

PRISM Precipitation: A New NEON/CTSM Data Stream

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Motivation for NEON Project & Single Point Workflow

An aerial photograph of a vast, dense forest of tall, thin trees. In the center-left of the image, a tall, slender research tower stands vertically, extending above the tree canopy. The tower has several horizontal arms or sensors protruding from its side. The forest extends to the horizon under a clear sky.

- Facilitate parameter calibration and uncertainty quantification
- Advance ecological theory at macroscale (and tools for evaluation; e.g. FATES)
- Develop ties with Earth system prediction
- Identify new observations and improve their integration into model calibration, evaluation, and validation workflows

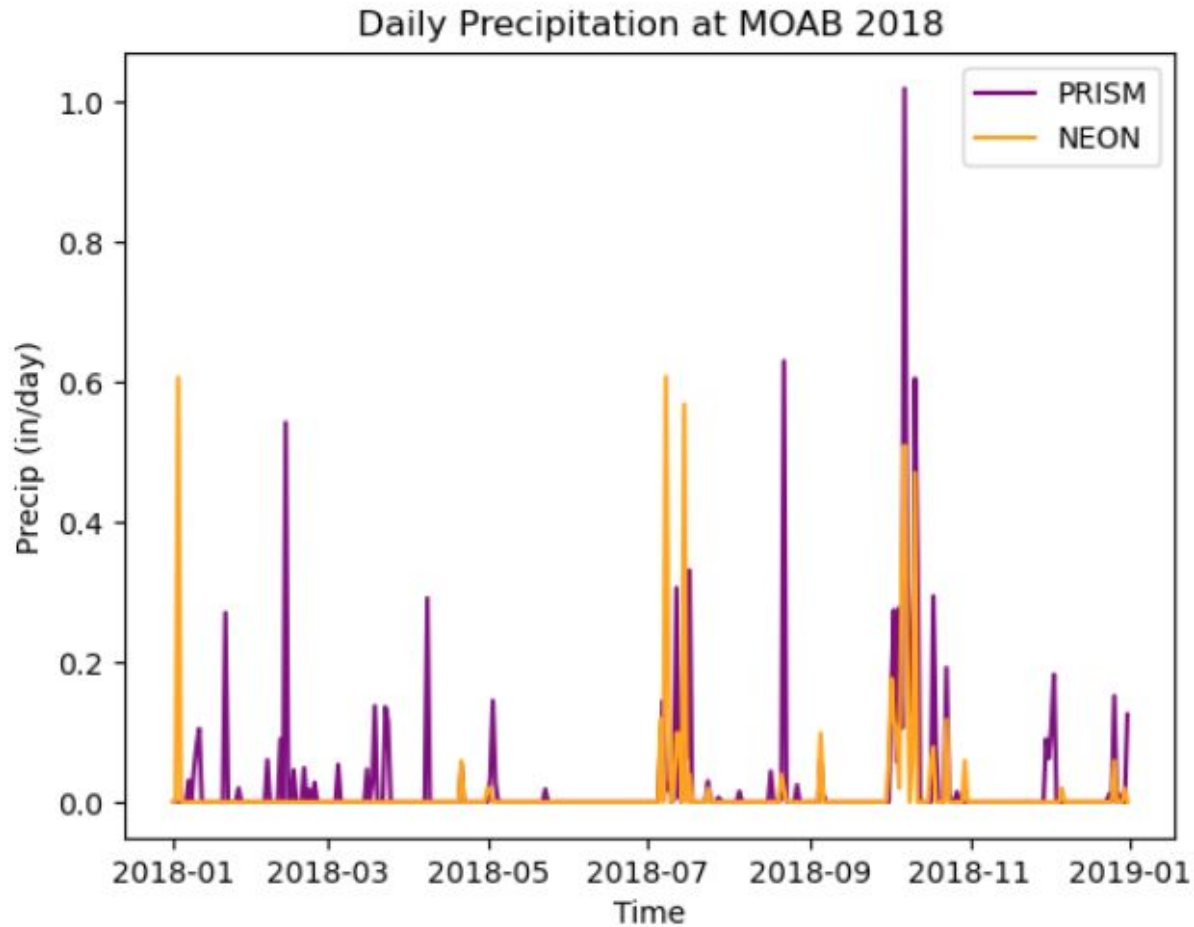
NEON Precipitation Data



(Not a NEON tipping bucket)

