



# Improving the monitoring of vegetation and droughts by the ISBA land surface model through the integration of satellite data

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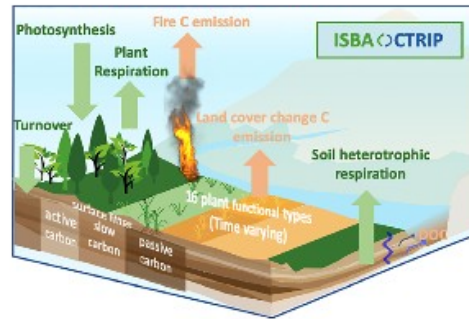
# The SURFEX modelling platform

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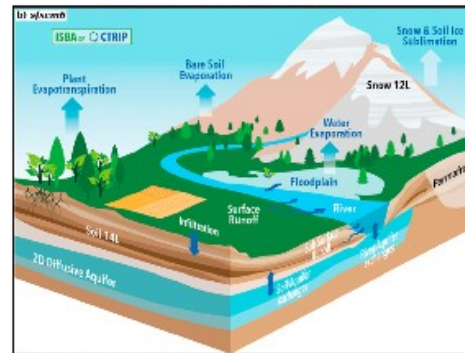


## CARBON CYCLE



Delire et al. 2020

## WATER CYCLE



Decharme et al. 2019

<b>ISBA</b>	Soil	Force restore : 2 temperature, 2 or 3 layers for water, icing Diffusion : multilayer (temperature, water, icing)
	Vegetation	Noilhan et Planton 89 (~Jarvis) A-gs (photosynthesis and CO2 fluxes) A-gs and interactive vegetation Slow carbon processes (wood and roots)
	Hydrology	No subgrid process Subgrid surface runoff Subgrid drainage Flooding and coupling with TRIP
	Snow	1 layer, albedo, density variable (ARP/Climat, Douville 95) 1 layer, albedo, density variable (ARP/ALD, Bazile) Multilayer (3, or...) albedo, density, liquid water content (Boone and Etchevers 2000)

# Drought monitoring using the ISBA land model

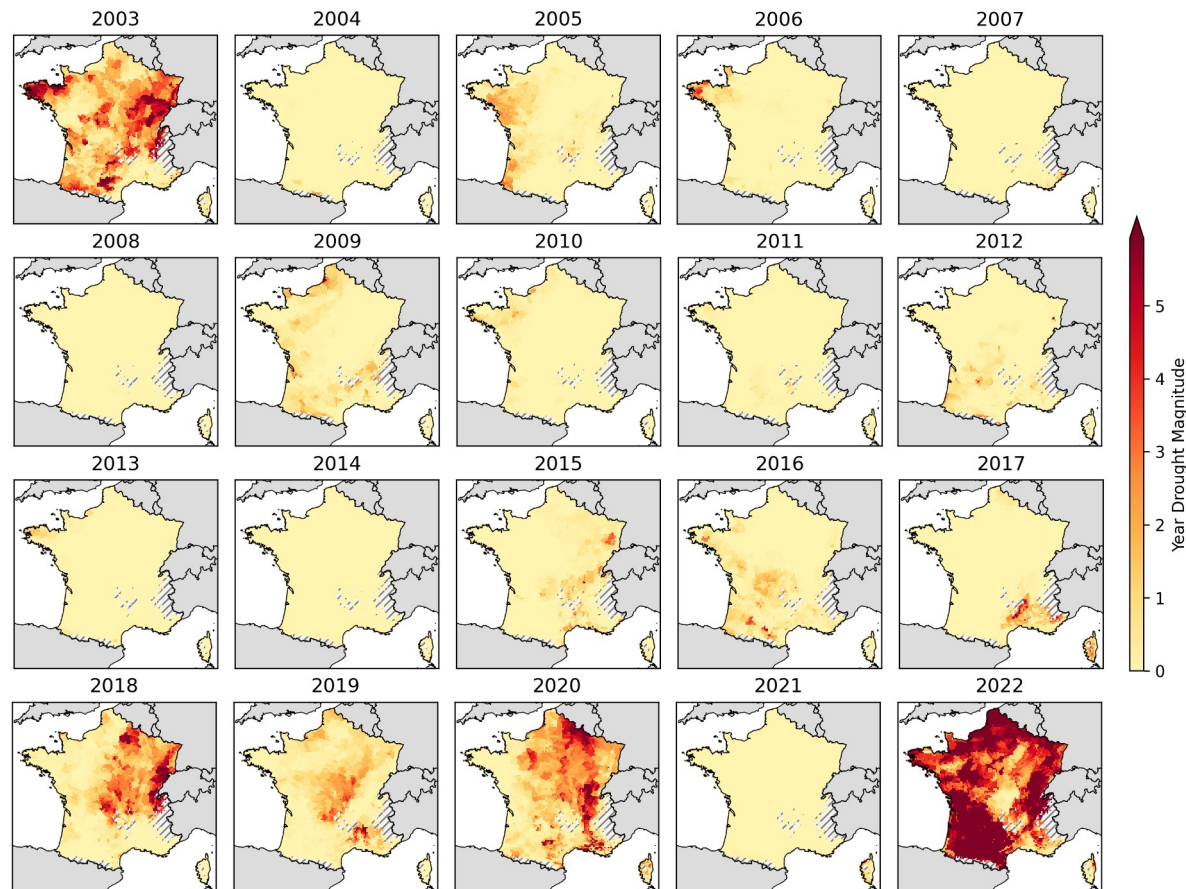
- Yearly drought magnitude over France (2003-2022)

- Deciduous broadleaf trees**

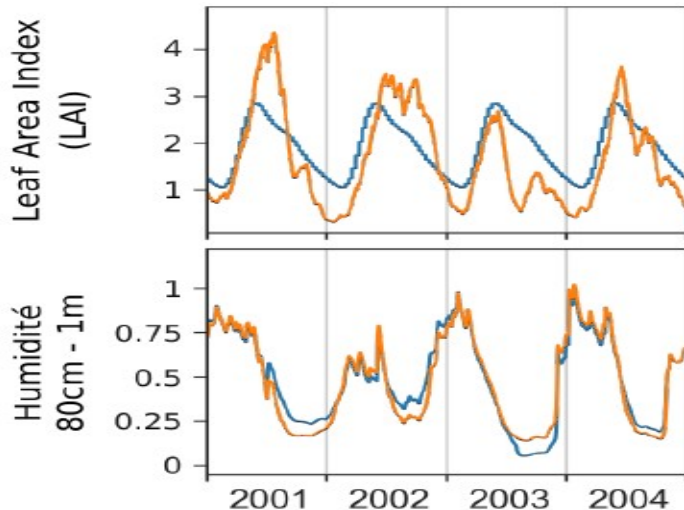
- simulated soil moisture between 0.8 and 1 m

- Interactive LAI is key**

- Can we improve LAI / SM simulations?**



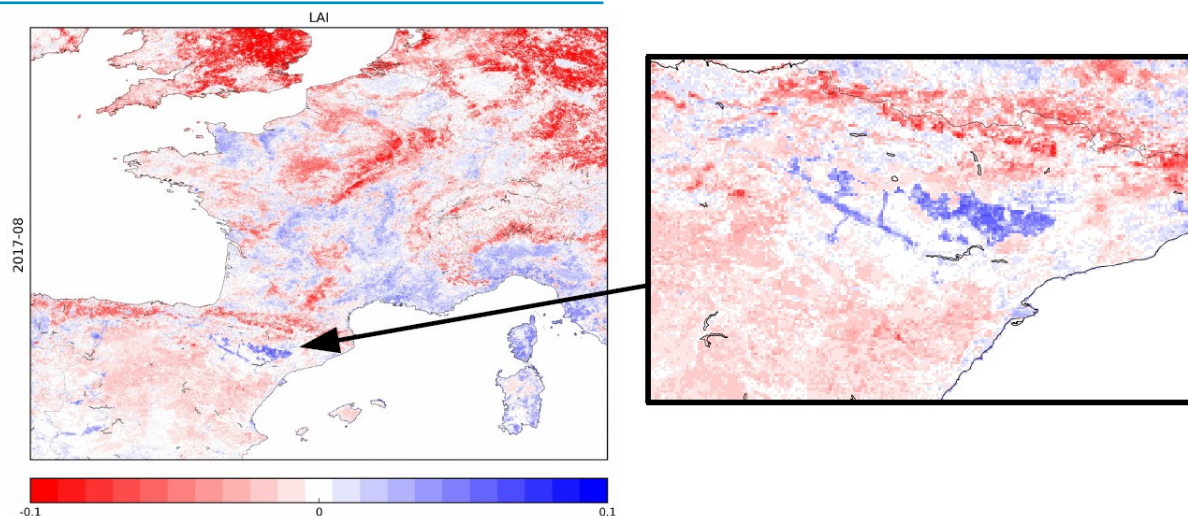
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# Integration of geographical information in SURFEX

