

Advanced climate and regional model validation

for societal applications

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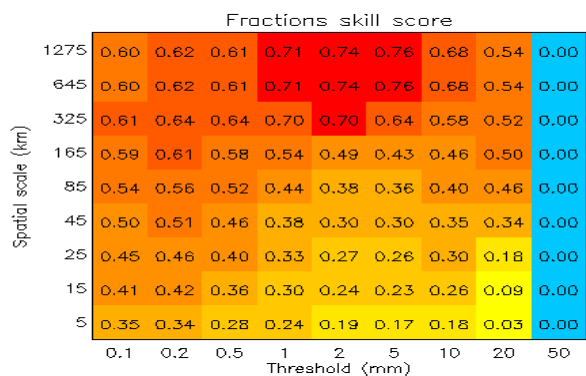
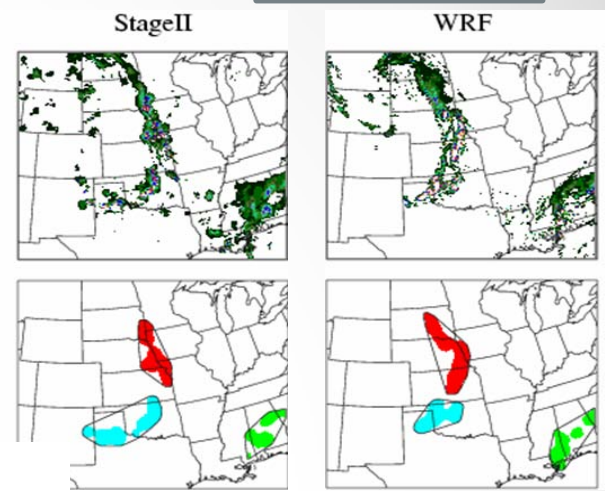
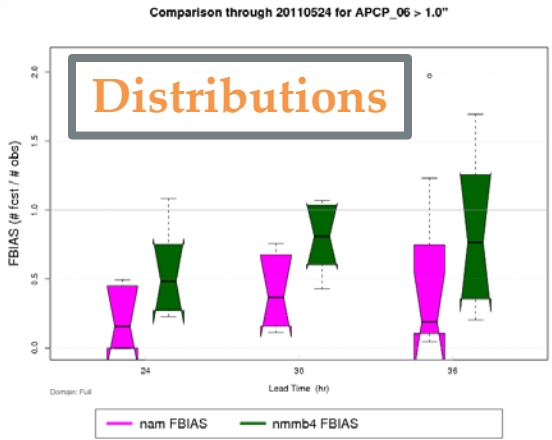
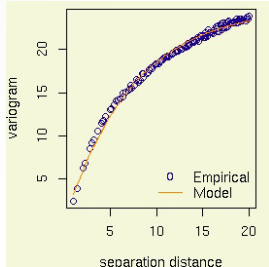
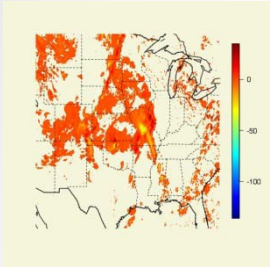
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Spatial Methods

