Geospatial Modeling Crash Course

A kitchen sink approach



NASA DEVELOP

10 week feasibility studies to help project partners integrate NASA Earth Observations

- Tamarisk in Utah
- Russian Olive in Colorado
- Tree mortality in Intermountain West
- Wild Rice in Minnesota
- Ephemeral Water Sources in Utah
- Cranberries in Wisconsin
- Spruce budworm in Colorado







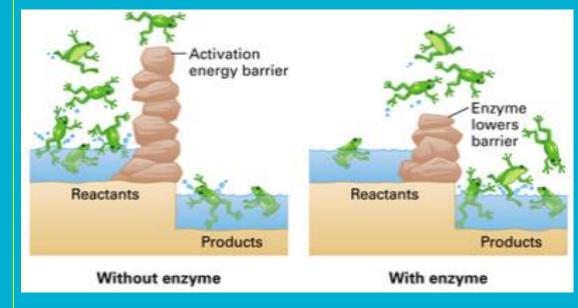


Goal

Provide a training that exposes individuals to the framework and components of a common geospatial modeling process so they can more quickly engage with the material in their own work.

- Understand potential and follow the process
- Have a resource to look back on

Please Ask Questions



Outline

Part 1: Intro to the Question

Part 2: Sampling Data (GEE)

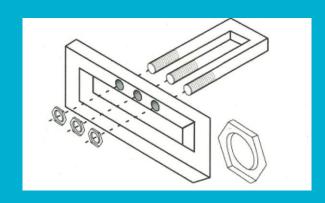
Part 3: Interoperability (GEE)

Part 4: Modeling (GEE)

Part 5: Variable Selection ('R')

Part 6: Modeling 2 (GEE)

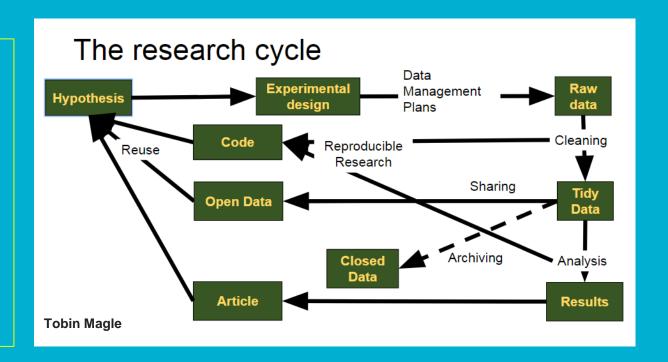
Part Last: Conclusion and extra resources ('R')





How to do this well

- Collaboration
- Reproducibility
- Always learn
- Engaging in peer review process at various levels









Sudden Aspen Decline (SAD)

- Drought Stress
- Grazing
- Minimum Winter Temps
- Most common:
 - Southern Latitudes
 - Southern aspects

Correlated to heat...



 Sudden Aspen Decline flow chart. All photos taken on Sudden Aspen Decline research sites in southwestern Colorado (Sarah Bisbing, 2012).

Worrall et al 2013

- Suzuki et al 1999
 - Aerial photography
- Bretfeld et al 2016
 - Resampling 1970 veg plots
- Sankey 2011
 - Elvaulated Lidar/RS
- Hamilton et al 2009
 - RS detection of Aspen

"Advances in remote sensing technologies can provide cost-effective ways to obtain spatial and quantitative information about aspen to support restoration activities at multiple scales"

