



**METplus User's Guide**  
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This User's Guide is provided as an aid to users of the Model Evaluation Tools (MET) and its companion package METplus Wrappers. MET is a suite of verification tools developed and supported to community via the Developmental Testbed Center (DTC) for use by the numerical weather prediction community. METplus Wrappers are intended to be a suite of Python wrappers and ancillary scripts to enhance the user's ability to quickly set-up and run MET. Over the next year, METplus Wrappers will become the authoritative repository for verification of the Unified Forecast System.

It is important to note here that METplus Wrappers is an evolving software package. The METplus Wrappers package was first released in 2017. This documentation describes the 4.0.0 release (May 2021). Intermediate releases may include bug fixes. METplus Wrappers is also able to accept new modules contributed by the community. While we are setting up our community contribution protocol, please send email to: [met\\_help@ucar.edu](mailto:met_help@ucar.edu) and inform us of your desired contribution. We will then determine the maturity of any new verification method and coordinate the inclusion of the new module in a future version.

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# Chapter 1

## Overview

### 1.1 Purpose and organization of the User's Guide

The goal of this User's Guide is to equip users with the information needed to use the Model Evaluation Tools (MET) and its companion package METplus Wrappers. MET is a set of verification tools developed and supported to community via the Developmental Testbed Center (DTC) for use by the numerical weather prediction community. METplus Wrappers is a suite of Python wrappers and ancillary scripts to enhance the user's ability to quickly set-up and run MET. Over the next few years, METplus Wrappers will become the authoritative repository for verification of the Unified Forecast System.

The METplus Wrappers User's Guide is organized as follows. An overview of METplus Wrappers can be found below. [Software Installation](#) (page 11) contains basic information about how to get started with METplus Wrappers - including system requirements, required software, and how to download METplus Wrappers. [System Configuration](#) (page 17) provides information about configuring your environment and METplus Wrappers installation.

### 1.2 The Developmental Testbed Center (DTC)

METplus Wrappers has been developed, and will be maintained and enhanced, by the Developmental Testbed Center (DTC; <http://www.dtcenter.org/>). The main goal of the DTC is to serve as a bridge between operations and research and to facilitate the activities of these two important components of the numerical weather prediction (NWP) community. The DTC provides an environment that is functionally equivalent to the operational environment in which the research community can test model enhancements; the operational community benefits from DTC testing and evaluation of models before new models are implemented operationally. METplus Wrappers serves both the research and operational communities in this way - offering capabilities for researchers to test their own enhancements to models and providing a capability for the DTC to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of advances in NWP prior to operational implementation.

METplus Wrappers will also be available to DTC visitors and the NOAA Unified Forecast System (UFS) and NCAR System for Integrated Modeling of the Atmosphere (SIMA) modeling communities for testing and evaluation of new model capabilities, applications in new environments, and so on. The METplus Wrappers release schedule is coincident with the MET release schedule and the METplus Wrappers major release

number is six less than the MET major release number (e.g. MET 8.X is released with METplus Wrappers 2.X).

## 1.3 METplus Wrappers goals and design philosophy

METplus Wrappers is a Python scripting infrastructure for the MET tools. The primary goal of METplus Wrappers development is to provide MET users with a highly configurable and simple means to perform model verification using the MET tools. Prior to the availability of METplus Wrappers, users who had more complex verifications that required the use of more than one MET tool were faced with setting up multiple MET config files and creating some automation scripts to perform the verification. METplus Wrappers provides the user with the infrastructure to modularly create the necessary steps to perform such verifications.

METplus Wrappers has been designed to be modular and adaptable. This is accomplished through wrapping the MET tools with Python and the use of hierarchical configuration files to enable users to readily customize their verification environments. Wrappers can be run individually, or as a group of wrappers that represent a sequence of MET processes. New wrappers can readily be added to the METplus Wrappers package due to this modular design. Currently, METplus Wrappers can easily be applied by any user on their own computer platform that supports Python 3.6. We have deprecated support to Python 2.7.

The METplus Wrappers code and documentation is maintained by the DTC in Boulder, Colorado. METplus Wrappers is freely available to the modeling, verification, and operational communities, including universities, governments, the private sector, and operational modeling and prediction centers through a publicly accessible GitHub repository. Refer to [Getting the METplus Wrappers source code](#) (page 13) for simple examples of obtaining METplus Wrappers.

## 1.4 METplus Wrappers Components

The major components of the METplus Wrappers package are METplus Python wrappers to the MET tools, MET configuration files and a hierarchy of METplus Wrappers configuration files. Some Python wrappers do not correspond to a particular MET tool, but wrap utilities to extend METplus functionality.

## 1.5 METplus Release Notes

### 1.5.1 METplus Components Release Note Links

#### 1.5.1.1 Release Notes - Latest Official Release

- [MET](#)
- [METviewer](#)
- METplotpy - No Official Releases
- METcalcpy - No Official Releases
- METdatadb - No Official Releases

- [METexpress](#)
- [METplus Wrappers](#)

#### 1.5.1.2 Release Notes - Development Release

- [MET](#)
- [METviewer](#)
- [METplotpy](#)
- [METcalcpy](#)
- METdatadb - No Development Releases
- METexpress - No Development Releases
- [METplus Wrappers](#)

When applicable, release notes are followed by the GitHub issue number which describes the bugfix, enhancement, or new feature: <https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/issues>

#### 1.5.2 METplus Version 4.0.0 release notes (20210510)

- Bugfixes:
  - Changed default values in wrapped MET config files to align with actual default values in MET config files ([Reconcile Default Values](#) (page 52))
  - Fix bug causing GridStat fatal error ([#740](#))
  - Add support for comparing inputs using a mix of python embedding and non-embedding ([#684](#))
  - Fix quick search links ([#687](#))
  - Align the user guide with get\_relatedelta() in time\_util.py ([#579](#))
  - Fix CyclonePlotter cartopy mapping issues ([#850](#), [#803](#))
- Enhancements:
  - Rename master\_metplus.py script to run\_metplus.py ([#794](#))
  - Update setting of environment variables for MET config files to add support for all to METPLUS\_vars ([#768](#))
  - Add support for many commonly changed MET config variables ([#779](#), [#755](#), [#621](#), [#620](#))
  - Add support for a UserScript wrapper ([#723](#))
  - Create use case subdirectories ([#751](#))
  - Implement [INIT/VALID]EXCLUDE for time looping ([#307](#))
  - Add files to allow installation of METplus wrappers as a Python package (beta) ([#282](#))
  - Generate PDF of User's Guide ([#551](#))

- Add support for MET tc\_gen changes in METplus ([#871](#), [#801](#))
- Add support for 2 fields with same name and different levels in SeriesBy cases ([#852](#))
- Enhance PCPCombine wrapper to be able to process multiple fields in one command ([#718](#))
- Update TCStat config options and wrappers to filter data by excluding strings ([#857](#))
- Support METplus to run from a driver script ([#569](#))
- Refactor field info parsing to read once then substitute time info for each run time ([#880](#))
- Enhance Python embedding logic to allow multiple level values ([#719](#))
- Enhance Python embedding logic to allow multiple fcst and obs variable levels ([#708](#))
- Add support for a group of files covering multiple run times for a single analysis in GridDiag ([#733](#))
- Enhance ascii2nc python embedding script for TC dropsonde data ([#734](#), [#731](#))
- Support additional configuration variables in EnsembleStat ([#748](#))
- Ensure backwards compatibility for MET config environment variables ([#760](#))
- Combine configuration file sections into single config section ([#777](#))
- Add support for skipping existing output files for all wrappers ([#711](#))
- Add support for multiple instance of the same tool in the process list ([#670](#))
- Add GFDL build support in build\_components ([#614](#))
- Decouple PCPCombine, RegridDataPlane, and GridStat wrappers behavior ([#602](#))
- StatAnalysis run without filtering or config file ([#625](#))
- Enhance User Diagnostic Feature Relative use case to Run Multiple Diagnostics ([#536](#))
- Enhance PyEmbedIngest to run RegridDataPlane over Multiple Fields in One Call ([#549](#))
- Filename templates that have other arguments besides a filename for python embedding fails ([#581](#))
- Add more logging to tc\_gen\_wrapper ([#576](#))
- Prevent crash when improperly formatted filename template is used ([#674](#))
- New Wrappers:
  - **PlotDataPlane**
  - **UserScript**
  - **METdbLoad**
- New Use Cases:
  - Air Quality and Comp: EnsembleStat\_fcstICAP\_obsMODIS\_aod
  - Medium Range: UserScript\_fcstGEFS\_Difficulty\_Index
  - Convection Allowing Models: MODE\_fcstFV3\_obsGOES\_BrightnessTemp

- Convection Allowing Models: `MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempObjs`
- Convection Allowing Models: `GridStat_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempDmap`
- Data Assimilation: `StatAnalysis_fcstHAFS_obsPrepBufr_JEDI_IODA_interface`
- Medium Range: `SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_obsGFS_FeatureRelative_SeriesByLead_PyEmbed_Multiple_Diagno`
- Precipitation: `EnsembleStat_fcstWOFS_obsWOFS`
- Seasonal to Subseasonal: `TCGen_fcstGFSO_obsBDECKS_GDF_TDF`
- Seasonal to Subseasonal: `UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking`
- Seasonal to Subseasonal: `UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_Blocking`
- Seasonal to Subseasonal: `UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_WeatherRegime`
- Seasonal to Subseasonal: `UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_Hovmoeller`
- Seasonal to Subseasonal: `UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_CrossSpectraPlot`
- TC and Extra TC: `CyclonePlotter_fcstGFS_obsGFS_OPC`
- TC and Extra TC: `UserScript_ASCII2NC_PointStat_fcstHAFS_obsFRD_NetCDF`
- TC and Extra TC: `GridStat_fcstHAFS_obsTDR_NetCDF`
- Marine and Coastal: `PlotDataPlane_obsHYCOM_coordTripolar`
- MET Tool Wrapper: `METdbLoad/METdbLoad`
- MET Tool Wrapper: `PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_grib1`
- MET Tool Wrapper: `PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_netcdf`
- MET Tool Wrapper: `PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_python_embedding`
- MET Tool Wrapper: `GridStat/GridStat_python_embedding`
- MET Tool Wrapper: `PointStat/PointStat_python_embedding`
- MET Tool Wrapper: `MODE/MODE_python_embedding`
- MET Tool Wrapper: `PyEmbedIngest_multi_field_one_file`
- Internal:
  - Append semi-colon to end of `_OPTIONS` variables if not found ([#707](#))
  - Ensure all wrappers follow the same conventions ([#76](#))
  - Refactor `SeriesBy` and `ExtractTiles` wrappers ([#310](#))
  - Refactor `SeriesByLead` wrapper ([#671](#), [#76](#))
  - Add the pull request approval process steps to the Contributor's Guide ([#429](#))
  - Remove `jlogger` and `postmsg` ([#470](#))
  - Add unit tests for `set_met_config_X` functions in `CommandBuilder` ([#682](#))
  - Define a common set of GitHub labels that apply to all of the METplus component repos ([#690](#))

- Transition from using Travis CI to GitHub Actions ([#721](#))
- Improve workflow formatting in Contributors Guide ([#688](#))
- Change INPUT\_BASE to optional ([#679](#))
- Refactor TCStat and ExtractTiles wrappers to conform to current standards
- Automate release date ([#665](#))
- Add documentation for input verification datasets ([#662](#))
- Add timing tests for Travis/Docker ([#649](#))
- Set up encrypted credentials in Travis to push to DockerHub ([#634](#))
- Add to User's Guide: using environment variables in METplus configuration files ([#594](#))
- Cleanup version info ([#651](#))
- Fix Travis tests for pull requests from forks ([#659](#))
- Enhance the build\_docker\_images.sh script to support TravisCI updates ([#636](#))
- Reorganize use case tests so users can add new cases easily ([#648](#))
- Investigate how to add version selector to documentation ([#653](#))
- Docker push pull image repository ([#639](#))
- Tutorial Proofreading ([#534](#))
- Update METplus data container logic to pull tarballs from dtcenter.org instead of GitHub release assets ([#613](#))
- Convert Travis Docker files (automated builds) to use Dockerhub data volumes instead of tarballs ([#597](#))
- Migrate from travis-ci.org to travis-ci.com ([#618](#))
- Migrate Docker run commands to the METplus ci/jobs scripts/files ([#607](#))
- Add stage to Travis to update or create data volumes when new sample data is available ([#633](#))
- Docker data caching ([#623](#))
- Tutorial testing on supported platforms ([#468](#))
- Add additional Branch support to the Travis CI pipeline ([#478](#))
- Change \$DOCKER\_WORK\_DIR from /metplus to /root to be consistent with METplus tutorial ([#595](#))
- Add all use\_cases to automated tests (eg Travis) ([#571](#))
- Add support to run METplus tests against multiple version of Python ([#483](#))
- Enhanced testing to use Docker data volumes to supply truth data for output comparisons ([#567](#))
- Update manage externals for beta5 versions ([#832](#))
- Create a new METplus GitHub issue template for “New Use Case” ([#726](#))



## 1.6 Future development plans

METplus Wrappers is an evolving application. New capabilities are planned in controlled, successive version releases that are synchronized with MET releases. Bug fixes and user-identified problems will be addressed as they are found and posted to the known issues section of the METplus Wrappers Users web page (<https://dtcenter.org/community-code/model-evaluation-tools-met>). Future METplus Wrappers development plans are based on several contributing factors, including the needs of both the operational and research community. Issues that are in the development queue detailed in the “Issues” section of the GitHub repository. Please send questions to [met\\_help@ucar.edu](mailto:met_help@ucar.edu).

## 1.7 Code support

Support for METplus Wrappers is provided through a MET-help e-mail address: [met\\_help@ucar.edu](mailto:met_help@ucar.edu). We will endeavor to respond to requests for help in a timely fashion. In addition, information about METplus Wrappers and tools that can be used with MET are provided on the MET Users web page (<https://dtcenter.org/community-code/model-evaluation-tools-met>).

We welcome comments and suggestions for improvements to METplus Wrappers, especially information regarding errors. Comments may be submitted using the MET Feedback form available on the MET website. In addition, comments on this document would be greatly appreciated. While we cannot promise to incorporate all suggested changes, we will certainly take all suggestions into consideration.

METplus Wrappers is a “living” set of wrappers and configuration files. Our goal is to continually enhance it and add to its capabilities. Because our time, resources, and talents can at times be limited, we welcome contributed code for future versions of METplus. These contributions may represent new use cases or new plotting functions. For more information on contributing code to METplus Wrappers, please contact [met\\_help@ucar.edu](mailto:met_help@ucar.edu).



## Chapter 2

# Software Installation

### 2.1 Introduction

This chapter describes how to download and set up METplus Wrappers.

### 2.2 Supported architectures

METplus Wrappers was developed on Debian Linux and is supported on this platform. Each release listed on the [METplus Downloads](#) page includes a link to the **Existing Builds and Docker** for that version. The METplus team supports the installation of the METplus components on several operational and research high performance computing platforms, including those at NCAR, NOAA, and other community machines. Pre-built METplus images on DockerHub are also provided.

### 2.3 Programming/scripting languages

METplus Wrappers is written in Python 3.6.3. It is intended to be a tool for the modeling community to use and adapt. As users make upgrades and improvements to the tools, they are encouraged to offer those upgrades to the broader community by offering feedback to the developers or coordinating for a GitHub pull. For more information on contributing code to METplus Wrappers, please contact [met\\_help@ucar.edu](mailto:met_help@ucar.edu).

### 2.4 Requirements

#### 2.4.1 Software Requirements

##### Minimum Requirements

The following software is required to run METplus Wrappers:

- Python 3.6.3 or above
- MET version 10.0.0 or above

### Wrapper Specific Requirements

- TCMRPlotter wrapper
  - R version 3.2.5
- SeriesAnalysis wrapper
  - convert (ImageMagick) utility if generating plots and/or animated images from the output
- PlotDataPlane wrapper
  - convert (ImageMagick) utility if generating images from the Postscript output

### 2.4.2 Python Package Requirements

The version number listed next to any Python package corresponds to the version that was used for testing purposes. Other versions of the packages **may** still work but it is not guaranteed. Please install these packages using pip or conda.

#### Minimum Requirements

To run most of the METplus wrappers, the following packages are required:

- dateutil (2.8)

Using pip:

```
pip3 install python-dateutil==2.8
```

Using conda:

```
conda install -c conda-forge python-dateutil=2.8
```

### MET Python Embedding Requirements

If running use cases that use Python embedding, the **MET** executables must be installed with Python enabled and the following Python packages installed:

- xarray (0.17.0)
- numpy (1.19.2)
- pandas (1.0.5)
- netCDF4 (1.5.4)

See the [Software Installation](#) section in the MET User's Guide for more information.

### Wrapper Specific Requirements

The following wrappers require that additional Python packages be installed to run.

- SeriesAnalysis wrapper
  - netCDF4 (1.5.4)
- MakePlots wrapper

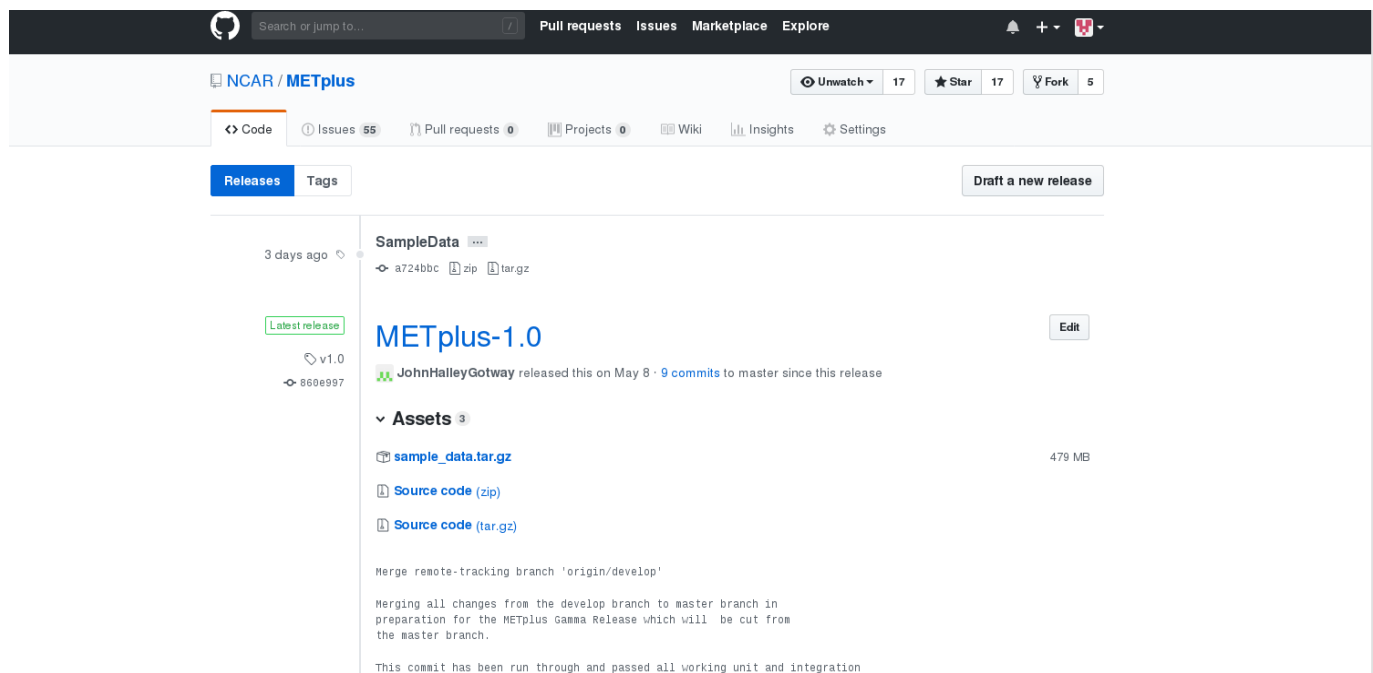
- cartopy (0.17.0)
- pandas (1.0.5)
- CyclonePlotter wrapper
  - cartopy (0.17.0)
  - matplotlib (3.3.4)

## 2.5 Getting the METplus Wrappers source code

The METplus Wrappers source code is available for download from the public GitHub repository. The source code can be retrieved through a web browser or the command line.

### 2.5.1 Get the source code via Web Browser

- Create a directory where the METplus Wrappers will be installed
- Open a web browser and navigate to <https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases/latest> to view the latest stable release.



- Click on the 'Source code' link (either the *zip* or *tar.gz*) under Assets and when prompted, save it to the directory.
- Uncompress the source code (on Linux/Unix: *gunzip* for zip file or *tar xvfz* for the tar.gz file)

## 2.5.2 Get the source code via Command Line

- Open a shell terminal
- Clone the DTCenter/METplus GitHub repository:

SSH:

```
git clone git@github.com:dtcenter/metplus
```

HTTPS:

```
git clone https://github.com/dtcenter/metplus
```

## 2.5.3 Obtain sample input data

The use cases provided with the METplus release have sample input data associated with them. This step is optional but is required to be able to run the example use cases, which illustrate how the wrappers work.

- Create a directory to put the sample input data. This will be the directory to set for the value of INPUT\_BASE in the METplus Configuration.
- Navigate to the sample input data web URL: [https://dtcenter.ucar.edu/dfiles/code/METplus/METplus\\_Data](https://dtcenter.ucar.edu/dfiles/code/METplus/METplus_Data)
- Click on the vX.Y version directory that corresponds to the release to install, i.e. v4.0 directory for the v4.0.0 release.
- Click on the sample data tgz file for the desired use case category or categories run and when prompted, save the file to the directory created above.

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**Note:** Files with the version number in the name, i.e. sample\_data-data\_assimilation-4.0.tgz, have been updated since the last major release. Files without the version number in the file name have not changed since the last major release and can be skipped if the data have already been obtained with a previous release.

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## 2.6 METplus Wrappers directory structure

The METplus Wrappers source code contains the following directory structure:

```
METplus/  
  build_components/  
  ci/  
  docs/  
  environment.yml  
  internal_tests/  
  manage_externals/  
  metplus/
```

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```
parm/  
produtil/  
README.md  
requirements.txt  
setup.py  
ush/
```

The top-level METplus Wrappers directory consists of a README.md file and several subdirectories.

The **build\_components/** directory contains scripts that use manage\_externals and files available on dtcenter.org to download MET and start the build process.

The **ci/** directory contains scripts that are used for creating Docker images and scripts that are used internally for automation.

The **docs/** directory contains documentation for users and contributors (HTML) and Doxygen files that are used to create the METplus wrapper API documentation. The Doxygen documentation can be created and viewed via web browser if the developer has Doxygen installed on the host. The Doxygen documentation is useful to contributors and is not necessary for METplus end-users.

The **internal\_tests/** directory contains test scripts that are only relevant to METplus developers and contributors.

The **manage\_externals/** directory contains scripts used to facilitate the downloading and management of components that METplus interacts with such as MET and METviewer.

The **metplus/** directory contains the wrapper scripts and utilities.

The **parm/** directory contains all the configuration files for MET and METplus Wrappers.

The **produtil/** directory contains part of the external utility produtil.

The **ush/** directory contains the run\_metplus.py script that is executed to run use cases.

## 2.7 Build\_components and using manage\_externals

Running build\_components/build\_MET.sh will

- clone MET and METviewer from github using the manage\_externals scripts
- grab the current MET compile script and all of the necessary external libraries
- build the external libraries
- attempt to build MET

Building MET requires fine tuning on just about all systems. However, using manage\_externals should at least get most of the way through the process and allow MET to be built with just a few manual changes.

## 2.8 External Components

### 2.8.1 GFDL Tracker

- The standalone Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL) vortex tracker is a program that objectively analyzes forecast data to provide an estimate of the vortex center position (latitude and longitude), and track the storm for the duration of the forecast.
- Visit <https://dtcenter.org/community-code/gfdl-vortex-tracker> for more information
  - See the manage externals section of this documentation to download the GFDL vortex tracker automatically as part of the system.
  - To download and install the tracker locally, get [http://dtcenter.org/sites/default/files/community-code/gfdl/standalone\\_gfdl-vortextracker\\_v3.9a.tar.gz](http://dtcenter.org/sites/default/files/community-code/gfdl/standalone_gfdl-vortextracker_v3.9a.tar.gz) and follow the instructions listed in that archive to build on a local system.
  - Instructions on how to configure and use the GFDL tracker are found here [https://dtcenter.org/sites/default/files/community-code/gfdl/standalone\\_tracker\\_UG\\_v3.9a.pdf](https://dtcenter.org/sites/default/files/community-code/gfdl/standalone_tracker_UG_v3.9a.pdf)

## 2.9 Add ush directory to shell path (optional)

To call the `run_metplus.py` script from any directory, add the `ush` directory to the path. The following commands can be run in a terminal. They can also be added to the shell run commands file (`.cshrc` for `csh/tcsh` or `.bashrc` for `bash`). For the following commands, change `/path/to` to the actual path to the METplus directory on the local file system.

**csh/tcsh:**

```
# Add METplus to path
set path = (/path/to/METplus/ush $path)
```

**bash/ksh:**

```
# Add METplus to path
export PATH=/path/to/METplus/ush:$PATH
```

## 2.10 Set Default Configuration File for Shared Install

The default METplus configurations are found in `parm/metplus_config/defaults.conf`. If configuring METplus Wrappers in a common location for multiple users, it is recommended that the values for `MET_INSTALL_DIR` and `INPUT_BASE` are set in the default configuration file. More information on how to set these values can be found in the [Default Configuration File section](#) (page 18) in the next chapter.



## Chapter 3

# System Configuration

This chapter is a guide on configuring METplus Wrappers.

### 3.1 Config Best Practices / Recommendations

- Set the log level ([LOG\\_LEVEL](#) (page 22)) to an appropriate level. Setting the value to DEBUG will generate more information in the log output. Users are encouraged to run with DEBUG when getting started with METplus or when investigating unexpected behavior.
- Review the log files to verify that all of the processes ran cleanly. Some log output will be written to the screen, but the log files contain more information, such as log output from the MET tools.
- The order in which METplus config files are read by `run_metplus.py` matters. Each subsequent config file defined on the command line will override any values defined in an earlier config file. It is recommended to create a [User Configuration File](#) (page 24) and pass it to the script last to guarantee that those values are used in case any variables are accidentally defined in multiple conf files.
- Check the `metplus_final.conf` (see [METPLUS\\_CONF](#) (page 20)) file to verify that all variables are set to the expected value, as it contains all the key-values that were specified.
- If configuring METplus Wrappers in a common location for multiple users:
  - It is recommended that the values for `MET_INSTALL_DIR` and `INPUT_BASE` are changed to valid values in the [Default Configuration File](#) (page 18).
  - It is recommended to leave `OUTPUT_BASE` set to the default value in the [Default Configuration File](#) (page 18). This prevents multiple users from accidentally writing to the same output directory.
- If obtaining the METplus Wrappers with the intention of updating the same local directory as new versions become available, it is recommended to leave all default values in the [Default Configuration File](#) (page 18) unchanged and set them in a [User Configuration File](#) (page 24) that is passed into every call to `run_metplus.py`. This is done to avoid the need to change the default values after every update.

## 3.2 Default Configuration File

The default METplus configurations are found in *parm/metplus\_config/defaults.conf*. These settings are automatically loaded at the start of a METplus Wrappers run and do not need to be invoked on the command line.

These settings include:

- Location of MET installation
- Directories where input data are located
- Directory to write output data and temporary files
- Logging levels for METplus wrapper and MET application output
- Location of other non-MET executables/binaries

The values in this file can either be set directly in this file or in a [User Configuration File](#) (page 24).

### 3.2.1 Required (/path/to)

Some of the variables in this file must be changed from the default value before running. These variables are set to **/path/to** by default and are described below. Running METplus with **/path/to** configuration entries present results in an error.

#### 3.2.1.1 MET\_INSTALL\_DIR

The MET installation directory is the location where the MET tools are installed on the system. This directory is typically named 'met' or 'met-X.Y' or 'met-X.Y.Z' and should contain at least two directories: **share** and **bin** (or **exec** on some installations). The **bin** directory will contain the MET executables, such as `grid_stat`.

```
>>>ls /usr/local/met
bin share
>>>
>>>ls /usr/local/met/bin
ascii2nc      grid_diag      mode           plot_data_plane  rmw_analysis     tc_pairs
ensemble_stat grid_stat      mode_analysis  plot_mode_field  series_analysis  tc_rmw
gen_vx_mask   gsid2mpr      modis_regrid   plot_point_obs   shift_data_plane tc_stat
gis_dump_dbf  gsidens2orank mtd            point2grid       stat_analysis    wavelet_stat
gis_dump_shp  lidar2nc      pb2nc          point_stat       tc_dland         wwmca_plot
gis_dump_shx  madis2nc      pcp_combine    regrid_data_plane tc_gen           wwmca_regrid
>>>
>>>ls /usr/local/met/share/met
colortables  config  map  poly  ps  python  Rscripts  table_files  tc_data  version.txt  wrappers
```

Based on the directory listing output above, the following should be set:

```
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /usr/local/met
```

### 3.2.1.2 INPUT\_BASE

The input base is the directory that contains the sample input data used to run the use case examples found in the `parm/use_cases` directory. This directory should contain one or more of the following:

- A directory called **model\_applications** which contains directories that correspond to each use case directory under `parm/use_cases/model_applications`
- A directory called **met\_test** which contains data used for the use cases found under `parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper`

```
>>>ls /d1/METplus_Data
met_test  model_applications
```

Based on the directory listing output above, the following should be set:

```
INPUT_BASE = /d1/METplus_Data
```

### 3.2.1.3 OUTPUT\_BASE

The output base is the directory where logs and output files are written. This should be set to a path where the user running the METplus wrappers has permission to write files. The directory will be created automatically if it does not exist already.

Example:

```
OUTPUT_BASE = /d1/user/output
```

## 3.2.2 Optional

### 3.2.2.1 MET\_BIN\_DIR

The MET bin directory contains all of the MET executables, like `grid_stat`. Typically this is a directory under [MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR](#) (page 18) named **bin**. This is the default value:

```
MET_BIN_DIR = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/bin
```

However, some environments require these files to be contained in a directory named **exec** instead. If this is the case for the MET installation, then change the value appropriately:

```
MET_BIN_DIR = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/exec
```

### 3.2.2.2 METPLUS\_CONF

This is the path to the final METplus configuration file that contains the full list of all configuration variables set for a given run. This includes all of the values set by the METplus configuration files that were passed into the script, as well as the values from the [Default Configuration File](#) (page 18) and any default values set by the wrappers. This file is useful to review for debugging to see which values were actually used for the run. If a value set in the final conf differs from what was set in a configuration file passed to `run_metplus.py`, there is a good chance that this variable is set in another configuration file that was passed in afterwards.

The default value is a file called `metplus_final.conf` that is written in the [OUTPUT\\_BASE](#) (page 19) directory:

```
METPLUS_CONF = {OUTPUT_BASE}/metplus_final.conf
```

This value is rarely changed, but it can be if desired.

### 3.2.2.3 TMP\_DIR

Directory to write any temporary files created by the MET applications. By default, this is a directory inside the [OUTPUT\\_BASE](#) (page 19) directory:

```
TMP_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tmp
```

This value is rarely changed, but it can be if desired.

### 3.2.2.4 STAGING\_DIR

Directory to write files that have been uncompressed or converted by the wrapper scripts. Files are written to this directory to prevent corrupting input data directories in case something goes wrong. File list ASCII files that contain a list of file paths to pass into MET tools such as MODE-TimeDomain or SeriesAnalysis are also written to this directory.

By default this is a directory called **stage** inside the [OUTPUT\\_BASE](#) (page 19) directory:

```
STAGING_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/stage
```

This value is rarely changed, but it can be if desired.

### 3.2.2.5 CONVERT

Location of the ImageMagick utility called **convert** used by PlotDataPlane and SeriesAnalysis wrappers to generate images from Postscript files. The default value is the name of the executable:

```
CONVERT = convert
```

If the executable is in the user's path, then this value does not need to be changed. However, if the tool is not in the user's path but is still available on the file system, this value can be set to the full path of the file.

### 3.2.2.6 GEMPAKTOCF\_JAR

Path to the GempakToCF.jar file used to convert GEMPAK data to NetCDF format. This is only used if running a use case that reads GEMPAK data. The value should be set to the full path of the JAR file. The file can be found here: <https://dtcenter.org/sites/default/files/community-code/metplus/utilities/GempakToCF.jar>

## 3.2.3 Logging

### 3.2.3.1 Log File Information

Where to write logs files

#### 3.2.3.1.1 LOG\_METPLUS

This defines the name of the METplus log file:

```
LOG_METPLUS = {LOG_DIR}/metplus.log.{LOG_TIMESTAMP_TEMPLATE}
```

The value references [LOG\\_DIR](#) (page 21) and [LOG\\_TIMESTAMP\\_TEMPLATE](#) (page 21).

#### 3.2.3.1.2 LOG\_DIR

This defines the directory that will contain log files. Typically this is set to a directory called “logs” inside the [OUTPUT\\_BASE](#) directory:

```
LOG_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/logs
```

The value can be changed if another location to write log files is preferred.

#### 3.2.3.1.3 LOG\_TIMESTAMP\_TEMPLATE

Sets the desired timestamp format, using strftime format directives. It must only contain valid strftime format directives (see <https://strftime.org>). The current run time is substituted using the format specified unless [LOG\\_TIMESTAMP\\_USE\\_DATETIME](#) (page 22) is set to true/yes. By default, a new log file is created for each METplus run:

```
LOG_TIMESTAMP_TEMPLATE = %Y%m%d%H%M%S
```

This example will use the format YYYYMMDDHHMMSS, i.e. 20141231101159. Change this value to adjust the frequency that new log files are created. For example, to write all log output that is generated within a day to a single log file, set:

```
LOG_TIMESTAMP_TEMPLATE = %Y%m%d
```

This example will use the format YYYYMMDD, i.e. 20141231

#### 3.2.3.1.4 LOG\_TIMESTAMP\_USE\_DATETIME

If set to false/no (default), write log timestamps using the current time when the METplus run was started:

```
LOG_TIMESTAMP_USE_DATETIME = no
```

If set to true/yes, write log timestamps using the value set for *INIT\_BEG* or *VALID\_BEG* depending on the value set for *LOOP\_BY*. This is useful if it is desired to organize the log output files based on the data that was processed during the run.

#### 3.2.3.1.5 LOG\_MET\_OUTPUT\_TO\_METPLUS

If set to true/yes (default), log output from MET applications are written to the METplus log file:

```
LOG_MET_OUTPUT_TO_METPLUS = yes
```

If set to false/no, the output is written to a separate file in the log directory named after the application.

#### 3.2.3.2 Log Level Information

How much information to log

##### 3.2.3.2.1 LOG\_LEVEL

This controls the level of logging output from the METplus wrappers. It does not control the logging level of the actual MET applications. The possible values to:

- CRITICAL
- ERROR
- WARNING
- INFO
- DEBUG
- NOTSET

The default logging level is INFO:

```
LOG_LEVEL = INFO
```

The log output will contain messages from the level selected and above. If a use case is producing errors, then setting:

```
LOG_LEVEL = DEBUG
```

will produce additional logging output that is helpful to discover the cause of the error.

### 3.2.3.2.2 LOG\_MET\_VERBOSITY

This controls the logging verbosity level for all of the MET applications. The value can be set to an integer. Higher values produce more log output. The logging verbosity can also be set individually for each MET tool if more log output is desired for a specific application. For example:

```
LOG_MET_VERBOSITY = 2
LOG_ASCII2NC_VERBOSITY = 3
LOG_POINT_STAT_VERBOSITY = 4
```

In the above example, ASCII2NC will use 3, PointStat will use 4, and all other MET applications will use 2.

### 3.2.3.3 Log Formatting Information

How to format lines in log files

**Note:** The following variables control the format of the METplus log output that is written to the log files. It does not control the format of the log output that is written to the screen as standard output.

For more information on acceptable values, see the Python documentation for LogRecord: <https://docs.python.org/3/library/logging.html#logging.LogRecord>

#### 3.2.3.3.1 LOG\_INFO\_LINE\_FORMAT

This defines the format of the INFO log messages. Setting the value to:

```
LOG_INFO_LINE_FORMAT = %(asctime)s.%(msecs)03d %(name)s %(levelname)s: %(message)s
```

Produces a log file with INFO lines that match this format:

```
04/29 15:54:22.413 metplus INFO: Completed METplus configuration setup.
```

The format of the timestamp is set by [LOG\\_LINE\\_DATE\\_FORMAT](#) (page 24).

#### 3.2.3.3.2 LOG\_ERR\_LINE\_FORMAT

This defines the format of the ERROR log messages. Setting the value to:

```
LOG_ERR_LINE_FORMAT = %(asctime)s.%(msecs)03d %(name)s (%(filename)s:%(lineno)d) %(levelname)s:
↳ %(message)s
```

Produces a log file with ERROR lines that match this format:

```
04/29 16:03:34.858 metplus (met_util.py:218) ERROR: METplus has finished running but had 1 error.
```

The format of the timestamp is set by [LOG\\_LINE\\_DATE\\_FORMAT](#) (page 24).

### 3.2.3.3.3 LOG\_DEBUG\_LINE\_FORMAT

This defines the format of the DEBUG log messages. Setting the value to:

```
LOG_DEBUG_LINE_FORMAT = %(asctime)s.%(msecs)03d %(name)s (%(filename)s:%(lineno)d) %(levelname)s:
↳ %(message)s
```

Produces a log file with DEBUG lines that match this format:

```
04/29 15:54:22.851 metplus (met_util.py:207) DEBUG: METplus took 0:00:00.850983 to run.
```

The format of the timestamp is set by [LOG\\_LINE\\_DATE\\_FORMAT](#) (page 24).

### 3.2.3.3.4 LOG\_LINE\_DATE\_FORMAT

This defines the format of the timestamps used in the METplus log messages.

Setting the value to:

```
LOG_LINE_DATE_FORMAT = %m/%d %H:%M:%S
```

Produces a log file with timestamps that match this format:

```
04/29 15:54:22.851
```

### 3.2.3.3.5 LOG\_LINE\_FORMAT

Defines the default formatting of each METplus log output line. By default, this variable is referenced in [LOG\\_ERR\\_LINE\\_FORMAT](#) (page 23) and [LOG\\_DEBUG\\_LINE\\_FORMAT](#) (page 24).

## 3.3 User Configuration File

It is recommended that users create a METplus configuration file for each system that they are running the METplus wrappers. The file can be passed into `run_metplus.py` after any [use case configuration files](#) (page 25) so that the settings are applied to every use case that is run. Multiple user configuration files can also be created on a system to customize different work environments. At a minimum, a user configuration file should set the [OUTPUT\\_BASE](#) (page 19) variable so that output files are created in a familiar directory.

A minimal user configuration file contains:

```
[config]
OUTPUT_BASE = /my/output/base
```

where `/my/output/base` is a path where the user has write permission.

If using an installation of the METplus wrappers that does not have [MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR](#) (page 18) and/or [INPUT\\_BASE](#) (page 19) set in the [default configuration file](#) (page 18), or if a different value for either variable is desired, it is appropriate to override these variables in a user configuration file:



```
[config]
OUTPUT_BASE = /my/output/base
INPUT_BASE = /my/input/base
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /usr/local/met-10.0.0
```

Overriding MET\_INSTALL\_DIR in the user configuration file allows users to use a older version or test a new beta version of MET. Overriding INPUT\_BASE can be useful when developing a new use case.

Any other METplus configuration variables that are intended to be set for each run can be added to this file to the user's taste. [Logging](#) (page 21) configuration variables are often set in these files, most commonly [LOG\\_LEVEL](#) (page 22) = DEBUG to produce additional log output.

### 3.4 Use Case Configuration Files

Example configuration files that contain settings to run various use cases can be found in the *parm/use\_cases* directory. There are two directories inside this directory:

- **met\_tool\_wrapper** contains simple use cases that run one wrapper at a time. They provide examples of how to configure and run a single wrapper to help users become familiar with the configurations that are available for that wrapper.
- **model\_applications** contains directories organized by category. These use cases often run multiple wrappers in succession to demonstrate how the tools can be used in more complex verification workflows by end users.

The use case configuration files found in these directories contain [Common Config Variables](#) (page 27) that define each use case. Configuration variables that are specific to a user's environment (INPUT\_BASE, OUTPUT\_BASE, MET\_INSTALL\_DIR, etc.) are not *set* in these files. However, INPUT\_BASE and OUTPUT\_BASE are *referenced* by variables that are found in these files. For example:

```
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst
...
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat
```

All input data read by the use case is relative to INPUT\_BASE and all output paths for data written by the use case is relative to OUTPUT\_BASE. The expectation is a use case can be run locally if the user's INPUT\_BASE contains the sample data associated with the use case *AND* any additional dependencies (i.e. Python packages) are available. See the chapter titled [METplus Use Cases](#) (page 209) to view the documentation for the existing use cases to see if additional dependencies are required for a given use case.

More information about the variables set in the use case configuration files can be found in the [Common Config Variables](#) (page 27) section.

## 3.5 Running METplus

### 3.5.1 Example Wrapper Use Case

- Create a [User Configuration File](#) (page 24) (named `user_system.conf` in this example)
- Run the Example Wrapper use case. In a terminal, run:

```
run_metplus.py \  
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/Example/Example.conf \  
-c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

replacing `/path/to/user_system.conf` with the path to the user configuration file and `/path/to/METplus` with the path to the location where METplus is installed

The last line of the screen output should match this format:

```
05/04 09:42:52.277 metplus (met_util.py:212) INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

If this log message is not shown, there is likely an issue with one or more of the default configuration variable overrides in the [User Configuration File](#) (page 24).

This use case does not utilize any of the MET tools, but simply demonstrates how the [Common Config Variables](#) (page 27) control a use case run.

If the run was successful, the line above the success message should contain the path to the METplus log file that was generated:

```
05/04 09:44:21.534 metplus (met_util.py:211) INFO: Check the log file for more information: /path/to/  
→output/logs/metplus.log.20210504094421
```

- Review the log file and compare it to the `Example.conf` use case configuration file to see how the settings correspond to the result.
- Review the [metplus\\_final.conf](#) (page 20) file to see all of the settings that were used in the use case.

### 3.5.2 GridStat Wrapper Basic Use Case

- [Obtain sample input data](#) (page 14) for the `met_tool_wrapper` use cases. The tarfile should be in the directory that corresponds to the major/minor release and starts with `sample_data-met_tool_wrapper`
- Create a [User Configuration File](#) (page 24) (named `user_system.conf` in this example). Ensure that `INPUT_BASE` is set to the directory where the sample data tarfile was uncompressed.
- Run the GridStat Wrapper basic use case. In a terminal, run:

```
run_metplus.py \  
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat.conf \  
-c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

replacing `/path/to/user_system.conf` with the path to the user configuration file and `/path/to/METplus` with the path to the location where METplus is installed

If the run was successful, the line above the success message should contain the path to the METplus log file that was generated.

- Review the log file and compare it to the GridStat.conf use case configuration file to see how the settings correspond to the result.
- Review the [metplus\\_final.conf](#) (page 20) file to see all of the settings that were used in the use case.

## 3.6 Common Config Variables

### 3.6.1 Timing Control

This section describes the METplus wrapper configuration variables that are used to control which times are processed. It also covers functionality that is useful for processing data in realtime by setting run times based on the clock time when the METplus wrappers are run.

#### 3.6.1.1 LOOP\_BY

The METplus wrappers can be configured to loop over a set of valid times or a set of initialization times. This is controlled by the configuration variable called [LOOP\\_BY](#). If the value of this variable is set to INIT or RETRO, looping will be relative to initialization time. If the value is set to VALID or REALTIME, looping will be relative to valid time.

#### 3.6.1.2 Looping by Valid Time

When looping over valid time ([LOOP\\_BY](#) = VALID or REALTIME), the following variables must be set:

[VALID\\_TIME\\_FMT](#): This is the format of the valid times the user can configure in the METplus Wrappers. The value of [VALID\\_BEG](#) and [VALID\\_END](#) must correspond to this format.

Example:

```
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
```

Using this format, the valid time range values specified must be defined as YYYYMMDDHH, i.e. 2019020112.

[VALID\\_BEG](#): This is the first valid time that will be processed. The format of this variable is controlled by [VALID\\_TIME\\_FMT](#). For example, if [VALID\\_TIME\\_FMT](#)=%Y%m%d, then [VALID\\_BEG](#) must be set to a valid time matching YYYYMMDD, such as 20190201.

[VALID\\_END](#): This is the last valid time that can be processed. The format of this variable is controlled by [VALID\\_TIME\\_FMT](#). For example, if [VALID\\_TIME\\_FMT](#)=%Y%m%d, then [VALID\\_END](#) must be set to a valid time matching YYYYMMDD, such as 20190202.

**Note:** The time specified for this variable will not necessarily be processed. It is used to determine the cutoff of run times that can be processed. For example, if METplus Wrappers is configured to start at 20190201 and end at 20190202 processing data in 48 hour increments, it will process valid time 20190201 then increment the run time to 20190203. This is later than the [VALID\\_END](#) value, so execution will stop. However, if

the increment is set to 24 hours (see [VALID\\_INCREMENT](#)), then METplus Wrappers will process valid times 20190201 and 20190202 before ending execution.

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**VALID\_INCREMENT:** This is the time interval to add to each run time to determine the next run time to process. See [Time Interval Units](#) (page 31) for information on time interval formatting. Units of hours are assumed if no units are specified. This value must be greater than or equal to 60 seconds because the METplus wrappers currently do not support processing intervals of less than one minute.

The following is a configuration that will process valid time 2019-02-01 at 00Z until 2019-02-02 at 00Z in 6 hour (21600 seconds) increments:

```
[config]
LOOP_BY = VALID
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
VALID_BEG = 2019020100
VALID_END = 2019020200
VALID_INCREMENT = 6H
```

---

**Note:** Substituting `VALID_INCREMENT = 21600` will generate the same result.

---

This will process data valid on 2019-02-01 at 00Z, 06Z, 12Z, and 18Z as well as 2019-02-02 at 00Z. For each of these valid times, the METplus wrappers can also loop over a set of forecast leads that are all valid at the current run time. See [Looping over Forecast Leads](#) (page 29) for more information.

### 3.6.1.3 Looping by Initialization Time

When looping over initialization time ([LOOP\\_BY](#) = INIT or [LOOP\\_BY](#) = RETRO), the following variables must be set:

**INIT\_TIME\_FMT:** This is the format of the initialization times the user can configure in METplus Wrappers. The value of [INIT\\_BEG](#) and [INIT\\_END](#) must correspond to this format. Example: `INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H`. Using this format, the initialization time range values specified must be defined as YYYYMMDDHH, i.e. 2019020112.

**INIT\_BEG:** This is the first initialization time that will be processed. The format of this variable is controlled by [INIT\\_TIME\\_FMT](#). For example, if `INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d`, then `INIT_BEG` must be set to an initialization time matching YYYYMMDD, such as 20190201.

**INIT\_END:** This is the last initialization time that can be processed. The format of this variable is controlled by `INIT_TIME_FMT`. For example, if `INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d`, then `INIT_END` must be set to an initialization time matching YYYYMMDD, such as 20190202.

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**Note:** The time specified for this variable will not necessarily be processed. It is used to determine the cutoff of run times that can be processed. For example, if METplus Wrappers is configured to start at 2019-02-01 and end at 2019-02-02 processing data in 48 hour increments, it will process 2019-02-01 then increment the run time to 2019-02-03. This is later than the `INIT_END` valid, so execution will stop. However, if

the increment is set to 24 hours (see `INIT_INCREMENT`), then METplus Wrappers will process initialization times 2019-02-01 and 2019-02-02 before ending execution.

**`INIT_INCREMENT`**: This is the time interval to add to each run time to determine the next run time to process. See [Time Interval Units](#) (page 31) for information on time interval formatting. Units of hours are assumed if no units are specified. This value must be greater than or equal to 60 seconds because the METplus wrappers currently do not support processing intervals of less than one minute.

The following is a configuration that will process initialization time 2019-02-01 at 00Z until 2019-02-02 at 00Z in 6 hour (21600 second) increments:

```
[config]
LOOP_BY = INIT
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
INIT_BEG = 2019020100
INIT_END = 2019020200
INIT_INCREMENT = 6H
```

**Note:** Substituting `VALID_INCREMENT = 21600` will generate the same result.

This will process data initialized on 2019-02-01 at 00Z, 06Z, 12Z, and 18Z as well as 2019-02-02 at 00Z. For each of these initialization times, METplus Wrappers can also loop over a set of forecast leads that are all initialized at the current run time. See [Looping over Forecast Leads](#) (page 29) for more information.

### 3.6.1.4 Looping over Forecast Leads

Many of the wrappers will also loop over a list of forecast leads relative to the current valid/initialization time that is being processed.

#### 3.6.1.4.1 LEAD\_SEQ

This variable can be set to a comma-separated list of integer values (with optional units) to define the forecast leads that will be processed relative to the initialization/valid time. See [Time Interval Units](#) (page 31) for information on time interval formatting. Units of hours are assumed if no units are specified. For example:

```
[config]
LEAD_SEQ = 3, 6, 9
```

If `LOOP_BY = VALID` and the current run time is 2019-02-01 at 00Z, then three times will be processed:

1. Initialized on 2019-01-31 at 21Z / valid on 2019-02-01 at 00Z
2. Initialized on 2019-01-31 at 18Z / valid on 2019-02-01 at 00Z
3. Initialized on 2019-01-31 at 15Z / valid on 2019-02-01 at 00Z

If `LOOP_BY = INIT` and the current run time is 2019-02-01 at 00Z, then three times will be processed:

1. Initialized on 2019-02-01 at 00Z / valid on 2019-02-01 at 03Z
2. Initialized on 2019-02-01 at 00Z / valid on 2019-02-01 at 06Z
3. Initialized on 2019-02-01 at 00Z / valid on 2019-02-01 at 09Z

You can also define [LEAD\\_SEQ](#) using a special notation for many forecast leads. The notation is **begin\_end\_incr(b,e,i)** where b = the first lead value, e = the last lead value (inclusive), and i = the increment between leads. For example:

```
[config]
LEAD_SEQ = begin_end_incr(0,12,3)
```

is equivalent to setting:

```
[config]
LEAD_SEQ = 0, 3, 6, 9, 12
```

Grouping forecast leads is possible as well using a special version of the [LEAD\\_SEQ](#) variable for the **Series-ByLead Wrapper Only**. If [SERIES\\_BY\\_LEAD\\_GROUP\\_FCSTS](#) = True, then groups of forecast leads can be defined to be evaluated together. You can define any number of these groups by setting configuration variables LEAD\_SEQ\_1, LEAD\_SEQ\_2, ..., [LEAD\\_SEQ\\_<n>](#). You can define the value with a comma-separated list of integers (currently only hours are supported here) or using the special begin\_end\_incr(b,e,i) notation described just above. Each [LEAD\\_SEQ\\_<n>](#) must have a corresponding variable [LEAD\\_SEQ\\_<n>\\_LABEL](#). For example:

```
[config]
LEAD_SEQ_1 = 0, 6, 12, 18
LEAD_SEQ_1_LABEL = Day1
LEAD_SEQ_2 = begin_end_incr(24,42,6)
LEAD_SEQ_2_LABEL = Day2
```

#### 3.6.1.4.2 INIT\_SEQ

If METplus Wrappers is configured to loop by valid time ([LOOP\\_BY](#) = VALID), INIT\_SEQ can be used instead of [LEAD\\_SEQ](#). This is a list of initialization hours that are available in the data. This is useful if the data initialization times are known and a different list of forecast leads should be used depending on the valid time being evaluated. For example:

```
[config]
LOOP_BY = VALID
INIT_SEQ = 0, 6, 12, 18
```

At valid time 2019-02-01 00Z, this initialization sequence will build a forecast lead list of 0, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, etc. and at valid time 2019-02-01 01Z, this initialization sequence will build a forecast lead list of 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, 31, etc.

If using [INIT\\_SEQ](#), restrict the forecast leads that will be used by setting [LEAD\\_SEQ\\_MIN](#) and [LEAD\\_SEQ\\_MAX](#). For example, to only process forecast leads between 12 and 24 set:

```
[config]
LEAD_SEQ_MIN = 12
LEAD_SEQ_MAX = 24
```

At valid time 2019-02-01 00Z, this initialization sequence will build a forecast lead list of 12, 18, 24 and at valid time 2019-02-01 01Z, this initialization sequence will build a forecast lead list of 13, 19.

Setting minimum and maximum values will also affect the list of forecast leads if `LEAD_SEQ` is used. `LEAD_SEQ` takes precedence over `INIT_SEQ`, so if both variables are set in the configuration, `INIT_SEQ` will be ignored in favor of `LEAD_SEQ`.

### 3.6.1.5 Time Interval Units

Time intervals defined in configuration variables each have default values: `LEAD_SEQ` and `INIT_SEQ` default to hours, `VALID_INCREMENT` and `INIT_INCREMENT` default to seconds. Units of years, months, days, hours, minutes, or seconds can also be specified by adding a letter (Y, m, d, H, M, or S respectively) to the end of the number. If no units are specified, seconds are assumed.

Examples:

```
3600 : 3600 seconds
3600S : 3600 seconds
60M : 60 minutes or 3600 seconds
1H : 1 hour or 3600 seconds
1m : 1 month (relative)
1d : 1 day or 24 hours or 86400 seconds
1Y : 1 year (relative)
```

Units of months (m) and years (Y) do not have set intervals because the length of a month or year is relative to the relative date/time. Therefore these intervals are calculated based on the current run time and cannot be expressed in seconds unless the run time value is available.

### 3.6.1.6 Skipping Times

Version 3.1 added the ability to skip certain valid times. The configuration variable `SKIP_TIMES` can be used to provide a list of time formats each with a list of times to not process. The format and time list are separated by a colon. Any numeric python strftime formatting directive can be used as the time format (see <https://strftime.org>). Each item in the list must be surrounded by quotation marks. Here are a few examples.

Example 1:

```
[config]
SKIP_TIMES = "%m:3"
```

This will skip the 3rd month, March.

Example 2:

```
[config]
SKIP_TIMES = "%d:30,31"
```

This will skip every 30th and 31st day.

Example 3:

```
[config]
SKIP_TIMES = "%d:30,31", "%m:3"
```

This will skip every 30th and 31st day **and** every 3rd month.

You can use **begin\_end\_incr(b,e,i)** syntax to define a range of times to skip.

b = begin value, e = end value,

i = increment between each value

Example 4:

```
[config]
SKIP_TIMES = "%H:begin_end_incr(0,22,2)"
```

This will skip every even hour (starting from 0, ending on 22, by 2). This is equivalent to:

```
[config]
SKIP_TIMES = "%H:0,2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22"
```

You can also specify multiple strftime directives in a single time format.

Example 5:

```
[config]
SKIP_TIMES = "%Y%m%d:19991231, 20141031"
```

This will skip the dates Dec. 31, 1999 and Oct. 31, 2014.

To only skip certain times for a single wrapper, use a wrapper-specific variable. Using a wrapper-specific variable will ignore the generic SKIP\_TIMES values.

Example 6:

```
[config]
GRID_STAT_SKIP_TIMES = "%m:3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11"
SKIP_TIMES = "%d:31"
```

This will skip the months March through November for GridStat wrapper only. All other wrappers in the [PROCESS\\_LIST](#) will skip the 31st day of each month. Note that the SKIP\_TIMES values are not applied to GridStat in this case.



### 3.6.1.7 Realtime Looping

#### 3.6.1.7.1 Now and Today

To make running in realtime easier, the METplus Wrappers support defining the begin and end times relative to the current clock time. For example, if the current time is 2019-04-26 08:17 and the METplus Wrappers is run with:

```
[config]
VALID_END = {now?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}
```

then the value of [VALID\\_END](#) will be set to 2019042608. You can also use {today} to substitute the current YYYYMMDD, i.e. 20190426. You cannot change the formatting for the 'today' keyword.

#### 3.6.1.7.2 Shift Keyword

You can use the 'shift' keyword to shift the current time by any number of seconds. For example, if the METplus Wrappers are run at the same clock time with:

```
[config]
VALID_BEG = {now?fmt=%Y%m%d%H?shift=-86400}
```

then the value of [VALID\\_BEG](#) will be set to the current clock time shifted by -86400 seconds (24 hours backwards), or 2019-04-25 08Z.

The value defined for 'shift' also supports [Time Interval Units](#) (page 31).

If [VALID\\_INCREMENT](#) is set to 21600 seconds (6 hours), then the METplus Wrappers will process the following valid times:

```
2019-04-25 08Z
2019-04-25 14Z
2019-04-25 20Z
2019-04-26 02Z
2019-04-26 08Z
```

#### 3.6.1.7.3 Truncate Keyword

You may want to configure the METplus Wrappers to process at 00Z, 06Z, 12Z, and 18Z of a given day instead of 02Z, 08Z, 14Z, and 20Z. Having to adjust the shift amount differently if running at 08Z or 09Z to get the times to line up would be tedious. Instead, use the 'truncate' keyword. The value set here is the number of seconds that is used to determine the interval of time to round down. To process every 6 hours, set 'truncate' to 21600 seconds:

```
[config]
VALID_BEG = {now?fmt=%Y%m%d%H?shift=-86400?truncate=21600}
```

This will round down the value to the nearest 6 hour interval of time. Starting METplus Wrappers on or after 06Z but before 12Z on 20190426 will result in VALID\_BEG = 2019042506 (clock time shifted backwards by 24 hours then truncated to the nearest 6 hour time).

Starting METplus Wrappers on 20190426 at 08:16 with the following configuration:

```
[config]
LOOP_BY = VALID
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
VALID_BEG = {now?fmt=%Y%m%d%H?shift=-86400?truncate=21600}
VALID_END = {now?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}
VALID_INCREMENT = 21600
```

will process valid times starting on 20190425 at 06Z every 6 hours until the current run time is later than 20190426 at 08Z, which will result in processing the following valid times:

```
20190425_06
20190425_12
20190425_18
20190426_00
20190426_06
```

---

**Note:** When using the 'now' keyword, the value of VALID\_TIME\_FMT must be identical to the 'fmt' value corresponding to the 'now' item in VALID\_BEG and VALID\_END. In the above example, this would be the %Y%m%d%H portion within values of the VALID\_TIME\_FMT, VALID\_BEG, and VALID\_END variables.

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### 3.6.2 Process List

The PROCESS\_LIST variable defines the list of wrappers to run. This can be a single value or a comma separated list of values. Each value must match an existing wrapper name without the 'Wrapper' suffix.

#### Example 1 Configuration:

```
[config]
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat
```

This example will run GridStatWrapper only.

#### Example 2 Configuration:

```
[config]
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine, GridStat
```

This example will run PCPCombineWrapper then GridStatWrapper.

Added in version 4.0.0 is the ability to specify an instance name for each process in the PROCESS\_LIST. This allows multiple instances of the same wrapper to be specified in the PROCESS\_LIST. Users can create a new section header in their configuration files with the same name as the instance. If defined, values in this section will override the values in the configuration for that instance. The instance name of the process is defined by adding text after the process name inside parenthesis. There should be no space between the process name and the parenthesis.

### Example 3 Configuration:

```
[config]
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat, GridStat(my_instance_name)

[dir]
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = /grid/stat/output/dir

[my_instance_name]
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = /my/instance/name/output/dir
```

In this example, the first occurrence of GridStat in the PROCESS\_LIST does not have an instance name associated with it, so it will use the value /grid/stat/output/dir as the output directory. The second occurrence has an instance name 'my\_instance\_name' and there is a section header with the same name, so this instance will use /my/instance/name/output/dir as the output directory.

### 3.6.3 Loop Order

The METplus wrappers can be configured to loop first by times then processes or vice-versa. Looping by times first will run each process in the process list for a given run time, increment to the next run time, run each process in the process list, and so on. Looping by processes first will run all times for the first process, then run all times for the second process, and so on.

### Example 1 Configuration:

```
[config]
LOOP_ORDER = times

PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine, GridStat

VALID_BEG = 20190201
VALID_END = 20190203
VALID_INCREMENT = 1d
```

will run in the following order:

```
* PCPCombine at 2019-02-01
* GridStat at 2019-02-01
```

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```
* PCPCombine at 2019-02-02
* GridStat   at 2019-02-02
* PCPCombine at 2019-02-03
* GridStat   at 2019-02-03
```

**Example 2 Configuration:**

```
[config]
LOOP_ORDER = processes

PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine, GridStat

VALID_BEG = 20190201
VALID_END = 20190203
VALID_INCREMENT = 1d
```

will run in the following order:

```
* PCPCombine at 2019-02-01
* PCPCombine at 2019-02-02
* PCPCombine at 2019-02-03
* GridStat   at 2019-02-01
* GridStat   at 2019-02-02
* GridStat   at 2019-02-03
```

---

**Note:** If running a MET tool that processes data over a time range, such as SeriesAnalysis or StatAnalysis, the tool must be run with `LOOP_ORDER = processes`.

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### 3.6.4 Custom Looping

A list of text strings can be defined in the METplus wrappers configuration files to allow each wrapper to process data multiple times for each run time. The strings can be referenced in various places in the METplus configuration files to change input/output file paths, configuration file paths, and more. The value of each list item can be referenced in the METplus configuration variables by using `{custom?fmt=%s}`. The variable `CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST` will apply the values to each wrapper in the `PROCESS_LIST` unless the wrapper does not support this functionality. CyclonePlotter, MakePlots, SeriesByInit, SeriesByLead, StatAnalysis, TCStat, and TCMPRPlotter wrappers are not supported. If the variable is not set or set to an empty string, the wrapper will execute as normal without additional runs. The name of the wrapper-specific variables contain the name of the wrapper, i.e. `SERIES_ANALYSIS_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST`, `PCP_COMBINE_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST`, `GRID_STAT_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST`, etc. Setting these variables will override the value set for `CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST` for that wrapper only.

**Example 1 Configuration** (Reading different input files):

```
[config]
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine
```

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```

VALID_BEG = 20190201
VALID_END = 20190203
VALID_INCREMENT = 1d

PCP_COMBINE_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = mem_001, mem_002

[dir]
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = /d1/ensemble

[filename_templates]
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {custom?fmt=%s}/{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}.nc

```

This configuration will run the following:

- PCPCombine at 2019-02-01 reading from /d1/ensemble/mem\_001/20190201.nc
- PCPCombine at 2019-02-01 reading from /d1/ensemble/mem\_002/20190201.nc
- PCPCombine at 2019-02-02 reading from /d1/ensemble/mem\_001/20190202.nc
- PCPCombine at 2019-02-02 reading from /d1/ensemble/mem\_002/20190202.nc
- PCPCombine at 2019-02-03 reading from /d1/ensemble/mem\_001/20190203.nc
- PCPCombine at 2019-02-03 reading from /d1/ensemble/mem\_002/20190203.nc

**Example 2 Configuration** (Using different MET config files):

```

[config]
PROCESS_LIST = SeriesAnalysis

VALID_BEG = 20190201
VALID_END = 20190203
VALID_INCREMENT = 1d

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = one, two

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/SAConfig_{custom?fmt=%s}

[dir]
SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/SA/{custom?fmt=%s}

```

This configuration will run SeriesAnalysis:

- At 2019-02-01 using SAConfig\_one config file and writing output to {OUTPUT\_BASE}/SA/one
- At 2019-02-01 using SAConfig\_two config file and writing output to {OUTPUT\_BASE}/SA/two
- At 2019-02-02 using SAConfig\_one config file and writing output to {OUTPUT\_BASE}/SA/one
- At 2019-02-02 using SAConfig\_two config file and writing output to {OUTPUT\_BASE}/SA/two
- At 2019-02-03 using SAConfig\_one config file and writing output to {OUTPUT\_BASE}/SA/one
- At 2019-02-03 using SAConfig\_two config file and writing output to {OUTPUT\_BASE}/SA/two

### 3.6.5 Field Info

This section describes how METplus Wrappers configuration variables can be used to define field information that is sent to the MET applications to read forecast and observation fields.

#### 3.6.5.1 FCST\_VAR<n>\_NAME

Set this to the name of a forecast variable to evaluate. <n> is any integer greater than or equal to 1, i.e.:

```
[config]
FCST_VAR1_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR2_NAME = RH
```

If this value is set for a given <n> value, then the corresponding OBS\_VAR<n>\_NAME must be set. If the value for forecast and observation data are the same, BOTH\_VAR<n>\_NAME can be used instead.

#### 3.6.5.2 FCST\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS

Set this to a comma-separated list of levels or a single value. FCST\_VAR1\_LEVELS corresponds to FCST\_VAR1\_NAME, FCST\_VAR2\_LEVELS corresponds to FCST\_VAR2\_NAME, etc. For example:

```
[config]
FCST_VAR1_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = P500, P750
```

will process TMP at P500 and TMP at P750. If FCST\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS and FCST\_VAR<n>\_NAME are set, then the corresponding OBS\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS and OBS\_VAR<n>\_NAME must be set. If the value for forecast and observation data are the same, BOTH\_VAR<n>\_NAME and BOTH\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS can be used instead.

#### 3.6.5.3 OBS\_VAR<n>\_NAME

Set this to the corresponding observation variable to evaluate with FCST\_VAR<n>\_NAME. If this value is set for a given <n> value, then the corresponding FCST\_VAR<n>\_NAME must be set. If the value for forecast and observation data are the same, BOTH\_VAR<n>\_NAME can be used instead.

#### 3.6.5.4 OBS\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS

Set this to a comma-separated list of levels or a single value. If OBS\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS and OBS\_VAR<n>\_NAME are set, then the corresponding FCST\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS and FCST\_VAR<n>\_NAME must be set. If the value for forecast and observation data are the same, BOTH\_VAR<n>\_NAME and BOTH\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS can be used instead. For example, setting:

```
[config]
BOTH_VAR1_NAME = TMP
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = P500
```

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```
BOTH_VAR2_NAME = RH
BOTH_VAR2_LEVELS = P750, P250
```

is the equivalent of setting:

```
[config]
FCST_VAR1_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = P500
FCST_VAR2_NAME = RH
FCST_VAR2_LEVELS = P750, P250
OBS_VAR1_NAME = TMP
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = P500
OBS_VAR2_NAME = RH
OBS_VAR2_LEVELS = P750, P250
```

This will compare:

TMP/P500 in the forecast data to TMP/P500 in the observation data  
 RH/P750 in the forecast data to RH/P750 in the observation data  
 RH/P250 in the forecast data to RH/P250 in the observation data

If setting:

```
[config]
FCST_VAR1_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = P500, P750
OBS_VAR1_NAME = TEMP
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(0,*,*)", "(1,*,*)"
```

METplus Wrappers will compare:

TMP/P500 in the forecast data to TEMP at (0,\*,\*) in the observation data  
 TMP/P750 in the forecast data to TEMP at (1,\*,\*) in the observation data

---

**Note:** NetCDF level values that contain (\*,\*) notation must be surrounded by quotation marks so it will not be misinterpreted as a list of items.

---

The number of level items must be equal in each list for a given comparison. If separate names for a forecast and observation are defined, separate levels must be defined for each even if they are equivalent. For example, setting FCST\_VAR1\_NAME, FCST\_VAR1\_LEVELS, and OBS\_VAR1\_NAME, but not setting

OBS\_VAR1\_LEVELS will result in an error.

The field information specified using the \*\_NAME/\*\_LEVELS variables will be formatted to match the field info dictionary in the MET config files and passed to the appropriate config file to evaluate the data. The previous configuration comparing TMP (P500 and P750) in the forecast data and TEMP ((0,\*,\*)) in the observation data will generate the following in the MET config file:

```
fcst = {field = [ {name="TMP"; level="P500";} ];}
obs = {field = [{name="TEMP"; level="(0,*,*)";} ];}
```

and then comparing TMP (P500 and P750) in the forecast data and TEMP ((1,\*,\*)) in the observation data will generate the following in the MET config file:

```
fcst = {field = [ {name="TMP"; level="P750";} ];}
obs = {field = [{name="TEMP"; level="(1,*,*)";} ];}
```

Note that some MET applications allow multiple fields to be specified for a single run. If the MET tool allows it and METplus Wrappers is configured accordingly, these two comparisons would be configured in a single run.

#### 3.6.5.4.1 Read explicit time dimension from a NetCDF level

If the input NetCDF data contains a time dimension, the time can be specified in the level value. The MET tool will find the data for the time requested:

```
[config]
OBS_VAR1_NAME = TEMP
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(20190201_120000,*,*)"
```

This example will extract the data that corresponds to Feb. 1, 2019 at 12Z if it is available (see the MET Documentation for more information on this functionality). The time can be specified based on the current run time, i.e.:

```
[config]
OBS_VAR1_NAME = TEMP
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "({valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S},*,*)"
```

In this example, {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d\_%H%M%S} will be substituted with the valid time of the current run.

#### 3.6.5.5 FCST\_VAR<n>\_THRESH / OBS\_VAR<n>\_THRESH

Set this to a comma-separated list of threshold values to use in the comparison. Each of these values must begin with a comparison operator (>, >=, =, ==, !=, <, <=, gt, ge, eq, ne, lt, or le). For example, setting:

```
[config]
FCST_VAR1_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = P500
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = le0.5, gt0.4, gt0.5, gt0.8
```



will add the following information to the MET config file:

```
fcst = {field = [ {name="TMP"; level="P500"; cat_thresh=[ le0.5, gt0.4, gt0.5, gt0.8];} ]};
```

If FCST\_VAR<n>\_THRESH is set, then OBS\_VAR<n>\_THRESH must be set. If the threshold list is the same for both forecast and observation data, BOTH\_VAR<n>\_THRESH can be used instead.

### 3.6.5.6 FCST\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS / OBS\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS

Set this to add additional information to the field dictionary in the MET config file. The item must end with a semi-colon. For example:

```
[config]
FCST_VAR1_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = P500
FCST_VAR1_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 105; ens_phist_bin_size = 0.05;
```

will add the following to the MET config file:

```
fcst = {field = [ {name="TMP"; level="P500"; GRIB_lvl_typ = 105; ens_phist_bin_size = 0.05;} ]};
```

If FCST\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS is set, OBS\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS does not need to be set, and vice-versa. If the extra options are the same for both forecast and observation data, BOTH\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS can be used instead.

**ENS\_VAR<n>\_NAME / ENS\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS / ENS\_VAR<n>\_THRESH / ENS\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS: Used with EnsembleStat Wrapper only.** Users may want to define the ens dictionary item in the MET EnsembleStat config file differently than the fcst dictionary item. If this is the case, then use these variables. If it is not set, the values in the corresponding FCST\_VAR<n>\_[NAME/LEVELS/THRESH/OPTIONS] will be used in the ens dictionary.

### 3.6.5.7 Wrapper Specific Field Info

New to METplus 3.0 is the ability to specify VAR<n> items differently across comparison wrappers. In previous versions, it was assumed that the list of forecast and observation files that were processed would be applied to any MET Stat tool used, such as GridStat, PointStat, EnsembleStat, MODE, or MTD. This prevented the ability to run, for example, EnsembleStat, then pass the output into GridStat.

Example 1:

```
[config]
PROCESS_LIST = EnsembleStat, GridStat

FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR1_NAME = HGT
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = P500

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_NAME = HGT_P500_ENS_MEAN
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
```

If the generic `FCST_VAR<n>_NAME` variables are used, the same values will be applied to all tools that don't have wrapper specific fields defined. If wrapper specific fields are defined, any generic fields will be ignored.

Example 2:

```
[config]
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat, EnsembleStat

FCST_VAR1_NAME = HGT
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = P500, P750
FCST_VAR2_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR2_LEVELS = P500, P750

FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR1_NAME = HGT
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = P500
```

In this example, GridStat will process HGT at pressure levels 500 and 750 and TMP at pressure levels 500 and 750, while EnsembleStat will only process HGT at pressure level 500. To configure EnsembleStat to also process TMP, the user will have to define it explicitly with `FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR2_NAME`.

This functionality applies to GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, and MTD wrappers only.

For more information on `GRIB_lvl_typ` and other file-specific commands, review the MET User's Guide, Chapter 3.

### 3.6.6 Directory and Filename Template Info

The METplus Wrappers use directory and filename template configuration variables to find the desired files for a given run.

#### 3.6.6.1 Using Templates to find Observation Data

The following configuration variables describe input observation data:

```
[dir]
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = /my/path/to/grid_stat/input/obs

[filename_templates]
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/prefix.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.ext
```

The input directory is the top level directory containing all of the observation data. The template contains items with keywords that will be substituted with time values for each run. After the values are substituted, METplus Wrappers will check to see if the desired file exists relative to the input directory. At valid time 20190201\_12Z, the full desired path of the observation input data to `grid_stat` will be:

`/my/path/to/grid_stat/input/obs/20190201/prefix.2019020112.ext`

Note that the template contains a dated subdirectory. This cannot go in the OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR variable because the dated subdirectory changes based on the run time.

METplus Wrappers does not need to be configured to loop by valid time to find files using a template containing valid time information. For example, at initialization time 20190201\_12Z and forecast lead 3, the valid time is calculated to be 20190201\_15Z and the full desired path of the observation input data to grid\_stat will be:

```
/my/path/to/grid_stat/input/obs/20190201/prefix.2019020115.ext
```

The 'init' and 'valid' are keywords used to denote initialization and valid times respectively. Other keywords that are supported include 'lead', 'offset', 'da\_init', and 'cycle' which can all be used to find forecast data and data assimilation data depending on the task.

### 3.6.6.2 Using Templates to find Forecast Data

Most forecast files contain the initialization time and the forecast lead in the filename. The keywords 'init' and 'lead' can be used to describe the template of these files:

```
[dir]
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = /my/path/to/grid_stat/input/fcst

[filename_templates]
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = prefix.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_f{lead?fmt=%3H}.ext
```

For a valid time of 20190201\_00Z and a forecast lead of 3, METplus Wrappers will look for the following forecast file:

```
/my/path/to/grid_stat/input/fcst/prefix.2019013121_f003.ext
```

### 3.6.6.3 Using Templates to find Data Assimilation Data

Some data assimilation files contain offset and da\_init (data assimilation initialization) values in the filename. These values are used to determine the valid time of the data. Consider the following configuration:

```
[config]
PB2NC_OFFSETS = 6, 3

[dir]
PB2NC_INPUT_DIR = /my/path/to/prepbuf

[filename_templates]
PB2NC_INPUT_TEMPLATE = prefix.{da_init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{cycle?fmt=%H}_off{offset?fmt=%2H}.ext
```

The PB2NC\_OFFSETS list tells METplus Wrappers the order in which to prioritize files with offsets in the name. At valid time 20190201\_12Z, METplus Wrappers will check if the following file exists:

```
/my/path/to/prepbufr/prefix.20190201_18_off06.ext
```

The offset is added to the valid time to get the data assimilation initialization time. Note that 'cycle' can be used interchangeably with 'da\_init'. It is generally used to specify the hour of the data that was generated. If that file doesn't exist, it will check if the following file exists:

```
/my/path/to/prepbufr/prefix.20190201_15_off03.ext
```

#### 3.6.6.4 Shifting Times in Filename Templates

Users can use the 'shift' keyword to adjust the time referenced in the filename template relative to the run time. For example, if the input files used contained data from 01Z on the date specified in the filename to 01Z on the following day. In this example, for a run at 00Z you want to use the file from the previous day and for the 01Z to 23Z runs you want to use the file that corresponds to the current day. Here is an example:

```
[filename_templates]
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-3600}.ext
```

Running the above configuration at a valid time of 20190201\_12Z will shift the valid time backwards by 1 hour (3600 seconds) resulting in 20190201\_11Z and will substitute the current day into the template, giving a filename of 20190201.ext. Running at valid time 20190201\_00Z, the shift will result in a file time of 20190131\_23Z, so the filename will be 20190131.ext that is generated by the template.

#### 3.6.6.5 Using Windows to find Valid Files

The [FCST/OBS]\_FILE\_WINDOW\_[BEGIN/END] configuration variables can be used if the time information in the input data does not exactly line up with the run time but you still want to process the data. The default value of the file window begin and end variables are both 0 seconds. If both values are set to 0, METplus Wrappers will require that a file matching the template with the exact time requested exists. If either value is non-zero, METplus Wrappers will examine all of the files under the input directory that match the template, pull out the time information from the files, and use the file with the time closest to the run\_time. For example, consider the following configuration:

```
[config]
OBS_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = -7200
OBS_FILE_WINDOW_END = 7200

[dir]
```

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```
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = /my/grid_stat/input/obs

[filename_templates]
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/pre.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}.ext
```

For a run time of 20190201\_00Z, and a set of files in the input directory that looks like this:

```
/my/grid_stat/input/obs/20190131/pre.20190131_22.ext
/my/grid_stat/input/obs/20190131/pre.20190131_23.ext
/my/grid_stat/input/obs/20190201/othertype.20190201_00.ext
/my/grid_stat/input/obs/20190201/pre.20190201_01.ext
/my/grid_stat/input/obs/20190201/pre.20190201_02.ext
```

The following behavior can be expected for each file:

1. The first file matches the template and the file time is within the window, so the filename and time difference relative to the valid time (7200 seconds, or 2 hours) is saved.
2. The second file matches the template, the file time is within the window, and the time difference is less than the closest file so the filename and time difference relative to the valid time (3600 seconds, or 1 hour) is saved.
3. The third file does not match the template and is ignored.
4. The fourth file matches the template and is within the time range, but it is the same distance away from the valid time as the closest file. GridStat only allows one file to be processed so it is ignored (PB2NC is currently the only METplus Wrapper that allows multiple files to be processed).
5. The fifth file matches the template but it is a further distance away from the closest file (7200 seconds versus 3600 seconds) so it is ignored.

Therefore, METplus Wrappers will use /my/grid\_stat/input/obs/20190131/pre.20190131\_23.ext as the input to grid\_stat in this example.

### 3.6.6.6 Wrapper Specific Windows

A user may need to specify a different window on a wrapper-by-wrapper basis. If this is the case, you can override the file window values for each wrapper. Consider the following configuration:

```
[config]
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCCombine, GridStat, EnsembleStat
OBS_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
OBS_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = -1800
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 1800
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 3600
```

Using the above configuration, PCPCombine will use +/- 0 hours and require exact file times. GridStat will use -1800/+1800 for observation data and EnsembleStat will use -0/+3600 for observation data. [OBS\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) was not set, so the EnsembleStat wrapper will use [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

### 3.6.7 Runtime Frequency

Some wrappers have an option to specify how frequently to process data. It can be run once to process all of the available files in the desired time range, or it can be configured to run over different intervals. This allows you to aggregate the output in a variety of ways. The wrappers that support this functionality (along with the configuration variable that controls the setting) include:

- [SeriesAnalysis](#) (page 154) : [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_RUNTIME\\_FREQ](#)
- [GridDiag](#) (page 91) : [GRID\\_DIAG\\_RUNTIME\\_FREQ](#)
- [UserScript](#) (page 208) : [USER\\_SCRIPT\\_RUNTIME\\_FREQ](#)

At the start of execution of the wrapper ([SeriesAnalysis](#) and [GridDiag](#)), a full list of all available files will be obtained. Then the wrapper will subset the data and call the MET tool based on the runtime frequency setting. [UserScript](#) wrapper will simply run at the interval specified without obtaining a list of files.

Depending on which option is selected, some filename template tags will translate to \* when performing string substitution. The possible values for the \*\_RUNTIME\_FREQ variables are:

- RUN\_ONCE : Runs once processing all files. \* is substituted for init/valid/lead
- RUN\_ONCE\_PER\_INIT\_OR\_VALID : Run the command once for each initialization or valid time depending on the value of LOOP\_BY. If LOOP\_BY = INIT, \* is substituted for valid and lead. If LOOP\_BY = VALID, \* is substituted for init and lead.
- RUN\_ONCE\_PER\_LEAD : Run the command once for each forecast lead time. \* is substituted for valid and init
- RUN\_ONCE\_FOR\_EACH : Run the command once for every runtime (init or valid and forecast lead combination). All filename templates are substituted with values.

Note that [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) must be set to processes to run these wrappers. Also note that the following example may not contain all of the configuration variables that are required for a successful run. The are intended to show how these variables affect how the data is processed.

#### SeriesAnalysis Examples:

```
[config]
LOOP_ORDER = processes

LOOP_BY = INIT
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
INIT_BEG = 2020101712
INIT_END = 2020101912
INIT_INCREMENT = 1d

LEAD_SEQ = 3H, 6H
```

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```

PROCESS_LIST = SeriesAnalysis

[dir]
FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = /my/fcst/dir

[filename_templates]
FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = I{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_F{lead?fmt=%3H}_V{valid?fmt=%H}

```

In this example, the wrapper will go through all initialization and forecast lead times and find any files that match the template under /my/fcst/dir:

```

Init: 2020-10-17 12Z, Forecast: 3 hour, File: I2020101712_F003_V15
Init: 2020-10-17 12Z, Forecast: 6 hour, File: I2020101712_F006_V18
Init: 2020-10-18 12Z, Forecast: 3 hour, File: I2020101812_F003_V15
Init: 2020-10-18 12Z, Forecast: 6 hour, File: I2020101812_F006_V18
Init: 2020-10-19 12Z, Forecast: 3 hour, File: I2020101912_F003_V15
Init: 2020-10-19 12Z, Forecast: 6 hour, File: I2020101912_F006_V18

```

#### Example 1: Run Once:

```

[config]
SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE

```

For this configuration, a single command will be built to call SeriesAnalysis. The wildcard character “\*” will replace init, valid, and lead in the template when attempting to find data to process.

Template Used: I\*\_F\*\_V\* Files Processed:

```

I2020101712_F003_V15
I2020101712_F006_V18
I2020101812_F003_V15
I2020101812_F006_V18
I2020101912_F003_V15
I2020101912_F006_V18

```

#### Example 2 Run Once Per Initialization Time:

```

[config]
SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_INIT_OR_VALID

```

For this configuration, the wrapper will loop over each initialization time and attempt to process all files that match that time. The wildcard character “\*” will replace valid and lead in the template when attempting to find data to process.

Runtime: Init: 2020-10-17 12Z Template Used: I2020101712\_F\*\_V\* Files Processed:

```
I2020101712_F003_V15
I2020101712_F006_V18
```

Runtime: Init: 2020-10-18 12Z Template Used: I2020101812\_F\*\_V\* Files Processed:

```
I2020101812_F003_V15
I2020101812_F006_V18
```

Runtime: Init: 2020-10-19 12Z Template Used: I2020101912\_F\*\_V\* Files Processed:

```
I2020101912_F003_V15
I2020101912_F006_V18
```

---

**Note:** If LOOP\_BY was set to VALID, then the values defined by VALID\_BEG, VALID\_END, and VALID\_INCREMENT would be substituted for the valid time while init and lead would be wildcard values.

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Example 3 Run Once Per Forecast Lead Time:

```
[config]
SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_LEAD
```

For this configuration, the wrapper will loop over each forecast lead time and attempt to process all files that match that time. The wildcard character '\*' will replace valid and init in the template when attempting to find data to process.

Runtime: Lead: 3 hour Template Used: I\*\_F003\*\_V\* Files Processed:

```
I2020101712_F003_V15
I2020101812_F003_V15
I2020101912_F003_V15
```

Runtime: Lead: 6 hour Template Used: I\*\_F006\*\_V\* Files Processed:

```
I2020101712_F006_V18
I2020101812_F006_V18
I2020101912_F006_V18
```

Example 4 Run Once For Each Time:

```
[config]
SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_FOR_EACH
```

For this configuration, the wrapper will loop over each initialization time and forecast lead times and attempt to process all files that match that time. The wildcard character '\*' will replace valid only in the template when attempting to find data to process.

Runtime: Init: 2020-10-17 12Z, Forecast: 3 hour Template Used: I2020101712\_F003\_V\* Files Processed:

```
I2020101712_F003_V15
```



Runtime: Init: 2020-10-17 12Z, Forecast: 6 hour Template Used: I2020101712\_F006\_V\* Files Processed:

```
I2020101712_F006_V18
```

Runtime: Init: 2020-10-18 12Z, Forecast: 3 hour Template Used: I2020101812\_F003\_V\* Files Processed:

```
I2020101812_F003_V15
```

Runtime: Init: 2020-10-18 12Z, Forecast: 6 hour Template Used: I2020101812\_F006\_V\* Files Processed:

```
I2020101812_F006_V18
```

Runtime: Init: 2020-10-19 12Z, Forecast: 3 hour Template Used: I2020101912\_F003\_V\* Files Processed:

```
I2020101912_F003_V15
```

Runtime: Init: 2020-10-19 12Z, Forecast: 6 hour Template Used: I2020101912\_F006\_V\* Files Processed:

```
I2020101912_F006_V18
```

## 3.7 How METplus controls MET configuration variables

METplus provides powerful user control of MET tool configuration file settings. If a MET tool uses a configuration file, then the corresponding METplus wrapper supports METplus configuration variables that control the MET tool configuration file settings. **The METplus wrappers provide a special “wrapped” MET configuration file that references environment variables that are set by the wrappers based on the values set in the METplus configuration files.** The following section demonstrates a few examples using GridStat.

### 3.7.1 GridStat Simple Example

Visit the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide. This section contains a link to the default GridStat MET config file, which is found locally in `share/met/config/GridStatConfig_default` under the [MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR](#) (page 18). Next the content of the wrapped GridStat configuration file (`parm/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped`) is displayed. Notice that this file is similar to the default GridStat MET config file, but some of the variables in the wrapped configuration file have been replaced with environment variables.

GridStatConfig\_\*\*default\*\*:

```
desc = "NA";
```

GridStatConfig\_\*\*wrapped\*\*:

```
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}
```

When GridStat is run, the tool first reads its default configuration file (GridStatConfig\_\*\*default\*\*) and sets all of the default values. Then it reads the configuration file that is passed into the tool on the command line, which is *typically* the wrapped GridStat config file (parm/met\_config/GridStatConfig\_\*\*wrapped\*\*).

If the user sets the following in their METplus config file:

```
GRID_STAT_DESC = my_description
```

METplus will set the value of the `${METPLUS_DESC}` environment variable to:

```
desc = "my_description";
```

Notice that the variable name and equals sign is included in the value of the environment variable. The default value for `desc` will be replaced with the new value “my\_description” when the wrapped config file is read.

If the user does not set `GRID_STAT_DESC` in their METplus config files, then METplus will set the value of the `${METPLUS_DESC}` environment variable to an empty string. This will result in the default value “NA” to be used.

Typically for single value or array MET config variables, the names of the METplus config variable, environment variable, and MET config variable are closely related, i.e.

- **desc:** MET config name
- `GRID_STAT_**DESC**`: METplus config name
- `$METPLUS_**DESC**`: Environment variable name

However, this is not always the case. Refer to the ‘MET Configuration’ section for each wrapper in the `doc:wrappers` chapter to see the full list of supported variables.

### 3.7.2 GridStat Dictionary example

The MET configuration files may contain dictionaries that contain multiple variables within a variable. For example:

```
regrid = {  
  to_grid    = NONE;  
  method     = NEAREST;  
  width      = 1;  
  vld_thresh = 0.5;  
  shape      = SQUARE;  
}
```

The `regrid` dictionary contains 5 variables named `to_grid`, `method`, `width`, `vld_thresh`, and `shape`.

If only one or a few of the dictionary items are supported through the METplus wrappers, then they are handled in the same way as single value or array values described above. However, if the entire dictionary is supported, then it must be handled a little differently. The reason is MET will throw an error if it encounters a dictionary with no values inside, like this:

```
regrid = {}
```

To handle this, the values for the entire dictionary are handled in a single environment variable with a name that ends with “\_DICT” to signify that it sets values for a dictionary:

```
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}
```

Notice that the naming convention is still similar to the name of the MET config variable name.

Instead of a single METplus configuration variable to control the value of this environment variable, there are multiple variables – one for each item of the dictionary:

```
* GRID_STAT_REGRID_**TO_GRID**
* GRID_STAT_REGRID_**METHOD**
* GRID_STAT_REGRID_**WIDTH**
* GRID_STAT_REGRID_**VLD_THRESH**
* GRID_STAT_REGRID_**SHAPE**
```

If all of these variables are unset, then the value of `${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}` will be an empty string. If one or more of these variables are set, then each item will be formatted and added to the regrid dictionary.

If the following variable is set:

```
GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = OBS
```

then `${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}` will be set to:

```
regrid = {to_grid = OBS;}
```

If the following variables are set:

```
GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = OBS
GRID_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 2
```

then `${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}` will be set to:

```
regrid = {to_grid = OBS; width = 2;}
```

When a subset of a dictionary is defined in a MET configuration file, only the variables that are re-defined are replaced. The other dictionary items that are absent will use the default value.

### 3.7.3 GridStat Fields

Field information, i.e. the fcst/obs dictionary field item, is handled a little differently than other MET variables. Multiple fields can be specified for a given use case to generate a command for each field or, if the MET tool supports it, pass in all of the fields to a single command. Refer to the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section for information on how to sets these values.

## 3.8 Reconcile Default Values

While adding support for setting many new MET configuration variables through METplus wrapper configuration variables, it was discovered that some of the values set in the wrapped MET config files (found in *parm/met\_config*) were different than the MET default values (found in [MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR](#) (page 18)/share/met/config). Starting in v4.0.0, when a METplus configuration variable that overrides a MET variable is not set, the default MET value is used. Due to the disconnect between the wrapped config values and default values, some of the default settings will now differ if the wrapped MET configuration file found in *parm/met\_config* is used in a use case. For more information regarding this logic, see the [How METplus controls MET configuration variables](#) (page 49) section.

This section lists all of the default values that have changed in the wrapped MET configuration files and the corresponding METplus configuration key/value pair to use to set the values to the previous default value. Note that any dictionary variables listed only include the variables inside that have changed, not the full set of variables that the dictionary contains.

### 3.8.1 EnsembleStatConfig

#### 3.8.1.1 message\_type

Old (Incorrect):	<code>message_type = [ "ADPSFC" ];</code>
New (Correct):	<code>message_type = [ "ADPUPA" ];</code>
METplus Config:	<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE</a> = ADPSFC

#### 3.8.1.2 climo\_cdf.cdf\_bins

Old (Incorrect):	<pre>climo_cdf = {     cdf_bins = 1; }</pre>
New (Correct):	<pre>climo_cdf = {     cdf_bins = 10; }</pre>
METplus Config:	<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_BINS</a> = 1

## 3.8.1.3 mask.poly

Old (Incorrect):	<pre> mask = {   poly = [     "MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1605_poly.nc",     "MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1803_poly.nc",     "MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1804_poly.nc",     "MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1805_poly.nc",     "MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1806_poly.nc"   ]; } </pre>
New (Correct):	<pre> mask = {   poly = []; } </pre>
METplus Config:	<pre> <b>ENSEMBLE_STAT_MASK_POLY</b> = MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1605_poly.nc,     MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1803_poly.nc,     MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1804_poly.nc,     MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1805_poly.nc,     MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1806_poly.nc </pre>

### 3.8.1.4 output\_flag (multiple items)

Old (Incorrect):	<pre>output_flag = {     ecnt = BOTH;     rhist = BOTH;     phist = BOTH;     orank = BOTH;     ssvar = BOTH;     relp = BOTH; }</pre>
New (Correct):	<pre>output_flag = {     ecnt = NONE;     rps = NONE;     rhist = NONE;     phist = NONE;     orank = NONE;     ssvar = NONE;     relp = NONE; }</pre>
METplus Config:	<pre><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECNT</i> = BOTH <i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RHIST</i> = BOTH <i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PHIST</i> = BOTH <i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ORANK</i> = BOTH <i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SSVAR</i> = BOTH <i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RELP</i> = BOTH</pre>

## 3.8.2 GridStatConfig

### 3.8.2.1 cat\_thresh

Old (Incorrect):	<code>cat_thresh = [ NA ];</code>
New (Correct):	<code>cat_thresh = [];</code>
METplus Config:	<code><i>GRID_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i> = cat_thresh = [ NA ];</code>

### 3.8.2.2 output\_flag (multiple items)

Old (Incorrect):	<pre>output_flag = {     ctc = STAT;     cts = STAT;     grad = BOTH; }</pre>
New (Correct):	<pre>output_flag = {     ctc = NONE;     cts = NONE;     grad = NONE; }</pre>
METplus Config:	<pre><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC</i> = STAT <i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS</i> = STAT <i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_GRAD</i> = BOTH</pre>

### 3.8.2.3 nc\_pairs\_flag (multiple items)

Old (Incorrect):	<pre>nc_pairs_flag = {     latlon = FALSE;     raw = FALSE;     diff = FALSE;     climo = FALSE;     apply_mask = FALSE; }</pre>
New (Correct):	<pre>nc_pairs_flag = {     latlon = TRUE;     raw = TRUE;     diff = TRUE;     climo = TRUE;     apply_mask = TRUE; }</pre>
METplus Config:	<pre><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON</i> = FALSE <i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW</i> = FALSE <i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF</i> = FALSE <i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO</i> = FALSE <i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK</i> = FALSE</pre>

### 3.8.3 MODEConfig

#### 3.8.3.1 grid\_res

Old (Incorrect):	<code>grid_res = 40;</code>
New (Correct):	<code>grid_res = 4;</code>
METplus Config:	<code><i>MODE_GRID_RES</i> = 40</code>



## 3.8.3.2 fcst.merge\_thresh and fcst.merge\_flag

Old (Incorrect):	<pre>fcst = {     merge_thresh = &gt;=75.0;     merge_flag = NONE; }</pre>
New (Correct):	<pre>fcst = {     merge_thresh = &gt;=1.25;     merge_flag = THRESH; }</pre>
METplus Config:	<pre><i>MODE_FCST_MERGE_THRESH</i> = &gt;=75.0 <i>MODE_FCST_MERGE_FLAG</i> = NONE <i>MODE_OBS_MERGE_THRESH</i> = &gt;=75.0 <i>MODE_OBS_MERGE_FLAG</i> = NONE</pre>

## 3.8.3.3 fcst\_raw\_plot.color\_table

Old (Incorrect):	<pre>fcst_raw_plot = {     color_table =         "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_raw.ctime"; }</pre>
New (Correct):	<pre>fcst_raw_plot = {     color_table =         "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctime"; }</pre>
METplus Config:	<pre><i>MODE_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i> = fcst_raw_plot = {color_table =     "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_raw.ctime";}</pre>

### 3.8.3.4 obs\_raw\_plot.color\_table

Old (Incorrect):	<pre>obs_raw_plot = {     color_table =     "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_raw.ctable"; }</pre>
New (Correct):	<pre>obs_raw_plot = {     color_table =     "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable"; }</pre>
METplus Config:	<pre><a href="#">MODE_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</a> = obs_raw_plot = {color_table = "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_raw.ctable";}</pre>

## 3.8.4 PB2NCConfig

### 3.8.4.1 level\_category

Old (Incorrect):	level_category = [0, 1, 4, 5, 6];
New (Correct):	level_category = [];
METplus Config:	<a href="#">PB2NC_LEVEL_CATEGORY</a> = 0, 1, 4, 5, 6

### 3.8.4.2 quality\_mark\_thresh

Old (Incorrect):	quality_mark_thresh = 3;
New (Correct):	quality_mark_thresh = 2;
METplus Config:	<a href="#">PB2NC_QUALITY_MARK_THRESH</a> = 3

### 3.8.4.3 time\_summary.step and time\_summary.width

Old (Incorrect):	<pre>time_summary = {   step = 3600;   width = 3600; }</pre>
New (Correct):	<pre>time_summary = {   step = 300;   width = 600; }</pre>
METplus Config:	<pre><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_STEP</i> = 3600 <i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_WIDTH</i> = 3600</pre>

## 3.8.5 PointStatConfig

### 3.8.5.1 regrid.method and regrid\_width

Old (Incorrect):	<pre>regrid = {   method = BILIN;   width = 2; }</pre>
New (Correct):	<pre>regrid = {   method = NEAREST;   width = 1; }</pre>
METplus Config:	<pre><i>POINT_STAT_REGRID_METHOD</i> = BILIN <i>POINT_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH</i> = 2</pre>

### 3.8.5.2 obs\_quality

Old (Incorrect):	obs_quality = [ "1", "2", "3" ];
New (Correct):	obs_quality = [];
METplus Config:	<a href="#">POINT_STAT_OBS_QUALITY</a> = 1, 2, 3

### 3.8.5.3 climo\_mean.time\_interp\_method and climo\_stdev.time\_interp\_method

Old (Incorrect):	<pre>climo_mean = {     time_interp_method = NEAREST; } climo_stdev = {     time_interp_method = NEAREST; }</pre>
New (Correct):	<pre>climo_mean = {     time_interp_method = DW_MEAN; } climo_stdev = {     time_interp_method = DW_MEAN; }</pre>
METplus Config:	<pre><a href="#">POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD</a> = NEAREST  <a href="#">POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD</a> = NEAREST</pre>

### 3.8.5.4 interp.type.method and interp.type.width

Old (Incorrect):	<pre>interp = {   type = [     {       method = BILIN;       width = 2;     }   ]; }</pre>
New (Correct):	<pre>interp = {   type = [     {       method = NEAREST;       width = 1;     }   ]; }</pre>
METplus Config:	<pre><i>POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_METHOD</i> = BILIN <i>POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_WIDTH</i> = 2</pre>

## 3.9 Overriding Unsupported MET configuration variables

While METplus does provide support for overriding many of the commonly used MET config variables through the wrappers, there will certainly be instances when a user wishes to control a MET config variable that is not supported in the METplus configuration. Wrappers for MET tools that utilize configuration files support a METplus configuration variable used to override any unsupported MET config variables. These variables contain the name of the MET tool (in all caps) followed by `_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES`. Here are some examples:

- *ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*
- *ASCII2NC\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*
- *GRID\_DIAG\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*
- *GRID\_STAT\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*

- [\*MODE\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES\*](#)
- [\*MTD\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES\*](#)
- [\*PB2NC\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES\*](#)
- [\*POINT\\_STAT\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES\*](#)
- [\*SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES\*](#)
- [\*STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES\*](#)
- [\*TC\\_GEN\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES\*](#)
- [\*TC\\_PAIRS\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES\*](#)
- [\*TC\\_RMW\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES\*](#)
- [\*TC\\_STAT\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES\*](#)

The value set for each of these variables are set to the `${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}` environment variable for the corresponding MET tool. This environment variable is referenced at the bottom of each wrapped MET configuration file, so the values are read at the end of of parsing, overriding any values that were set.

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**Note:** We recommend using this approach to controlling unsupported MET config options over using a modified MET configuration file, although this approach is still supported. Newly added features and variable override support may be more difficult to incorporate using the latter approach. Please contact [met\\_help@ucar.edu](mailto:met_help@ucar.edu) for assistance with updating a use case to migrate away from using a modified MET configuration file.

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### 3.9.1 MET Config Override GridStat Simple Example

Let's use the example of a user running GridStat. The user has a customized GridStat verification task, and needs a specialized setting in the 'distance\_map' dictionary in the MET GridStat configuration file. Here's what the default MET config file looks like:

```
distance_map = {  
  baddeley_p      = 2;  
  baddeley_max_dist = NA;  
  fom_alpha       = 0.1;  
  zhu_weight      = 0.5;  
}
```

Currently there is no support in METplus to control any of these items specifically, however they can be set using [\*GRID\\_STAT\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES\*](#). Recall from [How METplus controls MET configuration variables](#) (page 49) that METplus will utilize the default settings for each variable in the 'distance\_map' dictionary. If a user wishes to override the default value of the 'baddeley\_p' variable, then they would create the following entry in their METplus configuration file:

```
GRID_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES = distance_map = {baddeley_p = 10;}
```

This is quite confusing to read since there are three '=' characters, however METplus interprets everything to the right of the first '=' character (reading left -> right) as a single string. In this case the value is '**distance\_map = {baddeley\_p = 10;}**'. When METplus runs GridStat, it appends the 'distance\_map' dictionary to the end of the wrapped GridStat MET configuration file to override the default value of the 'baddeley\_p' variable in the 'distance\_map' dictionary. A line would be added that looks like:

```
distance_map = {baddeley_p = 10;}
```

This causes MET to update the value of the 'baddeley\_p' variable in the 'distance\_map' dictionary to be 10 instead of the default value of 2.

More than one MET config variables can be set using this functionality. Simply list all of the overrides in the same METplus configuration variable:

```
GRID_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES = distance_map = {baddeley_p = 10;} rank_corr_flag = TRUE;
```

The values must match the format of the variables in the default MET configuration file with a semi-colon after single values and arrays and curly braces around dictionaries.

### 3.10 User Environment Variables

In addition to the environment variables that the METplus wrappers set automatically before running applications, users can define additional environment variables. These environment variables will only be set in the environment that runs the commands, so the user's environment is preserved.

This capability is useful when calling a script (such as a UserScript command or a Python embedding script) that requires many inputs from the user. Instead of calling the script and passing in all of the values as command line arguments, the environment variables can be read from inside the script.

To set a user-defined environment variable, add a section to a METplus configuration files called [user\_env\_vars]. Under this header, add key-value pairs as desired. For example, if the following is added to a METplus configuration file:

```
[user_env_vars]
VAR_NAME = some_text_for_feb_1_1987_run
```

then an environment variable named "VAR\_NAME" set to the value "some\_text\_for\_feb\_1\_1987\_run" will be set in the environment for every command run by the METplus wrappers.

This is the equivalent of running this bash command:

```
$ export VAR_NAME=some_text_for_feb_1_1987_run
```

on the command line before calling run\_metplus.py.

You can also reference other variables in the METplus config file. For example:

```
[config]
INIT_BEG = 1987020104

[user_env_vars]
USE_CASE_TIME_ID = {INIT_BEG}
```

This is the equivalent of running this bash command:

```
$ export USE_CASE_TIME_ID=1987020104
```

on the command line before calling `run_metplus.py`.

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**Note:** In previous versions of METplus, we recommended using this to control unsupported MET config file options. Since this requires also modifying the MET config file used by METplus, we no longer recommend this. Instead, we strongly encourage the user to use the new capability defined in [Overriding Unsupported MET configuration variables](#) (page 61).

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### 3.11 Setting Config Variables with Environment Variables

You can set METplus config variables to the value of local environment variables when METplus is run. To set any METplus config variable to the value of a local environment variable, use the following syntax:

```
METPLUS_MY_VAR = {ENV[LOCAL_ENV_VAR]}
```

If the following bash command is run before calling `run_metplus.py`:

```
export LOCAL_ENV_VAR=my_value
```

then the METplus configuration variable `METPLUS_MY_VAR` will be set to `my_value`.

### 3.12 Updating Configuration Files - Handling Deprecated Configuration Variables

If upgrading from a METplus version earlier than v3.0, this content is important to getting started using a newly released version. **If upgrading from METplus v3.0 and above or if installing METplus for the first time, please skip this section.**

METplus developers strive to allow backwards compatibility so new versions of the tools will continue to work as they did in previous versions. However, sometimes changes are necessary for clarity and cohesion. Many configuration variable names have changed in version 3.0 in an attempt to make their function more clear. If any deprecated METplus configuration variables are found in a user's use case, execution will stop immediately and an error report of all variables that must be updated is output. In some cases, simply renaming the variable is sufficient. Other changes may require more thought. The next few sections will outline a few of common changes that will need to be made. In the last section, a tool called `validate_config.py`



is described. This tool can be used to help with this transition by automating some of the work required to update configuration files.

### 3.12.1 Simple Rename

In most cases, there is a simple one-to-one relationship between a deprecated configuration variable and a valid one. In this case, renaming the variable will resolve the issue.

Example:

```
(met_util.py) ERROR: DEPRECATED CONFIG ITEMS WERE FOUND. PLEASE REMOVE/REPLACE THEM FROM CONFIG FILES
(met_util.py) ERROR: [dir] MODEL_DATA_DIR should be replaced with EXTRACT_TILES_GRID_INPUT_DIR
(met_util.py) ERROR: [config] STAT_LIST should be replaced with SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST
```

These cases can be handled automatically by using the [Validate Config Helper Script](#) (page 68).

### 3.12.2 FCST/OBS/BOTH Variables

Field information passed into many of the MET tools is defined with the [FCST/OBS]\_VAR<n>\_[NAME/LEVELS/THRESH/OPTIONS] configuration variables. For example, FCST\_VAR1\_NAME and FCST\_VAR1\_LEVELS are used to define forecast name/level values that are compared to observations defined with OBS\_VAR1\_NAME and OBS\_VAR1\_LEVELS.

Before METplus 3.0, users could define the FCST\_\* variables and omit the OBS\_\* variables or vice versa. In this case, it was assumed the undefined values matched the corresponding term. For example, if FCST\_VAR1\_NAME = TMP and OBS\_VAR1\_NAME is not defined, it was assumed that OBS\_VAR1\_NAME = TMP as well. This method was not always clear to users.

Starting in METplus 3.0, users are required to either explicitly set both FCST\_\* and OBS\_\* variables or set the equivalent BOTH\_\* variables to make it clear that the values apply to both forecast and observation data.

Example:

```
(met_util.py) ERROR: If FCST_VAR1_NAME is set, you must either set OBS_VAR1_NAME or change FCST_VAR1_
↪NAME to BOTH_VAR1_NAME
(met_util.py) ERROR: If FCST_VAR2_NAME is set, you must either set OBS_VAR2_NAME or change FCST_VAR2_
↪NAME to BOTH_VAR2_NAME
(met_util.py) ERROR: If FCST_VAR1_LEVELS is set, you must either set OBS_VAR1_LEVELS or change FCST_
↪VAR1_LEVELS to BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS
(met_util.py) ERROR: If FCST_VAR2_LEVELS is set, you must either set OBS_VAR2_LEVELS or change FCST_
↪VAR2_LEVELS to BOTH_VAR2_LEVELS
```

These cases can be handled automatically by using the [Validate Config Helper Script](#) (page 68), but users should review the suggested changes, as they may want to update differently.

### 3.12.3 PCPCombine Input Levels

Prior to METplus 3.0, the PCPCombine wrapper only allowed the user to define a single input accumulation amount to be used to build a desired accumulation. However, some data sets include more than one accumulation field. PCPCombine wrapper was enhanced in version 3.0 to allow users to specify a list of accumulations available in the input data. Instead of only being able to specify `FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVEL`, users can now specify a list of accumulations with [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_ACCUMS](#).

Example:

```
(met_util.py) ERROR: [config] OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVEL should be replaced with OBS_PCP_COMBINE_
→ INPUT_ACCUMS
```

These cases can be handled automatically by using the [Validate Config Helper Script](#) (page 68), but users should review the suggested changes, as they may want to include other available input accumulations.

### 3.12.4 MET Configuration Files

The METplus wrappers set environment variables that are read by the MET configuration files to customize each run. Some of the environment variables that were previously set by METplus wrappers to handle very specific use cases are no longer set in favor of using a common set of variables across the MET tools. The following are examples of changes that have occurred in METplus regarding environment variables.

EnsembleStat previously set `$GRID_VX` to define the grid to use to regrid data within the tool. In version 3.0, MET tools that have a 'to\_grid' value in the 'grid' dictionary of the MET config file have a uniformly named METplus configuration variable called `<MET-tool>_REGRID_TO_GRID` (i.e. [ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_REGRID\\_TO\\_GRID](#)) that is used to define this value:

```
Before:
  to_grid    = ${GRID_VX};

After:
  to_grid    = ${REGRID_TO_GRID};
```

`MET_VALID_HHMM` was used by GridStat wrapper to set part of the climatology file path. This was replaced by the METplus configuration variables `<MET-tool>_CLIMO_[MEAN/STDEV]_INPUT_[DIR/TEMPLATE]` (i.e. [GRID\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)):

```
Before:
  file_name = [ "${INPUT_BASE}/grid_to_grid/nwprod/fix/cmean_1d.1959${MET_VALID_HHMM}" ];

After:
  file_name = [ ${CLIMO_MEAN_FILE} ];
```

The `output_prefix` variable in the MET config files was previously set by referencing variable environment variables set by METplus. This has since been changed so that `output_prefix` references the `$OUTPUT_PREFIX` environment variable. This value is now set in the METplus configuration files using the wrapper-specific configuration variable, such as [GRID\\_STAT\\_OUTPUT\\_PREFIX](#) or [ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_OUTPUT\\_PREFIX](#):

```
Before:
  output_prefix    = "${FCST_VAR}_vs_${OBS_VAR}";

After:
  output_prefix    = "${OUTPUT_PREFIX}";
```

Due to these changes, MET configuration files that refer to any of these deprecated environment variables will throw an error. While the [Validate Config Helper Script](#) (page 68) will automatically remove any invalid environment variables that may be set in the MET configuration files, the user will be responsible for adding the corresponding METplus configuration variable to reproduce the intended behavior. The tool will give a suggested value for <MET-tool>\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX.

Example log output:

```
(met_util.py) DEBUG: Checking for deprecated environment variables in: DeprecatedConfig
(met_util.py) ERROR: Please remove deprecated environment variable ${GRID_VX} found in MET config_
↳file: DeprecatedConfig
(met_util.py) ERROR: MET to_grid variable should reference ${REGRID_TO_GRID} environment variable
(met_util.py) INFO: Be sure to set GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID to the correct value.

(met_util.py) ERROR: Please remove deprecated environment variable ${MET_VALID_HHMM} found in MET_
↳config file: DeprecatedConfig
(met_util.py) ERROR: Set GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_[DIR/TEMPLATE] in a METplus config file to set_
↳CLIMO_MEAN_FILE in a MET config

(met_util.py) ERROR: output_prefix variable should reference ${OUTPUT_PREFIX} environment variable
(met_util.py) INFO: You will need to add GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX to the METplus config file that sets_
↳GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE. Set it to:
(met_util.py) INFO: GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}
```

These cases can be handled automatically by using the [Validate Config Helper Script](#) (page 68), but users should review the suggested changes and make sure they add the appropriate recommended METplus configuration variables to their files to achieve the same behavior.

### 3.12.5 SED Commands

Running `run_metplus.py` with one or more configuration files that contain deprecated variables that can be fixed with a find/replace command will generate a file in the {OUTPUT\_BASE} called `sed_commands.txt`. This file contains a list of commands that can be run to update the configuration file. Lines that start with “#Add” are intended to notify the user to add a variable to their METplus configuration file.

The [Validate Config Helper Script](#) (page 68) will step through each of these commands and execute them upon approval.

Example `sed_commands.txt` content:

```
sed -i 's|^  to_grid    = ${GRID_VX};|  to_grid    = ${REGRID_TO_GRID};|g' DeprecatedConfig
#Add GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID
sed -i 's|^  file_name = [ "${INPUT_BASE}/grid_to_grid/nwprod/fix/cmean_1d.1959${MET_VALID_HHMM}" ];|
↳|  file_name = [ ${CLIMO_MEAN_FILE} ];|g' DeprecatedConfig
```

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```
#Add GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE
sed -i 's|^output_prefix = "${FCST_VAR}_vs_${OBS_VAR}";|output_prefix = "${OUTPUT_PREFIX}";|g' \
↳DeprecatedConfig
#Add GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}
sed -i 's|^FCST_VAR1_NAME|BOTH_VAR1_NAME|g' deprecated.conf
sed -i 's|^FCST_VAR1_LEVELS|BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS|g' deprecated.conf
```

### 3.12.6 Validate Config Helper Script

The script named `validate_config.py` is found in the same directory as `run_metplus.py`. To use this script, call it with the same arguments as `run_metplus.py`:

```
run_metplus.py -c ./my_conf.py -c ./another_config.py
validate_config.py -c ./my_conf.py -c ./another_config.py
```

You must pass a valid configuration to the script, as in you must properly set [MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR](#), [INPUT\\_BASE](#), and [OUTPUT\\_BASE](#), or it will not run.

The script will evaluate all of the configuration files, including any MET configuration file that is referenced in a `_CONFIG_FILE` variable, such as [GRID\\_STAT\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). For each deprecated item that is found, the script will suggest a replacement for the file where the deprecated item was found.

Example 1 (Simple Rename):

```
The following replacement is suggested for ./deprecated.conf

Before:
STAT_LIST = TOTAL, OBAR, FBAR

After:
SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST = TOTAL, OBAR, FBAR

Would you like the make this change to ./deprecated.conf? (y/n)[n]
```

Example 2 (FCST/OBS/BOTH Variables):

```
The following replacement is suggested for ./deprecated.conf

Before:
FCST_VAR1_NAME = TMP

After:
BOTH_VAR1_NAME = TMP

Would you like the make this change to ./deprecated.conf? (y/n)[n]
```

Example 3 (PCPCombine Input Levels):

```
The following replacement is suggested for ./deprecated.conf
```

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```
Before:
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVEL = 6

After:
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 6

Would you like the make this change to ./deprecated.conf? (y/n)[n]
```

**Example 4 (MET Configuration File):**

```
The following replacement is suggested for DeprecatedConfig

Before:
  to_grid    = ${GRID_VX};

After:
  to_grid    = ${REGRID_TO_GRID};

Would you like the make this change to DeprecatedConfig? (y/n)[n]

IMPORTANT: If it is not already set, add the following in the [config] section to your METplus_
↳configuration file that sets GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE:

GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID
Make this change before continuing! [OK]
```

**Example 5 (Another MET Configuration File):**

```
The following replacement is suggested for DeprecatedConfig

Before:
output_prefix = "${FCST_VAR}_vs_${OBS_VAR}";

After:
output_prefix = "${OUTPUT_PREFIX}";

Would you like the make this change to DeprecatedConfig? (y/n)[n]

IMPORTANT: If it is not already set, add the following in the [config] section to your METplus_
↳configuration file that sets GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE:

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}
Make this change before continuing! [OK]
```

**Note:** While the METplus developers are very diligent to include deprecated variables in this functionality, some may slip through the cracks. When upgrading to a new version of METplus, it is important to test and review your use cases to ensure they produce the same results as the previous version. Please contact [met\\_help@ucar.edu](mailto:met_help@ucar.edu) with any questions.



## Chapter 4

# Python Wrappers

This chapter provides a description of each supported Python wrapper in METplus Wrappers. A wrapper is generally a Python script that encapsulates the behavior of a corresponding MET tool. Each of these sections can be added to the `PROCESS_LIST` configuration list variable. The METplus Configuration section of each wrapper section below lists the METplus Wrappers configuration variables that are specific to that wrapper organized by config file section. You can find more information about each item in the METplus Configuration Glossary. The MET Configuration section of each wrapper (if applicable) displays the wrapped MET configuration file that utilizes environment variables to override settings. These sections also contain a list of environment variables that are referenced in the wrapped MET configuration files and a table to show which METplus configuration variables are used to set them and which MET configuration variables they override.

### 4.1 ASCII2NC

#### 4.1.1 Description

Used to configure the MET tool ASCII2NC

#### 4.1.2 METplus Configuration

*ASCII2NC\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*ASCII2NC\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*ASCII2NC\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*ASCII2NC\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*LOG\_ASCII2NC\_VERBOSITY*  
*ASCII2NC\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*  
*ASCII2NC\_CONFIG\_FILE*  
*ASCII2NC\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN*  
*ASCII2NC\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END*  
*ASCII2NC\_WINDOW\_BEGIN*

[ASCII2NC\\_WINDOW\\_END](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_INPUT\\_FORMAT](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_MASK\\_GRID](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_MASK\\_POLY](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_MASK\\_SID](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_FLAG](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_RAW\\_DATA](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_BEG](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_END](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_STEP](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_WIDTH](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_GRIB\\_CODES](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_VAR\\_NAMES](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_TYPES](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_VALID\\_FREQ](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_VALID\\_THRESH](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#)  
[ASCII2NC\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES](#)

### 4.1.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/Ascii2NcConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```
////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// Default ascii2nc configuration file  
//  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
//  
// The parameters listed below are used to summarize the ASCII data read in  
//  
  
//  
// Time periods for the summarization  
// obs_var (string array) is added and works like grib_code (int array)
```

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```
// when the obs name is given instead of grib_code
//
${METPLUS_TIME_SUMMARY_DICT}

//
// Mapping of input little_r report types to output message types
//
message_type_map = [
  { key = "FM-12 SYNOP"; val = "ADPSFC"; },
  { key = "FM-13 SHIP"; val = "SFCSHIP"; },
  { key = "FM-15 METAR"; val = "ADPSFC"; },
  { key = "FM-18 BUOY"; val = "SFCSHIP"; },
  { key = "FM-281 QSCAT"; val = "ASCATW"; },
  { key = "FM-32 PILOT"; val = "ADPUPA"; },
  { key = "FM-35 TEMP"; val = "ADPUPA"; },
  { key = "FM-88 SATOB"; val = "SATWND"; },
  { key = "FM-97 ACARS"; val = "AIRCFT"; }
];

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V10.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

**`${METPLUS_TIME_SUMMARY_DICT}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG</i></a>	time_summary.flag
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_RAW_DATA</i></a>	time_summary.raw_data
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_BEG</i></a>	time_summary.beg
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_END</i></a>	time_summary.end
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_STEP</i></a>	time_summary.step
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_WIDTH</i></a>	time_summary.width
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_GRIB_CODES</i></a>	time_summary.grib_code
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VAR_NAMES</i></a>	time_summary.obs_var
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_TYPES</i></a>	time_summary.type
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_FREQ</i></a>	time_summary.vld_freq
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_THRESH</i></a>	time_summary.vld_thresh

**`${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>ASCII2NC_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i></a>	n/a

## 4.2 CyclonePlotter

### 4.2.1 Description

This wrapper does not have a corresponding MET tool but instead wraps the logic necessary to create plots of cyclone tracks. Currently only the output from the MET tc-pairs tool can be plotted.

### 4.2.2 METplus Configuration

*CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_INIT\_DATE*  
*CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_INIT\_HR*  
*CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_MODEL*  
*CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_PLOT\_TITLE*  
*CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_CIRCLE\_MARKER\_SIZE*  
*CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_CROSS\_MARKER\_SIZE*  
*CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_GENERATE\_TRACK\_ASCII*  
*CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_ADD\_WATERMARK*

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*CYCLONE\_OUT\_DIR*  
*CYCLONE\_INIT\_DATE*  
*CYCLONE\_INIT\_HR*  
*CYCLONE\_MODEL*  
*CYCLONE\_PLOT\_TITLE*  
*CYCLONE\_CIRCLE\_MARKER\_SIZE*  
*CYCLONE\_CROSS\_MARKER\_SIZE*  
*CYCLONE\_GENERATE\_TRACK\_ASCII*

## 4.3 EnsembleStat

### 4.3.1 Description

Used to configure the MET tool ensemble\_stat.

### 4.3.2 METplus Configuration

*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_POINT\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_GRID\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_POINT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_GRID\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*LOG\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VERBOSITY*  
*FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INPUT\_DATATYPE*  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INPUT\_POINT\_DATATYPE*  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INPUT\_GRID\_DATATYPE*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_REGRID\_METHOD*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_REGRID\_WIDTH*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_REGRID\_SHAPE*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CONFIG\_FILE*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_MET\_OBS\_ERR\_TABLE*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_N\_MEMBERS*  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN*  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_WINDOW\_END*  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN*  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENS\_THRESH*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENS\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENS\_OBS\_THRESH*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_DESC*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENS\_SSVAR\_BIN\_SIZE*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENS\_PHIST\_BIN\_SIZE*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NBRHD\_PROB\_WIDTH*

ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NBRHD\_PROB\_SHAPE  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NBRHD\_PROB\_VLD\_THRESH  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_BINS  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_CENTER\_BINS  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_WRITE\_BINS  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_DUPLICATE\_FLAG  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_SKIP\_CONST  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_GAUSSIAN\_DX  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_GAUSSIAN\_RADIUS  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_VLD\_THRESH  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_SHAPE  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_METHOD  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_WIDTH  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CENSOR\_THRESH  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CENSOR\_VAL  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_DUPLICATE\_FLAG  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_SKIP\_CONST  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OBS\_ERROR\_FLAG  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FILE\_NAME  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FIELD  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_METHOD  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_WIDTH  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_SHAPE  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_MATCH\_MONTH  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_DAY\_INTERVAL  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_HOUR\_INTERVAL  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FILE\_NAME  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FIELD  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_METHOD  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_WIDTH  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_SHAPE  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_MATCH\_MONTH  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_DAY\_INTERVAL  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_HOUR\_INTERVAL  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_MASK\_GRID  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CI\_ALPHA  
ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INTERP\_FIELD

*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INTERP\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INTERP\_SHAPE*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INTERP\_METHOD*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INTERP\_WIDTH*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_ECNT*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_RPS*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_RHIST*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PHIST*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_ORANK*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_SSVAR*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_RELP*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_LATLON*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_MEAN*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_STDEV*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_MINUS*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_PLUS*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_MIN*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_MAX*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_RANGE*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_VLD\_COUNT*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_FREQUENCY*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_NEP*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_NMEP*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_RANK*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_WEIGHT*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*  
*ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VERIFICATION\_MASK\_TEMPLATE* (optional)  
*ENS\_VAR<n>\_NAME* (optional)  
*ENS\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS* (optional)  
*ENS\_VAR<n>\_THRESH* (optional)  
*ENS\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS* (optional)  
*FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_NAME* (optional)  
*FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS* (optional)  
*FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_THRESH* (optional)  
*FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS* (optional)  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_NAME* (optional)  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS* (optional)  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_THRESH* (optional)  
*OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS* (optional)

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

[ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_OUT\\_DIR](#)  
[ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_CONFIG](#)  
[ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_MET\\_OBS\\_ERROR\\_TABLE](#)  
[ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_GRID\\_VX](#)  
[ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#)  
[ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#)  
[ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)  
[ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)

### 4.3.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/EnsembleStatConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```
////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// Ensemble-Stat configuration file.  
//  
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.  
//  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
//  
// Output model name to be written  
//  
${METPLUS_MODEL}  
  
//  
// Output description to be written  
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry  
//  
${METPLUS_DESC}  
  
//  
// Output observation type to be written  
//
```

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```

${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CENSOR_THRESH}
${METPLUS_CENSOR_VAL}
cat_thresh    = [];
nc_var_str    = "";

//
// Ensemble product fields to be processed
//
ens = {

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_OBS_THRESH}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood ensemble probabilities
//
${METPLUS_NBRHD_PROB_DICT}

//
// NMEP smoothing methods
//
${METPLUS_NMEP_SMOOTH_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

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```

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//

${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc      = [];
obs_thresh   = [ NA ];
obs_quality  = [];
${METPLUS_DUPLICATE_FLAG}
obs_summary  = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;
${METPLUS_SKIP_CONST}

//
// Observation error options
// Set dist_type to NONE to use the observation error table instead
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
obs_error = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_ERROR_FLAG}
    dist_type      = NONE;
    dist_parm      = [];
    inst_bias_scale = 1.0;
    inst_bias_offset = 0.0;
    min             = NA;      // Valid range of data
    max             = NA;
}

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
    { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ANYAIR";  val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
    { key = "ANYSFC";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ONLYSF";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; }
]

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```

];

//
// Ensemble bin sizes
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_ENS_SSVAR_BIN_SIZE}
${METPLUS_ENS_PHIST_BIN_SIZE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    sid  = [];
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//

```

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```

${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Ensemble product output types
//
${METPLUS_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Random number generator
//
rng = {
    type = "mt19937";
    seed = "1";
}

////////////////////////////////////

grid_weight_flag = NONE;
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

**`${METPLUS_MODEL}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODEL</i></a>	model

**`${METPLUS_DESC}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>DESC</i> or <i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_DESC</i>	desc

**\${METPLUS\_OBTYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>OBTYPE</i>	obtype

**\${METPLUS\_REGRID\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_SHAPE</i>	regrid.shape
<i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_METHOD</i>	regrid.method
<i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH</i>	regrid.width
<i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i>	regrid.vld_thresh
<i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID</i>	regrid.to_grid

**\${METPLUS\_CENSOR\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_CENSOR_THRESH</i>	censor_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_CENSOR\_VAL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_CENSOR_VAL</i>	censor_val

**\${METPLUS\_ENS\_FILE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>ENS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DATATYPE</i>	ens.file_type

**\${METPLUS\_ENS\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_THRESH</i>	ens.ens_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_ENS\_VLD\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_VLD_THRESH</i>	ens.vld_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_ENS\_OBS\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_OBS_THRESH</a>	ens.obs_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_ENS\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</a>	ens.field.name
<a href="#">ENS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</a>	ens.field.level
<a href="#">ENS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</a>	ens.field.cat_thresh
<a href="#">ENS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</a>	n/a

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**Note:** For more information on controlling the forecast field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

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**\${METPLUS\_NBRHD\_PROB\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_NBRHD_PROB_WIDTH</a>	nbrhd_prob.width
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_NBRHD_PROB_SHAPE</a>	nbrhd_prob.shape
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_NBRHD_PROB_VLD_THRESH</a>	nbrhd_prob.vld_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_VLD_THRESH</a>	nmep_smooth.vld_thresh
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_SHAPE</a>	nmep_smooth.shape
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_GAUSSIAN_DX</a>	nmep_smooth.gaussian_dx
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_GAUSSIAN_RADIUS</a>	nmep_smooth.gaussian_radius
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_METHOD</a>	nmep_smooth.type.method
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_WIDTH</a>	nmep_smooth.type.width

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FILE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DATATYPE</a>	fcst.file_type

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</a>	fcst.field.name
<a href="#">FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</a>	fcst.field.level
<a href="#">FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</a>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<a href="#">FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</a>	n/a

**Note:** For more information on controlling the forecast field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

#### **\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FILE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_GRID_DATATYPE</a> - or- <a href="#">OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_POINT_DATATYPE</a>	obs.file_type

#### **\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</a>	fcst.field.name
<a href="#">OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</a>	fcst.field.level
<a href="#">OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</a>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<a href="#">OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</a>	n/a

**Note:** For more information on controlling the observation field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

#### **\${METPLUS\_MESSAGE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE</a>	message_type

#### **\${METPLUS\_DUPLICATE\_FLAG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_DUPLICATE_FLAG</a>	duplicate_flag

#### **\${METPLUS\_SKIP\_CONST}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_SKIP_CONST</a>	skip_const

#### **\${METPLUS\_OBS\_ERROR\_FLAG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_OBS_ERROR_FLAG</a>	obs_error.flag

#### **\${METPLUS\_ENS\_SSVAR\_BIN\_SIZE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_SSVAR_BIN_SIZE</a>	ens_ssvar_bin_size

**`${METPLUS_ENS_PHIST_BIN_SIZE}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_PHIST_BIN_SIZE</a>	ens_phist_bin_size

**`${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME</a>	climo_mean.file_name
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FIELD</a>	climo_mean.field
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_METHOD</a>	climo_mean.regrid.method
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_WIDTH</a>	climo_mean.regrid.width
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</a>	climo_mean.regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_SHAPE</a>	climo_mean.regrid.shape
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD</a>	climo_mean.time_interp_method
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_MATCH_MONTH</a>	climo_mean.match_month
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_DAY_INTERVAL</a>	climo_mean.day_interval
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_HOUR_INTERVAL</a>	climo_mean.hour_interval

**`${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME</a>	climo_stdev.file_name
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FIELD</a>	climo_stdev.field
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_METHOD</a>	climo_stdev.regrid.method
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_WIDTH</a>	climo_stdev.regrid.width
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</a>	climo_stdev.regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_SHAPE</a>	climo_stdev.regrid.shape
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD</a>	climo_stdev.time_interp_method
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_MATCH_MONTH</a>	climo_stdev.match_month
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_DAY_INTERVAL</a>	climo_stdev.day_interval
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_HOUR_INTERVAL</a>	climo_stdev.hour_interval

**`${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">MODEL</a>	model

**`${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_BINS</i></a>	climo_cdv.cdf_bins
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_CENTER_BINS</i></a>	climo_cdv.center_bins
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_WRITE_BINS</i></a>	climo_cdv.write_bins

**\${METPLUS\_MASK\_GRID}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_MASK_GRID</i></a>	mask.grid

**\${METPLUS\_MASK\_POLY}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_MASK_POLY</i></a>	mask.poly

**\${METPLUS\_CI\_ALPHA}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_CI_ALPHA</i></a>	ci_alpha

**\${METPLUS\_INTERP\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_FIELD</i></a>	interp.field
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	interp.vld_thresh
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_SHAPE</i></a>	interp.shape
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_METHOD</i></a>	interp.type.method
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_WIDTH</i></a>	interp.type.width

**\${METPLUS\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECNT</i></a>	output_flag.ecnt
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RPS</i></a>	output_flag.rps
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RHIST</i></a>	output_flag.rhist
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PHIST</i></a>	output_flag.phist
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ORANK</i></a>	output_flag.orank
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SSVAR</i></a>	output_flag.ssvar
<a href="#"><i>ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RELP</i></a>	output_flag.relp

**\${METPLUS\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_LATLON</a>	ensemble_flag.latlon
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MEAN</a>	ensemble_flag.mean
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_STDEV</a>	ensemble_flag.stdev
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MINUS</a>	ensemble_flag.minus
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_PLUS</a>	ensemble_flag.plus
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MIN</a>	ensemble_flag.min
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MAX</a>	ensemble_flag.max
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANGE</a>	ensemble_flag.range
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_VLD_COUNT</a>	ensemble_flag.vld_count
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_FREQUENCY</a>	ensemble_flag.frequency
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NEP</a>	ensemble_flag.nep
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NMEP</a>	ensemble_flag.nmep
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANK</a>	ensemble_flag.rank
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_WEIGHT</a>	ensemble_flag.weight

**`${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX</a>	output_prefix

**`${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</a>	n/a

## 4.4 Example

### 4.4.1 Description

Used to demonstrate how the METplus wrappers handle looping and building commands.

### 4.4.2 Configuration

[EXAMPLE\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#)

[EXAMPLE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)

[EXAMPLE\\_CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#)



## 4.5 ExtractTiles

### 4.5.1 Description

The ExtractTiles wrapper is used to regrid and extract subregions from paired tropical cyclone tracks that are created by the tc\_pairs\_wrapper. Unlike the other wrappers, the extract\_tiles\_wrapper does not correspond to a specific MET tool. It invokes the tc\_stat\_wrapper, which in turn calls the MET tc\_stat tool to determine the lat/lon positions of the paired track data. This information is then used to create tiles of subregions. The ExtractTiles wrapper creates a 2n degree x 2m degree grid/tile with each storm located at the center.

### 4.5.2 METplus Configuration

The following should be set in the METplus configuration file to define the dimensions and density of the tiles comprising the subregion:

```
EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR
EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_DIR
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE
EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE
EXTRACT_TILES_LON_ADJ
EXTRACT_TILES_LAT_ADJ
EXTRACT_TILES_NLAT
EXTRACT_TILES_NLON
EXTRACT_TILES_DLON
EXTRACT_TILES_DLAT
EXTRACT_TILES_FILTER_OPTS
EXTRACT_TILES_VAR_LIST
EXTRACT_TILES_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS
EXTRACT_TILES_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST
```

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

```
EXTRACT_OUT_DIR
```

```
LON_ADJ
LAT_ADJ
NLAT
NLON
DLON
DLAT
EXTRACT_TILES_OVERWRITE_TRACK
EXTRACT_TILES_PAIRS_INPUT_DIR
EXTRACT_TILES_FILTERED_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE
EXTRACT_TILES_GRID_INPUT_DIR
EXTRACT_TILES_STAT_INPUT_DIR
EXTRACT_TILES_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE
```

## 4.6 GempakToCF

### 4.6.1 Description

Used to configure the utility GempakToCF.

### 4.6.2 METplus Configuration

```
GEMPAKTOCF_JAR
GEMPAKTOCF_INPUT_DIR
GEMPAKTOCF_OUTPUT_DIR
GEMPAKTOCF_INPUT_TEMPLATE
GEMPAKTOCF_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE
GEMPAKTOCF_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS
GEMPAKTOCF_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST
```

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

```
GEMPAKTOCF_CLASSPATH
```

## 4.7 GenVxMask

### 4.7.1 Description

Used to configure the MET tool GenVxMask to define and generate masking regions.

### 4.7.2 Configuration

*GEN\_VX\_MASK\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*GEN\_VX\_MASK\_INPUT\_MASK\_DIR*  
*GEN\_VX\_MASK\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*GEN\_VX\_MASK\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*GEN\_VX\_MASK\_INPUT\_MASK\_TEMPLATE*  
*GEN\_VX\_MASK\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*GEN\_VX\_MASK\_OPTIONS*  
*LOG\_GEN\_VX\_MASK\_VERBOSITY*  
*GEN\_VX\_MASK\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*  
*GEN\_VX\_MASK\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*GEN\_VX\_MASK\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN*  
*GEN\_VX\_MASK\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END*

## 4.8 GridDiag

### 4.8.1 Description

Used to configure the MET tool grid\_diag.

### 4.8.2 METplus Configuration

*GRID\_DIAG\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*GRID\_DIAG\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*GRID\_DIAG\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*GRID\_DIAG\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*GRID\_DIAG\_VERIFICATION\_MASK\_TEMPLATE* (optional)  
*LOG\_GRID\_DIAG\_VERBOSITY*  
*GRID\_DIAG\_CONFIG\_FILE*  
*GRID\_DIAG\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*GRID\_DIAG\_INPUT\_DATATYPE*  
*GRID\_DIAG\_REGRID\_METHOD*

[GRID\\_DIAG\\_REGRID\\_WIDTH](#)  
[GRID\\_DIAG\\_REGRID\\_VLD\\_THRESH](#)  
[GRID\\_DIAG\\_REGRID\\_SHAPE](#)  
[GRID\\_DIAG\\_REGRID\\_TO\\_GRID](#)  
[GRID\\_DIAG\\_DESC](#)  
[GRID\\_DIAG\\_SKIP\\_IF\\_OUTPUT\\_EXISTS](#)  
[GRID\\_DIAG\\_RUNTIME\\_FREQ](#)  
[GRID\\_DIAG\\_DESC](#)  
[GRID\\_DIAG\\_MET\\_CONFIG\\_OVERRIDES](#)

### 4.8.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/GridDiagConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```
////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// Grid-Diag configuration file.  
//  
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/GridDiagConfig_default file.  
//  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
//  
// Description  
//  
${METPLUS_DESC}  
  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
//  
// Output grid  
//  
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}  
  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
//  
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
```

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```
//
${METPLUS_CENSOR_THRESH}
${METPLUS_CENSOR_VAL}

//
// Data fields
//
${METPLUS_DATA_DICT}

${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

**\${METPLUS\_DESC}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>DESC</i> or <i>GRID_DIAG_DESC</i>	desc

**\${METPLUS\_REGRID\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>GRID_DIAG_REGRID_SHAPE</i>	regrid.shape
<i>GRID_DIAG_REGRID_METHOD</i>	regrid.method
<i>GRID_DIAG_REGRID_WIDTH</i>	regrid.width
<i>GRID_DIAG_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i>	regrid.vld_thresh
<i>GRID_DIAG_REGRID_TO_GRID</i>	regrid.to_grid

**\${METPLUS\_CENSOR\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>GRID_DIAG_CENSOR_THRESH</i>	censor_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_CENSOR\_VAL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>GRID_DIAG_CENSOR_VAL</i>	censor_val

**\${METPLUS\_DATA\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>BOTH_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</i>	data.field.name
<i>BOTH_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</i>	data.field.level
<i>BOTH_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</i>	n/a

**Note:** For more information on controlling the field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

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### **`#{METPLUS_MASK_DICT}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">GRID_DIAG_MASK_GRID</a>	mask.grid
<a href="#">GRID_DIAG_MASK_POLY</a>	mask.poly

**Note:** Since the default value in the MET config file for 'grid' is `grid = [ "FULL" ]`;, setting `GRID_DIAG_MASK_GRID` to an empty string will result in a value of `grid = []`; in the MET config file.

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### **`#{METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">GRID_DIAG_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</a>	n/a

## **4.9 GridStat**

### **4.9.1 Description**

Used to configure the MET tool `grid_stat`.

### **4.9.2 METplus Configuration**

[FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#)  
[OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#)  
[GRID\\_STAT\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#)  
[FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)  
[OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)  
[GRID\\_STAT\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)  
[GRID\\_STAT\\_VERIFICATION\\_MASK\\_TEMPLATE](#) (optional)  
[LOG\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_VERBOSITY](#)  
[GRID\\_STAT\\_OUTPUT\\_PREFIX](#)  
[GRID\\_STAT\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#)  
[FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#)  
[OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#)  
[GRID\\_STAT\\_ONCE\\_PER\\_FIELD](#)  
[GRID\\_STAT\\_CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#)

GRID\_STAT\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS  
GRID\_STAT\_DESC  
GRID\_STAT\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID  
GRID\_STAT\_REGRID\_METHOD  
GRID\_STAT\_REGRID\_WIDTH  
GRID\_STAT\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH  
GRID\_STAT\_REGRID\_SHAPE  
GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_BINS  
GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_CENTER\_BINS  
GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_WRITE\_BINS  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_FHO  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CTC  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CTS  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_MCTC  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_MCTS  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CNT  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_SL1L2  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_SAL1L2  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VL1L2  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VAL1L2  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VCNT  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PCT  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PSTD  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PJC  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PRC  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_ECLV  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_NBRCTC  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_NBRCTS  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_NBRCNT  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_GRAD  
GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_DMAP  
GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_LATLON  
GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_RAW  
GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_DIFF  
GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_CLIMO  
GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_CLIMO\_CDP  
GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_WEIGHT  
GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_NBRHD  
GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_FOURIER  
GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_GRADIENT  
GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_DISTANCE\_MAP

*GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_APPLY\_MASK*  
*GRID\_STAT\_INTERP\_FIELD*  
*GRID\_STAT\_INTERP\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*GRID\_STAT\_INTERP\_SHAPE*  
*GRID\_STAT\_INTERP\_TYPE\_METHOD*  
*GRID\_STAT\_INTERP\_TYPE\_WIDTH*  
*GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_VAR\_NAME*  
*GRID\_STAT\_GRID\_WEIGHT\_FLAG*  
*FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_FILE\_TYPE*  
*OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_FILE\_TYPE*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FILE\_NAME*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FIELD*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_METHOD*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_WIDTH*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_SHAPE*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_MATCH\_MONTH*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_DAY\_INTERVAL*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_HOUR\_INTERVAL*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FILE\_NAME*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FIELD*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_METHOD*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_WIDTH*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_SHAPE*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_MATCH\_MONTH*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_DAY\_INTERVAL*  
*GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_HOUR\_INTERVAL*  
*GRID\_STAT\_MASK\_GRID* (optional)  
*GRID\_STAT\_MASK\_POLY* (optional)  
*GRID\_STAT\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*  
*FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_PROB\_THRESH* (optional)  
*OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_PROB\_THRESH* (optional)  
*GRID\_STAT\_NEIGHBORHOOD\_WIDTH* (optional)  
*GRID\_STAT\_NEIGHBORHOOD\_SHAPE* (optional)  
*GRID\_STAT\_NEIGHBORHOOD\_COV\_THRESH* (optional)  
*FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN* (optional)  
*FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_WINDOW\_END* (optional)  
*OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN* (optional)



[\*OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_WINDOW\\_END\*](#) (optional)  
[\*FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN\*](#) (optional)  
[\*FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END\*](#) (optional)  
[\*OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN\*](#) (optional)  
[\*OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END\*](#) (optional)  
[\*FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME\*](#) (optional)  
[\*FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS\*](#) (optional)  
[\*FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH\*](#) (optional)  
[\*FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS\*](#) (optional)  
[\*OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME\*](#) (optional)  
[\*OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS\*](#) (optional)  
[\*OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH\*](#) (optional)  
[\*OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS\*](#) (optional)

**Warning: DEPRECATED**

[\*GRID\\_STAT\\_OUT\\_DIR\*](#)  
[\*GRID\\_STAT\\_CONFIG\*](#)  
[\*CLIMO\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#)  
[\*CLIMO\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)  
[\*GRID\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#)  
[\*GRID\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#)  
[\*GRID\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)  
[\*GRID\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)

### 4.9.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[\*MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/GridStatConfig\\_default\*](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh      = [];
censor_val         = [];
cat_thresh         = [];
cnt_thresh         = [ NA ];
cnt_logic          = UNION;
wind_thresh        = [ NA ];
wind_logic         = UNION;
eclv_points        = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag     = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
```

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```
//
fcst = {
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
  ${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
  interval = PCTILE;
  rep_prop = 1.0;
  n_rep    = 0;
  rng      = "mt19937";
  seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////
```

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```

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
    field      = BOTH;
    // shape =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
    // width =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
    // cov_thresh =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
    wave_1d_beg = [];
    wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
    dx = [ 1 ];
    dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {

```

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```

    baddeley_p      = 2;
    baddeley_max_dist = NA;
    fom_alpha       = 0.1;
    zhu_weight      = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir            = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

**\${METPLUS\_MODEL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODEL</i></a>	model

**\${METPLUS\_DESC}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>DESC</i></a> or <a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_DESC</i></a>	desc

**\${METPLUS\_OBTYP}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBTYP</i></a>	obtype

**\${METPLUS\_REGRID\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">GRID_STAT_REGRID_SHAPE</a>	regrid.shape
<a href="#">GRID_STAT_REGRID_METHOD</a>	regrid.method
<a href="#">GRID_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH</a>	regrid.width
<a href="#">GRID_STAT_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</a>	regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#">GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID</a>	regrid.to_grid

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</a>	fcst.field.name
<a href="#">FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</a>	fcst.field.level
<a href="#">FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</a>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<a href="#">FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</a>	n/a

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**Note:** For more information on controlling the forecast field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

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**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FILE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_TYPE</a>	fcst.file_type

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</a>	fcst.field.name
<a href="#">OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</a>	fcst.field.level
<a href="#">OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</a>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<a href="#">OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</a>	n/a

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**Note:** For more information on controlling the observation field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

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**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FILE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_TYPE</a>	obs.file_type

**\${METPLUS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME</i></a>	climo_mean.file_name
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FIELD</i></a>	climo_mean.field
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_METHOD</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.method
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_WIDTH</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.width
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_SHAPE</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.shape
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD</i></a>	climo_mean.time_interp_method
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_MATCH_MONTH</i></a>	climo_mean.match_month
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_DAY_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_mean.day_interval
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_HOUR_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_mean.hour_interval

**\${METPLUS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME</i></a>	climo_stdev.file_name
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FIELD</i></a>	climo_stdev.field
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_METHOD</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.method
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_WIDTH</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.width
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_SHAPE</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.shape
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD</i></a>	climo_stdev.time_interp_method
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_MATCH_MONTH</i></a>	climo_stdev.match_month
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_DAY_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_stdev.day_interval
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_HOUR_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_stdev.hour_interval

**\${METPLUS\_MASK\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_MASK_GRID</i></a>	mask.grid
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_MASK_POLY</i></a>	mask.poly

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**Note:** Since the default value in the MET config file for 'grid' is grid = [ "FULL" ], setting GRID\_STAT\_MASK\_GRID to an empty string will result in a value of grid = []; in the MET config file.

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**\${METPLUS\_NBRHD\_SHAPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_SHAPE</i></a>	nbrhd.shape

**\${METPLUS\_NBRHD\_WIDTH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH</i>	nbrhd.width

**\${METPLUS\_NBRHD\_COV\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_COV_THRESH</i>	nbrhd.cov_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX</i>	output_prefix

**\${METPLUS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>GRID_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i>	n/a

**\${METPLUS\_CLIMO\_CDF\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_BINS</i>	climo_cdf.cdf_bins
<i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_CENTER_BINS</i>	climo_cdf.center_bins
<i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_WRITE_BINS</i>	climo_cdf.write_bins

**\${METPLUS\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_DICT}**



METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_FHO</i></a>	output_flag.fho
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC</i></a>	output_flag.ctc
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS</i></a>	output_flag.cts
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTC</i></a>	output_flag.mctc
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTS</i></a>	output_flag.mcts
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CNT</i></a>	output_flag.cnt
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2</i></a>	output_flag.sl1l2
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SAL1L2</i></a>	output_flag.sal1l2
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VL1L2</i></a>	output_flag.vl1l2
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VAL1L2</i></a>	output_flag.val1l2
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VCNT</i></a>	output_flag.vcnt
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PCT</i></a>	output_flag.pct
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PSTD</i></a>	output_flag.pstd
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PJC</i></a>	output_flag.pjc
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PRC</i></a>	output_flag.prc
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECLV</i></a>	output_flag.eclv
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_NBRCTC</i></a>	output_flag.nbrctc
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_NBRCTS</i></a>	output_flag.nbrcts
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_NBRCNT</i></a>	output_flag.nbrcnt
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_GRAD</i></a>	output_flag.grad
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_DMAP</i></a>	output_flag.dmap

**\${METPLUS\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.latlon
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.raw
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.diff
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.climo
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO_CDP</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.climo_cdp
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_WEIGHT</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.weight
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_NBRHD</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.nbrhd
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FOURIER</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.fourier
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_GRADIENT</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.gradient
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DISTANCE_MAP</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.distance_map
<a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.apply_mask

**\${METPLUS\_INTERP\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>GRID_STAT_INTERP_FIELD</i>	interp.field
<i>GRID_STAT_INTERP_VLD_THRESH</i>	interp.vld_thresh
<i>GRID_STAT_INTERP_SHAPE</i>	interp.shape
<i>GRID_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_METHOD</i>	interp.type.method
<i>GRID_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_WIDTH</i>	interp.type.width

**`${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME</i>	nc_pairs_var_name

**`${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>GRID_STAT_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG</i>	grid_weight_flag

## 4.10 MakePlots

### 4.10.1 Description

The MakePlots wrapper creates various statistical plots using python scripts for the various METplus Wrappers use cases. This can only be run following StatAnalysis wrapper when `LOOP_ORDER = processes`. To run MakePlots wrapper, include MakePlots in `PROCESS_LIST`.

### 4.10.2 METplus Configuration

The following values **must** be defined in the METplus Wrappers configuration file:

*MAKE\_PLOTS\_SCRIPTS\_DIR*  
*MAKE\_PLOTS\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*MAKE\_PLOTS\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*MAKE\_PLOTS\_VERIF\_CASE*  
*MAKE\_PLOTS\_VERIF\_TYPE*  
*DATE\_TYPE*  
*MODEL*<n>  
*MODEL*<n>\_OBTTYPE  
*MODEL*<n>\_REFERENCE\_NAME  
*GROUP\_LIST\_ITEMS*  
*LOOP\_LIST\_ITEMS*  
*MODEL\_LIST*

*FCST\_LEAD\_LIST*  
*VX\_MASK\_LIST*  
*LINE\_TYPE\_LIST*  
*MAKE\_PLOTS\_AVERAGE\_METHOD*  
*MAKE\_PLOTS\_STATS\_LIST*  
*MAKE\_PLOTS\_CI\_METHOD*  
*MAKE\_PLOTS\_VERIF\_GRID*  
*MAKE\_PLOTS\_EVENT\_EQUALIZATION*

The following values are **optional** in the METplus Wrappers configuration file:

*VAR<n>\_FOURIER\_DECOMP*  
*VAR<n>\_WAVE\_NUM\_LIST*  
*FCST\_VALID\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*OBS\_VALID\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*FCST\_INIT\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*OBS\_INIT\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*OBS\_LEAD\_LIST*  
*DESC\_LIST*  
*INTERP\_MTHD\_LIST*  
*INTERP\_PNTS\_LIST*  
*COV\_THRESH\_LIST*  
*ALPHA\_LIST*

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*PLOTTING\_SCRIPTS\_DIR*  
*STAT\_FILES\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*PLOTTING\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*VERIF\_CASE*  
*VERIF\_TYPE*  
*PLOT\_TIME*  
*MODEL<n>\_NAME*  
*MODEL<n>\_OBS\_NAME*  
*MODEL<n>\_NAME\_ON\_PLOT*

```
VALID_HOUR_METHOD  
VALID_HOUR_BEG  
VALID_HOUR_END  
VALID_HOUR_INCREMENT  
INIT_HOUR_BEG  
INIT_HOUR_END  
INIT_HOUR_INCREMENT  
REGION_LIST  
LEAD_LIST  
LINE_TYPE  
INTERP  
PLOT_STATS_LIST  
CI_METHOD  
VERIF_GRID  
EVENT_EQUALIZATION
```

## 4.11 METdbLoad

### 4.11.1 Description

Used to call the `met_db_load.py` script from `dtcenter/METdatadb` to load MET output into a METviewer database.

### 4.11.2 METplus Configuration

```
MET_DB_LOAD_RUNTIME_FREQ  
MET_DATA_DB_DIR  
MET_DB_LOAD_XML_FILE  
MET_DB_LOAD_REMOVE_TMP_XML  
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_HOST  
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_DATABASE  
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_USER  
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_PASSWORD  
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_VERBOSE  
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_INSERT_SIZE  
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_MODE_HEADER_DB_CHECK  
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_DROP_INDEXES  
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_APPLY_INDEXES  
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_GROUP
```

[MET\\_DB\\_LOAD\\_MV\\_LOAD\\_STAT](#)  
[MET\\_DB\\_LOAD\\_MV\\_LOAD\\_MODE](#)  
[MET\\_DB\\_LOAD\\_MV\\_LOAD\\_MTD](#)  
[MET\\_DB\\_LOAD\\_MV\\_LOAD\\_MPR](#)  
[MET\\_DB\\_LOAD\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)

### 4.11.3 XML Configuration

Below is the XML template configuration file used for this wrapper. The wrapper substitutes values from the METplus configuration file into this configuration file. While it may appear that environment variables are used in the XML template file, they are not actually environment variables. The wrapper searches for these strings and substitutes the values as appropriate.

```

<load_spec>
  <connection>
    <host>${METPLUS_MV_HOST}</host>
    <database>${METPLUS_MV_DATABASE}</database>
    <user>${METPLUS_MV_USER}</user>
    <password>${METPLUS_MV_PASSWORD}</password>
  </connection>

  <verbose>${METPLUS_MV_VERBOSE}</verbose>
  <insert_size>${METPLUS_MV_INSERT_SIZE}</insert_size>
  <mode_header_db_check>${METPLUS_MV_MODE_HEADER_DB_CHECK}</mode_header_db_check>
  <drop_indexes>${METPLUS_MV_DROP_INDEXES}</drop_indexes>
  <apply_indexes>${METPLUS_MV_APPLY_INDEXES}</apply_indexes>
  <group>${METPLUS_MV_GROUP}</group>
  <load_stat>${METPLUS_MV_LOAD_STAT}</load_stat>
  <load_mode>${METPLUS_MV_LOAD_MODE}</load_mode>
  <load_mtd>${METPLUS_MV_LOAD_MTD}</load_mtd>
  <load_mpr>${METPLUS_MV_LOAD_MPR}</load_mpr>

  <folder_tmpl>{dirs}</folder_tmpl>
  <load_val>
    <field name="dirs">
      ${METPLUS_INPUT_PATHS}
    </field>
  </load_val>
</load_spec>

```

**`${METPLUS_MV_HOST}`**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#">MET_DB_LOAD_MV_HOST</a>	<load_spec> <connection> <host>

**`${METPLUS_MV_DATABASE}`**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#">MET_DB_LOAD_MV_DATABASE</a>	<load_spec> <connection> <database>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_USER}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_USER</i></a>	<load_spec> <connection> <user>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_PASSWORD}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_PASSWORD</i></a>	<load_spec> <connection> <password>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_VERBOSE}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_VERBOSE</i></a>	<load_spec> <verbose>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_INSERT\_SIZE}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_INSERT_SIZE</i></a>	<load_spec> <insert_size>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_MODE\_HEADER\_DB\_CHECK}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_MODE_HEADER_DB_CHECK</i></a>	<load_spec> <mode_header_db_check>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_DROP\_INDEXES}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_DROP_INDEXES</i></a>	<load_spec> <drop_indexes>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_APPLY\_INDEXES}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_APPLY_INDEXES</i></a>	<load_spec> <apply_indexes>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_GROUP}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_GROUP</i></a>	<load_spec> <group>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_LOAD\_STAT}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_LOAD_STAT</i></a>	<load_spec> <load_stat>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_LOAD\_MODE}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_LOAD_MODE</i></a>	<load_spec> <load_mode>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_LOAD\_MTD}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_LOAD_MTD</i></a>	<load_spec> <load_mtd>

**\${METPLUS\_MV\_LOAD\_MPR}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_MV_LOAD_MPR</i></a>	<load_spec> <load_mpr>

**\${METPLUS\_INPUT\_PATHS}**

METplus Config(s)	XML Config File
<a href="#"><i>MET_DB_LOAD_INPUT_TEMPLATE</i></a>	<load_val> <field name="dirs"> <val>

## 4.12 MODE

### 4.12.1 Description

Used to configure the MET Method for Object-based Diagnostic Evaluation tool mode.

### 4.12.2 METplus Configuration

[\*FCST\\_MODE\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#)

[\*OBS\\_MODE\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#)

[\*MODE\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR\*](#)

[\*FCST\\_MODE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)

[\*OBS\\_MODE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)

[\*MODE\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)

[\*MODE\\_VERIFICATION\\_MASK\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)

[\*LOG\\_MODE\\_VERBOSITY\*](#)

[\*MODE\\_OUTPUT\\_PREFIX\*](#)

[\*MODE\\_REGRID\\_TO\\_GRID\*](#)

[\*MODE\\_REGRID\\_METHOD\*](#)

[\*MODE\\_REGRID\\_WIDTH\*](#)

[\*MODE\\_REGRID\\_VLD\\_THRESH\*](#)

MODE\_REGRID\_SHAPE  
MODE\_CONFIG\_FILE  
FCST\_MODE\_INPUT\_DATATYPE  
OBS\_MODE\_INPUT\_DATATYPE  
MODE\_QUILT  
MODE\_CONV\_RADIUS  
FCST\_MODE\_CONV\_RADIUS  
OBS\_MODE\_CONV\_RADIUS  
MODE\_CONV\_THRESH  
FCST\_MODE\_CONV\_THRESH  
OBS\_MODE\_CONV\_THRESH  
MODE\_MERGE\_THRESH  
FCST\_MODE\_MERGE\_THRESH  
OBS\_MODE\_MERGE\_THRESH  
MODE\_MERGE\_FLAG  
FCST\_MODE\_MERGE\_FLAG  
OBS\_MODE\_MERGE\_FLAG  
MODE\_MERGE\_CONFIG\_FILE  
FCST\_MODE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN  
FCST\_MODE\_WINDOW\_END  
OBS\_MODE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN  
OBS\_MODE\_WINDOW\_END  
FCST\_MODE\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN  
FCST\_MODE\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END  
OBS\_MODE\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN  
OBS\_MODE\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END  
MODE\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST  
MODE\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS  
MODE\_DESC  
MODE\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES  
MODE\_WEIGHT\_CENTROID\_DIST  
MODE\_WEIGHT\_BOUNDARY\_DIST  
MODE\_WEIGHT\_CONVEX\_HULL\_DIST  
MODE\_WEIGHT\_ANGLE\_DIFF  
MODE\_WEIGHT\_ASPECT\_DIFF  
MODE\_WEIGHT\_AREA\_RATIO  
MODE\_WEIGHT\_INT\_AREA\_RATIO  
MODE\_WEIGHT\_CURVATURE\_RATIO  
MODE\_WEIGHT\_COMPLEXITY\_RATIO  
MODE\_WEIGHT\_INTEN\_PERC\_RATIO  
MODE\_WEIGHT\_INTEN\_PERC\_VALUE



*MODE\_MASK\_GRID*  
*MODE\_MASK\_GRID\_FLAG*  
*MODE\_MASK\_POLY*  
*MODE\_MASK\_POLY\_FLAG*  
*MODE\_FCST\_FILTER\_ATTR\_NAME*  
*MODE\_FCST\_FILTER\_ATTR\_THRESH*  
*MODE\_FCST\_CENSOR\_THRESH*  
*MODE\_FCST\_CENSOR\_VAL*  
*MODE\_FCST\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*MODE\_OBS\_FILTER\_ATTR\_NAME*  
*MODE\_OBS\_FILTER\_ATTR\_THRESH*  
*MODE\_OBS\_CENSOR\_THRESH*  
*MODE\_OBS\_CENSOR\_VAL*  
*MODE\_OBS\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_LATLON*  
*MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_RAW*  
*MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_OBJECT\_RAW*  
*MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_OBJECT\_ID*  
*MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_CLUSTER\_ID*  
*MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_POLYLINES*  
*MODE\_MATCH\_FLAG*  
*MODE\_MAX\_CENTROID\_DIST*  
*MODE\_TOTAL\_INTEREST\_THRESH*  
*MODE\_INTEREST\_FUNCTION\_CENTROID\_DIST*  
*MODE\_INTEREST\_FUNCTION\_BOUNDARY\_DIST*  
*MODE\_INTEREST\_FUNCTION\_CONVEX\_HULL\_DIST*  
*FCST\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_NAME* (optional)  
*FCST\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS* (optional)  
*FCST\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_THRESH* (optional)  
*FCST\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS* (optional)  
*OBS\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_NAME* (optional)  
*OBS\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS* (optional)  
*OBS\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_THRESH* (optional)  
*OBS\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS* (optional)

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*MODE\_OUT\_DIR*

[MODE\\_CONFIG](#)

### 4.12.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/MODEConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// MODE configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Approximate grid resolution (km)
```

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```

//
// grid_res =
${METPLUS_GRID_RES}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Run all permutations of radius and threshold
//
${METPLUS_QUILT}

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_FLAG}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_FLAG}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Handle missing data
//
mask_missing_flag = BOTH;

//
// Match objects between the forecast and observation fields
//

```

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```
//match_flag =
${METPLUS_MATCH_FLAG}

//
// Maximum centroid distance for objects to be compared
//
//max_centroid_dist =
${METPLUS_MAX_CENTROID_DIST}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
//mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine weights
//
//weight = {
${METPLUS_WEIGHT_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions
//
interest_function = {

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_BOUNDARY_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CONVEX_HULL_DIST}

    angle_diff = (
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 30.0, 1.0 )
        ( 90.0, 0.0 )
    );

    aspect_diff = (
        ( 0.00, 1.0 )
        ( 0.10, 1.0 )
        ( 0.75, 0.0 )
    );

    corner    = 0.8;
    ratio_if = (
```

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```

        ( 0.0, 0.0 )
        ( corner, 1.0 )
        ( 1.0, 1.0 )
    );

    area_ratio = ratio_if;

    int_area_ratio = (
        ( 0.00, 0.00 )
        ( 0.10, 0.50 )
        ( 0.25, 1.00 )
        ( 1.00, 1.00 )
    );

    curvature_ratio = ratio_if;

    complexity_ratio = ratio_if;

    inten_perc_ratio = ratio_if;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//
//total_interest_thresh =
${METPLUS_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH}

//
// Interest threshold for printing output pair information
//
print_interest_thresh = 0.0;

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Plotting information
//
met_data_dir = "MET_BASE";

fcst_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

obs_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
}

```

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```

    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

object_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_obj.etable";
}

//
// Boolean for plotting on the region of valid data within the domain
//
plot_valid_flag = FALSE;

//
// Plot polyline edges using great circle arcs instead of straight lines
//
plot_gcarc_flag = FALSE;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// NetCDF matched pairs, PostScript, and contingency table output files
//
ps_plot_flag     = TRUE;

//nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

ct_stats_flag    = TRUE;

////////////////////////////////////

shift_right = 0;    // grid squares

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version         = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

**`${METPLUS_MODEL}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODEL</i></a>	model

**`${METPLUS_DESC}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_DESC</i></a>	desc

**\${METPLUS\_OBTYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBTYPE</i></a>	obtype

**\${METPLUS\_REGRID\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_REGRID_SHAPE</i></a>	regrid.shape
<a href="#"><i>MODE_REGRID_METHOD</i></a>	regrid.method
<a href="#"><i>MODE_REGRID_WIDTH</i></a>	regrid.width
<a href="#"><i>MODE_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#"><i>MODE_REGRID_TO_GRID</i></a>	regrid.to_grid

**\${METPLUS\_GRID\_RES}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_GRID_RES</i></a>	grid_res

**\${METPLUS\_QUILT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_QUILT</i></a>	quilt

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</i></a>	fcst.field.name
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</i></a>	fcst.field.level
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</i></a>	n/a

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**Note:** For more information on controlling the forecast field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

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**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_CONV\_RADIUS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_FCST_CONV_RADIUS</i></a>	fcst.conv_radius

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_CONV\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_FCST_CONV_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.conv_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_MERGE\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_FCST_MERGE_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.merge_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_MERGE\_FLAG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_FCST_MERGE_FLAG</i></a>	fcst.merge_flag

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</i></a>	fcst.field.name
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</i></a>	fcst.field.level
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</i></a>	n/a

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**Note:** For more information on controlling the observation field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

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**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_CONV\_RADIUS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_MODE_CONV_RADIUS</i></a>	obs.conv_radius

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_CONV\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_MODE_CONV_THRESH</i></a>	obs.conv_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_MERGE\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_MODE_MERGE_THRESH</i></a>	obs.merge_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_MERGE\_FLAG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_MODE_MERGE_FLAG</i></a>	obs.merge_flag



**\${METPLUS\_MASK\_POLY}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_MASK_POLY</i></a>	mask.poly

**\${METPLUS\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_OUTPUT_PREFIX</i></a>	output_prefix

**\${METPLUS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i></a>	n/a

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FILTER\_ATTR\_NAME}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME</i></a>	fcst.filter_attr_name

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FILTER\_ATTR\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.filter_attr_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_CENSOR\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.censor_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_CENSOR\_VAL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_FCST_CENSOR_VAL</i></a>	fcst.censor_val

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_VLD\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_FCST_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.vld_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FILTER\_ATTR\_NAME}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME</i></a>	obs.filter_attr_name

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FILTER\_ATTR\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH</i></a>	obs.filter_attr_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_CENSOR\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH</i></a>	obs.censor_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_CENSOR\_VAL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_OBS_CENSOR_VAL</i></a>	obs.censor_val

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_VLD\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_OBS_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	obs.vld_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_MASK\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_MASK_GRID</i></a>	mask.grid
<a href="#"><i>MODE_MASK_GRID_FLAG</i></a>	mask.grid_flag
<a href="#"><i>MODE_MASK_POLY</i></a>	mask.poly
<a href="#"><i>MODE_MASK_POLY_FLAG</i></a>	mask.poly_flag

**\${METPLUS\_MATCH\_FLAG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_MATCH_FLAG</i></a>	match_flag

**\${METPLUS\_WEIGHT\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_WEIGHT_CENTROID_DIST</i></a>	weight.centroid_dist
<a href="#"><i>MODE_WEIGHT_BOUNDARY_DIST</i></a>	weight.boundary_dist
<a href="#"><i>MODE_WEIGHT_CONVEX_HULL_DIST</i></a>	weight.convex_hull_dist
<a href="#"><i>MODE_WEIGHT_ANGLE_DIFF</i></a>	weight.angle_diff
<a href="#"><i>MODE_WEIGHT_ASPECT_DIFF</i></a>	weight.aspect_diff
<a href="#"><i>MODE_WEIGHT_AREA_RATIO</i></a>	weight.area_ratio
<a href="#"><i>MODE_WEIGHT_INT_AREA_RATIO</i></a>	weight.int_area_ratio
<a href="#"><i>MODE_WEIGHT_CURVATURE_RATIO</i></a>	weight.curvature_ratio
<a href="#"><i>MODE_WEIGHT_COMPLEXITY_RATIO</i></a>	weight.complexity_ratio
<a href="#"><i>MODE_WEIGHT_INTEN_PERC_RATIO</i></a>	weight.inten_perc_ratio
<a href="#"><i>MODE_WEIGHT_INTEN_PERC_VALUE</i></a>	weight.inten_perc_value

**\${METPLUS\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.latlon
<a href="#"><i>MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.raw
<a href="#"><i>MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_OBJECT_RAW</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.object_raw
<a href="#"><i>MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_OBJECT_ID</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.object_id
<a href="#"><i>MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLUSTER_ID</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.cluster_id
<a href="#"><i>MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_POLYLINES</i></a>	nc_pairs_flag.polylines

**\${METPLUS\_MAX\_CENTROID\_DIST}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_MAX_CENTROID_DIST</i></a>	max_centroid_dist

**\${METPLUS\_INTEREST\_FUNCTION\_CENTROID\_DIST}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST</i></a>	interest_function.centroid_dist

**\${METPLUS\_INTEREST\_FUNCTION\_BOUNDARY\_DIST}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_INTEREST_FUNCTION_BOUNDARY_DIST</i></a>	interest_function.boundary_dist

**\${METPLUS\_INTEREST\_FUNCTION\_CONVEX\_HULL\_DIST}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODE_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CONVEX_HULL_DIST</i></a>	interest_function.convex_hull_dist

**\${METPLUS\_TOTAL\_INTEREST\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>MODE_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH</i>	total_interest_thresh

## 4.13 MTD

### 4.13.1 Description

Used to configure the MET MODE Time Domain tool mtd. This tool follows objects through time and can also be used to track objects.

