

JULES & CLASSIC

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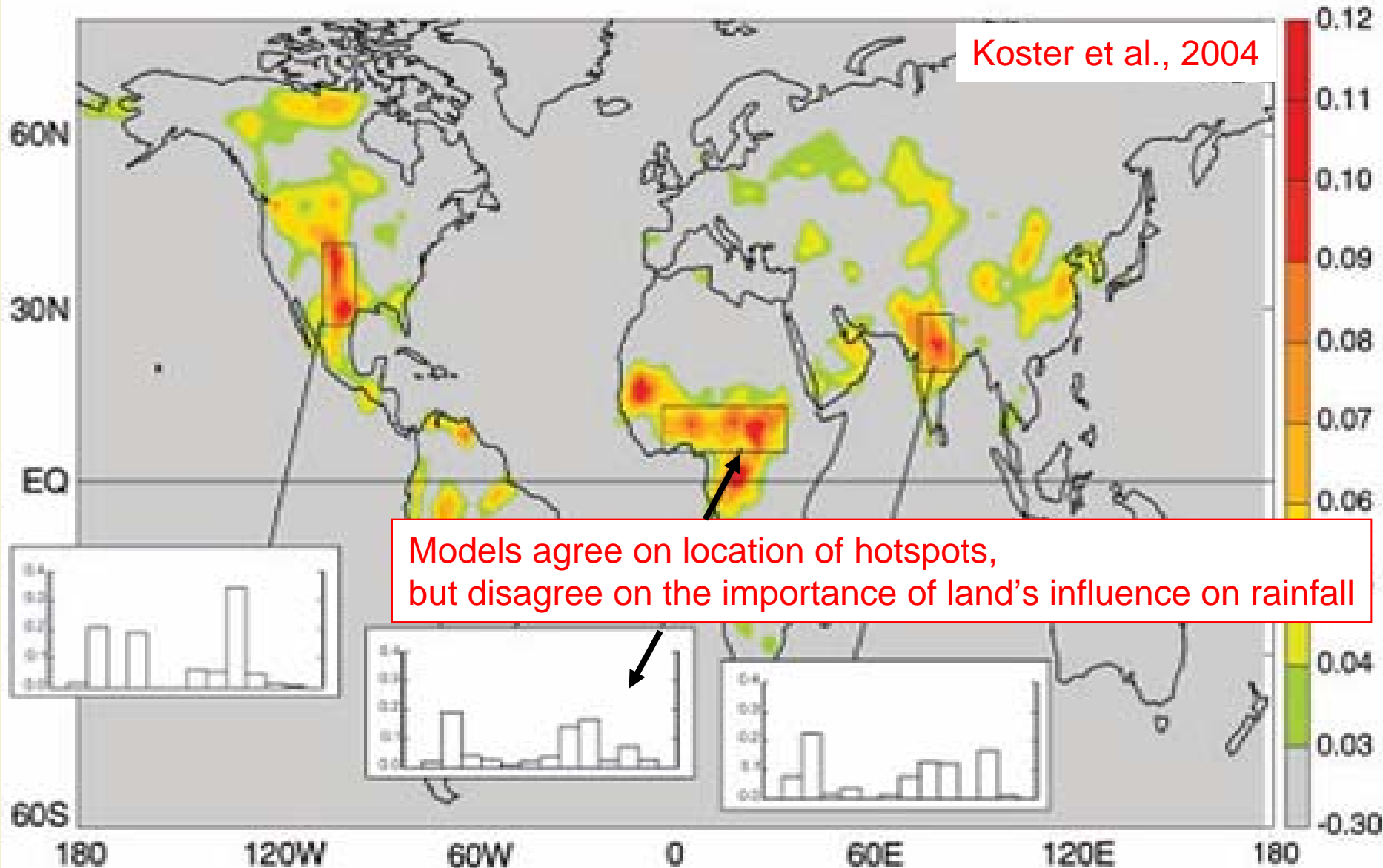
The CLASSIC Mission

To utilise Earth Observation to quantify interactions between the land surface and the atmosphere on diurnal to decadal timescales

CLASSIC Goals

- To improve the understanding of feedbacks between the land surface and atmosphere;

