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Title: Non-Homogeneous Spatio-Temporal Random Fields and Reconstruction of Oceanic Records.

Abstract: We consider parsimonious representations of non-homogeneous spatio-temporal random fields. We focus on processes that can be represented as linear combinations of basis functions. We present a detailed description of an approach that uses discrete process convolutions with spatially varying, compactly supported kernels. We discuss the similarities and differences between this approach and the predictive Gaussian process approach. We will then focus on the reconstruction of records of sea surface temperature, including the detection of long-term trends as well as the problem of merging information from different data sources at different spatial resolutions.