

# Climate Data Forecasting - Atmospheric $CO_2$ Concentration / Temperature / Precipitation

Wolfgang Vollmer

2025-01-03

## Contents

<b>1</b>	<b>Forecasting of Mauna Loa - Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide Analysis</b>	<b>2</b>
1.1	Stationarity and differencing . . . . .	2
1.1.1	Ljung-Box Test - independence/white noise of the time series . . . . .	3
1.1.2	Unitroot KPSS Test - fix number of seasonal differences/differences required . . .	3
1.1.3	ACF Plots of Differences . . . . .	4
1.1.4	Time Series, ACF and PACF Plots of Differences - for ARIMA p, q check . . . . .	5
<b>2</b>	<b>ExponenTial Smoothing (ETS) Forecasting Models</b>	<b>6</b>
2.1	ETS Models and their componentes . . . . .	7
2.1.1	Residual Accuracy with one-step-ahead fitted residuals - check RMSE, MAE . . .	8
2.1.2	Ljung-Box Test - independence/white noise of the forecasts residuals . . . . .	9
2.1.3	ETS Models - components of ETS(A,N,A), ETS(A,A,A), ETS(A,Ad,A), models .	9
2.1.4	Forecast Accuracy with Training/Test Data . . . . .	9
2.2	Forecasting with selected ETS model <ETS(A,A,A)> . . . . .	10
2.2.1	Forecast Plot of selected ETS model . . . . .	10
2.2.2	Residual Stationarity . . . . .	11
2.2.3	Histogram of forecast residuals with overlaid normal curve . . . . .	12
<b>3</b>	<b>ARIMA Forecasting Models - AutoRegressive-Integrated Moving Average</b>	<b>13</b>
3.1	Seasonal ARIMA models . . . . .	13
3.1.1	Residual Accuracy with one-step-ahead fitted residuals - check RMSE, MAE . . .	15
3.1.2	Ljung-Box Test - independence/white noise of the forecasts residuals . . . . .	15
3.1.3	Forecast Accuracy with Training/Test Data . . . . .	15
3.2	CO2 - Forecasting with selected ARIMA model <ARIMA(1,1,1)(0,1,2)[12]> . . . . .	16
3.2.1	Forecast Plot of selected ARIMA model . . . . .	16
3.2.2	Residual Stationarity . . . . .	17
3.2.3	Histogram of forecast residuals with overlaid normal curve . . . . .	18

<b>4</b>	<b>ARIMA vs ETS</b>	<b>19</b>
4.0.1	Comparing Residual and Forecast Accuracy of selected ETS and ARIMA model . . . . .	19
4.0.2	Forecast Plot of selected ETS and ARIMA model . . . . .	19
4.0.3	Ljung-Box Test - independence/white noise of the forecasts residuals . . . . .	21
<b>5</b>	<b>Yearly Data Forecasts with ARIMA and ETS</b>	<b>21</b>
5.0.1	Comparing Residual and Forecast Accuracy of selected ETS and ARIMA model . . . . .	22
5.0.2	Forecast Plot of selected ETS and ARIMA model . . . . .	22
5.0.3	Ljung-Box Test - independence/white noise of the forecasts residuals . . . . .	23
<b>6</b>	<b>Backup</b>	<b>23</b>

# 1 Forecasting of Mauna Loa - Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide 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 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

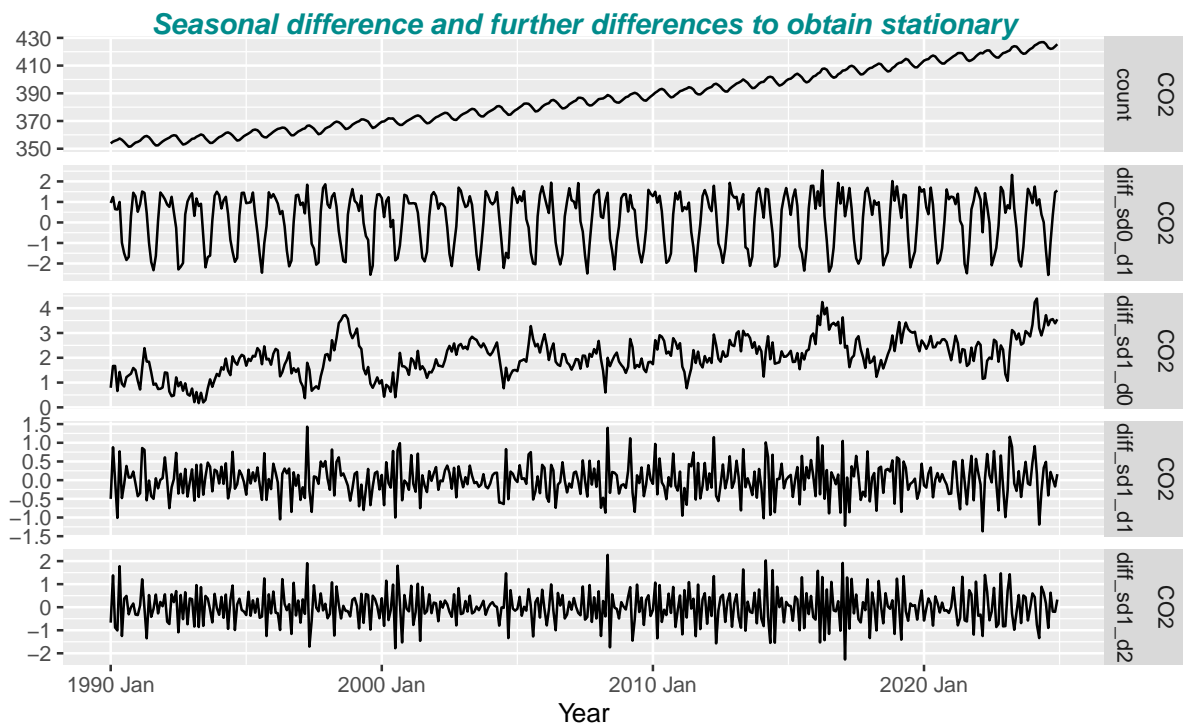
The model fit residuals have to be stationary. For good forecasting this has to be verified with residual diagnostics.

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 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

Null Hypothesis of independence/white noise in a given time series

=>  $H_0$  to be rejected for  $p < \alpha = 0.05$

=> data in the given time series are dependent

=> even differenced data are dependent if  $p < \alpha = 0.05$

=> independence/white noise of residuals of fitted models to be verified

```
#> Ljung-Box test with (count), w/o differences
#> # A tibble: 1 x 3
#>   Measure lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <fct>      <dbl>      <dbl>
#> 1 C02        7585.         0
#> Ljung-Box test on (difference(count, 12))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 3
#>   Measure lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <fct>      <dbl>      <dbl>
#> 1 C02        3390.         0
#> Ljung-Box test on (difference(count, 12) + difference())
#> # A tibble: 1 x 3
#>   Measure lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <fct>      <dbl>      <dbl>
#> 1 C02        71.1  2.75e-11
```

### 1.1.2 Unitroot KPSS Test - fix number of seasonal differences/differences required

kpss test of stationary

Null Hypothesis of stationary in a given time series

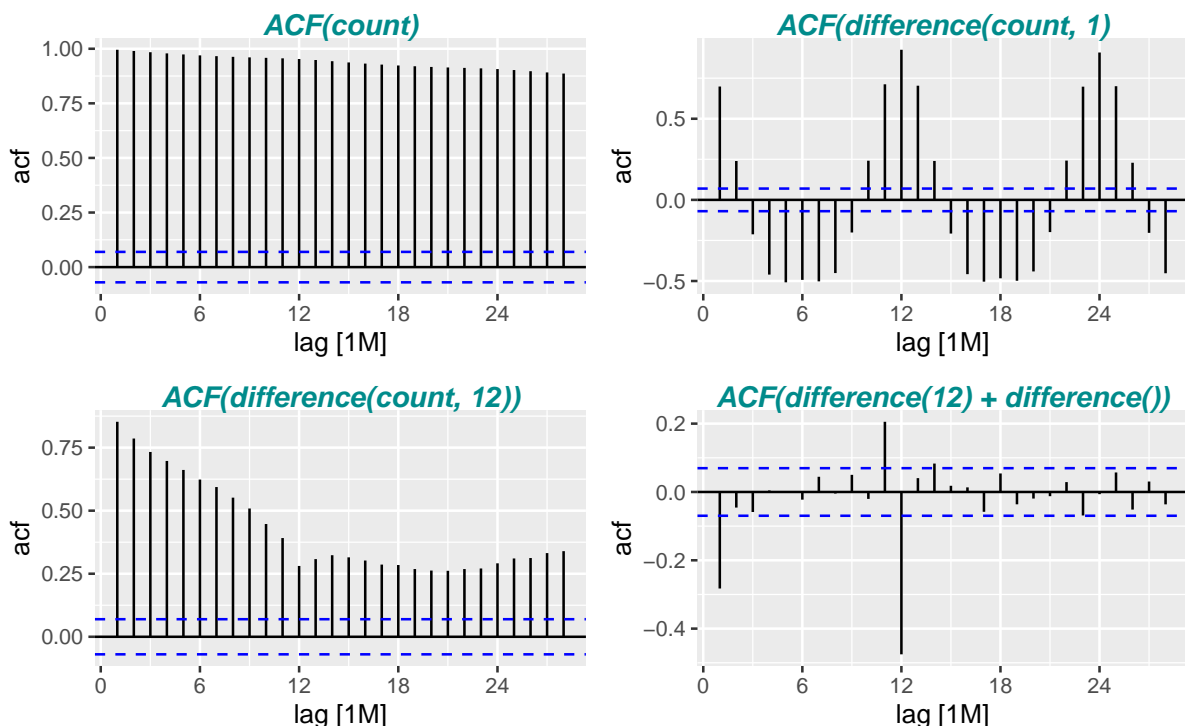
=>  $H_0$  to be rejected for  $p < \alpha = 0.05$

unitroot\_nsdiffs/ndiff provides minimum number of seasonal differences/differences required for a stationary series. First fix required seasonal differences and then apply ndiffs to the seasonally differenced data.