### 4.13.2 METplus Configuration

*FCST\_MTD\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*OBS\_MTD\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*MTD\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*FCST\_MTD\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*OBS\_MTD\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*MTD\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*MTD\_CONFIG\_FILE*  
*MTD\_MIN\_VOLUME*  
*MTD\_SINGLE\_RUN*  
*MTD\_SINGLE\_DATA\_SRC*  
*FCST\_MTD\_INPUT\_DATATYPE*  
*OBS\_MTD\_INPUT\_DATATYPE*  
*FCST\_MTD\_CONV\_RADIUS*  
*FCST\_MTD\_CONV\_THRESH*  
*OBS\_MTD\_CONV\_RADIUS*  
*OBS\_MTD\_CONV\_THRESH*  
*MTD\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*MTD\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*  
*MTD\_DESC*  
*MTD\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID*  
*MTD\_REGRID\_METHOD*  
*MTD\_REGRID\_WIDTH*  
*MTD\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*MTD\_REGRID\_SHAPE*  
*MTD\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*  
*FCST\_MTD\_VAR*<n>\_NAME (optional)  
*FCST\_MTD\_VAR*<n>\_LEVELS (optional)  
*FCST\_MTD\_VAR*<n>\_THRESH (optional)

*FCST\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS* (optional)

*OBS\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_NAME* (optional)

*OBS\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS* (optional)

*OBS\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_THRESH* (optional)

*OBS\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS* (optional)

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*MTD\_OUT\_DIR*

*MTD\_CONFIG*

*MTD\_SINGLE\_RUN\_SRC*

### 4.13.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/MTDConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// MODE Time Domain configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//

${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//

```

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```

${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//

${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//

grid_res = 4;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    censor_thresh    = [];
    censor_val       = [];
    conv_time_window = { beg = -1; end = 1; };
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}

}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    censor_thresh    = [];

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```

    censor_val      = [];
    conv_time_window = { beg = -1; end = 1; };
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

    //
    // Intensity percentile value to be written
    //

inten_perc_value = 99;

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

    //
    // Throw away 3D objects with volumes smaller than this
    //
    ${METPLUS_MIN_VOLUME}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

    //
    // Fuzzy engine weights
    //

weight = {

    space_centroid_dist = 1.0;

    time_centroid_delta = 1.0;

    speed_delta         = 1.0;

    direction_diff      = 1.0;

    volume_ratio         = 1.0;

    axis_angle_diff     = 1.0;

    start_time_delta    = 1.0;

    end_time_delta      = 1.0;

}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

    //
    // Fuzzy engine interest functions

```

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```
//  
  
interest_function = {  
  
    space_centroid_dist = (  
  
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
        ( 50.0, 0.5 )  
        ( 100.0, 0.0 )  
  
    );  
  
    time_centroid_delta = (  
  
        ( -3.0, 0.0 )  
        ( -2.0, 0.5 )  
        ( -1.0, 0.8 )  
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
        ( 1.0, 0.8 )  
        ( 2.0, 0.5 )  
        ( 3.0, 0.0 )  
  
    );  
  
    speed_delta = (  
  
        ( -10.0, 0.0 )  
        ( -5.0, 0.5 )  
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
        ( 5.0, 0.5 )  
        ( 10.0, 0.0 )  
  
    );  
  
    direction_diff = (  
  
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
        ( 90.0, 0.0 )  
        ( 180.0, 0.0 )  
  
    );  
  
    volume_ratio = (  
  
        ( 0.0, 0.0 )  
        ( 0.5, 0.5 )  
        ( 1.0, 1.0 )  
        ( 1.5, 0.5 )  
        ( 2.0, 0.0 )  
  
    );  
  
};
```

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```

axis_angle_diff = (
    ( 0.0, 1.0 )
    ( 30.0, 1.0 )
    ( 90.0, 0.0 )
);

start_time_delta = (
    ( -5.0, 0.0 )
    ( -3.0, 0.5 )
    ( 0.0, 1.0 )
    ( 3.0, 0.5 )
    ( 5.0, 0.0 )
);

end_time_delta = (
    ( -5.0, 0.0 )
    ( -3.0, 0.5 )
    ( 0.0, 1.0 )
    ( 3.0, 0.5 )
    ( 5.0, 0.0 )
);

} // interest functions

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//

total_interest_thresh = 0.7;

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output flags
//

nc_output = {
    latlon      = true;
    raw         = true;
    object_id   = true;
    cluster_id  = true;

```

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```

}

txt_output = {

    attributes_2d  = true;
    attributes_3d  = true;

}

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

**\${METPLUS\_MODEL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODEL</i></a>	model

**\${METPLUS\_DESC}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MTD_DESC</i></a>	desc

**\${METPLUS\_OBTYP}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBTYP</i></a>	obtype

**\${METPLUS\_REGRID\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MTD_REGRID_SHAPE</i></a>	regrid.shape
<a href="#"><i>MTD_REGRID_METHOD</i></a>	regrid.method
<a href="#"><i>MTD_REGRID_WIDTH</i></a>	regrid.width
<a href="#"><i>MTD_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#"><i>MTD_REGRID_TO_GRID</i></a>	regrid.to_grid

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FILE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>FCST_MTD_INPUT_DATATYPE</i></a>	fcst.file_type

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</i></a>	fcst.field.name
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</i></a>	fcst.field.level
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</i></a>	n/a

**Note:** For more information on controlling the forecast field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_CONV\_RADIUS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MTD_FCST_CONV_RADIUS</i></a>	fcst.conv_radius

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_CONV\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MTD_FCST_CONV_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.conv_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FILE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_MTD_INPUT_DATATYPE</i></a>	obs.file_type

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</i></a>	fcst.field.name
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</i></a>	fcst.field.level
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</i></a>	n/a

**Note:** For more information on controlling the observation field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_CONV\_RADIUS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MTD_OBS_CONV_RADIUS</i></a>	obs.conv_radius

**`${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MTD_OBS_CONV_THRESH</i></a>	obs.conv_thresh

**`${METPLUS_MIN_VOLUME}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MTD_MIN_VOLUME</i></a>	min_volume

**`${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MTD_OUTPUT_PREFIX</i></a>	output_prefix

**`${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MTD_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i></a>	n/a

## 4.14 PB2NC

### 4.14.1 Description

The PB2NC wrapper is a Python script that encapsulates the behavior of the MET pb2nc tool to convert prepBUFR files into netCDF.

### 4.14.2 METplus Configuration

[\*PB2NC\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#)

[\*PB2NC\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR\*](#)

[\*PB2NC\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)

[\*PB2NC\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)

[\*PB2NC\\_SKIP\\_IF\\_OUTPUT\\_EXISTS\*](#)

[\*PB2NC\\_OFFSETS\*](#)

[\*PB2NC\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE\*](#)

[\*PB2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE\*](#)

[\*PB2NC\\_MESSAGE\\_TYPE\*](#) (optional)

*PB2NC\_STATION\_ID* (optional)  
*PB2NC\_GRID* (optional)  
*PB2NC\_POLY*  
*PB2NC\_OBS\_BUFR\_VAR\_LIST* (optional)  
*PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_FLAG*  
*PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_BEG*  
*PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_END*  
*PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_VAR\_NAMES*  
*PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_TYPES*  
*PB2NC\_WINDOW\_BEGIN*  
*PB2NC\_WINDOW\_END*  
*PB2NC\_VALID\_BEGIN*  
*PB2NC\_VALID\_END*  
*PB2NC\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*PB2NC\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*  
*PB2NC\_PB\_REPORT\_TYPE*  
*PB2NC\_LEVEL\_RANGE\_BEG*  
*PB2NC\_LEVEL\_RANGE\_END*  
*PB2NC\_LEVEL\_CATEGORY*  
*PB2NC\_QUALITY\_MARK\_THRESH*

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*PREPBUFR\_DATA\_DIR*  
*PREPBUFR\_MODEL\_DIR\_NAME*  
*PREPBUFR\_DIR\_REGEX*  
*PREPBUFR\_FILE\_REGEX*  
*NC\_FILE\_TMPL*  
*PB2NC\_VERTICAL\_LEVEL*  
*OBS\_BUFR\_VAR\_LIST*  
*TIME\_SUMMARY\_FLAG*  
*TIME\_SUMMARY\_BEG*  
*TIME\_SUMMARY\_END*  
*TIME\_SUMMARY\_VAR\_NAMES*  
*TIME\_SUMMARY\_TYPES*  
*OVERWRITE\_NC\_OUTPUT*  
*VERTICAL\_LOCATION*

### 4.14.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/PB2NCConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// PB2NC configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// PrepBufr message type
//
${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values
// Derive PRMSL only for SURFACE message types
//
message_type_group_map = [
    { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ANYAIR"; val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
    { key = "ANYSFC"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ONLYSF"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; }
];

//
// Mapping of input PrepBufr message types to output message types
//
message_type_map = [];

//
// PrepBufr station ID
//
${METPLUS_STATION_ID}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observation time window
//
```

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${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observation retention regions
//
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observing location elevation
//
elevation_range = {
    beg = -1000;
    end = 100000;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observation types
//
//pb_report_type =
${METPLUS_PB_REPORT_TYPE}

in_report_type = [];

instrument_type = [];

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Vertical levels to retain
//
//level_range = {
${METPLUS_LEVEL_RANGE_DICT}

//level_category =
${METPLUS_LEVEL_CATEGORY}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// BUFR variable names to retain or derive.
// If empty, process all available variables.
//
${METPLUS_OBS_BUFR_VAR}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

```

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```
//
// Mapping of BUFR variable name to GRIB name. The default map is defined at
// obs_prepbufr_map. This replaces/extends the default map.
//
obs_bufr_map = [];

// This map is for PREPBUFR. It will be added into obs_bufr_map.
// Please do not override this map.
obs_prefbufr_map = [
    { key = "POB";    val = "PRES"; },
    { key = "QOB";    val = "SPFH"; },
    { key = "TOB";    val = "TMP"; },
    { key = "ZOB";    val = "HGT"; },
    { key = "UOB";    val = "UGRD"; },
    { key = "VOB";    val = "VGRD"; },
    { key = "D_DPT";  val = "DPT"; },
    { key = "D_WDIR"; val = "WDIR"; },
    { key = "D_WIND"; val = "WIND"; },
    { key = "D_RH";   val = "RH"; },
    { key = "D_MIXR"; val = "MIXR"; },
    { key = "D_PRMSL"; val = "PRMSL"; },
    { key = "D_PBL";  val = "PBL"; },
    { key = "D_CAPE"; val = "CAPE"; }
];

////////////////////////////////////

//quality_mark_thresh =
${METPLUS_QUALITY_MARK_THRESH}

event_stack_flag    = TOP;

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Time periods for the summarization
//
${METPLUS_TIME_SUMMARY_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

tmp_dir = "/tmp";
//version = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

**`${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_MESSAGE_TYPE</i></a>	message_type



**\${METPLUS\_STATION\_ID}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_STATION_ID</i></a>	station_id

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_WINDOW\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_WINDOW_BEGIN</i></a>	obs_window.beg
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_WINDOW_END</i></a>	obs_window.end

**\${METPLUS\_MASK\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_MASK_GRID</i></a>	mask.grid
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_MASK_POLY</i></a>	mask.poly

**Note:** Since the default value in the MET config file for 'grid' is grid = [ "FULL" ],, setting GRID\_STAT\_MASK\_GRID to an empty string will result in a value of grid = []; in the MET config file.

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_BUFR\_VAR}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_OBS_BUFR_VAR_LIST</i></a>	obs_buf_r_var

**\${METPLUS\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG</i></a>	time_summary.flag
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_RAW_DATA</i></a>	time_summary.raw_data
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_BEG</i></a>	time_summary.beg
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_END</i></a>	time_summary.end
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_STEP</i></a>	time_summary.step
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_WIDTH</i></a>	time_summary.width
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_GRIB_CODES</i></a>	time_summary.grib_code
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VAR_NAMES</i></a>	time_summary.obs_var
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_TYPES</i></a>	time_summary.type
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_FREQ</i></a>	time_summary.vld_freq
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_THRESH</i></a>	time_summary.vld_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i></a>	n/a

**\${METPLUS\_PB\_REPORT\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_PB_REPORT_TYPE</i></a>	pb_report_type

**\${METPLUS\_LEVEL\_RANGE\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_LEVEL_RANGE_BEG</i></a>	level_range.beg
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_LEVEL_RANGE_END</i></a>	level_range.end

**\${METPLUS\_LEVEL\_CATEGORY}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_LEVEL_CATEGORY</i></a>	level_category

**\${METPLUS\_QUALITY\_MARK\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>PB2NC_QUALITY_MARK_THRESH</i></a>	quality_mark_thresh

## 4.15 PCPCombine

### 4.15.1 Description

The PCPCombine wrapper is a Python script that encapsulates the MET PCPCombine tool. It provides the infrastructure to combine or extract from files to build desired accumulations.

### 4.15.2 METplus Configuration

[\*FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#)

[\*FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR\*](#)

[\*OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#)

[\*OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR\*](#)

[\*FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)

[\*FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)

[\*OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)

[\*OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)

[\*LOG\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_VERBOSITY\*](#)

[\*FCST\\_IS\\_PROB\*](#)

[\*OBS\\_IS\\_PROB\*](#)

[\*FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_ACCUMS\*](#)

*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_NAMES*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_LEVELS*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_OPTIONS*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_ACCUMS*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_NAMES*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_LEVELS*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_OPTIONS*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_DATATYPE*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_DATATYPE*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_RUN*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_RUN*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_METHOD*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_METHOD*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_MIN\_FORECAST*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_MIN\_FORECAST*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_MAX\_FORECAST*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_MAX\_FORECAST*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_BUCKET\_INTERVAL*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_BUCKET\_INTERVAL*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_CONSTANT\_INIT*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_CONSTANT\_INIT*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_STAT\_LIST*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_STAT\_LIST*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_DERIVE\_LOOKBACK*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_DERIVE\_LOOKBACK*  
*PCP\_COMBINE\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_DATA\_INTERVAL*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_DATA\_INTERVAL*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_TIMES\_PER\_FILE*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_TIMES\_PER\_FILE*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_IS\_DAILY\_FILE*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_IS\_DAILY\_FILE*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_COMMAND*  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_COMMAND*  
*PCP\_COMBINE\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_NAMES* (optional)  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_LEVELS* (optional)  
*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_OUTPUT\_NAMES* (optional)  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_NAMES* (optional)  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_LEVELS* (optional)  
*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_OUTPUT\_NAMES* (optional)

*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_ACCUM* (optional)

*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_NAME* (optional)

*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_ACCUM* (optional)

*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_NAME* (optional)

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*PCP\_COMBINE\_METHOD*

*FCST\_MIN\_FORECAST*

*FCST\_MAX\_FORECAST*

*OBS\_MIN\_FORECAST*

*OBS\_MAX\_FORECAST*

*FCST\_DATA\_INTERVAL*

*OBS\_DATA\_INTERVAL*

*FCST\_IS\_DAILY\_FILE*

*OBS\_IS\_DAILY\_FILE*

*FCST\_TIMES\_PER\_FILE*

*OBS\_TIMES\_PER\_FILE*

*FCST\_LEVEL*

*OBS\_LEVEL*

*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_LEVEL*

*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_LEVEL*

*FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_<n>\_FIELD\_NAME*

*OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_<n>\_FIELD\_NAME*

## 4.16 PlotDataPlane

### 4.16.1 Description

The PlotDataPlane wrapper is a Python script that encapsulates the MET `plot_data_plane` tool. It provides the infrastructure to read in any input that MET can read and plot them. This tool is often used to verify that the data is mapped to the correct grid location.

### 4.16.2 Configuration

*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_FIELD\_NAME*  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_FIELD\_LEVEL*  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_FIELD\_EXTRA*  
*LOG\_PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_VERBOSITY*  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_TITLE*  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_COLOR\_TABLE*  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_RANGE\_MIN\_MAX*  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_CONVERT\_TO\_IMAGE*  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*

## 4.17 Point2Grid

### 4.17.1 Description

The Point2Grid wrapper is a Python script that encapsulates the MET point2grid tool. It provides the infrastructure to read in point observations and place them on a grid

### 4.17.2 METplus Configuration

*POINT2GRID\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*POINT2GRID\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*POINT2GRID\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*POINT2GRID\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*POINT2GRID\_WINDOW\_BEGIN*  
*POINT2GRID\_WINDOW\_END*  
*POINT2GRID\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID*  
*POINT2GRID\_INPUT\_FIELD*  
*POINT2GRID\_INPUT\_LEVEL*  
*POINT2GRID\_QC\_FLAGS*  
*POINT2GRID\_ADP*  
*POINT2GRID\_REGRID\_METHOD*  
*POINT2GRID\_GAUSSIAN\_DX*  
*POINT2GRID\_GAUSSIAN\_RADIUS*  
*POINT2GRID\_PROB\_CAT\_THRESH*

*POINT2GRID\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*POINT2GRID\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*POINT2GRID\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*

## 4.18 PointStat

### 4.18.1 Description

The PointStat wrapper is a Python script that encapsulates the MET point\_stat tool. It provides the infrastructure to read in gridded model data and netCDF point observation data to perform grid-to-point (grid-to-obs) verification.

### 4.18.2 Configuration

*FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*POINT\_STAT\_VERIFICATION\_MASK\_TEMPLATE* (optional)  
*POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX*  
*LOG\_POINT\_STAT\_VERBOSITY*  
*POINT\_STAT\_OFFSETS*  
*FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_DATATYPE*  
*OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_DATATYPE*  
*POINT\_STAT\_CONFIG\_FILE*  
*MODEL*  
*POINT\_STAT\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID*  
*POINT\_STAT\_REGRID\_METHOD*  
*POINT\_STAT\_REGRID\_WIDTH*  
*POINT\_STAT\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*POINT\_STAT\_REGRID\_SHAPE*  
*POINT\_STAT\_GRID*  
*POINT\_STAT\_POLY*  
*POINT\_STAT\_STATION\_ID*  
*POINT\_STAT\_MESSAGE\_TYPE*  
*POINT\_STAT\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*POINT\_STAT\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*  
*POINT\_STAT\_DESC*  
*POINT\_STAT\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*

POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_BINS  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_CENTER\_BINS  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_WRITE\_BINS  
POINT\_STAT\_OBS\_QUALITY  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_FHO  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CTC  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CTS  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_MCTC  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_MCTS  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CNT  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_SL1L2  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_SAL1L2  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VL1L2  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VAL1L2  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VCNT  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PCT  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PSTD  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PJC  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PRC  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_ECNT  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_RPS  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_ECLV  
POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_MPR  
POINT\_STAT\_INTERP\_VLD\_THRESH  
POINT\_STAT\_INTERP\_SHAPE  
POINT\_STAT\_INTERP\_TYPE\_METHOD  
POINT\_STAT\_INTERP\_TYPE\_WIDTH  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FILE\_NAME  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FIELD  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_METHOD  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_WIDTH  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_SHAPE  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_MATCH\_MONTH  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_DAY\_INTERVAL  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_HOUR\_INTERVAL  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FILE\_NAME  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FIELD  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_METHOD  
POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_WIDTH

*POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_SHAPE*  
*POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD*  
*POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_MATCH\_MONTH*  
*POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_DAY\_INTERVAL*  
*POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_HOUR\_INTERVAL*  
*FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN* (optional)  
*FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_WINDOW\_END* (optional)  
*OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN* (optional)  
*OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_WINDOW\_END* (optional)  
*POINT\_STAT\_NEIGHBORHOOD\_WIDTH* (optional)  
*POINT\_STAT\_NEIGHBORHOOD\_SHAPE* (optional)  
*FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_NAME* (optional)  
*FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS* (optional)  
*FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_THRESH* (optional)  
*FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS* (optional)  
*OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_NAME* (optional)  
*OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS* (optional)  
*OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_THRESH* (optional)  
*OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS* (optional)  
*POINT\_STAT\_OBS\_VALID\_BEG* (optional)  
*POINT\_STAT\_OBS\_VALID\_END* (optional)

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*FCST\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*OBS\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*START\_HOUR*  
*END\_HOUR*  
*BEG\_TIME*  
*FCST\_HR\_START*  
*FCST\_HR\_END*  
*FCST\_HR\_INTERVAL*  
*OBS\_INPUT\_DIR\_REGEX*  
*FCST\_INPUT\_DIR\_REGEX*  
*FCST\_INPUT\_FILE\_REGEX*  
*OBS\_INPUT\_FILE\_REGEX*  
*OBS\_INPUT\_FILE\_TMPL*



```

FCST_INPUT_FILE_TMPL
REGRID_TO_GRID
CLIMO_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR
CLIMO_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE

```

### 4.18.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/PointStatConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Point-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid

```

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```
//
// regrid = {
// ${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

//
//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
//
// censor_thresh = [];
// censor_val     = [];
// cat_thresh     = [ NA ];
// cnt_thresh     = [ NA ];
// cnt_logic      = UNION;
// wind_thresh    = [ NA ];
// wind_logic     = UNION;
// eclv_points    = 0.05;
// rank_corr_flag = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
//
// fcst = {
//     ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
// }

//
// obs = {
//     ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
// }

//
//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//
// message_type =
// ${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
// sid_exc      = [];
// //obs_quality =
// ${METPLUS_OBS_QUALITY}
// duplicate_flag = NONE;
// obs_summary   = NONE;
// obs_perc_value = 50;

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
//
// message_type_group_map = [
//     { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
//     { key = "ANYAIR";  val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
//     { key = "ANYSFC";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
//     { key = "ONLYSF";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; },
// ]
```

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```

    { key = "LANDSF";  val = "ADPSFC,MSONET";          },
    { key = "WATERSF"; val = "SFCSHP";                }
];

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
// obs_window = {
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_SID}
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;

```

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```
n_rep      = 0;
rng        = "mt19937";
seed       = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// HiRA verification method
//
hira = {
  flag      = FALSE;
  width     = [ 2, 3, 4, 5 ];
  vld_thresh = 1.0;
  cov_thresh = [ ==0.25 ];
  shape     = SQUARE;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version     = "V10.0.0";

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

**`${METPLUS_MODEL}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODEL</i></a>	model

**`${METPLUS_DESC}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>DESC</i> -or- <i>POINT_STAT_DESC</i>	desc

**\${METPLUS\_REGRID\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>POINT_STAT_REGRID_SHAPE</i>	regrid.shape
<i>POINT_STAT_REGRID_METHOD</i>	regrid.method
<i>POINT_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH</i>	regrid.width
<i>POINT_STAT_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i>	regrid.vld_thresh
<i>POINT_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID</i>	regrid.to_grid

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</i>	fcst.field.name
<i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</i>	fcst.field.level
<i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</i>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</i>	n/a

**Note:** For more information on controlling the forecast field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</i>	fcst.field.name
<i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</i>	fcst.field.level
<i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</i>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</i>	n/a

**Note:** For more information on controlling the observation field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

**\${METPLUS\_MESSAGE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>POINT_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE</i>	message_type

**\${METPLUS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME</i></a>	climo_mean.file_name
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FIELD</i></a>	climo_mean.field
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_METHOD</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.method
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_WIDTH</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.width
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_SHAPE</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.shape
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD</i></a>	climo_mean.time_interp_method
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_MATCH_MONTH</i></a>	climo_mean.match_month
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_DAY_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_mean.day_interval
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_HOUR_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_mean.hour_interval

**\${METPLUS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME</i></a>	climo_stdev.file_name
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FIELD</i></a>	climo_stdev.field
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_METHOD</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.method
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_WIDTH</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.width
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_SHAPE</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.shape
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD</i></a>	climo_stdev.time_interp_method
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_MATCH_MONTH</i></a>	climo_stdev.match_month
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_DAY_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_stdev.day_interval
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_HOUR_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_stdev.hour_interval

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_WINDOW\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_WINDOW_BEGIN</i></a>	obs_window.beg
<a href="#"><i>OBS_WINDOW_END</i></a>	obs_window.end

**\${METPLUS\_MASK\_GRID}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_MASK_GRID</i></a>	mask.grid

**\${METPLUS\_MASK\_POLY}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_MASK_POLY</i></a>	mask.poly

**\${METPLUS\_MASK\_SID}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_MASK_SID</i></a>	mask.sid

**\${METPLUS\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX</i></a>	output_prefix

**\${METPLUS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i></a>	n/a

**\${METPLUS\_CLIMO\_CDF\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_BINS</i></a>	climo_cdf.cdf_bins
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_CENTER_BINS</i></a>	climo_cdf.center_bins
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_WRITE_BINS</i></a>	climo_cdf.write_bins

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_QUALITY}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OBS_QUALITY</i></a>	obs_quality

**\${METPLUS\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_FHO</i></a>	output_flag.fho
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC</i></a>	output_flag.ctc
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS</i></a>	output_flag.cts
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTC</i></a>	output_flag.mctc
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTS</i></a>	output_flag.mcts
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CNT</i></a>	output_flag.cnt
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2</i></a>	output_flag.sl1l2
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SAL1L2</i></a>	output_flag.sal1l2
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VL1L2</i></a>	output_flag.vl1l2
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VAL1L2</i></a>	output_flag.val1l2
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VCNT</i></a>	output_flag.vcnt
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PCT</i></a>	output_flag.pct
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PSTD</i></a>	output_flag.pstd
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PJC</i></a>	output_flag.pjc
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PRC</i></a>	output_flag.prc
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECNT</i></a>	output_flag.ecnt
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RPS</i></a>	output_flag.rps
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECLV</i></a>	output_flag.eclv
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MPR</i></a>	output_flag.mpr

**\${METPLUS\_INTERP\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_INTERP_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	interp.vld_thresh
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_INTERP_SHAPE</i></a>	interp.shape
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_METHOD</i></a>	interp.type.method
<a href="#"><i>POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_WIDTH</i></a>	interp.type.width

## 4.19 PyEmbedIngest

### 4.19.1 Description

Used to configure the PyEmbedIngest wrapper that runs RegridDataPlane to convert data using python embedding scripts into NetCDF so it can be read by the MET tools.



### 4.19.2 METplus Configuration

*PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_SCRIPT*  
*PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_TYPE*  
*PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_GRID*  
*PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_FIELD\_NAME*  
*PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*CUSTOM\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*CUSTOM\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*CUSTOM\_INGEST\_<n>\_SCRIPT*  
*CUSTOM\_INGEST\_<n>\_TYPE*  
*CUSTOM\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_GRID*

## 4.20 RegridDataPlane

### 4.20.1 Description

Used to configure the MET tool `regrid_data_plane` which can be used to change projections of a grid with user configurable interpolation choices. It can also be used to convert GRIB1 and GRIB2 files into netcdf files if desired.

### 4.20.2 METplus Configuration

*FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_TEMPLATE*  
*OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_TEMPLATE*

[FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_RUN](#)  
[OBS\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_RUN](#)  
[REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_SKIP\\_IF\\_OUTPUT\\_EXISTS](#)  
[REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_VERIF\\_GRID](#)  
[FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#)  
[OBS\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#)  
[REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_GAUSSIAN\\_DX](#)  
[REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_GAUSSIAN\\_RADIUS](#)  
[REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_WIDTH](#)  
[REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_METHOD](#)  
[REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#)  
[REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_ONCE\\_PER\\_FIELD](#)  
[FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_VAR<n>\\_INPUT\\_FIELD\\_NAME](#) (optional)  
[FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_VAR<n>\\_INPUT\\_LEVEL](#) (optional)  
[FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_VAR<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_FIELD\\_NAME](#) (optional)  
[OBS\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_VAR<n>\\_INPUT\\_FIELD\\_NAME](#) (optional)  
[OBS\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_VAR<n>\\_INPUT\\_LEVEL](#) (optional)  
[OBS\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_VAR<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_FIELD\\_NAME](#) (optional)

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

[VERIFICATION\\_GRID](#)

## 4.21 SeriesAnalysis

### 4.21.1 Description

The SeriesAnalysis wrapper is used to find files and build a command that calls the MET tool SeriesAnalysis. It can be configured to process ranges of inputs, i.e. once for all files, once for each forecast lead (using [, once for a group of forecast leads, once for each initialization time, etc.](#) with the [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_RUNTIME\\_FREQ](#) variable. Optionally, a .tcst file generated by TCStat can be provided to allow filtering by storm ID (see [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_RUN\\_ONCE\\_PER\\_STORM\\_ID](#)). Images of the output data can also optionally be generated as well as animated gif images (See [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_GENERATE\\_PLOTS](#) and [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_GENERATE\\_ANIMATIONS](#))

### 4.21.2 METplus Configuration

*LOG\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_VERBOSITY*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CONFIG\_FILE*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_RUNTIME\_FREQ*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_RUN\_ONCE\_PER\_STORM\_ID*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_BACKGROUND\_MAP*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_REGRID\_METHOD*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_REGRID\_WIDTH*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_REGRID\_SHAPE*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_STAT\_LIST*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_IS\_PAired*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_GENERATE\_PLOTS* (Optional)  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_GENERATE\_ANIMATIONS* (Optional)  
*PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_TITLE* (Optional)  
*LEAD\_SEQ\_<n>* (Optional)  
*LEAD\_SEQ\_<n>\_LABEL* (Optional)  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_DESC*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CAT\_THRESH*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_BLOCK\_SIZE*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CTS\_LIST*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*  
*FCST\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*OBS\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_TC\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*FCST\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*OBS\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_TC\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FILE\_NAME*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FIELD*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_METHOD*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_WIDTH*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_SHAPE*  
*SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD*

[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_MATCH\\_MONTH](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_DAY\\_INTERVAL](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_HOUR\\_INTERVAL](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_FILE\\_NAME](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_FIELD](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_REGRID\\_METHOD](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_REGRID\\_WIDTH](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_REGRID\\_VLD\\_THRESH](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_REGRID\\_SHAPE](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_TIME\\_INTERP\\_METHOD](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_MATCH\\_MONTH](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_DAY\\_INTERVAL](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_HOUR\\_INTERVAL](#)

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)  
[SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)

### 4.21.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/SeriesAnalysisConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Series-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh = [];
censor_val     = [];
${METPLUS_CAT_THRESH}
cnt_thresh     = [ NA ];
cnt_logic      = UNION;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

```

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```

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    grid = "";
    poly = "";
}

//
// Number of grid points to be processed concurrently. Set smaller to use
// less memory but increase the number of passes through the data.
//
${METPLUS_BLOCK_SIZE}

//
// Ratio of valid matched pairs to compute statistics for a grid point
//
${METPLUS_VLD_THRESH}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
output_stats = {
    fho    = [];
    ctc    = [];
    ${METPLUS_CTS_LIST}
    mctc   = [];
    mcts   = [];
    ${METPLUS_STAT_LIST}

```

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```

sl1l2 = [];
sal1l2 = [];
pct = [];
pstd = [];
pjc = [];
prc = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";
//version      = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

**\${METPLUS\_MODEL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODEL</i></a>	model

**\${METPLUS\_DESC}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>DESC</i></a> -or- <a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_DESC</i></a>	desc

**\${METPLUS\_OBTYP}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBTYP</i></a>	obtype

**\${METPLUS\_REGRID\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_SHAPE</i></a>	regrid.shape
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_METHOD</i></a>	regrid.method
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_WIDTH</i></a>	regrid.width
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_TO_GRID</i></a>	regrid.to_grid

**\${METPLUS\_CAT\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CAT_THRESH</i></a>	cat_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FILE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DATATYPE</i></a>	fcst.file_type

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</i></a>	fcst.field.name
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</i></a>	fcst.field.level
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</i></a>	n/a

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**Note:** For more information on controlling the forecast field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

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**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FILE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DATATYPE</i></a>	obs.file_type

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</i></a>	fcst.field.name
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</i></a>	fcst.field.level
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_THRESH</i></a>	fcst.field.cat_thresh
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</i></a>	n/a

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**Note:** For more information on controlling the observation field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

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**\${METPLUS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_DICT}**



METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME</i></a>	climo_mean.file_name
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_FIELD</i></a>	climo_mean.field
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_METHOD</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.method
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_WIDTH</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.width
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_SHAPE</i></a>	climo_mean.regrid.shape
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD</i></a>	climo_mean.time_interp_method
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_MATCH_MONTH</i></a>	climo_mean.match_month
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_DAY_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_mean.day_interval
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_HOUR_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_mean.hour_interval

**\${METPLUS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME</i></a>	climo_stdev.file_name
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_FIELD</i></a>	climo_stdev.field
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_METHOD</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.method
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_WIDTH</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.width
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.vld_thresh
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_SHAPE</i></a>	climo_stdev.regrid.shape
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD</i></a>	climo_stdev.time_interp_method
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_MATCH_MONTH</i></a>	climo_stdev.match_month
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_DAY_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_stdev.day_interval
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_HOUR_INTERVAL</i></a>	climo_stdev.hour_interval

**\${METPLUS\_BLOCK\_SIZE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_BLOCK_SIZE</i></a>	block_size

**\${METPLUS\_VLD\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	vld_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_CTS\_LIST}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_CTS_LIST</i></a>	output_stats.cts

**\${METPLUS\_STAT\_LIST}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST</i></a>	output_stats.cnt

`${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}`

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>SERIES_ANALYSIS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i></a>	n/a

## 4.22 SeriesByInit

### 4.22.1 Description

Warning: This tool has been DEPRECATED. Please use SeriesAnalysis wrapper

## 4.23 SeriesByLead

### 4.23.1 Description

Warning: This tool has been DEPRECATED. Please use SeriesAnalysis wrapper

## 4.24 StatAnalysis

### 4.24.1 Description

The StatAnalysis wrapper encapsulates the behavior of the MET `stat_analysis` tool. It provides the infrastructure to summarize and filter the MET `.stat` files. StatAnalysis wrapper can be run in two different methods. First is to look at the STAT lines for a single date, to use this method set `LOOP_ORDER = times`. Second is to look at the STAT lines over a span of dates, to use this method set `LOOP_ORDER = processes`. To run StatAnalysis wrapper, include StatAnalysis in `PROCESS_LIST`.

### 4.24.2 METplus Configuration

The following values must be defined in the METplus Wrappers configuration file for running with `LOOP_ORDER = times`:

[\*STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR\*](#)  
[\*MODEL<n>\\_STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_DUMP\\_ROW\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)  
[\*MODEL<n>\\_STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_OUT\\_STAT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)  
[\*LOG\\_STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_VERBOSITY\*](#)  
[\*MODEL<n>\*](#)  
[\*MODEL<n>\\_OBTYPE\*](#)

*MODEL<n>\_STAT\_ANALYSIS\_LOOKIN\_DIR*  
*MODEL\_LIST*  
*GROUP\_LIST\_ITEMS*  
*LOOP\_LIST\_ITEMS*  
*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_CONFIG\_FILE*  
*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_JOB\_NAME*  
*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_JOB\_ARGS*  
*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*

The following values are **optional** in the METplus Wrappers configuration file for running with LOOP\_ORDER = times:

*DESC\_LIST*  
*FCST\_VALID\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*OBS\_VALID\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*FCST\_INIT\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*OBS\_INIT\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*FCST\_VAR\_LIST*  
*OBS\_VAR\_LIST*  
*FCST\_LEVEL\_LIST*  
*OBS\_LEVEL\_LIST*  
*FCST\_UNITS\_LIST*  
*OBS\_UNITS\_LIST*  
*FCST\_THRESH\_LIST*  
*OBS\_THRESH\_LIST*  
*FCST\_LEAD\_LIST*  
*OBS\_LEAD\_LIST*  
*VX\_MASK\_LIST*  
*INTERP\_MTHD\_LIST*  
*INTERP\_PNTS\_LIST*  
*ALPHA\_LIST*  
*COV\_THRESH\_LIST*  
*LINE\_TYPE\_LIST*  
*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*

The following values **must** be defined in the METplus Wrappers configuration file for running with LOOP\_ORDER = processes:

*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*LOG\_STAT\_ANALYSIS\_VERBOSITY*  
*DATE\_TYPE*  
*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_CONFIG\_FILE*  
*MODEL*<n>  
*MODEL*<n>\_OBTYP  
*MODEL*<n>\_STAT\_ANALYSIS\_LOOKIN\_DIR  
*MODEL*<n>\_REFERENCE\_NAME  
*GROUP\_LIST\_ITEMS*  
*LOOP\_LIST\_ITEMS*  
*MODEL\_LIST*  
*VX\_MASK\_LIST*  
*FCST\_LEAD\_LIST*  
*LINE\_TYPE\_LIST*

The following values are optional in the METplus Wrappers configuration file for running with LOOP\_ORDER = processes:

*VAR*<n>\_FOURIER\_DECOMP  
*VAR*<n>\_WAVE\_NUM\_LIST  
*FCST\_VALID\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*OBS\_VALID\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*FCST\_INIT\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*OBS\_INIT\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*OBS\_LEAD\_LIST*  
*DESC\_LIST*  
*INTERP\_MTHD\_LIST*  
*INTERP\_PNTS\_LIST*  
*COV\_THRESH\_LIST*  
*ALPHA\_LIST*

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_LOOKIN\_DIR*  
*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_OUT\_DIR*  
*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_CONFIG*

*VALID\_HOUR\_METHOD*  
*VALID\_HOUR\_BEG*  
*VALID\_HOUR\_END*  
*VALID\_HOUR\_INCREMENT*  
*INIT\_HOUR\_BEG*  
*INIT\_HOUR\_END*  
*INIT\_HOUR\_INCREMENT*  
*MODEL*  
*OBTYPE*  
*JOB\_NAME*  
*JOB\_ARGS*  
*FCST\_LEAD*  
*FCST\_VAR\_NAME*  
*FCST\_VAR\_LEVEL*  
*OBS\_VAR\_NAME*  
*OBS\_VAR\_LEVEL*  
*REGION*  
*INTERP*  
*INTERP\_PTS*  
*FCST\_THRESH*  
*COV\_THRESH*  
*LINE\_TYPE*  
*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_DUMP\_ROW\_TMPL*  
*STAT\_ANALYSIS\_OUT\_STAT\_TMPL*  
*PLOT\_TIME*  
*VERIF\_CASE*  
*VERIF\_TYPE*  
*MODEL<n>\_NAME*  
*MODEL<n>\_OBS\_NAME*  
*MODEL<n>\_NAME\_ON\_PLOT*  
*MODEL<n>\_STAT\_DIR*  
*REGION\_LIST*  
*LEAD\_LIST*

### 4.24.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/STATAAnalysisConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// STAT-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Filtering input STAT lines by the contents of each column
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}
${METPLUS_DESC}

${METPLUS_FCST_LEAD}
${METPLUS_OBS_LEAD}

${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_HOUR}

${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_HOUR}

${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_HOUR}

${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_HOUR}

${METPLUS_FCST_VAR}
${METPLUS_OBS_VAR}

${METPLUS_FCST_UNITS}
${METPLUS_OBS_UNITS}

${METPLUS_FCST_LEVEL}
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```

${METPLUS_OBS_LEVEL}

${METPLUS_OBTYP}

${METPLUS_VX_MASK}

${METPLUS_INTERP_MTHD}

${METPLUS_INTERP_PNTS}

${METPLUS_FCST_THRESH}
${METPLUS_OBS_THRESH}
${METPLUS_COV_THRESH}

${METPLUS_ALPHA}

${METPLUS_LINE_TYPE}

column = [];

weight = [];

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Array of STAT-Analysis jobs to be performed on the filtered data
//
${METPLUS_JOBS}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
out_alpha = 0.05;

boot = {
  interval = PCTILE;
  rep_prop = 1.0;
  n_rep    = 0;
  rng      = "mt19937";
  seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// WMO mean computation logic
//
wmo_sqrt_stats = [ "CNT:FSTDEV", "CNT:OSTDEV", "CNT:ESTDEV",
                  "CNT:RMSE",   "CNT:RMSFA",  "CNT:RMSOA",
                  "VCNT:FS_RMS", "VCNT:OS_RMS", "VCNT:RMSVE",

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```

                "VCNT:FSTDEV", "VCNT:OSTDEV" ];

wmo_fisher_stats = [ "CNT:PR_CORR", "CNT:SP_CORR",
                    "CNT:KT_CORR", "CNT:ANOM_CORR" ];

////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
vif_flag       = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";
//version      = "V10.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

**\${METPLUS\_MODEL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>MODEL</i>	model

**\${METPLUS\_DESC}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>DESC_LIST</i>	desc

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_LEAD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>FCST_LEAD_LIST</i>	fcst_lead

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_LEAD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>OBS_LEAD_LIST</i>	obs_lead

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_VALID\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST</i> and <i>VALID_BEG</i>	fcst_valid_beg

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_VALID\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST</i> and <i>VALID_END</i>	fcst_valid_end

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_VALID\_HOUR}**



METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST</i>	fcst_valid_hour

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_VALID\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>OBS_VALID_HOUR_LIST</i> and <i>VALID_BEG</i>	obs_valid_beg

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_VALID\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>OBS_VALID_HOUR_LIST</i> and <i>VALID_END</i>	obs_valid_end

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_VALID\_HOUR}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>OBS_VALID_HOUR_LIST</i>	obs_valid_hour

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_INIT\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>FCST_INIT_HOUR_LIST</i> and <i>INIT_BEG</i>	fcst_init_beg

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_INIT\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>FCST_INIT_HOUR_LIST</i> and <i>INIT_END</i>	fcst_init_end

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_INIT\_HOUR}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>FCST_INIT_HOUR_LIST</i>	fcst_init_hour

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_INIT\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>OBS_INIT_HOUR_LIST</i> and <i>INIT_BEG</i>	obs_init_beg

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_INIT\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>OBS_INIT_HOUR_LIST</i> and <i>INIT_END</i>	obs_init_end

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_INIT\_HOUR}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_INIT_HOUR_LIST</i></a>	obs_init_hour

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_VAR}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>FCST_VAR_LIST</i></a>	fcst_var

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_VAR}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_VAR_LIST</i></a>	obs_var

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_UNITS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>FCST_UNITS_LIST</i></a>	fcst_units

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_UNITS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_UNITS_LIST</i></a>	obs_units

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_LEVEL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>FCST_LEVEL_LIST</i></a>	fcst_lev

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_LEVEL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_LEVEL_LIST</i></a>	obs_lev

**\${METPLUS\_OBTYP}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODEL&lt;n&gt;_OBTYP</i></a>	obtype

**\${METPLUS\_VX\_MASK}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>VX_MASK_LIST</i></a>	vx_mask

**\${METPLUS\_INTERP\_MTHD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>INTERP_MTHD_LIST</i></a>	interp_mthd

**\${METPLUS\_INTERP\_PNTS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>INTERP_PNTS_LIST</i></a>	interp_pnts

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>FCST_THRESH_LIST</i></a>	fcst_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_OBS\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>OBS_THRESH_LIST</i></a>	obs_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_COV\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>COV_THRESH_LIST</i></a>	cov_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_ALPHA}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>ALPHA_LIST</i></a>	alpha

**\${METPLUS\_LINE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>LINE_TYPE_LIST</i></a>	line_type

**\${METPLUS\_JOBS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>STAT_ANALYSIS_JOB_NAME</i></a>	jobs

**\${METPLUS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>STAT_ANALYSIS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i></a>	n/a

## 4.25 TCGen

### 4.25.1 Description

The TCGen wrapper encapsulates the behavior of the MET `tc_gen` tool. The wrapper accepts track (Adeck or Bdeck) data and Genesis data.

### 4.25.2 METplus Configuration

*TC\_GEN\_TRACK\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*TC\_GEN\_TRACK\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*LOG\_TC\_GEN\_VERBOSITY*  
*TC\_GEN\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*TC\_GEN\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*  
*TC\_GEN\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*  
*TC\_GEN\_CONFIG\_FILE*  
*TC\_GEN\_INIT\_FREQ*  
*TC\_GEN\_VALID\_FREQ*  
*TC\_GEN\_FCST\_HR\_WINDOW\_BEGIN*  
*TC\_GEN\_FCST\_HR\_WINDOW\_END*  
*TC\_GEN\_MIN\_DURATION*  
*TC\_GEN\_FCST\_GENESIS\_VMAX\_THRESH*  
*TC\_GEN\_FCST\_GENESIS\_MSLP\_THRESH*  
*TC\_GEN\_BEST\_GENESIS\_TECHNIQUE*  
*TC\_GEN\_BEST\_GENESIS\_CATEGORY*  
*TC\_GEN\_BEST\_GENESIS\_VMAX\_THRESH*  
*TC\_GEN\_BEST\_GENESIS\_MSLP\_THRESH*  
*TC\_GEN\_OPER\_TECHNIQUE*  
*TC\_GEN\_FILTER\_<n>*  
*TC\_GEN\_DESC*  
*MODEL*  
*TC\_GEN\_STORM\_ID*  
*TC\_GEN\_STORM\_NAME*  
*TC\_GEN\_INIT\_BEG*  
*TC\_GEN\_INIT\_END*  
*TC\_GEN\_INIT\_INC*  
*TC\_GEN\_INIT\_EXC*

TC\_GEN\_VALID\_BEG  
TC\_GEN\_VALID\_END  
TC\_GEN\_INIT\_HOUR  
LEAD\_SEQ  
TC\_GEN\_VX\_MASK  
TC\_GEN\_BASIN\_MASK  
TC\_GEN\_DLAND\_THRESH  
TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_MATCH\_RADIUS  
TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_MATCH\_POINT\_TO\_TRACK  
TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_MATCH\_WINDOW\_BEG  
TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_MATCH\_WINDOW\_END  
TC\_GEN\_DEV\_HIT\_RADIUS  
TC\_GEN\_DEV\_HIT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN  
TC\_GEN\_DEV\_HIT\_WINDOW\_END  
TC\_GEN\_OPS\_HIT\_WINDOW\_BEG  
TC\_GEN\_OPS\_HIT\_WINDOW\_END  
TC\_GEN\_DISCARD\_INIT\_POST\_GENESIS\_FLAG  
TC\_GEN\_DEV\_METHOD\_FLAG  
TC\_GEN\_OPS\_METHOD\_FLAG  
TC\_GEN\_CI\_ALPHA  
TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_FHO  
TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CTC  
TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CTS  
TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_GENMPR  
TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_LATLON  
TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_FCST\_GENESIS  
TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_FCST\_TRACKS  
TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_FCST\_FY\_OY  
TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_FCST\_FY\_ON  
TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_BEST\_GENESIS  
TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_BEST\_TRACKS  
TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_BEST\_FY\_OY  
TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_BEST\_FN\_OY  
TC\_GEN\_VALID\_MINUS\_GENESIS\_DIFF\_THRESH  
TC\_GEN\_BEST\_UNIQUE\_FLAG  
TC\_GEN\_DLAND\_FILE  
TC\_GEN\_BASIN\_FILE  
TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_GRID

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

[TC\\_GEN\\_LEAD\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#)  
[TC\\_GEN\\_LEAD\\_WINDOW\\_END](#)  
[TC\\_GEN\\_OPER\\_GENESIS\\_TECHNIQUE](#)  
[TC\\_GEN\\_OPER\\_GENESIS\\_CATEGORY](#)  
[TC\\_GEN\\_OPER\\_GENESIS\\_VMAX\\_THRESH](#)  
[TC\\_GEN\\_OPER\\_GENESIS\\_MSLP\\_THRESH](#)  
[TC\\_GEN\\_GENESIS\\_RADIUS](#)  
[TC\\_GEN\\_GENESIS\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#)  
[TC\\_GEN\\_GENESIS\\_WINDOW\\_END](#)

### 4.25.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/TCGenConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```
////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// TC-Gen configuration file.  
//  
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README_TC file.  
//  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
//  
// ATCF file format reference:  
//   http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html  
//  
  
////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// Genesis event definition criteria.  
//  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
//  
// Model initialization frequency in hours, starting at 0.
```

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```

//
// init_freq =
${METPLUS_INIT_FREQ}

//
// Valid hour frequency to be analyzed in hours, starting at 0
//
// valid_freq =
${METPLUS_VALID_FREQ}

//
// Forecast hours to be searched for genesis events
//
// fcst_hr_window =
${METPLUS_FCST_HR_WINDOW_DICT}

//
// Minimum track duration for genesis event in hours.
//
// min_duration =
${METPLUS_MIN_DURATION}

//
// Forecast genesis event criteria. Defined as tracks reaching the specified
// intensity category, maximum wind speed threshold, and minimum sea-level
// pressure threshold. The forecast genesis time is the valid time of the first
// track point where all of these criteria are met.
//
// fcst_genesis =
${METPLUS_FCST_GENESIS_DICT}

//
// BEST track genesis event criteria. Defined as tracks reaching the specified
// intensity category, maximum wind speed threshold, and minimum sea-level
// pressure threshold. The BEST track genesis time is the valid time of the
// first track point where all of these criteria are met.
//
// best_genesis =
${METPLUS_BEST_GENESIS_DICT}

//
// Operational track technique name
//
// oper_technique =
${METPLUS_OPER_TECHNIQUE}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Track filtering options
// May be specified separately in each filter array entry.
//
////////////////////////////////////

```

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```
//  
// Array of dictionaries containing the track filtering options  
// If empty, a single filter is defined using the top-level settings.  
//  
// filter =  
${METPLUS_FILTER}  
  
//  
// Description written to output DESC column  
//  
// desc =  
${METPLUS_DESC}  
  
//  
// Forecast ATCF ID's  
// If empty, all ATCF ID's found will be processed.  
// Statistics will be generated separately for each ATCF ID.  
//  
// model =  
${METPLUS_MODEL}  
  
//  
// BEST and operational track storm identifiers  
//  
// storm_id =  
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}  
  
//  
// BEST and operational track storm names  
//  
// storm_name =  
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}  
  
//  
// Forecast and operational initialization times to include or exclude  
//  
// init_beg =  
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}  
  
// init_end =  
${METPLUS_INIT_END}  
  
// init_inc =  
${METPLUS_INIT_INC}  
  
// init_exc =  
${METPLUS_INIT_EXC}  
  
//  
// Forecast, BEST, and operational valid time window  
//
```

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```

// valid_beg =
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}

// valid_end =
${METPLUS_VALID_END}

//
// Forecast and operational initialization hours
//
// init_hour =
${METPLUS_INIT_HOUR}

//
// Forecast and operational lead times in hours
//
// lead =
${METPLUS_LEAD}

//
// Spatial masking region (path to gridded data file or polyline file)
//
// vx_mask =
${METPLUS_VX_MASK}

//
// Spatial masking of hurricane basin names from the basin_file
//
// basin_mask =
${METPLUS_BASIN_MASK}

//
// Distance to land threshold
//
//dland_thresh =
${METPLUS_DLAND_THRESH}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Matching and scoring options
// May be specified separately in each filter array entry.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Genesis matching logic. Compare the forecast genesis point to all points in
// the Best track (TRUE) or the single Best track genesis point (FALSE).
//
//genesis_match_point_to_track =
${METPLUS_GENESIS_MATCH_POINT_TO_TRACK}

//
// Radius in km to search for a matching genesis event

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```

//
// genesis_match_radius =
${METPLUS_GENESIS_MATCH_RADIUS}

//
// Time window in hours, relative to the model genesis time, to search for a
// matching Best track point
//
//genesis_match_window = {
${METPLUS_GENESIS_MATCH_WINDOW_DICT}

//
// Radius in km for a development scoring method hit
//
// dev_hit_radius =
${METPLUS_DEV_HIT_RADIUS}

//
// Time window in hours for a development scoring method hit
//
// dev_hit_window =
${METPLUS_DEV_HIT_WINDOW_DICT}

// Time window in hours for the Best track genesis minus model initialization
// time difference for an operational scoring method hit
//
//ops_hit_window = {
${METPLUS_OPS_HIT_WINDOW_DICT}

//
// Discard genesis forecasts for initializations at or after the matching
// BEST track genesis time
//
// discard_init_post_genesis_flag =
${METPLUS_DISCARD_INIT_POST_GENESIS_FLAG}

//
// Scoring methods to be applied
//
//dev_method_flag =
${METPLUS_DEV_METHOD_FLAG}

// ops_method_flag =
${METPLUS_OPS_METHOD_FLAG}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Output options
// May be specified separately in each filter array entry.
//
////////////////////////////////////

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```

//
// Confidence interval alpha value
//
// ci_alpha =
${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}

//
// Statistical output types
//
// output_flag =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF genesis pair counts
//
// nc_pairs_flag =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

//
// Specify which track points should be counted by thresholding the track point
// valid time minus genesis time difference.
//
// valid_minus_genesis_diff_thresh =
${METPLUS_VALID_MINUS_GENESIS_DIFF_THRESH}

//
// Count unique BEST track genesis event locations (TRUE) versus counting the
// location for all pairs (FALSE).
//
// best_unique_flag =
${METPLUS_BEST_UNIQUE_FLAG}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Global settings
// May only be specified once.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
// dland_file =
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify the NetCDF file containing a gridded representation of the
// global basins.
//
// basin_file =
${METPLUS_BASIN_FILE}

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```
//  
// NetCDF genesis pairs grid  
//  
// nc_pairs_grid =  
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_GRID}  
  
//  
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.  
// The value should generally not be modified.  
//  
//version = "V10.0.0";  
  
${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_FREQ}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_INIT_FREQ</i></a>	init_freq

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_FREQ}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_VALID_FREQ</i></a>	valid_freq

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_HR\_WINDOW\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_FCST_HR_WINDOW_BEGIN</i></a>	fcst_hr_window.beg
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_FCST_HR_WINDOW_END</i></a>	fcst_hr_window.end

**\${METPLUS\_MIN\_DURATION}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_MIN_DURATION</i></a>	min_duration

**\${METPLUS\_FCST\_GENESIS\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_FCST_GENESIS_VMAX_THRESH</i></a>	fcst_genesis.vmax_thresh
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_FCST_GENESIS_MSLP_THRESH</i></a>	fcst_genesis.mslp_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_BEST\_GENESIS\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_TECHNIQUE</i>	best_genesis.technique
<i>TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_CATEGORY</i>	best_genesis.category
<i>TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_VMAX_THRESH</i>	best_genesis.vmax_thresh
<i>TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_MSLP_THRESH</i>	best_genesis.mslp_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_OPER\_TECHNIQUE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_GEN_OPER_TECHNIQUE</i>	oper_technique

**\${METPLUS\_FILTER}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_GEN_FILTER_&lt;n&gt;</i>	filter

**\${METPLUS\_DESC}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>DESC</i> -or- <i>TC_GEN_DESC</i>	desc

**\${METPLUS\_MODEL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>MODEL</i>	model

**\${METPLUS\_STORM\_ID}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_GEN_STORM_ID</i>	storm_id

**\${METPLUS\_STORM\_NAME}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_GEN_STORM_NAME</i>	storm_name

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_GEN_INIT_BEG</i>	init_beg

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_INIT_END</a>	init_end

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_INC}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_INIT_INC</a>	init_inc

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_EXC}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_INIT_EXC</a>	init_exc

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_VALID_BEG</a>	valid_beg

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_VALID_END</a>	valid_end

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_HOUR}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_INIT_HOUR</a>	init_hour

**\${METPLUS\_LEAD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">LEAD_SEQ</a>	lead

**\${METPLUS\_VX\_MASK}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_VX_MASK</a>	vx_mask

**\${METPLUS\_BASIN\_MASK}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_BASIN_MASK</a>	basin_mask

**\${METPLUS\_DLAND\_THRESH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_DLAND_THRESH</i></a>	dland_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_DEV\_HIT\_WINDOW\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_WINDOW_BEGIN</i></a>	dev_hit_window.beg
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_WINDOW_END</i></a>	dev_hit_window.end

**\${METPLUS\_GENESIS\_MATCH\_RADIUS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_RADIUS</i></a>	genesis_match_radius

**\${METPLUS\_GENESIS\_MATCH\_POINT\_TO\_TRACK}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_POINT_TO_TRACK</i></a>	genesis_match_point_to_track

**\${METPLUS\_GENESIS\_MATCH\_WINDOW\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_WINDOW_BEG</i></a>	genesis_match_window.beg
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_WINDOW_END</i></a>	genesis_match_window.end

**\${METPLUS\_DEV\_HIT\_RADIUS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_RADIUS</i></a>	dev_hit_radius

**\${METPLUS\_OPS\_HIT\_WINDOW\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_OPS_HIT_WINDOW_BEG</i></a>	ops_hit_window.beg
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_OPS_HIT_WINDOW_END</i></a>	ops_hit_window.end

**\${METPLUS\_DISCARD\_INIT\_POST\_GENESIS\_FLAG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_DISCARD_INIT_POST_GENESIS_FLAG</i></a>	discard_init_post_genesis_flag

**\${METPLUS\_DEV\_METHOD\_FLAG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_DEV_METHOD_FLAG</a>	dev_method_flag

**`${METPLUS_OPS_METHOD_FLAG}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_OPS_METHOD_FLAG</a>	ops_method_flag

**`${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_CI_ALPHA</a>	ci_alpha

**`${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_FHO</a>	output_flag.fho
<a href="#">TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC</a>	output_flag.ctc
<a href="#">TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS</a>	output_flag.cts
<a href="#">TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_GENMPR</a>	output_flag.genmpr

**`${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON</a>	nc_pairs_flag.latlon
<a href="#">TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_GENESIS</a>	nc_pairs_flag.fcst_genesis
<a href="#">TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_TRACKS</a>	nc_pairs_flag.fcst_tracks
<a href="#">TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_FY_OY</a>	nc_pairs_flag.fcst_fy_oy
<a href="#">TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_FY_ON</a>	nc_pairs_flag.fcst_fy_on
<a href="#">TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_GENESIS</a>	nc_pairs_flag.best_genesis
<a href="#">TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_TRACKS</a>	nc_pairs_flag.best_tracks
<a href="#">TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_FY_OY</a>	nc_pairs_flag.best_fy_oy
<a href="#">TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_FN_OY</a>	nc_pairs_flag.best_fn_oy

**`${METPLUS_VALID_MINUS_GENESIS_DIFF_THRESH}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_VALID_MINUS_GENESIS_DIFF_THRESH</a>	valid_minus_genesis_diff_thresh

**`${METPLUS_BEST_UNIQUE_FLAG}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_GEN_BEST_UNIQUE_FLAG</a>	best_unique_flag



**\${METPLUS\_DLAND\_FILE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_DLAND_FILE</i></a>	dland_file

**\${METPLUS\_BASIN\_FILE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_BASIN_FILE</i></a>	basin_file

**\${METPLUS\_NC\_PAIRS\_GRID}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_GRID</i></a>	nc_pairs_grid

**\${METPLUS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_GEN_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i></a>	n/a

## 4.26 TCMPRPlotter

### 4.26.1 Description

The TCMPRPlotter wrapper is a Python script that wraps the R script plot\_tmpr.R. This script is useful for plotting the calculated statistics for the output from the MET-TC tools. This script, and other R scripts are included in the MET installation. Please refer to the MET User's Guide for usage information.

### 4.26.2 METplus Configuration

[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_TCMPR\\_DATA\\_DIR\*](#)  
[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_PLOT\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR\*](#)  
[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_CONFIG\\_FILE\*](#)  
[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_PREFIX\*](#)  
[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_TITLE\*](#)  
[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_SUBTITLE\*](#)  
[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_XLAB\*](#)  
[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_YLAB\*](#)  
[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_XLIM\*](#)  
[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_YLIM\*](#)  
[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_FILTER\*](#)  
[\*TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_FILTERED\\_TCST\\_DATA\\_FILE\*](#)

*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_DEP\_VARS*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SCATTER\_X*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SCATTER\_Y*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SKILL\_REF*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SERIES*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SERIES\_CI*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_LEGEND*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_LEAD*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_PLOT\_TYPES*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_RP\_DIFF*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_DEMO\_YR*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_HFIP\_BASELINE*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_FOOTNOTE\_FLAG*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_PLOT\_CONFIG\_OPTS*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SAVE\_DATA*

The following are TCMPr flags, if set to 'no', then don't set flag, if set to 'yes', then set the flag

*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_NO\_EE*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_NO\_LOG*  
*TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SAVE*

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*TCMPR\_PLOT\_OUT\_DIR*  
*TITLE*  
*SUBTITLE*  
*XLAB*  
*YLAB*  
*XLIM*  
*YLIM*  
*FILTER*  
*FILTERED\_TCST\_DATA\_FILE*  
*DEP\_VARS*  
*SCATTER\_X*

*SCATTER\_Y*  
*SKILL\_REF*  
*SERIES*  
*SERIES\_CI*  
*LEGEND*  
*LEAD*  
*PLOT\_TYPES*  
*RP\_DIFF*  
*DEMO\_YR*  
*HFIP\_BASELINE*  
*FOOTNOTE\_FLAG*  
*PLOT\_CONFIG\_OPTS*  
*SAVE\_DATA*

## 4.27 TCPairs

### 4.27.1 Description

The TCPairs wrapper encapsulates the behavior of the MET `tc_pairs` tool. The wrapper accepts Adeck and Bdeck (Best track) cyclone track data in extra tropical cyclone format (such as the data used by sample data provided in the METplus tutorial), or ATCF formatted track data. If data is in an extra tropical cyclone (non-ATCF) format, the data is reformatted into an ATCF format that is recognized by MET.

### 4.27.2 METplus Configuration

*TC\_PAIRS\_ADECK\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_BDECK\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_EDECK\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_REFORMAT\_DIR*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_ADECK\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_BDECK\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_EDECK\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_CONFIG\_FILE*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_INIT\_INCLUDE*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_INIT\_EXCLUDE*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_READ\_ALL\_FILES*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_MODEL*

*TC\_PAIRS\_STORM\_ID*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_BASIN*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_CYCLONE*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_STORM\_NAME*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_DLAND\_FILE*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_MISSING\_VAL\_TO\_REPLACE*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_MISSING\_VAL*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_SKIP\_IF\_REFORMAT\_EXISTS*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_REFORMAT\_DECK*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_REFORMAT\_TYPE*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_DESC*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*ADECK\_TRACK\_DATA\_DIR*  
*BDECK\_TRACK\_DATA\_DIR*  
*TRACK\_DATA\_SUBDIR\_MOD*  
*TC\_PAIRS\_DIR*  
*TOP\_LEVEL\_DIRS*  
*MODEL*  
*STORM\_ID*  
*BASIN*  
*CYCLONE*  
*STORM\_NAME*  
*DLAND\_FILE*  
*TRACK\_TYPE*  
*ADECK\_FILE\_PREFIX*  
*BDECK\_FILE\_PREFIX*  
*MISSING\_VAL\_TO\_REPLACE*  
*MISSING\_VAL*  
*INIT\_INCLUDE*  
*INIT\_EXCLUDE*  
*INIT\_HOUR\_END*

### 4.27.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/TCPairsConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCF pairs configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// ATCF file format reference:
//   http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html
//

//
// Models
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Description
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Storm identifiers
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Basins
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Cyclone numbers
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//
// Storm names
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

```

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```
//
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Valid model time window
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}

//
// Model initialization hours
//
init_hour = [];

//
// Required lead time in hours
//
lead_req = [];

//
// lat/lon polylines defining masking regions
//
init_mask = "";
valid_mask = "";

//
// Specify if the code should check for duplicate ATCF lines
//
check_dup = FALSE;

//
// Specify special processing to be performed for interpolated models.
// Set to NONE, FILL, or REPLACE.
//
interp12 = REPLACE;

//
// Specify how consensus forecasts should be defined
//
consensus = [];

//
// Forecast lag times
//
lag_time = [];
```

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```
//
// CLIPER/SHIFOR baseline forecasts to be derived from the BEST
// and operational (CARQ) tracks.
//
best_technique = [ "BEST" ];
best_baseline  = [];
oper_technique = [ "CARQ" ];
oper_baseline  = [];

//
// Specify the datasets to be searched for analysis tracks (NONE, ADECK, BDECK,
// or BOTH).
//
only_track = BDECK;

//
// Specify if only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks be written out.
//
match_points = TRUE;

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify watch/warning information:
//   - Input watch/warning filename
//   - Watch/warning time offset in seconds
//
watch_warn = {
    file_name   = "MET_BASE/tc_data/wwpts-us.txt";
    time_offset = -14400;
}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V9.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

**\${METPLUS\_MODEL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODEL</i></a>	model

**\${METPLUS\_DESC}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>DESC</i> -or- <i>TC_PAIRS_DESC</i>	desc

**\${METPLUS\_STORM\_ID}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_PAIRS_STORM_ID</i>	storm_id

**\${METPLUS\_BASIN}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_PAIRS_BASIN</i>	basin

**\${METPLUS\_CYCLONE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_PAIRS_CYCLONE</i>	cyclone

**\${METPLUS\_STORM\_NAME}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_PAIRS_STORM_NAME</i>	storm_name

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_PAIRS_INIT_BEG</i>	init_beg

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_PAIRS_INIT_END</i>	init_end

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_INCLUDE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_PAIRS_INIT_INCLUDE</i>	init_inc

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_EXCLUDE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<i>TC_PAIRS_INIT_EXCLUDE</i>	init_exc



**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_PAIRS_VALID_BEG</i></a>	valid_beg

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_PAIRS_VALID_END</i></a>	valid_end

**\${METPLUS\_DLAND\_FILE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_PAIRS_DLAND_FILE</i></a>	dland_file

**\${METPLUS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_PAIRS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i></a>	n/a

## 4.28 TCRMW

### 4.28.1 Description

Used to configure the MET tool TC-RMW.

### 4.28.2 METplus Configuration

[\*TC\\_RMW\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#)  
[\*TC\\_RMW\\_DECK\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#)  
[\*TC\\_RMW\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR\*](#)  
[\*TC\\_RMW\\_DECK\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)  
[\*TC\\_RMW\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)  
[\*TC\\_RMW\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#)  
[\*LOG\\_TC\\_RMW\\_VERBOSITY\*](#)  
[\*TC\\_RMW\\_CONFIG\\_FILE\*](#)  
[\*TC\\_RMW\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE\*](#)  
[\*TC\\_RMW\\_REGRID\\_METHOD\*](#)  
[\*TC\\_RMW\\_REGRID\\_WIDTH\*](#)  
[\*TC\\_RMW\\_REGRID\\_VLD\\_THRESH\*](#)  
[\*TC\\_RMW\\_REGRID\\_SHAPE\*](#)

*TC\_RMW\_N\_RANGE*  
*TC\_RMW\_N\_AZIMUTH*  
*TC\_RMW\_MAX\_RANGE\_KM*  
*TC\_RMW\_DELTA\_RANGE\_KM*  
*TC\_RMW\_SCALE*  
*TC\_RMW\_STORM\_ID*  
*TC\_RMW\_BASIN*  
*TC\_RMW\_CYCLONE*  
*TC\_RMW\_STORM\_NAME*  
*TC\_RMW\_INIT\_INCLUDE*  
*TC\_RMW\_VALID\_BEG*  
*TC\_RMW\_VALID\_END*  
*TC\_RMW\_VALID\_INCLUDE\_LIST*  
*TC\_RMW\_VALID\_EXCLUDE\_LIST*  
*TC\_RMW\_VALID\_HOUR\_LIST*  
*TC\_RMW\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*  
*TC\_RMW\_DESC*  
*MODEL*  
*LEAD\_SEQ*  
*TC\_RMW\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*

### 4.28.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/TCRMWConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```
////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// TC-RMW configuration file.  
//  
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README_TC file.  
//  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
// The following environment variables set the text if the corresponding  
// variables are defined in the METplus config. If not, they are set to
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```
// and empty string, which will cause MET to use the value defined in the
// default configuration file.

${METPLUS_MODEL}

${METPLUS_STORM_ID}
${METPLUS_BASIN}
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}

${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_VALID_INCLUDE_LIST}
${METPLUS_VALID_EXCLUDE_LIST}

${METPLUS_VALID_HOUR_LIST}
${METPLUS_LEAD_LIST}

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];

//
// Data fields
//
data = {
    ${METPLUS_DATA_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_DATA_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Regridding options
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

//
// Range-Azimuth grid parameters
//
// The following environmmnet variables set the text if the corresponding
// variables at defined in the METplus config. If not, they are set to
// and empty string, which will cause MET to use the value defined in the
// default configuration file.

${METPLUS_N_RANGE}
${METPLUS_N_AZIMUTH}
${METPLUS_MAX_RANGE_KM}
${METPLUS_DELTA_RANGE_KM}
```

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```
${METPLUS_RM_W_SCALE}  
  
/////////////////////////////////////  
  
//version = "V10.0";  
  
/////////////////////////////////////  
  
${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

**\${METPLUS\_MODEL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>MODEL</i></a>	model

**\${METPLUS\_STORM\_ID}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RM_W_STORM_ID</i></a>	storm_id

**\${METPLUS\_BASIN}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RM_W_BASIN</i></a>	basin

**\${METPLUS\_CYCLONE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RM_W_CYCLONE</i></a>	cyclone

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_INCLUDE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RM_W_INIT_INCLUDE</i></a>	init_inc

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RM_W_VALID_BEG</i></a>	valid_beg

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RM_W_VALID_END</i></a>	valid_end

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_INCLUDE\_LIST}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_VALID_INCLUDE_LIST</i></a>	valid_inc

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_EXCLUDE\_LIST}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_VALID_EXCLUDE_LIST</i></a>	valid_exc

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_HOUR\_LIST}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_VALID_HOUR_LIST</i></a>	valid_hour

**\${METPLUS\_LEAD\_LIST}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>LEAD_SEQ</i></a>	lead

**\${METPLUS\_DATA\_FILE\_TYPE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_INPUT_DATATYPE</i></a>	data.file_type

**\${METPLUS\_DATA\_FIELD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>BOTH_VAR&lt;n&gt;_NAME</i></a>	data.field.name
<a href="#"><i>BOTH_VAR&lt;n&gt;_LEVELS</i></a>	data.field.level
<a href="#"><i>BOTH_VAR&lt;n&gt;_OPTIONS</i></a>	n/a

**Note:** For more information on controlling the field attributes in METplus, please see the [Field Info](#) (page 38) section of the User's Guide.

**\${METPLUS\_REGRID\_DICT}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_REGRID_SHAPE</i></a>	regrid.shape
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_REGRID_METHOD</i></a>	regrid.method
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_REGRID_WIDTH</i></a>	regrid.width
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_REGRID_VLD_THRESH</i></a>	regrid.vld_thresh

**\${METPLUS\_N\_RANGE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_N_RANGE</i></a>	n_range

**\${METPLUS\_N\_AZIMUTH}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_N_AZIMUTH</i></a>	n_azimuth

**\${METPLUS\_MAX\_RANGE\_KM}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_MAX_RANGE_KM</i></a>	max_range_km

**\${METPLUS\_DELTA\_RANGE\_KM}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_DELTA_RANGE_KM</i></a>	delta_range_km

**\${METPLUS\_RMW\_SCALE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_SCALE</i></a>	rmw_scale

**\${METPLUS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_RMW_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</i></a>	n/a

## 4.29 TCStat

### 4.29.1 Description

Used to configure the MET tool tc\_stat.

## 4.29.2 METplus Configuration

*TC\_STAT\_LOOKIN\_DIR*  
*TC\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_DIR*  
*TC\_STAT\_CONFIG\_FILE*  
*TC\_STAT\_JOB\_ARGS*  
*TC\_STAT\_AMODEL*  
*TC\_STAT\_BMODEL*  
*TC\_STAT\_DESC*  
*TC\_STAT\_STORM\_ID*  
*TC\_STAT\_BASIN*  
*TC\_STAT\_CYCLONE*  
*TC\_STAT\_STORM\_NAME*  
*TC\_STAT\_INIT\_BEG*  
*TC\_STAT\_INIT\_INCLUDE*  
*TC\_STAT\_INIT\_EXCLUDE*  
*TC\_STAT\_INIT\_HOUR*  
*TC\_STAT\_VALID\_BEG*  
*TC\_STAT\_VALID\_END*  
*TC\_STAT\_VALID\_INCLUDE*  
*TC\_STAT\_VALID\_EXCLUDE*  
*TC\_STAT\_VALID\_HOUR*  
*TC\_STAT\_LEAD\_REQ*  
*TC\_STAT\_INIT\_MASK*  
*TC\_STAT\_VALID\_MASK*  
*TC\_STAT\_VALID\_HOUR*  
*TC\_STAT\_LEAD*  
*TC\_STAT\_TRACK\_WATCH\_WARN*  
*TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_THRESH\_NAME*  
*TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_THRESH\_VAL*  
*TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_STR\_NAME*  
*TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_STR\_VAL*  
*TC\_STAT\_INIT\_THRESH\_NAME*  
*TC\_STAT\_INIT\_THRESH\_VAL*  
*TC\_STAT\_INIT\_STR\_NAME*  
*TC\_STAT\_INIT\_STR\_VAL*  
*TC\_STAT\_WATER\_ONLY*  
*TC\_STAT\_LANDFALL*  
*TC\_STAT\_LANDFALL\_BEG*  
*TC\_STAT\_LANDFALL\_END*  
*TC\_STAT\_MATCH\_POINTS*  
*TC\_STAT\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS*

*TC\_STAT\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES*  
*TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_STR\_EXC\_NAME*  
*TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_STR\_EXC\_VAL*  
*TC\_STAT\_INIT\_STR\_EXC\_NAME*  
*TC\_STAT\_INIT\_STR\_EXC\_VAL*

**Warning: DEPRECATED:**

*TC\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR*  
*TC\_STAT\_RUN\_VIA*  
*TC\_STAT\_CMD\_LINE\_JOB*  
*TC\_STAT\_JOBS\_LIST*

### 4.29.3 MET Configuration

Below is the wrapped MET configuration file used for this wrapper. Environment variables are used to control entries in this configuration file. The default value for each environment variable is obtained from (except where noted below):

[MET\\_INSTALL\\_DIR/share/met/config/TCStatConfig\\_default](#)

Below the file contents are descriptions of each environment variable referenced in this file and the corresponding METplus configuration item used to set the value of the environment variable. For detailed examples showing how METplus sets the values of these environment variables, see [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49).

```
////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// Default TCStat configuration file  
//  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
//  
// The parameters listed below are used to filter the TC-STAT data down to the  
// desired subset of lines over which statistics are to be computed. Only  
// those lines which meet ALL of the criteria specified will be retained.  
//  
// The settings that are common to all jobs may be specified once at the top  
// level. If no selection is listed for a parameter, that parameter will not  
// be used for filtering. If multiple selections are listed for a parameter,  
// the analyses will be performed on their union.  
//
```

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```

//
// Stratify by the AMODEL or BMODEL columns.
//
${METPLUS_AMODEL}
${METPLUS_BMODEL}

//
// Stratify by the DESC column.
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Stratify by the STORM_ID column.
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Stratify by the BASIN column.
// May add using the "-basin" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Stratify by the CYCLONE column.
// May add using the "-cyclone" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//
// Stratify by the STORM_NAME column.
// May add using the "-storm_name" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Stratify by the INIT times.
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
// May modify using the "-init_beg", "-init_end", "-init_inc",
// and "-init_exc" job command options.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Stratify by the VALID times.
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_VALID_INCLUDE}

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```

${METPLUS_VALID_EXCLUDE}

//
// Stratify by the initialization and valid hours and lead time.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_HOUR}
${METPLUS_VALID_HOUR}
${METPLUS_LEAD}

//
// Select tracks which contain all required lead times.
//
${METPLUS_LEAD_REQ}

//
// Stratify by the INIT_MASK and VALID_MASK columns.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_MASK}
${METPLUS_VALID_MASK}

//
// Stratify by checking the watch/warning status for each track point
// common to both the ADECK and BDECK tracks. If the watch/warning status
// of any of the track points appears in the list, retain the entire track.
//
${METPLUS_TRACK_WATCH_WARN}

//
// Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL}

//
// Stratify by performing string matching on non-numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_VAL}

//
// Stratify by excluding strings in non-numeric data columns.
//
//column_str_exc_name =
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_NAME}

//column_str_exc_val =
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_thresh options above
//
${METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_NAME}
```

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```

${METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_str options above
//
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_NAME}
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_str_exc options above
//
//init_str_exc_name =
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_NAME}

//init_str_exc_val =
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_VAL}

//
// Stratify by the ADECK and BDECK distances to land.
//
${METPLUS_WATER_ONLY}

//
// Specify whether only those track points occurring near landfall should be
// retained, and define the landfall retention window in HH[MMSS] format
// around the landfall time.
//
${METPLUS_LANDFALL}
${METPLUS_LANDFALL_BEG}
${METPLUS_LANDFALL_END}

//
// Specify whether only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks should be retained. May modify using the "-match_points" job command
// option.
//
${METPLUS_MATCH_POINTS}

//
// Array of TCStat analysis jobs to be performed on the filtered data
//
${METPLUS_JOBS}

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

**`${METPLUS_AMODEL}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_AMODEL</i></a>	amodel

**`${METPLUS_BMODEL}`**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_BMODEL</i></a>	bmodel

**\${METPLUS\_DESC}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_DESC</i></a>	desc

**\${METPLUS\_STORM\_ID}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_STORM_ID</i></a>	storm_id

**\${METPLUS\_BASIN}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_BASIN</i></a>	basin

**\${METPLUS\_CYCLONE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_CYCLONE</i></a>	cyclone

**\${METPLUS\_STORM\_NAME}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_STORM_NAME</i></a>	storm_name

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_BEG</i></a>	init_beg

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_END</i></a>	init_end

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_INCLUDE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_INCLUDE</i></a>	init_inc

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_EXCLUDE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_EXCLUDE</i></a>	init_exc

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_VALID_BEG</i></a>	valid_beg

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_VALID_END</i></a>	valid_end

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_INCLUDE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_VALID_INCLUDE</i></a>	valid_inc

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_EXCLUDE}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_VALID_EXCLUDE</i></a>	valid_exc

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_HOUR}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_HOUR</i></a>	init_hour

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_HOUR}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_VALID_HOUR</i></a>	valid_hour

**\${METPLUS\_LEAD}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_LEAD</i></a>	lead

**\${METPLUS\_LEAD\_REQ}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_LEAD_REQ</i></a>	lead_req

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_MASK}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_MASK</i></a>	init_mask

**\${METPLUS\_VALID\_MASK}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_VALID_MASK</i></a>	valid_mask

**\${METPLUS\_TRACK\_WATCH\_WARN}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_TRACK_WATCH_WARN</i></a>	track_watch_warn

**\${METPLUS\_COLUMN\_THRESH\_NAME}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME</i></a>	column_thresh_name

**\${METPLUS\_COLUMN\_THRESH\_VAL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL</i></a>	column_thresh_val

**\${METPLUS\_COLUMN\_STR\_NAME}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_NAME</i></a>	column_str_name

**\${METPLUS\_COLUMN\_STR\_VAL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_VAL</i></a>	column_str_val

**\${METPLUS\_COLUMN\_STR\_EXC\_NAME}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_EXC_NAME</i></a>	column_str_exc_name

**\${METPLUS\_COLUMN\_STR\_EXC\_VAL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_EXC_VAL</i></a>	column_str_exc_val

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_THRESH\_NAME}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_NAME</i></a>	init_thresh_name

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_THRESH\_VAL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_VAL</i></a>	init_thresh_val

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_STR\_NAME}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_STR_NAME</i></a>	init_str_name

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_STR\_VAL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_STR_VAL</i></a>	init_str_val

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_STR\_EXC\_NAME}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_STR_EXC_NAME</i></a>	init_str_exc_name

**\${METPLUS\_INIT\_STR\_EXC\_VAL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_INIT_STR_EXC_VAL</i></a>	init_str_exc_val

**\${METPLUS\_WATER\_ONLY}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_WATER_ONLY</i></a>	water_only

**\${METPLUS\_LANDFALL}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_LANDFALL</i></a>	landfall

**\${METPLUS\_LANDFALL\_BEG}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#"><i>TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG</i></a>	landfall_beg

**\${METPLUS\_LANDFALL\_END}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END</a>	landfall_end

**\${METPLUS\_MATCH\_POINTS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_STAT_MATCH_POINTS</a>	match_points

**\${METPLUS\_JOBS}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_STAT_JOBS_LIST</a>	jobs

**\${METPLUS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES}**

METplus Config(s)	MET Config File
<a href="#">TC_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES</a>	n/a

## 4.30 UserScript

### 4.30.1 Description

Used to generate user-defined commands to run in the process list. Commands can be run once, run once for each runtime (init/valid/lead combination) or once for init, valid, or lead only. The command to run is specified with the [USER\\_SCRIPT\\_COMMAND](#) variable. The command should include a script or executable and any desired arguments. The variable support filename template substitution to send information like the current initialization or forecast lead time. See [Runtime Frequency](#) (page 46) for more information on how the value of [USER\\_SCRIPT\\_RUNTIME\\_FREQ](#) can control how the commands are called.

### 4.30.2 METplus Configuration

[USER\\_SCRIPT\\_RUNTIME\\_FREQ](#)

[USER\\_SCRIPT\\_COMMAND](#)

[USER\\_SCRIPT\\_CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#)

[USER\\_SCRIPT\\_SKIP\\_TIMES](#)



## Chapter 5

# METplus Use Cases

### 5.1 MET tools

#### 5.1.1 ASCII2NC

##### 5.1.1.1 ASCII2NC: Using Python Embedding

`met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC_python_embedding.conf`

###### 5.1.1.1.1 Scientific Objective

None. Simply converting file formats so point observations can be read by the MET tools.

###### 5.1.1.1.2 Datasets

**Observations:** Precipitation accumulation observations in ASCII text files

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_test` sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of `INPUT_BASE`. See [Running METplus](#) (page 213) section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

#### 5.1.1.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus ASCII2NC wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool ASCII2NC.

#### 5.1.1.1.4 METplus Workflow

ASCII2NC is the only tool called in this example. It has one run time, but the time is not relevant because the files processed do not have any time information in the names.

#### 5.1.1.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC_python_embedding.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only ASCII2NC for this case
PROCESS_LIST = ASCII2NC

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 2010010112

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2010010112

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
```

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# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for ASCII2NC only
#LOG_ASCII2NC_VERBOSITY = 1

# MET Configuration file for ASCII2NC
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
ASCII2NC_CONFIG_FILE =

# If set to True, skip run if the output file determined by the output directory and
# filename template already exists
ASCII2NC_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = False

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
ASCII2NC_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
ASCII2NC_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# Time relative to each input file's valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) for data_
↳within the file to be
# considered valid.
ASCII2NC_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
ASCII2NC_WINDOW_END = 0

# Value to pass with the -format argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_INPUT_FORMAT = python

# Value to pass with the -mask_grid argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_MASK_GRID =

# Value to pass with the -mask_poly argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_MASK_POLY =

# Value to pass with the -mask_sid argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_MASK_SID =

# For defining the time periods for summarization
# False for no time summary, True otherwise
# The rest of the ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY variables are ignored if set to False
# See the MET User's Guide section regarding ASCII2NC time summary options for more information.
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG = False
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_RAW_DATA = False
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_BEG = 000000
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_END = 235959

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```
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_STEP = 300
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_WIDTH = 600
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_GRIB_CODES = 11, 204, 211
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VAR_NAMES =
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_TYPES = min, max, range, mean, stdev, median, p80
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_FREQ = 0
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_THRESH = 0.0

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to_
↳ the files
ASCII2NC_INPUT_DIR =
ASCII2NC_OUTPUT_DIR =

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to ASCII2NC relative to ASCII2NC_INPUT_DIR
ASCII2NC_INPUT_TEMPLATE = "{MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/python/read_ascii_point.py {INPUT_BASE}/met_
↳ test/data/sample_obs/ascii/sample_ascii_obs.txt"

# Template to use to write output from ASCII2NC
ASCII2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ascii2nc_python.nc
```

#### 5.1.1.1.6 MET Configuration

None. No MET configuration file for ASCII2NC is used in this case.

#### 5.1.1.1.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the input data. The Python script is stored in the MET repository:  
/path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read\_ascii\_point.py

[read\\_ascii\\_point.py](#)

#### 5.1.1.1.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in ASCII2NC\_python\_embedding.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC_python_
  ↳ embedding.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in ASCII2NC\_python\_embedding.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC_python_
  ↳ embedding.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.1.1.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/ASCII2NC (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- ascii2nc\_python.nc

#### 5.1.1.1.10 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-ASCII2NC.png'
```

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**Note:** [ASCII2NCToolUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.1.2 ASCII2NC: Using Python Embedding with MET\_PYTHON\_EXE

```
met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC_python_embedding_user_py.conf
```

##### 5.1.1.2.1 Scientific Objective

Simply converting file formats so point observations can be read by the MET tools through the use of a user-defined Python script and running in either a different environment than the MET build or using a package not currently a METplus dependency.

##### 5.1.1.2.2 Datasets

**Observations:** Precipitation accumulation observations in ASCII text files

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 217) section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

##### 5.1.1.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus ASCII2NC wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool ASCII2NC.

#### 5.1.1.2.4 METplus Workflow

ASCII2NC is the only tool called in this example. It has one run time, but the time is not relevant because the files processed do not have any time information in the names.

#### 5.1.1.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC_python_embedding_user_py.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only ASCII2NC for this case
PROCESS_LIST = ASCII2NC

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strptime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 2010010112

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2010010112

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
```

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# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for ASCII2NC only
#LOG_ASCII2NC_VERBOSITY = 1

# MET Configuration file for ASCII2NC
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
ASCII2NC_CONFIG_FILE =

# If set to True, skip run if the output file determined by the output directory and
# filename template already exists
ASCII2NC_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = False

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
ASCII2NC_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
ASCII2NC_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# Time relative to each input file's valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) for data_
↳within the file to be
# considered valid.
ASCII2NC_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
ASCII2NC_WINDOW_END = 0

# Value to pass with the -format argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_INPUT_FORMAT = python

# Value to pass with the -mask_grid argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_MASK_GRID =

# Value to pass with the -mask_poly argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_MASK_POLY =

# Value to pass with the -mask_sid argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_MASK_SID =

# For defining the time periods for summarization
# False for no time summary, True otherwise
# The rest of the ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY variables are ignored if set to False
# See the MET User's Guide section regarding ASCII2NC time summary options for more information.
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG = False
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_RAW_DATA = False
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_BEG = 000000
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_END = 235959
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_STEP = 300
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_WIDTH = 600
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_GRIB_CODES = 11, 204, 211
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VAR_NAMES =
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_TYPES = min, max, range, mean, stdev, median, p80

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ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_FREQ = 0
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_THRESH = 0.0

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to
↳ the files
ASCII2NC_INPUT_DIR =
ASCII2NC_OUTPUT_DIR =

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to ASCII2NC relative to ASCII2NC_INPUT_DIR
ASCII2NC_INPUT_TEMPLATE = "{MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/python/read_ascii_point.py {INPUT_BASE}/met_
↳ test/data/sample_obs/ascii/sample_ascii_obs.txt"

# Template to use to write output from ASCII2NC
ASCII2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ascii2nc_python_user.nc

[user_env_vars]
MET_PYTHON_EXE = python3

```

#### 5.1.1.2.6 MET Configuration

None. No MET configuration file for ASCII2NC is used in this case.

#### 5.1.1.2.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the input data. The Python script is stored in the MET repository:  
 /path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read\_ascii\_point.py

[read\\_ascii\\_point.py](#)

#### 5.1.1.2.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in ASCII2NC\_python\_embedding\_user\_py.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC_python_
↳ embedding_user_py.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `ASCII2NC_python_embedding_user_py.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC_python_
↪embedding_user_py.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.1.1.2.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- `ascii2nc_python_user.nc`

#### 5.1.1.2.10 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-ASCII2NC.png'
```

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**Note:** [ASCII2NCToolUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#), [MET\\_PYTHON\\_EXEUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.1.3 ASCII2NC: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC.conf

#### 5.1.1.3.1 Scientific Objective

None. Simply converting file formats so point observations can be read by the MET tools.

#### 5.1.1.3.2 Datasets

**Observations:** Precipitation accumulation observations in ASCII text files

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 223) section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

#### 5.1.1.3.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus ASCII2NC wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool ASCII2NC if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.1.3.4 METplus Workflow

ASCII2NC is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Valid:** 2010-01-01\_12Z

### 5.1.1.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only ASCII2NC for this case
PROCESS_LIST = ASCII2NC

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 2010010112

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2010010112

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for ASCII2NC only
#LOG_ASCII2NC_VERBOSITY = 1
```

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# MET Configuration file for ASCII2NC
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
ASCII2NC_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/Ascii2NcConfig_wrapped

# If set to True, skip run if the output file determined by the output directory and
# filename template already exists
ASCII2NC_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = False

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
ASCII2NC_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
ASCII2NC_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# Value to pass with the -format argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_INPUT_FORMAT =

# Value to pass with the -mask_grid argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_MASK_GRID =

# Value to pass with the -mask_poly argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_MASK_POLY =

# Value to pass with the -mask_sid argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_MASK_SID =

# For defining the time periods for summarization
# False for no time summary, True otherwise
# The rest of the ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY variables are ignored if set to False
# See the MET User's Guide section regarding ASCII2NC time summary options for more information.
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG = False
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_RAW_DATA = False
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_BEG = 000000
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_END = 235959
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_STEP = 300
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_WIDTH = 600
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_GRIB_CODES = 11, 204, 211
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VAR_NAMES =
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_TYPES = min, max, range, mean, stdev, median, p80
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_FREQ = 0
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_THRESH = 0.0

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to_
↳ the files
ASCII2NC_INPUT_DIR =
ASCII2NC_OUTPUT_DIR =

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```
# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to ASCII2NC relative to ASCII2NC_INPUT_DIR
ASCII2NC_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_obs/ascii/precip24_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.
↳ascii

# Template to use to write output from ASCII2NC
ASCII2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/ascii2nc/precip24_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.nc
```

### 5.1.1.3.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [ASCII2NC MET Configuration](#) (page 72) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default ascii2nc configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// The parameters listed below are used to summarize the ASCII data read in
//
//
// Time periods for the summarization
// obs_var (string array) is added and works like grib_code (int array)
// when the obs name is given instead of grib_code
//
${METPLUS_TIME_SUMMARY_DICT}

//
// Mapping of input little_r report types to output message types
//
message_type_map = [
  { key = "FM-12 SYNOP"; val = "ADPSFC"; },
  { key = "FM-13 SHIP"; val = "SFCSHP"; },
```

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{ key = "FM-15 METAR"; val = "ADPSFC"; },
{ key = "FM-18 BUOY"; val = "SFC SHP"; },
{ key = "FM-281 QSCAT"; val = "ASCATW"; },
{ key = "FM-32 PILOT"; val = "ADPUPA"; },
{ key = "FM-35 TEMP"; val = "ADPUPA"; },
{ key = "FM-88 SATOB"; val = "SATWND"; },
{ key = "FM-97 ACARS"; val = "AIRCFT"; }
];

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V10.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

#### 5.1.1.3.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in ASCII2NC.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC.conf -c /
↳ path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in ASCII2NC.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ASCII2NC/ASCII2NC.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.1.3.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `ascii2nc` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- `precip24_2010010112.nc`

#### 5.1.1.3.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [ASCII2NCToolUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-ASCII2NC.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.2 Cyclone Plotter

#### 5.1.2.1 CyclonePlotter: Basic Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/CyclonePlotter/CyclonePlotter.conf`

##### 5.1.2.1.1 Scientific Objective

Provide visualization of cyclone tracks on a global map (PlateCaree projection)

##### 5.1.2.1.2 Datasets

No datasets are required for running this use case. Only output from running the MET Tool `tc-pairs` or the METplus `tc pairs wrapper` is required.

##### 5.1.2.1.3 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

- `cartopy`
- `matplotlib`



#### 5.1.2.1.4 METplus Components

This use case does not utilize any MET tools

#### 5.1.2.1.5 METplus Workflow

CyclonePlotter is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2015-03-01\_12Z

#### 5.1.2.1.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/CyclonePlotter/CyclonePlotter.conf`

```
[dir]
## Dirs below used by cyclone_plotter_wrapper module.
# -----
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/tc_pairs
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/cyclone

[config]
# =====
PROCESS_LIST = CyclonePlotter

## Config options below used by cyclone_plotter_wrapper module.
# -----
##
#
# Specify the YMD of tracks of interest
#
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_INIT_DATE = 20150301

##
# only 00, 06, 12, and 18z init times are supported in NOAA website,
# so for consistency, these are the only options for METplus.
#
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_INIT_HR = 12 ;; hh format
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_MODEL = GFS0
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_PLOT_TITLE = Model Forecast Storm Tracks

##
# Indicate the size of symbol (point size)
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_CIRCLE_MARKER_SIZE = 2
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```
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_CROSS_MARKER_SIZE = 11

##
# Indicate text size of annotation label
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_ANNOTATION_FONT_SIZE = 3

##
# Resolution of saved plot in dpi (dots per inch)
# Set to 0 to allow Matplotlib to determine, based on your computer
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_RESOLUTION_DPI = 400

##
# Turn on/off the generation of an ASCII output file listing all the
# tracks that are in the plot. This can be helpful in debugging or verifying
# that what is plotted is consistent with the data.
#
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_GENERATE_TRACK_ASCII = yes

CYCLONE_PLOTTER_ADD_WATERMARK = False
```

#### 5.1.2.1.7 MET Configuration

No MET configuration is needed to run the cyclone plotter wrapper.

#### 5.1.2.1.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run as follows:

- 1) Passing in CyclonePlotter.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/CyclonePlotter/CyclonePlotter.
↪conf \
                -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in CyclonePlotter.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/CyclonePlotter/CyclonePlotter.
↪conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions

- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.2.1.9 Expected Output

A successful run will generate output to both the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Additionally, two output files are created. Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. TCPairs output for this use case will be found in cyclone/201503 (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain files with the following format:

- 20150301.txt
- 20150301.png

#### 5.1.2.1.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [CyclonePlotterUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.3 EnsembleStat

#### 5.1.3.1 EnsembleStat: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/EnsembleStat/EnsembleStat.conf

##### 5.1.3.1.1 Scientific Objective

To provide useful statistical information on the relationship between observation data (in both grid and point formats) to an ensemble forecast. These values can be used to help correct ensemble member deviations from observed values.

#### 5.1.3.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF ARW 24 hour precipitation accumulation

```
...met_test/data/sample_fcst/2009123112/  
    arw-fer-gep1/d01_2009123112_02400.grib  
    arw-fer-gep5/d01_2009123112_02400.grib  
    arw-sch-gep2/d01_2009123112_02400.grib  
    arw-sch-gep6/d01_2009123112_02400.grib  
    arw-tom-gep3/d01_2009123112_02400.grib  
    arw-tom-gep7/d01_2009123112_02400.grib
```

**Gridded Observation:** ST4 24 hour precipitation accumulation

```
met_test/data/sample_obs/ST4/sample_obs/ST4/ST4.2010010112.24h
```

**Point Observation:**

```
met_test/out/ascii2nc/precip24_2010010112.nc
```

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

The tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 239) section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

#### 5.1.3.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus EnsembleStat wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool EnsembleStat if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.3.1.4 METplus Workflow

EnsembleStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2009-12-31\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 24 hour

### 5.1.3.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/EnsembleStat/EnsembleStat.conf`

```
# Ensemble Stat
# This METplus conf file runs the MET met_test unit test ensemble_stat command.
#ensemble_stat \
#    6 \
#    /path/totrunk/met/data/sample_fcst/2009123112/*gep*/d01_2009123112_02400.grib \
#    /path/totrunk/met/scripts/config/EnsembleStatConfig \
#    -grid_obs /path/to/trunk/met/data/sample_obs/ST4/ST4.2010010112.24h \
#    -point_obs /path/to/MET_test_output/met_test_scripts/ascii2nc/precip24_2010010112.nc \
#    -outdir /path/to/MET_test_output/met_test_scripts/ensemble_stat \
#    -v 2
```

[config]

## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

PROCESS\_LIST = EnsembleStat

# Looping by times: steps through each 'task' in the PROCESS\_LIST for each  
# defined time, and repeats until all times have been evaluated.

LOOP\_ORDER = times

# LOOP\_BY: Set to INIT to loop over initialization times

LOOP\_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT\_BEG and INT\_END

INIT\_TIME\_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run

INIT\_BEG=2009123112

# End time for METplus run

INIT\_END=2009123112

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60

INIT\_INCREMENT=3600

# List of forecast leads to process

LEAD\_SEQ = 24

# Used in the MET config file for: model, output\_prefix

MODEL = WRF

ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_DESC = NA

# Name to identify observation data in output

OBTYPE = MC\_PCP

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#ENSEMBLE_STAT_DESC =

# The MET ensemble_stat logging level
# 0 quiet to 5 loud, Verbosity setting for MET ensemble_stat output, 2 is default.
# This takes precedence over the general LOG_MET_VERBOSITY set in metplus_logging.conf
#LOG_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VERBOSITY = 2

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_WINDOW_BEGIN = -5400
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_WINDOW_END = 5400

OBS_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
OBS_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# number of expected members for ensemble. Should correspond with the
# number of items in the list for FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_N_MEMBERS = 6

# ens.ens_thresh value in the MET config file
# threshold for ratio of valid files to expected files to allow app to run
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_THRESH = 1.0

# ens.vld_thresh value in the MET config file
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_VLD_THRESH = 1.0

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX =

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/EnsembleStatConfig_wrapped

# ENSEMBLE_STAT_MET_OBS_ERR_TABLE is not required.
# If the variable is not defined, or the value is not set
# than the MET default is used.
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_MET_OBS_ERR_TABLE =

# Used in the MET config file for: regrid to_grid field
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_METHOD = NEAREST
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 1
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_VLD_THRESH = 0.5
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_SHAPE = SQUARE

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CENSOR_THRESH =
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CENSOR_VAL =

ENSEMBLE_STAT_NBRHD_PROB_WIDTH = 5
ENSEMBLE_STAT_NBRHD_PROB_SHAPE = CIRCLE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_NBRHD_PROB_VLD_THRESH = 0.0

ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_VLD_THRESH = 0.0
ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_SHAPE = CIRCLE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_GAUSSIAN_DX = 81.27
ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_GAUSSIAN_RADIUS = 120

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ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_METHOD = GAUSSIAN
ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_WIDTH = 1

ENSEMBLE_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE = ADPSFC

ENSEMBLE_STAT_DUPLICATE_FLAG = NONE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_SKIP_CONST = False

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OBS_ERROR_FLAG = FALSE

ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_SSVAR_BIN_SIZE = 1.0
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_PHIST_BIN_SIZE = 0.05

#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FIELD =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_METHOD =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_WIDTH =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_SHAPE =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_MATCH_MONTH =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_DAY_INTERVAL = 31
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_HOUR_INTERVAL = 6

#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FIELD =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_METHOD =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_WIDTH =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_SHAPE =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_MATCH_MONTH =
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_DAY_INTERVAL = 31
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_HOUR_INTERVAL = 6

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_BINS = 1
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_CENTER_BINS = False
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_WRITE_BINS = True

ENSEMBLE_STAT_MASK_GRID = FULL

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CI_ALPHA = 0.05

ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_FIELD = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_VLD_THRESH = 1.0
ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_SHAPE = SQUARE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_METHOD = NEAREST
ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_WIDTH = 1

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECNT = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RPS = NONE

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ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RHIST = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PHIST = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ORANK = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SSVAR = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RELP = BOTH

ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_LATLON = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MEAN = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_STDEV = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MINUS = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_PLUS = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MIN = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MAX = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANGE = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_VLD_COUNT = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_FREQUENCY = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NEP = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NMEP = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANK = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_WEIGHT = FALSE

# Ensemble Variables and levels as specified in the ens field dictionary
# of the MET configuration file. Specify as ENS_VARn_NAME, ENS_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) ENS_VARn_OPTION
ENS_VAR1_NAME = APCP
ENS_VAR1_LEVELS = A24
ENS_VAR1_THRESH = >0.0, >=10.0

ENS_VAR2_NAME = REFC
ENS_VAR2_LEVELS = L0
ENS_VAR2_THRESH = >=35.0

ENS_VAR2_OPTIONS = GRIB1_ptv = 129;

ENS_VAR3_NAME = UGRD
ENS_VAR3_LEVELS = Z10
ENS_VAR3_THRESH = >=5.0

ENS_VAR4_NAME = VGRD
ENS_VAR4_LEVELS = Z10
ENS_VAR4_THRESH = >=5.0

ENS_VAR5_NAME = WIND
ENS_VAR5_LEVELS = Z10
ENS_VAR5_THRESH = >=5.0

# Forecast Variables and levels as specified in the fcst field dictionary
# of the MET configuration file. Specify as FCST_VARn_NAME, FCST_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) FCST_VARn_OPTION
FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP

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FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = A24

FCST_VAR1_OPTIONS = ens_ssvr_bin_size = 0.1; ens_phist_bin_size = 0.05;

# Observation Variables and levels as specified in the obs field dictionary
# of the MET configuration file. Specify as OBS_VARn_NAME, OBS_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) OBS_VARn_OPTION
OBS_VAR1_NAME = {FCST_VAR1_NAME}
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = {FCST_VAR1_LEVELS}

OBS_VAR1_OPTIONS = {FCST_VAR1_OPTIONS}

[dir]
# Forecast model input directory for ensemble_stat
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst

# Point observation input dir for ensemble_stat
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_POINT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/out/ascii2nc

# Grid observation input dir for ensemble_stat
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_obs/ST4

# directory containing climatology mean input to EnsembleStat
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology mean input to EnsembleStat
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

# output directory for ensemble_stat
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/ensemble

[filename_templates]

# FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE - comma separated list of ensemble members
# or a single line, - filename wildcard characters may be used, ? or *.

FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/arw-???-gep?/d01_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_0{lead?
→fmt=%HH}00.grib

# Template to look for point observations.
# Example precip24_2010010112.nc
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_POINT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = precip24_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.nc

# Template to look for gridded observations.
# Example ST4.2010010112.24h
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_TEMPLATE = ST4.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.24h

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ENSEMBLE_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE =
    MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1605_poly.nc,
    MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1803_poly.nc,
    MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1804_poly.nc,
    MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1805_poly.nc,
    MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1806_poly.nc

# Template to look for climatology input to EnsembleStat relative to ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_
↪DIR
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology input to EnsembleStat relative to ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_
↪DIR
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}/ensemble_stat

```

#### 5.1.3.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [EnsembleStat MET Configuration](#) (page 78) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Ensemble-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//

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// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CENSOR_THRESH}
${METPLUS_CENSOR_VAL}
cat_thresh = [];
nc_var_str = "";

//
// Ensemble product fields to be processed
//
ens = {

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_OBS_THRESH}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood ensemble probabilities
//
${METPLUS_NBRHD_PROB_DICT}

//
// NMEP smoothing methods
//
${METPLUS_NMEP_SMOOTH_DICT}

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////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//

${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc      = [];
obs_thresh   = [ NA ];
obs_quality  = [];
${METPLUS_DUPLICATE_FLAG}
obs_summary  = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;
${METPLUS_SKIP_CONST}

//
// Observation error options
// Set dist_type to NONE to use the observation error table instead
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
obs_error = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_ERROR_FLAG}
    dist_type      = NONE;
    dist_parm      = [];
    inst_bias_scale = 1.0;
    inst_bias_offset = 0.0;
    min            = NA;      // Valid range of data
    max            = NA;
}

```

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//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
  { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ANYAIR"; val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
  { key = "ANYSFC"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ONLYSF"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; }
];

//
// Ensemble bin sizes
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_ENS_SSVAR_BIN_SIZE}
${METPLUS_ENS_PHIST_BIN_SIZE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
  ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
  ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
  sid = [];

```

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    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Ensemble product output types
//
${METPLUS_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Random number generator
//
rng = {
    type = "mt19937";
    seed = "1";
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

grid_weight_flag = NONE;
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.1.3.1.7 Running METplus

It is recommended to run this use case by:

Passing in EnsembleStat.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/EnsembleStat/EnsembleStat.conf -c /
↳ path/to/user_system.conf
```

The following METplus configuration variables must be set correctly to run this example.:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs).
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.3.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in ensemble/200912311200/ensemble\_stat (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- ensemble\_stat\_20100101\_120000V.stat
- ensemble\_stat\_20100101\_120000V\_ecnt.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_20100101\_120000V\_rhist.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_20100101\_120000V\_phist.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_20100101\_120000V\_orank.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_20100101\_120000V\_ssvar.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_20100101\_120000V\_relp.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_20100101\_120000V\_ens.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_20100101\_120000V\_orank.nc

#### 5.1.3.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [EnsembleStatToolUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#), [EnsembleAppUseCase](#), [ProbabilityGenerationAppUseCase](#) [GRIBFileUseCase](#),

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-EnsembleStat.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.3.2 EnsembleStat: Using Python Embedding

met\_tool\_wrapper/EnsembleStat/EnsembleStat\_python\_embedding.conf

##### 5.1.3.2.1 Scientific Objective

To provide useful statistical information on the relationship between observation data (in both grid and point formats) to an ensemble forecast. These values can be used to help correct ensemble member deviations from observed values.

##### 5.1.3.2.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** Dummy text files found in the MET shared directory

**Observation:** Dummy text files found in the MET shared directory

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

The tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 249) section for more information.

##### 5.1.3.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus EnsembleStat wrapper to read in files using Python Embedding to demonstrate how to read in data this way.



#### 5.1.3.2.4 METplus Workflow

EnsembleStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes a single run time with two ensemble members. The input data are simple text files with no timing information, so the list of ensembles simply duplicates the same file multiple times to demonstrate how data is read in via Python Embedding.

#### 5.1.3.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/EnsembleStat/EnsembleStat_python_embedding.conf`

```
# Ensemble Stat using Python Embedding Input

[config]

## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.
PROCESS_LIST = EnsembleStat

# Looping by times: steps through each 'task' in the PROCESS_LIST for each
# defined time, and repeats until all times have been evaluated.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# LOOP_BY: Set to INIT to loop over initialization times
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG=2009123112

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END=2009123112

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT=3600

# List of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 24

# Used in the MET config file for: model, output_prefix
MODEL = FCST

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBS = OBS

#ENSEMBLE_STAT_DESC =

# The MET ensemble_stat logging level
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# 0 quiet to 5 loud, Verbosity setting for MET ensemble_stat output, 2 is default.
# This takes precedence over the general LOG_MET_VERBOSITY set in metplus_logging.conf
#LOG_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VERBOSITY = 2

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_WINDOW_BEGIN = -5400
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_WINDOW_END = 5400

OBS_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
OBS_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# number of expected members for ensemble. Should correspond with the
# number of items in the list for FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_N_MEMBERS = 2

# ens.ens_thresh value in the MET config file
# threshold for ratio of valid files to expected files to allow app to run
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_THRESH = 1.0

# ens.vld_thresh value in the MET config file
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_VLD_THRESH = 1.0

# Used in the MET config file for: regrid to_grid field
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = PYTHON

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/EnsembleStatConfig_wrapped

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECNT = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RPS = NONE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RHIST = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PHIST = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ORANK = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SSVAR = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RELP = BOTH

ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_LATLON = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MEAN = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_STDEV = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MINUS = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_PLUS = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MIN = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MAX = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANGE = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_VLD_COUNT = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_FREQUENCY = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NEP = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NMEP = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANK = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_WEIGHT = FALSE

# ENSEMBLE_STAT_MET_OBS_ERR_TABLE is not required.

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# If the variable is not defined, or the value is not set
# than the MET default is used.
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_MET_OBS_ERR_TABLE =

# Ensemble Variables and levels as specified in the ens field dictionary
# of the MET configuration file. Specify as ENS_VARn_NAME, ENS_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) ENS_VARn_OPTION
ENS_VAR1_NAME = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py MET_PYTHON_INPUT_ARG FCST

# Forecast Variables and levels as specified in the fcst field dictionary
# of the MET configuration file. Specify as FCST_VARn_NAME, FCST_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) FCST_VARn_OPTION
FCST_VAR1_NAME = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py MET_PYTHON_INPUT_ARG FCST

# Observation Variables and levels as specified in the obs field dictionary
# of the MET configuration file. Specify as OBS_VARn_NAME, OBS_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) OBS_VARn_OPTION
OBS_VAR1_NAME = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py MET_PYTHON_INPUT_ARG OBS

ENS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DATATYPE = PYTHON_NUMPY

FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DATATYPE = PYTHON_NUMPY

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_GRID_DATATYPE = PYTHON_NUMPY

[dir]
# Forecast model input directory for ensemble_stat
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/python

# Point observation input dir for ensemble_stat
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_POINT_INPUT_DIR =

# Grid observation input dir for ensemble_stat
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/python

# directory containing climatology mean input to EnsembleStat
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology mean input to EnsembleStat
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

# output directory for ensemble_stat
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/EnsembleStat/ens_python_embedding

[filename_templates]

# FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE - comma separated list of ensemble members
# or a single line, - wildcard characters may be used.

```

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```
# FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = ???????gep?/d01_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_02400.grib
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = fcst.txt, fcst.txt

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_POINT_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_TEMPLATE = obs.txt

ENSEMBLE_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE =
    MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1605_poly.nc,
    MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1803_poly.nc,
    MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1804_poly.nc,
    MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1805_poly.nc,
    MET_BASE/poly/HMT_masks/huc4_1806_poly.nc

# Template to look for climatology input to EnsembleStat relative to ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_
↪DIR
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology input to EnsembleStat relative to ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_
↪DIR
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE =
```

### 5.1.3.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [EnsembleStat MET Configuration](#) (page 78) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Ensemble-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////
```

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```

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CENSOR_THRESH}
${METPLUS_CENSOR_VAL}
cat_thresh = [];
nc_var_str = "";

//
// Ensemble product fields to be processed
//
ens = {

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_OBS_THRESH}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood ensemble probabilities

```

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```

//
${METPLUS_NBRHD_PROB_DICT}

//
// NMEP smoothing methods
//
${METPLUS_NMEP_SMOOTH_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//

${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc      = [];
obs_thresh   = [ NA ];
obs_quality  = [];
${METPLUS_DUPLICATE_FLAG}
obs_summary  = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;
${METPLUS_SKIP_CONST}

//
// Observation error options
// Set dist_type to NONE to use the observation error table instead
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
obs_error = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_ERROR_FLAG}
    dist_type      = NONE;

```

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```

    dist_parm      = [];
    inst_bias_scale = 1.0;
    inst_bias_offset = 0.0;
    min            = NA;      // Valid range of data
    max            = NA;
}

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
  { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ANYAIR";  val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
  { key = "ANYSFC";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ONLYSF";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; }
];

//
// Ensemble bin sizes
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_ENS_SSVAR_BIN_SIZE}
${METPLUS_ENS_PHIST_BIN_SIZE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    sid = [];
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Ensemble product output types
//
${METPLUS_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Random number generator
//
rng = {
    type = "mt19937";
    seed = "1";
}

////////////////////////////////////

grid_weight_flag = NONE;
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

```

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```
//version          = "\9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

#### 5.1.3.2.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the input data. The Python script is stored in the MET repository: `/path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py`

[read\\_ascii\\_numpy.py](#)

#### 5.1.3.2.8 Running METplus

It is recommended to run this use case by:

Passing in `EnsembleStat_python_embedding.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/EnsembleStat/EnsembleStat_python_
↳embedding.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

The following METplus configuration variables must be set correctly to run this example.:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs).
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.1.3.2.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/EnsembleStat/ens_python_embedding` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `ensemble_stat_PYTHON_20050807_120000V_ecnt.txt`
- `ensemble_stat_PYTHON_20050807_120000V_ens.nc`
- `ensemble_stat_PYTHON_20050807_120000V_orank.nc`
- `ensemble_stat_PYTHON_20050807_120000V_phist.txt`
- `ensemble_stat_PYTHON_20050807_120000V_relp.txt`
- `ensemble_stat_PYTHON_20050807_120000V_rhist.txt`
- `ensemble_stat_PYTHON_20050807_120000V_ssvar.txt`
- `ensemble_stat_PYTHON_20050807_120000V.stat`

#### 5.1.3.2.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [EnsembleStatToolUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#), [EnsembleAppUseCase](#), [ProbabilityGenerationAppUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-EnsembleStat.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.4 Example

#### 5.1.4.1 Example: Introductory Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/Example/Example.conf`

#### 5.1.4.1.1 Scientific Objective

None.

#### 5.1.4.1.2 Datasets

None.

#### 5.1.4.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus Example wrapper to demonstrate the effect of time looping and filename template METplus configuration variables.

#### 5.1.4.1.4 METplus Workflow

Example is the only tool called in this example. This configuration loops by valid time every 6 hours from 2017-02-01 at 0Z until 2017-02-02 at 0Z. For each valid time, the 3, 6, 9, and 12 hour forecast leads are processed. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 0Z

**Forecast lead:** 3 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 0Z

**Forecast lead:** 6 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 0Z

**Forecast lead:** 9 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 0Z

**Forecast lead:** 12 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 6Z

**Forecast lead:** 3 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 6Z

**Forecast lead:** 6 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 6Z  
**Forecast lead:** 9 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 6Z  
**Forecast lead:** 12 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 12Z  
**Forecast lead:** 3 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 12Z  
**Forecast lead:** 6 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 12Z  
**Forecast lead:** 9 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 12Z  
**Forecast lead:** 12 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 18Z  
**Forecast lead:** 3 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 18Z  
**Forecast lead:** 6 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 18Z  
**Forecast lead:** 9 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-01 18Z  
**Forecast lead:** 12 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-02 0Z  
**Forecast lead:** 3 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-02 0Z  
**Forecast lead:** 6 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-02 0Z

**Forecast lead:** 9 hour

**Valid:** 2017-02-02 0Z

**Forecast lead:** 12 hour

#### 5.1.4.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/Example/Example.conf`

```
# Example wrapper example

[config]

# List of applications to run - only Example for this case
PROCESS_LIST = Example

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strptime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 2017020100

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2017020200

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 6H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 3H, 6H, 9H, 12H
```

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```

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# list of strings to loop over for each run time.
# value for each item can be referenced in filename templates with {custom?fmt=%s}
EXAMPLE_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = ext, nc

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# fake directory to look for input data. This can be set to anything, as it only affects the log_
↳output.
EXAMPLE_INPUT_DIR = /dir/containing/example/data

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# Fake template to use to look for input data. This template is substituted with the time information_
↳of each
# run time that is executed
EXAMPLE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/file_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%2H}_F{lead?fmt=%3H}.
↳{custom?fmt=%s}

```

The following configuration variables tell METplus to loop by valid time starting at 2017-02-01 0Z, ending on 2017-02-02 0Z, incrementing 6 hours each iteration:

```

LOOP_BY = VALID
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
VALID_BEG = 2017020100
VALID_END = 2017020200
VALID_INCREMENT = 6H

```

The following configuration variable tells METplus to process the 3 hour, 6 hour, 9 hour, and 12 hour forecast leads for EACH valid time:

```

LEAD_SEQ = 3H, 6H, 9H, 12H

```

The following configuration variable tells METplus to look in /dir/containing/example/data to find data to process:

```

[dir]
EXAMPLE_INPUT_DIR = /dir/containing/example/data

```

Note that this variable must be found following the [dir] section header

The following configuration variable tells METplus to look for files in the input directory matching the format specified:

```
[filename_templates]
EXAMPLE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/file_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%2H}_F{lead?fmt=%3H}.ext
```

For example, valid time 2017-02-01 18Z and forecast lead 3 hours, the desired file is /dir/containing/example/data/20170201/file\_20170201\_15\_F03.ext

Note that the initialization time used is 2017-02-01 15Z, which is calculated by subtracting the forecast lead from the valid time.

#### 5.1.4.1.6 MET Configuration

None.

#### 5.1.4.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in Example.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/Example/Example.conf -c /path/
↳to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in Example.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/Example/Example.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.4.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

You should also see a series of log output listing init/valid times, forecast lead times, and filenames derived from the filename templates. Here is an excerpt:

```
12/30 19:44:02.901 metplus (met_util.py:425) INFO: *****
12/30 19:44:02.901 metplus (met_util.py:426) INFO: * Running METplus
12/30 19:44:02.902 metplus (met_util.py:432) INFO: * at valid time: 201702010000
12/30 19:44:02.902 metplus (met_util.py:435) INFO: *****
12/30 19:44:02.902 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:58) INFO: Running ExampleWrapper at valid time_
↪20170201000000
12/30 19:44:02.902 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:63) INFO: Input directory is /dir/containing/
↪example/data
12/30 19:44:02.902 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:64) INFO: Input template is {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/
↪file_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%2H}_F{lead?fmt=%3H}.ext
12/30 19:44:02.902 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:79) INFO: Processing forecast lead 3 hours_
↪initialized at 2017-01-31 21Z and valid at 2017-02-01 00Z
12/30 19:44:02.903 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:88) INFO: Looking in input directory for file:_
↪20170131/file_20170131_21_F003.ext
12/30 19:44:02.903 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:79) INFO: Processing forecast lead 6 hours_
↪initialized at 2017-01-31 18Z and valid at 2017-02-01 00Z
12/30 19:44:02.903 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:88) INFO: Looking in input directory for file:_
↪20170131/file_20170131_18_F006.ext
12/30 19:44:02.904 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:79) INFO: Processing forecast lead 9 hours_
↪initialized at 2017-01-31 15Z and valid at 2017-02-01 00Z
12/30 19:44:02.904 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:88) INFO: Looking in input directory for file:_
↪20170131/file_20170131_15_F009.ext
12/30 19:44:02.904 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:79) INFO: Processing forecast lead 12 hours_
↪initialized at 2017-01-31 12Z and valid at 2017-02-01 00Z
12/30 19:44:02.904 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:88) INFO: Looking in input directory for file:_
↪20170131/file_20170131_12_F012.ext
12/30 19:44:02.904 metplus (met_util.py:425) INFO: *****
12/30 19:44:02.904 metplus (met_util.py:426) INFO: * Running METplus
12/30 19:44:02.905 metplus (met_util.py:432) INFO: * at valid time: 201702010600
12/30 19:44:02.905 metplus (met_util.py:435) INFO: *****
12/30 19:44:02.905 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:58) INFO: Running ExampleWrapper at valid time_
↪20170201060000
12/30 19:44:02.905 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:63) INFO: Input directory is /dir/containing/
↪example/data
12/30 19:44:02.905 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:64) INFO: Input template is {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/
↪file_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%2H}_F{lead?fmt=%3H}.ext
12/30 19:44:02.905 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:79) INFO: Processing forecast lead 3 hours_
↪initialized at 2017-02-01 03Z and valid at 2017-02-01 06Z
12/30 19:44:02.906 metplus.Example (example_wrapper.py:88) INFO: Looking in input directory for file:_
↪20170201/file_20170201_03_F003.ext
```



#### 5.1.4.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [ExampleToolUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.5 ExtractTiles

#### 5.1.5.1 ExtractTiles: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/ExtractTiles/ExtractTiles.conf

##### 5.1.5.1.1 Scientific Objective

Read a storm stat file generated by TC-Stat and for each point on the track create an cutout of forecast and observation data valid at the track time

##### 5.1.5.1.2 Datasets

**Track Data:** Output from TC-Stat generated from ADeck and Bdeck modified-ATCF tropical cyclone data

**Forecast:** GFS

**Observation:** GFS Analysis

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 259) section for more information.

##### 5.1.5.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus ExtractTiles wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool regrid\_data\_plane if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.5.1.4 METplus Workflow

ExtractTiles is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Init:** 2014-12-14 0Z

#### 5.1.5.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ExtractTiles/ExtractTiles.conf`

```
[config]

PROCESS_LIST = ExtractTiles

# The init time begin and end times, increment
LOOP_BY = INIT
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d
INIT_BEG = 20141214
INIT_END = 20141214

# Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end time
INIT_INCREMENT = 6H

FCST_VAR1_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = Z2

OBS_VAR1_NAME = TMP
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = Z2

# Constants used in creating the tile grid
EXTRACT_TILES_NLAT = 60
EXTRACT_TILES_NLON = 60

# Resolution of data in degrees
EXTRACT_TILES_DLAT = 0.5
EXTRACT_TILES_DLON = 0.5

# Degrees to subtract from the center lat and lon to
# calculate the lower left lat (lat_ll) and lower
# left lon (lon_ll) for a grid that is 2n X 2m,
# where n = EXTRACT_TILES_LAT_ADJ degrees and m = EXTRACT_TILES_LON_ADJ degrees.
# For this case, where n=15 and m=15, this results
# in a 30 deg X 30 deg grid
EXTRACT_TILES_LON_ADJ = 15
EXTRACT_TILES_LAT_ADJ = 15
```

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```

# overwrite modified track data (non-ATCF to ATCF format) if True/yes
EXTRACT_TILES_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = yes

# template of input filter tcst file created by TC-Stat
EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/filter_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}.tcst

# templates for forecast and observation input data
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?
↳fmt=%HHH}.grb2
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}00_000.
↳grb2

# templates for output data
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/{storm_id}/FCST_TILE_F_{lead?fmt=%3H}_gfs_4_
↳{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%HHH}.nc
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/{storm_id}/OBS_TILE_F_{lead?fmt=%3H}_gfs_4_
↳{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}00_000.nc

# directory containing input filter tcst file created by TC-Stat
EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/extract_tiles

# directory containing gridded input data (forecast and observation)
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/reduced_model_data
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/reduced_model_data

# directory to write output
EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/ExtractTiles

```

#### 5.1.5.1.6 MET Configuration

None. RegridDataPlane does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.5.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in ExtractTiles.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ExtractTiles/ExtractTiles.
↳conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in ExtractTiles.conf:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/ExtractTiles/ExtractTiles.conf

```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.1.5.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/ExtractTiles/20141214_00` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- ML1200942014/ANLY\_TILE\_F006\_gfs\_4\_20141214\_0600\_000.nc
- ML1200942014/ANLY\_TILE\_F012\_gfs\_4\_20141214\_1200\_000.nc
- ML1200942014/ANLY\_TILE\_F018\_gfs\_4\_20141214\_1800\_000.nc
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#### 5.1.5.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#), [FeatureRelativeUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.6 GempakToCF

##### 5.1.6.1 GempakToCF: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/GempakToCF/GempakToCF.conf



#### 5.1.6.1.1 Scientific Objective

None. Simply converting data to a format that MET can read.

#### 5.1.6.1.2 Datasets

**Observations:** MRMS QPE

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 267) section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

#### 5.1.6.1.3 External Dependencies

##### GempakToCF.jar

GempakToCF is an external tool that utilizes the Unidata NetCDF-Java package. The jar file that can be used to run the utility is available here: <https://dtcenter.org/sites/default/files/community-code/metplus/utilities/GempakToCF.jar>

See the METplus Configuration section below for information on how to configure METplus to find the jar file.

More information on the package used to create the file is here: <https://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf-java>

#### 5.1.6.1.4 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GempakToCF wrapper to generate a command to run GempakToCF (external) if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.6.1.5 METplus Workflow

GempakToCF is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2017-06-22 0Z

**Init:** 2017-06-22 12Z

#### 5.1.6.1.6 METplus Configuration

To enable Gempak support, you must set [exe] [GEMPAKTOCF\\_JAR](#) in your user METplus configuration file.:

[exe] [GEMPAKTOCF\\_JAR](#) = /path/to/GempakToCF.jar

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GempakToCF/GempakToCF.conf`

```
# Gempak to NetCDF Configurations

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# List of applications to run - only GempakToCF for this case
PROCESS_LIST = GempakToCF

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG=2017062200

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END=2017062212

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
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# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT=12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
# increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# If True, do not run GempakToCF if output file already exists
GEMPAKTOCF_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = False

[dir]
# input and output data directories
GEMPAKTOCF_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/gempak
GEMPAKTOCF_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/GempakToCF

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
GEMPAKTOCF_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/mrms_qpe_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.grd
GEMPAKTOCF_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/mrms_qpe_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.nc

```

#### 5.1.6.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GempakToCF.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GempakToCF/GempakToCF.conf -c ↵
↵ /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GempakToCF.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GempakToCF/GempakToCF.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.6.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/GempakToCF` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- 20170622/mrms\_qpe\_2017062200.nc
- 20170622/mrms\_qpe\_2017062212.nc

#### 5.1.6.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [GempakToCFToolUseCase](#), [GEMPAKFileUseCase](#), [NOAAHMTOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAWPCOrgUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.7 GenVxMask

##### 5.1.7.1 GenVxMask: Using Arguments

`met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask_with_arguments.conf`

#### 5.1.7.1.1 Scientific Objective

Creating masking region files to be used by other MET tools. This use case adds command line arguments to define the mask applied to the input grid.

#### 5.1.7.1.2 Datasets

**Input Grid:** WRF Precipitation

**Mask:** WRF Temperature

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 271) section for more information.

#### 5.1.7.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GenVxMask wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool GenVxMask if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.7.1.4 METplus Workflow

GenVxMask is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Initialization:** 2005-08-07 0Z

**Forecast Lead:** 24 hour

The input file is read to define the output grid. Command line arguments are added to the call to define which data to use to apply a mask.

### 5.1.7.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask_with_arguments.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only GenVxMask for this case
PROCESS_LIST = GenVxMask

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 24H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for GenVxMask only
#LOG_GEN_VX_MASK_VERBOSITY = 2
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GEN_VX_MASK_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = False

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
GEN_VX_MASK_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
GEN_VX_MASK_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

GEN_VX_MASK_OPTIONS = -type data -input_field 'name="APCP"; level="A{lead?fmt=%2H}";' -mask_field
↳ 'name="TMP"; level="Z2";' -thresh 'gt300' -value -9999 -name "APCP_{lead?fmt=%2H}_where_TMP_Z2_
↳ le300"

[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to GenVxMask relative to GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_DIR
GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_
↳ {lead?fmt=%2H}.tm00_G212

GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_MASK_TEMPLATE = {GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_TEMPLATE}

# Template to use to write output from GenVxMask
GEN_VX_MASK_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/DATA_INPUT_FIELD_APCP_{lead?
↳ fmt=%2H}_where_TMP_Z2_le300.nc

[dir]

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to
↳ the files
GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_DIR =

GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_MASK_DIR =

GEN_VX_MASK_OUTPUT_DIR =

```

#### 5.1.7.1.6 MET Configuration

None. GenVxMask does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.7.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in the use case config file then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask_with_
↳ arguments.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in the use case config file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask_with_
↪arguments.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.7.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/GenVxMask (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- DATA\_INPUT\_FIELD\_APCP\_24\_where\_TMP\_Z2\_le300.nc

#### 5.1.7.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [GenVxMaskToolUseCase](#), [GRIBFileUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)



### 5.1.7.2 GenVxMask: Multiple Masks

met\_tool\_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask\_multiple.conf

#### 5.1.7.2.1 Scientific Objective

Creating masking region files to be used by other MET tools. This use case applies multiple masks (latitude restriction, then longitude restriction) to the input grid.

#### 5.1.7.2.2 Datasets

**Input Grid:** WRF

**Masks:** Latitude bounds, longitude bounds

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 275) section for more information.

#### 5.1.7.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GenVxMask wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool GenVxMask if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.7.2.4 METplus Workflow

GenVxMask is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Initialization:** 2005-08-07 0Z

**Forecast Lead:** 24 hour

The input file is read to define the output grid. First the latitude bounds specified with the -thresh argument are applied to the input file, creating a temporary intermediate file. Then a longitude threshold is applied to the temporary file, creating the final output file.

### 5.1.7.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask_multiple.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only GenVxMask for this case
PROCESS_LIST = GenVxMask

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 24H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for GenVxMask only
#LOG_GEN_VX_MASK_VERBOSITY = 2
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```

GEN_VX_MASK_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = False

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
GEN_VX_MASK_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
GEN_VX_MASK_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

GEN_VX_MASK_OPTIONS = -type lat -thresh 'ge30&&le50', -type lon -thresh 'le-70&&ge-130' -intersection_
↳-name lat_lon_mask

[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to GenVxMask relative to GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_DIR
GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_
↳{lead?fmt=%2H}.tm00_G212

GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_MASK_TEMPLATE = LATLON_GRID, LATLON_GRID

# Template to use to write output from GenVxMask
GEN_VX_MASK_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/LAT_LON_mask.nc

[dir]

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to_
↳the files
GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_DIR =

GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_MASK_DIR =

GEN_VX_MASK_OUTPUT_DIR =

```

#### 5.1.7.2.6 MET Configuration

None. GenVxMask does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.7.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in the use case config file then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask_multiple.
↳conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in the use case config file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask_multiple.
↳conf

```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.7.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/GenVxMask (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- LAT\_LON\_mask.nc

#### 5.1.7.2.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [GenVxMaskToolUseCase](#), [GRIBFileUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.7.3 GenVxMask: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask.conf

#### 5.1.7.3.1 Scientific Objective

Creating masking region files to be used by other MET tools.

#### 5.1.7.3.2 Datasets

**Input Grid:** GFS

**Mask:** CONUS polyline file

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 280) section for more information.

#### 5.1.7.3.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GenVxMask wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool GenVxMask if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.7.3.4 METplus Workflow

GenVxMask is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Initialization:** 2012-04-09\_0Z

**Forecast Lead:** 12 hour

The input file is read to define the output grid and the CONUS polyline file is applied to create the mask.

### 5.1.7.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only GenVxMask for this case
PROCESS_LIST = GenVxMask

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2012040900

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2012040900

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 12H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for GenVxMask only
#LOG_GEN_VX_MASK_VERBOSITY = 1
```

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```

GEN_VX_MASK_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = False

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
GEN_VX_MASK_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
GEN_VX_MASK_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# Options to add to the gen_vx_mask command line arguments. See MET User's Guide for more information
# This can be a comma separated list of options to run GenVxMask multiple times
# The length of this list must be the same length as the GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_MASK_TEMPLATE list
GEN_VX_MASK_OPTIONS =

# End of [config] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to GenVxMask relative to GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_DIR
GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/gfs/gfs_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_F{lead?fmt=%3H}.
↳grib

GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_MASK_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/poly/CONUS.poly

# Template to use to write output from GenVxMask
# This can be a comma separated list of options to run GenVxMask multiple times
# The length of this list must be the same length as the GEN_VX_MASK_OPTIONS list
GEN_VX_MASK_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/POLY_GFS_LATLON_CONUS_mask.nc

# End of [filename_templates] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to
↳the files
GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_DIR =

GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_MASK_DIR =

GEN_VX_MASK_OUTPUT_DIR =

```

### 5.1.7.3.6 MET Configuration

None. GenVxMask does not use configuration files.

### 5.1.7.3.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in the use case config file then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask.conf -c /  
↳ path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in the use case config file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GenVxMask/GenVxMask.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.7.3.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/GenVxMask (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- POLY\_GFS\_LATLON\_CONUS\_mask.nc



#### 5.1.7.3.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [GenVxMaskToolUseCase](#), [GRIBFileUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.8 GridDiag

#### 5.1.8.1 GridDiag: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/GridDiag/GridDiag.conf

##### 5.1.8.1.1 Scientific Objective

The Grid-Diag tool creates histograms (probability distributions when normalized) for an arbitrary collection of data fields and levels.

##### 5.1.8.1.2 Datasets

**Data:** GFS FV3

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 285) section for more information.

##### 5.1.8.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GridDiag wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool grid\_diag if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.8.1.4 METplus Workflow

GridDiag is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2016-09-29\_0Z

**Forecast leads:** 141, 144, and 147 hours

#### 5.1.8.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridDiag/GridDiag.conf`

```
#
# CONFIGURATION
#
[config]

# Looping by times: steps through each 'task' in the PROCESS_LIST for each
# defined time, and repeats until all times have been evaluated.
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# 'Tasks' to be run
PROCESS_LIST = GridDiag

LOOP_BY = INIT

# The init time begin and end times, increment, and last init hour.
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
INIT_BEG = 2016092900
INIT_END = 2016092900

# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end time
# set to 6 hours = 21600 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600

LEAD_SEQ = 141, 144, 147

# frequency to run the tool
# valid options include:
# RUN_ONCE, RUN_ONCE_PER_INIT_OR_VALID, RUN_ONCE_PER_LEAD, RUN_ONCE_FOR_EACH
GRID_DIAG_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_INIT_OR_VALID

#LOG_GRID_DIAG_VERBOSITY = 2

GRID_DIAG_DESC = GFS
```

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```

# Configuration file
GRID_DIAG_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/GridDiagConfig_wrapped

BOTH_VAR1_NAME = APCP
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = L0
BOTH_VAR1_OPTIONS = n_bins = 55; range = [0, 55];

BOTH_VAR2_NAME = PWAT
BOTH_VAR2_LEVELS = L0
BOTH_VAR2_OPTIONS = n_bins = 35; range = [35, 70];

# The following variables set values in the MET
# configuration file used by this example
# Leaving these values commented will use the value
# found in the default MET configuration file
#GRID_DIAG_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE
#GRID_DIAG_REGRID_METHOD = NEAREST
#GRID_DIAG_REGRID_WIDTH = 1
#GRID_DIAG_REGRID_VLD_THRESH = 0.5
#GRID_DIAG_REGRID_SHAPE = SQUARE

GRID_DIAG_MASK_POLY = MET_BASE/poly/SA0.poly

#
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

GRID_DIAG_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/model_data/grib2/gfs_fv3

GRID_DIAG_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/GridDiag

[filename_templates]

GRID_DIAG_INPUT_TEMPLATE = gfs.subset.t00z.pgrb2.0p25.f{lead?fmt=%H}, gfs.subset.t00z.pgrb2.0p25.f
→{lead?fmt=%H}

GRID_DIAG_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = grid_diag_out.nc

```

### 5.1.8.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [GridDiag MET Configuration](#) (page 92) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

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```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Diag configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/GridDiagConfig_default file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Description
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CENSOR_THRESH}
${METPLUS_CENSOR_VAL}

//
// Data fields
//
${METPLUS_DATA_DICT}

${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.1.8.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridDiag.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridDiag/GridDiag.conf -c /
↳ path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridDiag.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridDiag/GridDiag.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.8.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/GridDiag (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- grid\_diag\_out.nc

#### 5.1.8.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [GridDiagToolUseCase](#), [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-GridDiag.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.9 GridStat

#### 5.1.9.1 GridStat: Using Python Embedding

met\_tool\_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat\_python\_embedding.conf

##### 5.1.9.1.1 Scientific Objective

Compare dummy forecast data to dummy observations. Generate statistics of the results.

##### 5.1.9.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** Dummy text files found in the MET shared directory

**Observation:** Dummy text files found in the MET shared directory

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here for the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 295) section for more information.

##### 5.1.9.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GridStat wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool grid\_stat if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.9.1.4 METplus Workflow

GridStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes a single run time with three forecast leads. The input data are simple text files with no timing information, so the list of forecast leads simply duplicates the same file multiple times to demonstrate how data is read in via Python embedding.

#### 5.1.9.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat_python_embedding.conf`

```
# GridStat METplus Configuration

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# List of applications to run - only GridStat for this case
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strptime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG=2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 12

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
```

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```

# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for GridStat only
#LOG_GRID_STAT_VERBOSITY = 2

# Location of MET config file to pass to GridStat
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

# grid to remap data. Value is set as the 'to_grid' variable in the 'regrid' dictionary
# See MET User's Guide for more information
GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = G130

# Name to identify model (forecast) data in output
MODEL = FCST

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTYP = OBS

# set the desc value in the GridStat MET config file
GRID_STAT_DESC = NA

# List of variables to compare in GridStat - FCST_VAR1 variables correspond
# to OBS_VAR1 variables
# Note [FCST/OBS/BOTH]_GRID_STAT_VAR<n>_NAME can be used instead if different evaluations
# are needed for different tools

# Name of forecast variable 1
FCST_VAR1_NAME = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/scripts/python/read_ascii_numpy.py {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/
↳python/fcst.txt FCST

# Name of observation variable 1
OBS_VAR1_NAME = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/scripts/python/read_ascii_numpy.py {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/
↳python/obs.txt OBS

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# MET GridStat neighborhood values
# See the MET User's Guide GridStat section for more information

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# width value passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH = 1

# shape value passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_SHAPE = SQUARE

# cov thresh list passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_COV_THRESH = >=0.5

# Set to true to run GridStat separately for each field specified
# Set to false to create one run of GridStat per run time that
# includes all fields specified.
GRID_STAT_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Only used if FCST_IS_PROB is true - sets probabilistic threshold
FCST_GRID_STAT_PROB_THRESH = ==0.1

# Set to true if observation data is probabilistic
# Only used if configuring forecast data as the 'OBS' input
OBS_IS_PROB = false

# Only used if OBS_IS_PROB is true - sets probabilistic threshold
OBS_GRID_STAT_PROB_THRESH = ==0.1

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_vs_{OBTTYPE}

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECLV = BOTH
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_GRAD = BOTH

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# directory containing forecast input to GridStat
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst

# directory containing observation input to GridStat
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new

# directory containing climatology mean input to GridStat
# Not used in this example

```

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```
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology mean input to GridStat
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

# directory to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat_python_embedding

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for forecast input to GridStat relative to FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = PYTHON_NUMPY

# Template to look for observation input to GridStat relative to OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = PYTHON_NUMPY

# Optional subdirectories relative to GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

# Template to look for climatology input to GridStat relative to GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology input to GridStat relative to GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Used to specify one or more verification mask files for GridStat
# Not used for this example
GRID_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE =
```

#### 5.1.9.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

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**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh    = [];
censor_val       = [];
cat_thresh       = [];
cnt_thresh       = [ NA ];
cnt_logic        = UNION;
wind_thresh      = [ NA ];
wind_logic       = UNION;
eclv_points      = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag   = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified

```

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```

//
fcst = {
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
  interval = PCTILE;
  rep_prop = 1.0;
  n_rep    = 0;
  rng      = "mt19937";
  seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
  ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
  field      = BOTH;
  // shape =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
  // width =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
  // cov_thresh =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
  vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
  wave_1d_beg = [];
  wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {

```

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```
baddeley_p      = 2;
baddeley_max_dist = NA;
fom_alpha      = 0.1;
zhu_weight     = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

#### 5.1.9.1.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the input data. The Python script is stored in the MET repository:  
/path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read\_ascii\_numpy.py

[read\\_ascii\\_numpy.py](#)

### 5.1.9.1.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_python\_embedding.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat_python_
embedding.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_python\_embedding.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat_python_
embedding.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.9.1.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/GridStat\_python\_embedding/2005080700 (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- grid\_stat\_FCST\_vs\_OBS\_120000L\_20050807\_120000V\_eclv.txt
- grid\_stat\_FCST\_vs\_OBS\_120000L\_20050807\_120000V\_grad.txt
- grid\_stat\_FCST\_vs\_OBS\_120000L\_20050807\_120000V.stat

#### 5.1.9.1.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [GridStatToolUseCase](#) [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-GridStat.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.9.2 GridStat: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat.conf

##### 5.1.9.2.1 Scientific Objective

Compare 3 hour forecast precipitation accumulations to observations of 3 hour precipitation accumulation. Generate statistics of the results.

##### 5.1.9.2.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF 3 hour precipitation accumulation

**Observation:** MU 3 hour precipitation accumulation

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here for the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See the [Running METplus](#) (page 306) section for more information.

##### 5.1.9.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GridStat wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool grid\_stat if all required files are found.



#### 5.1.9.2.4 METplus Workflow

GridStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2005-08-07\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 12 hour

#### 5.1.9.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat.conf`

```
# GridStat METplus Configuration

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# List of applications to run - only GridStat for this case
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG=2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
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# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 12

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for GridStat only
#LOG_GRID_STAT_VERBOSITY = 2

# Location of MET config file to pass to GridStat
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

# grid to remap data. Value is set as the 'to_grid' variable in the 'regrid' dictionary
# See MET User's Guide for more information
GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE

#GRID_STAT_INTERP_FIELD =
#GRID_STAT_INTERP_VLD_THRESH =
#GRID_STAT_INTERP_SHAPE =
#GRID_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_WIDTH =

#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME =

#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =

#GRID_STAT_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG =

# Name to identify model (forecast) data in output
MODEL = WRF

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTYP = MC_PCP

# set the desc value in the GridStat MET config file
GRID_STAT_DESC = NA

# List of variables to compare in GridStat - FCST_VAR1 variables correspond
#   to OBS_VAR1 variables
# Note [FCST/OBS/BOTH]_GRID_STAT_VAR<n>_NAME can be used instead if different evaluations
#   are needed for different tools

# Name of forecast variable 1
FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP

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# List of levels to evaluate for forecast variable 1
# A03 = 3 hour accumulation in GRIB file
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = A03

# List of thresholds to evaluate for each name/level combination for
# forecast variable 1
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2

#FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_TYPE =

# Name of observation variable 1
OBS_VAR1_NAME = APCP_03

# List of levels to evaluate for observation variable 1
# (*,*) is NetCDF notation - must include quotes around these values!
# must be the same length as FCST_VAR1_LEVELS
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"

# List of thresholds to evaluate for each name/level combination for
# observation variable 1
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2

#OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_TYPE =

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# MET GridStat neighborhood values
# See the MET User's Guide GridStat section for more information

# width value passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH = 1

# shape value passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_SHAPE = SQUARE

# cov thresh list passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_COV_THRESH = >=0.5

# Set to true to run GridStat separately for each field specified
# Set to false to create one run of GridStat per run time that
# includes all fields specified.
GRID_STAT_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

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# Only used if FCST_IS_PROB is true - sets probabilistic threshold
FCST_GRID_STAT_PROB_THRESH = ==0.1

# Set to true if observation data is probabilistic
# Only used if configuring forecast data as the 'OBS' input
OBS_IS_PROB = false

# Only used if OBS_IS_PROB is true - sets probabilistic threshold
OBS_GRID_STAT_PROB_THRESH = ==0.1

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_{CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{OBTTYPE}_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}

#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FIELD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_WIDTH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_SHAPE =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_MATCH_MONTH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_DAY_INTERVAL =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_HOUR_INTERVAL =

#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FIELD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_WIDTH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_SHAPE =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_MATCH_MONTH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_DAY_INTERVAL =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_HOUR_INTERVAL =

#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_BINS = 1
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_CENTER_BINS = False
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_WRITE_BINS = True

#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_FHO = NONE
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = STAT
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTC = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTS = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CNT = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SAL1L2 = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VL1L2 = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VAL1L2 = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VCNT = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PCT = NONE

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```

#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PSTD = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PJC = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PRC = NONE
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECLV = BOTH
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_NBRCTC = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_NBRCTS = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_NBRCNT = NONE
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_GRAD = BOTH
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_DMAP = NONE

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO_CDP = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_WEIGHT = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_NBRHD = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FOURIER = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_GRADIENT = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DISTANCE_MAP = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# directory containing forecast input to GridStat
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst

# directory containing observation input to GridStat
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new

# directory containing climatology mean input to GridStat
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology mean input to GridStat
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

# directory to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for forecast input to GridStat relative to FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH}.tm00_G212

# Template to look for observation input to GridStat relative to OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = ST2m1{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A03h.nc

```

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```
# Optional subdirectories relative to GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

# Template to look for climatology input to GridStat relative to GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology input to GridStat relative to GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Used to specify one or more verification mask files for GridStat
# Not used for this example
GRID_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE =
```

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**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
```

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```

${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh      = [];
censor_val         = [];
cat_thresh         = [];
cnt_thresh         = [ NA ];
cnt_logic          = UNION;
wind_thresh        = [ NA ];
wind_logic         = UNION;
eclv_points        = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag     = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

```

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```

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep     = 0;
    rng       = "mt19937";
    seed      = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
    field      = BOTH;
    // shape =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
    // width =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
    // cov_thresh =

```

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```

    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
    wave_1d_beg = [];
    wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
    dx = [ 1 ];
    dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
    baddeley_p          = 2;
    baddeley_max_dist   = NA;
    fom_alpha           = 0.1;
    zhu_weight          = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}
}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
nc_pairs_flag = {

```

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```

${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.1.9.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat.conf -c /
↳path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.9.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat/2005080700` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `grid_stat_WRF_APCP_vs_MC_PCP_APCP_03_120000L_20050807_120000V_eclv.txt`
- `grid_stat_WRF_APCP_vs_MC_PCP_APCP_03_120000L_20050807_120000V_grad.txt`
- `grid_stat_WRF_APCP_vs_MC_PCP_APCP_03_120000L_20050807_120000V.stat`

#### 5.1.9.2.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [GridStatToolUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-GridStat.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.9.3 GridStat: Multiple Config Files Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat_multiple_config_files.conf`

##### 5.1.9.3.1 Scientific Objective

Compare 3 hour forecast precipitation accumulations to observations of 3 hour precipitation accumulation. Generate statistics of the results. Separate configuration files containing information about the forecast and observation data are passed into the METplus wrappers to demonstrate how users can create configuration files specific to their data sets to mix and match.

##### 5.1.9.3.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF 3 hour precipitation accumulation

**Observation:** MU 3 hour precipitation accumulation

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_test` sample data tarball. Click here for the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:  
<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See the [Running METplus](#) (page 319) section for more information.

#### 5.1.9.3.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GridStat wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool GridStat if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.9.3.4 METplus Workflow

GridStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2005-08-07\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 12 hour

#### 5.1.9.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat.conf

##### GridStat.conf

```
# GridStat METplus Configuration

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# List of applications to run - only GridStat for this case
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
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```

INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG=2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 12

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for GridStat only
#LOG_GRID_STAT_VERBOSITY = 2

# Location of MET config file to pass to GridStat
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

# grid to remap data. Value is set as the 'to_grid' variable in the 'regrid' dictionary
# See MET User's Guide for more information
GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE

#GRID_STAT_INTERP_FIELD =
#GRID_STAT_INTERP_VLD_THRESH =
#GRID_STAT_INTERP_SHAPE =
#GRID_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_WIDTH =

#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME =

#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =

#GRID_STAT_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG =

# Name to identify model (forecast) data in output
MODEL = WRF

```

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```

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTTYPE = MC_PCP

# set the desc value in the GridStat MET config file
GRID_STAT_DESC = NA

# List of variables to compare in GridStat - FCST_VAR1 variables correspond
# to OBS_VAR1 variables
# Note [FCST/OBS/BOTH]_GRID_STAT_VAR<n>_NAME can be used instead if different evaluations
# are needed for different tools

# Name of forecast variable 1
FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP

# List of levels to evaluate for forecast variable 1
# A03 = 3 hour accumulation in GRIB file
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = A03

# List of thresholds to evaluate for each name/level combination for
# forecast variable 1
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2

#FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_TYPE =

# Name of observation variable 1
OBS_VAR1_NAME = APCP_03

# List of levels to evaluate for observation variable 1
# (*,*) is NetCDF notation - must include quotes around these values!
# must be the same length as FCST_VAR1_LEVELS
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"

# List of thresholds to evaluate for each name/level combination for
# observation variable 1
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2

#OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_TYPE =

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# MET GridStat neighborhood values
# See the MET User's Guide GridStat section for more information

# width value passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH = 1

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# shape value passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_SHAPE = SQUARE

# cov thresh list passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_COV_THRESH = >=0.5

# Set to true to run GridStat separately for each field specified
# Set to false to create one run of GridStat per run time that
# includes all fields specified.
GRID_STAT_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Only used if FCST_IS_PROB is true - sets probabilistic threshold
FCST_GRID_STAT_PROB_THRESH = ==0.1

# Set to true if observation data is probabilistic
# Only used if configuring forecast data as the 'OBS' input
OBS_IS_PROB = false

# Only used if OBS_IS_PROB is true - sets probabilistic threshold
OBS_GRID_STAT_PROB_THRESH = ==0.1

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_{CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{OBTYPED}_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}

#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FIELD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_WIDTH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_SHAPE =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_MATCH_MONTH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_DAY_INTERVAL =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_HOUR_INTERVAL =

#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FIELD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_WIDTH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_SHAPE =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_MATCH_MONTH =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_DAY_INTERVAL =
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_HOUR_INTERVAL =

#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_BINS = 1
#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_CENTER_BINS = False

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```

#GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_WRITE_BINS = True

#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_FH0 = NONE
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = STAT
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTC = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTS = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CNT = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SAL1L2 = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VL1L2 = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VAL1L2 = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VCNT = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PCT = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PSTD = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PJC = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PRC = NONE
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECLV = BOTH
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_NBRCTC = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_NBRCTS = NONE
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_NBRCNT = NONE
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_GRAD = BOTH
#GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_DMAP = NONE

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO_CDP = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_WEIGHT = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_NBRHD = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FOURIER = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_GRADIENT = FALSE
#GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DISTANCE_MAP = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# directory containing forecast input to GridStat
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst

# directory containing observation input to GridStat
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new

# directory containing climatology mean input to GridStat
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology mean input to GridStat
# Not used in this example

```

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```

GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

# directory to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for forecast input to GridStat relative to FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH}.tm00_G212

# Template to look for observation input to GridStat relative to OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = ST2m1{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A03h.nc

# Optional subdirectories relative to GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

# Template to look for climatology input to GridStat relative to GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology input to GridStat relative to GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Used to specify one or more verification mask files for GridStat
# Not used for this example
GRID_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE =

```

### GridStat\_forecast.conf

```

# GridStat Forecast Configuration

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# Name to identify model (forecast) data in output
MODEL = WRF

# List of variables to compare in GridStat - FCST_VAR1 variables correspond
# to OBS_VAR1 variables
# Note [FCST/OBS/BOTH]_GRID_STAT_VAR<n>_NAME can be used instead if different evaluations
# are needed for different tools

# Name of forecast variable 1
FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP

# List of levels to evaluate for forecast variable 1
# A03 = 3 hour accumulation in GRIB file
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = A03

```

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```

# List of thresholds to evaluate for each name/level combination for
# both forecast and observation variable 1
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# directory containing forecast input to GridStat
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for forecast input to GridStat relative to FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH}.tm00_G212

```

### GridStat\_observation.conf

```

# GridStat Observation Configuration

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTYP = MC_PCP

# Name of observation variable 1
OBS_VAR1_NAME = APCP_03

# List of levels to evaluate for observation variable 1
# (*,*) is NetCDF notation - must include quotes around these values!
# must be the same length as FCST_VAR1_LEVELS
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"

# List of thresholds to evaluate for each name/level combination for
# both forecast and observation variable 1
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds) to allow files to be considered

```

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```
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# Set to true if observation data is probabilistic
# Only used if configuring forecast data as the 'OBS' input
OBS_IS_PROB = false

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# directory containing observation input to GridStat
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for observation input to GridStat relative to OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = ST2m1{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A03h.nc
```

#### 5.1.9.3.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
```

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```

// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh    = [];
censor_val       = [];
cat_thresh       = [];
cnt_thresh       = [ NA ];
cnt_logic        = UNION;
wind_thresh      = [ NA ];
wind_logic       = UNION;
eclv_points      = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag   = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods

```

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```

//
nbrhd = {
  field      = BOTH;
  // shape =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
  // width =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
  // cov_thresh =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
  vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
  wave_1d_beg = [];
  wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
  baddeley_p      = 2;
  baddeley_max_dist = NA;
  fom_alpha       = 0.1;
  zhu_weight      = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//

```

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```
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir           = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.1.9.3.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat.conf, GridStat\_forecast.conf, GridStat\_observation.conf, an explicit override of the output directory, then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat.conf
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat_forecast.conf
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat_observation.conf
-c dir.GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR={OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat_multiple_config
-c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, passing in GridStat.conf, GridStat\_forecast.conf, GridStat\_observation.conf, and an explicit override of the output directory:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat.conf
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat_forecast.conf
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat_observation.conf
-c dir.GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR={OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat_multiple_config
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

---

**Note:** The order that the configurations files are supplied on the command line is very important. If the same variables are found in multiple configuration files, then each subsequent configuration file will override the values of the previous files.

---

#### 5.1.9.3.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/GridStat_multiple_config//2005080700` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `grid_stat_WRF_APCP_vs_MC_PCP_APCP_03_120000L_20050807_120000V_eclv.txt`
- `grid_stat_WRF_APCP_vs_MC_PCP_APCP_03_120000L_20050807_120000V_grad.txt`
- `grid_stat_WRF_APCP_vs_MC_PCP_APCP_03_120000L_20050807_120000V.stat`

#### 5.1.9.3.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [MultiConfUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-GridStat.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)



### 5.1.10 METdbLoad

#### 5.1.10.1 METdbLoad: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/METdbLoad/METdbLoad.conf

##### 5.1.10.1.1 Scientific Objective

Load MET data into a database using the met\_db\_load.py script found in dtcenter/METdatadb

##### 5.1.10.1.2 Datasets

**Input:** Various MET .stat and .tcst files

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to see the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 323) section for more information.

##### 5.1.10.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus METdbLoad wrapper to search for files ending with .stat or .tcst, substitute values into an XML load configuration file, and call met\_db\_load.py to load MET data into a database.

##### 5.1.10.1.4 METplus Workflow

METdbLoad is the only tool called in this example. It does not loop over multiple run times:

##### 5.1.10.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/METdbLoad/METdbLoad.conf

```
[config]

# METdbLoad example

PROCESS_LIST = METdbLoad
```

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```
LOOP_BY = VALID

VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
VALID_BEG = 2005080712
VALID_END = 2005080800
VALID_INCREMENT = 12H

LOOP_ORDER = processes

MET_DB_LOAD_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE

MET_DATA_DB_DIR = {METPLUS_BASE}/../METdatadb

MET_DB_LOAD_XML_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/METdbLoad/METdbLoadConfig.xml

# If true, remove temporary XML with values substituted from XML_FILE
# Set to false for debugging purposes
MET_DB_LOAD_REMOVE_TMP_XML = True

# connection info
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_HOST = localhost:3306
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_DATABASE = mv_metplus_test
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_USER = root
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_PASSWORD = mvuser

# data info
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_VERBOSE = false
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_INSERT_SIZE = 1
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_MODE_HEADER_DB_CHECK = false
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_DROP_INDEXES = false
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_APPLY_INDEXES = true
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_GROUP = METplus Input Test
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_LOAD_STAT = true
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_LOAD_MODE = false
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_LOAD_MTD = false
MET_DB_LOAD_MV_LOAD_MPR = false

MET_DB_LOAD_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/out/grid_stat
```

#### 5.1.10.1.6 XML Configuration

METplus substitutes values in the template XML configuration file based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. While the XML template may appear to reference environment variables, this is not actually the case. These strings are used as a reference for the wrapper to substitute values.

