[VERIMIP] Comparison of COSMO-TERRA and COSMO-CLM in weather mode for summer heat extremes

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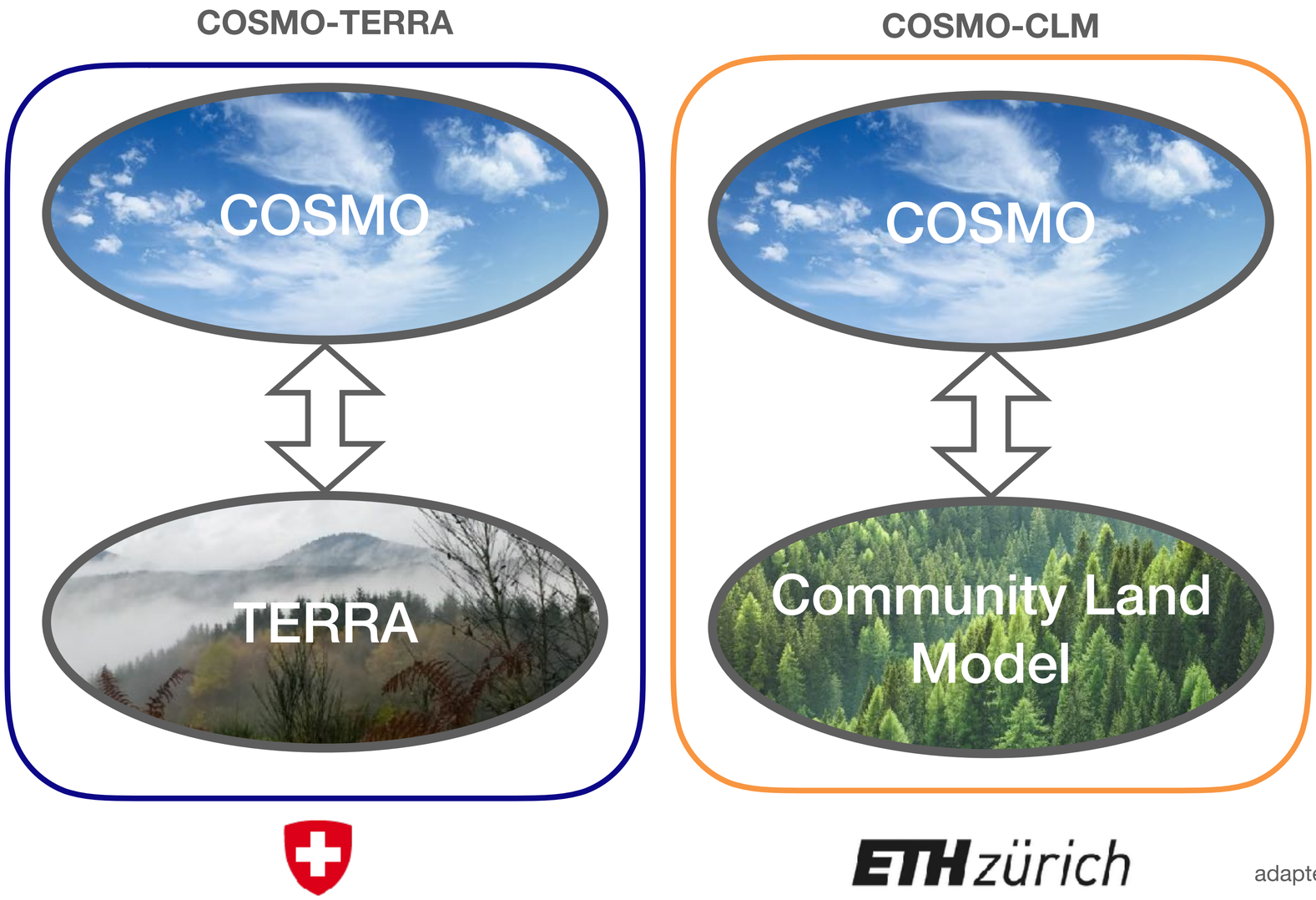
Framework



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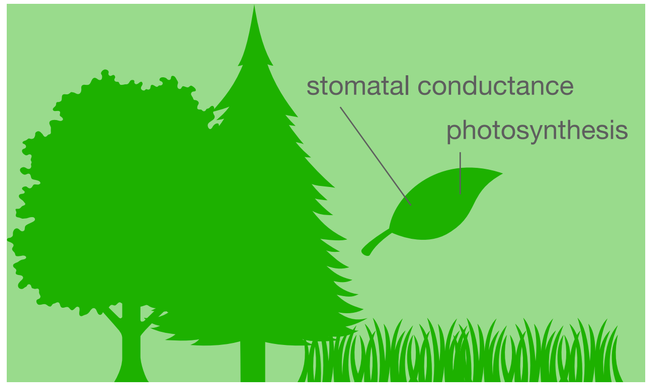
TERRA vs CLM

