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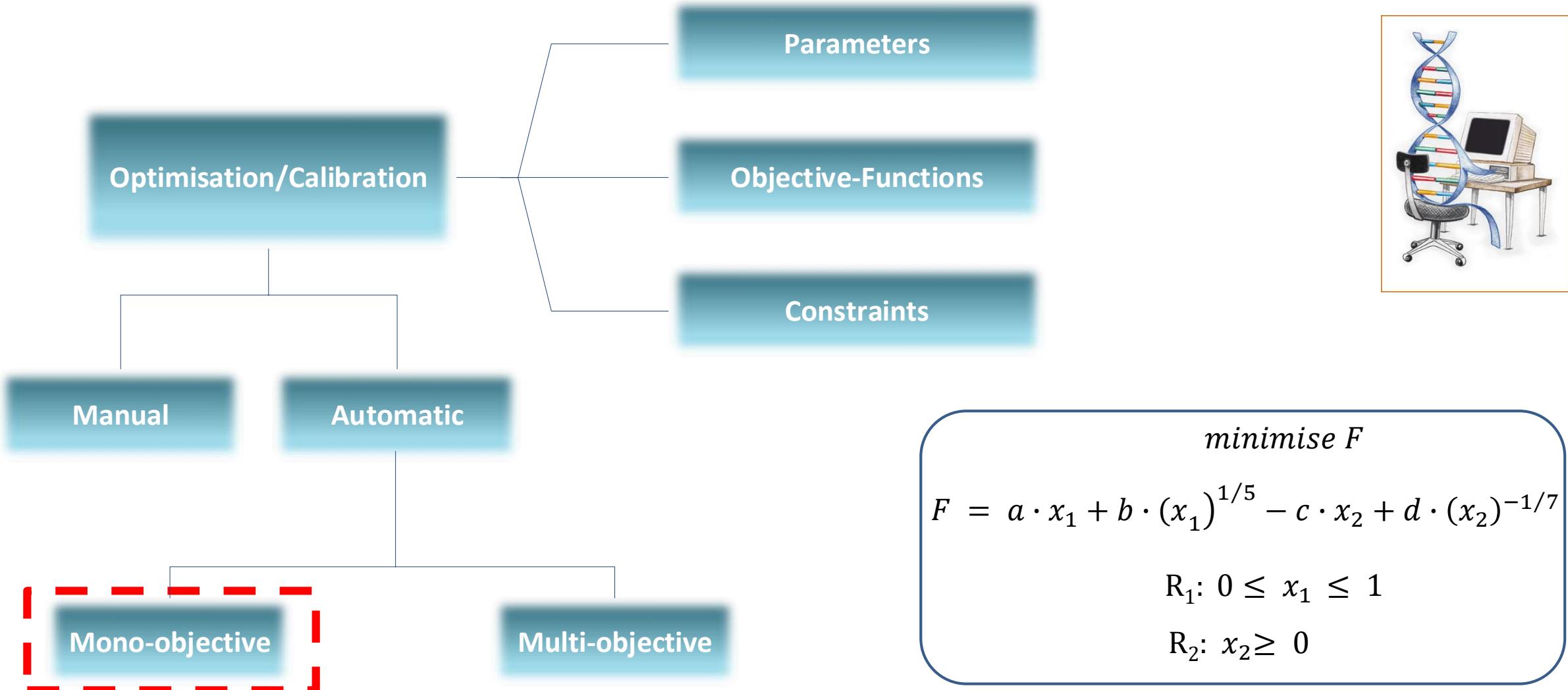
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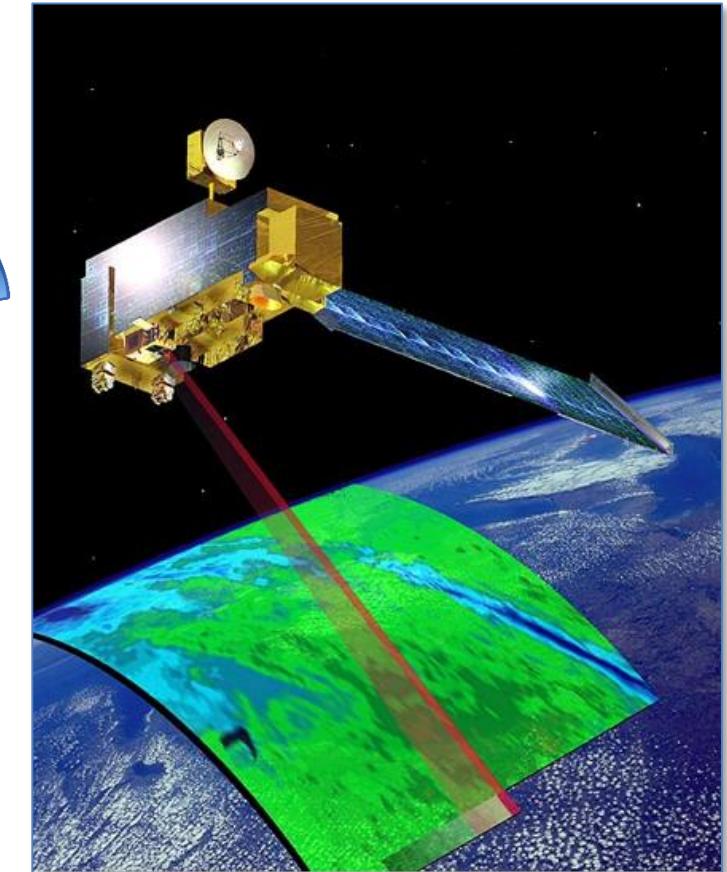
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□ Use of Remote Sensing (RS) in Hydrological Modelling.....(?)

- Spatial coverage 
- Higher uncertainty than field observations 
- Calibration <- effective parameters
- **YES** predictions with HM
- **NOT** data assimilation



□ Use of Remote Sensing (RS) in Hydrological Modelling.....(?)

➤ NDVI at plot scale:

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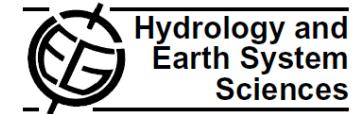
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➤ NDVI at catchment scale:

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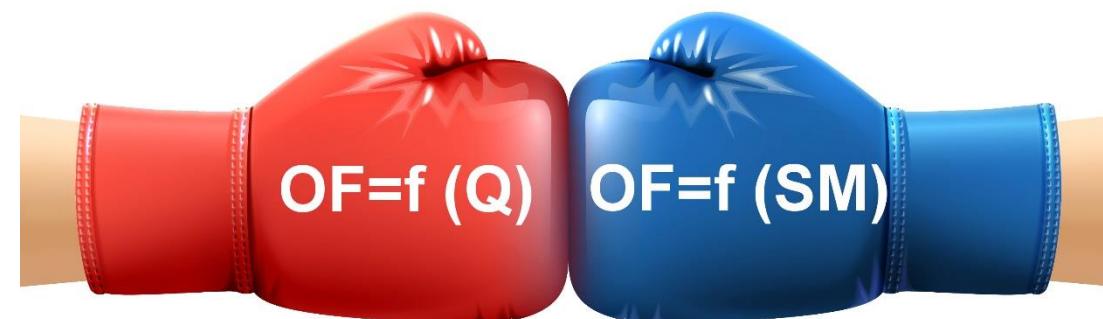
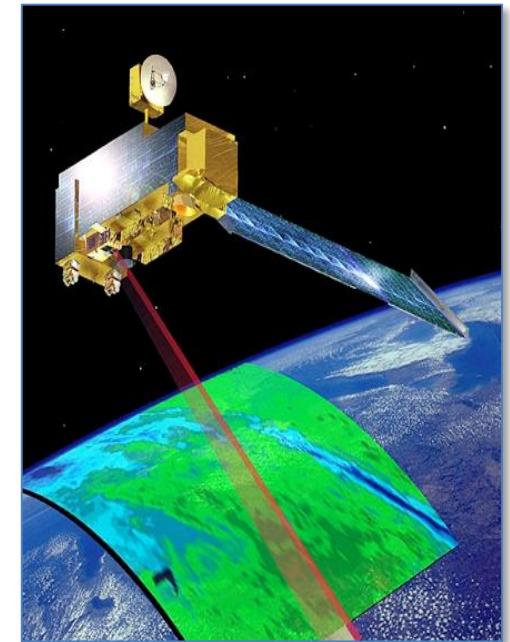
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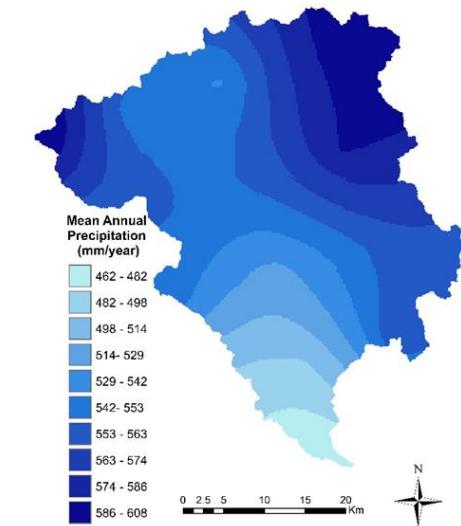
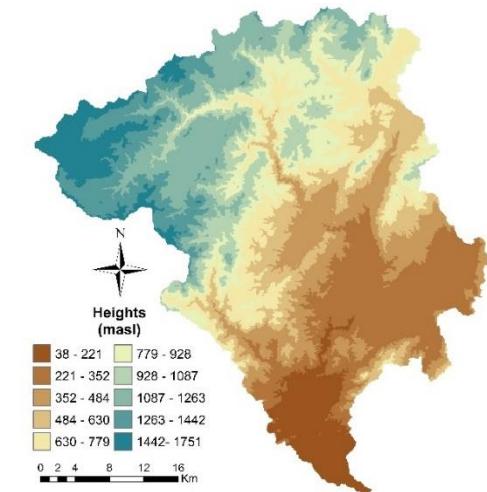
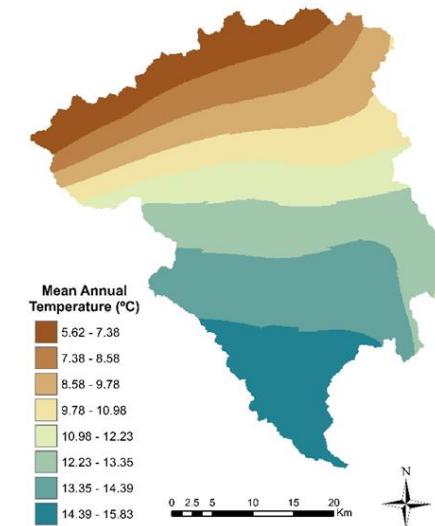
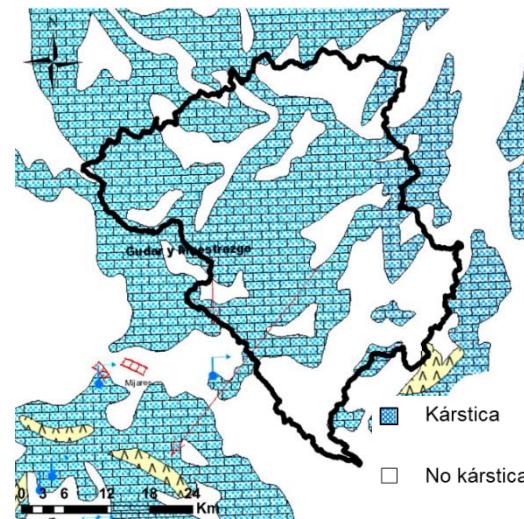
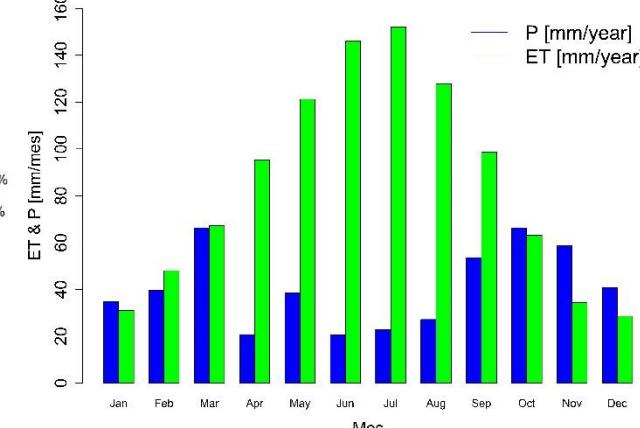
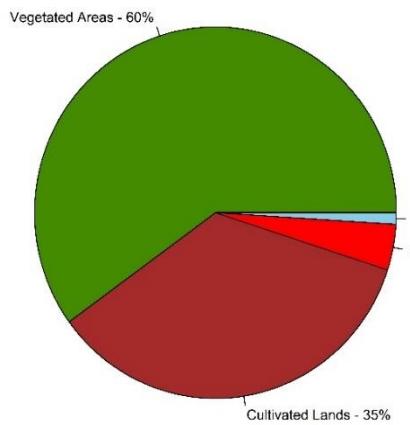
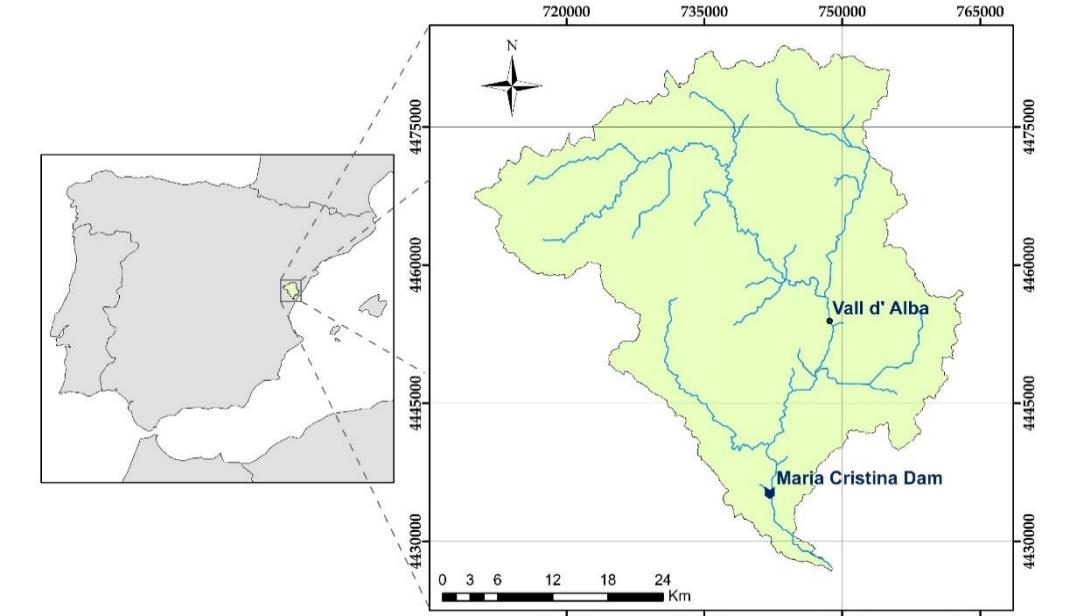
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- Possibility: To use only remotely sensed surface soil moisture at **ungauged basins**
- Profitability: to assess the value of the **remotely sensed surface soil moisture** as an observed state variable.



