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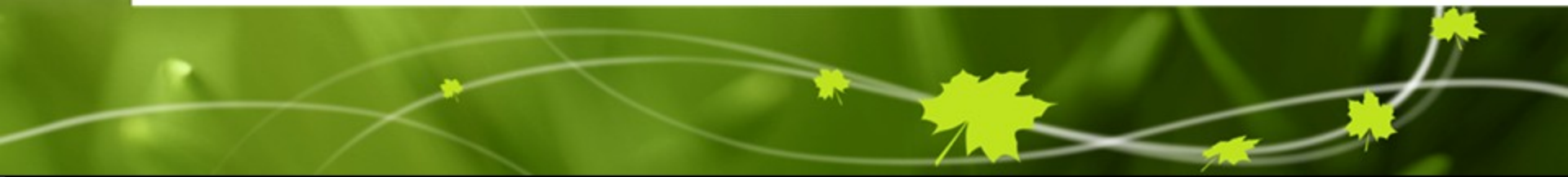
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# ***Le nouveau système de modélisation et d'assimilation de surface***

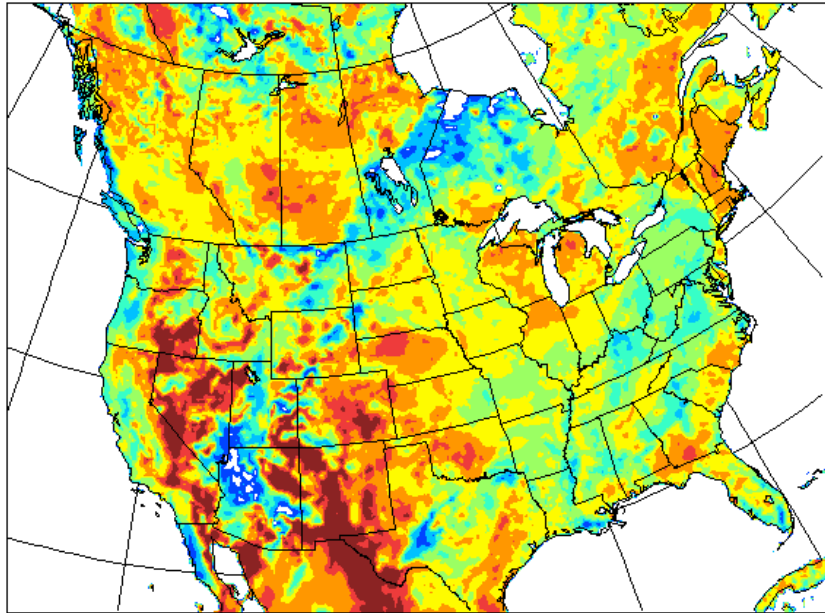
***Stéphane Bélair,***  
*Science and Technology Branch*  
*Environment Canada*

*22 mai 2009, Dorval*



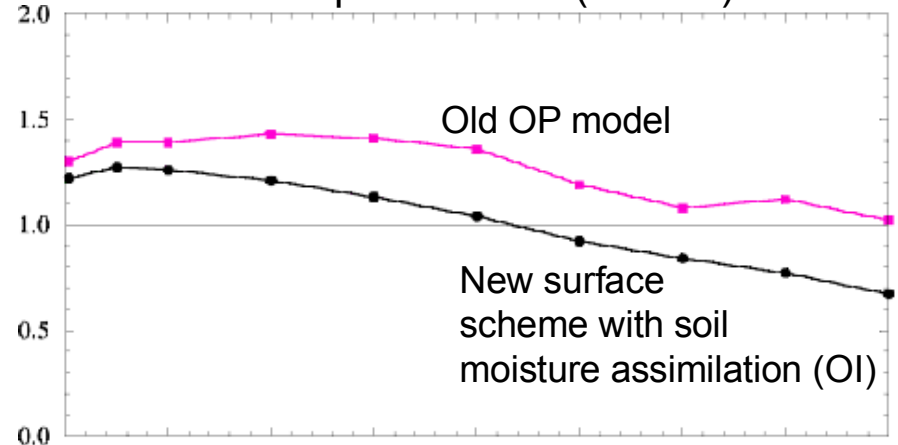
# HISTORY: IMPACT of SURFACE PROCESSES (REGIONAL -2001)

Near surface soil moisture



(valid at 1200 UTC 22 October 2004)

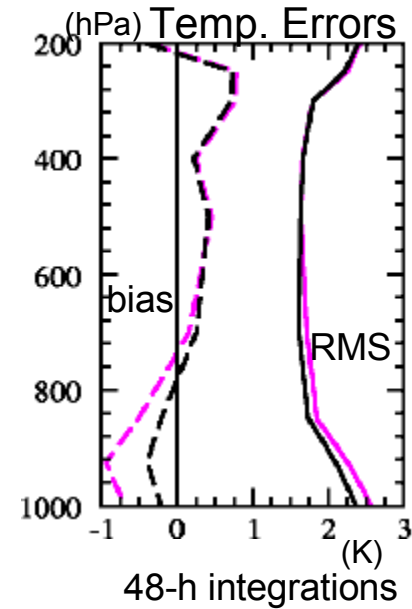
Precipitation bias (24-48h)



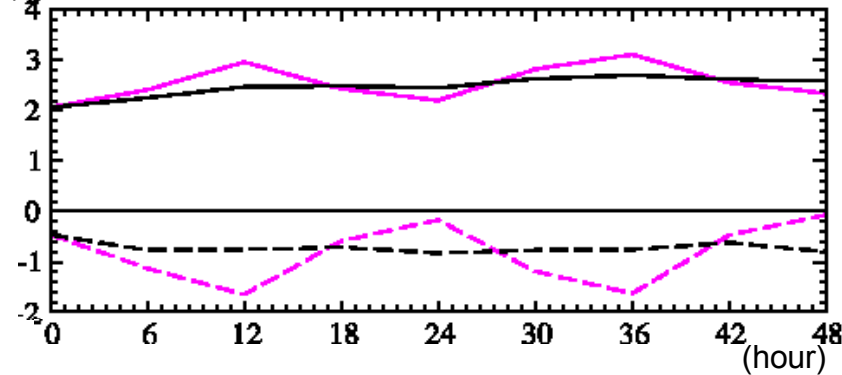
Better soil moisture resulted in significant improvements for:

- Low-level air temp. and humidity
- Diurnal cycle of the PBL
- Precipitation biases

NOTE: mostly in summer



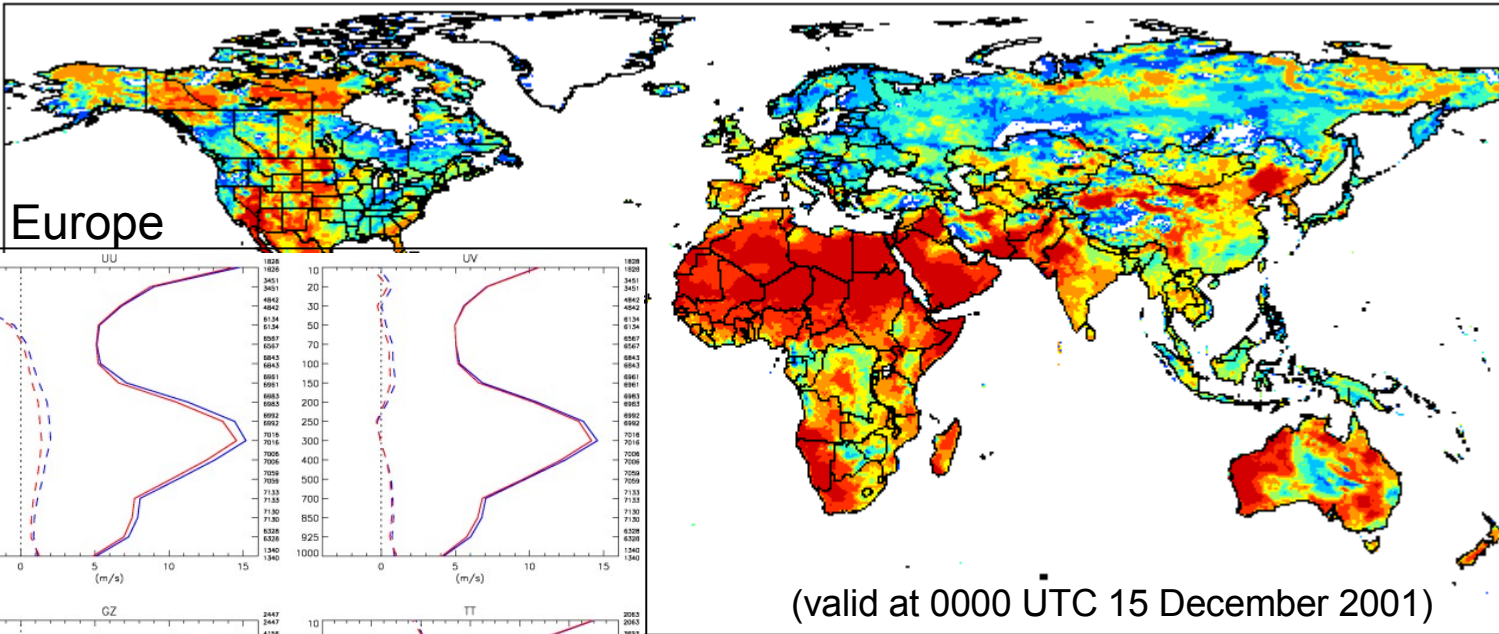
Low-level air Temp. Errors



(Bélair et al. 2003)

# HISTORY: IMPACT of SURFACE PROCESSES (GLOBAL -2006)

Near surface soil moisture



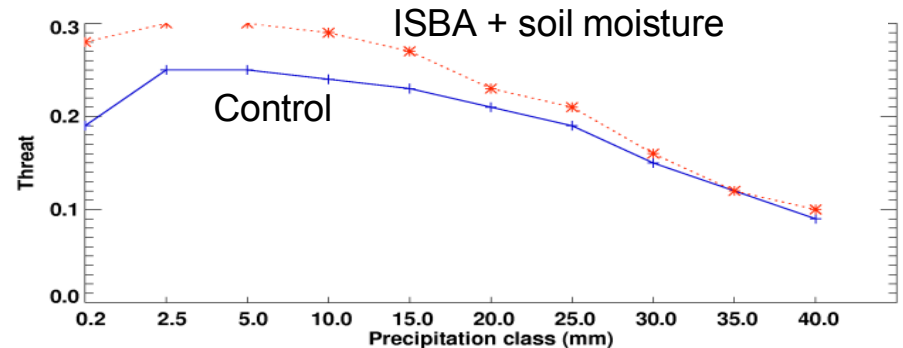
120-h, Europe

(valid at 0000 UTC 15 December 2001)

Has been implemented in the global forecasting system (31 October 2006).

