



Data Fusion with Uncertainty Quantification for Observational Data

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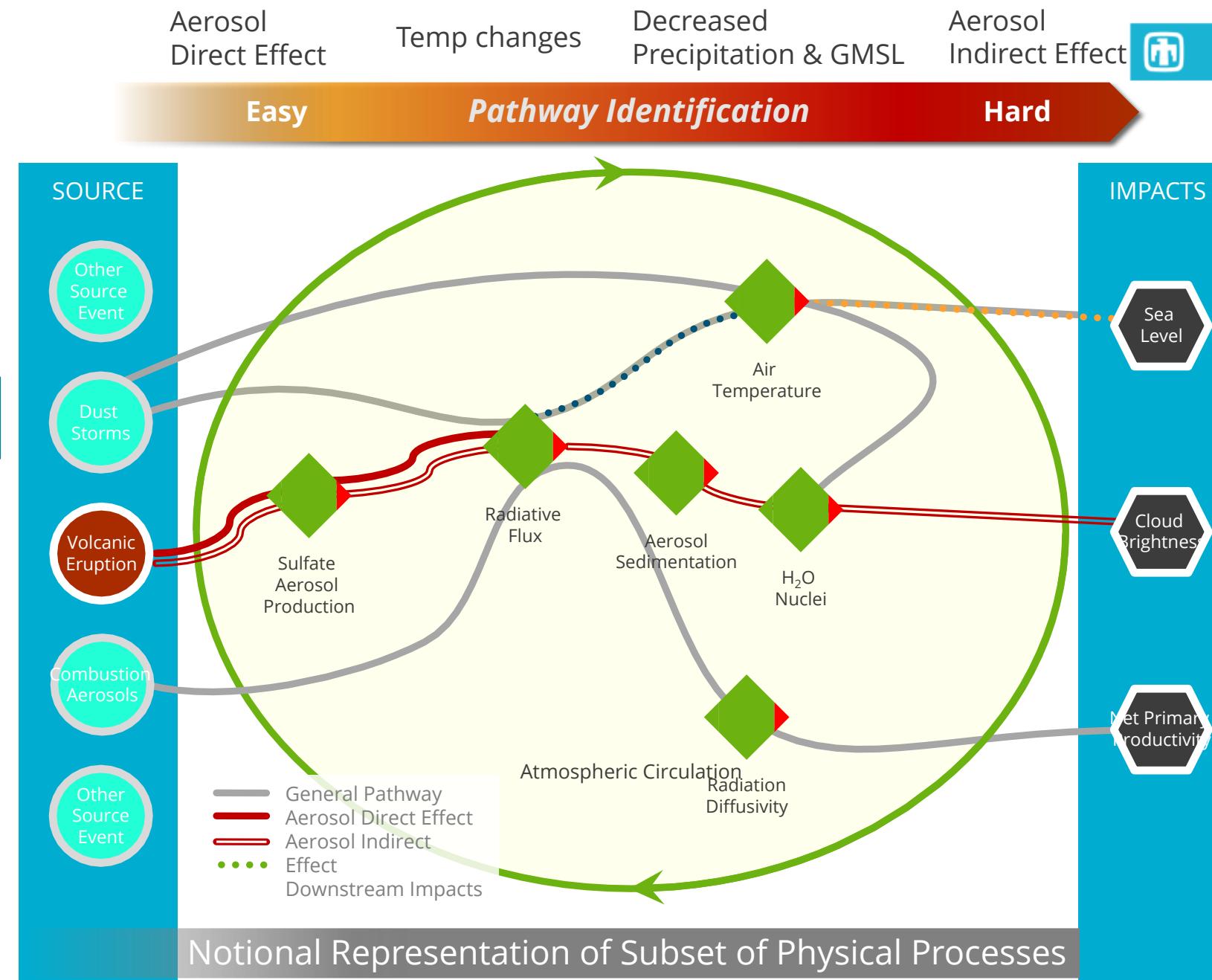
CLDERA Project

Can pathways be discovered
that reveal relationships between
source and impacts?



Inverse formulation:

- Can CLDERA identify location and magnitude of Mt. Pinatubo eruption from the temperature perturbation?
- How does the attribution change as a function of eruption characteristics and lag from eruption time?



Project Thrusts



- Simulated Pathways
 - Random Forest Regressions
 - Sensitivity Analysis
 - Tracers
 - Profiling
 - Simulation-Based Analysis
 - Clustering
- Observed Pathways
 - Echo State Networks
 - Change-Point Detection
 - Space-Time Statistical Methods
 - Data Fusion
- Attribution
 - Inverse Optimization
 - Enhanced Fingerprinting
 - Causal Modeling
 - Dimension Reduction

Discover simulated pathways in ESMs between a source and its impacts to uncover sound causal relationships, rather than piecemeal source-impact correlations

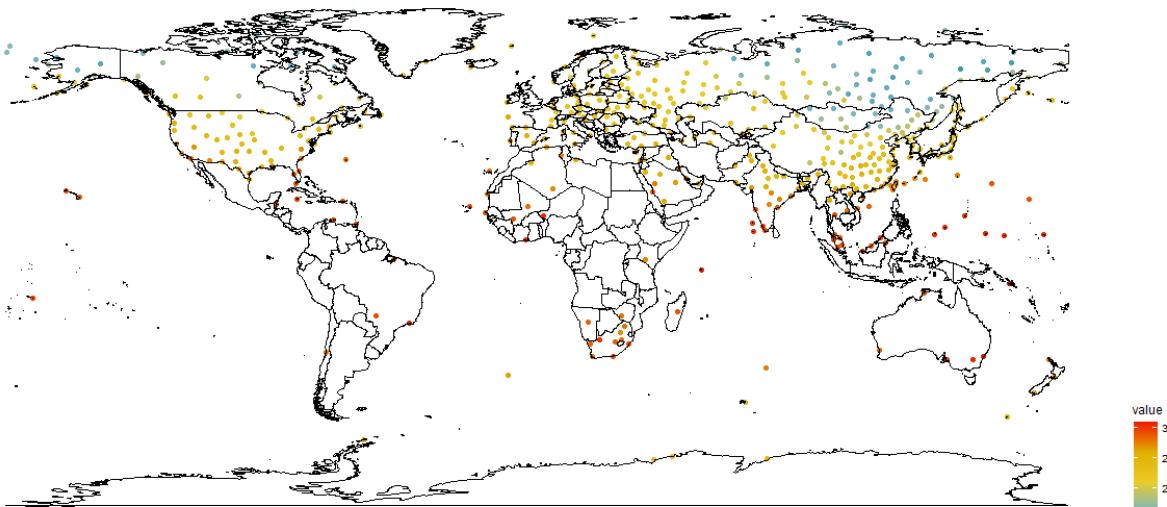
Develop statistical methods to simultaneously account for dynamic spatio-temporal evolution and key atmospheric processes

Develop new approaches that preserve important pathway features in the system, but cull the high-dimensional space to enable dominant source-to-impact attribution

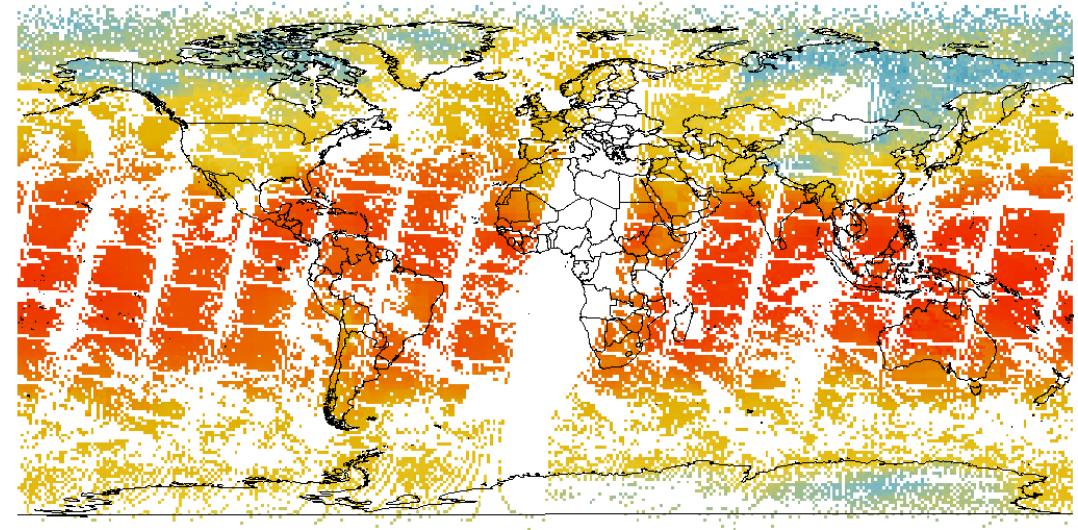
Data Sources: Temperature



IGRA: January 1, 1990



TOVS: January 1, 1990

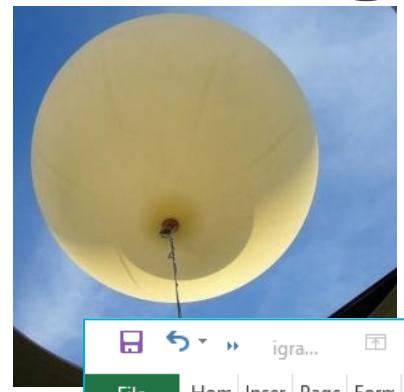


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Source	What is it?	Date Range	Spatial Resolution	Data Type
Integrated Global Radiosonde Archive (IGRA)	Radiosonde	1905-present varies by station	Point coverage Vertical: finely resolved	Point
NOAA-TOVS	Vertical sounder suite	1988-1998	1° x 1° Vertical: surface to 30mb	Areal

