

PhD Seminar - Arctic Sea Ice Feature Detection

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Seminar Agenda

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- Introduction to Problem and Data Set
- Previous Methods
- Our proposed Method: Bounding Box Approach
- Interpolation of Missing Data
- Future Work

Project 1: Arctic Sea Ice Feature Detection

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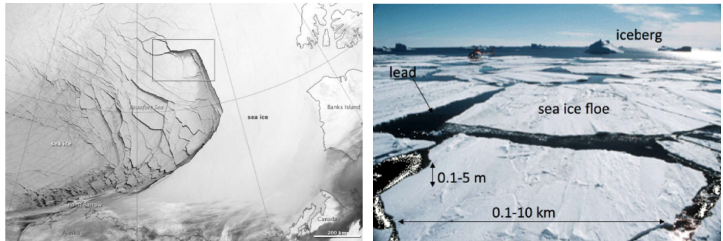


Figure 1: Figures of Ice Cracks

Motivation

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- What are We trying to Do?
 - Develop a method to determine where possible Ice Cracks may form given only movement data
- Data Given
 - Gpid: Identify of part of ice chunk
 - Location of gpids (x/y)
 - Observation Time: Have 22 days worth of data
 - k : image index (sometimes will have multiple observations for a gpid on a day)

Sea Ice Motion Animation

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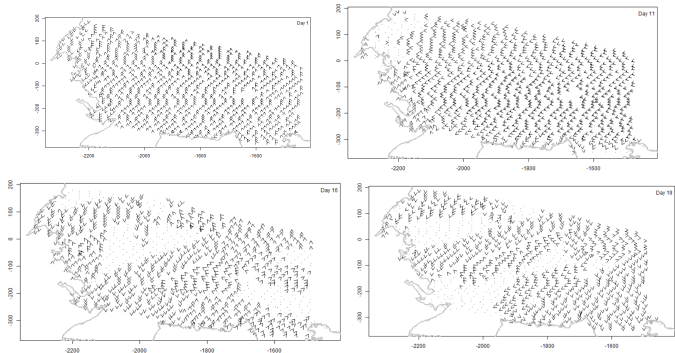
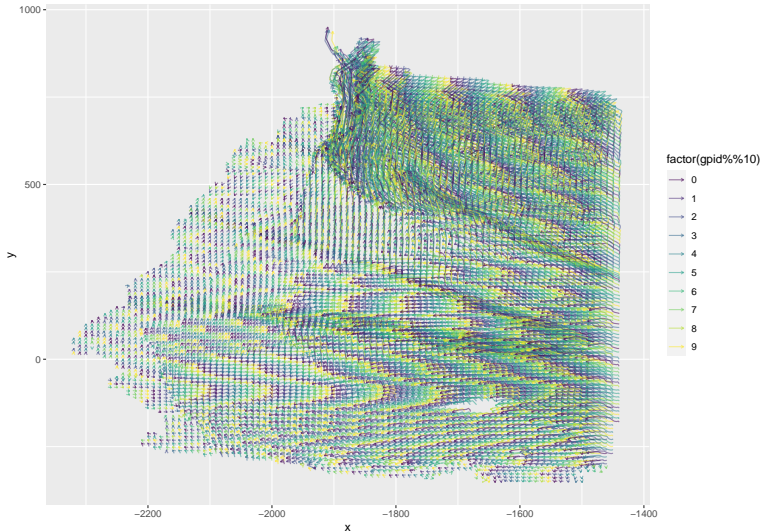


Figure 2: Ice Motion

Explanation of Problem

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Comparison: Previous Work by Guan et al (2019)

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- There is another dataset that has more information (like derivations of estimates of ice deformation)
- Then they ran a kinematic analysis of the deformations.
 - Fit a jump in displacement that would account for the observed deformation in a cell.
 - So gives some indication of where cracks may form, and the level of opening of the crack.

Overview: Spatio-Temporal Clustering

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- Ansari et. al (2019)
 - Event Clustering
 - Geo-Referenced data item clustering
 - Geo-Referenced time series clustering
 - Trajectory Clustering (Focus)
 - Moving Clusters
 - Semantic Based Trajectory Mining
- Clustering of sub-trajectories (Lee et al (2007))

Challenges

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- How gpids are laid out (can't use density-based clustering)
- Missing chunks of data (issues with calculations of distances)
- Only motion data is observed
- Typical interpolation methods aren't suitable
 - Non-smooth spatial process
 - Nonstationarity due to ice moving as patches.

Our Proposed Method

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- Cluster similar trajectories to identify patches of ice using information from a Bounding Box
 - A way to work around the missing data problem
- Space-time interpolation within each ice pack where ice movements are similar.