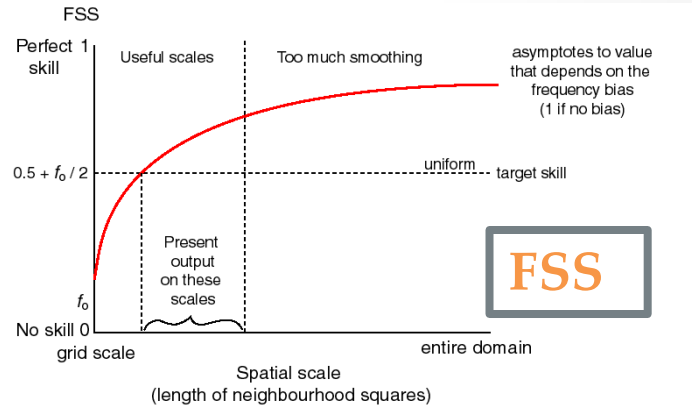
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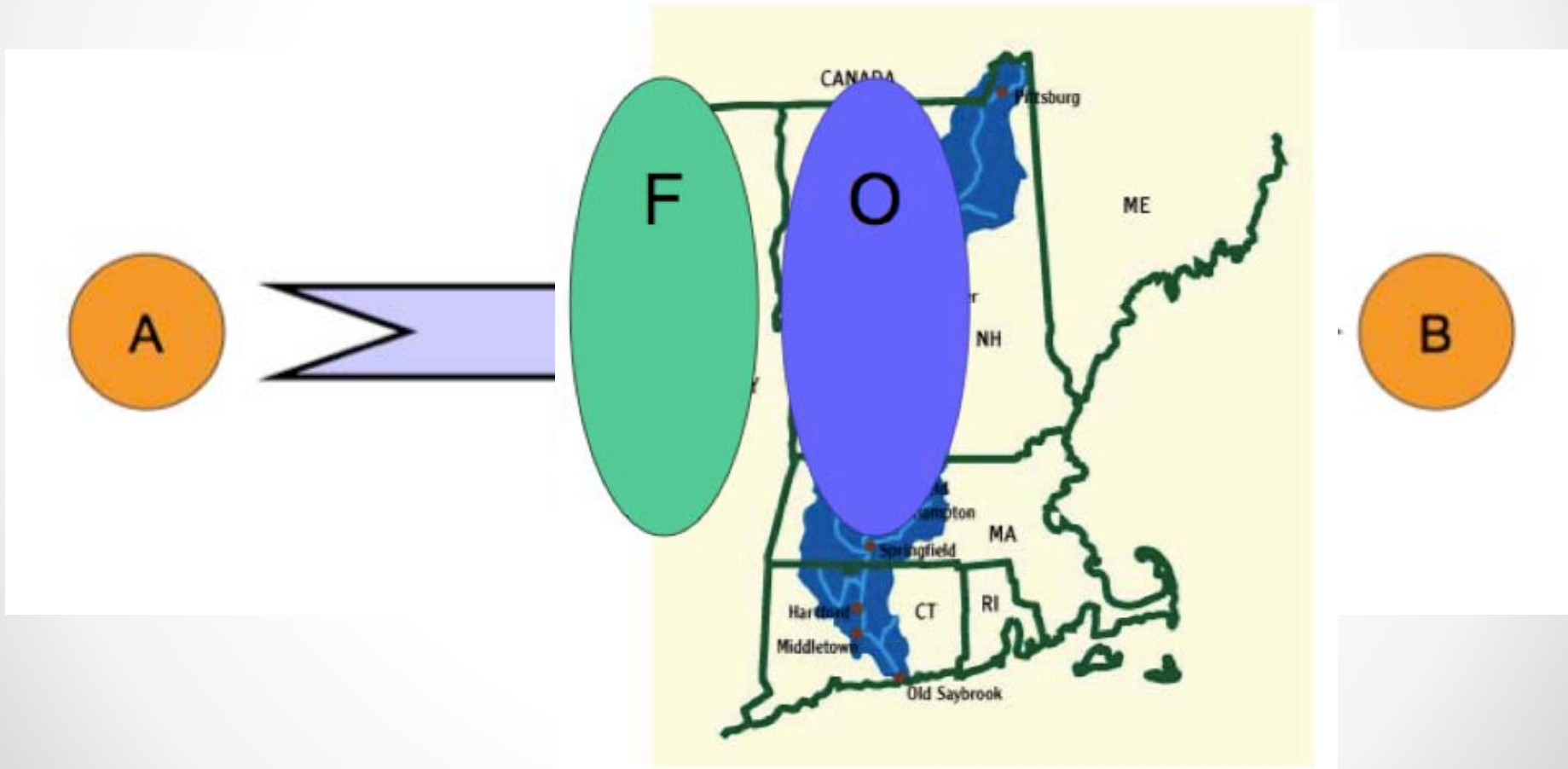


