

Stochastic space-time modeling for agricultural decision support in the Argentine Pampas

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“It is arguable that the artificiality of agricultural production systems make them less flexible, and therefore more vulnerable to climatic change than the naturally occurring species of the ecosystem within which they fit, and that the more unstable the climate the greater this vulnerability is likely to be.”

- *Oram (1985)*

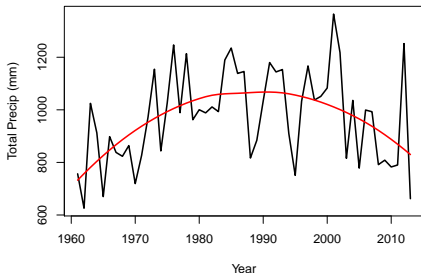
THE PAMPAS



PAMPAS CLIMATE & LAND USE CHANGE

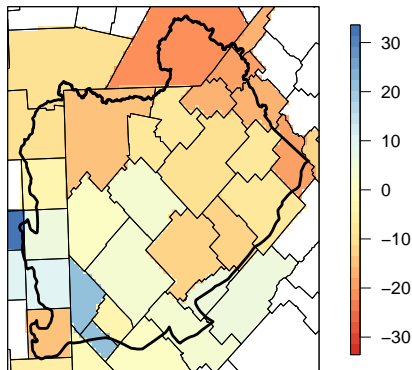
Alternating wet and dry epochs:

- Early 1900s floods.
- 1930-50 drought.
- Increasing precipitation 1960-2000.
→ Extremes & frequency.
- Agricultural expansion.
→ Reduced annual ET.
→ Rising water table.
- 1997-2003 flooding.
- 2008 drought.

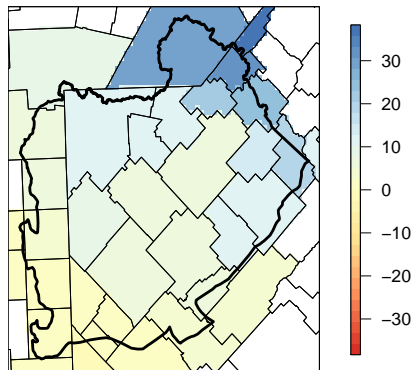


LAND USE CHANGE

% change in pasture

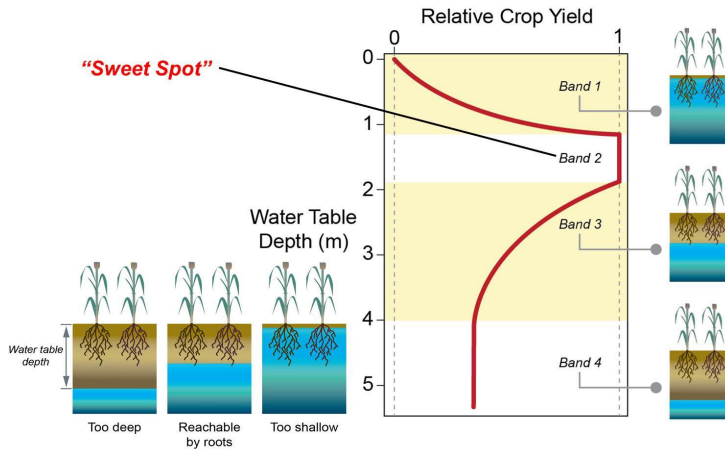


% change in soybean



$$\Delta = (1981-2013) - (1961-1980)$$

CROP YIELD MAPPING

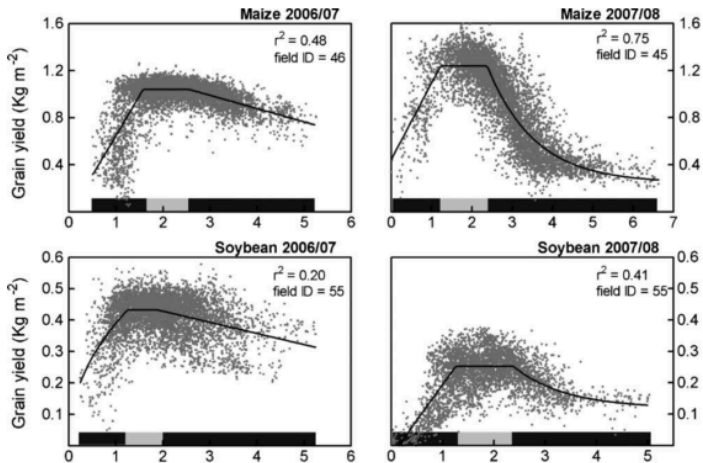


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WTD has been shown to affect crop yields.

CROP YIELD MAPPING

Nosetto et al. [2009]



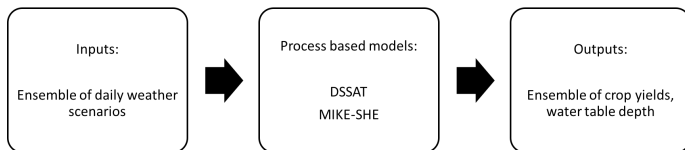
AGRICULTURAL PLANNING IN THE PAMPAS

- Crop simulation models (DSSAT).
- Analyze different management strategies.
- Correct crop yields with WTD (MIKE-SHE).
 - MIKE-SHE has great computational costs. (5km x 5km, daily)

...the need for data.

- Observed record limited.
- Variety of scenarios.
- Specific trends; traits of seasonal forecast.
- At unobserved locations.

→ **Stochastic weather generation!**



SINGLE SITE WEATHER GENERATORS

Parametric:

[Richardson, 1981; Richardson & Wright, 1984; Semenov & Barrow, 1997]

- Precipitation occurrence modeled as Markov chain. *[Katz, 1977]*
- Precipitation amount modeled as Gamma random variable.
- Temperatures modeled using autoregressive time series.
- *Fit separate models for each month (or finer).*
- *Captures climatology and linear relationships; fails to capture extremes.*

Nonparametric:

[Lall & Sharma, 1996; Rajagopalan & Lall, 1999; Harrold et al., 2003]

- Kernel density estimators of precipitation.
- K-nearest neighbor time series bootstrap.
- *Non-normal features captured.*
- *Resamples historic record, not simulating unobserved values.*

MULTIPLE SITE WEATHER GENERATORS

Parametric:

[Wilks, 1998, 1999; Qian et al., 2002; Baigorria & Jones, 2010; Khalili et al., 2009]

- Climate variables modeled consistent with single site.
- Estimate parameters for each variable at each location.
- *Unwieldy to preserve temporal statistics and spatial dependence.*
- *Difficult to simulate at unobserved locations, or large network of stations.*

Nonparametric:

[Yates et al., 2003; Apipattanavis et al., 2007; Sharif & Burn, 2007]

- Resample observed vector of variables.
- Preserve spatial dependence and climatological statistics.
- *Due to resampling, not simulating unobserved values.*
- *Difficult to simulate at unobserved locations, or large network of stations.*

GENERALIZED LINEAR MODELS

Generalized linear models:

[Stern & Coe, 1984; Chandler, 2005; Furrer & Katz, 2007; Kleiber et al., 2012, 2013]

Model and simulate skewed or discrete variables.

$$Y \sim f(\mu, \sigma)$$

$f(\cdot) \rightarrow$ binomial, Gamma, poisson, gaussian.

$$\eta(\mu) = \mathbf{X}'\boldsymbol{\beta}$$

$\eta(\mu) \rightarrow$ logit, probit, inverse, log, identity.

