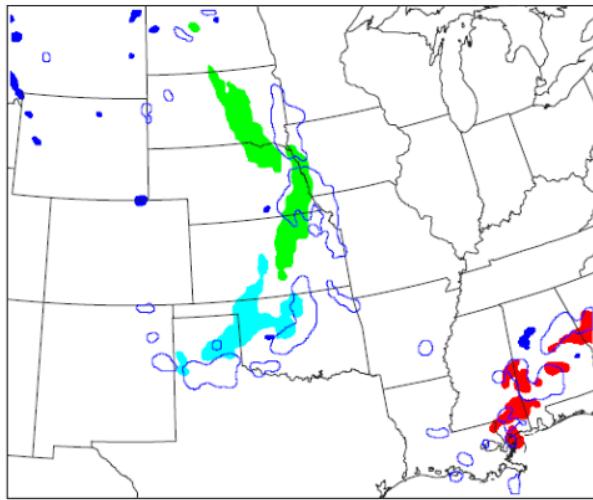


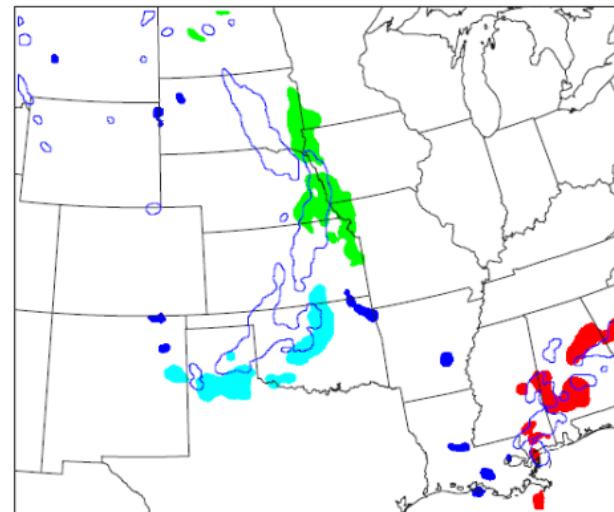
MODE Customization and Output

Verifying with Objects

WRF Objects with StageII Outlines

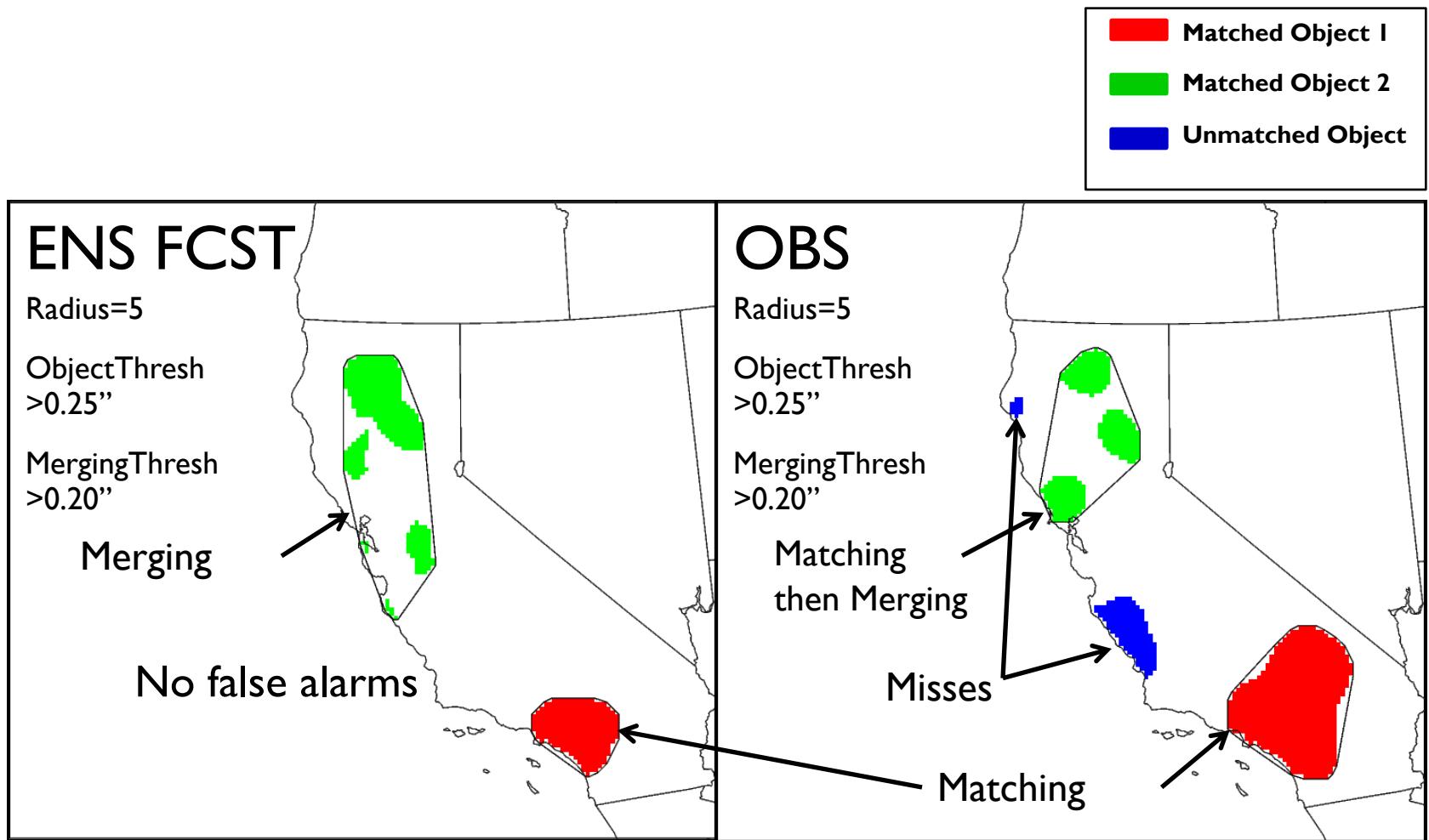


StageII Objects with WRF Outlines



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MODE Example



MODE Input and Usage

- **Input Files:** Gridded forecast and observation
 - GRIB1, GRIB2 (Unified Post-Processor, NCEP, other)
 - NetCDF (PCP-Combine, wrf_interp, CF-compliant)
 - **Usage:** mode
 - fcst_file
 - obs_file
 - config_file
 - [-config_merge merge_config_file]
 - [-outdir path]
 - [-log file]
 - [-v level]
- | | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| fcst_file | Gridded forecast file |
| obs_file | Gridded observation file |
| config_file | ASCII configuration file |
| -config_merge
merge_config_file | Second configuration file
for fuzzy engine merging |
| -outdir | Output directory to be used |
| -log | Optional log file |
| -v | Level of logging |

Config File

https://dtcenter.org/met/users/support/online_tutorial/METv6.1/config/MODEConfig_default

```
// Run all permutations of radius and threshold
//
quilt = TRUE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    field = {
        name   = "prAnom";
        level  = "(*,*)";
    }

    file_type      = NETCDF_NCCF;
    censor_thresh = [];
    censor_val    = [];
    conv_radius   = [0,2,4,8]; // in grid squares
    conv_thresh   = [<=-0.5,<=-0.75,<=-1.0,<=-1.25,>=0.5,>=0.75,>=1.0,>=1.2];
    vld_thresh    = 0.5;
    area_thresh   = NA;
    inten_perc_value = 100;
    inten_perc_thresh = NA;
    merge_thresh  = [>=1.25,>=1.25,>=1.25,>=1.25,>=1.25,>=1.25,>=1.25];
    merge_flag    = ENGINE;
}

obs = {
    field = {
        name   = "prAnom";
        level  = "(*,*)";
    }

    file_type      = NETCDF_NCCF;
    censor_thresh = [];
    censor_val    = [];
    conv_radius   = [0,2,4,8]; // in grid squares
    conv_thresh   = [<=-0.5,<=-0.75,<=-1.0,<=-1.25,>=0.5,>=0.75,>=1.0,>=1.25];
    vld_thresh    = 0.5;
    area_thresh   = NA;
    inten_perc_value = 100;
    inten_perc_thresh = NA;
    merge_thresh  = [>=1.25,>=1.25,>=1.25,>=1.25,>=1.25,>=1.25,>=1.25];
    merge_flag    = ENGINE;
}

// Handle missing data
//
mask_missing_flag = BOTH;

//
// Match objects between the forecast and observation fields
//
match_flag = MERGE_BOTH;

//
// Maximum centroid distance for objects to be compared
//
max_centroid_dist = 800.0/grid_res;

////////////////////////////// Verification masking regions //////////////////

mask = {
    grid      = "";
    grid_flag = NONE; // Apply to NONE, FCST, OBS, or BOTH
    poly     = "";
    poly_flag = NONE; // Apply to NONE, FCST, OBS, or BOTH
}
```

Config File

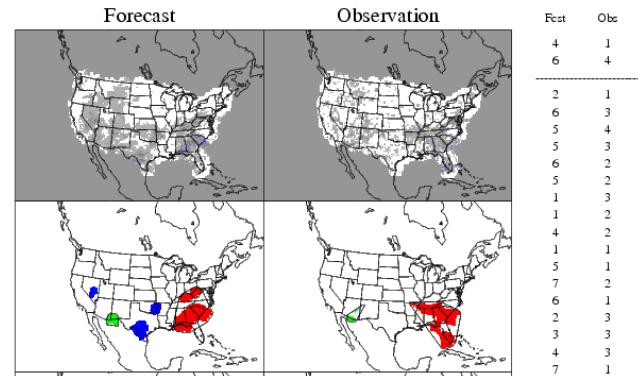
```
//  
// Fuzzy engine weights  
//  
weight = {  
    centroid_dist      = 2.0;  
    boundary_dist     = 4.0;  
    convex_hull_dist  = 0.0;  
    angle_diff        = 1.0;  
    area_ratio         = 1.0;  
    int_area_ratio    = 2.0;  
    complexity_ratio  = 0.0;  
    inten_perc_ratio  = 0.0;  
    inten_perc_value  = 50;
```

```
//  
// Total interest threshold for determining matches  
//  
total_interest_thresh = 0.5;  
  
//  
// Interest threshold for printing output pair information  
//  
print_interest_thresh = 0.0;
```

```
// Fuzzy engine interest functions  
//  
interest_function = {  
  
    centroid_dist = (  
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
        ( 60.0/grid_res, 1.0 )  
        ( 600.0/grid_res, 0.0 )  
    );  
  
    boundary_dist = (  
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
        ( 400.0/grid_res, 0.0 )  
    );  
  
    convex_hull_dist = (  
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
        ( 400.0/grid_res, 0.0 )  
    );  
  
    angle_diff = (  
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
        ( 30.0, 1.0 )  
        ( 90.0, 0.0 )  
    );  
  
    corner      = 0.8;  
    ratio_if = (  
        ( 0.0, 0.0 )  
        ( corner, 1.0 )  
        ( 1.0, 1.0 )  
    );  
  
    area_ratio = ratio_if;  
  
    int_area_ratio = (  
        ( 0.00, 0.00 )  
        ( 0.10, 0.50 )  
        ( 0.25, 1.00 )  
        ( 1.00, 1.00 )  
    );  
  
    complexity_ratio = ratio_if;  
  
    inten_perc_ratio = ratio_if;
```