T_{2m} T_{2m}

empirical stomatal conductance

$T_{radiative}$



$T_{radiative\ (vegetation)}$

$T_{radiative\ (surface)}$

~ ‘2nd generation‘

~ ‘3rd generation‘

adapted from Vogel et al 2015

TERRA vs CLM

COSMO TERRA 5.0

COSMO TERRA 5.05 *standard* settings

COSMO TERRA 5.05 *advanced* settings

v5.05 DELAYED

COSMO CLM

Evaluation Datasets

model resolution: 6.6km, hourly

	EOBS	Satellite LST	GLEAM	WECANN	CERES	GHF estimate
type	**gridded meteorological stations**	**thermal infrared from EUMETSAT**	**model fed with satellite and ground observations**	**solar-induced fluorescence, machine learning**	**satellite observation**	**compound product**
time resolution	**daily 1950-2015**	**hourly 1991 - 2015**	**daily 1980-2016**	**monthly 2007-2015**	**daily 2000-2017**	**daily 2015**
spatial resolution	**0.1° × 0.1° Europe**	**5 × 5 km Europe & Africa**	**0.25° x 0.25° global**	**1° x 1° global**	**1° x 1° global**	**resp. resolution**
2m temperature [K]	daily 2m-temperature (min, max, mean) [K]					
ground temperature [K]		radiative ground temperature [K]				
SH [W m^{-2}]				daily sensible heat [Wm^{-2}] monthly average		
LH [W m^{-2}]			evapotranspiration [mm/day]	daily latent heat [Wm^{-2}], monthly average		
LW [W m^{-2}]					longwave radiation [Wm^{-2}]	
SW [W m^{-2}]					shortwave radiation [Wm^{-2}]	
Ground heat flux [W m^{-2}]						ground heat flux [Wm^{-2}]

Assessing LSM performance

Comparison	Evaluation	Benchmarking
Def: compare to other models	Def: compare to observations	Def: compare to benchmark
advantage: find where performance improvements are achieveable	advantage: compare to real measurements	advantage: a priori, non-relative, measure of information usage
challenges: making models more alike does not necessarily make them better	challenges: observations are not available / have gaps / have limitations / have uncertainties	challenges: finding a suitable benchmark

from Best et al 2015: The Plumbing of Land Surface Models: Benchmarking Model Performance