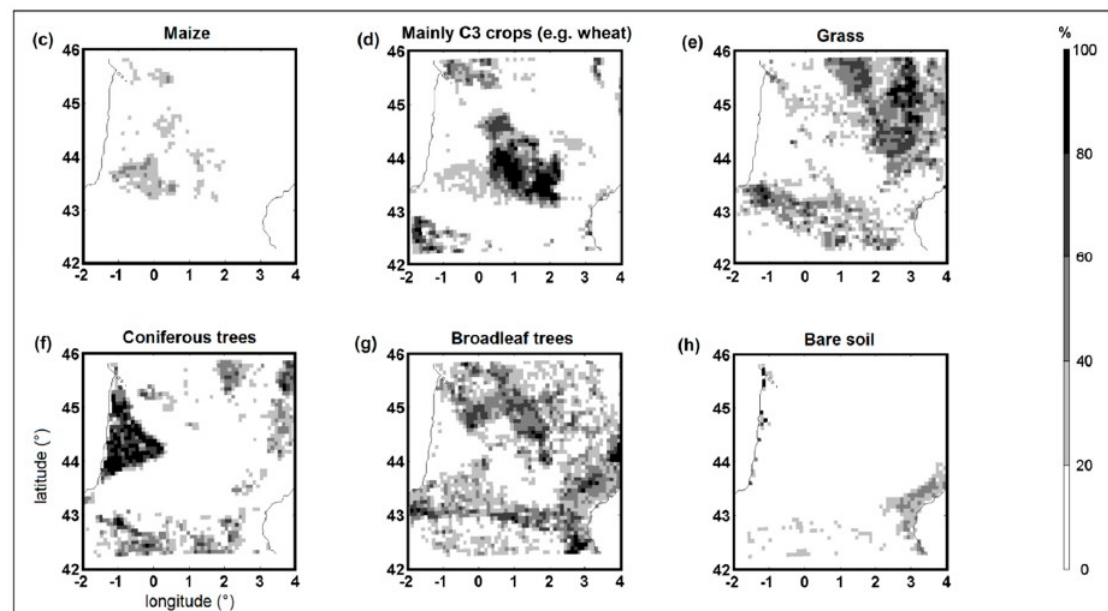
- Offline sequential assimilation of satellite-derived LAI

- **LDAS-Monde**
  - e.g. LAI increments highlighting irrigated areas in Spain (August 2017)



- Land cover and model parameter mapping

- **ECOCLIMAP**
  - e.g. surface types in southwestern France
  - ECOCLIMAP-SG includes ESA-CCI LC



# Land data assimilation in SURFEX

- **LDAS-Monde**

- Integration of satellite observations into the ISBA land surface model

- Offline sequential assimilation of LAI

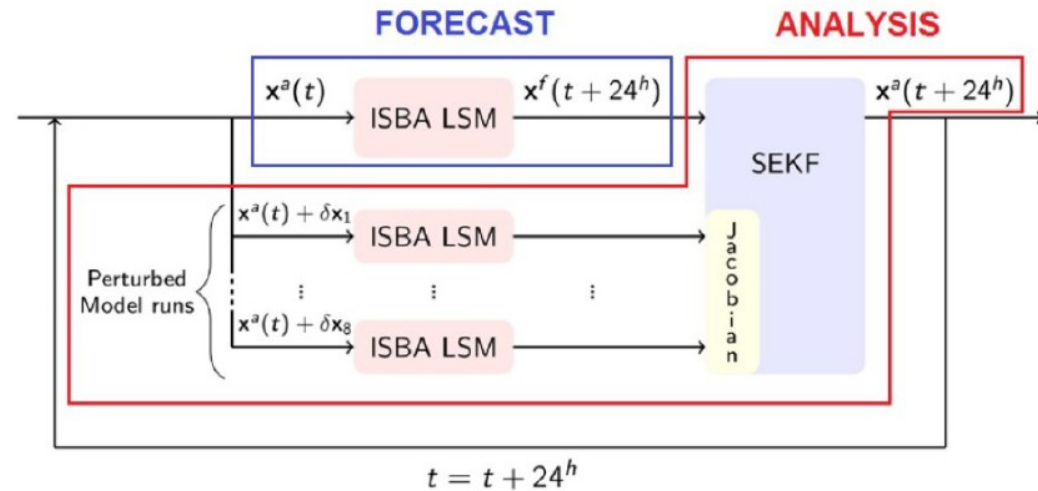
- Flexible LAI thanks to photosynthesis-driven phenology

- Root-zone soil moisture can be analysed assimilating LAI

- Joint **LAI** and **SM** assimilation is possible

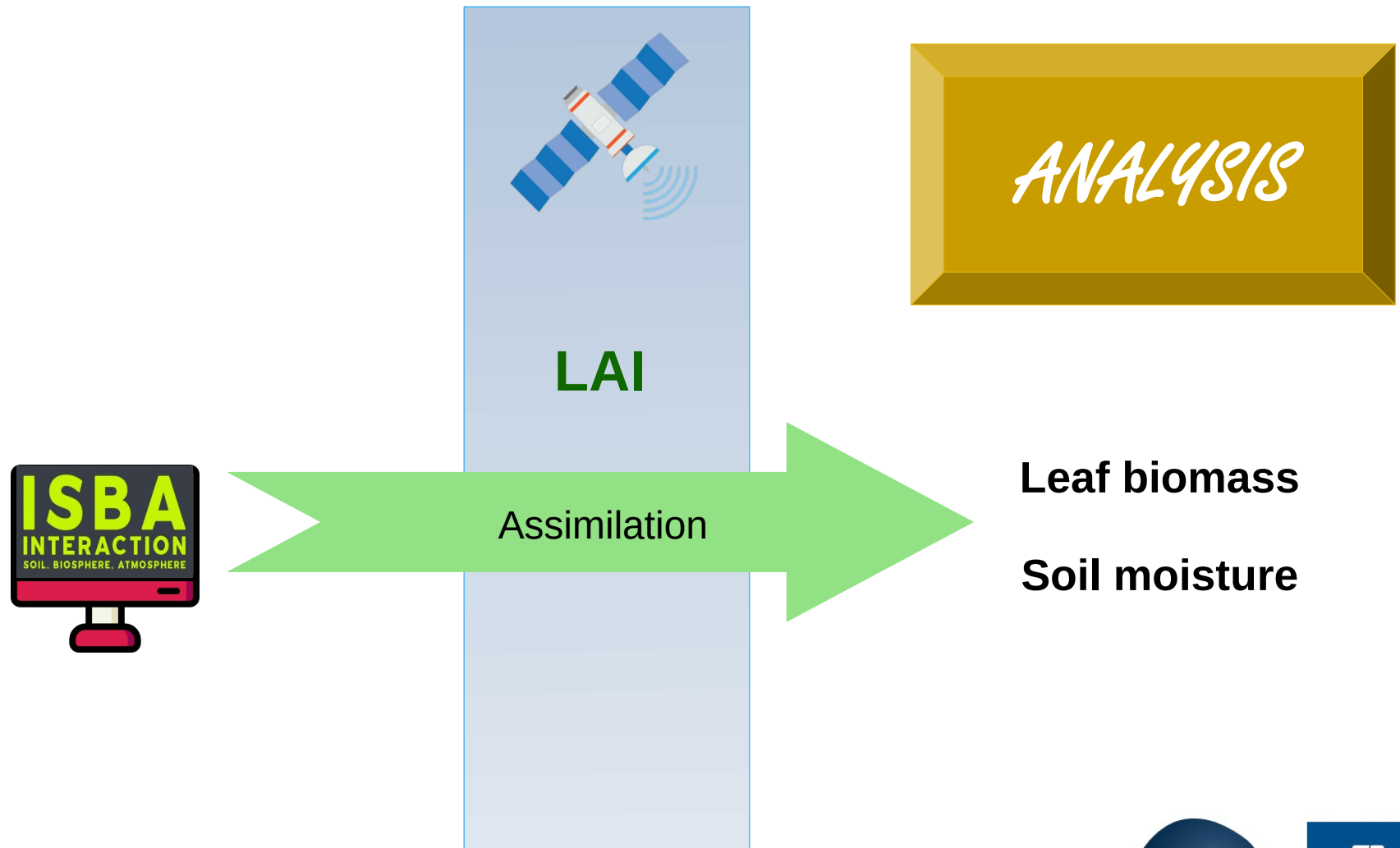
- Sequential assimilation of Snow Water Equivalent (**SWE**)