Study Area: Rambla de la Viuda Catchment

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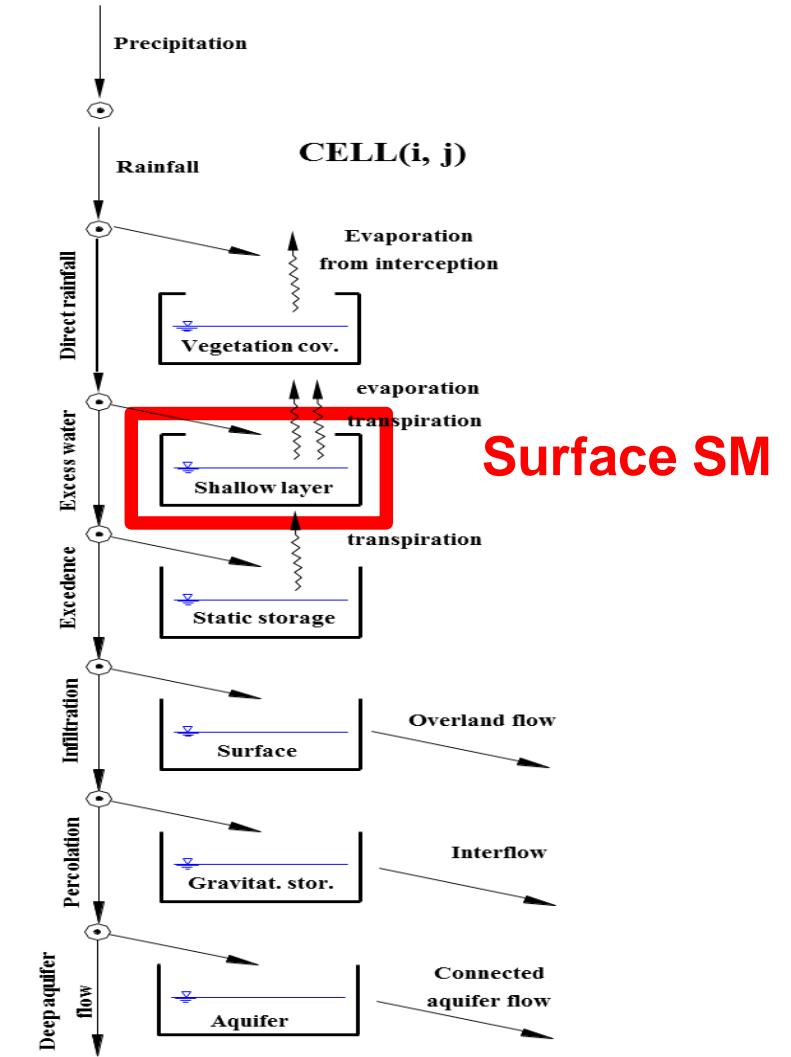
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- Developed by our group since 1994 (version 9 on the web)
- Conceptual (tank structure) model, with **physically based parameters**
- **Parsimonious**: 9 parameters for hydrologic sub-model
- **Integral** model: water resources, floods, sediments, **dynamic vegetation**, crop production, N-C cycle, ... and more to come!
- **Distributed** in space
- **Split effective parameter structure**



- Dynamic vegetation sub-model
 - State variable: leaf biomass
 - Based on the Light Use Efficiency (**LUE**)

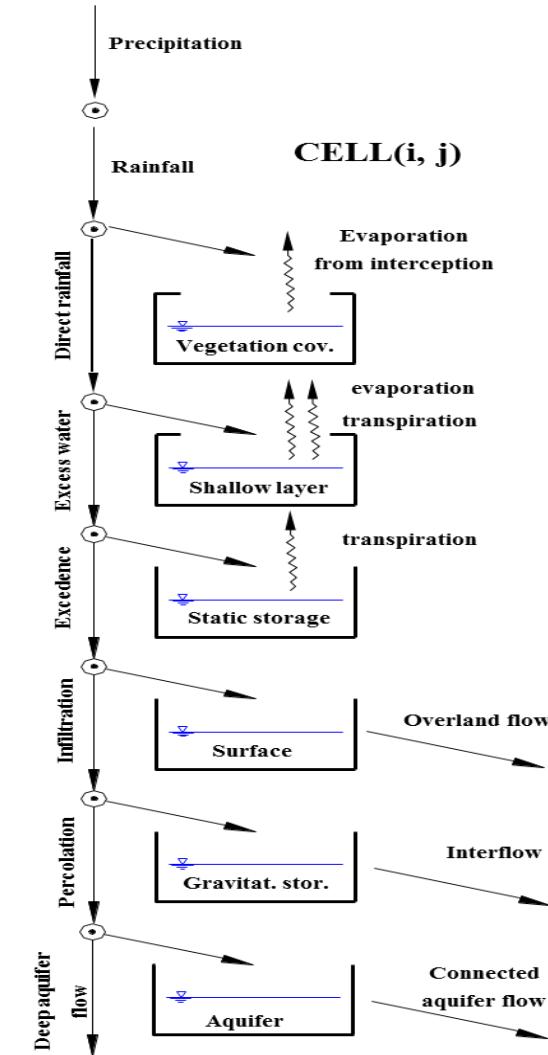
$$\frac{dB_l}{dt} = (LUE \cdot \varepsilon \cdot APAR - Re) \cdot \varphi_l - \kappa_l \cdot B_l$$