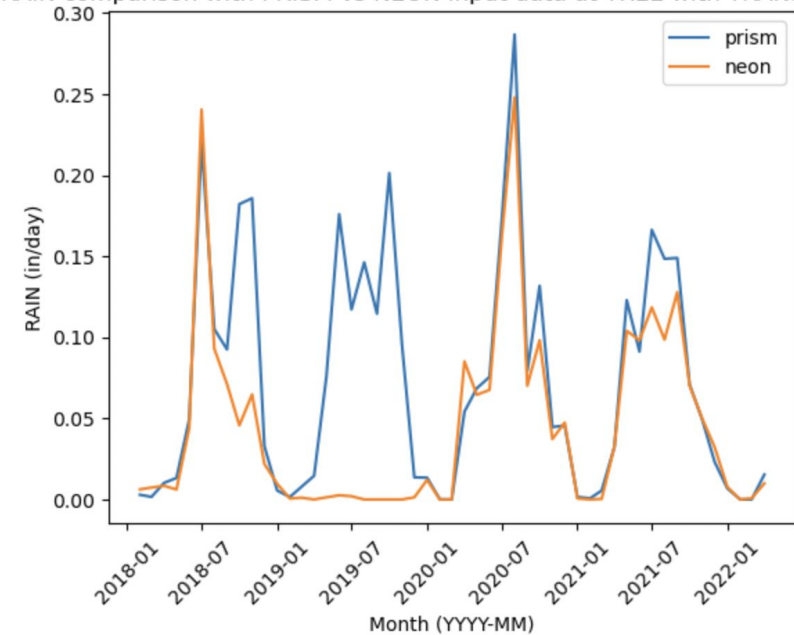


Motivation for Using PRISM Precipitation

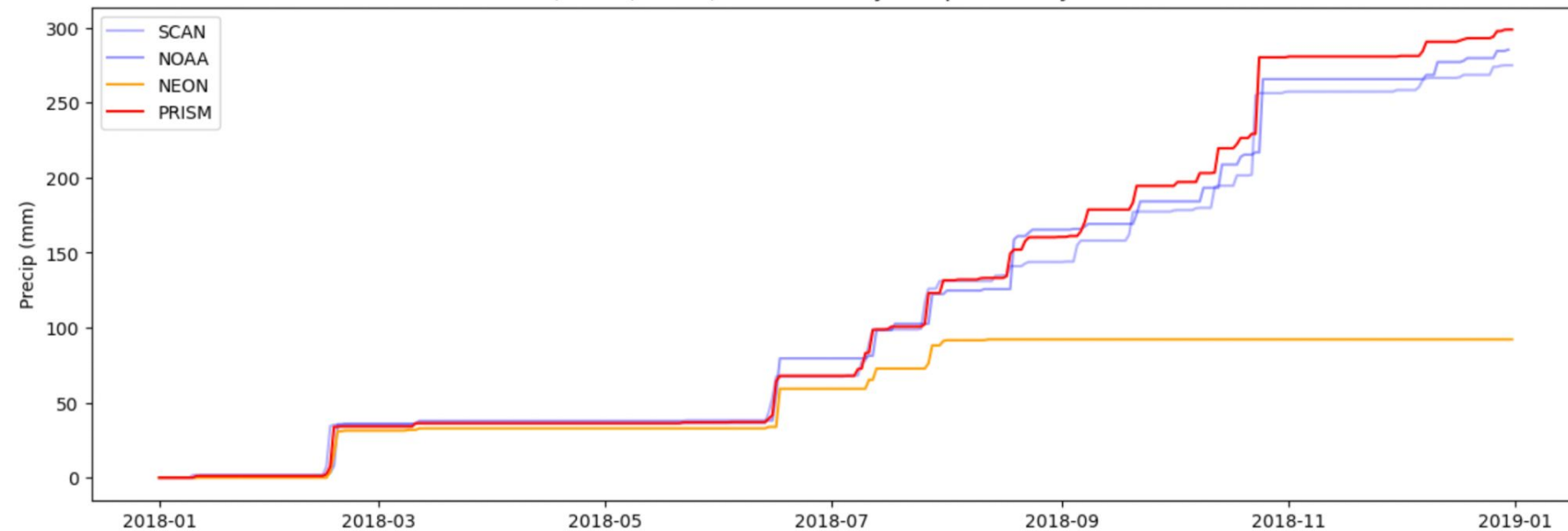


- Unexpectedly low GPP at MOAB
- NEON did not capture some precipitation events
- Gaps in NEON data

