



# Updates on GEWEX and GPEX activities and Personal View on Land impacts on Precipitation

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## Three Overarching but Connected Goals of GEWEX:

- **Goal 1:** Determine the extent to which Earth's water cycle can be **predicted** (reservoirs, flux changes, and precipitation extremes).
- **Goal 2:** Quantify the **interrelationships** between Earth's energy, water, and carbon cycles to advance our understanding of the system and our ability to predict it across scales.
- **Goal 3:** Quantify **anthropogenic** influences on Earth's water cycle and our ability to understand and predict it.



The focus of the four GEWEX panels in relation to the global and regional water and energy cycles  
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The First 30 Years of GEWEX

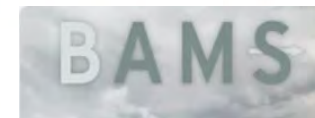
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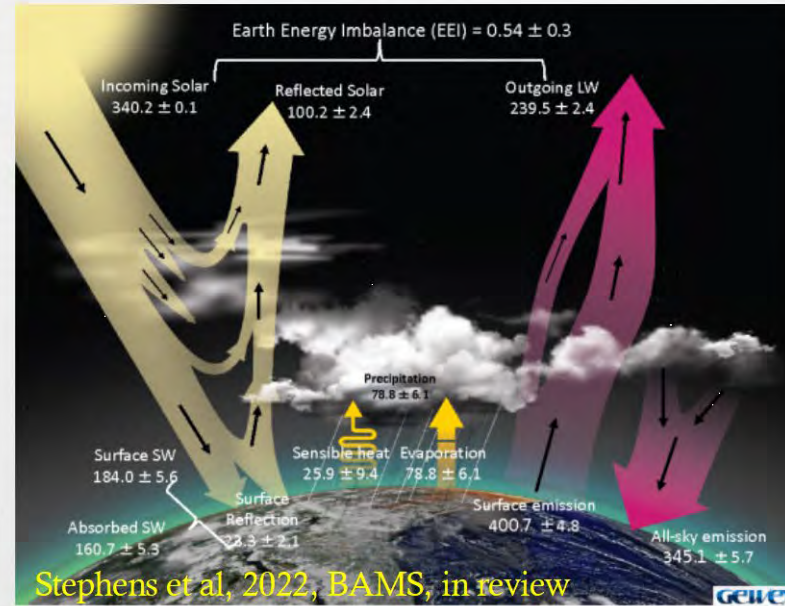
# GDAP Activities

Observation-centric, climate-oriented, consistency-driven, global, research-focused

## Precipitation



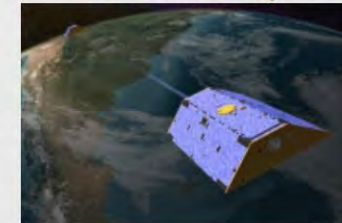
## Radiation



## Sea level



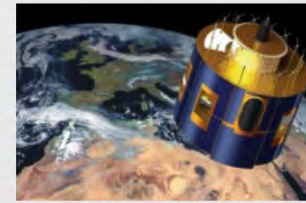
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## Surface Fluxes