Land-atmosphere coupling strength (JJA), averaged across AGCMs

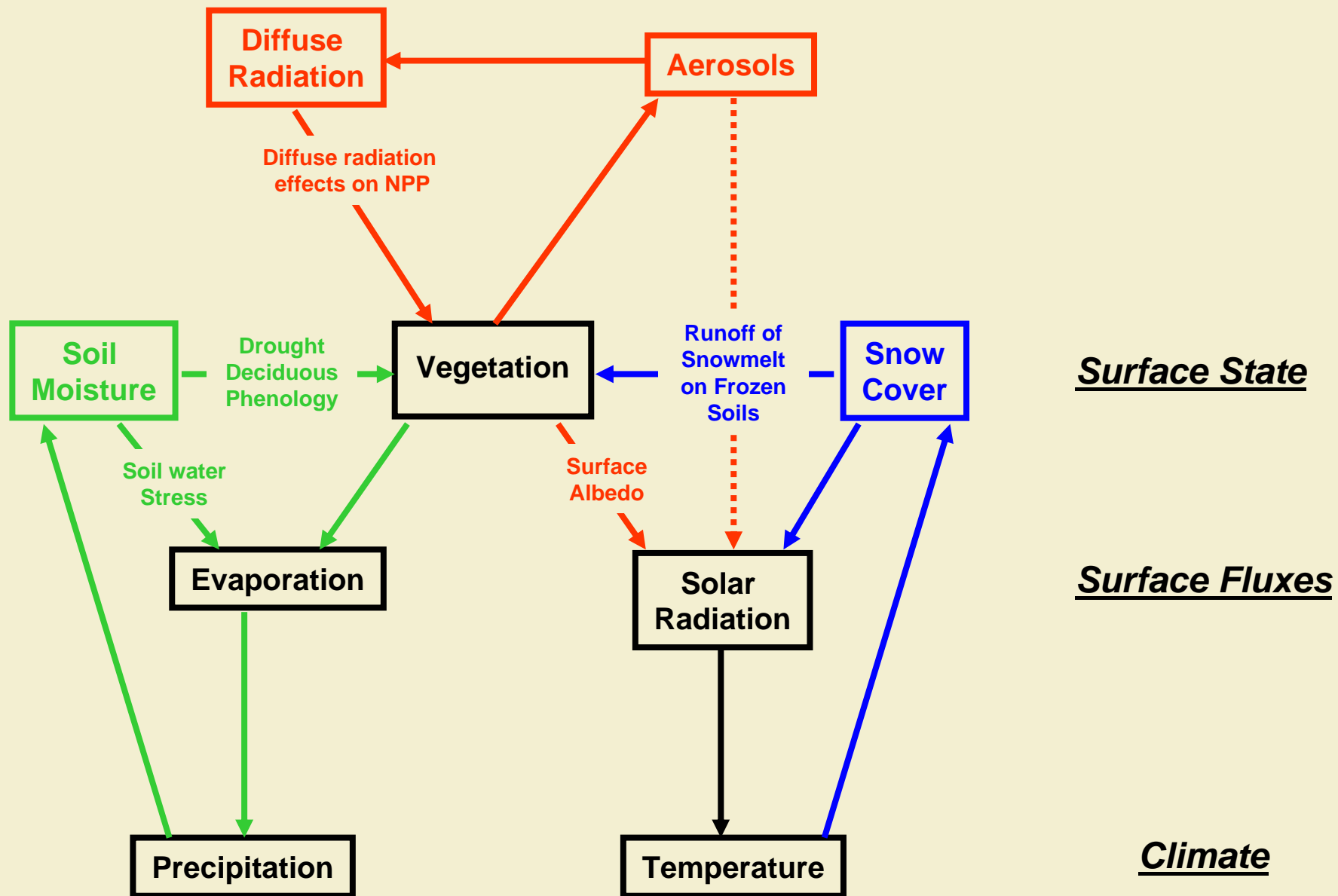


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- To improve the representation of land-surface processes in climate and Earth system models;

..through contributions to the development of JULES and land-surface datasets....

