



Continental freshwater dynamic from multi-satellite observations. Towards the storage and fluxes at high spatio-temporal resolution

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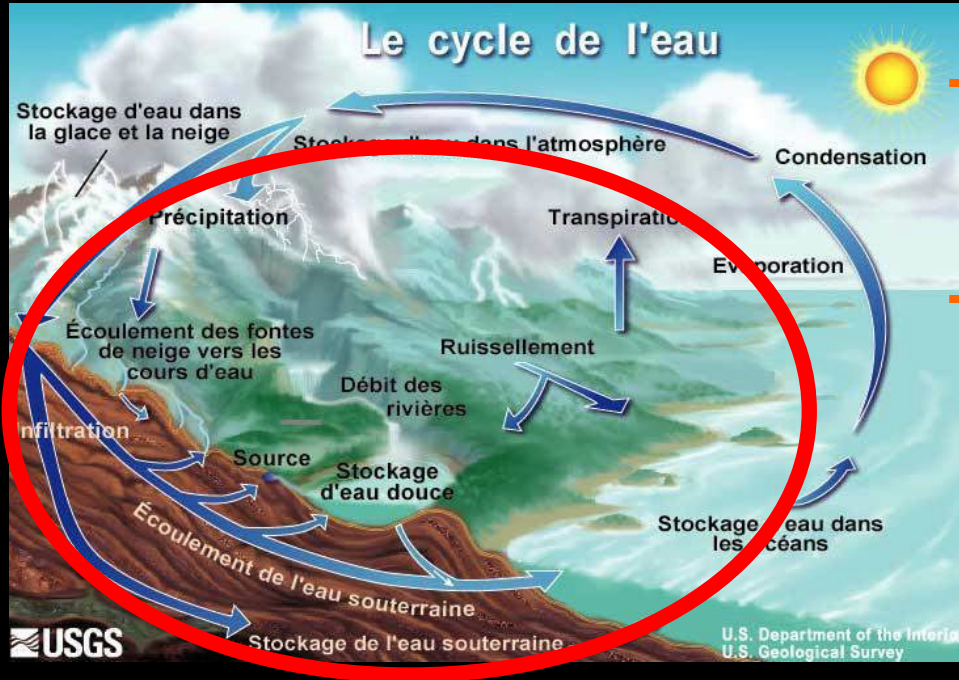
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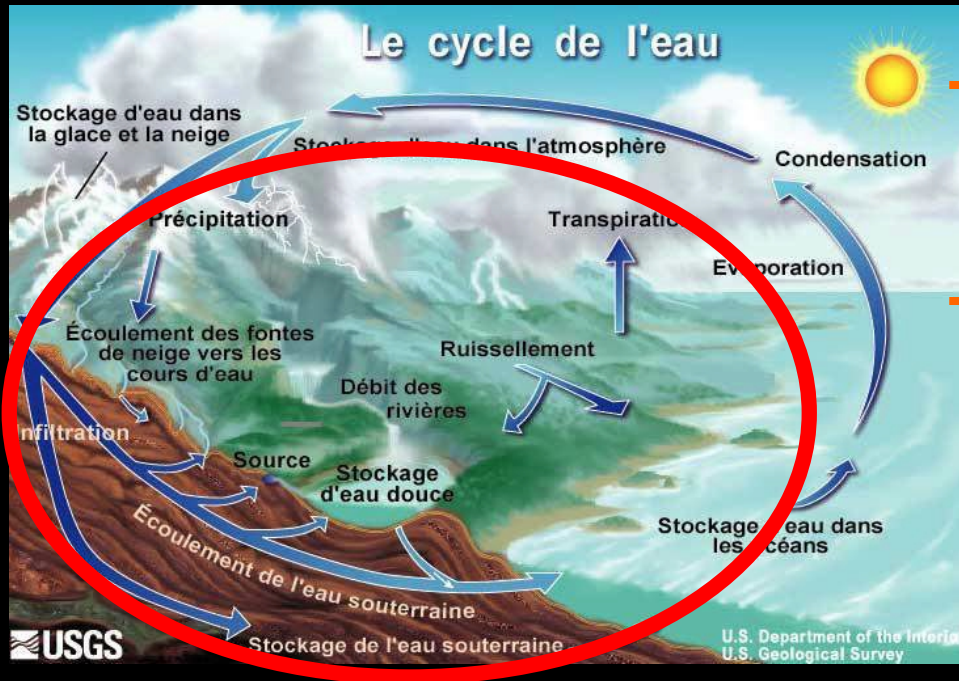
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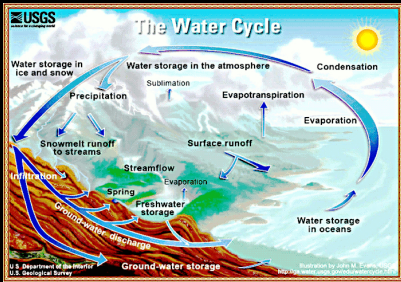
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What are the spatio-temporal variations of the fluxes and storage of continental freshwater?

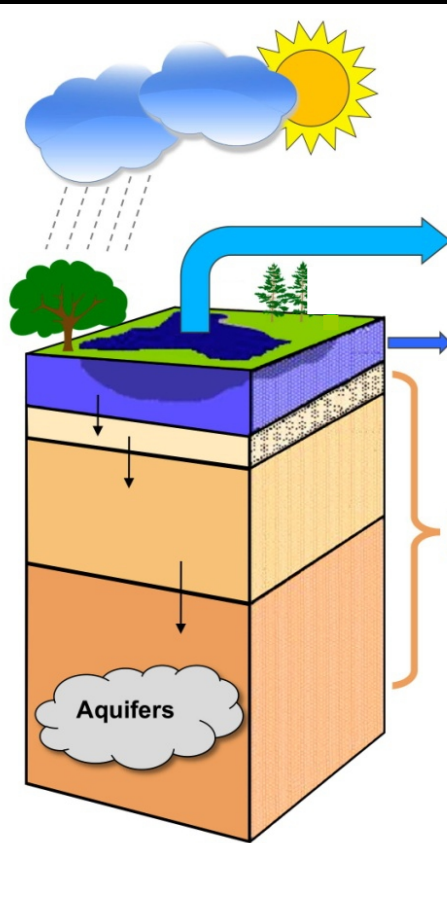
What are their interactions with the climate and the anthropogenic pressure?

The Continental Water Cycle and Water Storage and fluxes



Basin-scale water balance equation

$$dW/dt = P - E - Q$$



Total
Water Storage

=

Surface
water

?

Soil
Moisture
RZ

?

Ground
Water

??

Precipitation

Evapotran.

Discharge (G+S)

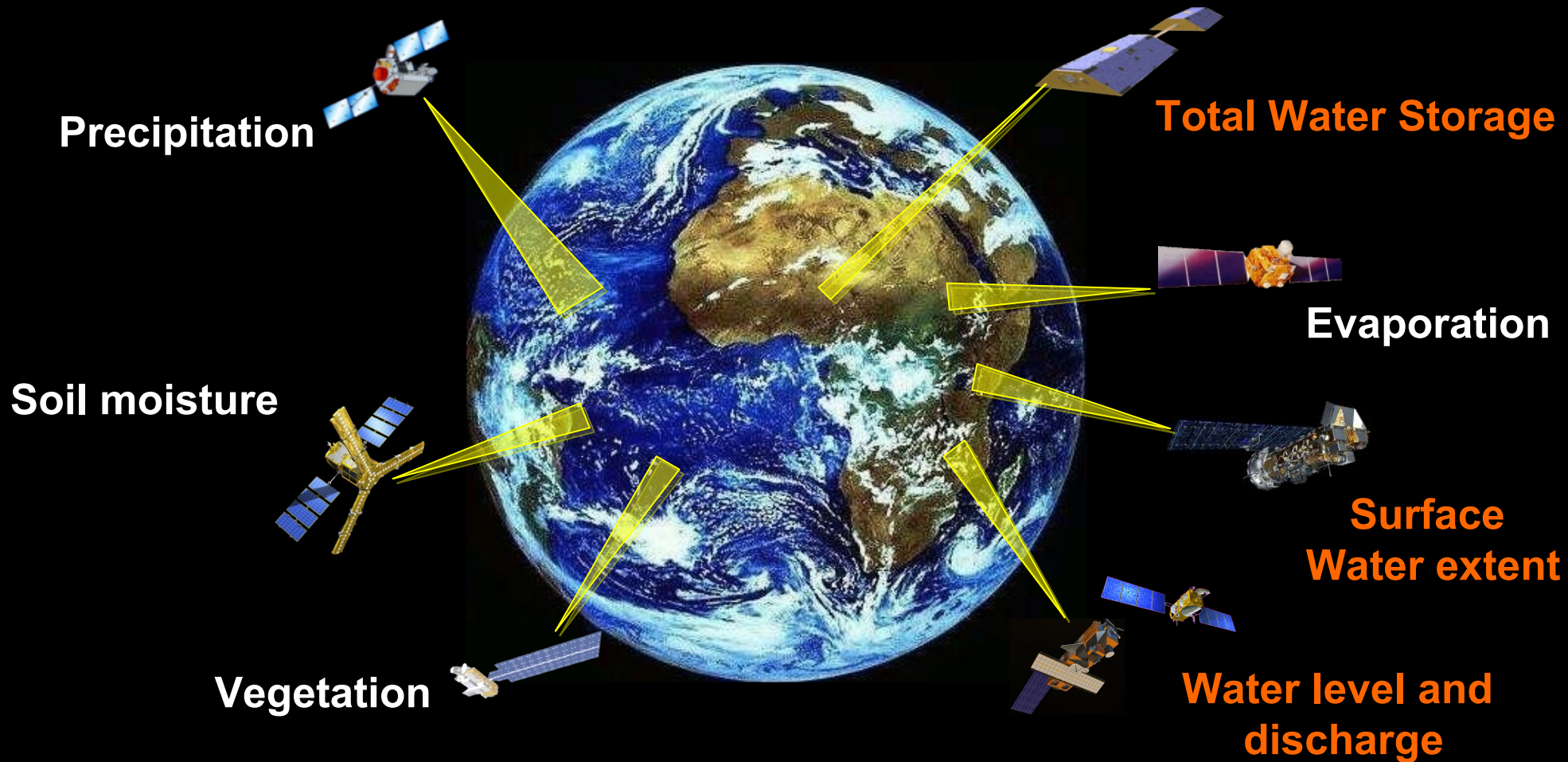
- Large uncertainties
- Lack of (available) *in situ* obs. network
- Individual contribution of each reservoir to total storage, their variability and interactions poorly known