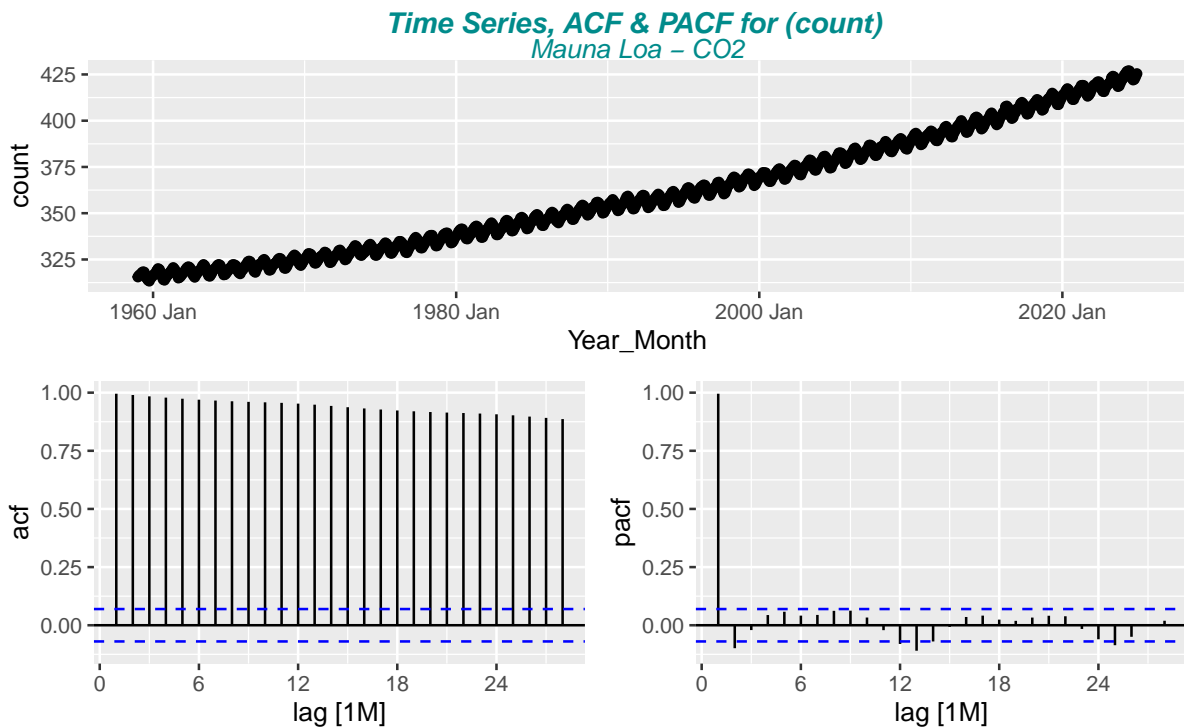
- returns 1 => for stationarity one seasonal difference resp. difference is required

```
#> ndiffs gives the number of differences required resp.
#> nsdiffs gives the number of seasonal differences required to make
#> a series stationary (test is based on the KPSS test)
#> kpss test, nsdiffs & ndiffs on (count), w/o differences
#> # A tibble: 1 x 5
#>   Measure kpss_stat kpss_pvalue nsdiffs ndiffs
#>   <fct>      <dbl>      <dbl>   <int> <int>
#> 1 C02         11.2        0.01     1     1
#> kpss test, nsdiffs & ndiffs on (difference(count, 12))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 5
#>   Measure kpss_stat kpss_pvalue nsdiffs ndiffs
#>   <fct>      <dbl>      <dbl>   <int> <int>
#> 1 C02         6.04        0.01     0     1
#> kpss test, nsdiffs & ndiffs on (difference(count, 12) %>% difference(1))
#> # A tibble: 1 x 5
#>   Measure kpss_stat kpss_pvalue nsdiffs ndiffs
#>   <fct>      <dbl>      <dbl>   <int> <int>
#> 1 C02         0.0124      0.1     0     0
```

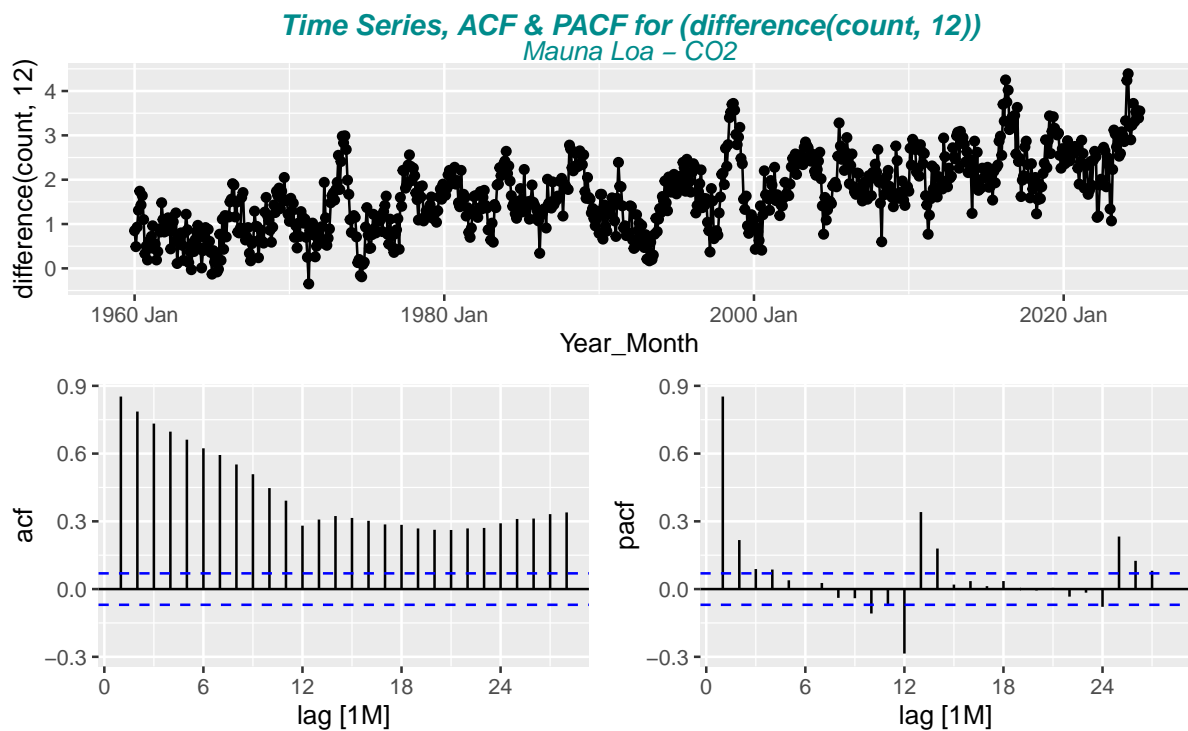
### 1.1.3 ACF Plots of Differences



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

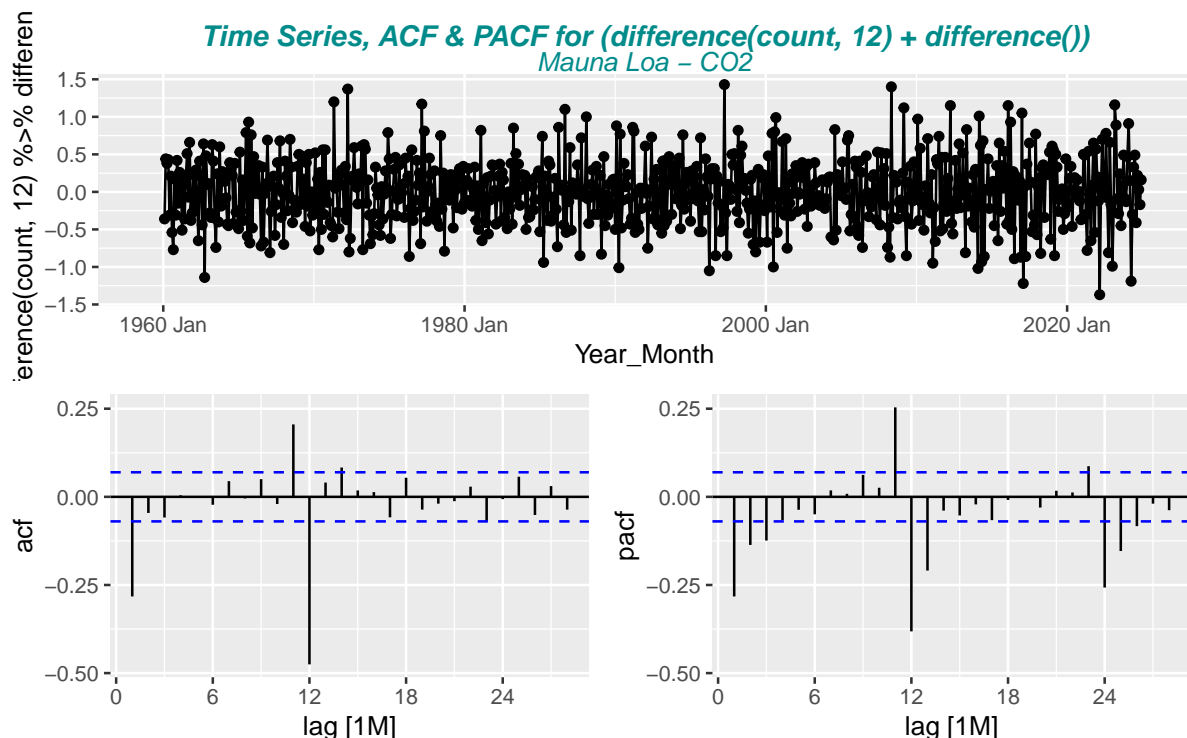


```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 4
#> # Groups:   City [1]
#>   City      Measure    Sum Mean
#>   <chr>    <fct>    <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2      1303.  1.67
```



```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 4
```

```
#> # Groups:   City [1]
#>   City      Measure   Sum   Mean
#>   <chr>     <fct>    <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2      1303.  1.67
```



```
#> # A tibble: 1 x 4
#> # Groups:   City [1]
#>   City      Measure   Sum   Mean
#>   <chr>     <fct>    <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2      2.70 0.00347
```

## 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 correspondends to a “pure” exponential smoooothing 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”).

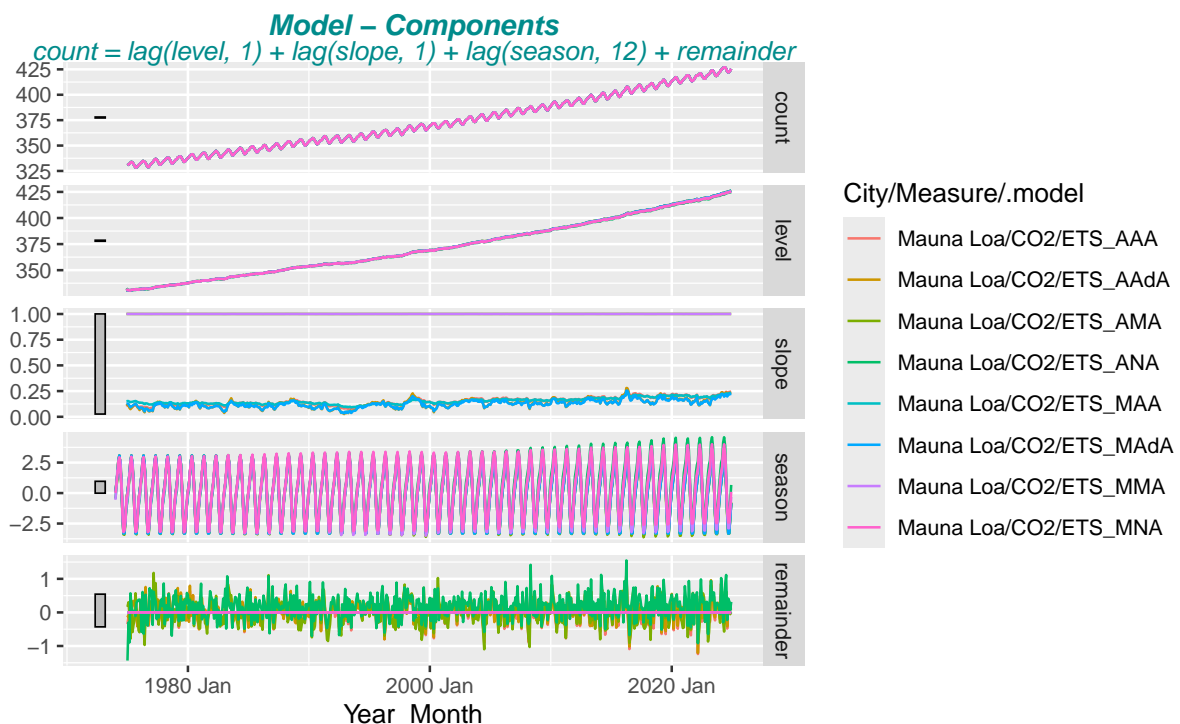
For  $CO_2$  and Temperature Data we have a clear seasonal pattern and seasonal term adds always a (more or less) fix amount on level and trend component. Therefore “A” additive term is chosen. For Precipitation the seasonal pattern is only slight. Instead, a multiplicative seasonal term results in “exploding”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

