

Climate Data Forecasting - Atmospheric CO_2 Concentration / Temperature / Precipitation

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1 Forecasting of Giessen - Temperature and Precipitation Climate Analysis

1.1 Stationarity and differencing

Stationary time series is one whose properties do not depend on the time at which the series is observed. Thus, time series with trends, or with seasonality, are not stationary — the trend and seasonality will affect the value of the time series at different times. On the other hand, a white noise series is stationary — it does not matter when you observe it, it should look much the same at any point in time.

Stationary time series will have no predictable patterns in the long-term. Time plots will show the series to be roughly horizontal (although some cyclic behaviour is possible), with constant variance.

If y_t is a *stationary* time series, then for all s , the distribution of (y_t, \dots, y_{t+s}) does not depend on t .

If Time Series data with seasonality are non-stationary

- => first take a seasonal difference
- if seasonally differenced data appear are still non-stationary
- => take an additional first seasonal difference

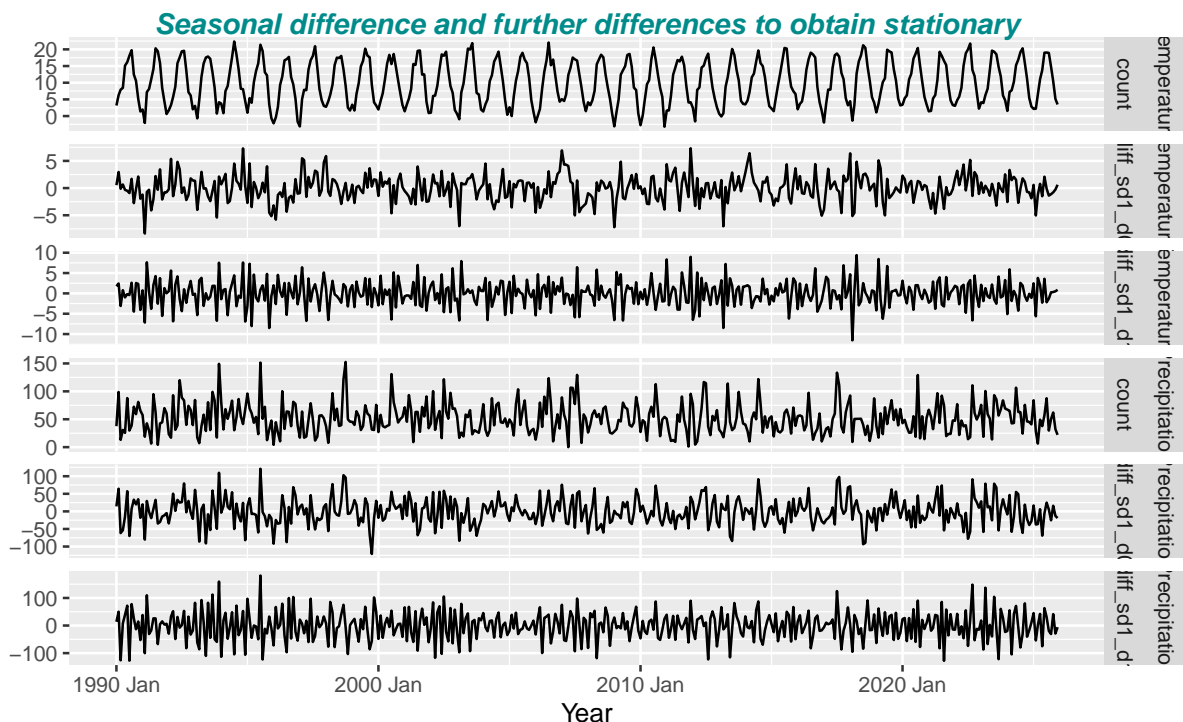
The model fit residuals have to be stationary. For good forecasting this has to be verified with residual diagnostics.

Essential:

- Residuals are uncorrelated
- The residuals have zero mean

Useful (but not necessary):

- The residuals have constant variance.
- The residuals are normally distributed.



1.1.1 Unitroot KPSS Test - fix number of seasonal differences/differences required

- For **ARIMA model** use Unitroot KPSS Test to fix number of differences
 - `unitroot_nsdiffs()` to determine D (the number of seasonal differences to use)
 - `unitroot_ndiffs()` to determine d (the number of ordinary differences to use)
 - The selection of the other model parameters (p, q, P and Q) are all determined by minimizing the AICc
- kpss test of stationary of the differentiated data (with seasonal and ordinary differences) used in the **ARIMA model**
 - stationary times series: the distribution of (y_t, \dots, y_{t-s}) does not depend on t .
 - *Null Hypothesis* H_0 : stationary is given in the time series: data are stationary and non seasonal
 - * for $p < \alpha = 0.05$: reject H_0
 - * for $p >> \alpha = 0.05$: conclude: differentiated data are stationary and non seasonal
- kpss test of stationary w/ `unitroot_nsdiffs` & `unitroot_ndiff` provides
 - minimum number of seasonal & ordinary differences required for a stationary series
 - first fix required seasonal differences and then apply `ndiffs` to the seasonally differenced data
 - returns 1 => for stationarity one seasonal difference resp. difference is required

```
#> ndiffs gives the number of differences required and
#> nsdifs gives the number of seasonal differences required
#> - to make a series stationary (test is based on the KPSS test
#> unitroot_kpss test to define seasonal (nsdifs) and ordinary (ndiffs) differences
#> # A tibble: 2 x 5
#>   Measure      kpss_stat kpss_pvalue nsdifs ndiffs
#>   <fct>          <dbl>      <dbl>   <int> <int>
#> 1 Temperature    0.462      0.0503     1     0
#> 2 Precipitation  0.291      0.1       0     0
#> unitroot_kpss test on (difference(count, 12) + difference())
#> # A tibble: 2 x 3
#>   Measure      kpss_stat kpss_pvalue
#>   <fct>          <dbl>      <dbl>
#> 1 Temperature    0.0117      0.1
#> 2 Precipitation  0.00621     0.1
```

1.1.2 Ljung-Box Test - independence/white noise of the time series

The Ljung-Box Test becomes important when checking independence/white noise of the forecasts residuals of the fitted ETS resp. ARIMA models. There we have to check whether the forecast errors are normally distributed with mean zero

- `augment(fit) |> features(.innov, ljung_box, lag=x, dof=y)` (Ch. 5.4 Residual diagnostics)
 - portmanteau test suggesting that the residuals are white noise
 - *Null Hypothesis* H_0 : independence/white noise for residuals, i.e. each autocorrelation in the time series residuals of the model for lag l is close to zero.
 - * for $p < \alpha = 0.05$: reject H_0
 - * for $p >> \alpha = 0.05$: conclude: the residuals are not distinguishable from a white noise series
 - `lag = 2*m` (period of season, e.g. $m=12$ for monthly season) | no season: `lag=10`
 - `dof = p + q + P + Q` (for ARIMA models only, degree of freedom)

Time series with trend and/or seasonality is not stationary. Tests are to be taken on the residuals of the fitted models.

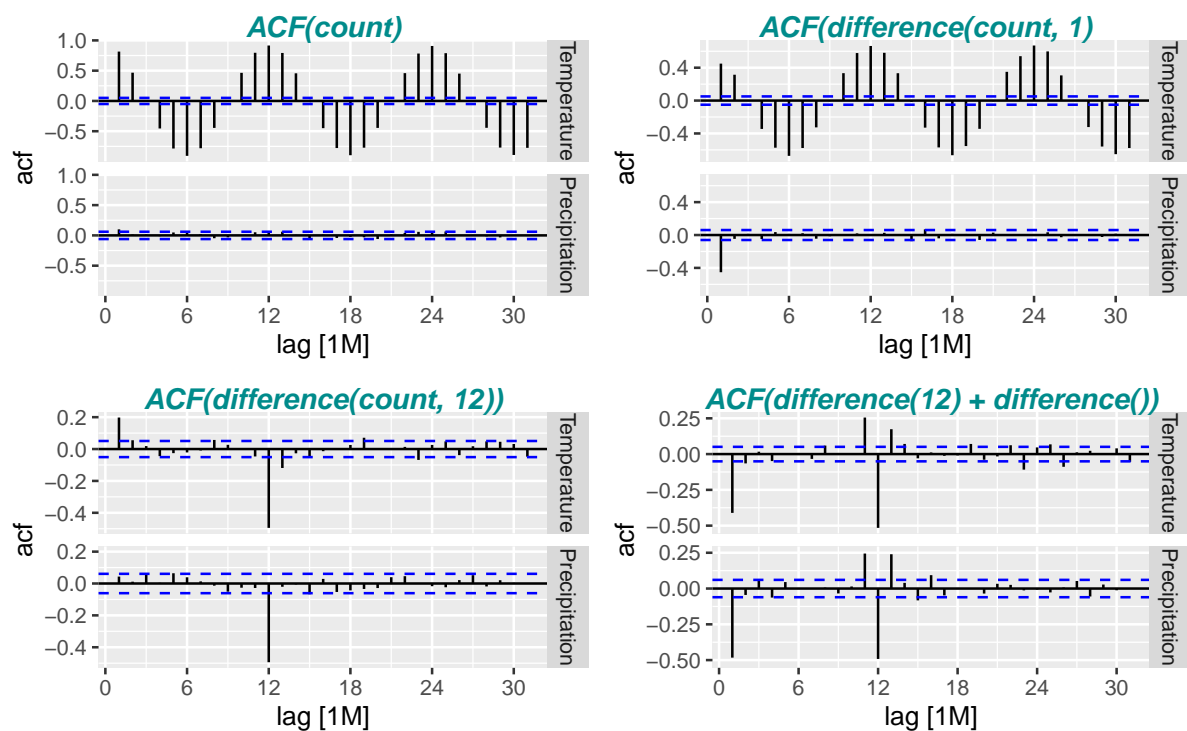
```
#> Ljung-Box test with (count), w/o differences
#> # A tibble: 2 x 3
#>   Measure      lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <fct>          <dbl>      <dbl>
#> 1 Temperature  5352.      0
#> 2 Precipitation  19.6     0.0331
#> Ljung-Box test on (difference(count, 12))
```

```

#> # A tibble: 2 x 3
#>   Measure      lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <fct>        <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 Temperature    74.1  7.09e-12
#> 2 Precipitation   16.3  9.24e- 2
#> Ljung-Box test on (difference(count, 12) + difference())
#> # A tibble: 2 x 3
#>   Measure      lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <fct>        <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 Temperature   269.      0
#> 2 Precipitation  254.      0

```

1.1.3 ACF (Autocorrelation Function) Plots of Differences



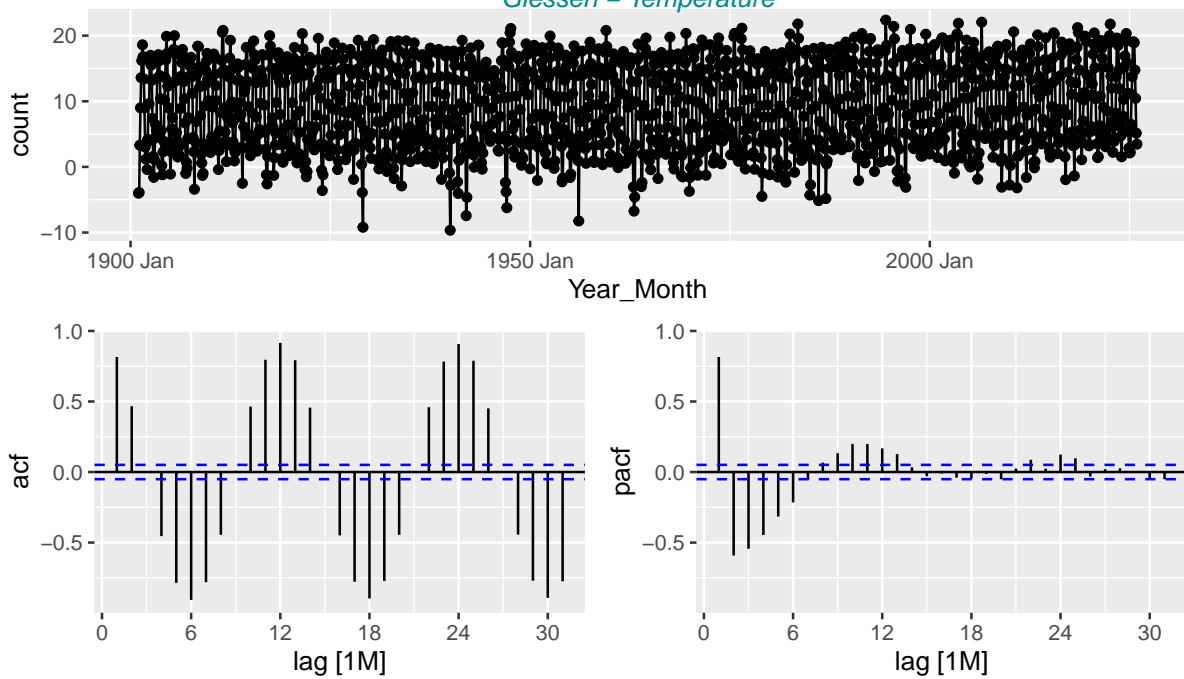
1.1.4 Time Series, ACF and PACF (Partial) Plots of Differences - for ARIMA p, q check

```

#> # A tibble: 1 x 4
#> # Groups:   City [1]
#>   City Measure      Sum Mean
#>   <chr> <fct>        <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature 13933.  9.29

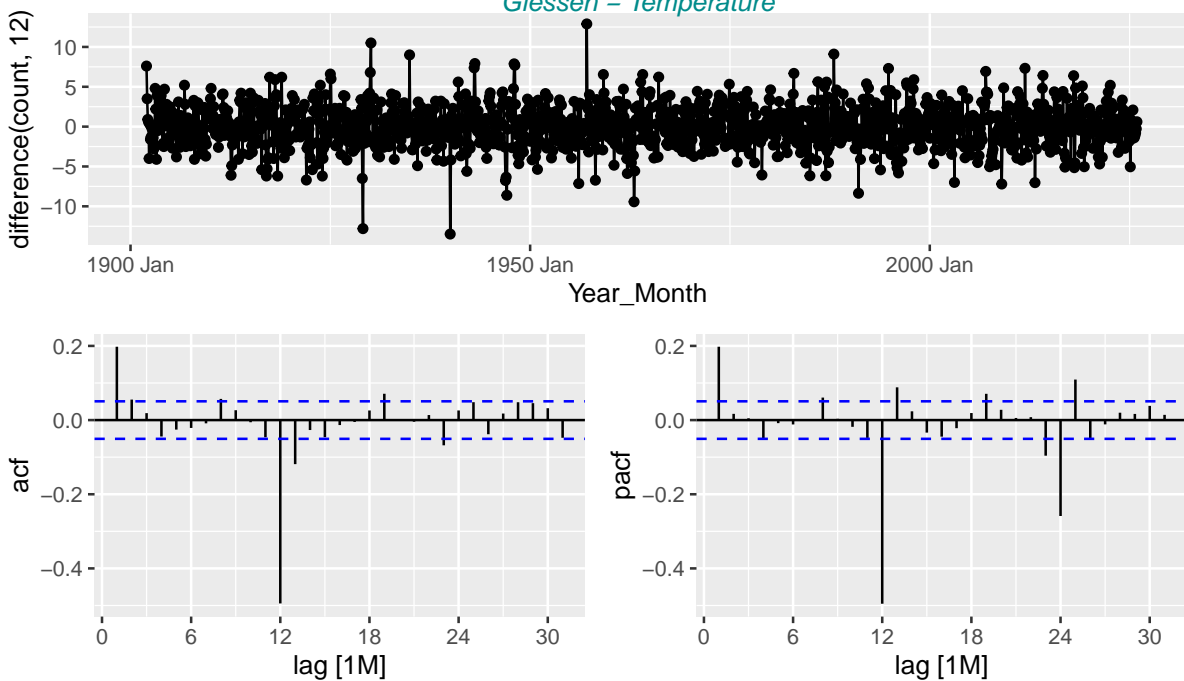
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Time Series, ACF & PACF for (count) Giessen – Temperature

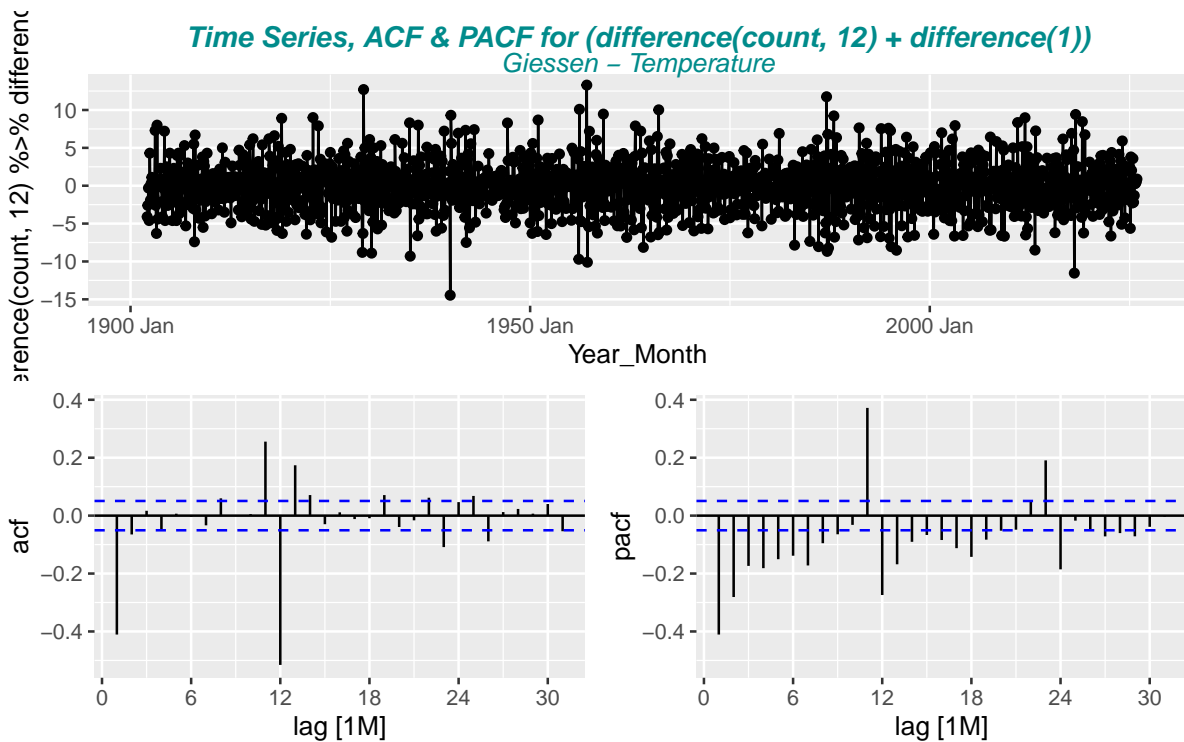