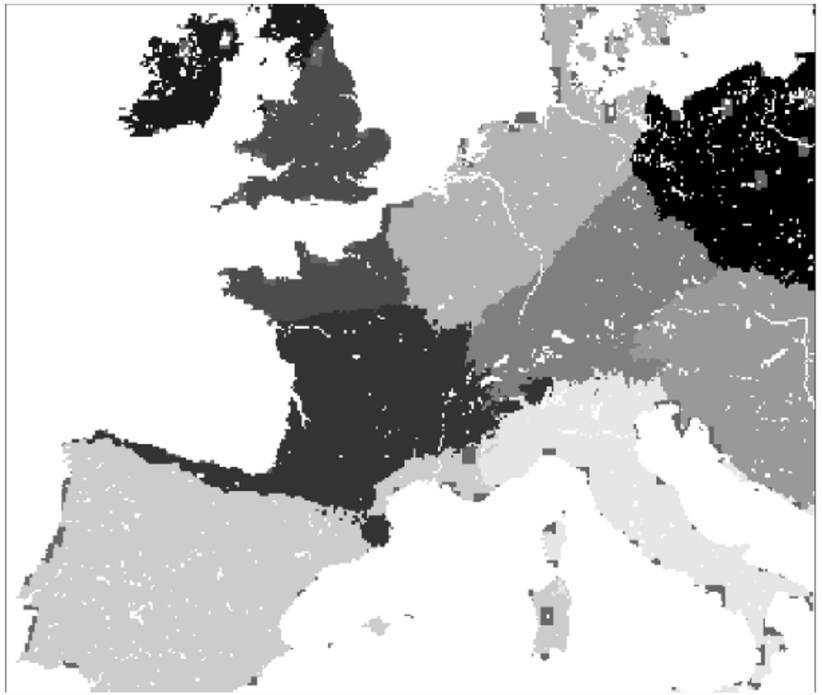
Benchmark experiment

(1) separate the domain in subdomains of similar points with kmeans algorithm

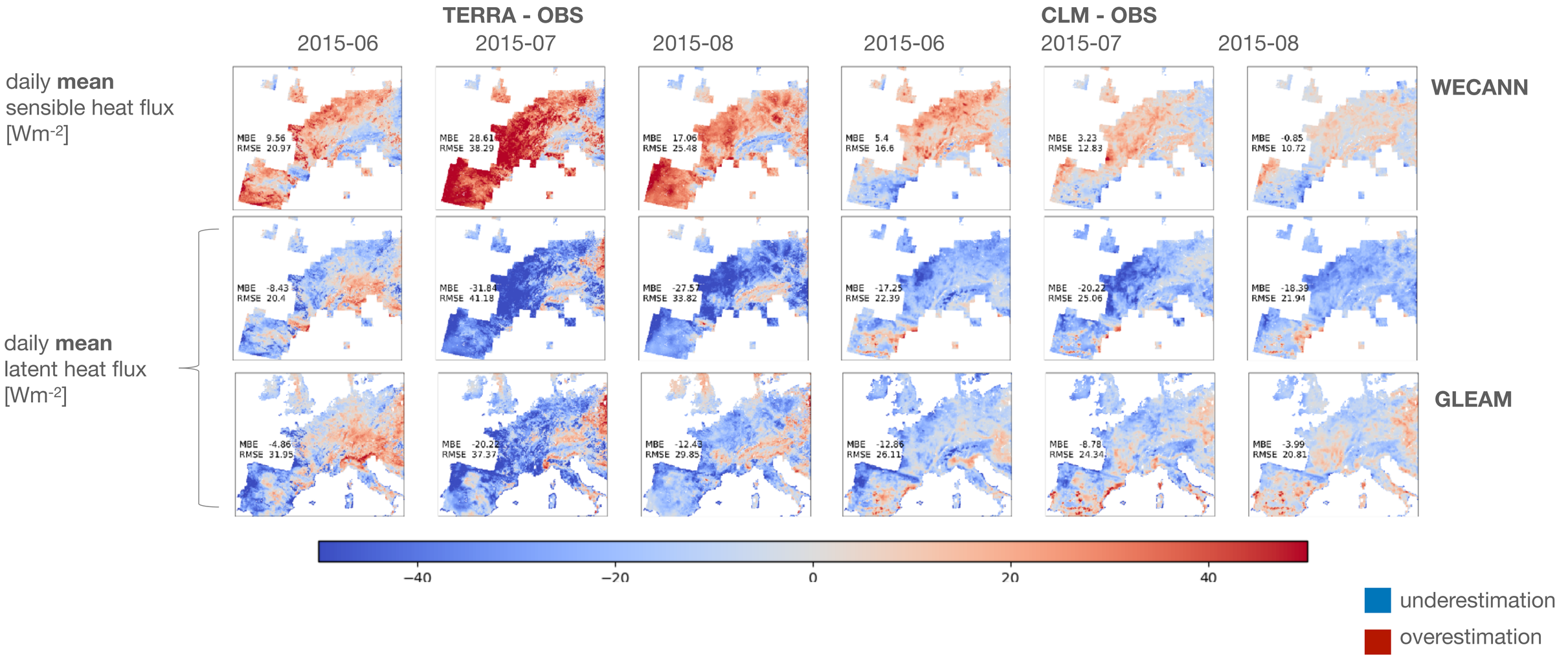
(2) train a ridge regression on each subdomain (year 2006)