➔ This limits our understanding on the continental/global water cycle and water resources availability

➔ Need of an integrated approach: satellites/*in situ*/modeling

Observing the water cycle from space

We have now a suite of complementary satellite missions that help us to characterize the variations of continental water storage



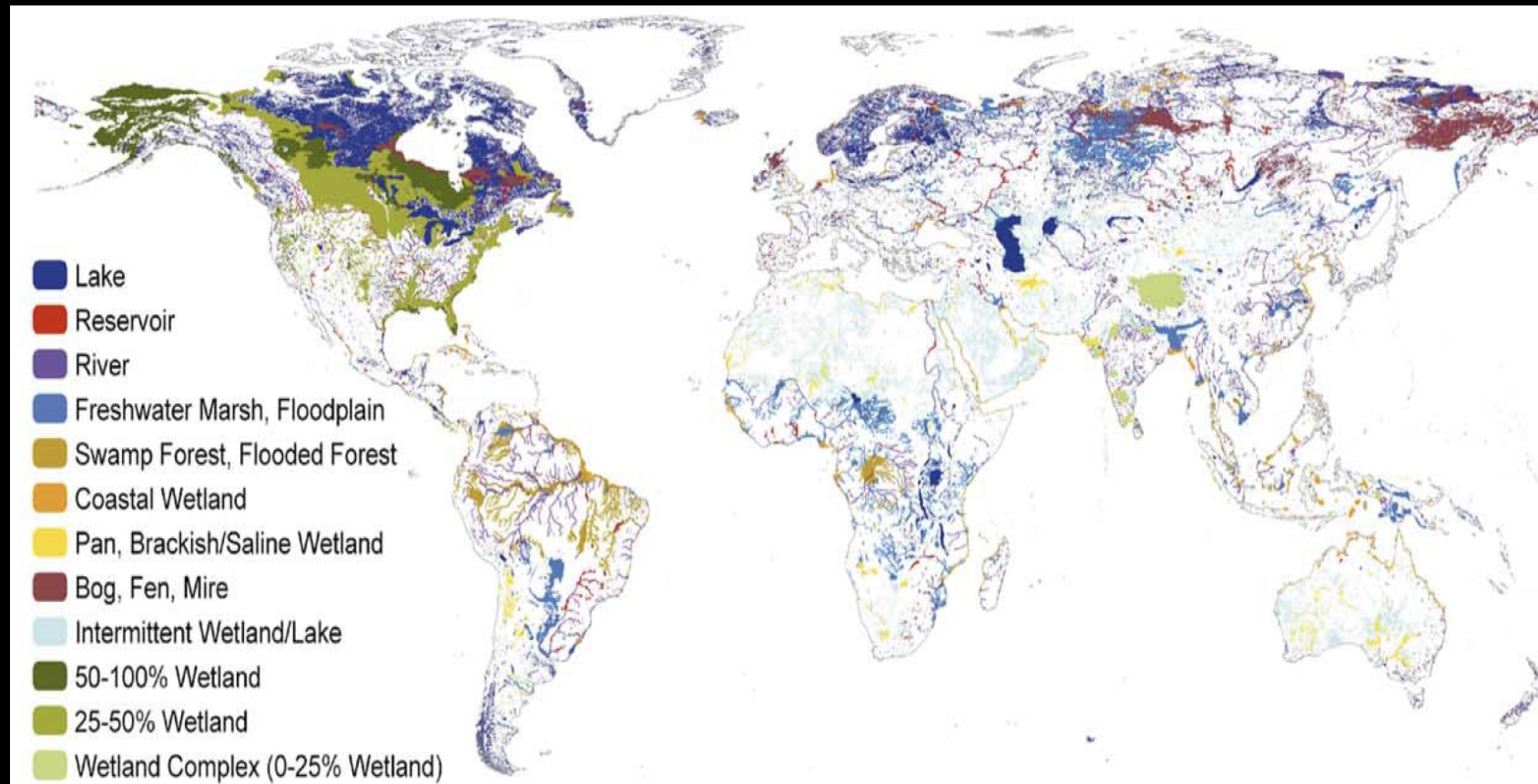
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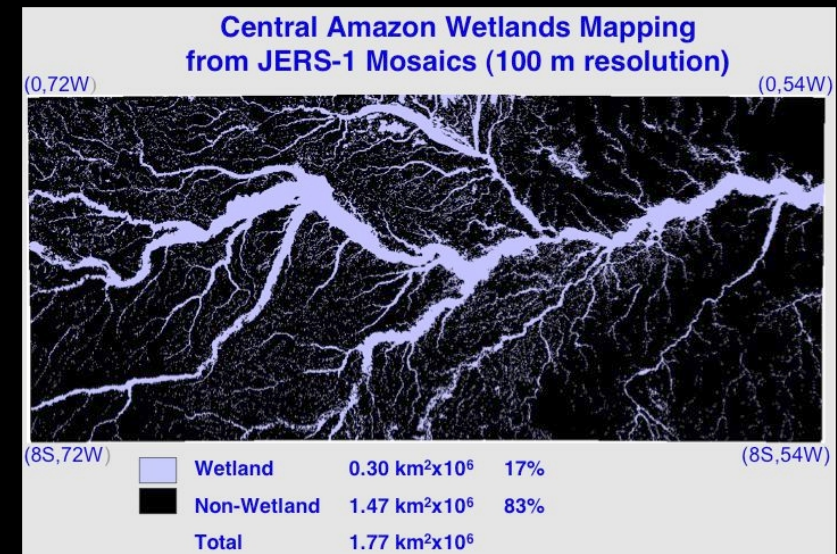
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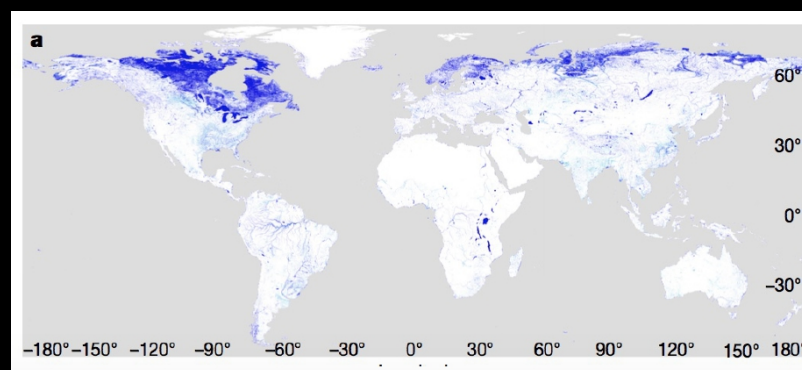
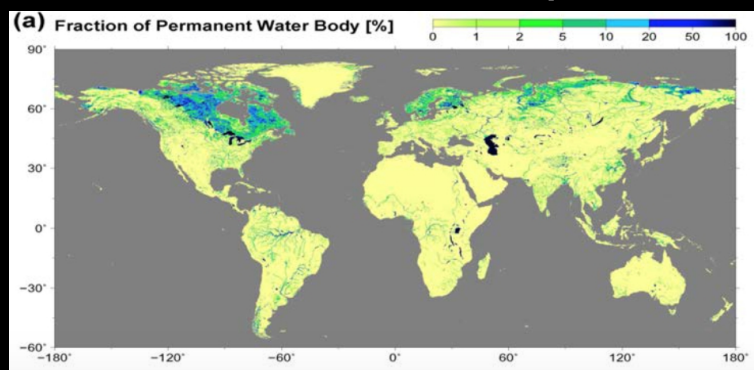
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 - ➔ from Landsat: **G3WBM** (Yamasaky et al. 2015, 3s) and **GSWO** (Peckel et al. 2016, at 30m)