- Time series models at each location.
- Covariates capture seasonality, temporal dependence.
 \rightarrow e.g., sine, cosine, autoregressive.
- GLM coefficients (i.e., β_i) are fixed.
 \rightarrow Uncertainty is neglected.
 \rightarrow Variability from residuals process.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a weather generator for simulating at unobserved locations.
 - Space-time GLM weather generator.
2. Generate space-time weather scenarios consistent with seasonal forecasts and multidecadal trends, for resources planning and management.
 - Modification of GLM weather generator.
3. A generalized weather generator that can model and propagate uncertainty.
 - Bayesian space-time weather generator.
4. An efficient water table depth model for seasonal agricultural planning.
 - Hydrologic model emulator (i.e., “metamodel”).

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1. Develop a weather generator for simulating at unobserved locations.

Fit GLMs at each location, obtain $\beta(s)$.

→ Captures temporal variability.

Spatial models to estimate $\hat{\beta}(s)$ coefficients at unobserved locations.

→ Captures spatial structure.

Exponential covariance functions defined by residuals.

PRECIPITATION MODELS

Occurrence $O(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbb{1}_{[W_O(\mathbf{s}, t) \geq 0]}$ modeled using probit regression.

Latent Gaussian process $W_O(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbf{X}_O(\mathbf{s}, t)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_O(\mathbf{s})$ is linear regression.
By definition, probit residual variance $\sigma_O^2 = 1$

If $W_O(\mathbf{s}, t) \geq 0$, $O(\mathbf{s}, t) = 1$

Else, $O(\mathbf{s}, t) = 0$

$\mathbf{X}_O(\mathbf{s}, t) = (1, O(\mathbf{s}, t - 1), \cos(2\pi t/365), \sin(2\pi t/365))$

Amounts $A(\mathbf{s}, t)$ modeled as $\text{Gamma}(\alpha_A(\mathbf{s}), \alpha_A(\mathbf{s})/\mu_A(\mathbf{s}, t))$.

Gamma shape $\alpha_A(\mathbf{s})$ varies in space.

Gamma scale $\alpha_A(\mathbf{s})/\mu_A(\mathbf{s}, t)$ varies in space and time.

$\mu_A(\mathbf{s}, t) = \exp(\mathbf{X}_A(\mathbf{s}, t)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_A(\mathbf{s}))$

$\mathbf{X}_A(\mathbf{s}, t) = (1, \cos(2\pi t/365), \sin(2\pi t/365))$

MODEL STRUCTURE

Temperatures modeled using linear regression:

$$Z_N(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbf{X}_N(\mathbf{s}, t)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_N(\mathbf{s}) + W_N(\mathbf{s}, t)$$

$$Z_X(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbf{X}_X(\mathbf{s}, t)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_X(\mathbf{s}) + W_X(\mathbf{s}, t)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_i(\mathbf{s}, t) = (1, Z_N(\mathbf{s}, t-1), Z_X(\mathbf{s}, t-1), \cos(2\pi t/365), \\ \sin(2\pi t/365), r(t), O(\mathbf{s}, t)) \quad \text{for } i = N, X$$

The mean $\mathbf{X}_i(\mathbf{s}, t)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_i(\mathbf{s})$ is climate.

Residuals $W_i(\mathbf{s}, t)$ is like daily weather.

Model fitting:

1. Four GLMs are fitted at each location.
2. Maximum likelihood estimates (MLE) of $\hat{\beta}_i(\mathbf{s})$ at each location.
3. Spatial models on $\hat{\beta}_i(\mathbf{s})$ to simulate at any location.
4. Exponential covariance functions defined from monthly residuals.

PARAMETER ESTIMATION & SIMULATION

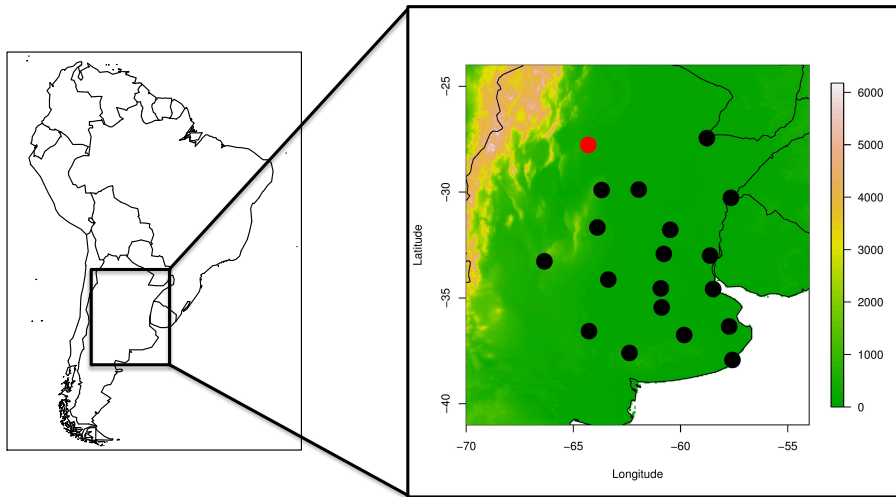
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Simulation:

1. Simulate occurrence.
2. Where occurrence is positive, simulate amounts.
3. Update temperature covariates using simulated occurrence.
4. Simulate temperatures.
5. Repeat for all days to simulate.

STUDY REGION & DATA

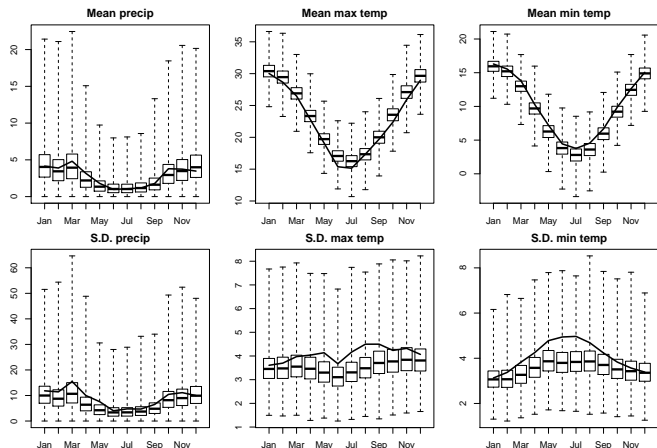


1908–2010 daily precipitation, maximum and minimum temperature.

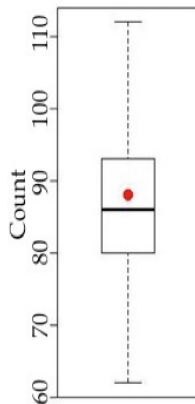
SIMULATION & VALIDATION

100 simulations: 1 Jan 1908 - 31 Dec 2010.

