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# Data-driven unraveling Earth System Dynamics with the Earth System Data Cube

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ESA STSE Coupled Atmosphere Biosphere Virtual Laboratory (CAB-LAB)

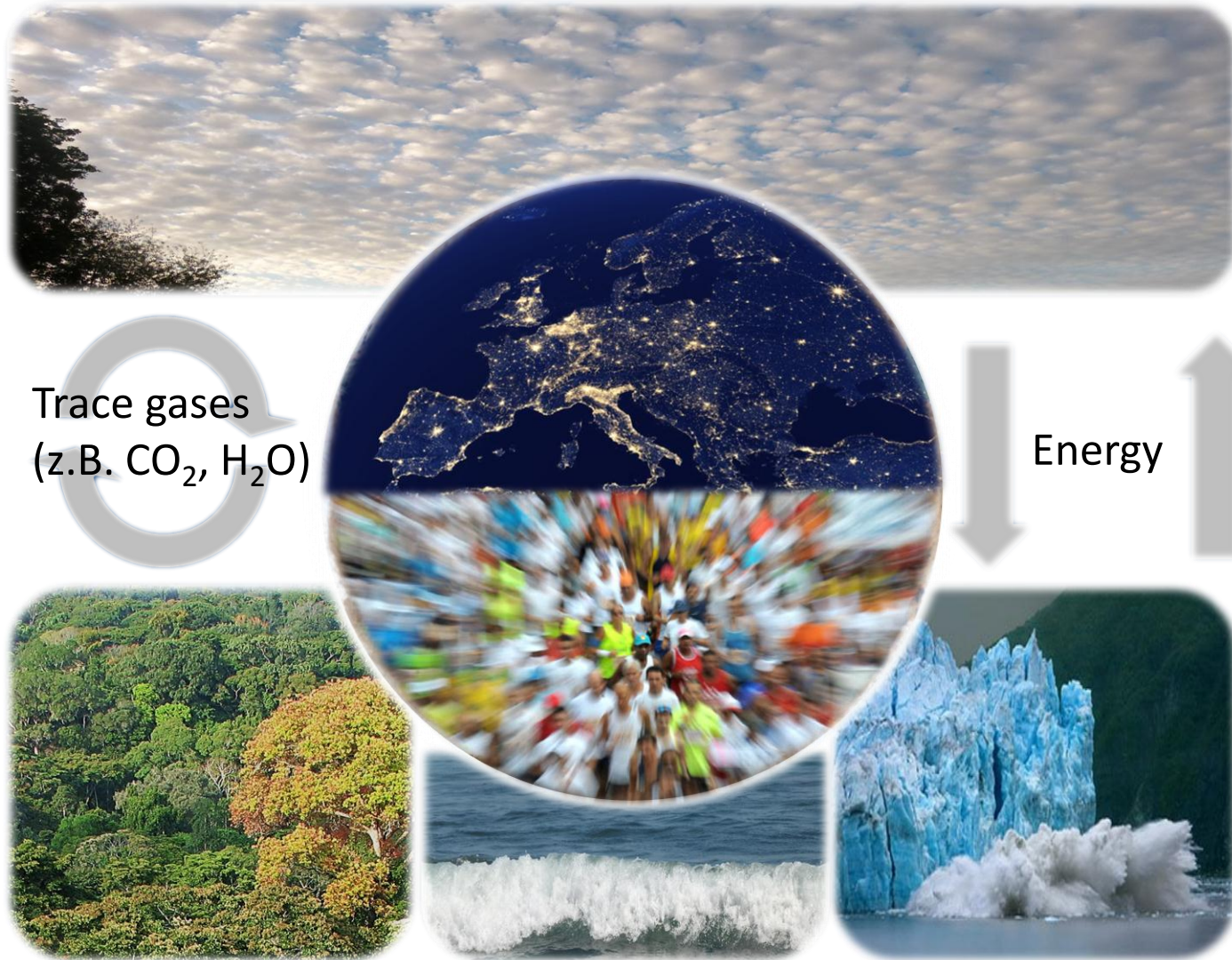


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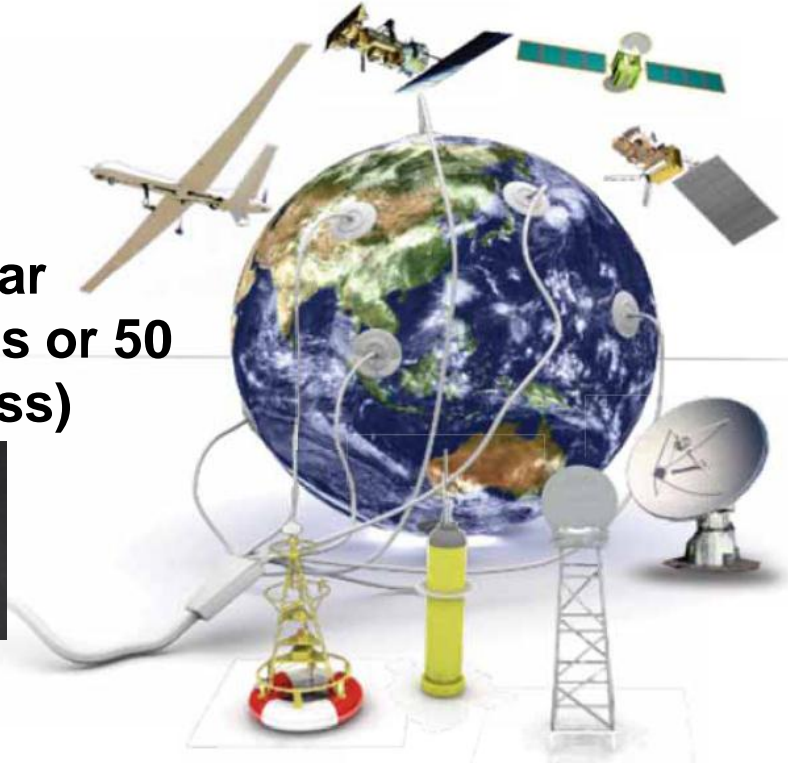




VOLUME  
DATA SIZE

>>1 Pbyte/year  
(~200 Billion bibles or 50  
Lib of Congress)

