

# IMPUTAÇÃO DE DADOS CLIMÁTICOS E DE PRODUTIVIDADE AGRÍCOLA: UMA COMPARAÇÃO DE ABORDAGENS

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## Study region and available data sets

- **Crop yield data:**

average annual county yield  
(1980 – 2007).

SOURCE: IBGE / SEAB

<http://www.sidra.ibge.gov.br>

- **Meteorological data:**

daily precipitation series for 503  
stations (01/01/76 – 31/12/08).

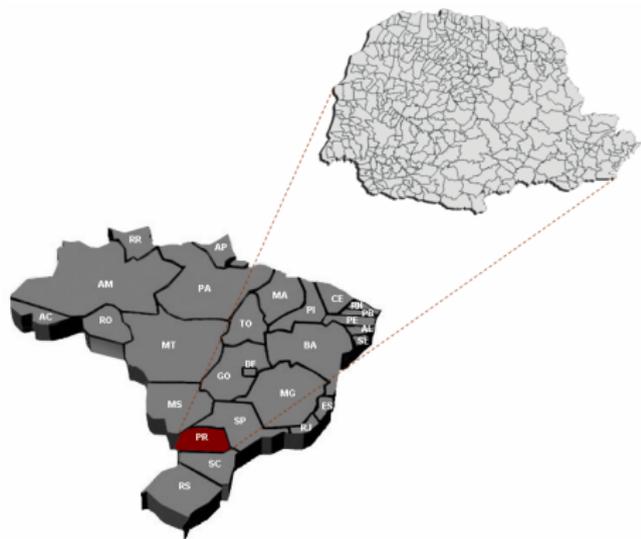
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State: Paraná

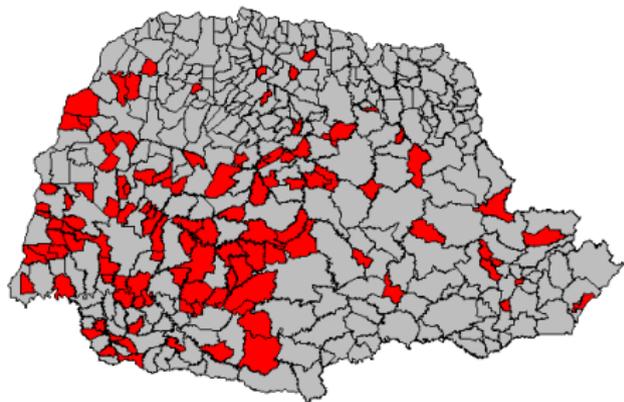
Nº counties: 399

planted area (grains): 8.45 mill Ha

## Recovering the crop yield time series

- 109 counties were created between 1983 and 1997 from existing ones.

<b>year</b>	<b>counties</b>
<b>1983</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>1986</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>1989</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>1990</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>1993</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>1997</b>	<b>28</b>



\* source: IBGE 2009

# Recovering the crop yield time series

## A simulation study:

- some counties and its neighbors with complete yield series (1980-2008) were used to simulate the creation of new counties
  
- N° of created counties: 22
  
- years of creation:
  - 1983
  - 1987
  - 1992
  - 1997
  
- Former counties:
  - best correlated neighbors
  - worst correlated neighbors



## Recovering the crop yield time series

$$joint.area = area[old, after] + area[new, after]$$

$$joint.pdn = pdn[old, after] + pdn[new, after]$$

$$prop.area.new = \frac{area[new, after]}{joint.area} \quad ; \quad prop.pdn.new = \frac{pdn[new, after]}{joint.pdn}$$

$$(a, b) = mean(prop.area.new[1 : w]) \pm k * sd(prop.area.new[1 : w])$$

$$(c, d) = mean(prop.pdn.new[1 : w]) \pm k * sd(prop.pdn.new[1 : w])$$

$$prop.area.new.before = runif(nn, a, b)$$

$$prop.pdn.new.before = runif(nn, c, d)$$

$$yield[new, before] = \frac{pdn[old, before] * prop.pdn.new.before}{area[old, before] * prop.area.new.before}$$



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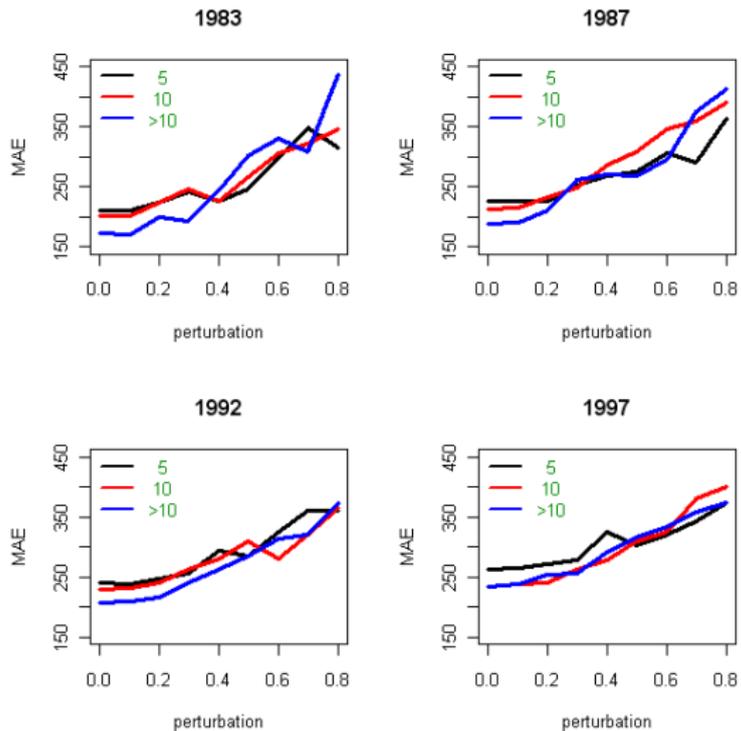


Figure 1. Mean absolute error for all the scenarios applied on corn yield series simulated from the best correlated neighbors.