Change of Support Problem

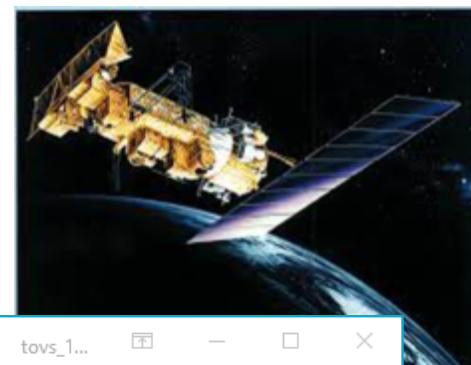


IGRA

IGRA

	A	B	C
1	lat	lon	temp
2	-1.3036	36.7597	289.75
3	-1.3833	-48.4833	298.15
4	-12.4239	130.893	298.75
5	-14.3383	-170.719	299.35
6	-18.8	47.4833	296.95
7	-20.15	28.617	292.55
8	-20.4667	-54.6667	297.15
9	-22.5667	17.1	294.15
10	-22.8167	-43.25	302.55
11	-23.8667	29.45	292.95
12	-25.91	28.2111	288.15
13	-28.25	28.3333	291.95

This is an observation of temperature at this location



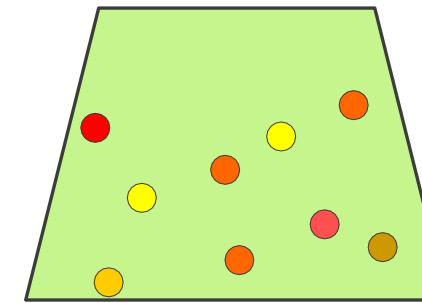
TOVS

TOVS

	A	B	C	D
1	lat	lon	temp	
2	-75.5	-179.5	274.723	
3	-50.5	-179.5	283.883	
4	-49.5	-179.5	282.274	
5	-47.5	-179.5	284.264	
6	-46.5	-179.5	284.643	
7	-43.5	-179.5	286.071	
8	-42.5	-179.5	287.149	
9	-41.5	-179.5	287.943	
10	-40.5	-179.5	289.159	
11	-36.5	-179.5	291.959	
12	-35.5	-179.5	292.139	
13	-34.5	-179.5	291.46	

This is not

1-degree by 1-degree area

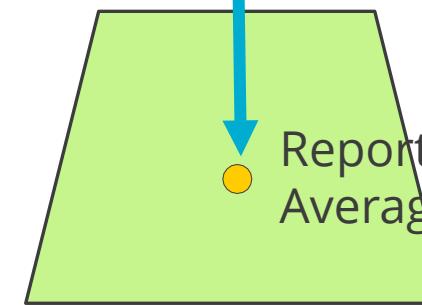


Information about Temperature

TOVS Satellite instrument



Average of Information



Reporting of Average

Change of Support Problem



9	7	4	9	5	4
1	8	7	9	1	5
9	1	3	1	6	9
6	5	2	7	7	8
9	5	4	4	8	9
5	7	6	1	4	1

Mean = 5.4

Std. Dev. = 2.8

6.3	7.3	3.8
5.3	3.3	7.5
6.5	3.8	5.5

Mean = 5.4

Std. Dev. = 1.6

Sources of Uncertainty

- Measurement uncertainty (IGRA and TOVS)
- Uncertainty due to averaging (TOVS only)
- Inaccurate uncertainty quantification (TOVS only)

Data Fusion Goal:

Fuse multiple observational datasets

- Spatially and temporally complete
- With uncertainty quantification
- In near-real-time

Accounting for

- Change of support
- Spatial and temporal auto-correlation
- Non-stationarity

For use in

- Causal pathway analysis
- Validation of synthetic and re-analysis data

Interpolation Methods

Heaton, M.J., et. al. 2019. A case study competition among methods for analyzing large spatial data.



General methodology	Examples (not comprehensive)	Spatio-temporal model?	Handles COS?	Handles large datasets?	R package?
Low-rank methods	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fixed-rank kriging (Cressie and Johannesson) 2. Lattice kriging (Nychka) 3. Predictive processes (Finley) 4. Nguyen, Cressie et al 	<p>3. spBayes can do space-time or COS but not both</p> <p>4: Nguyen et. al 2013 extend to spatio-temporal</p> <p>Others spatial only</p>	<p>1, 2, 4: Yes</p> <p>3. spBayes can do space-time or COS but not both</p>	Yes	<p>1. FRK</p> <p>2. LatticeKrig</p> <p>3. spBayes</p> <p>4. No</p>
Sparse covariance methods	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spatial partitioning (Heaton) 2. Covariance tapering (Furrer) 	Spatial only	No	Yes	<p>1. spBayes</p> <p>2. No</p>
Sparse precision methods	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multiresolution approximations (Katzfuss and Hammerling) 2. SPDE/INLA (Lindgren) 3. Nearest neighbor (Datta and Finley) 4. Periodic embedding (Guinness) 	<p>3. Yes</p> <p>Others spatial only</p>	<p>2, 3. Yes</p> <p>Others No</p>	Yes	<p>1. Gpveccia</p> <p>2. INLA</p> <p>3. spNNGP</p> <p>4. GpGp</p>
Algorithmic approaches	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Metakriging (Guhaniyogi) 2. Gapfill (Gerber) 3. Local approximation Gaussian process (Gramacy and Sun) 	Spatial only	No	Yes	<p>1. No</p> <p>2. No</p> <p>3. laGP, deepGP, quack</p>
Re-scaling approaches	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Spatial downscaling (Mugglin and Carlin) 2. Spatial upscaling (Bradley, Wikle, Holan) 	Spatial only	Yes	No	<p>1. No</p> <p>2. stcop</p>

Gaussian Process

For an N -dimensional random vector \mathbf{x} , $\mathbf{x} \sim MVN(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma)$

We can partition the vector

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with sizes } \begin{pmatrix} q \times 1 \\ (N-q) \times 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ with sizes } \begin{pmatrix} q \times 1 \\ (N-q) \times 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix} \text{ with sizes } \begin{pmatrix} q \times q & q \times (N-q) \\ (N-q) \times q & (N-q) \times (N-q) \end{pmatrix}$$

The conditional distribution is: $\mathbf{x}_1 | \mathbf{x}_2 \sim MVN(\bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}}, \bar{\Sigma})$

where $\bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_2 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)$ and $\bar{\Sigma} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}$

In **laGP**, Σ is a standard squared-exponential distance function with possible tuning using a scale and/or nugget

Matrix inversion: $O(n^3)$

The **laGP** package solves the matrix inversion problem by introducing sparsity into the covariance matrix, using a nearest-neighbor approach.

LatticeKrig



- Spatial process is the sum of radial basis functions
 - Constructed using a Wendland compactly-supported correlation function
 - Nodes arranged on a rectangular grid
- Coefficients on basis functions are assumed to be correlated
 - Distributed according to a Gaussian Markov random field (covariance also Wendland)
- Linear model fit using least squares, then basis functions fit to the residuals

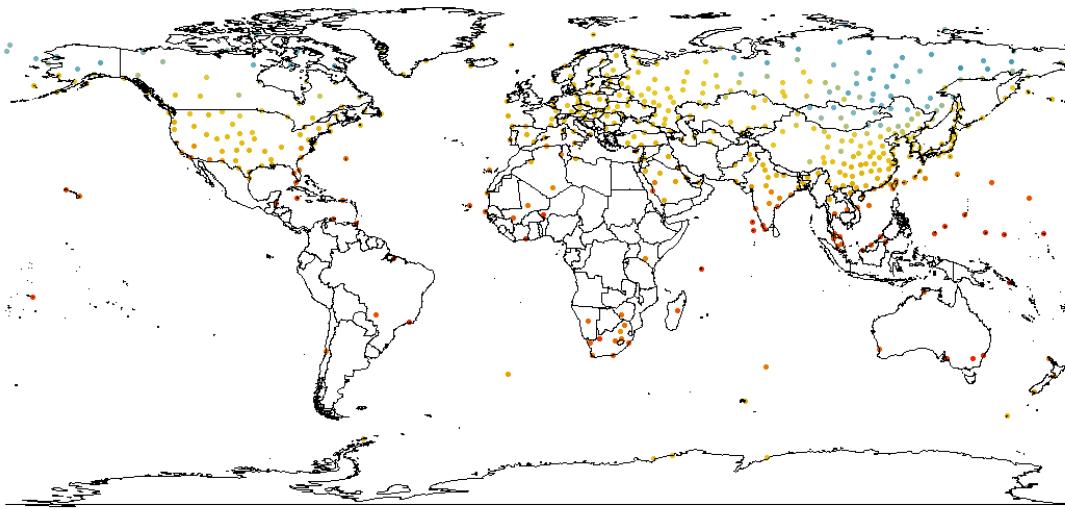
$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{d} + \Phi\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{e}$$

$$g(\mathbf{s}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \phi^k(\mathbf{s}) \hat{\mathbf{d}}_k + \sum_{k=1}^m \psi_k(\mathbf{s}) \hat{\mathbf{c}}_k$$

