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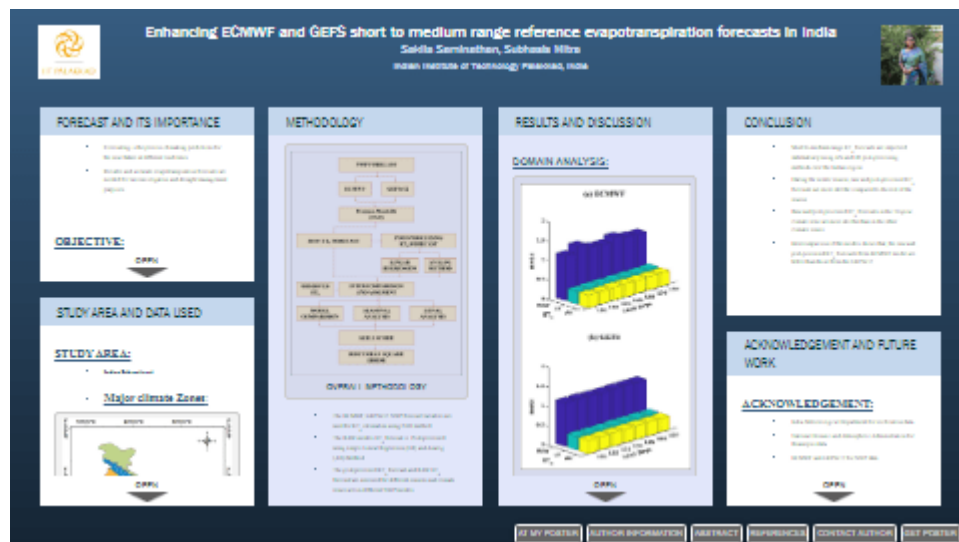
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Abstract

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PRESENTED AT:



FORECAST AND ITS IMPORTANCE

- Forecasting is the process of making predictions for the near future at different lead times.
- Reliable and accurate evapotranspiration forecasts are needed for various irrigation and drought management purposes.

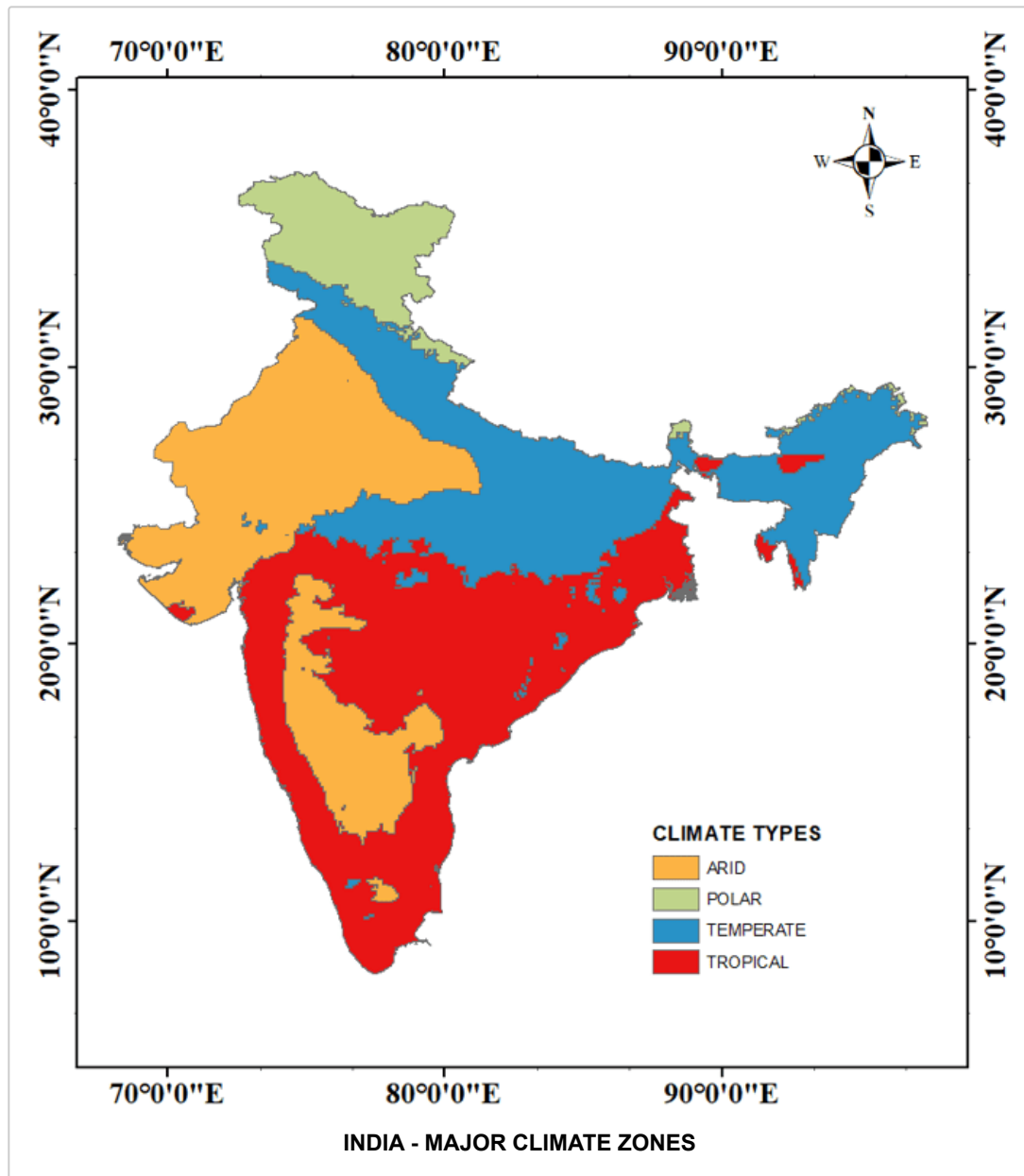
OBJECTIVE:

- To compare the skill of reference evapotranspiration (ET_0) forecast from multiple models .
- To evaluate the skill of ET_0 forecast for different seasons and basins.

STUDY AREA AND DATA USED

STUDY AREA:

- Indian Subcontinent
- Major climate Zones:



CLIMATE TYPE	CODE
ARID	Z 1
POLAR	Z 2
TROPICAL	Z 3
TEMPERATE	Z 4

MAJOR CLIMATE TYPES

- Seasons:

SEASON	CODE
WINTER	S1
SUMMER	S 2
MONSOON	S 3
POST MONSOON	S 4

MAJOR SEASONS

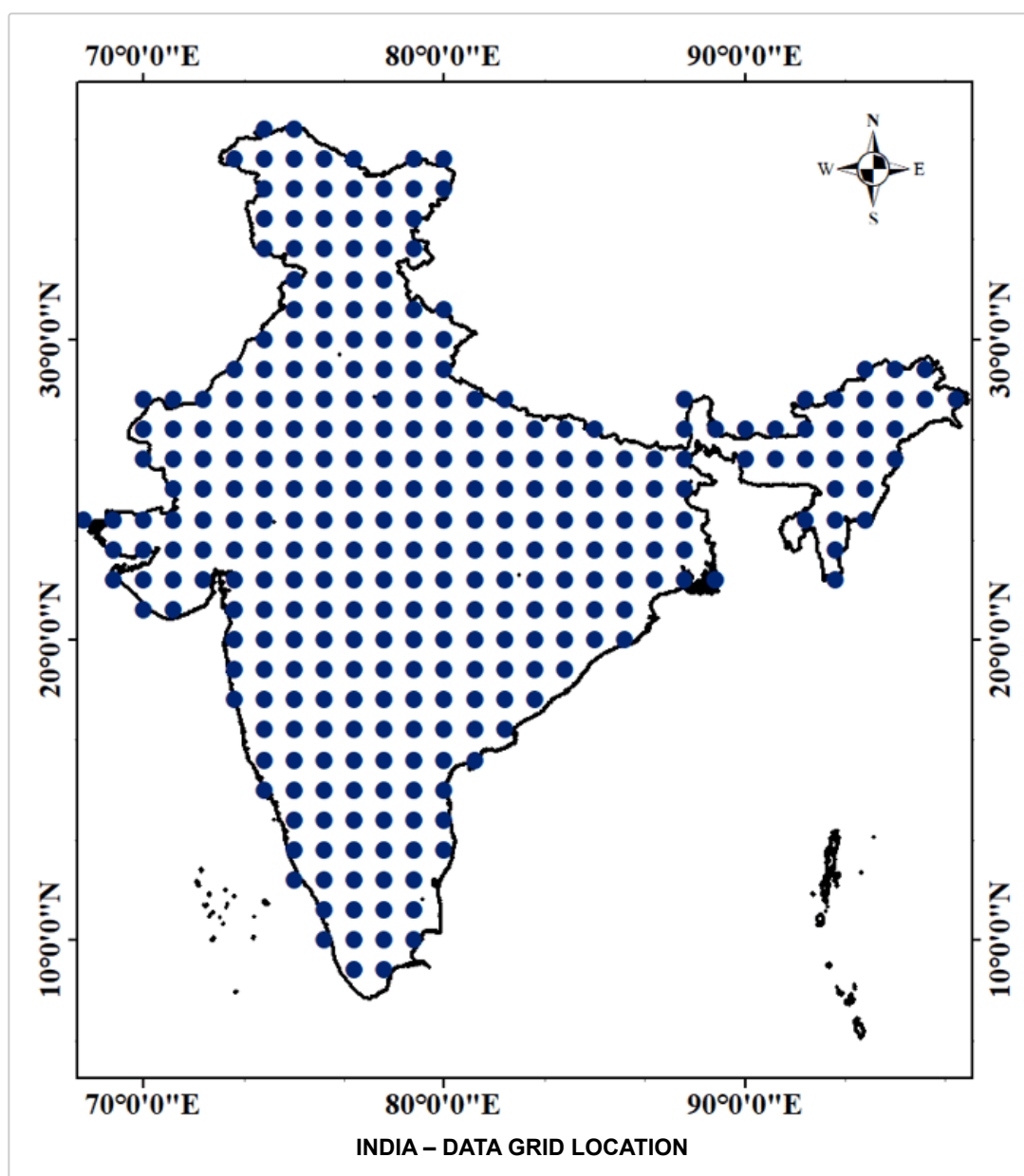
DATA USED:**Forecast Data:**

- European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts [ECMWF]

