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# Model intercomparison: internal states

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## Looking beyond general metrics for model comparison – lessons from an international model intercomparison study

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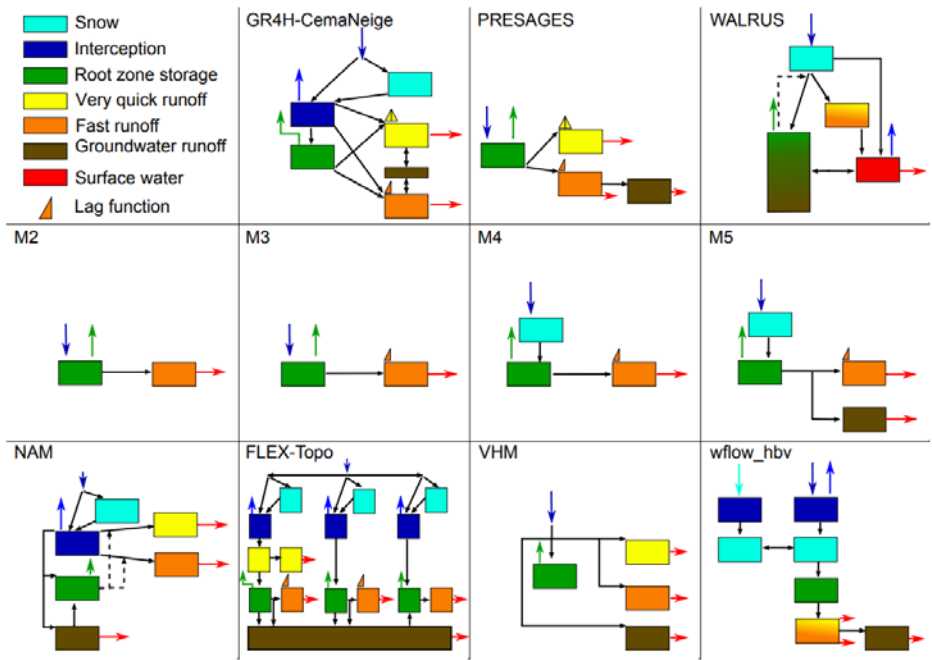
