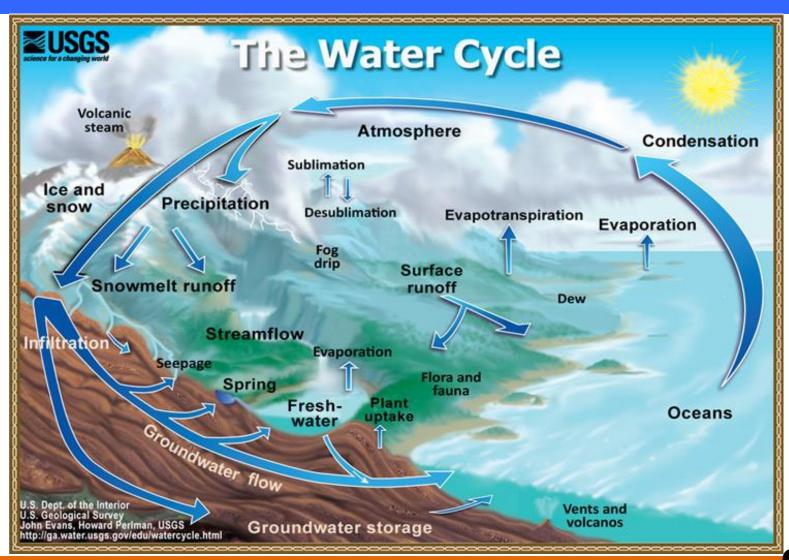
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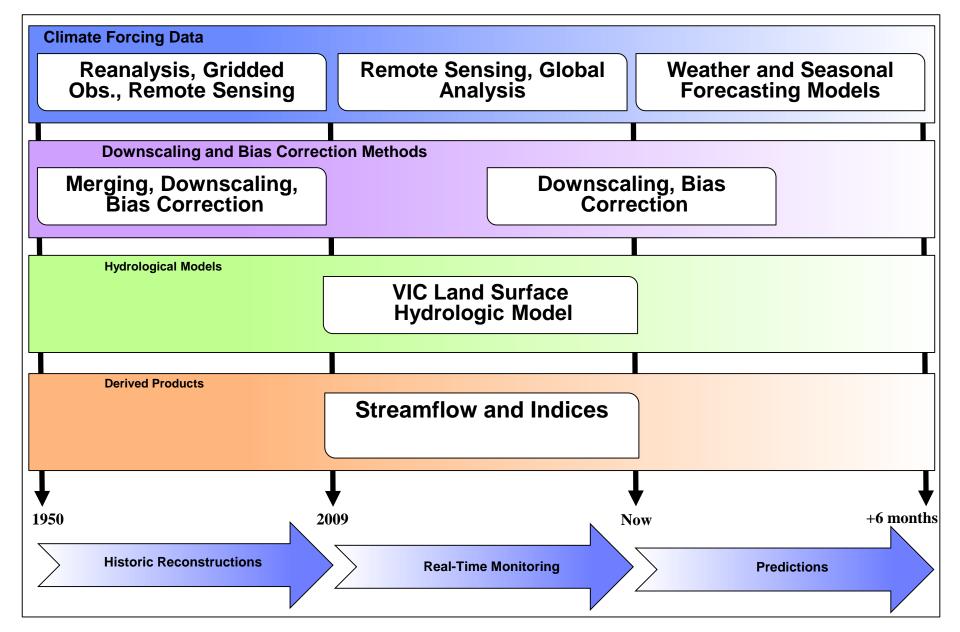
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Tracking Drought Through the Water Cycle



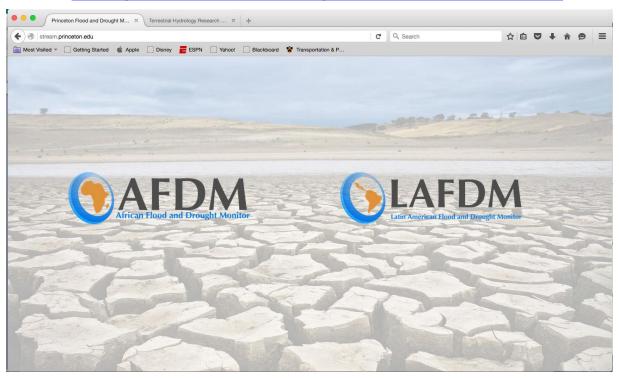


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Main Portal for Flood and Drought Monitors

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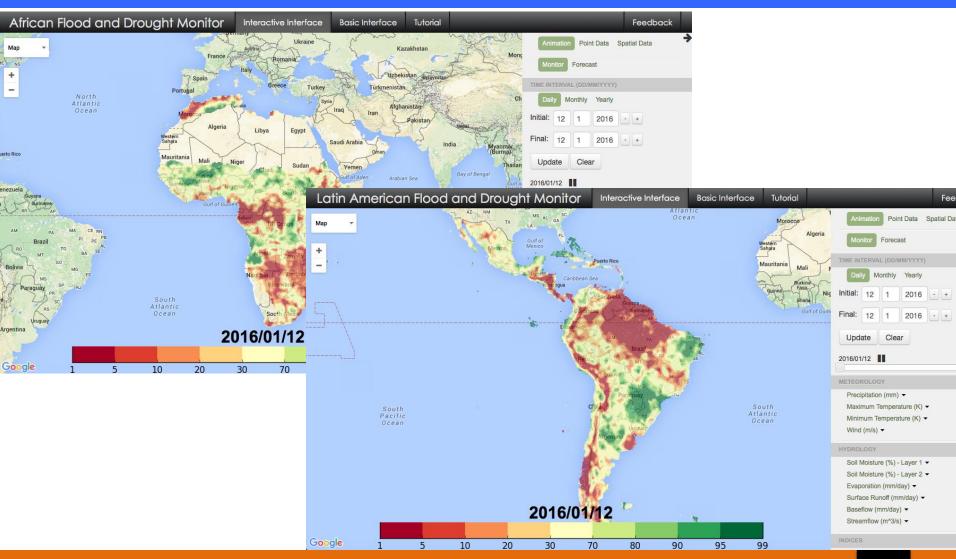


