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# Road map

- An robust numerical implementation of stomatal conductance calculation
- A mechanistically based formulation of soil conductance for soil-atmosphere exchange of generic volatile tracers

C<sub>3</sub> Plant  
Elm



Carbon Dioxide

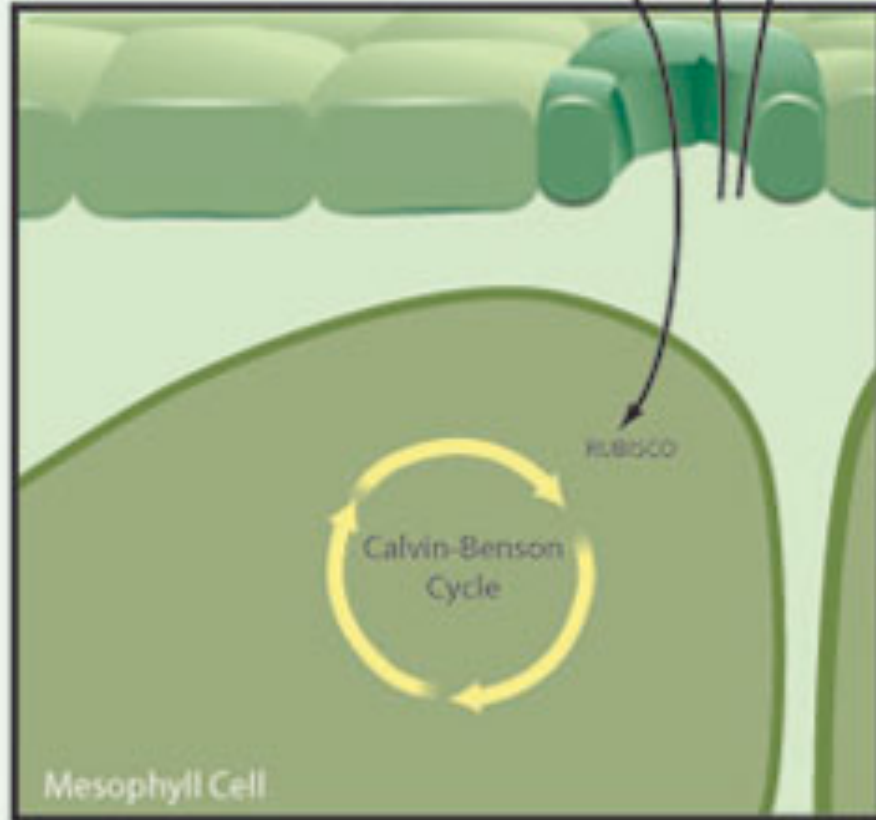
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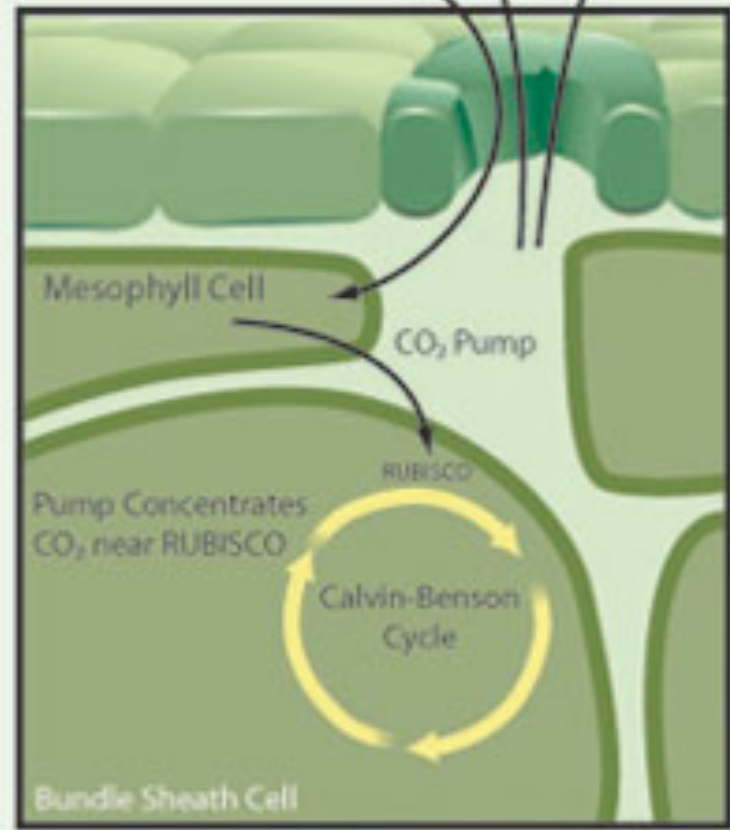
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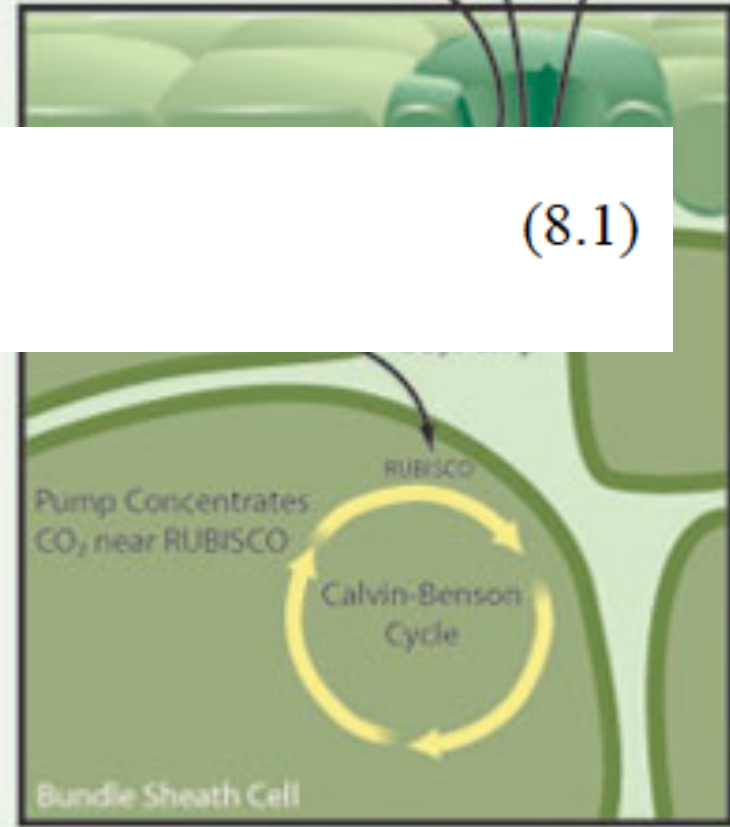
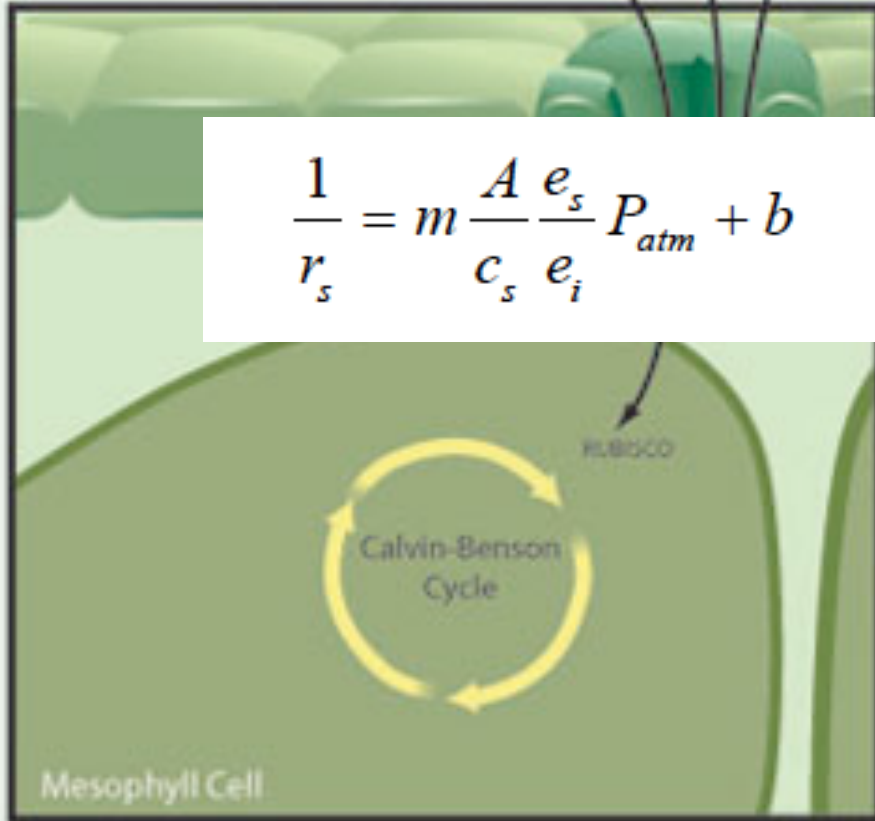
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$$\frac{1}{r_s} = m \frac{A}{c_s} \frac{e_s}{e_i} P_{atm} + b \quad (8.1)$$



