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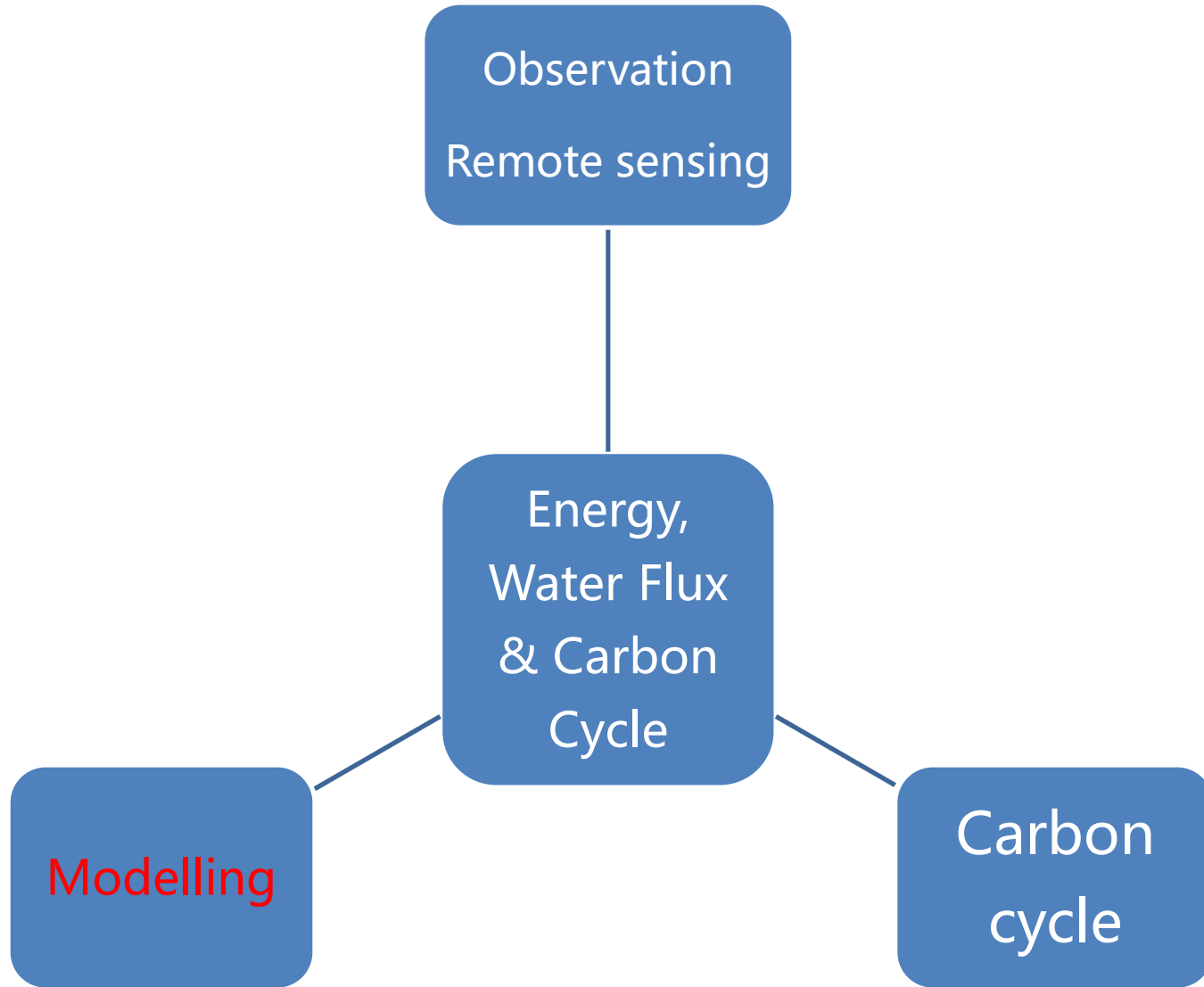
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# Modeling of Land Surface Fluxes on the regional climate of the Tibetan Plateau



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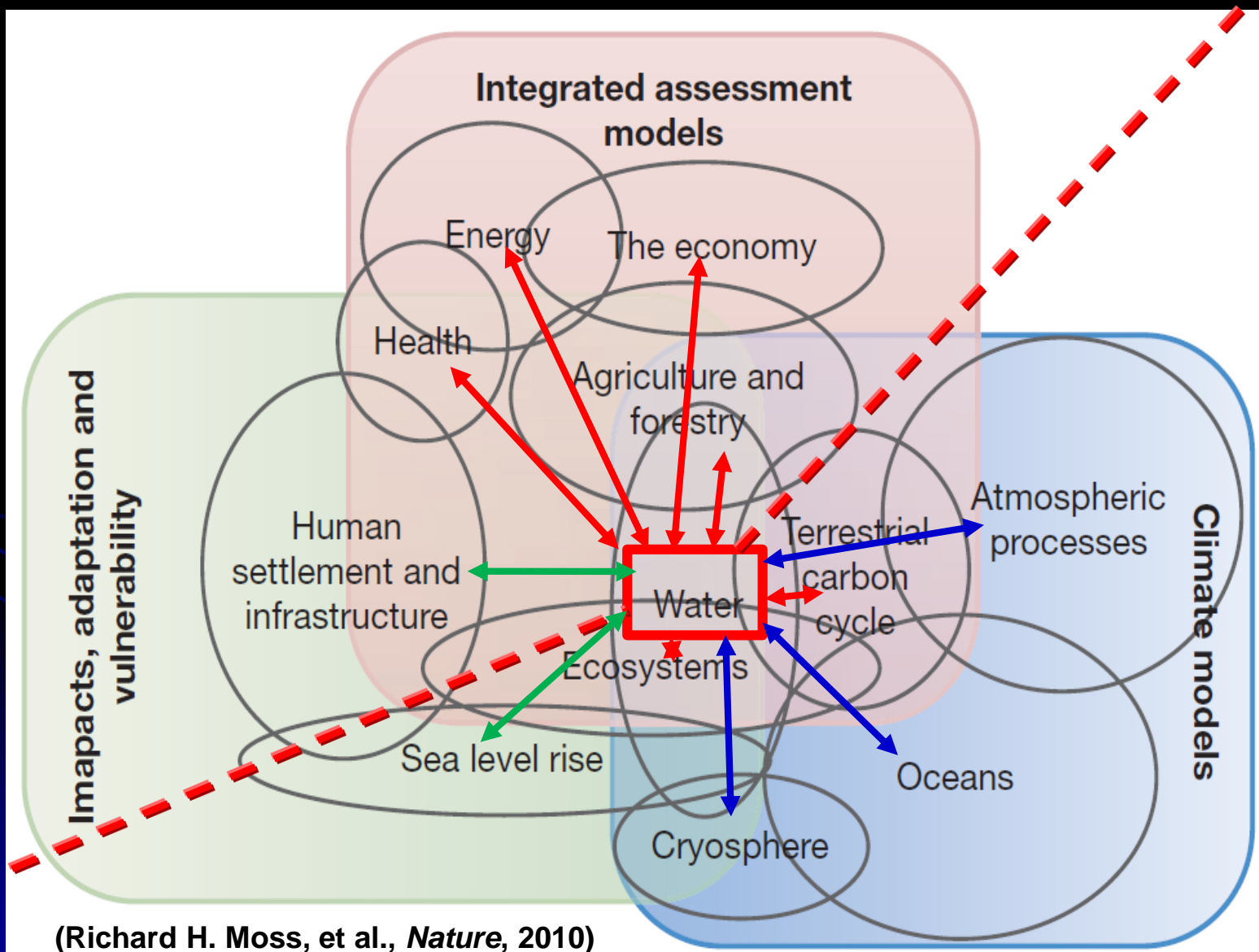
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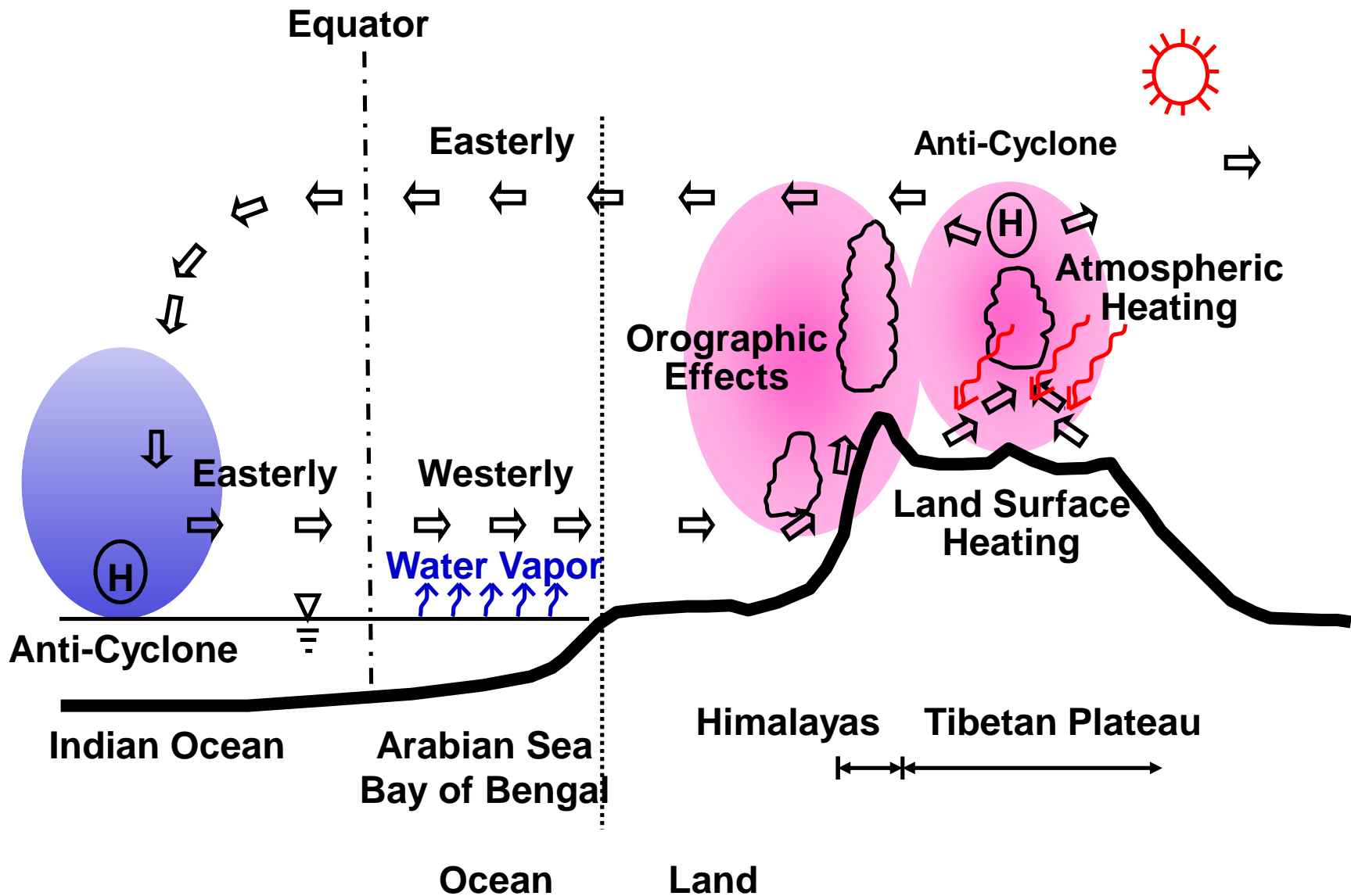
# Outline