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

## 2.1 ETS Models and their components

```
#> [1] "model(ETS(count)) => provides best automatically chosen model"
#> # A tibble: 1 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 Mauna L~ CO2    ETS(c~ 7.19e-7 -1217. 2469. 2470. 2544. 0.0984 0.138 6.63e-4
#> Series: count
#> Model: ETS(M,A,A)
#> Smoothing parameters:
#>   alpha = 0.5789728
#>   beta  = 0.01435114
#>   gamma = 0.0001025855
#>
#> Initial states:
#>   l[0]      b[0]      s[0]      s[-1]      s[-2]      s[-3]      s[-4]
#> 330.3068 0.1507823 -0.8415475 -2.080159 -3.309746 -3.316061 -1.623249
#>   s[-5]      s[-6]      s[-7]      s[-8]      s[-9]      s[-10]      s[-11]
#> 0.6027791 2.359114 3.083882 2.669471 1.530775 0.7996029 0.1251389
#>
#> sigma^2: 0
#>
```

```
#>      AIC      AICc      BIC
#> 2468.999 2470.051 2543.747
#> Model Selection by Information Criterion - lowest AIC, AICc, BIC
#> # A tibble: 8 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 Mauna L~ CO2     ETS_M~ 7.19e-7 -1217. 2469. 2470. 2544. 0.0984 0.138 6.63e-4
#> 2 Mauna L~ CO2     ETS_A~ 1.04e-1 -1232. 2499. 2500. 2574. 0.101 0.143 2.50e-1
#> 3 Mauna L~ CO2     ETS_M~ 7.64e-7 -1235. 2507. 2508. 2586. 0.105 0.157 6.85e-4
#> 4 Mauna L~ CO2     ETS_A~ 1.08e-1 -1241. 2519. 2520. 2598. 0.104 0.157 2.56e-1
#> 5 Mauna L~ CO2     ETS_A~ 1.28e-1 -1295. 2625. 2626. 2699. 0.125 0.167 2.79e-1
#> 6 Mauna L~ CO2     ETS_M~ 9.50e-7 -1301. 2636. 2638. 2711. 0.127 0.160 7.50e-4
#> 7 Mauna L~ CO2     ETS_M~ 1.12e-6 -1351. 2732. 2733. 2798. 0.152 0.296 8.23e-4
#> 8 Mauna L~ CO2     ETS_A~ 1.68e-1 -1376. 2783. 2784. 2849. 0.164 0.330 3.22e-1
```



### 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: 8 x 12
#>   City      Measure .model  .type  ME  RMSE  MAE  MPE  MAPE  MASE  RMSSE
#>   <chr>    <fct>    <chr>  <chr>  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_MAA Trai~ 0.00964 0.314 0.247 2.26e-3 0.0663 0.130 0.153
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_AAA Trai~ 0.00954 0.318 0.250 2.37e-3 0.0671 0.131 0.156
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_AA~ Trai~ 0.0538 0.323 0.256 1.42e-2 0.0687 0.134 0.158
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_MA~ Trai~ 0.0624 0.324 0.256 1.64e-2 0.0685 0.134 0.158
#> 5 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_AMA Trai~ 0.00298 0.354 0.279 5.53e-4 0.0750 0.146 0.173
#> 6 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_MMA Trai~ 0.0357 0.356 0.279 8.94e-3 0.0750 0.146 0.174
```

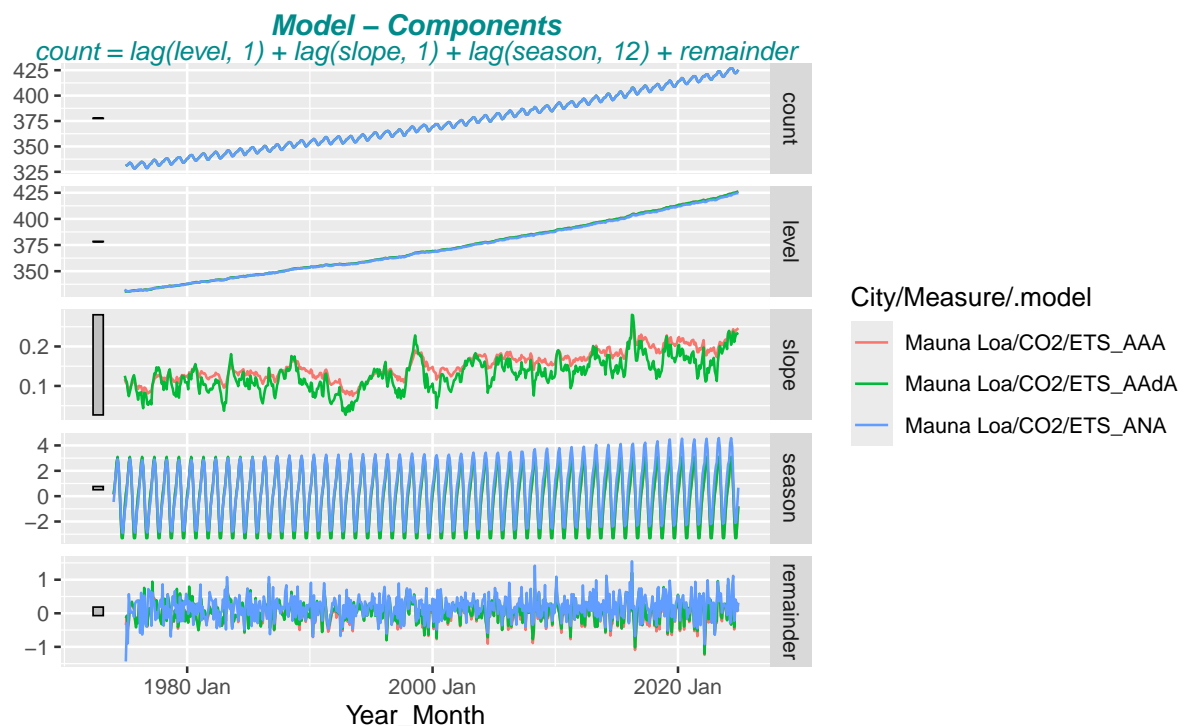


