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*WATER, ENERGY,  
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# The GEWEX Core Project Report to JSC-38

Co-chairs

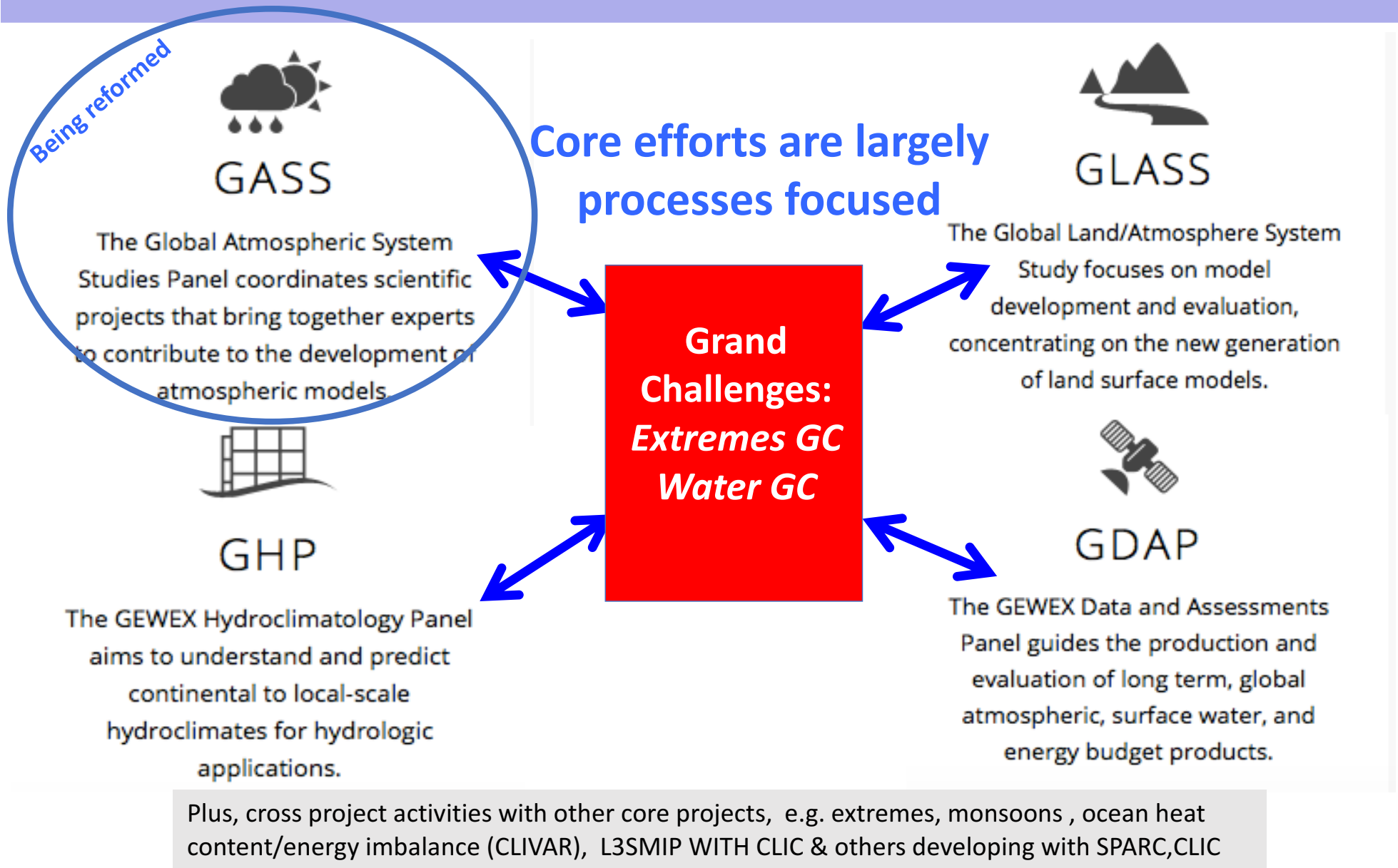
Graeme Stephens, Sonia Seneviratne

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# Outline

1. (4) Core Panel highlight
2. The new GASS and linking to WWRP
3. The GEWEX PROcess Evaluation Studies
4. Plans going forward

# GEWEX Core efforts



# GEWEX Data Assessment Panel

## New co-chairs (Nov 2016) Remy Roca; Tristen L'Ecuyer

### Goals

1) **Data records** - Guide production and analysis of global data sets with respect to GEWEX questions, e.g., energy and water budget closure;

- Surface fluxes (Seaflux, Landflux), Surface Radiation Budget, clouds (ISCCP), precipitation (GPCP), water vapor (Gvap), TOA fluxes, soil moisture, aerosol (GCP, MAC)
- New data initiatives
- Contribute to evaluation of climate models – obs4mips, PROES

2) **In situ networks** – guidance/oversight/development of surface networks that support the global products

- BSRN, GPCC, International soil moisture network

3) **Data quality assessments** - assure quality and knowledge about data sets including suitability for applications & improve uncertainty estimation for data records - Interact with CEOS/CGMS WG Climate