Quilt plots

Image Warping

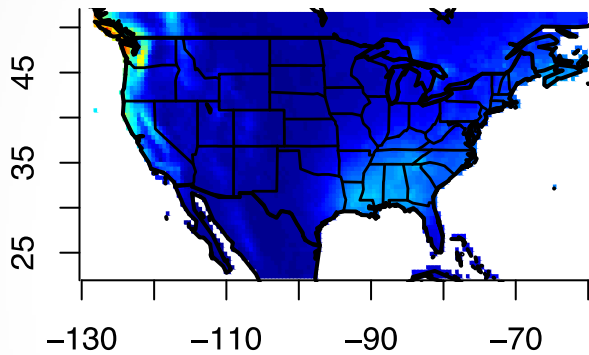


User Needs



Current Climate: Precipitation (mm)

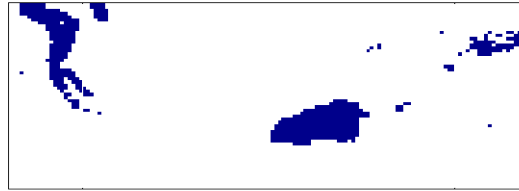
CESM-CAM5
(t = January)



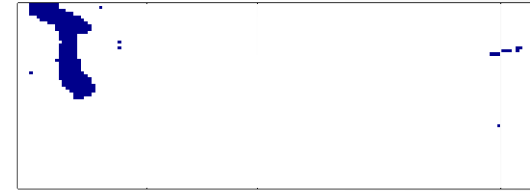
Location Error Measures

Binary fields obtained via setting all values below 5 mm to zero.

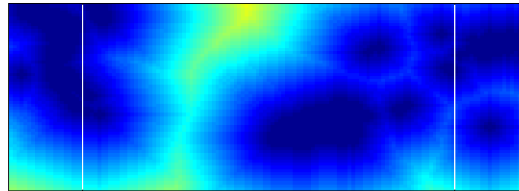
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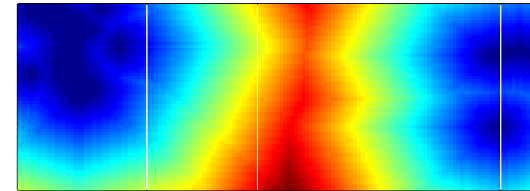
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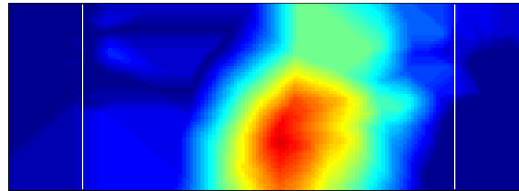
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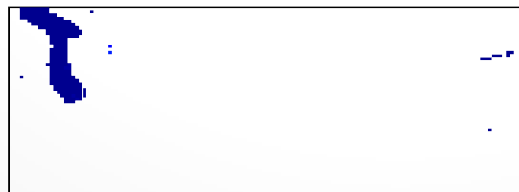
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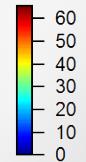
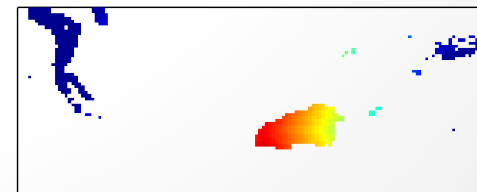
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$d(s,A | B)$



