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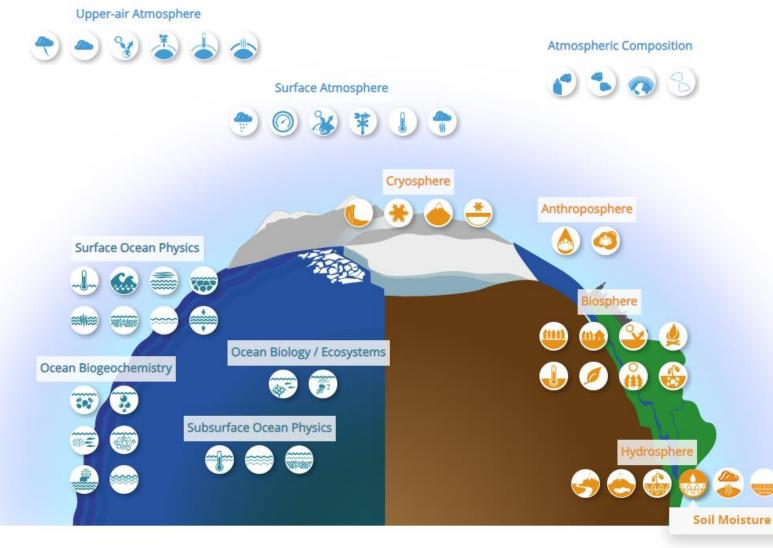
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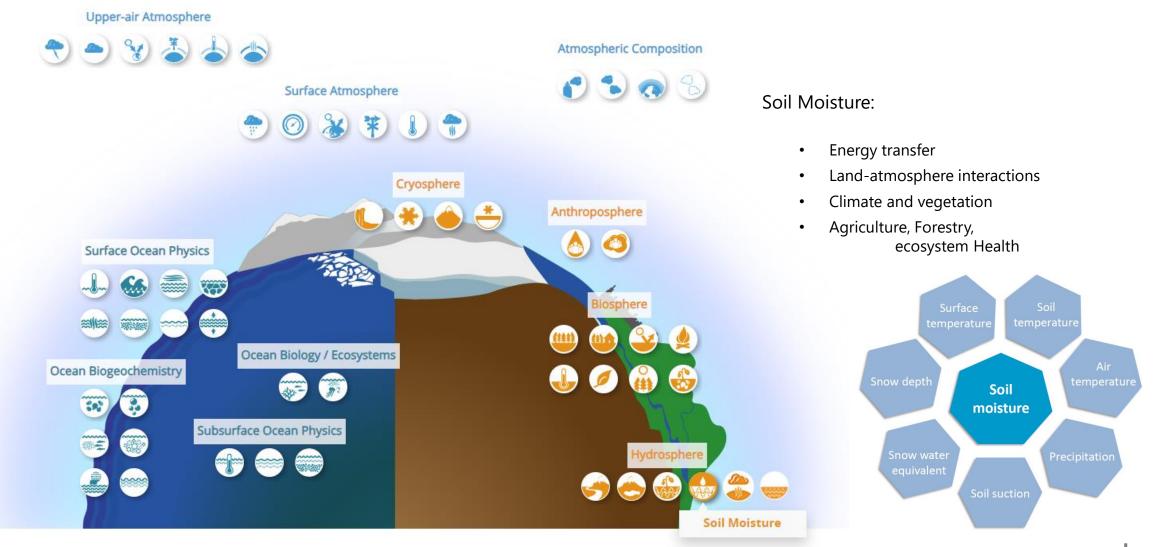


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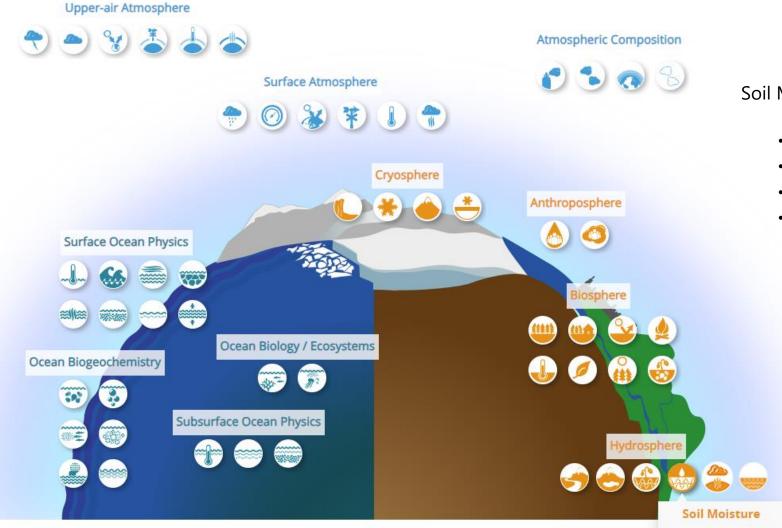
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Soil Moisture:

- Energy transfer
- Land-atmosphere interactions
- Climate and vegetation
- Agriculture, Forestry, ecosystem Health
- Progressing climate change
- Extreme events (floods, droughts)
- Water scarcity
- Agriculture: Water management

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Global Hydrological Data

WMO action plan for Hydrology (2020 –2030)

- 1. No one is surprised by a flood
- 2. Everyone is prepared for drought
- 3. Hydro-climate and meteorological data support the food security agenda
 - 4. High-quality data supports science
 - 5. Science provides a sound basis for operational hydrology
- 6. We have a thorough knowledge of the water resources of our world
- 7. Sustainable development is supported by information covering the full hydrological cycle
 8. Water quality is known

UNESCO IHP IX Priority areas 2022 –2029

- 1. Scientific Research and Innovation
- 2. Water Education for the Fourth Industrial Revolution including sustainability
- 3. Bridging the data and knowledge gaps
- 4. Integrated and Inclusive Water Resources Management under conditions of global change
 - 5. Water Governance based on science for mitigation, adaptation and resilience



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Global Data Management: GCOS

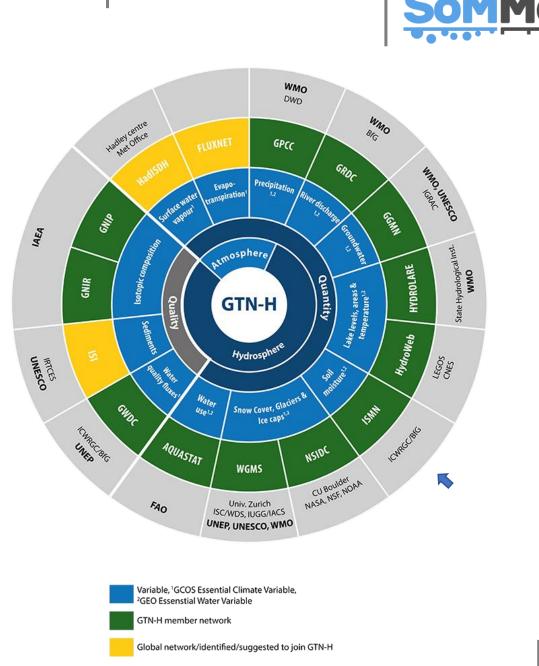


Network of the global water data centres, In-situ focus

Joint programme of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS); implemented in 2001