(Bélair et al.)

Precipitation Threat Score (Day 4)- SHEF



# OBJECTIVES / REQUIREMENTS for the NEW LAND SURFACE MODELING and ASSIMILATION SYSTEM

- \*) Provide accurate analysis of current state of the land surface, including the following variables**

*albedo,*

*emissivity*

*vegetation characteristics (leaf area index and fractional coverage)*

*soil moisture*

*snow conditions (coverage, water equivalent, density)*

*temperatures*

- \*) Improve environmental predictions from EC's operational systems, including**

*deterministic NWP systems (regional, global, LAM)*

*ensemble prediction systems (regional, global)*

*hydrology*

**Provide operational products that could be useful to other Government departments, like for example**

*Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC)*

*Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)*

# FIRST THINGS FIRST: the TEAM (right now)

**WINDS**

**EPiCC+CRTI**

Sylvie Leroyer

Linying Tong

Nathalie Gauthier

Douglas Chan

**MODELING**

Yi-Ching Chung

Natacha Bernier

Denis Jacob

Maria Abrahamowicz

**HYDROLOGY**

**GenPhysX**

Bernard Bilodeau

**CaLDAS**

Marco Carrera

Libo Wang

Sheena Solomon

**NWP**

# ***Le nouveau système de modélisation et d'assimilation de surface***

**AVERTISSEMENT:** Cette présentation inclut des images que certains auditeurs peuvent juger inappropriées. Elle ne fournit pas une démonstration rigoureuse qui pourrait mener à une implémentation opérationnelle immédiate. Elle a plutôt pour but d'introduire les nouveaux systèmes de surface présentement développés en recherche, ainsi que d'autres présentations qui vont suivre dans l'année. Elle est destinée à un public averti.

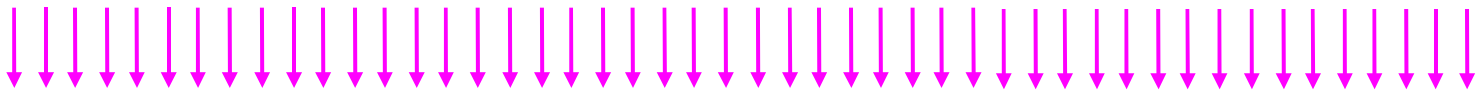
# EXTERNAL LAND SURFACE MODELING

ATMOS  
MODEL

*LOW-RES*



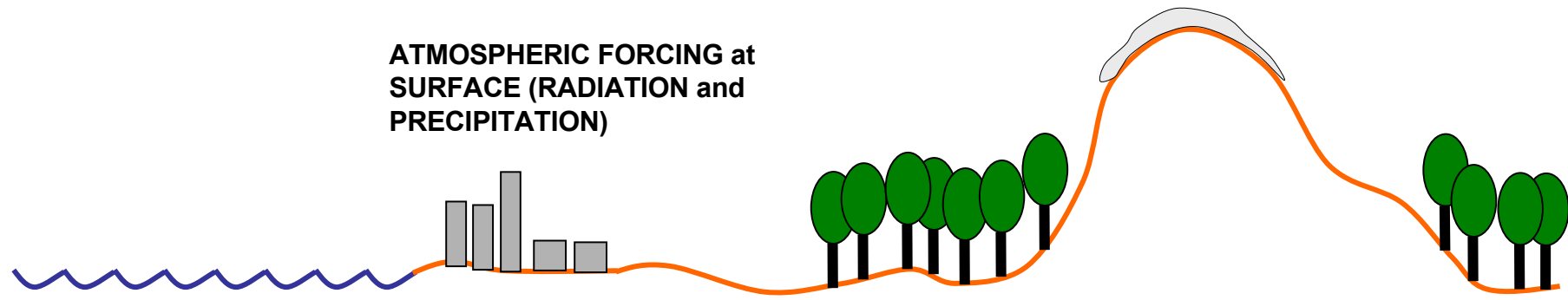
3D INTEGRATION



ATMOSPHERIC FORCING at FIRST ATMOS. MODEL LEVEL (T, q, U, V)



ATMOSPHERIC FORCING at  
SURFACE (RADIATION and  
PRECIPITATION)



*HIGH-RES*

External  
Land Surface  
Model

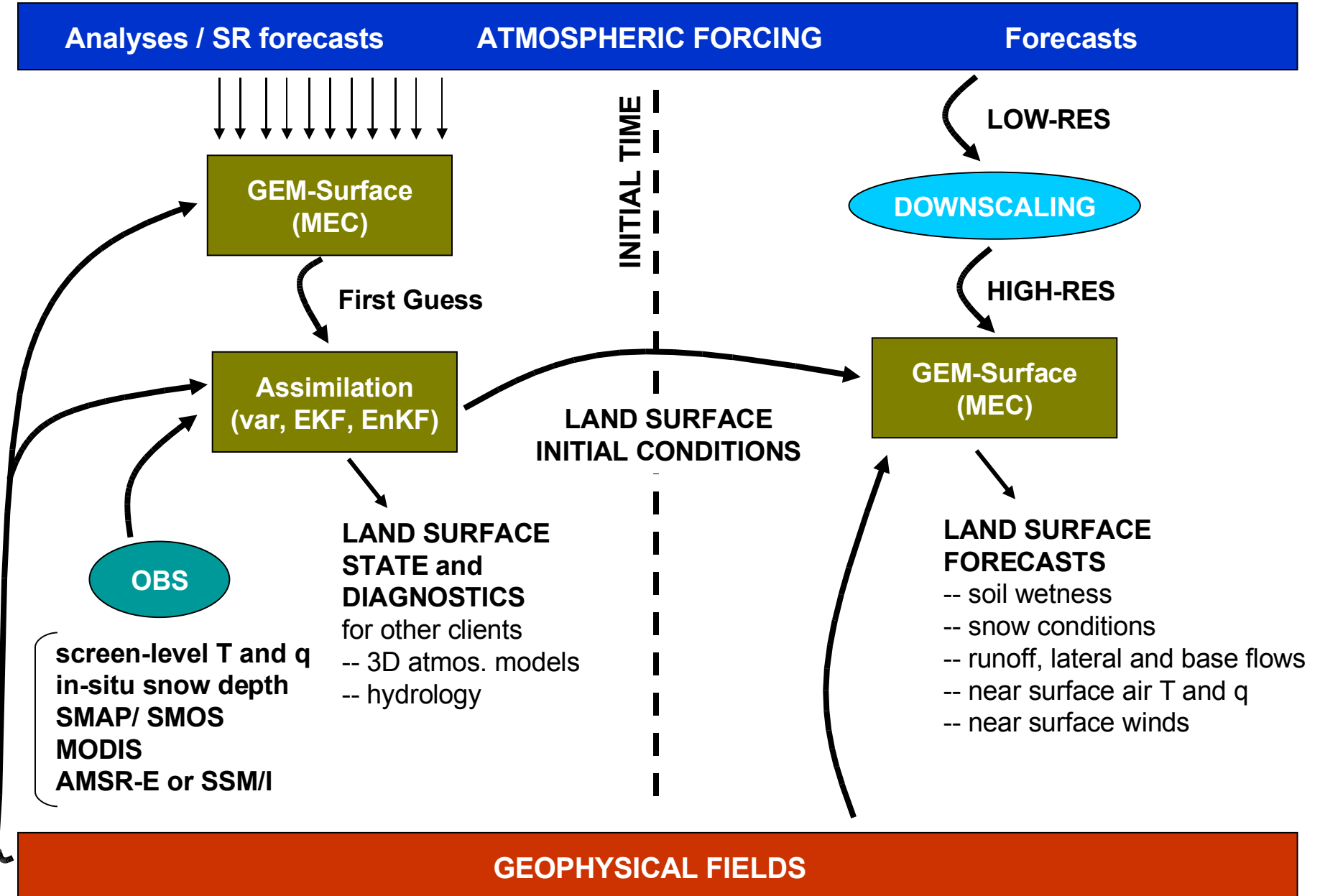


2D INTEGRATION

With horizontal resolution as high as that of surface databases (e.g., 100 m)