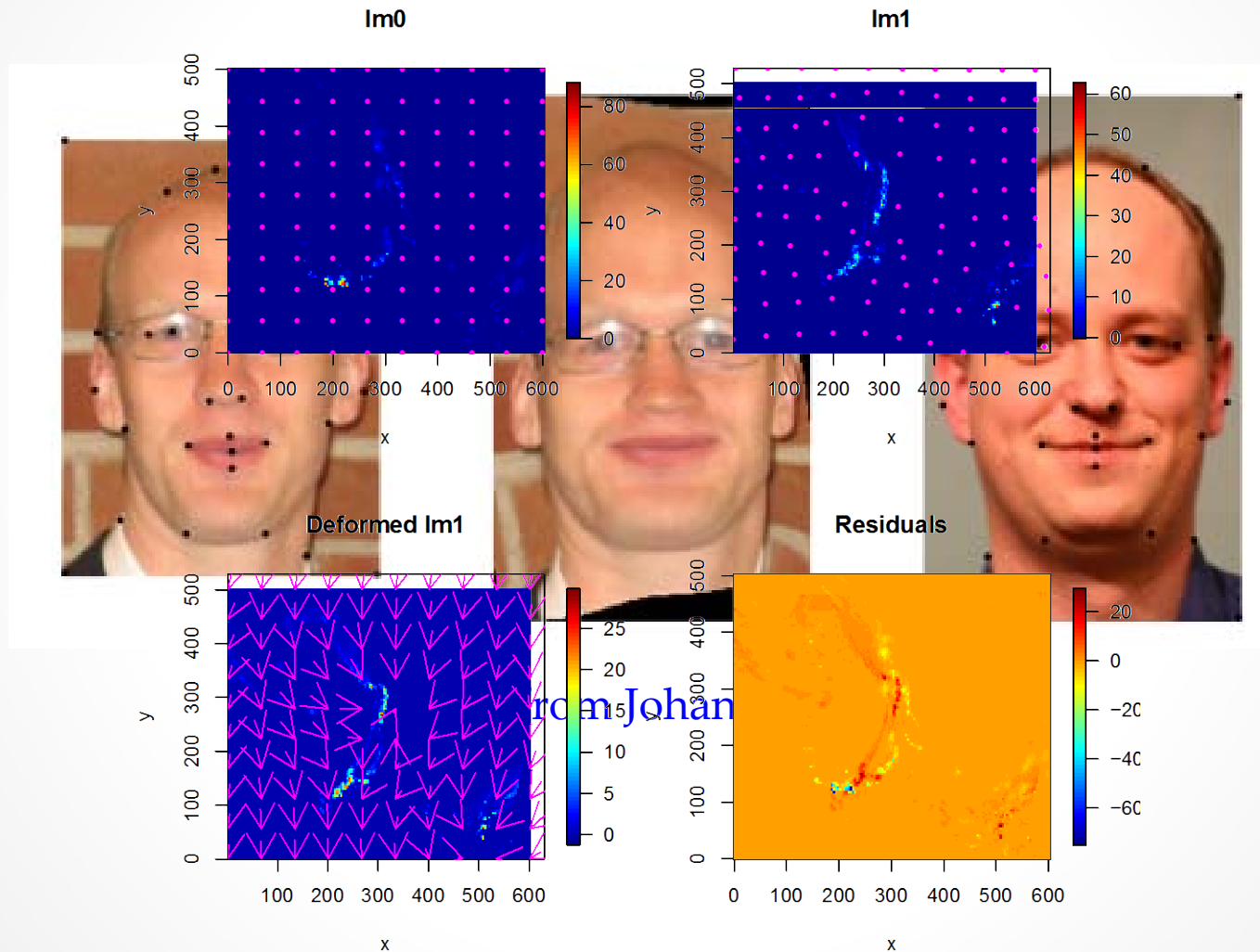
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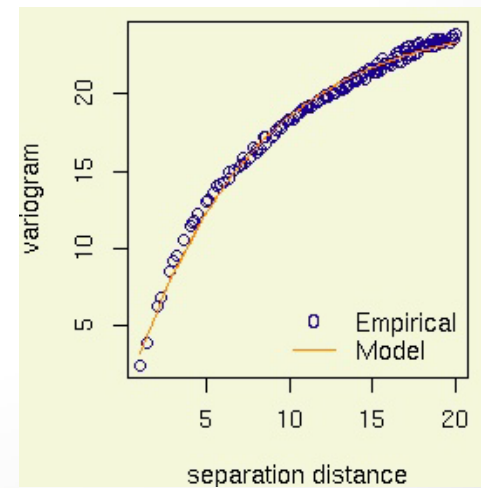
