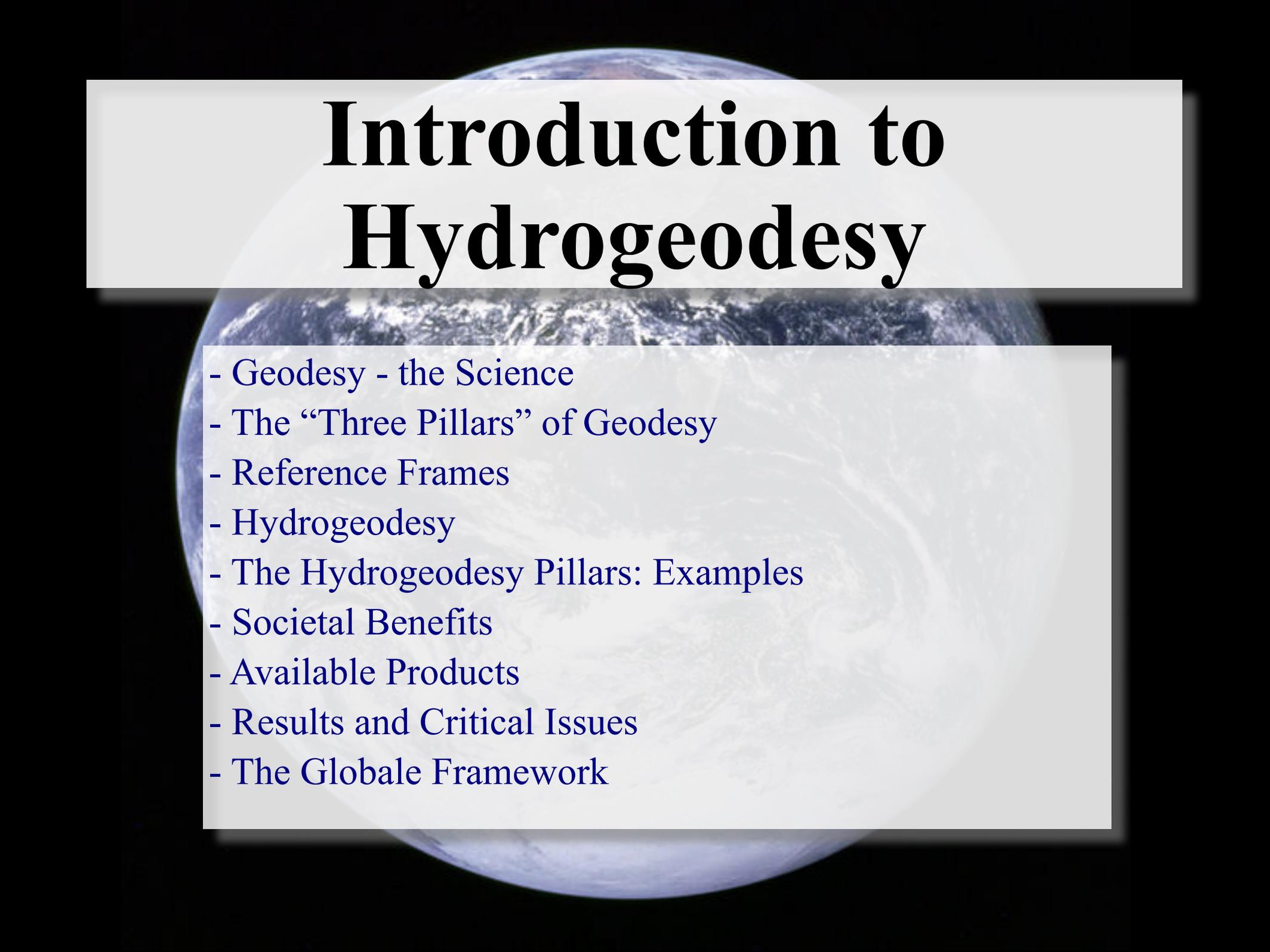


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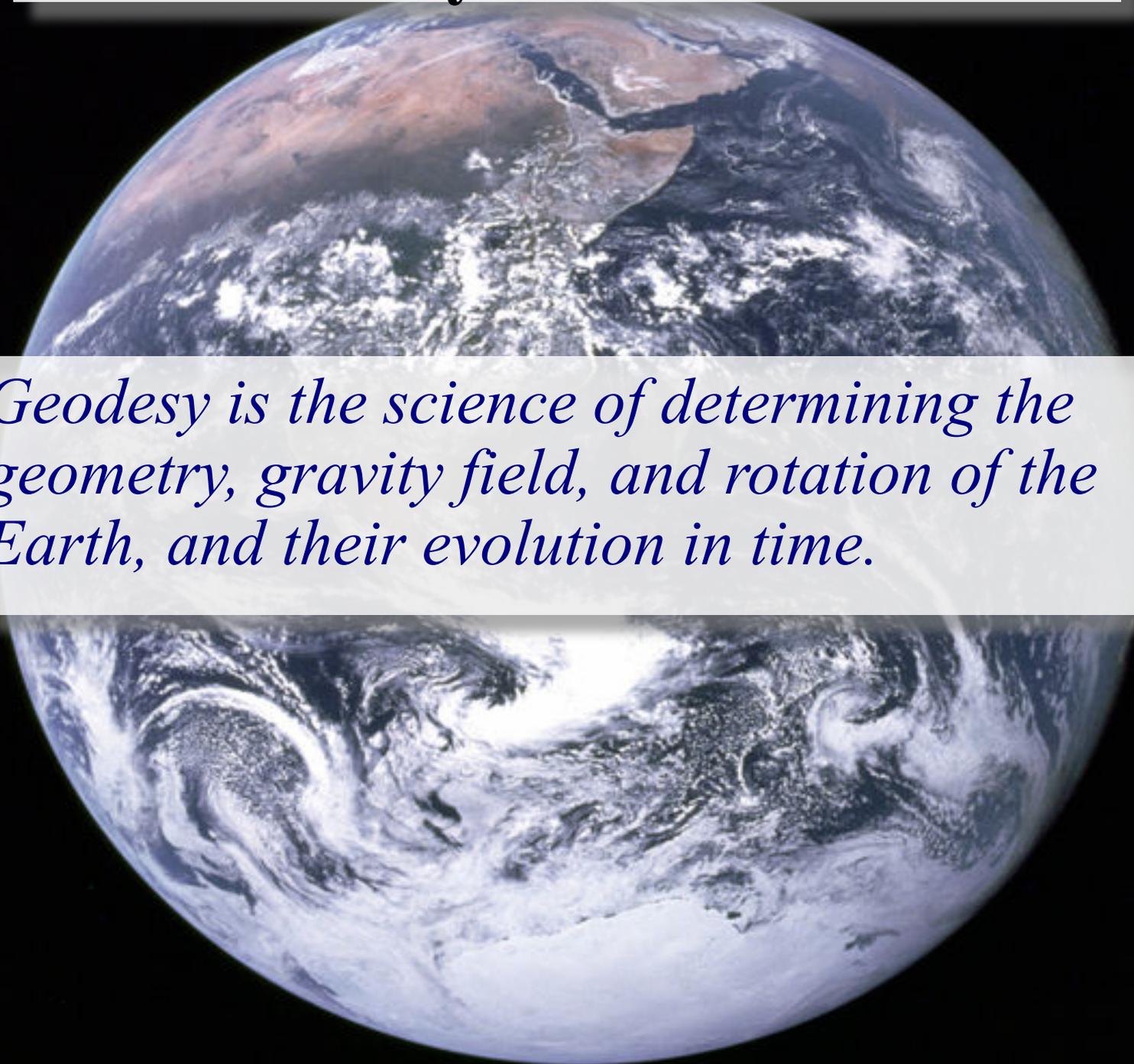


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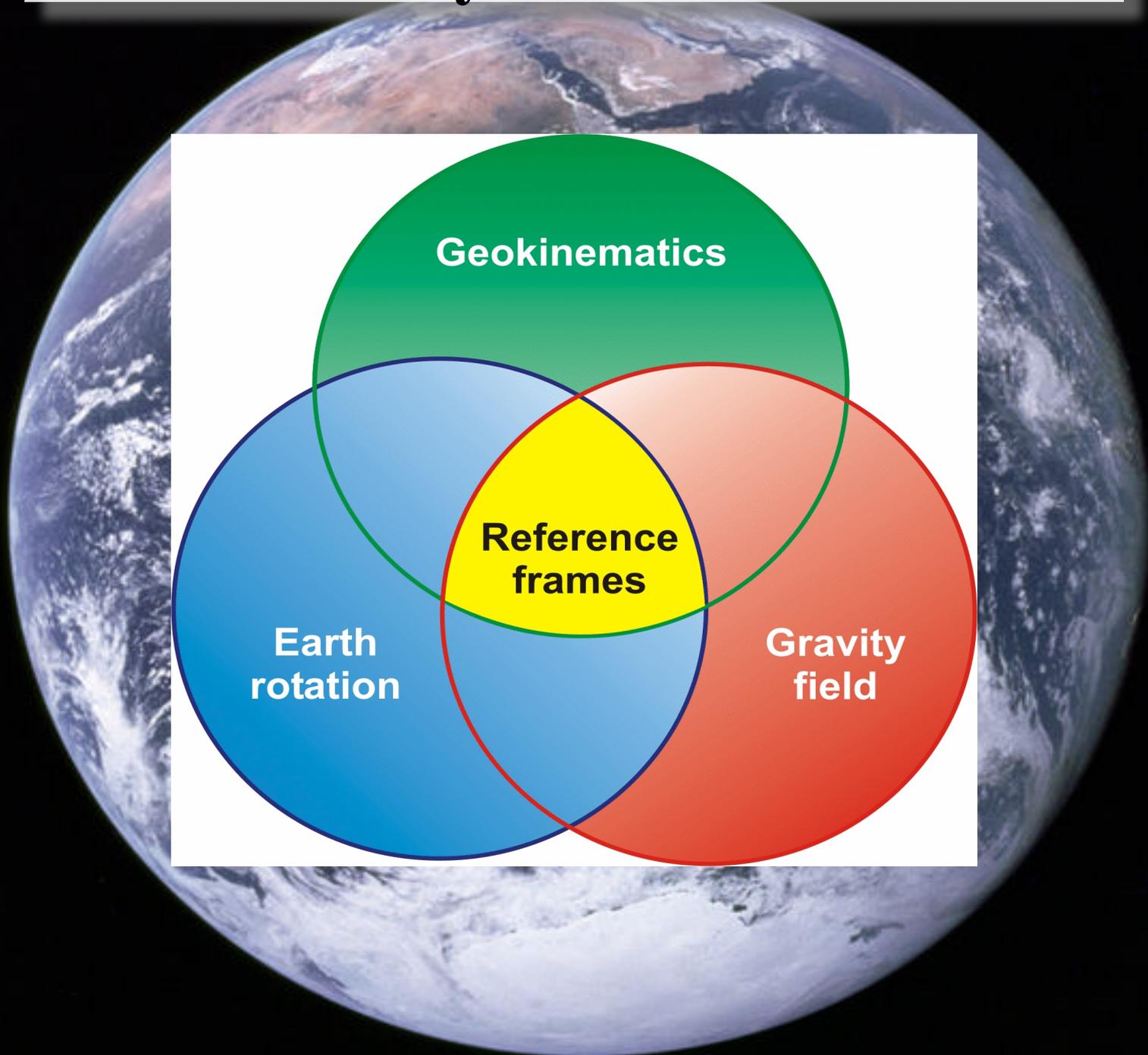
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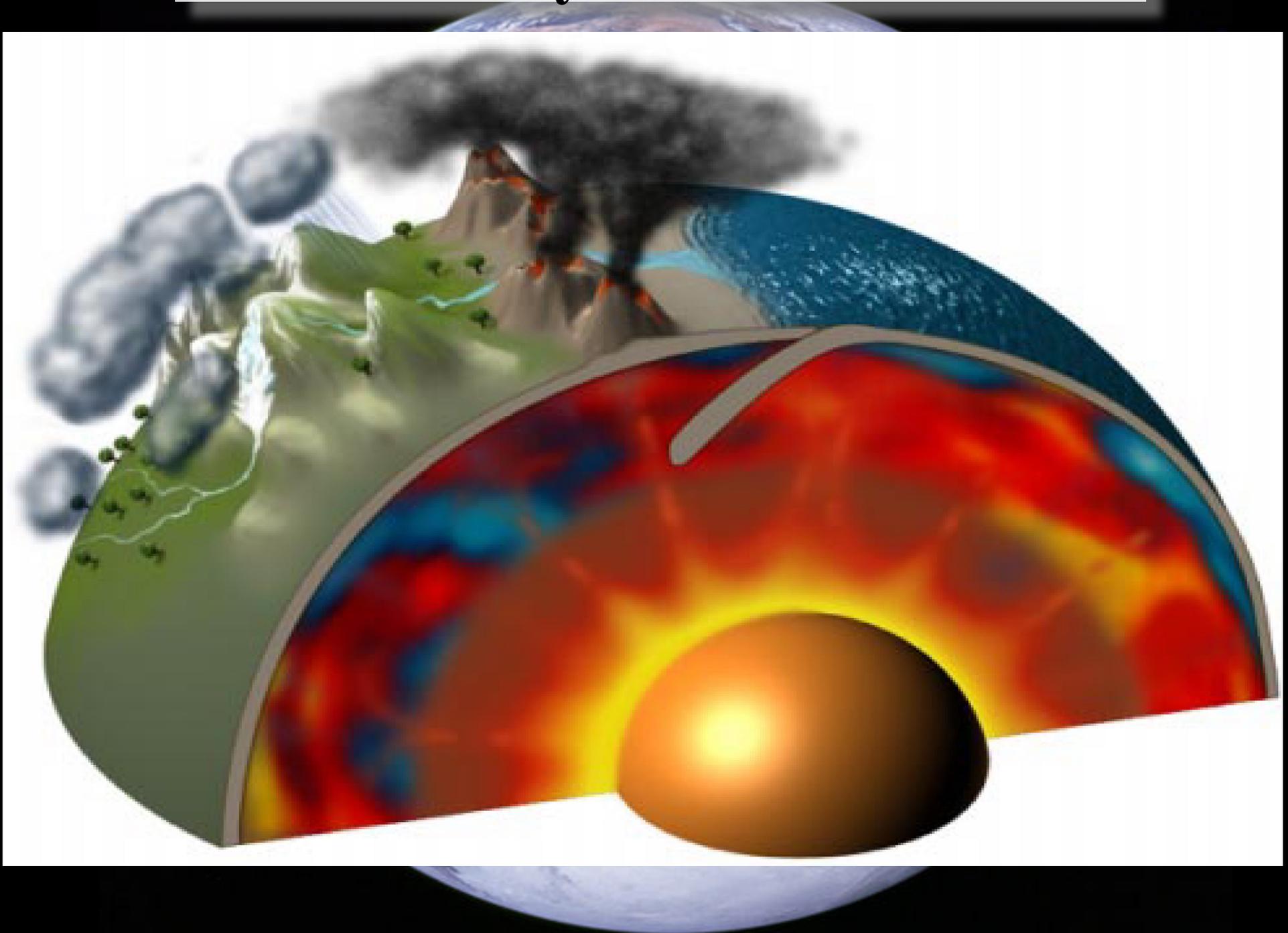
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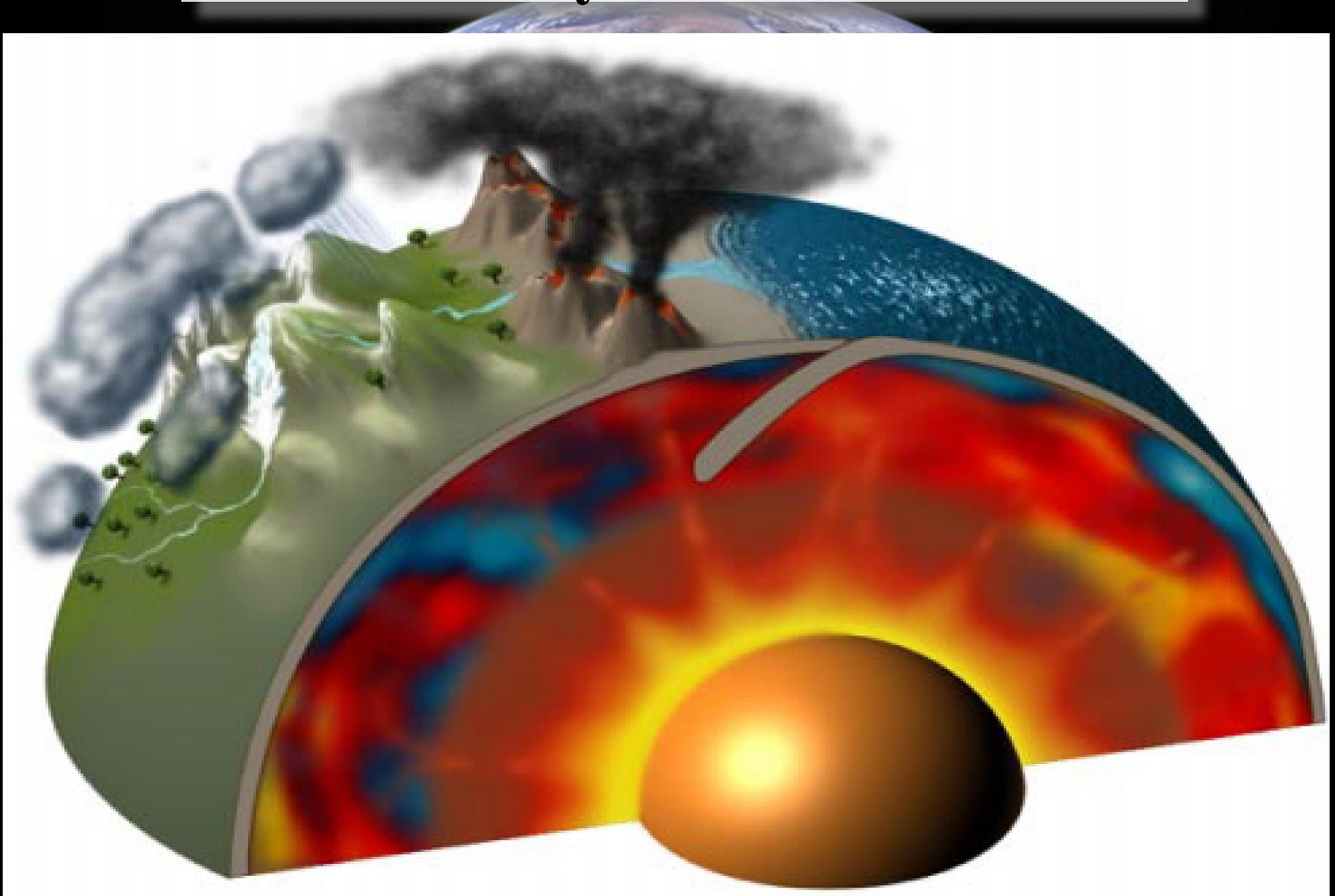
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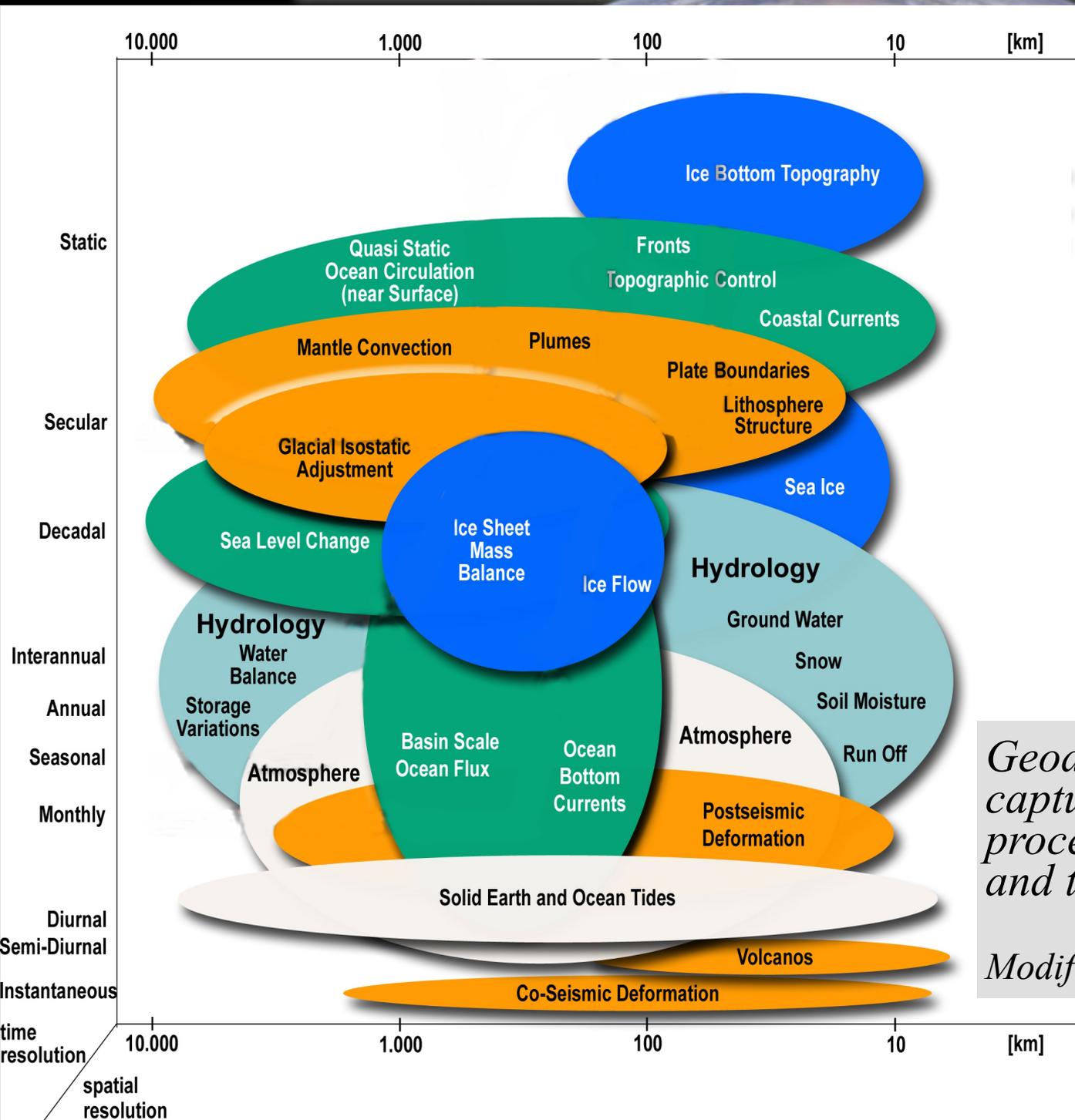


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*Solomon et al., 2002*

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*Geodetic observation techniques capture signals of many processes overlapping in spatial and temporal scales.*

*Modified from Ilk et al. (2005).*

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*Science questions relevant to geodesy:*

**Convection:** *nature of anomalies in seismic velocities;*

**Plate tectonics:** *location of and processes at plate boundaries;*

**Ice sheets/glaciers:** *ice load history, including present-day changes;*

**Sea level:** *quantification of different contributions;*

**Rheology:** *linear versus non-linear; transient versus steady-state; lateral heterogeneities;*

**Core-mantle dynamics:** *processes at core-mantle boundary;*

**Hydrological cycle:** *better quantification of fluxes; groundwater movements; land water storage;*

**Solid Earth response to loading:** *load history (continental water storage, ice loads, non-tidal ocean loading);*

**Rotational dynamics:** *coupling of angular and linear momentum; free modes of ocean;*

**Tides:** *validation of ocean tidal models;*

**Earthquakes:** *strain/stress accumulation and earthquakes; physical processes;*

**Earth structure:** *structure and composition of the deep Earth and mantle dynamics;*

*According to Rummel et al., 2009*

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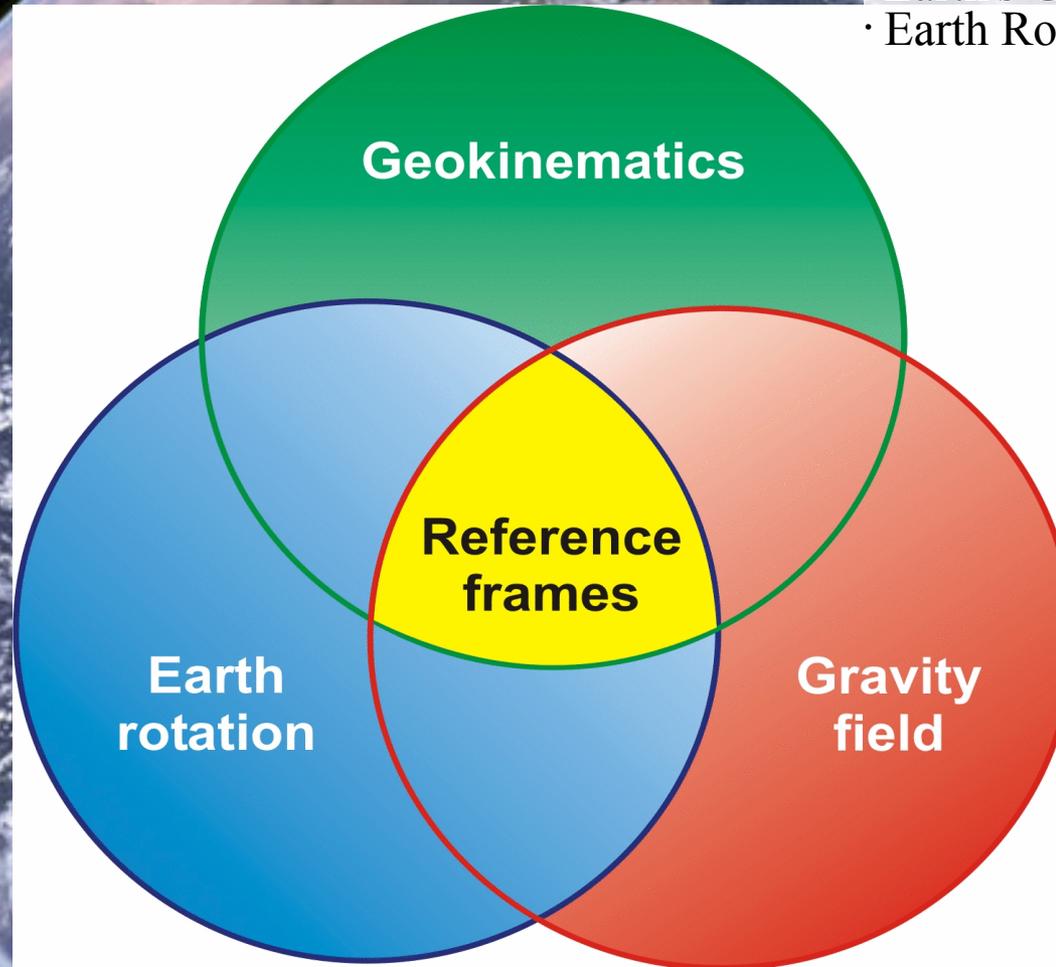