```
#> 7 Mauna Loa CO2      ETS_MNA Trai~ 0.172    0.390 0.307 4.56e-2 0.0822 0.161 0.191
#> 8 Mauna Loa CO2      ETS_ANA Trai~ 0.181    0.405 0.322 4.79e-2 0.0866 0.169 0.198
#> # i 1 more variable: ACF1 <dbl>
```

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

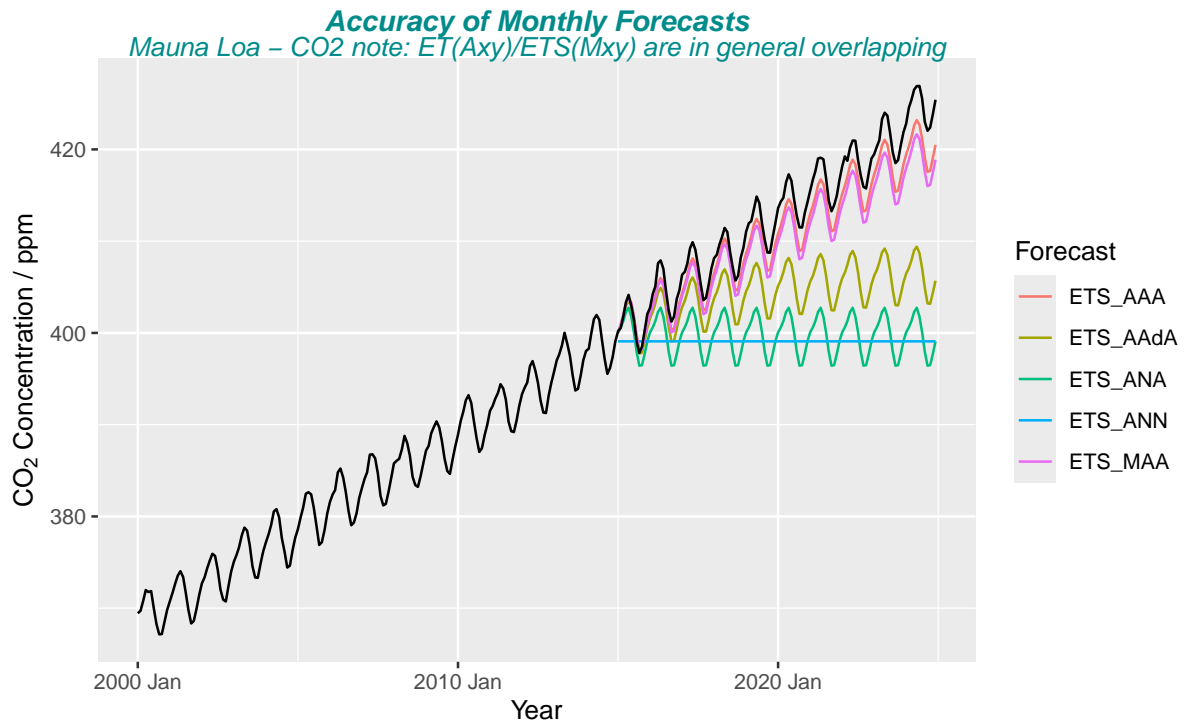
```
#> Null Hypothesis of independence/white noise for residuals - for p < 0.05: reject H_0
#> # A tibble: 8 x 5
#>   City      Measure .model  lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>      <fct>   <chr>    <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_MAA    62.1  5.13e- 4
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_AAA    64.4  2.59e- 4
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_AAdA    69.8  5.12e- 5
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_MAdA    69.9  5.01e- 5
#> 5 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_MNA    80.6  1.64e- 6
#> 6 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_ANA    85.1  3.56e- 7
#> 7 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_AMA   116.  4.54e-12
#> 8 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_MMA   117.  2.83e-12
```

### 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

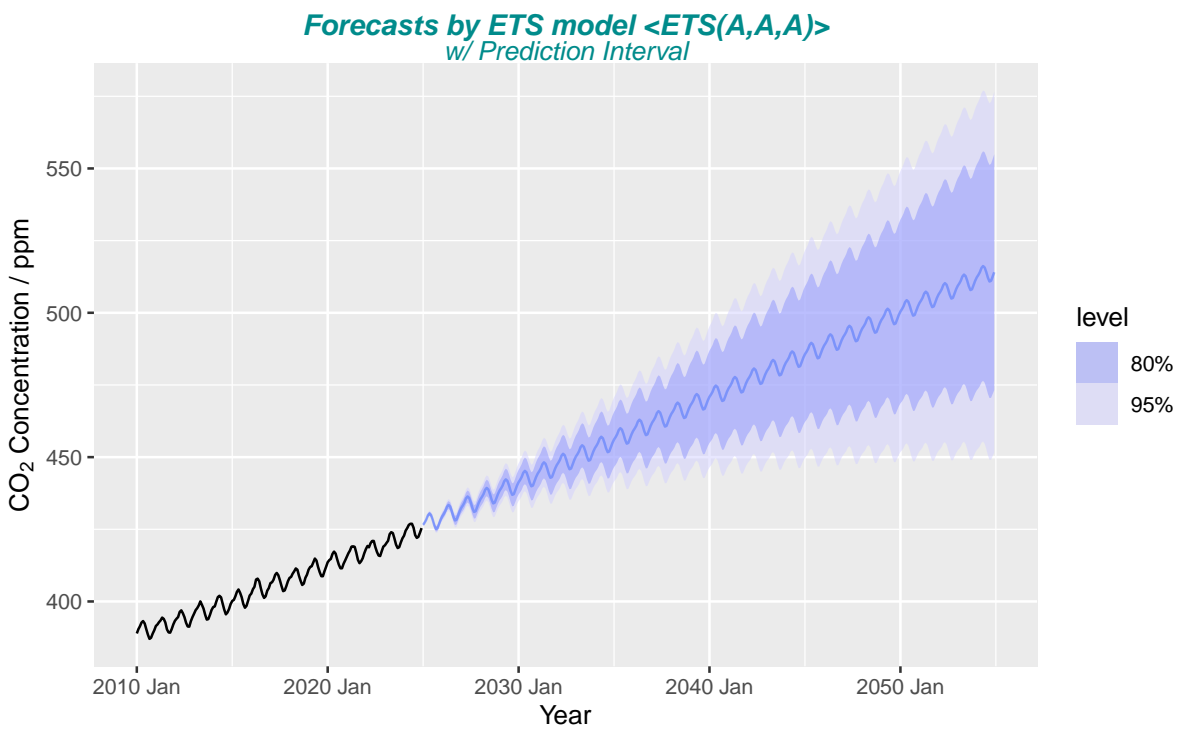
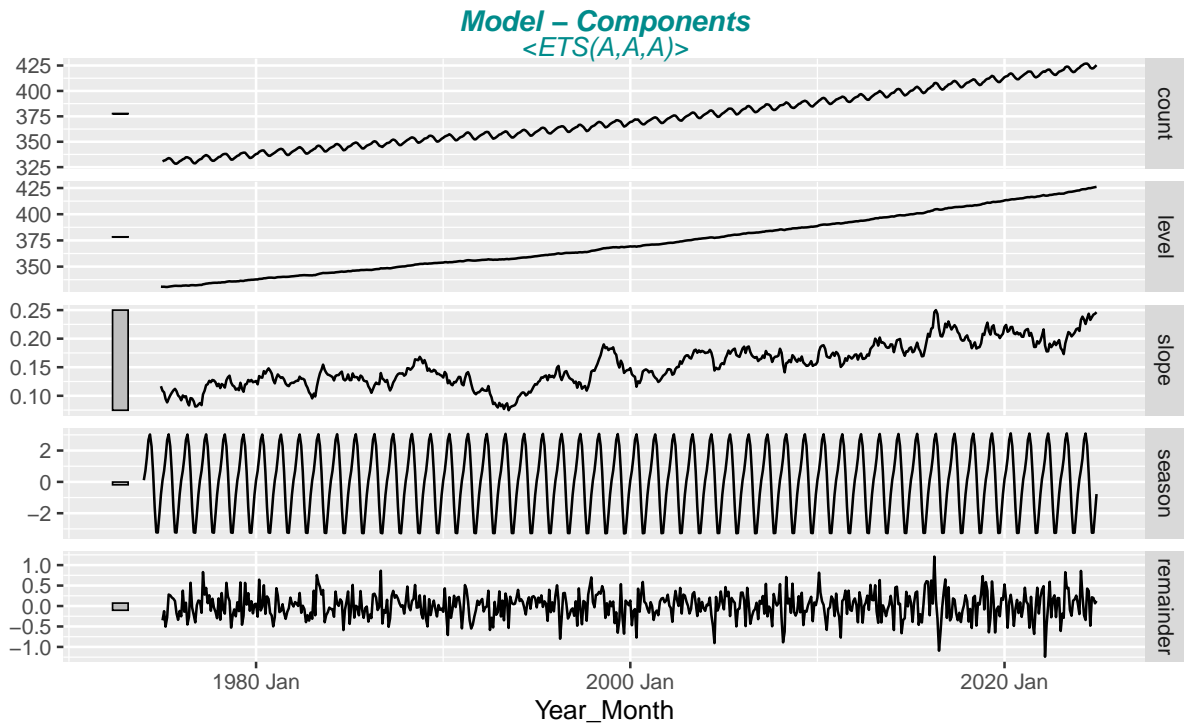
```
#> # A tibble: 5 x 12
#>   .model City      Measure .type    ME  RMSE  MAE  MPE  MAPE  MASE  RMSSE  ACF1
#>   <chr>   <chr>      <fct>   <chr> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 ETS_AAA Mauna ~ CO2     Test  2.05  2.35  2.08 0.492 0.501  1.20  1.27 0.896
#> 2 ETS_MAA Mauna ~ CO2     Test  2.86  3.27  2.89 0.686 0.694  1.66  1.76 0.929
#> 3 ETS_AAdA Mauna ~ CO2     Test  8.35 10.0  8.35 2.00  2.00  4.81  5.40 0.970
#> 4 ETS_ANA Mauna ~ CO2     Test 13.0 14.9 13.0 3.13  3.13  7.51  8.05 0.971
#> 5 ETS_ANN Mauna ~ CO2     Test 13.7 15.6 13.7 3.28  3.29  7.89  8.40 0.959
```



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

### 2.2.1 Forecast Plot of selected ETS model

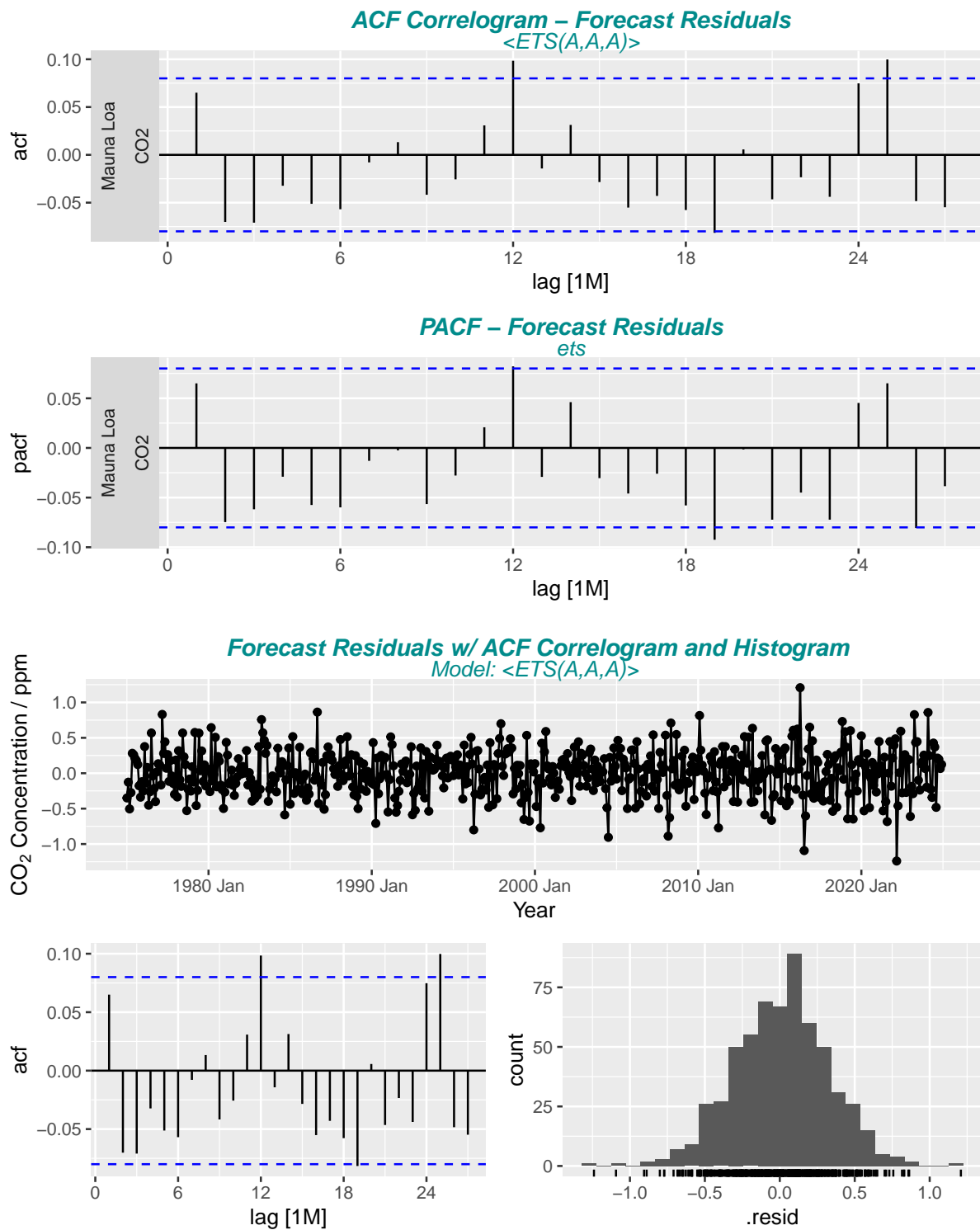
```
#> Provide model coefficients by report(fit_model)
#> Series: count
#> Model: ETS(A,A,A)
#> Smoothing parameters:
#>   alpha = 0.5799529
#>   beta  = 0.02263591
#>   gamma = 0.02132569
#>
#> Initial states:
#>   l[0]    b[0]    s[0]    s[-1]    s[-2]    s[-3]    s[-4]    s[-5]
#> 330.8525 0.1167802 -0.8121 -2.059157 -3.234849 -3.22152 -1.605012 0.6115892
#>   s[-6]    s[-7]    s[-8]    s[-9]    s[-10]    s[-11]
#> 2.262056 3.028751 2.67356 1.536031 0.7108295 0.10982
#>
#> sigma^2: 0.1042
#>
#>   AIC   AICc   BIC
#> 2498.939 2499.990 2573.687
```



### 2.2.2 Residual Stationarity

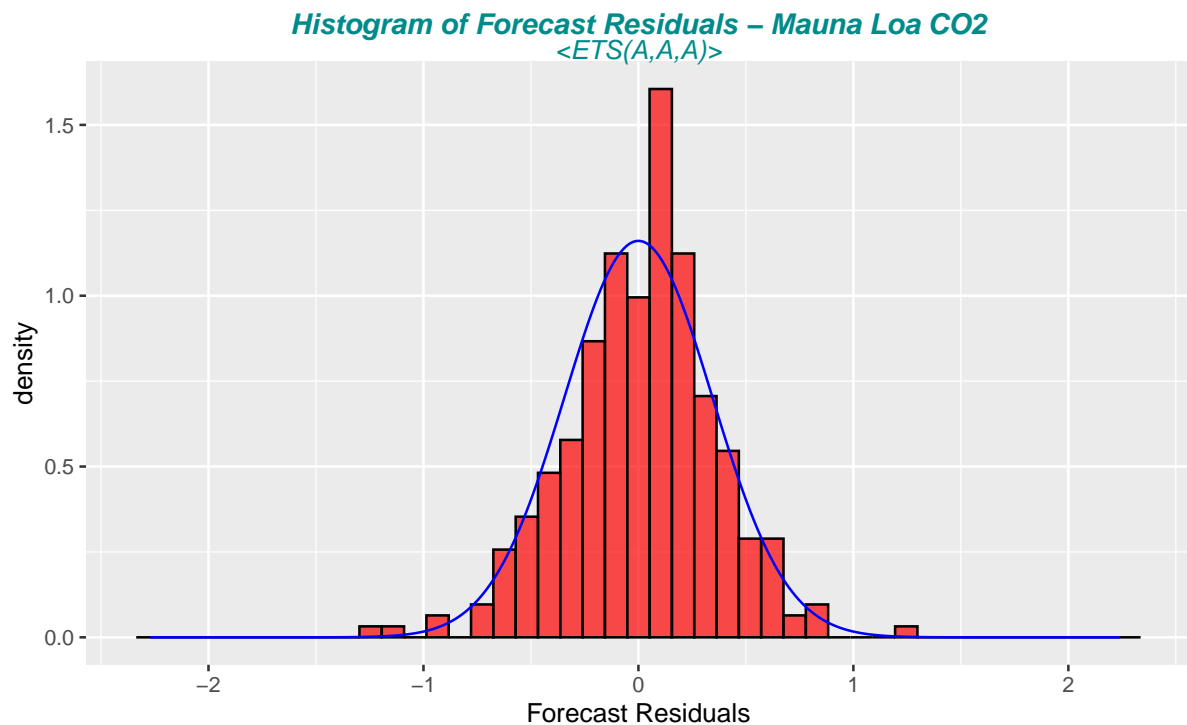
Required checks to be ready for forecasting:

- 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 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: 1 x 5
#>   City      Measure .model lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>      <fct>   <chr>   <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2     ets      63.9  0.000307
```