# Stomatal resistance solution

$$\frac{e'_a - e_i}{(r_b + r_s)} = \frac{e'_a - e_s}{r_b} = \frac{e_s - e_i}{r_s} \quad (8.23)$$

$$c_s = c_a - 1.37r_b P_{atm} A \quad (8.25)$$

$$\left( \frac{mAP_{atm}e'_a}{c_s e_i} + b \right) r_s^2 + \left( \frac{mAP_{atm}r_b}{c_s} + br_b - 1 \right) r_s - r_b = 0. \quad (8.27)$$

$$c_i = c_s - 1.65r_s P_{atm} A \quad (8.28)$$

# Fixed-point iteration

$$c_i^{n+1} = f(c_i^n)$$

Contracting condition

$$\left| c_i^{n+1} - c_i^n \right| = \left| f(c_i^n) - f(c_i^{n-1}) \right| < \left| c_i^n - c_i^{n-1} \right|$$

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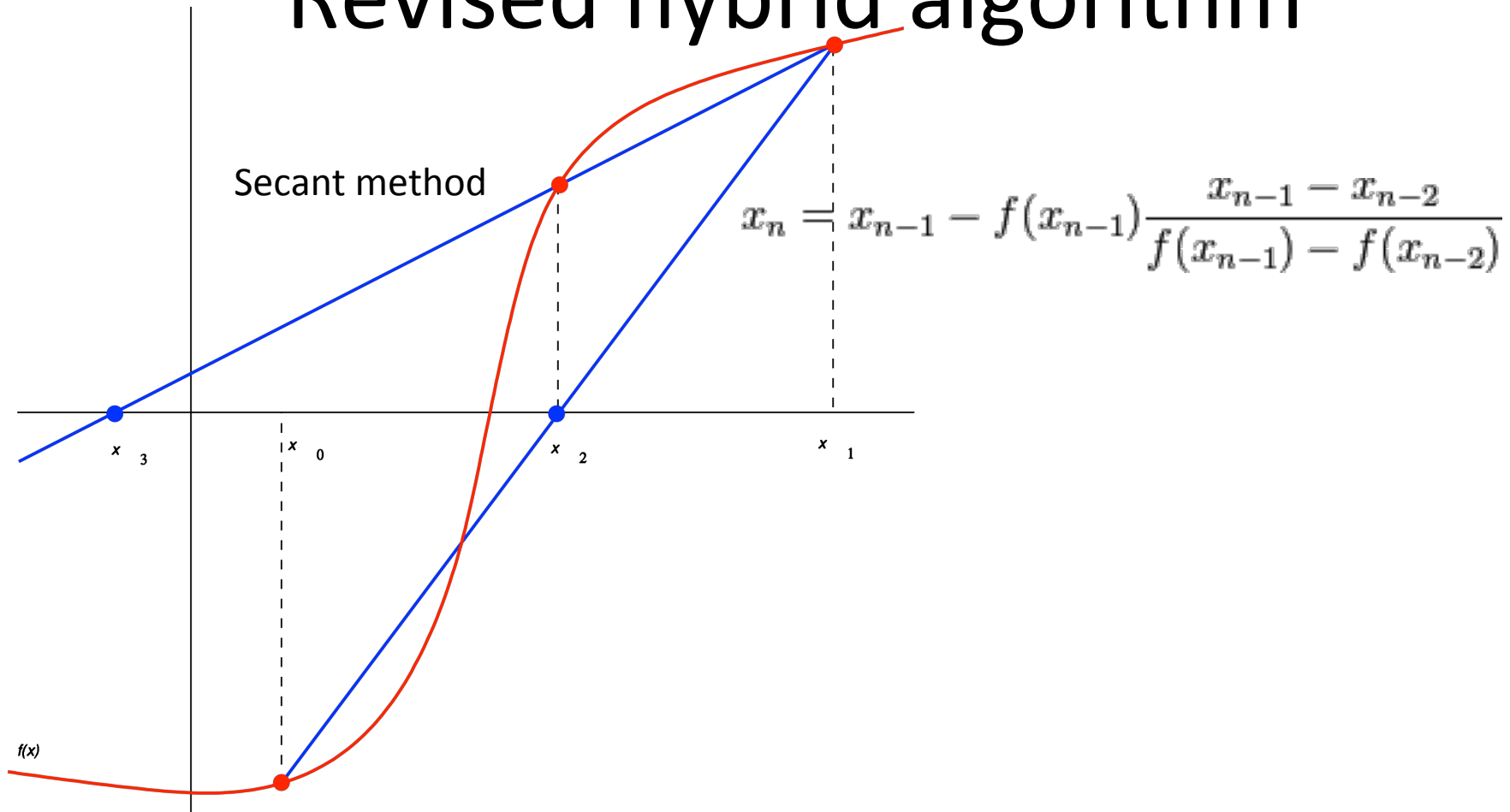
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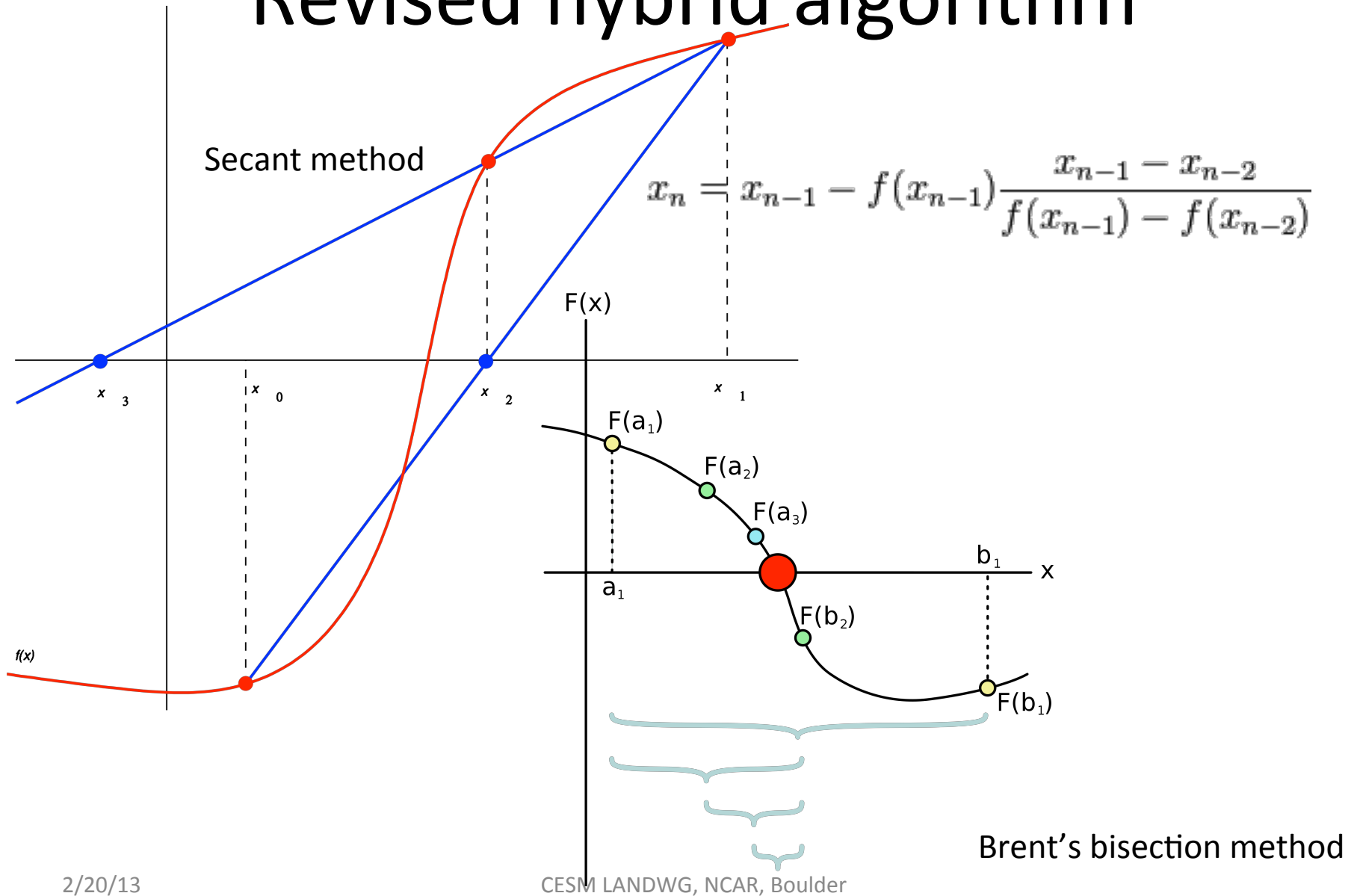
Sun et al., 2012