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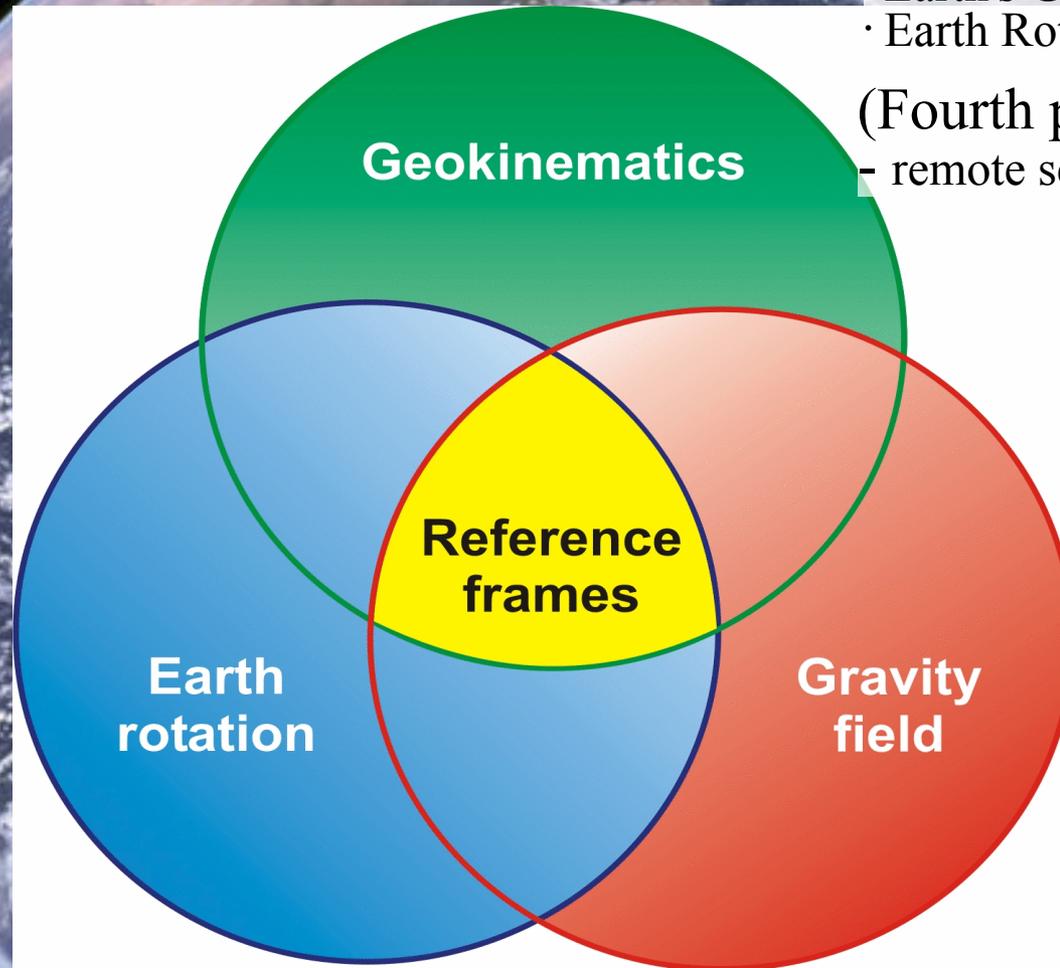
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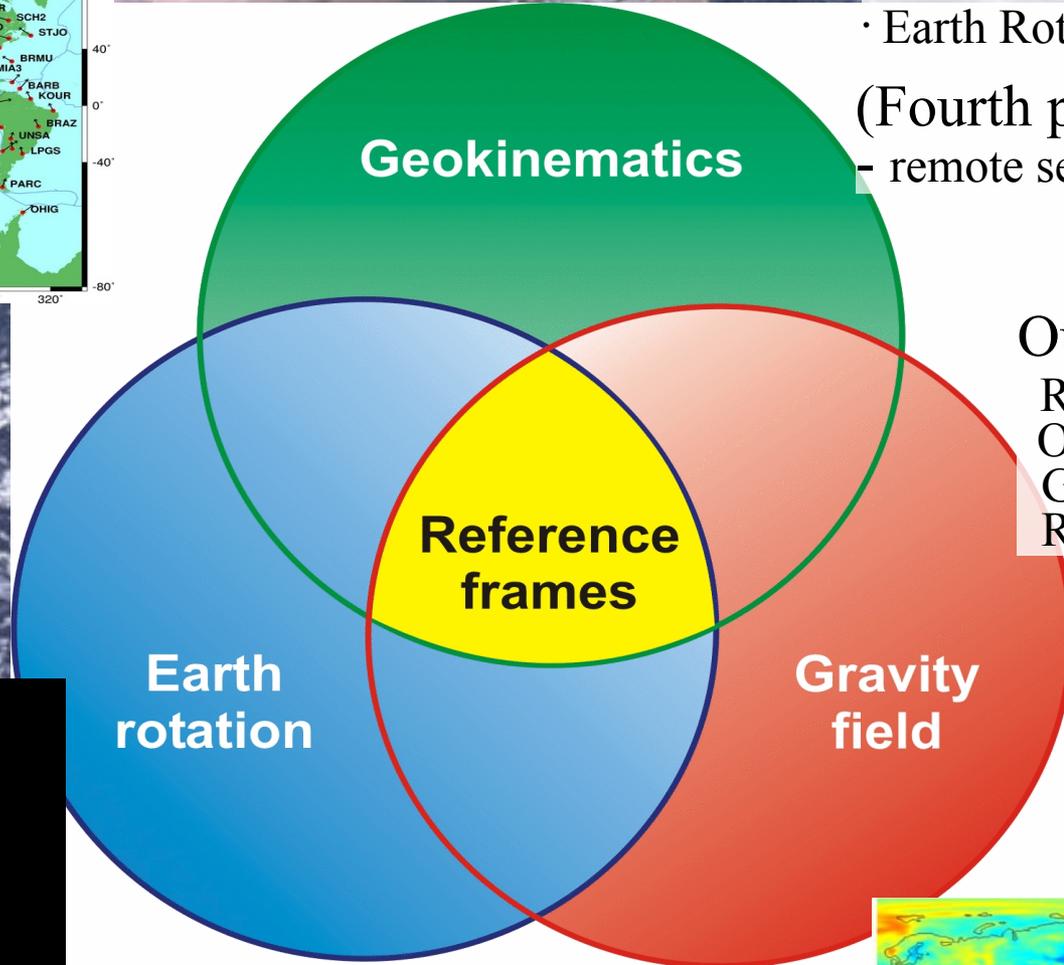
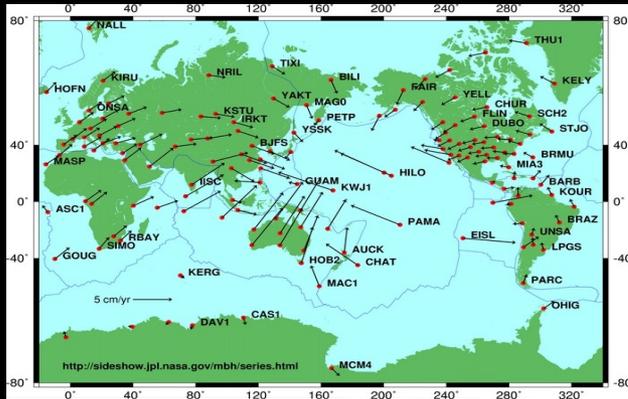


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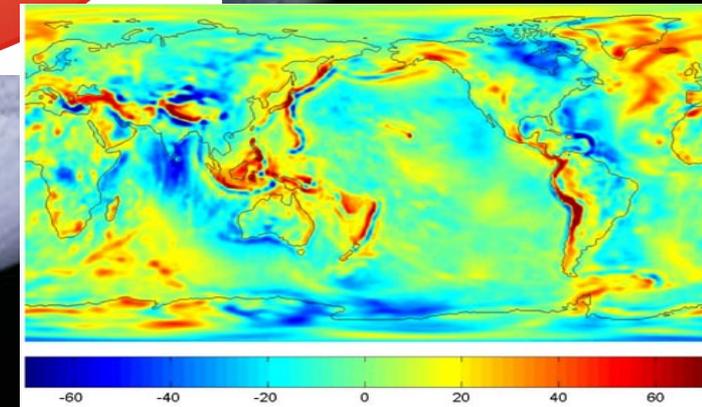
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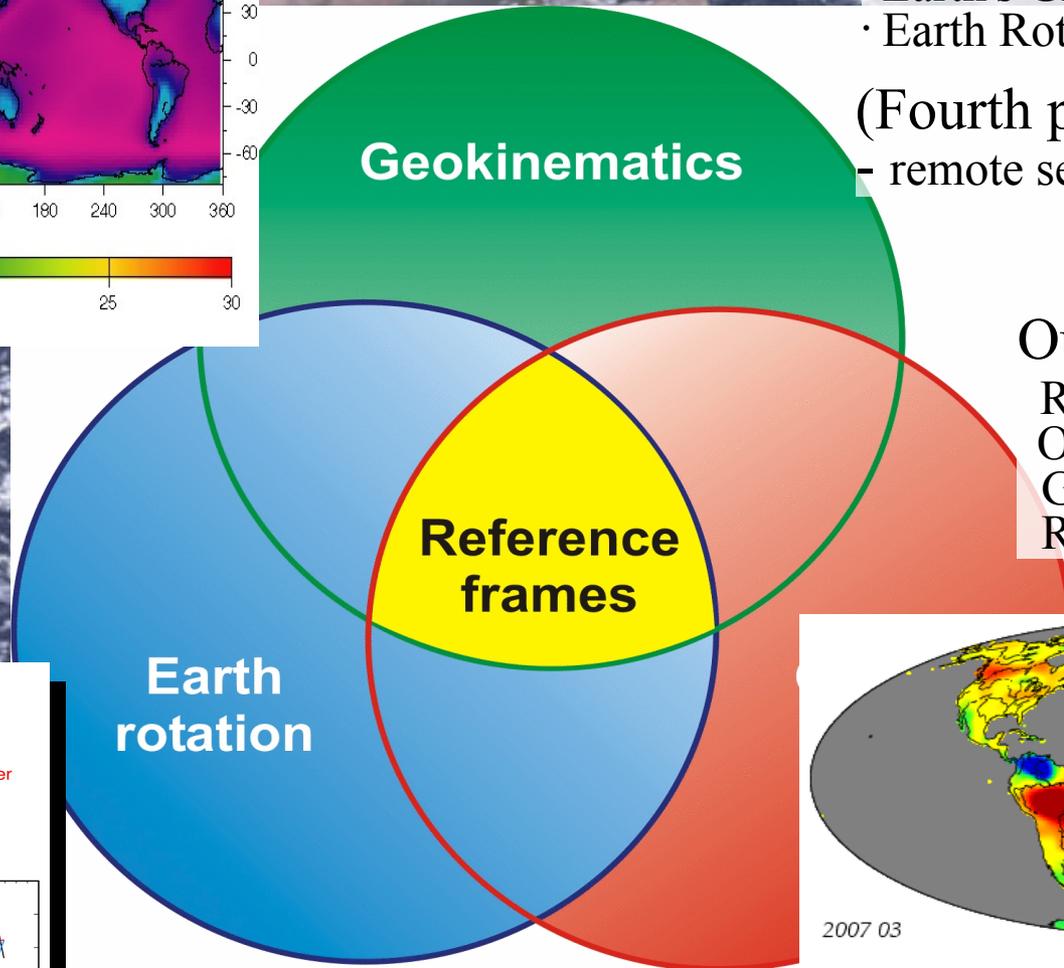