$$f(SW_{COSMO}, PRECIP_{COSMO}) = w_1 SW_{COSMO} + w_2 PRECIP_{COSMO} + w_0 = LH_{GLEAM}$$

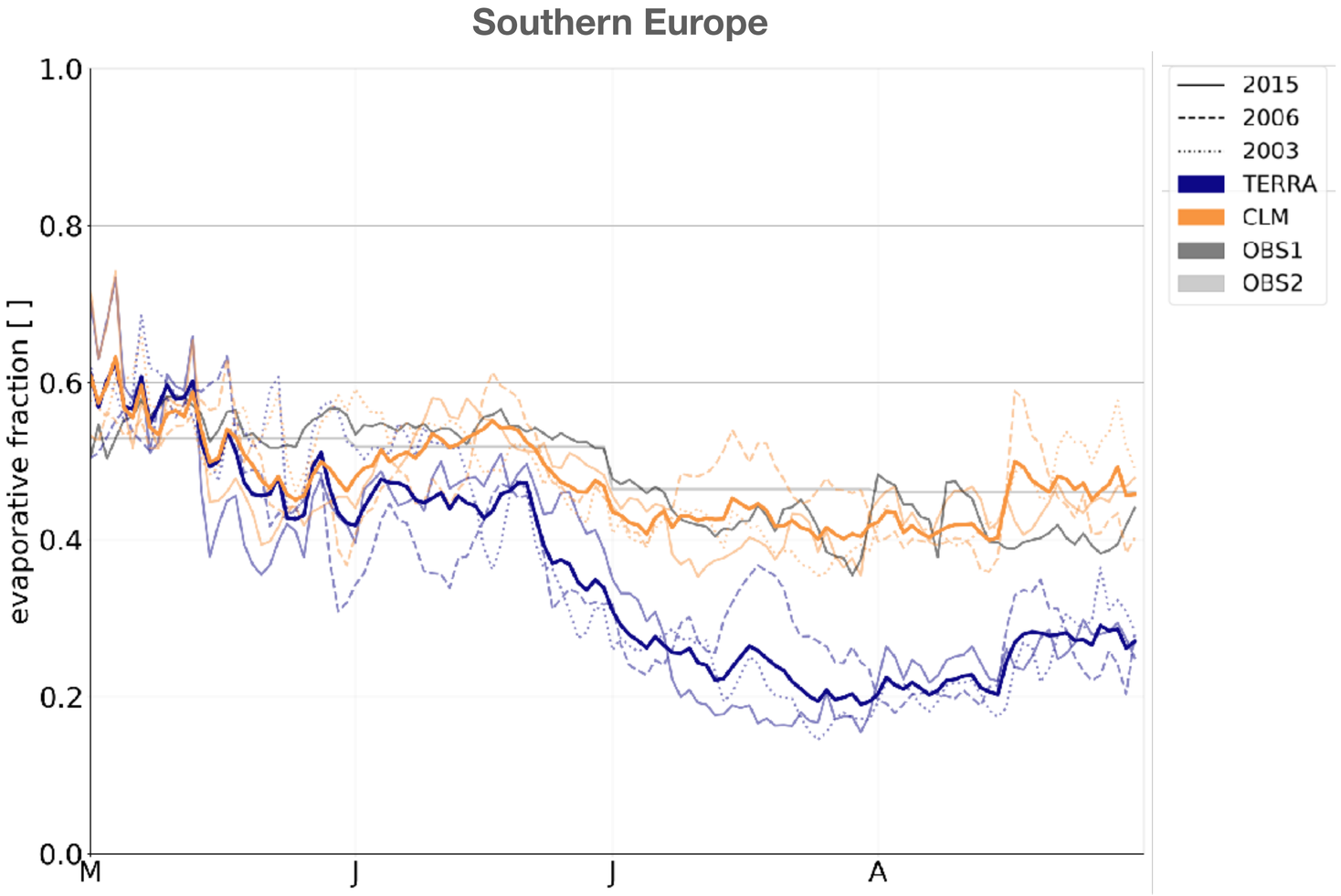
(3) estimate latent heat from regression for test data (years 2015, 2003)



