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Compare model results to observations (either local or non-local)

How good is good enough?



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- Observations from the same site/scenario/ circumstance
 - streamflow from a rainfall-runoff model applied to a given watershed
 - estimates of population growth after an actual disturbance
- Observations of general patterns, relationships
 - ranges of precip/streamflow for watersheds in that region
 - ranges of population growth after similar disturbances