- Cloud, Water Vapor, Aerosol, Precipitation, Soil Moisture, ET

4) **Data integration**

- Energy balance, water balance,

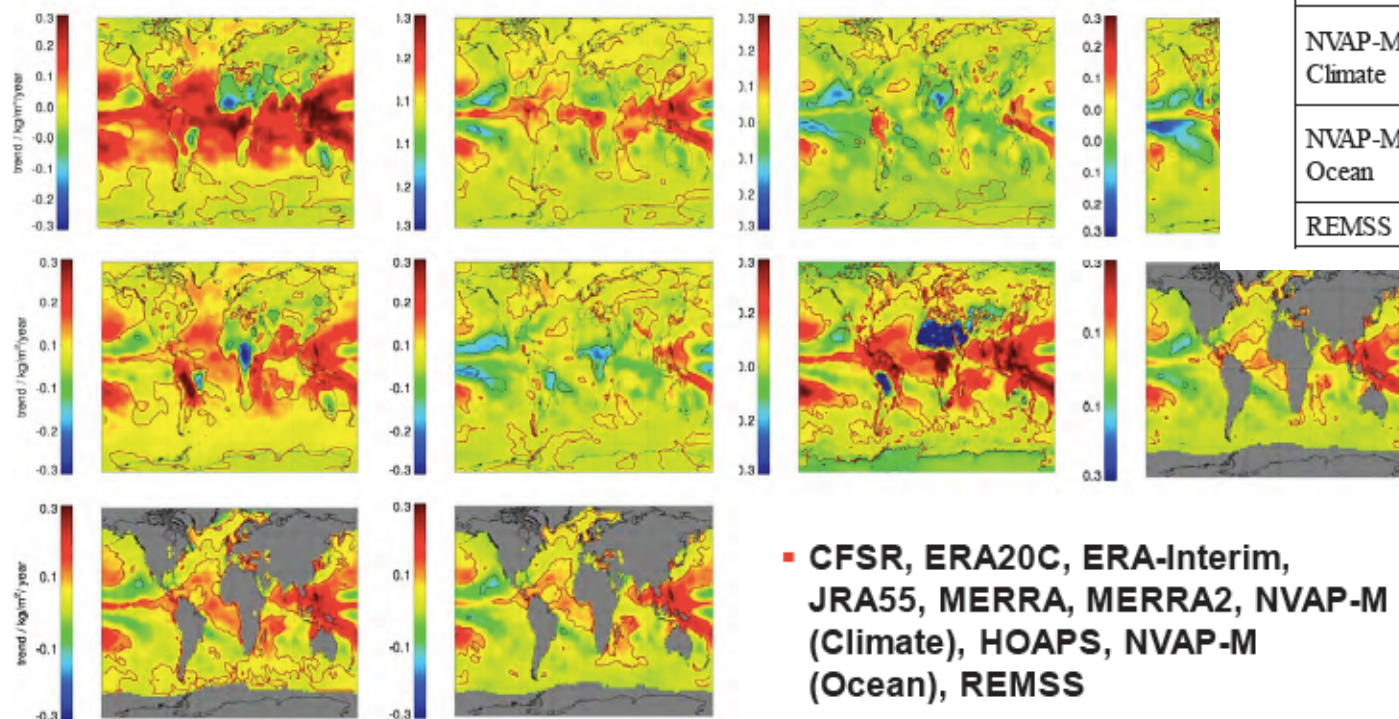


# Example highlight of one GDAP assessment: Water vapor

## Regression, Time-to-detect

Examination of 'long term' trends in global column water vapor

Schroder et al. 2016



- CFSR, ERA20C, ERA-Interim, JRA55, MERRA, MERRA2, NVAP-M (Climate), HOAPS, NVAP-M (Ocean), REMSS

	Trend kg/m <sup>2</sup> /decade	Regression % / K	TTD* years
CFSR	1.21 ± 0.16	24.9 ± 0.5	33
ERA-Interim	-0.11 ± 0.09	2.9 ± 0.5	22
ERA20C	0.37 ± 0.06	10.0 ± 0.2	18
HOAPS	0.25 ± 0.07	7.2 ± 0.3	18
JRA55	0.03 ± 0.06	2.6 ± 0.4	17
MERRA	0.75 ± 0.09	15.8 ± 0.3	22
MERRA2	0.04 ± 0.06	4.4 ± 0.3	17
nmHIRS	-1.51 ± 0.17	14.2 ± 1.3	35
NVAP-M Climate	0.68 ± 0.20	8.4 ± 0.7	37
NVAP-M Ocean	0.52 ± 0.07	10.1 ± 0.3	18
REMSS	0.34 ± 0.06	7.6 ± 0.3	17

# BSRN – a major success story and one developed to support energy balance studies

## State of the WRMC (Sept 2016): 9011 station-months available

### Baseline Surface Radiation Network

[BSRN homepage] - [Staff] [Stations] [Parameter] [Methods] - [LR0100] [LR0300] [LR0500] [LR1000] [LR1100] [LR1200] [LR1300] [LR3010] [LR3030] [LR3300] [All] [latest datasets]

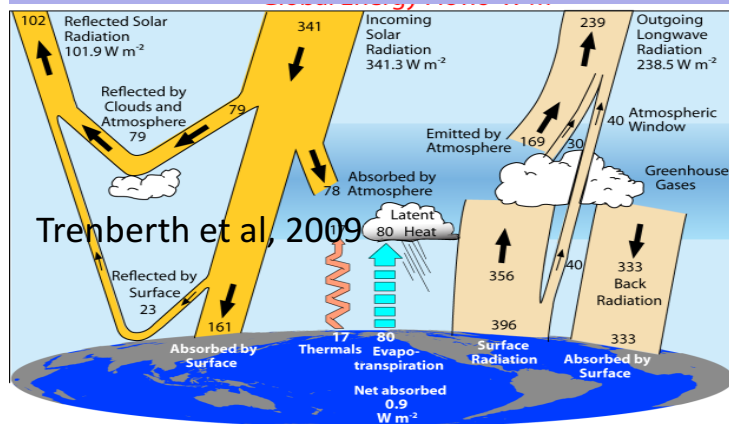
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Alert	ALE	Christopher Cox (christopher.j.cox@noaa.gov)														5	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Alice Springs	ASP	Bruce Forgan (B.Forgan@bom.gov.au)						12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Barrow	BAR	David Longenecker (David.U.Longenecker@noaa.gov)		12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Bermuda	BER	David Longenecker (David.U.Longenecker@noaa.gov)		12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Billings	BIL	Charles Long (chuck.long@noaa.gov)			4	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Bondville	BON	John Augustine (John.A.Augustine@noaa.gov)					12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Boulder, SURFRAD	BOS	John Augustine (John.A.Augustine@noaa.gov)					5	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
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Brasilia	BRB	Enio Bueno Pereira (eniobp@cpqec.inpe.br)																8	10	4	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Cabauw	CAB	Wouter Knap (wkn@knmi.nl)																11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Camborne	CAM	Jonathan Tamiyn (jonathan.tamiyn@metoffice.gov.uk)													12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Canpermas	CAR	Thierry Duprat (thierry.duprat@meteo.fr)											12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Chesapeake Light	CUH	Fred M. Denn (Frederick.M.Denn@nasa.gov)											8	12	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Cener	CNR	Xabier Olano (xolano@cener.com)																		6	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Cocos Island	COC	Bruce Forgan (B.Forgan@bom.gov.au)														3	10	8	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
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Darwin	DAR	Charles Long (chuck.long@noaa.gov)													10	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	10	1	X
Desert Rock	DRA	John Augustine (John.A.Augustine@noaa.gov)								10	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Concordia Station	DOM	Wolfgang Engel (Wolfgang.Engel@cea.fr)																	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Darwin Met Office	DWN	Jonathan Tamiyn (jonathan.tamiyn@metoffice.gov.uk)																		12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
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Fukuoka	FUK	Massao Omori (mori-masao@met.kishou.go.jp)																		9	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Goodwin Creek	GOC	John Augustine (John.A.Augustine@noaa.gov)					12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Gobabeb	GGB	Roland Vogt (roland.vogt@unibas.ch)																			8	12	12	12	12	12	12	X	
Neumayer Station	GVN	Gert König-Langlo (Gert.Koenig-Langlo@awi.de)		12	1	9	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	1	X