Evaluation of LH and SH

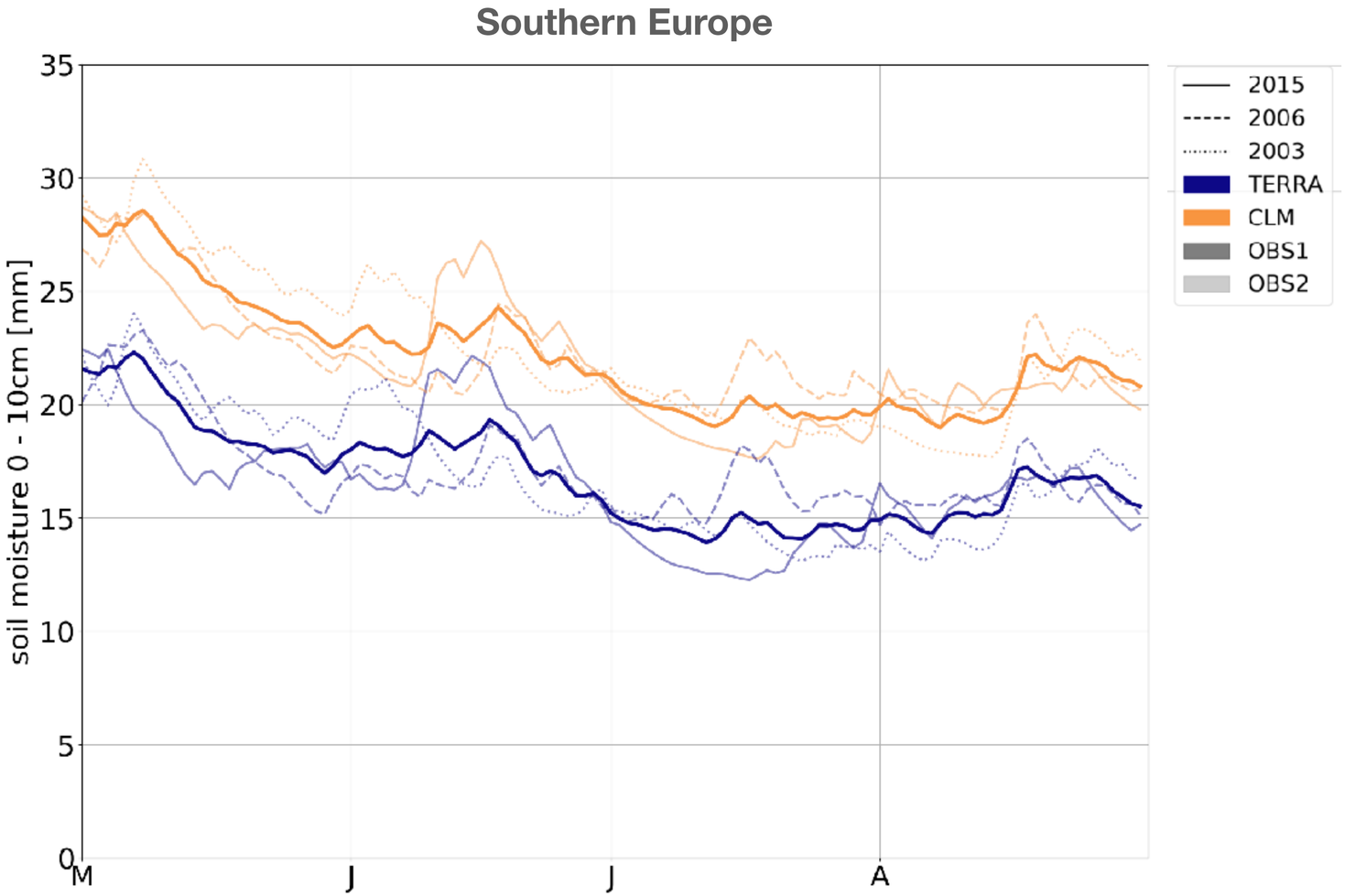


Evaporative fraction

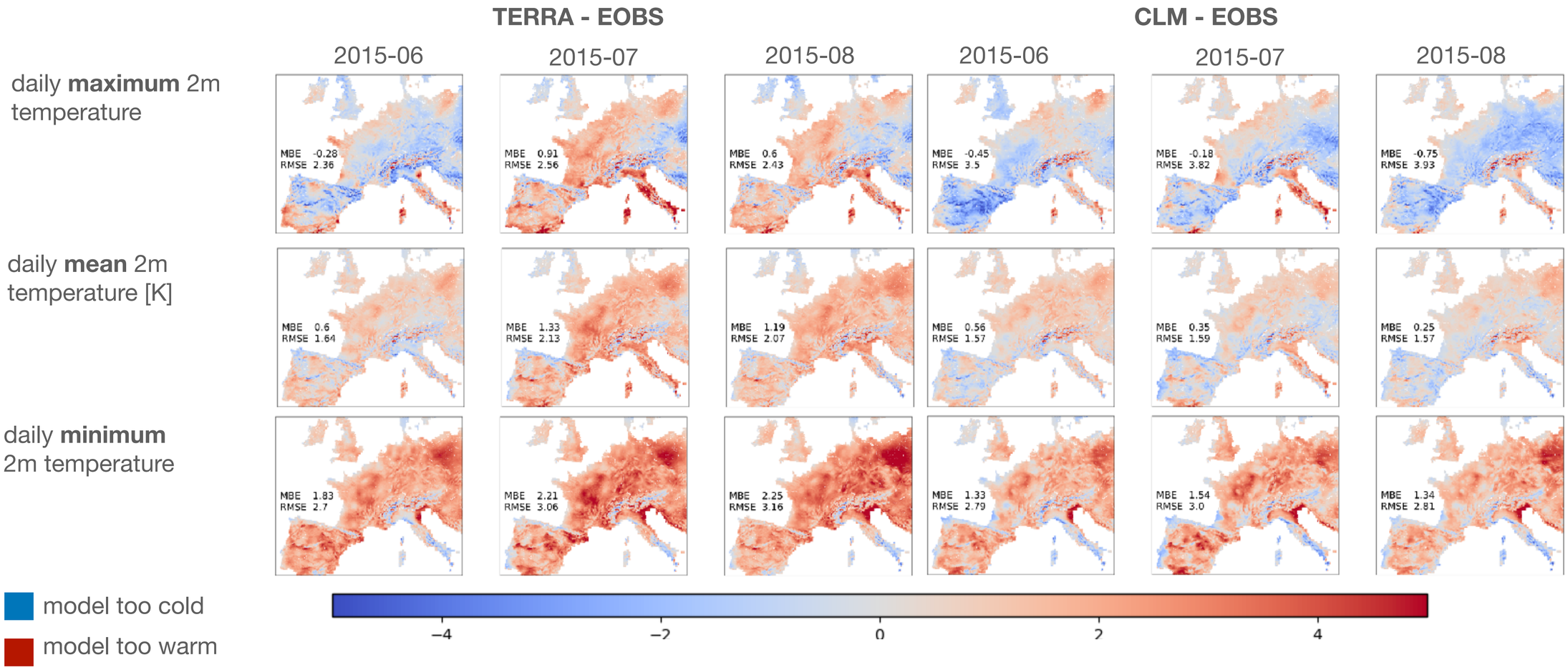


$$EF = \frac{LH}{LH + SH}$$