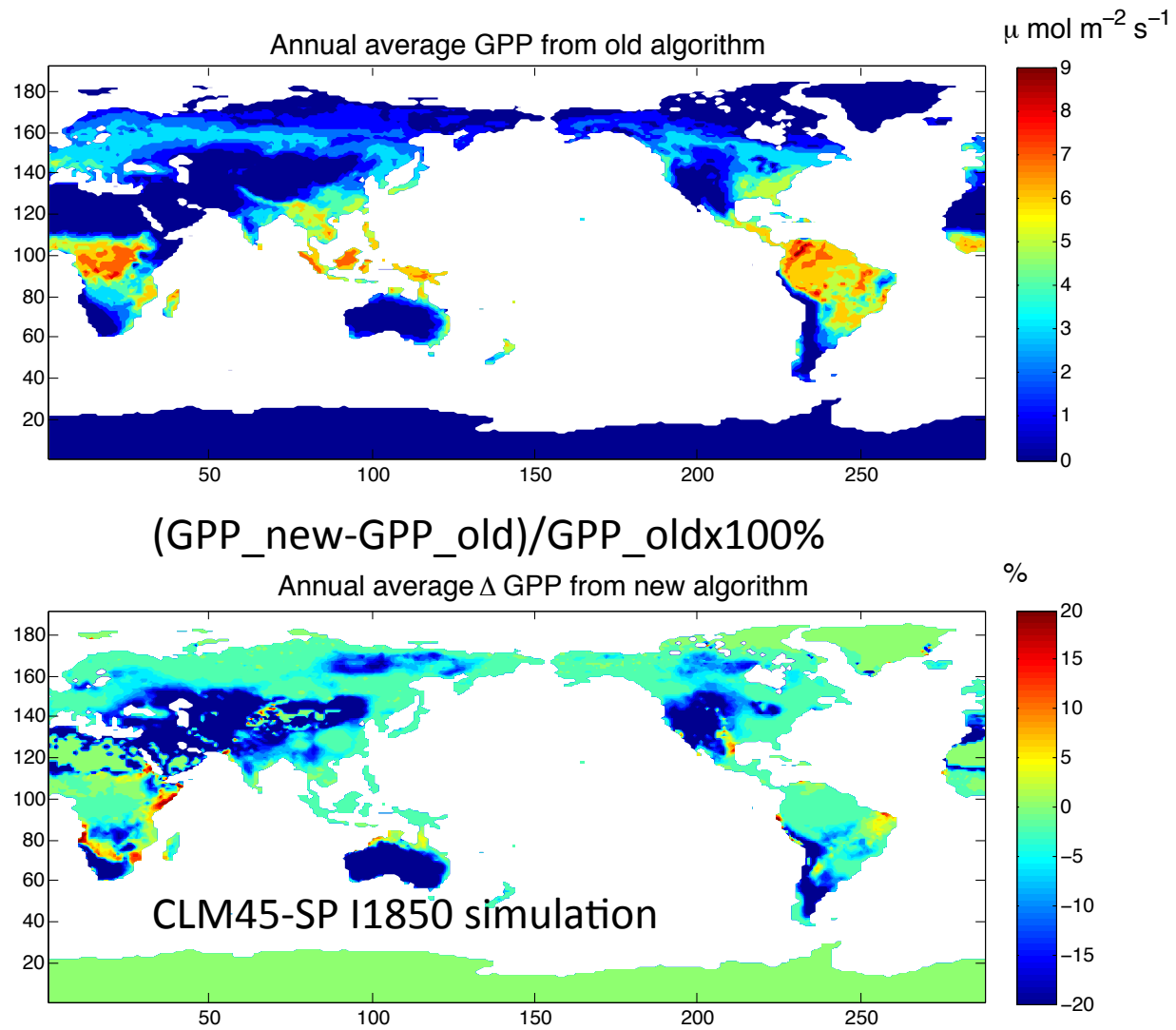
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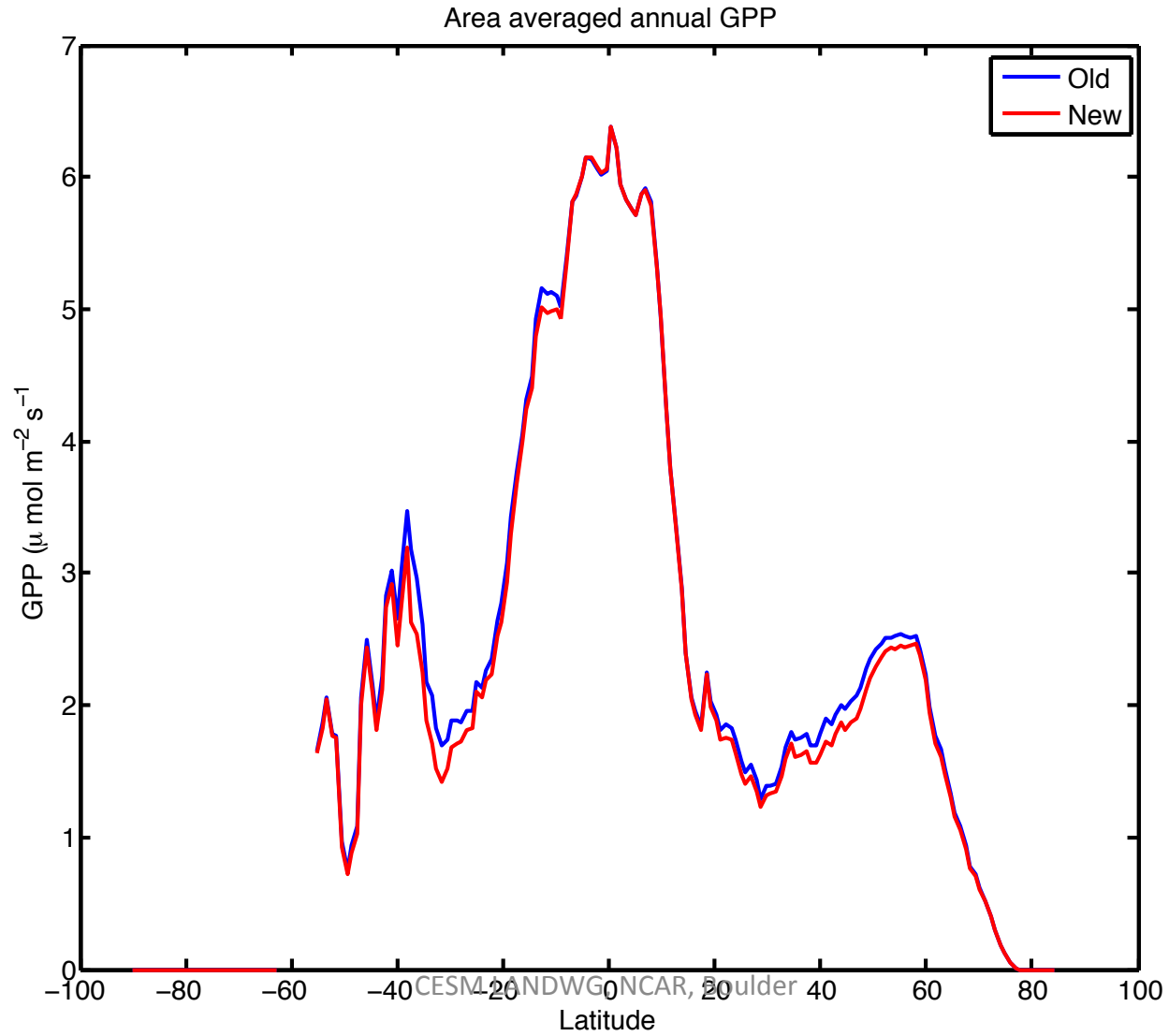
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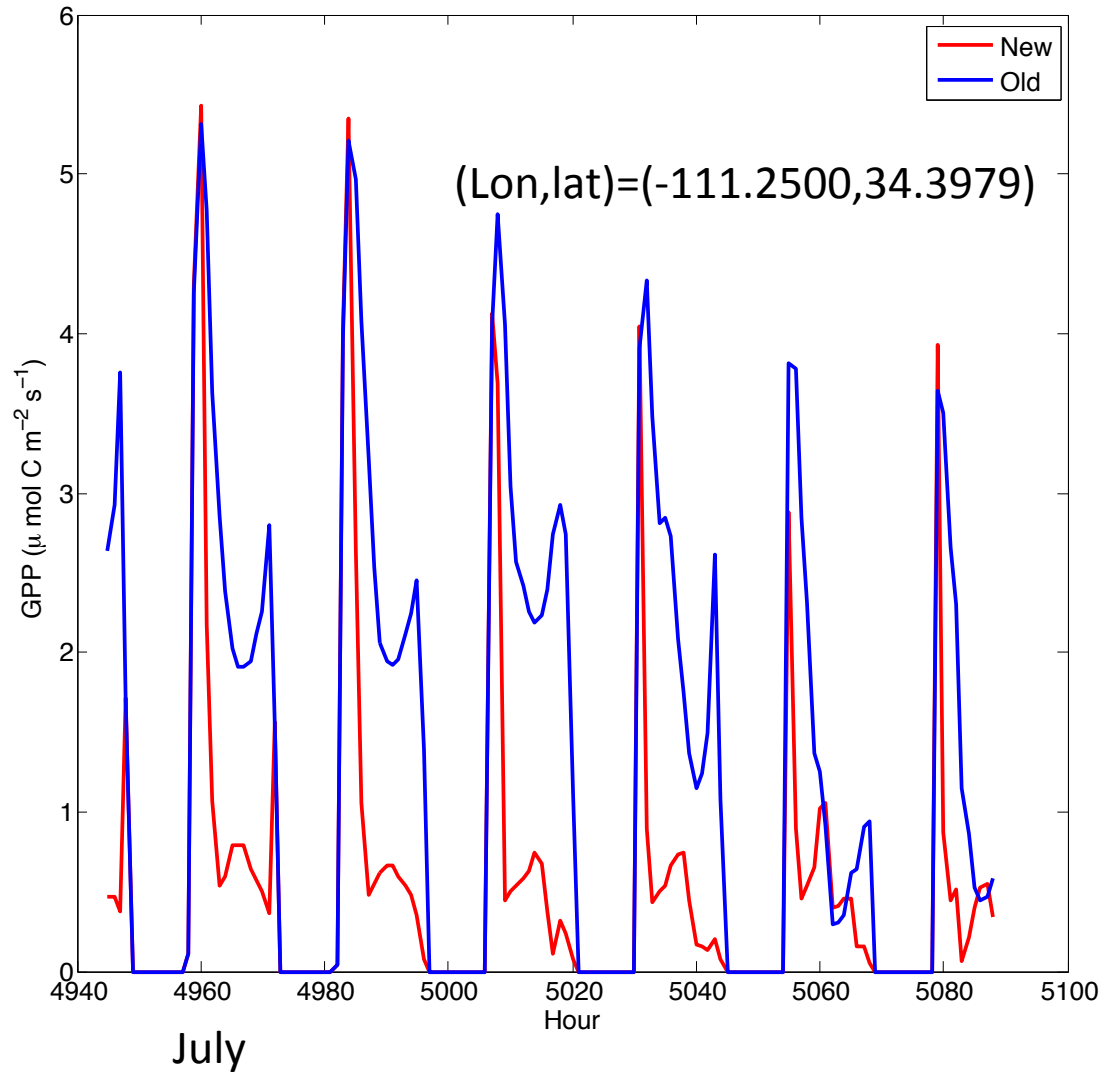
# Change in annual GPP