- Connection with the water cycle:
 ε = stress factor, including water

$$T_1 = ET_o \cdot f_t \cdot \min(LAI, 1) \cdot \beta_t(H_1) \cdot r_1$$

$$LAI = B \cdot SLA \cdot f_t$$

- 11 parameters

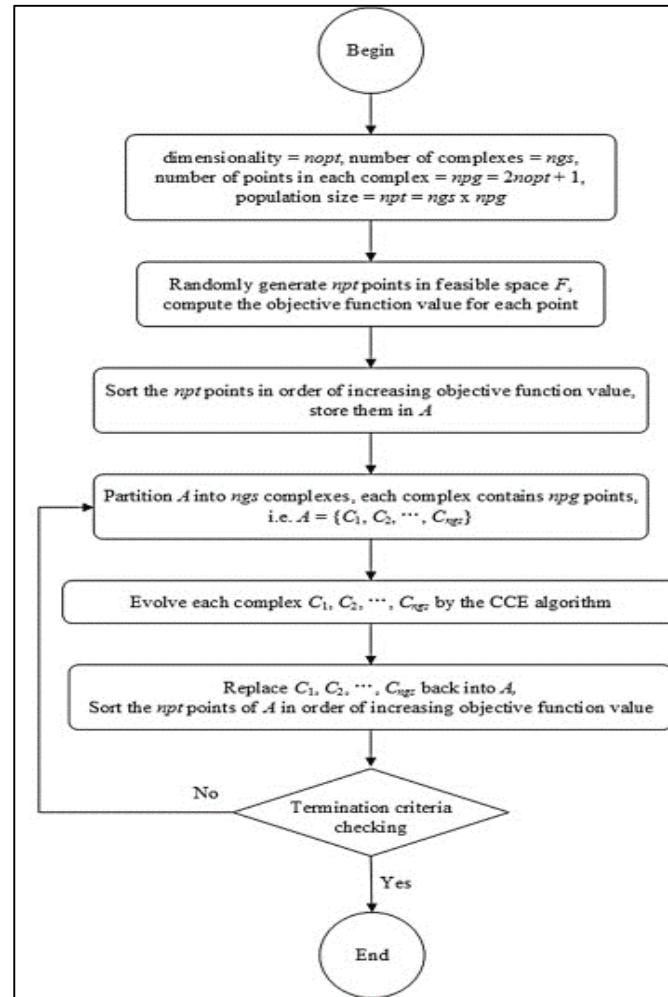


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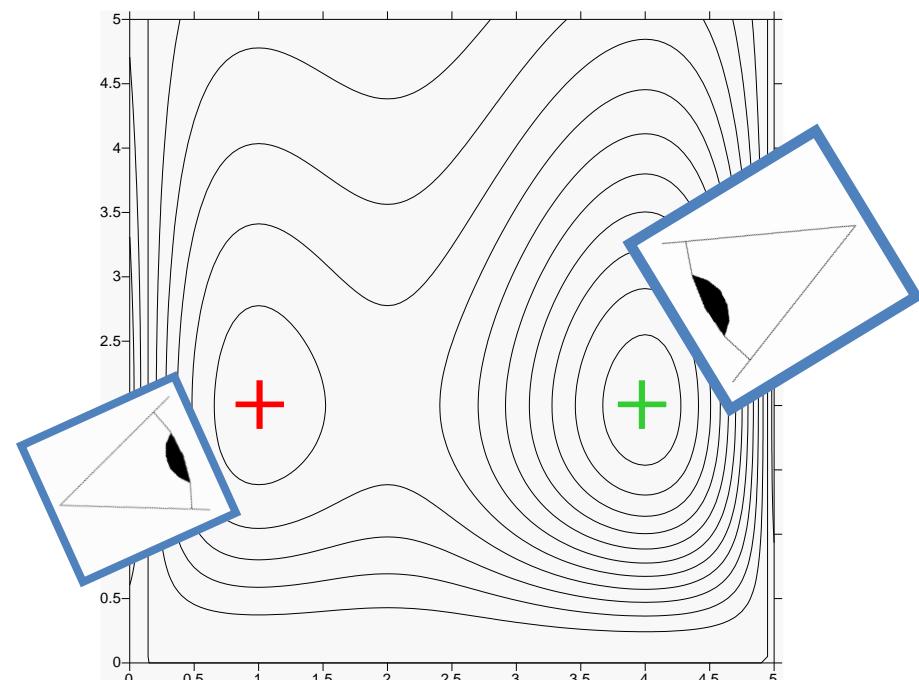
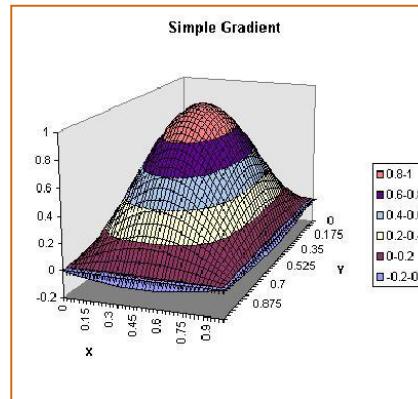
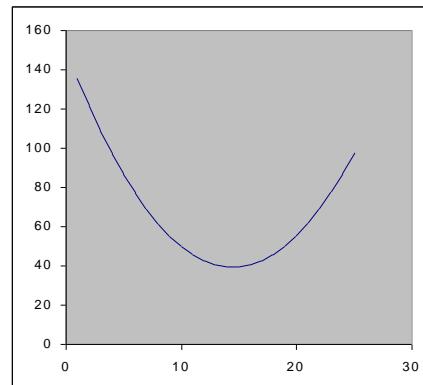
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Shuffled Complex Evolution (SCE-UA)

Simplex Method + Controlled Random Search + Competitive Evolution + Complex Shuffling



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□ Nash-Sutcliffe Efficiency index (NS)

$$NS = 1 - \frac{\sum_{t=1}^T (Q_{sim}^t - Q_{obs}^t)^2}{\sum_{t=1}^T (Q_{obs}^t - \bar{Q}_{obs})^2}$$

Q_{sim}^t is modelled discharge at time t,

Q_{obs}^t is observed discharge at time t,

\bar{Q}_{obs} is the mean of observed discharges

□ Spatio-Temporal Efficiency

$$STE = \sum_{p=1}^N \{w_p * NS[loadings(EOF)_p^{obs}, loadings(EOF)_p^{sim}]\}$$

N = number of principal components that explains at least 95% of the variance;

w_p = portion of explained variance in the **principal component** p;

$loadings(EOF)_p^{obs}$ = loadings of the observed data in the principal component p;

$loadings(EOF)_p^{sim}$ = loadings of the simulated data in the principal component p

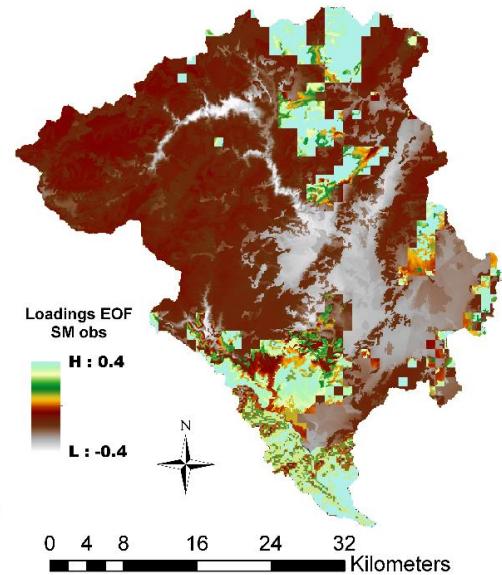
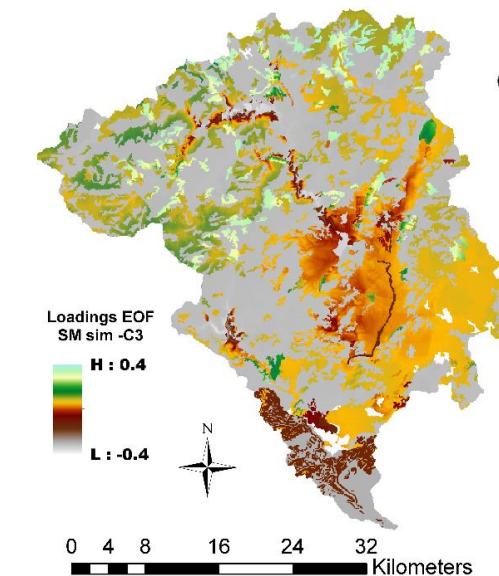
Spatio-temporal efficiency (STE)

$$STE = \sum_{p=1}^N \{w_p * NS[(loadings(EOF)_p^{obs}, loadings(EOF)_p^{sim}]\}$$

□ STE (and any other metric) tries to incorporate the:

- Spatial pattern
- Temporal dynamics

without considering the exact values of the satellite



$$STE_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^p [NSE_i(sm_{obs}, sm_{sim}) \forall NSE_i \geq 0.5]}{p}$$

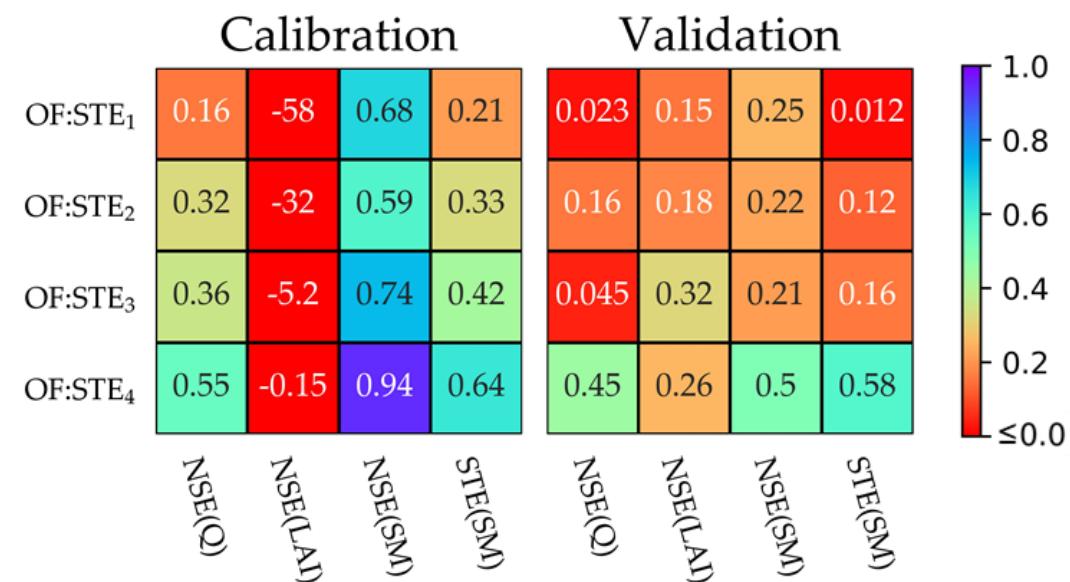
$$STE_2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{pc} [NSE_i(loadings(EOF)^{obs}, loadings(EOF)^{sim})]}{pc}$$

$$STE_3 = \sum_{i=1}^{pc} w_i * \sum_{j=1}^t [|loadings(EOF)_{i,j}^{obs} - loadings(EOF)_{i,j}^{sim}|]$$

$$STE_4 = \sum_{i=1}^{pc} \{w_i * NSE_i[(loadings(EOF)^{obs}, loadings(EOF)^{sim})]\}$$

