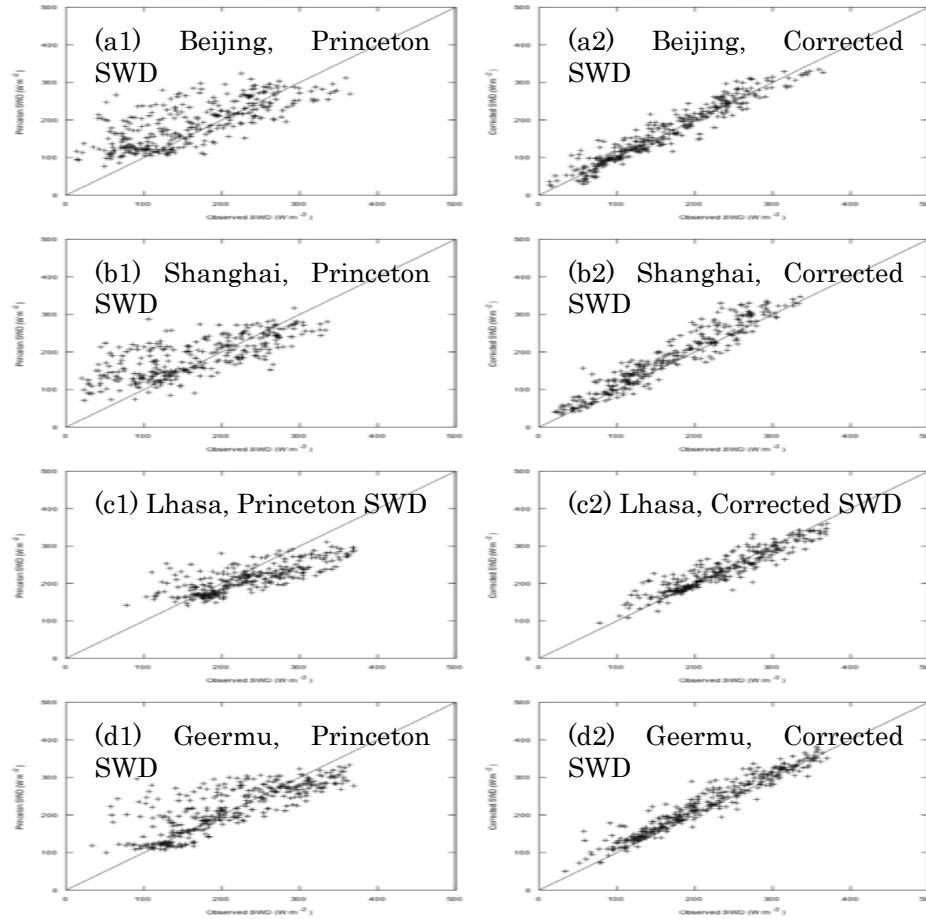
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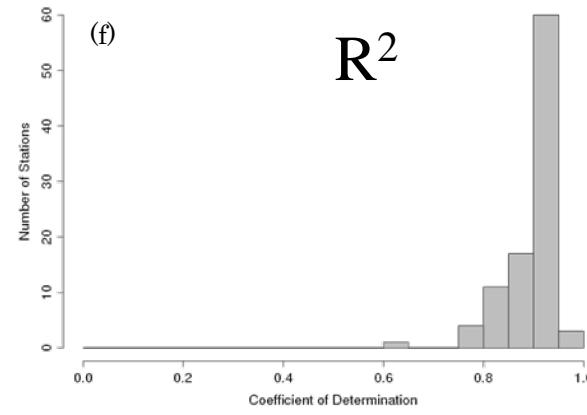
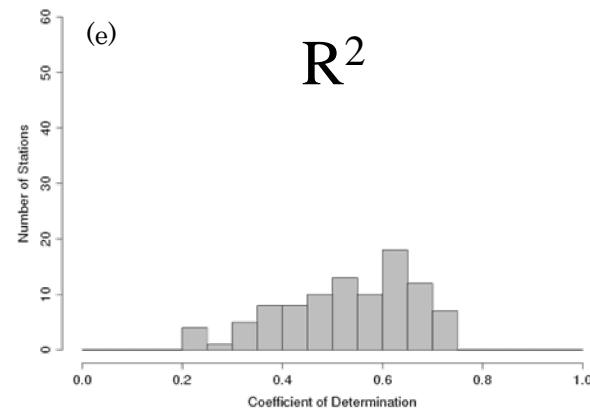
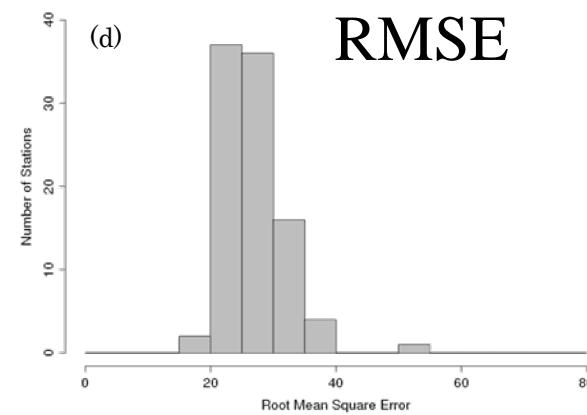
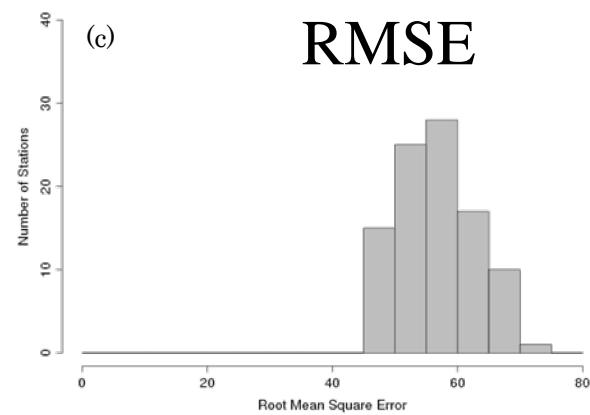
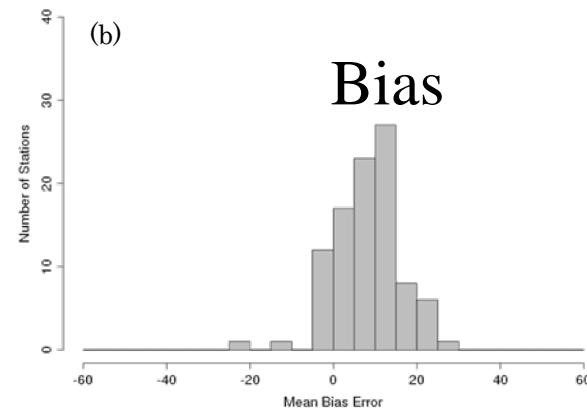
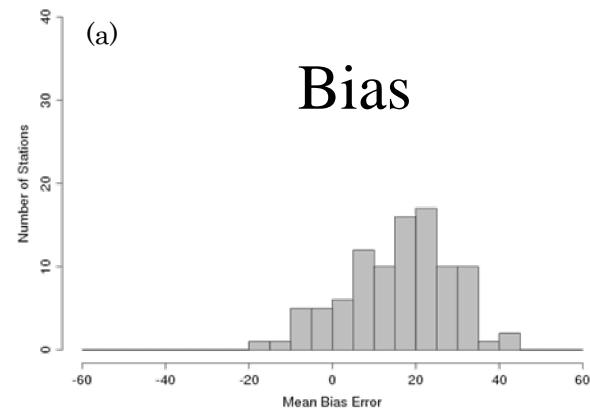
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# Connections with other CEOP activities