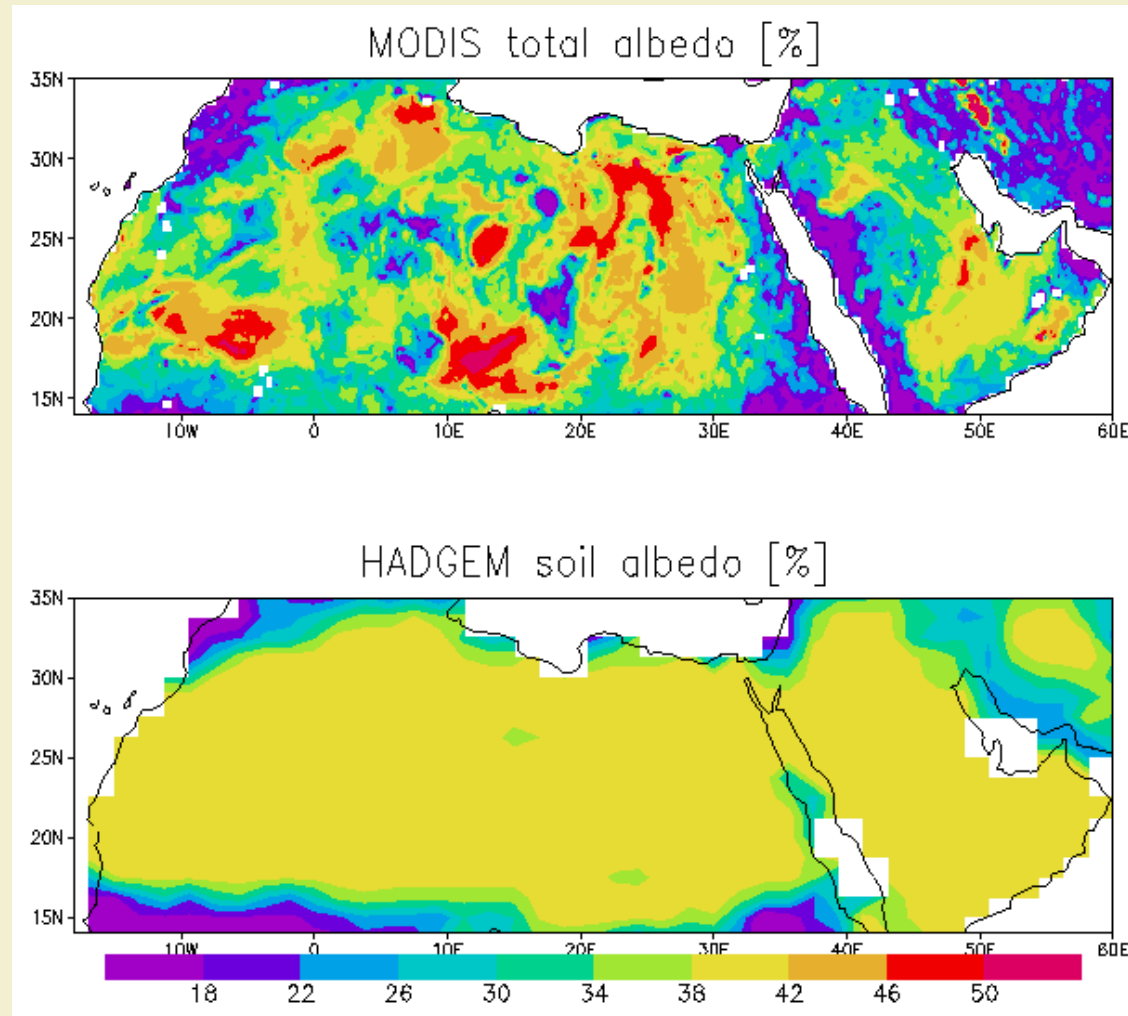
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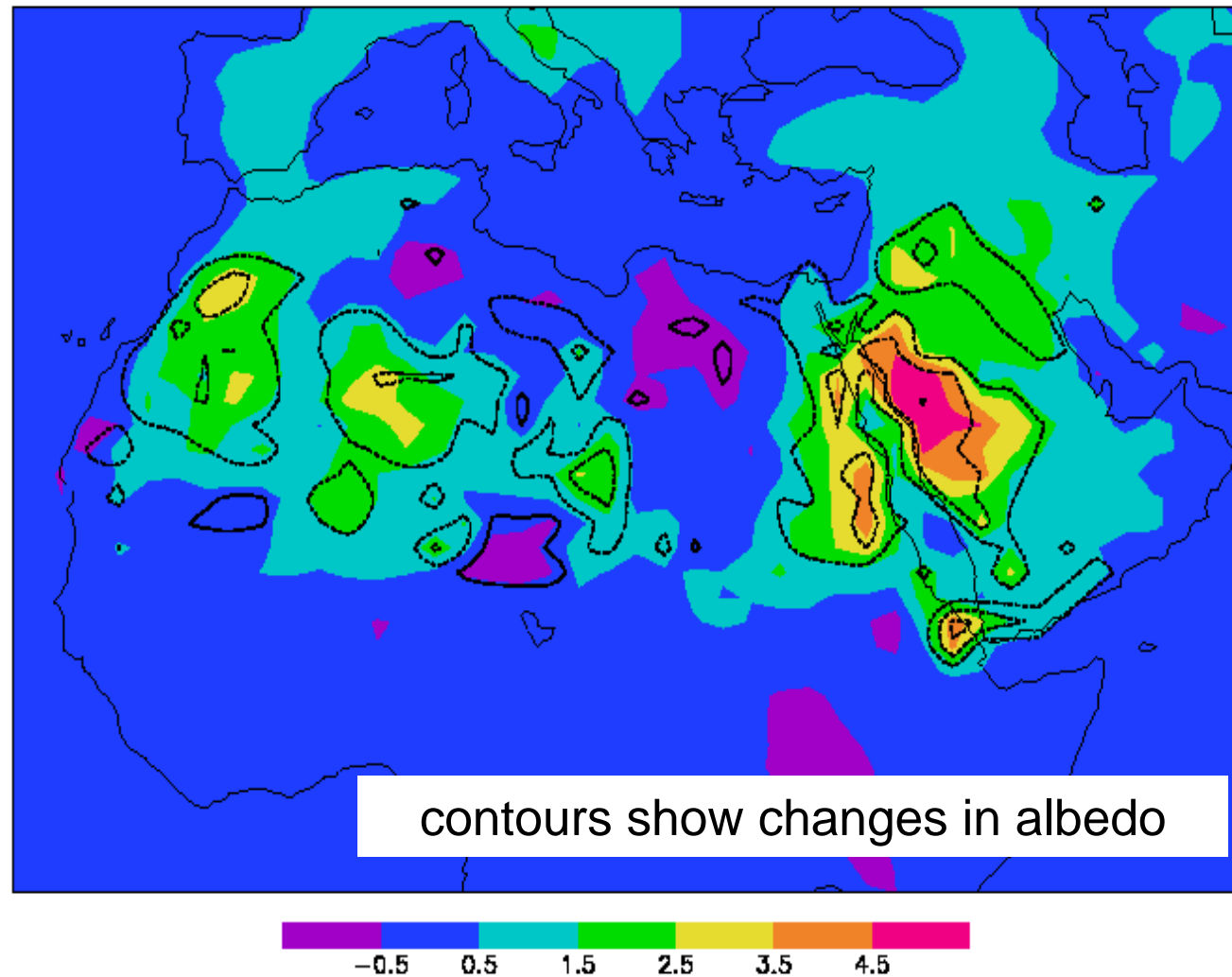
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Existing albedo in HadGAM has large biases,
notably over the Sahara