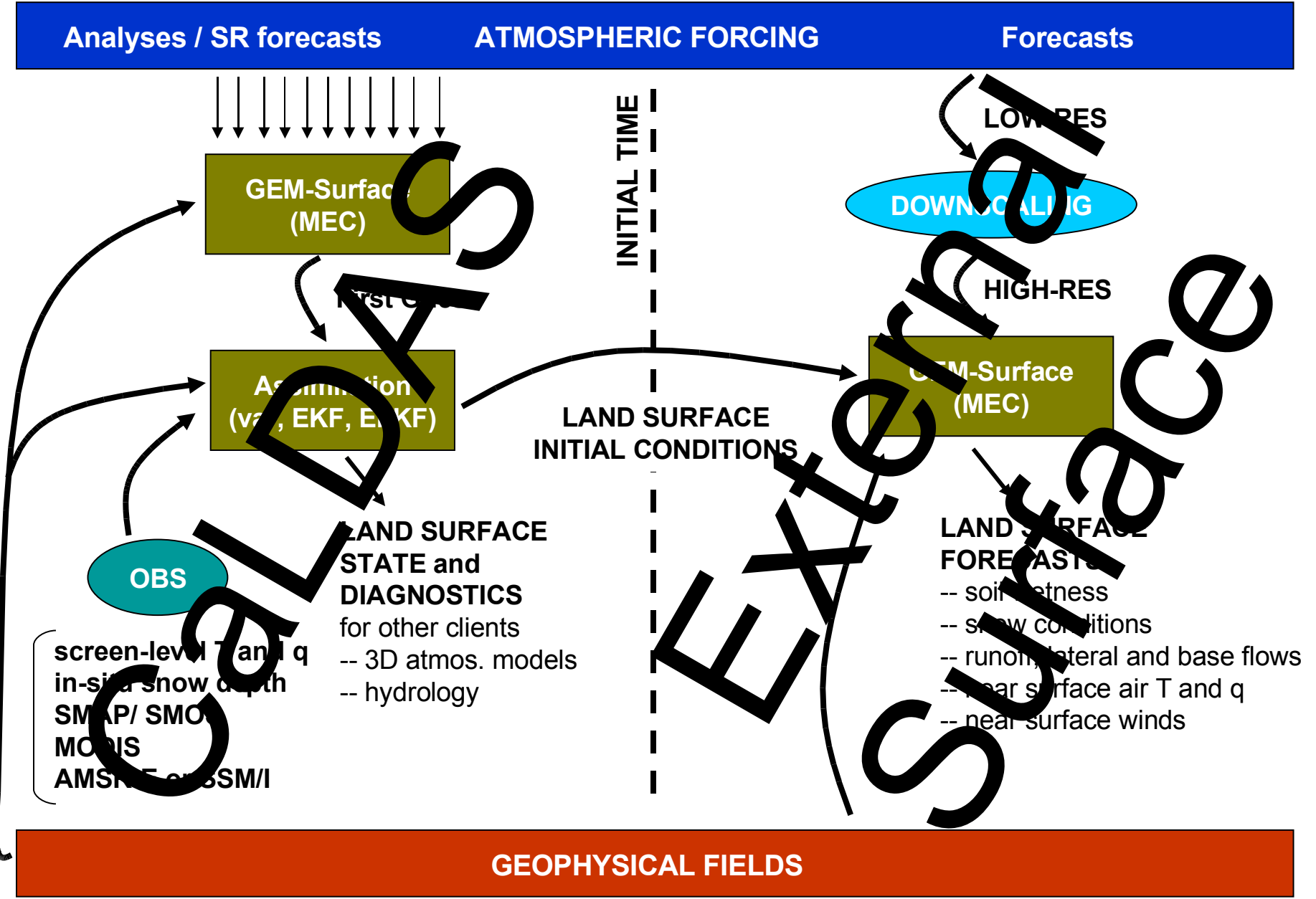
**Computational cost of off-line surface modeling system is *much less* than an integration of the atmospheric model**

# The LAND SURFACE SYSTEM

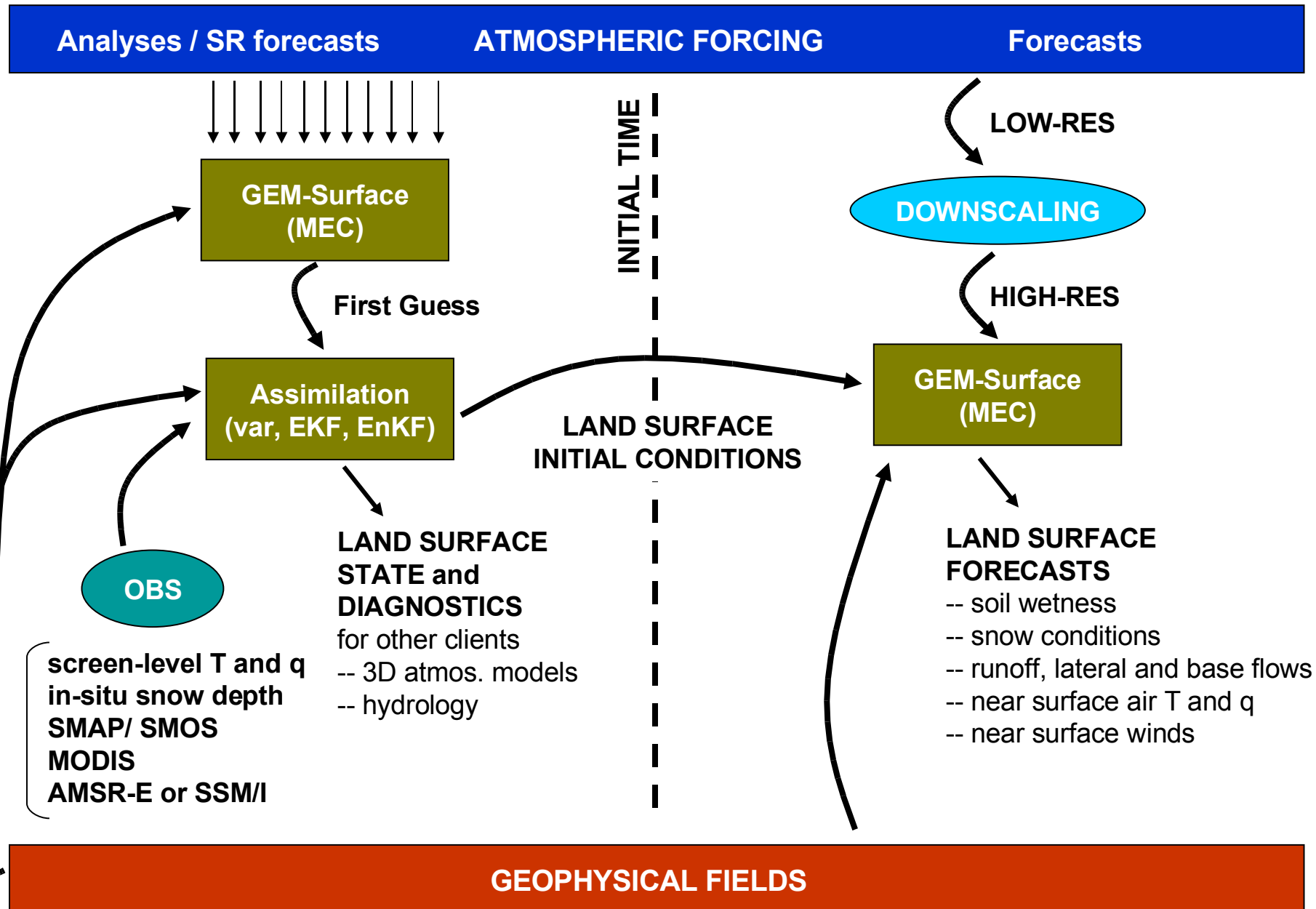




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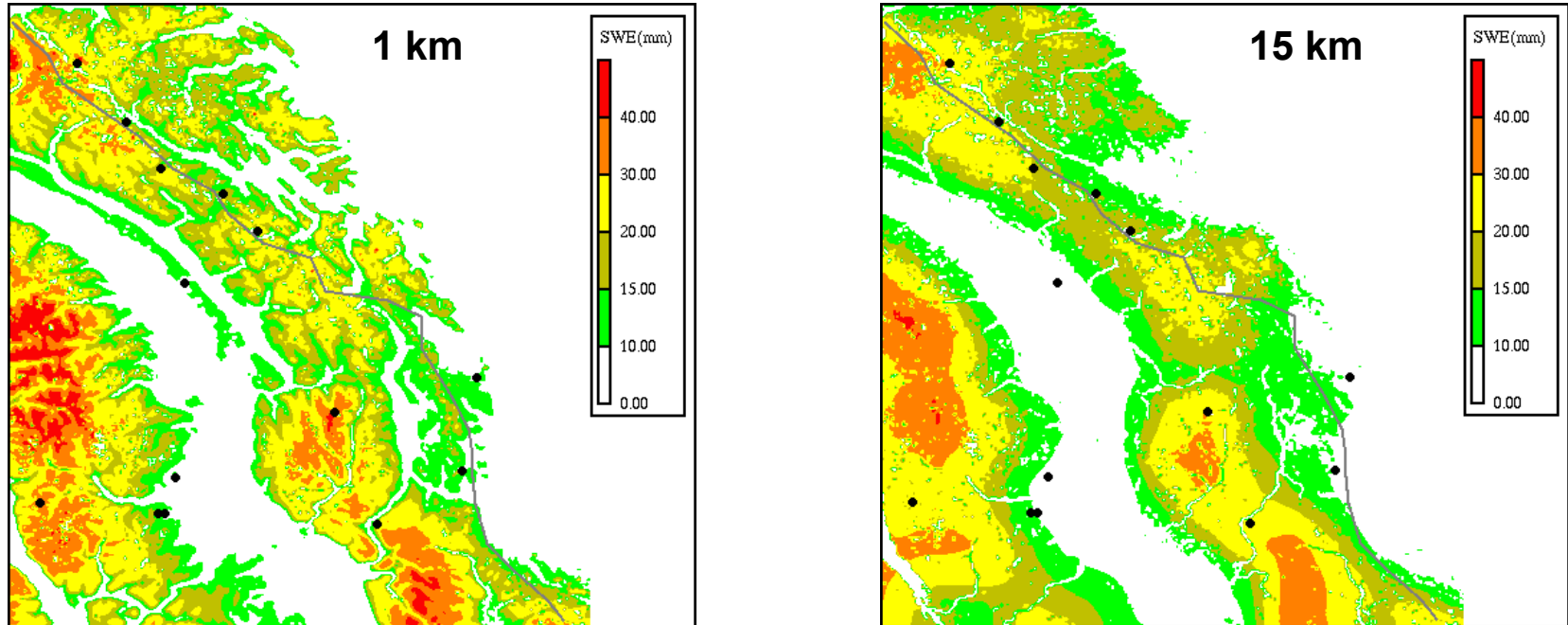
# The LAND SURFACE SYSTEM



