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### Florida Wetland Integrity Dataset (FWID)

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### **Project Scope and Goals**

- 1. Approximate the locations and extents of wetlands and other surface waters throughout Florida.
- 2. Approximate the *integrity* and condition of natural communities throughout Florida.
- 3. Develop products that will remain valuable into the future.
- 4. Apply scientifically rigorous methods.

## **Predicting Wetland Presence**

### Example Study Area for Today's Talk



### Bayesian Vs Frequentist Statistical Inference

#### Frequentist

- Probability of the data given the hypothesis  $P(Y|H_0)$
- Use of a P-value
- Standard "significance" cut-off of P-value is the Neyman–Pearson acceptable probability of committing a Type-I statistical error (α = 0.05)
- If P-value is "small," reject H<sub>0</sub> a "pass or fail" significance test
- Probability is a frequency dependent concept in which the "true value" is realized only with the "true" population (∞)
- Includes a "confidence interval" that is also frequency dependent: ratio of events of interest to total events observed

#### Bayesian

- Probability of the hypothesis given the available data  $P(H_0|Y)$
- No P-value
- Results are reported as a continuous probability ("posterior distribution") rather than a pass/fail test
- Setting the  $\alpha$  at 0.05 or any other value is arbitrary
- Probability is subjective in that it quantifies a degree of belief based on prior knowledge ("prior distribution") and likelihood using the data at hand rather than an assumption of an infinite population
- Includes a "credible interval" that is not frequency dependent but rather reflects the *belief* that the "true value" falls within a particular interval

### **Interrogating Soils Data**

### Steps

- 1. Differentiate those soil mapping units (SMU) associated with wetlands from those associated with uplands.
- 2. Decompose SMU attributes from categorical data to a unique and continuous numeric index scaled by the amount of variation that each explains.
- 3. Evaluate the decomposed values ability to predict the wetland or upland association identified in Step #1 and discard those that do not significantly predict their association. Retain those that do predict their association for possible model inclusion.

#### Objective 1: Differentiate by Wetland/Upland Association



Natural Wetland Land Cover Natural Upland Land Cover

Soil Map Unit (NRCS SSURGO)

- 1 = Soil Associated with Wetland
- 0 = Soil Associated with Upland

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- Orders attributes by the amount of variation they explain
- Relationships between attributes is preserved
- Ensures that attribute indices are not correlated

#### Objective 2: Convert to Continuous Index Scaled by Variation (continued)

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**Decomposed Values** 

### Bayesian Independent Random Noise Model

Designation ~ 
$$SVD_{MCA_{V1}}$$
,  $SVD_{MCA_{V2}}$ ,  $SVD_{MCA_{V3}}$ ,...,  $SVD_{MCA_{V50}}$ 



#### Objective 3: Evaluate the ability of SVDs to Predict Wetland/Upland Association (cont'd)





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### Available Water Capacity (AWC)

#### Steps

- 1. Rasterize SSURGO MUKEY for the area of interest (AOI).
- Submit a data SQL query to the NRCS Soil Data Access server (SDA); requesting horizon-level available water capacity data for the AOI.
- 3. Aggregate data by profiling total water storage by soil horizon.
- 4. Calculate the average total water storage within each SMU (weighted by component percentage).
- 5. Join results to the MUKEY raster.
- 6. Verify response with a BIRN Model



### Topographic Indices (TPI & CTI)

#### Topographic Position Index (TPI)

- 1. Often used to classify landscape morphologies (Mountains Vs. canyons Vs. plains, etc...)
- 2. Type of "ruggedness" or "roughness" index
- 3. Difference between target cell and mean of its eight neighbors

#### Compound Topographic Index (CTI)

- 1. "Wetness Index"
- 2. Higher values represent "wetter" areas
- 3. In(a/tan B), a = Contributing area; B = Slope

Both evaluated for co-linearity and applied to a BIRN Model prior to being considered for model inclusion.



Top: TPI Raster Bottom: CTI Raster (250m resolution)

### Spatial Correlation The Neglected Variable



Non-parametric inference on Moran's I (Monte-Carlo Simulation)



Model "Prediction" Based on Spatial Structure Alone Legend Values are Relative to Mean Density of Wetlands (250m resolution)

## **Model Construction**

#### **Model Construction**



The integrals cannot be solved analytically, so the integrated nested Laplace approximation (INLA) method is used. INLA provides a fast alternative to Markov Chain Monte Carlo simulation for models that have a latent Gaussian structure [Rue et al., 2009].

### **Model Selection**

#### More than a dozen models were fitted:

- 1. Deviance Information Criterion (DIC)
  - Similar to the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), but adapted to Bayesian hierarchical models.
- 2. Watanabe-Akaike Information Criteria (WAIC)
  - A more contemporary version of the DIC.
- 3. Log Conditional Predictive Ordinances (LCPO)
  - "Leave one out" Cross-validation Method.
- 4. Brier Score (BS)
  - Similar to a Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE) comparing results to original LC/LU Wetlands.



### The "Final" Model

 $W_s | \mu_s$ ,  $n \sim \text{NegBin}(\mu_s, n)$ 

 $\mu_s = \exp(v_s \cdot \operatorname{area}_s)$ 

 $v_{s} = \beta_{0} + \beta_{PCA_{V2}} \cdot PCA_{V2} + \beta_{PCA_{V3}} \cdot PCA_{V3} + \beta_{MCA_{V2}} \cdot MCA_{V2} + \beta_{AWC} \cdot AWC + \beta_{TPI} \cdot TPI + \beta_{CTI} \cdot CTI + u_{s}$ 

The random effect  $(u_s)$  follows a Besag formulation [Besag, 1975]:

$$u_i \setminus u_j$$
,  $i \neq j$ ,  $\tau \sim N\left(\frac{1}{m_i}\sum_{i \sim j} u_j$ ,  $\frac{1}{m_i}\tau\right)$ 

Where **N** is the normal distribution with mean  $\frac{1}{m_i} * \sum_{i \sim j} u_j$  and variance  $\frac{1}{m_i} * \tau$  where  $m_i$  is the number of neighboring cells of cell *i* and  $\tau$  is the precision; *i* $\sim j$  indicates cells *i* and *j* are neighbors.

Besag, J. (1975), Statistical analysis of non-lattice data, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series D (The Statistician), 24, 179-195.

Results

### **Model Summary**

#### **Results Summary**

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PCAV2	-0.5171	-0.6278	-0.5164				
PCAV3	0.2722	0.1863	0.2716				
MCAV2	1.3972	1.2579	1.396				
AWC	0.0787	0.0653	0.0786				
TPI	-0.1128	-0.1479	-0.1127				
CTI	0.0722	0.0186	0.0721				

#### Brier Score (BS) 0.0723

#### **Posterior Distributions**









### Comparison to the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI)



NWI Wetland

~40mn Run Time



~30% More Wetland Area (@0.50 Probability)



NWI Wetland



~30% More Wetland Area (@0.50 Probability)



NWI Wetland









































## Summary and Closing

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