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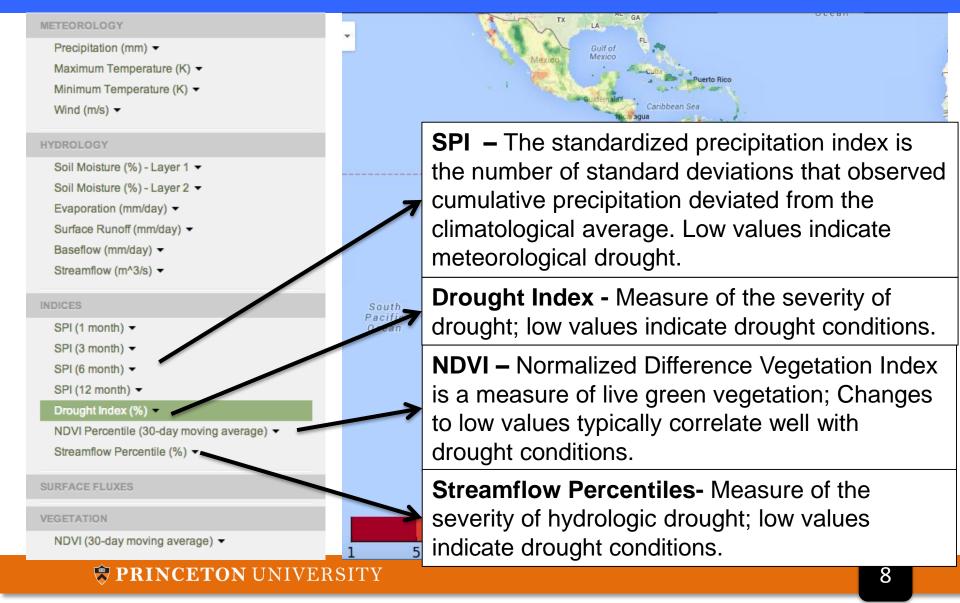
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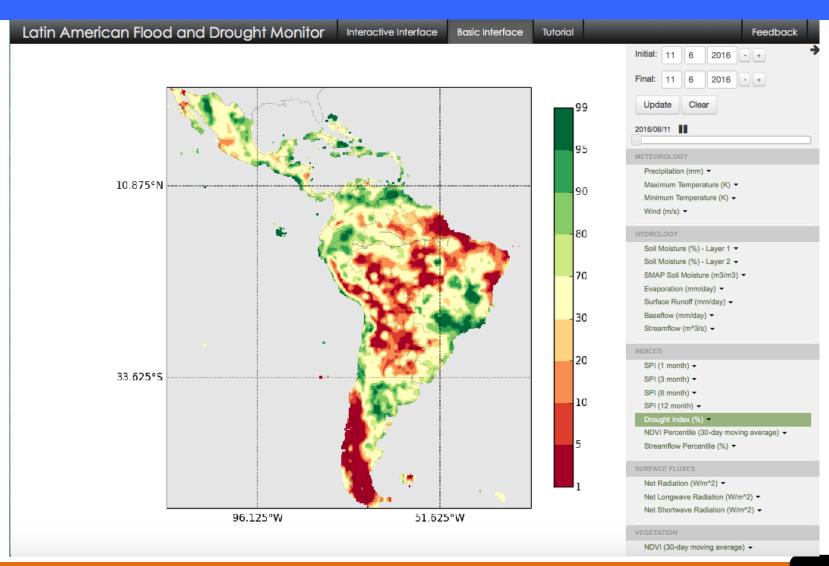
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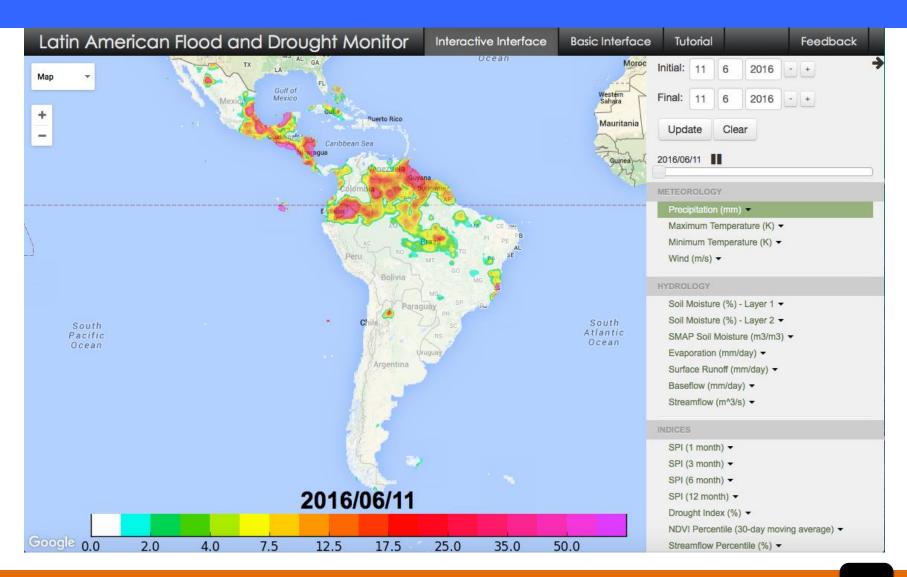
Water Cycle Products and Indices



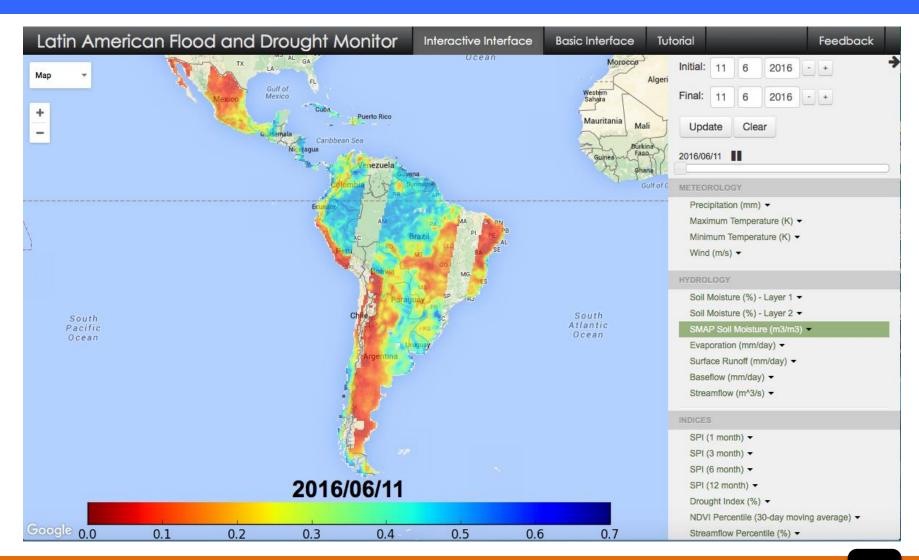
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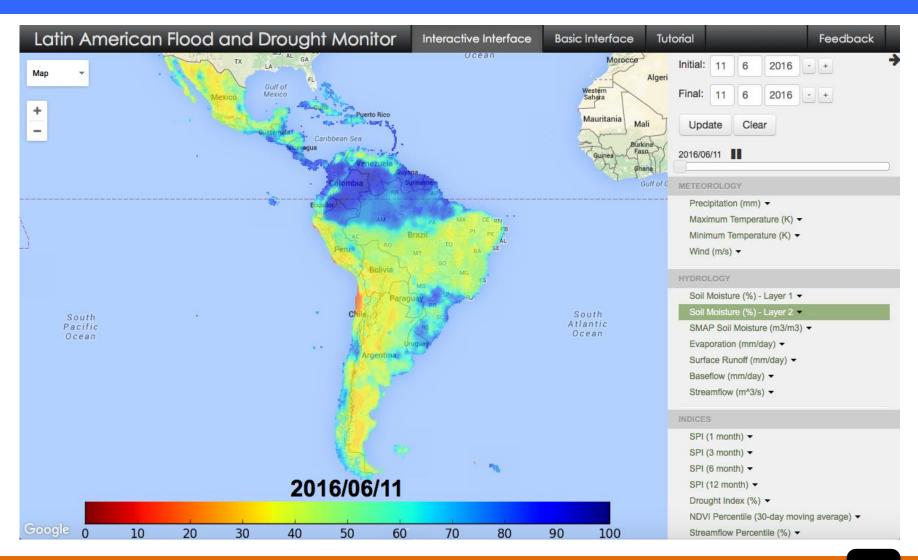
Interface: Precipitation



Interface: Soil Moisture (Remote Sensing)



Interface: Soil Moisture (modeled)



Interface: Evapotranspiration



Interface: NDVI (Remote Sensing)

