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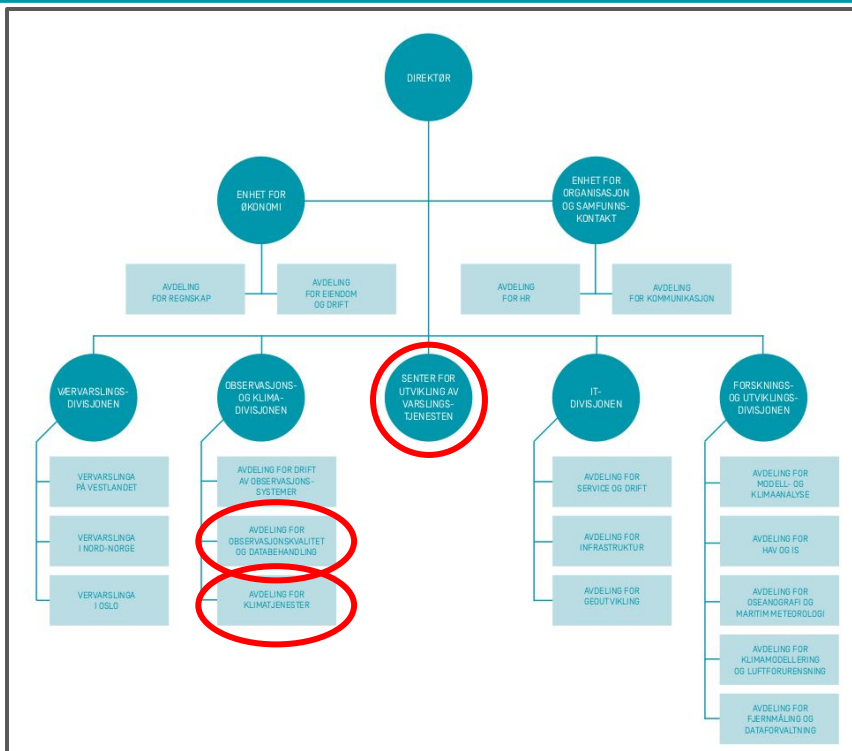
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Who?

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Cristian, Thomas, Ivar and Christoffer



Collaboration within researchers working at:

- *Klimatjenester*
 - Production of gridded datasets for the past by combining different data sources
- *SUV*
 - Post-processing of numerical models
 - Production of automatic weather forecast
- *Avdeling for observasjonskvalitet og databehandling*
 - Weather radar research and development

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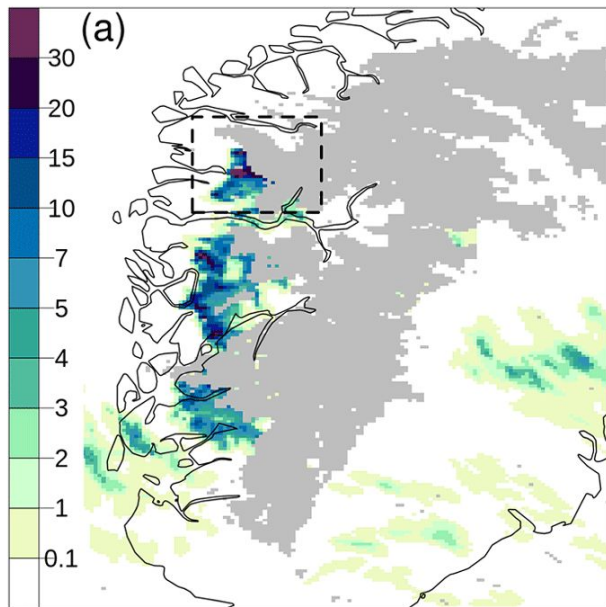
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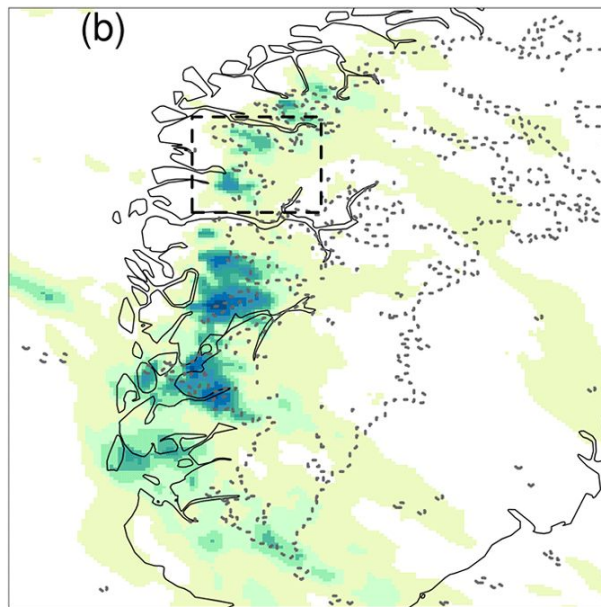
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2019-07-30 15:00 UTC. Radar & insitu