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**Note:** See the [METdbLoad XML Configuration](#) (page 109) section of the User's Guide for more information on the values substituted in the file below:

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```

<load_spec>
  <connection>
    <host>${METPLUS_MV_HOST}</host>
    <database>${METPLUS_MV_DATABASE}</database>
    <user>${METPLUS_MV_USER}</user>
    <password>${METPLUS_MV_PASSWORD}</password>
  </connection>

  <verbose>${METPLUS_MV_VERBOSE}</verbose>
  <insert_size>${METPLUS_MV_INSERT_SIZE}</insert_size>
  <mode_header_db_check>${METPLUS_MV_MODE_HEADER_DB_CHECK}</mode_header_db_check>
  <drop_indexes>${METPLUS_MV_DROP_INDEXES}</drop_indexes>
  <apply_indexes>${METPLUS_MV_APPLY_INDEXES}</apply_indexes>
  <group>${METPLUS_MV_GROUP}</group>
  <load_stat>${METPLUS_MV_LOAD_STAT}</load_stat>
  <load_mode>${METPLUS_MV_LOAD_MODE}</load_mode>
  <load_mtd>${METPLUS_MV_LOAD_MTD}</load_mtd>
  <load_mpr>${METPLUS_MV_LOAD_MPR}</load_mpr>

  <folder_tmpl>{dirs}</folder_tmpl>
  <load_val>
    <field name="dirs">
      ${METPLUS_INPUT_PATHS}
    </field>
  </load_val>
</load_spec>

```

#### 5.1.10.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in METdbLoad.conf followed by a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/METdbLoad/METdbLoad.conf -c /
↳ path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config and then passing in METdbLoad.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/METdbLoad/METdbLoad.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.10.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

#### 5.1.10.1.9 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-METdbLoad.png'

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**Note:** [METdbLoadUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.11 MODE

#### 5.1.11.1 MODE: Using Python Embedding

met\_tool\_wrapper/MODE/MODE\_python\_embedding.conf

##### 5.1.11.1.1 Scientific Objective

Compare dummy forecast data to dummy observations. Generate statistics of the results.

##### 5.1.11.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** Dummy text files found in the MET shared directory

**Observation:** Dummy text files found in the MET shared directory

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball.

Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See 'Running METplus' section for more information.

#### 5.1.11.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus MODE wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool mode if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.11.1.4 METplus Workflow

MODE is the only tool called in this example. It processes a single run time with three forecast leads. The input data are simple text files with no timing information, so the list of forecast leads simply duplicates the same file multiple times to demonstrate how data is read in via Python embedding.

#### 5.1.11.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/MODE/MODE\_python\_embedding.conf

```
# MODE METplus Configuration

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# List of applications to run - only MODE for this case
PROCESS_LIST = MODE

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strptime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG=2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
```

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INIT_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 12

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
# increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for MODE only
#LOG_MODE_VERBOSITY = 2

# Location of MET config file to pass to the MODE
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
MODE_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/MODEConfig_wrapped

# grid to remap data. Value is set as the 'to_grid' variable in the 'regrid' dictionary
# See MET User's Guide for more information
MODE_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE

MODE_OUTPUT_PREFIX = FCST_vs_OBS

# Location of merge config file to pass to the MODE
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
# Not used if unset or set to an empty string
MODE_MERGE_CONFIG_FILE =

# Name to identify model (forecast) data in output
MODEL = WRF

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTYP = WRF

#MODE_GRID_RES = 4

# turn on quilting
MODE_QUILT = True

# convolution radius list
FCST_MODE_CONV_RADIUS = 5

```

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```

# convolution radius list
OBS_MODE_CONV_RADIUS = 5

# convolution threshold list
FCST_MODE_CONV_THRESH = >=80.0

# convolution threshold list
OBS_MODE_CONV_THRESH = >=80.0

# merge threshold list
FCST_MODE_MERGE_THRESH = >=75.0

# merge threshold list
OBS_MODE_MERGE_THRESH = >=75.0

# merge flag: options are NONE, THRESH, ENGINE, or BOTH
FCST_MODE_MERGE_FLAG = NONE

# merge flag: options are NONE, THRESH, ENGINE, or BOTH
OBS_MODE_MERGE_FLAG = NONE

# List of variables to compare in MODE - FCST_VAR1 variables correspond
# to OBS_VAR1 variables

# Name of forecast variable 1
FCST_VAR1_NAME = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/scripts/python/read_ascii_numpy.py {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/
↳python/fcst.txt FCST

# Name of observation variable 1
OBS_VAR1_NAME = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/scripts/python/read_ascii_numpy.py {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/
↳python/obs.txt OBS

# List of levels to evaluate for observation variable 1
# P500 = 500 mb pressure level in GRIB file
# must be the same length as FCST_VAR1_LEVELS
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = P500

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
FCST_MODE_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
FCST_MODE_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0
OBS_MODE_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
OBS_MODE_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Set to true if observation data is probabilistic
# Only used if configuring forecast data as the 'OBS' input
OBS_IS_PROB = false

```

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```

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# directory containing forecast input to MODE
FCST_MODE_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing observation input to MODE
OBS_MODE_INPUT_DIR =

# directory to write output from MODE
MODE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/MODE_python_embedding

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for forecast input to MODE relative to FCST_MODE_INPUT_DIR
FCST_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = PYTHON_NUMPY

# Template to look for observation input to MODE relative to OBS_MODE_INPUT_DIR
OBS_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = PYTHON_NUMPY

# Optional subdirectories relative to MODE_OUTPUT_DIR to write output from MODE
MODE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

# Used to specify a verification mask file for MODE
# Not used for this example.
MODE_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE =

```

#### 5.1.11.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [MODE MET Configuration](#) (page 114) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//

```

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```
// MODE configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//
// grid_res =
${METPLUS_GRID_RES}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Run all permutations of radius and threshold
//
${METPLUS_QUILT}

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
```

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```

    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_FLAG}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_FLAG}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Handle missing data
//
mask_missing_flag = BOTH;

//
// Match objects between the forecast and observation fields
//
//match_flag =
${METPLUS_MATCH_FLAG}

//
// Maximum centroid distance for objects to be compared
//
//max_centroid_dist =
${METPLUS_MAX_CENTROID_DIST}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
//mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//

```

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```

// Fuzzy engine weights
//
//weight = {
${METPLUS_WEIGHT_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions
//
interest_function = {

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_BOUNDARY_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CONVEX_HULL_DIST}

    angle_diff = (
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 30.0, 1.0 )
        ( 90.0, 0.0 )
    );

    aspect_diff = (
        ( 0.00, 1.0 )
        ( 0.10, 1.0 )
        ( 0.75, 0.0 )
    );

    corner    = 0.8;
    ratio_if = (
        ( 0.0, 0.0 )
        ( corner, 1.0 )
        ( 1.0, 1.0 )
    );

    area_ratio = ratio_if;

    int_area_ratio = (
        ( 0.00, 0.00 )
        ( 0.10, 0.50 )
        ( 0.25, 1.00 )
        ( 1.00, 1.00 )
    );

    curvature_ratio = ratio_if;

    complexity_ratio = ratio_if;

    inten_perc_ratio = ratio_if;
}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//
//total_interest_thresh =
${METPLUS_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH}
//
// Interest threshold for printing output pair information
//
print_interest_thresh = 0.0;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Plotting information
//
met_data_dir = "MET_BASE";

fcst_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

obs_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

object_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_obj.ctable";
}

//
// Boolean for plotting on the region of valid data within the domain
//
plot_valid_flag = FALSE;

//
// Plot polyline edges using great circle arcs instead of straight lines
//
plot_gcarc_flag = FALSE;

////////////////////////////////////

//

```

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```
// NetCDF matched pairs, PostScript, and contingency table output files
//
ps_plot_flag    = TRUE;

//nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

ct_stats_flag   = TRUE;

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

shift_right = 0;    // grid squares

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version        = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

#### 5.1.11.1.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the input data. The Python script is stored in the MET repository:  
 /path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read\_ascii\_numpy.py

[read\\_ascii\\_numpy.py](#)

#### 5.1.11.1.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in MODE\_python\_embedding.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
master_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/MODE/MODE_python_embedding.
↪conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in MODE\_python\_embedding.conf:

```
master_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/MODE/MODE_python_embedding.
↪conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in

parm/use\_cases

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.11.1.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/MODE\_python\_embedding/2005080712 (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files: \* mode\_FCST\_vs\_OBS\_120000L\_20050807\_120000V\_120000A\_cts.txt \* mode\_FCST\_vs\_OBS\_120000L\_20050807\_120000V\_120000A\_obj.nc \* mode\_FCST\_vs\_OBS\_120000L\_20050807\_120000V\_120000A.ps

#### 5.1.11.1.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [MODEToolUseCase](#) [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-MODE.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.11.2 MODE: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/MODE/MODE.conf

#### 5.1.11.2.1 Scientific Objective

Compare relative humidity 12 hour forecast to 0 hour observations. Generate statistics of the results.

#### 5.1.11.2.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF Relative Humidity

**Observation:** WRF Relative Humidity

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 343) section for more information.

#### 5.1.11.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus MODE wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool mode if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.11.2.4 METplus Workflow

MODE is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2005-08-07\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 12 hour

#### 5.1.11.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/MODE/MODE.conf

```
[config]

# MODE METplus Configuration

PROCESS_LIST = MODE
```

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```

LOOP_ORDER = times
LOOP_BY = INIT

INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
INIT_BEG=2005080700
INIT_END=2005080700
INIT_INCREMENT = 12H

LEAD_SEQ = 12

#LOG_MODE_VERBOSITY = 2

FCST_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst
FCST_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH}.tm00_G212

OBS_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst
OBS_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_00.tm00_G212

MODE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/mode
MODE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

MODEL = WRF

MODE_DESC = NA

OBTYP = WRF

MODE_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/MODEConfig_wrapped

FCST_VAR1_NAME = RH
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = P500

FCST_MODE_CONV_RADIUS = 5
FCST_MODE_CONV_THRESH = >=80.0
FCST_MODE_MERGE_THRESH = >=75.0
FCST_MODE_MERGE_FLAG = NONE

#MODE_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME =
#MODE_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH =
#MODE_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH =
#MODE_FCST_CENSOR_VAL =
#MODE_FCST_VLD_THRESH =

FCST_IS_PROB = false

OBS_VAR1_NAME = RH
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = P500

OBS_MODE_CONV_RADIUS = 5

```

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```

OBS_MODE_CONV_THRESH = >=80.0
OBS_MODE_MERGE_THRESH = >=75.0
OBS_MODE_MERGE_FLAG = NONE

#MODE_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME =
#MODE_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH =
#MODE_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH =
#MODE_OBS_CENSOR_VAL =
#MODE_OBS_VLD_THRESH =

OBS_IS_PROB = false

FCST_MODE_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
FCST_MODE_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0
OBS_MODE_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
OBS_MODE_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

MODE_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE
#MODE_REGRID_METHOD =
#MODE_REGRID_WIDTH =
#MODE_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#MODE_REGRID_SHAPE =

MODE_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_{CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{OBTTYPE}_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}_{CURRENT_OBS_LEVEL}

MODE_MERGE_CONFIG_FILE =

MODE_GRID_RES = 40

#MODE_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST =
#MODE_INTEREST_FUNCTION_BOUNDARY_DIST =
#MODE_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CONVEX_HULL_DIST =

#MODE_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH =

#MODE_MASK_GRID =
#MODE_MASK_GRID_FLAG =
#MODE_MASK_POLY =
#MODE_MASK_POLY_FLAG =

#MODE_MATCH_FLAG =

#MODE_WEIGHT_CENTROID_DIST =
#MODE_WEIGHT_BOUNDARY_DIST =
#MODE_WEIGHT_CONVEX_HULL_DIST =
#MODE_WEIGHT_ANGLE_DIFF =
#MODE_WEIGHT_ASPECT_DIFF =
#MODE_WEIGHT_AREA_RATIO =
#MODE_WEIGHT_INT_AREA_RATIO =
#MODE_WEIGHT_CURVATURE_RATIO =

```

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```
#MODE_WEIGHT_COMPLEXITY_RATIO =  
#MODE_WEIGHT_INTEN_PERC_RATIO =  
#MODE_WEIGHT_INTEN_PERC_VALUE =  
  
#MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON =  
#MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW =  
#MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_OBJECT_RAW =  
#MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_OBJECT_ID =  
#MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLUSTER_ID =  
#MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_POLYLINES =  
  
MODE_QUILT = True
```

#### 5.1.11.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [MODE MET Configuration](#) (page 114) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// MODE configuration file.  
//  
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.  
//  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
//  
// Output model name to be written  
//  
${METPLUS_MODEL}  
  
//  
// Output description to be written  
//  
${METPLUS_DESC}  
  
//  
// Output observation type to be written  
//
```

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```

${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//
// grid_res =
${METPLUS_GRID_RES}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Run all permutations of radius and threshold
//
${METPLUS_QUILT}

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_FLAG}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_THRESH}

```

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```

    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_FLAG}
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Handle missing data
//
mask_missing_flag = BOTH;

//
// Match objects between the forecast and observation fields
//
//match_flag =
${METPLUS_MATCH_FLAG}

//
// Maximum centroid distance for objects to be compared
//
//max_centroid_dist =
${METPLUS_MAX_CENTROID_DIST}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
//mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine weights
//
//weight = {
${METPLUS_WEIGHT_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions
//
interest_function = {

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_BOUNDARY_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CONVEX_HULL_DIST}

    angle_diff = (

```

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```

    ( 0.0, 1.0 )
    ( 30.0, 1.0 )
    ( 90.0, 0.0 )
);

aspect_diff = (
    ( 0.00, 1.0 )
    ( 0.10, 1.0 )
    ( 0.75, 0.0 )
);

corner      = 0.8;
ratio_if = (
    ( 0.0, 0.0 )
    ( corner, 1.0 )
    ( 1.0, 1.0 )
);

area_ratio = ratio_if;

int_area_ratio = (
    ( 0.00, 0.00 )
    ( 0.10, 0.50 )
    ( 0.25, 1.00 )
    ( 1.00, 1.00 )
);

curvature_ratio = ratio_if;

complexity_ratio = ratio_if;

inten_perc_ratio = ratio_if;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//
//total_interest_thresh =
${METPLUS_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH}

//
// Interest threshold for printing output pair information
//
print_interest_thresh = 0.0;

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Plotting information
//

```

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```

met_data_dir = "MET_BASE";

fcst_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

obs_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

object_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_obj.ctable";
}

//
// Boolean for plotting on the region of valid data within the domain
//
plot_valid_flag = FALSE;

//
// Plot polyline edges using great circle arcs instead of straight lines
//
plot_gcarc_flag = FALSE;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// NetCDF matched pairs, PostScript, and contingency table output files
//
ps_plot_flag    = TRUE;

//nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

ct_stats_flag   = TRUE;

////////////////////////////////////

shift_right = 0;    // grid squares

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version        = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

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`${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}`

### 5.1.11.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in MODE.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/MODE/MODE.conf -c /path/to/  
↪user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in MODE.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/MODE/MODE.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.11.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in mode/2005080712 (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

```
# * mode_WRF_RH_vs_WRF_RH_P500_120000L_20050807_120000V_000000A_cts.txt  
# * mode_WRF_RH_vs_WRF_RH_P500_120000L_20050807_120000V_000000A_obj.nc
```

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```
# * mode_WRF_RH_vs_WRF_RH_P500_120000L_20050807_120000V_000000A_obj.txt
# * mode_WRF_RH_vs_WRF_RH_P500_120000L_20050807_120000V_000000A.ps
```

#### 5.1.11.2.9 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-MODE.png'

---

**Note:** [MODEToolUseCase](#), [DiagnosticsUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.12 MTD

#### 5.1.12.1 MTD using Python Embedding

met\_tool\_wrapper/MTD/MTD\_python\_embedding.conf

##### 5.1.12.1.1 Scientific Objective

Compare forecast and observation 3 hour precipitation accumulation spatially and temporally over the 6 hour, 9 hour, and 12 hour forecast leads.

##### 5.1.12.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** Dummy text files found in the MET shared directory

**Observation:** Dummy text files found in the MET shared directory

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 353) section for more information.



### 5.1.12.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus MTD wrapper to read in files using Python Embedding to demonstrate how to read in data this way.

### 5.1.12.1.4 METplus Workflow

MTD is the only tool called in this example. It processes a single run time with three forecast leads. The input data are simple text files with no timing information, so the list of forecast leads simply duplicates the same file multiple times to demonstrate how data is read in via Python Embedding.

### 5.1.12.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/MTD/MTD_python_embedding.conf`

```
# MTD (MODE Time Domain) using Python Embedding METplus Configuration

[config]

# List of applications to run - only MTD for this case
PROCESS_LIST = MTD

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strptime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG=2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT=1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
```

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```

# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0, 1, 2

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# if true, only process a single data set with MTD
MTD_SINGLE_RUN = False

# Data to process in single mode
# FCST and OBS are valid options
MTD_SINGLE_DATA_SRC = OBS

# forecast convolution radius list
FCST_MTD_CONV_RADIUS = 0

# forecast convolution threshold list
FCST_MTD_CONV_THRESH = >=10

# observation convolution radius list
OBS_MTD_CONV_RADIUS = 15

# observation convolution threshold list
OBS_MTD_CONV_THRESH = >=1.0

# list of variables to compare
FCST_VAR1_NAME = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py MET_PYTHON_INPUT_ARG FCST

OBS_VAR1_NAME = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py MET_PYTHON_INPUT_ARG OBS

FCST_MTD_INPUT_DATATYPE = PYTHON_NUMPY

OBS_MTD_INPUT_DATATYPE = PYTHON_NUMPY

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = FCST
OBTYP = OBS

#MTD_DESC =

# location of MODE Time Domain MET config file
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section

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```

MTD_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/MTDConfig_wrapped

# grid to remap data. Value is set as the 'to_grid' variable in the 'regrid' dictionary
# See MET User's Guide for more information
MTD_REGRID_TO_GRID = OBS

# Minimum volume
FCST_MTD_MIN_VOLUME = 2000

# convolution radius for forecast data
FCST_MTD_CONV_RADIUS = 15

# convolution threshold for forecast data
FCST_MTD_CONV_THRESH = >=5.0

# output prefix to add to output filenames
MTD_OUTPUT_PREFIX = PYTHON

# set to True if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# True if probabilistic information is in the GRIB Product Definition Section
FCST_PROB_IN_GRIB_PDS = false

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
FCST_MTD_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/python

OBS_MTD_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/python

MTD_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/MTD/mtd_python_embedding

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# format of filenames

FCST_MTD_INPUT_TEMPLATE= fcst.txt

OBS_MTD_INPUT_TEMPLATE = obs.txt

MTD_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE =

```

#### 5.1.12.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [MTD MET Configuration](#) (page 125) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// MODE Time Domain configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//

${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//

${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//

${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//

${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
```

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```

// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//

grid_res = 4;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    censor_thresh      = [];
    censor_val         = [];
    conv_time_window   = { beg = -1; end = 1; };
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}

}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    censor_thresh      = [];
    censor_val         = [];
    conv_time_window   = { beg = -1; end = 1; };
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}

}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Intensity percentile value to be written
//

inten_perc_value = 99;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Throw away 3D objects with volumes smaller than this
//
${METPLUS_MIN_VOLUME}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Fuzzy engine weights
//
weight = {
    space_centroid_dist = 1.0;
    time_centroid_delta = 1.0;
    speed_delta         = 1.0;
    direction_diff      = 1.0;
    volume_ratio        = 1.0;
    axis_angle_diff     = 1.0;
    start_time_delta    = 1.0;
    end_time_delta      = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions
//
interest_function = {
    space_centroid_dist = (
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 50.0, 0.5 )
        ( 100.0, 0.0 )
    );
    time_centroid_delta = (
        ( -3.0, 0.0 )
        ( -2.0, 0.5 )
        ( -1.0, 0.8 )
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 1.0, 0.8 )
        ( 2.0, 0.5 )
    );
}

```

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```
( 3.0, 0.0 )

);

speed_delta = (

( -10.0, 0.0 )
( -5.0, 0.5 )
( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 5.0, 0.5 )
( 10.0, 0.0 )

);

direction_diff = (

( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 90.0, 0.0 )
( 180.0, 0.0 )

);

volume_ratio = (

( 0.0, 0.0 )
( 0.5, 0.5 )
( 1.0, 1.0 )
( 1.5, 0.5 )
( 2.0, 0.0 )

);

axis_angle_diff = (

( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 30.0, 1.0 )
( 90.0, 0.0 )

);

start_time_delta = (

( -5.0, 0.0 )
( -3.0, 0.5 )
( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 3.0, 0.5 )
( 5.0, 0.0 )

);

end_time_delta = (
```

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```

    ( -5.0, 0.0 )
    ( -3.0, 0.5 )
    ( 0.0, 1.0 )
    ( 3.0, 0.5 )
    ( 5.0, 0.0 )

);

} // interest functions

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//

total_interest_thresh = 0.7;

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output flags
//

nc_output = {

    latlon      = true;
    raw         = true;
    object_id   = true;
    cluster_id  = true;

}

txt_output = {

    attributes_2d = true;
    attributes_3d = true;

}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version      = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```



#### 5.1.12.1.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the input data. The Python script is stored in the MET repository: `/path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py`

[read\\_ascii\\_numpy.py](#)

#### 5.1.12.1.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `MTD_python_embedding.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/MTD/MTD_python_embedding.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `MTD_python_embedding.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/MTD/MTD_python_embedding.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.1.12.1.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/MTD/mtd_python_embedding` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- mtd\_PYTHON\_20050807\_120000V\_2d.txt
- mtd\_PYTHON\_20050807\_120000V\_3d\_pair\_cluster.txt
- mtd\_PYTHON\_20050807\_120000V\_3d\_pair\_simple.txt
- mtd\_PYTHON\_20050807\_120000V\_3d\_single\_cluster.txt
- mtd\_PYTHON\_20050807\_120000V\_3d\_single\_simple.txt
- mtd\_PYTHON\_20050807\_120000V\_obj.nc

#### 5.1.12.1.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [MTDToolUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#) [DiagnosticsUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-MTD.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.12.2 Basic MTD Use Case

met\_tool\_wrappper/MTD/MTD.conf

##### 5.1.12.2.1 Scientific Objective

Compare forecast and observation 3 hour precipitation accumulation spatially and temporally over the 6 hour, 9 hour, and 12 hour forecast leads.

##### 5.1.12.2.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF GRIB Precipitation Accumulation

**Observation:** Stage 2 NetCDF Precipitation Accumulation (converted from GRIB format)

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 363) section for more information.

### 5.1.12.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus MTD wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool mode if all required files are found.

### 5.1.12.2.4 METplus Workflow

MTD is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2005-08-07\_0Z

**Forecast leads:** 6, 9, and 12 hours

### 5.1.12.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/MTD/MTD.conf`

```
# MTD (MODE Time Domain) METplus Configuration

[config]

# List of applications to run - only MTD for this case
PROCESS_LIST = MTD

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG=2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
```

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```

# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT=1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 6H, 9H, 12H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# if true, only process a single data set with MTD
MTD_SINGLE_RUN = False

# Data to process in single mode
# FCST and OBS are valid options
MTD_SINGLE_DATA_SRC = OBS

# forecast convolution radius list
FCST_MTD_CONV_RADIUS = 10

# forecast convolution threshold list
FCST_MTD_CONV_THRESH = >=0.0

# observation convolution radius list
OBS_MTD_CONV_RADIUS = 10

# observation convolution threshold list
OBS_MTD_CONV_THRESH = >=0.0

# list of variables to compare
FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = A03
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7

OBS_VAR1_NAME = APCP_03
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = WRF
MTD_DESC = NA
OBTYP = MC_PCP

```

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```

# location of MODE Time Domain MET config file
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
MTD_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/MTDConfig_wrapped

# grid to remap data. Value is set as the 'to_grid' variable in the 'regrid' dictionary
# See MET User's Guide for more information
MTD_REGRID_TO_GRID = OBS

# Minimum volume
MTD_MIN_VOLUME = 2000

# output prefix to add to output filenames
MTD_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_{CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{OBTTYPE}_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}_{CURRENT_FCST_LEVEL}

# set to True if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = False

# True if probabilistic information is in the GRIB Product Definition Section
FCST_PROB_IN_GRIB_PDS = false

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
FCST_MTD_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst

OBS_MTD_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new

MTD_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/mtd

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# format of filenames

FCST_MTD_INPUT_TEMPLATE= {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH}.tm00_G212

OBS_MTD_INPUT_TEMPLATE = ST2m1{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A03h.nc

MTD_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

```

#### 5.1.12.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [MTD MET Configuration](#) (page 125) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// MODE Time Domain configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//

${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//

${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//

${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//

${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
```

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```

// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//

grid_res = 4;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    censor_thresh      = [];
    censor_val         = [];
    conv_time_window   = { beg = -1; end = 1; };
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}

}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    censor_thresh      = [];
    censor_val         = [];
    conv_time_window   = { beg = -1; end = 1; };
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}

}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Intensity percentile value to be written
//

inten_perc_value = 99;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Throw away 3D objects with volumes smaller than this
//
${METPLUS_MIN_VOLUME}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Fuzzy engine weights
//
weight = {
    space_centroid_dist  = 1.0;
    time_centroid_delta  = 1.0;
    speed_delta          = 1.0;
    direction_diff        = 1.0;
    volume_ratio          = 1.0;
    axis_angle_diff       = 1.0;
    start_time_delta      = 1.0;
    end_time_delta        = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions
//
interest_function = {
    space_centroid_dist = (
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 50.0, 0.5 )
        ( 100.0, 0.0 )
    );
    time_centroid_delta = (
        ( -3.0, 0.0 )
        ( -2.0, 0.5 )
        ( -1.0, 0.8 )
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 1.0, 0.8 )
        ( 2.0, 0.5 )
    );
}

```

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```
( 3.0, 0.0 )

);

speed_delta = (

( -10.0, 0.0 )
( -5.0, 0.5 )
( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 5.0, 0.5 )
( 10.0, 0.0 )

);

direction_diff = (

( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 90.0, 0.0 )
( 180.0, 0.0 )

);

volume_ratio = (

( 0.0, 0.0 )
( 0.5, 0.5 )
( 1.0, 1.0 )
( 1.5, 0.5 )
( 2.0, 0.0 )

);

axis_angle_diff = (

( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 30.0, 1.0 )
( 90.0, 0.0 )

);

start_time_delta = (

( -5.0, 0.0 )
( -3.0, 0.5 )
( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 3.0, 0.5 )
( 5.0, 0.0 )

);

end_time_delta = (
```

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```

    ( -5.0, 0.0 )
    ( -3.0, 0.5 )
    ( 0.0, 1.0 )
    ( 3.0, 0.5 )
    ( 5.0, 0.0 )

);

} // interest functions

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//

total_interest_thresh = 0.7;

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output flags
//

nc_output = {

    latlon      = true;
    raw         = true;
    object_id   = true;
    cluster_id  = true;

}

txt_output = {

    attributes_2d = true;
    attributes_3d = true;

}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.1.12.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in MTD.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/MTD/MTD.conf -c /path/to/user_
↳system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in MTD.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/MTD/MTD.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.12.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in mtd/2005080712 (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

```
# * mtd_PROB_WRF_APCP_vs_MC_PCP_APCP_03_A03_20050807_060000V_2d.txt
# * mtd_PROB_WRF_APCP_vs_MC_PCP_APCP_03_A03_20050807_060000V_3d_single_simple.txt
# * mtd_PROB_WRF_APCP_vs_MC_PCP_APCP_03_A03_20050807_060000V_obj.nc
```

#### 5.1.12.2.9 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-MTD.png'
```

---

**Note:** [MTDToolUseCase](#), [DiagnosticsUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.13 PB2NC

#### 5.1.13.1 PB2NC: Basic Use Case

```
met_tool_wrapper/PB2NC/PB2NC.conf
```

##### 5.1.13.1.1 Scientific Objective

Simply converting file formats so point observations can be read by the MET tools.

##### 5.1.13.1.2 Datasets

**Observations:** Various fields in prepBUFR file

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 371) section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

##### 5.1.13.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PB2NC wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool PB2NC if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.13.1.4 METplus Workflow

PB2NC is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Valid:** 2007-03-31\_12Z

#### 5.1.13.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PB2NC/PB2NC.conf`

```
# PrepBufr to NetCDF Configurations

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# List of applications to run - only PB2NC for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PB2NC

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 2007033112

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2007033112

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
```

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```

LEAD_SEQ = 0

# list of offsets in the prepBUFR input filenames to allow. List is in order of preference
# i.e. if 12, 6 is listed, it will try to use a 12 offset file and then try to use a 6 offset
# if the 12 does not exist
PB2NC_OFFSETS = 12

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
# increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# Location of MET config file to pass to PB2NC
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
PB2NC_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/PB2NCConfig_wrapped

# If set to True, skip run if the output file determined by the output directory and
# filename template already exists
PB2NC_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = True

# Time relative to each input file's valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) for data_
↳ within the file to be
# considered valid. Values are set in the 'obs_window' dictionary in the PB2NC config file
PB2NC_WINDOW_BEGIN = -1800
PB2NC_WINDOW_END = 1800

# controls the window of time around the current run time to be considered to be valid for all
# input files, not just relative to each input files valid time
# if set, these values are substituted with the times from the current run time and passed to
# PB2NC on the command line with -valid_beg and -valid_end arguments.
# Not used if unset or set to an empty string
PB2NC_VALID_BEGIN = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}
PB2NC_VALID_END = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H?shift=1d}

# Values to pass to pb2nc config file using environment variables of the same name.
# See MET User's Guide for more information
PB2NC_GRID = G212
PB2NC_POLY =
PB2NC_STATION_ID =
PB2NC_MESSAGE_TYPE =

PB2NC_PB_REPORT_TYPE = 120, 220, 221, 122, 222, 223, 224, 131, 133, 233, 153, 156, 157, 180, 280, 181,
↳ 182, 281, 282, 183, 284, 187, 287

#PB2NC_LEVEL_RANGE_BEG =
#PB2NC_LEVEL_RANGE_END =

```

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PB2NC_LEVEL_CATEGORY = 0, 1, 4, 5, 6

PB2NC_QUALITY_MARK_THRESH = 3

# Leave empty to process all
PB2NC_OBS_BUFR_VAR_LIST = QOB, TOB, ZOB, UOB, VOB, D_DPT, D_WIND, D_RH, D_MIXR

# For defining the time periods for summarization

PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG = False
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_BEG = 000000
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_END = 235959
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VAR_NAMES =
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_TYPES = min, max, range, mean, stdev, median, p80

PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_RAW_DATA = False
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_STEP = 3600
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_WIDTH = 3600
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_GRIB_CODES =
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_FREQ = 0
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_THRESH = 0.0

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR = {PARM_BASE}/met_config

# directory containing input to PB2NC
PB2NC_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_obs/prepbufr

# directory to write output from PB2NC
PB2NC_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/pb2nc

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# Template to look for forecast input to PB2NC relative to PB2NC_INPUT_DIR
PB2NC_INPUT_TEMPLATE = ndas.t{da_init?fmt=%2H}z.prepbufr.tm{offset?fmt=%2H}.{da_init?fmt=%Y%m%d}.nr

# Template to use to write output from PB2NC
PB2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = sample_pb.nc

```

### 5.1.13.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

---

**Note:** See the [PB2NC MET Configuration](#) (page 134) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// PB2NC configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// PrepBufr message type
//
${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values
// Derive PRMSL only for SURFACE message types
//
message_type_group_map = [
  { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHIP,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ANYAIR"; val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
  { key = "ANYSFC"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHIP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ONLYSF"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHIP"; }
];

//
// Mapping of input PrepBufr message types to output message types
//
message_type_map = [];

//
// PrepBufr station ID
//
${METPLUS_STATION_ID}

////////////////////////////////////
```

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```

//
// Observation time window
//
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observation retention regions
//
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observing location elevation
//
elevation_range = {
    beg = -1000;
    end = 100000;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observation types
//
//pb_report_type =
${METPLUS_PB_REPORT_TYPE}

in_report_type = [];

instrument_type = [];

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Vertical levels to retain
//
//level_range = {
${METPLUS_LEVEL_RANGE_DICT}

//level_category =
${METPLUS_LEVEL_CATEGORY}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// BUFR variable names to retain or derive.
// If empty, process all available variables.
//
${METPLUS_OBS_BUFR_VAR}

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Mapping of BUFR variable name to GRIB name. The default map is defined at
// obs_prepbufr_map. This replaces/extends the default map.
//
obs_bufr_map = [];

// This map is for PREPBUFR. It will be added into obs_bufr_map.
// Please do not override this map.
obs_prefbufr_map = [
  { key = "POB";    val = "PRES"; },
  { key = "QOB";    val = "SPFH"; },
  { key = "TOB";    val = "TMP"; },
  { key = "ZOB";    val = "HGT"; },
  { key = "UOB";    val = "UGRD"; },
  { key = "VOB";    val = "VGRD"; },
  { key = "D_DPT";  val = "DPT"; },
  { key = "D_WDIR"; val = "WDIR"; },
  { key = "D_WIND"; val = "WIND"; },
  { key = "D_RH";   val = "RH"; },
  { key = "D_MIXR"; val = "MIXR"; },
  { key = "D_PRMSL"; val = "PRMSL"; },
  { key = "D_PBL";  val = "PBL"; },
  { key = "D_CAPE"; val = "CAPE"; }
];

////////////////////////////////////

//quality_mark_thresh =
${METPLUS_QUALITY_MARK_THRESH}

event_stack_flag    = TOP;

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Time periods for the summarization
//
${METPLUS_TIME_SUMMARY_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

tmp_dir = "/tmp";
//version = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.1.13.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PB2NC.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PB2NC/PB2NC.conf -c /path/to/
↪user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PB2NC.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PB2NC/PB2NC.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.13.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in pb2nc (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- sample\_pb.nc

#### 5.1.13.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [PB2NCToolUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-PB2NC.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.14 PCPCombine

#### 5.1.14.1 PCPCombine: SUM Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine\_sum.conf

##### 5.1.14.1.1 Scientific Objective

Build a 15 minute precipitation accumulation field from 5 minute accumulation fields.

##### 5.1.14.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** NEWSe 5 minute precipitation accumulation

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 375) section for more information.

**Data Source:** NEWSe

##### 5.1.14.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PCPCombine wrapper to build a command that will look for valid data to build an accumulation.

#### 5.1.14.1.4 METplus Workflow

PCPCombine is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2019-08-02\_18:15Z

**Forecast lead:** 15 minute

#### 5.1.14.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_sum.conf`

```
# PCPCombine Sum Method Example

[config]

# List of applications to run - only PCPCombine for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 201908021815

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 201908021815

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 15M
```

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```

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# If True, run PCPCombine on forecast data
# observation equivalent OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN also exists
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# verbosity of PCPCombine MET output
#LOG_PCP_COMBINE_VERBOSITY = 2

# mode of PCPCombine to use (SUM, ADD, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, or CUSTOM)
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = SUM

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = GFS
OBTYP = ANLYS

# Forecast data description variables

# set to True if forecast input is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Input data type of forecast input, only used if data is probabilistic to determine
# how to extract data from file
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB

# List of input accumulations for forecast data. Units are hours if not specified
# Items should be in order of preference of what accumulations to use if available and relevant
# Each item in the list corresponds to the equivalent in *_INPUT_NAMES and *_INPUT_LEVELS if specified
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 5M

# List of input names corresponding to each accumulation in *_INPUT_ACCUMS
# Can be left blank if using GRIB input
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = A000500

# List of input levels corresponding to each accumulation in *_INPUT_ACCUMS
# Can be left blank if using GRIB input
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = Surface

# desired output accumulation to build with forecast input
# Units are in hours if not specified
# Corresponds to *_OUTPUT_NAME
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 15M

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```
# Name of output field name to write
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = A001500

# If running a MET tool comparison tool after PCPCombine, one can instead set FCST_VAR<n>_[NAME/
↳LEVELS] to
# a value starting with A that corresponds to the desired accumulation to use in the comparison
# this value will be used to determine the accumulation to build with PCPCombine as well
# If FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_[NAME/ACCUM] are set, these variables take priority over FCST_VAR<n>_
↳[NAME/LEVELS]
#FCST_VAR1_NAME = A001500
#FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = 15M

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# input and output data directories
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_sum

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = NEWSe_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_i{init?fmt=%H%M}_m0_f*
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = NEWSe5min_mem00_lag00.nc
```

#### 5.1.14.1.6 MET Configuration

None. PCPCombine does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.14.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PCPCombine\_sum.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_sum.
↳conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PCPCombine\_sum.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_sum.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.14.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_sum` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `NEWSe5min_mem00_lag00.nc`

#### 5.1.14.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [PCPCombineToolUseCase](#)

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PCPCombine.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.14.2 PCPCombine: ADD Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_add.conf`



#### 5.1.14.2.1 Scientific Objective

Build a 15 minute precipitation accumulation field from 5 minute accumulation fields.

#### 5.1.14.2.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** NEWSe 5 minute precipitation accumulation

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 380) section for more information.

**Data Source:** NEWSe

#### 5.1.14.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PCPCombine wrapper to search for files to build the desired accumulation for a given run time using a filename template and a list of available input accumulations. If enough files meeting the criteria are found to build the output accumulation, it will generate a command to run PCPCombine to combine the data.

#### 5.1.14.2.4 METplus Workflow

PCPCombine is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2019-08-02\_18:15Z

**Forecast lead:** 15 minute

### 5.1.14.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_add.conf`

```
# PCPCombine Add Method Example

[config]
# List of applications to run - only PCPCombine for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 201908021815

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 201908021815

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 15M

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# verbosity of PCPCombine MET output
#LOG_PCP_COMBINE_VERBOSITY = 2
```

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```

# If True, run PCPCombine on forecast data
# observation equivalent OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN also exists
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# mode of PCPCombine to use (SUM, ADD, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, or CUSTOM)
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = ADD

# maximum forecast lead to allow when searching for model data to use in PCPCombine
# Default is a very large time (4000 years) so setting this to a valid maximum value can
# speed up execution time of numerous runs
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_MAX_FORECAST = 2d

# keep initialization time constant
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_CONSTANT_INIT = FALSE

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = GFS
OBTYP = ANLYS

# Forecast data description variables

# set to True if forecast input is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Input data type of forecast input, only used if data is probabilistic to determine
# how to extract data from file
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB

# List of input accumulations for forecast data. Units are hours if not specified
# Items should be in order of preference of what accumulations to use if available and relevant
# Each item in the list corresponds to the equivalent in *_INPUT_NAMES and *_INPUT_LEVELS if specified
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 5M

# List of input names corresponding to each accumulation in *_INPUT_ACCUMS
# Can be left blank if using GRIB input
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = A000500

# List of input levels corresponding to each accumulation in *_INPUT_ACCUMS
# Can be left blank if using GRIB input
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = Surface

# desired output accumulation to build with forecast input
# Units are in hours if not specified
# Corresponds to *_OUTPUT_NAME
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 15M

# Name of output field name to write
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = A001500

# If running a MET tool comparison tool after PCPCombine, one can instead set FCST_VAR1_[NAME/LEVELS]_
→to

```

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```
# a value starting with A that corresponds to the desired accumulation to use in the comparison
# this value will be used to determine the accumulation to build with PCPCombine as well
# If FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_[NAME/ACCUM] are set, these variables take priority over
# FCST_VAR<n>_[NAME/LEVELS]
#FCST_VAR1_NAME = A001500
#FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = 15M

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# input and output data directories
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new

FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_add

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = NEWSe_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_i{init?fmt=%H%M}_m0_f{valid?fmt=%H%M}.nc
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = NEWSe5min_mem00_lag00.nc
```

#### 5.1.14.2.6 MET Configuration

None. PCPCombine does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.14.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PCPCombine\_add.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_add.
↪conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PCPCombine\_add.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_add.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.14.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_add` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `NEWSe5min_mem00_lag00.nc`

#### 5.1.14.2.9 Keywords

`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PCPCombine.png'`

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**Note:** [PCPCombineToolUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.14.3 PCPCombine: User-defined Command Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_user_defined.conf`

##### 5.1.14.3.1 Scientific Objective

Derive statistics (sum, minimum, maximum, range, mean, standard deviation, and valid count) using six 3 hour precipitation accumulation fields. This use case builds the same command as `pcp_derive.conf`, but the command is defined completely by the user in the METplus configuration file.

#### 5.1.14.3.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF precipitation accumulation fields (24, 21, 18, 15, 12, and 9 hour forecast leads)

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 385) section for more information.

**Data Source:** WRF

#### 5.1.14.3.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PCPCombine wrapper to generate a command to run PCPCombine to derive statistics from the fields. FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_COMMAND is used to define all arguments to the call to the MET tool pcp\_combine. This variable uses filename template notation using the 'shift' keyword to define filenames that are valid at a time slightly shifted from the run time, i.e. wrfprs\_ruc13\_{lead?fmt=%HH?shift=-3H}.tm00\_G212. It also references other configuration variables in the METplus configuration file, such as FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_NAMES and FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_LEVELS, and FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_DIR.

#### 5.1.14.3.4 METplus Workflow

PCPCombine is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2005-08-07\_00Z

**Forecast lead:** 24 hour

#### 5.1.14.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine\_user\_defined.conf

```
# PCPCombine Subtract Method Example
```

```
[config]
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```

# List of applications to run - only PCPCombine for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 24H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# verbosity of PCPCombine MET output
#LOG_PCP_COMBINE_VERBOSITY = 2

# If True, run pcp_combine on forecast data
# observation equivalent OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN also exists
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# mode of pcp_combine to use (SUM, ADD, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, or USER_DEFINED)
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = USER_DEFINED

# user-defined command to run pcp_combine

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```

# NOTE: do not include pcpc_combine app name or the output path, these will be added in automatically
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_COMMAND = -derive sum,min,max,range,mean,stdev,vld_count {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}
→/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH}.tm00_G212 {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y
→m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH?shift=-3H}.tm00_G212 {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m
→d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH?shift=-6H}.tm00_G212 {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d
→H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH?shift=-9H}.tm00_G212 {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/
→wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH?shift=-12H}.tm00_G212 {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/
→wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH?shift=-15H}.tm00_G212 -field 'name="{FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES}";
→level="{FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS}";'

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = GFS

# Forecast data description variables

# set to True if forecast input is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Input data type of forecast input, only used if data is probabilistic to determine
# how to extract data from file
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB

# List of input accumulations for forecast data. Units are hours if not specified
# Items should be in order of preference of what accumulations to use if available and relevant
# Each item in the list corresponds to the equivalent in *_INPUT_NAMES and *_INPUT_LEVELS if specified
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 3H

# List of input names corresponding to each accumulation in *_INPUT_ACCUMS
# Can be left blank if using GRIB input
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = APCP

# List of input levels corresponding to each accumulation in *_INPUT_ACCUMS
# Can be left blank if using GRIB input
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = A03

# desired output accumulation to build with forecast input
# Units are in hours if not specified
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = A24

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# input and output data directories
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_user_defined

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH}.tm00_G212
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = wrfprs_ruc13_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_f{lead?fmt=%HH}_A{level?fmt=%HH}.
→nc

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#### 5.1.14.3.6 MET Configuration

None. PCPCombine does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.14.3.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PCPCombine\_user\_defined.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_user_
↳defined.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PCPCombine\_user\_defined.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_user_
↳defined.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.14.3.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_user_defined` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `wrfprs_ruc13_2005080700_f24_A24.nc`

#### 5.1.14.3.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [PCPCombineToolUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PCPCombine.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.14.4 PCPCombine: DERIVE Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_derive.conf`

##### 5.1.14.4.1 Scientific Objective

Derive statistics (sum, minimum, maximum, range, mean, standard deviation, and valid count) using six 3 hour precipitation accumulation fields.

##### 5.1.14.4.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF precipitation accumulation fields (24, 21, 18, 15, 12, and 9 hour forecast leads)

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_test` sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of `INPUT_BASE`. See [Running METplus](#) (page 390) section for more information.

**Data Source:** WRF

#### 5.1.14.4.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PCPCombine wrapper to search for files for each run time using a filename template, forecast lead, and lookback time. It will generate a command to run PCPCombine to derive statistics from the fields.

#### 5.1.14.4.4 METplus Workflow

PCPCombine is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2005-08-07\_00Z

**Forecast lead:** 24 hour

#### 5.1.14.4.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_derive.conf`

```
# PCPCombine Subtract Method Example

[config]
# List of applications to run - only PCPCombine for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2005080700
```

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```

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 24H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
# increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# verbosity of PCPCombine MET output
#LOG_PCP_COMBINE_VERBOSITY = 2

# If True, run PCPCombine on forecast data
# observation equivalent OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN also exists
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# mode of PCPCombine to use (SUM, ADD, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, or CUSTOM)
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = DERIVE

# lookback time relative to current run time to consider data to be valid for a run
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_DERIVE_LOOKBACK = 18H

# minimum forecast lead to allow when searching for model data to use in PCPCombine
# Default is 0 so setting this to a valid minimum value can
# speed up execution time of numerous runs
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_MIN_FORECAST = 9H

# maximum forecast lead to allow when searching for model data to use in PCPCombine
# Default is a very large time (4000 years) so setting this to a valid maximum value can
# speed up execution time of numerous runs
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_MAX_FORECAST = 2d

# list of statistics to pass to PCPCombine with the -derive command line argument
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_STAT_LIST = sum,min,max,range,mean,stdev,vld_count

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = GFS

# Forecast data description variables

# set to True if forecast input is probabilistic

```

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```

FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Input data type of forecast input, only used if data is probabilistic to determine
# how to extract data from file
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB

# List of input accumulations for forecast data. Units are hours if not specified
# Items should be in order of preference of what accumulations to use if available and relevant
# Each item in the list corresponds to the equivalent in *_INPUT_NAMES and *_INPUT_LEVELS if specified
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 3H

# List of input names corresponding to each accumulation in *_INPUT_ACCUMS
# Can be left blank if using GRIB input
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = APCP

# List of input levels corresponding to each accumulation in *_INPUT_ACCUMS
# Can be left blank if using GRIB input
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = A03

# optional extra options to pass to the fcst field object
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_OPTIONS =

# desired output accumulation to build with forecast input
# Units are in hours if not specified
# Corresponds to *_OUTPUT_NAME
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 18H

# Name of output field name to write
# Not set for this example
# Note you must specify a list of names that is the same length as the
# number of derivation specified in FCST_PCP_COMBINE_STAT_LIST
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME =

# set the following to add additional fields to add to command
#FCST_PCP_COMBINE_EXTRA_NAMES =
#FCST_PCP_COMBINE_EXTRA_LEVELS =
#FCST_PCP_COMBINE_EXTRA_OUTPUT_NAMES =

# If running a MET tool comparison tool after PCPCombine, one can instead set FCST_VAR1_[NAME/LEVELS]_
→to
# a value starting with A that corresponds to the desired accumulation to use in the comparison
# this value will be used to determine the accumulation to build with PCPCombine as well
# If FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_[NAME/ACCUM] are set, these variables take priority over
# FCST_VAR<n>_[NAME/LEVELS]
#FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP
#FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = 18H

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# input and output data directories
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_derive

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```
# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH}.tm00_G212
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = wrfprs_ruc13_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_f{lead?fmt=%HH}_A{level?fmt=%HH}.
↪nc
```

#### 5.1.14.4.6 MET Configuration

None. PCPCombine does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.14.4.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PCPCombine\_derive.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_derive.
↪conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PCPCombine\_derive.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_derive.
↪conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.14.4.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_derive` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `wrfprs_ruc13_2005080700_f24_A18.nc`

#### 5.1.14.4.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [PCPCombineToolUseCase](#)

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PCPCombine.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.14.5 PCPCombine: SUBTRACT Use Case

`met_tools_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_subtract.conf`

##### 5.1.14.5.1 Scientific Objective

Extract a 3 hour precipitation accumulation field by subtracting a 15 hour accumulation field from an 18 hour accumulation field.

##### 5.1.14.5.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF precipitation accumulation fields (18 hour and 15 hour forecast leads)

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_test` sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of `INPUT_BASE`. See [Running METplus](#) (page 394) section for more information.

**Data Source:** WRF

#### 5.1.14.5.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PCPCombine wrapper to search for files to extract the desired accumulation for a given run time using a filename template, forecast lead, and output accumulation. It will generate a command to run PCPCombine to subtract a field from another field to extract the desired accumulation.

#### 5.1.14.5.4 METplus Workflow

PCPCombine is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2005-08-07\_00Z

**Forecast lead:** 18 hour

#### 5.1.14.5.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_subtract.conf`

```
# PCPCombine Subtract Method Example

[config]
# List of applications to run - only PCPCombine for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
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```

# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 18H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
# increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# verbosity of PCPCombine MET output
#LOG_PCP_COMBINE_VERBOSITY = 2

# If True, run PCPCombine on forecast data
# observation equivalent OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN also exists
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# mode of PCPCombine to use (SUM, ADD, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, or CUSTOM)
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = SUBTRACT

# maximum forecast lead to allow when searching for model data to use in PCPCombine
# Default is a very large time (4000 years) so setting this to a valid maximum value can
# speed up execution time of numerous runs
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_MAX_FORECAST = 2d

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = GFS
OBTYP = ANLYS

# set to True if forecast input is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Input data type of forecast input, only used if data is probabilistic to determine
# how to extract data from file
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB

# desired output accumulation to build with forecast input
# Units are in hours if not specified
# Corresponds to *_OUTPUT_NAME
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 3H

# Name of output field name to write
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = APCP

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```
# If running a MET tool comparison tool after PCPCombine, one can instead set FCST_VAR1_[NAME/LEVELS]_
↳to
# a value starting with A that corresponds to the desired accumulation to use in the comparison
# this value will be used to determine the accumulation to build with PCPCombine as well
# If FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_[NAME/ACCUM] are set, these variables take priority over
# FCST_VAR<n>_[NAME/LEVELS]
#FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP
#FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = 3H

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# input and output data directories
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_subtract

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%HH}.tm00_G212
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = wrfprs_ruc13_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_f{lead?fmt=%HH}_A03.nc
```

#### 5.1.14.5.6 MET Configuration

None. PCPCombine does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.14.5.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PCPCombine\_subtract.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_
↳subtract.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PCPCombine\_subtract.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_
↳subtract.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.14.5.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_subtract` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `wrfprs_ruc13_2005080700_f24_A18.nc`

#### 5.1.14.5.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [PCPCombineToolUseCase](#)

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PCPCombine.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.14.6 PCPCombine: Python Embedding Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_python_embedding.conf`

#### 5.1.14.6.1 Scientific Objective

Build a 2 hour precipitation accumulation field from 30 minute IMERG data.

#### 5.1.14.6.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** IMERG HDF5 30 minute precipitation accumulation

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 398) section for more information.

**Data Source:** IMERG

#### 5.1.14.6.3 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

- \* h5-py
- \* numpy

If the version of Python used to compile MET did not have these libraries at the time of compilation, you will need to add these packages or create a new Python environment with these packages.

If this is the case, you will need to set the MET\_PYTHON\_EXE environment variable to the path of the version of Python you want to use. If you want this version of Python to only apply to this use case, set it in the [user\_env\_vars] section of a METplus configuration file.:

```
[user_env_vars]      MET_PYTHON_EXE      =      /path/to/python/with/h5-  
py/and/numpy/packages/bin/python
```

#### 5.1.14.6.4 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PCPCombine wrapper to run a Python script to read input data to build the desired accumulation for a given run time using a filename template and a list of available input accumulations. If enough files meeting the criteria are found to build the output accumulation, it will generate a command to run PCPCombine to combine the data.

#### 5.1.14.6.5 METplus Workflow

PCPCombine is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2018-01-02\_13:30Z

#### 5.1.14.6.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_python_embedding.conf`

```
[config]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG=201801021300

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END=201801021300

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT=43200

# List of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine

# verbosity of PCPCombine MET output
#LOG_PCP_COMBINE_VERBOSITY = 2

# run PCPCombine on observation data
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True
```

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```
# method to run PCPCombine. Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, and DERIVE
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = ADD

# List of variables to compare
OBS_VAR1_NAME = APCP
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = A06

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTYP = IMERG

# File format. Options are GRIB, NETCDF, or GEMPAK
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = PYTHON_NUMPY

OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 6
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/sum_IMERG_V06_HDF5.py
↪{OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR} IRprecipitation {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H} 02

[dir]
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/imerg
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_combine_py_embed

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames

OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = PYTHON_NUMPY
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = IMERG.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M}_A{level?fmt=%2H}h

[user_env_vars]
# uncomment and change this to the path of a version of python that has the h5py package installed
#MET_PYTHON_EXE = /path/to/python/with/h5-py/and/numpy/packages/bin/python
```

#### 5.1.14.6.7 MET Configuration

None. PCPCombine does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.14.6.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PCPCombine\_python\_embedding.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_python_
↪embedding.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PCPCombine\_python\_embedding.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_python_
↪embedding.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.1.14.6.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_py_embed` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- .

#### 5.1.14.6.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [PCPCombineToolUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#), [MET\\_PYTHON\\_EXEUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PCPCombine.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.14.7 PCPCombine: Bucket Interval Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine\_bucket.conf

##### 5.1.14.7.1 Scientific Objective

Build a 15 hour precipitation accumulation field from varying accumulation fields.

##### 5.1.14.7.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** GFS precipitation accumulation

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 402) section for more information.

**Data Source:** GFS

##### 5.1.14.7.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PCPCombine wrapper to search for files to build the desired accumulation for a given run time using a filename template and a list of available input accumulations. If enough files meeting the criteria are found to build the output accumulation, it will generate a command to run PCPCombine to combine the data.

##### 5.1.14.7.4 METplus Workflow

PCPCombine is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2012-04-09\_00Z

**Forecast lead:** 15 hour



### 5.1.14.7.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_bucket.conf`

```
# PCPCombine Bucket Interval Example

[config]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG = 2012040900

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END = 2012040900

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT = 86400

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 15H

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = PcpCombine

# verbosity of PCPCombine MET output
#LOG_PCP_COMBINE_VERBOSITY = 2

#FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP
#FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = 15M

FCST_PCP_COMBINE_MAX_FORECAST = 2d

# run PCPCombine on forecast data
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# mode of PCPCombine to use (SUM, ADD, SUBTRACT)
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = ADD

# list of variables to compare
```

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```
#FCST_VAR1_NAME = A001500

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = GFS
#OBTTYPE = ANLYS

# Forecast data description variables
#FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB
FCST_IS_PROB = false

FCST_PCP_COMBINE_BUCKET_INTERVAL = 6H
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = {lead}

FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 15H
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = APCP

[dir]
# input and output data directories
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/gfs
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_bucket

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
# GFS
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = gfs_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_F{lead?fmt=%3H}.grib
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = gfs_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A{level?fmt=%3H}.nc
```

#### 5.1.14.7.6 MET Configuration

None. PCPCombine does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.14.7.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PCPCombine\_bucket.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_bucket.
↳ conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PCPCombine\_bucket.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_bucket.
↳ conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.1.14.7.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_bucket` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `gfs_2012040915_A015.nc`

#### 5.1.14.7.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [PCPCombineToolUseCase](#)

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PCPCombine.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.14.8 PCPCombine: Custom String Looping Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_loop_custom.conf`

#### 5.1.14.8.1 Scientific Objective

None. This wrapper's purpose is to demonstrate the ability to read in a user-defined list of strings, processing each item in the list for the given run time.

#### 5.1.14.8.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF-ARW precipitation 24h accumulation fields

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 407) section for more information.

**Data Source:** WRF-AFW

#### 5.1.14.8.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PCPCombine wrapper to run across a user-provided list of strings, executing each item in the list for each run time. In this example, the ADD mode of PCPCombine is used, but only a single file is processed for each run time. Because it is executed in this manner, the output will match the input.

#### 5.1.14.8.4 METplus Workflow

PCPCombine is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2009-12-31\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 24 hour

### 5.1.14.8.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCCombine/PCPCCombine_loop_custom.conf`

```
# PCPCCombine Add Method Example

[config]
# List of applications to run - only PCPCCombine for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCCombine

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2009123112

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2009123112

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 24H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

PCP_COMBINE_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = arw-fer-gep1, arw-fer-gep5, arw-sch-gep2, arw-sch-gep6, arw-tom-gep3,
↪arw-tom-gep7
```

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```

# verbosity of PCPCombine MET output
#LOG_PCP_COMBINE_VERBOSITY = 2

# If True, run PCPCombine on forecast data
# observation equivalent OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN also exists
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# mode of PCPCombine to use (SUM, ADD, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, or CUSTOM)
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = ADD

FCST_PCP_COMBINE_CONSTANT_INIT = True

# maximum forecast lead to allow when searching for model data to use in PCPCombine
# Default is a very large time (4000 years) so setting this to a valid maximum value can
# speed up execution time of numerous runs
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_MAX_FORECAST = 2d

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = WRF

# Forecast data description variables

# set to True if forecast input is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Input data type of forecast input, only used if data is probabilistic to determine
# how to extract data from file
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB

# List of input accumulations for forecast data. Units are hours if not specified
# Items should be in order of preference of what accumulations to use if available and relevant
# Each item in the list corresponds to the equivalent in *_INPUT_NAMES and *_INPUT_LEVELS if specified
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 24H

# desired output accumulation to build with forecast input
# Units are in hours if not specified
# Corresponds to *_OUTPUT_NAME
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 24H

# Name of output field name to write
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = APCP

# If running a MET tool comparison tool after PCPCombine, one can instead set FCST_VAR1_[NAME/LEVELS]_
→to
# a value starting with A that corresponds to the desired accumulation to use in the comparison
# this value will be used to determine the accumulation to build with PCPCombine as well
# If FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_[NAME/ACCUM] are set, these variables take priority over
# FCST_VAR<n>_[NAME/LEVELS]
#FCST_VAR1_NAME = A001500
#FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = 15M

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```
# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# input and output data directories
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_loop_custom

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/{custom?fmt=%s}/d01_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_0{lead?
↪fmt=%HH}00.grib
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {custom?fmt=%s}/d01_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_0{lead?fmt=%HH}00.nc
```

#### 5.1.14.8.6 MET Configuration

None. PCPCombine does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.14.8.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PCPCombine\_loop\_custom.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_loop_
↪custom.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PCPCombine\_loop\_custom.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_loop_
↪custom.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.14.8.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine_loop_custom` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following folders:

- arw-fer-gep1
- arw-fer-gep5
- arw-sch-gep2
- arw-sch-gep6
- arw-tom-gep3
- arw-tom-gep7

and each of the folders will contain a single file titled:

- d01\_2009123112\_02400.nc

#### 5.1.14.8.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [PCPCombineToolUseCase](#), [CustomStringLoopingUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PCPCombine.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)



### 5.1.15 PlotDataPlane

#### 5.1.15.1 PlotDataPlane: NetCDF Input

met\_tool\_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane\_netcdf.conf

##### 5.1.15.1.1 Scientific Objective

Generate a postscript image to test if the input data can be read by the MET tools.

##### 5.1.15.1.2 Datasets

**Input:** Sample NetCDF file

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See 'Running METplus' section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

##### 5.1.15.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PlotDataPlane wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool PlotDataPlane if all required files are found.

##### 5.1.15.1.4 METplus Workflow

PlotDataPlane is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Valid:** 2007-03-30 0Z

### 5.1.15.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_netcdf.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only PlotDataPlane for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PlotDataPlane

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 2005080712

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2005080712

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for PlotDataPlane only
LOG_PLOT_DATA_PLANE_VERBOSITY = 1

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_FIELD_NAME = APCP_12
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_FIELD_LEVEL = "(*,*)"

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_TITLE = NC MET 12-hour APCP

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_COLOR_TABLE =

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_RANGE_MIN_MAX = 1.0 3.0
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```
# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to
↳ the files
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR =
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR =

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to PlotDataPlane relative to PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/out/pcp_combine/sample_fcst_12L_{valid?fmt=%Y%m
↳ %d%H}V_12A.nc
# Template to use to write output from PlotDataPlane
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/plot_data_plane/sample_fcst_12L_
↳ {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}V_12A_APCP12_NC_MET.ps
```

#### 5.1.15.1.6 MET Configuration

This tool does not use a MET configuration file.

#### 5.1.15.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PlotDataPlane\_netcdf.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_
↳ netcdf.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PlotDataPlane\_netcdf.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_
↳ netcdf.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.15.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/plot_data_plane` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- `sample_fcst_12L_2005080712V_12A_APCP12_NC_MET.ps`

#### 5.1.15.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [PlotDataPlaneToolUseCase](#) [NetCDFFileUseCase](#)

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PlotDataPlane.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.15.2 PlotDataPlane: GRIB1 Input

```
met_tool_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_grib1.conf
```

##### 5.1.15.2.1 Scientific Objective

Generate a postscript image to test if the input data can be read by the MET tools.

#### 5.1.15.2.2 Datasets

**Input:** Sample GRIB1 file

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See 'Running METplus' section for more information.

**Data Source:** NAM

#### 5.1.15.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PlotDataPlane wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool PlotDataPlane if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.15.2.4 METplus Workflow

PlotDataPlane is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Valid:** 2007-03-30 0Z

#### 5.1.15.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane\_grib1.conf

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only PlotDataPlane for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PlotDataPlane

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
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# VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 20070330

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 20070330

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for PlotDataPlane only
LOG_PLOT_DATA_PLANE_VERBOSITY = 1

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_FIELD_NAME = TMP
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_FIELD_LEVEL = Z2

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_TITLE = GRIB1 NAM {PLOT_DATA_PLANE_FIELD_LEVEL} {PLOT_DATA_PLANE_FIELD_NAME}

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_COLOR_TABLE =

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_RANGE_MIN_MAX =

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to
↳ the files
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR =
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR =

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to PlotDataPlane relative to PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst/{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/nam.t
↳ {valid?fmt=%2H}z.awip1236.tm00.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}.grb

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```
# Template to use to write output from PlotDataPlane
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/plot_data_plane/nam.t00z.awip1236.tm
↳{valid?fmt=%2H}. {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_TMPZ2.ps
```

#### 5.1.15.2.6 MET Configuration

This tool does not use a MET configuration file.

#### 5.1.15.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PlotDataPlane\_grib1.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_
↳grib1.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PlotDataPlane\_grib1.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_
↳grib1.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.15.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/plot_data_plane` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- `nam.t00z.awip1236.tm00.20070330_TMPZ2.ps`

#### 5.1.15.2.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [PlotDataPlaneToolUseCase](#) [GRIBFileUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PlotDataPlane.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.15.3 PlotDataPlane: Python Embedding Input

`met_tool_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_python_embedding.conf`

##### 5.1.15.3.1 Scientific Objective

Generate a postscript image to test if the input data can be read by the MET tools.

##### 5.1.15.3.2 Datasets

**Input:** Sample Python Embedding script/file

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_test` sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of `INPUT_BASE`. See 'Running METplus' section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown



### 5.1.15.3.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PlotDataPlane wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool PlotDataPlane if all required files are found.

### 5.1.15.3.4 METplus Workflow

PlotDataPlane is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Valid:** 2005-08-07 12Z

### 5.1.15.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_python_embedding.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only PlotDataPlane for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PlotDataPlane

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 2005080712

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2005080712

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M
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```
# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for PlotDataPlane only
LOG_PLOT_DATA_PLANE_VERBOSITY = 1

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_FIELD_NAME = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py {INPUT_BASE}/met_
↳test/data/python/fcst.txt FCST

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_TITLE = Python Embedding FCST

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_COLOR_TABLE =

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_RANGE_MIN_MAX =

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to_
↳the files
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR =
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR =

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to PlotDataPlane relative to PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = PYTHON_NUMPY

# Template to use to write output from PlotDataPlane
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/plot_data_plane/py_embed_fcst.ps
```

#### 5.1.15.3.6 MET Configuration

This tool does not use a MET configuration file.

### 5.1.15.3.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the input data. The Python script is stored in the MET repository: `/path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py`

[read\\_ascii\\_numpy.py](#)

### 5.1.15.3.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `PlotDataPlane_python_embedding.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_
python_embedding.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `PlotDataPlane_python_embedding.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PlotDataPlane/PlotDataPlane_
python_embedding.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.1.15.3.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/plot_data_plane` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- `py_embed_fcst.ps`

#### 5.1.15.3.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [PlotDataPlaneToolUseCase](#) [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PlotDataPlane.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.16 Point2Grid

#### 5.1.16.1 Point2Grid: Basic Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/Point2Grid/Point2Grid.conf`

##### 5.1.16.1.1 Scientific Objective

Putting point observations onto a grid for use with other tools.

##### 5.1.16.1.2 Datasets

**Observations:** Stage 2 NetCDF 1-hour Precipitation Accumulation

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_test` sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of `INPUT_BASE`. See [Running METplus](#) (page 423) section for more information.

### 5.1.16.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus Point2Grid wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool Point2Grid if all required files are found.

### 5.1.16.1.4 METplus Workflow

Point2Grid is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Init:** 2017-06-01\_0Z

This use case puts point observations onto a specified grid

### 5.1.16.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/Point2Grid/Point2Grid.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only Point2Grid for this case
PROCESS_LIST = Point2Grid

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2017060100

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2017060300

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
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# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 24H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 12H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for Point2Grid only
# This has shown to be a bad idea because it takes precedence over LOG_MET_VERBOSITY/LOG_VERBOSIT
# LOG_POINT2GRID_VERBOSITY = 1

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
POINT2GRID_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
POINT2GRID_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# Value to pass with the -to_grid See MET User's Guide for more information
POINT2GRID_REGRID_TO_GRID = G212

# Value to pass with the -field string. See MET User's Guide for more information
# FIELD and LEVEL both end up in the -field string
POINT2GRID_INPUT_FIELD =TMP
POINT2GRID_INPUT_LEVEL =

# Value to pass with the -qc argument
POINT2GRID_QC_FLAGS = 0

# Value to pass with the -adp argument - This is a file name with GOES Aerosol Detection Product data
POINT2GRID_ADP =

# Value to pass with the -method argumen - Default is UW_MEAN, other examples are
POINT2GRID_REGRID_METHOD = MAX

# Value to pass with the -gaussian-dx argument - Distance interval for gaussian smoothing
# Default is 81.271
POINT2GRID_GAUSSIAN_DX = 81.271

# Value to pass with the -gaussian-radius argument - radius of influence for the gaussian smoothing
# Default is 120
POINT2GRID_GAUSSIAN_RADIUS = 120

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# Value to pass with the -prob_cat_thresh argument - threshold for probability of occurrence
POINT2GRID_PROB_CAT_THRESH =

# Value to pass with the -vld_thresh argument - threshold for percentage of valid data .5 default
POINT2GRID_VLD_THRESH =

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to
↳ the files
POINT2GRID_INPUT_DIR =

POINT2GRID_OUTPUT_DIR =

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to Point2Grid relative to POINT2GRID_INPUT_DIR
POINT2GRID_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_obs/prepbufr/sample_pb.nc

# Template to use to write output from Point2Grid
POINT2GRID_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/Point2Grid/grid.{init?fmt=%Y%d%H}.nc
```

#### 5.1.16.1.6 MET Configuration

None. Point2Grid does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.16.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in Point2Grid.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/Point2Grid/Point2Grid.conf -c
↳ /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in Point2Grid.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/Point2Grid/Point2Grid.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.16.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in point2grid (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- grid.20170100.nc
- grid.20170200.nc
- grid.20170300.nc

#### 5.1.16.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [Point2GridToolUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.17 PointStat

##### 5.1.17.1 PointStat: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat.conf



#### 5.1.17.1.1 Scientific Objective

Compare hourly forecasts for temperature, u-, and v-wind components to observations in a 3-hour observation window. Generate statistics of the results.

#### 5.1.17.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** NAM temperature, u-wind component, and v-wind component

**Observation:** prepBUFR data that has been converted to NetCDF format via PB2NC

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 433) section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

#### 5.1.17.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PointStat wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool point\_stat if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.17.1.4 METplus Workflow

PointStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2007-03-30\_0Z

#### 5.1.17.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat.conf

```
[config]

# List of applications to run - only PointStat for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PointStat

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 20070330

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 20070330

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 36

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for PointStat only
#LOG_POINT_STAT_VERBOSITY = 2

# Location of MET config file to pass to GridStat
# References PARM_BASE which is the location of the parm directory corresponding
# to the ush directory of the run_metplus.py script that is called
# or the value of the environment variable METPLUS_PARM_BASE if set
POINT_STAT_CONFIG_FILE ={PARM_BASE}/met_config/PointStatConfig_wrapped
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#POINT_STAT_OBS_QUALITY = 1, 2, 3

POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD = NEAREST
#POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =

#POINT_STAT_INTERP_VLD_THRESH =
#POINT_STAT_INTERP_SHAPE =
POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_METHOD = BILIN
POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_WIDTH = 2

#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_FHO =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTC =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTS =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CNT =
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SAL1L2 =
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VL1L2 = STAT
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VAL1L2 =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VCNT =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PCT =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PSTD =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PJC =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PRC =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECNT =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RPS =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECLV =
#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MPR =

#POINT_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_BINS = 1
#POINT_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_CENTER_BINS = False
#POINT_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_WRITE_BINS = True

# Time relative to each input file's valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) for data_
↳ within the file to be
# considered valid. Values are set in the 'obs_window' dictionary in the PointStat config file
OBS_POINT_STAT_WINDOW_BEGIN = -5400
OBS_POINT_STAT_WINDOW_END = 5400

# Optional list of offsets to look for point observation data
POINT_STAT_OFFSETS = 0

# Model/fcst and obs name, e.g. GFS, NAM, GDAS, etc.
MODEL = WRF

POINT_STAT_DESC = NA
OBTYP =

# Regrid to specified grid. Indicate NONE if no regridding, or the grid id
# (e.g. G212)
POINT_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE

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POINT_STAT_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN
POINT_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 2

POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX =

# sets the -obs_valid_beg command line argument (optional)
# not used for this example
#POINT_STAT_OBS_VALID_BEG = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}

# sets the -obs_valid_end command line argument (optional)
# not used for this example
#POINT_STAT_OBS_VALID_END = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}

# Verification Masking regions
# Indicate which grid and polygon masking region, if applicable
POINT_STAT_GRID = DTC165, DTC166

# List of full path to poly masking files. NOTE: Only short lists of poly
# files work (those that fit on one line), a long list will result in an
# environment variable that is too long, resulting in an error. For long
# lists of poly masking files (i.e. all the mask files in the NCEP_mask
# directory), define these in the MET point_stat configuration file.
POINT_STAT_POLY = MET_BASE/poly/LMV.poly
POINT_STAT_STATION_ID =

# Message types, if all message types are to be returned, leave this empty,
# otherwise indicate the message types of interest.
POINT_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE = ADPUPA, ADPSFC
# Variables and levels as specified in the field dictionary of the MET
# point_stat configuration file. Specify as FCST_VARn_NAME, FCST_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) FCST_VARn_OPTION

# set to True to run PointStat once for each name/level combination
# set to False to run PointStat once per run time including all fields
POINT_STAT_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# fields to compare
# Note: If FCST_VAR<n>_* is set, then a corresponding OBS_VAR<n>_* variable must be set
# To use one variables for both forecast and observation data, set BOTH_VAR<n>_* instead
FCST_VAR1_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = P750-900
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = <=273, >273
OBS_VAR1_NAME = TMP
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = P750-900
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = <=273, >273

FCST_VAR2_NAME = UGRD
FCST_VAR2_LEVELS = Z10
FCST_VAR2_THRESH = >=5
OBS_VAR2_NAME = UGRD
OBS_VAR2_LEVELS = Z10
OBS_VAR2_THRESH = >=5

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FCST_VAR3_NAME = VGRD
FCST_VAR3_LEVELS = Z10
FCST_VAR3_THRESH = >=5
OBS_VAR3_NAME = VGRD
OBS_VAR3_LEVELS = Z10
OBS_VAR3_THRESH = >=5

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/out/pb2nc

# directory containing climatology mean input to PointStat
# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology mean input to PointStat
# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/point_stat

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for forecast input to PointStat relative to FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR
FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/nam.t00z.awip1236.tm00.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}.grb

# Template to look for observation input to PointStat relative to OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = sample_pb.nc

# Template to look for climatology input to PointStat relative to POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology input to PointStat relative to POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

```

#### 5.1.17.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [PointStat MET Configuration](#) (page 145) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

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```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Point-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];
cat_thresh    = [ NA ];
```

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```

cnt_thresh      = [ NA ];
cnt_logic       = UNION;
wind_thresh     = [ NA ];
wind_logic      = UNION;
eclv_points     = 0.05;
rank_corr_flag  = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// message_type =
${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc        = [];
//obs_quality =
${METPLUS_OBS_QUALITY}
duplicate_flag = NONE;
obs_summary    = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
    { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ANYAIR";  val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
    { key = "ANYSFC";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ONLYSF";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; },
    { key = "LANDSF";  val = "ADPSFC,MSONET"; },
    { key = "WATERSF"; val = "SFCSHP"; }
];

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

```

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```

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
// obs_window = {
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_SID}
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// HiRA verification method
//
hira = {
    flag      = FALSE;
    width     = [ 2, 3, 4, 5 ];
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
    cov_thresh = [ ==0.25 ];
    shape     = SQUARE;
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version     = "V10.0.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

#### 5.1.17.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PointStat.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat.conf -c /
↳ path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PointStat.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in

parm/use\_cases

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.17.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in point\_stat (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- point\_stat\_360000L\_20070331\_120000V.stat

#### 5.1.17.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [PointStatToolUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-PointStat.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.17.2 PointStat: Once Per Field

met\_tool\_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat\_once\_per\_field.conf

#### 5.1.17.2.1 Scientific Objective

Compare 3 hour forecast precipitation accumulations to observations of 3 hour precipitation accumulation. Generate statistics of the results.

#### 5.1.17.2.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** NAM temperature, u-wind component, and v-wind component

**Observation:** prepBURF data that has been converted to NetCDF format via PB2NC

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 443) section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

#### 5.1.17.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PointStat wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool point\_stat if all required files are found. This use case processes each field name/level separately to generate output files for each. POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX is used to control the names of the output fields, referencing {CURRENT\_FCST\_NAME} and {CURRENT\_FCST\_LEVEL} to get information for each field.

#### 5.1.17.2.4 METplus Workflow

PointStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2007-03-30\_0Z

### 5.1.17.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat_once_per_field.conf`

```
[config]

# List of applications to run - only PointStat for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PointStat

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 20070330

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 20070330

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for PointStat only
#LOG_POINT_STAT_VERBOSITY = 2
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# Location of MET config file to pass to GridStat
# References PARM_BASE which is the location of the parm directory corresponding
# to the ush directory of the run_metplus.py script that is called
# or the value of the environment variable METPLUS_PARM_BASE if set
POINT_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/PointStatConfig_wrapped

POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD = NEAREST

POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_METHOD = BILIN
POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_WIDTH = 2

POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VL1L2 = STAT

# Time relative to each input file's valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) for data_
# within the file to be
# considered valid. Values are set in the 'obs_window' dictionary in the PointStat config file
OBS_POINT_STAT_WINDOW_BEGIN = -5400
OBS_POINT_STAT_WINDOW_END = 5400

# Optional list of offsets to look for point observation data
POINT_STAT_OFFSETS = 0

# Model/fcst and obs name, e.g. GFS, NAM, GDAS, etc.
MODEL = WRF
OBTYP =

#POINT_STAT_DESC =

# Regrid to specified grid. Indicate NONE if no regridding, or the grid id
# (e.g. G212)
POINT_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE
POINT_STAT_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN
POINT_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 2

#POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {fcst_name?fmt=%s}_{fcst_level?fmt=%s}
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_{CURRENT_FCST_LEVEL}

# sets the -obs_valid_beg command line argument (optional)
# not used for this example
#POINT_STAT_OBS_VALID_BEG = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}

# sets the -obs_valid_end command line argument (optional)
# not used for this example
#POINT_STAT_OBS_VALID_END = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}

# Verification Masking regions
# Indicate which grid and polygon masking region, if applicable
POINT_STAT_GRID = DTC165, DTC166

# List of full path to poly masking files. NOTE: Only short lists of poly
# files work (those that fit on one line), a long list will result in an

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```

# environment variable that is too long, resulting in an error. For long
# lists of poly masking files (i.e. all the mask files in the NCEP_mask
# directory), define these in the MET point_stat configuration file.
POINT_STAT_POLY = MET_BASE/poly/LMV.poly
POINT_STAT_STATION_ID =

# Message types, if all message types are to be returned, leave this empty,
# otherwise indicate the message types of interest.
POINT_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE = ADPUPA, ADPSFC
# Variables and levels as specified in the field dictionary of the MET
# point_stat configuration file. Specify as FCST_VARn_NAME, FCST_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) FCST_VARn_OPTION

# set to True to run PointStat once for each name/level combination
# set to False to run PointStat once per run time including all fields
POINT_STAT_ONCE_PER_FIELD = True

# fields to compare
# Note: If FCST_VAR<n>_* is set, then a corresponding OBS_VAR<n>_* variable must be set
# To use one variables for both forecast and observation data, set BOTH_VAR<n>_* instead
FCST_VAR1_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = P750-900
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = <=273, >273
OBS_VAR1_NAME = TMP
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = P750-900
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = <=273, >273

FCST_VAR2_NAME = UGRD
FCST_VAR2_LEVELS = Z10
FCST_VAR2_THRESH = >=5
OBS_VAR2_NAME = UGRD
OBS_VAR2_LEVELS = Z10
OBS_VAR2_THRESH = >=5

FCST_VAR3_NAME = VGRD
FCST_VAR3_LEVELS = Z10
FCST_VAR3_THRESH = >=5
OBS_VAR3_NAME = VGRD
OBS_VAR3_LEVELS = Z10
OBS_VAR3_THRESH = >=5

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/out/pb2nc

# directory containing climatology mean input to PointStat
# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology mean input to PointStat

```

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```

# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/point_stat

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for forecast input to PointStat relative to FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR
FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/nam.t00z.awip1236.tm00.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}.grb

# Template to look for observation input to PointStat relative to OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = sample_pb.nc

# Template to look for climatology input to PointStat relative to POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology input to PointStat relative to POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

```

#### 5.1.17.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [PointStat MET Configuration](#) (page 145) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Point-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Output model name to be written

```

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```

//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
censor_thresh = [];
censor_val     = [];
cat_thresh     = [ NA ];
cnt_thresh     = [ NA ];
cnt_logic      = UNION;
wind_thresh    = [ NA ];
wind_logic     = UNION;
eclv_points    = 0.05;
rank_corr_flag = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// message_type =
${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}

```

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```

sid_exc      = [];
//obs_quality =
${METPLUS_OBS_QUALITY}
duplicate_flag = NONE;
obs_summary   = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
  { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ANYAIR"; val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
  { key = "ANYSFC"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ONLYSF"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; },
  { key = "LANDSF"; val = "ADPSFC,MSONET"; },
  { key = "WATERSF"; val = "SFCSHP"; }
];

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
// obs_window = {
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
  ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}

```

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```

    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_SID}
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
//interp = {
    ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// HiRA verification method
//
hira = {
    flag      = FALSE;
    width     = [ 2, 3, 4, 5 ];
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
    cov_thresh = [ ==0.25 ];
    shape     = SQUARE;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

tmp_dir      = "/tmp";

```

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```
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V10.0.0";

////////////////////////////////////
${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

#### 5.1.17.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PointStat.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat_once_per_
↪field.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PointStat\_once\_per\_field.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat_once_per_
↪field.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.17.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `point_stat` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `point_stat_TMP_P750-900_360000L_20070331_120000V.stat`
- `point_stat_UGRD_Z10_360000L_20070331_120000V.stat`
- `point_stat_VGRD_Z10_360000L_20070331_120000V.stat`

#### 5.1.17.2.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [PointStatToolUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-PointStat.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.17.3 PointStat: Using Python Embedding

`met_tool_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat_python_embedding.conf`

##### 5.1.17.3.1 Scientific Objective

Read forecast data using a Python embedding script. Compare with point observation data.

##### 5.1.17.3.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** NRL binary data (v-wind component)

**Observation:** prepBUFR data that has been converted to NetCDF format via PB2NC

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_test` sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of `INPUT_BASE`. See 'Running METplus' section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

### 5.1.17.3.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PointStat wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool point\_stat if all required files are found. The forecast data is read into PointStat using a Python embedding script

### 5.1.17.3.4 METplus Workflow

PointStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2020-09-06 6Z

### 5.1.17.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat\_python\_embedding.conf

```
[config]

# List of applications to run - only PointStat for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PointStat

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 2020090606

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2020090606
```

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```

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
# increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for PointStat only
#LOG_POINT_STAT_VERBOSITY = 2

# Location of MET config file to pass to GridStat
# References PARM_BASE which is the location of the parm directory corresponding
# to the ush directory of the master_metplus.py script that is called
# or the value of the environment variable METPLUS_PARM_BASE if set
POINT_STAT_CONFIG_FILE ={PARM_BASE}/met_config/PointStatConfig_wrapped

POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD = NEAREST

POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_METHOD = BILIN
POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_WIDTH = 2

POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VL1L2 = STAT

# Time relative to each input file's valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) for data_
→within the file to be
# considered valid. Values are set in the 'obs_window' dictionary in the PointStat config file
OBS_POINT_STAT_WINDOW_BEGIN = -5400
OBS_POINT_STAT_WINDOW_END = 5400

# Optional list of offsets to look for point observation data
POINT_STAT_OFFSETS = 0

# Model/fcst and obs name, e.g. GFS, NAM, GDAS, etc.
#MODEL =

#POINT_STAT_DESC = NA

#POINT_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID =
#POINT_STAT_REGRID_METHOD =

```

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```

#POINT_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH =

POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX =

# sets the -obs_valid_beg command line argument (optional)
# not used for this example
#POINT_STAT_OBS_VALID_BEG = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

# sets the -obs_valid_end command line argument (optional)
# not used for this example
#POINT_STAT_OBS_VALID_END = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

# Verification Masking regions
# Indicate which grid and polygon masking region, if applicable
POINT_STAT_GRID = FULL

# List of full path to poly masking files. NOTE: Only short lists of poly
# files work (those that fit on one line), a long list will result in an
# environment variable that is too long, resulting in an error. For long
# lists of poly masking files (i.e. all the mask files in the NCEP_mask
# directory), define these in the MET point_stat configuration file.
POINT_STAT_POLY =
POINT_STAT_STATION_ID =

# Message types, if all message types are to be returned, leave this empty,
# otherwise indicate the message types of interest.
POINT_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE = ADPUPA

# Variables and levels as specified in the field dictionary of the MET
# point_stat configuration file. Specify as FCST_VARn_NAME, FCST_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) FCST_VARn_OPTION

# set to True to run PointStat once for each name/level combination
# set to False to run PointStat once per run time including all fields
POINT_STAT_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# fields to compare
# Note: If FCST_VAR<n>_* is set, then a corresponding OBS_VAR<n>_* variable must be set
# To use one variables for both forecast and observation data, set BOTH_VAR<n>_* instead
SCRIPT_DIR = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat_python_embedding
FCST_VAR1_NAME = {SCRIPT_DIR}/read_NRL_binary.py {FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR}/vwind_zht_0010.0_0000.0_
→glob360x181_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_{lead?fmt=%4H}0000_fcstfld

OBS_VAR1_NAME = VGRD
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = Z0

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/point_stat_input/vwind
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/point_stat_input/prepbufr

```

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```

# directory containing climatology mean input to PointStat
# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology mean input to PointStat
# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/point_stat_py_embed

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for forecast input to PointStat relative to FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR
FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = PYTHON_NUMPY

# Template to look for observation input to PointStat relative to OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = gdas.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}.t{valid?fmt=%H}z.nc

# Template to look for climatology input to PointStat relative to POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology input to PointStat relative to POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

```

### 5.1.17.3.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [PointStat MET Configuration](#) (page 145) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Point-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.

```

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```
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
censor_thresh = [];
censor_val     = [];
cat_thresh     = [ NA ];
cnt_thresh     = [ NA ];
cnt_logic      = UNION;
wind_thresh    = [ NA ];
wind_logic     = UNION;
eclv_points    = 0.05;
rank_corr_flag = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}
////////////////////////////////////

//
```

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```

// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// message_type =
${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc        = [];
//obs_quality =
${METPLUS_OBS_QUALITY}
duplicate_flag = NONE;
obs_summary    = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
  { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ANYAIR";  val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
  { key = "ANYSFC";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ONLYSF";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; },
  { key = "LANDSF";  val = "ADPSFC,MSONET"; },
  { key = "WATERSF"; val = "SFCSHP"; }
];

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
// obs_window = {
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```
//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_SID}
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// HiRA verification method
//
hira = {
    flag      = FALSE;
    width     = [ 2, 3, 4, 5 ];
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
    cov_thresh = [ ==0.25 ];
    shape     = SQUARE;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
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```

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version     = "V10.0.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.1.17.3.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the binary input data.  
 /parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat\_python\_embedding/read\_NRL\_binary.py

```

import os
import sys
import re
import numpy as np
import datetime as dt

# var_info values are tuples (units, long_name)
# Taken from synoptic_files.f, with some units SI standardized
# e.g. mb->hPa
# Some of the long_names are unknown to me, hopefully
# someone more knowledgeable will fill these in
var_info = {
    'airtmp': ('C', 'Air Temperature'),
    'geopht': ('gpm', 'Geopotential Height'),
    'uwind': ('m/s', 'Zonal Wind'),
    'vwind': ('m/s', 'Meridional Wind'),
    'wndspd': ('m/s', 'Wind Speed'),
    'vpress': ('hPa', 'Vapor Pressure'),
    'prch2o': ('kg/m**2', 'Unknown'),
    'slpres': ('hPa', 'Sea Level Pressure'),
    'grdwet': ('percent', 'Ground Wetness'),
    'prtend': ('cPa/s', 'Unknown'),
    'grdtmp': ('K', 'Ground Temperature'),
    'terrht': ('m', 'Terrain Height'),
    'totcls': ('percent', 'Unknown'),
    'lowcld': ('percent', 'Low Cloud'),
    'midcld': ('percent', 'Mid Cloud'),
    'hghcld': ('percent', 'High Cloud'),
    'cupflx': ('kg/m**2/s', 'Unknown'),
    'conpcp': ('cm', 'Unknown'),
    'sblpcp': ('cm', 'Unknown'),

```

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```

'trpres': ('hPa', 'Terrain Pressure'),
'snowdp': ('cm', 'Snow Depth'),
'icecon': ('percent', 'Ice Concentration'),
'conpcp': ('kg/m**2', 'Unknown'),
'trdval': ('dval_m', 'Unkown'),
'solflx': ('W/m**2', 'Solar Flux'),
'cupcap': ('J/m**2', 'Unknown'),
'irrflx': ('W/m**2', 'Unknown'),
'slhflx': ('W/m**2', 'Unknown'),
'sehflx': ('W/m**2', 'Unknown'),
'totpcp': ('cm', 'Unknown'),
'bouflx': ('W/m**2', 'Unknown'),
'totflx': ('W/m**2', 'Total Flux'),
'irflux': ('W/m**2', 'Infrared Flux'),
'liftcl': ('m', 'Lifting Condensation Level'),
'ht_sfc': ('m/s', 'Surface Height'),
'uustrs': ('N/m**2', 'Zonal Wind Stress'),
'vvstrs': ('N/m**2', 'Meridional Wind Stress'),
'wngust': ('m/s', 'Wind Gust'),
'dwptdp': ('C', 'Dewpoint Depression'),
'diverg': ('1/s', 'Divergence'),
'absvor': ('1/s', 'Vorticity'),
'womega': ('cPa/s', 'Vertical Velocity'),
'stmfun': ('m**2/s', 'Stream Function'),
'velpot': ('m**2/s', 'Velocity Potential'),
'staclcl': ('percent', 'Stable Cloud'),
'conclcl': ('percent', 'Convective Cloud'),
'clouds': ('percent', 'Total Cloud'),
}

```

```
#####
```

```

##
##  input file specified on the command line
##  load the data into the numpy array
##

```

```

if len(sys.argv) == 2:

    # Store the input file and record number
    input_file = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])
    tokens = os.path.basename(input_file).replace('-', '_').split('_');
    varname = tokens[0]
    nlons = int(tokens[4][4:7]) # Usually 360
    nlats = int(tokens[4][8:]) # Usually 181
    try:
        # Print some output to verify that this script ran
        print("Input File: " + repr(input_file))

        # Read input file
        data = np.float64(np.fromfile(input_file, '>f'))

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    # Read and re-orient the data
    met_data = data[:, :-1].reshape(nlats, nlons)[:,:-1].copy()

    print("Data Shape: " + repr(met_data.shape))
    print("Data Type: " + repr(met_data.dtype))
    print("Data Range: " + repr(min(data)) + " to " + repr(max(data)) +
          " " + var_info[varname][0])
except NameError:
    print("Trouble reading input file: " + input_file)
else:
    print("Must specify exactly one input file.")
    sys.exit(1)

#####

##
##  create the metadata dictionary
##

for token in tokens:
    if(re.search("[0-9]{10,10}", token)):
        ymdh = dt.datetime.strptime(token[0:10], "%Y%m%d%H")
    elif(re.search("[0-9]{8,8}", token)):
        fhr = int(token) / 10000

init = ymdh
valid = init + dt.timedelta(hours=fhr)
lead, rem = divmod((valid-init).total_seconds(), 3600)

attrs = {
    'valid': valid.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'init': init.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'lead': str(int(lead)),
    'accum': '00',

    'name': varname,
    'long_name': var_info[varname][1],
    'level': tokens[1]+'_'+tokens[2],
    'units': var_info[varname][0],

    'grid': {
        'name': 'Global 1 Degree',
        'type': 'LatLon',
        'lat_ll': -90.0,
        'lon_ll': 0.0,
        'delta_lat': 1.0,
        'delta_lon': 1.0,
        'Nlat': nlats,
        'Nlon': nlons,
    }
}

```

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```
print("Attributes: " + repr(attrs))
```

### 5.1.17.3.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PointStat\_python\_embedding.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat_python_
↳ embedding.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PointStat\_python\_embedding.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PointStat/PointStat_python_
↳ embedding.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.17.3.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in point\_stat\_py\_embed (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- point\_stat\_000000L\_20200906\_060000V.stat

#### 5.1.17.3.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [PointStatToolUseCase](#) [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-PointStat.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.18 PyEmbedIngest

#### 5.1.18.1 PyEmbedIngest: Multiple Fields in One File

met\_tool\_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/PyEmbedIngest\_multi\_field\_one\_file.conf

##### 5.1.18.1.1 Scientific Objective

Converting file formats so data can be read by the MET tools. This use case demonstrates the ability to utilize two python embedding script calls to generate multiple fields in a single output file.

##### 5.1.18.1.2 Datasets

**Inputs:** Canned ASCII data to test functionality

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 459) section for more information.

##### 5.1.18.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PyEmbedIngest wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool RegridDataPlane if all required files are found.



#### 5.1.18.1.4 METplus Workflow

PyEmbedIngest is the only tool called in this example. It has one run time, but the time is not relevant because the files processed do not have any time information in the names.

#### 5.1.18.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/PyEmbedIngest_multi_field_one_file.conf`

```
# PyEmbedIngest wrapper example

[config]
# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 2013022712

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2013022712

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 21600

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = PyEmbedIngest

# 1st INGEST INSTANCE
# python script with optional arguments to run for 1st ingest instance
# this ingest instance runs 1 scripts to generate 1 field
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_SCRIPT_1 = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/scripts/python/read_ascii_numpy.py {INPUT_BASE}/
➔met_test/data/python/fcst.txt FCST

# type of python input to expect for 1st ingest instance
```

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```
# valid options: NUMPY, XARRAY
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_TYPE = NUMPY

# output grid for 1st ingest instance. Can be a grid definition or file path
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_GRID = G130

# 2nd INGEST INSTANCE
# python script with optional arguments to run for 2nd ingest instance
# this ingest instance runs 2 scripts to generate 2 fields
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_SCRIPT_1 = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/scripts/python/read_ascii_numpy.py {INPUT_BASE}/
↳met_test/data/python/fcst.txt FCST
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME_1 = Forecast

PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_SCRIPT_2 = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/scripts/python/read_ascii_numpy.py {INPUT_BASE}/
↳met_test/data/python/obs.txt OBS
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME_2 = Observation

# type of python input to expect for 2nd ingest instance
# valid options: NUMPY, XARRAY
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_TYPE = NUMPY

# output grid for 2nd ingest instance. Can be a grid definition or file path
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_GRID = G130

[dir]
# output directory for 1st ingest instance
# in this example, the full output path is set in PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR =

# output directory for 2nd ingest instance
# in this example, the full output path is set in PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_DIR =

[filename_templates]
# output template to use for 1st ingest instance
# can optionally use [dir] PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR with this value
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/test.nc

# output template to use for 2nd ingest instance
# can optionally use [dir] PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_DIR with this value
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/regrid_data_plane.nc
```

#### 5.1.18.1.6 MET Configuration

None. RegridDataPlane does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.18.1.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the input data. The Python script is stored in the MET repository: `/path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py`

[read\\_ascii\\_numpy.py](#)

#### 5.1.18.1.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `PyEmbedIngest_multi_field_one_file.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/PyEmbedIngest_
↳multi_field_one_file.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `PyEmbedIngest_multi_field_one_file.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/PyEmbedIngest_
↳multi_field_one_file.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.1.18.1.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- `test.nc`
- `regrid_data_plane.nc`

#### 5.1.18.1.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [PyEmbedIngestToolUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#), [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.18.2 PyEmbedIngest: Basic Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/PyEmbedIngest.conf`

##### 5.1.18.2.1 Scientific Objective

None. Simply converting file formats so data can be read by the MET tools.

##### 5.1.18.2.2 Datasets

**Inputs:** Canned ASCII data to test functionality

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_test` sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of `INPUT_BASE`. See [Running METplus](#) (page 463) section for more information.

### 5.1.18.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PyEmbedIngest wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool RegridDataPlane if all required files are found.

### 5.1.18.2.4 METplus Workflow

PyEmbedIngest is the only tool called in this example. It has one run time, but the time is not relevant because the files processed do not have any time information in the names.

### 5.1.18.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/PyEmbedIngest.conf

```
# PyEmbedIngest wrapper example

[config]
# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 2013022712

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2013022712

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 21600

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = PyEmbedIngest

# 1st INGEST INSTANCE
```

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```
# python script with optional arguments to run for 1st ingest instance
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_SCRIPT = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/scripts/python/read_ascii_numpy.py {INPUT_BASE}/met_
↳test/data/python/obs.txt OBS

# type of python input to expect for 1st ingest instance
# valid options: NUMPY, XARRAY
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_TYPE = NUMPY

# output grid for 1st ingest instance. Can be a grid definition or file path
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_GRID = G130

# 2nd INGEST INSTANCE
# python script with optional arguments to run for 2nd ingest instance
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_SCRIPT = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/scripts/python/read_ascii_numpy.py {INPUT_BASE}/met_
↳test/data/python/fcst.txt FCST

# type of python input to expect for 2nd ingest instance
# valid options: NUMPY, XARRAY
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_TYPE = NUMPY

# output grid for 2nd ingest instance. Can be a grid definition or file path
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_GRID = G130

[dir]
# output directory for 1st ingest instance
# in this example, the full output path is set in PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR =

# output directory for 2nd ingest instance
# in this example, the full output path is set in PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_DIR =

[filename_templates]
# output template to use for 1st ingest instance
# can optionally use [dir] PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR with this value
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/test.nc

# output template to use for 2nd ingest instance
# can optionally use [dir] PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_DIR with this value
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/regrid_data_plane.nc
```

#### 5.1.18.2.6 MET Configuration

None. RegridDataPlane does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.18.2.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the input data. The Python script is stored in the MET repository: `/path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py`

[read\\_ascii\\_numpy.py](#)

#### 5.1.18.2.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `PyEmbedIngest.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/PyEmbedIngest.  
↪conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `PyEmbedIngest.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest/PyEmbedIngest.  
↪conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.1.18.2.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/PyEmbedIngest` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- `test.nc`
- `regrid_data_plane.nc`

#### 5.1.18.2.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [PyEmbedIngestToolUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#), [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.19 RegridDataPlane

#### 5.1.19.1 RegridDataPlane: Process all fields

`met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane_multi_field_one_file.conf`

##### 5.1.19.1.1 Scientific Objective

Simply regridding data to match a desired grid domain for comparisons. Process all fields in a single call to `RegridDataPlane`

##### 5.1.19.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF 3 hour precipitation accumulation and temperature

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_test` sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of `INPUT_BASE`. See [Running METplus](#) (page 467) section for more information.



### 5.1.19.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus RegridDataPlane wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool RegridDataPlane if all required files are found.

### 5.1.19.1.4 METplus Workflow

RegridDataPlane is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Init:** 2005-08-07\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 3 hour

This use case regrids data to another domain specified with REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VERIF\_GRID. This is done so that forecast and observation comparisons are done on the same grid. Many MET comparison tools have regridding capabilities built in. However, if the same file is read for comparisons multiple times, it is redundant to regrid that file each time. Running RegridDataPlane allows you to regrid once and use the output in many comparisons/evaluations.

### 5.1.19.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane\_multi\_field\_one\_file.conf

```
[config]
# List of applications to run - only RegridDataPlane for this case
PROCESS_LIST = RegridDataPlane

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG=2005080700
```

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# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 3H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
# increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# If True, run regrid_data_plane on observation data
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

# name of input field to process
# if unset, OBS_VAR1_NAME will be used
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = APCP
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR2_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = TMP

# level of input field to process
# if unset, OBS_VAR1_LEVELS will be used
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_LEVEL = L0
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR2_INPUT_LEVEL = L0

# name of output field to create
# if unset, OBS_VAR1_NAME and OBS_VAR1_LEVELS will be combined to generate an output field name
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = APCP_01

# If true, process each field individually and write a file for each
# If false, run once per run time passing in all fields specified
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# If running a MET tool comparison tool after RegridDataPlane, one can instead set OBS_VAR1_[NAME/
→LEVELS] to
# a value that corresponds to the desired name/level to use in the comparison
# this value will be used to determine output name/level to pass to RegridDataPlane as well
#OBS_VAR1_NAME = APCP
#OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = A01

# Name to identify model data in output
MODEL = QPF

```

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```

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTYP = QPE

# Used by regrid_data_plane to remap data
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID={INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_obs/ST2m1/ST2m12005080703.Grb_G212

# method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = BUDGET

# regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 2

# Gaussian filter DX value to add as command line argument - not added if unset or blank
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_GAUSSIAN_DX =

# Gaussian filter radius value to add as command line argument - not added if unset or blank
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_GAUSSIAN_RADIUS =

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# directory containing observation input to RegridDataPlane
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst

# directory to write observation output from RegridDataPlane
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/multi_field_one_file

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# template to use to read input data and write output data for RegridDataPlane
# if different names for input and output are desired, set OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE
# and OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE instead
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%2H}.tm00_G212

```

#### 5.1.19.1.6 MET Configuration

None. RegridDataPlane does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.19.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in RegridDataPlane\_multi\_field\_one\_file.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/
↪RegridDataPlane_multi_field_one_file.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in RegridDataPlane\_multi\_field\_one\_file.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/  
↪RegridDataPlane_multi_field_one_file.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.19.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/RegridDataPlane (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- multi\_field\_one\_file/2005080700/wrfprs\_ruc13\_03.tm00\_G212

#### 5.1.19.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#)

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-RegridDataPlane.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.19.2 RegridDataPlane: Using Python Embedding

met\_tool\_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane\_python\_embedding.conf

#### 5.1.19.2.1 Scientific Objective

None. Simply regridding data to match a desired grid domain for comparisons.

#### 5.1.19.2.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** ASCII sample file

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 471) section for more information.

#### 5.1.19.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus RegridDataPlane wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool RegridDataPlane if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.19.2.4 METplus Workflow

RegridDataPlane is the only tool called in this example. It processes a single run time, but the data does not contain any time information in the filename, so the run time is irrelevant.

This use case regrids data to another domain specified with REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VERIF\_GRID. This is done so that forecast and observation comparisons are done on the same grid. Many MET comparison tools have regridding capabilities built in. However, if the same file is read for comparisons multiple times, it is redundant to regrid that file each time. Running RegridDataPlane allows you to regrid once and use the output in many comparisons/evaluations.

### 5.1.19.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane_python_embedding.conf`

```
[config]
# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = RegridDataPlane

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG=2005080700

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT=43200

# List of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 3

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# run regrid_data_plane on observation data
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

# List of variables to compare
OBS_VAR1_NAME = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/scripts/python/read_ascii_numpy.py {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/
→python/obs.txt OBS

OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = OBS

# If true, process each field individually and write a file for each
# If false, run once per run time passing in all fields specified
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_ONCE_PER_FIELD = True

# Name to identify model data in output
MODEL = FCST

# Name to identify observation data in output
```

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```

OBTYP = OBS

# Used by regrid_data_plane to remap data
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID = G130

# method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = BUDGET

# regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 2

[dir]
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR =
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/regrid_py

[filename_templates]
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = PYTHON_NUMPY
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = numpy_data.nc

```

#### 5.1.19.2.6 MET Configuration

None. RegridDataPlane does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.19.2.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the input data. The Python script is stored in the MET repository:  
/path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read\_ascii\_numpy.py

[read\\_ascii\\_numpy.py](#)

#### 5.1.19.2.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in RegridDataPlane\_python\_embedding.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/
↪RegridDataPlane_python_embedding.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in RegridDataPlane\_python\_embedding.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/
↪RegridDataPlane_python_embedding.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.1.19.2.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/regrid_py` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- `numpy_data.nc`

#### 5.1.19.2.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#)

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-RegridDataPlane.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.19.3 RegridDataPlane: Basic Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane.conf`



#### 5.1.19.3.1 Scientific Objective

Simply regridding data to match a desired grid domain for comparisons.

#### 5.1.19.3.2 Datasets

**Observations:** Stage 2 NetCDF 1-hour Precipitation Accumulation

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 476) section for more information.

#### 5.1.19.3.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus RegridDataPlane wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool RegridDataPlane if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.19.3.4 METplus Workflow

RegridDataPlane is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Init:** 2005-08-07\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 3 hour

This use case regrids data to another domain specified with REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VERIF\_GRID. This is done so that forecast and observation comparisons are done on the same grid. Many MET comparison tools have regridding capabilities built in. However, if the same file is read for comparisons multiple times, it is redundant to regrid that file each time. Running RegridDataPlane allows you to regrid once and use the output in many comparisons/evaluations.

### 5.1.19.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane.conf`

```
[config]
# List of applications to run - only RegridDataPlane for this case
PROCESS_LIST = RegridDataPlane

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG=2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 3H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# If True, run regrid_data_plane on observation data
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

# name of input field to process
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# if unset, OBS_VAR1_NAME will be used
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = APCP

# level of input field to process
# if unset, OBS_VAR1_LEVELS will be used
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_LEVEL = A01

# name of output field to create
# if unset, OBS_VAR1_NAME and OBS_VAR1_LEVELS will be combined to generate an output field name
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = APCP_01

# If running a MET tool comparison tool after RegridDataPlane, one can instead set OBS_VAR1_[NAME/
↳LEVELS] to
# a value that corresponds to the desired name/level to use in the comparison
# this value will be used to determine output name/level to pass to RegridDataPlane as well
#OBS_VAR1_NAME = APCP
#OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = A01

# If true, process each field individually and write a file for each
# If false, run once per run time passing in all fields specified
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_ONCE_PER_FIELD = True

# Name to identify model data in output
MODEL = QPF

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTYP = QPE

# Used by regrid_data_plane to remap data
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID={INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst/2005080700/wrfprs_ruc13_12.tm00_
↳G212

# method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = BUDGET

# regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 2

# Gaussian filter DX value to add as command line argument - not added if unset or blank
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_GAUSSIAN_DX =

# Gaussian filter radius value to add as command line argument - not added if unset or blank
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_GAUSSIAN_RADIUS =

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# directory containing observation input to RegridDataPlane
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_obs/ST2m1

# directory to write observation output from RegridDataPlane
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/regrid_data_plane

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```
# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# template to use to read input data and write output data for RegridDataPlane
# if different names for input and output are desired, set OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE
# and OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE instead
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_TEMPLATE = ST2m1{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.Grb_G212
```

#### 5.1.19.3.6 MET Configuration

None. RegridDataPlane does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.19.3.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in RegridDataPlane.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/
↪RegridDataPlane.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in RegridDataPlane.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/
↪RegridDataPlane.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.19.3.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `regrid_data_plane` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- ST2ml2005080703.Grb\_G212

#### 5.1.19.3.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#)

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-RegridDataPlane.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.19.4 RegridDataPlane: Run once per field

```
met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane_multi_field_multi_file.conf
```

##### 5.1.19.4.1 Scientific Objective

Simply regridding data to match a desired grid domain for comparisons. Process each field separately and write a file for each.

##### 5.1.19.4.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF 3 hour precipitation accumulation and temperature

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_test` sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of `INPUT_BASE`. See [Running METplus](#) (page 481) section for more information.

#### 5.1.19.4.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus RegridDataPlane wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool RegridDataPlane if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.19.4.4 METplus Workflow

RegridDataPlane is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Init:** 2005-08-07\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 3 hour

This use case regrids data to another domain specified with REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VERIF\_GRID. This is done so that forecast and observation comparisons are done on the same grid. Many MET comparison tools have regridding capabilities built in. However, if the same file is read for comparisons multiple times, it is redundant to regrid that file each time. Running RegridDataPlane allows you to regrid once and use the output in many comparisons/evaluations.

#### 5.1.19.4.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane\_multi\_field\_multi\_file.conf

```
[config]
# List of applications to run - only RegridDataPlane for this case
PROCESS_LIST = RegridDataPlane

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG=2005080700
```

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```

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 3H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
# increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# If True, run regrid_data_plane on observation data
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

# name of input field to process
# if unset, OBS_VAR1_NAME will be used
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = APCP
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR2_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = TMP

# level of input field to process
# if unset, OBS_VAR1_LEVELS will be used
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_LEVEL = L0
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR2_INPUT_LEVEL = L0

# name of output field to create
# if unset, OBS_VAR1_NAME and OBS_VAR1_LEVELS will be combined to generate an output field name
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = APCP_01

# If true, process each field individually and write a file for each
# If false, run once per run time passing in all fields specified
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_ONCE_PER_FIELD = True

# If running a MET tool comparison tool after RegridDataPlane, one can instead set OBS_VAR1_[NAME/
→LEVELS] to
# a value that corresponds to the desired name/level to use in the comparison
# this value will be used to determine output name/level to pass to RegridDataPlane as well
#OBS_VAR1_NAME = APCP
#OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = A01

# Name to identify model data in output
MODEL = QPF

```

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```
# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTYP = QPE

# Used by regrid_data_plane to remap data
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID={INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_obs/ST2m1/ST2m12005080703.Grb_G212

# method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = BUDGET

# regrid width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 2

# Gaussian filter DX value to add as command line argument - not added if unset or blank
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_GAUSSIAN_DX =

# Gaussian filter radius value to add as command line argument - not added if unset or blank
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_GAUSSIAN_RADIUS =

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]
# directory containing observation input to RegridDataPlane
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst

# directory to write observation output from RegridDataPlane
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/multi_field_multi_
→file

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# template to use to read input data and write output data for RegridDataPlane
# if different names for input and output are desired, set OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE
# and OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE instead
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%2H}.tm00_G212
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_{obs_name}_{lead?fmt=%2H}.tm00_G212
```

#### 5.1.19.4.6 MET Configuration

None. RegridDataPlane does not use configuration files.



#### 5.1.19.4.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in RegridDataPlane\_multi\_field\_multi\_file.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/
↪RegridDataPlane_multi_field_multi_file.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in RegridDataPlane\_multi\_field\_multi\_file.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/
↪RegridDataPlane_multi_field_multi_file.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.19.4.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/RegridDataPlane (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- multi\_field\_multi\_file/2005080700/wrfprs\_APCP\_03.tm00\_G212
- multi\_field\_multi\_file/2005080700/wrfprs\_TMP\_03.tm00\_G212

#### 5.1.19.4.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-RegridDataPlane.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.20 SeriesAnalysis

#### 5.1.20.1 SeriesAnalysis: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis/SeriesAnalysis.conf

##### 5.1.20.1.1 Scientific Objective

Compare forecasts for 3-hour precipitation accumulations to observed 3-hour accumulation. These comparisons are made through generating statistics of the results.

##### 5.1.20.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** WRF 3 hour precipitation accumulation

**Observation:** MU 3 hour precipitation accumulation

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 488) section for more information.

##### 5.1.20.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus SeriesAnalysis wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generates a command to run the MET tool series\_analysis if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.20.1.4 METplus Workflow

SeriesAnalysis is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2005-08-07\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 12 hour

#### 5.1.20.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis/SeriesAnalysis.conf`

```
# SeriesAnalysis METplus Configuration

[config]

PROCESS_LIST = SeriesAnalysis

LOOP_BY = INIT

INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

INIT_BEG=2005080700

INIT_END=2005080700

INIT_INCREMENT = 12H

LEAD_SEQ = 12, 9, 6

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST =

LOOP_ORDER = processes

#LOG_SERIES_ANALYSIS_VERBOSITY = 2

SERIES_ANALYSIS_IS_PAired = False

SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_PLOTS = no

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_TITLE =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_ANIMATIONS = no

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/SeriesAnalysisConfig_wrapped
```

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SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST = TOTAL, RMSE, FBAR, OBAR

SERIES_ANALYSIS_DESC =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CAT_THRESH =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_VLD_THRESH =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_BLOCK_SIZE =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CTS_LIST =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_TO_GRID =
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_METHOD =
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_WIDTH =
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_SHAPE =

#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_FIELD =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_METHOD =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_WIDTH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_SHAPE =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_MATCH_MONTH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_DAY_INTERVAL =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_HOUR_INTERVAL =

#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_FIELD =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_METHOD =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_WIDTH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_REGRID_SHAPE =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_TIME_INTERP_METHOD =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_MATCH_MONTH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_DAY_INTERVAL =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_HOUR_INTERVAL =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_INIT_OR_VALID

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUN_ONCE_PER_STORM_ID = False

MODEL = WRF

OBTYP = MC_PCP

FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP

FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = A03

```

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```

OBS_VAR1_NAME = APCP_03

OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"

BOTH_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2

[dir]
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/sample_fcst

OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_TC_STAT_INPUT_DIR =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis

[filename_templates]

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/wrfprs_ruc13_{lead?fmt=%2H}.tm00_G212

OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = ST2m1{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A03h.nc

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_sa.nc

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_TC_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

```

#### 5.1.20.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [SeriesAnalysis MET Configuration](#) (page 156) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Series-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh = [];
censor_val     = [];
${METPLUS_CAT_THRESH}
cnt_thresh     = [ NA ];
cnt_logic      = UNION;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////
```

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```

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    grid = "";
    poly = "";
}

//
// Number of grid points to be processed concurrently. Set smaller to use
// less memory but increase the number of passes through the data.
//
${METPLUS_BLOCK_SIZE}

//
// Ratio of valid matched pairs to compute statistics for a grid point
//
${METPLUS_VLD_THRESH}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//

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```

output_stats = {
    fho      = [];
    ctc      = [];
    ${METPLUS_CTS_LIST}
    mctc     = [];
    mcts     = [];
    ${METPLUS_STAT_LIST}
    sl1l2    = [];
    sal1l2   = [];
    pct      = [];
    pstd     = [];
    pjc      = [];
    prc      = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";
//version      = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.1.20.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in SeriesAnalysis.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis/SeriesAnalysis.
↪conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in SeriesAnalysis.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis/SeriesAnalysis.
↪conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally



Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.20.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- 2005080700\_sa.nc

#### 5.1.20.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [SeriesAnalysisUseCase](#) [DiagnosticsUseCase](#) [ListExpansionFeatureUseCase](#), [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-SeriesAnalysis.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.20.2 SeriesAnalysis: Using Python Embedding

met\_tool\_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis/SeriesAnalysis\_python\_embedding.conf

##### 5.1.20.2.1 Scientific Objective

None. This is a demonstration of using python embedding to pass and read in external files, which have a data format that MET would not otherwise be able to parse.

#### 5.1.20.2.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** Dummy text files found in the MET shared directory

**Observation:** Dummy text files found in the MET shared directory

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 495) section for more information.

#### 5.1.20.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus SeriesAnalysis wrapper to search for files as determined by the Python script.

#### 5.1.20.2.4 METplus Workflow

SeriesAnalysis is the only tool called in this example. It processes simple text files with no timing or meteorological information to demonstrate how SeriesAnalysis can be run utilizing Python Embedding.

#### 5.1.20.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis/SeriesAnalysis\_python\_embedding.conf

```
# SeriesAnalysis using Python Embedding METplus Configuration

[config]

PROCESS_LIST = SeriesAnalysis

LOOP_ORDER = processes

LOOP_BY = INIT

INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

INIT_BEG=2005080700

INIT_END=2005080700
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```

INIT_INCREMENT = 12H

LEAD_SEQ = 12

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_DESC =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CAT_THRESH =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_VLD_THRESH =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_BLOCK_SIZE =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CTS_LIST =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_TO_GRID =
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_METHOD =
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_WIDTH =
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_SHAPE =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_INIT_OR_VALID

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUN_ONCE_PER_STORM_ID = False

#LOG_SERIES_ANALYSIS_VERBOSITY = 2

SERIES_ANALYSIS_IS_PAired = False

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/SeriesAnalysisConfig_wrapped

SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST = TOTAL, RMSE, FBAR, OBAR

MODEL = PYTHON

OBTYPe = ANALYS

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DATATYPE = PYTHON_NUMPY

OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DATATYPE = PYTHON_NUMPY

FCST_VAR1_NAME = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py MET_PYTHON_INPUT_ARG FCST

OBS_VAR1_NAME = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py MET_PYTHON_INPUT_ARG OBS

[dir]

CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/python

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```
OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/data/python

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis

[filename_templates]

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = fcst.txt, fcst.txt

OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = obs.txt, obs.txt

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = python_sa.nc

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =
```

#### 5.1.20.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

---

**Note:** See the [SeriesAnalysis MET Configuration](#) (page 156) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Series-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
```

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```

// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh = [];
censor_val     = [];
${METPLUS_CAT_THRESH}
cnt_thresh     = [ NA ];
cnt_logic      = UNION;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//

```

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```

// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    grid = "";
    poly = "";
}

//
// Number of grid points to be processed concurrently. Set smaller to use
// less memory but increase the number of passes through the data.
//
${METPLUS_BLOCK_SIZE}

//
// Ratio of valid matched pairs to compute statistics for a grid point
//
${METPLUS_VLD_THRESH}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
output_stats = {
    fho  = [];
    ctc  = [];
    ${METPLUS_CTS_LIST}
    mctc = [];
    mcts = [];
    ${METPLUS_STAT_LIST}
    sl1l2 = [];
    sal1l2 = [];
    pct   = [];
    pstd  = [];
    pjc   = [];
    prc   = [];
}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";
//version      = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

#### 5.1.20.2.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read the input data. The Python script is stored in the MET repository: `/path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read_ascii_numpy.py`

[read\\_ascii\\_numpy.py](#)

#### 5.1.20.2.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `SeriesAnalysis_python_embedding.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis/SeriesAnalysis_
python_embedding.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `SeriesAnalysis_python_embedding.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis/SeriesAnalysis_
python_embedding.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.20.2.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/SeriesAnalysis` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- `python_sa.nc`

#### 5.1.20.2.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [SeriesAnalysisUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#) [DiagnosticsUseCase](#), [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-SeriesAnalysis.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.21 StatAnalysis

#### 5.1.21.1 StatAnalysis: Basic Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/StatAnalysis/StatAnalysis.conf`

##### 5.1.21.1.1 Scientific Objective

This demonstrates how the Stat-Analysis tool can tie together results from other MET tools (including Point-Stat, GridStat, EnsembleStat, and WaveletStat) and provide summary statistical information.



### 5.1.21.1.2 Datasets

WRF ARW grid\_stat output STAT files:

```
...met_test/out/grid_stat/
  grid_stat_120000L_20050807_120000V.stat
  grid_stat_APCP_12_120000L_20050807_120000V.stat
  grid_stat_APCP_24_240000L_20050808_000000V.stat
  grid_stat_POP_12_1080000L_20050808_000000V.stat
```

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

The tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 503) section for more information.

**Data Source:** WRF

### 5.1.21.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus StatAnalysis wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool stat\_analysis.

### 5.1.21.1.4 METplus Workflow

StatAnalysis is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2005-08-07\_00Z

**Forecast lead:** 12 hour

### 5.1.21.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/StatAnalysis/StatAnalysis.conf

```
# StatAnalysis METplus Configuration

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
```

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```
[config]

# List of applications to run - only StatAnalysis for this case
PROCESS_LIST = StatAnalysis

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG=2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
VALID_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 12

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for StatAnalysis only
#LOG_STAT_ANALYSIS_VERBOSITY = 2

# Models to process
# MODELn is the model name to filter for in
#   stat files [required]
# MODELn_OBTYP is the observation name
#   to filter for the .stat files
```

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```

# [required]
# MODELn_STAT_ANALYSIS_LOOKIN_DIR is the directory to search for
# the .stat files in, wildcards (*)
# are okay to search for multiple
# directories and templates like
# {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S} [required]
# MODELn_REFERENCE_NAME is a reference name for MODELn, defaults to
# MODELn, it can be used in the file template names
# [optional]
MODEL1 = WRF
MODEL1_OBTTYPE = ANALYS

# Location of MET config file to pass to StatAnalysis
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
STAT_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/STATAnalysisConfig_wrapped

# stat_analysis job info
STAT_ANALYSIS_JOB_NAME = filter
# if using -dump_row, put in JOBS_ARGS "-dump_row [dump_row_file]"
# if using -out_stat, put in JOBS_ARGS "-out_stat [out_stat_file]"
# METplus will fill in filename
STAT_ANALYSIS_JOB_ARGS = -dump_row [dump_row_file]

# Optional variables for further filtering
# can be blank, single, or multiple values
# if more than one use comma separated list
#
# (FCST)(OBS)_(VALID)(INIT)_HOUR_LIST: HH format (ex. 00, 06, 12)
# (FCST)(OBS)_LEAD_LIST: HH[H][MMSS] format (ex. 00, 06, 120)
MODEL_LIST = {MODEL1}
DESC_LIST =
FCST_LEAD_LIST =
OBS_LEAD_LIST =
FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST = 12
FCST_INIT_HOUR_LIST = 00, 12
OBS_VALID_HOUR_LIST =
OBS_INIT_HOUR_LIST =
FCST_VAR_LIST = TMP
OBS_VAR_LIST =
FCST_UNITS_LIST =
OBS_UNITS_LIST =
FCST_LEVEL_LIST =
OBS_LEVEL_LIST =
VX_MASK_LIST =
INTERP_MTHD_LIST =
INTERP_PNTS_LIST =
FCST_THRESH_LIST =
OBS_THRESH_LIST =
COV_THRESH_LIST =
ALPHA_LIST =
LINE_TYPE_LIST =

```

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```

# how to treat items listed in above _LIST variables
# GROUP_LIST_ITEMS: items listed in a given _LIST variable
#                     will be grouped together
# LOOP_LIST_ITEMS:  items listed in a give _LIST variable
#                     will be looped over
# if not listed METplus will treat the list as a group
GROUP_LIST_ITEMS = FCST_INIT_HOUR_LIST
LOOP_LIST_ITEMS = FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST, MODEL_LIST

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

MODEL1_STAT_ANALYSIS_LOOKIN_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/out/grid_stat

# Output data directory
STAT_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/stat_analysis

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR = {PARM_BASE}/met_config

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# Optional settings to create templated directory and file name information
# to save files as stat_analysis output as, this is appended to STAT_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR
# if no template is provided a default filename set in the code will be used
# Use:
# string templates can be set for all the lists being looped over, just
# use and a lower case version of the list, ex. {fcst_valid_hour?fmt=%H}
# or {fcst_var?fmt=%s}
# For looping over models:
# can set MODELn_STAT_ANALYSIS_[DUMP_ROW/OUT_STAT]_TEMPLATE for individual models
# or STAT_ANALYSIS_[DUMP_ROW/OUT_STAT] with {model?fmt=%s}
MODEL1_STAT_ANALYSIS_DUMP_ROW_TEMPLATE = {fcst_valid_hour?fmt=%H}Z/{MODEL1}/{MODEL1}_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d
↪%H}.stat

```

#### 5.1.21.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [StatAnalysis MET Configuration](#) (page 166) section of the User's Guide for more information

on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// STAT-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Filtering input STAT lines by the contents of each column
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}
${METPLUS_DESC}

${METPLUS_FCST_LEAD}
${METPLUS_OBS_LEAD}

${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_HOUR}

${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_HOUR}

${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_HOUR}

${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_HOUR}

${METPLUS_FCST_VAR}
${METPLUS_OBS_VAR}

${METPLUS_FCST_UNITS}
${METPLUS_OBS_UNITS}

${METPLUS_FCST_LEVEL}
${METPLUS_OBS_LEVEL}

${METPLUS_OBTYP}

${METPLUS_VX_MASK}

${METPLUS_INTERP_MTHD}

${METPLUS_INTERP_PNTS}

```

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```

${METPLUS_FCST_THRESH}
${METPLUS_OBS_THRESH}
${METPLUS_COV_THRESH}

${METPLUS_ALPHA}

${METPLUS_LINE_TYPE}

column = [];

weight = [];

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Array of STAT-Analysis jobs to be performed on the filtered data
//
${METPLUS_JOBS}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
out_alpha = 0.05;

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// WMO mean computation logic
//
wmo_sqrt_stats = [ "CNT:FSTDEV", "CNT:OSTDEV", "CNT:ESTDEV",
                  "CNT:RMSE",   "CNT:RMSFA",  "CNT:RMSOA",
                  "VCNT:FS_RMS", "VCNT:OS_RMS", "VCNT:RMSVE",
                  "VCNT:FSTDEV", "VCNT:OSTDEV" ];

wmo_fisher_stats = [ "CNT:PR_CORR", "CNT:SP_CORR",
                    "CNT:KT_CORR", "CNT:ANOM_CORR" ];

////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
vif_flag       = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";

```

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```
//version      = "V10.0";  
${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

#### 5.1.21.1.7 Running METplus

It is recommended to run this use case by:

Passing in StatAnalysis.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/StatAnalysis.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

The following METplus configuration variables must be set correctly to run this example.:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs).
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.21.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in stat\_analysis/12Z/WRF (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- WRF\_2005080712.stat

#### 5.1.21.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [StatAnalysisToolUseCase](#)

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-StatAnalysis.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.21.2 StatAnalysis: Using Python Embedding

```
met_tool_wrapper/StatAnalysis/StatAnalysis_python_embedding.conf
```

##### 5.1.21.2.1 Scientific Objective

This demonstrates how the Stat-Analysis tool can tie together results from other MET tools (including Point-Stat, GridStat, EnsembleStat, and WaveletStat) and provide summary statistical information. Matched pair records are passed into Stat-Analysis using python embedding.

##### 5.1.21.2.2 Datasets

**WRF ARW point\_stat output STAT files:**

```
...met_test/new
    point_stat_120000L_20050807_120000V.stat
```

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

The tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 510) section for more information.

**Data Source:** WRF

##### 5.1.21.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus StatAnalysis wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool stat\_analysis.



#### 5.1.21.2.4 METplus Workflow

StatAnalysis is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2005-08-07\_00Z

**Forecast lead:** 12 hour

#### 5.1.21.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/StatAnalysis/StatAnalysis.conf`

```
# StatAnalysis METplus Configuration

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# List of applications to run - only StatAnalysis for this case
PROCESS_LIST = StatAnalysis

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG=2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
VALID_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
```

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```

# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 12

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for StatAnalysis only
#LOG_STAT_ANALYSIS_VERBOSITY = 2

# Models to process
# MODELn is the model name to filter for in
#   stat files [required]
# MODELn_OBTTYPE is the observation name
#   to filter for the .stat files
#   [required]
# MODELn_STAT_ANALYSIS_LOOKIN_DIR is the directory to search for
#   the .stat files in, wildcards (*)
#   are okay to search for multiple
#   directories and templates like
#   {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S} [required]
# MODELn_REFERENCE_NAME is a reference name for MODELn, defaults to
#   MODELn, it can be used in the file template names
#   [optional]
MODEL1 = WRF
MODEL1_OBTTYPE = ADPSFC

# Location of MET config file to pass to StatAnalysis
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
STAT_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/STATAnalysisConfig_wrapped

# stat_analysis job info
STAT_ANALYSIS_JOB_NAME = aggregate_stat
# if using -dump_row, put in JOBS_ARGS "-dump_row [dump_row_file]"
# if using -out_stat, put in JOBS_ARGS "-out_stat [out_stat_file]"
# METplus will fill in filename
STAT_ANALYSIS_JOB_ARGS = -out_line_type sl112 -by FCST_VAR -out_stat [out_stat_file]

# Optional variables for further filtering
# can be blank, single, or multiple values
# if more than one use comma separated list
#
# (FCST)(OBS)_(VALID)(INIT)_HOUR_LIST: HH format (ex. 00, 06, 12)
# (FCST)(OBS)_LEAD_LIST: HH[H][MMSS] format (ex. 00, 06, 120)

```

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```

MODEL_LIST = {MODEL1}
DESC_LIST =
FCST_LEAD_LIST =
OBS_LEAD_LIST =
FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST = 12
FCST_INIT_HOUR_LIST =
OBS_VALID_HOUR_LIST =
OBS_INIT_HOUR_LIST =
FCST_VAR_LIST =
OBS_VAR_LIST =
FCST_UNITS_LIST =
OBS_UNITS_LIST =
FCST_LEVEL_LIST =
OBS_LEVEL_LIST =
VX_MASK_LIST =
INTERP_MTHD_LIST =
INTERP_PNTS_LIST =
FCST_THRESH_LIST =
OBS_THRESH_LIST =
COV_THRESH_LIST =
ALPHA_LIST =
LINE_TYPE_LIST = MPR
# how to treat items listed in above _LIST variables
# GROUP_LIST_ITEMS: items listed in a given _LIST variable
#                     will be grouped together
# LOOP_LIST_ITEMS:  items listed in a give _LIST variable
#                     will be looped over
# if not listed METplus will treat the list as a group
GROUP_LIST_ITEMS = FCST_INIT_HOUR_LIST
LOOP_LIST_ITEMS = FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST, MODEL_LIST

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

MODEL1_STAT_ANALYSIS_LOOKIN_DIR = python {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/scripts/python/read_ascii_mpr.py
→{INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/point_stat_120000L_20050807_120000V.stat

# Output data directory
STAT_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/StatAnalysis_python_embedding

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR = {PARM_BASE}/met_config

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# Optional settings to create templated directory and file name information
# to save files as stat_analysis output as, this is appended to STAT_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR
# if no template is provided a default filename set in the code will be used
# Use:
# string templates can be set for all the lists being looped over, just

```

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```
# use and a lower case version of the list, ex. {fcst_valid_hour?fmt=%H}
# or {fcst_var?fmt=%s}
# For looping over models:
# can set MODELn_STAT_ANALYSIS_[DUMP_ROW/OUT_STAT]_TEMPLATE for individual models
# or STAT_ANALYSIS_[DUMP_ROW/OUT_STAT] with {model?fmt=%s}
MODEL1_STAT_ANALYSIS_DUMP_ROW_TEMPLATE = stat_analysis_python_AGGR_MPR_to_SL1L2.stat

MODEL1_STAT_ANALYSIS_OUT_STAT_TEMPLATE = {model?fmt=%s}_{obtype?fmt=%s}_valid{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_
→fcstvalidhour{valid_hour?fmt=%H}0000Z_out_stat.stat
```

### 5.1.21.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [StatAnalysis MET Configuration](#) (page 166) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// STAT-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Filtering input STAT lines by the contents of each column
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}
${METPLUS_DESC}

${METPLUS_FCST_LEAD}
${METPLUS_OBS_LEAD}

${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_HOUR}

${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_HOUR}
```

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```

${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_HOUR}

${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_HOUR}

${METPLUS_FCST_VAR}
${METPLUS_OBS_VAR}

${METPLUS_FCST_UNITS}
${METPLUS_OBS_UNITS}

${METPLUS_FCST_LEVEL}
${METPLUS_OBS_LEVEL}

${METPLUS_OBTYP}

${METPLUS_VX_MASK}

${METPLUS_INTERP_MTHD}

${METPLUS_INTERP_PNTS}

${METPLUS_FCST_THRESH}
${METPLUS_OBS_THRESH}
${METPLUS_COV_THRESH}

${METPLUS_ALPHA}

${METPLUS_LINE_TYPE}

column = [];

weight = [];

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Array of STAT-Analysis jobs to be performed on the filtered data
//
${METPLUS_JOBS}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
out_alpha = 0.05;

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```
boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// WMO mean computation logic
//
wmo_sqrt_stats = [ "CNT:FSTDDEV", "CNT:OSTDEV", "CNT:ESTDEV",
                  "CNT:RMSE",    "CNT:RMSFA",  "CNT:RMSOA",
                  "VCNT:FS_RMS", "VCNT:OS_RMS", "VCNT:RMSVE",
                  "VCNT:FSTDDEV", "VCNT:OSTDEV" ];

wmo_fisher_stats = [ "CNT:PR_CORR", "CNT:SP_CORR",
                    "CNT:KT_CORR", "CNT:ANOM_CORR" ];

////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
vif_flag       = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";
//version      = "V10.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

#### 5.1.21.2.7 Python Embedding

This use case calls a Python script to read matched pair lines from an input source. The Python script is stored in the MET repository: `/path/to/MET/installation/share/met/python/read_ascii_mpr.py`

[read\\_ascii\\_mpr.py](#)

#### 5.1.21.2.8 Running METplus

It is recommended to run this use case by:

Passing in `StatAnalysis_python_embedding.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/StatAnalysis_python_embedding.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

The following METplus configuration variables must be set correctly to run this example.:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs).

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.21.2.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `met_tool_wrapper/StatAnalysis_python_embedding` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- `WRF_ADPSFC_valid20050807_fcstvalidhour120000Z_out_stat.stat`

#### 5.1.21.2.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [StatAnalysisToolUseCase](#) [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.22 TCGen

##### 5.1.22.1 TCGen: Basic Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/TCGen/TCGen.conf`

#### 5.1.22.1.1 Scientific Objective

The TC-Gen tool provides verification of tropical cyclone genesis forecasts in ATCF file format.

#### 5.1.22.1.2 Datasets

**Track:** A Deck or B Deck (Best)

**Genesis:** Genesis Forecast

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_tool_wrapper` sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release: <https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

The tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of `INPUT_BASE`. See [Running METplus](#) (page 522) section for more information.

#### 5.1.22.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus TCGen wrapper to search for files that match wildcard expressions and generate a command to run the MET tool `tc_gen`.

#### 5.1.22.1.4 METplus Workflow

TCGen is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2016

#### 5.1.22.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c /path/to/TCGen.conf`

```
[config]

# Looping by times: steps through each 'task' in the PROCESS_LIST for each
# defined time, and repeats until all times have been evaluated.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# 'Tasks' to be run
PROCESS_LIST = TCGen
```

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```

LOOP_BY = INIT

# The init time
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y
INIT_BEG = 2016

LOG_TC_GEN_VERBOSITY = 2

# optional list of strings to loop over and call the tool multiple times
# value of each item can be referenced in filename templates with {custom?fmt=%s}
TC_GEN_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST =

# I/O Configurations

# Location of input data directory for track data
TC_GEN_TRACK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/tc_data/genesis/atcf
TC_GEN_TRACK_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y}

# Location of input data directory for genesis data
TC_GEN_GENESIS_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/tc_data/genesis/suite1
TC_GEN_GENESIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y}*/genesis*{init?fmt=%Y}*

# directory to write output files generated by tc_gen
TC_GEN_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/TCGen
TC_GEN_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = tc_gen_{init?fmt=%Y}

# MET Configurations

TC_GEN_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/TCGenConfig_wrapped

# The following variables set values in the MET configuration file used by this example
# Leaving these values commented will use the value found in the default MET configuration file
# See the MET documentation for this tool for more information on the settings

TC_GEN_INIT_FREQ = 6

TC_GEN_VALID_FREQ = 6

TC_GEN_FCST_HR_WINDOW_BEGIN = 6

TC_GEN_FCST_HR_WINDOW_END = 120

TC_GEN_MIN_DURATION = 12

TC_GEN_FCST_GENESIS_VMAX_THRESH = NA
TC_GEN_FCST_GENESIS_MSLP_THRESH = NA

TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_TECHNIQUE = BEST

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```

TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_CATEGORY = TD, TS
TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_VMAX_THRESH = NA
TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_MSLP_THRESH = NA

TC_GEN_OPER_TECHNIQUE = CARQ

# TC_GEN_FILTER_<n> sets filter items in the MET configuration file
# quotation marks within quotation marks must be preceeded with \
TC_GEN_FILTER_1 = desc = "AL_BASIN"; vx_mask = "MET_BASE/tc_data/basin_global_tenth_degree.nc { name=\
↳ "basin\"; level=\"(*,*)\"; } ==1";
TC_GEN_FILTER_2 = desc = "AL_DLAND_300"; vx_mask = "MET_BASE/tc_data/basin_global_tenth_degree.nc { _
↳ name=\"basin\"; level=\"(*,*)\"; } ==1"; dland_thresh = >0&&<300;
TC_GEN_FILTER_3 = desc = "EP_CP_BASIN"; vx_mask = "MET_BASE/tc_data/basin_global_tenth_degree.nc { _
↳ name=\"basin\"; level=\"(*,*)\"; } ==2||==3";
TC_GEN_FILTER_4 = desc = "EP_BASIN"; genesis_window = { beg = -3*24; end = 3*24; }; genesis_radius = _
↳ 300;
TC_GEN_FILTER_5 = desc = "3DAY_300KM"; genesis_window = { beg = -3*24; end = 3*24; }; genesis_radius_
↳ = 300;
TC_GEN_FILTER_6 = desc = "3DAY_600KM"; genesis_window = { beg = -3*24; end = 3*24; }; genesis_radius_
↳ = 600;
TC_GEN_FILTER_7 = desc = "5DAY_300KM"; genesis_window = { beg = -5*24; end = 5*24; }; genesis_radius_
↳ = 300;
TC_GEN_FILTER_8 = desc = "5DAY_600KM"; genesis_window = { beg = -5*24; end = 5*24; }; genesis_radius_
↳ = 600;

TC_GEN_DESC = ALL

MODEL =

TC_GEN_STORM_ID =

TC_GEN_STORM_NAME =

TC_GEN_INIT_BEG =
TC_GEN_INIT_END =
TC_GEN_INIT_INC =
TC_GEN_INIT_EXC =

TC_GEN_VALID_BEG =
TC_GEN_VALID_END =

TC_GEN_INIT_HOUR =

# sets METPLUS_LEAD in the wrapped MET config file
LEAD_SEQ =

TC_GEN_VX_MASK =

TC_GEN_BASIN_MASK =

TC_GEN_DLAND_THRESH = NA

```

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TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_RADIUS = 500

#TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_POINT_TO_TRACK = True

#TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_WINDOW_BEG = 0
#TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_WINDOW_END = 0

#TC_GEN_OPS_HIT_WINDOW_BEG = 0
#TC_GEN_OPS_HIT_WINDOW_END = 48

TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_RADIUS = 500

TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_WINDOW_BEGIN = -24
TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_WINDOW_END = 24

TC_GEN_DISCARD_INIT_POST_GENESIS_FLAG = True

TC_GEN_DEV_METHOD_FLAG = True

TC_GEN_OPS_METHOD_FLAG = True

TC_GEN_CI_ALPHA = 0.05

TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_FHO = NONE
TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = BOTH
TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = BOTH
TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_GENMPR = NONE

TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_GENESIS = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_TRACKS = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_FY_OY = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_FY_ON = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_GENESIS = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_TRACKS = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_FY_OY = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_FN_OY = TRUE

TC_GEN_VALID_MINUS_GENESIS_DIFF_THRESH = NA

TC_GEN_BEST_UNIQUE_FLAG = TRUE

TC_GEN_DLAND_FILE = MET_BASE/tc_data/dland_global_tenth_degree.nc

TC_GEN_BASIN_FILE = MET_BASE/tc_data/basin_global_tenth_degree.nc

TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_GRID = G003

```

### 5.1.22.1.6 MET Configuration

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If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [TCGen MET Configuration](#) (page 174) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// TC-Gen configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README_TC file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// ATCF file format reference:
//   http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html
//

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Genesis event definition criteria.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Model initialization frequency in hours, starting at 0.
//
// init_freq =
// ${METPLUS_INIT_FREQ}

//
// Valid hour frequency to be analyzed in hours, starting at 0
//
// valid_freq =
// ${METPLUS_VALID_FREQ}

//
// Forecast hours to be searched for genesis events
//
// fcst_hr_window =
// ${METPLUS_FCST_HR_WINDOW_DICT}
```

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```

//
// Minimum track duration for genesis event in hours.
//
// min_duration =
// ${METPLUS_MIN_DURATION}

//
// Forecast genesis event criteria. Defined as tracks reaching the specified
// intensity category, maximum wind speed threshold, and minimum sea-level
// pressure threshold. The forecast genesis time is the valid time of the first
// track point where all of these criteria are met.
//
// fcst_genesis =
// ${METPLUS_FCST_GENESIS_DICT}

//
// BEST track genesis event criteria. Defined as tracks reaching the specified
// intensity category, maximum wind speed threshold, and minimum sea-level
// pressure threshold. The BEST track genesis time is the valid time of the
// first track point where all of these criteria are met.
//
// best_genesis =
// ${METPLUS_BEST_GENESIS_DICT}

//
// Operational track technique name
//
// oper_technique =
// ${METPLUS_OPER_TECHNIQUE}

//
// Track filtering options
// May be specified separately in each filter array entry.
//
//
//
// Array of dictionaries containing the track filtering options
// If empty, a single filter is defined using the top-level settings.
//
// filter =
// ${METPLUS_FILTER}

//
// Description written to output DESC column
//
// desc =
// ${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Forecast ATCF ID's

```

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```
// If empty, all ATCF ID's found will be processed.
// Statistics will be generated separately for each ATCF ID.
//
// model =
// ${METPLUS_MODEL}
//
// BEST and operational track storm identifiers
//
// storm_id =
// ${METPLUS_STORM_ID}
//
// BEST and operational track storm names
//
// storm_name =
// ${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}
//
// Forecast and operational initialization times to include or exclude
//
// init_beg =
// ${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
//
// init_end =
// ${METPLUS_INIT_END}
//
// init_inc =
// ${METPLUS_INIT_INC}
//
// init_exc =
// ${METPLUS_INIT_EXC}
//
// Forecast, BEST, and operational valid time window
//
// valid_beg =
// ${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
//
// valid_end =
// ${METPLUS_VALID_END}
//
// Forecast and operational initialization hours
//
// init_hour =
// ${METPLUS_INIT_HOUR}
//
// Forecast and operational lead times in hours
//
// lead =
```

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```

${METPLUS_LEAD}

//
// Spatial masking region (path to gridded data file or polyline file)
//
// vx_mask =
${METPLUS_VX_MASK}

//
// Spatial masking of hurricane basin names from the basin_file
//
// basin_mask =
${METPLUS_BASIN_MASK}

//
// Distance to land threshold
//
//dland_thresh =
${METPLUS_DLAND_THRESH}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Matching and scoring options
// May be specified separately in each filter array entry.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Genesis matching logic. Compare the forecast genesis point to all points in
// the Best track (TRUE) or the single Best track genesis point (FALSE).
//
//genesis_match_point_to_track =
${METPLUS_GENESIS_MATCH_POINT_TO_TRACK}

//
// Radius in km to search for a matching genesis event
//
// genesis_match_radius =
${METPLUS_GENESIS_MATCH_RADIUS}

//
// Time window in hours, relative to the model genesis time, to search for a
// matching Best track point
//
//genesis_match_window = {
${METPLUS_GENESIS_MATCH_WINDOW_DICT}

//
// Radius in km for a development scoring method hit
//
// dev_hit_radius =
${METPLUS_DEV_HIT_RADIUS}

```

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```

//
// Time window in hours for a development scoring method hit
//
// dev_hit_window =
// ${METPLUS_DEV_HIT_WINDOW_DICT}

// Time window in hours for the Best track genesis minus model initialization
// time difference for an operational scoring method hit
//
// ops_hit_window = {
// ${METPLUS_OPS_HIT_WINDOW_DICT}

//
// Discard genesis forecasts for initializations at or after the matching
// BEST track genesis time
//
// discard_init_post_genesis_flag =
// ${METPLUS_DISCARD_INIT_POST_GENESIS_FLAG}

//
// Scoring methods to be applied
//
// dev_method_flag =
// ${METPLUS_DEV_METHOD_FLAG}

// ops_method_flag =
// ${METPLUS_OPS_METHOD_FLAG}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Output options
// May be specified separately in each filter array entry.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval alpha value
//
// ci_alpha =
// ${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}

//
// Statistical output types
//
// output_flag =
// ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF genesis pair counts
//
// nc_pairs_flag =

```

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```

${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

//
// Specify which track points should be counted by thresholding the track point
// valid time minus genesis time difference.
//
// valid_minus_genesis_diff_thresh =
${METPLUS_VALID_MINUS_GENESIS_DIFF_THRESH}

//
// Count unique BEST track genesis event locations (TRUE) versus counting the
// location for all pairs (FALSE).
//
// best_unique_flag =
${METPLUS_BEST_UNIQUE_FLAG}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//
// Global settings
// May only be specified once.
//
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
// dland_file =
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify the NetCDF file containing a gridded representation of the
// global basins.
//
// basin_file =
${METPLUS_BASIN_FILE}

//
// NetCDF genesis pairs grid
//
// nc_pairs_grid =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_GRID}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V10.0.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.1.22.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways: 1) Passing in TCGen.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/TCGen/TCGen.conf -c /path/to/user_
→system.conf
```

2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in TCGen.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/TCGen/TCGen.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following METplus configuration variables must be set correctly to run this example.:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs).
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.22.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/TCGen and will contain the following files:

- tc\_gen\_2016\_ctc.txt
- tc\_gen\_2016\_cts.txt
- tc\_gen\_2016.stat

#### 5.1.22.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [TCGenToolUseCase](#), [DTCOrgUseCase](#),

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-TCGen.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.23 TCMPRPlotter

##### 5.1.23.1 TCMPRPlotter: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/TCMPRPlotter/TCMPRPlotter.conf

##### 5.1.23.1.1 Scientific Objective

Generate plots of tropical cyclone tracks.

##### 5.1.23.1.2 Datasets

No datasets are used in this use case, the tc-pairs output from the MET tc-pairs tool is used as input.

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 526) section for more information.

##### 5.1.23.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus TCMPRPlotter wrapper to invoke the the MET script tcmpr\_plotter.R.

#### 5.1.23.1.4 METplus Workflow

tcmpr\_plotter.R is the only tool (script) called in this example.

#### 5.1.23.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/TCMPRPlotter/TCMPRPlotter.conf`

```
#
# CONFIGURATION
#
[config]

# Loop over each process in the process list (set in PROCESS_LIST) for all times in the time window of
# interest.
LOOP_ORDER = processes

PROCESS_LIST = TCMPRPlotter

# The init time begin and end times, increment
LOOP_BY = INIT
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d
INIT_BEG = 20141214
INIT_END = 20141214

# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end
# time
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600 ;; set to every 6 hours=21600 seconds

# A list of times to include, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
INIT_INCLUDE =

# A list of times to exclude, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
INIT_EXCLUDE =

#
# Specify model valid time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]. Only tracks
# that fall within the valid time window will
# be used.
#
VALID_BEG =
VALID_END =

# Plot_TCMR options, if left unset, default values that are
# pre-defined in the R utility (packaged with MET) will be used.

# Config file used to customize the plot, the tcmpr_customize.conf
# file is used to resize the plot that is produced so that it doesn't
# fill the entire screen.
```

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```

TCMPR_PLOTTER_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/TCMPRPlotter/TCMPRPlotterConfig_
→Customize
TCMPR_PLOTTER_PREFIX =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_TITLE =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SUBTITLE = Your Subtitle Goes Here
TCMPR_PLOTTER_XLAB =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_YLAB = Your y-label Goes Here
TCMPR_PLOTTER_XLIM =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_YLIM =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_FILTER =
# The tcst data file to be used instead of running the MET tc_stat tool
TCMPR_PLOTTER_FILTERED_TCST_DATA_FILE =
# Comma separated, no whitespace. Default is TK_ERR (track error) unless
# otherwise indicated.
TCMPR_PLOTTER_DEP_VARS = AMSLP-BMSLP,AMAX_WIND-BMAX_WIND,TK_ERR
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SCATTER_X =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SCATTER_Y =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SKILL_REF =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SERIES =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SERIES_CI =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_LEGEND =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_LEAD =
# Default plot is boxplot, unless otherwise indicated. If box plot is needed
# in addition to other plots, this needs to be indicated.
TCMPR_PLOTTER_PLOT_TYPES = MEAN, MEDIAN
TCMPR_PLOTTER_RP_DIFF =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_DEMO_YR =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_HFIP_BASELINE =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_FOOTNOTE_FLAG =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_PLOT_CONFIG_OPTS =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SAVE_DATA =

# TCMPR FLAGS no == (don't set flag), yes == (set flag)
TCMPR_PLOTTER_NO_EE = no
TCMPR_PLOTTER_NO_LOG = no
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SAVE = no

#
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]
# Location of your model data of interest
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/tc_pairs
TCMPR_PLOTTER_TCMPR_DATA_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR}
TCMPR_PLOTTER_PLOT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tcmpr_plots

```

#### 5.1.23.1.6 MET Configuration

A MET configuration is not needed to run this single wrapper use case.

#### 5.1.23.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in TCMPRPlotter.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/TCMPRPlotter/TCMPRPlotter.  
↪conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in TCMPRPlotter.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/TCMPRPlotter/TCMPRPlotter.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.23.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in tcmpr\_plots/2005080700 (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- AMAX\_WIND-BMAX\_WIND\_mean.png
- AMAX\_WIND-BMAX\_WIND\_mean.png

- AMSLP-BMSLP\_mean.png
- AMSLP-BMSLP\_median.png
- TK\_ERR\_mean.png
- TK\_ERR\_median.png

#### 5.1.23.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [TCMPRPlotterUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.24 TCPairs

#### 5.1.24.1 TCPairs: Basic Use Case for Extra Tropical Cyclones

met\_tool\_wrapper/TCPairs/TCPairs\_extra\_tropical.conf

##### 5.1.24.1.1 Scientific Objective

Once this method is complete, a forecast and reference track analysis file will have been paired up, allowing statistical information to be extracted.

##### 5.1.24.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** A Deck

track\_data/201412/a??q201412\*.gfso.\*

**Observation:** Best Track - B Deck

track\_data/201412/b??q201412\*.gfso.\*

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

The tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 534) section for more information.

**Data Source:** GFS

### 5.1.24.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus TCPairs wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool `tc_pairs`.

### 5.1.24.1.4 METplus Workflow

TCPairs is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2014-12-13\_18Z

**Forecast lead:** 24 hour

### 5.1.24.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c /path/to/TCPairs_extra_tropical.conf`

```
#
# CONFIGURATION
#
[config]

# Looping by processes: run each 'task' in the PROCESS_LIST for all
# defined times then steps to the next 'task'.
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# Configuration files
TC_PAIRS_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/TCPairsConfig_wrapped

PROCESS_LIST = TCPairs

# The init time begin and end times, increment
LOOP_BY = INIT
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
INIT_BEG = 2014121318
INIT_END = 2014121418

# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end
# time
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600 ;; set to every 6 hours=21600 seconds

# A list of times to include, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_INCLUDE =
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```

# A list of times to exclude, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_EXCLUDE =

# Specify model init time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]
# Only tracks that fall within the initialization time window will be used
TC_PAIRS_INIT_BEG = {INIT_BEG}
TC_PAIRS_INIT_END = {INIT_END}

# Specify model valid time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]
# Only tracks that fall within the valid time window will be used
TC_PAIRS_VALID_BEG =
TC_PAIRS_VALID_END =

##
#
# MET TC-Pairs
#
##

#
# Run MET tc_pairs by indicating the top-level directories for the A-deck
# and B-deck files. Set to 'yes' to run using top-level directories, 'no'
# if you want to run tc_pairs on files paired by the wrapper.
TC_PAIRS_READ_ALL_FILES = no

# List of models to be used (white space or comma separated) eg: DSHP, LGEM, HWRF
# If no models are listed, then process all models in the input file(s).
MODEL =

#TC_PAIRS_DESC =

# List of storm ids of interest (space or comma separated) e.g.: AL112012, AL122012
# If no storm ids are listed, then process all storm ids in the input file(s).
TC_PAIRS_STORM_ID =

# Basins (of origin/region). Indicate with space or comma-separated list of regions, eg. AL: for_
↳North Atlantic,
# WP: Western North Pacific, CP: Central North Pacific, SH: Southern Hemisphere, IO: North Indian_
↳Ocean, LS: Southern
# Hemisphere
TC_PAIRS_BASIN =

# Cyclone, a space or comma-separated list of cyclone numbers. If left empty, all cyclones will be_
↳used.
TC_PAIRS_CYCLONE =

# Storm name, a space or comma-separated list of storm names to evaluate. If left empty, all storms_
↳will be used.
TC_PAIRS_STORM_NAME =

# DLAND file, the full path of the file that contains the gridded representation of the
# minimum distance from land.

```

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```

TC_PAIRS_DLAND_FILE = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/tc_data/dland_global_tenth_degree.nc

TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DECK = yes
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_TYPE = SBU

TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL_TO_REPLACE = -99
TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL = -9999

# OVERWRITE OPTIONS
# Don't overwrite filter files if they already exist.
# Set to no if you do NOT want to override existing files
# Set to yes if you do want to override existing files

# overwrite modified track data (non-ATCF to ATCF format)
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_REFORMAT_EXISTS = yes

# overwrite tc_pairs output
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = yes

# FILENAME TEMPLATES
#
[filename_templates]
# Define the format of the filenames
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/a{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m}*.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/b{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m}*.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}

#
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]

# MET config directory, location of configuration files used by MET applications
# CONFIG_DIR and the value it expands to is set as an environment variable
# and is used in the MET configuration file.
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# track data, set to your data source
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/track_data
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_INPUT_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR}
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/track_data_atcf
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs

# REGEX PATTERNS
#
[regex_pattern]

```

### 5.1.24.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [TCPairs MET Configuration](#) (page 189) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCPairs configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// ATCF file format reference:
//   http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html
//

//
// Models
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Description
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Storm identifiers
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Basins
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Cyclone numbers
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//

```

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```
// Storm names
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Valid model time window
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}

//
// Model initialization hours
//
init_hour = [];

//
// Required lead time in hours
//
lead_req = [];

//
// lat/lon polylines defining masking regions
//
init_mask = "";
valid_mask = "";

//
// Specify if the code should check for duplicate ATCF lines
//
check_dup = FALSE;

//
// Specify special processing to be performed for interpolated models.
// Set to NONE, FILL, or REPLACE.
//
interp12 = REPLACE;

//
// Specify how consensus forecasts should be defined
//
consensus = [];

//
// Forecast lag times
```

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```

//
lag_time = [];

//
// CLIPER/SHIFOR baseline forecasts to be derived from the BEST
// and operational (CARQ) tracks.
//
best_technique = [ "BEST" ];
best_baseline  = [];
oper_technique = [ "CARQ" ];
oper_baseline  = [];

//
// Specify the datasets to be searched for analysis tracks (NONE, ADECK, BDECK,
// or BOTH).
//
only_track = BDECK;

//
// Specify if only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks be written out.
//
match_points = TRUE;

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify watch/warning information:
//   - Input watch/warning filename
//   - Watch/warning time offset in seconds
//
watch_warn = {
    file_name  = "MET_BASE/tc_data/wwpts_us.txt";
    time_offset = -14400;
}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V9.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

#### 5.1.24.1.7 Running METplus

It is recommended to run this use case by:

Passing in TCPairs\_extra\_tropical.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/TCPairs_extra_tropical.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

The following METplus configuration variables must be set correctly to run this example.:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs).
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.24.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in **tc\_pairs/201412** (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- mlq2014121318.gfso.0103.tcst
- mlq2014121318.gfso.0104.tcst

#### 5.1.24.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [TCPairsToolUseCase](#), [SBUOrgUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-TCPairs.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.24.2 TCPairs: Basic Use Case for Tropical Cyclones

met\_tool\_wrapper/TCPairs/TCPairs\_tropical.conf

##### 5.1.24.2.1 Scientific Objective

Once this method is complete, a forecast and reference track analysis file will have been paired up, allowing statistical information to be extracted.

##### 5.1.24.2.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** A Deck

/path/to/hwrf/adeck

**Observation:** Best Track - B Deck

/path/to/hwrf/bdeck

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

The tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 541) section for more information.

**Data Source:** HWRP

##### 5.1.24.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus TCPairs wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool tc\_pairs.

##### 5.1.24.2.4 METplus Workflow

TCPairs is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2018-08-30\_06Z, 2018-08-30\_12Z, 2018-08-30\_18Z

### 5.1.24.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c /path/to/TCPairs_tropical.conf`

```
#
# CONFIGURATION
#
[config]

# Looping by times: steps through each 'task' in the PROCESS_LIST for each
# defined time, and repeats until all times have been evaluated.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Configuration files
TC_PAIRS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/TCPairsConfig_wrapped

# 'Tasks' to be run
PROCESS_LIST = TCPairs

LOOP_BY = INIT

# The init time begin and end times, increment, and last init hour.
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
INIT_BEG = 2018083006
INIT_END = 2018083018

# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end time
# set to 6 hours = 21600 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600

# A list of times to include, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_INCLUDE =

# A list of times to exclude, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_EXCLUDE =

# Specify model init time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]
# Only tracks that fall within the initialization time window will be used
TC_PAIRS_INIT_BEG =
TC_PAIRS_INIT_END =

# Specify model valid time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]
# Only tracks that fall within the valid time window will be used
TC_PAIRS_VALID_BEG =
TC_PAIRS_VALID_END =

#
# Run MET tc_pairs by indicating the top-level directories for the A-deck and B-deck files. Set to
→ 'yes' to
# run using top-level directories, 'no' if you want to run tc_pairs on files paired by the wrapper.
TC_PAIRS_READ_ALL_FILES = no
```

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```

# set to true or yes to reformat track data into ATCF format expected by tc_pairs
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DECK = no

# OVERWRITE OPTIONS
# Don't overwrite filter files if they already exist.
# Set to yes if you do NOT want to override existing files
# Set to no if you do want to override existing files
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = no

#
# MET TC-Pairs
#
# List of models to be used (white space or comma separated) eg: DSHP, LGEM, HWRF
# If no models are listed, then process all models in the input file(s).
MODEL = MYNN, H19C, H19M, CTRL, MYGF

#TC_PAIRS_DESC =

# List of storm ids of interest (space or comma separated) e.g.: AL112012, AL122012
# If no storm ids are listed, then process all storm ids in the input file(s).
#TC_PAIRS_STORM_ID = ML2092014
#TC_PAIRS_STORM_ID = al062018, al092018, al132018, al142018

# Basins (of origin/region). Indicate with space or comma-separated list of regions, eg. AL: for
↳North Atlantic,
# WP: Western North Pacific, CP: Central North Pacific, SH: Southern Hemisphere, IO: North Indian
↳Ocean, LS: Southern
# Hemisphere
#TC_PAIRS_BASIN = AL
TC_PAIRS_BASIN =

# Cyclone, a space or comma-separated list of cyclone numbers. If left empty, all cyclones will be
↳used.
TC_PAIRS_CYCLONE = 06
#TC_PAIRS_CYCLONE =

# Storm name, a space or comma-separated list of storm names to evaluate. If left empty, all storms
↳will be used.
TC_PAIRS_STORM_NAME =

# DLAND file, the full path of the file that contains the gridded representation of the
# minimum distance from land.
TC_PAIRS_DLAND_FILE = MET_BASE/tc_data/dland_global_tenth_degree.nc

#
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]
# Location of input track data directory
# for ADECK and BDECK data

```

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```
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/hwrf/adeck
TC_PAIRS_EDECK_INPUT_DIR =
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/hwrf/bdeck

TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs

[filename_templates]
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_TEMPLATE = {model?fmt=%s}/*{cyclone?fmt=%s}l.{date?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.trak.hwrf.atcfunix
TC_PAIRS_EDECK_TEMPLATE =
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_TEMPLATE = b{basin?fmt=%s}{cyclone?fmt=%s}{date?fmt=%Y}.dat
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = tc_pairs_{basin?fmt=%s}{date?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.dat
```

#### 5.1.24.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

---

**Note:** See the [TCPairs MET Configuration](#) (page 189) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCPairs configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// ATCF file format reference:
//   http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html
//

//
// Models
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Description
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
```

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```

// Storm identifiers
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Basins
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Cyclone numbers
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//
// Storm names
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Valid model time window
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}

//
// Model initialization hours
//
init_hour = [];

//
// Required lead time in hours
//
lead_req = [];

//
// lat/lon polylines defining masking regions
//
init_mask = "";
valid_mask = "";

//
// Specify if the code should check for duplicate ATCF lines
//

```

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```

check_dup = FALSE;

//
// Specify special processing to be performed for interpolated models.
// Set to NONE, FILL, or REPLACE.
//
interp12 = REPLACE;

//
// Specify how consensus forecasts should be defined
//
consensus = [];

//
// Forecast lag times
//
lag_time = [];

//
// CLIPER/SHIFOR baseline forecasts to be derived from the BEST
// and operational (CARQ) tracks.
//
best_technique = [ "BEST" ];
best_baseline = [];
oper_technique = [ "CARQ" ];
oper_baseline = [];

//
// Specify the datasets to be searched for analysis tracks (NONE, ADECK, BDECK,
// or BOTH).
//
only_track = BDECK;

//
// Specify if only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks be written out.
//
match_points = TRUE;

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify watch/warning information:
// - Input watch/warning filename
// - Watch/warning time offset in seconds
//
watch_warn = {
    file_name = "MET_BASE/tc_data/wwpts-us.txt";

```

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```

    time_offset = -14400;
}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V9.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

#### 5.1.24.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in TCPairs\_tropical.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/TCPairs_tropical.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) **Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in TCPairs\_tropical.conf::**

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/TCPairs_tropical.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following METplus configuration variables must be set correctly to run this example.:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs).
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.24.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `tc_pairs` and will contain the following files:

- `tc_pairs_al2018083006.dat.tcst`
- `tc_pairs_al2018083012.dat.tcst`
- `tc_pairs_al2018083018.dat.tcst`

#### 5.1.24.2.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [TCPairsToolUseCase](#), [DTCOrgUseCase](#),

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/met_tool_wrapper-TCPairs.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.1.25 TCRMW

#### 5.1.25.1 TCRMW: Basic Use Case

`met_tool_wrapper/TCRMW/TCRMW.conf`

##### 5.1.25.1.1 Scientific Objective

The TC-RMW tool regrid tropical cyclone model data onto a moving range-azimuth grid centered on points along the storm track. This capability replicates the NOAA Hurricane Research Division DIA-Post module.

##### 5.1.25.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** GFS FV3

**Track:** A Deck

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the `met_test` sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 547) section for more information.

#### 5.1.25.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus TCRMW wrapper to search for the desired ADECK file and forecast files that correspond to the track. It generates a command to run the MET tool TC-RMW if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.25.1.4 METplus Workflow

TCRMW is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2016-09-29- 00Z

**Forecast lead:** 141, 143, and 147 hour

#### 5.1.25.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/TCRMW/TCRMW.conf

```
#
# CONFIGURATION
#
[config]

# Looping by times: steps through each 'task' in the PROCESS_LIST for each
# defined time, and repeats until all times have been evaluated.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# 'Tasks' to be run
PROCESS_LIST = TCRMW

LOOP_BY = INIT

# The init time begin and end times, increment, and last init hour.
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
INIT_BEG = 2016092900
INIT_END = 2016092900

# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end time
```

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```

# set to 6 hours = 21600 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600

LOG_TC_RMW_VERBOSITY = 2

TC_RMW_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/TCRMWConfig_wrapped

MODEL = fv3

#TC_RMW_DESC =

BOTH_VAR1_NAME = PRMSL
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = L0

BOTH_VAR2_NAME = TMP
BOTH_VAR2_LEVELS = P1000, P900, P800, P700, P500, P100

# The following variables set values in the MET
# configuration file used by this example
# Leaving these values commented will use the value
# found in the default MET configuration file
#TC_RMW_REGRID_METHOD = NEAREST
#TC_RMW_REGRID_WIDTH = 1
#TC_RMW_REGRID_VLD_THRESH = 0.5
#TC_RMW_REGRID_SHAPE = SQUARE

TC_RMW_STORM_ID = AL142016
TC_RMW_BASIN = AL
TC_RMW_CYCLONE = 14

#TC_RMW_N_RANGE = 100
#TC_RMW_N_AZIMUTH = 180
#TC_RMW_MAX_RANGE_KM = 1000.0
#TC_RMW_DELTA_RANGE_KM = 10.0
#TC_RMW_SCALE = 0.2

#TC_RMW_INIT_INCLUDE =
#TC_RMW_VALID_BEG =
#TC_RMW_VALID_END =
#TC_RMW_VALID_INCLUDE_LIST =
#TC_RMW_VALID_EXCLUDE_LIST =
#TC_RMW_VALID_HOUR_LIST =

#
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# Location of input track data directory for DECK data

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```
#TC_RMW_DECK_INPUT_DIR = /d1/projects/MET/MET_test_data/unit_test/tc_data/adeck
TC_RMW_DECK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/tc_data/adeck

#TC_RMW_INPUT_DIR = /d1/projects/MET/MET_test_data/unit_test/model_data/grib2/gfs_fv3
TC_RMW_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/model_data/grib2/gfs_fv3

TC_RMW_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_tool_wrapper/TCRMW

[filename_templates]
#TC_RMW_DECK_TEMPLATE = a{basin?fmt=%s}{cyclone?fmt=%s}{date?fmt=%Y}.dat
TC_RMW_DECK_TEMPLATE = aal14{date?fmt=%Y}_short.dat

#TC_RMW_INPUT_TEMPLATE = gfs.t00z.pgrb2.0p25.f144
TC_RMW_INPUT_TEMPLATE = gfs.subset.t00z.pgrb2.0p25.f*

TC_RMW_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = tc_rmw_aal14{date?fmt=%Y}.nc
```

#### 5.1.25.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [TCRMW MET Configuration](#) (page 194) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// TC-RMW configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README_TC file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

// The following environment variables set the text if the corresponding
// variables are defined in the METplus config. If not, they are set to
// and empty string, which will cause MET to use the value defined in the
// default configuration file.