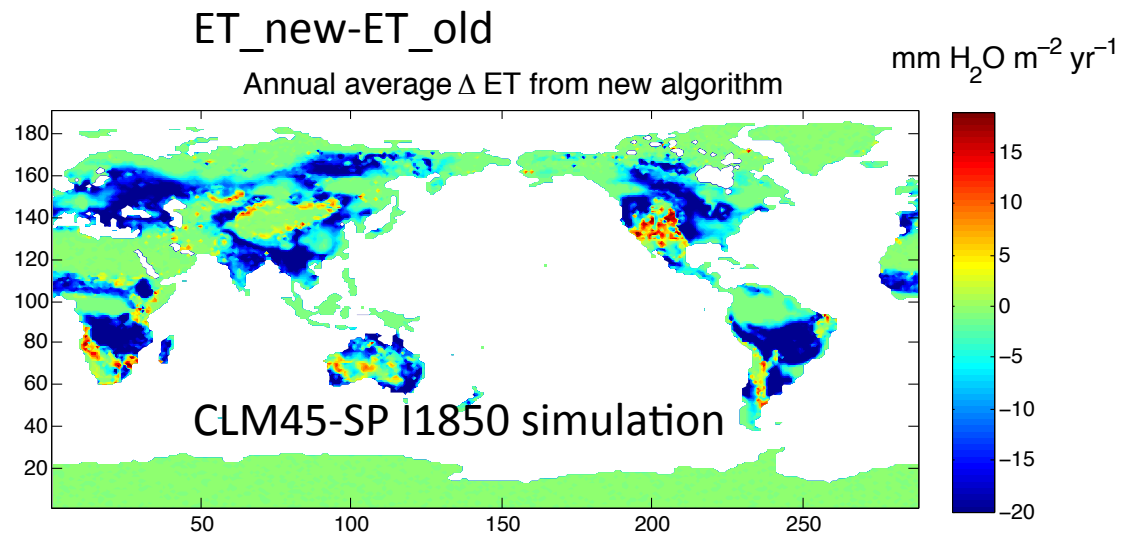
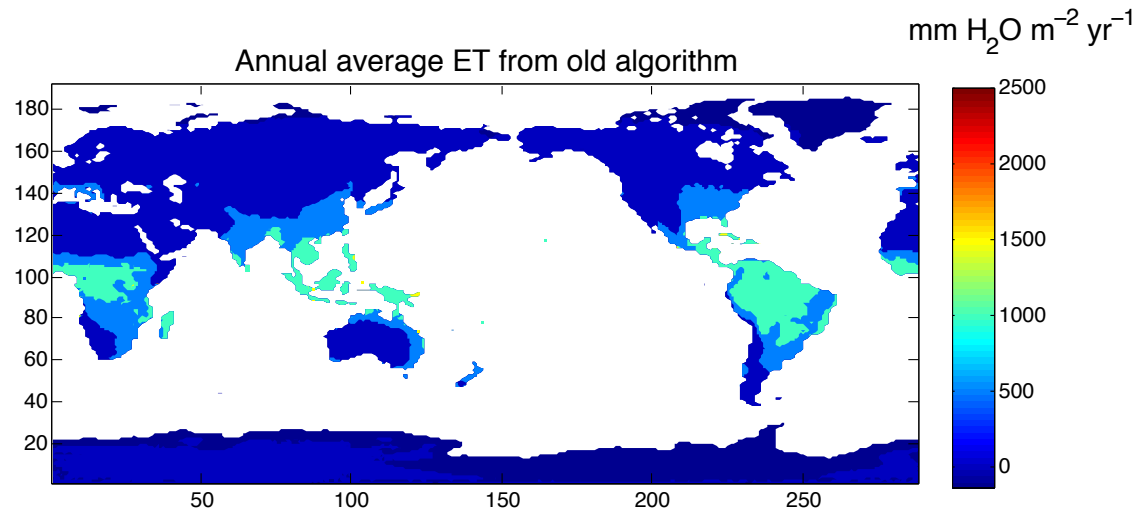
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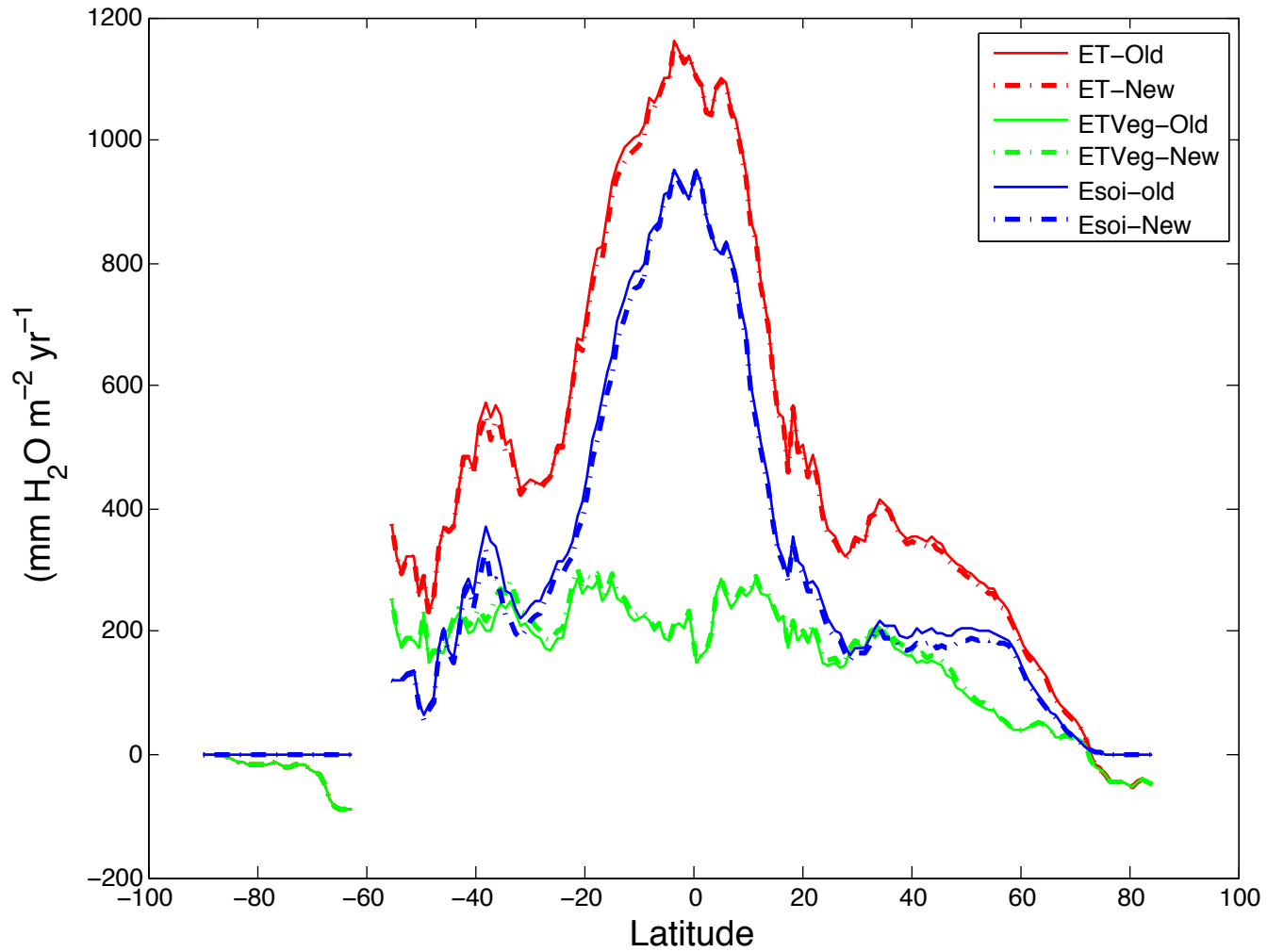
# Diurnal cycle



