

# Digital twins for a safe and sustainable delta in a changing climate



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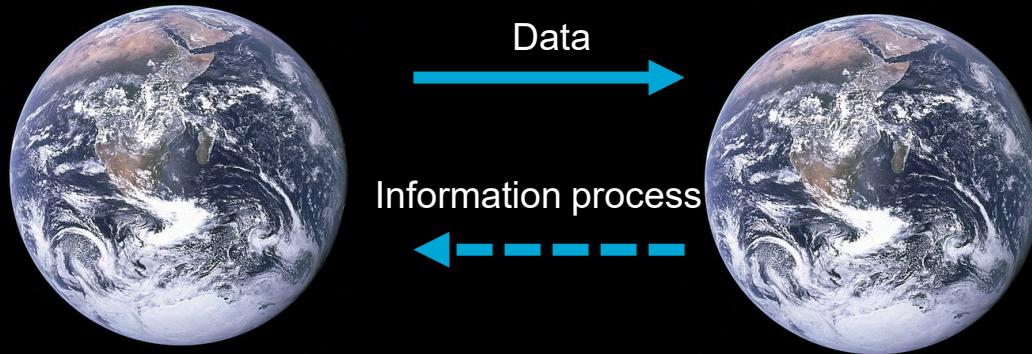
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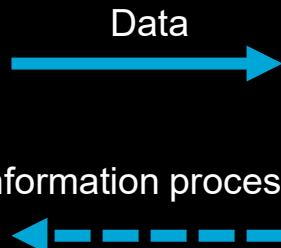




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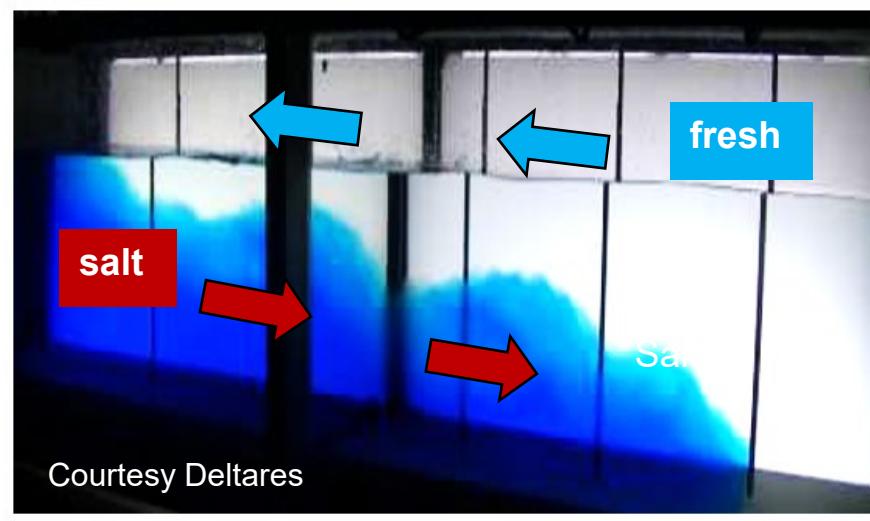






# SALTISolutions :

## Monitoring salt intrusion in the Rhine-Meuse Delta



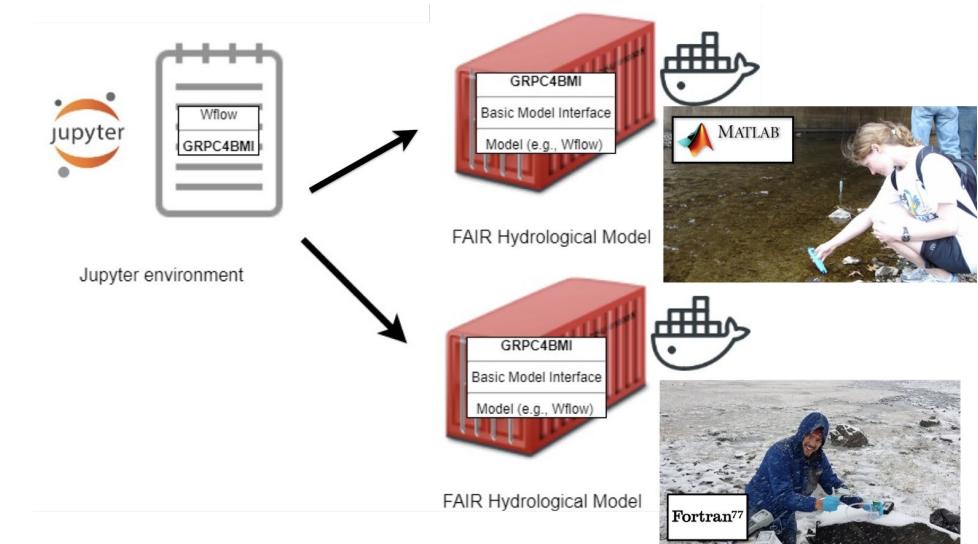
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# Purpose and potential use of eWaterCycle

