

# H SAF Precipitation Products



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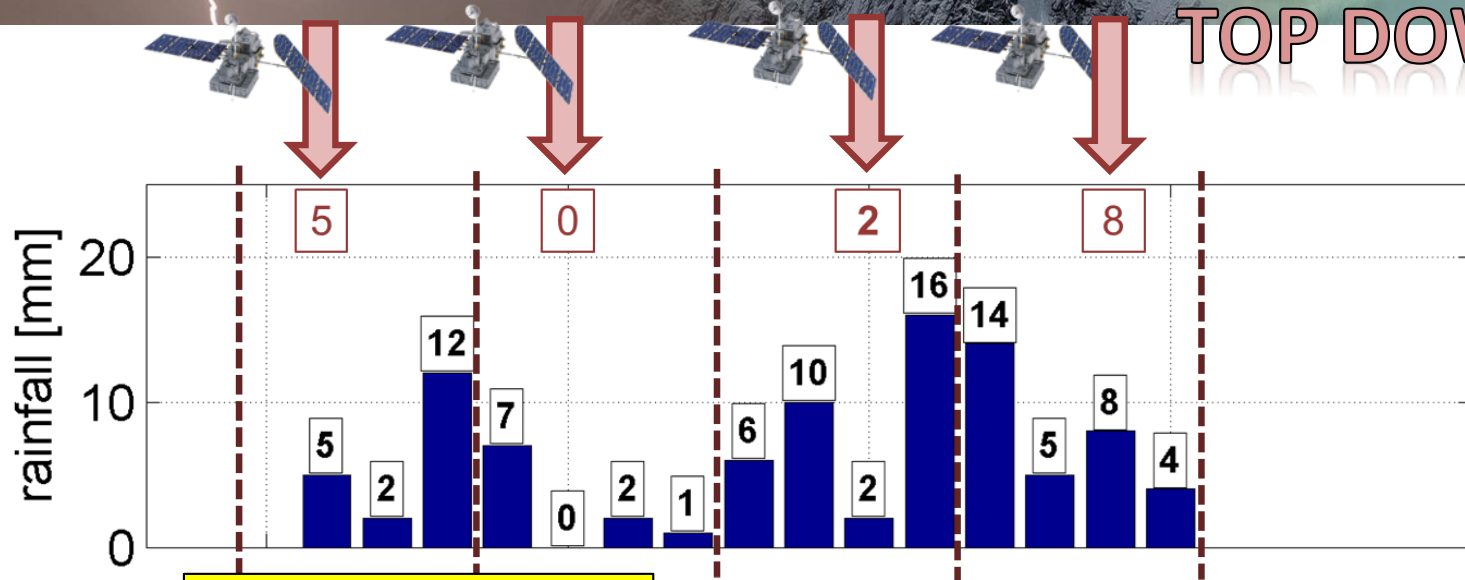
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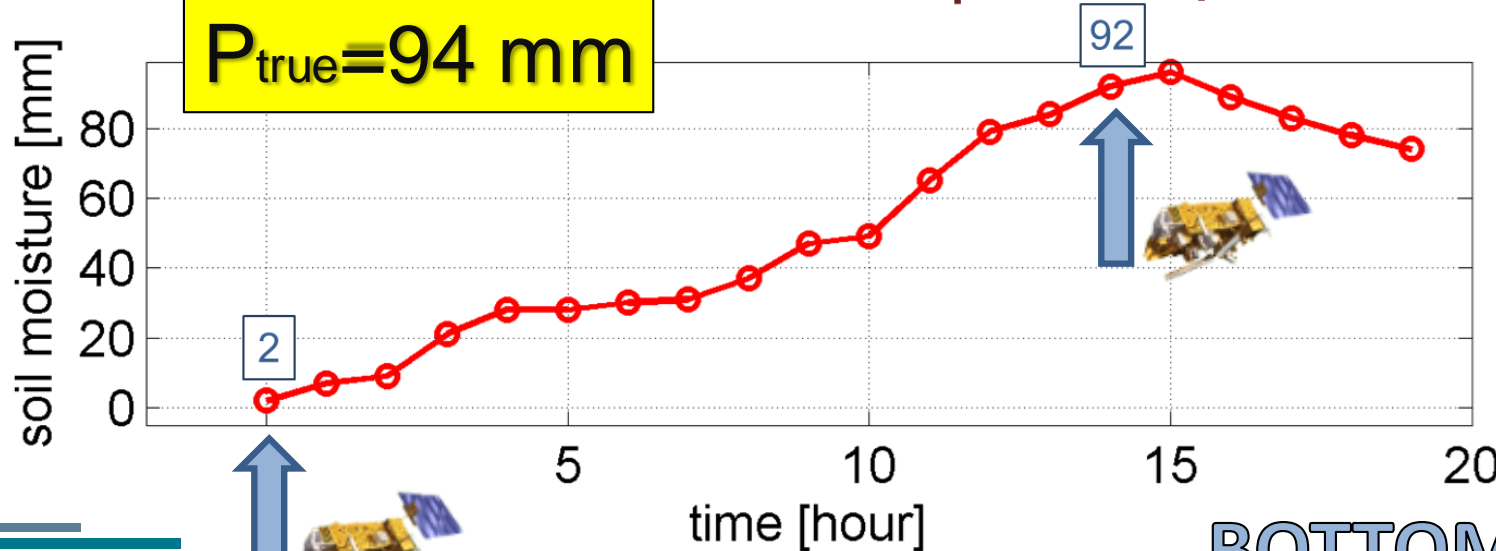


## TOP DOWN PERSPECTIVE



The underestimation is due to the satellite overpasses in period with low rainfall

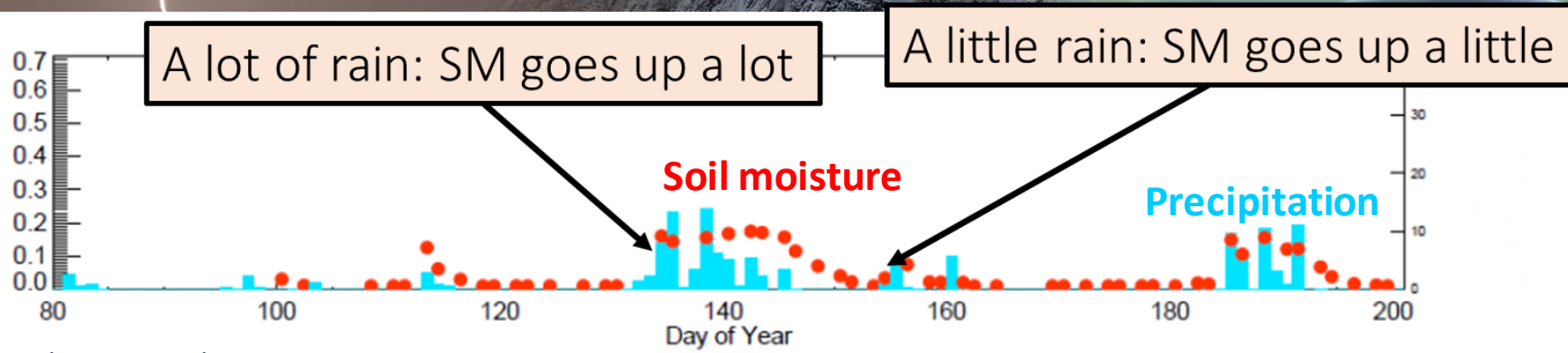
$$P_{\text{top-down}} = (5+0+2+8) \times 4 = 60 \text{ mm}$$