Convergence criteria

$$\Delta OF = OF_n - OF_{n-1} \leq 0.001$$



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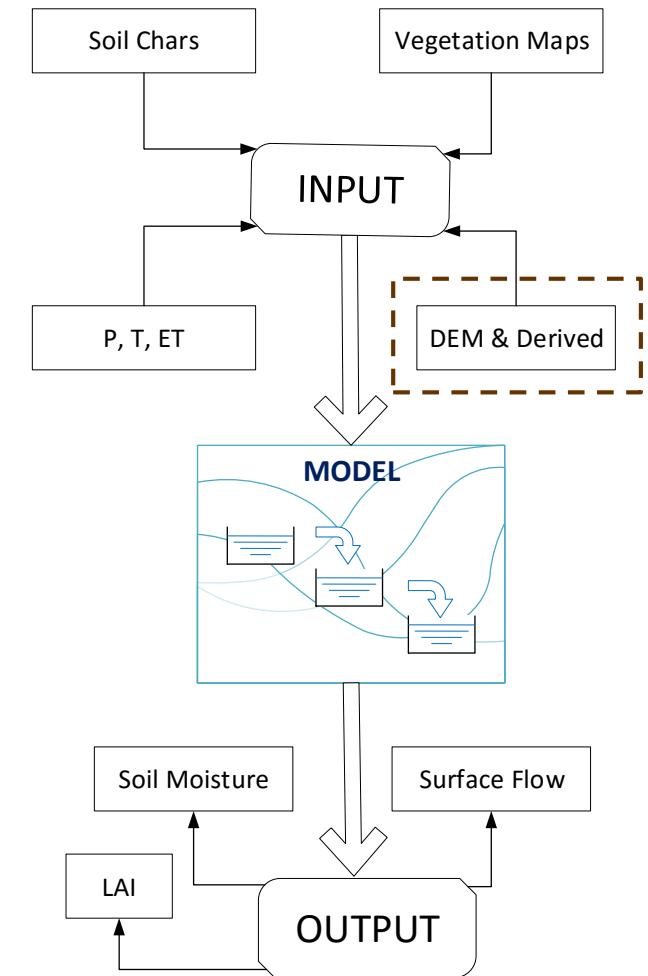
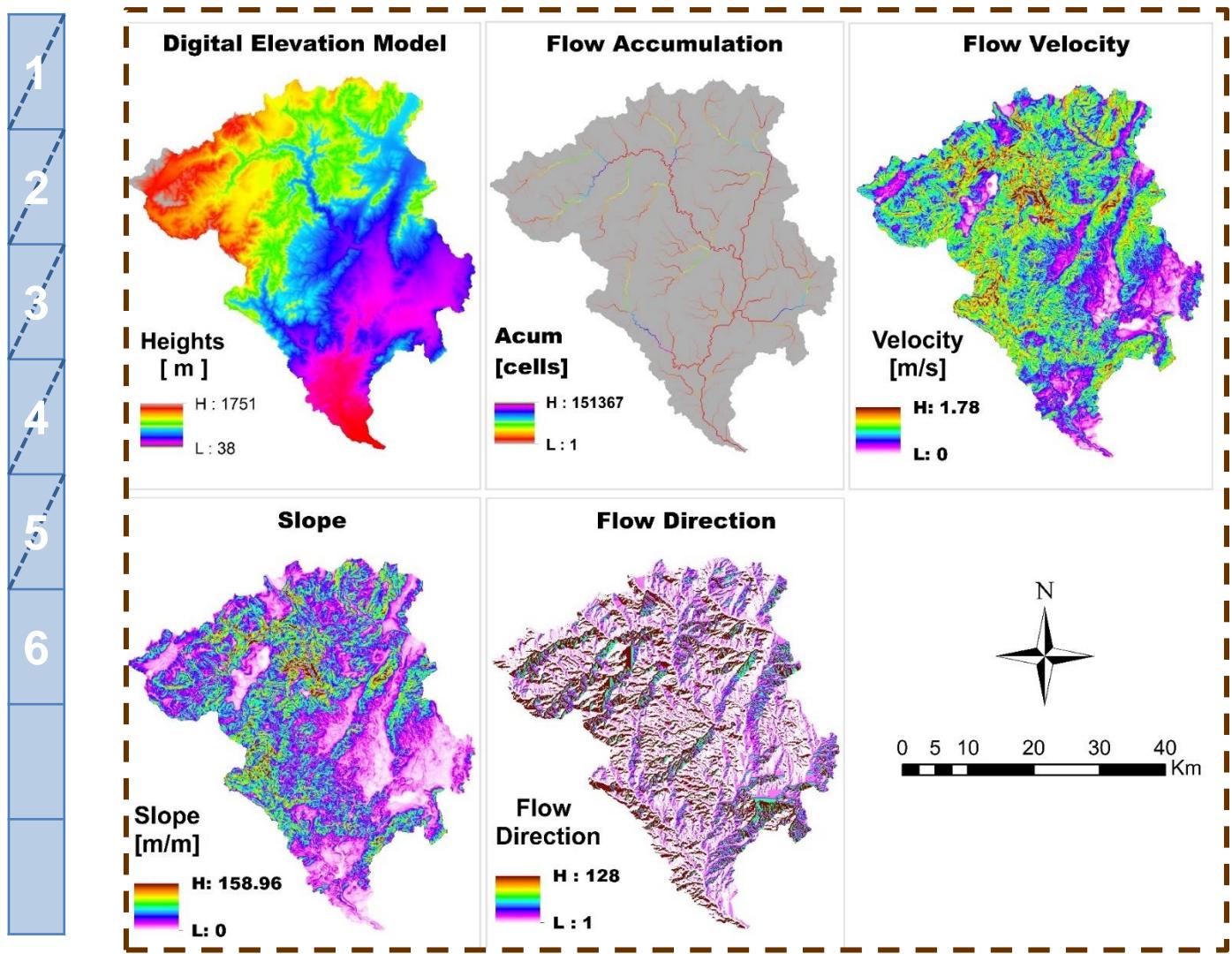
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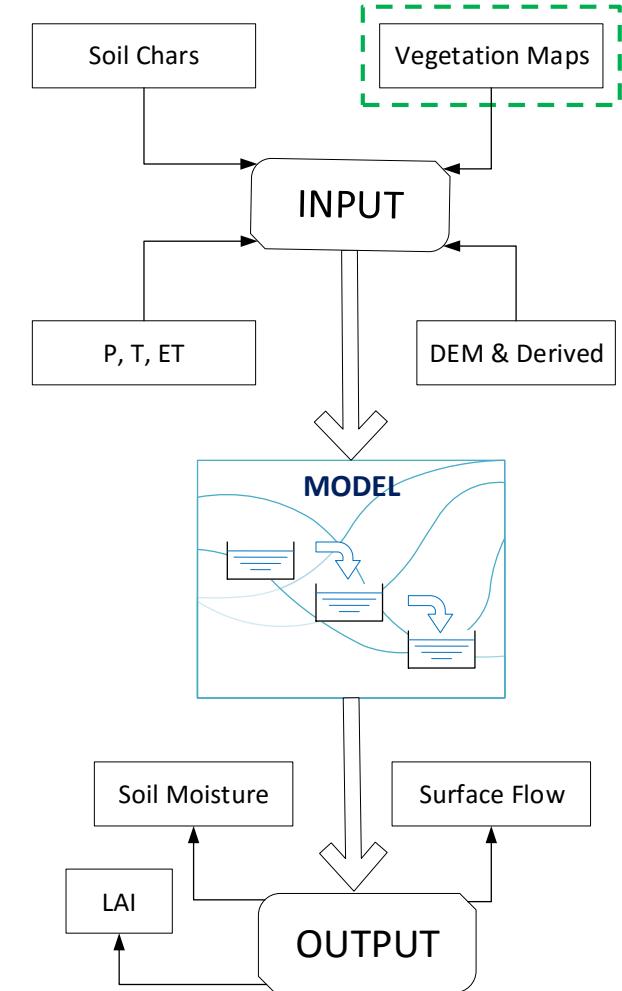
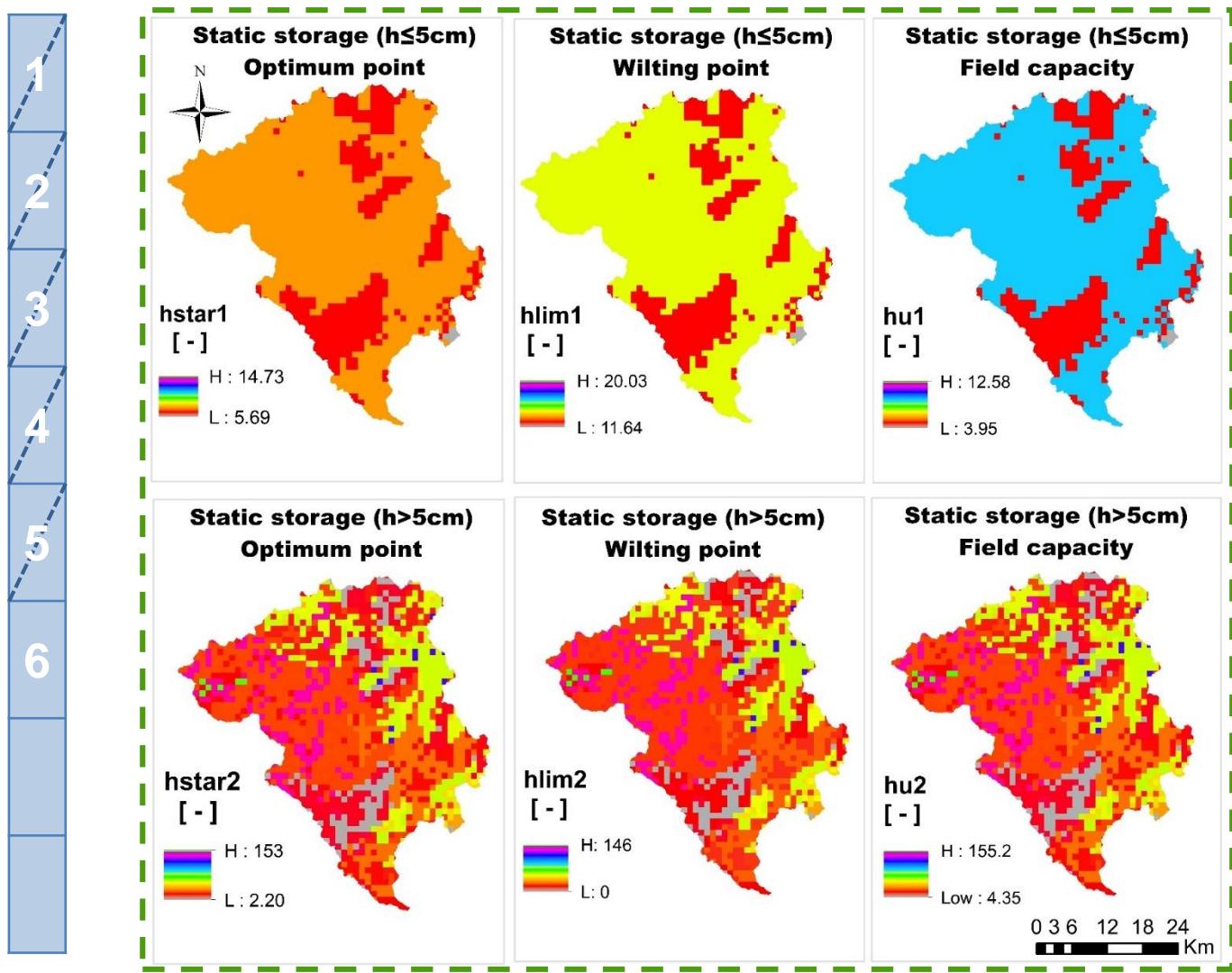
GENERALITIES

