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A metric of CAM performance that includes field dependences

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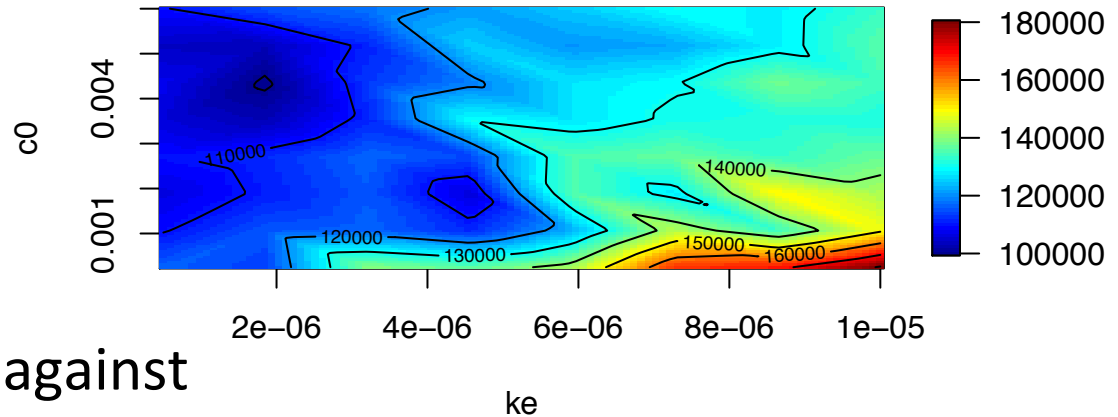
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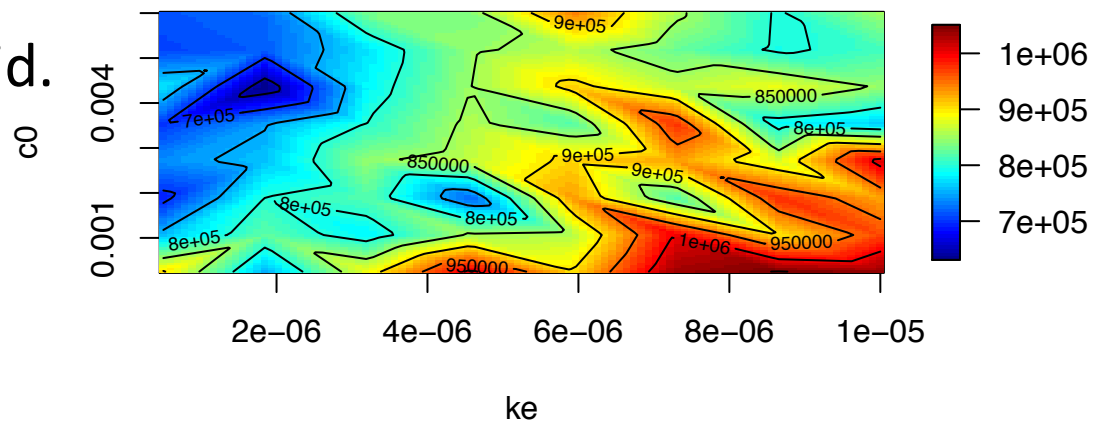
Total “Cost”

Intuitive Approach



Metric of CAM compared against observational data for JJA 30S to 30N as a function two model parameters. 64 experiments on 8x8 grid.

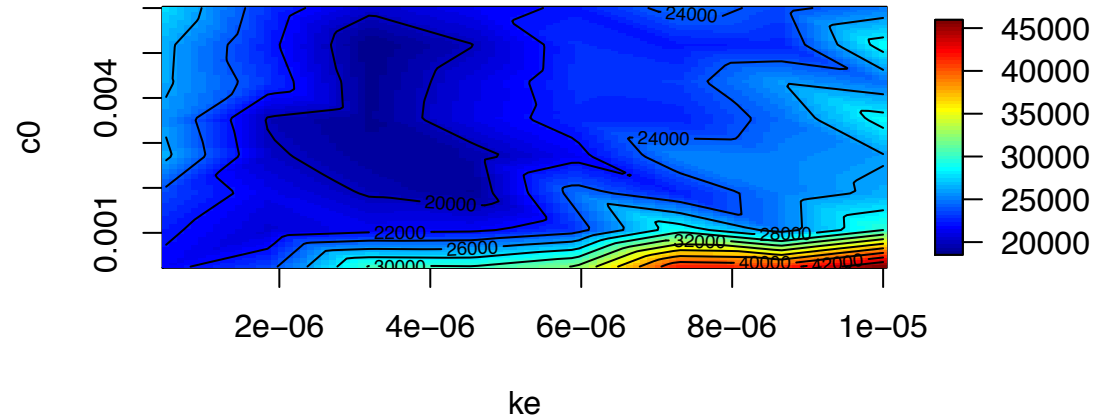
Uses Gaussian Markov Random Fields



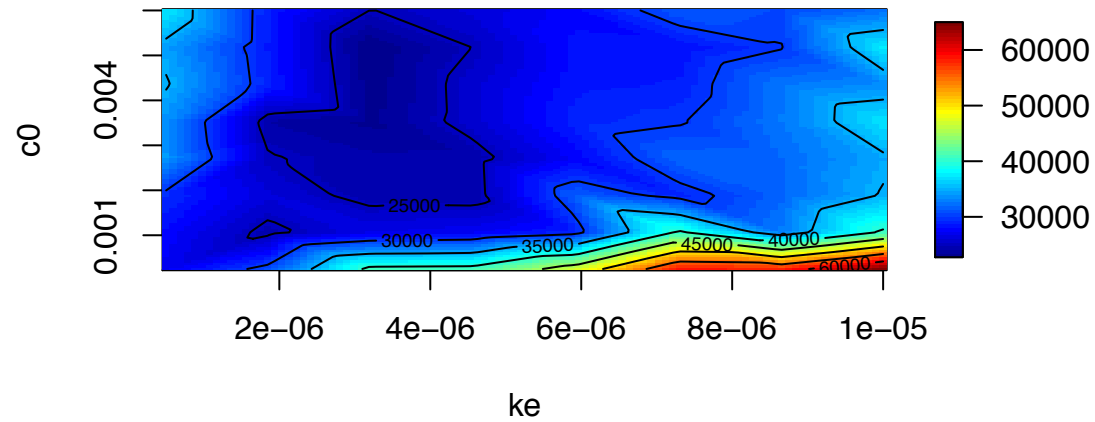
Significance of changes in cost is much larger in “intuitive approach”, perhaps because it ignores spatial dependencies but not field dependencies.