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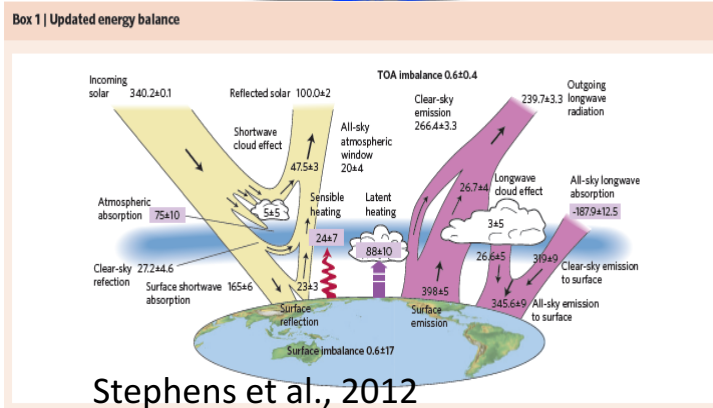
# Comment on Energy balance efforts in GEWEX – a longstanding integrated GDAP assessment activity



2009

Without uncertainties, balance achieved by entirely ad hoc, indefensible adjustments

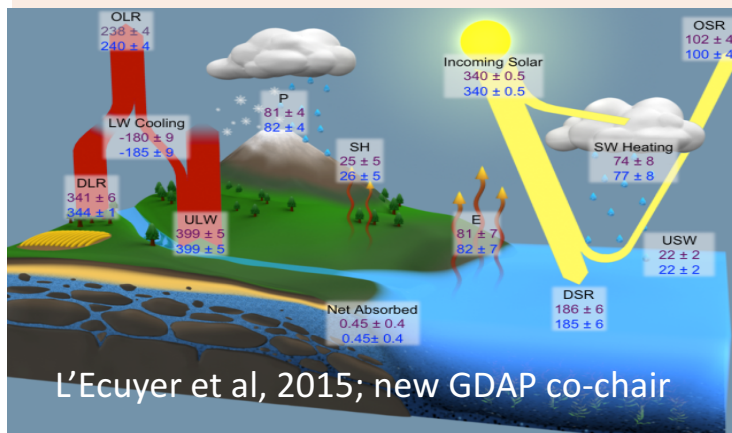
Water and energy don't balance ( $O \sim 15 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ ) - balance is forced by 'adjustments' to our best estimate fluxes.



2012

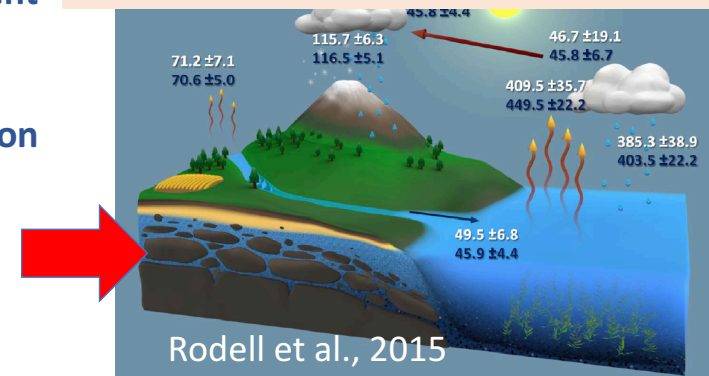
Uses GEWEX (GDAP) based products primarily with associated best uncertainties to rationalize adjustments but subjectivity within uncertainty remains

All methods constrain to input the net energy imbalance ( $O \sim 0.5 \text{ W m}^{-2}$ ). Hopefully improved estimates of this is to be provided by a cross panel effort led by CLIVAR



2015

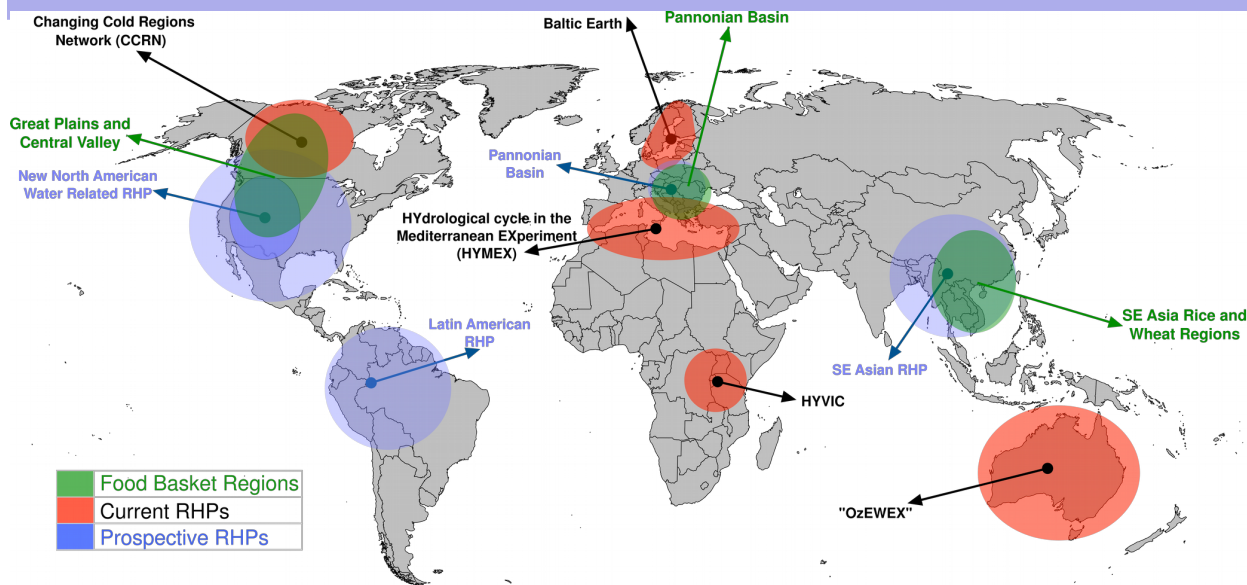
The new GEWEX assessment – fully objective using optimization methods for adjustments, again based on assessed uncertainties - a key point is these adjustments affect water balance estimation





