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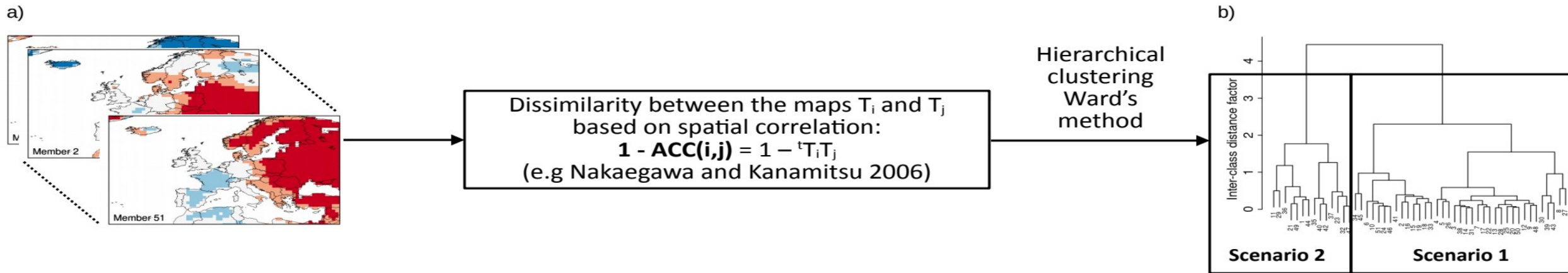
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Use and interpretation of seasonal prediction ensembles

aim: provide additional guidance in preparation of the operational forecast bulletin on possible outcomes of the upcoming season.



Method: hierarchical clustering of **T2m anomalies** based on dissimilarity between spatial maps of ensemble members



(contact: Damien Specq, CNRM)