## Clouds

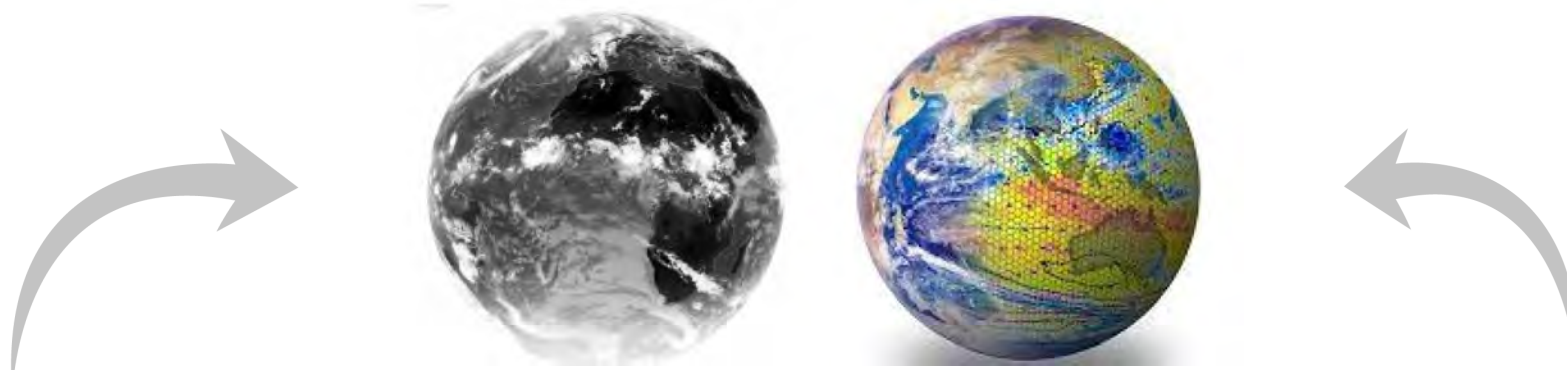


# GASS: Overarching questions

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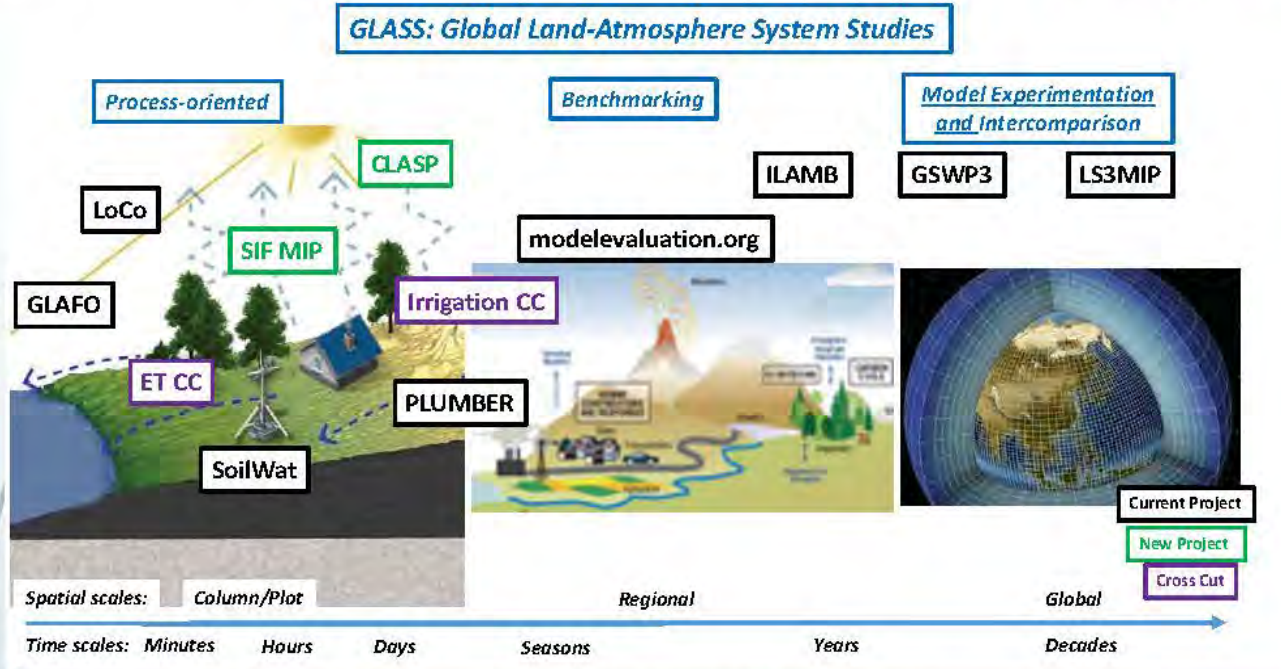
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How do the micro to meso scale atmospheric processes control global Water and Energy Exchanges?