```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 4
#> # Groups:   City [1]
#>   City Measure      Sum      Mean
#>   <chr>  <fct>      <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature 30.2 0.0203
```

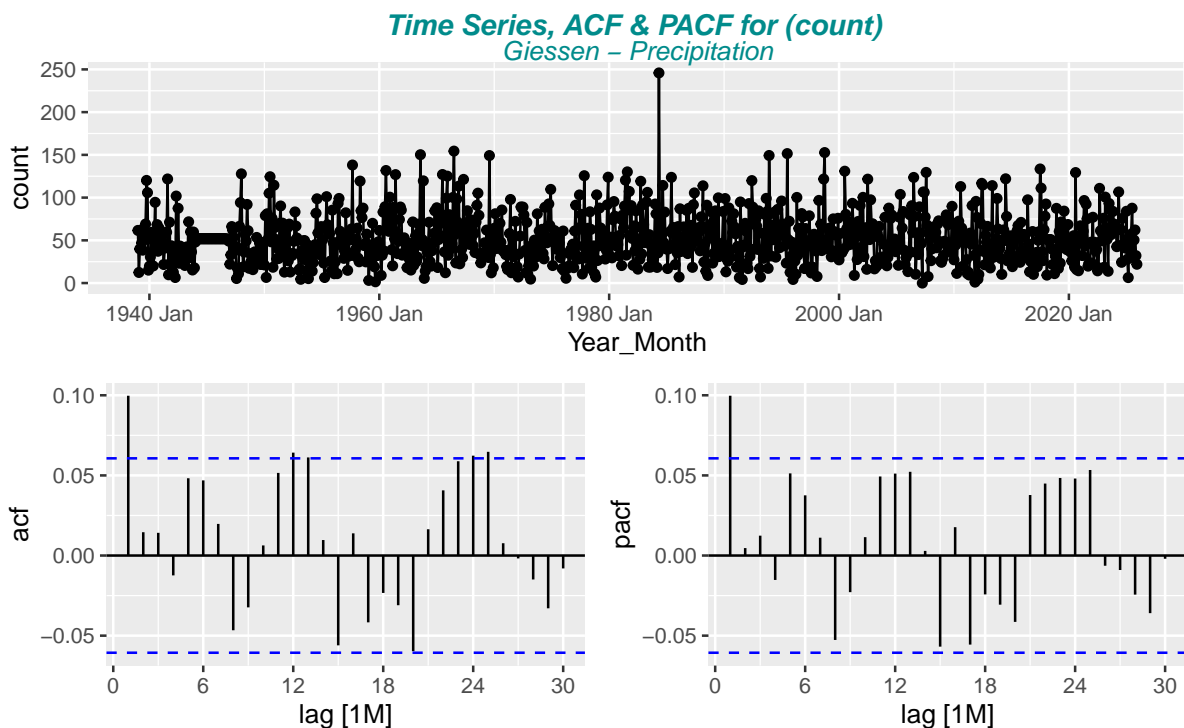
Time Series, ACF & PACF for (difference(count, 12)) Giessen – Temperature



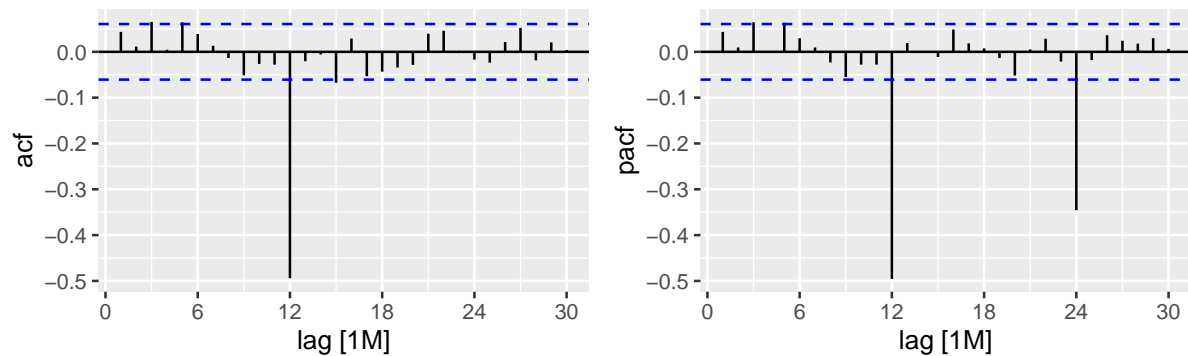
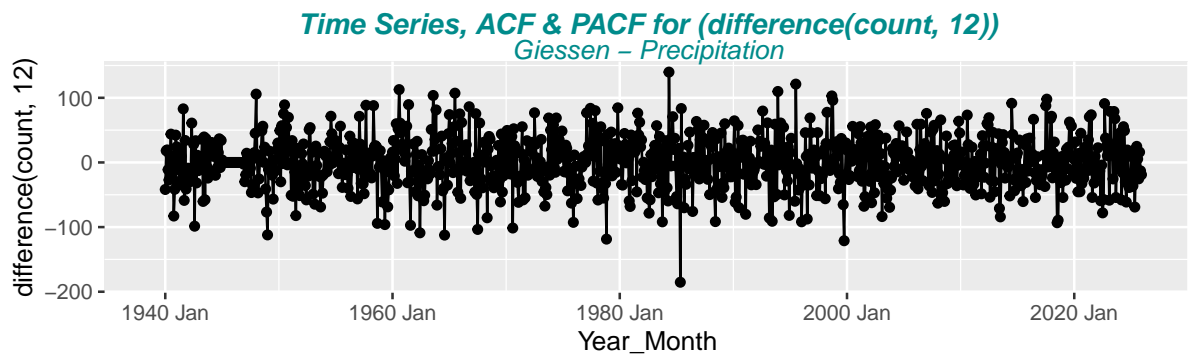
```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 4
#> # Groups:   City [1]
#>   City Measure      Sum      Mean
#>   <chr>  <fct>      <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature -6.99 -0.00470
```



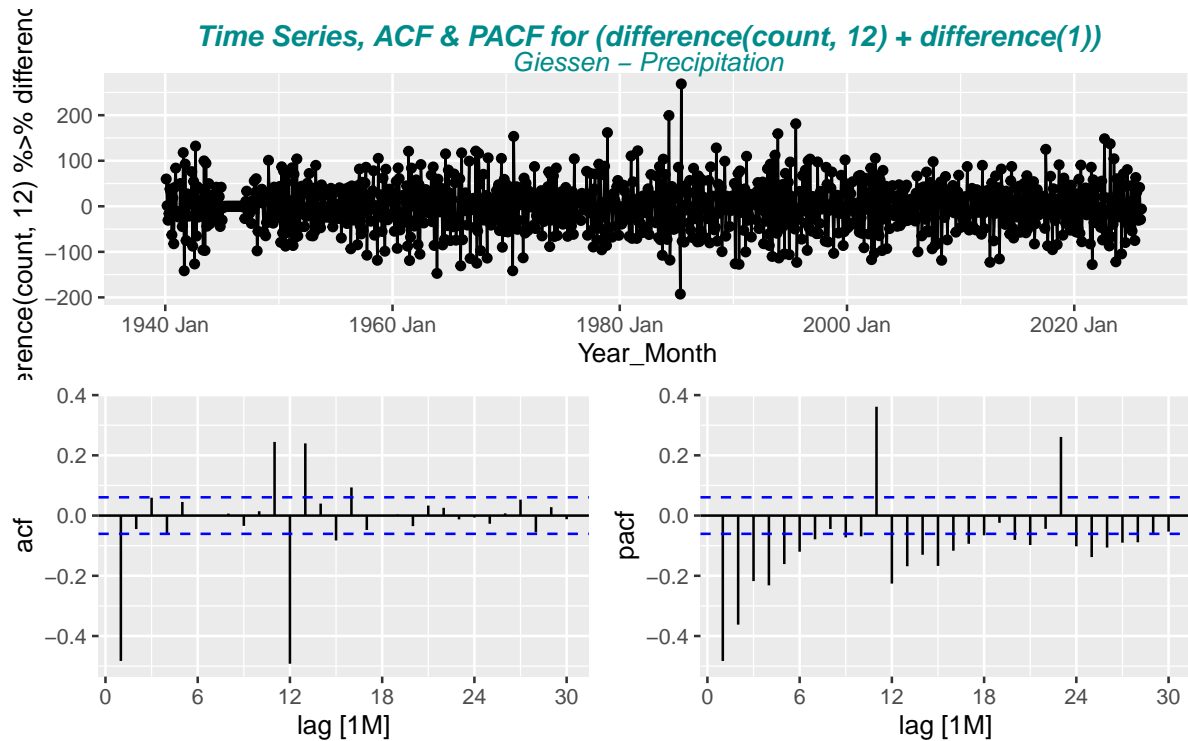
```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 4
#> # Groups:   City [1]
#>   City Measure      Sum Mean
#>   <chr>  <fct>      <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Precipitation 54126.  51.8
```



```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 4
#> # Groups:   City [1]
#>   City Measure      Sum Mean
#>   <chr>  <fct>      <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Precipitation -134. -0.130
```