VELOCITY  
SPEED OF CHANGE

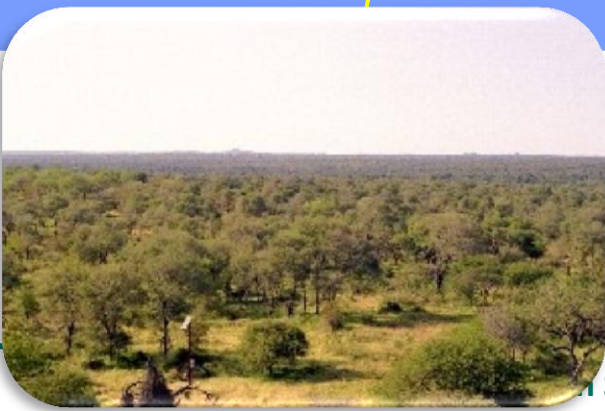
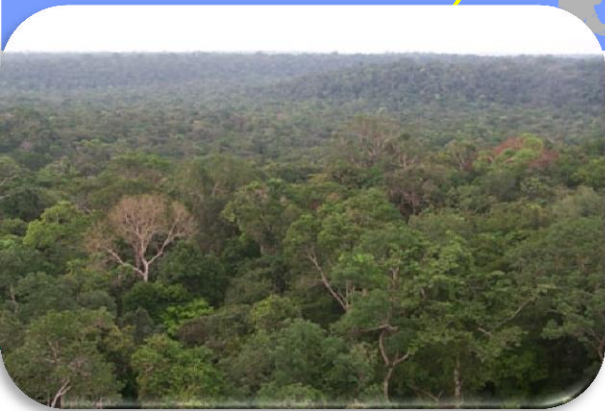


VARIETY  
DIFFERENT FORMS  
OF DATA SOURCES

## Heterogeneous data:

- Organ to global
- Point, gridded, 1D-4D integrated
- Hourly to millennial time scale
- Uncertain and possibly inconsistent

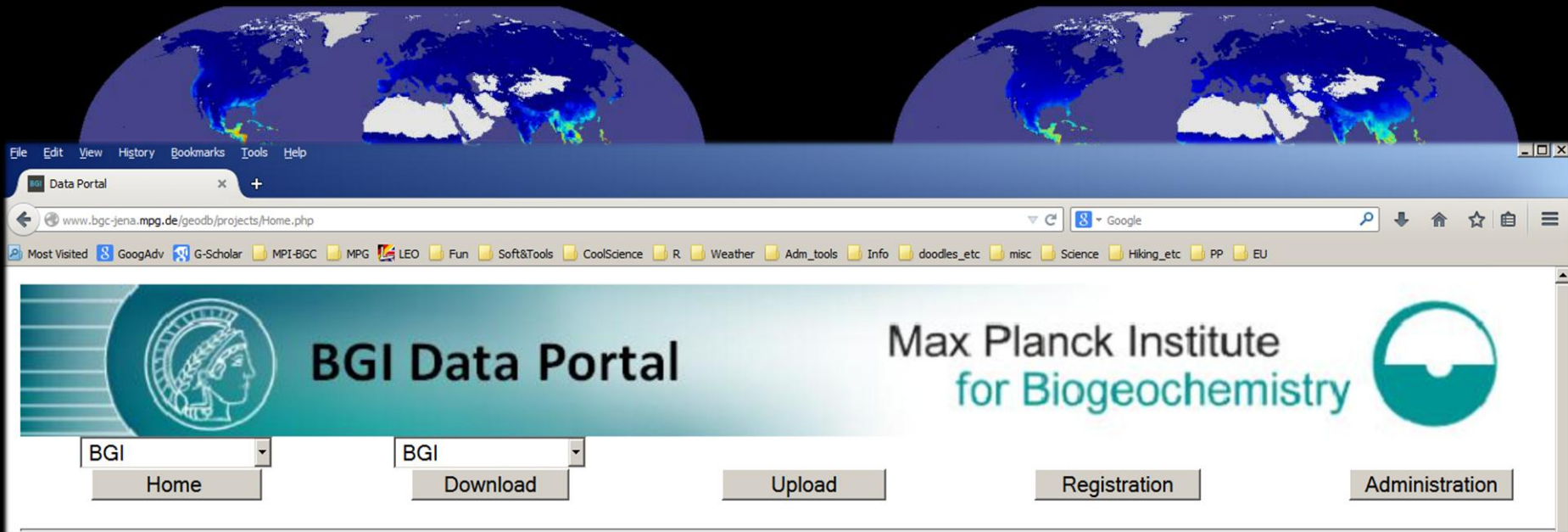
VERACITY  
UNCERTAINTY OF  
DATA



# Data-driven view on dynamic Biosphere-Atmosphere Exchange

Primary production (GPP) [ $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ ]

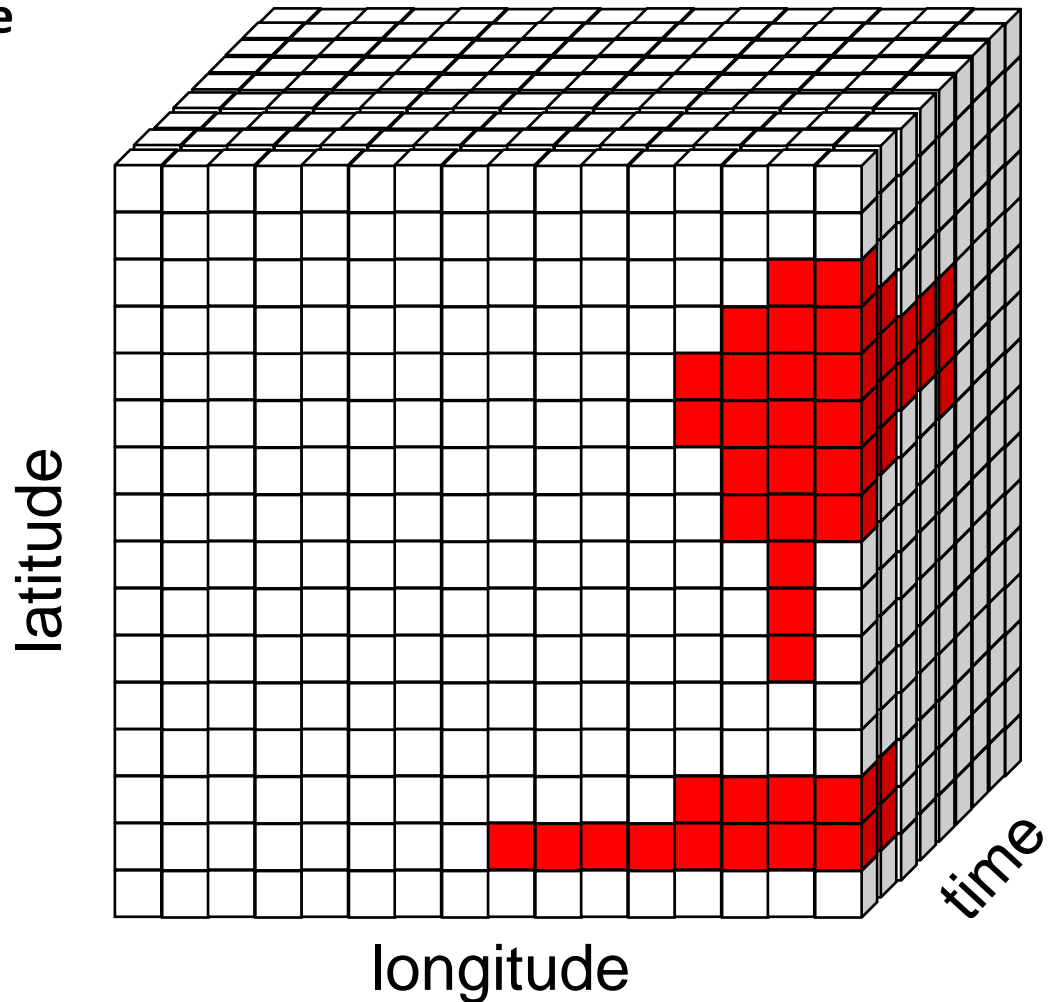
Evapotranspiration [ $\text{MJ m}^{-2} \text{ day}^{-1}$ ]



