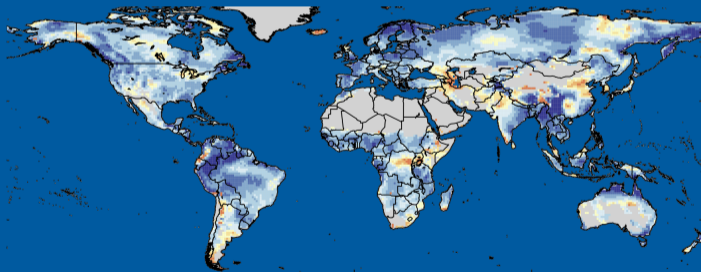


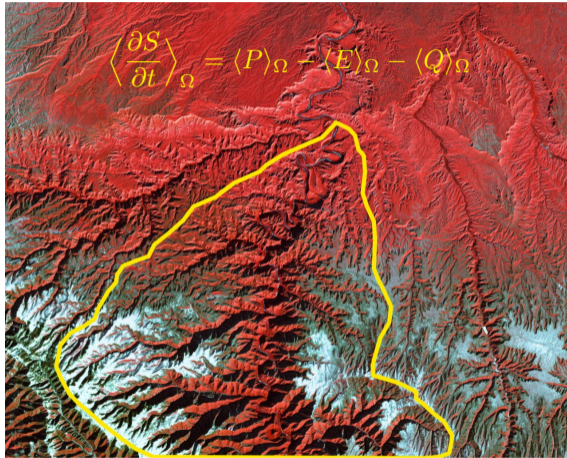
# Multi-scale global reconstruction of water fluxes and states with mHM

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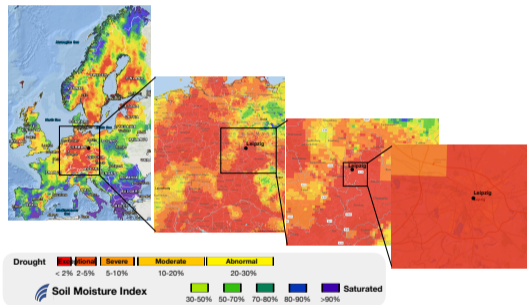
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Drought index SMI  
based on mHM with E-OBS v18  
for Aug. 2018

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Nested ICON Model  
seamless local mesh refinement

“Develop scale-independent  
land surface scheme for  
climate models”

IPCC AR5, 2014

Bauer et al, Nature, 2015

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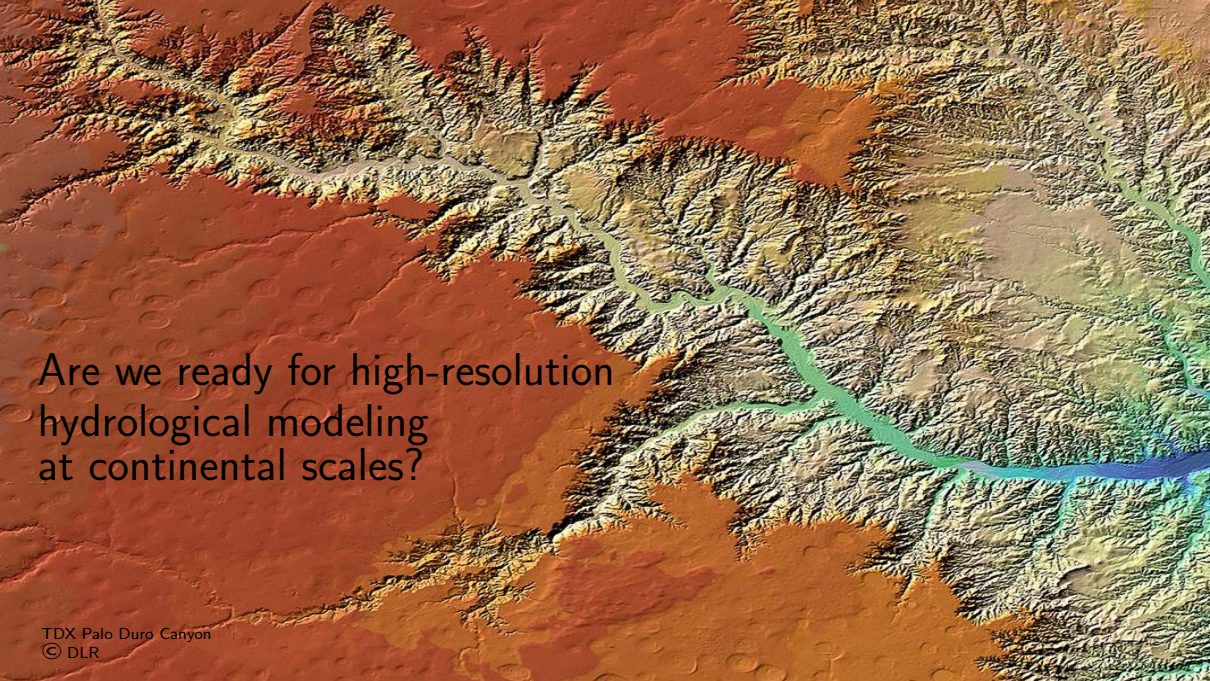
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"Seamless prediction of the earth system, from minutes to months"