Precipitation Cost

Intuitive Approach

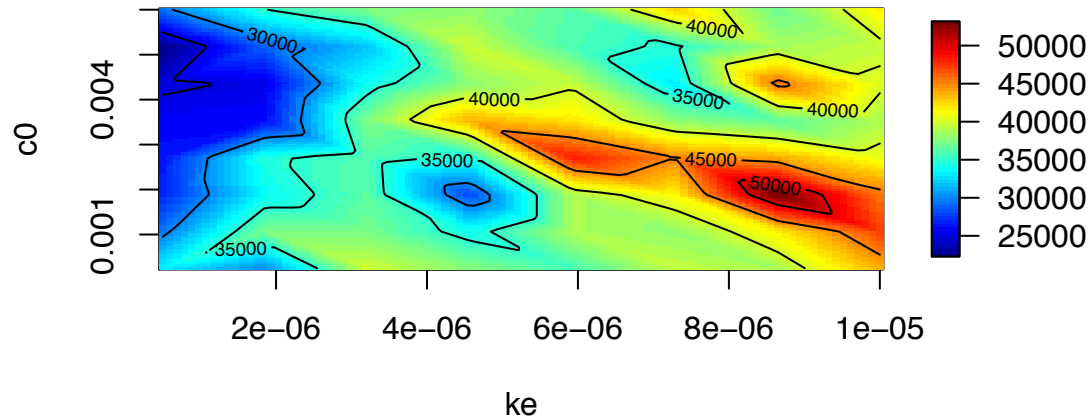


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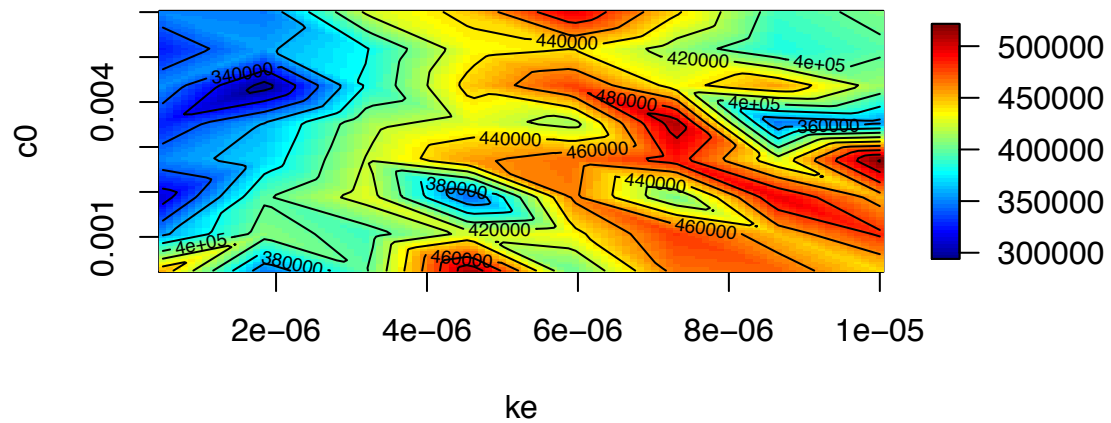


Sea Level Pressure Cost

Intuitive Approach

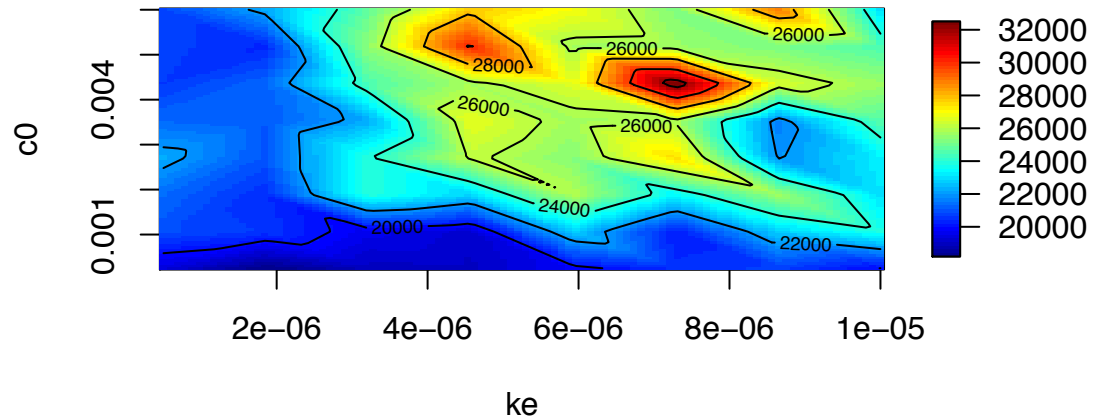


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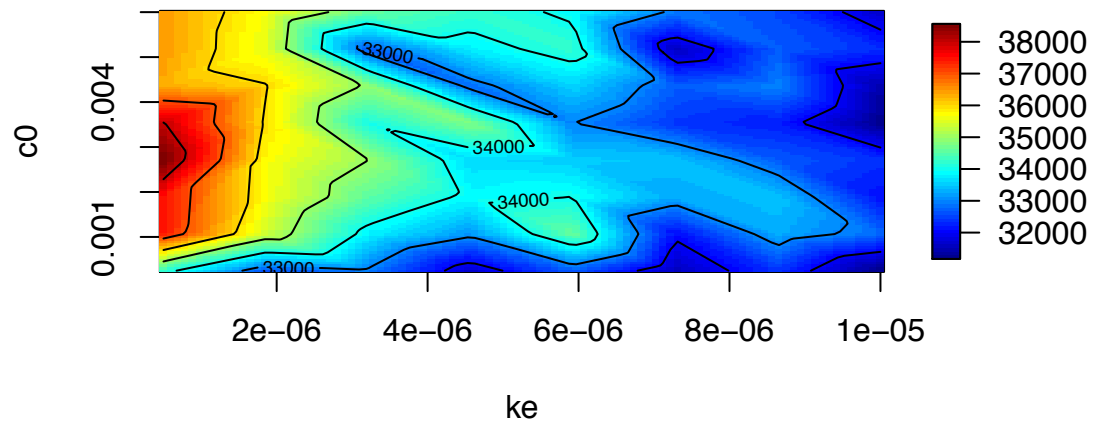