MODE Output

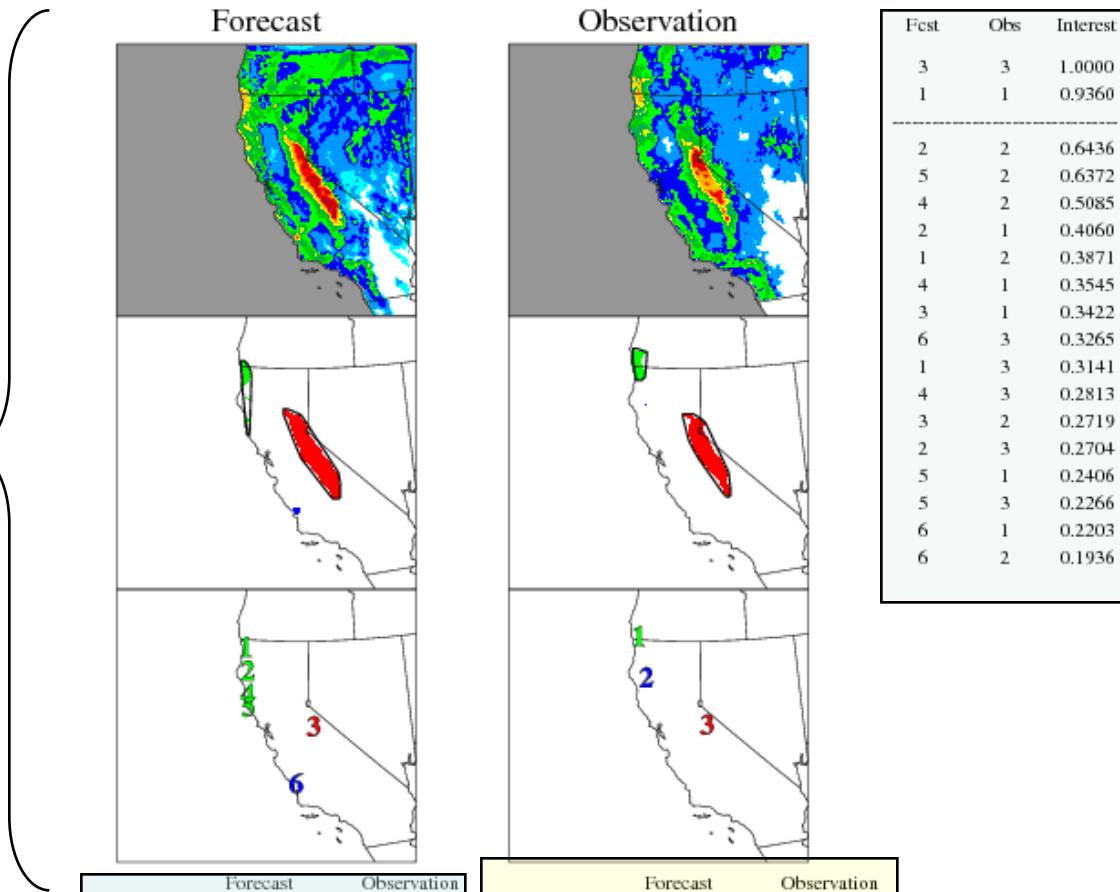
- PostScript
 - object pictures, definitions
 - matching/merging strategy
 - total interest for each object pair
- ASCII Text
 - attributes of simple, paired objects, clusters
 - size, shape, position, separation, total interest
 - verification scores (CSI, bias, etc.) for objects
- netCDF
 - gridded object fields
 - view with ncview



```
//  
// NetCDF matched pairs, PostScript,  
// and contingency table output files  
//  
ps_plot_flag      = TRUE;  
nc_pairs_flag     = {  
    latlon        = TRUE;  
    raw           = TRUE;  
    object_raw    = TRUE;  
    object_id     = TRUE;  
    cluster_id   = TRUE;  
    polylines     = TRUE;  
}  
ct_stats_flag     = TRUE;
```

IODE: APCP_24_A24_ENS_MEAN at A24 vs APCP_24 at A2

object pictures



Field names
model description

	Forecast	Observation
Model:	hmt-ens-d01	
Field:	APCP_24_A24_IMMSIMBAN	
Level:	A24	A24
Units:	kg/m^2	kg/m^2
Initial:	20110216 12:00:00	20110216 12:00:00
Valid:	20110217 12:00:00	20110217 12:00:00
Accum:	24:00:00	24:00:00
Centroid/Boundary:	2.00	4.00
Convex Hull/Angle:	0.00	1.00
Area/Intersection Area:	4.00	4.00
Complexity/Intensity:	0.00	2.00
Total Interest Thresh:		0.70
Mask M/G/P:	on/off/off	on/off/off
Raw Thresh:	≥ 0.00	≥ 0.00
Conv Radius:	2 gs	2 gs
Conv Thresh:	≥ 25.40	≥ 25.40
Area Thresh:	≥ 0 gs	≥ 0 gs
Inten Thresh:	$p100 \geq 0.00$	$p100 \geq 0.00$
Merge Thresh:	≥ 20.00	≥ 20.00
Merging:	thresh	thresh
Matching:		match/merge
Simple/M/U:	6/5/1	3/2/1
Area:	696 gs	589 gs
Area M/U:	674/22	585/4
Cluster:	2	2
MMI:	0.6404	0.9360
MMI (F+O):		0.6436

Weight of object
attributes

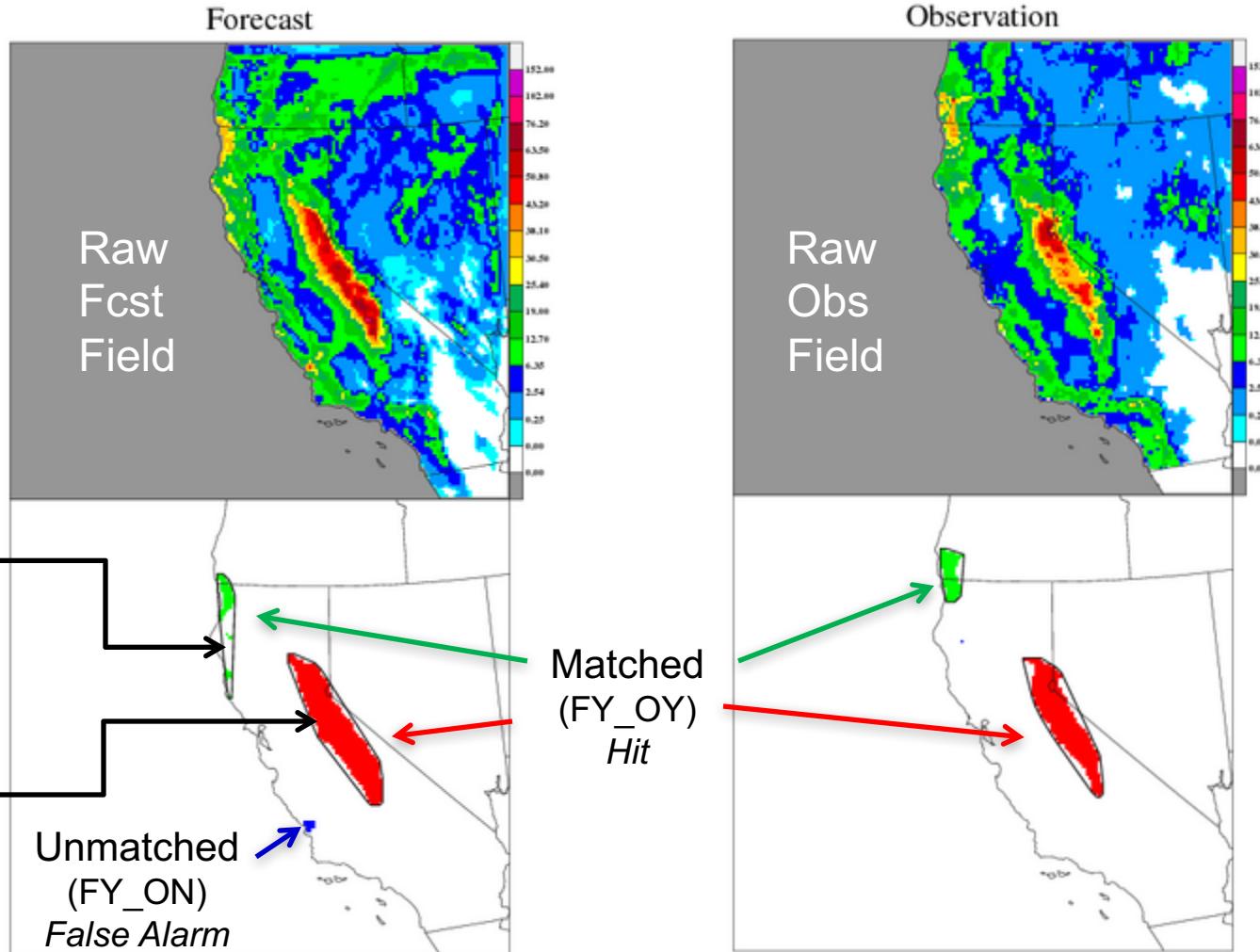
Definition of objects

- smoothing radius
- intensity threshold
- area threshold
- matching and/or merging
- # and area of objects
- Median Max. Interest (MMI)**

Total Interest of
object pairs
Pairs above
dashed line
processed
further

Page 2 and 3 of PostScript:

- Band shows which Simple Objects are merged (aka Cluster)
- Colors show matching between Fcst and Obs.

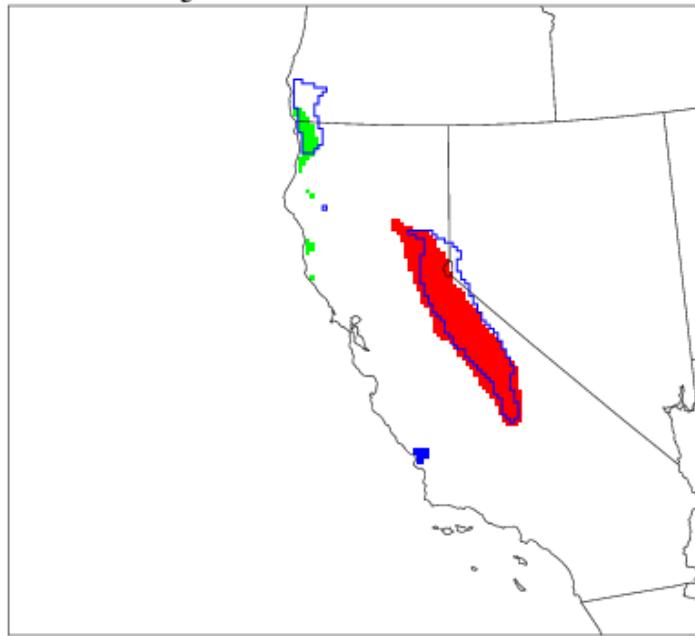


Page 4 of PostScript

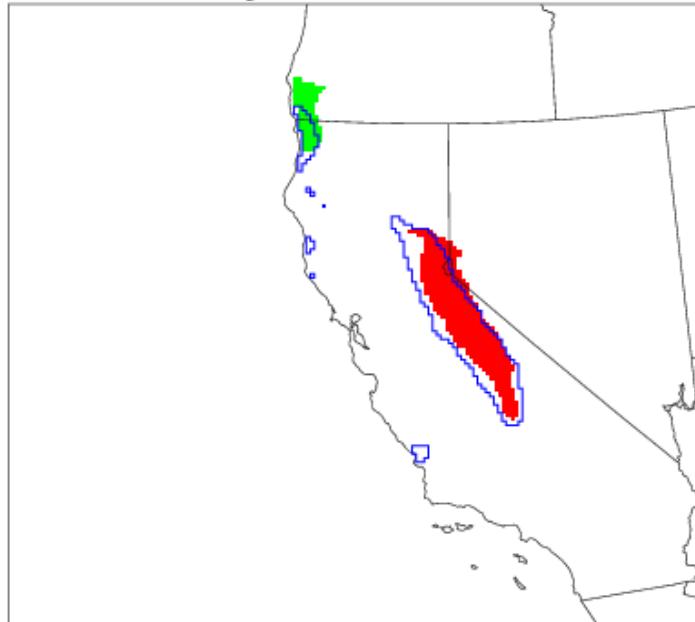
Objects overlapped
In two different views...