"Reduce uncertainties in the representation of processes in numerical models relevant to the improvement of predictive skill"  
G. Brunet, S. Jones and B. Mills,  
2015

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Are we ready for high-resolution  
hydrological modeling  
at continental scales?

# Performance of the state-of-the-art GHMs

**Table 8.** Median Scores for Widely Used Performance Metrics Obtained for the Evaluation Catchments ( $n = 1113$ )<sup>a</sup>

Performance Metrics	HBV With Regionalized Parameters (10 Most Similar Donors)	HBV With Spatially Uniform Parameters	HTESSEL	JULES	LISFLOOD	ORCHIDEE	PCR-GLOBWB	SURFEX	SWBM	W3RA	WaterGAP3	Ensemble Mean
NSE daily	<b>-0.02</b>	-0.03	-0.59	-0.38	-0.55	-0.45	-1.67	-0.24	<b>0.01</b>	-0.59	-0.11	-0.35
NSE 5 day	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.05</b>	-0.49	-0.44	-0.26	-0.53	-1.51	-0.21	0.05	-0.34	-0.11	-0.25
NSE monthly	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.15</b>	-0.32	-0.39	-0.03	-0.67	-1.16	-0.02	0.14	-0.10	-0.10	-0.09

Beck et al. WRR 2016

## Goal:

Improve the performance of the global mHM model above the current state-of-the-art

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# Parameterization at meso/macro scales

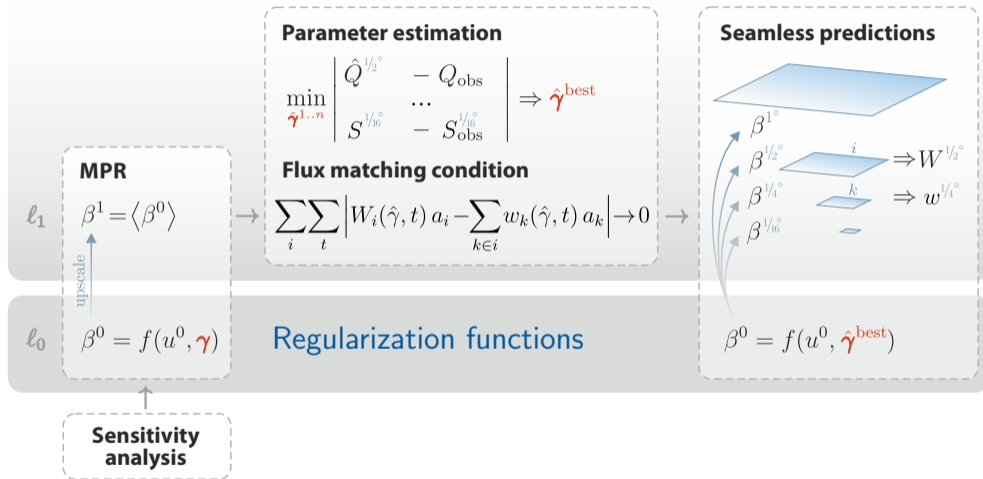
development of empirical relationships. Accordingly, it may be said that the parameterization of hydrologic processes to the grid scale of general circulation models is a problem that has not been tackled, let alone solved.