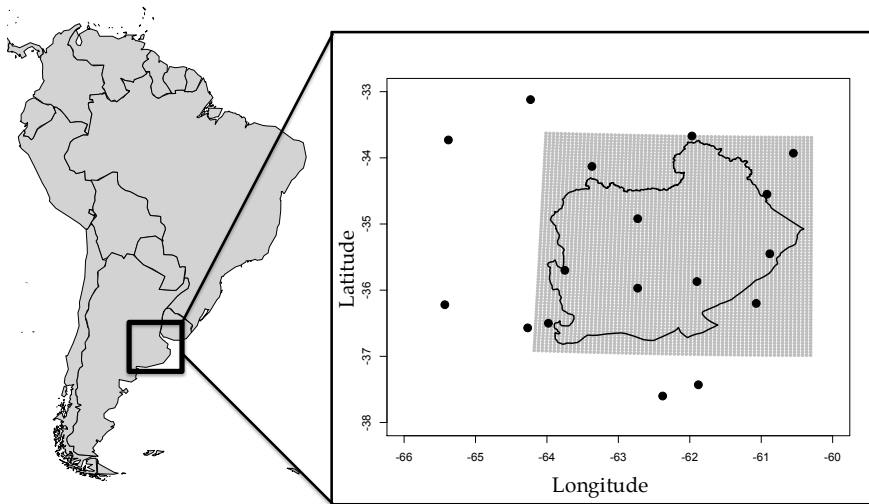
Cross-validation



Dry spells >10 days



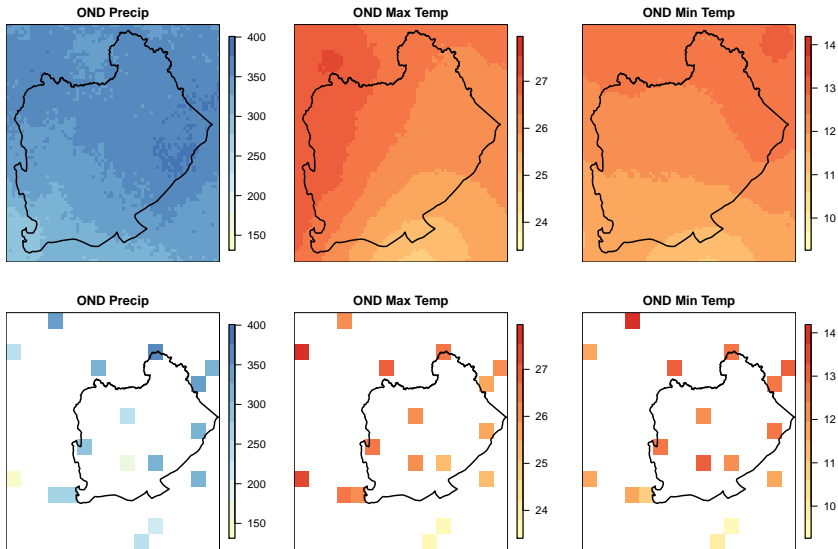
GRIDDED SIMULATION



1961–2013 daily precipitation, maximum and minimum temperature.

GRIDDED SIMULATION

Ensemble mean OND seasonal total precip, mean max temp, mean min temp.



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- ✓ Ease modeling of skewed & discrete variables.

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2. **Generate space-time weather scenarios consistent with seasonal forecasts and multidecadal trends, for resources planning and management.**

Propose the use of GLM weather generator for planning purposes.

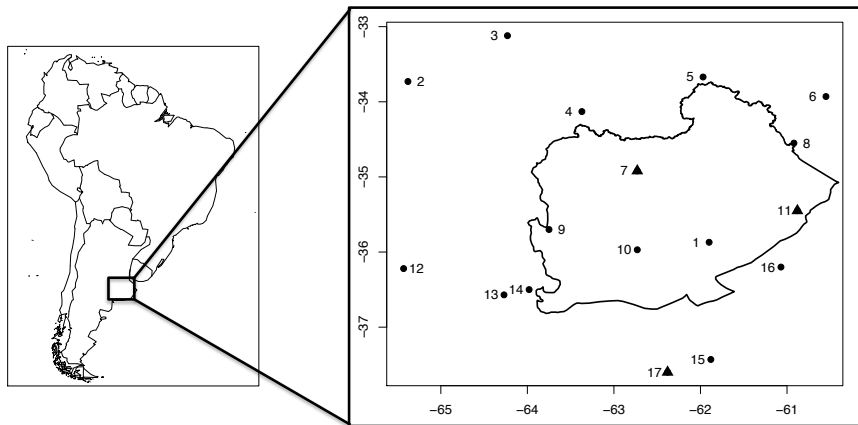
Additional covariates, i.e., seasonal climate information.

Enables translation of seasonal forecasts or climate model projections.

→ Downscaling coarse scale information.

→ Address the disconnect between data & decision.

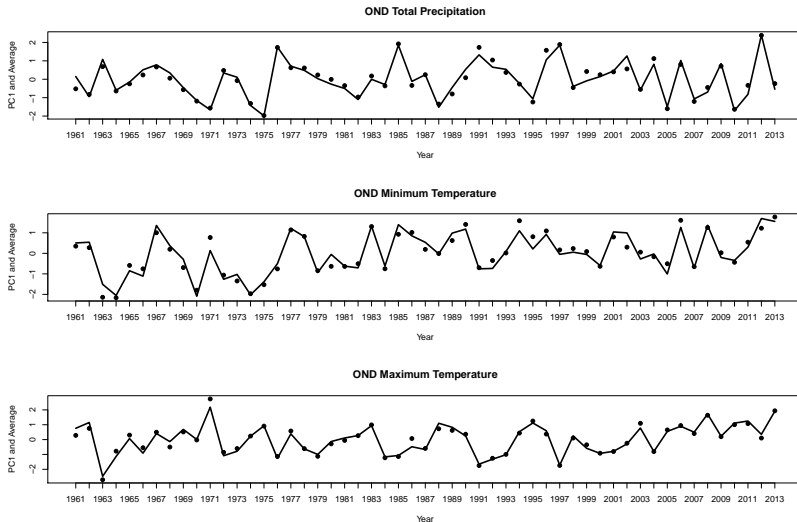
STUDY REGION & DATA



1961–2013 daily precipitation, maximum and minimum temperature.

PRINCIPAL COMPONENT ANALYSIS

Domain average OND (lines) and PC1 of all stations.



ADDITIONAL COVARIATES

Precipitation models:

Domain average seasonal total precipitation.

$$\mathbf{X}_O(\mathbf{s}, t) = (1, \dots, ST1(t), ST2(t), ST3(t), ST4(t))$$

$$\mathbf{X}_A(\mathbf{s}, t) = (1, \dots, ST1(t), ST2(t), ST3(t), ST4(t))$$

Temperature models:

Domain average seasonal mean maximum and minimum temperature.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_i(\mathbf{s}, t) = (1, \dots, SMN1(t), SMN2(t), SMN3(t), SMN4(t), \\ SMX1(t), SMX2(t), SMX3(t), SMX4(t)) \\ \text{for } i = N, X \end{aligned}$$

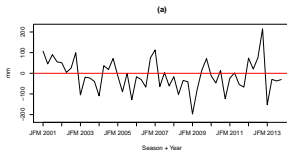
Validate by comparison to unconditional GLM weather generator.