- **Soil moisture, Why?**
- **Methodology**
- **Next step**



# Water is a Key bridging between climate processes and societal benefits.



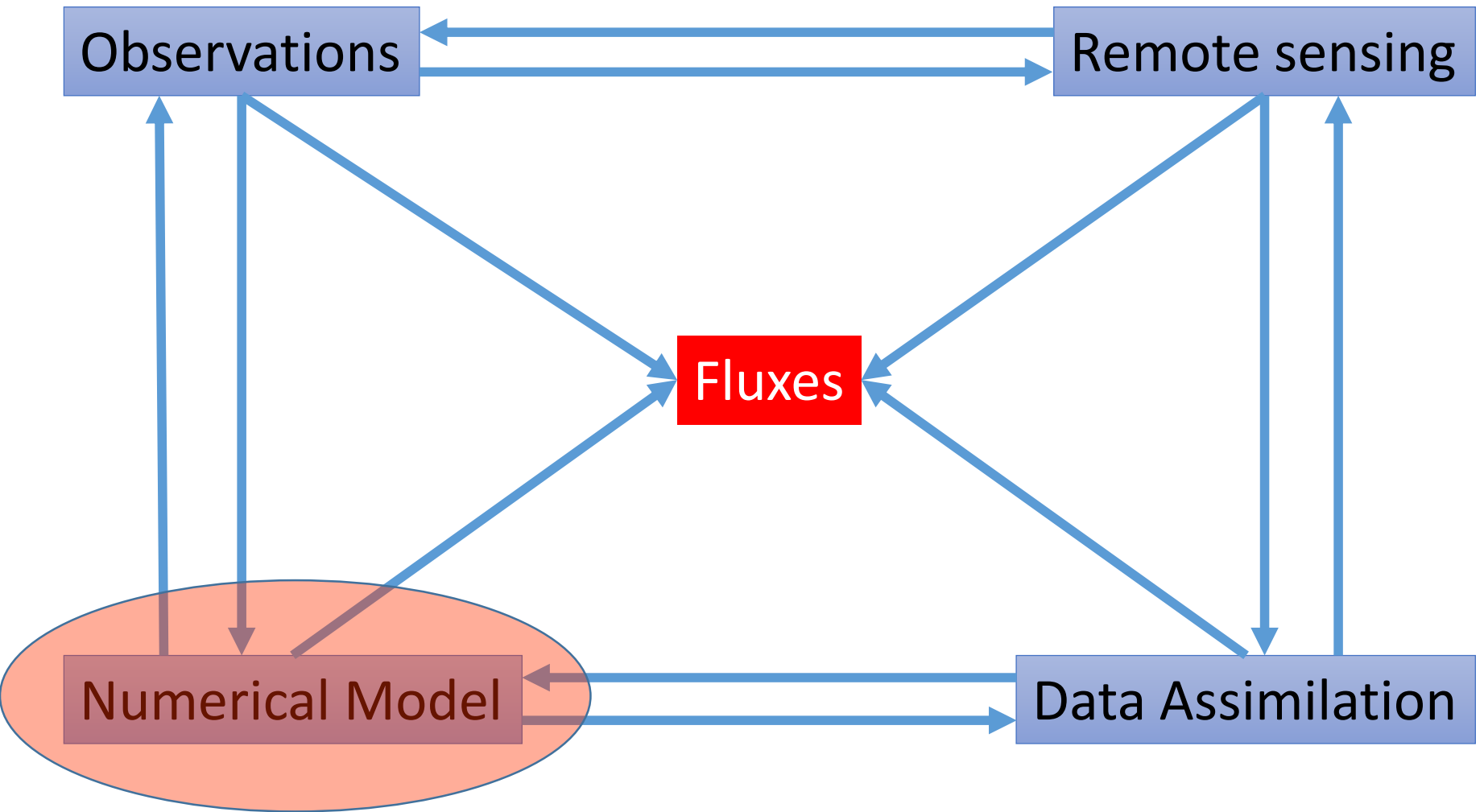


# Land surface process, do?

The basic physics of **land surface processes** affect **atmospheric circulation and climate change**, one of the biochemical processes, a more accurate prediction of **momentum, energy, material, radiation exchange**, has become an urgent need for global climate change research.



# How: Land surface heat fluxes?





# The sensitivity of the climate system to a different land surface:

## *1. The response of the climate on surface albedo* (Charney,1975)

Sahel, The biological - Geophysical feedback, Overgrazing→Albedo→Change the surface energy→Radiant heat source→Atmospheric cooling sink→Exacerbates drought→Vegetation degradation.

0.14→0.35, ET reduce, Precipitation by half, Precipitation belt in South, Intensify droughts.

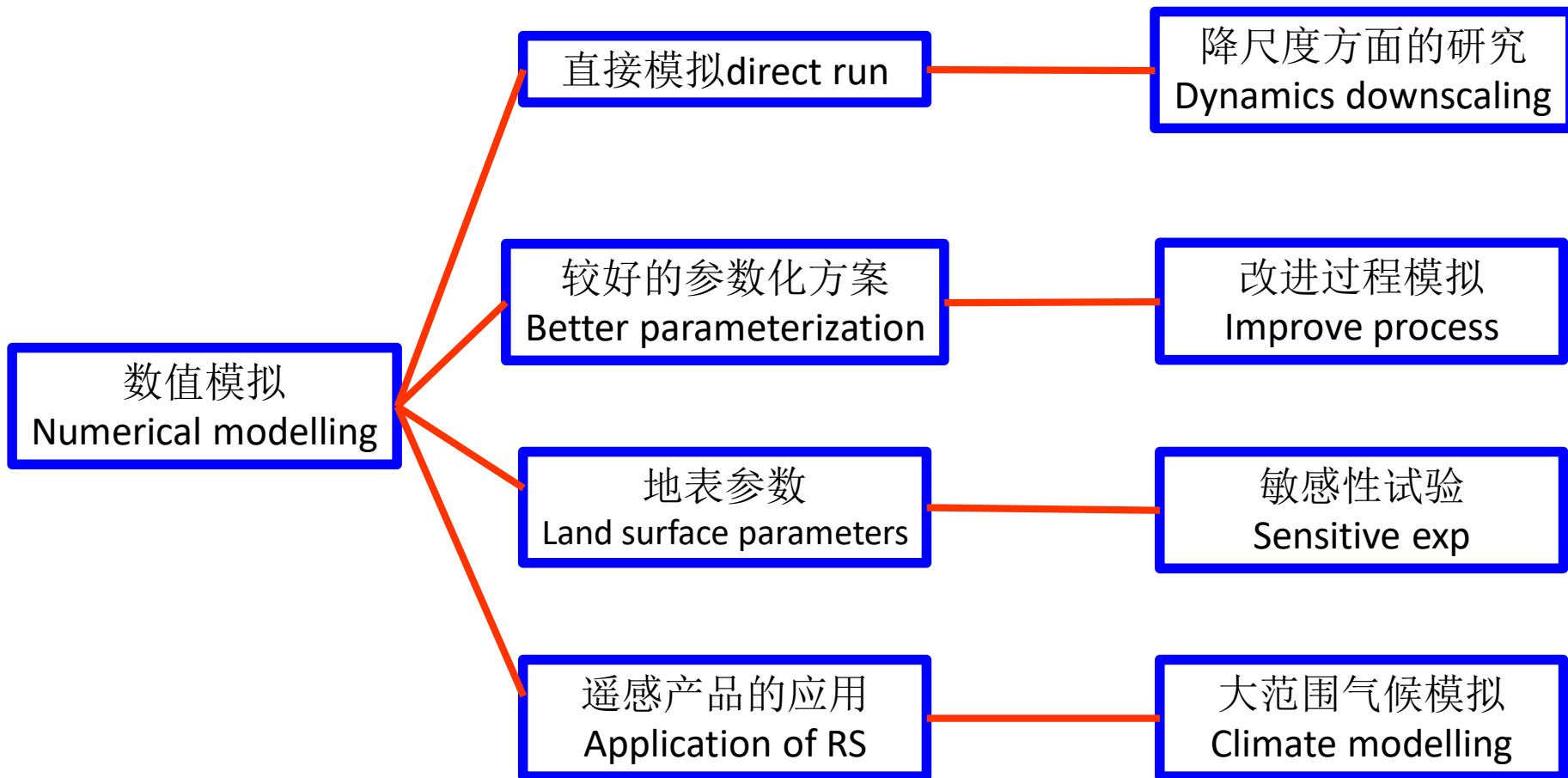
## *2. The response of the climate on soil moisture* (Shukla,1982)

Control the distribution of H and LE, diff SM, change albedo, Water and heat balance, Vegetation supply water, infiltration.