Dooge, 1982 p. 269 (Eagleson edt.)

# Multiscale data verification & parameter estimation

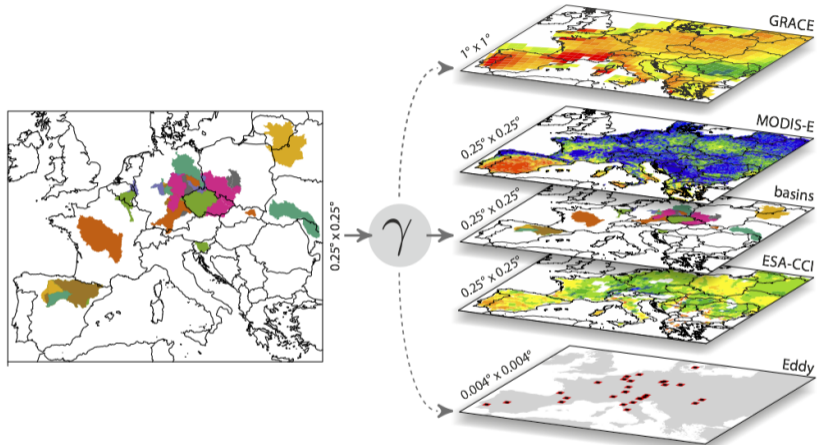
Target  
scales

Data  
 $10^2$  m



Samaniego et al. WRR 2010, Rakovec et al. JHM 2016, Samaniego et al. HESS 2017

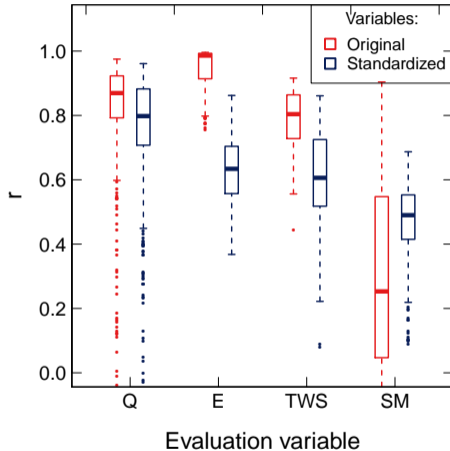
# Nested model evaluation



Rakovec et al. JHM, 2016

Parameter estimation  
streamflow only

# Inverse modelling based on streamflow



Rakovec et al., JHM 2016  
 $n = 400$  Pan-EU basins

Constraining parameters against streamflow is a necessary, but not a sufficient condition to get robust estimates of E, TWS, SM.

- **TWS**: GRACE ( $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$ )
- **E**: FLUXNET ( $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$ )
- **SM**: ESA-CCI ( $0.25^\circ \times 0.25^\circ$ )

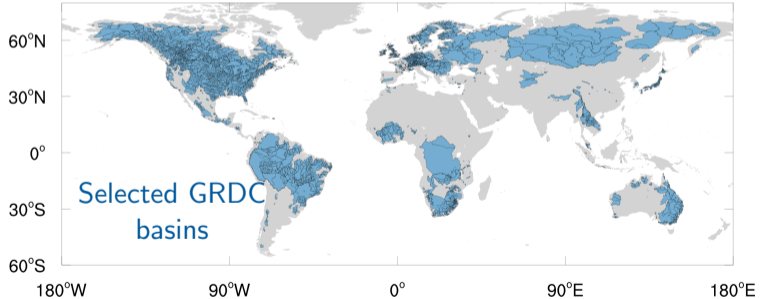
# Development of a Massive hybrid MPI/OpenMP scheme for mHM