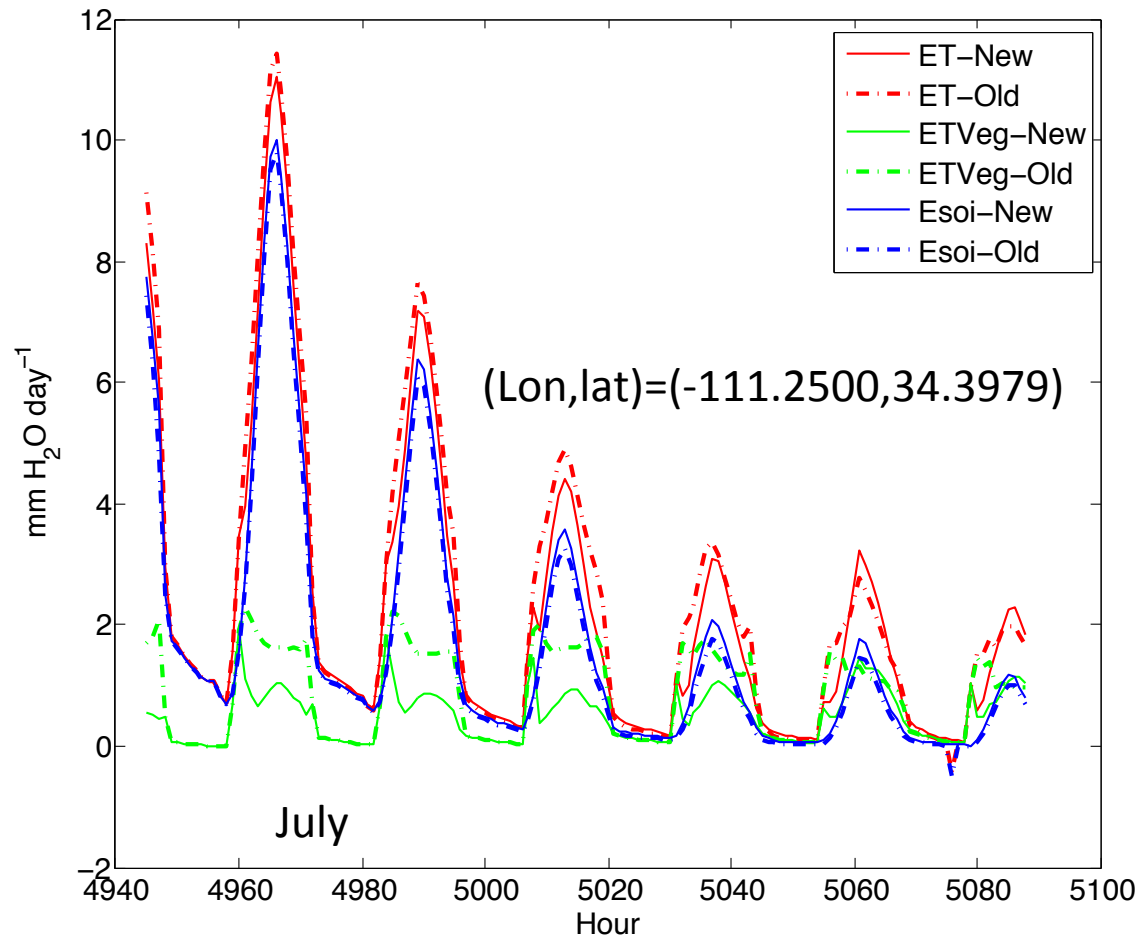
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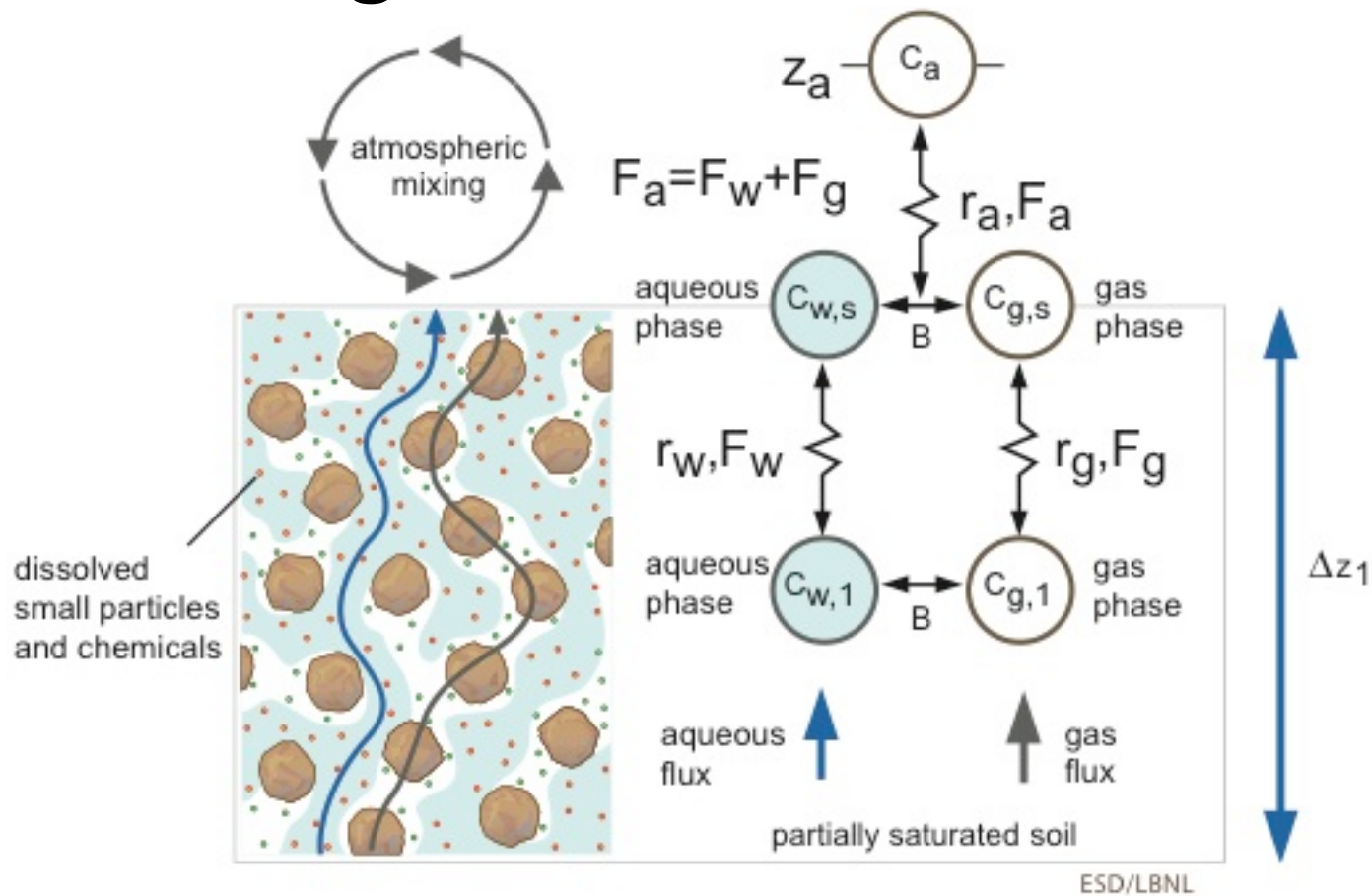