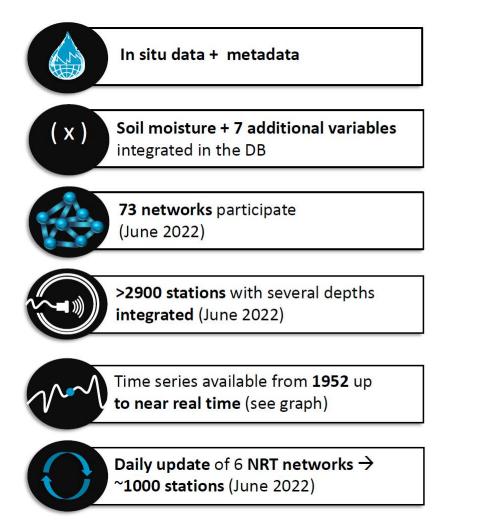


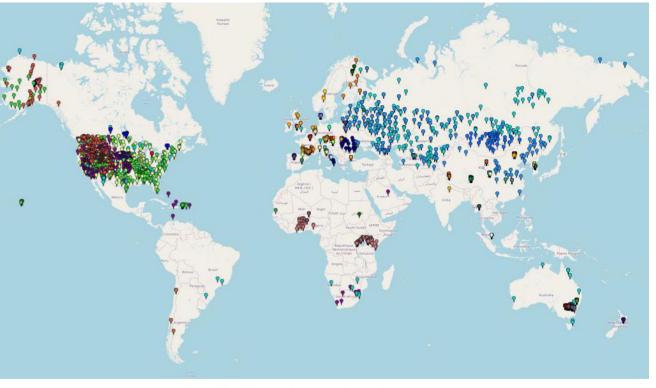




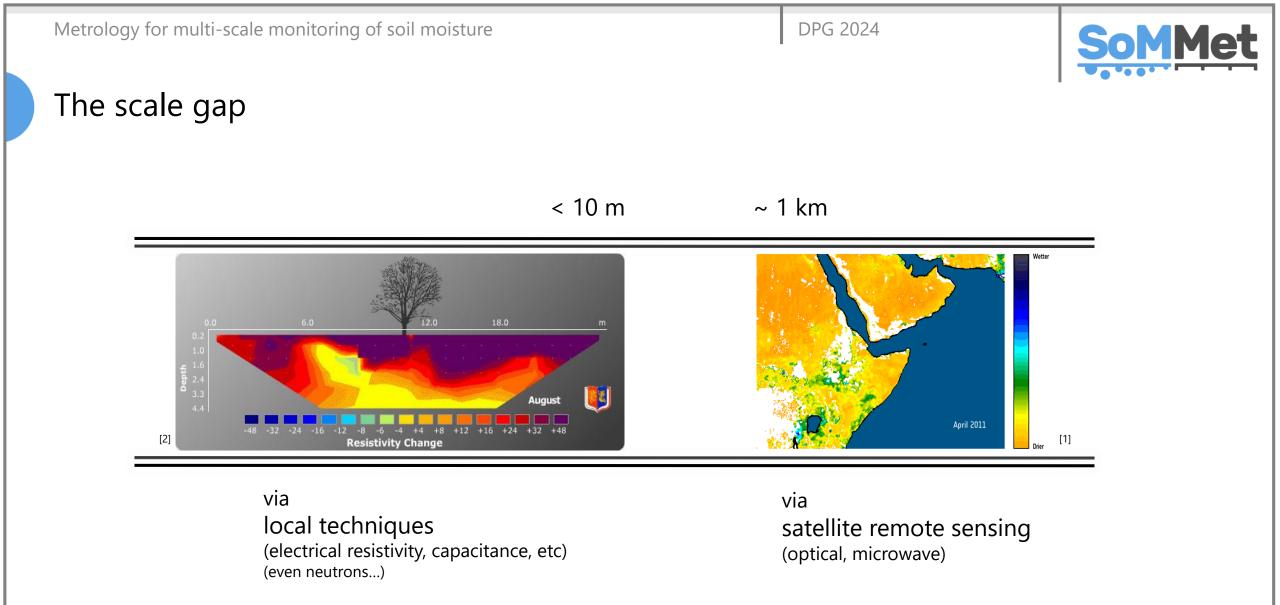


Global Data Management: International Soil Moisture Network

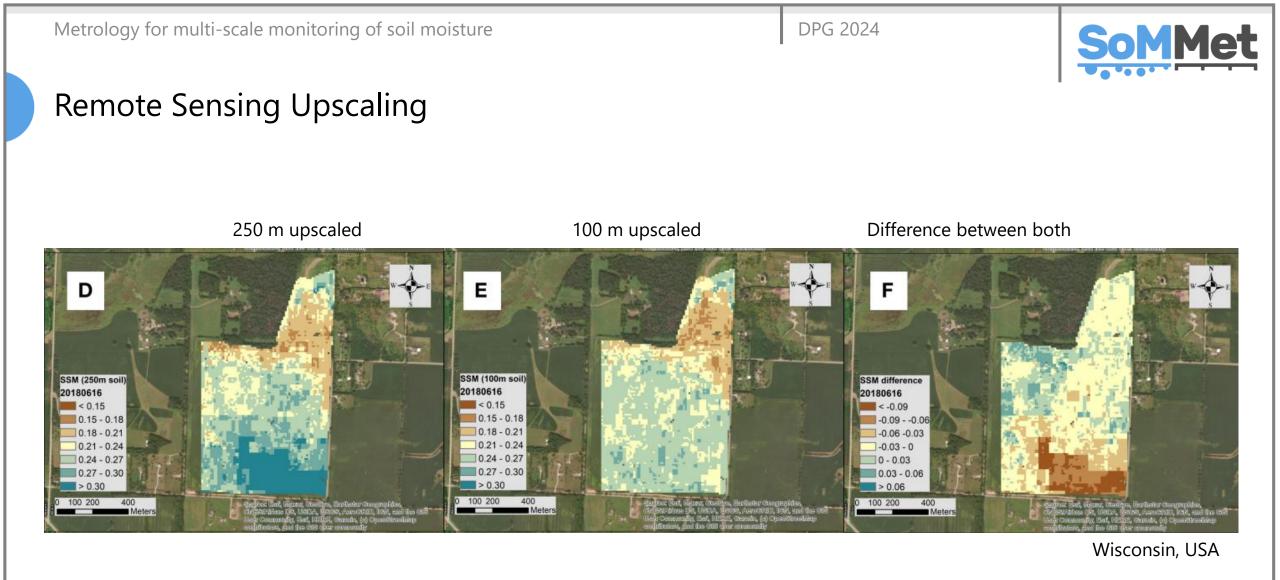




