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Evaluation of reanalysis soil moisture products using Cosmic Ray Neutron Sensor observations across the globe

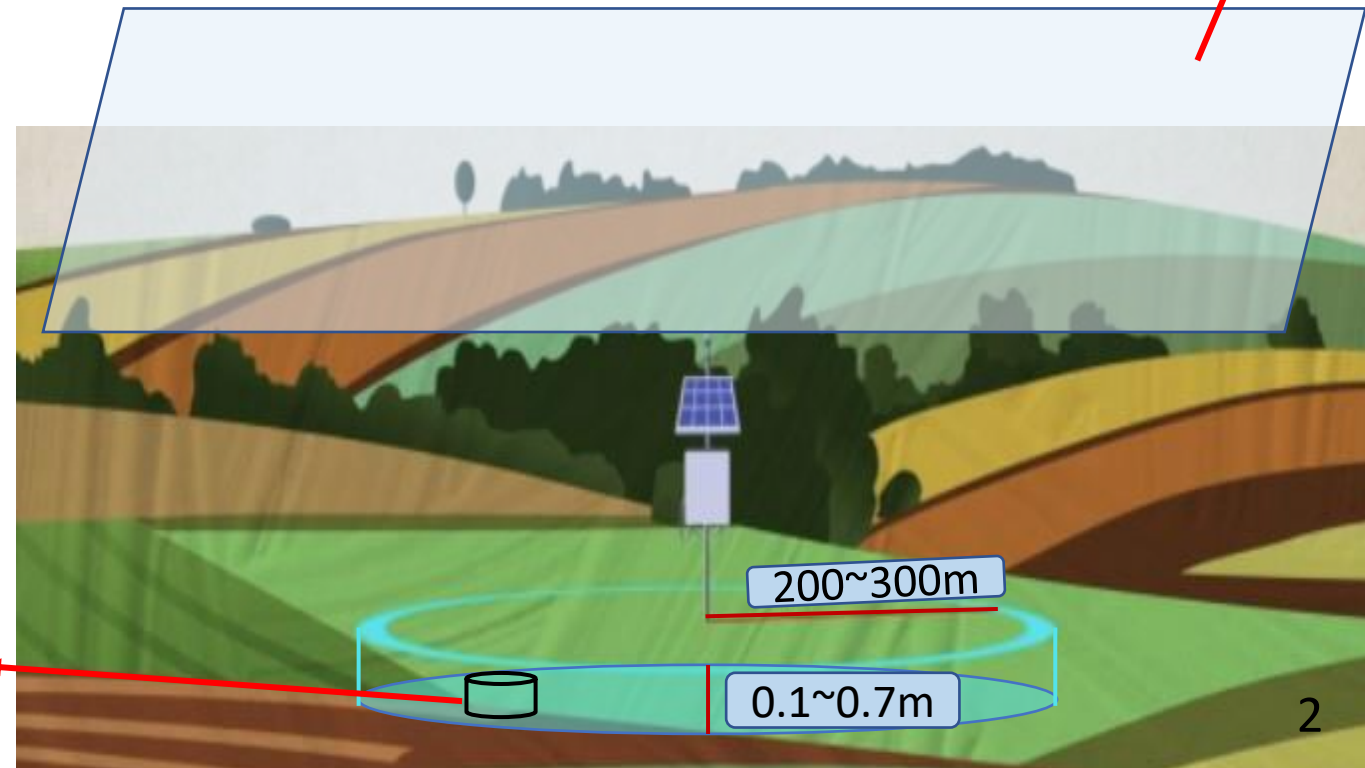
Research goal & Motivation

- Lots of soil moisture products available
 - **how to choose?**
- **Why** evaluate for the reanalysis products?
 - Long time record
 - Global spatial coverage
- **Why** use Cosmic Ray Neutron Sensor (CRNS) observations ?
 - Field-scale measurement
 - Spatial scale mismatch