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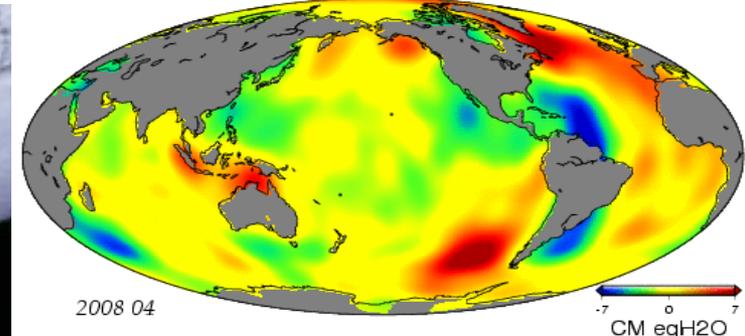
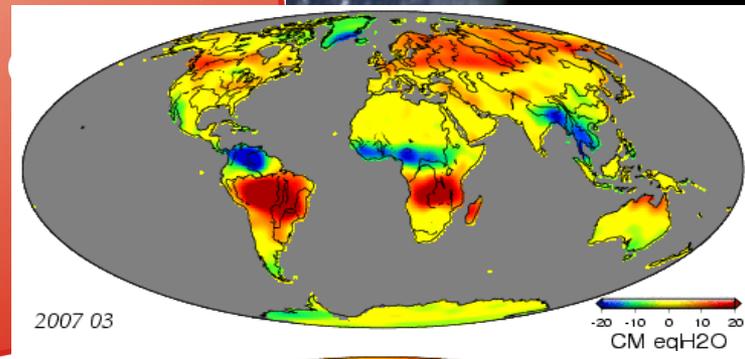
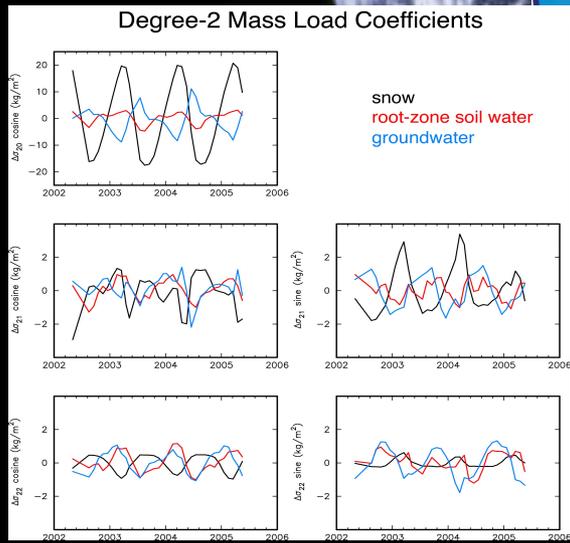
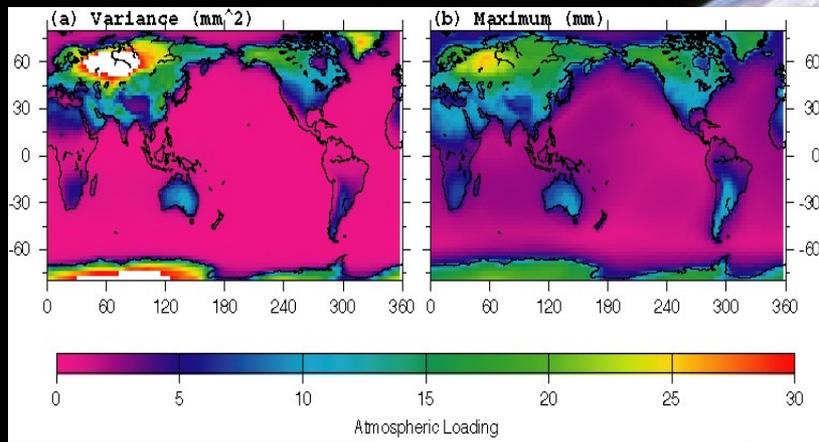
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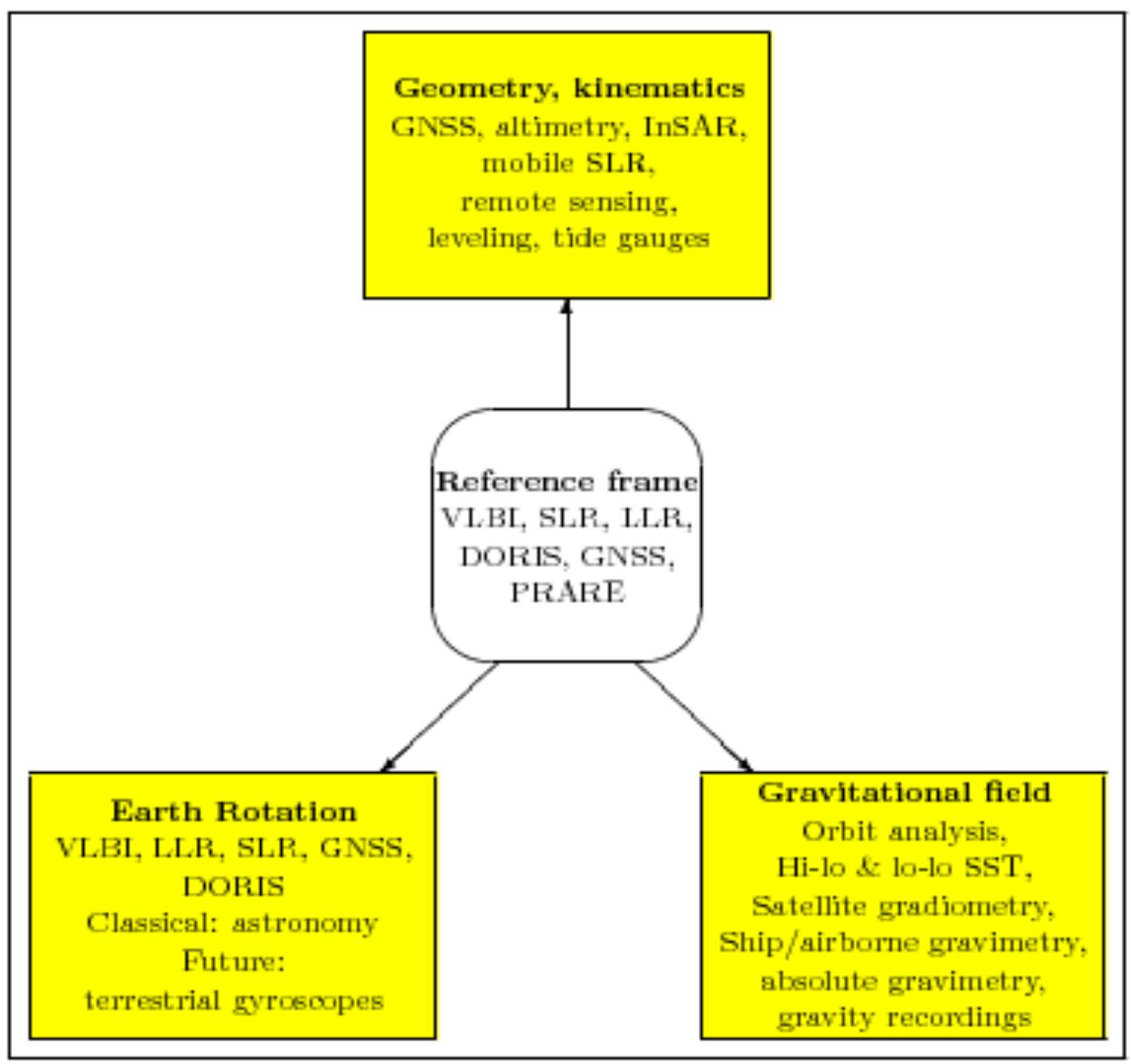
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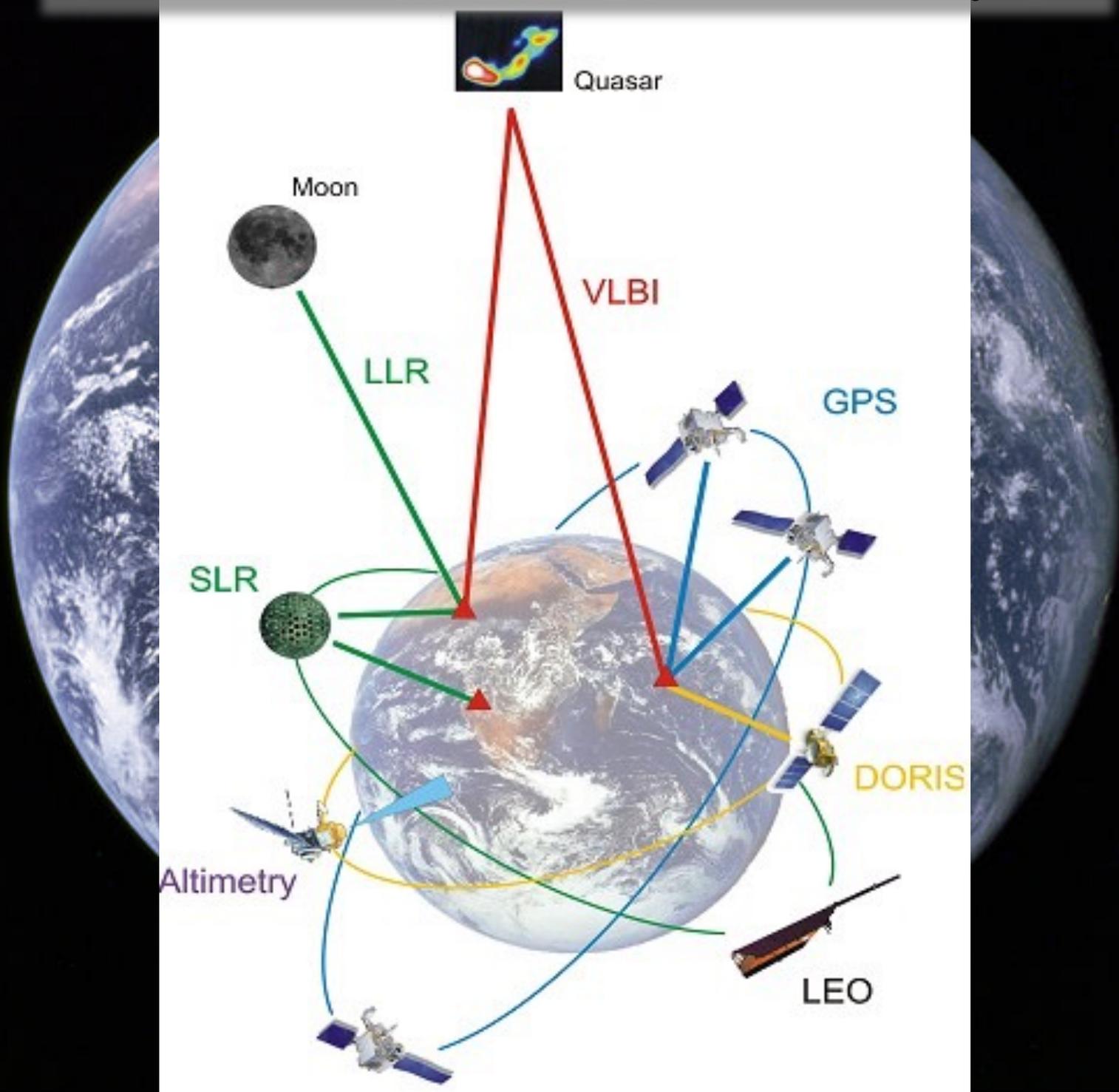
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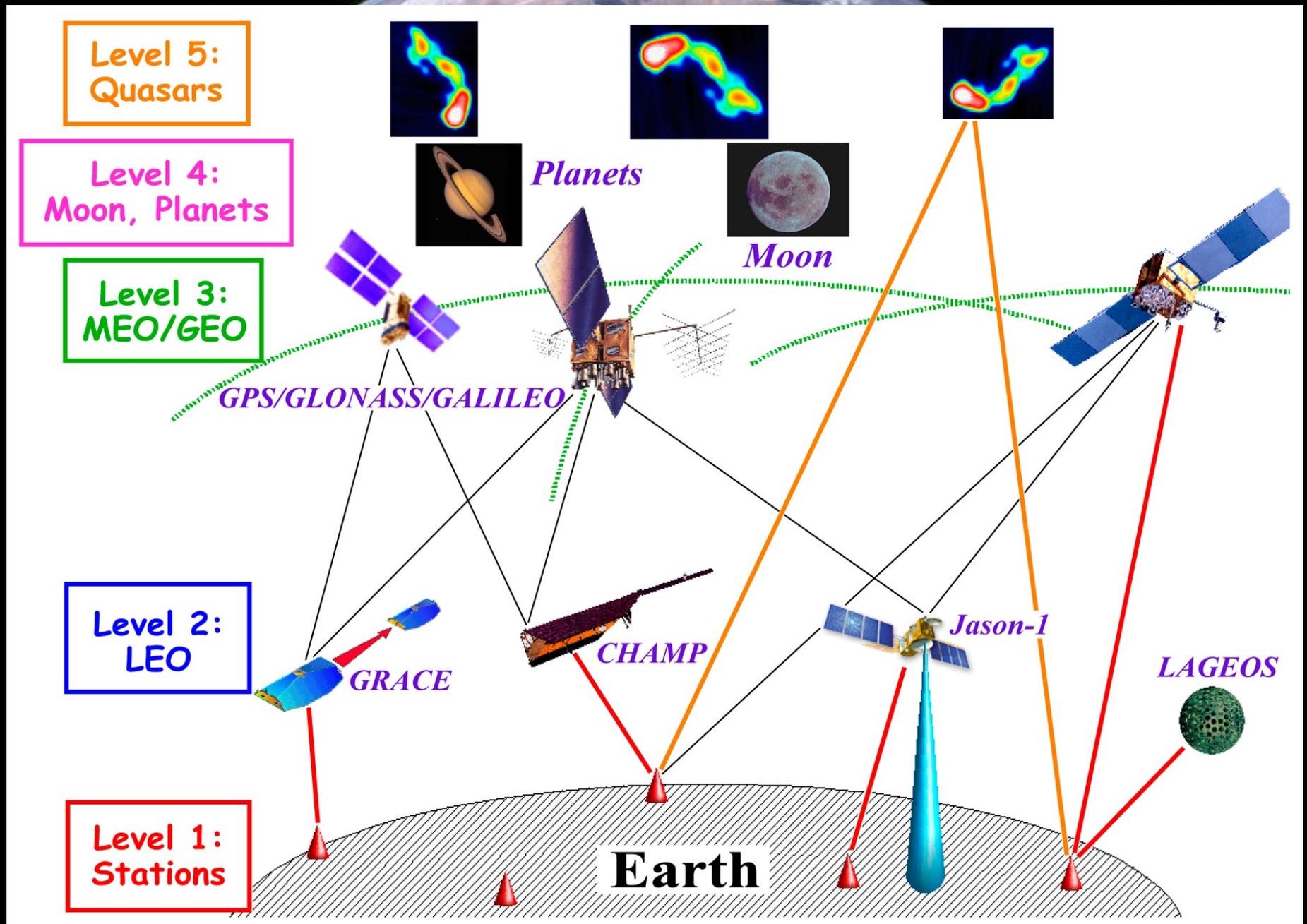
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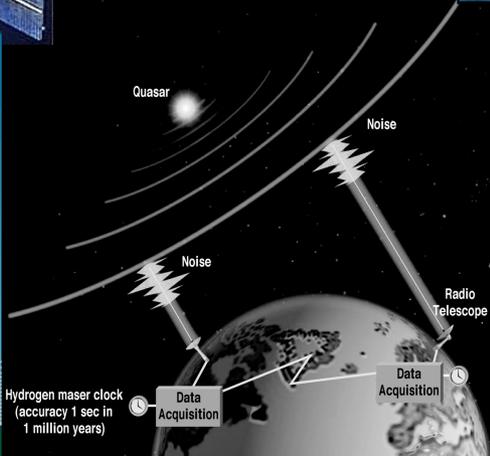
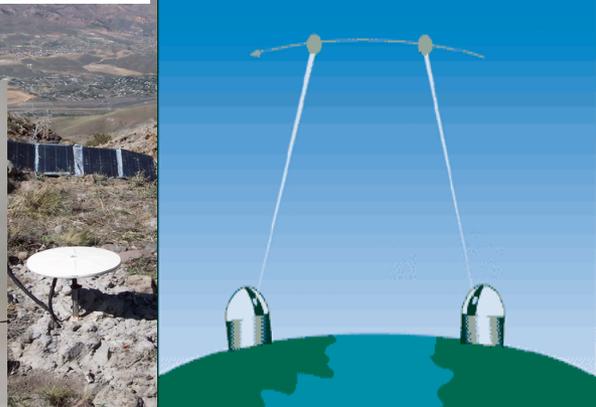
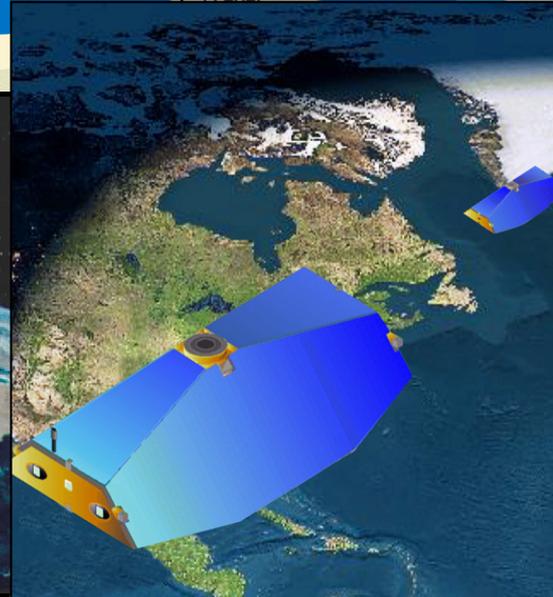
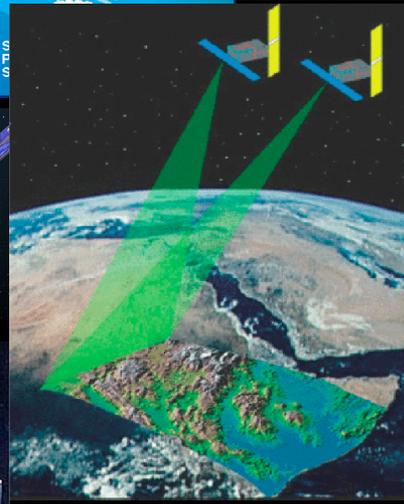
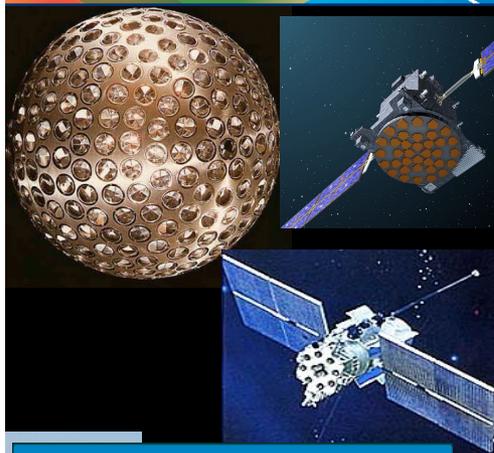
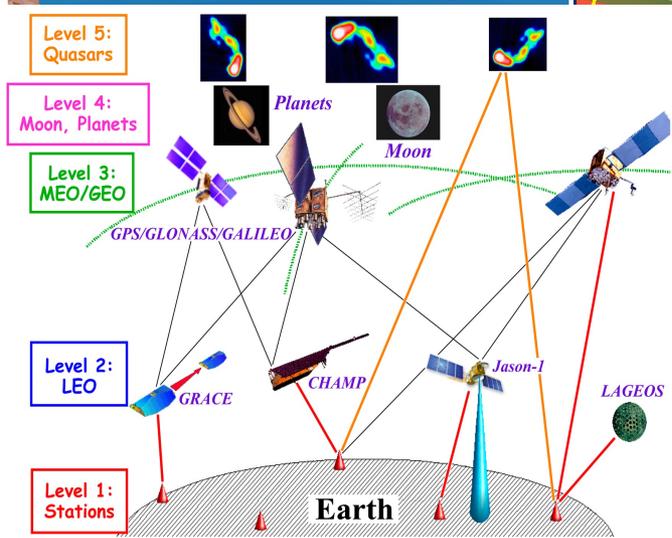
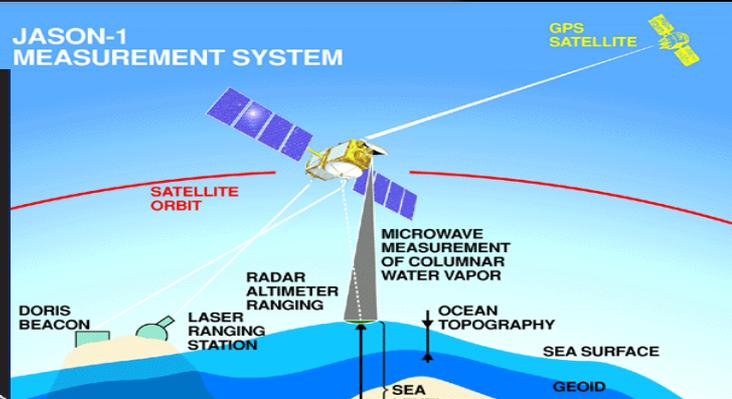
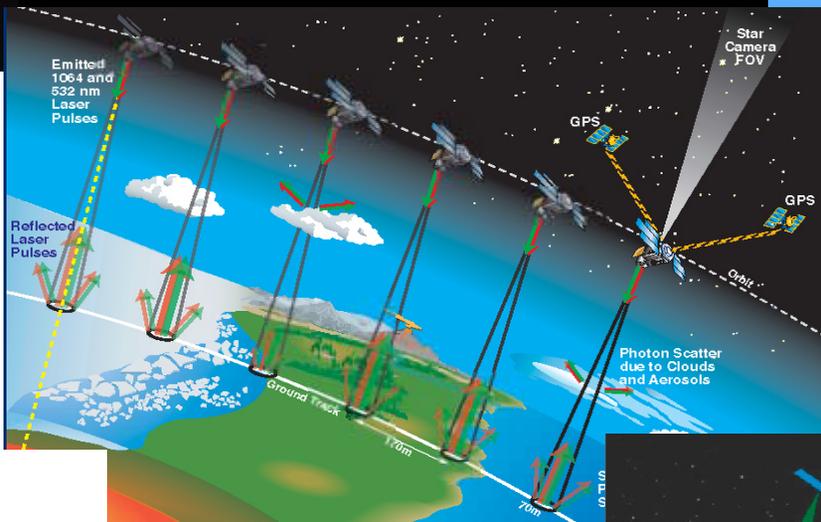
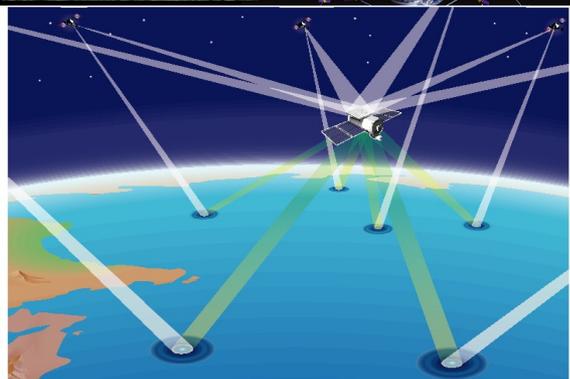
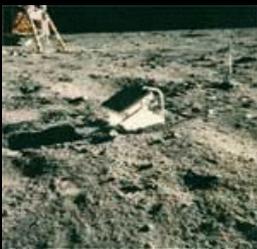
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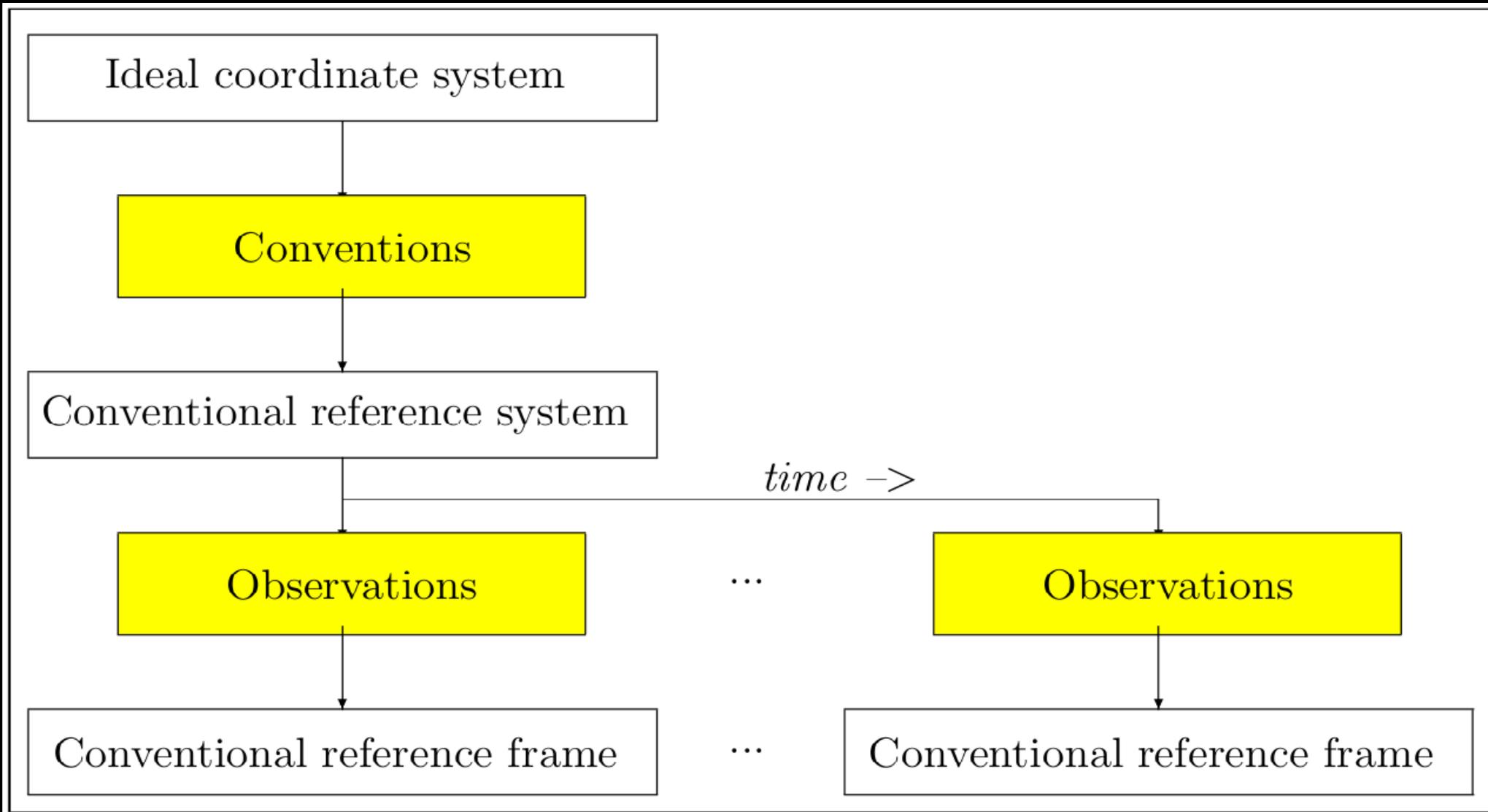
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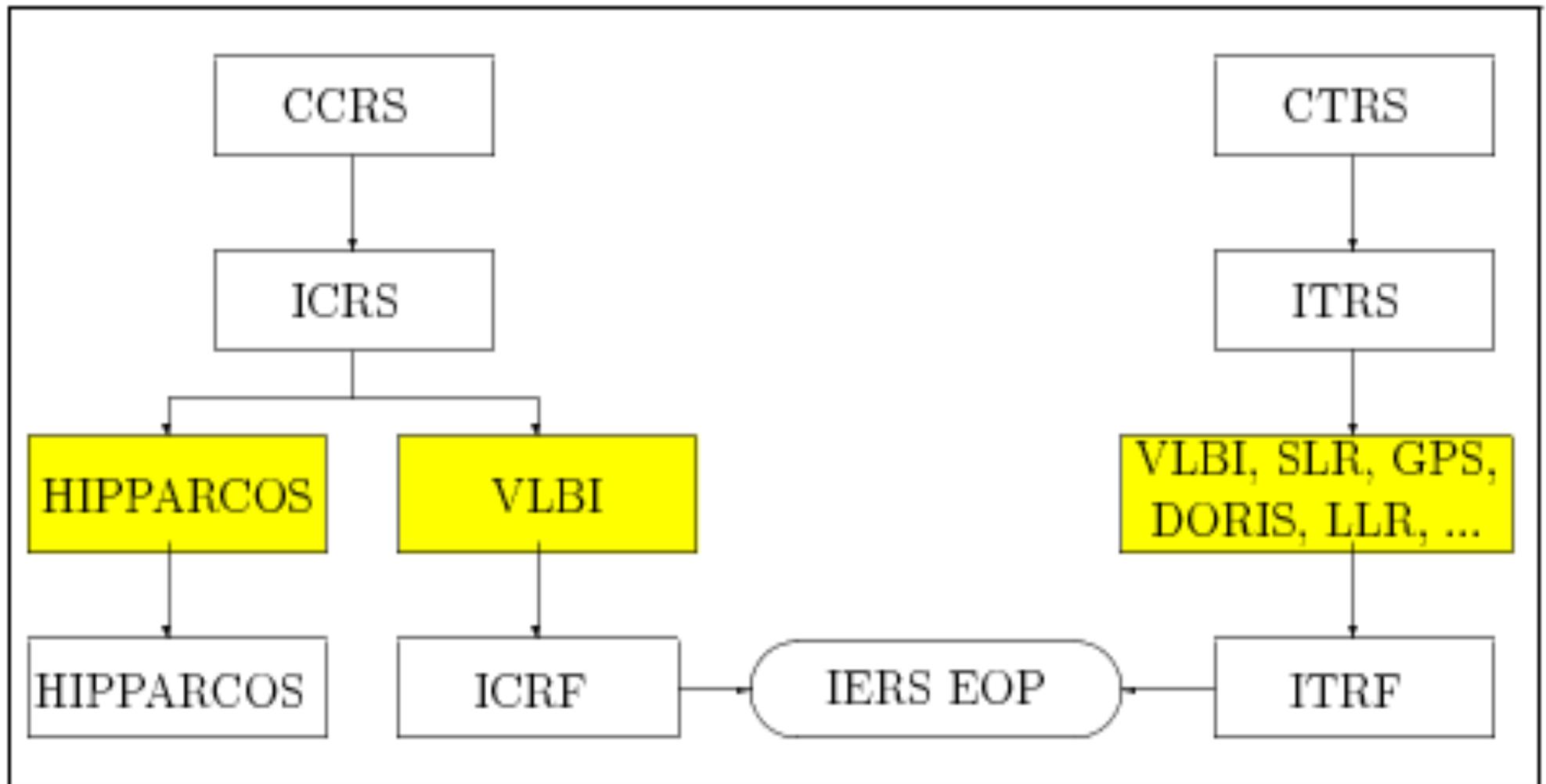
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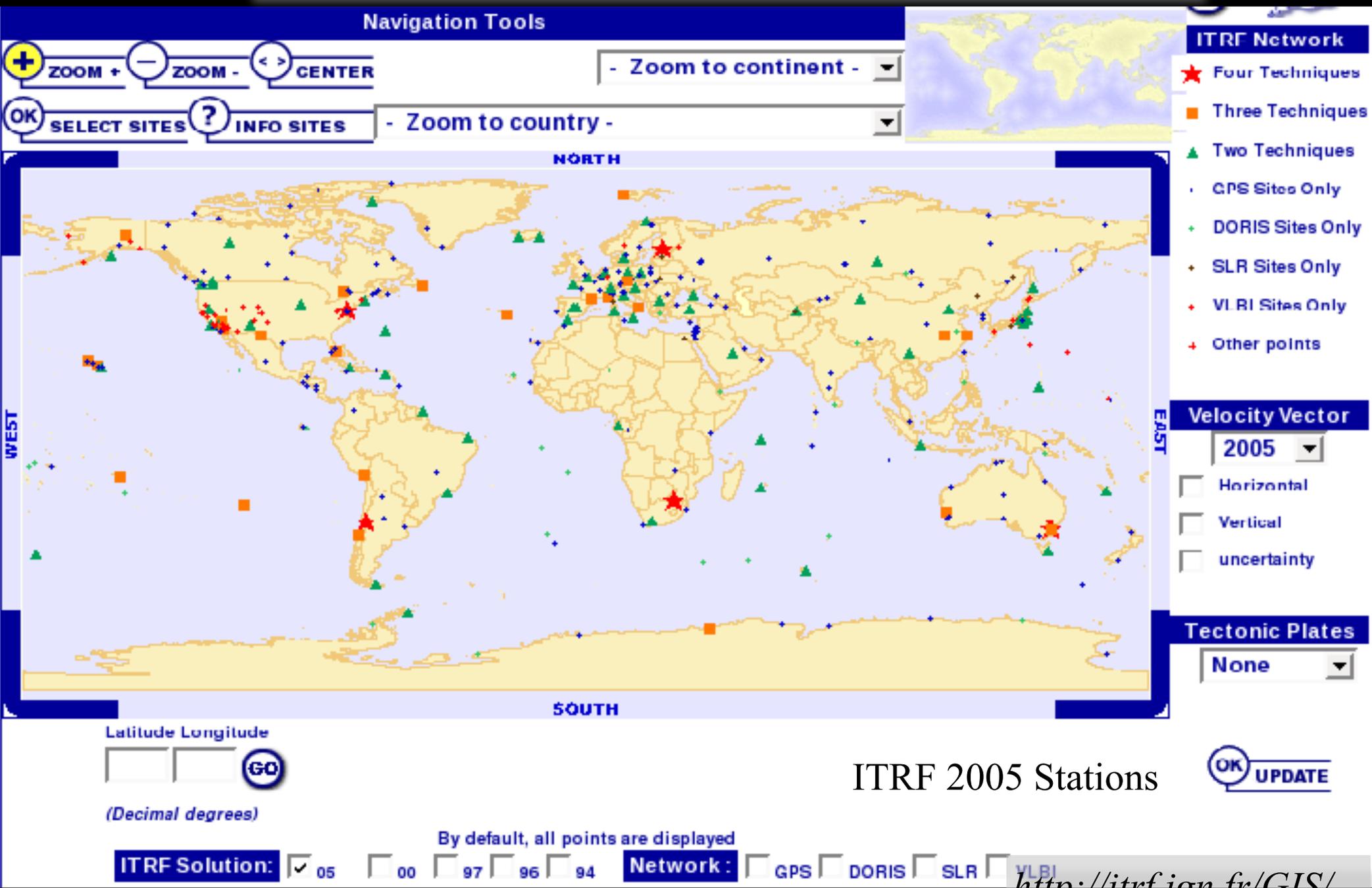
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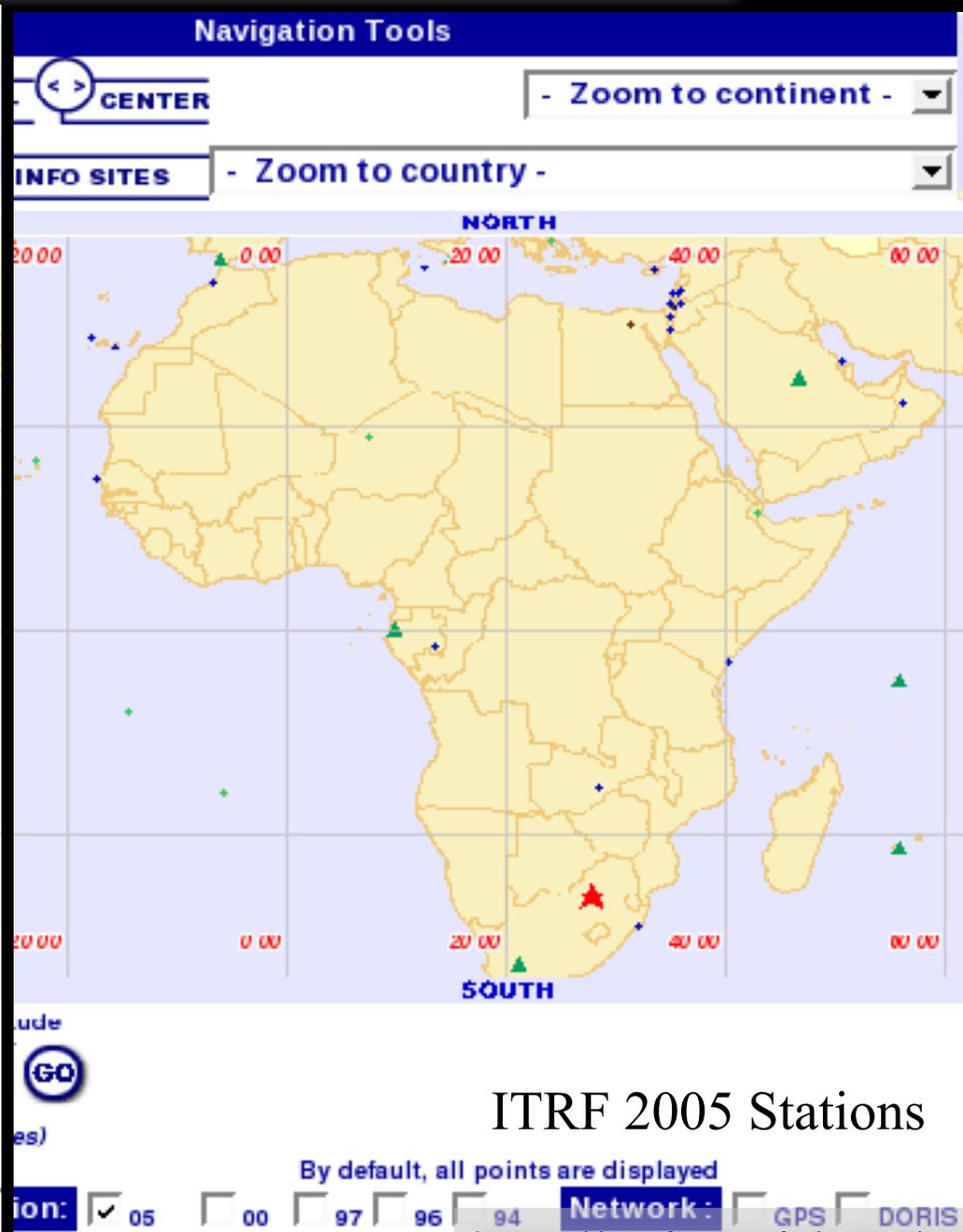
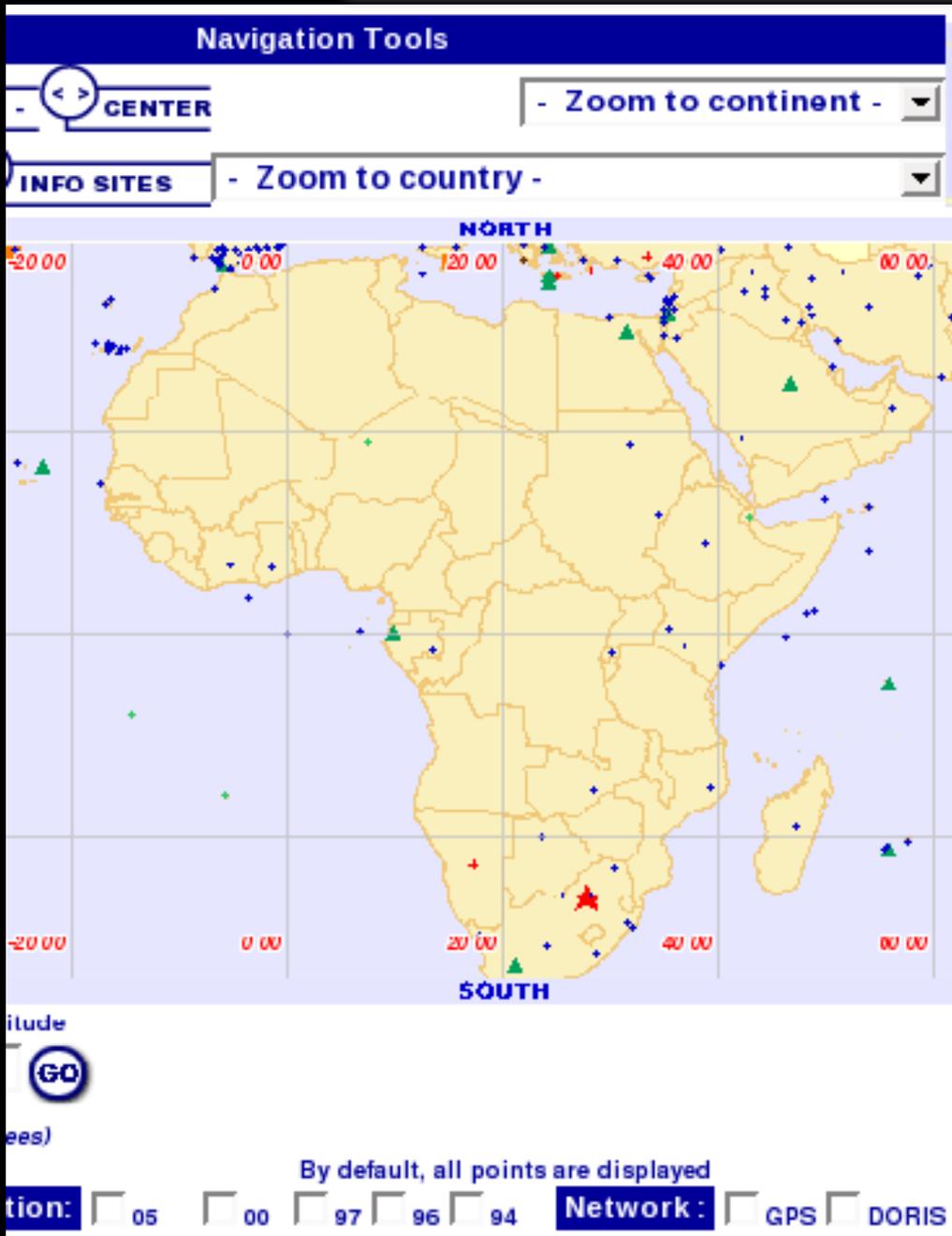
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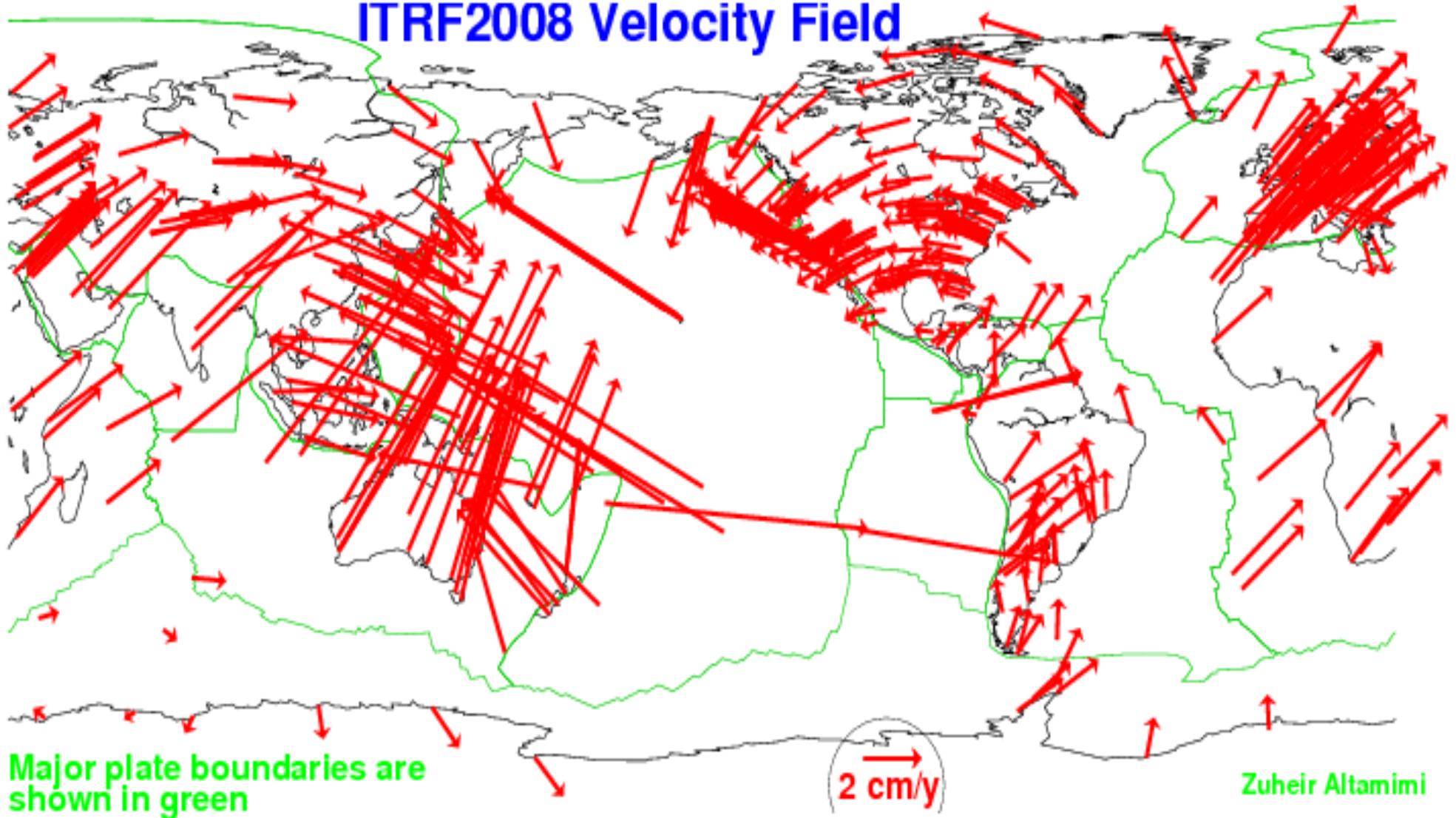


