

# CTSM and the Data Assimilation Research Testbed

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**T**estbed



**1. WHY DO WE WANT TO DO THIS?**

**2. WHAT WE CAN DO...**

**3. HOW WE ACTUALLY DO THIS...**

**4. WHAT ARE WE THINKING ABOUT NEXT?**

# Huge uncertainties in future land carbon flux

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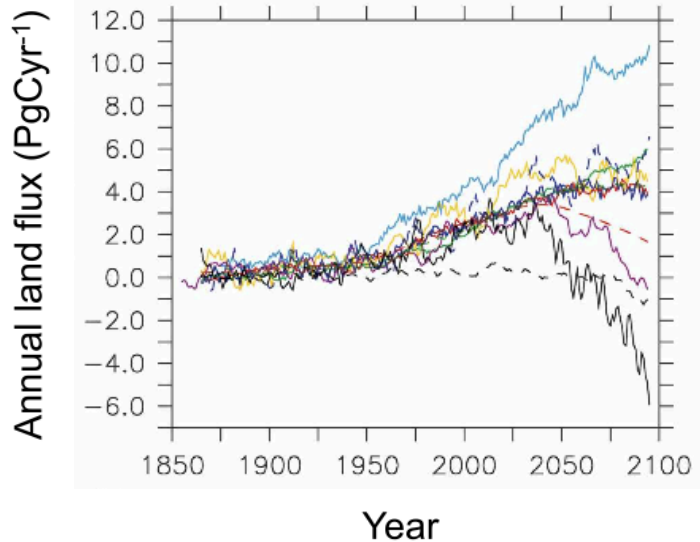
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# Future uncertainties have not been reduced

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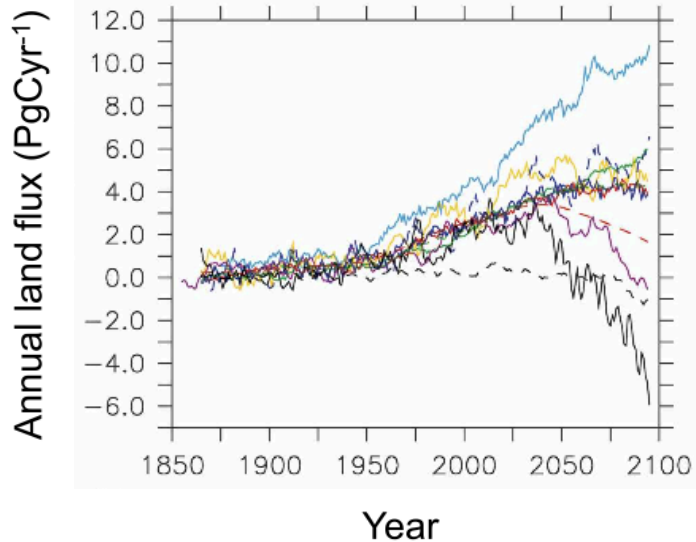
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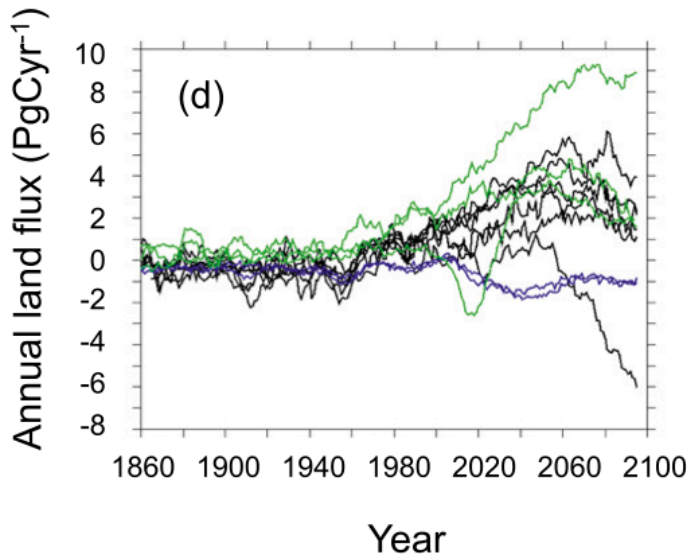
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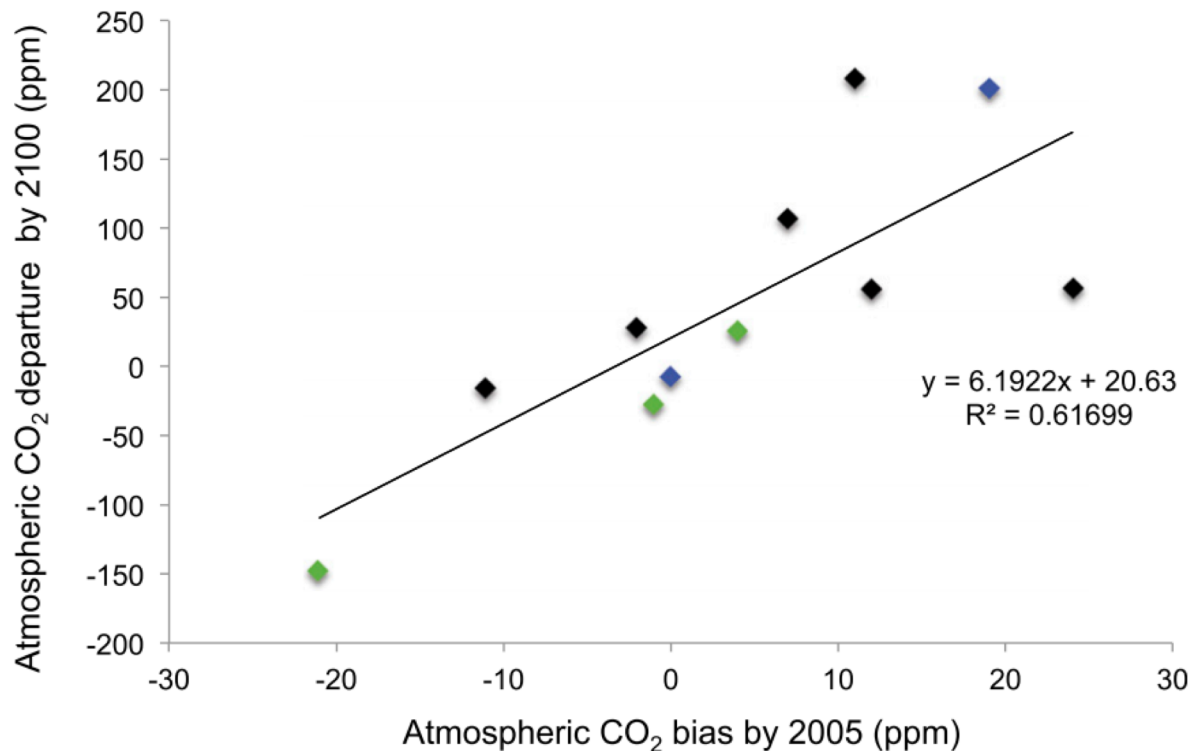
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# Sources of uncertainty (& their cure)

- Model Structure DEVELOPMENT
  - Model Parameters PARAMETERIZATION
  - Initial Conditions
  - Spin Up
  - Climate forcing
- (STATE) DATA ASSIMILATION

# Constrain the future by constraining the present



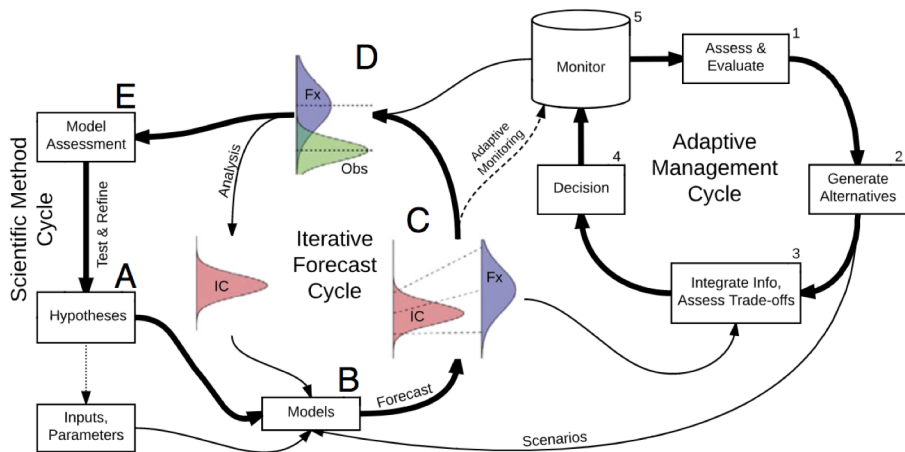
*Friedlingstein et al., 2014*

FIG. 3. Relationship between model bias in simulating present-day (2005) atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>, and the difference between 2100 simulated CO<sub>2</sub> and baseline estimate from MAGICC6

# Particularly important over shorter timescales

## Iterative near-term ecological forecasting: Needs, opportunities, and challenges

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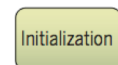
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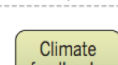
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### Sources of uncertainty

Initial condition

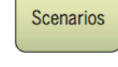


Earth system model



Model uncertainty

Scenario uncertainty



**Initial value problem**  
Subseasonal to seasonal forecast  
(2 weeks – 12 months)

Decadal prediction  
(1 – 30 years)

Earth system projection  
(30 – 100+ years)  
**Boundary value problem**

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- + Often high quality, relevant data
  - + Clear uncertainties
  - Limited spatial extent
  - Limited temporal span



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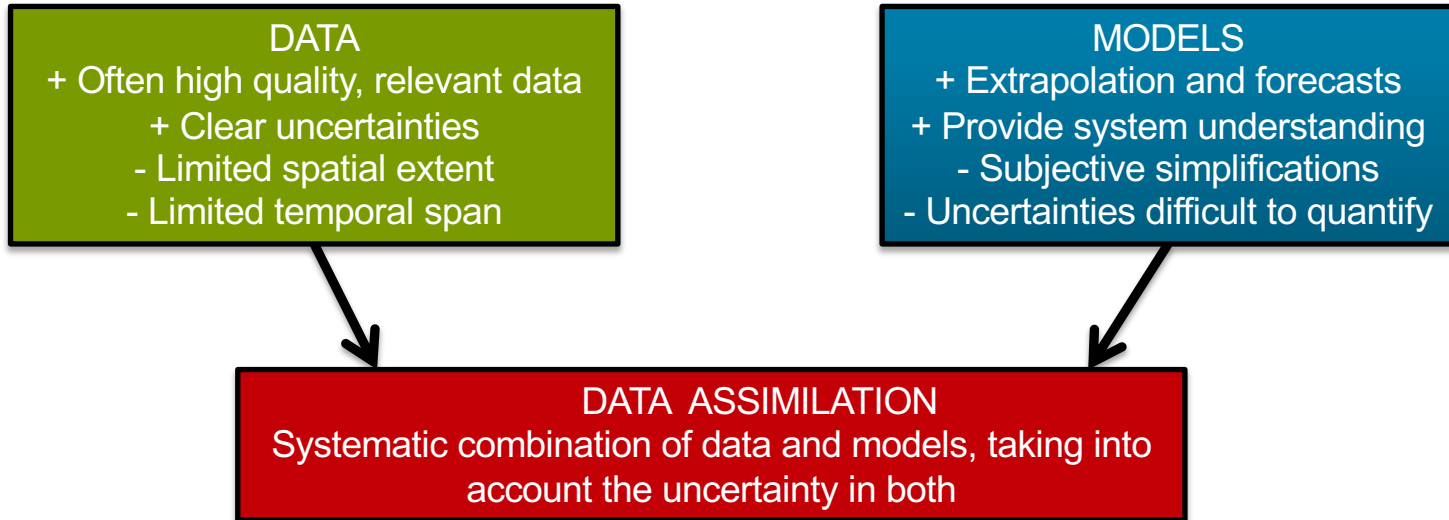
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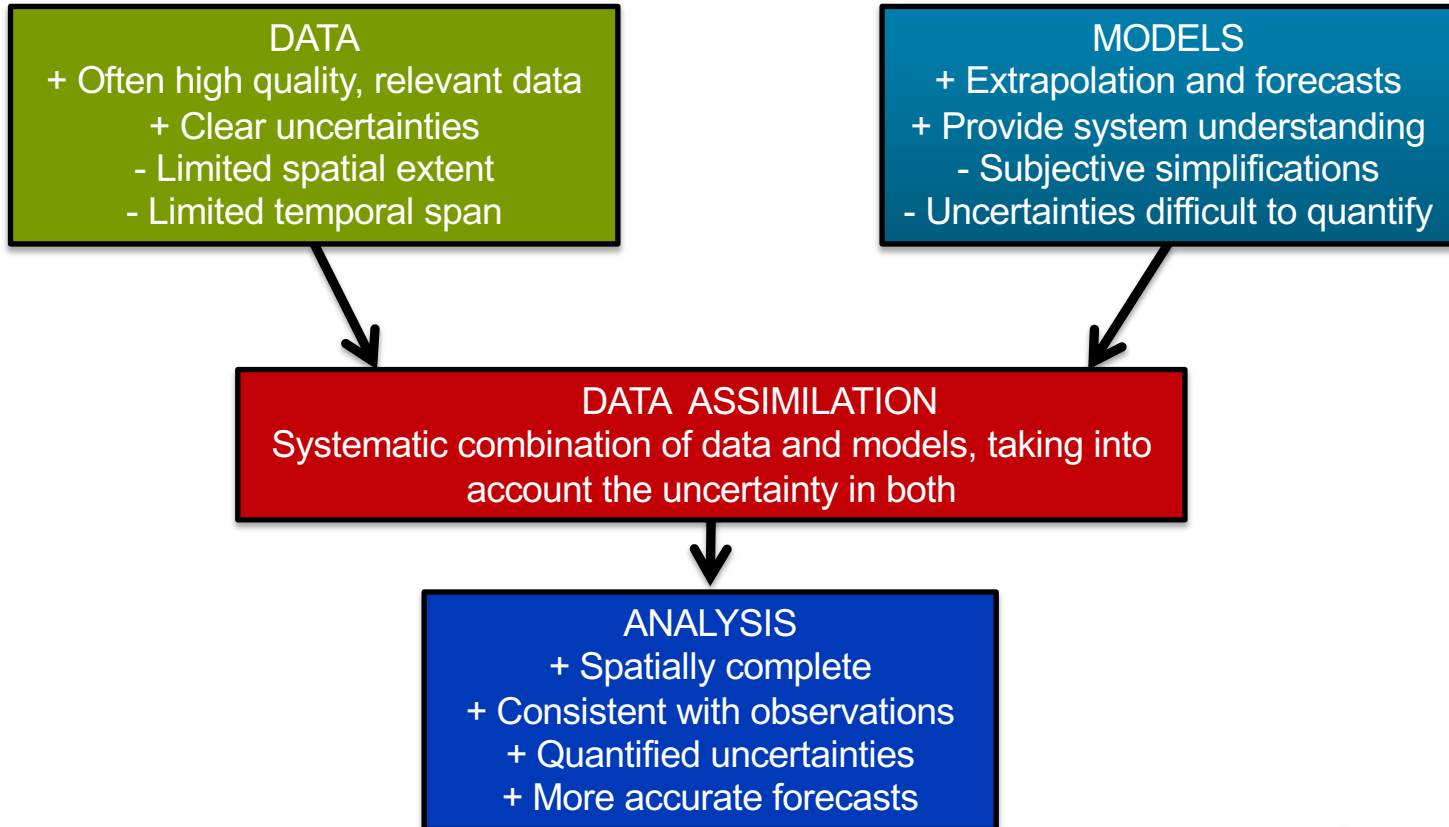
## MODELS

- + Extrapolation and forecasts
- + Provide system understanding
  - Subjective simplifications
  - Uncertainties difficult to quantify