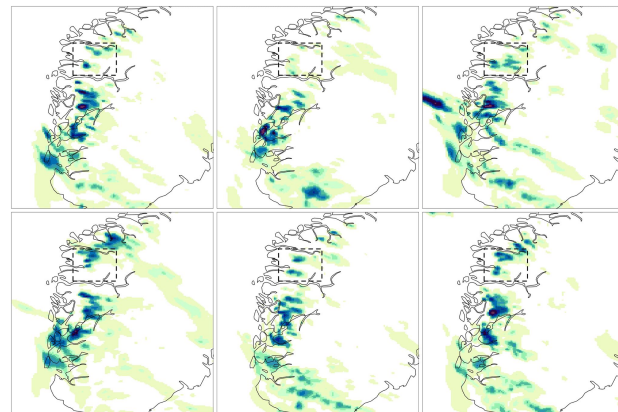


MEPS ensemble mean



Input

MEPS ensemble members

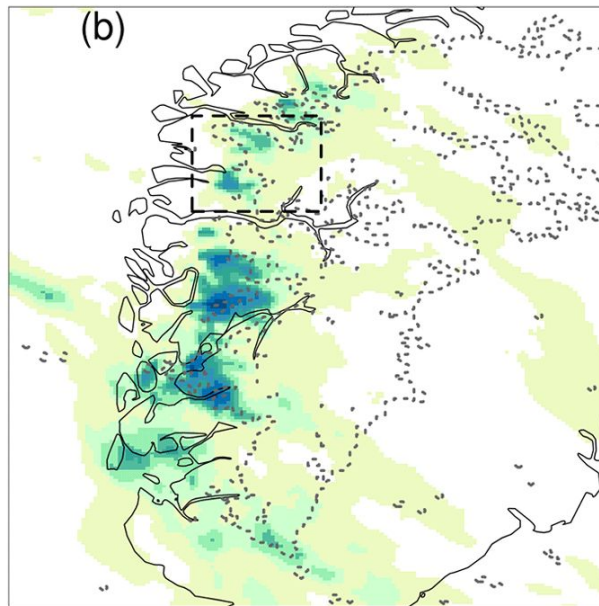
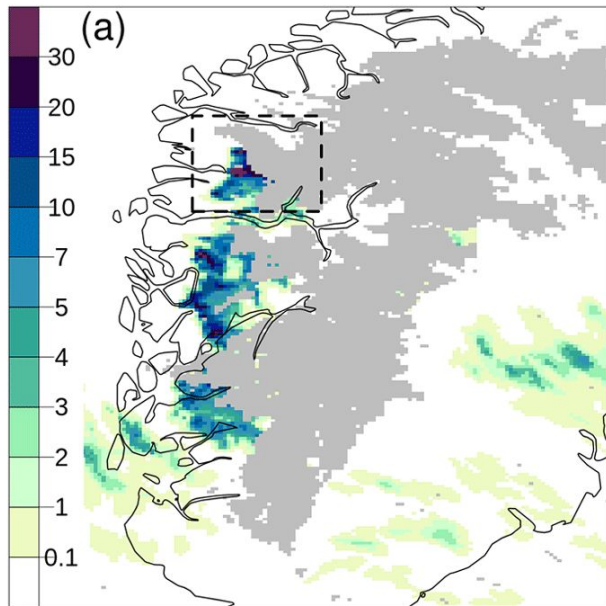