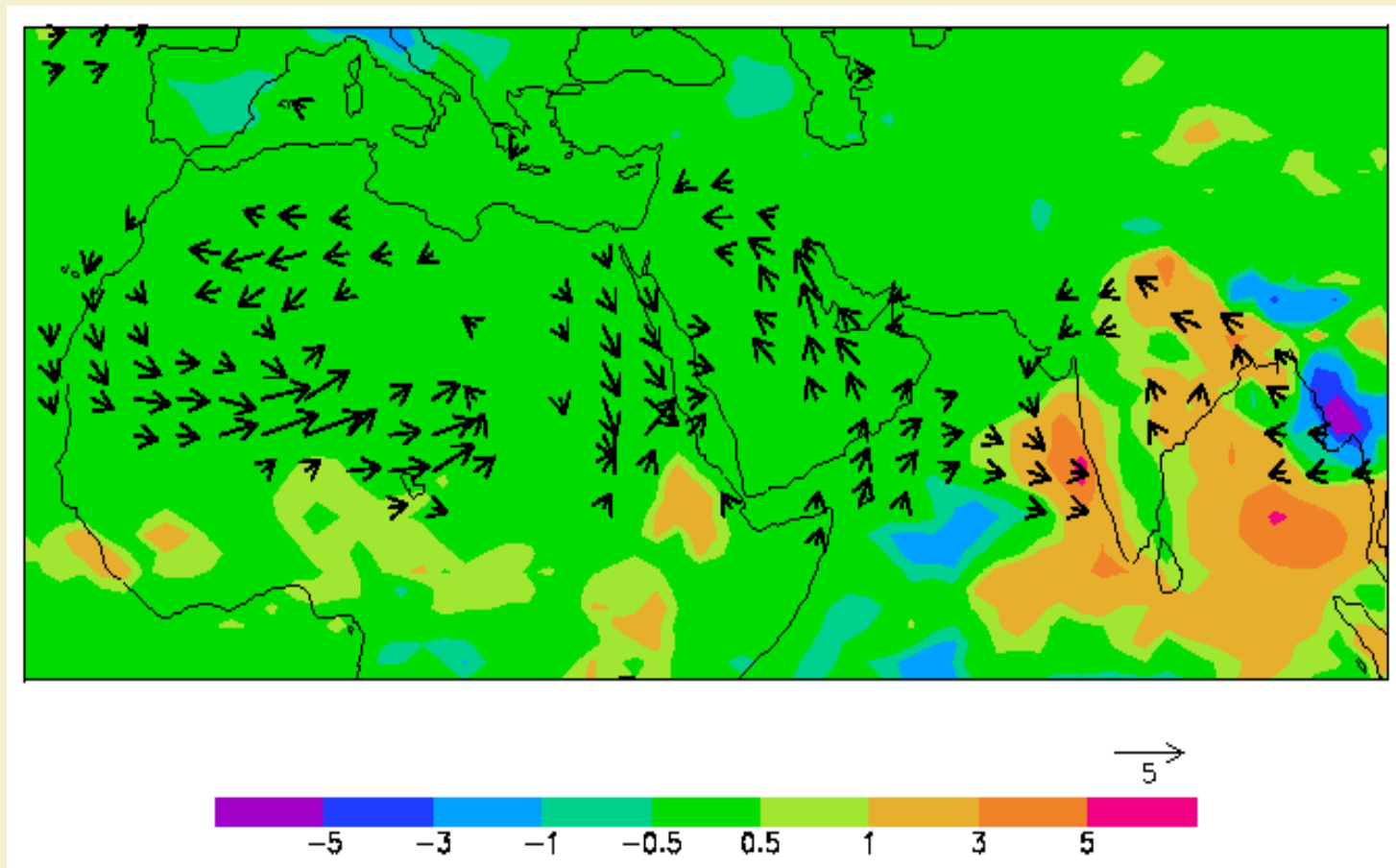


Impact of new albedo in HadGAM GCM : Change in Temperature at 1.5m in JJA



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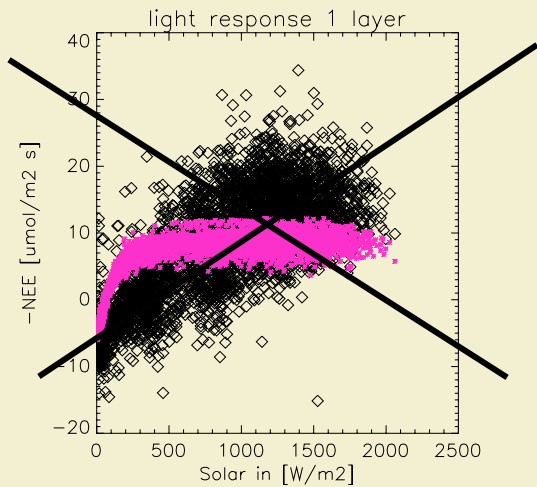
Enhances African monsoon precip (shaded) and affects Asian monsoon



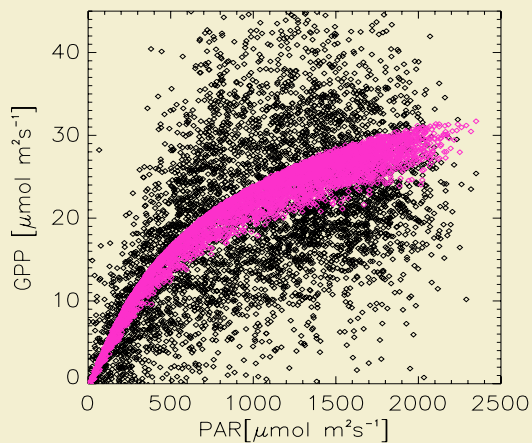
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Improving processes in JULES