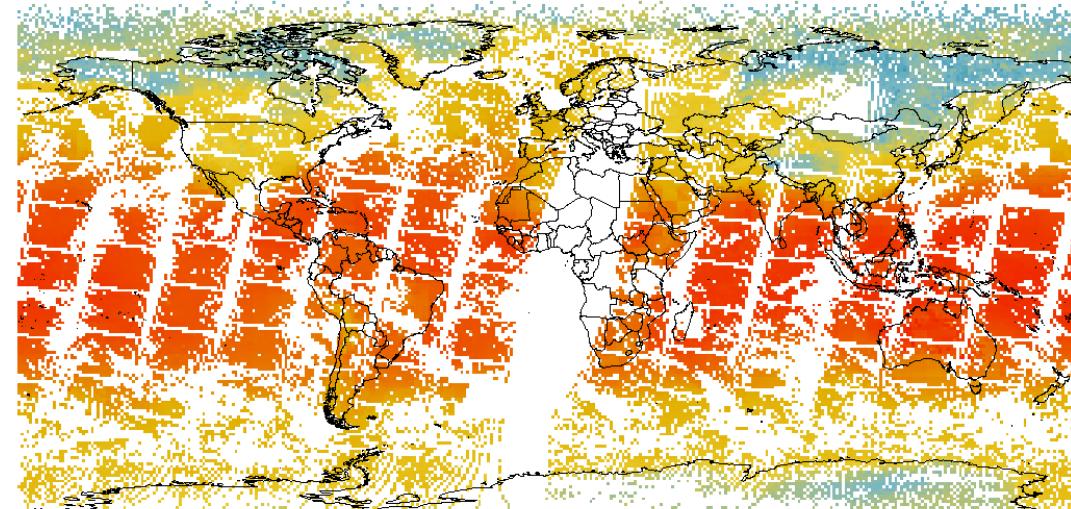
\mathbf{y} : observations
 \mathbf{X} : matrix of locations, covariates
 \mathbf{d} : vector of coefficients for the linear model
 Φ : matrix of radial basis functions
 (evaluated at data points)
 \mathbf{c} : vector of coefficients on the basis functions
 \mathbf{e} : measurement error
 $g(\mathbf{s})$: true process

The **LatticeKrig** package solves the matrix inversion problem by introducing sparsity using basis functions and covariance functions that are nonzero only on a compact interval

