

Stochastic weather generator

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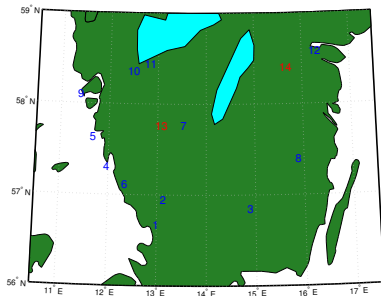
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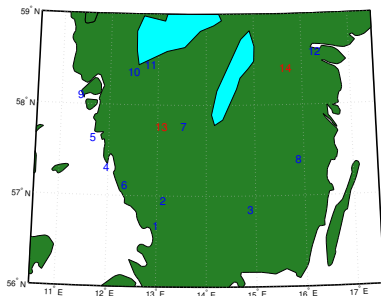
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- ▶ location $\mathbf{s} = (x, y)$
- ▶ time t measured in days

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$$Y(\mathbf{s}, t) = F_{\mathbf{s},t}^{-1} \circ \Phi_{\mu}^{+}(W(\mathbf{s}, t))$$

where μ is mean of W - is amount of precipitation at location \mathbf{x} and time t .

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Goal : Estimate mean and covariance function of W from observations of $W \vee 0$.

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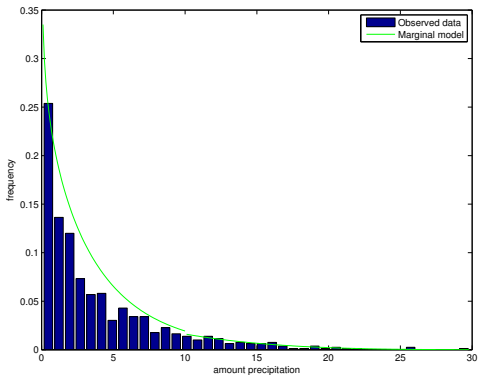
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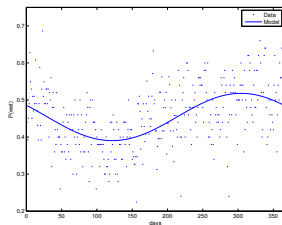
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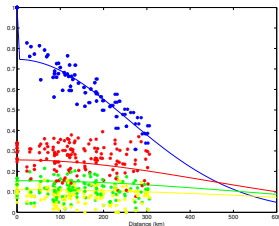
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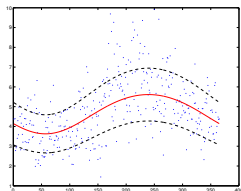
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- ▶ monthly qq-plots
- ▶ weather indices
- ▶ dry/wet spells

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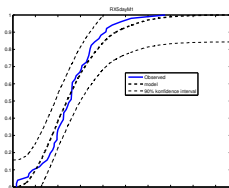
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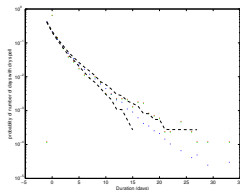
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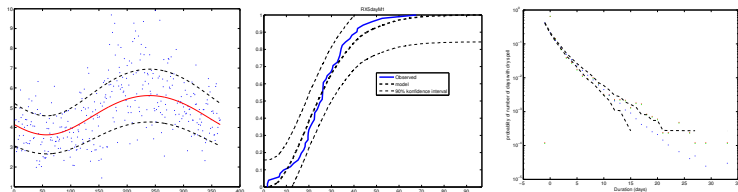
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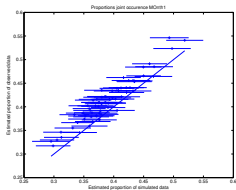
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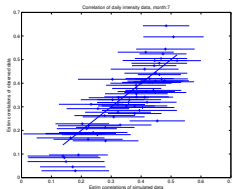
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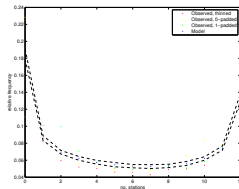
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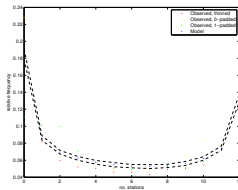
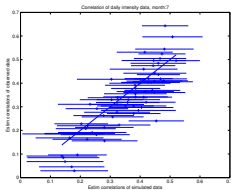
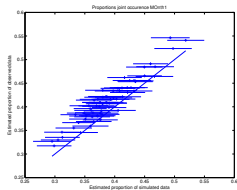
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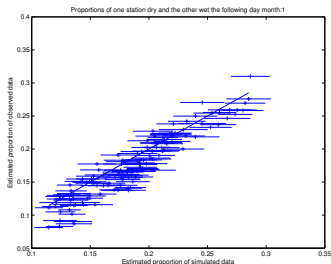
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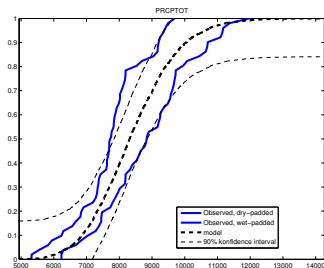
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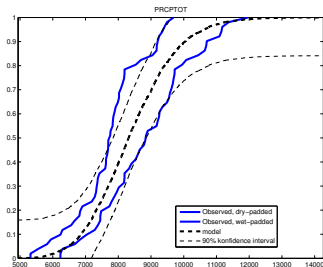
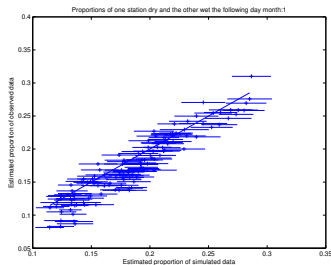
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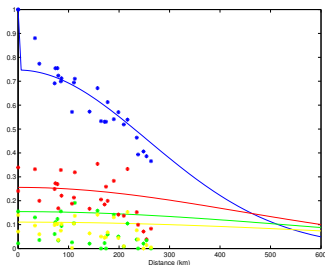
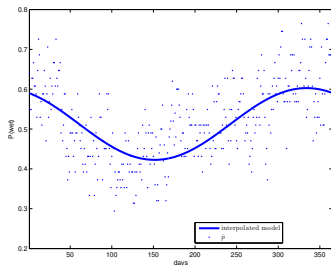
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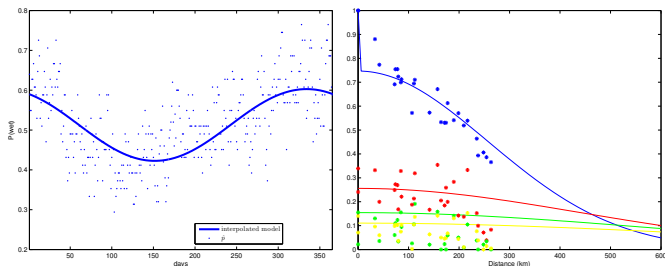
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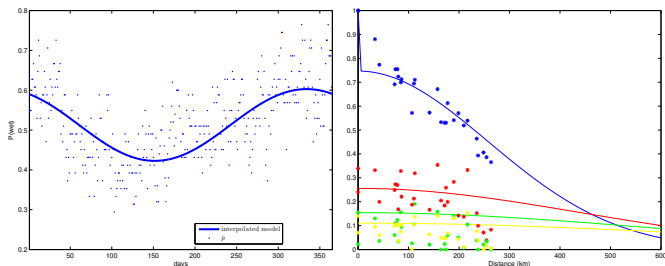
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