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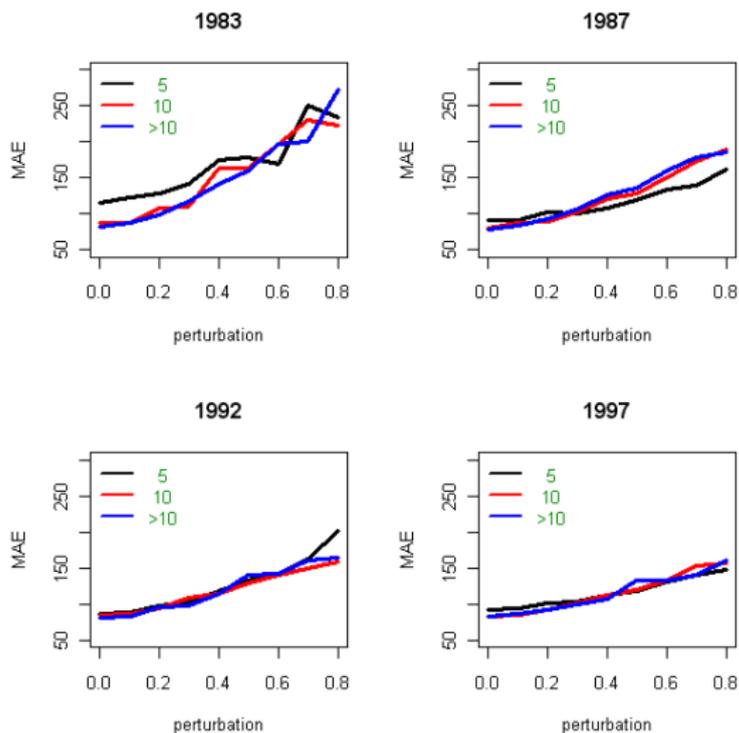


Figure 3. Mean absolute error for all the scenarios applied on soybean yield series simulated from the best correlated neighbors.

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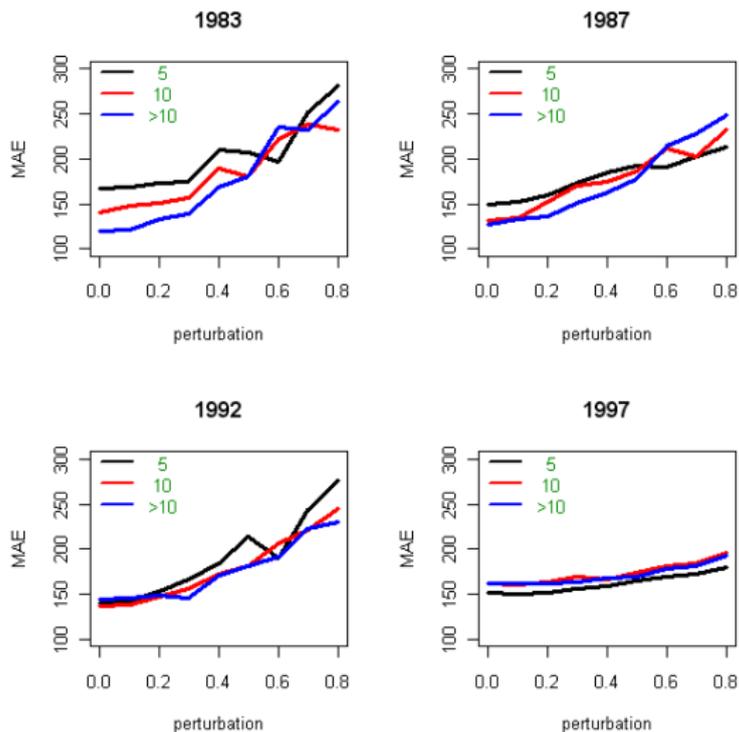


Figure 4. Mean absolute error for all the scenarios applied on soybean yield series simulated from the worst correlated neighbors.



# Imputing the weather data

## Weather variables to be imputed:

- minimum temperature
- maximum temperature
- precipitation

## Temporal scales:

- daily (12054 values/station)
- decennial (1188 values/station)

## Imputation approaches:

- EM algorithm (Junger et al., 2003, Schneider, 2001)
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# Methodology

- 30 different scenarios were created from the combination of the following factors:
  - 3 weather variables (Tmin, Tmax, rainfall)
  - 2 temporal scales (daily, decendial)
  - 5 sizes of subsets of observed values to be removed (1 month, 3 months, 6 months, 1 year, 3 years)
  
- 20 subsets of observed values were removed from each scenario and then imputed according to six imputation methods
  
- 5 criteria were used to compare the performance of the imputation methods.

Example:

Scenario: 1

variable: minimum temperature

temporal scale: daily

subsets to be removed/imputed: 20 subsets of 1 month each

## Comparison criteria

- **RMSE**: Root mean square error
- **MAE**: Mean absolute error
- **MRE**: Mean relative error
- **SRD**: Standard deviation of the relative differences between known and imputed values

$$RD_{ij} = \frac{|Y_{ij.obs} - Y_{ij.imp}|}{|Y_{ij.obs}|} \quad MRD = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i \in M} RD_{ij} \quad SRD = \sqrt{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i \in M} (RD_{ij} - MRD)^2}$$

- **MRZ**: Mean number of SRD's by which a relative difference deviates from the its mean value

$$RZ_{ij} = \frac{RD_{ij} - MRD}{SRD} \quad MRZ = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{i \in Z} RZ_{ij}$$