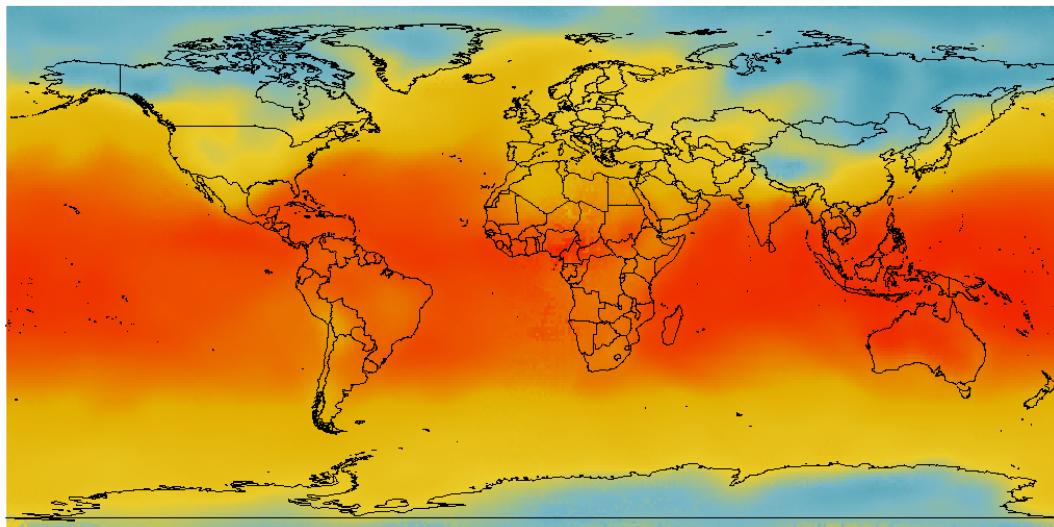
IGRA: January 1, 1990



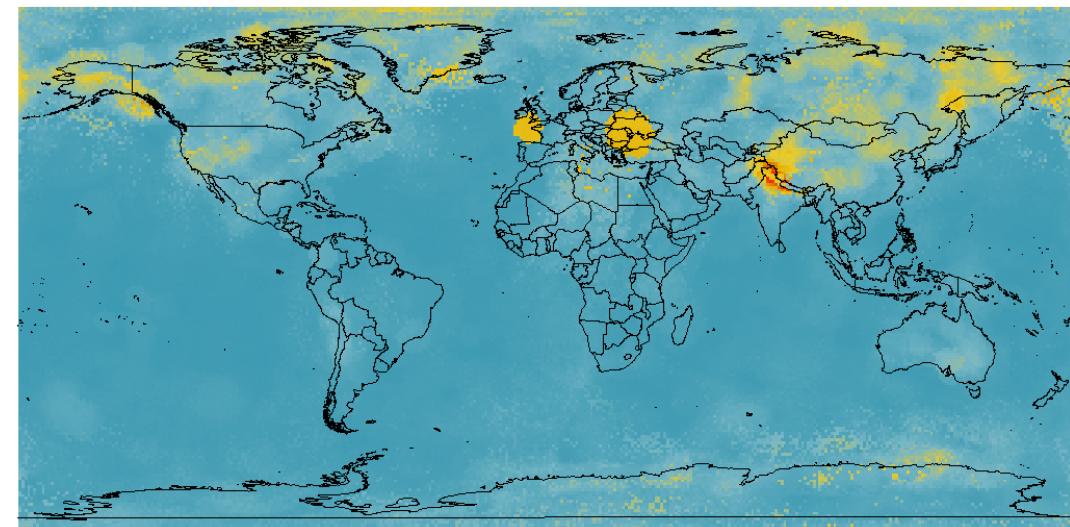
TOVS: January 1, 1990



Predicted Mean

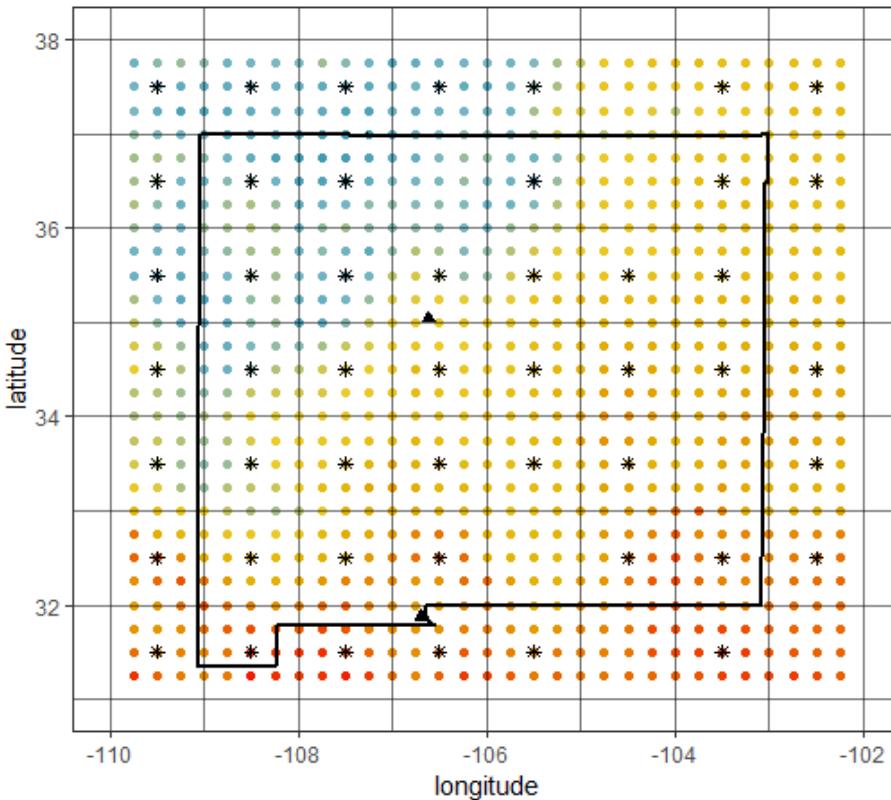


Prediction Error

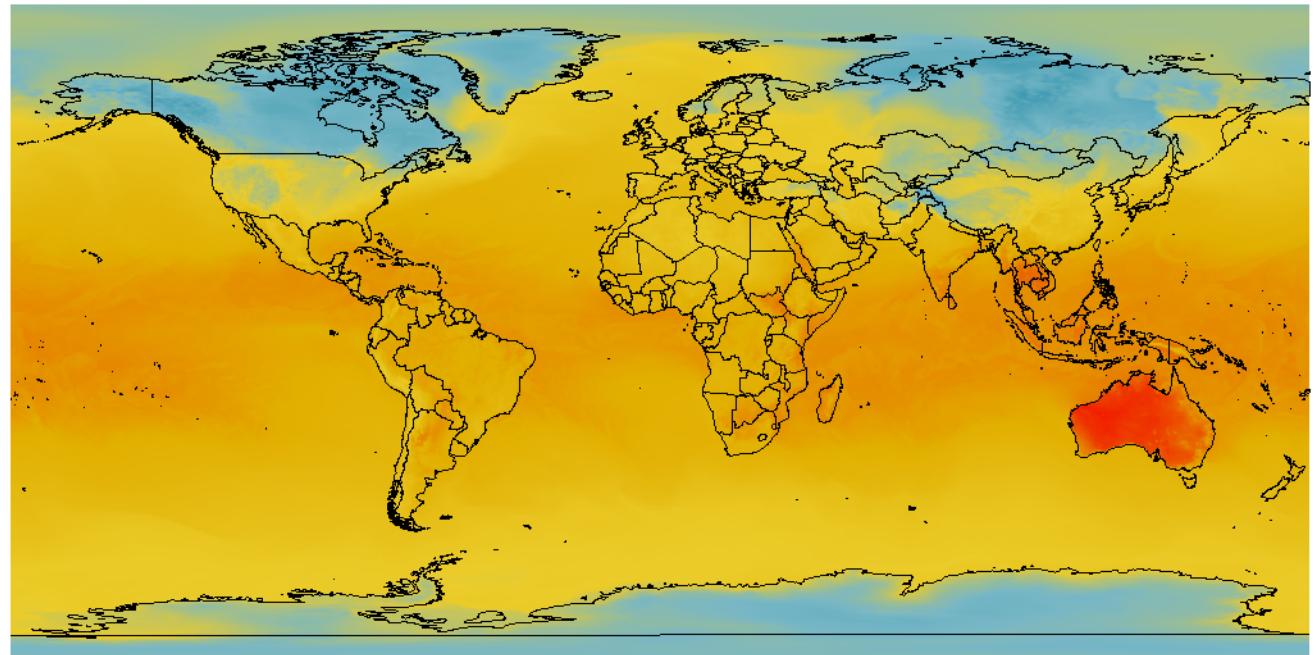


laGP Bootstrap Experiment

ERA5, TOVS, IGRA
New Mexico Jan 1, 1990

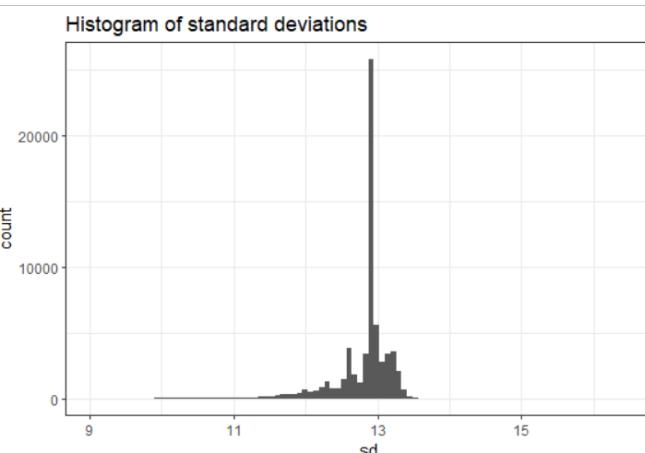
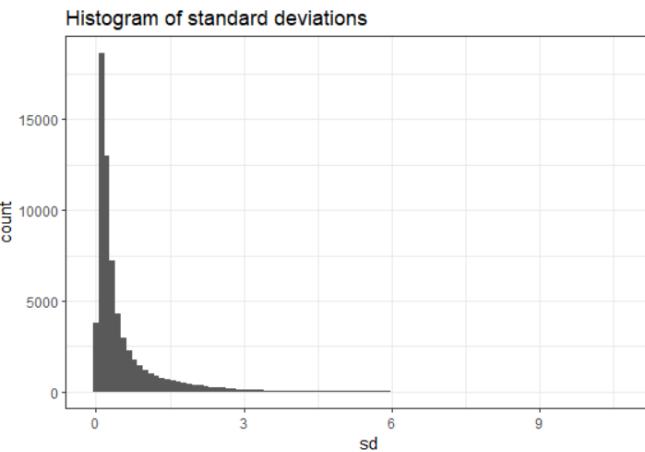
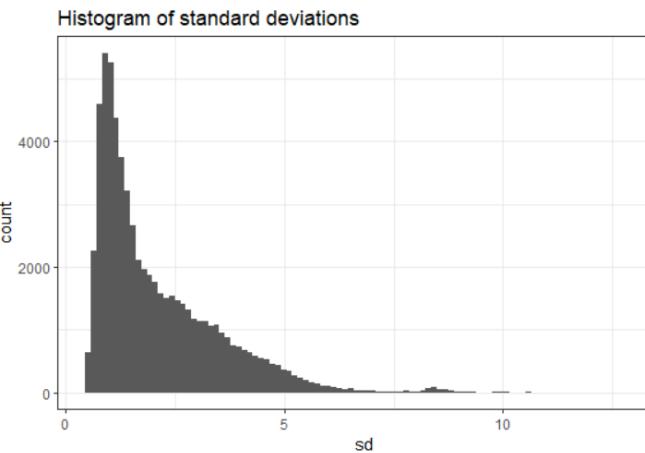
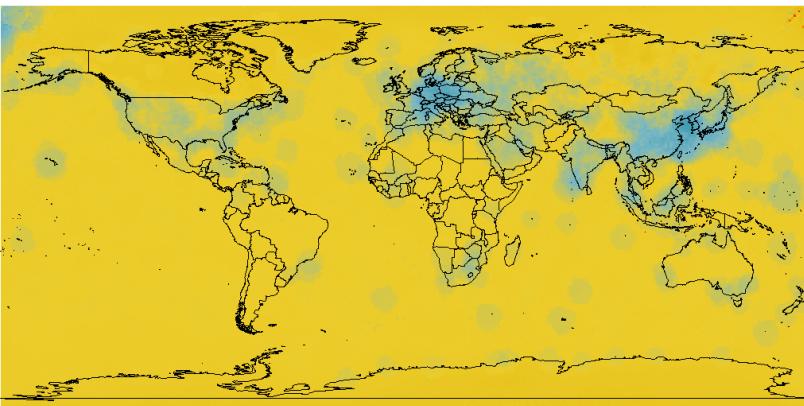
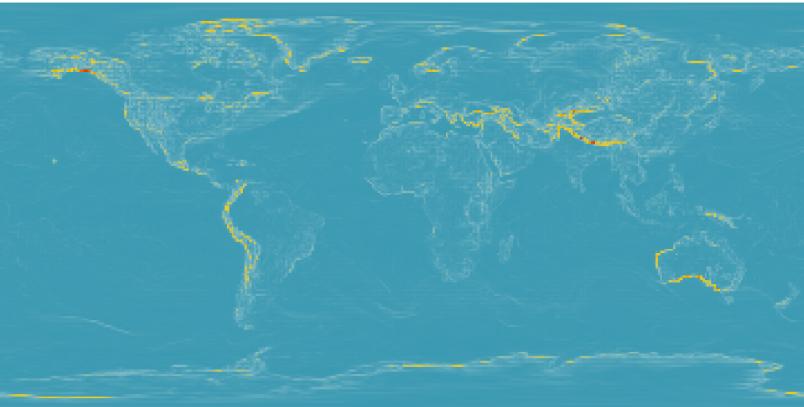
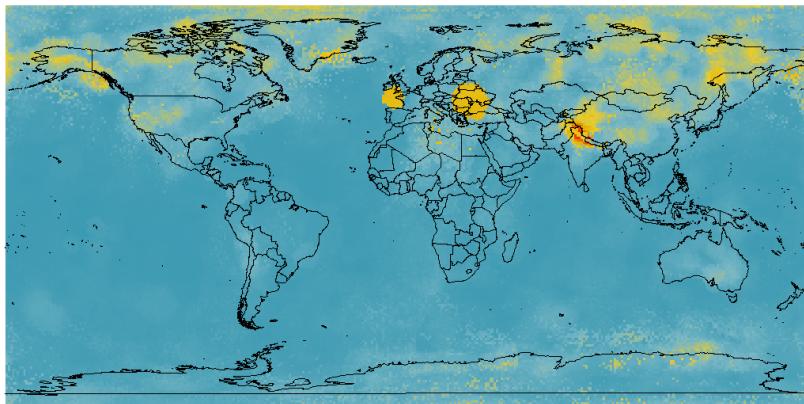