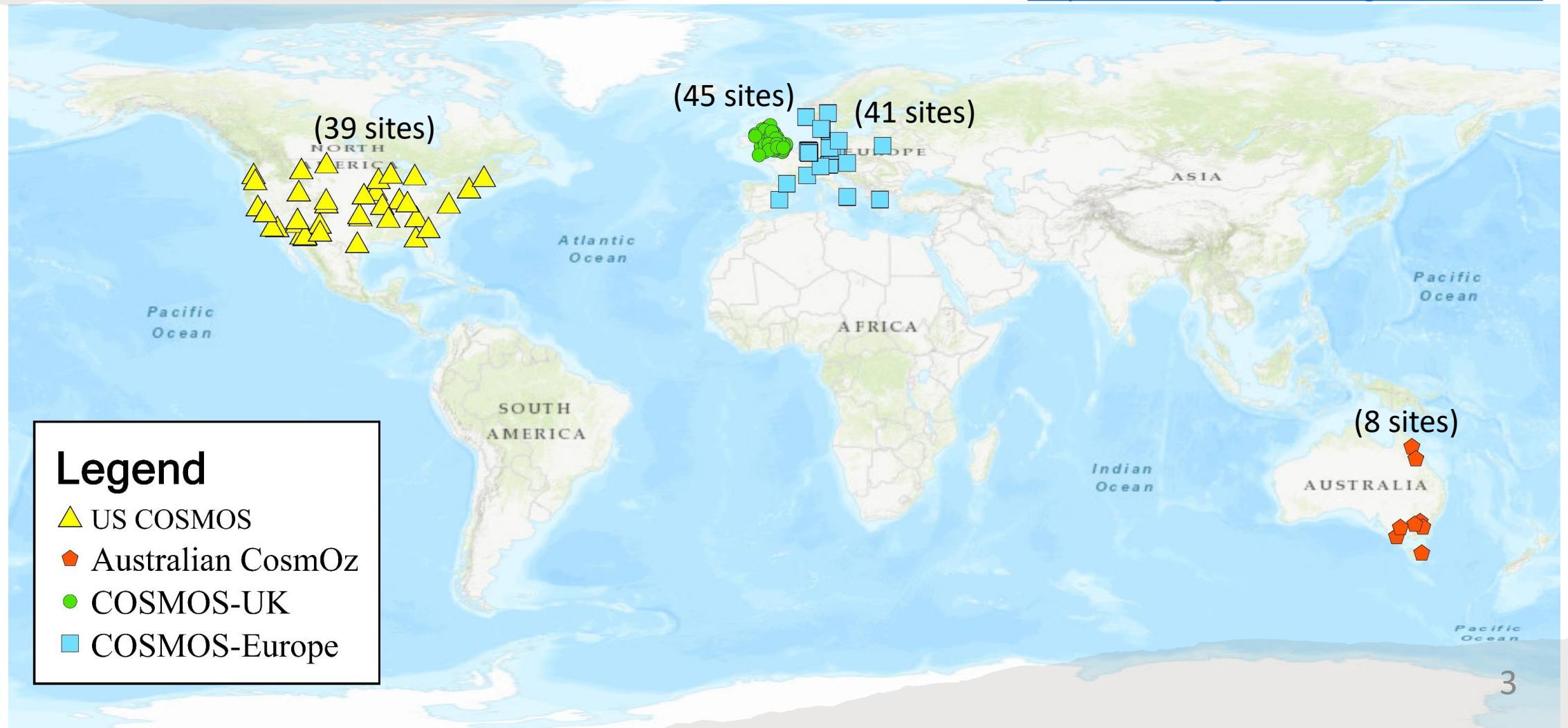
Reanalysis
product grid

 Point
measurement



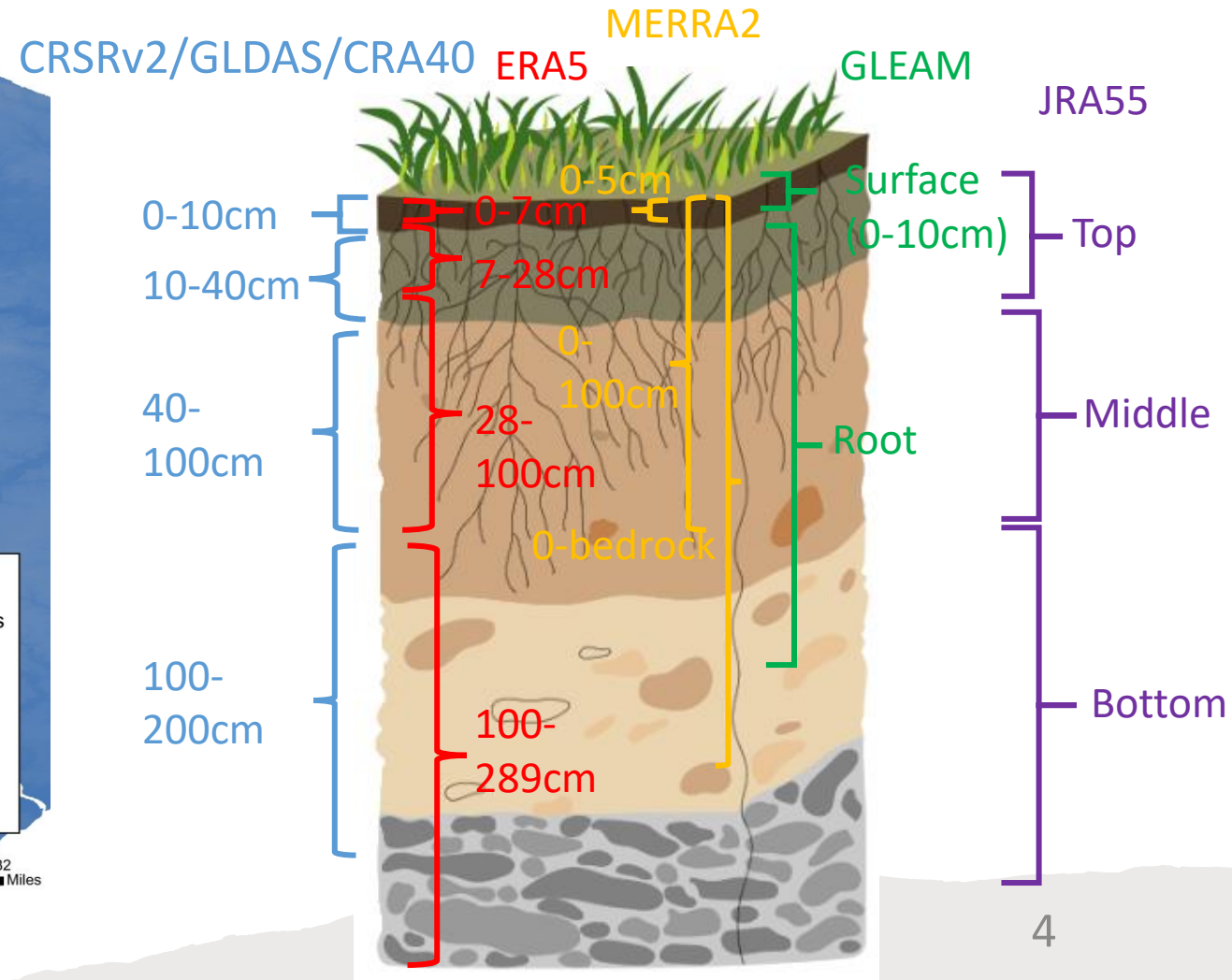