With only two overpasses the bottom up approach provides a better estimate of the accumulated rainfall

$$P_{\text{bottom-up}} = (92-2) = 90 \text{ mm}$$

## BOTTOM UP PERSPECTIVE



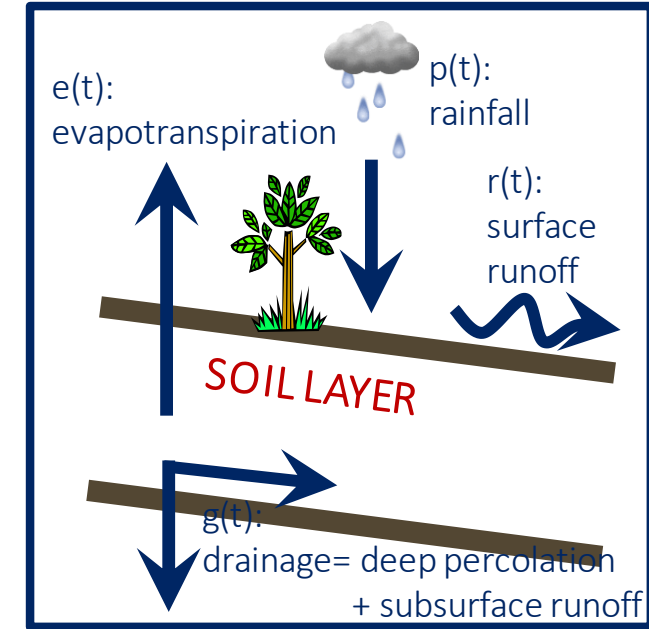
relative soil moisture

$$Z \cdot \frac{ds(t)}{dt} = p(t) - r(t) - e(t) - g(t)$$

soil water capacity

= soil depth X porosity

evapotranspiration



During rainfall, surface runoff and evapotranspiration are assumed to be negligible

$$g(t) = as(t)^b$$

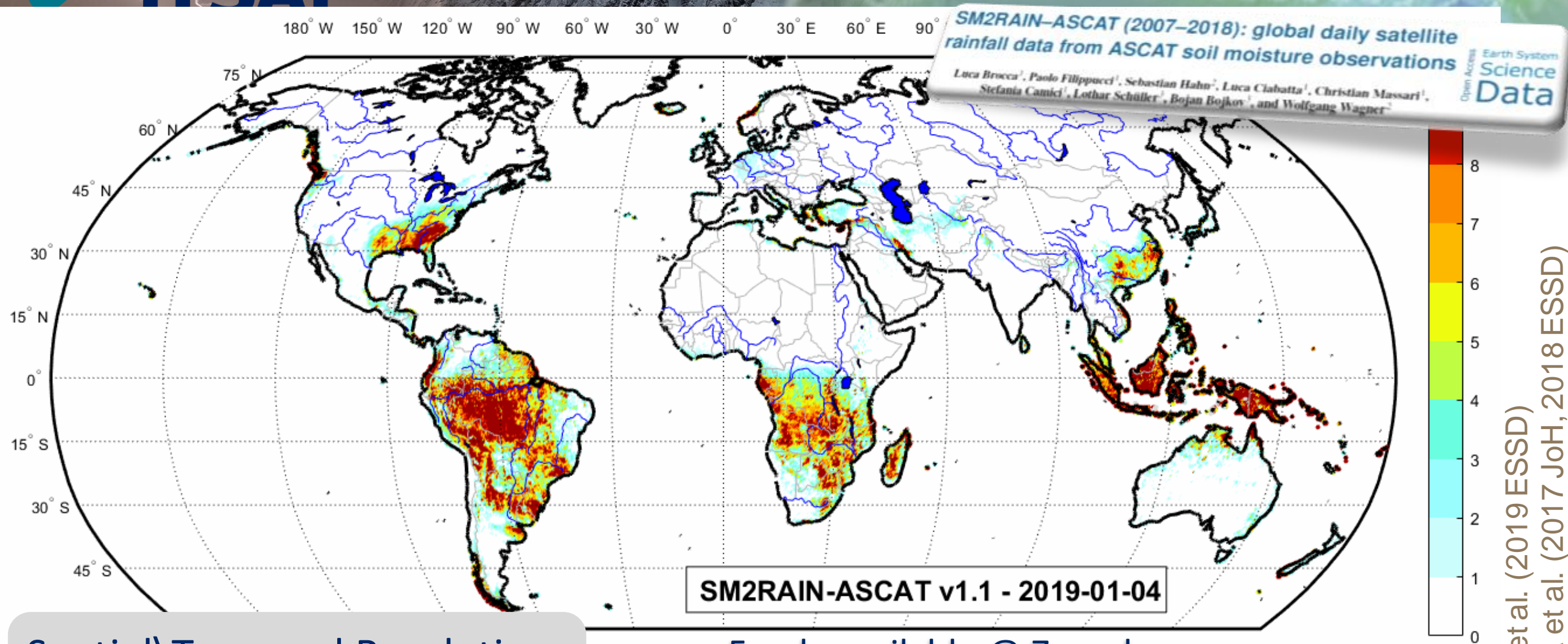
$$r(t) = 0$$

$$e(t) = 0$$



$$p(t) = Z \cdot \frac{ds(t)}{dt} + as(t)^b$$





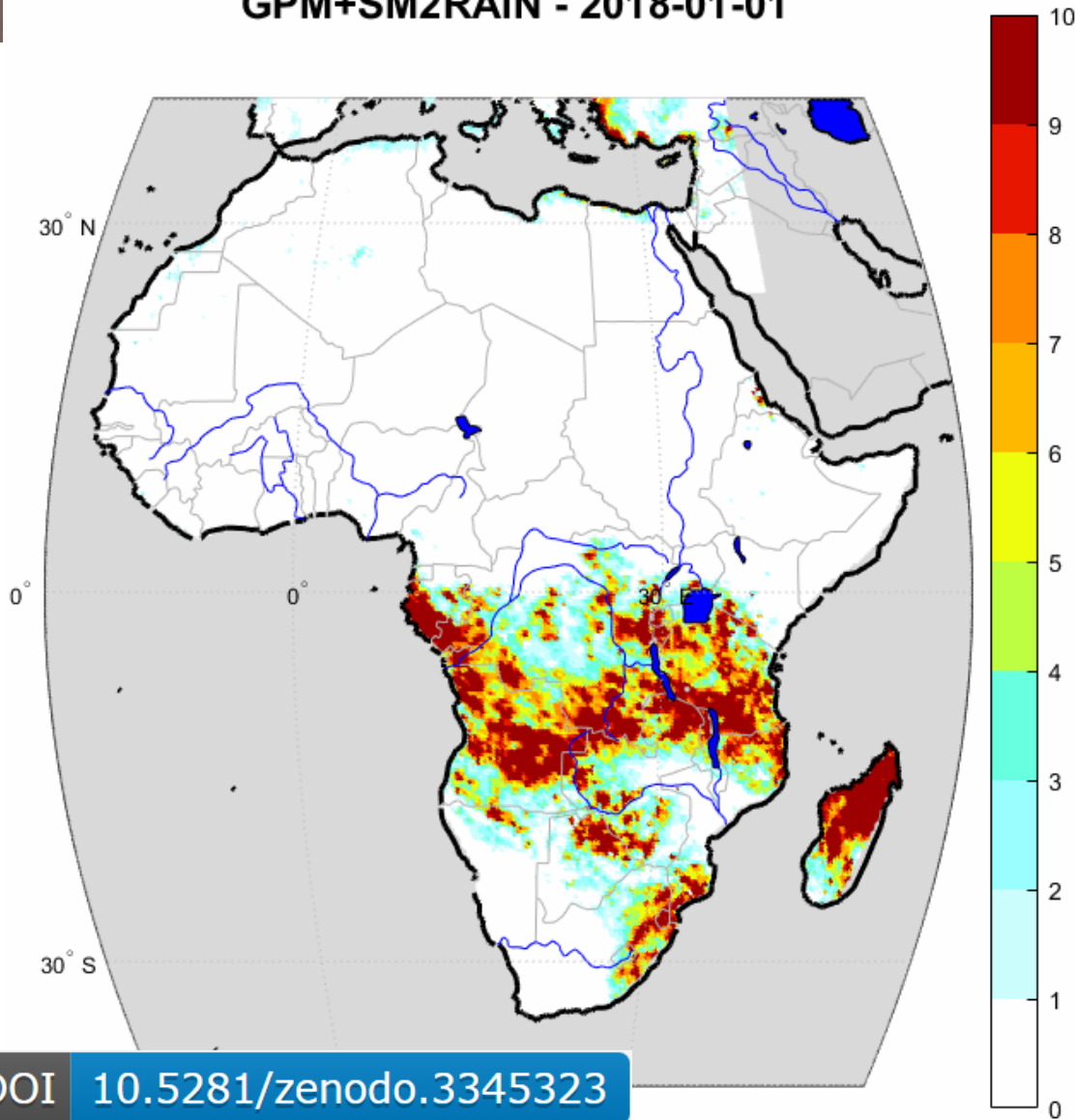
Brocca et al. (2019 ESSD)  
Ciabatta et al. (2017 JoH, 2018 ESSD)