$$x^a = x^f + K(y^o - H(x^f))$$



# Land data assimilation in SURFEX

- LDAS-Monde: standard assimilation of LAI



# Land data assimilation in SURFEX

- LDAS-Monde

- Extended Kalman filter

$$\underbrace{x^a}_{\text{Analysis}} = \underbrace{x^b}_{\text{background}} + \underbrace{K}_{\text{Kalman gain}} \left( \underbrace{y^o}_{\text{Observation vector}} - \underbrace{H}_{\text{Observation Operator}}(x^b) \right)$$

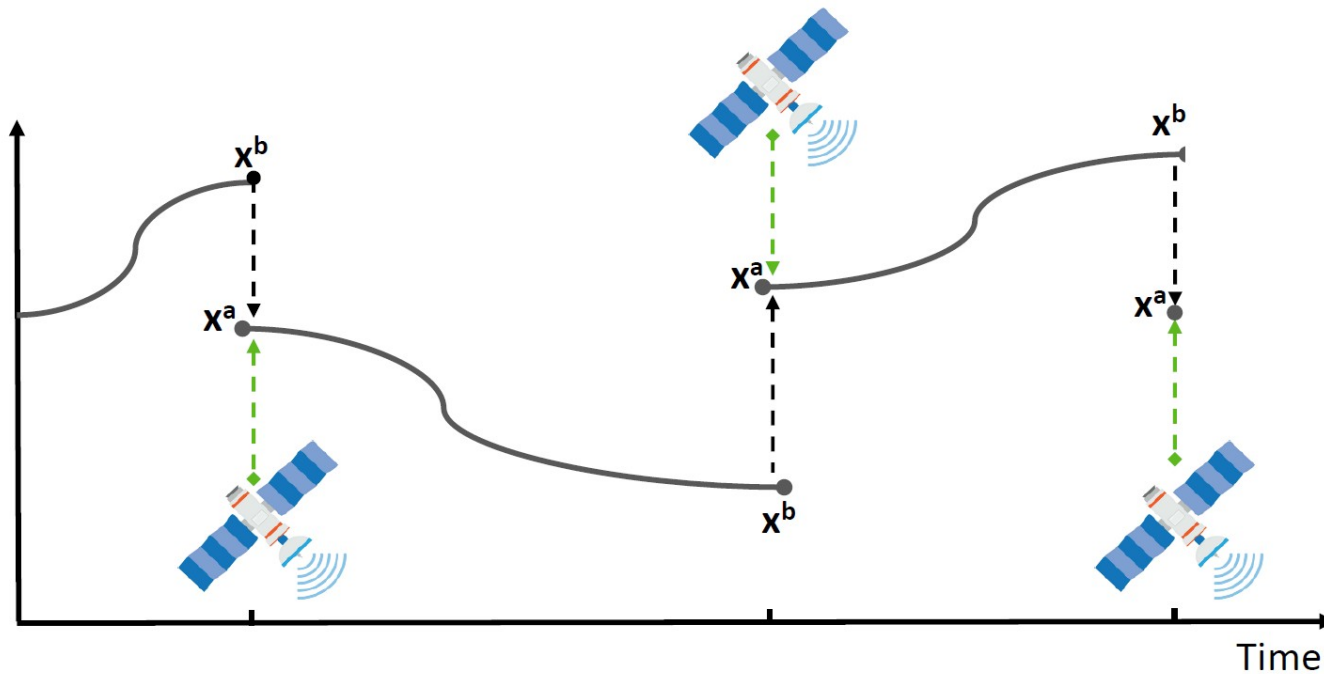
- $x$  = analysed model state variables (soil moisture, leaf biomass)
- $y$  = observations (LAI, *microwave Tb*, *microwave sigma0*, *SIF*, ...)
- $\mathcal{H}$  = observations operator (neural networks (NN) for *Tb*, *sigma0*, *SIF*)

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- LDAS-Monde: sequential data assimilation