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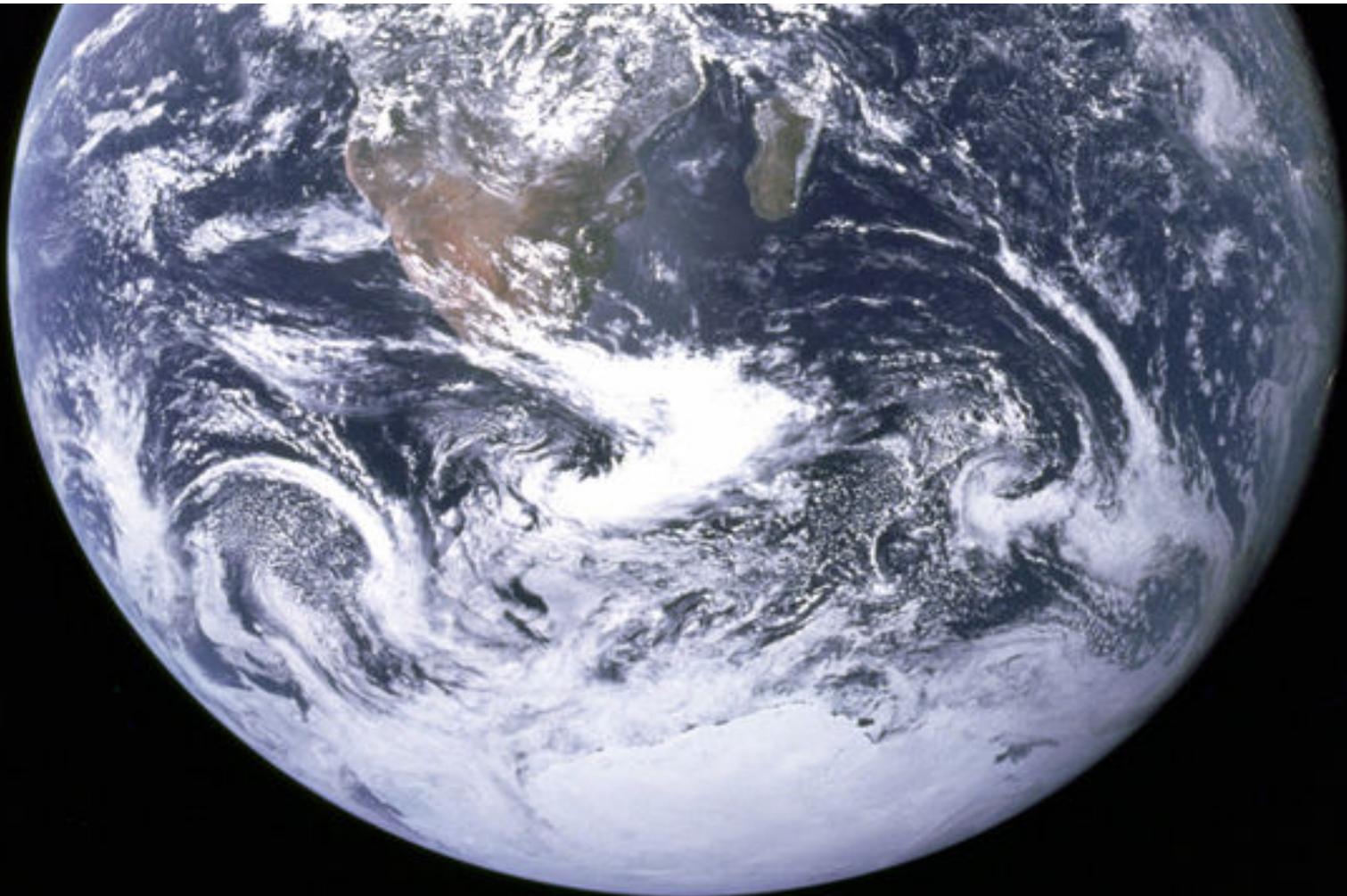


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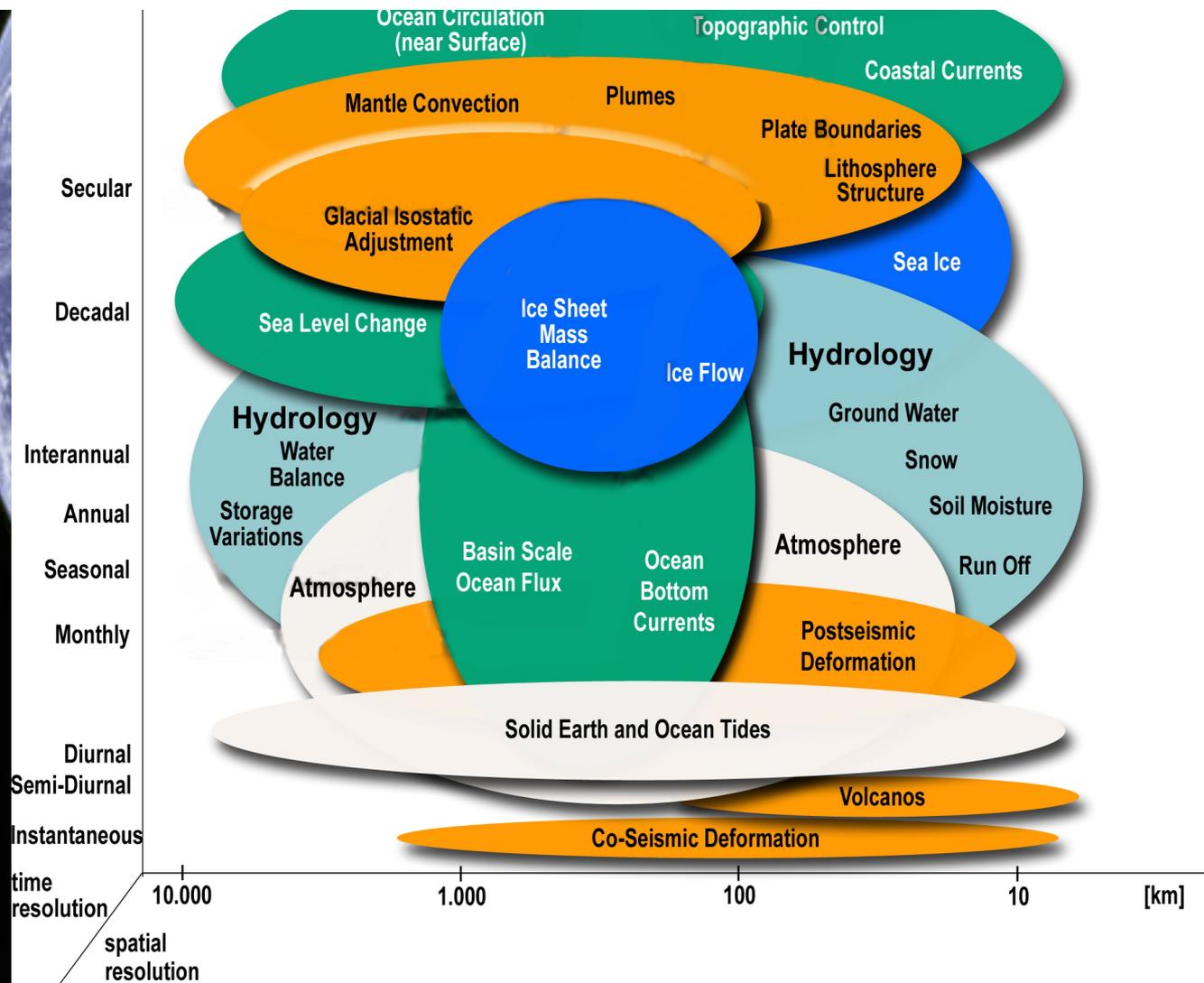
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# Observed and Derived Variables

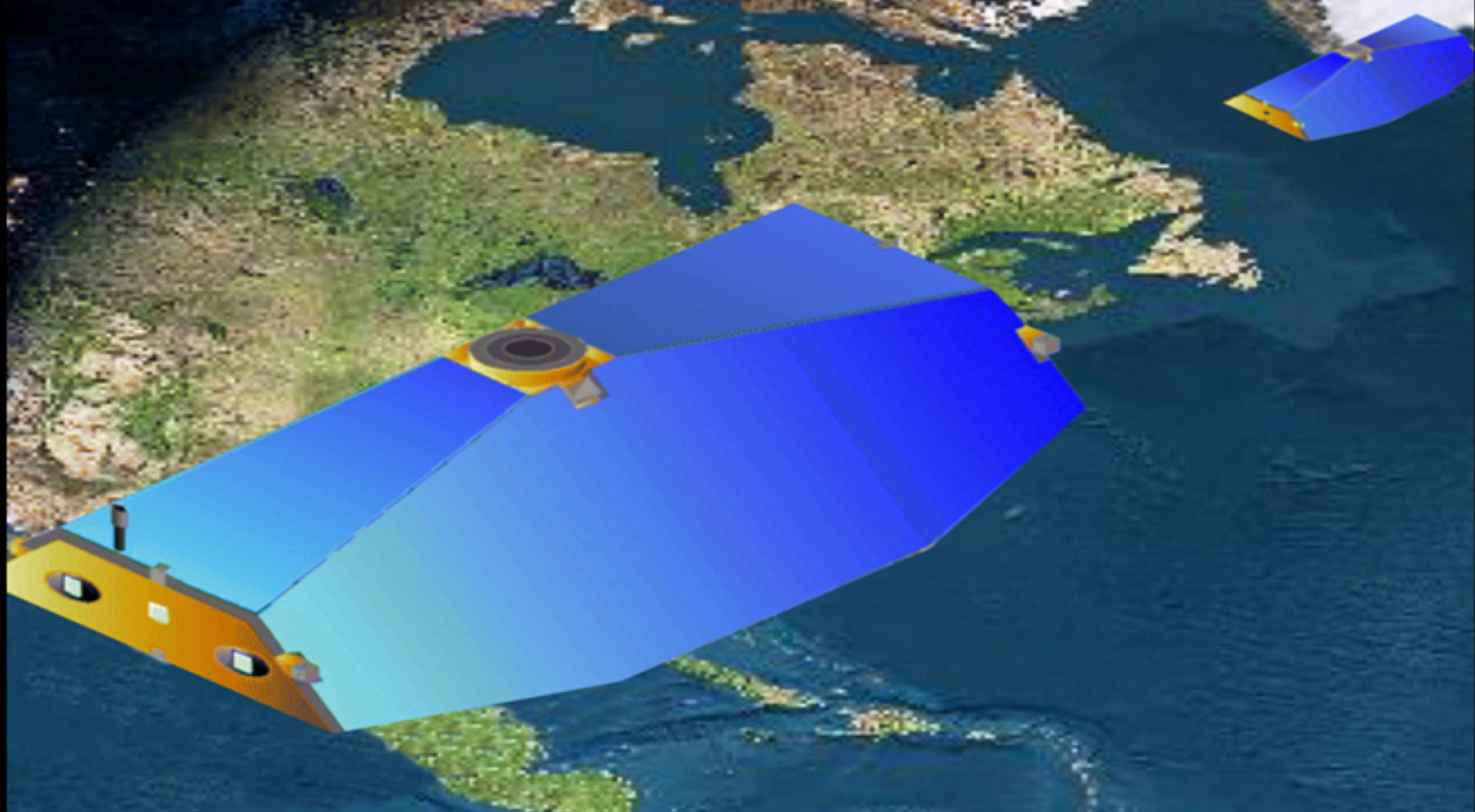
Domain	Essential Climate Variables ECV's
Atmospheric (over land, sea and ice)	<p>Surface: air temperature, <b>precipitation</b>, air pressure, surface radiation budget, wind speed/ direction, <b>water vapour</b></p> <p>Upper air: earth radiation budget, upper air temperature, wind speed/ direction, <b>water vapour</b>, cloud properties</p> <p>Composition: CO<sub>2</sub>, methane, ozone, other long lived greenhouse gases, aerosol properties</p>
Oceanic	<p>Surface: sea-surface temperature, sea-surface salinity, <b>sea level, sea ice, sea state, currents</b>, ocean colour, CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure</p> <p>Sub-surface: temperature, salinity, <b>currents</b>, nutrients, carbon, ocean tracers, phytoplankton</p>
Terrestrial	<p><b>River discharge</b>, water use, <b>ground water, lake levels, snow cover, glaciers and ice caps</b>, permafrost and seasonally frozen ground, albedo, land cover (vegetation type, fraction of photosynthetically active radiation), leaf area index, biomass, fire disturbance</p>

# Hydrogeodetic Variables: Gravity

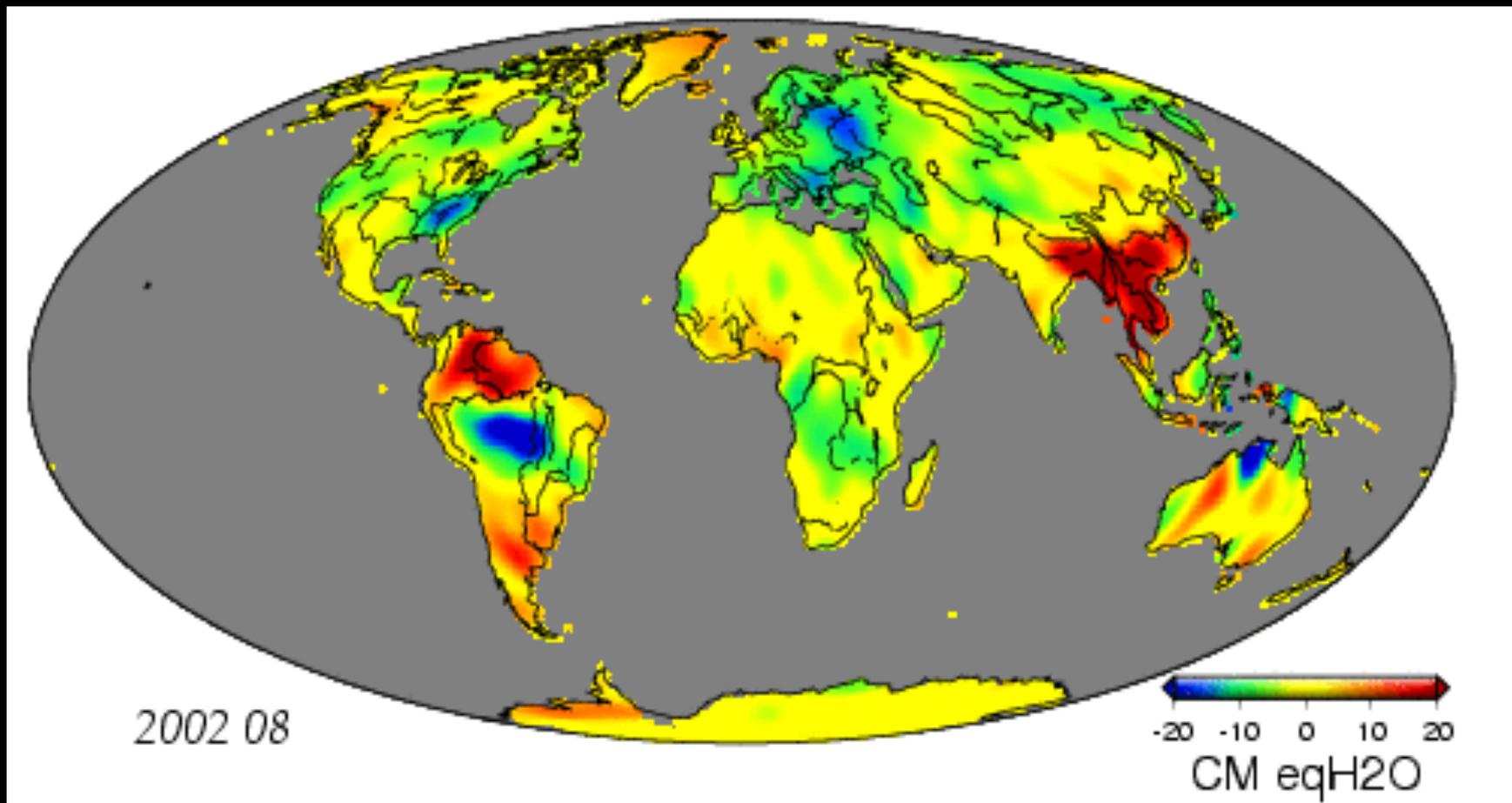
GRACE: Gravity Recovery And Climate Experiment

*Spatial scales: > 150 km*

*Temporal scales: 1 day to 1 decade*



# Hydrogeodetic Variables



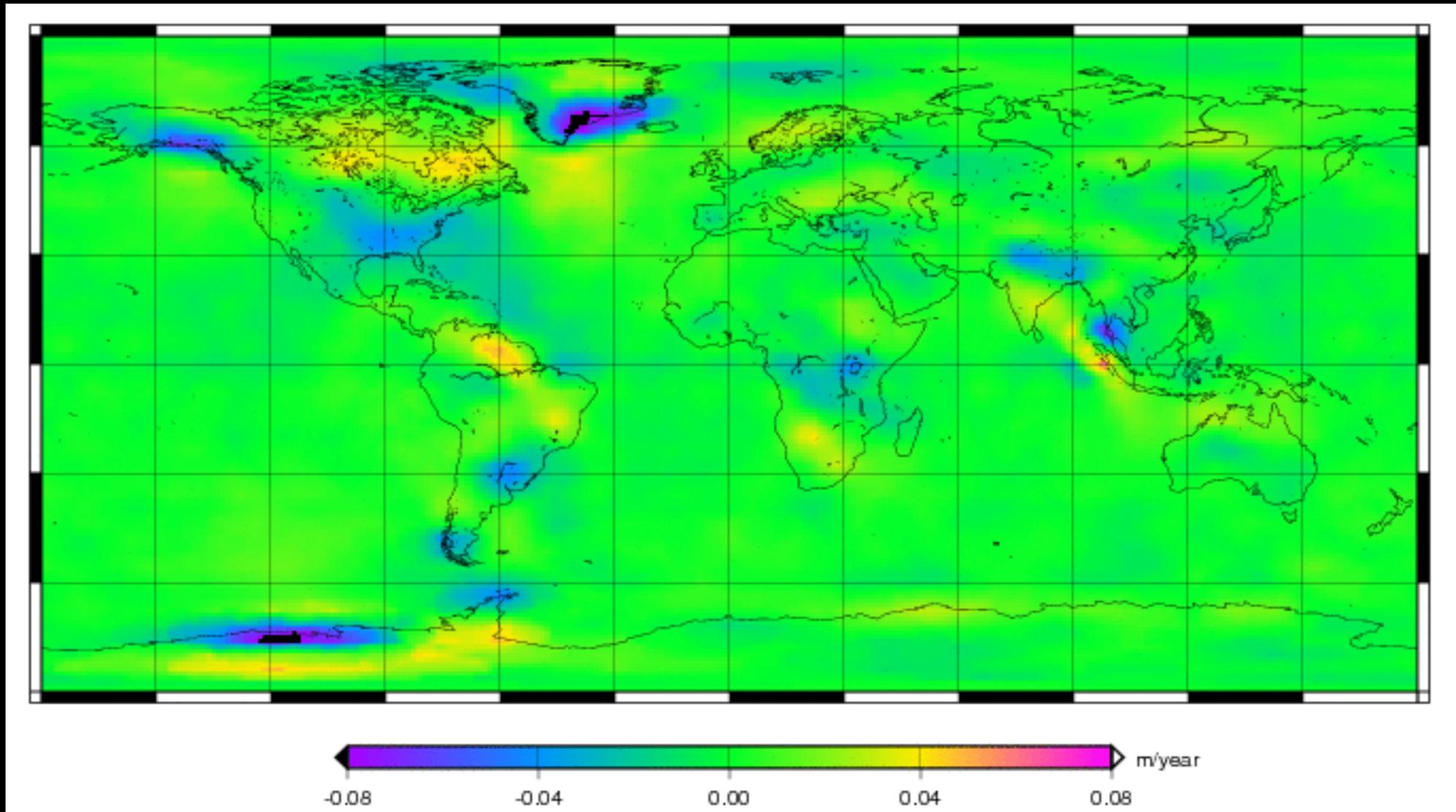
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*Satellite Gravity Missions (GRACE)*

<http://grace.jpl.nasa.gov/information/>

# Hydrology: Secular trends in Land Water storage

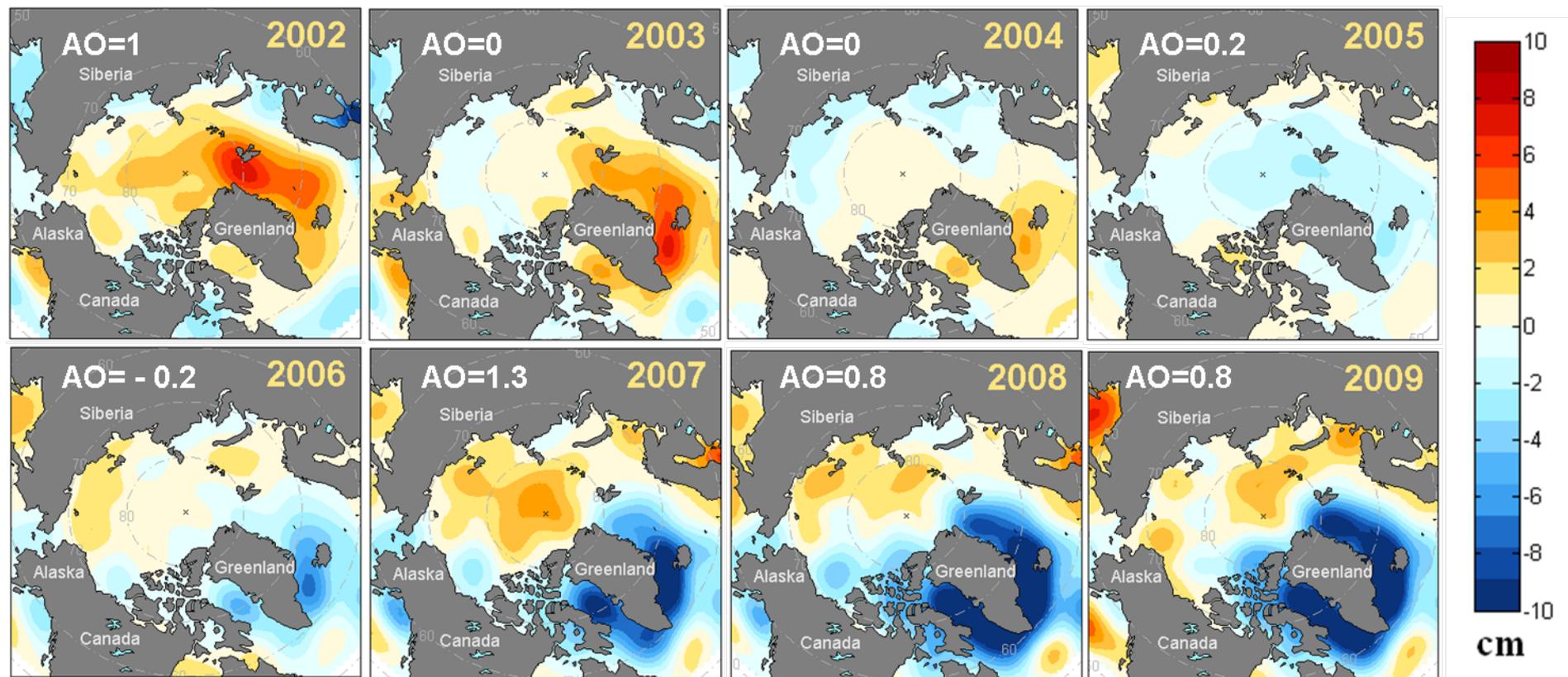


JPL MASCON, secular trends 2003-2007, Watkins, 2008

# GRACE Reveals Changes in Arctic Ocean Circulation Patterns

Variations in the Arctic Ocean circulation are associated with clockwise and counterclockwise shifts in the front between salty Atlantic-derived and less salty Pacific-derived upper ocean waters.

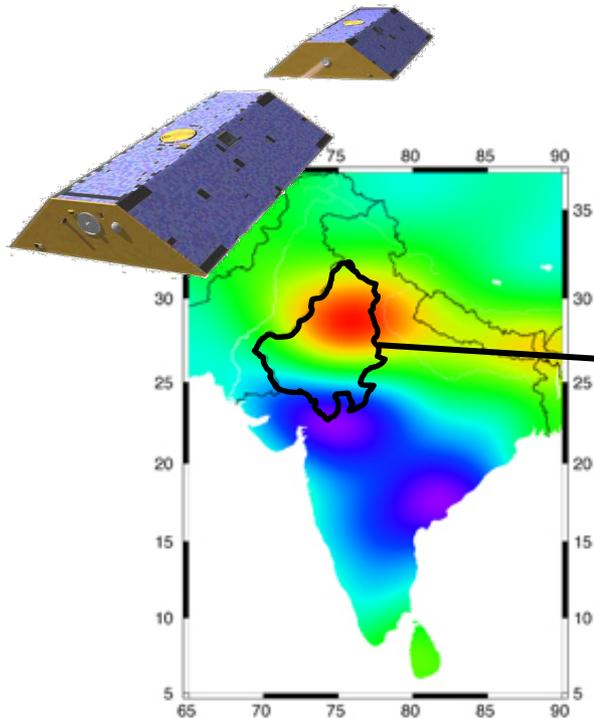
Orientation of the front is climatically important because it impacts sea ice transport.