**Open access data & open source code**

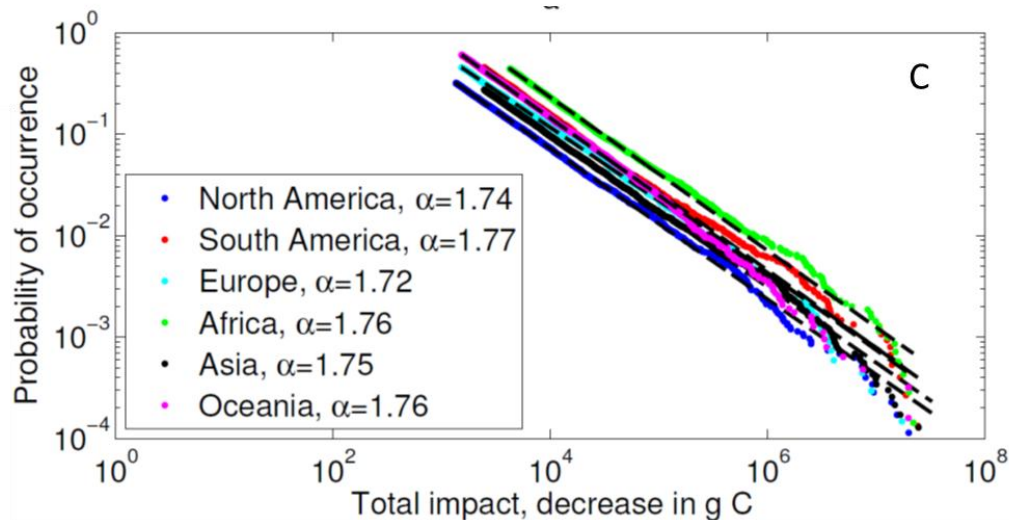
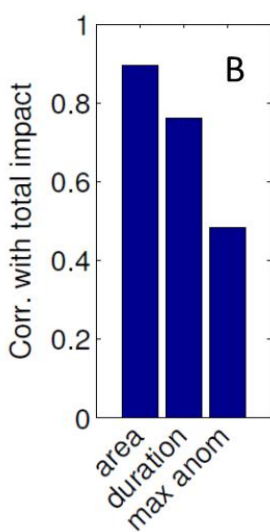
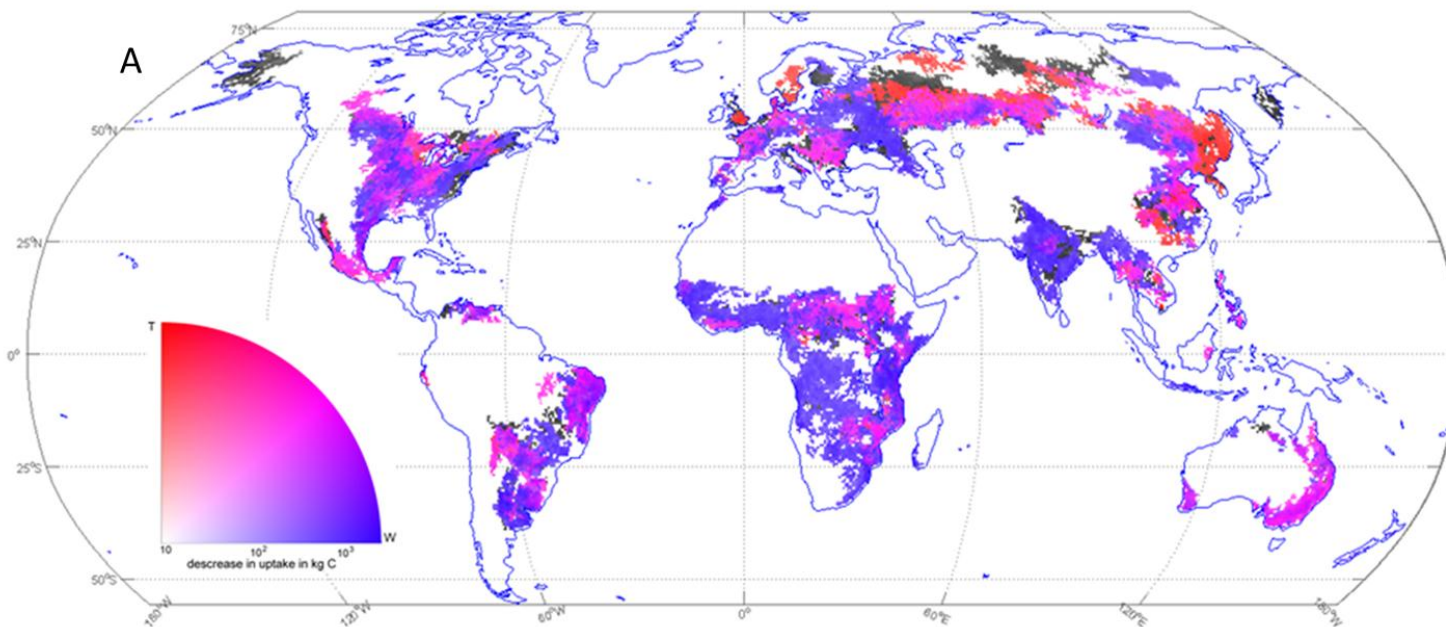


1. **Detrend and deseasonalize**  
pixel by pixel
2. **Tag voxels** (lat, lon, time)  
with extreme anomaly
  - *Based on 1%, 5% or 10% percentile*
3. Find **spatio-temporally connected voxels**
  - *“Extreme events”*
4. **Characterize** them
  - *Magnitude*
  - *Spatial extent*
  - *Duration*
  - *Total integral*
  - ...