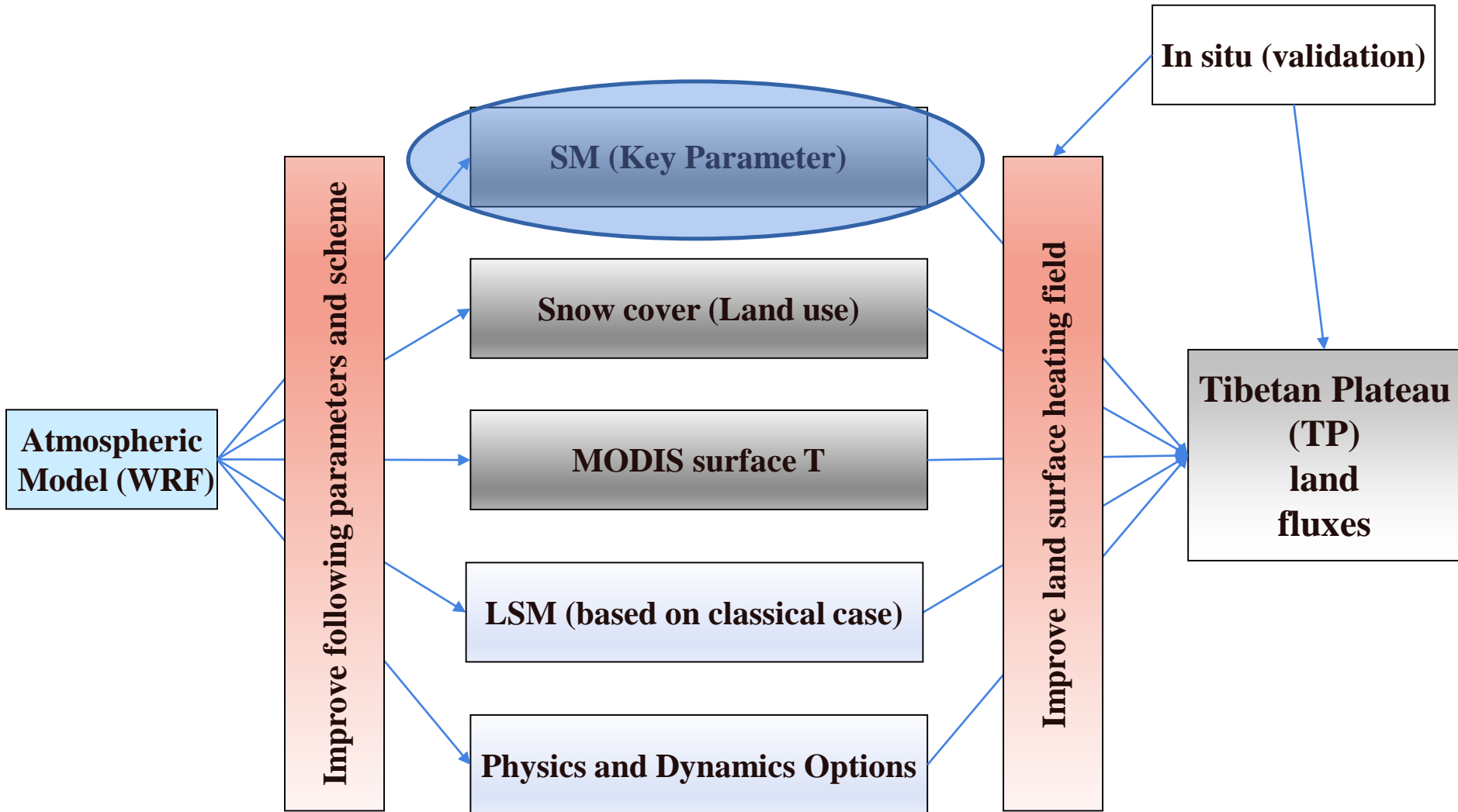
## *3. The response of the land surface roughness* (Sud, 1985)

## *4. Land use / land cover on the impact of climate change* (Dale,1997)

*closely related with the surface fluxes, accurate surface fluxes study is particularly important!*



# Tool: WRF



# Why Soil Moisture?

- ◆ Namias (1958) **first discovered**: it is important for seasonal soil moisture anomalies on seasonal atmosphere.
- ◆ Manabe (1965). As an **important aspect** of the process of land surface hydrology studies, recent research related to soil moisture are also affected by climate and hydrologists attention.
- ◆ Henderson Sellers (1965) **emphasized** the research on soil moisture.
- ◆ Chahine (1992): on land, 65% of the precipitation from the land surface evaporation, 35% from the ocean moisture transport, which shows a large extent of land surface evaporation of precipitation from the land surface, and the evaporation is **closely related to soil moisture**.

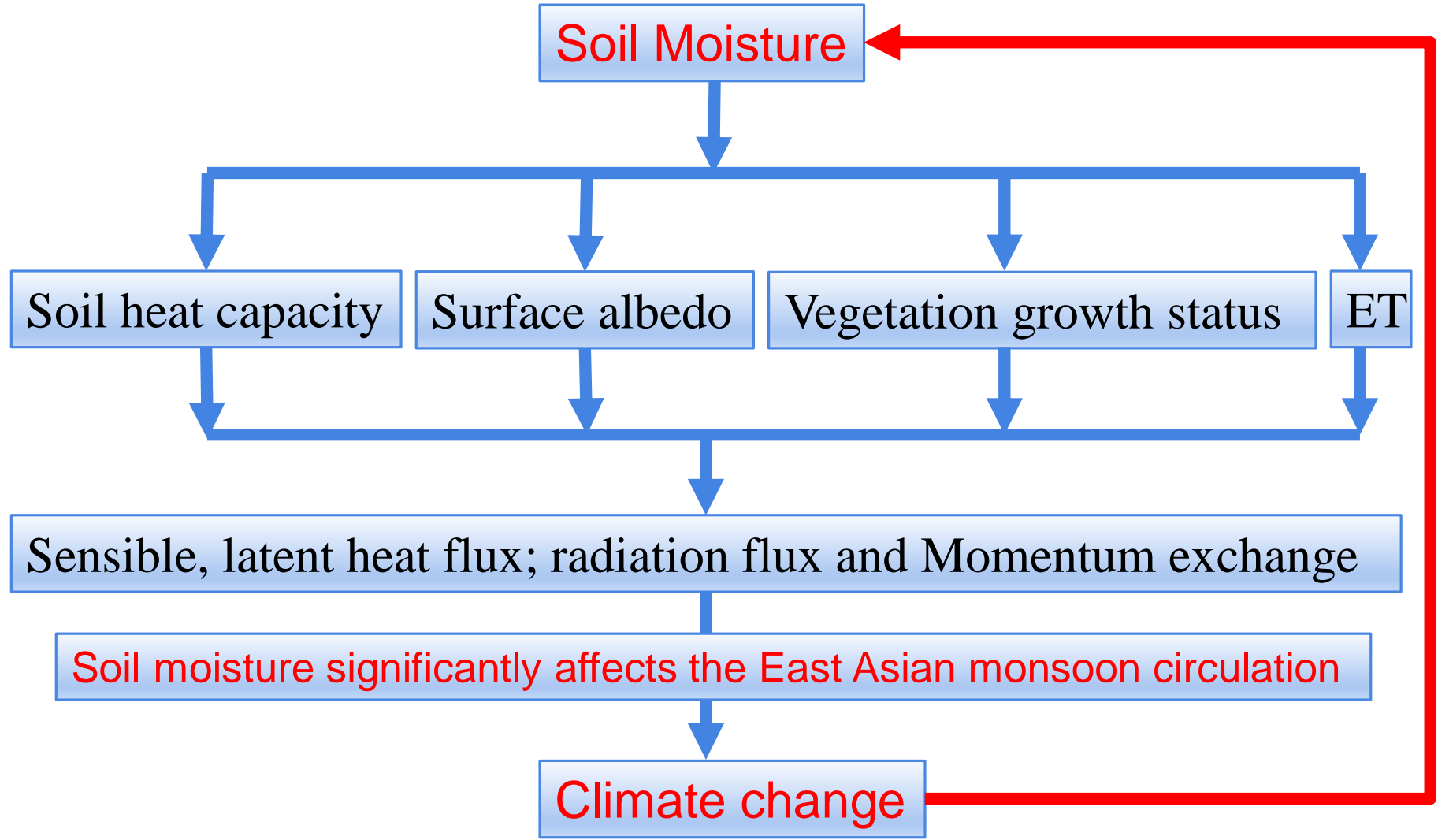


# Soil Moisture related to climate change

- ◆ Yeh (1965) **emphasized** the research on soil moisture.
- ◆ Walker and Rowntree (1977). **Sensitive experiments**. Dry soil can make future temperatures rise, wet soil can sustain the late rainfall.
- ◆ Sukala and Mintz (1982) simulated **dry and wet soil**. It has a big difference between dry and wet soil for later precipitation and temperature.
- ◆ Chahine (1984): using GCM. Research **irrigation impact** on climate. Soil moisture increases, → the precipitation increases and the temperature decreases.