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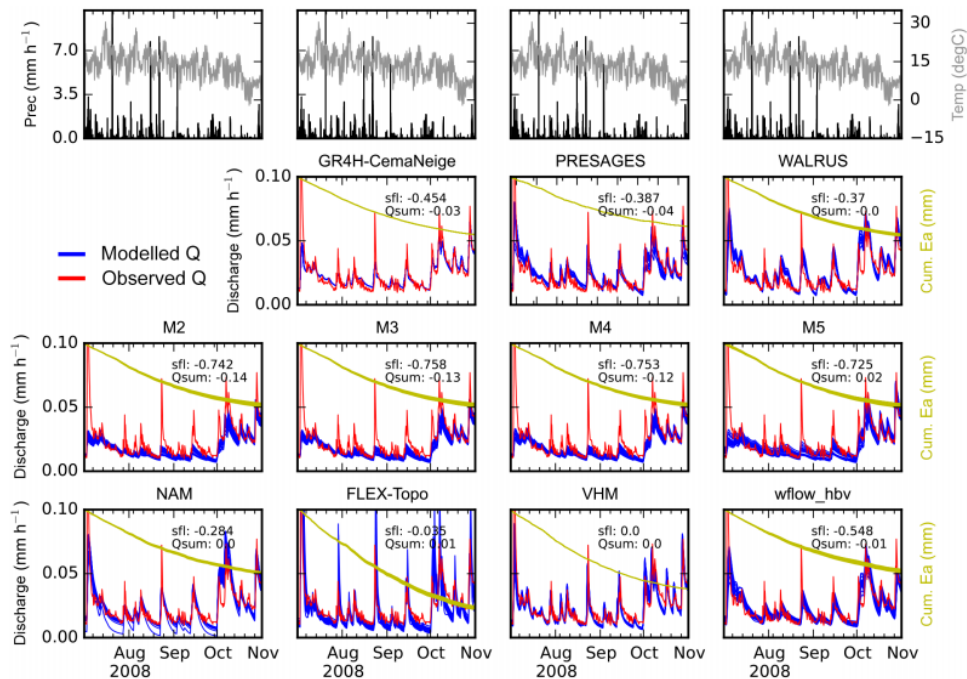
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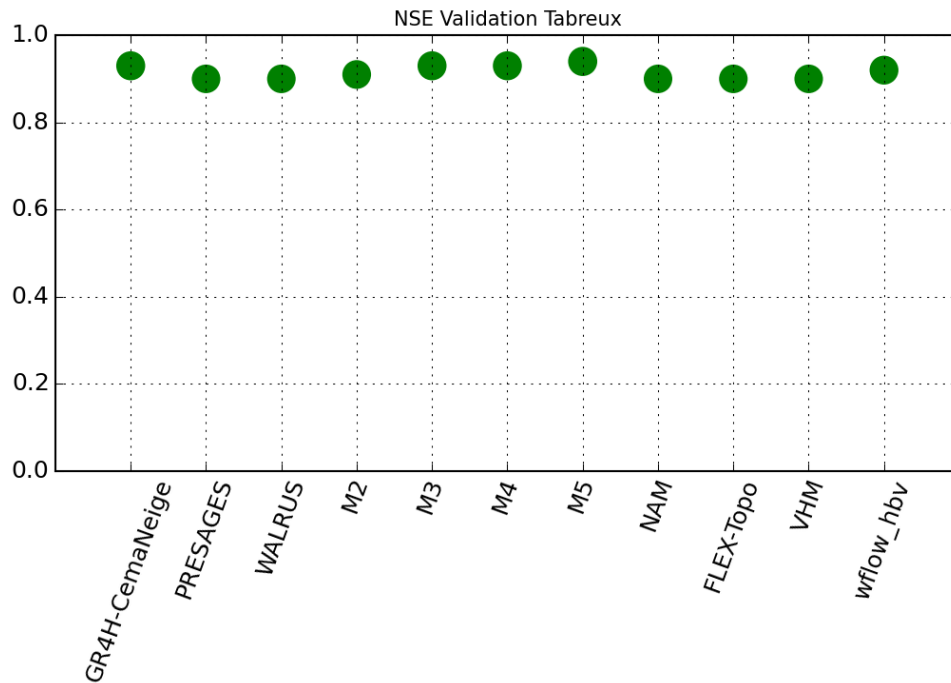
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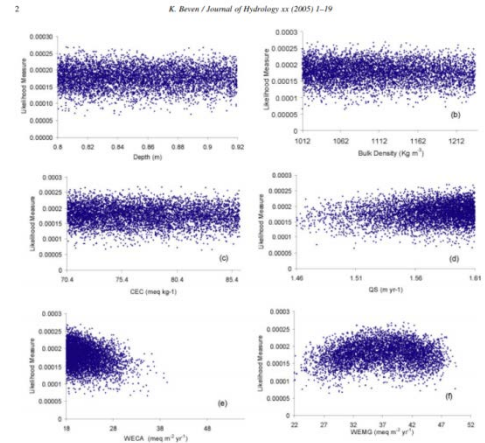
# Focus on modelled discharges during specific events