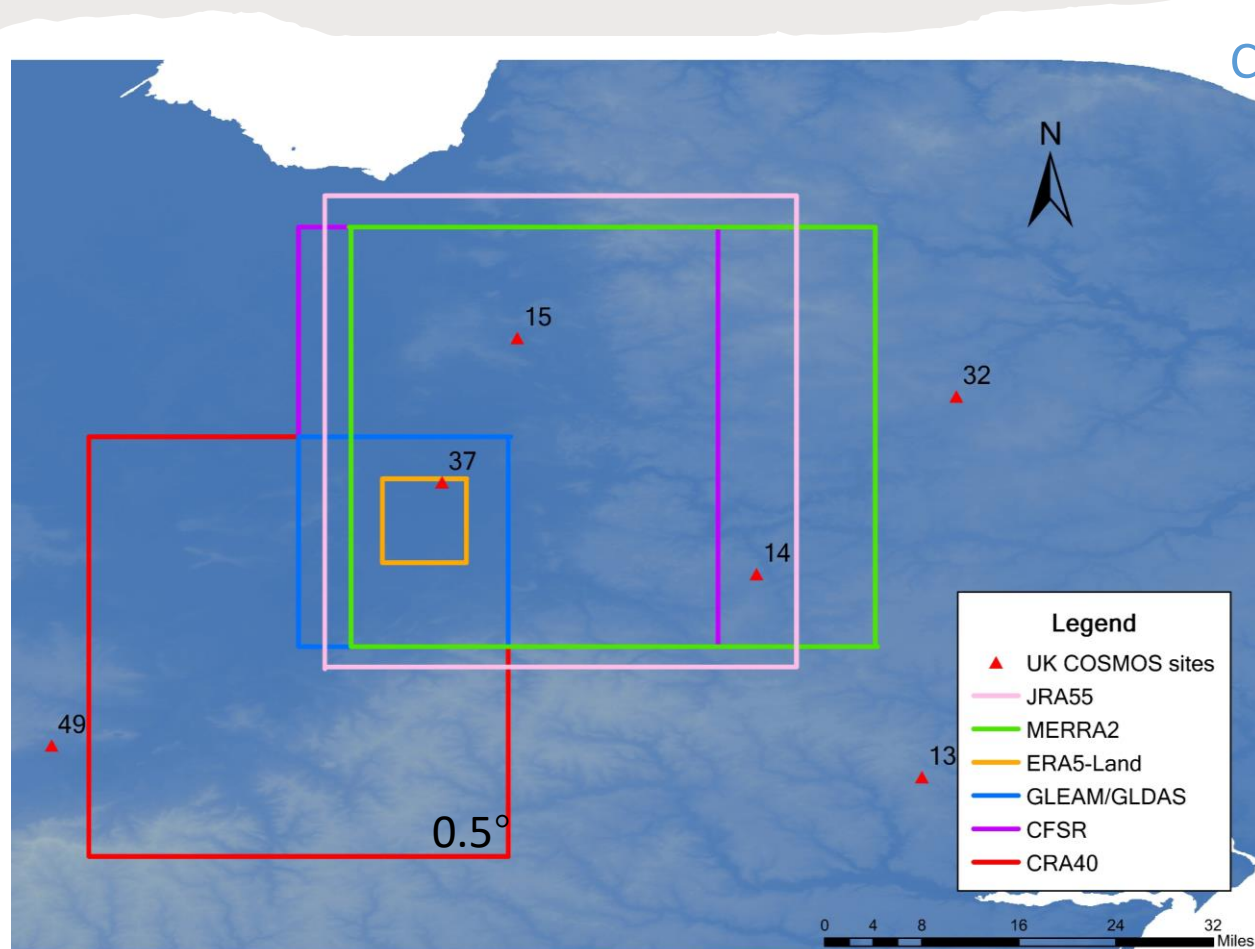
Collect a total of 133 CRNS sites across the globe