# Physical image of the impact of soil moisture on climate change



Kim, Jung-Eun, Song-You Hong, 2007: Impact of Soil Moisture Anomalies on Summer Rainfall over East Asia: A Regional Climate Model Study. *J. Climate*, 20, 5732–5743.

# What can I do?

- **Soil Moisture is very important for land-surface interaction. SM was used and replaced the WRF initial SM values in the Tibetan Plateau.**
- **To test how much effective in the model?**
- **compare the model results and in-situ data.**



Using TPE 24 Stations for multi-land surface interaction observation

Analysis different land surface heat fluxes

Parameterization

WRF

Regional parameters

Better method

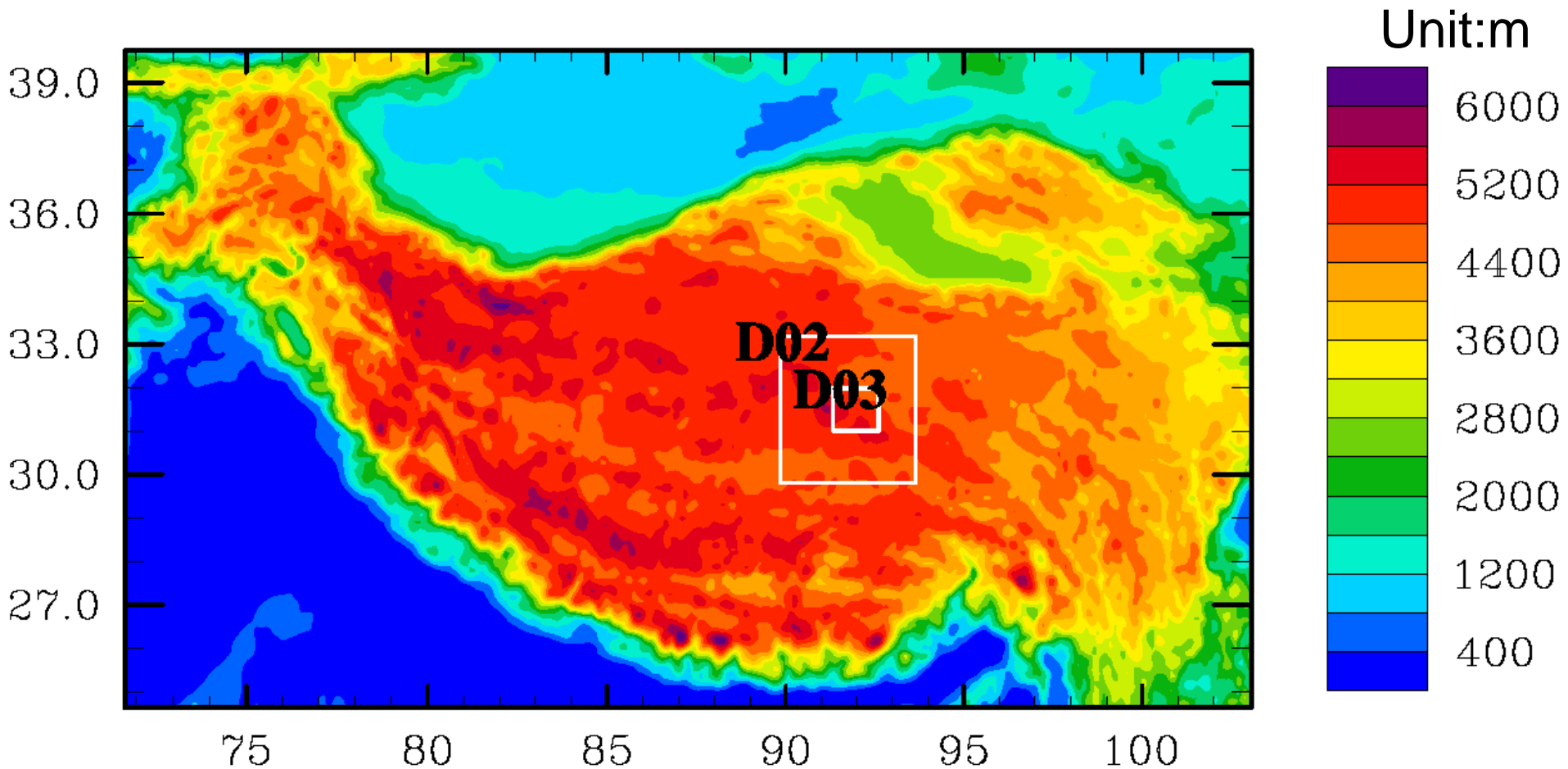
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Variation of flow field, temperature, energy and water cycle, etc. over the TP and the surrounding areas





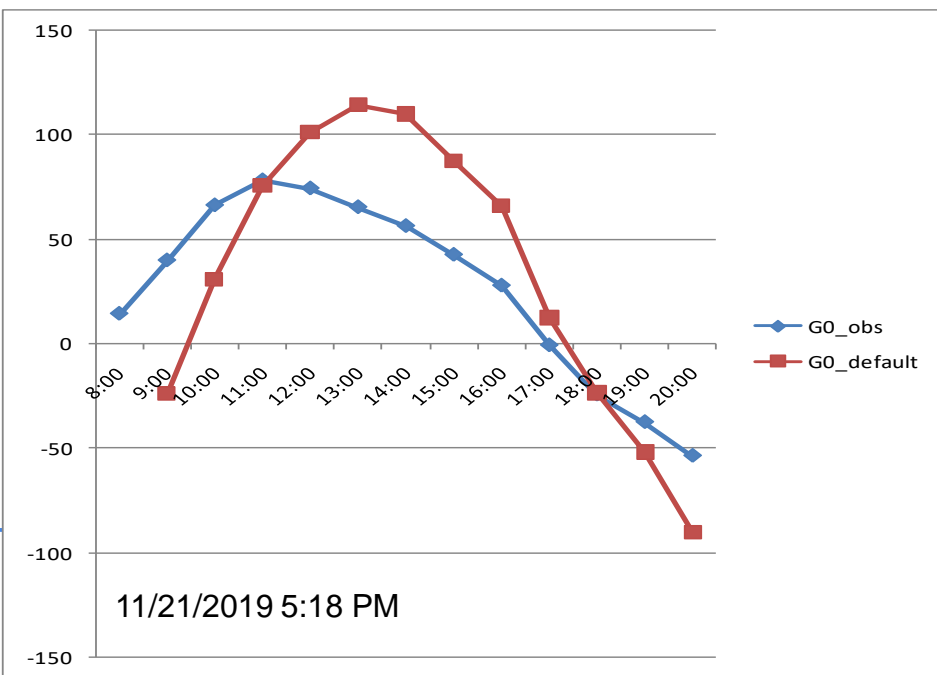
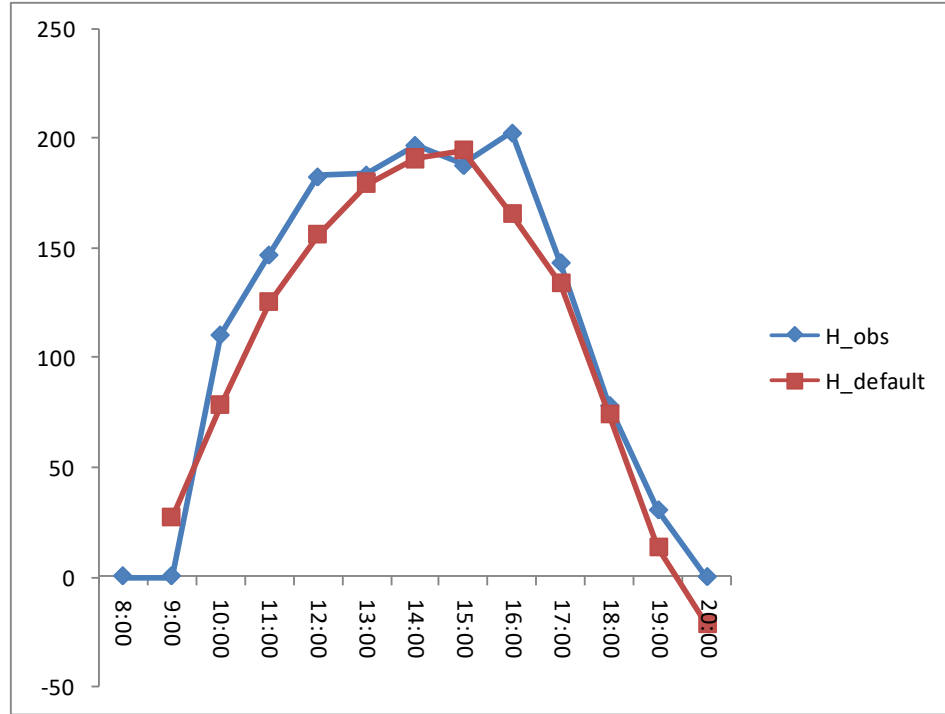
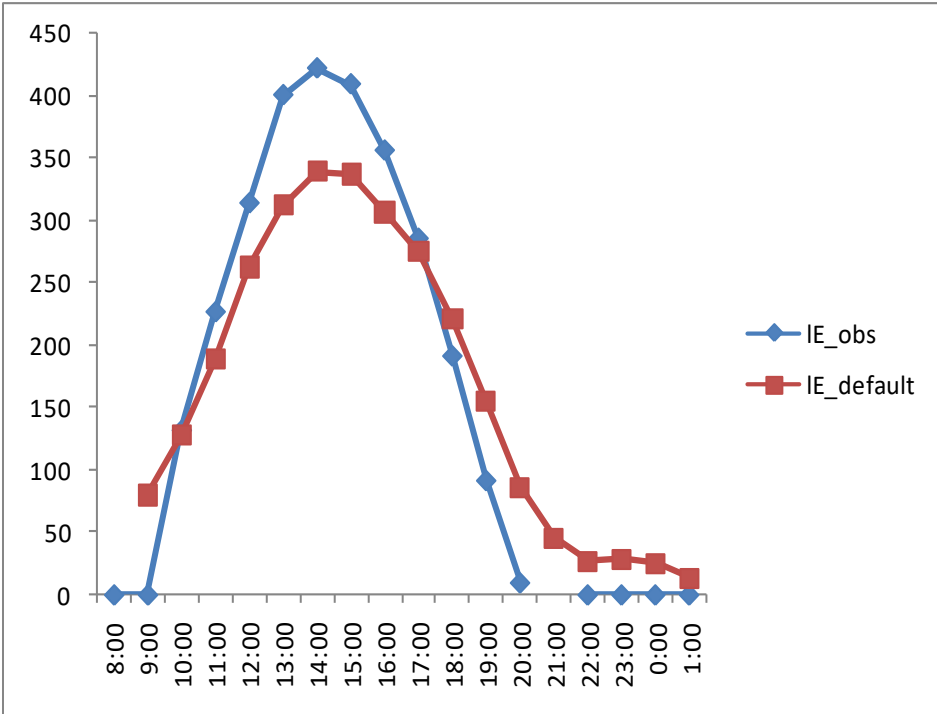
# Modeling