2 m air temperature Cost

Intuitive Approach

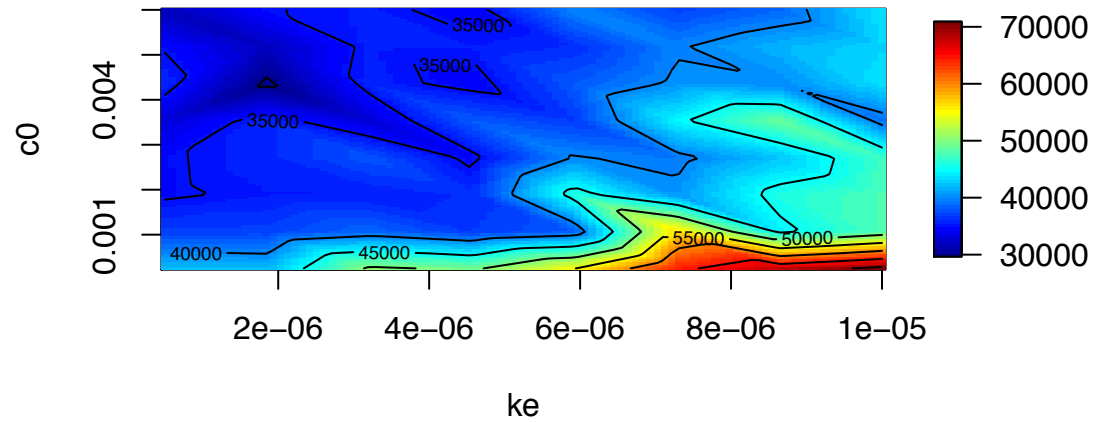


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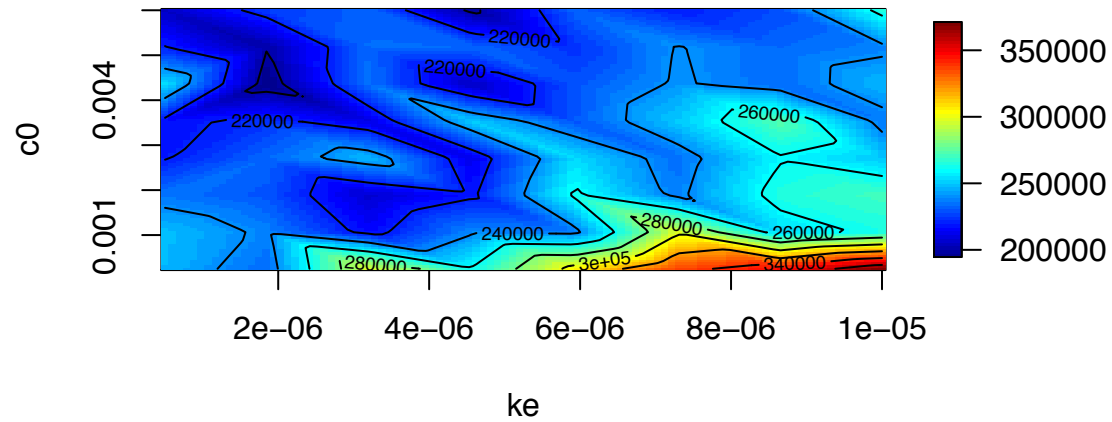


