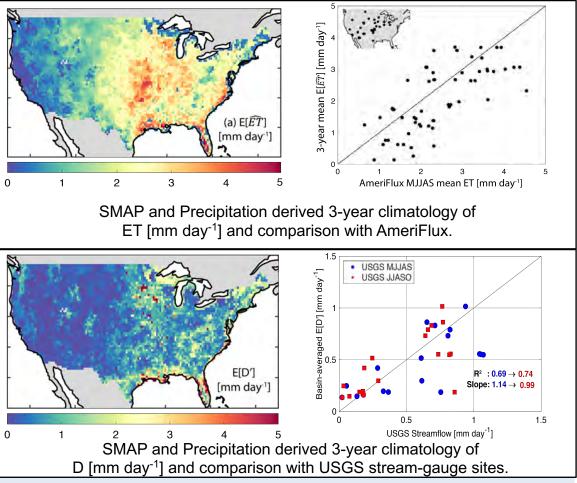
SMAP Enables First Observations-Driven Global Maps of Water Fluxes Over Land



Problem: Observation-driven estimates of evapotranspiration (ET) and drainage runoff (D) are available only at sparse locations of the flux tower and stream-gauge networks.

Findings: Using SMAP Brightness Temperature measurements and precipitation information, ET and D are mapped globally (*SMAP's first of five Science Goals*).



Impact: SMAP-derived maps of global evapotranspiration and drainage hydroclimatologies explain about 70% of their corresponding variability at in situ sites.

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