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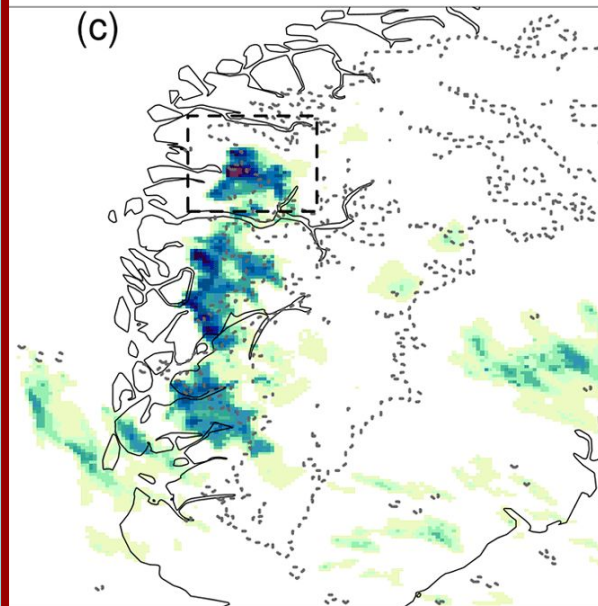
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EnSI-GAP: MET Nordic analysis is the final product

2019-07-30 15:00 UTC. Radar & insitu **Input** MEPS ensemble mean



Output



When? Where?

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Developed within RadPro 2019-2020. Published in 2021.

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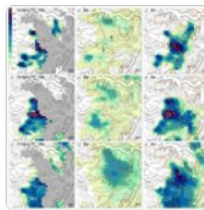
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Why?