# Research goals

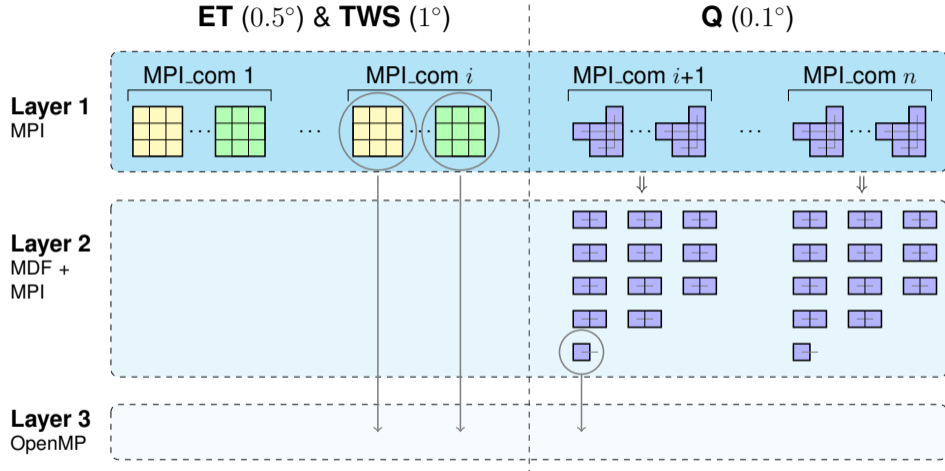
- mHM {
- Setup a nested models for Q, TWS, and ET at their native resolutions
  - Estimate  $\hat{\gamma}^{\text{best}}$  {
    - 5500 GRDC streamflow series
    - FLUXNET ET
    - GRACE TWS anomaly



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# Multi-layer hybrid parallelization scheme



M. Kaluza et al GMD (2020, to be submitted).

# Parallelization of streamflow routing: a hard problem

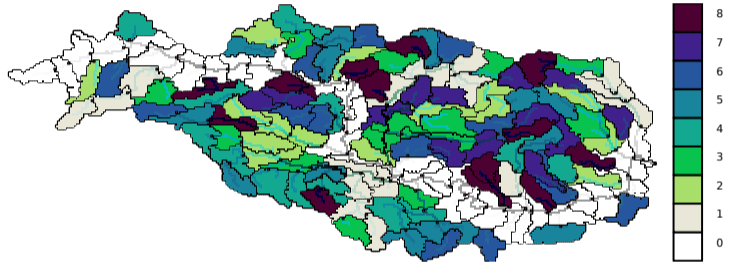


mHM streamflow simulation on July 2002  
European floods

- A river network is a graph.
- Performing time dependent operations in a graph is hard to parallelize.
- Even if it can be parallellized, it is even harder to get linear scaling.
- Existing algorithms are not efficient for large networks and HPC environments with thousands of cores.

# Domain decomposition for streamflow routing

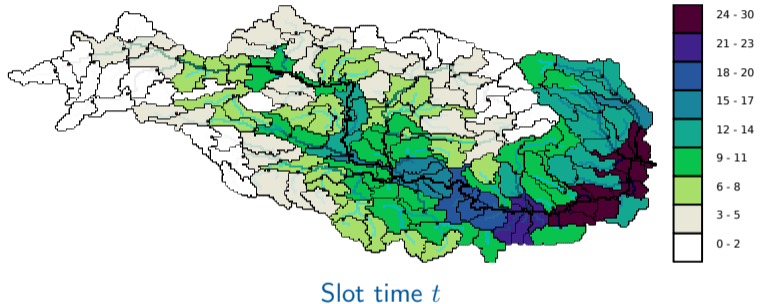
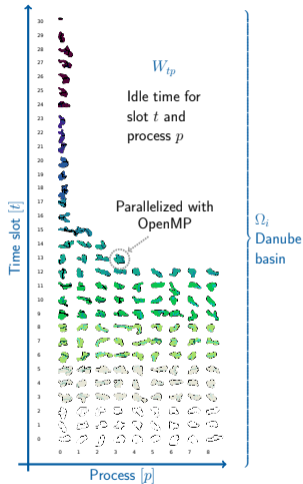
- Random allocation
- Li et al. (2011)
- Pfafstetter coding (Clark et al.)
- Key variables:
  - Process Id  $p$
  - Time slot  $t$
- Our proposal: MDF ...