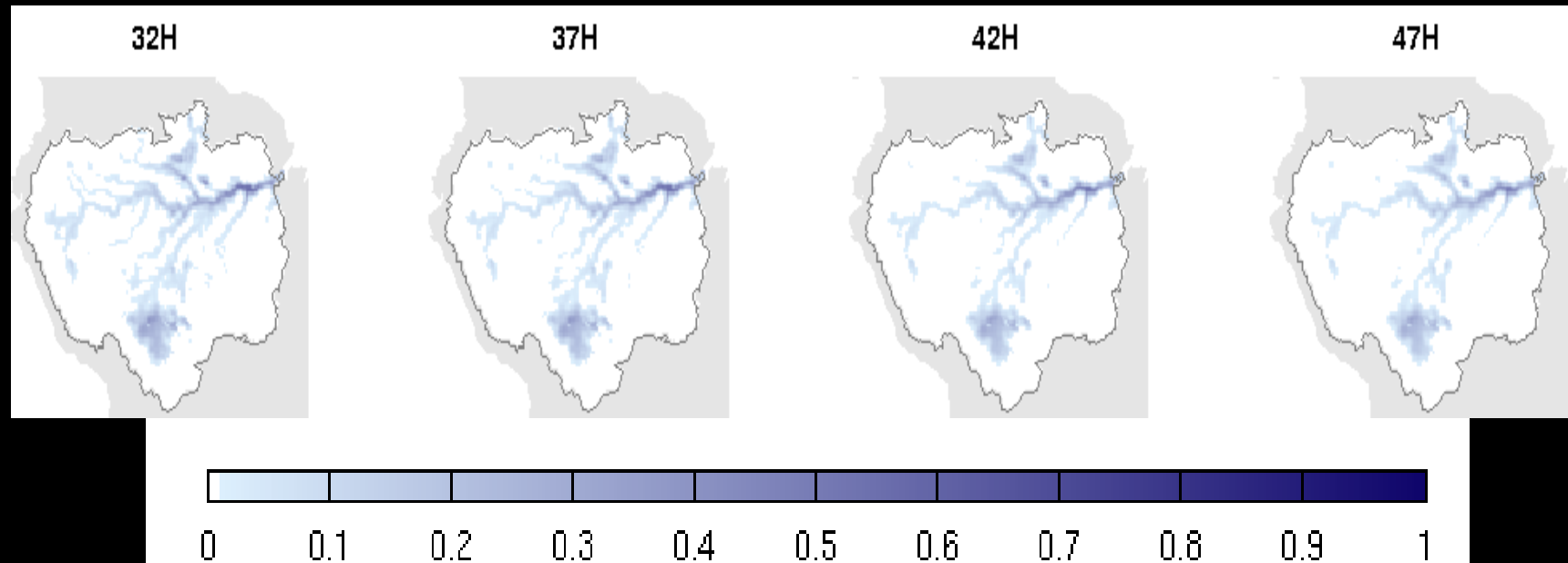


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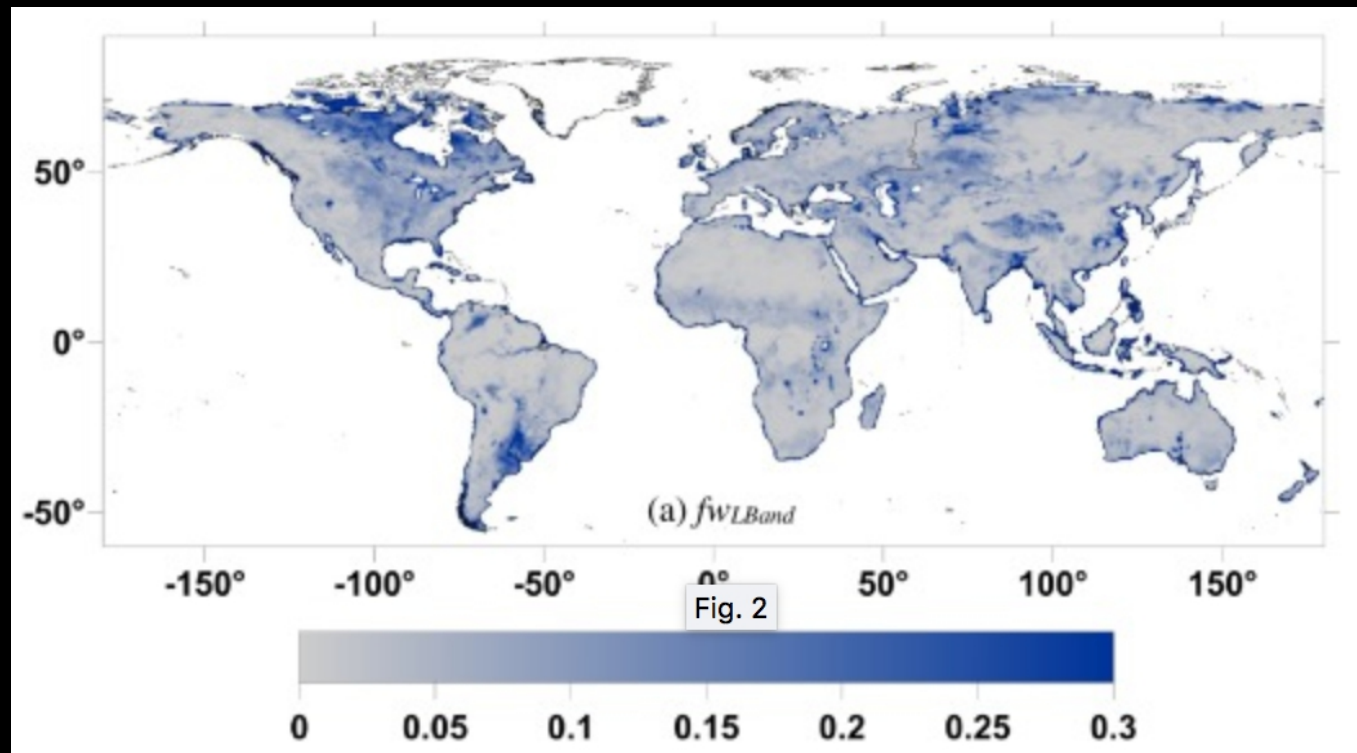
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 - ➔ **SWAMPS** (Schroeder et al. 2016), from NASA/JPL: recent years, coarse resolution, not fully evaluated as shown in Pham-Duc et al., 2017

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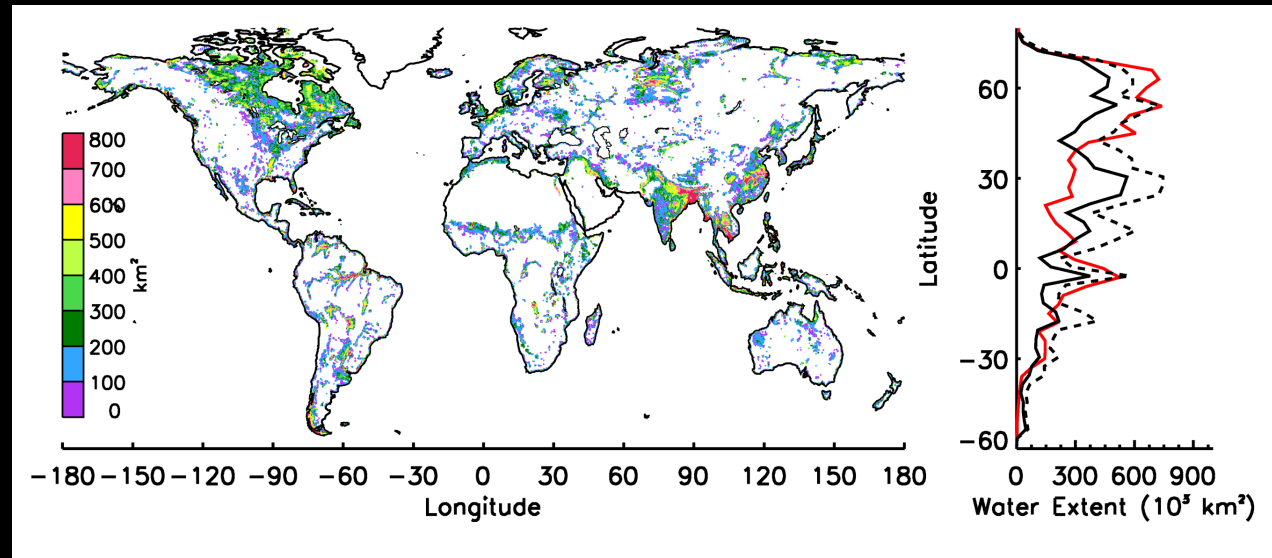
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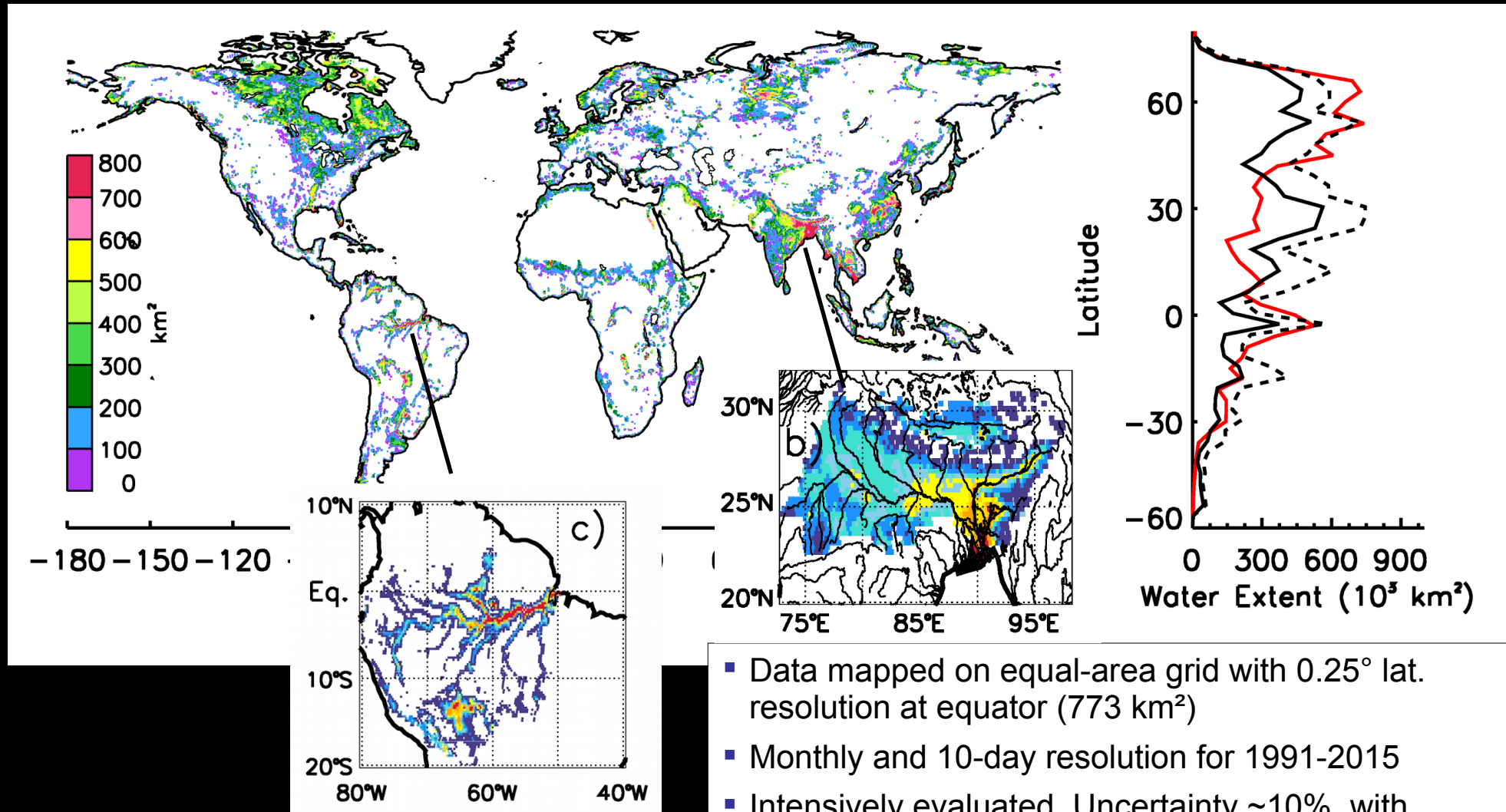
- ➔ Newly products merging SMAP, AMSR2 and Landsat (Du et al., 2018)

- ➔ GIEMS Global Inundation Extent from Multi-Satellite (Papa et al., 2010; Prigent et al., 2007, 2012, 25km, monthly, 1993-2007) and Downscaling: GIEMS-D15 and GIEMS-D3 (Aires et al. 2017, 90m, monthly, 1993-2007)