# Imputation approaches

## Multiple imputation

- MICE

- Amelia

# Imputation approaches

## Principal component analysis

- Probabilistic PCA

- Bayesian PCA

# Imputation approaches

## EM algorithm

- mtsdi
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Regularized EM

# Preliminary results

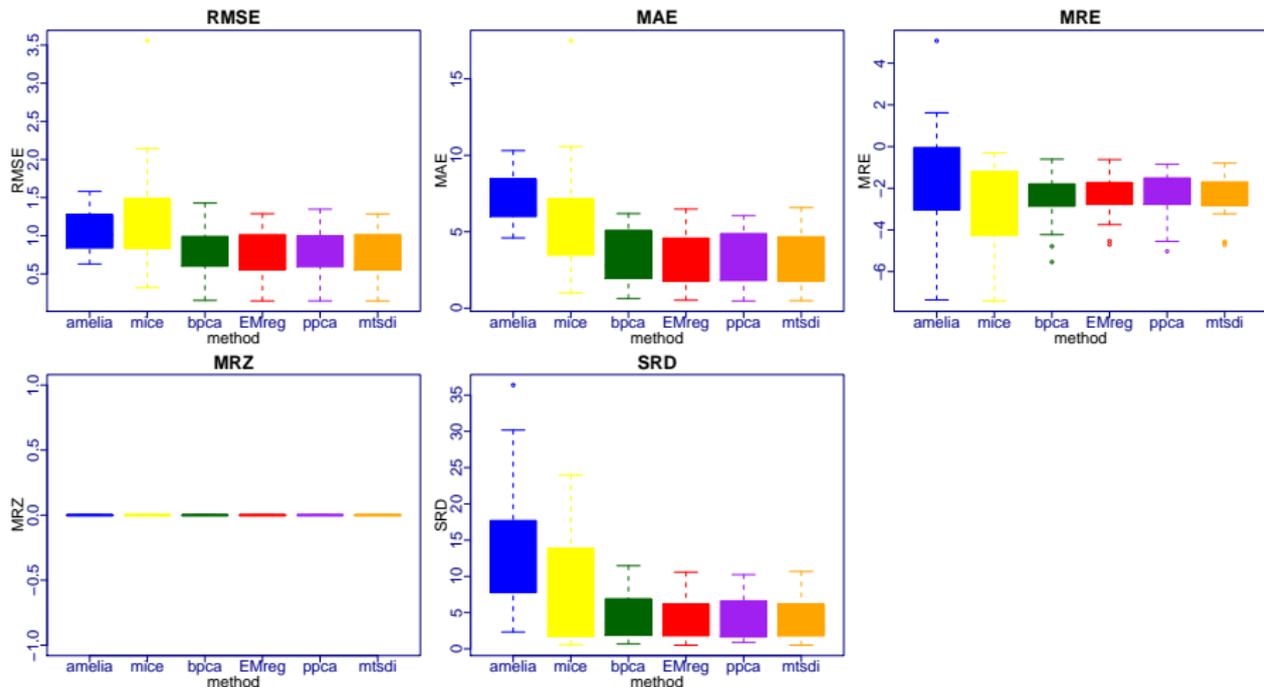


Figure 6. Boxplots for scenario 1 (daily rainfall and removing 20 periods of 3 months).

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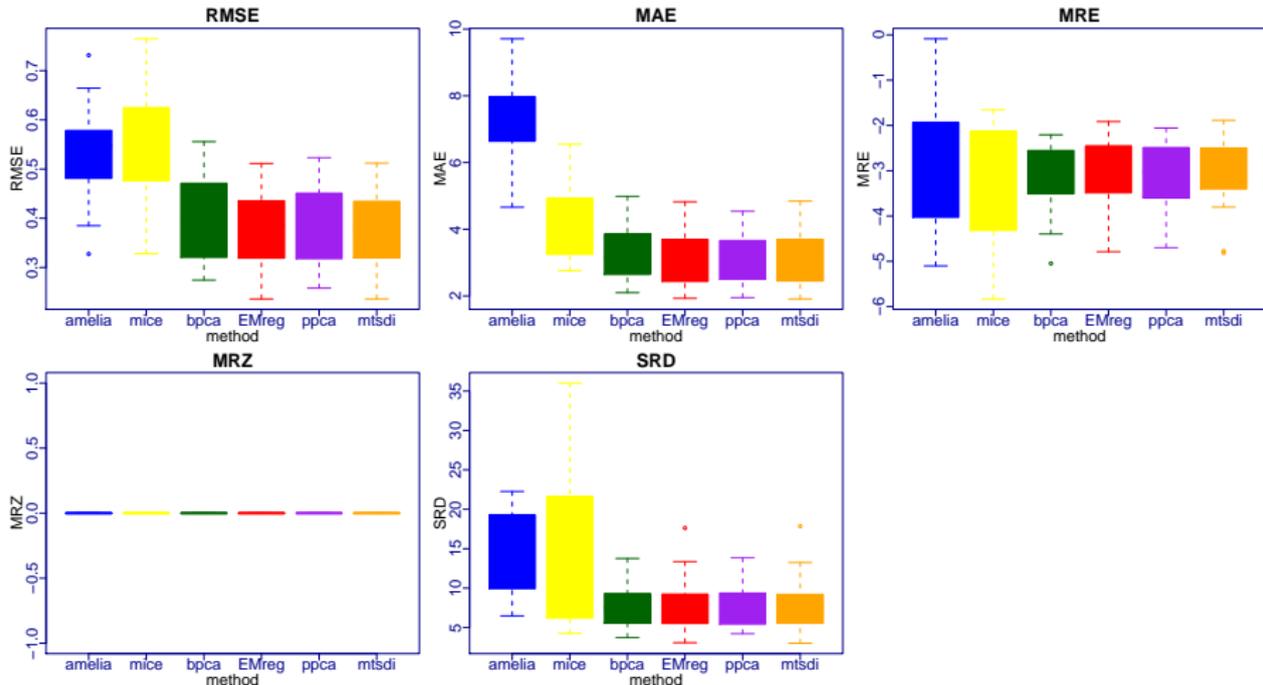


Figure 7. Boxplots for scenario 2 - (daily rainfall and removing 20 periods of 12 months).