TEMPORAL VALIDATION

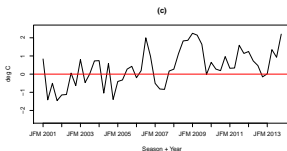
13 years: JFM 2001 – OND 2013

Unconditional:

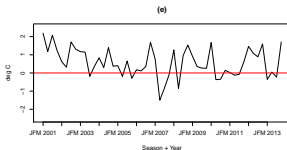
Precip



Max
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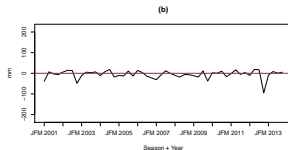


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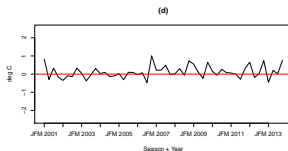


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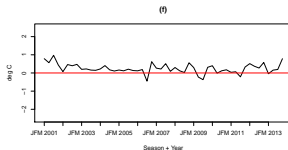
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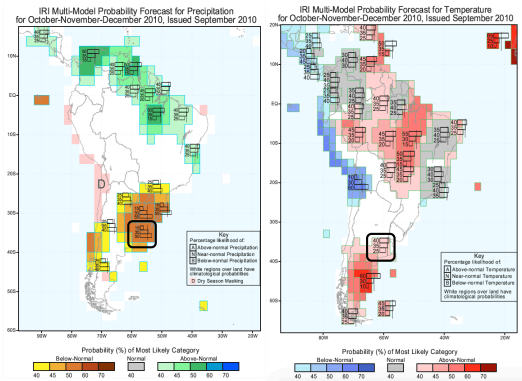
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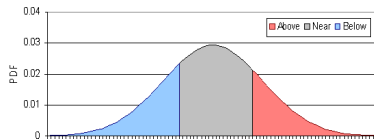


SEASONAL FORECAST



OND 2010 Precipitation: (15:35:50) (A:N:B)

OND 2010 Temperature: (40:35:25) (A:N:B)



1. Classify observed OND precipitation and temperatures as A:N:B.

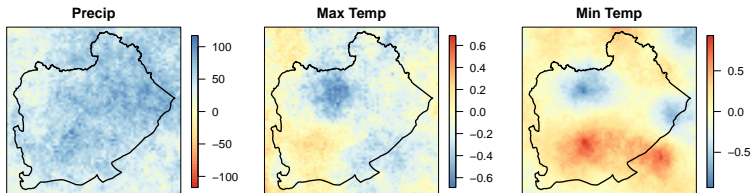
2. Bootstrap ensemble of OND covariates, A:N:B as weights.

3. One simulation per ensemble member.

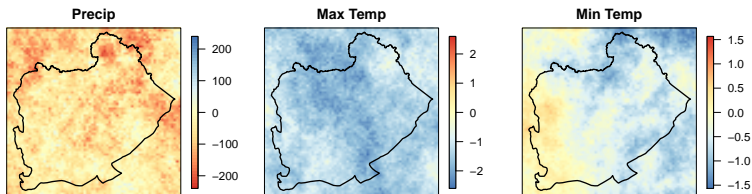
4. Ensemble of weather reflects seasonal forecast.

SEASONAL FORECAST

Differences in ensemble mean (unconditional minus conditional):



Differences in 95% ensemble spread (unconditional minus conditional):

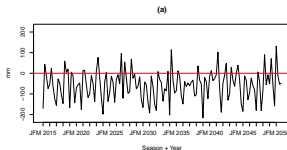


MULTI-DECADAL PROJECTION

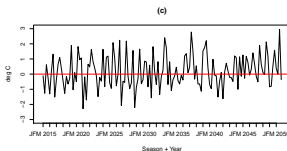
CORDEX-CMIP5 RCM (2015–2050)

Unconditional:

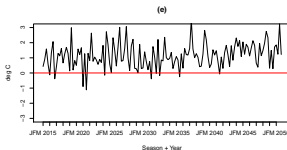
Precip



Max
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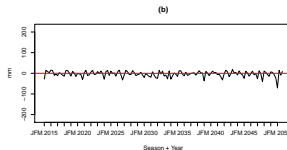


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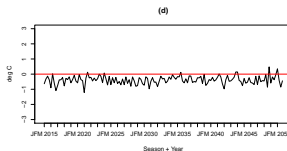


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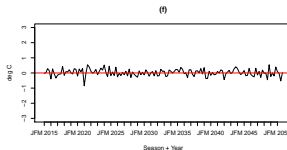
Precip



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3. A generalized weather generator that can model and propagate uncertainty.

Address non-treatment of uncertainty in weather generation.

“Why do I care about uncertainty?”

→ Variability between ensemble members.

→ Better estimates of crop production risk.

Bayesian methods widely used to quantify uncertainty.

→ Bayesian model averaging [*Leamer, 1978*].

→ Coupling with weather generators [*Pezzulli et al., 2006; Hashmi et al., 2009*].

Bayesian weather generator propagate uncertainty to simulations.

METHODOLOGY

Consider the model from Chapter 2:

$$O(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbb{1}_{[W_O(\mathbf{s}, t) \geq 0]} \quad (1)$$

$$W_O(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbf{X}_O(\mathbf{s}, t)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_O(\mathbf{s}) \quad (2)$$

$$A(\mathbf{s}, t) \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_A(\mathbf{s}), \alpha_A(\mathbf{s}) / \mu_A(\mathbf{s}, t)) \quad (3)$$

$$\mu_A(\mathbf{s}, t) = \exp(\mathbf{X}_A(\mathbf{s}, t)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_A) \quad (4)$$

$$Z_N(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbf{X}_N(\mathbf{s}, t)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_N(\mathbf{s}) + W_N(\mathbf{s}, t) \quad (5)$$

$$Z_X(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbf{X}_X(\mathbf{s}, t)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_X(\mathbf{s}) + W_X(\mathbf{s}, t) \quad (6)$$

MODEL STRUCTURE

Now model parameters are treated as random variables.

Monte Carlo sampling produces distribution of model parameters.

→ *Posterior distribution.*

Data layer:

$$O(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbb{1}_{[W_O(\mathbf{s}, t) \geq 0]} \quad (7)$$

$$A(\mathbf{s}, t) \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_A(\mathbf{s}), \alpha_A(\mathbf{s})/\mu_A(\mathbf{s}, t)) \quad (8)$$

$$Z_N(\mathbf{s}, t) \sim GP(\mu_N(\mathbf{s}, t), C_N(t)) \quad (9)$$

$$Z_X(\mathbf{s}, t) \sim GP(\mu_X(\mathbf{s}, t), C_X(t)) \quad (10)$$

Process layer:

$$W_O(\mathbf{s}, t) \sim N(\mu_O(\mathbf{s}, t), \sigma_O^2) \quad (11)$$

$$\mu_A(\mathbf{s}, t) = \exp(\mathbf{X}_A(\mathbf{s}, t)' \beta_A(\mathbf{s})) \quad (12)$$

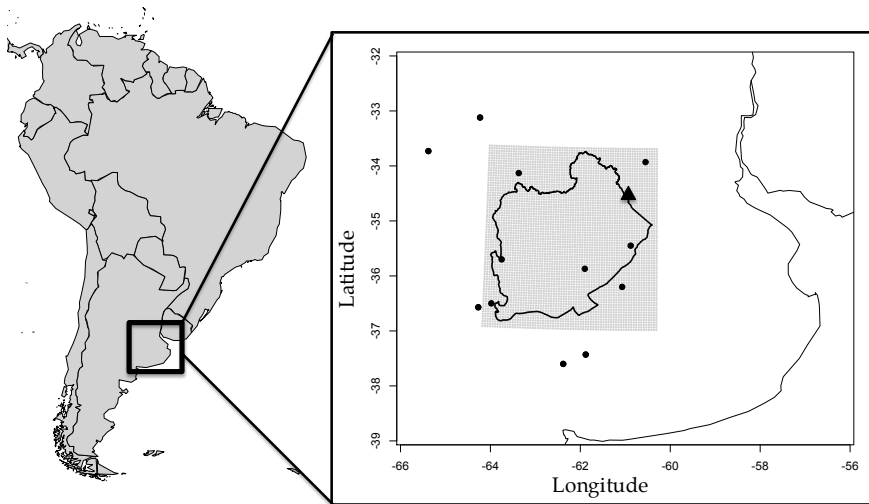
$$\mu_i(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbf{X}_i(\mathbf{s}, t)' \beta_i(\mathbf{s}) \quad \text{for } i = O, N, X \quad (13)$$

$$\beta_j(\mathbf{s}) \sim GP(\hat{\beta}_j(\mathbf{s}), C_{\beta_j}) \quad \text{for } j = O, A, N, X \quad (14)$$

$$\alpha_A(\mathbf{s}) \sim GP(\hat{\alpha}_A(\mathbf{s}), C_{\alpha_A}) \quad (15)$$

