Table 1. Results of FLUXNET sites ([1]) monthly mean latent heat evaluation for the models evaluated in the paper.This evaluation was performed with the ILAMB evaluation framework ([2,3]) as an addition to the publishedevaluation in Schellekens et al. (2017) [4]. ILAMB provides a scoring system to relate modelled results to referencedatasets. In the ILAMB system multiple performance metrics are calculated, and additionally these metrics areconverted to scores ranging between 0 and 1 to facilitate comparison and averaging. In this exercise threeperformance metrics are calculated for latent heat: total bias, root mean square error (RMSE) and phase difference(difference in months between peak values); furthermore a total of five 0–1 scores are calculated, for global bias,RMSE, seasonal cycle, spatial distribution and inter-annual variability, plus a 0–1 overall score that summarizesthem. The metrics and scoring system are explained in detail in the ILAMB documentation (uploaded byeartH2Observeproject,<u>http://earth2observe.github.io/water-resource-reanalysis-v1/assets/pdf/ILAMB_metrics_document.pdf). Further details on the evaluation, including access to individual site</u>

Model	Period Mean [W·m ⁻²]	Bias [W·m ⁻²]	RMSE [W·m- ²]	Phase Shift [d]	Bias Score [1]	RMSE Score [1]	Seasonal Cycle Score [1]	Spatial Distribution Score [-]	Interannual Variability Score [1]	Overall score [1]
WaterGAP3	42.81	9.157	28.13	-24.3	0.594	0.509	0.874	0.773	0.633	0.649
SURFEX-TRIP	46.80	13.07	27.57	-9.40	0.593	0.509	0.931	0.848	0.614	0.667
ORCHIDEE	52.72	18.99	27.68	-10.3	0.526	0.502	0.921	0.868	0.71	0.672
HTESSEL-CaMa	49.95	16.22	26.28	-6.17	0.55	0.524	0.92	0.869	0.683	0.678
SWBM	43.70	9.965	23.94	-15.0	0.66	0.545	0.921	0.826	0.641	0.69
W3RA	44.61	10.88	24.48	-15.3	0.644	0.541	0.915	0.867	0.665	0.695
HBV-SIMREG	44.15	10.42	24.35	-25.3	0.656	0.548	0.871	0.885	0.747	0.709
LISFLOOD	40.22	6.484	21.32	-17.3	0.688	0.591	0.926	0.849	0.716	0.727
JULES	44.31	10.57	20.32	-3.82	0.646	0.601	0.924	0.879	0.778	0.738
PCR-GLOBWB	39.26	5.523	19.18	5.562	0.69	0.629	0.939	0.863	0.742	0.748

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Figure 1. Standard deviation error metric (σ) of the exponential curve fittings for all drydowns identified as 'dry events' (sites in Figure 4) against the actual decrease of ET/PET ratio during the event duration. Red dots are σ for the site observations and blue dots are σ for the WRR1 models at those sites.



Figure S2. Global distribution of dominant land cover or plant functional type (PFT) at the 0.5° resolution, as highest fractional cover in the grid cell, in the land cover data used by the JULES model (from data derived from the International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme: http://www.igbp.net/).



Figure S3. Drydown rates grouped by soil matric suction at saturation for the WRR1 models (blue dots). The soil water suction data comes from the Harmonized World Soil Database (HWSD; FAO/IIASA/ISRIC/ISS-CAS/JRC, 2012). Dots indicate the median τ from identified drydown periods; bottom and top of grey boxplots indicate the 25th and 75th percentiles, respectively.