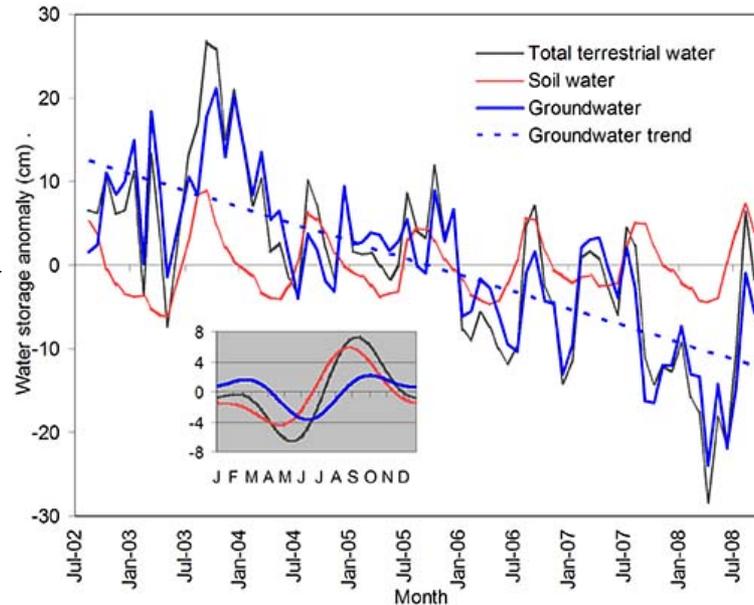
# GRACE Quantifies Massive Depletion of Groundwater in NW India

The water table is declining at an average rate of 33 cm/yr

GRACE is unique among Earth observing missions in its ability to monitor variations in all water stored on land, down to the deepest aquifers.



Trends in groundwater storage during 2002-08, with increases in blue and decreases in red. The study region is outlined.



Time series of total water from GRACE, simulated soil water, and estimated groundwater, as equivalent layers of water (cm) averaged over the region. The mean rate of groundwater depletion is 4 cm/yr. Inset: Seasonal cycle.

***During the study period, 2002-08, 109 km<sup>3</sup> of groundwater was lost from the states of Rajasthan, Punjab, and Haryana; triple the capacity of Lake Mead***

# GRACE Detects Accelerated Ice Mass Loss in Greenland and Antarctica

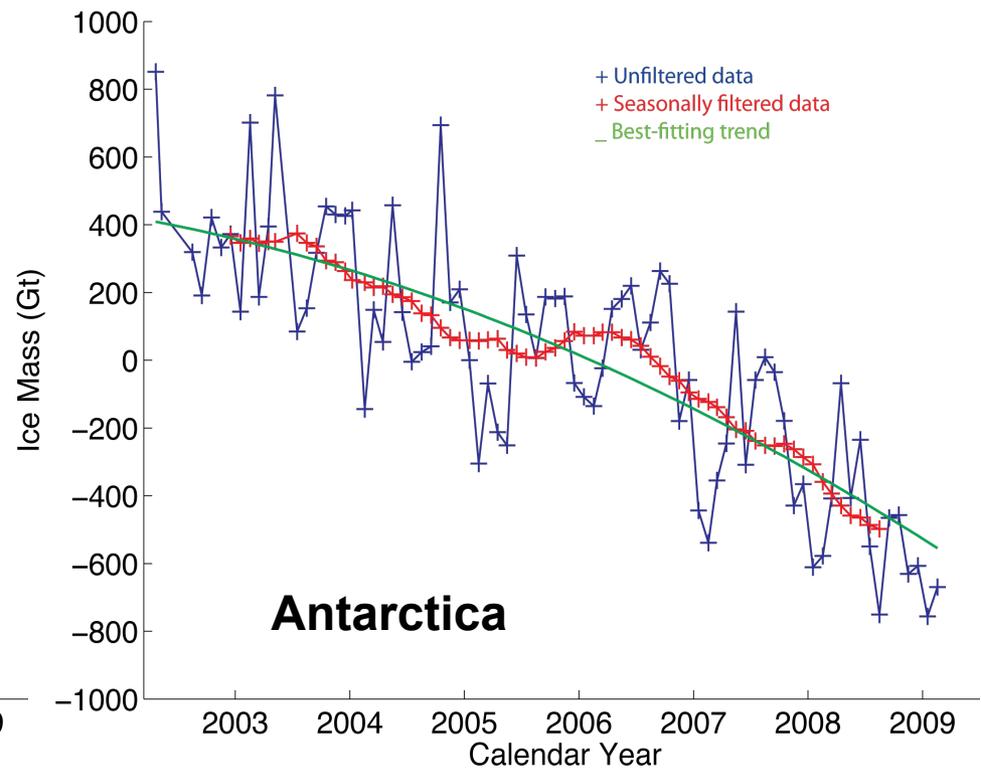
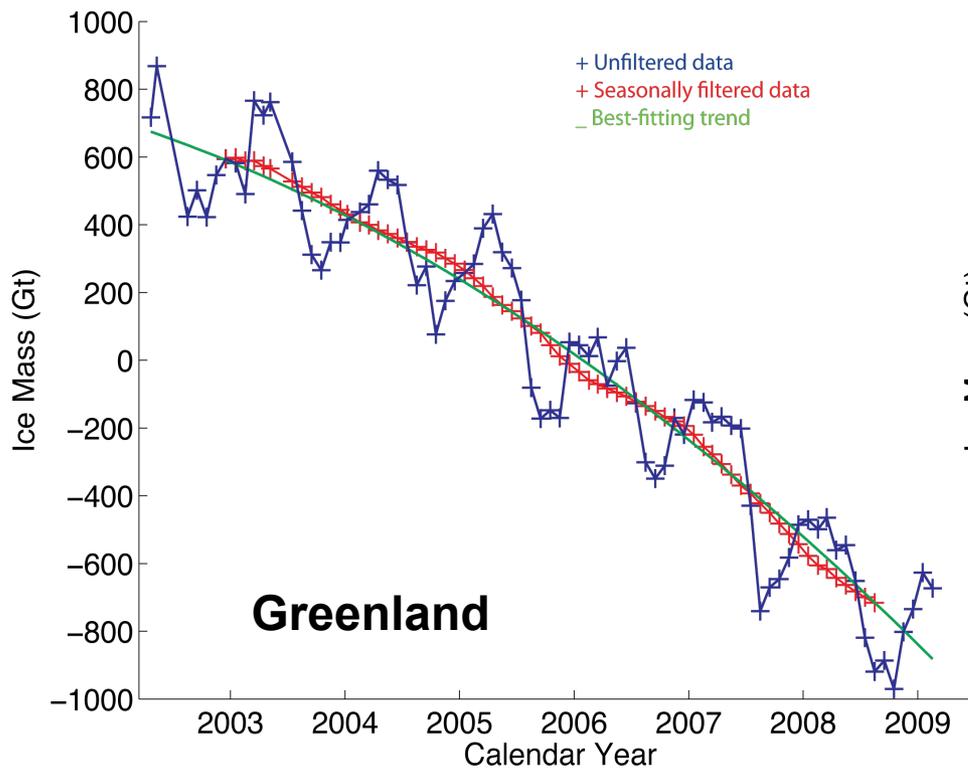
*During the period of April 2002 to February 2009 the mass loss of the polar ice sheets was not constant but increased with time, implying that the ice sheets' contribution to sea level rise was increasing.*

## Greenland:

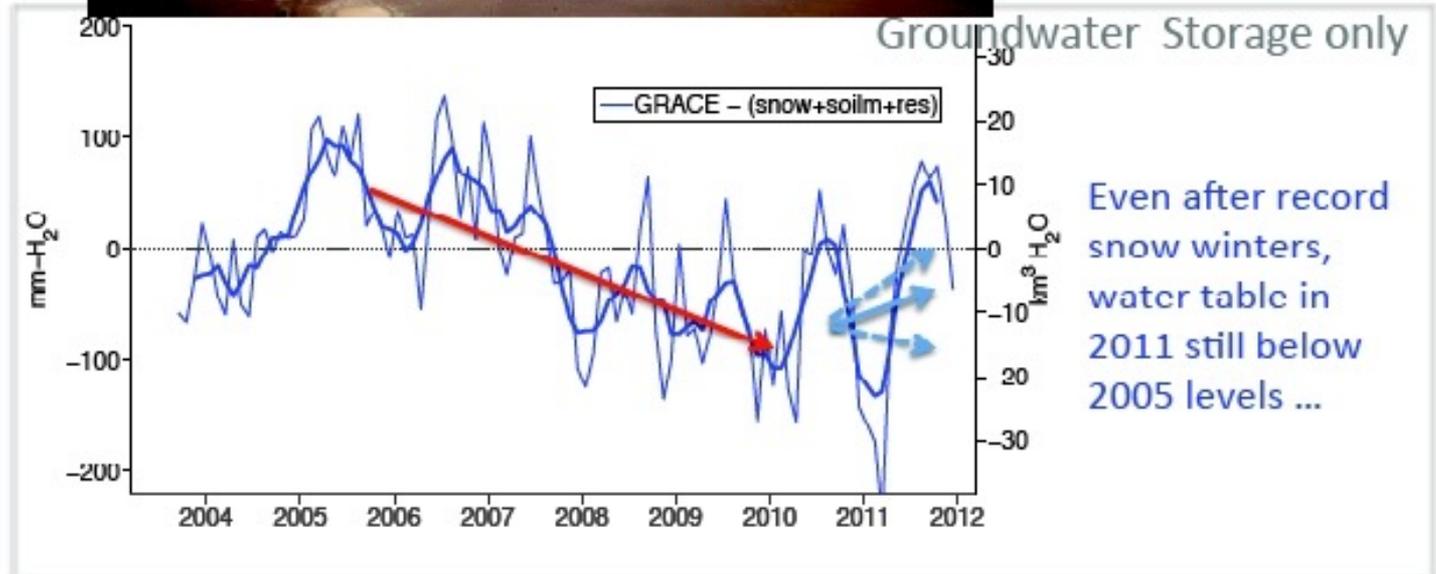
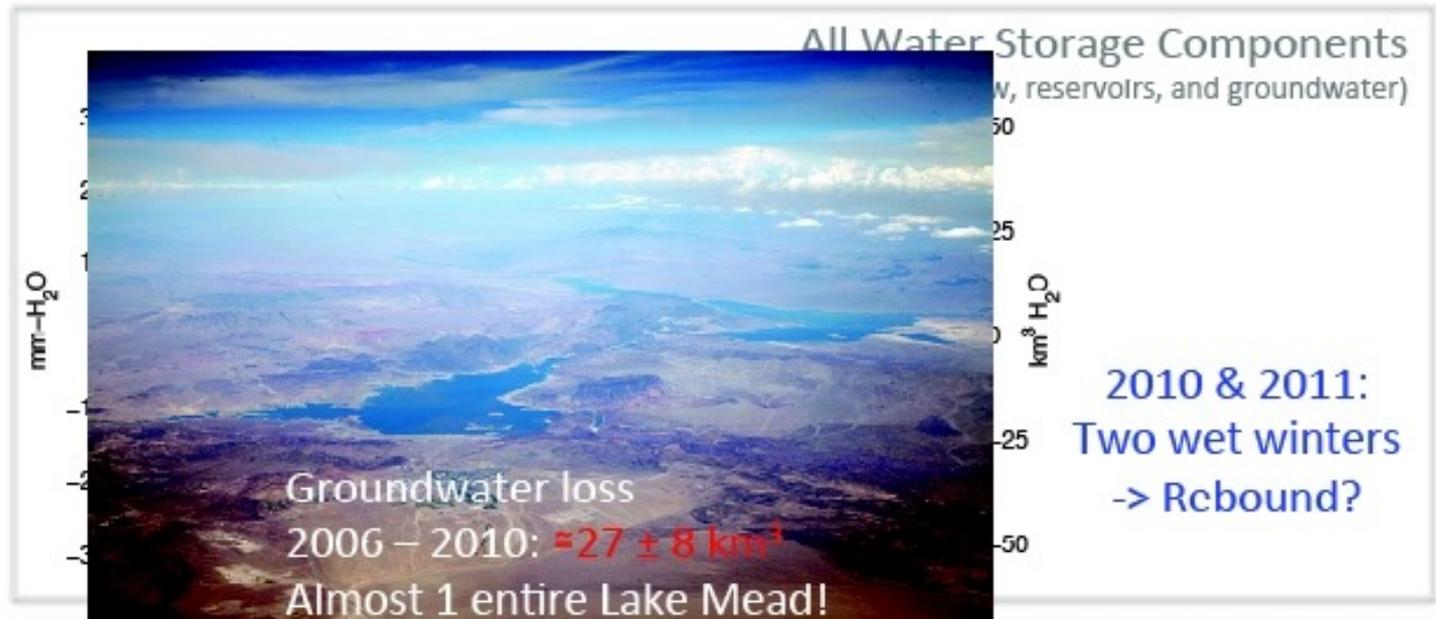
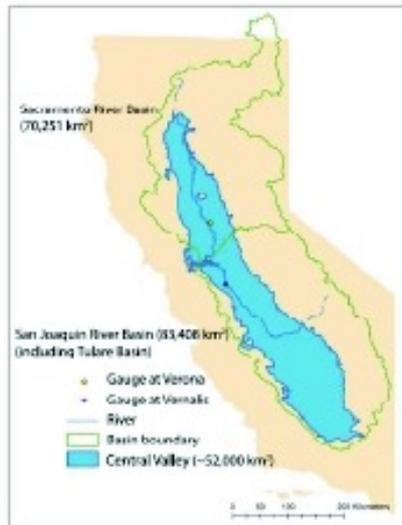
- mass loss increased from 137 Gt/yr in 2002–2003 to 286 Gt/yr in 2007–2009
- acceleration of  $-30 \pm 11 \text{ Gt/yr}^2$  in 2002–2009.

## Antarctica:

- mass loss increased from 104 Gt/yr in 2002–2006 to 246 Gt/yr in 2006–2009
- acceleration of  $-26 \pm 14 \text{ Gt/yr}^2$  in 2002–2009.



# Groundwater Change (2003-2011)





# New GRACE Products for Hydrology

Matt Rodell, Rasmus Houborg,  
and Jay Famiglietti

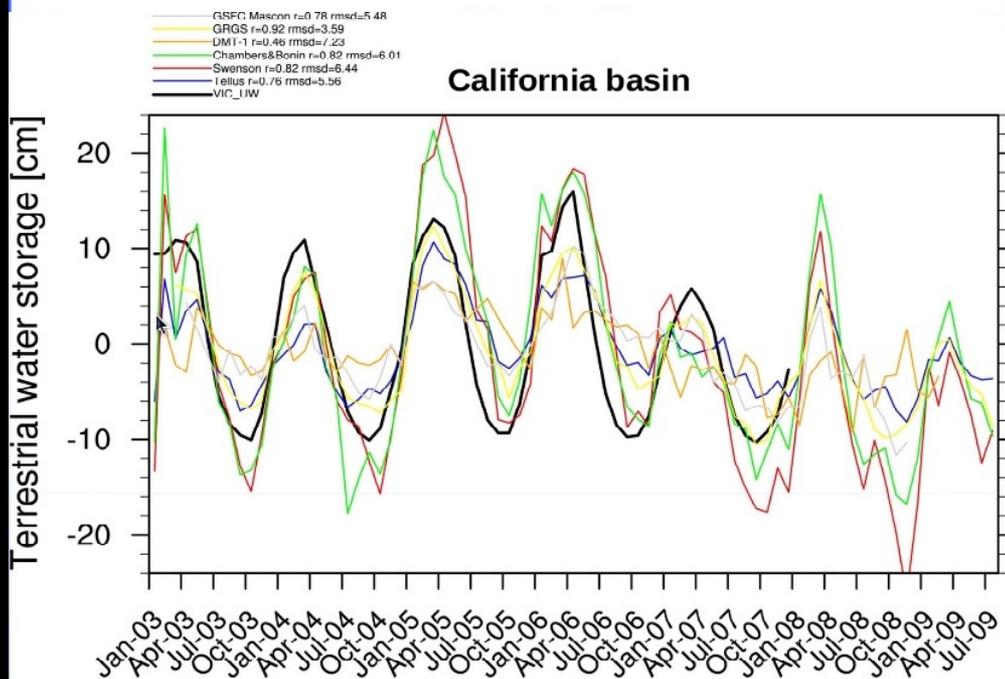
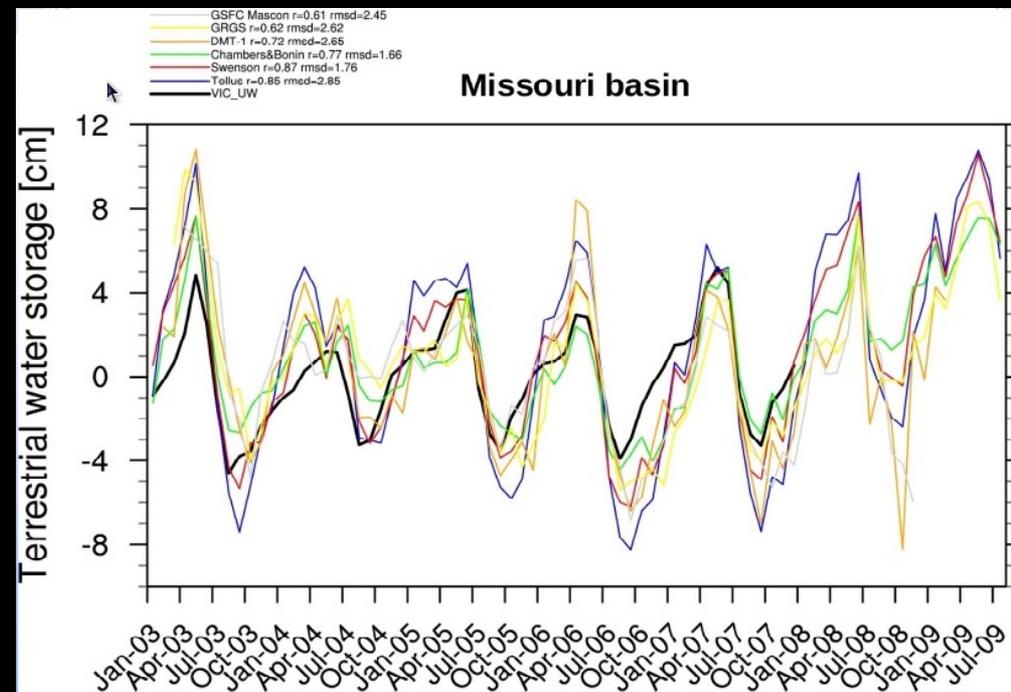
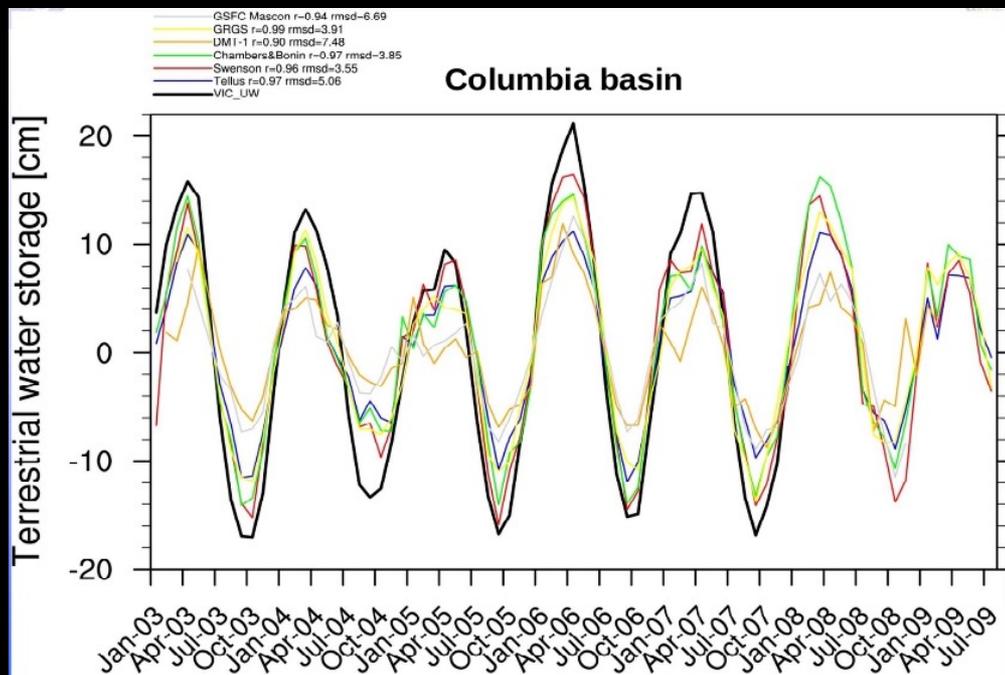
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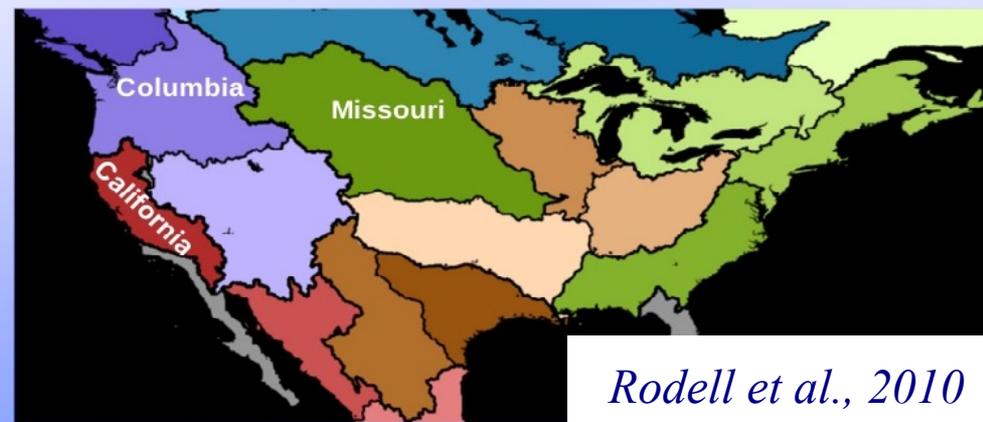
Matt Rodell  
NASA GSFC

GRACE Science Team Meeting, 11-12 November 2010, Potsdam, Germany

# GRACE Hydrology Products Versus University of Washington Hydrology Data



UW - GRACE	California		Columbia		Missouri	
	R	RMS	R	RMS	R	RMS
UW - Tellus	0.76	5.56	0.97	5.06	0.85	2.85
UW - Swenson	0.82	6.44	0.96	<b>3.55</b>	<b>0.87</b>	1.76
UW - DMT-1	0.46	7.23	0.90	7.48	0.72	2.65
UW - GSFC Mascon	0.78	5.48	0.94	6.69	0.61	2.45
UW - Chambers&Bonin	0.82	6.01	0.97	3.85	0.77	<b>1.66</b>
UW - GRGS	<b>0.92</b>	<b>3.59</b>	<b>0.99</b>	3.91	0.62	2.62



# Hydrogeodetic Variables: Gravity

Absolute gravimetry

*Spatial scales: order 100 m to global*

*Temporal scales: up to decades/decades*



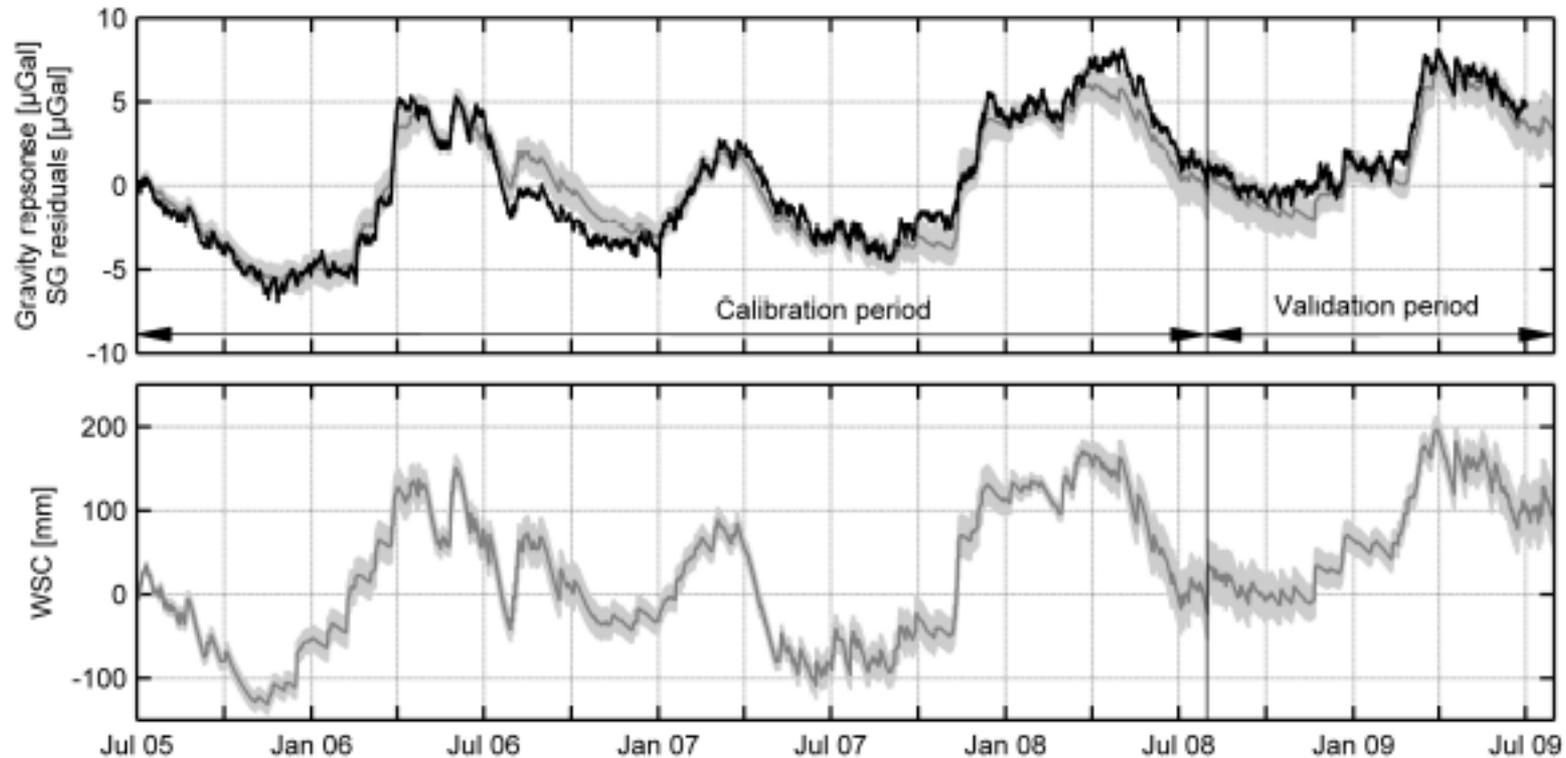
Relative gravimetry

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*Temporal scales: up to interannual*



# Gravimetry



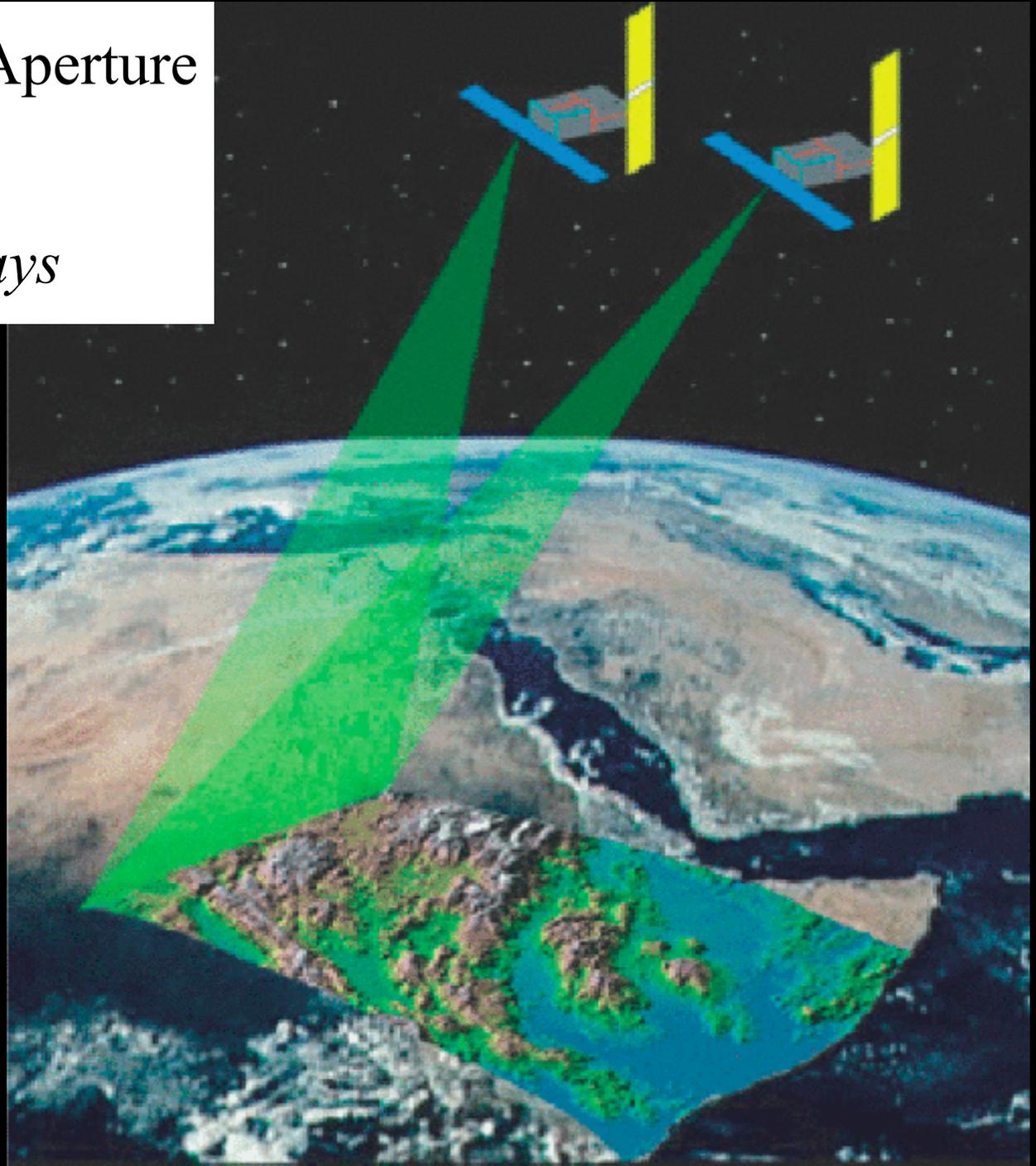
**Fig. 7.** SG residuals (black line) and modelled gravity response (grey band) (top). Modelled water storage change (bottom). The model was calibrated against the SG residuals for the period of 1 July 2005 to 30 July 2008.