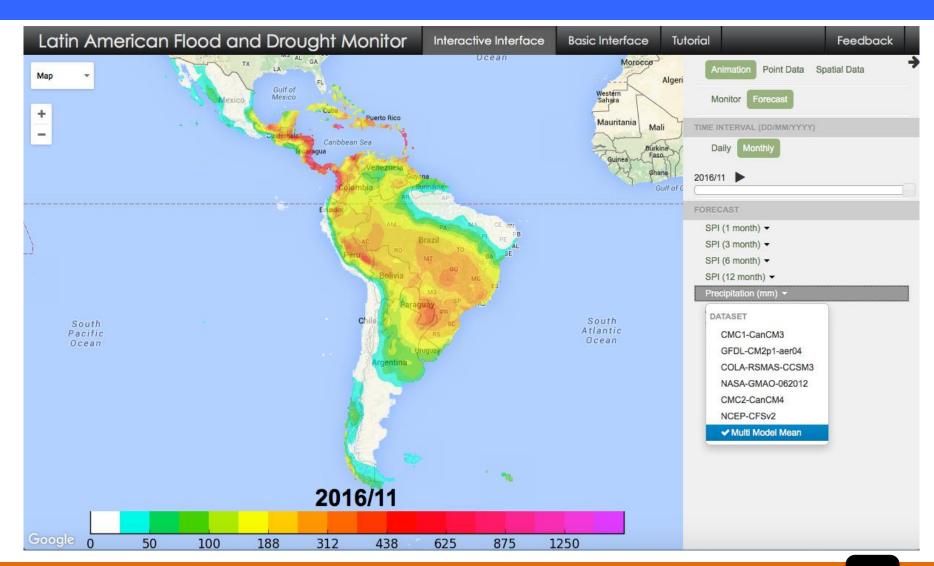


NDVI – Normalized Difference Vegetation Index is a measure of live green vegetation; Changes to low values typically correlate well with drought conditions.

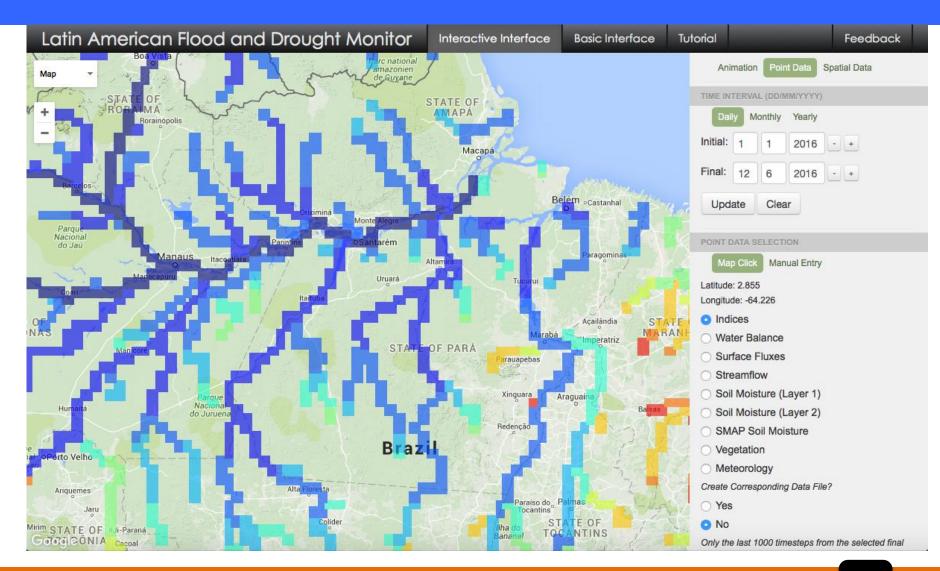
Interface: 7-day Forecast



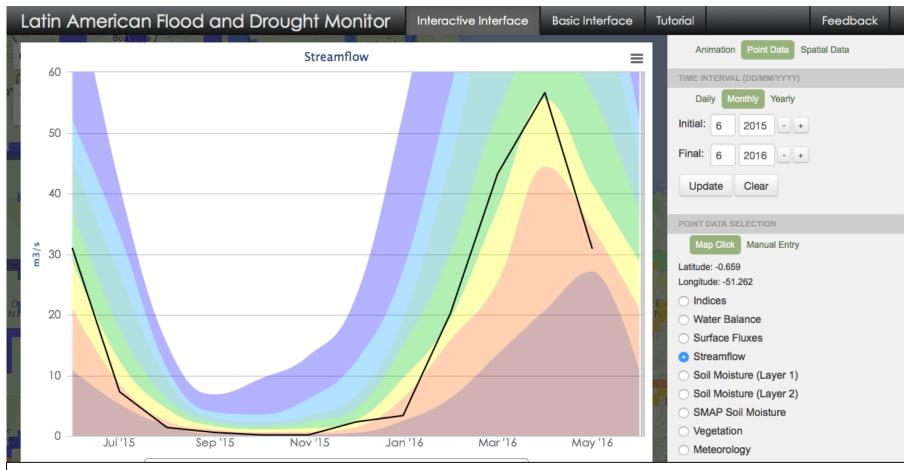
Interface: Seasonal Forecast



Point Data: Map Selection

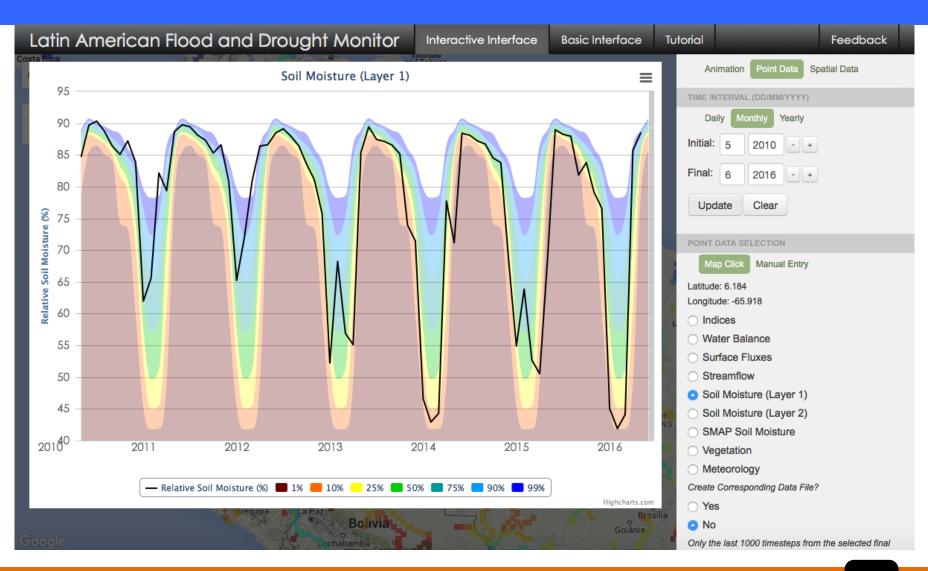


Point Data: Streamflow (Amazon River)

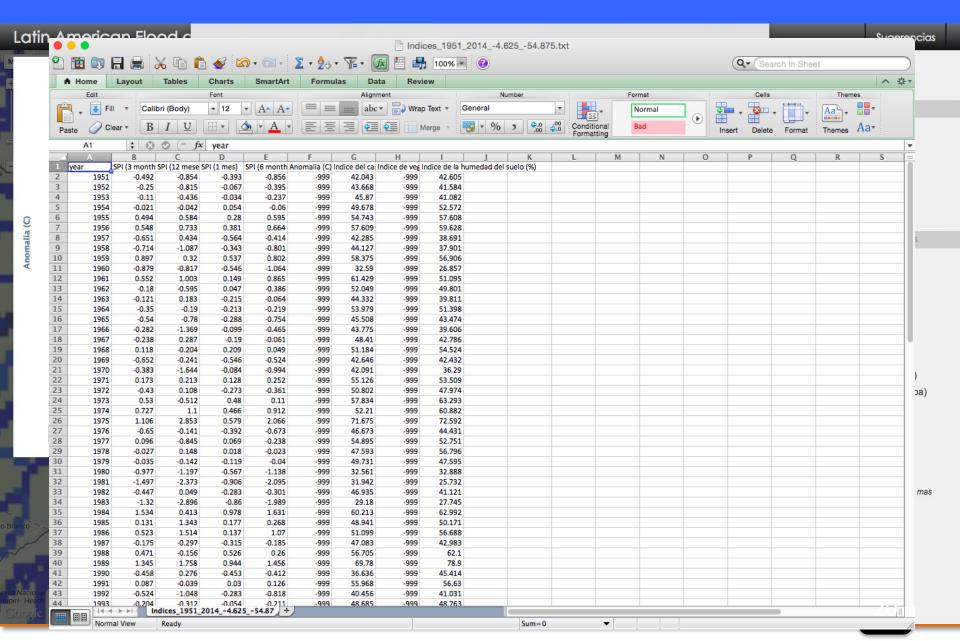


Streamflow Percentiles- Measure of the severity of hydrologic drought; low values indicate drought conditions.