U winds at 300 mb Cost

Intuitive Approach



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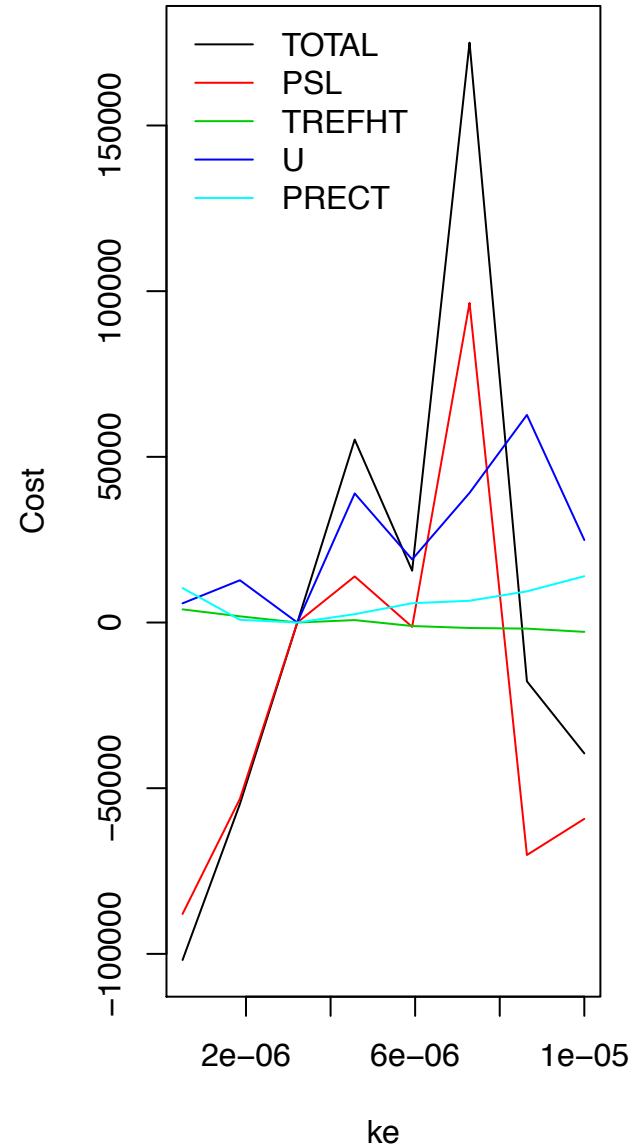
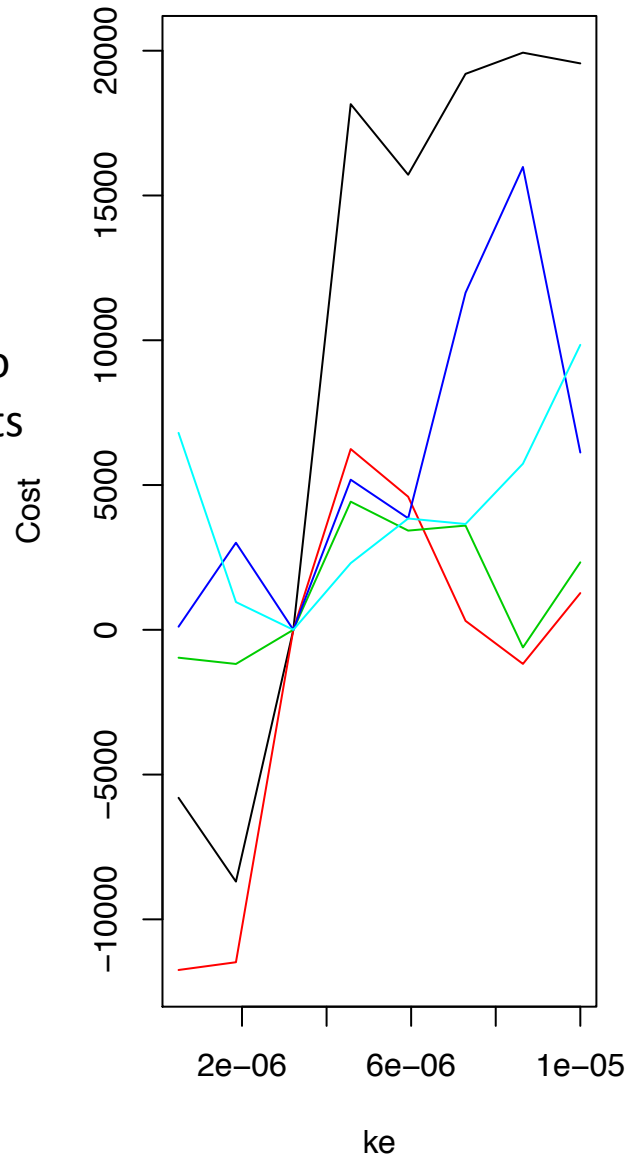


“Slice” anomalies of total Cost and its components

Intuitive Approach

Uses Gaussian Markov Random Fields

Field dependencies are incorporated into how component costs are combined.



$\hat{\mathcal{X}}$ is a model estimate of observations \mathcal{X}
with representation error \mathcal{E}_x

$$\hat{\mathcal{X}} = \mathcal{X} + \mathcal{E}_x$$

$$\bar{\mathcal{X}} = \langle \mathcal{X} + \mathcal{E}_x \rangle$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = \text{var}(\hat{\mathcal{X}})$$

$$pdf(\hat{\mathcal{X}}) = \frac{1}{\sigma_x \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\hat{\mathcal{X}} - \bar{\mathcal{X}})^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right)$$

The joint probability of two correlated quantities is given by: $\text{prob}(\hat{x} \text{ and } \hat{y}) = \text{prob}(\hat{x}) \cdot \text{prob}(\hat{y} | \hat{x})$

$$pdf(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) = \frac{1}{\sigma_x \sigma_y 2\pi(1-\rho^2)} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[\frac{(\hat{x} - \bar{x})^2}{\sigma_x^2} + \frac{(\hat{y} - \bar{y})^2}{\sigma_y^2} - 2\rho \frac{(\hat{x} - \bar{x})(\hat{y} - \bar{y})}{\sigma_x \sigma_y} \right]\right)$$

$$pdf(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{2\pi|\mathbf{C}|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{X} - \bar{\mathbf{X}})^T \mathbf{C}^{-1}(\mathbf{X} - \bar{\mathbf{X}})\right) \quad \text{Matrix notation}$$

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{x} \\ \hat{y} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \rho\sigma_x\sigma_y \\ \rho\sigma_x\sigma_y & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{eof}_1 \quad \mathbf{eof}_2] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{cost} = D^T \mathbf{C}^{-1} D \quad \text{Correct, but issues exist for inverting covariance } \mathbf{C}.$$

$$\text{cost} = D^T S^{-1} \otimes (\alpha I + (1 - \alpha) Q) D$$

$$D_i = (Model_i - \overline{Obs_i})$$

$$S_{ij} = \frac{1}{Nseg - 1} \sum_{k=1}^{Nseg} \{O_i^T\}_k (\alpha I + (1 - \alpha) Q) \{O_j\}_k$$

$$O_i = (Obs_i - \overline{Obs_i})$$

i = field "a"

j = field "b"