```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 4
#> # Groups:   City [1]
#>   City Measure      Sum Mean
#>   <chr>  <fct>      <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Precipitation 22.9 0.0222
```



2 Exponential Smoothing (ETS) Forecasting Models

Forecasts produced using exponential smoothing methods are weighted averages of past observations, with the weights decaying exponentially as the observations get older.

The parameters are estimated by maximising the “likelihood”. The likelihood is the probability of the data arising from the specified model. AIC, AICc and BIC can be used here to determine which of the ETS models is most appropriate for a given time series (see output `glance(fit_ets)`).

The model selection is based on recognising key components of the time series (trend and seasonal) and the way in which these enter the smoothing method (e.g., in an additive, damped or multiplicative manner).

- Mauna Loa CO_2 data best Models: ETS(M,A,A) & ETS(A,A,A)
- Basel Temperature data best Models: ETS(A,N,A), ETS(A,A,A), ETS(A,Ad,A) (close together). Best Forecast accuracy is with ETS(A,A,A), ETS(A,Ad,A).
- Basel Precipitation data best Models: ETS(A,N,A), ETS(A,Ad,A), ETS(A,A,A) (close together). Best Forecast accuracy is with ETS(A,A,A), ETS(A,Ad,A), ETS(A,N,A),

Trend term “N” for Basel Temperature/Precipitation corresponds to a “pure” exponential smoothing which results in a slope $\beta = 0$. This results in a forecast predicting a constant level. This does not fit to the result of the STL decomposition. Therefore best model choice is **ETS(A,A,A)**.

Method Selection

Error term: either additive (“A”) or multiplicative (“M”).

Both methods provide identical point forecasts, but different prediction intervals and different likelihoods. AIC & BIC are able to select between the error types because they are based on likelihood.

Nevertheless, difference is for

- Mauna Loa CO_2 not relevant and AIC/AICc/BIC values are only a little bit smaller for multiplicative errors. The prediction interval plots are fully overlapping.
- Basel Temperature AIC/AICc/BIC of additive error types are much better than the multiplicative ones.
- Basel Precipitation AIC/AICc/BIC of additive error types are much better than the multiplicative ones.

Note: For Basel Temperature and Precipitation Forecast plots the models ETS_MAdA, ETS_MMA, ETS_MMA, ETS_MNA are to be taken out since forecasts with multiplicative errors are exploding (forecast > 3 years impossible !!)

Therefore finally **Error term = “A”** is chosen in general.

Trend term: either none (“N”), additive (“A”), multiplicative (“M”) or damped variants (“Ad”, “Md”).

Note: Mauna Loa CO_2 model ETS(A,Ad,A) fit plot shows to strong damping. For Basel Temperature model ETS(A,N,A) and ETS(A,Ad,A) are providing more or less the same forecast. This means that forecast remains on constant level since Trend “N” means “pure” exponential smoothing without trend (see above).

Therefore finally **Trend term = “A”** is chosen in general.

Seasonal term: either none (“N”), additive (“A”) or multiplicative (“M”).

For CO_2 and Temperature Data we have a clear seasonal pattern and seasonal term adds always a (more or less) fix amount on level and trend component. Therefore “A” additive term is chosen. For Precipitation the seasonal pattern is only slight. Indeed, a multiplicative seasonal term results in “exploding” forecasts.

Since monthly data are strongly seasonal **seasonal term “A”** is chosen.

2.1 ETS Models and their componentes

ETS model with automatically selected $ETS(A|M, N|A|M, N|A|M)$

```
#> [1] "model(ETS(count)) => provides default / best automatically chosen model"
#> # A mable: 2 x 3
#> # Key:      City, Measure [2]
#>   City      Measure      ETS
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <model>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature <ETS(A,N,A)>
#> 2 Giessen Precipitation <ETS(A,Ad,A)>
#> [1] "Giessen Temperature"
#> Series: count
#> Model: ETS(A,N,A)
#> Smoothing parameters:
#>   alpha = 0.06347289
#>   gamma = 0.000101769
#>
#> Initial states:
#>   l[0]      s[0]      s[-1]      s[-2]      s[-3]      s[-4]      s[-5]      s[-6]
#> 10.04836 -7.524003 -4.762938 0.002065576 4.574083 8.545342 9.048699 7.208974
#>   s[-7]      s[-8]      s[-9]      s[-10]     s[-11]
#> 3.907522 -0.5490237 -4.337241 -7.606435 -8.507044
#>
#> sigma^2: 2.9692
#>
#>      AIC      AICc      BIC
#> 5536.489 5537.170 5605.177
#> [1] "Giessen Precipitation"
#> Series: count
#> Model: ETS(A,Ad,A)
#> Smoothing parameters:
#>   alpha = 0.0001255647
#>   beta  = 0.0001083295
#>   gamma = 0.0006636497
#>   phi   = 0.9527014
#>
#> Initial states:
#>   l[0]      b[0]      s[0]      s[-1]      s[-2]      s[-3]      s[-4]      s[-5]
#> 71.32223 -0.9262571 4.331651 -1.135833 -2.358115 -1.241468 5.450903 15.14357
#>   s[-6]      s[-7]      s[-8]      s[-9]      s[-10]     s[-11]
#> 10.40632 9.472255 -10.3146 -8.481856 -11.34869 -9.924131
#>
#> sigma^2: 800.1774
#>
#>      AIC      AICc      BIC
#> 9568.937 9569.913 9651.364
#> # A tibble: 2 x 8
#>   City      Measure      .model      AIC  AICc    BIC      MSE  MAE
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>    <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature ETS      5536. 5537. 5605.    2.91  1.35
#> 2 Giessen Precipitation ETS      9569. 9570. 9651.   781.  21.8
```

Fit of different pre-defined $ETS(A|M, N|A|M, N|A|M)$ models

Model Selection by Information Criterion - lowest AIC, AICc, BIC

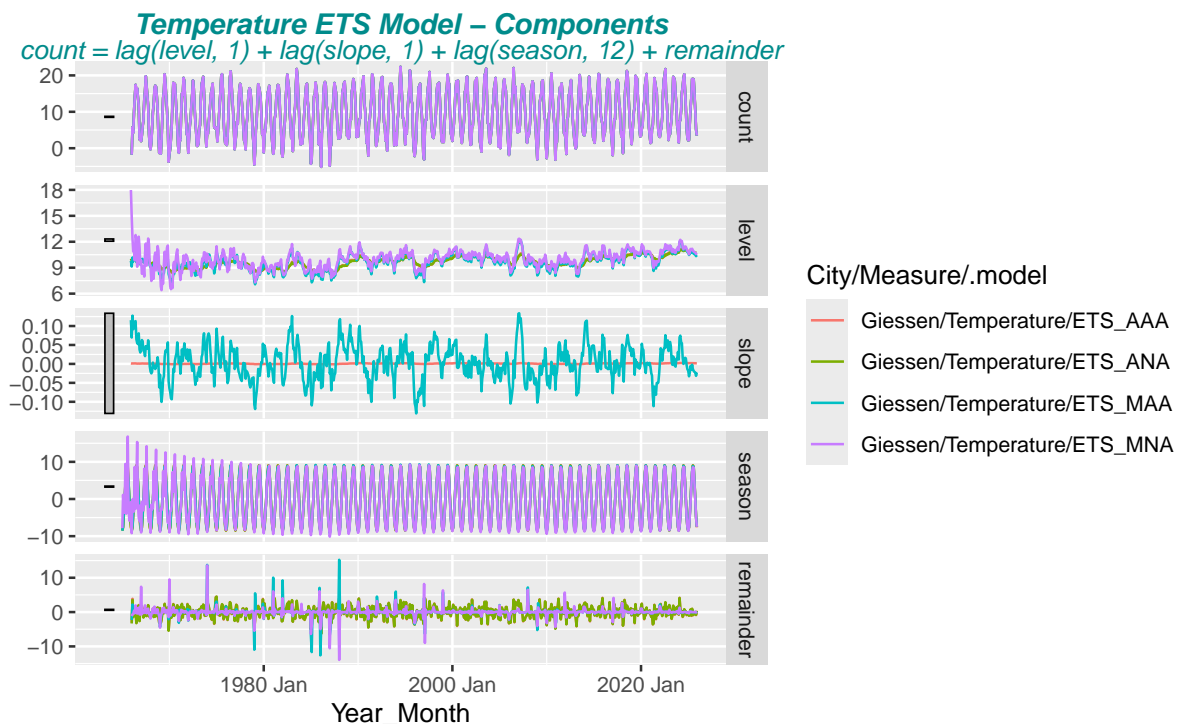
Best model fit with

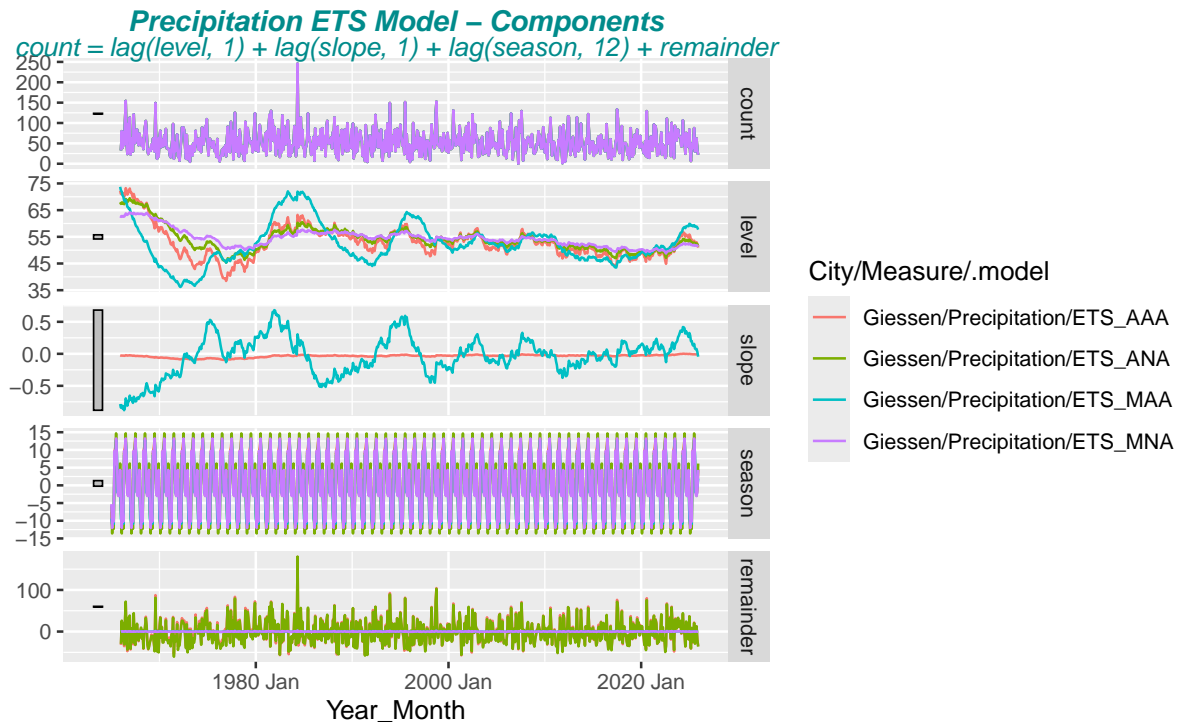
- CV, AIC, AICc and BIC with the lowest values
- Adjusted R^2 the model with the highest value.

```

#> # A tibble: 16 x 9
#>   City      Measure      .model      AIC  AICc  BIC      MSE  AMSE  MAE
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature ETS_ANA  5536.  5537.  5605.    2.91  2.93  1.35
#> 2 Giessen Temperature ETS_AAA  5541.  5542.  5619.    2.91  2.94  1.36
#> 3 Giessen Temperature ETS_AMA  5541.  5542.  5619.    2.91  2.94  1.36
#> 4 Giessen Temperature ETS_AAdA 5542.  5543.  5624.    2.91  2.93  1.35
#> 5 Giessen Temperature ETS_MNA  8093.  8093.  8161.    7.11  7.01  0.565
#> 6 Giessen Temperature ETS_MAdA 8152.  8153.  8235.    3.57  3.80  0.536
#> 7 Giessen Temperature ETS_MMA  8172.  8173.  8250.    3.48  3.62  0.588
#> 8 Giessen Temperature ETS_MAA  8188.  8188.  8265.    3.45  3.62  0.558
#> 9 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MNA  9543.  9544.  9612.   790.   790.   0.407
#> 10 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MAdA 9549.  9550.  9631.   787.   787.   0.405
#> 11 Giessen Precipitation ETS_AAdA 9569.  9570.  9651.   781.   781.   21.8
#> 12 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MMA  9570.  9570.  9647.   812.   814.   0.427
#> 13 Giessen Precipitation ETS_ANA  9571.  9572.  9640.   790.   791.   22.0
#> 14 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MAA  9571.  9572.  9649.   810.   811.   0.430
#> 15 Giessen Precipitation ETS_AMA  9578.  9578.  9655.   793.   793.   21.9
#> 16 Giessen Precipitation ETS_AAA  9579.  9580.  9657.   794.   794.   21.9

```





2.1.1 Residual Accuracy with one-step-ahead fitted residuals - check RMSE, MAE

Residual accuracy can be computed directly from models as the one-step-ahead fitted residuals are available. Select forecast models that minimises for lowest

- MAE (Mean absolute error, will lead to forecasts of the median) and
- RMSE (Root mean squared error, lead to forecasts of the mean)

```
#> # A tibble: 16 x 7
#>   City      Measure      .model .type      ME  RMSE  MAE
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>  <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature ETS_AAdA Training  0.0470  1.71  1.35
#> 2 Giessen Temperature ETS_ANA  Training  0.0143  1.71  1.35
#> 3 Giessen Temperature ETS_AAA  Training  0.00702 1.71  1.36
#> 4 Giessen Temperature ETS_AMA  Training  0.0132  1.71  1.36
#> 5 Giessen Temperature ETS_MAA  Training -0.0132  1.86  1.47
#> 6 Giessen Temperature ETS_MMA  Training -0.0432  1.87  1.49
#> 7 Giessen Temperature ETS_MAdA Training -0.188   1.89  1.50
#> 8 Giessen Temperature ETS_MNA  Training -0.0398  2.67  1.91
#> 9 Giessen Precipitation ETS_AAdA Training -0.250   28.0  21.8
#> 10 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MAdA Training -1.80    28.0  22.1
#> 11 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MNA  Training -1.41    28.1  22.1
#> 12 Giessen Precipitation ETS_ANA  Training -1.12    28.1  22.0
#> 13 Giessen Precipitation ETS_AMA  Training  0.542   28.2  21.9
#> 14 Giessen Precipitation ETS_AAA  Training  0.163   28.2  21.9
#> 15 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MAA  Training  0.609   28.4  22.2
#> 16 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MMA  Training -0.0138  28.5  22.4
```

2.1.2 Ljung-Box Test - independence/white noise of the forecasts residuals

```
#> Null Hypothesis of independence/white noise for residuals - for p < 0.05: reject H_0
#> # A tibble: 16 x 5
#>   City      Measure      .model  lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>    <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature ETS_ANA     16.8    0.720
```