Dynamic of surface water extent at global scale from multi-satellite

Mean fractional surface water extent at annual maximum

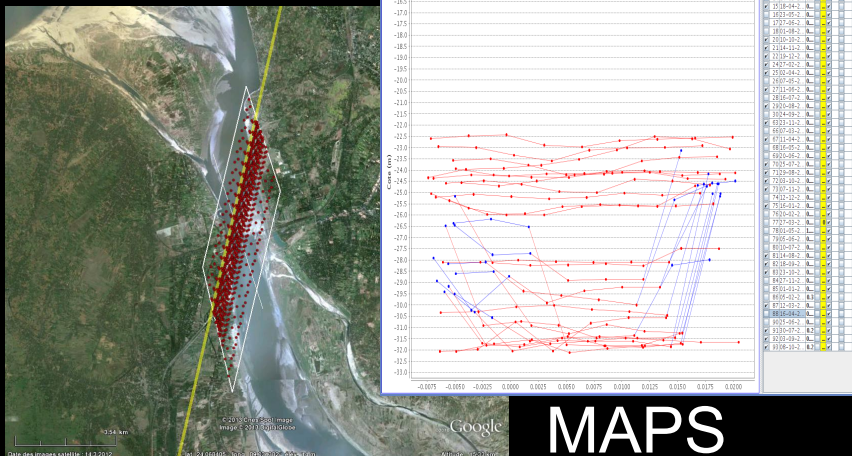
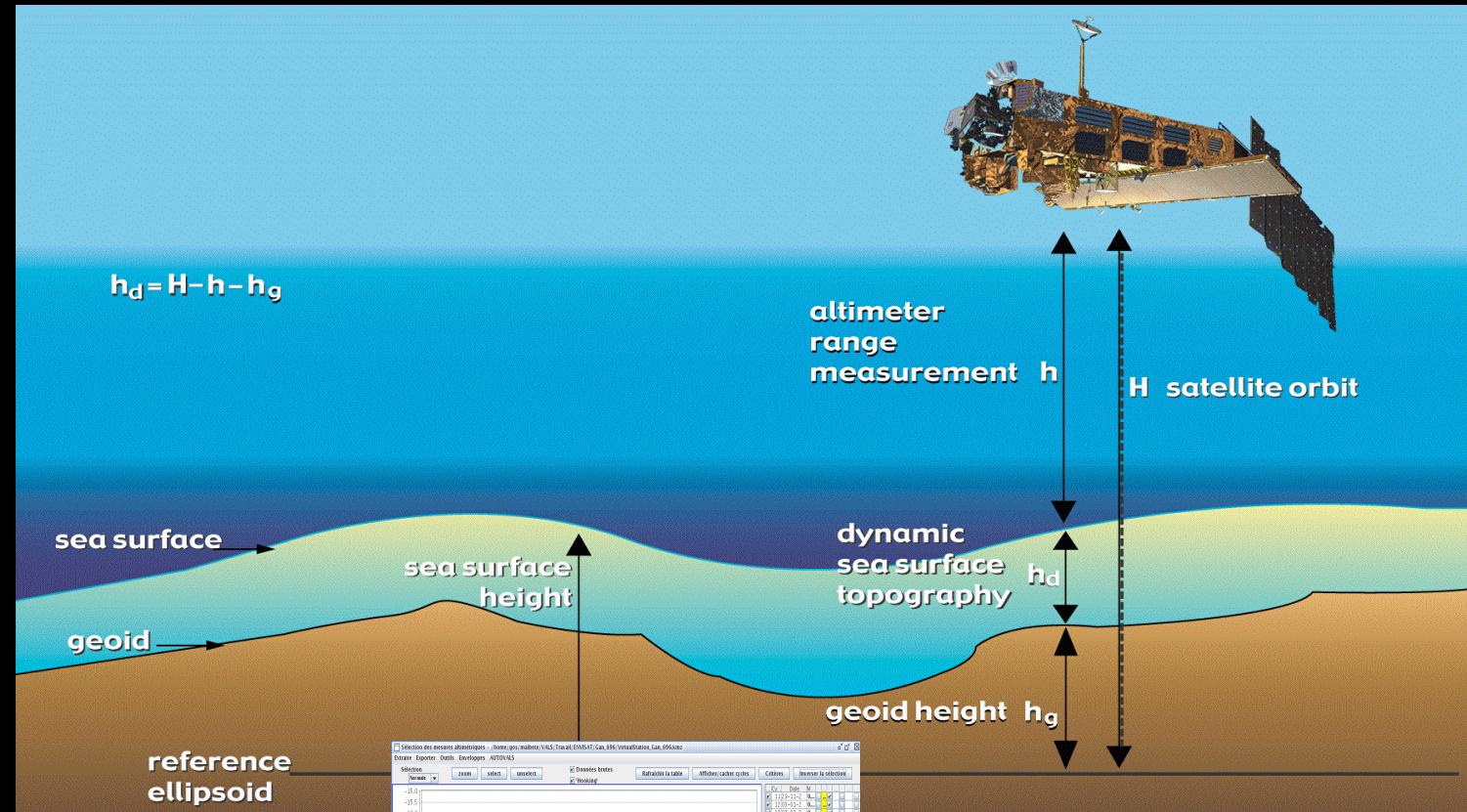


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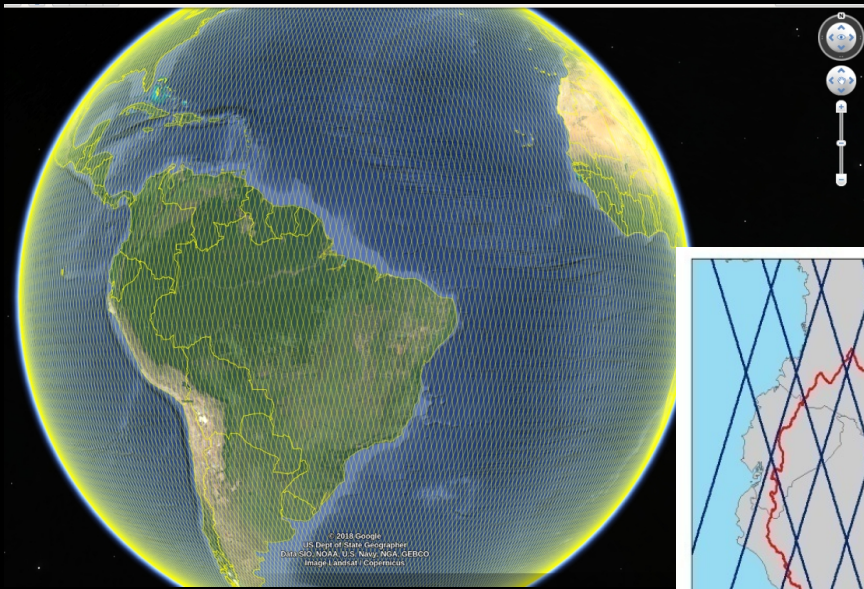
Water Level : Radar Altimetry over Continental Water Bodies

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ERS1/2
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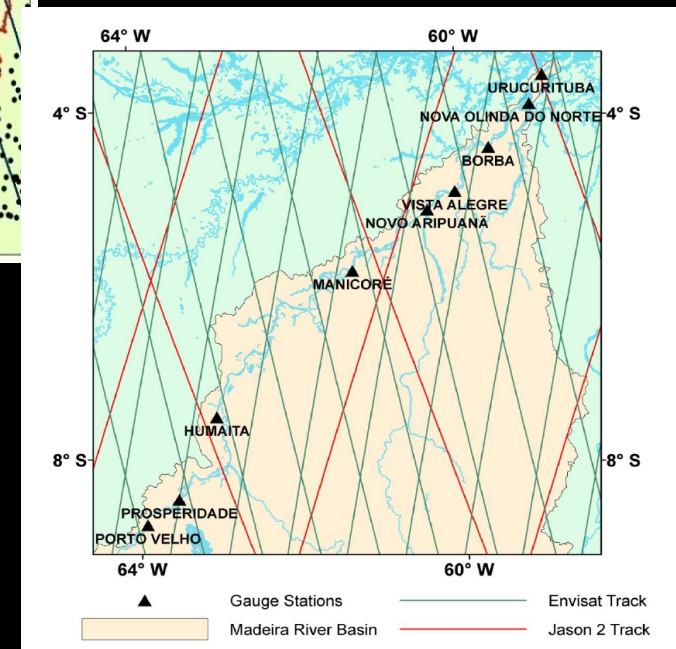
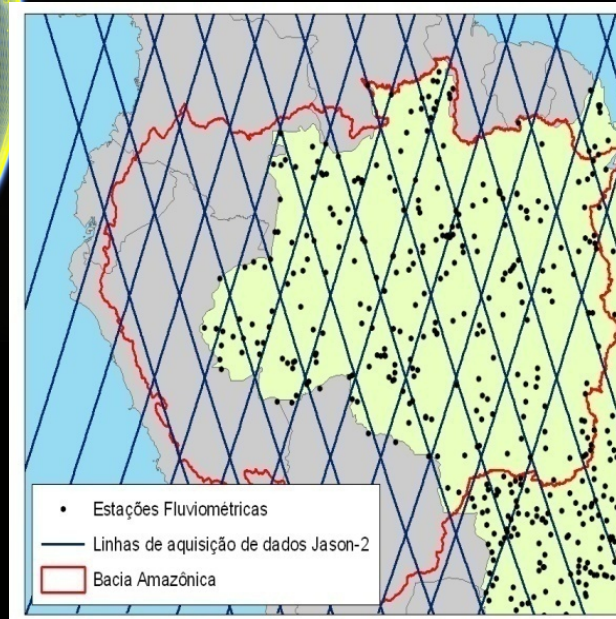


Radar altimetry was originally designed to study the variations of sea level
But it can also be used to estimate variations of water level over rivers and floodplains