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# Resistance for soil-atmosphere exchange of volatile chemicals



Tang and Riley, HESS, 2013

# The mechanistic bulk resistance for soil-atmosphere exchange

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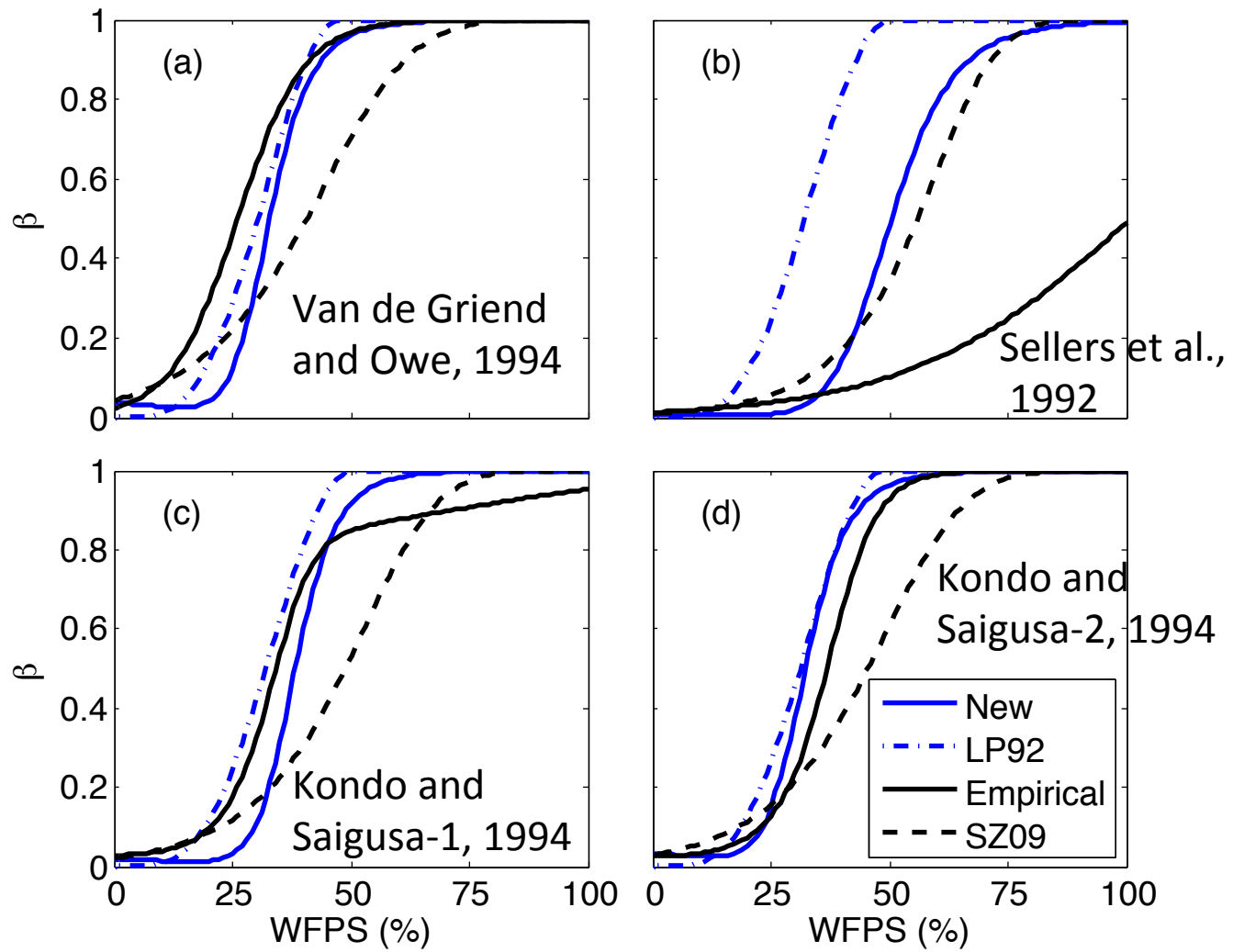
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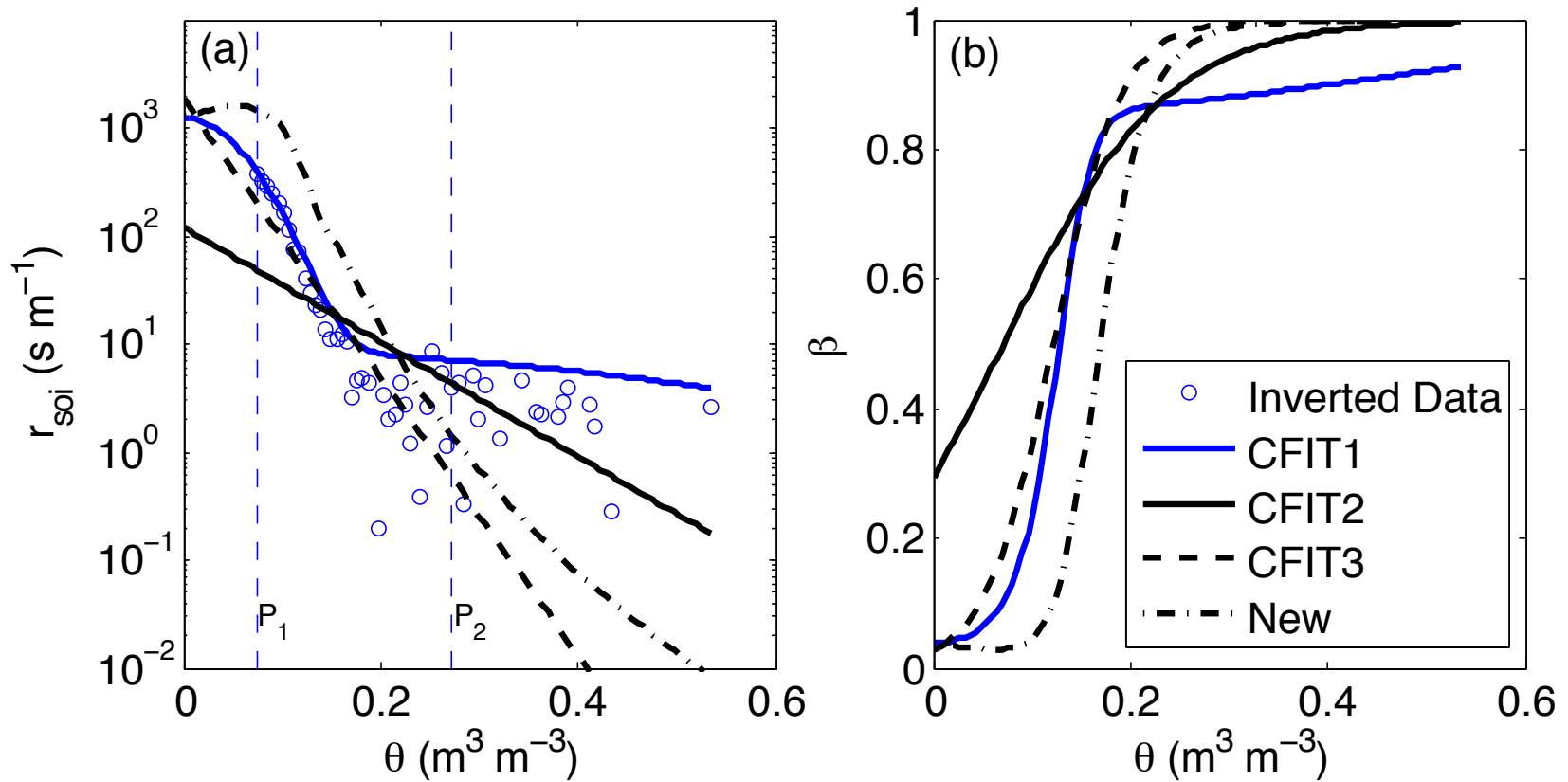
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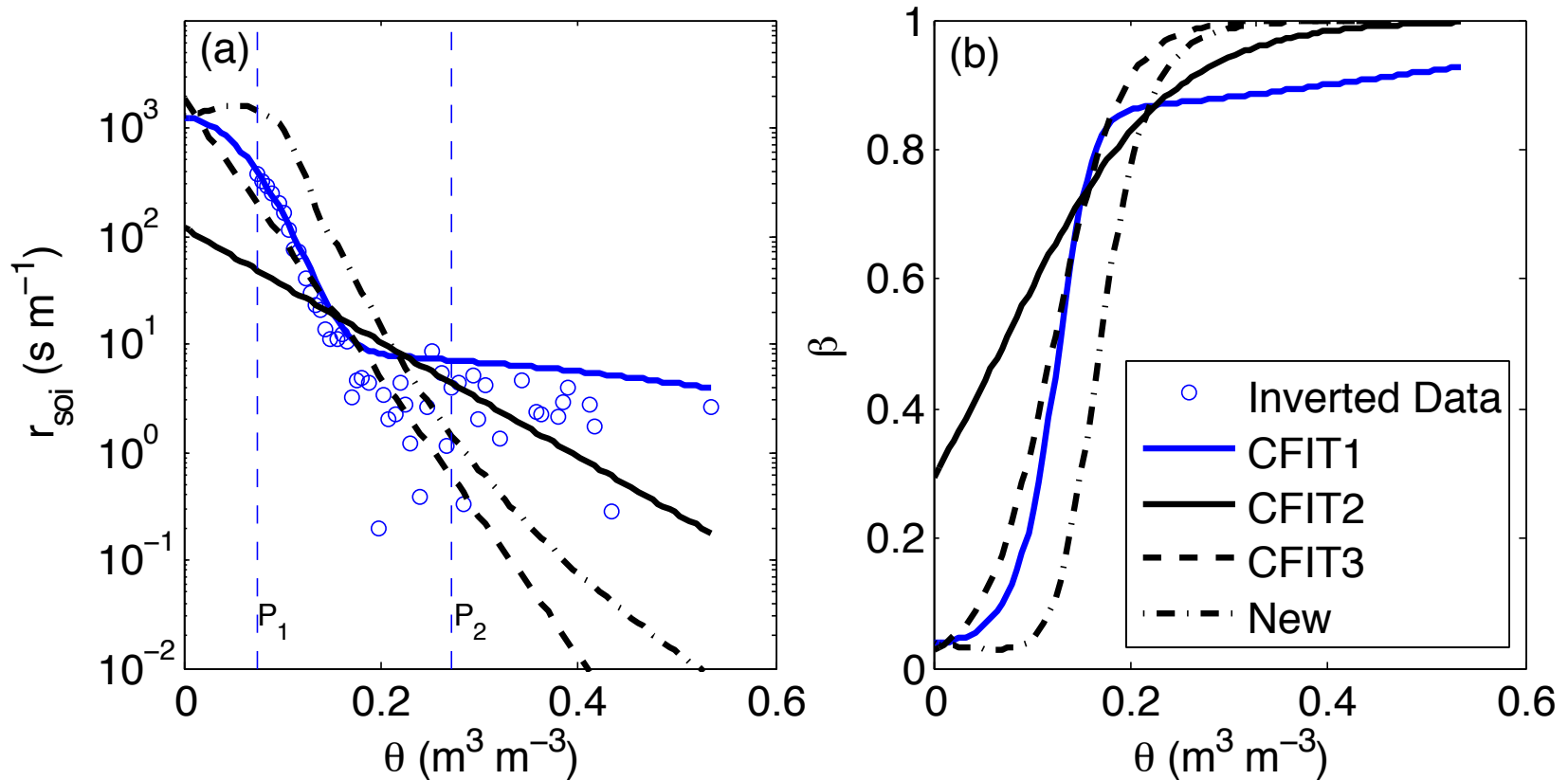
$$\beta = \frac{E_a}{E_p}$$