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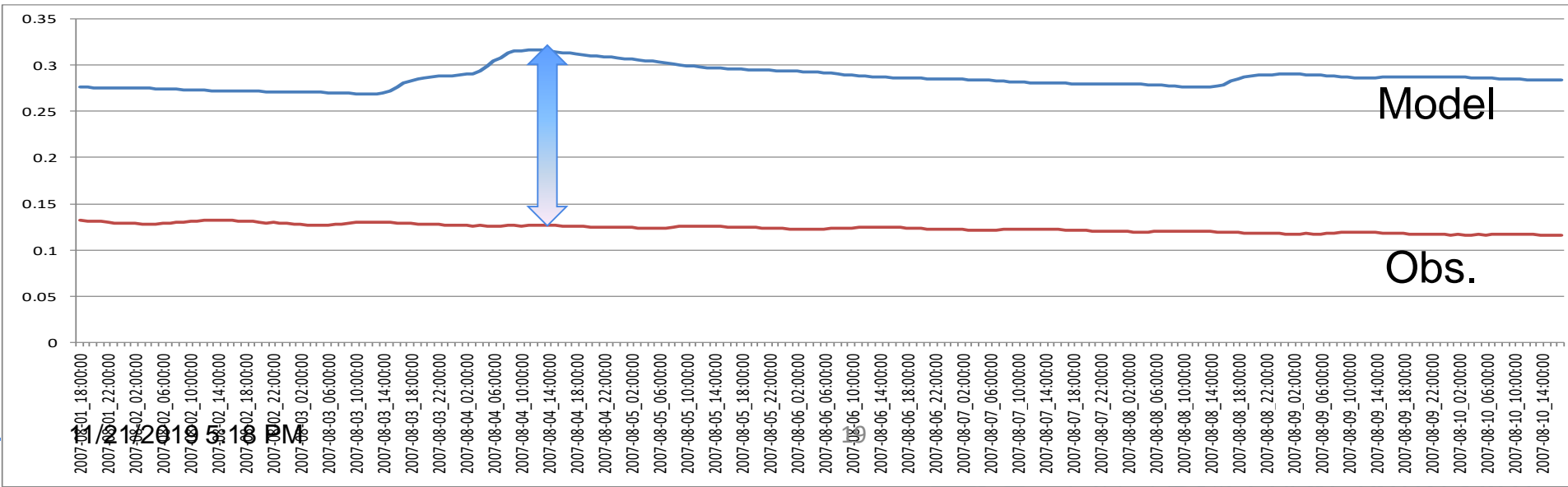
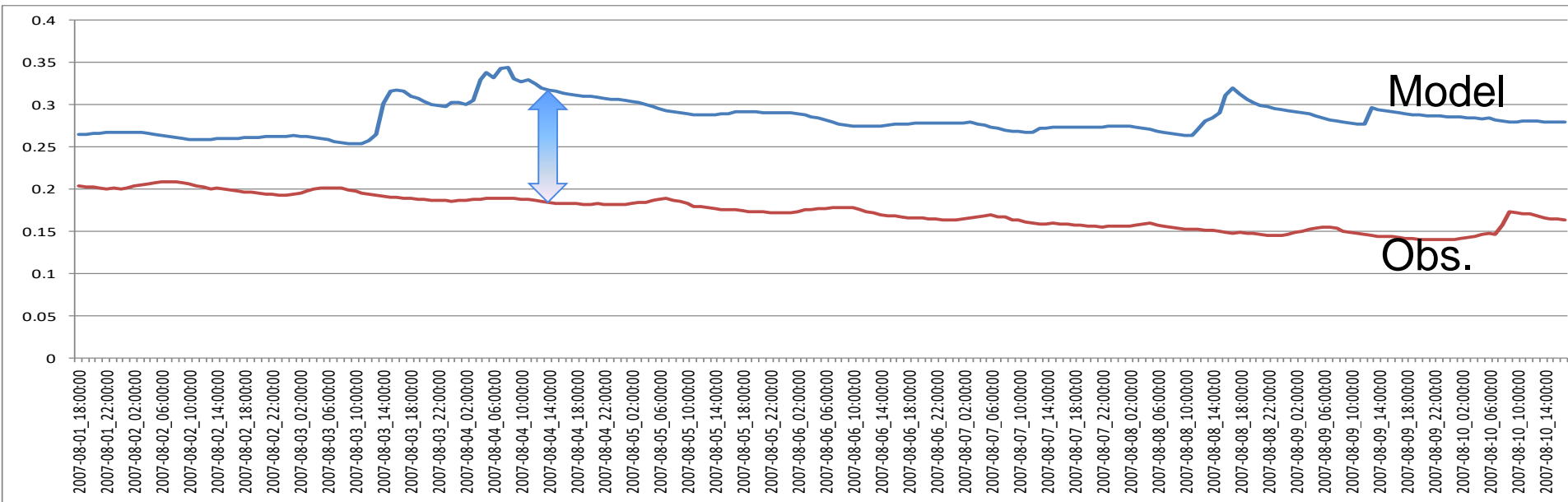


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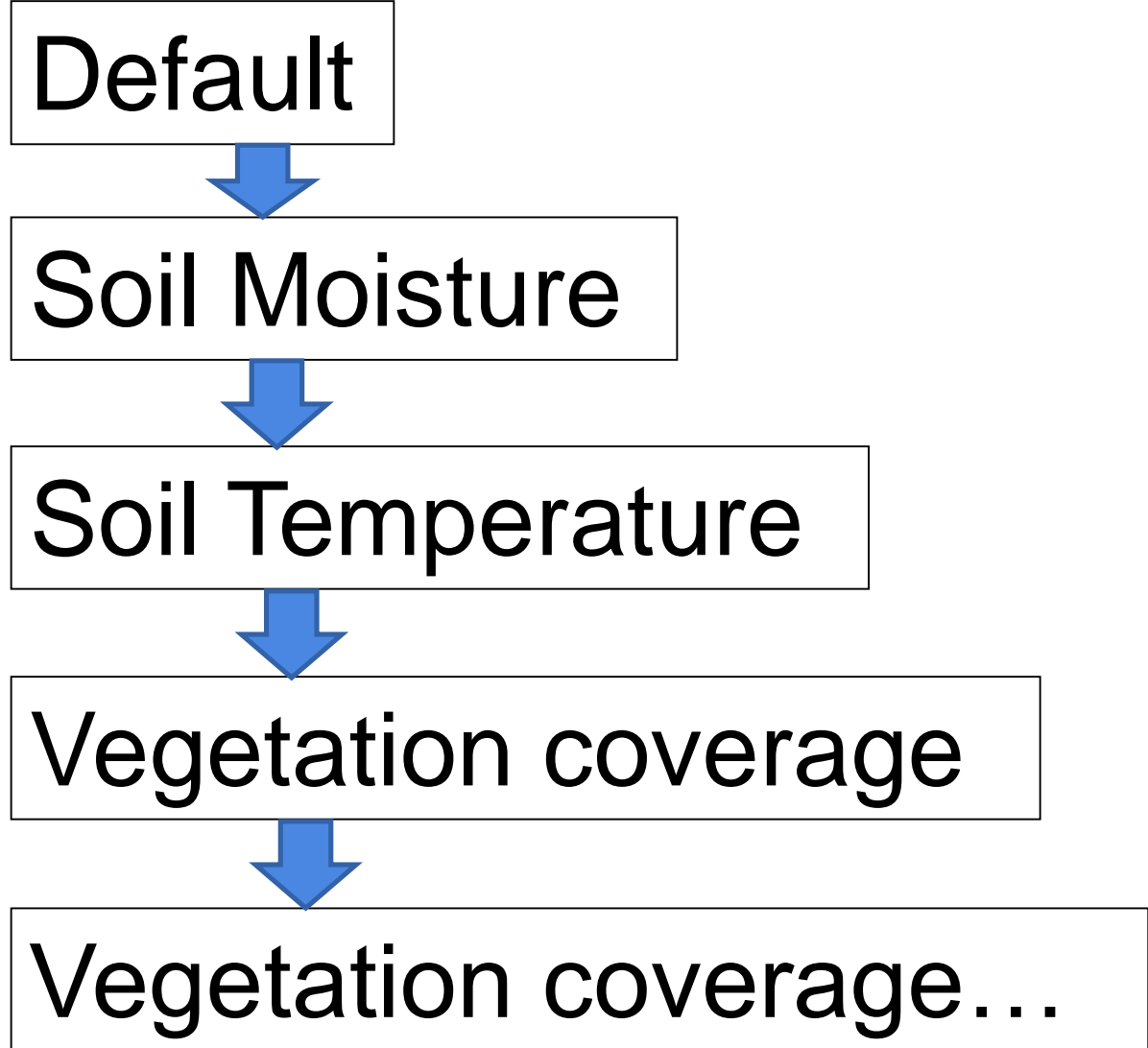