```

#> 2 Giessen Temperature ETS_AAA 17.1 0.703
#> 3 Giessen Temperature ETS_AMA 17.4 0.685
#> 4 Giessen Temperature ETS_AAdA 18.1 0.645
#> 5 Giessen Precipitation ETS_AAA 20.8 0.471
#> 6 Giessen Precipitation ETS_ANA 20.9 0.464
#> 7 Giessen Precipitation ETS_AMA 21.0 0.460
#> 8 Giessen Precipitation ETS_AAdA 21.1 0.454
#> 9 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MAdA 21.5 0.431
#> 10 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MAA 21.9 0.408
#> 11 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MMA 22.1 0.395
#> 12 Giessen Precipitation ETS_MNA 22.4 0.379
#> 13 Giessen Temperature ETS_MAA 30.2 0.0873
#> 14 Giessen Temperature ETS_MMA 30.8 0.0775
#> 15 Giessen Temperature ETS_MAdA 42.8 0.00334
#> 16 Giessen Temperature ETS_MNA 355. 0

```

2.1.3 ETS Models - components of ETS(A,N,A), ETS(A,A,A), ETS(A,Ad,A), models

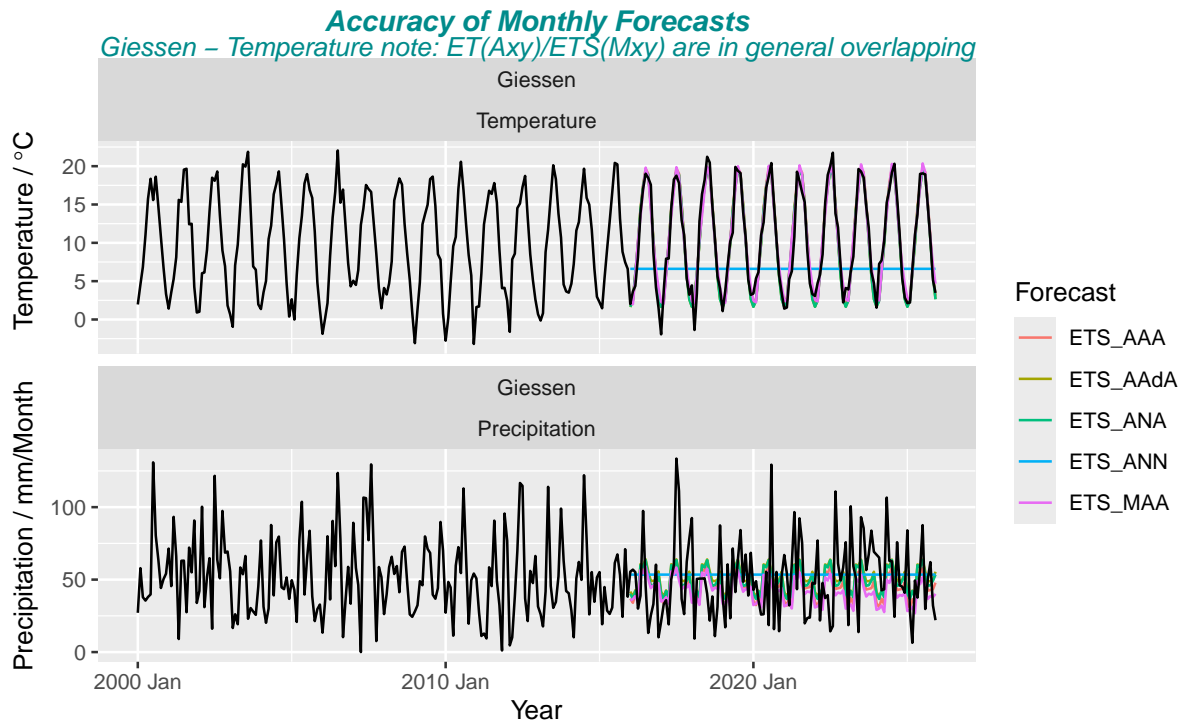


2.1.4 Forecast Accuracy with Training/Test Data

```

#> # A tibble: 10 x 7
#>   .model City Measure .type ME RMSE MAE
#>   <chr>   <chr>   <fct>   <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 ETS_AAA Giessen Temperature Test -0.0953 1.47 1.12
#> 2 ETS_AAdA Giessen Temperature Test 0.196 1.49 1.14
#> 3 ETS_ANA Giessen Temperature Test 0.206 1.50 1.14
#> 4 ETS_MAA Giessen Temperature Test -0.0963 1.63 1.30
#> 5 ETS_ANN Giessen Temperature Test 3.89 7.47 6.07
#> 6 ETS_AAdA Giessen Precipitation Test 0.454 26.0 21.0
#> 7 ETS_ANA Giessen Precipitation Test 1.88 26.1 21.0
#> 8 ETS_ANN Giessen Precipitation Test -2.70 26.6 21.2
#> 9 ETS_AAA Giessen Precipitation Test 5.29 26.8 21.5
#> 10 ETS_MAA Giessen Precipitation Test 8.75 27.8 22.1

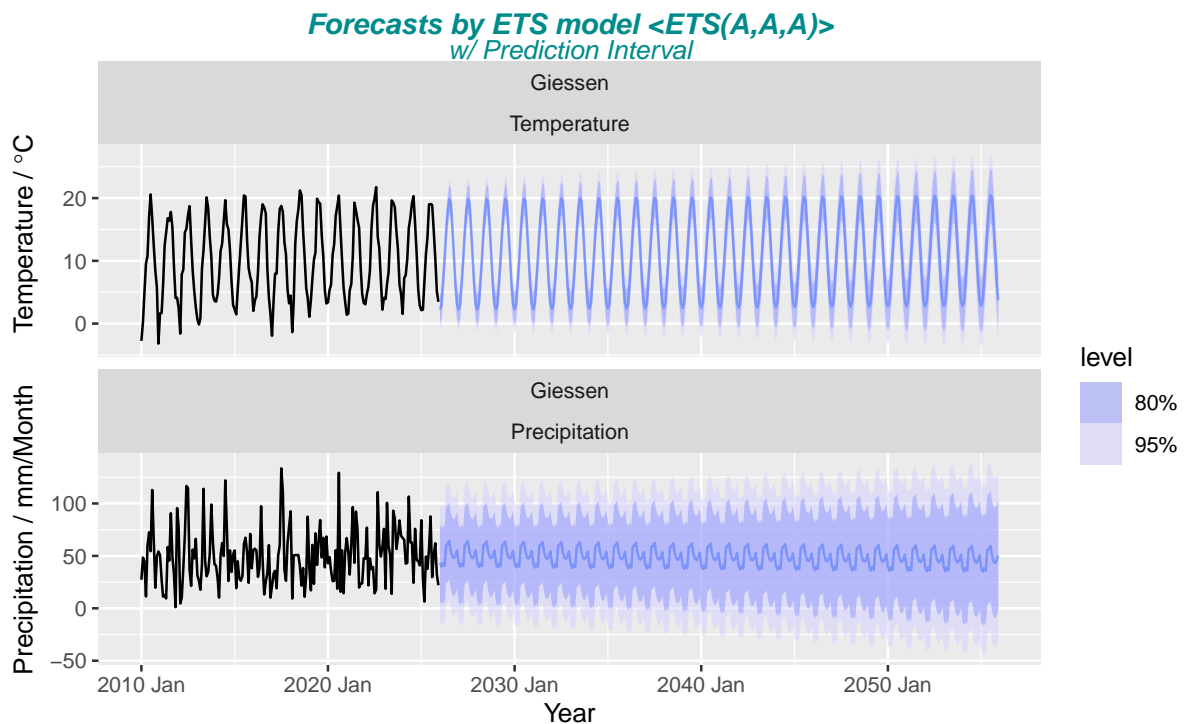
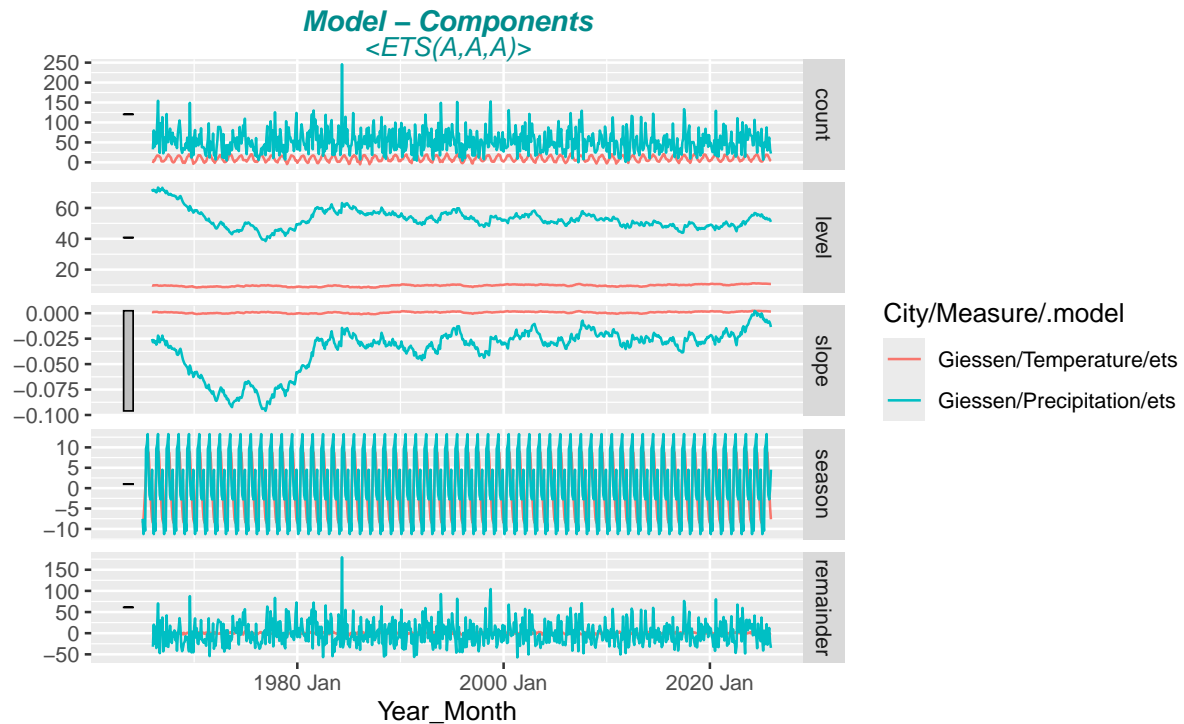
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2.2 Forecasting with selected ETS model <ETS(A,A,A)>, <ETS(A,A,A)>

2.2.1 Forecast Plot of selected ETS model

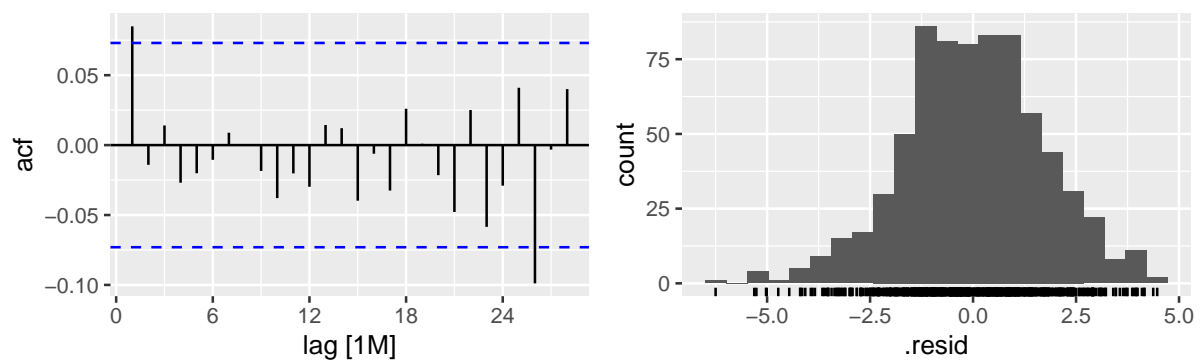
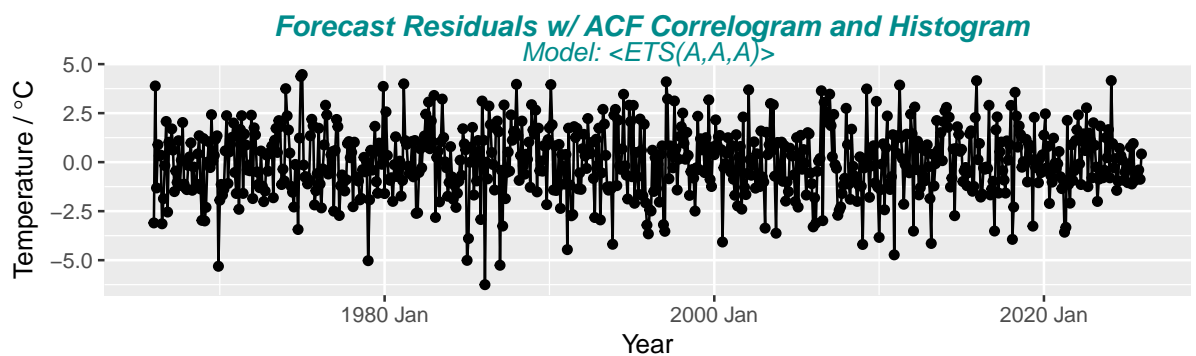
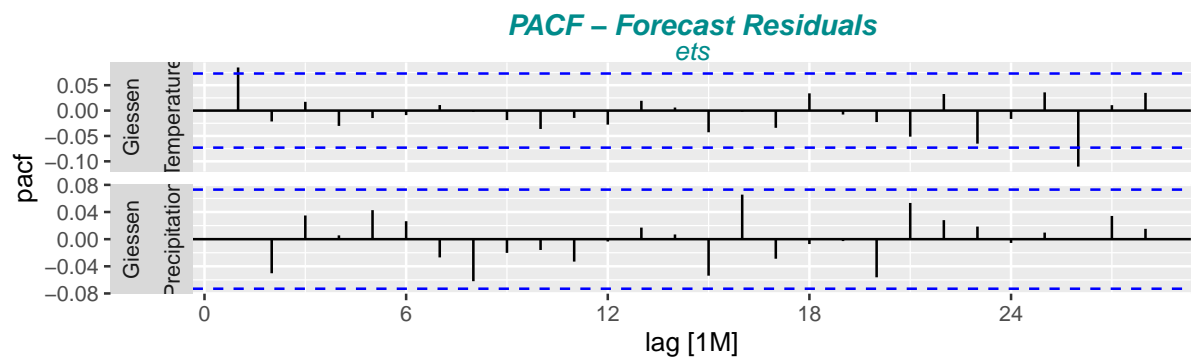
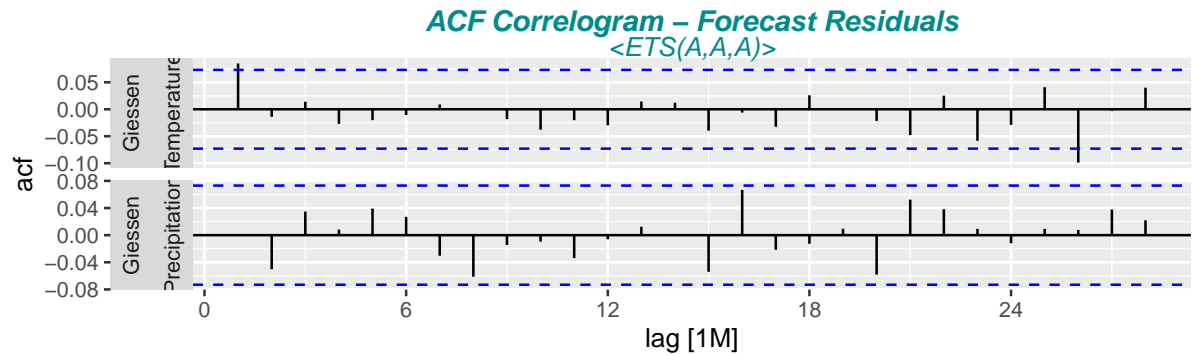
```
#> Provide model coefficients by report(fit_model)
#> # A tibble: 2 x 11
#>   City      Measure      .model sigma2 log_lik    AIC  AICc    BIC    MSE    AMSE    MAE
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>   <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperatu~ ets      2.98 -2754. 5541. 5542. 5619.  2.91  2.94  1.36
#> 2 Giessen Precipita~ ets      812. -4772. 9579. 9580. 9657.  794.  794.  21.9
```