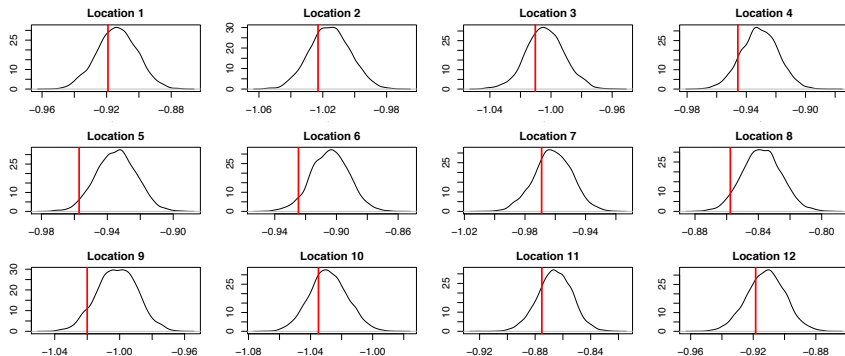
*Priors centered on MLE.

STUDY REGION & DATA



1961–2013 daily precipitation, maximum and minimum temperature.
Validate BayGEN by comparison to GLMGEN.

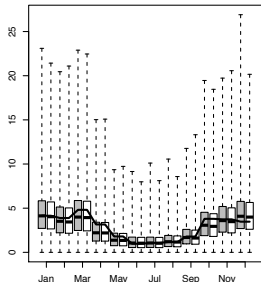
POSTERIOR DISTRIBUTION



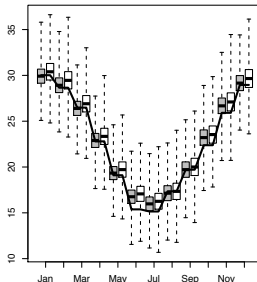
Posterior distribution and MLE of precipitation occurrence intercept: (β_0)

CLIMATOLOGY & VARIABILITY

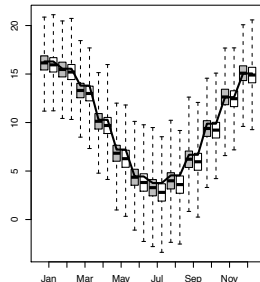
Mean Precip



Mean Max Temp



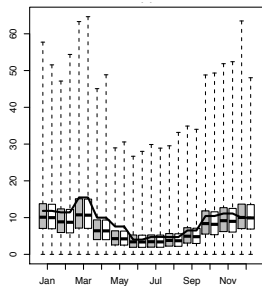
Mean Min Temp



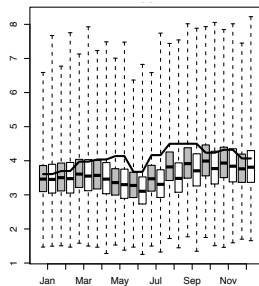
BayGEN as grey boxplots; GLMGEN as white boxplots; observed as lines.

CLIMATOLOGY & VARIABILITY

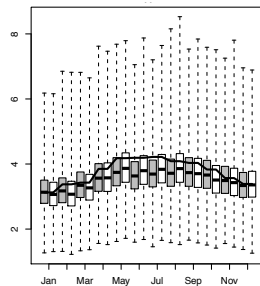
S.D. Precip



S.D. Max Temp



S.D. Min Temp



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The Decision Support System for Agrotechnology Transfer

Required inputs:

- Land use and soil type
- Minimum, maximum temperatures (*daily*)
- Precipitation (*daily*)
- Solar radiation (*daily*)

Optional inputs:

- Dew point (*daily*)
- Wind speed (*daily*)

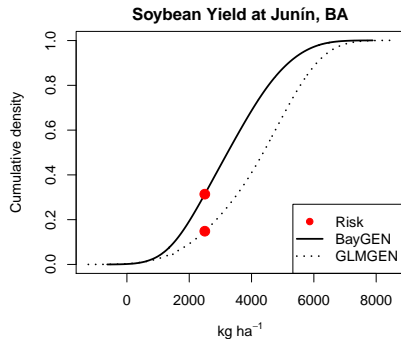
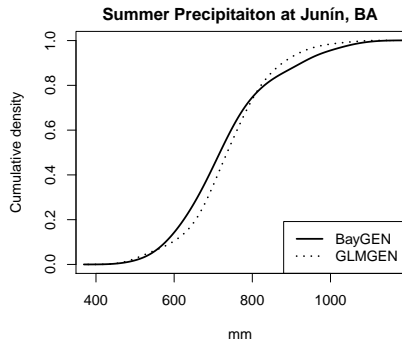
Outputs:

- Crop yield (*seasonal*)
- Flowering and harvest date
- Biomass (*daily*)
- Soil water content (*daily*)
- Root depth (*daily*)

[Jones et al., 1998]

COUPLING WITH CROP SIMULATION MODEL

100 simulations from BayGEN, GLMGEN:



“Break even” production risk: 30% (BayGEN), 16% (GLMGEN).

Nonlinear relationship between weather and crop yield.

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→ Address non-treatment of uncertainty.

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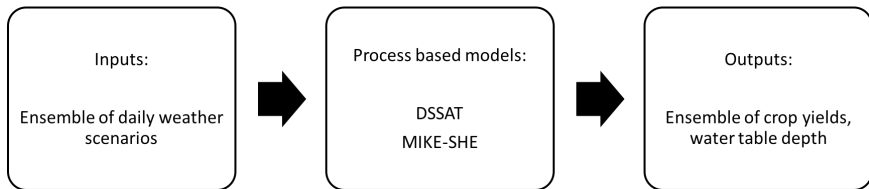
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PROCESS BASED MODELS

Agricultural planning in the Pampas:

- Crop simulation models (DSSAT).
- Analyze different management strategies.
- Correct crop yields with WTD (MIKE-SHE).

→ MIKE-SHE has great computational costs. (5km x 5km, daily)



Rainfall-runoff model

- Deterministic
- Physically based
- Distributed
- Solves PDE for mass flow & momentum transfer.