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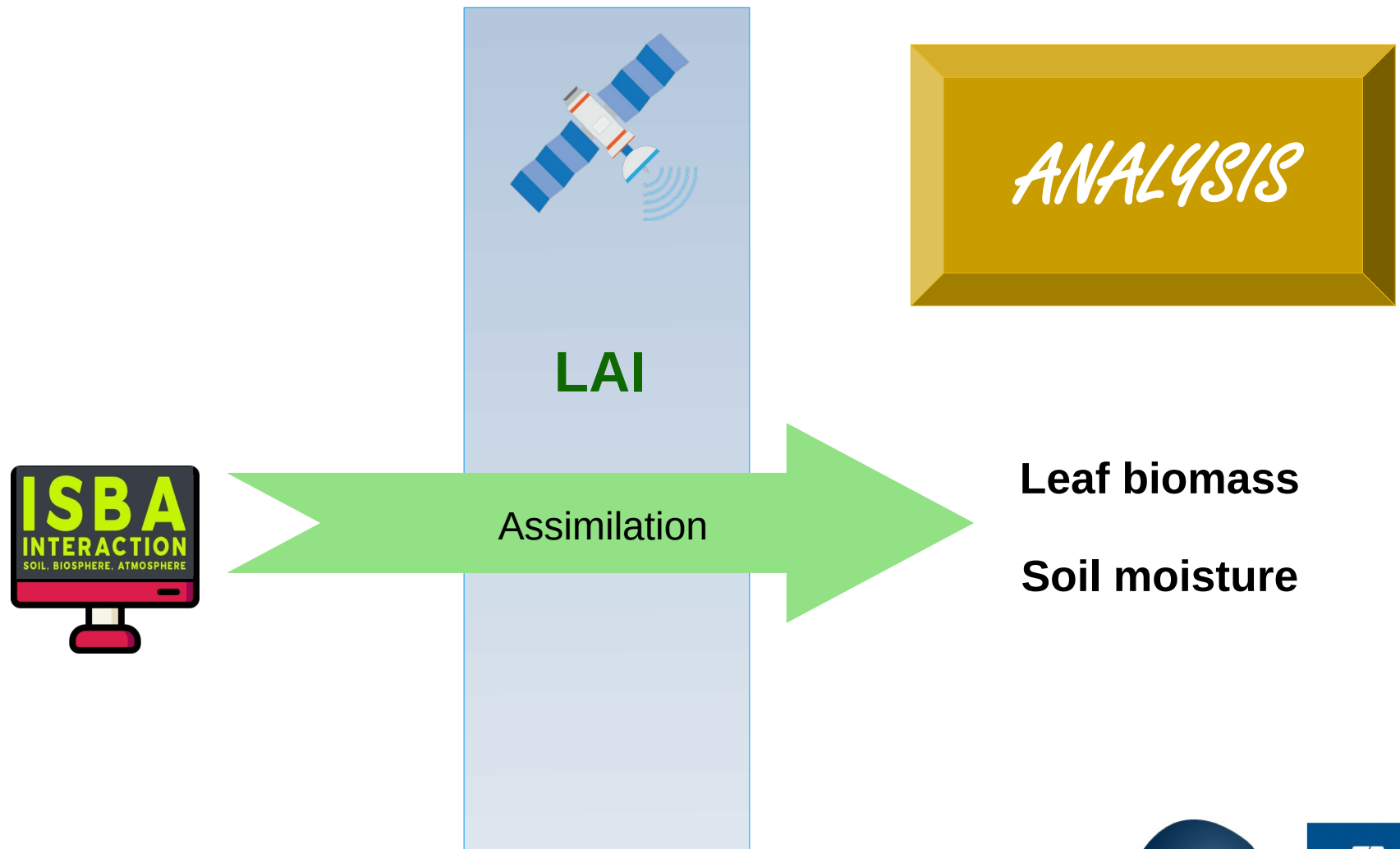
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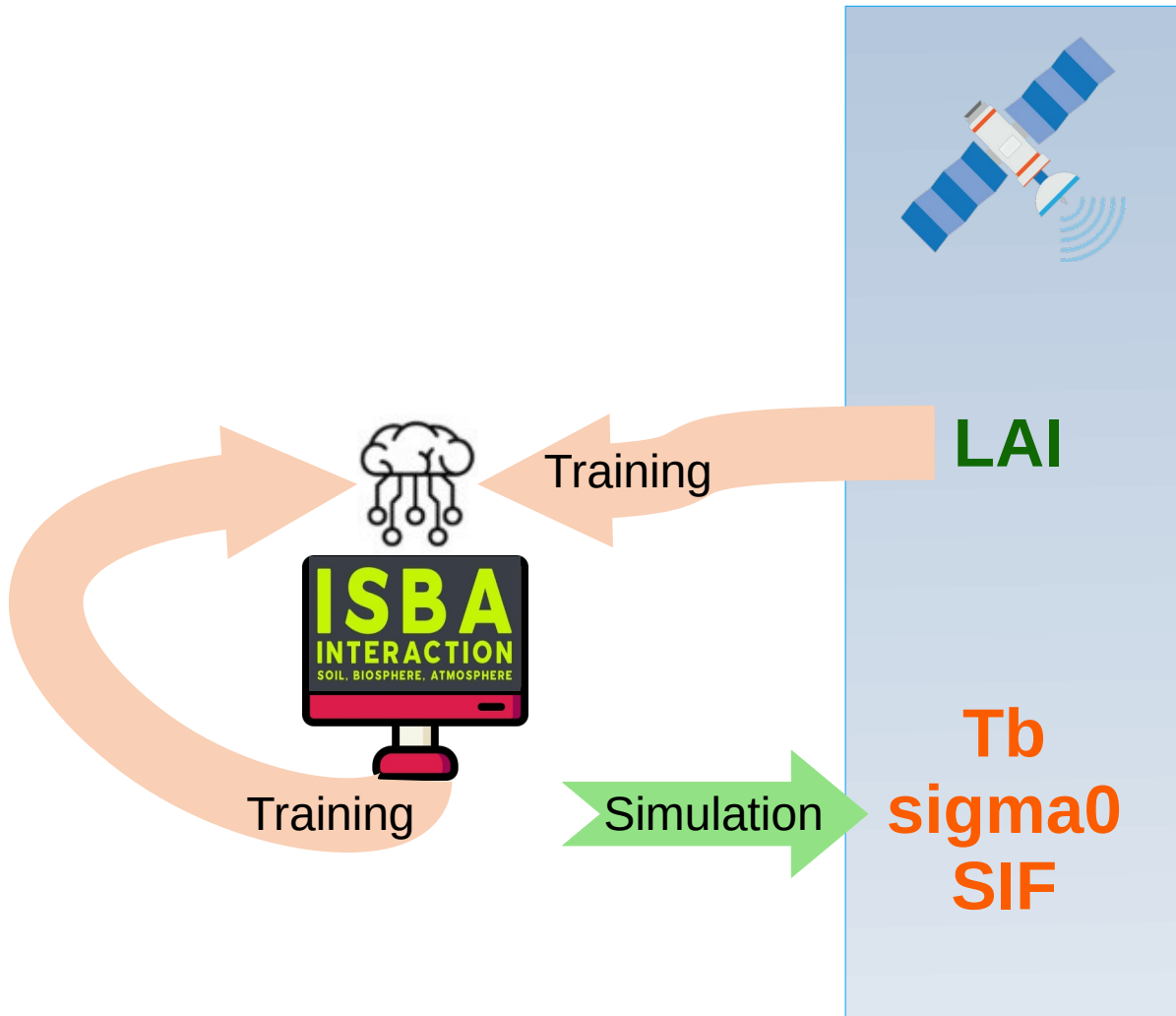
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- LDAS-Monde: standard assimilation of LAI



# Land data assimilation in SURFEX

- LDAS-Monde: NN forward operator training



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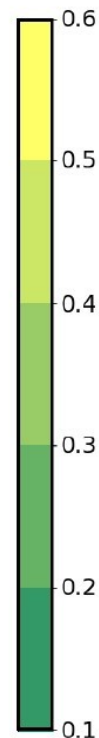
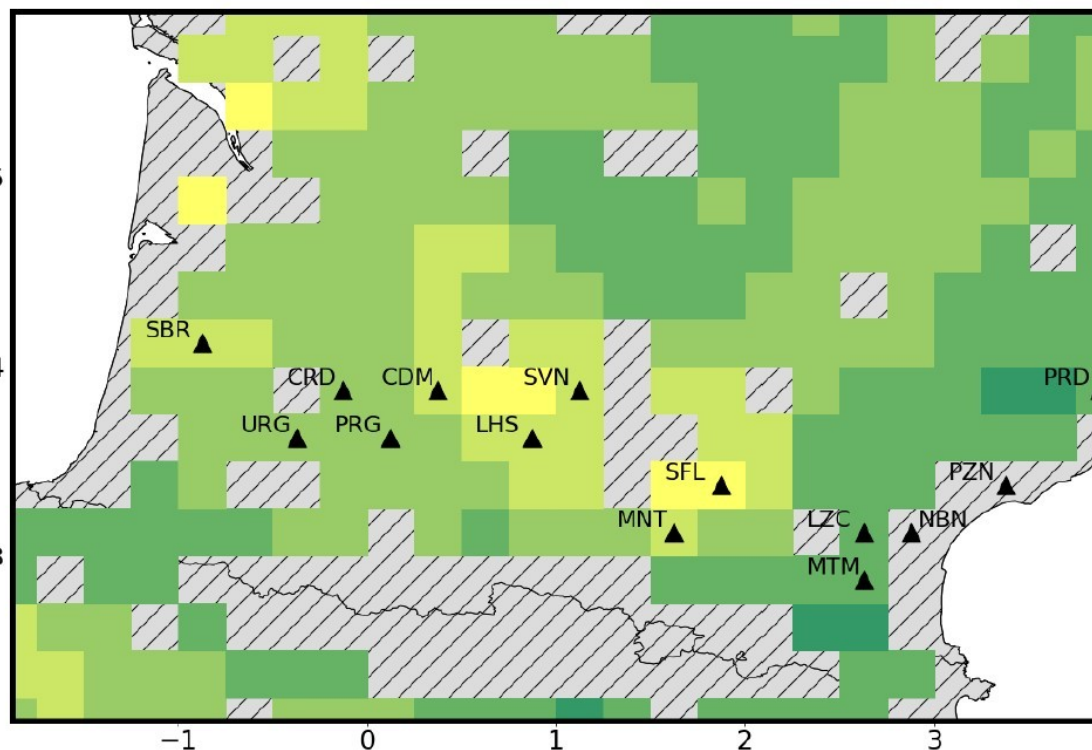
- LDAS-Monde: assimilation of new variables