Satellite Radar Altimetry over Continental Water Bodies



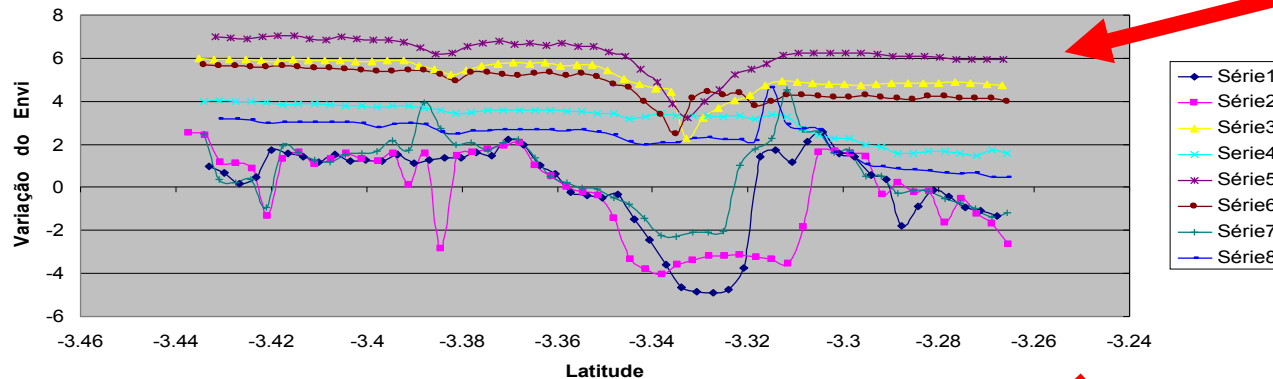
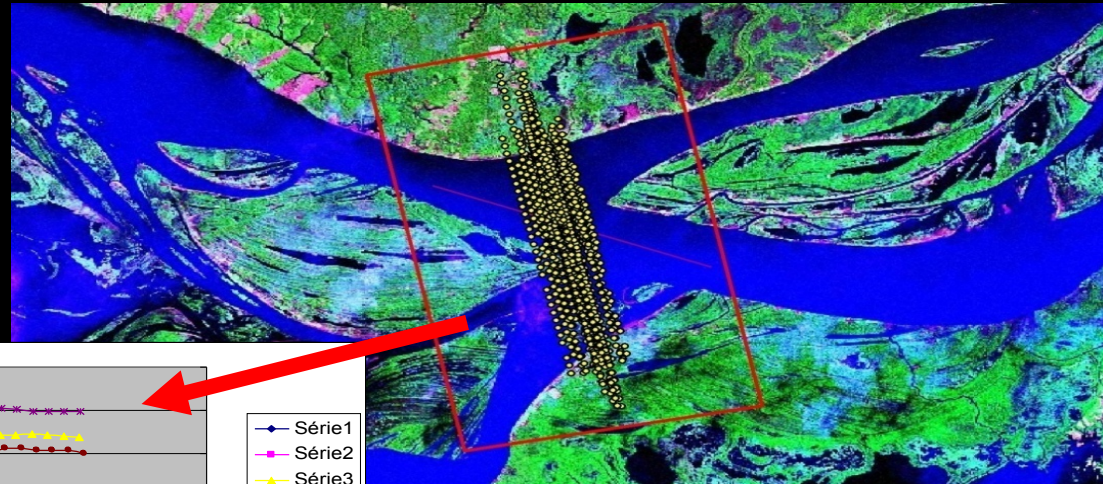
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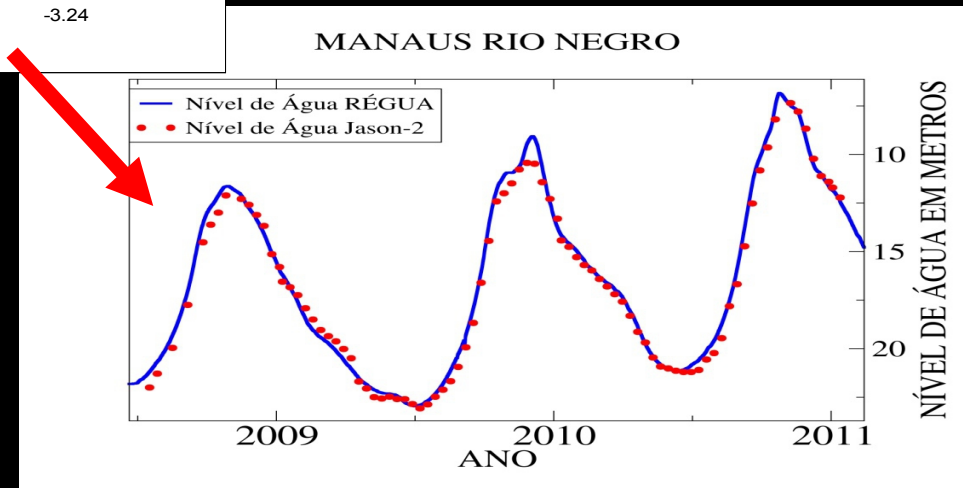
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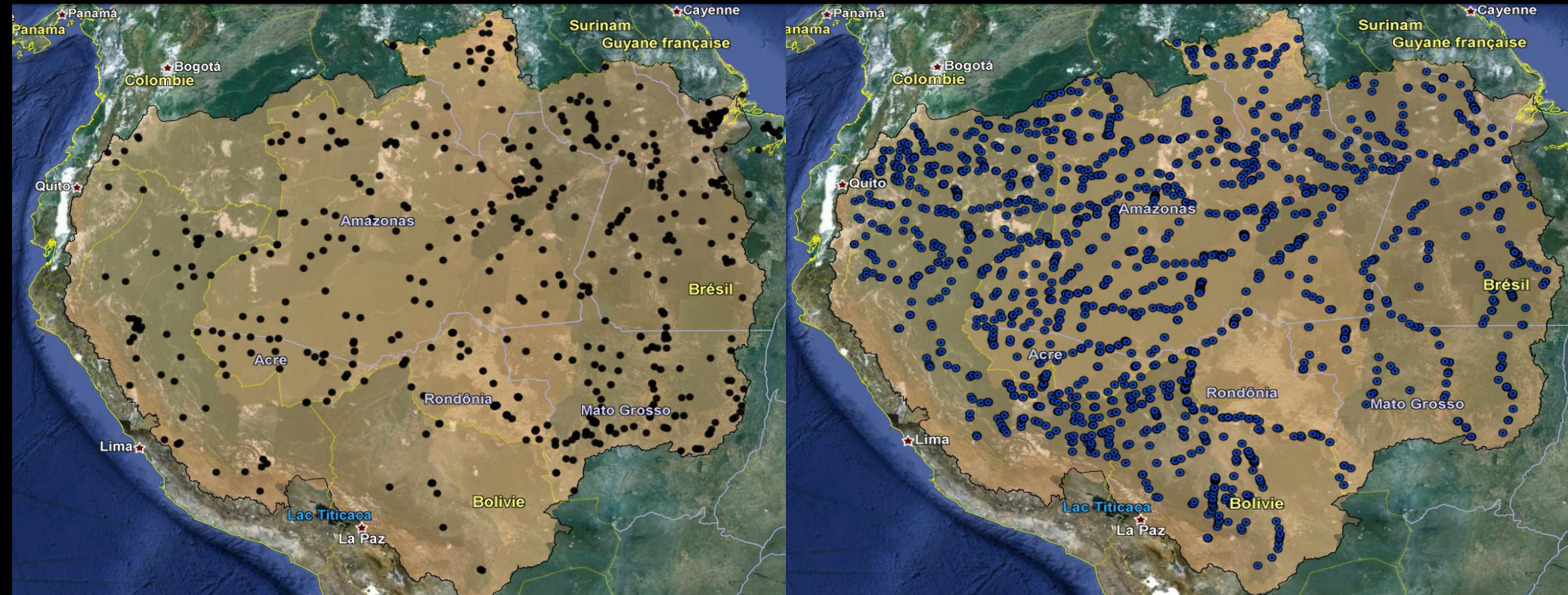
**Virtual station (VS)
and evaluation/validation
against in situ observations**



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Satellite Radar Altimetry over Continental Water Bodies

A complementary tool



In situ network

**Virtual station
altimetry-derived
network**

Satellite Radar Altimetry over Continental Water Bodies



hydroweb.theia-land.fr free access of data with registration

Variations of continental freshwater storage

From surface to groundwater

Integrated Approach: multi-satellites */in situ* /modeling

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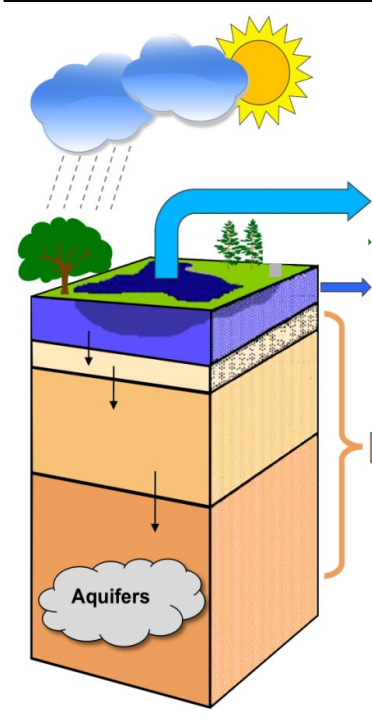
Total Water Stock

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Eaux de
surface

Humidité
des sols

Eaux
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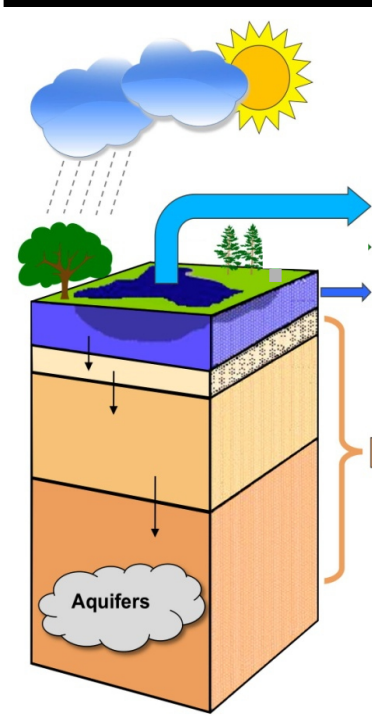
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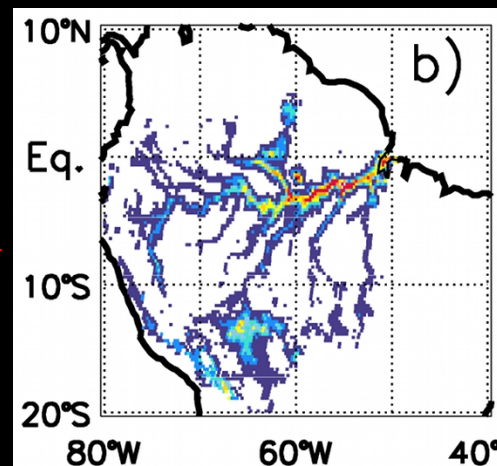
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Dynamic of surface water



More than 600 ENVISAT-derived Virtual Stations of water level heights combined with monthly GIEMS estimates for 2003-2007 and climatology 2003-2011