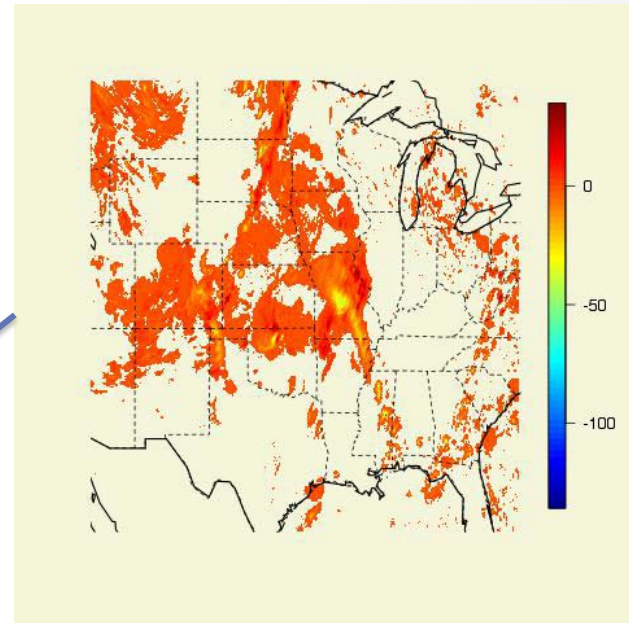
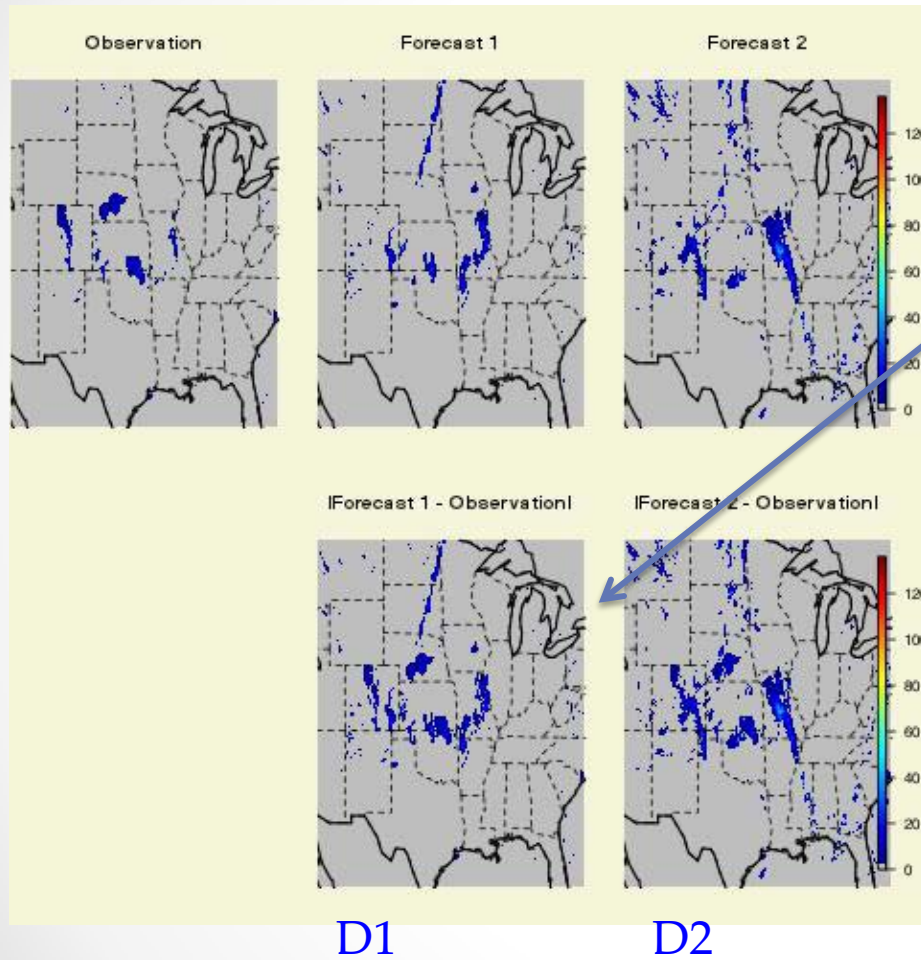
Location Error Measures