${METPLUS_MODEL}

${METPLUS_STORM_ID}
${METPLUS_BASIN}
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${METPLUS_CYCLONE}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}

${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_VALID_INCLUDE_LIST}
${METPLUS_VALID_EXCLUDE_LIST}

${METPLUS_VALID_HOUR_LIST}
${METPLUS_LEAD_LIST}

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];

//
// Data fields
//
data = {
    ${METPLUS_DATA_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_DATA_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Regridding options
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

//
// Range-Azimuth grid parameters
//
// The following environment variables set the text if the corresponding
// variables are defined in the METplus config. If not, they are set to
// an empty string, which will cause MET to use the value defined in the
// default configuration file.

${METPLUS_N_RANGE}
${METPLUS_N_AZIMUTH}
${METPLUS_MAX_RANGE_KM}
${METPLUS_DELTA_RANGE_KM}
${METPLUS_RMW_SCALE}

////////////////////////////////////

//version = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

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`${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}`

### 5.1.25.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in TCRMW.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/TCRMW/TCRMW.conf -c /path/to/  
↪user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in TCRMW.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/TCRMW/TCRMW.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.25.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_tool\_wrapper/TCRMW (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- tc\_rmw\_aal142016.nc

#### 5.1.25.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [TCRMWToolUseCase](#) [GRIB2FileUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.26 TCStat

##### 5.1.26.1 TCStat: Basic Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/TCStat/TCStat.conf

##### 5.1.26.1.1 Scientific Objective

Summarize and stratify the data from TC-Pairs track and intensity data

##### 5.1.26.1.2 Datasets

TC-Pairs data from 201503

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 556) section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

##### 5.1.26.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus TCStat wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool tc\_stat if all required files are found.

#### 5.1.26.1.4 METplus Workflow

TCStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following TCST run times:

TCST: 2015030100

#### 5.1.26.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/TCStat/TCStat.conf`

```
#
# CONFIGURATION
#
[config]
# set looping method to processes-each 'task' in the process list runs to
# completion (for all init times) before the next 'task' is run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# List of 'tasks' to run
PROCESS_LIST = TCStat

LOOP_BY = INIT

# The init time begin and end times, increment, and last init hour.
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
INIT_BEG = 2019103112
INIT_END = 2019103112

# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end time
# set to 6 hours = 21600 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 6H

# Leave blank or remove to use wrapped config file in parm/met_config
TC_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/TCStatConfig_wrapped

#
# !!!!!!!IMPORTANT!!!!!!
# Please refer to the README_TC located in ${MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/config
# for details on setting up your analysis jobs.

# For arithmetic expressions such as:
# -column 'ABS(AMSLP-BMSLP)', enclose the expression in ''. Notice that there are no
# whitespaces within the arithmetic expression. White spaces are to be used to
# separate options from values (e.g. -job summary -by AMODEL,LEAD,AMSLP -init_hour 00 -column 'AMSLP-
↪BMSLP').
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# eg. -lookin {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs -job filter -dump_row {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_stat_filter.out -basin ML
↪ -init_hr 00
# or -lookin {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs -job summary -by AMODEL,LEAD -column AMSLP -column AMAX_WIND -
↪ column 'ABS(AMAX_WIND-BMAX_WIND)' -out {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_stat/tc_stat_summary.tcst

# Define the job filter via TC_STAT_JOB_ARGS.
# Separate each option and value with whitespace, and each job with a whitespace.
# No whitespace within arithmetic expressions or lists of items
# (e.g. -by AMSLP,AMODEL,LEAD -column '(AMAX_WIND-BMAX_WIND)')
# Enclose your arithmetic expressions with '' and separate each job
# by whitespace:
# -job filter -dump_row /path/to, -job summary -line_type TCMPR -column 'ABS(AMAX_WIND-BMAX_WIND)'
↪ -out {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_stat/file.tcst

TC_STAT_JOB_ARGS = -job summary -line_type TCMPR -column 'ASPEED' -dump_row {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}/tc_
↪ stat_summary.tcst

#
# FILL in the following values if running multiple jobs which
# requires a MET tc_stat config file.
#
# These all map to the options in the default TC-Stat config file, except these
# are pre-pended with TC_STAT to avoid clashing with any other similarly
# named options from other MET tools (eg TC_STAT_AMODEL corresponds to the
# amodel option in the default MET tc-stat config file, whereas AMODEL
# corresponds to the amodel option in the MET tc-pairs config file).

# Stratify by these columns:
TC_STAT_AMODEL =
TC_STAT_BMODEL =
TC_STAT_DESC =
TC_STAT_STORM_ID =
TC_STAT_BASIN =
TC_STAT_CYCLONE =
TC_STAT_STORM_NAME =

# Stratify by init times via a comma-separate list of init times to
# include or exclude. Time format defined as YYYYMMDD_HH or YYYYMMDD_HH:mm:ss
TC_STAT_INIT_BEG = 20150301
TC_STAT_INIT_END = 20150304
TC_STAT_INIT_INCLUDE =
TC_STAT_INIT_EXCLUDE =
TC_STAT_INIT_HOUR = 00

# Stratify by valid times via a comma-separate list of valid times to
# include or exclude. Time format defined as YYYYMMDD_HH or YYYYMMDD_HH:mm:ss
TC_STAT_VALID_BEG =
TC_STAT_VALID_END =
TC_STAT_VALID_INCLUDE =
TC_STAT_VALID_EXCLUDE =
TC_STAT_VALID_HOUR =

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TC_STAT_LEAD_REQ =
TC_STAT_INIT_MASK =
TC_STAT_VALID_MASK =

# Stratify by the valid time and lead time via comma-separated list of
# times in format HH[MMSS]
TC_STAT_VALID_HOUR =
TC_STAT_LEAD =

# Stratify over the watch_warn column in the tcst file. Setting this to
# 'ALL' will match HUWARN, HUWATCH, TSWARN, TSWATCH
TC_STAT_TRACK_WATCH_WARN =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns. Specify with
# comma-separated list of column names and thresholds to be applied.
# The length of TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME should be the same as
# TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL.
TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME =
TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL =

# Stratify by a list of comma-separated columns names and values corresponding
# to non-numeric data columns of the values of interest.
TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_NAME =
TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_VAL =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns only when lead=0.
# If lead=0 and the value does not meet the threshold, discard the entire
# track. The length of TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_NAME must equal the length of
# TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_VAL.
TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_NAME =
TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_VAL =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns only when lead = 0.
# If lead = 0 but the value doesn't meet the threshold, discard the entire
# track.
TC_STAT_INIT_STR_NAME =
TC_STAT_INIT_STR_VAL =

# Excludes any points where distance to land is <=0. When set to TRUE, once land
# is encountered, the remainder of the forecast track is NOT used for the
# verification, even if the track moves back over water.
TC_STAT_WATER_ONLY =

# TRUE or FALSE. To specify whether only those track points occurring near
# landfall should be retained. Landfall is the last bmodel track point before
# the distance to land switches from water to land.
TC_STAT_LANDFALL =

# Define the landfall retention window, which is defined as the hours offset
# from the time of landfall. Format is in HH[MMSS]. Default TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG
# is set to -24, and TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END is set to 00
TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG = -24

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```
TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END = 00

# Specify whether only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
# tracks should be written out
TC_STAT_MATCH_POINTS = false

#TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_EXC_NAME =
#TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_EXC_VAL =

#TC_STAT_INIT_STR_EXC_NAME =
#TC_STAT_INIT_STR_EXC_VAL =

# IMPORTANT Refer to the README_TC for details on setting up analysis
# jobs (located in {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/config

#
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]
# TC-Stat input data (-lookin argument)
# uses output from tc-pairs
TC_STAT_LOOKIN_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/tc_pairs

# TC-Stat output data (creates .tcst ASCII files which can be read or used as
# input to TCMR_Plotter_wrapper (the Python wrapper to plot_tcmr.R) to create plots.
TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_stat
```

#### 5.1.26.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [TCStat MET Configuration](#) (page 200) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

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```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCStat configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////
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```
//
// The parameters listed below are used to filter the TC-STAT data down to the
// desired subset of lines over which statistics are to be computed. Only
// those lines which meet ALL of the criteria specified will be retained.
//
// The settings that are common to all jobs may be specified once at the top
// level. If no selection is listed for a parameter, that parameter will not
// be used for filtering. If multiple selections are listed for a parameter,
// the analyses will be performed on their union.
//

//
// Stratify by the AMODEL or BMODEL columns.
//
${METPLUS_AMODEL}
${METPLUS_BMODEL}

//
// Stratify by the DESC column.
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Stratify by the STORM_ID column.
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Stratify by the BASIN column.
// May add using the "-basin" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Stratify by the CYCLONE column.
// May add using the "-cyclone" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//
// Stratify by the STORM_NAME column.
// May add using the "-storm_name" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Stratify by the INIT times.
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
// May modify using the "-init_beg", "-init_end", "-init_inc",
// and "-init_exc" job command options.
//
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```

${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Stratify by the VALID times.
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_VALID_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_VALID_EXCLUDE}

//
// Stratify by the initialization and valid hours and lead time.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_HOUR}
${METPLUS_VALID_HOUR}
${METPLUS_LEAD}

//
// Select tracks which contain all required lead times.
//
${METPLUS_LEAD_REQ}

//
// Stratify by the INIT_MASK and VALID_MASK columns.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_MASK}
${METPLUS_VALID_MASK}

//
// Stratify by checking the watch/warning status for each track point
// common to both the ADECK and BDECK tracks. If the watch/warning status
// of any of the track points appears in the list, retain the entire track.
//
${METPLUS_TRACK_WATCH_WARN}

//
// Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL}

//
// Stratify by performing string matching on non-numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_VAL}

//
// Stratify by excluding strings in non-numeric data columns.
```

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```

//
//column_str_exc_name =
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_NAME}

//column_str_exc_val =
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_thresh options above
//
${METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_NAME}
${METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_str options above
//
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_NAME}
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_str_exc options above
//
//init_str_exc_name =
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_NAME}

//init_str_exc_val =
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_VAL}

//
// Stratify by the ADECK and BDECK distances to land.
//
${METPLUS_WATER_ONLY}

//
// Specify whether only those track points occurring near landfall should be
// retained, and define the landfall retention window in HH[MMSS] format
// around the landfall time.
//
${METPLUS_LANDFALL}
${METPLUS_LANDFALL_BEG}
${METPLUS_LANDFALL_END}

//
// Specify whether only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks should be retained. May modify using the "-match_points" job command
// option.
//
${METPLUS_MATCH_POINTS}

//
// Array of TCStat analysis jobs to be performed on the filtered data
//

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```
`${METPLUS_JOBS}`  
`${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}`
```

### 5.1.26.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in TCStat.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/TCStat/TCStat.conf -c /path/  
↪to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in TCStat.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/TCStat/TCStat.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
INPUT_BASE/tc_pairs = path/to/tc_pairs/  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.26.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in tc\_stat/201503 (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- tc\_stat\_summary.test

#### 5.1.26.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [TCStatToolUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/met\_tool\_wrapper-TCStat.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.27 UserScript

##### 5.1.27.1 UserScript: Run Once Per Valid Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript\_run\_once\_per\_valid.conf

##### 5.1.27.1.1 Scientific Objective

Demonstrate how to run a user-defined script that should be executed once for each valid time. This use case runs a simple ls command to list the contents of a directory. A wildcard character (\*) is used to replace filename template tags for init and lead to find all files that match any of the times available.

##### 5.1.27.1.2 Datasets

**Input:** Empty test files from the METplus repository

##### 5.1.27.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus UserScript wrapper to generate a command that is specified by the user.

##### 5.1.27.1.4 METplus Workflow

UserScript is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2014-10-31 09:30:15

**Valid:** 2014-10-31 21:30:15

**Valid:** 2014-11-01 09:30:15

### 5.1.27.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript_run_once_per_valid.conf`

```
# UserScript wrapper example

[config]

# List of applications to run - only UserScript for this case
PROCESS_LIST = UserScript

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M%S

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 20141031093015

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 20141101093015

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0H, 12H, 24H, 120H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes
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```
# list of strings to loop over for each run time.
# value for each item can be referenced in filename templates with {custom?fmt=%s}
USER_SCRIPT_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = nc

USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_INIT_OR_VALID

USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = init_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S}_valid_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S}_lead_{lead?
↳fmt=%3H}. {custom}
USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/test

USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = ls {USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR}/{USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE}
```

#### 5.1.27.1.6 MET Configuration

None. UserScript does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.27.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in UserScript\_run\_once\_per\_valid.conf\_run\_once then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript_run_
↳once_per_valid.conf_run_once -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in UserScript\_run\_once\_per\_valid.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/UserScript_run_once_
↳per_valid.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### **5.1.27.1.8 Expected Output**

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

No output files are generated from this use case, but the logfile will contain the results of the directory listing command(s)

Valid time: 2014-10-31 09:30:15

- init\_20141024093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_168.nc
- init\_20141025093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_144.nc
- init\_20141026093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141027093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_096.nc
- init\_20141028093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_072.nc
- init\_20141029093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_048.nc
- init\_20141030093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141030213015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_000.nc

Valid time: 2014-10-31 21:30:15

- init\_20141024213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_168.nc
- init\_20141025213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_144.nc
- init\_20141026213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141027213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_096.nc
- init\_20141028213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_072.nc
- init\_20141029213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_048.nc
- init\_20141030213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_000.nc

Valid time: 2014-11-01 09:30:15

- init\_20141025093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_168.nc
- init\_20141026093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_144.nc
- init\_20141027093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_120.nc



- init\_20141028093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_096.nc
- init\_20141029093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_072.nc
- init\_20141030093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_048.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_000.nc

#### 5.1.27.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [UserScriptUseCase](#), [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.27.2 UserScript: Run Once Per Init Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript\_run\_once\_per\_init.conf

##### 5.1.27.2.1 Scientific Objective

Demonstrate how to run a user-defined script that should be executed once for each initialization time. This use case runs a simple ls command to list the contents of a directory. A wildcard character (\*) is used to replace filename template tags for valid and lead to find all files that match any of the times available.

##### 5.1.27.2.2 Datasets

**Input:** Empty test files from the METplus repository

##### 5.1.27.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus UserScript wrapper to generate a command that is specified by the user.

#### 5.1.27.2.4 METplus Workflow

UserScript is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2014-10-31 09:30:15

**Init:** 2014-10-31 21:30:15

**Init:** 2014-11-01 09:30:15

#### 5.1.27.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript_run_once_per_init.conf`

```
# UserScript wrapper example

[config]

# List of applications to run - only UserScript for this case
PROCESS_LIST = UserScript

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M%S

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 20141031093015

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 20141101093015

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
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```
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0H, 12H, 24H, 120H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
# increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# list of strings to loop over for each run time.
# value for each item can be referenced in filename templates with {custom?fmt=%s}
USER_SCRIPT_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = nc

USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_INIT_OR_VALID

USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = init_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S}_valid_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S}_lead_{lead?
↳fmt=%3H}. {custom}
USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/test

USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = ls {USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR}/{USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE}
```

#### 5.1.27.2.6 MET Configuration

None. UserScript does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.27.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in UserScript\_run\_once\_per\_init.conf\_run\_once then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript_run_
↳once_per_init.conf_run_once -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in UserScript\_run\_once\_per\_init.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/UserScript_run_once_
↳per_init.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in

parm/use\_cases

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.27.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

No output files are generated from this use case, but the logfile will contain the results of the directory listing command(s)

Init time: 2014-10-31 09:30:15

- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_000.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141102093015\_lead\_048.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141103093015\_lead\_072.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141104093015\_lead\_096.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141105093015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141106093015\_lead\_144.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141107093015\_lead\_168.nc

Init time: 2014-10-31 21:30:15

- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_000.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141101213015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141102213015\_lead\_048.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141103213015\_lead\_072.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141104213015\_lead\_096.nc

- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141105213015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141106213015\_lead\_144.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141107213015\_lead\_168.nc

Init time: 2014-11-01 09:30:15

- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_000.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141101213015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141102093015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141103093015\_lead\_048.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141104093015\_lead\_072.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141105093015\_lead\_096.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141106093015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141107093015\_lead\_144.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141108093015\_lead\_168.nc

#### 5.1.27.2.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [UserScriptUseCase](#), [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.27.3 UserScript: Run Once Per Lead Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript\_run\_once\_per\_lead.conf

##### 5.1.27.3.1 Scientific Objective

Demonstrate how to run a user-defined script that should be executed once for each forecast lead time. This use case runs a simple ls command to list the contents of a directory. A wildcard character (\*) is used to replace filename template tags for valid and init to find all files that match any of the times available.

### 5.1.27.3.2 Datasets

**Input:** Empty test files from the METplus repository

### 5.1.27.3.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus UserScript wrapper to generate a command that is specified by the user.

### 5.1.27.3.4 METplus Workflow

UserScript is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Forecast Lead:** 0 hour

**Forecast Lead:** 12 hour

**Forecast Lead:** 24 hour

**Forecast Lead:** 120 hour

### 5.1.27.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript_run_once_per_lead.conf`

```
# UserScript wrapper example

[config]

# List of applications to run - only UserScript for this case
PROCESS_LIST = UserScript

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
```

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```

INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M%S

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 20141031093015

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 20141101093015

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0H, 12H, 24H, 120H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# list of strings to loop over for each run time.
# value for each item can be referenced in filename templates with {custom?fmt=%s}
USER_SCRIPT_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = nc

USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_LEAD

USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = init_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S}_valid_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S}_lead_{lead?
↪fmt=%3H}._{custom}
USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/test

USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = ls {USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR}/{USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE}

```

### 5.1.27.3.6 MET Configuration

None. UserScript does not use configuration files.

### 5.1.27.3.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in UserScript\_run\_once\_per\_lead.conf\_run\_once then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript_run_
↳ once_per_lead.conf_run_once -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in UserScript\_run\_once\_per\_lead.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/UserScript_run_once_
↳ per_lead.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.1.27.3.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

No output files are generated from this use case, but the logfile will contain the results of the directory listing command(s)

Forecast Lead: 0 hour

- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_000.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_000.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_000.nc



Forecast Lead: 12 hour

- init\_20141030213015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141101213015\_lead\_012.nc

Forecast Lead: 24 hour

- init\_20141030093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141030213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141101213015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141102093015\_lead\_024.nc

Forecast Lead: 120 hour

- init\_20141026093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141026213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141027093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141105093015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141105213015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141106093015\_lead\_120.nc

#### 5.1.27.3.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [UserScriptUseCase](#), [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.27.4 UserScript: Run Once Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript\_run\_once.conf

#### 5.1.27.4.1 Scientific Objective

Demonstrate how to run a user-defined script that should be executed one time. This use case runs a simple `ls` command to list the contents of a directory. A wildcard character (\*) is used to replace filename template tags for `init`, `valid`, and `lead` to find all files that match any of the times available.

#### 5.1.27.4.2 Datasets

**Input:** Empty test files from the METplus repository

#### 5.1.27.4.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus UserScript wrapper to generate a command that is specified by the user.

#### 5.1.27.4.4 METplus Workflow

UserScript is the only tool called in this example. It runs once with no time information specified.

#### 5.1.27.4.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript_run_once.conf`

```
# UserScript wrapper example

[config]

# List of applications to run - only UserScript for this case
PROCESS_LIST = UserScript

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M%S
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```

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 20141031093015

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 20141101093015

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0H, 12H, 24H, 120H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# list of strings to loop over for each run time.
# value for each item can be referenced in filename templates with {custom?fmt=%s}
USER_SCRIPT_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = nc

USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE

USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = init_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S}_valid_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S}_lead_{lead?
↪fmt=%3H}_{custom}
USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/test

USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = ls {USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR}/{USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE}

```

#### 5.1.27.4.6 MET Configuration

None. UserScript does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.27.4.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in UserScript\_run\_once.conf\_run\_once then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript_run_
↳ once.conf_run_once -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in UserScript\_run\_once.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/UserScript_run_once.
↳ conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.27.4.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

No output files are generated from this use case, but the logfile will contain the results of the directory listing command(s)

- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141102093015\_lead\_048.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141103093015\_lead\_072.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141104093015\_lead\_096.nc

- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141105093015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141106093015\_lead\_144.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141107093015\_lead\_168.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_000.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141101213015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141102213015\_lead\_048.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141103213015\_lead\_072.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141104213015\_lead\_096.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141105213015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141106213015\_lead\_144.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141107213015\_lead\_168.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_000.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141101213015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141102093015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141103093015\_lead\_048.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141104093015\_lead\_072.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141105093015\_lead\_096.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141106093015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141107093015\_lead\_144.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141108093015\_lead\_168.nc

#### 5.1.27.4.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [UserScriptUseCase](#), [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.1.27.5 UserScript: Run Once For Each Runtime Use Case

met\_tool\_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript\_run\_once\_for\_each.conf

##### 5.1.27.5.1 Scientific Objective

Demonstrate how to run a user-defined script that should be executed once for each valid time and forecast lead combination. This use case runs a simple ls command to list the contents of a directory.

##### 5.1.27.5.2 Datasets

**Input:** Empty test files from the METplus repository

##### 5.1.27.5.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus UserScript wrapper to generate a command that is specified by the user.

##### 5.1.27.5.4 METplus Workflow

UserScript is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2014-10-31 09:30:15

**Forecast Lead:** 0 hour

**Forecast Lead:** 12 hour

**Forecast Lead:** 24 hour

**Forecast Lead:** 120 hour

**Valid:** 2014-10-31 21:30:15

**Forecast Lead:** 0 hour

**Forecast Lead:** 12 hour

**Forecast Lead:** 24 hour

**Forecast Lead:** 120 hour

**Valid:** 2014-11-01 09:30:15

**Forecast Lead:** 0 hour

**Forecast Lead:** 12 hour

**Forecast Lead: 24 hour**

**Forecast Lead: 120 hour**

#### 5.1.27.5.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript_run_once_for_each.conf`

```
# UserScript wrapper example

[config]

# List of applications to run - only UserScript for this case
PROCESS_LIST = UserScript

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M%S

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 20141031093015

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 20141101093015

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0H, 12H, 24H, 120H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
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```
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# list of strings to loop over for each run time.
# value for each item can be referenced in filename templates with {custom?fmt=%s}
USER_SCRIPT_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = nc

USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_FOR_EACH

USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = init_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S}_valid_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S}_lead_{lead?
↳fmt=%3H}. {custom}
USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/met_test/new/test

USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = ls {USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR}/{USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE}
```

#### 5.1.27.5.6 MET Configuration

None. UserScript does not use configuration files.

#### 5.1.27.5.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in UserScript\_run\_once\_for\_each.conf\_run\_once then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/UserScript/UserScript_run_
↳once_for_each.conf_run_once -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in UserScript\_run\_once\_for\_each.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GridStat/UserScript_run_once_
↳for_each.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally



Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.1.27.5.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

No output files are generated from this use case, but the logfile will contain the results of the directory listing command(s)

- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_000.nc
- init\_20141030213015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141030093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141026093015\_valid\_20141031093015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_000.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141030213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141026213015\_valid\_20141031213015\_lead\_120.nc
- init\_20141101093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_000.nc
- init\_20141031213015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_012.nc
- init\_20141031093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_024.nc
- init\_20141027093015\_valid\_20141101093015\_lead\_120.nc

#### 5.1.27.5.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [UserScriptUseCase](#), [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

## 5.2 Model Applications

### 5.2.1 Air Quality and Composition

Data related to all areas of atmospheric composition, including ozone, smoke, dust, AOD and PM2.5

#### 5.2.1.1 EnsembleStat: Using Python Embedding for Aerosol Optical Depth

model\_applications/air\_quality\_and\_comp/EnsembleStat\_fcstICAP\_obsMODIS\_aod.conf

##### 5.2.1.1.1 Scientific Objective

To provide useful statistical information on the relationship between observation data for aerosol optical depth (AOD) to an ensemble forecast. These values can be used to help correct ensemble member deviations from observed values.

##### 5.2.1.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** International Cooperative for Aerosol Prediction (ICAP) ensemble netCDF file, 7 members

**Observation:** Aggregate netCDF file with MODIS observed AOD field

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

The tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 589) section for more information.

##### 5.2.1.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus EnsembleStat wrapper to read in files using Python Embedding

##### 5.2.1.1.4 METplus Workflow

EnsembleStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes a single run time with seven ensemble members. Three of the members do not have data for the AOD field, so EnsembleStat will only process four of the members for statistics.

### 5.2.1.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/air_quality_and_comp/EnsembleStat_fcstICAP_obsMODIS_aod.conf`

```
# Ensemble Stat using Python Embedding Input

[config]

## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.
PROCESS_LIST = EnsembleStat

# Looping by times: steps through each 'task' in the PROCESS_LIST for each
# defined time, and repeats until all times have been evaluated.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# LOOP_BY: Set to INIT to loop over initialization times
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG=201608150000

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END=201608150000

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT=06H

# List of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 12H

# Used in the MET config file for: model, output_prefix
MODEL = ICAP

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTYP = NRL_AOD

# The MET ensemble_stat logging level
# 0 quiet to 5 loud, Verbosity setting for MET ensemble_stat output, 2 is default.
# This takes precedence over the general LOG_MET_VERBOSITY set in metplus_logging.conf
#LOG_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VERBOSITY = 2

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_WINDOW_BEGIN = -5400
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_WINDOW_END = 5400

OBS_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
OBS_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0
```

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# number of expected members for ensemble. Should correspond with the
# number of items in the list for FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_N_MEMBERS = 7

# ens.ens_thresh value in the MET config file
# threshold for ratio of valid files to expected files to allow app to run
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_THRESH = 0.1

# Used in the MET config file for: regrid to_grid field
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX =

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/EnsembleStatConfig_wrapped

# ENSEMBLE_STAT_MET_OBS_ERR_TABLE is not required.
# If the variable is not defined, or the value is not set
# than the MET default is used.
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_MET_OBS_ERR_TABLE =

# Ensemble Variables and levels as specified in the ens field dictionary
# of the MET configuration file. Specify as ENS_VARn_NAME, ENS_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) ENS_VARn_OPTION
ENS_VAR1_NAME = {CONFIG_DIR}/forecast_embedded.py {OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_DIR}/icap_{init?fmt=%Y
↪%m%d%H}_aod.nc:total_aod:{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}:MET_PYTHON_INPUT_ARG

# Forecast Variables and levels as specified in the fcst field dictionary
# of the MET configuration file. Specify as FCST_VARn_NAME, FCST_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) FCST_VARn_OPTION
FCST_VAR1_NAME = {CONFIG_DIR}/forecast_embedded.py {OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_DIR}/icap_{init?fmt=
↪%Y%m%d%H}_aod.nc:total_aod:{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}:MET_PYTHON_INPUT_ARG

# Observation Variables and levels as specified in the obs field dictionary
# of the MET configuration file. Specify as OBS_VARn_NAME, OBS_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) OBS_VARn_OPTION
OBS_VAR1_NAME = {CONFIG_DIR}/analysis_embedded.py {OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_DIR}/AGGR_HOURLY_
↪{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}T{valid?fmt=%H%M}_1deg_global_archive.nc:aod_nrl_total:Mean

ENS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DATATYPE = PYTHON_NUMPY

FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DATATYPE = PYTHON_NUMPY

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_GRID_DATATYPE = PYTHON_NUMPY

[dir]
# Use case configuration file directory
CONFIG_DIR = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/air_quality_and_comp/EnsembleStat_fcstICAP_
↪obsMODIS_aod

# Forecast model input directory for ensemble_stat
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DIR =

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# Point observation input dir for ensemble_stat
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_POINT_INPUT_DIR =

# Grid observation input dir for ensemble_stat
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/air_quality_and_comp/aod

# directory containing climatology mean input to EnsembleStat
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology mean input to EnsembleStat
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

# output directory for ensemble_stat
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}

[filename_templates]

# FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE - comma separated list of ensemble members
# or a single line, - wildcard characters may be used.

# FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = ????????gep?/d01_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_02400.grib
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_POINT_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_TEMPLATE = PYTHON_NUMPY

# Template to look for climatology input to EnsembleStat relative to ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_
↪DIR
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology input to EnsembleStat relative to ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_
↪DIR
# Not used in this example
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE =

```

#### 5.2.1.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [EnsembleStat MET Configuration](#) (page 78) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Ensemble-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CENSOR_THRESH}
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```

${METPLUS_CENSOR_VAL}
cat_thresh      = [];
nc_var_str      = "";

//
// Ensemble product fields to be processed
//
ens = {

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_OBS_THRESH}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood ensemble probabilities
//
${METPLUS_NBRHD_PROB_DICT}

//
// NMEP smoothing methods
//
${METPLUS_NMEP_SMOOTH_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

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```

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//

${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc      = [];
obs_thresh   = [ NA ];
obs_quality  = [];
${METPLUS_DUPLICATE_FLAG}
obs_summary  = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;
${METPLUS_SKIP_CONST}

//
// Observation error options
// Set dist_type to NONE to use the observation error table instead
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
obs_error = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_ERROR_FLAG}
    dist_type      = NONE;
    dist_parm      = [];
    inst_bias_scale = 1.0;
    inst_bias_offset = 0.0;
    min            = NA;      // Valid range of data
    max            = NA;
}

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
    { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ANYAIR"; val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
    { key = "ANYSFC"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ONLYSF"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; }
];

//
// Ensemble bin sizes
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_ENS_SSVAR_BIN_SIZE}
${METPLUS_ENS_PHIST_BIN_SIZE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {

```

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```

${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    sid = [];
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Ensemble product output types
//
${METPLUS_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Random number generator
//
rng = {
    type = "mt19937";
    seed = "1";
}

////////////////////////////////////

grid_weight_flag = NONE;
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

#### 5.2.1.1.7 Python Embedding

This use case uses two Python embedding scripts to read input data

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/air\_quality\_and\_comp/EnsembleStat\_fcstICAP\_obsMODIS\_aod/forecast\_embedded

```

import sys
import re
import numpy as np
import datetime as dt
from netCDF4 import Dataset, chartostring

#grab input from user
#should be (1)input file using full path (2) variable name (3) valid time for the forecast in %Y%m%d%H
↪%M format and (4) ensemble member number, all separated by ':' characters
#program can only accept that 1 input, while still maintaining user flexibility to change multiple
#variables, including valid time, ens member, etc.
input_file, var_name, val_time, ens_mem = sys.argv[1].split(':')
ens_mem = int(ens_mem)
val_time = dt.datetime.strptime(val_time, "%Y%m%d%H%M")
try:
    #set pointers to file and group name in file

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```

f = Dataset(input_file, 'r')
v = f[var_name]
#grab intialization time from file name and hold
#also compute the lead time
i_time_ind = input_file.split("_").index("aod.nc")-1
i_time = input_file.split("_")[i_time_ind]
i_time_obj = dt.datetime.strptime(i_time,"%Y%m%d%H")
lead, rem = divmod((val_time - i_time_obj).total_seconds(), 3600)

print("Ensemble Member evaluation for: "+f.members.split(',')[ens_mem])

#checks if the the valid time for the forecast from user is present in file.
#Exits if the time is not present with a message
if not val_time.timestamp() in f['time'][:]:
    print("valid time of "+str(val_time)+" is not present. Check file initialization time,
↳passed valid time.")
    f.close()
    sys.exit(1)

#grab index in the time array for the valid time provided by user (val_time)
val_time_ind = np.where(f['time'][:] == val_time.timestamp())[0][0]

#grab data from file
lat = np.float64(f.variables['lat'][:])
lon = np.float64(f.variables['lon'][:])
var = np.float64(v[val_time_ind:val_time_ind+1,ens_mem:ens_mem+1,:-1,:])
var[var < -800] = -9999
#squeeze out all 1d arrays, add fill value
met_data = np.squeeze(var).copy()
except NameError:
    print("Can't find input file")
    sys.exit(1)

#####
#create a metadata dictionary

attrs = {

    'valid': str(val_time.strftime("%Y%m%d"))+'_'+str(val_time.strftime("%H%M%S")),
    'init': i_time[:-2]+'_'+i_time[-2:]+ '0000',
    'name': var_name,
    'long_name': 'UNKNOWN',
    'lead': str(int(lead)),
    'accum': '00',
    'level': 'UNKNOWN',
    'units': 'UNKNOWN',

    'grid': {
        'name': 'Global 1 degree',
        'type': 'LatLon',
        'lat_ll': -89.5,
        'lon_ll': -179.5,

```

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```

        'delta_lat': 1.0,
        'delta_lon': 1.0,

        'Nlon': f.dimensions['lon'].size,
        'Nlat': f.dimensions['lat'].size,
    }

}

#print some output to show script ran successfully
print("Input file: " + repr(input_file))
print("Variable name: " + repr(var_name))
print("valid time: " + repr(val_time.strftime("%Y%m%d%H%M")))
print("Attributes:\t" + repr(attrs))
f.close()

```

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/air\_quality\_and\_comp/EnsembleStat\_fcstICAP\_obsMODIS\_aod/analysis\_embedded

```

import sys
import re
import numpy as np
import datetime as dt
from netCDF4 import Dataset, chartostring

#grab input from user
#should be (1)input file using full path (2) group name for the variable and (3) variable name
input_file, group_name, var_name = sys.argv[1].split(':')
try:
    #set pointers to file and group name in file
    f = Dataset(input_file, 'r')
    g = f.groups[group_name]
    #grab time from file name and hold
    v_time_ind = input_file.split("_").index("HOURLY")+1
    v_time = input_file.split("_")[v_time_ind]

    #grab data from file
    lat = np.float64(f.variables['latitude'][:])
    lon = np.float64(f.variables['longitude'][:])
    #the data is defined by (lon, lat), so it needs to be transposed
    #in addition to being filled by fill value if data is missing
    var_invert = np.float64(g.variables[var_name][:,:-1])
    var_invert[var_invert < -800] = -9999
    met_data = var_invert.T.copy()
except NameError:
    print("Can't find input file")
    sys.exit(1)

#####

#create a metadata dictionary

attrs = {

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```

'valid': str(v_time.split('T')[0])+'_'+str(v_time.split('T')[1])+'00',
'init': str(v_time.split('T')[0])+'_'+str(v_time.split('T')[1])+'00',
'name': group_name+'_'+var_name,
'long_name': 'UNKNOWN',
'lead': '00',
'accum': '00',
'level': 'UNKNOWN',
'units': 'UNKNOWN',

'grid': {
    'name': 'Global 1 degree',
    'type': 'LatLon',
    'lat_ll': -89.5,
    'lon_ll': -179.5,
    'delta_lat': 1.0,
    'delta_lon': 1.0,

    'Nlon': f.dimensions['longitude'].size,
    'Nlat': f.dimensions['latitude'].size,
}
}

#print some output to show script ran successfully
print("Input file: " + repr(input_file))
print("Group name: " + repr(group_name))
print("Variable name: " + repr(var_name))
print("Attributes:\t" + repr(attrs))
f.close()

```

#### 5.2.1.1.8 Running METplus

It is recommended to run this use case by:

Passing in EnsembleStat\_python\_embedding.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/air_quality_and_comp/
↳EnsembleStat_fcstICAP_obsMODIS_aod.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

The following METplus configuration variables must be set correctly to run this example.:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs).
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.1.1.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in model\_applications/air\_quality/AOD (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- ensemble\_stat\_aod\_20160815\_120000V\_ecnt.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_aod\_20160815\_120000V\_ens.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_aod\_20160815\_120000V\_orank.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_aod\_20160815\_120000V\_phist.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_aod\_20160815\_120000V\_relp.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_aod\_20160815\_120000V\_rhist.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_aod\_20160815\_120000V\_svar.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_aod\_20160815\_120000V.stat

#### 5.2.1.1.10 Keywords

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**Note:**     [EnsembleStatToolUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#), [AirQualityandCompAppUseCase](#), [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#),

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/air\_quality\_and\_comp-EnsembleStat\_fcstICAP\_obsMODIS\_aod.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

## 5.2.2 Climate

Average long range earth system predictions

### 5.2.2.1 MODE: CESM and GPCP Asian Monsoon Precipitation

model\_applications/climate/MODE\_fcstCESM\_obsGPCP\_AsianMonsoonPrecip.conf

#### 5.2.2.1.1 Scientific Objective

To evaluate the CESM model daily precipitation against the GPCP daily precipitation over the Indian Monsoon region to obtain object based output statistics. This was developed as part of the NCAR System for Integrated Modeling of the Atmosphere (SIMA) project.

#### 5.2.2.1.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: CESM Daily Precipitation
- Observation dataset: GPCP Daily Precipitation

#### 5.2.2.1.3 METplus Components

This use case runs mode to create object based statistics on daily precipitation data from the CESM model and observations from the GPCP.

#### 5.2.2.1.4 METplus Workflow

The mode tool is run for each time. This example loops by model initialization time. It processes 4 valid times, listed below.

**Valid:** 2014-08-02

**Forecast lead:** 24

**Init:** 2014-08-03

**Forecast lead:** 48

**Init:** 2014-08-03

**Forecast lead:** 24

**Init:** 2014-08-04

**Forecast lead:** 48

### 5.2.2.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/climate/MODE_fcstCESM_obsGPCP_AsianMonsoonPrecip.conf`

```
# GridStat METplus Configuration for the CESM_vs_GPCP climate model use case:
```

```
[config]
```

```
# List of applications to run - only GridStat for this case
```

```
PROCESS_LIST = Mode
```

```
LOOP_BY = INIT
```

```
# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
```

```
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
```

```
# see www.strftime.org for more information
```

```
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
```

```
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
```

```
# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
```

```
INIT_BEG = 2014060100
```

```
# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
```

```
INIT_END = 2014060200
```

```
# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
```

```
# Must be >= 60 seconds
```

```
INIT_INCREMENT = 86400
```

```
# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
```

```
LEAD_SEQ = 24, 48
```

```
# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
```

```
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
```

```
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
```

```
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
```

```
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
```

```
LOOP_ORDER = times
```

```
# Forecast Reflectivity Variable Information
```

```
MODEL = CESM
```

```
FCST_VAR1_NAME = PRECT
```

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```

FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = "({valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S},*,*)"
FCST_VAR1_OPTIONS = convert(x) = 86400000*x;

MODE_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME = AREA
MODE_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH = >=7

MODE_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME = AREA
MODE_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH = >=7

# MRMS Reflecivitiy Variable Information
OBTYP = GPCP
OBS_VAR1_NAME = precip
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(0,*,*)"

MODE_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/MODEConfig_wrapped

MODE_GRID_RES = 1

MODE_QUILT = True

MODE_CONV_RADIUS = 2

MODE_CONV_THRESH = ge12.0, ge25.0

MODE_MERGE_THRESH = ge10.0, ge20.0

MODE_MERGE_FLAG = THRESH

MODE_MATCH_FLAG = NO_MERGE

MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_POLYLINES = False

MODE_MASK_POLY_FLAG = BOTH

MODE_WEIGHT_ASPECT_DIFF = 1.0

MODE_REGRID_TO_GRID = FCST

[dir]
# Directory for CESM data
FCST_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/climate/CESM

# Directory of the MRMS obs
OBS_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/climate/GPCP

# Output Data
MODE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/climate/CESM_MODE

[filename_templates]
# Forecast Filename Templates:
FCST_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = MetPlus.globe.{init?fmt=%Y-%m-%d}-00000.cam.h1.{init?fmt=%Y-%m-%d?
↪shift=86400}-00000.nc

```

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```
OBS_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = gpcp_v01r03_daily_d{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-86400}_c20170530.nc
MODE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y_%m_%d_%H%M%S}
MODE_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE = {FCST_MODE_INPUT_DIR}/asia_monsoon_cesm_mask.nc
```

### 5.2.2.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [MODE MET Configuration](#) (page 114) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// MODE configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYPE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}
```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//
// grid_res =
// ${METPLUS_GRID_RES}
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Run all permutations of radius and threshold
//
// ${METPLUS_QUILT}
//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_FLAG}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_FLAG}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Handle missing data
//
mask_missing_flag = BOTH;

```

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```

//
// Match objects between the forecast and observation fields
//
//match_flag =
${METPLUS_MATCH_FLAG}

//
// Maximum centroid distance for objects to be compared
//
//max_centroid_dist =
${METPLUS_MAX_CENTROID_DIST}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
//mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine weights
//
//weight = {
${METPLUS_WEIGHT_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions
//
interest_function = {

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_BOUNDARY_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CONVEX_HULL_DIST}

    angle_diff = (
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 30.0, 1.0 )
        ( 90.0, 0.0 )
    );

    aspect_diff = (
        ( 0.00, 1.0 )
        ( 0.10, 1.0 )
        ( 0.75, 0.0 )
    )

```

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```

);

corner      = 0.8;
ratio_if = (
    ( 0.0, 0.0 )
    ( corner, 1.0 )
    ( 1.0, 1.0 )
);

area_ratio = ratio_if;

int_area_ratio = (
    ( 0.00, 0.00 )
    ( 0.10, 0.50 )
    ( 0.25, 1.00 )
    ( 1.00, 1.00 )
);

curvature_ratio = ratio_if;

complexity_ratio = ratio_if;

inten_perc_ratio = ratio_if;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//
//total_interest_thresh =
${METPLUS_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH}

//
// Interest threshold for printing output pair information
//
print_interest_thresh = 0.0;

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Plotting information
//
met_data_dir = "MET_BASE";

fcst_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

```

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```

obs_raw_plot = {
  color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
  plot_min         = 0.0;
  plot_max         = 0.0;
  colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

object_plot = {
  color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_obj.ctable";
}

//
// Boolean for plotting on the region of valid data within the domain
//
plot_valid_flag = FALSE;

//
// Plot polyline edges using great circle arcs instead of straight lines
//
plot_gcArc_flag = FALSE;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// NetCDF matched pairs, PostScript, and contingency table output files
//
ps_plot_flag    = TRUE;

//nc_pairs_flag = {
  ${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

ct_stats_flag   = TRUE;

////////////////////////////////////

shift_right = 0;    // grid squares

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version       = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.2.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `MODE_fcstCESM_obsGPCP_ConusPrecip.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/climate/MODE_fcstCESM_
↪obsGPCP_AsianMonsoonPrecip.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `MODE_fcstCESM_obsGPCP_AsianMonsoonPrecip.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/climate/MODE_fcstCESM_
↪obsGPCP_AsianMonsoonPrecip.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

### 5.2.2.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `model_applications/climate/CESM_MODE` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

```
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140602_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_cts.txt
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140602_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_obj.nc
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140602_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_obj.txt
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140602_000000V_000000A_R1_T1.ps
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140602_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_cts.txt
```

```

2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140602_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_obj.nc
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140602_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_obj.txt
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140602_000000V_000000A_R1_T2.ps
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_cts.txt
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_obj.nc
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_obj.txt
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T1.ps
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_cts.txt
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_obj.nc
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_obj.txt
2014_06_01_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T2.ps
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_cts.txt
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_obj.nc
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_obj.txt
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T1.ps
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_cts.txt
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_obj.nc
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_obj.txt
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140603_000000V_000000A_R1_T2.ps
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140604_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_cts.txt
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140604_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_obj.nc
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140604_000000V_000000A_R1_T1_obj.txt
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140604_000000V_000000A_R1_T1.ps
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140604_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_cts.txt
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140604_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_obj.nc
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140604_000000V_000000A_R1_T2_obj.txt
2014_06_02_000000/mode_000000L_20140604_000000V_000000A_R1_T2.ps

```

#### 5.2.2.1.9 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/climate-MODE\_fcstCESM\_obsGPCP\_AsianMonsoonPrecip.png'

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**Note:** [MODEToolUseCase](#), [ClimateAppUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [NCAROrgUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.2.2 Grid-Stat: CESM and GFS Analysis CONUS Temp

model\_applications/climate/ GridStat\_fcstCESM\_obsGFS\_ConusTemp.conf



#### 5.2.2.2.1 Scientific Objective

To evaluate the CESM model temperature against the GFS analysis across the the Continental United States to obtain categorical output statistics. This was developed as part of the NCAR System for Integrated Modeling of the Atmosphere (SIMA) project.

#### 5.2.2.2.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: CESM Surface Temperature Data
- Observation dataset: GFS Analysis 2m Temperature

#### 5.2.2.2.3 METplus Components

This use case runs `grid_stat` to create continuous statistics on temperature from the CESM model and observations from the GFS analysis.

#### 5.2.2.2.4 METplus Workflow

The `grid_stat` tool is run for each time. This example loops by initialization time. It processes 4 valid times, listed below.

**Valid:** 2014-08-01\_06Z

**Forecast lead:** 06

**Init:** 2014-08-01\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 12

**Init:** 2014-08-02\_06Z

**Forecast lead:** 06

**Init:** 2014-08-02\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 12

### 5.2.2.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/climate/GridStat_fcstCESM_obsGFS_ConusTemp.conf`

```
# GridStat METplus Configuration for the CESM_vs_GFS climate model use case:
[config]

# List of applications to run - only GridStat for this case
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2014080100

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2014080200

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 86400

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
LEAD_SEQ = 6, 12

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Location of MET config file to pass to the GridStat
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

# Name to identify model (forecast) data in output
MODEL = CESM

# Name to identify observation data in output (used in output file path)
```

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```

OBTTYPE = GFS_ANALYS

# Name of forecast variable 1, List of levels to evaluate for forecast variable 1, and
# List of thresholds to evaluate for each name/level combination for forecast variable 1
FCST_VAR1_NAME = TS
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = "({valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S},*,*)"
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = ge32.0, ge65.0, ge75.0
FCST_VAR1_OPTIONS = convert(x) = K_to_F(x);

# Name of observation variable, levels, and thresholds
# levels and thresh must be the same length as FCST_VAR1_LEVELS and FCST_VAR1_THRESH
OBS_VAR1_NAME = TMP
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = Z2
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = ge32.0, ge65.0, ge75.0
OBS_VAR1_OPTIONS = convert(x) = K_to_F(x);

# Set to true to run GridStat separately for each field specified
# Set to false to create one run of GridStat per run time that
# includes all fields specified.
# Not used for this example
GRID_STAT_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = FCST

GRID_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK = {FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR}/conus_cesm_mask.nc

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Set to true if observation data is probabilistic
# Only used if configuring forecast data as the 'OBS' input
OBS_IS_PROB = false

# Output prefix set in grid_stat config file
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX={MODEL}_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}_vs_{OBTTYPE}

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CNT = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

GRID_STAT_INTERP_FIELD = NONE

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

```

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```

# directory containing forecast input to GridStat
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/climate/CESM

# directory containing observation input to GridStat
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/climate/gfs_analysis

# directory containing climatology input to GridStat
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/climate/CESM_GridStat

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for forecast input to GridStat relative to FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = MetPlus.globe.{init?fmt=%Y-%m-%d}-00000.cam.h0.{init?fmt=%Y-%m-%d}-
↳10800.nc

# Template to look for observation input to GridStat relative to OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfsanl_4_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H%M}_000.
↳grb2

# Optional subdirectories relative to GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

# Template to look for climatology input to GridStat relative to GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

```

#### 5.2.2.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//

```

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```

// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTTYPE}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh    = [];
censor_val       = [];
cat_thresh       = [];
cnt_thresh       = [ NA ];
cnt_logic        = UNION;
wind_thresh      = [ NA ];
wind_logic       = UNION;
eclv_points      = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag   = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {

```

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```

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//

```

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```

// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
  ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
  field      = BOTH;
  // shape =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
  // width =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
  // cov_thresh =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
  vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
  wave_1d_beg = [];
  wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
  baddeley_p      = 2;
  baddeley_max_dist = NA;
}

```

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```

fom_alpha      = 0.1;
zhu_weight     = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir         = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

#### 5.2.2.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstCESM\_obsGFS\_ConusTemp.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/climate/GridStat_fcstCESM_
↪obsGFS_ConusTemp.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstCESM\_obsGFS\_ConusTemp.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/climate/GridStat_fcstCESM_
↪obsGFS_ConusTemp.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to



obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.2.2.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `model_applications/climate/CESM_GridStat/grid_stat` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

```
grid_stat_CESM_TMP_vs_GFS_ANALYS_060000L_20140801_060000V.stat grid_stat_CESM_TMP_vs_GFS_ANALYS_12
grid_stat_CESM_TMP_vs_GFS_ANALYS_060000L_20140802_060000V.stat grid_stat_CESM_TMP_vs_GFS_ANALYS_12
```

#### 5.2.2.2.9 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/climate-GridStat_fcstCESM_obsGFS_ConusTemp.png'
```

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**Note:** [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [ClimateAppUseCase](#), [NetCDFFFileUseCase](#), [NCAROrgUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.3 Convection Allowing Models

High resolution model configurations (1-4km) usually producing forecasts between 0-3 days (also referred to as limited area models, stand-alone regional, and short range weather applications)

### 5.2.3.1 Grid-Stat: Surrogate Severe and Practically Perfect Probabilistic Evaluation

model\_applications/ convection\_allowing\_models/ GridStat\_fcstHRRR\_obsPracPerfect \_SurrogateSevereProb.conf

#### 5.2.3.1.1 Scientific Objective

To evaluate the surrogate severe forecasts at predicting Severe weather using the (12Z - 12Z) practically perfect storm reports an obtain probabilistic output statistics.

#### 5.2.3.1.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: HRRR Surrogate Severe Data
- Observation dataset: Practically Perfect from Local Storm Reports

#### 5.2.3.1.3 METplus Components

This use case runs `grid_stat` to create probabilistic statistics on surrogate severe from the HRRR model and Practially Perfect observations computed from local storm reports.

#### 5.2.3.1.4 METplus Workflow

The `grid_stat` tool is run for each time. This example loops by valid time. It processes 1 valid time, listed below.

**Valid:** 2020-02-06\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 36

#### 5.2.3.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/GridStat_fcstHRRR_obsPracPerfect_SurrogateSevereProb.conf`

```
# HRRR Surrogate Severe verified against Practically Perfect

[config]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID
```

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```

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG=2020020612

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END=2020020612

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT=86400

# forecast leads to process
INIT_SEQ = 0
LEAD_SEQ_MIN = 36
LEAD_SEQ_MAX = 36

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat

MODEL = HRRR
OBTYP = PP

# Forecast Variables
FCST_VAR1_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_75
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = ge0.02
FCST_GRID_STAT_PROB_THRESH = ge0.0, ge0.02, ge0.05, ge0.10, ge0.10, ge0.15, ge0.30, ge0.45, ge0.60,
↳ ge1.0

FCST_VAR2_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_80
FCST_VAR2_LEVELS = {FCST_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_VAR2_THRESH = {FCST_VAR1_THRESH}

FCST_VAR3_NAME = MXPHL_prob_85
FCST_VAR3_LEVELS = {FCST_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_VAR3_THRESH = {FCST_VAR1_THRESH}

FCST_VAR4_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_90
FCST_VAR4_LEVELS = {FCST_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_VAR4_THRESH = {FCST_VAR1_THRESH}

FCST_VAR5_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_95
FCST_VAR5_LEVELS = {FCST_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_VAR5_THRESH = {FCST_VAR1_THRESH}

```

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```

# Obs Variables
OBS_VAR1_NAME = Fscale_mask
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = ge1.0

OBS_VAR2_NAME = {OBS_VAR1_NAME}
OBS_VAR2_LEVELS = {OBS_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_VAR2_THRESH = {OBS_VAR1_THRESH}

OBS_VAR3_NAME = {OBS_VAR1_NAME}
OBS_VAR3_LEVELS = {OBS_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_VAR3_THRESH = {OBS_VAR1_THRESH}

OBS_VAR4_NAME = {OBS_VAR1_NAME}
OBS_VAR4_LEVELS = {OBS_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_VAR4_THRESH = {OBS_VAR1_THRESH}

OBS_VAR5_NAME = {OBS_VAR1_NAME}
OBS_VAR5_LEVELS = {OBS_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_VAR5_THRESH = {OBS_VAR1_THRESH}

FCST_IS_PROB = true

FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DATATYPE = NETCDF

GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PCT = BOTH
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PSTD = BOTH
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PJC = BOTH
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PRC = BOTH

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

[dir]

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/surrogate_
↳severe_prac_perfect

OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR}

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/surrogate_severe_
↳prac_perfect/grid_stat/prob

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames

```

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```
# Surrogate Severe
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = surrogate_severe_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{lead?fmt=%HHH}V_regrid.nc

# Practically Perfect
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = StormReps_211.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}.nc
```

### 5.2.3.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////
```

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```

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh      = [];
censor_val         = [];
cat_thresh         = [];
cnt_thresh         = [ NA ];
cnt_logic          = UNION;
wind_thresh        = [ NA ];
wind_logic         = UNION;
eclv_points        = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag     = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
// ${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}
//
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
// ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}
//
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
    field      = BOTH;
    // shape =
    // ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
    // width =
    // ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
    // cov_thresh =
    // ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry

```

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```

//
fourier = {
    wave_1d_beg = [];
    wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
    dx = [ 1 ];
    dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
    baddeley_p           = 2;
    baddeley_max_dist    = NA;
    fom_alpha            = 0.1;
    zhu_weight           = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
    ${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir           = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.3.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstHRRR\_obsPracPerfect\_SurrogateSevere.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳GridStat_fcstHRRR_obsPracPerfect_SurrogateSevereProb.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstHRRR\_obsPracPerfect\_SurrogateSevere.conf:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳GridStat_fcstHRRR_obsPracPerfect_SurrogateSevereProb.conf

```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.2.3.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `model_applications/convection_allowing_models/surrogate_severe_prac_perfect/grid_stat/prob` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

<code>grid_stat_360000L_20200206_120000V_pct.txt</code>	<code>grid_stat_360000L_20200206_120000V_pjc.txt</code>
<code>grid_stat_360000L_20200206_120000V_prc.txt</code>	<code>grid_stat_360000L_20200206_120000V_pstd.txt</code>
<code>grid_stat_360000L_20200206_120000V.stat</code>	

### 5.2.3.1.9 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/convection_allowing_models-SS_PP_prob.png'
```

---

**Note:** [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [NOAAHWTOrgUseCase](#), [NCAROrgUseCase](#) [NOAAHMTOrgUseCase](#),

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.3.2 MODE/Grid-Stat: Brightness Temperature Verification and Distance Maps

```
model_applications/ convection_allowing_model/ MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempObjs.conf
```

#### 5.2.3.2.1 Scientific Objective

To provide statistical information on regions of low brightness temperatures, defined by creating objects, in the FV3 ensemble members compared to GOES satellite. In addition, distance map information is computed for both the model and observation using object based brightness temperatures

#### 5.2.3.2.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: FV3 Model member data
- Observation dataset: GOES Brightness Temperature

### 5.2.3.2.3 METplus Components

This use case runs MODE to create object statistics on brightness temperatures below 235 K. Then it runs grid\_stat to compute neighborhood contingency table counts and distance maps for the forecast and observations.

### 5.2.3.2.4 METplus Workflow

The MODE and grid\_stat tools are run for each of 2 ensemble members and for each time. This example loops by initialization time. It processes 2 lead times, listed below.

**Valid:** 2019-05-21\_01Z

**Forecast lead:** 01

**Valid:** 2019-05-21\_02Z

**Forecast lead:** 02

### 5.2.3.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/convection\_allowing\_models/MODE\_fcstFV3\_obsGOES\_BrightnessTempObjs.com

```
[config]
# Loop by model initialization
LOOP_BY = init

INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG = 2019052100

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END = 2019052100

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT = 3600

LOOP_ORDER = processes

PROCESS_LIST = MODE(lsm1), MODE(mp1), GridStat(lsm1), GridStat(mp1)

# Sequence of leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 1,2
```

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```

FCST_IS_PROB = false

# MODE variables for the forecast and observations
MODE_QUILT = FALSE

MODE_CONV_RADIUS = 5

MODE_CONV_THRESH = <=235

MODE_MERGE_THRESH = <=235

MODE_MERGE_FLAG = NONE

MODE_MASK_POLY = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/brightness_temperature/
↳CentUS.nc

# Forecast Brightness Temperature Variable Information
MODEL = FV3_core
FCST_MODE_VAR1_NAME = SBT_A1613_topofatmosphere
FCST_MODE_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
FCST_MODE_VAR1_OPTIONS = file_type = NETCDF_MET;

# Obs GOES Brightness Temperature Variable Information
OBTTYPE = GOES
OBS_MODE_VAR1_NAME = channel_13_brightness_temperature
OBS_MODE_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_MODE_VAR1_OPTIONS = file_type = NETCDF_MET;

MODE_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/MODEConfig_wrapped

MODE_GRID_RES = 3

MODE_MAX_CENTROID_DIST = 600.0/grid_res

MODE_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST = ( ( 0.0, 1.0 ) ( 60.0/grid_res, 1.0 ) ( 450.0/grid_res, 0.0 ) )_
↳)

MODE_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH = <=0
MODE_FCST_CENSOR_VAL = 9999

MODE_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH = <=0
MODE_OBS_CENSOR_VAL = 9999

MODE_MASK_POLY_FLAG = BOTH

MODE_WEIGHT_CENTROID_DIST = 4.0
MODE_WEIGHT_BOUNDARY_DIST = 3.0
MODE_WEIGHT_CONVEX_HULL_DIST = 1.0
MODE_WEIGHT_AREA_RATIO = 4.0
MODE_WEIGHT_INT_AREA_RATIO = 3.0

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```

MODE_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH = 0.65

MODE_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_POLYLINES = False

MODE_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE

MODE_OUTPUT_PREFIX = FV3_core_{instance}

# Grid stat variables
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_NAME = fcst_obj_raw
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH = 1t999
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS = file_type = NETCDF_MET; censor_thresh = eq-9999; censor_val = 999;

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_NAME = obs_obj_raw
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH = 1t999
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS = file_type = NETCDF_MET; censor_thresh = eq-9999; censor_val = 999;

GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH = 1
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_SHAPE = SQUARE

GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_NBRCTC = BOTH
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_DMAP = BOTH

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DISTANCE_MAP = TRUE

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = FV3_core_{instance}

[dir]
# Directory for FV3 data
FCST_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/brightness_
↪temperature

# Directory of the GOES obs
OBS_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/brightness_temperature

# MODE Output Data Location
MODE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/convection_allowing_models/brightness_temperature/mode

# Input and Output Directory of the object data
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {MODE_OUTPUT_DIR}
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR}

#Grid Stat output data location
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/convection_allowing_models/brightness_temperature/grid_stat_obj

```

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```
[filename_templates]
# Forecast Filename Template
FCST_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/core_{instance}/core_{instance}_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_
→{init?fmt=%H%M}_f{lead?fmt=%HH}.nc

# Obs Filename Template
OBS_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_141/remap_GOES-16.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}.{valid?fmt=%H%M%S}
→.nc

# Grid stat forecast filename template
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = mode_{MODE_OUTPUT_PREFIX}_{lead?fmt=%HH}0000L_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_
→{valid?fmt=%H%M%S}V_NAA_obj.nc

# Grid stat obs filename template
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE}
```

### 5.2.3.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [MODE MET Configuration](#) (page 114) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// MODE configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
```

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```

${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTTYPE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//
// grid_res =
${METPLUS_GRID_RES}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Run all permutations of radius and threshold
//
${METPLUS_QUILT}

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_FLAG}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}

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```

    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_FLAG}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Handle missing data
//
mask_missing_flag = BOTH;

//
// Match objects between the forecast and observation fields
//
//match_flag =
${METPLUS_MATCH_FLAG}

//
// Maximum centroid distance for objects to be compared
//
//max_centroid_dist =
${METPLUS_MAX_CENTROID_DIST}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
//mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine weights
//
//weight = {
${METPLUS_WEIGHT_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions
//
interest_function = {

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST}

```

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```

${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_BOUNDARY_DIST}

${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CONVEX_HULL_DIST}

angle_diff = (
  ( 0.0, 1.0 )
  ( 30.0, 1.0 )
  ( 90.0, 0.0 )
);

aspect_diff = (
  ( 0.00, 1.0 )
  ( 0.10, 1.0 )
  ( 0.75, 0.0 )
);

corner      = 0.8;
ratio_if = (
  ( 0.0, 0.0 )
  ( corner, 1.0 )
  ( 1.0, 1.0 )
);

area_ratio = ratio_if;

int_area_ratio = (
  ( 0.00, 0.00 )
  ( 0.10, 0.50 )
  ( 0.25, 1.00 )
  ( 1.00, 1.00 )
);

curvature_ratio = ratio_if;

complexity_ratio = ratio_if;

inten_perc_ratio = ratio_if;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//
//total_interest_thresh =
${METPLUS_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH}

//
// Interest threshold for printing output pair information
//
print_interest_thresh = 0.0;

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Plotting information
//
met_data_dir = "MET_BASE";

fcst_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

obs_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

object_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_obj.ctable";
}

//
// Boolean for plotting on the region of valid data within the domain
//
plot_valid_flag = FALSE;

//
// Plot polyline edges using great circle arcs instead of straight lines
//
plot_gcarc_flag = FALSE;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// NetCDF matched pairs, PostScript, and contingency table output files
//
ps_plot_flag      = TRUE;

//nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

ct_stats_flag      = TRUE;

////////////////////////////////////

shift_right = 0;    // grid squares

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version      = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh = [];

```

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```

sensor_val      = [];
cat_thresh      = [];
cnt_thresh      = [ NA ];
cnt_logic       = UNION;
wind_thresh     = [ NA ];
wind_logic      = UNION;
eclv_points     = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag  = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
    ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
    field      = BOTH;
    // shape =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
    // width =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
    // cov_thresh =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
    wave_1d_beg = [];
    wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics

```

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```
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
  baddeley_p      = 2;
  baddeley_max_dist = NA;
  fom_alpha       = 0.1;
  zhu_weight      = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
  ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
  ${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
  ${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
  tmp_dir           = "/tmp";
  // output_prefix =
  ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.2.3.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempObjs.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempObjs.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempObjs.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempObjs.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

### 5.2.3.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `convection_allowing_models/brightness_temperature` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

```
mode/mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_cts.txt mode/mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_2019
mode/mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_obj.txt mode/mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_2019
mode/mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_cts.txt mode/mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_2019
mode/mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_obj.txt mode/mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_2019
```

```

mode/mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_cts.txt mode/mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_2019
mode/mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_obj.txt mode/mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_2019
mode/mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_cts.txt mode/mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_2019
mode/mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_obj.txt mode/mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_2019
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_000000L_20190521_010000V_dmap.txt
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_000000L_20190521_010000V_nbrctc.txt
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_000000L_20190521_010000V_pairs.nc
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_000000L_20190521_010000V.stat grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_00
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_000000L_20190521_020000V_nbrctc.txt
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_000000L_20190521_020000V_pairs.nc
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_000000L_20190521_020000V.stat grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_00
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_000000L_20190521_010000V_nbrctc.txt
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_000000L_20190521_010000V_pairs.nc
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_000000L_20190521_010000V.stat grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_00
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_000000L_20190521_020000V_nbrctc.txt
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_000000L_20190521_020000V_pairs.nc
grid_stat_obj/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_000000L_20190521_020000V.stat

```

#### 5.2.3.2.9 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = ‘\_static/convection\_allowing\_models-MODE\_fcstFV3\_obsGOES\_BrightnessTempObj

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**Note:** [MODEToolUseCase](#), [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [NOAAEMCOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHWTOrgUseCase](#), [ValidationUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.3.3 MODE: Brightness Temperature Verification

model\_applications/ convection\_allowing\_model/ MODE\_fcstFV3\_obsGOES\_BrightnessTemp.conf

##### 5.2.3.3.1 Scientific Objective

To provide statistical information on regions of low brightness temperatures, defined by creating objects, in the FV3 model compared to GOES satellite.



### 5.2.3.3.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: FV3 Model member data
- Observation dataset: GOES Brightness Temperature

### 5.2.3.3.3 METplus Components

This use case runs MODE to create object statistics on brightness temperatures below 235 K.

### 5.2.3.3.4 METplus Workflow

The MODE tool is run for each of 2 ensemble members and for eachtime. This example loops by initialization time. It processes 2 lead times, listed below.

**Valid:** 2019-05-21\_01Z

**Forecast lead:** 01

**Valid:** 2019-05-21\_02Z

**Forecast lead:** 02

### 5.2.3.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTemp.conf`

```
[config]
# Loop by model initialization
LOOP_BY = init

INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG = 2019052100

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END = 2019052100

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT = 3600
```

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```

LOOP_ORDER = processes

PROCESS_LIST = MODE(lsm1), MODE(mp1)

# Sequence of leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 1,2

FCST_IS_PROB = false

# MODE variables for the forecast and observations
MODE_QUILT = FALSE

MODE_CONV_RADIUS = 5

MODE_CONV_THRESH = <=235

MODE_MERGE_THRESH = <=235

MODE_MERGE_FLAG = NONE

MODE_GRID_RES = 3

MODE_MAX_CENTROID_DIST = 600.0/grid_res

MODE_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST = ( ( 0.0, 1.0 ) ( 60.0/grid_res, 1.0 ) ( 450.0/grid_res, 0.0 ) )_
↪)

MODE_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH = <=0
MODE_FCST_CENSOR_VAL = 9999

MODE_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH = <=0
MODE_OBS_CENSOR_VAL = 9999

MODE_WEIGHT_CENTROID_DIST = 4.0
MODE_WEIGHT_BOUNDARY_DIST = 3.0
MODE_WEIGHT_CONVEX_HULL_DIST = 1.0
MODE_WEIGHT_AREA_RATIO = 4.0
MODE_WEIGHT_INT_AREA_RATIO = 3.0

MODE_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH = 0.65

# Forecast Brightness Temperature Variable Information
MODEL = FV3_core
FCST_VAR1_NAME = SBTA1613_topofatmosphere
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
FCST_VAR1_OPTIONS = file_type = NETCDF_MET;

# Obs GOES Brightness Temperature Variable Information

```

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```

OBTTYPE = GOES
OBS_VAR1_NAME = channel_13_brightness_temperature
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_VAR1_OPTIONS = file_type = NETCDF_MET;

#CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_
↳BrightnessTemp
MODE_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/MODEConfig_wrapped
MODE_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE

MODE_OUTPUT_PREFIX = FV3_core_{instance}

[dir]
# Directory for FV3 data
FCST_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/brightness_
↳temperature

# Directory of the GOES obs
OBS_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/brightness_temperature

# Output Data Location
MODE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/convection_allowing_models/brightness_temperature

[filename_templates]
# Forecast Filename Template
FCST_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/core_{instance}/core_{instance}_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_
↳{init?fmt=%H%M}_f{lead?fmt=%HH}.nc

# Obs Filename Template
OBS_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_141/remap_GOES-16.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}.{valid?fmt=%H%M%S}
↳.nc

```

### 5.2.3.3.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [MODE MET Configuration](#) (page 114) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//

```

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```

// MODE configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//
// grid_res =
${METPLUS_GRID_RES}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Run all permutations of radius and threshold
//
${METPLUS_QUILT}

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}

```

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```

    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_FLAG}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_FLAG}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Handle missing data
//
mask_missing_flag = BOTH;

//
// Match objects between the forecast and observation fields
//
//match_flag =
${METPLUS_MATCH_FLAG}

//
// Maximum centroid distance for objects to be compared
//
//max_centroid_dist =
${METPLUS_MAX_CENTROID_DIST}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
//mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//

```

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```

// Fuzzy engine weights
//
//weight = {
${METPLUS_WEIGHT_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions
//
interest_function = {

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_BOUNDARY_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CONVEX_HULL_DIST}

    angle_diff = (
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 30.0, 1.0 )
        ( 90.0, 0.0 )
    );

    aspect_diff = (
        ( 0.00, 1.0 )
        ( 0.10, 1.0 )
        ( 0.75, 0.0 )
    );

    corner      = 0.8;
    ratio_if = (
        ( 0.0, 0.0 )
        ( corner, 1.0 )
        ( 1.0, 1.0 )
    );

    area_ratio = ratio_if;

    int_area_ratio = (
        ( 0.00, 0.00 )
        ( 0.10, 0.50 )
        ( 0.25, 1.00 )
        ( 1.00, 1.00 )
    );

    curvature_ratio = ratio_if;

    complexity_ratio = ratio_if;

    inten_perc_ratio = ratio_if;
}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//
//total_interest_thresh =
${METPLUS_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH}
//
// Interest threshold for printing output pair information
//
print_interest_thresh = 0.0;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Plotting information
//
met_data_dir = "MET_BASE";

fcst_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.etable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

obs_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.etable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

object_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_obj.etable";
}

//
// Boolean for plotting on the region of valid data within the domain
//
plot_valid_flag = FALSE;

//
// Plot polyline edges using great circle arcs instead of straight lines
//
plot_gcarc_flag = FALSE;

////////////////////////////////////

//

```

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```
// NetCDF matched pairs, PostScript, and contingency table output files
//
ps_plot_flag    = TRUE;

//nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

ct_stats_flag   = TRUE;

////////////////////////////////////

shift_right = 0;    // grid squares

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version        = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.2.3.3.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTemp.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTemp.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTemp.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTemp.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:



```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.3.3.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in convection\_allowing\_models/brightness\_temperature (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

```
mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_cts.txt mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_obj.txt
mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_cts.txt mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_obj.txt
mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_cts.txt mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_obj.txt
mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_cts.txt mode_FV3_core_lsm1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_obj.txt
mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_cts.txt mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_obj.txt
mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_cts.txt mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_obj.txt
mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_cts.txt mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_010000V_NAA_obj.txt
mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_cts.txt mode_FV3_core_mp1_010000L_20190521_020000V_NAA_obj.txt
```

#### 5.2.3.3.9 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/convection_allowing_models-MODE_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTemp.png'
```

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**Note:** [MODEToolUseCase](#), [MODEToolUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [NOAAEMCOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHWTOrgUseCase](#), [ValidationUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.3.4 MODE: Hail Verification

```
model_applications/ convection_allowing_model/ MODE_fcstHRRR_obsMRMS_Hail_GRIB2.conf
```

#### 5.2.3.4.1 Scientific Objective

To provide statistical information on the forecast hail size compared to the observed hail size from MRMS MESH data. Using objects to verify hail size avoids the “unfair penalty” issue, where a CAM must first generate convection to have any chance of accurately predicting the hail size. In addition, studies have shown that MRMS MESH observed hail sizes do not correlate one-to-one with observed sizes but can only be used to group storms into general categories. Running MODE allows a user to do this.

#### 5.2.3.4.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: HRRRv4 data
- Observation dataset: MRMS

#### 5.2.3.4.3 METplus Components

This use case runs MODE to create object statistics on forecast hail size from the HRRR version 4 model and the observed MRMS MESH hail size.

#### 5.2.3.4.4 METplus Workflow

The MODE tool is run for each time. This example loops by valid time. It processes 2 valid times, listed below.

**Valid:** 2019-05-29\_02Z

**Forecast lead:** 26

**Valid:** 2019-05-29\_03Z

**Forecast lead:** 27

#### 5.2.3.4.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/MODE_fcstHRRR_obsMRMS_Hail_GRIB2.conf`

```
[config]
LOOP_BY = valid
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
```

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```

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 2019052902

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2019052903

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 3600

LOOP_ORDER = processes

PROCESS_LIST = Mode

LEAD_SEQ_MAX = 36
LEAD_SEQ_MIN = 12
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# list of forecast generation to process
INIT_SEQ = 0

MODE_QUILT = True

MODE_CONV_RADIUS = 4

MODE_CONV_THRESH = >=0.5

MODE_MERGE_THRESH = >=0.0

MODE_MERGE_FLAG = NONE

MODE_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH = >0&&<0.75
MODE_FCST_CENSOR_VAL = -9999.0
MODE_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME = AREA
MODE_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH = >=4

MODE_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH = >0&&<0.75
MODE_OBS_CENSOR_VAL = -9999.0
MODE_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME = AREA
MODE_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH = >=4

MODE_MATCH_FLAG = NO_MERGE

MODE_MAX_CENTROID_DIST = 400.0/grid_res

MODE_MASK_POLY_FLAG = BOTH

MODE_WEIGHT_INTEN_PERC_VALUE = 99

MODE_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH = 0.5

# Forecast Reflectivity Variable Information

```

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```

MODEL = HRRRv4_HAILCAST
FCST_VAR1_NAME = HAIL
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = L0
FCST_VAR1_OPTIONS = convert(x) = x / 0.0254

# MRMS Reflecivitiy Variable Information
OBTTYPE = MRMS
OBS_VAR1_NAME = MESHMax60min
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = Z500
OBS_VAR1_OPTIONS = convert(x) = MM_to_IN(x);

#CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/MODE_fcstHRRR_obsMRMS_
↪Hail_GRIB2
#MODE_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/MODEConfig_hailcast
MODE_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/MODEConfig_wrapped

MODE_REGRID_TO_GRID = FCST
MODE_REGRID_METHOD = MAX
MODE_REGRID_WIDTH = 2

[dir]

# Directory for HRRR data
FCST_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/hrrr_esrl

# Directory of the MRMS obs
OBS_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/hrrr_esrl

# Output Data
MODE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/hailtest

METPLUS_CONF = {MODE_OUTPUT_DIR}/metplus_final.conf

[filename_templates]
# Forecast Filename Templates:
FCST_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/hrrr_esrl_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}f{lead?fmt=%HHH}.grib2
#OBS_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y}/{valid?fmt=%m}/{valid?fmt=%d}/mrms.MESH_Max_60min.{valid?
↪fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H%M%S}.grib2
OBS_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/mrms.MESH_Max_60min.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H%M%S}
↪.grib2
MODE_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE = {FCST_MODE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_hrefv2_subdomainmask.nc

```

### 5.2.3.4.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [MODE MET Configuration](#) (page 114) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// MODE configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//
// grid_res =
${METPLUS_GRID_RES}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Run all permutations of radius and threshold
//
${METPLUS_QUILT}

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_FLAG}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_FLAG}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Handle missing data
//
mask_missing_flag = BOTH;

//
// Match objects between the forecast and observation fields
//
//match_flag =
${METPLUS_MATCH_FLAG}

```

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```

//
// Maximum centroid distance for objects to be compared
//
//max_centroid_dist =
${METPLUS_MAX_CENTROID_DIST}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
//mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine weights
//
//weight = {
${METPLUS_WEIGHT_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions
//
interest_function = {

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_BOUNDARY_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CONVEX_HULL_DIST}

    angle_diff = (
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 30.0, 1.0 )
        ( 90.0, 0.0 )
    );

    aspect_diff = (
        ( 0.00, 1.0 )
        ( 0.10, 1.0 )
        ( 0.75, 0.0 )
    );

    corner      = 0.8;
    ratio_if = (
        ( 0.0, 0.0 )
        ( corner, 1.0 )
        ( 1.0, 1.0 )

```

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```

);

area_ratio = ratio_if;

int_area_ratio = (
  ( 0.00, 0.00 )
  ( 0.10, 0.50 )
  ( 0.25, 1.00 )
  ( 1.00, 1.00 )
);

curvature_ratio = ratio_if;

complexity_ratio = ratio_if;

inten_perc_ratio = ratio_if;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//
//total_interest_thresh =
${METPLUS_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH}

//
// Interest threshold for printing output pair information
//
print_interest_thresh = 0.0;

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Plotting information
//
met_data_dir = "MET_BASE";

fcst_raw_plot = {
  color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
  plot_min         = 0.0;
  plot_max         = 0.0;
  colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

obs_raw_plot = {
  color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
  plot_min         = 0.0;
  plot_max         = 0.0;
  colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

```

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```

object_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_obj.etable";
}

//
// Boolean for plotting on the region of valid data within the domain
//
plot_valid_flag = FALSE;

//
// Plot polyline edges using great circle arcs instead of straight lines
//
plot_gcarc_flag = FALSE;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// NetCDF matched pairs, PostScript, and contingency table output files
//
ps_plot_flag      = TRUE;

//nc_pairs_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

ct_stats_flag      = TRUE;

////////////////////////////////////

shift_right = 0;    // grid squares

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

#### 5.2.3.4.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `MODE_fcstHRRRE_obsMRMS_Hail_GRIB2.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳MODE_fcstHRRRE_obsMRMS_Hail_GRIB2.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in

MODE\_fcstHRRRE\_obsMRMS\_Hail\_GRIB2.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳MODE_fcstHRRRE_obsMRMS_Hail_GRIB2.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.3.4.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in hailtest (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

```
mode_260000L_20190529_020000V_010000A_cts.txt mode_260000L_20190529_020000V_010000A_obj.nc
mode_260000L_20190529_020000V_010000A_obj.txt mode_260000L_20190529_020000V_010000A.ps
mode_270000L_20190529_030000V_010000A_cts.txt mode_270000L_20190529_030000V_010000A_obj.nc
mode_270000L_20190529_030000V_010000A_obj.txt mode_270000L_20190529_030000V_010000A.ps
```

#### 5.2.3.4.9 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/convection\_allowing\_models-MODE\_fcstHRRRE\_obsMRMS\_Hail\_GRIB2.png'

---

**Note:** [MODEToolUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#), [RegriddingInToo-UseCase](#), [NOAAHWTOrgUseCase](#), [NCAROrgUseCase](#), [DiagnosticsUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.3.5 Ensemble-Stat: Ensemble Statistics using Obs Uncertainty

model\_applications/                      convection\_allowing\_model/                      EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRRE\_obsHRRRE\_Sfc  
\_Sfc\_MultiField.conf

#### 5.2.3.5.1 Scientific Objective

To provide useful statistical information about the ensemble characteristics such as how dispersive it is and the relationship between spread and skill. This example also shows how to compute simple probability fields called ensemble relative frequency.

#### 5.2.3.5.2 Datasets

Relevant information about the datasets that would be beneficial include:

- Forecast dataset: HRRRE data
- Observation dataset: HRRRE data

#### 5.2.3.5.3 METplus Components

This use case runs PB2NC on the prepBUFR observation data to convert it into NetCDF format so it can be read by MET. Then EnsembleStat is run.

#### 5.2.3.5.4 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time:

PB2NC > EnsembleStat

This example loops by initialization time. For each initialization time it will process forecast leads 0, 1, and 2. There is only one initialization time in this example, so the following will be run:

Run times:

**Init:** 2018-07-09\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 0

**Init:** 2018-07-09\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 1

**Init:** 2018-07-09\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 2

### 5.2.3.5.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/EnsembleStat_fcstHRRRE_obsHRRRE_Sfc_MultiFi`

```
[config]

## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.
PROCESS_LIST = PB2NC, EnsembleStat

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG=2018070912

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END=2018070912

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT=3600

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0,1,2

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times
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# Name to identify model (forecast) data in output
MODEL = HRRRE_ens

OBTYP = ANALYS

# The MET ensemble_stat logging level
# 0 quiet to 5 loud, Verbosity setting for MET output, 2 is default.
# This takes precedence over the general MET logging level set in metplus_logging.conf
#LOG_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VERBOSITY = 3

# MET Configuration files for pb2nc
PB2NC_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/PB2NCConfig_wrapped

PB2NC_LEVEL_RANGE_END = 255

PB2NC_QUALITY_MARK_THRESH = 3

# if True, pb2nc will skip processing a file if the output already exists
# used to speed up runs and reduce redundancy
PB2NC_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = True

# These are appended with PB2NC to differentiate the GRID, POLY, and MESSAGE_TYPE for point_stat.
PB2NC_GRID =
PB2NC_POLY =
PB2NC_STATION_ID =
PB2NC_MESSAGE_TYPE = ADPUPA, ADPSFC, AIRCFT, PROFLR

# Leave empty to process all
PB2NC_OBS_BUFR_VAR_LIST = POB, QOB, TOB, ZOB, UOB, VOB, D_DPT, D_WDIR, D_WIND, D_RH, D_MIXR, D_PRMSL

# False for no time summary, True otherwise
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG = False
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_RAW_DATA = False
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_BEG = 000000
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_END = 235959
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_STEP = 300
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_WIDTH = 600
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_GRIB_CODES =
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VAR_NAMES = TMP, WDIR, RH
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_TYPES =
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_FREQ = 0
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_THRESH = 0.0

PB2NC_WINDOW_BEGIN = -900
PB2NC_WINDOW_END = 900

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_WINDOW_BEGIN = -900
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_WINDOW_END = 900

# number of expected members for ensemble. Should correspond with the
# number of items in the list for FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_N_MEMBERS = 2

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# ens.ens_thresh value in the MET config file
# threshold for ratio of valid files to expected files to allow app to run
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_THRESH = 1.0

# Used in the MET config file for: regrid to_grid field
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = FCST
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 2

ENSEMBLE_STAT_DUPLICATE_FLAG = UNIQUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_SKIP_CONST = True

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OBS_ERROR_FLAG = TRUE

ENSEMBLE_STAT_MASK_GRID =

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CI_ALPHA = 0.01

ENSEMBLE_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE = ADPSFC

ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_METHOD = BILIN
ENSEMBLE_STAT_INTERP_WIDTH = 2

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECNT = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RPS = NONE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RHIST = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PHIST = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ORANK = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SSVAR = BOTH
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RELP = BOTH

ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_LATLON = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MEAN = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_STDEV = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MINUS = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_PLUS = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MIN = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MAX = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANGE = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_VLD_COUNT = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_FREQUENCY = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NEP = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NMEP = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANK = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_WEIGHT = FALSE

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/EnsembleStatConfig_wrapped

# MET_OBS_ERR_TABLE is not required.
# If the variable is not defined, or the value is not set

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# than the MET default is used.
ENSEMBLE_STAT_MET_OBS_ERR_TABLE = {CONFIG_DIR}/obs_error_table_V8.0.txt

# Variables and levels as specified in the field dictionary of the MET
# configuration file. Specify as FCST_VARn_NAME, FCST_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) FCST_VARn_OPTION

ENS_VAR1_NAME = TMP
ENS_VAR1_LEVELS = Z02
ENS_VAR1_THRESH = >=283, >=288, >=293, >=298, >=303

ENS_VAR2_NAME = DPT
ENS_VAR2_LEVELS = Z2
ENS_VAR2_THRESH = >=278, >=283, >=288, >=293, >=298

ENS_VAR3_NAME = UGRD
ENS_VAR3_LEVELS = Z10
ENS_VAR3_THRESH = <=-10, <=-5, <=-2, >=2, >=5, >=10

ENS_VAR4_NAME = VGRD
ENS_VAR4_LEVELS = Z10
ENS_VAR4_THRESH = <=-10, <=-5, <=-2, >=2, >=5, >=10

ENS_VAR5_NAME = WIND
ENS_VAR5_LEVELS = Z10
ENS_VAR5_THRESH = >=2, >=4, >=6, >=8, >=10

FCST_VAR1_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = Z2
BOTH_VAR1_THRESH = >=283, >=288, >=293, >=298, >=303

OBS_VAR1_NAME = {FCST_VAR1_NAME}
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = {FCST_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_VAR1_OPTIONS = ens_ssvar_bin_size = 1.0; ens_phist_bin_size = 0.05; wind_thresh = >2.572;

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = HRRRE_F{lead?fmt=%3H}_ADPSFC

[dir]
# Use case config directory
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/EnsembleStat_fcstHRRRE_
↳obsHRRRE_Sfc_MultiField

# input and output directories for pb2nc
PB2NC_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/hrrr_ensemble_sfc/
↳prepbufr
PB2NC_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/EnsembleStat_fcstHRRRE_
↳obsHRRRE_Sfc_MultiField/rap

# input directory for ensemble_stat
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/hrrr_
↳ensemble_sfc/fcst

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# point observation input dir for ensemble_stat (can also set grid obs)
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_POINT_INPUT_DIR = {PB2NC_OUTPUT_DIR}

# output directory for ensemble_stat
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/EnsembleStat_
↳fcstHRRRE_obsHRRRE_Sfc_MultiField/EnsembleStat

[filename_templates]

# input and output templates for pb2nc
PB2NC_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {da_init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/{da_init?fmt=%Y%j%H%M}.rap.t{da_init?fmt=%2H}z.prepbufr.tm
↳{offset?fmt=%2H}. {da_init?fmt=%Y%m%d}

PB2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.rap.nc

# input ensemble template - comma separated list of ensemble members
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE =
    {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/postprd_mem0001/wrfprs_conus_mem0001_{lead?fmt=%HH}.grib2,
    {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/postprd_mem0002/wrfprs_conus_mem0002_{lead?fmt=%HH}.grib2

# input template for EnsembleStat can also be defined using a single
# member with wildcard characters to find multiple files
#FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE =
#    {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/postprd_mem000?/wrfprs_conus_mem000?_{lead?fmt=%HH}.grib2

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_POINT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {PB2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

ENSEMBLE_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE =
    {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/mask/EAST.nc,
    {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/mask/WEST.nc,
    {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/mask/CONUS.nc,
    {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/mask/LMV.nc

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}

```

### 5.2.3.5.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [EnsembleStat MET Configuration](#) (page 78) section of the User's Guide for more information



on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Ensemble-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CENSOR_THRESH}
${METPLUS_CENSOR_VAL}
cat_thresh = [];
nc_var_str = "";

//
// Ensemble product fields to be processed
//
ens = {

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_VLD_THRESH}

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    ${METPLUS_ENS_OBS_THRESH}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood ensemble probabilities
//
${METPLUS_NBRHD_PROB_DICT}

//
// NMEP smoothing methods
//
${METPLUS_NMEP_SMOOTH_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//

${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc      = [];
obs_thresh   = [ NA ];
obs_quality  = [];
${METPLUS_DUPLICATE_FLAG}
obs_summary  = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;
${METPLUS_SKIP_CONST}

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//
// Observation error options
// Set dist_type to NONE to use the observation error table instead
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
obs_error = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_ERROR_FLAG}
    dist_type      = NONE;
    dist_parm      = [];
    inst_bias_scale = 1.0;
    inst_bias_offset = 0.0;
    min            = NA;      // Valid range of data
    max            = NA;
}

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
    { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ANYAIR"; val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
    { key = "ANYSFC"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ONLYSF"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; }
];

//
// Ensemble bin sizes
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_ENS_SSVAR_BIN_SIZE}
${METPLUS_ENS_PHIST_BIN_SIZE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

```

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```
//////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

//////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    sid = [];
    llpnt = [];
}

//////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}

//////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

//////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//////////////////////////////////////

//
// Ensemble product output types
//
${METPLUS_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_DICT}

//////////////////////////////////////

//
// Random number generator
//
```

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```

rng = {
    type = "mt19937";
    seed = "1";
}

////////////////////////////////////

grid_weight_flag = NONE;
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.3.5.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRRE\_obsHRRRE\_Sfc\_MultiField.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳EnsembleStat_fcstHRRRE_obsHRRRE_Sfc_MultiField.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRRE\_obsHRRRE\_Sfc\_MultiField.conf:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳EnsembleStat_fcstHRRRE_obsHRRRE_Sfc_MultiField.conf

```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.2.3.5.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `model_applications/convection_allowing_models/EnsembleStat_fcstHRRRE_obsHRRRE_Sfc_MultiField/EnsembleStat` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F000\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_120000V\_ecnt.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F000\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_120000V\_ens.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F000\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_120000V\_orank.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F000\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_120000V\_phist.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F000\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_120000V\_relp.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F000\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_120000V\_rhist.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F000\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_120000V\_ssvar.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F000\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_120000V.stat
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F001\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_130000V\_ecnt.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F001\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_130000V\_ens.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F001\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_130000V\_orank.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F001\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_130000V\_phist.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F001\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_130000V\_relp.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F001\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_130000V\_rhist.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F001\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_130000V\_ssvar.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F001\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_130000V.stat
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F002\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_140000V\_ecnt.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F002\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_140000V\_ens.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F002\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_140000V\_orank.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F002\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_140000V\_phist.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F002\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_140000V\_relp.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F002\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_140000V\_rhist.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F002\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_140000V\_ssvar.txt
- ensemble\_stat\_HRRRE\_F002\_ADPSFC\_20180709\_140000V.stat

#### 5.2.3.5.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [EnsembleStatToolUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [PB2NCToolUseCase](#), [prepBUFR-FileUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#), [NCAROrgUseCase](#), [EnsembleAppUseCase](#), [ProbabilityGenerationUseCase](#), [NOAAGSLOrgUseCase](#), [DTCOrgUseCase](#), [ObsUncertaintyUseCase](#), [MaskingFeatureUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/convection\_allowing\_models-EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRRE\_obsHRRRE\_Sfc\_Mu

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.3.6 Grid-Stat: Surrogate Severe and Practically Perfect Evaluation

model\_applications/ convection\_allowing\_model/ GridStat\_fcstHRRR\_obsPracPerfect \_SurrogateSe-  
vere.conf

##### 5.2.3.6.1 Scientific Objective

To evaluate the surrogate severe forecasts at predicting Severe weather using the (12Z - 12Z) practically perfect storm reports.

##### 5.2.3.6.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: HRRR Surrogate Severe Data
- Observation dataset: Practically Perfect from Local Storm Reports.

##### 5.2.3.6.3 METplus Components

This use case runs `grid_stat` to create categorical statistics for Surrogate Severe derived from the HRRR model and Practially Perfect Analysis derived from local storm reports.

##### 5.2.3.6.4 METplus Workflow

The `grid_stat` tool is run for each time. This example loops by valid time. It processes 1 valid time, listed below.

**Valid:** 2020-02-06\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 36

### 5.2.3.6.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/GridStat_fcstHRRR_obsPracPerfect_SurrogateSeve`

```
# HRRR Surrogate Severe verified against Practically Perfect

[config]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG=2020020612

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END=2020020612

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT=86400

# forecast leads to process
INIT_SEQ = 0
LEAD_SEQ_MIN = 36
LEAD_SEQ_MAX = 36

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat

MODEL = HRRR
OBTYP = PP

# Forecast Variables
FCST_VAR1_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_75
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = ge0.02, ge0.05, ge0.10, ge0.10, ge0.15, ge0.30, ge0.45, ge0.60

FCST_VAR2_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_80
FCST_VAR2_LEVELS = {FCST_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_VAR2_THRESH = {FCST_VAR1_THRESH}

FCST_VAR3_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_85
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```

FCST_VAR3_LEVELS = {FCST_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_VAR3_THRESH = {FCST_VAR1_THRESH}

FCST_VAR4_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_90
FCST_VAR4_LEVELS = {FCST_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_VAR4_THRESH = {FCST_VAR1_THRESH}

FCST_VAR5_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_95
FCST_VAR5_LEVELS = {FCST_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_VAR5_THRESH = {FCST_VAR1_THRESH}

# Obs Variables
OBS_VAR1_NAME = PP_probs
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = ge0.02, ge0.05, ge0.10, ge0.10, ge0.15, ge0.30, ge0.45, ge0.60

OBS_VAR2_NAME = {OBS_VAR1_NAME}
OBS_VAR2_LEVELS = {OBS_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_VAR2_THRESH = {OBS_VAR1_THRESH}

OBS_VAR3_NAME = {OBS_VAR1_NAME}
OBS_VAR3_LEVELS = {OBS_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_VAR3_THRESH = {OBS_VAR1_THRESH}

OBS_VAR4_NAME = {OBS_VAR1_NAME}
OBS_VAR4_LEVELS = {OBS_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_VAR4_THRESH = {OBS_VAR1_THRESH}

OBS_VAR5_NAME = {OBS_VAR1_NAME}
OBS_VAR5_LEVELS = {OBS_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_VAR5_THRESH = {OBS_VAR1_THRESH}

FCST_IS_PROB = false

GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = BOTH
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = BOTH

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

[dir]

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/surrogate_
↳severe_prac_perfect

OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR}

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```

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/surrogate_severe_
↳prac_perfect/grid_stat

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
# Surrogate Severe
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = surrogate_severe_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{lead?fmt=%HHH}V_regrid.nc

# Practically Perfect
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = StormReps_211_Probs.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}.nc

```

### 5.2.3.6.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//

```

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```

// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh      = [];
censor_val         = [];
cat_thresh         = [];
cnt_thresh         = [ NA ];
cnt_logic          = UNION;
wind_thresh        = [ NA ];
wind_logic         = UNION;
eclv_points        = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag     = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

```

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```

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
    field      = BOTH;
    // shape =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
    // width =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
    // cov_thresh =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
    wave_1d_beg = [];
    wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
    dx = [ 1 ];
    dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
    baddeley_p          = 2;
    baddeley_max_dist   = NA;
    fom_alpha           = 0.1;
    zhu_weight          = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```
//grid_weight_flag =  
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}  
tmp_dir           = "/tmp";  
// output_prefix =  
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}  
  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.2.3.6.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstHRRR\_obsPracPerfect\_SurrogateSevere.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/  
↪GridStat_fcstHRRR_obsPracPerfect_SurrogateSevere.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstHRRR\_obsPracPerfect\_SurrogateSevere.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/  
↪GridStat_fcstHRRR_obsPracPerfect_SurrogateSevere.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.3.6.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `model_applications/convection_allowing_models/surrogate_severe_prac_perfect/grid_stat` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

`grid_stat_360000L_20200206_120000V_ctc.txt`                      `grid_stat_360000L_20200206_120000V_cts.txt`  
`grid_stat_360000L_20200206_120000V.stat`

#### 5.2.3.6.9 Keywords

`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/convection_allowing_models-SS_PP_prob.png'`

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**Note:**    [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [NOAAHW-TOrgUseCase](#), [NCAROrgUseCase](#) [NOAAHMTOrgUseCase](#),

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.3.7 Grid-Stat: Brightness Temperature Distance Maps

`model_applications/ convection_allowing_model/ GridStat_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempDmap.conf`

##### 5.2.3.7.1 Scientific Objective

To provide statistical information on regions of low brightness temperatures, defined by creating distance maps on the FV3 ensemble members compared to GOES channel 13 brightness temperature satellite data.

##### 5.2.3.7.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: FV3 Model member data
- Observation dataset: GOES Brightness Temperature

### 5.2.3.7.3 METplus Components

This use case runs runs `grid_stat` to compute distance maps using a brightness temperature less than 235 K for the forecast and observations.

### 5.2.3.7.4 METplus Workflow

The GridStat tool is run for each of 2 ensemble members and for each time. This example loops by initialization time. It processes 2 lead times, listed below.

**Valid:** 2019-05-21\_01Z

**Forecast lead:** 01

**Valid:** 2019-05-21\_02Z

**Forecast lead:** 02

### 5.2.3.7.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/GridStat_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempDmap`

```
[config]
# Loop by model initialization
LOOP_BY = init

INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG = 2019052100

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END = 2019052100

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT = 3600

LOOP_ORDER = processes

PROCESS_LIST = GridStat(lsm1), GridStat(mp1)

# Sequence of leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 1,2

FCST_IS_PROB = false
```

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```

# Grid stat variables
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_NAME = SBTA1613_topofatmosphere
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH = 1e235
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS = file_type = NETCDF_MET;

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_NAME = channel_13_brightness_temperature
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH = 1e235
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS = file_type = NETCDF_MET;

GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH = 1
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_SHAPE = SQUARE

GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = FV3_core_{instance}

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_DMAP = BOTH

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DISTANCE_MAP = TRUE

[dir]
# Input and Output Directory of the object data
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/brightness_
↳ temperature
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/brightness_
↳ temperature

#Grid Stat output data location
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/convection_allowing_models/brightness_temperature/grid_stat

[filename_templates]
# Forecast Filename Template
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/core_{instance}/core_{instance}_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_
↳ {init?fmt=%H%M}_f{lead?fmt=%HH}.nc

# Obs Filename Template
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y_%m_%d}_141/remap_GOES-16.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}.{valid?fmt=%H
↳ %M%S}.nc

```

### 5.2.3.7.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////
```

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```

censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];
cat_thresh    = [];
cnt_thresh    = [ NA ];
cnt_logic     = UNION;
wind_thresh   = [ NA ];
wind_logic    = UNION;
eclv_points   = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
    ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
    field      = BOTH;
    // shape =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
    // width =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
    // cov_thresh =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
    wave_1d_beg = [];
    wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//

```

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```
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
  baddeley_p           = 2;
  baddeley_max_dist    = NA;
  fom_alpha            = 0.1;
  zhu_weight           = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
  ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
  ${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
  ${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
  tmp_dir           = "/tmp";
  // output_prefix =
  ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

  ${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.2.3.7.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstFV3\_obsGOES\_BrightnessTempDmap.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↪GridStat_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempDmap.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstFV3\_obsGOES\_BrightnessTempDmap.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↪GridStat_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempDmap.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.2.3.7.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in convection\_allowing\_models/brightness\_temperature (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

```
grid_stat/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_000000L_20190521_010000V_dmap.txt grid_stat/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_000000L_20190521_010000V.stat
grid_stat/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_000000L_20190521_020000V_pairs.nc grid_stat/grid_stat_FV3_core_lsm1_000000L_20190521_010000V_dmap.txt
grid_stat/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_000000L_20190521_010000V_dmap.txt grid_stat/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_000000L_20190521_010000V.stat
```

```
grid_stat/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_000000L_20190521_010000V.stat grid_stat/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_000000L_2
grid_stat/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_000000L_20190521_020000V_pairs.nc grid_stat/grid_stat_FV3_core_mp1_00000
```

#### 5.2.3.7.9 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/convection_allowing_models-GridStat_fcstFV3_obsGOES_BrightnessTempD
```

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**Note:**     [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [NOAAEM-COrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHWTOrgUseCase](#), [ValidationUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.3.8 Point2Grid: Calculate Practically Perfect Probabilities

```
model_applications/ convection_allowing_models/ Point2Grid_obsLSR_ObsOnly_PracticallyPerfect.conf
```

##### 5.2.3.8.1 Scientific Objective

To use storm reports as observations to calculate Practically Perfect probabilities.

##### 5.2.3.8.2 Datasets

Relevant information about the datasets that would be beneficial include:

- Observation dataset: Local Storm Reports

##### 5.2.3.8.3 METplus Components

This use case runs ASCII2NC to get the storm reports in netcdf format, runs Point2Grid to get those netcdf observations onto a grid, runs RegridDataPlane to use that gridded data as a mask to calculate probabilities

##### 5.2.3.8.4 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time:

```
ASCII2NC > Point2Grid > RegridDataPlane
```

This example runs on a single time/file at a time. Each storm report is assumed to have no more than 24 hours of data inside

Run times:

2020-02-05

### 5.2.3.8.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/Point2Grid_obsLSR_ObsOnly_PracticallyPerfect.conf`.

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - Ascii2nc and Point2Grid
PROCESS_LIST = ASCII2NC, Point2Grid, RegridDataPlane

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2020020500

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2020020500

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 24H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 12H

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
```

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```

LOOP_ORDER = times

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
ASCII2NC_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
ASCII2NC_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# Time relative to each input file's valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) for data_
↳within the file to be
# considered valid.
ASCII2NC_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
ASCII2NC_WINDOW_END = 0

# Value to pass with the -format argument to ascii2nc. See MET User's Guide for more information
ASCII2NC_INPUT_FORMAT = python
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG = False
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_RAW_DATA = False
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_BEG = 000000
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_END = 235959
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_STEP = 300
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_WIDTH = 600
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_GRIB_CODES = 11, 204, 211
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VAR_NAMES =
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_TYPES = min, max, range, mean, stdev, median, p80
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_FREQ = 0
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_THRESH = 0.0

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for Point2Grid only
# POINT2GRID_VERBOSITY = 1

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
POINT2GRID_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
POINT2GRID_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# Value to pass with the -to_grid See MET User's Guide for more information
POINT2GRID_REGRID_TO_GRID = G211

# Value to pass with the -field string. See MET User's Guide for more information
# FIELD and LEVEL both end up in the -field string
POINT2GRID_INPUT_FIELD = Fscale
POINT2GRID_INPUT_LEVEL =

# Value to pass with the -qc argument
POINT2GRID_QC_FLAGS = 0

# Value to pass with the -adp argument - This is a file name with GOES Aerosol Detection Product data
POINT2GRID_ADP =

```

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```

# Value to pass with the -method argumen - Default is UW_MEAN, other examples are
POINT2GRID_REGRID_METHOD = MAX

# Value to pass with the -gaussian-dx argument - Distance interval for gaussian smoothing
# Default is 81.271
POINT2GRID_GAUSSIAN_DX = 81.271

# Value to pass with the -gaussian-radius argument - radius of influence for the gaussian smoothing
# Default is 120
POINT2GRID_GAUSSIAN_RADIUS = 120

# Value to pass with the -prob_cat_thresh argument - threshold for probability of occurrence
POINT2GRID_PROB_CAT_THRESH =

# Value to pass with the -vld_thresh argument - threshold for percentage of valid data .5 default
POINT2GRID_VLD_THRESH =

# Regrid Data Plane
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

REGRID_DATA_PLANE_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# Name of input field to process
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = Fscale_mask

# Level of input field to process
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_LEVEL = "(*,*)"

# Name of output field to create
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = PP_probs

# Mask to use for regridding
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID = G211

# Method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = MAXGAUSS

# Regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 1

# Set Gaussian dx value to add as command line argument - not added if unset or blank
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_GAUSSIAN_DX = 81.271

# Set Gaussian filter radius value to add as command line argument - not added if unset or blank
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_GAUSSIAN_RADIUS = 120

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to
→the files

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```

ASCII2NC_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/practically_perfect
POINT2GRID_INPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/practically_perfect
POINT2GRID_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/practically_
↳perfect
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = {POINT2GRID_OUTPUT_DIR}
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {POINT2GRID_OUTPUT_DIR}

CONFIG_DIR = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/Point2Grid_obsLSR_
↳ObsOnly_PracticallyPerfect

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to ASCII2NC input storm reports
ASCII2NC_INPUT_TEMPLATE = "{CONFIG_DIR}/read_ascii_storm.py {ASCII2NC_INPUT_DIR}/200205_rpts_filtered.
↳csv"
ASCII2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/practically_
↳perfect/StormReps.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.nc

# Templates to use for input to Point2Grid from the output of ASCII2NC and output from Point2Grid
POINT2GRID_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/practically_
↳perfect/StormReps.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.nc
POINT2GRID_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/practically_
↳perfect/StormReps_211.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.nc

#Regrid data plane templates
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = StormReps_211.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.nc
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = StormReps_211_Probs.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}.nc

```

### 5.2.3.8.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on the values in the METplus configuration file. These variables are referenced in the MET configuration file. **YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!** If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is not controlled by an environment variable, you can add additional environment variables to be set only within the METplus environment using the [user\_env\_vars] section of the METplus configuration files. See the 'User Defined Config' section on the 'System Configuration' page of the METplus User's Guide for more information.

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default ascii2nc configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// The parameters listed below are used to summarize the ASCII data read in
//

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```
//
// Time periods for the summarization
// obs_var (string array) is added and works like grib_code (int array)
// when the obs name is given instead of grib_code
//
${METPLUS_TIME_SUMMARY_DICT}

//
// Mapping of input little_r report types to output message types
//
message_type_map = [
    { key = "FM-12 SYNOP"; val = "ADPSFC"; },
    { key = "FM-13 SHIP"; val = "SFCSHIP"; },
    { key = "FM-15 METAR"; val = "ADPSFC"; },
    { key = "FM-18 BUOY"; val = "SFCSHIP"; },
    { key = "FM-281 QSCAT"; val = "ASCATW"; },
    { key = "FM-32 PILOT"; val = "ADPUPA"; },
    { key = "FM-35 TEMP"; val = "ADPUPA"; },
    { key = "FM-88 SATOB"; val = "SATWND"; },
    { key = "FM-97 ACARS"; val = "AIRCFT"; }
];

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V10.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

See the following files for more information about the environment variables set in this configuration file.

parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/Point2Grid/Point2Grid.py parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane.py

### 5.2.3.8.7 Python Embedding

This use case uses a Python embedding script to read input data

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/convection\_allowing\_models/Point2Grid\_obsLSR\_ObsOnly\_PracticallyPerfect/re

```
import pandas as pd
import os
import sys
import ntpath

#####

print('Python Script:\t', sys.argv[0])
```

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```

##
## input file specified on the command line
## load the data into the numpy array
##

if len(sys.argv) == 2:
    # Read the input file as the first argument
    input_file = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])
    try:
        print("Input File:\t" + repr(input_file))

        # Read and format the input 11-column observations:
        # (1) string: Message_Type
        # (2) string: Station_ID
        # (3) string: Valid_Time(YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS)
        # (4) numeric: Lat(Deg North)
        # (5) numeric: Lon(Deg East)
        # (6) numeric: Elevation(msl)
        # (7) string: Var_Name(or GRIB_Code)
        # (8) numeric: Level
        # (9) numeric: Height(msl or agl)
        # (10) string: QC_String
        # (11) numeric: Observation_Value

        column_names = ["Message_Type", "Station_ID", "Valid_Time", "Lat", "Lon", "Elevation", "Var_Name",
            ↪ "Level", "Height", "QC_String", "Observation_Value"]

        # Create a blank dataframe based on the 11 column standard
        point_frame = pd.DataFrame(columns=column_names, dtype='str')

        #Read in the Storm report, 8 columns not matching the 11 column standard
        temp_data = pd.read_csv(input_file, names=['Time', 'Fscale', 'Location', 'County', 'Stat', 'Lat',
            ↪ 'Lon', 'Comment'], dtype=str, skiprows=1)

        #Strip out any rows in the middle that are actually header rows
        #Allows for concatenating storm reports together
        temp_data = temp_data[temp_data["Time"] != "Time"]

        #Change some columns to floats and ints
        temp_data[["Lat", "Lon"]] = temp_data[["Lat", "Lon"]].apply(pd.to_numeric)

        #Assign appropriate columns to point_frame leaving missing as empty strings
        point_frame["Lat"] = temp_data["Lat"]
        point_frame["Lon"] = temp_data["Lon"]
        point_frame["Station_ID"] = temp_data["County"]
        point_frame["Station_ID"] = "NA"
        point_frame["Var_Name"] = "Fscale"
        point_frame["Message_Type"] = "StormReport"

        #Assign 0.0 values to numeric point_frame columns that we don't have in the csv file
        point_frame["Elevation"] = 0.0
        point_frame["Level"] = 0.0

```

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```

point_frame["Height"] = 0.0

#Change Comments into a "QC" string Tornado=1, Hail=2, Wind=3, Other=4
point_frame["QC_String"] = "4"
mask = temp_data["Comment"].str.contains('TORNADO')
point_frame.loc[mask, "QC_String"] = "1"
mask = temp_data["Comment"].str.contains('HAIL')
point_frame.loc[mask, "QC_String"] = "2"
mask = temp_data["Comment"].str.contains('WIND')
point_frame.loc[mask, "QC_String"] = "3"

#Time is HHMM in the csv file so we need to use a piece of the filename and
#this value to create a valid date string
file_without_path = ntpath.basename(input_file)
year_month_day = "20"+file_without_path[0:6]
point_frame["Valid_Time"] = year_month_day+"_"+temp_data["Time"]+"00"

#Currently we are only interested in the fact that we have a report at that locaton
#and not its actual value so all values are 1.0
point_frame["Observation_Value"] = 1.0

#Ascii2nc wants the final values in a list
point_data = point_frame.values.tolist()

print("Data Length:\t" + repr(len(point_data)))
print("Data Type:\t" + repr(type(point_data)))
except NameError:
    print("Can't find the input file")
else:
    print("ERROR: read_ascii_storm.py -> Must specify exactly one input file.")
    sys.exit(1)

#####

```

### 5.2.3.8.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRRE\_obsHRRRE\_Sfc\_MultiField.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳ Point2Grid_obsLSR_ObsOnly_PracticallyPerfect.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRRE\_obsHRRRE\_Sfc\_MultiField.conf:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳ Point2Grid_obsLSR_ObsOnly_PracticallyPerfect.conf

```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.3.8.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in model\_applications/convection\_allowing\_models/practically\_perfect/ (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- StormReps\_211\_Probs.20200205.nc

#### 5.2.3.8.10 Keywords

**Note:** [ASCII2NC](#) [Point2Grid](#) [RegridDataPlane](#) [Python Embedding](#) [Ingest](#) [Regridding in Tool](#) [NetCDF Python Embedding](#) [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [NCAROrgUseCase](#), [ProbabilityGenerationUseCase](#), [MaskingFeatureUseCase](#) [HMTOrgUseCase](#) [HWTOrgUseCase](#)

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.3.9 Surrogate Severe Calculation: PCPCombine, EnsembleStat, and RegridDataPlane

model\_applications/convection\_allowing\_model/EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRR\_fcstOnly\_SurrogateSevere.conf

#### 5.2.3.9.1 Scientific Objective

Run PCPCombine, EnsembleStat, and RegridDataPlane tools to create surrogate severe probability forecasts (SSPFs) for a given date. SSPFs are a severe weather forecasting tool and is a technique used by the Storm Prediction Center (SPC) as well as others. SSPFs are based on updraft helicity (UH;  $UH = \int_{z_0}^{z_t} \omega dz$ ) since certain thresholds of UH have been shown as good proxies for severe weather. SSPFs can be thought of as the perfect model forecast. They are derived as follows:

1. Regrid the maximum UH value over the 2-5km layer at each grid point to the NCEP 211 grid ( $dx \sim 80\text{km}$ ).
2. Create a binary mask of points that meet a given threshold of UH
3. Convert the binary mask into a probability field by applying a Gaussian filter.

For more information, please reference Sobash et al. 2011 (<https://journals.ametsoc.org/doi/full/10.1175/WAF-D-10-05046.1>).

#### 5.2.3.9.2 Datasets

There are two dates that can be used as input data for this use case 20190518 or 20200205.

- Input Data: HRRR data - There should be 24 grib2 files. - Variable of interest: MXUPHL; the maximum updraft helicity - Level: Z2000-5000; from 2 - 5km - Format: grib2 - Projection: Lambert Conformal
- Location: All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release: <https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>
- Data Source: Originally received from Burkely Gallo at the Storm Prediction Center.

#### 5.2.3.9.3 METplus Components

This use case runs the PCPCombine, EnsembleStat, and RegridDataPlane MET tools.

#### 5.2.3.9.4 METplus Workflow

This workflow loops over the data by process, meaning that each MET tool will run over all times before moving onto the tool. PCPCombine is called first, followed by EnsembleStat, and then, finally, RegridDataPlane.



### 5.2.3.9.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`. Then, it loads any configuration files passed to METplus by the command line with the `-c` option.

```
# HRRR Surrogate Severe Calculation

[config]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG=2020020500

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END=2020020500

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT=86400

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 36

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine, EnsembleStat, RegridDataPlane

MODEL = FCST_ens

OBTYP = ANALYS

# PCP_COMBINE (Step 1)
# run pcp_combine on forecast data
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# method to run pcp_combine on forecast data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, and DERIVE
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = DERIVE
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_STAT_LIST = MAX

# field name of 1 hr accumulation in forecast files
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 1
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = MXUPHL
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FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = Z2000-5000
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = MXUPHL_24
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 24
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_DERIVE_LOOKBACK = 24
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB

#ENSEMBLE_STAT (Steps 2 and 3)
# number of expected members for ensemble. Should correspond with the
# number of items in the list for FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_N_MEMBERS = 1

# ens.ens_thresh value in the MET config file
# threshold for ratio of valid files to expected files to allow app to run
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_THRESH = 1.0

# Used in the MET config file for: regrid to_grid field
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = G211
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_METHOD = MAX
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 27
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_VLD_THRESH = 0.0

ENSEMBLE_STAT_DUPLICATE_FLAG = UNIQUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_SKIP_CONST = True

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CENSOR_THRESH = ---9999
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CENSOR_VAL = 0.0

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OBS_ERROR_FLAG = True

ENSEMBLE_STAT_MASK_GRID =

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CI_ALPHA = 0.01

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECNT = NONE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RPS = NONE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RHIST = NONE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PHIST = NONE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ORANK = NONE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SSVAR = NONE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RELP = NONE

ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_LATLON = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MEAN = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_STDEV = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MINUS = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_PLUS = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MIN = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MAX = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANGE = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_VLD_COUNT = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_FREQUENCY = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NEP = FALSE

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ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NMEP = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANK = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_WEIGHT = FALSE

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/EnsembleStatConfig_wrapped

ENS_VAR1_NAME = {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME}
ENS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
ENS_VAR1_THRESH = >=14.2, >=19.0, >=26.0, >=38.0, >=61.0

# REGRID_DATA_PLANE (Step 4)
# Run regrid_data_plane on forecast data
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

# If true, process each field individually and write a file for each
# If false, run once per run time passing in all fields specified
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# Name of input field to process
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = MXUPHL_24_A1_ENS_FREQ_ge14.2
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR2_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = MXUPHL_24_A1_ENS_FREQ_ge19.0
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR3_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = MXUPHL_24_A1_ENS_FREQ_ge26.0
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR4_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = MXUPHL_24_A1_ENS_FREQ_ge38.0
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR5_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = MXUPHL_24_A1_ENS_FREQ_ge61.0

# Level of input field to process
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_LEVEL = "(*,*)"
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR2_INPUT_LEVEL = "(*,*)"
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR3_INPUT_LEVEL = "(*,*)"
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR4_INPUT_LEVEL = "(*,*)"
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR5_INPUT_LEVEL = "(*,*)"

# Name of output field to create
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_75
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR2_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_80
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR3_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_85
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR4_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_90
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR5_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = MXUPHL_prob_95

# Mask to use for regridding
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID = G211

# Method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = MAXGAUSS

# Regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 1

# Set Gaussian dx value to add as command line argument - not added if unset or blank
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_GAUSSIAN_DX = 81.271

```

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```
# Set Gaussian filter radius value to add as command line argument - not added if unset or blank
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_GAUSSIAN_RADIUS = 120

[dir]

CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/surrogate_
↳severe_calc
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/convection_allowing_models/surrogate_severe_calc

FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR}
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR}

FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR}
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR}

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
# Input HRRR
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/hrrr_ncep_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}f{lead?fmt=%HHH}.
↳grib2
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/hrrr_ncep_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}f{lead?fmt=%HHH}.nc

# To ensemble_stat
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

# To regrid_data_plane
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = ensemble_stat_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_120000V_ens.nc
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = surrogate_severe_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{lead?fmt=%HHH}V_regrid.nc
```

### 5.2.3.9.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [EnsembleStat MET Configuration](#) (page 78) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
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```
// Ensemble-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CENSOR_THRESH}
${METPLUS_CENSOR_VAL}
cat_thresh = [];
nc_var_str = "";

//
// Ensemble product fields to be processed
//
ens = {

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_OBS_THRESH}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FIELD}
}

```

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////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood ensemble probabilities
//
${METPLUS_NBRHD_PROB_DICT}

//
// NMEP smoothing methods
//
${METPLUS_NMEP_SMOOTH_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//

${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc      = [];
obs_thresh   = [ NA ];
obs_quality  = [];
${METPLUS_DUPLICATE_FLAG}
obs_summary  = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;
${METPLUS_SKIP_CONST}

//
// Observation error options
// Set dist_type to NONE to use the observation error table instead

```

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```

// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
obs_error = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_ERROR_FLAG}
    dist_type      = NONE;
    dist_parm      = [];
    inst_bias_scale = 1.0;
    inst_bias_offset = 0.0;
    min            = NA;      // Valid range of data
    max            = NA;
}

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
    { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ANYAIR";  val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
    { key = "ANYSFC";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ONLYSF";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; },
];

//
// Ensemble bin sizes
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_ENS_SSVAR_BIN_SIZE}
${METPLUS_ENS_PHIST_BIN_SIZE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window

```

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```

//
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    sid = [];
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Ensemble product output types
//
${METPLUS_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Random number generator
//
rng = {
    type = "mt19937";
    seed = "1";
}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
grid_weight_flag = NONE;
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.3.9.7 Running METplus

The command to run this use case is:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/convection_allowing_models/
↳EnsembleStat_fcstHRRR_fcstOnly_SurrogateSevere.conf

```

### 5.2.3.9.8 Expected Output

```

# A successful run of this use case will output the following to the screen and logfile::
#
#   INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
#
# A successful run will have the following output files in the location defined by {OUTPUT_BASE},
↳which
# is located in the metplus_system.conf configuration file located in /path/to/METplus/parm/metplus_
↳config.
# This list of files should be found for every time run through METplus. Using the output for
↳20190518 as an example.
#
# **PCPCCombine output**:
#
# * 20190518/hrrr_ncep_2019051800f036.nc
#
# **EnsembleStat output**:
#
# * ensemble_stat_20190519_120000V_ens.nc
#
# **RegridDataPlane output**:
#
# * surrogate_severe_20190518_036V_regrid.nc
#

```

#### 5.2.3.9.9 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/convection\_allowing\_models-EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRR\_fcstOnly\_SurrogateS

---

**Note:** PCPCCombineUseCase, EnsembleStatUseCase, RegridDataPlaneUseCase

---

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.4 Cryosphere

The frozen part of the earth system modeling framework (also referred to as sea-ice)

#### 5.2.4.1 Grid-Stat and MODE: Sea Ice Validation

model\_applications/cryosphere/GridStat\_MODE\_fcstIMS\_obsNCEP\_sea\_ice.conf

##### 5.2.4.1.1 Scientific Objective

Run Grid-Stat and MODE to compare the National Ice Center (NIC) Interactive Multisensor Snow and Ice Mapping System (IMS) and the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) sea ice analysis. This is a validation and diagnostics use case because it is limited to a comparison between IMS analysis to NCEP analysis.

##### 5.2.4.1.2 Datasets

Both IMS and NCEP sea ice analyses are observation datasets. For the purposes of MET, IMS is referred to as “forecast” and NCEP is referred to as “observation”.

- **Forecast dataset: IMS Sea Ice Concentration**

- Variable of interest: ICEC; ICEC is a binary field where “1” means a sea ice concentration of  $\geq 0.40$  and “0” means a sea ice concentration of  $< 0.40$ .
- Level: Z0 (surface)
- Dates: 20190201 - 20190228
- Valid time: 22 UTC
- Format: Grib2
- Projection: 4-km Polar Stereographic

- **Observation dataset: NCEP Sea Ice Concentration**

- Variable of interest: ICEC; ICEC is the sea ice concentration with values from 0.0 - 1.0. Values  $> 1.0$  &  $\leq 1.28$  indicate flagged data to be included and should be set to  $= 1.0$  when running MET. Values  $> 1.28$  should be ignored as that indicates an invalid observation.

- Level: Z0 (surface)
- Dates: 20190201 - 20190228
- Valid time: 00 UTC
- Format: Grib2
- Projection: 12.7-km Polar Stereographic
- Data source: Received from Robert Grumbine at EMC. IMS data is originally from the NIC. NCEP data is originally from NCEP.
- Location: IMS: <https://www.natice.noaa.gov/ims/index.html>; IMS - (<https://polar.ncep.noaa.gov/seaice/Analyses.shtml>)

#### 5.2.4.1.3 METplus Components

This use case runs the MET GridStat and MODE tools.

#### 5.2.4.1.4 METplus Workflow

The workflow processes the data by valid time, meaning that each tool will be run for each time before moving onto the next valid time. The GridStat tool is called first followed by the MODE tool. It processes analysis times from 2019-02-01 to 2019-02-05. The valid times for each analysis are different from one another (please see [Datasets](#) (page 698) section for more information).

#### 5.2.4.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`. Then, it loads any configuration files passed to METplus by the command line with the `-c` option.

```
# IMS Ice Concentration (fcst) vs. NCEP Ice Concentration (obs)
# IMS and NCEP are both observation analyses. For the purpose of running MET, IMS is referred to as
# the forecast and NCEP as the obs.
# Written by Lindsay Blank, NCAR. January 2020
#####
[config]
# Loop by analysis time
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d

# L: Available dates are 20190201 - 20190228
# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG=20190201

# End time for METplus run
```

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```

VALID_END=20190201

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT=86400

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat, Mode

# Description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = IMS
OBTYP = NCEP

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

#####
# GridStat Configurations
#####
# List of variables to compare
# "THRESH" refers to "cat_thresh"
FCST_VAR1_NAME = ICEC
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = Z0
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = ==1.0

OBS_VAR1_NAME = ICEC
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = Z0
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = >=0.40
OBS_VAR1_OPTIONS = censor_thresh = [ >1.00 && <=1.28, >1.28 ]; censor_val = [ 1.00 , -9999 ];

GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH = 3, 5, 7, 9

# regridding domain for GridStat
GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = OBS

# Location of grid_stat MET config file
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

# prefix to add to GridStat output filenames
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_{CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{OBTYP}_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}_{CURRENT_FCST_
→LEVEL}

GRID_STAT_MASK_GRID =

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```

#GRID_STAT_MASK_POLY =

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_FHO = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CNT = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PCT = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PSTD = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_NBRCNT = STAT

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_NBRHD = TRUE

#####
# MODE Configurations
#####
# regridding domain for MODE
MODE_REGRID_TO_GRID = OBS

# Turn on quilting
MODE_QUILT = False

# Convolution radius list
MODE_CONV_RADIUS = 50

# Convolution threshold list
# L: IMS is a binary field where a value of "1" is equivalent to >=0.40 sea ice concentration.
FCST_MODE_CONV_THRESH = ==1.00
OBS_MODE_CONV_THRESH = >=0.40

# Location of mode MET config file
MODE_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/MODEConfig_wrapped

# Merge flag: options are NONE, THRESH, ENGINE, or BOTH
MODE_MERGE_FLAG = NONE

# Merge threshold list
MODE_MERGE_THRESH = >=1.25

MODE_GRID_RES = 12.7

MODE_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH = >1.00 && <=1.28, >1.28
MODE_OBS_CENSOR_VAL = 1.00 , -9999

MODE_MATCH_FLAG = NO_MERGE

MODE_MASK_POLY_FLAG = BOTH

MODE_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH = 0.8

# prefix to add to MODE output filenames
MODE_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_{CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{OBTYPED}_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}

```

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```
[dir]
# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/cryosphere/sea_ice/NCEP_data
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/cryosphere/sea_ice/IMS_data

OBS_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/cryosphere/sea_ice/NCEP_data
FCST_MODE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/cryosphere/sea_ice/IMS_data

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/cryosphere/sea_ice/GridStat
MODE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/cryosphere/sea_ice/MODE

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames

# IMS
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = imssnow96.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}.grb.grib2
FCST_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = imssnow96.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}.grb.grib2

# NCEP
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = seaice.t00z.north12psg.grib2.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}
OBS_MODE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = seaice.t00z.north12psg.grib2.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}

GRID_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/cryosphere/sea_ice/seaice_
↳ nland127.nc

MODE_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/cryosphere/sea_ice/seaice_nland127.
↳ nc

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/grid_stat
MODE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/mode
```

#### 5.2.4.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

#### GridStatConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh    = [];
censor_val       = [];
cat_thresh       = [];
cnt_thresh       = [ NA ];
cnt_logic        = UNION;
wind_thresh      = [ NA ];
wind_logic       = UNION;
eclv_points      = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag   = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified

```

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```

//
fcst = {
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
  interval = PCTILE;
  rep_prop = 1.0;
  n_rep    = 0;
  rng      = "mt19937";
  seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
  ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
  field      = BOTH;
  // shape =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
  // width =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
  // cov_thresh =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
  vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
  wave_1d_beg = [];
  wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {

```

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```
baddeley_p      = 2;
baddeley_max_dist = NA;
fom_alpha      = 0.1;
zhu_weight     = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir           = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

## MODEConfig\_wrapped

---

**Note:** See the [MODE MET Configuration](#) (page 114) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//
// MODE configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
```

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```

${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//
// grid_res =
${METPLUS_GRID_RES}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Run all permutations of radius and threshold
//
${METPLUS_QUILT}

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_MERGE_FLAG}
}

obs = {

```

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```

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CENSOR_VAL}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_NAME}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILTER_ATTR_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_MERGE_FLAG}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Handle missing data
//
mask_missing_flag = BOTH;

//
// Match objects between the forecast and observation fields
//
//match_flag =
${METPLUS_MATCH_FLAG}

//
// Maximum centroid distance for objects to be compared
//
//max_centroid_dist =
${METPLUS_MAX_CENTROID_DIST}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
//mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine weights
//
//weight = {
${METPLUS_WEIGHT_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions

```

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```
//
interest_function = {

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CENTROID_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_BOUNDARY_DIST}

    ${METPLUS_INTEREST_FUNCTION_CONVEX_HULL_DIST}

    angle_diff = (
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 30.0, 1.0 )
        ( 90.0, 0.0 )
    );

    aspect_diff = (
        ( 0.00, 1.0 )
        ( 0.10, 1.0 )
        ( 0.75, 0.0 )
    );

    corner      = 0.8;
    ratio_if = (
        ( 0.0, 0.0 )
        ( corner, 1.0 )
        ( 1.0, 1.0 )
    );

    area_ratio = ratio_if;

    int_area_ratio = (
        ( 0.00, 0.00 )
        ( 0.10, 0.50 )
        ( 0.25, 1.00 )
        ( 1.00, 1.00 )
    );

    curvature_ratio = ratio_if;

    complexity_ratio = ratio_if;

    inten_perc_ratio = ratio_if;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//
//total_interest_thresh =
${METPLUS_TOTAL_INTEREST_THRESH}
```

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```

//
// Interest threshold for printing output pair information
//
print_interest_thresh = 0.0;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Plotting information
//
met_data_dir = "MET_BASE";

fcst_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

obs_raw_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/met_default.ctable";
    plot_min         = 0.0;
    plot_max         = 0.0;
    colorbar_spacing = 1;
}

object_plot = {
    color_table      = "MET_BASE/colortables/mode_obj.ctable";
}

//
// Boolean for plotting on the region of valid data within the domain
//
plot_valid_flag = FALSE;

//
// Plot polyline edges using great circle arcs instead of straight lines
//
plot_gcArc_flag = FALSE;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// NetCDF matched pairs, PostScript, and contingency table output files
//
ps_plot_flag      = TRUE;

//nc_pairs_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}
}

ct_stats_flag      = TRUE;

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
shift_right = 0;    //  grid squares

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version           = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

#### 5.2.4.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_MODE\_fcstIMS\_obsNCEP\_sea\_ice.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/cryosphere/GridStat_MODE_
↳fcstIMS_obsNCEP_sea_ice.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) **Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_MODE\_fcstIMS\_obsNCEP\_sea\_ice.conf**  
`run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/cryosphere/GridStat_MODE_fcstIMS_obsNCEP_sea_ice.conf`

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs).
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - PATH to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

**NOTE** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.4.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run of this use case will output the following to the screen and logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

A successful run will have the following output files in the location defined by {OUTPUT\_BASE}, which is located in the metplus\_system.conf configuration file located in /path/to/METplus/parm/metplus\_config. This list of files should be found for every time run through METplus. GridStat output will be in model\_applications/cryosphere/sea\_ice/GridStat relative to the {OUTPUT\_BASE}. MODE output will be in model\_applications/cryosphere/sea\_ice/MODE relative to the {OUTPUT\_BASE}. Using the output for 20190201 as an example:

**GridStat output:**

- grid\_stat\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_ZO\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_pairs.nc
- grid\_stat\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_ZO\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V.stat

**MODE output:**

- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R1\_T1\_cts.txt
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R1\_T1\_obj.nc
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R1\_T1\_obj.txt
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R1\_T1.ps
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R2\_T1\_cts.txt
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R2\_T1\_obj.nc
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R2\_T1\_obj.txt
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R2\_T1.ps
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R3\_T1\_cts.txt
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R3\_T1\_obj.nc
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R3\_T1\_obj.txt
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R3\_T1.ps
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R4\_T1\_cts.txt
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R4\_T1\_obj.nc
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R4\_T1\_obj.txt
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R4\_T1.ps
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R5\_T1\_cts.txt
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R5\_T1\_obj.nc
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R5\_T1\_obj.txt
- mode\_IMS\_ICEC\_vs\_NCEP\_ICEC\_000000L\_20190201\_220000V\_000000A\_R5\_T1.ps



#### 5.2.4.1.9 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/cryosphere\_GridStat\_MODE\_fcstIMS\_obsNCEP\_Sea\_Ice.png'

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**Note:**     [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [MODEToolUseCase](#), [MarineAndCryoAppUseCase](#), [ValidationUseCase](#),  
[S2SAppUseCase](#), [NOAAEMCOrgUseCase](#) [DiagnosticsUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.5 Data Assimilation

Observational data used as part of the initial conditions for numerical weather prediction

#### 5.2.5.1 StatAnalysis: JEDI

model\_applications/data\_assimilation/StatAnalysis\_fcstHAFS\_obsPrepBufr\_JEDI\_IODA\_interface.conf

##### 5.2.5.1.1 Scientific Objective

This use case demonstrates the Stat-Analysis tool and ingestion of HofX netCDF files that have been output from the Joint Effort for Data assimilation Integration (JEDI) data assimilation system. JEDI uses “IODA” formatted files, which are netCDF files with certain requirements of variables and naming conventions. These files hold observations to be assimilated into forecasts, in this case the FV3-based Hurricane Analysis and Forecast System (HAFS). HAFS performs tc initialization by using synthetic observations of conventional variables to relocate a tropical cyclone as informed by a vortex tracker, in this case Tropical Storm Dorian.

In this case 100224 observations from 2019082418 are used. These were converted from perpbufr files via a fortran ioda-converter provided by the Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation, which oversees the development of JEDI. The variables used are t, q, u, and v.

The first component of JEDI to be incorporated into operational systems will be the Unified Forward Operator (UFO) to replace the GSI observer in global EnKF forecasts. UFO is a component of HofX, which maps the background forecast to observation space to form O minus B pairs. The HofX application of JEDI takes the input IODA files and adds an additional variable, <variable\_name>@hofx that is to be paired with <variable\_name>@ObsValue. These HofX files are used as input to form Matched Pair (MPR) formatted lists via Python embedding. In this case, Stat-Analysis then performs a filter job and outputs the filtered MPR formatted columns in an ascii file.

#### 5.2.5.1.2 Datasets

**Data source:** JEDI HofX output files in IODA format

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

The tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 722) section for more information.

#### 5.2.5.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus StatAnalysis wrapper to search for files that are valid for the given case and generate a command to run the MET tool stat\_analysis.

#### 5.2.5.1.4 METplus Workflow

StatAnalysis is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2019-08-24\_18Z

**Forecast lead:** 6 hour

#### 5.2.5.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/data\_assimilation/StatAnalysis\_fcstHAFS\_obsPrepBufr\_JEDI\_IODA\_interface.com

```
# StatAnalysis METplus Configuration

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# List of applications to run - only StatAnalysis for this case
PROCESS_LIST = StatAnalysis

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
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```

# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG=2005080700

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
VALID_END=2005080700

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for StatAnalysis only
LOG_STAT_ANALYSIS_VERBOSITY = 2

# Models to process
# MODELn is the model name to filter for in
#   stat files [required]
# MODELn_OBTYP is the observation name
#   to filter for the .stat files
#   [required]
# MODELn_STAT_ANALYSIS_LOOKIN_DIR is the directory to search for
#   the .stat files in, wildcards (*)
#   are okay to search for multiple
#   directories and templates like
#   {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M%S} [required]
# MODELn_REFERENCE_NAME is a reference name for MODELn, defaults to
#   MODELn, it can be used in the file template names

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```

#                               [optional]
MODEL1 = NA
MODEL1_OBTYP = NA

# Location of MET config file to pass to StatAnalysis
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
#STAT_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/STATAnalysisConfig_wrapped

# stat_analysis job info
STAT_ANALYSIS_JOB_NAME = filter
# if using -dump_row, put in JOBS_ARGS "-dump_row [dump_row_file]"
# if using -out_stat, put in JOBS_ARGS "-out_stat [out_stat_file]"
# METplus will fill in filename
STAT_ANALYSIS_JOB_ARGS = -out_line_type CNT -dump_row [dump_row_file] -line_type MPR

# Optional variables for further filtering
# can be blank, single, or multiple values
# if more than one use comma separated list
#
# (FCST)(OBS)(VALID)(INIT)_HOUR_LIST: HH format (ex. 00, 06, 12)
# (FCST)(OBS)_LEAD_LIST: HH[H][MMSS] format (ex. 00, 06, 120)
MODEL_LIST =
DESC_LIST =
FCST_LEAD_LIST =
OBS_LEAD_LIST =
FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST =
FCST_INIT_HOUR_LIST =
OBS_VALID_HOUR_LIST =
OBS_INIT_HOUR_LIST =
FCST_VAR_LIST =
OBS_VAR_LIST =
FCST_UNITS_LIST =
OBS_UNITS_LIST =
FCST_LEVEL_LIST =
OBS_LEVEL_LIST =
VX_MASK_LIST =
INTERP_MTHD_LIST =
INTERP_PNTS_LIST =
FCST_THRESH_LIST =
OBS_THRESH_LIST =
COV_THRESH_LIST =
ALPHA_LIST =
LINE_TYPE_LIST =
# how to treat items listed in above _LIST variables
# GROUP_LIST_ITEMS: items listed in a given _LIST variable
#                     will be grouped together
# LOOP_LIST_ITEMS:  items listed in a give _LIST variable
#                     will be looped over
# if not listed METplus will treat the list as a group
GROUP_LIST_ITEMS =
LOOP_LIST_ITEMS = MODEL_LIST

```

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```

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

MODEL1_STAT_ANALYSIS_LOOKIN_DIR = python {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/data_assimilation/
↳ StatAnalysis_fcstHAFS_obsPrepBufr_JEDI_IODA_interface/read_ioda_mpr.py {INPUT_BASE}/model_
↳ applications/data_assimilation/hofx_dir

# Output data directory
STAT_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/data_assimilation/StatAnalysis_HofX

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR = {PARM_BASE}/met_config

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]
# Optional settings to create templated directory and file name information
# to save files as stat_analysis output as, this is appended to STAT_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR
# if no template is provided a default filename set in the code will be used
# Use:
# string templates can be set for all the lists being looped over, just
# use and a lower case version of the list, ex. {fcst_valid_hour?fmt=%H}
# or {fcst_var?fmt=%s}
# For looping over models:
# can set MODELn_STAT_ANALYSIS_[DUMP_ROW/OUT_STAT]_TEMPLATE for individual models
# or STAT_ANALYSIS_[DUMP_ROW/OUT_STAT] with {model?fmt=%s}
MODEL1_STAT_ANALYSIS_DUMP_ROW_TEMPLATE = dump.out

#MODEL1_STAT_ANALYSIS_OUT_STAT_TEMPLATE = {model?fmt=%s}_{obtype?fmt=%s}_valid{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_
↳ fcstvalidhour{valid_hour?fmt=%H}0000Z_out_stat.stat

```

#### 5.2.5.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [StatAnalysis MET Configuration](#) (page 166) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

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//

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```
// STAT-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Filtering input STAT lines by the contents of each column
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}
${METPLUS_DESC}

${METPLUS_FCST_LEAD}
${METPLUS_OBS_LEAD}

${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_HOUR}

${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_HOUR}

${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_HOUR}

${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_HOUR}

${METPLUS_FCST_VAR}
${METPLUS_OBS_VAR}

${METPLUS_FCST_UNITS}
${METPLUS_OBS_UNITS}

${METPLUS_FCST_LEVEL}
${METPLUS_OBS_LEVEL}

${METPLUS_OBTYP}

${METPLUS_VX_MASK}

${METPLUS_INTERP_MTHD}

${METPLUS_INTERP_PNTS}

${METPLUS_FCST_THRESH}
${METPLUS_OBS_THRESH}
${METPLUS_COV_THRESH}
```

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```

${METPLUS_ALPHA}

${METPLUS_LINE_TYPE}

column = [];

weight = [];

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Array of STAT-Analysis jobs to be performed on the filtered data
//
${METPLUS_JOBS}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
out_alpha = 0.05;

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// WMO mean computation logic
//
wmo_sqrt_stats = [ "CNT:FSTDEV", "CNT:OSTDEV", "CNT:ESTDEV",
                  "CNT:RMSE",   "CNT:RMSFA",  "CNT:RMSOA",
                  "VCNT:FS_RMS", "VCNT:OS_RMS", "VCNT:RMSVE",
                  "VCNT:FSTDEV", "VCNT:OSTDEV" ];

wmo_fisher_stats = [ "CNT:PR_CORR", "CNT:SP_CORR",
                    "CNT:KT_CORR", "CNT:ANOM_CORR" ];

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
vif_flag       = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";
//version      = "V10.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.5.1.7 Python Embedding

This use case uses a Python embedding script to read input data

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/data\_assimilation/StatAnalysis\_fcstHAFS\_obsPrepBufr\_JEDI\_IODA\_interface/rea

```
from __future__ import print_function

import pandas as pd
import os
from glob import glob
import sys
import xarray as xr
import datetime as dt

#####

def read_netcdfs(files, dim):
    paths = sorted(glob(files))
    datasets = [xr.open_dataset(p) for p in paths]
    combined = xr.concat(datasets, dim)
    return combined

#####

print('Python Script:\t', sys.argv[0])

# Input is directory of .nc or .nc4 files

if len(sys.argv) == 2:
    # Read the input file as the first argument
    input_dir = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])
    try:
        print("Input File:\t" + repr(input_dir))

        # Read all from a directory
        ioda_data = read_netcdfs(input_dir+'/*.nc*', dim='nlocs')

        # Grab variables list
        var_list = ioda_data['variable_names@VarMetaData'].isel(nlocs=[0]).str.decode('utf-8').values
        var_list = [i.strip() for i in var_list[0] if i]

        # Use only nlocs dimension to ensure a table
        ioda_data = ioda_data.drop_dims('nvars')
        ioda_df = ioda_data.to_dataframe()

        nlocs = len(ioda_df.index)
        print('Number of locations in set: ' + str(nlocs))

        # Decode strings
        ioda_df.loc[:, 'datetime@MetaData'] = ioda_df.loc[:, 'datetime@MetaData'].str.decode('utf-8')
        ioda_df.loc[:, 'station_id@MetaData'] = ioda_df.loc[:, 'station_id@MetaData'].str.decode('utf-8')
    except:
        print('Error')
```

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```

# Datetime format. Need YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS from YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SSZ.
time = ioda_df.loc[:, 'datetime@MetaData'].values.tolist()

for i in range(0, nlocs):
    temp = dt.datetime.strptime(time[i], '%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%SZ')
    time[i] = temp.strftime('%Y%m%d_%H%M%S')

ioda_df.loc[:, 'datetime@MetaData'] = time

mpr_data = []
var_list = [i for i in var_list if i+'@hofx' in ioda_df.columns]

for var_name in var_list:

    # Subset the needed columns
    ioda_df_var = ioda_df[['datetime@MetaData', 'station_id@MetaData', var_name+'@ObsType',
                           'latitude@MetaData', 'longitude@MetaData', 'air_pressure@MetaData',
                           var_name+'@hofx', var_name+'@ObsValue',
                           var_name+'@PreQC']]

    # Find locations with ObsValues
    ioda_df_var = ioda_df_var[ioda_df_var[var_name+'@ObsValue'] < 1e9]
    nlocs = len(ioda_df_var.index)
    print(var_name+' has '+str(nlocs)+' obs.')

    # Add additional columns
    ioda_df_var['lead'] = '000000'
    ioda_df_var['MPR'] = 'MPR'
    ioda_df_var['nobs'] = nlocs
    ioda_df_var['index'] = range(0, nlocs)
    ioda_df_var['varname'] = var_name
    ioda_df_var['na'] = 'NA'

    # Arrange columns in MPR format
    cols = ['na', 'na', 'lead', 'datetime@MetaData', 'datetime@MetaData', 'lead', 'datetime@MetaData',
            'datetime@MetaData', 'varname', 'na', 'lead', 'varname', 'na', 'na',
            var_name+'@ObsType', 'na', 'na', 'lead', 'na', 'na', 'na', 'na', 'MPR',
            'nobs', 'index', 'station_id@MetaData', 'latitude@MetaData', 'longitude@MetaData',
            'air_pressure@MetaData', 'na', var_name+'@hofx', var_name+'@ObsValue',
            var_name+'@PreQC', 'na', 'na']

    ioda_df_var = ioda_df_var[cols]

    # Into a list and all to strings
    mpr_data = mpr_data + [list( map(str, i) ) for i in ioda_df_var.values.tolist() ]

    print("Total Length:\t" + repr(len(mpr_data)))

except NameError:
    print("Can't find the input files or the variables.")
    print("Variables in this file:\t" + repr(var_list))

```

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```
else:
    print("ERROR: read_ioda_mpr.py -> Must specify directory of files.\n")
    sys.exit(1)

#####
```

#### 5.2.5.1.8 Running METplus

It is recommended to run this use case by:

Passing in StatAnalysis\_fcstHAFS\_obsPrepBufr\_JEDI\_IODA\_interface.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/StatAnalysis_fcstHAFS_obsPrepBufr_JEDI_IODA_interface.conf -c /path/to/
↪user_system.conf
```

The following METplus configuration variables must be set correctly to run this example.:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs).
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.5.1.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in model\_applications/data\_assimilation/StatAnalysis\_HofX (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following file:

- dump.out

#### 5.2.5.1.10 Keywords

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**Note:**     [StatAnalysisToolUseCase](#) [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#) [TCandExtraTCAppUseCase](#) [NOAAEM-COrgUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/data\_assimilation-StatAnalysis\_fcstHAFS\_obsPrepBufr\_JEDI\_IODA\_interface'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.6 Marine and Coastal

Data related to verification involving marine and coastal systems, excluding cryosphere work

#### 5.2.6.1 PlotDataPlane: Python Embedding of tripolar coordinate file

model\_applications/marine\_and\_coastal/PlotDataPlane\_obsHYCOM\_coordTripolar.conf

##### 5.2.6.1.1 Scientific Objective

By producing a postscript image from a file that utilizes a tripolar coordinate system, this use case shows METplus can utilize python embedding to ingest and utilize file structures on the same coordinate system.

##### 5.2.6.1.2 Datasets

**Input:** Python Embedding script/file, HYCOM observation file, coordinate system weight files (optional)

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 730) section for more information.

**Data Source:** HYCOM model

### 5.2.6.1.3 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

- xesmf

If the version of Python used to compile MET did not have these libraries at the time of compilation, you will need to add these packages or create a new Python environment with these packages.

If this is the case, you will need to set the MET\_PYTHON\_EXE environment variable to the path of the version of Python you want to use. If you want this version of Python to only apply to this use case, set it in the [user\_env\_vars] section of a METplus configuration file.:

```
[user_env_vars] MET_PYTHON_EXE = /path/to/python/with/required/packages/bin/python
```

### 5.2.6.1.4 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PlotDataPlane wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool PlotDataPlane with Python Embedding if all required files are found.

### 5.2.6.1.5 METplus Workflow

PlotDataPlane is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Valid:** 2020-01-27 0Z

```
#
# As it is currently set, the configuration file will pass in the path to the observation data,
# as well as a path to the weights for the coordinate system. This is done in an effort to speed up_
↳running the use case.
# These weight files are not required to run at the time of executing the use case, but will be made_
↳via Python Embedding
# if they are not found/passed in at run time. Additional user configurations, including the lat/lon_
↳spacing, can be found in the
# python script.
```

### 5.2.6.1.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/marine_and_coastal/PlotDataPlane_obsHYCOM_coordTripolar.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only PlotDataPlane for this case
PROCESS_LIST = PlotDataPlane

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 20200127

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 20200127

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 1M

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = north, south

LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for PlotDataPlane only
LOG_PLOT_DATA_PLANE_VERBOSITY = 1

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_FIELD_NAME = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/marine_and_coastal/
↪PlotDataPlane_obsHYCOM_coordTripolar/read_tripolar_grid.py {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/marine_
↪and_coastal/PlotDataPlane_obsHYCOM_coordTripolar/rtofs_glo_2ds_n048_daily_diag.nc ice_coverage
↪{custom} {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/marine_and_coastal/PlotDataPlane_obsHYCOM_coordTripolar/
↪weight_{custom}.nc
```

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```

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_TITLE = Tripolar via Python

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_COLOR_TABLE =

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_RANGE_MIN_MAX =

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to_
↳the files
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR =
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR =

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to PlotDataPlane relative to PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = PYTHON_NUMPY

# Template to use to write output from PlotDataPlane
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/marine_and_coastal/PlotDataPlane_
↳obsHYCOM_coordTripolar/HYCOM_iceCoverage_{custom}.ps

```

#### 5.2.6.1.7 MET Configuration

This tool does not use a MET configuration file.

#### 5.2.6.1.8 Python Embedding

This use case uses one Python script to read input data, passed through two times

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/marine\_and\_coastal/PlotDataPlane\_obsHYCOM\_coordTripolar/read\_tripolar\_grid.py

```

import os
import sys
import pandas as pd
import xarray as xr
import xesmf as xe

#####
# This script reads in tripolar grid ice data from the rtofs model and
# passes it to MET tools through python embedding.
# Written by George McCabe, NCAR
# January 2021
# Python embedding structure adapted from read_PostProcessed_WRF.py from
# the DTC MET User's Page.

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```

# Tripolar grid logic adapted from ice_cover.py
# from Todd Spindler, NOAA/NCEP/EMC.
# Based on a script written by Lindsay Blank, NCAR in April 2020
# Arguments:
# input filename - path to input NetCDF file to process
# field name - name of field to read (ice_coverage or ice thickness)
# hemisphere - hemisphere to process (north or south)
# Example call: read_tripolar_grid.py /path/to/file.nc ice_coverage north
#####

# degrees between lat/lon points in output grid
LATITUDE_SPACING = 0.25
LONGITUDE_SPACING = 0.25

# set DEBUG to True to get debugging output
DEBUG = False

# latitude boundaries where curved data begins
# we are only concerned with data outside of the boundary for this case
# so we crop data that is below (for north) or above (for south)
LAT_BOUND_NORTH = 30.98
LAT_BOUND_SOUTH = -39.23

# list of valid values to specify for hemisphere
HEMISPHERES = ['north', 'south']

def print_min_max(ds):
    print(f"MIN LAT: {float(ds['lat'].min())} and "
          f"MIN LON: {float(ds['lon'].min())}")
    print(f"MAX LAT: {float(ds['lat'].max())} and "
          f"MAX LON: {float(ds['lon'].max())}")

if len(sys.argv) < 4:
    print("Must specify exactly one input file and variable name.")
    sys.exit(1)

# Read the input file as the first argument
input_file = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])
var = sys.argv[2]
hemisphere = sys.argv[3]

# read optional weight file if provided
if len(sys.argv) > 4:
    weight_file = sys.argv[4]
else:
    weight_file = f'weight_{hemisphere}.nc'

if hemisphere not in HEMISPHERES:
    print(f"ERROR: Invalid hemisphere value ({hemisphere}) "
          f"Valid options are {HEMISPHERES}")

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sys.exit(1)

try:
    # Print some output to verify that this script ran
    print(f"Input File: {repr(input_file)}")
    print(f"Variable: {repr(var)}")
    print(f"Hemisphere: {repr(hemisphere)}")

    # read input file
    xr_dataset = xr.load_dataset(input_file,
                                decode_times=True)
except NameError:
    print("Trouble reading data from input file")
    sys.exit(1)

# get time information
dt = pd.to_datetime(str(xr_dataset.MT[0].values))
valid_time = dt.strftime('%Y%m%d_%H%M%S')

# rename Latitude and Longitude to format that xesmf expects
xr_dataset = xr_dataset.rename({'Longitude': 'lon', 'Latitude': 'lat'})
# drop singleton time dimension for this example
xr_dataset = xr_dataset.squeeze()

# print out input data for debugging
if DEBUG:
    print("INPUT DATASET:")
    print(xr_dataset)
    print_min_max(xr_dataset)
    print('\n\n')

# get field name values to read into attrs
standard_name = xr_dataset[var].standard_name
long_name = xr_dataset[var].long_name.strip()

# trim off row of data
xr_dataset = xr_dataset.isel(Y=slice(0,-1))

# remove data inside boundary latitude to get only curved data
if hemisphere == 'north':
    xr_out_bounds = xr_dataset.where(xr_dataset.lat >= LAT_BOUND_NORTH,
                                    drop=True)

    lat_min = xr_out_bounds.lat.min()
    lat_max = 90
else:
    xr_out_bounds = xr_dataset.where(xr_dataset.lat <= LAT_BOUND_SOUTH,
                                    drop=True)

    lat_min = max(-79, xr_out_bounds.lat.min())
    lat_max = xr_out_bounds.lat.max()

if DEBUG:

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print("OUTSIDE BOUNDARY LAT")
print(xr_out_bounds)
print_min_max(xr_out_bounds)
print('\n\n')

# create output grid using lat/lon bounds of data outside boundary
out_grid = xe.util.grid_2d(0,
                           360,
                           LONGITUDE_SPACING,
                           lat_min,
                           lat_max,
                           LATITUDE_SPACING)

# create regridded using cropped data and output grid
# NOTE: this creates a temporary file in the current directory!
# consider supplying path to file in tmp directory using filename arg
# set reuse_weights=True to read temporary weight file if it exists
regridded = xe.Regridded(xr_out_bounds,
                          out_grid,
                          'bilinear',
                          ignore_degenerate=True,
                          reuse_weights=True,
                          filename=weight_file)

# regrid data
xr_out_regrid = regridded(xr_out_bounds)
met_data = xr_out_regrid[var]

# flip the data
met_data = met_data[:, :-1, ]

if DEBUG:
    print("PRINT MET DATA")
    print(met_data)

    print("Data Shape: " + repr(met_data.shape))
    print("Data Type: " + repr(met_data.dtype))
    print("Max: " + repr(met_data.max))
    print_min_max(met_data)
    print('\n\n')

# Calculate attributes
lat_lower_left = float(met_data['lat'].min())
lon_lower_left = float(met_data['lon'].min())
n_lat = met_data['lat'].shape[0]
n_lon = met_data['lon'].shape[1]
delta_lat = (float(met_data['lat'].max()) - float(met_data['lat'].min()))/float(n_lat)
delta_lon = (float(met_data['lon'].max()) - float(met_data['lon'].min()))/float(n_lon)

# create the attributes dictionary to describe the data to pass to MET
met_data.attrs = {
    'valid': valid_time,

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'init': valid_time,
'lead': "00",
'accum': "00",
'name': var,
'standard_name': standard_name,
'long_name': long_name,
'level': "SURFACE",
'units': "UNKNOWN",

# Definition for LatLon grid
'grid': {
    'type': "LatLon",
    'name': "RTOFS Grid",
    'lat_ll': lat_lower_left,
    'lon_ll': lon_lower_left,
    'delta_lat': delta_lat,
    'delta_lon': delta_lon,
    'Nlat': n_lat,
    'Nlon': n_lon,
}
}
attrs = met_data.attrs
print("Attributes: " + repr(met_data.attrs))

```

### 5.2.6.1.9 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `PlotDataPlane_obsHYCOM_coordTripolar.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/marine_and_coastal/
↳ PlotDataPlane_obsHYCOM_coordTripolar.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `PlotDataPlane_obsHYCOM_coordTripolar.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/marine_and_coastal/
↳ PlotDataPlane_obsHYCOM_coordTripolar.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.6.1.10 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for thisIce use case will be found in model\_applications/PlotDataPlane\_obsHYCOM\_coordTripolar (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- HYCOM\_iceCoverage\_north.ps
- HYCOM\_iceCoverage\_south.ps

#### 5.2.6.1.11 Keywords

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**Note:** [PlotDataPlaneToolUseCase](#) [PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/model\_applications-PlotDataPlane\_obsHYCOM\_coordTripolar.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.7 Medium Range

Lower resolution model configuration (>4km) usually producing forecasts out to 7-14 days (also referred to as global models)

#### 5.2.7.1 UserScript: Calculate the Difficulty Index

model\_applications/medium\_range/ UserScript\_fcstGEFS\_Difficulty\_Index.conf

#### 5.2.7.1.1 Scientific Objective

This use case calls the UserScript wrapper to run a user provided script that calculates the difficulty index for windspeed. This use case allows for the user to change a variety of variables needed to run the difficulty index (i.e. threshold start and units) so that user can run the script at different thresholds without needing to alter the code. This script run by the use case uses METcalcpy to provide the difficulty index calculation and METplotpy to provide the plotting capability.

The difficulty index was developed by the Naval Research Lab (NRL). The overall aim of the difficulty index is to graphically represent the expected difficulty of a decision based on a set of forecasts (ensemble) of, e.g., significant wave height as a function of space and time. There are two basic factors that can make a decision difficult. The first factor is the proximity of the ensemble mean forecast to a decision threshold, e.g. 12 ft seas. If the ensemble mean is either much lower or much higher than the threshold, the decision is easier; if it is closer to the threshold, the decision is harder. The second factor is the forecast precision, or ensemble spread. The greater the spread around the ensemble mean, the more likely it is that there will be ensemble members both above and below the decision threshold, making the decision harder. (A third factor that we will not address here is undiagnosed systematic error, which adds uncertainty in a similar way to ensemble spread.) The challenge is combining these factors into a continuous function that allows the user to assess relative risk.

#### 5.2.7.1.2 Datasets

This use case calculates the difficulty index for windspeed using NCEP GEFS ensemble data. The data is composed of 30 ensemble members that have been compiled and compressed into one .npz file.

- Variables required to calculate the difficulty index: Levels required: 10-m #. v- component of wind #. u- component of wind #. Windspeed #. Latitude #. Longitude
- Forecast dataset: NCEP GEFS 30 member Ensemble - Initialization date: 20191208 - Initialization hours: 12 UTC - Lead times: 60 - Format: Grib2 - Resolution: 0.5 degree

#### 5.2.7.1.3 METplus Components

This use case runs the UserScript wrapper tool to run a user provided script, in this case, wind\_difficulty\_index.py.

#### 5.2.7.1.4 METplus Workflow

This use case loops by process which means that each tool is run for all times before moving to the next tool. The tool order is as follows:

UserScript

This example loops by initialization time (with begin, end, and increment as specified in the METplus UserScript\_fcstGEFS\_Difficulty\_Index.conf file).

1 initialization time will be run over 1 lead time:

**Init:** 20201208\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 60

### 5.2.7.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/UserScript_fcstGEFS_Difficulty_Index.conf`

```
[config]

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = UserScript

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2020120812

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2020120812

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 12H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ =

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
```

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```
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# list of strings to loop over for each run time.
# value for each item can be referenced in filename templates with {custom?fmt=%s}
USER_SCRIPT_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = nc

USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_FOR_EACH

USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/diff_index

USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR}/wndspd_GEFS_NorthPac_5dy_30mem_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d
↳%H}.npz

USER_SCRIPT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/diff_index

USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/UserScript_fcstGEFS_
↳Difficulty_Index/wind_difficulty_index.py

[user_env_vars]

# Difficulty index specific variables

DIFF_INDEX_INPUT_FILENAME = {USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE}

DIFF_INDEX_THRESH_START = 10.0

DIFF_INDEX_THRESH_END = 40.0

DIFF_INDEX_THRESH_STEP = 2.0

DIFF_INDEX_SAVE_THRESH_START = 20.0

DIFF_INDEX_SAVE_THRESH_STOP = 38.0

DIFF_INDEX_SAVE_THRESH_STEP = 2.0

DIFF_INDEX_UNITS = kn

DIFF_INDEX_FIG_FMT = png

DIFF_INDEX_FIG_BASENAME = {USER_SCRIPT_OUTPUT_DIR}/wndspd_GEFS_NorthPac_5dy_30mem_difficulty_index
```

### 5.2.7.1.6 MET Configuration

There are no MET tools used in this use case.

### 5.2.7.1.7 Python Embedding

This use case uses a Python embedding script to read input data

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/medium\_range/UserScript\_fcstGEFS\_Difficulty\_Index/wind\_difficulty\_index.py

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

"""
Load fieldijn from npz file created with save_ensemble_data.py
helper function, compute ensemble mean and spread, compute
difficulty index for a set of thresholds, plot and save the results.
Author: Bill Campbell, NRL and Lindsay Blank, NCAR

Taken from original test_difficulty_index.py but replacing with METcalcpy and METplotpy.

"""

import os
import sys
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from metcalcpy.calc_difficulty_index import forecast_difficulty as di
from metcalcpy.calc_difficulty_index import EPS
from metcalcpy.piecewise_linear import PiecewiseLinear as plin
import metplotpy.plots.difficulty_index.mycolormaps as mcmap
from metplotpy.plots.difficulty_index.plot_difficulty_index import plot_field

def load_data(filename):
    """Load ensemble data from file"""
    loaded = np.load(filename)
    lats, lons = (loaded['lats'], loaded['lons'])
    fieldijn = np.ma.masked_invalid(
        np.ma.masked_array(
            data=loaded['data']))

    return lats, lons, fieldijn

def compute_stats(field):
    """Compute mean and std dev"""
    mu = np.mean(field, axis=-1)
    sigma = np.std(field, axis=-1, ddof=1)

    return mu, sigma

def compute_wind_envelope():
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```

"""
Computes piecewise linear envelope for winds in knots.

Returns
-----
Piecewise linear object

"""
# Envelope for version 6.1, the default
xunits = 'kn'
A6_1_name = "A6_1"
A6_1_left = 0.0
A6_1_right = 0.0
A6_1_xlist = [5.0, 28.0, 34.0, 50.0]
A6_1_ylist = [0.0, 1.5, 1.5, 0.0]
Aplin = \
    plin(A6_1_xlist, A6_1_ylist, xunits=xunits,
          right=A6_1_right, left=A6_1_left, name=A6_1_name)

return Aplin

def compute_difficulty_index(field, mu, sigma, thresholds, Aplin):
    """
    Compute difficulty index for an ensemble forecast given
    a set of thresholds, returning a dictionary of fields.
    """
    dij = {}
    for threshold in thresholds:
        dij[threshold] = \
            di(sigma, mu, threshold, field, Aplin=Aplin, sigma_over_mu_ref=EPS)

    return dij

def plot_difficulty_index(dij, lats, lons, thresholds, units):
    """
    Plot the difficulty index for a set of thresholds,
    returning a dictionary of figures
    """
    plt.close('all')
    myparams = {'figure.figsize': (8, 5),
                'figure.max_open_warning': 40}
    plt.rcParams.update(myparams)
    figs = {}
    cmap = mcmmap.stopligh()
    for threshold in thresholds:
        if np.max(dij[threshold]) <= 1.0:
            vmax = 1.0
        else:
            vmax = 1.5
        figs[threshold] = \
            plot_field(dij[threshold],

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        lats, lons, vmin=0.0, vmax=vmax, cmap=cmap,
        xlab='Longitude \u00b0E', ylab='Latitude',
        clab='thresh={} {}'.format(threshold, units),
        title='Forecast Decision Difficulty Index')

    return figs

def save_difficulty_figures(figs, save_thresh, units):
    """
    Save subset of difficulty index figures.
    """
    fig_fmt = os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_FIG_FMT')
    fig_basename = os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_FIG_BASENAME')

    # create output directory if it does not already exist
    output_dir = os.path.dirname(fig_basename)
    if not os.path.exists(output_dir):
        os.makedirs(output_dir)

    for thresh in save_thresh:
        thresh_str = '{:.2f}'.format(thresh).replace('.', '_')
        fig_name = (fig_basename + thresh_str +
                    '_' + units + '.' + fig_fmt)
        print('Saving {}...\n'.format(fig_name))
        figs[thresh].savefig(fig_name, format=fig_fmt)

def plot_statistics(mu, sigma, lats, lons, units='feet'):
    """Plot ensemble mean and spread, returning figure handles"""
    cmap = mcmmap.spectral()
    mu_fig = \
        plot_field(mu, lats, lons, cmap=cmap, clab=units,
                  vmin=0.0, vmax=np.nanmax(mu),
                  xlab='Longitude \u00b0E',
                  ylab='Latitude',
                  title='Forecast Ensemble Mean')
    sigma_fig = \
        plot_field(sigma, lats, lons, cmap=cmap, clab=units,
                  vmin=0.0, vmax=np.nanmax(sigma),
                  xlab='Longitude \u00b0E',
                  ylab='Latitude',
                  title='Forecast Ensemble Std')

    return mu_fig, sigma_fig

def save_stats_figures(mu_fig, sigma_fig):
    """
    Save ensemble mean and spread figures.
    """

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```

fig_fmt = os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_FIG_FMT')
fig_basename = os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_FIG_BASENAME')
mu_name = fig_basename + 'mean.' + fig_fmt
print('Saving {}...\n'.format(mu_name))
mu_fig.savefig(mu_name, format=fig_fmt)
sigma_name = fig_basename + 'std.' + fig_fmt
print('Saving {}...\n'.format(sigma_name))
sigma_fig.savefig(sigma_name, format=fig_fmt)

def main():
    """
    Load fieldijn from npz file created with NCEP_test.py
    helper function, compute ensemble mean and spread, compute
    difficulty index for a set of thresholds, plot and save the results.
    """

    filename = os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_INPUT_FILENAME')
    lats, lons, fieldijn = load_data(filename)
    # Convert m/s to knots
    units = os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_UNITS')
    mps2kn = 1.94384
    fieldijn = mps2kn * fieldijn
    # Ensemble mean, std dev
    muij, sigmaij = compute_stats(fieldijn)
    # Windspeed envelope
    Aplin = compute_wind_envelope()
    # Difficulty index for a set of thresholds
    thresholds = np.arange(os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_THRESH_START'), os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_
→THRESH_END'), os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_THRESH_STEP'))
    start = float(os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_THRESH_START'))
    stop = float(os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_THRESH_END'))
    step = float(os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_THRESH_STEP'))
    thresholds = np.arange(start, stop, step)
    dij = compute_difficulty_index(fieldijn, muij, sigmaij, thresholds, Aplin=Aplin)
    # Plot and save difficulty index figures
    figs = plot_difficulty_index(dij, lats, lons, thresholds, units)
    save_start = float(os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_SAVE_THRESH_START'))
    save_stop = float(os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_SAVE_THRESH_STOP'))
    save_step = float(os.environ.get('DIFF_INDEX_SAVE_THRESH_STEP'))
    save_thresh = np.arange(save_start, save_stop, save_step)
    save_difficulty_figures(figs, save_thresh, units)
    # Plot and save ensemble mean, std_dev
    mu_fig, sigma_fig = \
        plot_statistics(muij, sigmaij, lats, lons, units=units)
    save_stats_figures(mu_fig, sigma_fig)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()

```

### 5.2.7.1.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

1) Passing in UserScript\_fcstGEFS\_Difficulty\_Index.conf, then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py \
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/UserScript_fcstGEFS_Difficulty_
↪Index.conf \
-c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in UserScript\_fcstGEFS\_Difficulty\_Index.conf:

```
run_metplus.py \
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/UserScript_fcstGEFS_
↪Difficulty_Index.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

and for the [exe] section, you will need to define the location of NON-MET executables. If the executable is in the user's path, METplus will find it from the name. If the executable is not in the path, specify the full path to the executable here (i.e. RM = /bin/rm) The following executables are required for performing series analysis use cases:

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

[exe]
RM = /path/to/rm
CUT = /path/to/cut
TR = /path/to/tr
NCAP2 = /path/to/ncap2
CONVERT = /path/to/convert
NCDUMP = /path/to/ncdump
```

#### 5.2.7.1.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in a directory relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**. There should be a list of files that have the following format:

wndspd\_GIFS\_NorthPac\_5dy\_30mem\_difficulty\_indexTHRESH\_00\_kn.png

Where THRESH is a number between DIFF\_INDEX\_SAVE\_THRESH\_START and DIFF\_INDEX\_SAVE\_THRESH\_STOP which are defined in UserScript\_fcstGIFS\_Difficulty\_Index.conf.