### 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

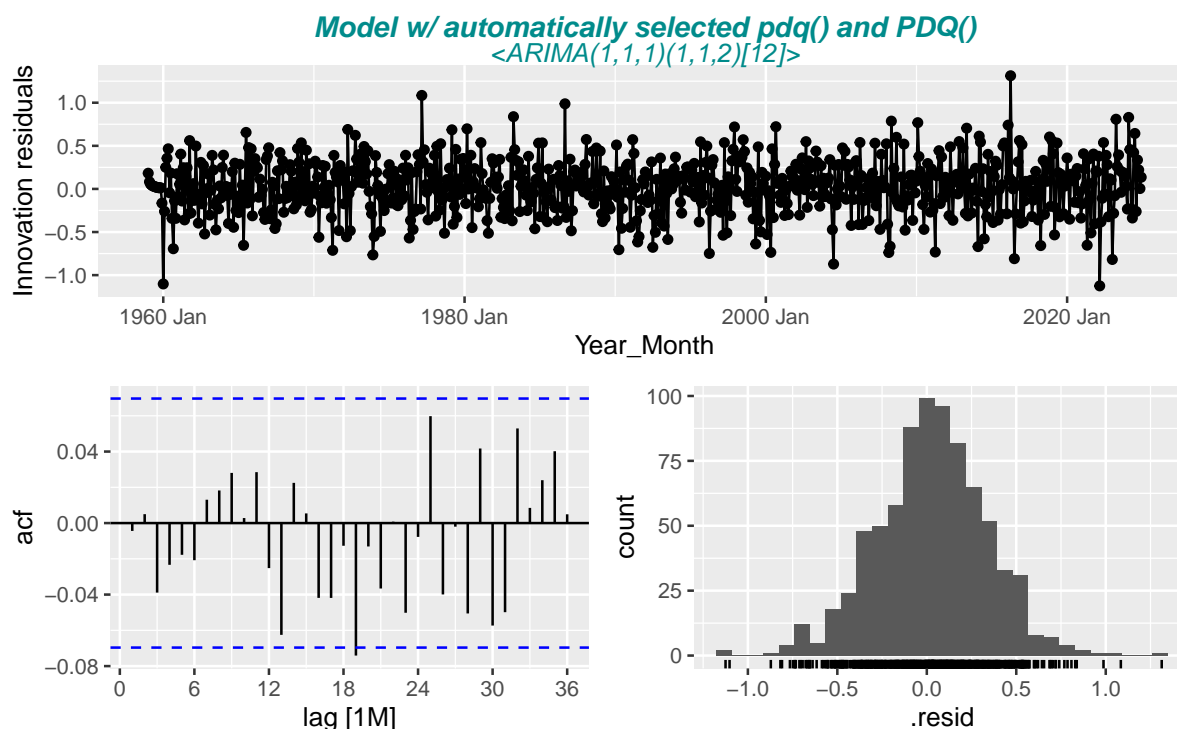
Non-seasonal ARIMA models are generally denoted  $ARIMA(p,d,q)$  where parameters  $p$ ,  $d$ , and  $q$  are non-negative integers, \*  $p$  is the order (number of time lags) of the autoregressive model \*  $d$  is the degree of differencing (number of times the data have had past values subtracted)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

```
#> # A tibble: 1 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 Mauna Loa CO2   arima 0.0999 -207.  427.  427.  455. <cpl [13]> <cpl>
#> Series: count
#> Model: ARIMA(1,1,1)(1,1,2) [12]
```

```
#>
#> Coefficients:
#>      ar1      ma1      sar1      sma1      sma2
#>    0.2071 -0.5607 -0.6644 -0.1835 -0.5922
#> s.e. 0.0884 0.0755      NaN      NaN      NaN
#>
#> sigma^2 estimated as 0.09993: log likelihood=-207.47
#> AIC=426.94 AICc=427.05 BIC=454.89
```



```
#> Model Selection by Information Criterion - lowest AIC, AICc, BIC
#> choose p, q parameter accordingly - but only for same d, D values
#> # A tibble: 12 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 Mauna Loa CO2  ARIMA_1~ 0.102 -162. 337. 337. 363. <cpl> <cpl>
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2  ARIMA_0~ 0.102 -164. 337. 337. 359. <cpl> <cpl>
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2  ARIMA_1~ 0.102 -164. 337. 337. 359. <cpl> <cpl>
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2  ARIMA_2~ 0.102 -164. 338. 338. 360. <cpl> <cpl>
#> 5 Mauna Loa CO2  ARIMA_2~ 0.136 -241. 491. 491. 508. <cpl> <cpl>
#> 6 Mauna Loa CO2  ARIMA_1~ 0.136 -244. 497. 497. 519. <cpl> <cpl>
#> 7 Mauna Loa CO2  ARIMA_2~ 0.136 -244. 497. 497. 519. <cpl> <cpl>
#> 8 Mauna Loa CO2  ARIMA_1~ 0.136 -244. 498. 498. 520. <cpl> <cpl>
#> 9 Mauna Loa CO2  ARIMA_0~ 0.153 -278. 560. 560. 569. <cpl> <cpl>
#> 10 Mauna Loa CO2 ARIMA_0~ 0.174 -315. 635. 635. 648. <cpl> <cpl>
#> 11 Mauna Loa CO2 ARIMA_1~ 0.174 -315. 636. 636. 649. <cpl> <cpl>
#> 12 Mauna Loa CO2 ARIMA_1~ 0.182 -328. 660. 660. 669. <cpl> <cpl>
```