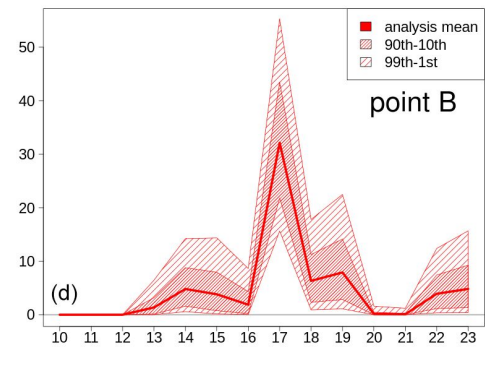
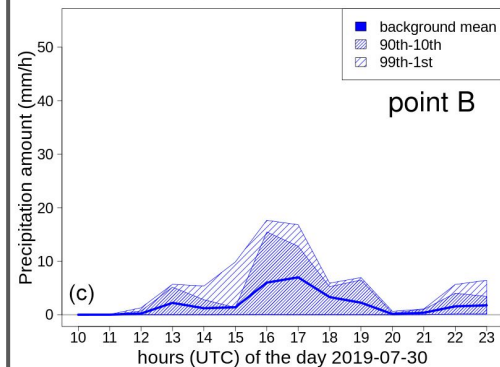
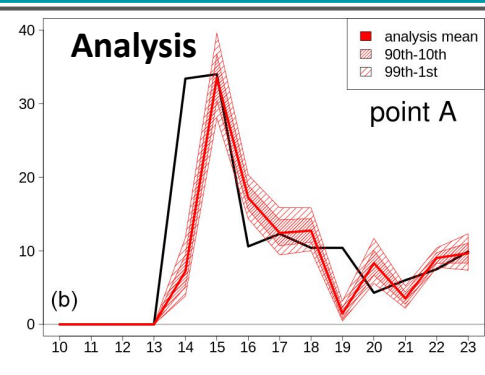
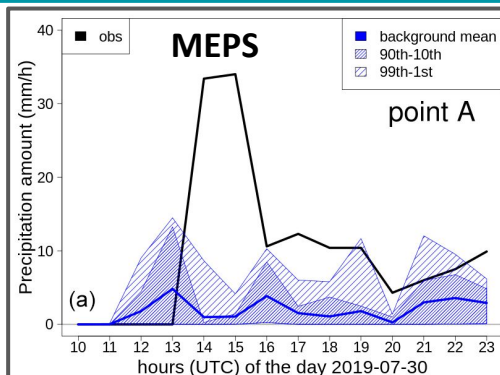
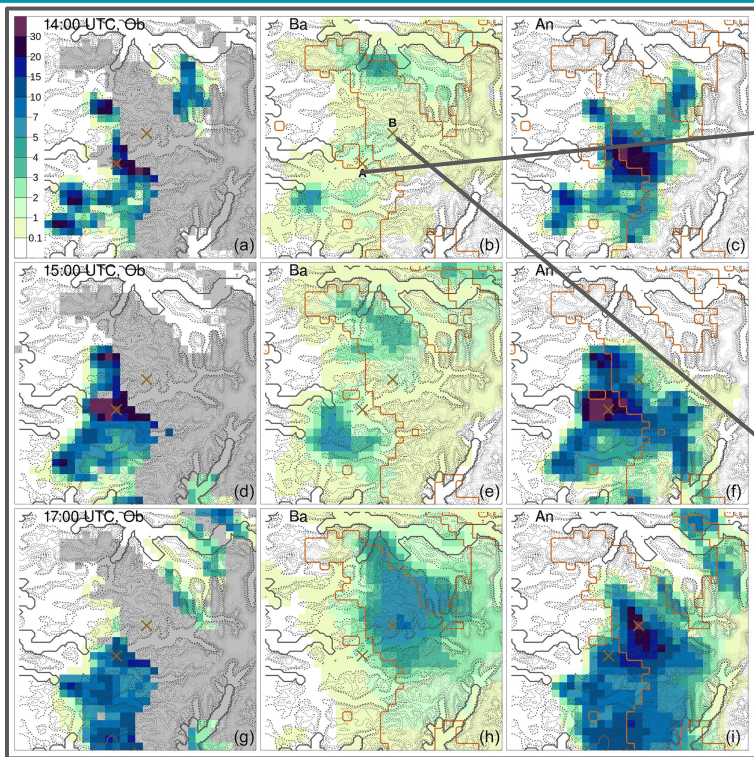
Combine the advantages of different sources and mitigate their limitations

