

Daily-Level GAM Analysis of Monarch Butterfly Abundance

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Introduction

This analysis investigates daily-level patterns in overwintering monarch butterfly abundance using Generalized Additive Models (GAMs). Unlike the 30-minute interval analysis, this approach aggregates data to daily summaries, examining how previous day's weather conditions

affect butterfly abundance. The response variable is the 95th percentile of butterfly counts, providing a robust measure of daily peak abundance while being less sensitive to outliers than the maximum.

Setup

Load libraries and data:

```
library(tidyverse)
library(mgcv)
library(lubridate)
library(plotly)
library(knitr)
library(DT)
library(here)
library(gratia)
library(patchwork)
library(corrplot)

# Load the daily lag analysis data
daily_data <- read_csv(here("data", "monarch_daily_lag_analysis.csv"))

# Create the square root transformed response variable early for use throughout
daily_data <- daily_data %>%
  mutate(
    butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt = ifelse(butterfly_diff_95th >= 0,
      sqrt(butterfly_diff_95th),
      -sqrt(-butterfly_diff_95th)
    )
  )
```

Data Exploration

Data Structure and Summary

```
# Basic summary statistics
cat("Dataset dimensions:", nrow(daily_data), "rows x", ncol(daily_data), "columns\n")
```

Dataset dimensions: 103 rows x 46 columns

```
cat("Number of deployments:", n_distinct(daily_data$deployment_id), "\n")
```

Number of deployments: 7

```
cat("Date range:", min(daily_data$date_t), "to", max(daily_data$date_t), "\n\n")
```

Date range: 19680 to 19756

```
# Summary of key variables
summary_vars <- daily_data %>%
  select(
    butterflies_95th_percentile_t,
    butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1,
    butterfly_diff_95th,
    temp_max_t_1,
    temp_min_t_1,
    temp_at_max_count_t_1,
    wind_max_gust_t_1,
    sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1
  )

summary(summary_vars)
```

butterflies_95th_percentile_t	butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1
Min. : 0.00	Min. : 0.0
1st Qu.: 14.85	1st Qu.: 17.5
Median : 70.05	Median : 77.0
Mean : 107.41	Mean : 116.3
3rd Qu.: 166.95	3rd Qu.: 199.5
Max. : 499.00	Max. : 499.0

butterfly_diff_95th	temp_max_t_1	temp_min_t_1	temp_at_max_count_t_1
Min. : -310.000	Min. : 14.00	Min. : 3.000	Min. : 5.00
1st Qu.: -31.000	1st Qu.: 16.00	1st Qu.: 7.000	1st Qu.: 11.50
Median : -2.950	Median : 18.00	Median : 10.000	Median : 14.00
Mean : -8.919	Mean : 19.43	Mean : 9.573	Mean : 13.37
3rd Qu.: 18.000	3rd Qu.: 22.00	3rd Qu.: 12.000	3rd Qu.: 15.50
Max. : 256.600	Max. : 37.00	Max. : 16.000	Max. : 25.00

wind_max_gust_t_1	sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1
-------------------	--------------------------------

Min.	:0.000	Min.	: 0.00
1st Qu.:	2.750	1st Qu.:	2.00
Median	:3.750	Median	: 19.00
Mean	:3.718	Mean	: 94.77
3rd Qu.:	4.500	3rd Qu.:	104.00
Max.	:7.200	Max.	:1122.00
NA's	:3		

Response Variable Distribution

```
library(gridExtra)

# Current day's 95th percentile
p1 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = butterflies_95th_percentile_t)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 30, fill = "steelblue", alpha = 0.7) +
  labs(
    title = "Current Day: 95th Percentile Butterfly Count",
    x = "95th Percentile Count", y = "Frequency"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

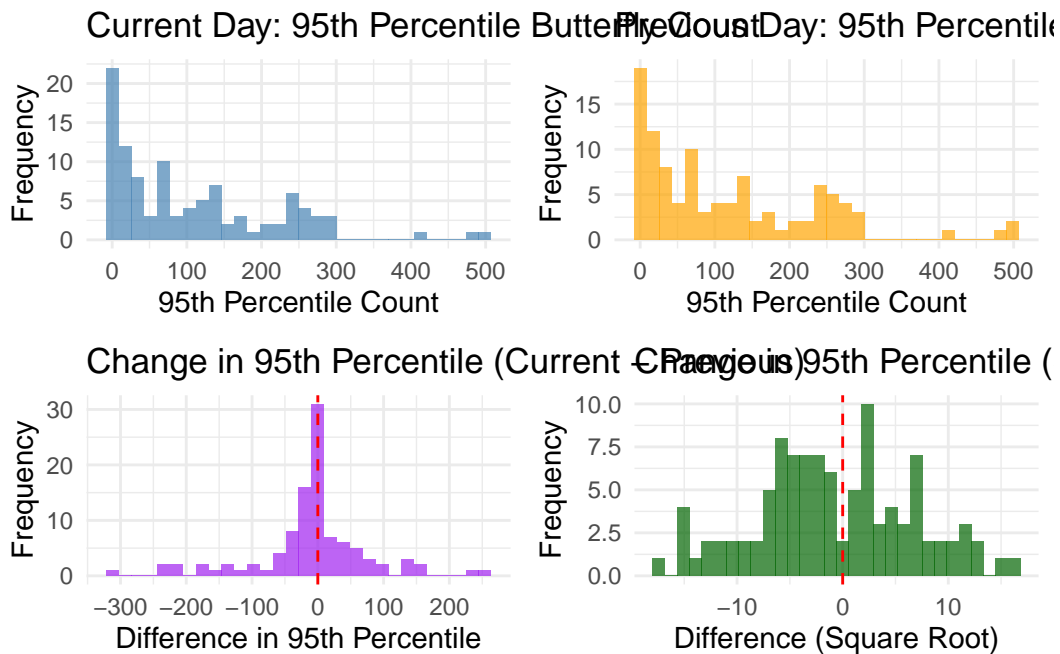
# Previous day's 95th percentile
p2 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 30, fill = "orange", alpha = 0.7) +
  labs(
    title = "Previous Day: 95th Percentile Butterfly Count",
    x = "95th Percentile Count", y = "Frequency"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

# Difference in 95th percentile
p3 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = butterfly_diff_95th)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 30, fill = "purple", alpha = 0.7) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 0, linetype = "dashed", color = "red") +
  labs(
    title = "Change in 95th Percentile (Current - Previous)",
    x = "Difference in 95th Percentile", y = "Frequency"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

# Square root transformed difference
```

```
p4 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt)) +
  geom_histogram(bins = 30, fill = "darkgreen", alpha = 0.7) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 0, linetype = "dashed", color = "red") +
  labs(
    title = "Change in 95th Percentile (Square Root Transformed)",
    x = "Difference (Square Root)", y = "Frequency"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

grid.arrange(p1, p2, p3, p4, ncol = 2)
```



Correlation Analysis

```
# Select model variables
model_vars <- daily_data %>%
  select(
    butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt,
    butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1,
    temp_max_t_1,
    temp_min_t_1,
    temp_at_max_count_t_1,
```

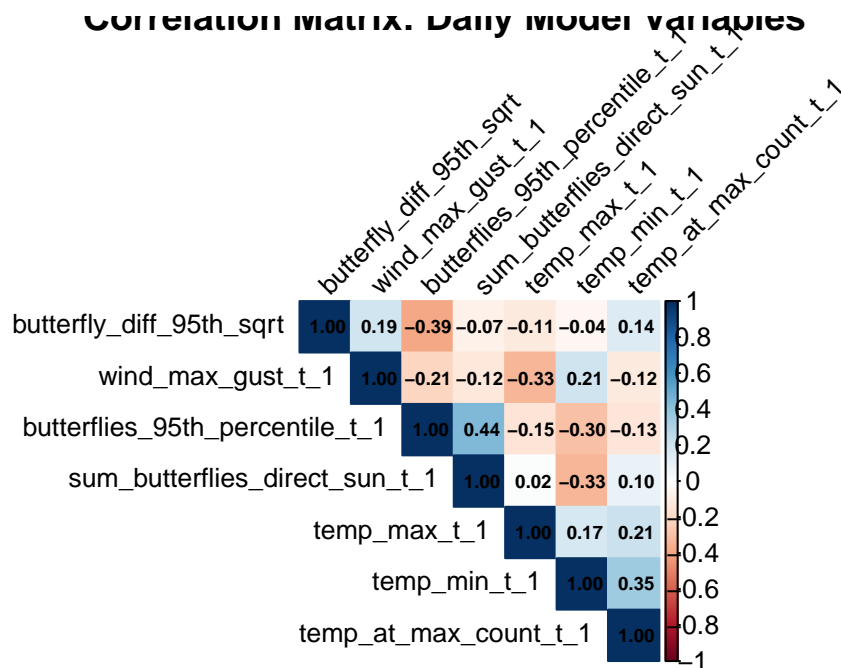
```

        wind_max_gust_t_1,
        sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1
    ) %>%
    na.omit()

# Correlation matrix
cor_matrix <- cor(model_vars)

# Create correlation plot
corrplot(cor_matrix,
  method = "color",
  type = "upper",
  order = "hclust",
  tl.cex = 0.8,
  tl.col = "black",
  tl.srt = 45,
  addCoef.col = "black",
  number.cex = 0.6,
  title = "Correlation Matrix: Daily Model Variables"
)

```



```
# Print correlation table
kable(round(cor_matrix, 3),
      caption = "Correlation Matrix for Daily Model Variables"
)
```

Table 1: Correlation Matrix for Daily Model Variables

	butterfly_diff_95th_percentile	butterflies_95th_percentile	temp_max_t_1	temp_min_t_1	temp_at_max_count	wind_max_gust_t_1	sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1
butterfly_diff_95th_percentile	1.000	-0.389	-	-	0.145	0.193	-0.072
butterflies_95th_percentile	-0.389	1.000	-	-	-0.132	-0.211	0.442
temp_max_t_1	-0.112	-0.146	1.000	0.173	0.215	-0.334	0.016
temp_min_t_1	-0.042	-0.299	0.173	1.000	0.351	0.210	-0.331
temp_at_max_count	0.145	-0.132	0.215	0.351	1.000	-0.116	0.098
wind_max_gust_t_1	0.193	-0.211	-	0.210	-0.116	1.000	-0.122
sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1	-0.072	0.442	0.016	-	0.098	-0.122	1.000

Response Variable Normality Assessment

```
library(nortest)

# First, identify all potential response variables in the dataset
# Exclude already-transformed variables to prevent double-transformation
response_candidates <- daily_data %>%
  select(contains("diff"), contains("butterfly")) %>%
  select(-contains("direct_sun"), -contains("sqrt"), -contains("cbrt"), -contains("log")) %>%
  names()

cat("Available response variable candidates:\n")
```