- Big leaf – unrealistic representation



- 10-layer improved 'Light mod'
Far more realistic

- Importance of canopy structure and leaf angle inclination

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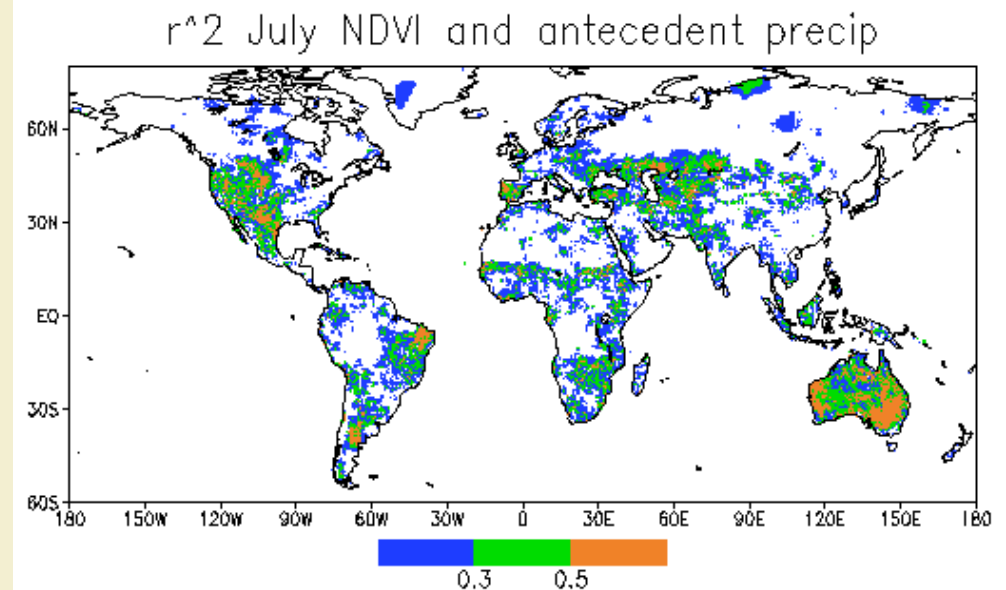
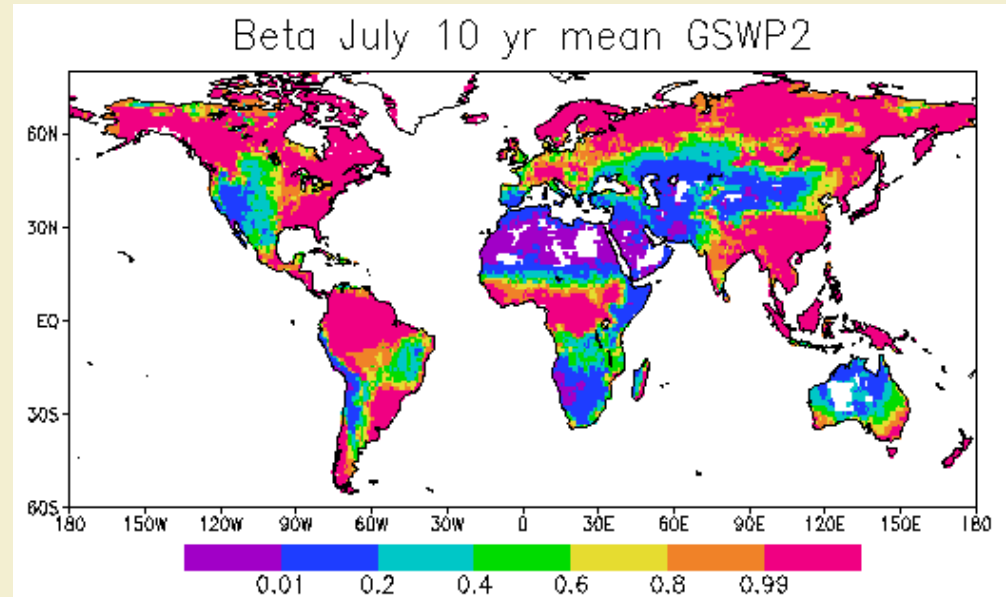