Which do you prefer?

Forecast Objects with Observation Outlines



Observation Objects with Forecast Outlines

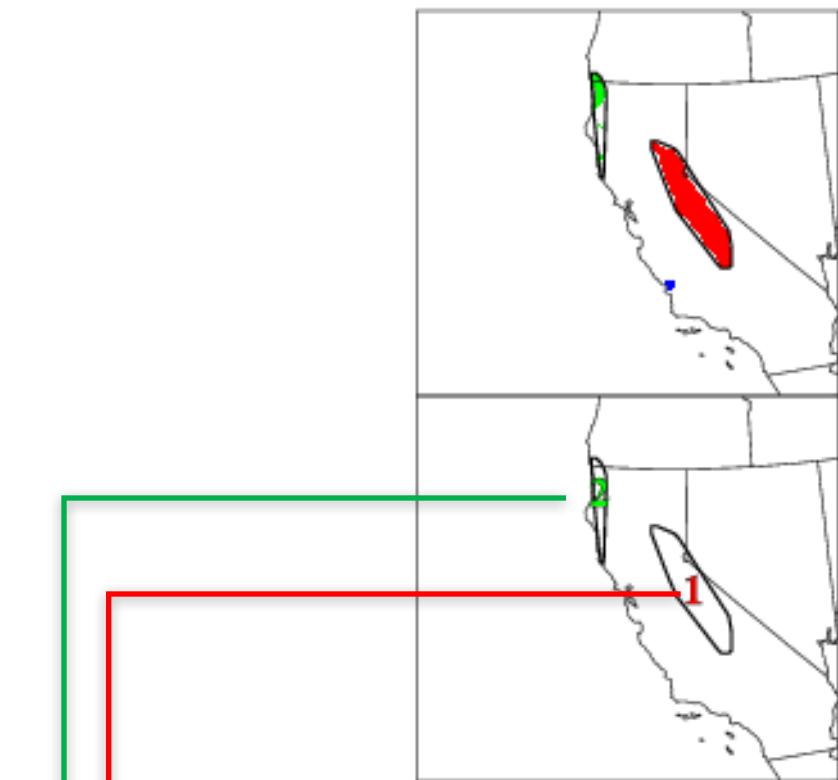


Page 5 of PostScript -

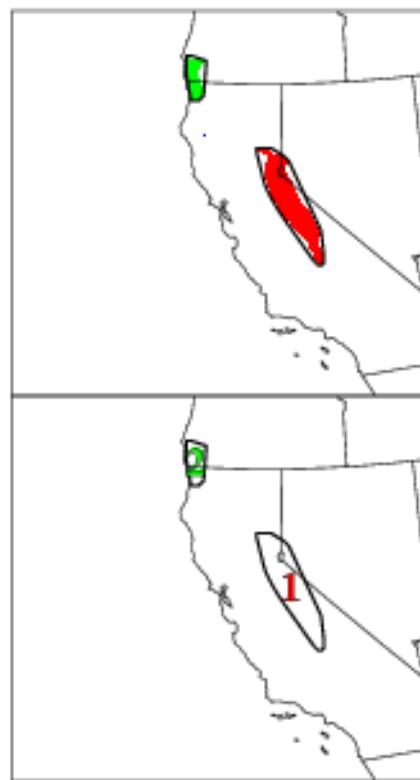
Summary information for clusters in the domain

Cluster Object Information

Forecast



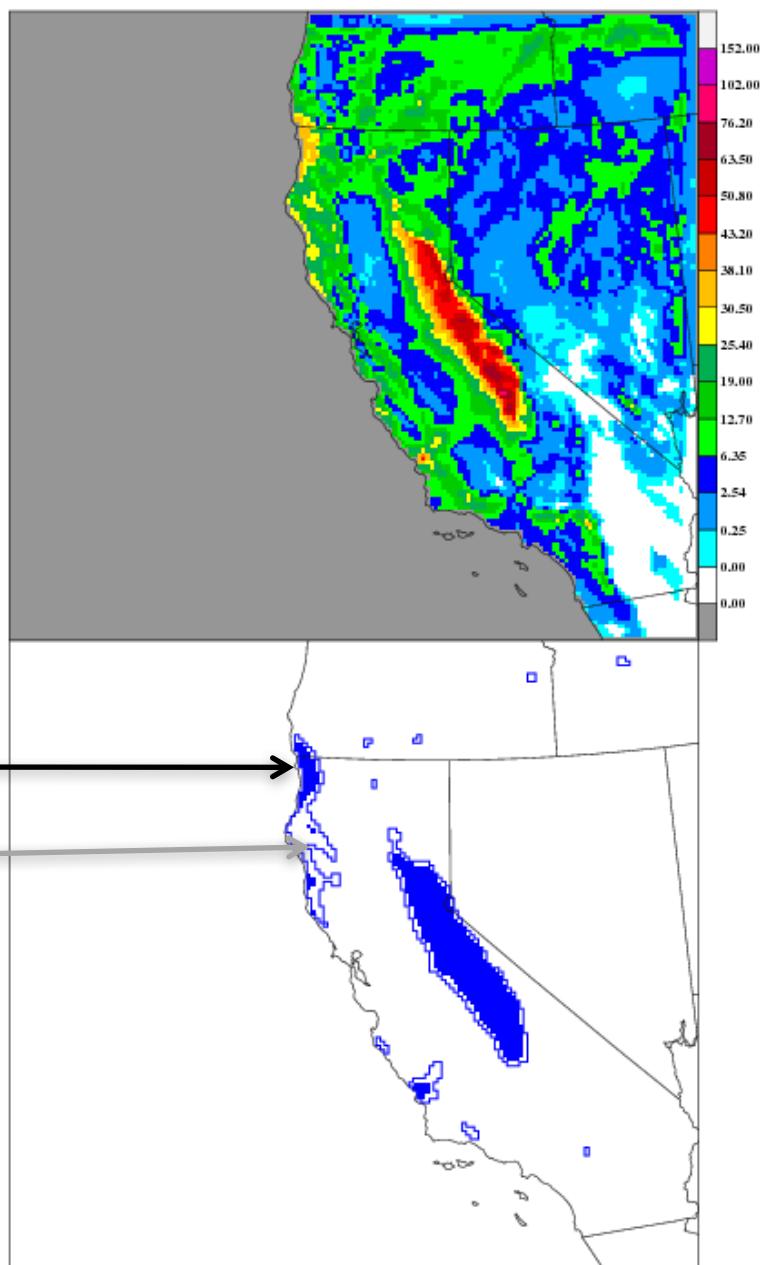
Observation



CLUS PAIR	CEN DIST	ANG DIFF	FCST AREA	OBS AREA	INTER AREA	UNION AREA	SYM DIFF	FCST INT50	OBS INT50	FCST INT90	OBS INT90	TOT INTR
1	1.51	3.65	579	466	418	627	209	39.89	34.95	56.20	49.70	1.0000
2	11.94	2.59	95	119	53	161	108	27.56	27.40	34.28	36.42	0.9909

Page 6+ of PostScript

Raw Field and Double Thresholding For Merging Process

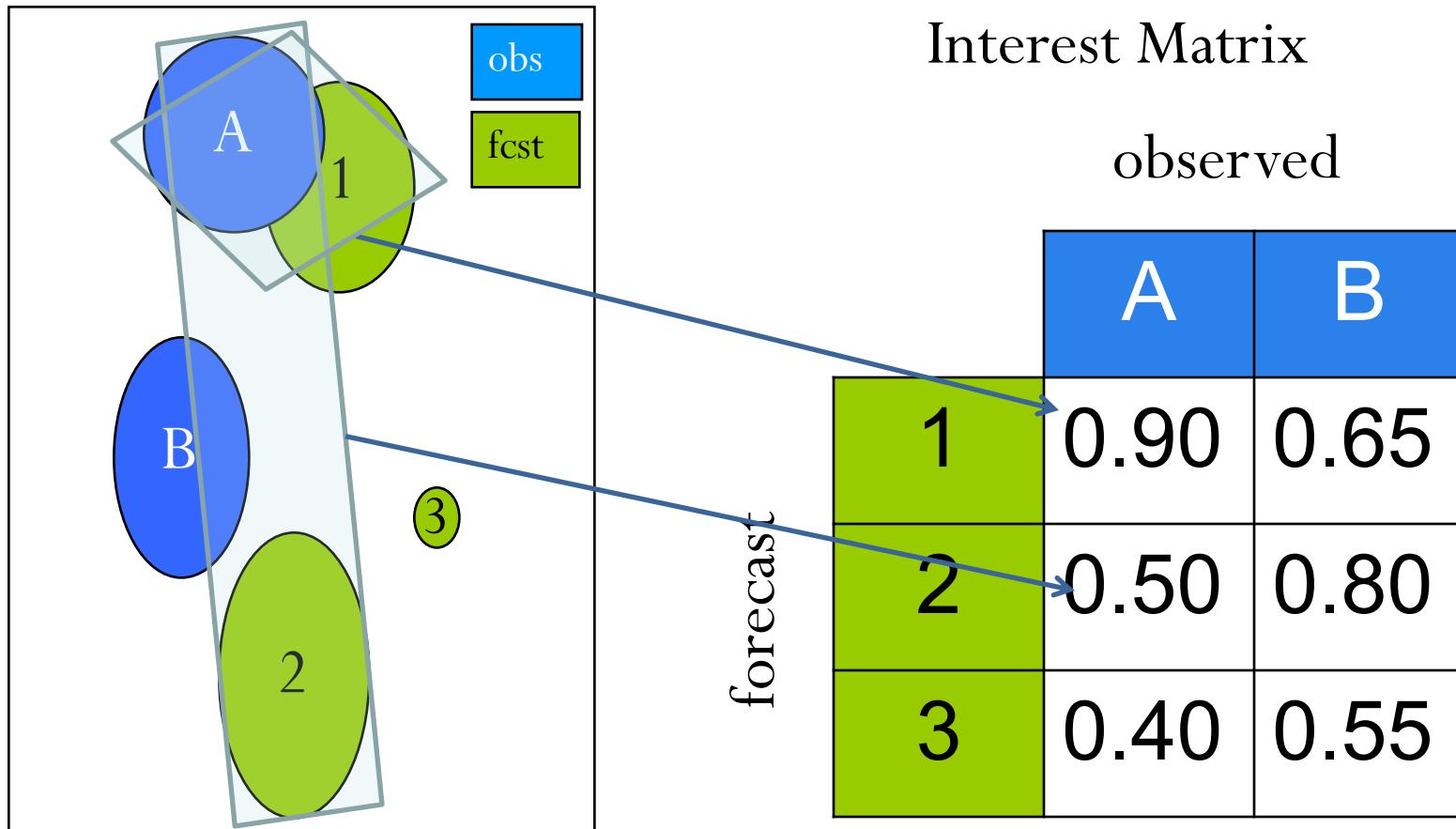


Convolution Threshold ($\geq 25.4\text{mm}$)

Double Thresholding Value ($\geq 22.5\text{mm}$)

Summary Score for Forecast

Median of the Max. Interest (MMI*)