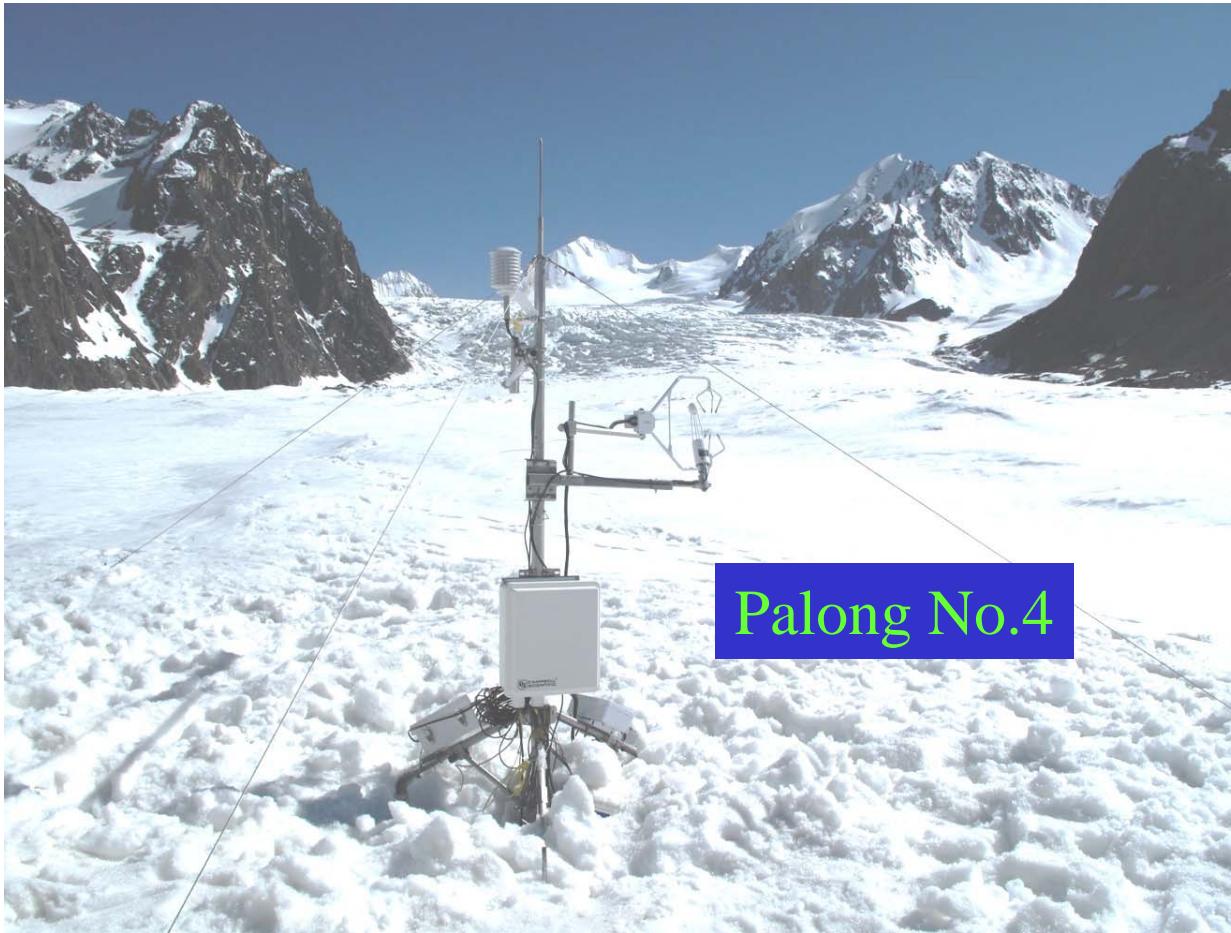
- High-accuracy data for Tibet – modeling and data assimilation
- Energy budget observations on a glacier – cold region and TPE (Third Pole Env.)
- Soil Moisture Array in Tibet (**SMART**) – modeling and RS
- Mini-PILPS at Asian drylands – CEOP SARS jointly with MARIS (Jun Asanuma)
- Joint workshop – CAS + CEOP HE + CEOP-AEGIS