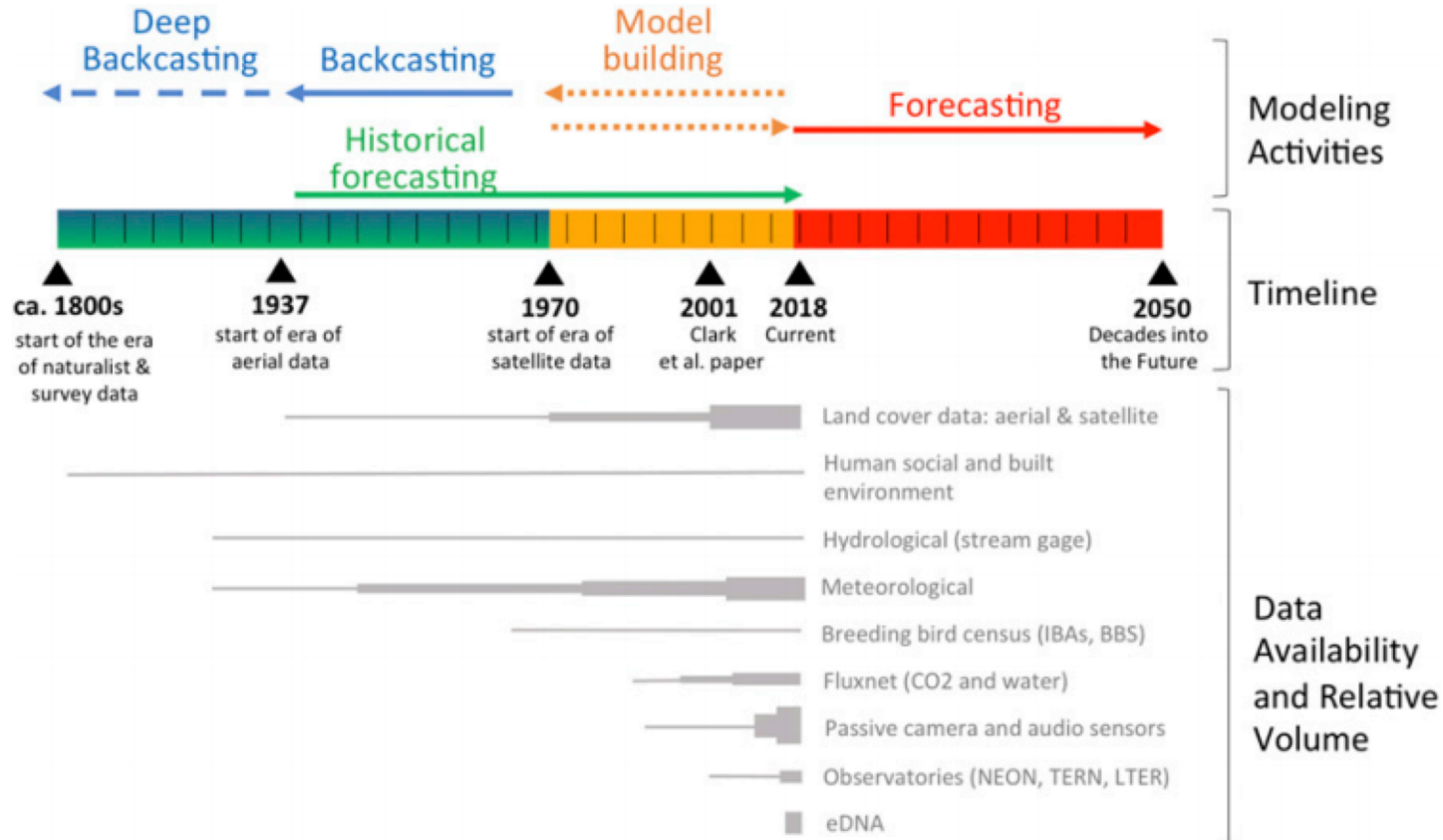
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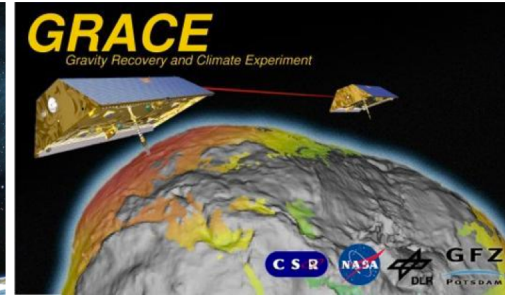
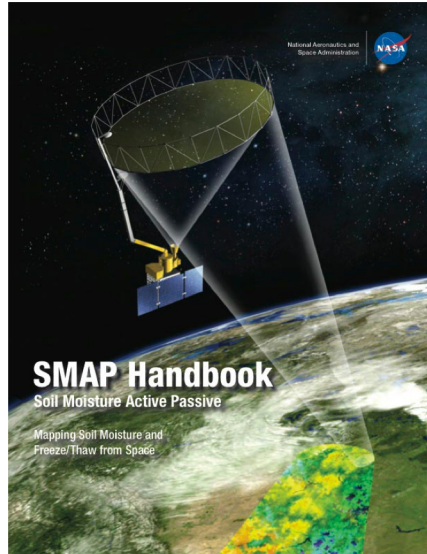
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# Data availability increasing rapidly

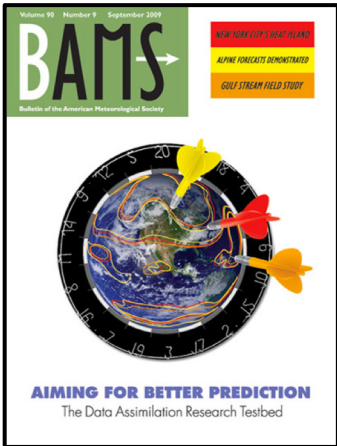
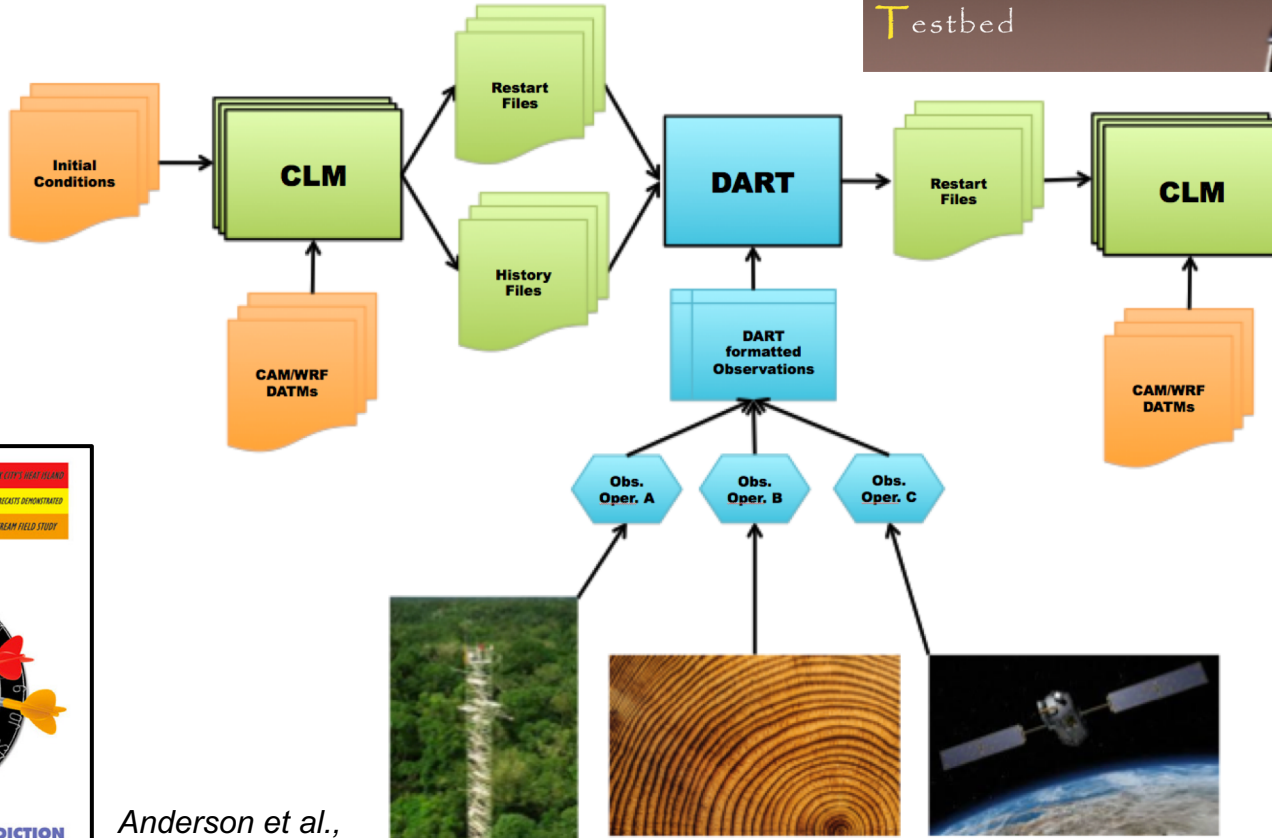


# Remote Sensing Observations are key



# CLM-DART

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Testbed



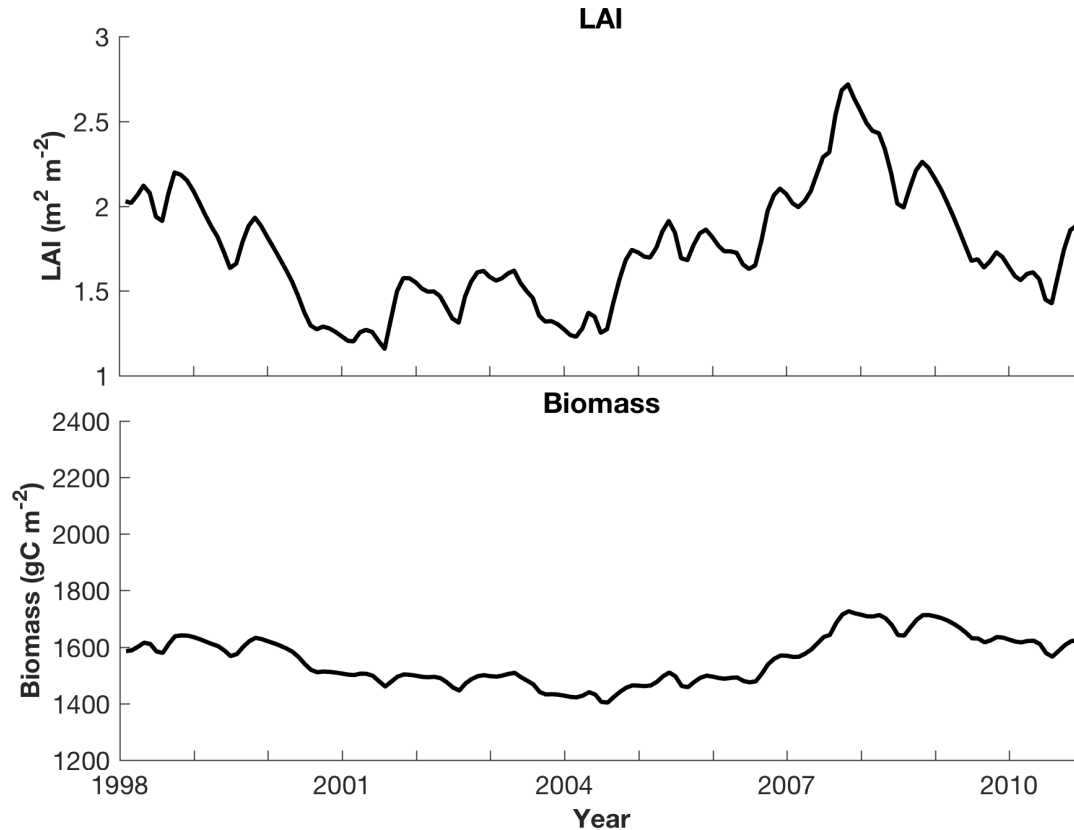
Anderson et al.,  
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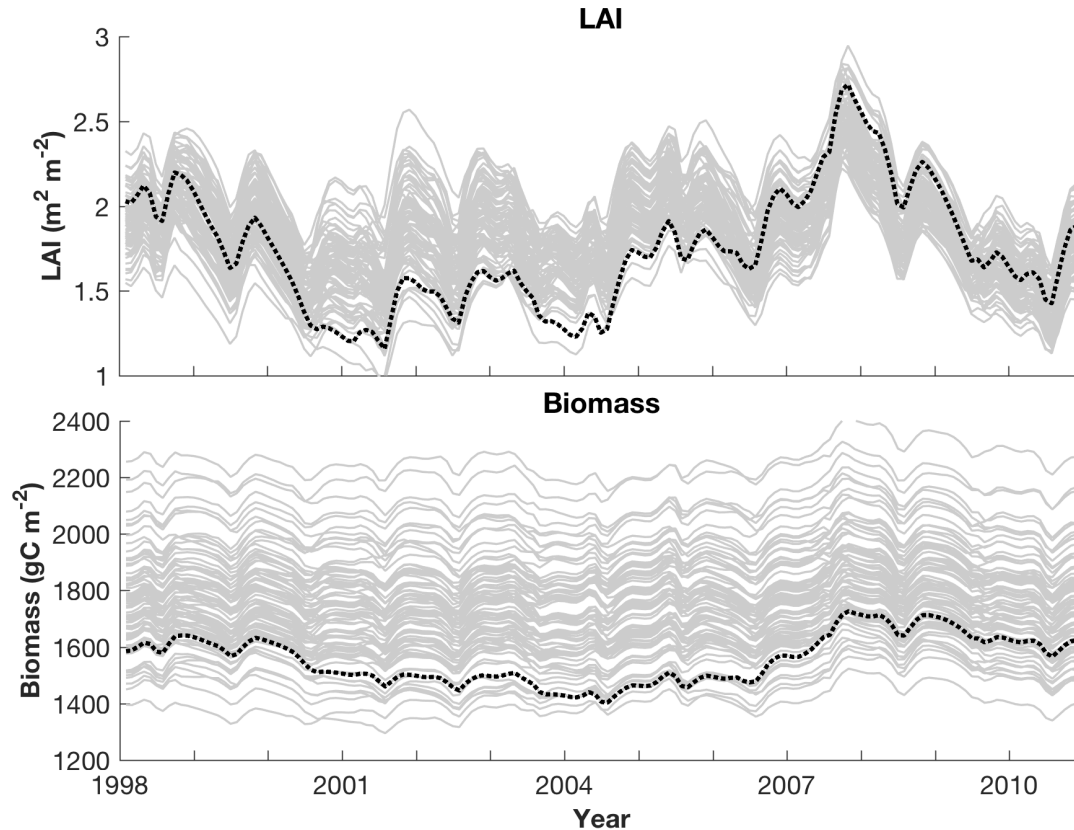
Examples using CTSM-DART

# LAI and Biomass – single instance





# LAI and Biomass – multi-instance



# LAI and Biomass – Observations

## Bi-weekly, 0.5° Aggregated MODIS LAI Observations

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Article

**Global Data Sets of Vegetation Leaf Area Index (LAI)3g and Fraction of Photosynthetically Active Radiation (FPAR)3g Derived from Global Inventory Modeling and Mapping Studies (GIMMS) Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)3g for the Period 1981 to 2011**

Zaichun Zhu <sup>1,2,\*,†</sup>, Jian Bi <sup>1,†</sup>, Yaozhong Pan <sup>2</sup>, Sangram Ganguly <sup>3</sup>, Alessandro Anav <sup>4</sup>, Liang Xu <sup>1</sup>, Arindam Samanta <sup>5</sup>, Shilong Piao <sup>6,7</sup>, Ramakrishna R. Nemani <sup>8</sup> and Ranga B. Myneni <sup>1</sup>