Available response variable candidates:

```
print(response_candidates)
```

```
[1] "butterfly_diff"      "butterfly_diff_95th" "butterfly_diff_top3"
```

```

# Define transformations to test
transformations <- list(
  "original" = function(x) x,
  "sqrt" = function(x) ifelse(x >= 0, sqrt(x), -sqrt(-x)) # Signed square root
)

# Function to calculate normality statistics
assess_normality <- function(x, var_name, transform_name) {
  # Remove NA values
  x_clean <- x[!is.na(x)]

  if (length(x_clean) < 10) {
    return(data.frame(
      Variable = var_name,
      Transformation = transform_name,
      N = length(x_clean),
      Mean = NA,
      SD = NA,
      Skewness = NA,
      Kurtosis = NA,
      Shapiro_p = NA,
      Anderson_p = NA,
      Normality_Score = 0
    ))
  }

  # Calculate statistics
  mean_val <- mean(x_clean)
  sd_val <- sd(x_clean)
  skew_val <- moments::skewness(x_clean)
  kurt_val <- moments::kurtosis(x_clean) - 3 # Excess kurtosis

  # Normality tests
  shapiro_p <- if (length(x_clean) <= 5000) shapiro.test(x_clean)$p.value else NA
  anderson_p <- tryCatch(nortest::ad.test(x_clean)$p.value, error = function(e) NA)

  # Create composite normality score (higher = more normal)
  # Based on: low absolute skewness, low absolute kurtosis, high p-values
  skew_score <- max(0, 1 - abs(skew_val) / 2) # Penalize skewness > 2
  kurt_score <- max(0, 1 - abs(kurt_val) / 4) # Penalize excess kurtosis > 4
  shapiro_score <- ifelse(is.na(shapiro_p), 0.5, shapiro_p)
  anderson_score <- ifelse(is.na(anderson_p), 0.5, anderson_p)

```



```

# Weighted composite score
normality_score <- (skew_score * 0.3 + kurt_score * 0.3 +
  shapiro_score * 0.2 + anderson_score * 0.2)

return(data.frame(
  Variable = var_name,
  Transformation = transform_name,
  N = length(x_clean),
  Mean = round(mean_val, 3),
  SD = round(sd_val, 3),
  Skewness = round(skew_val, 3),
  Kurtosis = round(kurt_val, 3),
  Shapiro_p = ifelse(is.na(shapiro_p), NA, round(shapiro_p, 4)),
  Anderson_p = ifelse(is.na(anderson_p), NA, round(anderson_p, 4)),
  Normality_Score = round(normality_score, 4)
))
}

# Load required library for moments
library(moments)

# Apply transformations and assess normality for each response variable
normality_results <- list()

for (var_name in response_candidates) {
  if (var_name %in% names(daily_data)) {
    var_data <- daily_data[[var_name]]

    for (trans_name in names(transformations)) {
      trans_func <- transformations[[trans_name]]

      # Apply transformation
      transformed_data <- tryCatch(
        trans_func(var_data),
        error = function(e) rep(NA, length(var_data))
      )

      # Assess normality
      result <- assess_normality(transformed_data, var_name, trans_name)
      normality_results[[paste(var_name, trans_name, sep = "_")]] <- result
    }
  }
}

```

```

}

# Combine results
normality_df <- do.call(rbind, normality_results)

# Rank by normality score
normality_ranking <- normality_df %>%
  arrange(desc(Normality_Score)) %>%
  filter(!is.na(Normality_Score)) %>%
  mutate(Rank = row_number()) %>%
  select(
    Rank, Variable, Transformation, N, Mean, SD, Skewness, Kurtosis,
    Shapiro_p, Anderson_p, Normality_Score
  )

# Display top 15 most normal distributions
cat("Top 15 most normal response variable transformations:\n\n")

```

Top 15 most normal response variable transformations:

```

kable(head(normality_ranking, 15),
  caption = "Response variables ranked by normality (higher score = more normal)"
)

```

Table 2: Response variables ranked by normality (higher score = more normal)

	Rank	Variable	Transformation	N	Mean	SD	Skewness	Kurtosis	Shapiro_p	Anderson_p	Normality_Score
butterfly_diff_95th_butterfly_diff	1	butterfly_diff_95th_butterfly_diff	95th	103	-	7.382	0.021	-	0.6501	0.5918	0.8102
					0.809			0.467			
butterfly_diff_top3_butterfly_diff	2	butterfly_diff_top3_butterfly_diff	top3	103	-	7.379	0.039	-	0.6273	0.5818	0.8033
					0.751			0.436			
butterfly_diff_sqrt_butterfly_diff	3	butterfly_diff_sqrt_butterfly_diff	sqrt	103	-	8.033	0.238	-	0.6179	0.3799	0.7552
					1.148			0.117			
butterfly_diff_top3_butterfly_diff	4	butterfly_diff_top3_butterfly_diff	top3	103	-	87.141	-	2.983	0.0000	0.0000	0.3724
					8.547		0.026				
butterfly_diff_95th_butterfly_diff	5	butterfly_diff_95th_butterfly_diff	95th	103	-	86.928	-	2.525	0.0000	0.0000	0.3502
					8.919		0.402				
butterfly_diff_orig_butterfly_diff	6	butterfly_diff_orig_butterfly_diff	orig	103	-	108.330	0.389	5.076	0.0000	0.0000	0.2417
					10.097						

```
# Create summary by variable
variable_summary <- normality_ranking %>%
  group_by(Variable) %>%
  slice_max(Normality_Score, n = 1) %>%
  ungroup() %>%
  arrange(desc(Normality_Score)) %>%
  select(Variable,
         Best_Transformation = Transformation, Best_Score = Normality_Score,
         Skewness, Kurtosis, Shapiro_p
  )

cat("\n\nBest transformation for each response variable:\n")
```

Best transformation for each response variable:

```
kable(variable_summary,
      caption = "Best transformation for each response variable"
)
```

Table 3: Best transformation for each response variable

Variable	Best_Transformation	Best_Score	Skewness	Kurtosis	Shapiro_p
butterfly_diff_95th	sqrt	0.8102	0.021	-0.467	0.6501
butterfly_diff_top3	sqrt	0.8033	0.039	-0.436	0.6273
butterfly_diff	sqrt	0.7552	0.238	-0.117	0.6179

```
cat("\n\nUsing the best response variable transformation: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt\n")
```

Using the best response variable transformation: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt

```
cat("Summary of transformed response variable:\n")
```

Summary of transformed response variable:

```
print(summary(daily_data$butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt))
```

	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.	Max.
	-17.6068	-5.5649	-1.7176	-0.8088	4.2426	16.0187

```
# Visualize all transformations (original and sqrt)
top_transformations <- normality_ranking

plots <- list()
for (i in 1:nrow(top_transformations)) {
  row <- top_transformations[i, ]
  var_name <- row$Variable
  trans_name <- row$Transformation

  if (var_name %in% names(daily_data)) {
    var_data <- daily_data[[var_name]]
    trans_func <- transformations[[trans_name]]
    transformed_data <- trans_func(var_data)

    # Create histogram with normal overlay
    p <- ggplot(data.frame(x = transformed_data), aes(x = x)) +
      geom_histogram(aes(y = after_stat(density)),
        bins = 30,
        fill = "steelblue", alpha = 0.7
      ) +
      stat_function(
        fun = dnorm,
        args = list(
          mean = mean(transformed_data, na.rm = TRUE),
          sd = sd(transformed_data, na.rm = TRUE)
        ),
        color = "red", size = 1
      ) +
      labs(
        title = paste0("Rank ", i, ": ", var_name),
        subtitle = paste0(trans_name, " (Score: ", row$Normality_Score, ")"),
        x = paste0(var_name, " (", trans_name, ")"),
        y = "Density"
      ) +
      theme_minimal() +
      theme(
```

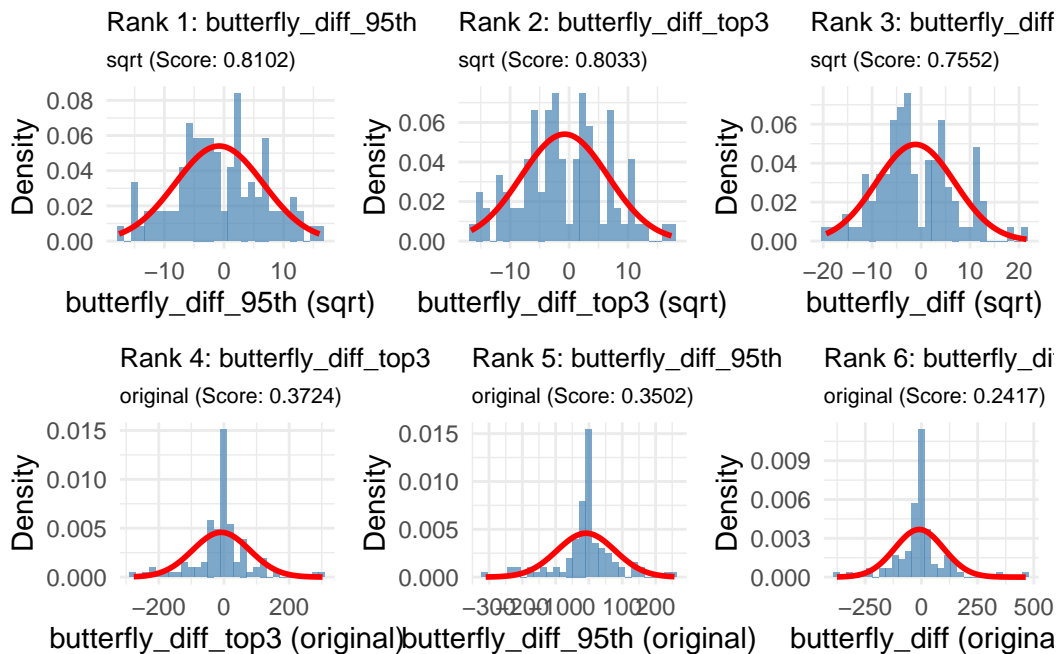
```

        plot.title = element_text(size = 10),
        plot.subtitle = element_text(size = 8)
    )

    plots[[i]] <- p
  }
}

# Arrange plots in grid
normality_grid <- do.call(grid.arrange, c(plots, ncol = 3))

```



```
normality_grid
```

```

TableGrob (2 x 3) "arrange": 6 grobs
  z      cells      name      grob
1 1 (1-1,1-1) arrange gtable[layout]
2 2 (1-1,2-2) arrange gtable[layout]
3 3 (1-1,3-3) arrange gtable[layout]
4 4 (2-2,1-1) arrange gtable[layout]
5 5 (2-2,2-2) arrange gtable[layout]
6 6 (2-2,3-3) arrange gtable[layout]

```

```
# Export normality visualization for results write-up
png(here("analysis", "reports", "figures", "response_variable_normality.png"),
    width = 14, height = 10, units = "in", res = 300)
do.call(grid.arrange, c(plots, ncol = 3))
dev.off()
```

pdf
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```
cat("Exported normality visualization to: analysis/reports/figures/response_variable_normality.png")
```

Exported normality visualization to: analysis/reports/figures/response_variable_normality.png

Temperature Patterns

```
# Temperature relationships
p1 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = temp_max_t_1, y = butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.3, color = "red") +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = TRUE, color = "darkred") +
  labs(
    title = "Maximum Temperature vs Butterfly Change",
    x = "Previous Day Max Temperature (°C)",
    y = "Change in 95th Percentile (sqrt)"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

p2 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = temp_min_t_1, y = butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.3, color = "blue") +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = TRUE, color = "darkblue") +
  labs(
    title = "Minimum Temperature vs Butterfly Change",
    x = "Previous Day Min Temperature (°C)",
    y = "Change in 95th Percentile (sqrt)"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

p3 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = temp_at_max_count_t_1, y = butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.3, color = "orange") +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = TRUE, color = "darkorange") +
```

