## Remote Sensing and Complex Terrain

Great Basin water, energy and carbon fluxes

## Potential Importance of Remote Sensing in Intermountain Region

- Consider the vast extent of complex terrain in the intermountain west.
- Sparse instrument network
- High degree of variability
- Impact on water resources, ecohydrology
- How else can extensive data be collected repeatedly?

- In the region, supply and demand for water is critical
- To be useful for monitoring conditions, testing and/or parameterizing models, remote sensing data needs to be understood at the scale that water variability occurs.





/// Perennial streams































