

Interactive comment on “Forecasters priorities for improving probabilistic flood forecasts” by F. Wetterhall et al.

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"We do not understand how they are subtly different - can you please clarify?"

I think the author's brief discussion of how skill is measured is fine for this article. For clarification, here are my thoughts below, but I am perhaps being a little pedantic and the differences are quite subtle! Nevertheless, might it be important for a decision-maker, since if they make a decision at a particular lead time, they might not find an improvement in the general forecast skill relevant?

1) General improvement in the forecast skill

An improvement seen in all aspects (ways of measuring) of the forecast skill, e.g. at

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all lead times and for all catchments. Perhaps not necessarily something that can be measured given data limitations.

2) Improvement in the general forecast skill

An improvement seen in a 'global' measure of forecast skill (e.g. all lead times lumped together, perhaps to give a large enough dataset).

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