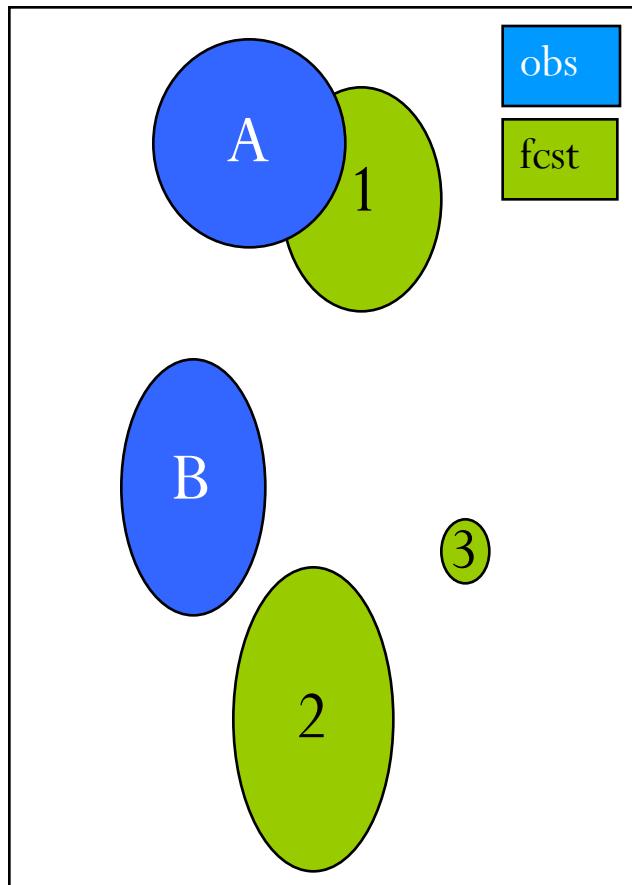


* Davis et al., 2009: The Method for Object-based Diagnostic Evaluation (MODE) Applied to WRF Forecasts from the 2005 SPC Spring Program. Weather and Forecasting

MMI = median { 0.90, 0.80, 0.90, 0.80, 0.55 } = 0.80
maximum interest
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Summary Score for Forecast

Median of the Max. Interest (MMI*)



Interest Matrix

observed

	A	B
1	0.90	0.65
2	0.50	0.80
3	0.40	0.55

forecast

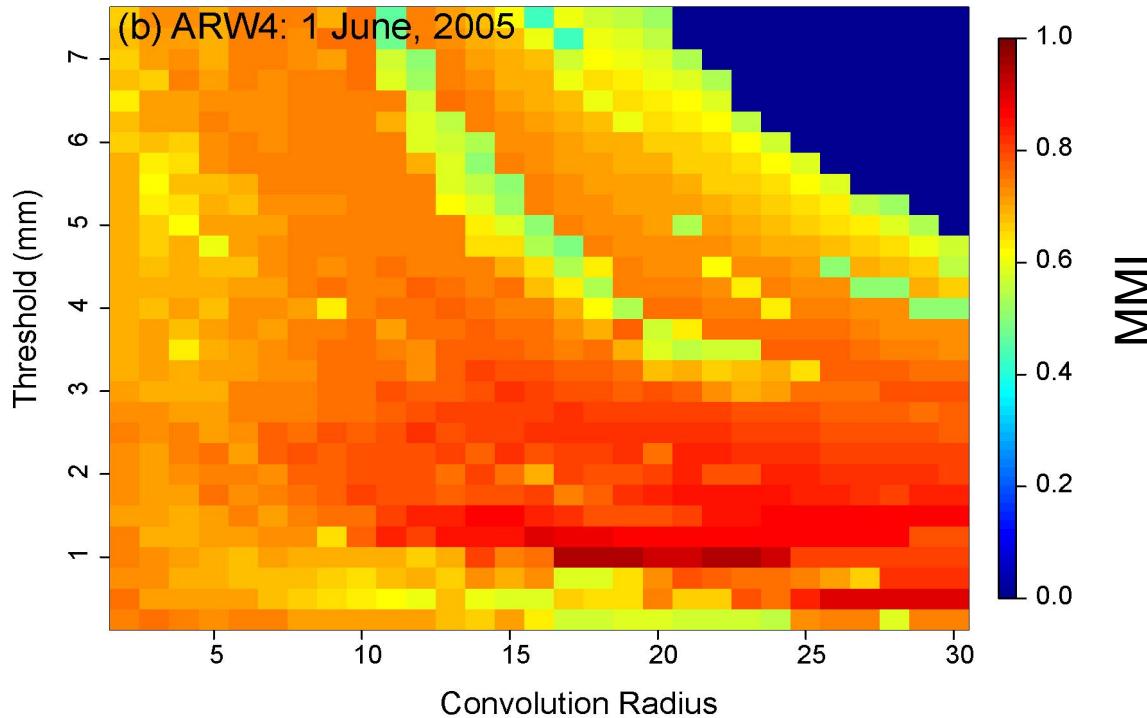
maximum interest

$$\text{MMI} = \text{median} \{ 0.90, 0.80, 0.90, 0.80, 0.55 \} = 0.80$$

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Median of the Max. Interest (MMI) Quilt Plot

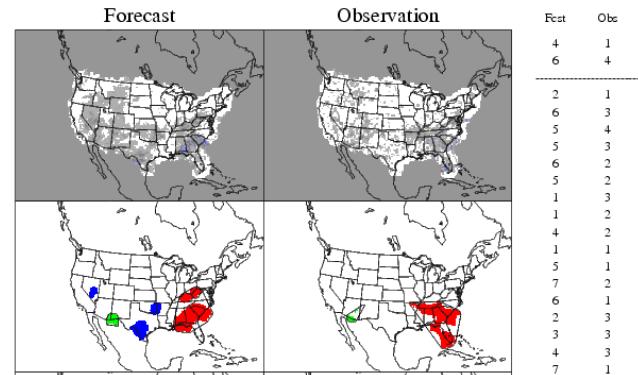


MMI as a function of convolution radius (grid squares) and threshold (mm) for
24-h forecast of 1-h rainfall

- Each pixel is a MODE run.
- This graphic is not in MET, but R code on MET website.