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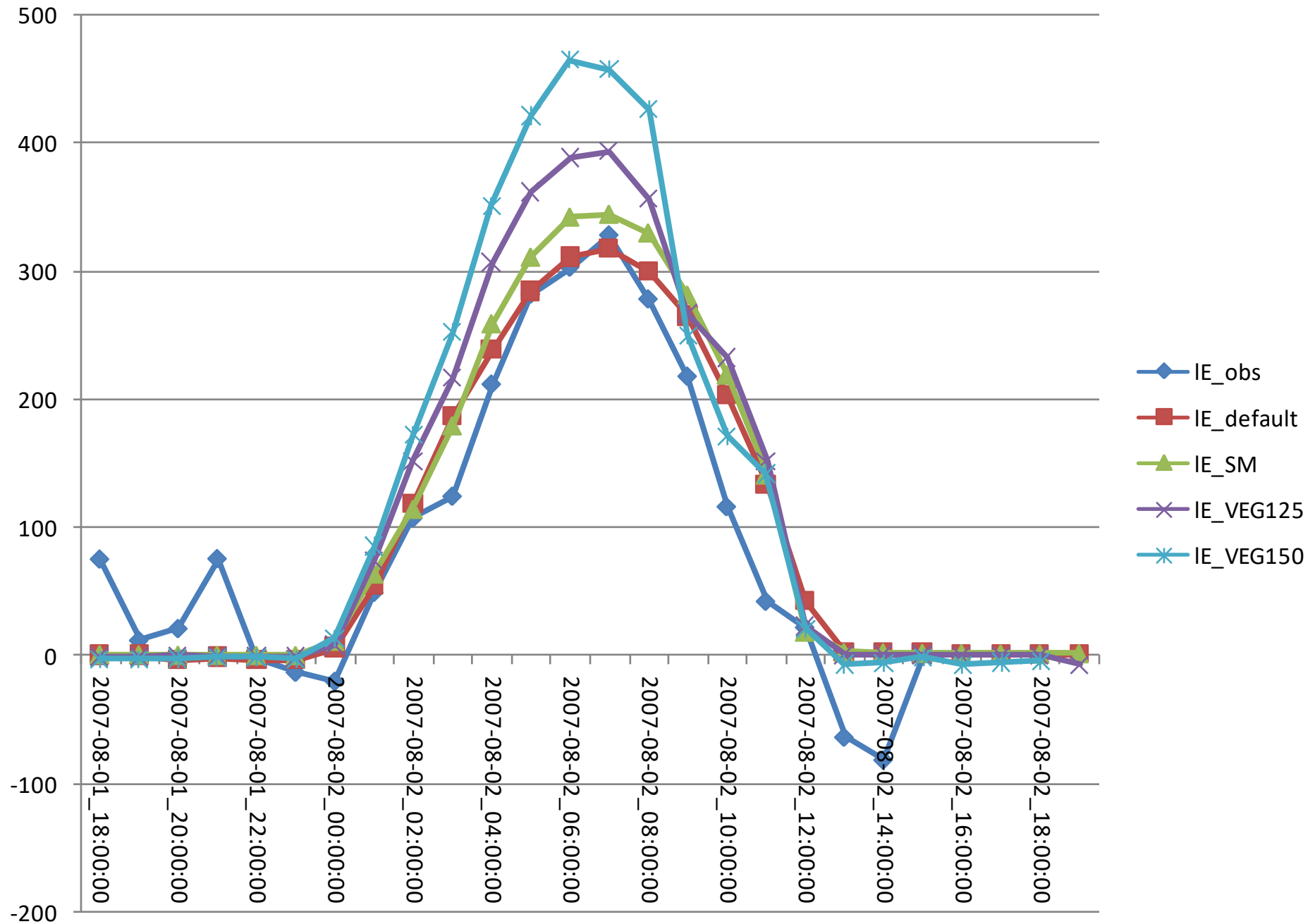
# Case studies



# Experiments

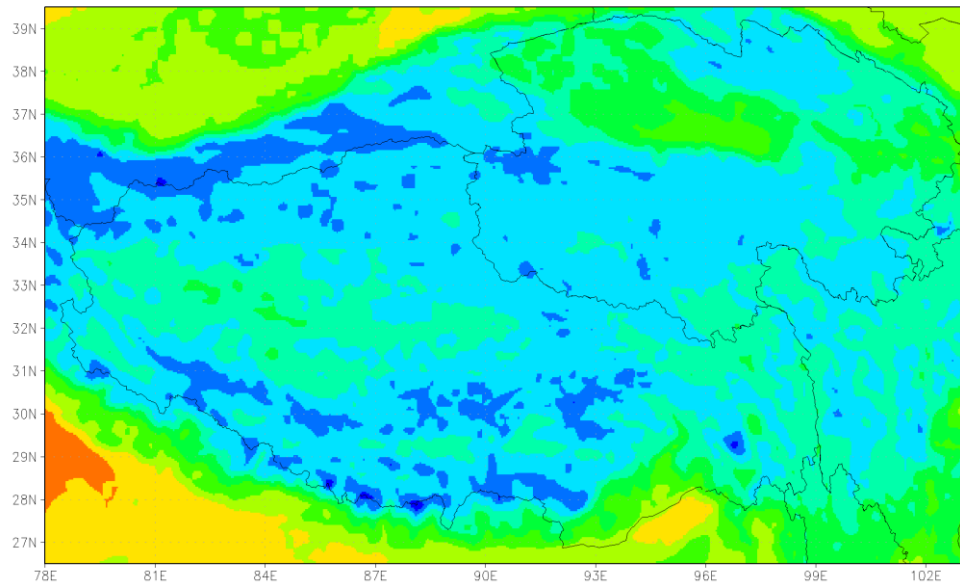
Default (case1)	WRF FNL(1deg, 6 hourly)
SM (case2)	WRF SM1 0.5; SM2 0.55; SM3 0.928; SM4 0.57
SM-ST (case3)	WRF ST1.031; ST2 1.028; ST3 1.025; ST4 1.033
Vegetation Coverage (case4)	Based on the NDVI, increase 25% (good)
VEGFRA increase (case5)	Based on the NDVI, increase 50% (little big)