Spatial\Temporal Resolution:  
10 km\1 day

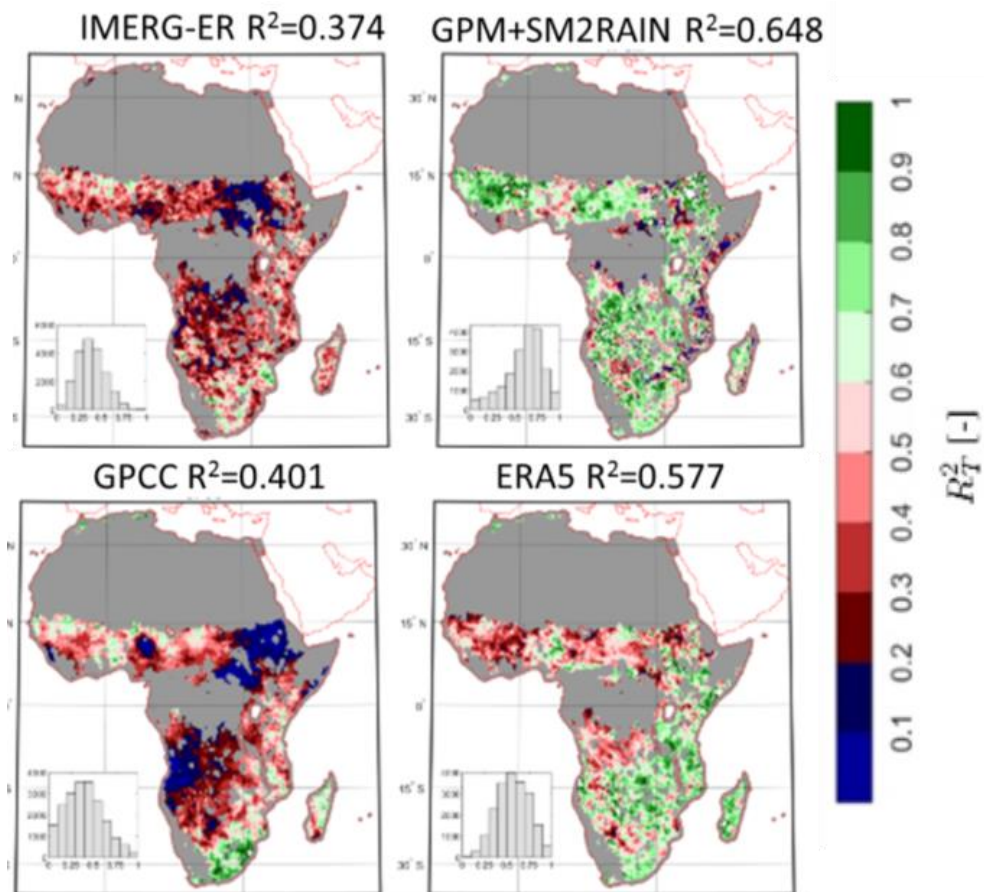
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# SMOS+Rainfall (GPM+SM2RAIN 2015-2018)

GPM+SM2RAIN - 2018-01-01



Spatial\Temporal Resolution:  
25 km\1 day



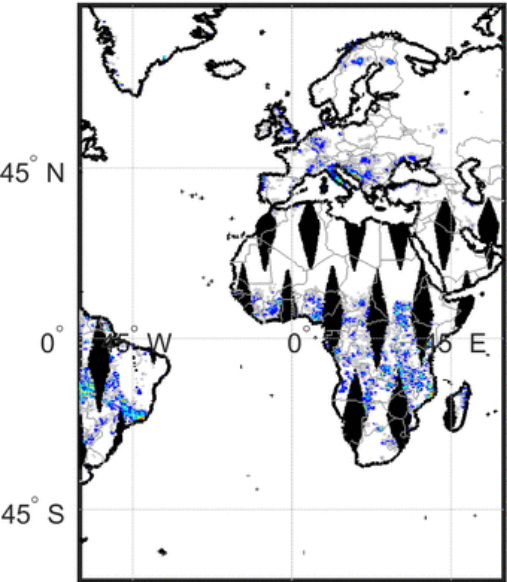
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Massari et al. (2020 HESS)  
Brocca et al. (2020 SREP)

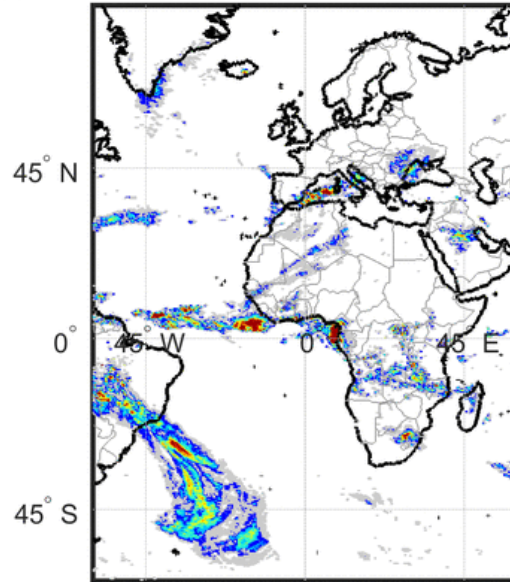
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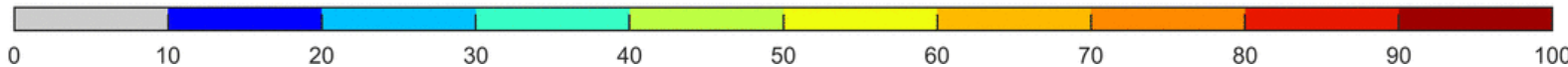
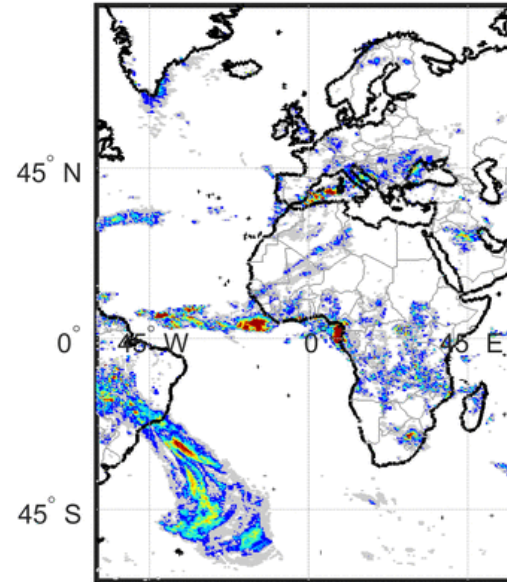
SM2RAIN Real Time Rainfall - 2018-Nov-19