Process sequence  
Danube: 26507 cells of  $5 \times 5 \text{ km}^2$

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# MPI decomposition of “forests” (MDF)

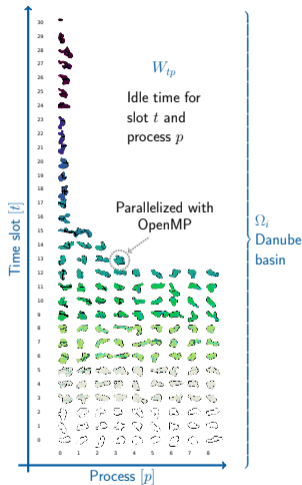


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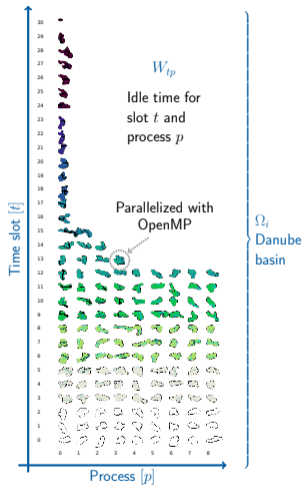
“Combinatorial scheduling NP-problem” aiming at:

$$\min_{P,T} \left[ T \left( \bigcup_{i=1}^n \Omega_i, a, b, P \right), \sum_{p=1}^P \sum_{t=1}^T W_{tp} \right]$$

Subject to  $cTP < B$

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$T$  optimal number of time slots

$B$  budget in core-h

$T \geq \max(\Delta_i(a))$

$P$  optimal number of processes

$\Delta_i$  network depth of basin ( $\Omega_i$ )

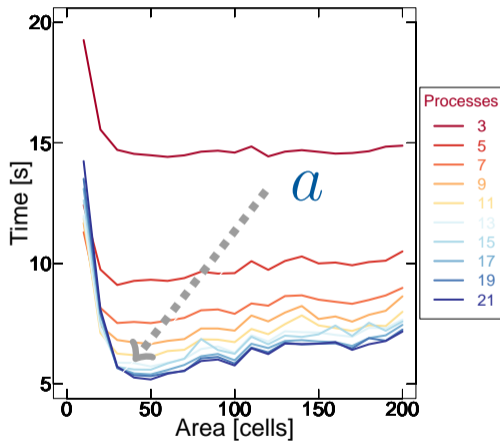
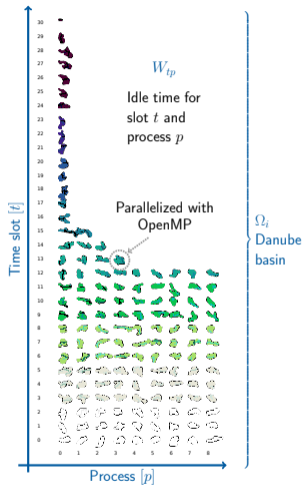
$a, b$  optimal sub-basin size, maximum buffer size (hardware)

$n, t$  indices for # basins and time slots

$c$  nr. cores per process (hardware)

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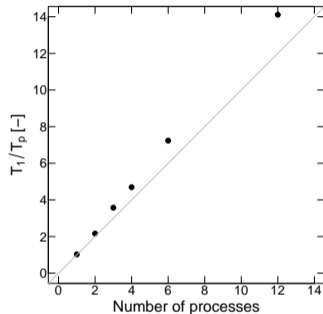
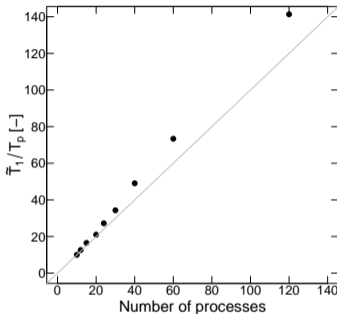
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Sub-basin domain scaling

# Layer 1: Speedup of a strong-scaling test (ET & TWS)

$$S = \frac{\tilde{T}_1}{T_p}$$
$$\tilde{T}_1 \approx 10 T_{10}$$

- → **super-linear**
- Cache-effect induced by reducing the problem to fit in the “fast” RAM instead of the “slow” RAM
- Shorter distances in memory access (4 CPUs→8 GB RAM)