Hydrology:  
many models  
describing processes



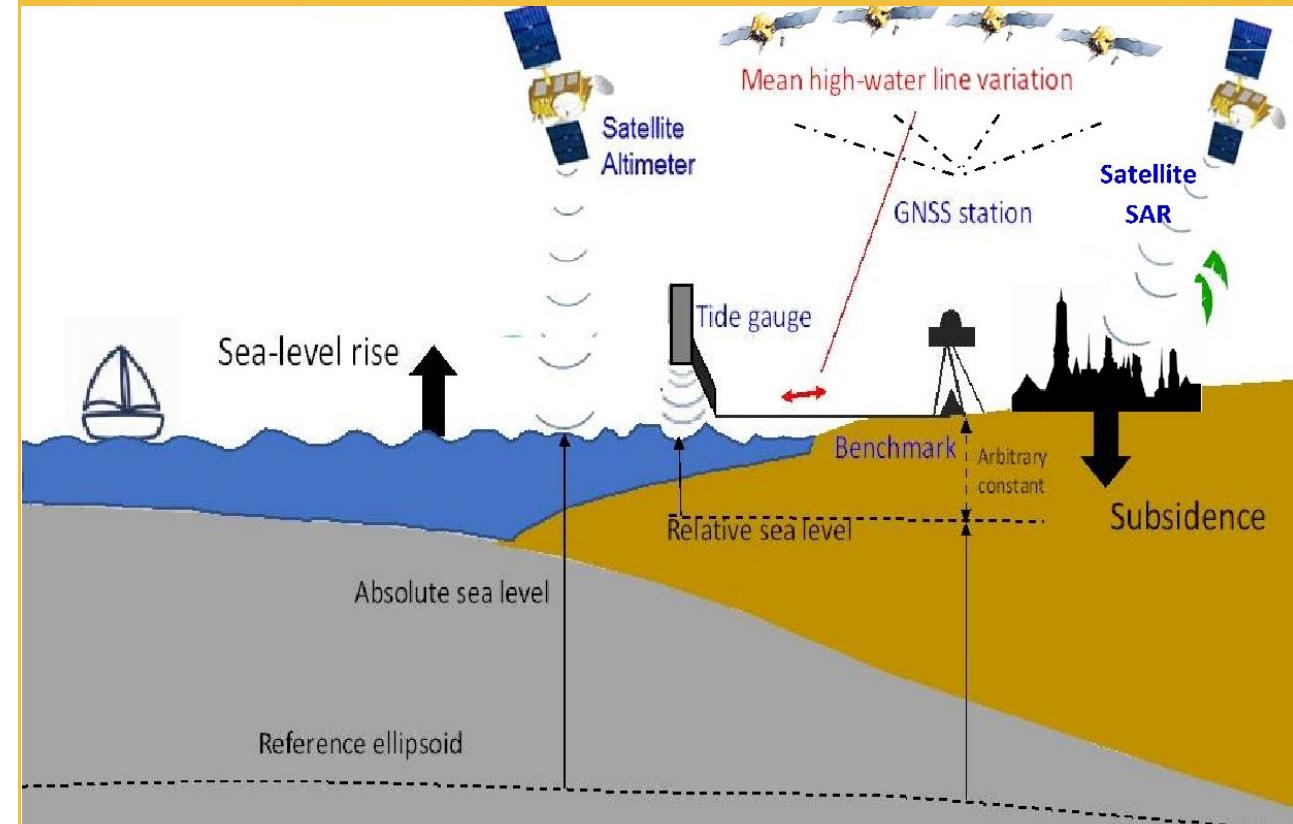
interact with  
existing models on  
common platform