```

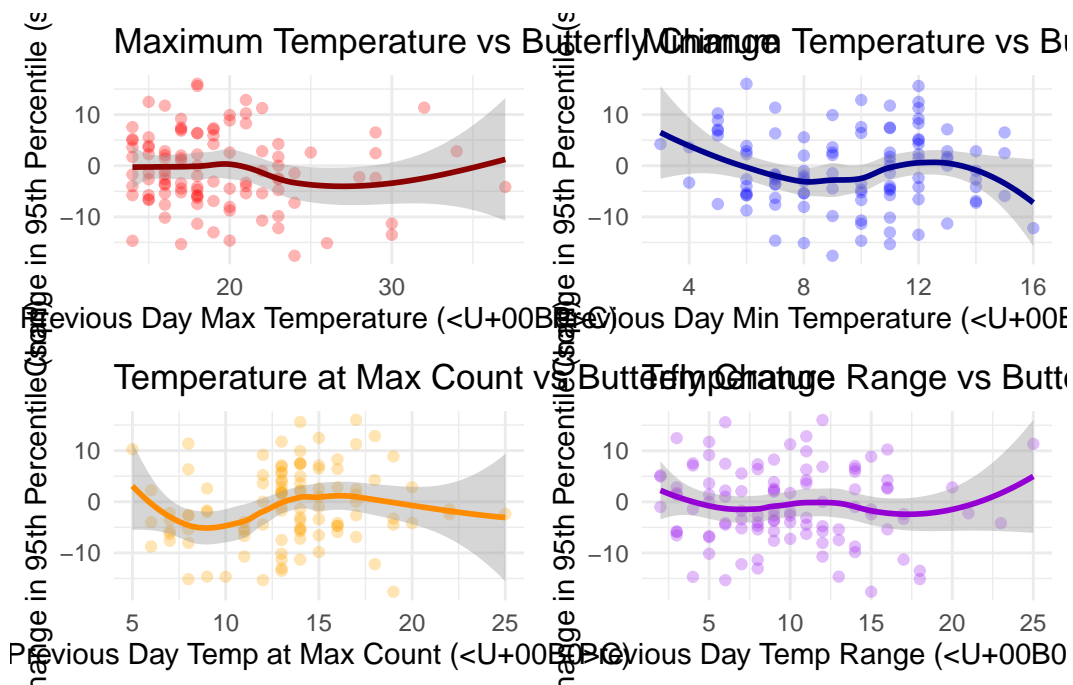
labs(
  title = "Temperature at Max Count vs Butterfly Change",
  x = "Previous Day Temp at Max Count (°C)",
  y = "Change in 95th Percentile (sqrt)"
) +
theme_minimal()

# Temperature range
daily_data <- daily_data %>%
  mutate(temp_range_t_1 = temp_max_t_1 - temp_min_t_1)

p4 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = temp_range_t_1, y = butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.3, color = "purple") +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = TRUE, color = "darkviolet") +
  labs(
    title = "Temperature Range vs Butterfly Change",
    x = "Previous Day Temp Range (°C)",
    y = "Change in 95th Percentile (sqrt)"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

grid.arrange(p1, p2, p3, p4, ncol = 2)

```



Wind and Sun Exposure

```
# Wind effect
p1 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = wind_max_gust_t_1, y = butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.3, color = "steelblue") +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = TRUE, color = "darkblue") +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 2, linetype = "dashed", color = "red", alpha = 0.5) +
  labs(
    title = "Maximum Wind Gust vs Butterfly Change",
    x = "Previous Day Max Wind Gust (m/s)",
    y = "Change in 95th Percentile (sqrt)"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

# Sun exposure
p2 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1, y = butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.3, color = "orange") +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = TRUE, color = "darkorange") +
  labs(
    title = "Direct Sun Exposure vs Butterfly Change",
    x = "Previous Day Sum of Butterflies in Direct Sun",
    y = "Change in 95th Percentile (sqrt)"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

# Note: Seasonal progression will be handled via temporal autocorrelation
# rather than as a fixed effect
p3 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = date_t, y = butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.3, color = "darkgreen") +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = TRUE, color = "forestgreen") +
  labs(
    title = "Temporal Pattern vs Butterfly Change",
    x = "Date",
    y = "Change in 95th Percentile (sqrt)"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

# Previous day baseline
p4 <- ggplot(daily_data, aes(x = butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1, y = butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.3, color = "purple") +
  geom_smooth(method = "loess", se = TRUE, color = "darkviolet") +
  labs(
```

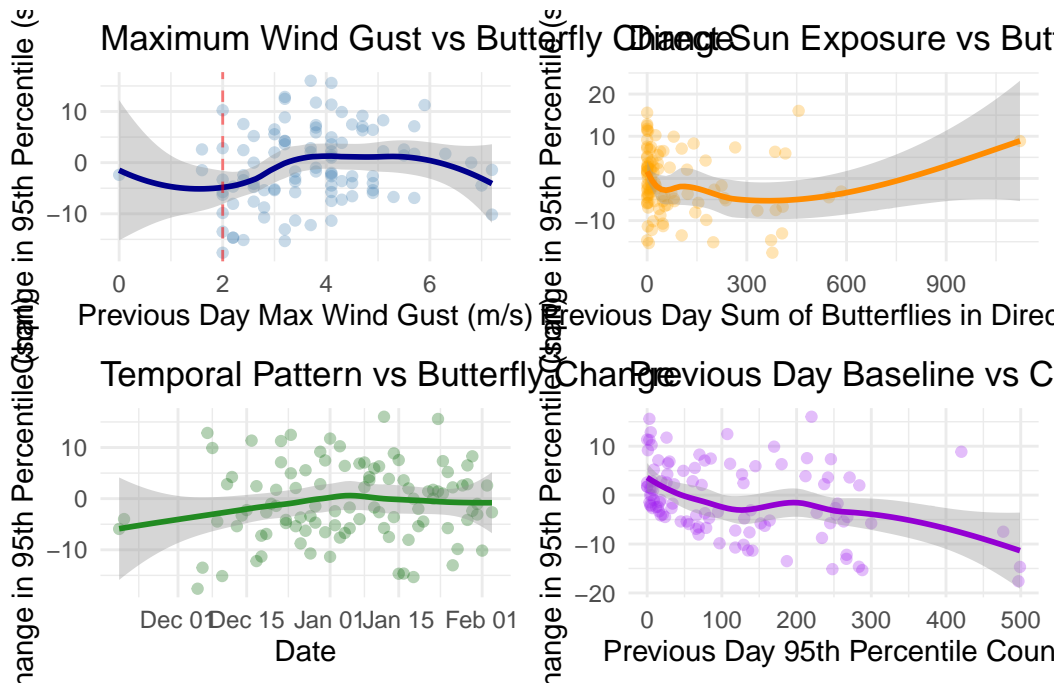


```

    title = "Previous Day Baseline vs Change",
    x = "Previous Day 95th Percentile Count",
    y = "Change in 95th Percentile (sqrt)"
  ) +
  theme_minimal()

grid.arrange(p1, p2, p3, p4, ncol = 2)

```



Data Preparation

```

# Remove missing values and prepare modeling dataset
model_data <- daily_data %>%
  filter(
    !is.na(butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt),
    !is.na(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1),
    !is.na(temp_max_t_1),
    !is.na(temp_min_t_1),
    !is.na(temp_at_max_count_t_1),
    !is.na(wind_max_gust_t_1),
    !is.na(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1),

```

```

    !is.na(deployment_id)
  ) %>%
  # Create standardized versions for interpretation
  mutate(
    wind_max_gust_std = scale(wind_max_gust_t_1)[, 1],
    temp_max_std = scale(temp_max_t_1)[, 1],
    temp_min_std = scale(temp_min_t_1)[, 1],
    temp_at_max_std = scale(temp_at_max_count_t_1)[, 1],
    sun_exposure_std = scale(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)[, 1],
    baseline_std = scale(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)[, 1],
    # Note: day_sequence is now provided by the data preparation script
    # Each deployment has its own day counter starting from 1
  )

cat("Clean dataset has", nrow(model_data), "observations\n")

```

Clean dataset has 100 observations

```
cat("Number of unique deployment days:", n_distinct(paste(model_data$deployment_id, model_data$day)))
```

Number of unique deployment days: 100

Modeling Strategy

Our modeling approach for daily-level data tests both **absolute effects** and **proportional effects** of environmental variables on butterfly abundance changes:

1. **Response Variable:** `butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt` - square root transformed difference in 95th percentile butterfly counts between consecutive days (selected as the most normal transformation)

2. Two Model Sets:

M Models (Absolute Effects): Test whether environmental variables have direct effects on absolute changes in abundance:

- Do NOT include previous day's butterfly count
- Test if weather has consistent magnitude effects regardless of population size

B Models (Proportional/Density-Dependent Effects): Test whether environmental effects depend on baseline population:

- Include `butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1` as a covariate
- Test if weather effects scale with population size
- Include interactions between baseline count and environmental variables

3. Fixed Effects (tested in various combinations):

- Temperature variables: max, min, and temperature at max count
- Wind: maximum gust from previous day
- Sun exposure: sum of butterflies in direct sun from previous day
- Previous day baseline: 95th percentile count (B models only)

4. Random Effects:

- Deployment ID (random intercept)
- AR1 temporal autocorrelation within deployments using `day_sequence | deployment_id`

5. Correlation Structures:

- No correlation (baseline)
- AR1 within deployments to account for temporal autocorrelation

This dual approach allows us to distinguish between: - **Absolute effects:** Environmental variables cause fixed-magnitude changes regardless of population size - **Proportional effects:** Environmental impacts scale with the existing population (density-dependence)

Model Building and Selection

```
library(nlme)

# Define random effects structure with temporal autocorrelation
# We'll test different correlation structures
random_structure <- list(deployment_id = ~1)

# Define correlation structures to test
correlation_structures <- list(
  "no_corr" = NULL, # No temporal correlation
  "AR1" = corAR1(form = ~ day_sequence | deployment_id) # AR1 within deployments
)

# Model specifications for AIC comparison - WITHOUT previous day baseline
model_specs <- list(
  # Null model
```

```

"M1" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ 1",

# Single predictor models (linear)
"M2" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ wind_max_gust_t_1",
"M3" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_max_t_1",
"M4" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_min_t_1",
"M5" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_at_max_count_t_1",
"M6" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",

# Temperature combinations (linear)
"M8" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_max_t_1 + temp_min_t_1",
"M9" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_max_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1",
"M10" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_min_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1",
"M11" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_max_t_1 + temp_min_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1",

# Two-variable combinations
"M12" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ wind_max_gust_t_1 + temp_max_t_1",
"M13" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ wind_max_gust_t_1 + temp_min_t_1",
"M14" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ wind_max_gust_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1",
"M15" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ wind_max_gust_t_1 + sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",
"M16" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_at_max_count_t_1 + sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",

# Full models with various temperature specs (linear)
"M17" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_max_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 + sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",
"M18" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_min_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 + sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",
"M19" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_at_max_count_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 + sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",
"M20" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_max_t_1 + temp_min_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 + sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",
"M21" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_max_t_1 + temp_min_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1 + sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",

# Smooth terms models - single predictors
"M24" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(wind_max_gust_t_1)",
"M25" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(temp_max_t_1)",
"M26" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(temp_min_t_1)",
"M27" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(temp_at_max_count_t_1)",
"M28" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)",

# Smooth terms - combinations
"M30" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(temp_max_t_1) + s(temp_min_t_1)",
"M31" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1)",
"M32" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)",
"M33" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)",

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# Complex smooth models
"M34" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sun_butterflies_direct_t_1)",
"M35" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(temp_max_t_1) + s(temp_min_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sun_butterflies_direct_t_1)",
"M37" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(temp_max_t_1) + s(temp_min_t_1) + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sun_butterflies_direct_t_1)",

# Mixed linear and smooth
"M38" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_at_max_count_t_1 + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sun_butterflies_direct_t_1)",
"M39" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + wind_max_gust_t_1 + sum_butterflies_direct_t_1",
"M40" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + wind_max_gust_t_1 + s(sun_butterflies_direct_t_1)",

