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Hydrological distributed modeling

Ex : Loire Basin, France



NEED : To build a rainfall object which provides spatial distributed rainfall fields evolving in time

Stochastic approach : geostatistics

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Illustration on a region gathering Oslo, Akerhus, Østfold, Vestfold

Meters EnFO km-DEM fra DCW, UTM-32 Norden. Koordinater sjekket. 1162+ 1162+

78 raingauges (eKlima - MetOffice), daily data from 1970 to 2008

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Optimal Interpolation : kriging



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Space-time kriging

3D-kriging, dynamic kriging and lagrangian kriging

Amani et al, 1997 Lebel and LeBarbé, 1997 Ali et al, 2003



But (interpolating) kriging=Smoothing



Academic example, from Wikipedia

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Conditional simulation with point values, interesting for reanalysis

m, σ², γ, U

Daily rainfall, from 01/01/1970 to 31/12/2008

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Conditioning with 5 raingauges



rainfall generator developed by 13 Etienne Leblois, Cemagref Lyon, France

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In Distributed Hydrological Model, the rainfall object have to provide realistic space and time rainfall process.

Kriging is an optimal interpolation method with known uncertainty, but it provides only smooth and unique scenario.

Conditional simulation provides several equiprobable scenari. Usefull for reanalysis







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Improvement in the conditional simulation

 Intermittency, Non-homogeneity of rainfall statistical characteristics due to orography, precise advection

Hierarchical Bayesian conditioning

• using radar as external data. Both rainfall and radar : hourly time resolution



Radar in Rissa (MetOffice)

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Impact of a better rainfall prediction over a catchment in order to simulate runoff at the outlet

How big is the benefit with space-time rainfall simulation ? How big is the sensitivity of the runoff output to the rainfall input ? Is there a limit resolution?

- Coarser mesh when simulating rainfall events
- Irregular mesh (higher resolution where the rainfall process is gentle, low resolution where the rainfall process is uncertain orography)
- Areal mean rainfall

Thank you

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