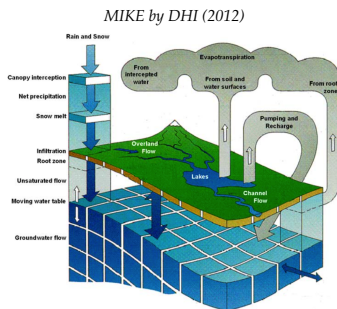


Figure 1.1 Hydrologic processes simulated by MIKE SHE

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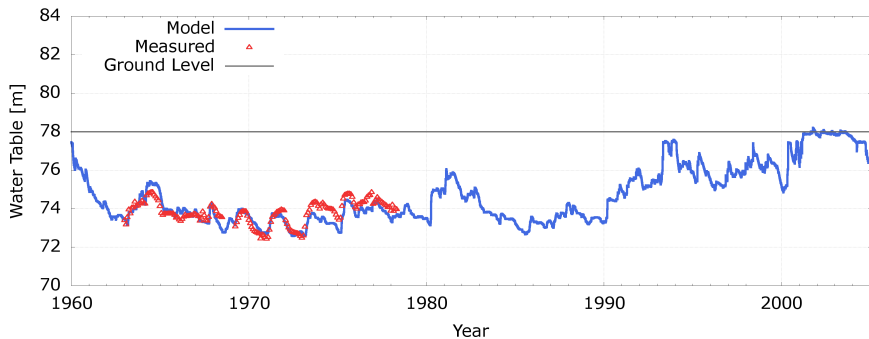
Inputs:

- Spatially-distributed land use (e.g., leaf-area index, root depth), soil data, precipitation, reference evapotranspiration, river networks

Outputs:

- Water table depth (WTD), real evapotranspiration (ET), overland flow, unsaturated zone flow, etc.

MIKE-SHE CALIBRATION



Motivating issues.

- Computationally expensive (5km x 5km, daily).
- Only 4 simulations at a time.
- Proprietary.
- For agricultural planning, interested in WTD.

4. An efficient water table depth model for seasonal agricultural planning.

Model WTD using weather and land use data?

→ Reduce computational costs of distributed hydrologic models.

Propose stochastic hierarchical metamodel for *monthly* ET and WTD.

Level 1: ET modeled with land use and weather, PET.

Level 2: WTD modeled with ET and weather.

Assumptions:

Land use constant for calendar year (from database).

→ Pasture, soybean, maize, wheat, soybean/wheat, sunflower.

Homogeneous soil type (i.e., not parameterized.)

STATISTICAL METAMODEL

Equally spaced “knot” locations \mathbf{s} . (20km x 20km)

→MIKE-SHE grid cells. (5km x 5km)

→Analog to stations.

$$Y_{ET}(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbf{X}_{ET}(\mathbf{s}, t)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_{ET}(\mathbf{s}) \quad (16)$$

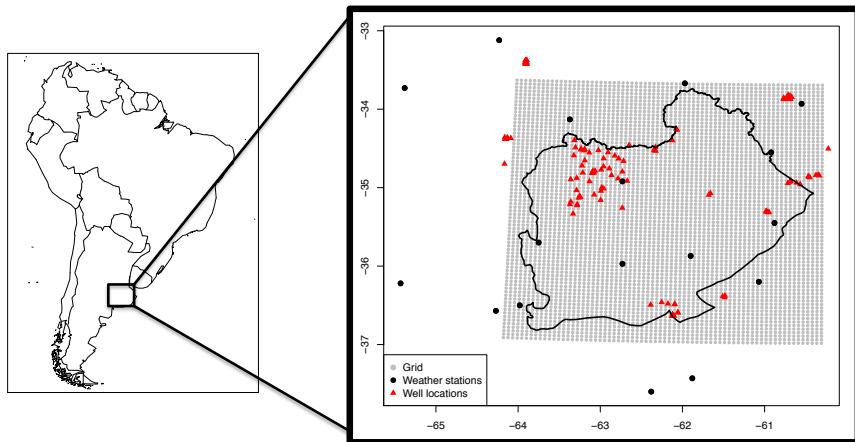
$$Y_{WT}(\mathbf{s}, t) = \mathbf{X}_{WT}(\mathbf{s}, t)' \boldsymbol{\beta}_{WT}(\mathbf{s}) + \epsilon \quad (17)$$

$$\epsilon \sim GP(0, C(t)) \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X}_{ET}(\mathbf{s}, t) = & (X_P(\mathbf{s}, t), X_X(\mathbf{s}, t), X_N(\mathbf{s}, t), X_E(\mathbf{s}, t), X_{L1}(\mathbf{s}, t), \\ & X_{L2}(\mathbf{s}, t), X_{L3}(\mathbf{s}, t), X_{L4}(\mathbf{s}, t), X_{L5}(\mathbf{s}, t), X_{L6}(\mathbf{s}, t)) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{WT}(\mathbf{s}, t) = (Y_{WT}(\mathbf{s}, t-1), X_P(\mathbf{s}, t), X_X(\mathbf{s}, t), X_N(\mathbf{s}, t), Y_{ET}(\mathbf{s}, t)) \quad (20)$$

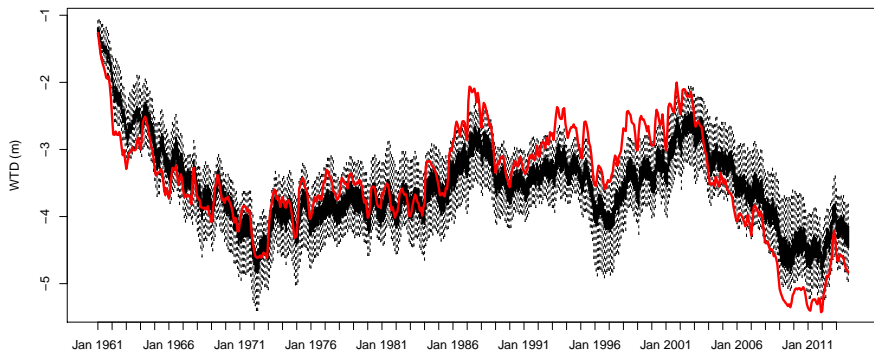
STUDY REGION & DATA



1961–2013 daily precipitation, maximum and minimum temperature, interpolated to MIKE-SHE grid; MIKE-SHE estimates of ET and WTD.

BASIN AVERAGE BEHAVIOR

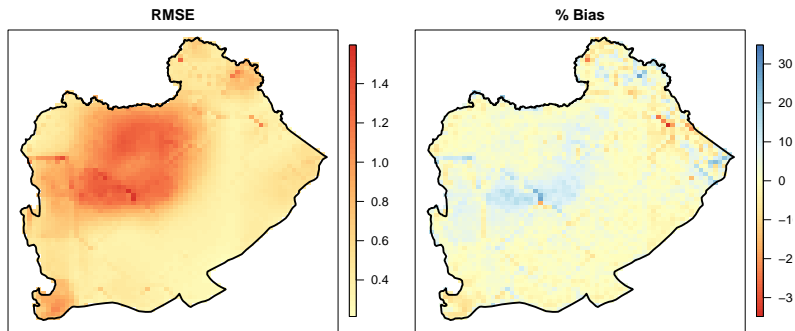
Jan 1961 – Dec 2013



Ensemble of 100 simulations vs. MIKE-SHE for historic period.