ERA5 Reanalysis Data: Jan 1, 1990



Bootstrap procedure:

- 1) Calculate variance of ERA5 reanalysis data in 1-deg grid square
- 2) Sample from a Normal
 - mean = TOVS/IGRA obs
 - var = ERA5 var
- 3) Create 199 bootstrap samples, plus one with obs values (200 total dfs)
- 4) Each bootstrap dataset modeled using **laGP**
 - Each model takes about 11 min using 46 cores: ~ 36 hrs total
- 5) Calculate variance across 200 predicted means for each grid cell



IaGP Pred errors

Min: 0.461
1st Q: 1.032
Median: 1.595
 $4 * \text{median} = 6.38$
Mean: 2.097
3rd Q: 2.830
Max: 13.102

ERA5 SDs

Min: 0.005
1st Q: 0.130
Median: 0.250
 $4 * \text{median} = 1.00$
Mean: 0.529
3rd Q: 0.576
Max: 11.074

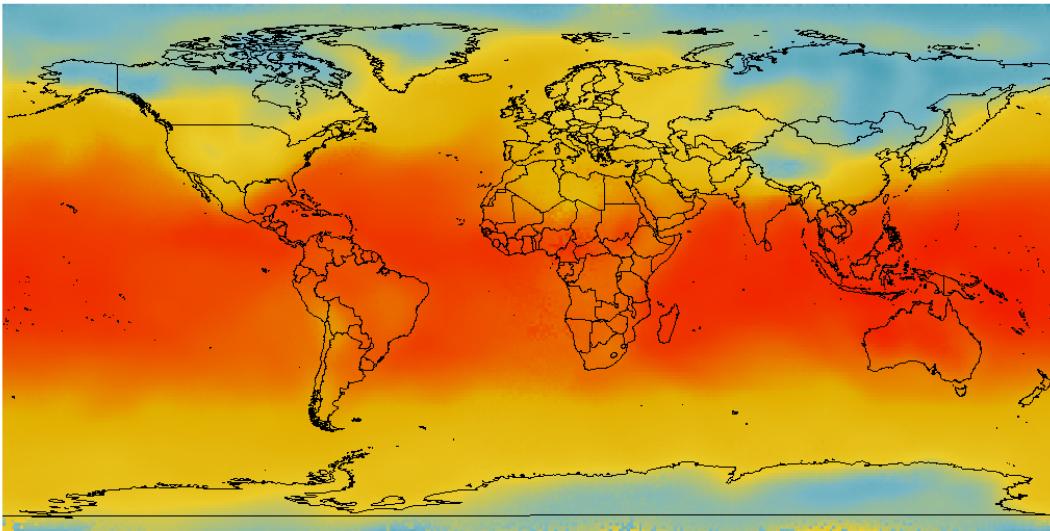
Bootstrap Pred errors

Min: 9.113
1st Q: 12.752
Median: 12.910
 $4 * \text{median} = 51.64$
Mean: 12.805
3rd Q: 12.966
Max: 16.667

Comparison of Interpolators

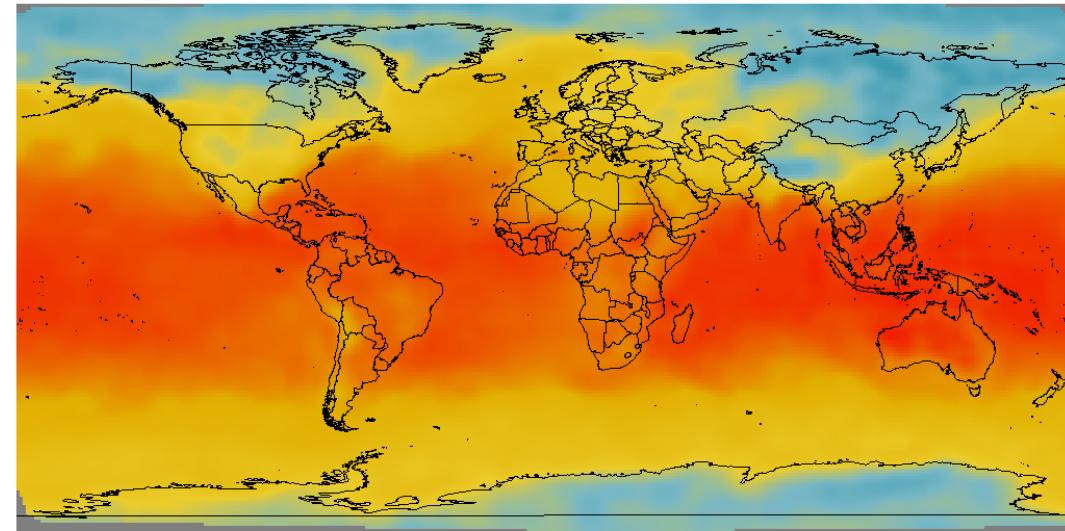


Predictions from **IaGP** using TOVS data



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user     system  elapsed  
8142.075  0.972 230.416
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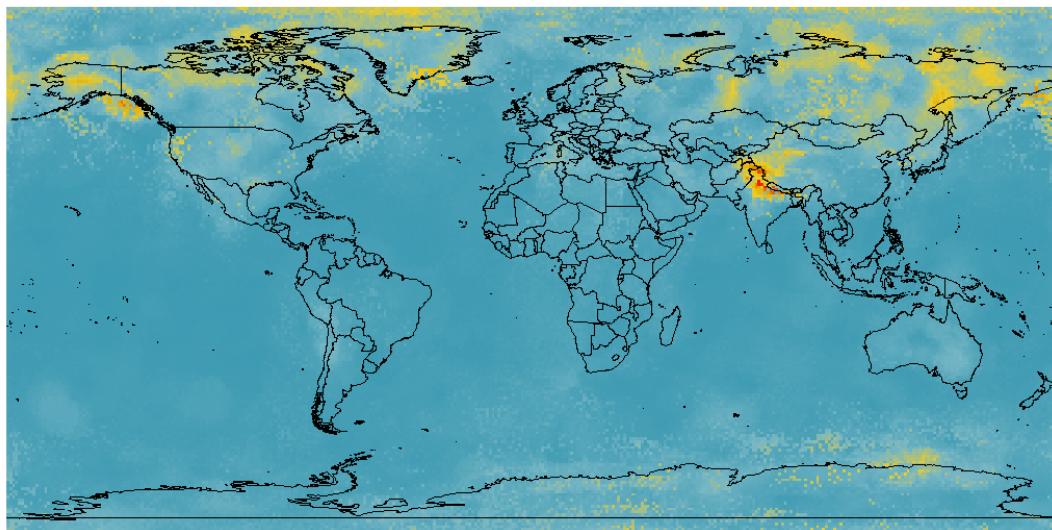
Predictions from **LatticeKrig** using TOVS data



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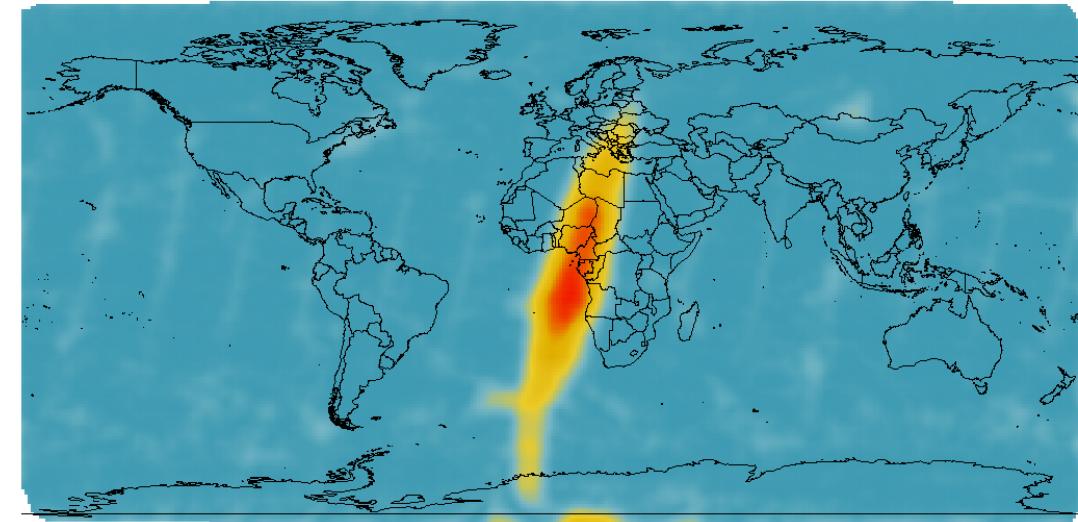
Model Uncertainty