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Soil Moisture Availability Simulated by JULES

Correlation between precipitation and NDVI

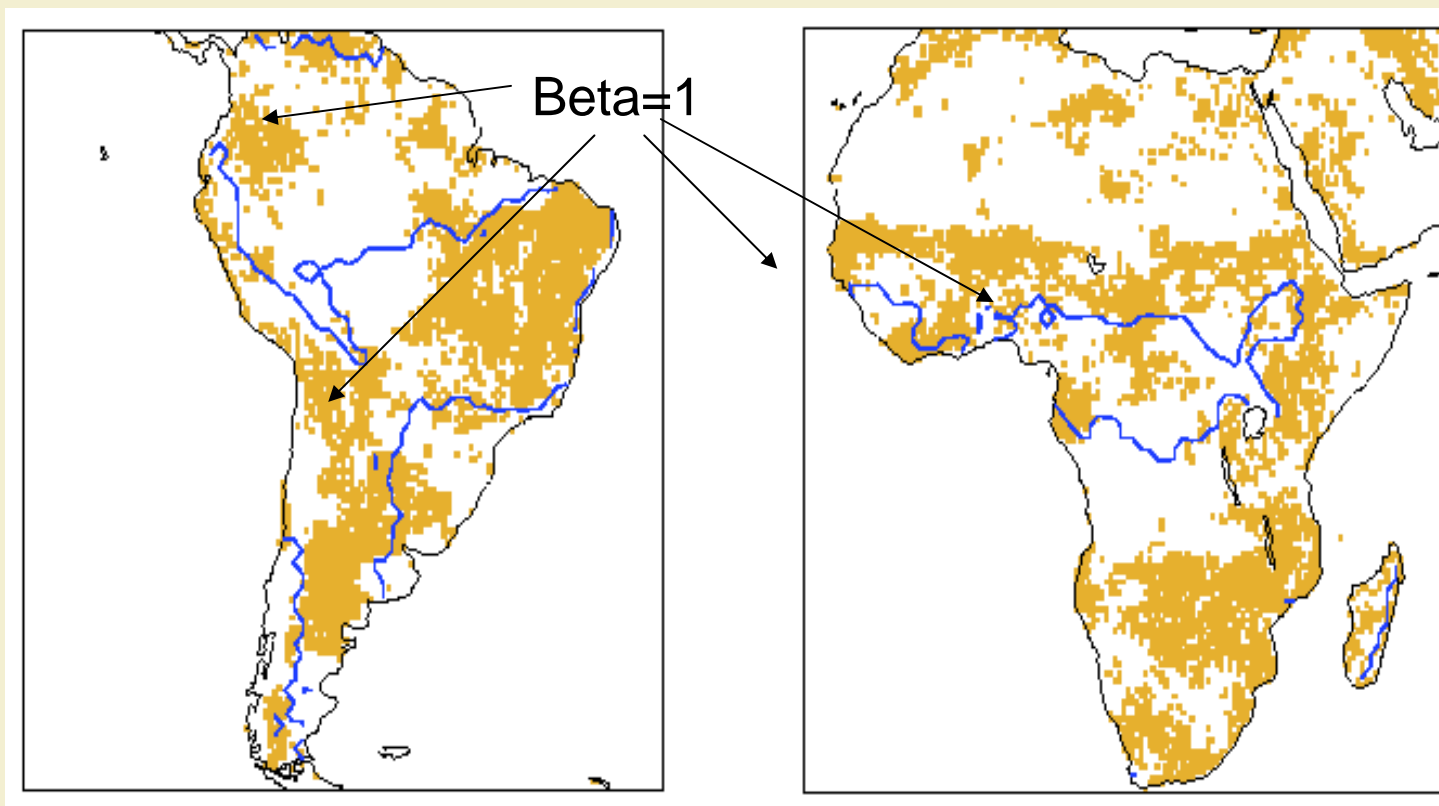
a perfect model would show
no pixels in lower panel when
beta=1 (i.e. unstressed, pink
in top panel)