Based on this: Zscheischler et al. 2013, Ecol. Inf, Zscheischler et al. 2014, 2015

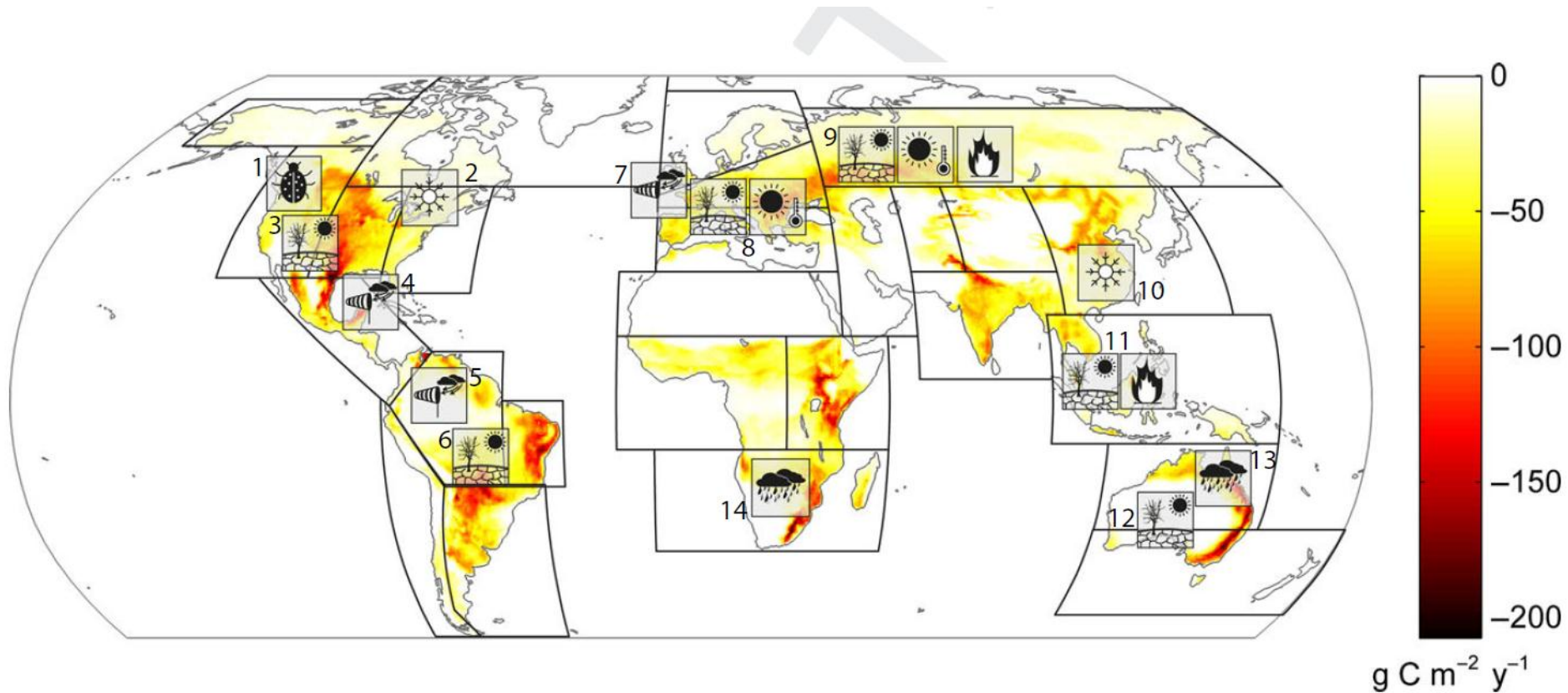
# Extreme carbon cycle events triggered by water