# Development a high-accuracy forcing dataset by merging Princeton data and CMA data





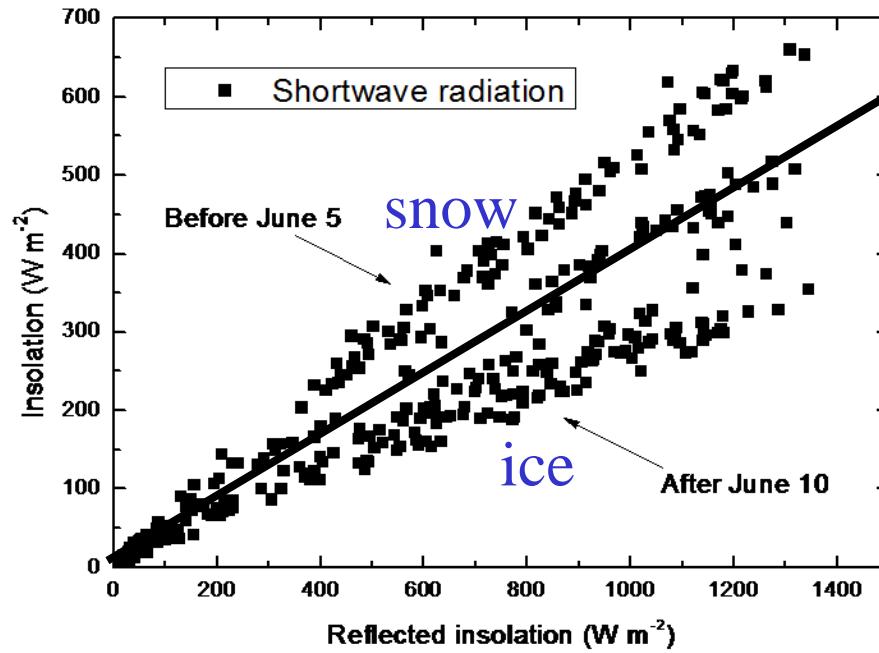
# Glacier-melting studies from energy budget