# GEWEX hydroclimatology Panel , GHP

## Co-chairs: Jason Evans and Joan Cuxart



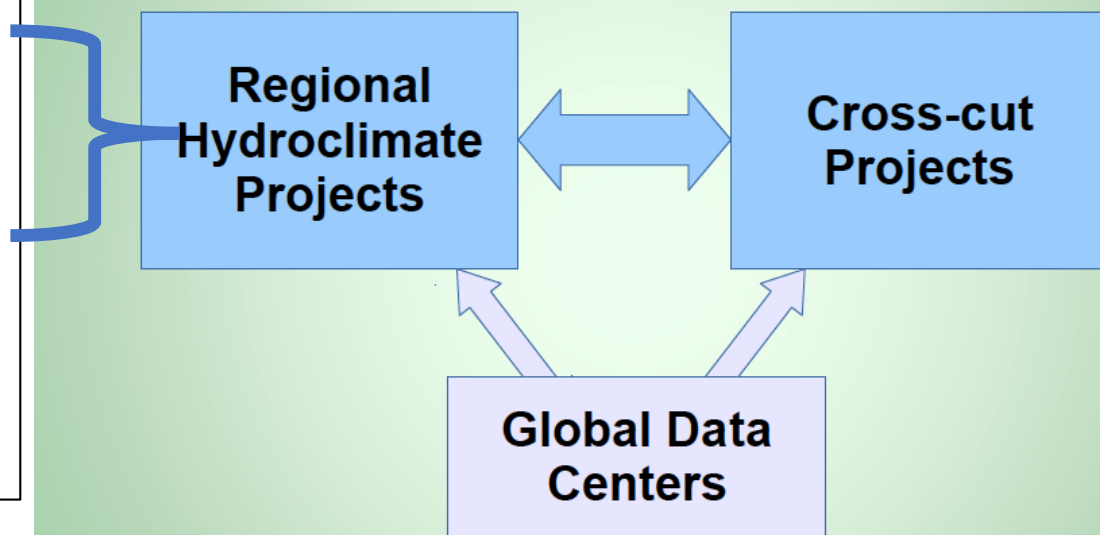
Intense – sub daily precipitation  
Cold Zone: Near zero precipitation  
Mounterrains: Mountain precipitation  
Water management in large scale models  
Inarch – mountain climate

Addressing the water cycle from physical to human and socioeconomic dimensions requires a regional perspective

The Regional Hydroclimate Projects (RHPs) are an essential tool in this endeavour as they bring together various disciplines on water issues.

New Baltic Earth  
Prospective: Pannex  
In development: North American

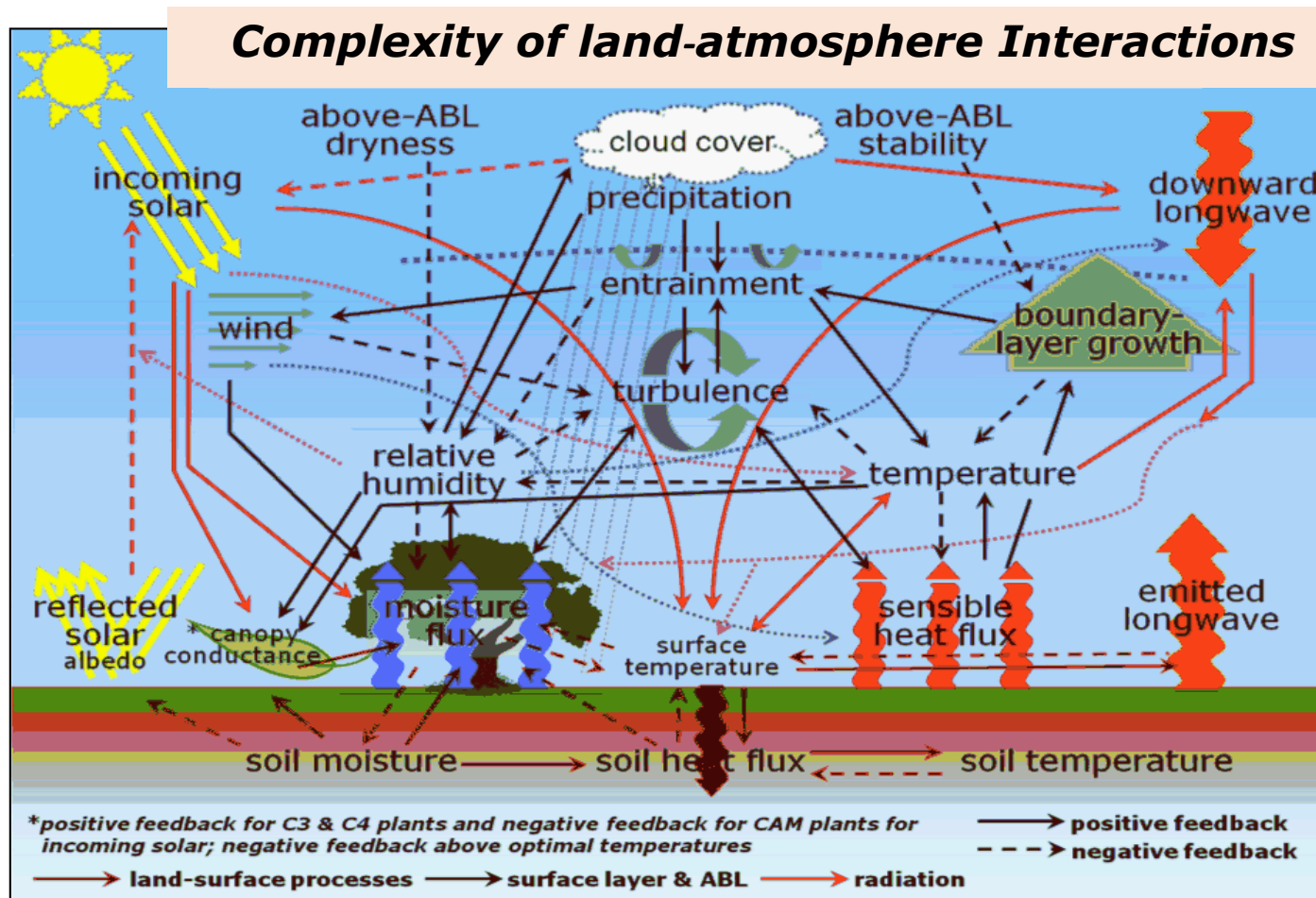
### GHP Structure





# Global Land/Atmosphere System Study, GLASS

Co chairs: Michael Ek (NCEP/EMC), Gab Abramowitz (UNSW)