# Lessons learned

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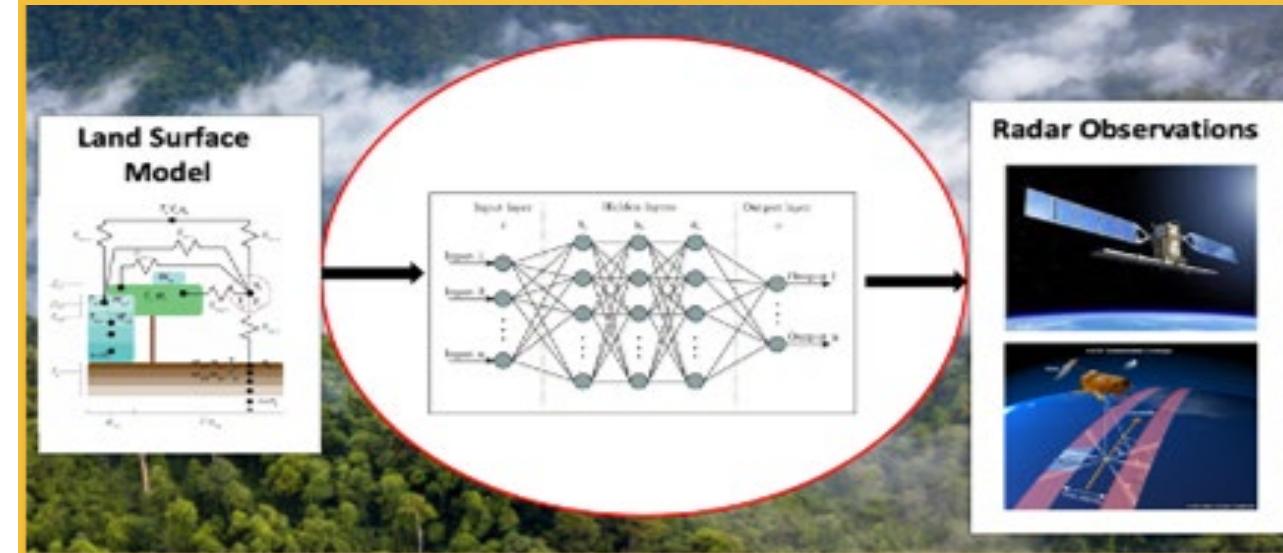
Data assimilation of in-situ and satellite data for assessment of coastline changes in Bangkok



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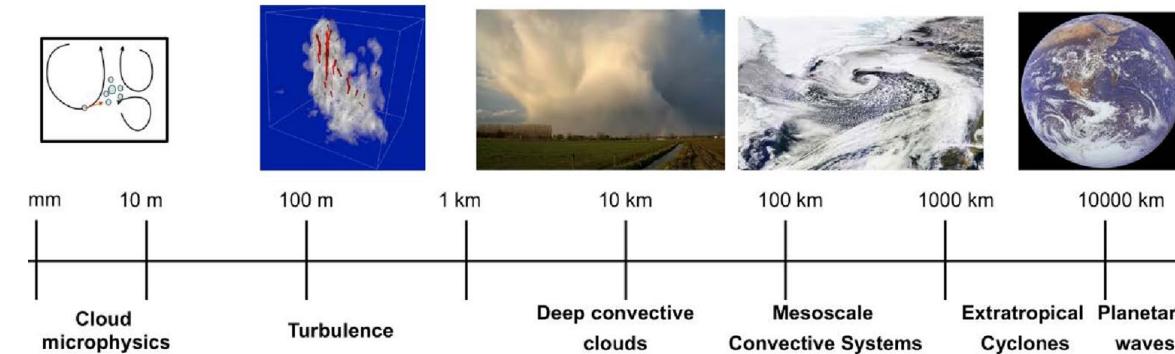
Data assimilation Advanced Scatterometer (ASCAT) satellite radar data for monitoring soil moisture