# HIGH-RESOLUTION MODELING of LAND SURFACE (NAESI)

(Marco Carrera, Dorothée Charpentier, Vincent Fortin, Isabelle Doré)

## Mean Snow Water Equivalent

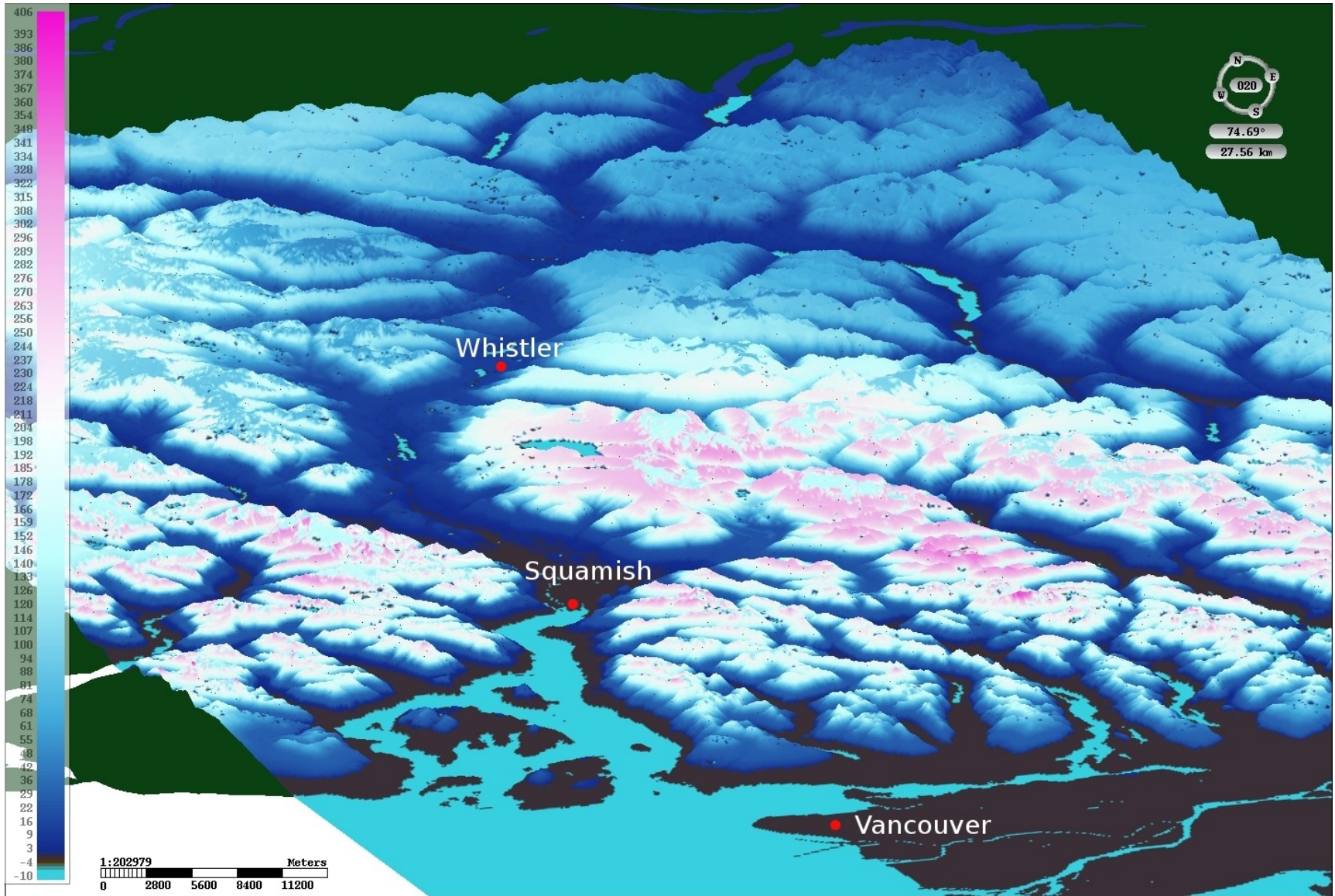


Valid during Winter 05-06

*Prototype version of an external land surface system was tested in the context of NAESI. Integrations for 2004-2007 with an offline 1-km land surface system were performed.*

# HIGH-RESOLUTION MODELING of LAND SURFACE (VO2010)

(Natacha Bernier, Linying Tong, Maria Abrahamowicz)

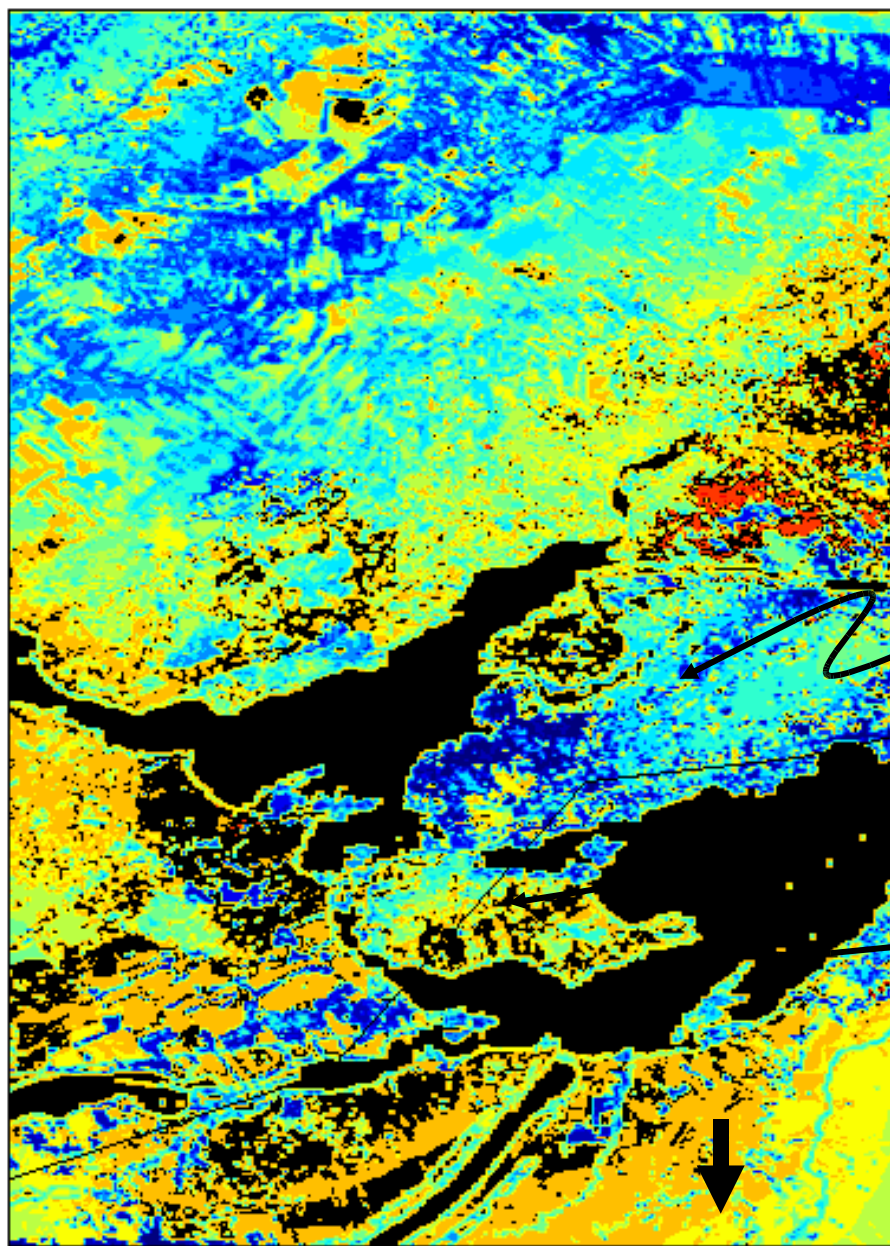


# HIGH-RESOLUTION MODELING of LAND SURFACE (CRTI/EPiCC)

(Sylvie Leroyer)

(Valid on  
1 August 2008)