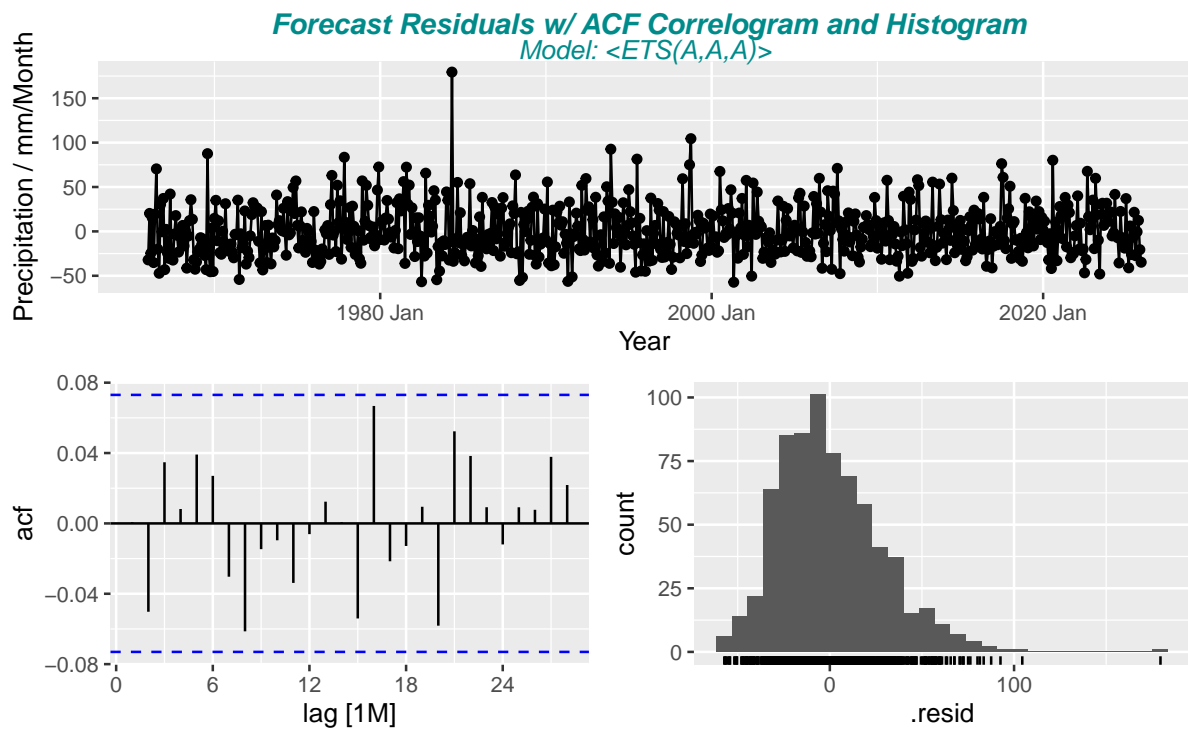


2.2.2 Residual Stationarity

Required checks to be ready for forecasting:

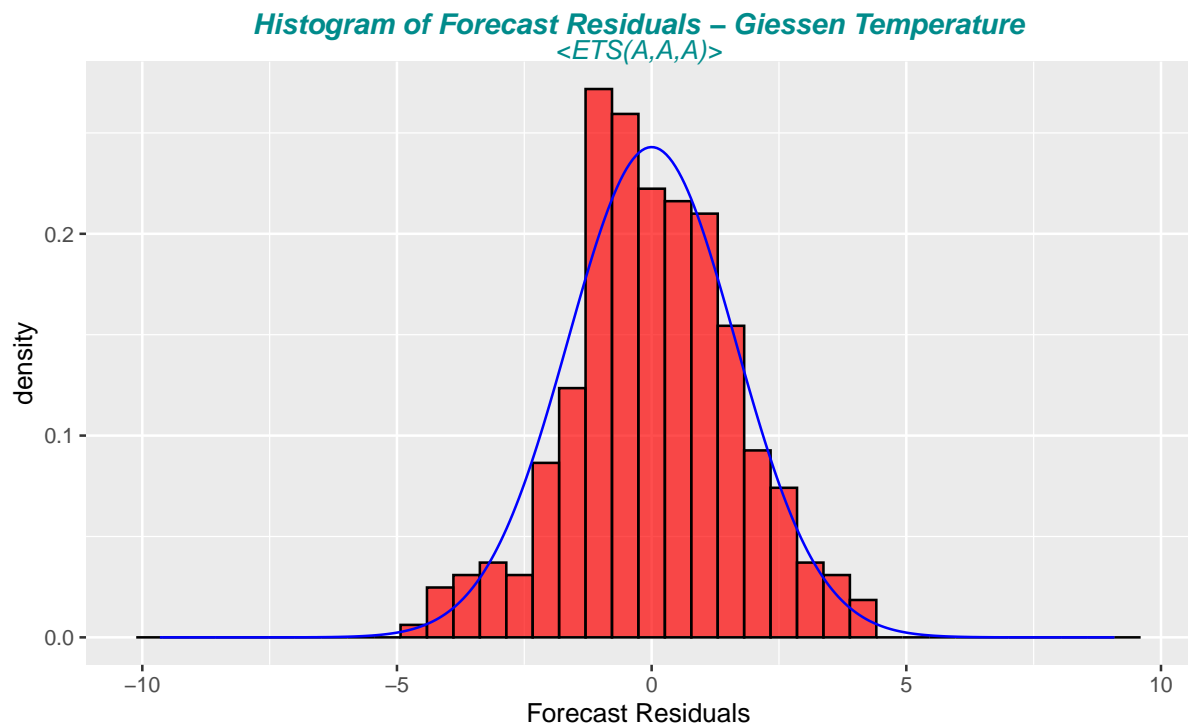
- ACF Forecast Residual: all spikes are within the significance limits, so the residuals appear to be white noise
- The Ljung-Box test also shows that the residuals have no remaining autocorrelations
- Forecast Residuals are more or less normally distributed with roughly centred on zero



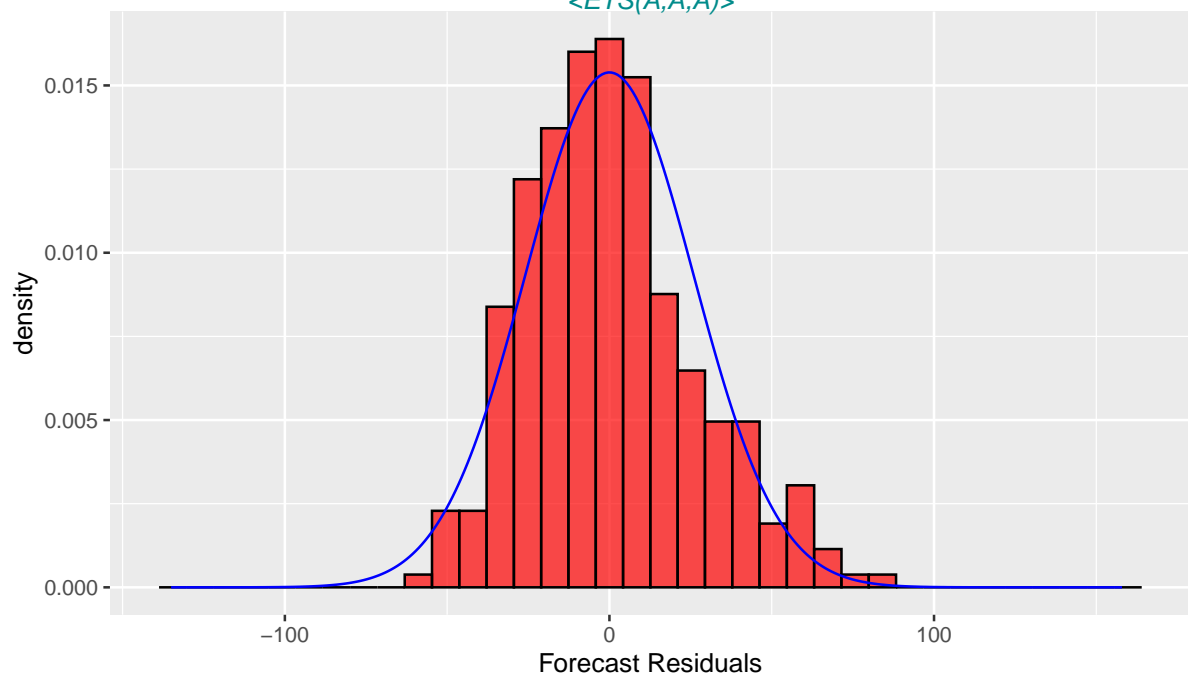


2.2.3 Ljung-Box Test and Histogram of forecast residuals with overlaid normal curve

```
#> Null Hypothesis of independence/white noise for residuals - for p < 0.05: reject H_0
#> # A tibble: 2 x 5
#>   City      Measure      .model lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>   <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature ets      23.6   0.482
#> 2 Giessen Precipitation ets      18.5   0.776
```



Histogram of Forecast Residuals – Giessen Precipitation
<ETS(A,A,A)>



3 ARIMA Forecasting Models - AutoRegressive-Integrated Moving Average

Exponential smoothing and ARIMA (AutoRegressive-Integrated Moving Average) models are the two most widely used approaches to time series forecasting, and provide complementary approaches to the problem.

While exponential smoothing models are based on a description of the trend and seasonality in the data, ARIMA models aim to describe the autocorrelations in the data.

3.1 Seasonal ARIMA models

Non-seasonal ARIMA models are generally denoted $ARIMA(p,d,q)$ where parameters p , d , and q are non-negative integers, * p is the order (number of time lags) of the autoregressive model * d is the degree of differencing (number of times the data have had past values subtracted) * q is the order of the moving-average model of past forecast errors .

The value of d has an effect on the prediction intervals — the higher the value of d , the more rapidly the prediction intervals increase in size. For $d=0$, the point forecasts are equal to the mean of the data and the long-term forecast standard deviation will go to the standard deviation of the historical data, so the prediction intervals will all be essentially the same.

Seasonal ARIMA models are usually denoted $ARIMA(p,d,q)(P,D,Q)m$, where m refers to the number of periods in each season, and the uppercase P,D,Q refer to the autoregressive, differencing, and moving average terms for the seasonal part of the ARIMA model.

ARIMA(pdq)(PDQ) model with automatically selected (pdq)(PDQ) values

Fit of different pre-defined *ARIMA(pdq)(PDQ)* models

```
#> Model Selection by Information Criterion - lowest AIC, AICc, BIC
#> choose p, q parameter accordingly - but only for same d, D values
#> # A tibble: 8 x 8
#>   City      Measure      .model      sigma2 log_lik    AIC    AICc    BIC
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>      <dbl>    <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature arima_111_011    2.93   -1408.  2825.  2825.  2843.
#> 2 Giessen Temperature arima_012_011    2.93   -1408.  2825.  2825.  2843.
#> 3 Giessen Temperature arima_211_011    2.93   -1408.  2827.  2827.  2849.
#> 4 Giessen Temperature arima_111_012    2.93   -1408.  2827.  2827.  2849.
#> 5 Giessen Temperature arima_012_112    2.94   -1408.  2829.  2829.  2856.
#> 6 Giessen Temperature arima_100_210    3.96   -1493.  2994.  2994.  3013.
#> 7 Giessen Temperature arima_200_011    4.34   -1524.  3056.  3056.  3074.
#> 8 Giessen Temperature arima_100_110_c  4.34   -1524.  3058.  3058.  3081.
#> # A tibble: 8 x 8
#>   City      Measure      .model      sigma2 log_lik    AIC    AICc    BIC
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>      <dbl>    <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>  <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Precipitation arima_012_011    803.   -3393.  6795.  6795.  6813.
#> 2 Giessen Precipitation arima_111_011    803.   -3393.  6795.  6795.  6813.
#> 3 Giessen Precipitation arima_211_011    803.   -3393.  6796.  6796.  6818.
#> 4 Giessen Precipitation arima_111_012    804.   -3393.  6797.  6797.  6820.
#> 5 Giessen Precipitation arima_012_112    805.   -3393.  6799.  6799.  6826.
#> 6 Giessen Precipitation arima_001_002    839.   -3443.  6897.  6897.  6920.
#> 7 Giessen Precipitation arima_100_210   1042.   -3465.  6939.  6939.  6957.
#> 8 Giessen Precipitation arima_200_011   1177.   -3508.  7023.  7023.  7042.
```

Good models are obtained by minimising the AIC, AICc or BIC (see `glance(fit_arima)` output). The preference is to use the AICc to select p and q .

These information criteria tend not to be good guides to selecting the appropriate order of differencing (d) of a model, but only for selecting the values of p and q . This is because the differencing changes the data on which the likelihood is computed, making the AIC values between models with different orders of differencing not comparable.