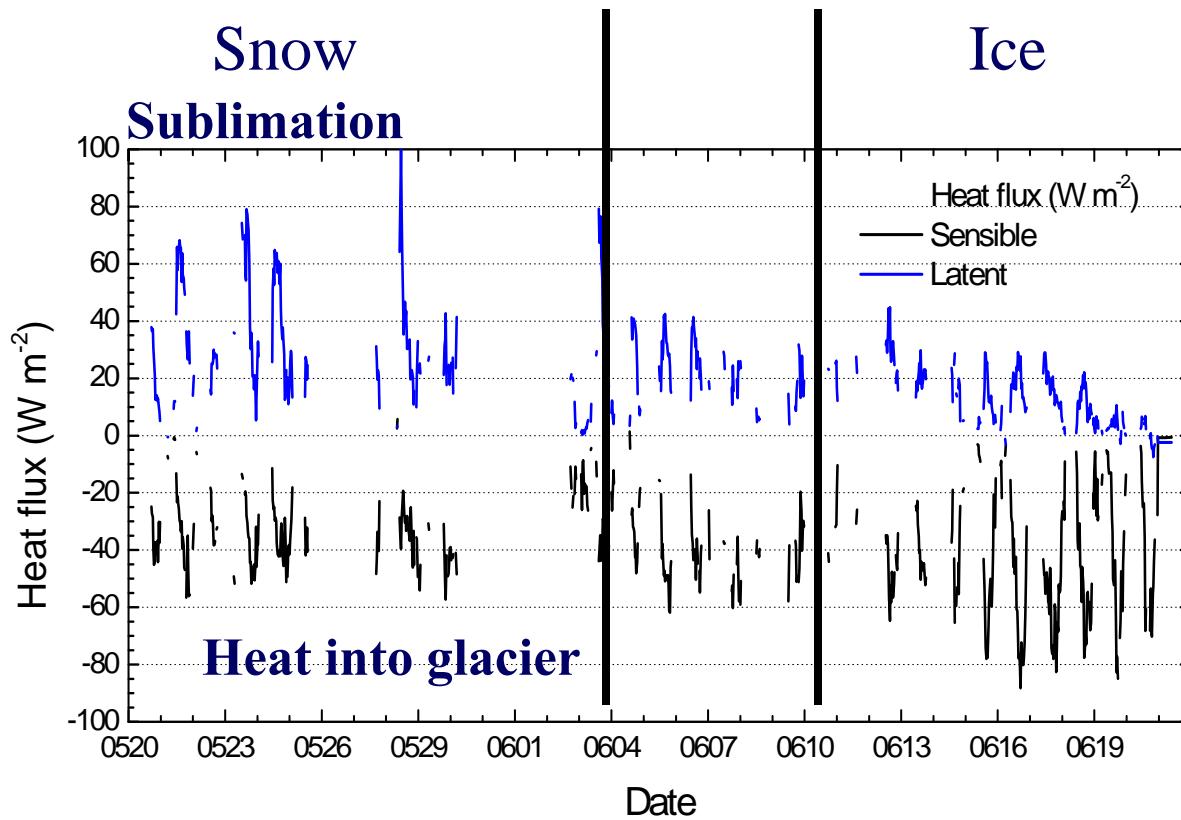
**First turbulence station on a glacier in HKT**