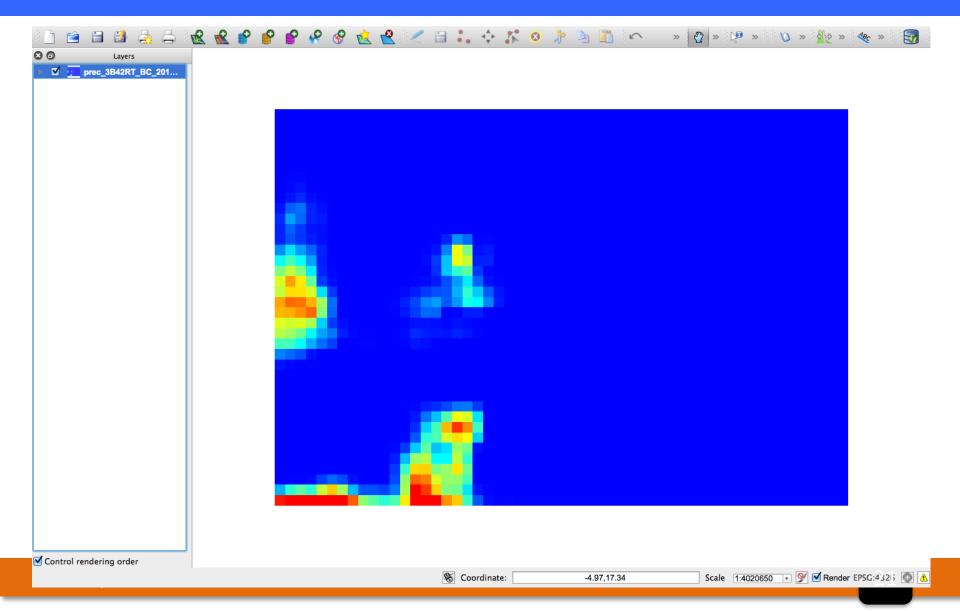
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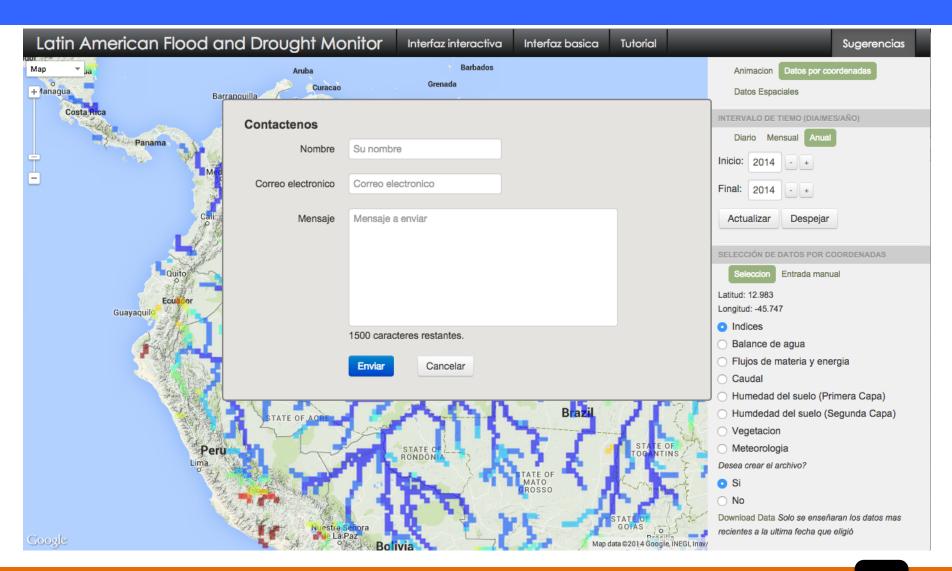
Point Data: Download



Spatial Data: Selection, Download, and GIS



Interface: Feedback



Summary of Monitors' Capabilities

- Multiple Languages
- Short-Term Forecast (7 days)
- Seasonal Forecast (6 months)
- Standard Precipitation Index (SPI) and Drought Index
- Vegetation Monitoring (NDVI)
- Download point data
- Download spatial data
- Provide feedback

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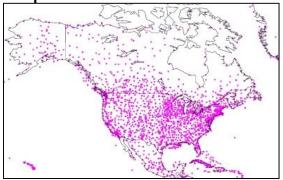
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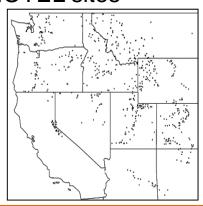
Observing the Water Cycle: Ground Measurements

Precipitation - the best measured

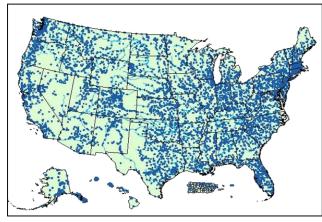


U.S. station density: 1 per 700 km²

Snow water equivalent at SNOTEL sites



Q = P - E - dW/dt

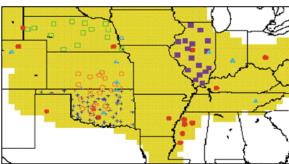


Streamflow measured at roughly 7,000 active gauging stations.

Ameriflux (flux towers) measure E, since mid 1990's



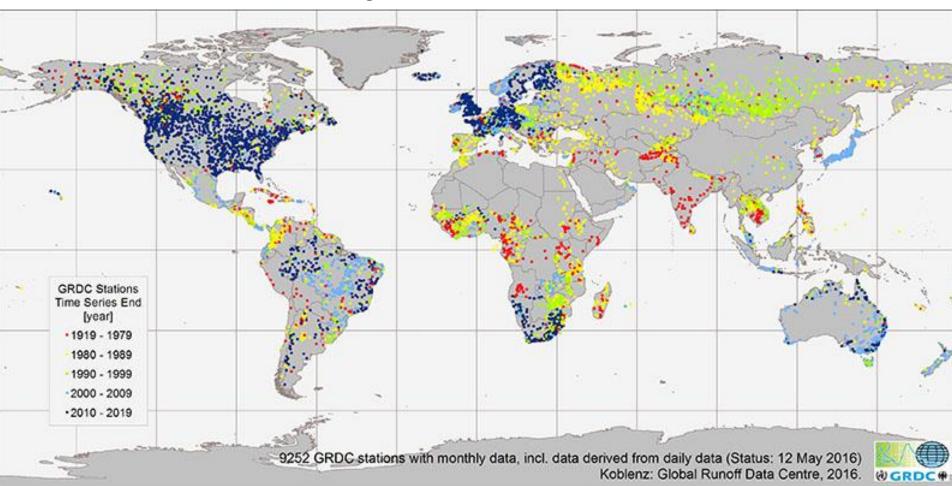
Top 1-m soil moisture measurements



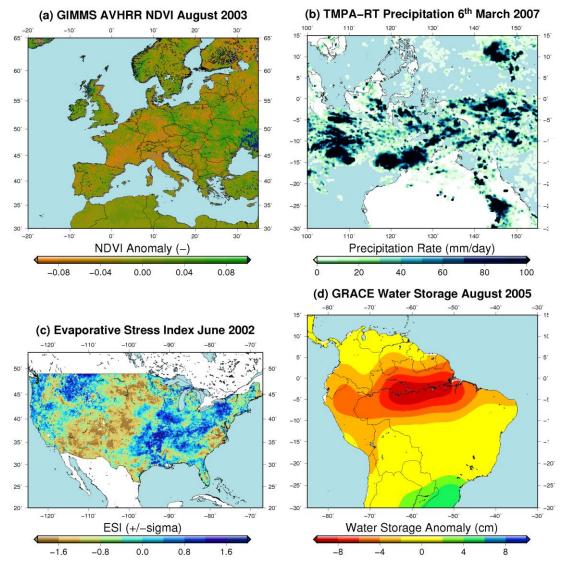
Source: A. Robock, Rutgers U.