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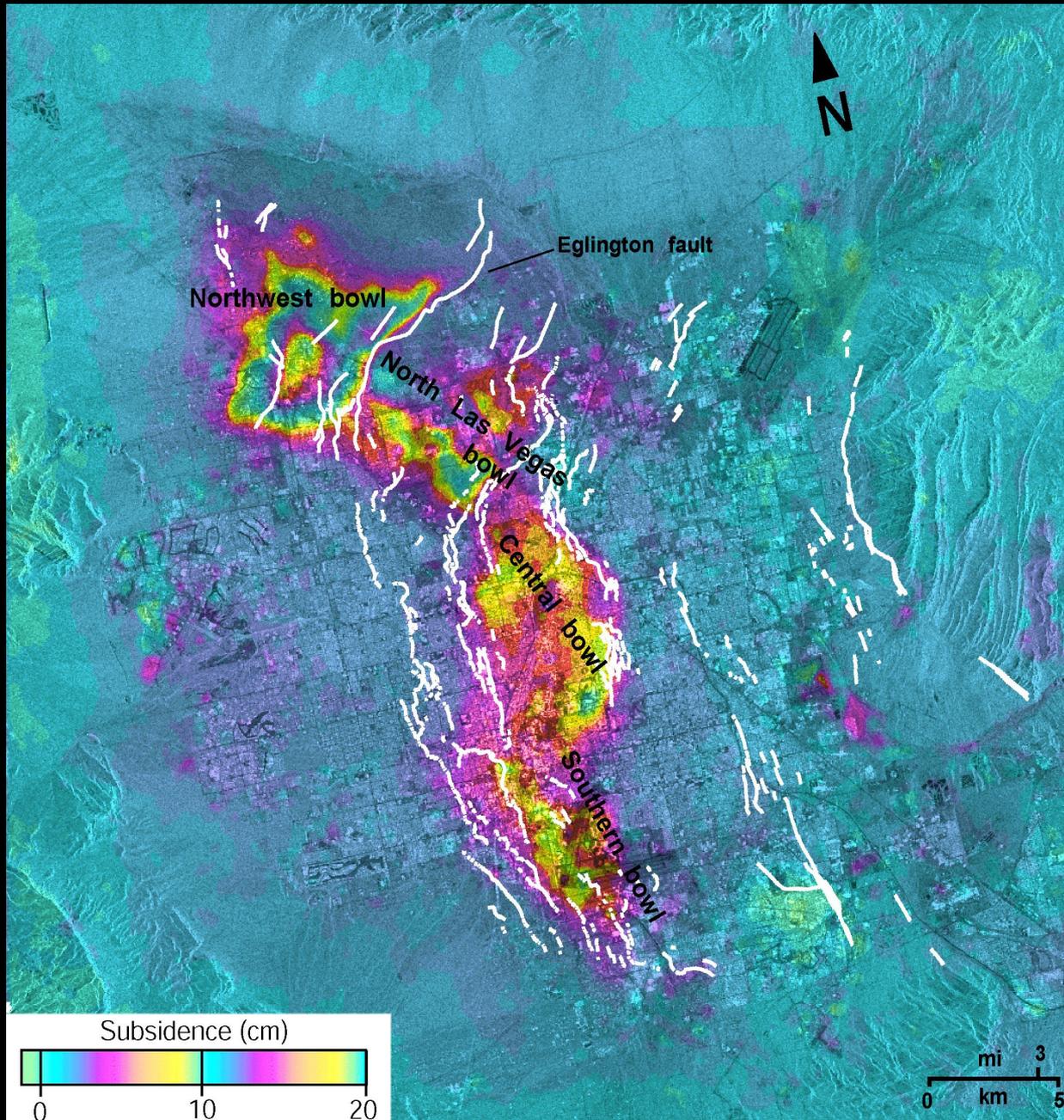
Interferometric Synthetic Aperture  
Radar (InSAR)

*Spatial scales: order 25 m*

*Temporal scales: < ~10 days*



# InSAR-Determined Surface Displacements



## Subsidence 1992-1997

Four subsidence bowls

Aquifer system  
response strongly  
controlled by faults

Faults are subsidence  
barriers

Subsidence rate is  
decreasing

*Amelung et al., 1999*

# Hydrogeodetic Variables: Geometry

Global Positioning System (GPS)/  
Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS)

*Spatial scales: 1 m to global*

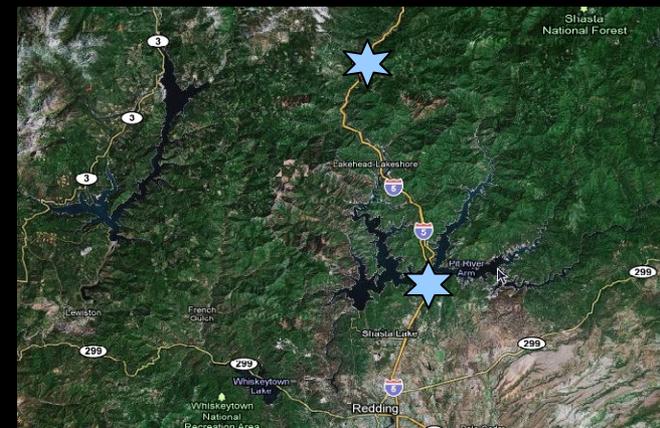
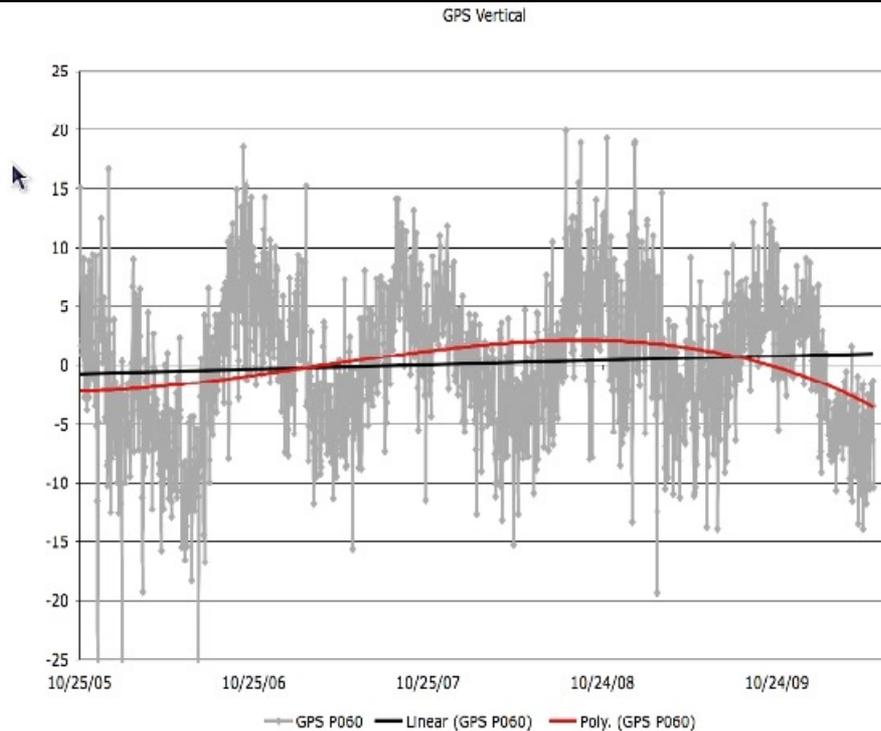
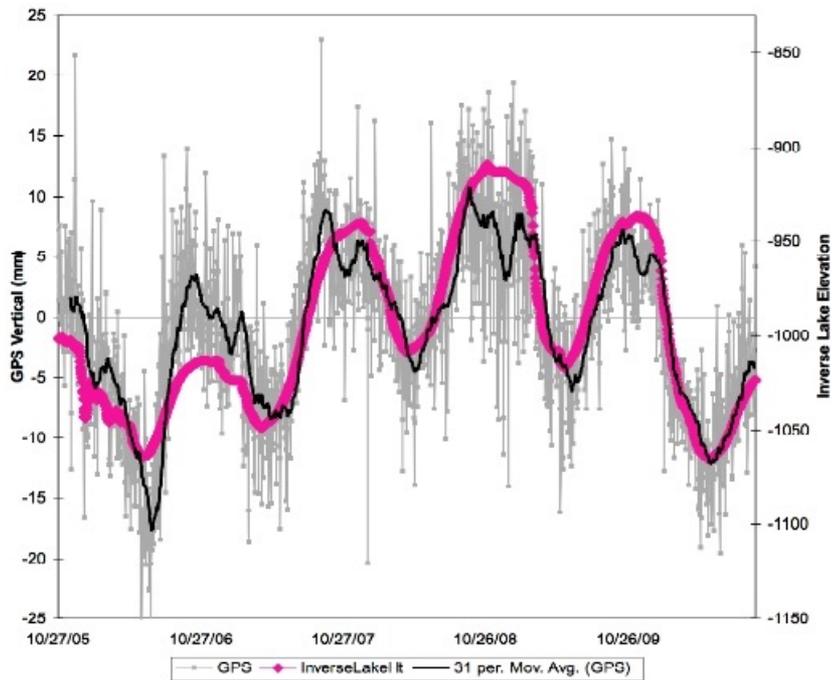
*Temporal scales: 1 s to decades/secular*



# GPS-Determined Surface Displacements

P349: Close to Lake Shasta, California; affected by lake loading

P060: Not affected by lake loading; but effects of subsurface loading

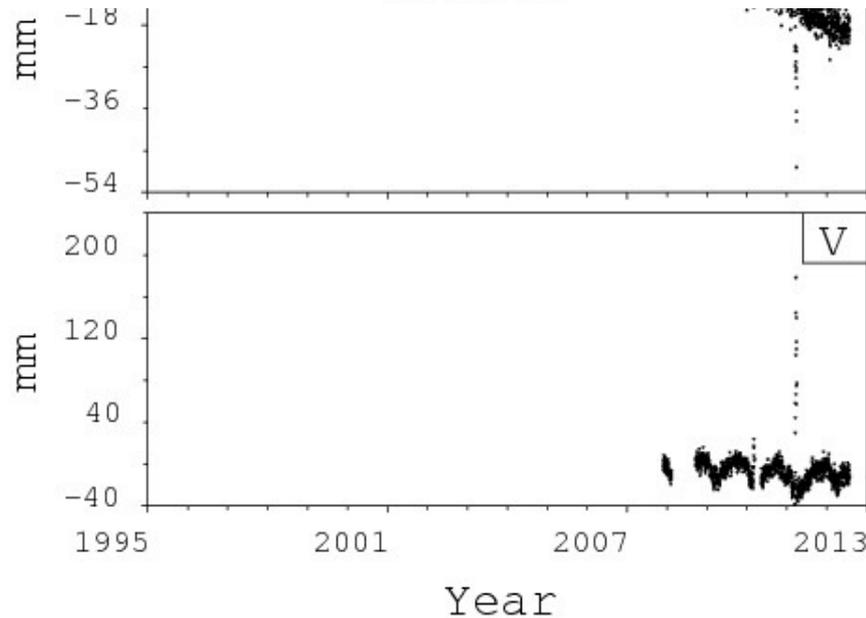
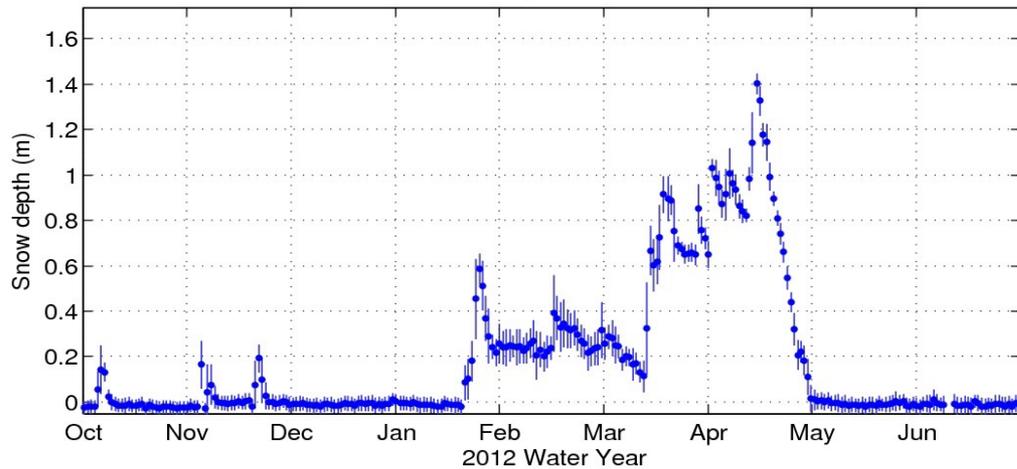


# GPS Multipath: Snow Depth and Soil Moisture

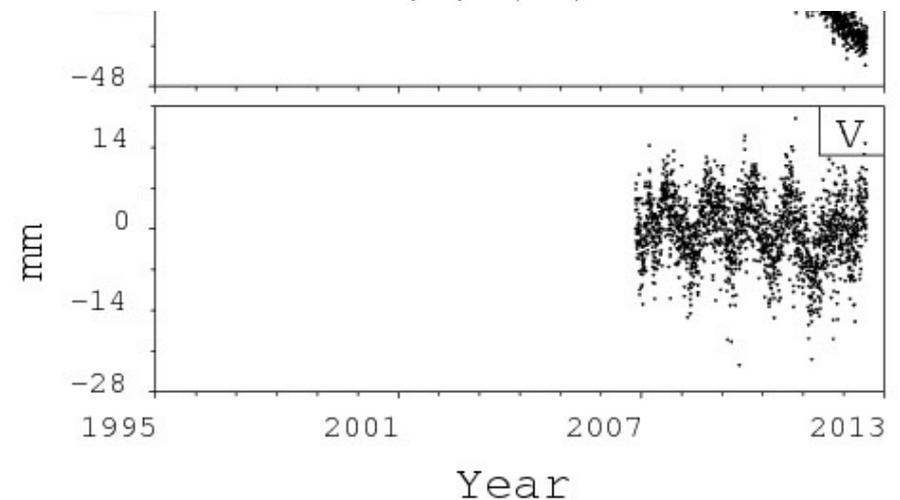
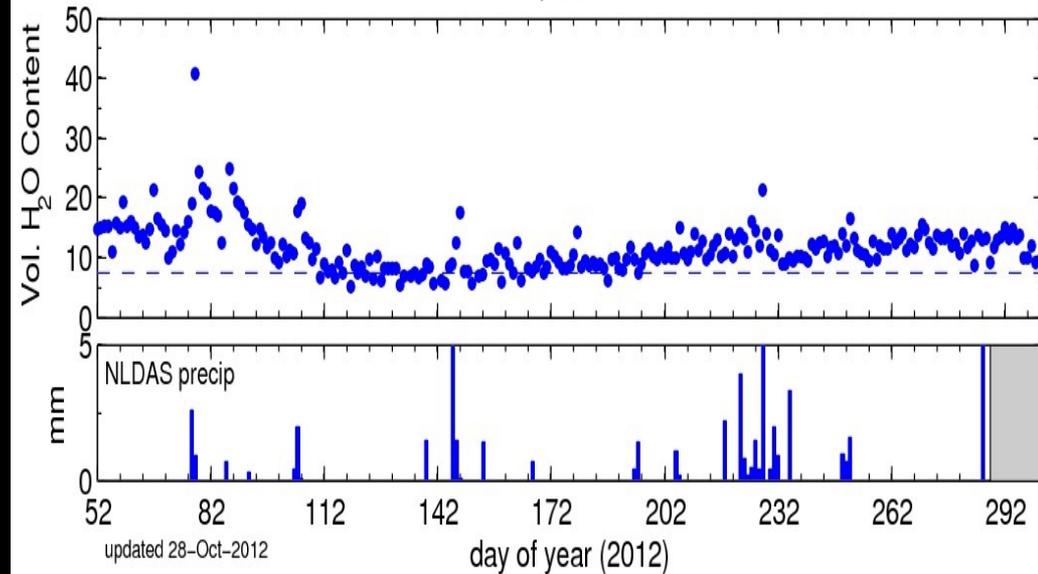
P346: California, Sierra Nevada, alpine area, 2039.4 m

P133: Nevada, open shrubland, 1782 m

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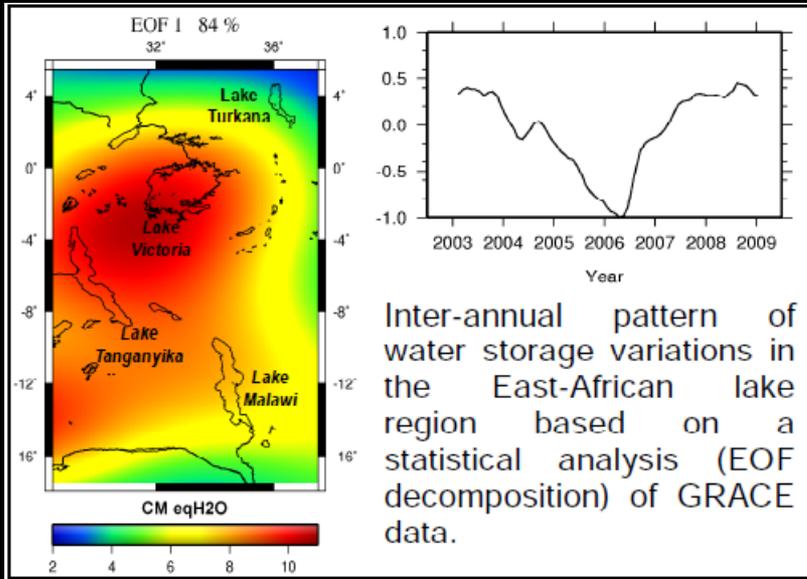


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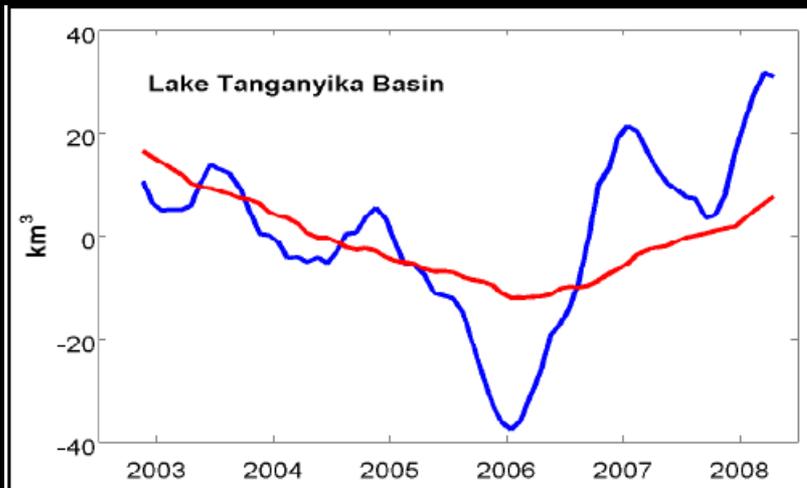
# Combining Gravity and Geometry

Example: GRACE and Satellite Altimetry

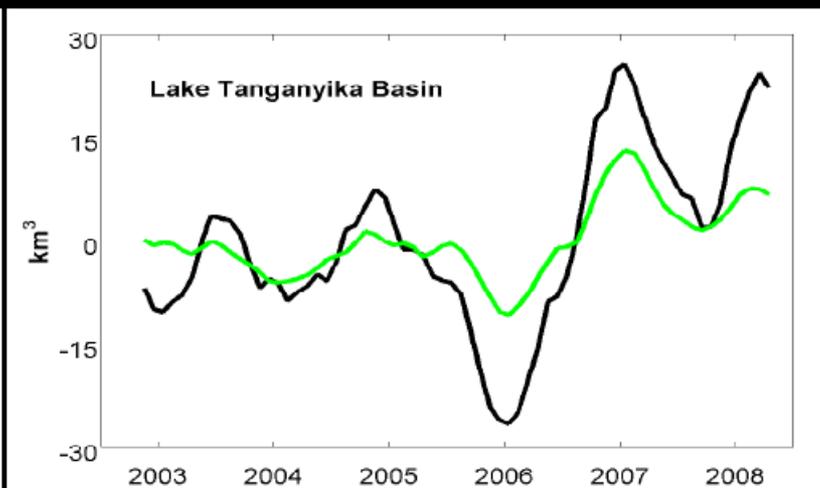


## Hydrology: Seasonal and interannual changes in land-water storage

Issue: Increased spatial and temporal resolution through combination of satellite gravity, surfaces displacements, and in situ gravity



Total water storage from GRACE for the catchment of Lake Tanganyika (blue) and lake water storage from altimetry (red).



GRACE-based subsurface water storage in black (lake storage removed) (black) and simulation results of the global hydrological model WGHM (green).