Good models are obtained by minimising the AIC, AICc or BIC (see `glance(fit_arma)` 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: 14 x 12
#>   City      Measure .model .type      ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE
#>   <chr>    <fct>    <chr>  <chr>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_1~ Trai~  0.0289    0.314    0.243    0.00743    0.0651
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_0~ Trai~  0.0288    0.315    0.244    0.00739    0.0654
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_1~ Trai~  0.0291    0.315    0.244    0.00747    0.0654
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_2~ Trai~  0.0287    0.315    0.244    0.00737    0.0654
#> 5 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_2~ Trai~  0.00768    0.363    0.284    0.00193    0.0761
#> 6 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_1~ Trai~  0.00792    0.364    0.286    0.00124    0.0769
#> 7 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_1~ Trai~  0.00969    0.364    0.289    0.00193    0.0775
#> 8 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_2~ Trai~  0.00969    0.364    0.289    0.00193    0.0775
#> 9 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_0~ Trai~  0.00473    0.386    0.299    0.00117    0.0801
#> 10 Mauna Loa CO2    ARIMA_0~ Trai~  0.00665    0.412    0.317    0.00166    0.0850
#> 11 Mauna Loa CO2    ARIMA_1~ Trai~  0.00675    0.412    0.317    0.00168    0.0850
#> 12 Mauna Loa CO2    ARIMA_1~ Trai~  0.00438    0.421    0.328    0.00107    0.0877
#> 13 Mauna Loa CO2    ARIMA_3~ Trai~  NaN        NaN        NaN        NaN        NaN
#> 14 Mauna Loa CO2    ARIMA_0~ Trai~  NaN        NaN        NaN        NaN        NaN
#> # i 3 more variables: MASE <dbl>, RMSSE <dbl>, ACF1 <dbl>
```

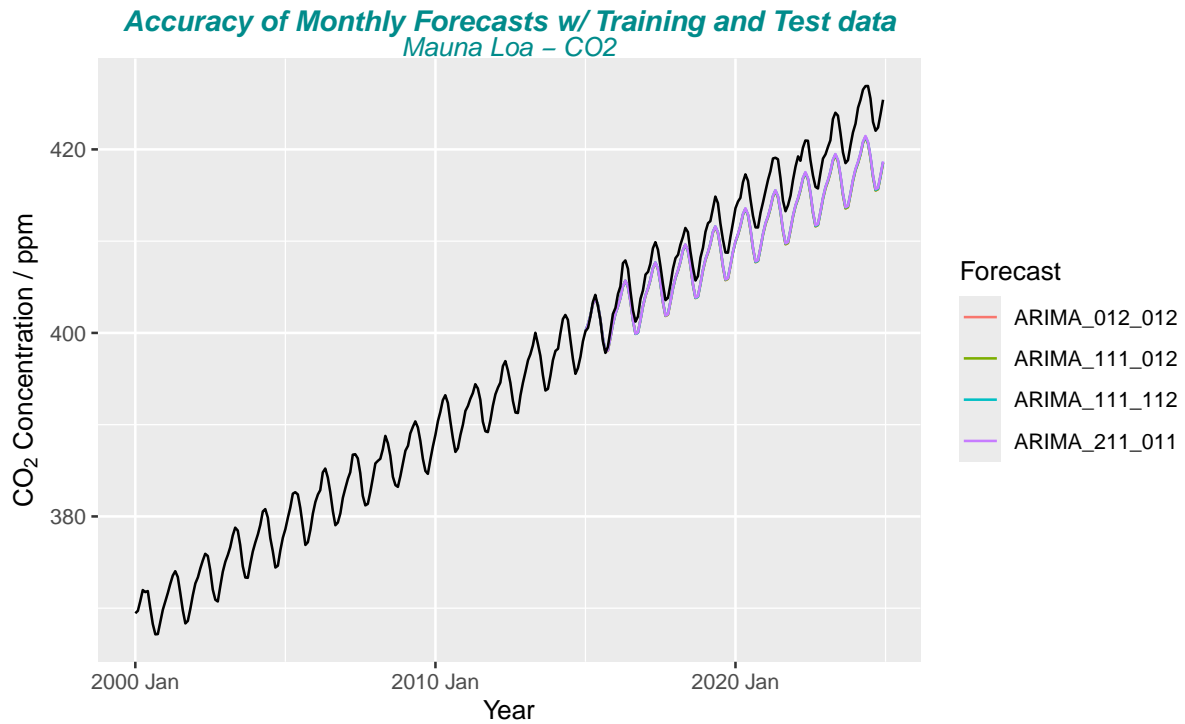
### 3.1.2 Ljung-Box Test - independence/white noise of the forecasts residuals

#> Null Hypothesis of independence/white noise for residuals - for p < 0.05: reject H\_0

```
#> # A tibble: 14 x 5
#>   City      Measure .model      lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>    <fct>    <chr>    <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_012_012    27.5  5.97e- 1
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_211_011    27.8  5.80e- 1
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_111_012    28.0  5.71e- 1
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_111_112    28.2  5.60e- 1
#> 5 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_210_110    96.7  6.10e- 9
#> 6 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_100_110   100.  1.78e- 9
#> 7 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_200_110   100.  1.78e- 9
#> 8 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_100_210   117.  3.22e-12
#> 9 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_010_110   164.  0
#> 10 Mauna Loa CO2    ARIMA_012_010   164.  0
#> 11 Mauna Loa CO2    ARIMA_110_010   202.  0
#> 12 Mauna Loa CO2    ARIMA_111_010   166.  0
#> 13 Mauna Loa CO2    ARIMA_002_200    NA    NA
#> 14 Mauna Loa CO2    ARIMA_301_200    NA    NA
```

### 3.1.3 Forecast Accuracy with Training/Test Data

```
#> # A tibble: 4 x 12
#>   .model      City Measure .type      ME      RMSE      MAE      MPE      MAPE      MASE      RMSSE      ACF1
#>   <chr>    <chr>  <fct>  <chr>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>    <dbl>
#> 1 ARIMA_211~ Maun~ CO2     Test    3.02    3.43    3.03    0.725    0.729    1.75    1.85    0.934
#> 2 ARIMA_111~ Maun~ CO2     Test    3.04    3.46    3.06    0.729    0.735    1.76    1.87    0.934
#> 3 ARIMA_012~ Maun~ CO2     Test    3.10    3.52    3.11    0.743    0.748    1.79    1.90    0.935
#> 4 ARIMA_111~ Maun~ CO2     Test    3.10    3.52    3.11    0.744    0.748    1.79    1.90    0.935
```

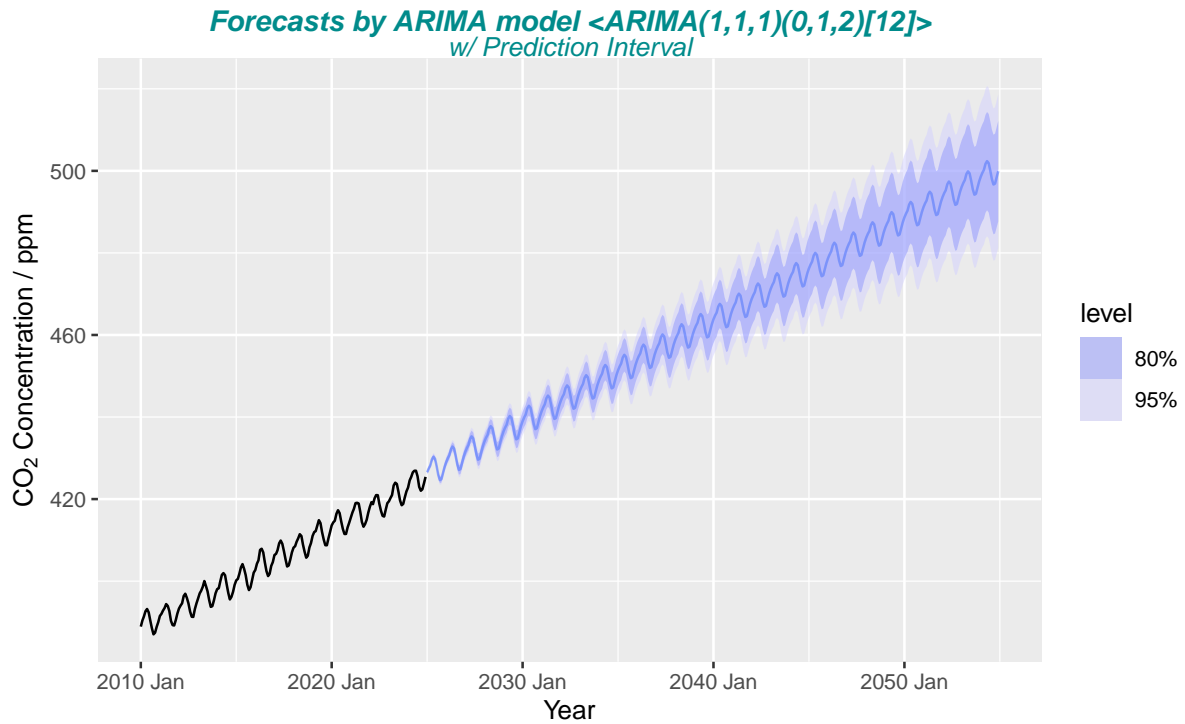


### 3.2 CO<sub>2</sub> - Forecasting with selected ARIMA model <ARIMA(1,1,1)(0,1,2)[12]>

#### 3.2.1 Forecast Plot of selected ARIMA model