# Albedo of ice surface and snow surface

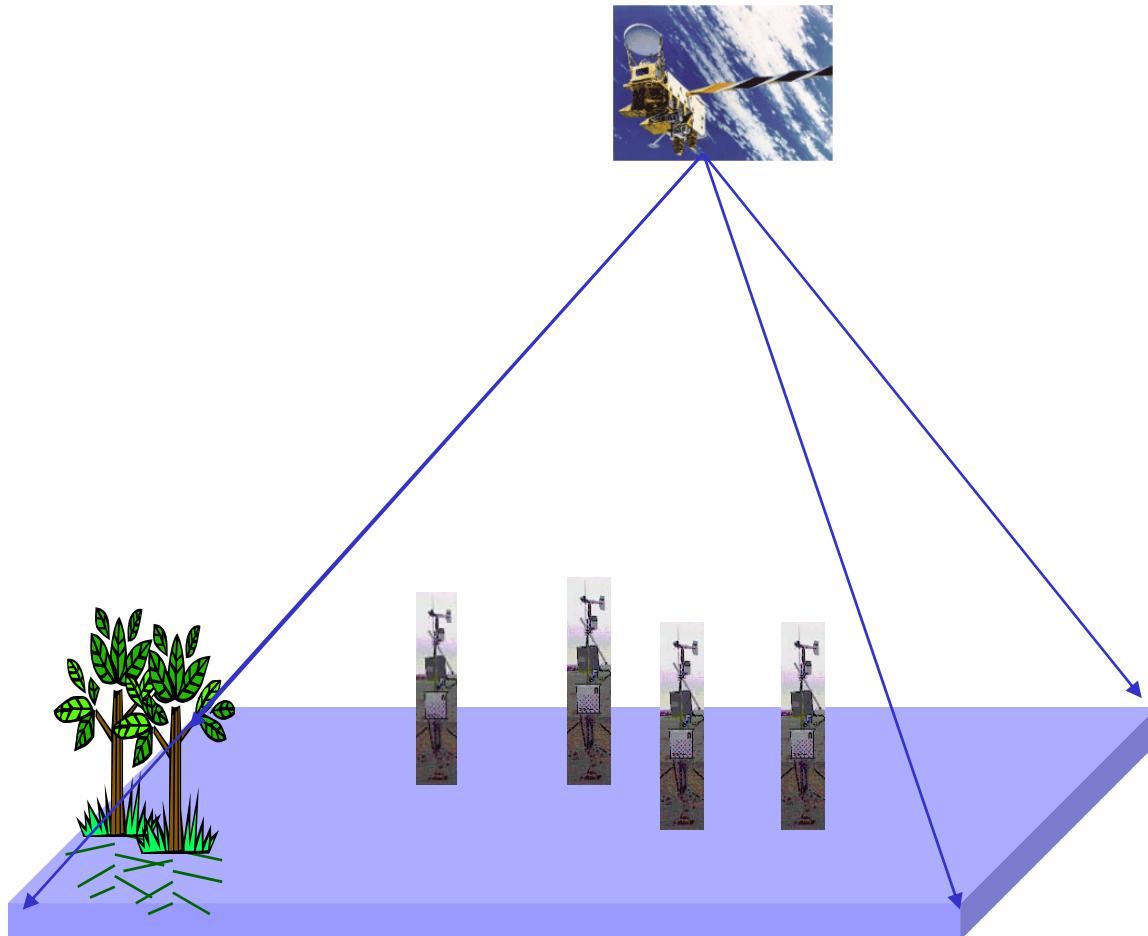
Snow / Ice  
surface



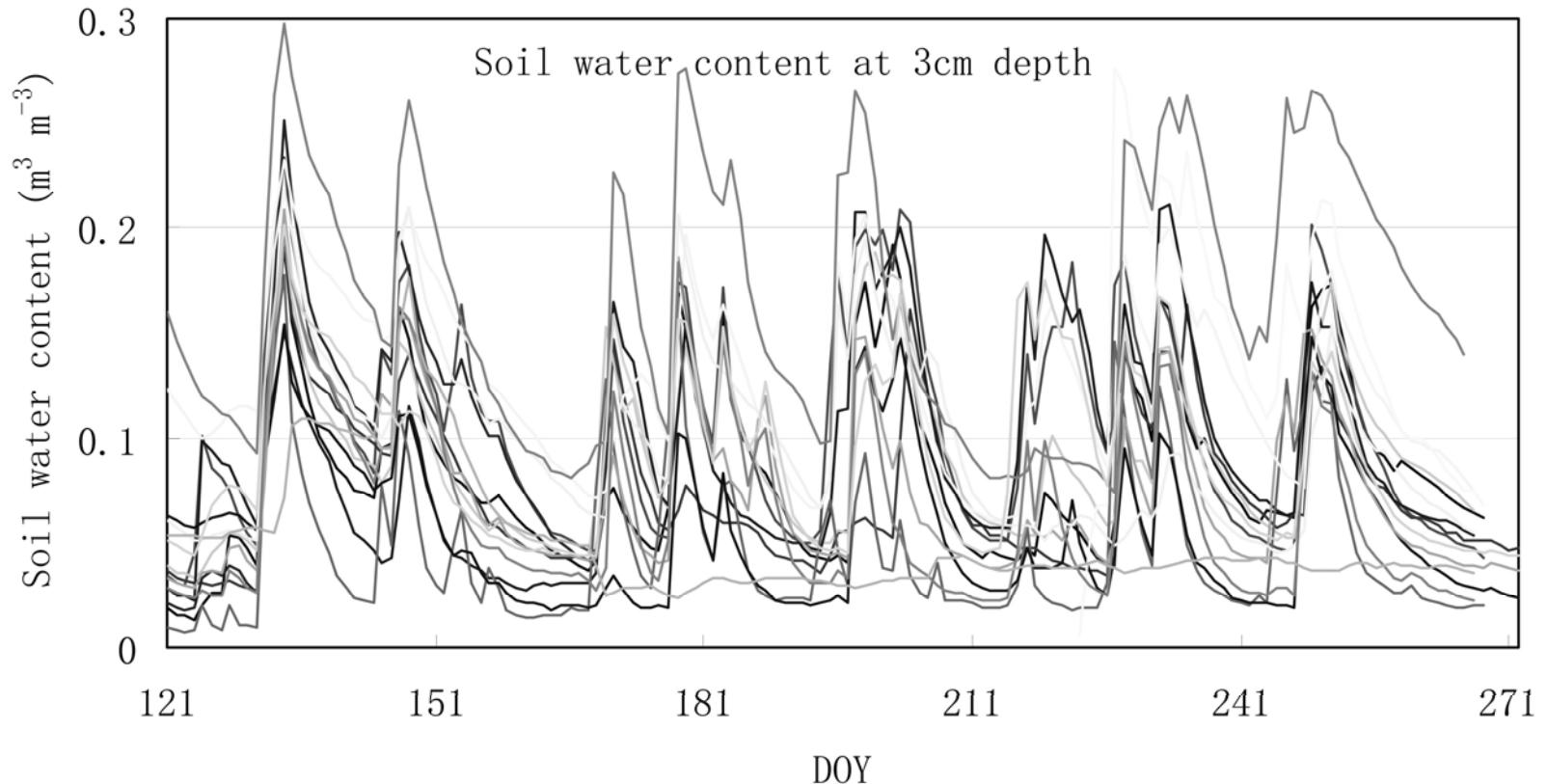
# Glacier surface energy