## Annual, 0.25° Vegetation Optical Depth Biomass Observations

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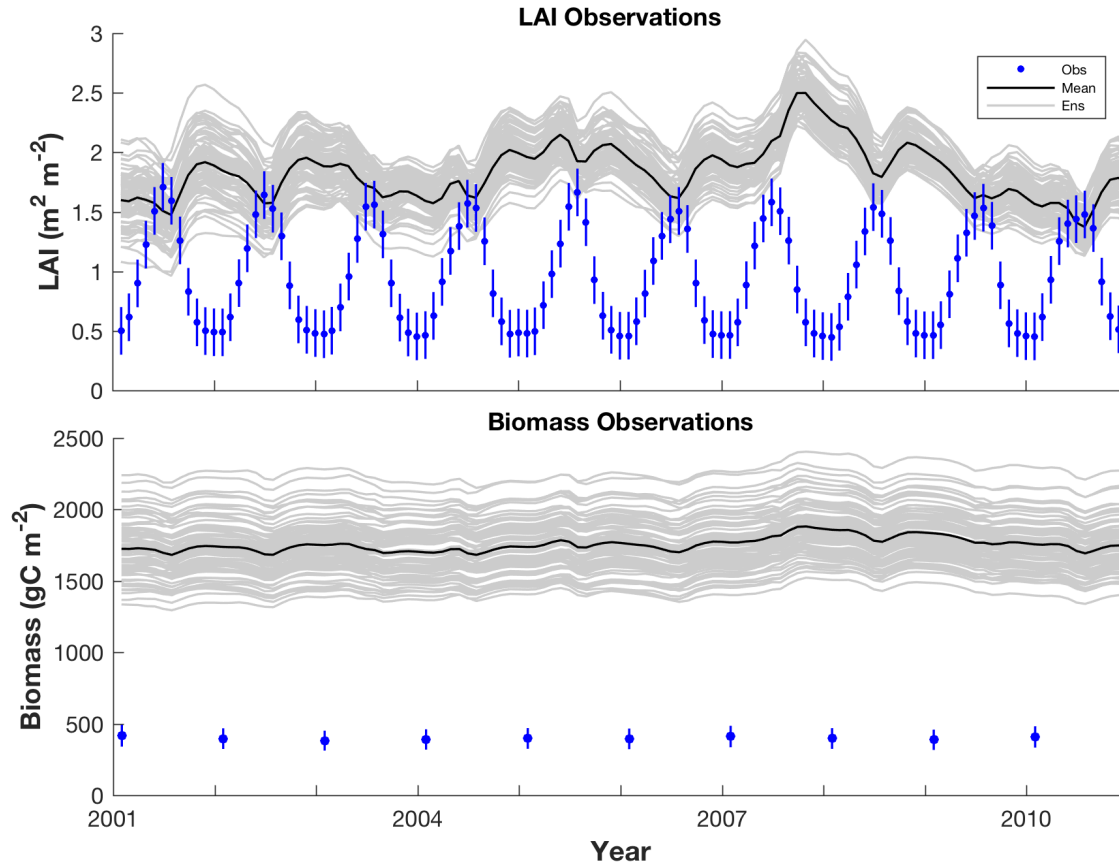
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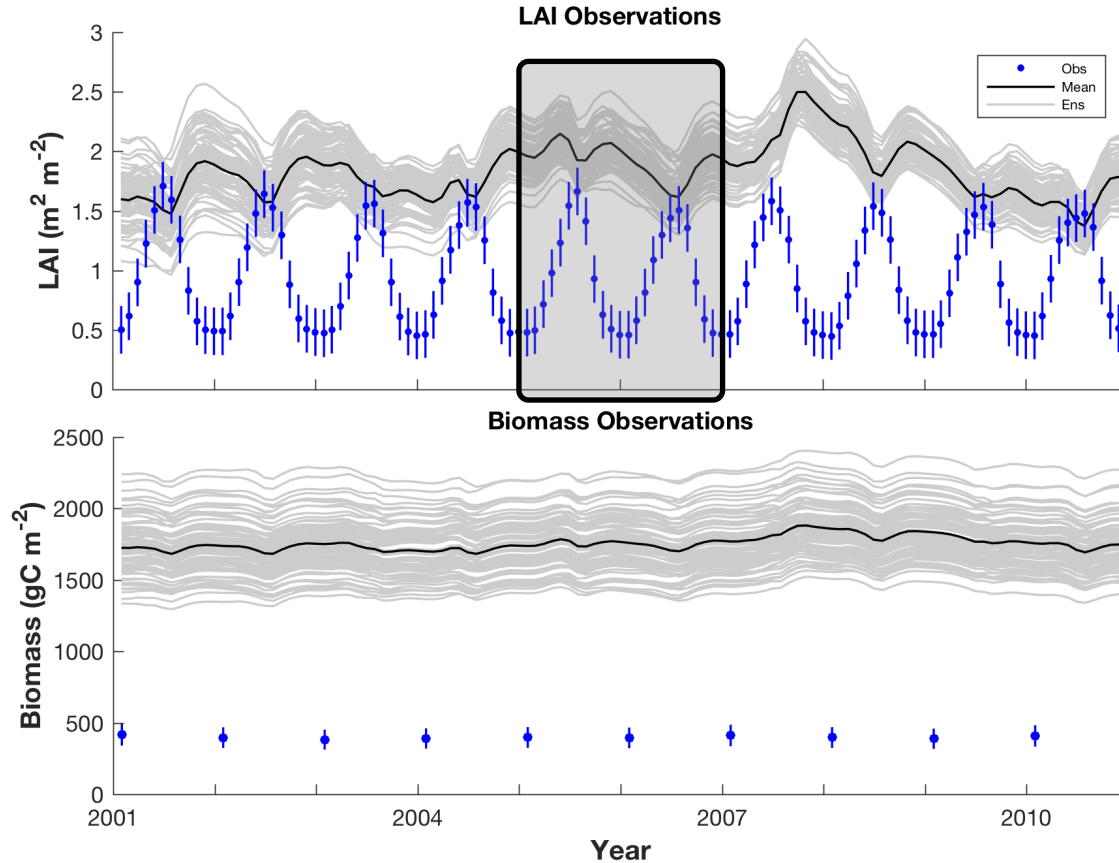
### Recent reversal in loss of global terrestrial biomass

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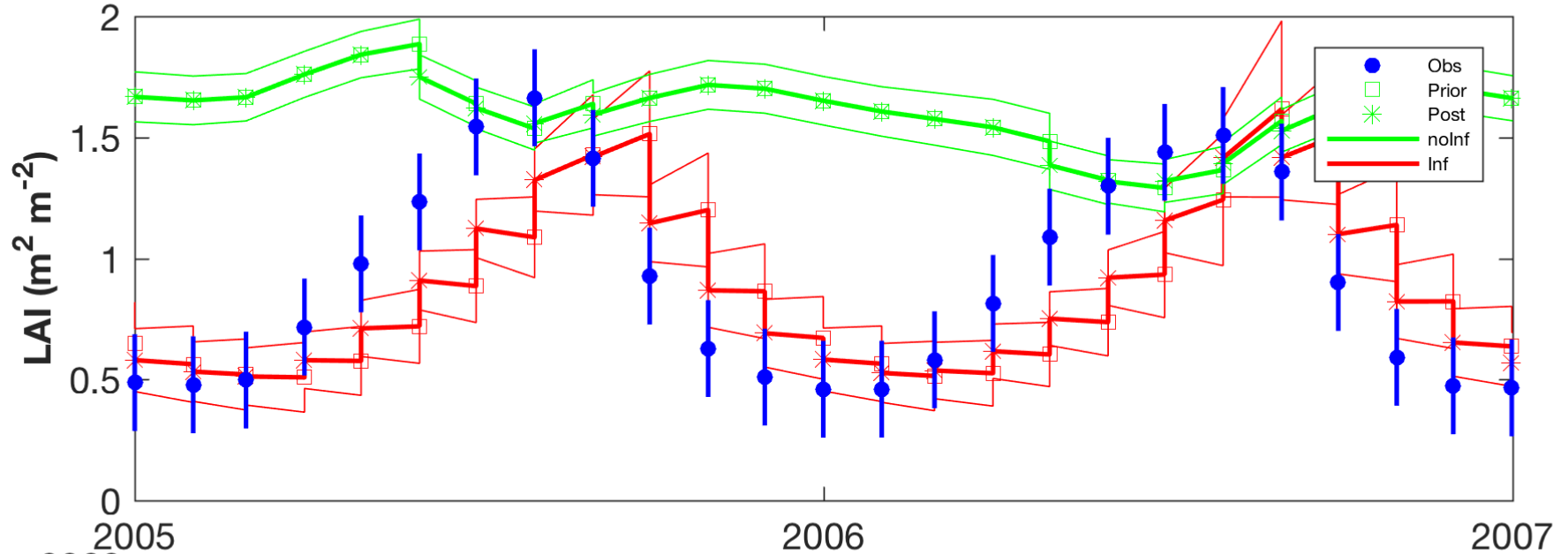
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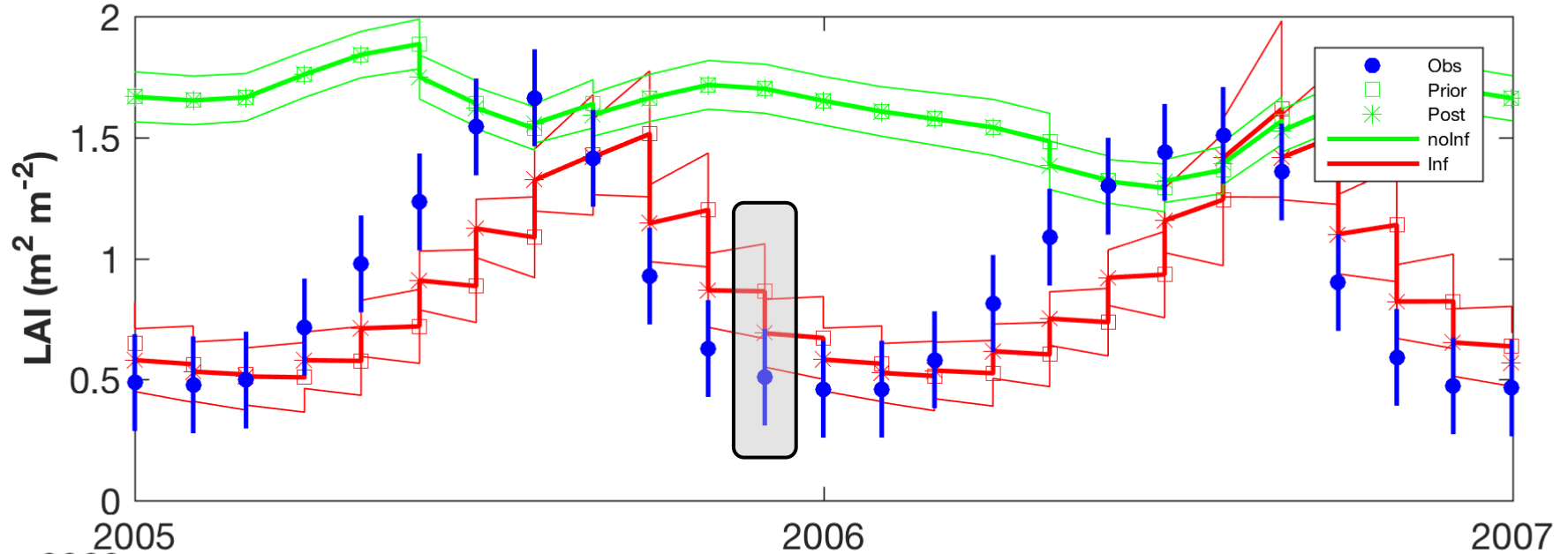
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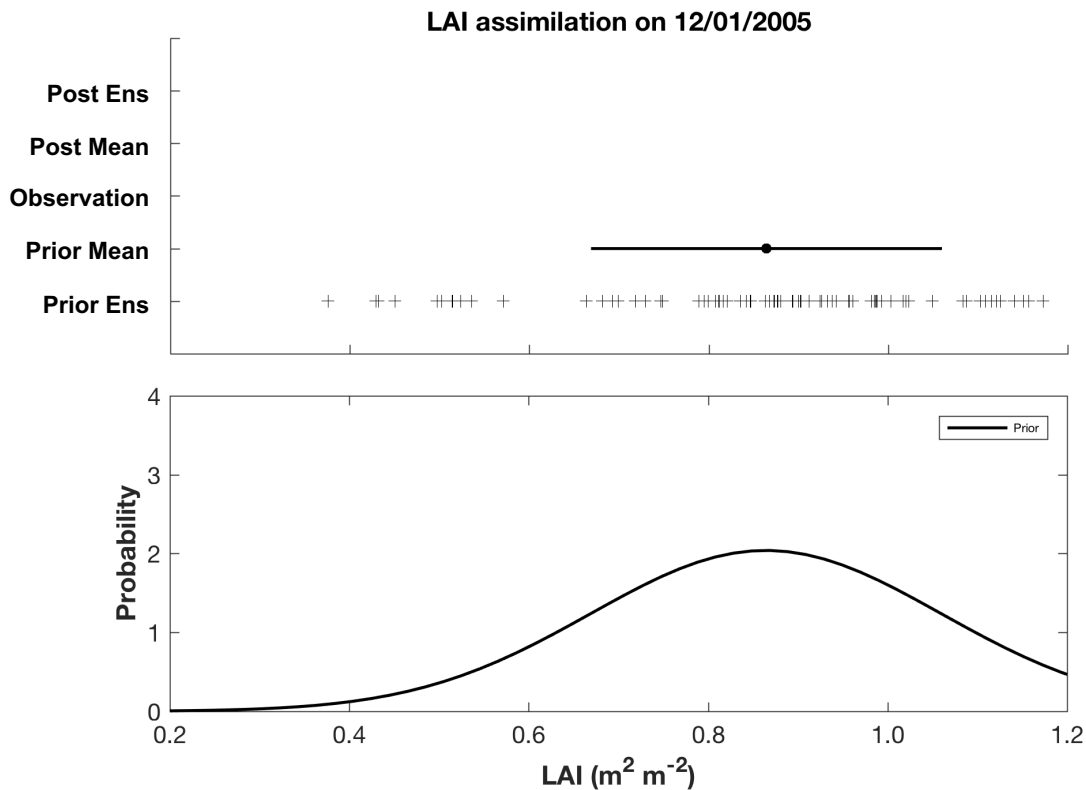
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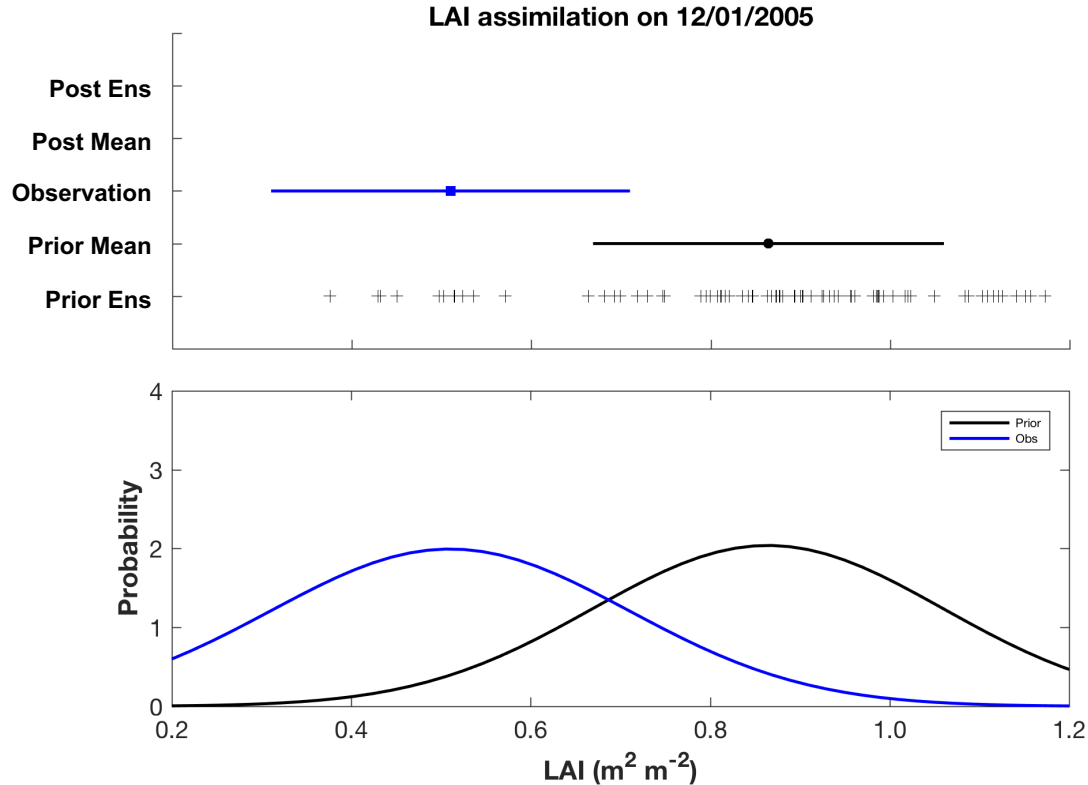
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# Normal is fitted to the prior/forecast ensemble...