Soil moisture



Evaluation against EOBS

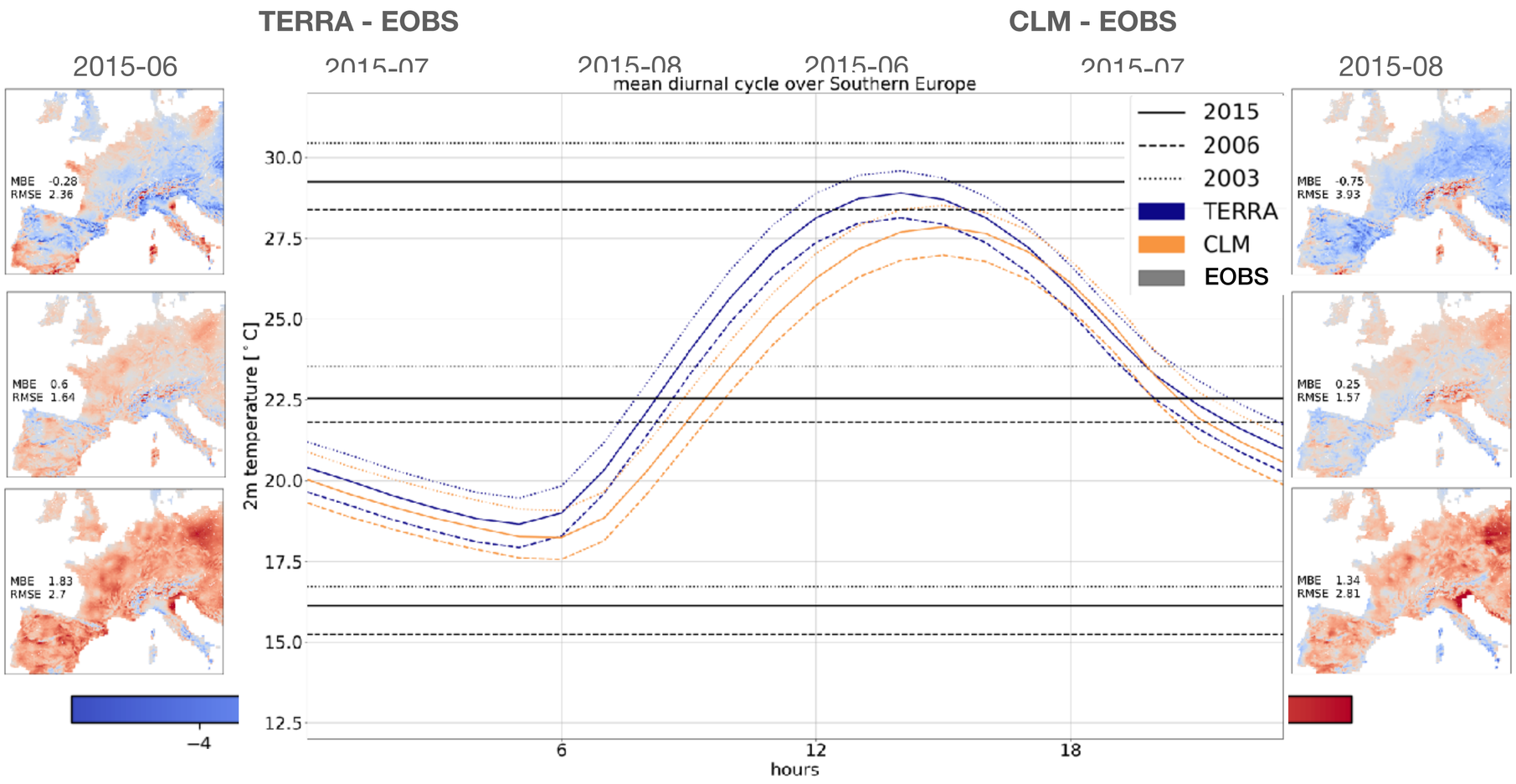


Evaluation against EOBS

daily **maximum** 2m temperature

daily **mean** 2m temperature [K]