k = 2 year segment from 30 years of observations

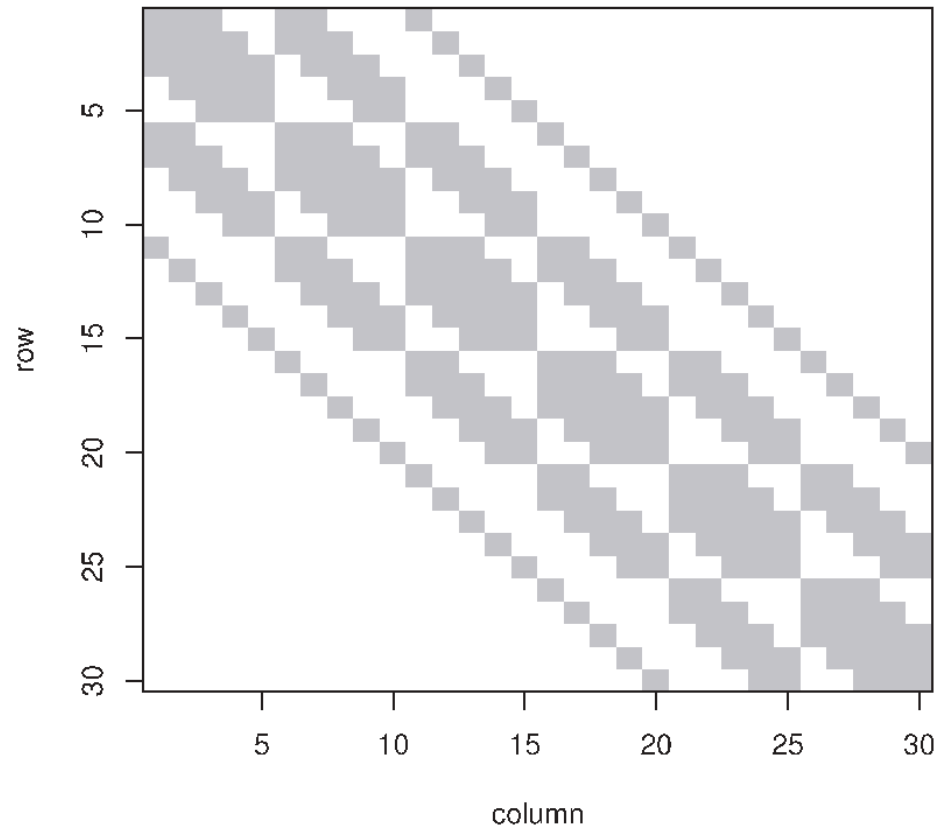
Based on CAR theory Besag (1974)
And Brook (1964)

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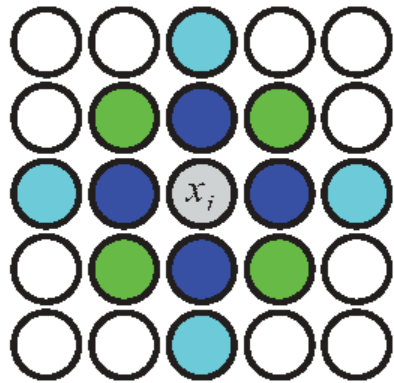
$S_{M \times M}$: observational covariance $Q_{N \times N} =$

M fields
N grid points

Biharmonic Difference Operator Matrix
2nd-order, 5 Rows, 6 Columns

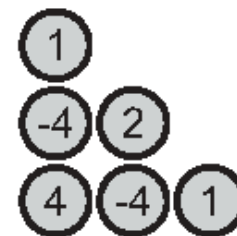
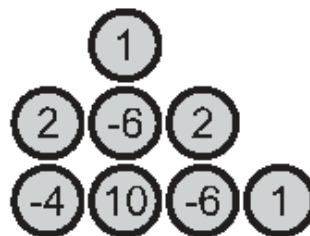
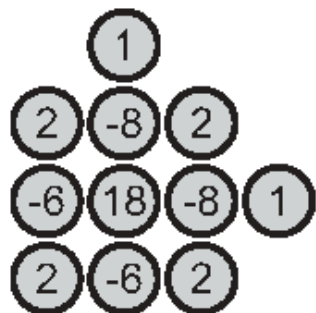
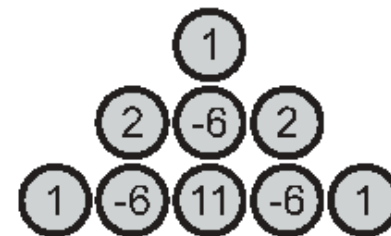
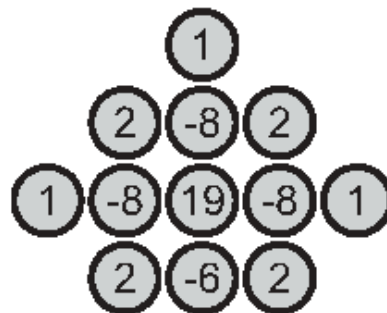
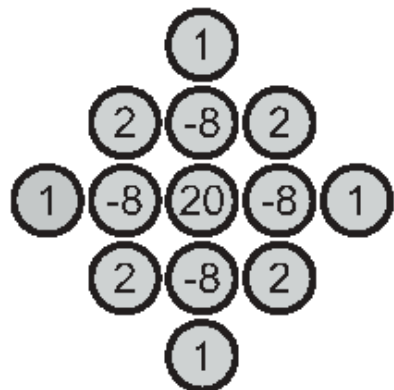


Gaussian Markov Random Field data transform



$$E(x_i | x_{-i}) = \frac{1}{20} (8 \text{ blue} - 2 \text{ green} + 1 \text{ cyan})$$