budget



# Validations of RS soil moisture require dense soil moisture network



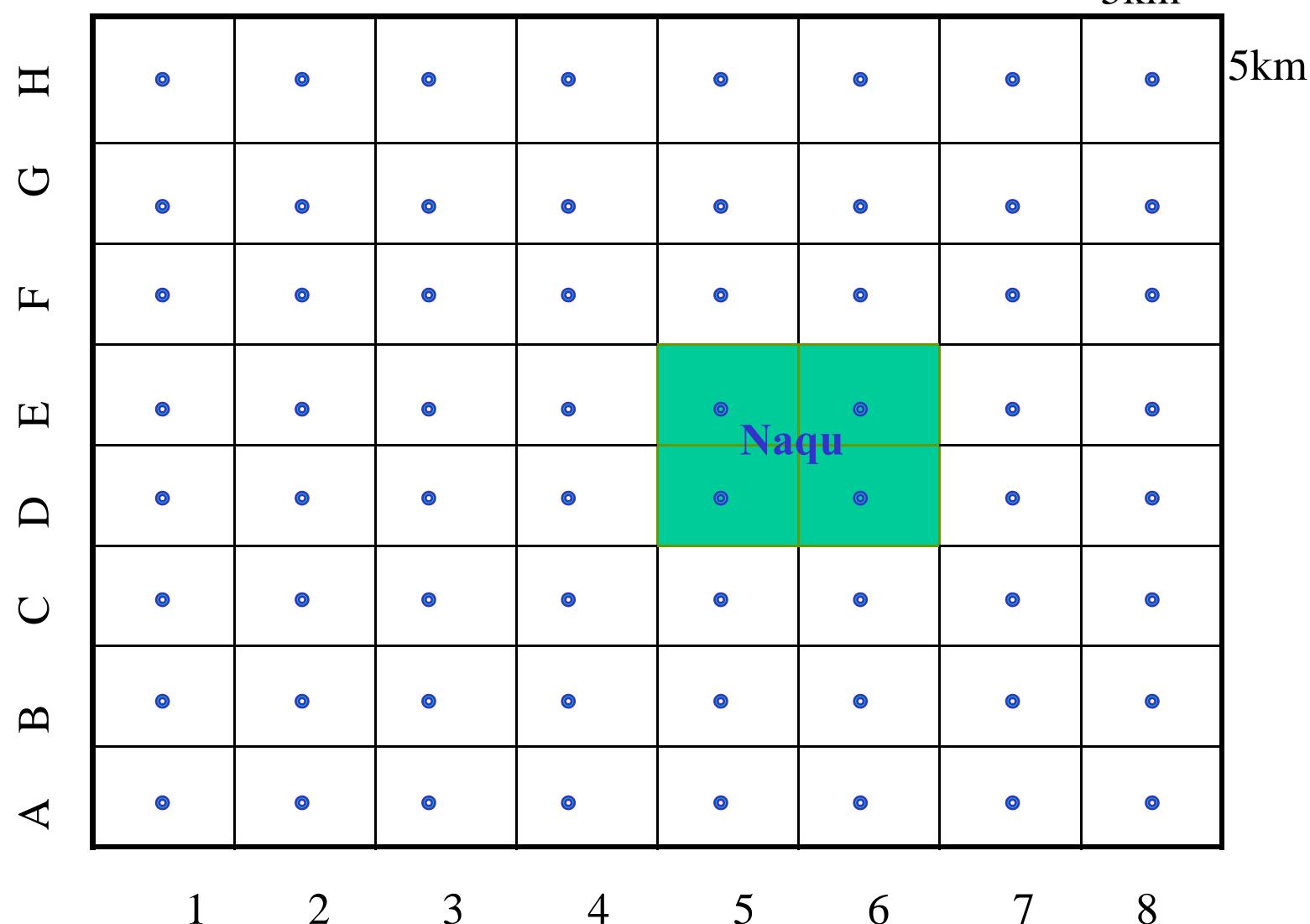
# Observed soil moisture at 16 stations in Mongolia