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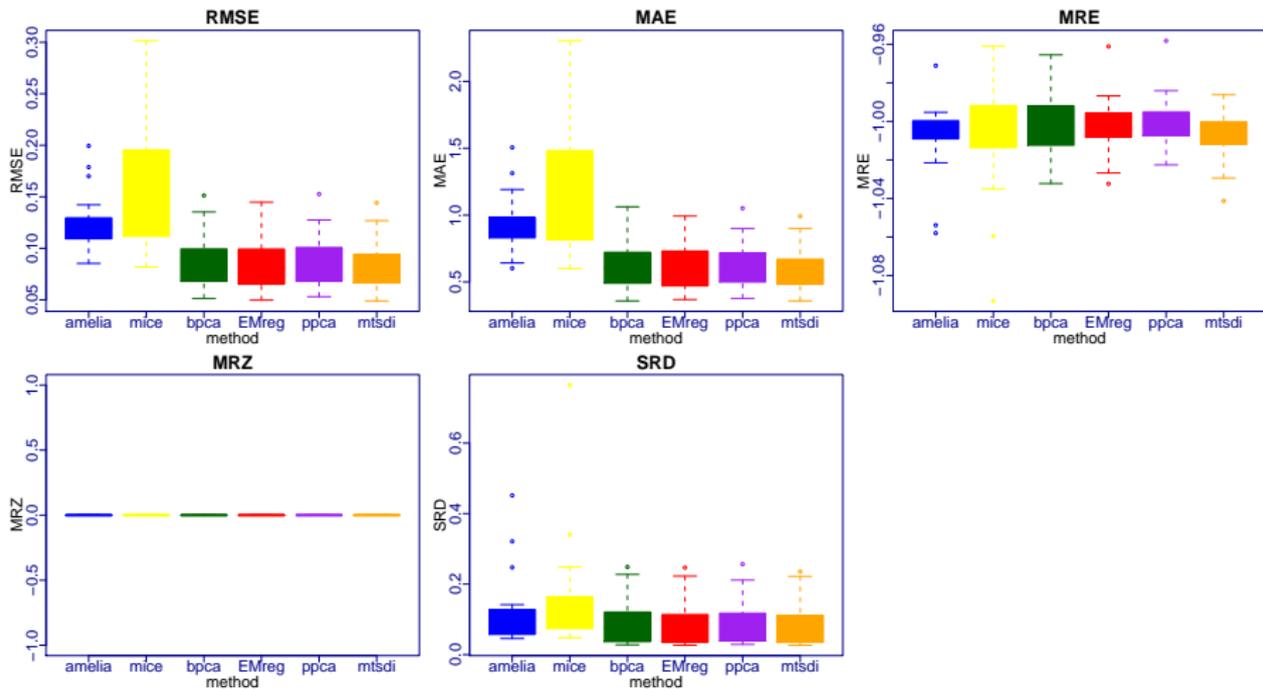


Figure 8. Boxplots for scenario 3 - (daily minimum temperature and removing 20 periods of 3 months).

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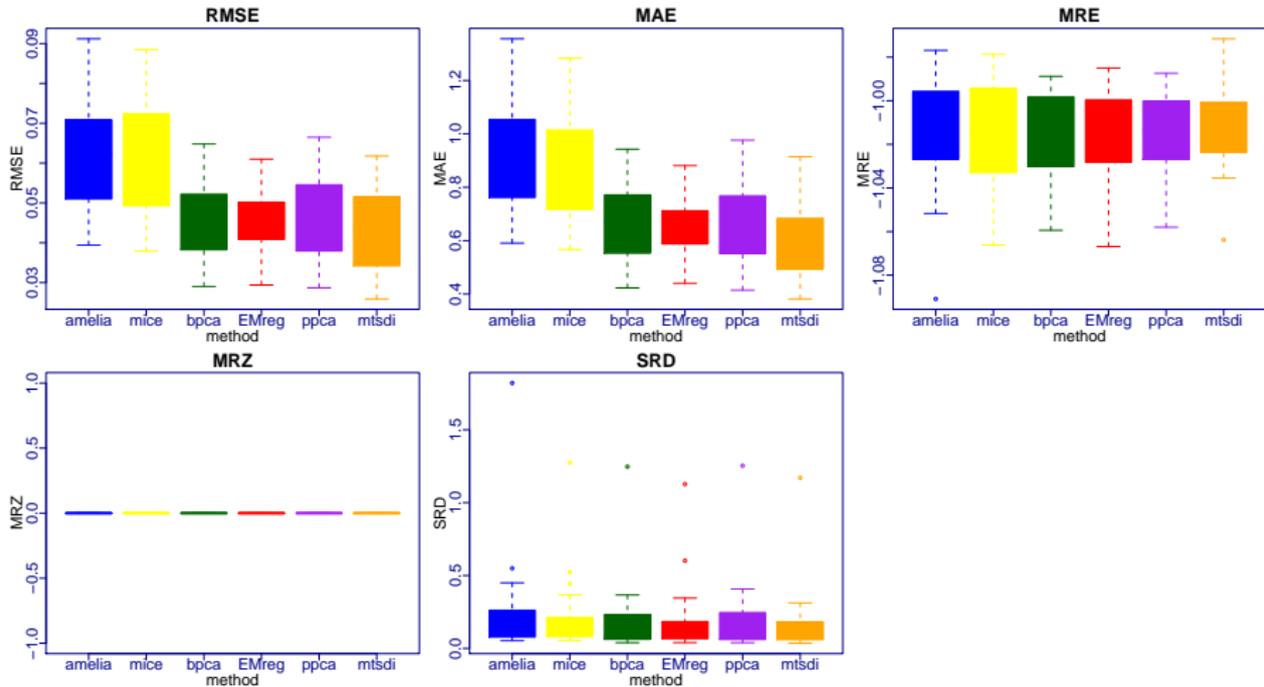


Figure 9. Boxplots for scenario 4 - (daily minimum temperature and removing 20 periods of 12 months).