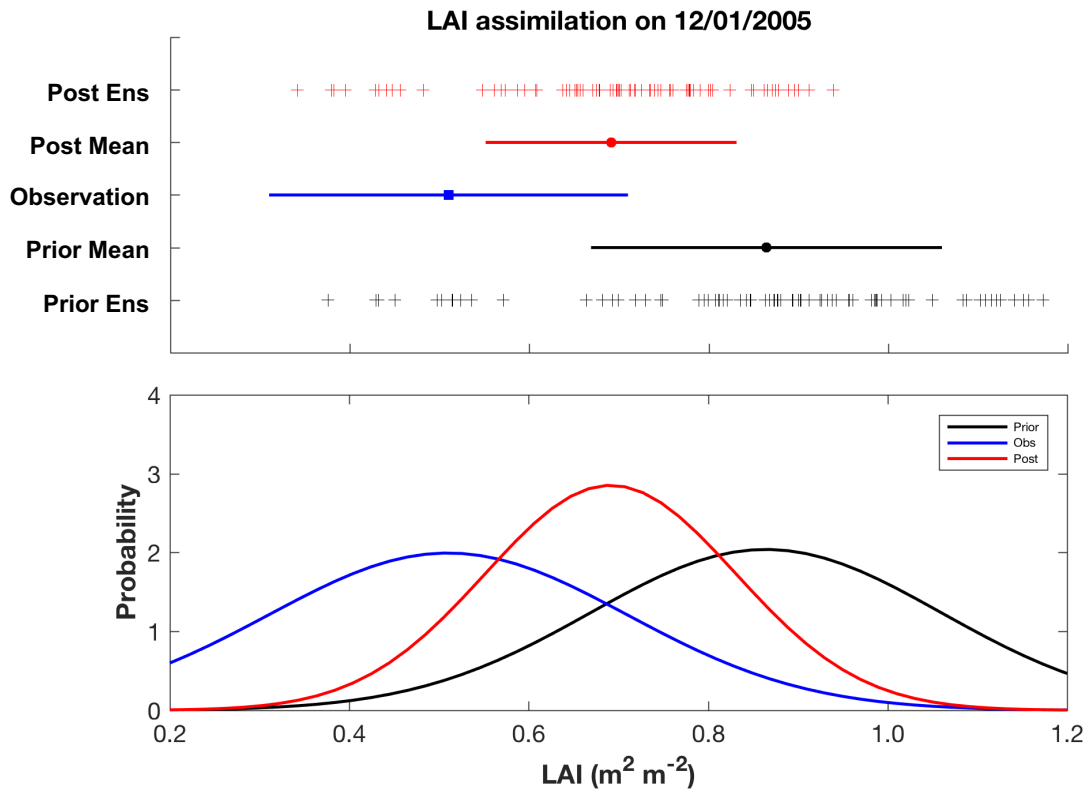


# ...we have an observation with an uncertainty...



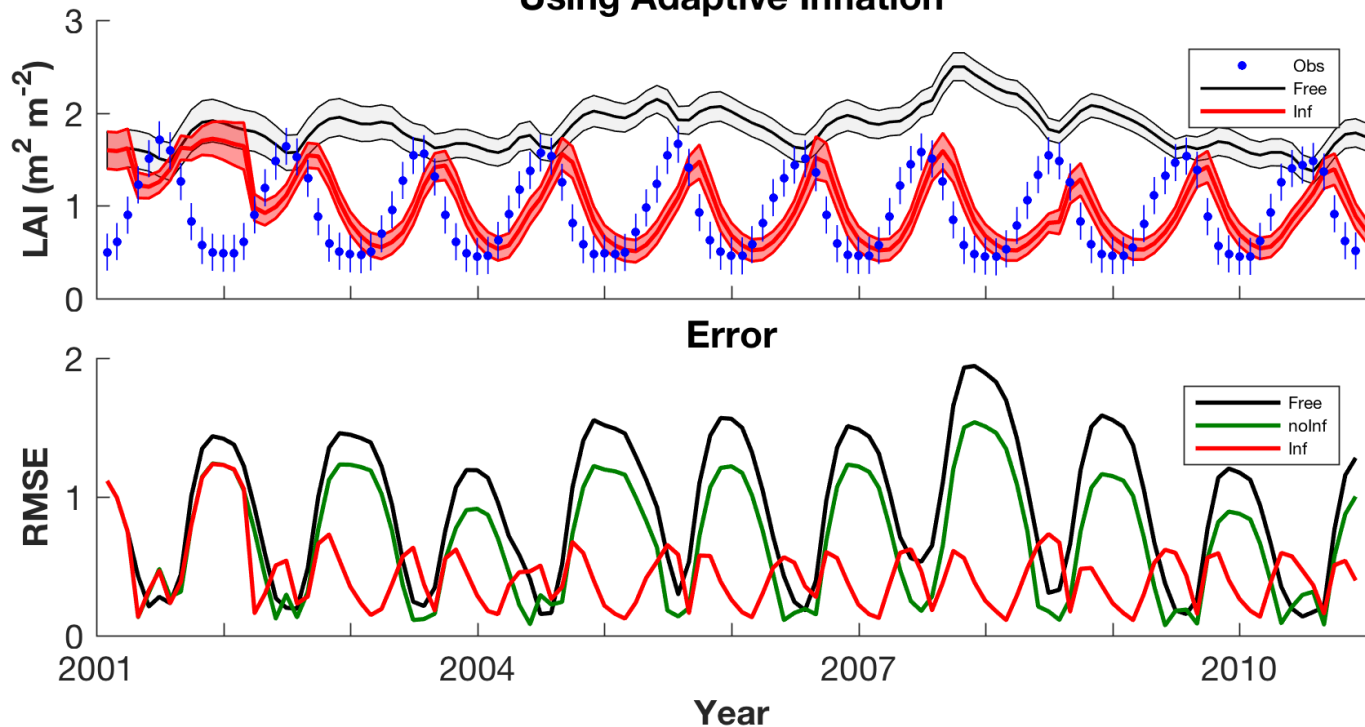


# ...use EAKF to calculate posterior/analysis



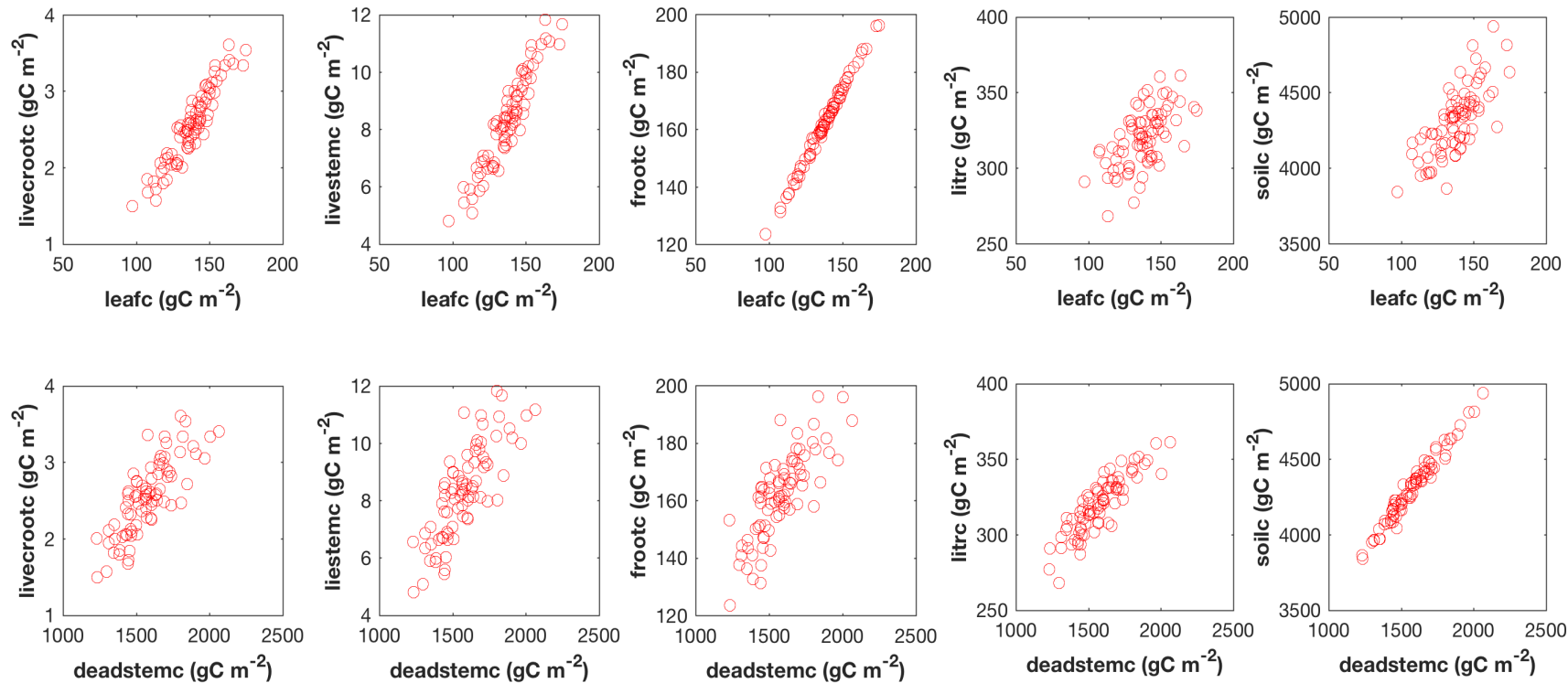
# 50% reduction in LAI RMSE with assimilation

Using Adaptive Inflation

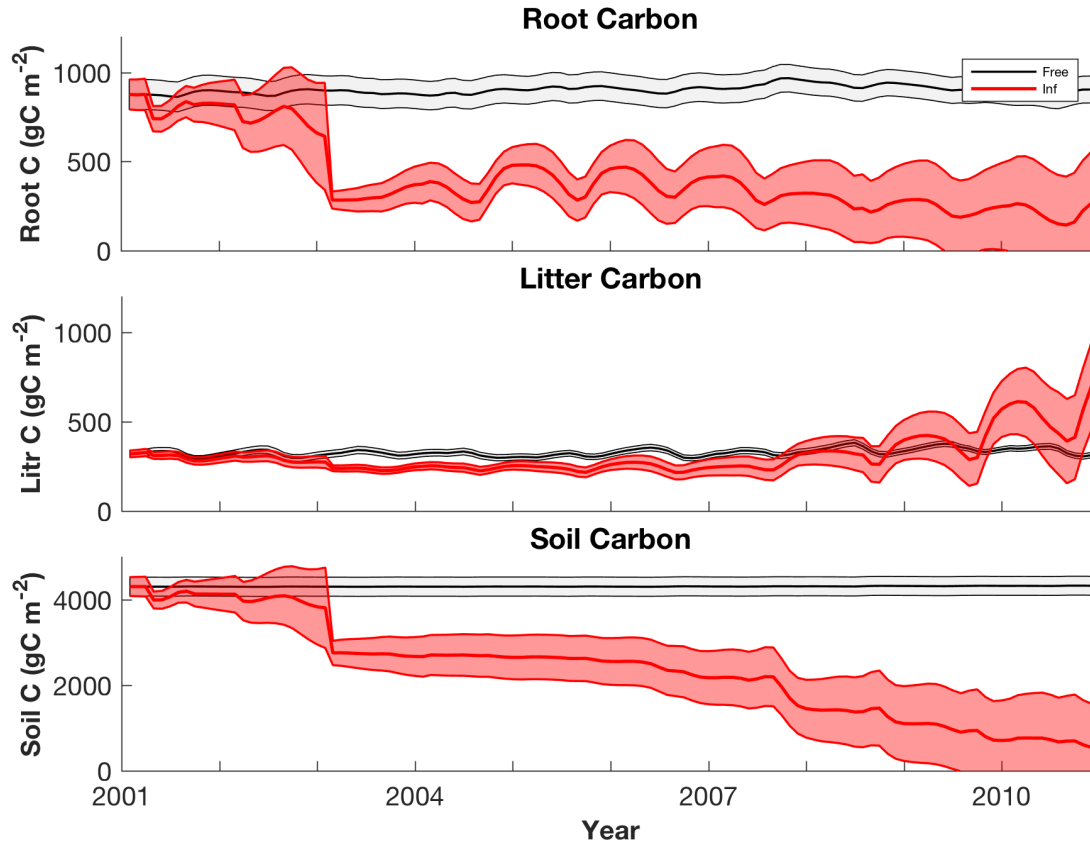


Exp.	RMSE (m <sup>2</sup> m <sup>-2</sup> )
Free	0.93
Assim	0.44

# Observed and unobserved states

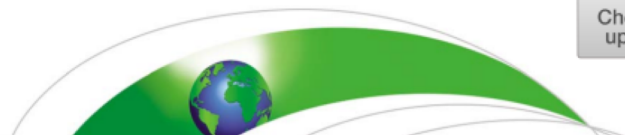


# Unobserved State variables are also updated



# More of the gory details can be found here...

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#### Key Points:

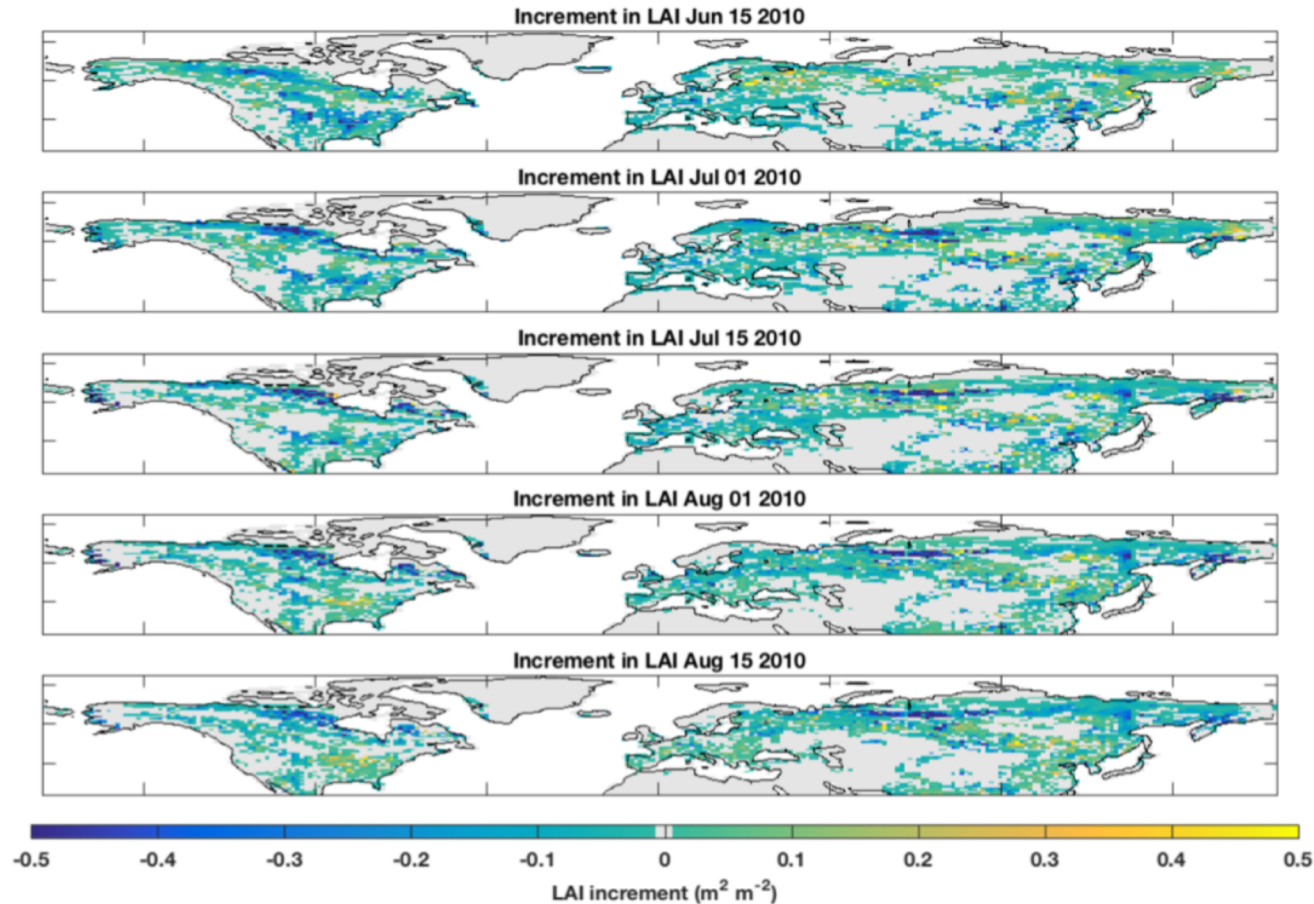
- Data assimilation was used to initialize biomass and leaf area in the Community Land Model
- Adaptive inflation was needed to give more weight to observations due to substantial discrepancies between model forecast and observations