daily **minimum** 2m temperature

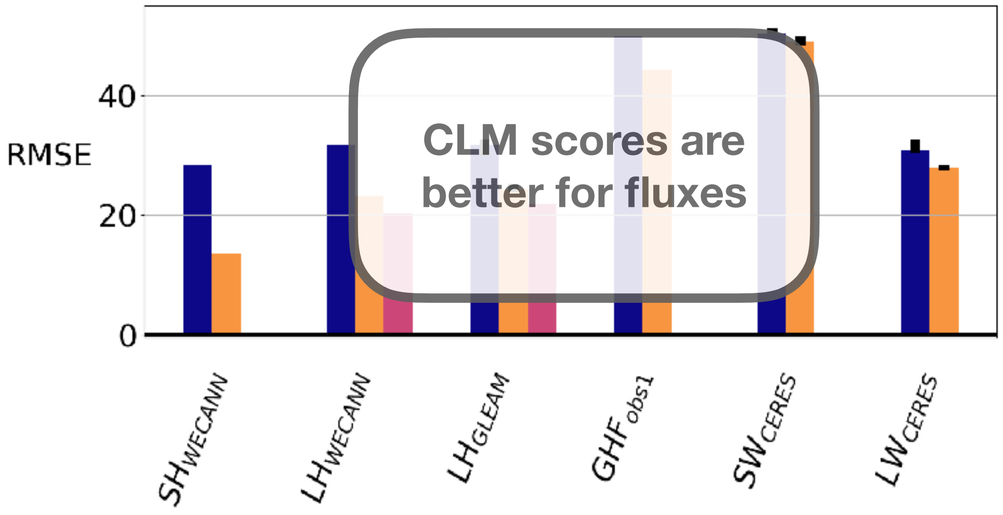


model too cold

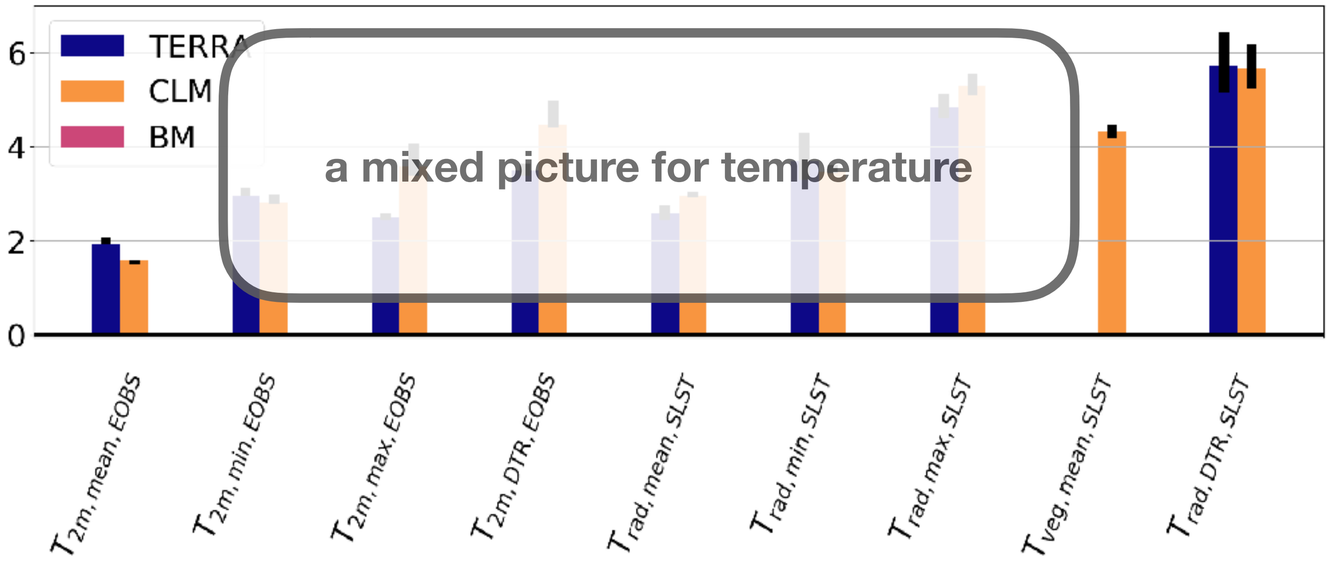
model too warm

RMSE

JJA 2015 & 2003
(except WECANN)