Distribution of the soil moisture stations

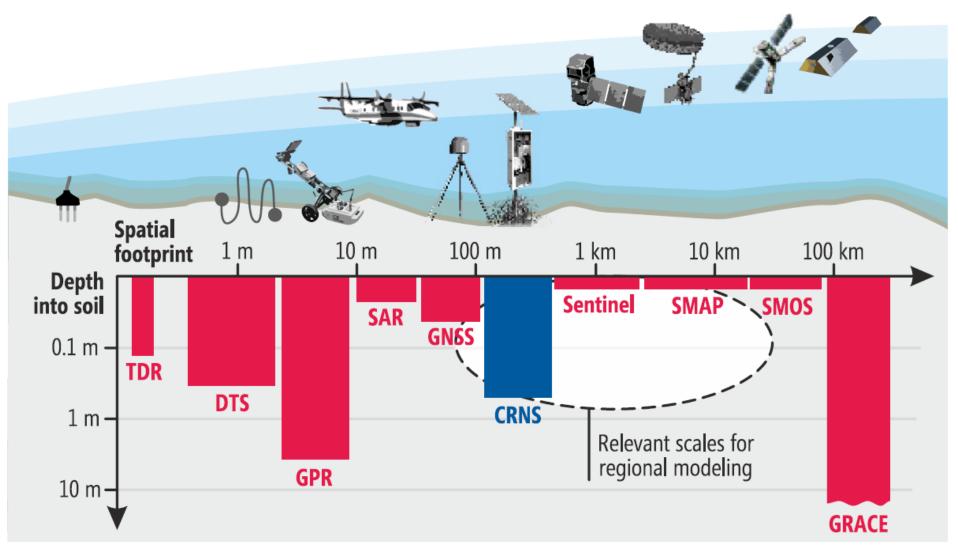


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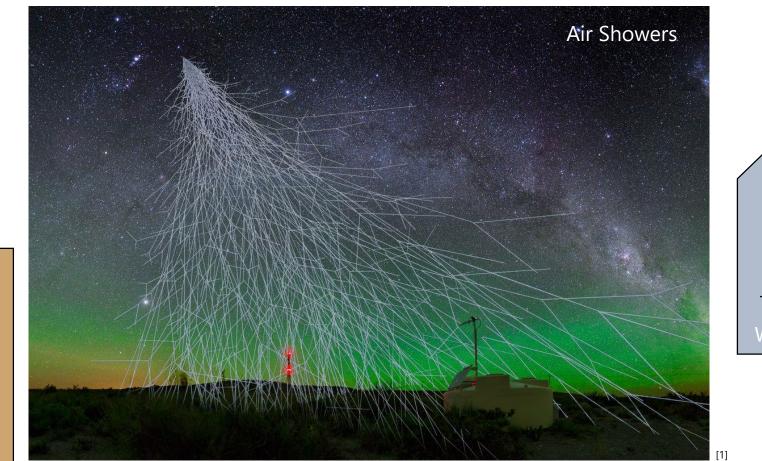
Soil moisture measurement methods