# High overall performance for discharge simulations for each model



However, we don't know the variability of modelled internal states and fluxes between models



Same results for different reasons?

Therefore, we hypothesize:

Internal states and fluxes are similar between the different models and reflect independent observations (from satellites etc.).

# To do:

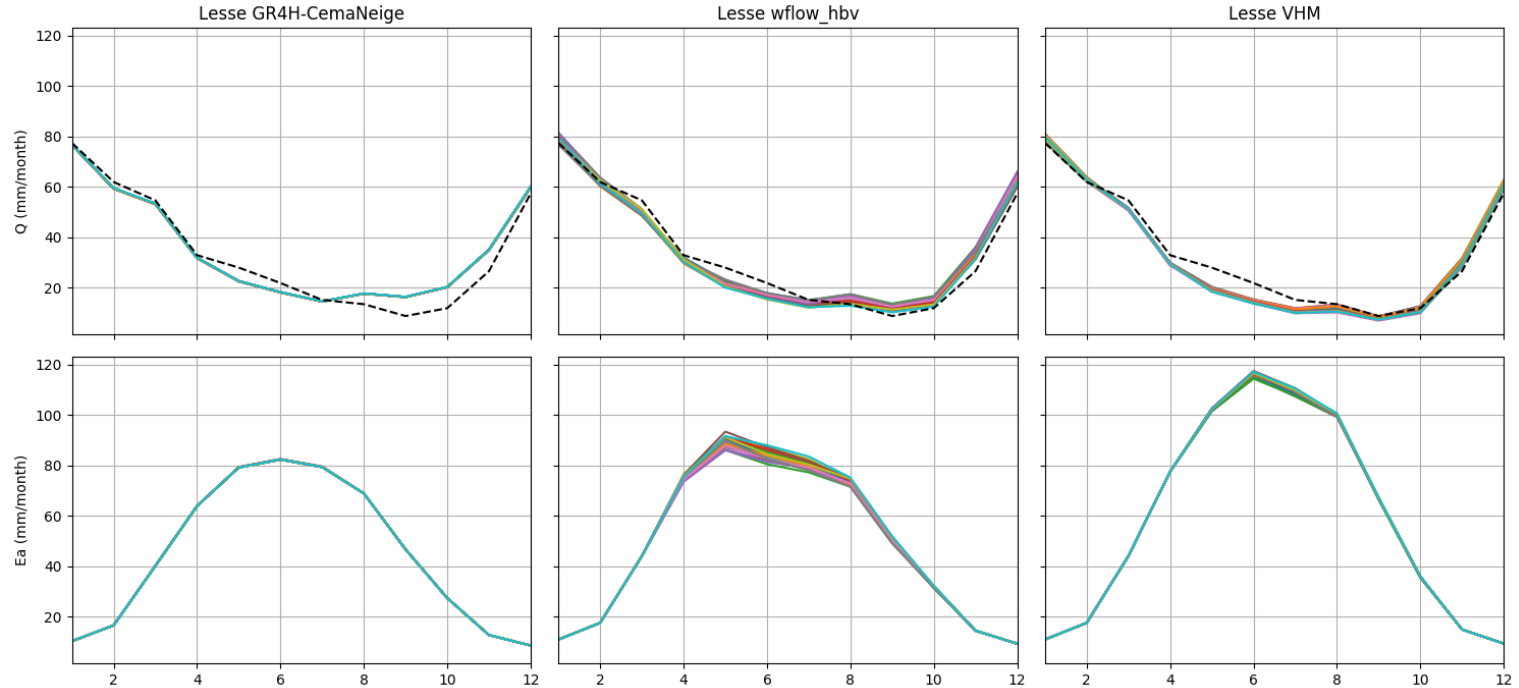
- Extend series until 2017 ✓
- Make data available on FTP ✓
- Provide model run results 15 sep 2018
- Compare results 2018-2019