H23 Rainfall - 2018-Nov-19

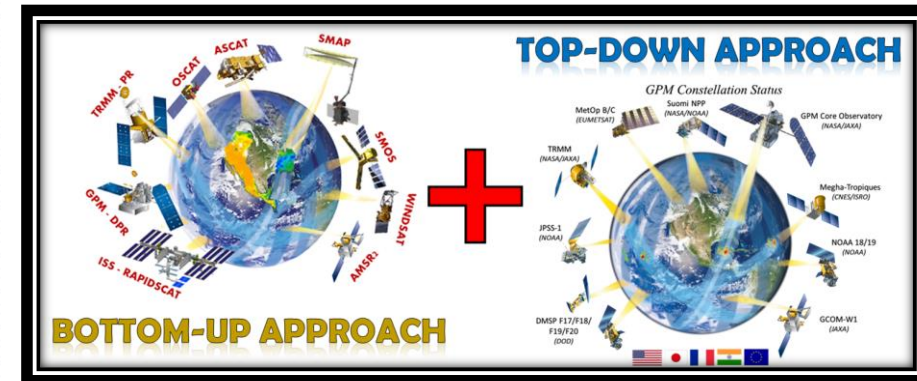


H64 Rainfall - 2018-Nov-19



## *P-AC-SM2R-PMW (H64)*

The soil moisture-precipitation integrated product

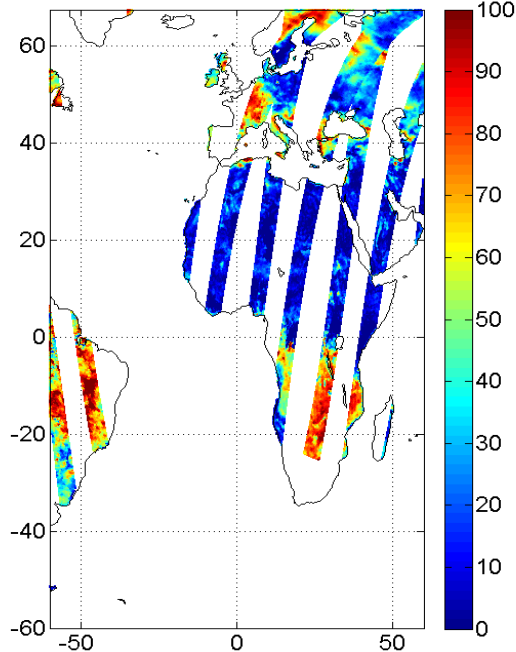


### Main Features:

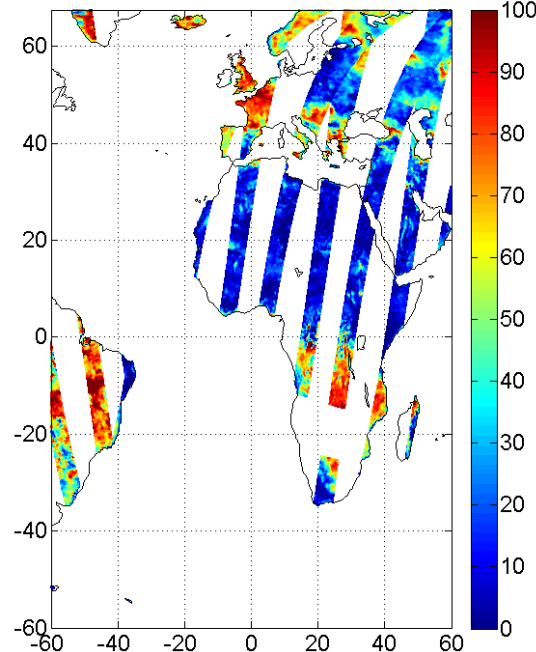
- Daily temporal resolution;
- 0.25° spatial resolution;
- Offline product (1 day latency);
- Format netCDF;
- Availability since 2019



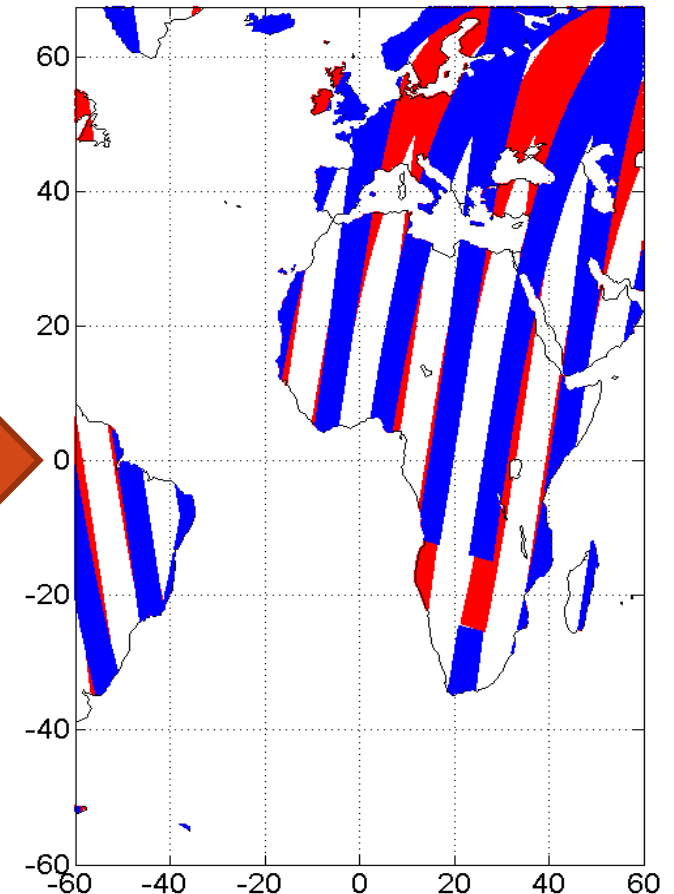
H101 SM - 08 February 2017 00:00 - 12:00