# Interaction models (without baseline)
"M41" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_at_max_count_t_1 * wind_max_gust_t_1",
"M42" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_at_max_count_t_1 * sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",
"M43" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ wind_max_gust_t_1 * sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",
"M44" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_at_max_count_t_1 * wind_max_gust_t_1 + sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",
"M45" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_at_max_count_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 * sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",
"M46" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ temp_at_max_count_t_1 * wind_max_gust_t_1 * sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",

# Temperature range models
"M47" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ I(temp_max_t_1 - temp_min_t_1)",
"M48" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ I(temp_max_t_1 - temp_min_t_1) + wind_max_gust_t_1",
"M49" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(I(temp_max_t_1 - temp_min_t_1))",
"M50" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(I(temp_max_t_1 - temp_min_t_1)) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1)",

# ===== MODELS WITH PREVIOUS DAY BASELINE =====
# All models below include butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 to test proportional effects

# Baseline-only model
"B1" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1",

# Single predictor models + baseline (linear)
"B2" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1",
"B3" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_max_t_1",
"B4" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_min_t_1",
"B5" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1",
"B6" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1",

# Temperature combinations + baseline (linear)
"B8" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_max_t_1 + temp_min_t_1",
"B9" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_max_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1",
"B10" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_min_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1",
"B11" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_max_t_1 + temp_min_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1"

```

```

# Two-variable combinations + baseline
"B12" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B13" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 + s(wind_max_gust_t_1)"
"B14" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1)"
"B15" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1)"
"B16" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"

# Full models with various temperature specs + baseline (linear)
"B17" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_max_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B18" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_min_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B19" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B20" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_max_t_1 + temp_min_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B21" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_max_t_1 + temp_min_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1)"

# Smooth terms models - single predictors + baseline
"B24" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(wind_max_gust_t_1)"
"B25" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1)",
"B26" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_min_t_1)",
"B27" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1)"
"B28" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(sum_butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"

# Smooth baseline + other predictors
"B29" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)",
"B29a" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + wind_max_gust_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B29b" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + temp_at_max_count_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B29c" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B29d" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"

# Smooth terms - combinations + baseline
"B30" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1) + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B31" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B32" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B33" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"

# Complex smooth models + baseline
"B34" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B35" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1) + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B37" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1) + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1)"

# Mixed linear and smooth + baseline
"B38" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1 + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"
"B39" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)"

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"B40" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1)

# Interaction models with baseline
"B41" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1
"B42" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1
"B43" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + wind_max_gust_t_1
"B44" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1
"B45" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1
"B46" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + temp_at_max_count_t_1

# Temperature range models + baseline
"B47" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + I(temp_max_t_1 - temp_min_t_1)
"B48" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + I(temp_max_t_1 - temp_min_t_1)
"B49" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(I(temp_max_t_1 - temp_min_t_1))
"B50" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(I(temp_max_t_1 - temp_min_t_1))

# Interaction with baseline (testing if environmental effects depend on population size)
"B51" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 * wind_max_gust_t_1
"B52" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 * temp_at_max_count_t_1
"B53" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 * sum_butterflies_diff_t_1
"B54" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 * wind_max_gust_t_1
"B55" = "butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 * temp_at_max_count_t_1
)

cat("Total models to fit:", length(model_specs), "\n")

```

Total models to fit: 100

```
cat("- M models (M1-M50):", sum(grepl("^M", names(model_specs))), "models WITHOUT previous day baseline")
```

- M models (M1-M50): 45 models WITHOUT previous day baseline

```
cat("- B models (B1-B55):", sum(grepl("^B", names(model_specs))), "models WITH previous day baseline")
```

- B models (B1-B55): 55 models WITH previous day baseline

Model Fitting

```

# Function to safely fit models with correlation structures
fit_model_safely <- function(formula_str, data, correlation = NULL, corr_name = "no_corr") {
  tryCatch(
    {
      formula_obj <- as.formula(formula_str)

      # Fit the model with or without correlation structure
      if (is.null(correlation)) {
        model <- gamm(formula_obj,
          data = data,
          random = random_structure,
          method = "REML"
        )
      } else {
        model <- gamm(formula_obj,
          data = data,
          random = random_structure,
          correlation = correlation,
          method = "REML"
        )
      }

      # Add correlation structure name to the model for tracking
      model$correlation_structure <- corr_name
      return(model)
    },
    error = function(e) {
      message("Failed to fit model: ", formula_str, " with correlation: ", corr_name)
      message("Error: ", e$message)
      return(NULL)
    }
  )
}

# Fit all models with different correlation structures
cat("Fitting models...\n")

```

Fitting models...


```

fitted_models <- list()

# Fit each model specification with each correlation structure
for (model_name in names(model_specs)) {
  formula_str <- model_specs[[model_name]]

  for (corr_name in names(correlation_structures)) {
    corr_struct <- correlation_structures[[corr_name]]

    # Create unique model name with correlation structure
    full_model_name <- paste(model_name, corr_name, sep = "_")

    fitted_models[[full_model_name]] <- fit_model_safely(
      formula_str, model_data, corr_struct, corr_name
    )
  }
}

# Remove failed models
successful_models <- fitted_models[!map_lgl(fitted_models, is.null)]
cat(
  "Successfully fitted", length(successful_models), "out of",
  length(model_specs), "models\n"
)

```

Successfully fitted 200 out of 100 models

Model Comparison

```

# Extract AIC values
aic_results <- map_dfr(names(successful_models), function(full_model_name) {
  model <- successful_models[[full_model_name]]

  # Parse model name and correlation structure
  name_parts <- strsplit(full_model_name, "_")[[1]]
  corr_suffix <- name_parts[length(name_parts)]
  base_model_name <- paste(name_parts[-length(name_parts)], collapse = "_")

  # Get the formula from the base model name
  formula_str <- model_specs[[base_model_name]]

```

```

if (is.null(formula_str)) {
  formula_str <- "Unknown formula"
}

data.frame(
  Model = full_model_name,
  Base_Model = base_model_name,
  Correlation = corr_suffix,
  Formula = formula_str,
  AIC = AIC(model$lme),
  LogLik = logLik(model$lme)[1],
  df = attr(logLik(model$lme), "df"),
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)
}) %>%
  arrange(AIC) %>%
  mutate(
    Delta_AIC = AIC - min(AIC),
    AIC_weight = exp(-0.5 * Delta_AIC) / sum(exp(-0.5 * Delta_AIC))
  )

# Display top 10 models
top_10_table <- aic_results %>%
  head(10) %>%
  select(Model, Correlation, AIC, Delta_AIC, AIC_weight, df)

top_10_table %>%
  kable(digits = 3, caption = "Top 10 models by AIC")

```

Table 4: Top 10 models by AIC

Model	Correlation	AIC	Delta_AIC	AIC_weight	df
B33_AR1	AR1	668.401	0.000	0.148	9
B29c_AR1	AR1	668.671	0.270	0.129	8
B28_AR1	AR1	669.101	0.700	0.104	7
B35_AR1	AR1	669.573	1.172	0.082	13
B37_AR1	AR1	669.594	1.193	0.081	15
B29_AR1	AR1	669.685	1.284	0.078	6
B34_AR1	AR1	670.016	1.615	0.066	11
B29a_AR1	AR1	670.504	2.103	0.052	7
B38_AR1	AR1	670.691	2.289	0.047	10

Model	Correlation	AIC	Delta_AIC	AIC_weight	df
B29d_AR1	AR1	670.864	2.463	0.043	8

```
# Show model formulas for top 5
cat("\nTop 5 model specifications:\n")
```

Top 5 model specifications:

```
top_5_formulas <- head(aic_results, 5) %>%
  select(Base_Model, Correlation, Formula, Delta_AIC)

top_5_formulas %>%
  kable(digits = 3)
```

	Base_Model	Correlation	Formula	Delta_AIC
B33	AR1		butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	0.000
B29c	AR1		butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1)	0.270
B28	AR1		butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	0.700
B35	AR1		butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1) + s(temp_min_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	1.172
B37	AR1		butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1) + s(temp_min_t_1) + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	1.193

```
# Export model comparison tables as CSV for results write-up
write_csv(
  aic_results,
  here("analysis", "reports", "figures", "all_models_aic_table.csv")
)

write_csv(
  top_10_table,
```

```

    here("analysis", "reports", "figures", "top_10_models.csv")
)

cat("Exported AIC tables to: analysis/reports/figures/\n")

```

Exported AIC tables to: analysis/reports/figures/

```

cat("Note: strong_support_models will be exported after it's created\n")

```

Note: strong_support_models will be exported after it's created

Best Model Analysis

```

# Get the best model
best_model_name <- aic_results$Model[1]
best_model <- successful_models[[best_model_name]]

cat("Best model:", best_model_name, "\n")

```

Best model: B33_AR1

```

cat("Formula:", aic_results$Formula[1], "\n\n")

```

Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) +

```

# Model summary
best_model_summary <- summary(best_model$gam)
print(best_model_summary)

```

Family: gaussian
Link function: identity

Formula:
butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 +
s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)

Parametric coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.444416	1.263453	2.726	0.00766 **
butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1	-0.037703	0.006972	-5.408	4.95e-07 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Approximate significance of smooth terms:

	edf	Ref.df	F	p-value
s(wind_max_gust_t_1)	2.466	2.466	2.725	0.08649 .
s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	2.918	2.918	6.122	0.00245 **

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

R-sq.(adj) = 0.226

Scale est. = 43.072 n = 100

```
# Calculate R-squared
r_squared <- best_model_summary$r_sq
dev_explained <- best_model_summary$dev.expl

cat("\n\nModel Performance:\n")
```

Model Performance:

```
cat("R-squared:", round(r_squared, 4), "\n")
```

R-squared: 0.2264

```
cat("Deviance explained:", round(dev_explained * 100, 2), "%\n")
```

Deviance explained: %

```
# Export best model summary info for results write-up
# Use list-column approach to avoid vector length issues
best_model_info <- tribble(
  ~Metric, ~Value,
  "Model_Name", as.character(best_model_name)[1],
```

```

"Formula", as.character(aic_results$Formula[1])[1],
"Correlation", as.character(aic_results$Correlation[1])[1],
"AIC", as.character(round(aic_results$AIC[1], 3)),
"Delta_AIC", "0",
"AIC_Weight", as.character(round(aic_results$AIC_weight[1], 4)),
"R_squared", as.character(round(r_squared, 4)),
"Deviance_Explained", as.character(round(dev_explained * 100, 2)),
"N_obs", as.character(nrow(model_data))
)

write_csv(
  best_model_info,
  here("analysis", "reports", "figures", "best_model_summary.csv")
)

cat("Exported best model summary to: analysis/reports/figures/best_model_summary.csv\n")

```

Exported best model summary to: analysis/reports/figures/best_model_summary.csv

Effect Visualizations

```

# Define custom theme
custom_theme <- theme_minimal(base_size = 12) +
  theme(
    panel.grid.major = element_line(color = "gray90", size = 0.5),
    panel.grid.minor = element_line(color = "gray95", size = 0.3),
    axis.text = element_text(color = "black", size = 11),
    axis.title = element_text(color = "black", size = 12, face = "bold"),
    plot.title = element_text(color = "black", size = 14, face = "bold", hjust = 0.5),
    panel.border = element_rect(color = "black", fill = NA, size = 0.5),
    plot.margin = margin(10, 10, 10, 10)
  )

# Function to add zero line
add_zero_line <- function(plot) {
  zero_line_layer <- geom_hline(yintercept = 0, color = "gray70", size = 0.8, alpha = 1)
  plot$layers <- c(list(zero_line_layer), plot$layers)
  return(plot)
}

```