### Evaluation of a Data Assimilation System for Land Surface Models Using CLM4.5

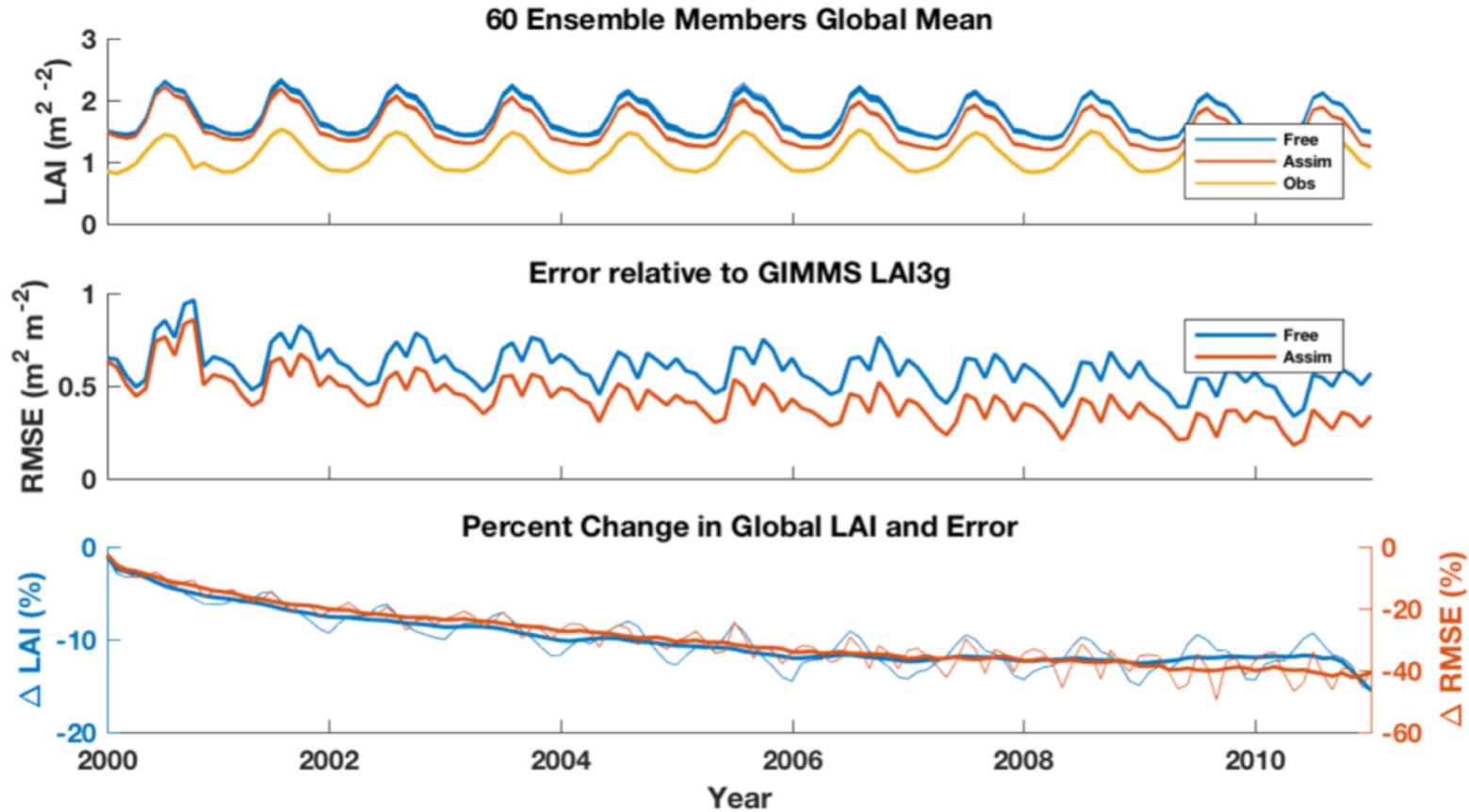
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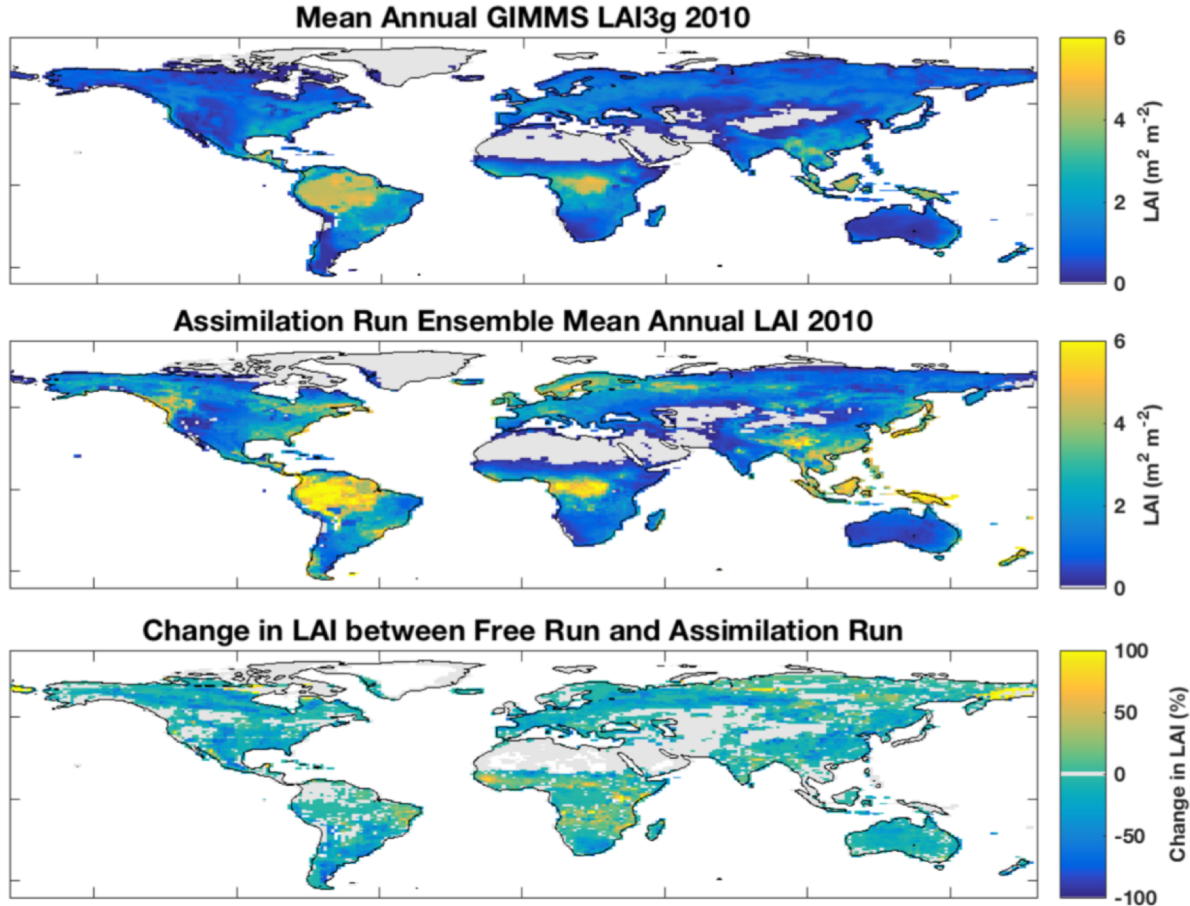
# Updates in LAI calculated every 15 days



# Impact on Global LAI

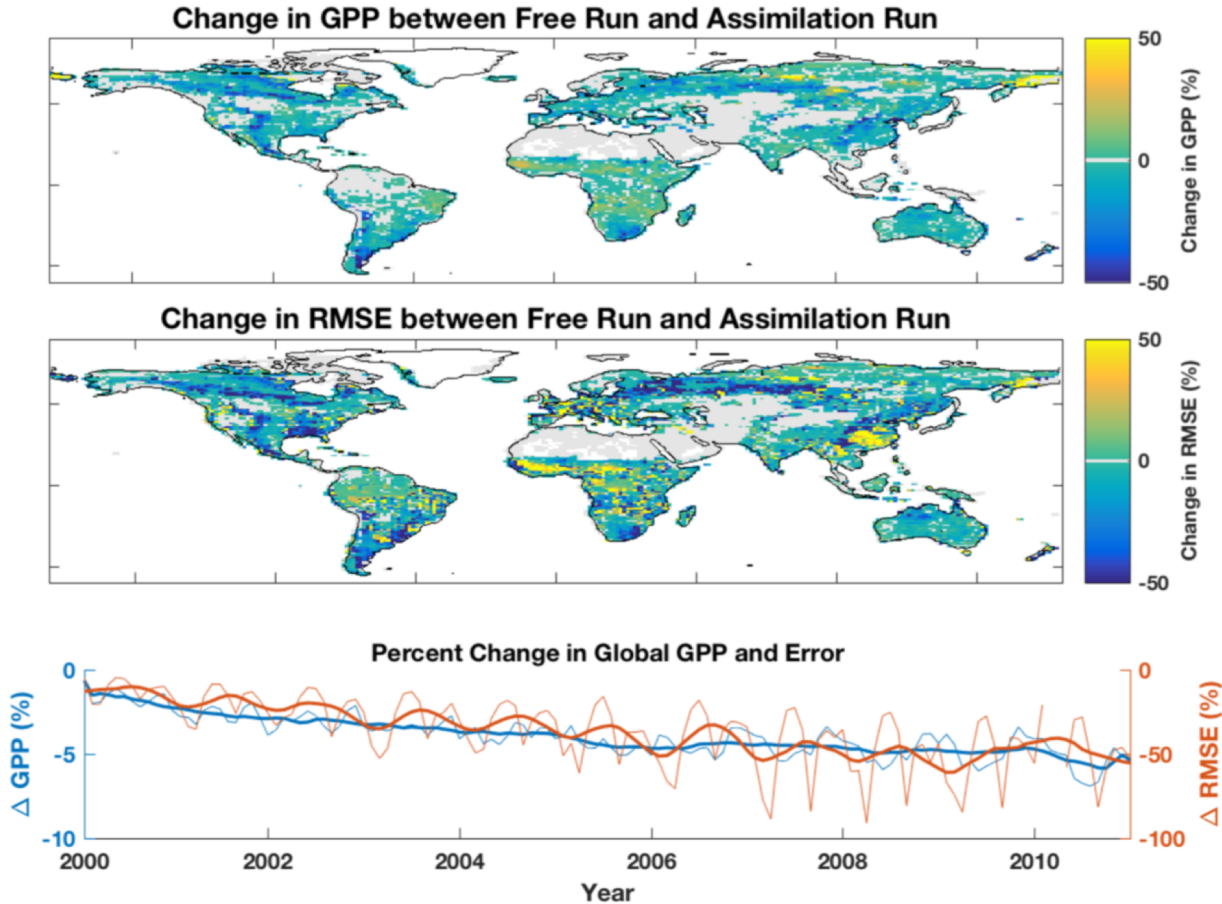


# Change in mean annual global LAI





# Impact on Global GPP

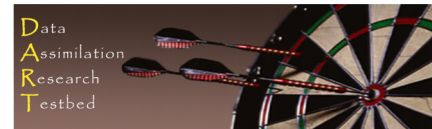


# HOW WE ACTUALLY DO THIS...

Using CTSM-DART

# Basic workflow for CTSM-DART

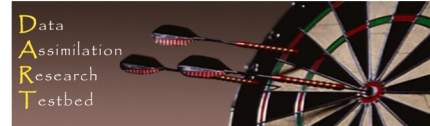
- 1) Set up and test a multi-instance case (this has nothing to do with DA *per se*)
- 2) Prepare some observations
- 3) Customize the DART assimilation script
- 4) Enable data assimilation in the case
- 5) Run the model...