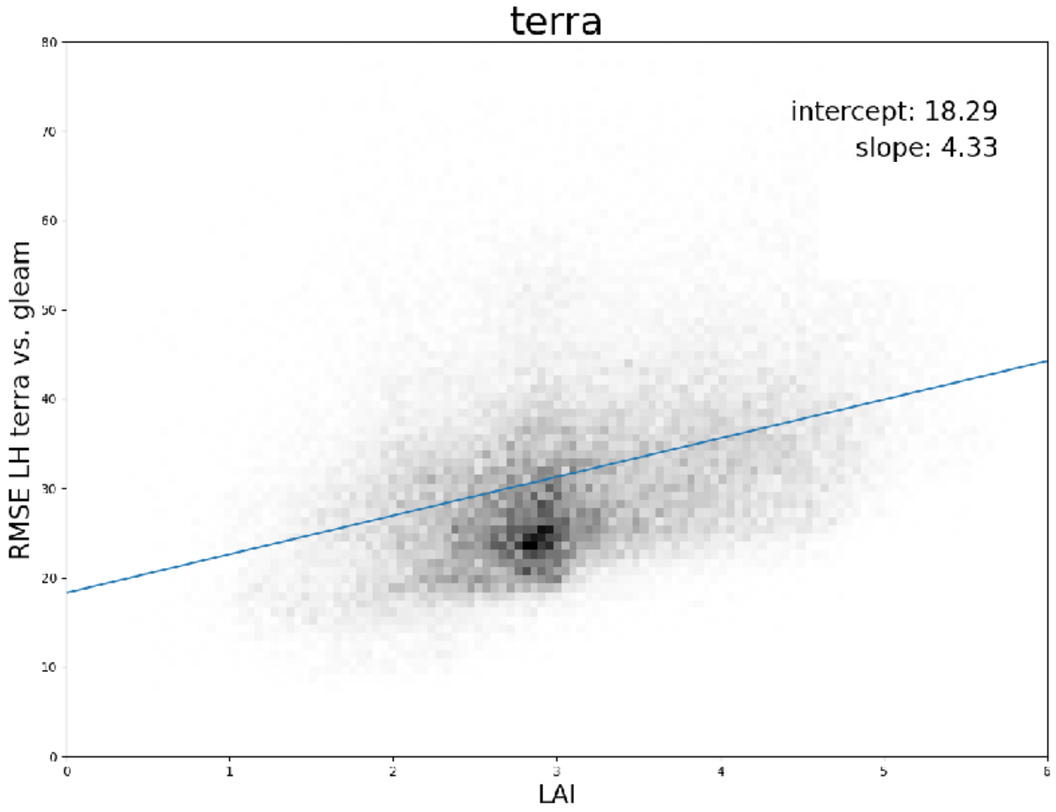
Fluxes

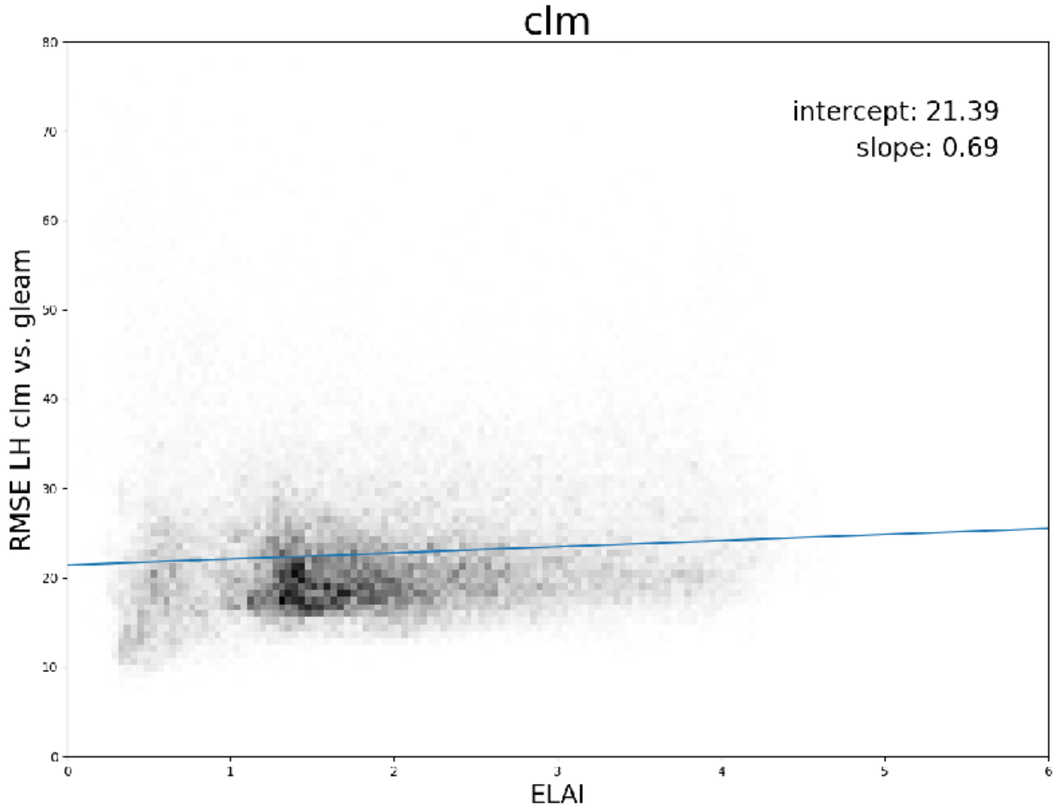


Temperatures

Error dependency on LAI

JJA 2015





the more vegetation in COSMO-TERRA, the worse it performs in terms of latent heat

Conclusions

- **improved representation in fluxes in CLM …**
- **… did not translate into 2m temperature improvements**
- **error in latent heat estimation in TERRA scales with vegetation density**

Outlook

4 months post-MSc in winter 2018/2019 :

> experiments with more configurations (e.g. aerosols, COSMOv5.05)

> apply MCH standard verification

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