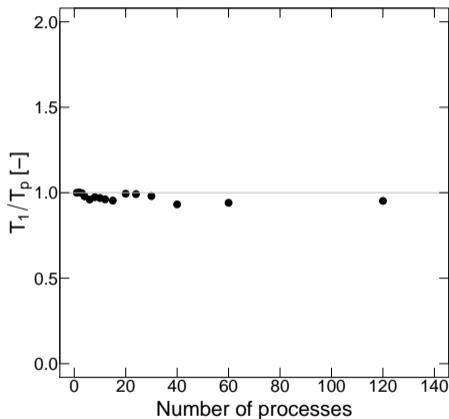


1 Process uses 96 CPUs

## Layer 1: Parallel efficiency of a weak-scaling test

$$E = \frac{T_1}{T_p}$$

- → **optimal**
- NOTE: The problem size per processor stays fixed as more processors are added.

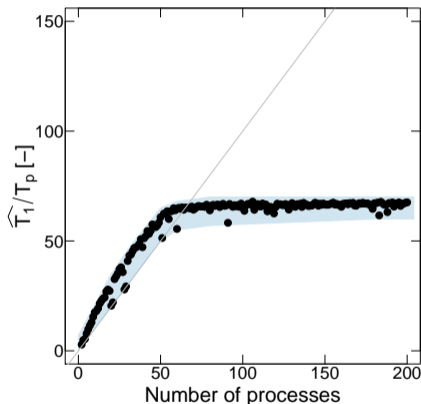


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## Layer 2: Speedup of a strong-scaling test (Q)

$$S = \frac{\hat{T}_1}{T_p}$$

- Routing → **is the limiting factor**
- MDF-v1 scales up to 5760 CPUs
- Test has 307 000 links
- Globe at 0.1°:  $\approx 1\,350\,000$  links

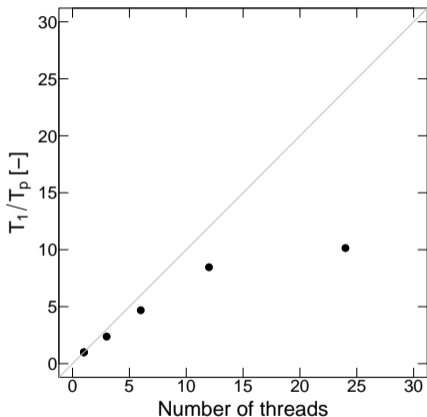


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## Layer 3: Speedup of a strong-scaling test (OpenMP)

$$S = T_1 / T_p$$

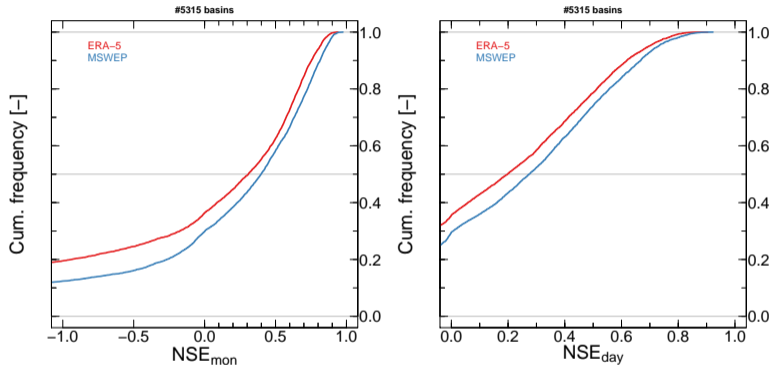
- → **sub-linear**
- Almost linear up to 12 cores
- Inefficient for many CPUs because of fast-RAM limitations.
- But, not critical compared to Layers 1 and 2



1 thread per CPU (max 2)

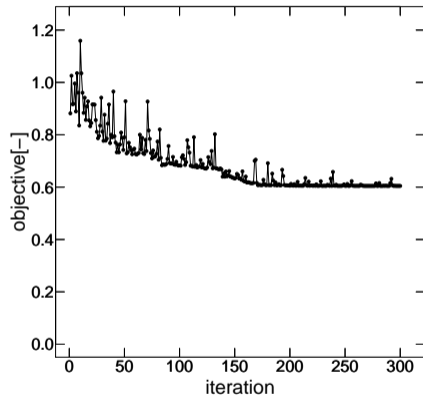
Model evaluation based on  
GRDC streamflow gauges, GRACE TWS, FLUXNET ET