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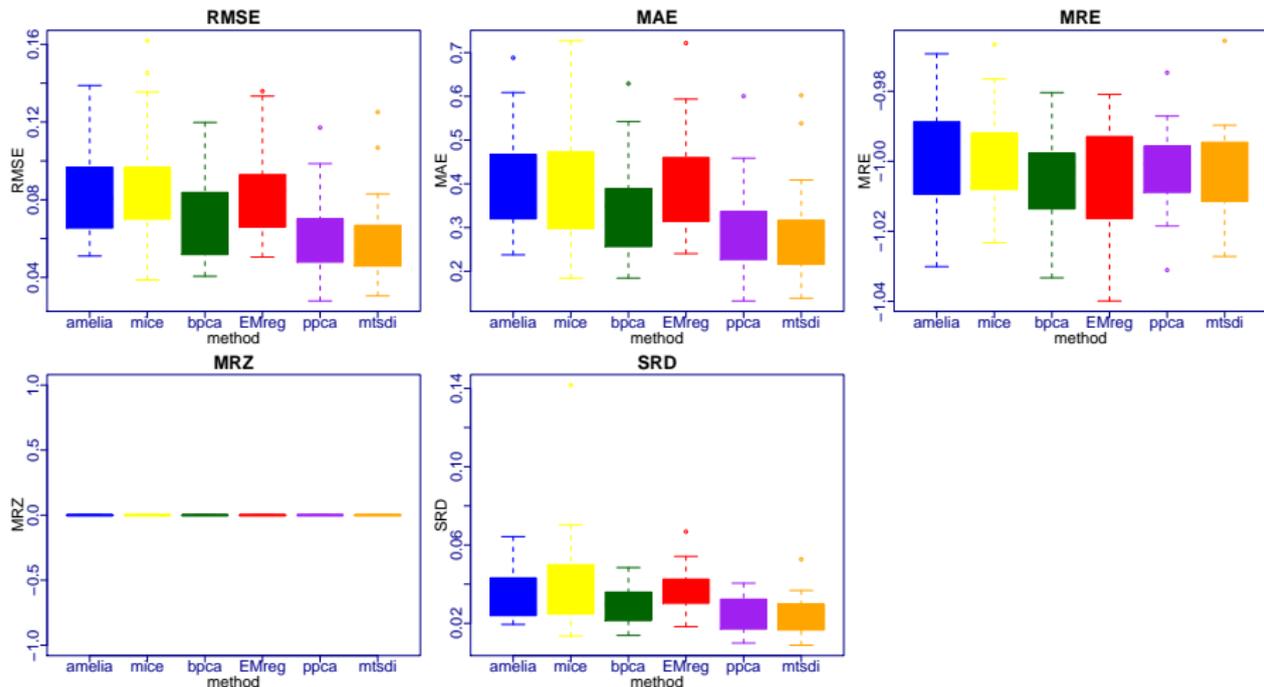


Figure 10. Boxplots for scenario 5 - (decennial minimum temperature and removing 20 periods of 12 months).

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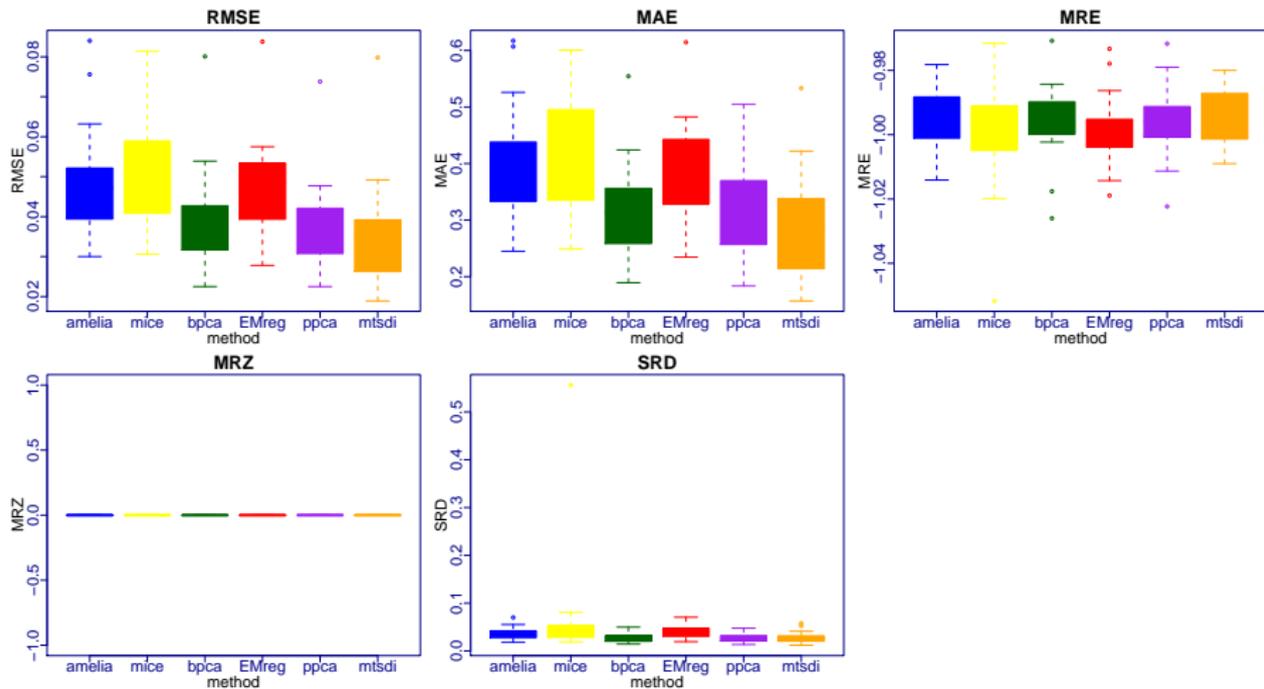