# Ten GLASS Panel Projects: From column (process) to global scale

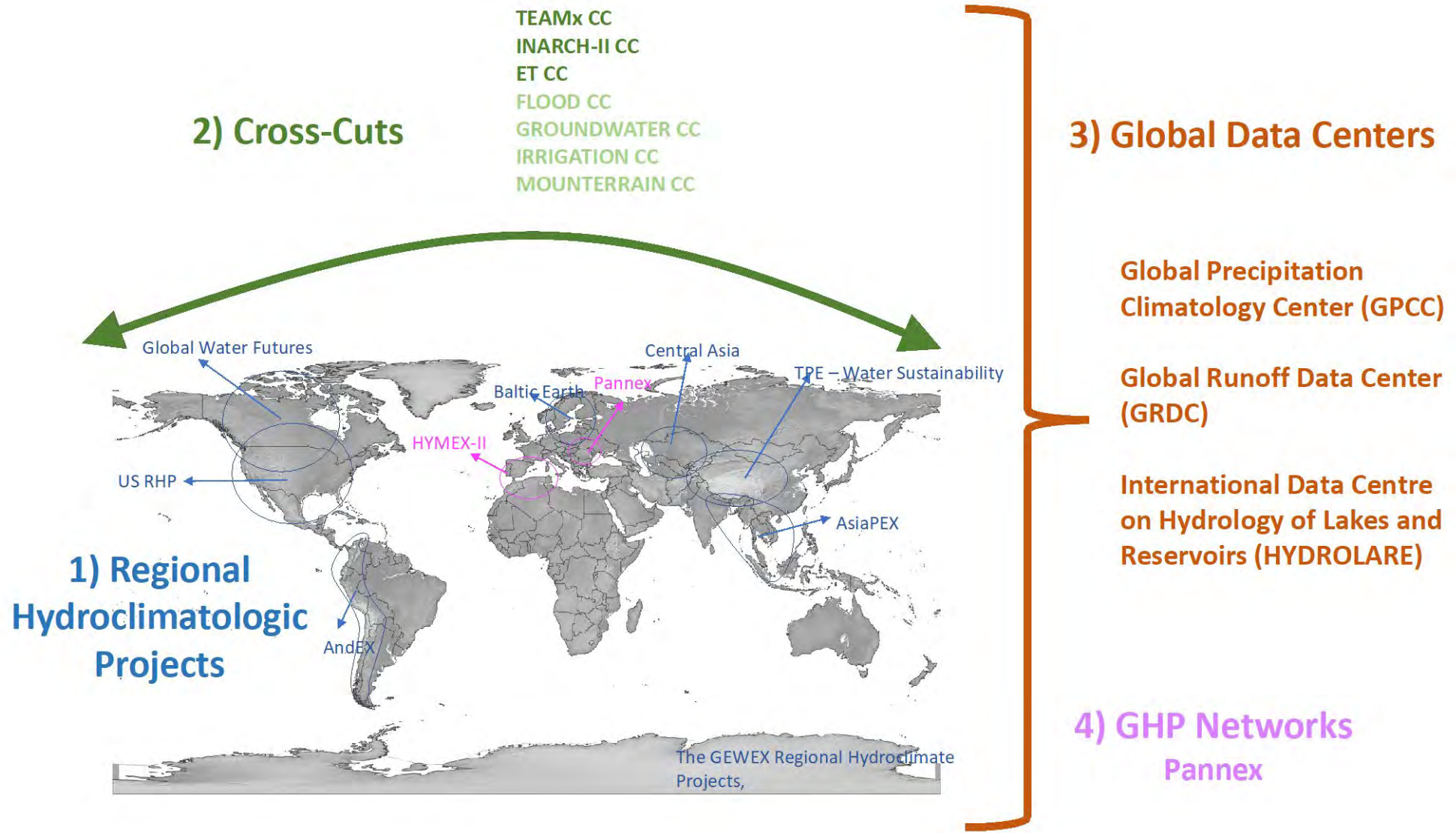


- **ILAMB:** International LAnd Model Benchmarking
- **Modevaluation.org:** web application for evaluating and benchmarking computational models.
- **GSWP3:** Global Soil Wetness Project, phase 3
- **LS3MIP:** Land Surface, Snow and Soil Moisture MIP

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- **LoCo:** Local Coupling Working Group
- **GLAFO:** GEWEX/GLASS Land-Atmosphere Feedback Observatories
- **SIFMIP:** Solar-Induced Fluorescence MIP
- **CLASP** (Coupling of Atmospheric Land and Sub-grid Parameterizations)
- **SoilWat:** Soils and Subsurface processes
- **PLUMBER2:** The Protocol for the Analysis of Land Surface Models (**PALS**) Land Surface Model Benchmarking Evaluation Project, phase 2





GHP Co-Chairs: Ali Nazemi, Paola Arias



# GEWEX Future Plans

- 9th GEWEX Open Science Conference in Japan
  - Extent to which Earth's water cycle can be observed and predicted
  - Interrelationships between energy, water and carbon cycles and Earth system predictability across scales
  - Understanding and predicting anthropogenic influences on the water cycle
  - Extremes in the water cycle and risks to society
- New Regional Hydroclimate Projects targeting Central Asia, Africa and New Zealand/Oceania and cross-cutting projects on flooding, groundwater and surface water.
- Projects in the pipeline for each Panel (GDAP, GASS, GLASS, GHP)

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Pan-GASS meeting in Monterey, California, USA, in July 2022

