R and Harp packages new data and enhanced tools

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HARP: continuous development since 2013:

- Common development of **EPS and spatial verification tools** in Aladin and Hirlam:
 - Based on available R-packages (and shell/python scripts Hirlam-Aladin R & Python tools for verification)
- First version for EPS only (v1, 2015), in 2017 (v2) including Harp spatial tools.
 - Deal with different spatial data-formats (GRIB, FA, netcdf4, hdf5) and station data (SYNOP, local networks)
 - For your own native data-formats (INCA, lightning data, local radar data, ...) write a decoder (projection, grid size and distance, ...).
 - Excessive number of scores for EPS available
 - Includes fuzzy (FSS, ETS), object oriented (SAL) and point verification scores calculated on the grid
 - Documentation on google docs

harp

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forecast.sqlite

HARPenv.expt

obs.sqlite



courtesy of Andrew Singleton



First official versions of the Harp tools

- Fully functional verification routines as R-scripts able to deal with main (spatial) data-formats and and some local formats
- Shiny (R) app for visualization included
- A lot of interaction between users and developers needed (local system, configuration, data, shell and R scripts, ...)
- Usefulness of spatial scores is (mainly) a question of:
 - Quality and availability of spatial observation data
 - Application and selection of spatial method



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1.5

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2

Verification of lightning density forecast (summer, afternoon – night thunderstorms)





- Code organization as R-packages >>> harpIO / harpPoint / harpSpatial / harpVis
 - Stricter rules of use of funcitons
 - No interaction of users at code level
 - Enhanced portability
 - Enhanced package documentation necessary



- Executing harp interactively
 - Follow the harp workflow
 - Visualize forecasts and observations
 - In line documentation of your verification work
 - Conditional verification



- READERS
 - Extended documentation on readers
 - How to get observation and forecast data into harp
 - Example data
- Examples of setup and configuration files >>> vignettes
 - Extend harp online documentation
- Intensify research on available spatial observation data (common RWP)
 - Satellite radiance/BT, aircraft data, any grided analysis, ...



- Docker (containers)
 - Run harp in a container on any system
 - Allows high grade of portability of harp setups in different environments
 - Develop setup for your operational environment
 - Static set of R, R-libraries, compilers, system libraries ...



- From R-scripts to **R-package**(s)
- Total rewrite of EPS and big part rewrite of spatial verification
 - Interactive in R (Rstudio, markdown)
 - Tidy verification data (in the spirit of tidyverse)
 - Inclusion of deterministic point verification
- New structure
- New visualisation functions
- New IO functions



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A bunch of R packages



R packages for harp:





- Independence of platform
- Documentation inside R
- Interactive use of R packages within Rstudio, markdown, ...



harpIO

Functions to **read** (& interpolate) meteorological data grib netcdf FA hdf5 vfld / vobs Expandable to more formats Functions to **write** station & verification data sqlite rds



harpPoint

Functions for point verification
EPS scores
Deterministic scores
(Score cards)
(Statistical tests)
Functions for plotting point verification scores
Universal plot function
Interactive shiny app



harpSpatial

Functions for spatial verification FFS SAL (MODE) more...? Functions for plotting spatial verification scores Universal plot function (?) Interactive shiny app



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Available on Github?



Documentation

- Each harp package will be accompanied with at least one vignette giving a worked example
 - Every function will include inline documentation with workable examples
 - Plan for blog giving examples of different tasks that could be done with harp
 - Rmarkdown skeletons for workflows
 - Snippets for Rstudio
 - Plan for open source ...



New flexibility in harp

Interactivity -> ownership of the verification process Conditional verification

Analysis of observation errors - e.g. perturb observations

Confidence intervals

Read and write many data formats

Non verification related data wrangling and plotting

Growing platform indenpendence



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Thanks!

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