#### 5.2.7.1.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [UserScriptUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAppUseCase](#), [NRLOrgUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/medium\_range-UserScript\_fcstGIFS\_Difficulty\_Index.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.7.2 Grid-Stat: Compute Anomaly Correlation using Climatology

model\_applications/medium\_range/GridStat\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_climoNCEP\_MultiField.conf

##### 5.2.7.2.1 Scientific Objective

To provide useful statistical information on the relationship between observation data in gridded format to a gridded forecast. These values can be used to help correct model deviations from observed values.

##### 5.2.7.2.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** GFS

**Observation:** GFS

**climatology:** NCEP

**Location:** Click here for the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:  
<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 751) section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

### 5.2.7.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GridStat wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool grid\_stat if all required files are found. Then StatAnalysis is run on the GridStat output.

### 5.2.7.2.4 METplus Workflow

GridStat and StatAnalysis are the tools called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2017-06-13 0Z

**Forecast lead:** 24 hour

**Valid:** 2017-06-13 0Z

**Forecast lead:** 48 hour

**Valid:** 2017-06-13 6Z

**Forecast lead:** 24 hour

**Valid:** 2017-06-13 6Z

**Forecast lead:** 48 hour

### 5.2.7.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/medium\_range/GridStat\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_climoNCEP\_MultiField.conf

```
# Grid to Grid Anomaly Example

[config]
# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat, StatAnalysis

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 2017061300
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```

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2017061306

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 21600

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 24, 48

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# list of variables to compare
BOTH_VAR1_NAME = TMP
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = P850, P500, P250

BOTH_VAR2_NAME = UGRD
BOTH_VAR2_LEVELS = P850, P500, P250

BOTH_VAR3_NAME = VGRD
BOTH_VAR3_LEVELS = P850, P500, P250

BOTH_VAR4_NAME = PRMSL
BOTH_VAR4_LEVELS = Z0

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = GFS
OBTYP = ANLYS

# location of grid_stat MET config file
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

GRID_STAT_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG = COS_LAT

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_vs_{OBTYP}

GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = G002
GRID_STAT_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN
GRID_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 2

GRID_STAT_MASK_GRID = FULL
GRID_STAT_MASK_POLY = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/NHX.nc, {INPUT_BASE}/model_
↪applications/medium_range/poly/SHX.nc, {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/TRO.nc,
↪{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/PNA.nc

GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_WRITE_BINS = False

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```

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SAL1L2 = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VAL1L2 = STAT

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD = NEAREST

GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_WIDTH = 2
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_DAY_INTERVAL = 1

GRID_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES = climo_mean = fcst;

# variables to describe format of forecast data
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# variables to describe format of observation data
# none needed

# StatAnalysis configuration
MODEL1 = GFS
MODEL1_OBTTYPE = ANLYS

# configuration file to use with StatAnalysis
STAT_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/STATAnalysisConfig_wrapped

# stat_analysis job info
STAT_ANALYSIS_JOB_NAME = filter

# if using -dump_row, put in JOBS_ARGS "-dump_row [dump_row_file]"
# if using -out_stat, put in JOBS_ARGS "-out_stat [out_stat_file]"
# METplus will fill in filename
STAT_ANALYSIS_JOB_ARGS = -dump_row [dump_row_file]

# Optional variables for further filtering
# can be blank, single, or multiple values
# if more than one use comma separated list
#
# (FCST)(OBS)(VALID)(INIT)_HOUR_LIST: HH format (ex. 00, 06, 12)
# (FCST)(OBS)_LEAD_LIST: HH[H][MMSS] format (ex. 00, 06, 120)
MODEL_LIST = {MODEL1}
DESC_LIST =
FCST_LEAD_LIST =
OBS_LEAD_LIST =
FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST = 00, 06
FCST_INIT_HOUR_LIST = 00, 06
OBS_VALID_HOUR_LIST =
OBS_INIT_HOUR_LIST =

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```

FCST_VAR_LIST =
OBS_VAR_LIST =
FCST_UNITS_LIST =
OBS_UNITS_LIST =
FCST_LEVEL_LIST =
OBS_LEVEL_LIST =
VX_MASK_LIST =
INTERP_MTHD_LIST =
INTERP_PNTS_LIST =
FCST_THRESH_LIST =
OBS_THRESH_LIST =
COV_THRESH_LIST =
ALPHA_LIST =
LINE_TYPE_LIST =
# how to treat items listed in above _LIST variables
# GROUP_LIST_ITEMS: items listed in a given _LIST variable
#                       will be grouped together
# LOOP_LIST_ITEMS:  items listed in a give _LIST variable
#                       will be looped over
# if not listed METplus will treat the list as a group
GROUP_LIST_ITEMS = FCST_INIT_HOUR_LIST
LOOP_LIST_ITEMS = FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST, MODEL_LIST

[dir]

# directory containing climatology data
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/grid_to_grid/nwprod/fix

# input and output data directories
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/grid_to_grid/gfs/fcst
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/grid_to_grid/gfs/obs
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_out/{MODEL}/anom

# directory to look for input for StatAnalysis
MODEL1_STAT_ANALYSIS_LOOKIN_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_out/{MODEL1}/anom/*/grid_stat

# Output data directory
STAT_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/gather_by_date/stat_analysis/grid2grid/anom

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames

# Climatology mean
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE = cmean_1d.1959{valid?fmt=%m%d}

# GFS
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = pgbf{lead?fmt=%.3H}.gfs.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

# ANLYS
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = pgbanl.gfs.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

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```

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}/grid_stat

# Optional settings to create templated directory and file name information
# to save files as stat_analysis output as, this is appended to STAT_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR
# if no template is provided a default filename set in the code will be used
# Use:
# string templates can be set for all the lists being looped over, just
# use and a lower case version of the list, ex. {fcst_valid_hour?fmt=%H}
# or {fcst_var?fmt=%s}
# For looping over models:
# can set MODELn_STAT_ANALYSIS_[DUMP_ROW/OUT_STAT]_TEMPLATE for individual models
# or STAT_ANALYSIS_[DUMP_ROW/OUT_STAT] with {model?fmt=%s}
MODEL1_STAT_ANALYSIS_DUMP_ROW_TEMPLATE = {fcst_valid_hour?fmt=%H}Z/{MODEL1}/{MODEL1}_{valid?fmt=%Y%m
→%d}.stat

```

### 5.2.7.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

#### GridStatConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry

```

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```

//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh      = [];
censor_val         = [];
cat_thresh         = [];
cnt_thresh         = [ NA ];
cnt_logic          = UNION;
wind_thresh        = [ NA ];
wind_logic         = UNION;
eclv_points        = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag     = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

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//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
    field      = BOTH;
    // shape =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
    // width =

```

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```

    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
    // cov_thresh =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
    wave_1d_beg = [];
    wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
    dx = [ 1 ];
    dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
    baddeley_p          = 2;
    baddeley_max_dist   = NA;
    fom_alpha           = 0.1;
    zhu_weight          = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry

```

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```
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
// ${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

//
//
//
// grid_weight_flag =
// ${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
// tmp_dir           = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
// ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//
//
//
// ${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### StatAnalysisConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

//
//
// STAT-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
//
//
//
// Filtering input STAT lines by the contents of each column
//
//
// ${METPLUS_MODEL}
// ${METPLUS_DESC}
//
// ${METPLUS_FCST_LEAD}
// ${METPLUS_OBS_LEAD}
//
// ${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_BEG}
// ${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_END}
// ${METPLUS_FCST_VALID_HOUR}
//
// ${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_BEG}
// ${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_END}
// ${METPLUS_OBS_VALID_HOUR}
//
// ${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_BEG}
// ${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_END}
// ${METPLUS_FCST_INIT_HOUR}
```

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```

${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_OBS_INIT_HOUR}

${METPLUS_FCST_VAR}
${METPLUS_OBS_VAR}

${METPLUS_FCST_UNITS}
${METPLUS_OBS_UNITS}

${METPLUS_FCST_LEVEL}
${METPLUS_OBS_LEVEL}

${METPLUS_OBTYP}

${METPLUS_VX_MASK}

${METPLUS_INTERP_MTHD}

${METPLUS_INTERP_PNTS}

${METPLUS_FCST_THRESH}
${METPLUS_OBS_THRESH}
${METPLUS_COV_THRESH}

${METPLUS_ALPHA}

${METPLUS_LINE_TYPE}

column = [];

weight = [];

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Array of STAT-Analysis jobs to be performed on the filtered data
//
${METPLUS_JOBS}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
out_alpha = 0.05;

boot = {
  interval = PCTILE;
  rep_prop = 1.0;
  n_rep    = 0;

```

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```

    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// WMO mean computation logic
//
wmo_sqrt_stats = [ "CNT:FSTDEV", "CNT:OSTDEV", "CNT:ESTDEV",
                  "CNT:RMSE", "CNT:RMSFA", "CNT:RMSOA",
                  "VCNT:FS_RMS", "VCNT:OS_RMS", "VCNT:RMSVE",
                  "VCNT:FSTDEV", "VCNT:OSTDEV" ];

wmo_fisher_stats = [ "CNT:PR_CORR", "CNT:SP_CORR",
                    "CNT:KT_CORR", "CNT:ANOM_CORR" ];

////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
vif_flag       = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";
//version      = "V10.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.7.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_climoNCEP\_MultiField.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/GridStat_
↳fcstGFS_obsGFS_climoNCEP_MultiField.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_climoNCEP\_MultiField.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/GridStat_
↳fcstGFS_obsGFS_climoNCEP_MultiField.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you

have write permissions

- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.7.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `gather_by_date/stat_analysis/grid2grid/anom` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- 00Z/GFS/GFS\_20170613.stat
- 06Z/GFS/GFS\_20170613.stat

#### 5.2.7.2.9 Keywords

`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/medium_range-GridStat_fcstGFS_obsGFS_climoNCEP_MultiField.png'`

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**Note:**     [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAppUseCase](#), [StatAnalysisToolUseCase](#), [GRIBFileUseCase](#),  
[NOAAEMCOrgUseCase](#), [RegriddinginTool](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.7.3 Grid-Stat: Standard Verification of Surface Fields

`model_applications/medium_range/GridStat_fcstGFS_obsGFS_Sfc_MultiField.conf`



#### 5.2.7.3.1 Scientific Objective

To provide useful statistical information on the relationship between observation data in gridded format to a gridded forecast. These values can be used to assess the skill of the prediction. Statistics stored only as partial sums to save space. Stat-Analysis must be used to compute Continuous Statistics.

#### 5.2.7.3.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** GFS

**Observation:** GFS

**Location:** Click here for the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release: <https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 761) section for more information.

**Data Source:** GFS

#### 5.2.7.3.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GridStat wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool grid\_stat if all required files are found.

#### 5.2.7.3.4 METplus Workflow

GridStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2017-06-13 0Z

**Forecast lead:** 24 hour

**Valid:** 2017-06-13 6Z

**Forecast lead:** 24 hour

### 5.2.7.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/GridStat_fcstGFS_obsGFS_Sfc_MultiField.conf`

```
# Grid to Grid Anomaly Example

[config]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 2017061300

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2017061306

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 21600

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat

# list of variables to compare
BOTH_VAR1_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR1_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 105;
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = Z2

BOTH_VAR2_NAME = RH
FCST_VAR2_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 105;
BOTH_VAR2_LEVELS = Z2

BOTH_VAR3_NAME = SPFH
FCST_VAR3_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 105;
BOTH_VAR3_LEVELS = Z2

BOTH_VAR4_NAME = HPBL
FCST_VAR4_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 01;
BOTH_VAR4_LEVELS = L0

BOTH_VAR5_NAME = PRES
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FCST_VAR5_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 01;
BOTH_VAR5_LEVELS = Z0

BOTH_VAR6_NAME = PRMSL
FCST_VAR6_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 102;
BOTH_VAR6_LEVELS = L0

BOTH_VAR7_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR7_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 01;
BOTH_VAR7_LEVELS = Z0

BOTH_VAR8_NAME = UGRD
FCST_VAR8_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 105;
BOTH_VAR8_LEVELS = Z10

BOTH_VAR9_NAME = VGRD
FCST_VAR9_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 105;
BOTH_VAR9_LEVELS = Z10

BOTH_VAR10_NAME = TSOIL
FCST_VAR10_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 112;
BOTH_VAR10_LEVELS = Z0-10

BOTH_VAR11_NAME = SOILW
FCST_VAR11_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 112;
BOTH_VAR11_LEVELS = Z0-10

BOTH_VAR12_NAME = WEASD
FCST_VAR12_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 01;
BOTH_VAR12_LEVELS = Z0

BOTH_VAR13_NAME = CAPE
FCST_VAR13_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 01;
BOTH_VAR13_LEVELS = Z0

BOTH_VAR14_NAME = CWAT
FCST_VAR14_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 200;
BOTH_VAR14_LEVELS = L0

BOTH_VAR15_NAME = PWAT
FCST_VAR15_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 200;
BOTH_VAR15_LEVELS = L0

BOTH_VAR16_NAME = TMP
FCST_VAR16_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 07;
BOTH_VAR16_LEVELS = L0

BOTH_VAR17_NAME = HGT
FCST_VAR17_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 07;
BOTH_VAR17_LEVELS = L0

BOTH_VAR18_NAME = TOZNE

```

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```

FCST_VAR18_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_tpy = 200;
BOTH_VAR18_LEVELS = L0

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 24

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = GFS
OBTYP = ANLYS

# location of grid_stat MET config file
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_{CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{OBTYP}_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}_{CURRENT_FCST_
↳LEVEL}

GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = G002
GRID_STAT_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN
GRID_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 2

GRID_STAT_MASK_POLY = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/NHX.nc,
{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/SHX.nc,
{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/N60.nc,
{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/S60.nc,
{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/TR0.nc,
{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/NP0.nc,
{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/SP0.nc,
{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/NA0.nc,
{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/SA0.nc,
{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/CONUS.nc,
{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/CAM.nc,
{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/poly/NSA.nc

GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_WRITE_BINS = False

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

GRID_STAT_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG = COS_LAT

GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD = NEAREST

GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_WIDTH = 2
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_DAY_INTERVAL = 1

```

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```
# variables to describe format of forecast data
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# variables to describe format of observation data
# none needed

[dir]

# input and output data directories
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/grid_to_grid/gfs/fcst
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/grid_to_grid/gfs/fcst
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/met_out/{MODEL}/sfc

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
# FCST
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = pgbf{lead?fmt=%HHH}.gfs.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

# ANLYS
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = pgbf000.gfs.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}/grid_stat
```

### 5.2.7.3.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
```

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```

// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTTYPE}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh      = [];
censor_val         = [];
cat_thresh         = [];
cnt_thresh         = [ NA ];
cnt_logic          = UNION;
wind_thresh        = [ NA ];
wind_logic         = UNION;
eclv_points        = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag     = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
  ${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
  interval = PCTILE;
  rep_prop = 1.0;
  n_rep    = 0;
  rng      = "mt19937";
  seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
  ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods

```

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```

//
nbrhd = {
  field      = BOTH;
  // shape =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
  // width =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
  // cov_thresh =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
  vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
  wave_1d_beg = [];
  wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
  baddeley_p      = 2;
  baddeley_max_dist = NA;
  fom_alpha       = 0.1;
  zhu_weight      = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//

```

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```
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.2.7.3.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_Sfc\_MultiField.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/GridStat_
↳fcstGFS_obsGFS_Sfc_MultiField.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_Sfc\_MultiField.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/GridStat_
↳fcstGFS_obsGFS_Sfc_MultiField.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.7.3.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in met\_out/{MODEL}/sfc (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- 00Z/GFS/GFS\_20170613.stat
- 06Z/GFS/GFS\_20170613.stat

#### 5.2.7.3.9 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/medium\_range-GridStat\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_Sfc\_MultiField.png'

---

**Note:** [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAppUseCase](#), [GRIBFileUseCase](#), [NOAAEMCOrgUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.7.4 Point-Stat: Standard Verification of Global Upper Air

model\_applications/medium\_range/PointStat\_fcstGFS\_obsGDAS\_UpperAir\_MultiField\_PrepBufr.conf

##### 5.2.7.4.1 Scientific Objective

To provide useful statistical information on the relationship between observation data in point format to a gridded forecast. These values can be used to assess the skill of the prediction. Statistics are stored as partial sums to save space and Stat-Analysis must be used to compute the Continuous Statistics.

#### 5.2.7.4.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** GFS temperature, u-wind component, v-wind component, and height

**Observation:** GDAS prepBURF data

**Location:** Click [here](https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases) for the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release: <https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 773) section for more information.

#### 5.2.7.4.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PB2NC wrapper to convert PrepBUFR point observations to NetCDF format and then compare them to gridded forecast data using PointStat.

#### 5.2.7.4.4 METplus Workflow

PB2NC and PointStat are the tools called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2017-06-01 0Z

**Valid:** 2017-06-02 0Z

**Valid:** 2017-06-03 0Z

#### 5.2.7.4.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/PointStat_fcstGFS_obsGDAS_UpperAir_MultiField_PrepBufr.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.
PROCESS_LIST = PB2NC, PointStat

## LOOP_ORDER
## Options are: processes, times
## Looping by time- runs all items in the PROCESS_LIST for each
## initialization time and repeats until all times have been evaluated.
## Looping by processes- run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all
## specified initialization times then repeat for the next item in the
## PROCESS_LIST.
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```

LOOP_ORDER = times

LOOP_BY = VALID
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d
VALID_BEG = 20170601
VALID_END = 20170603
VALID_INCREMENT = 86400

LEAD_SEQ = 0

# For both pb2nc and point_stat, the obs_window dictionary:
OBS_WINDOW_BEGIN = -2700
OBS_WINDOW_END = 2700

# Logging levels: DEBUG, INFO, WARN, ERROR (most verbose is DEBUG)
LOG_LEVEL = DEBUG

PB2NC_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = True

## MET Configuration files for pb2nc and point_stat
PB2NC_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/PB2NCConfig_wrapped
POINT_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/PointStatConfig_wrapped

PB2NC_QUALITY_MARK_THRESH = 3

PB2NC_PB_REPORT_TYPE = 120, 220, 221, 122, 222, 223, 224, 131, 133, 233, 153, 156, 157, 180, 280, 181,
→ 182, 281, 282, 183, 284, 187, 287

PB2NC_LEVEL_CATEGORY = 0, 1, 4, 5, 6

POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD = NEAREST
POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_METHOD = BILIN
POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_WIDTH = 2

POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VL1L2 = STAT

# Either conus_sfc or upper_air
PB2NC_VERTICAL_LOCATION = upper_air

#
# PB2NC
#
# These are appended with PB2NC to differentiate the GRID, POLY, and MESSAGE_TYPE for point_stat.
PB2NC_GRID =
PB2NC_POLY =
PB2NC_STATION_ID =
PB2NC_MESSAGE_TYPE =

# Leave empty to process all
PB2NC_OBS_BUFR_VAR_LIST = QOB, TOB, ZOB, UOB, VOB, D_RH

```

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```

*****
# ***NOTE***
*****
# SET TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG to False. There is a bug in met-6.1.
## For defining the time periods for summarization
# False for no time summary, True otherwise
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG = False
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_BEG = 000000 ;; start time of time summary in HHMMSS format
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_END = 235959 ;; end time of time summary in HHMMSS format
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VAR_NAMES = PMO,TOB,TDO,UOB,VOB,PWO,TOCC
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_TYPES = min, max, range, mean, stdev, median, p80 ;; a list of the statistics to
↳ summarize

# Model/fcst and obs name, e.g. GFS, NAM, GDAS, etc.
MODEL = gfs
OBTYP = gdas

# Regrid to specified grid. Indicate NONE if no regridding, or the grid id
# (e.g. G212)
POINT_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = G003
POINT_STAT_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN
POINT_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 2

# Verification Masking regions
# Indicate which grid and polygon masking region, if applicable
POINT_STAT_GRID = FULL
# List of full path to poly masking files. NOTE: Only short lists of poly
# files work (those that fit on one line), a long list will result in an
# environment variable that is too long, resulting in an error. For long
# lists of poly masking files (i.e. all the mask files in the NCEP_mask
# directory), define these in the MET point_stat configuration file.
POINT_STAT_POLY =
POINT_STAT_STATION_ID =

# Message types, if all message types are to be returned, leave this empty,
# otherwise indicate the message types of interest.
POINT_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE = ADPUPA

# Variables and levels as specified in the field dictionary of the MET
# point_stat configuration file. Specify as FCST_VARn_NAME, FCST_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) FCST_VARn_OPTION

BOTH_VAR1_NAME = TMP
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = P1000, P925, P850, P700, P500, P400, P300, P250, P200, P150, P100, P50, P20, P10

BOTH_VAR2_NAME = RH
BOTH_VAR2_LEVELS = P1000, P925, P850, P700, P500, P400, P300

BOTH_VAR3_NAME = UGRD
BOTH_VAR3_LEVELS = P1000, P925, P850, P700, P500, P400, P300, P250, P200, P150, P100, P50, P20, P10

```

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```

BOTH_VAR4_NAME = VGRD
BOTH_VAR4_LEVELS = P1000, P925, P850, P700, P500, P400, P300, P250, P200, P150, P100, P50, P20, P10

BOTH_VAR5_NAME = HGT
BOTH_VAR5_LEVELS = P1000, P950, P925, P850, P700, P500, P400, P300, P250, P200, P150, P100, P50, P20,
↳P10

[dir]
PB2NC_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/grid_to_obs/prepbufr/gdas
PB2NC_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/gdas/upper_air

FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/grid_to_obs/gfs
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {PB2NC_OUTPUT_DIR}

POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/{OBTTYPE}

[filename_templates]
## Output file template
PB2NC_INPUT_TEMPLATE = prepbufr.gdas.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}
PB2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = prepbufr.gdas.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.nc

FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = pgbf{lead?fmt=%HH}.gfs.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {PB2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

```

#### 5.2.7.4.6 MET Configuration

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#### PB2NCConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [PB2NC MET Configuration](#) (page 134) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// PB2NC configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// PrepBufr message type
//
${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values
// Derive PRMSL only for SURFACE message types
//
message_type_group_map = [
  { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ANYAIR"; val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
  { key = "ANYSFC"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ONLYSF"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; }
];

//
// Mapping of input PrepBufr message types to output message types
//
message_type_map = [];

//
// PrepBufr station ID
//
${METPLUS_STATION_ID}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observation time window
//
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observation retention regions
//
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observing location elevation
//
elevation_range = {
  beg = -1000;
  end = 100000;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Observation types
//
//pb_report_type =
${METPLUS_PB_REPORT_TYPE}

in_report_type = [];

instrument_type = [];

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Vertical levels to retain
//
//level_range = {
${METPLUS_LEVEL_RANGE_DICT}

//level_category =
${METPLUS_LEVEL_CATEGORY}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// BUFR variable names to retain or derive.
// If empty, process all available variables.
//
${METPLUS_OBS_BUFR_VAR}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Mapping of BUFR variable name to GRIB name. The default map is defined at
// obs_prepbufr_map. This replaces/extends the default map.
//
obs_bufr_map = [];

// This map is for PREPBUFR. It will be added into obs_bufr_map.
// Please do not override this map.
obs_prefbufr_map = [
  { key = "POB";    val = "PRES"; },
  { key = "QOB";    val = "SPFH"; },
  { key = "TOB";    val = "TMP"; },
  { key = "ZOB";    val = "HGT"; },
  { key = "UOB";    val = "UGRD"; },
  { key = "VOB";    val = "VGRD"; },
  { key = "D_DPT";  val = "DPT"; },
  { key = "D_WDIR"; val = "WDIR"; },
  { key = "D_WIND"; val = "WIND"; },
  { key = "D_RH";   val = "RH"; },
  { key = "D_MIXR"; val = "MIXR"; },

```

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```

{ key = "D_PRMSL"; val = "PRMSL"; },
{ key = "D_PBL";   val = "PBL";   },
{ key = "D_CAPE";  val = "CAPE";  }
];

////////////////////////////////////

//quality_mark_thresh =
${METPLUS_QUALITY_MARK_THRESH}

event_stack_flag      = TOP;

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Time periods for the summarization
//
${METPLUS_TIME_SUMMARY_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

tmp_dir = "/tmp";
//version = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### PointStatConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [PointStat MET Configuration](#) (page 145) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Point-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written

```

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```

// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
censor_thresh = [];
censor_val     = [];
cat_thresh     = [ NA ];
cnt_thresh     = [ NA ];
cnt_logic      = UNION;
wind_thresh    = [ NA ];
wind_logic     = UNION;
eclv_points    = 0.05;
rank_corr_flag = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// message_type =
${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc         = [];
//obs_quality =
${METPLUS_OBS_QUALITY}
duplicate_flag  = NONE;
obs_summary     = NONE;
obs_perc_value  = 50;

```

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```

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
  { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHp,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ANYAIR"; val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
  { key = "ANYSFC"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHp,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ONLYSF"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHp"; },
  { key = "LANDSF"; val = "ADPSFC,MSONET"; },
  { key = "WATERSF"; val = "SFCSHp"; }
];

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
// obs_window = {
  ${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
  ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
  ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
  ${METPLUS_MASK_SID}
  llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// HiRA verification method
//
hira = {
    flag      = FALSE;
    width     = [ 2, 3, 4, 5 ];
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
    cov_thresh = [ ==0.25 ];
    shape     = SQUARE;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version    = "V10.0.0";

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

#### 5.2.7.4.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PointStat\_fcstGFS\_obsGDAS\_UpperAir\_MultiField\_PrepBufr.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/PointStat_
↪fcstGFS_obsGDAS_UpperAir_MultiField_PrepBufr.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PointStat\_fcstGFS\_obsGDAS\_UpperAir\_MultiField\_PrepBufr.conf:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/PointStat_
↪fcstGFS_obsGDAS_UpperAir_MultiField_PrepBufr.conf

```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.7.4.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in gdas (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- point\_stat\_000000L\_20170601\_000000V.stat

- point\_stat\_000000L\_20170602\_000000V.stat
- point\_stat\_000000L\_20170603\_000000V.stat

#### 5.2.7.4.9 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/medium\_range-PointStat\_fcstGFS\_obsGDAS\_UpperAir\_MultiField\_PrepBufr'

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**Note:** [PB2NCToolUseCase](#), [PointStatToolUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAppUseCase](#), [GRIBFileUseCase](#), [prep-BUFRFileUseCase](#), [NOAAEMCOrgUseCase](#), [RegriddinginToolUseCase](#), [ObsTimeSummaryUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.7.5 Point-Stat: Standard Verification for CONUS Surface

model\_applications/medium\_range/PointStat\_fcstGFS\_obsNAM\_Sfc\_MultiField\_PrepBufr.conf

##### 5.2.7.5.1 Scientific Objective

To provide useful statistical information on the relationship between observation data in point format to a gridded forecast. These values can be used to assess the skill of the prediction. Statistics are store as partial sums to save space and Stat-Analysis must be used to compute Continuous statistics.

##### 5.2.7.5.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** GFS temperature, u-wind component, v-wind component, and height

**Observation:** NAM prepBURF data

**Location:** Click here for the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release: <https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 785) section for more information.

**Data Source:** Unknown

### 5.2.7.5.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus PB2NC wrapper to convert PrepBUFR point observations to NetCDF format and then compare them to gridded forecast data using PointStat.

### 5.2.7.5.4 METplus Workflow

PB2NC and PointStat are the tools called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2017-06-01 0Z

**Valid:** 2017-06-02 0Z

**Valid:** 2017-06-03 0Z

### 5.2.7.5.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/PointStat_fcstGFS_obsNAM_Sfc_MultiField_PrepBufr.conf`

```
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.
PROCESS_LIST = PB2NC, PointStat

## LOOP_ORDER
## Options are: processes, times
## Looping by time- runs all items in the PROCESS_LIST for each
## initialization time and repeats until all times have been evaluated.
## Looping by processes- run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all
## specified initialization times then repeat for the next item in the
## PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# Logging levels: DEBUG, INFO, WARN, ERROR (most verbose is DEBUG)
LOG_LEVEL = DEBUG

## MET Configuration files for pb2nc and point_stat
PB2NC_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/PB2NCConfig_wrapped
POINT_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/PointStatConfig_wrapped

PB2NC_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = True
```

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```

LOOP_BY = VALID
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d
VALID_BEG = 20170601
VALID_END = 20170603
VALID_INCREMENT = 86400

LEAD_SEQ = 0

# For both pb2nc and point_stat, the obs_window dictionary:
OBS_WINDOW_BEGIN = -2700
OBS_WINDOW_END = 2700

PB2NC_QUALITY_MARK_THRESH = 3

PB2NC_PB_REPORT_TYPE = 120, 220, 221, 122, 222, 223, 224, 131, 133, 233, 153, 156, 157, 180, 280, 181,
↪ 182, 281, 282, 183, 284, 187, 287

PB2NC_LEVEL_CATEGORY = 0, 1, 4, 5, 6

POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD = NEAREST
POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_METHOD = BILIN
POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_WIDTH = 2

POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VL1L2 = STAT

# Either conus_sfc or upper_air
PB2NC_VERTICAL_LOCATION = conus_sfc

#
# PB2NC
#
# These are appended with PB2NC to differentiate the GRID, POLY, and MESSAGE_TYPE for point_stat.
PB2NC_GRID =
PB2NC_POLY =
PB2NC_STATION_ID =
PB2NC_MESSAGE_TYPE =

# Leave empty to process all
PB2NC_OBS_BUFR_VAR_LIST = PMO, TOB, TDO, UOB, VOB, PW0, TOCC, D_RH

#*****
# ***NOTE***
#*****
# SET TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG to False. There is a bug in met-6.1.
## For defining the time periods for summarization
# False for no time summary, True otherwise
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG = False
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_BEG = 000000 ;; start time of time summary in HHMMSS format
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_END = 235959 ;; end time of time summary in HHMMSS format

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```

PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VAR_NAMES = PMO,TOB,TDO,UOB,VOB,PWO,TOCC
PB2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_TYPES = min, max, range, mean, stdev, median, p80 ;; a list of the statistics to
↳ summarize

# Model/fcst and obs name, e.g. GFS, NAM, GDAS, etc.
MODEL = gfs
OBTYP = nam

# Regrid to specified grid. Indicate NONE if no regridding, or the grid id
# (e.g. G212)
POINT_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = G104
POINT_STAT_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN
POINT_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 2

# Verification Masking regions
# Indicate which grid and polygon masking region, if applicable
POINT_STAT_GRID = FULL
# List of full path to poly masking files. NOTE: Only short lists of poly
# files work (those that fit on one line), a long list will result in an
# environment variable that is too long, resulting in an error. For long
# lists of poly masking files (i.e. all the mask files in the NCEP_mask
# directory), define these in the MET point_stat configuration file.
POINT_STAT_POLY =
POINT_STAT_STATION_ID =

# Message types, if all message types are to be returned, leave this empty,
# otherwise indicate the message types of interest.
POINT_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE = ONLYSF
# Variables and levels as specified in the field dictionary of the MET
# point_stat configuration file. Specify as FCST_VARn_NAME, FCST_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) FCST_VARn_OPTION

BOTH_VAR1_NAME = TMP
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = Z2

BOTH_VAR2_NAME = RH
BOTH_VAR2_LEVELS = Z2

BOTH_VAR3_NAME = DPT
BOTH_VAR3_LEVELS = Z2

BOTH_VAR4_NAME = UGRD
BOTH_VAR4_LEVELS = Z10

BOTH_VAR5_NAME = VGRD
BOTH_VAR5_LEVELS = Z10

BOTH_VAR6_NAME = TCDC
BOTH_VAR6_LEVELS = L0
FCST_VAR6_OPTIONS = GRIB_lvl_typ = 200;

BOTH_VAR7_NAME = PRMSL

```

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```

BOTH_VAR7_LEVELS = Z0

[dir]
PB2NC_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/grid_to_obs/prepbufr/nam
PB2NC_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/nam/conus_sfc

FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/grid_to_obs/gfs
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {PB2NC_OUTPUT_DIR}

POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/{OBTYP}

[filename_templates]
PB2NC_INPUT_TEMPLATE = nam.{da_init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/nam.t{da_init?fmt=%2H}z.prepbufr.tm{offset?fmt=%2H}

PB2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/nam.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.nc

FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = pgbf{lead?fmt=%HH}.gfs.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {PB2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

```

#### 5.2.7.5.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

#### PB2NCConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [PB2NC MET Configuration](#) (page 134) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// PB2NC configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// PrepBufr message type
//
${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}

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```

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values
// Derive PRMSL only for SURFACE message types
//
message_type_group_map = [
  { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ANYAIR"; val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
  { key = "ANYSFC"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ONLYSF"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; }
];

//
// Mapping of input PrepBufr message types to output message types
//
message_type_map = [];

//
// PrepBufr station ID
//
${METPLUS_STATION_ID}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observation time window
//
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observation retention regions
//
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observing location elevation
//
elevation_range = {
  beg = -1000;
  end = 100000;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Observation types
//
//pb_report_type =

```

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```

${METPLUS_PB_REPORT_TYPE}

in_report_type = [];

instrument_type = [];

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Vertical levels to retain
//
//level_range = {
${METPLUS_LEVEL_RANGE_DICT}

//level_category =
${METPLUS_LEVEL_CATEGORY}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// BUFR variable names to retain or derive.
// If empty, process all available variables.
//
${METPLUS_OBS_BUFR_VAR}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Mapping of BUFR variable name to GRIB name. The default map is defined at
// obs_prepbufr_map. This replaces/extends the default map.
//
obs_bufr_map = [];

// This map is for PREPBUFR. It will be added into obs_bufr_map.
// Please do not override this map.
obs_prefbufr_map = [
  { key = "POB";    val = "PRES";  },
  { key = "QOB";    val = "SPFH";  },
  { key = "TOB";    val = "TMP";    },
  { key = "ZOB";    val = "HGT";    },
  { key = "UOB";    val = "UGRD";   },
  { key = "VOB";    val = "VGRD";   },
  { key = "D_DPT";  val = "DPT";    },
  { key = "D_WDIR"; val = "WDIR";    },
  { key = "D_WIND"; val = "WIND";    },
  { key = "D_RH";   val = "RH";      },
  { key = "D_MIXR"; val = "MIXR";    },
  { key = "D_PRMSL"; val = "PRMSL";  },
  { key = "D_PBL";  val = "PBL";     },
  { key = "D_CAPE"; val = "CAPE";    },
];

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//quality_mark_thresh =
${METPLUS_QUALITY_MARK_THRESH}

event_stack_flag    = TOP;

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Time periods for the summarization
//
${METPLUS_TIME_SUMMARY_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

tmp_dir = "/tmp";
//version = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### PointStatConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [PointStat MET Configuration](#) (page 145) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Point-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
// ${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];
cat_thresh    = [ NA ];
cnt_thresh    = [ NA ];
cnt_logic     = UNION;
wind_thresh   = [ NA ];
wind_logic    = UNION;
eclv_points   = 0.05;
rank_corr_flag = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// message_type =
// ${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc        = [];
//obs_quality =
// ${METPLUS_OBS_QUALITY}
duplicate_flag = NONE;
obs_summary    = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [

```

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```

{ key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHp,MSONET"; },
{ key = "ANYAIR"; val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
{ key = "ANYSFC"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHp,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
{ key = "ONLYSF"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHp"; },
{ key = "LANDSF"; val = "ADPSFC,MSONET"; },
{ key = "WATERSF"; val = "SFCSHp"; }
];

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
// obs_window = {
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_SID}
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

```

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```

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
//interp = {
    ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// HiRA verification method
//
hira = {
    flag      = FALSE;
    width     = [ 2, 3, 4, 5 ];
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
    cov_thresh = [ ==0.25 ];
    shape     = SQUARE;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version     = "V10.0.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```



### 5.2.7.5.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in PointStat\_fcstGFS\_obsNAM\_Sfc\_MultiField\_PrepBufr.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/PointStat_
  ↪fcstGFS_obsNAM_Sfc_MultiField_PrepBufr.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in PointStat\_fcstGFS\_obsNAM\_Sfc\_MultiField\_PrepBufr.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/PointStat_
  ↪fcstGFS_obsNAM_Sfc_MultiField_PrepBufr.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.2.7.5.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in nam (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- point\_stat\_000000L\_20170601\_000000V.stat
- point\_stat\_000000L\_20170602\_000000V.stat
- point\_stat\_000000L\_20170603\_000000V.stat

#### 5.2.7.5.9 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/medium\_range-PointStat\_fcstGFS\_obsNAM\_Sfc\_MultiField\_PrepBufr.png'

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**Note:** [PB2NCToolUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAppUseCase](#), [PointStatToolUseCase](#), [GRIBFileUseCase](#), [prep-BUFRFileUseCase](#), [NOAAEMCOrgUseCase](#), [RegriddingInToolUseCase](#), [ObsTimeSummaryUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.7.6 Multi\_Tool: Feature Relative by Init

model\_applications/medium\_range/TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS \_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative \_Series-ByInit.conf

##### 5.2.7.6.1 Scientific Objective

By maintaining focus of each evaluation time (or evaluation time series, in this case) on a user-defined area around a cyclone, the model statistical errors associated with cyclonic physical features (moisture flux, stability, strength of upper-level PV anomaly and jet, etc.) can be related directly to the model forecasts and provide improvement guidance by accurately depicting interactions with significant weather features around and within the cyclone. This is in contrast to the traditional method of regional averaging cyclone observations in a fixed grid, which “smooths out” system features and limits the meaningful metrics that can be gathered.

##### 5.2.7.6.2 Datasets

Relevant information about the datasets that would be beneficial include:

- TC-Pairs/TC-Stat Forecast dataset: ADeck modified-ATCF tropical cyclone data
- Series-Analysis Forecast dataset: GFS
- TC-Pairs/TC-Stat Observation dataset: BDeck modified-ATCF tropical cyclone data
- Series-Analysis Observation dataset: GFS Analysis

##### 5.2.7.6.3 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

\* netCDF4

#### 5.2.7.6.4 METplus Components

This use case first runs TCPairs and ExtractTiles to generate matched tropical cyclone data and regrid them into appropriately-sized tiles along a storm track. The MET tc-stat tool is used to filter the track data, and the MET regrid-dataplane tool is used to regrid the data (GRIB1 or GRIB2 into netCDF). Next, a series analysis by init time is performed on the results and plots (.ps and .png) are generated for all variable-level-stat combinations from the specified variables, levels, and requested statistics.

#### 5.2.7.6.5 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time: TCPairs > RegridDataPlane, TCStat > SeriesAnalysis

This example loops by initialization time. For each initialization time it will process forecast leads 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, and 40. There is only one initialization time in this example, so the following will be run:

Run times:

**Init:** 20141214\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 6

**Init:** 20141214\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 12

**Init:** 20141214\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 18

**Init:** 20141214\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 24

**Init:** 20141214\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 30

**Init:** 20141214\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 36

**Init:** 20141214\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 42

#### 5.2.7.6.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_obsGFS_FeatureRelative_SeriesB`

```
#
# CONFIGURATION
#
[config]

# Loop over each process in the process list (set in PROCESS_LIST) for all times in the time window of
# interest.
LOOP_ORDER = processes
# Configuration files
TC_PAIRS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/TCPairsConfig_wrapped

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/SeriesAnalysisConfig_wrapped

PROCESS_LIST = TCMembers, TCStat, ExtractTiles, TCStat(for_series_analysis), SeriesAnalysis

# The init time begin and end times, increment
LOOP_BY = INIT
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d
INIT_BEG = 20141214
INIT_END = 20141214

# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end
# time
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600 ;; set to every 6 hours=21600 seconds

#####
# TCMembers Configurations
#####

# A list of times to include, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_INCLUDE =

# A list of times to exclude, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_EXCLUDE =

# Specify model valid time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]. Only tracks
# that fall within the valid time window will be used.
TC_PAIRS_VALID_BEG =
TC_PAIRS_VALID_END =
```

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```

#
# Run MET tc_pairs by indicating the top-level directories for the A-deck
# and B-deck files. Set to 'yes' to run using top-level directories, 'no'
# if you want to run tc_pairs on files paired by the wrapper.
TC_PAIRS_READ_ALL_FILES = no

# List of models to be used (white space or comma separated) eg: DSHP, LGEM, HWRF
# If no models are listed, then process all models in the input file(s).
MODEL = GFSO

# List of storm ids of interest (space or comma separated) e.g.: AL112012, AL122012
# If no storm ids are listed, then process all storm ids in the input file(s).
TC_PAIRS_STORM_ID =

# Basins (of origin/region). Indicate with space or comma-separated list of regions, eg. AL: for_
↳North Atlantic,
# WP: Western North Pacific, CP: Central North Pacific, SH: Southern Hemisphere, IO: North Indian_
↳Ocean, LS: Southern
# Hemisphere
TC_PAIRS_BASIN =

# Cyclone, a space or comma-separated list of cyclone numbers. If left empty, all cyclones will be_
↳used.
TC_PAIRS_CYCLONE =

# Storm name, a space or comma-separated list of storm names to evaluate. If left empty, all storms_
↳will be used.
TC_PAIRS_STORM_NAME =

# DLAND file, the full path of the file that contains the gridded representation of the
# minimum distance from land.
TC_PAIRS_DLAND_FILE = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/tc_data/dland_global_tenth_degree.nc

TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DECK = yes
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_TYPE = SBU

TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL_TO_REPLACE = -99
TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL = -9999

# overwrite modified track data (non-ATCF to ATCF format)
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_REFORMAT_EXISTS = yes

# overwrite tc_pairs output
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = yes

#####
# TCStat Configurations
#####
TC_STAT_JOB_ARGS = -job filter -basin ML -dump_row {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}/{TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

# Specify whether only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK

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# tracks should be written out. This is only used when explicitly calling
# TC_STAT in the PROCESS_LIST. This is not used in this use case, so setting
# it to either false or true has no impact.
TC_STAT_MATCH_POINTS = true

# These all map to the options in the default TC-Stat config file, except these
# are pre-pended with TC_STAT to avoid clashing with any other similarly
# named options from other MET tools (eg TC_STAT_AMODEL corresponds to the
# amodel option in the default MET tc-stat config file, whereas AMODEL
# corresponds to the amodel option in the MET tc-pairs config file).

# Stratify by these columns:
TC_STAT_AMODEL =
TC_STAT_BMODEL =
TC_STAT_DESC =
TC_STAT_STORM_ID =
TC_STAT_BASIN =
TC_STAT_CYCLONE =
TC_STAT_STORM_NAME =

# Stratify by init times via a comma-separate list of init times to
# include or exclude. Time format defined as YYYYMMDD_HH or YYYYMMDD_HHmss
TC_STAT_INIT_BEG =
TC_STAT_INIT_END =
TC_STAT_INIT_INCLUDE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}
TC_STAT_INIT_EXCLUDE =
TC_STAT_INIT_HOUR =
# Stratify by valid times via a comma-separate list of valid times to
# include or exclude. Time format defined as YYYYMMDD_HH or YYYYMMDD_HHmss
TC_STAT_VALID_BEG =
TC_STAT_VALID_END =
TC_STAT_VALID_INCLUDE =
TC_STAT_VALID_EXCLUDE =
TC_STAT_VALID_HOUR =
TC_STAT_LEAD_REQ =
TC_STAT_INIT_MASK =
TC_STAT_VALID_MASK =
# Stratify by the valid time and lead time via comma-separated list of
# times in format HH[MMSS]
TC_STAT_VALID_HOUR =
TC_STAT_LEAD =

# Stratify over the watch_warn column in the tcst file. Setting this to
# 'ALL' will match HUWARN, HUWATCH, TSWARN, TSWATCH
TC_STAT_TRACK_WATCH_WARN =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns. Specify with
# comma-separated list of column names and thresholds to be applied.
# The length of TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME should be the same as
# TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL.
TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME =
TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL =

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# Stratify by a list of comma-separated columns names and values corresponding
# to non-numeric data columns of the values of interest.
TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_NAME =
TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_VAL =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns only when lead=0.
# If lead=0 and the value does not meet the threshold, discard the entire
# track. The length of TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_NAME must equal the length of
# TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_VAL.
TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_NAME =
TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_VAL =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns only when lead = 0.
# If lead = 0 but the value doesn't meet the threshold, discard the entire
# track.
TC_STAT_INIT_STR_NAME =
TC_STAT_INIT_STR_VAL =

# Excludes any points where distance to land is <=0. When set to TRUE, once land
# is encountered, the remainder of the forecast track is NOT used for the
# verification, even if the track moves back over water.
TC_STAT_WATER_ONLY =

# TRUE or FALSE. To specify whether only those track points occurring near
# landfall should be retained. Landfall is the last bmodel track point before
# the distance to land switches from water to land.
TC_STAT_LANDFALL =

# Define the landfall retention window, which is defined as the hours offset
# from the time of landfall. Format is in HH[MMSS]. Default TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG
# is set to -24, and TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END is set to 00
#TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG = -24
#TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END = 00
TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG =
TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END =

# OVERWRITE OPTIONS
# Skip writing filter files if they already exist.
# Set to yes if you want to skip processing existing files
# Set to no if you want to override existing files
EXTRACT_TILES_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = yes

# Constants used in creating the tile grid, used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_NLAT = 60
EXTRACT_TILES_NLON = 60

# Resolution of data in degrees, used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_DLAT = 0.5
EXTRACT_TILES_DLON = 0.5

# Degrees to subtract from the center lat and lon to

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# calculate the lower left lat (lat_ll) and lower
# left lon (lon_ll) for a grid that is 2n X 2m,
# where n = EXTRACT_TILES_LAT_ADJ degrees and m = EXTRACT_TILES_LON_ADJ degrees.
# For this case, where n=15 and m=15, this results
# in a 30 deg X 30 deg grid. Used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_LON_ADJ = 15
EXTRACT_TILES_LAT_ADJ = 15

# Settings specific to the TCStat(for_series_analysis) process that was set
# in the PROCESS_LIST. Any TC_STAT_* variable not set in this section will use
# the value set outside of this section
[for_series_analysis]
TC_STAT_JOB_ARGS = -job filter -init_beg {INIT_BEG} -init_end {INIT_END} -dump_row {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_
↳DIR}/{TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR}
TC_STAT_LOOKIN_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}

[config]

# Used by extract tiles and series analysis to define the records of
# interest to be retrieved from the grib2 file
#
BOTH_VAR1_NAME = TMP
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = Z2

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_INIT_OR_VALID

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUN_ONCE_PER_STORM_ID = True

# PLOTTING Relevant to series analysis plots.
# By default, background map is turned off. Set
# to no to turn of plotting of background map.
SERIES_ANALYSIS_BACKGROUND_MAP = no

# set the regrid dictionary item to_grid in the SeriesAnalysis MET config file
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_TO_GRID = FCST
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_METHOD = FORCE
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_WIDTH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_SHAPE =

## NOTE: "TOTAL" is a REQUIRED cnt statistic used by the series analysis scripts
SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST = TOTAL, FBAR, OBAR, ME

SERIES_ANALYSIS_BLOCK_SIZE = 4000

# set to True to add the -paired flag to the SeriesAnalysis command
SERIES_ANALYSIS_IS_PAIRRED = True

# If True/yes, run plot_data_plane on output from Series-Analysis to generate
# images for each stat item listed in SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST

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SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_PLOTS = yes

# If True/yes, run convert on output from Series-Analysis to generate
# a gif using images in groups of name/level/stat
SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_ANIMATIONS = no

# Title to use when plotting output from Series-Analysis
# Only used if SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_PLOTS is True/yes
PLOT_DATA_PLANE_TITLE = {MODEL} Init {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H} Storm {storm_id} {num_leads} Forecasts (F
→{fcst_beg} to F{fcst_end}) {stat} for {fcst_name}, {fcst_level}

#
# FILENAME TEMPLATES
#
[filename_templates]
# Define the format of the filenames
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/a{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m}*.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/b{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m}*.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}

TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/filter_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}.tcst

EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?
→fmt=%3H}.grb2
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}00_000.
→grb2

FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/{storm_id}/FCST_TILE_F{lead?fmt=%3H}_gfs_4_
→{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%3H}.nc
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/{storm_id}/OBS_TILE_F{lead?fmt=%3H}_gfs_4_
→{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%3H}.nc

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}
OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

SERIES_ANALYSIS_TC_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

# Template to look for climatology mean input to SeriesAnalysis relative to SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_
→MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology standard deviation input to SeriesAnalysis relative to SERIES_
→ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/{storm_id}/series_{fcst_name}_{fcst_level}.nc
#

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```
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/track_data
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_INPUT_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR}
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/track_data_atcf
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs

TC_STAT_LOOKIN_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR}
TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}

EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}

FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/reduced_model_data
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/reduced_model_data
EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/extract_tiles

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}
OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}
SERIES_ANALYSIS_TC_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR}

# directory containing climatology mean input to SeriesAnalysis
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology standard deviation input to SeriesAnalysis
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/series_analysis_init
```

#### 5.2.7.6.7 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

#### TCPairsConfig\_wrapped

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**Note:** See the [TCPairs MET Configuration](#) (page 189) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCPairs configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// ATCF file format reference:
//   http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html
//

//
// Models
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Description
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Storm identifiers
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Basins
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Cyclone numbers
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//
// Storm names
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Valid model time window
//

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${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}

//
// Model initialization hours
//
init_hour = [];

//
// Required lead time in hours
//
lead_req = [];

//
// lat/lon polylines defining masking regions
//
init_mask = "";
valid_mask = "";

//
// Specify if the code should check for duplicate ATCF lines
//
check_dup = FALSE;

//
// Specify special processing to be performed for interpolated models.
// Set to NONE, FILL, or REPLACE.
//
interp12 = REPLACE;

//
// Specify how consensus forecasts should be defined
//
consensus = [];

//
// Forecast lag times
//
lag_time = [];

//
// CLIPER/SHIFOR baseline forecasts to be derived from the BEST
// and operational (CARQ) tracks.
//
best_technique = [ "BEST" ];
best_baseline = [];
oper_technique = [ "CARQ" ];
oper_baseline = [];

//
// Specify the datasets to be searched for analysis tracks (NONE, ADECK, BDECK,
// or BOTH).

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```
//
only_track = BDECK;

//
// Specify if only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks be written out.
//
match_points = TRUE;

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify watch/warning information:
//   - Input watch/warning filename
//   - Watch/warning time offset in seconds
//
watch_warn = {
    file_name   = "MET_BASE/tc_data/wwpts-us.txt";
    time_offset = -14400;
}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V9.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

## TCStatConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [TCStat MET Configuration](#) (page 200) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCStat configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// The parameters listed below are used to filter the TC-STAT data down to the
// desired subset of lines over which statistics are to be computed. Only
// those lines which meet ALL of the criteria specified will be retained.
//
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```
// The settings that are common to all jobs may be specified once at the top
// level. If no selection is listed for a parameter, that parameter will not
// be used for filtering. If multiple selections are listed for a parameter,
// the analyses will be performed on their union.
//

//
// Stratify by the AMODEL or BMODEL columns.
//
${METPLUS_AMODEL}
${METPLUS_BMODEL}

//
// Stratify by the DESC column.
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Stratify by the STORM_ID column.
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Stratify by the BASIN column.
// May add using the "-basin" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Stratify by the CYCLONE column.
// May add using the "-cyclone" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//
// Stratify by the STORM_NAME column.
// May add using the "-storm_name" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Stratify by the INIT times.
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
// May modify using the "-init_beg", "-init_end", "-init_inc",
// and "-init_exc" job command options.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
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```

// Stratify by the VALID times.
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_VALID_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_VALID_EXCLUDE}

//
// Stratify by the initialization and valid hours and lead time.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_HOUR}
${METPLUS_VALID_HOUR}
${METPLUS_LEAD}

//
// Select tracks which contain all required lead times.
//
${METPLUS_LEAD_REQ}

//
// Stratify by the INIT_MASK and VALID_MASK columns.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_MASK}
${METPLUS_VALID_MASK}

//
// Stratify by checking the watch/warning status for each track point
// common to both the ADECK and BDECK tracks. If the watch/warning status
// of any of the track points appears in the list, retain the entire track.
//
${METPLUS_TRACK_WATCH_WARN}

//
// Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL}

//
// Stratify by performing string matching on non-numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_VAL}

//
// Stratify by excluding strings in non-numeric data columns.
//
//column_str_exc_name =
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_NAME}

//column_str_exc_val =
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_VAL}

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```
//  
// Similar to the column_thresh options above  
//  
{METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_NAME}  
{METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_VAL}  
  
//  
// Similar to the column_str options above  
//  
{METPLUS_INIT_STR_NAME}  
{METPLUS_INIT_STR_VAL}  
  
//  
// Similar to the column_str_exc options above  
//  
//init_str_exc_name =  
{METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_NAME}  
  
//init_str_exc_val =  
{METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_VAL}  
  
//  
// Stratify by the ADECK and BDECK distances to land.  
//  
{METPLUS_WATER_ONLY}  
  
//  
// Specify whether only those track points occurring near landfall should be  
// retained, and define the landfall retention window in HH[MMSS] format  
// around the landfall time.  
//  
{METPLUS_LANDFALL}  
{METPLUS_LANDFALL_BEG}  
{METPLUS_LANDFALL_END}  
  
//  
// Specify whether only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK  
// tracks should be retained. May modify using the "-match_points" job command  
// option.  
//  
{METPLUS_MATCH_POINTS}  
  
//  
// Array of TCStat analysis jobs to be performed on the filtered data  
//  
{METPLUS_JOBS}  
  
{METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

**SeriesAnalysisConfig\_wrapped**



**Note:** See the [SeriesAnalysis MET Configuration](#) (page 156) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Series-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh = [];
censor_val     = [];
${METPLUS_CAT_THRESH}
cnt_thresh     = [ NA ];
cnt_logic      = UNION;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

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    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    grid = "";
    poly = "";
}

//
// Number of grid points to be processed concurrently. Set smaller to use
// less memory but increase the number of passes through the data.
//
    ${METPLUS_BLOCK_SIZE}

//
// Ratio of valid matched pairs to compute statistics for a grid point
//
    ${METPLUS_VLD_THRESH}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

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```
//
// Statistical output types
//
output_stats = {
    fho    = [];
    ctc    = [];
    ${METPLUS_CTS_LIST}
    mctc   = [];
    mcts   = [];
    ${METPLUS_STAT_LIST}
    sl112  = [];
    sal112 = [];
    pct    = [];
    pstd   = [];
    pjc    = [];
    prc    = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";
//version      = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.2.7.6.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesByInit.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_
↪SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_obsGFS_FeatureRelative_SeriesByInit.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in TC-Stat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesByInit.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_
↪SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_obsGFS_FeatureRelative_SeriesByInit.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in

parm/use\_cases

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

and for the [exe] section, you will need to define the location of NON-MET executables. If the executable is in the user's path, METplus will find it from the name. If the executable is not in the path, specify the full path to the executable here (i.e. `CONVERT = /usr/bin/convert`) The following executables are required for performing series analysis use cases:

If the executables are in the path:

- **CONVERT = convert**

**NOTE:** All of these executable items must be located under the [exe] section.

If the executables are not in the path, they need to be defined:

- **CONVERT = /path/to/convert**

**NOTE:** All of these executable items must be located under the [exe] section. Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

[exe]
CONVERT = /path/to/convert
```

**NOTE:** The INPUT\_BASE, OUTPUT\_BASE, and MET\_INSTALL\_DIR must be located under the [dir] section, while the RM, CUT, TR, NCAP2, CONVERT, and NCDUMP must be located under the [exe] section.

#### 5.2.7.6.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `series_analysis_init/20141214_00` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following subdirectories:

- ML1200942014
- ML1200942014
- ML1200942014
- ML1201002014
- ML1201032014

- ML1201042014
- ML1201052014
- ML1201062014
- ML1201072014
- ML1201082014
- ML1201092014
- ML1201102014

Each subdirectory will contain files that have the following format:

ANLY\_ASCII\_FILES\_<storm>

FCST\_ASCII\_FILES\_<storm>

series\_<varname>\_<level>\_<stat>.png

series\_<varname>\_<level>\_<stat>.ps

series\_<varname>\_<level>\_<stat>.nc

#### 5.2.7.6.10 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/medium\_range-TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_Ser

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**Note:**     [TCStatToolUseCase](#), [SeriesByInitUseCase](#), [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAp-pUseCase](#), [SeriesAnalysisUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#) <[https://dtcenter.github.io/METplus/search.html?q=GRIB2FileUseCase&check\\_keywords=yes&area=default](https://dtcenter.github.io/METplus/search.html?q=GRIB2FileUseCase&check_keywords=yes&area=default)>`, [TCPairsToolUseCase](#), [FeatureRelativeUse-Case](#), [SBUOrgUseCase](#), [DiagnosticsUseCase](#), [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.7.7 Multi\_Tool: Feature Relative by Lead using User-Defined Fields

model\_applications/medium\_range/ TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS \_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative \_Series-ByLead\_PyEmbed\_IVT.conf

#### 5.2.7.7.1 Scientific Objective

This use case calls multiple tools to produce diagnostic plots of systematic errors relative to a feature (e.g. hurricane, MCS, etc...). This use case calls a user provided python script that calculates a diagnostic of interest (e.g. integrated vapor transport, potential vorticity, etc...). This user diagnostic is then used to define the systematic errors. This example calculates statistics over varying forecast leads with the ability to define lead groupings. This use case is very similar to the Multi\_Tools: Feature Relative by Lead use case. (ADeck,GFS:BDeck,GFS:ATCF,Grib2)

By maintaining focus of each evaluation time (or evaluation time series, in this case) on a user-defined area around a cyclone, the model statistical errors associated with cyclonic physical features (moisture flux, stability, strength of upper-level PV anomaly and jet, etc.) can be related directly to the model forecasts and provide improvement guidance by accurately depicting interactions with significant weather features around and within the cyclone. This is in contrast to the traditional method of regional averaging cyclone observations in a fixed grid, which "smooths out" system features and limits the meaningful metrics that can be gathered. Specifically, this use case creates bins of forecast lead times as specified by the given ranges which provides additional insight directly into forecast lead time accuracy.

Additionally, the ability to calculate model statistical errors based on user provided diagnostics allows the user to customize the feature relative analysis to suit their needs.

#### 5.2.7.7.2 Datasets

This use case compares the Global Forecast System (GFS) forecast to the GFS analysis for hurricane Dorian. It is based on the user provided python script that calculates the diagnostic integrated vaport transport (IVT).

- Variables required to calculate IVT: Levels required: all pressure levels  $\leq 100\text{mb}$  #. Temperature #. v- component of wind #. u- component of wind #. Geopotential height #. Specific humidity OR Relative Humidity
- Forecast dataset: GFS Grid 4 Forecast GFS Forecast data can be found at the following website: <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/data-access/model-data/model-datasets/global-forecast-system-gfs> - Initialization date: 20190830 - Initialization hours: 00, 06, 12, 18 UTC - Lead times: 90, 96, 102, 108, 114 - Format: Grib2 - Resolution: 0.5 degree
- Observation dataset: GFS Grid 4 Analysis GFS Analysis data can be found at the following website: <https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/data-access/model-data/model-datasets/global-forecast-system-gfs> - Valid date/time range: 20190902\_18 - 20190904\_12 every 6 hours - Format: Grib2 - Resolution: 0.5 degree
- Hurricane Track Data Hurricane track data can be found at the following website: <http://hurricanes.ral.ucar.edu/repository/data/> - ADeck Track File: aal052019.dat - BDeck Track File: bal052019.dat

### 5.2.7.7.3 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

- pygrib
- netCDF4

If the version of Python used to compile MET did not have these libraries at the time of compilation, you will need to add these packages or create a new Python environment with these packages.

If this is the case, you will need to set the MET\_PYTHON\_EXE environment variable to the path of the version of Python you want to use. If you want this version of Python to only apply to this use case, set it in the [user\_env\_vars] section of a METplus configuration file.:

```
[user_env_vars] MET_PYTHON_EXE = /path/to/python/with/required/packages/bin/python
```

### 5.2.7.7.4 METplus Components

This use case first runs PyEmbedIngest to run the user provided python scripts to calculate the desired diagnostic (in this example, IVT). PyEmbedIngest runs the RegridDataPlane tool to write IVT to a MET readable netCDF file. Then TCPairs and ExtractTiles are run to generate matched tropical cyclone data and regrid them into appropriately-sized tiles along a storm track. The MET tc-stat tool is used to filter the track data and the MET regrid-dataplane tool is used to regrid the data (GRIB1 or GRIB2 into netCDF). Next, a series analysis by lead time is performed on the results and plots (.ps and .png) are generated for all variable-level-stat combinations from the specified variables, levels, and requested statistics. If lead grouping is turned on, the final results are aggregated into forecast hour groupings as specified by the start, end and increment in the METplus configuration file, as well as labels to identify each forecast hour grouping. If lead grouping is not turned out, the final results will be written out for each requested lead time.

### 5.2.7.7.5 METplus Workflow

This use case loops by process which means that each tool is run for all times before moving to the next tool. The tool order is as follows:

PyEmbedIngest, TCPairs, ExtractTiles, SeriesByLead

This example loops by forecast/lead time (with begin, end, and increment as specified in the METplus TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesByLead\_PyEmbed\_IVT.conf file).

4 initialization times will be run over 5 lead times:

**Init:** 20190830\_00Z

**Forecast lead:** 90, 96, 102, 108, 114

**Init:** 20190830\_06Z

**Forecast lead:** 90, 96, 102, 108, 114

**Init:** 20190830\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 90, 96, 102, 108, 114

**Init:** 20190830\_18Z

**Forecast lead:** 90, 96, 102, 108, 114

#### 5.2.7.7.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_obsGFS_FeatureRelative_SeriesB`

```
#
# CONFIGURATION
#
[config]

# Loop over each process in the process list (set in PROCESS_LIST) for all times in the time window_
↳of interest.
LOOP_ORDER = processes

#Configuration files
TC_PAIRS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/TCPairsConfig_wrapped

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/SeriesAnalysisConfig_wrapped

PROCESS_LIST = PyEmbedIngest, TCPairs, TCStat, ExtractTiles, SeriesAnalysis

# The init time begin and end times, increment
# Looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG = 2019083000

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END = 2019083023
```

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# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end time
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600 ;; set to every 6 hours=21600 seconds

# Used by extract tiles and series analysis to define the records of
# interest to be retrieved from the grib2 file

BOTH_VAR1_NAME = ivt
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = Surface

LEAD_SEQ = 90, 96, 102, 108, 114

#####
### PYEMBED INGEST
#####

# 1st INGEST INSTANCE: Forecast
# python script with optional arguments to run for 1st ingest instance
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_SCRIPT = {CONFIG_DIR}/gfs_ivt_fcst.py {MODEL_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?fmt=
↪%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%3H}.grib2

# type of python input to expect for 1st ingest instance
# valid options: NUMPY, XARRAY
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_TYPE = NUMPY

# output grid for 1st ingest instance. Can be a grid definition or file path
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_GRID = {MODEL_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_
↪_{lead?fmt=%3H}.grib2

# output variable name
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = ivt

# 2nd INGEST INSTANCE: Analysis
# python script with optional arguments to run for 2nd ingest instance
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_SCRIPT = {CONFIG_DIR}/gfs_ivt_analysis.py {MODEL_DIR}/{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_
↪_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}00_000.grib2

# type of python input to expect for 2nd ingest instance
# valid options: NUMPY, XARRAY
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_TYPE = NUMPY

# output grid for 2nd ingest instance. Can be a grid definition or file path
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_GRID = {MODEL_DIR}/{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}
↪_00_000.grib2

# output variable name
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = ivt

#####
# TCPairs Configurations
#####

# A list of times to include, in format YYYYMMDD_hh

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TC_PAIRS_INIT_INCLUDE =

# A list of times to exclude, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_EXCLUDE =

# Specify model valid time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]. Only tracks
# that fall within the valid time window will be used.
TC_PAIRS_VALID_BEG =
TC_PAIRS_VALID_END =

#
# Run MET tc_pairs by indicating the top-level directories for the A-deck
# and B-deck files. Set to 'yes' to run using top-level directories, 'no'
# if you want to run tc_pairs on files paired by the wrapper.
TC_PAIRS_READ_ALL_FILES = no

# List of models to be used (white space or comma separated) eg: DSHP, LGEM, HWRF
# If no models are listed, then process all models in the input file(s).
MODEL = GFSO

# List of storm ids of interest (space or comma separated) e.g.: AL112012, AL122012
# If no storm ids are listed, then process all storm ids in the input file(s).
TC_PAIRS_STORM_ID =

# Basins (of origin/region). Indicate with space or comma-separated list of regions, eg. AL: for_
↳North Atlantic,
# WP: Western North Pacific, CP: Central North Pacific, SH: Southern Hemisphere, IO: North Indian_
↳Ocean, LS: Southern
# Hemisphere
TC_PAIRS_BASIN =

# Cyclone, a space or comma-separated list of cyclone numbers. If left empty, all cyclones will be_
↳used.
TC_PAIRS_CYCLONE =

# Storm name, a space or comma-separated list of storm names to evaluate. If left empty, all storms_
↳will be used.
TC_PAIRS_STORM_NAME =

# DLAND file, the full path of the file that contains the gridded representation of the
# minimum distance from land.
TC_PAIRS_DLAND_FILE = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/tc_data/dland_global_tenth_degree.nc

TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DECK = no
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_TYPE = SBU

TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL_TO_REPLACE = -99
TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL = -9999

# overwrite modified track data (non-ATCF to ATCF format)
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_REFORMAT_EXISTS = no

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# overwrite tc_pairs output
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = no

#####
# TCStat Configurations
#####
# IMPORTANT Refer to the README_TC for details on setting up analysis
# jobs (located in {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/config

# Separate each option and value with whitespace, and each job with a whitespace.
# No whitespace within arithmetic expressions or lists of items
# (e.g. -by AMSLP,AMODEL,LEAD -column '(AMAX_WIND-BMAX_WIND)')
# Enclose your arithmetic expressions with '' and separate each job
# by whitespace:
# -job filter -dump_row /path/to, -job summary -line_type TCMPR -column 'ABS(AMAX_WIND-BMAX_WIND)' -
↳ -out {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_stat/file.tcst

TC_STAT_JOB_ARGS = -job filter -basin AL -dump_row {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}/{TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

# Specify whether only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
# tracks should be written out. This is only used when explicitly calling
# TC_STAT in the PROCESS_LIST. This is not used in this use case, so setting
# it to either false or true has no impact.
TC_STAT_MATCH_POINTS = true

# These all map to the options in the default TC-Stat config file, except these
# are pre-pended with TC_STAT to avoid clashing with any other similarly
# named options from other MET tools (eg TC_STAT_AMODEL corresponds to the
# amodel option in the default MET tc-stat config file, whereas AMODEL
# corresponds to the amodel option in the MET tc-pairs config file).

# Stratify by these columns:
TC_STAT_AMODEL = {MODEL}
TC_STAT_BMODEL =
TC_STAT_DESC =
TC_STAT_STORM_ID =
TC_STAT_BASIN =
TC_STAT_CYCLONE =
TC_STAT_STORM_NAME =

# Stratify by init times via a comma-separate list of init times to
# include or exclude. Time format defined as YYYYMMDD_HH or YYYYMMDD_HH:mm:ss
TC_STAT_INIT_BEG =
TC_STAT_INIT_END =
TC_STAT_INIT_INCLUDE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}
TC_STAT_INIT_EXCLUDE =
TC_STAT_INIT_HOUR =
# Stratify by valid times via a comma-separate list of valid times to
# include or exclude. Time format defined as YYYYMMDD_HH or YYYYMMDD_HH:mm:ss
TC_STAT_VALID_BEG =
TC_STAT_VALID_END =
TC_STAT_VALID_INCLUDE =

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```

TC_STAT_VALID_EXCLUDE =
TC_STAT_VALID_HOUR =
TC_STAT_LEAD_REQ =
TC_STAT_INIT_MASK =
TC_STAT_VALID_MASK =
# Stratify by the valid time and lead time via comma-separated list of
# times in format HH[MMSS]
TC_STAT_VALID_HOUR =
TC_STAT_LEAD =

# Stratify over the watch_warn column in the tcst file. Setting this to
# 'ALL' will match HUWARN, HUWATCH, TSWARN, TSWATCH
TC_STAT_TRACK_WATCH_WARN =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns. Specify with
# comma-separated list of column names and thresholds to be applied.
# The length of TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME should be the same as
# TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL.
TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME =
TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL =

# Stratify by a list of comma-separated columns names and values corresponding
# to non-numeric data columns of the values of interest.
TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_NAME =
TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_VAL =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns only when lead=0.
# If lead=0 and the value does not meet the threshold, discard the entire
# track. The length of TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_NAME must equal the length of
# TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_VAL.
TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_NAME =
TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_VAL =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns only when lead = 0.
# If lead = 0 but the value doesn't meet the threshold, discard the entire
# track.
TC_STAT_INIT_STR_NAME =
TC_STAT_INIT_STR_VAL =

# Excludes any points where distance to land is <=0. When set to TRUE, once land
# is encountered, the remainder of the forecast track is NOT used for the
# verification, even if the track moves back over water.
TC_STAT_WATER_ONLY =

# TRUE or FALSE. To specify whether only those track points occurring near
# landfall should be retained. Landfall is the last bmodel track point before
# the distance to land switches from water to land.
TC_STAT_LANDFALL =

# Define the landfall retention window, which is defined as the hours offset
# from the time of landfall. Format is in HH[MMSS]. Default TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG
# is set to -24, and TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END is set to 00

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TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG = -24
TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END = 00

#####
# ExtractTiles Configurations
#####

# Constants used in creating the tile grid, used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_NLAT = 60
EXTRACT_TILES_NLON = 60

# Resolution of data in degrees, used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_DLAT = 0.5
EXTRACT_TILES_DLON = 0.5

# Degrees to subtract from the center lat and lon to
# calculate the lower left lat (lat_ll) and lower
# left lon (lon_ll) for a grid that is 2n X 2m,
# where n = EXTRACT_TILES_LAT_ADJ degrees and m = EXTRACT_TILES_LON_ADJ degrees.
# For this case, where n=15 and m=15, this results
# in a 30 deg X 30 deg grid. Used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_LON_ADJ = 15
EXTRACT_TILES_LAT_ADJ = 15

# OVERWRITE OPTIONS
# Skip writing filter files if they already exist.
# Set to yes if you want to skip processing existing files
# Set to no if you want to override existing files
EXTRACT_TILES_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = no

#####
# SeriesAnalysis Configurations
#####

# set the regrid dictionary item to_grid in the SeriesAnalysis MET config file
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_TO_GRID = FCST
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_METHOD = FORCE
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_WIDTH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_SHAPE =

# NOTE: "TOTAL" is a REQUIRED cnt statistic used by the series analysis scripts
SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST = TOTAL, FBAR, OBAR, ME

# PLOTTING Relevant to series analysis plots.
# By default, background map is turned off. Set
# to no to turn of plotting of background map.
SERIES_ANALYSIS_BACKGROUND_MAP = yes

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_LEAD

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUN_ONCE_PER_STORM_ID = False

```

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```

SERIES_ANALYSIS_BLOCK_SIZE = 4000

# set to True to add the -paired flag to the SeriesAnalysis command
SERIES_ANALYSIS_IS_PAISED = True

# If True/yes, run plot_data_plane on output from Series-Analysis to generate
# images for each stat item listed in SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST
SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_PLOTS = yes

# If True/yes, run convert on output from Series-Analysis to generate
# a gif using images in groups of name/level/stat
SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_ANIMATIONS = yes

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_TITLE = {MODEL} series_F{fcst_beg} Forecasts{nseries}, {stat} for {fcst_name} {fcst_
↳level}

#
# FILENAME TEMPLATES
#
[filename_templates]
# Define the format of the filenames
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?
↳fmt=%3H}.nc
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}00_000.
↳nc

TC_PAIRS_ADECK_TEMPLATE = a{basin?fmt=%s}{cyclone?fmt=%s}{date?fmt=%Y}.dat
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_TEMPLATE = b{basin?fmt=%s}{cyclone?fmt=%s}{date?fmt=%Y}.dat
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/ {basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.dorian

TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/filter_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}.tcst

EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?
↳fmt=%3H}.nc
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}00_000.nc

FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/{storm_id}/FCST_TILE_F{lead?fmt=%3H}_{MODEL}
↳_gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%3H}.nc
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/{storm_id}/OBS_TILE_F{lead?fmt=%3H}_{MODEL}_
↳gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%3H}.nc

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}
OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

SERIES_ANALYSIS_TC_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

# Template to look for climatology mean input to SeriesAnalysis relative to SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_
↳MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

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# Template to look for climatology standard deviation input to SeriesAnalysis relative to SERIES_
↪ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {label}/series_F{fcst_beg}_{fcst_name}_{fcst_level}.nc

#
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_obsGFS_
↪FeatureRelative_SeriesByLead_PyEmbed_IVT

#Location of model data
MODEL_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/dorian_data/model_data

PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/py_embed_out
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_DIR = {PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR}

# track data, set to your data source
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/dorian_data/track_data
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_INPUT_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR}
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/track_data_atcf
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs

TC_STAT_LOOKIN_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR}
TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}

EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}
EXTRACT_TILES_GRID_INPUT_DIR = {PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR}
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR = {PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR}
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR = {PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR}
EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/extract_tiles

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}
OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}
SERIES_ANALYSIS_TC_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}

# directory containing climatology mean input to SeriesAnalysis
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology standard deviation input to SeriesAnalysis
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/series_analysis_lead

```

#### 5.2.7.7.7 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

#### TCPairsConfig\_wrapped

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**Note:** See the [TCPairs MET Configuration](#) (page 189) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

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```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TPairs configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// ATCF file format reference:
//   http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html
//

//
// Models
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Description
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Storm identifiers
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Basins
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Cyclone numbers
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}
```

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```

//
// Storm names
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Valid model time window
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}

//
// Model initialization hours
//
init_hour = [];

//
// Required lead time in hours
//
lead_req = [];

//
// lat/lon polylines defining masking regions
//
init_mask = "";
valid_mask = "";

//
// Specify if the code should check for duplicate ATCF lines
//
check_dup = FALSE;

//
// Specify special processing to be performed for interpolated models.
// Set to NONE, FILL, or REPLACE.
//
interp12 = REPLACE;

//
// Specify how consensus forecasts should be defined
//
consensus = [];

```

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```
//
// Forecast lag times
//
lag_time = [];

//
// CLIPER/SHIFOR baseline forecasts to be derived from the BEST
// and operational (CARQ) tracks.
//
best_technique = [ "BEST" ];
best_baseline = [];
oper_technique = [ "CARQ" ];
oper_baseline = [];

//
// Specify the datasets to be searched for analysis tracks (NONE, ADECK, BDECK,
// or BOTH).
//
only_track = BDECK;

//
// Specify if only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks be written out.
//
match_points = TRUE;

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify watch/warning information:
// - Input watch/warning filename
// - Watch/warning time offset in seconds
//
watch_warn = {
    file_name = "MET_BASE/tc_data/wwpts-us.txt";
    time_offset = -14400;
}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V9.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

**TCStatConfig\_wrapped**

**Note:** See the *TCStat MET Configuration* (page 200) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCStat configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// The parameters listed below are used to filter the TC-STAT data down to the
// desired subset of lines over which statistics are to be computed. Only
// those lines which meet ALL of the criteria specified will be retained.
//
// The settings that are common to all jobs may be specified once at the top
// level. If no selection is listed for a parameter, that parameter will not
// be used for filtering. If multiple selections are listed for a parameter,
// the analyses will be performed on their union.
//

//
// Stratify by the AMODEL or BMODEL columns.
//
${METPLUS_AMODEL}
${METPLUS_BMODEL}

//
// Stratify by the DESC column.
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Stratify by the STORM_ID column.
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Stratify by the BASIN column.
// May add using the "-basin" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Stratify by the CYCLONE column.
// May add using the "-cyclone" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//
// Stratify by the STORM_NAME column.
// May add using the "-storm_name" job command option.

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```

//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Stratify by the INIT times.
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
// May modify using the "-init_beg", "-init_end", "-init_inc",
// and "-init_exc" job command options.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Stratify by the VALID times.
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_VALID_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_VALID_EXCLUDE}

//
// Stratify by the initialization and valid hours and lead time.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_HOUR}
${METPLUS_VALID_HOUR}
${METPLUS_LEAD}

//
// Select tracks which contain all required lead times.
//
${METPLUS_LEAD_REQ}

//
// Stratify by the INIT_MASK and VALID_MASK columns.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_MASK}
${METPLUS_VALID_MASK}

//
// Stratify by checking the watch/warning status for each track point
// common to both the ADECK and BDECK tracks. If the watch/warning status
// of any of the track points appears in the list, retain the entire track.
//
${METPLUS_TRACK_WATCH_WARN}

//
// Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL}

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```

//
// Stratify by performing string matching on non-numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_VAL}

//
// Stratify by excluding strings in non-numeric data columns.
//
//column_str_exc_name =
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_NAME}

//column_str_exc_val =
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_thresh options above
//
${METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_NAME}
${METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_str options above
//
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_NAME}
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_str_exc options above
//
//init_str_exc_name =
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_NAME}

//init_str_exc_val =
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_VAL}

//
// Stratify by the ADECK and BDECK distances to land.
//
${METPLUS_WATER_ONLY}

//
// Specify whether only those track points occurring near landfall should be
// retained, and define the landfall retention window in HH[MMSS] format
// around the landfall time.
//
${METPLUS_LANDFALL}
${METPLUS_LANDFALL_BEG}
${METPLUS_LANDFALL_END}

//

```

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```
// Specify whether only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks should be retained. May modify using the "-match_points" job command
// option.
//
${METPLUS_MATCH_POINTS}

//
// Array of TCStat analysis jobs to be performed on the filtered data
//
${METPLUS_JOBS}

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### SeriesAnalysisConfig\_wrapped

---

**Note:** See the [SeriesAnalysis MET Configuration](#) (page 156) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//
// Series-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}
```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];
${METPLUS_CAT_THRESH}
cnt_thresh    = [ NA ];
cnt_logic     = UNION;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//

```

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```

mask = {
    grid = "";
    poly = "";
}

//
// Number of grid points to be processed concurrently. Set smaller to use
// less memory but increase the number of passes through the data.
//
${METPLUS_BLOCK_SIZE}

//
// Ratio of valid matched pairs to compute statistics for a grid point
//
${METPLUS_VLD_THRESH}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
output_stats = {
    fho    = [];
    ctc    = [];
    ${METPLUS_CTS_LIST}
    mctc   = [];
    mcts   = [];
    ${METPLUS_STAT_LIST}
    sl1l2  = [];
    sal1l2 = [];
    pct    = [];
    pstd   = [];
    pjc    = [];
    prc    = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";
//version      = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```



### 5.2.7.7.8 Python Embedding

This use case uses two Python embedding scripts to read input data, one for the forecast and the other for analysis

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/medium\_range/TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesB

```
# This script is a combination of two scripts originally from Taylor Mandelbaum, SBU.
# Adjustments have been made by Lindsay Blank, NCAR.
# May 2020
#####

import pygrib
import numpy as np
import sys
import os
import re
import datetime as dt
import metpy.calc as mc

#####

def ivt(input_file):
    grbs = pygrib.open(input_file)
    g = 9.81 # Setting gravity constant
    print(input_file)
    grbs.rewind()

    # Initialize variable arrays
    levs = [] # Levels
    q = [] # Specific humidity
    hgt = [] # Geopotential height
    temp = [] # Temperature
    u = [] # u-wind
    v = [] # v-wind

    # Fill in variable arrays from input file.
    for grb in grbs:
        if grb.level*100 <= 10000:
            continue
        elif np.logical_and('v-' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            v.append(grb.values)
        elif np.logical_and('u-' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            u.append(grb.values)
        elif np.logical_and('Temperature' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            temp.append(grb.values)
        elif np.logical_and('Geopotential' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            hgt.append(grb.values)
        elif np.logical_and('Specific' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            q.append(grb.values)
            levs.append(grb.level)

    temp = np.array(temp)
```

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```

hgt = np.array(hgt)
u = np.array(u)
v = np.array(v)

grbs.rewind()

# If we didn't find specific humidity, look for relative humidity.
if len(q) == 0:
    for grb in grbs:
        if grb.level*100 <= 10000:
            continue
        if np.logical_and('Relative' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            q.append(grb.values)
            levs.append(grb.level)

    levs = np.array(levs)
    # Clausius-Clapeyron time
    es = 610.78*np.exp((17.67*(temp-273.15)/(temp-29.65))) # Calculate saturation vapor pressure
    e = es*(np.array(q)/100) # Calculate vapor pressure
    w = 0.622*es/(levs[:,None,None]*100) # Calculate water vapor
    q = w/(w+1) # Calculate specific humidity
q = np.array(q)

uv = np.sqrt(u**2+v**2) # Calculate wind
mflux_total = np.sum(q,axis=0)*(1/g)*np.mean(uv,axis=0)*(np.max(levs)-np.min(levs)) #calculate_
↪mass flux
met_data = mflux_total.copy() #Pass mass flux to be used by MET tools
print(np.max(met_data))
#np.save('{} .np'.format(sys.argv[1]),mflux_total)
grbs.close()

return met_data

#####

input_file = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])

data = ivt(input_file) #Call function to calculate IVT

met_data = data
met_data = met_data.astype('float64')

# Automatically fill out time information from input file.
file_regex = r"^[0-9]{8}_[0-9]{4}_[0-9]{3}.*$"
match = re.match(file_regex,
                  os.path.basename(input_file).replace('-', '_'))
if not match:
    print(f"Could not extract time information from filename: {input_file} using regex {file_regex}")
    sys.exit(1)

init = dt.datetime.strptime(match.group(1), '%Y%m%d_%H%M')
lead = int(match.group(2))

```

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```

valid = init + dt.timedelta(hours=lead)

print("Data Shape: " + repr(met_data.shape))
print("Data Type: " + repr(met_data.dtype))

print(valid)
print(init)
print(lead)

attrs = {
    'valid': valid.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'init': init.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'lead': str(int(lead)),
    'accum': '00',

    'name': 'ivt',
    'long_name': 'integrated_vapor_transport',
    'level': 'Surface',
    'units': 'UNKNOWN',

    'grid': {
        'name': 'Global 0.5 Degree',
        'type': 'LatLon',
        'lat_ll': -90.0,
        'lon_ll': 0.0,
        'delta_lat': 0.5,
        'delta_lon': 0.5,
        'Nlat': 361,
        'Nlon': 720,
    }
}

```

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/medium\_range/TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesB

```

# This script is a combination of two scripts originally from Taylor Mandelbaum, SBU.
# Adjustments have been made by Lindsay Blank, NCAR.
# May 2020
#####

import pygrib
import numpy as np
import sys
import os
import re
import datetime as dt
import metpy.calc as mc

#####

def ivt(input_file):

```

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```

grbs = pygrib.open(input_file)
g = 9.81 # Setting gravity constant
print(input_file)
grbs.rewind()

# Initialize variable arrays
levs = [] # Levels
q = [] # Specific humidity
hgt = [] # Geopotential height
temp = [] # Temperature
u = [] # u-wind
v = [] # v-wind

# Fill in variable arrays from input file.
for grb in grbs:
    if grb.level*100 <= 10000:
        continue
    elif np.logical_and('v-' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        v.append(grb.values)
    elif np.logical_and('u-' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        u.append(grb.values)
    elif np.logical_and('Temperature' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        temp.append(grb.values)
    elif np.logical_and('Geopotential' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        hgt.append(grb.values)
    elif np.logical_and('Specific' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        q.append(grb.values)
        levs.append(grb.level)

temp = np.array(temp)
hgt = np.array(hgt)
u = np.array(u)
v = np.array(v)

grbs.rewind()

# If we didn't find specific humidity, look for relative humidity.
if len(q) == 0:
    for grb in grbs:
        if grb.level*100 <= 10000:
            continue
        if np.logical_and('Relative' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            q.append(grb.values)
            levs.append(grb.level)

levs = np.array(levs)
# Clausius-Clapeyron time
es = 610.78*np.exp((17.67*(temp-273.15)/(temp-29.65))) # Calculate saturation vapor pressure
e = es*(np.array(q)/100) # Calculate vapor pressure
w = 0.622*es/(levs[:,None,None]*100) # Calculate water vapor
q = w/(w+1) # Calculate specific humidity
q = np.array(q)

```

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```

uv = np.sqrt(u**2+v**2) # Calculate wind
mflux_total = np.sum(q,axis=0)*(1/g)*np.mean(uv,axis=0)*(np.max(levs)-np.min(levs)) #calculate_
↪mass flux
met_data = mflux_total.copy() #Pass mass flux to be used by MET tools
print(np.max(met_data))
#np.save('{} .numpy'.format(sys.argv[1]),mflux_total)
grbs.close()

return met_data

#####

input_file = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])

data = ivt(input_file) #Call function to calculate IVT

met_data = data
met_data = met_data.astype('float64')

# Automatically fill out time information from input file.
for token in os.path.basename(input_file).replace('-', '_').split('_'):
    if(re.search("[0-9]{8,8}", token)):
        ymd = dt.datetime.strptime(token[0:8], "%Y%m%d")
    elif(re.search("[0-9]{4}$", token)):
        hh = int(token[0:2])
    elif(re.search("[0-9]{3}$", token)):
        day = int(token.replace("", ""))

print("Data Shape: " + repr(met_data.shape))
print("Data Type: " + repr(met_data.dtype))

# GFS Analysis
valid = ymd + dt.timedelta(hours=hh)
init = valid

attrs = {
    'valid': valid.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'init': init.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'lead': '00',
    'accum': '00',

    'name': 'ivt',
    'long_name': 'integrated_vapor_transport',
    'level': 'Surface',
    'units': 'UNKNOWN',

    'grid': {
        'name': 'Global 0.5 Degree',
        'type': 'LatLon',
        'lat_ll': -90.0,
        'lon_ll': 0.0,
    }
}

```

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```

    'delta_lat' : 0.5,
    'delta_lon' : 0.5,
    'Nlat' : 361,
    'Nlon' : 720,
  }
}

```

### 5.2.7.7.9 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

1) Passing in TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesByLead\_PyEmbed\_IVT.conf, then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py \
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_
↪obsGFS_FeatureRelative_SeriesByLead_PyEmbed_IVT.conf \
-c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in TC-Stat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesByLead\_PyEmbed\_IVT.conf:

```

run_metplus.py \
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_
↪obsGFS_FeatureRelative_SeriesByLead_PyEmbed_IVT.conf

```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

and for the [exe] section, you will need to define the location of NON-MET executables. If the executable is in the user's path, METplus will find it from the name. If the executable is not in the path, specify the full path to the executable here (i.e. CONVERT = /usr/bin/convert) The following executables are required for performing series analysis use cases:

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

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```
[exe]
CONVERT = /path/to/convert
```

#### 5.2.7.7.10 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in subdirectories of the 'series\_analysis\_lead' directory (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**):

- series\_animate
- series\_F090
- series\_F096
- series\_F102
- series\_F108
- series\_F114

The series\_animate directory contains the animations of the series analysis in .gif format for all variable, level, and statistics combinations:

```
series_animate_<varname>_<level>_<stat>.gif
```

The series\_FHHH directories contains files that have the following format:

```
ONLY_FILES_FHHH
```

```
FCST_ASCII_FILES_FHHH
```

```
series_FHHH_<varname>_<level>_<stat>.png
```

```
series_FHHH_<varname>_<level>_<stat>.ps
```

```
series_FHHH_<varname>_<level>_<stat>.nc
```

Where:

**HHH** is the forecast hour/lead time in hours

**varname** is the variable of interest, as specified in the METplus series\_by\_lead\_all\_fhrs config file

**level** is the level of interest, as specified in the METplus series\_by\_lead\_all\_fhrs config file

**stat** is the statistic of interest, as specified in the METplus series\_by\_lead\_all\_fhrs config file.

#### 5.2.7.7.11 Keywords

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**Note:** [TCPairsToolUseCase](#), [SeriesByLeadUseCase](#), [TCStatToolUseCase](#), [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#), [PyEmbedIngestToolUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAppUseCase](#), [SeriesAnalysisUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#), [FeatureRelativeUseCase](#), [SBUOrgUseCase](#) [DiagnosticsUseCase](#) [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/medium\_range-TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_Ser

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.7.8 Multi\_Tool: Feature Relative by Lead (with lead groupings)

model\_applications/medium\_range/ TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS \_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative \_Series-ByLead.conf

##### 5.2.7.8.1 Scientific Objective

By maintaining focus of each evaluation time (or evaluation time series, in this case) on a user-defined area around a cyclone, the model statistical errors associated with cyclonic physical features (moisture flux, stability, strength of upper-level PV anomaly and jet, etc.) can be related directly to the model forecasts and provide improvement guidance by accurately depicting interactions with significant weather features around and within the cyclone. This is in contrast to the traditional method of regional averaging cyclone observations in a fixed grid, which “smooths out” system features and limits the meaningful metrics that can be gathered. Specifically, this use case creates bins of forecast lead times as specified by the given ranges which provides additional insight directly into forecast lead time accuracy.

##### 5.2.7.8.2 Datasets

Relevant information about the datasets that would be beneficial include:

- TC-Pairs/TC-Stat Forecast dataset: ADeck modified-ATCF tropical cyclone data
- Series-Analysis Forecast dataset: GFS
- TC-Pairs/TC-Stat Observation dataset: BDeck modified-ATCF tropical cyclone data
- Series-Analysis Observation dataset: GFS Analysis



### 5.2.7.8.3 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

```
* netCDF4
```

### 5.2.7.8.4 METplus Components

This use case first runs TCPairs and ExtractTiles wrappers to generate matched tropical cyclone data and regrid them into appropriately-sized tiles along a storm track. The MET tc-stat tool is used to filter the track data, and the MET regrid-dataplane tool is used to regrid the data (GRIB1 or GRIB2 into netCDF). Next, a series analysis by lead time is performed on the results and plots (.ps and .png) are generated for all variable-level-stat combinations from the specified variables, levels, and requested statistics. The final results are aggregated into forecast hour groupings as specified by the start, end and increment in the METplus configuration file, as well as labels to identify each forecast hour grouping.

### 5.2.7.8.5 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time:

TCPairs > RegridDataPlane, TCStat > SeriesAnalysis

This example loops by forecast/lead time (with begin, end, and increment as specified in the METplus TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesByLead.conf file). The following will be run based on the availability of data corresponding to the initialization time (in this example, we only have 20141214 as our initialization time) and the requested forecast leads, resulting in the run times below.

Run times:

**Init:** 20141214\_0Z

**Forecast lead:** 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42

### 5.2.7.8.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/medium\_range/TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesB

```
#
# CONFIGURATION
#
[config]
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# Loop over each process in the process list (set in PROCESS_LIST) for all times in the time window of
# interest.
LOOP_ORDER = processes
# Configuration files
TC_PAIRS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/TCPairsConfig_wrapped

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/SeriesAnalysisConfig_wrapped

PROCESS_LIST = TCPairs, TCStat, ExtractTiles, TCStat(for_series_analysis), SeriesAnalysis

# The init time begin and end times, increment
LOOP_BY = INIT
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d
INIT_BEG = 20141214
INIT_END = 20141214

# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end
# time
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600 ;; set to every 6 hours=21600 seconds

# Used by extract tiles and series analysis to define the records of
# interest to be retrieved from the grib2 file
#
BOTH_VAR1_NAME = TMP
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = Z2

# forecast lead sequence 1 list (0, 6, 12, 18)
LEAD_SEQ_1 = begin_end_incr(0,18,6)
# forecast lead sequence 1 label
LEAD_SEQ_1_LABEL = Day1

# forecast lead sequence 2 list (24, 30, 36, 42)
LEAD_SEQ_2 = begin_end_incr(24,42,6)
# forecast lead sequence 2 label
LEAD_SEQ_2_LABEL = Day2

#####
# TCPairs Configurations
#####

# A list of times to include, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_INCLUDE =

# A list of times to exclude, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_EXCLUDE =

#
# Specify model valid time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]. Only tracks
# that fall within the valid time window will
# be used.
#

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TC_PAIRS_VALID_BEG =
TC_PAIRS_VALID_END =

#
# Run MET tc_pairs by indicating the top-level directories for the A-deck
# and B-deck files. Set to 'yes' to run using top-level directories, 'no'
# if you want to run tc_pairs on files paired by the wrapper.
TC_PAIRS_READ_ALL_FILES = no

# List of models to be used (white space or comma separated) eg: DSHP, LGEM, HWRF
# If no models are listed, then process all models in the input file(s).
MODEL = GFSO

# List of storm ids of interest (space or comma separated) e.g.: AL112012, AL122012
# If no storm ids are listed, then process all storm ids in the input file(s).
TC_PAIRS_STORM_ID =

# Basins (of origin/region). Indicate with space or comma-separated list of regions, eg. AL: for_
↳North Atlantic,
# WP: Western North Pacific, CP: Central North Pacific, SH: Southern Hemisphere, IO: North Indian_
↳Ocean, LS: Southern
# Hemisphere
TC_PAIRS_BASIN =

# Cyclone, a space or comma-separated list of cyclone numbers. If left empty, all cyclones will be_
↳used.
TC_PAIRS_CYCLONE =

# Storm name, a space or comma-separated list of storm names to evaluate. If left empty, all storms_
↳will be used.
TC_PAIRS_STORM_NAME =

# DLAND file, the full path of the file that contains the gridded representation of the
# minimum distance from land.
TC_PAIRS_DLAND_FILE = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/tc_data/dland_global_tenth_degree.nc

TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DECK = yes
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_TYPE = SBU

TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL_TO_REPLACE = -99
TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL = -9999

# overwrite modified track data (non-ATCF to ATCF format)
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_REFORMAT_EXISTS = yes

# overwrite tc_pairs output
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = yes

#####
# TCStat Configurations
#####
# IMPORTANT Refer to the README_TC for details on setting up analysis

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# jobs (located in {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/config

# Separate each option and value with whitespace, and each job with a whitespace.
# No whitespace within arithmetic expressions or lists of items
# (e.g. -by AMSLP,AMODEL,LEAD -column '(AMAX_WIND-BMAX_WIND)')
# Enclose your arithmetic expressions with '' and separate each job
# by whitespace:
# -job filter -dump_row /path/to, -job summary -line_type TCMR -column 'ABS(AMAX_WIND-BMAX_WIND)'
→-out {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_stat/file.tcst

TC_STAT_JOB_ARGS = -job filter -basin ML -dump_row {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}/{TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

# Specify whether only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
# tracks should be written out. This is only used when explicitly calling
# TC_STAT in the PROCESS_LIST. This is not used in this use case, so setting
# it to either false or true has no impact.
TC_STAT_MATCH_POINTS = true

# These all map to the options in the default TC-Stat config file, except these
# are pre-pended with TC_STAT to avoid clashing with any other similarly
# named options from other MET tools (eg TC_STAT_AMODEL corresponds to the
# amodel option in the default MET tc-stat config file, whereas AMODEL
# corresponds to the amodel option in the MET tc-pairs config file).

# Stratify by these columns:
TC_STAT_AMODEL =
TC_STAT_BMODEL =
TC_STAT_DESC =
TC_STAT_STORM_ID =
TC_STAT_BASIN =
TC_STAT_CYCLONE =
TC_STAT_STORM_NAME =

# Stratify by init times via a comma-separate list of init times to
# include or exclude. Time format defined as YYYYMMDD_HH or YYYYMMDD_HH:mm:ss
#TC_STAT_INIT_BEG = 20141213
#TC_STAT_INIT_END = 20141220
TC_STAT_INIT_BEG =
TC_STAT_INIT_END =
TC_STAT_INIT_INCLUDE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}
TC_STAT_INIT_EXCLUDE =
TC_STAT_INIT_HOUR =

# Stratify by valid times via a comma-separate list of valid times to
# include or exclude. Time format defined as YYYYMMDD_HH or YYYYMMDD_HH:mm:ss
TC_STAT_VALID_BEG =
TC_STAT_VALID_END =
TC_STAT_VALID_INCLUDE =
TC_STAT_VALID_EXCLUDE =
TC_STAT_VALID_HOUR =
TC_STAT_LEAD_REQ =
TC_STAT_INIT_MASK =
TC_STAT_VALID_MASK =

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# Stratify by the valid time and lead time via comma-separated list of
# times in format HH[MMSS]
TC_STAT_VALID_HOUR =
TC_STAT_LEAD =

# Stratify over the watch_warn column in the tcst file. Setting this to
# 'ALL' will match HUWARN, HUWATCH, TSWARN, TSWATCH
TC_STAT_TRACK_WATCH_WARN =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns. Specify with
# comma-separated list of column names and thresholds to be applied.
# The length of TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME should be the same as
# TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL.
TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME =
TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL =

# Stratify by a list of comma-separated columns names and values corresponding
# to non-numeric data columns of the values of interest.
TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_NAME =
TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_VAL =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns only when lead=0.
# If lead=0 and the value does not meet the threshold, discard the entire
# track. The length of TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_NAME must equal the length of
# TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_VAL.
TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_NAME =
TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_VAL =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns only when lead = 0.
# If lead = 0 but the value doesn't meet the threshold, discard the entire
# track.
TC_STAT_INIT_STR_NAME =
TC_STAT_INIT_STR_VAL =

# Excludes any points where distance to land is <=0. When set to TRUE, once land
# is encountered, the remainder of the forecast track is NOT used for the
# verification, even if the track moves back over water.
TC_STAT_WATER_ONLY =

# TRUE or FALSE. To specify whether only those track points occurring near
# landfall should be retained. Landfall is the last bmodel track point before
# the distance to land switches from water to land.
TC_STAT_LANDFALL =

# Define the landfall retention window, which is defined as the hours offset
# from the time of landfall. Format is in HH[MMSS]. Default TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG
# is set to -24, and TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END is set to 00
TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG =
TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END =

#####
# ExtractTiles Configurations

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```
#####

# Constants used in creating the tile grid, used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_NLAT = 60
EXTRACT_TILES_NLON = 60

# Resolution of data in degrees, used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_DLAT = 0.5
EXTRACT_TILES_DLON = 0.5

# Degrees to subtract from the center lat and lon to
# calculate the lower left lat (lat_ll) and lower
# left lon (lon_ll) for a grid that is 2n X 2m,
# where n = EXTRACT_TILES_LAT_ADJ degrees and m = EXTRACT_TILES_LON_ADJ degrees.
# For this case, where n=15 and m=15, this results
# in a 30 deg X 30 deg grid. Used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_LON_ADJ = 15
EXTRACT_TILES_LAT_ADJ = 15

# OVERWRITE OPTIONS
# Skip writing filter files if they already exist.
# Set to yes if you want to skip processing existing files
# Set to no if you want to override existing files
EXTRACT_TILES_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = yes

# Settings specific to the TCStat(for_series_analysis) process that was set
# in the PROCESS_LIST. Any TC_STAT_* variable not set in this section will use
# the value set outside of this section
[for_series_analysis]
TC_STAT_JOB_ARGS = -job filter -init_beg {INIT_BEG} -init_end {INIT_END} -dump_row {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_
→DIR}/{TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR}
TC_STAT_LOOKIN_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}

[config]

# PLOTTING Relevant to series analysis plots.
# By default, background map is turned off. Set
# to no to turn of plotting of background map.
SERIES_ANALYSIS_BACKGROUND_MAP = no

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_LEAD

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUN_ONCE_PER_STORM_ID = False

# set the regrid dictionary item to_grid in the SeriesAnalysis MET config file
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_TO_GRID = FCST
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_METHOD = FORCE
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_WIDTH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_SHAPE =
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```

## NOTE: "TOTAL" is a REQUIRED cnt statistic used by the series analysis scripts
SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST = TOTAL, FBAR, OBAR, ME

SERIES_ANALYSIS_BLOCK_SIZE = 4000

# set to True to add the -paired flag to the SeriesAnalysis command
SERIES_ANALYSIS_IS_PAired = True

# If True/yes, run plot_data_plane on output from Series-Analysis to generate
# images for each stat item listed in SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST
SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_PLOTS = yes

# If True/yes, run convert on output from Series-Analysis to generate
# a gif using images in groups of name/level/stat
SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_ANIMATIONS = yes

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_TITLE = {MODEL} series_F{fcst_beg}_to_F{fcst_end} Forecasts{nseries}, {stat} for
↳{fcst_name} {fcst_level}

# FILENAME TEMPLATES
#
[filename_templates]
# Define the format of the filenames
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/a{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m}*.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/b{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m}*.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}

TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = filter_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.tcst

EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?
↳fmt=%3H}.grb2
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}00_000.
↳grb2

FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/{storm_id}/FCST_TILE_F{lead?fmt=%3H}_gfs_4_
↳{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%3H}.nc
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/{storm_id}/OBS_TILE_F{lead?fmt=%3H}_gfs_4_
↳{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%3H}.nc

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}
OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

SERIES_ANALYSIS_TC_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

# Template to look for climatology mean input to SeriesAnalysis relative to SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_
↳MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology standard deviation input to SeriesAnalysis relative to SERIES_
↳ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR

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# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {label}/series_F{fcst_beg}_to_F{fcst_end}_{fcst_name}_{fcst_level}.
→nc

#
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/track_data
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_INPUT_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR}
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/track_data_atcf
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs

TC_STAT_LOOKIN_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR}
TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}

EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}
EXTRACT_TILES_GRID_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/reduced_model_data
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/reduced_model_data
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/reduced_model_data
EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/extract_tiles

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}
OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}
SERIES_ANALYSIS_TC_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR}

# directory containing climatology mean input to SeriesAnalysis
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology standard deviation input to SeriesAnalysis
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/series_analysis_lead

```

### 5.2.7.8.7 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**TCPairsConfig\_wrapped**



**Note:** See the *TCPairs MET Configuration* (page 189) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCPairs configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// ATCF file format reference:
//   http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html
//

//
// Models
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Description
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Storm identifiers
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Basins
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Cyclone numbers
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//
// Storm names
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

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```
//
// Valid model time window
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}

//
// Model initialization hours
//
init_hour = [];

//
// Required lead time in hours
//
lead_req = [];

//
// lat/lon polylines defining masking regions
//
init_mask = "";
valid_mask = "";

//
// Specify if the code should check for duplicate ATCF lines
//
check_dup = FALSE;

//
// Specify special processing to be performed for interpolated models.
// Set to NONE, FILL, or REPLACE.
//
interp12 = REPLACE;

//
// Specify how consensus forecasts should be defined
//
consensus = [];

//
// Forecast lag times
//
lag_time = [];

//
// CLIPER/SHIFOR baseline forecasts to be derived from the BEST
// and operational (CARQ) tracks.
//
best_technique = [ "BEST" ];
best_baseline = [];
oper_technique = [ "CARQ" ];
oper_baseline = [];
```

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```

//
// Specify the datasets to be searched for analysis tracks (NONE, ADECK, BDECK,
// or BOTH).
//
only_track = BDECK;

//
// Specify if only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks be written out.
//
match_points = TRUE;

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify watch/warning information:
//   - Input watch/warning filename
//   - Watch/warning time offset in seconds
//
watch_warn = {
    file_name    = "MET_BASE/tc_data/wwpts-us.txt";
    time_offset  = -14400;
}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V9.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### TCStatConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [TCStat MET Configuration](#) (page 200) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCStat configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//

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```
// The parameters listed below are used to filter the TC-STAT data down to the
// desired subset of lines over which statistics are to be computed. Only
// those lines which meet ALL of the criteria specified will be retained.
//
// The settings that are common to all jobs may be specified once at the top
// level. If no selection is listed for a parameter, that parameter will not
// be used for filtering. If multiple selections are listed for a parameter,
// the analyses will be performed on their union.
//
//
// Stratify by the AMODEL or BMODEL columns.
//
${METPLUS_AMODEL}
${METPLUS_BMODEL}
//
// Stratify by the DESC column.
//
${METPLUS_DESC}
//
// Stratify by the STORM_ID column.
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}
//
// Stratify by the BASIN column.
// May add using the "-basin" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}
//
// Stratify by the CYCLONE column.
// May add using the "-cyclone" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}
//
// Stratify by the STORM_NAME column.
// May add using the "-storm_name" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}
//
// Stratify by the INIT times.
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
// May modify using the "-init_beg", "-init_end", "-init_inc",
// and "-init_exc" job command options.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
```

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```

${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Stratify by the VALID times.
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_VALID_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_VALID_EXCLUDE}

//
// Stratify by the initialization and valid hours and lead time.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_HOUR}
${METPLUS_VALID_HOUR}
${METPLUS_LEAD}

//
// Select tracks which contain all required lead times.
//
${METPLUS_LEAD_REQ}

//
// Stratify by the INIT_MASK and VALID_MASK columns.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_MASK}
${METPLUS_VALID_MASK}

//
// Stratify by checking the watch/warning status for each track point
// common to both the ADECK and BDECK tracks. If the watch/warning status
// of any of the track points appears in the list, retain the entire track.
//
${METPLUS_TRACK_WATCH_WARN}

//
// Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL}

//
// Stratify by performing string matching on non-numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_VAL}

//
// Stratify by excluding strings in non-numeric data columns.
//
//column_str_exc_name =

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```

${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_NAME}

//column_str_exc_val =
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_thresh options above
//
${METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_NAME}
${METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_str options above
//
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_NAME}
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_str_exc options above
//
//init_str_exc_name =
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_NAME}

//init_str_exc_val =
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_VAL}

//
// Stratify by the ADECK and BDECK distances to land.
//
${METPLUS_WATER_ONLY}

//
// Specify whether only those track points occurring near landfall should be
// retained, and define the landfall retention window in HH[MMSS] format
// around the landfall time.
//
${METPLUS_LANDFALL}
${METPLUS_LANDFALL_BEG}
${METPLUS_LANDFALL_END}

//
// Specify whether only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks should be retained. May modify using the "-match_points" job command
// option.
//
${METPLUS_MATCH_POINTS}

//
// Array of TCStat analysis jobs to be performed on the filtered data
//
${METPLUS_JOBS}

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`${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}`

### SeriesAnalysisConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [SeriesAnalysis MET Configuration](#) (page 156) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Series-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];
${METPLUS_CAT_THRESH}
cnt_thresh    = [ NA ];
cnt_logic     = UNION;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

```

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```

fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    grid = "";
    poly = "";
}

//
// Number of grid points to be processed concurrently. Set smaller to use
// less memory but increase the number of passes through the data.
//
${METPLUS_BLOCK_SIZE}

```

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```
//
// Ratio of valid matched pairs to compute statistics for a grid point
//
${METPLUS_VLD_THRESH}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
output_stats = {
    fho    = [];
    ctc    = [];
    ${METPLUS_CTS_LIST}
    mctc   = [];
    mcts   = [];
    ${METPLUS_STAT_LIST}
    sl1l2  = [];
    sal1l2 = [];
    pct    = [];
    pstd   = [];
    pjc    = [];
    prc    = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
tmp_dir         = "/tmp";
//version       = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

#### 5.2.7.8.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesByLead.conf, then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_
SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_obsGFS_FeatureRelative_SeriesByLead.conf
-c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in TC-Stat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesByLead.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_  
↪SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_obsGFS_FeatureRelative_SeriesByLead.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

and for the [exe] section, you will need to define the location of NON-MET executables. If the executable is in the user's path, METplus will find it from the name. If the executable is not in the path, specify the full path to the executable here (i.e. CONVERT = /usr/bin/convert) The following executables are required for performing series analysis use cases:

If the executables are in the path:

- **CONVERT = convert**

**NOTE:** All of these executable items must be located under the [exe] section.

If the executables are not in the path, they need to be defined:

- **CONVERT = /path/to/convert**

**NOTE:** All of these executable items must be located under the [exe] section. Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y  
  
[exe]  
CONVERT = /path/to/convert
```

**NOTE:** The INPUT\_BASE, OUTPUT\_BASE, and MET\_INSTALL\_DIR must be located under the [dir] section, while the RM, CUT, TR, NCAP2, CONVERT, and NCDUMP must be located under the [exe] section.

#### 5.2.7.8.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in series\_analysis\_lead, relative to the **OUTPUT\_BASE**, and in the following directories (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**):

- Day1
- Day2
- series\_animate

The *Day1* subdirectory will contain files that have the following format:

```
ANLY_FILES_Fhhh_to_FHHH
FCST_ASCII_FILES_Fhhh_to_FHHH
series_<varname>_<level>_<stat>.png
series_<varname>_<level>_<stat>.ps
series_<varname>_<level>_<stat>.nc
```

Where:

**hhh** is the starting forecast hour/lead time in hours

**HHH** is the ending forecast hour/lead time in hours

**varname** is the variable of interest, as specified in the METplus series\_by\_lead\_all\_fhrs config file

**level** is the level of interest, as specified in the METplus series\_by\_lead\_all\_fhrs config file

**stat** is the statistic of interest, as specified in the METplus series\_by\_lead\_all\_fhrs config file.

The *Day2* subdirectory will contain files that have the same formatting as *Day1*, but for those forecast hours within 24 to 42 hours.

The series\_animate directory contains the animations of the series analysis in .gif format for all variable, level, and statistics combinations:

```
series_animate_<varname>_<level>_<stat>.gif
```

#### 5.2.7.8.10 Keywords

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**Note:**     [TCPairsToolUseCase](#), [SeriesByLeadUseCase](#), [TCStatToolUseCase](#), [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAppUseCase](#), [SeriesAnalysisUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#), [FeatureRelativeUseCase](#), [SBUOrgUseCase](#), [DiagnosticsUseCase](#), [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/medium\_range-TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_Ser

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.7.9 Multi\_Tool: Feature Relative by Lead using Multiple User-Defined Fields

model\_applications/medium\_range/ TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS \_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative \_Series-ByLead\_PyEmbed\_Multiple\_Diagnostics.conf

#### 5.2.7.9.1 Scientific Objective

This use case calls multiple tools to produce diagnostic plots of systematic errors relative to a feature (e.g. hurricane, MCS, etc...). This use case calls two user provided python scripts that calculate diagnostics of interest (e.g. integrated vapor transport, potential vorticity, etc...). These user diagnostics are then used to define the systematic errors. This example calculates statistics over varying forecast leads with the ability to define lead groupings. This use case is very similar to the Multi\_Tools: Feature Relative by Lead use case and the Multi\_Tools: Feature Relative by Lead using User-Defined Fields. (ADeck,GFS:BDeck,GFS:ATCF,Grib2)

By maintaining focus of each evaluation time (or evaluation time series, in this case) on a user-defined area around a cyclone, the model statistical errors associated with cyclonic physical features (moisture flux, stability, strength of upper-level PV anomaly and jet, etc.) can be related directly to the model forecasts and provide improvement guidance by accurately depicting interactions with significant weather features around and within the cyclone. This is in contrast to the traditional method of regional averaging cyclone observations in a fixed grid, which “smooths out” system features and limits the meaningful metrics that can be gathered. Specifically, this use case creates bins of forecast lead times as specified by the given ranges which provides additional insight directly into forecast lead time accuracy.

Additionally, the ability to calculate model statistical errors based on user provided diagnostics allows the user to customize the feature relative analysis to suit their needs.

#### 5.2.7.9.2 Datasets

This use case compares the Global Forecast System (GFS) forecast to the GFS analysis for hurricane Dorian. It is based on two user provided python scripts that calculate the diagnostic integrated vaport transport (IVT) and potential vorticity (PV), respectively.

- Variables required to calculate IVT: Levels required: all pressure levels  $\leq 100\text{mb}$  #. Temperature #. v- component of wind #. u- component of wind #. Geopotential height #. Specific humidity OR Relative Humidity
- Variables required to calculate PV: Levels required: all pressure levels  $\leq 100\text{mb}$  #. Absolute Vorticity #. Temperature

```
# - Forecast dataset: GFS Grid 4 Forecast
#   GFS Forecast data can be found at the following website: https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/data-access/
→model-data/model-datasets/global-forecast-system-gfs
#   - Initialization date: 20190830
#   - Initialization hours: 00, 06, 12, 18 UTC
#   - Lead times: 90, 96, 102, 108, 114
#   - Format: Grib2
#   - Resolution: 0.5 degree
# - Observation dataset: GFS Grid 4 Analysis
```

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```
# GFS Analysis data can be found at the following website: https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/data-access/
↳model-data/model-datasets/global-forecast-system-gfs
# - Valid date/time range: 20190902_18 - 20190904_12 every 6 hours
# - Format: Grib2
# - Resolution: 0.5 degree
# - Hurricane Track Data
# Hurricane track data can be found at the following website: http://hurricanes.ral.ucar.edu/
↳repository/data/
# - ADeck Track File: aal052019.dat
# - BDeck Track File: bal052019.dat
#
```

### 5.2.7.9.3 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

- netCDF4
- pygrib

If the version of Python used to compile MET did not have these libraries at the time of compilation, you will need to add these packages or create a new Python environment with these packages.

If this is the case, you will need to set the MET\_PYTHON\_EXE environment variable to the path of the version of Python you want to use. If you want this version of Python to only apply to this use case, set it in the [user\_env\_vars] section of a METplus configuration file.:

```
[user_env_vars] MET_PYTHON_EXE = /path/to/python/with/required/packages/bin/python
```

### 5.2.7.9.4 METplus Components

This use case first runs PyEmbedIngest to run the user provided python scripts to calculate the desired diagnostics (in this example, IVT and PV). PyEmbedIngest runs the RegridDataPlane tool to write IVT and PV to a MET readable netCDF file. Then TCPairs and ExtractTiles are run to generate matched tropical cyclone data and regrid them into appropriately-sized tiles along a storm track. The MET tc-stat tool is used to filter the track data and the MET regrid-dataplane tool is used to regrid the data (GRIB1 or GRIB2 into netCDF). Next, a series analysis by lead time is performed on the results and plots (.ps and .png) are generated for all variable-level-stat combinations from the specified variables, levels, and requested statistics. If lead grouping is turned on, the final results are aggregated into forecast hour groupings as specified by the start, end and increment in the METplus configuration file, as well as labels to identify each forecast hour grouping. If lead grouping is not turned out the final results will be written out for each requested lead time.

#### 5.2.7.9.5 METplus Workflow

This use case loops by process which means that each tool is run for all times before moving to the next tool. The tool order is as follows:

PyEmbedIngest, TCPairs, ExtractTiles, SeriesByLead

This example loops by forecast/lead time (with begin, end, and increment as specified in the METplus TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesByLead\_Multiple\_Diagnostics.conf file).

4 initialization times will be run over 5 lead times:

**Init:** 20190830\_00Z

**Forecast lead:** 90, 96, 102, 108, 114

**Init:** 20190830\_06Z

**Forecast lead:** 90, 96, 102, 108, 114

**Init:** 20190830\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 90, 96, 102, 108, 114

**Init:** 20190830\_18Z

**Forecast lead:** 90, 96, 102, 108, 114

#### 5.2.7.9.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/medium\_range/TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesB

```
#  
# CONFIGURATION  
#  
[config]  
  
# Loop over each process in the process list (set in PROCESS_LIST) for all times in the time window_  
↳ of interest.  
LOOP_ORDER = processes
```

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```

#Configuration files
TC_PAIRS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/TCPairsConfig_wrapped

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/SeriesAnalysisConfig_wrapped

PROCESS_LIST = PyEmbedIngest, TCPairs, TCStat, ExtractTiles, TCStat(for_series_analysis),
↳SeriesAnalysis

# The init time begin and end times, increment
# Looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG = 2019083000

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END = 2019083023

# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end time
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600 ;; set to every 6 hours=21600 seconds

# Used by extract tiles and series analysis to define the records of
# interest to be retrieved from the grib2 file

BOTH_VAR1_NAME = ivt
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = Surface

BOTH_VAR2_NAME = pv
BOTH_VAR2_LEVELS = Surface

LEAD_SEQ = 90, 96, 102, 108, 114

#####
### PYEMBED INGEST
#####

# 1st INGEST INSTANCE: Forecast
# python script with optional arguments to run for 1st ingest instance
# IVT
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_SCRIPT_1 = {CONFIG_DIR}/gfs_ivt_fcst.py {MODEL_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?
↳fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%3H}.grib2
# output variable name
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME_1 = ivt

# PV
# python script with optional arguments to run for 1st ingest instance
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_SCRIPT_2 = {CONFIG_DIR}/gfs_pv_fcst.py {MODEL_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?
↳fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%3H}.grib2
# output variable name

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```

PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME_2 = pv

# type of python input to expect for 1st ingest instance
# valid options: NUMPY, XARRAY
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_TYPE = NUMPY

# output grid for 1st ingest instance. Can be a grid definition or file path
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_GRID = {MODEL_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_
↳{lead?fmt=%3H}.grb2

# 2nd INGEST INSTANCE: Analysis
# IVT
# python script with optional arguments to run for 2nd ingest instance
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_SCRIPT_1 = {CONFIG_DIR}/gfs_ivt_analysis.py {MODEL_DIR}/{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_
↳{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}00_000.grb2
# output variable name
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME_1 = ivt

# python script with optional arguments to run for 2nd ingest instance
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_SCRIPT_2 = {CONFIG_DIR}/gfs_pv_analysis.py {MODEL_DIR}/{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_
↳{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}00_000.grb2
# output variable name
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME_2 = pv

# type of python input to expect for 2nd ingest instance
# valid options: NUMPY, XARRAY
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_TYPE = NUMPY

# output grid for 2nd ingest instance. Can be a grid definition or file path
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_GRID = {MODEL_DIR}/{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}
↳00_000.grb2

#####
# TCPairs Configurations
#####

# A list of times to include, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_INCLUDE =

# A list of times to exclude, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_EXCLUDE =

# Specify model valid time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]. Only tracks
# that fall within the valid time window will be used.
TC_PAIRS_VALID_BEG =
TC_PAIRS_VALID_END =

#
# Run MET tc_pairs by indicating the top-level directories for the A-deck
# and B-deck files. Set to 'yes' to run using top-level directories, 'no'
# if you want to run tc_pairs on files paired by the wrapper.
TC_PAIRS_READ_ALL_FILES = no

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# List of models to be used (white space or comma separated) eg: DSHP, LGEM, HWRF
# If no models are listed, then process all models in the input file(s).
MODEL = GFSO

# List of storm ids of interest (space or comma separated) e.g.: AL112012, AL122012
# If no storm ids are listed, then process all storm ids in the input file(s).
TC_PAIRS_STORM_ID =

# Basins (of origin/region). Indicate with space or comma-separated list of regions, eg. AL: for_
↳North Atlantic,
# WP: Western North Pacific, CP: Central North Pacific, SH: Southern Hemisphere, IO: North Indian_
↳Ocean, LS: Southern
# Hemisphere
TC_PAIRS_BASIN =

# Cyclone, a space or comma-separated list of cyclone numbers. If left empty, all cyclones will be_
↳used.
TC_PAIRS_CYCLONE =

# Storm name, a space or comma-separated list of storm names to evaluate. If left empty, all storms_
↳will be used.
TC_PAIRS_STORM_NAME =

# DLAND file, the full path of the file that contains the gridded representation of the
# minimum distance from land.
TC_PAIRS_DLAND_FILE = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/tc_data/dland_global_tenth_degree.nc

TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DECK = no
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_TYPE = SBU

TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL_TO_REPLACE = -99
TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL = -9999

# overwrite modified track data (non-ATCF to ATCF format)
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_REFORMAT_EXISTS = no

# overwrite tc_pairs output
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = no

#####
# TCStat Configurations
#####

# IMPORTANT Refer to the README_TC for details on setting up analysis
# jobs (located in {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/config

# Separate each option and value with whitespace, and each job with a whitespace.
# No whitespace within arithmetic expressions or lists of items
# (e.g. -by AMSLP,AMODEL,LEAD -column '(AMAX_WIND-BMAX_WIND)')
# Enclose your arithmetic expressions with '' and separate each job
# by whitespace:

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# -job filter -dump_row /path/to, -job summary -line_type TCMR -column 'ABS(AMAX_WIND-BMAX_WIND)'
↳-out {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_stat/file.tcst

TC_STAT_JOB_ARGS = -job filter -basin AL -dump_row {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}/{TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

# Specify whether only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
# tracks should be written out. This is only used when explicitly calling
# TC_STAT in the PROCESS_LIST. This is not used in this use case, so setting
# it to either false or true has no impact.
TC_STAT_MATCH_POINTS = true

# Stratify by these columns:
TC_STAT_AMODEL = {MODEL}
TC_STAT_BMODEL =
TC_STAT_DESC =
TC_STAT_STORM_ID =
TC_STAT_BASIN =
TC_STAT_CYCLONE =
TC_STAT_STORM_NAME =

# Stratify by init times via a comma-separate list of init times to
# include or exclude. Time format defined as YYYYMMDD_HH or YYYYMMDD_HH:mm:ss
TC_STAT_INIT_BEG =
TC_STAT_INIT_END =
TC_STAT_INIT_INCLUDE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}
TC_STAT_INIT_EXCLUDE =
TC_STAT_INIT_HOUR =
# Stratify by valid times via a comma-separate list of valid times to
# include or exclude. Time format defined as YYYYMMDD_HH or YYYYMMDD_HH:mm:ss
TC_STAT_VALID_BEG =
TC_STAT_VALID_END =
TC_STAT_VALID_INCLUDE =
TC_STAT_VALID_EXCLUDE =
TC_STAT_VALID_HOUR =
TC_STAT_LEAD_REQ =
TC_STAT_INIT_MASK =
TC_STAT_VALID_MASK =
# Stratify by the valid time and lead time via comma-separated list of
# times in format HH[MMSS]
TC_STAT_VALID_HOUR =
TC_STAT_LEAD =

# Stratify over the watch_warn column in the tcst file. Setting this to
# 'ALL' will match HUWARN, HUWATCH, TSWARN, TSWATCH
TC_STAT_TRACK_WATCH_WARN =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns. Specify with
# comma-separated list of column names and thresholds to be applied.
# The length of TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME should be the same as
# TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL.
TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME =

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TC_STAT_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL =

# Stratify by a list of comma-separated columns names and values corresponding
# to non-numeric data columns of the values of interest.
TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_NAME =
TC_STAT_COLUMN_STR_VAL =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns only when lead=0.
# If lead=0 and the value does not meet the threshold, discard the entire
# track. The length of TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_NAME must equal the length of
# TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_VAL.
TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_NAME =
TC_STAT_INIT_THRESH_VAL =

# Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns only when lead = 0.
# If lead = 0 but the value doesn't meet the threshold, discard the entire
# track.
TC_STAT_INIT_STR_NAME =
TC_STAT_INIT_STR_VAL =

# Excludes any points where distance to land is <=0. When set to TRUE, once land
# is encountered, the remainder of the forecast track is NOT used for the
# verification, even if the track moves back over water.
TC_STAT_WATER_ONLY =

# TRUE or FALSE. To specify whether only those track points occurring near
# landfall should be retained. Landfall is the last bmodel track point before
# the distance to land switches from water to land.
TC_STAT_LANDFALL =

# Define the landfall retention window, which is defined as the hours offset
# from the time of landfall. Format is in HH[MMSS]. Default TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG
# is set to -24, and TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END is set to 00
TC_STAT_LANDFALL_BEG =
TC_STAT_LANDFALL_END =

# Constants used in creating the tile grid, used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_NLAT = 60
EXTRACT_TILES_NLON = 60

# Resolution of data in degrees, used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_DLAT = 0.5
EXTRACT_TILES_DLON = 0.5

# Degrees to subtract from the center lat and lon to
# calculate the lower left lat (lat_ll) and lower
# left lon (lon_ll) for a grid that is 2n X 2m,
# where n = EXTRACT_TILES_LAT_ADJ degrees and m = EXTRACT_TILES_LON_ADJ degrees.
# For this case, where n=15 and m=15, this results
# in a 30 deg X 30 deg grid. Used by extract tiles
EXTRACT_TILES_LON_ADJ = 15

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EXTRACT_TILES_LAT_ADJ = 15

# OVERWRITE OPTIONS
# Skip writing filter files if they already exist.
# Set to yes if you want to skip processing existing files
# Set to no if you want to override existing files
EXTRACT_TILES_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = no

# Settings specific to the TCStat(for_series_analysis) process that was set
# in the PROCESS_LIST. Any TC_STAT_* variable not set in this section will use
# the value set outside of this section
[for_series_analysis]
TC_STAT_JOB_ARGS = -job filter -init_beg {INIT_BEG} -init_end {INIT_END} -dump_row {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_
↳DIR}/{TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR}
TC_STAT_LOOKIN_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}

[config]

# set the regrid dictionary item to_grid in the SeriesAnalysis MET config file
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_TO_GRID = FCST
SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_METHOD = FORCE
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_WIDTH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_VLD_THRESH =
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_SHAPE =

# NOTE: "TOTAL" is a REQUIRED cnt statistic used by the series analysis scripts
SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST = TOTAL, FBAR, OBAR, ME

# PLOTTING Relevant to series analysis plots.
# By default, background map is turned off. Set
# to no to turn off plotting of background map.
SERIES_ANALYSIS_BACKGROUND_MAP = yes

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_LEAD

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUN_ONCE_PER_STORM_ID = False

SERIES_ANALYSIS_BLOCK_SIZE = 4000

# set to True to add the -paired flag to the SeriesAnalysis command
SERIES_ANALYSIS_IS_PAIRIED = True

# If True/yes, run plot_data_plane on output from Series-Analysis to generate
# images for each stat item listed in SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST
SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_PLOTS = yes

# If True/yes, run convert on output from Series-Analysis to generate
# a gif using images in groups of name/level/stat
SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_ANIMATIONS = yes

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```

PLOT_DATA_PLANE_TITLE = {MODEL} series_F{fcst_beg} Forecasts{nseries}, {stat} for {fcst_name} {fcst_
↳level}

#
# FILENAME TEMPLATES
#
[filename_templates]
# Define the format of the filenames
PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?
↳fmt=%3H}.nc
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}00_000.
↳nc

TC_PAIRS_ADECK_TEMPLATE = a{basin?fmt=%s}052019.dat
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_TEMPLATE = b{basin?fmt=%s}052019.dat
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/ {basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.dorian

TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = filter_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}.tcst

EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?
↳fmt=%3H}.nc
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/gfs_4_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H}00_000.nc

FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/{storm_id}/FCST_TILE_F {lead?fmt=%3H}_{MODEL}
↳_gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%3H}.nc
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}/{storm_id}/OBS_TILE_F {lead?fmt=%3H}_{MODEL}_
↳_gfs_4_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H}00_{lead?fmt=%3H}.nc

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}
OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

SERIES_ANALYSIS_TC_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

# Template to look for climatology mean input to SeriesAnalysis relative to SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_
↳MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology standard deviation input to SeriesAnalysis relative to SERIES_
↳ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {label}/series_F{fcst_beg}_{fcst_name}_{fcst_level}.nc
#
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]

# location of configuration files used by MET applications

```

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```

CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_obsGFS_
↳FeatureRelative_SeriesByLead_PyEmbed_Multiple_Diagnostics

#Location of model data
MODEL_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/dorian_data/model_data

PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/py_embed_out
PY_EMBED_INGEST_2_OUTPUT_DIR = {PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR}

# track data, set to your data source
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/dorian_data/track_data
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_INPUT_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR}
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/track_data_atcf
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs

TC_STAT_LOOKIN_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR}
TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}

EXTRACT_TILES_TC_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {TC_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}
EXTRACT_TILES_GRID_INPUT_DIR = {PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR}
FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR = {PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR}
OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_DIR = {PY_EMBED_INGEST_1_OUTPUT_DIR}
EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/extract_tiles

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}
OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR}
SERIES_ANALYSIS_TC_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR}

# directory containing climatology mean input to SeriesAnalysis
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology standard deviation input to SeriesAnalysis
# Not used in this example
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/series_analysis_lead

```

### 5.2.7.9.7 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**TCPairsConfig\_wrapped**

**Note:** See the *TCPairs MET Configuration* (page 189) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCPairs configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// ATCF file format reference:
//   http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html
//

//
// Models
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Description
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Storm identifiers
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Basins
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Cyclone numbers
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//
// Storm names
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

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```
//
// Valid model time window
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}

//
// Model initialization hours
//
init_hour = [];

//
// Required lead time in hours
//
lead_req = [];

//
// lat/lon polylines defining masking regions
//
init_mask = "";
valid_mask = "";

//
// Specify if the code should check for duplicate ATCF lines
//
check_dup = FALSE;

//
// Specify special processing to be performed for interpolated models.
// Set to NONE, FILL, or REPLACE.
//
interp12 = REPLACE;

//
// Specify how consensus forecasts should be defined
//
consensus = [];

//
// Forecast lag times
//
lag_time = [];

//
// CLIPER/SHIFOR baseline forecasts to be derived from the BEST
// and operational (CARQ) tracks.
//
best_technique = [ "BEST" ];
best_baseline = [];
oper_technique = [ "CARQ" ];
oper_baseline = [];
```

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```
//
// Specify the datasets to be searched for analysis tracks (NONE, ADECK, BDECK,
// or BOTH).
//
only_track = BDECK;

//
// Specify if only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks be written out.
//
match_points = TRUE;

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify watch/warning information:
//   - Input watch/warning filename
//   - Watch/warning time offset in seconds
//
watch_warn = {
    file_name    = "MET_BASE/tc_data/wwpts-us.txt";
    time_offset  = -14400;
}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V9.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

## TCStatConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [TCStat MET Configuration](#) (page 200) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCStat configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
```

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```
// The parameters listed below are used to filter the TC-STAT data down to the
// desired subset of lines over which statistics are to be computed. Only
// those lines which meet ALL of the criteria specified will be retained.
//
// The settings that are common to all jobs may be specified once at the top
// level. If no selection is listed for a parameter, that parameter will not
// be used for filtering. If multiple selections are listed for a parameter,
// the analyses will be performed on their union.
//
//
// Stratify by the AMODEL or BMODEL columns.
//
${METPLUS_AMODEL}
${METPLUS_BMODEL}
//
// Stratify by the DESC column.
//
${METPLUS_DESC}
//
// Stratify by the STORM_ID column.
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}
//
// Stratify by the BASIN column.
// May add using the "-basin" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}
//
// Stratify by the CYCLONE column.
// May add using the "-cyclone" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}
//
// Stratify by the STORM_NAME column.
// May add using the "-storm_name" job command option.
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}
//
// Stratify by the INIT times.
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
// May modify using the "-init_beg", "-init_end", "-init_inc",
// and "-init_exc" job command options.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
```

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```

${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Stratify by the VALID times.
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_VALID_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_VALID_EXCLUDE}

//
// Stratify by the initialization and valid hours and lead time.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_HOUR}
${METPLUS_VALID_HOUR}
${METPLUS_LEAD}

//
// Select tracks which contain all required lead times.
//
${METPLUS_LEAD_REQ}

//
// Stratify by the INIT_MASK and VALID_MASK columns.
//
${METPLUS_INIT_MASK}
${METPLUS_VALID_MASK}

//
// Stratify by checking the watch/warning status for each track point
// common to both the ADECK and BDECK tracks. If the watch/warning status
// of any of the track points appears in the list, retain the entire track.
//
${METPLUS_TRACK_WATCH_WARN}

//
// Stratify by applying thresholds to numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_THRESH_VAL}

//
// Stratify by performing string matching on non-numeric data columns.
//
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_NAME}
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_VAL}

//
// Stratify by excluding strings in non-numeric data columns.
//
//column_str_exc_name =

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```

${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_NAME}

//column_str_exc_val =
${METPLUS_COLUMN_STR_EXC_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_thresh options above
//
${METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_NAME}
${METPLUS_INIT_THRESH_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_str options above
//
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_NAME}
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_VAL}

//
// Similar to the column_str_exc options above
//
//init_str_exc_name =
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_NAME}

//init_str_exc_val =
${METPLUS_INIT_STR_EXC_VAL}

//
// Stratify by the ADECK and BDECK distances to land.
//
${METPLUS_WATER_ONLY}

//
// Specify whether only those track points occurring near landfall should be
// retained, and define the landfall retention window in HH[MMSS] format
// around the landfall time.
//
${METPLUS_LANDFALL}
${METPLUS_LANDFALL_BEG}
${METPLUS_LANDFALL_END}

//
// Specify whether only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks should be retained. May modify using the "-match_points" job command
// option.
//
${METPLUS_MATCH_POINTS}

//
// Array of TCStat analysis jobs to be performed on the filtered data
//
${METPLUS_JOBS}

```

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`${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}`

### SeriesAnalysisConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [SeriesAnalysis MET Configuration](#) (page 156) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Series-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYPE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];
${METPLUS_CAT_THRESH}
cnt_thresh    = [ NA ];
cnt_logic     = UNION;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

```

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```

fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    grid = "";
    poly = "";
}

//
// Number of grid points to be processed concurrently. Set smaller to use
// less memory but increase the number of passes through the data.
//
${METPLUS_BLOCK_SIZE}

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```
//
// Ratio of valid matched pairs to compute statistics for a grid point
//
${METPLUS_VLD_THRESH}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
output_stats = {
    fho    = [];
    ctc    = [];
    ${METPLUS_CTS_LIST}
    mctc   = [];
    mcts   = [];
    ${METPLUS_STAT_LIST}
    sl112  = [];
    sal112 = [];
    pct    = [];
    pstd   = [];
    pjc    = [];
    prc    = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";
//version      = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

#### 5.2.7.9.8 Python Embedding

This use case uses four Python embedding scripts to read input data, two for the forecast data and two for the analysis data. The multiple datatype input requires the two-script approach.

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/medium\_range/TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesB

```
# This script is a combination of two scripts originally from Taylor Mandelbaum, SBU.
# Adjustments have been made by Lindsay Blank, NCAR.
# May 2020
#####

import pygrib
import numpy as np
import sys
```

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```

import os
import re
import datetime as dt
import metpy.calc as mc

#####

def ivt(input_file):
    grbs = pygrib.open(input_file)
    g = 9.81 # Setting gravity constant
    print(input_file)
    grbs.rewind()

    # Initialize variable arrays
    levs = [] # Levels
    q = [] # Specific humidity
    hgt = [] # Geopotential height
    temp = [] # Temperature
    u = [] # u-wind
    v = [] # v-wind

    # Fill in variable arrays from input file.
    for grb in grbs:
        if grb.level*100 <= 10000:
            continue
        elif np.logical_and('v-' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            v.append(grb.values)
        elif np.logical_and('u-' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            u.append(grb.values)
        elif np.logical_and('Temperature' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            temp.append(grb.values)
        elif np.logical_and('Geopotential' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            hgt.append(grb.values)
        elif np.logical_and('Specific' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            q.append(grb.values)
            levs.append(grb.level)

    temp = np.array(temp)
    hgt = np.array(hgt)
    u = np.array(u)
    v = np.array(v)

    grbs.rewind()

    # If we didn't find specific humidity, look for relative humidity.
    if len(q) == 0:
        for grb in grbs:
            if grb.level*100 <= 10000:
                continue
            if np.logical_and('Relative' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
                q.append(grb.values)
                levs.append(grb.level)

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```

    levs = np.array(levs)
    # Clausius-Clapeyron time
    es = 610.78*np.exp((17.67*(temp-273.15)/(temp-29.65))) # Calculate saturation vapor pressure
    e = es*(np.array(q)/100) # Calculate vapor pressure
    w = 0.622*es/(levs[:,None,None]*100) # Calculate water vapor
    q = w/(w+1) # Calculate specific humidity
    q = np.array(q)

    uv = np.sqrt(u**2+v**2) # Calculate wind
    mflux_total = np.sum(q,axis=0)*(1/g)*np.mean(uv,axis=0)*(np.max(levs)-np.min(levs)) #calculate_
↪mass flux
    met_data = mflux_total.copy() #Pass mass flux to be used by MET tools
    print(np.max(met_data))
    #np.save('{} .npy'.format(sys.argv[1]),mflux_total)
    grbs.close()

    return met_data

#####

input_file = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])

data = ivt(input_file) #Call function to calculate IVT

met_data = data
met_data = met_data.astype('float64')

# Automatically fill out time information from input file.
file_regex = r"^[0-9]{8}_[0-9]{4}_[0-9]{3}.*$"
match = re.match(file_regex,
                  os.path.basename(input_file).replace('-', '_'))
if not match:
    print(f"Could not extract time information from filename: {input_file} using regex {file_regex}")
    sys.exit(1)

init = dt.datetime.strptime(match.group(1), '%Y%m%d_%H%M')
lead = int(match.group(2))
valid = init + dt.timedelta(hours=lead)

print("Data Shape: " + repr(met_data.shape))
print("Data Type: " + repr(met_data.dtype))

print(valid)
print(init)
print(lead)

attrs = {
    'valid': valid.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'init': init.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'lead': str(int(lead)),

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```

'accum': '00',

'name':      'ivt',
'long_name': 'integrated_vapor_transport',
'level':     'Surface',
'units':     'UNKNOWN',

'grid': {
    'name': 'Global 0.5 Degree',
    'type' : 'LatLon',
    'lat_ll' : -90.0,
    'lon_ll' : 0.0,
    'delta_lat' : 0.5,
    'delta_lon' : 0.5,
    'Nlat' : 361,
    'Nlon' : 720,
}
}

```

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/medium\_range/TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesB

```

# This script calculates potential vorticity (PV) from variables found in the GFS forecast model grib_
↪files. This script is originally from Taylor Mandelbaum, SBU.
# Adjustments have been made by Lindsay Blank, NCAR.
# July 2020
#####

import pygrib
import numpy as np
import sys
import os
import re
import datetime as dt
import metpy.calc as mc

#####

def calc_pot_temp(temp,pressure):
    theta = temp*(1013/pressure)**(2/7)
    return theta

def pv(input_file):
    g = -9.81 # Setting acceleration due to gravity constant

    # Initialize arrays
    abs_vor = [] # Absolute vorticity
    levs    = [] # Levels
    pot_temp = [] # Potential temperature

    # Fill in variable arrays from input file.
    grbs = pygrib.open(input_file)

```

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```

grbs.rewind()

for grb in grbs:
    if grb.level*100 <= 10000:
        continue
    elif np.logical_and('Absolute' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        abs_vor.append(grb.values)

    elif np.logical_and('Temperature' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        pot_temp.append(calc_pot_temp(grb.values, grb.level))
        levs.append(grb.level)

lats, lons = grb.latlons()
abs_vor = np.array(abs_vor)
pot_temp = np.array(pot_temp)

pv = (g*((pot_temp[-1]-pot_temp[0])/((levs[-1]-levs[0])*100))*np.mean(abs_vor,axis=0))/(1e-6)
↪#Calculate PV in PVUs
met_data = pv.copy()
grbs.close()

return met_data

#####

input_file = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])

data = pv(input_file) #Call function to calculate PV

met_data = data
met_data = met_data.astype('float64')

print("max", data.max())
print("min", data.min())

# Automatically fill out time information from input file.
file_regex = r"^[0-9]{8}_[0-9]{4}_[0-9]{3}.*$"
match = re.match(file_regex, os.path.basename(input_file).replace('-', '_'))
if not match:
    print(f"Could not extract time information from filename: {input_file} using regex {file_regex}")
    sys.exit(1)

init = dt.datetime.strptime(match.group(1), '%Y%m%d_%H%M')
lead = int(match.group(2))
valid = init + dt.timedelta(hours=lead)

print("Data Shape: " + repr(met_data.shape))
print("Data Type: " + repr(met_data.dtype))

print(valid)
print(init)
print(lead)

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```

attrs = {
    'valid': valid.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'init': init.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'lead': str(int(lead)),
    'accum': '00',

    'name': 'pv',
    'long_name': 'potential_vorticity',
    'level': 'Surface',
    'units': 'PV Units',

    'grid': {
        'name': 'Global 0.5 Degree',
        'type': 'LatLon',
        'lat_ll': -90.0,
        'lon_ll': 0.0,
        'delta_lat': 0.5,
        'delta_lon': 0.5,
        'Nlat': 361,
        'Nlon': 720,
    }
}

```

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/medium\_range/TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesB

```

# This script is a combination of two scripts originally from Taylor Mandelbaum, SBU.
# Adjustments have been made by Lindsay Blank, NCAR.
# May 2020
#####

import pygrib
import numpy as np
import sys
import os
import re
import datetime as dt
import metpy.calc as mc

#####

def ivt(input_file):
    grbs = pygrib.open(input_file)
    g = 9.81 # Setting gravity constant
    print(input_file)
    grbs.rewind()

    # Initialize variable arrays
    levs = [] # Levels
    q = [] # Specific humidity
    hgt = [] # Geopotential height

```

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```

temp = [] # Temperature
u     = [] # u-wind
v     = [] # v-wind

# Fill in variable arrays from input file.
for grb in grbs:
    if grb.level*100 <= 10000:
        continue
    elif np.logical_and('v-' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        v.append(grb.values)
    elif np.logical_and('u-' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        u.append(grb.values)
    elif np.logical_and('Temperature' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        temp.append(grb.values)
    elif np.logical_and('Geopotential' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        hgt.append(grb.values)
    elif np.logical_and('Specific' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
        q.append(grb.values)
        levs.append(grb.level)

temp = np.array(temp)
hgt  = np.array(hgt)
u    = np.array(u)
v    = np.array(v)

grbs.rewind()

# If we didn't find specific humidity, look for relative humidity.
if len(q) == 0:
    for grb in grbs:
        if grb.level*100 <= 10000:
            continue
        if np.logical_and('Relative' in grb.parameterName, grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            q.append(grb.values)
            levs.append(grb.level)

    levs = np.array(levs)
    # Clausius-Clapeyron time
    es = 610.78*np.exp((17.67*(temp-273.15)/(temp-29.65))) # Calculate saturation vapor pressure
    e = es*(np.array(q)/100) # Calculate vapor pressure
    w = 0.622*es/(levs[:,None,None]*100) # Calculate water vapor
    q = w/(w+1) # Calculate specific humidity
q = np.array(q)

uv = np.sqrt(u**2+v**2) # Calculate wind
mflux_total = np.sum(q,axis=0)*(1/g)*np.mean(uv,axis=0)*(np.max(levs)-np.min(levs)) #calculate_
→mass flux
met_data = mflux_total.copy() #Pass mass flux to be used by MET tools
print(np.max(met_data))
#np.save('{ }.npy'.format(sys.argv[1]),mflux_total)
grbs.close()

```

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```

    return met_data

#####

input_file = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])

data = ivt(input_file) #Call function to calculate IVT

met_data = data
met_data = met_data.astype('float64')

# Automatically fill out time information from input file.
for token in os.path.basename(input_file).replace('-', '_').split('_'):
    if(re.search("[0-9]{8,8}", token)):
        ymd = dt.datetime.strptime(token[0:8], "%Y%m%d")
    elif(re.search("^([0-9]{4})$", token)):
        hh = int(token[0:2])
    elif(re.search("^([0-9]{3})$", token)):
        day = int(token.replace("", ""))

print("Data Shape: " + repr(met_data.shape))
print("Data Type: " + repr(met_data.dtype))

# GFS Analysis
valid = ymd + dt.timedelta(hours=hh)
init = valid

attrs = {
    'valid': valid.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'init': init.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'lead': '00',
    'accum': '00',

    'name': 'ivt',
    'long_name': 'integrated_vapor_transport',
    'level': 'Surface',
    'units': 'UNKNOWN',

    'grid': {
        'name': 'Global 0.5 Degree',
        'type': 'LatLon',
        'lat_ll': -90.0,
        'lon_ll': 0.0,
        'delta_lat': 0.5,
        'delta_lon': 0.5,
        'Nlat': 361,
        'Nlon': 720,
    }
}

```

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/medium\_range/TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesB

```

# This script calculates potential vorticity (PV) from variables found in the GFS analysis model.
↳grib2 files. This script is originally from Taylor Mandelbaum, SBU.
# Adjustments have been made by Lindsay Blank, NCAR.
# July 2020
#####

import pygrib
import numpy as np
import sys
import os
import re
import datetime as dt
import metpy.calc as mc

#####

def calc_pot_temp(temp,pressure):
    theta = temp*(1013/pressure)**(2/7)
    return theta

def pv(input_file):
    g = -9.81 # Setting acceleration due to gravity constant

    # Initialize arrays
    abs_vor = [] # Absolute vorticity
    levs = [] # Levels
    pot_temp = [] # Potential temperature

    # Fill in variable arrays from input file.
    grbs = pygrib.open(input_file)
    grbs.rewind()

    for grb in grbs:
        if grb.level*100 <= 10000:
            continue
        elif np.logical_and('Absolute' in grb.parameterName,grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            abs_vor.append(grb.values)

        elif np.logical_and('Temperature' in grb.parameterName,grb.typeOfLevel=='isobaricInhPa'):
            pot_temp.append(calc_pot_temp(grb.values,grb.level))
            levs.append(grb.level)

    lats, lons = grb.latlons()
    abs_vor = np.array(abs_vor)
    pot_temp = np.array(pot_temp)

    pv = (g*((pot_temp[-1]-pot_temp[0])/((levs[-1]-levs[0])*100))*np.mean(abs_vor,axis=0))/(1e-6)
    ↳#Calculate PV in PVUs
    met_data = pv.copy()
    grbs.close()

    return met_data

```

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```
#####

input_file = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])

data = pv(input_file) #Call function to calculate PV

met_data = data
met_data = met_data.astype('float64')

print("max", data.max())
print("min", data.min())

# Automatically fill out time information from input file.
for token in os.path.basename(input_file).replace('-', '_').split('_'):
    if(re.search("[0-9]{8,8}", token)):
        ymd = dt.datetime.strptime(token[0:8], "%Y%m%d")
    elif(re.search("[0-9]{4}$", token)):
        hh = int(token[0:2])
    elif(re.search("[0-9]{3}$", token)):
        day = int(token.replace("", ""))

print("Data Shape: " + repr(met_data.shape))
print("Data Type: " + repr(met_data.dtype))

# GFS Analysis
valid = ymd + dt.timedelta(hours=hh)
init = valid
#lead, rem = divmod((valid-init).total_seconds(), 3600)

print(valid)
print(init)

attrs = {
    'valid': valid.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'init': init.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'lead': '00',
    'accum': '00',

    'name': 'pv',
    'long_name': 'potential_vorticity',
    'level': 'Surface',
    'units': 'PV Units',

    'grid': {
        'name': 'Global 0.5 Degree',
        'type': 'LatLon',
        'lat_ll': -90.0,
        'lon_ll': 0.0,
        'delta_lat': 0.5,
```

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```

    'delta_lon' : 0.5,
    'Nlat' : 361,
    'Nlon' : 720,
  }
}

```

### 5.2.7.9.9 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

1) Passing in TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesByLead\_PyEmbed\_Multiple\_Diagnostics.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py \
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_
  ↪obsGFS_FeatureRelative_SeriesByLead_PyEmbed_Multiple_Diagnostics.conf \
-c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in TC-Stat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_SeriesByLead\_PyEmbed\_Multiple\_Diagnostics.conf:

```

run_metplus.py \
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/medium_range/TCStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstGFS_
  ↪obsGFS_FeatureRelative_SeriesByLead_PyEmbed_IVT.conf

```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

and for the [exe] section, you will need to define the location of NON-MET executables. If the executable is in the user's path, METplus will find it from the name. If the executable is not in the path, specify the full path to the executable here (i.e. CONVERT = /usr/bin/convert) The following executables are required for performing series analysis use cases:

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

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```
[exe]  
CONVERT = /path/to/convert
```

#### 5.2.7.9.10 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in subdirectories of the 'series\_analysis\_lead' directory (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**):

- series\_animate
- series\_F090
- series\_F096
- series\_F102
- series\_F108
- series\_F114

The series\_animate directory contains the animations of the series analysis in .gif format for all variable, level, and statistics combinations:

series\_animate\_<varname>\_<level>\_<stat>.gif

The series\_FHHH directories contains files that have the following format:

ONLY\_FILES\_FHHH

FCST\_ASCII\_FILES\_FHHH

series\_FHHH\_<varname>\_<level>\_<stat>.png

series\_FHHH\_<varname>\_<level>\_<stat>.ps

series\_FHHH\_<varname>\_<level>\_<stat>.nc

Where:

**HHH** is the forecast hour/lead time in hours

**varname** is the variable of interest, as specified in the METplus series\_by\_lead\_all\_fhrs config file

**level** is the level of interest, as specified in the METplus series\_by\_lead\_all\_fhrs config file

**stat** is the statistic of interest, as specified in the METplus series\_by\_lead\_all\_fhrs config file.

#### 5.2.7.9.11 Keywords

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**Note:** [TCPairsToolUseCase](#), [SeriesByLeadUseCase](#), [TCStatToolUseCase](#), [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#), [PyEmbedIngestToolUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAppUseCase](#), [SeriesAnalysisUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#), [FeatureRelativeUseCase](#), [SBUOrgUseCase](#) [DiagnosticsUseCase](#) [RuntimeFreqUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/medium\_range-TCStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_FeatureRelative\_Ser

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.8 Precipitation

Any fields that can be defined as precipitation, including rain, snow, and other precipitation types

#### 5.2.8.1 Grid-Stat: 24-hour QPF Use Case

model\_applications/precipitation/GridStat\_fcstGFS\_obsCCPA\_Grib.conf

##### 5.2.8.1.1 Scientific Objective

To evaluate 24 hour precipitation over the United States using the NCEP Climatology Calibrated Precipitation Analysis (CCPA) generated by a global weather model.

##### 5.2.8.1.2 Datasets

Relevant information about the datasets that would be beneficial include:

- Forecast dataset: GFS
- Observation dataset: Climatologically Calibrated Precipitation Analysis (CCPA)
- Sources of data (links, contacts, etc. . . )

### 5.2.8.1.3 METplus Components

This use case first runs PCPCombine on the observation data to build a 24 hour precipitation accumulation file. Then the observation data are compared to the forecast data using GridStat.

### 5.2.8.1.4 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time:

PCPCombine (observation) > GridStat

This example loops by valid time. There is only one initialization time in this example, so the following will be run:

Run times:

**Init:** 2017-06-13\_00Z

**Forecast lead:** 24

### 5.2.8.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstGFS_obsCCPA_GRIB.conf`

```
# Grid to Grid Precipitation Example

[config]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 2017061300

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2017061300

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 86400

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
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```

# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCombine, GridStat

# run pcp_combine on forecast data
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# mode of pcp_combine to use (SUM, ADD, SUBTRACT)
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = SUM

# list of variables to compare
BOTH_VAR1_NAME = APCP
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = A24
BOTH_VAR1_THRESH = ge12.7, ge25.4, ge50.8, ge76.2, ge152.4

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 24

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = GFS
OBTYP = ANLYS

# location of grid_stat MET config file
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = G211
GRID_STAT_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN
GRID_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 2

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_{CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{OBTYP}_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}_{CURRENT_FCST_
↳LEVEL}

GRID_STAT_MASK_POLY = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/poly/CONUS.nc, {INPUT_BASE}/model_
↳applications/precipitation/poly/EAST.nc, {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/poly/WEST.nc

GRID_STAT_CLIMO_CDF_WRITE_BINS = False

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = STAT

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_REGRID_WIDTH = 2
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD = NEAREST

```

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```

# Forecast data description variables
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB
FCST_IS_PROB = false
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 6

# Observation data description variables
# none needed

[dir]
# input and output data directories
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/fcst
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstGFS_obsCCPA_
↳GRIB/gfs/bucket
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR}

OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/daily_1deg_ccpa

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstGFS_obsCCPA_GRIB/
↳met_out/{MODEL}/precip

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames
# GFS
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = pgbf{lead?fmt=%HHH}.gfs.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = gfs.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A{level?fmt=%HH}h
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = gfs.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A{level?fmt=%HH}h

# ANLYS
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = ccpa_conus_1.0d_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}/grid_stat

```

#### 5.2.8.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh    = [];
censor_val       = [];
cat_thresh       = [];
cnt_thresh       = [ NA ];
cnt_logic        = UNION;
wind_thresh      = [ NA ];
wind_logic       = UNION;
eclv_points      = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag   = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified

```

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```
//
fcst = {
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
  ${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
  interval = PCTILE;
  rep_prop = 1.0;
  n_rep    = 0;
  rng      = "mt19937";
  seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////
```

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```

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
  ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
  field      = BOTH;
  // shape =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
  // width =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
  // cov_thresh =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
  vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
  wave_1d_beg = [];
  wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {

```

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```

    baddeley_p      = 2;
    baddeley_max_dist = NA;
    fom_alpha       = 0.1;
    zhu_weight      = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.8.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstGFS\_obsCCPA\_GRIB.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_
↳fcstGFS_obsCCPA_GRIB.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstGFS\_obsCCPA\_GRIB:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_
↳fcstGFS_obsCCPA_GRIB.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

#### 5.2.8.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstGFS_obsCCPA_GRIB/uswrp/met_out/{MODEL}/precip` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `grid_stat_GFS_APCP_vs_ANALYS_APCP_A24_240000L_20170613_000000V.stat`

#### 5.2.8.1.9 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/precipitation-GridStat_fcstGFS_obsCCPA_GRIB.png'
```

---

**Note:** [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [PrecipitationAppUseCase](#), [PCPCCombineToolUseCase](#), [GRIBFileUseCase](#), [NOAAEMCOrgUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAppUseCase](#), [MaskingFeatureUseCase](#), [RegriddingInToolUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.8.2 Grid-Stat: 6hr QPF in NetCDF format

model\_applications/precipitation/GridStat\_fcstHREFmean\_obsStgIV\_Netcdf.conf

##### 5.2.8.2.1 Scientific Objective

Evaluate the skill of a high resolution multi-model ensemble mean at predicting 6 hour precipitation accumulation using the NCEP Stage IV gauge corrected analysis.

##### 5.2.8.2.2 Datasets

Describe the datasets here. Relevant information about the datasets that would be beneficial include:

- Forecast dataset: HREF mean forecasts in NetCDF
- Observation dataset: Stage IV GRIB 6 hour precipitation accumulation

##### 5.2.8.2.3 METplus Components

This use case first runs PCPCombine on the forecast data to build a 6 hour precipitation accumulation from 1 hour files or a single 6 hour file. Then the observation data is regridded to the model grid using the RegridDataPlane. Finally, the observation files are compared to the forecast data using GridStat.