Prediction error from **laGP**



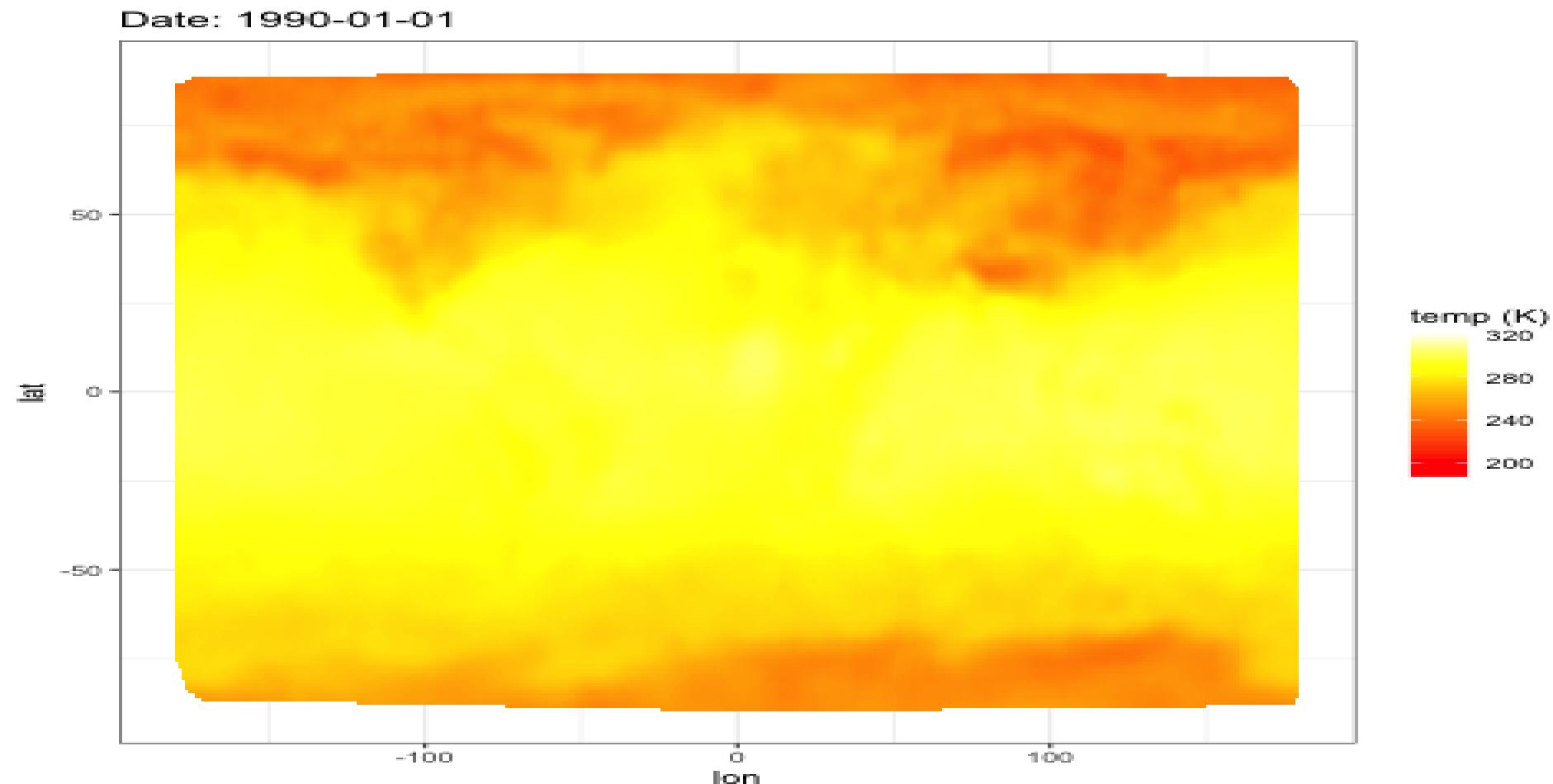
Min: 0.4779
1st Quart: 1.017
Median: 1.539
Mean: 2.002
3rd Quart: 2.685
Max: 12.57

Prediction error from **LatticeKrig**



Min: 0.393
1st Quart: 0.570
Median: 0.677
Mean: 0.995
3rd Quart: 0.930
Max: 9.38

LatticeKrig predictions, 1990

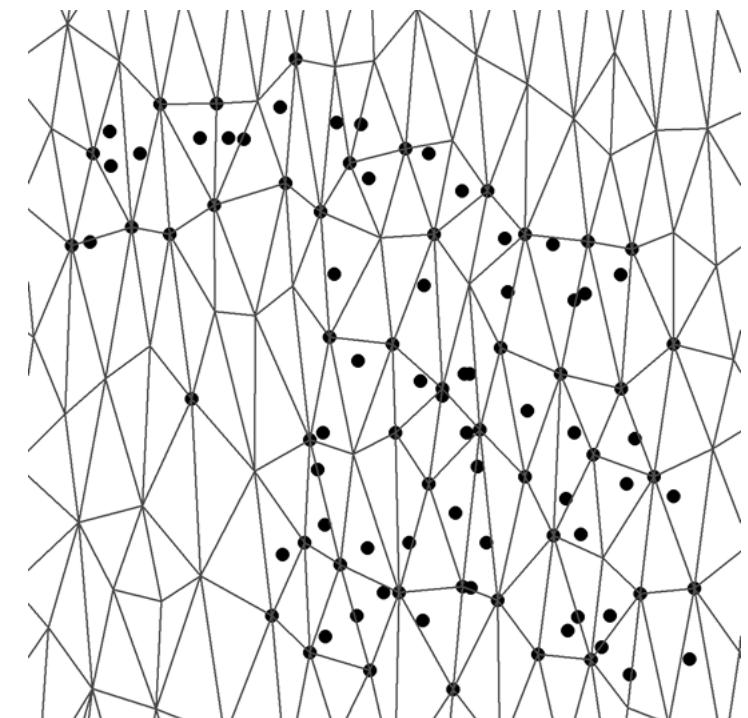


Daily model runs in ~6-7 min
Jan 1, 1990 – June 30, 1993: 6.5 days

- INLA: Approximate Bayesian inference in a latent Gaussian model
 - LaPlace approximations for posterior marginals
 - Numerical algorithms for sparse matrices
- SPDE: the continuously indexed Gaussian field $S(\mathbf{x})$ is represented as a discretely indexed Gaussian Markov random field (GMRF) using basis functions
 - Basis functions defined on a triangulation of the region

$$S(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{g=1}^G \psi_g(\mathbf{x}) S_g$$

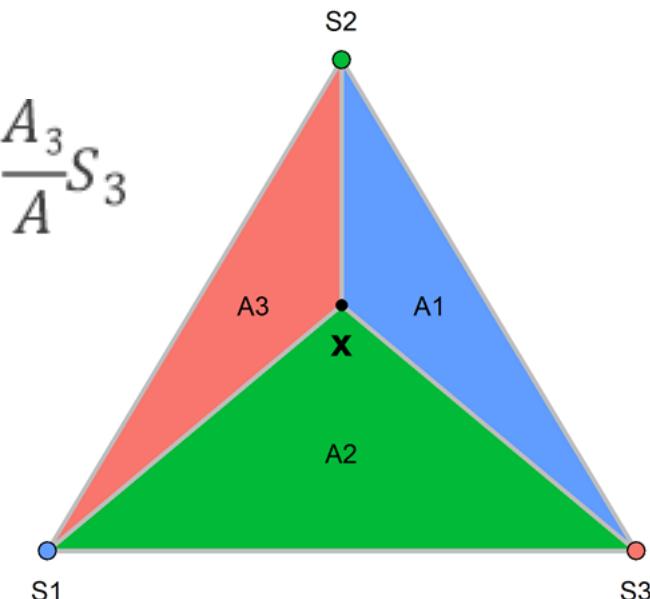
- Matérn covariance for Gaussian field S



Point Observations:

- Weighted average at the vertices of the triangle containing the point.
- Weights = barycentric coordinates