Decreasing Station Data in Developing Countries

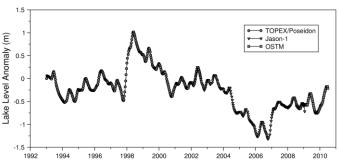
World's River Discharge Data from the Global Runoff Data Center



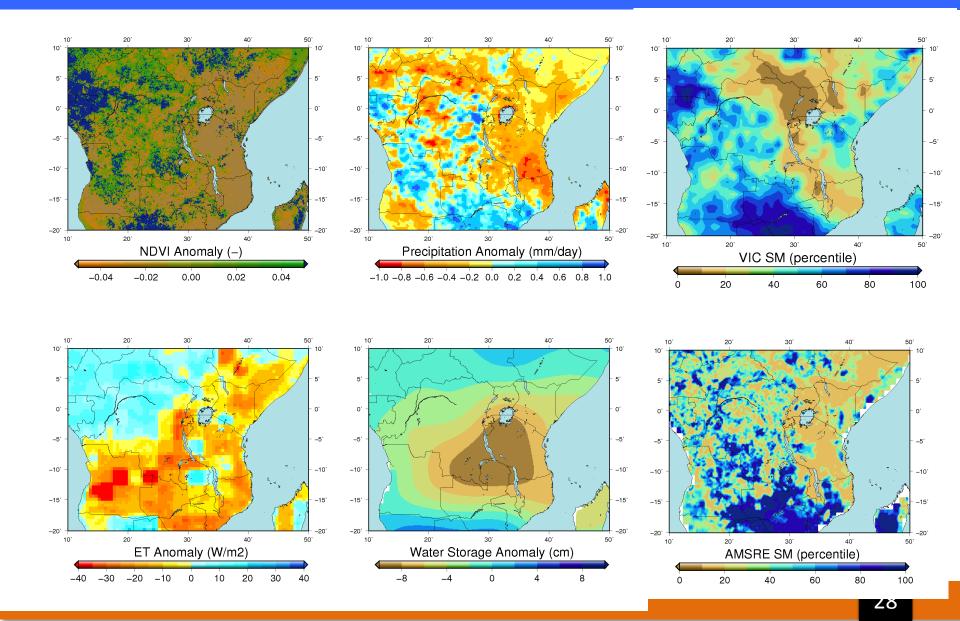
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Satellite Altimetry of Large Water Bodies

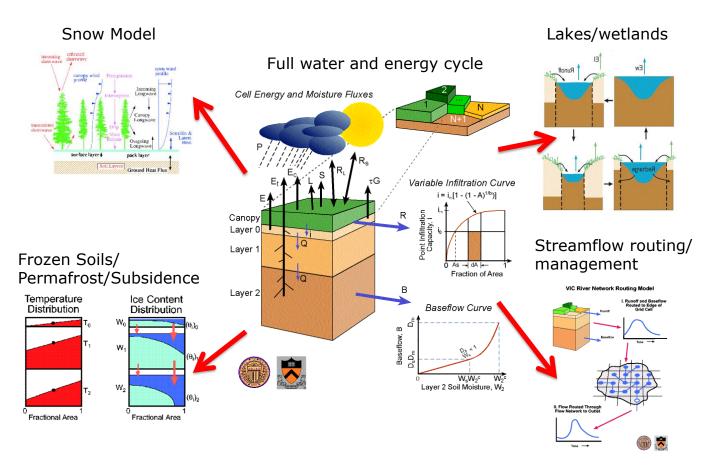


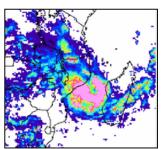
Multi-Sensor View of Single Drought Event



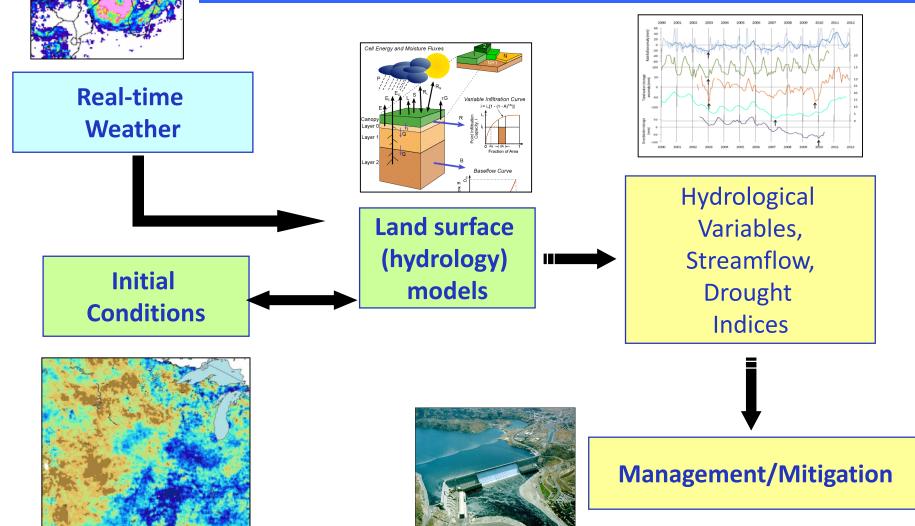
Observing the Water Cycle: Modeling

VIC Land Surface Hydrologic Model



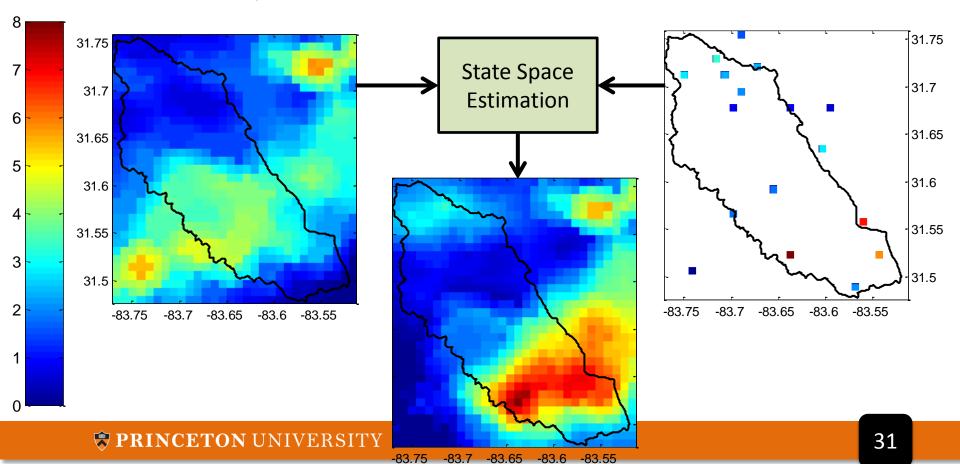


Putting it all together: Hydrological and Drought Monitoring System



Some Challenges of Large Scale Monitoring

- Validation of remote sensing products, hydrological modeling, drought products
- Assimilation of local measurements (gauge data for precipitation, streamflow, etc)