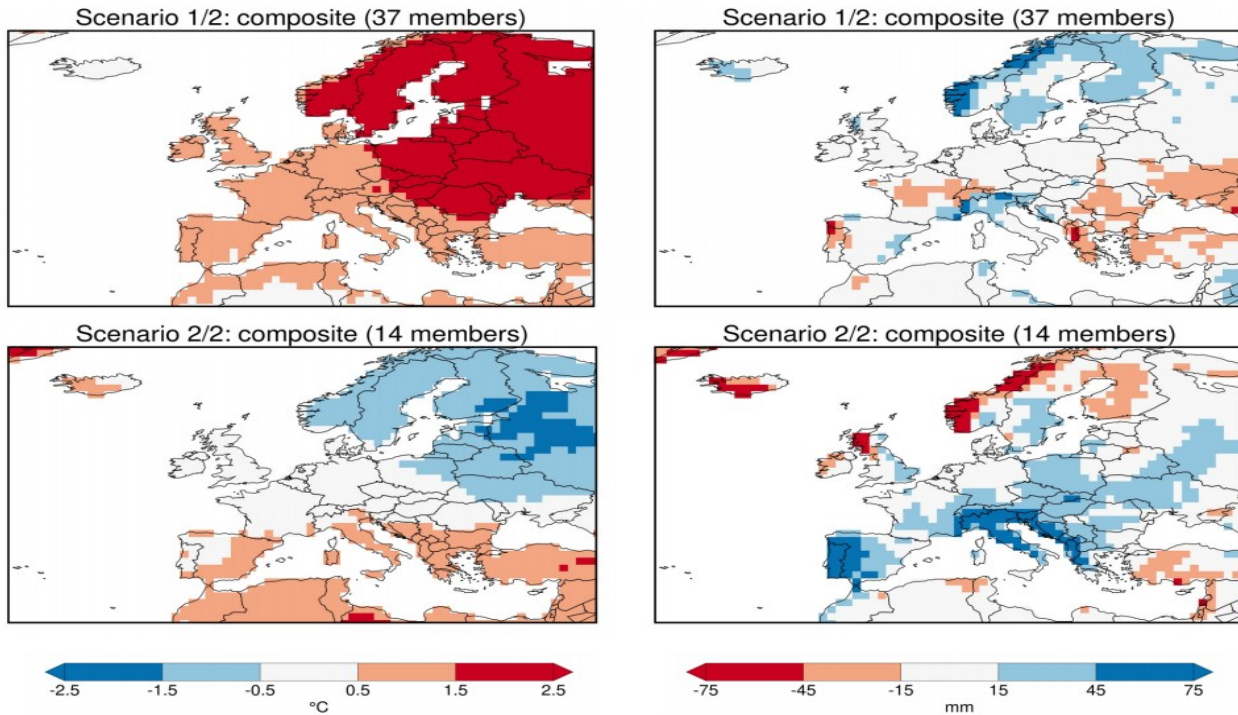


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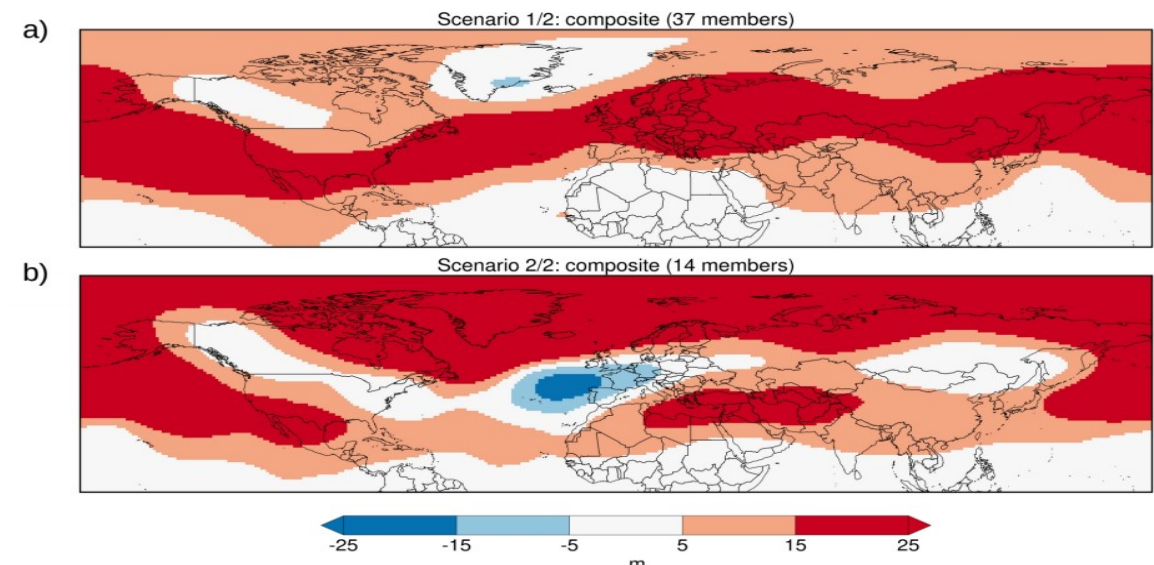
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Illustration: January start for FMA forecast with MF System 8: 2 scenarios (37 members, 14 members)



Composites for temperature (left) and precipitation (right) anomalies of 2 scenarios derived from clustering of the MF System 8 ensemble forecast for FMA (Jan. init)

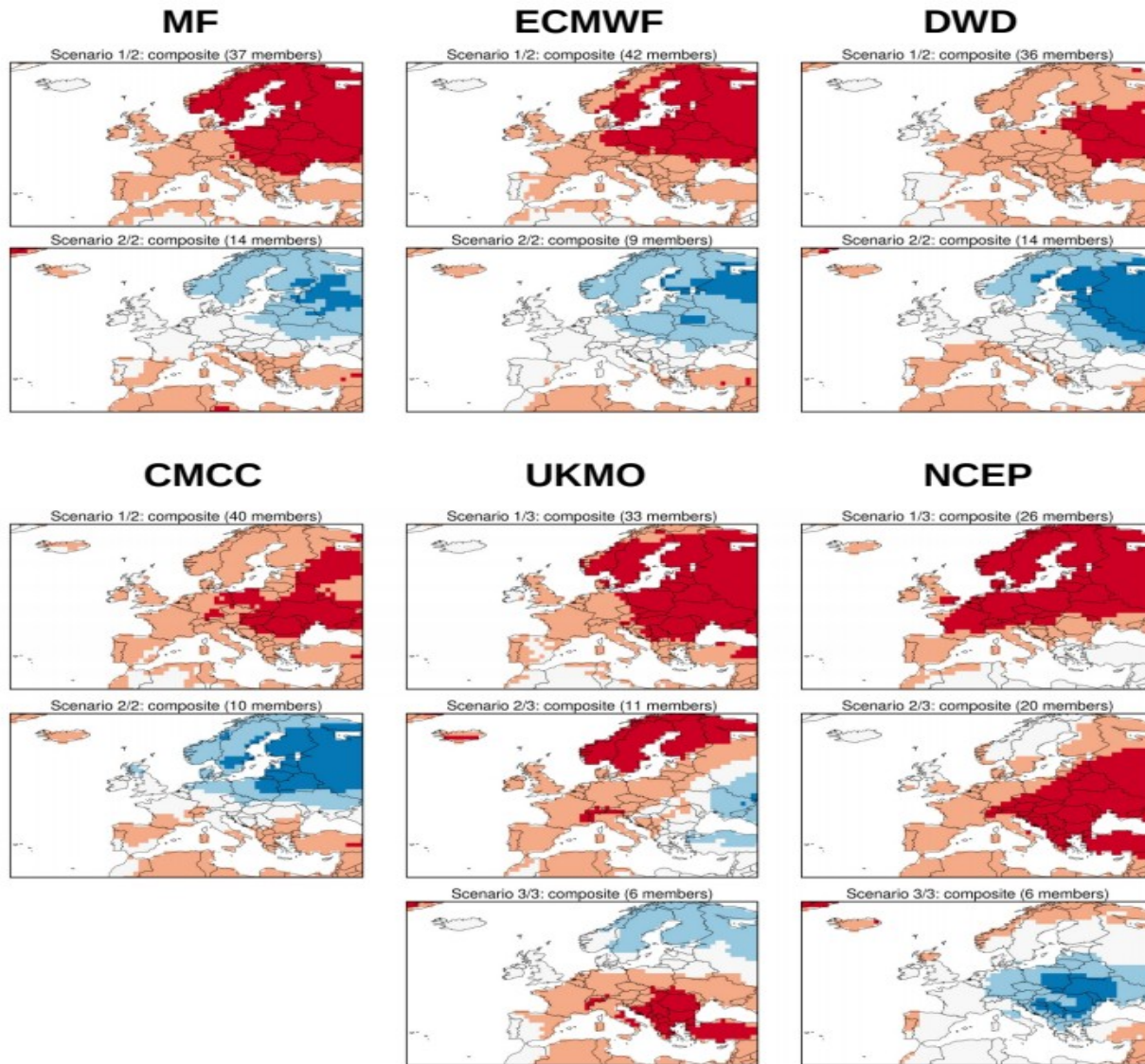
Corresponding circulation patterns for each scenario