```

# Create effect plots for the best model
# Extract which terms are in the best model
best_formula <- aic_results$Formula[1]
has_smooth <- grepl("s\\(", best_formula)

if (has_smooth) {
  # For GAM with smooth terms
  plots <- list()

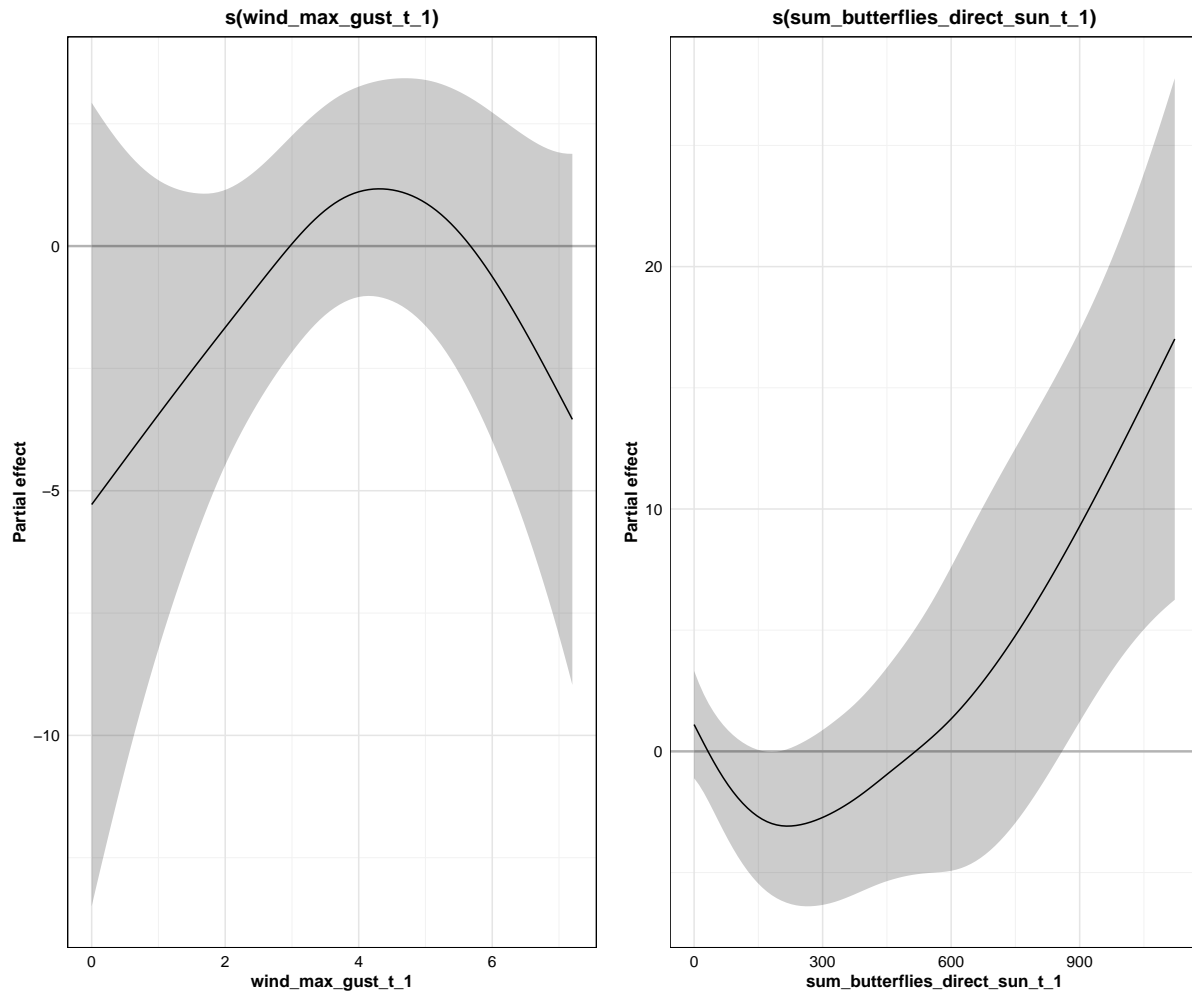
  # Check which smooth terms are in the model
  smooth_terms <- summary(best_model$gam)$s.table

  # Plot each smooth term
  for (i in 1:nrow(smooth_terms)) {
    term_name <- rownames(smooth_terms)[i]
    p <- draw(best_model$gam, select = term_name, rug = FALSE, residuals = FALSE) +
      custom_theme +
      theme(plot.caption = element_blank())
    p <- add_zero_line(p)
    plots[[i]] <- p
  }

  # Combine plots
  if (length(plots) > 0) {
    if (length(plots) <= 2) {
      combined_plots <- wrap_plots(plots, nrow = 1)
    } else if (length(plots) <= 4) {
      combined_plots <- wrap_plots(plots, nrow = 2)
    } else {
      combined_plots <- wrap_plots(plots, nrow = 3)
    }
    print(combined_plots)
  }
} else {
  # For linear models, create partial residual plots
  cat("Best model uses linear terms. Creating partial residual plots...\n")

  # Extract coefficients
  coef_summary <- summary(best_model$gam)$p.table
  print(coef_summary)
}

```



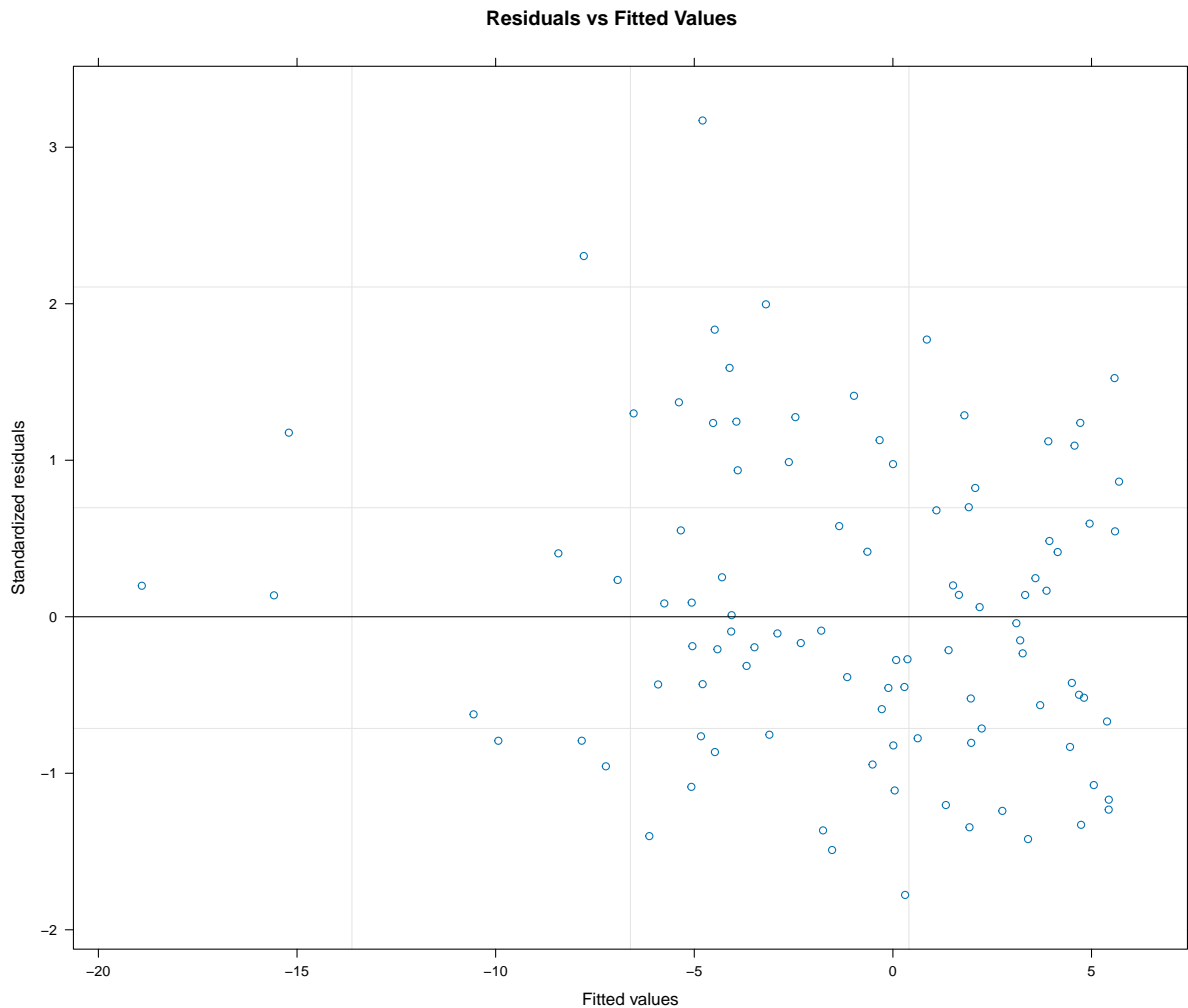
```
# Export partial effects plot for best model (for results write-up)
if (has_smooth && length(plots) > 0) {
  ggsave(
    here("analysis", "reports", "figures", "best_model_partial_effects.png"),
    plot = combined_plots,
    width = 12, height = 8, dpi = 300
  )
  cat("Exported best model partial effects to: analysis/reports/figures/best_model_partial_effects.png\n")
}
```

Exported best model partial effects to: analysis/reports/figures/best_model_partial_effects.png

Model Diagnostics

```
# Create diagnostic plots
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))

# Residuals vs Fitted
plot(best_model$lme, main = "Residuals vs Fitted Values")
```



```
# Q-Q plot
qqnorm(residuals(best_model$lme, type = "normalized"), main = "Q-Q Plot")
qqline(residuals(best_model$lme, type = "normalized"))

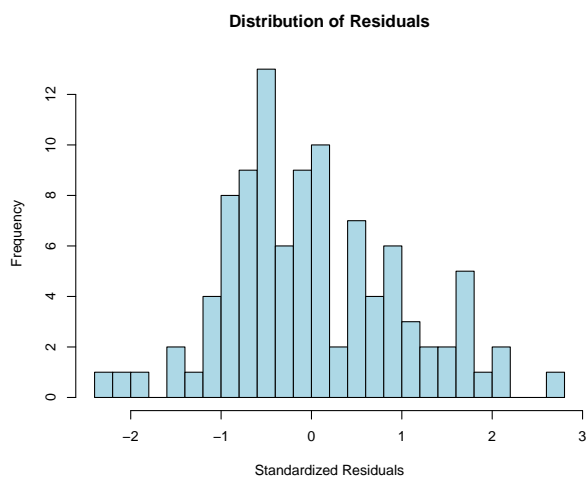
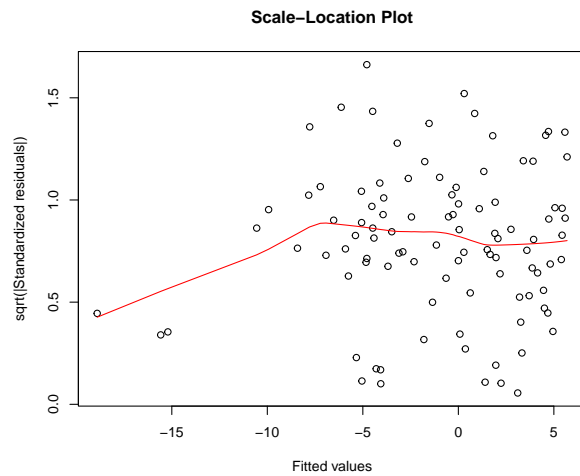
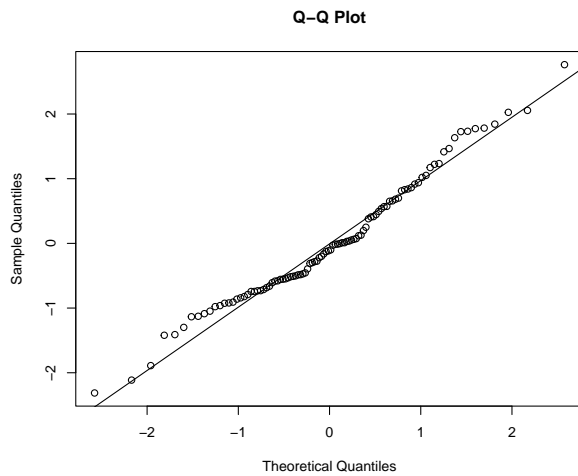
# Scale-location plot
```