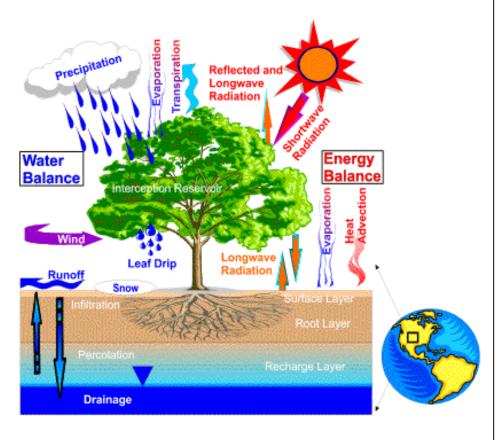


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Land Surface Model: Land – Atmosphere Interaction

Land Surface Modeling Concept



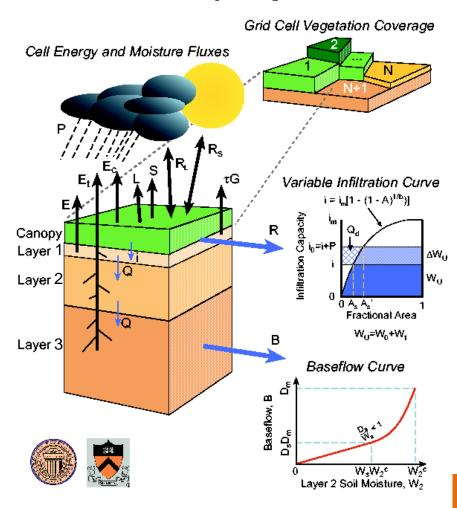
- Model the interaction between the land and atmosphere.
- Processes to account for:
 - Water balance
 ΔS = P E R
 - Energy balance SW↓ + LW↓- LW↑ - SW↑ - SH -LH - G = 0

Terminology

- ΔS = Change in storage
- P = Precipitation
- E = Evapotranspiration
- -R = Runoff
- LW↑ = Upward Longwave Radiation
- LW↓ = Downward Longwave Radiation
- SW↓ = Downward Shortwave Radiation
- LH = Latent Heat
- SH = Sensible Heat
- G = Ground Heat Storage

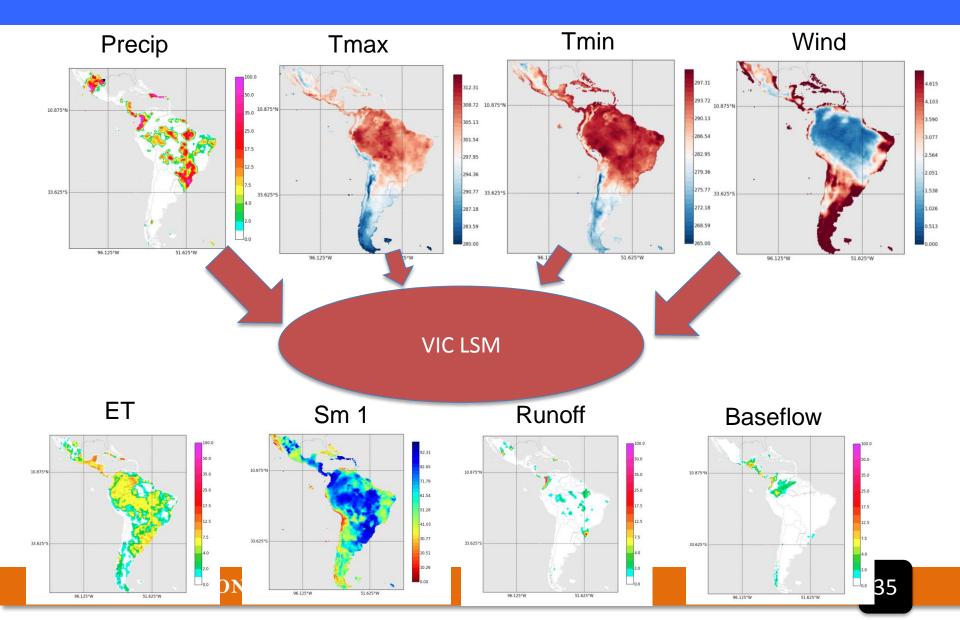
Land Surface Model: Variable Infiltration Capacity

Variable Infiltration Capacity (VIC) Macroscale Hydrologic Model



- 1. Each grid cell is modeled independently without horizontal flow.
- 2. The surface of each grid cell is described by *N+1* land cover tiles.
- 3. Evapotranspiration is calculated for all vegetation tiles in a grid cell and then averaged over the grid cell.
- 4. The top two soil layers are designed to represent the dynamic response of soil.
- 5. Baseflow comes from the layer 3.
- 6. The variable infiltration curve parameterizes the spatial variability of infiltration.

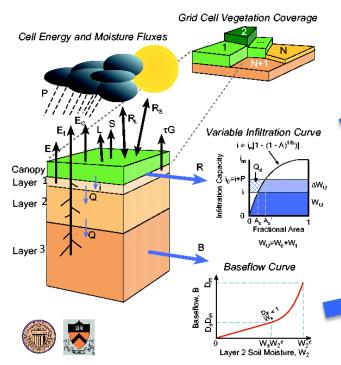
Land Surface Model: Example

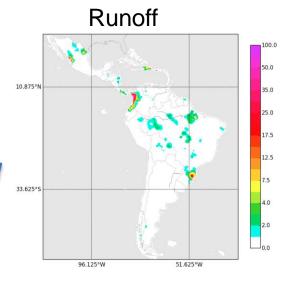


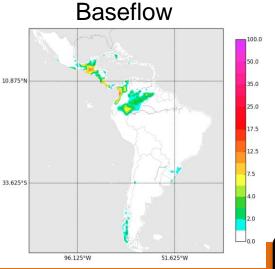
Land Surface Model: Simulate Discharge

How do we simulate discharge at stream gauges using our land surface model output of baseflow and surface runoff?

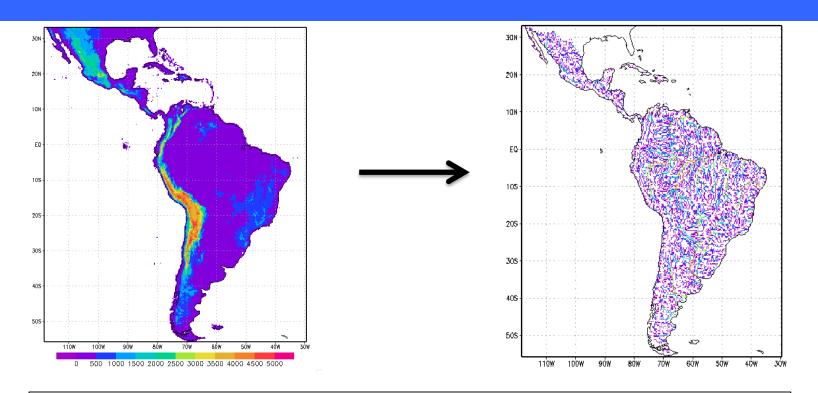
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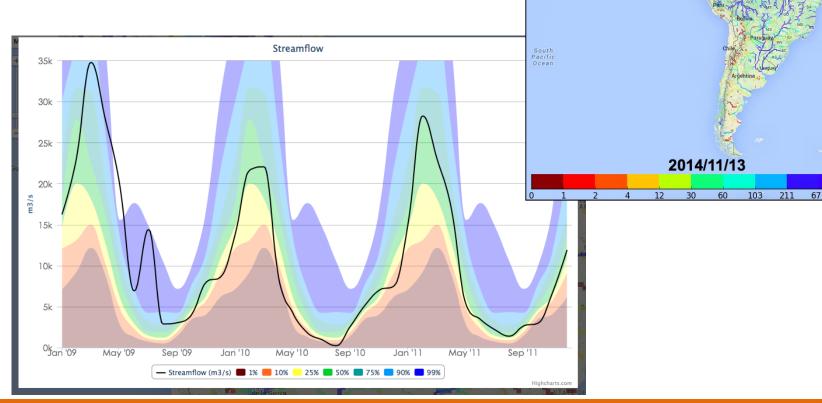
Simulate Discharge



- Use the elevation data to delineate the basins (HydroSHEDS WWF).
- Determine the path that surface runoff and baseflow from each grid cell follow until reaching the stream gauge.
- For each grid we essentially add up the contributions at that time step from all grid cells.