- Different CRNS networks use different neutron correction methods
- Process the harmonized global observations by using “Crispy” tool (Daniel et al., 2021)
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We evaluate 7 reanalysis products that have a great variability of spatial, vertical resolution

- Spatial resolution
- Vertical resolution

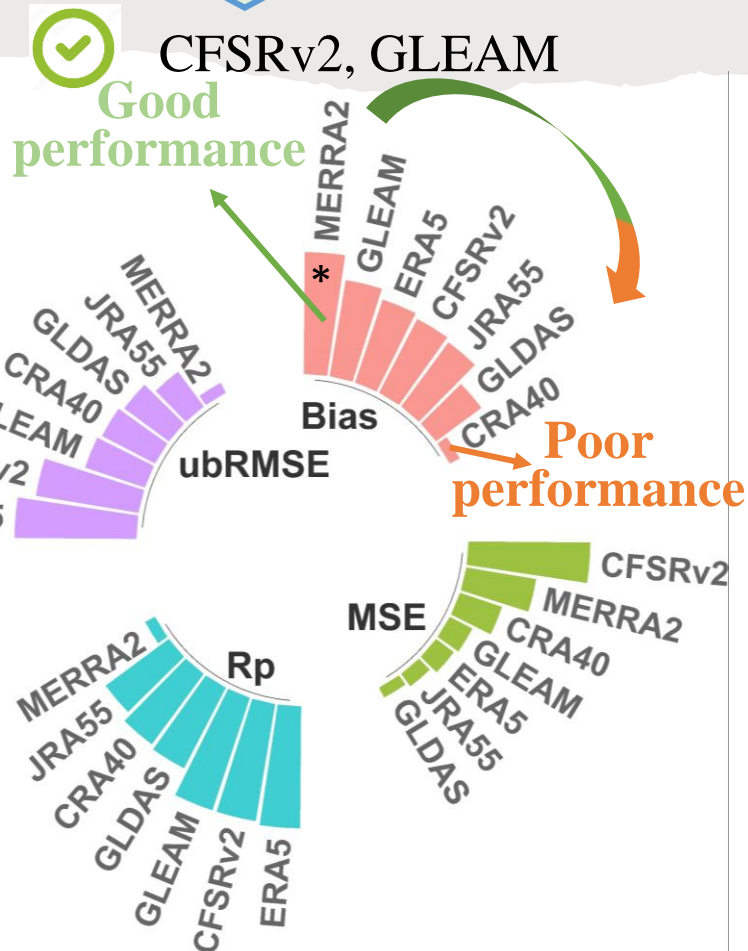


Performance of reanalysis products varies between different regions