3.1.1 Residual Accuracy with one-step-ahead fitted residuals - check RMSE, MAE

Residual accuracy can be computed directly from models as the one-step-ahead fitted residuals are available. Select forecast models that minimises for lowest

- MAE (Mean absolute error, will lead to forecasts of the median) and
- RMSE (Root mean squared error, lead to forecasts of the mean)

```
#> # A tibble: 8 x 7
#>   City      Measure      .model      .type      ME    RMSE    MAE
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>      <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature arima_211_011 Training 0.0505    1.69  1.32
#> 2 Giessen Temperature arima_111_011 Training 0.0499    1.69  1.32
#> 3 Giessen Temperature arima_111_012 Training 0.0499    1.69  1.32
#> 4 Giessen Temperature arima_012_011 Training 0.0489    1.69  1.32
#> 5 Giessen Temperature arima_012_112 Training 0.0489    1.69  1.32
#> 6 Giessen Temperature arima_100_210 Training 0.0384    1.97  1.54
#> 7 Giessen Temperature arima_100_110_c Training 0.000972  2.06  1.60
#> 8 Giessen Temperature arima_200_110_c Training 0.000972  2.06  1.60
#> # A tibble: 8 x 7
#>   City      Measure      .model      .type      ME    RMSE    MAE
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>      <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Precipitation arima_211_011 Training  1.57    28.0  21.5
#> 2 Giessen Precipitation arima_012_112 Training  1.54    28.0  21.5
#> 3 Giessen Precipitation arima_012_011 Training  1.53    28.0  21.5
#> 4 Giessen Precipitation arima_111_011 Training  1.54    28.0  21.5
#> 5 Giessen Precipitation arima_111_012 Training  1.53    28.0  21.5
#> 6 Giessen Precipitation arima_001_002 Training -0.0274  28.9  22.4
#> 7 Giessen Precipitation arima_100_210 Training -0.628   31.9  25.1
#> 8 Giessen Precipitation arima_100_110_c Training -0.0882  33.9  26.5
```

3.1.2 Ljung-Box Test - independence/white noise of the forecasts residuals

#> Null Hypothesis of independence/white noise for residuals - for p < 0.05: reject H₀

```
#> # A tibble: 8 x 5
#>   City      Measure      .model      lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>      <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature arima_211_011    12.5 9.25e- 1
#> 2 Giessen Temperature arima_111_011    12.5 9.24e- 1
#> 3 Giessen Temperature arima_111_012    12.5 9.24e- 1
#> 4 Giessen Temperature arima_012_112    12.6 9.22e- 1
#> 5 Giessen Temperature arima_012_011    12.6 9.22e- 1
#> 6 Giessen Temperature arima_100_210    36.5 1.93e- 2
#> 7 Giessen Temperature arima_200_011    97.2 8.93e-12
#> 8 Giessen Temperature arima_100_110_c    97.3 8.76e-12
#> # A tibble: 8 x 5
#>   City      Measure      .model      lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>      <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Precipitation arima_211_011    19.8 5.31e- 1
#> 2 Giessen Precipitation arima_111_012    21.0 4.59e- 1
#> 3 Giessen Precipitation arima_012_112    21.2 4.50e- 1
#> 4 Giessen Precipitation arima_111_011    21.2 4.48e- 1
#> 5 Giessen Precipitation arima_012_011    21.2 4.47e- 1
#> 6 Giessen Precipitation arima_001_002    22.5 3.72e- 1
#> 7 Giessen Precipitation arima_100_210    47.0 9.42e- 4
#> 8 Giessen Precipitation arima_100_110_c   116. 4.55e-15
```

3.1.3 Forecast Accuracy with Training/Test Data

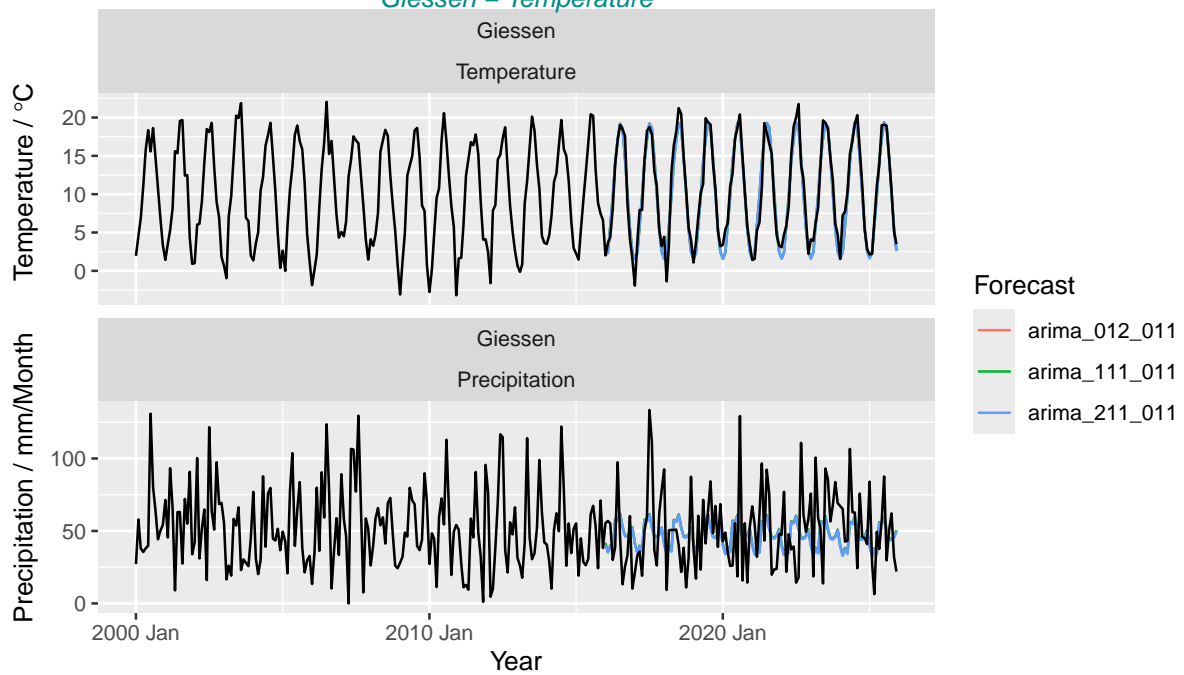
```
#> # A tibble: 6 x 7
```

```

#>   .model      City Measure   .type    ME  RMSE  MAE
#>   <chr>      <chr>  <fct>    <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 arima_012_011 Giessen Temperature Test  0.289  1.50  1.14
#> 2 arima_111_011 Giessen Temperature Test  0.337  1.51  1.15
#> 3 arima_211_011 Giessen Temperature Test  0.378  1.52  1.15
#> 4 arima_012_011 Giessen Precipitation Test  3.66 26.2 21.0
#> 5 arima_111_011 Giessen Precipitation Test  3.66 26.2 21.0
#> 6 arima_211_011 Giessen Precipitation Test  4.24 26.3 21.1

```

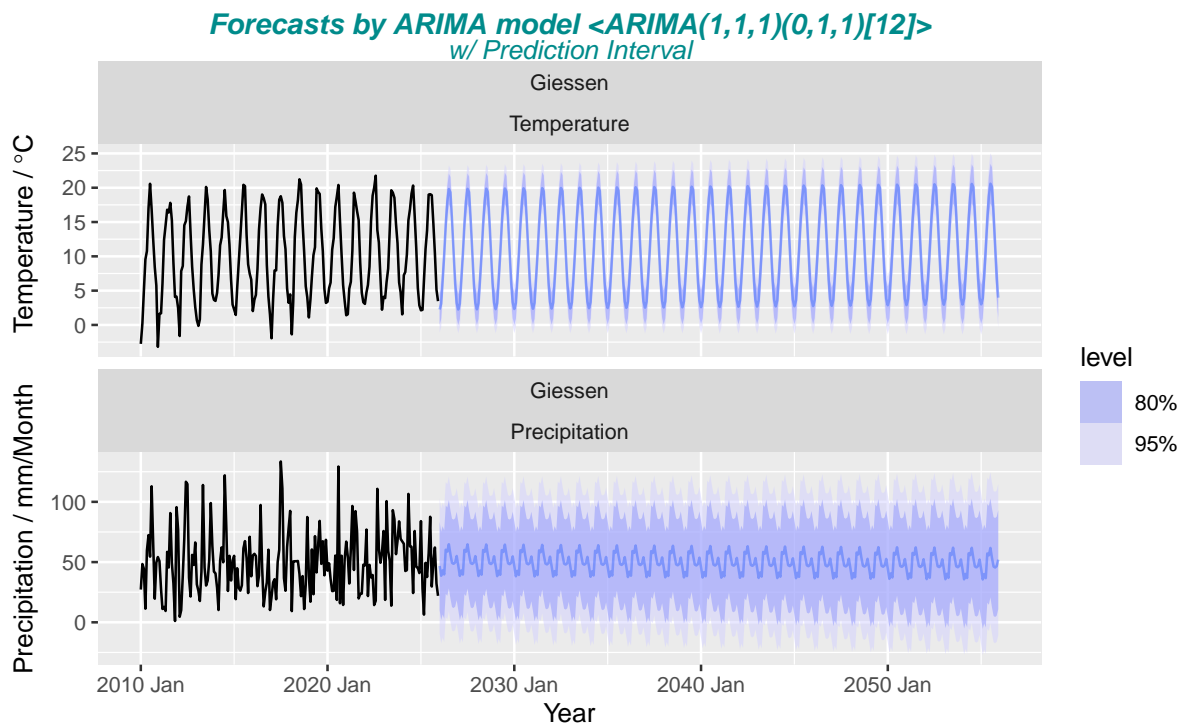
Accuracy of Monthly Forecasts w/ Training and Test data Giessen – Temperature



3.2 Temperature, Precipitation - Forecasting with selected ARIMA model <ARIMA(1,1,1)(0,1,1)[12]>, <ARIMA(1,1,1)(0,1,1)[12]>

3.2.1 Forecast Plot of selected ARIMA model

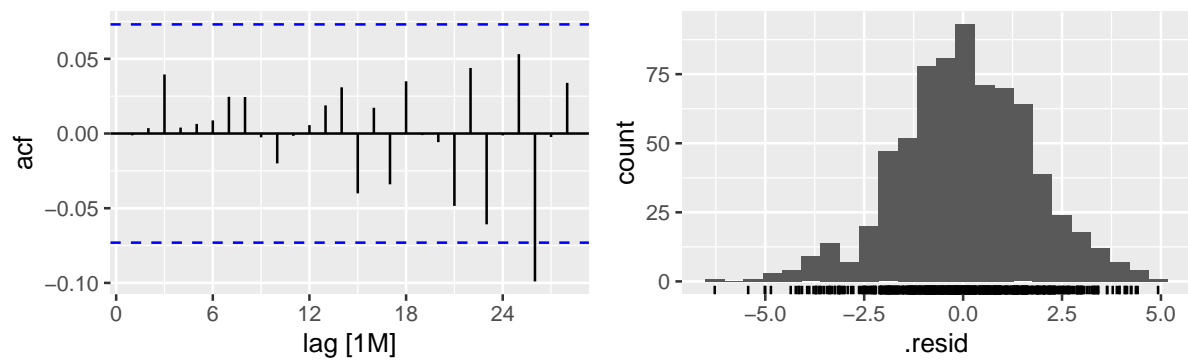
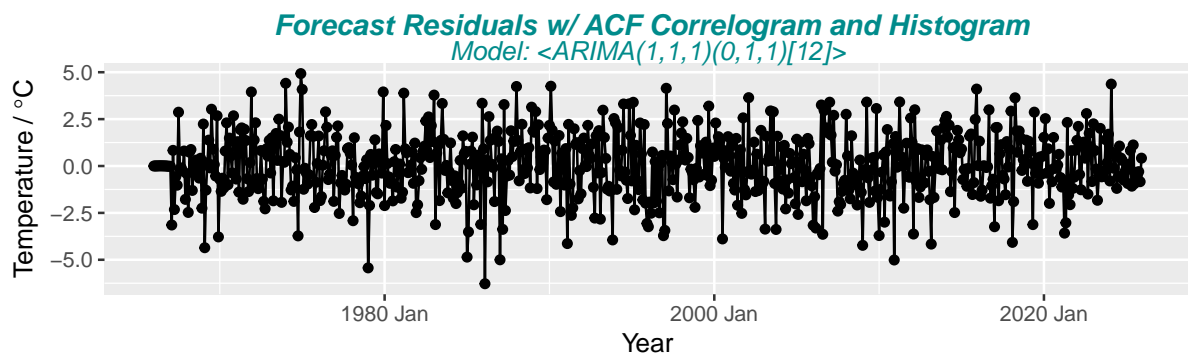
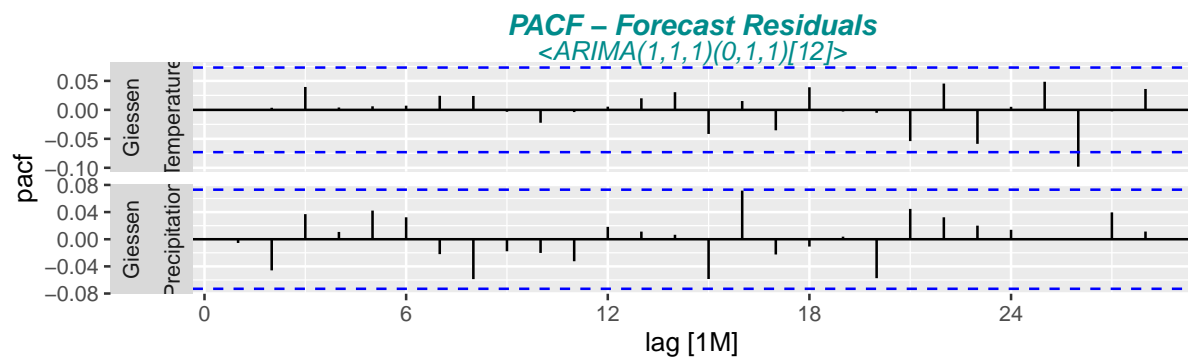
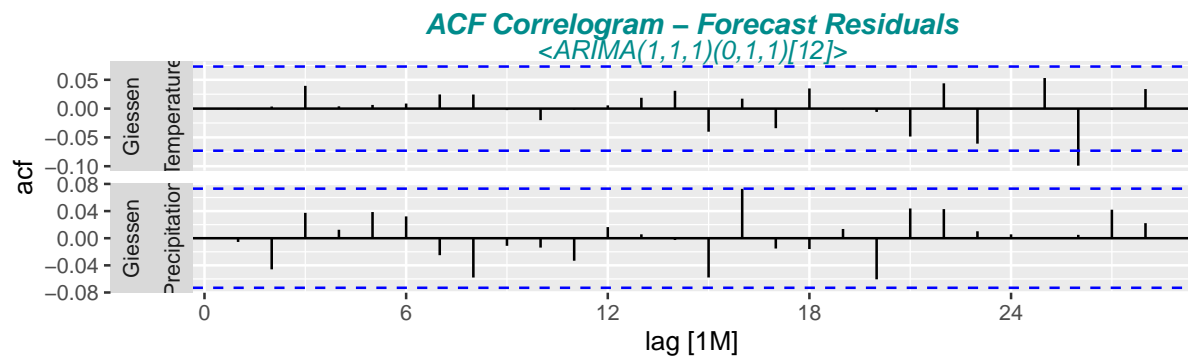
```
#> Provide model coefficients by report(fit_model)
#> # A tibble: 2 x 10
#>   City      Measure      .model sigma2 log_lik   AIC   AICc   BIC ar_roots ma_roots
#>   <chr>    <fct>        <chr>   <dbl>   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <list>  <list>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature  arima    2.93 -1408. 2825. 2825. 2843. <cpl>    <cpl>
#> 2 Giessen Precipitati~ arima    803.  -3393. 6795. 6795. 6813. <cpl>    <cpl>
```