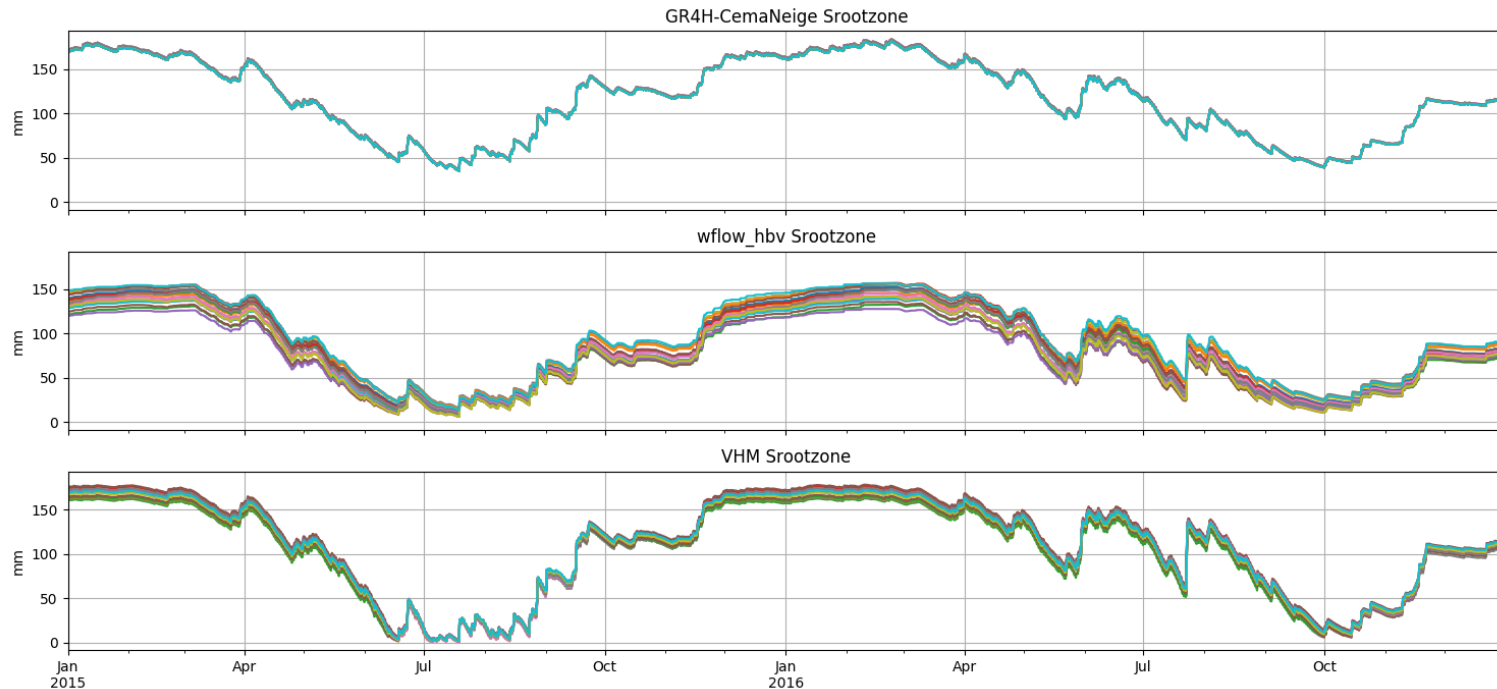
# General water balance components - Lesse