H16 SM - 08 February 2017 00:00 - 12:00



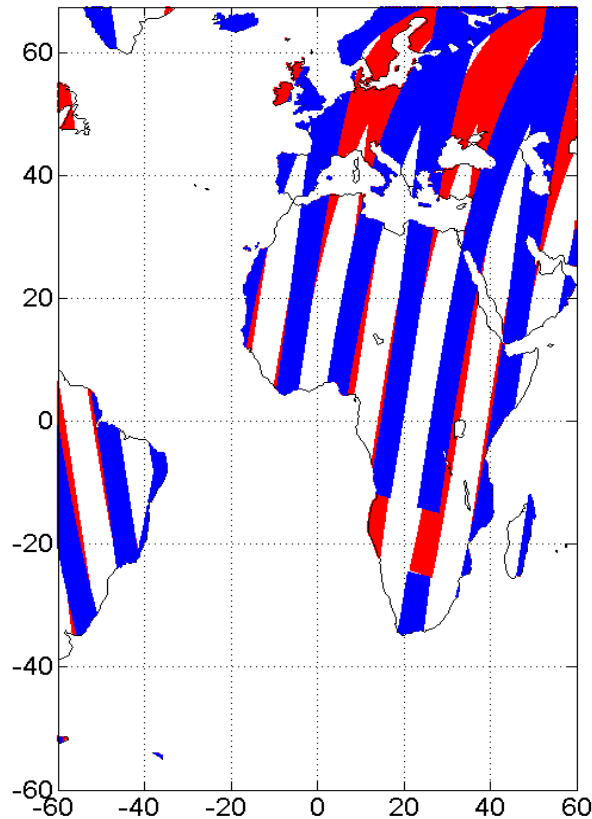
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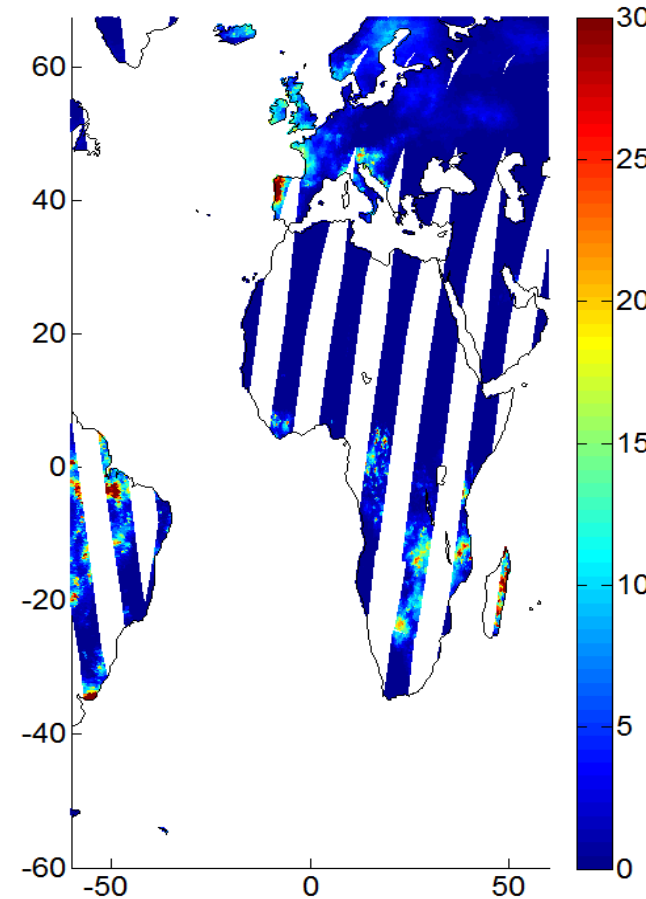




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SM2RAIN

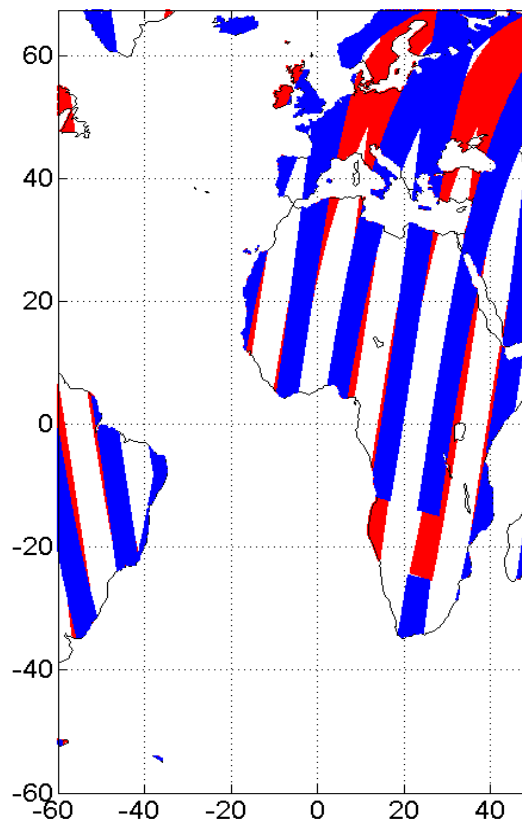


SM2RAIN parameters calibrated through the use of H113 CDR product considering ERA5 rainfall as benchmark during the period 2007-2017