RAIN comparison with PRISM vs NEON input data at TREE with TRANSIENT run



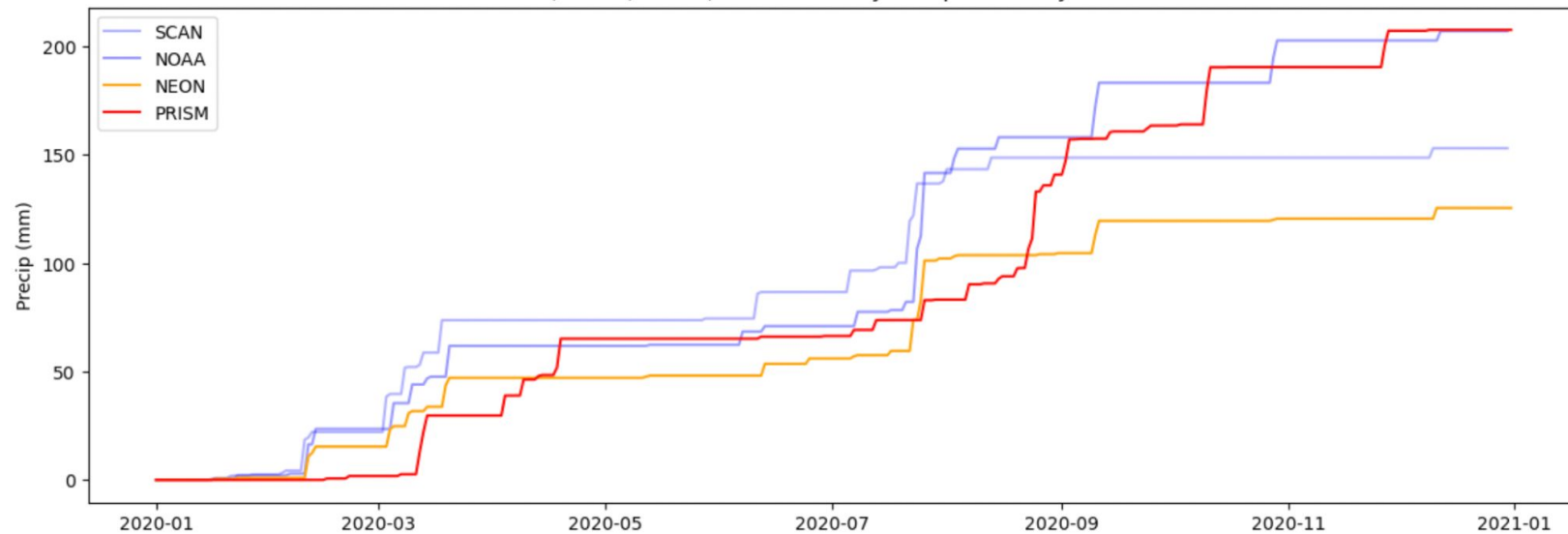
SCAN, NOAA, PRISM, and NEON Daily Precipitation at JORN 2018



Is PRISM precip actually better?