Ontario ←



Soil Water Index

1.8

1.4

1.0

0.6

0.2

-0.2

-0.6

-1.0

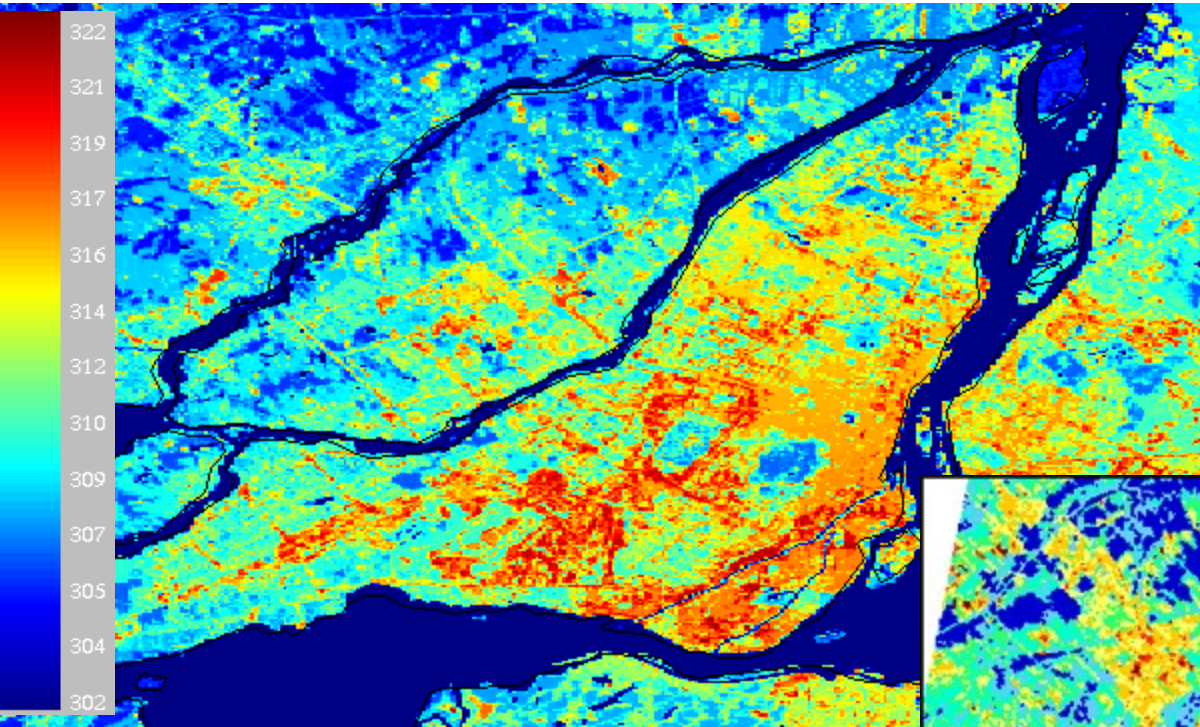
Montreal  
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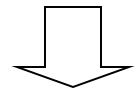
USA

(Leroyer et al)

# HIGH-RESOLUTION EXTERNAL MODELING of URBAN HEAT ISLANDS – RADIATIVE SURFACE TEMPERATURES

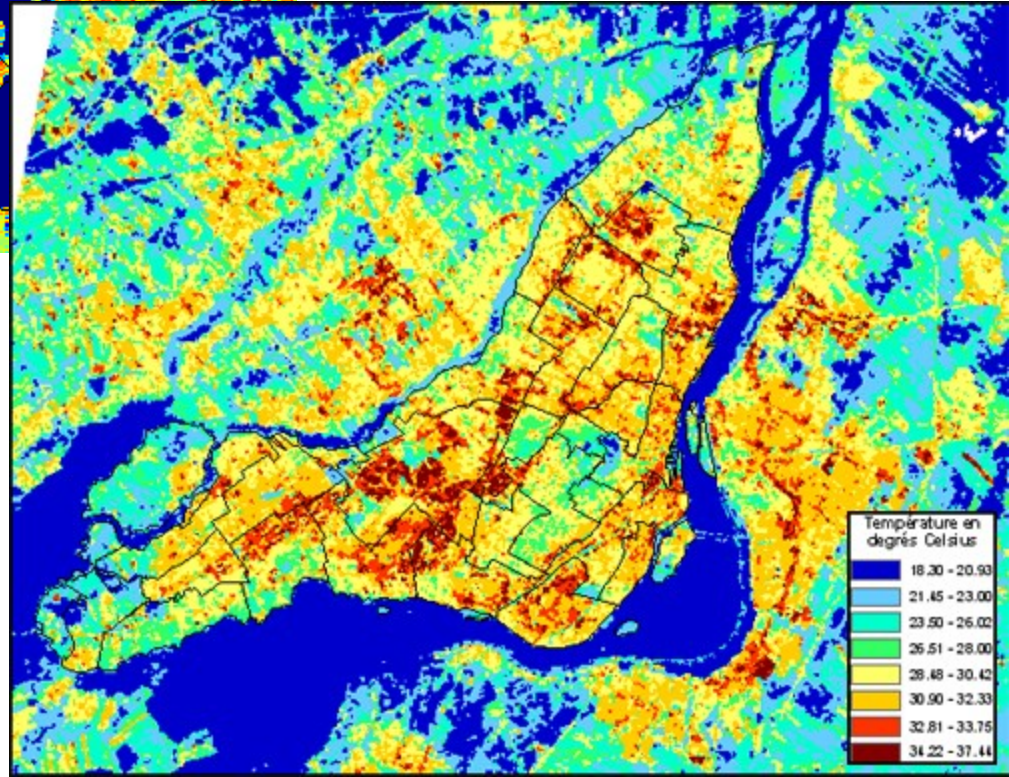


**Landsat 5,  
11 August 2001, 1500  
UTC  
(Guay and Beaudouin  
2005, UQAM)  
Pixel size : 120 m**



**External land surface model,  
With Town Energy Balance model,  
27 June 2005, 1500 UTC  
Grid size : 120 m**

(Leroyer et al)



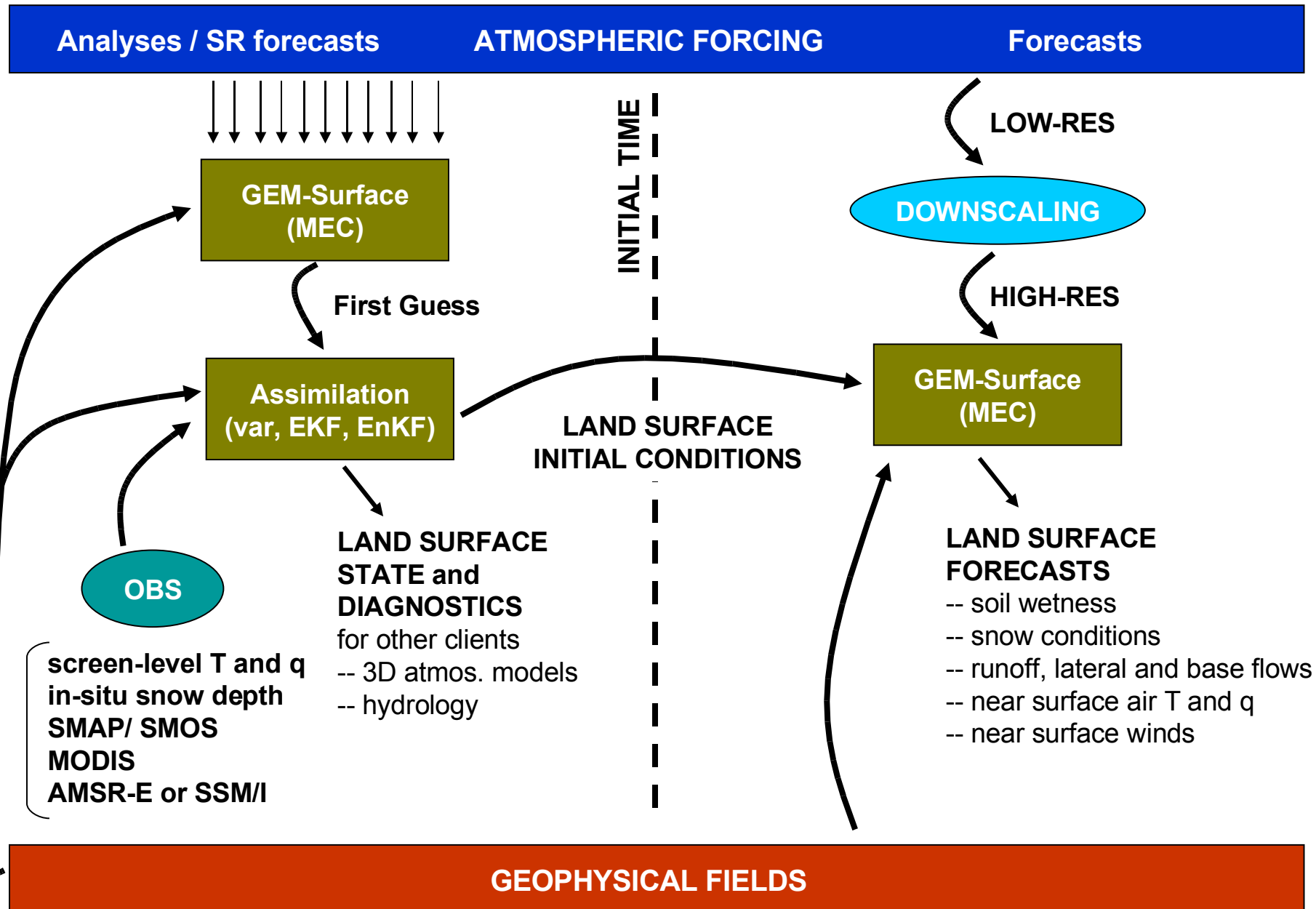
# PETITE PAUSE SANTE ...