##### 5.2.8.2.4 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time: PCPCombine (observation) > RegridDataPlane (observation) > GridStat

This example loops by initialization time. There is only one initialization time in this example so the following will be run:

Run times:

**Init:** 2017-05-09\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 18

### 5.2.8.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_NetCDF.conf`

```
# HREF Mean vs. StageIV NetCDF Configurations

[config]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG=2017050912

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END=2017050912

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT=43200

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 18

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCCombine, RegridDataPlane, GridStat

# run pcp_combine on forecast data
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# method to run pcp_combine on forecast data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, and DERIVE
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = ADD

# run regrid_data_plane on observation data
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

# method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = BUDGET

# regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 2
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# Set to True to use field name/level defined by the user instead of deriving it
# used to override settings to get around limitation caused by supporting legacy
# configurations that will become deprecated in a future version
# If True, target accumulation for PCPCombine must be set explicitly instead
# of referring to FCST_VAR1_LEVELS
USE_EXPLICIT_NAME_AND_LEVEL = True

# list of variables to compare
FCST_VAR1_NAME = {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME}
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2, gt152.4

OBS_VAR1_NAME = {OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME}
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2, gt152.4

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = HREF_MEAN
OBTYP = STAGE4

# mask to use for regridding
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIFY_GRID={INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/mask/CONUS_HRRRTLE.nc

# location of grid_stat MET config file
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = OBS

GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH = 3, 7, 15
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_SHAPE = SQUARE
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_COV_THRESH = >=0.5

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_DMAP = STAT

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DISTANCE_MAP = TRUE

# HREF Mean Model Options:

# Data type of forecast data read by pcp_combine
# valid options are GRIB, NETCDF, and GEMPAK
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = NETCDF

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic

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```

FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Set to true if forecast files are generated once per day
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_IS_DAILY_FILE = false

FCST_PCP_COMBINE_CONSTANT_INIT = true

# field name of 1 hr accumulation in forecast files
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 1
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = P01M_NONE
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = "(0,*,*)"

FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 6
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = APCP_06

# Stage 4 NetCDF Observation Data Parameters
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = P06M_NONE
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_LEVEL = "({valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S},*,*)"

OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = P06M_NONE

# Data type of observation data read by pcp_combine
# valid options are GRIB, NETCDF, and GEMPAK
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = NETCDF

[dir]
# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_
↳NetCDF

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/HREFv2_Mean
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHREFmean_
↳obsStgIV_NetCDF/HREFv2_Mean/bucket
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR}

OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/StageIV
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_
↳fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_NetCDF/StageIV_netcdf/regrid
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR}

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_
↳NetCDF/GridStat

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames

# HREF Mean
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/hrefmean_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}f{lead?fmt=%HHH}.nc
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/hrefmean_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A{level?fmt=%HH}.
↳nc

```

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```

FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/hrefmean_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A06.nc

# StageIV NetCDF
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-12H}12_st4.nc
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_st4_A06.nc
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}

```

### 5.2.8.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//

```

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```

// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTTYPE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh      = [];
censor_val         = [];
cat_thresh         = [];
cnt_thresh         = [ NA ];
cnt_logic          = UNION;
wind_thresh        = [ NA ];
wind_logic         = UNION;
eclv_points        = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag     = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry

```

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```

//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
    field      = BOTH;
    // shape =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
    // width =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
    // cov_thresh =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
    wave_1d_beg = [];
    wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
    dx = [ 1 ];
    dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
    baddeley_p           = 2;
    baddeley_max_dist    = NA;
    fom_alpha            = 0.1;
    zhu_weight           = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =

```

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```

${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.8.2.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstHREFmean\_obsStgIV\_NetCDF.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_
↪fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_NetCDF.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstHREFmean\_obsStgIV\_NetCDF.conf:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_
↪fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_NetCDF.conf

```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.8.2.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_NetCDF/GridStat/201705091200` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `grid_stat_000000L_20170510_060000V_pairs.nc`
- `grid_stat_000000L_20170510_060000V.stat`

#### 5.2.8.2.9 Keywords

`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/precipitation-GridStat_fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_NetCDF.png'`

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**Note:** [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [PrecipitationAppUseCase](#), [PCPCombineToolUseCase](#), [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [NOAAWPCOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHMTOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHWTOrgUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.8.3 MTD: Build Revision Series to Evaluate Forecast Consistency

`model_applications/precipitation/MTD_fcstHRRR-TLE_FcstOnly_RevisionSeries_GRIB.conf`

##### 5.2.8.3.1 Scientific Objective

This use case demonstrates the use of the MTD tool to evaluate an updating forecast field and evaluate the forecast consistency. The use case looks for all forecasts valid at a given time and passes them into MTD. Objects are identified and tracked through time via the tool. The output can then be loaded into METviewer to compute the revision series and assess the consistency either of one case or many. See other HRRR-TLE use cases for a description of the Time Lagged Ensemble (TLE) field.

#### 5.2.8.3.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: HRRR-TLE forecasts in GRIB2

#### 5.2.8.3.3 METplus Components

This use case runs MTD (MODE Time Domain) over multiple forecast leads.

#### 5.2.8.3.4 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time:

MTD

This example loops by valid time. For each valid time it will run once, processing forecast leads 12 through 0. There is only one valid time in this example, so the following will be run:

Run times:

**Valid:** 2018-03-13\_0Z

**Forecast leads:** 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0

#### 5.2.8.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/MTD_fcstHRRR-TLE_FcstOnly_RevisionSeries_GRIB.conf`

```
# PHPT MTD Single Run Configuration
[config]

# List of applications to run - only MTD for this case
PROCESS_LIST = MTD

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
```

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```

# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG=2018031300

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END=2018031300

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT=86400

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
# begin_end_incr(start, end, step) can be used to create a list of values
# end value is inclusive
# This will create a list containing 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0
LEAD_SEQ = begin_end_incr(12, 0, -1)

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Name to identify model (forecast) data in output
MODEL = HRRRTLE

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTYP = ANALYS

# if true, only process a single data set with MTD
MTD_SINGLE_RUN = True

# data source if running single mode
# FCST or OBS are valid options
MTD_SINGLE_DATA_SRC = FCST

# list of variables to process
FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = R001

# location of MODE Time Domain MET config file
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
MTD_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/MTDConfig_wrapped

```

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```
# grid to remap data. Value is set as the 'to_grid' variable in the 'regrid' dictionary
# See MET User's Guide for more information
MTD_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE

# Minimum volume
MTD_MIN_VOLUME = 2000

# convolution radius for forecast data
FCST_MTD_CONV_RADIUS = 15

# convolution threshold for forecast data
FCST_MTD_CONV_THRESH = >=5.0

# set to True if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# input data type of forecast data
FCST_MTD_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB

# True if probabilistic information is in the GRIB Product Definition Section
FCST_PROB_IN_GRIB_PDS = false

# output prefix to add to output filenames
MTD_OUTPUT_PREFIX =

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

FCST_MTD_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/PHPT

MTD_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/MTD_fcstHRRR-TLE_FcstOnly_
↳RevisionSeries_GRIB

[filename_templates]
FCST_MTD_INPUT_TEMPLATE= {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_i{init?fmt=%H}_f{lead?fmt=%3H}_HRRRTLE_
↳PHPT.grb2

MTD_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE =
```



### 5.2.8.3.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [MTD MET Configuration](#) (page 125) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// MODE Time Domain configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//

${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//

${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//

${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//

${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//

```

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```

// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//

grid_res = 4;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    censor_thresh      = [];
    censor_val         = [];
    conv_time_window   = { beg = -1; end = 1; };
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}

}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    censor_thresh      = [];
    censor_val         = [];
    conv_time_window   = { beg = -1; end = 1; };
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}

}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Intensity percentile value to be written
//

inten_perc_value = 99;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Throw away 3D objects with volumes smaller than this
//
${METPLUS_MIN_VOLUME}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Fuzzy engine weights
//
weight = {
    space_centroid_dist = 1.0;
    time_centroid_delta = 1.0;
    speed_delta         = 1.0;
    direction_diff       = 1.0;
    volume_ratio         = 1.0;
    axis_angle_diff      = 1.0;
    start_time_delta     = 1.0;
    end_time_delta       = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions
//
interest_function = {
    space_centroid_dist = (
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 50.0, 0.5 )
        ( 100.0, 0.0 )
    );
    time_centroid_delta = (
        ( -3.0, 0.0 )
        ( -2.0, 0.5 )
        ( -1.0, 0.8 )
        ( 0.0, 1.0 )
        ( 1.0, 0.8 )
        ( 2.0, 0.5 )
    );
}

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```
( 3.0, 0.0 )

);

speed_delta = (

( -10.0, 0.0 )
( -5.0, 0.5 )
( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 5.0, 0.5 )
( 10.0, 0.0 )

);

direction_diff = (

( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 90.0, 0.0 )
( 180.0, 0.0 )

);

volume_ratio = (

( 0.0, 0.0 )
( 0.5, 0.5 )
( 1.0, 1.0 )
( 1.5, 0.5 )
( 2.0, 0.0 )

);

axis_angle_diff = (

( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 30.0, 1.0 )
( 90.0, 0.0 )

);

start_time_delta = (

( -5.0, 0.0 )
( -3.0, 0.5 )
( 0.0, 1.0 )
( 3.0, 0.5 )
( 5.0, 0.0 )

);

end_time_delta = (
```

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```

    ( -5.0, 0.0 )
    ( -3.0, 0.5 )
    (  0.0, 1.0 )
    (  3.0, 0.5 )
    (  5.0, 0.0 )

);

} // interest functions

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//

total_interest_thresh = 0.7;

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output flags
//

nc_output = {

    latlon      = true;
    raw         = true;
    object_id   = true;
    cluster_id  = true;

}

txt_output = {

    attributes_2d = true;
    attributes_3d = true;

}

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V9.0";

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.8.3.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in MTD\_fcstHRRR-TLE\_FcstOnly\_RevisionSeries\_GRIB.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/MTD_fcstHRRR-  
↪TLE_FcstOnly_RevisionSeries_GRIB.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in MTD\_fcstHRRR-TLE\_FcstOnly\_RevisionSeries\_GRIB.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/MTD_fcstHRRR-  
↪TLE_FcstOnly_RevisionSeries_GRIB.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.2.8.3.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in model\_applications/precipitation/MTD\_fcstHRRR-TLE\_FcstOnly\_RevisionSeries\_GRIB (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- mtd\_20180313\_000000V\_2d.txt
- mtd\_20180313\_000000V\_3d\_single\_simple.txt
- mtd\_20180313\_000000V\_obj.nc

#### 5.2.8.3.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [MTDToolUseCase](#), [PrecipitationAppUseCase](#), [NOAAHMTOrgUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#), [NOAAWPCOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHMTOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHWTOrgUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [RevisionSeriesUseCase](#), [DiagnosticsUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/precipitation-MTD\_fcstHRRR-TLE\_FcstOnly\_RevisionSeries\_GRIB.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.8.4 MTD: 6hr QPF Use Case

model\_applications/precipitation/MTD\_fcstHRRR-TLE\_obsMRMS.conf

##### 5.2.8.4.1 Scientific Objective

This use case demonstrates the evaluation of an ensemble mean field from a prototype ensemble post-processing technique for time-lagged ensembles (HRRR-TLE). MTD is used to provide useful object attributes and diagnostics on aggregated over a time series. This non-traditional approach provides alternative information and diagnostics to inform model development.

##### 5.2.8.4.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: HRRR-TLE forecasts in GRIB2
- Observation dataset: Multi Radar Multi Sensor (MRMS)

##### 5.2.8.4.3 METplus Components

This use case runs MTD (MODE Time Domain) over multiple forecast leads and compares them to the observational data set.

##### 5.2.8.4.4 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time:

MTD

This example loops by valid time. For each valid time it will run once, processing forecast leads 1, 2, and 3. There is only one valid time in this example, so the following will be run:

Run times:

**Valid:** 2017-05-10\_03Z

**Forecast leads:** 1, 2, 3

#### 5.2.8.4.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/MTD_fcstHRRR-TLE_obsMRMS.conf`

```
# PHPT vs. QPE Configurations

[config]
# if false, loop by VALID time
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG=2017051003

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END=2017051003

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT=43200

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 1,2,3

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = MTD

# MODE TIME DOMAIN Configuration

# if true, only process a single data set with MTD
MTD_SINGLE_RUN = False

# Data to process in single mode
# FCST and OBS are valid options
MTD_SINGLE_DATA_SRC = OBS
```

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```

# forecast convolution radius list
FCST_MTD_CONV_RADIUS = 0

# forecast convolution threshold list
FCST_MTD_CONV_THRESH = >=10

# observation convolution radius list
OBS_MTD_CONV_RADIUS = 15

# observation convolution threshold list
OBS_MTD_CONV_THRESH = >=12.7

# list of variables to compare
FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = A01
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7

OBS_VAR1_NAME = P01M_NONE
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(0,*,*)"
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = PHPT
OBTYP = QPE

# location of MODE Time Domain MET config file
MTD_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/MTDConfig_wrapped

MTD_REGRID_TO_GRID = OBS

# PHPT Model Options:
FCST_IS_PROB = true

FCST_PROB_IN_GRIB_PDS = true

# QPE Observation Data Parameters
# none needed

[dir]
# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
FCST_MTD_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/PHPT
OBS_MTD_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/QPE_Data

MTD_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/MTD_fcstHRRR-TLE_obsMRMS

MTD_OUTPUT_PREFIX = PROB_{MODEL}_{CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{OBTYP}_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}_A{CURRENT_FCST_
↪LEVEL}

```

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```
[filename_templates]
# format of filenames

# PHPT
FCST_MTD_INPUT_TEMPLATE= {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_i{init?fmt=%H}_f{lead?fmt=%HHH}_HRRRTLE_
➔PHPT.grb2

# QPE
OBS_MTD_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/qpe_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.nc

MTD_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}
```

#### 5.2.8.4.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [MTD MET Configuration](#) (page 125) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

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```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// MODE Time Domain configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//

${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//

${METPLUS_DESC}

//
```

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```

// Output observation type to be written
//

${METPLUS_OBTTYPE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Approximate grid resolution (km)
//

grid_res = 4;

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}

    censor_thresh    = [];
    censor_val       = [];
    conv_time_window = { beg = -1; end = 1; };
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_CONV_THRESH}

}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}

    censor_thresh    = [];
    censor_val       = [];
    conv_time_window = { beg = -1; end = 1; };
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_RADIUS}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_CONV_THRESH}

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```

}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Intensity percentile value to be written
//

inten_perc_value = 99;

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Throw away 3D objects with volumes smaller than this
//
${METPLUS_MIN_VOLUME}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine weights
//

weight = {

    space_centroid_dist  = 1.0;

    time_centroid_delta  = 1.0;

    speed_delta          = 1.0;

    direction_diff       = 1.0;

    volume_ratio         = 1.0;

    axis_angle_diff      = 1.0;

    start_time_delta     = 1.0;

    end_time_delta       = 1.0;

}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fuzzy engine interest functions
//

interest_function = {

```

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```
space_centroid_dist = (  
    ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
    ( 50.0, 0.5 )  
    ( 100.0, 0.0 )  
  
);  
  
time_centroid_delta = (  
    ( -3.0, 0.0 )  
    ( -2.0, 0.5 )  
    ( -1.0, 0.8 )  
    ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
    ( 1.0, 0.8 )  
    ( 2.0, 0.5 )  
    ( 3.0, 0.0 )  
  
);  
  
speed_delta = (  
    ( -10.0, 0.0 )  
    ( -5.0, 0.5 )  
    ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
    ( 5.0, 0.5 )  
    ( 10.0, 0.0 )  
  
);  
  
direction_diff = (  
    ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
    ( 90.0, 0.0 )  
    ( 180.0, 0.0 )  
  
);  
  
volume_ratio = (  
    ( 0.0, 0.0 )  
    ( 0.5, 0.5 )  
    ( 1.0, 1.0 )  
    ( 1.5, 0.5 )  
    ( 2.0, 0.0 )  
  
);  
  
axis_angle_diff = (  
    ( 0.0, 1.0 )  
    ( 30.0, 1.0 )
```

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```

        ( 90.0, 0.0 )

    );

    start_time_delta = (

        ( -5.0, 0.0 )
        ( -3.0, 0.5 )
        (  0.0, 1.0 )
        (  3.0, 0.5 )
        (  5.0, 0.0 )

    );

    end_time_delta = (

        ( -5.0, 0.0 )
        ( -3.0, 0.5 )
        (  0.0, 1.0 )
        (  3.0, 0.5 )
        (  5.0, 0.0 )

    );

} // interest functions

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Total interest threshold for determining matches
//

total_interest_thresh = 0.7;

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output flags
//

nc_output = {

    latlon      = true;
    raw         = true;
    object_id   = true;
    cluster_id  = true;

}

txt_output = {

```

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```

attributes_2d = true;
attributes_3d = true;
}

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version      = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

#### 5.2.8.4.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in MTD\_fcstHRRR-TLE\_obsMRMS.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/MTD_fcstHRRR-
↳TLE_obsMRMS.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in MTD\_fcstHRRR-TLE\_obsMRMS.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/MTD_fcstHRRR-
↳TLE_obsMRMS.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.8.4.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `model_applications/precipitation/MTD_fcstHRRR-TLE_obsMRMS` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `mtd_20170510_040000V_2d.txt`
- `mtd_20170510_040000V_3d_single_simple.txt`
- `mtd_20170510_040000V_obj.nc`

#### 5.2.8.4.9 Keywords

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**Note:**    [MTDToolUseCase](#), [PrecipitationAppUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [NOAAWPCOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHMTOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHWTOrgUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [ProbabilityVerificationUseCase](#), [DiagnosticsUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/precipitation-MTD_fcstHRRR-TLE_obsMRMS.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.8.5 Grid-Stat: 6hr QPF in GEMPAK format

`model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_Gempak.conf`

##### 5.2.8.5.1 Scientific Objective

Evaluate the skill of a high resolution multi-model ensemble mean at predicting 6 hour precipitation accumulation using the NCEP Stage IV gauge corrected analysis.

##### 5.2.8.5.2 Datasets

Relevant information about the datasets that would be beneficial include:

- Forecast dataset: HREF mean forecasts in Gempak
- Observation dataset: Stage IV GRIB 6 hour precipitation accumulation
- Sources of data (links, contacts, etc. . . )



#### 5.2.8.5.3 External Dependencies

GempakToCF.jar

GempakToCF is an external tool that utilizes the Unidata NetCDF-Java package. The jar file that can be used to run the utility is available here: <https://dtcenter.org/sites/default/files/community-code/metplus/utilities/GempakToCF.jar>

To enable Gempak support, you must set [exe] GEMPAKTOCF\_JAR in your user METplus configuration file:

```
[exe] GEMPAKTOCF_JAR = /path/to/GempakToCF.jar
```

See the GempakToCF use case for more information:

```
parm/use_cases/met_tool_wrapper/GempakToCF/GempakToCF.conf
```

More information on the package used to create the file is here: <https://www.unidata.ucar.edu/software/netcdf-java>

#### 5.2.8.5.4 METplus Components

This use case first runs PCPCCombine on the forecast data to build a 6 hour precipitation accumulation from 1 hour files or a single 6 hour file. Then the observation data is regridded to the model grid using the RegridDataPlane. Finally, the observation files are compared to the forecast data using GridStat.

#### 5.2.8.5.5 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time:

```
PCPCCombine (observation) > RegridDataPlane (observation) > GridStat
```

This example loops by initialization time. There is only one initialization time in this example so the following will be run:

Run times:

**Init:** 2017-05-09\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 18

### 5.2.8.5.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_Gempak.conf`

```
# HREF Mean vs. StageIV Gempak Configurations

[config]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG=2017050912

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END=2017050912

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT=43200

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 18

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCCombine, RegridDataPlane, GridStat

# run pcp_combine on forecast data
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# method to run pcp_combine on forecast data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, and DERIVE
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = ADD

# run regrid_data_plane on observation data
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

# method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = BUDGET

# regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 2
```

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```

# list of variables to compare
FCST_VAR1_NAME = APCP
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = A06
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2, gt152.4

OBS_VAR1_NAME = P06M_NONE
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2, gt152.4

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = HREF_MEAN
OBTYP = STAGE4

# mask to use for regridding
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID={INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/mask/CONUS_HRRRTLE.nc

# location of grid_stat MET config file
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = OBS

GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH = 3, 7, 15
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_SHAPE = SQUARE
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_COV_THRESH = >=0.5

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_DMAP = STAT

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DISTANCE_MAP = TRUE

# HREF Mean Model Options:

# Data type of forecast data read by pcp_combine
# valid options are GRIB, NETCDF, and GEMPAK
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GEMPAK

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Set to true if forecast files are generated once per day
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_IS_DAILY_FILE = false

FCST_PCP_COMBINE_CONSTANT_INIT = true

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```

# field name of 1 hr accumulation in forecast files
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 1
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = P01M_NONE
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = "(0,*,*)"

# Stage 4 Gempak Observation Data Parameters
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_LEVEL = "({valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S},*,*)"

# Data type of observation data read by pcp_combine
# valid options are GRIB, NETCDF, and GEMPAK
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = NETCDF

[dir]

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/HREFv2_Mean_Gempak
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHREFmean_
↳obsStgIV_Gempak/HREFv2_Mean/bucket
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR}

OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/StageIV
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_
↳fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_Gempak/StageIV_gempak/regrid
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR}

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_
↳Gempak/GridStat

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames

# HREF Mean
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/hrefmean_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}f{lead?fmt=%HHH}.grd
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/hrefmean_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A{level?fmt=%HH}.
↳nc
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/hrefmean_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A{level?fmt=%HH}.nc

# StageIV Gempak
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-12H}12_st4.nc
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_st4_A06.nc
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}

```

### 5.2.8.5.7 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];
cat_thresh    = [];
cnt_thresh    = [ NA ];
cnt_logic     = UNION;
wind_thresh   = [ NA ];
wind_logic    = UNION;
eclv_points   = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
    field      = BOTH;
    // shape =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
    // width =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
    // cov_thresh =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
    wave_1d_beg = [];
    wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//

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```

// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
    dx = [ 1 ];
    dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
    baddeley_p           = 2;
    baddeley_max_dist    = NA;
    fom_alpha            = 0.1;
    zhu_weight           = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
    ${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
    tmp_dir          = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////

    ${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```



### 5.2.8.5.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstHREFmean\_obsStgIV\_Gempak.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_
↳fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_Gempak.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstHREFmean\_obsStgIV\_Gempak.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_
↳fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_Gempak.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.2.8.5.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in model\_applications/precipitation/GridStat\_fcstHREFmean\_obsStgIV\_Gempak/GridStat/201705091200 (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- grid\_stat\_000000L\_20170510\_060000V\_eclv.txt
- grid\_stat\_000000L\_20170510\_060000V\_grad.txt

- `grid_stat_000000L_20170510_060000V.stat`

#### 5.2.8.5.10 Keywords

`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/precipitation-GridStat_fcstHREFmean_obsStgIV_Gempak.png'`

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**Note:**     [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [PrecipitationAppUseCase](#), [PCPCCombineToolUseCase](#), [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#), [GEMPAKFileUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [NOAAWPCOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHMTOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHWTOrgUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.8.6 Ensemble-Stat: WoFS

`model_application/precipitation/EnsembleStat_fcstWOFS_obsWOFS.conf`

##### 5.2.8.6.1 Scientific Objective

Comparing the Warn on Forecast System (WoFS) ensemble to the MRMS observed variable field to understand its forecasting abilities. Specifically focusing on accumulated precipitation at different neighborhood distances and accumulation thresholds to provide meaningful analysis output that can provide direction to future WoFS improvement.

##### 5.2.8.6.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: WoFS Ensemble

##### 5.2.8.6.3 METplus Components

This use case runs PCP-Combine on each ensemble member, then runs Ensemble-Stat on the output. Finally, it runs Grid-Stat on the output from Ensemble-Stat

##### 5.2.8.6.4 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time: PCPCCombine, EnsembleStat, GridStat

This example loops by initialization time. For each initialization time it will process the 1 hour forecast lead  
Run times:

**Init:** 2020-06-15\_17Z

**Forecast lead: 1 hour**

### 5.2.8.6.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/EnsembleStat_fcstWOFS_obsWOFS.conf`

```
# pcp_combine hourly

[config]

LOOP_BY = INIT
#
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M
#
INIT_BEG = 202006151700
#
INIT_END = 202006151700
#
INIT_INCREMENT = 3600
#
LEAD_SEQ = 1

MODEL= WOFS
OBTYP = MRMS_QPE

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = PcpCombine, EnsembleStat, GridStat

LOG_PCP_COMBINE_VERBOSITY = 3
LOG_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VERBOSITY = 3
LOG_GRID_STAT_VERBOSITY = 3

#### PCP COMBINE ####

FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = TRUE
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = USER_DEFINED
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_BUCKET_INTERVAL = 1
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_FIELD_NAME = APCP
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FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 1

PCP_COMBINE_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = TRUE

PCP_COMBINE_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

FCST_PCP_COMBINE_COMMAND = -sum 00000000_000000 1 {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H%M}00 1 -pcpdir
→{FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE} -pcprx wofs -field 'name="APCP";
→level="A1";'

#### ENSEMBLE_STAT ####

ENSEMBLE_STAT_N_MEMBERS = 18
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_THRESH = 1.0

ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = FCST
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_METHOD = BUDGET
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_WIDTH = 2
ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_VLD_THRESH = 1.0

ENSEMBLE_STAT_NBRHD_PROB_WIDTH = 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
ENSEMBLE_STAT_NBRHD_PROB_SHAPE = SQUARE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_NBRHD_PROB_VLD_THRESH = 1.0

ENSEMBLE_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/EnsembleStatConfig_wrapped

FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_GRID_DATATYPE = NETCDF
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_GRID_DATATYPE = NETCDF

ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_VLD_THRESH = 1.0
ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_SHAPE = SQUARE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_METHOD = NEAREST
ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_WIDTH = 1
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_GAUSSIAN_DX = 3
#ENSEMBLE_STAT_NMEP_SMOOTH_GAUSSIAN_RADIUS = 3

ENSEMBLE_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE =

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECNT = STAT
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RPS = NONE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RHIST = STAT
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PHIST = STAT
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ORANK = STAT
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SSVAR = STAT
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_RELP = STAT

ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_LATLON = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MEAN = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_STDEV = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MINUS = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_PLUS = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MIN = FALSE

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ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MAX = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANGE = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_VLD_COUNT = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_FREQUENCY = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NEP = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NMEP = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANK = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_WEIGHT = FALSE

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_PCP_{init?fmt=%H%M}__{lead?fmt=%H%M}00L_A1

FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR1_NAME = APCP_01
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR1_THRESH = >=12.7, >=25.4, >=50.8

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR1_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR1_THRESH = {FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VAR1_THRESH}

#### GRID STAT ####
#
GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = FCST

GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_GRID_DATATYPE = NETCDF
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_GRID_DATATYPE = NETCDF
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_SHAPE = SQUARE
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH = 1, 3, 5

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge12.7_NBRHD1_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS = prob = TRUE
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH = >=0.0, >=0.05, >=0.15, >=0.25, >=0.35, >=0.45, >=0.55, >=0.65, >=0.75, >
↪=0.85, >=0.95, >=1.0
#
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR2_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge25.4_NBRHD1_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR2_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR2_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR2_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH}

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR3_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge50.8_NBRHD1_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR3_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR3_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR3_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH}

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR4_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge12.7_NBRHD25_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR4_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR4_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR4_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH}

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FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR5_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge25.4_NBRHD25_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR5_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR5_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR5_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH}

```

```

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR6_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge50.8_NBRHD25_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR6_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR6_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR6_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH}

```

```

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR7_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge12.7_NBRHD81_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR7_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR7_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR7_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH}

```

```

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR8_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge25.4_NBRHD81_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR8_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR8_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR8_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH}

```

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FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR9_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge50.8_NBRHD81_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR9_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR9_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR9_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH}

```

```

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge12.7_NBRHD1_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_OPTIONS = prob = FALSE
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_THRESH = >=0.5

```

```

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR11_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge25.4_NBRHD1_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR11_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR11_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR11_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_THRESH}

```

```

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR12_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge50.8_NBRHD1_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR12_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR12_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR12_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_THRESH}

```

```

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR13_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge12.7_NBRHD25_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR13_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR13_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR13_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_THRESH}

```

```

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR14_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge25.4_NBRHD25_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR14_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR14_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR14_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_THRESH}

```

```

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR15_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge50.8_NBRHD25_NEAREST1

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FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR15_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR15_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR15_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_THRESH}

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR16_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge12.7_NBRHD81_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR16_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR16_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR16_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_THRESH}

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR17_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge25.4_NBRHD81_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR17_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR17_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR17_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_THRESH}

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR18_NAME = APCP_01_A1_ENS_NMEP_ge50.8_NBRHD81_NEAREST1
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR18_LEVELS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR18_OPTIONS = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_OPTIONS}
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR18_THRESH = {FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR10_THRESH}

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH = >=12.7

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR2_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR2_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR2_THRESH = >=25.4

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR3_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR3_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR3_THRESH = >=50.8

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR4_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR4_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR4_THRESH = >=12.7

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR5_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR5_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR5_THRESH = >=25.4

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR6_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR6_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR6_THRESH = >=50.8

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR7_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR7_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR7_THRESH = >=12.7

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR8_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR8_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR8_THRESH = >=25.4

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR9_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01

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OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR9_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR9_THRESH = >=50.8

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR10_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR10_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR10_THRESH = >=12.7

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR11_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR11_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR11_THRESH = >=25.4

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR12_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR12_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR12_THRESH = >=50.8

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR13_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR13_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR13_THRESH = >=12.7

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR14_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR14_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR14_THRESH = >=25.4

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR15_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR15_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR15_THRESH = >=50.8

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR16_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR16_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR16_THRESH = >=12.7

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR17_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR17_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR17_THRESH = >=25.4

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR18_NAME = GaugeCorrQPE01H_01
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR18_LEVELS = {OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS}
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR18_THRESH = >=50.8

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_PCP_{init?fmt=%H%M}_A1

[dir]
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/WOFS/ensemble
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/{MODEL}/pcp_combine

FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR}
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/WOFS/OBS
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/{MODEL}/ensemble_stat

FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_DIR}
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/{MODEL}/grid_stat

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```
[filename_templates]
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-44100}/{init?fmt=%H%M}/ENS_MEM_{custom?fmt=
↪%s}
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-44100}/{init?fmt=%H%M}/ENS_MEM_{custom?fmt=
↪%s}/wofs{custom?fmt=%s}_PCP_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H%M}_{valid?fmt=%H%M}_A1.nc

FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-44100}/{init?fmt=%H%M}/ENS_MEM_??/wofs??_
↪PCP_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H%M}_{valid?fmt=%H%M}_A1.nc

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_GRID_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-44100}/{init?fmt=%H%M}/mrms_PCP_{init?
↪fmt=%Y%m%d}_{init?fmt=%H%M}_{valid?fmt=%H%M}_A1.nc

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-44100}/{init?fmt=%H%M}

FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}/ensemble_stat_{MODEL}_PCP_{init?fmt=%H
↪M}_{lead?fmt=%H%M}00L_A1_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_{valid?fmt=%H%M}00V_ens.nc
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-44100}/{init?fmt=%H%M}/mrms_PCP_{init?fmt=%Y%m
↪d}_{init?fmt=%H%M}_{valid?fmt=%H%M}_A1.nc
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-44100}/{init?fmt=%H%M}/

GRID_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/WOFS/domain/WOFS_
↪domain_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}.nc
```

### 5.2.8.6.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

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#### EnsembleStatConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [EnsembleStat MET Configuration](#) (page 78) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Ensemble-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////
```

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```

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CENSOR_THRESH}
${METPLUS_CENSOR_VAL}
cat_thresh = [];
nc_var_str = "";

//
// Ensemble product fields to be processed
//
ens = {

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_OBS_THRESH}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood ensemble probabilities
//

```

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```

${METPLUS_NBRHD_PROB_DICT}

//
// NMEP smoothing methods
//
${METPLUS_NMEP_SMOOTH_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//

${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc      = [];
obs_thresh   = [ NA ];
obs_quality  = [];
${METPLUS_DUPLICATE_FLAG}
obs_summary  = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;
${METPLUS_SKIP_CONST}

//
// Observation error options
// Set dist_type to NONE to use the observation error table instead
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
obs_error = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_ERROR_FLAG}
    dist_type      = NONE;
    dist_parm      = [];

```

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```

    inst_bias_scale = 1.0;
    inst_bias_offset = 0.0;
    min             = NA;      // Valid range of data
    max             = NA;
}

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
  { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ANYAIR";  val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
  { key = "ANYSFC";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
  { key = "ONLYSF";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; }
];

//
// Ensemble bin sizes
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_ENS_SSVAR_BIN_SIZE}
${METPLUS_ENS_PHIST_BIN_SIZE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//

```

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```

// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    sid = [];
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Ensemble product output types
//
${METPLUS_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Random number generator
//
rng = {
    type = "mt19937";
    seed = "1";
}

////////////////////////////////////

grid_weight_flag = NONE;
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V9.0";

```

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```
////////////////////////////////////  
${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

---

## GridStatConfig\_wrapped

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**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////  
//  
// Grid-Stat configuration file.  
//  
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.  
//  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
//  
// Output model name to be written  
//  
// model =  
${METPLUS_MODEL}  
  
//  
// Output description to be written  
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry  
//  
// desc =  
${METPLUS_DESC}  
  
//  
// Output observation type to be written  
//  
// obtype =  
${METPLUS_OBTTYPE}  
  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
//  
// Verification grid  
//  
// regrid = {  
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}  
  
////////////////////////////////////  
  
censor_thresh    = [];  
censor_val       = [];
```

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```

cat_thresh      = [];
cnt_thresh      = [ NA ];
cnt_logic       = UNION;
wind_thresh     = [ NA ];
wind_logic      = UNION;
eclv_points     = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag  = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//

```

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```

// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
    ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
    field      = BOTH;
    // shape =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
    // width =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
    // cov_thresh =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
    wave_1d_beg = [];
    wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry

```

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```
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
  baddeley_p      = 2;
  baddeley_max_dist = NA;
  fom_alpha       = 0.1;
  zhu_weight      = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.2.8.6.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in EnsembleStat\_fcstWOFS\_obsWOFS.py then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/EnsembleStat_
↳fcstWOFS_obsWOFS.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in EnsembleStat\_fcstWOFS\_obsWOFS.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/EnsembleStat_
↳fcstWOFS_obsWOFS.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.2.8.6.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in WOFS/grid\_stat (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) The following folder/file combination will be created:

- 20200615/1700/grid\_stat\_WOFS\_PCP\_1700\_A1\_000000L\_20200615\_180000V\_pairs.nc
- 20200615/1700/grid\_stat\_WOFS\_PCP\_1700\_A1\_000000L\_20200615\_180000V.stat

#### 5.2.8.6.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [EnsembleStatToolUseCase](#), [PrecipitationAppUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#), [EnsembleAppUseCase](#),

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.8.7 Grid-Stat: 6hr PQPF Probability Verification

model\_applications/precipitation/GridStat\_fcstHRRR\_obsStgIV\_GRIB.conf

##### 5.2.8.7.1 Scientific Objective

This use case demonstrates the evaluation of a probabilistic field. The HRRR-Time Lag Ensemble (TLE) used in this example was used to demonstrate prototype ensemble post-processing techniques. A time-lagged ensemble can provide higher temporal resolution and be used to compute several different accumulation amounts based on what data is available for each run time. 6 hour and 1 hour observation data is available at 6Z, so the 6 hour accumulation data is used. However, at 7Z only a 1 hour accumulation field is available, so it uses the 1 hour field, then steps back in time trying to build a 6 hour accumulation with earlier data. METplus is configured to only allow 1 hour or 6 hour accumulations in the input files, so a set of six 1 hour accumulation fields are combined to create a 6 hour accumulation field. The result is compared to the 6 hour forecast data.

##### 5.2.8.7.2 Datasets

Relevant information about the datasets that would be beneficial include:

- Forecast dataset: HRRR-TLE probabilistic forecasts in GRIB2
- Observation dataset: Stage IV GRIB 1 and 6 hour precipitation accumulation

##### 5.2.8.7.3 METplus Components

This use case first runs PCPCombine on the observation data to build a 6 hour precipitation accumulation from 1 hour files or a single 6 hour file. Then the observation data is regridded to the model grid using the RegridDataPlane. Finally, the observation files are compared to the forecast data using GridStat.

#### 5.2.8.7.4 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time:

PCPCCombine (observation) > RegridDataPlane (observation) > GridStat

This example loops by initialization time. For each initialization time it will process forecast leads 6 and 7. There is only one initialization time in this example, so the following will be run:

Run times:

**Init:** 2016-09-04\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 6

**Init:** 2016-09-04\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 7

#### 5.2.8.7.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHRRR-TLE_obsStgIV_GRIB.conf`

```
# PHPT vs. StageIV Grib Configurations

[config]
# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = PCPCCombine, RegridDataPlane, GridStat

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG=2016090412

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END=2016090412

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT=60

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 6, 7
```

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```

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# run pcp_combine on observation data
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# method to run pcp_combine on observation data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, and DERIVE
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = ADD

# run regrid_data_plane on observation data
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

# method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = BUDGET

# regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 2

# list of variables to compare
BOTH_VAR1_NAME = APCP
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = A06
BOTH_VAR1_THRESH = gt12.7, gt25.4, gt50.8, gt76.2, gt152.4

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = PHPT
OBTTYPE = STAGE4_GRIB

# mask to use for regridding
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/mask/CONUS_HRRRTLE.nc

# location of grid_stat MET config file
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = PROB_{MODEL}_{CURRENT_FCST_NAME}_vs_{OBTTYPE}_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}_{CURRENT_
↪FCST_LEVEL}

GRID_STAT_MASK_GRID =

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PCT = BOTH
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PSTD = BOTH
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PJC = BOTH
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_PRC = BOTH
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECLV = STAT

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = FALSE

```

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```

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_RAW = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DIFF = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

# PHPT Model Options:

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = true

# True if probabilistic information is in the GRIB Product Definition Section
FCST_PROB_IN_GRIB_PDS = True

# Set to true if forecast files are generated once per day
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_IS_DAILY_FILE = false

# Stage4 Grib Observation Data Parameters:

# Data type of observation data read by pcp_combine
# valid options are GRIB, NETCDF, and GEMPAK
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB

# Set to true if observation files are generated once per day
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_IS_DAILY_FILE = false

OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 6, 1

[dir]

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/PHPT

OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/StageIV
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHRRR-TLE_
↳ obsStgIV_GRIB/StageIV_grib/bucket
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = {OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR}
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHRRR-
↳ TLE_obsStgIV_GRIB/StageIV_grib/regrid
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR}

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHRRR-TLE_obsStgIV_
↳ GRIB/GridStat

[filename_templates]
# format of filenames

# PHPT
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE= {init?fmt=%Y%m%d}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_i{init?fmt=%H}_f{lead?fmt=%HHH}_
↳ HRRRTLE_PHPT.grb2

# StageIV Grib
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/ST4.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.{level?fmt=%HH}h

```

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```

OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/ST4.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_A{level?fmt=%HH}h
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_TEMPLATE = {OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_TEMPLATE}

GRID_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/mask/CONUS_
→HRRRTLE.nc, {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/mask/EAST_HRRRTLE.nc, {INPUT_BASE}/model_
→applications/precipitation/mask/WEST_HRRRTLE.nc

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}

```

### 5.2.8.7.6 MET Configuration

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If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//

```

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```

// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh      = [];
censor_val         = [];
cat_thresh         = [];
cnt_thresh         = [ NA ];
cnt_logic          = UNION;
wind_thresh        = [ NA ];
wind_logic         = UNION;
eclv_points        = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag     = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry

```

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```

//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
    field      = BOTH;
    // shape =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
    // width =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
    // cov_thresh =
    ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
    wave_1d_beg = [];
    wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
    dx = [ 1 ];
    dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
    baddeley_p           = 2;
    baddeley_max_dist    = NA;
    fom_alpha            = 0.1;
    zhu_weight           = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =

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```

${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.8.7.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstHRRR-TLE\_obsStgIV\_GRIB.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_
↳fcstHRRR-TLE_obsStgIV_GRIB.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstHRRR-TLE\_obsStgIV\_GRIB.conf:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_
↳fcstHRRR-TLE_obsStgIV_GRIB.conf

```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.8.7.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `model_applications/precipitation/GridStat_fcstHRRR-TLE_obsStgIV_GRIB/grid_stat/201609041200` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- `grid_stat_PROB_PHPT_APCP_vs_STAGE4_GRIB_APCP_A06_060000L_20160904_180000V_pct.txt`
- `grid_stat_PROB_PHPT_APCP_vs_STAGE4_GRIB_APCP_A06_060000L_20160904_180000V_pjc.txt`
- `grid_stat_PROB_PHPT_APCP_vs_STAGE4_GRIB_APCP_A06_060000L_20160904_180000V_prc.txt`
- `grid_stat_PROB_PHPT_APCP_vs_STAGE4_GRIB_APCP_A06_060000L_20160904_180000V_pstd.txt`
- `grid_stat_PROB_PHPT_APCP_vs_STAGE4_GRIB_APCP_A06_060000L_20160904_180000V.stat`
- `grid_stat_PROB_PHPT_APCP_vs_STAGE4_GRIB_APCP_A06_060000L_20160904_190000V_pct.txt`
- `grid_stat_PROB_PHPT_APCP_vs_STAGE4_GRIB_APCP_A06_060000L_20160904_190000V_pjc.txt`
- `grid_stat_PROB_PHPT_APCP_vs_STAGE4_GRIB_APCP_A06_060000L_20160904_190000V_prc.txt`
- `grid_stat_PROB_PHPT_APCP_vs_STAGE4_GRIB_APCP_A06_060000L_20160904_190000V_pstd.txt`
- `grid_stat_PROB_PHPT_APCP_vs_STAGE4_GRIB_APCP_A06_070000L_20160904_190000V.stat`

#### 5.2.8.7.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [PrecipitationAppUseCase](#), [PCPCCombineToolUseCase](#), [RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase](#), [GRIBFileUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [NOAAWPCOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHMTOrgUseCase](#), [NOAAHWTOrgUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [ProbabilityVerificationUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.8.8 Ensemble-Stat: Basic Post-Processing only

model\_application/precipitation/EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRRE\_FcstOnly\_NetCDF.conf

##### 5.2.8.8.1 Scientific Objective

Post-process ensemble members to derive simple (non-bias-corrected) mean, standard deviation (spread), minimum, maximum, and range fields for use in other MET tools.

##### 5.2.8.8.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: HRRRE 3 member ensemble netcdf 3 hour precipitation accumulation

##### 5.2.8.8.3 METplus Components

This use case runs Ensemble-Stat on HRRRE data from 3 members after running it through pcp\_combine to create a 3 hour precipitation accumulation

##### 5.2.8.8.4 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time: EnsembleStat

This example loops by initialization time. For each initialization time it will process forecast leads 3, 6, 9 and 12

Run times:

**Init:** 2019-05-19\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 3

**Init:** 2019-05-19\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 6

**Init:** 2019-05-19\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 9

**Init:** 2019-05-19\_12Z

**Forecast lead:** 12

**Init:** 2019-05-20\_00Z  
**Forecast lead:** 3

**Init:** 2019-05-20\_00Z  
**Forecast lead:** 6

**Init:** 2019-05-20\_00Z  
**Forecast lead:** 9

**Init:** 2019-05-20\_00Z  
**Forecast lead:** 12

#### 5.2.8.8.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/EnsembleStat_fcstHRRRE_FcstOnly_NetCDF.conf`

```
[config]

## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.
PROCESS_LIST = EnsembleStat

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG=2019051912

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END=2019052000

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
```

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INIT_INCREMENT=43200

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 3,6,9,12

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# Name to identify model (forecast) data in output
MODEL = HRRRE

OBTYP = ANALYS

ENSEMBLE_STAT_N_MEMBERS = 3

ENS_VAR1_NAME = APCP_03
ENS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"

# The MET ensemble_stat logging level
# 0 quiet to 5 loud, Verbosity setting for MET output, 2 is default.
# This takes precedence over the general MET logging level set in metplus_logging.conf
LOG_ENSEMBLE_STAT_VERBOSITY = 3

# MET Configuration files for EnsembleStat
ENSEMBLE_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/EnsembleStatConfig_wrapped

ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_THRESH = 0.5

ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENS_VLD_THRESH = 1.0

OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_WINDOW_BEGIN = -5400
OBS_ENSEMBLE_STAT_WINDOW_END = 5400

ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_LATLON = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MEAN = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_STDEV = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MINUS = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_PLUS = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MIN = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_MAX = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANGE = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_VLD_COUNT = TRUE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_FREQUENCY = TRUE

```

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```

ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NEP = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_NMEP = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_RANK = FALSE
ENSEMBLE_STAT_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_WEIGHT = FALSE

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = APCP_03

[dir]

CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# input and output directories for ensemble_stat
# Input File Directories, GRID_STAT and POINT_STAT
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/HRRRE/pcp_combine

# Ensemble stat output directory
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/{MODEL}/ensemble

ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/HRRRE/pcp_combine
ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/precipitation/EnsembleStat_fcstHRRRE_
↳FcstOnly_NetCDF/EnsembleStat

[filename_templates]

# the following template uses begin_end_incr() notation that expands to:
# hrrre01_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}f{lead?fmt=%HHH}_A03.nc,
# hrrre02_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}f{lead?fmt=%HHH}_A03.nc,
# hrrre03_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}f{lead?fmt=%HHH}_A03.nc
FCST_ENSEMBLE_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = hrrrebegin_end_incr(1,3,1,2)_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}f{lead?fmt=%HHH}_
↳A03.nc

ENSEMBLE_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H%M}

```

#### 5.2.8.8.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

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**Note:** See the [EnsembleStat MET Configuration](#) (page 78) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Ensemble-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CENSOR_THRESH}
${METPLUS_CENSOR_VAL}
cat_thresh = [];
nc_var_str = "";

//
// Ensemble product fields to be processed
//
ens = {

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_ENS_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_VLD_THRESH}
    ${METPLUS_ENS_OBS_THRESH}

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```

    ${METPLUS_ENS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood ensemble probabilities
//
${METPLUS_NBRHD_PROB_DICT}

//
// NMEP smoothing methods
//
${METPLUS_NMEP_SMOOTH_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//

fcst = {

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//

${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc      = [];
obs_thresh   = [ NA ];
obs_quality  = [];
${METPLUS_DUPLICATE_FLAG}
obs_summary  = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;
${METPLUS_SKIP_CONST}

//

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// Observation error options
// Set dist_type to NONE to use the observation error table instead
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
obs_error = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_ERROR_FLAG}
    dist_type      = NONE;
    dist_parm      = [];
    inst_bias_scale = 1.0;
    inst_bias_offset = 0.0;
    min            = NA;      // Valid range of data
    max            = NA;
}

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
    { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ANYAIR";  val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
    { key = "ANYSFC";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ONLYSF";  val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; }
];

//
// Ensemble bin sizes
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_ENS_SSVAR_BIN_SIZE}
${METPLUS_ENS_PHIST_BIN_SIZE}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```

//
// Point observation time window
//
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    sid = [];
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Ensemble product output types
//
${METPLUS_ENSEMBLE_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Random number generator
//
rng = {
    type = "mt19937";

```

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```

    seed = "1";
}

////////////////////////////////////

grid_weight_flag = NONE;
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version          = "V9.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.8.8.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRRE\_FcstOnly\_NetCDF.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/EnsembleStat_
↳fcstHRRRE_FcstOnly_NetCDF.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRRE\_FcstOnly\_NetCDF.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/precipitation/EnsembleStat_
↳fcstHRRRE_FcstOnly_NetCDF.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.8.8.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in model\_applications/precipitation/EnsembleStat\_fcstHRRRE\_FcstOnly\_NetCDF/EnsembleStat (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) The following folder/file combination will be created:

-201905191200

- ensemble\_stat\_APCP\_03\_20190519\_150000V\_ens.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_APCP\_03\_20190519\_180000V\_ens.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_APCP\_03\_20190519\_210000V\_ens.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_APCP\_03\_20190520\_000000V\_ens.nc

-201905200000

- ensemble\_stat\_APCP\_03\_20190520\_030000V\_ens.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_APCP\_03\_20190520\_060000V\_ens.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_APCP\_03\_20190520\_090000V\_ens.nc
- ensemble\_stat\_APCP\_03\_20190520\_120000V\_ens.nc

#### 5.2.8.8.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [EnsembleStatToolUseCase](#), [NOAAHWTOrgUseCase](#), [PrecipitationAppUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [EnsembleAppUseCase](#), [ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase](#), [ProbabilityGenerationAppUseCase](#), [ListExpansionFeatureUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.9 Subseasonal to Seasonal

Subseasonal-to-Seasonal model configurations; Lower resolution model configurations ( $>4\text{km}$ ) usually producing forecasts out beyond 14 days and up 1 year

#### 5.2.9.1 TCGen: Genesis Density Function (GDF) and Track Density Function (TDF)

model\_applications/s2s/TCGen\_fcstGFSO\_obsBDECKS\_GDF\_TDF.conf

##### 5.2.9.1.1 Scientific Objective

Tropical cyclone (TC) genesis density function (GDF) and track density function (TDF) are designed to quantitatively evaluate geographic distributions of TC activities including TC genesis frequency and subsequent TC tracks. Spatial patterns of long-term averaged GDF or TDF on the regional or global scale are particularly useful to evaluate TC forecasts against those derived from an observational best-track dataset, such as IBTrACS or ATCF B-decks, from a climate perspective. The metrics can help assess the forecast biases (under- or over-prediction) of TC formations or TC vortices around particular locations in a numerical model.

For demonstration purposes, only cyclone tracker output and b-decks data for 2016 are used.

The following settings are used in the use case, all of which are configurable in the METplus configuration file (see below).

Forecast genesis event criteria:

Minimum forecast lead: 48h

Maximum forecast lead: 120h

Maximum velocity threshold:  $\geq 16.5 \text{ m/s}$

Minimum TC duration: 24h

Observed genesis event criteria:

Minimum TC duration: 24h

Maximum velocity threshold:  $\geq 17.0 \text{ m/s}$

Minimum TC Category: TD

Matching settings:

Genesis matching window: +/- 24h  
Early genesis matching window: -120h  
Late genesis matching window: +120h  
Genesis hit scoring window: +/- 24h  
Early genesis hit scoring window: -120h  
Late genesis hit scoring window: +120h  
Matching and Scoring radius: 555 km

In addition to the above settings, normalization is performed on the metrics by the number of years included in the dataset (in this example, just one), and the total number of model forecasts valid at the time of an observed genesis event. The latter can also be thought of as the total number of chances that the model had to forecast a genesis event.

#### 5.2.9.1.2 Datasets

Both forecast and observation datasets for this use case must adhere to the ATCF format.

**Forecast data:** GFDL Cyclone Tracker output configured for “genesis mode” for the FV3GFS model. This configuration used an experimental GFSv15 physics package, and had a horizontal grid spacing of ~25 km with 64 vertical levels.

**Observation data:** Global ATCF B-decks files from the National Hurricane Center (NHC) and Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC)

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release: <https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases> This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See ‘Running METplus’ section for more information.

The MET TCGen tool requires forecast data to be provided from the GFDL cyclone tracker. More information about the GFDL cyclone tracker can be found here: <https://dtcenter.org/community-code/gfdl-vortex-tracker>

Archives of ATCF B-decks files can be found at these locations:

<https://www.metoc.navy.mil/jtwc/jtwc.html?best-tracks>

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/data/#hurdat>



### 5.2.9.1.3 Software Versions

This use case was developed with specific versions of various software and Python packages. Any deviation from these versions may require re-configuration or adaptation to reproduce the results shown.

Names and version numbers:

```
python-3.6.3
cartopy-0.18.0
matplotlib-3.1.2
MET-10.0.0
METplus-4.0.0
METplotpy-1.0.0
```

### 5.2.9.1.4 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the MET TCGen tool to generate matched pairs of TC genesis, and then uses Python Embedding to compute the TDF and GDF metrics and create graphics for the year 2016.

### 5.2.9.1.5 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time: TCGen, Python

The TCGen tool is designed to be provided a single file pair or a directory containing a list of files, rather than loop over valid or initialization times. Thus, a single year is used in the METplus configuration file and wildcard symbols are provided to gather all the tracker and genesis input files at each input directory.

### 5.2.9.1.6 METplus Configuration

```
[config]

# Looping by times: steps through each 'task' in the PROCESS_LIST for each
# defined time, and repeats until all times have been evaluated.
LOOP_ORDER = times

# 'Tasks' to be run
PROCESS_LIST = TCGen, UserScript

LOOP_BY = INIT

# The init time
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y
INIT_BEG = 2016

LOG_TC_GEN_VERBOSITY = 5
LOG_LEVEL=INFO
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# optional list of strings to loop over and call the tool multiple times
# value of each item can be referenced in filename templates with {custom?fmt=%s}
TC_GEN_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST =

# I/O Configurations

# Location of input data directory for track data
TC_GEN_TRACK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/s2s/TCGen_fcstGFS0_obsBDECKS_GDF_TDF/obs/
↳bdecks/{INIT_BEG}
TC_GEN_TRACK_INPUT_TEMPLATE = *.dat

# Location of input data directory for genesis data
TC_GEN_GENESIS_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/s2s/TCGen_fcstGFS0_obsBDECKS_GDF_TDF/fcst/
↳tracker/reformat/{INIT_BEG}
TC_GEN_GENESIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = *.fort.66

# directory to write output files generated by tc_gen
TC_GEN_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/s2s/TCGen_fcstGFS0_obsBDECKS_GDF_TDF/TCGen
TC_GEN_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = tc_gen_{init?fmt=%Y}

# MET Configurations

TC_GEN_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/TCGenConfig_wrapped

# The following variables set values in the MET configuration file used by this example
# Leaving these values commented will use the value found in the default MET configuration file
# See the MET documentation for this tool for more information on the settings

TC_GEN_INIT_FREQ = 6

TC_GEN_VALID_FREQ = 6

TC_GEN_FCST_HR_WINDOW_BEGIN = 48

TC_GEN_FCST_HR_WINDOW_END = 120

TC_GEN_MIN_DURATION = 24

TC_GEN_FCST_GENESIS_VMAX_THRESH = >=16.5
TC_GEN_FCST_GENESIS_MSLP_THRESH = NA

TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_TECHNIQUE = BEST
TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_CATEGORY = TD
TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_VMAX_THRESH = >=17.0
TC_GEN_BEST_GENESIS_MSLP_THRESH = NA

TC_GEN_OPER_TECHNIQUE =

TC_GEN_FILTER_MODEL = GFS0
TC_GEN_GDF_FILTER_DESC = GDF

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TC_GEN_EARLY_FILTER_DESC = GDF_EARLY
TC_GEN_LATE_FILTER_DESC = GDF_LATE

# TC_GEN_FILTER_<n> sets filter items in the MET configuration file
# quotation marks within quotation marks must be preceeded with \
TC_GEN_FILTER_1 = model = "{TC_GEN_FILTER_MODEL}"; desc = "{TC_GEN_GDF_FILTER_DESC}"; dev_hit_window_
↪= { beg = -24; end = 24; }; dev_hit_radius = 555; genesis_match_window = { beg = -24; end = 24;};
TC_GEN_FILTER_2 = model = "{TC_GEN_FILTER_MODEL}"; desc = "{TC_GEN_EARLY_FILTER_DESC}"; dev_hit_
↪window = { beg = -120; end = 0; }; dev_hit_radius = 555; genesis_match_window = { beg = -120; end = _
↪0;};
TC_GEN_FILTER_3 = model = "{TC_GEN_FILTER_MODEL}"; desc = "{TC_GEN_LATE_FILTER_DESC}"; dev_hit_window_
↪= { beg = 0; end = 120; }; dev_hit_radius = 555; genesis_match_window = { beg = 0; end = 120;};

TC_GEN_DESC = ALL

MODEL =

TC_GEN_STORM_ID =

TC_GEN_STORM_NAME =

TC_GEN_INIT_BEG =
TC_GEN_INIT_END =
TC_GEN_INIT_INC =
TC_GEN_INIT_EXC =

TC_GEN_VALID_BEG =
TC_GEN_VALID_END =

TC_GEN_INIT_HOUR =

# sets METPLUS_LEAD in the wrapped MET config file
LEAD_SEQ =

TC_GEN_VX_MASK =

TC_GEN_BASIN_MASK =

TC_GEN_DLAND_THRESH = NA

TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_RADIUS = 555

TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_POINT_TO_TRACK = False

TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_WINDOW_BEG = 0
TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_WINDOW_END = 0

TC_GEN_OPS_HIT_WINDOW_BEG = 0
TC_GEN_OPS_HIT_WINDOW_END = 48

TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_RADIUS = 500

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TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_WINDOW_BEGIN = -24
TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_WINDOW_END = 24

TC_GEN_OPS_HIT_TDIFF = 48

TC_GEN_DISCARD_INIT_POST_GENESIS_FLAG = True

TC_GEN_DEV_METHOD_FLAG = True

TC_GEN_OPS_METHOD_FLAG = False

TC_GEN_CI_ALPHA = 0.05

TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_FHO = NONE
TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = BOTH
TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = BOTH
TC_GEN_OUTPUT_FLAG_GENMPR = BOTH

TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_LATLON = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_GENESIS = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_TRACKS = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_FY_OY = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_FCST_FY_ON = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_GENESIS = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_TRACKS = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_FY_OY = TRUE
TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_BEST_FN_OY = TRUE

TC_GEN_VALID_MINUS_GENESIS_DIFF_THRESH = >0

TC_GEN_BEST_UNIQUE_FLAG = TRUE

TC_GEN_DLAND_FILE = MET_BASE/tc_data/dland_global_tenth_degree.nc

TC_GEN_BASIN_FILE = MET_BASE/tc_data/basin_global_tenth_degree.nc

TC_GEN_NC_PAIRS_GRID = G003

USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_FOR_EACH

USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {TC_GEN_OUTPUT_DIR}/tc_gen_{init?fmt=%Y}_pairs.nc

USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/TCGen_fcstGFS0_obsBDECKS_GDF_TDF/
↳UserScript_fcstGFS0_obsBDECKS_GDF_TDF.py {USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE}

[user_env_vars]
TCGEN_INIT_FREQ = {TC_GEN_INIT_FREQ}
TCGEN_MIN_LEAD = {TC_GEN_FCST_HR_WINDOW_BEGIN}
TCGEN_MAX_LEAD = {TC_GEN_FCST_HR_WINDOW_END}
GDF_LAT_HALF_DELTA = 5.0
GDF_LON_HALF_DELTA = 5.0
GDF_NORM_YEARS = 1.0

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GDF_PLOT_OUTDIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/images
GDF_MODEL_STRING = {TC_GEN_FILTER_MODEL}
GDF_OBS_STRING = BEST
GDF_DESC_STRING = {TC_GEN_GDF_FILTER_DESC}
GDF_EARLY_STRING = {TC_GEN_EARLY_FILTER_DESC}
GDF_LATE_STRING = {TC_GEN_LATE_FILTER_DESC}
```

### 5.2.9.1.7 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

#### TCGenConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [TCGen MET Configuration](#) (page 174) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// TC-Gen configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README_TC file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// ATCF file format reference:
//   http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html
//

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Genesis event definition criteria.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Model initialization frequency in hours, starting at 0.
//
// init_freq =
// ${METPLUS_INIT_FREQ}
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//
// Valid hour frequency to be analyzed in hours, starting at 0
//
// valid_freq =
// ${METPLUS_VALID_FREQ}

//
// Forecast hours to be searched for genesis events
//
// fcst_hr_window =
// ${METPLUS_FCST_HR_WINDOW_DICT}

//
// Minimum track duration for genesis event in hours.
//
// min_duration =
// ${METPLUS_MIN_DURATION}

//
// Forecast genesis event criteria. Defined as tracks reaching the specified
// intensity category, maximum wind speed threshold, and minimum sea-level
// pressure threshold. The forecast genesis time is the valid time of the first
// track point where all of these criteria are met.
//
// fcst_genesis =
// ${METPLUS_FCST_GENESIS_DICT}

//
// BEST track genesis event criteria. Defined as tracks reaching the specified
// intensity category, maximum wind speed threshold, and minimum sea-level
// pressure threshold. The BEST track genesis time is the valid time of the
// first track point where all of these criteria are met.
//
// best_genesis =
// ${METPLUS_BEST_GENESIS_DICT}

//
// Operational track technique name
//
// oper_technique =
// ${METPLUS_OPER_TECHNIQUE}

//
// Track filtering options
// May be specified separately in each filter array entry.
//
//
//
//
// Array of dictionaries containing the track filtering options
// If empty, a single filter is defined using the top-level settings.

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//
// filter =
${METPLUS_FILTER}

//
// Description written to output DESC column
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Forecast ATCF ID's
// If empty, all ATCF ID's found will be processed.
// Statistics will be generated separately for each ATCF ID.
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// BEST and operational track storm identifiers
//
// storm_id =
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// BEST and operational track storm names
//
// storm_name =
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Forecast and operational initialization times to include or exclude
//
// init_beg =
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}

// init_end =
${METPLUS_INIT_END}

// init_inc =
${METPLUS_INIT_INC}

// init_exc =
${METPLUS_INIT_EXC}

//
// Forecast, BEST, and operational valid time window
//
// valid_beg =
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}

// valid_end =

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${METPLUS_VALID_END}

//
// Forecast and operational initialization hours
//
// init_hour =
${METPLUS_INIT_HOUR}

//
// Forecast and operational lead times in hours
//
// lead =
${METPLUS_LEAD}

//
// Spatial masking region (path to gridded data file or polyline file)
//
// vx_mask =
${METPLUS_VX_MASK}

//
// Spatial masking of hurricane basin names from the basin_file
//
// basin_mask =
${METPLUS_BASIN_MASK}

//
// Distance to land threshold
//
//dland_thresh =
${METPLUS_DLAND_THRESH}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Matching and scoring options
// May be specified separately in each filter array entry.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Genesis matching logic. Compare the forecast genesis point to all points in
// the Best track (TRUE) or the single Best track genesis point (FALSE).
//
//genesis_match_point_to_track =
${METPLUS_GENESIS_MATCH_POINT_TO_TRACK}

//
// Radius in km to search for a matching genesis event
//
// genesis_match_radius =
${METPLUS_GENESIS_MATCH_RADIUS}

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```

//
// Time window in hours, relative to the model genesis time, to search for a
// matching Best track point
//
//genesis_match_window = {
${METPLUS_GENESIS_MATCH_WINDOW_DICT}

//
// Radius in km for a development scoring method hit
//
// dev_hit_radius =
${METPLUS_DEV_HIT_RADIUS}

//
// Time window in hours for a development scoring method hit
//
// dev_hit_window =
${METPLUS_DEV_HIT_WINDOW_DICT}

// Time window in hours for the Best track genesis minus model initialization
// time difference for an operational scoring method hit
//
//ops_hit_window = {
${METPLUS_OPS_HIT_WINDOW_DICT}

//
// Discard genesis forecasts for initializations at or after the matching
// BEST track genesis time
//
// discard_init_post_genesis_flag =
${METPLUS_DISCARD_INIT_POST_GENESIS_FLAG}

//
// Scoring methods to be applied
//
//dev_method_flag =
${METPLUS_DEV_METHOD_FLAG}

// ops_method_flag =
${METPLUS_OPS_METHOD_FLAG}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Output options
// May be specified separately in each filter array entry.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval alpha value
//
// ci_alpha =

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```

${METPLUS_CI_ALPHA}

//
// Statistical output types
//
// output_flag =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF genesis pair counts
//
// nc_pairs_flag =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

//
// Specify which track points should be counted by thresholding the track point
// valid time minus genesis time difference.
//
// valid_minus_genesis_diff_thresh =
${METPLUS_VALID_MINUS_GENESIS_DIFF_THRESH}

//
// Count unique BEST track genesis event locations (TRUE) versus counting the
// location for all pairs (FALSE).
//
// best_unique_flag =
${METPLUS_BEST_UNIQUE_FLAG}

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Global settings
// May only be specified once.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
// dland_file =
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify the NetCDF file containing a gridded representation of the
// global basins.
//
// basin_file =
${METPLUS_BASIN_FILE}

//
// NetCDF genesis pairs grid
//

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```
// nc_pairs_grid =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_GRID}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V10.0.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.2.9.1.8 Python Embedding

This use case uses a Python embedding script to create output graphics

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/TCGen\_fcstGFSO\_obsBDECKS\_GDF\_TDF/UserScript\_fcstGFSO\_obsBDECKS

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

"""UserScript to compute density variables for the METplus S2S TDF/GDF use case

This script is used to read in netCDF output from the MET TCGen tool and compute
various density variables related to the Genesis Density Function (GDF) and
Track Density Function (TDF) metrics for subseasonal-to-seasonal applications.

Contains the following functions:
    * as_density()

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Date: 24 March 2021

"""

import xarray as xr
import os
import sys
import datetime
import multiprocessing

# Import METplotpy
from metplotpy.contributed.tc_s2s_panel import plot_tc_s2s_panel as tc_s2s_panel

# Environment variables for use case
GDF_INPUT_FILENAME = sys.argv[1]
GDF_LAT_HALF_DELTA = float(str(os.environ.get('GDF_LAT_HALF_DELTA', 5.0)))
GDF_LON_HALF_DELTA = float(str(os.environ.get('GDF_LON_HALF_DELTA', 5.0)))
GDF_MODEL_STRING = str(os.environ.get('GDF_MODEL_STRING', 'TESTMODEL'))
GDF_OBS_STRING = str(os.environ.get('GDF_OBS_STRING', 'TESTOBS'))
GDF_DESC_STRING = str(os.environ.get('GDF_DESC_STRING', 'GDF'))
GDF_EARLY_STRING = str(os.environ.get('GDF_EARLY_STRING', 'GDF_EARLY'))
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GDF_LATE_STRING = str(os.environ.get('GDF_LATE_STRING', 'GDF_LATE'))
GDF_NORM_YEARS = float(str(os.environ.get('GDF_NORM_YEARS', 1.0)))

# Compute the total number of model forecasts that could have forecasted a hypothetical genesis event
# within the user defined lead window
lead_step = int(str(os.environ.get('TCGEN_INIT_FREQ')))
shortest_lead = int(str(os.environ.get('TCGEN_MIN_LEAD')))
longest_lead = int(str(os.environ.get('TCGEN_MAX_LEAD')))
num_forecasts = float(len([shortest_lead + x for x in range(0, longest_lead, lead_step) if shortest_
↳ lead+x <= longest_lead]))

# Local variables
DEBUG = False

# Create some netCDF varname strings to use when referencing the data
fcstgenvarname = f"{GDF_DESC_STRING}_{GDF_MODEL_STRING}_GENESIS"
fcsthitvarname = f"{GDF_DESC_STRING}_{GDF_MODEL_STRING}_DEV_FY_OY"
fcstfalmvarname = f"{GDF_DESC_STRING}_{GDF_MODEL_STRING}_DEV_FY_ON"
obsmissvarname = f"{GDF_DESC_STRING}_{GDF_MODEL_STRING}_BEST_DEV_FN_OY"
obsgenvarname = f"{GDF_DESC_STRING}_BEST_GENESIS"
fcsttrackvarname = f"{GDF_DESC_STRING}_{GDF_MODEL_STRING}_TRACKS"
obstrackvarname = f"{GDF_DESC_STRING}_BEST_TRACKS"
fcstearlygenvarname = f"{GDF_EARLY_STRING}_{GDF_MODEL_STRING}_GENESIS"
fcstearlyhitvarname = f"{GDF_EARLY_STRING}_{GDF_MODEL_STRING}_DEV_FY_OY"
fcstlategenvarname = f"{GDF_LATE_STRING}_{GDF_MODEL_STRING}_GENESIS"
fcstlatehitvarname = f"{GDF_LATE_STRING}_{GDF_MODEL_STRING}_DEV_FY_OY"
if DEBUG:
    print("\nUSING VARIABLE NAMES:")
    print(f"Forecast genesis events varname: {fcstgenvarname}")
    print(f"Hits (fy_oy) varname: {fcsthitvarname}")
    print(f"False alarms (fy_on) varname: {fcstfalmvarname}")
    print(f"Miss (fn_oy) varname: {obsmissvarname}")
    print(f"Observed genesis events varname: {obsgenvarname}")
    print(f"Forecast track points varname: {fcsttrackvarname}")
    print(f"Observed track points varname: {obstrackvarname}")
    print(f"Early genesis event varname: {fcstearlygenvarname}")
    print(f"Early genesis hit varname: {fcstearlyhitvarname}")
    print(f"Late genesis event varname: {fcstlategenvarname}")
    print(f"Late genesis hit varname: {fcstlatehitvarname}")

# Open the TCGen output file
tcgendata = xr.open_dataset(GDF_INPUT_FILENAME)

# Create 1D data to find locations of events
tcgendata1d = tcgendata.stack(adim=('lat', 'lon'))

# Get the lat/lon of EARLY FCST genesis events
earl_lat = tcgendata1d[fcstearlygenvarname].where(tcgendata1d[fcstearlygenvarname]>0.0, drop=True)['lat'
↳ ].values
earl_lon = tcgendata1d[fcstearlygenvarname].where(tcgendata1d[fcstearlygenvarname]>0.0, drop=True)['lon'
↳ ].values

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# Get the lat/lon of LATE FCST genesis events
late_lat = tcgenda1d[fcstlategenvarname].where(tcgenda1d[fcstlategenvarname]>0.0,drop=True)['lat']
↳ values
late_lon = tcgenda1d[fcstlategenvarname].where(tcgenda1d[fcstlategenvarname]>0.0,drop=True)['lon']
↳ values

# Get the lat/lon of FCST genesis events
fcst_lat = tcgenda1d[fcstgenvarname].where(tcgenda1d[fcstgenvarname]>0.0,drop=True)['lat'].values
fcst_lon = tcgenda1d[fcstgenvarname].where(tcgenda1d[fcstgenvarname]>0.0,drop=True)['lon'].values

# Get the lat/lon of the OBS (BEST) genesis events
obs_lat = tcgenda1d[obsgenvarname].where(tcgenda1d[obsgenvarname]>0.0,drop=True)['lat'].values
obs_lon = tcgenda1d[obsgenvarname].where(tcgenda1d[obsgenvarname]>0.0,drop=True)['lon'].values

# Get the lat/lon of the FCST track points (based on genesis)
ftrk_lat = tcgenda1d[fcsttrackvarname].where(tcgenda1d[fcsttrackvarname]>0.0,drop=True)['lat'].
↳ values
ftrk_lon = tcgenda1d[fcsttrackvarname].where(tcgenda1d[fcsttrackvarname]>0.0,drop=True)['lon'].
↳ values

# Get the lat/lon of the OBS (BEST) track points (based on genesis)
otrk_lat = tcgenda1d[obstrackvarname].where(tcgenda1d[obstrackvarname]>0.0,drop=True)['lat'].
↳ values
otrk_lon = tcgenda1d[obstrackvarname].where(tcgenda1d[obstrackvarname]>0.0,drop=True)['lon'].
↳ values

# Function to take gridded counts of data and create a density plot given a lat/lon region defined by
↳ GDF_LAT/LON_HALF_DELTA around these counts.
# Input are the individual lats/lons of each location where there are any events, as well as the
↳ actual gridded variable of counts
def as_density(elats,elons,grid_var,fcst):

    """Computes the density of an event based on a gridded count variable and the lat/lon of each event

    Parameters
    -----
    elats: list of floating point latitude values of individual events
    elons: list of floating point longitude values of individual events
    grid_var: Xarray DataArray containing the count at each event location
    fcst: a boolean to denote whether the grid_var is a forecast (True) or observation (False) variable

    Returns
    -----
    Xarray DataArray object the with the same likeness as grid_var

    """

    # Create a DataArray that looks like the input grid_var
    dens_var = xr.zeros_like(grid_var, dtype='float32')

    # Try to re-write the while loop as a for loop
    #for clat,clon in tuple(zip(elats,elons)):

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llcnt = 0
while llcnt < len(elats):

    clat = elats[llcnt]
    clon = elons[llcnt]

    # Latitude and longitude of subdomain around the point lat/lon
    glat = grid_var.lat[(grid_var.lat>=clat-GDF_LAT_HALF_DELTA) & (grid_var.lat<=clat+GDF_LAT_HALF_
    ↳DELTA)]
    glon = grid_var.lon[(grid_var.lon>=clon-GDF_LON_HALF_DELTA) & (grid_var.lon<=clon+GDF_LON_HALF_
    ↳DELTA)]

    # Get the number of events at the current point lat/lon
    nevent = grid_var.sel(lat=clat,lon=clon).values

    # Increment the dens_var where we want
    dens_var.loc[dict(lat=glat,lon=glon)] += nevent

    llcnt += 1

# Return the dens_var
if fcst:
    return(dens_var/(GDF_NORM_YEARS*num_forecasts))
else:
    return(dens_var/(GDF_NORM_YEARS))

# Create some lists of function arguments to as_density() to run in parallel
varlist = [fcstgenvarname,fcsthitvarname,fcstfalmvarname,fcsttrackvarname,obsgenvarname,
    ↳obsmissvarname,obstrackvarname,fcstlatehitvarname,fcstearlyhitvarname]
varlats = [fcst_lat,fcst_lat,fcst_lat,ftrk_lat,obs_lat,obs_lat,otrk_lat,late_lat,earl_lat]
varlons = [fcst_lon,fcst_lon,fcst_lon,ftrk_lon,obs_lon,obs_lon,otrk_lon,late_lon,earl_lon]
fcstobs = [True,True,True,True,False,True,False,True,True]
denvars = ['FCST_DENS','FYOY_DENS','FYON_DENS','FTRK_DENS','OBS_DENS','FNOY_DENS','OTRK_DENS','LHIT_
    ↳DENS','EHIT_DENS']

# Use multiprocessing to run in parallel
# Results is a list of DataArray objects
mp = multiprocessing.Pool(max(multiprocessing.cpu_count()-2, 1))
results = mp.starmap(as_density,[(x,y,tcgendata[z],f) for x,y,z,f in tuple(zip(varlats,varlons,
    ↳varlist,fcstobs))])

# Unpack the results
for r,n in tuple(zip(results,denvars)):
    tcgendata[n] = r

if DEBUG:
    print("\nOBS_DENS")
    print(tcgendata['OBS_DENS'].min().values)
    print(tcgendata['OBS_DENS'].max().values)
    print("\nFCST_DENS")
    print(tcgendata['FCST_DENS'].min().values)
    print(tcgendata['FCST_DENS'].max().values)

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print("\nFY0Y_DENS")
print(tcgendata['FY0Y_DENS'].min().values)
print(tcgendata['FY0Y_DENS'].max().values)
print("\nFY0N_DENS")
print(tcgendata['FY0N_DENS'].min().values)
print(tcgendata['FY0N_DENS'].max().values)
print("\nFNOY_DENS")
print(tcgendata['FNOY_DENS'].min().values)
print(tcgendata['FNOY_DENS'].max().values)
print("\nFTRK_DENS")
print(tcgendata['FTRK_DENS'].min().values)
print(tcgendata['FTRK_DENS'].max().values)
print("\nOTRK_DENS")
print(tcgendata['OTRK_DENS'].min().values)
print(tcgendata['OTRK_DENS'].max().values)
print("\nEHIT_DENS")
print(tcgendata['EHIT_DENS'].min().values)
print(tcgendata['EHIT_DENS'].max().values)
print("\nLHIT_DENS")
print(tcgendata['LHIT_DENS'].min().values)
print(tcgendata['LHIT_DENS'].max().values)

# Call plotting for GDF. tc_s2s_panel.plot_gdf() requires just the Xarray Dataset object
# Panel order for GDF is:
# 1. Total BEST (observed) genesis density
# 2. Total MODEL (forecast) genesis density
# 3. Difference 2-1
gdf_varlist = ['OBS_DENS', 'FCST_DENS']
tc_s2s_panel.plot_gdf(tcgendata[gdf_varlist], os.environ.get('GDF_PLOT_OUTDIR'))

# Call plotting for TDF. tc_s2s_panel.plot_tdf() requires just the Xarray Dataset object
# Panel order for TDF is:
# 1. Total BEST (observed) track points
# 2. Total FCST (hour 24-120) track points
# 3. FCST-BEST
tdf_varlist = ['FTRK_DENS', 'OTRK_DENS']
tc_s2s_panel.plot_tdf(tcgendata[tdf_varlist], os.environ.get('GDF_PLOT_OUTDIR'))

# Call plotting for GDF category. tc_s2s_panel.plot_gdf_cat() requires just the Xarray Dataset object
# Panel order for GDF category is:
# 1. Total HITS density
# 2. Total EARLY HITS density
# 3. Total LATE HITS density
# 4. Total FALSE_ALARMS density
gdf_cat_varlist = ['FY0Y_DENS', 'EHIT_DENS', 'LHIT_DENS', 'FY0N_DENS']
tc_s2s_panel.plot_gdf_cat(tcgendata[gdf_cat_varlist], os.environ.get('GDF_PLOT_OUTDIR'))

# Call plotting for GDF UFS. tc_s2s_panel.plot_gdf_ufs() requires just the Xarray Dataset object
# Panel order for GDF UFS is:
# 1. Total BEST (observed) genesis density (scatter is BEST genesis locations)
# 2. Total HITS density (scatter is BEST genesis locations)
# 3. Total FALSE_ALARMS density (scatter is FCST genesis locations, but only false?)

```

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```
# 4. Total HITS+FALSE_ALARMS density (scatter is FCST genesis locations, but only hits+false?)
gdf_ufs_varlist = ['OBS_DENS', 'FY0Y_DENS', 'FYON_DENS']
tc_s2s_panel.plot_gdf_ufs(tcgendata[gdf_ufs_varlist], os.environ.get('GDF_PLOT_OUTDIR'))
```

### 5.2.9.1.9 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in TCGen\_fcstGFSO\_obsBDECKS\_GDF\_TDF.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/TCGen_fcstGFSO_
↪obsBDECKS_GDF_TDF.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in TCGen\_fcstGFSO\_obsBDECKS\_GDF\_TDF.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/TCGen_fcstGFSO_
↪obsBDECKS_GDF_TDF.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[config]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

### 5.2.9.1.10 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated.

Output from TCGen for this use case will be found in model\_applications/s2s/TCGen\_fcstGFSO\_obsBDECKS\_GDF\_TDF (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**)

For each month and year there will be five files written:



```
* tc_gen_2016_pairs.nc
* tc_gen_2016_genmpr.txt
* tc_gen_2016_ctc.txt
* tc_gen_2016_cts.txt
* tc_gen_2016.stat
```

#### 5.2.9.1.11 Keywords

**Note:** [TCGenToolUseCase](#) [S2SAppUseCase](#) [UserScriptUseCase](#)

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/s2s-TCGen\_fcstGFSO\_obsBDECKS\_GDF\_TDF.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.9.2 Grid-Stat and Series-Analysis: BMKG APIK Seasonal Forecast

model\_applications/s2s/GridStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstNMME\_obsCPC\_seasonal\_forecast.conf

##### 5.2.9.2.1 Scientific Objective

The process of seasonal forecasting with a time horizon of one to many months (typically 6 to 9 months) poses new challenges to tools primarily developed for weather forecasting that cover a few days. These challenges include two aspects in particular: (1) a dramatically expanded time variable, and (2) a verification that is by design backward oriented using extensive hindcasts over past decades rather than the rapid verification possible in short-range weather forecasting. Therefore, the scientific objective of the seasonal forecast usecase involves the expansion of options to describe time as well as the strategic selection of hindcasts.

**Time:** Commonly METplus expresses time intervals in the minutes, hours, and days. Month and year intervals were not supported since there is not a constant length for these units. Therefore, modifications to METplus were made to support these intervals by determining the offset relative to a given time.

**Input data:** The input data from seasonal forecasts is generally based on daily, weekly, decadal (10-day), monthly or seasonal time integrated intervals. The time variable therefore is often no longer a simple snapshot of the system but rather representing an average, a sum (precipitation), or a particular statistic (maximum wind, minimum temperature, wind variability) over the integration time period. This requires some adjustment from the traditional approach in forecast verification where forecast time ("valid-time") is simply a snapshot out of a continuous run.

**Hindcasts:** The objective of seasonal forecasts is no longer the exact location and intensity of one particular weather event, such as a storm, a frontal passage, or high wind conditions. Rather, seasonal forecasting focuses more on the statistical properties over a period of time, be it a 10-day interval, a month, or even a three month season. The verification of a new, forward looking seasonal forecast requires assessments of the forecast systems ability to appropriately forecast that longrange behavior of the weather (here, only atmospheric verification is considered, but the same concept would apply ocean or any other longrange forecast system). Because weather properties commonly change significantly over

the course of the season, samples to verify the prognostic system can not be taken from the immediate days, weeks or months before the forecast. Hindcasting in the seasonal context requires a complete set of forecasts based on the same season but during past years. A current July-1 2019 forecast, therefore requires many July-1 forecasts for as many years in the past as possible, given that the forecast system is the same as the one used for the current forecast cycle into the future. Operational centers offer hindcasts, also sometimes called “re-forecasts”, with the current, most up-to-date forecast system. MET and METplus therefore need to be able to extract the appropriate collection of past forecasts. This includes the identification of the same Julian-day-of-Year init-dates from forecasts cycles from past years, and then identify the different lead-times of interest generally ranging from one to 6 or more months.

**Verification:** The verification steps can then utilize the existing collection of verification tools. In comparison to weather forecasts, the only difference is that the data, as stated above, are not snapshots but time-integrated values (averages, sums, statistics) that are representing a whole period of time. The verification then focuses on comparisons of these derivatives of the forecast simulations. In practice, a further step might be added prior to, or as a key step during verification: the formation of anomalies of the forecasts compared to long-term expected averages. A rainfall forecasts can therefore be verified in both absolute as well as anomaly context where some analyses might focus on extreme rainfall threshold exceedance of, for example, 500mm per month. At the same time, the same forecast might be verified for the 3 months rainfall average in comparison with the long-term expected mean. The verification might then assess how well the system can foresee the occurrence of below average rainfall over the season, and possibly some selected thresholds there (e.g., ability to forecast mean seasonal rainfall below the 10-th percentile of seasonal rainfall). Finally, flexibility in formulating forecast verification strategies is important as forecast skill might vary by location, the timing within the seasonal cycle, or the state of the evolving coupled system (the rapid onset of a strong El Nino will lead to significantly different forecast skill compared to a neutral state in the Pacific). Memory from past months, for example when considering accumulated soil moisture, might also influence the forecast skills. Seasonal forecast verification therefore requires understanding of the climate system; MET and METplus then need to offer the flexibility to tailor verification strategies and to potentially craft conditional approaches.

Overall, seasonal forecasts don't require a new verification approach. It does however put demands on the flexibility of dealing with a significantly expanded range of the time variable as well as logistic infrastructure to select appropriate hindcast samples from long hindcast or re-forecast archives. Scientifically, the challenges are mostly restricted in the appropriate formulation of verification questions that address specific forecast objectives. Compared to weather forecasts, seasonal forecasts need to draw their skill from slowly changing components in the coupled Earth system while acknowledging the high-frequency noise of weather superposed on these ‘climatologically’ evolving background conditions. In many regions of the world, the noise might dominate that background climate and forecast skill is low. It is therefore the task of seasonal forecast verification to identify where there is actually skill for particular properties of the forecasts over a wide range of lead-times. The skill might be dependent on location, on the timing within the seasonal cycle, or even on the evolving state of the coupled system.

#### 5.2.9.2.2 Datasets

All datasets are traditionally in netCDF format. Grids are either regular gaussian Latitude/Longitude grids or they are Lambert-conformal WRF grids.

The forecast datasets contain weekly, monthly or seasonally integrated data. Here, the time format of the use-case is monthly. Since the verification is done on the hindcasts rather than the forecast (would require another 6 months of waiting), the key identification here is the month of initialization and then the lead-time of the forecast of interest.

The hindcast data, the 'observational' data that is to be compared to the forecast, is a collection of datasets formatted in equivalent format to the forecast. The hindcast ensemble is identified through the year in the filename (as well as in the time variable inside the netCDF file).

Forecast Datasets:

NMME \* variable of interest: pr (precipitation: cumulative monthly sum) \* format of precipitation variable: time,lat,lon (here dimensions: 29,181,361) with time variable representing 29 samples of same Julian Init-Time of hindcasts over past 29 years.

Hindcast Datasets:

Observational Dataset:

- CPC precipitation reference data (same format and grid)

#### 5.2.9.2.3 METplus Components

This use case loops over initialization years and processes forecast lead months with GridStat It also processes the output of GridStat using two calls to SeriesAnalysis.

#### 5.2.9.2.4 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

- netCDF4

#### 5.2.9.2.5 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time: GridStat

This example loops by initialization time. Each initialization time is July of each year from 1982 to 2010. For each init time it will run once, processing forecast leads 1 month through 5 months. The following times are processed:

Run times:

**Init:** 1982-07

**Forecast leads:** 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 4 months, 5 months

**Init:** 1983-07

**Forecast leads:** 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 4 months, 5 months

**Init:** 1984-07

**Forecast leads:** 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 4 months, 5 months

**Init:** 1985-07

**Forecast leads:** 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 4 months, 5 months

...

**Init:** 2009-07

**Forecast leads:** 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 4 months, 5 months

**Init:** 2010-07

**Forecast leads:** 1 month, 2 months, 3 months, 4 months, 5 months

#### 5.2.9.2.6 METplus Configuration

```
# Grid to Grid APIK Verification - S2S Use Case 1: Comparison of NMME hindcasts to CPC observations

[config]

# List of applications to run
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat, SeriesAnalysis(climo), SeriesAnalysis(full_stats)

# loop by INIT time (options are INIT, VALID, or ?)
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG = 198207

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END = 201007

INIT_INCREMENT = 1Y

# list of forecast leads to process (JLV-NOTE: This only works for grid_stat and example wrappers.
→right now, using feature_281_py_embed)
```

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```

LEAD_SEQ = 1m, 2m, 3m, 4m, 5m, 6m

#SERIES_ANALYSIS_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST =

# Options are times, processes
# times = run all items in the PROCESS_LIST for a single initialization
# time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated.
# processes = run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = processes

FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_NAME = pr
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = "({valid?fmt=%Y%m01_000000},*,*)"
FCST_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH = >0, >50, >100, >150, >200, >250, >300, >400, >500

OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_NAME = precip
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_LEVELS = "({valid?fmt=%Y%m01_000000},*,*)"
OBS_GRID_STAT_VAR1_THRESH = >0, >50, >100, >150, >200, >250, >300, >400, >500

FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_VAR1_NAME = FCST_precip_FULL
FCST_SERIES_ANALYSIS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"

OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_VAR1_NAME = OBS_precip_FULL
OBS_SERIES_ANALYSIS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"

# description of data to be processed
# used in output file path
MODEL = NMME
OBTTYPE = CPC

# location of grid_stat MET config file
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CNT = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME = precip

# variables to describe format of forecast data
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# variables to describe format of observation data
# none needed

# Increase verbosity of MET tools
#LOG_MET_VERBOSITY=4

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}-hindcast_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}_vs_{OBTTYPE}_IC{init?fmt=%Y%b}_V{valid?
↪fmt=%Y%2m%d}

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```

# sets the desc variable in the SeriesAnalysis config file
SERIES_ANALYSIS_DESC = hindcast

# sets the cat_thresh variable in the SeriesAnalysis config file
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CAT_THRESH = >=50, >=100, >=150, >=200, >=250, >=300, >=400, >=500

# sets the vld_thresh variable in the SeriesAnalysis config file
SERIES_ANALYSIS_VLD_THRESH = 0.50

# sets the block_size variable in the SeriesAnalysis config file
SERIES_ANALYSIS_BLOCK_SIZE = 360*181

# set to True to add the -paired flag to the SeriesAnalysis command
SERIES_ANALYSIS_IS_PAired = False

# MET Configuration file passed to SeriesAnalysis
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/SeriesAnalysisConfig_wrapped

# If True/yes, run plot_data_plane on output from Series-Analysis to generate
# images for each stat item listed in SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST
SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_PLOTS = no

# If True/yes, run convert on output from Series-Analysis to generate
# a gif using images in groups of name/level/stat
SERIES_ANALYSIS_GENERATE_ANIMATIONS = no

# grid to remap data. Value is set as the 'to_grid' variable in the 'regrid' dictionary
# See MET User's Guide for more information
#SERIES_ANALYSIS_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_LEAD

SERIES_ANALYSIS_RUN_ONCE_PER_STORM_ID = False

# used for SeriesAnalysis(climo) instance
SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST = OBAR

[full_stats]

SERIES_ANALYSIS_STAT_LIST =TOTAL, FBAR, OBAR, ME, MAE, RMSE, ANOM_CORR, PR_CORR
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CTS_LIST = BASER, CSI, GSS

SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR = {SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR}
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE = series_analysis_{MODEL}_{OBTTYPE}_stats_F{lead?fmt=%2m}_
→climo.nc

[dir]

# input and output data directories
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/s2s/NMME/hindcast/monthly

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```

OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/s2s/NMME/obs
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/s2s/GridStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstNMME_obsCPC_
↳seasonal_forecast/GridStat

BOTH_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_DIR = {GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR}

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/s2s/GridStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstNMME_
↳obsCPC_seasonal_forecast/SeriesAnalysis

# used in full_stats instance file only
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

[filename_templates]

# format of filenames
# FCST
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = nmme_pr_hcst_{init?fmt=%b}IC_{valid?fmt=%2m}_*.nc

# ANALYS
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = obs_cpc_pp.1x1.nc

BOTH_SERIES_ANALYSIS_INPUT_TEMPLATE = grid_stat_{MODEL}-hindcast_precip_vs_{OBTTYPE}_IC{init?fmt=%Y%b}_
↳V{valid?fmt=%Y%2m}01_*pairs.nc

SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = series_analysis_{MODEL}_{OBTTYPE}_stats_F{lead?fmt=%2m}_{instance?
↳fmt=%s}.nc

# used in full_stat instance only
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

```

### 5.2.9.2.7 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

#### GridStatConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];
cat_thresh    = [];
cnt_thresh    = [ NA ];
cnt_logic     = UNION;
wind_thresh   = [ NA ];
wind_logic    = UNION;
eclv_points   = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
```

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```
//
fcst = {
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
  ${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
  ${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
  interval = PCTILE;
  rep_prop = 1.0;
  n_rep    = 0;
  rng      = "mt19937";
  seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////
```

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```

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
  ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
  field      = BOTH;
  // shape =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
  // width =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
  // cov_thresh =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
  vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
  wave_1d_beg = [];
  wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {

```

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```

    baddeley_p      = 2;
    baddeley_max_dist = NA;
    fom_alpha       = 0.1;
    zhu_weight      = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### SeriesAnalysisConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [SeriesAnalysis MET Configuration](#) (page 156) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//
// Series-Analysis configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//

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```

${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];
${METPLUS_CAT_THRESH}
cnt_thresh    = [ NA ];
cnt_logic     = UNION;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

```

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```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    grid = "";
    poly = "";
}

//
// Number of grid points to be processed concurrently. Set smaller to use
// less memory but increase the number of passes through the data.
//
${METPLUS_BLOCK_SIZE}

//
// Ratio of valid matched pairs to compute statistics for a grid point
//
${METPLUS_VLD_THRESH}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
output_stats = {
    fho  = [];
    ctc  = [];
    ${METPLUS_CTS_LIST}
    mctc = [];
    mcts = [];
    ${METPLUS_STAT_LIST}
    sl1l2 = [];
    sal1l2 = [];
    pct   = [];
    pstd  = [];

```

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```

    pjc      = [];
    prc      = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

rank_corr_flag = FALSE;
tmp_dir        = "/tmp";
//version      = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.9.2.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstNMME\_obsCPC\_seasonal\_forecast.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/GridStat_SeriesAnalysis_
↳fcstNMME_obsCPC_seasonal_forecast.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_SeriesAnalysis\_fcstNMME\_obsCPC\_seasonal\_forecast.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/GridStat_SeriesAnalysis_
↳fcstNMME_obsCPC_seasonal_forecast.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```

[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y

```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.2.9.2.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in `model_applications/s2s/GridStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstNMME_obsCPC_seasonal_forecast/GridStat` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**)

For each month and year there will be two files written:

```
* grid_stat_NMME-hindcast_precip_vs_CPC_IC{%Y%b}01_2301360000L_20081001_000000V.stat
* grid_stat_NMME-hindcast_precip_vs_CPC_IC{%Y%b}01_2301360000L_20081001_000000V_pairs.nc
```

Output from SeriesAnalysis will be found in `model_applications/s2s/GridStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstNMME_obsCPC_seasonal_forecast/GridStat` (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**)

For each month there will be two files written:

```
* series_analysis_NMME_CPC_stats_ICJul_{%m}_climo.nc
* series_analysis_NMME_CPC_stats_ICJul_{%m}_full_stats.nc
```

### 5.2.9.2.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [LoopByMonthFeatureUseCase](#), [NCAROrgUseCase](#), [Run-timeFreqUseCase](#)

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`sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/s2s-GridStat_SeriesAnalysis_fcstNMME_obsCPC_seasonal_forecast.png'`

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.9.3 UserScript: Make a Hovmoeller plot

`model_applications/ s2s/ UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_Hovmoeller.py`

#### 5.2.9.3.1 Scientific Objective

This use case calls the METplotpy hovmoeller plot to create a sample Hovmoeller diagram using sample data created by METcalcpy hovmoeller functions

The Hovmoeller plot and hovmoeller calculations were created by Maria Gehne at the Physical Sciences Laboratory in NOAA

#### 5.2.9.3.2 Datasets

#### 5.2.9.3.3 METplus Components

This use case runs the UserScript wrapper tool to run a user provided script, in this case, hovmoeller.py.

#### 5.2.9.3.4 METplus Workflow

This use case does not loop but plots the entire time period of data

UserScript This uses data from 2016-01-01 to 2016-03-31

#### 5.2.9.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_obsPrecip\_obsOnly\_Hovmoeller.conf

```
[config]

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = REALTIME

# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# BLank for this usecase but the parameter still needs to be there
VALID_BEG =

# BLank for this usecase but the parameter still needs to be there
VALID_END =

# BLank for this usecase but the parameter still needs to be there
VALID_INCREMENT =

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ =

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
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# increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

PROCESS_LIST = UserScript

USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE

USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_
↳Hovmoeller/hovmoeller_diagram.py

[user_env_vars]

# Difficulty index specific variables

LOG_FILE = "Hovmoeller_diagram.log"

LOG_LEVEL = "INFO"

INPUT_FILE_NAME = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_Hovmoeller/precip.
↳era40.1p0.2x.2014-2016.nc
YAML_CONFIG_NAME = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_
↳Hovmoeller/hovmoeller.yaml

METPLOTPY_BASE = {METPLUS_BASE}/../METplotpy/metplotpy/
OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/plots

```

#### 5.2.9.3.6 MET Configuration

There are no MET tools used in this use case.

### 5.2.9.3.7 Python Embedding

There is no python embedding in this use case

### 5.2.9.3.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

1) Passing in hovmoeller\_diagram.conf, then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py \  
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/hovmoeller_diagram.conf \  
-c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in hovmoeller\_diagram.conf:

```
run_metplus.py \  
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/hovmoeller_diagram.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

and for the [exe] section, you will need to define the location of NON-MET executables. If the executable is in the user's path, METplus will find it from the name. If the executable is not in the path, specify the full path to the executable here (i.e. RM = /bin/rm) The following executables are required for performing series analysis use cases:

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y  
  
[exe]  
RM = /path/to/rm  
CUT = /path/to/cut  
TR = /path/to/tr  
NCAP2 = /path/to/ncap2  
CONVERT = /path/to/convert  
NCDUMP = /path/to/ncdump
```

#### 5.2.9.3.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

#### 5.2.9.3.10 Keywords

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**Note:** [UserScriptUseCase](#), [S2SAppUseCase](#),

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/Hovmoeller_ERAIprecip_2016-01-01-2016-03-31.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.9.4 Blocking Calculation: RegridDataPlane, PcpCombine, and Blocking python code

```
model_applications/ s2s/ UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_Blocking.py
```

##### 5.2.9.4.1 Scientific Objective

To compute the Central Blocking Latitude, Instantaneous blocked latitudes, Group Instantaneous blocked latitudes, and the frequency of atmospheric blocking using the Pelly-Hoskins Method.

##### 5.2.9.4.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: None
- Observation dataset: ERA Reanalysis 500 mb height.

##### 5.2.9.4.3 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

```
* numpy
* netCDF4
* datetime
* bisect
* scipy
```

If the version of Python used to compile MET did not have these libraries at the time of compilation, you will need to add these packages or create a new Python environment with these packages.

If this is the case, you will need to set the MET\_PYTHON\_EXE environment variable to the path of the version of Python you want to use. If you want this version of Python to only apply to this use case, set it in the [user\_env\_vars] section of a METplus configuration file.:

```
[user_env_vars] MET_PYTHON_EXE = /path/to/python/with/required/packages/bin/python
```

#### 5.2.9.4.4 METplus Components

This use case runs the blocking driver script which runs the steps the user lists in STEPS\_OBS. The possible steps are regridding, time averaging, computing a running mean, computing anomalies, computing CBLs (CBL), plotting CBLs (PLOT\_CBL), computing IBLs (IBL), plotting IBL frequency (PLOT\_IBL), computing GIBLs (GIBL), computing blocks (CALC\_BLOCKS), and plotting the blocking frequency (PLOT\_BLOCKS). Regridding, time averaging, running means, and anomalies are set up in the UserScript.conf file and are formatted as follows: PROCESS\_LIST = RegridDataPlane(regrid\_obs), PcpCombine(daily\_mean\_obs), PcpCombine(running\_mean\_obs), PcpCombine(anomaly\_obs), UserScript(script\_blocking)

The other steps are listed in the Blocking.conf file and are formatted as follows: OBS\_STEPS = CBL+PLOT\_CBL+IBL+PLOT\_IBL+GIBL+CALC\_BLOCKS+PLOT\_BLOCKS

#### 5.2.9.4.5 METplus Workflow

The blocking python code is run for each time for the forecast and observations data. This example loops by valid time. This version is set to only process the blocking steps (CBL, PLOT\_CBL, IBL, PLOT\_IBL, GIBL, CALC\_BLOCKS, PLOT\_BLOCKS), omitting the regridding, time averaging, running mean, and anomaly pre-processing steps. However, the configurations for pre-processing are available for user reference.

#### 5.2.9.4.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line i.e. parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_Blocking.py. The file UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_Blocking.conf runs the python program, however UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_Blocking/Regrid\_PCP\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_Blocking.conf sets the variables for all steps of the Blocking use case.

```
# UserScript wrapper example

[config]
# All steps, including pre-processing:
# PROCESS_LIST = RegridDataPlane(regrid_obs), PcpCombine(daily_mean_obs), PcpCombine(running_mean_
→obs), PcpCombine(anomaly_obs), UserScript(script_blocking)
# Only Blocking Analysis script for the observations
PROCESS_LIST = UserScript(script_blocking)

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
# INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
```

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# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strptime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 1979120100

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2017022800

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 86400

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Only Process DJF
SKIP_TIMES = "%m:begin_end_incr(3,11,1)", "%m%d:0229"

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/s2s

# Run the obs data
# A variable set to be used in the pre-processing steps
OBS_RUN = True

# Regrid the observations to 1 degree using regrid_data_plane
[regrid_obs]
# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2017022818

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 21600

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# Run regrid_data_plane on forecast data
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = {OBS_RUN}

# If true, process each field individually and write a file for each
# If false, run once per run time passing in all fields specified
OBS_DATA_PLANE_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# Name of input field to process
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = Z

# Level of input field to process
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_LEVEL = P500

# Name of output field to create
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = Z500

# Mask to use for regridding
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID = latlon 360 90 89 0 -1.0 1.0

# Method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = BILIN

# Regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 2

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = /gpfs/fs1/collections/rda/data/ds627.0/ei.oper.an.pl
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Regrid

# format of filenames
# Input ERA Interim
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m}/ei.oper.an.pl.regn128sc.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/Z500_6hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_NH.nc

# Perform a sum over the 4 daily times that have been regridded using pcp_combine
# 00, 06, 12, 18 UTC
[daily_mean_obs]
# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 1979120118

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2017022818

# run pcp_combine on obs data
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = {OBS_RUN}

# method to run pcp_combine on forecast data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, and USER_DEFINED
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = DERIVE
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_STAT_LIST = MEAN

```

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# field name and level of 1 hr accumulation in forecast files
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 6
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = Z500
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_OPTIONS = convert(x) = x / 9.81; set_attr_valid = "{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S?
↳shift=-64800}";

# Convert output and set 24 hours as the accumulation
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 24
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_DERIVE_LOOKBACK = 24

# Name output variable Z500
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = Z500

# Input and output Data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Regrid
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Daily

# Input and Output filename templates, ERA Interim
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/Z500_6hourly_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_NH.nc
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_daily_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-64800}_NH.nc

# Perform a 5 day running mean on the data using pcp_combine
[running_mean_obs]
# Add the first/last 2 days to the skip times to compute the running mean
SKIP_TIMES = "%m:begin_end_incr(3,11,1)", "%m%d:1201,1202,1203,1204,0229"

# run pcp_combine on obs data
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = {OBS_RUN}

# method to run pcp_combine on forecast data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, and USER_DEFINED
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = DERIVE
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_STAT_LIST = MEAN

# field name, level and setting time attribute of 1 hr accumulation in forecast files
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 24
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = Z500
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_OPTIONS = set_attr_valid = "{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S?shift=-172800}";

# Running mean is 5 days
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 120
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_DERIVE_LOOKBACK = 120

# Set output variable name
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = Z500

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Daily

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```

OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Rmean5d

# format of filenames
# Input ERA Interim
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_daily_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_NH.nc
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_5daymean_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-172800}_NH.nc

# Compute anomalies using the daily means and 5 day running mean using pcp_combine
[anomaly_obs]
# Add the first/last 2 days to the skip times to compute the running mean
SKIP_TIMES = "%m:begin_end_incr(3,11,1)", "%m%d:1201,1202,0227,0228,0229"

# run pcp_combine on obs data
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = {OBS_RUN}

# method to run pcp_combine on forecast data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, and USER_DEFINED
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = USER_DEFINED

# User defined pcp_combine command
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_COMMAND = -subtract {OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/Daily/Z500_daily_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_
↳NH.nc {OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/Rmean5d/Z500_5daymean_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_NH.nc -field 'name="Z500
↳"; level="(*,*)";'

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Anomaly

# format of filenames
# Input ERA Interim
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_daily_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_NH.nc
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_anomaly_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_NH.nc

# Run the Blocking Analysis Script
[script_blocking]
# list of strings to loop over for each run time.
# value for each item can be referenced in filename templates with {custom?fmt=%s}
USER_SCRIPT_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = nc

# Run the user script once
USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE

# Command to run the user script with input configuration file
USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = {METPLUS_BASE}/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_
↳Blocking/Blocking_driver.py {METPLUS_BASE}/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsERA_
↳obsOnly_Blocking/Blocking_obsERA_obsOnly.conf dir.INPUT_BASE={INPUT_BASE} dir.OUTPUT_BASE={OUTPUT_
↳BASE} dir.MET_INSTALL_DIR={MET_INSTALL_DIR}

```



#### 5.2.9.4.7 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on the values in the METplus configuration file. These variables are referenced in the MET configuration file. **YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!** If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is not controlled by an environment variable, you can add additional environment variables to be set only within the METplus environment using the [user\_env\_vars] section of the METplus configuration files. See the 'User Defined Config' section on the 'System Configuration' page of the METplus User's Guide for more information.

See the following files for more information about the environment variables set in this configuration file.

parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane.py parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/PCPCo  
parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine\_subtract.py

#### 5.2.9.4.8 Python Scripts

This use case uses Python scripts to perform the blocking calculation

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_Blocking/Blocking\_driver.py: This script calls the requested steps in the blocking analysis for a forecast, observation, or both. The possible steps are computing CBLs, plotting CBLs, computing IBLs, plotting IBLs, computing GIBLs, computing blocks, and plotting blocks.

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_Blocking/Blocking.py: This script runs the requested steps, containing the code for computing CBLs, computing IBLs, computing GIBLs, and computing blocks.

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_Blocking/Blocking\_WeatherRegime\_util.py: This script contains functions used by both the blocking and weather regime analysis, including the code for determining which steps the user wants to run, and finding and reading the input files in the format from the output pre-processing steps

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import sys
import os
import numpy as np
import netCDF4

from Blocking import BlockingCalculation
from metplus.util import pre_run_setup, config_metplus, get_start_end_interval_times, get_lead_
→sequence
from metplus.util import get_skip_times, skip_time, is_loop_by_init, ti_calculate, do_string_sub
from metplotpy.contributed.blocking_s2s import plot_blocking as pb
from metplotpy.contributed.blocking_s2s.CBL_plot import create_cbl_plot
from Blocking_WeatherRegime_util import find_input_files, parse_steps

def main():

    all_steps = ["CBL", "PLOT CBL", "IBL", "PLOT IBL", "GIBL", "CALC BLOCKS", "PLOT BLOCKS"]
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```

inconfig_list = sys.argv[1:]
steps_list_fcst, steps_list_obs, config_list = parse_steps(inconfig_list)
config = pre_run_setup(config_list)

if not steps_list_obs and not steps_list_fcst:
    print('No processing steps requested for either the model or observations,')
    print('no data will be processed')

#####
# Blocking Calculation and Plotting
#####
# Set up the data
steps_fcst = BlockingCalculation(config, 'FCST')
steps_obs = BlockingCalculation(config, 'OBS')

# Check to see if there is a plot directory
oplot_dir = config.getstr('Blocking', 'BLOCKING_PLOT_OUTPUT_DIR', '')
if not oplot_dir:
    obase = config.getstr('config', 'OUTPUT_BASE')
    oplot_dir = obase + '/' + 'plots'
if not os.path.exists(oplot_dir):
    os.makedirs(oplot_dir)

# Check to see if CBL's are used from an obs climatology
use_cbl_obs = config.getbool('Blocking', 'USE_CBL_OBS', False)

# Calculate Central Blocking Latitude
cbl_config = config_metplus.replace_config_from_section(config, 'Blocking')
cbl_config_init = config.find_section('Blocking', 'CBL_INIT_BEG')
cbl_config_valid = config.find_section('Blocking', 'CBL_VALID_BEG')
use_init = is_loop_by_init(cbl_config)
if use_init:
    orig_beg = config.getstr('Blocking', 'INIT_BEG')
    orig_end = config.getstr('Blocking', 'INIT_END')
    if cbl_config_init is not None:
        config.set('Blocking', 'INIT_BEG', config.getstr('Blocking', 'CBL_INIT_BEG'))
        config.set('Blocking', 'INIT_END', config.getstr('Blocking', 'CBL_INIT_END'))
        cbl_config = config_metplus.replace_config_from_section(config, 'Blocking')
else:
    orig_beg = config.getstr('Blocking', 'VALID_BEG')
    orig_end = config.getstr('Blocking', 'VALID_END')
    if cbl_config_valid is not None:
        config.set('Blocking', 'VALID_BEG', config.getstr('Blocking', 'CBL_VALID_BEG'))
        config.set('Blocking', 'VALID_END', config.getstr('Blocking', 'CBL_VALID_END'))
        cbl_config = config_metplus.replace_config_from_section(config, 'Blocking')

if ("CBL" in steps_list_obs):
    print('Computing Obs CBLs')
    obs_infiles, yr_obs, mth_obs, day_obs, yr_full_obs = find_input_files(cbl_config, use_init,
        'OBS_BLOCKING_ANOMALY_TEMPLATE')

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cbls_obs, lats_obs, lons_obs, yr_obs, mhweight_obs = steps_obs.run_CBL(obs_infiles, yr_obs)

if ("CBL" in steps_list_fcst) and not use_cbl_obs:
    # Add in step to use obs for CBLs
    print('Computing Forecast CBLs')
    fcst_infiles, yr_fcst, mth_fcst, day_fcst, yr_full_fcst = find_input_files(cbl_config, use_init,
                                     'FCST_BLOCKING_ANOMALY_TEMPLATE')
    cbls_fcst, lats_fcst, lons_fcst, yr_fcst, mhweight_fcst = steps_fcst.run_CBL(fcst_infiles, yr_fcst)
elif ("CBL" in steps_list_fcst) and use_cbl_obs:
    if not ("CBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed CBLs before using them as a forecast.')
    cbls_fcst = cbls_obs
    lats_fcst = lats_obs
    lons_fcst = lons_obs
    yr_fcst = yr_obs
    mhweight_fcst = mhweight_obs

#Plot Central Blocking Latitude
if ("PLOT_CBL" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("CBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed CBLs before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Obs CBLs')
    cbl_plot_mthstr = config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_CBL_PLOT_MTHSTR')
    cbl_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_CBL_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME')
    create_cbl_plot(lons_obs, lats_obs, cbls_obs, mhweight_obs, cbl_plot_mthstr, cbl_plot_outname,
                    do_averaging=True)
if ("PLOT_CBL" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("CBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run forecast CBLs before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Forecast CBLs')
    cbl_plot_mthstr = config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_CBL_PLOT_MTHSTR')
    cbl_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_CBL_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME')
    create_cbl_plot(lons_fcst, lats_fcst, cbls_fcst, mhweight_fcst, cbl_plot_mthstr, cbl_plot_
→outname,
                    do_averaging=True)

# Run IBL
if use_init:
    config.set('Blocking', 'INIT_BEG', orig_beg)
    config.set('Blocking', 'INIT_END', orig_end)
else:
    config.set('Blocking', 'VALID_BEG', orig_beg)
    config.set('Blocking', 'VALID_END', orig_end)
ibl_config = config_metplus.replace_config_from_section(config, 'Blocking')
if ("IBL" in steps_list_obs) and not ("IBL" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("CBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed CBLs before running IBLs.')
    print('Computing Obs IBLs')
    obs_infiles, yr_obs, mth_obs, day_obs, yr_full_obs = find_input_files(ibl_config, use_init, 'OBS_
→BLOCKING_TEMPLATE')
    ibls_obs = steps_obs.run_Calc_IBL(cbls_obs, obs_infiles, yr_obs)

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    daynum_obs = np.arange(0, len(ibls_obs[0, :, 0]), 1)
    elif ("IBL" in steps_list_fcst) and not ("IBL" in steps_list_obs):
        if (not "CBL" in steps_list_fcst):
            raise Exception('Must run forecast CBLs or use observed CBLs before running IBLs.')
        print('Computing Forecast IBLs')
        fcst_infiles, yr_fcst, mth_fcst, day_fcst, yr_full_fcst = find_input_files(ibl_config, use_init,
            'FCST_BLOCKING_TEMPLATE')
        ibls_fcst = steps_fcst.run_Calc_IBL(cbcls_fcst, fcst_infiles, yr_fcst)
        daynum_fcst = np.arange(0, len(ibls_fcst[0, :, 0]), 1)
    elif ("IBL" in steps_list_obs) and ("IBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        if not ("CBL" in steps_list_obs) and not ("CBL" in steps_list_fcst):
            raise Exception('Must run observed and forecast CBLs before running IBLs.')
        both_infiles, yr_obs, mth_obs, day_obs, yr_full_obs = find_input_files(ibl_config, use_init, 'OBS_
→BLOCKING_TEMPLATE',
            secondtemplate='FCST_BLOCKING_TEMPLATE')
        obs_infiles = both_infiles[0]
        fcst_infiles = both_infiles[1]
        yr_fcst = yr_obs
        mth_fcst = mth_obs
        day_fcst = day_obs
        print('Computing Obs IBLs')
        ibls_obs = steps_obs.run_Calc_IBL(cbcls_obs, obs_infiles, yr_obs)
        daynum_obs = np.arange(0, len(ibls_obs[0, :, 0]), 1)
        print('Computing Forecast IBLs')
        ibls_fcst = steps_fcst.run_Calc_IBL(cbcls_fcst, fcst_infiles, yr_fcst)
        daynum_fcst = np.arange(0, len(ibls_fcst[0, :, 0]), 1)

# Plot IBLs
if("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_obs) and not ("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("IBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed IBLs before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Obs IBLs')
    ibl_plot_title = config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_IBL_PLOT_TITLE', 'IBL Frequency')
    ibl_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_IBL_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME', '')
    ibl_plot_label1 = config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_OBS_LABEL', '')
    pb.plot_ibls(ibls_obs, lons_obs, ibl_plot_title, ibl_plot_outname, label1=ibl_plot_label1)
elif ("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_fcst) and not ("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("IBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run forecast IBLs before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Forecast IBLs')
    ibl_plot_title = config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_IBL_PLOT_TITLE', 'IBL Frequency')
    ibl_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_IBL_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME')
    ibl_plot_label1 = config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_FCST_LABEL', None)
    pb.plot_ibls(ibls_fcst, lons_fcst, ibl_plot_title, ibl_plot_outname, label1=ibl_plot_label1)
elif ("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_obs) and ("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_fcst):
    if (not "IBL" in steps_list_obs) and (not "IBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run forecast and observed IBLs before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Obs and Forecast IBLs')
    ibl_plot_title = config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_TITLE')
    ibl_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME')
    #Check to see if there are plot legend labels
    ibl_plot_label1 = config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_OBS_LABEL', 'Observation')

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ibl_plot_label2 = config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_FCST_LABEL', 'Forecast')
pb.plot_ibls(ibls_obs, lons_obs, ibl_plot_title, ibl_plot_outname, data2=ibls_fcst, lon2=lons_fcst,
            label1=ibl_plot_label1, label2=ibl_plot_label2)

# Run GIBL
if ("GIBL" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("IBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed IBLs before running GIBLs.')
    print('Computing Obs GIBLs')
    gibls_obs = steps_obs.run_Calc_GIBL(ibls_obs, lons_obs)

if ("GIBL" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("IBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run Forecast IBLs before running GIBLs.')
    print('Computing Forecast GIBLs')
    gibls_fcst = steps_fcst.run_Calc_GIBL(ibls_fcst, lons_fcst)

# Calc Blocks
if ("CALCBLOCKS" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("GIBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed GIBLs before calculating blocks.')
    print('Computing Blocks')
    block_freq_obs = steps_obs.run_Calc_Blocks(ibls_obs, gibls_obs, lons_obs, daynum_obs, yr_obs)

if ("CALCBLOCKS" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("GIBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run Forecast GIBLs before calculating blocks.')
    print('Computing Blocks')
    block_freq_fcst = steps_fcst.run_Calc_Blocks(ibls_fcst, gibls_fcst, lons_fcst, daynum_fcst, yr_
→fcst)

# Plot Blocking Frequency
if ("PLOTBLOCKS" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("CALCBLOCKS" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must compute observed blocks before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Obs Blocks')
    blocking_plot_title = config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_BLOCKING_PLOT_TITLE')
    blocking_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_BLOCKING_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME
→')
    pb.plot_blocks(block_freq_obs, gibls_obs, ibls_obs, lons_obs, blocking_plot_title, blocking_plot_
→outname)
if ("PLOTBLOCKS" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("CALCBLOCKS" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must compute forecast blocks before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Forecast Blocks')
    blocking_plot_title = config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_BLOCKING_PLOT_TITLE')
    blocking_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_BLOCKING_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME
→')
    pb.plot_blocks(block_freq_fcst, gibls_fcst, ibls_fcst, lons_fcst, blocking_plot_title, blocking_
→plot_outname)

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if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
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import os
import numpy as np
import datetime
import bisect
from scipy import stats
from scipy.signal import argrelextrema
from metplus.util import config_metplus, get_start_end_interval_times, get_lead_sequence
from metplus.util import get_skip_times, skip_time, is_loop_by_init, ti_calculate
from BlockingWeatherRegime_util import read_nc_met

class BlockingCalculation():
    """Contains the programs to calculate Blocking via the Pelly-Hoskins Method
    """
    def __init__(self, config, label):

        self.blocking_anomaly_var = config.getstr('Blocking', label+'_BLOCKING_ANOMALY_VAR', '')
        self.blocking_var = config.getstr('Blocking', label+'_BLOCKING_VAR', '')
        self.smoothing_pts = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_SMOOTHING_PTS', 9)
        lat_delta_in = config.getstr('Blocking', label+'_LAT_DELTA', '-5,0,5')
        self.lat_delta = list(map(int, lat_delta_in.split(",")))
        self.n_s_limits = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_NORTH_SOUTH_LIMITS', 30)
        self.ibl_dist = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_IBL_DIST', 7)
        self.ibl_in_gibl = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_IBL_IN_GIBL', 15)
        self.gibl_overlap = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_GIBL_OVERLAP', 10)
        self.block_time = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_BLOCK_TIME', 5) ###Should fix so it_
        supports other times"
        self.block_travel = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_BLOCK_TRAVEL', 45)
        self.block_method = config.getstr('Blocking', label+'_BLOCK_METHOD', 'PH')

        # Check data requirements
        if self.smoothing_pts % 2 == 0:
            print('ERROR: Smoothing Radius must be an odd number given in grid points, Exiting...')
            exit()

    def run_CBL(self, cblinfiles, cblyrs):

        z500_anom_4d, lats, lons, yr = read_nc_met(cblinfiles, cblyrs, self.blocking_anomaly_var)

        #Create Latitude Weight based for NH
        cos = lats
        cos = cos * np.pi / 180.0
        way = np.cos(cos)
        way = np.sqrt(way)
        weightf = np.repeat(way[:, np.newaxis], 360, axis=1)
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####Find latitude of maximum high-pass STD (CBL)
mstd = np.nanstd(z500_anom_4d,axis=1)
mhweight = mstd * weightf
cbli = np.argmax(mhweight,axis=1)
CBL = np.zeros((len(z500_anom_4d[:,0,0,0]),len(lons)))
for j in np.arange(0,len(yr),1):
    CBL[j,:] = lats[cbli[j,:]]

####Apply Moving Average to Smooth CBL Profiles
lt = len(lons)
CBLf = np.zeros((len(z500_anom_4d[:,0,0,0]),len(lons)))
m=int((self.smoothing_pts-1)/2.0)
for i in np.arange(0,len(CBL[0,:]),1):
    ma_indices = np.arange(i-m,i+m+1)
    ma_indices = np.where(ma_indices >= lt,ma_indices-lt,ma_indices)
    CBLf[:,i] = np.nanmean(CBL[:,ma_indices],axis=1).astype(int)

return CBLf,lats,lons,yr,mhweight

def run_mod_blocking1d(self,a,cbl,lat,lon,meth):
    lat_d = self.lat_delta
    dc = (90 - cbl).astype(int)
    db = self.n_s_limits
    BI = np.zeros((len(a[:,0,0]),len(lon)))
    blon = np.zeros((len(a[:,0,0]),len(lon)))
    if meth=='PH':
        # loop through days
        for k in np.arange(0,len(a[:,0,0]),1):
            blontemp=0
            q=0
            BI1=np.zeros((len(lat_d),len(lon)))
            for l in lat_d:
                blon1 = np.zeros(len(lon))
                d0 = dc-l
                dn = ((dc - 1*db/2) - 1).astype(np.int64)
                ds = ((dc + 1*db/2) - 1).astype(np.int64)
                GHGS = np.zeros(len(cbl))
                GHGN = np.zeros(len(cbl))
                for jj in np.arange(0,len(cbl),1):
                    GHGN[jj] = np.mean(a[k,dn[jj]:d0[jj]+1,jj])
                    GHGS[jj] = np.mean(a[k,d0[jj]:ds[jj]+1,jj])
                BI1[q,:] = GHGN-GHGS
                q = q + 1
            BI1 = np.max(BI1,axis=0)
            block = np.where((BI1>0))[0]
            blon1[block]=1
            blontemp = blontemp + blon1
            BI[k,:] = BI1
            blon[k,:] = blontemp

    return blon,BI

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def run_Calc_IBL(self, cbl, iblinfiles, iblyr):

    z500_daily, lats, lons, yr = read_nc_met(iblinfiles, iblyr, self.blocking_var)

    #Inititalize arrays for IBLs and the blocking index
    # yr, day, lon
    blonlong = np.zeros((len(yr), len(z500_daily[0, :, 0, 0]), len(lons)))
    BI = np.zeros((len(yr), len(z500_daily[0, :, 0, 0]), len(lons)))

    #Using long-term mean CBL and accessing module of mod.py
    cbl = np.nanmean(cbl, axis=0)
    for i in np.arange(0, len(yr), 1):
        blon, BI[i, :, :] = self.run_mod_blocking1d(z500_daily[i, :, :, :], cbl, lats, lons, self.block_
↪method)
        blonlong[i, :, :] = blon

    return blonlong

def run_Calc_GIBL(self, ibl, lons):

    #Inititalize GIBL Array
    GIBL = np.zeros(np.shape(ibl))

    #####Loop finds IBLs within 7 degree of each other creating one group. Finally
    ##### A GIBL exist if it has more than 15 IBLs
    crit = self.ibl_in_gibl

    for i in np.arange(0, len(GIBL[:, 0, 0]), 1):
        for k in np.arange(0, len(GIBL[0, :, 0]), 1):
            gibli = np.zeros(len(GIBL[0, 0, :]))
            thresh = crit/2.0
            a = ibl[i, k, :]
            db = self.ibl_dist
            ibli = np.where(a==1)[0]
            if len(ibli)==0:
                continue
            idiff = ibli[1:] - ibli[:-1]
            bt=0
            btlon = ibli[0]
            ct = 1
            btfin = []
            block = ibli
            block = np.append(block, block+360)
            for ll in np.arange(1, len(block), 1):
                diff = np.abs(block[ll] - block[ll-1])
                if diff == 1:
                    bt = [block[ll]]
                    btlon = np.append(btlon, bt)
                    ct = ct + diff

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        if diff <= thresh and diff != 1:
            bt = np.arange(block[l1-1]+1,block[l1]+1,1)
            btlon = np.append(btlon,bt)
            ct = ct + diff
        if diff > thresh or l1==(len(block)-1):
            if ct >= crit:
                btfin = np.append(btfin,btlon)
                ct=1
            ct = 1
            btlon = block[l1]
        if len(btfin)/2 < crit :
            btfin = []
        if len(btfin)==0:
            continue
        gibl1 = btfin
        temp = np.where(gibl1>=360)[0]
        gibl1[temp] = gibl1[temp] - 360
        gibli[gibl1.astype(int)] = 1
        GIBL[i,k,:] = gibli

    return GIBL

def Remove(self,duplicate):
    final_list = []
    for num in duplicate:
        if num not in final_list:
            final_list.append(num)
    return final_list

def run_Calc_Blocks(self,ibl,GIBL,lon,tsin,year):

    crit = self.ibl_in_gibl

    ##Count up the blocked longitudes for each GIBL
    c = np.zeros((GIBL.shape))
    lonlen = len(lon)
    sz = []
    mx = []
    min = []

    for y in np.arange(0,len(GIBL[:,0,0]),1):
        for k in np.arange(0,len(GIBL[0,:,0]),1):
            a = GIBL[y,k] # Array of lons for each year,day
            ct=1
            ai = np.where(a==1)[0]
            ai = np.append(ai,ai+360)
            temp = np.where(ai>=360)[0]
            bi=list(ai)
            bi = np.array(bi)
            bi[temp] = bi[temp]-360

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# Loop through the lons that are part of the GIBL
for i in np.arange(0,len(ai)-1,1):
    diff = ai[i+1] - ai[i]
    c[y,k,bi[i]] = ct
    if diff==1:
        ct=ct+1
    else:
        sz = np.append(sz,ct)
        ct=1

##### - finding where the left and right limits of the block are - #####
for i in np.arange(0,len(c[:,0,0]),1):
    for k in np.arange(0,len(c[0,:,0]),1):
        maxi = argrelextrema(c[i,k],np.greater,mode='wrap')[0]
        mini = np.where(c[i,k]==1)[0]
        if c[i,k,lonlen-1]!=0 and c[i,k,0]!=0:
            mm1 = mini[-1]
            mm2 = mini[0]
            mini = np.append(mm1,mm2)
        mx = np.append(mx,maxi)
        min = np.append(min,mini)

locy, locd, locl = np.where(c==crit)

A = np.zeros(lonlen)
A = np.expand_dims(A,axis=0)

##### - Splitting up each GIBL into its own array - #####

for i in np.arange(0,len(locy),1):
    m = locy[i] #year
    n = locd[i] #day
    o = locl[i] #long where 15
    mm = int(mx[i])
    mn = min[i]
    temp1 = GIBL[m,n]
    temp2 = np.zeros(lonlen)
    if mn>mm:
        diff = int(mm - c[m,n,mm] + 1)
        lons = lon[diff]
        place1 = np.arange(lons,lonlen,1)
        place2 = np.arange(0,mm+1,1)
        b1 = np.append(place2,place1).astype(int)
    if temp1[lonlen-1] ==1 and mm>200:
        lons = lon[mm]
        beg = mm - c[m,n,mm] + 1
        b1 = np.arange(beg,mm+1,1).astype(int)
    if mn>mn: #temp1[359] ==0:
        lons = lon[mm]
        beg = mm - c[m,n,mm] + 1
        b1 = np.arange(beg,mm+1,1).astype(int)
    temp2[b1] = 1

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        temp2 = np.expand_dims(temp2,axis=0)
        A = np.concatenate((A,temp2),axis=0)

    A = A[1:]

    ##### - Getting rid of non-consecutive Time steps which would prevent blocking - #####
    →#####
    dd=[]
    dy = []
    dA = A[0]
    dA = np.expand_dims(dA,axis=0)
    ct=0
    for i in np.arange(1,len(locy),1):
        dd1 = locd[i-1]
        dd2 = locd[i]
        if dd2-dd1 > 2:
            ct = 0
            continue
        if ct == 0:
            dd = np.append(dd,locd[i-1])
            dy = np.append(dy,locy[i-1])
            temp2 = np.expand_dims(A[i-1],axis=0)
            dA = np.concatenate((dA,temp2),axis=0)
            ct = ct + 1
        if dd2-dd1<=2:
            dd=np.append(dd,locd[i])
            dy = np.append(dy,locy[i])
            temp2 = np.expand_dims(A[i],axis=0)
            dA = np.concatenate((dA,temp2),axis=0)
            ct = ct + 1

    dA=dA[1:]
    dAfin = dA

    ##### - Finding center longitude of block - #####
    middle=[]
    for l in np.arange(0,len(dAfin),1):
        temp = np.where(dAfin[l]==1)[0]
        if len(temp) % 2 == 0:
            temp = np.append(temp,0)
        midtemp = np.median(temp)
        middle = np.append(middle,midtemp)

    #####Track blocks. Makes sure that blocks overlap with at least 10 longitude points on_
    →consecutive
    overlap = self.gibl_overlap
    btime = self.block_time
    fin = [[]]
    finloc = [[]]
    ddcopy=dd*1.0
    noloc=[]

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failloc = [[]]
for i in np.arange(0,len(c[:,0,0]),1):
    yri = np.where(dy==i)[0]
    B = [[]]
    ddil = 1.0 * ddcopy[yri]
    dyy = np.where(dy==i)[0]
    rem = []
    for dk in ddil:
        if len(ddil) < btime:
            continue
        ddil = np.append(ddil[0]-1,ddil)
        diff = np.diff(ddil)
        diffB=[]
        dB = 1
        cnt = 1
        while dB<=2:
            diffB = np.append(diffB,ddil[cnt])
            dB = diff[cnt-1]
            if ddil[cnt]==ddil[-1]:
                dB=5
            cnt=cnt+1
        diffB = np.array(self.Remove(diffB))
        locb = []
        for ll in diffB:
            locb = np.append(locb,np.where((dy==i) & (dd==ll))[0])
        ddil=ddil[1:]
        locbtemp = 1.0*locb
        ree=np.empty(0,dtype=int)
        for hh in np.arange(0,len(noloc),1):
            ree = np.append(ree,np.where(locb == noloc[hh])[0])
        ree.astype(int)
        locbtemp = np.delete(locbtemp,ree)
        locb=locbtemp * 1.0
        datemp = dAfin[locb.astype(int)]
        blocktemp = [[datemp[0]]]
        locbi = np.array([locb[0]])
        ll1=0
        pass1 = 0
        ai=[0]
        add=0
        for ll in np.arange(0,len(locb)-1,1):
            if ((dd[locb[ll+1]].astype(int)) - dd[locb[ll1]].astype(int)) >=1) &
→((dd[locb[ll+1]].astype(int)) - dd[locb[ll1]].astype(int)) <=2):
                add = datemp[ll1] + datemp[ll+1]
                ai = np.where(add==2)[0]
                if len(ai)>overlap:
                    locbi=np.append(locbi,locb[ll+1])
                    ll1=ll+1
                    add=0
                if (len(ai)<overlap):
                    add=0
                    continue

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        if len(locbi)>4:
            noloc = np.append(noloc,locbi)
            finloc = finloc + [locbi]
            for jj in locbi:
                rem = np.append(rem,np.where(dyy==jj)[0])
            ddil = np.delete(ddcopy[yri],rem.astype(int))
        if len(locbi)<=4:
            noloc = np.append(noloc,locbi)
            if len(locbi)<=2:
                failloc=failloc+[locbi]
            for jj in locbi:
                rem = np.append(rem,np.where(dyy==jj)[0])
            ddil = np.delete(ddcopy[yri],rem.astype(int))

blocks = finloc[1:]
noblock = failloc[1:]

#####Get rid of blocks that travel downstream#####
#####If center of blocks travel downstream further than 45 degrees longitude,
#####cancel block moment it travels out of this limit
newblock = [[]]
newnoblock=[[]]
distthresh = self.block_travel
for bb in blocks:
    diffb = []
    start = middle[bb[0].astype(int)]
    for bbs in bb:
        diffb = np.append(diffb, start - middle[bbs.astype(int)])
    loc = np.where(np.abs(diffb) > distthresh)[0]
    if len(loc)==0:
        newblock = newblock + [bb]
    if len(loc)>0:
        if len(bb[:loc[0]]) >4:
            newblock = newblock + [bb[:loc[0]]]
        if len(bb[:loc[0]]) <=2:
            noblock = noblock + [bb]

blocks = newblock[1:]

#Create a final array with blocking longitudes. Similar to IBL/GIBL, but those that pass the_
↪duration threshold
blockfreq = np.zeros((len(year),len(ibl[0,:,0]),360))
savecbl=[]
savemiddle = []
saveyr=[]
numblock=0
for i in np.arange(0,len(blocks),1):
    temp = blocks[i]
    numblock=numblock+1
    for j in temp:
        j=int(j)
        daycomp = int(dd[j])

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        yearcomp = int(dy[j])
        saveyr = np.append(saveyr, dy[j])
        middlecomp = middle[j].astype(int)
        mc1 = int(round(middlecomp / 2.5))
        blockfreq[yearcomp, daycomp] = blockfreq[yearcomp, daycomp] + dAfin[j]
        ct = ct + 1

    return blockfreq

```

```

import os
import netCDF4
import numpy as np
from metplus.util import pre_run_setup, config_metplus, get_start_end_interval_times, get_lead_
    ↳ sequence
from metplus.util import get_skip_times, skip_time, is_loop_by_init, ti_calculate, do_string_sub

def parse_steps(config_list):

    steps_config_part_fcst = [s for s in config_list if "FCST_STEPS" in s]
    steps_list_fcst = []

    steps_config_part_obs = [s for s in config_list if "OBS_STEPS" in s]
    steps_list_obs = []

    # Setup the Steps
    if steps_config_part_fcst:
        steps_param_fcst = steps_config_part_fcst[0].split("=")[1]
        steps_list_fcst = steps_param_fcst.split("+")
        config_list.remove(steps_config_part_fcst[0])
    if steps_config_part_obs:
        steps_param_obs = steps_config_part_obs[0].split("=")[1]
        steps_list_obs = steps_param_obs.split("+")
        config_list.remove(steps_config_part_obs[0])

    config = pre_run_setup(config_list)
    if not steps_config_part_fcst:
        steps_param_fcst = config.getstr('config', 'FCST_STEPS', '')
        steps_list_fcst = steps_param_fcst.split("+")
    if not steps_config_part_obs:
        steps_param_obs = config.getstr('config', 'OBS_STEPS', '')
        steps_list_obs = steps_param_obs.split("+")

    return steps_list_fcst, steps_list_obs, config_list

def find_input_files(inconfig, use_init, intemplate, secondtemplate=''):
    loop_time, end_time, time_interval = get_start_end_interval_times(inconfig)
    skip_times = get_skip_times(inconfig)

    start_mth = loop_time.strftime('%m')
    template = inconfig.gettraw('config', intemplate)

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if secondtemplate:
    template2 = inconfig.gettraw('config',secondtemplate)
    file_list2 = []

file_list = []
yr_list = []
mth_list = []
day_list = []
yr_full_list = []
if use_init:
    timname = 'init'
else:
    timname = 'valid'
input_dict = {}
input_dict['loop_by'] = timname
pmth = start_mth
while loop_time <= end_time:
    lead_seq = get_lead_sequence(inconfig)
    for ls in lead_seq:
        new_time = loop_time + ls
        input_dict[timname] = loop_time
        input_dict['lead'] = ls

        outtimestuff = ti_calculate(input_dict)
        if skip_time(outtimestuff, skip_times):
            continue
        cmth = outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%m')
        filepath = do_string_sub(template, **outtimestuff)
        mth_list.append(cmth)
        day_list.append(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%d'))
        yr_full_list.append(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%Y'))
        if secondtemplate:
            filepath2 = do_string_sub(template2, **outtimestuff)
            if os.path.exists(filepath) and os.path.exists(filepath2):
                file_list.append(filepath)
                file_list2.append(filepath2)
            else:
                file_list.append('')
                file_list2.append('')
        else:
            if os.path.exists(filepath):
                file_list.append(filepath)
            else:
                file_list.append('')

        if (int(cmth) == int(start_mth)) and (int(pmth) != int(start_mth)):
            yr_list.append(int(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%Y')))
            pmth = cmth

    loop_time += time_interval

if secondtemplate:

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        file_list = [file_list, file_list2]
    yr_list.append(int(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%Y')))

    if all('' == fn for fn in file_list):
        raise Exception('No input files found as given: '+template)

    return file_list, yr_list, mth_list, day_list, yr_full_list

def read_nc_met(infiles, yrlist, invar):

    print("Reading in Data")

    #Find the first non empty file name so I can get the variable sizes
    locin = next(sub for sub in infiles if sub)
    indata = netCDF4.Dataset(locin)
    lats = indata.variables['lat'][:]
    lons = indata.variables['lon'][:]
    invar_arr = indata.variables[invar][:]
    indata.close()

    var_3d = np.empty((len(infiles), len(invar_arr[:,0]), len(invar_arr[0,:])))

    for i in range(0, len(infiles)):

        #Read in the data
        if infiles[i]:
            indata = netCDF4.Dataset(infiles[i])
            new_invar = indata.variables[invar][:]
            init_time_str = indata.variables[invar].getncattr('init_time')
            valid_time_str = indata.variables[invar].getncattr('valid_time')
            indata.close()
        else:
            new_invar = np.empty((1, len(var_3d[0,:,0]), len(var_3d[0,0,:])), dtype=np.float)
            new_invar[:] = np.nan
            var_3d[i,:,:] = new_invar

    yr = np.array(yrlist)
    if len(var_3d[:,0,0])%float(len(yrlist)) != 0:
        lowval = int(len(var_3d[:,0,0])/float(len(yrlist)))
        newarrlen = (lowval+1) * float(len(yrlist))
        arrexpr = int(newarrlen - len(var_3d[:,0,0]))
        arrfill = np.empty((arrexpr, len(var_3d[0,:,0]), len(var_3d[0,0,:])), dtype=np.float)
        arrfill[:] = np.nan
        var_3d = np.append(var_3d, arrfill, axis=0)
    sdim = len(var_3d[:,0,0])/float(len(yrlist))
    var_4d = np.reshape(var_3d, [len(yrlist), int(sdim), len(var_3d[0,:,0]), len(var_3d[0,0,:])])

    return var_4d, lats, lons, yr

```



#### 5.2.9.4.9 Running METplus

This use case is run in the following ways:

- 1) Passing in UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_Blocking.py then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
master_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_Blocking.py -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_Blocking.py:

```
master_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_Blocking.py
```

The following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

#### 5.2.9.4.10 Expected Output

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in model\_applications/s2s/Blocking (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain output for the steps requested. This may include the regridded data, daily averaged files, running mean files, and anomaly files. In addition, output CBL, IBL, and Blocking frequency plots can be generated. The location of these output plots can be specified as BLOCKING\_PLOT\_OUTPUT\_DIR. If it is not specified, plots will be sent to model\_applications/s2s/Blocking/plots (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**).

#### 5.2.9.4.11 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/s2s-OBS_ERA_blocking_frequency.png'
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**Note:** [RegridDataPlaneUseCase](#), [PCPCombineUseCase](#), [S2SAppUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#),

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.9.5 Blocking Calculation: RegridDataPlane, PcpCombine, and Blocking python code

```
model_applications/ s2s/ UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking.py
```

##### 5.2.9.5.1 Scientific Objective

To compute the Central Blocking Latitude, Instantaneous blocked latitudes, Group Instantaneous blocked latitudes, and the frequency of atmospheric blocking using the Pelly-Hoskins Method.

##### 5.2.9.5.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: GEFS Forecast 500 mb height.
- Observation dataset: ERA Reanalysis 500 mb height.

##### 5.2.9.5.3 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

```
* numpy
* netCDF4
* datetime
* bisect
* scipy
```

If the version of Python used to compile MET did not have these libraries at the time of compilation, you will need to add these packages or create a new Python environment with these packages.

If this is the case, you will need to set the MET\_PYTHON\_EXE environment variable to the path of the version of Python you want to use. If you want this version of Python to only apply to this use case, set it in the [user\_env\_vars] section of a METplus configuration file.:

```
[user_env_vars] MET_PYTHON_EXE = /path/to/python/with/required/packages/bin/python
```

#### 5.2.9.5.4 METplus Components

This use case runs the blocking driver script which runs the steps the user lists in STEPS\_OBS. The possible steps are regridding, time averaging, computing a running mean, computing anomalies, computing CBLs (CBL), plotting CBLs (PLOT\_CBL), computing IBLs (IBL), plotting IBL frequency (PLOT\_IBL), computing GIBLs (GIBL), computing blocks (CALCBLOCKS), and plotting the blocking frequency (PLOT\_BLOCKS). Regridding, time averaging, running means, and anomalies are set up in the UserScript.conf file and are formatted as follows: `PROCESS_LIST = RegridDataPlane(regrid_fcst), RegridDataPlane(regrid_obs), PcpCombine(daily_mean_fcst), PcpCombine(daily_mean_obs), PcpCombine(running_mean_obs), PcpCombine(anomaly_obs), UserScript(script_blocking)`

The other steps are listed in the Blocking.conf file and are formatted as follows: `FCST_STEPS = CBL+IBL+PLOT_IBL` `OBS_STEPS = CBL+PLOT_CBL+IBL+PLOT_IBL`

#### 5.2.9.5.5 METplus Workflow

The blocking python code is run for each time for the forecast and observations data. This example loops by init time for the model pre-processing, and valid time for the other steps. This version is set to only process the blocking steps (CBL, PLOT\_CBL, IBL, PLOT\_IBL), omitting the regridding, time averaging, running mean, and anomaly pre-processing steps. However, the configurations for pre-processing are available for user reference.

#### 5.2.9.5.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line i.e. `parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking.py`. The file `UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking.conf` runs the python program, however `UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/Blocking_fcstGFS_obsERA.conf` sets the variables for all steps of the Blocking use case including data paths.

```
# UserScript wrapper example

[config]
# List of applications to run - Pre-Processing and Blocking Script
# PROCESS_LIST = RegridDataPlane(regrid_fcst), RegridDataPlane(regrid_obs), PcpCombine(daily_mean_
→fcst), PcpCombine(daily_mean_obs), PcpCombine(running_mean_obs), PcpCombine(anomaly_obs),
→UserScript(script_blocking)
# List of applications to run - Omit Pre-Processing Steps
PROCESS_LIST = UserScript(script_blocking)

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID
```

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# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 2016010100

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2018010100

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 86400

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Only Process DJF
SKIP_TIMES = "%m:begin_end_incr(3,11,1)", "%m%d:0229"

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/s2s

# Forecast Regridding to 1 degree using regrid_data_plane
[regrid_fcst]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG = 2016010100

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END = 2018010100

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# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT = 86400

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24

# REGRID_DATA_PLANE (Step 1)
# Run regrid_data_plane on forecast data
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

# If true, process each field individually and write a file for each
# If false, run once per run time passing in all fields specified
FCST_DATA_PLANE_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# Name of input field to process
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = HGT

# Level of input field to process
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_LEVEL = P500

# Name of output field to create
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = Z500

# Mask to use for regridding
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID = latlon 360 90 89 0 -1.0 1.0

# Method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = BILIN

# Regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 2

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = /gpfs/fs1/p/ral/jntp/GMTB/Phys_Test_FV3GFSv2/POST/suite1/
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/FV3GFS/Regrid

# format of filenames
# Input ERA Interim
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/gfs.t00z.pgrb2.0p25.f{lead?fmt=%HHH}
FCST_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/Z500_3hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_{lead?
↪fmt=%HHH}_NH.nc

# Observation Regridding to 1 degree using regrid_data_plane
[regrid_obs]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

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# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 1979120100

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2017022818

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 21600

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Run regrid_data_plane on forecast data
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

# If true, process each field individually and write a file for each
# If false, run once per run time passing in all fields specified
OBS_DATA_PLANE_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# Name of input field to process
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = Z

# Level of input field to process
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_LEVEL = P500

# Name of output field to create
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = Z500

# Mask to use for regridding
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID = latlon 360 90 89 0 -1.0 1.0

# Method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = BILIN

# Regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 2

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = /gpfs/fs1/collections/rda/data/ds627.0/ei.oper.an.pl
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Regrid

# format of filenames
# Input ERA Interim
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m}/ei.oper.an.pl.regn128sc.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/Z500_6hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_NH.nc

# Perform a sum over the daily forecast lead times that have been regridded using pcp_combine
[daily_mean_fcst]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = INIT

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# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
INIT_BEG = 2016010100

# End time for METplus run
INIT_END = 2018010100

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
INIT_INCREMENT = 86400

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# run pcp_combine on obs data
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# method to run pcp_combine on forecast data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, and USER_DEFINED
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = USER_DEFINED

# User defined pcp_combine command
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_COMMAND = -derive MEAN {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/Z500_3hourly_
↪{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_{lead?fmt=%HHH?shift=75600}_NH.nc {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d
↪%H}/Z500_3hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_{lead?fmt=%HHH?shift=64800}_NH.nc {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/
↪{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/Z500_3hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_{lead?fmt=%HHH?shift=54000}_NH.nc {FCST_PCP_
↪COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/Z500_3hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_{lead?fmt=%HHH?shift=43200}_
↪NH.nc {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/Z500_3hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_{lead?fmt=
↪%HHH?shift=32400}_NH.nc {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/Z500_3hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%
↪m%d%H}_{lead?fmt=%HHH?shift=21600}_NH.nc {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/Z500_
↪3hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_{lead?fmt=%HHH?shift=10800}_NH.nc {FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/{init?
↪fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/Z500_3hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_{lead?fmt=%HHH}_NH.nc -field 'name="Z500"; level="(*,
↪*)"; convert(x) = x / 9.81; set_attr_valid = "{init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S}";'

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/FV3GFS/Regrid
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/FV3GFS/Daily

# Input ERA Interim
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/Z500_3hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_{lead?fmt=%HHH}
↪_NH.nc
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_daily_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d}_NH.nc

# Perform a sum over the 4 daily times that have been regridded using pcp_combine
# 00, 06, 12, 18 UTC
[daily_mean_obs]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END

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VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 1979120118

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2017022818

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 86400

# run pcp_combine on obs data
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# method to run pcp_combine on forecast data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, and DERIVE
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = DERIVE
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_STAT_LIST = MEAN

# field name and level of 1 hr accumulation in forecast files
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 6
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = Z500
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_OPTIONS = convert(x) = x / 9.81; set_attr_valid = "{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S?
↳shift=-64800}";

# Convert output and set 24 hours as the accumulation
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = Z500
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 24
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_DERIVE_LOOKBACK = 24

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Regrid
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Daily

# Input ERA Interim
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/Z500_6hourly_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_NH.nc
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_daily_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-64800}_NH.nc

# Perform a 5 day running mean on the data using pcp_combine
[running_mean_obs]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 1979120100

# End time for METplus run

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VALID_END = 2017022800

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 86400

# Add the first/last 2 days to the skip times to compute the running mean
SKIP_TIMES = "%m:begin_end_incr(3,11,1)", "%m%d:1201,1202,0227,0228,0229"

# run pcp_combine on obs data
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = TRUE

# method to run pcp_combine on forecast data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, and DERIVE
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = DERIVE
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_STAT_LIST = MEAN

# field name, level and setting time attribute of 1 hr accumulation in forecast files
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 24
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = Z500
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_OPTIONS = set_attr_valid = "{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S?shift=-172800}";

# Set output variable name
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = Z500

# Running mean is 5 days
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 120
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_DERIVE_LOOKBACK = 120

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Daily
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Rmean5d

# format of filenames
# Input ERA Interim
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_daily_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_NH.nc
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_5daymean_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-172800}_NH.nc

# Compute anomalies using the daily means and 5 day running mean using pcp_combine
[anomaly_obs]
# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of INIT_BEG and INIT_END
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 1979120100

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2017022800

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# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 86400

# list of forecast leads to process
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Add the first/last 2 days to the skip times to compute the running mean
SKIP_TIMES = "%m:begin_end_incr(3,11,1)", "%m%d:1201,1202,0227,0228,0229"

# run pcp_combine on obs data
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# method to run pcp_combine on forecast data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, and USER_DEFINED
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = USER_DEFINED

# User defined pcp_combine command
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_COMMAND = -subtract {OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/Daily/Z500_daily_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_
↪NH.nc {OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR}/Rmean5d/Z500_5daymean_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_NH.nc -field 'name="Z500
↪"; level="(*,*)";'

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_Blocking/ERA/Anomaly

# format of filenames
# Input ERA Interim
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_daily_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_NH.nc
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_anomaly_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}_NH.nc

# Run the Blocking Analysis Script
[script_blocking]
# Blocking script information
USER_SCRIPT_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = nc

# Run the user script once
USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE

# Command to run the user script with input configuration file
USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = {METPLUS_BASE}/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_obsERA_
↪Blocking/Blocking_driver.py {METPLUS_BASE}/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_
↪obsERA_Blocking/Blocking_fcstGFS_obsERA.conf dir.INPUT_BASE={INPUT_BASE} dir.OUTPUT_BASE={OUTPUT_
↪BASE} dir.MET_INSTALL_DIR={MET_INSTALL_DIR}

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### 5.2.9.5.7 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on the values in the METplus configuration file. These variables are referenced in the MET configuration file. **YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!** If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is not controlled by an environment variable, you can add additional environment variables to be set only within the METplus environment using the [user\_env\_vars] section of the METplus configuration files. See the 'User Defined Config' section on the 'System Configuration' page of the METplus User's Guide for more information.

See the following files for more information about the environment variables set in this configuration file.

parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane.py parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/PCPCo  
parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/PCPCombine/PCPCombine\_subtract.py

### 5.2.9.5.8 Python Scripts

This use case uses Python scripts to perform the blocking calculation

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_fcstGFS\_obsERA\_Blocking/Blocking\_driver.py: This script calls the requested steps in the blocking analysis for a forecast, observation, or both. The possible steps are computing CBLs, plotting CBLs, computing IBLs, plotting IBLs, computing GIBLs, computing blocks, and plotting blocks.

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_fcstGFS\_obsERA\_Blocking/Blocking.py: This script runs the requested steps, containing the code for computing CBLs, computing IBLs, computing GIBLs, and computing blocks.