```
#> Provide model coefficients by report(fit_model)
#> Series: count
#> Model: ARIMA(1,1,1)(0,1,2)[12]
#>
#> Coefficients:
#>      ar1      ma1      sma1      sma2
#>    0.1766 -0.5508 -0.8547 -0.0301
#> s.e. 0.0924  0.0775  0.0422  0.0413
#>
#> sigma^2 estimated as 0.1022: log likelihood=-163.64
#> AIC=337.29  AICc=337.39  BIC=359.17
```

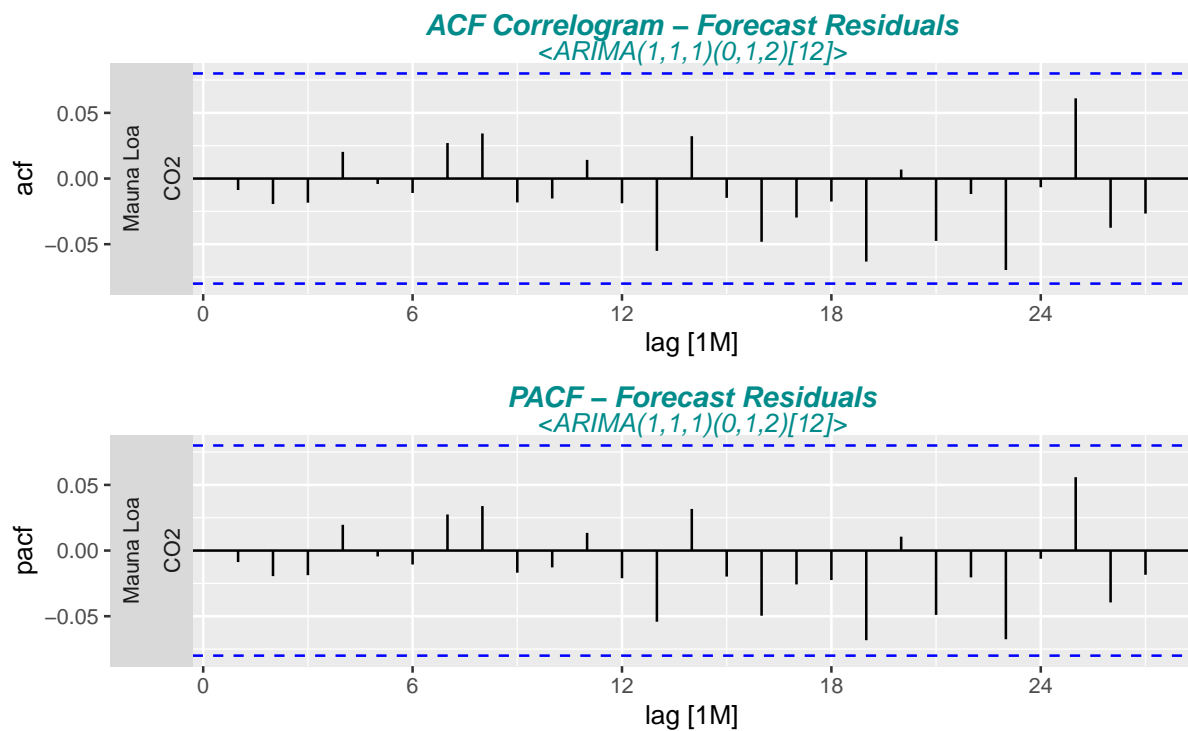


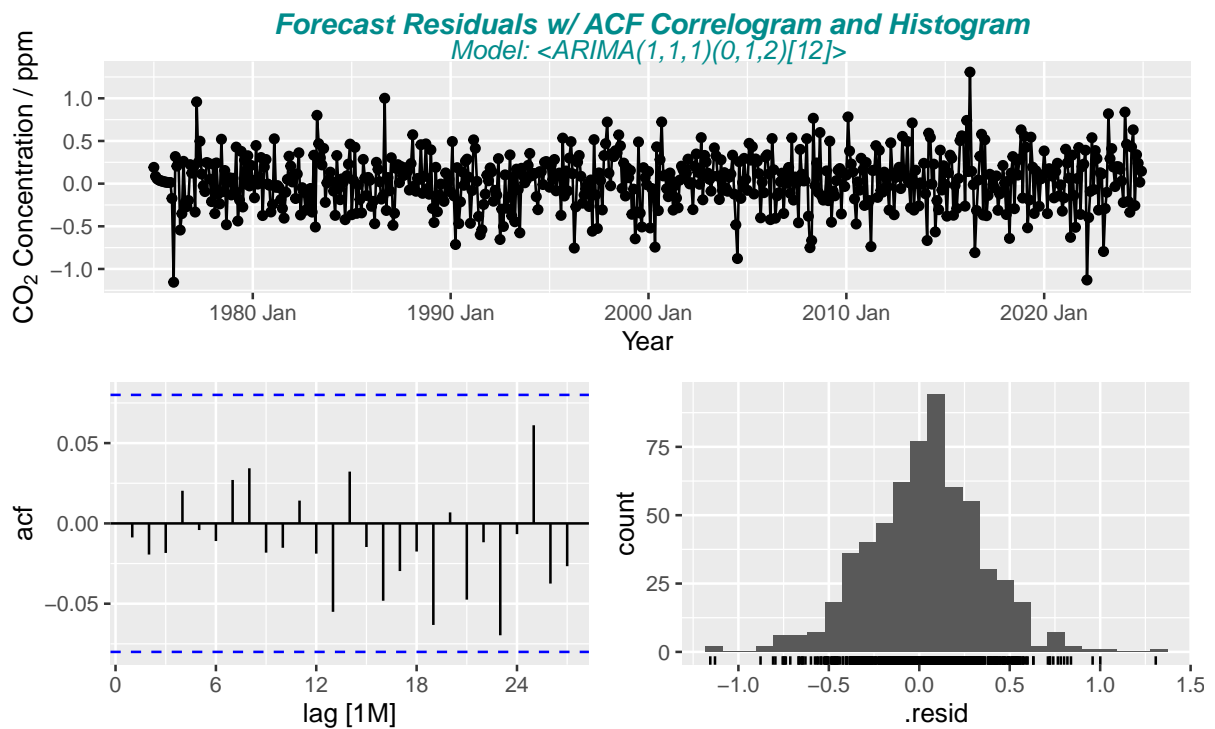


### 3.2.2 Residual Stationarity

Required checks to be ready for forecasting:

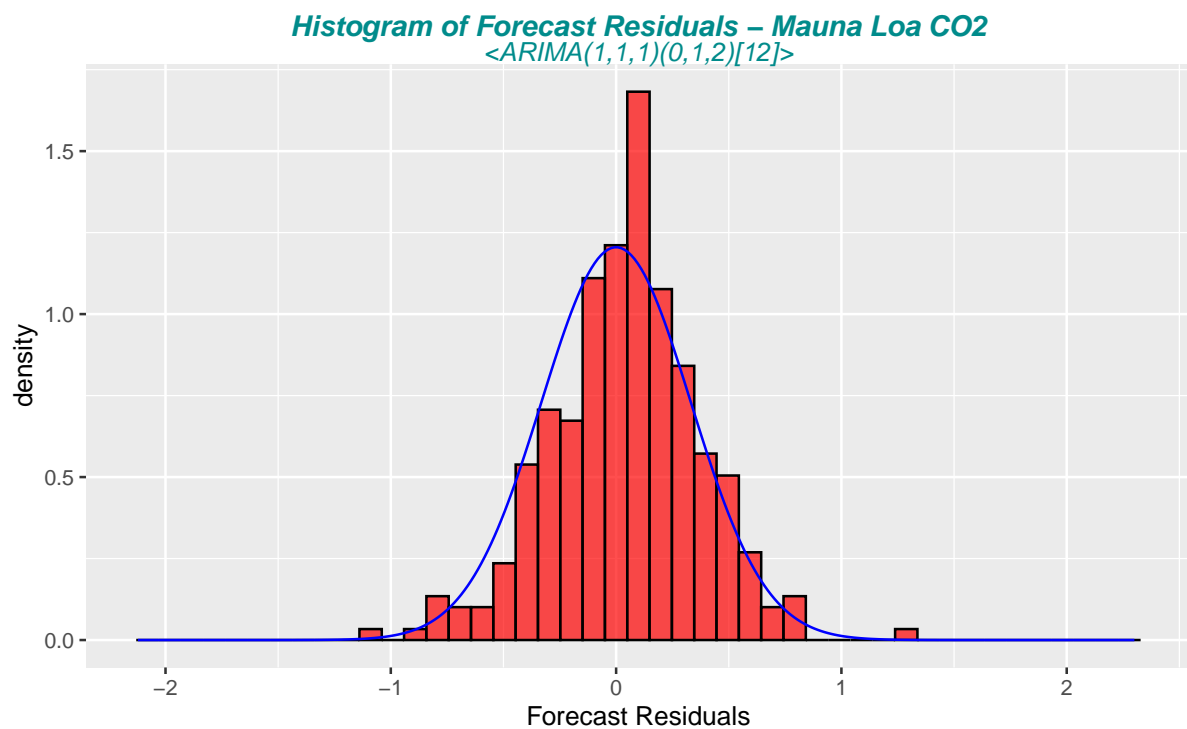
- ACF Forecast Residual: all spikes are within the significance limits, so the residuals appear to be white noise
- The Ljung-Box test also shows that the residuals have no remaining autocorrelations
- Forecast Residuals are more or less normally distributed with roughly centred on zero





### 3.2.3 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: 1 x 5
#>   City      Measure .model lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>    <fct>    <chr>   <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2      arima    35.6    0.222
```



## 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.

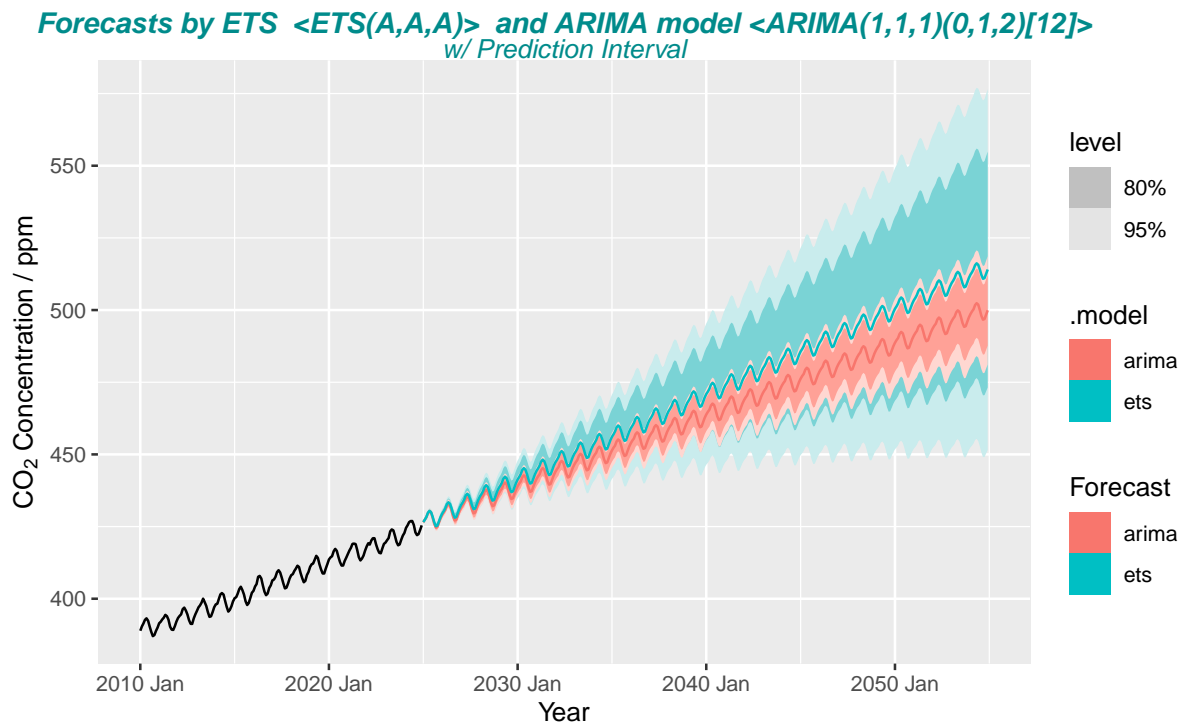
- Residual Accuracy with one-step-ahead fitted residuals
- Forecast Accuracy with Training/Test Data

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: 4 x 12
#>   City      Measure .model .type      ME  RMSE  MAE    MPE  MAPE  MASE  RMSSE
#>   <chr>    <fct>    <chr> <chr>    <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2     ets   Trai~ 0.00954 0.318 0.250 0.00237 0.0671 0.131 0.156
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2     arima  Trai~ 0.0291 0.315 0.244 0.00747 0.0654 0.128 0.154
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2     ETS_AAA Test  2.05    2.35 2.08 0.492   0.501 1.20 1.27
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2     ARIMA_~ Test  3.10    3.52 3.11 0.744   0.748 1.79 1.90
#> # i 1 more variable: ACF1 <dbl>
```

### 4.0.2 Forecast Plot of selected ETS and ARIMA model



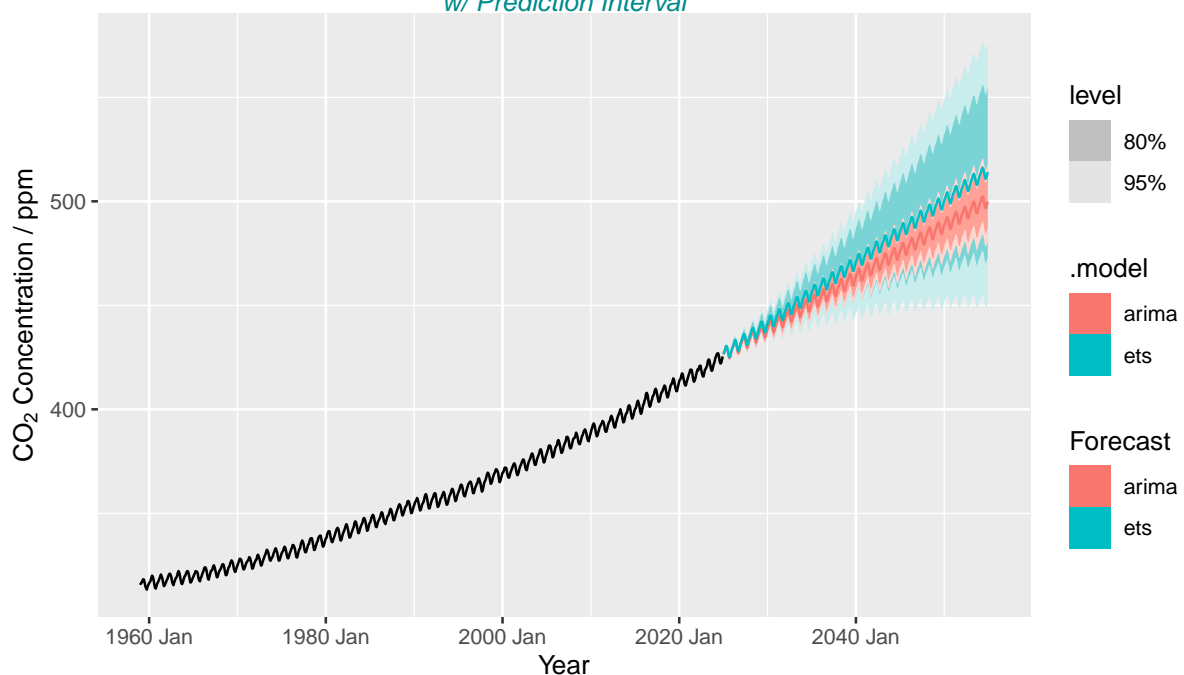
```
#> # A tsibble: 6 x 8 [1M]
#> # Key:      City, Measure, .model [2]
```