Threshold (mm)	0	0.1	1	2	5	10	15	20
Hausdorff distance	0	0	10.6	19.6	59.1	9.2	215.4	0
Baddeley's Δ metric	0	0	1.80	4.0	21.4	2.7	149.6	0
Mean Error Distance	0	0	0.2	1.4	21.9	2.5	0.5	0
metrV	0	0	13.85	15.77	21.14	5.44	72.18	0
FQI	-	0	0.42	0.70	1.93	0.14	-	-

Field Deformation

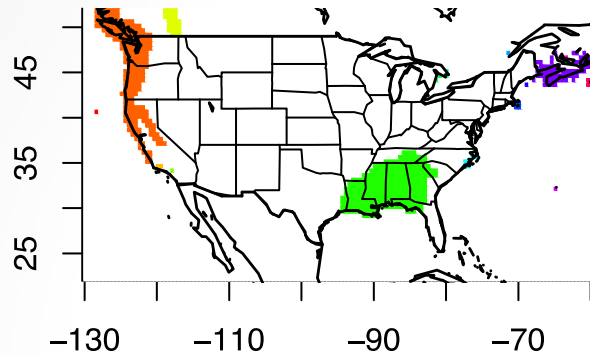


Spatial Prediction Comparison Test

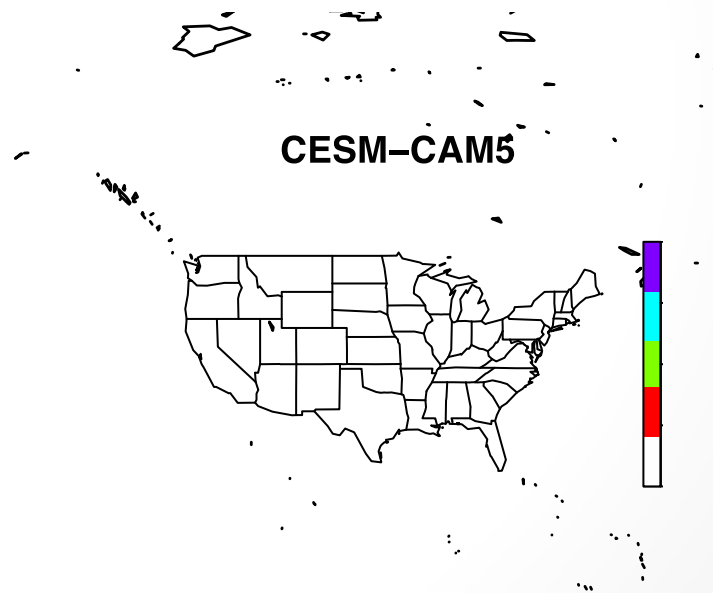
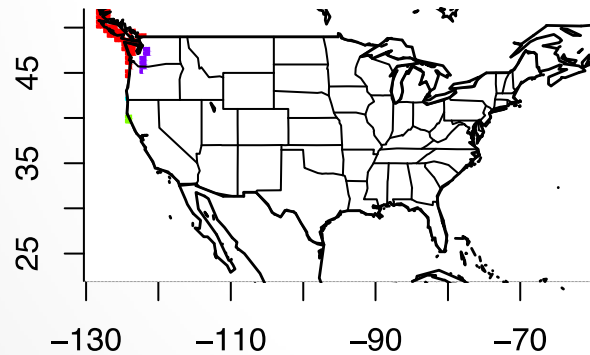