Figure 11. Boxplots for scenario 6 - (decendial minimum temperature and removing 20 periods of 36 months).

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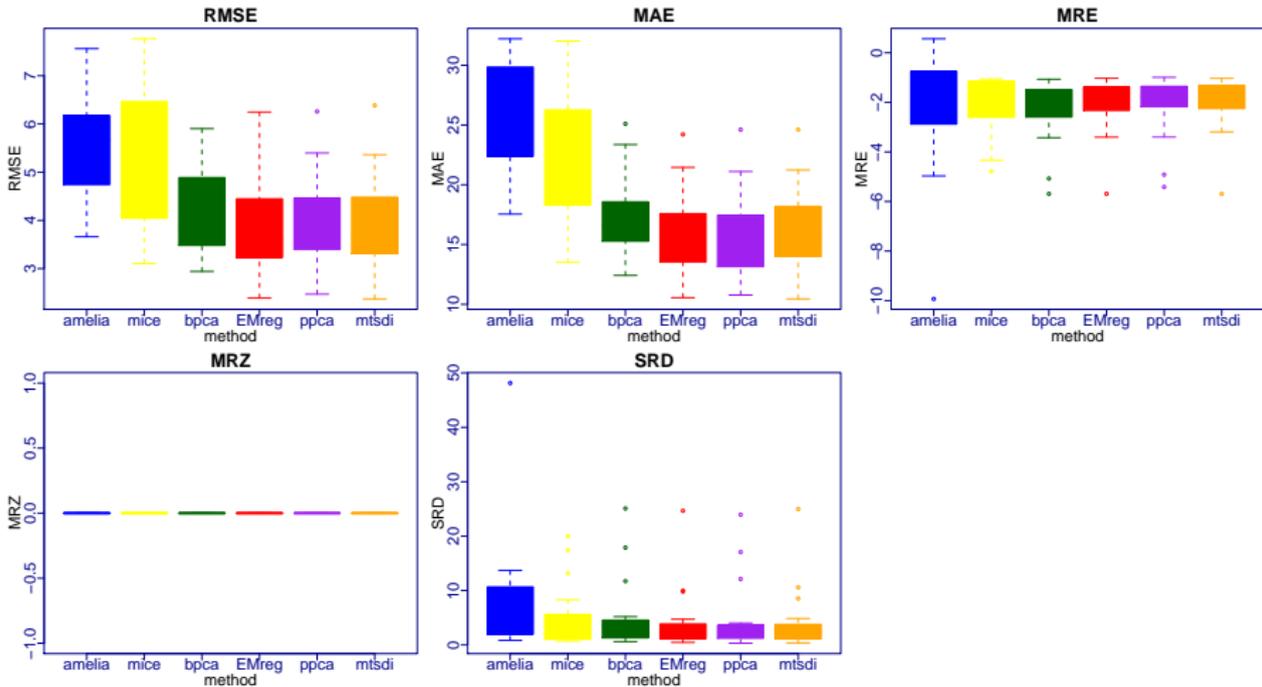


Figure 13. Boxplots for scenario 7 - (decennial rainfall and removing 20 periods of 12 months).

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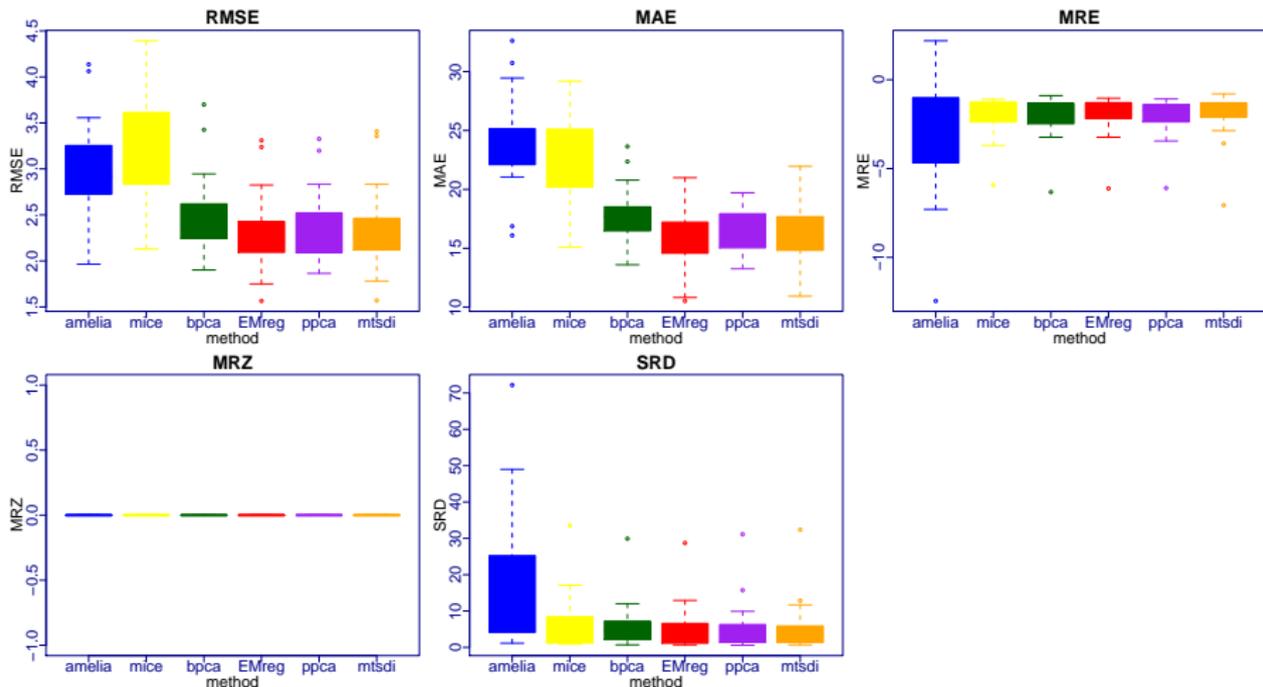