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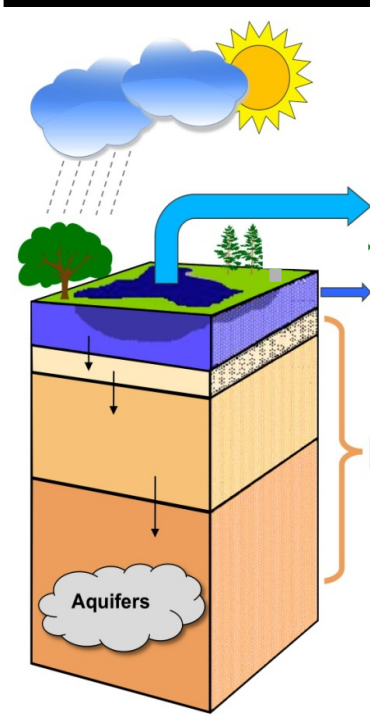
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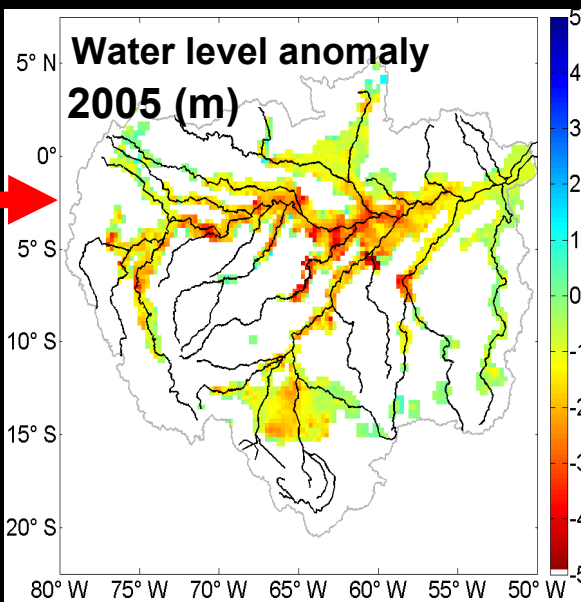
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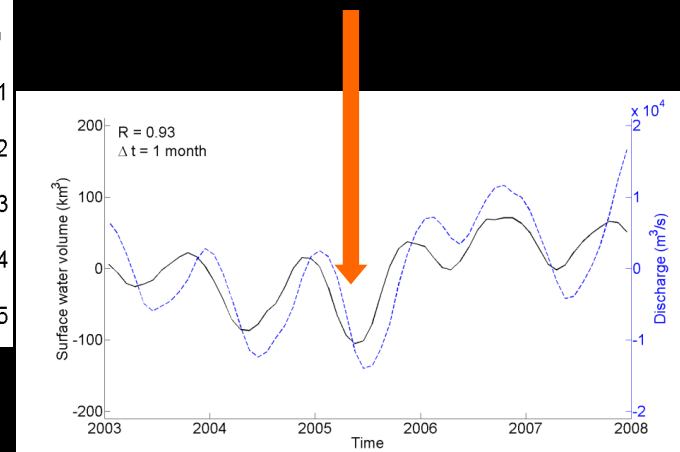


Dynamic of surface water



Papa et al., 2008, 2011, 2013
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**2005 Drought:
Water deficit in the
Amazon basin = 70%**



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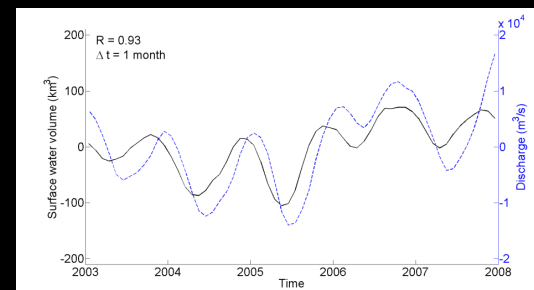
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Storage SWS=

Storage SMS= modeling results ensemble
(WGHM, ISBA, GLDAS)

Storage GWS = GRACE TWS – (SWS + SMS)

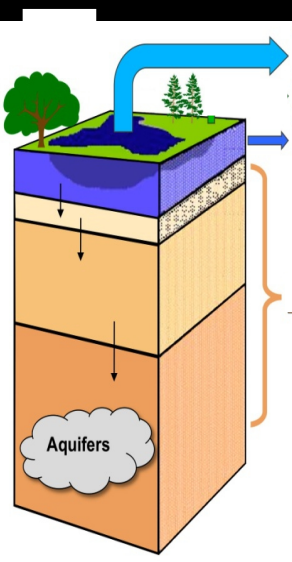
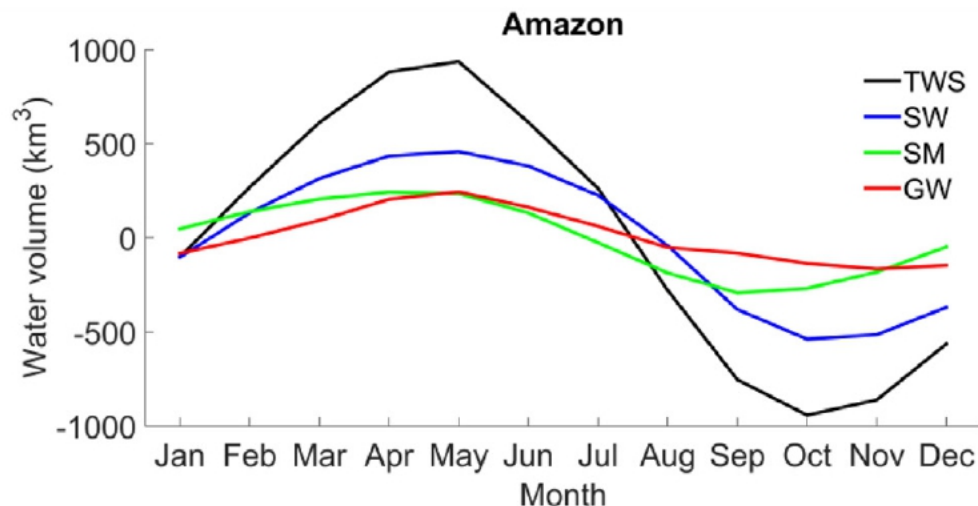
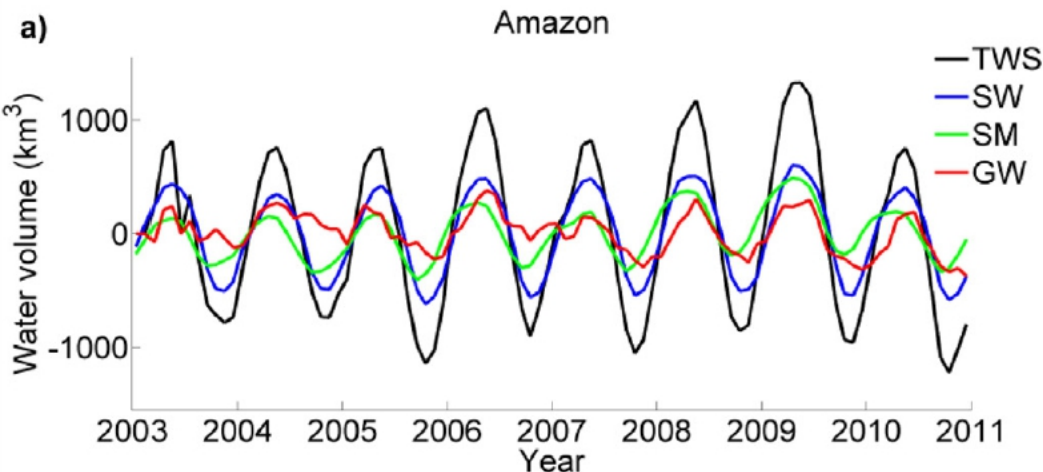


2003-2011

Towards the full decomposition of
GRACE TWS over the Amazon

Variations of continental freshwater storage

The first decomposition of continental water storage from RS



Surface
water

~45% of TWS variations

Soil
moisture
RZ

~25% of TWS variations

Ground-
water

~30% of TWS variations

Aquifers

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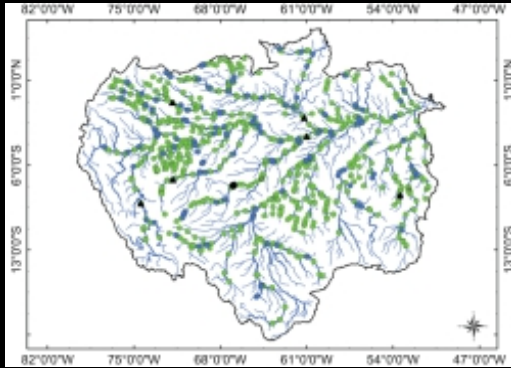
The spatio-temporal variability of groundwater storage in the Amazon River Basin

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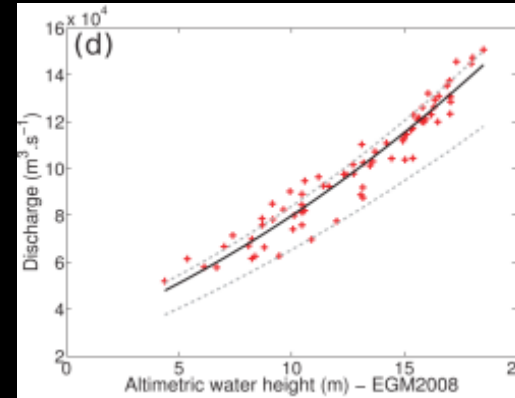
Estimating discharge, all the time, everywhere

Discharge estimation combining satellites and models

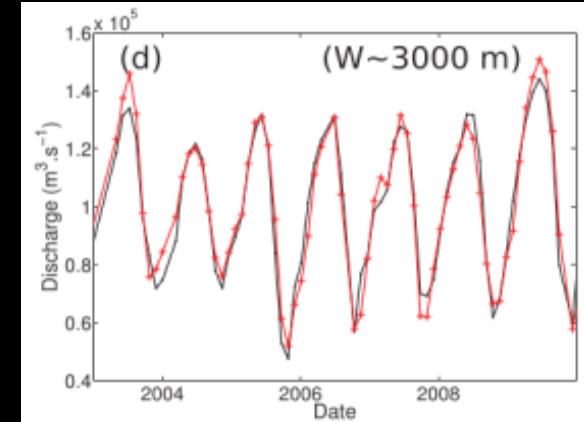


Water level over 920
altimetric virtual station
+
Discharge calibrated of
MGB

Rating curve altimetry/model

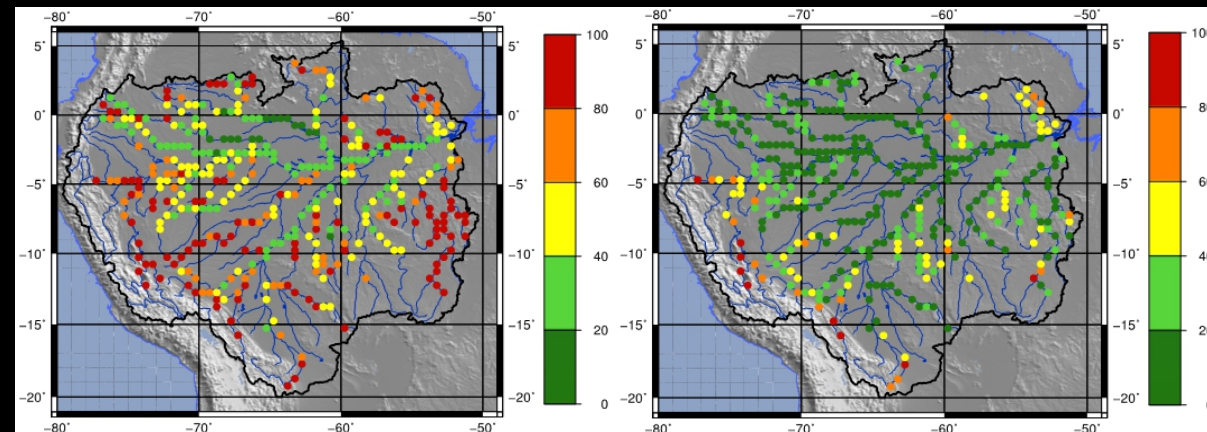


Altimetry-derived discharge (35j/10j)