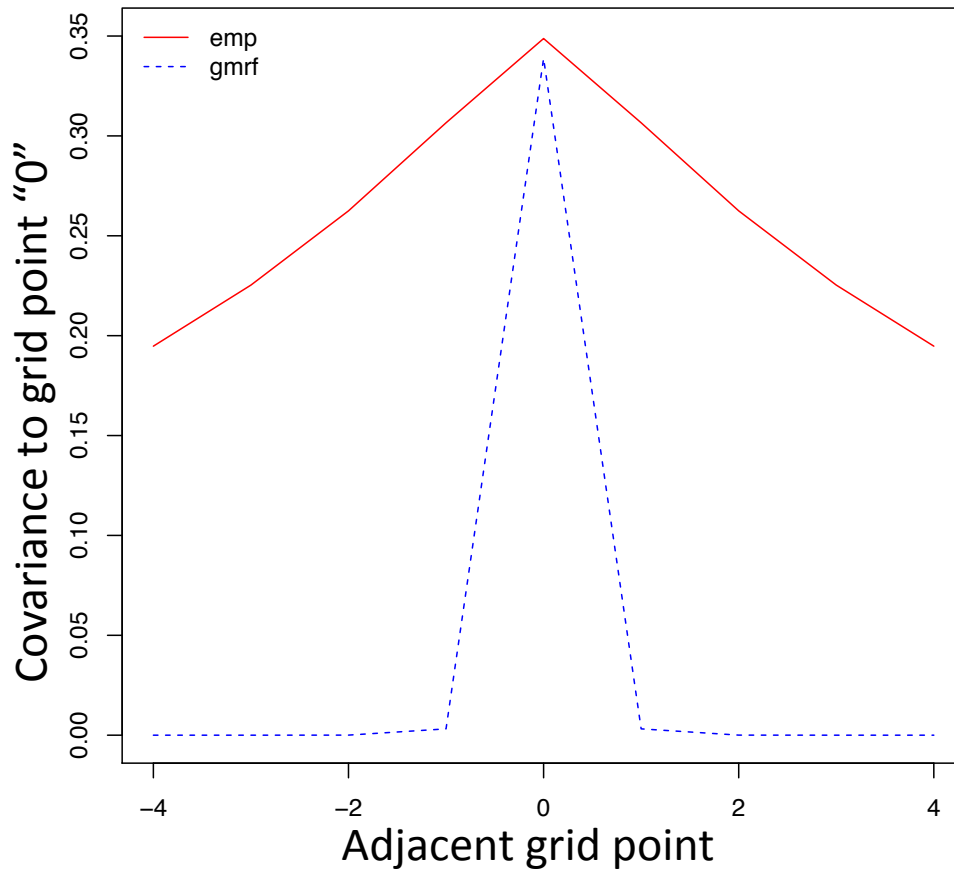
$$Prec(x_i | x_{-i}) = 20k$$



Spatial covariances represented in 2m air temperature

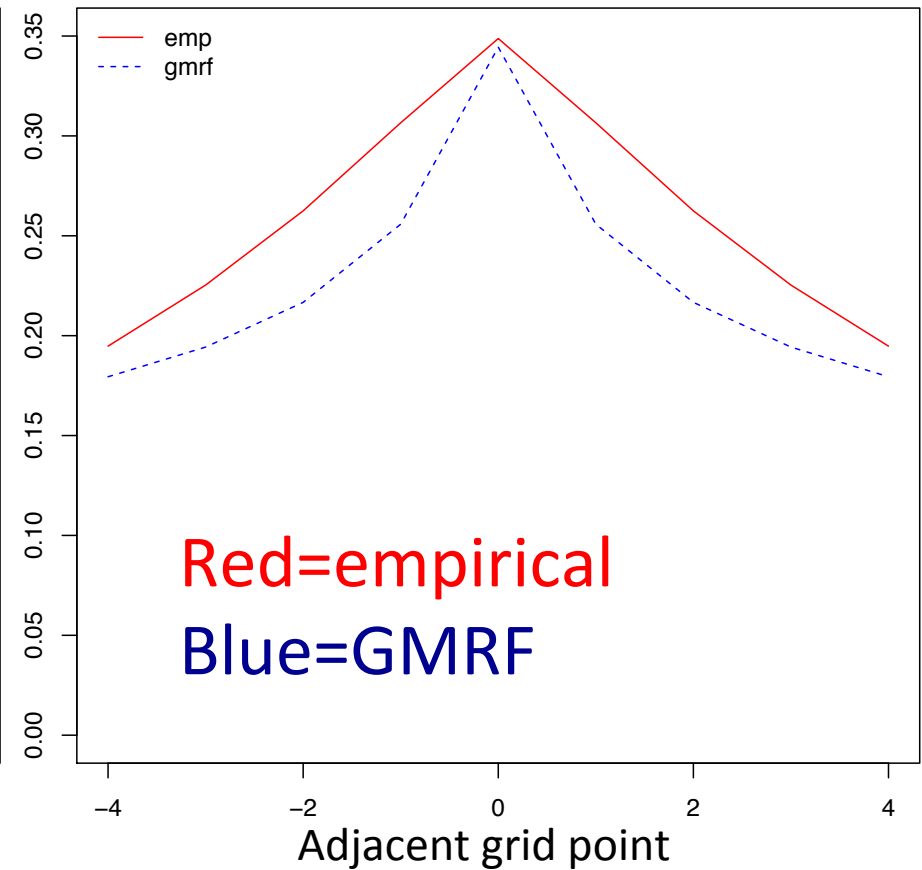
$$\alpha = 1$$

Intuitive Approach



$$\alpha = 0.003$$

Uses Gaussian Markov Random Fields



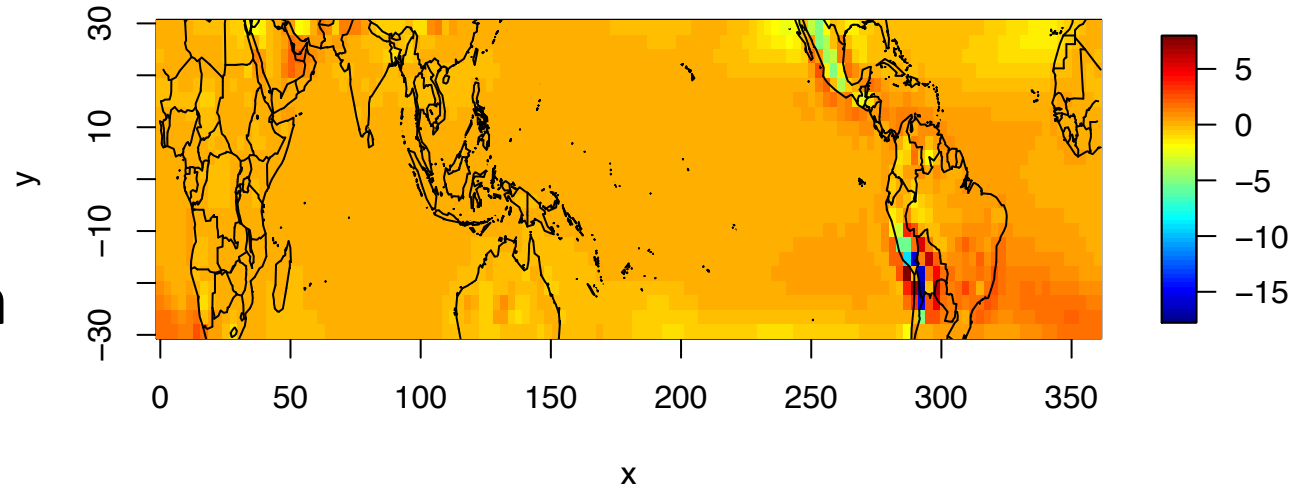
Red=empirical

Blue=GMRF

Interpretation of anomalies in temperature component Cost

GMRF transform does well at representing structures. Large scale differences are not as significant.