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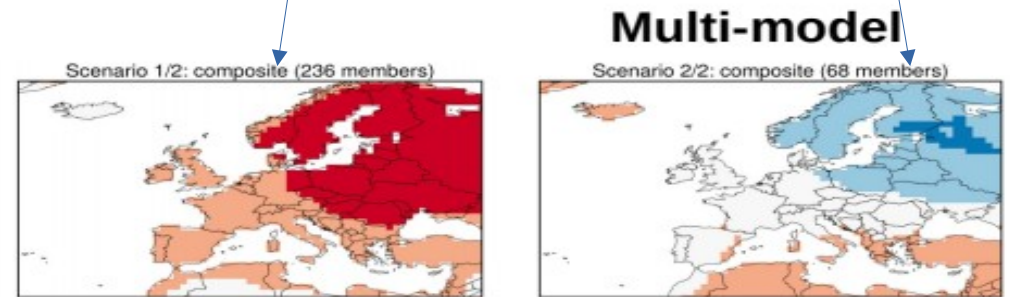
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77 % of members belong to this cluster

23 % have a cooler signal over most of Europe → « Minority Report »?



Extending the approach to a multi-system framework using the C3S seasonal predictions



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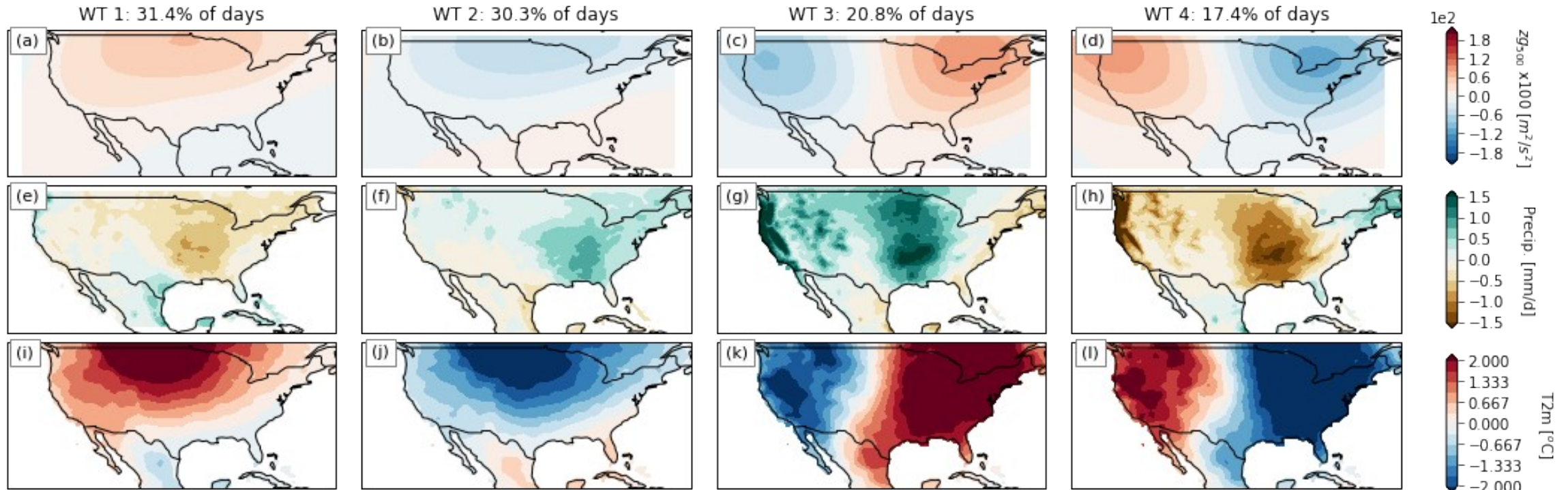
Flow-dependent cross-timescale scenarios