Figure 14. Boxplots for scenario 8 - (decennial rainfall and removing 20 periods of 36 months).

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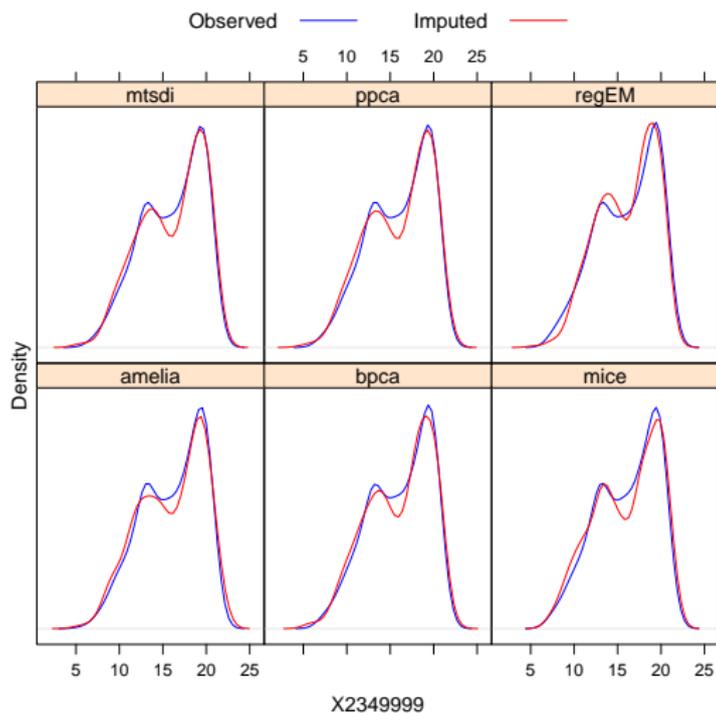


Figure 15. Kernel density estimates for the marginal distributions of the observed and imputed values at station X2349999 under scenario xx - (decennial minimum temperature and removing 20 periods of 12 months).

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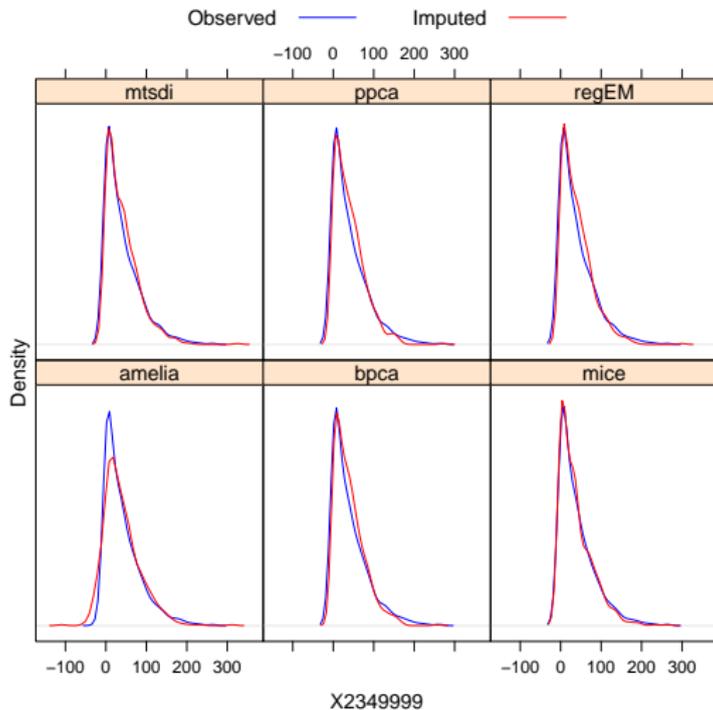


Figure 16. Kernel density estimates for the marginal distributions of the observed and imputed values at station X2349999 under scenario 7 - (decennial rainfall and removing 20 periods of 12 months).