- Fill-in the gaps in observations
- Improve accuracy of precipitation fields

Observations

MEPS

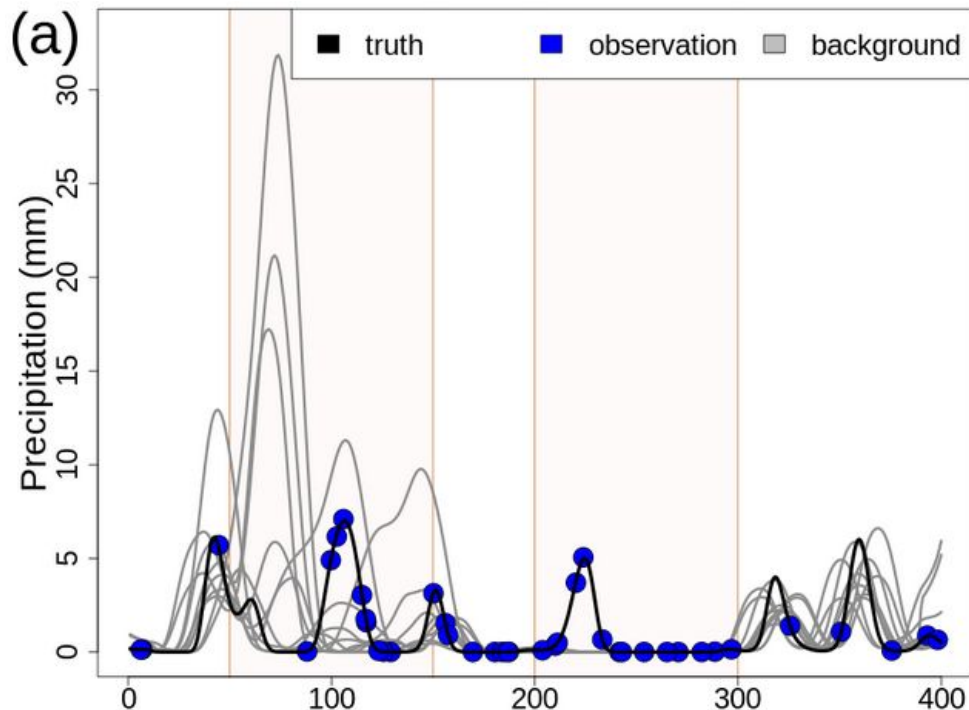
Analysis



How?

- Algorithm is given in the paper using pseudo-code language
- 1D example

Begin



At each point, precipitation follows a Gamma distribution

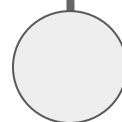
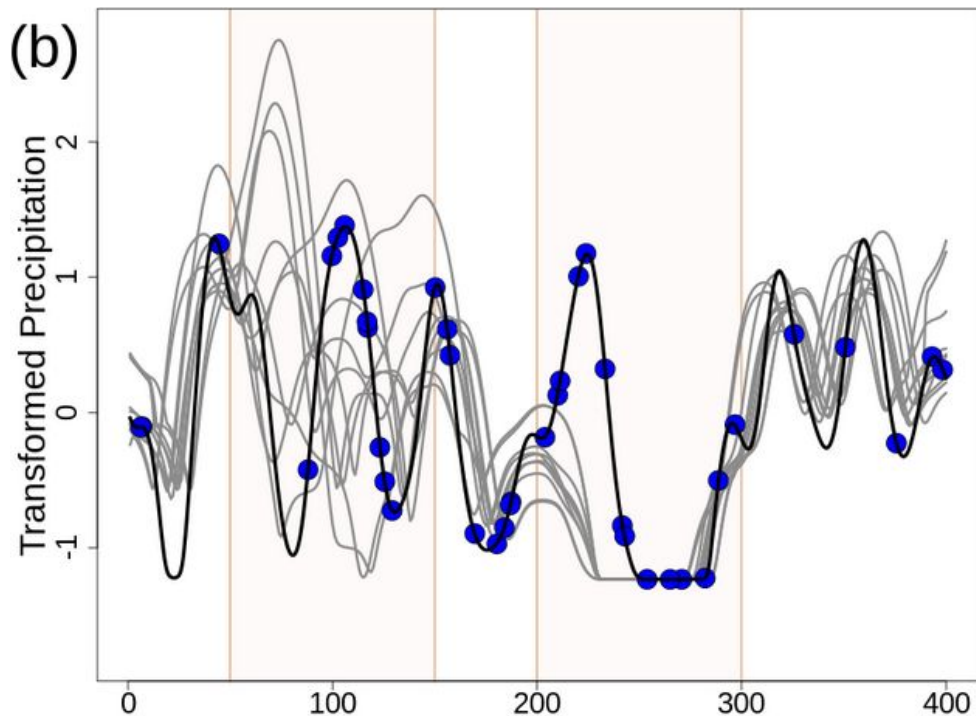
$RR = \text{Gamma}(\text{shape}, \text{rate})$

? = find the values of shape and rate

----> obtain the precip statistics needed for the application (mean, 99th percentile, ...)