# Global Precipitation Experiment (GPEX)

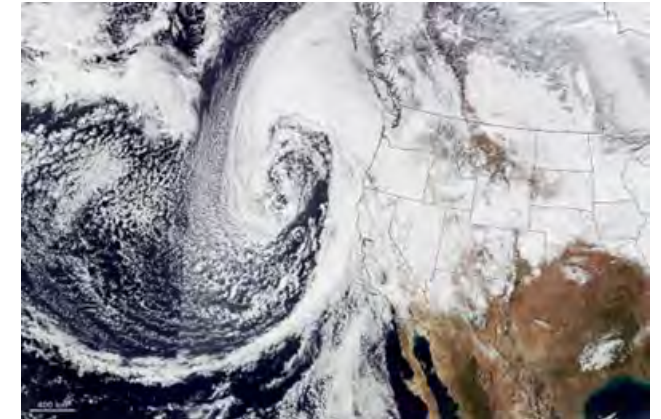
Precipitation – too much, too intense, or too little – is at the center of climate science and applications.

Despite progress in the past few decades, the improvement of precipitation prediction and projection skill remains slow.

WCRP Action: launch the Global Precipitation Experiment (GPEX) as a **new Lighthouse Activity**, with four categories of activities:

- **WCRP Years of Precipitation** - global field campaigns focusing on four storm types: atmospheric rivers, mesoscale convective systems, monsoons, tropical cyclones.
- **Global precipitation-related data development** – e.g., global km-scale and hourly precipitation data
- **Process understanding and model improvement** – e.g., high spatial and temporal resolution analysis and forecasting for the Years of Precipitation, multi-scale modeling
- **Capacity development**

**Action plan:** SSC membership, leaders for field campaigns and data, modeling, prediction activities





# Personal View on Land impacts on Precipitation

Local impacts: well established;  
requires OBS, SCM, regional, or global L-A model

Downstream impacts: well established;  
requires OBS, regional, or global L-A model

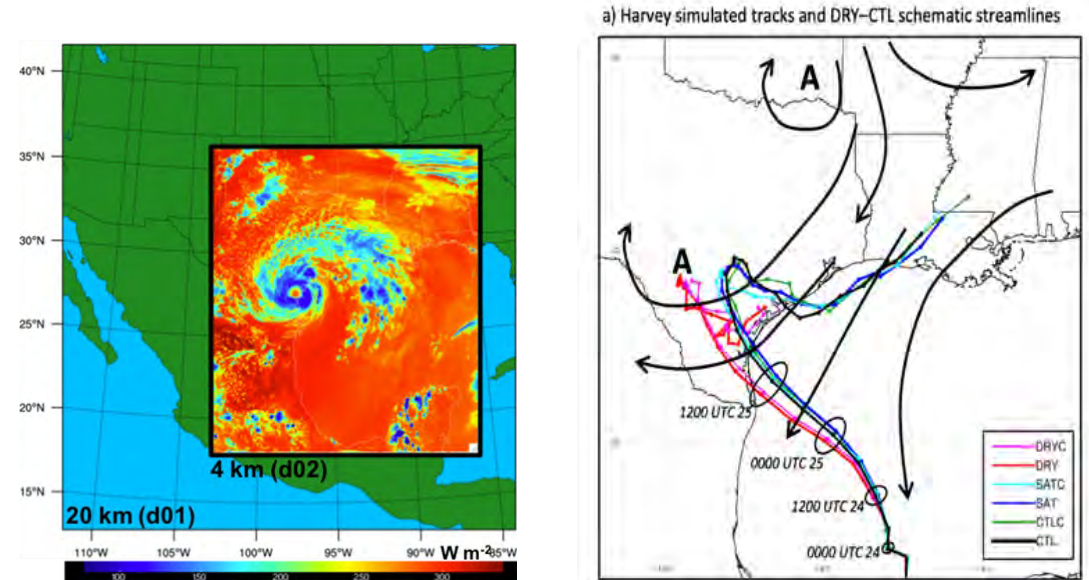
Upstream impacts: possible;  
requires regional or global L-A model

Global impacts via Rossby waves:  
LS4P, getting more acceptance now;  
requires regional or global L-A model

Global impacts via oceans as a bridge: possible;  
requires global L-A-O model

**Should LS4P expand to L-A-O modeling in later phases?**

Soil moisture effect on the simulation of Hurricane Harvey (\$130 Billion damages)



Black arrows: schematic streamline perturbation (DRY-CTL) in the 850-700 hPa layer (Galarneau and Zeng 2020)