MODE Output

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    object_raw    = TRUE;  
    object_id     = TRUE;  
    cluster_id   = TRUE;  
    polylines     = TRUE;  
}  
ct_stats_flag     = TRUE;
```

ASCII Output

Object Attribute file (*_obj.txt)

- Header with fields names and object definition info
- Object ID and Category
- Simple Object Attributes
 - Simple Obj. Centroid info, Length, Width, Area, etc...
- Matched Pair/Composite information
 - Centroid Distance, Angle Difference, Symmetric Difference, etc...
- NA's for not relevant output

Contingency Table Stat file (*_cts.txt)

- Header with fields names and object definition info
- Contingency Table counts
 - hits, false alarms, misses and correct negs (FY|FN_OY|ON notation)
- Contingency Table statistics such
 - BASER, FBIAS, GSS, CSI, PODY, FAR etc...

ASCII Output

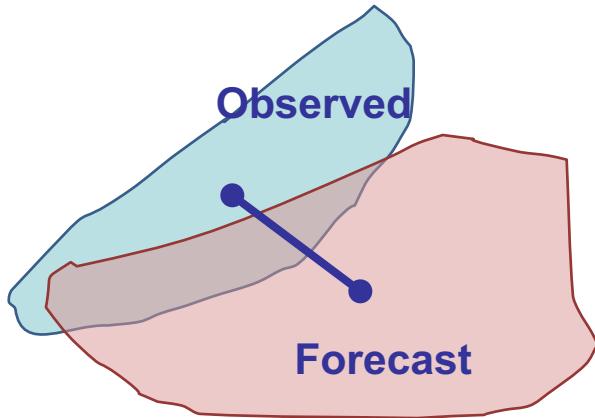
Object Attribute file (*_obj.txt)

OBJECT_ID	OBJECT_CAT	CENTROID_X	CENTROID_Y	CENTROID_LAT	CENTROID_LON	AXIS_ANG	LENGTH	WIDTH	AREA
F001	CF000	1088.10939	419.8381	35.38308	-91.24656	35.0499	159.73583	69.37881	6625
0001	C0000	1072.24122	767.62874	44.75884	-90.95277	48.23578	202.68348	82.43007	10024
0002	C0000	899.80285	567.40078	39.53595	-97.47192	48.70561	39.12947	25.76823	707
F001_0001	CF000_C0000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
F001_0002	CF000_C0000	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Contingency Table Stat file (*_cts.txt)

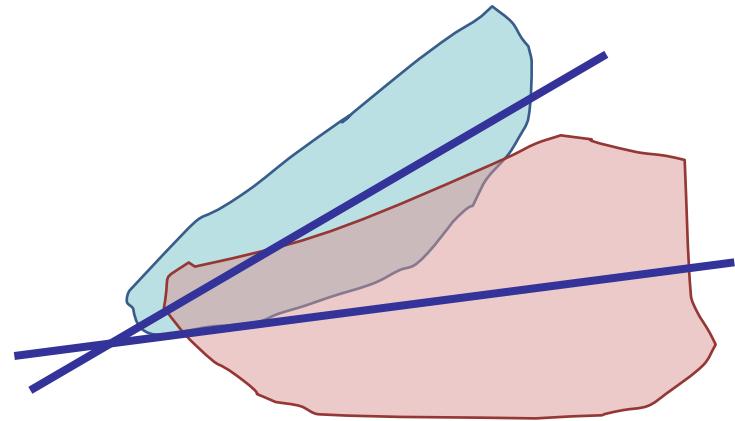
OBTYPE	FIELD	TOTAL	FY_OY	FY_ON	FN_OY	FN_ON	BASER	FMEAN	ACC	FBIAS	PODY	PODN	POFD	FAR	CSI
GPCP	RAW	1714176	51313	51666	95113	1516084	0.085421	0.060075	0.91437	0.70328	0.35044	0.96704	0.032956	0.50171	0.25904
GPCP	OBJECT	1714176	48522	49626	82152	1533876	0.076231	0.057257	0.92312	0.75109	0.37132	0.96866	0.031339	0.50562	0.26912

Use of MODE Pair Attributes



Centroid Distance: Quantitative measure of forecast spatial Displacement.

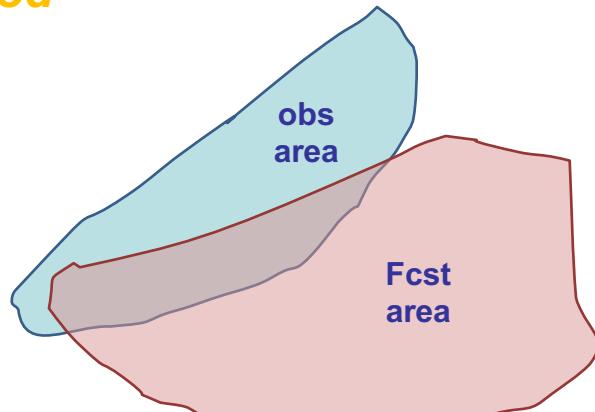
Small is good



Axis Angle: For non-circular Objects, measure of orientation errors.

Small is good

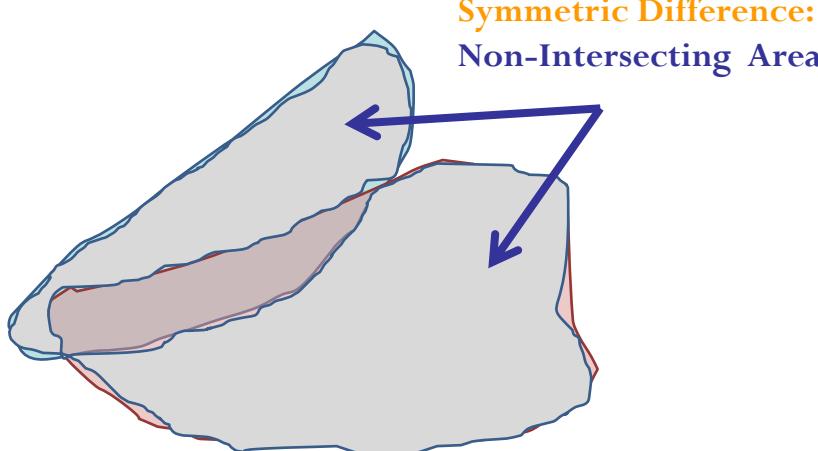
Area Ratio =
small Area
Large Area



Area Ratio: Provides an objective measure of whether there is an over- or under-prediction of areal extent of forecast.

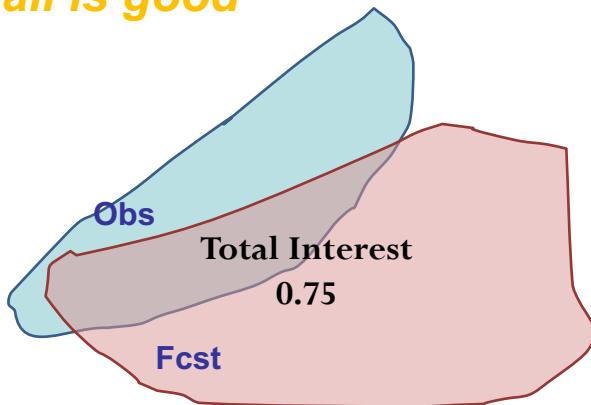
Close to 1 is good

Use of MODE Pair Attributes

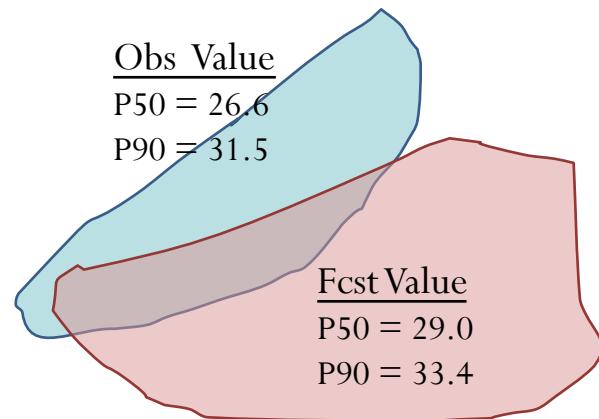


Symmetric Diff: Summary statistic for how well Forecast and Observed objects match.

Small is good

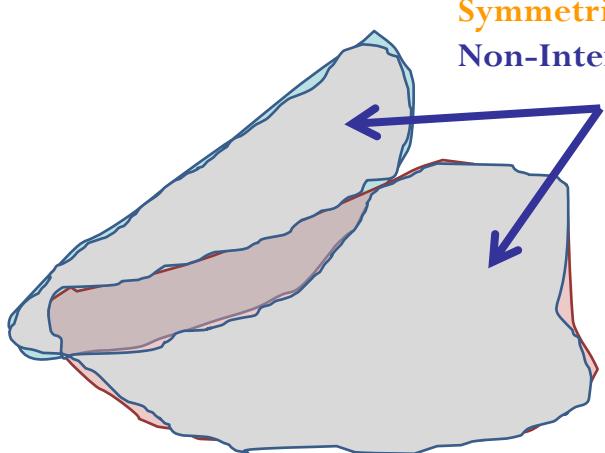


Total Interest: Summary statistic derived from fuzzy logic engine with user-defined Interest Maps for all these attributes plus some others.