SPREAD THE  
GAMES SPIRIT

WITH THE VANCOUVER 2010  
MASCOTS. VISIT  
[VANCOUVER2010.COM/MASCOTS](http://vancouver2010.com/mascots)



# The LAND SURFACE SYSTEM





# LAND DATA ASSIMILATION

## CURRENTLY OPERATIONAL

*Soil moisture analyses are produced from screen-level observations using optimal interpolation technique.*

*Terrestrial **snow** analyses are obtained from an offline assimilation of in-situ surface measurements, also using the optimal interpolation technique*

***Vegetation** characteristics are specified using look-up tables based on land use / land cover databases*

## FOCUS with CaLDAS

**Improve first guess for soil moisture, snow, and vegetation (high-resolution modeling)**

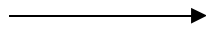
**Assimilate space-based remote sensing data for soil moisture and snow**

**Better specify land surface geophysical characteristics (orography, vegetation, albedo, ...) using high-res databases and remote sensing**

# ASSIMILATION PROCESS (ENSEMBLE KALMAN FILTER)

INITIALISATION

**OBS**

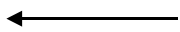


BIAS CORRECTION  
(NORMALISATION)

$$y_{t+1}$$

PERTURBED FORCING  
and SURFACE CONDITIONS

**FIRST  
GUESS**



ENSEMBLE RUNS LOOP

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{OBS OPERATOR} \\ \text{PERTURBED OBS} \\ \text{INNOVATIONS} \end{array} \right\}$

$$x_{t+1}^{i-} = Mx_t^{i+} + q_{t+1}^i$$

$$y_{t+1}^i - H(x_{t+1}^{i-})$$

OBSERVATIONS ERROR  
COVARIANCES

$$R_{t+1}$$

GAIN MATRIX

$$K_{t+1} = (BH^T)_{t+1} \left\{ (HBH^T)_{t+1} + R_{t+1} \right\}^{-1}$$

**ANALYSIS**



INCREMENTS and  
UPDATES

$$x_{t+1}^{i+} = x_{t+1}^{i-} + K_{t+1} \left\{ y_{t+1}^i - H(x_{t+1}^{i-}) \right\}$$

MONITORING

# SOIL MOISTURE in CaLDAS (Marco Carrera, Bernard Bilodeau)

## DATA

**SMOS** – to be launched in July 2009  
(ESA)

**SMAP** - to be launched in 2013 (NASA)

Screen-level air temp. and humidity

## SOME ISSUES

*Added value with respect to assimilation of screen-level data only (on NWP and hydrology)*

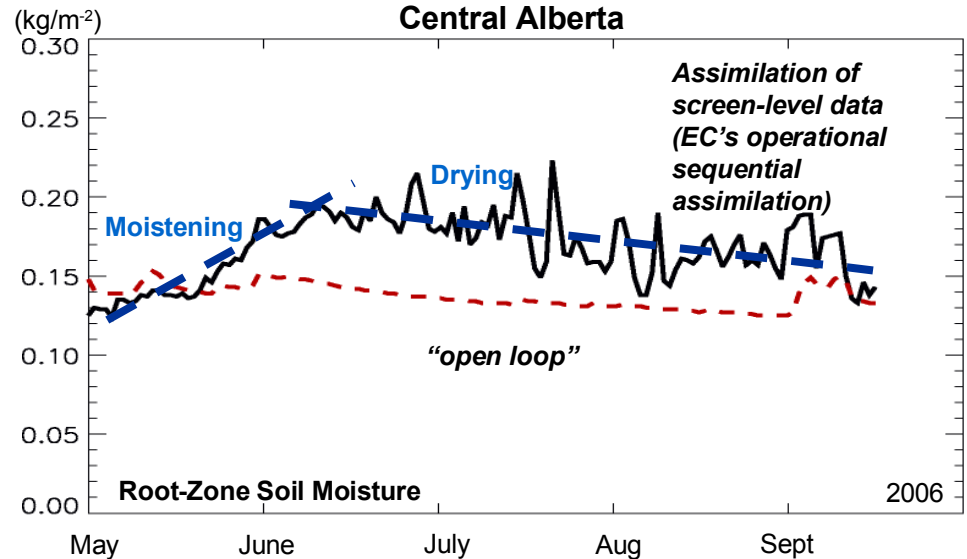
*Specification / calculation of **B** and **R***

*Complementarity between screen-level and microwave data*

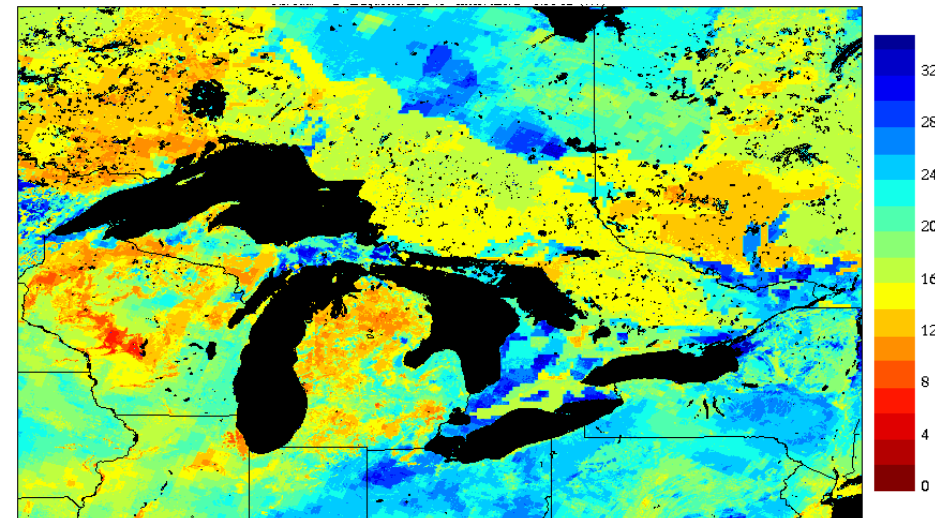
*Observation operators (for both passive and active data)*

*Bias correction / normalisation of soil moisture observations*

*Incremental assimilation: Low-res increments on high-res first guess*



Great Lakes OSSE – Root Zone Soil Moisture



(Valid 0000 UTC 19 May 2007)

(Belair, Bilodeau, Carrera)



# TERRESTRIAL SNOW in CaLDAS

(Sheena Solomon, Chris Derksen, Libo Wang)

## DATA

***MODIS** for fractional snow coverage area*

***AMSR-E or SSM/I** for snow water equivalent*

***Surface** measurements*

## SOME ISSUES

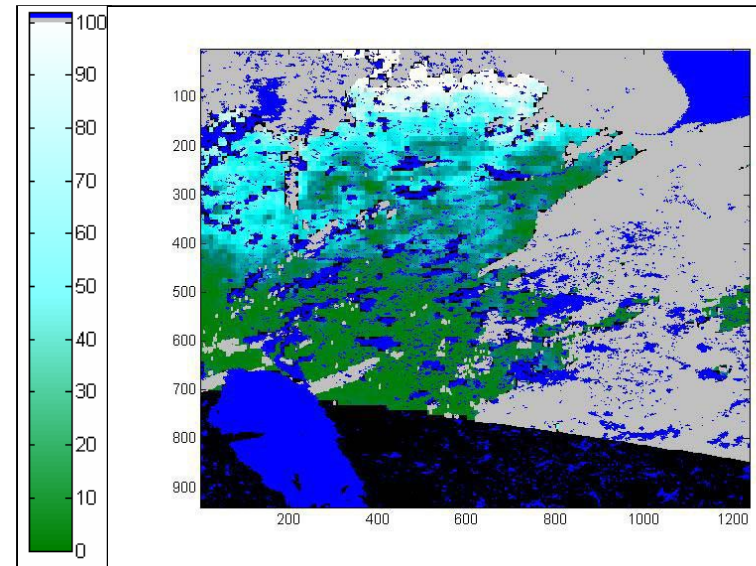
*Physical meaning of fractional snow coverage area (fSCA)*

*Consistency between SWE and fSCA*

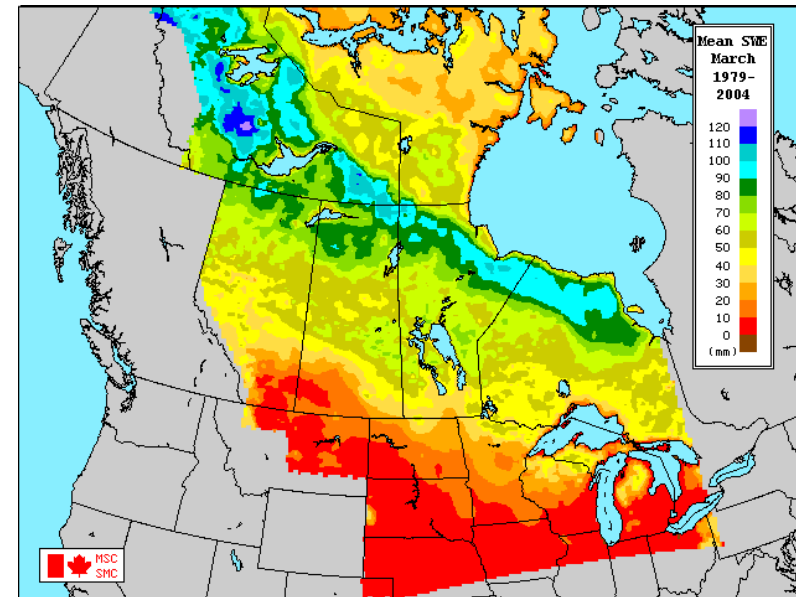
*Snow density from in-situ data?*

*Incremental assimilation: low-resolution increments on high-resolution first guess*

*Evaluation of impact on both NWP and hydrology*



**MODIS Derived fSCA**

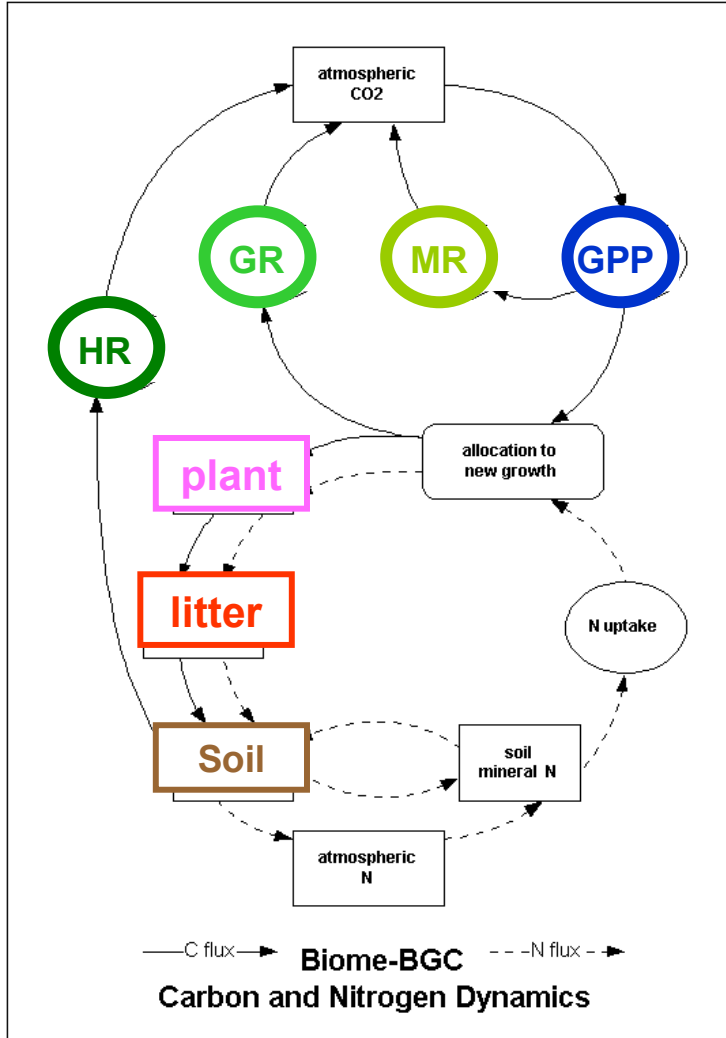


**Passive Microwave Derived SWE**

# VEGETATION CHARACTERISTICS from ECOSYSTEM MODELING

(Douglas Chan, Misa Ishizawa)