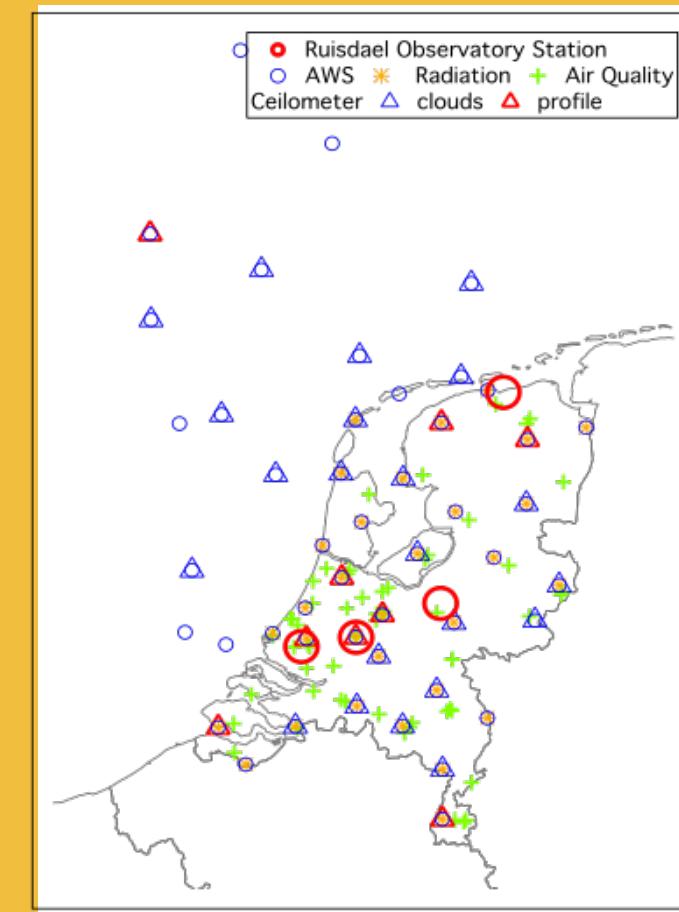
Shan et al. (2021, in review)  
Collaboration MeteoFrance, TU Wien, ESA