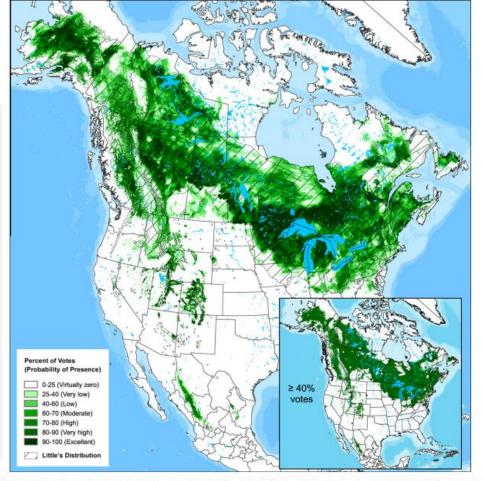
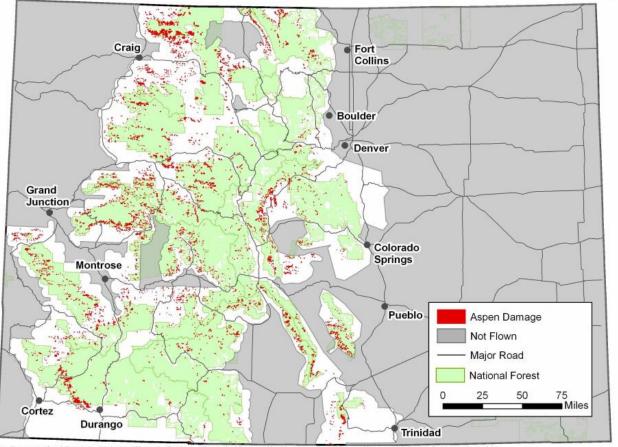


Fig. 1. Distribution of aspen's climatic niche in North America as determined through the bioclimate model, based on the reference period 1961–1990. Percent of votes generated by the model, indicating climatic suitability, is shown together with the corresponding probability of presence of aspen (Supplement 1: Fig. 1). Also shown is Little's (1971) range map.

USFS

Aerial DetectionSurvey

Aspen Damage in Colorado from the 2007 Aerial Detection Survey



Due to the nature of aerial surveys, the data on this map will only provide rough estimates of location, intensity and the resulting trend information for agents detectable from the air. Many of the most destructive diseases are not represented on this map because these agents are not detectable from aerial surveys. The data presented on this map should only be used as a partial indicator of insect and disease activity, and should be validated on the ground for actual location and casual agent.

Shaded areas show locations where tree mortality or defoliation were apparent from the air. Intensity of damage is variable and not all trees in shaded areas are dead or defoliated.

Model aspen

- Rely on best <u>practices</u>

Species Distribution Models: Ecological Explanation and Prediction Across Space and Time

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Interact with GEE Drop Points (Part 2)

Generate potential training data in GEE

- NAIP imagery
- GEE basic functions

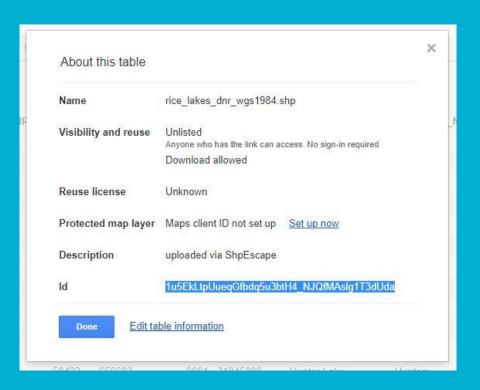
Best Practice:



Import features in GEE (Part 3)

Learn how it import existing datasets into GEE

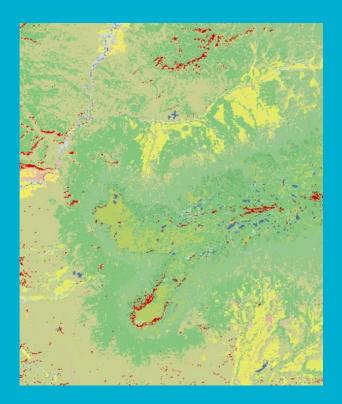
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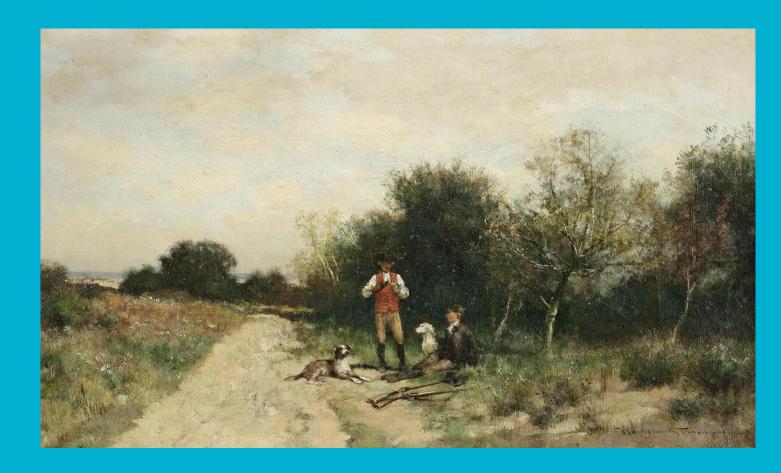
Modeling In GEE (Part 4)