**Total impact:  
>2 PgC yr<sup>-1</sup>**

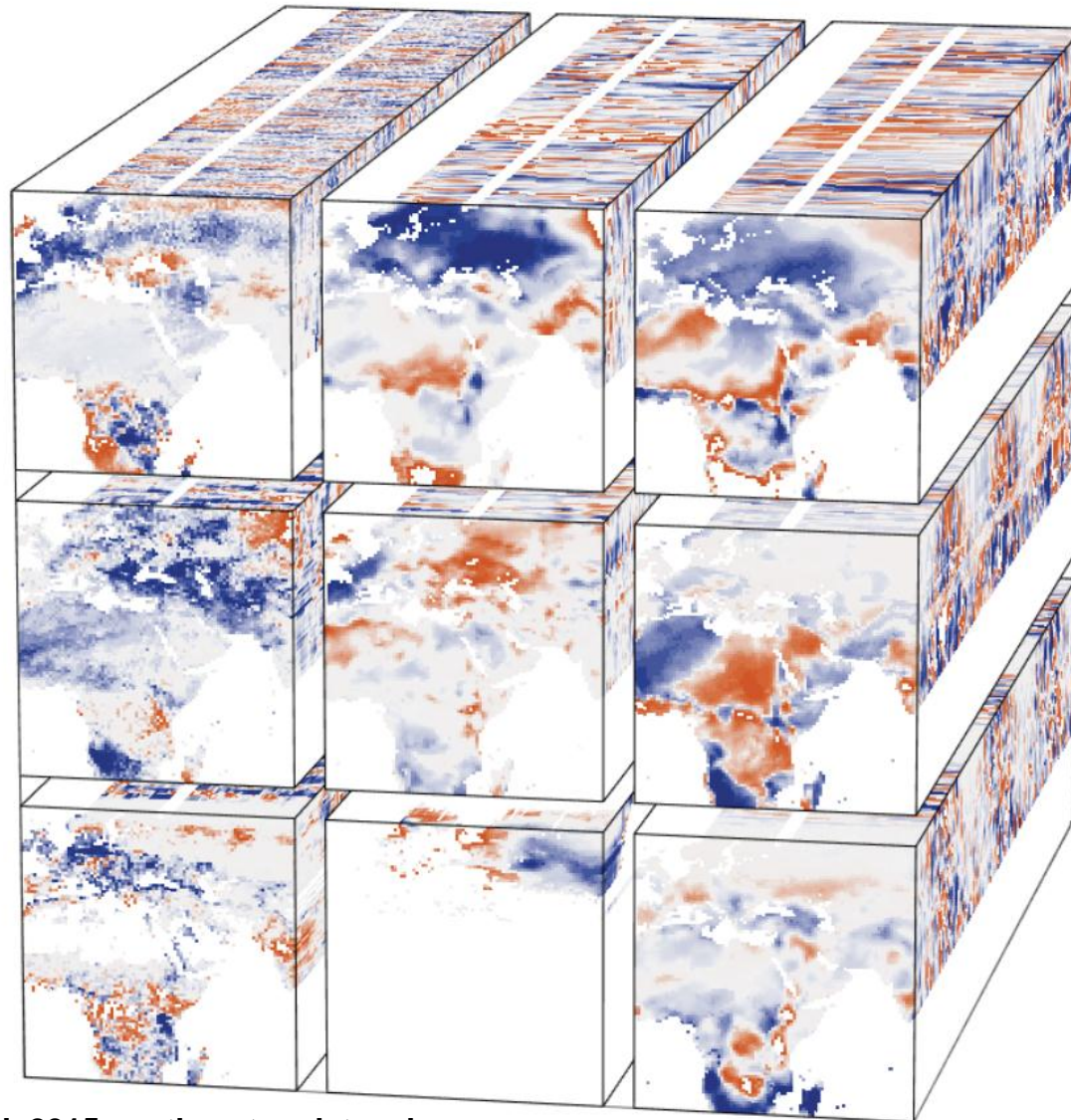
Reichstein et al. 2013, Nature

# Many extreme events not “recorded” without Earth Observation



Frank et al. 2015, Glob Ch Biol

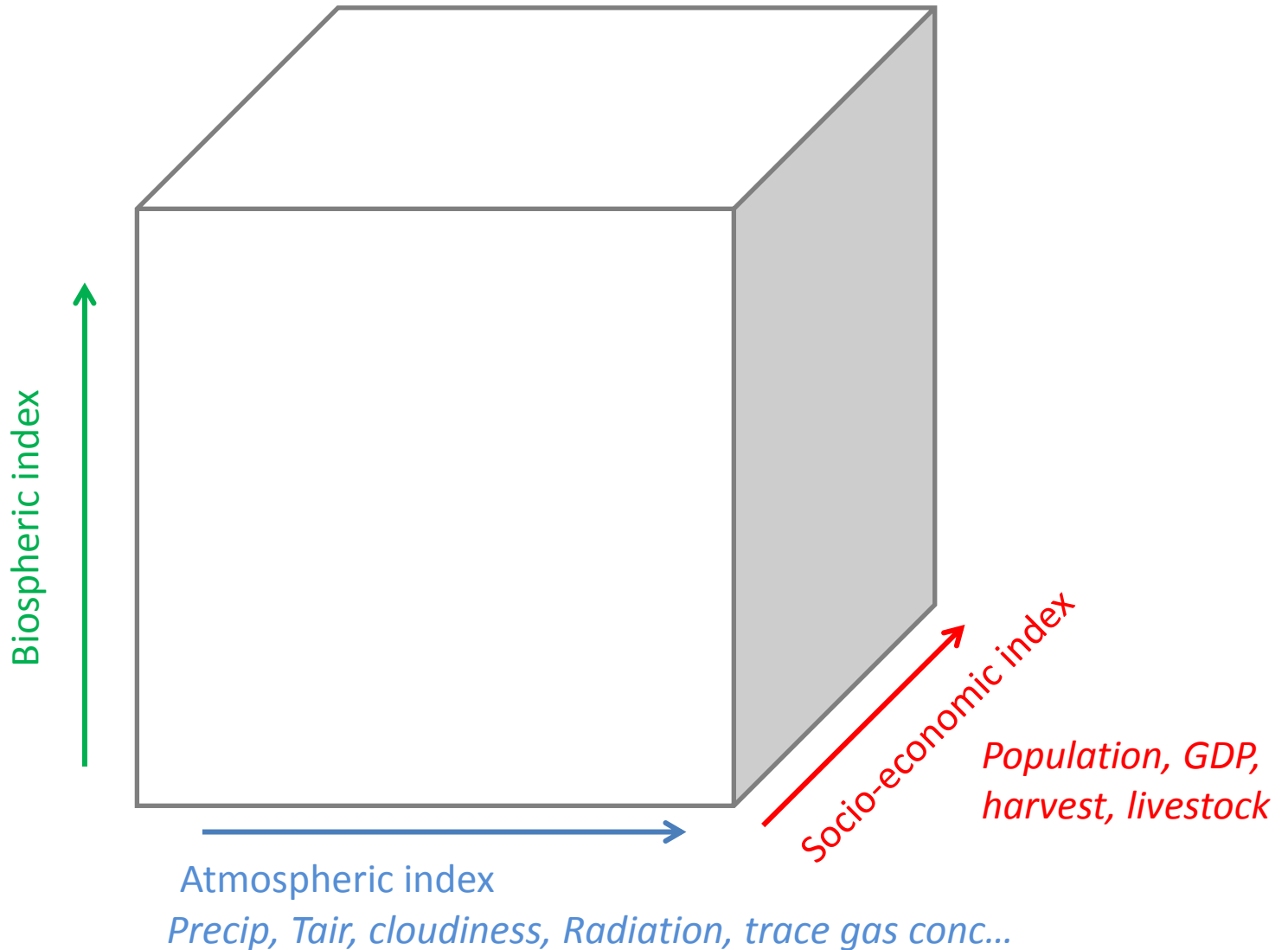


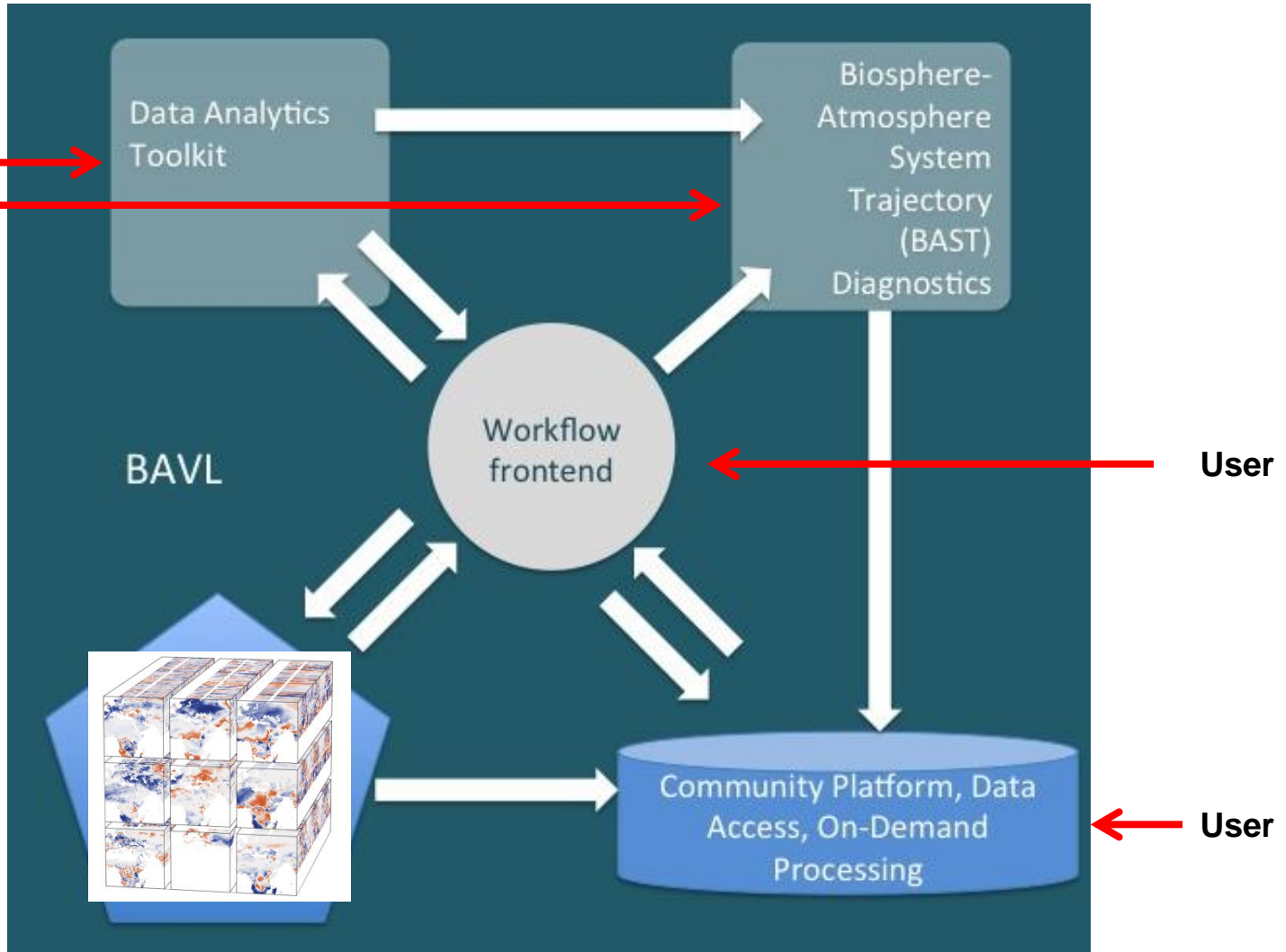


- High dimensional
- Same resolution in
  - space