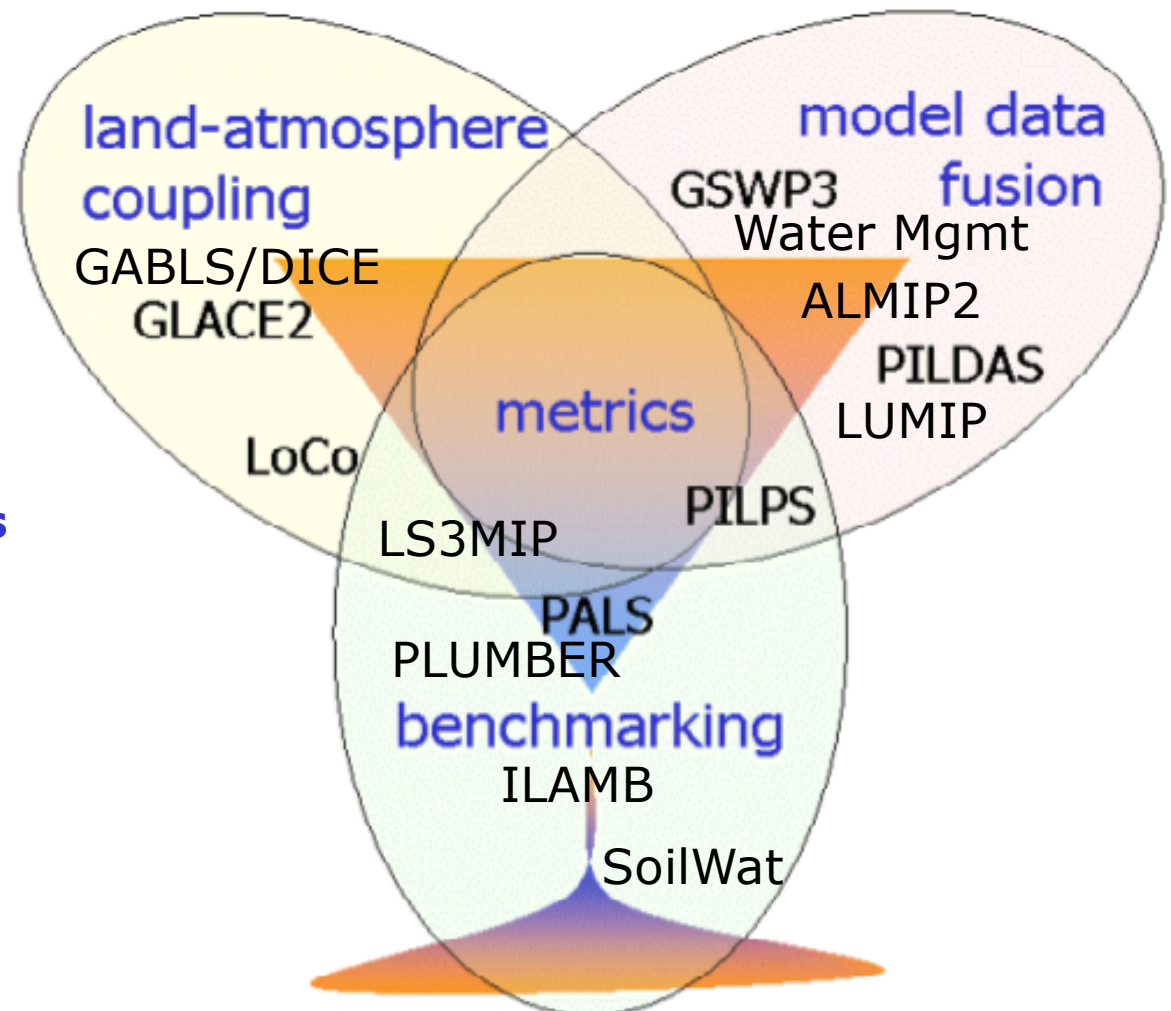
The land atmospheric coupling is complex, and even this view misses important processes (e.g soils, land cover etc)

# GLASS Structure

The aim of GLASS is to promote community activities that improve:

1. our best estimates and the model representation of land atmosphere interaction processes
1. our understanding of land/atmosphere feedbacks
1. our understanding of the role of land surface in predictability

To best achieve these aims, GLASS has been re structured into three elements:



## ***New project: GEWEX Soils Initiative (SoilWat)***

- Initiative born of International Soil Modeling Consortium (ISMC) and GEWEX communities
- Aims to improve interactions and integration of soil and subsurface processes in present climate models
- Planning workshop June 2016 in Leipzig, 25-30 people, 2 days:

### **Outcomes**

- Now drafting perspective paper to clarify needs, objectives, future directions of the SoilWat initiative (Dani Or, Sonia Seneviratne, Peter van Oevelen, and Gerrit de Rooij)
- *Initiative 1*: survey already underway
- *Initiative 2 (SP-MIP)*: scoping document distributed
- *Initiative 3*: discussion underway seeking a global groundwater database, historical and current, with the aim of committing contributing countries/monitoring authorities to submit their data to the database and possibly create a global archive of historical groundwater data.
- Second SoilWat workshop planned in 2017 to report progress and discuss processes not addressed in this workshop (e.g. soil and plant processes, human interactions)

# ***GLASS contribution to CMIP6***

- GLASS has a leading role in the CMIP6 experiment “Land Surface, Snow, and Soil moisture Model Intercomparison Project” (LS3MIP) – co-chairs (B. van den Hurk, G. Krinner, H. Kim, S. Seneviratne, C. Derksen, T. Oki) / Collaboration with CliC



- Also a strong role within the Land Use Model Intercomparison Project (LUMIP) – co-chairs (D. Lawrence, G. Hurtt)

Important step towards better consideration of land processes in climate projections (first-time experiments within CMIP)



**A common thread is the new structure will focus on cloud, convection and precipitation processes and their representation in models**