Intuitive Approach



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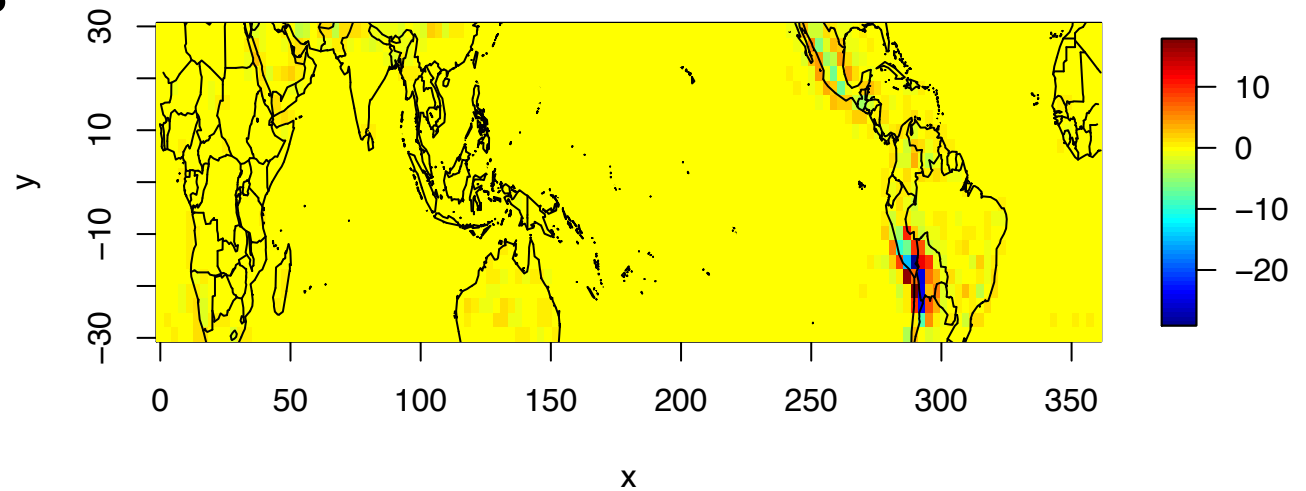
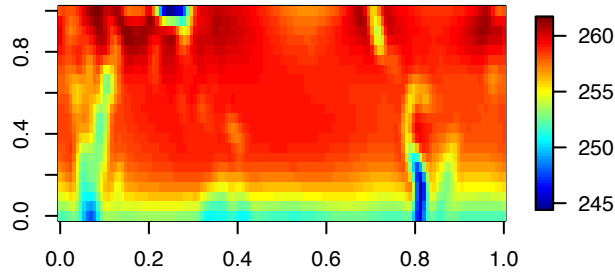
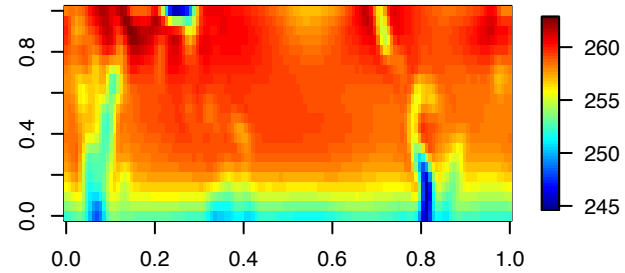


Illustration of effect of GMRF transform on Temperature

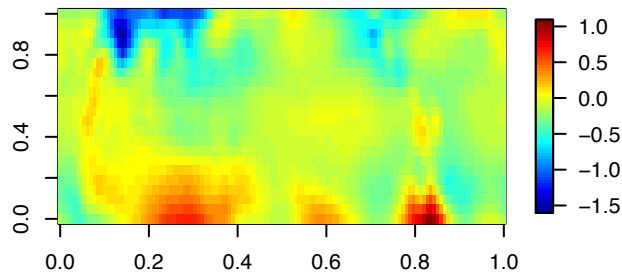
Experiment 1 (T)



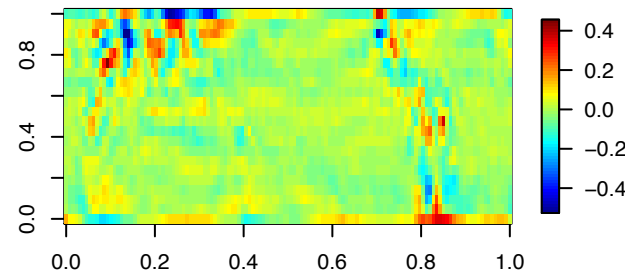
Experiment 3 (T)