Feature-based Methods

Threshold = 5 mm

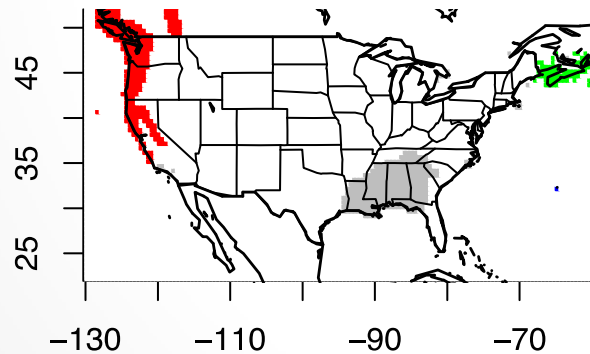
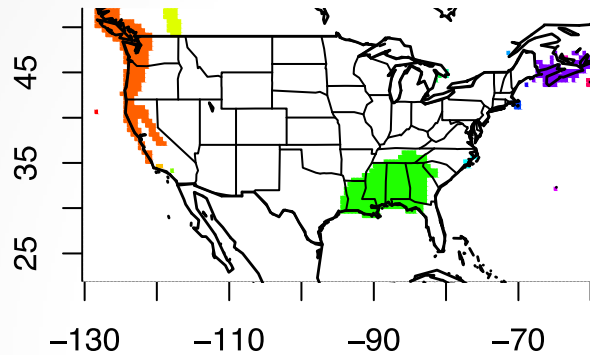


Threshold = 10 mm



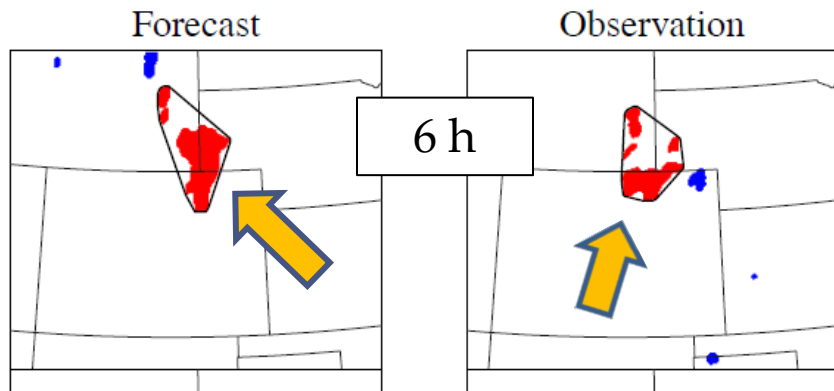
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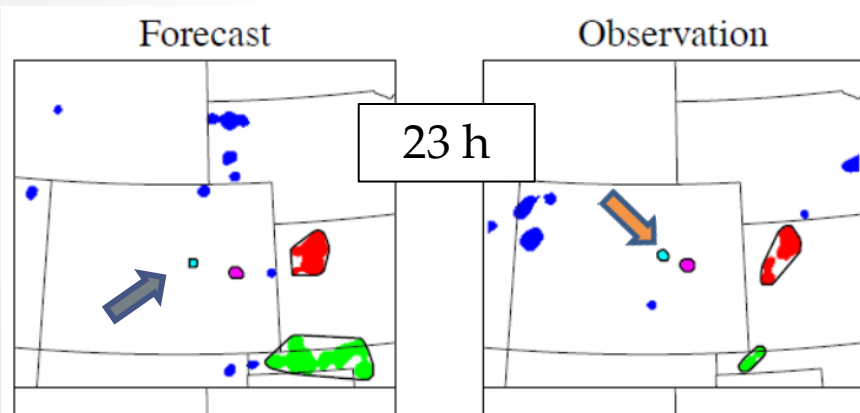
Same as above, but features have been merged and matched