**1) Quantify the role of land surface processes in S2S prediction?**

Couples directly to WWRP activities/projects and to land monsoon project (TBD), YMC & interseasonal variability, precipitation initiative and the convectively permitting hi-resolution modeling effort already developing in GEWEX. Contributes to AA1., AA3 and AA7 of WWRP

**2) Advance our ability to estimate and predict precipitation by enhancing our understanding and representation of processes ( aerosol, cloud environmental couplings) fundamental to precipitation.**

Activities relevant here include warm rain PROES , UTCC PROES, GDAP precipitation assessment, GAP – microphysical influences (including aerosol) on precipitation, convection via YMC. Contributes to WWRP AA1and AA7, indirectly AA2

**3) Identify the mechanisms for the diurnal cycle of precipitation over different regions and how can we improve model representation of the diurnal cycle.**

Precip initiative and GDAP precip assessment, Hi res (convectively resolving/permitting modeling, contributes to AA1,AA7

**4) Assess the extent that resolved/permited convection is necessary to advance our ability to predict high impact weather.**

Activities include: Greyzone project (the second phase being formulated), hi-res modeling, YMC, precipitation initiative

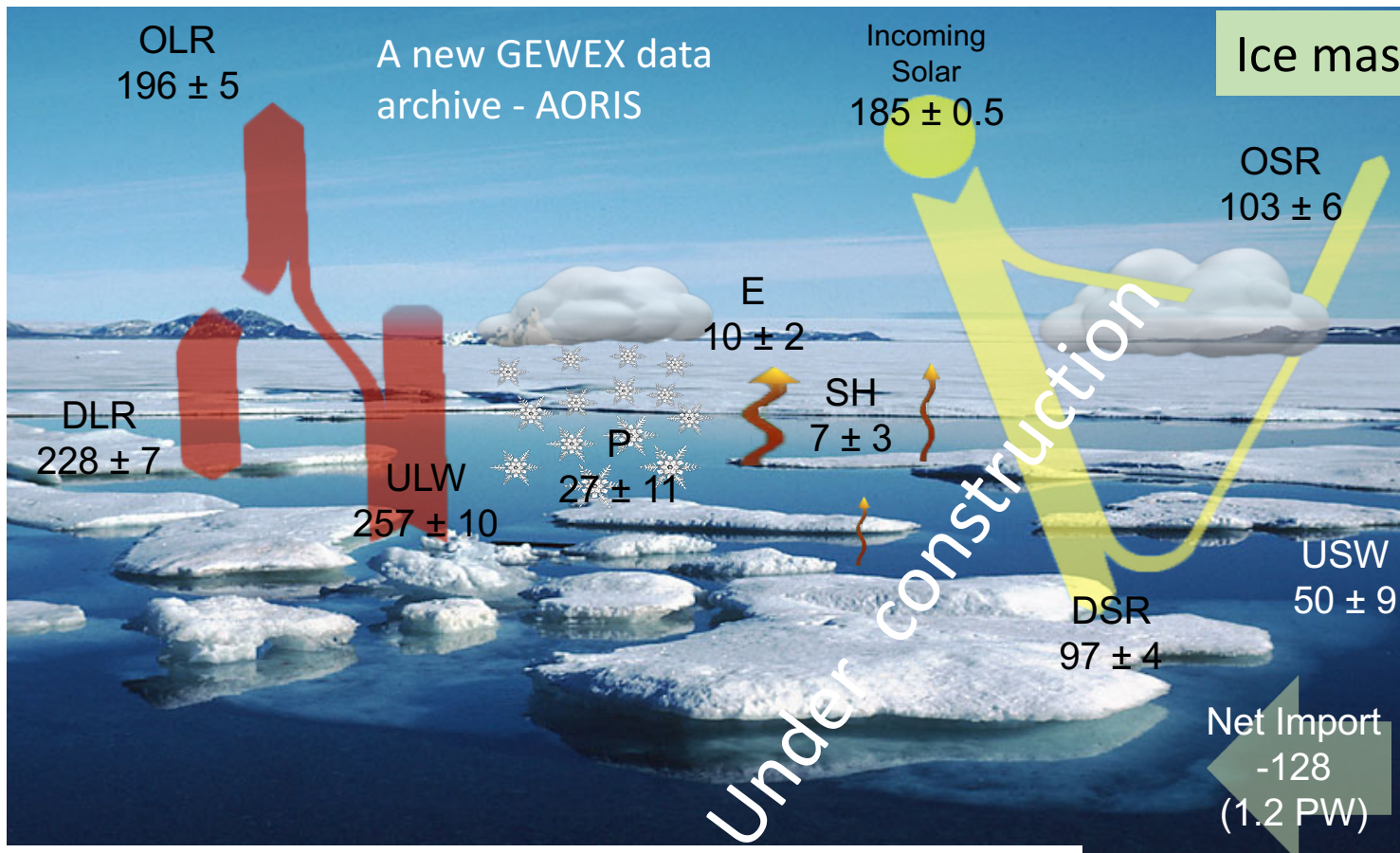
# GEWEX PROES - Process Evaluation Studies

This grew out of the obs4mip meeting where data need be constructed (on different time/space scales than planned for ESGF and expected from CMIP6 ) to probe process understanding was completely missing from obs4mip II plans

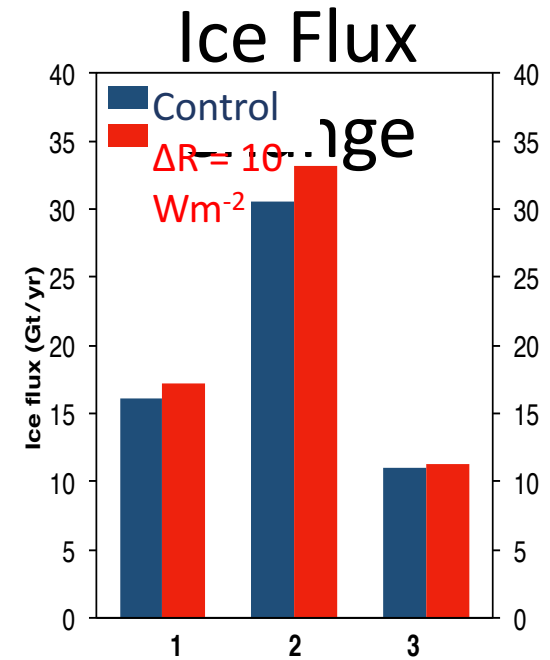
Five GEWEX-related PROES activities are in development