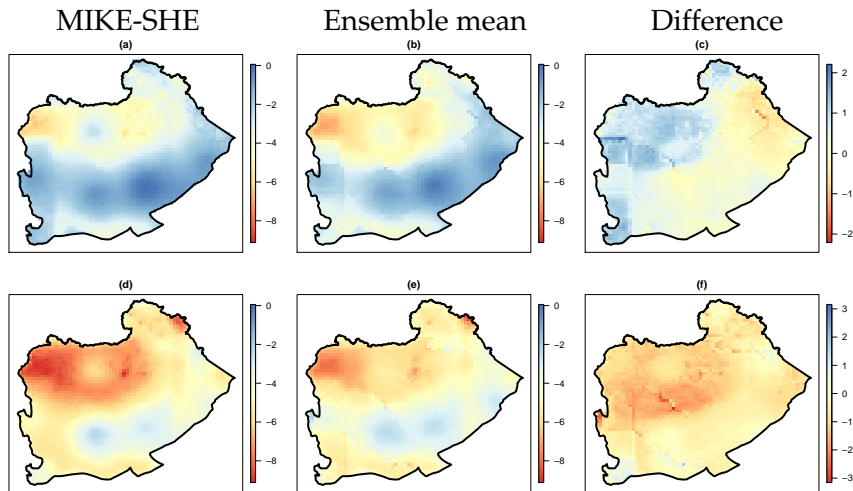
SPATIAL SUMMARY STATISTICS

Jan 1961 – Dec 2013



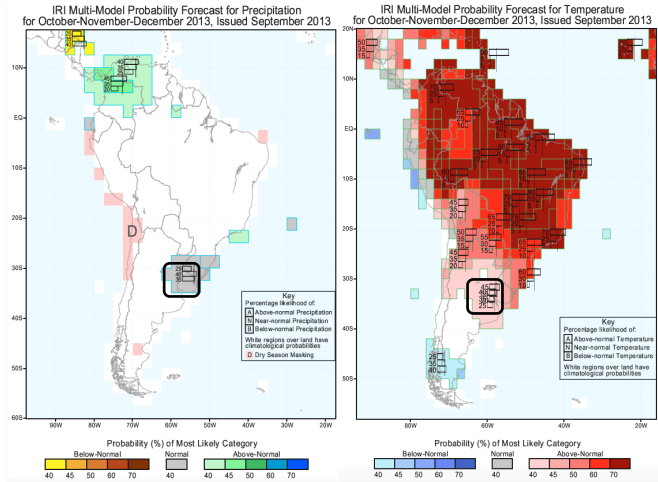
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WET & DRY PERIODS



Top row: Dec 2000 (SE floods); Bottom row: Feb 2012 (NW depletion).

SEASONAL FORECAST



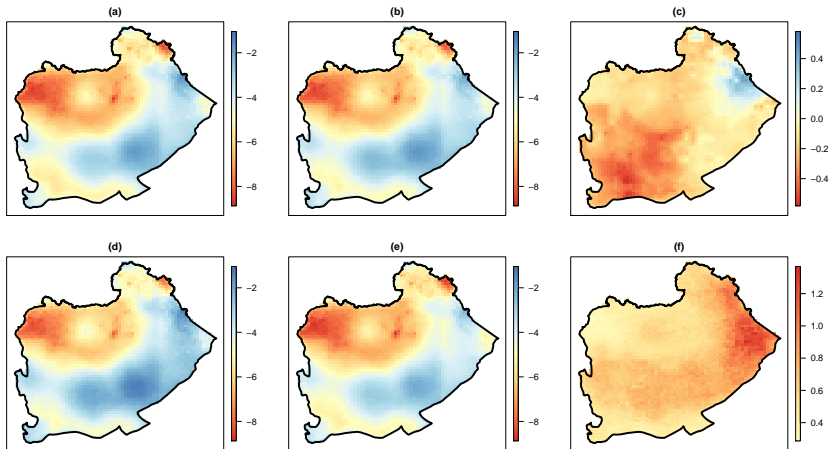
Probabilistic forecasts:

OND 2013 Precipitation: (25:40:35) (A:N:B)

OND 2013 Temperature: (40:35:25) (A:N:B)

SEASONAL FORECAST

December 2013 WTD



(a) MIKE-SHE, (b) ensemble mean, (c) difference, (d) ensemble 97.5th percentile, (e) 2.5th percentile, (f) 95% ensemble spread.

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- GLM space-time weather generator (GLMGEN).¹
→ Simulate at unobserved locations.
- Conditional GLMGEN.²
→ Downscaling tool; useful for climate change studies.
- Bayesian space-time weather generator (BayGEN).³
→ New, novel, and a significant contribution to the literature.
- Statistical emulator for water table depth.⁴
→ Conditioned on climate, land use; downscale seasonal forecasts, make cropping decisions.

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FUTURE WORK

- Development of CRAN package for GLMGGEN.
→ Conditional & unconditional simulation.
- Refinement of metamodel.
→ Consider LAI & root depth.
→ Finer scales if needed.
- Graduate??
- Get married!!

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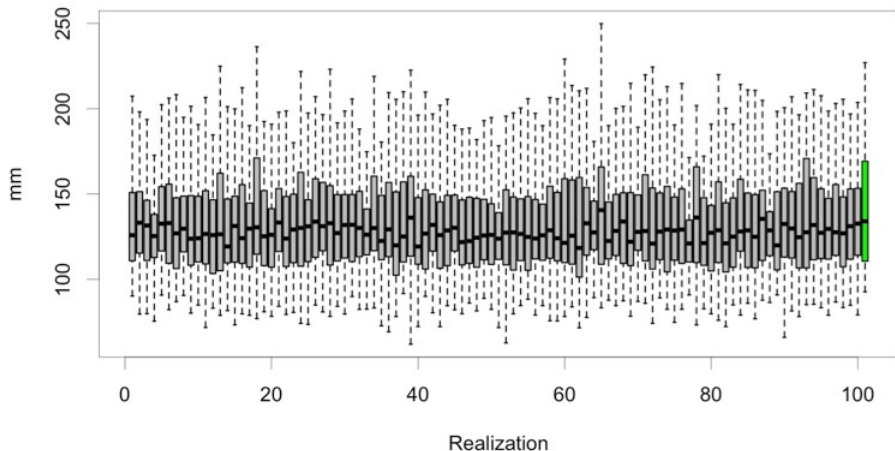
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Carsen, my family, my friends, ...
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Additional slides

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Domain extremal precipitation: 1908–2010



CHAPTER 3

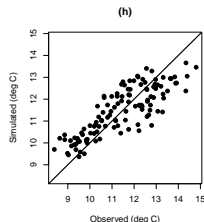
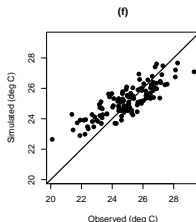
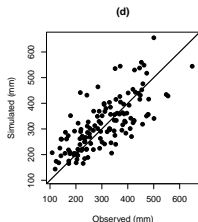
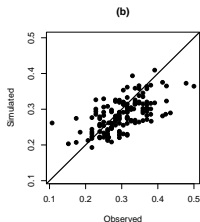
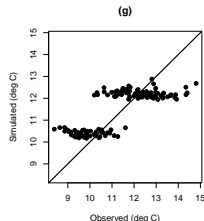
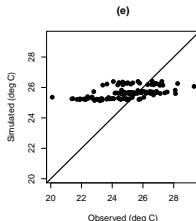
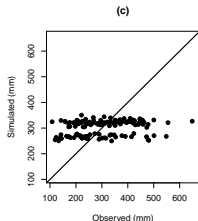
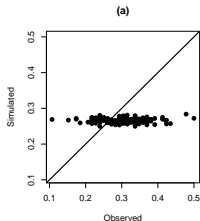
Spatial validation: OND (1961–2013)

Occurrence

Amounts

Max Temp

Min Temp



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Define θ as a vector of all model parameters:

$$\theta = (\beta_O, \beta_A, \beta_N, \beta_X, C_X(t), C_N(t), C_{\beta_O}, C_{\beta_A}, C_{\beta_X}, C_{\beta_N}, \alpha_A, C_{\alpha_A}), \quad (21)$$

and \mathbf{Y} as a vector of the data:

$$\mathbf{Y} = (O(\mathbf{s}, t), A(\mathbf{s}, t), Z_N(\mathbf{s}, t), Z_X(\mathbf{s}, t)). \quad (22)$$

Seek the *posterior distribution*:

$$p(\theta|\mathbf{Y}) = \frac{p(\mathbf{Y}|\theta)p(\theta)}{p(\mathbf{Y})} \propto p(\mathbf{Y}|\theta)p(\theta) \quad (23)$$

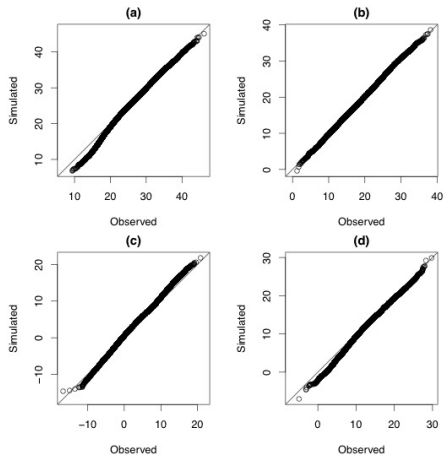
$$(24)$$

$p(\mathbf{Y}|\theta)$ = likelihood function.