How?

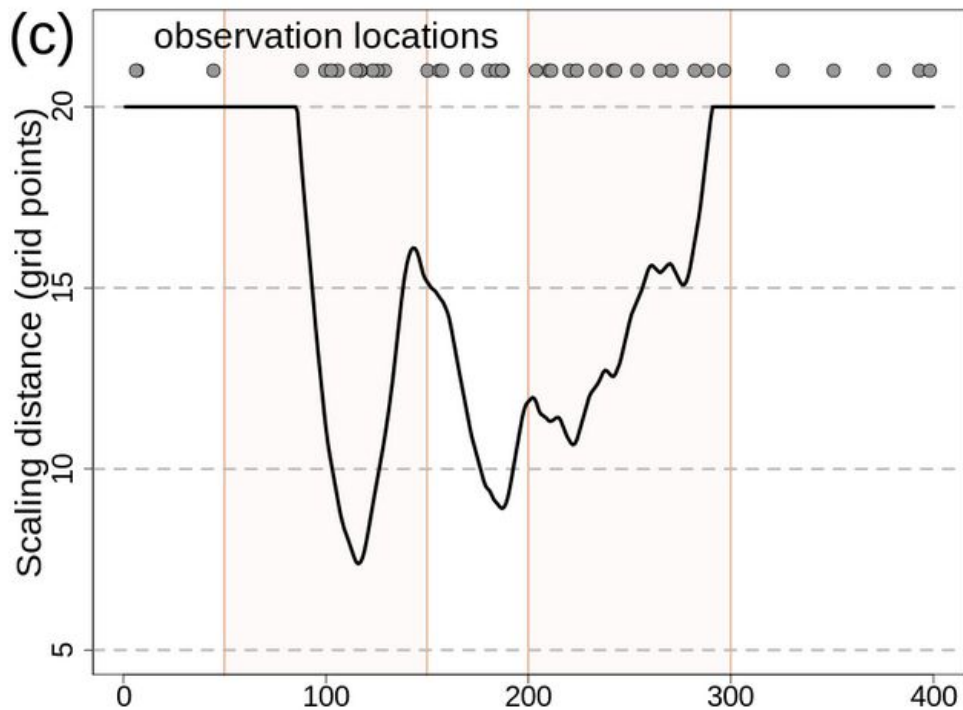
- Step 1: Data Transformation
 - Statistical interpolation works better for “Gaussian” variables



Gaussian
Anamorphosis

How?

- Step 2: Prepare for statistical interpolation
 - Resolution changes with the observation density