Paris et al. (2016)

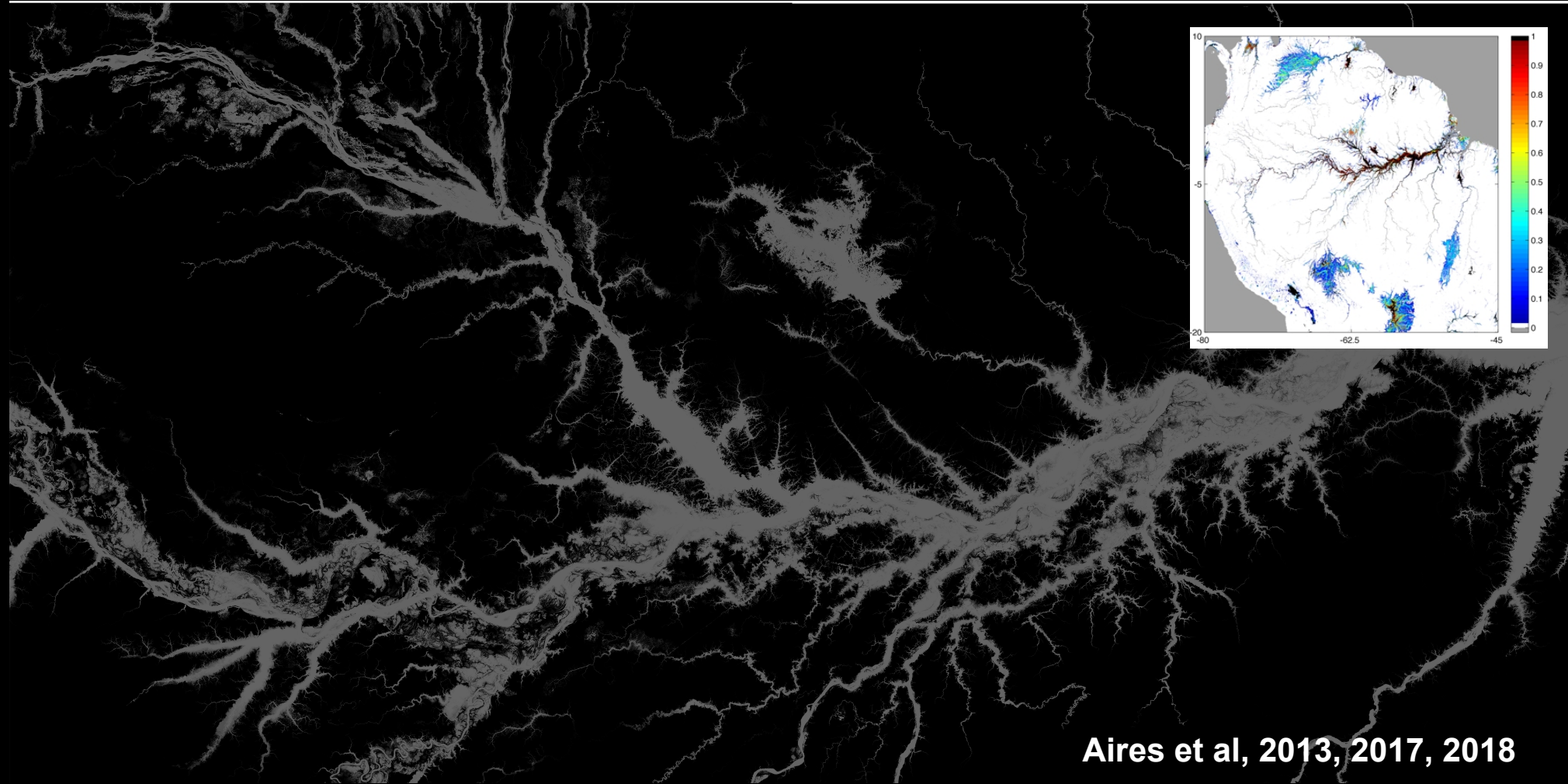
Assim. in ISBA-CTRIP (CNRM)



Emery et al. (2018)

Perspective: surface freshwater storage variations at HR

Surface water extent at high resolution (90m, GIEMS-D3) + hypso curve



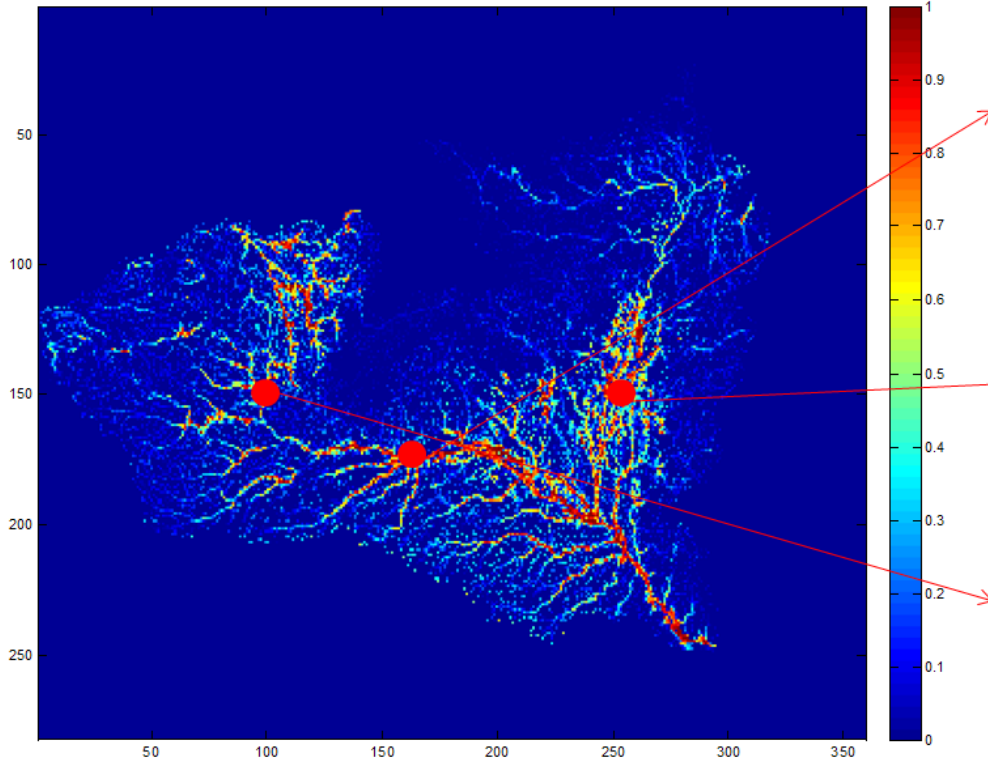
Very fine details of flood dynamics to study hydrological processes
Available 1993-2015 (monthly and 10-day sampling)

Supports high resolution hydrological modeling (MGB-IPH)

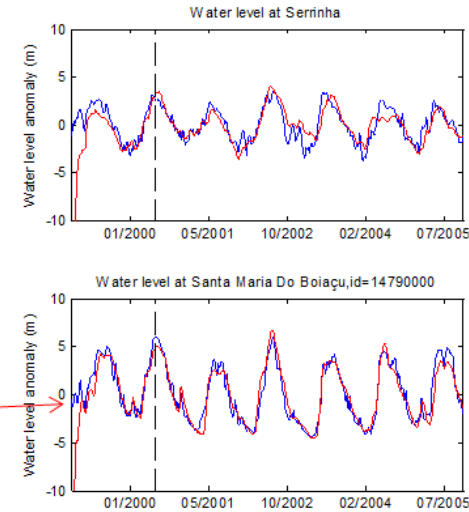
Fraction of flooded area per cell (total of 39882 simulation cells)