→ encouraging agreement at
large-scales



Soil Moisture Availability and dependence of NDVI on rainfall

Orange areas have significant positive correlation between observed precip and NDVI



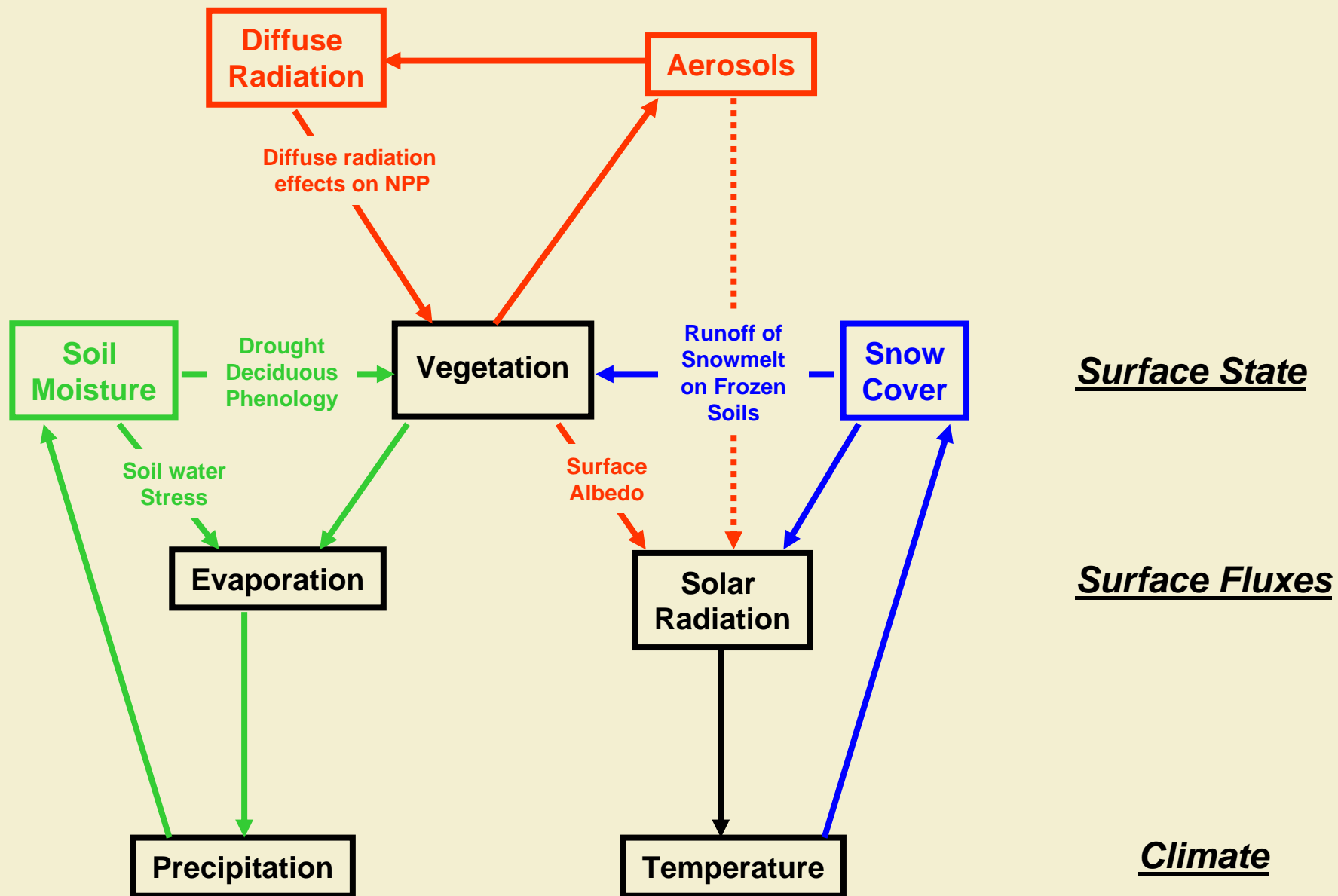
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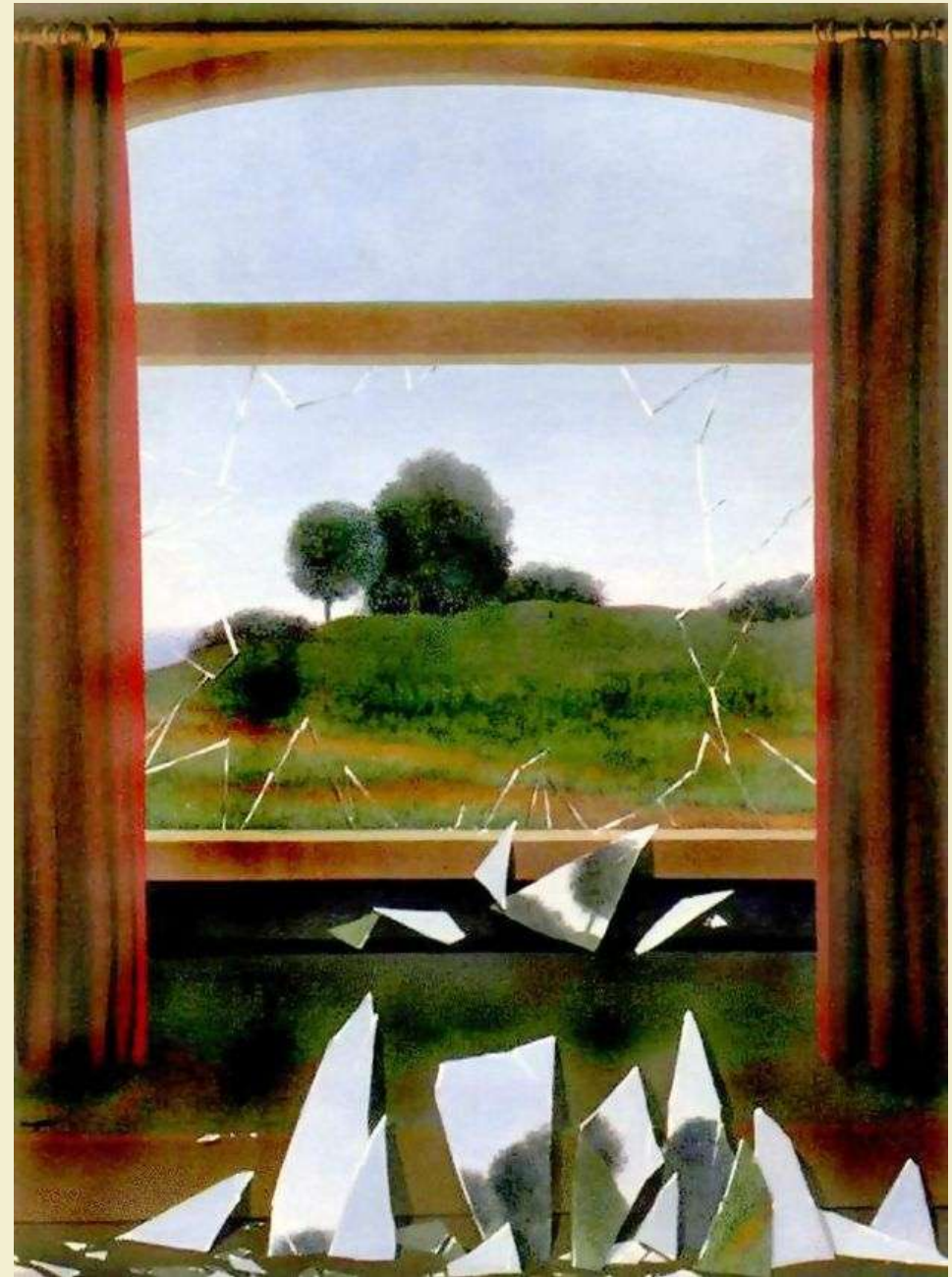
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