  - time
- Compatible units

Nice, but analytical challenges  
➔ Dimensionality reduction

# Atmosphere, biosphere & anthroposphere properties as three dimensions



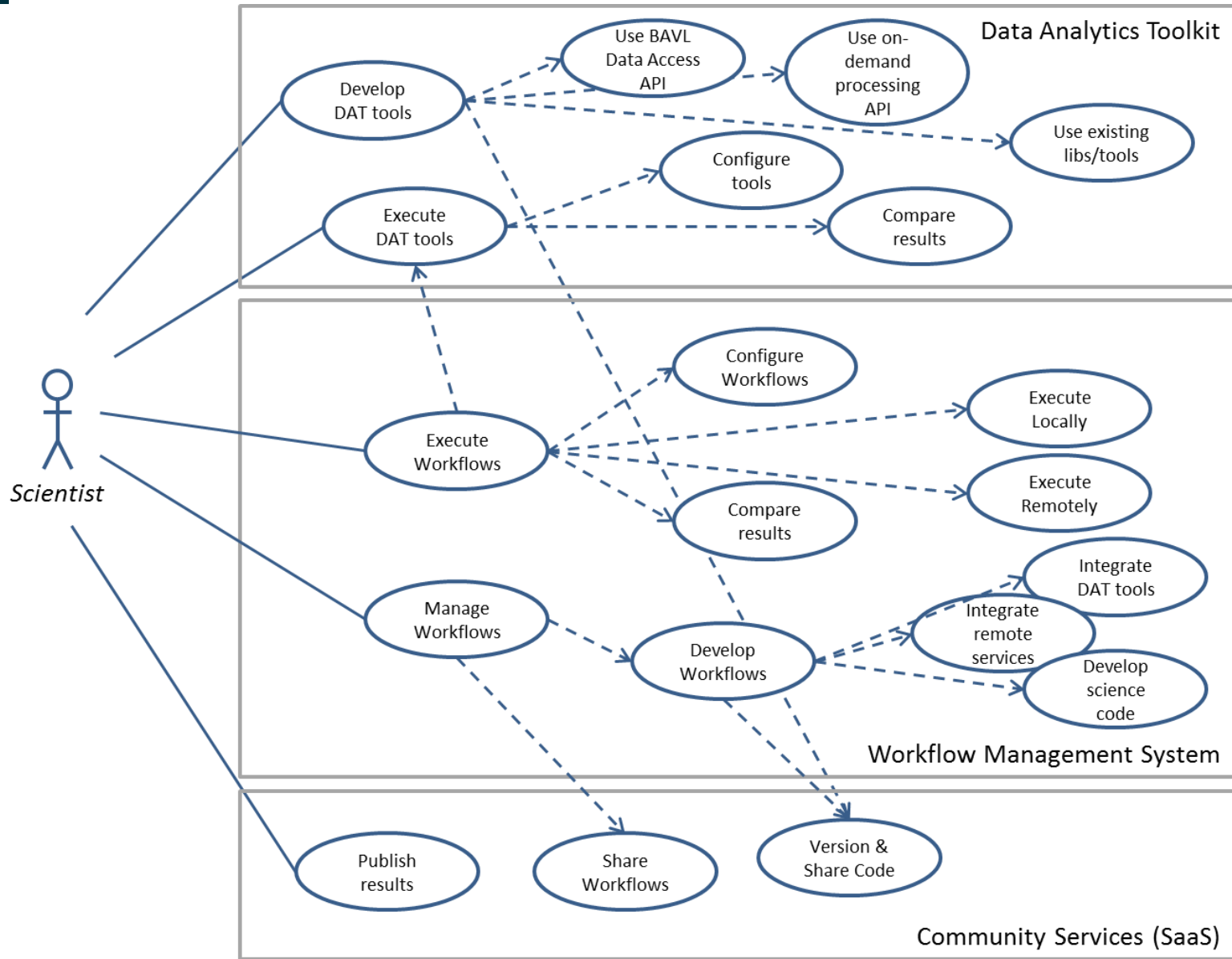


Brockmann et al. 2015, CAB-LAB proposal (modified)

Not download, but subscribe (tools to the data), seamless updates by “living data cube”