- Common observation period: 2010-2015
 - Warm-up period: 2010
 - Calibration period: 2011-2013
 - Validation period: 2014-2015
- 24 variables for calibration:
 - 9 map correction factors for hydrology
 - 15 (3 x 5 natural land covers) more influent vegetation parameters

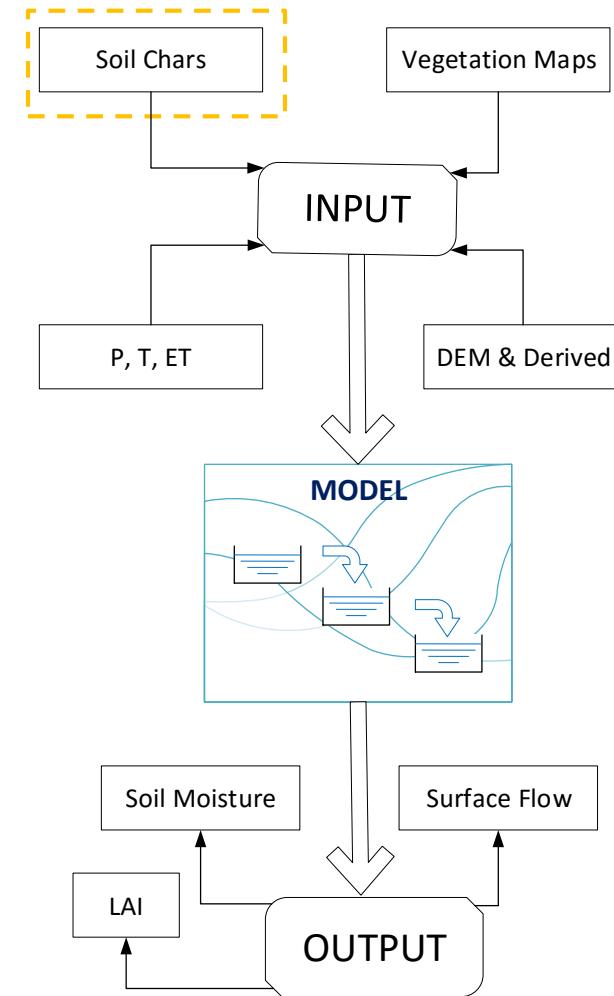
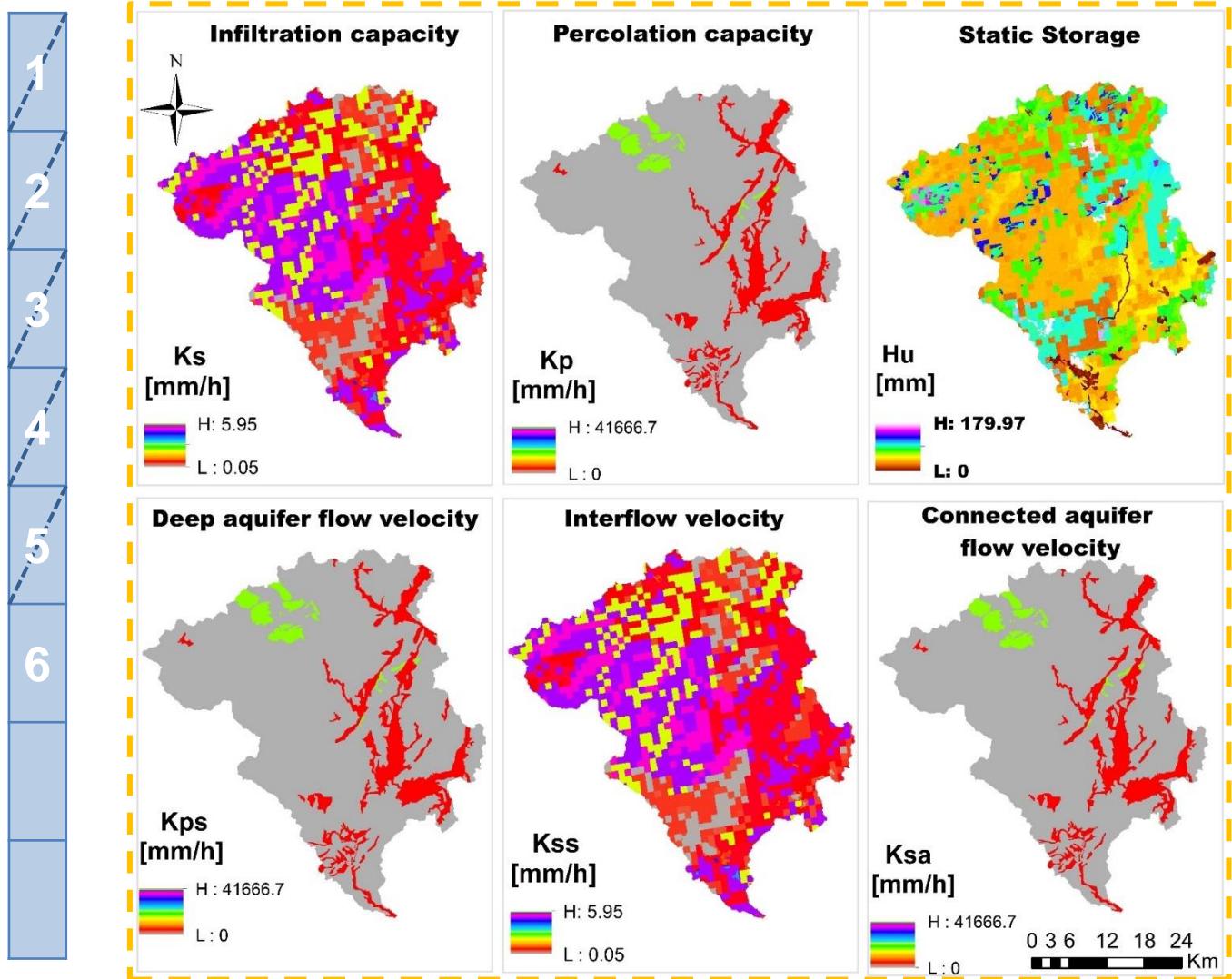
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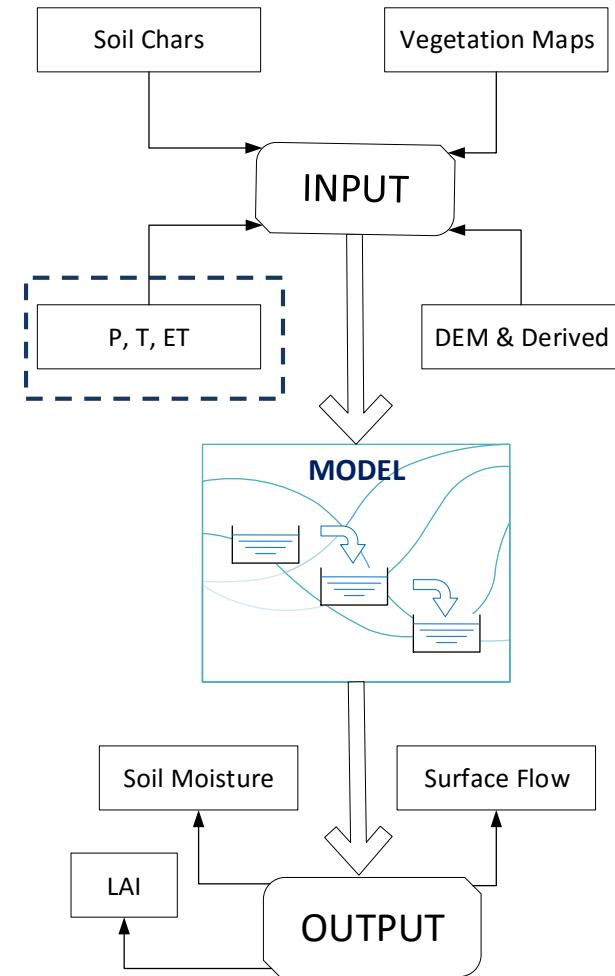
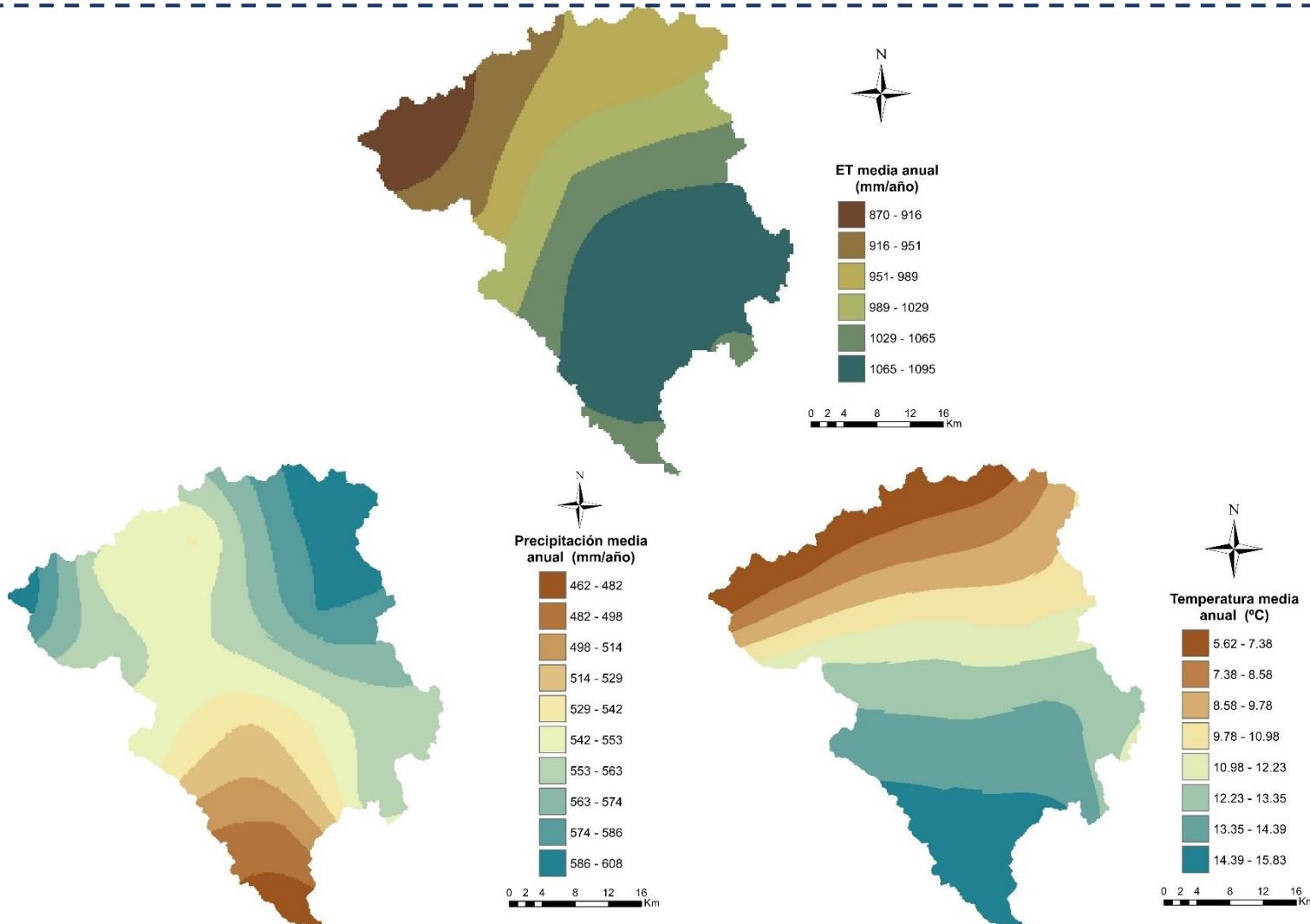