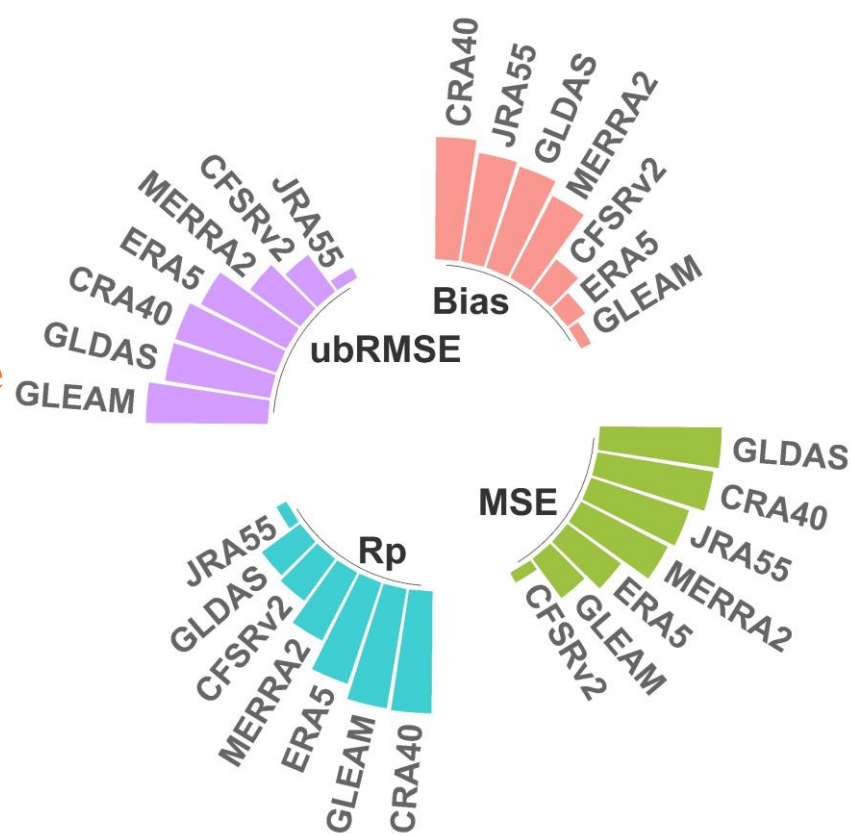
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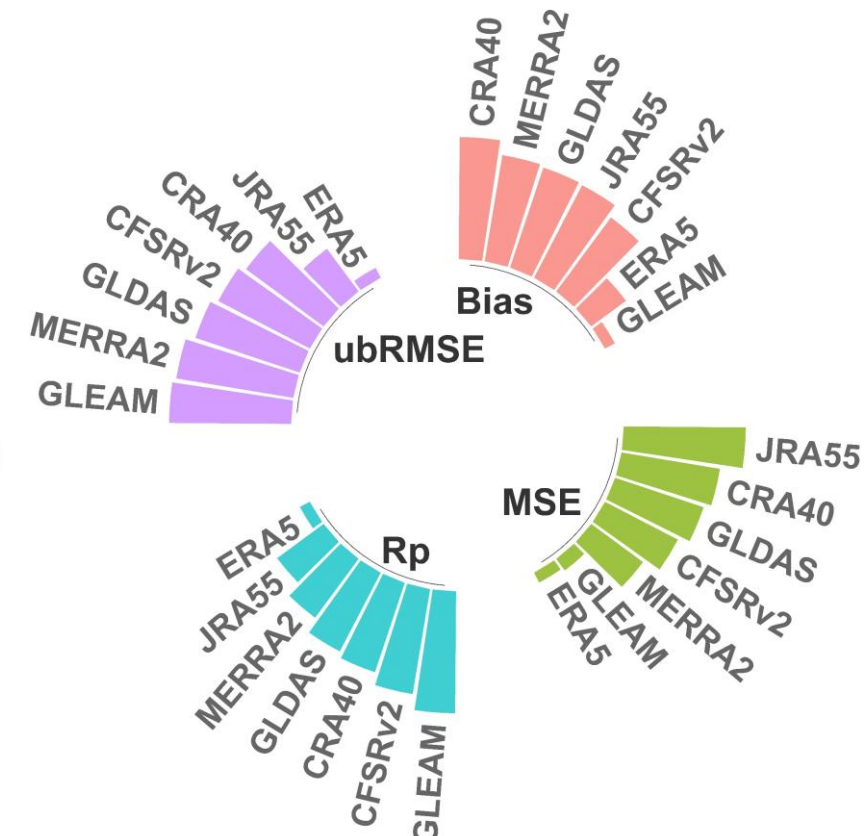
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✓ CRA40, GLDAS



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*The higher the bar, the better the performance of the reanalysis product in this metric.

Thank you for your attention!
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