Close to 1 is good



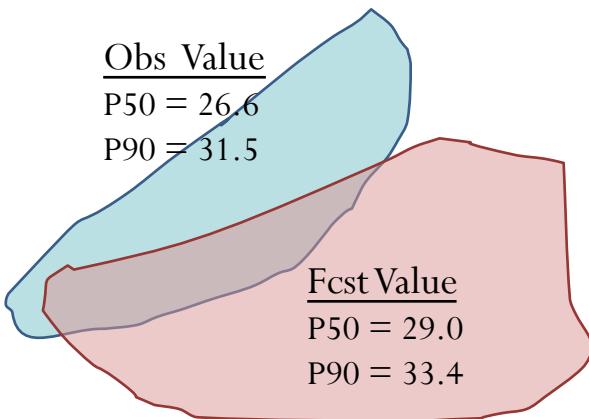
P50 | P90 Int: Objective measures of Median (50th percentile) and near-Peak (90th percentile) intensities in objects.
Ratio close To 1 is good

Use of MODE Pair Attributes

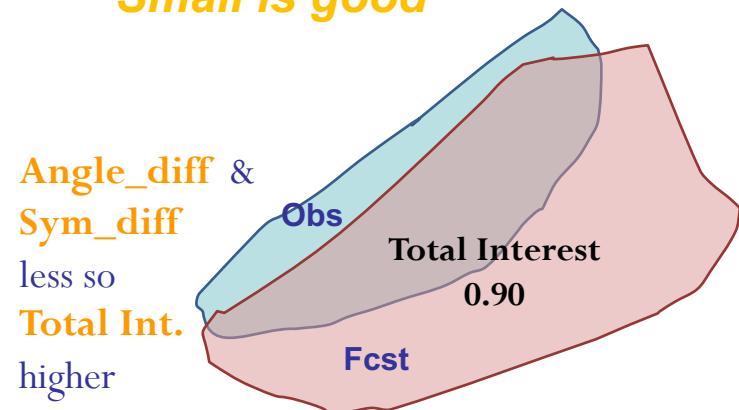


Symmetric Diff: Summary statistic for how well Forecast and Observed objects match.

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Scoring MODE Objects

use total interest threshold to separate matched objects,
or “hits” from false alarms and misses

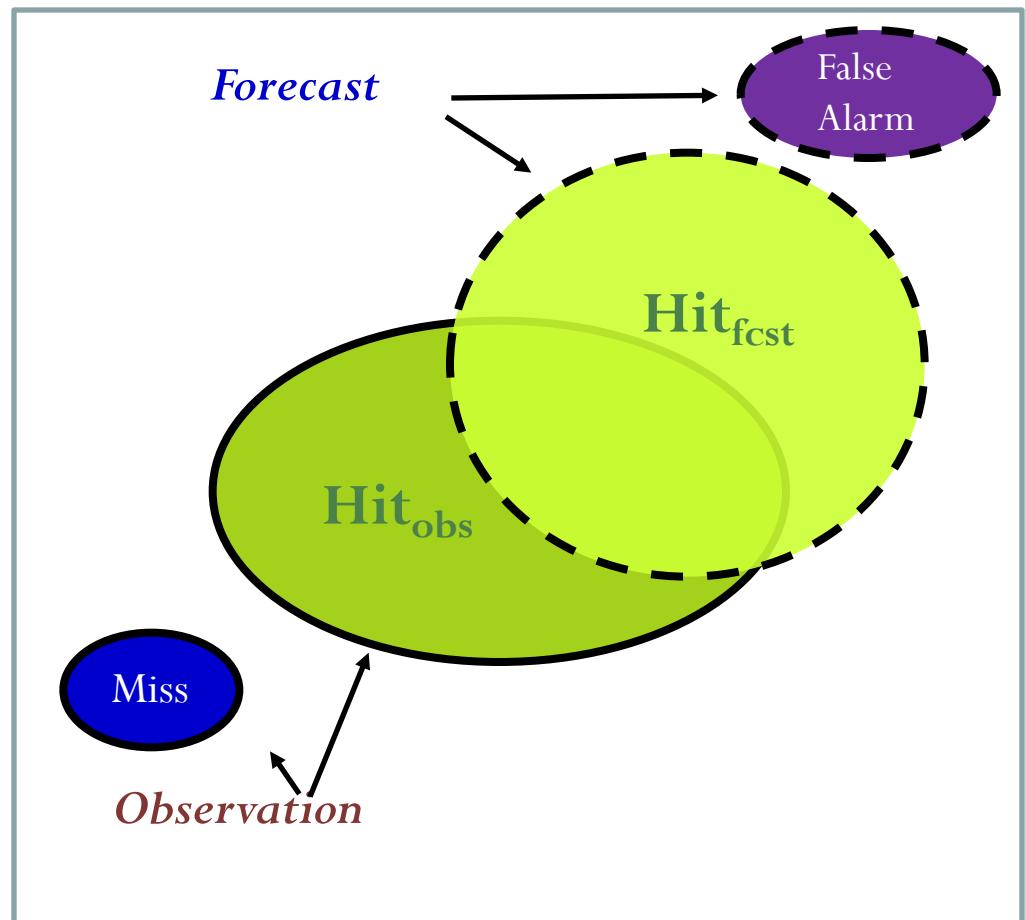
Traditional Categorical Statistics

critical success index (CSI) =

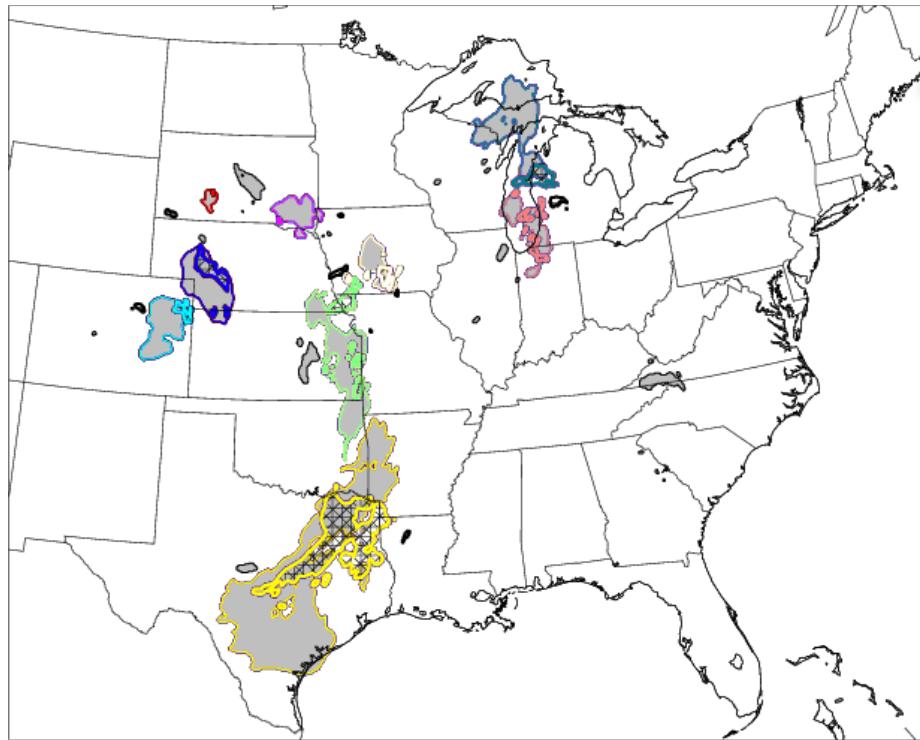
$$\frac{\text{Hit}}{\text{Hit} + \text{Miss} + \text{False Alarm}}$$

$$\text{bias} = \frac{\text{Hit} + \text{False Alarm}}{\text{Hit} + \text{Miss}}$$

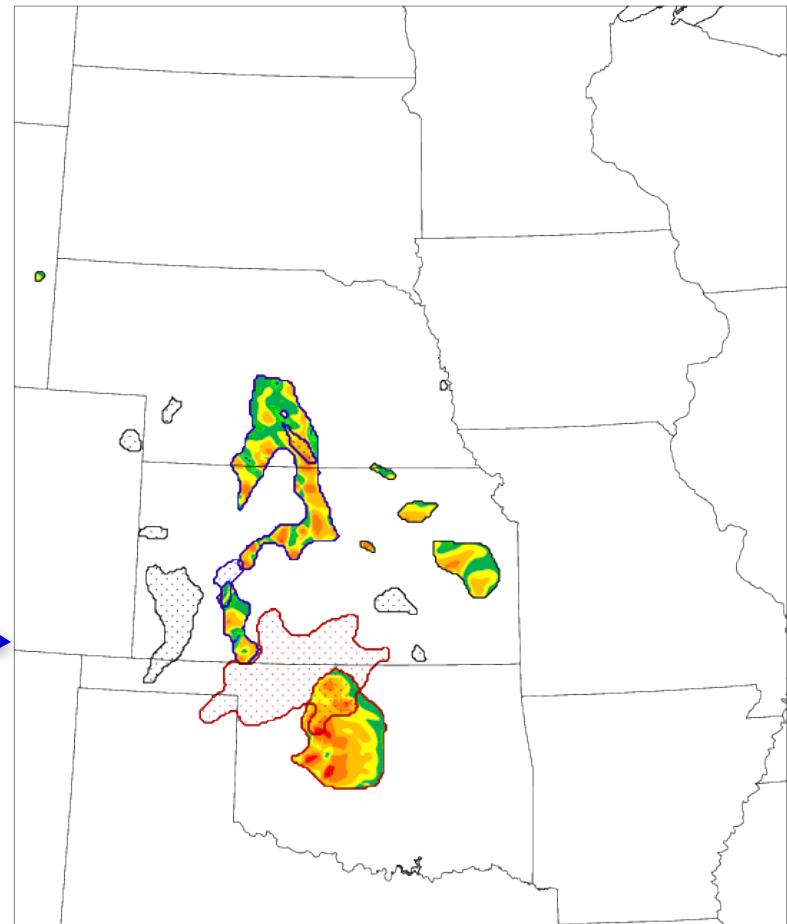
sometimes *area-weighted*



How netCDF could be used



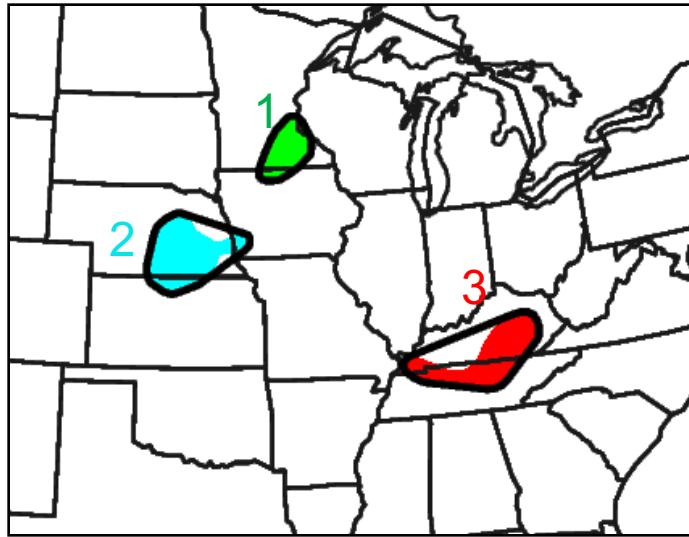
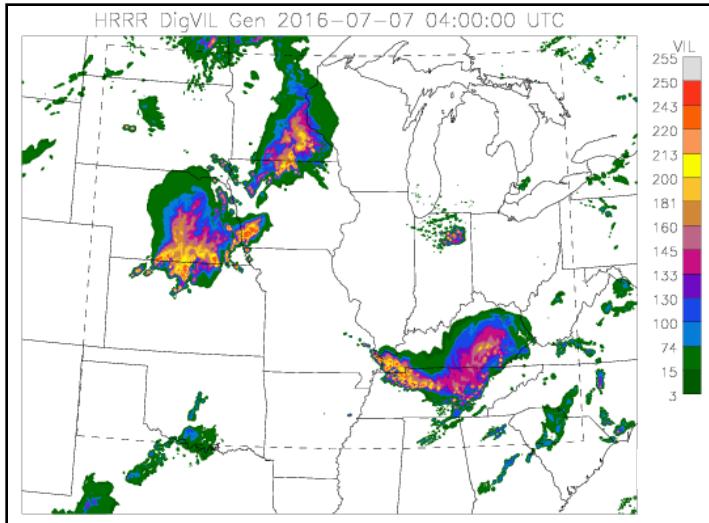
Employ a different plotting approach
to show matched clusters



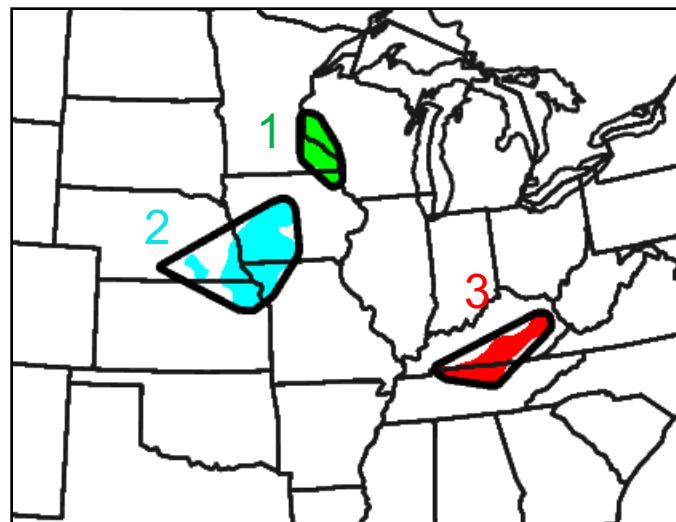
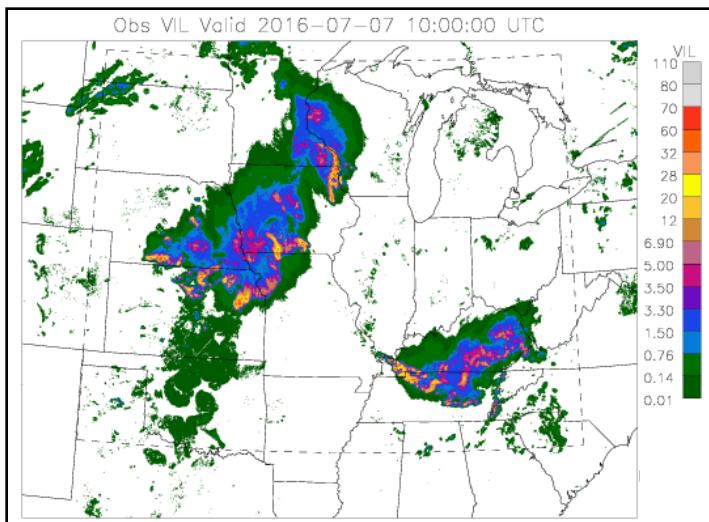
Display actual intensities inside objects
(in this case Reflectivity)

Plots generated using NCL

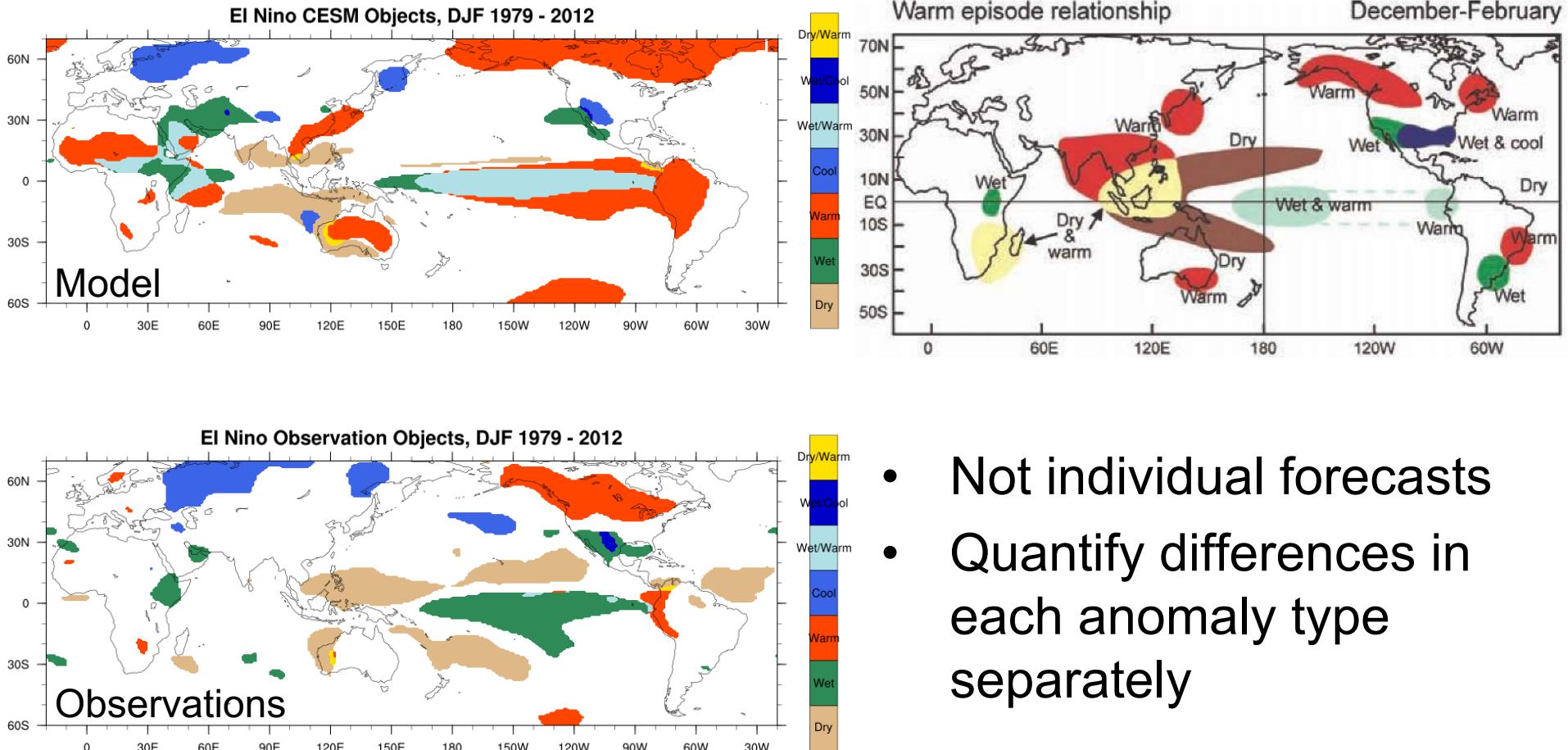
MODE Example: Traditional



Fcst Area: 6302
Obs Area: 4020
Centroid Dist: 12.4
Int Area: 3189
Interest: 0.98

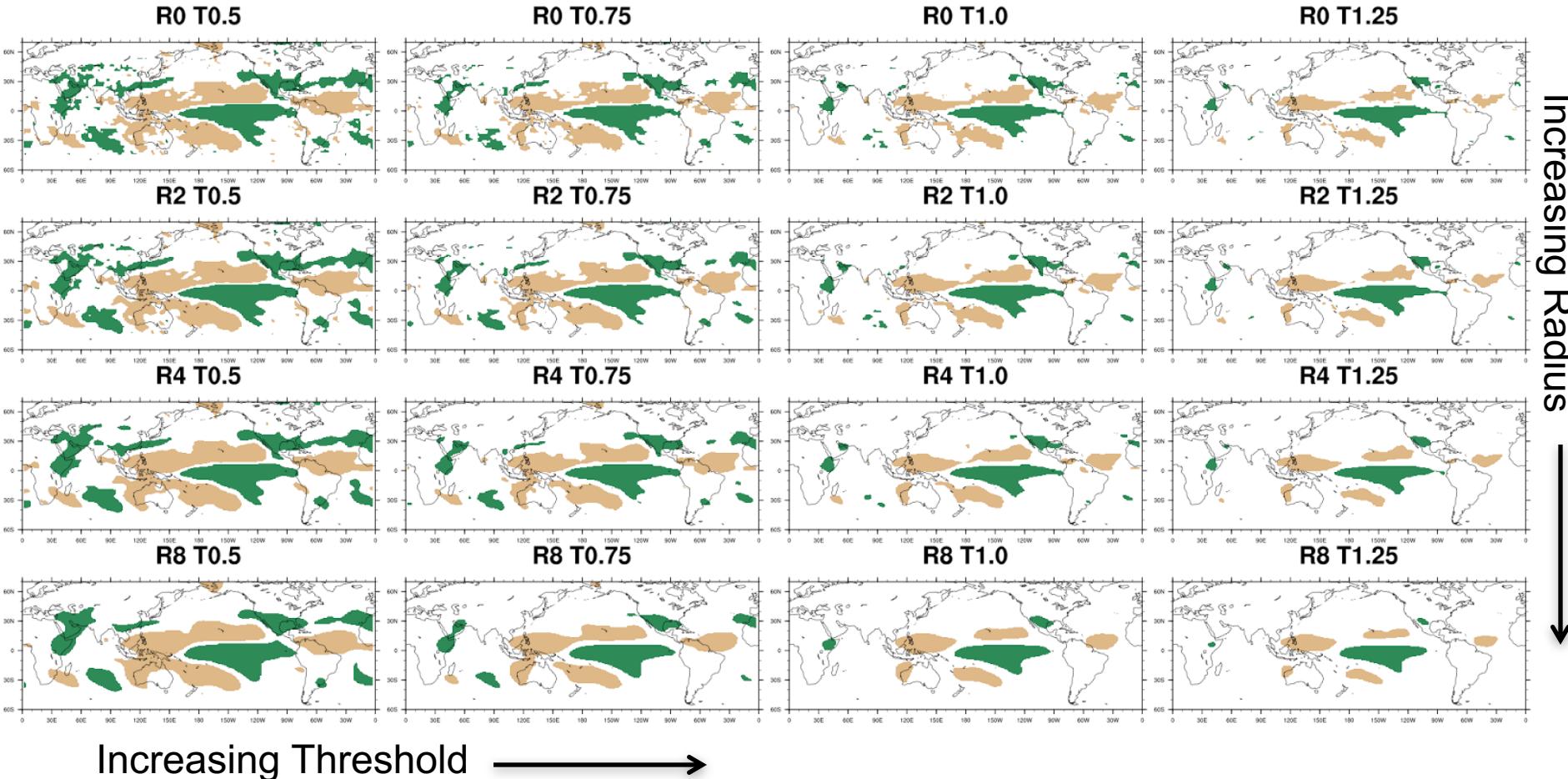


MODE Example: El Nino Climate



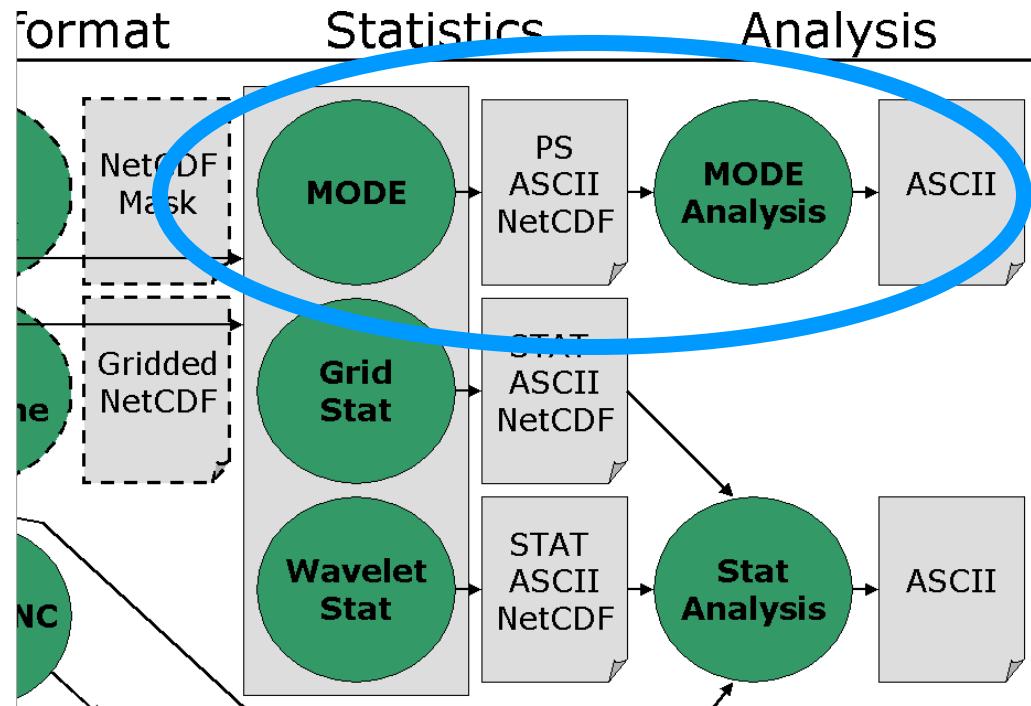
- Not individual forecasts
- Quantify differences in each anomaly type separately

Effect of Radius and Threshold



MODE Analysis Tool

- mode_analysis



MODE_Analysis Usage

Usage: *mode_analysis*

-lookin path

-summary or -bycase

[-column name]

[-dump_row filename]

[-out filename]

[-log filename]

[-v level]

[-help]

[MODE FILE LIST]

[-config config_file]

or [MODE LINE OPTIONS]

MODE LINE OPTIONS

Object Toggles

-fcst versus **-obs**

Selects lines pertaining to forecast objects or observation objects

-single versus **-pair**

Selects single object lines or pair lines

-simple versus **-cluster**

Selects simple object lines or cluster

-matched versus **-unmatched**

Selects matched simple object lines or unmatched simple object lines.

Other Options (each option followed by value)

-model, **-fcst|obs_thr** , **-fcst_var** , etc...

-area_min|max, **-intersection_area_min|max** , etc...

-centroid_x_min|max , **-centroid_y_min|max**,

-axis_ang_min|max , **-int10_min|max**,

-centroid_dist_min|max , **-angle_diff_min|max**,
etc...

MODE_Analysis Config File