## Biome-BGC



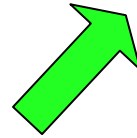
ATMOSPHERIC  
FORCING from  
MSC  
NWP PRODUCTS



Biome-BGC integration



“Analyses” of  
Leaf Area  
Index



Land use /  
Land  
cover  
databases

Photosynthesis (GPP)

Maintenance Respiration

Growth Respiration

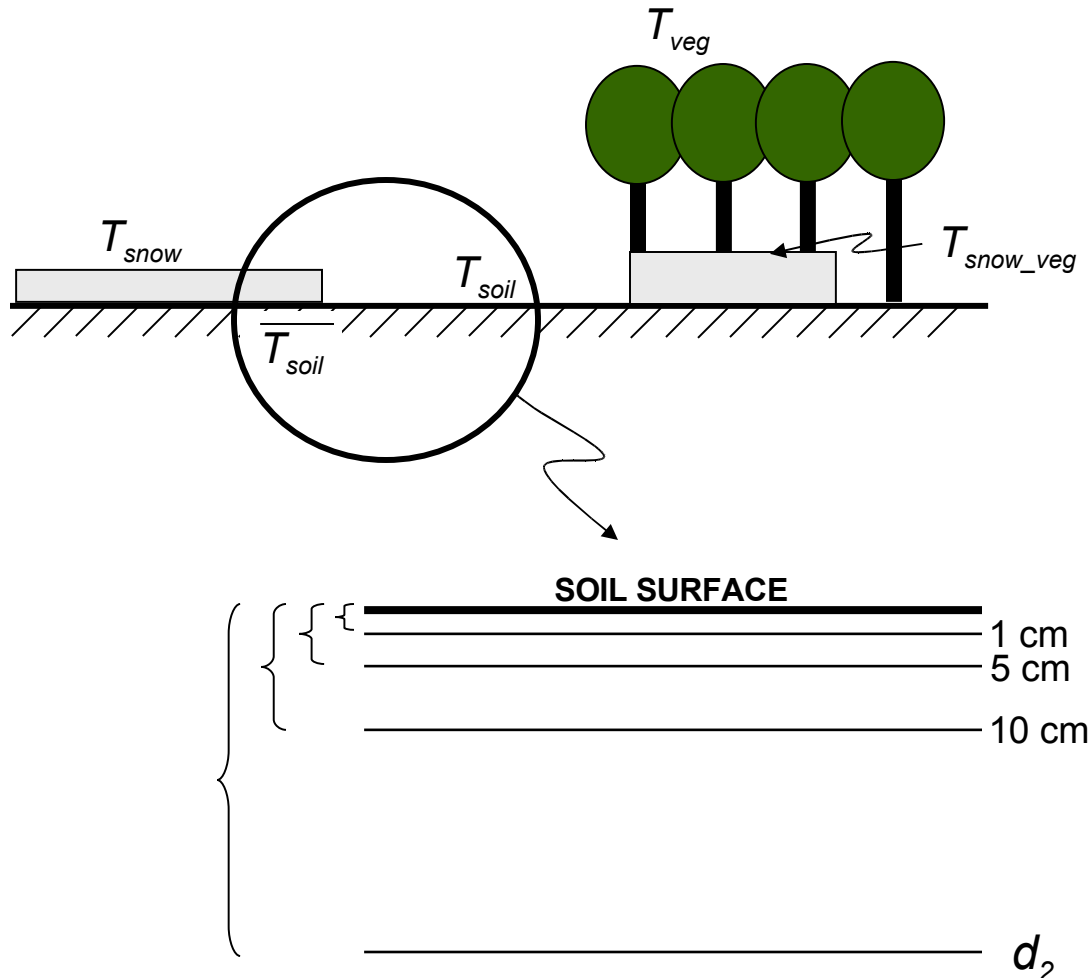
Heterotrophic Respiration

————> C flux  
-----> N flux

# IMPROVEMENTS to LAND SURFACE MODELING

(Maria Abrahamowicz, Marco Carrera)

*Due to requirements from new modeling projects and from the land data assimilation system, several changes had to (or will) be made to ISBA:*



- *Multi-budget (VO2010)*
- *Modular snow code (CRTI-TEB and CaLDAS-SNOW)*
- *Multi-layer force-restore (CaLDAS-SM)*
- *Lateral flow parameterization (NAESI)*
- $z_{0m} / z_{0h}$  (EPiCC)

# **IMPROVEMENTS to URBAN MODELING**

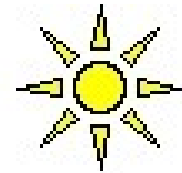
(Sylvie Leroyer, Maria Abrahamowicz)

(in collaboration with Meteo-France)

***Improve snow modeling in the urban environment***

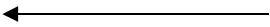
***Include vegetation in urban canyons (treated with ISBA)***

***Consider asymmetric urban canyons***



# PROSPECTS on EVENTUAL TRANSFER to OPERATIONS

TORONTO

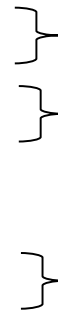


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Alexandre Leroux  
Jean-Philippe Gauthier  
Serge Trudel



**EXTERNAL LAND SURFACE SYSTEM**



**2010 – 2011**

**CaLDAS (first version)**



**2011 - 2012**



## UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS, with MORE SUBSTANCE ...

**Natacha Bernier** (VO2010 land surface prediction system)

**Bernard Bilodeau** (Role of screen-level data in CaLDAS)

**Marco Carrera** (Assimilation of SMOS / SMAP Tb with CaLDAS)

**Douglas Chan** (Vegetation / ecosystem modeling)

**Yi-Ching Chung** (Snow modeling)

**Sylvie Leroyer** (Urban modeling)

**Sheena Solomon** (Assimilation of snow in CaLDAS)

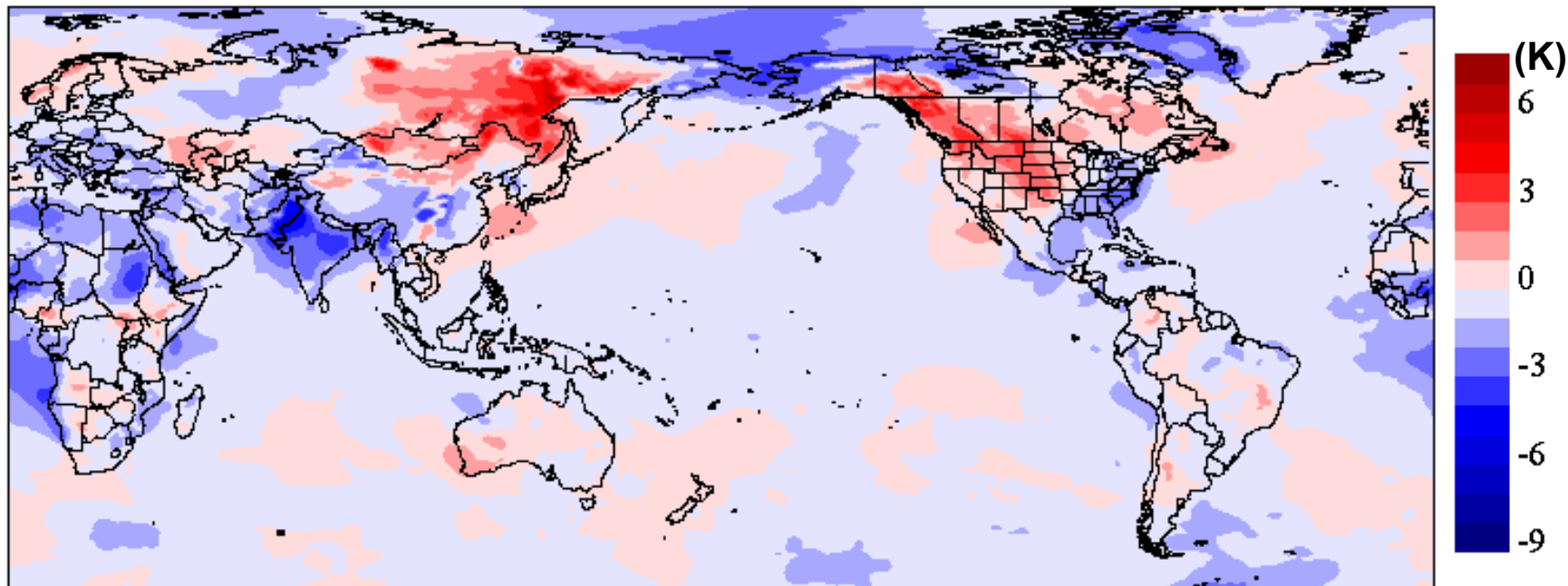
**Stéphane Bélair** ( TBD )



# **EXAMPLE: LARGE-SCALE BIASES with NEW GLOBAL SYSTEM**

(Thanks to Michel Roch)