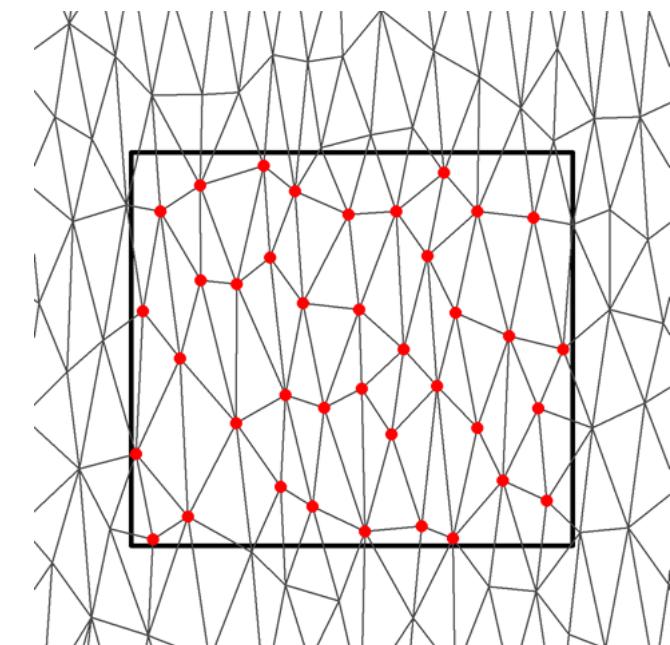
$$S(x) = \frac{A_1}{A}S_1 + \frac{A_2}{A}S_2 + \frac{A_3}{A}S_3$$



Areal Observations:

- Weighted average at the vertices of the triangles within the area.
- Weights = (number of vertices in area)⁻¹

$$S(B) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{g \in B} S_g$$



point

$$S(x_i) \approx \sum_{g=1}^G A_{ig} S_g$$

areal

$$S(B_j) \approx \sum_{g=1}^G A_{js} S_g$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} & \cdots & A_{1G} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & \cdots & A_{2G} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{n1} & A_{n2} & A_{n3} & \cdots & A_{nG} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\ .2 & .2 & 0 & \cdots & .6 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{1}{m} & \frac{1}{m} & \frac{1}{m} & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

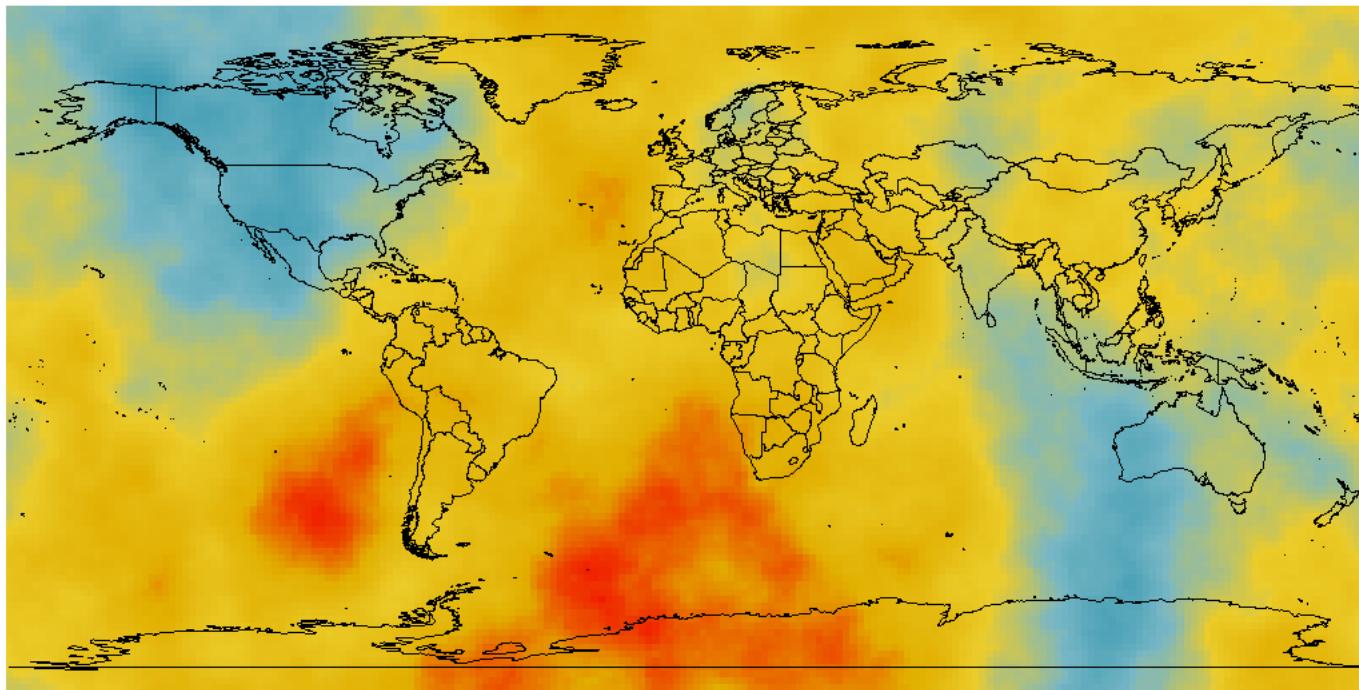
point

areal

A is a projection matrix that maps the GMRF from the observations (rows) to the triangulation nodes (columns).

- Point observation
 - Up to 3 non-zero values at the columns that represent the vertices of the triangle containing the point
 - Value is barycentric coordinates
- Areal observation:
 - Non-zero values at the m vertices inside the area
 - Value is $1/m$

INLA Simulations: Areal data



Prediction Error: Standard deviation of posterior predictive distribution

$$\text{RMSE: } \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{S}(x_i) - S(x_i))^2}$$

True Simulated Field:

- $100 \times 200 = 20,000$ points

Areal data blocks:

- 10×20 (each block 100 values)
- 32×64 (each block 9-16 values)
- 90×180 (each block 1-4 values)

- COSP: we want prediction error to be larger when treating areal data properly than when treating it as point data
- Difference between the two should disappear as the resolution becomes finer

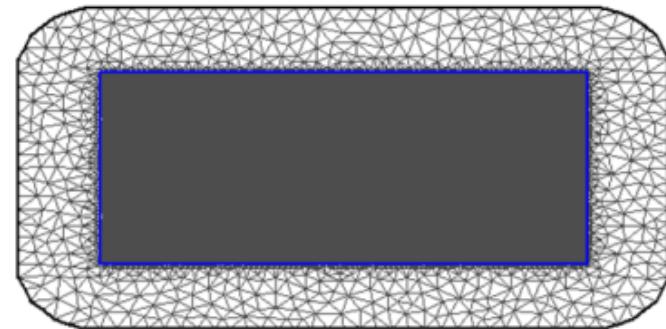
INLA Simulation Results: Areal data



Median Prediction Error

Areal blocks	Areal (fine mesh)	Point (fine mesh)	Point (coarse mesh)
10 x 20 (coarsest)	0.115	0.099	0.006
32 x 64	0.031	0.028	0.034
90 x 180 (finest)	0.0018	0.0016	0.0138

Constrained refined Delaunay triangulation

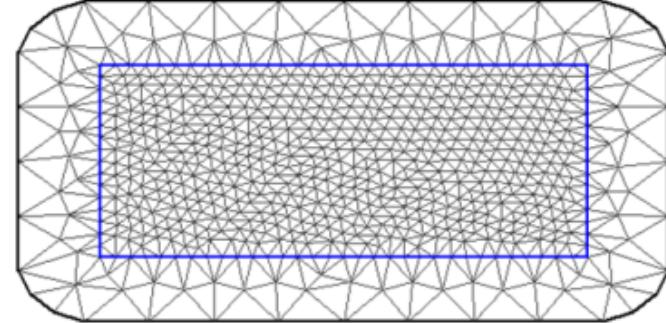


Fine Mesh

RMSE

Areal blocks	Areal (fine mesh)	Point (fine mesh)	Point (coarse mesh)
10 x 20 (coarsest)	0.128	0.142	0.164
32 x 64	0.078	0.051	0.094
90 x 180 (finest)	0.0261	0.0260	0.0759