$d = \text{difference}$

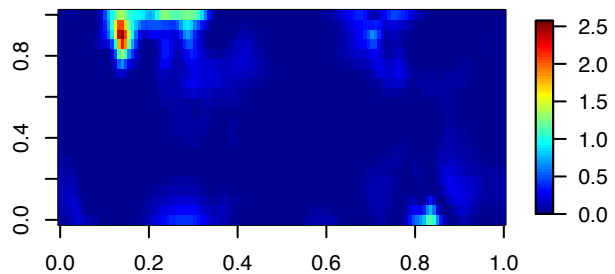


$d^* = \text{transformed difference}$



Intuitive Approach Cost

product = $(d)(d)$



Gaussian Markov Random Field Cost

product of differences = $(d)(d^*)$

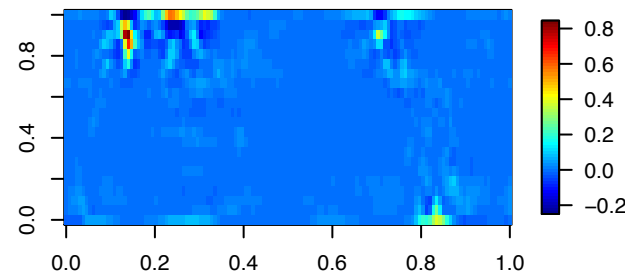
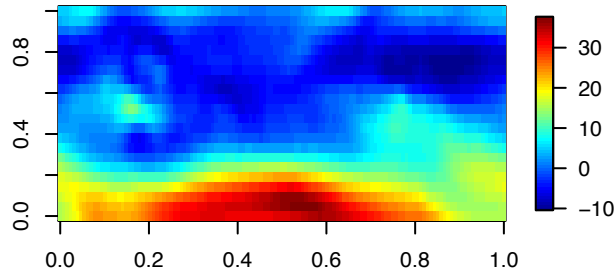
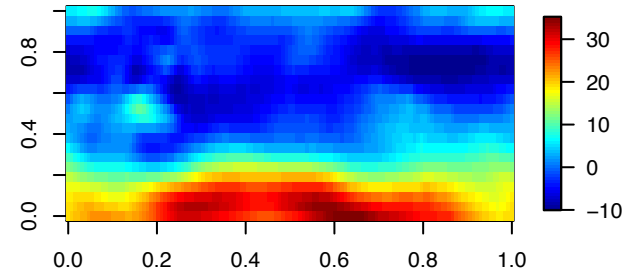


Illustration of effect of GMRF transform on winds

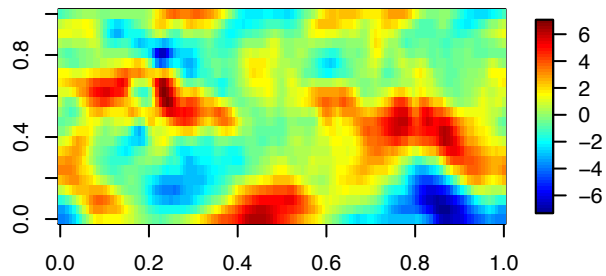
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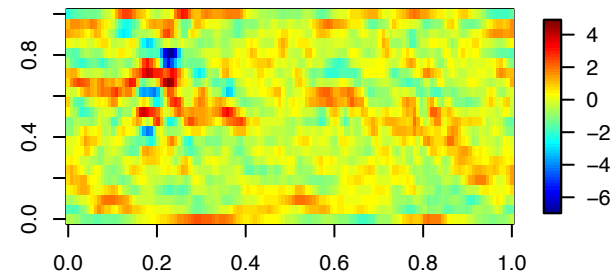
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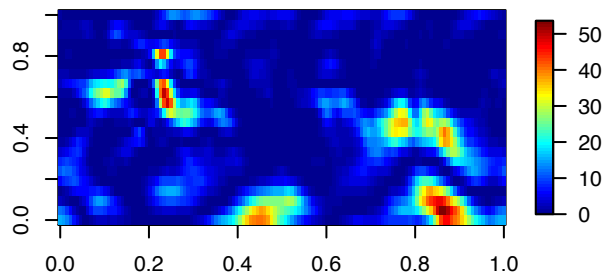


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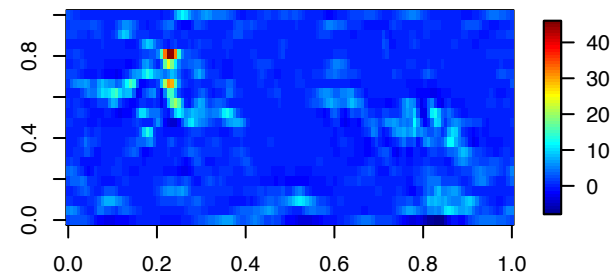
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product = $(d)(d)$



Gaussian Markov Random Field Cost

product of differences = $(d)(d^*)$



Imposing observed covariances in “S”

$$\text{cost} = D^T S^{-1} \otimes (\alpha I + (1 - \alpha) Q) D$$

$$\eta = \begin{matrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 & \phi_4 \end{matrix} \text{ and } \begin{matrix} \psi_1 & \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 & \psi_4 \end{matrix}$$

$$D = (\eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3, \eta_4, \eta_5, \eta_6, \eta_7, \eta_8)$$

$$S^{-1} \otimes (\alpha I + (1 - \alpha) Q) =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_1^2} & \frac{-1}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} \\ \frac{-1}{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} & \frac{1}{\sigma_2^2} \end{bmatrix} \otimes (\alpha I + (1 - \alpha) Q)_{4 \times 4} =$$

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$$\mathbf{O}_i = (Obs_i - \overline{Obs_i})$$

$k = 2$ year segment from 30 years of observations

Correlation Matrix

Observed JJA 30S to 30N

Intuitive Approach

$$\alpha = 1$$

	precip	psl	trefht	u
precip	1.00	-0.22	-0.05	0.01
psl	-0.22	1.00	-0.31	-0.11
trefht	-0.05	-0.31	1.00	-0.15
u	0.01	-0.11	-0.15	1.00

Uses Gaussian Markov Random Fields

$$\alpha = 0.003$$

	precip	psl	trefht	u
precip	1.00	-0.01	-0.09	0.01
psl	-0.01	1.00	-0.52	-0.05
trefht	-0.09	-0.52	1.00	-0.02
u	0.01	-0.05	-0.02	1.00



Conclusions

- Presented a flexible structure for combining fields into a single metric.
- Gaussian Markov Random Fields can better represent spatial dependencies within a single field.
 - Reduces significance of large scale differences.
 - Hammers field dependencies (relative to intuitive approach) ... correct? desirable?