# Global results (no calibration)



Median NSE (mHM, uncalibrated) = **0.40**  
Median NSE (other HMs) = -0.09

# Evolution of the combined objective function (OF)

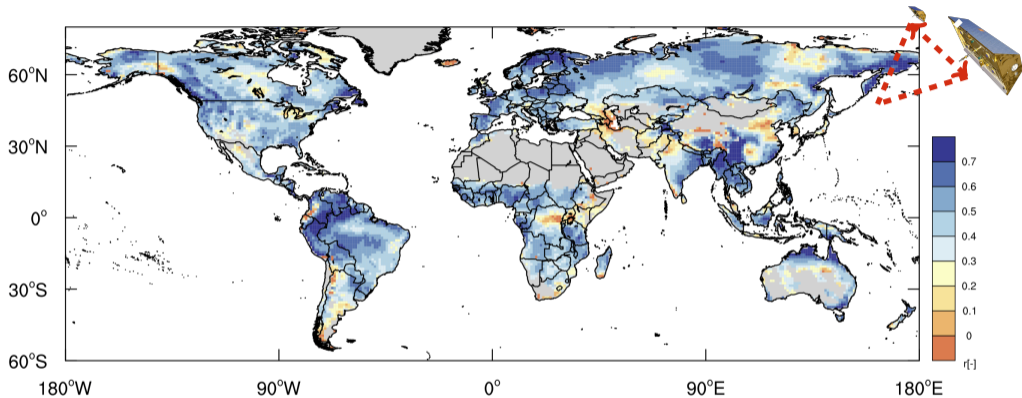


## Next steps:

- Include 50 samples (random but fulfilling water balance related criteria) of 250 GRDC basins in the combined OF.
- Perform cross-validation.
- Expected optimization budget: 2.5 million core-hours.

OF related with efficiency of global  
fields of ET and TWSA

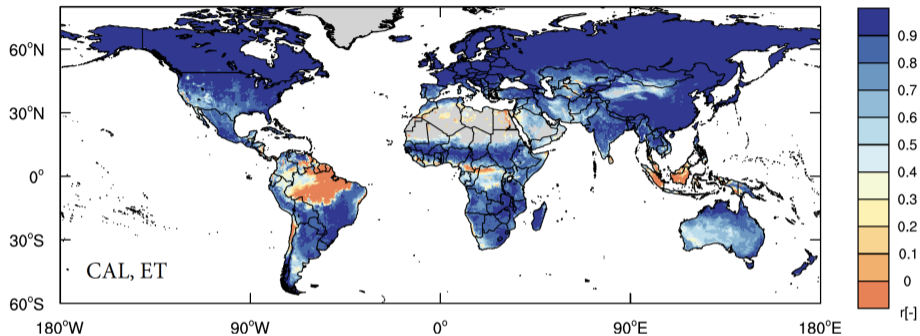
# Correlation between simulated TWSa (mHM) & GRACE



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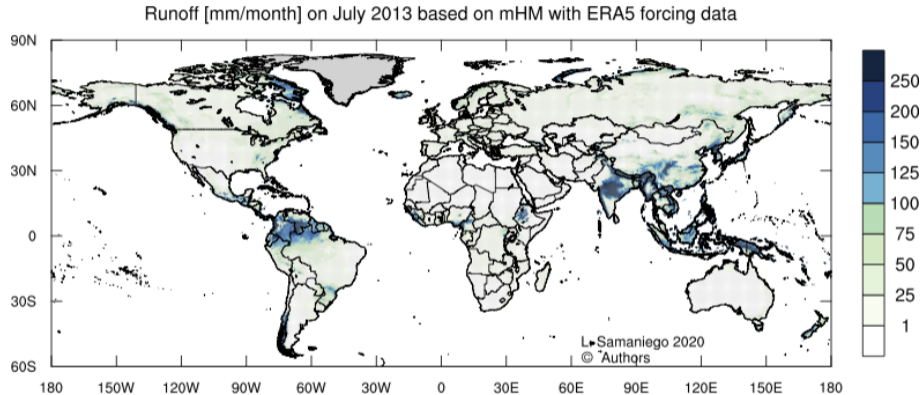
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# Correlation between simulated ETa (mHM) & FLUXNET