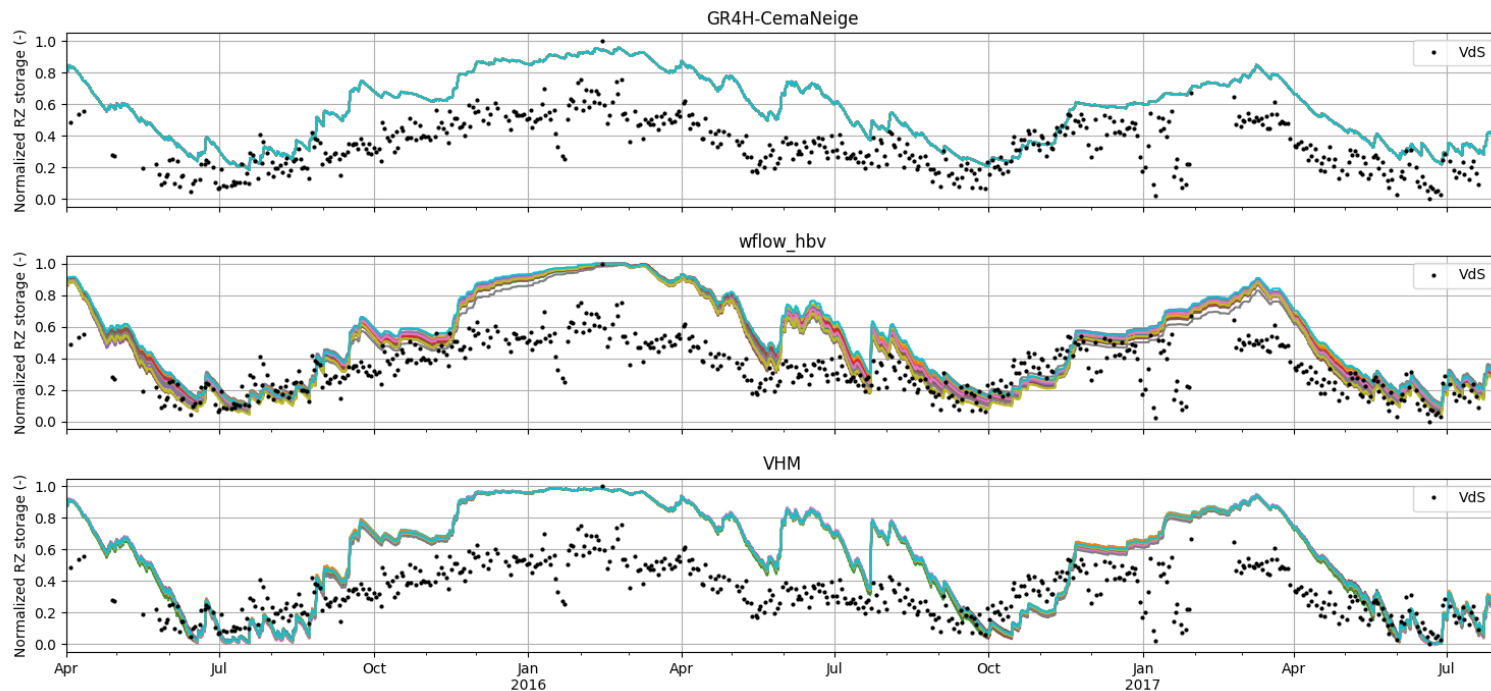
# Monthly variability - Lesse



# Root zone storage Lesse – ~ similar upper limit and dynamics



# Root zone storage dynamics – VanderSat soil moisture in the Lesse

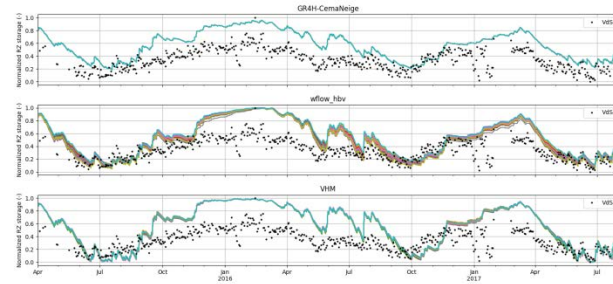
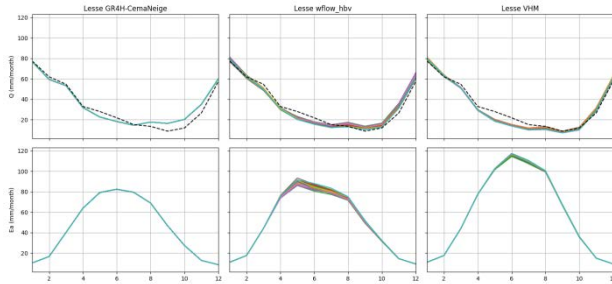


# Notes from first analyses

- Oops ... error in precipitation timeseries of the Semois from april 2017-dec 2017

# Notes from first analyses

- Difference in actual evaporation



- Pattern of root zone storage dynamics is rather similar and overall dynamics approximate VanderSat data

# Ideas and suggestions for analyses?