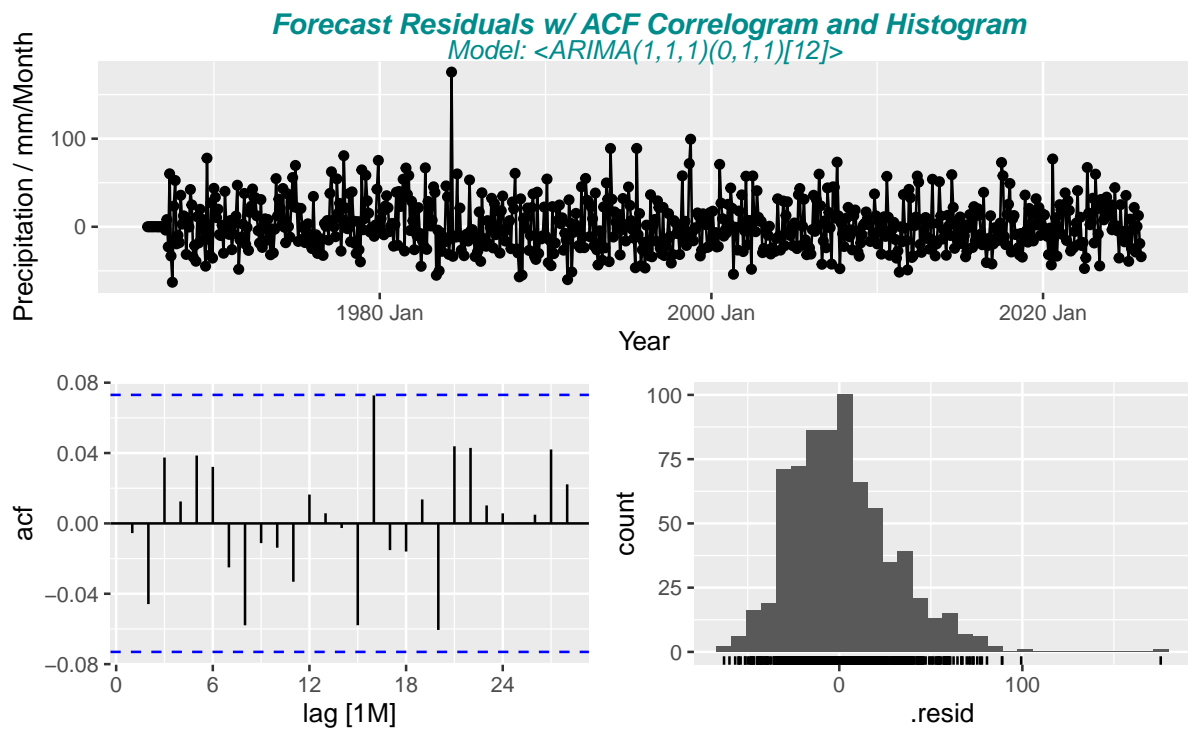


3.2.2 Residual Stationarity

Required checks to be ready for forecasting:

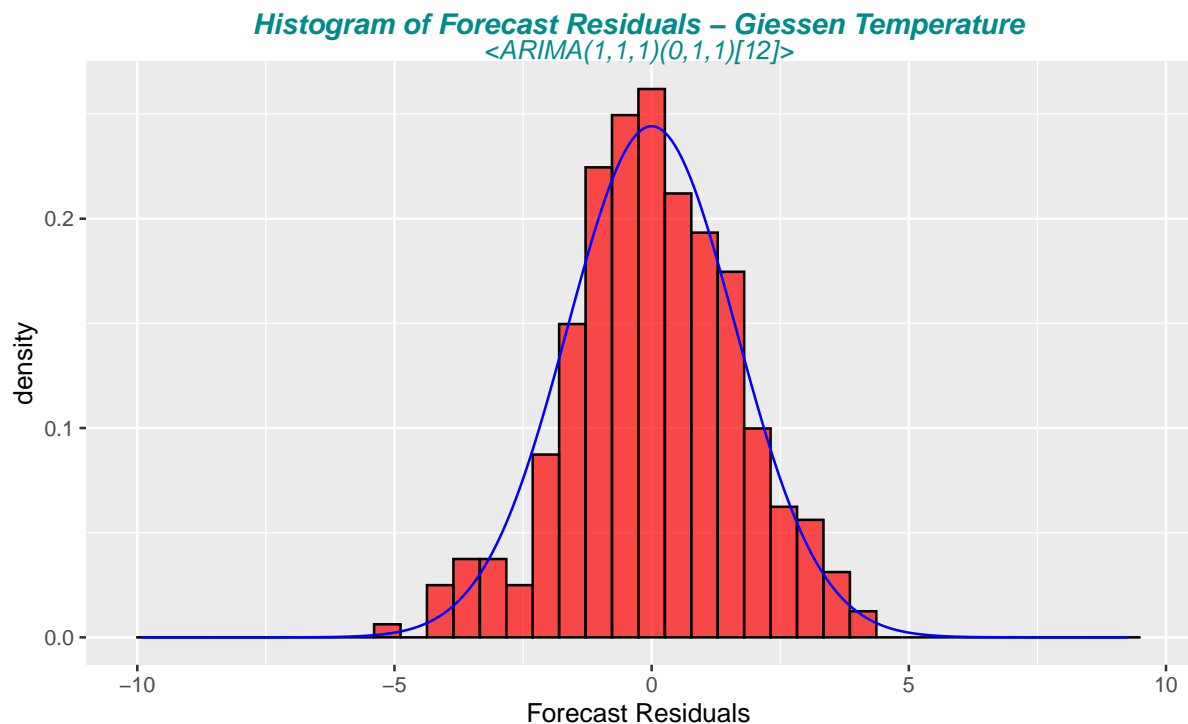
- ACF Forecast Residual: all spikes are within the significance limits, so the residuals appear to be white noise
- The Ljung-Box test also shows that the residuals have no remaining autocorrelations
- Forecast Residuals are more or less normally distributed with roughly centred on zero



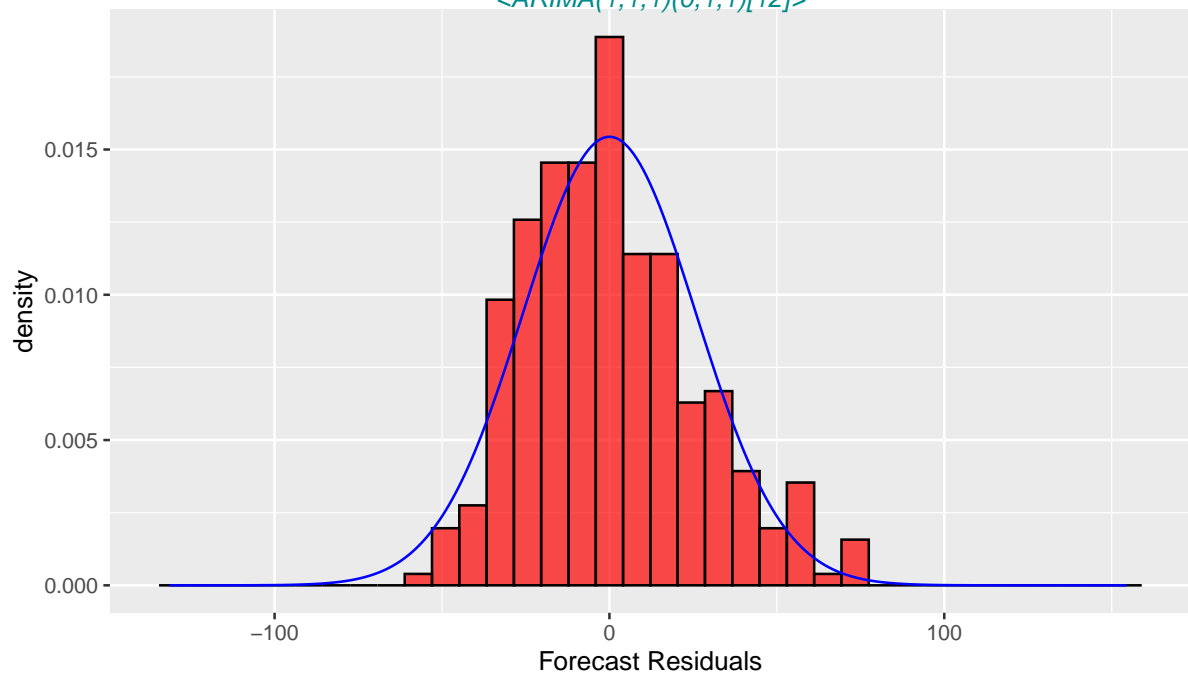


3.2.3 Ljung-Box Test and Histogram of forecast residuals with overlaid normal curve

```
#> Null Hypothesis of independence/white noise for residuals - for p < 0.05: reject H_0
#> # A tibble: 2 x 5
#>   City      Measure      .model lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>   <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature arima     19.1    0.582
#> 2 Giessen Precipitation arima     17.9    0.653
```



Histogram of Forecast Residuals – Giessen Precipitation
<ARIMA(1,1,1)(0,1,1)[12]>



4 ARIMA vs ETS

In particular, all ETS models are non-stationary, while some ARIMA models are stationary.

The ETS models with seasonality or non-damped trend or both have two unit roots (i.e., they need two levels of differencing to make them stationary). All other ETS models have one unit root (they need one level of differencing to make them stationary).

We compare for the chosen ETS resp. ARIMA model the RMSE / MAE values. Lower values indicate a more accurate model based on the test set RMSE, ..., MASE.

- Residual Accuracy with one-step-ahead fitted residuals
- Forecast Accuracy with Training/Test Data

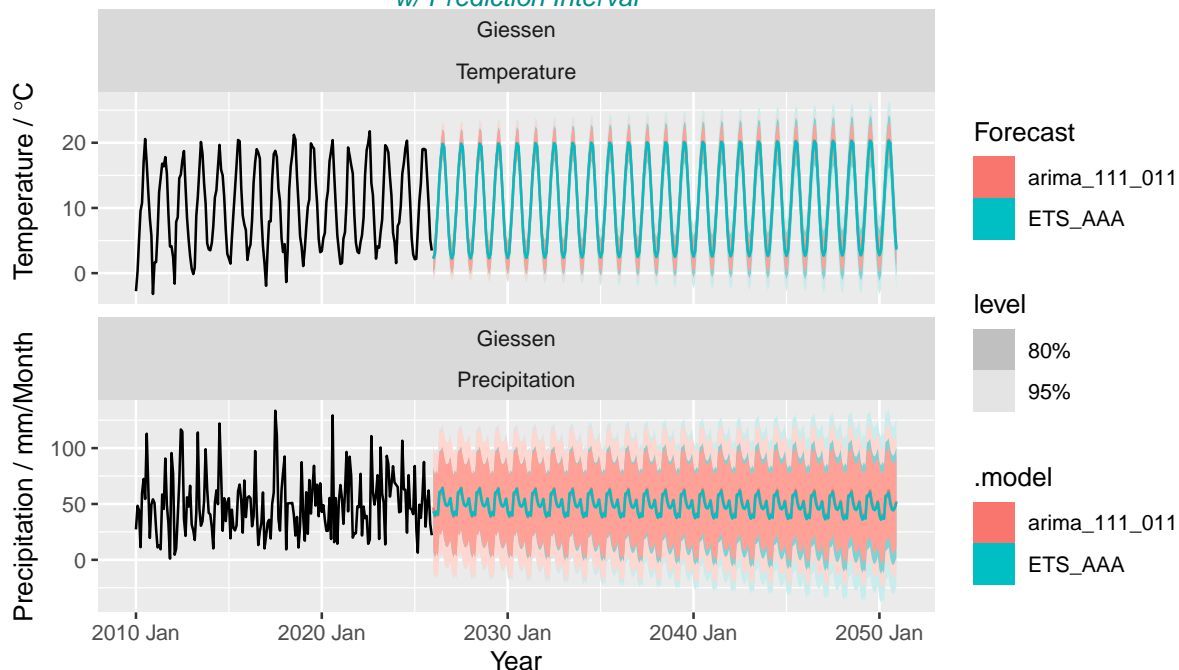
Note: a good fit to training data is never an indication that the model will forecast well. Therefore the values of the Forecast Accuracy are the more relevant one.

4.0.1 Comparing Residual and Forecast Accuracy of selected ETS and ARIMA model

```
#> # A tibble: 8 x 9
#>   City      Measure      .model      .type      RMSE      MAE      MAPE      MASE      RMSSE
#>   <chr>    <fct>      <chr>      <chr>      <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature ETS_AAA      Test        1.47     1.12     20.2     0.597  0.606
#> 2 Giessen Temperature arima_111_011 Test        1.51     1.15     19.5     0.610  0.622
#> 3 Giessen Temperature arima        Training    1.69     1.32     78.0     0.708  0.704
#> 4 Giessen Temperature ets          Training    1.71     1.36     74.3     0.728  0.710
#> 5 Giessen Precipitation arima_111_011 Test       26.2    21.0     62.3     0.679  0.665
#> 6 Giessen Precipitation ETS_AAA      Test       26.8    21.5     61.4     0.694  0.679
#> 7 Giessen Precipitation arima        Training   28.0    21.5     Inf       0.698  0.712
#> 8 Giessen Precipitation ets          Training   28.2    21.9     Inf       0.712  0.716
```

4.0.2 Forecast Plot of selected ETS and ARIMA model

Forecasts by ETS <ETS(A,A,A)> and ARIMA model <ARIMA(1,1,1)(0,1,1)[12]>
w/ Prediction Interval



Forecasts by ETS $\langle ETS(A,A,A) \rangle$ and ARIMA model $\langle ARIMA(1,1,1)(0,1,1)[12] \rangle$
w/ Prediction Interval

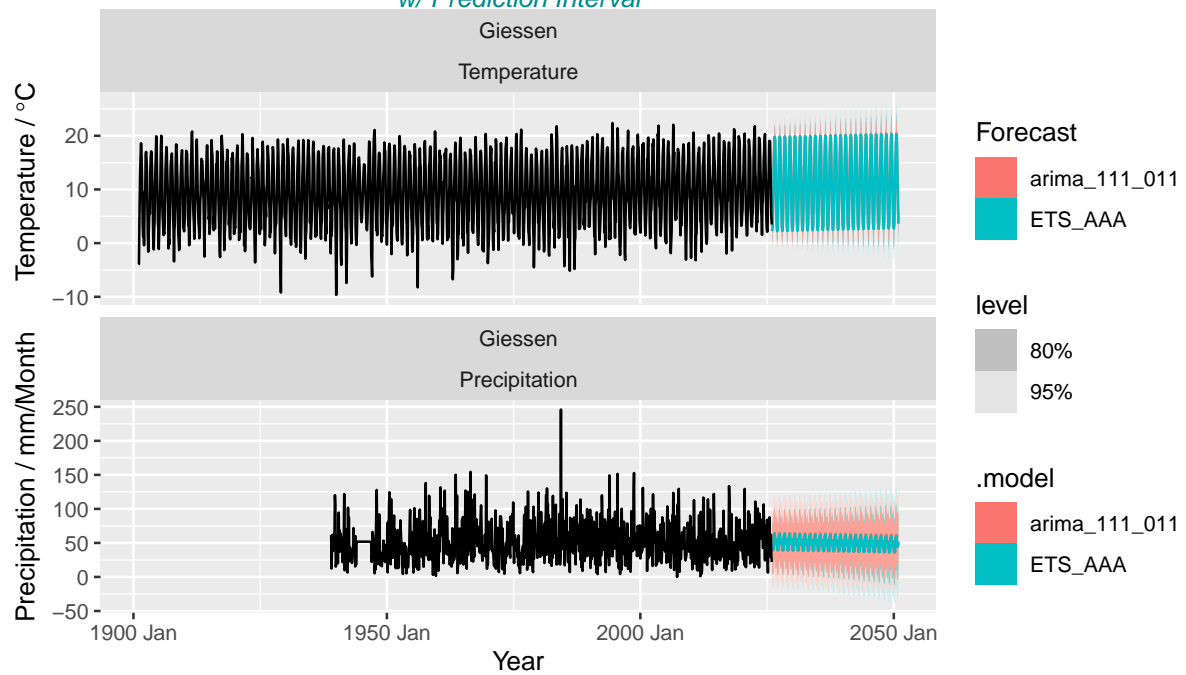


Table 1: Mean values for the given time periods; Units: Temperature (degree C), Precipitation (mm/Month), CO2 (ppm)