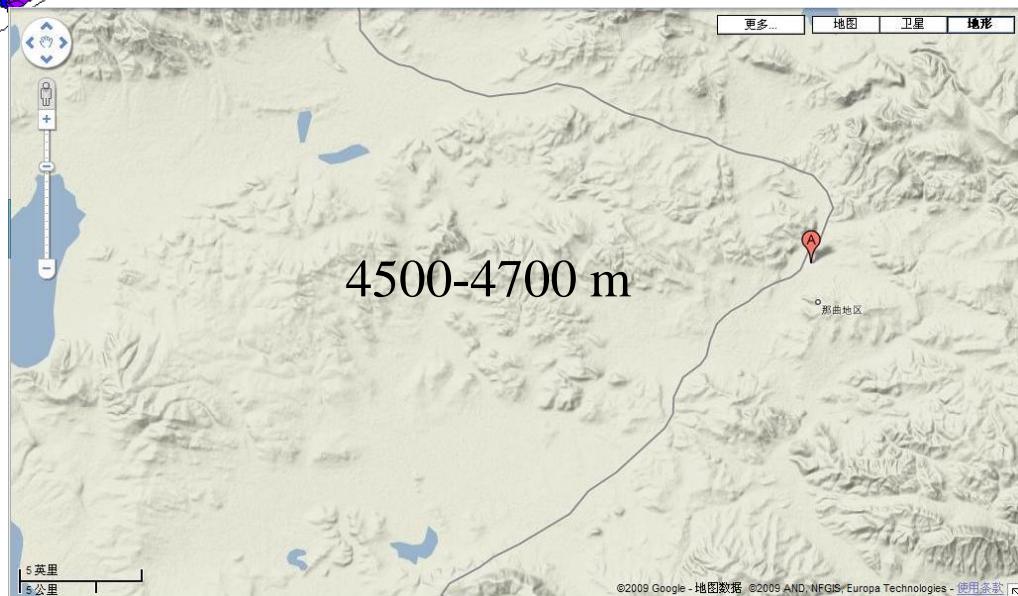
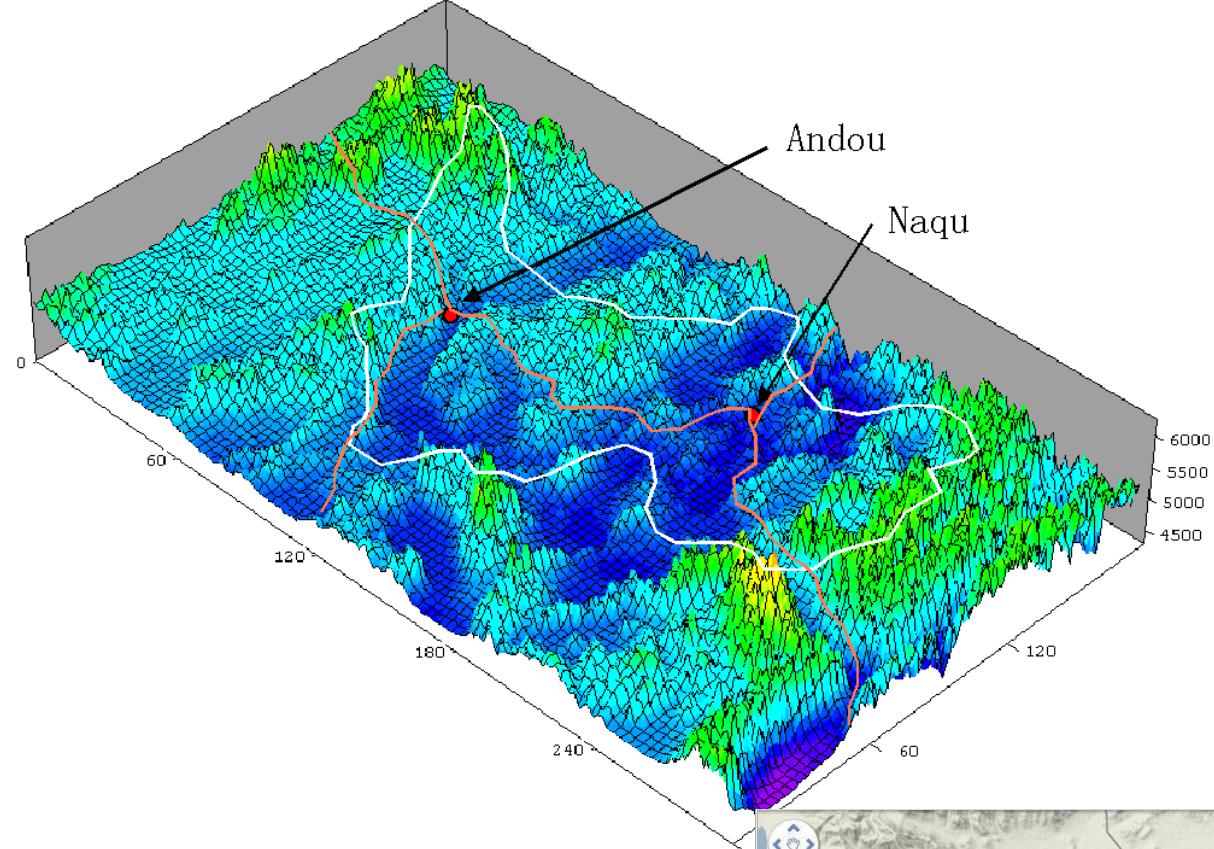


(Yang et al., 2009 JHM)

# Soil Moisture Array in Tibet (SMART)

## passive sensor footprint (40 km x 40 km)





# LSM Inter-comparison at Asian drylands

- Key members:
  - Japan: Prof. J. Asanuma;
  - USA: Prof. D. Ojima,;
  - China: Prof. K. Yang,
  - Pakistan: ???? ; Mongolia: ?????
- Timetable
  - 2010: select sites, soil sampling experiments, simple and straightforward comparison between model results, to obtain model uncertainties
  - 2011: Detailed and precise model tests, to reveal key parameterizations in simulating dryland surface processes

# **2<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Energy and Water Cycle over the Tibetan Plateau and High elevations**