```
// Integer min/max options
//
//area_min          = 0;
//area_max          = 0;

//area_filter_min   = 0;
//area_filter_max   = 0;

//area_thresh_min   = 0;
//area_thresh_max   = 0;

//intersection_area_min = 0;
//intersection_area_max = 0;

//union_area_min     = 0;
//union_area_max     = 0;

//symmetric_diff_min = 0;
//symmetric_diff_max = 0;

///////////////////////////////
//
// Date/time min/max options
//
// Date/time strings of the form YYYYMMDD, YYYYMMDD_HH, or YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS
//
//fcst_valid_min = "";
//fcst_valid_max = "";
```

```
// MODE line type toggle options
//
fcst      = FALSE;
obs       = FALSE;
```

```
// Multiple set string options
//
//model      = [];
//desc       = [];
//fcst_thr  = [];
//obs_thr   = [];
//fcst_var  = [];
//fcst_lev  = [];
//obs_var   = [];
//obs_lev   = [];
```

MODE Analysis Tool

-summary Example

Command Line

```
mode_analysis -summary \
  -lookin mode_output/wrf4ncep/40km/ge03.\
  -fcst  -cluster \
  -area_min 100 \
  -column centroid_lat -column centroid_lon \
  -column area \
  -column axis_ang \
  -column length
```

Provides summary statistics for Forecast Clusters with minimum area of 100 grid-sq for the specified MODE output columns

Output

```
Total mode lines read = 393
Total mode lines kept = 17
```

Field	N	Min	Max	Mean	StdDev	P10	P25	P50	P75	P90	Sum
centroid_lat	17	31.97	46.24	38.65	3.81	33.89	36.13	38.54	40.12	43.99	657.00
centroid_lon	17	-103.89	-85.20	-96.32	5.91	-103.15	-102.65	-96.26	-93.95	-86.78	-1637.49
area	17	180.00	8393.00	2955.06	2246.49	624.80	1206.00	2662.00	3958.00	5732.20	50236.00
axis_ang	17	-88.63	85.66	12.62	64.35	-70.77	-63.86	35.04	74.37	79.24	214.60
length	17	25.25	234.76	124.41	60.99	48.85	65.37	116.67	169.37	204.57	2114.90

MODE Analysis Tool

-bycase Example

Command Line

```
mode_analysis -bycase -lookin mode_output/wrf4ncep/40km/ge03. -single -simple
```

Output

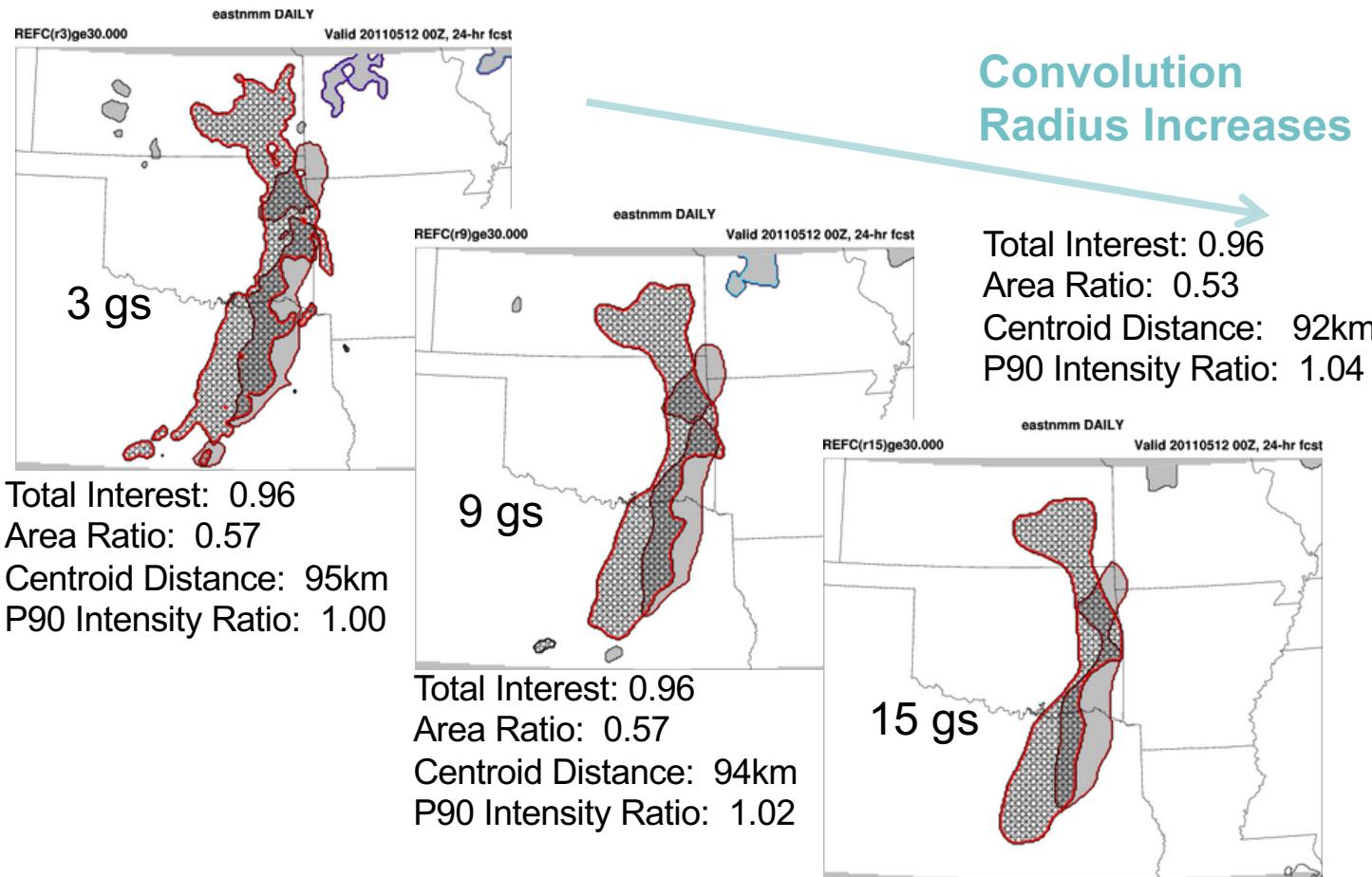
```
Total mode lines read = 393
```