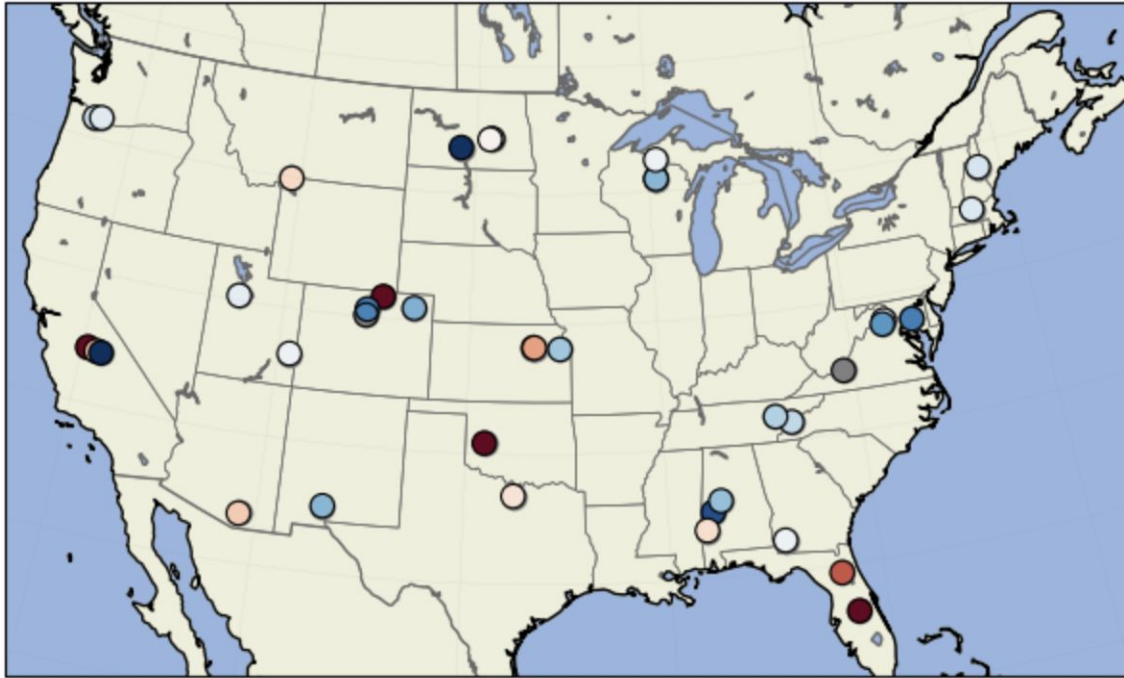
- Year specific
- Site specific
- Overall, PRISM seems closer to ground data
- PRISM often captures events that NEON misses
- Fewer gaps in PRISM

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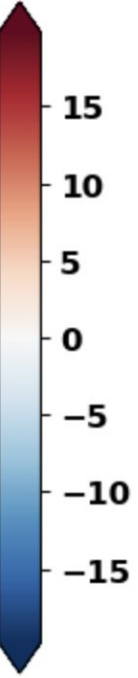
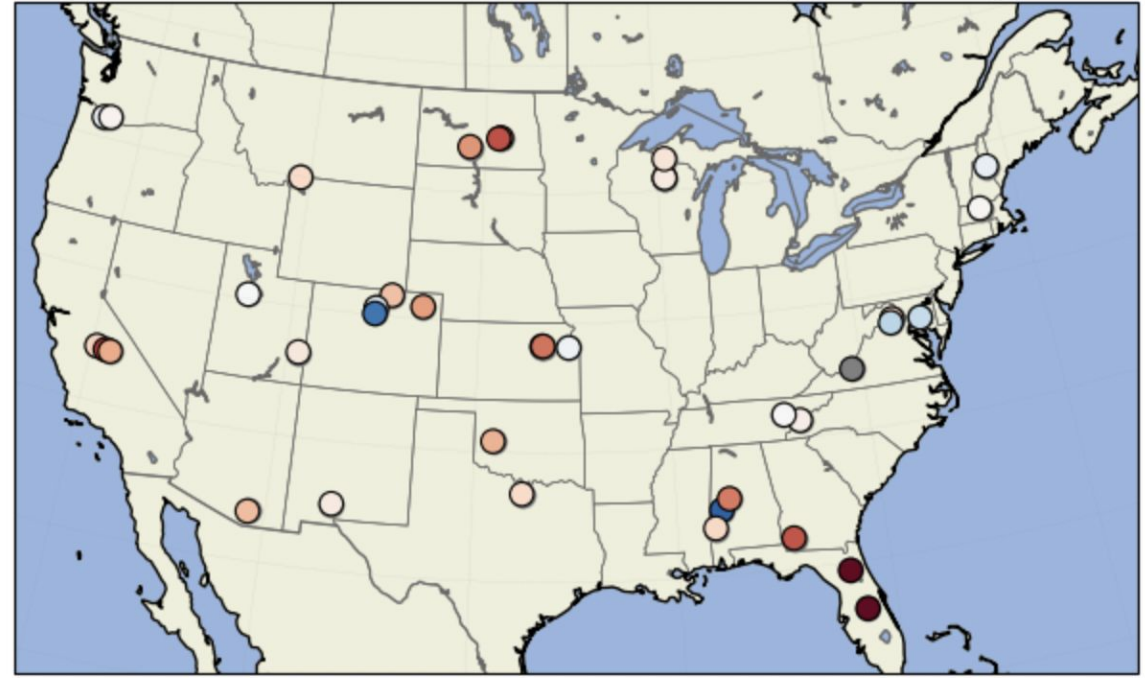