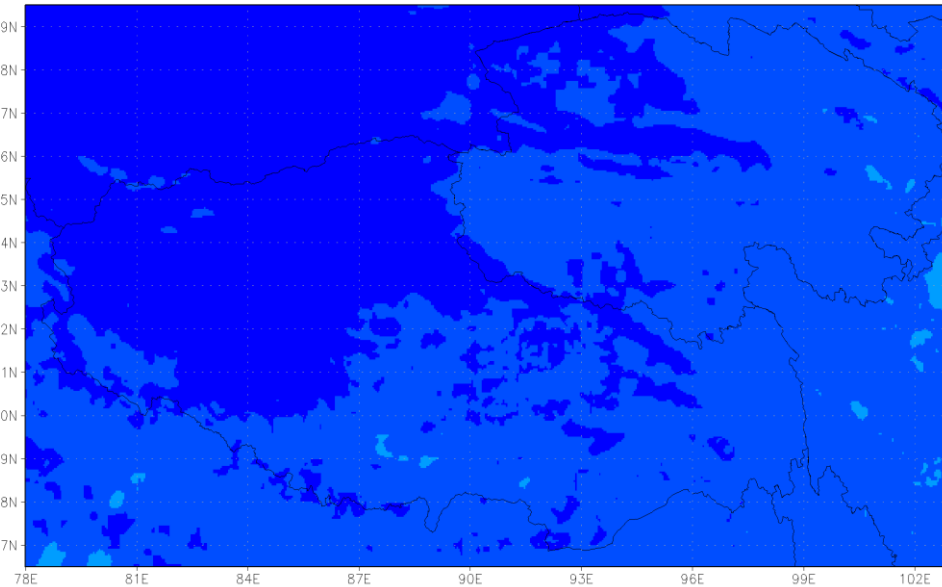


# Model results for each hour

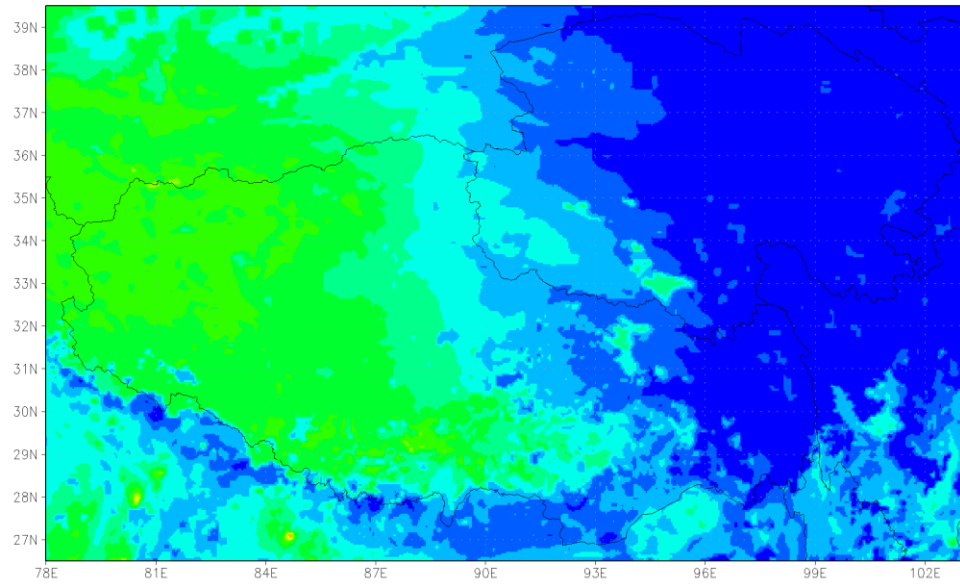
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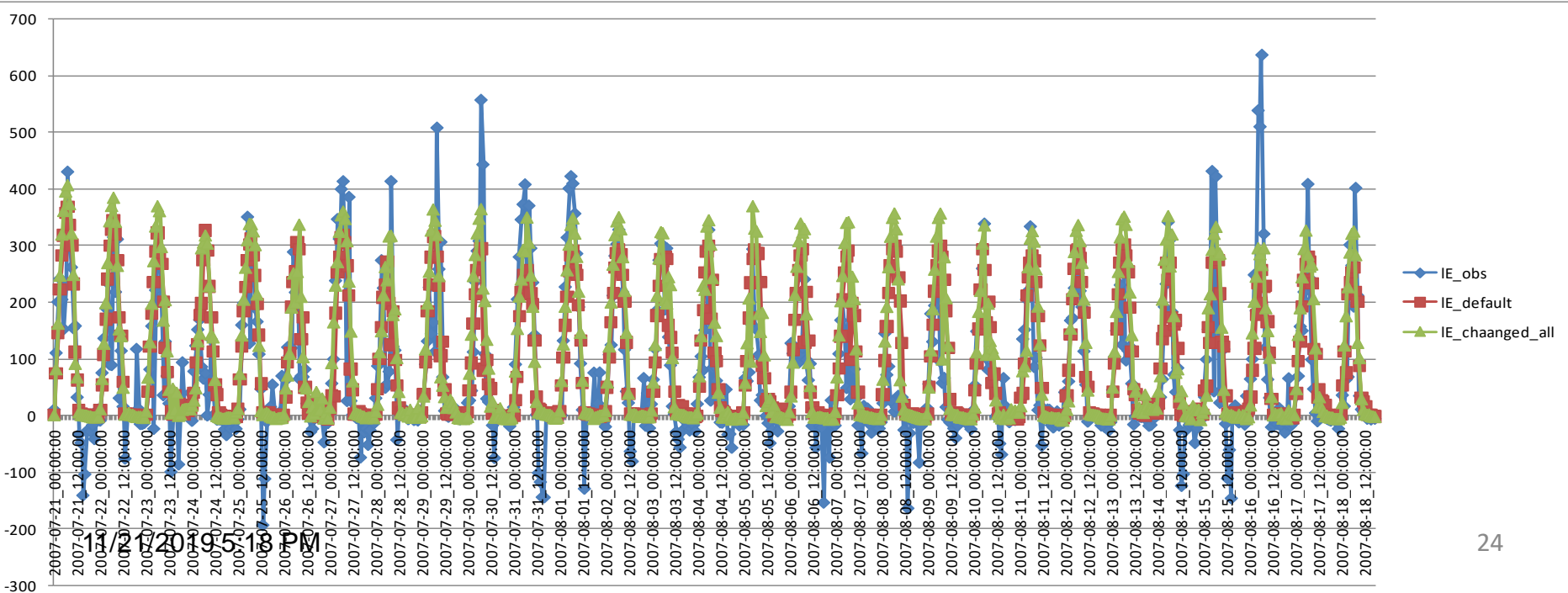
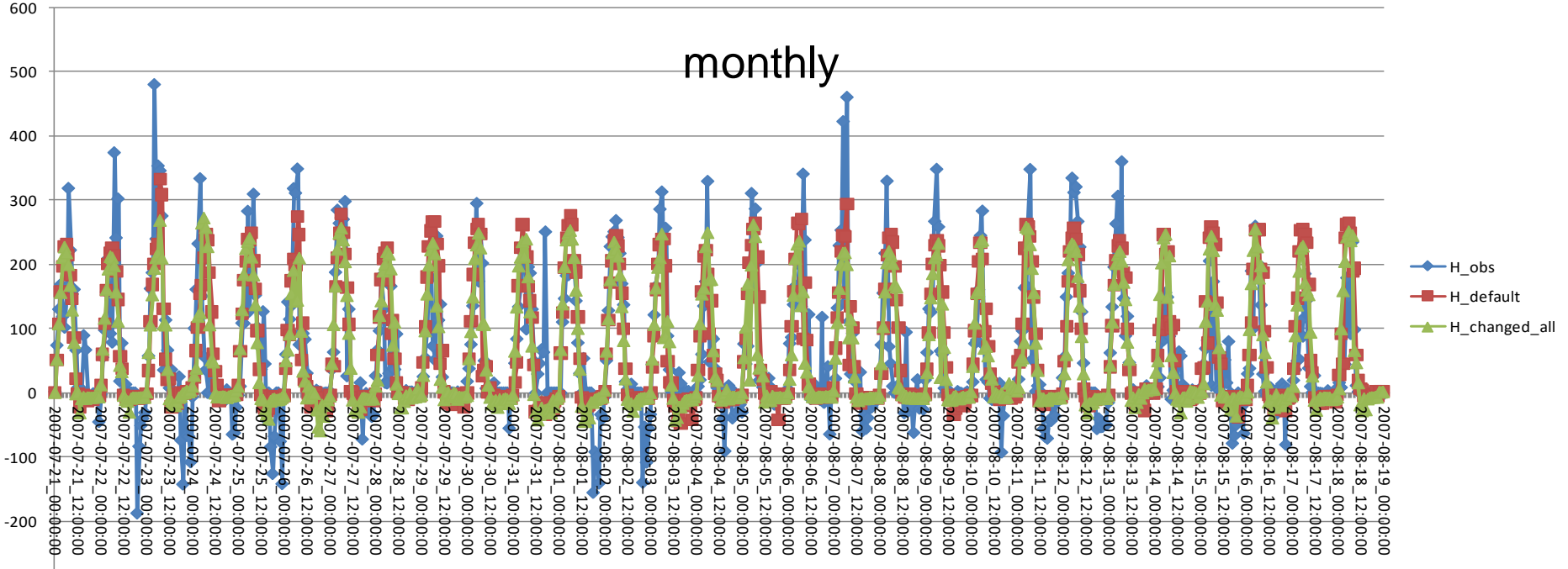
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# Physical Options

- Based on a series of tests, a set of physical options were selected for subsequent WRF simulations. The simulations used the **Kessler microphysics scheme**.
- The **Rapid Radiative Transfer Model (RRTM)** and the **Dudhia shortwave radiation scheme** were used to calculate the **longwave** and **shortwave radiation**.
- The **surface layer physics** was based on the **Monin-Obukhov** and standard similarity functions.
- **Noah land surface model** was chosen for the **land surface physics model**.
- **Yonsei University scheme** was selected for the **planetary boundary layer physics**.
- **Cumulus clouds** were simulated using the **Kain-Fritsch convection scheme**.

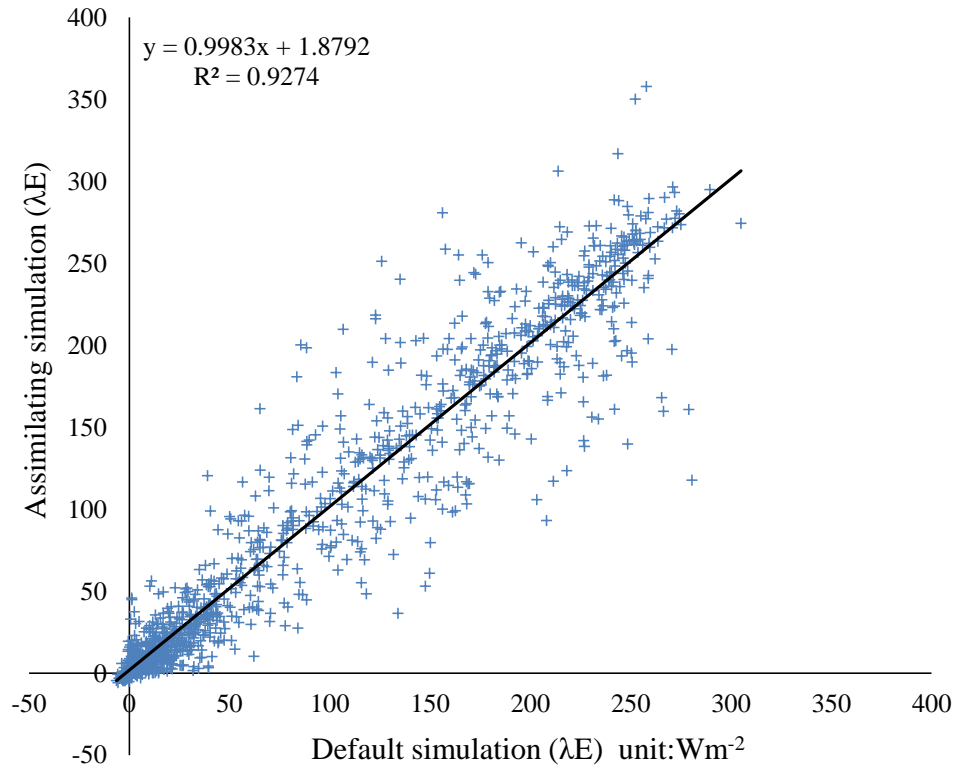
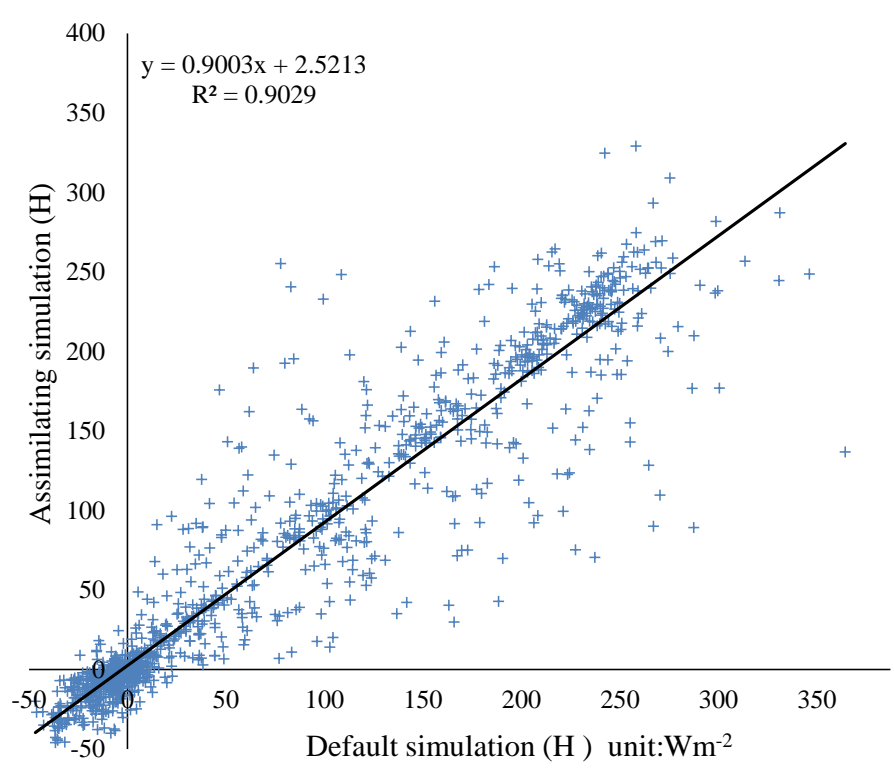