# Land data assimilation in SURFEX

- LDAS-Monde: assimilation of ASCAT sigma0 in southwestern France

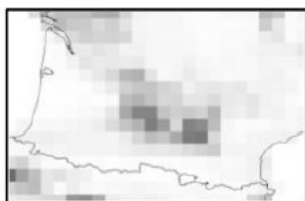
$\sigma_0$  RMSE map (dB)  
Test set



Good performance of the NNs

Higher RMSEs in agricultural areas

ASCAT  $\sigma_0$  observation error  $\approx$   
0.33dB



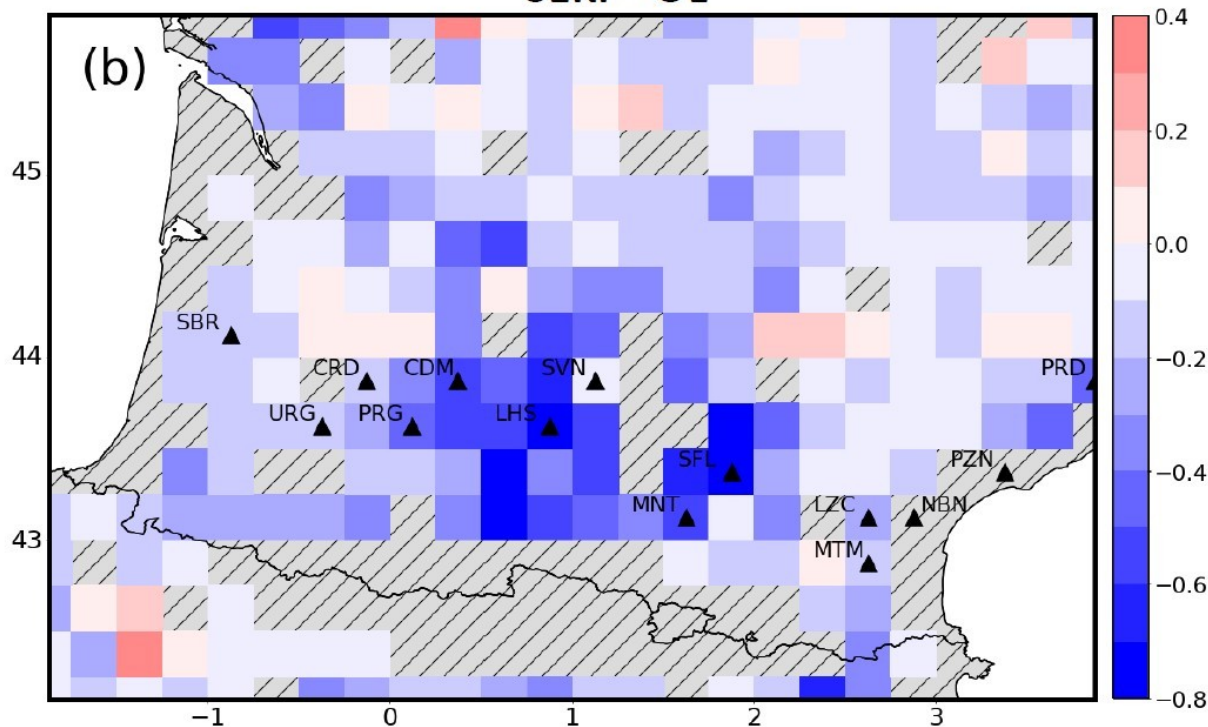
C3 crops

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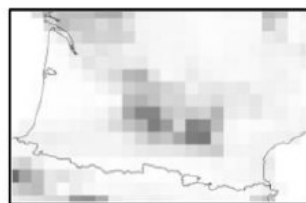
LAI RMSE difference map ( $m^2 \cdot m^{-2}$ )