Pacific Trough

Greenland High

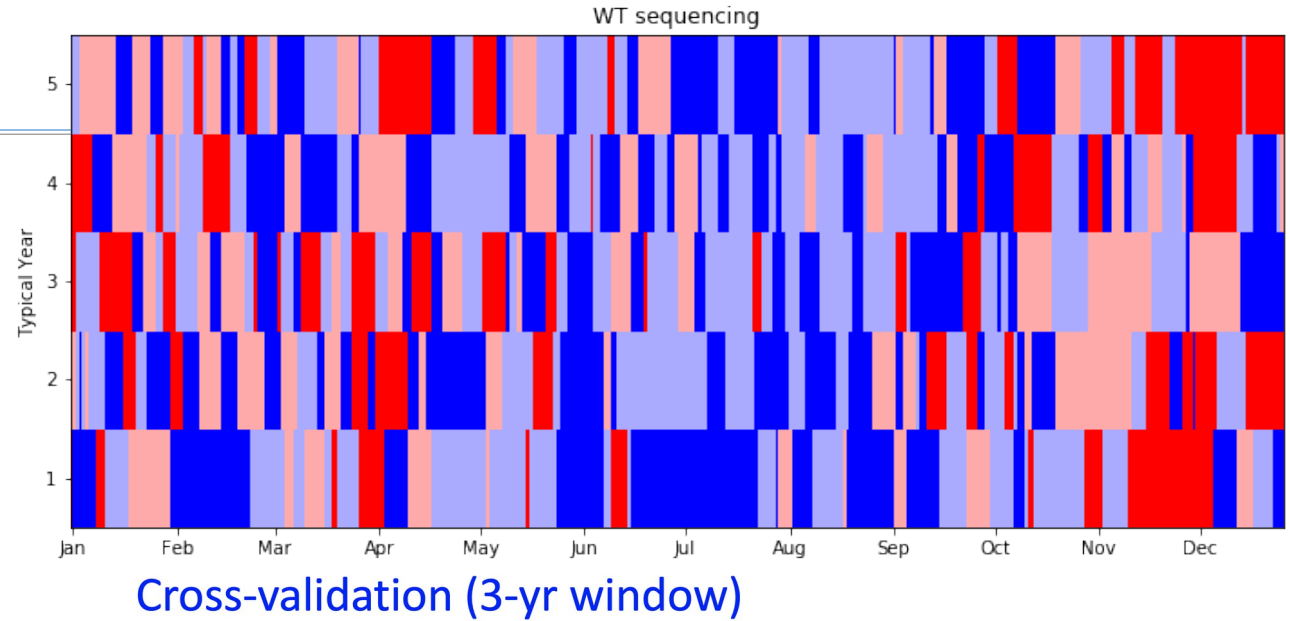
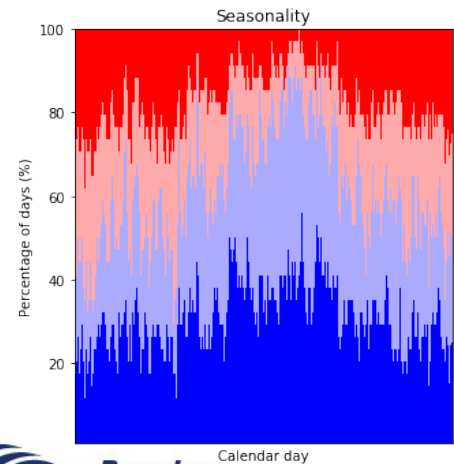
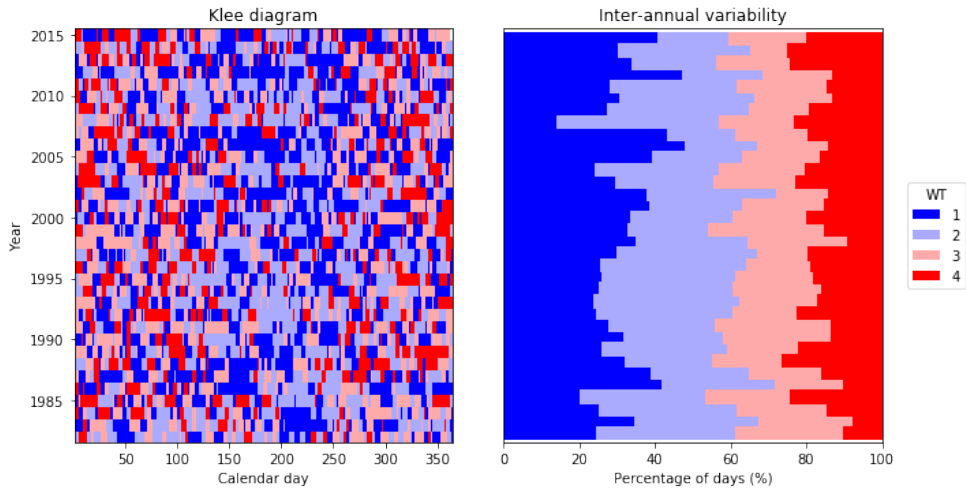
Pacific Ridge

West Coast Ridge



Muñoz et al (in prep)

Flow-dependent cross-timescale scenarios



Cross-validation (3-yr window)

TABLE 3. Cross-validated forecasted probabilities (in %) for each scenario, and observed category. Results are shown for the best-guess multinomial logistic model. Probabilities have been rounded to the closest integer.