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_fcstGFS\_obsERA\_Blocking/Blocking\_WeatherRegime\_util.py: This script contains functions used by both the blocking and weather regime analysis, including the code for determining which steps the user wants to run, and finding and reading the input files in the format from the output pre-processing steps

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import sys
import os
import numpy as np
import netCDF4

from Blocking import BlockingCalculation
from metplus.util import pre_run_setup, config_metplus, get_start_end_interval_times, get_lead_
→sequence
from metplus.util import get_skip_times, skip_time, is_loop_by_init, ti_calculate, do_string_sub
from metplotpy.contributed.blocking_s2s import plot_blocking as pb
from metplotpy.contributed.blocking_s2s.CBL_plot import create_cbl_plot
from Blocking_WeatherRegime_util import find_input_files, parse_steps

def main():

    all_steps = ["CBL", "PLOT CBL", "IBL", "PLOT IBL", "GIBL", "CALC BLOCKS", "PLOT BLOCKS"]
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inconfig_list = sys.argv[1:]
steps_list_fcst, steps_list_obs, config_list = parse_steps(inconfig_list)
config = pre_run_setup(config_list)

if not steps_list_obs and not steps_list_fcst:
    print('No processing steps requested for either the model or observations,')
    print('no data will be processed')

#####
# Blocking Calculation and Plotting
#####
# Set up the data
steps_fcst = BlockingCalculation(config, 'FCST')
steps_obs = BlockingCalculation(config, 'OBS')

# Check to see if there is a plot directory
oplot_dir = config.getstr('Blocking', 'BLOCKING_PLOT_OUTPUT_DIR', '')
if not oplot_dir:
    obase = config.getstr('config', 'OUTPUT_BASE')
    oplot_dir = obase + '/' + 'plots'
if not os.path.exists(oplot_dir):
    os.makedirs(oplot_dir)

# Check to see if CBL's are used from an obs climatology
use_cbl_obs = config.getbool('Blocking', 'USE_CBL_OBS', False)

# Calculate Central Blocking Latitude
cbl_config = config_metplus.replace_config_from_section(config, 'Blocking')
cbl_config_init = config.find_section('Blocking', 'CBL_INIT_BEG')
cbl_config_valid = config.find_section('Blocking', 'CBL_VALID_BEG')
use_init = is_loop_by_init(cbl_config)
if use_init:
    orig_beg = config.getstr('Blocking', 'INIT_BEG')
    orig_end = config.getstr('Blocking', 'INIT_END')
    if cbl_config_init is not None:
        config.set('Blocking', 'INIT_BEG', config.getstr('Blocking', 'CBL_INIT_BEG'))
        config.set('Blocking', 'INIT_END', config.getstr('Blocking', 'CBL_INIT_END'))
        cbl_config = config_metplus.replace_config_from_section(config, 'Blocking')
else:
    orig_beg = config.getstr('Blocking', 'VALID_BEG')
    orig_end = config.getstr('Blocking', 'VALID_END')
    if cbl_config_valid is not None:
        config.set('Blocking', 'VALID_BEG', config.getstr('Blocking', 'CBL_VALID_BEG'))
        config.set('Blocking', 'VALID_END', config.getstr('Blocking', 'CBL_VALID_END'))
        cbl_config = config_metplus.replace_config_from_section(config, 'Blocking')

if ("CBL" in steps_list_obs):
    print('Computing Obs CBLs')
    obs_infiles, yr_obs, mth_obs, day_obs, yr_full_obs = find_input_files(cbl_config, use_init,
        'OBS_BLOCKING_ANOMALY_TEMPLATE')

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cbls_obs, lats_obs, lons_obs, yr_obs, mhweight_obs = steps_obs.run_CBL(obs_infiles, yr_obs)

if ("CBL" in steps_list_fcst) and not use_cbl_obs:
    # Add in step to use obs for CBLs
    print('Computing Forecast CBLs')
    fcst_infiles, yr_fcst, mth_fcst, day_fcst, yr_full_fcst = find_input_files(cbl_config, use_init,
                                     'FCST_BLOCKING_ANOMALY_TEMPLATE')
    cbls_fcst, lats_fcst, lons_fcst, yr_fcst, mhweight_fcst = steps_fcst.run_CBL(fcst_infiles, yr_fcst)
elif ("CBL" in steps_list_fcst) and use_cbl_obs:
    if not ("CBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed CBLs before using them as a forecast.')
    cbls_fcst = cbls_obs
    lats_fcst = lats_obs
    lons_fcst = lons_obs
    yr_fcst = yr_obs
    mhweight_fcst = mhweight_obs

#Plot Central Blocking Latitude
if ("PLOT_CBL" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("CBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed CBLs before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Obs CBLs')
    cbl_plot_mthstr = config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_CBL_PLOT_MTHSTR')
    cbl_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_CBL_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME')
    create_cbl_plot(lons_obs, lats_obs, cbls_obs, mhweight_obs, cbl_plot_mthstr, cbl_plot_outname,
                    do_averaging=True)
if ("PLOT_CBL" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("CBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run forecast CBLs before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Forecast CBLs')
    cbl_plot_mthstr = config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_CBL_PLOT_MTHSTR')
    cbl_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_CBL_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME')
    create_cbl_plot(lons_fcst, lats_fcst, cbls_fcst, mhweight_fcst, cbl_plot_mthstr, cbl_plot_
→outname,
                    do_averaging=True)

# Run IBL
if use_init:
    config.set('Blocking', 'INIT_BEG', orig_beg)
    config.set('Blocking', 'INIT_END', orig_end)
else:
    config.set('Blocking', 'VALID_BEG', orig_beg)
    config.set('Blocking', 'VALID_END', orig_end)
ibl_config = config_metplus.replace_config_from_section(config, 'Blocking')
if ("IBL" in steps_list_obs) and not ("IBL" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("CBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed CBLs before running IBLs.')
    print('Computing Obs IBLs')
    obs_infiles, yr_obs, mth_obs, day_obs, yr_full_obs = find_input_files(ibl_config, use_init, 'OBS_
→BLOCKING_TEMPLATE')
    ibls_obs = steps_obs.run_Calc_IBL(cbls_obs, obs_infiles, yr_obs)

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    daynum_obs = np.arange(0, len(ibls_obs[0, :, 0]), 1)
    elif ("IBL" in steps_list_fcst) and not ("IBL" in steps_list_obs):
        if (not "CBL" in steps_list_fcst):
            raise Exception('Must run forecast CBLs or use observed CBLs before running IBLs.')
        print('Computing Forecast IBLs')
        fcst_infiles, yr_fcst, mth_fcst, day_fcst, yr_full_fcst = find_input_files(ibl_config, use_init,
            'FCST_BLOCKING_TEMPLATE')
        ibls_fcst = steps_fcst.run_Calc_IBL(cbcls_fcst, fcst_infiles, yr_fcst)
        daynum_fcst = np.arange(0, len(ibls_fcst[0, :, 0]), 1)
    elif ("IBL" in steps_list_obs) and ("IBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        if not ("CBL" in steps_list_obs) and not ("CBL" in steps_list_fcst):
            raise Exception('Must run observed and forecast CBLs before running IBLs.')
        both_infiles, yr_obs, mth_obs, day_obs, yr_full_obs = find_input_files(ibl_config, use_init, 'OBS_
→BLOCKING_TEMPLATE',
            secondtemplate='FCST_BLOCKING_TEMPLATE')
        obs_infiles = both_infiles[0]
        fcst_infiles = both_infiles[1]
        yr_fcst = yr_obs
        mth_fcst = mth_obs
        day_fcst = day_obs
        print('Computing Obs IBLs')
        ibls_obs = steps_obs.run_Calc_IBL(cbcls_obs, obs_infiles, yr_obs)
        daynum_obs = np.arange(0, len(ibls_obs[0, :, 0]), 1)
        print('Computing Forecast IBLs')
        ibls_fcst = steps_fcst.run_Calc_IBL(cbcls_fcst, fcst_infiles, yr_fcst)
        daynum_fcst = np.arange(0, len(ibls_fcst[0, :, 0]), 1)

# Plot IBLs
if("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_obs) and not ("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("IBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed IBLs before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Obs IBLs')
    ibl_plot_title = config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_IBL_PLOT_TITLE', 'IBL Frequency')
    ibl_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_IBL_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME', '')
    ibl_plot_label1 = config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_OBS_LABEL', '')
    pb.plot_ibls(ibls_obs, lons_obs, ibl_plot_title, ibl_plot_outname, label1=ibl_plot_label1)
elif ("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_fcst) and not ("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("IBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run forecast IBLs before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Forecast IBLs')
    ibl_plot_title = config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_IBL_PLOT_TITLE', 'IBL Frequency')
    ibl_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_IBL_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME')
    ibl_plot_label1 = config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_FCST_LABEL', None)
    pb.plot_ibls(ibls_fcst, lons_fcst, ibl_plot_title, ibl_plot_outname, label1=ibl_plot_label1)
elif ("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_obs) and ("PLOTIBL" in steps_list_fcst):
    if (not "IBL" in steps_list_obs) and (not "IBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run forecast and observed IBLs before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Obs and Forecast IBLs')
    ibl_plot_title = config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_TITLE')
    ibl_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME')
    #Check to see if there are plot legend labels
    ibl_plot_label1 = config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_OBS_LABEL', 'Observation')

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ibl_plot_label2 = config.getstr('Blocking', 'IBL_PLOT_FCST_LABEL', 'Forecast')
pb.plot_ibls(ibls_obs, lons_obs, ibl_plot_title, ibl_plot_outname, data2=ibls_fcst, lon2=lons_fcst,
            label1=ibl_plot_label1, label2=ibl_plot_label2)

# Run GIBL
if ("GIBL" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("IBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed IBLs before running GIBLs.')
    print('Computing Obs GIBLs')
    gibls_obs = steps_obs.run_Calc_GIBL(ibls_obs, lons_obs)

if ("GIBL" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("IBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run Forecast IBLs before running GIBLs.')
    print('Computing Forecast GIBLs')
    gibls_fcst = steps_fcst.run_Calc_GIBL(ibls_fcst, lons_fcst)

# Calc Blocks
if ("CALCBLOCKS" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("GIBL" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed GIBLs before calculating blocks.')
    print('Computing Blocks')
    block_freq_obs = steps_obs.run_Calc_Blocks(ibls_obs, gibls_obs, lons_obs, daynum_obs, yr_obs)

if ("CALCBLOCKS" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("GIBL" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run Forecast GIBLs before calculating blocks.')
    print('Computing Blocks')
    block_freq_fcst = steps_fcst.run_Calc_Blocks(ibls_fcst, gibls_fcst, lons_fcst, daynum_fcst, yr_
→fcst)

# Plot Blocking Frequency
if ("PLOTBLOCKS" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("CALCBLOCKS" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must compute observed blocks before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Obs Blocks')
    blocking_plot_title = config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_BLOCKING_PLOT_TITLE')
    blocking_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'OBS_BLOCKING_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME
→')
    pb.plot_blocks(block_freq_obs, gibls_obs, ibls_obs, lons_obs, blocking_plot_title, blocking_plot_
→outname)
if ("PLOTBLOCKS" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("CALCBLOCKS" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must compute forecast blocks before plotting them.')
    print('Plotting Forecast Blocks')
    blocking_plot_title = config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_BLOCKING_PLOT_TITLE')
    blocking_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('Blocking', 'FCST_BLOCKING_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME
→')
    pb.plot_blocks(block_freq_fcst, gibls_fcst, ibls_fcst, lons_fcst, blocking_plot_title, blocking_
→plot_outname)

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if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
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```
import os
import numpy as np
import datetime
import bisect
from scipy import stats
from scipy.signal import argrelextrema
from metplus.util import config_metplus, get_start_end_interval_times, get_lead_sequence
from metplus.util import get_skip_times, skip_time, is_loop_by_init, ti_calculate
from BlockingWeatherRegime_util import read_nc_met

class BlockingCalculation():
    """Contains the programs to calculate Blocking via the Pelly-Hoskins Method
    """
    def __init__(self, config, label):

        self.blocking_anomaly_var = config.getstr('Blocking', label+'_BLOCKING_ANOMALY_VAR', '')
        self.blocking_var = config.getstr('Blocking', label+'_BLOCKING_VAR', '')
        self.smoothing_pts = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_SMOOTHING_PTS', 9)
        lat_delta_in = config.getstr('Blocking', label+'_LAT_DELTA', '-5,0,5')
        self.lat_delta = list(map(int, lat_delta_in.split(",")))
        self.n_s_limits = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_NORTH_SOUTH_LIMITS', 30)
        self.ibl_dist = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_IBL_DIST', 7)
        self.ibl_in_gibl = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_IBL_IN_GIBL', 15)
        self.gibl_overlap = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_GIBL_OVERLAP', 10)
        self.block_time = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_BLOCK_TIME', 5) ###Should fix so it_
        ↪ supports other times"
        self.block_travel = config.getint('Blocking', label+'_BLOCK_TRAVEL', 45)
        self.block_method = config.getstr('Blocking', label+'_BLOCK_METHOD', 'PH')

        # Check data requirements
        if self.smoothing_pts % 2 == 0:
            print('ERROR: Smoothing Radius must be an odd number given in grid points, Exiting...')
            exit()

    def run_CBL(self, cblinfiles, cblyrs):

        z500_anom_4d, lats, lons, yr = read_nc_met(cblinfiles, cblyrs, self.blocking_anomaly_var)

        #Create Latitude Weight based for NH
        cos = lats
        cos = cos * np.pi / 180.0
        way = np.cos(cos)
        way = np.sqrt(way)
        weightf = np.repeat(way[:, np.newaxis], 360, axis=1)
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#####Find latitude of maximum high-pass STD (CBL)
mstd = np.nanstd(z500_anom_4d,axis=1)
mhweight = mstd * weightf
cbli = np.argmax(mhweight,axis=1)
CBL = np.zeros((len(z500_anom_4d[:,0,0,0]),len(lons)))
for j in np.arange(0,len(yr),1):
    CBL[j,:] = lats[cbli[j,:]]

###Apply Moving Average to Smooth CBL Profiles
lt = len(lons)
CBLf = np.zeros((len(z500_anom_4d[:,0,0,0]),len(lons)))
m=int((self.smoothing_pts-1)/2.0)
for i in np.arange(0,len(CBL[0,:]),1):
    ma_indices = np.arange(i-m,i+m+1)
    ma_indices = np.where(ma_indices >= lt,ma_indices-lt,ma_indices)
    CBLf[:,i] = np.nanmean(CBL[:,ma_indices],axis=1).astype(int)

return CBLf,lats,lons,yr,mhweight

def run_mod_blocking1d(self,a,cbl,lat,lon,meth):
    lat_d = self.lat_delta
    dc = (90 - cbl).astype(int)
    db = self.n_s_limits
    BI = np.zeros((len(a[:,0,0]),len(lon)))
    blon = np.zeros((len(a[:,0,0]),len(lon)))
    if meth=='PH':
        # loop through days
        for k in np.arange(0,len(a[:,0,0]),1):
            blontemp=0
            q=0
            BI1=np.zeros((len(lat_d),len(lon)))
            for l in lat_d:
                blon1 = np.zeros(len(lon))
                d0 = dc-l
                dn = ((dc - 1*db/2) - 1).astype(np.int64)
                ds = ((dc + 1*db/2) - 1).astype(np.int64)
                GHGS = np.zeros(len(cbl))
                GHGN = np.zeros(len(cbl))
                for jj in np.arange(0,len(cbl),1):
                    GHGN[jj] = np.mean(a[k,dn[jj]:d0[jj]+1,jj])
                    GHGS[jj] = np.mean(a[k,d0[jj]:ds[jj]+1,jj])
                BI1[q,:] = GHGN-GHGS
                q = q + 1
            BI1 = np.max(BI1,axis=0)
            block = np.where((BI1>0))[0]
            blon1[block]=1
            blontemp = blontemp + blon1
            BI[k,:] = BI1
            blon[k,:] = blontemp

    return blon,BI

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def run_Calc_IBL(self, cbl, iblinfiles, iblyr):

    z500_daily, lats, lons, yr = read_nc_met(iblinfiles, iblyr, self.blocking_var)

    #Inititalize arrays for IBLs and the blocking index
    # yr, day, lon
    blonlong = np.zeros((len(yr), len(z500_daily[0, :, 0, 0]), len(lons)))
    BI = np.zeros((len(yr), len(z500_daily[0, :, 0, 0]), len(lons)))

    #Using long-term mean CBL and accessing module of mod.py
    cbl = np.nanmean(cbl, axis=0)
    for i in np.arange(0, len(yr), 1):
        blon, BI[i, :, :] = self.run_mod_blocking1d(z500_daily[i, :, :, :], cbl, lats, lons, self.block_
↪method)
        blonlong[i, :, :] = blon

    return blonlong

def run_Calc_GIBL(self, ibl, lons):

    #Inititalize GIBL Array
    GIBL = np.zeros(np.shape(ibl))

    #####Loop finds IBLs within 7 degree of each other creating one group. Finally
    ##### A GIBL exist if it has more than 15 IBLs
    crit = self.ibl_in_gibl

    for i in np.arange(0, len(GIBL[:, 0, 0]), 1):
        for k in np.arange(0, len(GIBL[0, :, 0]), 1):
            gibli = np.zeros(len(GIBL[0, 0, :]))
            thresh = crit/2.0
            a = ibl[i, k, :]
            db = self.ibl_dist
            ibli = np.where(a==1)[0]
            if len(ibli)==0:
                continue
            idiff = ibli[1:] - ibli[:-1]
            bt=0
            btlon = ibli[0]
            ct = 1
            btfin = []
            block = ibli
            block = np.append(block, block+360)
            for ll in np.arange(1, len(block), 1):
                diff = np.abs(block[ll] - block[ll-1])
                if diff == 1:
                    bt = [block[ll]]
                    btlon = np.append(btlon, bt)
                    ct = ct + diff

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        if diff <= thresh and diff != 1:
            bt = np.arange(block[l1-1]+1,block[l1]+1,1)
            btlon = np.append(btlon,bt)
            ct = ct + diff
        if diff > thresh or l1==(len(block)-1):
            if ct >= crit:
                btfin = np.append(btfin,btlon)
                ct=1
            ct = 1
            btlon = block[l1]
        if len(btfin)/2 < crit :
            btfin = []
        if len(btfin)==0:
            continue
        gibl1 = btfin
        temp = np.where(gibl1>=360)[0]
        gibl1[temp] = gibl1[temp] - 360
        gibli[gibl1.astype(int)] = 1
        GIBL[i,k,:] = gibli

    return GIBL

def Remove(self,duplicate):
    final_list = []
    for num in duplicate:
        if num not in final_list:
            final_list.append(num)
    return final_list

def run_Calc_Blocks(self,ibl,GIBL,lon,tsin,year):

    crit = self.ibl_in_gibl

    ##Count up the blocked longitudes for each GIBL
    c = np.zeros((GIBL.shape))
    lonlen = len(lon)
    sz = []
    mx = []
    min = []

    for y in np.arange(0,len(GIBL[:,0,0]),1):
        for k in np.arange(0,len(GIBL[0,:,0]),1):
            a = GIBL[y,k] # Array of lons for each year,day
            ct=1
            ai = np.where(a==1)[0]
            ai = np.append(ai,ai+360)
            temp = np.where(ai>=360)[0]
            bi=list(ai)
            bi = np.array(bi)
            bi[temp] = bi[temp]-360

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# Loop through the lons that are part of the GIBL
for i in np.arange(0,len(ai)-1,1):
    diff = ai[i+1] - ai[i]
    c[y,k,bi[i]] = ct
    if diff==1:
        ct=ct+1
    else:
        sz = np.append(sz,ct)
        ct=1

##### - finding where the left and right limits of the block are - #####
for i in np.arange(0,len(c[:,0,0]),1):
    for k in np.arange(0,len(c[0,:,0]),1):
        maxi = argrelextrema(c[i,k],np.greater,mode='wrap')[0]
        mini = np.where(c[i,k]==1)[0]
        if c[i,k,lonlen-1]!=0 and c[i,k,0]!=0:
            mm1 = mini[-1]
            mm2 = mini[:1]
            mini = np.append(mm1,mm2)
        mx = np.append(mx,maxi)
        min = np.append(min,mini)

locy, locd, locl = np.where(c==crit)

A = np.zeros(lonlen)
A = np.expand_dims(A,axis=0)

##### - Splitting up each GIBL into its own array - #####

for i in np.arange(0,len(locy),1):
    m = locy[i] #year
    n = locd[i] #day
    o = locl[i] #long where 15
    mm = int(mx[i])
    mn = min[i]
    temp1 = GIBL[m,n]
    temp2 = np.zeros(lonlen)
    if mn>mm:
        diff = int(mm - c[m,n,mm] + 1)
        lons = lon[diff]
        place1 = np.arange(lons,lonlen,1)
        place2 = np.arange(0,mm+1,1)
        bl = np.append(place2,place1).astype(int)
    if temp1[lonlen-1] ==1 and mm>200:
        lons = lon[mm]
        beg = mm - c[m,n,mm] + 1
        bl = np.arange(beg,mm+1,1).astype(int)
    if mn>mn: #temp1[359] ==0:
        lons = lon[mm]
        beg = mm - c[m,n,mm] + 1
        bl = np.arange(beg,mm+1,1).astype(int)
    temp2[bl] = 1

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        temp2 = np.expand_dims(temp2,axis=0)
        A = np.concatenate((A,temp2),axis=0)

    A = A[1:]

    ##### - Getting rid of non-consecutive Time steps which would prevent blocking - #####
    →#####
    dd=[]
    dy = []
    dA = A[0]
    dA = np.expand_dims(dA,axis=0)
    ct=0
    for i in np.arange(1,len(locy),1):
        dd1 = locd[i-1]
        dd2 = locd[i]
        if dd2-dd1 > 2:
            ct = 0
            continue
        if ct == 0:
            dd = np.append(dd,locd[i-1])
            dy = np.append(dy,locy[i-1])
            temp2 = np.expand_dims(A[i-1],axis=0)
            dA = np.concatenate((dA,temp2),axis=0)
            ct = ct + 1
        if dd2-dd1<=2:
            dd=np.append(dd,locd[i])
            dy = np.append(dy,locy[i])
            temp2 = np.expand_dims(A[i],axis=0)
            dA = np.concatenate((dA,temp2),axis=0)
            ct = ct + 1

    dA=dA[1:]
    dAfin = dA

    ##### - Finding center longitude of block - #####
    middle=[]
    for l in np.arange(0,len(dAfin),1):
        temp = np.where(dAfin[l]==1)[0]
        if len(temp) % 2 == 0:
            temp = np.append(temp,0)
        midtemp = np.median(temp)
        middle = np.append(middle,midtemp)

    #####Track blocks. Makes sure that blocks overlap with at least 10 longitude points on_
    →consecutive
    overlap = self.gibl_overlap
    btime = self.block_time
    fin = [[]]
    finloc = [[]]
    ddcopy=dd*1.0
    noloc=[]

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failloc = [[]]
for i in np.arange(0,len(c[:,0,0]),1):
    yri = np.where(dy==i)[0]
    B = [[]]
    ddil = 1.0 * ddcopy[yri]
    dyy = np.where(dy==i)[0]
    rem = []
    for dk in ddil:
        if len(ddil) < btime:
            continue
        ddil = np.append(ddil[0]-1,ddil)
        diff = np.diff(ddil)
        diffB=[]
        dB = 1
        cnt = 1
        while dB<=2:
            diffB = np.append(diffB,ddil[cnt])
            dB = diff[cnt-1]
            if ddil[cnt]==ddil[-1]:
                dB=5
            cnt=cnt+1
        diffB = np.array(self.Remove(diffB))
        locb = []
        for ll in diffB:
            locb = np.append(locb,np.where((dy==i) & (dd==ll))[0])
        ddil=ddil[1:]
        locbtemp = 1.0*locb
        ree=np.empty(0,dtype=int)
        for hh in np.arange(0,len(noloc),1):
            ree = np.append(ree,np.where(locb == noloc[hh])[0])
        ree.astype(int)
        locbtemp = np.delete(locbtemp,ree)
        locb=locbtemp * 1.0
        datemp = dAfin[locb.astype(int)]
        blocktemp = [[datemp[0]]]
        locbi = np.array([locb[0]])
        ll1=0
        pass1 = 0
        ai=[0]
        add=0
        for ll in np.arange(0,len(locb)-1,1):
            if ((dd[locb[ll+1]].astype(int)) - dd[locb[ll1]].astype(int)) >=1) &
→((dd[locb[ll+1]].astype(int)) - dd[locb[ll1]].astype(int)) <=2):
                add = datemp[ll1] + datemp[ll+1]
                ai = np.where(add==2)[0]
                if len(ai)>overlap:
                    locbi=np.append(locbi,locb[ll+1])
                    ll1=ll+1
                    add=0
                if (len(ai)<overlap):
                    add=0
                    continue

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        if len(locbi)>4:
            noloc = np.append(noloc,locbi)
            finloc = finloc + [locbi]
            for jj in locbi:
                rem = np.append(rem,np.where(dyy==jj)[0])
            ddil = np.delete(ddcopy[yri],rem.astype(int))
        if len(locbi)<=4:
            noloc = np.append(noloc,locbi)
            if len(locbi)<=2:
                failloc=failloc+[locbi]
            for jj in locbi:
                rem = np.append(rem,np.where(dyy==jj)[0])
            ddil = np.delete(ddcopy[yri],rem.astype(int))

blocks = finloc[1:]
noblock = failloc[1:]

#####Get rid of blocks that travel downstream#####
#####If center of blocks travel downstream further than 45 degrees longitude,
#####cancel block moment it travels out of this limit
newblock = [[]]
newnoblock=[[]]
distthresh = self.block_travel
for bb in blocks:
    diffb = []
    start = middle[bb[0].astype(int)]
    for bbs in bb:
        diffb = np.append(diffb, start - middle[bbs.astype(int)])
    loc = np.where(np.abs(diffb) > distthresh)[0]
    if len(loc)==0:
        newblock = newblock + [bb]
    if len(loc)>0:
        if len(bb[:loc[0]]) >4:
            newblock = newblock + [bb[:loc[0]]]
        if len(bb[:loc[0]]) <=2:
            noblock = noblock + [bb]

blocks = newblock[1:]

#Create a final array with blocking longitudes. Similar to IBL/GIBL, but those that pass the_
↪duration threshold
blockfreq = np.zeros((len(year),len(ibl[0,:,0]),360))
savecbl=[]
savemiddle = []
saveyr=[]
numblock=0
for i in np.arange(0,len(blocks),1):
    temp = blocks[i]
    numblock=numblock+1
    for j in temp:
        j=int(j)
        daycomp = int(dd[j])

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        yearcomp = int(dy[j])
        saveyr = np.append(saveyr, dy[j])
        middlecomp = middle[j].astype(int)
        mc1 = int(round(middlecomp / 2.5))
        blockfreq[yearcomp, daycomp] = blockfreq[yearcomp, daycomp] + dAfin[j]
        ct = ct + 1

    return blockfreq

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import os
import netCDF4
import numpy as np
from metplus.util import pre_run_setup, config_metplus, get_start_end_interval_times, get_lead_
    ↳ sequence
from metplus.util import get_skip_times, skip_time, is_loop_by_init, ti_calculate, do_string_sub

def parse_steps(config_list):

    steps_config_part_fcst = [s for s in config_list if "FCST_STEPS" in s]
    steps_list_fcst = []

    steps_config_part_obs = [s for s in config_list if "OBS_STEPS" in s]
    steps_list_obs = []

    # Setup the Steps
    if steps_config_part_fcst:
        steps_param_fcst = steps_config_part_fcst[0].split("=")[1]
        steps_list_fcst = steps_param_fcst.split("+")
        config_list.remove(steps_config_part_fcst[0])
    if steps_config_part_obs:
        steps_param_obs = steps_config_part_obs[0].split("=")[1]
        steps_list_obs = steps_param_obs.split("+")
        config_list.remove(steps_config_part_obs[0])

    config = pre_run_setup(config_list)
    if not steps_config_part_fcst:
        steps_param_fcst = config.getstr('config', 'FCST_STEPS', '')
        steps_list_fcst = steps_param_fcst.split("+")
    if not steps_config_part_obs:
        steps_param_obs = config.getstr('config', 'OBS_STEPS', '')
        steps_list_obs = steps_param_obs.split("+")

    return steps_list_fcst, steps_list_obs, config_list

def find_input_files(inconfig, use_init, intemplate, secondtemplate=''):
    loop_time, end_time, time_interval = get_start_end_interval_times(inconfig)
    skip_times = get_skip_times(inconfig)

    start_mth = loop_time.strftime('%m')
    template = inconfig.gettraw('config', intemplate)

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if secondtemplate:
    template2 = inconfig.gettraw('config',secondtemplate)
    file_list2 = []

file_list = []
yr_list = []
mth_list = []
day_list = []
yr_full_list = []
if use_init:
    timname = 'init'
else:
    timname = 'valid'
input_dict = {}
input_dict['loop_by'] = timname
pmth = start_mth
while loop_time <= end_time:
    lead_seq = get_lead_sequence(inconfig)
    for ls in lead_seq:
        new_time = loop_time + ls
        input_dict[timname] = loop_time
        input_dict['lead'] = ls

        outtimestuff = ti_calculate(input_dict)
        if skip_time(outtimestuff, skip_times):
            continue
        cmth = outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%m')
        filepath = do_string_sub(template, **outtimestuff)
        mth_list.append(cmth)
        day_list.append(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%d'))
        yr_full_list.append(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%Y'))
        if secondtemplate:
            filepath2 = do_string_sub(template2, **outtimestuff)
            if os.path.exists(filepath) and os.path.exists(filepath2):
                file_list.append(filepath)
                file_list2.append(filepath2)
            else:
                file_list.append('')
                file_list2.append('')
        else:
            if os.path.exists(filepath):
                file_list.append(filepath)
            else:
                file_list.append('')

        if (int(cmth) == int(start_mth)) and (int(pmth) != int(start_mth)):
            yr_list.append(int(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%Y')))
            pmth = cmth

    loop_time += time_interval

if secondtemplate:

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        file_list = [file_list, file_list2]
    yr_list.append(int(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%Y')))

    if all('' == fn for fn in file_list):
        raise Exception('No input files found as given: '+template)

    return file_list, yr_list, mth_list, day_list, yr_full_list

def read_nc_met(infiles, yrlist, invar):

    print("Reading in Data")

    #Find the first non empty file name so I can get the variable sizes
    locin = next(sub for sub in infiles if sub)
    indata = netCDF4.Dataset(locin)
    lats = indata.variables['lat'][:]
    lons = indata.variables['lon'][:]
    invar_arr = indata.variables[invar][:]
    indata.close()

    var_3d = np.empty((len(infiles), len(invar_arr[:,0]), len(invar_arr[0,:])))

    for i in range(0, len(infiles)):

        #Read in the data
        if infiles[i]:
            indata = netCDF4.Dataset(infiles[i])
            new_invar = indata.variables[invar][:]
            init_time_str = indata.variables[invar].getncattr('init_time')
            valid_time_str = indata.variables[invar].getncattr('valid_time')
            indata.close()
        else:
            new_invar = np.empty((1, len(var_3d[0,:,0]), len(var_3d[0,0,:])), dtype=np.float)
            new_invar[:] = np.nan
            var_3d[i,:,:] = new_invar

    yr = np.array(yrlist)
    if len(var_3d[:,0,0])%float(len(yrlist)) != 0:
        lowval = int(len(var_3d[:,0,0])/float(len(yrlist)))
        newarrlen = (lowval+1) * float(len(yrlist))
        arrexpr = int(newarrlen - len(var_3d[:,0,0]))
        arrfill = np.empty((arrexpr, len(var_3d[0,:,0]), len(var_3d[0,0,:])), dtype=np.float)
        arrfill[:] = np.nan
        var_3d = np.append(var_3d, arrfill, axis=0)
    sdim = len(var_3d[:,0,0])/float(len(yrlist))
    var_4d = np.reshape(var_3d, [len(yrlist), int(sdim), len(var_3d[0,:,0]), len(var_3d[0,0,:])])

    return var_4d, lats, lons, yr

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### 5.2.9.5.9 Running METplus

This use case is run in the following ways:

- 1) Passing in UserScript\_fcstGFS\_obsERA\_Blocking.py then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
master_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_
↳obsERA_Blocking.py -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in UserScript\_fcstGFS\_obsERA\_Blocking.py:

```
master_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_fcstGFS_
↳obsERA_Blocking.py
```

The following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

### 5.2.9.5.10 Expected Output

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in model\_applications/s2s/Blocking (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain output for the steps requested. This may include the regridded data, daily averaged files, running mean files, and anomaly files. In addition, output CBL, IBL, and Blocking frequency plots can be generated. The location of these output plots can be specified as BLOCKING\_PLOT\_OUTPUT\_DIR. If it is not specified, plots will be sent to model\_applications/s2s/Blocking/plots (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**).

#### 5.2.9.5.11 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/s2s-IBL_frequency.png'
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**Note:** [RegridDataPlaneUseCase](#), [PCPCombineUseCase](#), [S2SAppUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#),

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.9.6 WeatherRegime Calculation: RegridDataPlane, PcpCombine, and WeatherRegime python code

```
model_applications/ s2s/ UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_WeatherRegime.py
```

##### 5.2.9.6.1 Scientific Objective

To perform a weather regime analysis using 500 mb height data. There are 2 pre- processing steps, RegridDataPlane and PcpCombine, and 3 steps in the weather regime analysis, elbow, EOFs, and K means. The elbow and K means steps begin with K means clustering. Elbow then computes the sum of squared distances for clusters 1 - 14 and draws a straight line from the sum of squared distance for the clusters. This helps determine the optimal cluster number by examining the largest difference between the curve and the straight line. The EOFs step is optional. It computes an empirical orthogonal function analysis. The K means step uses clustering to compute the frequency of occurrence and anomalies for each cluster to give the most common weather regimes.

##### 5.2.9.6.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: None
- Observation dataset: ERA Reanalysis 500 mb height.

##### 5.2.9.6.3 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

```
* numpy
* netCDF4
* datetime
* pylab
* scipy
* sklearn
* eofs
```

If the version of Python used to compile MET did not have these libraries at the time of compilation, you will need to add these packages or create a new Python environment with these packages.

If this is the case, you will need to set the MET\_PYTHON\_EXE environment variable to the path of the version of Python you want to use. If you want this version of Python to only apply to this use case, set it in the [user\_env\_vars] section of a METplus configuration file.:

```
[user_env_vars] MET_PYTHON_EXE = /path/to/python/with/required/packages/bin/python
```

#### 5.2.9.6.4 METplus Components

This use case runs the weather regime driver script which runs the steps the user lists in STEPS\_OBS. The possible steps are regridding, time averaging, computing the elbow (ELBOW), plotting the elbow (PLOT-ELBOW), computing EOFs (EOF), plotting EOFs (PLOT-EOF), computing K means (KMEANS), and plotting the K means (PLOT-KMEANS). Regridding and time averaging are set up in the UserScript .conf file and are formatted as follows: PROCESS\_LIST = RegridDataPlane(regrid\_obs), PcpCombine(daily\_mean\_obs), UserScript(script\_wr)

The other steps are listed in the weather regime analysis .conf file in the following format: OBS\_STEPS = ELBOW+PLOT-ELBOW+EOF+PLOT-EOF+KMEANS+PLOT-KMEANS

#### 5.2.9.6.5 METplus Workflow

The weather regime python code is run for each time for the forecast and observations data. This example loops by valid time. This version is set to only process the weather regime steps (ELBOW, PLOT-ELBOW, EOF, PLOT-EOF, KMEANS, PLOT-KMEANS), omitting the REGRID and TIMEAVE pre-processing steps. However, the configurations for pre-processing are available for user reference.

#### 5.2.9.6.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line i.e. parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_WeatherRegime.py. The file UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_WeatherRegime.conf runs the python program, however UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_Blocking/WeatherRegime\_obsERA\_obsOnly.conf sets the variables for all steps of the Weather Regime use case including data paths.

```
# UserScript wrapper for Weather Regime Analysis

[config]
# All steps, including pre-processing:
# PROCESS_LIST = RegridDataPlane(regrid_obs), PcpCombine(daily_mean_obs), UserScript(script_wr)
# Weather Regime Analysis only:
PROCESS_LIST = UserScript(script_wr)

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
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LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strptime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 1979120100

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2017022800

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 86400

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# Only Process DJF
SKIP_TIMES = "%m:begin_end_incr(3,11,1)", "%m%d:0229"

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/s2s

# Regridding Pre-Processing Step
[regrid_obs]
# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 1979120100

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2017022818

# Increment between METplus runs in seconds. Must be >= 60
VALID_INCREMENT = 21600

# REGRID_DATA_PLANE (Pre Processing Step 1), currently turned off

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# Run regrid_data_plane on forecast data
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_RUN = True

# If true, process each field individually and write a file for each
# If false, run once per run time passing in all fields specified
OBS_DATA_PLANE_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# Name of input field to process
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_FIELD_NAME = Z

# Level of input field to process
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_INPUT_LEVEL = P500

# Name of output field to create
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VAR1_OUTPUT_FIELD_NAME = Z500

# Mask to use for regridding
# A 1 degree latitude/longitude grid running 24 to 54 degrees latitude
# and 230 to 300 degrees longitude
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_VERIF_GRID = latlon 71 31 54 230 -1.0 1.0

# Method to run regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to NEAREST
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_METHOD = BILIN

# Regridding width used in regrid_data_plane, not setting this will default to 1
REGRID_DATA_PLANE_WIDTH = 2

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_
↳WeatherRegime/ERA/OrigData
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_WeatherRegime/ERA/
↳Regrid

# format of filenames
# Input and output ERA Interim
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m}/ei.oper.an.pl.regn128sc.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}
OBS_REGRID_DATA_PLANE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/Z500_6hourly_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_NH.nc

# Daily Mean Pre-Processing Step
[daily_mean_obs]
# Start time for METplus run
VALID_BEG = 1979120118

# End time for METplus run
VALID_END = 2017022818

# run pcp_combine on obs data
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_RUN = True

# method to run pcp_combine on forecast data
# Options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, and USER_DEFINED

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OBS_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD = DERIVE
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_STAT_LIST = MEAN

# field name and level of 1 hr accumulation in forecast files
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 6
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = Z500
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = "(*,*)"
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_OPTIONS = convert(x) = x / 9.81; set_attr_valid = "{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S?
↳shift=-64800}";

# Convert height and derive mean over 24 hours
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_ACCUM = 24
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_DERIVE_LOOKBACK = 24

# Name output variable Z500
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_NAME = Z500

# input and output data directories for each application in PROCESS_LIST
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_WeatherRegime/ERA/Regrid
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/s2s/UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_WeatherRegime/ERA/Daily

# Input ERA Interim
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}/Z500_6hourly_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}_NH.nc
OBS_PCP_COMBINE_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = Z500_daily_{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d?shift=-64800}_NH.nc

# Run the Weather Regime Script
[script_wr]
# User Script Commands
USER_SCRIPT_CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = nc

# Run the user script once
USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE

# Command to run the user script with input configuration file
USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = {METPLUS_BASE}/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_
↳WeatherRegime/WeatherRegime_driver.py {METPLUS_BASE}/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/
↳UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_WeatherRegime/WeatherRegime_obsERA_obsOnly.conf dir.INPUT_BASE={INPUT_
↳BASE} dir.OUTPUT_BASE={OUTPUT_BASE} dir.MET_INSTALL_DIR={MET_INSTALL_DIR}

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### 5.2.9.6.7 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on the values in the METplus configuration file. These variables are referenced in the MET configuration file. **YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!** If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is not controlled by an environment variable, you can add additional environment variables to be set only within the METplus environment using the [user\_env\_vars] section of the METplus configuration files. See the 'User Defined Config' section on the 'System Configuration' page of the METplus User's Guide for more information.



See the following files for more information about the environment variables set in this configuration file.

parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/RegridDataPlane/RegridDataPlane.py parm/use\_cases/met\_tool\_wrapper/PCPCor

#### 5.2.9.6.8 Python Scripts

This use case uses Python scripts to perform the blocking calculation

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_WeatherRegime/WeatherRegime\_driver.py:

This script calls the requested steps in the blocking analysis for a forecast, observation, or both. The possible steps are computing the elbow, computing EOFs, and computing weather regimes using k means clustering.

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_WeatherRegime/WeatherRegime.py:

This script runs the requested steps, containing the code for computing the bend in the elbow, computing EOFs, and computing weather regimes using k means clustering

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_WeatherRegime/Blocking\_WeatherRegime\_util.py:

This script contains functions used by both the blocking and weather regime analysis, including the code for determining which steps the user wants to run, and finding and reading the input files in the format from the output pre-processing steps

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
import sys
import os
import numpy as np
import netCDF4

from WeatherRegime import WeatherRegimeCalculation
from metplus.util import pre_run_setup, config_metplus, get_start_end_interval_times, get_lead_
    sequence
from metplus.util import get_skip_times, skip_time, is_loop_by_init, ti_calculate, do_string_sub,
    getlist
from metplotpy.contributed.weather_regime import plot_weather_regime as pwr
from Blocking_WeatherRegime_util import find_input_files, parse_steps, read_nc_met

def main():

    all_steps = ["ELBOW", "PLOTELBOW", "EOF", "PLOTEOF", "KMEANS", "PLOTKMEANS"]

    inconfig_list = sys.argv[1:]
    steps_list_fcst, steps_list_obs, config_list = parse_steps(inconfig_list)
    config = pre_run_setup(config_list)

    if not steps_list_obs and not steps_list_fcst:
        print('No processing steps requested for either the model or observations,')
        print('no data will be processed')

    #####
    # Blocking Calculation and Plotting
    #####
    # Set up the data
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steps_obs = WeatherRegimeCalculation(config,'OBS')
steps_fcst = WeatherRegimeCalculation(config,'FCST')

# Check to see if there is a plot directory
oplot_dir = config.getstr('WeatherRegime','WR_PLOT_OUTPUT_DIR','')
if not oplot_dir:
    obase = config.getstr('config','OUTPUT_BASE')
    oplot_dir = obase+'/'+'plots'
if not os.path.exists(oplot_dir):
    os.makedirs(oplot_dir)

elbow_config = config_metplus.replace_config_from_section(config,'WeatherRegime')
elbow_config_init = config.find_section('WeatherRegime','INIT_BEG')
elbow_config_valid = config.find_section('WeatherRegime','VALID_BEG')
use_init = is_loop_by_init(elbow_config)

if ("ELBOW" in steps_list_obs) or ("EOF" in steps_list_obs) or ("KMEANS" in steps_list_obs):
    obs_infiles,yr_obs,mth_obs,day_obs,yr_full_obs = find_input_files(elbow_config, use_init,
↪ 'OBS_WR_TEMPLATE')
    obs_invar = config.getstr('WeatherRegime','OBS_WR_VAR','')
    z500_obs,lats_obs,lons_obs,year_obs = read_nc_met(obs_infiles,yr_obs,obs_invar)
    z500_detrend_obs,z500_detrend_2d_obs = steps_obs.weights_detrend(lats_obs,lons_obs,z500_obs)

if ("ELBOW" in steps_list_fcst) or ("EOF" in steps_list_fcst) or ("KMEANS" in steps_list_fcst):
    fcst_infiles,yr_fcst, mth_fcst,day_fcst,yr_full_fcst = find_input_files(elbow_config, use_
↪ init, 'FCST_WR_TEMPLATE')
    fcst_invar = config.getstr('WeatherRegime','FCST_WR_VAR','')
    z500_fcst,lats_fcst,lons_fcst,year_fcst = read_nc_met(fcst_infiles,yr_fcst,fcst_invar)
    z500_detrend_fcst,z500_detrend_2d_fcst = steps_fcst.weights_detrend(lats_fcst,lons_fcst,z500_
↪ fcst)

if ("ELBOW" in steps_list_obs):
    print('Running Obs Elbow')
    K_obs,d_obs,mi_obs,line_obs,curve_obs = steps_obs.run_elbow(z500_detrend_2d_obs)

if ("ELBOW" in steps_list_fcst):
    print('Running Forecast Elbow')
    K_fcst,d_fcst,mi_fcst,line_fcst,curve_fcst = steps_fcst.run_elbow(z500_detrend_2d_fcst)

if ("PLOTELBOW" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("ELBOW" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed Elbow before plotting observed elbow.')
    print('Creating Obs Elbow plot')
    elbow_plot_title = config.getstr('WeatherRegime','OBS_ELBOW_PLOT_TITLE','Elbow Method For_
↪ Optimal k')
    elbow_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/' + config.getstr('WeatherRegime','OBS_ELBOW_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME',
↪ 'obs_elbow')
    pwr.plot_elbow(K_obs,d_obs,mi_obs,line_obs,curve_obs,elbow_plot_title,elbow_plot_outname)

if ("PLOTELBOW" in steps_list_fcst):

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    if not ("ELBOW" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run forecast Elbow before plotting forecast elbow.')
    print('Creating Forecast Elbow plot')
    elbow_plot_title = config.getstr('WeatherRegime', 'FCST_ELBOW_PLOT_TITLE', 'Elbow Method For_
↪Optimal k')
    elbow_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/'+config.getstr('WeatherRegime', 'FCST_ELBOW_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME
↪', 'fcst_elbow')
    pwr.plot_elbow(K_fcst, d_fcst, mi_fcst, line_fcst, curve_fcst, elbow_plot_title, elbow_plot_outname)

    if ("EOF" in steps_list_obs):
        print('Running Obs EOF')
        eof_obs, pc_obs, wrnum_obs, variance_fractions_obs = steps_obs.Calc_EOF(z500_obs)
        z500_detrend_2d_obs = steps_obs.reconstruct_heights(eof_obs, pc_obs, z500_detrend_2d_obs.shape)

    if ("EOF" in steps_list_fcst):
        print('Running Forecast EOF')
        eof_fcst, pc_fcst, wrnum_fcst, variance_fractions_fcst = steps_fcst.Calc_EOF(z500_fcst)
        z500_detrend_2d_fcst = steps_fcst.reconstruct_heights(eof_fcst, pc_fcst, z500_detrend_2d_fcst.
↪shape)

    if ("PLOTEOF" in steps_list_obs):
        if not ("EOF" in steps_list_obs):
            raise Exception('Must run observed EOFs before plotting observed EOFs.')
        print('Plotting Obs EOFs')
        pltlvl_str = getlist(config.getstr('WeatherRegime', 'EOF_PLOT_LEVELS', ''))
        pltlvl = [float(pp) for pp in pltlvl_str]
        eof_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/'+config.getstr('WeatherRegime', 'OBS_EOF_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME',
↪'obs_eof')
        pwr.plot_eof(eof_obs, wrnum_obs, variance_fractions_obs, lons_obs, lats_obs, eof_plot_outname,
↪pltlvl)

    if ("PLOTEOF" in steps_list_fcst):
        if not ("EOF" in steps_list_fcst):
            raise Exception('Must run forecast EOFs before plotting forecast EOFs.')
        print('Plotting Forecast EOFs')
        pltlvl_str = getlist(config.getstr('WeatherRegime', 'EOF_PLOT_LEVELS', ''))
        pltlvl = [float(pp) for pp in pltlvl_str]
        eof_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/'+config.getstr('WeatherRegime', 'OBS_EOF_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME',
↪'obs_eof')
        pwr.plot_eof(eof_fcst, wrnum_fcst, variance_fractions_fcst, lons_fcst, lats_fcst, eof_plot_outname,
↪pltlvl)

    if ("KMEANS" in steps_list_obs):
        print('Running Obs K Means')
        kmeans_obs, wrnum_obs, perc_obs = steps_obs.run_K_means(z500_detrend_2d_obs, yr_full_obs, mth_obs,
↪day_obs, z500_obs.shape)

    if ("KMEANS" in steps_list_fcst):
        print('Running Forecast K Means')
        kmeans_fcst, wrnum_fcst, perc_fcst = steps_fcst.run_K_means(z500_detrend_2d_fcst, yr_full_fcst,
↪mth_fcst, day_fcst, z500_fcst.shape)

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if ("PLOTKMEANS" in steps_list_obs):
    if not ("KMEANS" in steps_list_obs):
        raise Exception('Must run observed Kmeans before plotting observed Kmeans.')
    print('Plotting Obs K Means')
    pltlvlvs_str = getlist(config.getstr('WeatherRegime', 'KMEANS_PLOT_LEVELS', ''))
    pltlvlvs = [float(pp) for pp in pltlvlvs_str]
    kmeans_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/'+config.getstr('WeatherRegime', 'OBS_KMEANS_PLOT_OUTPUT_NAME
→', 'obs_kmeans')
    pwr.plot_K_means(kmeans_obs, wrnum_obs, lons_obs, lats_obs, perc_obs, kmeans_plot_outname, pltlvlvs)

if ("PLOTKMEANS" in steps_list_fcst):
    if not ("KMEANS" in steps_list_fcst):
        raise Exception('Must run forecast Kmeans before plotting forecast Kmeans.')
    print('Plotting Forecast K Means')
    pltlvlvs_str = getlist(config.getstr('WeatherRegime', 'KMEANS_PLOT_LEVELS', ''))
    pltlvlvs = [float(pp) for pp in pltlvlvs_str]
    kmeans_plot_outname = oplot_dir+'/'+config.getstr('WeatherRegime', 'FCST_KMEANS_PLOT_OUTPUT_
→NAME', 'fcst_kmeans')
    pwr.plot_K_means(kmeans_fcst, wrnum_fcst, lons_fcst, lats_fcst, perc_fcts, kmeans_plot_outname,
→pltlvlvs)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

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```

import os
import numpy as np
from pylab import *
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
import scipy
import netCDF4 as nc4
from scipy import stats, signal
from numpy import ones, vstack
from numpy.linalg import lstsq
from eofs.standard import Eof
from metplus.util import config_metplus, get_start_end_interval_times, get_lead_sequence
from metplus.util import get_skip_times, skip_time, is_loop_by_init, ti_calculate

class WeatherRegimeCalculation():
    """Contains the programs to perform a Weather Regime Analysis
    """
    def __init__(self, config, label):

        self.wrnum = config.getint('WeatherRegime', label+'_WR_NUMBER', 6)
        self.numi = config.getint('WeatherRegime', label+'_NUM_CLUSTERS', 20)
        self.NUMPCS = config.getint('WeatherRegime', label+'_NUM_PCS', 10)
        self.wr_outfile_type = config.getstr('WeatherRegime', label+'_WR_OUTPUT_FILE_TYPE', 'text')
        self.wr_outfile_dir = config.getstr('WeatherRegime', 'WR_OUTPUT_FILE_DIR', '')
        self.wr_outfile = config.getstr('WeatherRegime', label+'_WR_OUTPUT_FILE', label+'_WeatherRegime
→')

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def get_cluster_fraction(self, m, label):
    return (m.labels_==label).sum()/(m.labels_.size*1.0)

def weights_detrend(self, lats, lons, indata):

    arr_shape = indata.shape

    ##Set up weight array
    cos = lats * np.pi / 180.0
    way = np.cos(cos)
    if len(lats.shape) == 1:
        weightf = np.repeat(way[:, np.newaxis], len(lons), axis=1)
    else:
        weightf = way

    #Remove trend and seasonal cycle
    atemp = np.zeros(arr_shape)
    for i in np.arange(0, len(indata[0, :, 0, 0]), 1):
        atemp[:, i] = signal.detrend(atemp[:, i], axis=0)
        atemp[:, i] = (indata[:, i] - np.nanmean(indata[:, i], axis=0)) * weightf

    a = atemp
    atemp=0

    #Reshape into time X space
    a1 = np.reshape(a, [len(a[:, 0, 0, 0])*len(a[0, :, 0, 0]), len(lons)*len(lats)])

    return a, a1

def run_elbow(self, a1):

    k=KMeans(n_clusters=self.wnum, random_state=0) #Initilize cluster centers

    #Calculate sum of squared distances for clusters 1-15
    kind = np.arange(1, self.numi, 1)
    Sum_of_squared_distances = []
    K = range(1, self.numi)
    for k in K:
        km = KMeans(n_clusters=k)
        km = km.fit(a1)
        Sum_of_squared_distances.append(km.inertia_)

    # Calculate the bend of elbow
    points = [(K[0], Sum_of_squared_distances[0]), (K[-1], Sum_of_squared_distances[-1])]
    x_coords, y_coords = zip(*points)
    A = vstack([x_coords, ones(len(x_coords))]).T
    m, c = lstsq(A, y_coords, rcond=None)[0]
    line = m*kind + c

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curve = Sum_of_squared_distances
curve=np.array(curve)*10**-10
line = line*10**-10

d=[]
for i in np.arange(0,self.numi-1,1):
    p1=np.array([K[0],curve[0]])
    p2=np.array([K[-1],curve[-1]])
    p3=np.array([K[i],curve[i]])
    d=np.append(d,np.cross(p2-p1,p3-p1)/np.linalg.norm(p2-p1))

mi = np.where(d==d.min())[0]
print('Optimal Cluster # = '+str(mi+1)+'')

return K,d,mi,line,curve

def Calc_EOF(self,eofin):

    #Remove trend and seasonal cycle
    for d in np.arange(0,len(eofin[:,0,0]),1):
        eofin[:,d] = signal.detrend(eofin[:,d],axis=0)
        eofin[:,d] = eofin[:,d] - np.nanmean(eofin[:,d],axis=0)

    #Reshape into time X space
    arr_shape = eofin.shape
    arrdims = len(arr_shape)
    eofin = np.reshape(eofin,(np.prod(arr_shape[0:arrdims-2]),arr_shape[arrdims-2]*arr_
↪shape[arrdims-1]))

    # Use EOF solver and get PCs and EOFs
    solver = Eof(eofin,center=False)
    pc = solver.pcs(npcs=self.NUMPCS,pcscaling=1)
    eof = solver.eofsAsCovariance(neofs=self.NUMPCS,pcscaling=1)
    eof = np.reshape(eof,(self.NUMPCS,arr_shape[arrdims-2],arr_shape[arrdims-1]))

    #Get variance fractions
    variance_fractions = solver.varianceFraction(neigs=self.NUMPCS) * 100
    print(variance_fractions)

    return eof, pc, self.wnum, variance_fractions

def reconstruct_heights(self,eof,pc,reshape_arr):

    rssize = len(reshape_arr)
    eofshape = eof.shape
    eosize = len(eofshape)

    #reconstruction. If NUMPCS=nt, then a1=a0
    eofs=np.reshape(eof,(self.NUMPCS,eofshape[eosize-2]*eofshape[eosize-1]))
    a1=np.matmul(pc,eofs)

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    return a1

def run_K_means(self, a1, yr, mth, day, arr_shape):

    arrdims = len(arr_shape)

    k=KMeans(n_clusters=self.wnum, random_state=0)

    #fit the K-means algorithm to the data
    f=k.fit(a1)

    #Obtain the cluster anomalies
    y=f.cluster_centers_

    #Obtain cluster labels for each day [Reshape to Year,day]
    wr = f.labels_
    wr = np.reshape(wr, arr_shape[0:arrdims-2])

    yf = np.reshape(y, [self.wnum, arr_shape[arrdims-2], arr_shape[arrdims-1]]) # reshape cluster_
↪anomalies to latlon

    #Get frequency of occurrence for each cluster
    perc=np.zeros(self.wnum)
    for ii in np.arange(0,self.wnum,1):
        perc[ii] = self.get_cluster_fraction(f,ii)

    #Sort % from low to high
    ii = np.argsort(perc)
    print(perc[ii])

    #Reorder
    perc = perc[ii]
    input=yf[ii]
    ii = ii[::-1]

    #Reorder from max to min and relabel
    wrc = wr*1.0/1.0
    for i in np.arange(0,self.wnum,1):
        wrc[wrc==ii[i]] = i

    perc = perc[::-1]
    input = input[::-1]

    #Save Label data [YR,DAY]
    # Make some conversions first
    wrc_shape = wrc.shape
    yr_1d = np.array(yr)
    mth_1d = np.array(mth)
    day_1d = np.array(day)
    wrc_1d = np.reshape(wrc, len(mth))

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```

# netcdf file
if self.wr_outfile_type=='netcdf':
    wr_full_outfile = self.wr_outfile_dir+'/'+self.wr_outfile+'.nc'

    if os.path.isfile(wr_full_outfile):
        os.remove(wr_full_outfile)

    # Create CF compliant time unit
    rdate = datetime.datetime(int(yr_1d[0]),int(mth_1d[0]),int(day_1d[0]),0,0,0)
    cf_diffdays = np.zeros(len(yr_1d))
    ymd_arr = np.empty(len(yr_1d))
    for dd in range(len(yr_1d)):
        loopdate = datetime.datetime(int(yr_1d[dd]),int(mth_1d[dd]),int(day_1d[dd]),0,0,0)
        cf_diffdays[dd] = (loopdate - rdate).days
        ymd_arr[dd] = yr_1d[dd]+mth_1d[dd]+day_1d[dd]

    nc = nc4.Dataset(wr_full_outfile, 'w')
    nc.createDimension('time', len(mth))
    nc.Conventions = "CF-1.7"
    nc.title = "Weather Regime Classification"
    nc.institution = "NCAR DTCenter"
    nc.source = "Weather Regime METplus use-case"

    ncti = nc.createVariable('time','d',('time'))
    nc.variables['time'].long_name = "time"
    nc.variables['time'].standard_name = "time"
    nc.variables['time'].units = "days since "+rdate.strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S')
    nc.variables['time'].calendar = "gregorian"

    ncdate = nc.createVariable('date','i',('time'))
    nc.variables['date'].long_name = "date YYYYMMDD"

    ncnum = nc.createVariable('wrnum','i',('time'),fill_value=-9999.0)
    nc.variables['wrnum'].long_name = "weather_regime_number"

    ncti[:] = cf_diffdays
    ncdate[:] = ymd_arr
    ncnum[:] = wrc_1d
    nc.close()

# text file
if self.wr_outfile_type=='text':
    wr_full_outfile = self.wr_outfile_dir+'/'+self.wr_outfile+'.txt'

    if os.path.isfile(wr_full_outfile):
        os.remove(wr_full_outfile)

    otdata = np.array([yr_1d, mth_1d, day_1d, wrc_1d])
    otdata = otdata.T

    with open(wr_full_outfile, 'w+') as datafile_id:

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        np.savetxt(datafile_id, otdata, fmt=['%6s', '%3s', '%4s', '%6s'], header='Year Month Day_
↪WeatherRegime')

```

```

        return input, self.wrnum, perc

```

```

import os
import netCDF4
import numpy as np
from metplus.util import pre_run_setup, config_metplus, get_start_end_interval_times, get_lead_
↪sequence
from metplus.util import get_skip_times, skip_time, is_loop_by_init, ti_calculate, do_string_sub

```

```

def parse_steps(config_list):

```

```

    steps_config_part_fcst = [s for s in config_list if "FCST_STEPS" in s]
    steps_list_fcst = []

```

```

    steps_config_part_obs = [s for s in config_list if "OBS_STEPS" in s]
    steps_list_obs = []

```

```

    # Setup the Steps

```

```

    if steps_config_part_fcst:
        steps_param_fcst = steps_config_part_fcst[0].split("=")[1]
        steps_list_fcst = steps_param_fcst.split("+")
        config_list.remove(steps_config_part_fcst[0])

```

```

    if steps_config_part_obs:
        steps_param_obs = steps_config_part_obs[0].split("=")[1]
        steps_list_obs = steps_param_obs.split("+")
        config_list.remove(steps_config_part_obs[0])

```

```

    config = pre_run_setup(config_list)
    if not steps_config_part_fcst:
        steps_param_fcst = config.getstr('config', 'FCST_STEPS', '')
        steps_list_fcst = steps_param_fcst.split("+")
    if not steps_config_part_obs:
        steps_param_obs = config.getstr('config', 'OBS_STEPS', '')
        steps_list_obs = steps_param_obs.split("+")

```

```

    return steps_list_fcst, steps_list_obs, config_list

```

```

def find_input_files(inconfig, use_init, intemplate, secondtemplate=''):
    loop_time, end_time, time_interval = get_start_end_interval_times(inconfig)
    skip_times = get_skip_times(inconfig)

    start_mth = loop_time.strftime('%m')
    template = inconfig.gettraw('config', intemplate)
    if secondtemplate:
        template2 = inconfig.gettraw('config', secondtemplate)
        file_list2 = []

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```

file_list = []
yr_list = []
mth_list = []
day_list = []
yr_full_list = []
if use_init:
    timname = 'init'
else:
    timname = 'valid'
input_dict = {}
input_dict['loop_by'] = timname
pmth = start_mth
while loop_time <= end_time:
    lead_seq = get_lead_sequence(inconfig)
    for ls in lead_seq:
        new_time = loop_time + ls
        input_dict[timname] = loop_time
        input_dict['lead'] = ls

        outtimestuff = ti_calculate(input_dict)
        if skip_time(outtimestuff, skip_times):
            continue
        cmth = outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%m')
        filepath = do_string_sub(template, **outtimestuff)
        mth_list.append(cmth)
        day_list.append(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%d'))
        yr_full_list.append(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%Y'))
        if secondtemplate:
            filepath2 = do_string_sub(template2, **outtimestuff)
            if os.path.exists(filepath) and os.path.exists(filepath2):
                file_list.append(filepath)
                file_list2.append(filepath2)
            else:
                file_list.append('')
                file_list2.append('')
        else:
            if os.path.exists(filepath):
                file_list.append(filepath)
            else:
                file_list.append('')

        if (int(cmth) == int(start_mth)) and (int(pmth) != int(start_mth)):
            yr_list.append(int(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%Y')))
            pmth = cmth

    loop_time += time_interval

if secondtemplate:
    file_list = [file_list, file_list2]
yr_list.append(int(outtimestuff['valid'].strftime('%Y')))

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```

if all('' == fn for fn in file_list):
    raise Exception('No input files found as given: '+template)

return file_list, yr_list, mth_list, day_list, yr_full_list

def read_nc_met(infiles,yrlist,invar):

    print("Reading in Data")

    #Find the first non empty file name so I can get the variable sizes
    locin = next(sub for sub in infiles if sub)
    indata = netCDF4.Dataset(locin)
    lats = indata.variables['lat'][:]
    lons = indata.variables['lon'][:]
    invar_arr = indata.variables[invar][:]
    indata.close()

    var_3d = np.empty([len(infiles),len(invar_arr[:,0]),len(invar_arr[0,:])])

    for i in range(0,len(infiles)):

        #Read in the data
        if infiles[i]:
            indata = netCDF4.Dataset(infiles[i])
            new_invar = indata.variables[invar][:]
            init_time_str = indata.variables[invar].getncattr('init_time')
            valid_time_str = indata.variables[invar].getncattr('valid_time')
            indata.close()
        else:
            new_invar = np.empty((1,len(var_3d[0,:,0]),len(var_3d[0,0,:])),dtype=np.float)
            new_invar[:] = np.nan
            var_3d[i,:,:] = new_invar

    yr = np.array(yrlist)
    if len(var_3d[:,0,0])%float(len(yrlist)) != 0:
        lowval = int(len(var_3d[:,0,0])/float(len(yrlist)))
        newarrlen = (lowval+1) * float(len(yrlist))
        arrexpr = int(newarrlen - len(var_3d[:,0,0]))
        arrfill = np.empty((arrexpr,len(var_3d[0,:,0]),len(var_3d[0,0,:])),dtype=np.float)
        arrfill[:] = np.nan
        var_3d = np.append(var_3d,arrfill,axis=0)
    sdim = len(var_3d[:,0,0])/float(len(yrlist))
    var_4d = np.reshape(var_3d,[len(yrlist),int(sdim),len(var_3d[0,:,0]),len(var_3d[0,0,:])])

    return var_4d,lats,lons,yr

```

### 5.2.9.6.9 Running METplus

This use case is run in the following ways:

- 1) Passing in UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_WeatherRegime.py then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
master_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_WeatherRegime.py -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in UserScript\_obsERA\_obsOnly\_WeatherRegime.py:

```
master_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsERA_obsOnly_WeatherRegime.py
```

The following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

### 5.2.9.6.10 Expected Output

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in model\_applications/s2s/WeatherRegime (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain output for the steps requested. This may include the regridded data, daily averaged files, and a weather regime output file. In addition, output elbow, EOF, and Kmeans weather regime plots can be generated. The location of these output plots can be specified as WR\_OUTPUT\_DIR. If it is not specified, plots will be sent to model\_applications/s2s/WeatherRegime/plots (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**).

#### 5.2.9.6.11 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/s2s-OBS\_ERA\_weather\_regime.png'

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**Note:** [RegridDataPlaneUseCase](#), [PCPCCombineUseCase](#), [S2SAppUseCase](#), [NetCDFFileUseCase](#), [GRIB2FileUseCase](#),

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.9.7 UserScript: Make a Cross Spectra plot

model\_applications/ s2s/ UserScript\_obsPrecip\_obsOnly\_CrossSpectraPlot.py

##### 5.2.9.7.1 Scientific Objective

This use case calls the METplotpy space time plot to create a sample cross spectra diagram using sample data created by METcalcpy cross spectra functions

The space time plot and cross spectra calculations were created by Maria Gehne at the Physical Sciences Laboratory in NOAA

##### 5.2.9.7.2 Datasets

##### 5.2.9.7.3 METplus Components

This use case runs the UserScript wrapper tool to run a user provided script, in this case, cross\_spectra\_plot.py.

##### 5.2.9.7.4 METplus Workflow

This use case does not loop but plots the entire time period of data

UserScript

##### 5.2.9.7.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/s2s/UserScript\_obsPrecip\_obsOnly\_CrossSpectraPlot.conf

```
[config]

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = REALTIME

# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# BBlank for this usecase but the parameter still needs to be there
VALID_BEG =

# BBlank for this usecase but the parameter still needs to be there
VALID_END =

# BBlank for this usecase but the parameter still needs to be there
VALID_INCREMENT =

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ =

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = processes

PROCESS_LIST = UserScript

USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE

USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_
↳CrossSpectraPlot/cross_spectra_plot.py

[user_env_vars]

# Difficulty index specific variables

LOG_FILE = "cross_spectra_plot.log"
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LOG_LEVEL = "INFO"

INPUT_FILE_NAMES = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_CrossSpectraPlot/
↳SpaceTimeSpectra ERAI_P_D200_symm_2spd.nc,{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsPrecip_
↳obsOnly_CrossSpectraPlot/SpaceTimeSpectra ERAI_TRMM_P_symm_2spd.nc,{INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/
↳s2s/UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_CrossSpectraPlot/SpaceTimeSpectra ERAI_P_D850_symm_2spd.nc

METPLOTPY_BASE = {METPLUS_BASE}/METplotpy/metplotpy/

YAML_CONFIG_NAME = {METPLUS_BASE}/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_
↳CrossSpectraPlot/spectra_plot.yaml

OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/plots/

```

#### 5.2.9.7.6 MET Configuration

There are no MET tools used in this use case.

#### 5.2.9.7.7 Python Embedding

There is no python embedding in this use case

#### 5.2.9.7.8 Python Scripts

This use case uses a Python script to perform plotting

```

#!/usr/bin/env python3

"""
This is an example script for plotting cross spectral components. The script reads in output files_
↳computed
by the example_cross_spectra.py script and uses the plotly plotting routines in spacetime_plot.py to_
↳generate
a panel plot of coherence spectra.
"""

import numpy as np
import os
import xarray as xr

import metplotpy.contributed.spacetime_plot.spacetime_plot as stp
import metcalcpy.util.read_env_vars_in_config as readconfig

# Read in the YAML config file
# user can use their own, if none specified at the command line,
# use the "default" example YAML config file, spectra_plot_coh2.py

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# Using a custom YAML reader so we can use environment variables
plot_config_file = os.getenv("YAML_CONFIG_NAME", "spectra_plot.yaml")

config_dict = readconfig.parse_config(plot_config_file)

# Retrieve settings from config file
# pathdata is now set in the METplus conf file
# pathdata = config_dict['pathdata'][0]
plotpath = config_dict['plotpath'][0]
print("Output path ", plotpath)

# plot layout parameters
flim = 0.5 # maximum frequency in cpd for plotting
nWavePlt = 20 # maximum wavenumber for plotting
contourmin = 0.1 # contour minimum
contourmax = 0.8 # contour maximum
contourspace = 0.1 # contour spacing
N = [1, 2] # wave modes for plotting
source = ""
spd = 2

symmetry = "symm" #("symm", "asymm", "latband")
filenames = os.environ.get("INPUT_FILE_NAMES", "ERA1_TRMM_P_symm, ERA1_P_D850_symm, ERA1_P_D200_symm").
↳ split(",")
# filenames = ['ERA1_TRMM_P_symm_'+str(spd)+'spd',
#             'ERA1_P_D850_symm_'+str(spd)+'spd',
#             'ERA1_P_D200_symm_'+str(spd)+'spd']
vars1 = ['ERA1 P', 'ERA1 P', 'ERA1 P']
vars2 = ['TRMM', 'ERA1 D850', 'ERA1 D200']
nplot = len(vars1)

for pp in np.arange(0, nplot, 1):

    # read data from file
    var1 = vars1[pp]
    var2 = vars2[pp]
    print("Filename ", filenames[pp])
    fin = xr.open_dataset(filenames[pp])
    STC = fin['STC'][:, :, :]
    wnum = fin['wnum']
    freq = fin['freq']

    ifreq = np.where((freq[:] >= 0) & (freq[:] <= flim))
    iwave = np.where(abs(wnum[:]) <= nWavePlt)

    STC[:, freq[:] == 0, :] = 0.
    STC = STC.sel(wnum=slice(-nWavePlt, nWavePlt))
    STC = STC.sel(freq=slice(0, flim))
    coh2 = np.squeeze(STC[4, :, :])
    phs1 = np.squeeze(STC[6, :, :])
    phs2 = np.squeeze(STC[7, :, :])
    phs1.where(coh2 <= contourmin, drop=True)

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phs2.where(coh2 <= contourmin, drop=True)
pow1 = np.squeeze(STC[0, :, :])
pow2 = np.squeeze(STC[1, :, :])
pow1.where(pow1 <= 0, drop=True)
pow2.where(pow2 <= 0, drop=True)

if pp == 0:
    Coh2 = np.empty([nplot, len(freq[ifreq]), len(wnum[iwave])])
    Phs1 = np.empty([nplot, len(freq[ifreq]), len(wnum[iwave])])
    Phs2 = np.empty([nplot, len(freq[ifreq]), len(wnum[iwave])])
    Pow1 = np.empty([nplot, len(freq[ifreq]), len(wnum[iwave])])
    Pow2 = np.empty([nplot, len(freq[ifreq]), len(wnum[iwave])])
    k = wnum[iwave]
    w = freq[ifreq]

    Coh2[pp, :, :] = coh2
    Phs1[pp, :, :] = phs1
    Phs2[pp, :, :] = phs2
    Pow1[pp, :, :] = np.log10(pow1)
    Pow2[pp, :, :] = np.log10(pow2)

    phstmp = Phs1
    phstmp = np.square(Phs1) + np.square(Phs2)
    phstmp = np.where(phstmp == 0, np.nan, phstmp)
    scl_one = np.sqrt(1 / phstmp)
    Phs1 = scl_one * Phs1
    Phs2 = scl_one * Phs2

# create output directory if it does not exist
if not os.path.exists(plotpath):
    print(f"Creating output directory: {plotpath}")
    os.makedirs(plotpath)

# plot coherence
stp.plot_coherence(Coh2, Phs1, Phs2, symmetry, source, vars1, vars2, plotpath, flim, 20, contourmin,
    ↪ contourmax,
                    contourspace, nplot, N)

# check if output file exists since plotting function
# doesn't return an error code on failure
expected_file = os.path.join(plotpath,
    'SpaceTimeCoherence_.png')
if not os.path.exists(expected_file):
    print(f"ERROR: Could not create output file: {expected_file}")
    sys.exit(1)

```

### 5.2.9.7.9 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

1) Passing in `UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_CrossSpectraPlot.conf`, then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py \  
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_  
↪CrossSpectraPlot.conf \  
-c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_CrossSpectraPlot.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py \  
-c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/s2s/UserScript_obsPrecip_obsOnly_  
↪CrossSpectraPlot.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

and for the `[exe]` section, you will need to define the location of NON-MET executables. If the executable is in the user's path, METplus will find it from the name. If the executable is not in the path, specify the full path to the executable here (i.e. `RM = /bin/rm`) The following executables are required for performing series analysis use cases:

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y  
  
[exe]  
RM = /path/to/rm  
CUT = /path/to/cut  
TR = /path/to/tr  
NCAP2 = /path/to/ncap2  
CONVERT = /path/to/convert  
NCDUMP = /path/to/ncdump
```

#### 5.2.9.7.10 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.

#### 5.2.9.7.11 Keywords

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**Note:** [UserScriptUseCase](#), [S2SAppUseCase](#),

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/UserScript\_obsPrecip\_obsOnly\_CrossSpectraPlot.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.10 Space Weather

Upper atmosphere and geospace model configurations

#### 5.2.10.1 GenVxMask: Solar Altitude

model\_applications/space\_weather/GenVxMask\_fcstGloTEC\_solar\_altitude.conf

##### 5.2.10.1.1 Overview

This use case illustrates the use of the `gen_vx_mask` tool for the space weather domain. It creates a mask for region where the solar altitude angle is less than 45 degrees (low sun angle or sun below the horizon), only letting data through for the region where the sun is high in the sky (i.e., solar altitude angle greater than 45 degrees).

In this use case, the input data is the GloTEC model run assimilated with COSMIC-1 RO data.

This use case runs `gen_vx_mask` for a couple forecast times from a space weather event known as the St. Patrick's Day Storm (Mar 17, 2015).

##### Novel aspects of this use case:

- First example use case to run `gen_vx_mask` on a space weather model (GloTEC)
- Example of how to run `gen_vx_mask` on NetCDF input data which do not strictly conform to the Climate Forecasts (CF) conventions
- Example of constructing a mask based on the solar altitude angle.
- Changing the mask condition to `solar alt <= 0` will mask out the night region.
- Changing the mask condition to `solar alt > 0` will mask the day region.

Background: The solar altitude angle is the angle of the sun relative to the Earth's horizon, and is measured in degrees. The altitude is zero at sunrise and sunset, and can reach a maximum of 90 degrees (directly overhead) at noon at latitudes near the equator. [Source: <https://sciencing.com/solar-altitude-23364.html>]

#### 5.2.10.1.2 Scientific Objective

Creating masking region files to be used by other MET tools. This use case applies a solar altitude mask (solar altitude restriction) to the input grid, creating a separate masked output file for each time level of the input file.

#### 5.2.10.1.3 Datasets

**Input Grid:** GloTEC

**Masks:** Solar altitude

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the sample data tarball.

Click here to download:

[https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases/download/v3.0/sample\\_data-space\\_weather-3.0.tgz](https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases/download/v3.0/sample_data-space_weather-3.0.tgz)

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 1080) section for more information.

**Data source:** NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC)

**Data contact:** Dominic Fuller-Rowell ([dominic.fuller-rowell@noaa.gov](mailto:dominic.fuller-rowell@noaa.gov))

#### 5.2.10.1.4 METplus Use Case Contact

**Author:** Jonathan L. Vigh (National Center for Atmospheric Research / Research Applications Laboratory / Joint Numerical Testbed)

**Last modified:** 26 May 2020

#### 5.2.10.1.5 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GenVxMask wrapper to generate a command to run the MET tool GenVx-Mask if all required files are found.

### 5.2.10.1.6 METplus Workflow

GenVxMask is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run time:

**Init:** 2015-03-17 0005Z

**Forecast lead:** 0

**Init:** 2015-03-17 0015Z

**Forecast lead:** 0

The input file is read to define the output grid. Then the solar altitude angle specified with the `-thresh` argument is applied to the input file, creating the output file.

### 5.2.10.1.7 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/space_weather/GenVxMask_fcstGloTEC_FcstOnly_solar_altitude.conf`

```
# GenVxMask METplus Configuration for the GenVxMask_glotec_solar_altitude space weather use case:
#   Creating masks based on the solar altitude angle for GloTEC model data (id: vx12)
#
# Author: Jonathan Vigh (NCAR/RAL/JNTP)
#
# Description: This use case illustrates the use of the gen_vx_mask tool for the space weather domain.
#              It creates a mask for region where the solar altitude angle is less than 45 degrees
#              (low sun angle or sun below the horizon), only letting data through for the region
#              where the sun is high in the sky (i.e., solar altitude angle greater than 45 degrees).
#
#              In this use case, the input data is the GloTEC model run assimilated with COSMIC-1 RO_
↪data.
#
#              This use case runs gen_vx_mask for a couple forecast times from a
#              space weather event known as the St. Patricks Day Storm (Mar 17, 2015).
#
#              Novel aspects of this use case:
#              - First example use case to run gen_vx_mask on a space weather model (GloTEC)
#              - Example of how to run gen_vx_mask on NetCDF input data which do not strictly_
↪conform to the
#                  Climate Forecasts (CF) conventions
#              - Example of constructing a mask based on the solar altitude angle.
#              - Changing the mask condition to solar alt <= 0 will mask out the night region.
#              - Changing the mask condition to solar alt > 0 will mask the day region.
#
#              Background: The solar altitude angle is the angle of the sun relative to the Earth's_
↪horizon,
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```

#           and is measured in degrees. The altitude is zero at sunrise and sunset, and can reach
↪a
#           maximum of 90 degrees (directly overhead) at noon at latitudes near the equator.
#           [Source: https://sciencing.com/solar-altitude-23364.html]
#

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]
## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.

# List of applications to run - only GenVxMask for this case
PROCESS_LIST = GenVxMask

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 201503170005

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 201503170015

# Just run the first two time points for this use case example
# replace with 201503172355 process the entire day

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 600

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# The above configuration will loop by valid time in increments of
#   VALID_INCREMENT from VALID_BEG to VALID_END. Since LEAD_SEQ is set to 0,
#   it will not loop over any forecast lead times.
# This will run:
#   Valid: 2015-03-17_0005Z Forecast lead: 0
#           to 2015-03-17_0055Z Forecast lead: 0

```

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```

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for GenVxMask only
LOG_GEN_VX_MASK_VERBOSITY = 2

GEN_VX_MASK_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = False

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds if no units are specified) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
GEN_VX_MASK_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
GEN_VX_MASK_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# Command line arguments to add to the call to gen_vx_mask
GEN_VX_MASK_OPTIONS = -type solar_alt -thresh 'le45' -name TEC_with_solar_altitude_angle_le_45_masked_
↳{valid?fmt=%Y_%m_%d_%H%M} -input_field 'name="TEC"; level="{valid?fmt=%Y_%m_%d_%H%M%S},*,*"; file_
↳type=NETCDF_NCCF;' -mask_field 'name="TEC"; level="{valid?fmt=%Y_%m_%d_%H%M%S},*,*"; file_
↳type=NETCDF_NCCF;'

[filename_templates]

# Template to look for input to GenVxMask relative to GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_DIR
GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_TEMPLATE = GloTEC_TEC_{valid?fmt=%Y_%m_%d}_cosmic.nc

GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_MASK_TEMPLATE = GloTEC_TEC_{valid?fmt=%Y_%m_%d}_cosmic.nc

# Template to use to write output from GenVxMask
GEN_VX_MASK_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = GloTEC_TEC_solar_altitude_le_45_masked_{valid?fmt=%Y_%m_%d_%H%M}.nc

[dir]

# Input/Output directories can be left empty if the corresponding template contains the full path to_
↳the files
GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/space_weather/glotec_vs_glotec/GLO_20190422_
↳with_cosmic

GEN_VX_MASK_INPUT_MASK_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/space_weather/glotec_vs_glotec/GLO_
↳20190422_with_cosmic

GEN_VX_MASK_OUTPUT_DIR={OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/space_weather/GenVxMask_glotec_solar_altitude

```

#### 5.2.10.1.8 MET Configuration

None. GenVxMask does not use configuration files.

#### 5.2.10.1.9 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in the use case config file then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/space_weather/GenVxMask_  
↪fcstGloTEC_FcstOnly_solar_altitude.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in the use case config file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/space_weather/GenVxMask_  
↪fcstGloTEC_FcstOnly_solar_altitude.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]  
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data  
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir  
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.10.1.10 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in model\_applications/space\_weather/GenVxMask\_fcstGloTEC\_solar\_altitude (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- GloTEC\_TEC\_solar\_altitude\_le\_45\_masked\_2015\_03\_17\_0005.nc



- GloTEC\_TEC\_solar\_altitude\_le\_45\_masked\_2015\_03\_17\_0015.nc

#### 5.2.10.1.11 Keywords

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**Note:** [GenVxMaskToolUseCase](#), [SpaceWeatherAppUseCase](#), [NOAASWPCOrgUseCase](#), [MaskingFeatureUseCase](#),

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/space\_weather-GenVxMask\_fcstGloTEC\_solar\_altitude.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.10.2 Grid-Stat: Analysis validation

GridStat\_fcstGloTEC\_obsGloTEC\_vx7.conf

##### 5.2.10.2.1 Overview

This use case illustrates the use of grid\_stat tool for the space weather domain. It compares Total Electron Content for a GloTEC model run initialized with COSMIC-1 radio occultation (RO) data to a GloTEC model run without such data.

In this use case, the forecast is considered to be the run without COSMIC-1 RO data. The observations are considered to be the run with COSMIC-1 RO data.

This use case runs grid\_stat for the first two forecast times of a space weather event known as the St. Patrick's Day Storm (Mar 17, 2015).

Novel aspects of this use case:

- This is the first example use case to run grid\_stat on a space weather model (GloTEC)
- Example of how to run with NetCDF input data which do not strictly conform to the Climate Forecasts (CF) conventions
- Example of using masks covering latitudinal bands of interest to the space weather community: equatorial region, mid-latitude region, and polar region
- Example of masking using the values of a quality flag which vary at each time step and grid point

#### 5.2.10.2.2 Scientific Objective

Compare gridded forecast data from a run of the GloTEC model that includes assimilation of COSMIC-1 radio occultation (RO) observations to gridded forecast data from a GloTEC model run that does not include COSMIC-1 RO data.

#### 5.2.10.2.3 Datasets

**Forecast:** GloTEC Total Electron Content (TEC) model run without assimilation of any COSMIC-1 RO data

**Observation:** GloTEC TEC model run that assimilates COSMIC-1 RO data

**Location:** Click here for the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release: <https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 1091) section for more information.

**Data source:** NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC)

**Data contact:** Dominic Fuller-Rowell ([dominic.fuller-rowell@noaa.gov](mailto:dominic.fuller-rowell@noaa.gov))

#### 5.2.10.2.4 METplus Use Case Contact

**Author:** Jonathan L. Vigh (National Center for Atmospheric Research / Research Applications Laboratory / Joint Numerical Testbed)

**Last modified:** 06 February 2020

#### 5.2.10.2.5 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus GridStat wrapper to search for files that are valid at a given run time and generate a command to run the MET tool grid\_stat if all required files are found.

#### 5.2.10.2.6 METplus Workflow

GridStat is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2015-03-17 0005Z

**Forecast lead:** 0

**Init:** 2015-03-17 0015Z

**Forecast lead:** 0

### 5.2.10.2.7 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/space_weather/GridStat_fcstGloTEC_obsGloTEC_vx7.conf`

```
# GridStat METplus Configuration for the glotec_vs_glotec space weather use case:
#   GloTEC initialized with and without COSMIC-1 RO data (id: vx7)
#
# Author: Jonathan Vigh (NCAR/RAL/JNTP)
#
# Description: This use case illustrates the use of grid_stat tool for the space weather domain.
#              It compares Total Electron Content for a GloTEC model run initialized with COSMIC-1
#              radio occultation (RO) data to a GloTEC model run without such data.
#
#              In this use case, the forecast is considered to be the run without COSMIC-1 RO data.
#              The observations are considered to be the run with COSMIC-1 RO data.
#
#              This use case runs grid_stat for all of the forecast times for one day for a
#              space weather event known as the St. Patricks Day Storm (Mar 17, 2015).
#
#              Novel aspects of this use case:
#              - First example use case to run grid_stat on a space weather model (GloTEC)
#              - Example of how to run with NetCDF input data which do not strictly conform to the
#                Climate Forecasts (CF) conventions
#              - Example of using masks covering latitudinal bands of interest to the space weather.
↪community:
#               equatorial region, mid-latitude region, and polar region
#
#               - Example of masking using the value of a quality flag at each time step and grid.
↪point
#
#
# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# Masking poly for GridStat
MODEL_FILE={FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR}/{FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE}
MODEL_LEVEL=({valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S},*,*)
MASK_DIR={INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/space_weather/glotec_vs_glotec/masks
GRID_STAT_MASK_POLY = {MODEL_FILE} {name = "quality_flag"; level = "{MODEL_LEVEL}"; file_type=NETCDF_
↪NCCF; } ==0, {MODEL_FILE} {name = "quality_flag"; level = "{MODEL_LEVEL}"; file_type=NETCDF_NCCF; }_
↪==1, {MODEL_FILE} {name = "quality_flag"; level = "{MODEL_LEVEL}"; file_type=NETCDF_NCCF; } ==2,
↪{MODEL_FILE} {name = "quality_flag"; level = "{MODEL_LEVEL}"; file_type=NETCDF_NCCF; } ==3, {MODEL_
↪FILE} {name = "quality_flag"; level = "{MODEL_LEVEL}"; file_type=NETCDF_NCCF; } ==4, {MODEL_FILE}
↪{name = "quality_flag"; level = "{MODEL_LEVEL}"; file_type=NETCDF_NCCF; } ==5, {MASK_DIR}/EQUATORIAL.
↪nc, {MASK_DIR}/MIDLATITUDE.nc, {MASK_DIR}/POLAR.nc

# List of applications to run - only GridStat for this case
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat
```

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# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of VALID_BEG and VALID_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H%M

# Start time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 201503170005

# End time for METplus run - must match VALID_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 201503170015
# Just run the first two time points for this use case example
# replace with 201503172355 process the entire day

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 600

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
LEAD_SEQ = 0

# The above configuration will loop by valid time in increments of
# VALID_INCREMENT from VALID_BEG to VALID_END. Since LEAD_SEQ is set to 0,
# it will not loop over any forecast lead times.
# This will run:
# Valid: 2015-03-17_0005Z Forecast lead: 0
#       to 2015-03-17_0055Z Forecast lead: 0

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
# increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
# been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for GridStat only
#LOG_GRID_STAT_VERBOSITY = 2

# Location of MET config file to pass to the GridStat
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/GridStatConfig_wrapped

# Override MET config file settings for this use case

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GRID_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES = file_type = NETCDF_NCCF;

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTC = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MCTS = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CNT = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT

GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_CLIMO = FALSE
GRID_STAT_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_APPLY_MASK = FALSE

# Name to identify model (forecast) data in output
MODEL = GloTEC_without_cosmic

# Name to identify observation data in output (used in output file path)
OBTYP = GloTEC_with_cosmic

# List of variables to compare in GridStat - FCST_VAR1 variables correspond
# to OBS_VAR1 variables

# Name of forecast variable 1
BOTH_VAR1_NAME = TEC

# List of levels to evaluate for forecast variable 1
# NOTE: this uses the new capability in METplus v3.0 to specify levels with valid time
# Previously, a user would have had to provide a list, such as:
# FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = "(20150317_000500,*,*)", "(20150317_001500,*,*)", "( 20150317_002500,*,*)", "( _
→20150317_003500,*,*)", "( 20150317_004500,*,*)"
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = "({valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S},*,*)"

# NOTE that if the values do not match exactly, one can specify a time offset, as follows:
#FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = "({valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S?shift=5M},*,*)"

# List of thresholds to evaluate for each name/level combination for
# forecast variable 1
# Not used for this example
#FCST_VAR1_THRESH = gt10.0, gt20.0, gt30.0, gt40.0

# Name of observation variable 1 (this is specified in the GridStat.conf file)
# Not used for this example
#OBS_VAR1_NAME = APCP_03

# List of levels to evaluate for observation variable 1
# (*,*) is NetCDF notation - must include quotes around these values!
# must be the same length as FCST_VAR1_LEVELS
# Not used for this example
#OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = "(*,*)"

# List of thresholds to evaluate for each name/level combination for
# forecast variable 1 - must be the same length as FCST_VAR1_THRESH
# Not used for this example

```

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```

#OBS_VAR1_THRESH = gt10.0, gt20.0, gt30.0, gt40.0

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
# Not used in this example.
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
OBS_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# MET GridStat neighborhood values
# See the MET User's Guide GridStat section for more information

# width value passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH = 1

# shape value passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_SHAPE = SQUARE

# Set to true to run GridStat separately for each field specified
# Set to false to create one run of GridStat per run time that
# includes all fields specified.
# Not used for this example
GRID_STAT_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Only used if FCST_IS_PROB is true - sets probabilistic threshold
# Not used for this example
FCST_GRID_STAT_PROB_THRESH = ==0.1

# Set to true if observation data is probabilistic
# Only used if configuring forecast data as the 'OBS' input
OBS_IS_PROB = false

# Only used if OBS_IS_PROB is true - sets probabilistic threshold
# Not used for this example
OBS_GRID_STAT_PROB_THRESH = ==0.1

# Output prefix set in grid_stat config file
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX={MODEL}-vx7_{CURRENT_OBS_NAME}_vs_{OBTTYPE}

GRID_STAT_DESC = vx7

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# directory containing forecast input to GridStat
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/space_weather/glotec_vs_glotec/GLO_
→20190422_without_cosmic

```

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```

# directory containing observation input to GridStat
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/space_weather/glotec_vs_glotec/GLO_20190422_
↳with_cosmic

# directory containing climatology input to GridStat
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/space_weather/glotec_vs_glotec

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for forecast input to GridStat relative to FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = GloTEC_TEC_{valid?fmt=%Y_%m_%d}.nc

# Template to look for observation input to GridStat relative to OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = GloTEC_TEC_{valid?fmt=%Y_%m_%d}_cosmic.nc

# Optional subdirectories relative to GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {valid?fmt=%Y_%m_%d}

# Template to look for climatology input to GridStat relative to GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Used to specify one or more verification mask files for GridStat
# Not used for this example
GRID_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE =

```

#### 5.2.10.2.8 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [GridStat MET Configuration](#) (page 97) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.

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```

//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh      = [];
censor_val         = [];
cat_thresh         = [];
cnt_thresh         = [ NA ];
cnt_logic          = UNION;
wind_thresh        = [ NA ];
wind_logic         = UNION;
eclv_points        = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag     = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}

```

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```

    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
    ${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Data smoothing methods

```

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```

//
//interp = {
  ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
  field      = BOTH;
  // shape =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
  // width =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
  // cov_thresh =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
  vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
  wave_1d_beg = [];
  wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {
  baddeley_p      = 2;
  baddeley_max_dist = NA;
  fom_alpha       = 0.1;
}

```

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```

    zhu_weight      = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.10.2.9 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstGloTEC\_obsGloTEC\_vx7.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/space_weather/GridStat_
↳fcstGloTEC_obsGloTEC_vx7.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstGloTEC\_obsGloTEC\_vx7.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/space_weather/GridStat_
↳fcstGloTEC_obsGloTEC_vx7.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in

parm/use\_cases

- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.10.2.10 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in space\_weather/glotec\_vs\_glotec/output\_data/2015\_03\_17 (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- grid\_stat\_GloTEC\_without\_cosmic-vx7\_TEC\_vs\_GloTEC\_with\_cosmic\_000000L\_20150317\_000500V\_pairs.nc
- grid\_stat\_GloTEC\_without\_cosmic-vx7\_TEC\_vs\_GloTEC\_with\_cosmic\_000000L\_20150317\_001500V\_pairs.nc
- grid\_stat\_GloTEC\_without\_cosmic-vx7\_TEC\_vs\_GloTEC\_with\_cosmic\_000000L\_20150317\_000500V.stat
- grid\_stat\_GloTEC\_without\_cosmic-vx7\_TEC\_vs\_GloTEC\_with\_cosmic\_000000L\_20150317\_001500V.stat

#### 5.2.10.2.11 Keywords

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**Note:** [GridStatToolUseCase](#), [SpaceWeatherAppUseCase](#), [NOAASWPCOrgUseCase](#), [CustomStringLoopingUseCase](#), [MaskingFeatureUseCase](#), [ValidationUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

### 5.2.11 Tropical Cyclone and Extra Tropical Cyclone

Any field that is associated with Tropical Cyclone and Extra-tropical Cyclones

#### 5.2.11.1 TCRMW: Hurricane Gonzalo

model\_applications/tc\_and\_extra\_tc/TCRMW\_fcstGFS\_fcstOnly\_gonzolo.conf

##### 5.2.11.1.1 Scientific Objective

The TC-RMW tool regrid tropical cyclone model data onto a moving range-azimuth grid centered on points along the storm track. This capability replicates the NOAA Hurricane Research Division DIA-Post module.

##### 5.2.11.1.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** GFS GRIB2

**Track:** A Deck

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the tc\_and\_extra\_tc sample data tarball. Click [here](https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases) to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 1099) section for more information.

##### 5.2.11.1.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus TCRMW wrapper to search for the desired ADECK file and forecast files that correspond to the track. It generates a command to run the MET tool TC-RMW if all required files are found.

##### 5.2.11.1.4 METplus Workflow

TCRMW is the only tool called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Init:** 2014-10-13 12Z

**Forecast lead:** 0, 6, 12, 18, and 24 hour

### 5.2.11.1.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/TCRMW_fcstGFS_fcstOnly_gonzalo.conf`

```
# TCRMW Gonzalo - METplus Configuration

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# List of applications to run - only TCRMW for this case
PROCESS_LIST = TCRMW

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = INIT

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_BEG = 2014101312

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
INIT_END = 2014101312

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 6H

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
# begin_end_incr(x,y,z) expands to a list where
# x = begin, y = end (inclusive), and z = increment between each value
#LEAD_SEQ = begin_end_incr(0, 126, 6)
LEAD_SEQ = begin_end_incr(0, 24, 6)

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
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```

# specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
# wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times

# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for TCRMW only
LOG_TC_RMW_VERBOSITY = 3

# Location of MET config file to pass to TCRMW
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
TC_RMW_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/TCRMWConfig_wrapped

# type of data used for input to TCRMW data dictionary
# The value set here will be used to add 'data_type = <value>;'
# If this option is removed/commented out/empty, nothing will be set
TC_RMW_INPUT_DATATYPE = GRIB2

MODEL = HCLT

# list of pressure values to be referenced by other config variables
# this is not a variable name known to METplus, but added to avoid repeating values
PRESSURE_LEVELS = "P1000", "P850", "P700", "P500", "P300", "P200", "P150", "P100"

# List of variables to process in TCRMW
# must use BOTH_ config variables regardless if input is forecast or observation
BOTH_VAR1_NAME = PRMSL
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = L0

BOTH_VAR2_NAME = PRES
BOTH_VAR2_LEVELS = L0

BOTH_VAR3_NAME = TMP
BOTH_VAR3_LEVELS = {PRESSURE_LEVELS}

BOTH_VAR4_NAME = RH
BOTH_VAR4_LEVELS = {PRESSURE_LEVELS}

BOTH_VAR5_NAME = UGRD
BOTH_VAR5_LEVELS = {PRESSURE_LEVELS}

BOTH_VAR5_NAME = VGRD
BOTH_VAR5_LEVELS = {PRESSURE_LEVELS}

# The following variables set MET configuration variables of the same name,
# i.e. TC_RMW_BASIN sets basin, TC_RMW_STORM_NAME sets storm_name, etc.
TC_RMW_BASIN =

TC_RMW_STORM_ID =

TC_RMW_CYCLONE =

# Regrid options in TCRMW config file
# If these options are removed/commented out/empty, they will use

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```
# the values from default MET config file
TC_RMW_REGRID_METHOD = BILIN

TC_RMW_REGRID_WIDTH = 2

TC_RMW_REGRID_VLD_THRESH = 0.5

TC_RMW_REGRID_SHAPE = SQUARE

# The following variables set values in the MET
# configuration file used by this example
# Leaving these values commented will use the value
# found in the default MET configuration file
#TC_RMW_INIT_INCLUDE =
#TC_RMW_VALID_BEG =
#TC_RMW_VALID_END =
#TC_RMW_VALID_INCLUDE_LIST =
#TC_RMW_VALID_EXCLUDE_LIST =
#TC_RMW_VALID_HOUR_LIST =

# Other TCRMW config file options
# If these options are removed/commented out/empty, they will use
# the values from default MET config file

#TC_RMW_N_RANGE = 100

#TC_RMW_N_AZIMUTH = 180

#TC_RMW_MAX_RANGE_KM = 1000.0

#TC_RMW_DELTA_RANGE_KM = 10.0

#TC_RMW_SCALE = 0.2

#
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# Location of input track data directory
# for DECK data
TC_RMW_DECK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/rmw/adeck

# directory containing input data files
TC_RMW_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/rmw/fcst

# directory to write output files
```

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```

TC_RMW_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/TCRMW_gonzalo

[filename_templates]

# template to use to find DECK files relative to TC_RMW_DECK_INPUT_DIR
TC_RMW_DECK_TEMPLATE = gonzalo08l.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.f00-24.trak.hwrfl.atcfunix.06hr

# template to use to find input files relative to TC_RMW_INPUT_DIR
TC_RMW_INPUT_TEMPLATE = gonzalo08l.subset.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.hwrflprs.core.0p02.f{lead?fmt=%3H}.grb2

# template to use write output files relative to TC_RMW_OUTPUT_DIR
TC_RMW_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = tc_rmw_gonzalo09l.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.nc

```

### 5.2.11.1.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [TCRMW MET Configuration](#) (page 194) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// TC-RMW configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README_TC file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

// The following environment variables set the text if the corresponding
// variables are defined in the METplus config. If not, they are set to
// an empty string, which will cause MET to use the value defined in the
// default configuration file.

${METPLUS_MODEL}

${METPLUS_STORM_ID}
${METPLUS_BASIN}
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}

${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}

```

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```

${METPLUS_VALID_END}
${METPLUS_VALID_INCLUDE_LIST}
${METPLUS_VALID_EXCLUDE_LIST}

${METPLUS_VALID_HOUR_LIST}
${METPLUS_LEAD_LIST}

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
censor_thresh = [];
censor_val     = [];

//
// Data fields
//
data = {
    ${METPLUS_DATA_FILE_TYPE}

    ${METPLUS_DATA_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Regridding options
//
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

//
// Range-Azimuth grid parameters
//
// The following environment variables set the text if the corresponding
// variables are defined in the METplus config. If not, they are set to
// an empty string, which will cause MET to use the value defined in the
// default configuration file.

${METPLUS_N_RANGE}
${METPLUS_N_AZIMUTH}
${METPLUS_MAX_RANGE_KM}
${METPLUS_DELTA_RANGE_KM}
${METPLUS_RMW_SCALE}

////////////////////////////////////

//version = "V10.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

### 5.2.11.1.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in the use case configuration file then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/TCRMW_fcstGFS_
↳fcstOnly_gonzalo.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in use case configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/TCRMW_
↳fcstGFS_fcstOnly_gonzalo.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.2.11.1.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in model\_applications/tc\_and\_extra\_tc/TCRMW\_gonzalo (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- tc\_rmw\_aal142016.nc

#### 5.2.11.1.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [TCRMWToolUseCase](#) [GRIB2FileUseCase](#)

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sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/tc\_and\_extra\_tc-TCRMW\_fcstGFS\_fcstOnly\_gonzolo.png'

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.11.2 Point-Stat: Standard Verification for CONUS Surface

model\_applications/tc\_and\_extra\_tc/UserScript\_ASCII2NC\_PointStat\_fcstHAFS\_obsFRD\_NetCDF.conf

##### 5.2.11.2.1 Scientific Objective

To provide useful statistical information on the relationship between observation data in point format to a gridded forecast. These values can be used to assess the skill of the prediction. Statistics are store as partial sums to save space and Stat-Analysis must be used to compute Continuous statistics.

##### 5.2.11.2.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** HAFS temperature

**Observation:** HRD Dropsonde data

**Location of Model forecast and Dropsonde files:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the sample data tarball. Click [here](#) to download.

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 1112) section for more information.

**Dropsonde Data Source:** [Hurricane Research Division Sonde Archive](#)

##### 5.2.11.2.3 METplus Components

This use case utilizes the METplus ASCII2NC wrapper to convert full-resolution data (frd) dopsonde point observations to NetCDF format and then compare them to gridded forecast data using PointStat.

#### 5.2.11.2.4 METplus Workflow

The use case runs the UserScript wrapper (untar the dropsonde file and extract the files to a directory), ASCII2NC (convert the ascii files to NetCDF format), and PointStat (compute statistics against HAFS model output), which are the tools called in this example. It processes the following run times:

**Valid:** 2019-08-29 12Z

#### 5.2.11.2.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/UserScript_ASCII2NC_PointStat_fcstHAFS_obsFRD_NetCDF.com`

```
[config]

## Configuration-related settings such as the process list, begin and end times, etc.
PROCESS_LIST = UserScript(untar_drop_file), Ascii2nc, PointStat

USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_INIT_OR_VALID
USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/dropsonde/obs
USER_SCRIPT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/dropsonde/obs
USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/UserScript_ASCII2NC_
↳PointStat_fcstHAFS_obsFRD_NetCDF/hrd_frd_sonde_find_tar.py {USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE}

ASCII2NC_INPUT_FORMAT = python
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_FLAG = False
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_RAW_DATA = False
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_BEG = 000000
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_END = 235959
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_STEP = 300
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_WIDTH = 600
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_GRIB_CODES = 11, 204, 211
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VAR_NAMES =
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_TYPES = min, max, range, mean, stdev, median, p80
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_FREQ = 0
ASCII2NC_TIME_SUMMARY_VALID_THRESH = 0.0

## LOOP_ORDER
## Options are: processes, times
## Looping by time- runs all items in the PROCESS_LIST for each
## initialization time and repeats until all times have been evaluated.
## Looping by processes- run each item in the PROCESS_LIST for all
## specified initialization times then repeat for the next item in the
## PROCESS_LIST.
LOOP_ORDER = processes
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```
LOOP_BY = VALID
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
VALID_BEG = 2019082912
VALID_END = 2019082912
VALID_INCREMENT = 21600

LEAD_SEQ = 0,6,12,18

# Logging levels: DEBUG, INFO, WARN, ERROR (most verbose is DEBUG)
LOG_LEVEL = DEBUG

## MET Configuration files for point_stat

# Message types, if all message types are to be returned, leave this empty,
# otherwise indicate the message types of interest.
POINT_STAT_MESSAGE_TYPE = ADPUPA
POINT_STAT_STATION_ID =

# Verification Masking regions
# Indicate which grid and polygon masking region, if applicable
POINT_STAT_GRID = FULL

# List of full path to poly masking files. NOTE: Only short lists of poly
# files work (those that fit on one line), a long list will result in an
# environment variable that is too long, resulting in an error. For long
# lists of poly masking files (i.e. all the mask files in the NCEP_mask
# directory), define these in the MET point_stat configuration file.
POINT_STAT_POLY =

# For both pb2nc and point_stat, the obs_window dictionary:
OBS_WINDOW_BEGIN = -5400
OBS_WINDOW_END = 5400

# Model/fcst and obs name, e.g. GFS, NAM, GDAS, etc.
MODEL = HAFS
OBTYP = drop

# Variables and levels as specified in the field dictionary of the MET
# point_stat configuration file. Specify as FCST_VARn_NAME, FCST_VARn_LEVELS,
# (optional) FCST_VARn_OPTION

BOTH_VAR1_NAME = TMP
BOTH_VAR1_LEVELS = P925-950, P850-800, P700-650

POINT_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/PointStatConfig_wrapped

POINT_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_TIME_INTERP_METHOD = NEAREST

POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_METHOD = BILIN
POINT_STAT_INTERP_TYPE_WIDTH = 2
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POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_VL1L2 = STAT
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_FHO = BOTH
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = BOTH
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = STAT
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CNT = BOTH
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECLV = BOTH
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_MPR = BOTH

# Regrid to specified grid.  Indicate NONE if no regridding, or the grid id
# (e.g. G212)
POINT_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = NONE

LOG_POINT_STAT_VERBOSITY=5

[dir]
TAR_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/dropsonde/obs
FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/dropsonde
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/dropsonde/ascii2nc
ASCII2NC_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/dropsonde/ascii2nc
POINT_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/{OBTTYPE}

[filename_templates]

USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_DIR} {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d} {USER_SCRIPT_OUTPUT_DIR}
ASCII2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = drop{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}.nc
FCST_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = hafs.{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}/dorian05l.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.hafsprs.
↳synoptic.TMP600-900.0p03.f{lead?fmt=%3H}.grb2
OBS_POINT_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = {ASCII2NC_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE}
ASCII2NC_INPUT_TEMPLATE = "{PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/UserScript_
↳ASCII2NC_PointStat_fcstHAFS_obsFRD_NetCDF/hrd_frd_sonde_for_ascii2nc.py {USER_SCRIPT_OUTPUT_DIR}/
↳{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}"

```

Notes for USER\_SCRIPT\* METplus conf items for this use case:

- **`\${USER\_SCRIPT\_RUNTIME\_FREQ}`** - Corresponds to USER\_SCRIPT\_RUNTIME\_FREQ in the METplus configuration file.
- **`\${USER\_SCRIPT\_INPUT\_DIR}`** - Corresponds to USER\_SCRIPT\_INPUT\_DIR in the METplus configuration file.
- **`\${USER\_SCRIPT\_OUTPUT\_DIR}`** - Corresponds to USER\_SCRIPT\_OUTPUT\_DIR in the METplus configuration file.
- **`\${USER\_SCRIPT\_COMMAND}`** - Arguments needed to hrd\_frd\_sonde\_find\_tar.py corresponds to USER\_SCRIPT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE.
- **`\${USER\_SCRIPT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE}`** - Input template to hrd\_frd\_sonde\_find\_tar.py: USER\_SCRIPT\_INPUT\_DIR, valid date (%Y%m%d), and USER\_SCRIPT\_OUTPUT\_DIR.

### 5.2.11.2.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

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#### Ascii2NcConfig\_wrapped

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**Note:** See the [ASCII2NC MET Configuration](#) (page 72) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

---

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default ascii2nc configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// The parameters listed below are used to summarize the ASCII data read in
//
//
// Time periods for the summarization
// obs_var (string array) is added and works like grib_code (int array)
// when the obs name is given instead of grib_code
//
${METPLUS_TIME_SUMMARY_DICT}

//
// Mapping of input little_r report types to output message types
//
message_type_map = [
  { key = "FM-12 SYNOP"; val = "ADPSFC"; },
  { key = "FM-13 SHIP"; val = "SFCSHP"; },
  { key = "FM-15 METAR"; val = "ADPSFC"; },
  { key = "FM-18 BUOY"; val = "SFCSHP"; },
  { key = "FM-281 QSCAT"; val = "ASCATW"; },
  { key = "FM-32 PILOT"; val = "ADPUPA"; },
  { key = "FM-35 TEMP"; val = "ADPUPA"; },
  { key = "FM-88 SATOB"; val = "SATWND"; },
  { key = "FM-97 ACARS"; val = "AIRCFT"; }
];

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
```

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```
//
//version = "V10.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

## PointStatConfig\_wrapped

**Note:** See the [PointStat MET Configuration](#) (page 145) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////
//
// Point-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

/////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// May be set separately in each "field" entry
//
censor_thresh = [];
censor_val    = [];
cat_thresh    = [ NA ];
cnt_thresh    = [ NA ];
cnt_logic     = UNION;
```

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```

wind_thresh = [ NA ];
wind_logic = UNION;
eclv_points = 0.05;
rank_corr_flag = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified
//
fcst = {
    ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}

obs = {
    ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}
////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation filtering options
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// message_type =
${METPLUS_MESSAGE_TYPE}
sid_exc = [];
//obs_quality =
${METPLUS_OBS_QUALITY}
duplicate_flag = NONE;
obs_summary = NONE;
obs_perc_value = 50;

//
// Mapping of message type group name to comma-separated list of values.
//
message_type_group_map = [
    { key = "SURFACE"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ANYAIR"; val = "AIRCAR,AIRCFT"; },
    { key = "ANYSFC"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP,ADPUPA,PROFLR,MSONET"; },
    { key = "ONLYSF"; val = "ADPSFC,SFCSHP"; },
    { key = "LANDSF"; val = "ADPSFC,MSONET"; },
    { key = "WATERSF"; val = "SFCSHP"; }
];

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {

```

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```

${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Point observation time window
//
// obs_window = {
${METPLUS_OBS_WINDOW_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
mask = {
    ${METPLUS_MASK_GRID}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_POLY}
    ${METPLUS_MASK_SID}
    llpnt = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
    interval = PCTILE;
    rep_prop = 1.0;
    n_rep    = 0;
    rng      = "mt19937";
    seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Interpolation methods
//
//interp = {
${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

```

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```
//
// HiRA verification method
//
hira = {
    flag      = FALSE;
    width     = [ 2, 3, 4, 5 ];
    vld_thresh = 1.0;
    cov_thresh = [ ==0.25 ];
    shape     = SQUARE;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
    ${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}
//version     = "V10.0.0";

////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.2.11.2.7 Python Embedding

This use case uses two Python embedding scripts: one to download the data (hrd\_frd\_sonde\_find\_tar.py) and the other to process it (hrd\_frd\_sonde\_for\_ascii2nc.py).

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/tc\_and\_extra\_tc/UserScript\_ASCII2NC\_PointStat\_fcstHAFS\_obsFRD\_NetCDF/hrd\_frd\_sonde\_for\_ascii2nc.py

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3
#####
# This script will untar the FRD formatted dropsonde tar files from
# https://www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/data_sub/dropsonde.html
# The untarred files will be downloaded in to a direcorey
# under USER_SCRIPT_OUTPUT_DIR. Arguments to the scripts includes
# directory where the tar files exists, the user specified
# date in YYYYMMDD, and output directory
# Author: biswas@ucar.edu
#####

import sys
```

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```

import os
import glob
import tarfile

if len(sys.argv) == 4:
    path = sys.argv[1]
    date = sys.argv[2]
    outdir = sys.argv[3]

    if os.path.exists(path):
        print("Directory exists: " + path)

        for name in glob.glob(path+'/'+str(date)+'*FRD.tar.gz'):
            print (name)

            drop_tar = tarfile.open(name)
            drop_tar.extractall(outdir + '/' + str(date))
            drop_files = os.listdir(outdir + '/' + str(date))
            print(drop_files)
            drop_tar.close()

    else:
        print("Directory not present" + path)

else:
    print("ERROR : Must specify exactly one input data directory, date (YYYYMMDD), and output directory.
→")
    sys.exit(1)

#####

```

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/tc\_and\_extra\_tc/UserScript\_ASCII2NC\_PointStat\_fcstHAFS\_obsFRD\_NetCDF/hrd

```

#####
#
# Description:
#   Prepare HRD FRD (full-resolution data) dropsonde files for further
#   processing by the ascii2nc tool in MET.
#   Source: https://www.aoml.noaa.gov/hrd/data\_sub/dropsonde.html
#
# Date:
#   December 2020
#
#####

import re
import os
import sys
import numpy as np
import itertools
import datetime as dt

```

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```

from datetime import datetime, timedelta
import pandas as pd

# Check arguments
if len(sys.argv) == 2:
    input_dir = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])
    print("Input Dir:\t" + repr(input_dir))
else:
    print("ERROR:", sys.argv[0],
          "\t-> Must specify exactly one input file.")
    sys.exit(1)

# Empty object
my_data = pd.DataFrame()

for filename in sorted(os.listdir(input_dir)):
    input_file = os.path.join(input_dir, filename)

    # Open file
    with open(input_file, 'r') as file_handle:
        lines = file_handle.read().splitlines()
        readdata = False
        for idx, line in enumerate(lines):

            # Extract date, time and sonde info
            match_date = re.match(r'^ Date:(.*)', line)
            match_time = re.match(r'^ Time:(.*)', line)
            match_sonde = re.match(r'^ SID:(.*)', line)

            if match_date:
                date_items = match_date.group(1).split()[:1]
                lat = match_date.group(1).split()[:4]
            if match_time:
                time_items = match_time.group(1).split()[:1]
                lon = match_time.group(1).split()[:4]
            if match_sonde:
                sonde = match_sonde.group(1).split()[0]

            # Format the date and time
            date_formatted = \
                f"{date_items[0][:2]}{date_items[0][2:4]}{date_items[0][4:6]}_" + \
                f"{time_items[0][:2]}:{time_items[0][2:4]}:{time_items[0][4:6]}"
            valid_time = \
                dt.datetime.strptime(date_formatted, "%y%m%d_%H:%M:%S")
            print(f"Valid Time:\t{valid_time}")
            if line.startswith("IX"):
                readdata = True
                continue
            if not readdata:
                continue
            line = line.strip()
            columns = line.split()

```

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```

dsec    = str(columns[1])    # time elasp (s)
pres    = float(columns[2])  # pressure (mb)
temp    = float(columns[3])  # temperature (C)
temp    = temp + 273.15      # convert deg C to K
relh    = float(columns[4])  # relative humidity (%)
geop    = int(columns[5])    # geopotential mass height (m)
wind_dir = int(columns[6])   # wind direction (E)
wind_spd = float(columns[7]) # wind speed (m/s)
wind_z   = float(columns[8]) # zonal wind (m/s)
wind_m   = float(columns[9]) # meridional wind (m/s)
wind_w   = float(columns[11]) # vertical velocity (m/s)
zw       = int(columns[12])   # geopotential wind height (m)
lat      = float(columns[17]) # lat (N)
lon      = float(columns[18]) # lon (E)
vld      = valid_time + dt.timedelta(seconds=float(dsec))

# Skip line if dsec, lat, or lon are missing.
# Or if pres and geop are missing.
if dsec == -999.0 or lat == -999.0 or lon == -999.0 or \
    (pres == -999.0 and geop == -999):
    continue

# Store valid time in YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS format
t_vld = vld.strftime('%Y%m%d_%H%M%S')

# Flag values for the station elevation and qc
elv = "-9999"
qc  = "-9999"

# Append observations for this line
# Name variable using GRIB conventions:
#   https://www.nco.ncep.noaa.gov/pmb/docs/on388/table2.html
if temp != -999.0:
    my_data = my_data.append(pd.DataFrame(np.array(
        [["ADPUPA", str(sonde), t_vld, lat, lon, elv, \
          "TMP", pres, geop, qc, temp]])))

if relh != -999.0:
    my_data = my_data.append(pd.DataFrame(np.array(
        [["ADPUPA", str(sonde), t_vld, lat, lon, elv, \
          "RH", pres, geop, qc, relh]])))

if geop != -999.0 and pres != -999.0:
    my_data = my_data.append(pd.DataFrame(np.array(
        [["ADPUPA", str(sonde), t_vld, lat, lon, elv, \
          "HGT", pres, geop, qc, geop]])))

if wind_dir != -999.0:
    my_data = my_data.append(pd.DataFrame(np.array(
        [["ADPUPA", str(sonde), t_vld, lat, lon, elv, \
          "WDIR", pres, zw, qc, wind_dir]])))

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```

if wind_spd != -999.0:
    my_data = my_data.append(pd.DataFrame(np.array(
        [["ADPUPA", str(sonde), t_vld, lat, lon, elv, \
            "WIND", pres, zw, qc, wind_spd]])))

if wind_z != -999.0:
    my_data = my_data.append(pd.DataFrame(np.array(
        [["ADPUPA", str(sonde), t_vld, lat, lon, elv, \
            "UGRD", pres, zw, qc, wind_z]])))

if wind_m != -999.0:
    my_data = my_data.append(pd.DataFrame(np.array(
        [["ADPUPA", str(sonde), t_vld, lat, lon, elv, \
            "VGRD", pres, zw, qc, wind_m]])))

if wind_w != -999.0:
    my_data = my_data.append(pd.DataFrame(np.array(
        [["ADPUPA", str(sonde), t_vld, lat, lon, elv, \
            "DZDT", pres, zw, qc, wind_w]])))

# Prepare point_data object for ascii2nc
point_data = my_data.values.tolist()
print("Data Length:\t" + repr(len(point_data)))
print("Data Type:\t" + repr(type(point_data)))

```

### 5.2.11.2.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in UserScript\_ASCII2NC\_PointStat\_fcstHAFS\_obsFRD\_NetCDF.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```

run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications//tc_and_extra_tc/UserScript_
ASCII2NC_PointStat_fcstHAFS_obsFRD_NetCDF.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf

```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in UserScript\_ASCII2NC\_PointStat\_fcstHAFS\_obsFRD\_NetCDF.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/UserScript_ASCII2NC_PointStat_fcstHAFS_obsFRD_NetCDF.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally



Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.11.2.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in nam (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- point\_stat\_180000L\_20190829\_120000V.stat
- point\_stat\_180000L\_20190829\_120000V\_fho.txt
- point\_stat\_180000L\_20190829\_120000V\_eclv.txt
- point\_stat\_180000L\_20190829\_120000V\_ctc.txt
- point\_stat\_180000L\_20190829\_120000V\_cnt.txt
- point\_stat\_180000L\_20190829\_120000V\_mpr.txt

#### 5.2.11.2.10 Keywords

sphinx\_gallery\_thumbnail\_path = '\_static/tc\_and\_extra\_tc-UserScript\_ASCII2NC\_PointStat\_fcstHAFS\_obsFRD\_NetCDL'

---

**Note:** [TCandExtraTCAppUseCase](#), [UserScriptUseCase](#), [PointStatToolUseCase](#), [ASCII2NC](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.11.3 Cyclone Plotter: From TC-Pairs Output

model\_applications/tc\_and\_extra\_tc/Plotter\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_ExtraTC.conf

#### 5.2.11.3.1 Scientific Objective

Provide visualization of storm tracks using output from the MET TC-Pairs tool. The date and hour associated with each storm track indicates the first time the storm was tracked in the model.

#### 5.2.11.3.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: ADeck modified-ATCF tropical cyclone data
- Observation dataset: BDeck modified-ATCF “best-track” tropical cyclone data

#### 5.2.11.3.3 METplus Components

This use case first runs TCPairs and then generates the storm track plot for all storm tracks found in the .tcst output file created by the MET TC-Pairs tool.

#### 5.2.11.3.4 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time:

TCPairs

To generate TCPairs output, this example loops by initialization time for every 6 hour period that is available in the data set for 20150301. The output is then used to generate the plot of all cyclone tracks.

#### 5.2.11.3.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in parm/metplus\_config, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the -c option, i.e. -c parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/tc\_and\_extra\_tc/Plotter\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_ExtraTC.conf

```
[dir]
## Dirs below used by tc_pairs_wrapper module.
# -----
# track data, set to your data source

TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/track_data
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_INPUT_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR}

# Where modified track files are saved
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/track_data_atcf
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs

## Dirs below used by cyclone_plotter_wrapper module.
# -----
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_INPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs
```

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```

CYCLONE_PLOTTER_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/cyclone

[filename_templates]
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/a{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m}*.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/b{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m}*.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}

[config]
# =====
##
# EXTRA TROPICAL CYCLONE PLOT OPTIONS...
#
PROCESS_LIST = TCPairs, CyclonePlotter

## Config options below used by tc_pairs_wrapper module.
# -----
##
#
# MET TC-Pairs
#
##

#
# Generate the tc-pairs data of interest
#
# Configuration files
TC_PAIRS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/TCPairsConfig_wrapped

INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d
INIT_BEG = 20150301
INIT_END = 20150330
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600      ;; 6 hours

# A list of times to include, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
INIT_INCLUDE =

# A list of times to exclude, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
INIT_EXCLUDE =

#
# Specify model valid time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]].
# Only tracks that fall within the valid time window will
# be used.
#
VALID_BEG =
VALID_END =

#
# Run MET tc_pairs by indicating the top-level directories for the A-deck and B-deck files. Set to
→ 'yes' to

```

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```

# run using top-level directories, 'no' if you want to run tc_pairs on files paired by the wrapper.
TC_PAIRS_READ_ALL_FILES = no

#
# MET TC-Pairs
#
# List of models to be used (white space or comma separated) eg: DSHP, LGEM, HWRF
# If no models are listed, then process all models in the input file(s).
MODEL =

# List of storm ids of interest (space or comma separated) e.g.: AL112012, AL122012
# If no storm ids are listed, then process all storm ids in the input file(s).
TC_PAIRS_STORM_ID =

# Basins (of origin/region). Indicate with space or comma-separated list of regions, eg. AL: for_
↳North Atlantic,
# WP: Western North Pacific, CP: Central North Pacific, SH: Southern Hemisphere, IO: North Indian_
↳Ocean, LS: Southern
# Hemisphere
TC_PAIRS_BASIN =

# Cyclone, a space or comma-separated list of cyclone numbers. If left empty, all cyclones will be_
↳used.
TC_PAIRS_CYCLONE =

# Storm name, a space or comma-separated list of storm names to evaluate. If left empty, all storms_
↳will be used.
TC_PAIRS_STORM_NAME =

# DLAND file, the full path of the file that contains the gridded representation of the
# minimum distance from land.
# Setting this causes tc_pairs to run approx 4x slower
TC_PAIRS_DLAND_FILE = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/tc_data/dland_global_tenth_degree.nc

## tc-pairs filtering options
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DECK = yes
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_TYPE = SBU

TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL_TO_REPLACE = -99
TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL = -9999

# SKIP OPTIONS
# Skip processing files if the output already exists.
# Set to yes if you do NOT want to override existing files
# Set to no if you do want to override existing files
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_REFORMAT_EXISTS = yes
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = yes

##
# CYCLONE PLOTTER
#

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```

## Config options below used by cyclone_plotter_wrapper module.
# -----
##

#
# Specify the YMD of tracks of interest
#
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_INIT_DATE = 20150301

##
# only 00, 06, 12, and 18z init times are supported in NOAA website,
# so for consistency, these are the only options for METplus.
#
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_INIT_HR = 12 ;; hh format
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_MODEL = GFS0
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_PLOT_TITLE = Model Forecast Storm Tracks

##
# Indicate the size of symbol (point size)
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_CIRCLE_MARKER_SIZE = 41
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_CROSS_MARKER_SIZE = 51

##
# Turn on/off the generation of an ASCII output file listing all the
# tracks that are in the plot. This can be helpful in debugging or verifying
# that what is plotted is consistent with the data.
#
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_GENERATE_TRACK_ASCII = yes

```

### 5.2.11.3.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

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If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [TCPairs MET Configuration](#) (page 189) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCPairs configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

```

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```
//  
// ATCF file format reference:  
//   http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html  
//  
  
//  
// Models  
//  
{METPLUS_MODEL}  
  
//  
// Description  
//  
{METPLUS_DESC}  
  
//  
// Storm identifiers  
//  
{METPLUS_STORM_ID}  
  
//  
// Basins  
//  
{METPLUS_BASIN}  
  
//  
// Cyclone numbers  
//  
{METPLUS_CYCLONE}  
  
//  
// Storm names  
//  
{METPLUS_STORM_NAME}  
  
//  
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude  
//  
{METPLUS_INIT_BEG}  
{METPLUS_INIT_END}  
{METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}  
{METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}  
  
//  
// Valid model time window  
//  
{METPLUS_VALID_BEG}  
{METPLUS_VALID_END}  
  
//  
// Model initialization hours
```

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```

//
init_hour = [];

//
// Required lead time in hours
//
lead_req = [];

//
// lat/lon polylines defining masking regions
//
init_mask = "";
valid_mask = "";

//
// Specify if the code should check for duplicate ATCF lines
//
check_dup = FALSE;

//
// Specify special processing to be performed for interpolated models.
// Set to NONE, FILL, or REPLACE.
//
interp12 = REPLACE;

//
// Specify how consensus forecasts should be defined
//
consensus = [];

//
// Forecast lag times
//
lag_time = [];

//
// CLIPER/SHIFOR baseline forecasts to be derived from the BEST
// and operational (CARQ) tracks.
//
best_technique = [ "BEST" ];
best_baseline = [];
oper_technique = [ "CARQ" ];
oper_baseline = [];

//
// Specify the datasets to be searched for analysis tracks (NONE, ADECK, BDECK,
// or BOTH).
//
only_track = BDECK;

//
// Specify if only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK

```

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```
// tracks be written out.
//
match_points = TRUE;

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify watch/warning information:
// - Input watch/warning filename
// - Watch/warning time offset in seconds
//
watch_warn = {
    file_name = "MET_BASE/tc_data/wwpts_us.txt";
    time_offset = -14400;
}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V9.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.2.11.3.7 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `Plotter_fcstGFS_obsGFS_ExtraTC.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/Plotter_
↳fcstGFS_obsGFS_ExtraTC.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `Plotter_fcstGFS_obsGFS_ExtraTC.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/Plotter_
↳fcstGFS_obsGFS_ExtraTC.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`



- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.11.3.8 Expected Output

A successful run will generate the following output to both the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Additionally, two output files are created. Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. TCPairs output for this use case will be found in tc\_pairs/201503 (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain files with the following format:

- mlq2015030100.gfso.<nnnn>.tcst

where *nnnn* is a zero-padded 4-digit number

A plot (in .png format) will be found in the cyclone directory (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) along with a text file containing data corresponding to the plotted storm tracks:

- 20150301.png
- 20150301.txt

#### 5.2.11.3.9 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/tc_and_extra_tc-Plotter_fcstGFS_obsGFS_ExtraTC.png'
```

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**Note:** [TCPairsToolUseCase](#), [CyclonePlotterUseCase](#), [FeatureRelativeUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAppUseCase](#), [NOAAEMCOrgUseCase](#), [SBUOrgUseCase](#), [DTCOrgUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.11.4 CyclonePlotter: Use Case for OPC (EMC) cyclone data

model\_applications/tc\_and\_extra\_tc/CyclonePlotter\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_OPC.conf

##### 5.2.11.4.1 Scientific Objective

Once this method is complete, a user-created extra TC track file for the valid date of interest (YYYYMMDD-HH) will have been created, paired up by TCPairs, and global storm tracks for the valid date of interest will be plotted by CyclonePlotter (PlateCaree projection)

##### 5.2.11.4.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** Adeck

/path/to/{init?fmt=%Y}/trak.gfso.atcf\_gen.globl.{init?fmt=%Y}

**Observation:** Bdeck

/path/to/{init?fmt=%Y}/trak.gfso.atcf\_gen.globl.{init?fmt=%Y}

**Location:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the met\_test sample data tarball. Click here to the METplus releases page and download sample data for the appropriate release:

<https://github.com/dtcenter/METplus/releases>

The tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See [Running METplus](#) (page 1132) section for more information.

**Data Source:** GFS

##### 5.2.11.4.3 External Dependencies

You will need to use a version of Python 3.6+ that has the following packages installed:

- cartopy
- matplotlib

#### 5.2.11.4.4 METplus Components

This use case utilizes Python user script-created output files that are accessible via the TCPairs wrapper. Due to the nature of the source file (already tracked extra TCs), the TCPairs wrapper is passed the “Adeck” file for each storm twice: once as the adeck or forecast file, and once as the bdeck or analysis file. Essentially, TCPairs is matching a forecast to itself. It then uses the CyclonePlotter wrapper to create a global plot of storm tracks for the desired day of interest (YYYYMMDDHH).

#### 5.2.11.4.5 METplus Workflow

TCPairs is the first tool called in this example. It processes the following run times for each storm file:

**Init/Valid:** 2020100700

CyclonePlotter is the second (and final) tool called in this example. It processes the output from TCPairs.

#### 5.2.11.4.6 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c /path/to/TCPairs_extra_tropical.conf`

```
#
# CONFIGURATION
#
[config]

# Looping by times: steps through each 'task' in the PROCESS_LIST for each
# defined time, and repeats until all times have been evaluated.
LOOP_ORDER = processes

# Configuration files
TC_PAIRS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/TCPairsConfig_wrapped

# 'Tasks' to be run
PROCESS_LIST = UserScript, TCPairs, CyclonePlotter

LOOP_BY = INIT

# The init time begin and end times, increment, and last init hour.
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H
INIT_BEG = 2020100700
INIT_END = 2020100700
```

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```

# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end time
# set to 6 hours = 21600 seconds
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600

USER_SCRIPT_RUNTIME_FREQ = RUN_ONCE_PER_INIT_OR_VALID

USER_SCRIPT_PATH = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/CyclonePlotter_fcstGFS_
↳obsGFS_OPC/extract_opc_decks.py

USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_PATH = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/CyclonePlotter_fcstGFS_
↳obsGFS_OPC/trak.gfso.atcf_gen.globl.{init?fmt=%Y}

USER_SCRIPT_COMMAND = {USER_SCRIPT_PATH} {USER_SCRIPT_INPUT_PATH} {USER_SCRIPT_OUTPUT_DIR} {init?fmt=
↳%Y%m%d%H}

# A list of times to include, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_INCLUDE =

# A list of times to exclude, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
TC_PAIRS_INIT_EXCLUDE =

# Specify model init time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]
# Only tracks that fall within the initialization time window will be used
TC_PAIRS_INIT_BEG =
TC_PAIRS_INIT_END =

# Specify model valid time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]
# Only tracks that fall within the valid time window will be used
TC_PAIRS_VALID_BEG =
TC_PAIRS_VALID_END =

#
# Run MET tc_pairs by indicating the top-level directories for the A-deck and B-deck files. Set to
↳'yes' to
# run using top-level directories, 'no' if you want to run tc_pairs on files paired by the wrapper.
TC_PAIRS_READ_ALL_FILES = no

# set to true or yes to reformat track data into ATCF format expected by tc_pairs
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DECK = no

# OVERWRITE OPTIONS
# Don't overwrite filter files if they already exist.
# Set to yes if you do NOT want to override existing files
# Set to no if you do want to override existing files
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = no

#
# MET TC-Pairs
#
# List of models to be used (white space or comma separated) eg: DSHP, LGEM, HWRF
# If no models are listed, then process all models in the input file(s).
MODEL =

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```

#TC_PAIRS_DESC =

# List of storm ids of interest (space or comma separated) e.g.: AL112012, AL122012
# If no storm ids are listed, then process all storm ids in the input file(s).
TC_PAIRS_STORM_ID =

# Basins (of origin/region). Indicate with space or comma-separated list of regions, eg. AL: for_
↳North Atlantic,
# WP: Western North Pacific, CP: Central North Pacific, SH: Southern Hemisphere, IO: North Indian_
↳Ocean, LS: Southern
# Hemisphere
TC_PAIRS_BASIN =

# Cyclone, a space or comma-separated list of cyclone numbers. If left empty, all cyclones will be_
↳used.
TC_PAIRS_CYCLONE =

# Storm name, a space or comma-separated list of storm names to evaluate. If left empty, all storms_
↳will be used.
TC_PAIRS_STORM_NAME =

# DLAND file, the full path of the file that contains the gridded representation of the
# minimum distance from land.
TC_PAIRS_DLAND_FILE = MET_BASE/tc_data/dland_global_tenth_degree.nc

# setting this so that when verifying against analysis track, the union of points are written
TC_PAIRS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES = match_points = FALSE;

##
# only 00, 06, 12, and 18z init times are supported in NOAA website,
# so for consistency, these are the only options for METplus.
#
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_INIT_DATE={init?fmt=%Y%m%d}
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_INIT_HR = {init?fmt=%H}
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_MODEL = GFSO
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_PLOT_TITLE = Model Forecast Storm Tracks

##
# Indicate the size of symbol (point size)
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_CIRCLE_MARKER_SIZE = 2
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_CROSS_MARKER_SIZE = 3

##
# Indicate text size of annotation label
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_ANNOTATION_FONT_SIZE=3

##
# Resolution of saved plot in dpi (dots per inch)
# Set to 0 to allow Matplotlib to determine, based on your computer
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_RESOLUTION_DPI = 400

```

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```

CYCLONE_PLOTTER_GENERATE_TRACK_ASCII = yes

CYCLONE_PLOTTER_ADD_WATERMARK = False

#
# DIRECTORIES
#
[dir]
# Location of input track data directory
# for ADECK and BDECK data

USER_SCRIPT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/decks

TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR = {USER_SCRIPT_OUTPUT_DIR}/adeck
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_INPUT_DIR = {USER_SCRIPT_OUTPUT_DIR}/adeck

TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs

CYCLONE_PLOTTER_INPUT_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR}
CYCLONE_PLOTTER_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/cyclone

[filename_templates]
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_TEMPLATE = adeck.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.{cyclone}.dat
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_TEMPLATE = adeck.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.{cyclone}.dat
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = tc_pairs.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.{cyclone}

```

#### 5.2.11.4.7 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [TCPairs MET Configuration](#) (page 189) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCPairs configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// ATCF file format reference:

```

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```
// http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html
//

//
// Models
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Description
//
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Storm identifiers
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Basins
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Cyclone numbers
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//
// Storm names
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Valid model time window
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}

//
// Model initialization hours
//
init_hour = [];
```

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```
//  
// Required lead time in hours  
//  
lead_req = [];  
  
//  
// lat/lon polylines defining masking regions  
//  
init_mask = "";  
valid_mask = "";  
  
//  
// Specify if the code should check for duplicate ATCF lines  
//  
check_dup = FALSE;  
  
//  
// Specify special processing to be performed for interpolated models.  
// Set to NONE, FILL, or REPLACE.  
//  
interp12 = REPLACE;  
  
//  
// Specify how consensus forecasts should be defined  
//  
consensus = [];  
  
//  
// Forecast lag times  
//  
lag_time = [];  
  
//  
// CLIPER/SHIFOR baseline forecasts to be derived from the BEST  
// and operational (CARQ) tracks.  
//  
best_technique = [ "BEST" ];  
best_baseline = [];  
oper_technique = [ "CARQ" ];  
oper_baseline = [];  
  
//  
// Specify the datasets to be searched for analysis tracks (NONE, ADECK, BDECK,  
// or BOTH).  
//  
only_track = BDECK;  
  
//  
// Specify if only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK  
// tracks be written out.  
//  
match_points = TRUE;
```

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```
//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify watch/warning information:
// - Input watch/warning filename
// - Watch/warning time offset in seconds
//
watch_warn = {
    file_name = "MET_BASE/tc_data/wwpts-us.txt";
    time_offset = -14400;
}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V9.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

#### 5.2.11.4.8 Python Embedding

This use case uses a Python embedding script to read input data. Because the source file already contains “analysis” tracks for the extra TCs, this Python script only needs to output storm tracks that have a valid time matching the user input. These storms are put into separate storm files, to better mimic how TC storms are typically passed to TCPairs.

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/tc\_and\_extra\_tc/CyclonePlotter\_fcstGFS\_obsGFS\_OPC/extract\_opc\_decks.py

```
#!/usr/bin/env python3

#
# program extrack_opc_decks.py
#
# reads in EMC 2020 cyclone data
# takes 3 command line arguments
# 1) input file (full path, eg, "/d2/projects/d2/projects/extra-tc_verif/gpfs/dell1/nco/ops/com/
→gentracks/prod/gentracks/{init?fmt=%Y}/trak.gfso.atcf_gen.glbl.{init?fmt=%Y}"
# 2) output directory (eg "{OUTPUT_BASE}/decks")
# 3) init time (YYYYMMDDHH)
#
# reads all data in input file, creates ADECK using all points valid at init time (key 'YYYYMMDDHH',
→creates BDECK
# using key ('STORMNAME') for all storms in ADECK where forecast key ('TAU') = '000' or 0 hrs
# writes a single adeck and a single bdeck file containing all storms
```

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```

#
# further processed by TC_Pairs (extra-tropical) and CyclonePlotter in single use-case wrapper.
↳CyclonePlotter_fcst_GFS_obsGFS_OPC
#
# written February 2021 by George McCabe (mccabe@ucar.edu)
#

import sys
import os
import pandas as pd

# column names/dictionary keys for the trak.data file
atcf_headers_trak=['BASIN','CYCLONE','STORMNAME','YYYYMMDDHH','TECHNUM/MIN','TECH','TAU','LAT','LON',
                  'VMAX','MSLP','TY','RAD','WINDCODE','RAD1','RAD2','RAD3','RAD4','POUTER',
                  'ROUTER','RMW','GUSTS','EYE','SUBREGION','MAXSEAS','INITIALS','DIR','SPEED','F1',
↳'F2',
                  'STORMNAME2','DEPTH','SEAS','SEASCODE','SEAS1','SEAS2','SEAS3','SEAS4']

# needs exactly 3 arguments (see above)
num_args = len(sys.argv) - 1

if num_args < 3:
    print("ERROR: Not enough arguments")
    sys.exit(1)
debug = 'debug' in sys.argv
# function to compare storm warning time to search time
def is_equal(column_val, search_string):
    return str(column_val).strip() == search_string

input_file = sys.argv[1]
output_dir = sys.argv[2]
search_date = sys.argv[3]

if debug:
    print(f"Running {__file__}\nSearch date: {search_date}")

# get 2 digit year to use in CYCLONE column substitute value
search_year = search_date[2:4]

# string to use in output file names for filtered adeck and bdeck files
file_prefix = f'deck.{search_date}.'

# an intermediate directory path for the separate files
adeck_base = os.path.join(output_dir, "adeck")
#bdeck_base = os.path.join(output_dir, "bdeck")

# create output directories if not already there
if not os.path.exists(adeck_base):
    print(f"Creating output directory: {adeck_base}")
    os.makedirs(adeck_base)

#if not os.path.exists(bdeck_base):

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```

# print(f"Creating output directory: {bdeck_base}")
# os.makedirs(bdeck_base)

# using pandas (pd), read input file
print(f"Reading input file: {input_file}")
pd_data = pd.read_csv(input_file, names=atcf_headers_trak)

print(f"Filtering data...")

# get all 0 hour analyses data
print(f"Filtering data 0 (hr) in TAU (forecast hour) column for bdeck")
pd_0hr_data = pd_data[pd_data['TAU'] == 0]

# get adeck - all lines that match the desired date for YYYYMMDDHH (init time)
print(f"Filtering data with {search_date} in YYYYMMDDHH column for adeck")
init_matches = pd_data['YYYYMMDDHH'].apply(is_equal,
                                             args=(search_date,))

adeck = pd_data[init_matches]

# get list of STORMNAMES from adeck data
all_storms = adeck.STORMNAME.unique()

# initialize counter to use to set output filenames with "cyclone" number
# to keep storms in separate files
index = 0

# loop over storms
for storm_name in all_storms:
    index_pad = str(index).zfill(4)

    # remove whitespace at beginning of storm name
    storm_name = storm_name.strip()

    # get 0hr data for given storm to use as bdeck
    storm_b_match = pd_0hr_data['STORMNAME'].apply(is_equal,
                                                    args=(storm_name,))

    storm_bdeck = pd_0hr_data[storm_b_match]
    if debug:
        print(f"Processing storm: {storm_name}")
    wrote_a = wrote_b = False

    #Logic for writing out Analysis files. Currently commented out,
    #but left in for possible future use
    if not storm_bdeck.empty:
        # bdeck_filename = f'b{file_prefix}{index_pad}.dat'
        # bdeck_path = os.path.join(bdeck_base, bdeck_filename)

        # print(f"Writing bdeck to {bdeck_path}")
        # storm_bdeck.to_csv(bdeck_path, header=False, index=False)
        wrote_b = True
    #else:
    # print(f"BDECK for {storm_name} is empty. Skipping")

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```
# filter out adeck data for given storm
storm_a_match = adeck['STORMNAME'].apply(is_equal,
                                         args=(storm_name,))

storm_adeck = adeck[storm_a_match]

if not storm_adeck.empty:
    adeck_filename = f'a{file_prefix}{index_pad}.dat'
    adeck_path = os.path.join(adeck_base, adeck_filename)
    if debug:
        print(f"Writing adeck to {adeck_path}")
    storm_adeck.to_csv(adeck_path, header=False, index=False)
    wrote_a = True
else:
    if debug:
        print(f"ADECK for {storm_name} is empty. Skipping")

if wrote_a or wrote_b:
    index += 1

print("Finished processing all storms")
```

#### 5.2.11.4.9 Running METplus

It is recommended to run this use case by:

Passing in TCPairs\_extra\_tropical.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/CyclonePlotter_fcstGFS_obsGFS_OPC.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

The following METplus configuration variables must be set correctly to run this example.:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where EMC data files (csv) are read (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs).
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

#### 5.2.11.4.10 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in **tc\_pairs/201412** (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- decks/adeck/adeck.2020100700.xxxx.dat
- tc\_pairs/tc\_pairs.2020100700.xxxx.tcst
- cyclone/20201007.png
- cyclone/20201007.txt

where “xxxx” is the unique four digit storm identifier for TCPairs wrapper to use.

#### 5.2.11.4.11 Keywords

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**Note:** [TCPairsToolUseCase](#), [SBUOrgUseCase](#)

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**Note:** [CyclonePlotterUseCase](#)

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```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/tc_and_extra_tc-CyclonePlotter_fcstGFS_obsGFS_OPC.png'
```

**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.11.5 Grid-Stat: Verification of TC forecasts against merged TDR data

```
model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/GridStat_fcstHAFS_obsTDR_NetCDF.conf
```

##### 5.2.11.5.1 Scientific Objective

To provide useful statistical information on the relationship between merged Tail Doppler Radar (TDR) data in NetCDF format to a gridded forecast. These values can be used to assess the skill of the prediction. The TDR data is available every 0.5 km AGL. So, the TC forecasts need to be in height coordinates to compare with the TDR data.

#### 5.2.11.5.2 Datasets

**Forecast:** HAFS zonal wind

**Observation:** HRD TDR merged\_zonal\_wind

**Location of Model forecast and Dropsonde files:** All of the input data required for this use case can be found in the sample data tarball. Click [here](#) to download.

This tarball should be unpacked into the directory that you will set the value of INPUT\_BASE. See 'Running METplus' section for more information.

**TDR Data Source:** Hurricane Research Division: Contact: Paul Reasor Email: [paul.reasor@noaa.gov](mailto:paul.reasor@noaa.gov)

The data dataset used in the use case is a subset of the Merged Analysis (v2d\_combined\_xy\_rel\_merged\_ships.nc).

Thanks to HRD for providing us the dataset

#### 5.2.11.5.3 METplus Components

The observations in the use case contains data mapped into Cartesian Grids with a horizontal grid spacing of 2 km and vertical grid spacing of 0.5 km. Hence the model output needs to be in height (km) (vertical coordinates) instead of pressure levels. Both observation and model output are available with the release. The instructions below tells how the input to the use case was prepared. The Hurricane Analysis and Forecast System (HAFS) (pressure levels in GRIB2 format) outputs are converted to height level (in NetCDF4 format) using METcalcpy vertical interpolation routine. Under METcalcpy/examples directory user can modify the vertical\_interp\_hwrf.sh or create a similar file for their own output. The \$DATA\_DIR is the top level output directory where the pressure level data resides. The -input and -output should point to the input and output file names resp. The -config points to a yaml file. Users should edit the yaml file, if needed. For this use case only zonal wind (u) at 4 (200m, 2000m, 4000m and 6000m) vertical levels are provided. The use case will compare the HAFS 2 km zonal wind (u) data against TDR's merged\_zonal\_wind at 2km. The user need to run the shell script to get the height level output in NetCDF4 format. This use case utilizes the METplus python embedding to read the TDR data and compare them to gridded forecast data using GridStat.

#### 5.2.11.5.4 METplus Workflow

The use case runs the python embedding scripts (GridStat\_fcstHAFS\_obsTDR\_NetCDF/read\_tdr.py: to read the TDR data) and run Grid-Stat (compute statistics against HAFS model output, in height coordinates), called in this example.

It processes the following run times: Valid at 2019-08-29 12Z

Forecast lead times: 0,6,12 and 18 UTC

The mission number (e.g CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST = 190829H1)

Height level (for TDR: OBS\_VERT\_LEVEL\_KM = 2, HAFS: FCST\_VAR1\_LEVELS = "(0,1,\*,\*)")

### 5.2.11.5.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/GridStat_fcstHAFS_obsTDR_NetCDF.conf`

```
# GridStat METplus Configuration

# section heading for [config] variables - all items below this line and
# before the next section heading correspond to the [config] section
[config]

# List of applications to run - only GridStat for this case
PROCESS_LIST = GridStat

# time looping - options are INIT, VALID, RETRO, and REALTIME
# If set to INIT or RETRO:
#   INIT_TIME_FMT, INIT_BEG, INIT_END, and INIT_INCREMENT must also be set
# If set to VALID or REALTIME:
#   VALID_TIME_FMT, VALID_BEG, VALID_END, and VALID_INCREMENT must also be set
LOOP_BY = VALID

# Format of INIT_BEG and INT_END using % items
# %Y = 4 digit year, %m = 2 digit month, %d = 2 digit day, etc.
# see www.strftime.org for more information
# %Y%m%d%H expands to YYYYMMDDHH
VALID_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d%H

# Start time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
VALID_BEG = 2019082912

# End time for METplus run - must match INIT_TIME_FMT
VALID_END = 2019082912

# Increment between METplus runs (in seconds if no units are specified)
# Must be >= 60 seconds
VALID_INCREMENT = 21600

# List of forecast leads to process for each run time (init or valid)
# In hours if units are not specified
# If unset, defaults to 0 (don't loop through forecast leads)
LEAD_SEQ = 0,6,12,18

# Order of loops to process data - Options are times, processes
# Not relevant if only one item is in the PROCESS_LIST
# times = run all wrappers in the PROCESS_LIST for a single run time, then
#   increment the run time and run all wrappers again until all times have
#   been evaluated.
# processes = run the first wrapper in the PROCESS_LIST for all times
#   specified, then repeat for the next item in the PROCESS_LIST until all
#   wrappers have been run
LOOP_ORDER = times
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# Verbosity of MET output - overrides LOG_VERBOSITY for GridStat only
LOG_GRID_STAT_VERBOSITY = 200

# Location of MET config file to pass to GridStat
# References CONFIG_DIR from the [dir] section
GRID_STAT_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/GridStatConfig_wrapped
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_FHO = BOTH
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTC = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CTS = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_CNT = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_SL1L2 = STAT
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_FLAG_ECLV = NONE

# grid to remap data. Value is set as the 'to_grid' variable in the 'regrid' dictionary
# See MET User's Guide for more information
GRID_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID = OBS

# Name to identify model (forecast) data in output
MODEL = HAFS

# Name to identify observation data in output
OBTYP = TDR

# add list of missions separated by commas
CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = 190829H1

# List of variables to compare in GridStat - FCST_VAR1 variables correspond
# to OBS_VAR1 variables
# Note [FCST/OBS/BOTH]_GRID_STAT_VAR<n>_NAME can be used instead if different evaluations
# are needed for different tools

FCST_VAR1_NAME = u
FCST_VAR1_OPTIONS = set_attr_init="{init?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S}"; set_attr_valid="{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M
↪%S}"; set_attr_lead="{lead?fmt=%H}";

# FCST_VAR<n>_LEVELS dimensions are (valid_time, lev, latitude, longitude)
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = "(0,1,*,*)"
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DATATYPE = NETCDF_NCCF

# Location of the TDR file
TC_RADAR_FILE = {OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR}/merged_zonal_wind_tdr.nc

# Obs vertical level in km
OBS_VERT_LEVEL_KM = 2

# Name of observation variable 1
# In this example the variable is merged_zonal_wind
#
OBS_VAR1_NAME = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/GridStat_fcstHAFS_obsTDR_
↪NetCDF/read_tdr.py {TC_RADAR_FILE} merged_zonal_wind {custom?fmt=%s} {OBS_VERT_LEVEL_KM}

```



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```

#Thresholds for categorical statistics
FCST_VAR1_THRESH = gt10.0, gt20.0, lt-10.0, lt-20.0
OBS_VAR1_THRESH = gt10.0, gt20.0, lt-10.0, lt-20.0

# Time relative to valid time (in seconds) to allow files to be considered
# valid. Set both BEGIN and END to 0 to require the exact time in the filename
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_BEGIN = 0
FCST_GRID_STAT_FILE_WINDOW_END = 0

# MET GridStat neighborhood values
# See the MET User's Guide GridStat section for more information
# width value passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_WIDTH = 1

# shape value passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_SHAPE = SQUARE

# cov thresh list passed to nbrhd dictionary in the MET config file
GRID_STAT_NEIGHBORHOOD_COV_THRESH = >=0.5

# Set to true to run GridStat separately for each field specified
# Set to false to create one run of GridStat per run time that
# includes all fields specified.
GRID_STAT_ONCE_PER_FIELD = False

# Set to true if forecast data is probabilistic
FCST_IS_PROB = false

# Only used if FCST_IS_PROB is true - sets probabilistic threshold
FCST_GRID_STAT_PROB_THRESH = ==0.1

# Set to true if observation data is probabilistic
# Only used if configuring forecast data as the 'OBS' input
OBS_IS_PROB = false

# Only used if OBS_IS_PROB is true - sets probabilistic threshold
OBS_GRID_STAT_PROB_THRESH = ==0.1

GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_PREFIX = {MODEL}_vs_{OBTTYPE}

# End of [config] section and start of [dir] section
[dir]

# location of configuration files used by MET applications
CONFIG_DIR={PARM_BASE}/met_config

# directory containing forecast input to GridStat
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/GridStat_fcstHAFS_obsTDR_
↳NetCDF/hafs_height

# directory containing observation input to GridStat

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OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/GridStat_fcstHAFS_obsTDR_
↳NetCDF/obs

# directory containing climatology mean input to GridStat
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR =

# directory containing climatology mean input to GridStat
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR =

# directory to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/tdr

# End of [dir] section and start of [filename_templates] section
[filename_templates]

# Template to look for forecast input to GridStat relative to FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
FCST_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = dorian05l.{init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.hafsprs.synoptic.0p03.f{lead?fmt=%HHH}.
↳nc4

# Template to look for observation input to GridStat relative to OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_DIR
OBS_GRID_STAT_INPUT_TEMPLATE = PYTHON_NUMPY

# Optional subdirectories relative to GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR to write output from GridStat
GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {init?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}

# Template to look for climatology input to GridStat relative to GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Template to look for climatology input to GridStat relative to GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_DIR
# Not used in this example
GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_INPUT_TEMPLATE =

# Used to specify one or more verification mask files for GridStat
# Not used for this example
GRID_STAT_VERIFICATION_MASK_TEMPLATE =

```

#### 5.2.11.5.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on the values in the METplus configuration file. These variables are referenced in the MET configuration file. **YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!** If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is not controlled by an environment variable, you can add additional environment variables to be set only within the METplus environment using the [user\_env\_vars] section of the METplus configuration files. See the 'User Defined Config' section on the 'System Configuration' page of the METplus User's Guide for more information.

```

////////////////////////////////////
//
// Grid-Stat configuration file.
//
// For additional information, see the MET_BASE/config/README file.
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// Output model name to be written
//
// model =
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Output description to be written
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// desc =
${METPLUS_DESC}

//
// Output observation type to be written
//
// obtype =
${METPLUS_OBTYP}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification grid
//
// regrid = {
${METPLUS_REGRID_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

censor_thresh    = [];
censor_val       = [];
cat_thresh       = [];
cnt_thresh       = [ NA ];
cnt_logic        = UNION;
wind_thresh      = [ NA ];
wind_logic       = UNION;
eclv_points      = 0.05;
nc_pairs_var_suffix = "";
//nc_pairs_var_name =
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_VAR_NAME}
rank_corr_flag   = FALSE;

//
// Forecast and observation fields to be verified

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```

//
fcst = {
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_FCST_FIELD}
}
obs = {
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FILE_TYPE}
  ${METPLUS_OBS_FIELD}
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Climatology mean data
//
//climo_mean = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_MEAN_DICT}

//climo_stdev = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_STDEV_DICT}

//
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
//climo_cdf = {
${METPLUS_CLIMO_CDF_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Verification masking regions
//
// mask = {
${METPLUS_MASK_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Confidence interval settings
//
ci_alpha = [ 0.05 ];

boot = {
  interval = PCTILE;
  rep_prop = 1.0;
  n_rep    = 0;
  rng      = "mt19937";
  seed     = "";
}

////////////////////////////////////

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```

//
// Data smoothing methods
//
//interp = {
  ${METPLUS_INTERP_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Neighborhood methods
//
nbrhd = {
  field      = BOTH;
  // shape =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_SHAPE}
  // width =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_WIDTH}
  // cov_thresh =
  ${METPLUS_NBRHD_COV_THRESH}
  vld_thresh = 1.0;
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Fourier decomposition
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
fourier = {
  wave_1d_beg = [];
  wave_1d_end = [];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Gradient statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
gradient = {
  dx = [ 1 ];
  dy = [ 1 ];
}

////////////////////////////////////

//
// Distance Map statistics
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
distance_map = {

```

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```

    baddeley_p      = 2;
    baddeley_max_dist = NA;
    fom_alpha       = 0.1;
    zhu_weight      = 0.5;
}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//
// Statistical output types
//
//output_flag = {
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_FLAG_DICT}

//
// NetCDF matched pairs output file
// May be set separately in each "obs.field" entry
//
// nc_pairs_flag = {
${METPLUS_NC_PAIRS_FLAG_DICT}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

//grid_weight_flag =
${METPLUS_GRID_WEIGHT_FLAG}
tmp_dir      = "/tmp";
// output_prefix =
${METPLUS_OUTPUT_PREFIX}

////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////////

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}

```

Note the following variables are referenced in the MET configuration file.

#### 5.2.11.5.7 Python Embedding

This use case uses a Python embedding script to read input data

parm/use\_cases/model\_applications/tc\_and\_extra\_tc/GridStat\_fcstHAFS\_obsTDR\_NetCDF/read\_tdr.py

```

import os
import sys

sys.path.insert(0, os.path.abspath(os.path.dirname(__file__)))

import tdr_utils

if len(sys.argv) < 5:
    print("Must specify exactly one input file, variable name, mission ID (YYMMDDID), level (in km)")

```

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```

sys.exit(1)

# Read the input file as the first argument
input_file = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])
var_name   = sys.argv[2]
mission_name = sys.argv[3]
level_km   = float(sys.argv[4])

met_data, attrs = tdr_utils.main(input_file, var_name, mission_name, level_km)

```

The above script imports another script called `tdr_utils.py` in the same directory:

`parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/GridStat_fcstHAFS_obsTDR_NetCDF/tdr_utils.py`

```

from netCDF4 import Dataset
import numpy as np
import datetime as dt
import os
import sys
from time import gmtime, strftime

# Return valid time
def get_valid_time(input_file, mission_name):
    f = Dataset(input_file, 'r')
    mid = f.variables['mission_ID'][:].tolist().index(mission_name)
    valid_time = calculate_valid_time(f, mid)
    valid_time_mid = valid_time.strftime("%Y%m%d%H%M")
    return valid_time_mid

def calculate_valid_time(f, mid):
    merge_year_np = np.array(f.variables['merge_year'][mid])
    merge_month_np = np.array(f.variables['merge_month'][mid])
    merge_day_np = np.array(f.variables['merge_day'][mid])
    merge_hour_np = np.array(f.variables['merge_hour'][mid])
    merge_min_np = np.array(f.variables['merge_min'][mid])
    valid_time = dt.datetime(merge_year_np, merge_month_np, merge_day_np, merge_hour_np, merge_min_np, 0)
    return valid_time

def read_inputs():
    # Read the input file as the first argument
    input_file = os.path.expandvars(sys.argv[1])
    var_name = sys.argv[2]
    mission_name = sys.argv[3]
    level_km = float(sys.argv[4])
    return input_file, var_name, mission_name, level_km

def main(input_file, var_name, mission_name, level_km):
    #####

    ##
    ## input file specified on the command line
    ## load the data into the numpy array

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```

##

try:
    # Print some output to verify that this script ran
    print("Input File:      " + repr(input_file))
    print("Variable Name:   " + repr(var_name))

    # Read input file
    f = Dataset(input_file, 'r')

    # Find the requested mission name
    mid = f.variables['mission_ID'][:].tolist().index(mission_name)

    # Find the requested level value
    lid = f.variables['level'][:].tolist().index(level_km)

    # Read the requested variable
    data = np.float64(f.variables[var_name][mid,:,:lid])

    # Expect that dimensions are ordered (lat, lon)
    # If (lon, lat), transpose the data
    if(f.variables[var_name].dimensions[0] == 'lon'):
        data = data.transpose()

    print("Mission (index): " + repr(mission_name) + " (" + repr(mid) + ")")
    print("Level (index):  " + repr(level_km) + " (" + repr(lid) + ")")
    print("Data Range:      " + repr(np.nanmin(data)) + " to " + repr(np.nanmax(data)))

    # Reset any negative values to missing data (-9999 in MET)
    data[np.isnan(data)] = -9999

    # Flip data along the equator
    data = data[::-1]

    # Store a deep copy of the data for MET
    met_data = data.reshape(200,200).copy()

    print("Data Shape:      " + repr(met_data.shape))
    print("Data Type:      " + repr(met_data.dtype))

except NameError:
    print("Trouble reading input file: " + repr(input_file))

#####

# Determine LatLon grid information

# Read in coordinate data
merged_lon = np.array(f.variables['merged_longitudes'][mid,0,:])
merged_lat = np.array(f.variables['merged_latitudes'][mid,:,0])

```

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```

# Time data:
valid_time = calculate_valid_time(f, mid)
init_time = valid_time

#####

##
##  create the metadata dictionary
##

#####
attrs = {
    'valid': valid_time.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'init' : valid_time.strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M%S"),
    'lead': '00',
    'accum': '06',
    'mission_id': mission_name,

    'name':      var_name,
    'long_name': var_name,
    'level':     str(level_km) + "km",
    'units':     str(getattr(f.variables[var_name], "units")),

    'grid': {
        'name':      var_name,
        'type' :     'LatLon',
        'lat_ll' :    float(min(merged_lat)),
        'lon_ll' :    float(min(merged_lon)),
        'delta_lat' : float(merged_lat[1]-merged_lat[0]),
        'delta_lon' : float(merged_lon[1]-merged_lon[0]),
        'Nlat' :     len(merged_lat),
        'Nlon' :     len(merged_lon),
    }
}

print("Attributes:      " + repr(attrs))
return met_data, attrs

if __name__ == '__main__':
    if len(sys.argv) < 5:
        print("Must specify exactly one input file, variable name, mission ID (YYMMDDID), level (in_
↪km)")
        sys.exit(1)

    input_file, var_name, mission_name, level_km = read_inputs()

    met_data, attrs = main(input_file, var_name, mission_name, level_km)

```

### 5.2.11.5.8 Running METplus

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in GridStat\_fcstHAFS\_obsTDR\_NetCDF.conf then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications//tc_and_extra_tc/GridStat_
↪fcstHAFS_obsTDR_NetCDF.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in parm/metplus\_config, then passing in GridStat\_fcstHAFS\_obsTDR\_NetCDF.conf:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/GridStat_
↪fcstHAFS_obsTDR_NetCDF.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the metplus\_config files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in parm/use\_cases
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the [dir] section.

### 5.2.11.5.9 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. Output for this use case will be found in nam (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain the following files:

- grid\_stat\_HAFS\_vs\_TDR\_000000L\_20190829\_120000V\_fho.txt
- grid\_stat\_HAFS\_vs\_TDR\_000000L\_20190829\_120000V\_pairs.nc
- grid\_stat\_HAFS\_vs\_TDR\_000000L\_20190829\_120000V.stat
- The use case is run for 4 lead times valid at 2019081912, so four directories will be generated which contains similar files as above.

#### 5.2.11.5.10 Keywords

```
sphinx_gallery_thumbnail_path = '_static/tc_and_extra_tc-GridStat_fcstHAFS_obsTDR_NetCDF.png'
```

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**Note:** [TCandExtraTCAppUseCase](#), [GridStatToolUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)

#### 5.2.11.6 Track and Intensity Plotter: Generate mean, median and box plots

```
model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/Plotter_fcstGFS_obsGFS_RPlotting.conf
```

##### 5.2.11.6.1 Scientific Objective

By maintaining focus of each evaluation time on a user-defined area around a cyclone, the model statistical errors associated with cyclonic physical features (moisture flux, stability, strength of upper-level PV anomaly and jet, etc.) can be related directly to the model forecasts and provide improvement guidance by accurately depicting interactions with significant weather features around and within the cyclone. This is in contrast to the traditional method of regional averaging cyclone observations in a fixed grid, which “smooths out” system features and limits the meaningful metrics that can be gathered. This use case relays the mean and median of forecast lead times for cyclone position compared to a reference dataset via boxplot.

##### 5.2.11.6.2 Datasets

- Forecast dataset: ADeck ATCF tropical cyclone data
- Observation dataset: BDeck ATCF tropical cyclone “best track” cyclone data

##### 5.2.11.6.3 METplus Components

This use case first runs TCPairs and then generates the requested plot types for statistics of interest. The TCMPRPlotterConfig\_customize configuration file is used by the plot\_tmpr.R script to select things such as the size of the plot window that appears on your screen, etc.

##### 5.2.11.6.4 METplus Workflow

The following tools are used for each run time:

```
TCPairs > plot_tmpr.R
```

To generate TCPairs output, this example loops by initialization time for every 6 hour period that is available in the data set for 20141214. The output is then used to generate the mean, median, and box plot for the following: the difference between the MSLP of the Adeck and Bdeck tracks (AMSLP-BMSLP), the difference between the max wind of the Adeck and Bdeck tracks (AMAX\_WIND-BMSLP), and the track err (TK\_ERR).

### 5.2.11.6.5 METplus Configuration

METplus first loads all of the configuration files found in `parm/metplus_config`, then it loads any configuration files passed to METplus via the command line with the `-c` option, i.e. `-c parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/Plotter_fcstGFS_obsGFS_RPlotting.conf`

```
#
# PRECONDITION: REQUIRES INSTALLATION OF R on user system
#
#
# CONFIGURATION
#
[config]

# Loop over each process in the process list (set in PROCESS_LIST) for all times in the time window of
# interest.
LOOP_ORDER = processes
# Configuration files
TC_PAIRS_CONFIG_FILE = {PARM_BASE}/met_config/TCPairsConfig_wrapped

PROCESS_LIST = TCPairs, TCMRPlotter

# The init time begin and end times, increment
LOOP_BY = INIT
INIT_TIME_FMT = %Y%m%d
INIT_BEG = 20141214
INIT_END = 20141214

# This is the step-size. Increment in seconds from the begin time to the end
# time
INIT_INCREMENT = 21600 ;; set to every 6 hours=21600 seconds

# A list of times to include, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
INIT_INCLUDE =

# A list of times to exclude, in format YYYYMMDD_hh
INIT_EXCLUDE =

#
# Specify model valid time window in format YYYYMM[DD[_hh]]. Only tracks
# that fall within the valid time window will
# be used.
#
VALID_BEG =
VALID_END =

##
#
# MET TC-Pairs
#
```

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```
##

#
# Run MET tc_pairs by indicating the top-level directories for the A-deck
# and B-deck files. Set to 'yes' to run using top-level directories, 'no'
# if you want to run tc_pairs on files paired by the wrapper.
TC_PAIRS_READ_ALL_FILES = no

# List of models to be used (white space or comma separated) eg: DSHP, LGEM, HWRF
# If no models are listed, then process all models in the input file(s).
MODEL =

# List of storm ids of interest (space or comma separated) e.g.: AL112012, AL122012
# If no storm ids are listed, then process all storm ids in the input file(s).
TC_PAIRS_STORM_ID =

# Basins (of origin/region). Indicate with space or comma-separated list of regions, eg. AL: for_
↳North Atlantic,
# WP: Western North Pacific, CP: Central North Pacific, SH: Southern Hemisphere, IO: North Indian_
↳Ocean, LS: Southern
# Hemisphere
TC_PAIRS_BASIN =

# Cyclone, a space or comma-separated list of cyclone numbers. If left empty, all cyclones will be_
↳used.
TC_PAIRS_CYCLONE =

# Storm name, a space or comma-separated list of storm names to evaluate. If left empty, all storms_
↳will be used.
TC_PAIRS_STORM_NAME =

# DLAND file, the full path of the file that contains the gridded representation of the
# minimum distance from land.
TC_PAIRS_DLAND_FILE = {MET_INSTALL_DIR}/share/met/tc_data/dland_global_tenth_degree.nc

TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DECK = yes
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_TYPE = SBU

TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL_TO_REPLACE = -99
TC_PAIRS_MISSING_VAL = -9999

# Plot_TCMR options, if left unset, default values that are
# pre-defined in the R utility (packaged with MET) will be used.
TCMRPLOTTER_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/TCMRPLOTTERConfig_customize
TCMRPLOTTER_PREFIX =
TCMRPLOTTER_TITLE =
TCMRPLOTTER_SUBTITLE = Your subtitle goes here
TCMRPLOTTER_XLAB =
TCMRPLOTTER_YLAB = Your y-label goes here
TCMRPLOTTER_XLIM =
TCMRPLOTTER_YLIM =
```

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```

TCMPR_PLOTTER_FILTER =
# the tcst data file to be used instead of running the MET tc_stat tool.
TCMPR_PLOTTER_FILTERED_TCST_DATA_FILE =
# Comma separated, no whitespace. Default is TK_ERR (track error) unless
# otherwise indicated.
TCMPR_PLOTTER_DEP_VARS =AMSLP-BMSLP, AMAX_WIND-BMAX_WIND, TK_ERR
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SCATTER_X =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SCATTER_Y =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SKILL_REF =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SERIES =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SERIES_CI =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_LEGEND = Your legend text goes here...
TCMPR_PLOTTER_LEAD =
# Mean and median plots. These override the plot_tcmp.R default of box plot.
# If box plot is desired, this needs to be explicitly indicated.
TCMPR_PLOTTER_PLOT_TYPES = MEAN,MEDIAN,BOXPLOT
TCMPR_PLOTTER_RP_DIFF =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_DEMO_YR =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_HFIP_BASELINE =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_FOOTNOTE_FLAG =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_PLOT_CONFIG_OPTS =
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SAVE_DATA =

# TCMR FLAGS no == (don't set flag), yes == (set flag)
TCMPR_PLOTTER_NO_EE = no
TCMPR_PLOTTER_NO_LOG = no
TCMPR_PLOTTER_SAVE = no

# OVERWRITE OPTIONS
# Don't overwrite filter files if they already exist.
# Set to no if you do NOT want to override existing files
# Set to yes if you do want to override existing files

# overwrite modified track data (non-ATCF to ATCF format)
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_REFORMAT_EXISTS = yes

# overwrite tc_pairs output
TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS = yes

# FILENAME TEMPLATES
#
[filename_templates]
# Define the format of the filenames

TC_PAIRS_ADECK_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/a{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m}*.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/b{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m}*.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_TEMPLATE = {date?fmt=%Y%m}/{basin?fmt=%s}q{date?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.gfso.{cyclone?fmt=%s}

#
# DIRECTORIES
#

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```
[dir]

CONFIG_DIR = {PARM_BASE}/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/Plotter_fcstGFS_obsGFS_RPlotting

# track data, set to your data source
TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR = {INPUT_BASE}/model_applications/medium_range/track_data
TC_PAIRS_BDECK_INPUT_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_ADECK_INPUT_DIR}
TC_PAIRS_REFORMAT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/track_data_atcf
TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tc_pairs

TCMPR_PLOTTER_TCMR_DATA_DIR = {TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR}
TCMPR_PLOTTER_PLOT_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/tcmpr_plots
```

### 5.2.11.6.6 MET Configuration

METplus sets environment variables based on user settings in the METplus configuration file. See [How METplus controls MET config file settings](#) (page 49) for more details.

**YOU SHOULD NOT SET ANY OF THESE ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES YOURSELF! THEY WILL BE OVERWRITTEN BY METPLUS WHEN IT CALLS THE MET TOOLS!**

If there is a setting in the MET configuration file that is currently not supported by METplus you'd like to control, please refer to: [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61)

**Note:** See the [TCPairs MET Configuration](#) (page 189) section of the User's Guide for more information on the environment variables used in the file below:

```
////////////////////////////////////
//
// Default TCPairs configuration file
//
////////////////////////////////////

//
// ATCF file format reference:
// http://www.nrlmry.navy.mil/atcf_web/docs/database/new/abrdeck.html
//

//
// Models
//
${METPLUS_MODEL}

//
// Description
//
${METPLUS_DESC}
```

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```
//
// Storm identifiers
//
${METPLUS_STORM_ID}

//
// Basins
//
${METPLUS_BASIN}

//
// Cyclone numbers
//
${METPLUS_CYCLONE}

//
// Storm names
//
${METPLUS_STORM_NAME}

//
// Model initialization time windows to include or exclude
//
${METPLUS_INIT_BEG}
${METPLUS_INIT_END}
${METPLUS_INIT_INCLUDE}
${METPLUS_INIT_EXCLUDE}

//
// Valid model time window
//
${METPLUS_VALID_BEG}
${METPLUS_VALID_END}

//
// Model initialization hours
//
init_hour = [];

//
// Required lead time in hours
//
lead_req = [];

//
// lat/lon polylines defining masking regions
//
init_mask = "";
valid_mask = "";

//
// Specify if the code should check for duplicate ATCF lines
```

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```

//
check_dup = FALSE;

//
// Specify special processing to be performed for interpolated models.
// Set to NONE, FILL, or REPLACE.
//
interp12 = REPLACE;

//
// Specify how consensus forecasts should be defined
//
consensus = [];

//
// Forecast lag times
//
lag_time = [];

//
// CLIPER/SHIFOR baseline forecasts to be derived from the BEST
// and operational (CARQ) tracks.
//
best_technique = [ "BEST" ];
best_baseline = [];
oper_technique = [ "CARQ" ];
oper_baseline = [];

//
// Specify the datasets to be searched for analysis tracks (NONE, ADECK, BDECK,
// or BOTH).
//
only_track = BDECK;

//
// Specify if only those track points common to both the ADECK and BDECK
// tracks be written out.
//
match_points = TRUE;

//
// Specify the NetCDF output of the gen_dland tool containing a gridded
// representation of the minimum distance to land.
//
${METPLUS_DLAND_FILE}

//
// Specify watch/warning information:
// - Input watch/warning filename
// - Watch/warning time offset in seconds
//
watch_warn = {

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```
file_name = "MET_BASE/tc_data/wwpts_us.txt";
time_offset = -14400;
}

//
// Indicate a version number for the contents of this configuration file.
// The value should generally not be modified.
//
//version = "V9.0";

${METPLUS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES}
```

### 5.2.11.6.7 Running METplus

**NOTE** - In order for this example to run successfully, ensure that your output folder ({OUTPUT\_BASE}/tc\_pairs/201412) is empty. If there are any files in this directory, the program will fail out and not produce the output for {OUTPUT\_BASE}/tcmpr\_plots.