SEKF - OL



Improvement of LAI RMSE in most grid-cells

Stronger improvement in agricultural areas

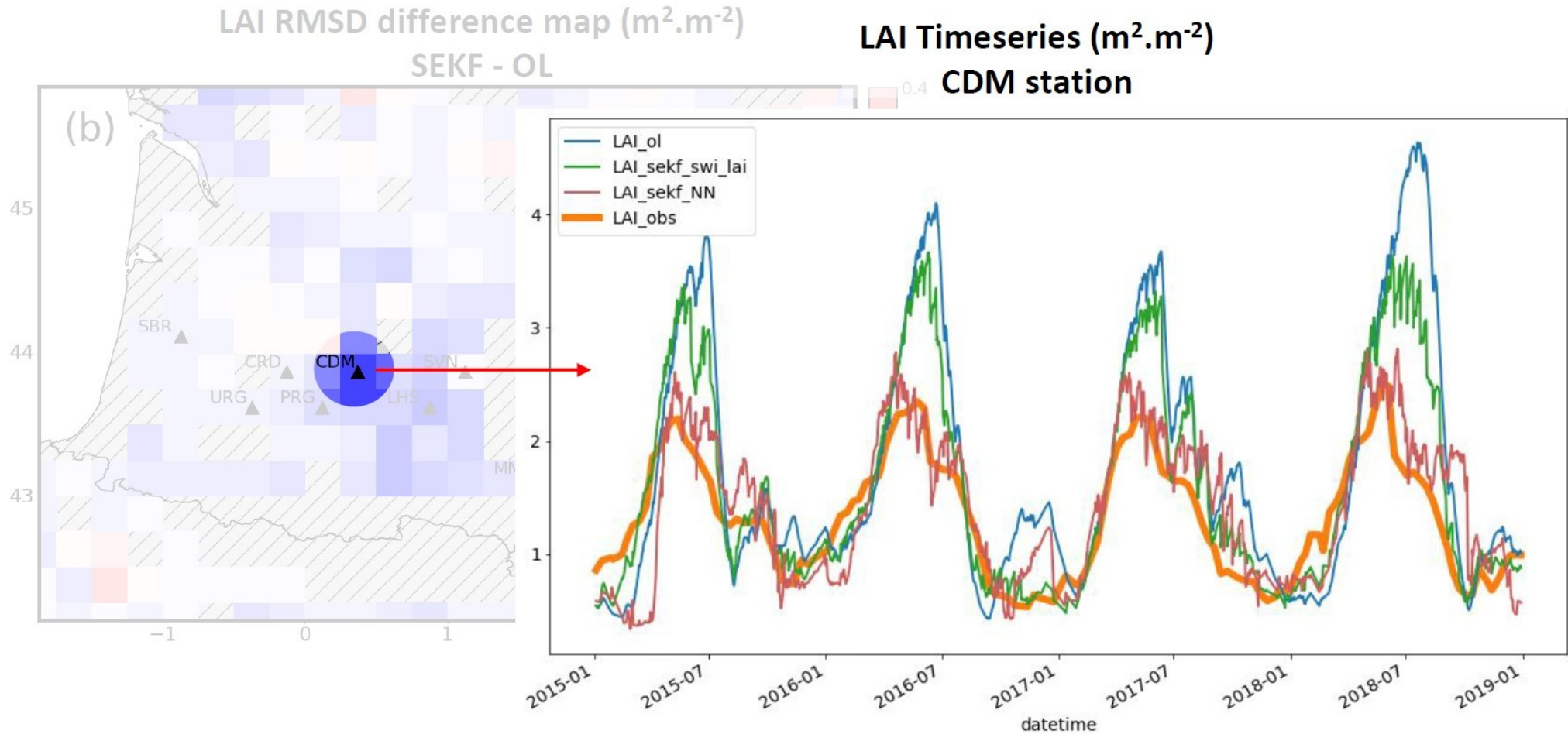


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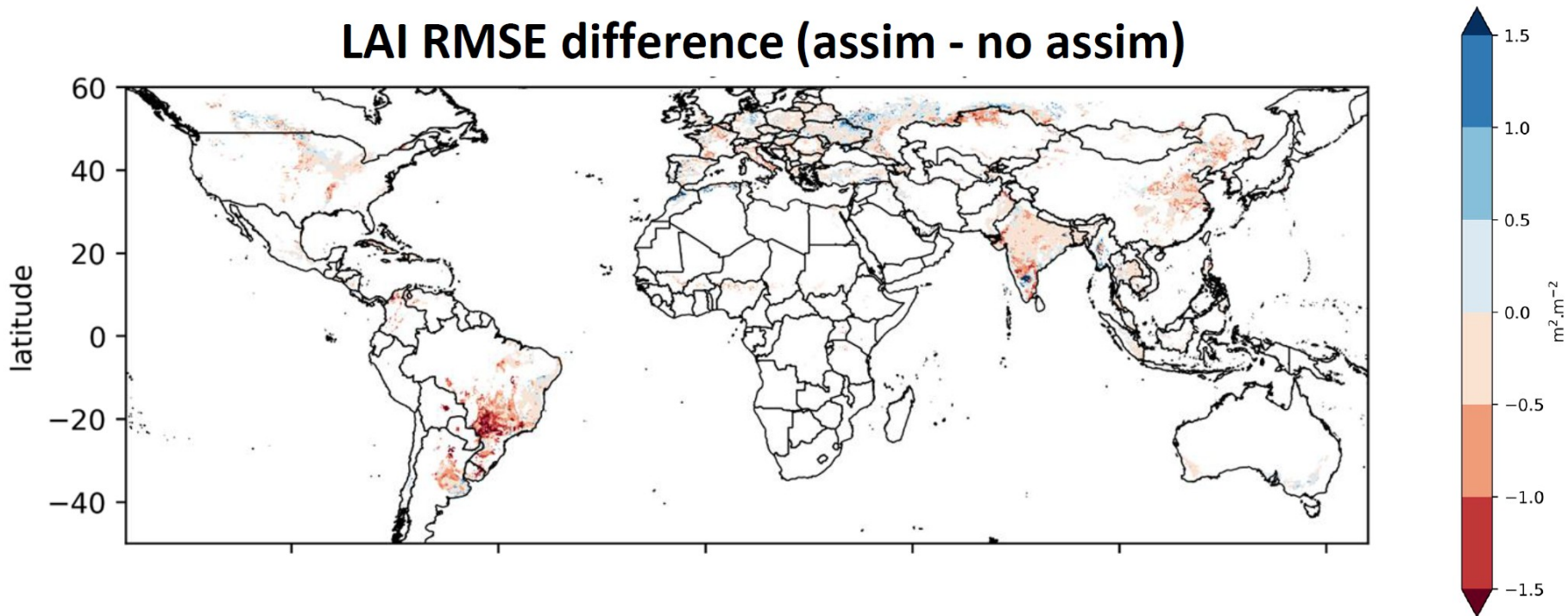


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# Land data assimilation in SURFEX

- LDAS-Monde: assimilation of ASCAT sigma0 at a global scale over croplands
  - LAI simulation is improved :-)

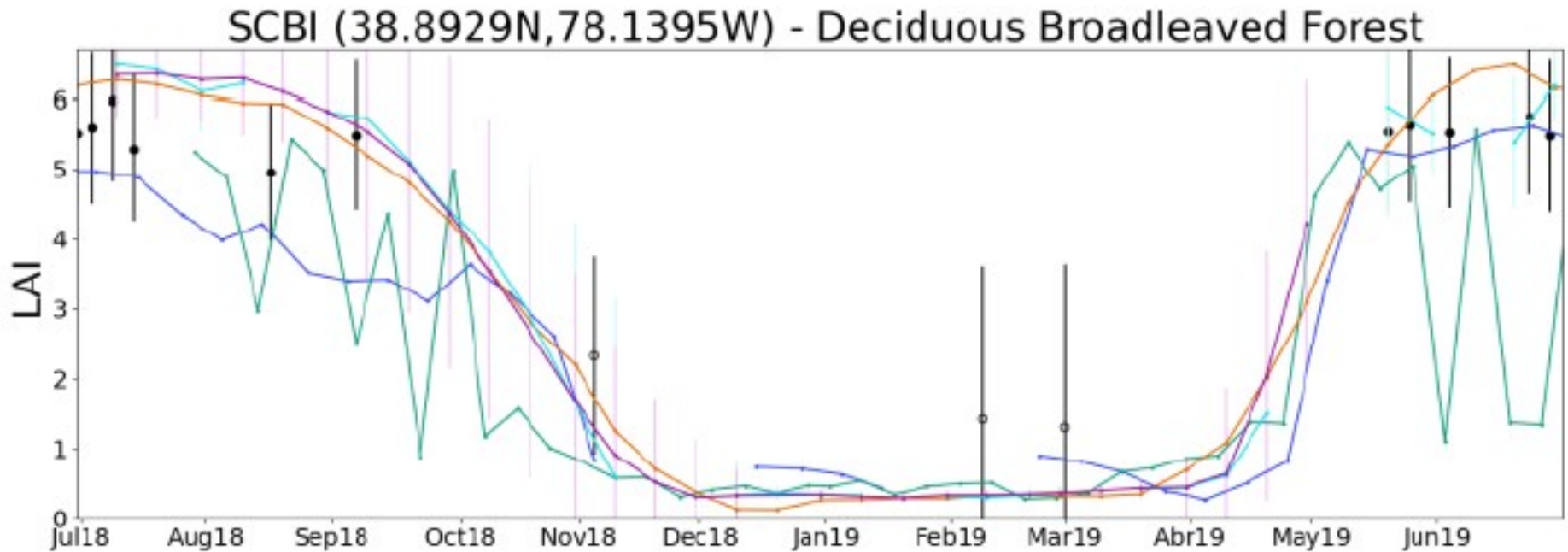
LAI RMSE difference (assim - no assim)



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# CLMS true LAI has best temporal consistency