Simulate Discharge: Routing Model

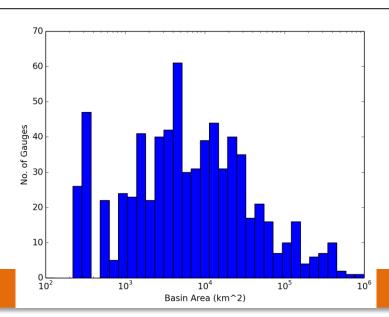
Ultimately, we produce gridded estimates of discharge that can easily be viewed as time series for a single grid



Validation: Grid Cell Runoff Observations

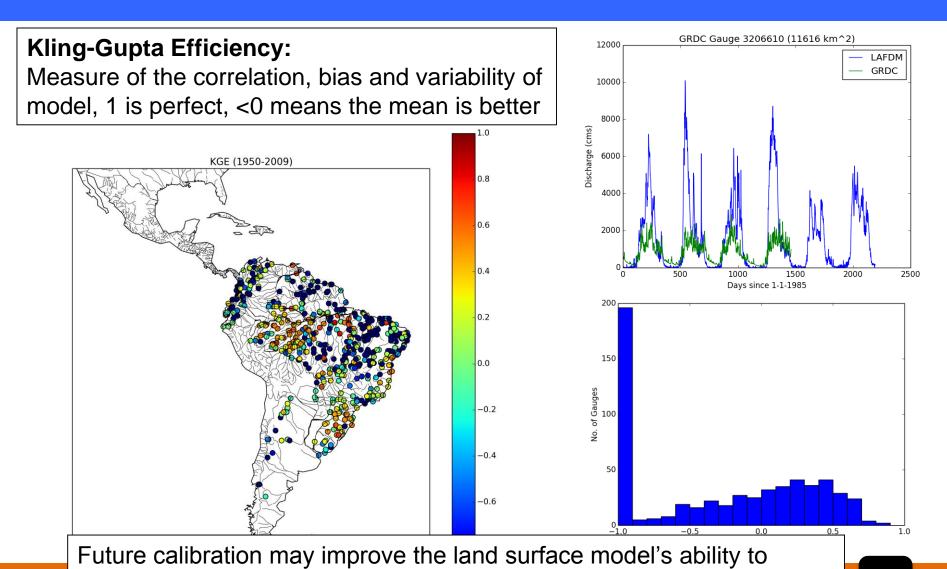
Validate the model against discharge observations

- GRDC (Global Runoff Data Center) database (1950 – 2010)
 - The points represent stream gauges.
 - Each stream gauge has a corresponding catchment.
 - Data is available in both monthly and daily forms





Validation of the Land Surface Model



reproduce measured discharge. Additional gauges will also be useful.

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Historical Meteorological Dataset

Reanalysis

High temporal/low spatial resolution MANY BIASES and SPURIOUS TRENDS

Observations

Generally low temporal/high spatial resolution **BEST ESTIMATE** of individual variables

Forcing Dataset

High temporal/high spatial resolution: CORRECTED, CONSISTENT

CRU

1901-2000, Monthly, 0.5dea P, T, Tmin, Tmax,

GPCP

1997-, Daily, 1.0deg

UW

1979-2000, Daily, 2.0deg

TRMM

2002-, 3hr, 0.25deg

SRB

1985-2000, 3hr, 1.0deg Lw, Sw

PGF

1948-2008, 3hr, daily, 0.25 deg P, T, Lw, Sw, q, p, w

NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis

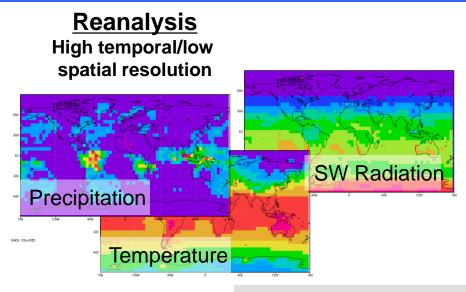
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P, T, Lw, Sw, q, p, w

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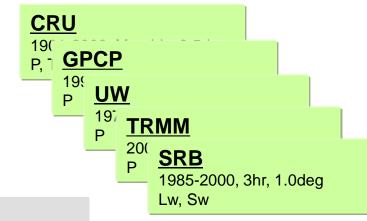
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Historical Meteorological Dataset



Observations

Generally low temporal/high spatial resolution

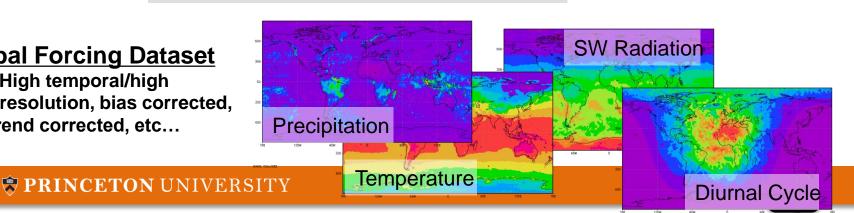


Bias Correct and Downscale

- corrected rainday statistics, gauge undercatch
- removal of biases in monthly P, T, SW, LW
- removal of spurious trends in SW
- adjustment for elevation effects
- downscale in time and space

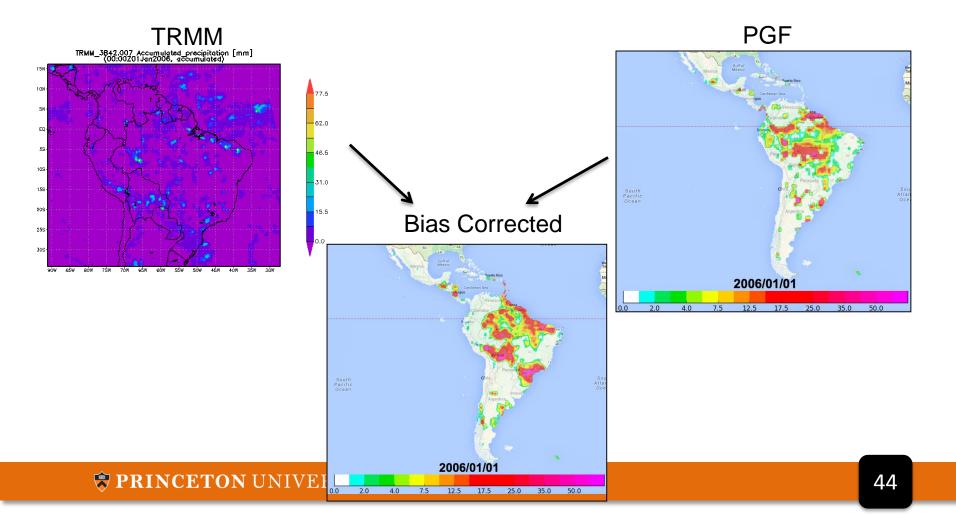
Global Forcing Dataset

High temporal/high spatial resolution, bias corrected, trend corrected, etc...