Latent Heat Flux Biases with NEON vs PRISM Precipitation

**Bias Latent Heat Flux [Wm^{-2}]
2018-2021 Annual with NEON Precip**

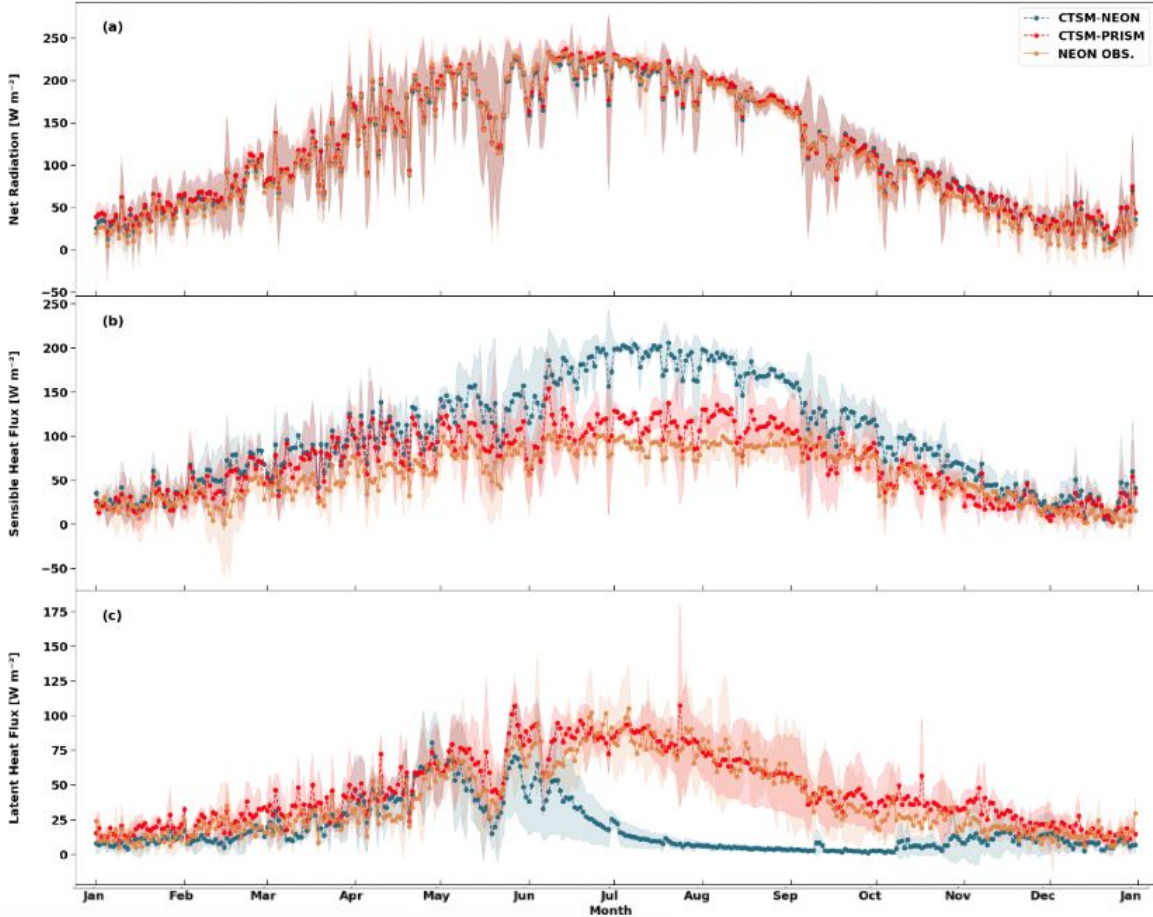


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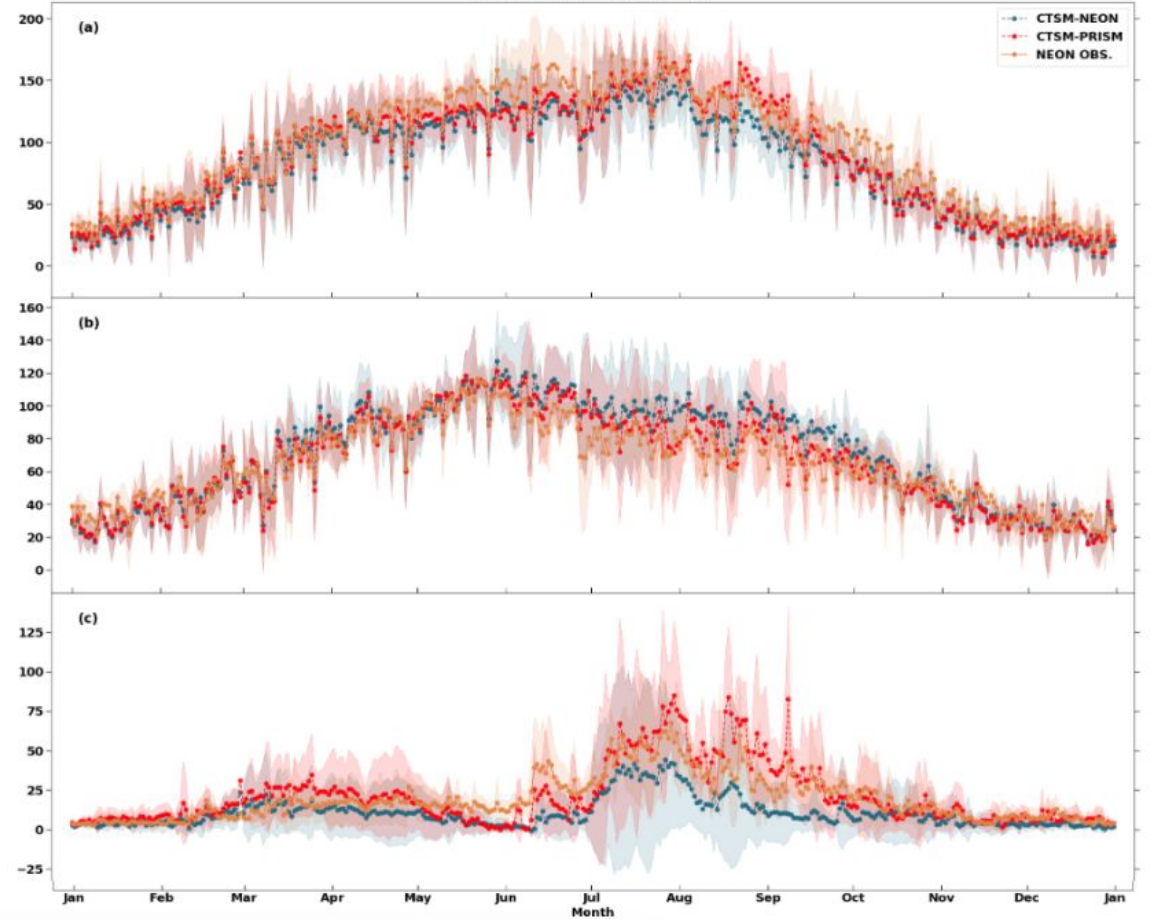
Climatologies Provide Site Specific Insights

NEON site : TEAK [2018-2021]



TEAK: output is more similar to observations with PRISM precip

NEON site : JORN [2018-2021]



JORN: most months are more similar to observations with PRISM

Workflow for Using PRISM Precipitation Data

- Converted PRISM output to NetCDF following correct conventions
- Included PRISM data in datm streams
- Updated usermods to include new datm streams
- Modified shell commands used to fix site-specific data gaps
- Submitted AD, postAD, and transient cases with run_neon.py



Additional Resources

- Jupyter notebook for comparing PRISM and NEON precipitation and NEON sites:
https://github.com/negin513/neon_scripts/blob/main/notebooks/PRISM_Precip_Analysis.ipynb
- Keep an eye out for a paper in GMD!
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