# 1a. Set up multi-instance case

DART has heavily documented setup scripts to set up a multi-instance global case, *where each instance uses a unique data atmosphere (restart/parameter file)*

```
./create_newcase      --res ${resolution} \  
                       --mach ${machine} \  
                       --compset ${compset} \  
                       --case ${caseroot} \  
                       --project ${project} \  
                       --run-unsupported \  
                       --ninst ${num_instances} \  
                       --multi-driver
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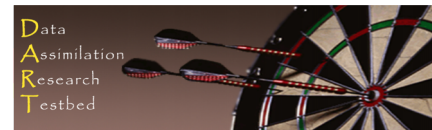
## 1b. Set up multi-instance case

It then runs many `./xmlchange` commands to change PE layout, REFDATE, STARTDATE, etc., etc.

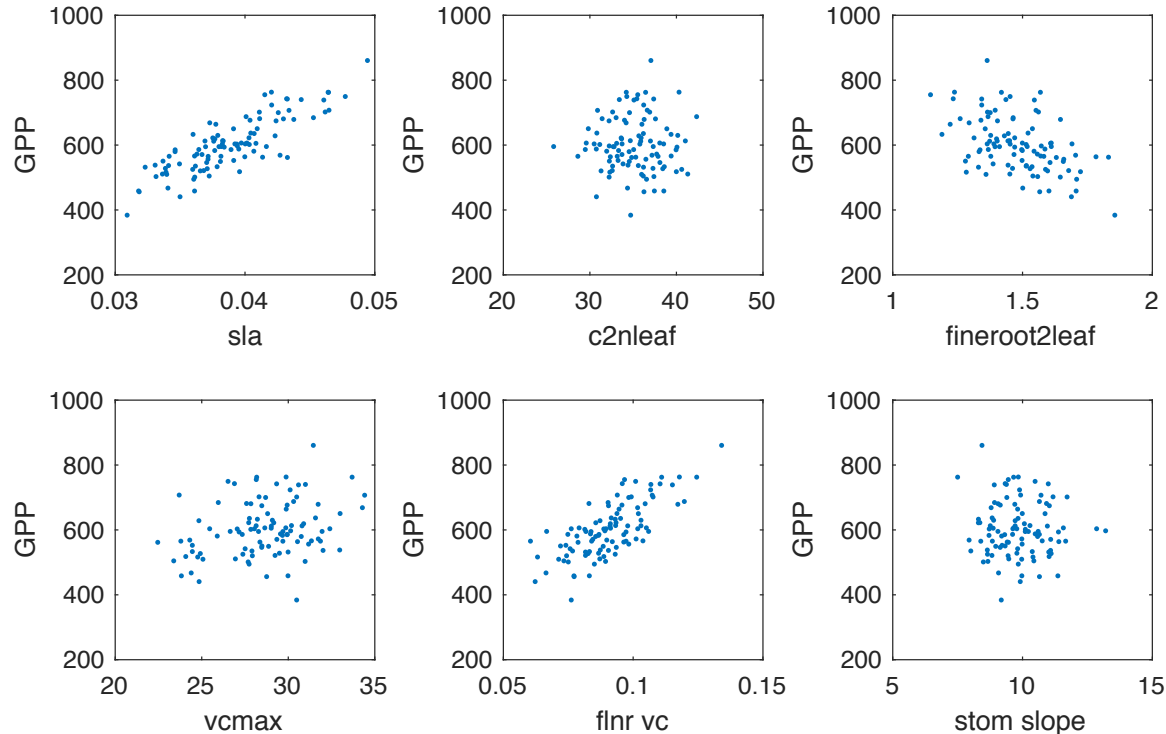
`./case.setup`

Then it manipulates the many `user_nl` files to point to incrementally numbered, unique `datm.stream` files, parameter files and so on

`./case.setup`



# An aside...

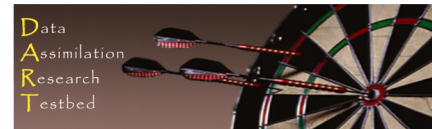


Multi-instance capability is a really cool way for carrying out parameter sensitivity analysis...

Here we looking at annual GPP sensitivity to key parameters in C4 grass across 200 ensemble members

## 2. Prepare some observations

- DART has tools to convert many kinds of observations from their raw formats (netCDF, BUFR,HDF, csv, etc.)
- Its convenient to chunk the observations into ‘assimilation-sized’ files and tag each with the CESM time of the intended restart
- If the model stops at midnight, the filenames could be `input_obs.2001-01-06-00000` and have all the observations you want to assimilate at that midnight
- The DART example scripts presume the observations have been staged

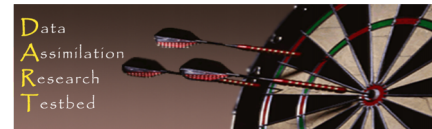


# 3. Customize the DART scripts

`CESM2_0_DART_config` script is quite simple and heavily documented.

It lives in the `CASEROOT` directory and is run interactively. It has 4 functions

1. Copies the DART executables to `EXEDIR`
2. Copies the DART run-time resources to `RUNDIR`