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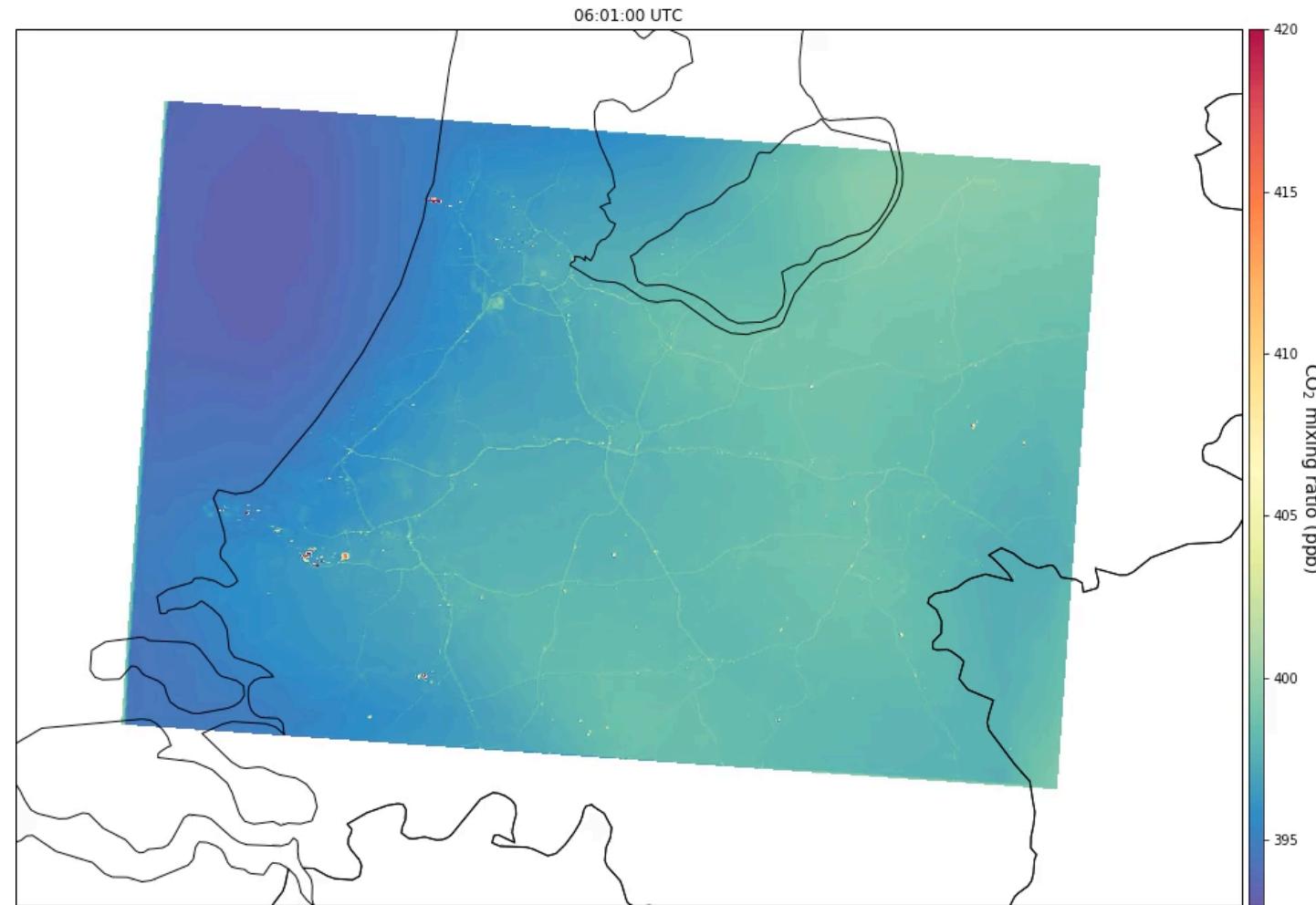
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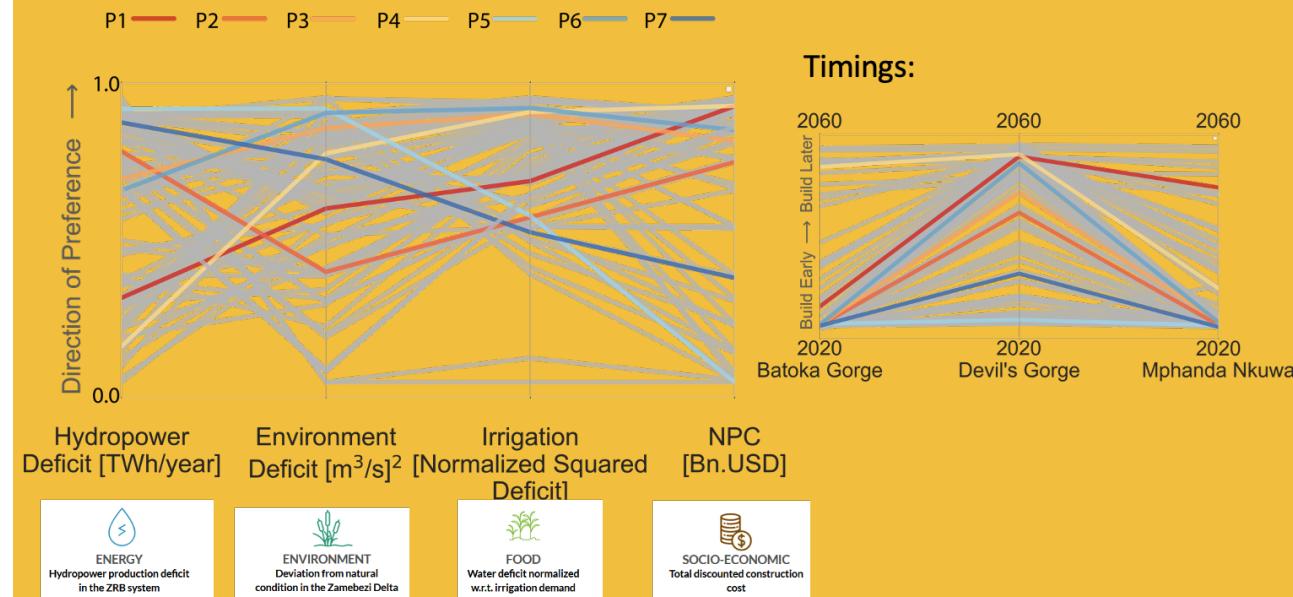


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### Selected Tradeoffs



# Co-creation labs with serious gaming for a safe Delta



- Context and dilemmas
  - Domain expertise
  - Model development
  - Data collection
  - Intended use
  - ...
- Policymakers  
Scientist  
Model developers  
Industry
- Localisation of risk
  - Near real-time decision support
  - Short-term planning, e.g., evacuation plan
  - Long-term scenario-based planning
  - ...