# CAB-LAB BAVL use-cases

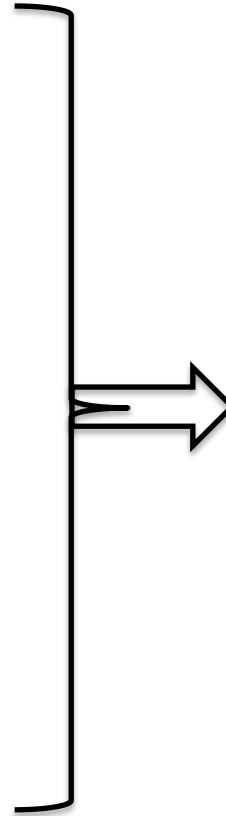
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# 1st BAST runs on preliminary ESDC

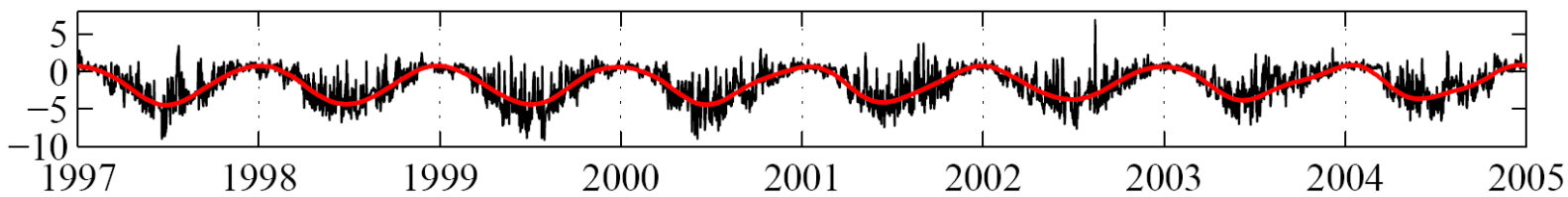


Earth System Data Cube (ESDC)



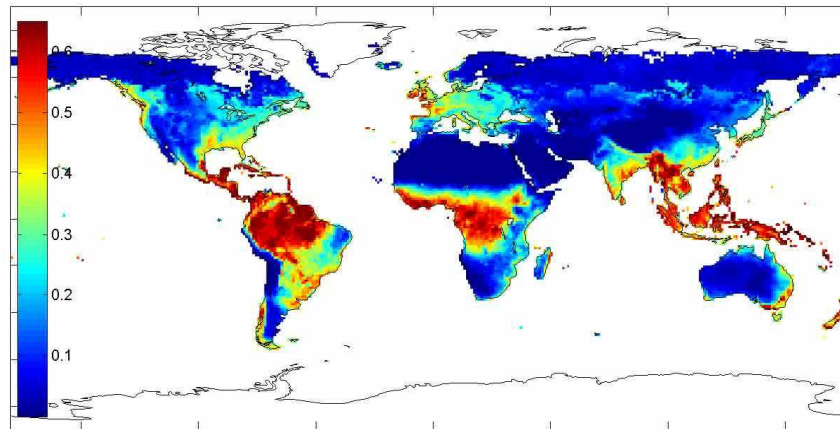
Index of Biosphere-Atmosphere System Trajectory (iBAST)

$NEE \text{ g C / m}^2 / \text{d}$

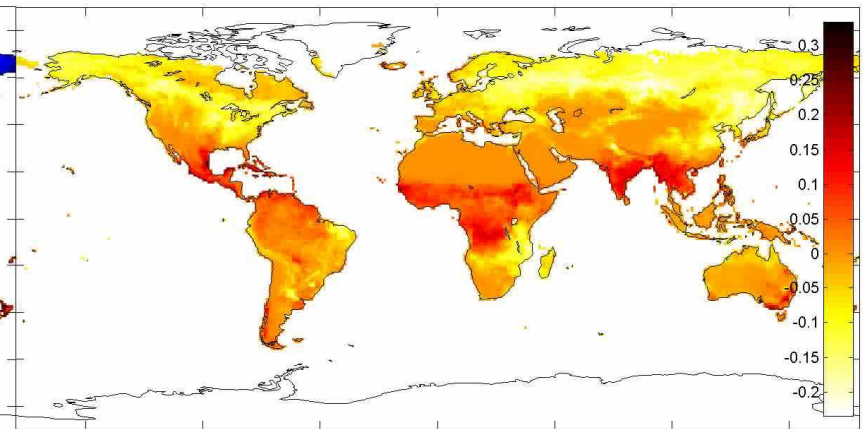


Time series decomposition by Singular Spectrum Analysis (SSA)