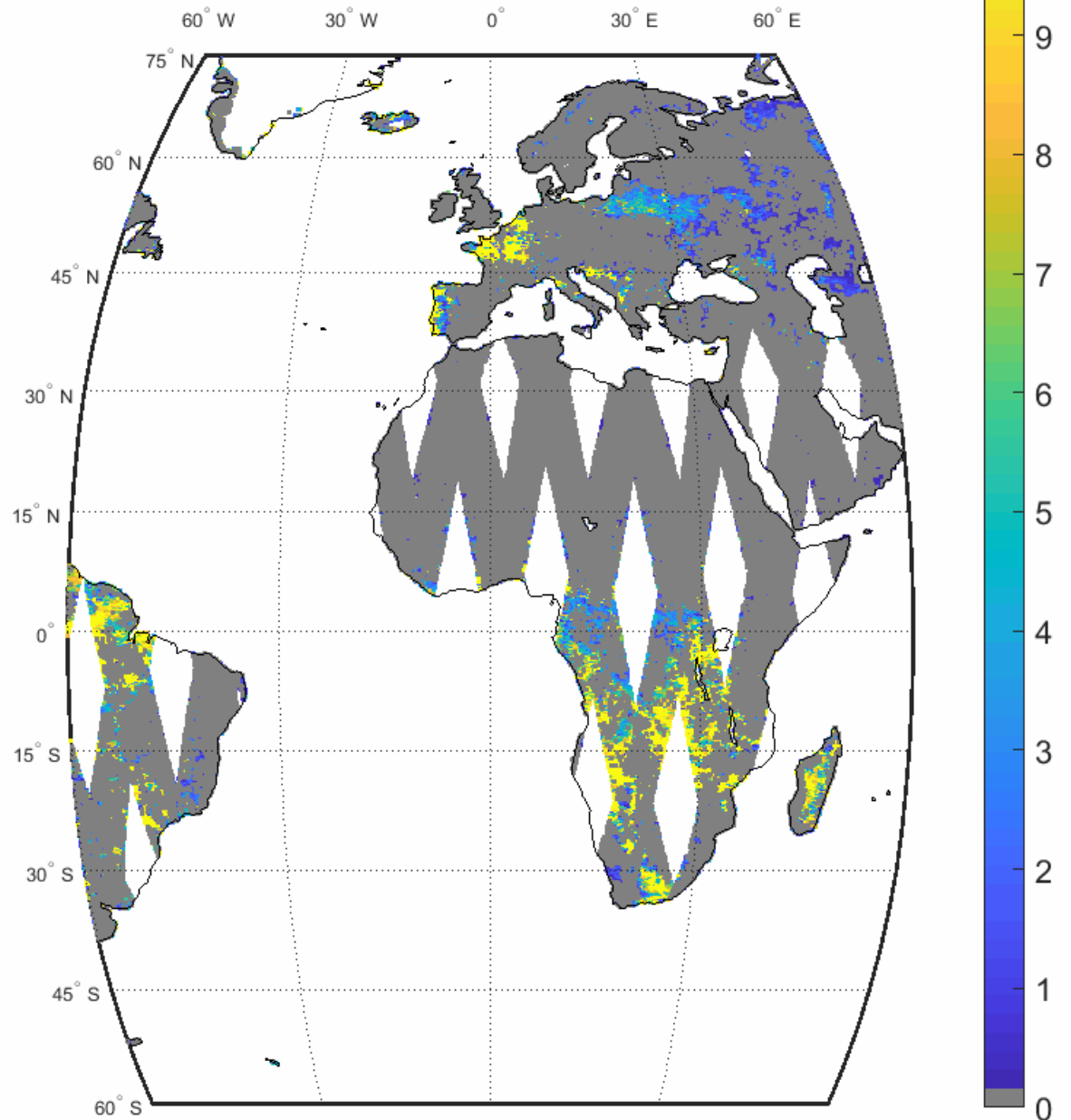


Daily SM maps

H16 + H101 SM - 08 February 2017 00:00



SM2RAIN-ASCAT derived rainfall - 01-Jan-2017



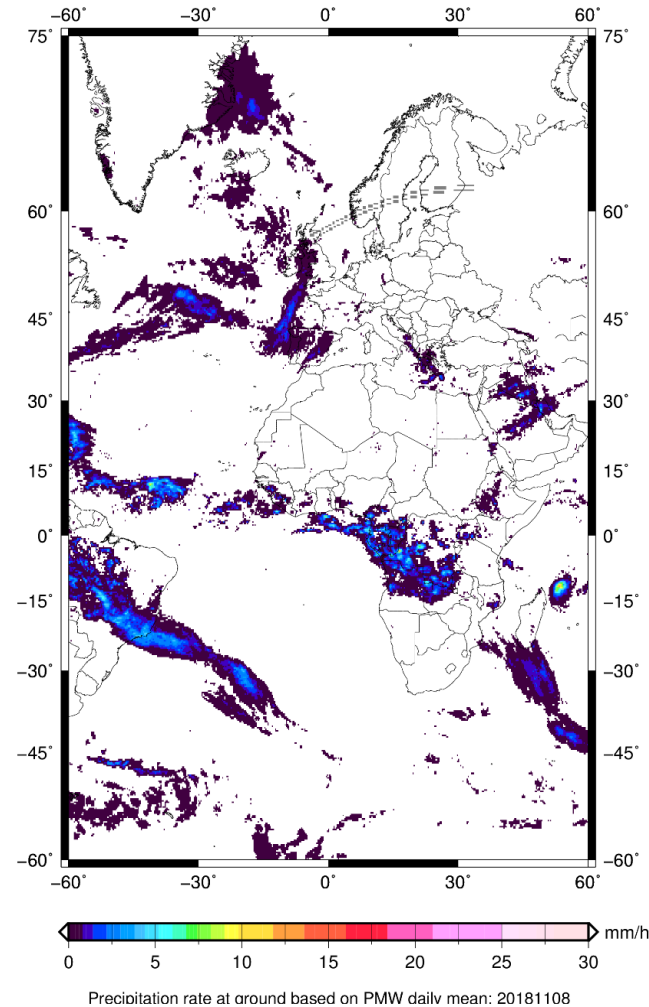
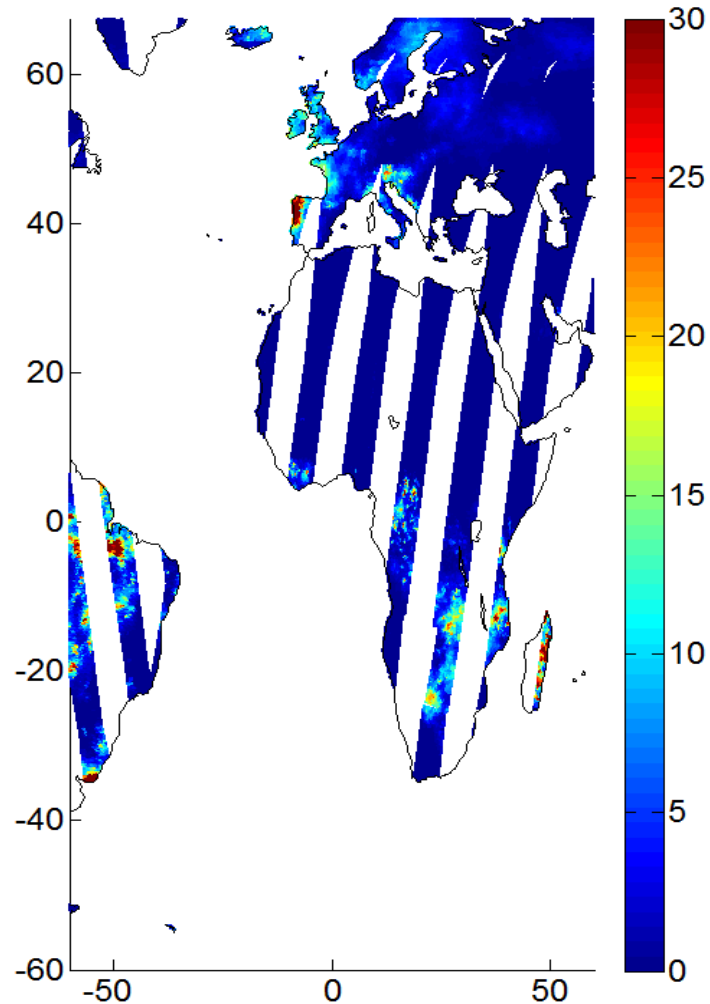
RAIN parameters  
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SM2RAIN derived  
rainfall

Regridding  
over PMW grid

Integration with PMW

H64



The integration is performed only  
over land

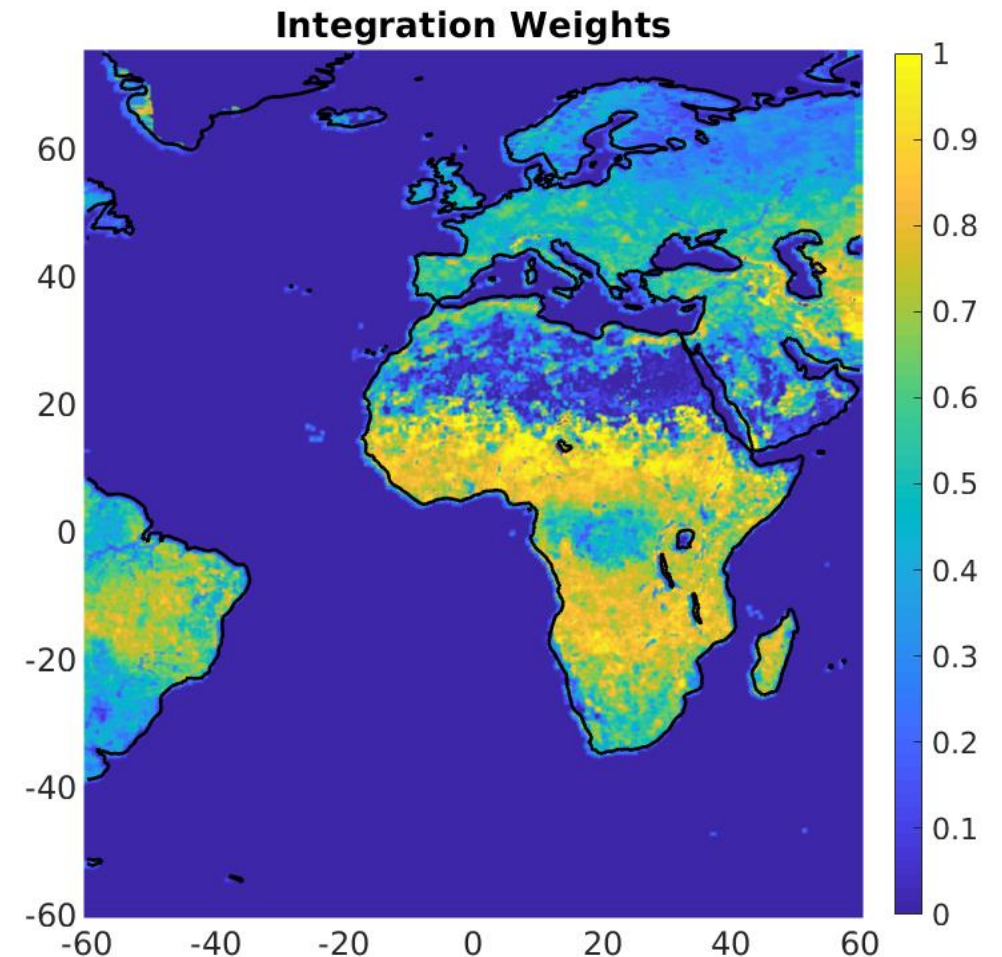
If SM2RAIN-derived rainfall is  
missing, only PMW data are used  
and viceversa