Feature-based Methods



Area ratio	1.5
Intersection area / Obs area	0.51
Centroid distance	31 km
50 th percentile intensity ratio	0.98
90 th percentile intensity ratio	1.10

Convolution radius = 2 grid boxes; Threshold = 4 mm h⁻¹

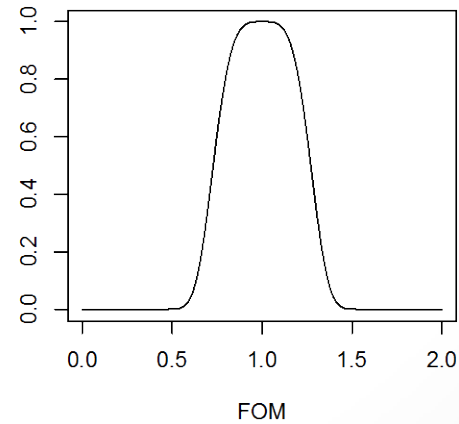
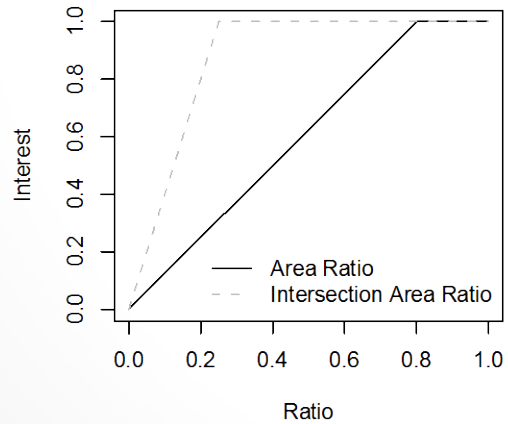
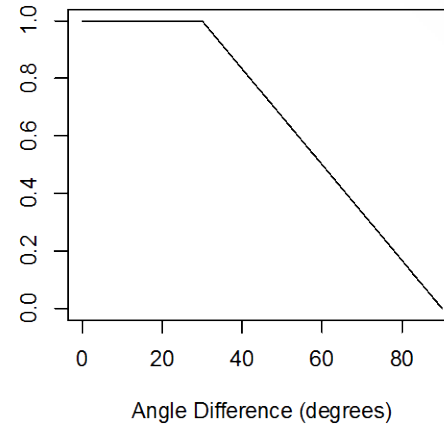
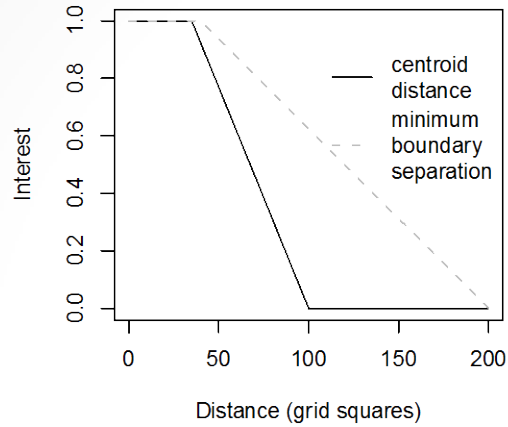


Area ratio	0.70
Intersection area / Obs area	0.06
Centroid distance	19 km
50 th percentile intensity ratio	1.14
90 th percentile intensity ratio	0.78

Results show (1) forecasts have some skill in capturing these events and (2) in which aspects the forecasts need improvement
 Ex: 90th percentile of precipitation; storm placement/timing

Feature-based Methods

Fuzzy Logic Interest Maps



This is the end

- SpatialVx is an R package (in the works) for doing spatial verification. Most of the techniques shown in this presentation are already available in the package.
- MesoVICT is the second phase of a spatial forecast verification methods inter-comparison project.

<http://www.ral.ucar.edu/projects/icp>