- Upper Tropospheric Clouds & Convection (UTCC) (Stubenrauch, Stephens) with link to SPARC – integrated data products developed & being assessed - green
- Co-lead Nicole Schlegel & Eric Laroor, JPL), GEWEX (AORIS) connects to CLiC – orange
- Radiative Kernels for Climate (lead Soden, UMiami) –orange
- Mid-lat storms (lead Tselioudis) - orange
- Warm rain process(lead Suzuki, U Tokyo) –green

Blue: indicates clouds, convection and precipitation process focus

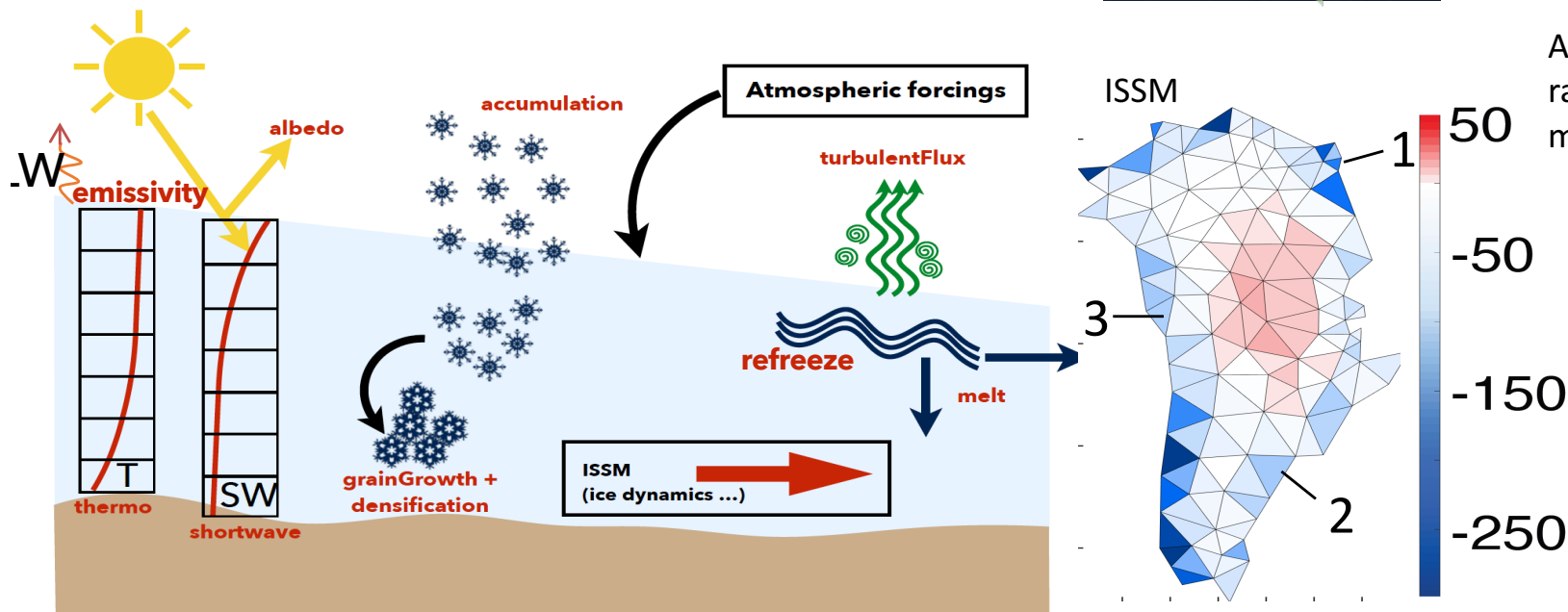


## Ice mass balance PROES



Schlegel et al., 2017

A  $10 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$  change in radiation balance changes melt rate by 10%



April 2017

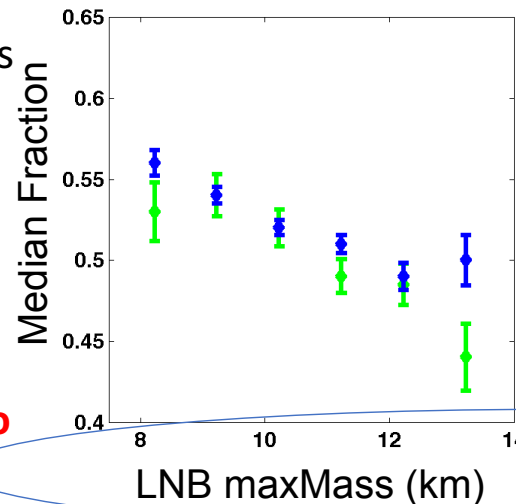
# UTCC PROES highlight

- High cloud feedbacks are important factors in determining the hydrological and climate sensitivities
- An important source of high clouds is from convective detrainment
- There are NO constraints on convective detrainment

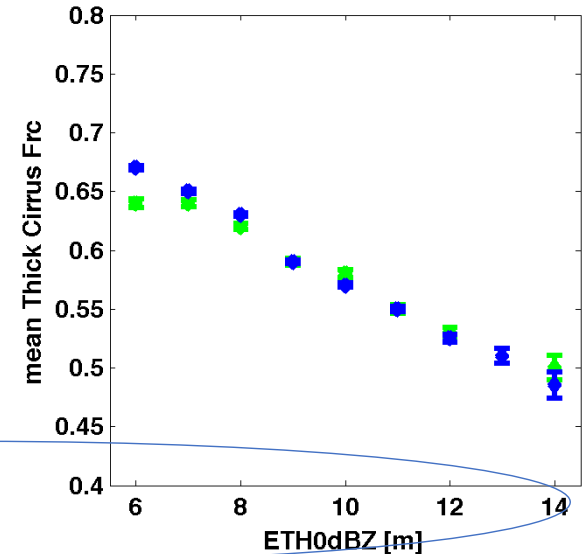
**We have created new diagnostic analysis of observations with a goal to test detrainment parameterizations**

**Important unanticipated robust finding: high thick clouds decrease with convective intensity, high thin clouds increase**