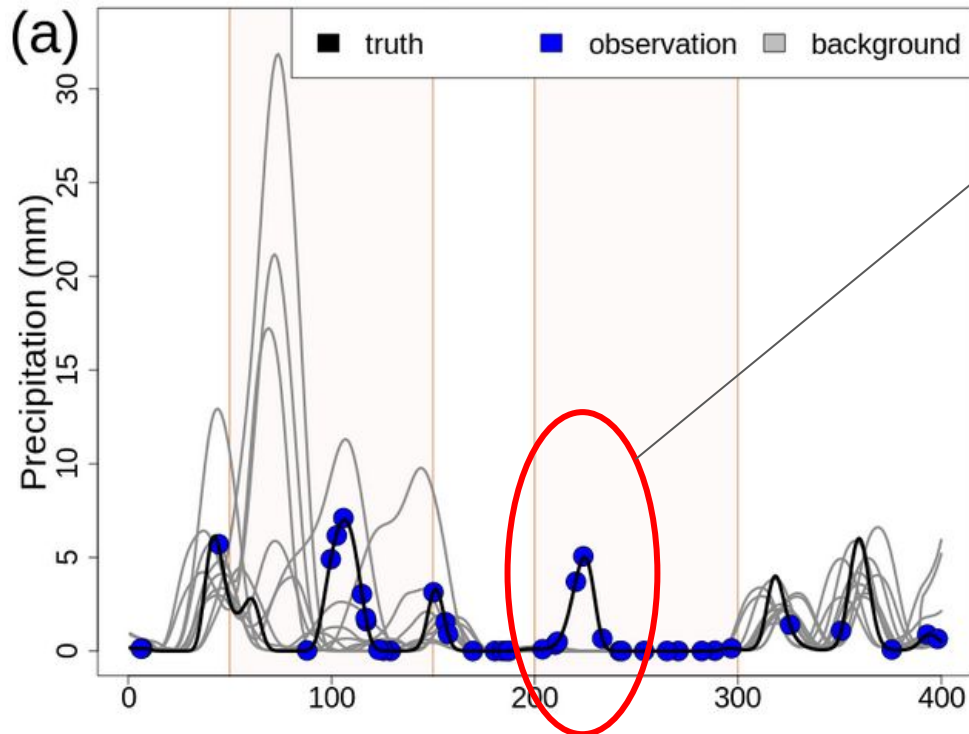
More observations = more details in the field



How?

- Step N: Statistical interpolation & Inverse Data Transform
 - For each point returns Gamma distribution parameters

End



Ensemble says

- No-rain, definitely

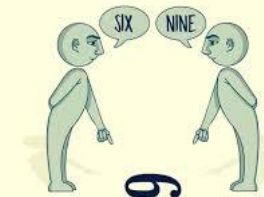
Observations say

- It's raining

Statistical Interpolation based on weather-dependent interpolation methods

- can fail in this case

Rashomon effect



Solution:

$$\mathbf{P}^b = \mathbf{\Gamma} \circ \mathbf{P}^f + \sigma_u^2 \mathbf{\Gamma}^u.$$

