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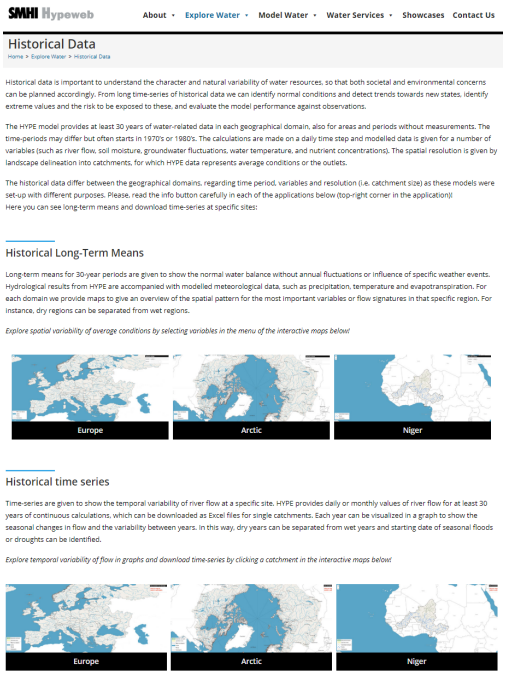

Customer experience

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Need

- Compare and correlate a number of hydro-climatic variables (snow water storage, evapotranspiration, soil moisture) from the hydrological model and in-situ observations to their corresponding EO-based variables to better understand model setup limitations (linked to location and physiographic characteristics) and assess added-value from EOs.

Challenges

- Couple the EO maps to the HYPE model setups, which have been developed with the main focus on simulating correctly the water flows and water balance (precipitation, snow accumulation and melt, infiltration, evapotranspiration, runoff and river discharge) at different geographic domains and spatial resolution.
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Results

- Get access to a set of hydrologically relevant EO datasets, which after post-processing can be used for water resources management applications
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- Improved water availability and quality information will be published at the SMHI dissemination web-based platform (http://hypeweb.smhi.se)
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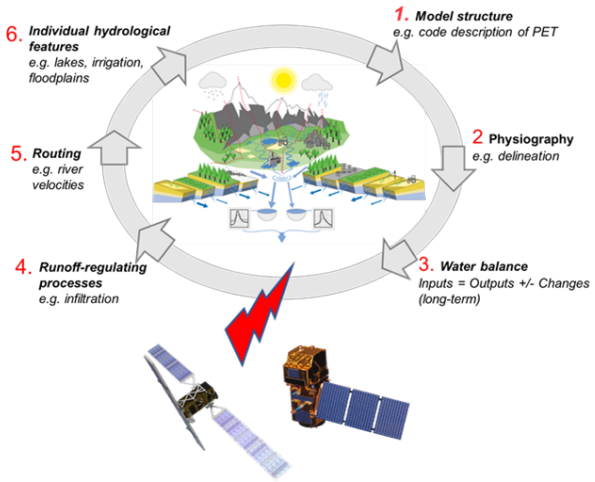

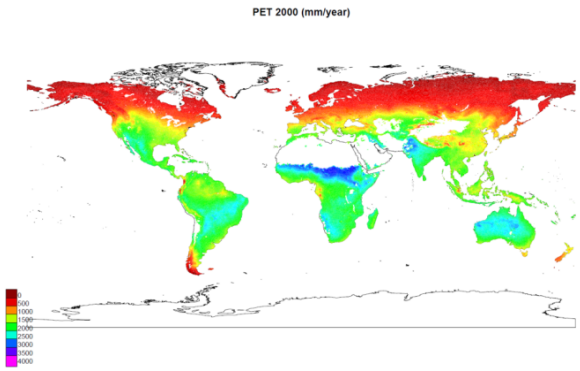

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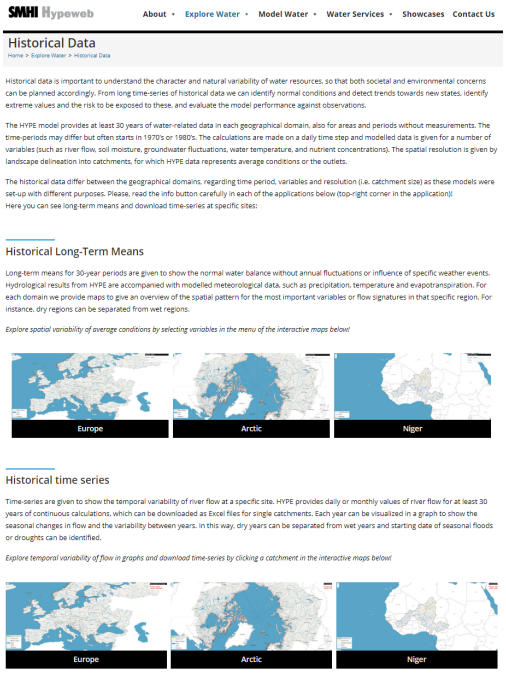

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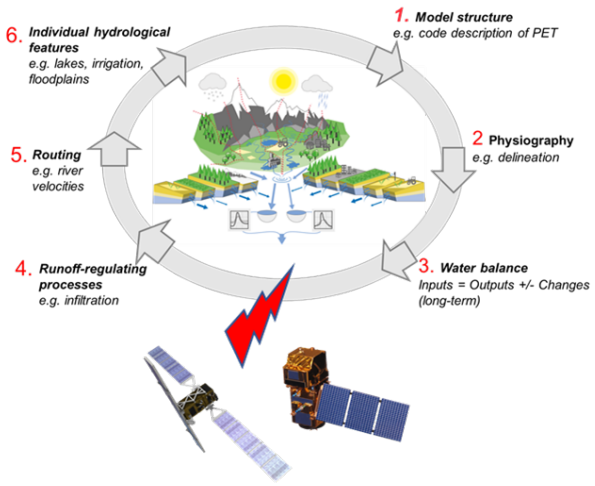

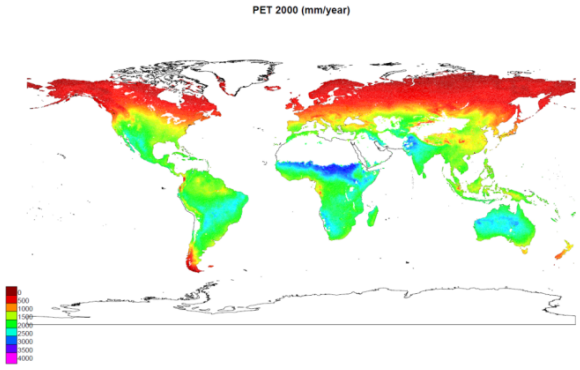

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