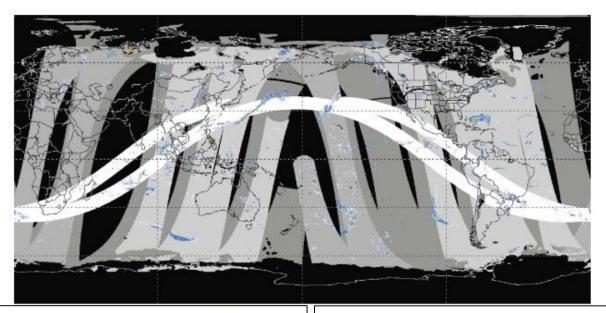
Real-Time Meteorological Data: Satellite Precipitation

Monitor uses TRMM 3B42v7 daily precipitation estimates, bias corrected against the historical climatology



Satellite Precipitation - TMPA (Example)

TMPA – TRMM Multi-Satellite Precipitation Analysis



3-hour period centered at 0000 UTC 25 May 2004

- Different Sources:
 - TMI (white)
 - SSM/I (light gray)
 - AMSR-E (medium gray)
 - AMSU-B (dark grey)

A diverse, growing set of <u>input precipitation</u> estimates – various

- periods of record
- regions of coverage
- sensor-specific strengths and limitations

Real-Time Meteorological Data: Weather Model

Global Forecast System

- 1. Global weather forecasting model at 1 degree spatial resolution
- 2. Run by NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) in the US.
- 3. Run every 6 hours at 00,06,12,18 hours UTC.
- Initial conditions are necessary at the beginning of each forecast.
 - The Initial conditions come from GDAS (Global Data Assimilation System)
- The observation based initial-conditions are used to find temperature and wind speed data.
- Forecasts of precipitation are used to supplement TRMM observations
- Used in the drought monitor since 2009

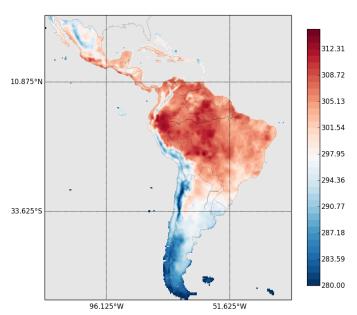


Real-Time Meteorological Data: Weather Model

How is the weather model data processed in order to use in the land surface model?

- 1. Initial conditions provide the temperature and wind speed data for 00,06,12,18 hours UTC.
- 2. The 3 hour forecast since the beginning of the run is also used (e.g. 00 -> 03 hour).
 - There are 8 values of temperature and wind speed for a day.
- 3. The minimum temperature, maximum temperature and mean wind speed are derived from GFS.
- 4. Use bilinear interpolation to downscale to ¼ degree spatial resolution.

Daily Maximum Temperature

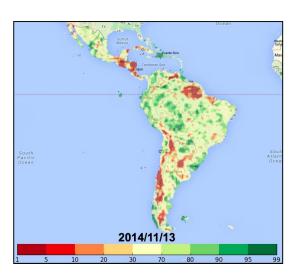


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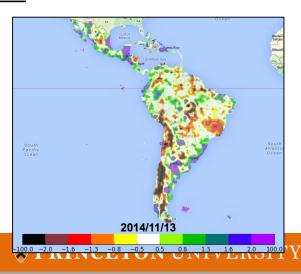
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Part 3: Drought Products

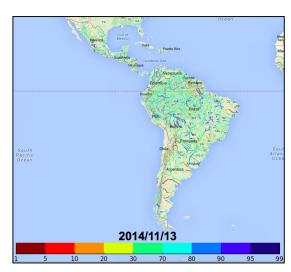
- <u>Drought Index</u>



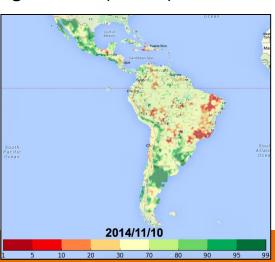
- <u>SPI</u>



Simulated Discharge Products



Vegetation (NDVI) Products



Drought Products: Drought Index

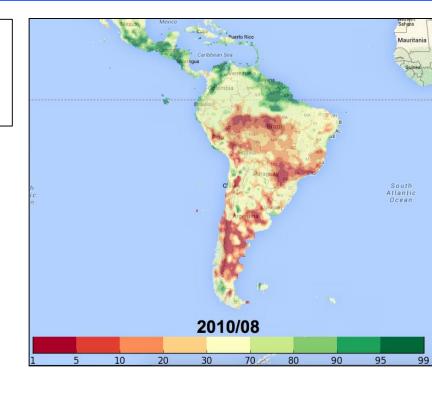
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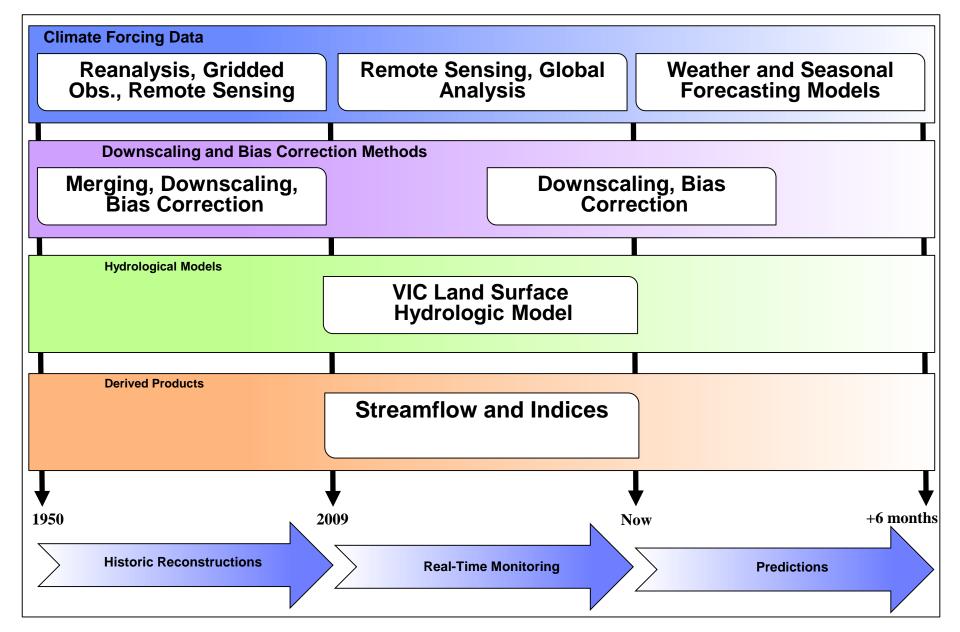
Steps to calculate:

- 1. Calculate the relative soil moisture of the sum of the land surface model output of layers 1 and 2
- 2. Find the percentile of the day in question by comparing it to the climatology provided by the historical simulations (1950 2008).
 - The index is the resulting percentile.



- The VIC land surface model is run between 1950 and 2008.
- We assume that this time period establishes the climatology to which compare drought conditions.





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On Modeling Human Impacts



On Modeling Human Impacts

- To calculate water scarcity we need information of water demand (domestic, industry, agriculture)
- Hydrological models are moving in that direction
 - PCR-GDEM (Utrecht University, Netherlands)
 estimates human water demand from socio-economic
 data (land cover, GDP, population density, electricity
 use etc.), at monthly time steps and at 0.5
 degrees, globally.
 - Inter-Sectoral Impact Model Intercomparison or ISI-MIP (Postdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis)

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