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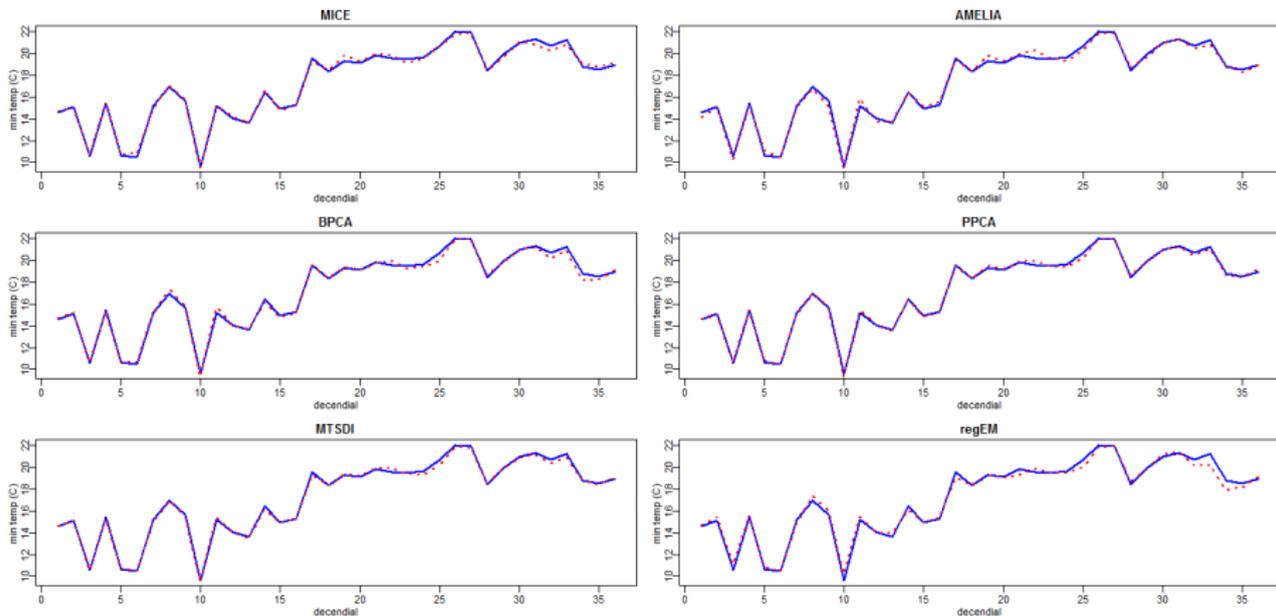
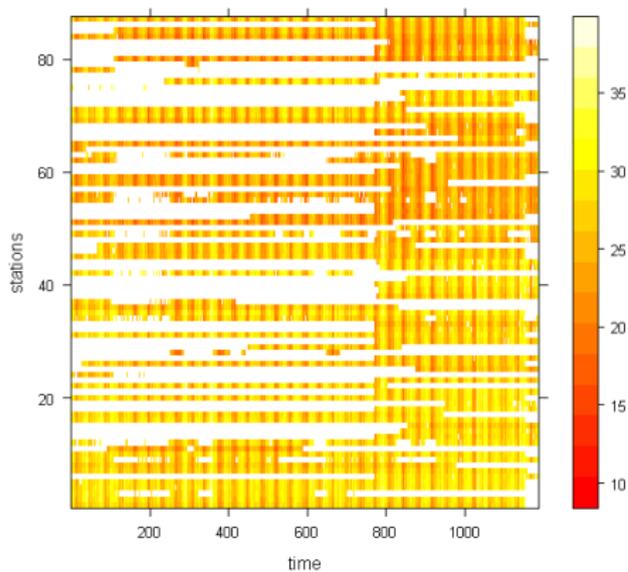


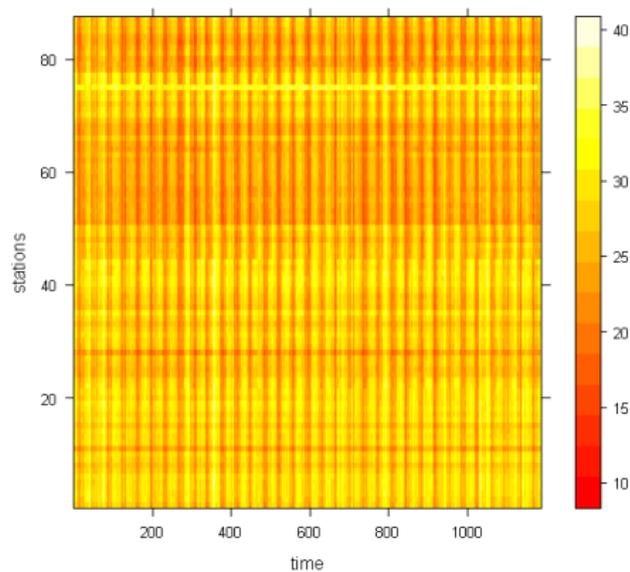
Figure 17. Direct comparison between decennial estimates (red dashed lines) and observed data (blue solid lines) for the six imputation methods at station X2349999 (first subset) under scenario xx - (decennial minimum temperature and removing 20 periods of 1 year).

# Preliminary results

maximum temperature



imputed maximum temperature





## Simolo's approach (2009)

$X[i,j]$  - precipitação dia  $i$ , estação  $j$

$N$  - número de dias

$n.c[j]$  - número dias com chuvas estação  $j$

Para cada estação

Para cada dia com dado  $> 0$

- i - Procure  $n_1=150$  dados positivos mais "próximos" no tempo
- ii - Estime parâmetros da densidade  $\text{gamma}(a,b)$
- iii - Calcule  $p_1 = p(X[i,j] < x[i,j]/a,b)$
- i2 - Procure  $n_2=1000$  dados positivos mais "próximos" no tempo
- ii2 - Estime parâmetros da densidade  $\text{gamma}(a_2,b_2)$
- iii2 - Calcule  $p_2 = p(X[i,j] < x[i,j]/a_2,b_2)$

Para cada estação

Para cada dia sem dado

- Calcule  $p_1.\text{hat}$  (media ponderada dos  $p_1$  vizinhos no espaço)
- Calcule  $p_2.\text{limiar}$ , tal que  $p_2.\text{vizinhos} = n.c.\text{vizinhos}/N$
- Faça  $C[i,j] = 1$  se  $p_1.\text{hat} > p_2.\text{vizinhos}$
- Se  $C[i,j] = 1$ , estime  $x[i,j]$

## Future work

- to standardize a methodology to check the consistency of weather data;
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