This use case can be run two ways:

- 1) Passing in `Plotter_fcstGFS_obsGFS_RPlotting.conf` then a user-specific system configuration file:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/Plotter_
↳fcstGFS_obsGFS_RPlotting.conf -c /path/to/user_system.conf
```

- 2) Modifying the configurations in `parm/metplus_config`, then passing in `Plotter_fcstGFS_obsGFS_RPlotting.conf`:

```
run_metplus.py -c /path/to/METplus/parm/use_cases/model_applications/tc_and_extra_tc/Plotter_
↳fcstGFS_obsGFS_RPlotting.conf
```

The former method is recommended. Whether you add them to a user-specific configuration file or modify the `metplus_config` files, the following variables must be set correctly:

- **INPUT\_BASE** - Path to directory where sample data tarballs are unpacked (See Datasets section to obtain tarballs). This is not required to run METplus, but it is required to run the examples in `parm/use_cases`
- **OUTPUT\_BASE** - Path where METplus output will be written. This must be in a location where you have write permissions
- **MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** - Path to location where MET is installed locally

Example User Configuration File:

```
[dir]
INPUT_BASE = /path/to/sample/input/data
OUTPUT_BASE = /path/to/output/dir
MET_INSTALL_DIR = /path/to/met-X.Y
```

**NOTE:** All of these items must be found under the `[dir]` section.

### 5.2.11.6.8 Expected Output

A successful run will output the following both to the screen and to the logfile:

```
INFO: METplus has successfully finished running.
```

Refer to the value set for **OUTPUT\_BASE** to find where the output data was generated. TCPairs output for this use case will be found in tc\_pairs/201412 (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**) and will contain files with the following format:

- mlq2014121400.gfso.<nnnn>.tcst

where *nnnn* is a zero-padded 4-digit number

Plots (in .png format) will be found in tcmpr\_plots (relative to **OUTPUT\_BASE**): \* AMAX\_WIND-BMAX\_WIND\_boxplot.png \* AMAX\_WIND-BMAX\_WIND\_boxplot.png \* AMAX\_WIND-BMAX\_WIND\_boxplot.png \* AMSLP-BMSLP\_boxplot.png \* AMSLP-BMSLP\_boxplot.png \* AMSLP-BMSLP\_boxplot.png \* TK\_ERR\_boxplot.png \* TK\_ERR\_mean.png \* TK\_ERR\_median.png

### 5.2.11.6.9 Keywords

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**Note:** [TCPairsToolUseCase](#), [TCandExtraTCAppUseCase](#), [FeatureRelativeUseCase](#), [MediumRangeAppUseCase](#), [SBUOrgUseCase](#), [DTCOrgUseCase](#)

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**Total running time of the script:** ( 0 minutes 0.000 seconds)



## Chapter 6

# METplus Quick Search for Use Cases

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**Note:** Use the *Keyword* after each **Use Case Type** to search for matches in the PDF version of this User's Guide.

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### 6.1 Use Cases by MET Tool:

**ASCII2NC:** *ASCII2NCToolUseCase*

**CyclonePlotter:** *CyclonePlotterUseCase*

**EnsembleStat:** *EnsembleStatToolUseCase*

**GenVxMask:** *GenVxMaskToolUseCase*

**GridStat:** *GridStatToolUseCase*

**GridDiag:** *GridDiagToolUseCase*

**MODE:** *MODEToolUseCase*

**MTD:** *MTDToolUseCase*

**PB2NC:** *PB2NCToolUseCase*

**PCPCombine:** *PCPCombineToolUseCase*

**Point2Grid:** *Point2GridToolUseCase*

**PlotDataPlane:** *PlotDataPlaneToolUseCase*

**PointStat:** *PointStatToolUseCase*

**RegridDataPlane:** *RegridDataPlaneToolUseCase*

**SeriesAnalysis:** *SeriesAnalysisUseCase*

**StatAnalysis:** *StatAnalysisToolUseCase*

**TCMPRPlotter:** *TCMPRPlotterUseCase*

**TCGen:** *TCGenToolUseCase*

**TCPairs:** *TCPairsToolUseCase*

**TCRMW:** *TCRMWToolUseCase*

**TCStat:** *TCStatToolUseCase*

## 6.2 Use Cases by Application:

**Climate:** *ClimateAppUseCase*

**Convection Allowing Models:** *ConvectionAllowingModelsAppUseCase*

**Ensemble:** *EnsembleAppUseCase*

**Marine and Cryosphere:** *MarineAndCryoAppUseCase*

**Medium Range:** *MediumRangeAppUseCase*

**Precipitation:** *PrecipitationAppUseCase*

**Space Weather:** *SpaceWeatherAppUseCase*

**Subseasonal to Seasonal:** *S2SAppUseCase*

**Tropical Cyclone and Extra-Tropical Cyclone:** *TCandExtraTCAppUseCase*

## 6.3 Use Cases by Organization:

**Developmental Testbed Center (DTC):** *DTCOrgUseCase*

**National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR):** *NCAROrgUseCase*

**NOAA Weather Prediction Center (WPC):** *NOAAWPCOrgUseCase*

**NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC):** *NOAASWPCOrgUseCase*

**NOAA Environmental Modeling Center (EMC):** *NOAAEMCOrgUseCase*

**NOAA Global Systems Laboratory (GSL):** *NOAAGSLOrgUseCase*

**NOAA Hydrometeorology Testbed (HMT):** *NOAAHMTOrgUseCase*

**NOAA Hazardous Weather Testbed (HWT):** *NOAAHWTOrgUseCase*

**State University of New York-Stony Brook University (SUNY-SBU):** *SBUOrgUseCase*

## 6.4 Use Cases by METplus Feature:

**Introductory Example:** *ExampleToolUseCase*

**Custom String Looping:** *CustomStringLoopingUseCase*

**Diagnostics:** *DiagnosticsUseCase*

**Feature Relative:** *FeatureRelativeUseCase*

**GempakToCF:** *GempakToCFToolUseCase*

**Looping by Month or Year:** *LoopByMonthFeatureUseCase*

**List Expansion (using `begin_end_incr` syntax):** *ListExpansionFeatureUseCase*

**Masking for Regions of Interest:** *MaskingFeatureUseCase*

**METdbLoad:** *METdbLoadUseCase*

**MET\_PYTHON\_EXE Environment Variable:** *MET\_PYTHON\_EXEUseCase*

**Multiple Conf File Use:** *MultiConfUseCase*

**Observation Time Summary:** *ObsTimeSummaryUseCase*

**Observation Uncertainty:** *ObsUncertaintyUseCase*

**Python Embedding Ingest:** *PyEmbedIngestToolUseCase*  
**Probability Generation:** *ProbabilityGenerationUseCase*  
**Probability Verification:** *ProbabilityVerificationUseCase*  
**Regridding in Tool:** *RegriddingInToolUseCase*  
**Revision Series:** *RevisionSeriesUseCase*  
**Runtime Frequency:** *RuntimeFreqUseCase*  
**Series by Initialization:** *SeriesByInitUseCase*  
**Series by Forecast Lead:** *SeriesByLeadUseCase*  
**Validation of Models or Analyses:** *ValidationUseCase*  
**User Defined Script:** *UserScriptUseCase*

## 6.5 Use cases by File Format:

**GEMPAK:** *GEMPAKFileUseCase*  
**GRIB:** *GRIBFileUseCase*  
**GRIB2:** *GRIB2FileUseCase*  
**NetCDF:** *NetCDFFileUseCase*  
**Python Embedding:** *PythonEmbeddingFileUseCase*  
**prepBUFR:** *prepBUFRFileUseCase*





## Chapter 7

# METplus Configuration Glossary

ADECK\_FILE\_PREFIX

Warning: DEPRECATED: Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_ADECK\\_TEMPLATE](#).

ADECK\_TRACK\_DATA\_DIR

Warning: DEPRECATED: Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_ADECK\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

**ALPHA\_LIST** A single value or list of values used in the stat\_analysis data stratification. Specifies the values of the ALPHA column in the MET .stat file to use.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

AMODEL

Warning: DEPRECATED: Please use [TC\\_STAT\\_AMODEL](#).

ONLY\_ASCII\_REGEX\_LEAD

Warning: DEPRECATED: Please use [OBS\\_EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_PREFIX](#) instead.

ONLY\_NC\_TILE\_REGEX

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_PREFIX](#) instead.

**ONLY\_TILE\_PREFIX**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_PREFIX](#) instead.

**ONLY\_TILE\_REGEX**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used. The regular expression for the analysis input file. The file is in GRIBv2 format.

**ASCII2NC\_CONFIG\_FILE** Path to optional configuration file read by ASCII2NC.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Used to control the lower bound of the window around the valid time to determine if an ASCII2NC input file should be used for processing. Overrides [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#). See 'Use Windows to Find Valid Files' section for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** Used to control the upper bound of the window around the valid time to determine if an ASCII2NC input file should be used for processing. Overrides [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#). See 'Use Windows to Find Valid Files' section for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing input data to ASCII2NC. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to the input files using [ASCII2NC\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_INPUT\_FORMAT** Optional string to specify the format of the input data. Valid options are “met\_point”, “little\_r”, “surfrad”, “wwsis”, “aeronet”, “aeronetv2”, or “aeronetv3.”

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the input file used by ASCII2NC. See also [ASCII2NC\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_MASK\_GRID** Named grid or a data file defining the grid for filtering the point observations spatially (optional).

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_MASK\_POLY** A polyline file, the output of gen\_vx\_mask, or a gridded data file with field information for filtering the point observations spatially (optional).

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_MASK\_SID** A station ID masking file or a comma-separated list of station ID's for filtering the point observations spatially (optional).

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: ASCII2NC\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES = desc = “override\_desc”; model = “override\_model”;

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Directory to write output data generated by ASCII2NC. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to the output files using [ASCII2NC\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the output file generated by ASCII2NC. See also [ASCII2NC\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run ASCII2NC if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_BEG** Read by the ASCII2NC configuration file if specified by [ASCII2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding ASCII2NC configuration files for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_END** Read by the ASCII2NC configuration file if specified by [ASCII2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding ASCII2NC configuration files for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_FLAG** Boolean value to turn on/off time summarization. Read by the ASCII2NC configuration file if specified by [ASCII2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding ASCII2NC configuration for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_GRIB\_CODES** Read by the ASCII2NC configuration file if specified by [ASCII2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding ASCII2NC configuration files for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_RAW\_DATA** Read by the ASCII2NC configuration file if specified by [ASCII2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding ASCII2NC configuration files for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_STEP** Read by the ASCII2NC configuration file if specified by [ASCII2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding ASCII2NC configuration files for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_TYPES** Read by the ASCII2NC configuration file if specified by [ASCII2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding ASCII2NC configuration files for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_VALID\_FREQ** Read by the ASCII2NC configuration file if specified by [ASCII2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding ASCII2NC configuration files for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_VALID\_THRESH** Read by the ASCII2NC configuration file if specified by [ASCII2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding ASCII2NC configuration files for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_VAR\_NAMES** Read by the ASCII2NC configuration file if specified by [ASCII2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding ASCII2NC configuration files for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_WIDTH** Read by the ASCII2NC configuration file if specified by [ASCII2NC\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#). See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding ASCII2NC configuration files for more information.

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Passed to the ASCII2NC MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, ASCII2NC will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**ASCII2NC\_WINDOW\_END** Passed to the ASCII2NC MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, ASCII2NC will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

## BACKGROUND\_MAP

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_BACKGROUND\\_MAP](#) instead.

## BASIN

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_BASIN](#) or [TC\\_STAT\\_BASIN](#).

## BDECK\_FILE\_PREFIX

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_BDECK\\_TEMPLATE](#).

## BDECK\_TRACK\_DATA\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_BDECK\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

## BEG\_TIME

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [INIT\\_BEG](#) or [VALID\\_BEG](#) instead.

## BMODEL

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_STAT\\_BMODEL](#).

**BOTH\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Define the levels for the <n>th forecast and observation variables to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#), [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#), or [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

**BOTH\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Define the name for the <n>th forecast and observation variables to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#), [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#), or [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

**BOTH\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Define the extra options for the <n>th forecast and observation variables to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#), [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#), or [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

**BOTH\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Define the threshold list for the <n>th forecast and observation variables to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#), [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#), or [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

## CI\_METHOD

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MAKE\\_PLOTS\\_CI\\_METHOD](#).

**CLIMO\_GRID\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [GRID\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_FILE\\_NAME](#).

**CLIMO\_GRID\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [GRID\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_FILE\\_NAME](#).

**CLIMO\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [POINT\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_FILE\\_NAME](#).

**CLIMO\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [POINT\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_FILE\\_NAME](#).

**CLOCK\_TIME** Automatically set by METplus with the time that the run was started. Setting this variable has no effect as it will be overwritten. Can be used for reference in metplus\_final.conf or used with other config variables.

*Used by:* All

**CONFIG\_DIR** Directory containing config files relevant to MET tools.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, StatAnalysis

**CONFIG\_FILE** Specific configuration file name to use for MET tools.

*Used by:* TCMPRPlotter

**CONVERT** Path to the ImageMagick convert executable.



*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

## CONVERT\_EXE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [CONVERT](#).

## COV\_THRESH

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [COV\\_THRESH\\_LIST](#) instead.

**COV\_THRESH\_LIST** Specify the values of the COV\_THRESH column in the MET .stat file to use;

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**CURRENT\_FCST\_LEVEL** Generated by METplus in wrappers that loop over forecast names/levels to keep track of the current forecast level that is being processed. It can be referenced in the [GRID\_STAT/MODE/MTD]\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX to set the output file names. This should not be set by a user!

*Used by:* GridStat, MODE, MTD

**CURRENT\_FCST\_NAME** Generated by METplus in wrappers that loop over forecast names/levels to keep track of the current forecast name that is being processed. It can be referenced in the [GRID\_STAT/MODE/MTD]\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX to set the output file names. This should not be set by a user!

*Used by:* GridStat, MODE, MTD

**CURRENT\_OBS\_LEVEL** Generated by METplus in wrappers that loop over observation names/levels to keep track of the current observation level that is being processed. It can be referenced in the [GRID\_STAT/MODE/MTD]\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX to set the output file names. This should not be set by a user!

*Used by:* GridStat, MODE, MTD

**CURRENT\_OBS\_NAME** Generated by METplus in wrappers that loop over observation names/levels to keep track of the current observation name that is being processed. It can be referenced in the [GRID\_STAT/MODE/MTD]\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX to set the output file names. This should not be set by a user!

*Used by:* GridStat, MODE, MTD

#### CUSTOM\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

#### CUSTOM\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_GRID

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_GRID](#).

#### CUSTOM\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

#### CUSTOM\_INGEST\_<n>\_SCRIPT

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_SCRIPT](#).

#### CUSTOM\_INGEST\_<n>\_TYPE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_TYPE](#).

**CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** List of strings that are used to run each item in the [PROCESS\\_LIST](#) multiple times for each run time to allow the tool to be run with different configurations. The filename template tag {custom?fmt=%s} can be used throughout the METplus configuration file. For example, the text can be used to supply different configuration files (if the MET tool uses them) and output filenames/directories. If you have two configuration files, SeriesAnalysisConfig\_one and SeriesAnalysisConfig\_two, you can set:

```
[config]
CUSTOM_LOOP_LIST = one, two
SERIES_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE = {CONFIG_DIR}/SeriesAnalysisConfig_{custom?fmt=%s}
```

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```
[dir]  
SERIES_ANALYSIS_OUTPUT_DIR = {OUTPUT_BASE}/{custom?fmt=%s}
```

ith this configuration, SeriesAnalysis will be called twice. The first run will use SeriesAnalysisConfig\_one and write output to {OUTPUT\_BASE}/one. The second run will use SeriesAnalysisConfig\_two and write output to {OUTPUT\_BASE}/two.

f unset or left blank, the wrapper will run once per run time. There are also wrapper-specific configuration variables to define a custom string loop list for a single wrapper, i.e. [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#) and [PCP\\_COMBINE\\_CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* Many

**CUT** Path to the Linux cut executable.

*Used by:* PB2NC, PointStat

**CUT\_EXE**

**Warning:** DEPRECATED: Please use [CUT](#).

**CYCLONE**

**Warning:** DEPRECATED: Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_CYCLONE](#) or [TC\\_STAT\\_CYCLONE](#).

**CYCLONE\_CIRCLE\_MARKER\_SIZE**

**Warning:** DEPRECATED: Please use [CYCLONE\\_PLOTTER\\_CIRCLE\\_MARKER\\_SIZE](#).

**CYCLONE\_CROSS\_MARKER\_SIZE**

**Warning:** DEPRECATED: Please use [CYCLONE\\_PLOTTER\\_CROSS\\_MARKER\\_SIZE](#).

**CYCLONE\_GENERATE\_TRACK\_ASCII**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [CYCLONE\\_PLOTTER\\_GENERATE\\_TRACK\\_ASCII](#) instead.

**CYCLONE\_INIT\_DATE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [CYCLONE\\_PLOTTER\\_INIT\\_DATE](#) instead.

**CYCLONE\_INIT\_HR** Initialization hour for the cyclone forecasts in HH format.

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_INPUT\_DIR** Input directory for the cyclone plotter. This should be the output directory for the MET TC-Pairs utility

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_MODEL** Define the model being used for the tropical cyclone forecasts.

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_OUT\_DIR** Specify the directory where the output from the cyclone plotter should go.

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_PLOT\_TITLE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [CYCLONE\\_PLOTTER\\_PLOT\\_TITLE](#).

**CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_ADD\_WATERMARK** If set to True, add a watermark with the current time to the image generated by CyclonePlotter.

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_CIRCLE\_MARKER\_SIZE** Control the size of the circle marker in the cyclone plotter.

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_CROSS\_MARKER\_SIZE** Control the size of the cross marker in the cyclone plotter.

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_GENERATE\_TRACK\_ASCII** Specify whether or not to produce an ASCII file containing all of the tracks in the plot. Acceptable values: true/false

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_INIT\_DATE** Initialization date for the cyclone forecasts in YYYYMMDD format.

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_INIT\_HR**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">CYCLONE_PLOTTER_INIT_DATE</a> instead.
---

**CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_INPUT\_DIR** The directory containing the input data to be plotted.

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_MODEL** Model used in CyclonePlotter.

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Directory for saving files generated by CyclonePlotter.

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**CYCLONE\_PLOTTER\_PLOT\_TITLE** Title string for the cyclone plotter.

*Used by:* CyclonePlotter

**DATE\_TYPE** In StatAnalysis, this specifies the way to treat the date information, where valid options are VALID and INIT.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**DEMO\_YR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_DEMO\\_YR](#) instead.

**DEP\_VARS**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_DEP\\_VARS](#) instead.

**DESC** Specify the value for 'desc' in the MET configuration file for the MET tool being used

*Used by:* GridStat, PointStat, EnsembleStat, GridDiag, MODE, MTD, SeriesAnalysis, TCGen, TCPairs, TCStat

**DESC\_LIST** A single value or list of values used in the stat\_analysis data stratification. Specifies the values of the DESC column in the MET .stat file to use.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**DLAND\_FILE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_DLAND\\_FILE](#).

**DLAT**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_DLAT](#) instead.

**DLON**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_DLON](#) instead.

**DO\_NOT\_RUN\_EXE** True/False. If True, applications will not run and will only output command that would have been called.

Used by: All

## END\_DATE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [INIT\\_END](#) or [VALID\\_END](#) instead.

## END\_HOUR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Ending hour for analysis with format HH.

## END\_TIME

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Ending date string for analysis with format YYYYMMDD.

**ENS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Set the file\_type entry of the ens dictionary in the MET config file for EnsembleStat.

Used by: EnsembleStat

**ENS\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Define the levels for the <n>th ensemble variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer >= 1. The value can be a single item or a comma separated list of items. You can define NetCDF levels, such as (0,\*,\*), but you will need to surround these values with quotation marks so that the commas in the item are not interpreted as an item delimiter. Some examples:

```
ENS_VAR1_LEVELS = A06, P500
ENS_VAR2_LEVELS = "(0,*,*)", "(1,*,*)"
```

There can be <n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.:

```
ENS_VAR1_LEVELS
ENS_VAR2_LEVELS
...
ENS_VAR<n>_LEVELS
```

See [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENS\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Define the name for the <n>th ensemble variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . There can be <n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.:

```
ENS_VAR1_NAME
ENS_VAR2_NAME
...
ENS_VAR<n>_NAME
```

See [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENS\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Define the options for the <n>th ensemble variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . These addition options will be applied to every name/level/threshold combination for VAR<n>. There can be <n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.:

```
ENS_VAR1_OPTIONS
ENS_VAR2_OPTIONS
...
ENS_VAR<n>_OPTION
```

See [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENS\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Define the threshold(s) for the <n>th ensemble variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . The value can be a single item or a comma separated list of items that must start with a comparison operator (>,  $\geq$ ,  $=$ ,  $\neq$ ,  $<$ ,  $\leq$ , gt, ge, eq, ne, lt, le). There can be <n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.:

```
ENS_VAR1_THRESH
```



ENS\_VAR2\_THRESH  
...  
ENS\_VAR<n>\_THRESH

See [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CENSOR\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'censor\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CENSOR\_VAL** Specify the value for 'censor\_val' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CI\_ALPHA** Specify the value for 'ci\_alpha' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_BINS** Specify the value for 'climo\_cdf.cdf\_bins' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_CDF\_BINS** See [ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_CDF\\_BINS](#)

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_CENTER\_BINS** Specify the value for 'climo\_cdf.center\_bins' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_WRITE\_BINS** Specify the value for 'climo\_cdf.write\_bins' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_DAY\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.day\_interval' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FIELD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.field' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FILE\_NAME** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.file\_name' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_HOUR\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.hour\_interval' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_INPUT\_DIR**

<b>Warning:</b> DEPRECATED: Please use <a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME</a> .
---

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE**

<b>Warning:</b> DEPRECATED: Please use <a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME</a> .
---

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_MATCH\_MONTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.match\_month' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.time\_interp\_method' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_DAY\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.day\_interval' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FIELD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.field' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FILE\_NAME** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.file\_name' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_HOUR\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.hour\_interval' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_INPUT\_DIR**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME</a> .
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**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME</a> .
--

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_MATCH\_MONTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.match\_month' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.time\_interp\_method' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

#### **ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CONFIG**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_CONFIG_FILE</a> instead.
---

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CONFIG\_FILE** Specify the absolute path to the configuration file for the MET ensemble\_stat tool.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_DESC** Specify the value for 'desc' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_DUPLICATE\_FLAG** Specify the value for 'duplicate\_flag' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENS\_OBS\_THRESH** Sets the `ens.obs_thresh` value in the `ensemble_stat` MET config file.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENS\_PHIST\_BIN\_SIZE** Specify the value for `'ens_phist_bin_size'` in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENS\_SSVAR\_BIN\_SIZE** Specify the value for `'ens_ssvar_bin_size'` in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENS\_THRESH** Threshold for the ratio of the number of valid ensemble fields to the total number of expected ensemble members. This value is passed into the `ensemble_stat` config file to make sure the percentage of files that are valid meets the expectation.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENS\_VLD\_THRESH** Threshold for the ratio of the number of valid data values to the total number of expected ensemble members. This value is passed into the `ensemble_stat` config file to make sure the percentage of files that are valid meets the expectation.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_FREQUENCY** Specify the value for `'ensemble_flag.frequency'` in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_LATLON** Specify the value for `'ensemble_flag.latlon'` in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_MAX** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.max' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_MEAN** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.mean' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_MIN** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.min' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_MINUS** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.minus' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_NEP** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.nep' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_NMEP** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.nmep' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_PLUS** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.plus' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_RANGE** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.range' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_RANK** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.rank' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_STDEV** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.stdev' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_VLD\_COUNT** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.vld\_count' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_ENSEMBLE\_FLAG\_WEIGHT** Specify the value for 'ensemble\_flag.weight' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_GRID\_VX**

<b>Warning:</b> DEPRECATED: Please use <a href="#">ENSEMBLE_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID</a> .
---

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INTERP\_FIELD** Specify the value for 'interp.field' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.



*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INTERP\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'interp.type.method' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INTERP\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'interp.shape' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INTERP\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'interp.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INTERP\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'interp.type.width' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_MASK\_GRID** Specify the value for 'mask.grid' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_MASK\_POLY** Set the mask.poly entry in the EnsembleStat MET config file.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_MESSAGE\_TYPE** Set the message\_type option in the EnsembleStat MET config file.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: `ENSEMBLE_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES = desc = "override_desc"; model = "override_model";`

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_MET\_OBS\_ERR\_TABLE**

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_MET\_OBS\_ERROR\_TABLE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_MET\\_OBS\\_ERR\\_TABLE](#) instead.

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_N\_MEMBERS** Expected number of ensemble members found. This should correspond to the number of items in [FCST\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). If this number differs from the number of files are found for a given run, then ensemble\_stat will not run for that time.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NBRHD\_PROB\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'nbrhd\_prob.shape' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NBRHD\_PROB\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'nbrhd\_prob.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NBRHD\_PROB\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'nbrhd\_prob.width' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_GAUSSIAN\_DX** Specify the value for 'nmep\_smooth.gaussian\_dx' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_GAUSSIAN\_RADIUS** Specify the value for 'nmep\_smooth.gaussian\_radius' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'nmep\_smooth.type.method' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'nmep\_smooth.shape' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'nmep\_smooth.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_NMEP\_SMOOTH\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'nmep\_smooth.type.width' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OBS\_ERROR\_FLAG** Specify the value for 'obs\_error.flag' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

## ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUT\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the output directory where files from the MET ensemble\_stat tool are written.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_ECNT** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.ecnt' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_ORANK** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.orank' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PHIST** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.phist' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_RELP** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.relp' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_RHIST** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.rhist' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_RPS** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.rps' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_SSVAR** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.ssvar' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX** String to pass to the MET config file to prepend text to the output filenames.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Sets the subdirectories below [ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) using a template to allow run time information. If [LOOP\\_BY](#) = VALID, default value is valid time YYYYMMDDHHMM/ensemble\_stat. If [LOOP\\_BY](#) = INIT, default value is init time YYYYMMDDHHMM/ensemble\_stat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID** Used to set the regrid dictionary item 'to\_grid' in the MET EnsembleStat config file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_SKIP\_CONST** Specify the value for 'skip\_const' in the MET configuration file for EnsembleStat.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VERIFICATION\_MASK\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify the verification mask filename for the MET tool ensemble\_stat. Now supports a list of filenames.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

## EVENT\_EQUALIZATION

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">MAKE_PLOTS_EVENT_EQUALIZATION</a> .
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**EXAMPLE\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* Example

**EXAMPLE\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing fake input data for Example wrapper. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to the input files using [EXAMPLE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* Example

**EXAMPLE\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the fake input files used by Example wrapper to demonstrate how filename templates correspond to run times. See also [EXAMPLE\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* Example

**EXTRACT\_OUT\_DIR**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">EXTRACT_TILES_OUTPUT_DIR</a> .
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**EXTRACT\_TILES\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_DLAT** The latitude value, in degrees. Set to the value that defines the resolution of the data (in decimal degrees).

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_DLON** The longitude value, in degrees. Set to the value that defines the resolution of the data (in decimal degrees).

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_FILTER\_OPTS**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">TC_STAT_JOB_ARGS</a> instead. Control what options are passed to the METplus extract_tiles utility.
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*Used by:* ExtractTiles

## EXTRACT\_TILES\_FILTERED\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_TC\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) instead.

## EXTRACT\_TILES\_GRID\_INPUT\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) and [OBS\\_EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_LAT\_ADJ** Specify a latitude adjustment, in degrees to be used in the analysis. In the ExtractTiles wrapper, this corresponds to the 2m portion of the 2n x 2m subregion tile.

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_LON\_ADJ** Specify a longitude adjustment, in degrees to be used in the analysis. In the ExtractTiles wrapper, this corresponds to the 2n portion of the 2n x 2m subregion tile.

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_NLAT** The number of latitude points, set to a whole number. This defines the number of latitude points to incorporate into the subregion (density).

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_NLON** The number of longitude points, set to a whole number. This defines the number of longitude points to incorporate into the subregion (density).

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Set the output directory for the METplus extract\_tiles utility.

*Used by:* ExtractTiles



**EXTRACT\_TILES\_OVERWRITE\_TRACK**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_SKIP\\_IF\\_OUTPUT\\_EXISTS](#) instead.

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_PAIRS\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_TC\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** Specify whether to overwrite the track data or not. Acceptable values: yes/no

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_TC\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_TC\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) instead.

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_TC\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing TCStat output to be read by ExtractTiles.

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_TC\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify the dump row output tcst file generated by TCStat to filter input data to be used in ExtractTiles. Example: {init?fmt=%Y%m%d\_%H}/filter\_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d\_%H}.tcst

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**EXTRACT\_TILES\_VAR\_LIST** Control what variables the METplus extract\_tiles utility runs on. Additional filtering by summary (via the MET tc\_stat tool). Please refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) (TC-STAT Tools) for all the available options for filtering by summary method in tc-stat. If no additional filtering is required, simply leave the value to [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_FILTER\\_OPTS](#) blank/empty in the METplus configuration file.

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**FCST\_<n>\_FIELD\_NAME**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_<n>\\_FIELD\\_NAME](#) where N >=1 instead.

**FCST\_ASCII\_REGEX\_LEAD**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_PREFIX](#) instead.

**FCST\_DATA\_INTERVAL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Use [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_DATA\\_INTERVAL](#) instead.

**FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** See [OBS\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#)

*Used by:*

**FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** See [OBS\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#)

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for forecast files used with the MET ensemble\_stat tool. Currently valid options are NETCDF, GRIB, and GEMPAK. If set to GEMPAK, data will automatically be converted to NetCDF via GempakToCF. Similar variables exists for observation grid and point data called [OBS\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_GRID\\_DATATYPE](#) and [OBS\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_POINT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR** Input directory for forecast files to use with the MET tool ensemble\_stat. Corresponding variable exist for point and grid observation data called [OBS\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_GRID\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) and [OBS\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_POINT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify forecast input file-names for the MET tool ensemble\_stat. Corresponding variables exist for point and grid observation data called [OBS\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_GRID\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) and [OBS\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_POINT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). To utilize Python Embedding as input to the MET tools, set this value to PYTHON\_NUMPY or PYTHON\_XARRAY.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Passed to the EnsembleStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing forecast data. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, EnsembleStat will use [FCST\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**FCST\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_WINDOW\_END** Passed to the EnsembleStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing forecast data. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, ensemble\_stat will use [FCST\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

## **FCST\_EXACT\_VALID\_TIME**

**Warning:**      **DEPRECATED:** No longer used. Please use [FCST\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) and [FCST\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) instead. If both of those variables are set to 0, the functionality is the same as FCST\_EXACT\_VALID\_TIME = True.

**FCST\_EXTRACT\_TILES\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing gridded forecast data to be used in ExtractTiles

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**FCST\_EXTRACT\_TILES\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template used to identify forecast input file to ExtractTiles.

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**FCST\_EXTRACT\_TILES\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template used to identify the forecast output file generated by ExtractTiles.

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**FCST\_EXTRACT\_TILES\_PREFIX** Prefix for forecast tile files. Used to create filename of intermediate files that are created while performing a series analysis.

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**FCST\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** See [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#)

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PB2NC, PointStat

**FCST\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** See [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#)

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PB2NC, PointStat

**FCST\_GEMPAK\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [GEMPAKTOCF\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**FCST\_GEMPAK\_TEMPLATE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [GEMPAKTOCF\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) if GempakToCF is in the PROCESS\_LIST.

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_FILE\_TYPE** Specify the value for 'fcst.file\_type' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** See [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#)

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** See [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#)

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for forecast files used with the MET grid\_stat tool. Currently valid options are NETCDF, GRIB, and GEMPAK. If set to GEMPAK, data will automatically be converted to NetCDF via GempakToCF. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR** Input directory for forecast files to use with the MET tool grid\_stat. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify forecast input filenames for the MET tool `grid_stat`. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). To utilize Python Embedding as input to the MET tools, set this value to `PYTHON_NUMPY` or `PYTHON_XARRAY`.

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_PROB\_THRESH** Threshold values to be used for probabilistic data in `grid_stat`. The value can be a single item or a comma separated list of items that must start with a comparison operator (`>`, `>=`, `=`, `!=`, `<`, `<=`, `gt`, `ge`, `eq`, `ne`, `lt`, `le`). A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_PROB\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Passed to the GridStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, GridStat will use [FCST\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_GRID\_STAT\_WINDOW\_END** Passed to the GridStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, GridStat will use [FCST\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**FCST\_HR\_END**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LEAD\\_SEQ](#) instead.

**FCST\_HR\_INTERVAL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LEAD\\_SEQ](#) instead.

**FCST\_HR\_START**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LEAD\\_SEQ](#) instead.

**FCST\_INIT\_HOUR\_LIST** Specify a list of hours for initialization times of forecast files for use in the analysis.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**FCST\_INIT\_INTERVAL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Specify the stride for forecast initializations.

**FCST\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use `FCST_[MET-APP]_INPUT_DIR`` instead, i.e. [FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#)

**FCST\_INPUT\_DIR\_REGEX**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

## FCST\_INPUT\_FILE\_REGEX

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Regular expression to use when identifying which forecast file to use.

## FCST\_INPUT\_FILE\_TMPL

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) instead.

## FCST\_IS\_DAILY\_FILE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_IS\\_DAILY\\_FILE](#) instead.

**FCST\_IS\_PROB** Specify whether the forecast data are probabilistic or not. Acceptable values: true/false

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PointStat

## FCST\_LEAD

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_LEAD\\_LIST](#) instead.

**FCST\_LEAD\_LIST** Specify the values of the FCST\_LEAD column in the MET .stat file to use. Comma separated list format, e.g.: 00, 24, 48, 72, 96, 120

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

## FCST\_LEVEL

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_ACCUMS](#) instead.

**FCST\_LEVEL\_LIST** Specify the values of the FCST\_LEV column in the MET .stat file to use. This is optional in the METplus configuration file for running with [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) = times.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

## FCST\_MAX\_FORECAST



**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LEAD\\_SEQ\\_MAX](#) instead.

## FCST\_MIN\_FORECAST

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_MIN\\_FORECAST](#).

**FCST\_MODE\_CONV\_RADIUS** Comma separated list of convolution radius values used by mode for forecast fields. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MODE\\_CONV\\_RADIUS](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_CONV\_THRESH** Comma separated list of convolution threshold values used by mode for forecast fields. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MODE\\_CONV\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** See [OBS\\_MODE\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#)

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** See [OBS\\_MODE\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#)

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for forecast files used with the MET mode tool. Currently valid options are NETCDF, GRIB, and GEMPAK. If set to GEMPAK, data will automatically be converted to NetCDF via GempakToCF. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MODE\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_INPUT\_DIR** Input directory for forecast files to use with the MET tool mode. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MODE\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify forecast input filenames for the MET tool mode. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MODE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). To utilize Python Embedding as input to the MET tools, set this value to PYTHON\_NUMPY or PYTHON\_XARRAY.

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_MERGE\_FLAG** Sets the merge\_flag value in the mode config file for forecast fields. Valid values are NONE, THRESH, ENGINE, and BOTH. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MODE\\_MERGE\\_FLAG](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_MERGE\_THRESH** Comma separated list of merge threshold values used by mode for forecast fields. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MODE\\_MERGE\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Passed to the MODE MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, MODE will use [FCST\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MODE\_WINDOW\_END** Passed to the MODE MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, MODE will use [FCST\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**FCST\_MTD\_CONV\_RADIUS** Comma separated list of convolution radius values used by mode-TD for forecast files. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MTD\\_CONV\\_RADIUS](#).

*Used by:*

**FCST\_MTD\_CONV\_THRESH** Comma separated list of convolution threshold values used by mode-TD for forecast files. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MTD\\_CONV\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:*

**FCST\_MTD\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** See [OBS\\_MTD\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#)

*Used by:* MTD

**FCST\_MTD\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** See [OBS\\_MTD\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#)

*Used by:* MTD

**FCST\_MTD\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for forecast files used with the MET mode-TD tool. Currently valid options are NETCDF, GRIB, and GEMPAK. If set to GEMPAK, data will automatically be converted to NetCDF via GempakToCF. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MTD\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**FCST\_MTD\_INPUT\_DIR** Input directory for forecast files to use with the MET tool mode-TD. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MTD\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**FCST\_MTD\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify forecast input filenames for the MET tool mode-TD. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_MTD\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). To utilize Python Embedding as input to the MET tools, set this value to PYTHON\_NUMPY or PYTHON\_XARRAY.

*Used by:* MTD

**FCST\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**FCST\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**FCST\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**FCST\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**FCST\_NATIVE\_DATA\_TYPE**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_DATATYPE</a> instead
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**FCST\_NC\_TILE\_REGEX**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_PREFIX](#) instead.

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_<n>\_FIELD\_NAME**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_NAMES](#) instead.

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_BUCKET\_INTERVAL** Used when [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_ACCUMS](#) contains {lead} in the list. This is the interval to reset the bucket accumulation. For example, if the accumulation is reset every 3 hours (forecast 1 hour has 1 hour accum, forecast 2 hour has 2 hour accum, forecast 3 hour has 3 hour accum, forecast 4 hour has 1 hour accum, etc.) then this should be set to 3 or 3H. Units are assumed to be hours unless specified with Y, m, d, H, M, or S.

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_COMMAND** Used only when [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_METHOD](#) = USER\_DEFINED. Custom command to run PCPCombine with a complex call that doesn't fit common use cases. Value can include filename template syntax, i.e. {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}, that will be substituted based on the current runtime. The name of the application and verbosity flag does not need to be included. For example, if set to '-derive min,max /some/file' the command run will be `pcp_combine -v 2 -derive min,max /some/file`. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_COMMAND](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_CONSTANT\_INIT** If True, only look for forecast files that have a given initialization time. Used only if [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) has a 'lead' tag. If set to False, the lowest forecast lead for each search (valid) time is used. See [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_CONSTANT\\_INIT](#)

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_DATA\_INTERVAL** Specify the accumulation interval of the forecast dataset used by the MET pcp\_combine tool when processing daily input files. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_DATA\\_INTERVAL](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_DERIVE\_LOOKBACK** Specify how far to look back in time in hours to find files for running the MET pcp\_combine tool in derive mode. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_DERIVE\\_LOOKBACK](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_LEVELS** Specify a list of any additional fields to add to the command. The items in this list correspond to the list set by [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_EXTRA\\_NAMES](#). If this list has fewer items than the names list, then no level value will be specified for those names (i.e. if using Python Embedding). A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_EXTRA\\_LEVELS](#). See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_EXTRA\\_NAMES](#) for an example.

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_NAMES** Specify a list of any additional fields to add to the command. The items in this list correspond to the list set by [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_EXTRA\\_LEVELS](#). A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_EXTRA\\_NAMES](#). Example:

```
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_EXTRA_NAMES = TMP, HGT  
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_EXTRA_LEVELS = "( )", "( )"
```

This will add the following to the end of the command:

```
-field 'name="TMP"; level="( )";' -field 'name="HGT"; level="( )";'
```

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_OUTPUT\_NAMES** Specify a list of output names for any additional fields to add to the command. The items in this list correspond to the list set by [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_EXTRA\\_NAMES](#). A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_EXTRA\\_OUTPUT\\_NAMES](#). Example:

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_ACCUMS** Specify what accumulation levels should be used from the forecast data for the analysis. This is a list of input accumulations in the order of preference to use to build the desired accumulation. If an accumulation cannot be used (i.e. it is larger than the remaining accumulation that needs to be built) then the next value in the list is tried. Units are assumed to be

hours unless a time identifier such as Y, m, d, H, M, S is specified at the end of the value, i.e. 30M or 1m.

If the name and/or level of the accumulation value must be specified for the data, then a list of equal length to this variable must be set for [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_NAMES](#) and [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_LEVELS](#). See these sections for more information.

This variable can be set to {lead} if the accumulation found in a given file corresponds to the forecast lead of the data. If this is the case, [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_BUCKET\\_INTERVAL](#) can be used to reset the accumulation at a given interval.

A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_ACCUMS](#).

Examples:

1H, 30M

This will attempt to use a 1 hour accumulation, then try to use a 30 minute accumulation if the first value did not succeed.

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for forecast files used with the MET pcp\_combine tool. Currently valid options are NETCDF, GRIB, and GEMPAK. Required by pcp\_combine if [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_RUN](#) is True. Replaces deprecated variable [FCST\\_NATIVE\\_DATA\\_TYPE](#). A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_DIR** Specify the input directory for forecast files used with the MET pcp\_combine tool. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_LEVEL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_ACCUMS](#).

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_LEVELS** Specify which levels correspond to each accumulation specified in [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_ACCUMS](#) for the forecast data for the analysis. See

[FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_ACCUMS](#) for more information. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_LEVELS](#). Examples:

```
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 1
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = P01M_NONE
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_LEVELS = "(0,*,*)"
```

This says that the 1 hour accumulation field name is P01M\_NONE and the level (0,\*,\*), which is NetCDF format to specify the first item of the first dimension.

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_NAMES** Specify which field names correspond to each accumulation specified in FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_ACCUMS for the forecast data for the analysis. See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_ACCUMS](#) for more information. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_NAMES](#). Examples:

```
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 6, 1
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = P06M_NONE, P01M_NONE
```

This says that the 6 hour accumulation field name is P06M\_NONE and the 1 hour accumulation field name is P01M\_NONE.

To utilize Python Embedding as input to the MET tools, set this value to the python script command with arguments. This value can include filename template syntax such as {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}.

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_OPTIONS** Specify optional additional options that correspond to each accumulation specified in FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_ACCUMS for the forecast data for the analysis. See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_ACCUMS](#) for more information. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_OPTIONS](#). Examples:

```
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_ACCUMS = 6, 1
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_NAMES = P06M_NONE, P01M_NONE
FCST_PCP_COMBINE_INPUT_OPTIONS = something = else;, another_thing = else;
```



*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify input filenames for forecast files used by the MET pcp\_combine tool. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). To utilize Python Embedding as input to the MET tools, set this value to PYTHON\_NUMPY or PYTHON\_XARRAY.

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_IS\_DAILY\_FILE** Specify whether the forecast file is a daily file or not. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_IS\\_DAILY\\_FILE](#). Acceptable values: true/false

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_MAX\_FORECAST** Specify the maximum forecast lead time to use when finding the lowest forecast lead to use in pcp\_combine. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_MAX\\_FORECAST](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_METHOD** Specify the method to be used with the MET pcp\_combine tool processing forecast data. Valid options are ADD, SUM, SUBTRACT, DERIVE, and USER\_DEFINED. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_METHOD](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_MIN\_FORECAST** Specify the minimum forecast lead time to use when finding the lowest forecast lead to use in pcp\_combine. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_MIN\\_FORECAST](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_ACCUM** Specify desired accumulation to be built from the forecast data. Units are assumed to be hours unless a time identifier such as Y, m, d, H, M, S is specified at the end of the value, i.e. 30M or 1m. If this variable is not set, then FCST\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS is used.

A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_ACCUM](#).

Examples:

15H

This will attempt to build a 15 hour accumulation.

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the output directory for forecast files generated by the MET pcp\_combine tool. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_NAME** Specify the output field name from processing forecast data. If this variable is not set, then [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) is used.

A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_NAME](#).

Example: APCP

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify output filenames for forecast files generated by the MET pcp\_combine tool. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). To utilize Python Embedding as input to the MET tools, set this value to PYTHON\_NUMPY or PYTHON\_XARRAY.

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_RUN** Specify whether to run the MET pcp\_combine tool on forecast data or not. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_RUN](#). Acceptable values: true/false

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_STAT\_LIST** List of statistics to process when using the MET pcp\_combine tool on forecast data in derive mode. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_STAT\\_LIST](#). Acceptable values: sum, min, max, range, mean, stdev, vld\_count

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_PCP\_COMBINE\_TIMES\_PER\_FILE** Specify the number of accumulation intervals of the forecast dataset used by the MET pcp\_combine tool when processing daily input files. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_TIMES\\_PER\\_FILE](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** See [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#)

*Used by:* PointStat

**FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** See [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#)

*Used by:* PointStat

**FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for forecast files used with the MET point\_stat tool. Currently valid options are NETCDF, GRIB, and GEMPAK. If set to GEMPAK, data will automatically be converted to NetCDF via GempakToCF. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR** Input directory for forecast files to use with the MET tool point\_stat. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify forecast input filenames for the MET tool point\_stat. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). To utilize Python Embedding as input to the MET tools, set this value to PYTHON\_NUMPY or PYTHON\_XARRAY.

*Used by:* GriPointStat

**FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Passed to the PointStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing forecast data. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, PointStat will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**FCST\_POINT\_STAT\_WINDOW\_END** Passed to the PointStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing forecast data. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, PointStat will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**FCST\_PROB\_IN\_GRIB\_PDS** Specify whether the probabilistic forecast data is stored in the GRIB Product Definition Section or not. Acceptable values: true/false. Only used when FCST\_IS\_PROB is True. This does not need to be set if the FCST\_<APP\_NAME>\_INPUT\_DATATYPE is set to NetCDF.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PointStat

**FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for forecast files used with the MET regrid\_data\_plane tool. Currently valid options are NETCDF, GRIB, and

GEMPAK. Required by pcp\_combine. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_DIR** Specify the input directory for forecast files used with the MET regrid\_data\_plane tool. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify input filenames for forecast data used by the MET regrid\_data\_plane tool. If not set, METplus will use [FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_TEMPLATE](#). A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). To utilize Python Embedding as input to the MET tools, set this value to PYTHON\_NUMPY or PYTHON\_XARRAY.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the output directory for forecast files used with the MET regrid\_data\_plane tool. A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify output filenames for forecast data used by the MET regrid\_data\_plane tool. If not set, METplus will use [FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_TEMPLATE](#). A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_RUN** If True, process forecast data with RegridDataPlane.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify filenames for forecast data used by the MET regrid\_data\_plane tool. To specify different templates for input and output files, use [FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) and [FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). A corresponding variable exists for observation data called [OBS\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VAR<n>\_INPUT\_FIELD\_NAME** Specify the (optional) forecast input field name that is read by RegridDataPlane. The name corresponds to [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#). This is used when using Python Embedding as input to the MET tool, because the [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) defines the python script to call.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VAR<n>\_INPUT\_LEVEL** Specify the (optional) forecast input field level that is read by RegridDataPlane. The name corresponds to [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#). This is used when using Python Embedding as input to the MET tool, because the [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#) defines the python script to call.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**FCST\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VAR<n>\_OUTPUT\_FIELD\_NAME** Specify the forecast output field name that is created by RegridDataPlane. The name corresponds to [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#). This is used when using Python Embedding as input to the MET tool, because the [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) defines the python script to call.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**FCST\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_ASCII\_REGEX\_LEAD**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_PREFIX</a> instead.
---

**FCST\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Set the file\_type entry of the fcst dictionary in the MET config file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**FCST\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_INPUT\_DIR** Specify the directory to read forecast input in SeriesAnalysis. See also [FCST\\_SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**FCST\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template to find forecast input in SeriesAnalysis. See also [FCST\\_SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#)

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**FCST\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_NC\_TILE\_REGEX**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_PREFIX](#) instead.

**FCST\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_TILE\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**FCST\_THRESH**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_THRESH\\_LIST](#) instead.

**FCST\_THRESH\_LIST** Specify the values of the FCST\_THRESH column in the MET .stat file to use. This is optional in the METplus configuration file for running with [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) = times.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

**FCST\_TILE\_PREFIX**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_PREFIX](#) instead.

**FCST\_TILE\_REGEX**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used. Regular expression for forecast input files that are in GRIB2.

## FCST\_TIMES\_PER\_FILE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_TIMES\\_PER\\_FILE](#) instead.

**FCST\_UNITS\_LIST** Specify the values of the FCST\_UNITS column in the MET .stat file to use. This is optional in the METplus configuration file for running with [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) = times.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

**FCST\_VALID\_HOUR\_LIST** Specify a list of hours for valid times of forecast files for use in the analysis.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

## FCST\_VAR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used.

**FCST\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Define the levels for the <n>th forecast variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer >= 1. The value can be a single item or a comma separated list of items. You can define NetCDF levels, such as (0,\*,\*), but you will need to surround these values with quotation marks so that the commas in the item are not interpreted as an item delimiter. Some examples:

```
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS = A06, P500
FCST_VAR2_LEVELS = "(0,*,*),(1,*,*)"
```

There can be <n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.:

```
FCST_VAR1_LEVELS
FCST_VAR2_LEVELS
...
FCST_VAR<n>_LEVELS
```

If FCST\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS is set, then [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#) must be set as well. If the same value applies to both forecast and observation data, use [BOTH\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

See [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.



*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

**FCST\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Define the name for the <n>th forecast variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . If [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) is set, then [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) must be set. If the same value applies to both forecast and observation data, use [BOTH\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#). There can be s<n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.:

```
FCST_VAR1_NAME
FCST_VAR2_NAME
...
FCST_VAR<n>_NAME
```

See [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

This value can be set to a call to a python script with arguments to supply data to the MET tools via Python Embedding. Filename template syntax can be used here to specify time information of an input file, i.e. {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}. See the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information about Python Embedding in the MET tools.

*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

**FCST\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Define the options for the <n>th forecast variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . These addition options will be applied to every name/level/threshold combination for VAR<n>. There can be <n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.:

```
FCST_VAR1_OPTIONS
FCST_VAR2_OPTIONS
...
FCST_VAR<n>_OPTIONS
```

See [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

**FCST\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Define the threshold(s) for the <n>th forecast variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . The value can be a single item or a comma separated

list of items that must start with a comparison operator (>,>=,==,!=,<,<=,gt,ge,eq,ne,lt,le). If [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#) is not set but [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#) is, the same information will be used for both variables. There can be <n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.: | FCST\_VAR1\_THRESH | FCST\_VAR2\_THRESH | ... | FCST\_VAR<n>\_THRESH

If [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#) is set, then [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#) must be set as well. If the same value applies to both forecast and observation data, use [BOTH\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

See [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

## FCST\_VAR\_LEVEL

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_LEVEL\\_LIST](#) instead.

**FCST\_VAR\_LIST** Specify the values of the FCST\_VAR column in the MET .stat file to use. This is optional in the METplus configuration file for running with [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) = times.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

## FCST\_VAR\_NAME

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_VAR\\_LIST](#) instead.

**FCST\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** See [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#)

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PB2NC, PointStat

**FCST\_WINDOW\_END** See [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_END](#)

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PB2NC, PointStat

## FHR\_BEG

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LEAD\\_SEQ](#) instead.

#### FHR\_END

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LEAD\\_SEQ](#) instead.

#### FHR\_GROUP\_BEG

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LEAD\\_SEQ\\_<n>](#) instead.

#### FHR\_GROUP\_END

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LEAD\\_SEQ\\_<n>](#) instead.

#### FHR\_GROUP\_LABELS

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LEAD\\_SEQ\\_<n>](#) [\\_LABEL](#) instead.

#### FHR\_INC

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LEAD\\_SEQ](#) instead.

**FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Used to control the lower bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. This value will be used for all wrappers that look for all files unless it is overridden by a wrapper specific configuration variable. For example, if [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is set, the Grid-Stat wrapper will use that value. If [PB2NC\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is not set, then the PB2NC wrapper will use [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#). If [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is not set, it will use [FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) if it is set. If not, it will default to 0. If the begin and end file window values are both 0, then only a file matching the exact run time will be considered.

*Used by:* All

**FILE\_WINDOW\_END** Used to control the upper bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection

called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. This value will be used for all wrappers that look for all files unless it is overridden by a wrapper specific configuration variable. For example, if [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is set, the GridStat wrapper will use that value. If [PB2NC\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is not set, then the PB2NC wrapper will use [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#). If [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is not set, it will use [FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) if it is set. If not, it will default to 0. If the begin and end file window values are both 0, then only a file matching the exact run time will be considered.

*Used by:* All

## **FILTER**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_FILTER](#) instead.

## **FILTERED\_TCST\_DATA\_FILE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_FILTERED\\_TCST\\_DATA\\_FILE](#) instead.

## **FOOTNOTE\_FLAG**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_FOOTNOTE\\_FLAG](#) instead.

## **FORECAST\_TMPL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_ADECK\\_TEMPLATE](#).

## **GEMPAKTOCF\_CLASSPATH**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [GEMPAKTOCF\\_JAR](#) instead. Path to the GempakToCF binary file and the NetCDF jar file required to run GempakToCF.

**GEMPAKTOCF\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* GempakToCF

**GEMPAKTOCF\_INPUT\_DIR** Specify the input directory for the tool used to convert GEMPAK files to netCDF.

*Used by:* GempakToCF

**GEMPAKTOCF\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template used for input files to the tool used to convert GEMPAK files to netCDF.

*Used by:* GempakToCF

**GEMPAKTOCF\_JAR** Path to the GempakToCF.jar file to run GempakToCF. The tool is available on the MET webpage here: <https://dtcenter.org/sites/default/files/community-code/metplus/utilities/GempakToCF.jar>. Must be set if running GempakToCF wrapper, if using a filename template that ends with .grd, or if specifying an \*\_INPUT\_DATATYPE item as GEMPAK.

*Used by:* GempakToCF, other wrappers that will read Gempak data

**GEMPAKTOCF\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the output directory for files generated by the tool used to convert GEMPAK files to netCDF.

*Used by:* GempakToCF

**GEMPAKTOCF\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template used for output files from the tool used to convert GEMPAK files to netCDF.

*Used by:* GempakToCF

**GEMPAKTOCF\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run GempakToCF if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* GempakToCF

## GEN\_SEQ

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b>
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**GEN\_VX\_MASK\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**GEN\_VX\_MASK\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Used to control the lower bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a GenVxMask input file should be used for processing. Overrides [FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#). See 'Use Windows to Find Valid Files' section for more information.

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**GEN\_VX\_MASK\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** Used to control the upper bound of the window around the valid time to determine if an GenVxMask input file should be used for processing. Overrides [FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#). See 'Use Windows to Find Valid Files' section for more information.

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**GEN\_VX\_MASK\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing input data to GenVxMask. This variable is optional because you can specify a full path to the input files using [GEN\\_VX\\_MASK\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**GEN\_VX\_MASK\_INPUT\_MASK\_DIR** Directory containing mask data used by GenVxMask. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to the input files using [GEN\\_VX\\_MASK\\_INPUT\\_MASK\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**GEN\_VX\_MASK\_INPUT\_MASK\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the mask files used by GenVxMask. This can be a list of files or grids separated by commas to apply to the input grid. The wrapper will call GenVxMask once for each item in the list, passing its output to temporary files until the final command, which will write to the file specified by [GEN\\_VX\\_MASK\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) (and optionally [GEN\\_VX\\_MASK\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#). The length of this list must be the same length as [GEN\\_VX\\_MASK\\_OPTIONS](#). When “-type lat” or “-type lon” is set in [GEN\\_VX\\_MASK\\_OPTIONS](#), the corresponding mask template is ignored, but must be set to a placeholder string. See also [GEN\\_VX\\_MASK\\_INPUT\\_MASK\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**GEN\_VX\_MASK\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the input grid used by GenVxMask. This can be an input filename or a grid definition. See also [GEN\\_VX\\_MASK\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**GEN\_VX\_MASK\_OPTIONS** Command line arguments to pass to each call of GenVxMask. This can be a list of sets of arguments separated by commas to apply to the input grid. The length of this list must be the same length as [GEN\\_VX\\_MASK\\_INPUT\\_MASK\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**GEN\_VX\_MASK\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Directory to write output data generated by GenVxMask. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to the input files using [GEN\\_VX\\_MASK\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**GEN\_VX\_MASK\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the output file generated by GenVxMask. See also [GEN\\_VX\\_MASK\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**GEN\_VX\_MASK\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run GenVxMask if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**GFS\_ONLY\_FILE\_TMPL**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">OBS_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE</a> instead.
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**GFS\_FCST\_FILE\_TMPL**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">FCST_EXTRACT_TILES_INPUT_TEMPLATE</a> instead.
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**GRID\_DIAG\_CENSOR\_THRESH** Set the censor\_thresh entry in the GridDiag MET config file.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_CENSOR\_VAL** Set the `censor_val` entry in the GridDiag MET config file.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_CONFIG\_FILE** Specify the absolute path to the configuration file used by the MET `grid_stat` tool.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_DIAG\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_DESC** Specify the value for 'desc' in the MET configuration file for `grid_diag`.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for files used with the MET `grid_diag` tool.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_INPUT\_DIR** Input directory for files to use with the MET tool `grid_diag`.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify input filenames for the MET tool `grid_diag`. This can be a comma-separated list. If there are more than one template, the number of fields specified must match the number of templates.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_MASK\_GRID** Set the `mask.grid` entry in the GridDiag MET config file.

*Used by:* GridDiag



**GRID\_DIAG\_MASK\_POLY** Set the mask.poly entry in the GridDiag MET config file.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: GRID\_DIAG\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES = desc = "override\_desc"; model = "override\_model";

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Output directory for write files with the MET tool grid\_diag.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify output filenames created by MET tool grid\_diag.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for grid\_diag.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for grid\_diag.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID** Specify the value for 'regrid.to\_grid' in the MET configuration file for grid\_diag.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for grid\_diag.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for grid\_diag.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_RUNTIME\_FREQ** Frequency to run Grid-Diag. See [Runtime Frequency](#) (page 46) for more information.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_DIAG\_VERIFICATION\_MASK\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify the verification mask filename for the MET tool grid\_diag. Supports a list of filenames.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_BINS** Specify the value for 'climo\_cdf.cdf\_bins' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_CDF\_BINS** See [GRID\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_CDF\\_BINS](#)

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_CENTER\_BINS** Specify the value for 'climo\_cdf.center\_bins' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_WRITE\_BINS** Specify the value for 'climo\_cdf.write\_bins' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_DAY\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.day\_interval' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FIELD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.field' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FILE\_NAME** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.file\_name' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_HOUR\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.hour\_interval' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_INPUT\_DIR**

<b>Warning:</b> DEPRECATED: Please use <a href="#"><i>GRID_STAT_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME</i></a> .
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*Used by:* GridStat

#### **GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [GRID\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_FILE\\_NAME](#).

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_MATCH\_MONTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.match\_month' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.time\_interp\_method' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_DAY\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.day\_interval' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FIELD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.field' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FILE\_NAME** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.file\_name' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_HOUR\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.hour\_interval' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_INPUT\_DIR**

<b>Warning:</b> DEPRECATED: Please use <a href="#">GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME</a> .
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**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE**

<b>Warning:</b> DEPRECATED: Please use <a href="#">GRID_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME</a> .
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**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_MATCH\_MONTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.match\_month' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.time\_interp\_method' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

## **GRID\_STAT\_CONFIG**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [GRID\\_STAT\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#) instead.

**GRID\_STAT\_CONFIG\_FILE** Specify the absolute path to the configuration file used by the MET grid\_stat tool.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_DESC** Specify the value for 'desc' in the MET configuration file for grid\_stat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_GRID\_WEIGHT\_FLAG** Specify the value for 'grid\_weight\_flag' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_INTERP\_FIELD** Specify the value for 'interp.field' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_INTERP\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'interp.shape' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_INTERP\_TYPE\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'interp.type.method' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_INTERP\_TYPE\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'interp.type.width' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_INTERP\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'interp.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_MASK\_GRID** Specify the value for 'mask.grid' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_MASK\_POLY** Specify the value for 'mask.poly' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: `GRID_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES = desc = "override_desc"; model = "override_model";`

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_APPLY\_MASK** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.apply\_mask' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_CLIMO** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.climo' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_CLIMO\_CDP** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.climo\_cdp' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_DIFF** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.diff' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.



*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_DISTANCE\_MAP** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.distance\_map' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_FOURIER** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.fourier' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_GRADIENT** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.gradient' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_LATLON** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.latlon' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_NBRHD** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.nbrhd' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_RAW** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.raw' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_WEIGHT** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.weight' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NC\_PAIRS\_VAR\_NAME** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_var\_name' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NEIGHBORHOOD\_COV\_THRESH** Sets the neighborhood cov\_thresh list used by GridStat. See [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NEIGHBORHOOD\_SHAPE** Sets the neighborhood shape used by GridStat. See [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_NEIGHBORHOOD\_WIDTH** Sets the neighborhood width used by GridStat. See [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_ONCE\_PER\_FIELD** True/False. If True, grid\_stat will run once to process all name/level/threshold combinations specified. If False, it will run once for each name/level. Some cases require this to be set to False, for example processing probabilistic forecasts or precipitation accumulations.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUT\_DIR**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">GRID_STAT_OUTPUT_DIR</a> instead.
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**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the output directory where files from the MET grid\_stat tool are written.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CNT** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.cnt' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CTC** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.ctc' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CTS** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.cts' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_DMAP** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.dmap' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_ECLV** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.eclv' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_FHO** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.fho' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_GRAD** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.grad' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_MCTC** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.mctc' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_MCTS** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.mcts' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_NBRCNT** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.nbrcnt' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_NBRCTC** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.nbrctc' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_NBRCTS** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.nbrcts' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PCT** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.pct' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PJC** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.pjc' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PRC** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.prc' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PSTD** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.pstd' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_SAL1L2** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.sal1l2' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_SL1L2** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.sl1l2' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VAL1L2** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.val1l2' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VCNT** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.vcnt' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VL1L2** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.vl1l2' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX** String to pass to the MET config file to prepend text to the output filenames.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Sets the subdirectories below [GRID\\_STAT\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) using a template to allow run time information. If LOOP\_BY = VALID, default value is valid time YYYYMMDDHHMM/grid\_stat. If LOOP\_BY = INIT, default value is init time YYYYMMDDHHMM/grid\_stat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID** Used to set the regrid dictionary item 'to\_grid' in the MET GridStat config file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GRID\_STAT\_VERIFICATION\_MASK\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify the verification mask filename for the MET tool grid\_stat. Now supports a list of filenames.

*Used by:* GridStat

**GROUP\_LIST\_ITEMS** Names of the lists in the METplus .conf file to treat the items in those lists as a group.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

## **HFIP\_BASELINE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_HFIP\\_BASELINE](#) instead.

**INIT\_BEG** Specify the beginning initialization time to be used in the analysis. Format can be controlled by [INIT\\_TIME\\_FMT](#). See [Looping by Initialization Time](#) (page 28) for more information.

*Used by:* All

**INIT\_END** Specify the ending initialization time to be used in the analysis. Format can be controlled by [INIT\\_TIME\\_FMT](#). See [Looping by Initialization Time](#) (page 28) for more information.

*Used by:* All

## **INIT\_EXCLUDE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_INIT\\_EXCLUDE](#) instead.

## **INIT\_HOUR\_BEG**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_INIT\\_HOUR\\_LIST](#) or [OBS\\_INIT\\_HOUR\\_LIST](#) instead.

INIT\_HOUR\_END

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_INIT\\_HOUR\\_LIST](#) or [OBS\\_INIT\\_HOUR\\_LIST](#) instead.

INIT\_HOUR\_INCREMENT

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_INIT\\_HOUR\\_LIST](#) or [OBS\\_INIT\\_HOUR\\_LIST](#) instead.

INIT\_HOUR\_METHOD

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used.

INIT\_INCLUDE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_INIT\\_INCLUDE](#) instead.

**INIT\_INCREMENT** Control the increment or stride to use when stepping between forecast initializations. Units are seconds. See [Looping by Initialization Time](#) (page 28) for more information. Units are assumed to be seconds unless specified with Y, m, d, H, M, or S.

*Used by:* All

**INIT\_SEQ** Specify a list of initialization hours that are used to build a sequence of forecast lead times to include in the analysis. Used only when looping by valid time (LOOP\_BY = VALID). Comma separated list format, e.g.:0, 6, 12 See [Looping over Forecast Leads](#) (page 29) for more information.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PB2NC, PCPCombine, PointStat, RegridDataPlane, SeriesAnalysis

**INIT\_TIME\_FMT** Specify a formatting string to use for [INIT\\_BEG](#) and [INIT\\_END](#). See [Looping by Initialization Time](#) (page 28) for more information.

*Used by:* All



**INPUT\_BASE** Provide a path to the top level output directory for METplus. It is required and must be set correctly to run any of the use cases. This can be the location of sample input data to run use cases found in the METplus repository. Each of the sample data tarballs attached to the METplus release should be untarred in this directory. If done correctly, this directory should contain a directory named 'met\_test' and a directory named 'model\_applications.'

*Used by:* All

## INTERP

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">INTERP_MTHD_LIST</a> instead.
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**INTERP\_MTHD\_LIST** Specify the values of the INTERP\_MTHD column in the MET .stat file to use; specify the interpolation used to create the MET .stat files.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**INTERP\_PNTS\_LIST** Specify the values of the INTERP\_PNTS column in the MET .stat file to use; corresponds to the interpolation in the MET .stat files.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

## INTERP\_PTS

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">INTERP_PNTS_LIST</a> instead.
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**INTERVAL\_TIME** Define the interval time in hours (HH) to be used by the MET pb2nc tool.

*Used by:* PB2NC

## JOB\_ARGS

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">STAT_ANALYSIS_JOB_ARGS</a> instead.
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## JOB\_NAME

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_JOB\\_NAME](#) instead.

**LAT\_ADJ**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_LAT\\_ADJ](#) instead.

**LEAD**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_LEAD](#) instead.

**LEAD\_LIST**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_LEAD\\_LIST](#) instead.

**LEAD\_SEQ** Specify the sequence of forecast lead times to include in the analysis. Comma separated list format, e.g.:0, 6, 12. See [Looping over Forecast Leads](#) (page 29) for more information. Units are assumed to be hours unless specified with Y, m, d, H, M, or S.

*Used by:* All

**LEAD\_SEQ\_<n>** Specify the sequence of forecast lead times to include in the analysis. Comma separated list format, e.g.:0, 6, 12. <n> corresponds to the bin in which the user wishes to aggregate series by lead results.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**LEAD\_SEQ\_<n>\_LABEL** Required when SERIES\_BY\_LEAD\_GROUP\_FCSTS=True. Specify the label of the corresponding bin of series by lead results.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**LEAD\_SEQ\_MAX** Maximum forecast lead to be processed. Used primarily with [INIT\\_SEQ](#) but also affects [LEAD\\_SEQ](#). See [Looping over Forecast Leads](#) (page 29) for more information. Units are assumed to be hours unless specified with Y, m, d, H, M, or S.

*Used by:* All

**LEAD\_SEQ\_MIN** Minimum forecast lead to be processed. Used primarily with INIT\_SEQ but also affects LEAD\_SEQ. See [Looping over Forecast Leads](#) (page 29) for more information. Units are assumed to be hours unless specified with Y, m, d, H, M, or S.

*Used by:* All

## LEGEND

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_LEGEND](#) instead.

## LINE\_TYPE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LINE\\_TYPE\\_LIST](#) instead.

**LINE\_TYPE\_LIST** Specify the MET STAT line types to be considered. For TCMPRPlotter, this is optional in the METplus configuration file for running with [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) = times.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis, TCMPRPlotter

**LOG\_ASCII2NC\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for ASCII2NC only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* ASCII2NC

**LOG\_DIR** Specify the directory where log files from MET and METplus should be written.

*Used by:* All

**LOG\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for EnsembleStat only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**LOG\_GEN\_VX\_MASK\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for GenVxMask only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* GenVxMask

**LOG\_GRID\_DIAG\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for GridDiag only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* GridDiag

**LOG\_GRID\_STAT\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for GridStat only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**LOG\_LEVEL** Specify the level of logging. Everything above this level is sent to standard output. To quiet the output to a comfortable level, set this to “ERROR”

Options (ordered MOST verbose to LEAST verbose): | NOTSET | DEBUG | INFO | WARNING | ERROR | CRITICAL

*Used by:* All

**LOG\_LINE\_DATE\_FORMAT** Defines the formatting of the date in the METplus log output. See [LOG\\_LINE\\_FORMAT](#).

*Used by:* All

**LOG\_LINE\_FORMAT** Defines the formatting of each METplus log output line. For more information on acceptable values, see the Python documentation for LogRecord: <https://docs.python.org/3/library/logging.html#logging.LogRecord>

*Used by:* All

**LOG\_MET\_OUTPUT\_TO\_METPLUS** Control whether logging output from the MET tools is sent to the METplus log file, or individual log files for each MET tool.

*Used by:* All

**LOG\_MET\_VERBOSITY** Control the verbosity of the logging from the MET tools. 0 = Least amount of logging (lowest verbosity) 5 = Most amount of logging (highest verbosity)

*Used by:* All

**LOG\_METPLUS** Control the filename of the METplus log file. Control the timestamp appended to the filename with LOG\_TIMESTAMP\_TEMPLATE. To turn OFF all logging, do not set this option.

*Used by:* All

**LOG\_MODE\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for MODE only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**LOG\_MTD\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for MTD only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**LOG\_PB2NC\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for PB2NC only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* PB2NC

**LOG\_PCP\_COMBINE\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for PCPCombine only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**LOG\_PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for PlotDataPlane only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#)

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**LOG\_POINT\_STAT\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for PointStat only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**LOG\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for RegridDataPlane only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**LOG\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for SeriesAnalysis only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**LOG\_STAT\_ANALYSIS\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for StatAnalysis only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

**LOG\_TC\_GEN\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for TCGen only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* TCGen

**LOG\_TC\_PAIRS\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for TCPairs only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* TCPairs

**LOG\_TC\_RMW\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for TCRMW only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* TCRMW

**LOG\_TC\_STAT\_VERBOSITY** Overrides the log verbosity for TCStat only. If not set, the verbosity level is controlled by [LOG\\_MET\\_VERBOSITY](#).

*Used by:* TCStat

**LOG\_TIMESTAMP\_TEMPLATE** Set the timestamp template for the METplus log file. Use Python strftime directives, e.g. %Y%m%d for YYYYMMDD.

*Used by:* All

**LOG\_TIMESTAMP\_USE\_DATETIME** True/False. Determines which time to use for the log filenames. If True, use [INIT\\_BEG](#) if LOOP\_BY is INIT or [VALID\\_BEG](#) if LOOP\_BY is VALID. If False, use current time.

*Used by:* All

## LON\_ADJ

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_LON\\_ADJ](#) instead.

**LOOP\_BY** Control whether the analysis is processed across valid or initialization times. See section [LOOP\\_BY](#) (page 27) for more information.

*Used by:* All

## LOOP\_BY\_INIT

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LOOP\\_BY](#) instead.

**LOOP\_LIST\_ITEMS** Names of the lists in the METplus .conf file to treat the items in those lists individually.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**LOOP\_ORDER** Control the looping order for METplus. Valid options are “times” or “processes”. “times” runs all items in the [PROCESS\\_LIST](#) for a single run time, then repeat until all times have been evaluated. “processes” runs each item in the [PROCESS\\_LIST](#) for all times specified, then repeat for the next item in the [PROCESS\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* All

**MAKE\_PLOTS\_AVERAGE\_METHOD** The method to use to average the data. Valid options are MEAN, MEDIAN, and AGGREGATION.

*Used by:* MakePlots

**MAKE\_PLOTS\_CI\_METHOD** The method for creating confidence intervals. Valid options are EMC, or NONE.

*Used by:* MakePlots

**MAKE\_PLOTS\_EVENT\_EQUALIZATION** If event equalization is to be used (True) or not (False). If set to True, if any of the listed models are missing data for a particular time, data for all models will be masked out for this time. If set to False, there are no changes to the data.

*Used by:* MakePlots

**MAKE\_PLOTS\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing input files used by MakePlots.

*Used by:* MakePlots

**MAKE\_PLOTS\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Directory to write files generated by MakePlots.

*Used by:* MakePlots

**MAKE\_PLOTS\_SCRIPTS\_DIR** Directory to find scripts used by MakePlots.

*Used by:* MakePlots



**MAKE\_PLOTS\_STATS\_LIST** This is a list of the statistics to calculate and create plots for. Specify the list in a comma-separated list, e.g.:

acc, bias, rmse

The list of valid options varies depending on line type that was used during the filtering of `stat_analysis_wrapper`. For SL1L2, VL1L2 valid options are bias, rms, mss, rsd, rmse\_md, rmse\_pv, pcor, fbar, and fbar\_obar. For SAL1L2, VAL1L2, the valid options is acc. For VCNT, bias, fbar, fbar\_obar, speed\_err, dir\_err, rmsve, vdiff\_speed, vdiff\_dir, rsd, fbar\_speed, fbar\_dir, fbar\_obar\_speed, and fbar\_obar\_dir. For CTC, rate, baser, frate, orate\_frate, baser\_frate, accuracy, bias, fbias, pod, hrates, pofd, farate, podn, faratio, csi, ts, gss, ets, hk, tss, pss, hs

*Used by:* MakePlots

**MAKE\_PLOTS\_VERIF\_CASE** Verification case used by MakePlots. Valid options for this include: grid2grid, grid2obs, precip.

*Used by:* MakePlots

**MAKE\_PLOTS\_VERIF\_GRID** Specify a string describing the grid the verification was performed on. This is the name of the grid upon which the verification was done on, ex. G002.

*Used by:* MakePlots

**MAKE\_PLOTS\_VERIF\_TYPE** Specify a string describing the type of verification being performed. For `MAKE_PLOTS_VERIF_CASE = grid2grid`, valid options are anom, pres, and sfc. For `MAKE_PLOTS_VERIF_CASE = grid2obs`, valid options are conus\_sfc and upper\_air. For `MAKE_PLOTS_VERIF_CASE = precip`, any accumulation amount is valid, ex. A24.

*Used by:* MakePlots

**MET\_BASE**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Do not set.
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**MET\_BIN**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">MET_INSTALL_DIR</a> instead.
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**MET\_BIN\_DIR** The directory of the MET executables. Used to get the full path of the MET executable when calling from METplus Wrappers. When using the `-bindir` option in configuring MET, set `MET_BIN_DIR` to the same location. `MET_BIN_DIR` will be set to `{MET_INSTALL_DIR}/bin`. Users can unset `MET_BIN_DIR` or set it to an empty string if the MET tools are found in the user's path, e.g. when using module loads. | *Used by:* All

**MET\_BUILD\_BASE** The base directory of the MET install. Only needed if using MET version 6.0

*Used by:* TCMPRPlotter

**MET\_DATA\_DB\_DIR** Set this the location of the dtcenter/METdatadb repository.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Path to a directory containing `.stat` or `.tcst` file that will be loaded into METviewer. This can be a single directory or a list of directories. The paths can include filename template tags that correspond to each run time. The wrapper will traverse through each sub directory under the directories listed here and add any directory that contains any files that end with `.stat` or `.tcst` to the XML file that is passed into the `met_db_load.py` script.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_APPLY\_INDEXES** Set the `<load_spec><apply_indexes>` value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_DATABASE** Set the `<load_spec><connection><database>` value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_DROP\_INDEXES** Set the `<load_spec><drop_indexes>` value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_GROUP** Set the <load\_spec><group> value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_HOST** Set the <load\_spec><connection><host> value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_INSERT\_SIZE** Set the <load\_spec><insert\_size> value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_LOAD\_MODE** Set the <load\_spec><load\_mode> value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_LOAD\_MPR** Set the <load\_spec><load\_mpr> value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_LOAD\_MTD** Set the <load\_spec><load\_mtd> value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_LOAD\_STAT** Set the <load\_spec><load\_stat> value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_MODE\_HEADER\_DB\_CHECK** Set the `<load_spec><mode_header_db_check>` value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_PASSWORD** Set the `<load_spec><connection><password>` value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_USER** Set the `<load_spec><connection><user>` value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_MV\_VERBOSE** Set the `<load_spec><verbose>` value in the METdbLoad XML template file.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_REMOVE\_TMP\_XML** If set to False, then the temporary XML file with substituted values will not be removed after the use case finishes. This is used for debugging purposes only. The temporary XML file may contain sensitive information like database credentials so it is recommended to remove the temporary file after each run.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_RUNTIME\_FREQ** Frequency to run Grid-Diag. See [Runtime Frequency](#) (page 46) for more information.

*Used by:* GridDiag

**MET\_DB\_LOAD\_XML\_FILE** Template XML file that is used to load data into METviewer using the `met_db_load.py` script. Values from the METplus configuration file are substituted into this file before passing it to the script. The default value can be used to run unless the template doesn't fit the needs of the use case.

*Used by:* METdbLoad

**MET\_INSTALL\_DIR** The base directory of the MET install. To be defined when using MET version 6.1 and beyond. Used to get the full path of the MET executable and the share directory when calling from METplus Wrappers.

*Used by:* All

**METPLUS\_BASE** This variable will automatically be set by METplus when it is started. It will be set to the location of METplus that is currently being run. Setting this variable in a config file will have no effect and will report a warning that it is being overridden.

*Used by:* All

**METPLUS\_CONF** Provide the absolute path to the METplus final configuration file. This file will contain every configuration option and value used when METplus was run.

*Used by:* All

**MISSING\_VAL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_MISSING\\_VAL](#).

**MISSING\_VAL\_TO\_REPLACE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_MISSING\\_VAL\\_TO\\_REPLACE](#).

**MODE\_CONFIG**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MODE\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#) instead. Path to mode configuration file.

**MODE\_CONFIG\_FILE** Path to mode configuration file.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_CONV\_RADIUS** Comma separated list of convolution radius values used by mode for both forecast and observation fields. Has the same behavior as setting [FCST\\_MODE\\_CONV\\_RADIUS](#) and [OBS\\_MODE\\_CONV\\_RADIUS](#) to the same value.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_CONV\_THRESH** Comma separated list of convolution threshold values used by mode for both forecast and observation fields. Has the same behavior as setting [FCST\\_MODE\\_CONV\\_THRESH](#) and [OBS\\_MODE\\_CONV\\_THRESH](#) to the same value.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_DESC** Specify the value for 'desc' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_FCST\_CENSOR\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'fcst.censor\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_FCST\_CENSOR\_VAL** Specify the value for 'fcst.censor\_val' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_FCST\_CONV\_RADIUS** Comma separated list of convolution radius values used by mode for forecast fields.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_FCST\_CONV\_THRESH** Comma separated list of convolution threshold values used by mode for forecast fields.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_FCST\_FILTER\_ATTR\_NAME** Specify the value for 'fcst.filter\_attr\_name' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_FCST\_FILTER\_ATTR\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'fcst.filter\_attr\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_FCST\_MERGE\_FLAG** Sets the merge\_flag value in the mode config file for forecast fields. Valid values are NONE, THRESH, ENGINE, and BOTH.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_FCST\_MERGE\_THRESH** Comma separated list of merge threshold values used by mode for forecast fields.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_FCST\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'fcst.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_GRID\_RES** Set the `grid_res` entry in the MODE MET config file.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_INTEREST\_FUNCTION\_BOUNDARY\_DIST** Specify the value for 'interest\_function.boundary\_dist' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_INTEREST\_FUNCTION\_CENTROID\_DIST** Specify the value for 'interest\_function.centroid\_dist' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_INTEREST\_FUNCTION\_CONVEX\_HULL\_DIST** Specify the value for 'interest\_function.convex\_hull\_dist' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_MASK\_GRID** Specify the value for 'mask.grid' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_MASK\_GRID\_FLAG** Specify the value for 'mask.grid\_flag' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_MASK\_POLY** Specify the value for 'mask.poly' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_MASK\_POLY\_FLAG** Specify the value for 'mask.poly\_flag' in the MET configuration file for MODE.



*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_MATCH\_FLAG** Specify the value for 'match\_flag' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_MAX\_CENTROID\_DIST** Specify the value for 'max\_centroid\_dist' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_MERGE\_CONFIG\_FILE** Path to mode merge config file.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_MERGE\_FLAG** Sets the merge\_flag value in the mode config file for both forecast and observation fields. Has the same behavior as setting [MODE\\_FCST\\_MERGE\\_FLAG](#) and [MODE\\_OBS\\_MERGE\\_FLAG](#) to the same value. Valid values are NONE, THRESH, ENGINE, and BOTH.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_MERGE\_THRESH** Comma separated list of merge threshold values used by mode for forecast and observation fields. Has the same behavior as setting [MODE\\_FCST\\_MERGE\\_THRESH](#) and [MODE\\_OBS\\_MERGE\\_THRESH](#) to the same value.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: `MODE_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES = desc = "override_desc"; model = "override_model";`

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_CLUSTER\_ID** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.cluster\_id' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_LATLON** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.latlon' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_OBJECT\_ID** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.object\_id' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_OBJECT\_RAW** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.object\_raw' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_POLYLINES** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.polylines' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_RAW** Specify the value for 'nc\_pairs\_flag.raw' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_OBS\_CENSOR\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'obs.censor\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_OBS\_CENSOR\_VAL** Specify the value for 'obs.censor\_val' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_OBS\_CONV\_RADIUS**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please see <a href="#">MET User's Guide</a> instead.
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**MODE\_OBS\_CONV\_THRESH**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">OBS_MODE_CONV_THRESH</a> instead.
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**MODE\_OBS\_FILTER\_ATTR\_NAME** Specify the value for 'obs.filter\_attr\_name' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_OBS\_FILTER\_ATTR\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'obs.filter\_attr\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_OBS\_MERGE\_FLAG**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">OBS_MODE_MERGE_FLAG</a> instead.
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**MODE\_OBS\_MERGE\_THRESH**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">OBS_MODE_MERGE_THRESH</a> instead.
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**MODE\_OBS\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'obs.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

## MODE\_OUT\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MODE\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**MODE\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Output directory to write mode files.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX** String to pass to the MET config file to prepend text to the output filenames.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Sets the subdirectories below [MODE\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) using a template to allow run time information. If LOOP\_BY = VALID, default value is valid time YYYYMMDDHHMM/mode. If LOOP\_BY = INIT, default value is init time YYYYMMDDHHMM/mode.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_QUILT** True/False. If True, run all permutations of radius and threshold.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID** Used to set the regrid dictionary item 'to\_grid' in the MET MODE config file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_TOTAL\_INTEREST\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'total\_interest\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_VERIFICATION\_MASK\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify the verification mask filename for the MET tool mode. Now supports a list of filenames.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_WEIGHT\_ANGLE\_DIFF** Specify the value for 'weight.angle\_diff' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_WEIGHT\_AREA\_RATIO** Specify the value for 'weight.area\_ratio' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_WEIGHT\_ASPECT\_DIFF** Specify the value for 'weight.aspect\_diff' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_WEIGHT\_BOUNDARY\_DIST** Specify the value for 'weight.boundary\_dist' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_WEIGHT\_CENTROID\_DIST** Specify the value for 'weight.centroid\_dist' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_WEIGHT\_COMPLEXITY\_RATIO** Specify the value for 'weight.complexity\_ratio' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_WEIGHT\_CONVEX\_HULL\_DIST** Specify the value for 'weight.convex\_hull\_dist' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_WEIGHT\_CURVATURE\_RATIO** Specify the value for 'weight.curvature\_ratio' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_WEIGHT\_INT\_AREA\_RATIO** Specify the value for 'weight.int\_area\_ratio' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_WEIGHT\_INTEN\_PERC\_RATIO** Specify the value for 'weight.inten\_perc\_ratio' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODE\_WEIGHT\_INTEN\_PERC\_VALUE** Specify the value for 'weight.inten\_perc\_value' in the MET configuration file for MODE.

*Used by:* MODE

**MODEL** Specify the model name. This is the model name listed in the MET .stat files.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, PointStat, PCPCombine, TCPairs, GridDiag, TCRMW

**MODEL<n>** Define the model name for the first model to be used in the analysis. This is the model name listed in the MET .stat files. There can be <n> number of models defined in configuration files, simply increment the "MODEL1" string to match the total number of models being used, e.g.:

MODEL1  
MODEL2  
...  
MODEL<n>

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**MODEL<n>\_NAME**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <i>MODEL&lt;n&gt;</i> .
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**MODEL<n>\_NAME\_ON\_PLOT**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MODEL<n>\\_REFERENCE\\_NAME](#) instead.

## MODEL<n>\_OBS\_NAME

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MODEL<n>\\_OBTTYPE](#) instead.

**MODEL<n>\_OBTTYPE** Define the observation name that was used to compare the first model to be. This is the observation name listed in the MET .stat files. There can be <n> number of observation names defined in configuration files, simply increment the “MODEL1” string to match the total number of models being used, e.g.:

```
MODEL1_OBTTYPE
MODEL2_OBTTYPE
...
MODEL<n>_OBTTYPE
```

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**MODEL<n>\_REFERENCE\_NAME** Define the name the first model will be listed as on the plots. There can be <n> number of models defined in configuration files, simply increment the “MODEL1” string to match the total number of models being used, e.g.:

```
MODEL1_REFERENCE_NAME
MODEL2_REFERENCE_NAME
...
MODELN_REFERENCE_NAME
```

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**MODEL<n>\_STAT\_ANALYSIS\_DUMP\_ROW\_TEMPLATE** Specify the template to use for the stat\_analysis dump\_row file. A user customized template to use for the dump\_row file. If left blank and a dump\_row file is requested, a default version will be used. This is optional in the METplus configuration file for running with [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) = times.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis



**MODEL<n>\_STAT\_ANALYSIS\_LOOKIN\_DIR** Specify the input directory where the MET stat\_analysis tool will find input files. This is the directory that the stat\_analysis wrapper will use to build the argument to -lookin for the MET stat\_analysis tool. It can contain wildcards, i.e. \*.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

**MODEL<n>\_STAT\_ANALYSIS\_OUT\_STAT\_TEMPLATE** Specify the template to use for the stat\_analysis out\_stat file. A user customized template to use for the out\_stat file. If left blank and a out\_stat file is requested, a default version will be used. This is optional in the METplus configuration file for running with [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) = times.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

**MODEL<n>\_STAT\_DIR**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">MODEL&lt;n&gt;_STAT_ANALYSIS_LOOKIN_DIR</a> instead.
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**MODEL\_DATA\_DIR**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">EXTRACT_TILES_GRID_INPUT_DIR</a> instead.
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**MODEL\_LIST** List of the specified the model names.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**MODEL\_NAME**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">MODEL</a> instead.
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**MTD\_CONFIG**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">MTD_CONFIG_FILE</a> instead.
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**MTD\_CONFIG\_FILE** Path to mode-TD configuration file.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_CONV\_RADIUS** Comma separated list of convolution radius values used by mode-TD for both forecast and observation files. Has the same behavior as setting [\*FCST\\_MTD\\_CONV\\_RADIUS\*](#) and [\*OBS\\_MTD\\_CONV\\_RADIUS\*](#) to the same value.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_CONV\_THRESH** Comma separated list of convolution threshold values used by mode-TD for both forecast and observation files. Has the same behavior as setting [\*FCST\\_MTD\\_CONV\\_THRESH\*](#) and [\*OBS\\_MTD\\_CONV\\_THRESH\*](#) to the same value.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [\*CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST\*](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_DESC** Specify the value for 'desc' in the MET configuration file for MTD.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_FCST\_CONV\_RADIUS** Comma separated list of convolution radius values used by mode-TD for forecast files.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_FCST\_CONV\_THRESH** Comma separated list of convolution threshold values used by mode-TD for forecast files.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: MTD\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES = desc = "override\_desc"; model = "override\_model";

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_MIN\_VOLUME** Sets min\_volume in the MET MODE-TD config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_OBS\_CONV\_RADIUS** Comma separated list of convolution radius values used by mode-TD for observation files.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_OBS\_CONV\_THRESH** Comma separated list of convolution threshold values used by mode-TD for observation files.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_OUT\_DIR**

<b>Warning:</b> DEPRECATED: Please use <a href="#">MTD_OUTPUT_DIR</a> .
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**MTD\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Output directory to write mode-TD files.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX** String to pass to the MET config file to prepend text to the output filenames.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Sets the subdirectories below [MTD\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) using a template to allow run time information. If LOOP\_BY = VALID, default value is valid time YYYYMMDDHHMM/mtd. If LOOP\_BY = INIT, default value is init time YYYYMMDDHHMM/mtd.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for MTD.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for MTD.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID** Used to set the regrid dictionary item 'to\_grid' in the MET MTD config file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for MTD.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for MTD.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_SINGLE\_DATA\_SRC** Used only if MTD\_SINGLE\_RUN is set to True. Valid options are 'FCST' or 'OBS'.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_SINGLE\_RUN** Set to True to only process one data set (forecast or observation) in MODE-TD. If True, must set [MTD\\_SINGLE\\_RUN\\_SRC](#) to either 'FCST' or 'OBS'.

*Used by:* MTD

**MTD\_SINGLE\_RUN\_SRC**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MTD\\_SINGLE\\_DATA\\_SRC](#) instead.

**MTD\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* MTD

**NC\_FILE\_TMPL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PB2NC\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) instead.

**NCDUMP** Path to thencdump executable.

*Used by:* PB2NC, PointStat

**NCDUMP\_EXE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [NCDUMP](#).

**NLAT**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_NLAT](#) instead.

**NLON**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_NLON](#) instead.

**NO\_EE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_NO\\_EE](#) instead.

**NO\_LOG**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_NO\\_LOG](#) instead.

## OB\_TYPE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBTYP](#) instead.

## OBS\_<n>\_FIELD\_NAME

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_<n>\\_FIELD\\_NAME](#) instead.

## OBS\_BUFR\_VAR\_LIST

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PB2NC\\_OBS\\_BUFR\\_VAR\\_LIST](#) instead.

## OBS\_DATA\_INTERVAL

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Use [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_DATA\\_INTERVAL](#) instead.

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Used to control the lower bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by EnsembleStat. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [OBS\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is not set in the config file, the value of [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** Used to control the upper bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by EnsembleStat. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [OBS\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is not set in the config file, the value of [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_GRID\_INPUT\_DIR** Input directory for grid observation files to use

with the MET tool `ensemble_stat`. A similar variable exists for forecast data called [\*FCST\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_GRID\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify grid observation input filenames for the MET tool `ensemble_stat`. A similar variable exists for forecast data called [\*FCST\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#). To utilize Python Embedding as input to the MET tools, set this value to `PYTHON_NUMPY` or `PYTHON_XARRAY`.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INPUT\_GRID\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for grid observation files used with the MET `ensemble_stat` tool. Currently valid options are `NETCDF`, `GRIB`, and `GEMPAK`. If set to `GEMPAK`, data will automatically be converted to `NetCDF` via `GempakToCF`. A similar variable exists for forecast data called [\*FCST\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE\*](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_INPUT\_POINT\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for point observation files used with the MET `ensemble_stat` tool. Currently valid options are `NETCDF`, `GRIB`, and `GEMPAK`. If set to `GEMPAK`, data will automatically be converted to `NetCDF` via `GempakToCF`. A similar variable exists for forecast data called [\*FCST\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE\*](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_POINT\_INPUT\_DIR** Input directory for point observation files to use with the MET tool `ensemble_stat`. A similar variable exists for forecast data called [\*FCST\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR\*](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_POINT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify point observation input filenames for the MET tool `ensemble_stat`. A similar variable exists for forecast data called [\*FCST\\_ENSEMBLE\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#). To utilize Python Embedding as input to the MET tools, set this value to `PYTHON_PANDAS`.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Passed to the EnsembleStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing observation data. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, EnsembleStat will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_ENSEMBLE\_STAT\_WINDOW\_END** Passed to the EnsembleStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing observation data. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, ensemble\_stat will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat

**OBS\_EXTRACT\_TILES\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing gridded observation data to be used in Extract-Tiles



*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**OBS\_EXTRACT\_TILES\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template used to identify observation input file to ExtractTiles.

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**OBS\_EXTRACT\_TILES\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template used to identify the observation output file generated by ExtractTiles.

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**OBS\_EXTRACT\_TILES\_PREFIX** Prefix for observation tile files. Used to create filename of intermediate files that are created while performing a series analysis.

*Used by:* ExtractTiles

**OBS\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Used to control the lower bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. This value will be used for all wrappers that look for an observation file unless it is overridden by a wrapper specific configuration variable. For example, if [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is set, the GridStat wrapper will use that value. If [PB2NC\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is not set, then the PB2NC wrapper will use [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#). A corresponding variable exists for forecast data called [FCST\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PB2NC, PointStat

**OBS\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** Used to control the upper bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. This value will be used for all wrappers that look for an observation file unless it is overridden by a wrapper specific configuration variable. For example, if [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is set, the GridStat wrapper will use that value. If [PB2NC\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is not set, then the PB2NC wrapper will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_END](#). A corresponding variable exists for forecast data called [FCST\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PB2NC, PointStat

## OBS\_GEMPAK\_INPUT\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [GEMPAKTOCF\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

## OBS\_GEMPAK\_TEMPLATE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [GEMPAKTOCF\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) instead.

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_FILE\_TYPE** Specify the value for 'obs.file\_type' in the MET configuration file for GridStat.

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Used to control the lower bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by GridStat. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is not set in the config file, the value of [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** Used to control the upper bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by GridStat. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [OBS\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is not set in the config file, the value of [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** See [FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#)

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR** See [FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#)

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** See [FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_PROB\_THRESH** See [FCST\\_GRID\\_STAT\\_PROB\\_THRESH](#)

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Passed to the GridStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, GridStat will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_GRID\_STAT\_WINDOW\_END** Passed to the GridStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, GridStat will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* GridStat

**OBS\_INIT\_HOUR\_LIST** Specify a list of hours for initialization times of observation files for use in the analysis.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**OBS\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**OBS\_INPUT\_DIR\_REGEX**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**OBS\_INPUT\_FILE\_REGEX**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) instead.

**OBS\_INPUT\_FILE\_TMPL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) instead.

**OBS\_IS\_DAILY\_FILE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_IS\\_DAILY\\_FILE](#) instead.

**OBS\_IS\_PROB** Used when setting OBS\_\* variables to process forecast data for comparisons with mtd. Specify whether the observation data are probabilistic or not. See [FCST\\_IS\\_PROB](#). Acceptable values: true/false

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PointStat

**OBS\_LEAD\_LIST** Specify the values of the OBS\_LEAD column in the MET .stat file to use. Comma separated list format, e.g.: 00, 24, 48, 72, 96, 120

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

## **OBS\_LEVEL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_LEVEL](#) instead.

**OBS\_LEVEL\_LIST** Specify the values of the OBS\_LEV column in the MET .stat file to use. This is optional in the METplus configuration file for running with [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) = times.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

## **OBS\_MAX\_FORECAST**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_MAX\\_FORECAST](#).

## **OBS\_MIN\_FORECAST**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_MIN\\_FORECAST](#).

**OBS\_MODE\_CONV\_RADIUS** See [FCST\\_MODE\\_CONV\\_RADIUS](#)

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_CONV\_THRESH** See [FCST\\_MODE\\_CONV\\_THRESH](#)

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Used to control the lower bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by MODE. See [Directory and File-name Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [OBS\\_MODE\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is not set in the config file, the value of

[OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** Used to control the upper bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by MODE. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [OBS\\_MODE\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is not set in the config file, the value of [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** See [FCST\\_MODE\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_INPUT\_DIR** See [FCST\\_MODE\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** See [FCST\\_MODE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_MERGE\_FLAG** See [FCST\\_MODE\\_MERGE\\_FLAG](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_MERGE\_THRESH** See [FCST\\_MODE\\_MERGE\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Passed to the MODE MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, MODE will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MODE\_WINDOW\_END** Passed to the MODE MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, MODE will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* MODE

**OBS\_MTD\_CONV\_RADIUS** See [FCST\\_MTD\\_CONV\\_RADIUS](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**OBS\_MTD\_CONV\_THRESH** See [FCST\\_MTD\\_CONV\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**OBS\_MTD\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Used to control the lower bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by MTD. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [OBS\\_MTD\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is not set in the config file, the value of [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:*

**OBS\_MTD\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** Used to control the upper bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by MTD. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [OBS\\_MTD\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is not set in the config file, the value of [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:* MTD

**OBS\_MTD\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** See [FCST\\_MTD\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**OBS\_MTD\_INPUT\_DIR** See [FCST\\_MTD\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**OBS\_MTD\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** See [FCST\\_MTD\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:*

**OBS\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

*Used by:* MTD



**OBS\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**OBS\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**OBS\_MTD\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* MTD

**OBS\_NAME**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used. Provide a string to identify the observation dataset name.

**OBS\_NATIVE\_DATA\_TYPE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#) instead.

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_<n>\_FIELD\_NAME** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_<n>\\_FIELD\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_BUCKET\_INTERVAL** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_BUCKET\\_INTERVAL](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_COMMAND** Used only when [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_METHOD](#) = USER\_DEFINED. Custom command to run PCPCombine with a complex call that doesn't fit common use cases. Value can include filename template syntax, i.e. {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}, that will be substituted based on the current runtime. The name of the application and verbosity flag does not need to be included. For example, if set to '-derive min,max /some/file' the command run will be `pcp_combine -v 2 -derive min,max /some/file`. A corresponding variable exists for forecast data called [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_COMMAND](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_CONSTANT\_INIT** If True, only look for observation files that have a given initialization time. Used only if [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) has a 'lead' tag. If set to False, the lowest forecast lead for each search (valid) time is used. This variable is only used if model data is used as the OBS to compare to other model data as the FCST.

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_DATA\_INTERVAL** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_DATA\\_INTERVAL](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_DERIVE\_LOOKBACK** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_DERIVE\\_LOOKBACK](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_LEVELS** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_EXTRA\\_LEVELS](#)

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_NAMES** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_EXTRA\\_NAMES](#)

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_EXTRA\_OUTPUT\_NAMES** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_EXTRA\\_OUTPUT\\_NAMES](#)

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_ACCUMS** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_ACCUMS](#)

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_DIR** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_LEVEL** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_LEVEL](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_LEVELS** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_LEVELS](#)

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_NAMES** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_NAMES](#)

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_OPTIONS** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_OPTIONS](#)

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_IS\_DAILY\_FILE** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_IS\\_DAILY\\_FILE](#). Acceptable values:  
true/false

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_MAX\_FORECAST** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_MAX\\_FORECAST](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_METHOD** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_METHOD](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_MIN\_FORECAST** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_MIN\\_FORECAST](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_ACCUM** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_DIR** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_NAME** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_RUN** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_RUN](#). Acceptable values: true/false

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_STAT\_LIST** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_STAT\\_LIST](#). Acceptable values: sum, min, max, range, mean, stdev, vld\_count

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_PCP\_COMBINE\_TIMES\_PER\_FILE** See [FCST\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_TIMES\\_PER\\_FILE](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

**OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Used to control the lower bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by PointStat. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is not set in the config file, the value of [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:* PointStat

**OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** Used to control the upper bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by PointStat. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is not set in the config file, the value of [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:* PointStat

**OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** See [FCST\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR** See [FCST\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** See [FCST\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* GriPointStat

**OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Wrapper specific field info variable. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Passed to the PointStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing observation data. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, PointStat will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**OBS\_POINT\_STAT\_WINDOW\_END** Passed to the PointStat MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing observation data. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, PointStat will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**OBS\_PROB\_IN\_GRIB\_PDS** Specify whether the probabilistic observation data is stored in the GRIB Product Definition Section or not. Acceptable values: true/false. Only used when [OBS\\_IS\\_PROB](#) is True. This does not need to be set if the `OBS_<APP_NAME>_INPUT_DATATYPE` is set to NetCDF.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PointStat

**OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** See [FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_INPUT\\_DATATYPE](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_DIR** See [FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** See [FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_OUTPUT\_DIR** See [FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** See [FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_RUN** If True, process observation data with RegridDataPlane.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_TEMPLATE** See [FCST\\_REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VAR<n>\_INPUT\_FIELD\_NAME** Specify the (optional) observation input field name that is created by RegridDataPlane. The name corresponds to [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#). This

is used when using Python Embedding as input to the MET tool, because the [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) defines the python script to call.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VAR<n>\_INPUT\_LEVEL** Specify the (optional) observation input field level that is created by RegridDataPlane. The name corresponds to [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#). This is used when using Python Embedding as input to the MET tool, because the [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#) defines the python script to call.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**OBS\_REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VAR<n>\_OUTPUT\_FIELD\_NAME** Specify the observation output field name that is created by RegridDataPlane. The name corresponds to [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#). This is used when using Python Embedding as input to the MET tool, because the [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) defines the python script to call.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

#### **OBS\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_ASCII\_REGEX\_LEAD**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_PREFIX](#) instead.

**OBS\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Set the file\_type entry of the obs dictionary in the MET config file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**OBS\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_INPUT\_DIR** Specify the directory to read observation input in SeriesAnalysis. See also [OBS\\_SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#)

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**OBS\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template to find observation input in SeriesAnalysis. See also [OBS\\_SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#)



*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

#### OBS\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_NC\_TILE\_REGEX

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_EXTRACT\\_TILES\\_PREFIX](#) instead.

#### OBS\_SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_TILE\_INPUT\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**OBS\_THRESH\_LIST** Specify the values of the OBS\_THRESH column in the MET .stat file to use. This is optional in the METplus configuration file for running with [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) = times.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

#### OBS\_TIMES\_PER\_FILE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_PCP\\_COMBINE\\_TIMES\\_PER\\_FILE](#) instead.

**OBS\_UNITS\_LIST** Specify the values of the OBS\_UNITS column in the MET .stat file to use. This is optional in the METplus configuration file for running with [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) = times.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

**OBS\_VALID\_HOUR\_LIST** Specify a list of hours for valid times of observation files for use in the analysis.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

#### OBS\_VAR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Specify the string for the observation variable used in the analysis. See [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#), [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#), [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#) and [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#) where n = integer >= 1.

**OBS\_VAR<n>\_LEVELS** Define the levels for the <n>th observation variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . The value can be a single item or a comma separated list of items. You can define NetCDF levels, such as (0,\*,\*), but you will need to surround these values with quotation marks so that the commas in the item are not interpreted as an item delimiter. Some examples:

```
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS = A06, P500
OBS_VAR2_LEVELS = "(0,*,*)", "(1,*,*)"
```

There can be <n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.:

```
OBS_VAR1_LEVELS
OBS_VAR2_LEVELS
...
OBS_VAR<n>_LEVELS
```

If [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#) is set, then [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#) must be set as well. If the same value applies to both forecast and observation data, use [BOTH\\_VAR<n>\\_LEVELS](#).

See [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

**OBS\_VAR<n>\_NAME** Define the name for the <n>th observation variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . If [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) is set, then [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) must be set. If the same value applies to both forecast and observation data, use [BOTH\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#). There can be <n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.:

```
OBS_VAR1_NAME
OBS_VAR2_NAME
...
OBS_VAR<n>_NAME
```

This value can be set to a call to a python script with arguments to supply data to the MET tools via Python Embedding. Filename template syntax can be used here to specify time information of an input file, i.e. {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d%H}. See the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information about Python Embedding in the MET tools.

*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

**OBS\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS** Define the options for the <n>th observation variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . These additional options will be applied to every name/level/threshold combination for VAR<n>. If OBS\_VAR<n>\_OPTIONS is not set but [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_OPTIONS](#) is, the same information will be used for both variables. There can be <n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.:

```
OBS_VAR1_OPTIONS
OBS_VAR2_OPTIONS
...
OBS_VAR<n>_OPTIONS
```

*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

**OBS\_VAR<n>\_THRESH** Define the threshold(s) for the <n>th observation variable to be used in the analysis where <n> is an integer  $\geq 1$ . The value can be a single item or a comma separated list of items that must start with a comparison operator (>,  $\geq$ ,  $=$ ,  $\neq$ ,  $<$ ,  $\leq$ , gt, ge, eq, ne, lt, le). If [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#) is not set but [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#) is, the same information will be used for both variables. There can be <n> number of these variables defined in configuration files, simply increment the VAR1 string to match the total number of variables being used, e.g.:

```
OBS_VAR1_THRESH
OBS_VAR2_THRESH
...
OBS_VAR<n>_THRESH
```

If OBS\_VAR<n>\_THRESH is set, then [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#) must be set as well. If the same value applies to both forecast and observation data, use [BOTH\\_VAR<n>\\_THRESH](#).

See [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information.

*Used by:* GridStat, EnsembleStat, PointStat, MODE, MTD, PCPCombine

**OBS\_VAR\_LEVEL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_LEVEL\\_LIST](#) instead.

**OBS\_VAR\_LIST** Specify the values of the OBS\_VAR column in the MET .stat file to use. This is optional in the METplus configuration file for running with [LOOP\\_ORDER](#) = times.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

**OBS\_VAR\_NAME**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_VAR\\_LIST](#) instead.

**OBS\_WINDOW\_BEG**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

**OBS\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Passed to the MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. This value will be used for all wrappers that look for an observation file unless it is overridden by a wrapper specific configuration variable. For example, if [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is set, the PointStat wrapper will use that value. If [PB2NC\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is not set, then the PB2NC wrapper will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#). A corresponding variable exists for forecast data called [FCST\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* PB2NC, PointStat

**OBS\_WINDOW\_END** Passed to the MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. This value will be used for all wrappers that look for an observation file unless it is overridden by a wrapper specific configuration variable. For example, if [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is set, the PointStat wrapper will use that value. If [PB2NC\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is not set, then the PB2NC wrapper will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_END](#). A corresponding variable exists for forecast data called [FCST\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* PB2NC, PointStat

**OBTYPE** Provide a string to represent the type of observation data used in the analysis. This is the observation time listed in the MET .stat files and is used in setting output filename.

*Used by:* EnsembleStat, GridStat, MODE, MTD, PointStat

**OUTPUT\_BASE** Provide a path to the top level output directory for METplus.

*Used by:* All

**OVERWRITE\_NC\_OUTPUT**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">PB2NC_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS</a> instead.
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**OVERWRITE\_TRACK**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">EXTRACT_TILES_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS</a> instead.
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**PARM\_BASE** This variable will automatically be set by METplus when it is started. Specifies the top level METplus parameter file directory. You can override this value by setting the environment variable METPLUS\_PARM\_BASE to another directory containing a copy of the METPlus parameter file directory. If the environment variable is not set, the parm directory corresponding to the calling script is used. It is recommended that this variable is not set by the user. If it is set and is not equivalent to the value determined by METplus, execution will fail.

*Used by:* All

**PB2NC\_CONFIG\_FILE** Specify the absolute path to the configuration file for the MET pb2nc tool.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_FILE\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Used to control the lower bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by PB2NC. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [PB2NC\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) is not set in the config file, the value of [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_FILE\_WINDOW\_END** Used to control the upper bound of the window around the valid time to determine if a file should be used for processing by PB2NC. See [Directory and Filename Template Info](#) (page 42) subsection called 'Using Windows to Find Valid Files.' Units are seconds. If [PB2NC\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) is not set in the config file, the value of [OBS\\_FILE\\_WINDOW\\_END](#) will be used instead. If both file window begin and window end values are set to 0, then METplus will require an input file with an exact time match to process.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_GRID** Specify a grid to use with the MET pb2nc tool.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for prepbufr files used with the MET pb2nc tool. Currently valid options are NETCDF, GRIB, and GEMPAK. If set to GEMPAK, data will automatically be converted to NetCDF via GempakToCF.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_INPUT\_DIR** Specify the input directory where the MET PB2NC tool will look for files.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the input file used by PB2NC. See also [PB2NC\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_LEVEL\_CATEGORY** Specify the value for 'level\_category' in the MET configuration file for PB2NC.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_LEVEL\_RANGE\_BEG** Specify the value for 'level\_range.beg' in the MET configuration file for PB2NC.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_LEVEL\_RANGE\_END** Specify the value for 'level\_range.end' in the MET configuration file for PB2NC.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_MASK\_GRID** Set the mask.grid entry in the PB2NC MET config file.

*Used by:* PN2NC

**PB2NC\_MASK\_POLY** Set the mask.poly entry in the PB2NC MET config file.

*Used by:* PN2NC

**PB2NC\_MESSAGE\_TYPE** Specify which PREPBUFR (PB) message types to convert using the MET pb2nc tool.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: PB2NC\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES = desc = "override\_desc"; model = "override\_model";

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_OBS\_BUFR\_VAR\_LIST** Specify which BUFR codes to use from the observation dataset when using the MET pb2nc tool. Format is comma separated list, e.g.:PMO, TOB, TDO

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_OFFSETS** A list of potential offsets (in hours) that can be found in the [PB2NC\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). METplus will check if a file with a given offset exists in the order specified in this list, to be sure to put favored offset values first.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the directory where files will be written from the MET pb2nc tool.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** File template used to create netCDF files generated by PB2NC.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_PB\_REPORT\_TYPE** Specify the value for 'pb\_report\_type' in the MET configuration file for PB2NC.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_POLY**

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**Note:** please use [PB2NC\\_MASK\\_POLY](#)

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*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_QUALITY\_MARK\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'quality\_mark\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for PB2NC.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run PB2NC if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.



*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_STATION\_ID** Specify the ID of the station to use with the MET PB2NC tool.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_BEG** Specify the time summary beg item in the MET pb2nc config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_END** Specify the time summary end item in the MET pb2nc config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_FLAG** Specify the time summary flag item in the MET pb2nc config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_GRIB\_CODES** Specify the time summary grib\_code item in the MET pb2nc config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_RAW\_DATA** Specify the time summary raw\_data item in the MET pb2nc config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_STEP** Specify the time summary step item in the MET pb2nc config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_TYPES** Specify the time summary type list item in the MET pb2nc config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_VALID\_FREQ** Specify the time summary valid\_freq item in the MET pb2nc config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_VALID\_THRESH** Specify the time summary valid\_thresh item in the MET pb2nc config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PN2NC

**PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_VAR\_NAMES** Specify the time summary obs\_var list item in the MET pb2nc config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_TIME\_SUMMARY\_WIDTH** Specify the time summary width item in the MET pb2nc config file. Refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_VALID\_BEGIN** Used to set the command line argument -valid\_beg that controls the lower bound of valid times of data to use. Filename template notation can be used, i.e. {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d\_%H%M%S}

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_VALID\_END** Used to set the command line argument `-valid_end` that controls the upper bound of valid times of data to use. Filename template notation can be used, i.e. `{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H%M%S?shift=1d}` (valid time shifted forward one day)

*Used by:* PB2NC

## **PB2NC\_VERTICAL\_LEVEL**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> No longer used.
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**PB2NC\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Passed to the pb2nc MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, pb2nc will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PB2NC\_WINDOW\_END** Passed to the pb2nc MET config file to determine the range of data within a file that should be used for processing. Units are seconds. If the variable is not set, pb2nc will use [OBS\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

*Used by:* PB2NC

**PCP\_COMBINE\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* PCPCombine

## **PCP\_COMBINE\_METHOD**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">OBS_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD</a> and/or <a href="#">FCST_PCP_COMBINE_METHOD</a> instead.
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**PCP\_COMBINE\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run pcp\_combine if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* PCPCombine

## **PLOT\_CONFIG\_OPTS**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">TCMPR_PLOTTER_PLOT_CONFIG_OPTS</a> instead.
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**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_COLOR\_TABLE** (Optional) path to color table file to override the default.

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_CONVERT\_TO\_IMAGE** If set to True, run convert to create a png image with the same name as the output from plot\_data\_plane (except the extension is png instead of ps). If set to True, the application convert must either be in the user's path or [exe] CONVERT must be set to the full path to the executable.

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_FIELD\_EXTRA** Additional options for input field. Multiple options can be specified. Each option must end with a semi-colon including the last (or only) item.

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_FIELD\_LEVEL** Level of field to read from input file. For Python embedding input, do not set this value.

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_FIELD\_NAME** Name of field to read from input file. For Python embedding input, set to the path of a Python script and any arguments to the script.

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing input data to PlotDataPlane. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to the input files using [PLOT\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the input file used by PlotDataPlane. Set to PYTHON\_NUMPY/XARRAY to read from a Python embedding script. See also [PLOT\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Directory to write output data from PlotDataPlane. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to the input files using [PLOT\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the output file created by PlotDataPlane. See also [PLOT\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_RANGE\_MIN\_MAX** (Optional) minimum and maximum values to output to postscript file.

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_DATA\_PLANE\_TITLE** (Optional) title to display on the output postscript file.

*Used by:* PlotDataPlane

**PLOT\_STATS\_LIST**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MAKE\\_PLOTS\\_STATS\\_LIST](#) instead.

## PLOT\_TIME

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [DATE\\_TYPE](#) instead.

## PLOT\_TYPES

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_PLOT\\_TYPES](#) instead.

## PLOTTING\_OUTPUT\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MAKE\\_PLOTS\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

## PLOTTING\_SCRIPTS\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MAKE\\_PLOTS\\_SCRIPTS\\_DIR](#) instead.

**POINT2GRID\_ADP** Provides an additional Aerosol Detection Product when GOES 16/17 input and an AOD variable name is used.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_GAUSSIAN\_DX** Gaussian dx value to add to the Point2Grid command line call with -gaussian\_dx. Not added to call if unset or set to empty string.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_GAUSSIAN\_RADIUS** Gaussian radius value to add to the Point2Grid command line call with -gaussian\_radius. Not added to call if unset or set to empty string.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing the file containing point data used by point2grid. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to a point file using [\*POINT2GRID\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#).

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_INPUT\_FIELD** Specify the input field name that is read by Point2Grid.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_INPUT\_LEVEL** Specify the input level name that is read by Point2Grid.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template for the point file used by Point2Grid.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the directory where output files from the MET point2grid tool are written.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template for the output of Point2Grid.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_PROB\_CAT\_THRESH** Specify the probability threshold for practically perfect forecasts

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_QC\_FLAGS** Specify the qc flags name that is read by Point2Grid.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_REGRID\_METHOD** Sets the gridding method used by point2grid.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID** Used to set the regrid dictionary item 'to\_grid' in the MET Point2Grid config file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the required ratio of valid data for regridding

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Specify the beginning of the time window to use for a date stamp window to grab observations

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT2GRID\_WINDOW\_END** Specify the end of the time window to use for a date stamp window to grab observations

*Used by:* Point2Grid

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_BINS** Specify the value for 'climo\_cdf.cdf\_bins' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat



**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_CDF\_BINS** See [POINT\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_CDF\\_BINS](#)

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_CENTER\_BINS** Specify the value for 'climo\_cdf.center\_bins' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_CDF\_WRITE\_BINS** Specify the value for 'climo\_cdf.write\_bins' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_DAY\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.day\_interval' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FIELD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.field' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FILE\_NAME** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.file\_name' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_HOUR\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.hour\_interval' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [POINT\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_FILE\\_NAME](#).

#### POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [POINT\\_STAT\\_CLIMO\\_MEAN\\_FILE\\_NAME](#).

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_MATCH\_MONTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.match\_month' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.time\_interp\_method' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_DAY\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.day\_interval' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FIELD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.field' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FILE\_NAME** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.file\_name' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_HOUR\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.hour\_interval' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_INPUT\_DIR**

<b>Warning:</b> DEPRECATED: Please use <a href="#">POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME</a> .
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**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE**

<b>Warning:</b> DEPRECATED: Please use <a href="#">POINT_STAT_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME</a> .
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**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_MATCH\_MONTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.match\_month' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.time\_interp\_method' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CONFIG\_FILE** Specify the absolute path to the configuration file to be used with the MET point\_stat tool.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_DESC** Specify the value for 'desc' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_GRID** Specify the grid to use with the MET point\_stat tool.

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**Note:** please use [POINT\\_STAT\\_MASK\\_GRID](#)

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*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_INTERP\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'interp.shape' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_INTERP\_TYPE\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'interp.type.method' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_INTERP\_TYPE\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'interp.type.width' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_INTERP\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'interp.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_MASK\_GRID** Set the mask.grid entry in the PointStat MET config file.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_MASK\_POLY** Set the mask.poly entry in the PointStat MET config file.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_MASK\_SID** Set the mask.sid entry in the PointStat MET config file.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_MESSAGE\_TYPE** Specify which PREPBUFR message types to process with the MET point\_stat tool.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: `POINT_STAT_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES = desc = "override_desc"; model = "override_model";`

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_NEIGHBORHOOD\_SHAPE** Sets the neighborhood shape used by PointStat. See [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_NEIGHBORHOOD\_WIDTH** Sets the neighborhood width used by PointStat. See [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OBS\_QUALITY** Specify the value for 'obs\_quality' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OBS\_VALID\_BEG** Optional variable that sets the `-obs_valid_beg` command line argument for PointStat if set to something other than an empty string. Accepts filename template syntax, i.e. `{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}`

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OBS\_VALID\_END** Optional variable that sets the `-obs_valid_end` command line argument for PointStat if set to something other than an empty string. Accepts filename template syntax, i.e. `{valid?fmt=%Y%m%d_%H}`

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OFFSETS** A list of potential offsets (in hours) that can be found in the [OBS\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) and [FCST\\_POINT\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#). METplus will check if a file with a given offset exists in the order specified in this list, to be sure to put favored offset values first.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the directory where output files from the MET point\_stat tool are written.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CNT** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.cnt' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG CTC** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.ctc' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG CTS** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.cts' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_ECLV** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.eclv' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_ECNT** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.ecnt' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_FHO** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.fho' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_MCTC** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.mctc' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_MCTS** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.mcts' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_MPR** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.mpr' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PCT** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.pct' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.



*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PJC** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.pjc' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PRC** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.prc' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_PSTD** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.pstd' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_RPS** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.rps' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_SAL1L2** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.sal1l2' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_SL1L2** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.sl1l2' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VAL1L2** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.val1l2' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VCNT** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.vcnt' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_VL1L2** Specify the value for 'output\_flag.vl1l2' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_PREFIX** String to pass to the MET config file to prepend text to the output file-names.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Sets the subdirectories below [POINT\\_STAT\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) using a template to allow run time information. If LOOP\_BY = VALID, default value is valid time YYYYMMDDHHMM/point\_stat. If LOOP\_BY = INIT, default value is init time YYYYMMDDHHMM/point\_stat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_POLY** Specify a polygon to use with the MET PointStat tool.

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**Note:** please use [POINT\\_STAT\\_MASK\\_POLY](#)

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*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for Point-Stat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID** Used to set the regrid dictionary item 'to\_grid' in the MET PointStat config file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for PointStat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for Point-Stat.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_STATION\_ID** Specify the ID of a specific station to use with the MET point\_stat tool.

*Used by:* PointStat

**POINT\_STAT\_VERIFICATION\_MASK\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify the verification mask filename for the MET tool point\_stat. Now supports a list of filenames.

*Used by:* PointStat

**PREFIX** This corresponds to the optional `-prefix` flag of the `plot_TCMPR.R` script (which is wrapped by `TCMPRPlotter`). This is the output file name prefix.

*Used by:* TCMPRPlotter

#### PREPBUFR\_DATA\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PB2NC\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

#### PREPBUFR\_DIR\_REGEX

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used. Regular expression to use when searching for PREPBUFR data.

#### PREPBUFR\_FILE\_REGEX

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used. Regular expression to use when searching for PREPBUFR files.

#### PREPBUFR\_MODEL\_DIR\_NAME

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please put the value previously used here in the [PB2NC\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) path. Specify the name of the model being used with the MET `pb2nc` tool.

**PROCESS\_LIST** Specify the list of processes for METplus to perform, in a comma separated list.

*Used by:* All

#### PROJ\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [INPUT\\_BASE](#) instead.

**PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Used to use Python embedding to process multiple files. `<n>` is an integer greater than or equal to 1. Specifies the output diirectory to write data. See also [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_TYPE](#), [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_SCRIPT](#), and [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_GRID](#), and [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* PyEmbedIngest

**PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_FIELD\_NAME** Used to specify the forecast output field name that is created by RegridDataPlane. If this option is not set, RegridDataPlane will call the field name "name\_level".

*Used by:* PyEmbedIngest

**PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_GRID** Used to use Python embedding to process multiple files. <n> is an integer greater than or equal to 1. Specifies the grid information that RegridDataPlane will use to generate a file that can be read by the MET tools. This can be a file path or a grid definition. See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding Regrid-Data-Plane for more information. See also [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_TYPE](#), [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_SCRIPT](#), [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#), and [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PyEmbedIngest

**PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Used to use Python embedding to process multiple files. <n> is an integer greater than or equal to 1. Specifies the output filename using filename template syntax. The value will be substituted with time information and appended to [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) if it is set. See also [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_TYPE](#), [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_SCRIPT](#), and [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_GRID](#).

*Used by:* PyEmbedIngest

**PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_SCRIPT** Used to use Python embedding to process multiple files. <n> is an integer greater than or equal to 1. Specifies the python script with arguments to run through RegridDataPlane to generate a file that can be read by the MET tools. This variable supports filename template syntax, so you can specify filenames with time information, i.e. {valid?fmt=%Y%m%d}. See also [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_TYPE](#), [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_GRID](#), [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#), and [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PyEmbedIngest

**PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_<n>\_TYPE** Used to use Python embedding to process multiple files. <n> is an integer greater than or equal to 1. Specifies the type of output generated by the Python script. Valid options are NUMPY, XARRAY, and PANDAS. See also [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_SCRIPT](#),

[PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_GRID](#), [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#), and [PY\\_EMBED\\_INGEST\\_<n>\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* PyEmbedIngest

**PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* PyEmbedIngest

**PY\_EMBED\_INGEST\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* PyEmbedIngest

## REFERENCE\_TMPL

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_BDECK\\_TEMPLATE](#).

## REGION

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [VX\\_MASK\\_LIST](#) instead.

## REGION\_LIST

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [VX\\_MASK\\_LIST](#) instead.

**REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_GAUSSIAN\_DX** Gaussian dx value to add to the RegridDataPlane command line call with -gaussian\_dx. Not added to call if unset or set to empty string.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_GAUSSIAN\_RADIUS** Gaussian radius value to add to the RegridDataPlane command line call with -gaussian\_radius. Not added to call if unset or set to empty string.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_METHOD** Sets the method used by regrid\_data\_plane. See [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_ONCE\_PER\_FIELD** If True, run RegridDataPlane separately for each field name/level combination specified in the configuration file. See [Field Info](#) (page 38) for more information on how fields are specified. If False, run RegridDataPlane once with all of the fields specified.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run regrid\_data\_plane if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_VERIF\_GRID** Specify the absolute path to a file containing information about the desired output grid from the MET regrid\_data\_plane tool.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**REGRID\_DATA\_PLANE\_WIDTH** Sets the width used by regrid\_data\_plane. See [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* RegridDataPlane

**REGRID\_TO\_GRID**

<b>Warning:</b> DEPRECATED: Please use <a href="#">POINT_STAT_REGRID_TO_GRID</a> instead.
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RM

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Do not use.

RM\_EXE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Do not use.

RP\_DIFF

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_RP\\_DIFF](#) instead.

SAVE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_SAVE](#) instead.

SAVE\_DATA

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_SAVE\\_DATA](#) instead.

SCATTER\_X

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_SCATTER\\_X](#) instead.

SCATTER\_Y

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_SCATTER\\_Y](#) instead.

**SCRUB\_STAGING\_DIR** Remove staging directory after METplus has completed running if set to True. Set to False to preserve data for subsequent runs.

*Used by:* All

SERIES

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_SERIES](#) instead.



**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_BACKGROUND\_MAP** Control whether or not a background map shows up for series analysis plots. Set to 'yes' if background map desired.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_BLOCK\_SIZE** Specify the value for 'block\_size' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_BY\_INIT\_CONFIG\_FILE**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">SERIES_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE</a> instead.
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**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_BY\_LEAD\_CONFIG\_FILE**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">SERIES_ANALYSIS_CONFIG_FILE</a> instead.
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**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CAT\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'cat\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_DAY\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.day\_interval' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FIELD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.field' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_FILE\_NAME** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.file\_name' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_HOUR\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.hour\_interval' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_INPUT\_DIR**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME</a> .
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**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_MEAN_FILE_NAME</a> .
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**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_MATCH\_MONTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.match\_month' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_MEAN\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_mean.time\_interp\_method' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_DAY\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.day\_interval' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FIELD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.field' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_FILE\_NAME** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.file\_name' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_HOUR\_INTERVAL** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.hour\_interval' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_INPUT\_DIR**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">SERIES_ANALYSIS_CLIMO_STDEV_FILE_NAME</a> .
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## **SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_CLIMO\\_STDEV\\_FILE\\_NAME](#).

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_MATCH\_MONTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.match\_month' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CLIMO\_STDEV\_TIME\_INTERP\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'climo\_stdev.time\_interp\_method' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CONFIG\_FILE** Specify the absolute path for the configuration file to use with the MET series\_analysis tool by initialization time.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CTS\_LIST** Specify a list of contingency table statistics to be computed by the MET series\_analysis tool. Sets the 'cts' value in the output\_stats dictionary in the MET SeriesAnalysis config file

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_DESC** Specify the value for 'desc' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_FILTER\_OPTS**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_STAT\\_JOB\\_ARGS](#) instead.

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_FILTERED\_OUTPUT**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used.

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_FILTERED\_OUTPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used.

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_GENERATE\_ANIMATIONS** If set to True, create GIF animated images images. Previously, animated images were always generated.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_GENERATE\_PLOTS** If set to True, run `plot_data_plane` and convert to generate images. Previously, plots were always generated.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_GROUP\_FCSTS**

**Warning:** DEPRECATED: Please use [LEAD\\_SEQ\\_<n>](#) and [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_RUNTIME\\_FREQ](#) instead.

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning:** DEPRECATED: Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_TILE\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_IS\_PAURED** If true, the `-paired` flag is added to the SeriesAnalysis command.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: `SERIES_ANALYSIS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES = desc = "override_desc"; model = "override_model";`

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the directory where files will be written from the MET series analysis tool.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the output file generated by SeriesAnalysis. See also [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_REGRID\_TO\_GRID** Used to set the regrid dictionary item 'to\_grid' in the MET SeriesAnalysis config file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_RUN\_ONCE\_PER\_STORM\_ID** If True, run SeriesAnalysis once for each storm ID found in the .tcst (TCStat output) file specified with [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_TC\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) and [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_TC\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_RUNTIME\_FREQ** Frequency to run SeriesAnalysis. See [Runtime Frequency](#) (page 46) for more information.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_TC\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_TC\\_STAT\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#) instead.

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_STAT\_LIST** Specify a list of statistics to be computed by the MET series\_analysis tool. Sets the 'cnt' value in the output\_stats dictionary in the MET SeriesAnalysis config file

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_TC\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing TCStat output to be read by SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_TC\_STAT\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template used to specify the dump row output tcst file generated by TCStat to filter input data to be used in SeriesAnalysis. Example: {init?fmt=%Y%m%d\_%H}/filter\_{init?fmt=%Y%m%d\_%H}.tcst

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_TILE\_INPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) and [OBS\\_SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.



**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_VAR\_LIST**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) and [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) instead.

**SERIES\_ANALYSIS\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for SeriesAnalysis.

*Used by:* SeriesAnalysis

**SERIES\_BY\_INIT\_FILTERED\_OUTPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used.

**SERIES\_BY\_INIT\_OUTPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**SERIES\_BY\_LEAD\_FILTERED\_OUTPUT**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_FILTERED\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**SERIES\_BY\_LEAD\_FILTERED\_OUTPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_FILTERED\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**SERIES\_BY\_LEAD\_GROUP\_FCSTS**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_GROUP\\_FCSTS](#) instead.

**SERIES\_BY\_LEAD\_OUTPUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**SERIES\_CI**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_SERIES\\_CI](#) instead.

**SERIES\_INIT\_FILTERED\_OUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_FILTERED\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**SERIES\_INIT\_OUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**SERIES\_LEAD\_FILTERED\_OUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_FILTERED\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

**SERIES\_LEAD\_OUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

**SKILL\_REF**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_SKILL\\_REF](#) instead.

**SKIP\_TIMES** List of valid times to skip processing. Each value be surrounded by quotation marks and must contain a datetime format followed by a list of matching times to skip. Multiple items can be defined separated by commas. begin\_end\_incr syntax can be used to define a list as well.

Examples:

Value: SKIP\_TIMES = “%m:11,12”

Result: Skip the 11th and 12th month

Value: SKIP\_TIMES = “%m:11”, “%d:31”

Result: Skip if 11th month or 31st day.

Value: SKIP\_TIMES = “%Y%m%d:20201031”

Result: Skip October 31, 2020

Value: SKIP\_TIMES = “%H:begin\_end\_incr(0,22, 2)”

Result: Skip even hours: 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22

*Used by:* GridStat, SeriesAnalysis

**STAGING\_DIR** Directory to uncompress or convert data into for use in METplus.

*Used by:* All

**START\_DATE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [INIT\\_BEG](#) or [VALID\\_BEG](#) instead.

**START\_HOUR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [INIT\\_BEG](#) or [VALID\\_BEG](#) instead.

**STAT\_ANALYSIS\_CONFIG**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#) instead.

**STAT\_ANALYSIS\_CONFIG\_FILE** Specify the absolute path for the configuration file used with the MET stat\_analysis tool. It is recommended to set this to {PARM\_BASE}/use\_cases/plotting/met\_config/STATAnalysisConfig.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

**STAT\_ANALYSIS\_DUMP\_ROW\_TMPL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MODEL<n>\\_STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_DUMP\\_ROW\\_TEMPLATE](#) instead.

**STAT\_ANALYSIS\_JOB\_ARGS** Specify stat\_analysis job arguments to run. The job arguments that are to be run with the corresponding [STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_JOB\\_NAME](#). If using -dump\_row, use -dump\_row [dump\_row\_filename]. If using -out\_stat, -out\_stat [out\_stat\_filename]. For more information on these job arguments, please see the [MET User's Guide](#).

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

**STAT\_ANALYSIS\_JOB\_NAME** Specify stat\_analysis job name to run. Valid options are filter, summary, aggregate, aggregate\_stat, go\_index, and ramp. For more information on these job names and what they do, please see the [MET User's Guide](#).

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

## STAT\_ANALYSIS\_LOOKIN\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MODEL<n>\\_STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_LOOKIN\\_DIR](#) instead.

**STAT\_ANALYSIS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: STAT\_ANALYSIS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES = desc = "override\_desc"; model = "override\_model";

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

## STAT\_ANALYSIS\_OUT\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

## STAT\_ANALYSIS\_OUT\_STAT\_TMPL

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MODEL<n>\\_STAT\\_ANALYSIS\\_OUT\\_STAT\\_TEMPLATE](#) instead.

**STAT\_ANALYSIS\_OUTPUT\_DIR** This is the base directory where the output from running stat\_analysis\_wrapper will be put.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

**STAT\_ANALYSIS\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* StatAnalysis

#### STAT\_FILES\_INPUT\_DIR

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MAKE\\_PLOTS\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) instead.

#### STAT\_LIST

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [SERIES\\_ANALYSIS\\_STAT\\_LIST](#) instead.

#### STORM\_ID

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_STORM\\_ID](#) or [TC\\_STAT\\_STORM\\_ID](#).

#### STORM\_NAME

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_STORM\\_NAME](#).

#### SUBTITLE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_SUBTITLE](#).

**TC\_GEN\_BASIN\_FILE** Specify the value of 'basin\_file' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_BASIN\_MASK** Specify the 'basin\_mask' value to set in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_BEST\_GENESIS\_CATEGORY** Specify the value of best\_genesis.category in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_BEST\_GENESIS\_MSLP\_THRESH** Specify the value of `best_genesis.mslp_thresh` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_BEST\_GENESIS\_TECHNIQUE** Specify the value of `best_genesis.technique` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_BEST\_GENESIS\_VMAX\_THRESH** Specify the value of `best_genesis.vmax_thresh` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_BEST\_UNIQUE\_FLAG** Specify the value of `'best_unique_flag'` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_CI\_ALPHA** Specify the value of `'ci_alpha'` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_CONFIG\_FILE** Provide the absolute path to the configuration file for the MET TCGen tool.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_DESC** Specify the value for `'desc'` in the MET configuration file for TCGen.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_DEV\_HIT\_RADIUS** Specify the value of 'dev\_hit\_radius' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_DEV\_HIT\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Specify the value for dev\_hit\_window.begin in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_DEV\_HIT\_WINDOW\_END** Specify the value of dev\_hit\_window.end in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_DEV\_METHOD\_FLAG** Specify the value of 'dev\_method\_flag' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_DISCARD\_INIT\_POST\_GENESIS\_FLAG** Specify the value of 'discard\_init\_post\_genesis\_flag' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_DLAND\_FILE** Specify the value of 'dland\_file' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_DLAND\_THRESH** Specify the value of 'dland\_thresh' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_FCST\_GENESIS\_MSLP\_THRESH** Specify the value of fcst\_genesis.mslp\_thresh in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_FCST\_GENESIS\_VMAX\_THRESH** Specify the value of `fcst_genesis.vmax_thresh` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_FCST\_HR\_WINDOW\_BEGIN** Specify the value of `fcst_hr_window.begin` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_FCST\_HR\_WINDOW\_END** Specify the value of `fcst_hr_window.end` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_FILTER\_<n>** Specify the values of 'filter' in the MET configuration file where <n> is any integer. Any quotation marks that are found inside another set of quotation marks must be preceded with a backslash

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing the genesis data used by TCGen. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to genesis data using [TC\\_GEN\\_GENESIS\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the genesis data used by TCGen. See also [TC\\_GEN\\_GENESIS\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_MATCH\_POINT\_TO\_TRACK** Specify the value for 'genesis\_match\_point\_to\_track' in the MET configuration file for TCGen.



*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_MATCH\_RADIUS** Specify the value of 'genesis\_match\_radius' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_MATCH\_WINDOW\_BEG** Specify the value for 'genesis\_match\_window.beg' in the MET configuration file for TCGen.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_MATCH\_WINDOW\_END** Specify the value for 'genesis\_match\_window.end' in the MET configuration file for TCGen.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_RADIUS**

<b>Warning:</b> <b>DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">TC_GEN_GENESIS_MATCH_RADIUS</a> and <a href="#">TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_RADIUS</a> .
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**TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_WINDOW\_BEGIN**

<b>Warning:</b> <b>DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_WINDOW_BEGIN</a> .
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**TC\_GEN\_GENESIS\_WINDOW\_END**

<b>Warning:</b> <b>DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">TC_GEN_DEV_HIT_WINDOW_END</a> .
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**TC\_GEN\_INIT\_BEG** Specify the beginning initialization time for stratification when using the MET TCGen tool. Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HH:mm:ss

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_INIT\_END** Specify the ending initialization time for stratification when using the MET TCGen tool.  
Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HH:mm:ss

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_INIT\_EXC** Specify the value of 'init\_exc' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_INIT\_FREQ** Specify the value of 'init\_freq' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_INIT\_HOUR** Specify a list of hours for initialization times for use in the analysis.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_INIT\_INC** Specify the value of 'init\_inc' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_LEAD\_WINDOW\_BEGIN**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_GEN\\_FCST\\_HR\\_WINDOW\\_BEGIN](#).

**TC\_GEN\_LEAD\_WINDOW\_END**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_GEN\\_FCST\\_HR\\_WINDOW\\_END](#).

**TC\_GEN\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: TC\_GEN\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES = desc = "override\_desc"; model = "override\_model";

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_MIN\_DURATION** Specify the value of 'min\_duration' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_BEST\_FN\_OY** Specify the value of nc\_pairs\_flag.best\_fn\_oy in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_BEST\_FY\_OY** Specify the value of nc\_pairs\_flag.best\_fy\_oy in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_BEST\_GENESIS** Specify the value of nc\_pairs\_flag.best\_genesis in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_BEST\_TRACKS** Specify the value of nc\_pairs\_flag.best\_tracks in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_FCST\_FY\_ON** Specify the value of nc\_pairs\_flag.fcst\_fy\_on in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_FCST\_FY\_OY** Specify the value of `nc_pairs_flag.fcst_fy_oy` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_FCST\_GENESIS** Specify the value of `nc_pairs_flag.fcst_genesis` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_FCST\_TRACKS** Specify the value of `nc_pairs_flag.fcst_tracks` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_FLAG\_LATLON** Specify the value of `nc_pairs_flag.latlon` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_NC\_PAIRS\_GRID** Specify the value of `'nc_pairs_grid'` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_OPER\_GENESIS\_CATEGORY**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">TC_GEN_OPER_TECHNIQUE</a> .
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**TC\_GEN\_OPER\_GENESIS\_MSLP\_THRESH**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">TC_GEN_OPER_TECHNIQUE</a> .
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**TC\_GEN\_OPER\_GENESIS\_TECHNIQUE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_GEN\\_OPER\\_TECHNIQUE](#).

**TC\_GEN\_OPER\_GENESIS\_VMAX\_THRESH**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_GEN\\_OPER\\_TECHNIQUE](#).

**TC\_GEN\_OPER\_TECHNIQUE** Specify the value of 'oper\_technique' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_OPS\_HIT\_WINDOW\_BEG** Specify the value for 'ops\_hit\_window.beg' in the MET configuration file for TCGen.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_OPS\_HIT\_WINDOW\_END** Specify the value for 'ops\_hit\_window.end' in the MET configuration file for TCGen.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_OPS\_METHOD\_FLAG** Specify the value of 'ops\_method\_flag' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the output directory where files from the MET TCGen tool are written.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CTC** Specify the value of output\_flag.ctc in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_CTS** Specify the value of output\_flag.cts in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_FHO** Specify the value of `output_flag.fho` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_FLAG\_GENMPR** Specify the value of `output_flag.genmpr` in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Sets the subdirectories below [TC\\_GEN\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#) using a template to allow run time information.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_STORM\_ID** The identifier of the storm(s) of interest.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_STORM\_NAME** The name(s) of the storm of interest.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_TRACK\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing the track data used by TCGen. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to track data using [TC\\_GEN\\_TRACK\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_TRACK\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the track data used by TCGen. See also [TC\\_GEN\\_TRACK\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_VALID\_BEG** Specify the beginning valid time for stratification when using the MET TCGen tool.  
Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HHmss

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_VALID\_END** Specify the ending valid time for stratification when using the MET TCGen tool.  
Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HHmss

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_VALID\_FREQ** Specify the value of 'valid\_freq' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_VALID\_MINUS\_GENESIS\_DIFF\_THRESH** Specify the value of 'valid\_minus\_genesis\_diff\_thresh' in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_GEN\_VX\_MASK** Specify the 'vx\_mask' value to set in the MET configuration file.

*Used by:* TCGen

**TC\_PAIRS\_ADECK\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory that contains the ADECK files.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_ADECK\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template of the file names of ADECK data.

*Used by:* TCPairs

## TC\_PAIRS\_ADECK\_TEMPLATE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_ADECK\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

**TC\_PAIRS\_BASIN** Control what basins are desired for tropical cyclone analysis. Per the [MET User's Guide](#) acceptable basin ID's are: WP = Western Northern Pacific IO = Northern Indian Ocean SH = Southern Hemisphere CP = Central Northern Pacific EP = Eastern Northern Pacific AL = Northern Atlantic SL = Southern Atlantic

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_BDECK\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory that contains the BDECK files.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_BDECK\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template of the file names of BDECK data.

*Used by:* TCPairs

## TC\_PAIRS\_BDECK\_TEMPLATE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_BDECK\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

**TC\_PAIRS\_CONFIG\_FILE** Provide the absolute path to the configuration file for the MET tc\_pairs tool.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** Sets custom string loop list for a specific wrapper. See [CUSTOM\\_LOOP\\_LIST](#).

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_CYCLONE** Specify which cyclone numbers to include in the tropical cyclone analysis. Per the [MET User's Guide](#), this can be any number 01-99 (HH format). Use a space or comma separated list, or leave unset if all cyclones are desired.



*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_DESC** Specify the value for 'desc' in the MET configuration file for TCPairs.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_DIR**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">TC_PAIRS_OUTPUT_DIR</a> .
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**TC\_PAIRS\_DLAND\_FILE** The file generated by the MET tool `tc_dland`, containing the gridded representation of the minimum distance to land. Please refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information about the `tc_dland` tool.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_EDECK\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory that contains the EDECK files.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_EDECK\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template of the file names of EDECK data.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_EDECK\_TEMPLATE**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">TC_PAIRS_EDECK_INPUT_TEMPLATE</a> .
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**TC\_PAIRS\_FORCE\_OVERWRITE**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">TC_PAIRS_SKIP_IF_OUTPUT_EXISTS</a> .
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**TC\_PAIRS\_INIT\_BEG** Set the initialization begin time for TCpairs.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_INIT\_END** Set the initialization end time for TCpairs.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_INIT\_EXCLUDE** Specify which, if any, forecast initializations to exclude from the analysis.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_INIT\_INCLUDE** Specify which forecast initializations to include in the analysis.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: `TC_PAIRS_MET_CONFIG_OVERRIDES = desc = "override_desc"; model = "override_model";`

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_MISSING\_VAL** Specify the missing value code.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_MISSING\_VAL\_TO\_REPLACE** Specify the missing value code to replace.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_MODEL**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MODEL](#) instead.

**TC\_PAIRS\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the directory where the MET tc\_pairs tool will write files.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Template of the output file names created by tc\_pairs.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_READ\_ALL\_FILES** Specify whether to pass the value specified in [TC\\_PAIRS\\_ADECK\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#), [TC\\_PAIRS\\_BDECK\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) and [TC\\_PAIRS\\_EDECK\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) to the MET tc\_pairs utility or have the wrapper search for valid files in that directory based on the value of [TC\\_PAIRS\\_ADECK\\_TEMPLATE](#), [TC\\_PAIRS\\_BDECK\\_TEMPLATE](#) and [TC\\_PAIRS\\_EDECK\\_TEMPLATE](#) and pass them individually to tc\_pairs. Set to false or no to have the wrapper find valid files. This can speed up execution time of tc\_pairs. Acceptable values: yes/no

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_REFORMAT\_DECK** Set to true or yes if using cyclone data that needs to be reformatted to match the ATCF (Automated Tropical Cyclone Forecasting) format. If set to true or yes, you will need to set [TC\\_PAIRS\\_REFORMAT\\_TYPE](#) to specify which type of reformatting to perform.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_REFORMAT\_DIR** Specify the directory to write reformatted track data to be read by tc\_pairs. Used only if [TC\\_PAIRS\\_REFORMAT\\_DECK](#) is true or yes.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_REFORMAT\_TYPE** Specify which type of reformatting to perform on cyclone data. Currently only SBU extra tropical cyclone reformatting is available. Only used if [TC\\_PAIRS\\_REFORMAT\\_DECK](#) is true or yes. Acceptable values: SBU

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** Specify whether to overwrite the output from the MET tc\_pairs tool or not. If set to true or yes and the output file already exists for a given run, tc\_pairs will not be run. Acceptable values: yes/no

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_SKIP\_IF\_REFORMAT\_EXISTS** Specify whether to overwrite the reformatted cyclone data or not. If set to true or yes and the reformatted file already exists for a given run, the reformatting code will not be run. Used only when [TC\\_PAIRS\\_REFORMAT\\_DECK](#) is set to true or yes. Acceptable values: yes/no

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_STORM\_ID** The identifier of the storm(s) of interest.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_STORM\_NAME** The name(s) of the storm of interest.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_VALID\_BEG** Set the valid begin time for TCPairs.

*Used by:* TCPairs

**TC\_PAIRS\_VALID\_END** Set the valid end time for TCpairs.

*Used by:* TCpairs

**TC\_RMW\_BASIN** Specify the value for 'basin' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_CONFIG\_FILE** Path to optional configuration file read by TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_CYCLONE** Specify the value for 'cyclone' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_DECK\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing ADECK input data to TCRMW. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to the input files using [TC\\_RMW\\_DECK\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_DECK\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the ADECK input data used by TCRMW. See also [TC\\_RMW\\_DECK\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_DELTA\_RANGE\_KM** Specify the value for 'delta\_range\_km' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_DESC** Specify the value for 'desc' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_INIT\_INCLUDE** Value to set for init\_include in the MET configuration file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding Regrid-Data-Plane for more information.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_INPUT\_DATATYPE** Specify the data type of the input directory for input files used with the MET TCRMW tool. Used to set the 'file\_type' value of the data dictionary in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_INPUT\_DIR** Directory containing input data to TCRMW. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to the input files using [TC\\_RMW\\_INPUT\\_TEMPLATE](#).

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_INPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of the input data used by TCRMW. See also [TC\\_RMW\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_MAX\_RANGE\_KM** Specify the value for 'max\_range\_km' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: TC\_RMW\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES = desc = "override\_desc"; model = "override\_model";

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_N\_AZIMUTH** Specify the value for 'n\_azimuth' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_N\_RANGE** Specify the value for 'n\_range' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Directory to write output data from TCRMW. This variable is optional because you can specify the full path to the output file using [\*TC\\_RMW\\_OUTPUT\\_TEMPLATE\*](#).

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_OUTPUT\_TEMPLATE** Filename template of write the output data generated by TCRMW. See also [\*TC\\_RMW\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR\*](#).

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_REGRID\_METHOD** Specify the value for 'regrid.method' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_REGRID\_SHAPE** Specify the value for 'regrid.shape' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_REGRID\_VLD\_THRESH** Specify the value for 'regrid.vld\_thresh' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_REGRID\_WIDTH** Specify the value for 'regrid.width' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_SCALE** Specify the value for 'rmw\_scale' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_STORM\_ID** Specify the value for 'storm\_id' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_STORM\_NAME** Specify the value for 'storm\_name' in the MET configuration file for TCRMW.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_VALID\_BEG** Value to set for valid\_beg in the MET configuration file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding Regrid-Data-Plane for more information.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_VALID\_END** Value to set for valid\_end in the MET configuration file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding Regrid-Data-Plane for more information.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_VALID\_EXCLUDE\_LIST** List of values to set for valid\_exc in the MET configuration file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding Regrid-Data-Plane for more information.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_VALID\_HOUR\_LIST** List of values to set for valid\_hour in the MET configuration file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding Regrid-Data-Plane for more information.

*Used by:* TCRMW

**TC\_RMW\_VALID\_INCLUDE\_LIST** List of values to set for valid\_inc in the MET configuration file. See the [MET User's Guide](#) section regarding Regrid-Data-Plane for more information.

*Used by:* TCRMW



**TC\_STAT\_AMODEL** Specify the AMODEL for the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_BASIN** Specify the BASIN for the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_BMODEL** Specify the BMODEL for the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_CMD\_LINE\_JOB**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please set [TC\\_STAT\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#) to run using a config file and leave it unset to run via the command line.

Old: Specify expression(s) that will be passed to the MET tc\_stat tool via the command line. Only specify if TC\_STAT\_RUN\_VIA=CLI. Please refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) chapter for tc-stat for the details on performing job summaries and job filters.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_STR\_EXC\_NAME** Specify the value for 'column\_str\_exc\_name' in the MET configuration file for TCStat.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_STR\_EXC\_VAL** Specify the value for 'column\_str\_exc\_val' in the MET configuration file for TCStat.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_STR\_NAME** Specify the string names of the columns for stratification with the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_STR\_VAL** Specify the values for the columns set via the [TC\\_STAT\\_COLUMN\\_STR\\_NAME](#) option for use with the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_THRESH\_NAME** Specify the string names of the columns for stratification by threshold with the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_COLUMN\_THRESH\_VAL** Specify the values used for thresholding the columns specified in the [TC\\_STAT\\_COLUMN\\_THRESH\\_NAME](#) option for use with the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_CONFIG\_FILE** Path to optional configuration file read by TCStat.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_CYCLONE** Specify the cyclone of interest for use with the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_DESC** Specify the desc option for use with the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_BEG** Specify the beginning initialization time for stratification when using the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HHmmss

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_END** Specify the ending initialization time for stratification when using the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HH:mm:ss

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_EXCLUDE** Specify the initialization times to exclude when using the MET tc\_stat tool, via a comma separated list e.g.:20141220\_18, 20141221\_00Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HH:mm:ss

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_HOUR** The beginning hour (HH) of the initialization time of interest.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_INCLUDE** Specify the initialization times to include when using the MET tc\_stat tool, via a comma separated list e.g.:20141220\_00, 20141220\_06, 20141220\_12Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HH:mm:ss

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_MASK** This corresponds to the INIT\_MASK keyword in the MET tc\_stat config file. For more information, please refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) .

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_STR\_EXC\_NAME** Specify the value for 'init\_str\_exc\_name' in the MET configuration file for TCStat.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_STR\_EXC\_VAL** Specify the value for 'init\_str\_exc\_val' in the MET configuration file for TCStat.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_STR\_NAME** This corresponds to the INIT\_STR\_NAME keyword in the MET tc\_stat config file. Please refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more details.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_STR\_VAL** This corresponds to the INIT\_STR\_VAL keyword in the MET tc\_stat config file. Please refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_THRESH\_NAME** Specify the string names of the columns for stratification by threshold with the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INIT\_THRESH\_VAL** Specify the values used for thresholding the columns specified in the [TC\\_STAT\\_INIT\\_THRESH\\_NAME](#) option for use with the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_INPUT\_DIR**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">TC_STAT_LOOKIN_DIR</a> .
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*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_JOB\_ARGS** Specify expressions for the MET tc\_stat tool to execute.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_JOBS\_LIST**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_STAT\\_JOB\\_ARGS](#).

**TC\_STAT\_LANDFALL** Specify whether only those points occurring near landfall should be retained when using the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable values: True/False

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_LANDFALL\_BEG** Specify the beginning of the landfall window for use with the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable formats: HH, HHmmss

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_LANDFALL\_END** Specify the end of the landfall window for use with the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable formats: HH, HHmmss

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_LEAD** Specify the lead times to stratify by when using the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable formats: HH, HHmmss

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_LEAD\_REQ** Specify the LEAD\_REQ when using the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_LOOKIN\_DIR** Specify the input directory where the MET tc\_stat tool will look for files.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_MATCH\_POINTS** Specify whether only those points common to both the ADECK and BDECK tracks should be written out or not when using the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable values: True/False

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES** Override any variables in the MET configuration file that are not supported by the wrapper. This should be set to the full variable name and value that you want to override, including the equal sign and the ending semi-colon. The value is directly appended to the end of the wrapped MET config file.

Example: TC\_STAT\_MET\_CONFIG\_OVERRIDES = desc = "override\_desc"; model = "override\_model";

See [Overriding Unsupported MET config file settings](#) (page 61) for more information

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Specify the output directory where the MET tc\_stat tool will write files.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_RUN\_VIA**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please set [TC\\_STAT\\_CONFIG\\_FILE](#) to run using a config file and leave it unset to run via the command line.

Old: Specify the method for running the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable values: CONFIG. If left blank (unset), tc\_stat will run via the command line.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_SKIP\_IF\_OUTPUT\_EXISTS** If True, do not run app if output file already exists. Set to False to overwrite files.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_STORM\_ID** Set the STORM\_ID(s) of interest with the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_STORM\_NAME** Set the environment variable STORM\_NAME for use with the MET tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_TRACK\_WATCH\_WARN** Specify which watches and warnings to stratify over when using the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable values: HUWARN, HUWATCH, TSWARN, TSWATCH, ALLIf left blank (unset), no stratification will be done.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_VALID\_BEG** Specify a comma separated list of beginning valid times to stratify with when using the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HH:mm:ss

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_VALID\_END** Specify a comma separated list of ending valid times to stratify with when using the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HH:mm:ss

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_VALID\_EXCLUDE** Specify a comma separated list of valid times to exclude from the stratification with when using the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HH:mm:ss

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_VALID\_HOUR** This corresponds to the VALID\_HOUR keyword in the MET tc\_stat config file. For more information, please refer to the [MET User's Guide](#).

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_VALID\_INCLUDE** Specify a comma separated list of valid times to include in the stratification with when using the MET tc\_stat tool. Acceptable formats: YYYYMMDD\_HH, YYYYMMDD\_HH:mm:ss

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_VALID\_MASK** This corresponds to the VALID\_MASK in the MET tc\_stat config file. Please refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more information.

*Used by:* TCStat

**TC\_STAT\_WATER\_ONLY** Specify whether to exclude points where the distance to land is  $\leq 0$ . If set to TRUE, once land is encountered the remainder of the forecast track is not used for the verification, even if the track moves back over water. Acceptable values: true/false

*Used by:* TCStat

**TCMPR\_DATA\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_TCMPR\\_DATA\\_DIR](#).

**TCMPR\_PLOT\_OUT\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_PLOT\\_OUTPUT\\_DIR](#).

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_CONFIG\_FILE** Configuration file used by TCMPrPlotter.

*Used by:* TCMPrPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_DEMO\_YR** The demo year. This is an optional value used by the plot\_TCMPr.R script, (which is wrapped by TCMPrPlotter). Please refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more details.

*Used by:* TCMPrPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_DEP\_VARS** Corresponds to the optional flag -dep in the plot\_TCMPr.R script, which is wrapped by TCMPrPlotter. The value to this flag is a comma-separated list (no whitespace) of dependent variable columns to plot ( e.g. AMSLP-BMSLP, AMAX\_WIND-BMAX\_WIND, TK\_ERR). If this is undefined, then the default plot for TK\_ERR (track error) is generated. Note, if you want the track error plot generated, in addition to other plots, then you need to explicitly list this with the other variables. Please refer to the [MET User's Guide](#) for more details.

*Used by:* TCMPrPlotter



**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_FILTER** Corresponds to the optional -filter argument to the plot\_TCMPR.R script which is wrapped by TCMRPPlotter. This is a list of filtering options for the tc\_stat tool.

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_FILTERED\_TCST\_DATA\_FILE** Corresponds to the optional -tcst argument to the plot\_TCMPR.R script which is wrapped by TCMRPPlotter. This is a tcst data file to be used instead of running the tc\_stat tool. Indicate a full path to the data file.

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_FOOTNOTE\_FLAG** This corresponds to the optional -footnote flag in the plot\_TCMPR.R script which is wrapped by TCMRPPlotter. According to the plot\_TCMPR.R usage, this flag is used to disable footnote (date).

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_HFIP\_BASELINE** Corresponds to the optional -hfip\_bsln flag in the plot\_TCMPR.R script which is wrapped by TCMRPPlotter. This is a string that indicates whether to add the HFIP baseline, and indicates the version (no, 0, 5, 10 year goal).

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_LEAD** For CyclonePlotter, this refers to the column of interest in the input ASCII cyclone file. In the TCMRPPlotter, this corresponds to the optional -lead argument in the plot\_TCMPR.R script (which is wrapped by TCMRPPlotter). This argument is set to a comma-separated list of lead times (h) to be plotted. In TCStat, this corresponds to the name of the column of interest in the input ASCII data file.

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_LEGEND** The text to be included in the legend of your plot.

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_NO\_EE** Set the *NO\_EE* flag for the TC Matched Pairs plotting utility. Acceptable values: yes/no

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_NO\_LOG** Set the NO\_LOG flag for the TC Matched Pairs plotting utility. Acceptable values: yes/no

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_PLOT\_CONFIG\_OPTS** Specify plot configuration options for the TC Matched Pairs plotting tool.

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_PLOT\_OUTPUT\_DIR** Provide the output directory where the TC Matched Pairs plotting tool will create files.

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_PLOT\_TYPES** Specify what plot types are desired for the TC Matched Pairs plotting tool. By default, a boxplot is generated if this is undefined in the configuration file. If other plots are requested and a boxplot is also desired, you must explicitly list boxplot in your list of plot types. Supported plot types: BOXPLOT, POINT, MEAN, MEDIAN, RELPERF (relative performance), RANK (time series of ranks for the first model), SCATTER, SKILL\_MN (mean skill scores) and SKILL\_MD (median skill scores).

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_PREFIX** Prefix used in TCMRPPlotter.

*Used by:* TCMRPPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_RP\_DIFF** This corresponds to the optional -rp\_diff flag of the plot\_TCMPR.R script (which is wrapped by TCMRPPlotter). This a comma-separated list of thresholds to specify meaningful differences for the relative performance plot.

*Used by:* TCMPRPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SAVE** Corresponds to the optional -save flag in plot\_TCMPR.R (which is wrapped by TCMPRPlotter). This is a yes/no value to indicate whether to save the image (yes).

*Used by:* TCMPRPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SAVE\_DATA** Corresponds to the optional -save\_data flag in plot\_TCMPR.R (which is wrapped by TCMPRPlotter). Indicates whether to save the filtered track data to a file instead of deleting it.

*Used by:* TCMPRPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SCATTER\_X** Corresponds to the optional -scatter\_x flag in plot\_TCMPR.R (which is wrapped by TCMPRPlotter). This is a comma-separated list of x-axis variable columns to plot.

*Used by:* TCMPRPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SCATTER\_Y** Corresponds to the optional -scatter\_y flag in plot\_TCMPR.R (which is wrapped by TCMPRPlotter). This is a comma-separated list of y-axis variable columns to plot.

*Used by:* TCMPRPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SERIES** Corresponds to the optional -series flag in plot\_TCMPR.R (which is wrapped by TCMPRPlotter). This is the column whose unique values define the series on the plot, optionally followed by a comma-separated list of values, including: ALL, OTHER, and colon-separated groups.

*Used by:* TCMPRPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SERIES\_CI** Corresponds to the optional -series\_ci flag in plot\_TCMPR.R (which is wrapped by TCMPRPlotter). This is a list of true/false for confidence intervals. This list can be optionally followed by a comma-separated list of values, including ALL, OTHER, and colon-separated groups.

*Used by:* TCMPRPlotter

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SKILL\_REF** This corresponds to the optional `-skill_ref` flag in `plot_TCMPR.R` (which is wrapped by `TCMPRPlotter`). This is the identifier for the skill score reference.

*Used by:* `TCMPRPlotter`

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_SUBTITLE** The subtitle of the plot.

*Used by:* `TCMPRPlotter`

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_TCMPR\_DATA\_DIR** Provide the input directory for the track data for the TC Matched Pairs plotting tool.

*Used by:* `TCMPRPlotter`

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_TITLE** Specify a title string for the TC Matched Pairs plotting tool.

*Used by:* `TCMPRPlotter`

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_XLAB** Specify the x-axis label when using the TC Matched Pairs plotting tool.

*Used by:* `TCMPRPlotter`

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_XLIM** Specify the x-axis limit when using the TC Matched Pairs plotting tool.

*Used by:* `TCMPRPlotter`

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_YLAB** Specify the y-axis label when using the TC Matched Pairs plotting tool.

*Used by:* `TCMPRPlotter`

**TCMPR\_PLOTTER\_YLIM** Specify the y-axis limit when using the TC Matched Pairs plotting tool.

*Used by:* `TCMPRPlotter`

**TIME\_METHOD**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [LOOP\\_BY](#) instead.

**TIME\_SUMMARY\_BEG**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PB2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_BEG](#) instead.

**TIME\_SUMMARY\_END**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PB2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_END](#) instead.

**TIME\_SUMMARY\_FLAG**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PB2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_FLAG](#) instead.

**TIME\_SUMMARY\_TYPES**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PB2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_TYPES](#) instead.

**TIME\_SUMMARY\_VAR\_NAMES**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [PB2NC\\_TIME\\_SUMMARY\\_VAR\\_NAMES](#) instead.

**TITLE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_TITLE](#) instead.

**TMP\_DIR** Specify the path to a temporary directory where the user has write permissions.

*Used by:* PB2NC, PointStat, TCStat

**TOP\_LEVEL\_DIRS**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_READ\\_ALL\\_FILES](#).

**TR** Specify the path to the Linux “tr” executable.

*Used by:* PB2NC, PointStat

**TR\_EXE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TR](#).

**TRACK\_DATA\_DIR**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_ADECK\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#), [TC\\_PAIRS\\_BDECK\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#) and [TC\\_PAIRS\\_EDECK\\_INPUT\\_DIR](#).

**TRACK\_DATA\_MOD\_FORCE\_OVERWRITE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_SKIP\\_IF\\_REFORMAT\\_EXISTS](#).

**TRACK\_DATA\_SUBDIR\_MOD**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used.

**TRACK\_TYPE**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TC\\_PAIRS\\_REFORMAT\\_DECK](#).

**USER\_SCRIPT\_COMMAND** User-defined command to run. Filename template tags can be used to modify the command for each execution. See [USER\\_SCRIPT\\_RUNTIME\\_FREQ](#) for more information.

*Used by:* UserScript

**USER\_SCRIPT\_CUSTOM\_LOOP\_LIST** List of strings to loop over for each runtime to run the command.

*Used by:* UserScript

**USER\_SCRIPT\_RUNTIME\_FREQ** Frequency to run the user-defined script. See [Runtime Frequency](#) (page 46) for more information.

*Used by:* UserScript

**USER\_SCRIPT\_SKIP\_TIMES** Run times to skip for this wrapper only. See [SKIP\\_TIMES](#) for more information and how to format.

*Used by:* UserScript

**VALID\_BEG** Specify a begin time for valid times for use in the analysis. This is the starting date in the format set in the [VALID\\_TIME\\_FMT](#). It is named accordingly to the value set for [LOOP\\_BY](#). However, in StatAnalysis, it is named accordingly to the value set for [PLOT\\_TIME](#). See [Looping by Valid Time](#) (page 27) for more information.

*Used by:* All

**VALID\_END** Specify an end time for valid times for use in the analysis. This is the ending date in the format set in the [VALID\\_TIME\\_FMT](#). It is named accordingly to the value set for [LOOP\\_BY](#). See [Looping by Valid Time](#) (page 27) for more information.

*Used by:* All

**VALID\_HOUR\_BEG**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST</a> or <a href="#">OBS_VALID_HOUR_LIST</a> instead.
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**VALID\_HOUR\_END**

<b>Warning: DEPRECATED:</b> Please use <a href="#">FCST_VALID_HOUR_LIST</a> or <a href="#">OBS_VALID_HOUR_LIST</a> instead.
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**VALID\_HOUR\_INCREMENT**

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_VALID\\_HOUR\\_LIST](#) or [OBS\\_VALID\\_HOUR\\_LIST](#) instead.

## VALID\_HOUR\_METHOD

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** No longer used.

**VALID\_INCREMENT** Specify the time increment for valid times for use in the analysis. See [Looping by Valid Time](#) (page 27) for more information. Units are assumed to be seconds unless specified with Y, m, d, H, M, or S.

*Used by:* All

**VALID\_TIME\_FMT** Specify a strftime formatting string for use with [VALID\\_BEG](#) and [VALID\\_END](#). See [Looping by Valid Time](#) (page 27) for more information.

*Used by:* All

**VAR<n>\_FOURIER\_DECOMP** Specify if Fourier decomposition is to be considered (True) or not (False). If this is set to True, data stratification will be done for the Fourier decomposition of FCS\_VAR<n>\_NAME. This should have been previously run in grid\_stat\_wrapper. The default value is set to False.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

**VAR<n>\_WAVE\_NUM\_LIST** Specify a comma separated list of wave numbers pairings of the Fourier decomposition.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

## VAR\_LIST

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [FCST\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) and [OBS\\_VAR<n>\\_NAME](#) instead.

## VERIF\_CASE



**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MAKE\\_PLOTS\\_VERIF\\_CASE](#) instead.

## VERIF\_GRID

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MAKE\\_PLOTS\\_VERIF\\_GRID](#) instead.

## VERIF\_TYPE

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [MAKE\\_PLOTS\\_VERIF\\_TYPE](#) instead.

## VERIFICATION\_GRID

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [REGRID\\_DATA\\_PLANE\\_VERIF\\_GRID](#) instead.

## VERTICAL\_LOCATION

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Specify the vertical location desired when using the MET pb2nc tool.

**VX\_MASK\_LIST** Specify the values of the VX\_MASK column in the MET .stat file to use; a list of the verification regions of interest.

*Used by:* MakePlots, StatAnalysis

## XLAB

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_XLAB](#) instead.

## XLIM

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_XLIM](#) instead.

## YLAB

**Warning: DEPRECATED:** Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_YLAB](#) instead.

## YLIM

**Warning:** DEPRECATED: Please use [TCMPR\\_PLOTTER\\_YLIM](#) instead.

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