→ CLMS comparison with VIIRS and LSASAF\_VEGA

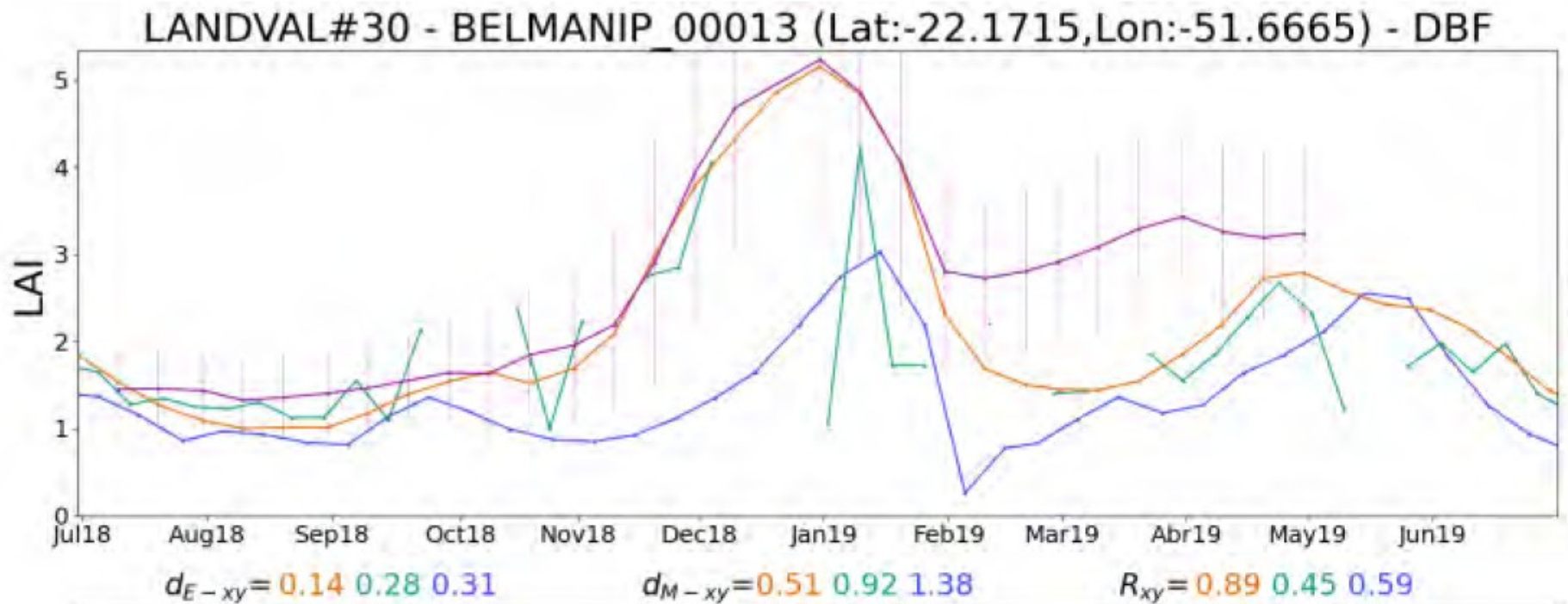


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GBOV (in situ)



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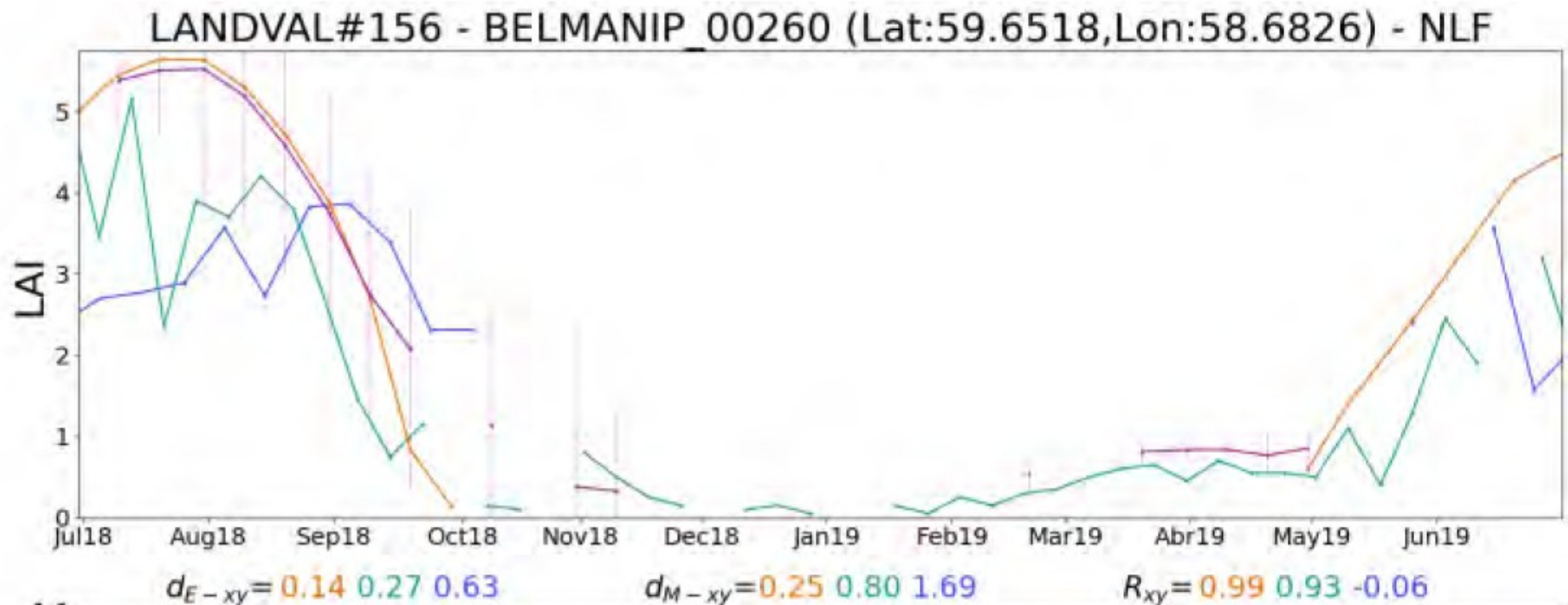
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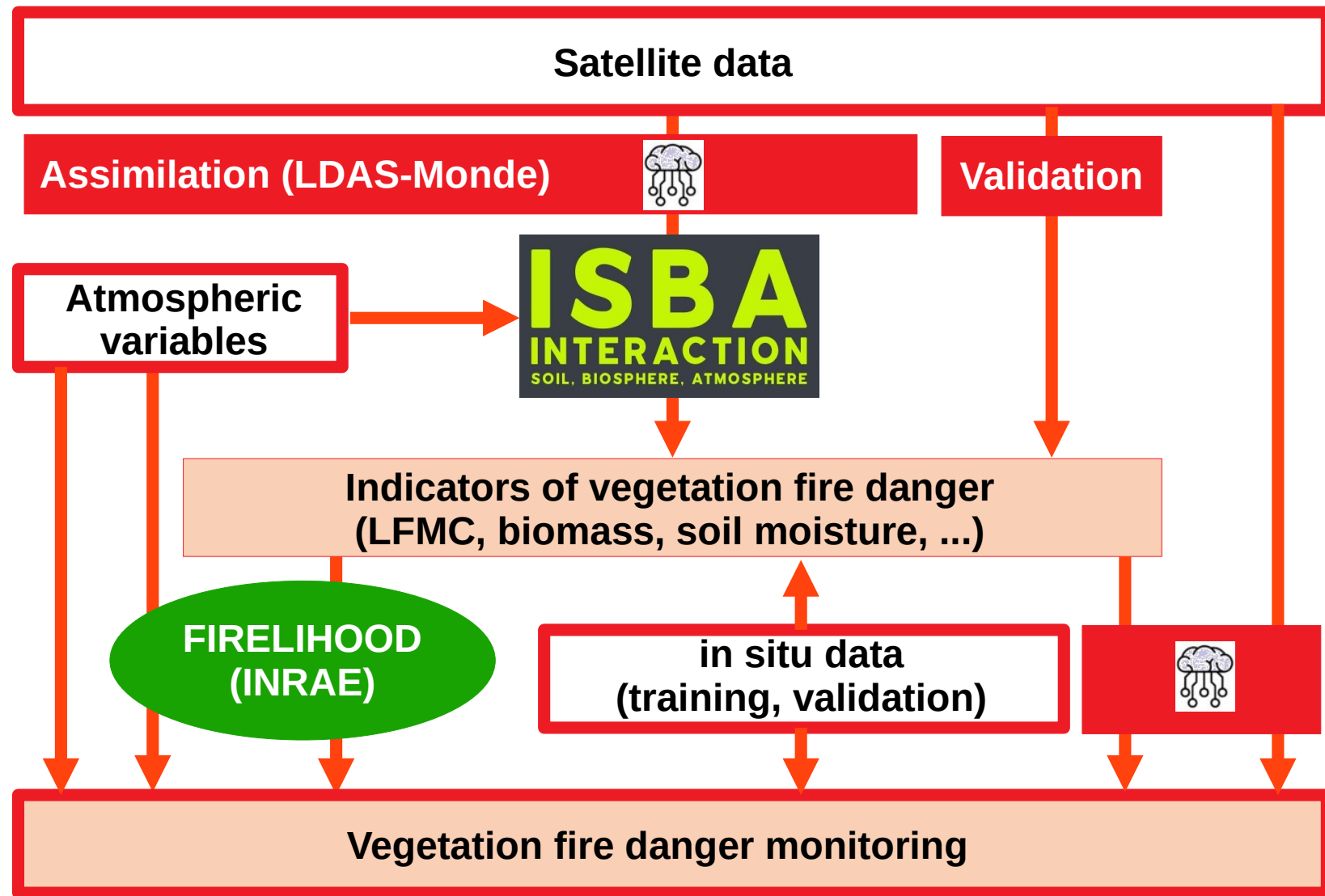
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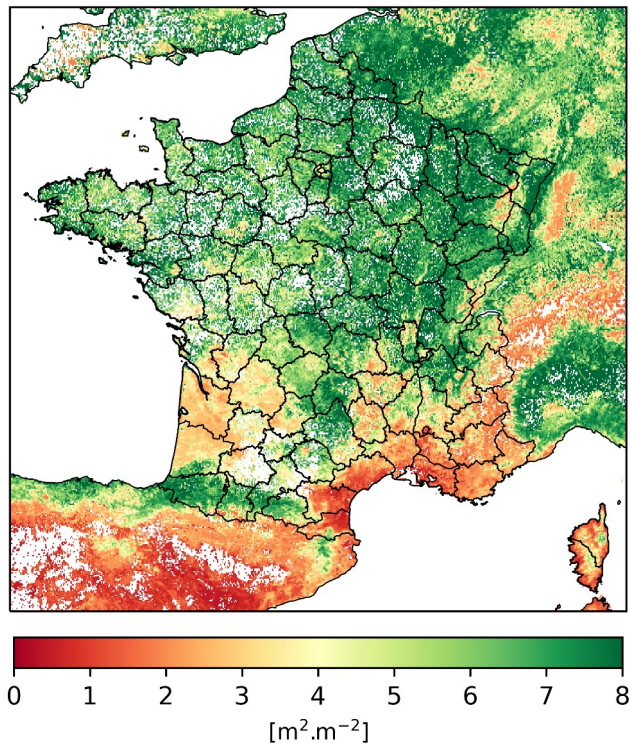
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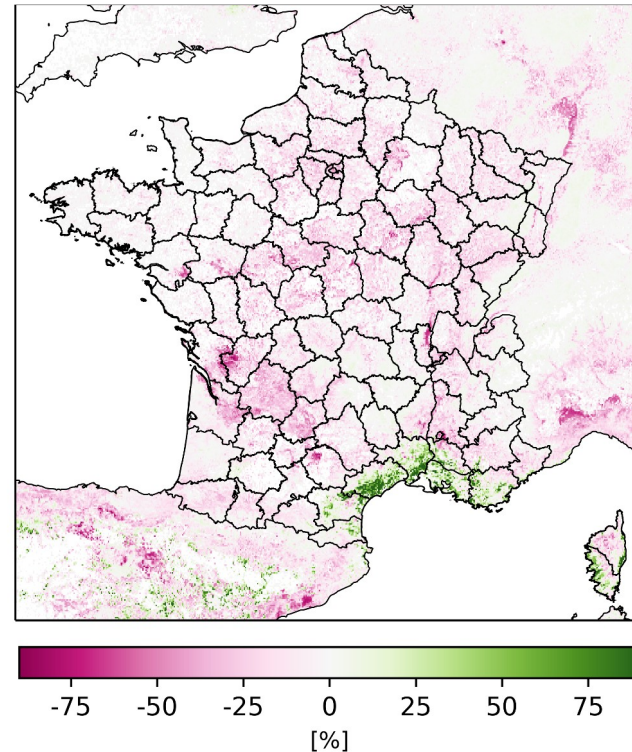
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Forest LAI analysis 9 Sept. 2024