Predictor: frequency of WTs
 Predictand: flow-dependent states

| Year | I | II | III | IV | V | Observed | Hit(1)/Miss(0) |
|------|----|----|-----|-----|----|----------|----------------|
| 1981 | 36 | 64 | 0 | 0 | 1 | I | 0 |
| 1982 | 68 | 17 | 1 | 7 | 7 | I | 1 |
| 1983 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 99 | V | 1 |
| 1984 | 43 | 48 | 3 | 0 | 7 | I | 0 |
| 1985 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | IV | 1 |
| 1986 | 13 | 2 | 24 | 0 | 61 | I | 0 |
| 1987 | 95 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | I | 1 |
| 1988 | 82 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 0 | I | 1 |
| 1989 | 49 | 49 | 1 | 0 | 1 | II | 1 |
| 1990 | 61 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | I | 1 |
| 1991 | 27 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 52 | III | 0 |
| 1992 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 92 | V | 1 |
| 1993 | 65 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 20 | II | 0 |
| 1994 | 60 | 17 | 12 | 0 | 11 | III | 0 |
| 1995 | 72 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 15 | I | 1 |
| 1996 | 88 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 5 | III | 0 |
| 1997 | 54 | 44 | 1 | 0 | 1 | II | 0 |
| 1998 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 0 | 59 | V | 1 |
| 1999 | 1 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 56 | III | 0 |
| 2000 | 81 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 4 | II | 0 |
| 2001 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | IV | 1 |
| 2002 | 10 | 2 | 30 | 0 | 57 | III | 0 |
| 2003 | 82 | 2 | 3 | 13 | 0 | IV | 0 |
| 2004 | 93 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | I | 1 |
| 2005 | 81 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 9 | V | 0 |
| 2006 | 1 | 0 | 43 | 0 | 56 | III | 0 |
| 2007 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 0 | IV | 1 |
| 2008 | 5 | 0 | 58 | 0 | 37 | V | 0 |
| 2009 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 86 | 0 | IV | 1 |

Skill metrics:
 Kendall's $\tau = 0.371^*$
 HSS = 0.353

* statistically significant value
 at $p < 0.05$

Infant Acute Undernutrition



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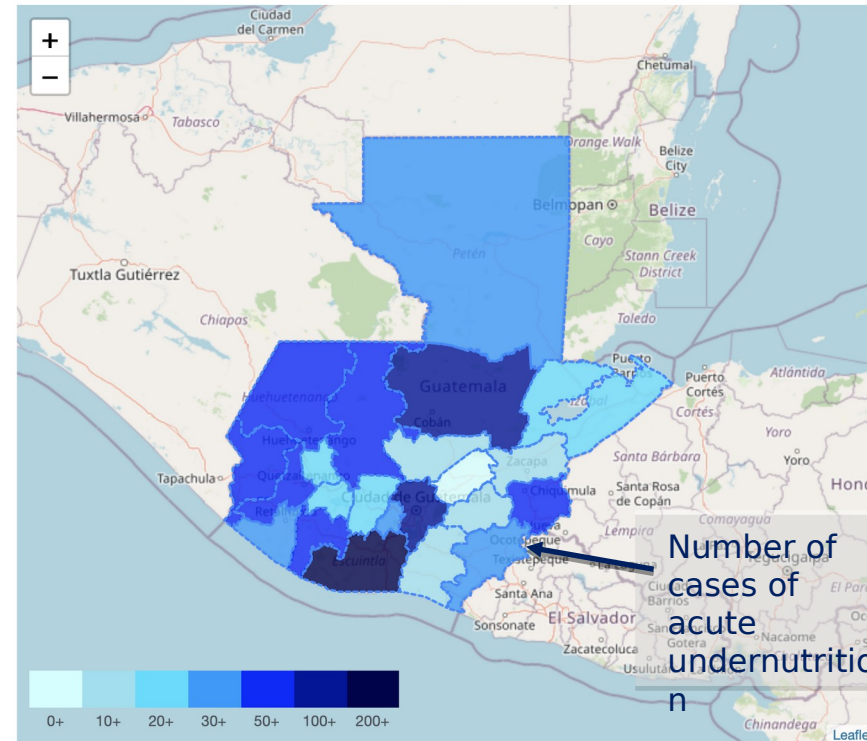
Modelo NextGen de Pronóstico de Desnutrición Aguda

El [Instituto Internacional de Investigación para el Clima y la Sociedad \(IRI por sus siglas en inglés\)](#), a través del proyecto ACToday, ha trabajado con distintas instituciones en Guatemala para apoyar al país en alcanzar el Objetivo de Desarrollo Sostenible número 2. Junto con la [Secretaría de Seguridad Alimentaria y Nutrición de Guatemala \(SESAN\)](#), ambas instituciones han trabajado conjuntamente para desarrollar una herramienta que permita obtener de forma automatizada, un pronóstico probabilístico del número del número de casos de desnutrición aguda infantil en función de una combinación de pronósticos de precipitación a escala estacional (próximos 3-6 meses) y sub-estacional (1 a 6 semanas). Este modelo probabilístico, se nutre de un nuevo sistema de generación de pronósticos (NextGen) desarrollado por el IRI.