3 January 2022

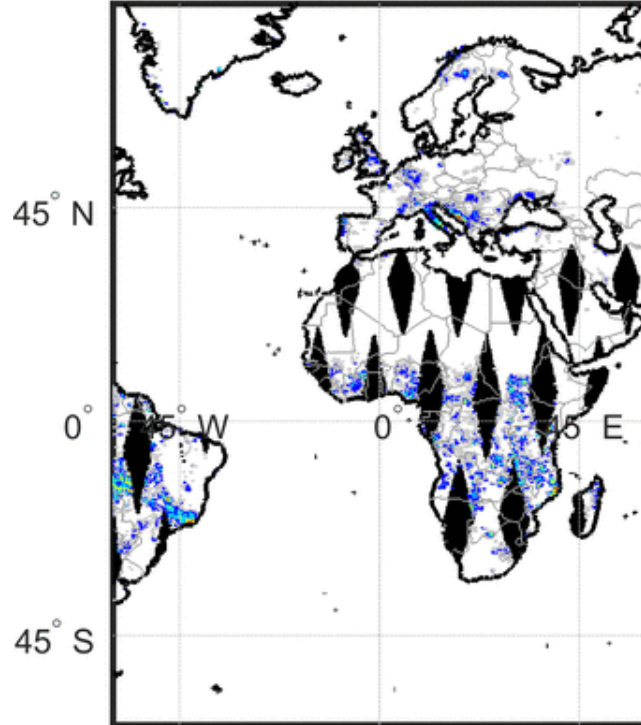


$$P_{H64} = P_{H23} * (1 - W) + P_{SM2RAIN} * (W)$$

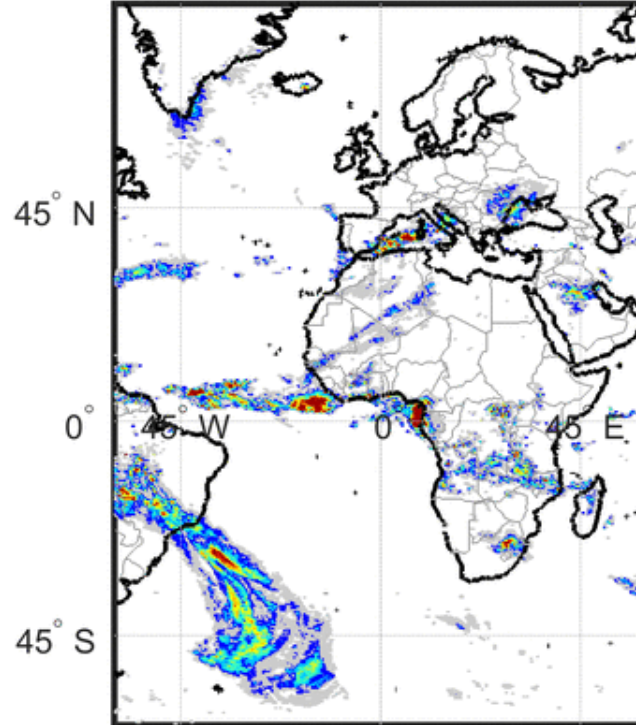
$$W = \frac{\sigma_2 * (\rho_{1R} - \rho_{12} * \rho_{2R})}{\sigma_1 * (\rho_{2R} - \rho_{12} * \rho_{1R}) + \sigma_2 * (\rho_{1R} - \rho_{12} * \rho_{2R})}$$