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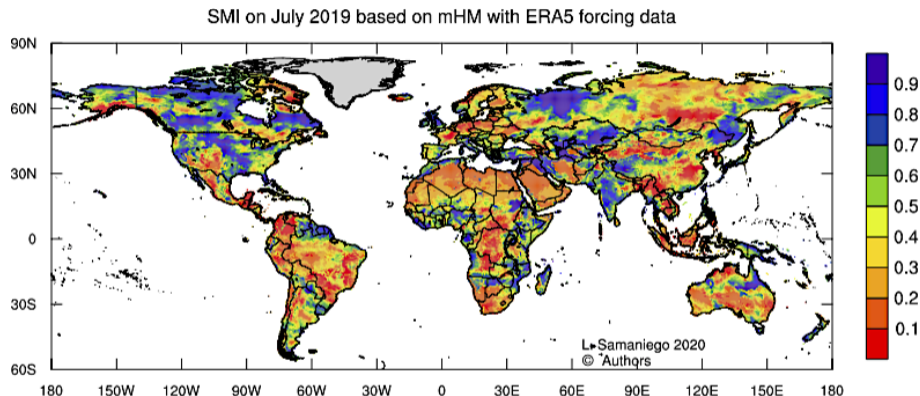
# Estimated runoff → flood event



Runoff mm/month during July 2013.

Shows the extrem increase of runoff generation during 2013 India Flood  
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# Estimated soil moisture → drought events

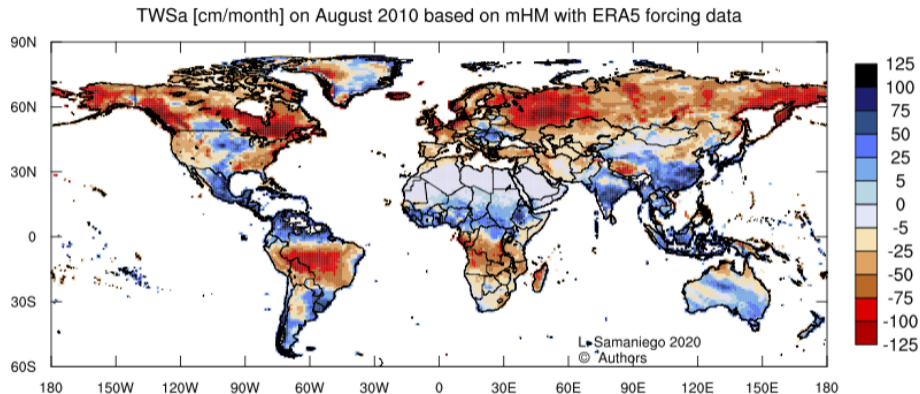


Soil Moisture Index (simulated SM quantiles) during July 2019.

Shows the extent of the 2019 EU-drought ( $SMI < 0.2$ )

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# Estimated TWS anomaly → drought event



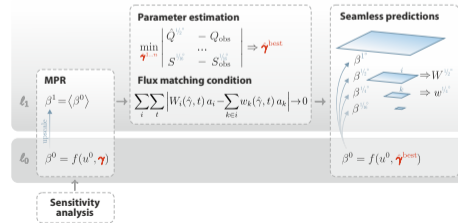
Simulated TWS anomaly during August 2010.

Shows the extent of the drought over Rusia

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# Conclusions and Outlook

- Nested multiscale parameter estimatons are possible only if the model exhibits a scale-invariant parameterization (mHM+MPR)
- Uncalibrated mHM+MPR are already better than the state-of-the-art model results reported in Beck et al. WRR
- MDFv1 is scaling well but river routing remains as the limiting factor
- Ongoing steps:
  - Conclude scaling tests
  - Perform the parameter estimation with 2.5e6 core-h budget @ the JUWELS supercomputer
  - Estimate uncertainties of water fluxes



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