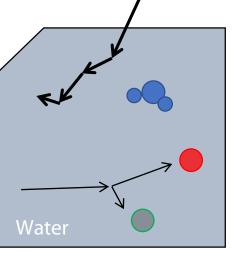


CRNS Method

Rock



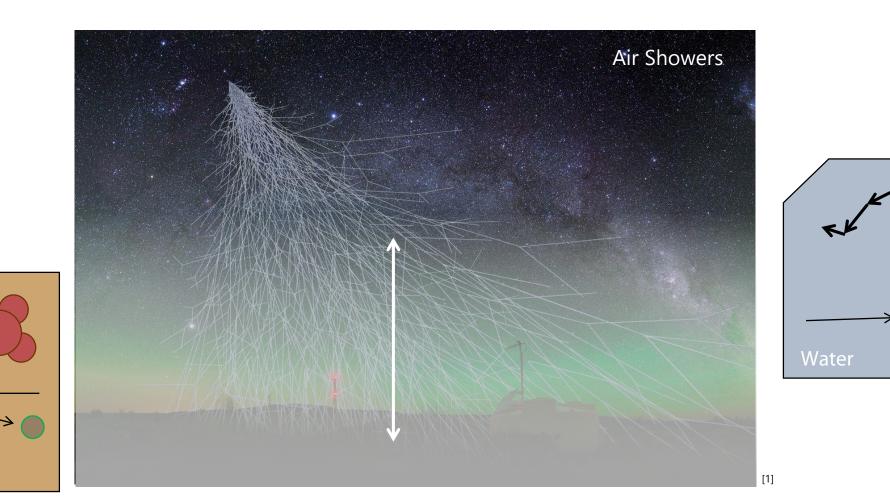




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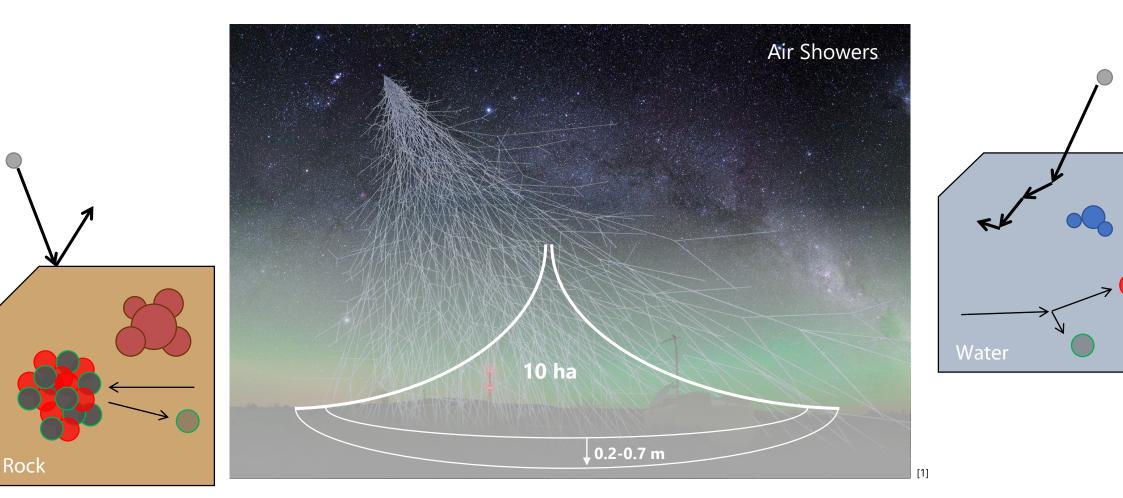
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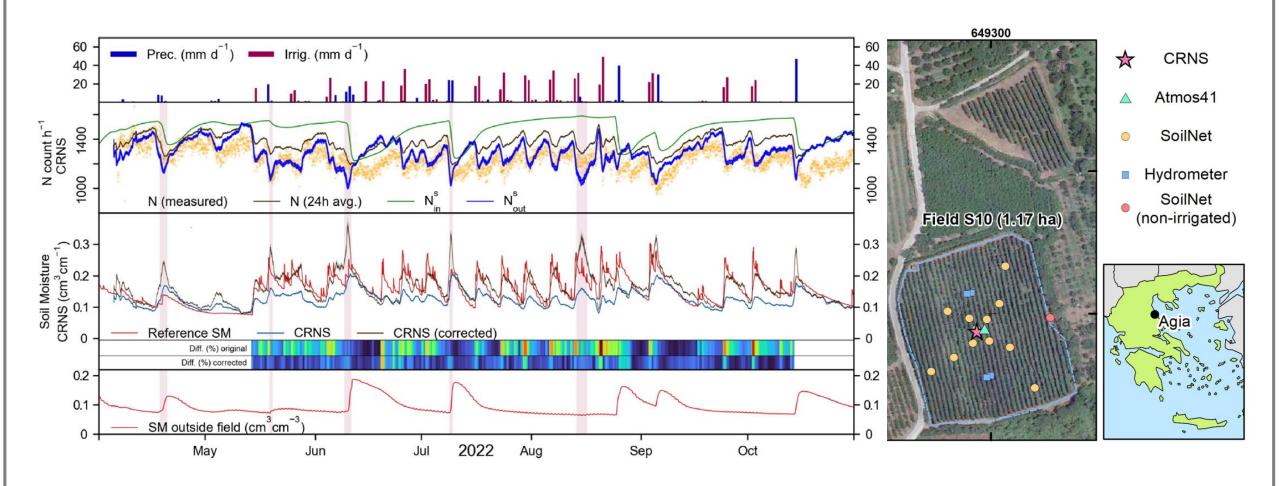
CRNS Sensors