Clustering with Bounding Box

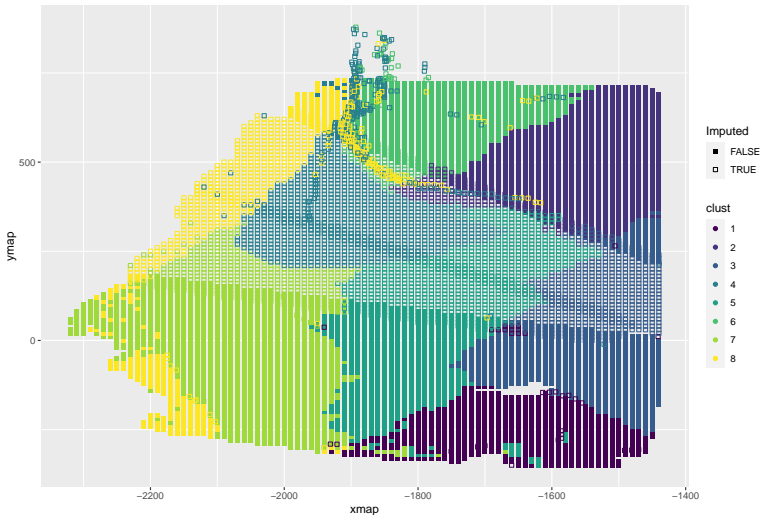
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- Included in Bounding Box
 - Min/Max Latitude
 - Min/Max Longitude
 - Average Lat/Long
 - Length of Latitude
 - Length of Longitude
 - Angle/Direction Moved
- Use the features of the bounding box as inputs into KMeans Clustering
 - The boundaries of each cluster would be where the ice crack forms
 - The number of clusters was determined using the silhouette statistic

Results: Bounding Box of All Days

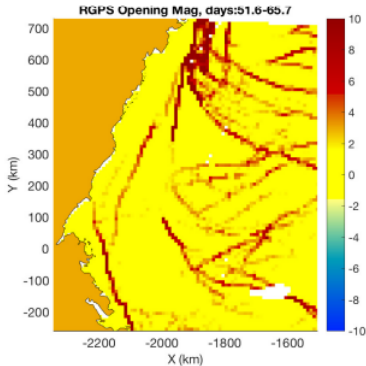
KMeans Clustering at t=51



Comparison to Yawen's Previous Work

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Figure 3: RGPS opening magnitude from the kinematic algorithm

Results: Bounding Box By Week

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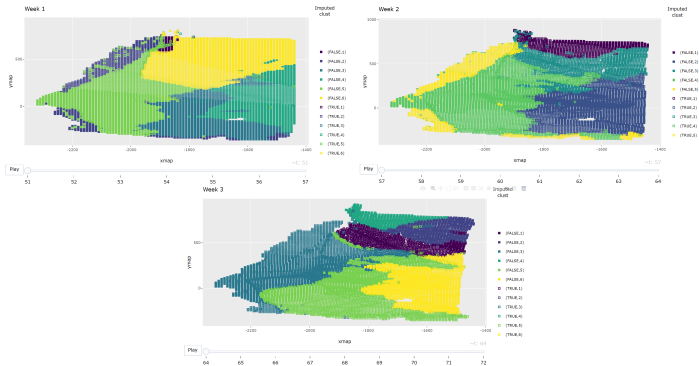


Figure 4: Clustering Bounding Boxes by Week

Next: Interpolation of Missing Information

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- Want to be able to interpolate the missing x/y grid information
 - Challenges:
 - When missing grid information, missing it in chunks
 - For spatial- temporal interpolation, in order to calculate the distance matrix, need latitude and longitude.
- Our Method: Use of Polygon Intersections
 - Find Spatial and temporal neighbors and use these to interpolate onto a grid

Interpolation Process

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- Find Spatial-Temporal Neighbor groupings for each week.
 - Created Polygons for each week of the Clusters given previous (spatial neighbors)
 - Find intersection of polygons for the different weeks (temporal neighbors)
- Develop a grid for starting values if missing.
- At a time point, find the known data, and use this to develop a model using `fit_model` in the `GpGp` package
 - Exponential Space-Time Covariance Function
- Then predict the `gpid`s `x` or `y` location using the developed model with the initial value being the grid cell.
 - Current Issues

Interpolation Pics

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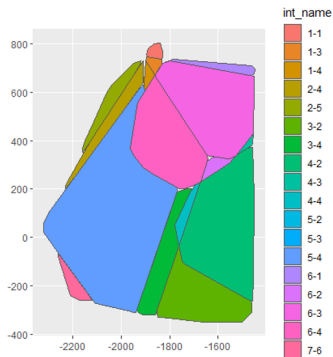


Figure 5: Spatial-Temporal Neighbors of Week 1

Current Work: Analyzing Nonstationary Spatial Data Using Gaussian Processes

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- Find a method that can determine groupings, and also model our data in one step.
 - Methods on analyzing nonstationary spatial data using piecewise Gaussian processes
 - Voronoi Tessellation (Kim et al. (2005))
 - Bayesian Tree (Konomi et al. (2014))
- Problems so far:
 - Methods don't have a time component
 - Developing the Code.

Future Work

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- Figure out errors in interpolation model
- Validation of my interpolation method
 - See how it does holding out known data
 - Comparison to Linear Interpolation
- Keep exploring the modeling of nonstationary data using Gaussian Processes.
- Create a pipeline so can become more automated (for example, if have more days)

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