High stage

21-Jun-2000



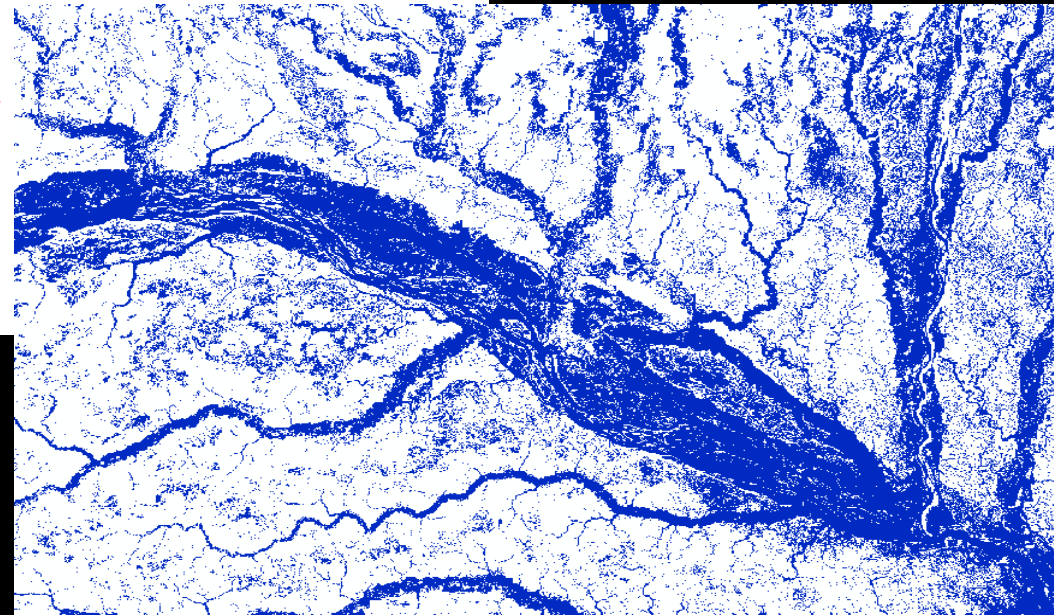
In situ x simulated level



1D/2D MGB-IPH model: to characterize wetland hydrology

Fleischmann et al., 2019

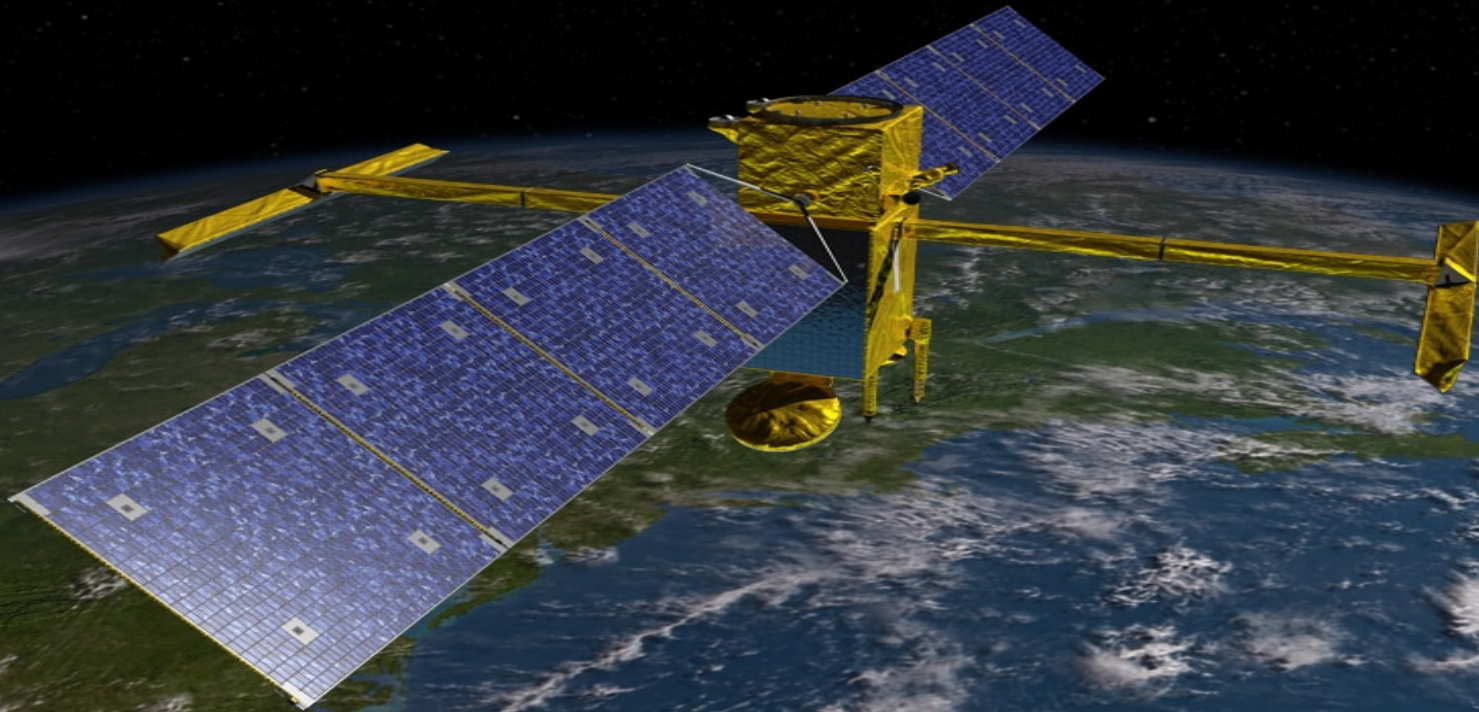
Flooded areas in the Negro-Branco confluence



The future of Hydrology from Space

Surface Water and Ocean Topography, 2021

- Provide with a global inventory of surface water (lakes, reservoirs, wetlands > 250x250 m) and rivers (>100 m)
- From intra- to pluri-annual scale, estimate the variations of global surface water storage and river discharge

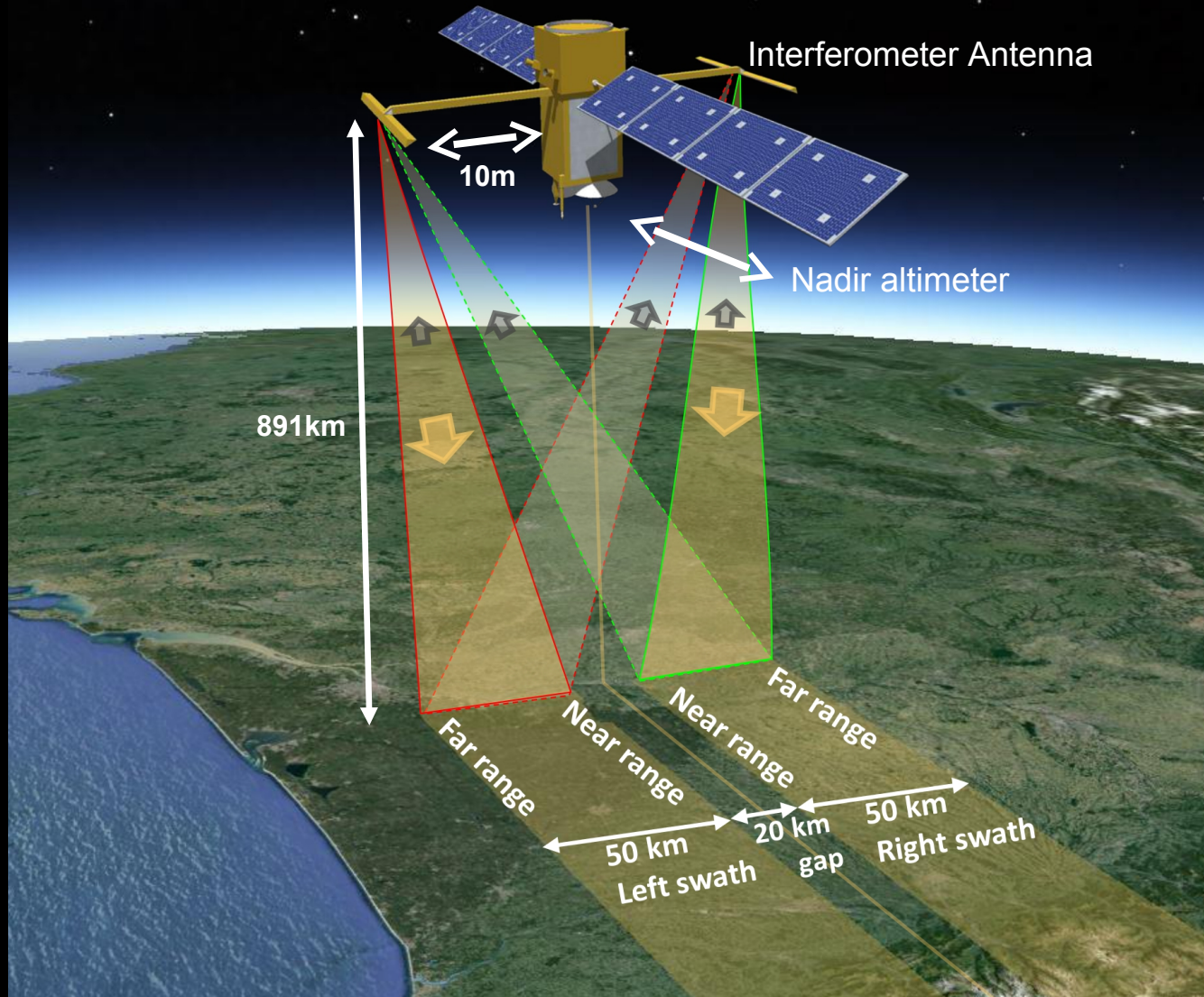
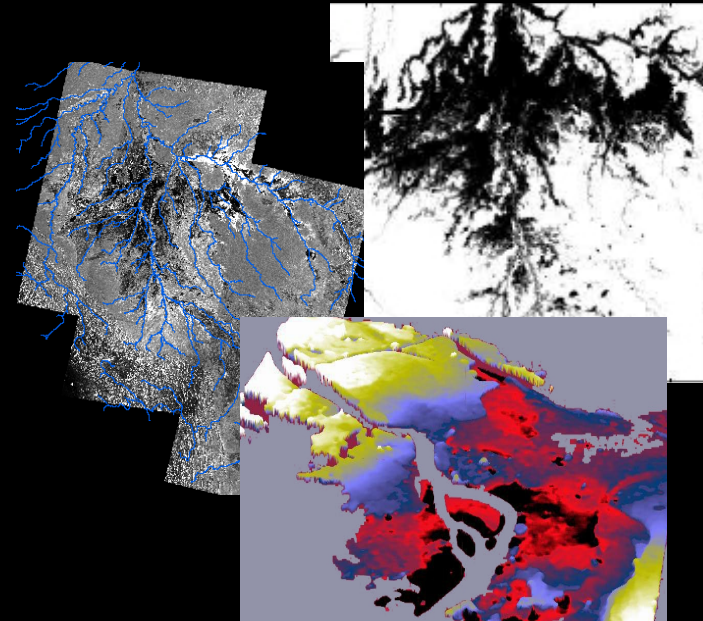


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Surface Water and Ocean Topography, 2021

- KaRIN: Ka-band Radar Interferometer
- ~100 m spatial resolution
- 21 day

Map of S, h, dh/dt and dh/dx

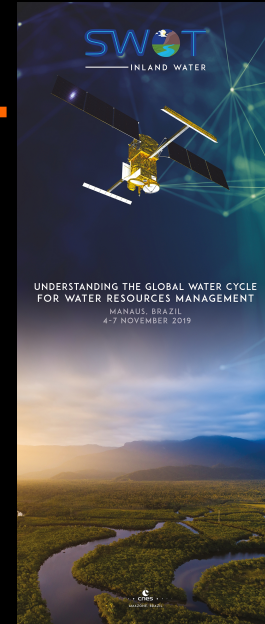


South America Water from Space 2019

A group of South American (Brazil, Chili, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Bolivia, Uruguay) and French and American scientists being part of the SWOT ST

Series of Conference South America Water from Space
2015 and 2017, CPRM, Rio de Janeiro , Brazil
2018, INACAP, Santiago, Chile

2019, 4-7 Nov, Manaus, Brazil , hydrologyfromspace.org



- 80 participants from 9 countries
- 35 talks and 30 posters discussing the use of satellite for a better understanding of the water cycle and water resources management in the context of SWOT
- Opening speeches by the Ambassador of France to Brazil and CPRM Director
- Signature of inter-Institutional agreement between IRD and CPRM



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