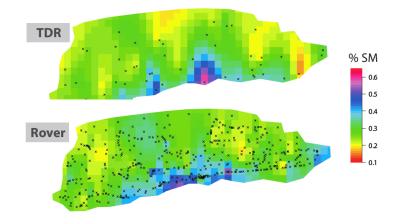


CRNS Example: Irrigation

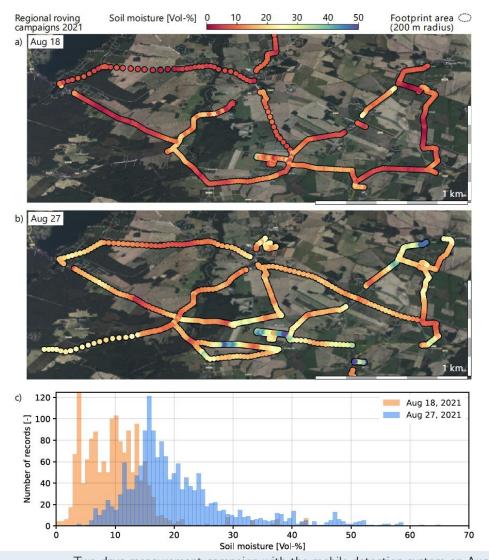




CRNS Example: Roving







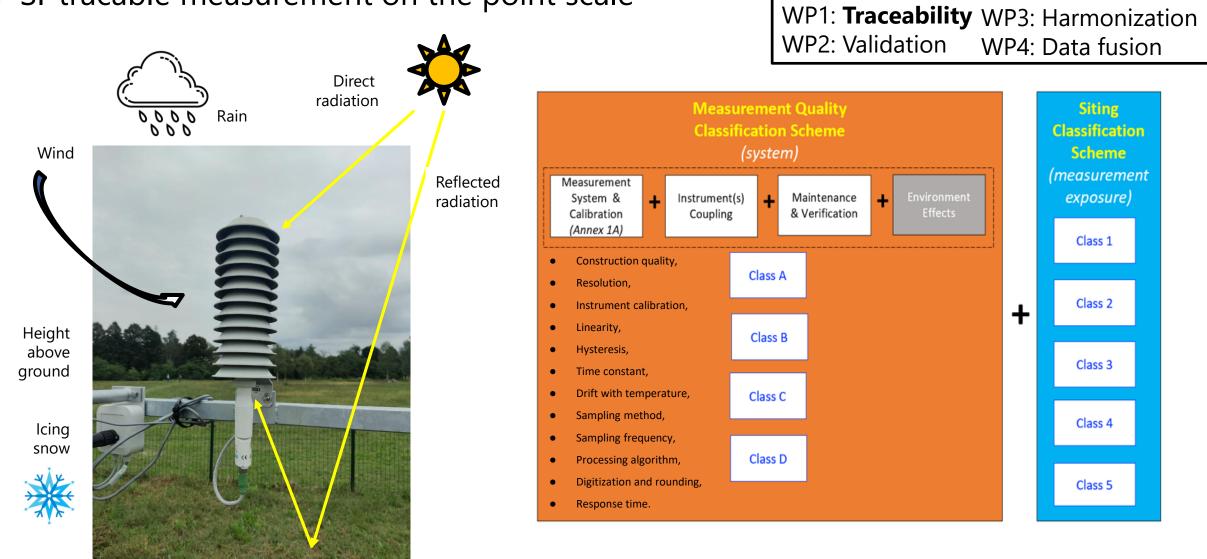
Two-days measurement campaign with the mobile detection system on Aug 18th (a) and Aug 27th (b), 2021. Credit: Martin Schrön, UFZ Leipzig, Germany.