Period_Time	Temperature	Precipitation
1901-1930	8.9	NA
1931-1960	9.0	48.0
1961-1990	9.1	54.4
1991-2020	9.9	51.8
2021-2025	10.6	53.7

Table 2: Mean Yearly ARIMA and ETS Forecast values (next 25 years); Units: Temperature (degree C), Precipitation (mm/Month), CO2 (ppm)

City	Measure	Year	ETS_AAA	arima_111_011
Giessen	Temperature	2026	10.73	10.76
Giessen	Temperature	2030	10.81	10.87
Giessen	Temperature	2035	10.92	11.00
Giessen	Temperature	2040	11.02	11.13
Giessen	Temperature	2045	11.13	11.27
Giessen	Temperature	2050	11.23	11.40
Giessen	Precipitation	2026	50.88	50.92
Giessen	Precipitation	2030	50.23	50.53
Giessen	Precipitation	2035	49.42	50.00
Giessen	Precipitation	2040	48.60	49.47
Giessen	Precipitation	2045	47.79	48.94
Giessen	Precipitation	2050	46.98	48.41

Table 3: Forecast increase/decrease over the next 25 years; Units: Temperature (degree C), Precipitation (mm/Month), CO2 (ppm)

Measure	Year.x	Year.y	ETS.x	ARIMA.x	ETS.y	ARIMA.y	Delta_ETs	Delta_ARIMA
Temperature	2026	2050	10.73	10.76	11.23	11.40	0.51	0.64
Precipitation	2026	2050	50.88	50.92	46.98	48.41	-3.90	-2.51

Table 4: Forecast increase/decrease over the next 25 years; Units: Temperature (degree C), Precipitation (mm/Month), CO2 (ppm)

Measure	Month	Year.x	Year.y	ETS.x	ARIMA.x	ETS.y	ARIMA.y	Delta_ETs	Delta_ARIMA
Temperature	Jan	2026	2050	2.22	2.26	2.73	2.86	0.51	0.61
Temperature	Feb	2026	2050	3.03	3.10	3.54	3.74	0.51	0.64
Temperature	Mrz	2026	2050	6.41	6.47	6.92	7.12	0.51	0.64
Temperature	Apr	2026	2050	10.15	10.22	10.65	10.86	0.51	0.64
Temperature	Mai	2026	2050	14.66	14.66	15.17	15.31	0.51	0.64
Temperature	Jun	2026	2050	17.93	17.98	18.44	18.62	0.51	0.64
Temperature	Jul	2026	2050	19.82	19.81	20.32	20.45	0.51	0.64
Temperature	Aug	2026	2050	19.37	19.33	19.87	19.97	0.51	0.64
Temperature	Sep	2026	2050	15.26	15.29	15.76	15.93	0.51	0.64
Temperature	Okt	2026	2050	10.80	10.80	11.30	11.45	0.51	0.64
Temperature	Nov	2026	2050	6.00	6.02	6.51	6.67	0.51	0.64
Temperature	Dez	2026	2050	3.10	3.20	3.61	3.84	0.51	0.64
Precipitation	Jan	2026	2050	43.46	46.76	39.56	44.56	-3.90	-2.20

Measure	Month	Year.x	Year.y	ETS.x	ARIMA.x	ETS.y	ARIMA.y	Delta_ETS	Delta_ARIMA
Precipitation	Feb	2026	2050	39.66	38.62	35.76	36.08	-3.90	-2.54
Precipitation	Mrz	2026	2050	43.14	43.16	39.24	40.61	-3.90	-2.54
Precipitation	Apr	2026	2050	40.47	39.74	36.57	37.19	-3.90	-2.54
Precipitation	Mai	2026	2050	60.59	60.25	56.69	57.71	-3.90	-2.54
Precipitation	Jun	2026	2050	61.65	58.70	57.75	56.15	-3.90	-2.54
Precipitation	Jul	2026	2050	64.14	64.83	60.24	62.29	-3.90	-2.54
Precipitation	Aug	2026	2050	54.40	56.36	50.50	53.81	-3.90	-2.54
Precipitation	Sep	2026	2050	49.15	49.33	45.25	46.79	-3.90	-2.54
Precipitation	Okt	2026	2050	48.06	48.58	44.15	46.03	-3.90	-2.54
Precipitation	Nov	2026	2050	50.51	49.69	46.61	47.15	-3.90	-2.54
Precipitation	Dez	2026	2050	55.32	55.07	51.42	52.53	-3.90	-2.54

5 Yearly Data Forecasts with ARIMA and ETS

For yearly data the seasonal monthly data are replaced by the yearly average data. Therefore the seasonal component of the ETS and ARIMA model are to be taken out.

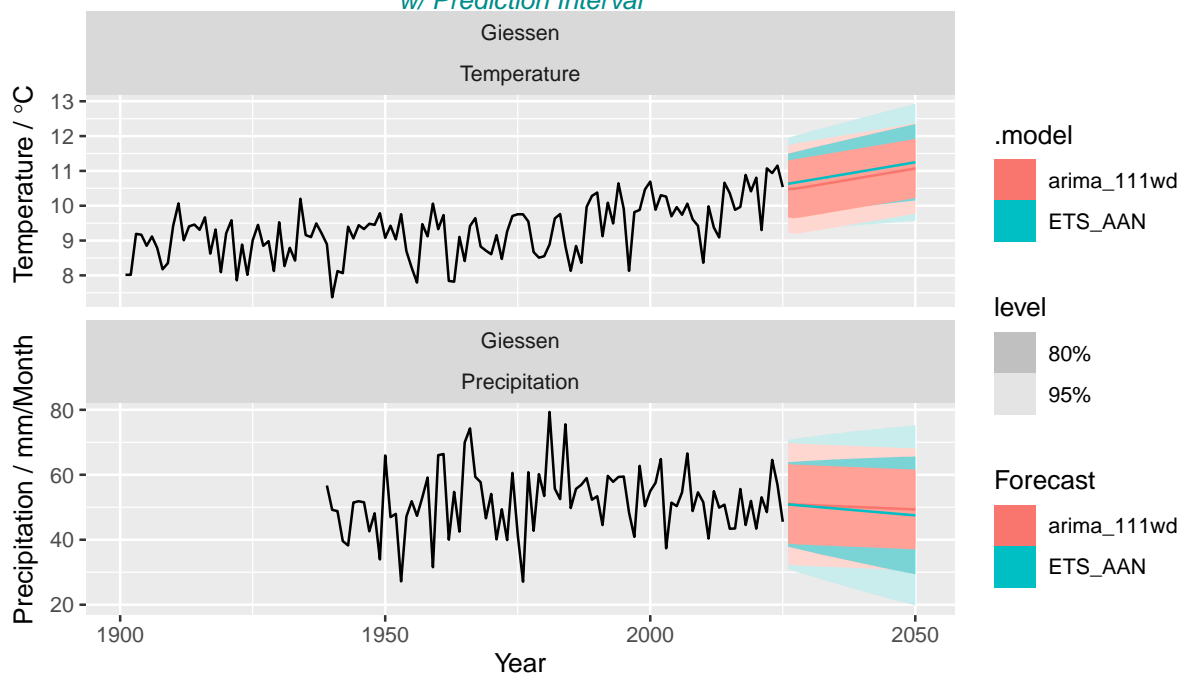
The ETS model $\langle ETS(A, A, N) \rangle$ with seasonal term change “A” -> “N” is chosen. For ARIMA models the seasonal term (P,D,Q)_m has to be taken out and an optimal ARIMA(p,1,q) with one differencing (d=1) is selected. However, for Mauna Loa two times differencing had to be selected $\$CO_2 \langle ARIMA(0,2,1) \text{ w/ poly} \rangle$. For Temperature and Precipitation the same model as for monthly data can be taken by leaving out the seasonal term $\langle ARIMA(0,1,2) \text{ w/ drift} \rangle$.

5.0.1 Comparing Residual and Forecast Accuracy of selected ETS and ARIMA model

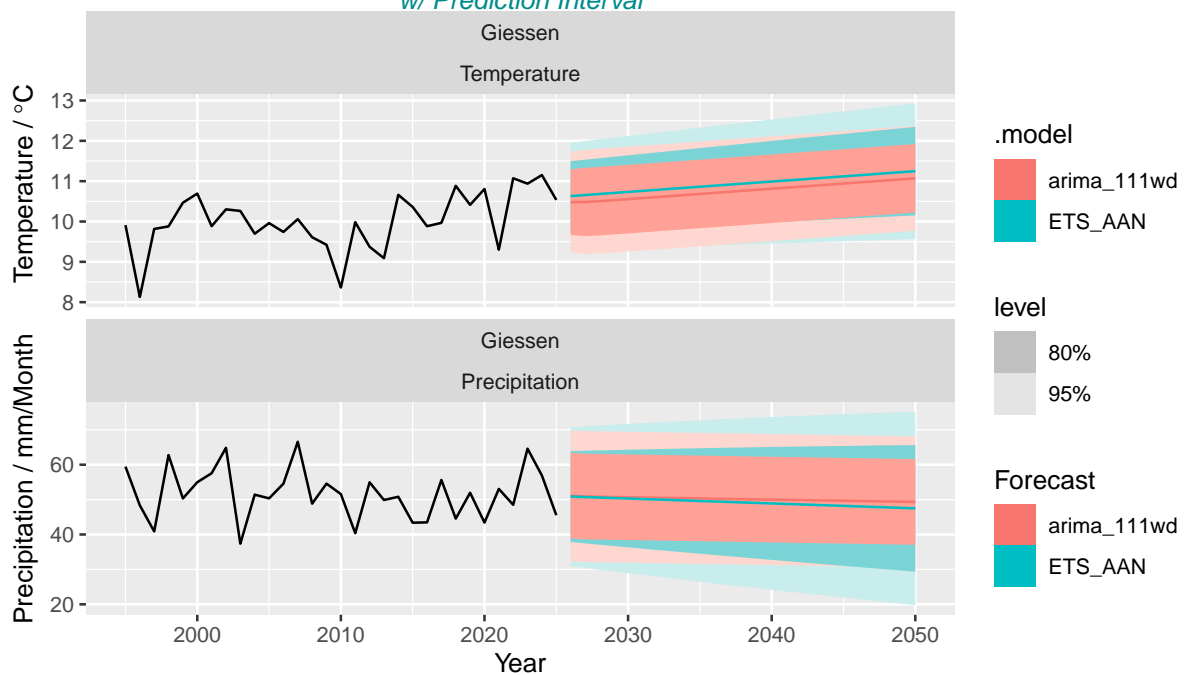
5.0.2 Forecast Plot of selected ETS and ARIMA model

```
#> selected: ETS_AAN and arima_111 w/ drift
```

arly Forecasts by ETS $\langle ETS(A,A,N) \rangle$ and ARIMA model $\langle ARIMA(1,1,1) \text{ w/ drift} \rangle$
w/ Prediction Interval



Early Forecasts by ETS <ETS(A,A,N)> and ARIMA model <ARIMA(1,1,1) w/ drift> w/ Prediction Interval



```
#> # A tibble: 4 x 13
#>   City      Measure .model sigma2 log_lik AIC AICc BIC MSE AMSE MAE
#>   <chr>   <fct>   <chr>   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Tempera~ arima~ 0.397 -56.7 121. 122. 130. NA NA NA
#> 2 Giessen Tempera~ ETS_A~ 0.456 -97.2 204. 205. 215. 0.425 0.461 0.539
#> 3 Giessen Precipi~ arima~ 90.1 -217. 442. 443. 450. NA NA NA
#> 4 Giessen Precipi~ ETS_A~ 103. -260. 530. 531. 540. 96.1 99.8 7.60
#> # i 2 more variables: ar_roots <list>, ma_roots <list>
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Ljung-Box Test - independence/white noise of the forecasts residuals

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#> # A tibble: 2 x 5
#>   City      Measure .model lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>   <fct>   <chr>   <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature ETS_AAN 21.5 0.608
#> 2 Giessen Precipitation ETS_AAN 19.1 0.745
#> # A tibble: 2 x 5
#>   City      Measure .model lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>   <fct>   <chr>   <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Giessen Temperature arima_111wd 17.9 0.658
#> 2 Giessen Precipitation arima_111wd 21.4 0.437
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Table 5: Mean Yearly ARIMA and ETS Forecast values of mean yearly data (next 25 years); Units: Temperature (degree C), Precipitation (mm/Month), CO2 (ppm)

City	Measure	Year	ETS_AAN	arima_111wd
Giessen	Temperature	2026	10.63	10.48
Giessen	Temperature	2030	10.73	10.55
Giessen	Temperature	2035	10.86	10.68
Giessen	Temperature	2040	10.99	10.81
Giessen	Temperature	2045	11.12	10.94
Giessen	Temperature	2050	11.25	11.07
Giessen	Precipitation	2026	50.87	51.11
Giessen	Precipitation	2030	50.31	50.68
Giessen	Precipitation	2035	49.60	50.34
Giessen	Precipitation	2040	48.90	50.00
Giessen	Precipitation	2045	48.20	49.66
Giessen	Precipitation	2050	47.49	49.33

Table 6: Forecast increase/decrease over the next 25 years; Units: Temperature (degree C), Precipitation (mm/Month), CO2 (ppm)

Measure	Year.x	Year.y	ETS.x	ARIMA.x	ETS.y	ARIMA.y	Delta_ETs	Delta_ARIMA
Temperature	2026	2050	10.63	10.48	11.25	11.07	0.62	0.59
Precipitation	2026	2050	50.87	51.11	47.49	49.33	-3.37	-1.78