Constrained refined Delaunay triangulation

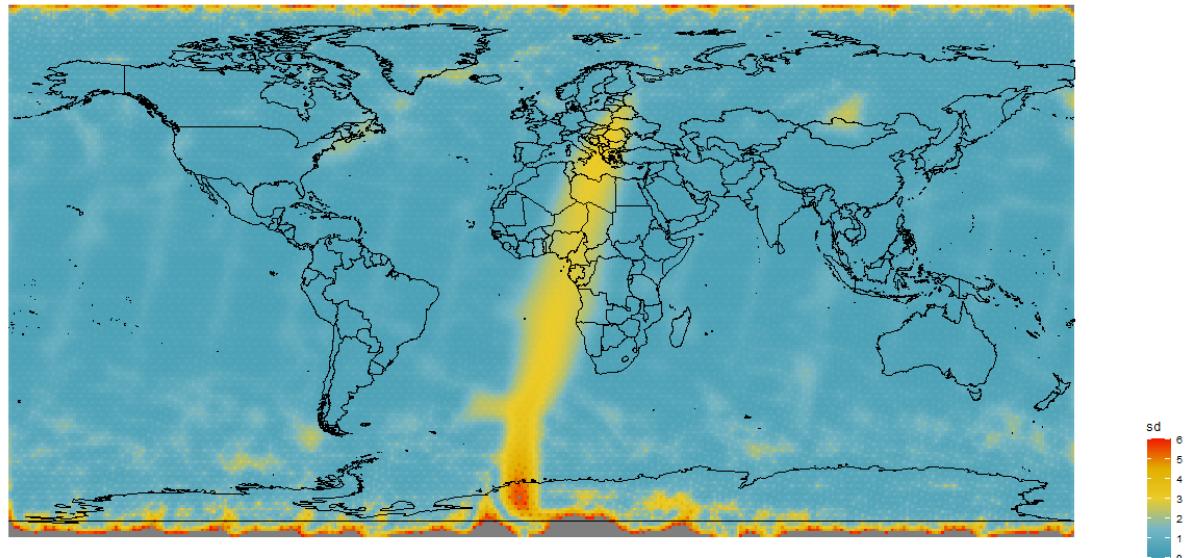


Coarse Mesh

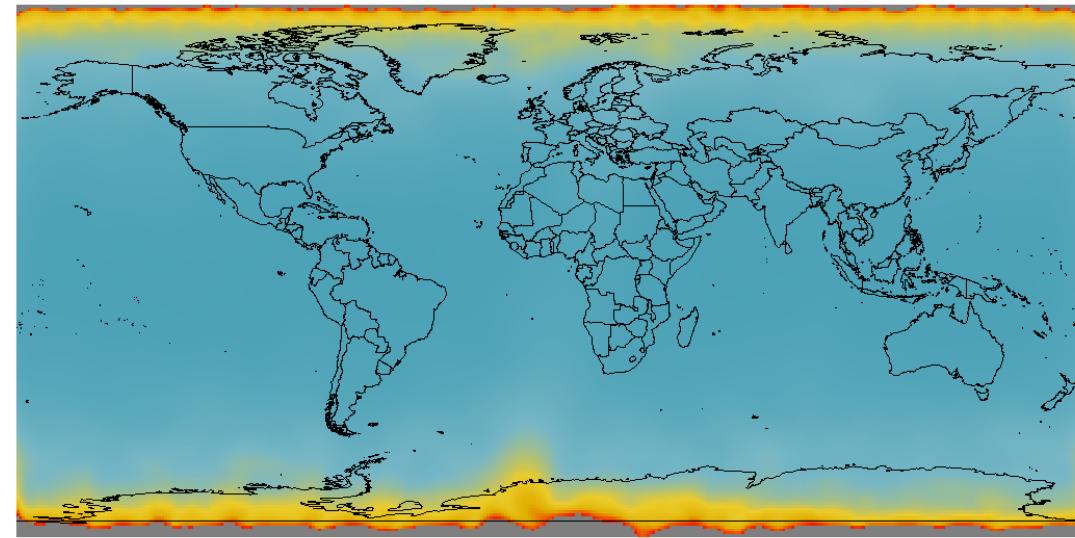
INLA Model Results: Observational Data



Prediction Error: Fine Mesh



Prediction Error: As Aerial Data



Point data

Model	Min	1 st Q	Median	4*Median	Mean	3 rd Q	Max	Time
Coarse mesh	0.218	0.328	0.399	1.596	0.529	0.529	9.590	41 sec
Medium mesh	0.321	0.502	0.629	2.516	0.878	0.886	11.452	50 sec
Fine mesh	0.395	0.589	0.745	2.982	1.069	1.063	14.744	156 sec
Mesh size 1	0.398	0.446	0.842	3.367	2.091	2.320	38.744	57 min
As aerial	0.407	0.511	0.782	3.127	1.345	1.469	20.593	44 min

Conclusions

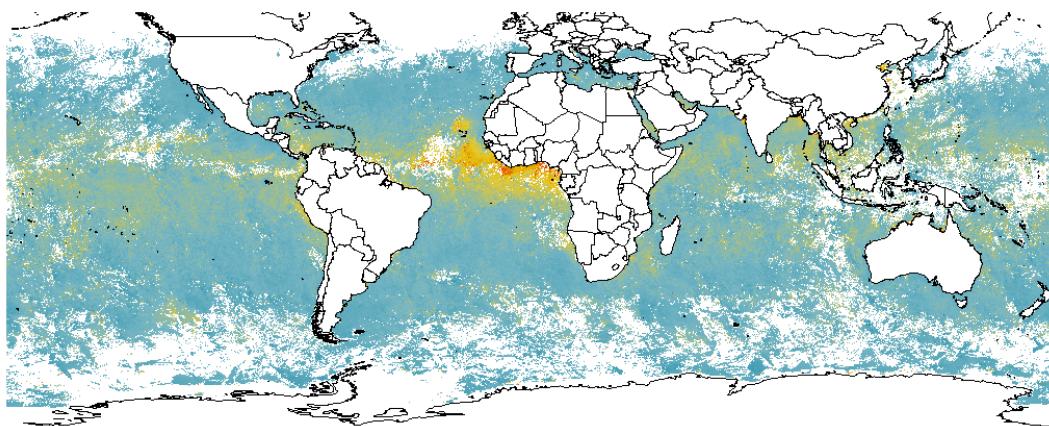


- Interpolators:
 - Prediction error is too small
 - Results from bootstrap using reanalysis aren't useful
 - **LatticeKrig** vs. **laGP**
 - Better quantitative results
 - Better qualitative results
 - Faster
 - LatticeKrig: 3.5 years of data in ~6.5 days
- INLA
 - Handles change-of-support
 - Running areal data appropriately probably takes too long
 - 3.5 years of data in ~1 month
 - Run as point data with fine mesh is a good approximation
 - 3.5 years of data in <3 days

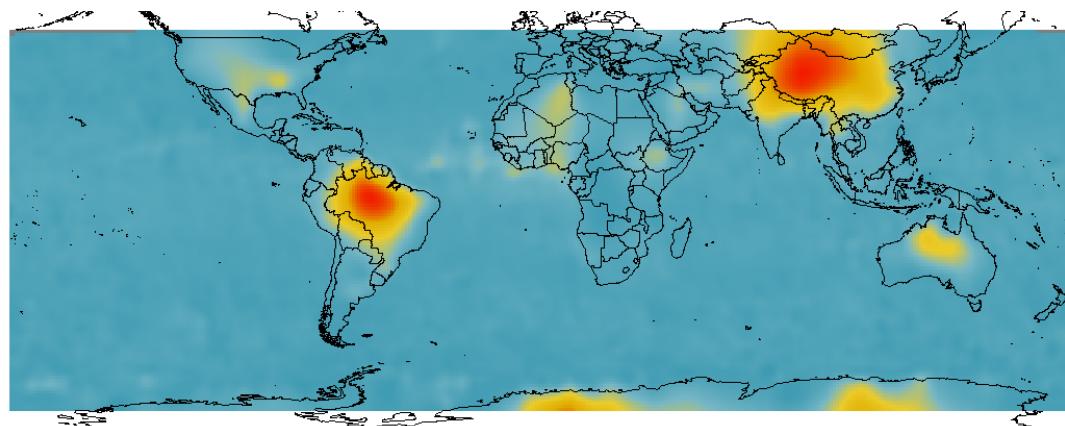
Challenges and Next Steps



AOD data: Jan 1990



LatticeKrig predictions



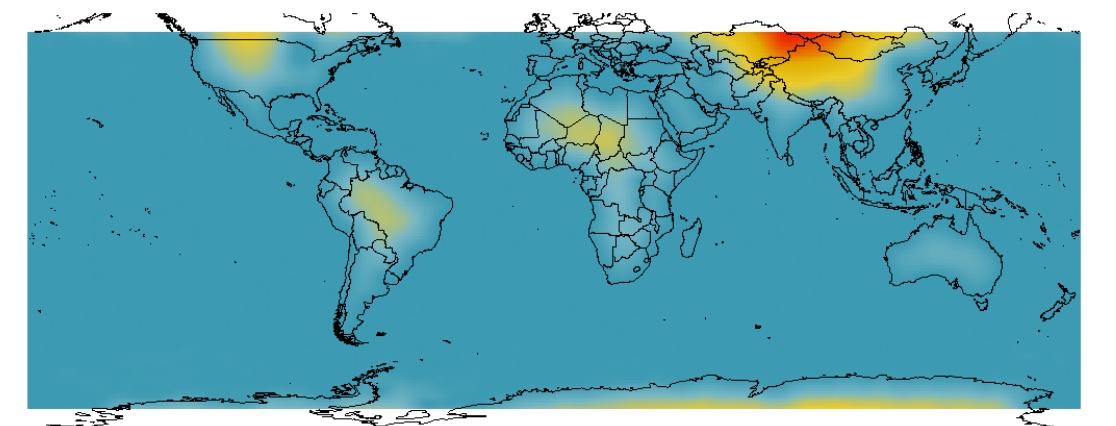
Data: 0.1-degree resolution
averaged into 1-degree blocks

Model: 1-degree resolution
time: ~ 1 min

Predictions: 1-degree resolution
time: ~ 4 seconds

Prediction error: 200 bootstrap samples
time: ~ 25 min

Prediction error



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