Más sobre NextGen

Desnutrición Aguda en Niños Menores a 5 años

Histórico nacional de casos reportados por MSPAS

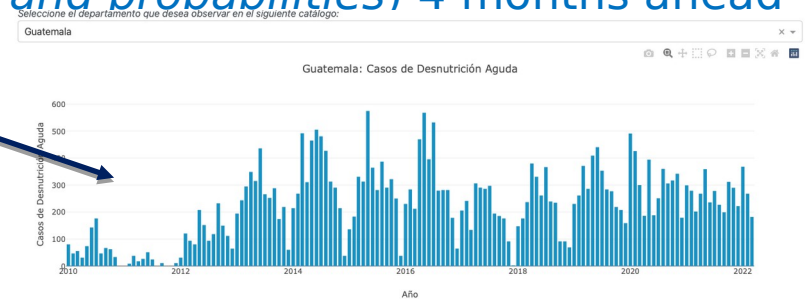


Number of cases of acute undernutrition

* The NextGenNut system was co-developed with the **Secretariat for Food Security and Nutrition of Guatemala (SESAN)**

* Predictions based on climate and *socio-economic patterns*

* It allows for visualization of historical cases per department, and monthly predictions (*values and probabilities*) 4 months ahead



Nota: Para garantizar homogeneidad en las series de tiempo luego del cambio en el sistema de vigilancia en 2020, los datos pre-2020 han sido re-calibrados para hacerlos consistentes al período post-2020



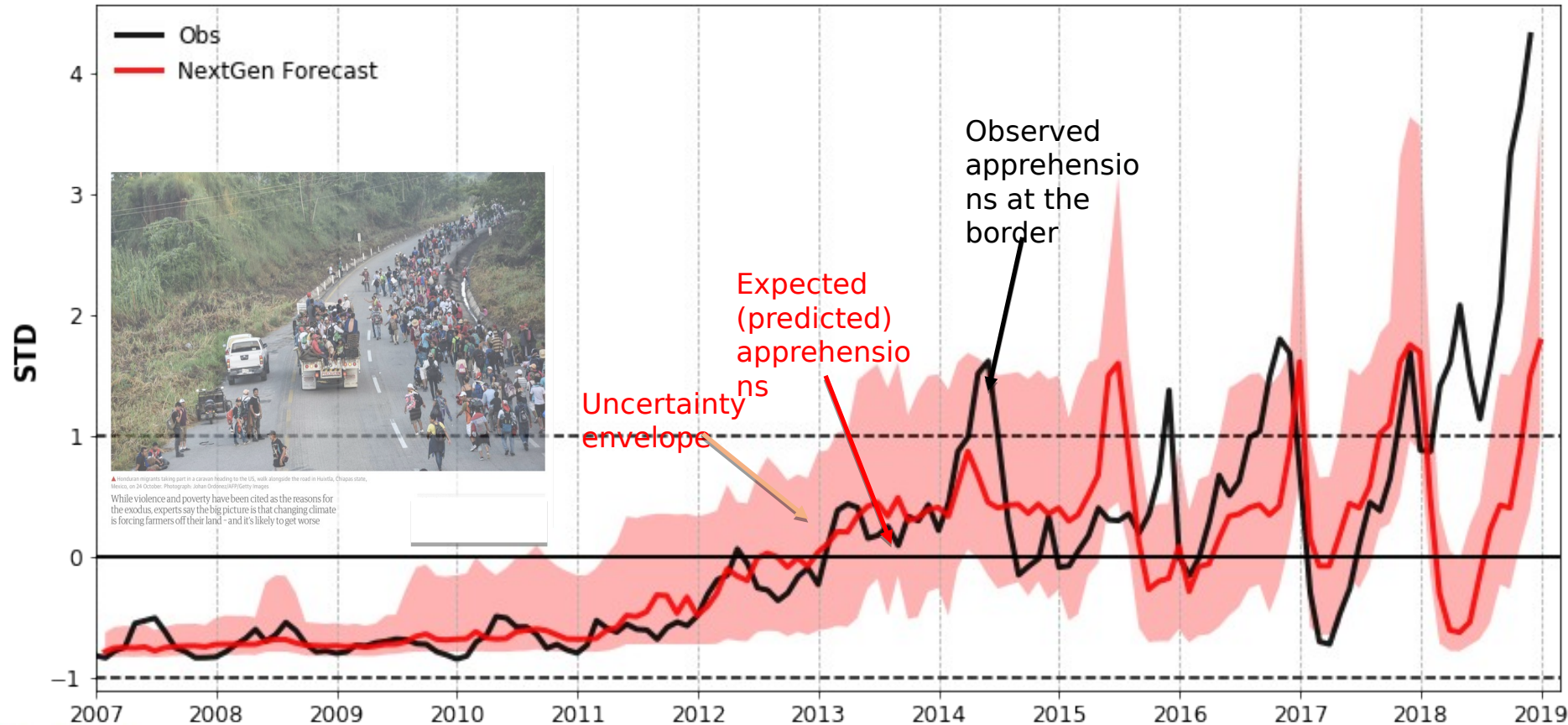
See more about this system here: <https://sesan.iri.columbia.edu>

González Romero et al., (2020, and in prep), White et al. (2022)