```

#> # Groups:   City, Measure, .model [2]
#>   City      Measure .model Year_Month
#>   <chr>      <fct>   <chr>      <mth>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2     arima    2025 Jan
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2     arima    2025 Feb
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2     arima    2025 Mrz
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2     ets      2025 Jan
#> 5 Mauna Loa CO2     ets      2025 Feb
#> 6 Mauna Loa CO2     ets      2025 Mrz
#> # i 4 more variables: count <dbl>, .mean <dbl>, '80%' <hilo>, '95%' <hilo>
#> # A tsibble: 6 x 8 [1M]
#> # Key:       City, Measure, .model [2]
#> # Groups:   City, Measure, .model [2]
#>   City      Measure .model Year_Month
#>   <chr>      <fct>   <chr>      <mth>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2     arima    2054 Okt
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2     arima    2054 Nov
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2     arima    2054 Dez
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2     ets      2054 Okt
#> 5 Mauna Loa CO2     ets      2054 Nov
#> 6 Mauna Loa CO2     ets      2054 Dez
#> # i 4 more variables: count <dbl>, .mean <dbl>, '80%' <hilo>, '95%' <hilo>

```

**Forecasts by ETS <ETS(A,A,A)> and ARIMA model <ARIMA(1,1,1)(0,1,2)[12]>**  
w/ Prediction Interval



```

#> # A tibble: 180 x 5
#> # Groups:   City, Measure, .model, Year [60]
#>   City      Measure .model Year Year_avg
#>   <chr>      <fct>   <chr> <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2     arima  2025    427.
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2     arima  2025    427.
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2     arima  2025    428.
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2     arima  2026    429.
#> 5 Mauna Loa CO2     arima  2026    430.
#> 6 Mauna Loa CO2     arima  2026    431.

```

```

#> 7 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2027    432.
#> 8 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2027    432.
#> 9 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2027    433.
#> 10 Mauna Loa CO2     arima  2028    434.
#> # i 170 more rows
#> # A tibble: 180 x 5
#> # Groups:   City, Measure, .model, Year [60]
#>   City      Measure .model  Year Year_avg
#>   <chr>      <fct>  <chr>  <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2025    425.
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2025    426.
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2025    428.
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2026    427.
#> 5 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2026    429.
#> 6 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2026    430.
#> 7 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2027    430.
#> 8 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2027    431.
#> 9 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2027    433.
#> 10 Mauna Loa CO2     arima  2028    432.
#> # i 170 more rows

```

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

```

#> # A tibble: 2 x 5
#>   City      Measure .model lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>      <fct>  <chr>   <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2      arima    28.0  0.571
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2      ets      64.4  0.000259

```

## 5 Yearly Data Forecasts with ARIMA and ETS

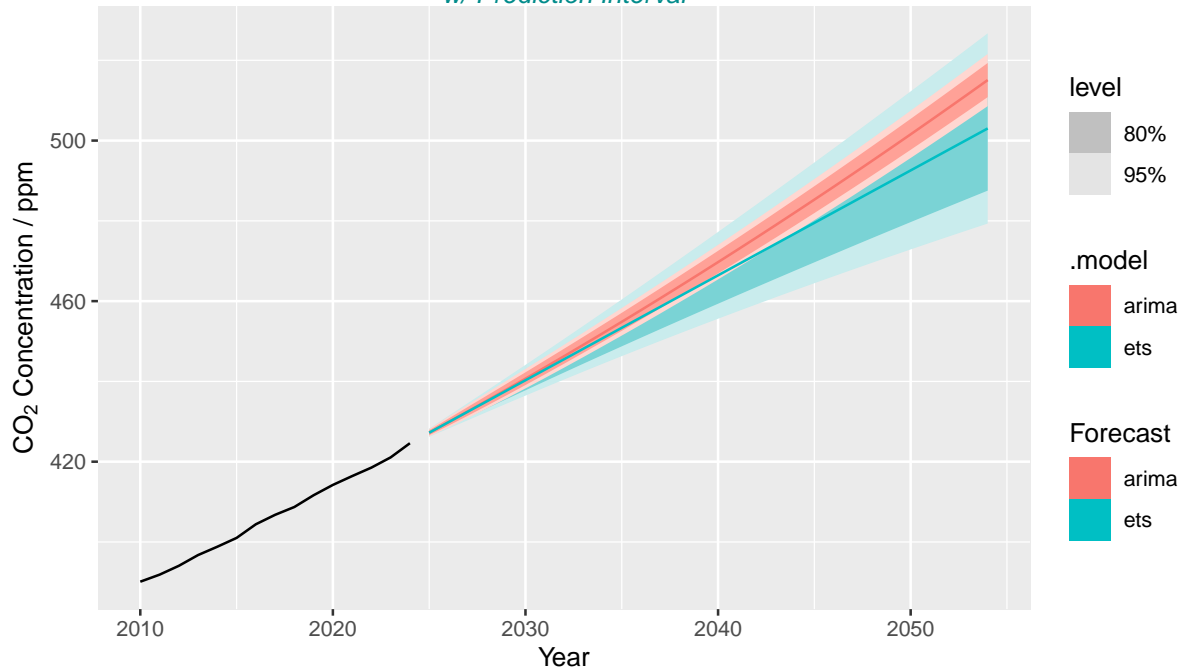
For yearly data the seasonal monthly data are replaced by the yearly average data. Therefore the seasonal component of the ETS and ARIMA model are to be taken out.

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)<sub>m</sub> 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  $\langle ARIMA(0,1,2)w/drift \rangle$ .

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

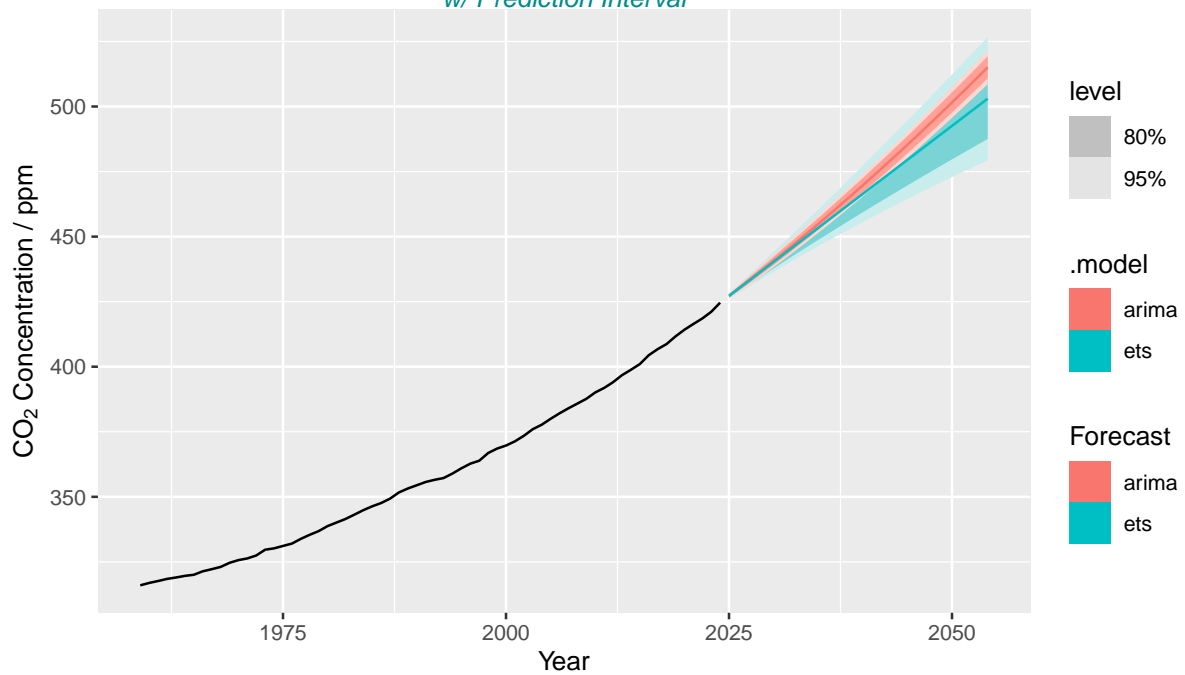
### 5.0.2 Forecast Plot of selected ETS and ARIMA model

Early Data Forecasts by ETS <ETS(A,A,N)> and ARIMA model <ARIMA(0,2,1) w/ poly>  
w/ Prediction Interval



```
#> # A tibble: 6 x 8 [1Y]
#> # Key:      City, Measure, .model [2]
#> # Groups:   City, Measure, .model [2]
#>   City      Measure .model  Year
#>   <chr>    <fct>    <chr> <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2025
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2026
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2027
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2      ets    2025
#> 5 Mauna Loa CO2      ets    2026
#> 6 Mauna Loa CO2      ets    2027
#> # i 4 more variables: Year_avg <dist>, .mean <dbl>, '80%' <hilo>, '95%' <hilo>
#> # A tibble: 6 x 8 [1Y]
#> # Key:      City, Measure, .model [2]
#> # Groups:   City, Measure, .model [2]
#>   City      Measure .model  Year
#>   <chr>    <fct>    <chr> <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2052
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2053
#> 3 Mauna Loa CO2      arima  2054
#> 4 Mauna Loa CO2      ets    2052
#> 5 Mauna Loa CO2      ets    2053
#> 6 Mauna Loa CO2      ets    2054
#> # i 4 more variables: Year_avg <dist>, .mean <dbl>, '80%' <hilo>, '95%' <hilo>
```

### Early Data Forecasts by ETS <ETS(A,A,N)> and ARIMA model <ARIMA(0,2,1) w/ poly> w/ Prediction Interval



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

```
#> # A tibble: 2 x 5
#>   City      Measure .model lb_stat lb_pvalue
#>   <chr>    <fct>    <chr>   <dbl>   <dbl>
#> 1 Mauna Loa CO2     arima    63.5 0.000339
#> 2 Mauna Loa CO2     ets      69.3 0.0000610
```

## 6 Backup