# Utilizing “Noise”

Example: Tropospheric Water Content

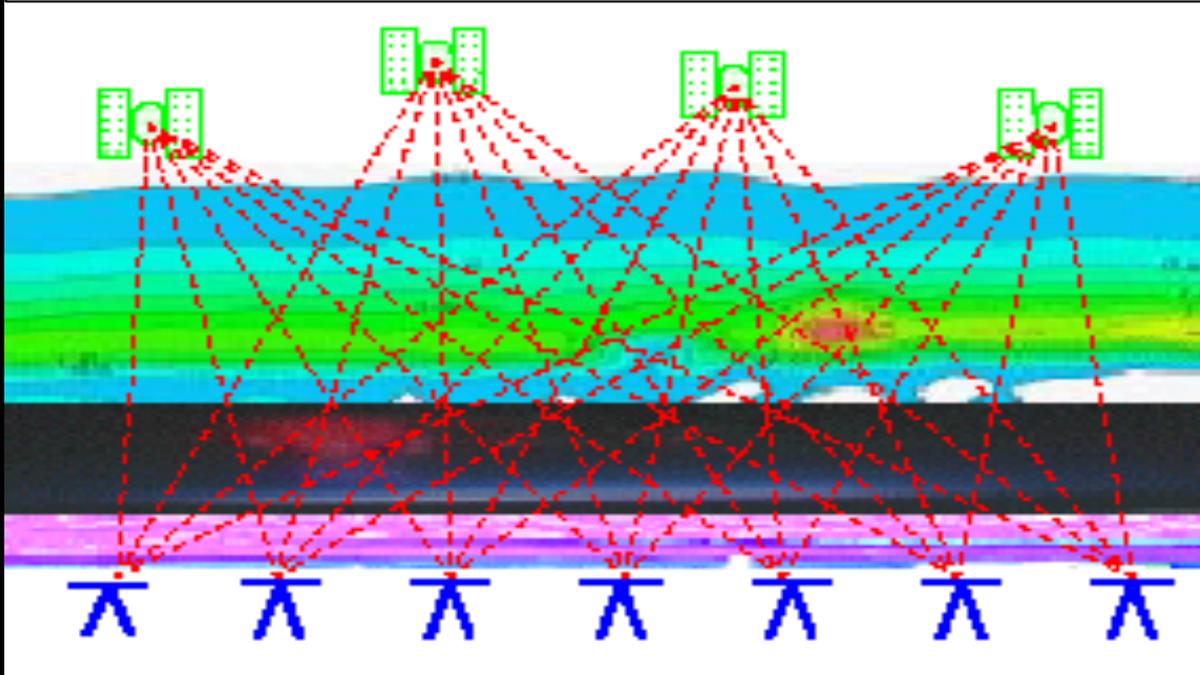
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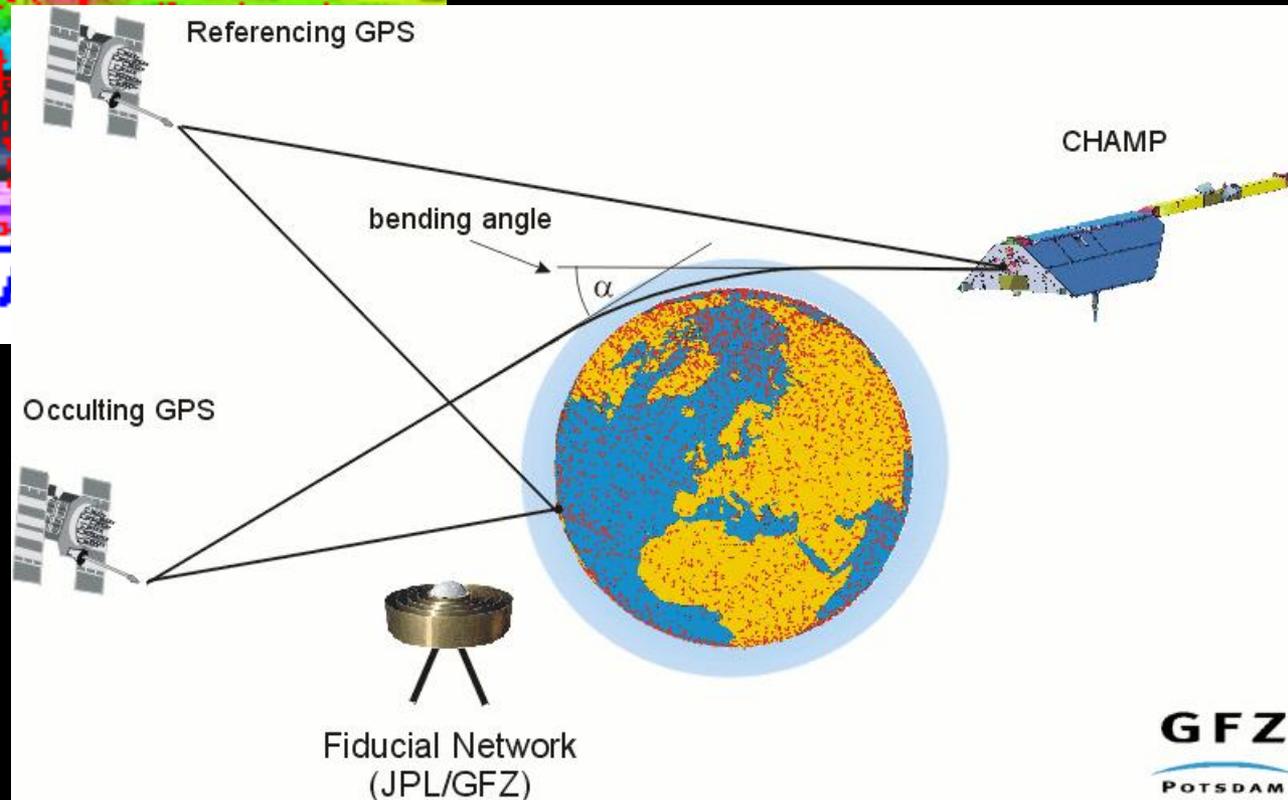
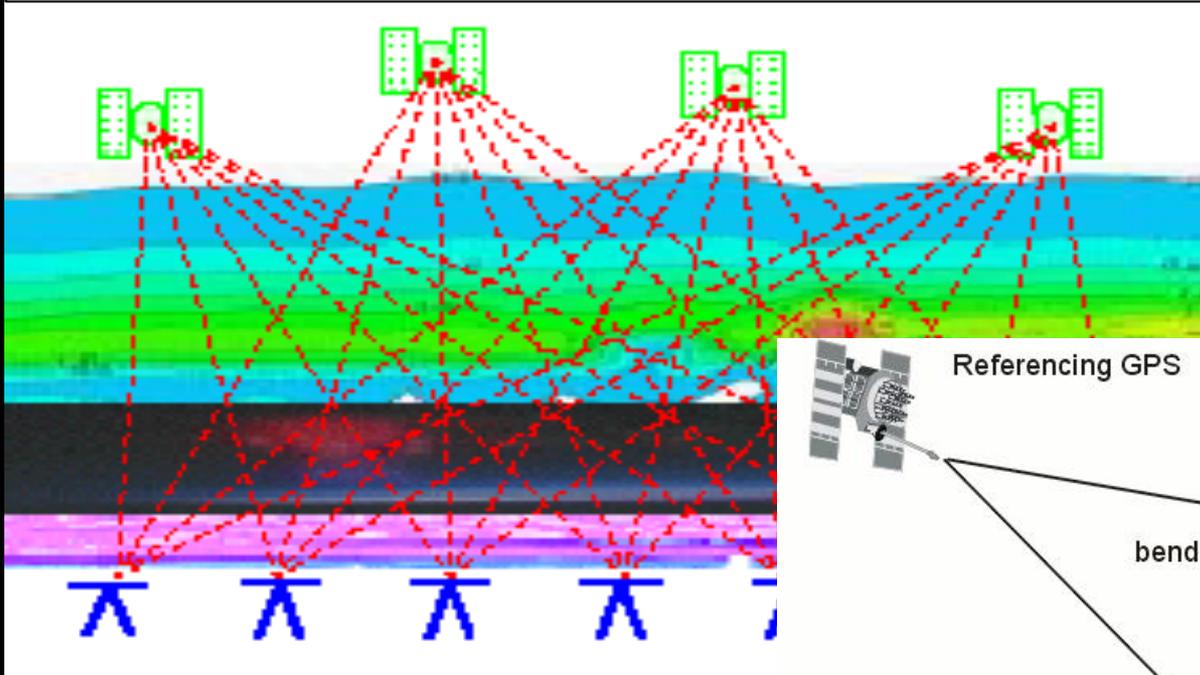
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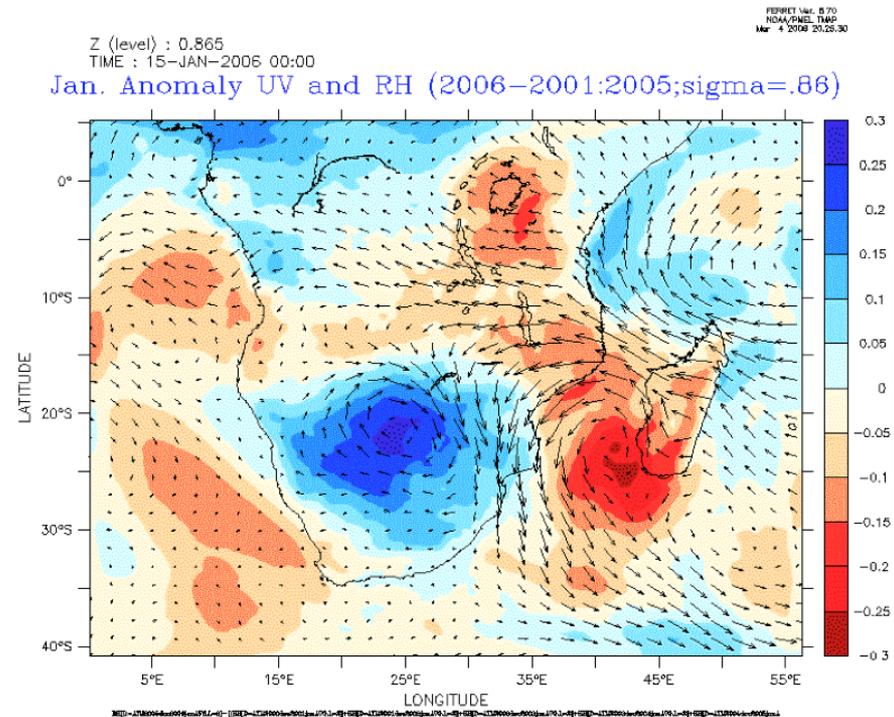
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- high societal relevance: drought and dry spells are linked with meningitis outbreaks

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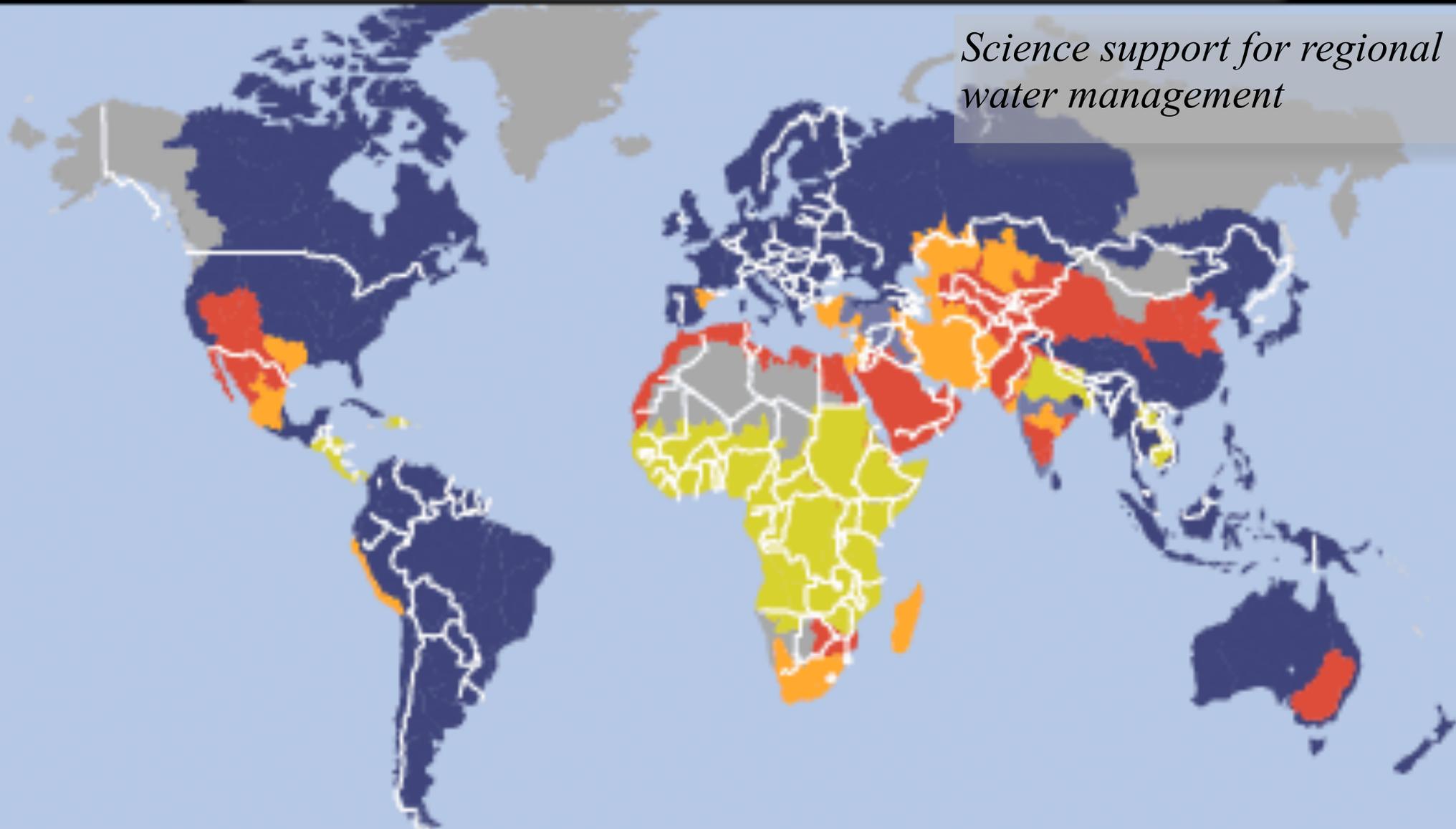
Left: annihilated wildlife in Tanzania during the 2005 record drought.

Right: Prediction of drought conditions based on vertically integrated relative humidity. Although the model results appear to be qualitatively realistic, one cannot confirm the model results because the upper air coverage is too sparse over the region.

*From Calais, 2009*

# Societal Benefits

*Science support for regional water management*



■ Little or no water scarcity

■ Not estimated

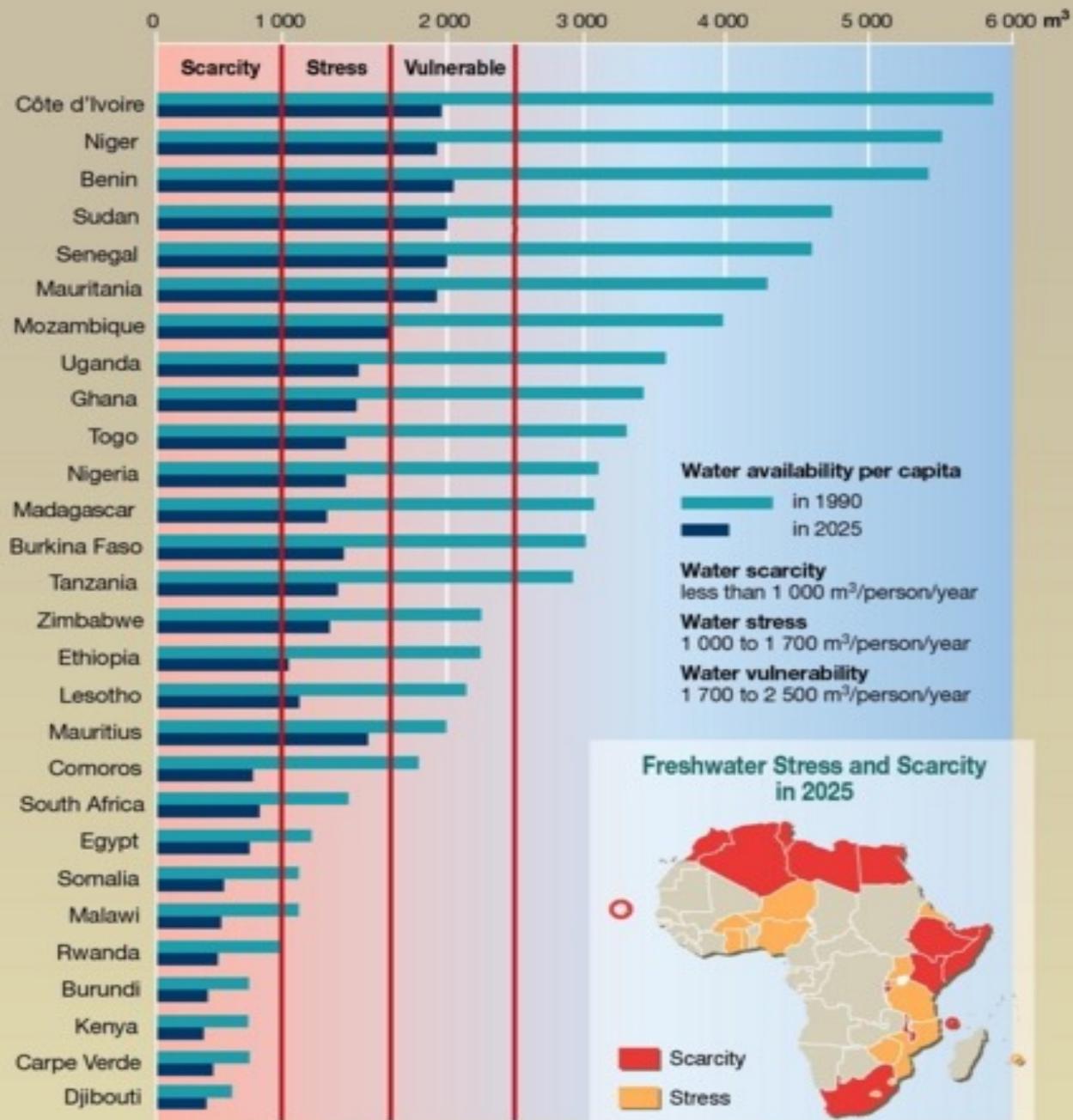
■ Approaching physical water scarcity

■ Physical water scarcity

■ Economic water scarcity

Source: International Water Management Institute

# Societal Benefits

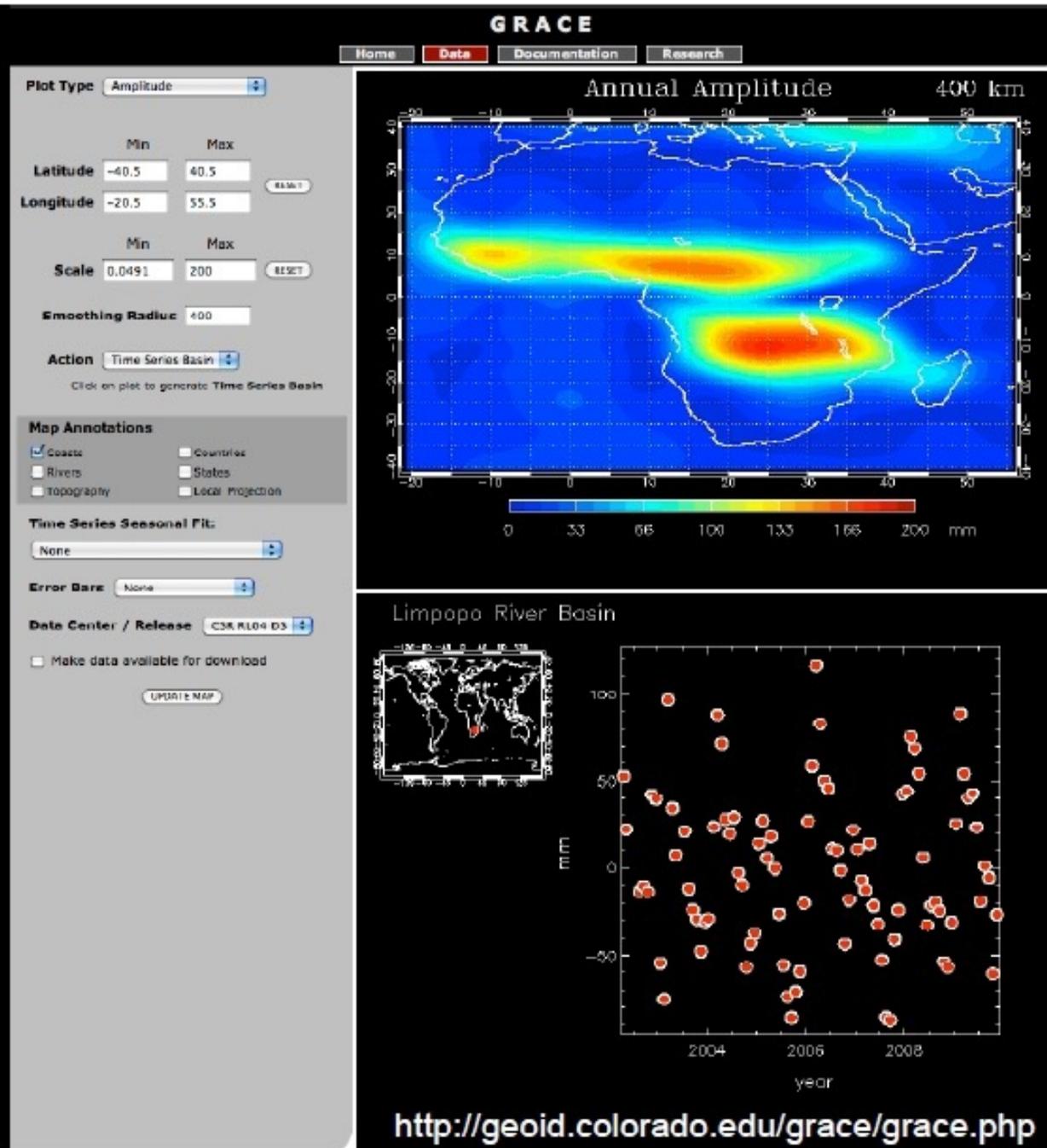


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- Comparison of different GRACE products and hydrology data shows no clear-winner; different products seem to perform better in different regions;
- Large data archives of GPS time series are emerging (UNR has more than 10,000 stations), although not specifically for hydrology;

# Available Products



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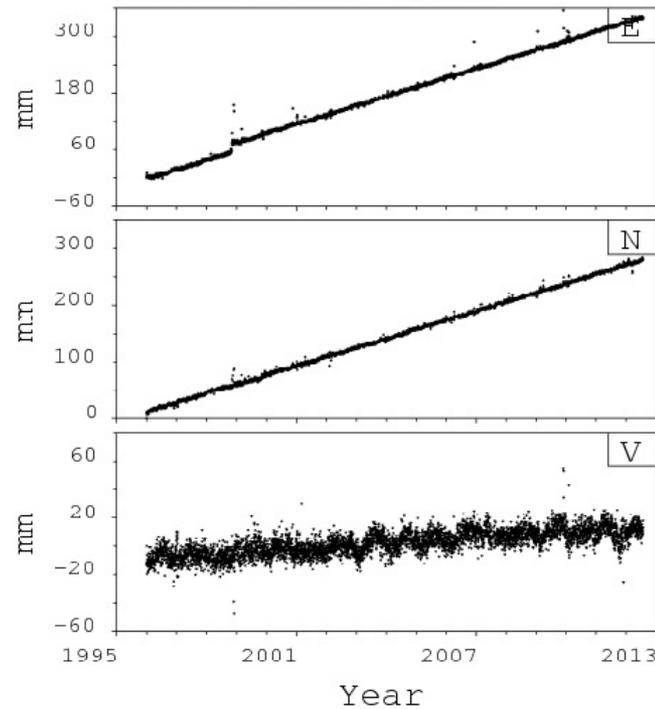
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# Available Products



## Data Products

 Snow Depth

 Vegetation

 Soil Moisture

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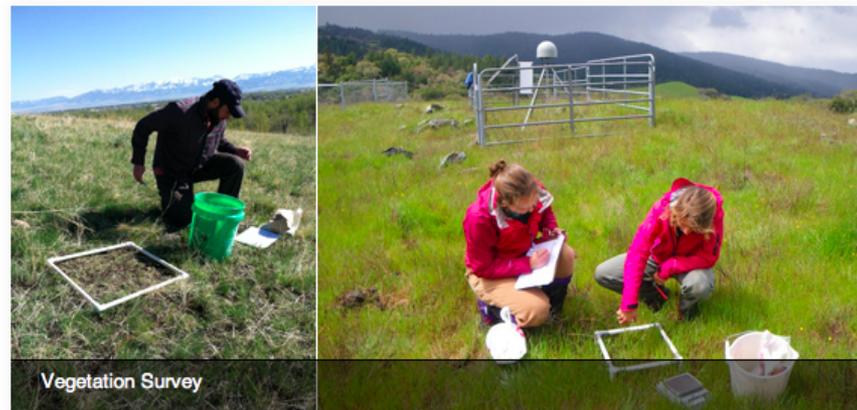
Snow depth, soil moisture, and vegetation products are now available.



[Download all data](#)



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## Snow Depth

Snow markedly influences the land-surface water budget. Snow measurements are needed both to study climate and to predict drought, flooding, and water availability.

## Vegetation

Monitoring changes in the organic matter of ecosystems is important for climate and hydrologic modeling applications, validation of satellite estimates of land surface conditions, and testing of ecohydrological hypotheses.

## Soil Moisture

Soil moisture controls the movement of rainfall into runoff, the prediction of precipitation and biogeochemical processes, and it influences the land-surface energy balance.

# Available Products

## Data Products

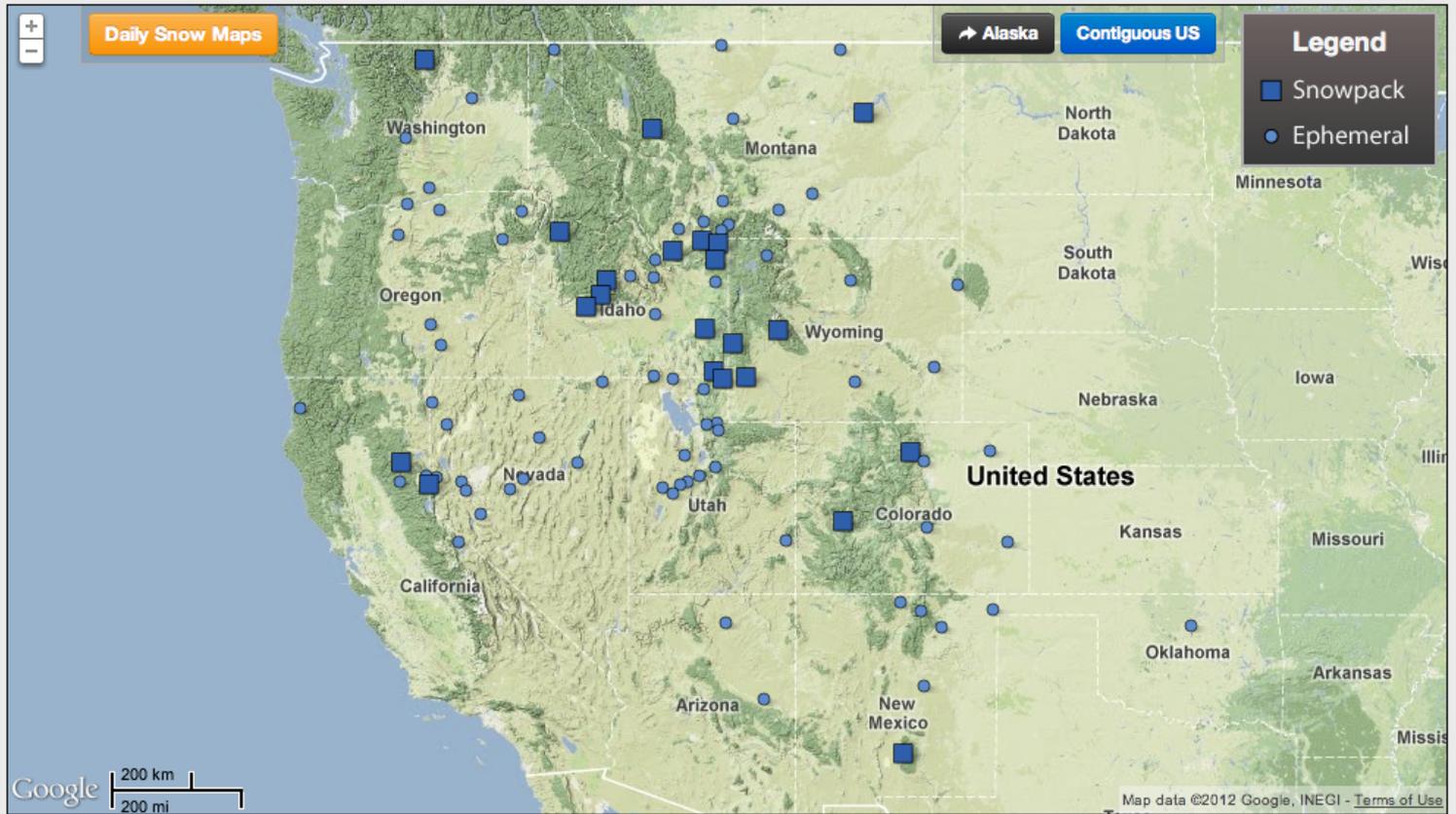
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Elevation: 2039.4 m

State: CA

Classification: Woody Savanna

Modeled Meteorology:

Annual SWE (Armstrong et al., 2007):

48.8 mm

Annual Precipitation (PRISM):