Human migration

Human migration from Guatemala to the southern border of the US

Observed vs NextGen forecast

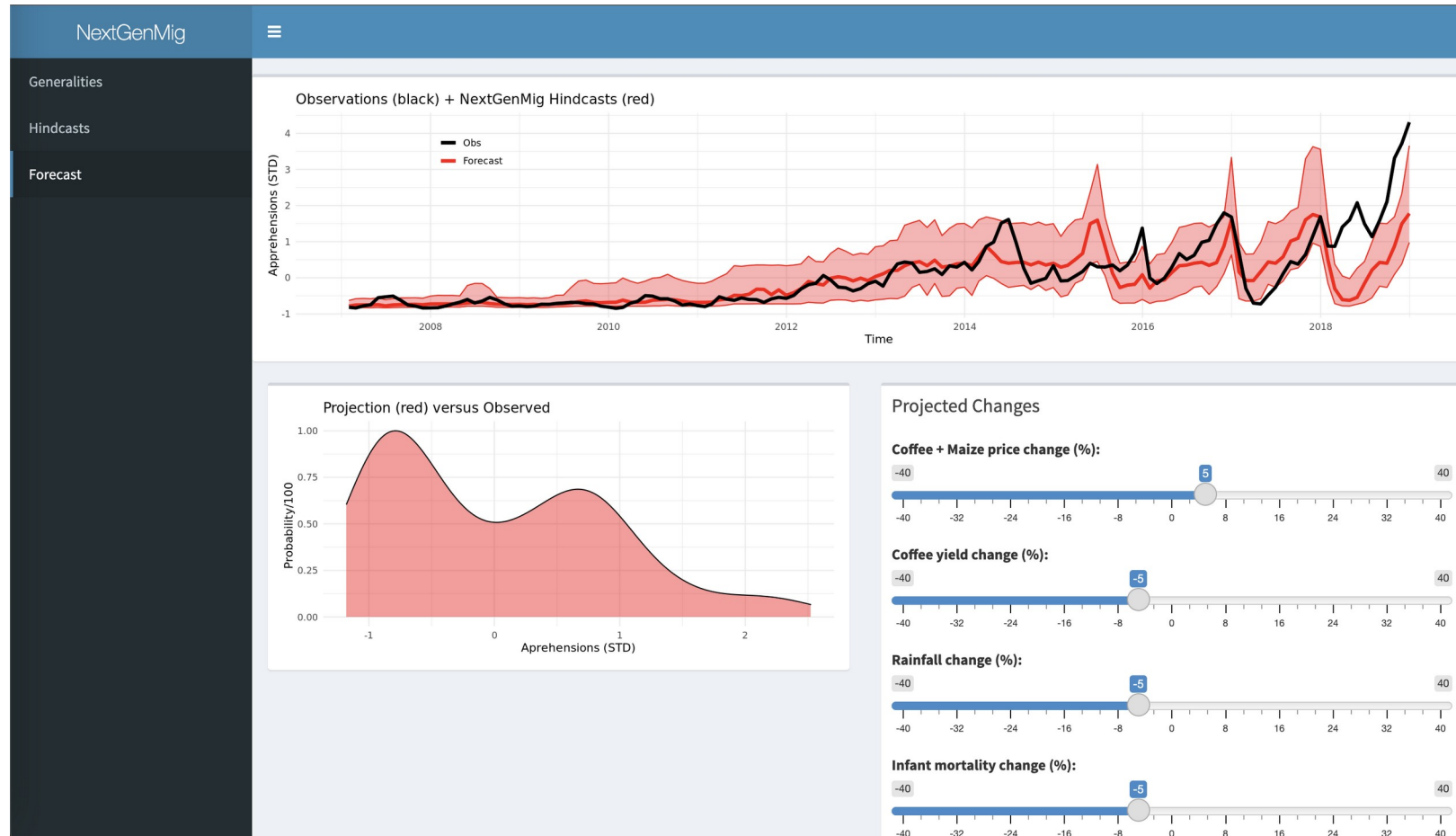


* NextGenMig: based on climate and socio-economic patterns

* Number of migrants (apprehensions)

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Human Health

A Decade of the North American Multimodel Ensemble (NMME)

Research, Application, and Future Directions

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NMME in a prediction application: The NextGen approach

NMME seasonal prediction information is employed by the IRI and partners via the NextGen methodology, a systematic general approach for codesigning, implementing, producing, and verifying objective forecasts at multiple time scales (Muñoz et al. 2019, 2020; WMO 2020). The approach starts with co-identifying with decision-makers and local experts their concrete demand, which defines the variable(s) to predict. A diagnostic analysis is then conducted to help identify the best observed and modeled predictor variables, including both climate and nonclimate factors. As part of the design and implementation of the NextGen forecast system, past model performance is assessed via a statistical and physical-process-based evaluation, helping inform how to best conduct model calibration and ensemble design. The set of predictions produced by the system includes the full range of possible outcomes of the variable (i.e., its entire probability density function, as opposed to just tercile-based predictions), such that decision-makers can obtain tailored forecasts for any particular threshold of interest, and thus trigger the precise set of actions required.