**CAS, CEOP-WEBS, CEOP-HE, CEOP-AEGIS, NSFC  
(July 19-22, 2010)**

<http://ceop-cahmda.westgis.ac.cn/>

Jointly with The Fourth International Workshop on  
Catchment Hydrological Modeling and Data Assimilation

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# CAS-CEOP

19-21 July 2010 Lhasa, China

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*2nd International Workshop on Energy and Water Cycle  
over the Tibetan Plateau and High-elevations*

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# CAHMDA-IV

21-23 July 2010 Lhasa, China

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*The Forth International Workshop on Catchment-scale  
Hydrological Modeling and Data Assimilation*

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## Instructions:

The two workshops are initiated by

- (1) Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS/CAREERI, ITP, IGSNRR);
- (2) Coordinated Energy and water-cycle Observations Project (CEOP);
- (3) National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC);

# Office building



**Lhasa Branch of Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research (ITP), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)**

## Guest house



## Dining hall



## Science Issue:

# Validating Remote Sensing Products for Land Surface Hydrology

Land Surface Hydrology Group @ Princeton University



## Approach:

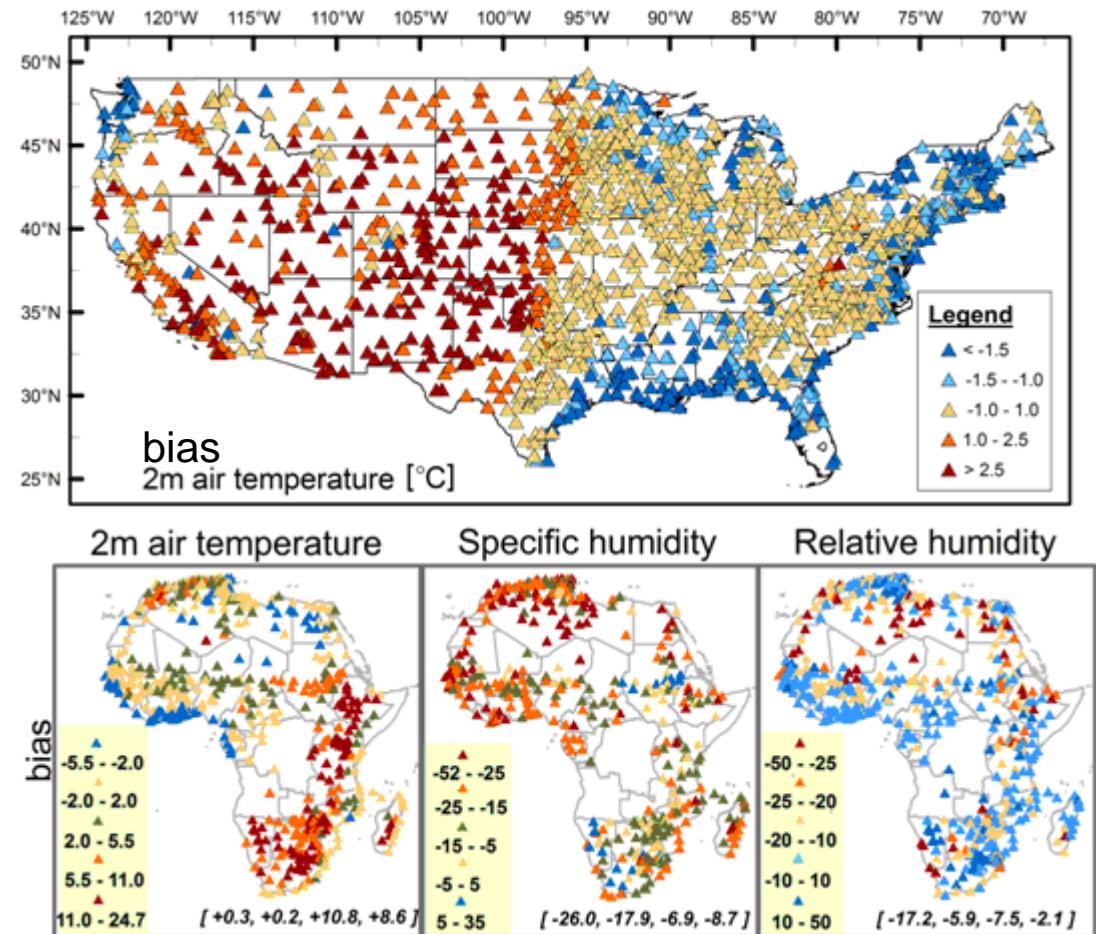
Inter-comparison of RS products with in-situ observations and regional land surface models to quantify errors in global RS-ET and soil moisture (SM) retrievals.

## Remote Sensing Data:

AIRS (RH,Tair,Ts), MODIS (LAI, NDVI), and CERES (SW,LW,SWnet, LWnet, albedo, emis), GOES (SW,Ts), AMSR-E (X-band SM)

## Other Data/Models:

NARR, VIC, >2,000 NCDC stations



## Publications:

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