**MEAN ERROR – AIR TEMPERATURE at 925 mb (120h)**

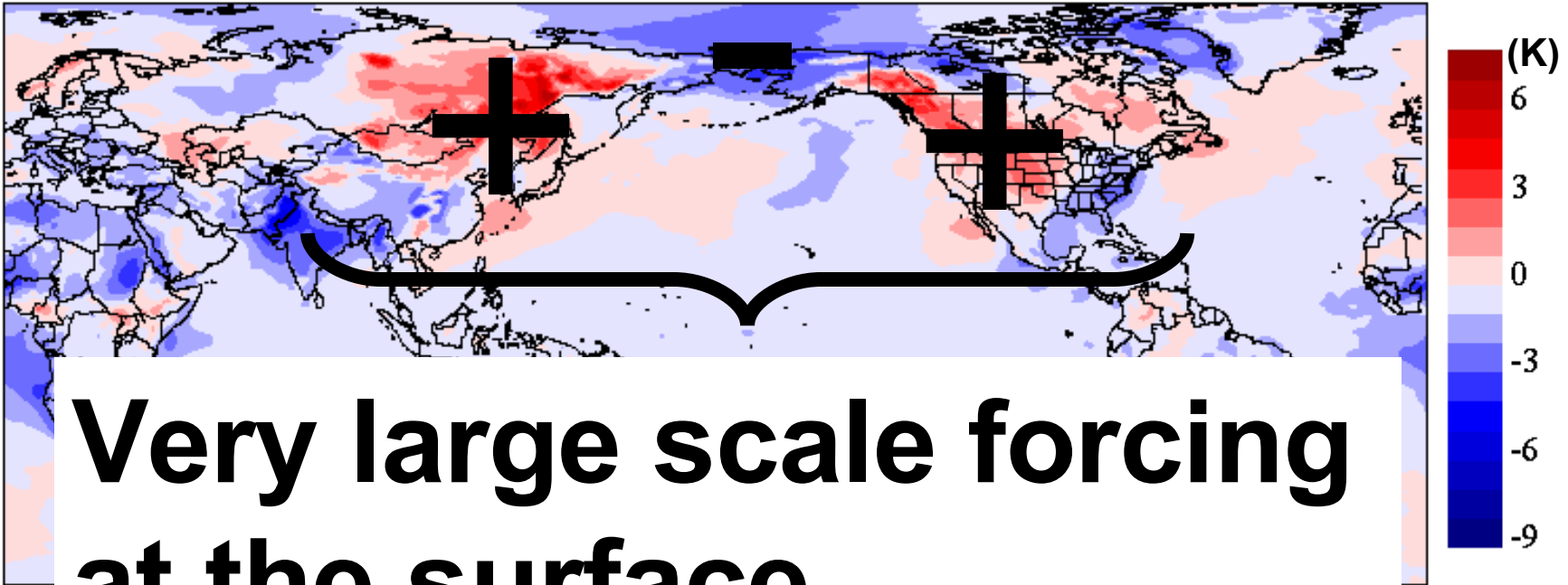


**Final cycles – GLOBAL STRATO – Valid Winter xxxx**

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**Very large scale forcing  
at the surface**

# OTHER LAND SURFACE CHARACTERISTICS GEOPHYSICAL DATABASES

(Alexandre Leroux, Ayrton Zadra, Jean-Philippe Gauthier)

## Orography

USGS-GTOPO30 (~900m)  
SRTM-DEM (~90m)  
CDED1 (~20m)

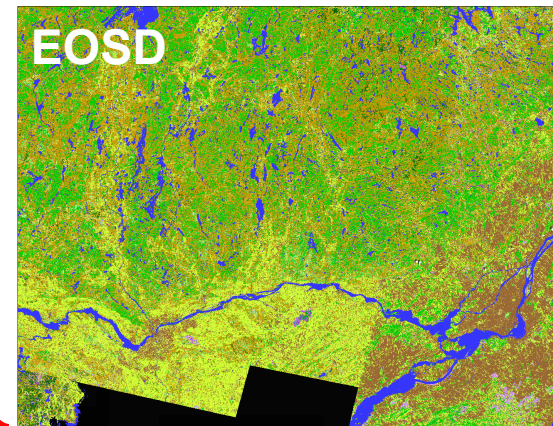
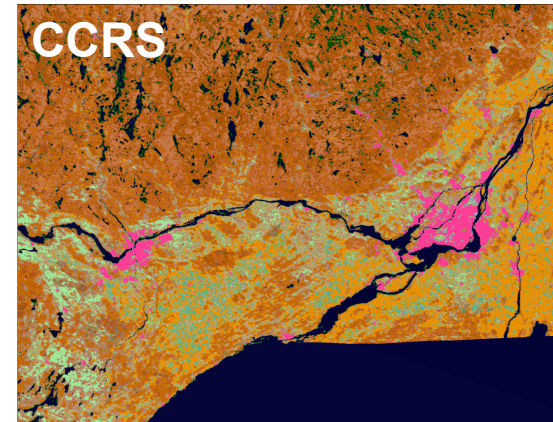
## Land use / land cover

USGS-GLCC (~1km)  
NTDB (~20m)  
EOSD (~25m)  
CCRS-2005 (~300m)  
GlobCover-2005 (~300m)  
Circa-2000 (~30m)

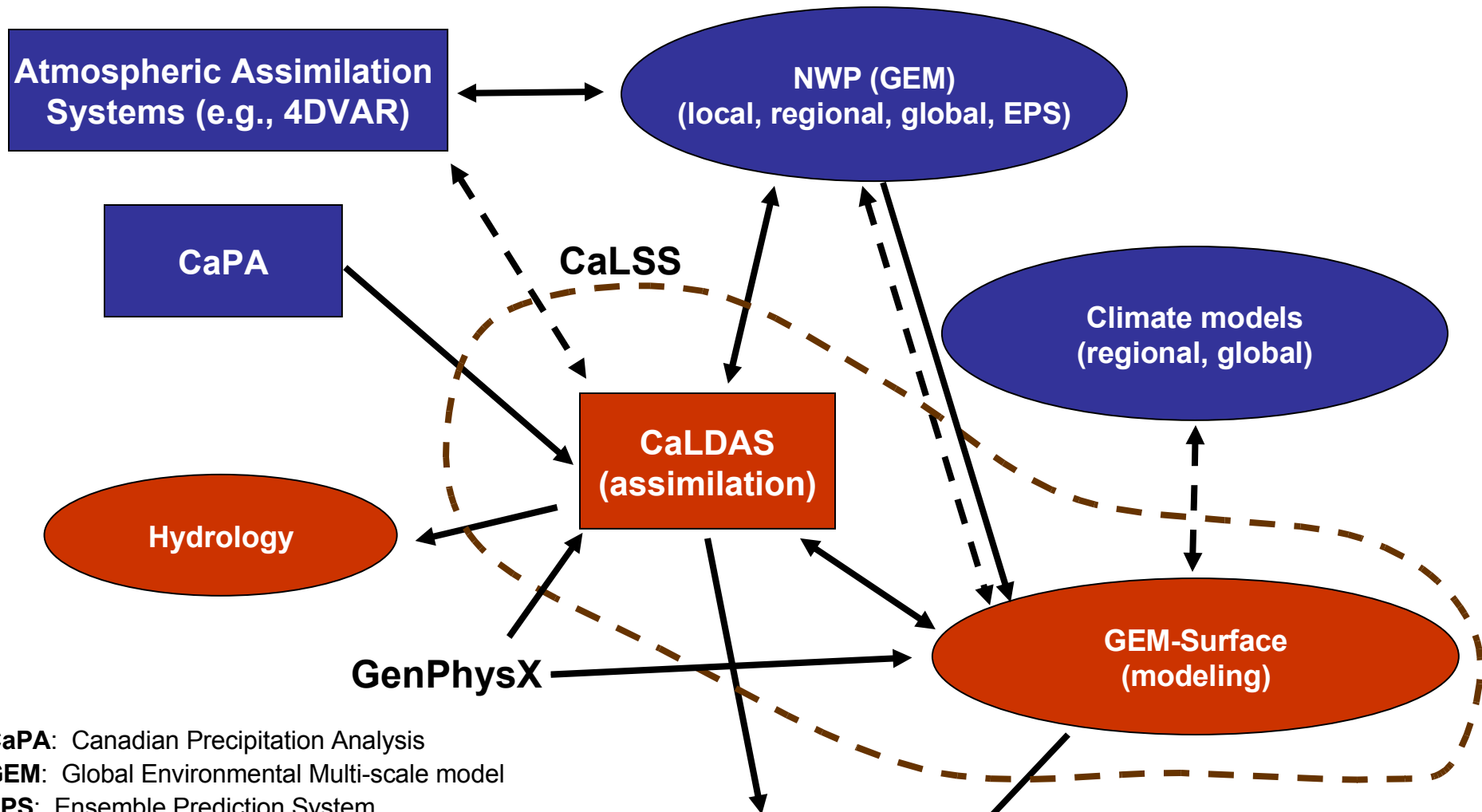
## Soil texture

FAO (~8km)  
STATSGO (~1km)  
AAFC-SLC

Other databases for **urban** environment and fractional **water** coverage



# The CANADIAN LAND SURFACE SYSTEM (CaLSS) and its PLACE in ENVIRONMENTAL MODELING



**CaPA:** Canadian Precipitation Analysis  
**GEM:** Global Environmental Multi-scale model  
**EPS:** Ensemble Prediction System  
**CaLSS:** Canadian Land Surface System  
**CaLDAS:** Canadian Land Data Assimilation System  
**GenPhysX:** Generator of surface geophysical fields

**Other models and applications:** visibility (blowing snow), avalanche, special / sporting events, vegetation / carbon modeling, low-level winds...

	Models
	Analysis / assimilation
	Surface
	Atmosphere