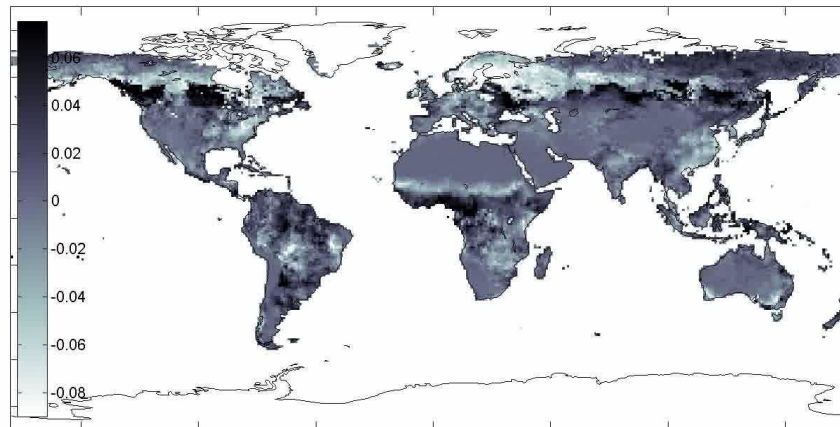
**FAPAR original data**



**Seasonal signal**

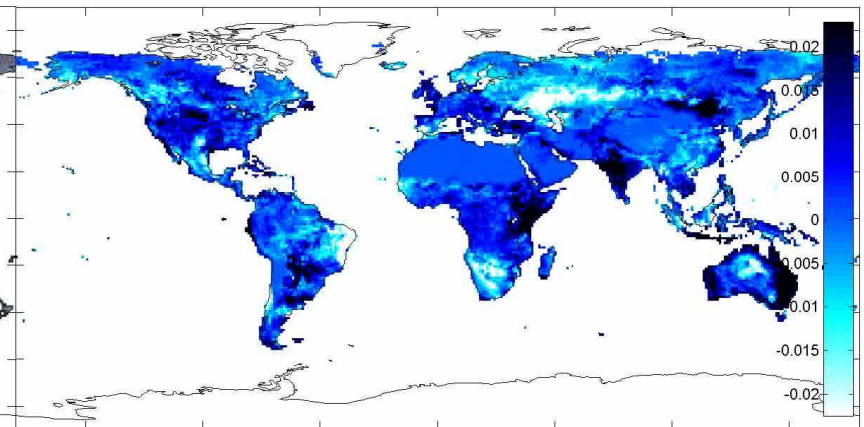


**Fluctuations (high freq)**



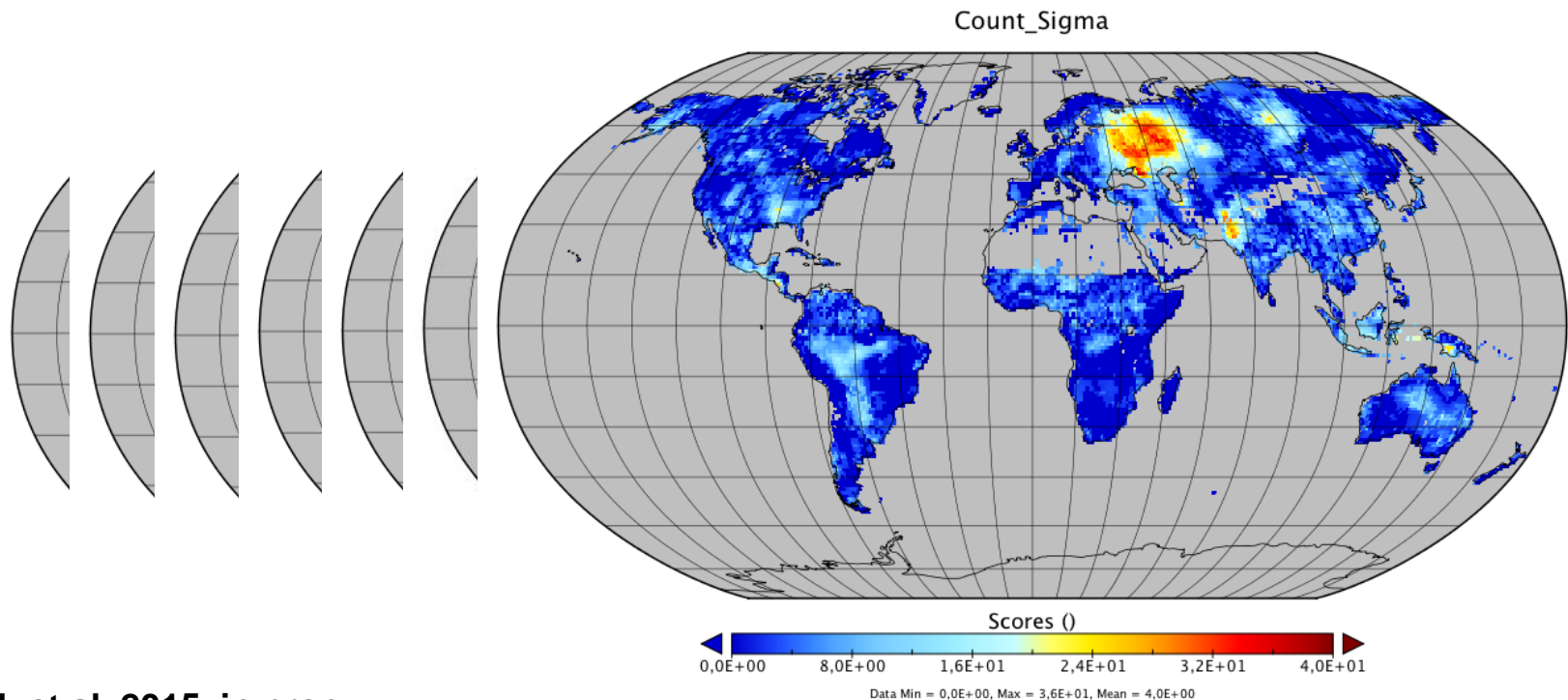
FAPAR: high frequency var.

**Multi-annual signal**



FAPAR: low frequencies var.

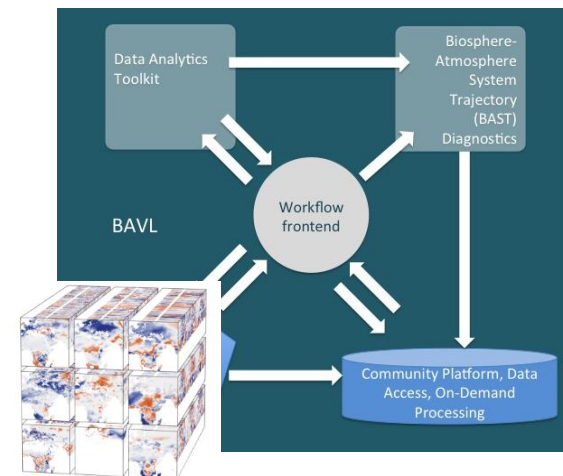
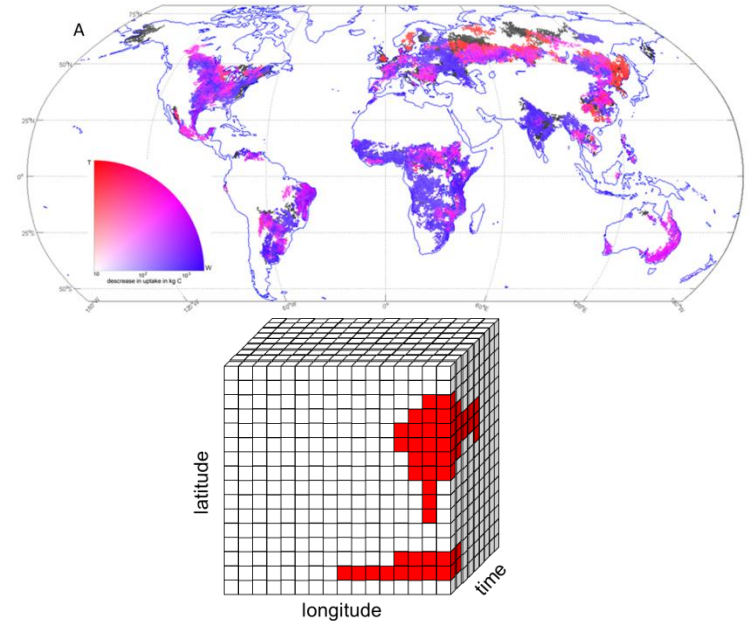
- Multi-method approach: extracting robust features; here: novelty detection



Flach et al. 2015, in prep.



- Earth System Data Cube highly relevant for Earth System Science
- Detecting localized events efficiently done
  - C cycle extremes globally important, related to water cycle
- Biosphere-Atmosphere-Virtual Lab being established for use by the community for free DA
  - Now: Prototyping with existing data
  - Future: Sentinels





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