3. Copies the DART scripts and namelist to `CASEROOT`
4. Uses `xmlquery` and `xmlchange` for additional customizations





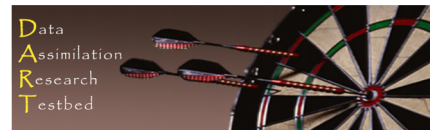
## 4. Enable the assimilation

`CESM2_0_DART_config` script then does the following

1. `./xmlchange DATA_ASSIMILATION=TRUE`
2. `./xmlchange DATA_ASSIMILATION_SCRIPT =  
${CASEROOT}/assimilate.csh`

*assimilate.csh* contains information about observation file locations, and controls execution of DART

The CESM run script is configured to invoke the DA script if the model forecast was successful. Automatically. No modifications.



## 5. Run...

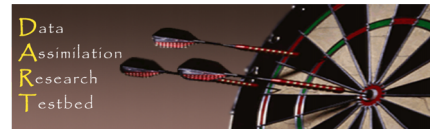
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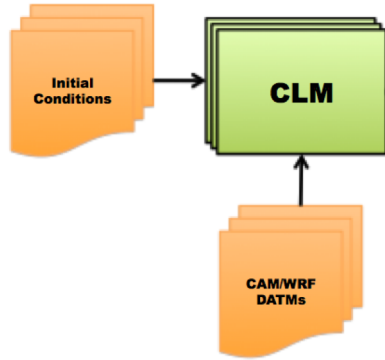
**`./case.submit`**

As far as the workflow for DA is concerned, *that's it!*

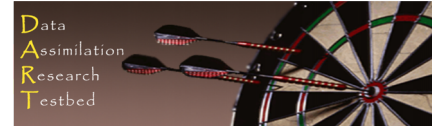
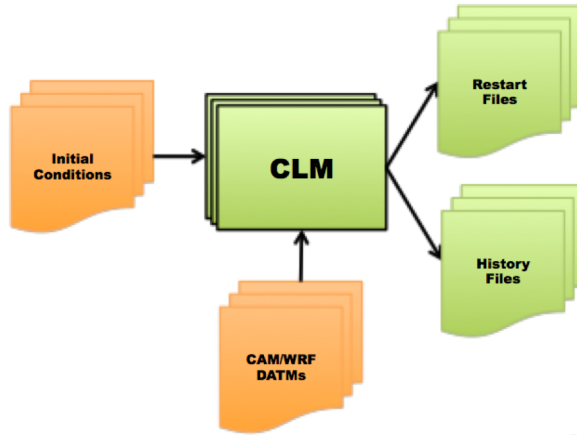
Then you can use the DART diagnostic tools to determine how well the DA system is working...



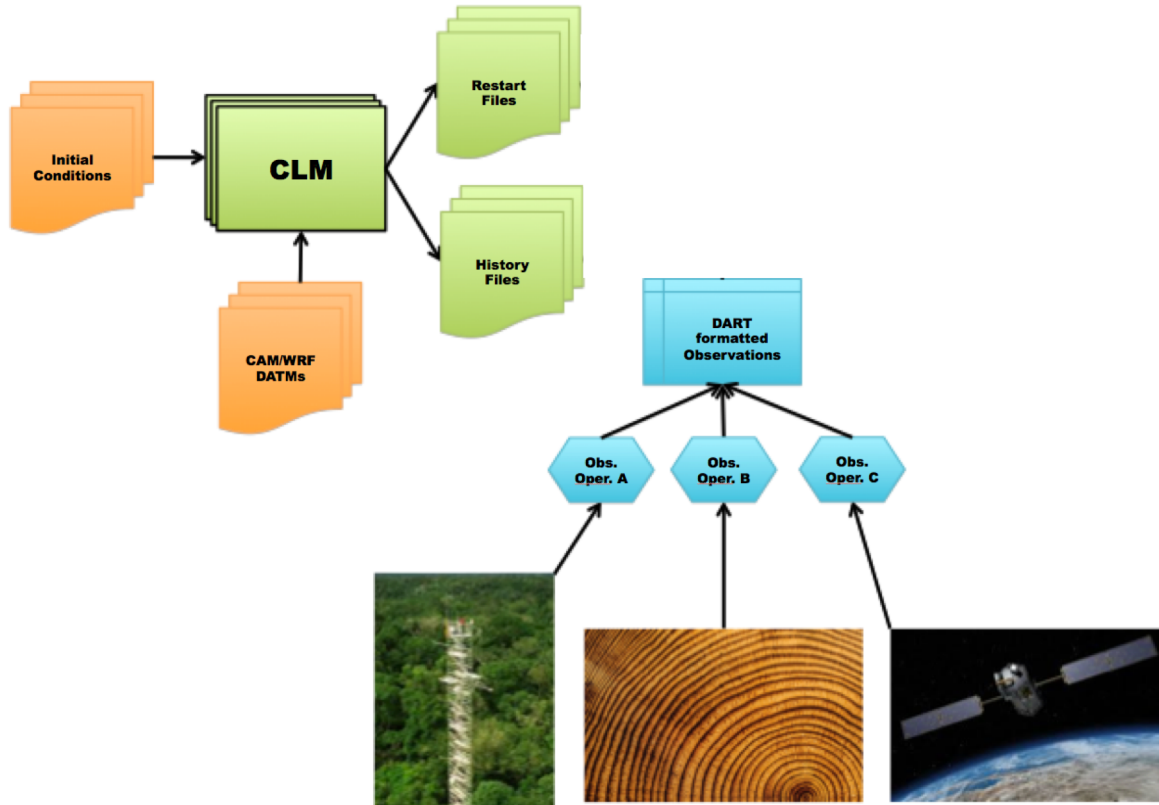
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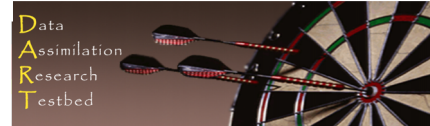
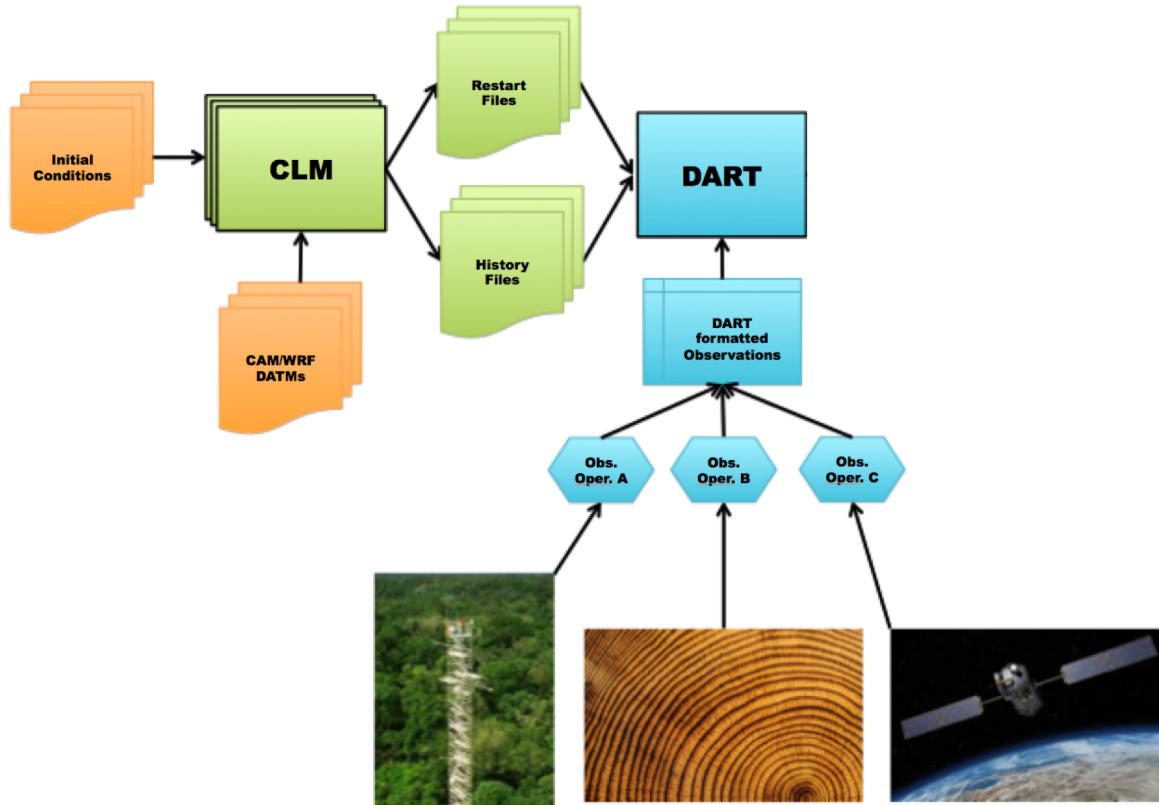
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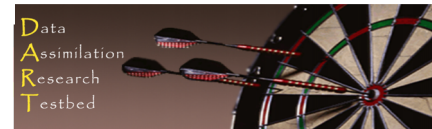
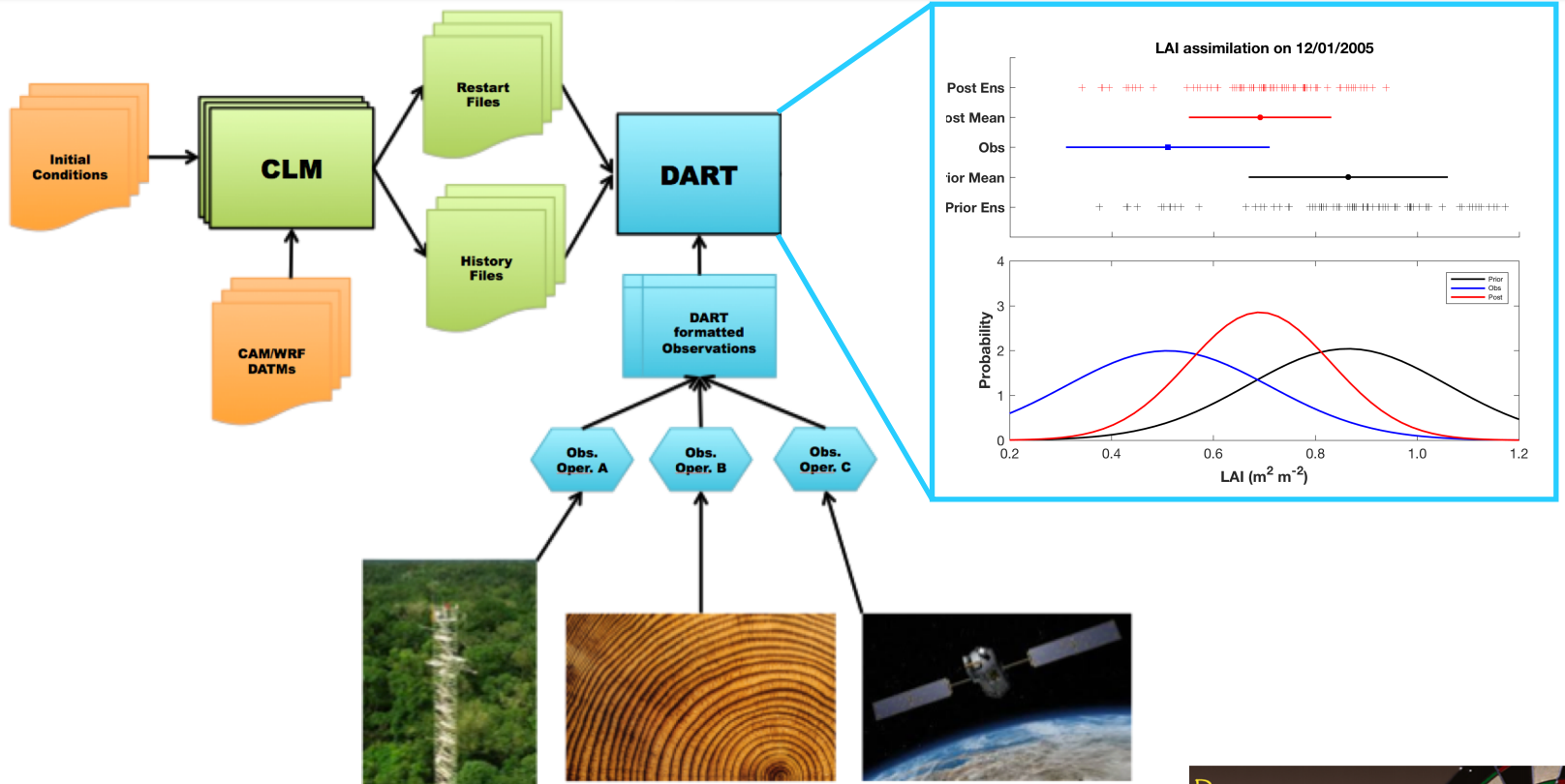
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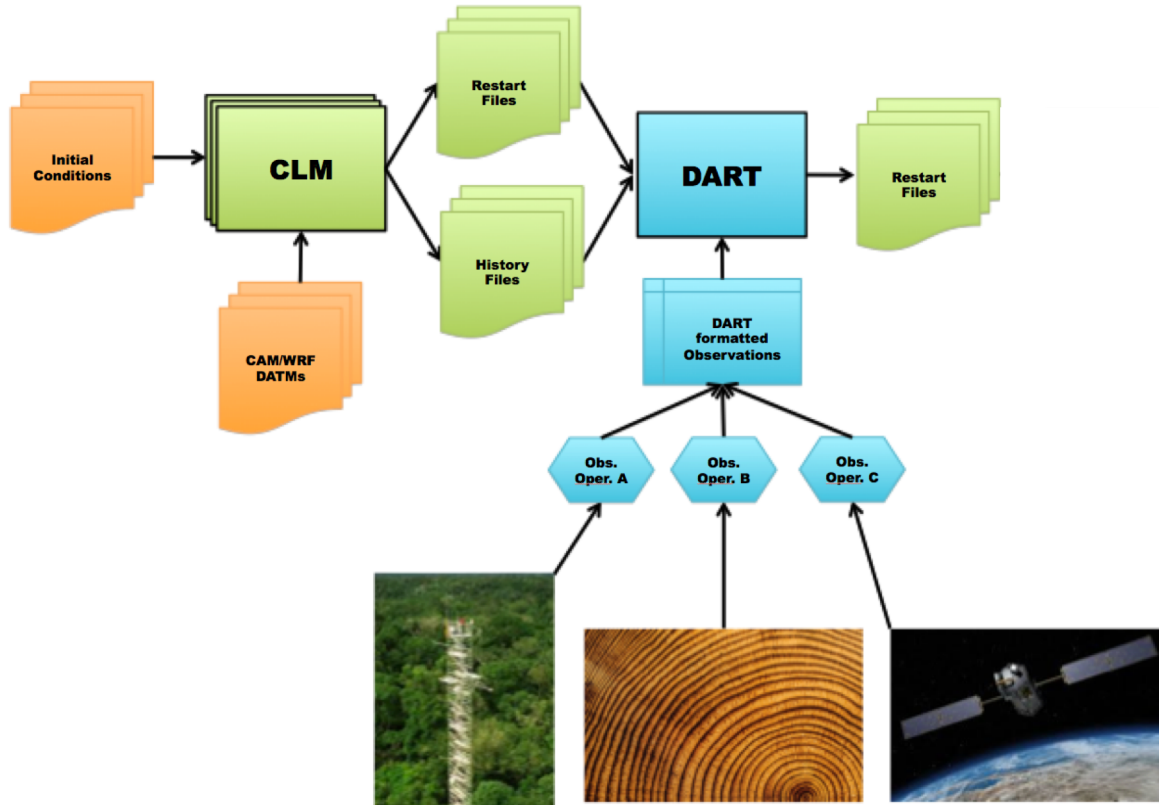
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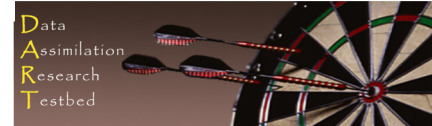
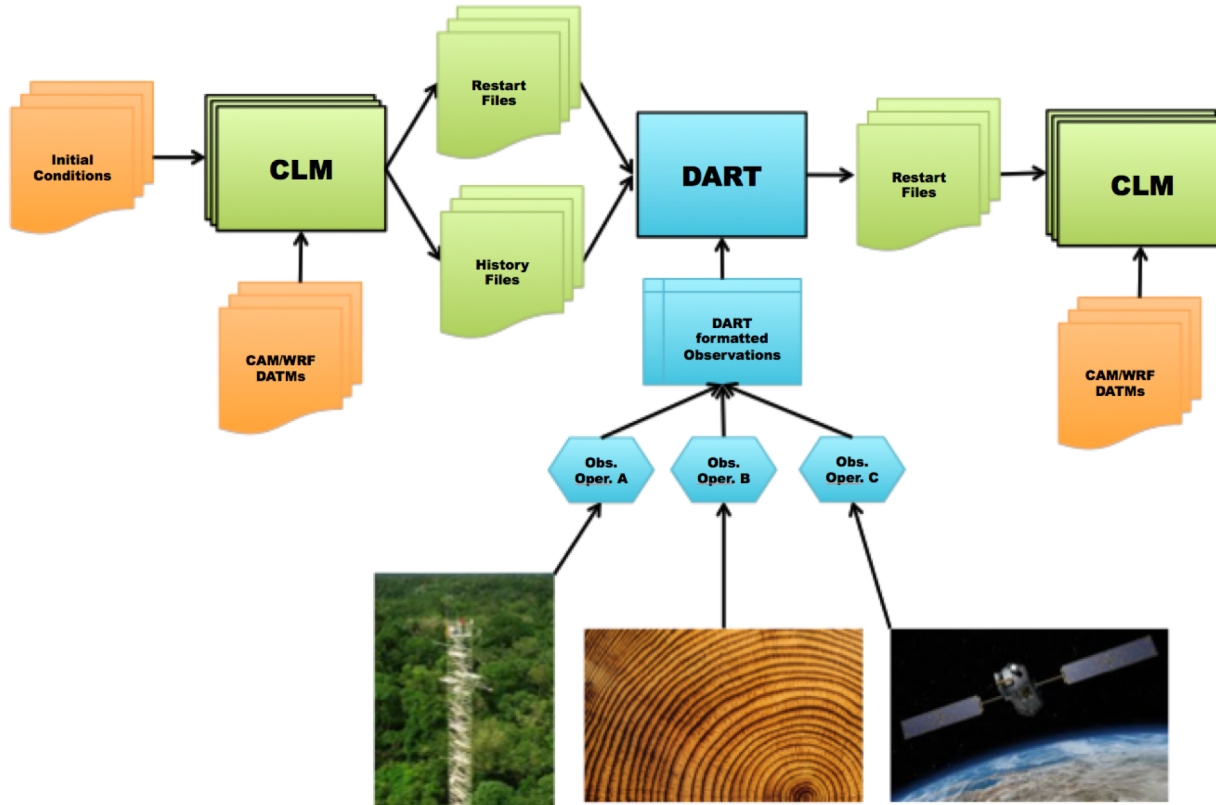


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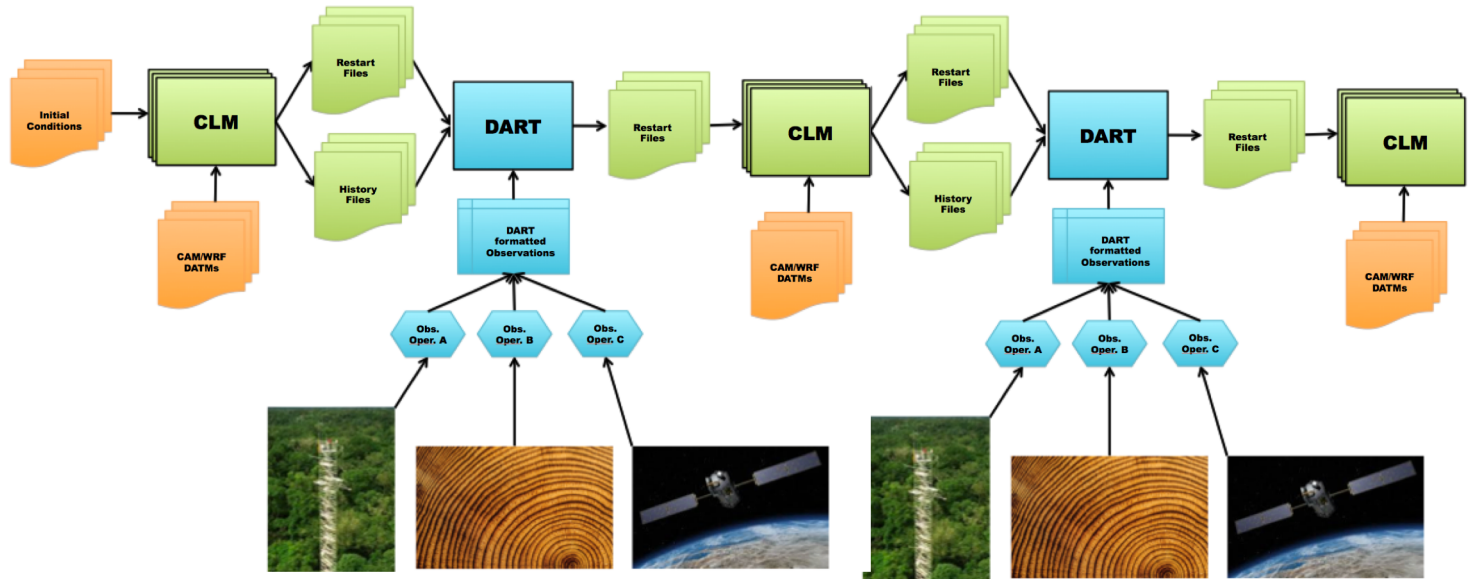




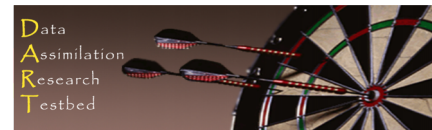
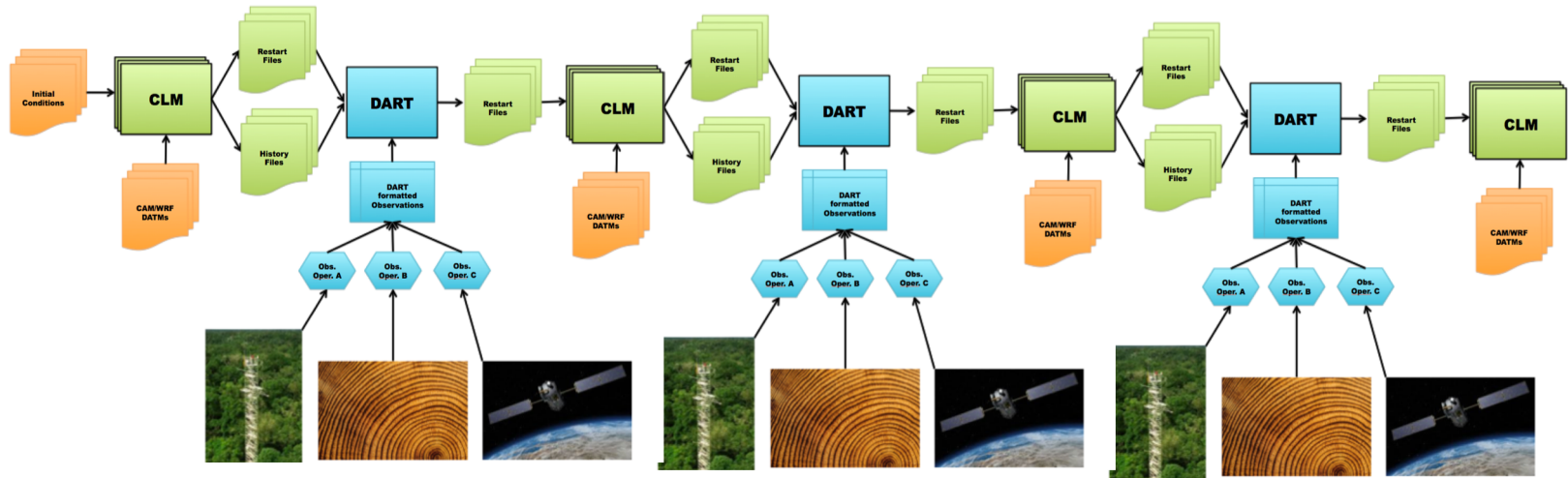
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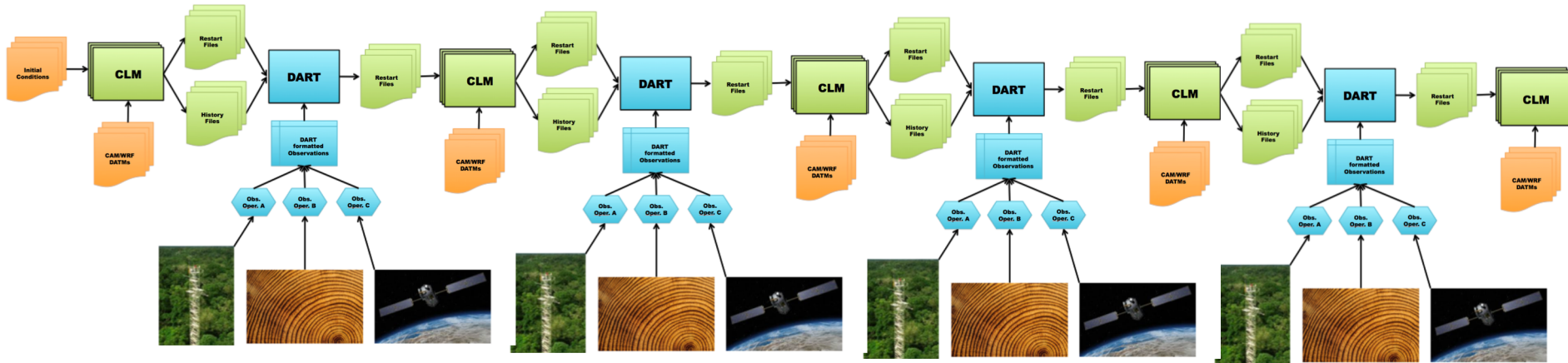
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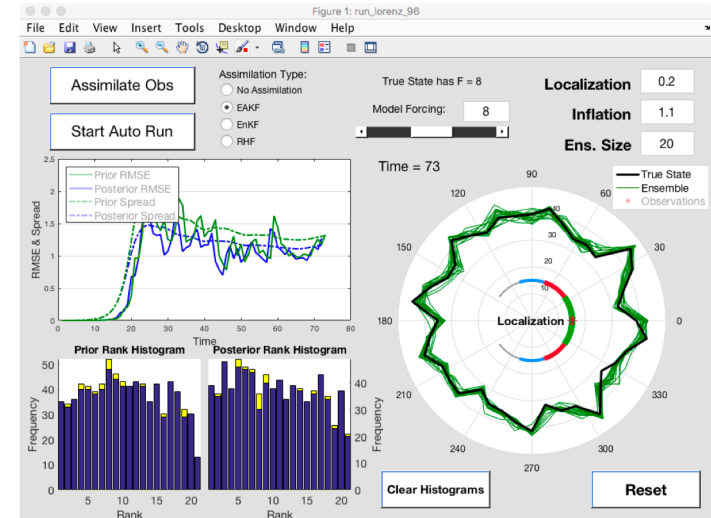


# The DART Tutorial & DART\_LAB

The **DART Tutorial** is a step-by-step approach to ensemble DA.

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# WHAT ARE WE THINKING ABOUT NEXT?