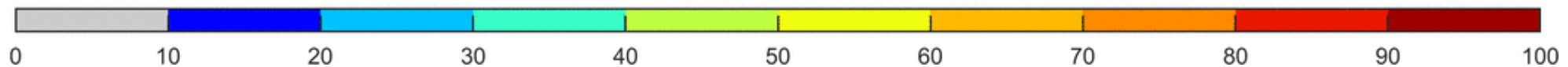
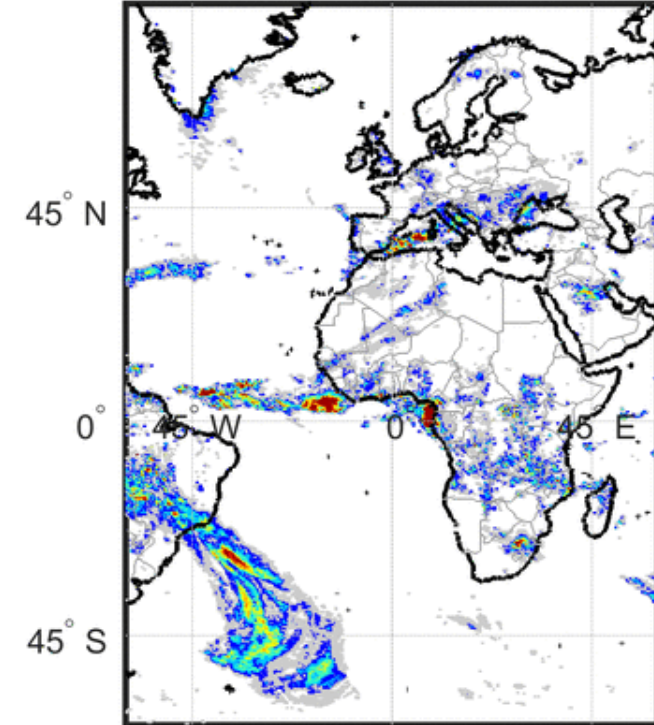
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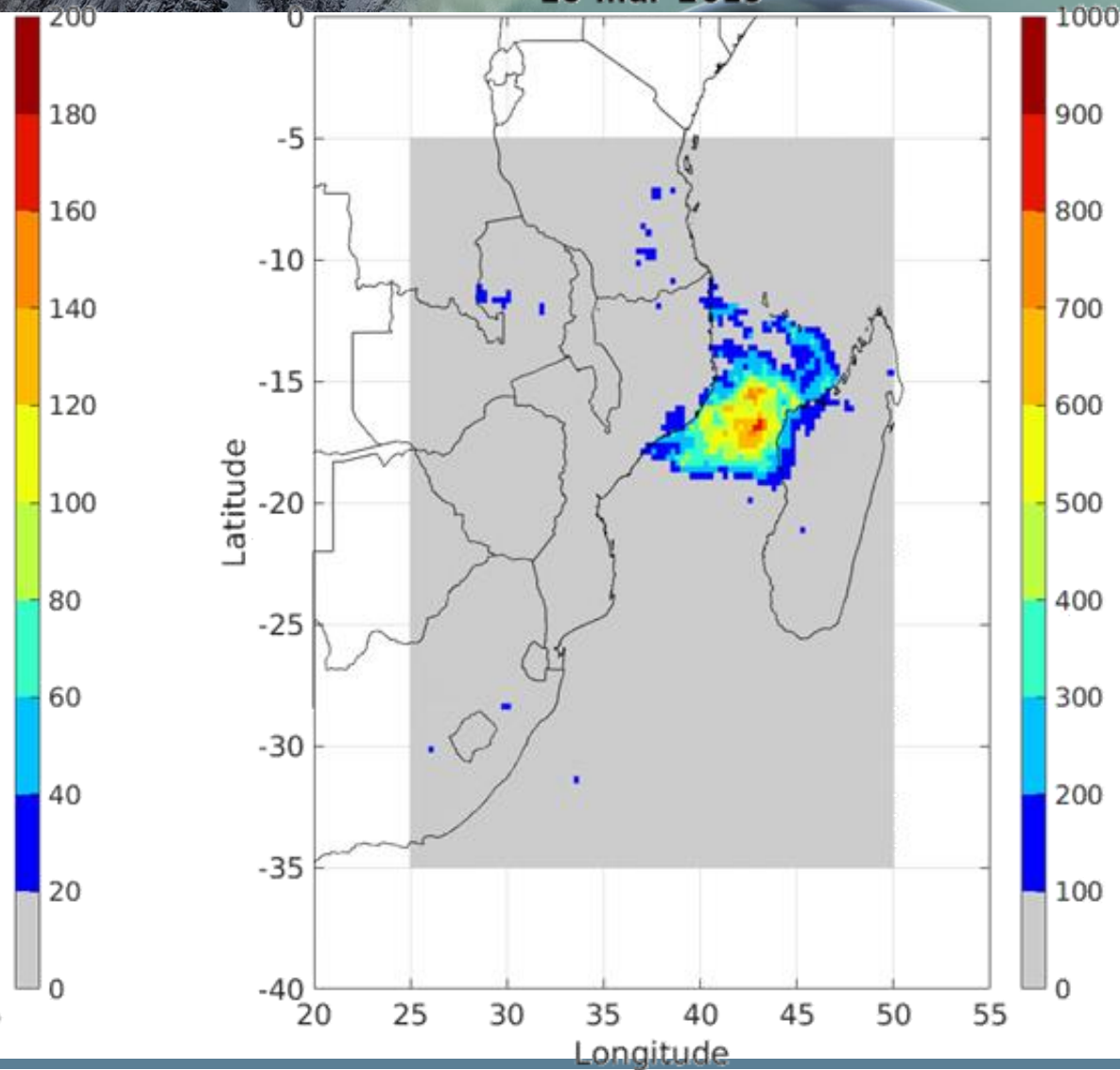
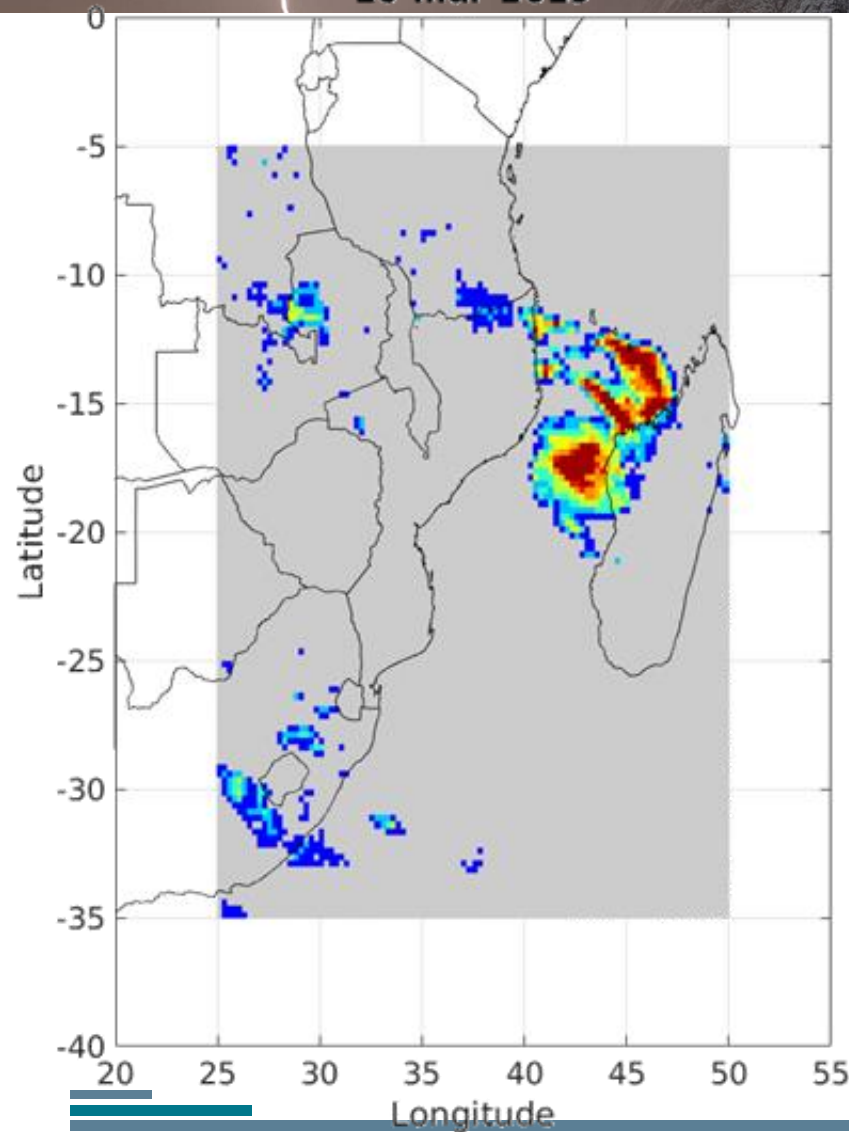
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## Cyclone Idai



Ciabatta et al. (2017 JoH)

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jhydrol.2016.12.057>

## SM2RAIN-derived products portfolio

Product ID	Product Acronym	Product Type	Coverage	Spatial resolution	Temporal Resolution
H64	P-AC-SM2RAIN	Precipitation/Soil Moisture integrated product	Extended H SAF area (LAT 60°S – 75°N, LON 60°W – 60°E)	0.25°	Daily
H75	P-AC-SCA-SM2R	Soil Moisture-based product (SM2RAIN) for EPS-SG SCA	Global	6.25 km	Daily
H79	P-AC-SM2R-PMW-G	Precipitation/Soil Moisture integrated product	Global	0.25°	Daily
H84	P-AC-SM2R-PMW-G-L	Gauge adjusted Precipitation/Soil Moisture integrated product	Global	0.25°	Daily
H87	P-AC-SM2R-DR	SM2RAIN-only rainfall product	Global	0.1°	Daily



Session	Time slot	Presentation
2	Tuesday - 10:00	Satellite-based rainfall estimation for river flow modelling in Morocco - Yves Tramblay
3	Tuesday - 13:00	Satellite soil moisture and rainfall for yield prediction in water limited regions - Mariette Vreugdenhil
3	Tuesday - 13:45	Drought analysis over the USA using long-term climatological SM2RAIN datasets - Hamidreza Mosaffa
4	Wednesday – 13:30	Analysis of H SAF precipitation products for the Mediterranean cyclone Apollo - Leo Pio D’Adderio
6	Thursday – 10:30	Benchmark data analysis of the intense weather event around Como Lake occurred in July 2021 - Alessandra Mascitelli
6	Thursday – 10:30	High resolution satellite Earth observations improve hydrological modeling in the Po River Basin, Italy - Lorenzo Alfieri
Demo	Friday - 11:55	Flood modelling with satellite rainfall data in Africa - Christian Massari

# Thank you for your attention

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