# Integrating Soil Moisture and Evapotranspiration Data to Constrain Land-Atmospheric Water and Energy Balance Coupling

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# What is the consequence of SECS bias on land model ET estimates?

#### **Ensemble of Central US NOAH-MP runs applying a range of ET and SM parameterizations**



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