```

plot(fitted(best_model$lme), sqrt(abs(residuals(best_model$lme, type = "normalized"))),
     main = "Scale-Location Plot",
     xlab = "Fitted values",
     ylab = "sqrt(|Standardized residuals|)")
)
lines(lowess(fitted(best_model$lme), sqrt(abs(residuals(best_model$lme, type = "normalized")))),
      # Histogram of residuals
hist(residuals(best_model$lme, type = "normalized"),
     breaks = 30,
     main = "Distribution of Residuals",
     xlab = "Standardized Residuals",
     col = "lightblue"
)

par(mfrow = c(1, 1))

```



```
# Export diagnostic plots for results write-up
png(here("analysis", "reports", "figures", "best_model_diagnostics.png"),
    width = 12, height = 10, units = "in", res = 300)
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))

# Residuals vs Fitted
plot(best_model$lme, main = "Residuals vs Fitted Values")

# Q-Q plot
qqnorm(residuals(best_model$lme, type = "normalized"), main = "Q-Q Plot")
qqline(residuals(best_model$lme, type = "normalized"))

# Scale-location plot
plot(fitted(best_model$lme), sqrt(abs(residuals(best_model$lme, type = "normalized"))),
     main = "Scale-Location Plot",
```

```

      xlab = "Fitted values",
      ylab = "sqrt(|Standardized residuals|)"
    )
    lines(lowess(fitted(best_model$lme), sqrt(abs(residuals(best_model$lme, type = "normalized"))
  )

# Histogram of residuals
hist(residuals(best_model$lme, type = "normalized"),
      breaks = 30,
      main = "Distribution of Residuals",
      xlab = "Standardized Residuals",
      col = "lightblue"
)

par(mfrow = c(1, 1))
dev.off()

```

pdf
2

```
cat("Exported diagnostic plots to: analysis/reports/figures/best_model_diagnostics.png\n")
```

Exported diagnostic plots to: analysis/reports/figures/best_model_diagnostics.png

Models with Strong Support ($\Delta AIC_c < 2$)

This section examines all models with AIC differences less than 2 from the best model, as these represent models with substantial empirical support. For each supported model, we display the model summary and visualize partial effects.

```

# Filter models with Delta AIC < 2
strong_support_models <- aic_results %>%
  filter(Delta_AIC < 2) %>%
  arrange(Delta_AIC)

cat("Number of models with  $\Delta AIC < 2$ :", nrow(strong_support_models), "\n\n")

```

Number of models with $\Delta AIC < 2$: 7

```
# Display the supported models
strong_support_models %>%
  select(Model, Correlation, Formula, AIC, Delta_AIC, AIC_weight, df) %>%
  kable(digits = 4, caption = "Models with Strong Empirical Support ( $\Delta AIC < 2$ )")
```

Table 6: Models with Strong Empirical Support ($\Delta AIC < 2$)

Model	Correlation	Formula	AIC	Delta_AIC	AIC_weight
B33_AR1	0.10000	butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	668.401	0.0000	0.14779
B29c_AR1	0.12700	butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1)	668.671	0.2700	0.12918
B28_AR1	0.10999	butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	669.101	0.6999	0.10417
B35_AR1	0.10719	butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1) + s(temp_min_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	669.573	0.1719	0.082213
B37_AR1	0.11930	butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1) + s(temp_min_t_1) + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	669.594	0.1930	0.081415
B29_AR1	0.12842	butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)	669.685	0.2842	0.07776
B34_AR1	0.11520	butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	670.016	0.1520	0.065911

```
# Export strong support models
write_csv(
  strong_support_models,
  here("analysis", "reports", "figures", "strong_support_models.csv")
)
cat("Exported strong support models table\n")
```

Exported strong support models table

Model Summaries for Supported Models

```
# Display summary for each supported model
for (i in 1:nrow(strong_support_models)) {
  model_name <- strong_support_models$Model[i]
  model_obj <- successful_models[[model_name]]

  cat("\n")
  cat("=====\n")
  cat("MODEL:", model_name, "\n")
  cat("Formula:", strong_support_models$Formula[i], "\n")
  cat("ΔAIC:", round(strong_support_models$Delta_AIC[i], 3), "\n")
  cat("AIC Weight:", round(strong_support_models$AIC_weight[i], 4), "\n")
  cat("=====\n")

  # Model summary
  print(summary(model_obj$gam))

  # Calculate performance metrics
  r_squared <- summary(model_obj$gam)$r.sq
  dev_explained <- summary(model_obj$gam)$dev.expl

  cat("\nModel Performance:\n")
  cat("R-squared:", round(r_squared, 4), "\n")
  cat("Deviance explained:", round(dev_explained * 100, 2), "%\n")
  cat("\n")
}
```

```
=====
MODEL: B33_AR1
Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) +
<U+0394>AIC: 0
AIC Weight: 0.1477
=====

Family: gaussian
Link function: identity
```

Formula:

```
butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 +  
  s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)
```

Parametric coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.444416	1.263453	2.726	0.00766 **
butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1	-0.037703	0.006972	-5.408	4.95e-07 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Approximate significance of smooth terms:

	edf	Ref.df	F	p-value
s(wind_max_gust_t_1)	2.466	2.466	2.725	0.08649 .
s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	2.918	2.918	6.122	0.00245 **

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

R-sq.(adj) = 0.226

Scale est. = 43.072 n = 100

Model Performance:

R-squared: 0.2264

Deviance explained: %

=====

MODEL: B29c_AR1

Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1)

<U+0394>AIC: 0.27

AIC Weight: 0.1291

=====

Family: gaussian

Link function: identity

Formula:

```
butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) +  
  s(wind_max_gust_t_1)
```

Parametric coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-1.078	1.068	-1.009	0.315

Approximate significance of smooth terms:

	edf	Ref.df	F	p-value
s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)	1.153	1.153	24.194	1.55e-06 ***
s(wind_max_gust_t_1)	2.491	2.491	2.877	0.0649 .

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

R-sq.(adj) = 0.175

Scale est. = 44.916 n = 100

Model Performance:

R-squared: 0.1753

Deviance explained: %

=====

MODEL: B28_AR1

Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(sum_butterflies_dire

<U+0394>AIC: 0.7

AIC Weight: 0.1041

=====

Family: gaussian

Link function: identity

Formula:

butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 +
s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)

Parametric coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.560773	1.315741	2.706	0.00807 **
butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1	-0.038876	0.007134	-5.449	3.97e-07 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Approximate significance of smooth terms:

	edf	Ref.df	F	p-value
s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	2.886	2.886	6.284	0.00297 **

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1


```
R-sq.(adj) = 0.168
Scale est. = 46.265    n = 100
```

```
Model Performance:
R-squared: 0.1679
Deviance explained: %
```

```
=====
MODEL: B35_AR1
Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1) + s(tem
<U+0394>AIC: 1.172
AIC Weight: 0.0822
=====
```

```
Family: gaussian
Link function: identity
```

```
Formula:
butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 +
    s(temp_max_t_1) + s(temp_min_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) +
    s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)
```

```
Parametric coefficients:
```

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)	
(Intercept)	3.711029	1.247939	2.974	0.00377	**
butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1	-0.039470	0.006988	-5.648	1.84e-07	***

```
---
```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
Approximate significance of smooth terms:
```

	edf	Ref.df	F	p-value
s(temp_max_t_1)	1.000	1.000	2.272	0.13522
s(temp_min_t_1)	1.000	1.000	0.842	0.36135
s(wind_max_gust_t_1)	2.362	2.362	2.184	0.16218
s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	2.856	2.856	6.450	0.00261

```
---
```

```
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
R-sq.(adj) = 0.254
Scale est. = 41.83    n = 100
```

```
Model Performance:
```

R-squared: 0.2541
Deviance explained: %

```
=====
MODEL: B37_AR1
Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1) + s(tem
<U+0394>AIC: 1.193
AIC Weight: 0.0814
=====
```

Family: gaussian
Link function: identity

Formula:
butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 +
s(temp_max_t_1) + s(temp_min_t_1) + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) +
s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)

Parametric coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.436246	1.240927	2.769	0.00684 **
butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1	-0.037152	0.006818	-5.449	4.47e-07 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Approximate significance of smooth terms:

	edf	Ref.df	F	p-value
s(temp_max_t_1)	1.000	1.000	1.714	0.1939
s(temp_min_t_1)	1.000	1.000	2.726	0.1023
s(temp_at_max_count_t_1)	1.713	1.713	1.396	0.1648
s(wind_max_gust_t_1)	2.508	2.508	1.695	0.1173
s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	2.876	2.876	5.087	0.0067 **

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

R-sq.(adj) = 0.301
Scale est. = 38.569 n = 100

Model Performance:
R-squared: 0.3011
Deviance explained: %

```
=====
MODEL: B29_AR1
Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)
<U+0394>AIC: 1.284
AIC Weight: 0.0777
=====
```

```
Family: gaussian
Link function: identity
```

```
Formula:
butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)
```

```
Parametric coefficients:
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
(Intercept) -1.0431      0.9863  -1.058    0.293
```

```
Approximate significance of smooth terms:
              edf Ref.df      F  p-value
s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1)  1      1 29.03 6.26e-07 ***
---
Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

```
R-sq.(adj) = 0.103
Scale est. = 50.178    n = 100
```

```
Model Performance:
R-squared: 0.1026
Deviance explained: %
```

```
=====
MODEL: B34_AR1
Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_at_max_count_t_
<U+0394>AIC: 1.615
AIC Weight: 0.0659
=====
```

```
Family: gaussian
Link function: identity
```

```
Formula:
```

```
butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 +
  s(temp_at_max_count_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)
```

Parametric coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.322212	1.285420	2.585	0.0113 *
butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1	-0.036858	0.007003	-5.264	9.26e-07 ***

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

Approximate significance of smooth terms:

	edf	Ref.df	F	p-value
s(temp_at_max_count_t_1)	1.000	1.000	1.600	0.20906
s(wind_max_gust_t_1)	2.585	2.585	3.234	0.04986 *
s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)	2.845	2.845	5.172	0.00734 **

Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1

R-sq.(adj) = 0.227

Scale est. = 42.79 n = 100

Model Performance:

R-squared: 0.2268

Deviance explained: %

Partial Effects for Supported Models

```
# Create effect plots for each supported model
for (i in 1:nrow(strong_support_models)) {
  model_name <- strong_support_models$Model[i]
  model_obj <- successful_models[[model_name]]
  formula_str <- strong_support_models$Formula[i]

  cat("\n")
  cat("PARTIAL EFFECTS FOR MODEL:", model_name, "\n")
  cat("Formula:", formula_str, "\n")
  cat("ΔAIC:", round(strong_support_models$Delta_AIC[i], 3), "\n\n")