Future directions

# Future Directions

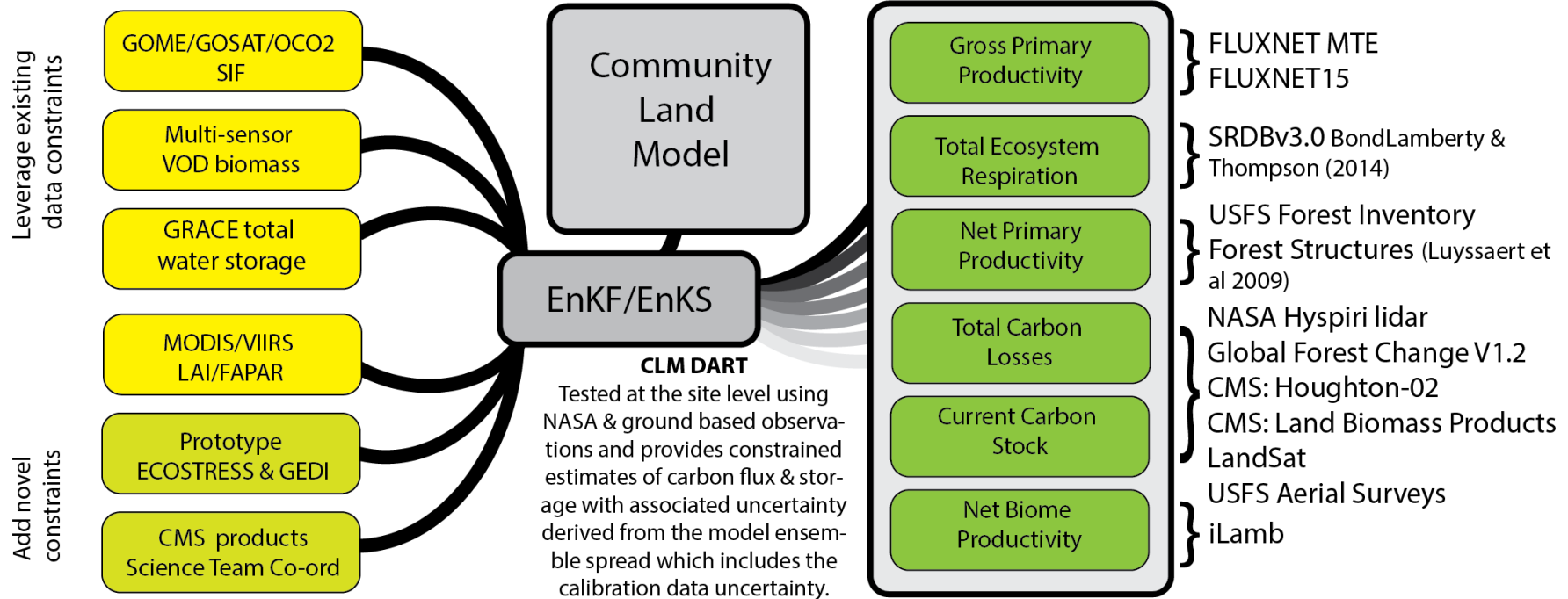
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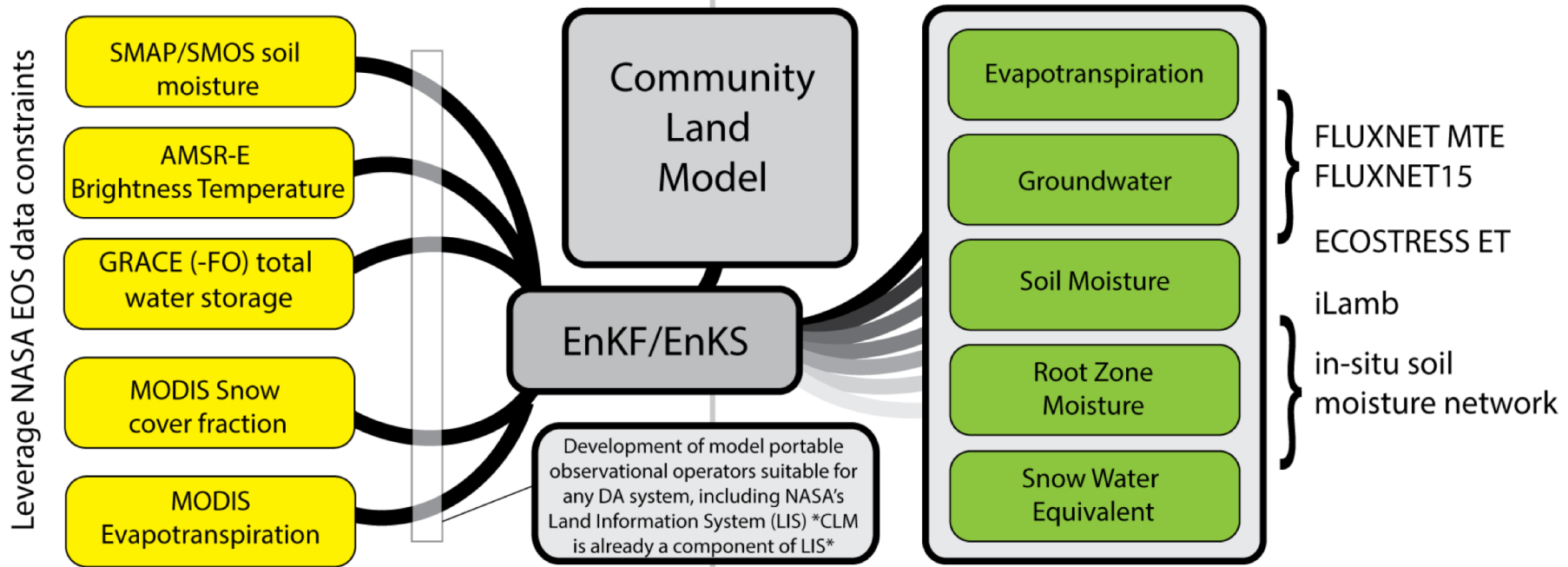




# Merging RS data and models – Water

## Calibration datasets and Data Assimilation

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# Future Directions

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- 1) Merging multiple types of RS observations
- 2) Working with new observations

# New observations from the ISS

July 2018

Dec 2018

Early 2019

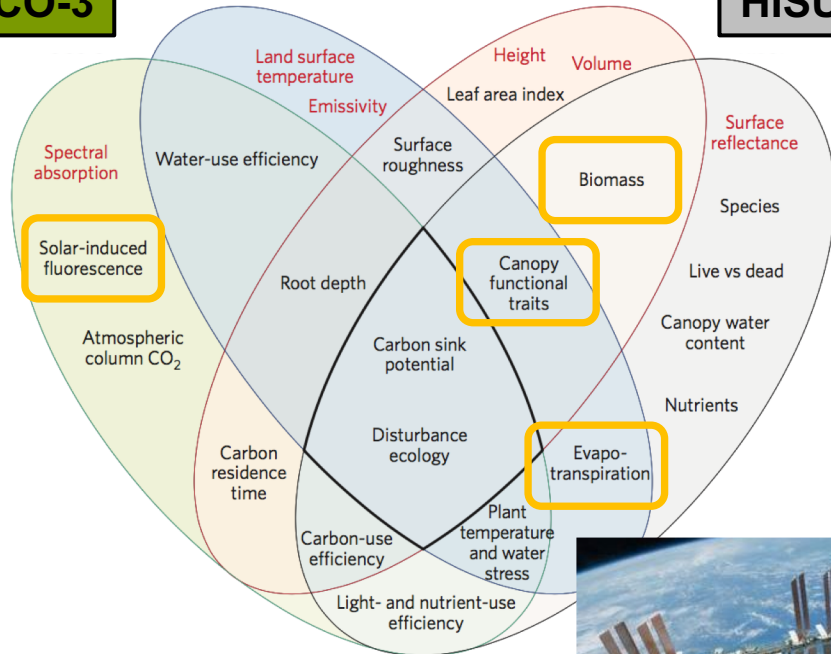
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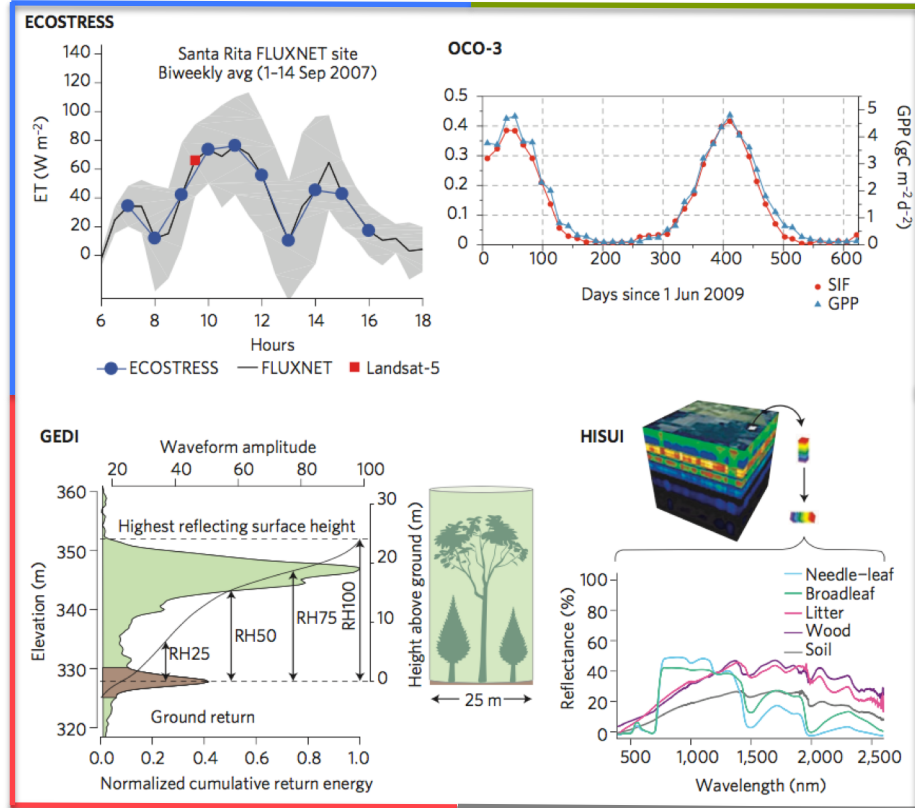
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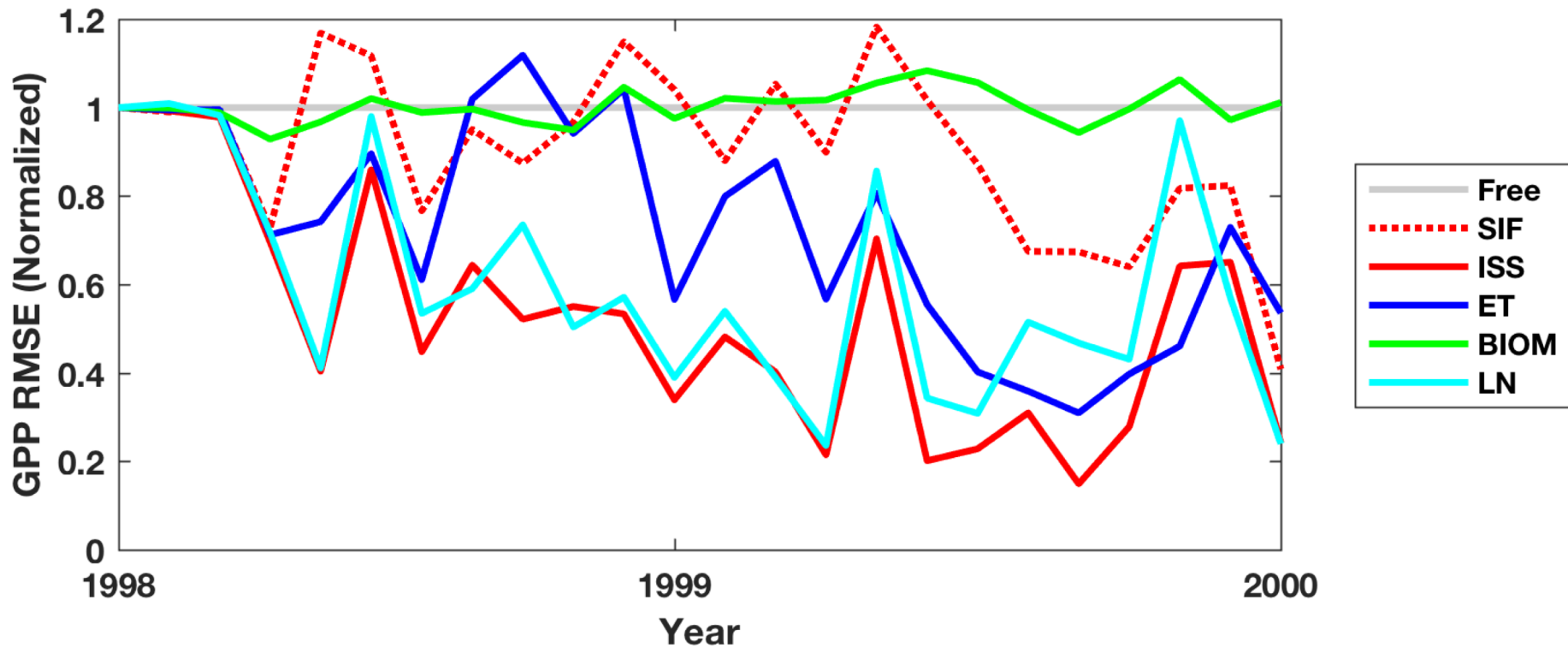
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Stavros et al. 2017



# Combining all ISS obs reduces error the most



# Future Directions

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# ECOSTRESS Level-3 Evapotranspiration ATBD

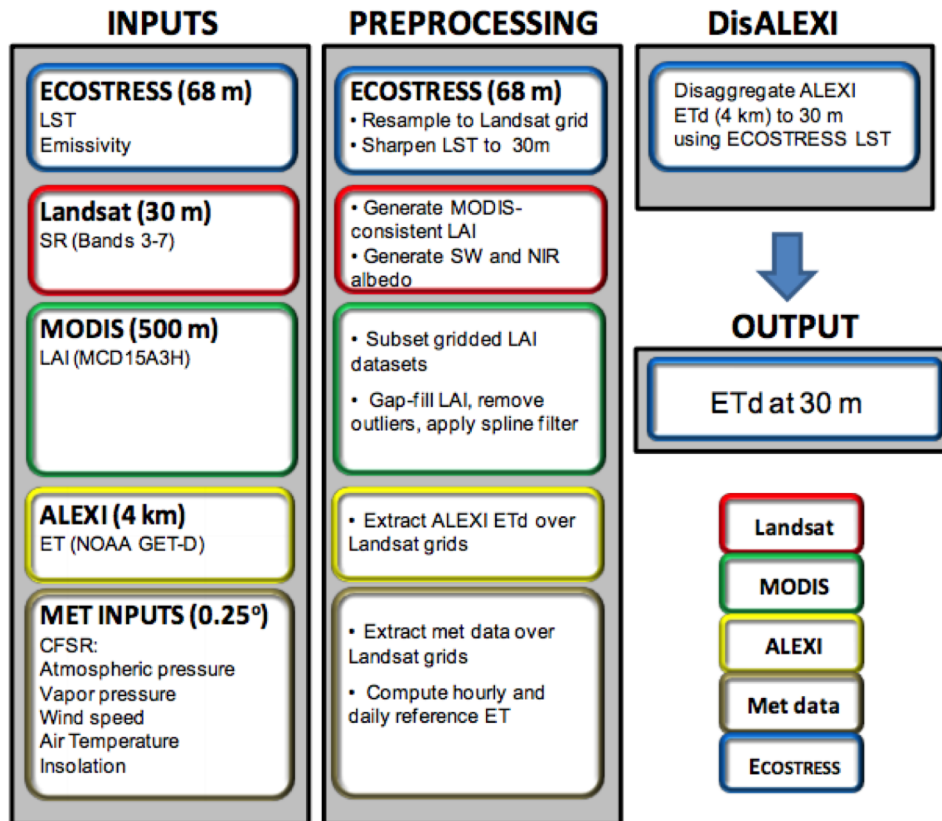


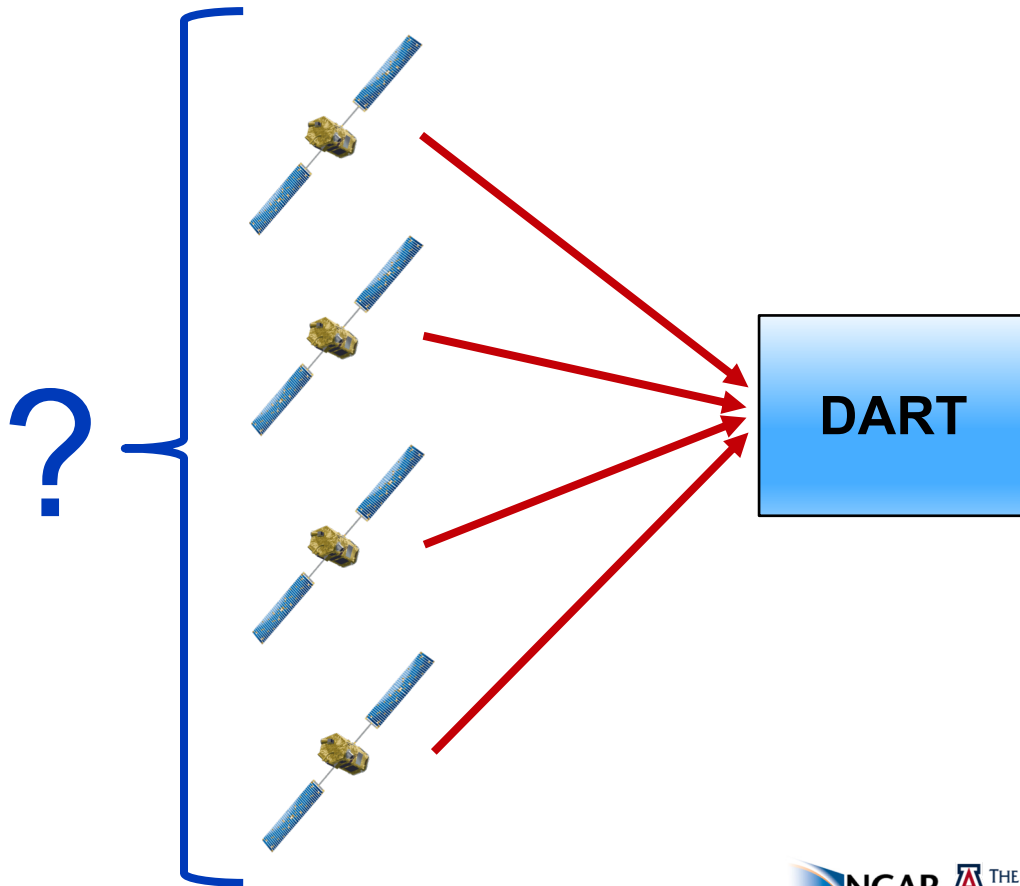
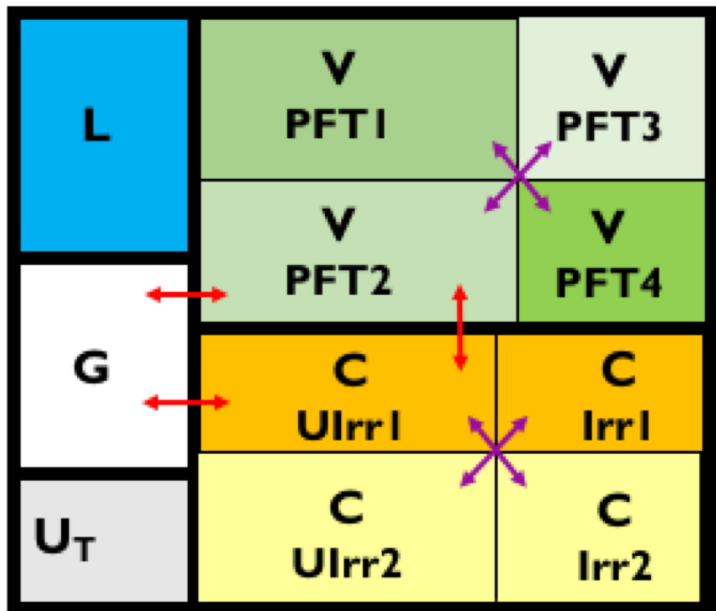
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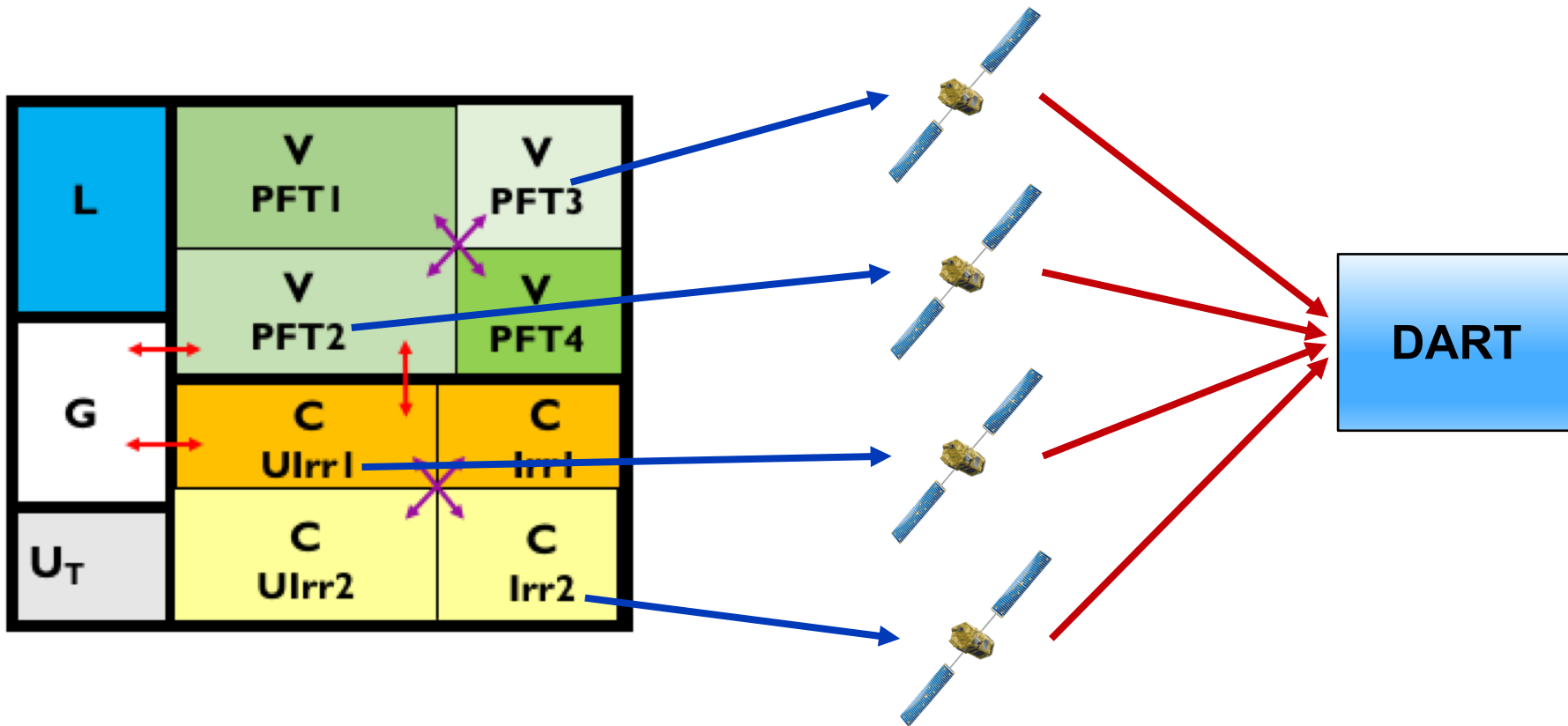
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# From grid cell “average” observations to PFT-specific





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- 5) **“Parameter” estimation**  
(Often more like special state variables...)

# Parameter estimation with EAKF

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Key Points:

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Hanna Post<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Jasper A. Vrugt<sup>2,4,5</sup>, Andrew Fox<sup>6</sup>, Harry Vereecken<sup>2,3</sup>, and Harrie-Jan Hendricks Franssen<sup>2,3</sup>



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Dual state–parameter estimation of hydrological models using ensemble Kalman filter

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