Thick Cirrus

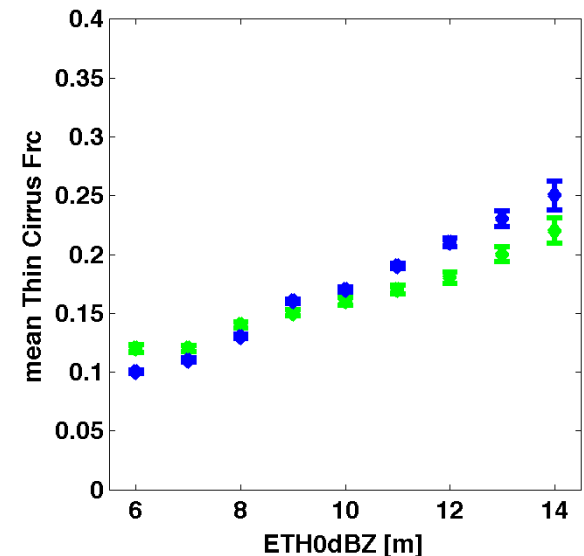
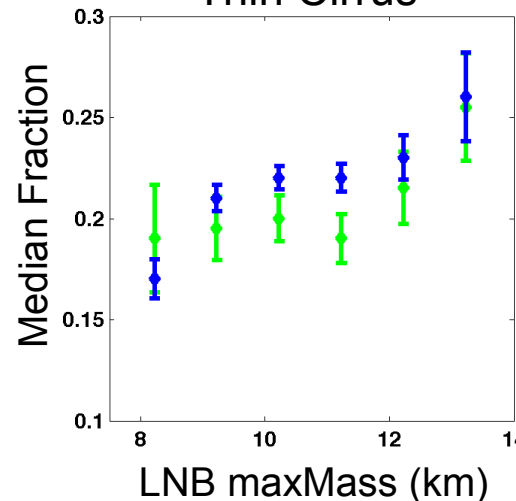


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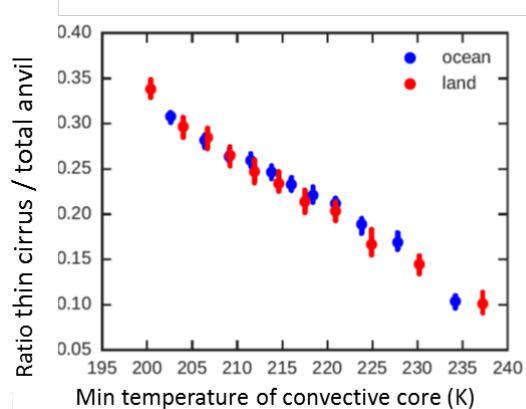
Different metrics of convective intensity inferred from radar diagnostics

Thin Cirrus



Takahashi et al., 2017

IR observations



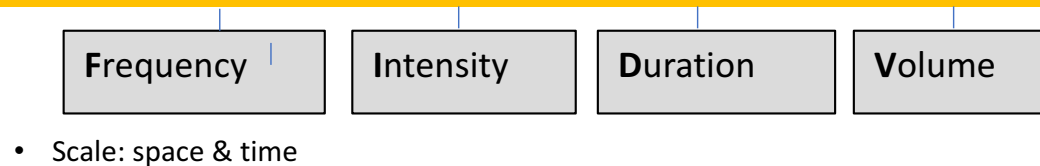


# Looking forward

- GEWEX at 30 – retrospective assessment of what GEWEX has achieved over 30 years
- Revisiting GEWEX 2013 5-10 year science and implementation plan.
- Precipitation initiative – precip obs assessment, expand process diagnostic studies, advance convectively permitting modeling
- Water in the TP initiative with China
- Soils, human dimension/water cycle
- GEWEX open science conference, April 2017

# One GEWEX input into the WCRP cross Precipitation Initiative

## Precipitation Observation Assessment (POA)



### Other groups

#### WCRP/ weather and climate extreme

<https://www.wcrp-climate.org/gdis-wkshp-2014-climate-extremes>

#### ETCCDI

CCI/WCRP/JCOMM Expert Team on Climate Change Detection and Indices  
<https://www.wcrp-climate.org/data-etccdi>

#### IPWG

International precipitation working group  
<http://www.isac.cnr.it/~ipwg/>

### GDAP

Precip. assessment

GPCP  
GPCC

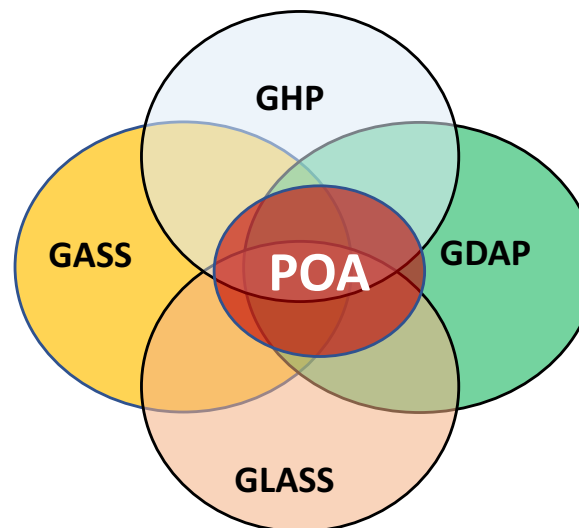
### Recent Obs. /methods

**GPM:** moderate and intense precipitating (F, I, D, V), tropics and extra-tropics

**CloudSat:** light rain, snowfall (F, I, V), high latitude, mountains?

**GRACE:** water balance (V) high latitude, mountains

**Water vapor convergence**



### Other related topics

- Gauge correction





# **GEWEX Open Science Conference**

**Lake Louise, Banff, AB, Canada**

**April 29 – May 4, 2018**



# GEWEX Open Science Conference

*"Extremes and Water on the Edge"*



Venue: Chateau Lake Louise  
Banff, AB, Canada

Wide range of sponsors

- Main Themes:
  - Extremes GC
  - Water GC
  - GEWEX Core Science
- ECS Events
  - Spring Sessions
  - Integral Part of Conference
- Participation limited to 450



# Looking forward

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# Back ups

RHPs are a regional way of organizing most of the GEWEX-oriented activities and make the community grow from the bottom, attracting scientists that would otherwise act in a more isolated manner.

Interaction with the other GEWEX actions is going on and could be intensified through more transversal actions, probably stimulated by enhanced communication between Cross-cut (CC) activities and the other Core programs.

Each RHPs can define its own CC actions where basic scientific transversal research is made. Better coordination between CC among RHPs would be interesting. Also connection with general GHP CC would need extra coordination.

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To measure and predict global and regional energy and water variations, trends, and extremes (such as heat waves, floods and droughts), through improved observations and modeling of land, atmosphere and their interactions; thereby providing the scientific underpinnings of climate services.