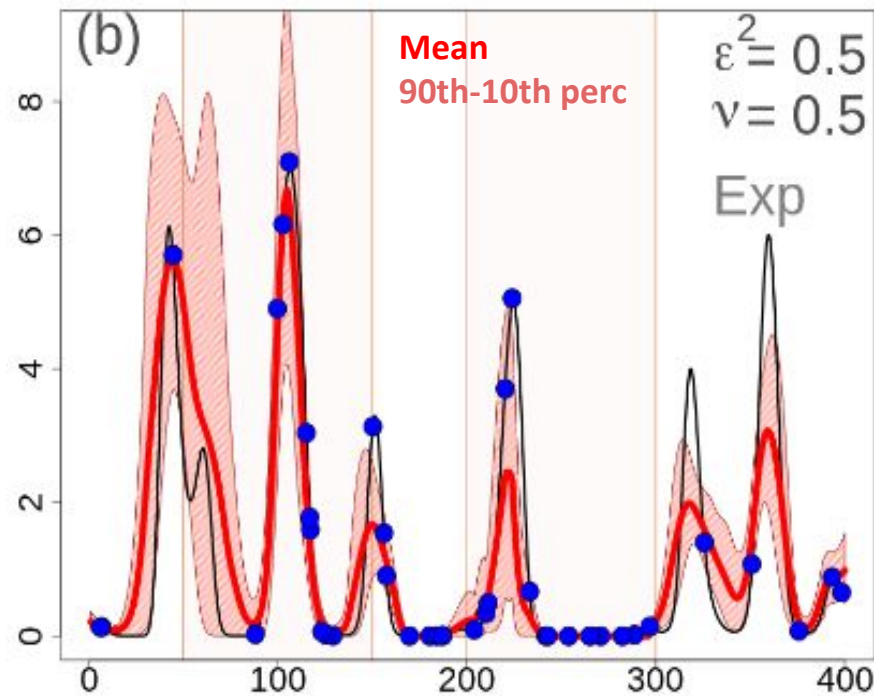
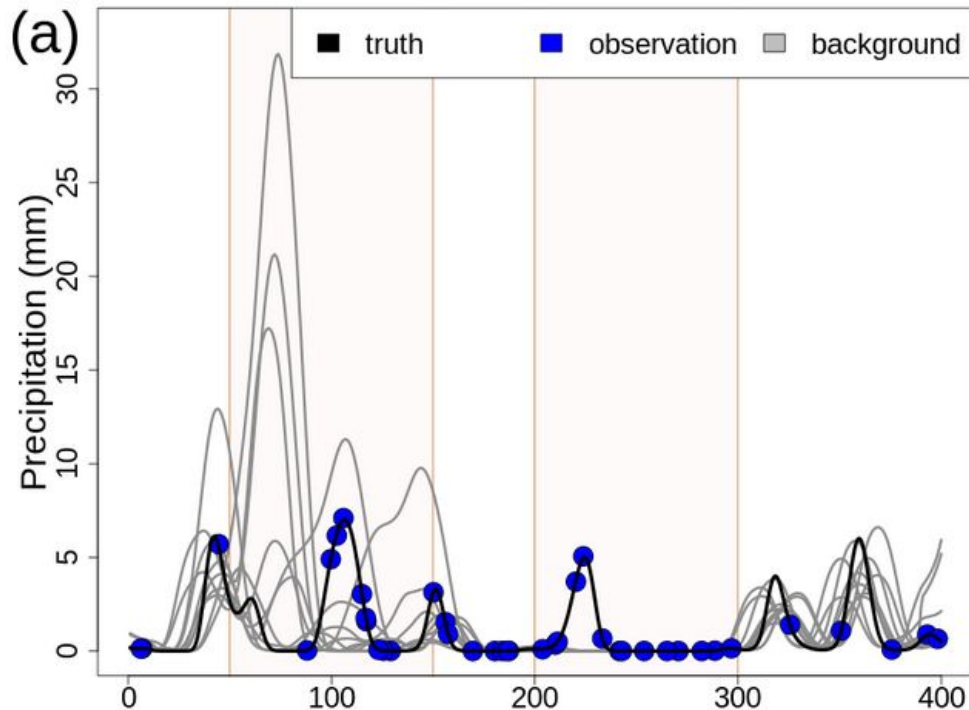
Hybrid specification of the error covariance matrix.

- Partly, EnKF
- Partly, OI

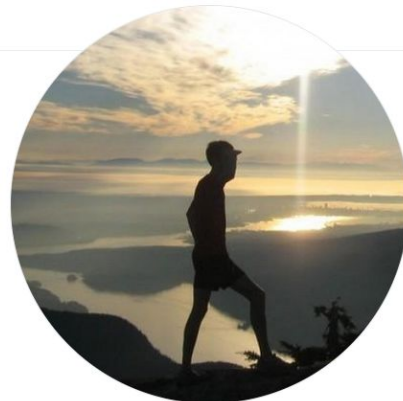
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Now?



Implement EnSI-GAP in GridPP

Gridded post-processor

"Latest release"  C/C++ CI 

Gridpp a is post-processing tool for gridded weather forecasts. It consists of a **library** of commonly-used methods and a **command-line tool** that applies these methods to forecast fields in NetCDF files.

Gridpp is written in C++ but offers python bindings to the functions in the library. The tool is used at MET Norway to produce operational weather forecasts for Yr (<https://www.yr.no>).






Gridpp is currently under active development and the current version is a prototype for testing. Feedback is welcome, either by using the issue tracker in Github, or by contacting Thomas Nipen (thomasn@met.no).

Environments 1

 **github-pages** Active

Languages



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 C 7.6%	 CMake 1.8%
 SWIG 1.7%	