1979 mm

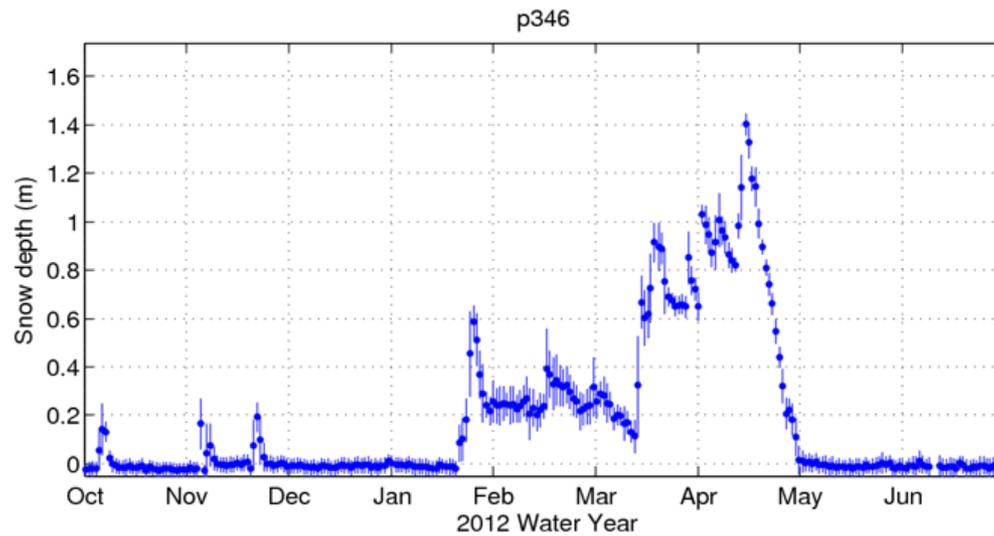
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## Station Products



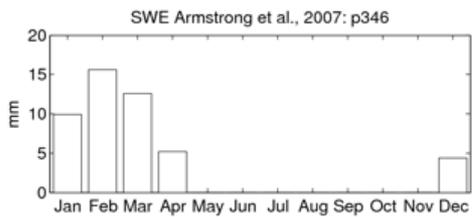
## Station p346

## ❄ Snow Depth



[2012 Snow Depth Data](#)

Water Year: 2012 ▾



# Available Products



PBO H<sub>2</sub>O Data Portal

Station ID

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Documentation ▾

GPS Reflections ▾

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## Data Products

 Snow Depth

 Vegetation

 Soil Moisture

## Soil Moisture

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# Available Products



## Station Info

Station ID: p133

Station Name: BUCKLEYFLT  
Lat/Long: 38.7246 / -118.4602  
Elevation: 1782.4 m  
State: NV  
Classification: Open Shrubland

Modeled Meteorology:  
Annual SWE (Armstrong et al., 2007):  
0.4 mm  
Annual Precipitation (PRISM):  
239 mm

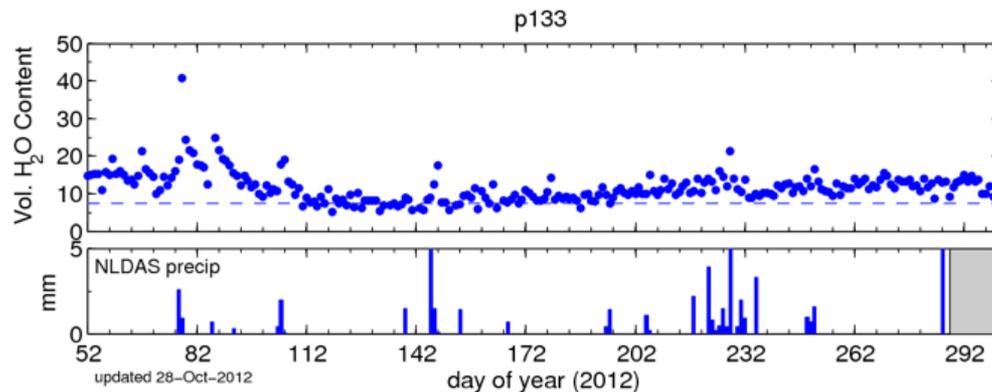
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## Station Products



## Station p133

## Soil Moisture

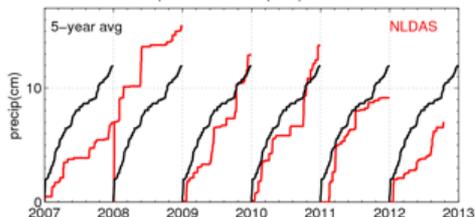


Soil Moisture Data

Year: 2012 (Update)



p133 cumulative precipitation



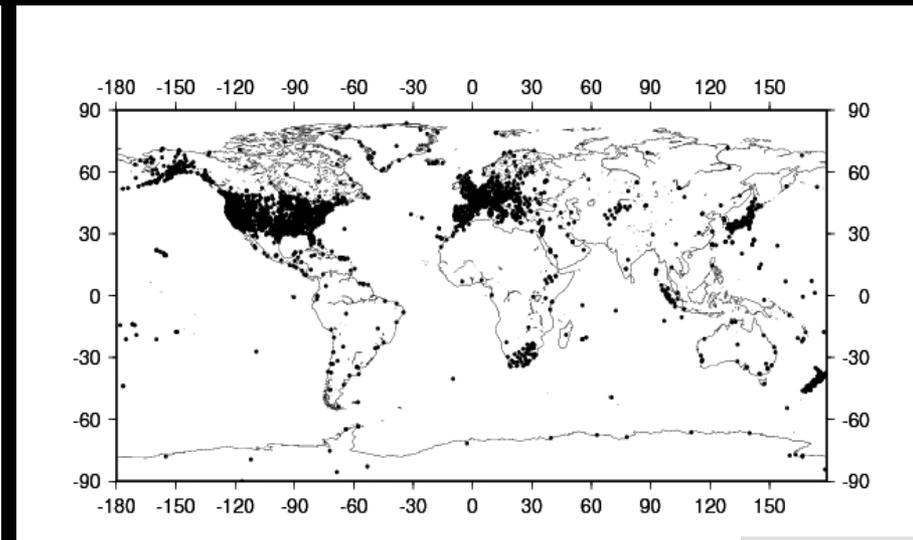
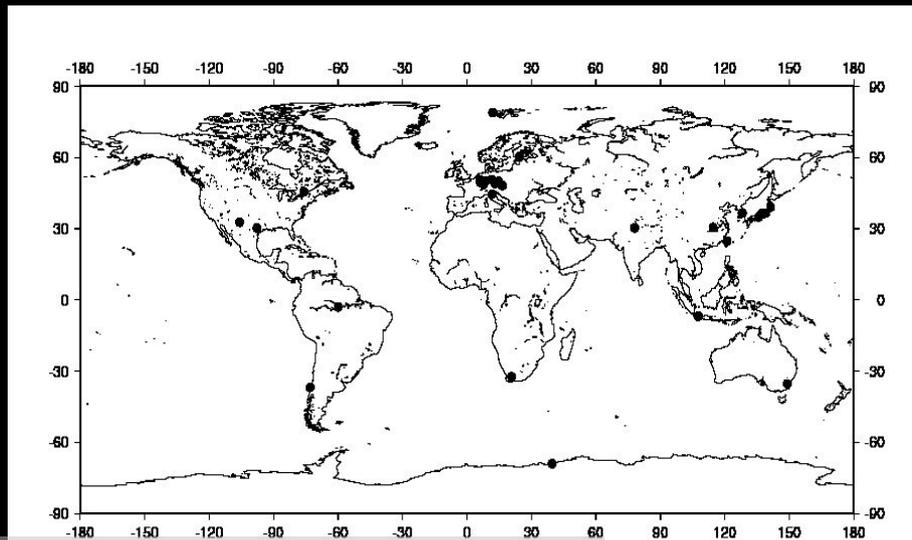
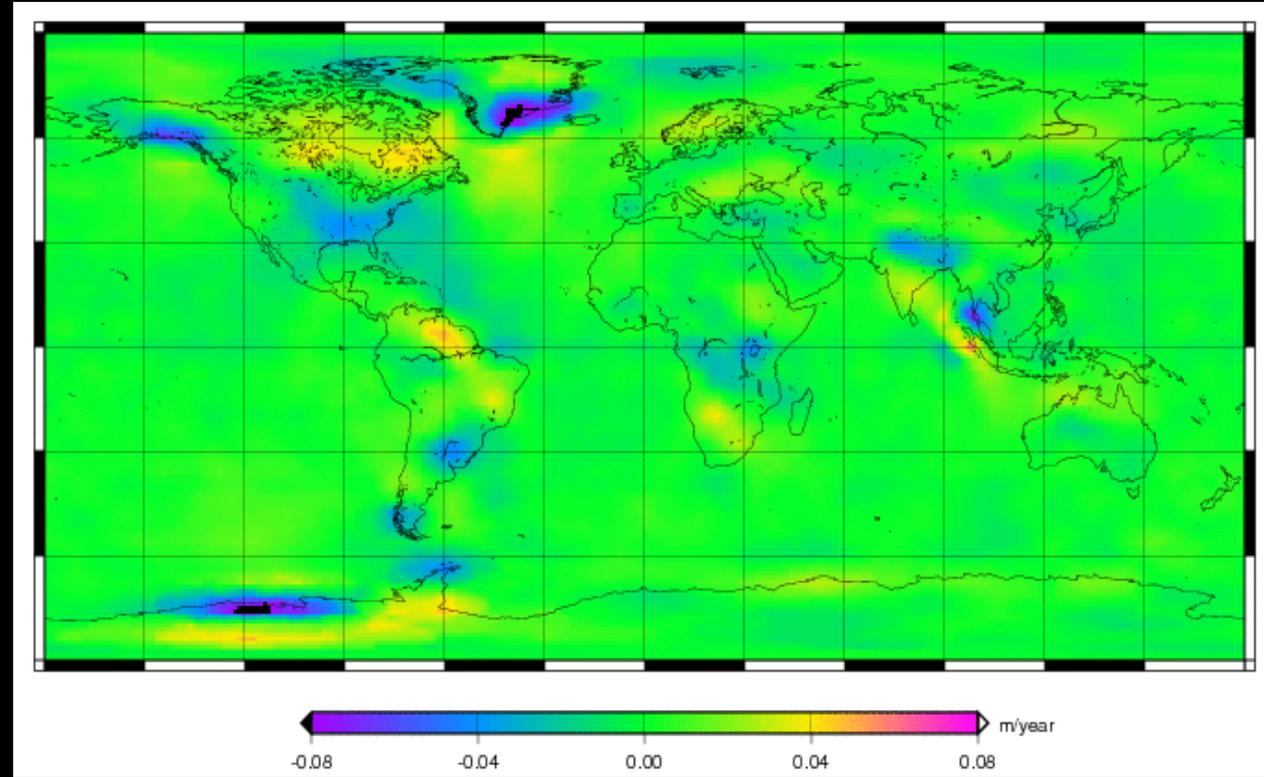
# Available Products

## **Geodetic Products for Hydrology:**

- (until recently) Hydrogeodesy products mostly limited to GRACE;
- Several data centers providing a number of products;
- Products not ready-to-use;
- Community-validated GRACE hydrology products are (*still not available and*) needed;
- Comparison of different GRACE products and hydrology data shows no clear-winner; different products seem to perform better in different regions;
- Large data archives of GPS time series are emerging (UNR has more than 10,000 stations), although not specifically for hydrology;
- InSAR increasingly available, although no global repository for hydrology;
- *Land surface water storage and run-off from satellite altimetry*

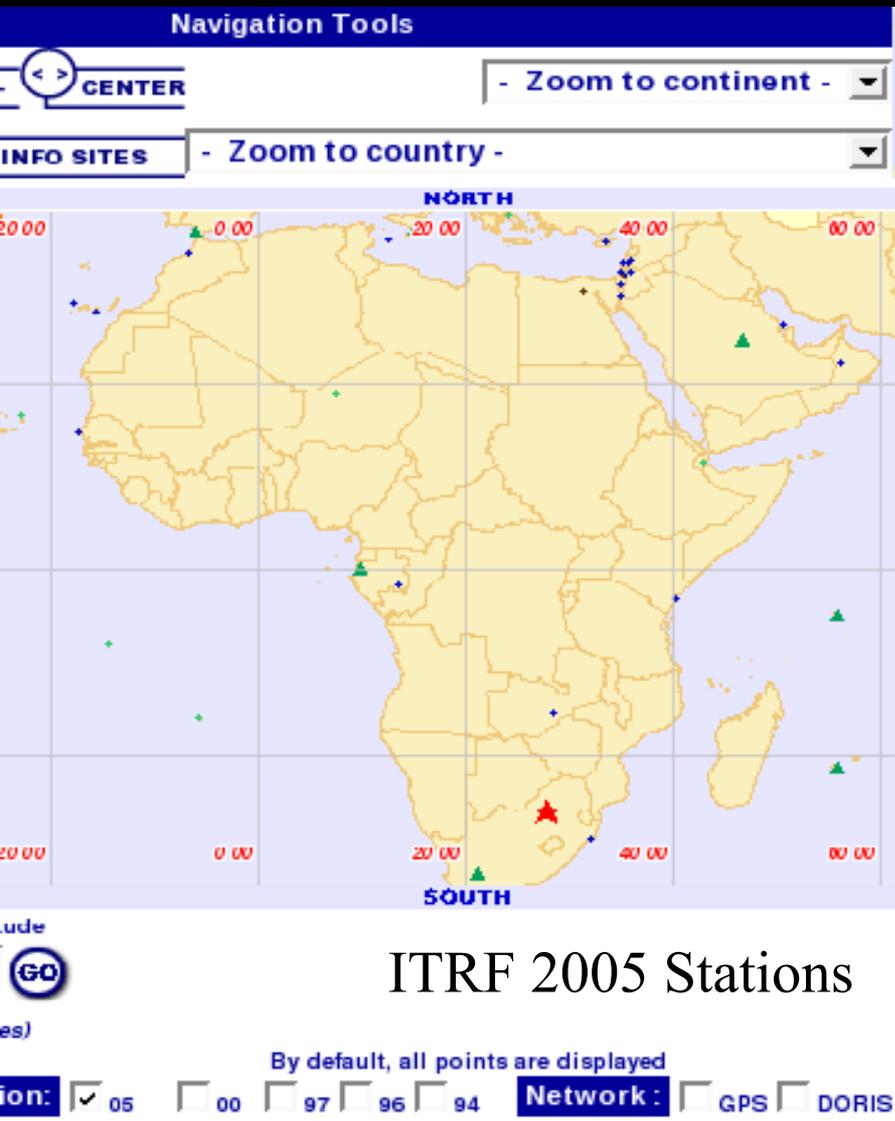
# Infrastructure Issues

JPL MASCON, secular trends 2003-2007, Watkins, 2008

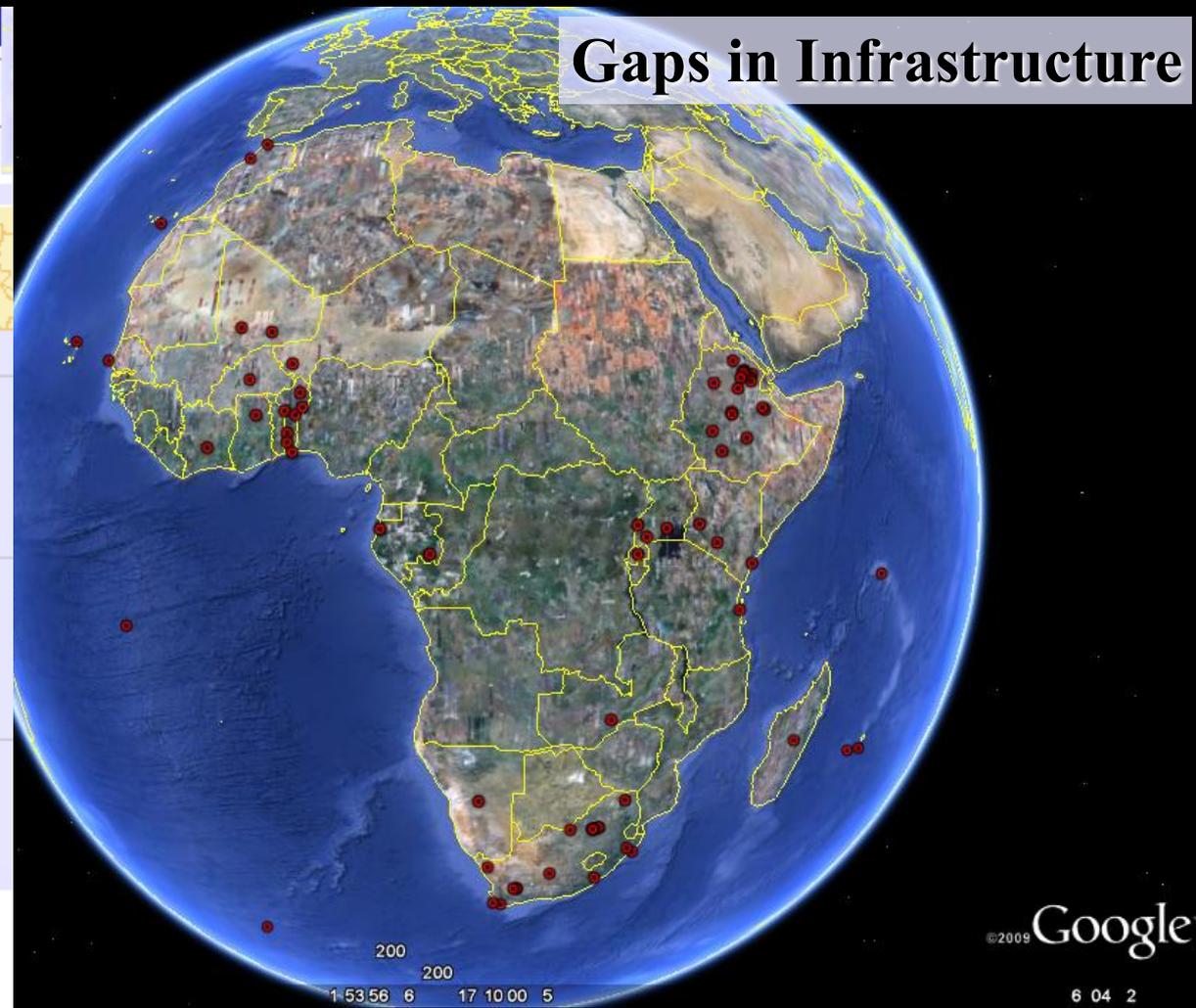


*Superconducting Gravimeters (GGP)*

*GPS*



ITRF 2005 Stations

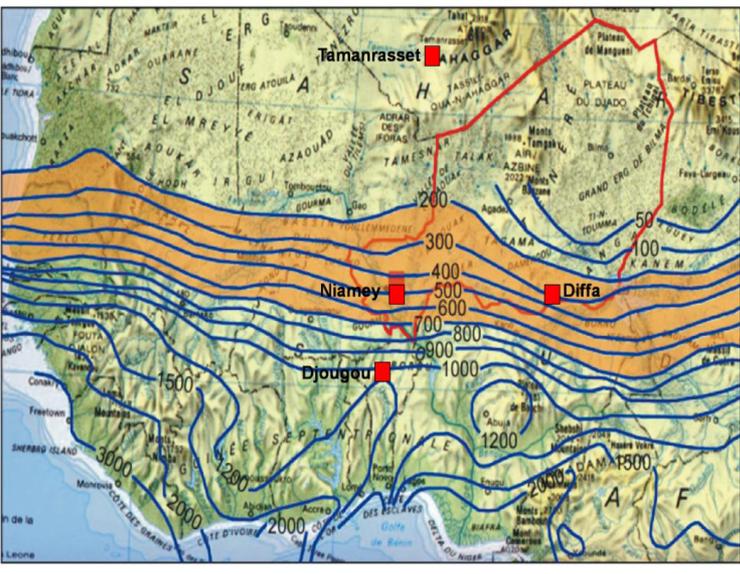
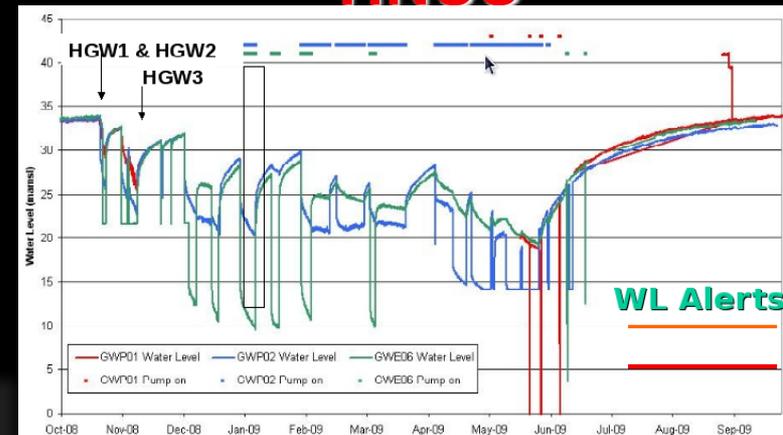
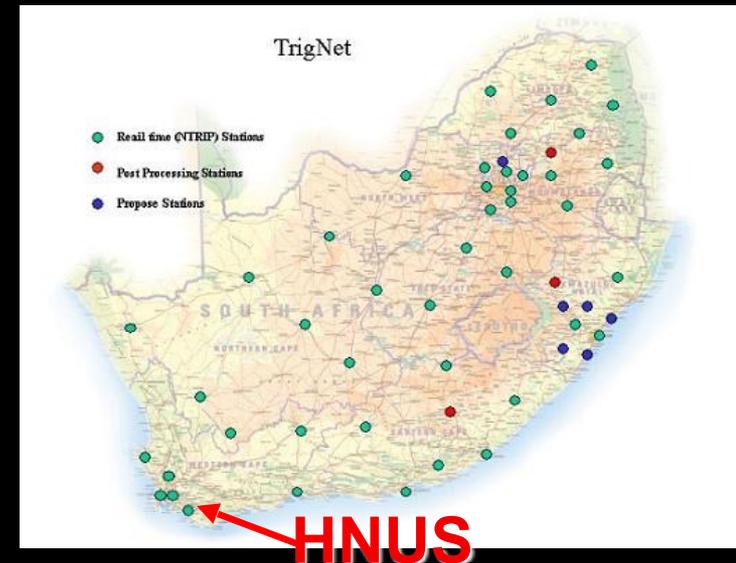
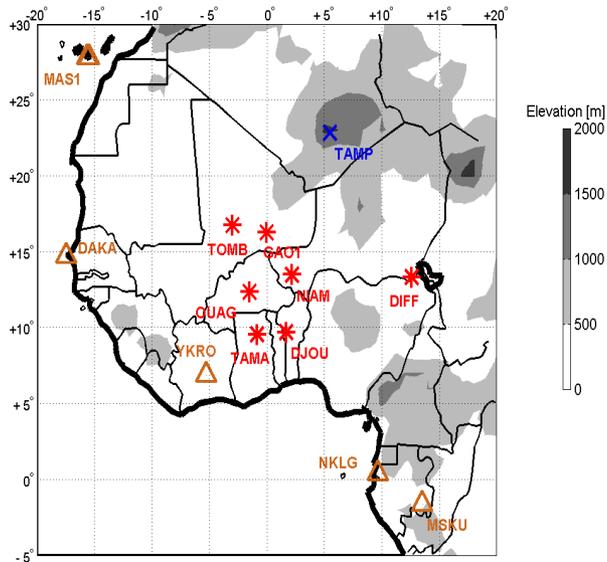


Issue: Many science applications depend on access to long-term stable, accurate reference frame.

Challenge: Increase number of ITRF stations; co-location of techniques; Increase number of GNSS stations providing access to reference frame (AFREF)

# Hydrology: Groundwater storage and water management

Issue: determination of hydrological parameters;  
assimilation in models



*GHYRAF Project; Hinderer et al., 2009*

*Hermanus Project; Hartnady et al., 2009*



# IGCP 565 Project

*Developing the Global Geodetic Observing System into a Monitoring System for the Global Water Cycle*



- Back to workshop page ...
- WaterNet Symposium
- Hydrogeodesy Tutorial
- WRC-DWA

### Workshop 5 (October 29-30, 2012):

- Overview
- Venue, Registration, Hotel
- Committees
- Abstract Submission
- Deadlines
- Workshop Program: [html](#), [print version](#)
- Anticipated Output

### Participating Organizations:

- Group on Earth Observations
- WaterNet
- AfricaArray
- GGOS

### Hydrogeodesy Tutorial (4 hours, day and time to be determined):

- Overview
- Program

## IGCP 565 Project Workshops



**IGCP 565 Workshop 5: Water Security for Africa: Bringing Together Research, Monitoring, and Managing**

October 29-30, 2012  
Johannesburg, South Africa



GROUP ON EARTH OBSERVATIONS



WATER RESEARCH COMMISSION

**Background:** The IGCP 565 Project "Developing the Global Geodetic Observing System Into a Monitoring System for the Global Water Cycle" has been organizing a sequence of annual workshops which successively addressed scientific questions related to the development of products for regional water management. The first workshop held in 2008 in San Francisco, USA identified the open scientific questions related to the water cycle and regional water management and the extent to which geodetic observations could help improve monitoring and address the scientific questions. Considering the importance of satellite gravity missions, the second workshop organized in Graz, Austria, developed a road map for future satellite gravity missions. The third workshop convened in Reno, Nevada, USA focused on the separation of tectonic and hydrological signals in geodetic observations. The fourth IGCP 565 workshop held in Johannesburg, South Africa, focussed on the assimilation of geodetic observations into hydrological land model schemes to better simulate terrestrial water storage and transfer, and had a particular focus on local to regional scales. The fifth and final workshop, which again will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, will demonstrated the applicability of hydrogeodesy to practical problems, with a focus on water budget and resource management at river basin scales.

**Sponsors:** The workshop is jointly organized by the IGCP 565 Project, the Group on Earth Observations (GEO), the Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS), and the Water Research Commission (WRC), WRC Project No: K5/1851.

**Scope:** The final workshop of the IGCP 565 Project has the goal to bring together representatives of research, monitoring and managing programs and

# Results and Critical Issues

## **Main results, conclusions:**

- GRACE has contributed tremendously to our knowledge about water cycle mass redistributions from global down to 300 km spacial scales and sub-monthly temporal scales;
- InSAR and GPS provide information on groundwater change;
- GPS provides soil moisture and snow depth;
- In situ gravity provides groundwater changes;
- GRACE, GPS and Earth rotation show significant discrepancies;
- GRACE (mostly) agrees with land water storage model predictions;
- GRACE data products show differences, depending on the group producing them;
- GRACE data products are difficult to understand and apply in disciplines outside of geodesy, particularly hydrology;
- Considerable need for capacity building outside expert communities.

# Results and Critical Issues

## **Issues that need to be addressed to further develop hydrogeodesy:**

- Multi-sensor hydrogeodetic observations (GRACE, GPS - co-located with meteorological stations, in situ gravimetry) and model assimilation to increase spatial and temporal resolution;
- Product assessments;
- Cross-validation (particularly seasonal variations and secular trends) both between geodetic techniques and other sensors;
- Error analysis;
- Infrastructure gaps (GPS, in situ gravimetry);
- Easy-to-use, community vetted products;
- User guides (web based) and capacity building (work bench).

# Results and Critical Issues

## **Recommendations from IGCP 565 Workshop (2010):**

- Development of integrated modeling framework (tectonics and hydrology) for gravity, surface displacements, rotation;
- hydrogeodetic data portal;
- capacity building;
- Decision support interface between science and applications;
- Demonstration pilot projects (Central Valley, California; Nile River Delta) reach out to regional water management.

# The Global Framework

**GEO, the Group on Earth Observations**  
**An Intergovernmental group with 86 Member Countries and >60 Participating Organizations**



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SYSTEM OF SYSTEMS



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### THE GLOBAL EARTH OBSERVATION

#### Group on Earth Observations (GEO)

*- Geodetic infrastructure and capacity important for utilizing the societal benefits of Earth observations*

#### **Major Challenge:**

*- closing the gap between science/earth observations and governance/policy making*