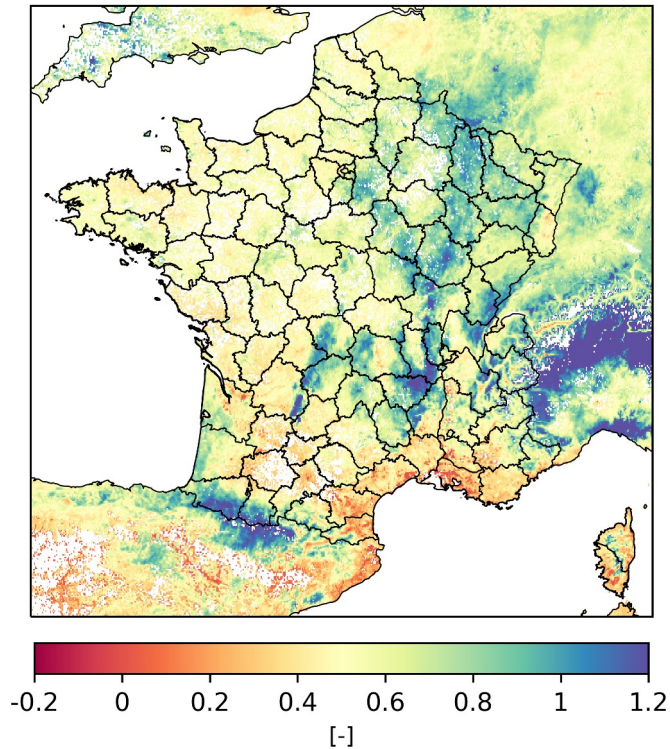
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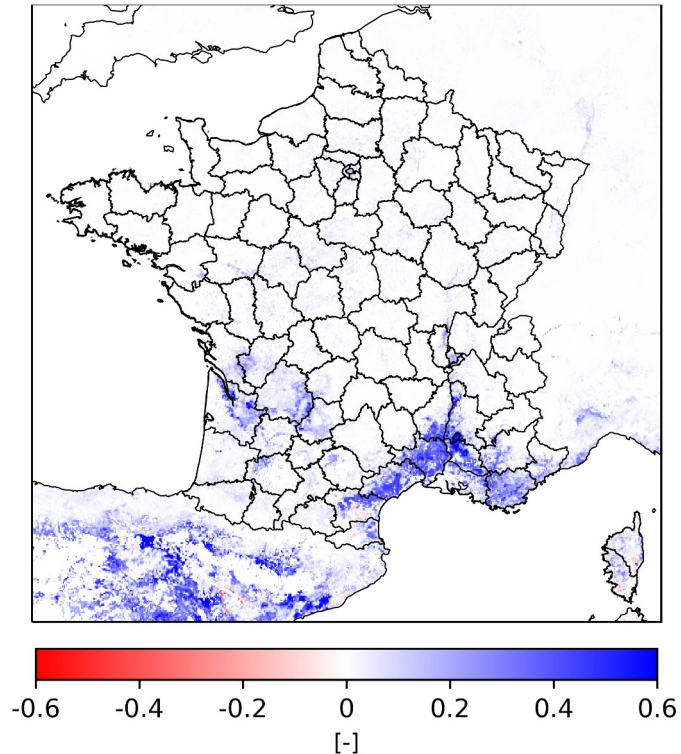
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Forest SWI 0.8-1m analysis 9 Sept. 2024



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# Conclusion

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## ISBA

- LAI, biomass, soil moisture, soil temperature, ...
- NN observation operator layer being implemented
  - New variables can be simulated in a robust way from pre-existing variables
  - New observations are assimilated (microwave data, SIF, ...)

## Satellite data

- LAI: true LAI with good temporal consistency and timeliness is needed
  - CLMS RT1 LAI is a good candidate but only one observation every 10 days
  - More LAI observations are needed
    - Align **EUMETSAT LSASAF** LAI to CLMS
    - Assimilate LAI-sensitive microwave data (ASCAT, SCA, S1, ...)
- ASCAT:  $\sigma_0$  at  $40^\circ$  from **EUMETSAT HSAF**, multi-angular info (slope) is useful too

## Vegetation fire danger monitoring

- LDAS within SURFEX forced by AROME (western Europe), ARPEGE (world)

# Monitoring of vegetation and droughts

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→ Thank you for your attention :-)

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