**The simulations from 1 July 2007 to 30 August 2007.**

**The 6-h NCEP FNL data used for the the initial and lateral boundary conditions for the WRF simulations.**

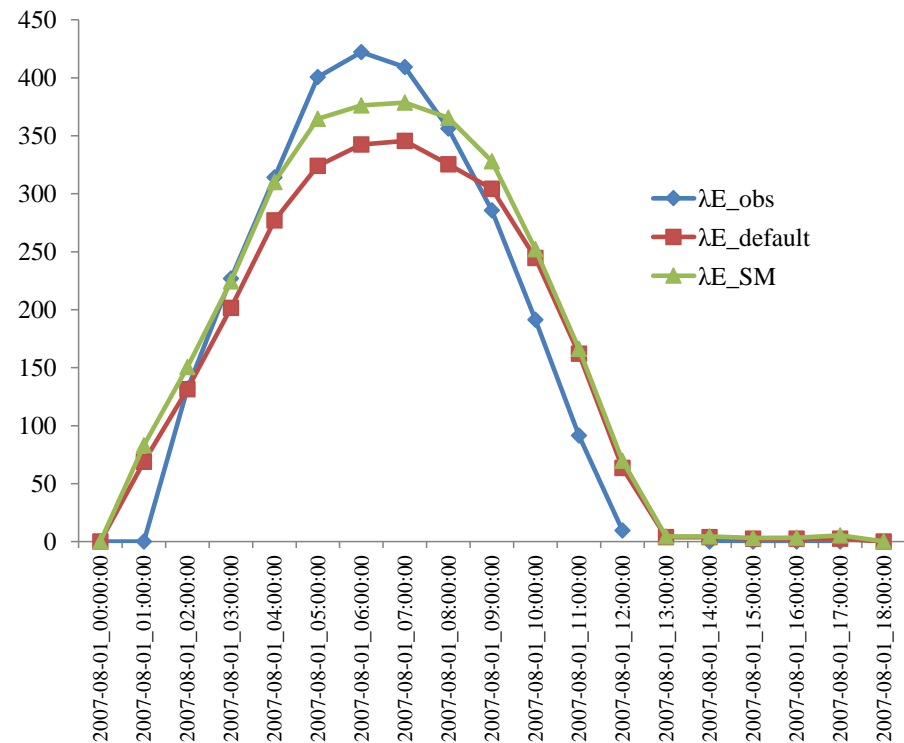
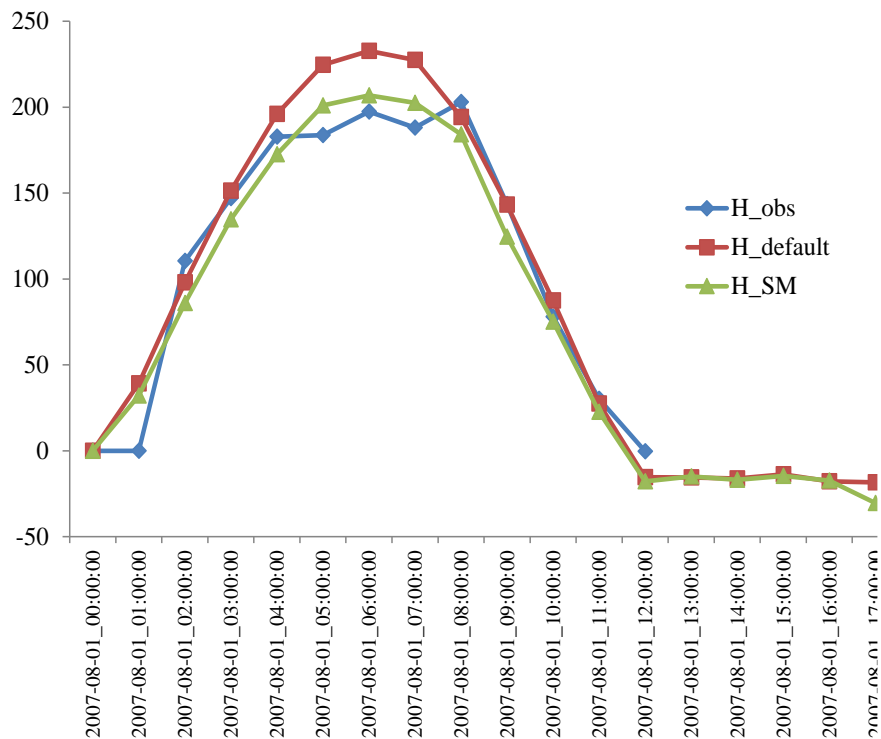
- **Case 1: This experiment used the **default values** for all parameters of the WRF model. The domain was designed based on the USGS 1-km terrain data, and the soil parameters were obtained from the NCEP FNL analysis dataset.**
- **Case 2: In this case, the initial **SM values were changed** in the first layer of WRF model using the Noah land surface model and based on AMSR-E SM data.**





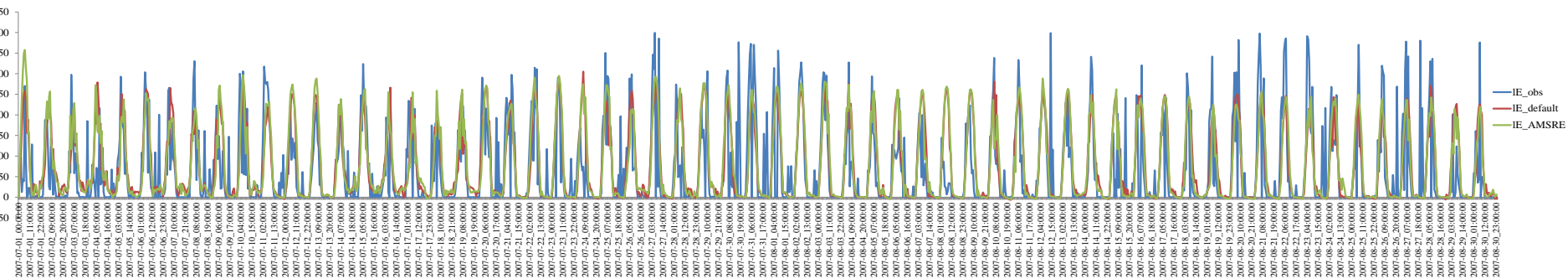
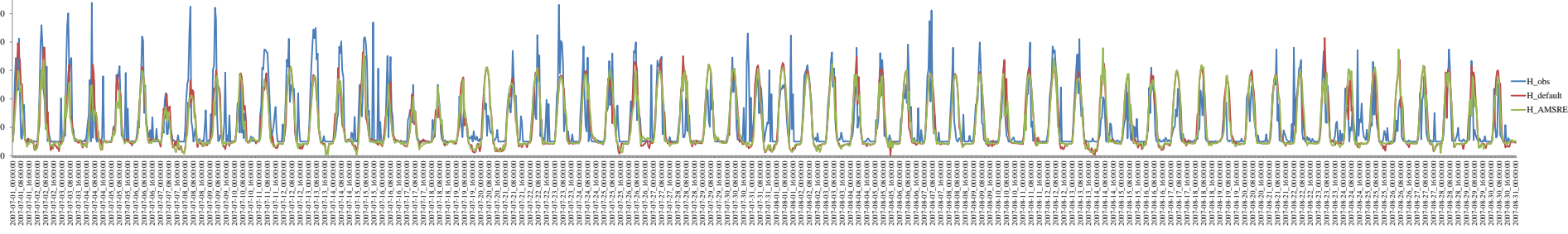
**Scatter diagrams of H and  $\lambda E$  estimated using the default and assimilation WRF model simulations.**





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# Conclusions

- We replaced AMSR-E SM products into the WRF model over the Tibetan Plateau. In the present study, we tested and assimilated AMSR-E SM products, which can be used to reduce the modeled heat flux bias in long-term simulations.
- We found that the WRF model successfully simulated the land surface heat fluxes over the Tibetan Plateau with a diurnal variation.
- Based on the observations, when the initial model values are assimilated using the AMSR-E SM products, the WRF model can reproduce changes in heat fluxes. Also model-simulated sensible and latent heat fluxes were improved.