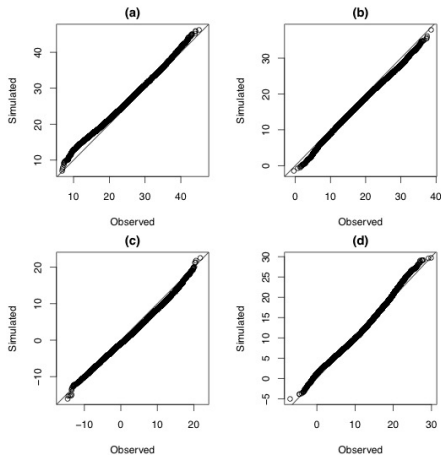
$p(\theta)$ = prior joint distribution.

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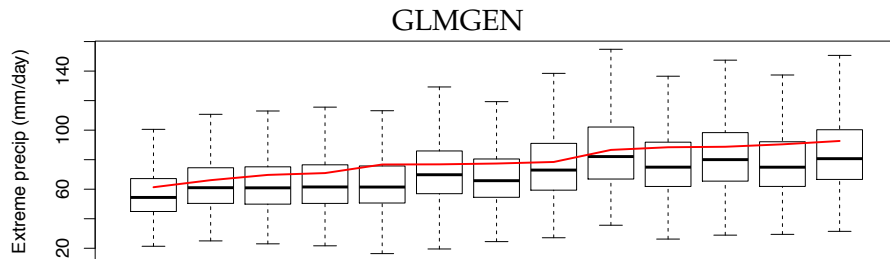
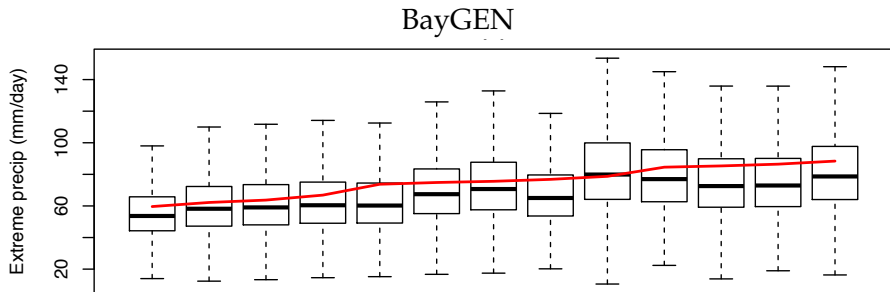


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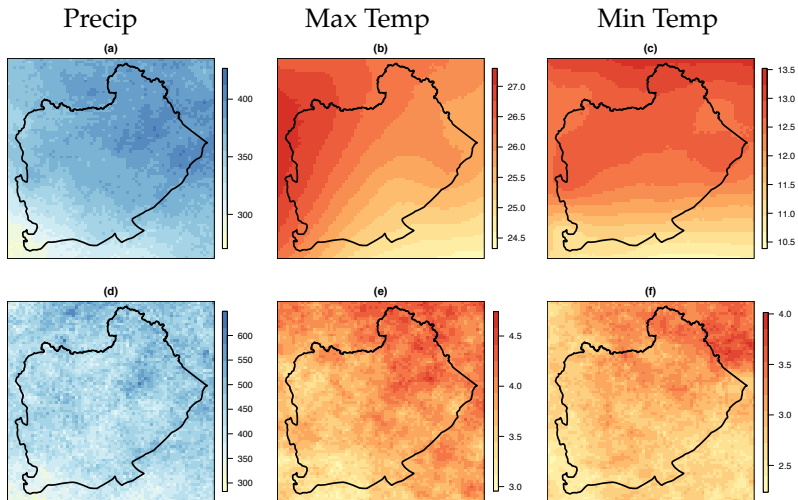
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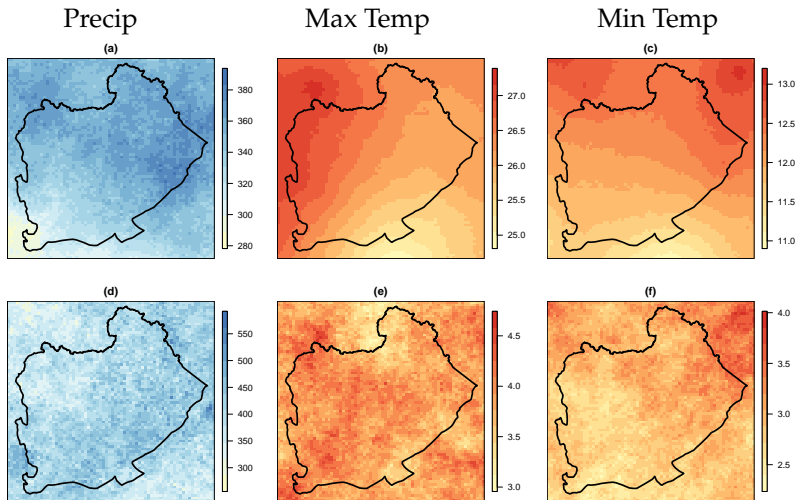
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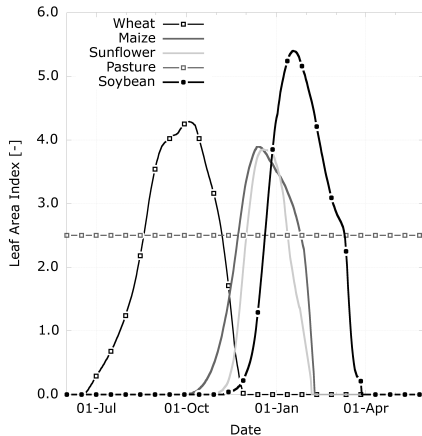
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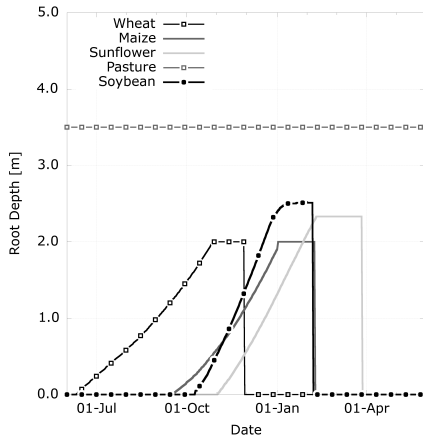
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CHAPTER 5

Leaf Area Index



Root Depth



MIKE-SHE calibration