# Data error sensitivity

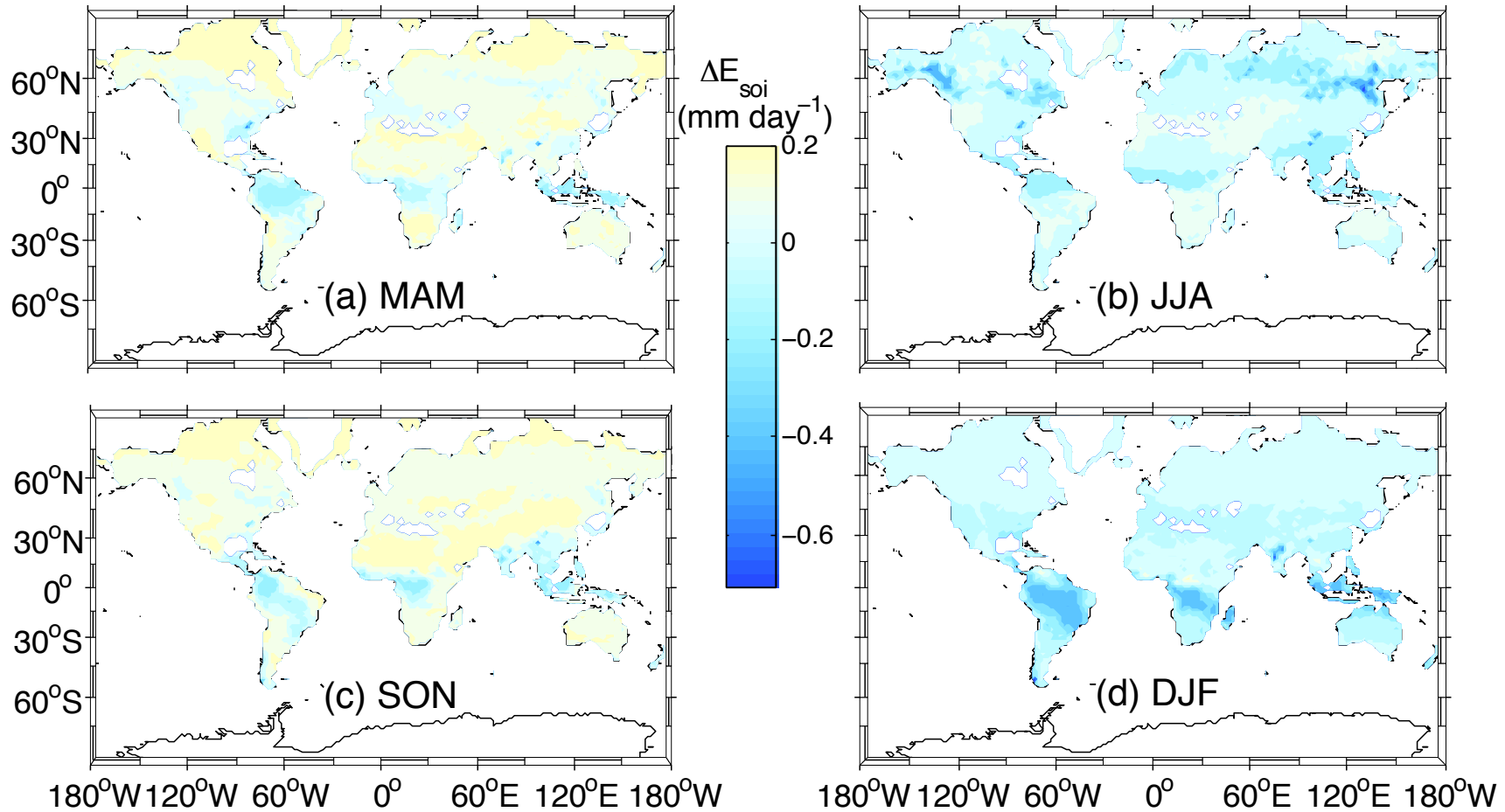


# Data error sensitivity



Empirical data are very likely severely error convolved

# Change in soil evaporation

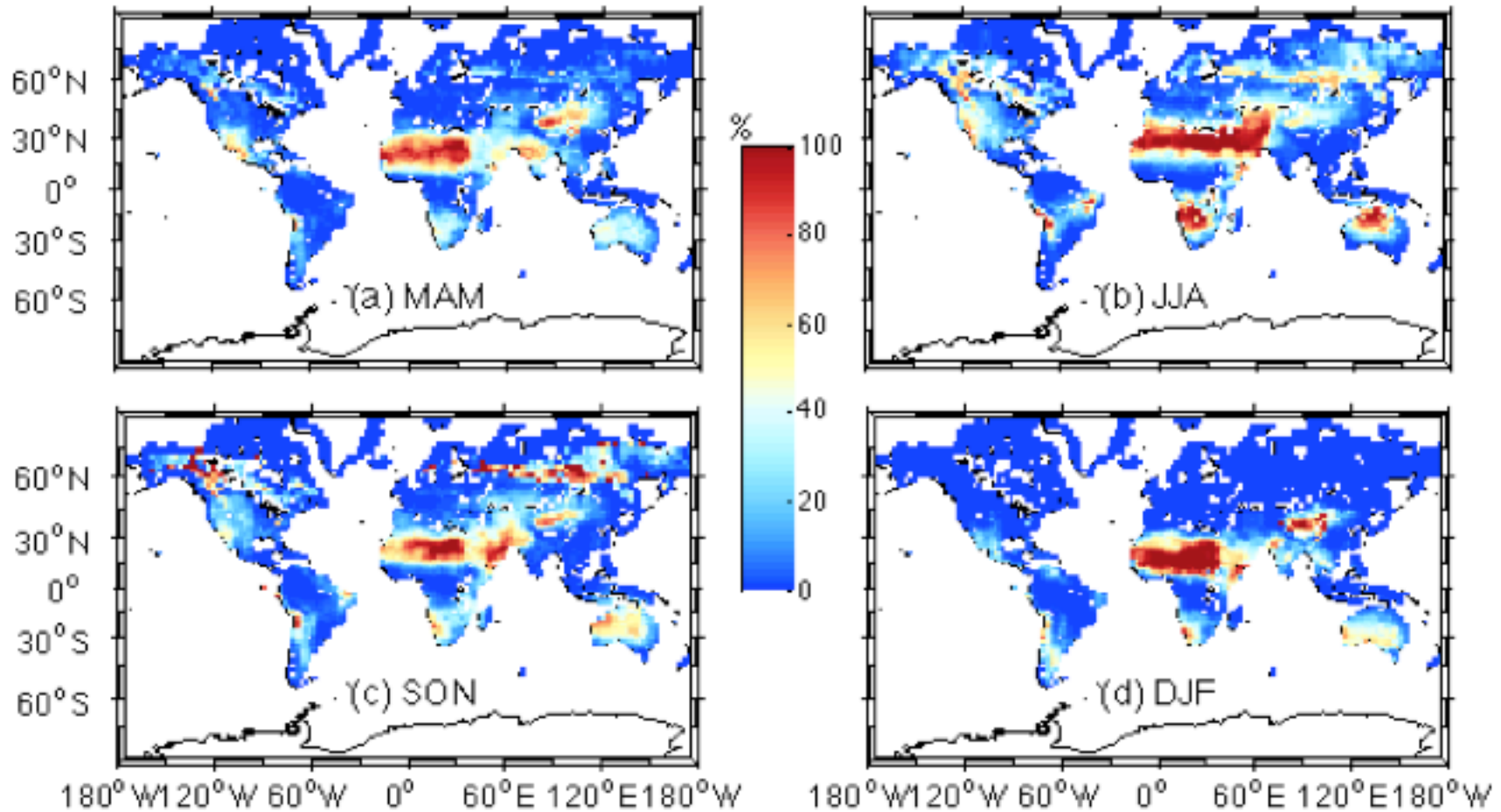


5-yr average difference, CLM4SP, I-2000

Tang and Riley, JAMES, In review



# Soil evaporation partitioning



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# Summary

- The revised numerical algorithm improved the stomatal resistance calculation.
- The mechanistically based soil resistance improved the physical understanding of soil evaporation.