The NextGen methodology is both general and demand oriented, and has been applied to a wide variety of cases beyond forecasting climate variables such as rainfall or temperature. The range of applications include predictions of environmental suitability for transmission of Aedes-borne diseases such as dengue, Zika or chikungunya (Muñoz et al. 2017, 2020) acute undernutrition for children under 5 years old (Romero et al. 2020; White et al. 2022), coffee yield (Pons et al. 2021), and human migration (Muñoz et al. 2019).

To illustrate the approach with a concrete example using NMME model output, consider the NextGen system for Aedes-borne diseases' environmental suitability (AeDES; Muñoz et al. 2020; see Fig. SB1), developed for a geographical domain encompassing North America, Central America, northern South America, and the Caribbean. Work led by the IRI and the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)/ World Health Organization (WHO) helped identify environmental suitability for disease transmission as the key variable to monitor and forecast (Muñoz et al. 2020).

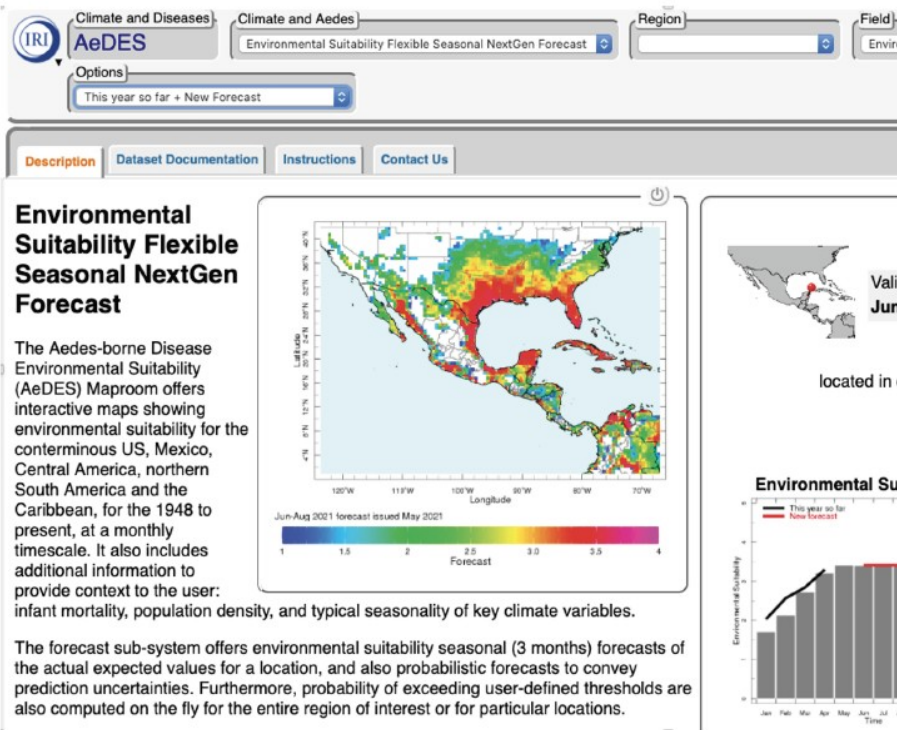


Fig. SB1. Example of the NextGen forecast system from the International Research Institute for Climate and Society's website.

Muñoz et al., 2017, 2018, 2020; Becker et al., 2022



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How does it work?

Hierarchical approach to select best models

| Model | Predictor(s) | lag (mo) | BIC | τ |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 1 | R | -4 | 144357734.0 | 0.540 |
| 2 | FDD | -4 | 144359058.6 | 0.491 |
| 3 | YMaize | -4 | 144382235.2 | 0.267 |
| 4 | BBeans | -4 | 144383270.7 | 0.294 |
| 5 | Coffee | -3 | 144396520.4 | 0.099 |
| 6 | R,YMaize | -4,-4 | 144352354.3 | 0.550 |
| 7 | R,BBeans | -4,-4 | 144350579.0 | 0.571 |
| 8 | R,Coffee | -4,-3 | 144354089.7 | 0.554 |
| 9 | R,YMaize,BBeans | -4,-4,-4 | 144344286.5 | 0.590 |
| 10 | R,BBeans,Coffee | -4,-4,-3 | 144347540.8 | 0.573 |
| 11 | R,YMaize,Coffee | -4,-4,-3 | 144352071.6 | 0.556 |
| 12 | R,YMaize,Beans,Coffee | -4,-4,-4,-3 | 144344240.3 | 0.587 |

Table 1: Simple and multiple linear regression model configurations, selection and skill assessment. Lag is indicated in months. Model selection is conducted using the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC). Forecast skill is assessed using Kendall's τ (forecast discrimination), via a retroactive forecast approach, using the first 50% of the period for training, and 50% for out-of-sample verification.

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Forecast strategy

| Month | Source of predictors |
|-------|----------------------|
| +1 | Obs (-4 months) |
| +2 | Obs (-3 months) |
| +3 | Obs (-2 months) |
| +4 | Obs (-1 months) |
| +5 | Obs (present month) |
| +6 | Fcst (+1 months) |

Rainfall from the S2S RTP
 Projected Ymaize, Bbeans
 (persistence)