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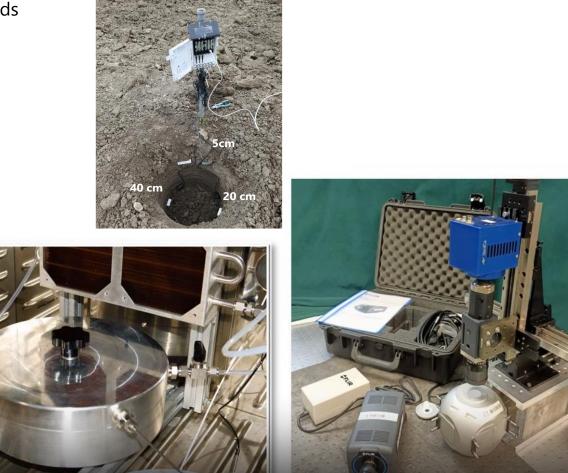


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Development of CRNS validation practices

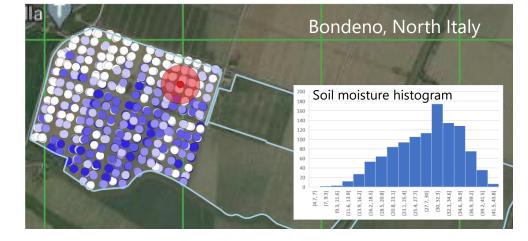
- Three ,high level' test sites selected
- Characterized, equipped with in-situ sensors
 - Validation of neutron transport models
 - Uncertainty evaluation under environmental conditions
 (heterogenity, changing vegetation, irrigation)

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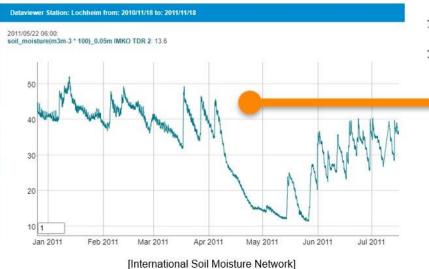
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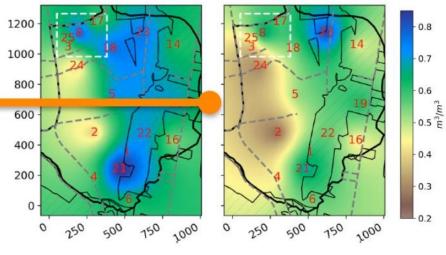
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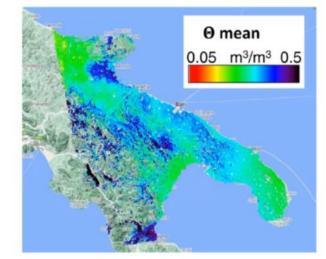
Example: Daily average soil moisture at catchment scale



[Heistermann, HESS 25 (2021) 4807]

Satellite remote sensing

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[[]Balenzano et al., Data in Brief 38 (2021) 107345]

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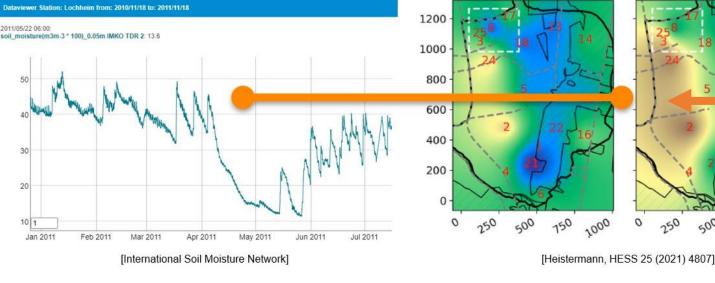
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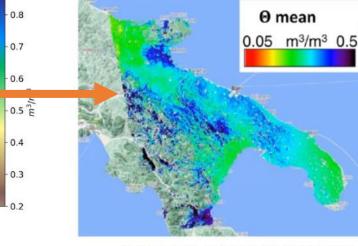
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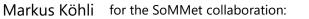
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