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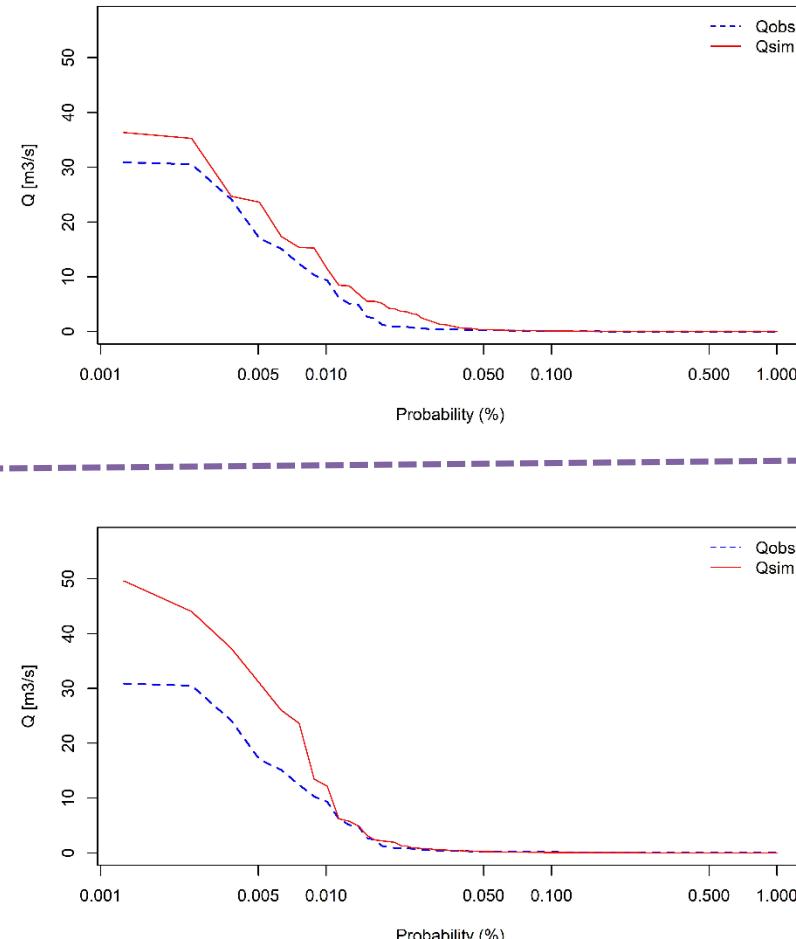
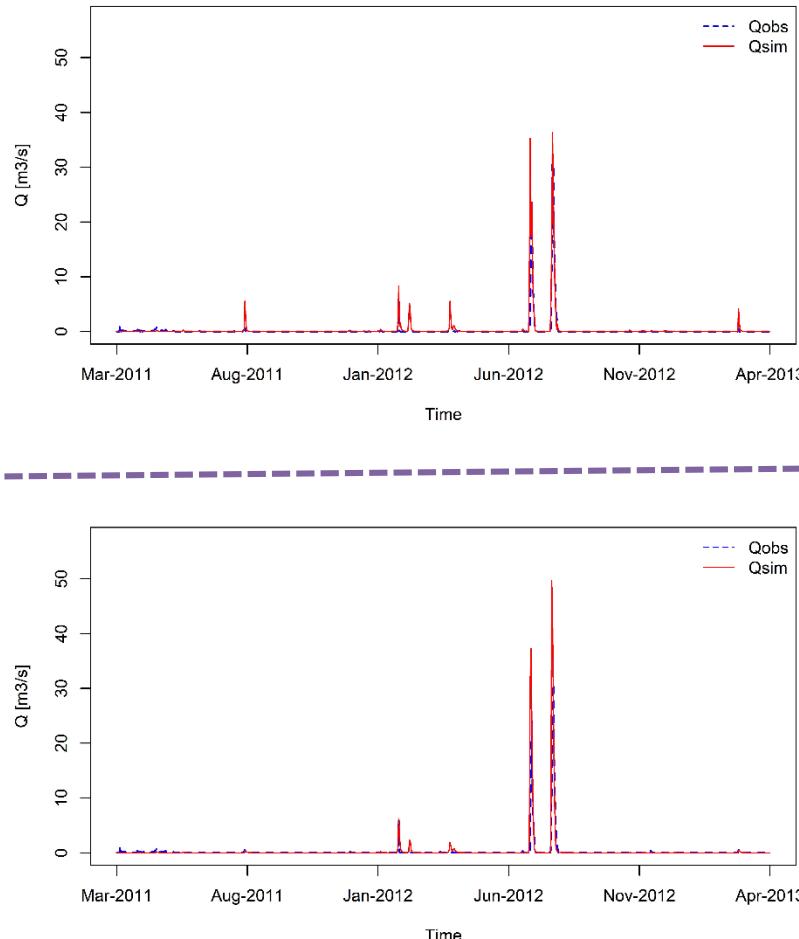
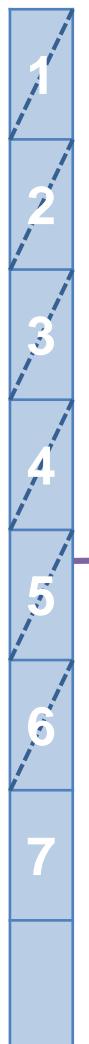
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OBSERVED STATE VARIABLES:

- Surface SM: SMOS+MODIS from BEC
- Daily discharge at the outlet from CEH-CEDEX
- LAI: MODIS from NASA (only for spatial validation, **NOT** for calibration)





SV: Q

$$OF = 1 - NS(Q)$$

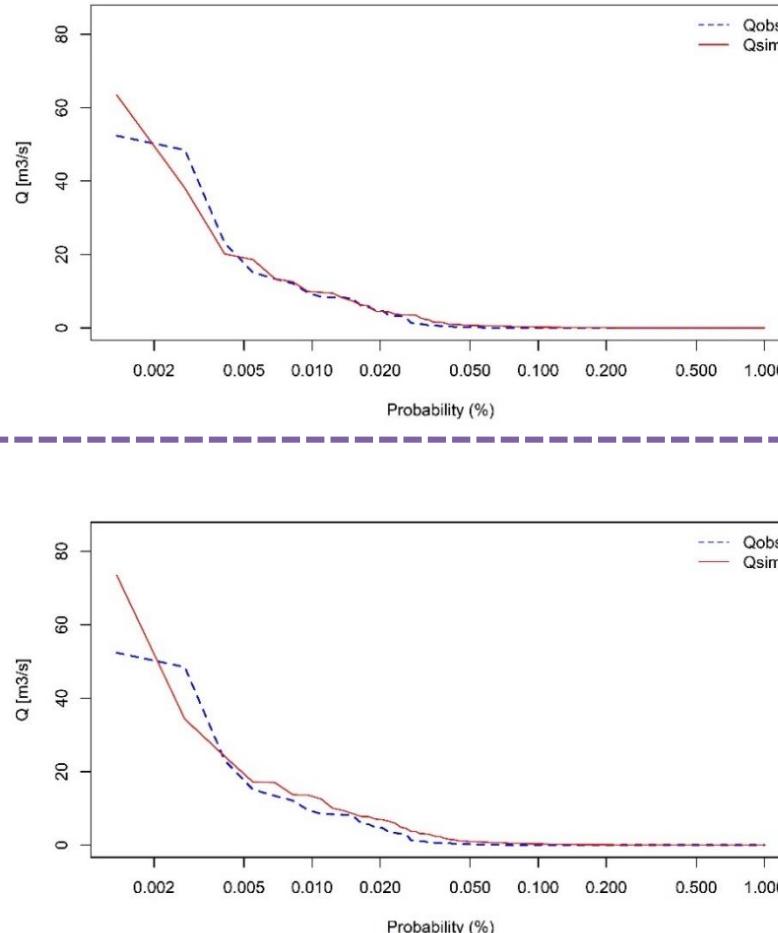
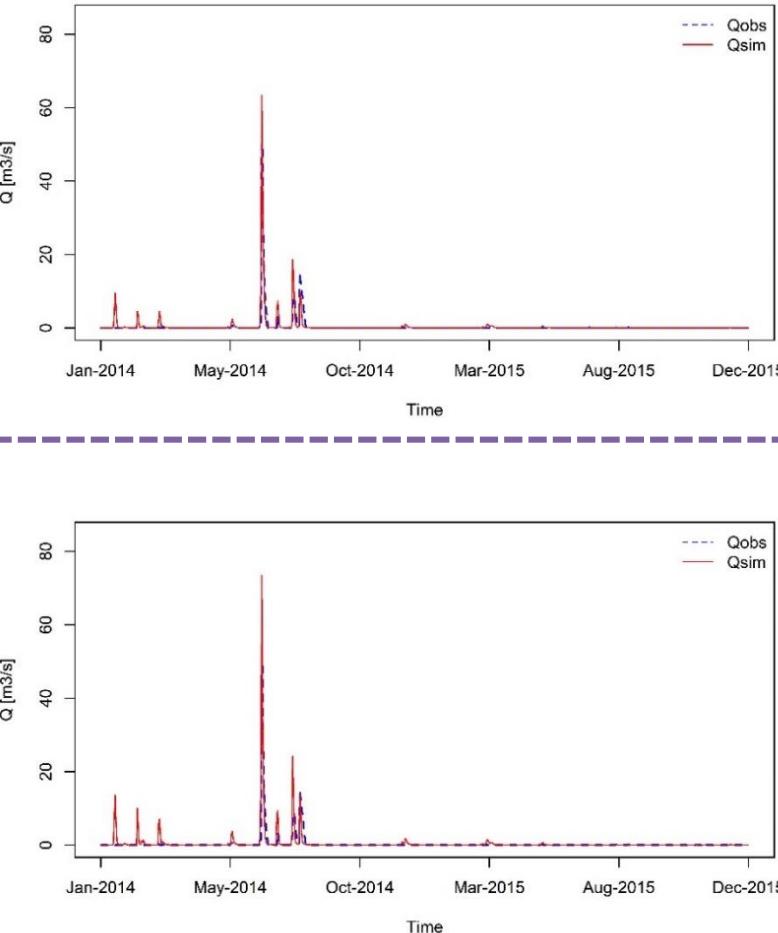
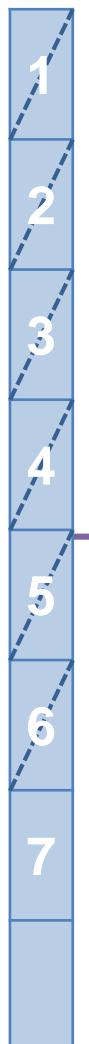