  # Check if model has smooth terms
  has_smooth <- grepl("s\\(", formula_str)
```

```

if (has_smooth) {
  # For GAM with smooth terms
  tryCatch(
    {
      smooth_terms <- summary(model_obj$gam)$s.table

      if (nrow(smooth_terms) > 0) {
        plots <- list()

        # Plot each smooth term
        for (j in 1:nrow(smooth_terms)) {
          term_name <- rownames(smooth_terms)[j]
          p <- draw(model_obj$gam, select = term_name, rug = FALSE, residuals =
            custom_theme +
            theme(plot.caption = element_blank()) +
            labs(
              title = paste("Smooth effect:", term_name),
              subtitle = paste("Model:", model_name, "|  $\Delta$ AIC =", round(str
            )
          p <- add_zero_line(p)
          plots[[j]] <- p
        }

        # Combine plots
        if (length(plots) > 0) {
          if (length(plots) <= 2) {
            combined_plots <- wrap_plots(plots, nrow = 1)
          } else if (length(plots) <= 4) {
            combined_plots <- wrap_plots(plots, nrow = 2)
          } else {
            combined_plots <- wrap_plots(plots, nrow = 3)
          }
          print(combined_plots)
        }
      } else {
        cat("No smooth terms found in this model.\n")
      }
    },
    error = function(e) {
      cat("Error creating smooth term plots:", e$message, "\n")
    }
  )
}

```

```

}

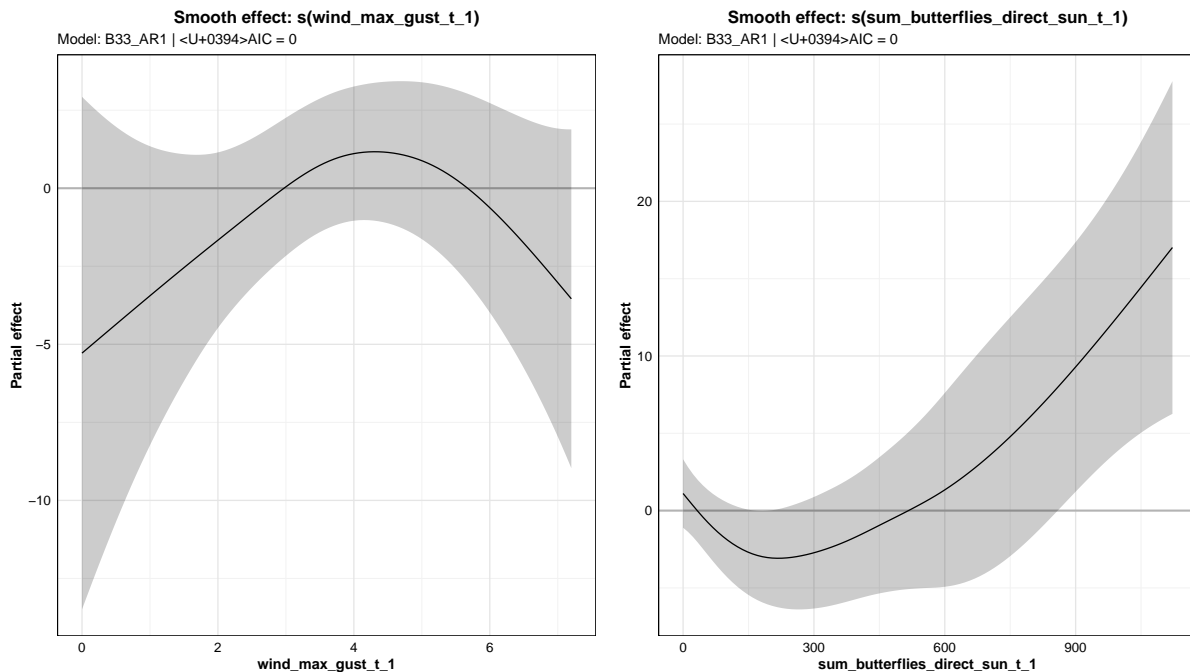
# Always show coefficient table if available
tryCatch(
  {
    if (nrow(summary(model_obj$gam)$p.table) > 0) {
      cat("\nParametric coefficients:\n")
      coef_table <- summary(model_obj$gam)$p.table
      print(kable(coef_table, digits = 4, caption = paste("Parametric coefficients")))
    }
  },
  error = function(e) {
    cat("Error displaying coefficients:", e$message, "\n")
  }
)

cat("\n", paste(rep("=", 80), collapse = ""), "\n")
}

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PARTIAL EFFECTS FOR MODEL: B33_AR1

Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) +
 <U+0394>AIC: 0



Parametric coefficients:

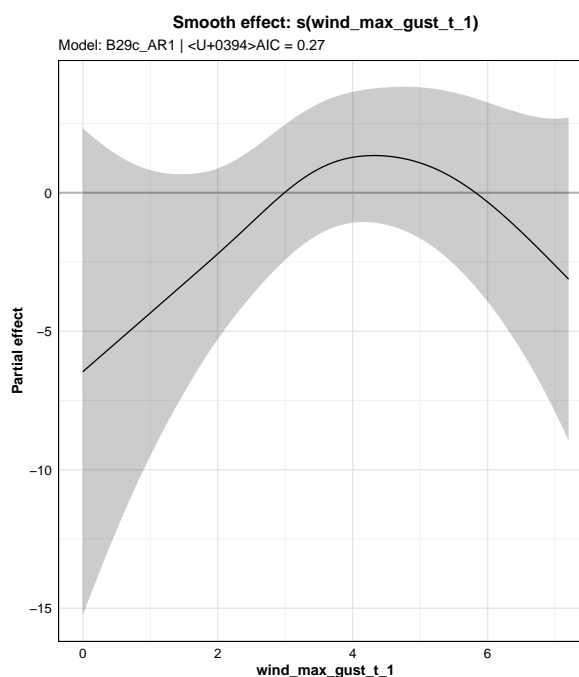
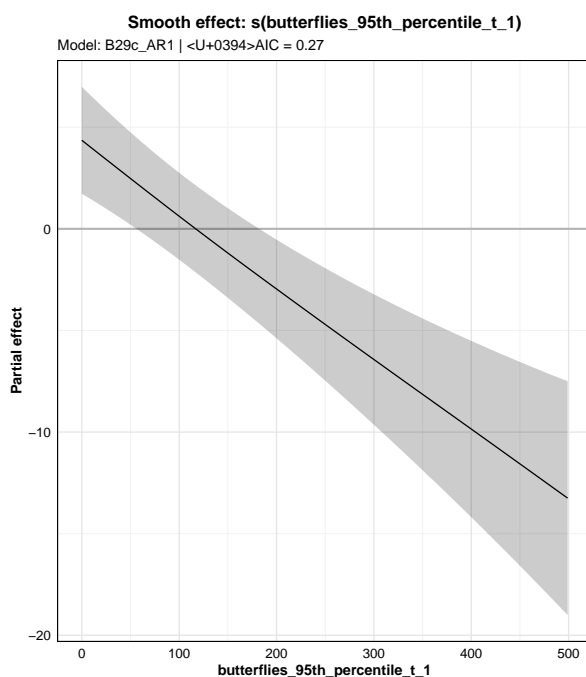
Table: Parametric coefficients for B33_AR1

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.4444	1.2635	2.7262	0.0077
butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1	-0.0377	0.0070	-5.4078	0.0000

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PARTIAL EFFECTS FOR MODEL: B29c_AR1

Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ s(butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1)
<U+0394>AIC: 0.27

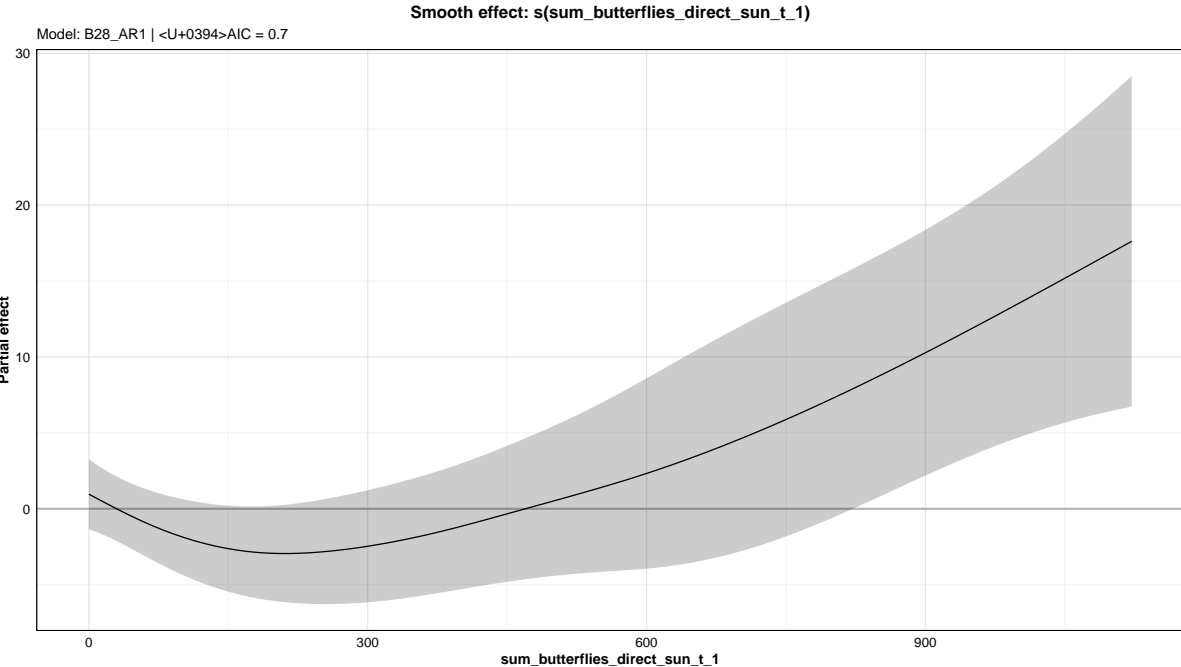


Parametric coefficients:

Table: Parametric coefficients for B29c_AR1

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-1.078	1.0681	-1.0093	0.3154

PARTIAL EFFECTS FOR MODEL: B28_AR1
Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)
<U+0394>AIC: 0.7



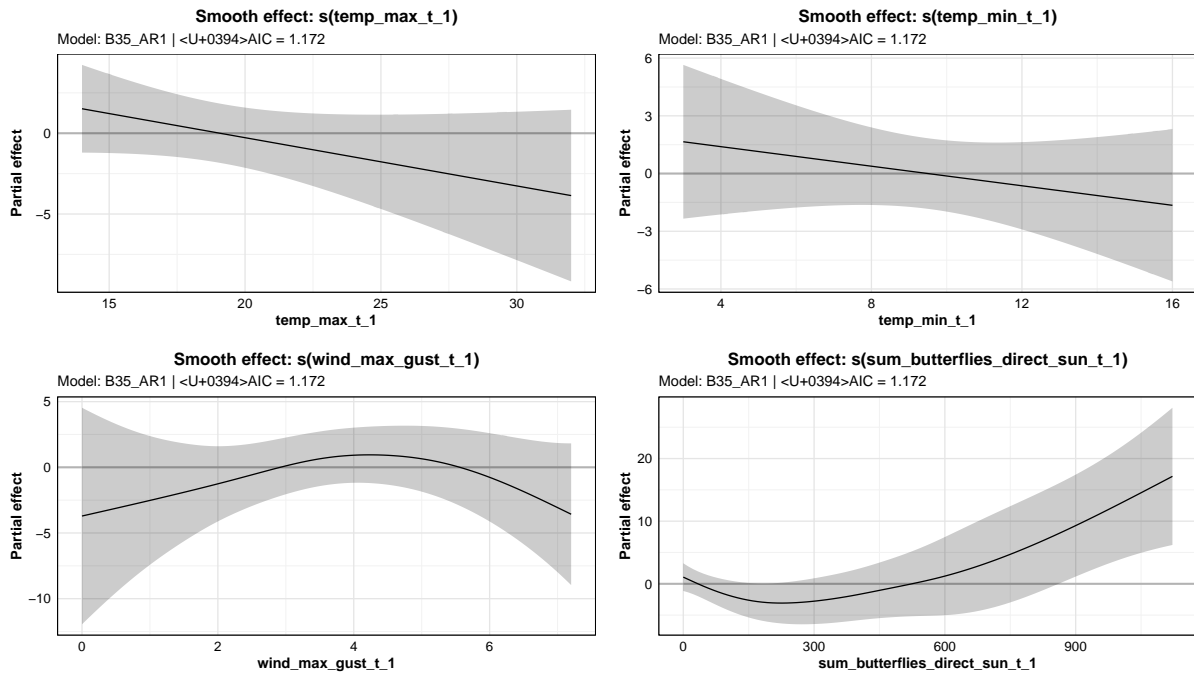
Parametric coefficients:

Table: Parametric coefficients for B28_AR1

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.5608	1.3157	2.7063	0.0081
butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1	-0.0389	0.0071	-5.4491	0.0000

PARTIAL EFFECTS FOR MODEL: B35_AR1

Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1) + s(temp_min_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)
<U+0394>AIC: 1.172



Parametric coefficients:

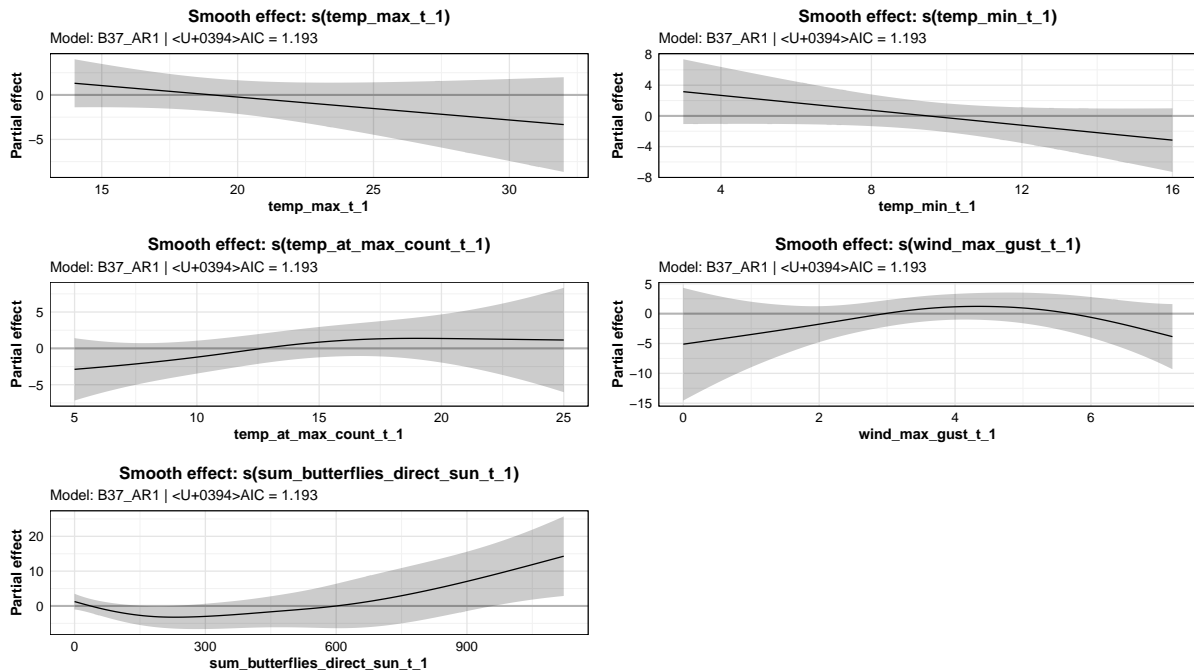
Table: Parametric coefficients for B35_AR1

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.7110	1.2479	2.9737	0.0038
butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1	-0.0395	0.0070	-5.6480	0.0000

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PARTIAL EFFECTS FOR MODEL: B37_AR1

Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_max_t_1) + s(temp_min_t_1) + s(wind_max_gust_t_1) + s(sum_butterflies_direct_sun_t_1)
<U+0394>AIC: 1.193



Parametric coefficients:

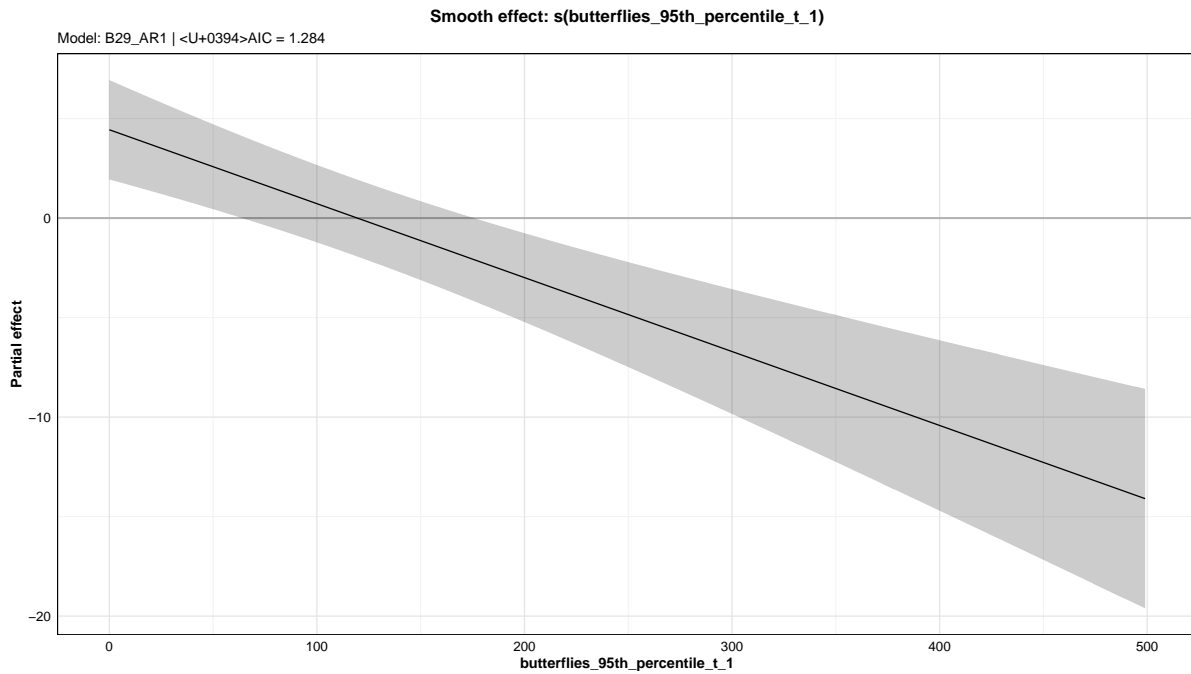
Table: Parametric coefficients for B37_AR1

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.4362	1.2409	2.7691	0.0068
butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1	-0.0372	0.0068	-5.4491	0.0000

PARTIAL EFFECTS FOR MODEL: B29_AR1

Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ $s(\text{butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1})$

<U+0394>AIC: 1.284



Parametric coefficients:

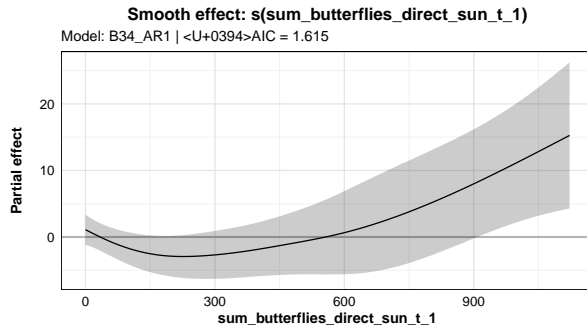
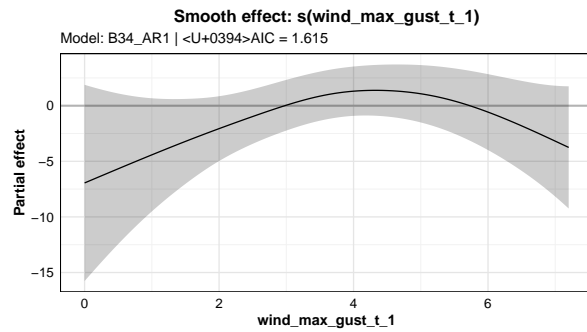
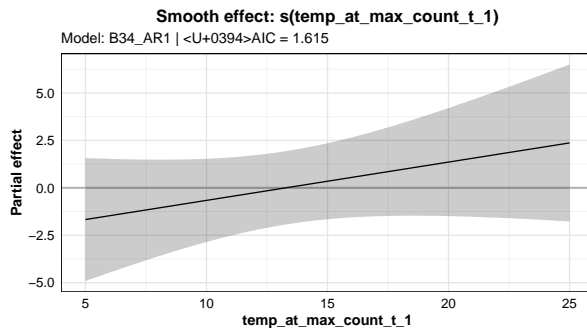
Table: Parametric coefficients for B29_AR1

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	-1.0431	0.9863	-1.0577	0.2928

PARTIAL EFFECTS FOR MODEL: B34_AR1

Formula: butterfly_diff_95th_sqrt ~ butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1 + s(temp_at_max_count_t_1)

<U+0394>AIC: 1.615



Parametric coefficients:

Table: Parametric coefficients for B34_AR1

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)
(Intercept)	3.3222	1.2854	2.5845	0.0113
butterflies_95th_percentile_t_1	-0.0369	0.0070	-5.2635	0.0000

```

# Export partial effects for all supported models (for results write-up)
for (i in 1:nrow(strong_support_models)) {
  model_name <- strong_support_models$Model[i]
  model_obj <- successful_models[[model_name]]
  formula_str <- strong_support_models$Formula[i]

  has_smooth <- grepl("s\\(", formula_str)

  if (has_smooth) {
    tryCatch({

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smooth_terms <- summary(model_obj$gam)$s.table

if (nrow(smooth_terms) > 0) {
  plots <- list()

  for (j in 1:nrow(smooth_terms)) {
    term_name <- rownames(smooth_terms)[j]
    p <- draw(model_obj$gam, select = term_name, rug = FALSE, residuals = FALSE,
              custom_theme +
              theme(plot.caption = element_blank()) +
              labs(
                title = paste("Smooth effect:", term_name),
                subtitle = paste("Model:", model_name, "|  $\Delta$ AIC =", round(strong_
              )
    p <- add_zero_line(p)
    plots[[j]] <- p
  }

  if (length(plots) > 0) {
    if (length(plots) <= 2) {
      combined_plots <- wrap_plots(plots, nrow = 1)
    } else if (length(plots) <= 4) {
      combined_plots <- wrap_plots(plots, nrow = 2)
    } else {
      combined_plots <- wrap_plots(plots, nrow = 3)
    }

    # Export this model's plots
    ggsave(
      here("analysis", "reports", "figures",
           paste0("model_", model_name, "_partial_effects.png")),
      plot = combined_plots,
      width = 14, height = 8, dpi = 300
    )
  }
}

}, error = function(e) {
  cat("Could not export plots for model", model_name, "\n")
})
}
}

cat("Exported partial effects for all supported models to: analysis/reports/figures/\n")

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