```
Total mode lines kept = 141
```

Fcst	Valid	Time	Area Matched	Area Unmatched	# Fcst	Matched #	Fcst	Unmatched #	Obs Matched #	Obs Unmatched
Apr 26, 2005	00:00:00		3210	1046	2		4		1	
May 13, 2005	00:00:00		8892	9320	2		19		1	
May 14, 2005	00:00:00		16994	4534	7		4		5	
May 18, 2005	00:00:00		6057	852	3		2		2	
May 19, 2005	00:00:00		1777	1624	1		5		2	
May 25, 2005	00:00:00		8583	928	4		2		4	
Jun 1, 2005	00:00:00		12456	2657	5		6		6	
Jun 3, 2005	00:00:00		7561	102	11		1		5	
Jun 4, 2005	00:00:00		11464	5715	6		12		4	

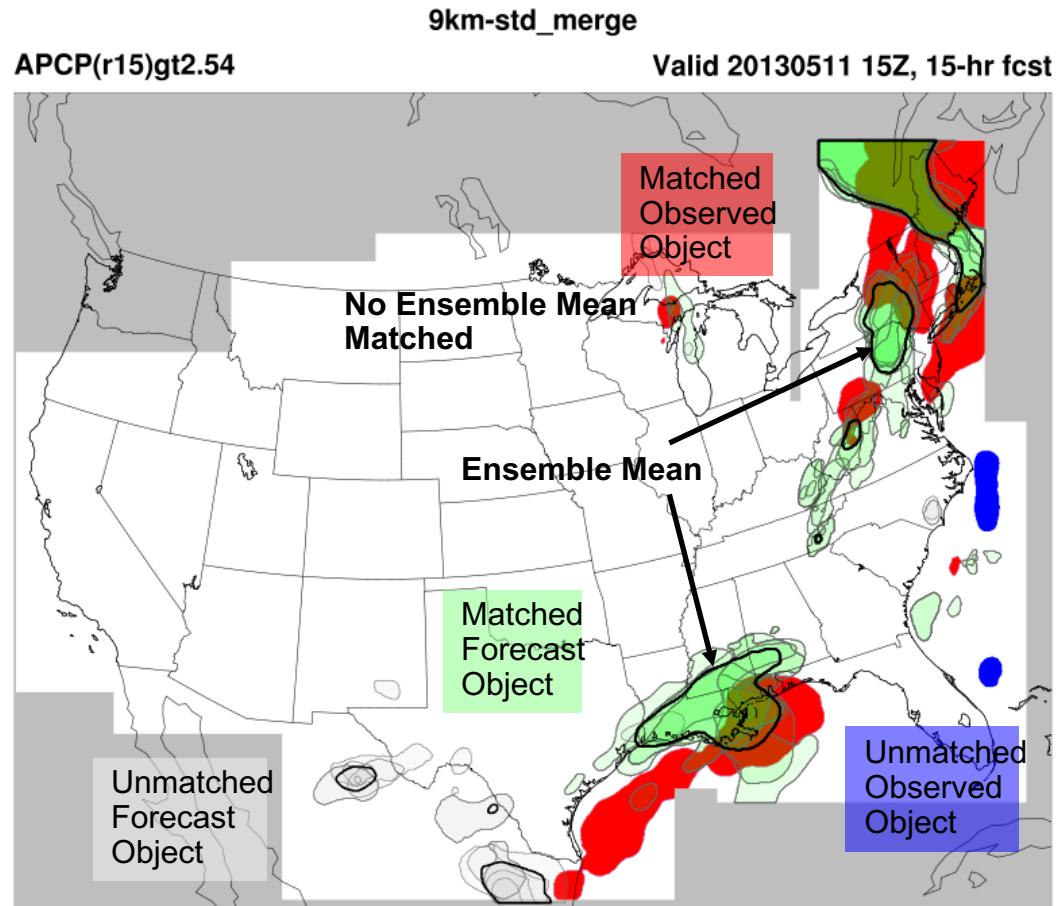
Provides tallied information
for all Simple Objects for
each case in directory

Example – REFC > 30 dBZ – Impact of smoothing radius

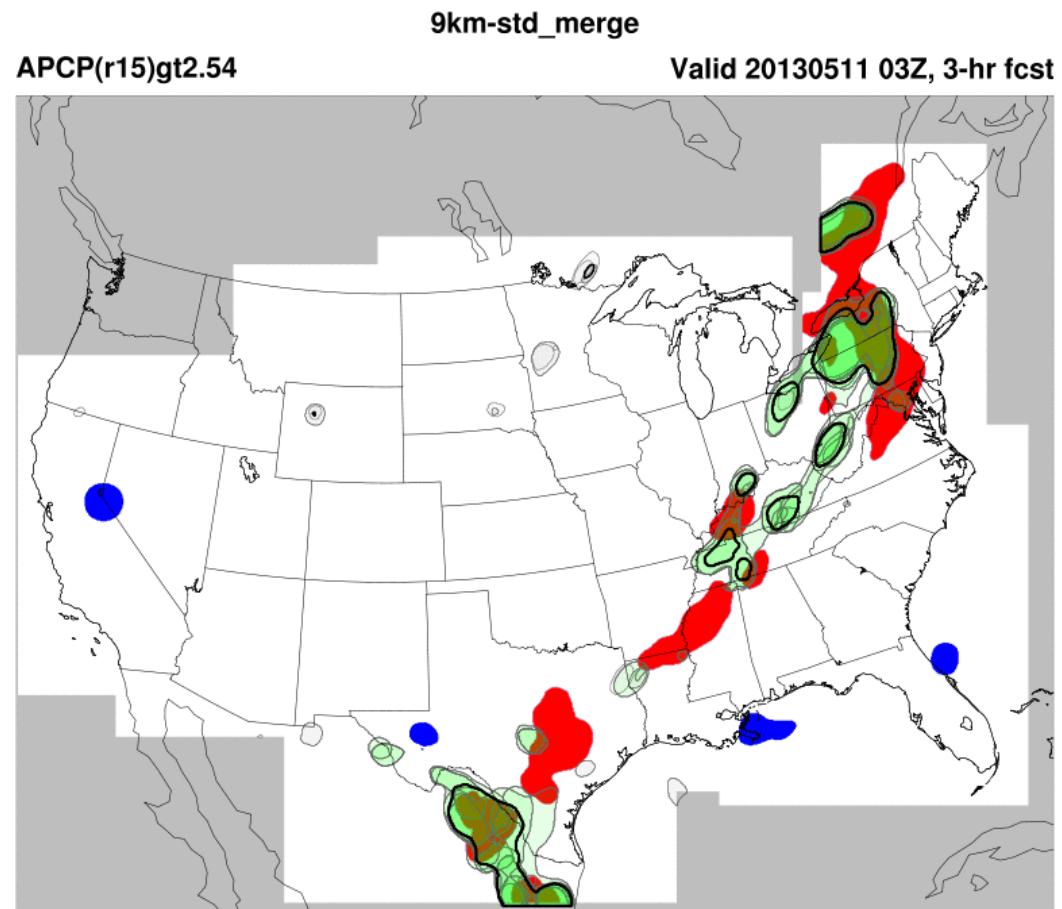


Example May 11, 2013

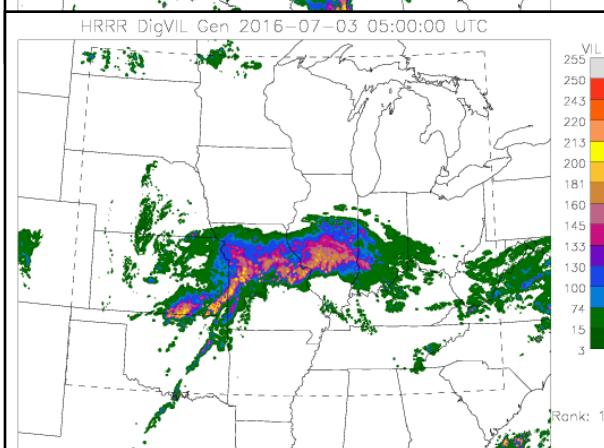
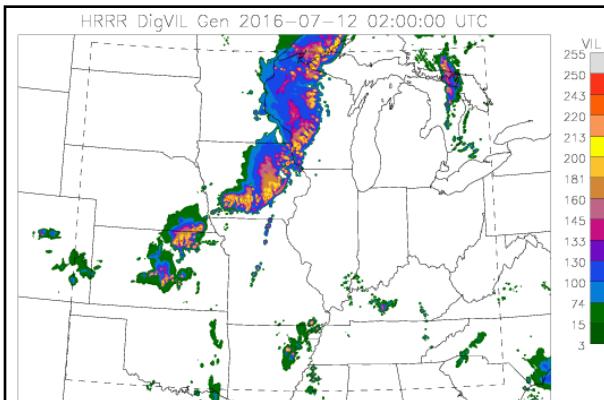
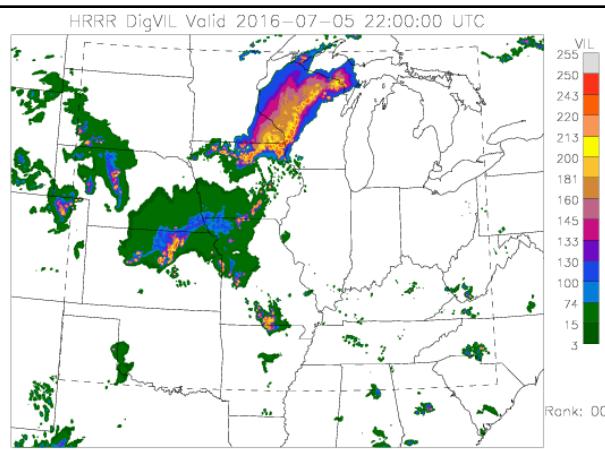
DTC SREF
Tests – ARW
Members



Spread increases With Time



MODE Example: Fcst Analogs



Area ratio: 1.19
Centroid dist: 27.92
Angle Diff: 25.00

Area ratio: 0.81
Centroid dist: 58.15
Angle Diff: 20.41

Area ratio: 1.09
Centroid dist: 205.00
Angle Diff: 34.20