Calibration:
 $NS(Q) = 0.9102$
 $STE(SM) = 0.01$

SV: SM

$$OF = 1 - STE(SM)$$

Calibration:
 $NS(Q) = 0.5458$
 $STE(SM) = 0.6369$

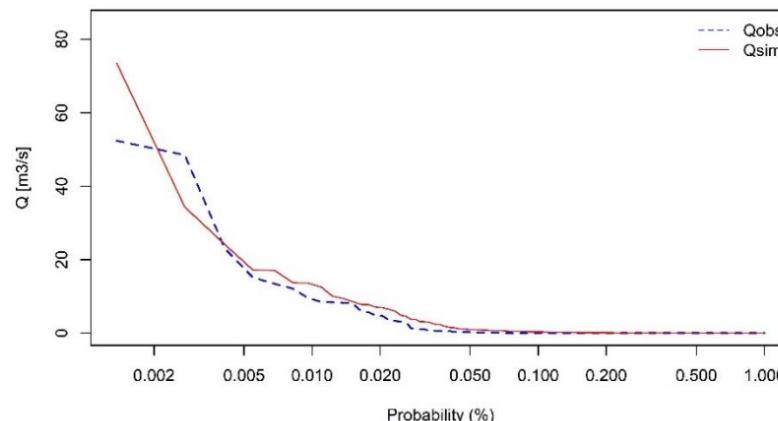
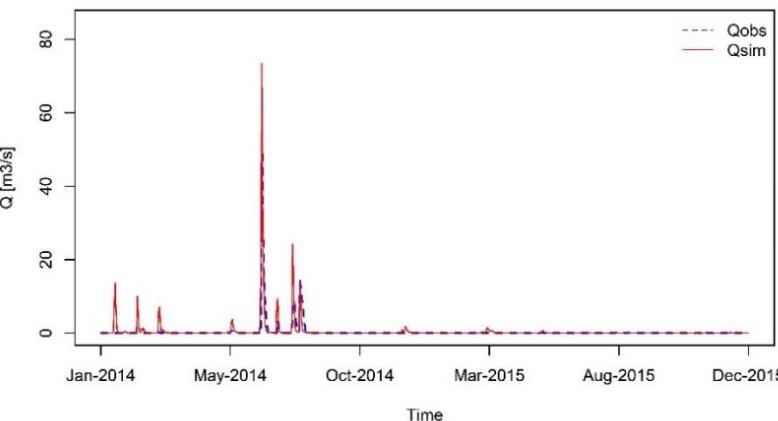


SV: Q

$$OF = 1 - NS(Q)$$



Validation:
 $NS(Q) = 0.4725$
 $STE(SM) = 0.03$

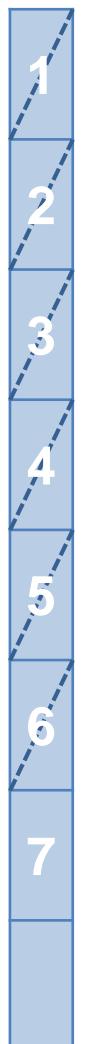


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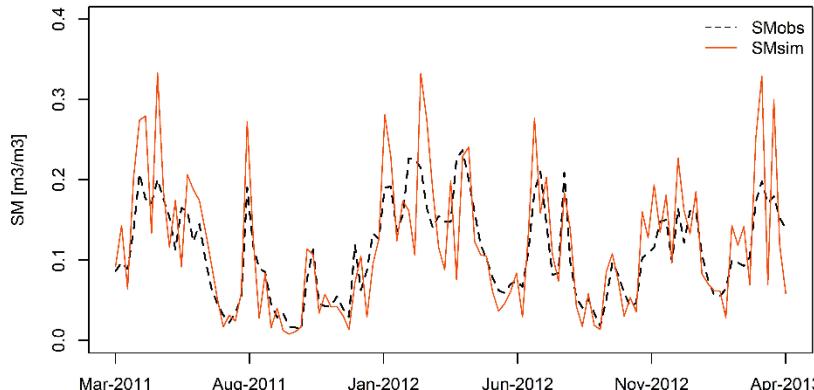
$$OF = 1 - STE(SM)$$



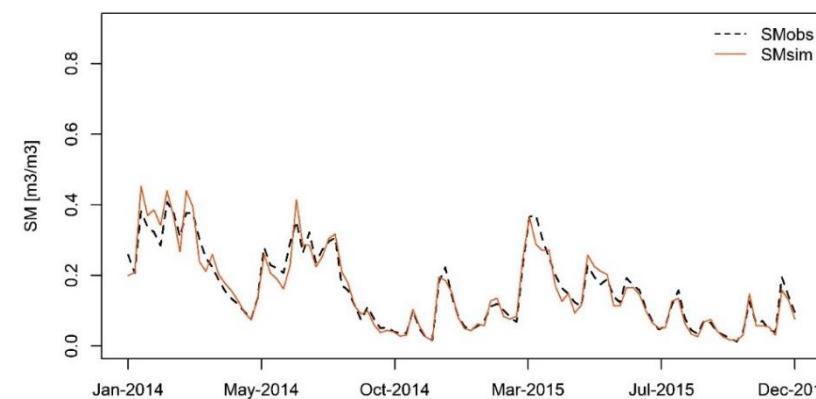
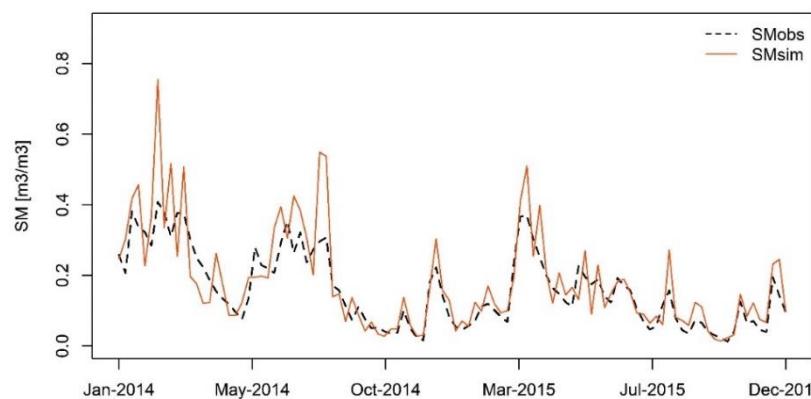
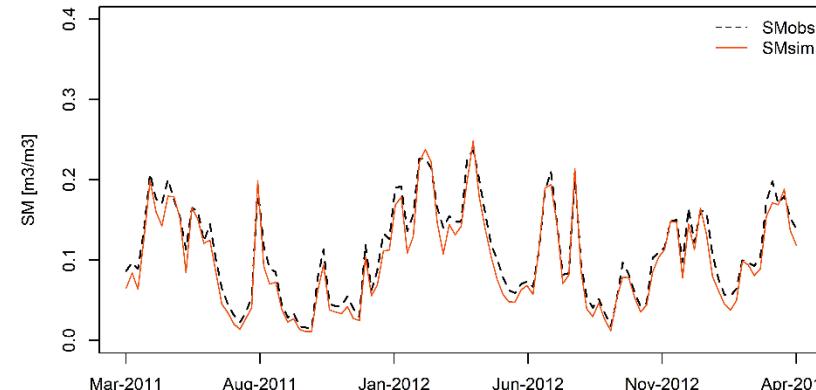
Validation:
 $NS(Q) = 0.4452$
 $STE(SM) = 0.5836$



