Potential New Directions for CMAQ Post-Processing: Probabilistic AQ Forecasts

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Current KFAN Post-Processing System:

At each AirNOW observation site x



Large Forecast Error Correction



Algorithm works because it can find good analogs

Large Forecast Error Correction



Problem occurs because we are always working with short training data sets

Reason why the correction works is because CMAQ has some skill at predicting these extreme (forest fire) events

Large Forecast Error Correction



Modifications for Probabilistic Forecasts:

At each AirNOW observation site x



10 Member Ensemble, Ozone



Ozone Exceedance Probability Maps O₃ > 50 ppbv



O₃ > 70 ppbv



-60

Regional Probability Ozone Exceedance Map $O_3 > 70 \text{ ppbv}$



Reliability Diagrams

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Spread-Skill Correlations













PM2.5 Exceedance Probability Maps



Summary

- New Large Forecast Error Correction scheme adds skill to all ranges of PM2.5 and ozone forecasts, but most importantly for high concentration events
- Probabilistic forecasts for ozone (and PM2.5) can be made from the existing analog ensemble
- These forecasts have skill as shown by reliability diagrams
- The spread of the ensemble members is moderately correlated with forecast skill, allowing for time-series of point or regional forecasts of forecast uncertainty
- <u>Would these forecasts be useful?</u>





Spread-Skill Relationship



Forecast Hours