Produce a geospatial model in GEE

- Apply advanced functions
- Generate Indices
- Visualize results



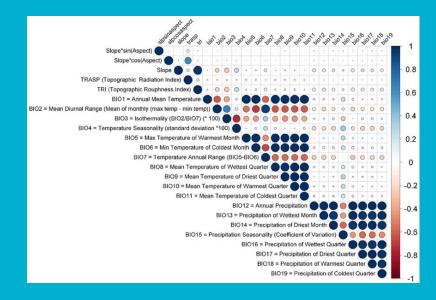
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Variable Selection in R (Part 5)

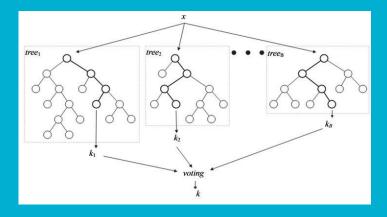
Engage with R packages to inform which predictors are important

- Manipulate dataframes
- Apply algorithms
- View statistical results



Modeling In GEE - 2 (Part 6)

Integrate information from R back into GEE



General Notes on Geospatial Modeling

Modeling is full of assumptions, know them

Understanding what it does poorly is equally as important as what it does well

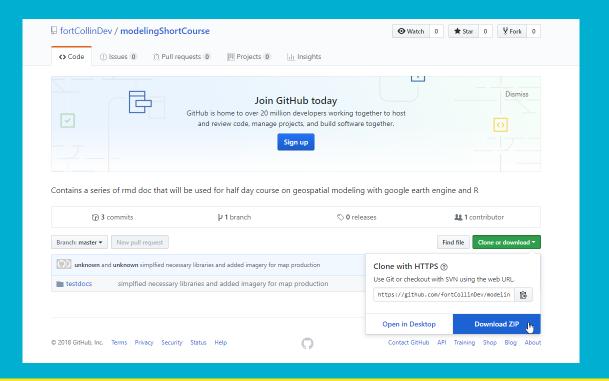
Ideally your model provides more information then was previously available

Understand where the largest uncertainty is and use that to limit the specificity of your output



https://github.com/fortCollinDev

Click on "modelingShortCourse"



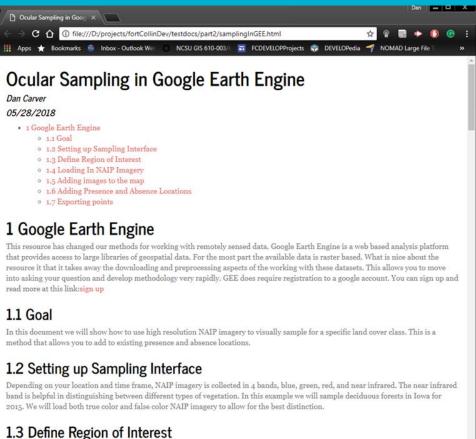
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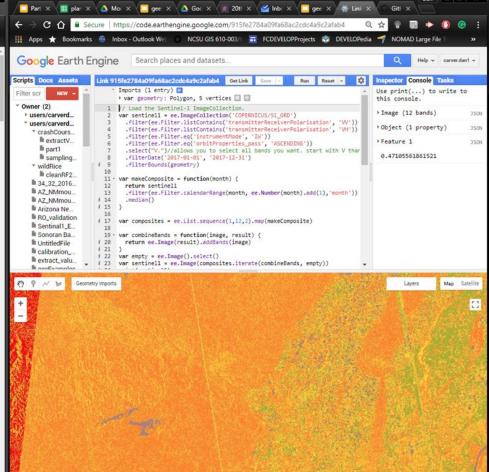
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Ask questions