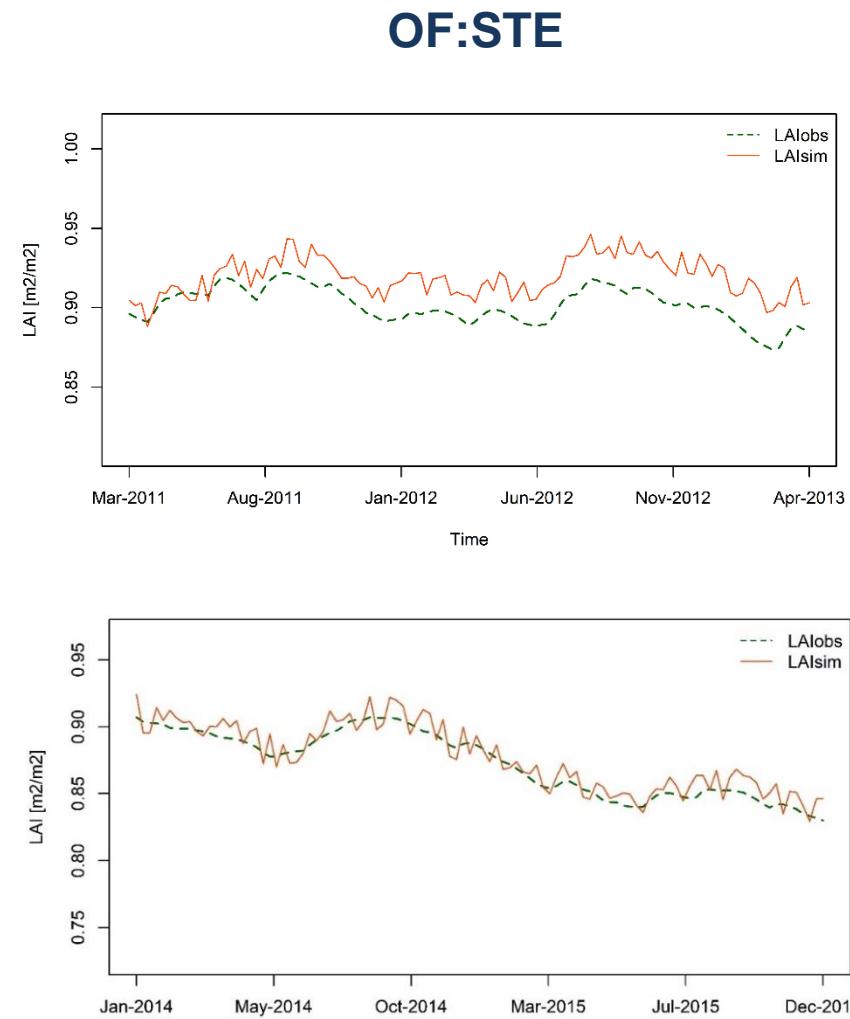
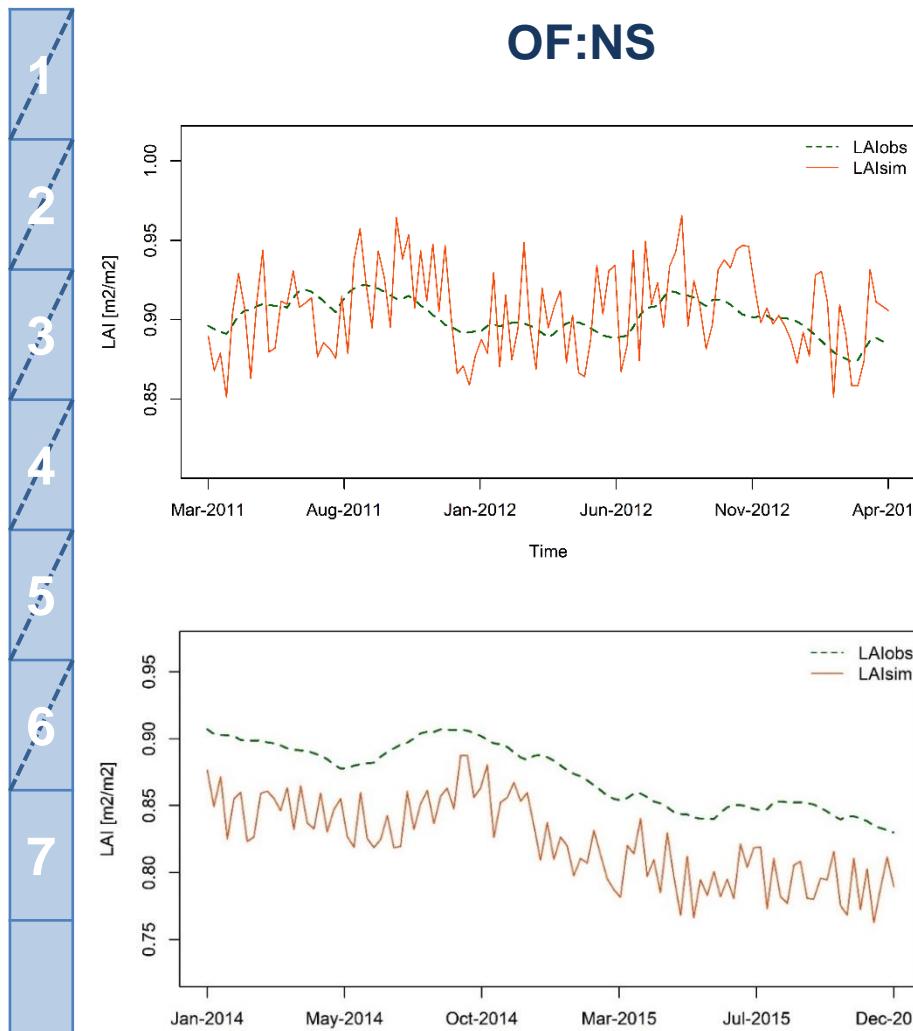
OF:NS



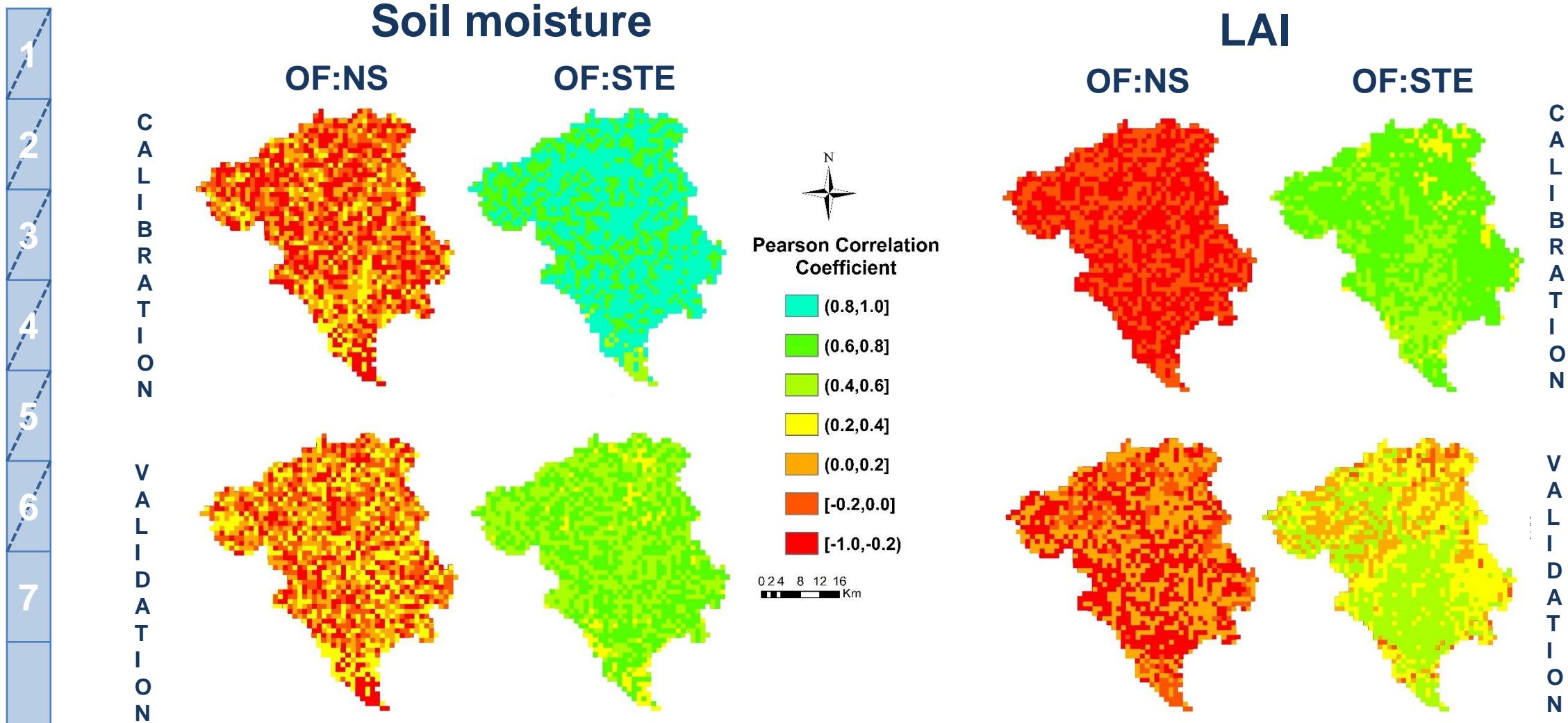
OF:STE



| Index | BE ($SM_{sim} - SM_{obs}$) | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Configuration | OF:NSE(Q) | OF:STE(SM) |
| Calibration | -4.2 | -9.5 |
| Validation | -31 | -21.4 |
| $\Delta Index_{(cal-val)}$ | 26.8 | 11.9 |
| Index | RMSE ($SM_{sim} - SM_{obs}$) | |
| Configuration | OF:NSE(Q) | OF:STE(SM) |
| Calibration | 0.84 | 1.387 |
| Validation | 6.727 | 7.461 |
| $\Delta Index_{(cal-val)}$ | 5.89 | 6.074 |
| Index | NSE ($SM_{sim} - SM_{obs}$) | |
| Configuration | OF:NSE(Q) | OF:STE(SM) |
| Calibration | 0.63 | 0.943 |
| Validation | 0.395 | 0.502 |
| $\Delta Index_{(cal-val)}$ | 0.235 | 0.441 |



| Index | RMSE ($\text{LAI}_{\text{sim}} - \text{LAI}_{\text{obs}}$) | |
|---|--|------------|
| Configuration | OF:NSE(Q) | OF:STE(SM) |
| Calibration | 0.95 | 0.063 |
| Validation | 1.1 | 0.68 |
| $\Delta\text{Index}_{(\text{cal-val})}$ | 0.15 | 0.617 |
| Index | BE ($\text{LAI}_{\text{sim}} - \text{LAI}_{\text{obs}}$) | |
| Configuration | OF:NSE(Q) | OF:STE(SM) |
| Calibration | 3.9 | -6.3 |
| Validation | -25 | -24.9 |
| $\Delta\text{Index}_{(\text{cal-val})}$ | 21.1 | 18.6 |
| Index | NSE ($\text{LAI}_{\text{sim}} - \text{LAI}_{\text{obs}}$) | |
| Configuration | OF:NSE(Q) | OF:STE(SM) |
| Calibration | -99.01 | -0.154 |
| Validation | -0.86 | 0.32 |
| $\Delta\text{Index}_{(\text{cal-val})}$ | 98.95 | 0.474 |



Summary

| Calibration period | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------|--------|-------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| 01/03/2011-31/12/2013 | | | | | | | | | |
| $Q_{obs} - Q_{sim}$ | | $SM_{obs} - SM_{sim}$ | | | | $LAI_{obs} - LAI_{sim}$ | | | |
| NS | BE (%) | STE | NS | RMSE | BE (%) | NS | RMSE | BE(%) | |
| Configuration 1: Q; NS | 0.9102 | -19.32 | 0.01 | 0.6310 | 0.84 | -4.2 | -99.01 | 0.95 | 3.9 |
| Configuration 2: SM; STE | 0.5458 | 11.53 | 0.6369 | 0.943 | 1.387 | -9.5 | -0.154 | 0.063 | -6.3 |

| Validation period | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------|--------|-------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 01/01/2014 - 31/12/2015 | | | | | | | | | | 01/10/1999 - 01/10/2006 | |
| $Q_{obs} - Q_{sim}$ | | $SM_{obs} - SM_{sim}$ | | | | $LAI_{obs} - LAI_{sim}$ | | | | $Q_{obs} - Q_{sim}$ | |
| NS | BE (%) | STE | NS | RMSE | BE (%) | NS | RMSE | BE(%) | | NS | BE (%) |
| Configuration 1: Q; NS | 0.4725 | -21.35 | 0.03 | 0.395 | 6.727 | -31 | -0.86 | 1.1 | -25 | 0.8119 | -22.564 |
| Configuration 2: SM; STE | 0.4452 | 15.36 | 0.5836 | 0.502 | 7.461 | -21.4 | 0.32 | 0.68 | -24.9 | 0.6321 | 14.023 |
| | Temporal Validation | | Spatio-Temporal Validation | | | | | | | Temporal Validation (back) | |

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- Even though challenging, spatio-temporal data, in particular surface SM, can be used as relevant source of information to calibrate process-based models **(ALTERNATIVE)**
- The SMOS/MODIS remote-sensed fine-scale surface soil moisture data is consistent with observed discharge, however, discharge as SV could not reproduce spatial variability →→→ **EQUIFINALITY**
- It is possible to use only remote-sensed surface SM to calibrate satisfactorily a distributed hydrological model at ungauged (or with scarce Q data) basins. **(VALUABLE)**



Flood of 1962 in Rambla de la Viuda



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