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Thank you

# Extras

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Machine Learning in climate models for  
ice sheet Antarctica



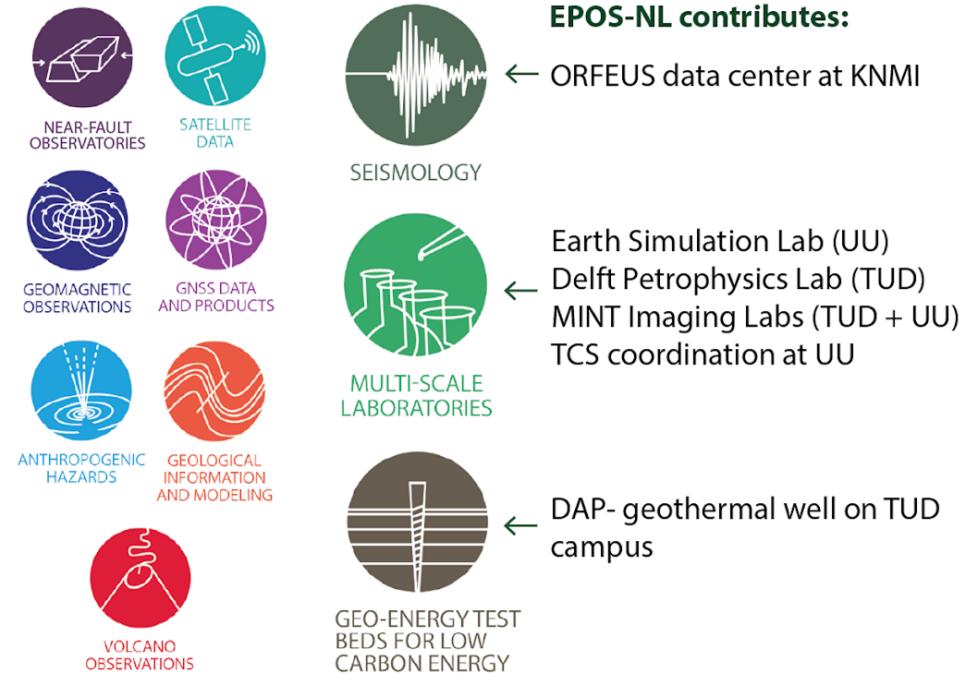
Banwell et al., 2021

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### Thematic Core Services (TCS)

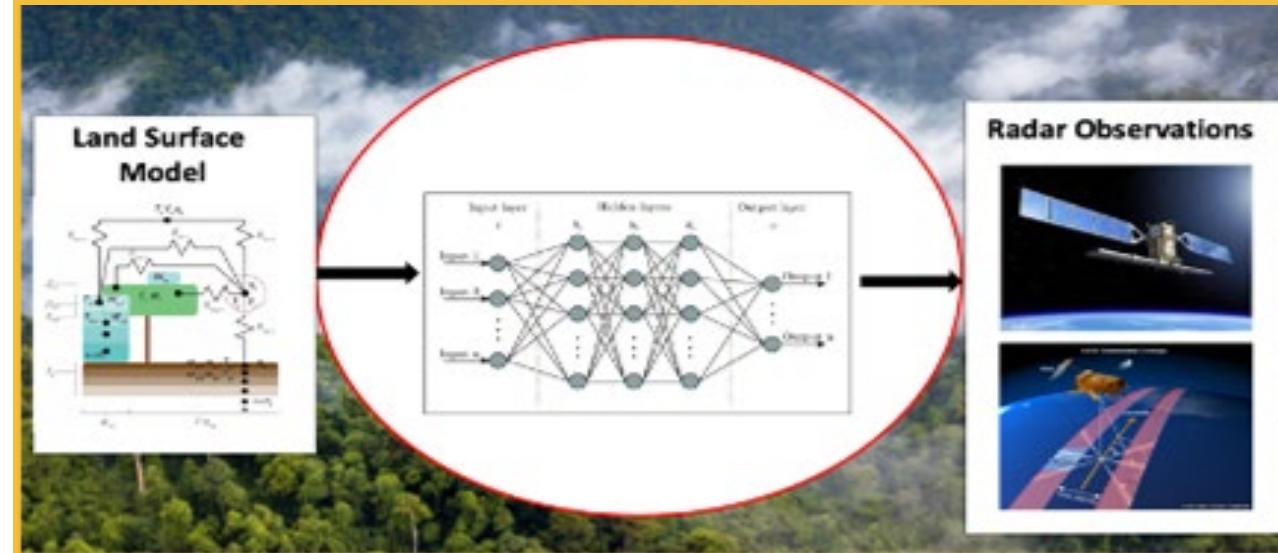
Discipline-specific access to data and facilities



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# Predictive maintenance

Dutch Delta

Lessons learned

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Destination Earth



With Aveco de Bondt, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management  
(Rijkswaterstaat)

Bas Jonkman, Luc Ponsioen et al., TU Delft/Aveco de Bondt