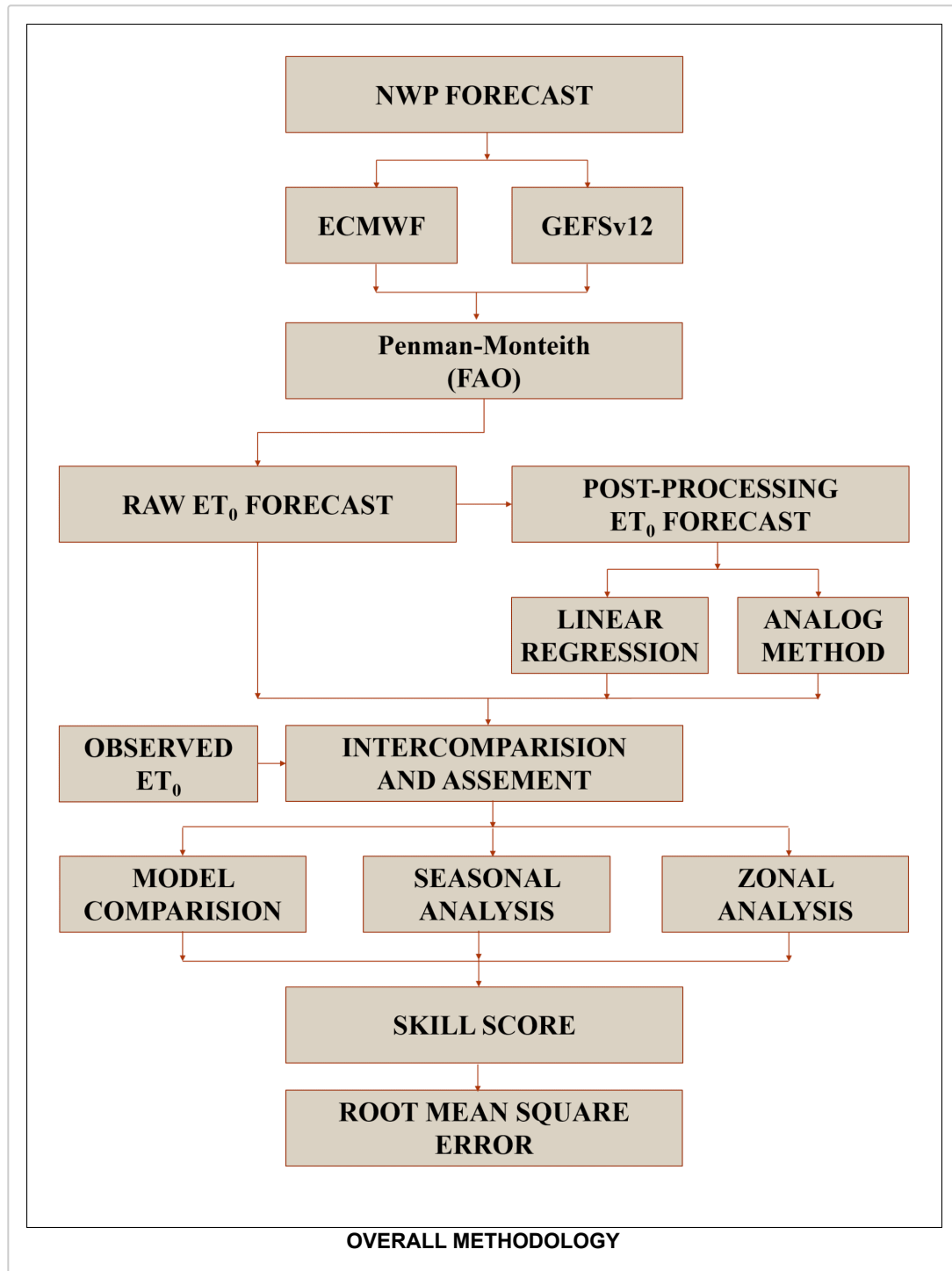
- Global Ensemble Forecast System [GEFSv12]

Observed Data:

- India Meteorological Department [IMD]
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA]
- Spatial Resolution: $1^\circ \times 1^\circ$
- Temporal Resolution: Daily.
- Lead Days: One to Seven.



METHODOLOGY

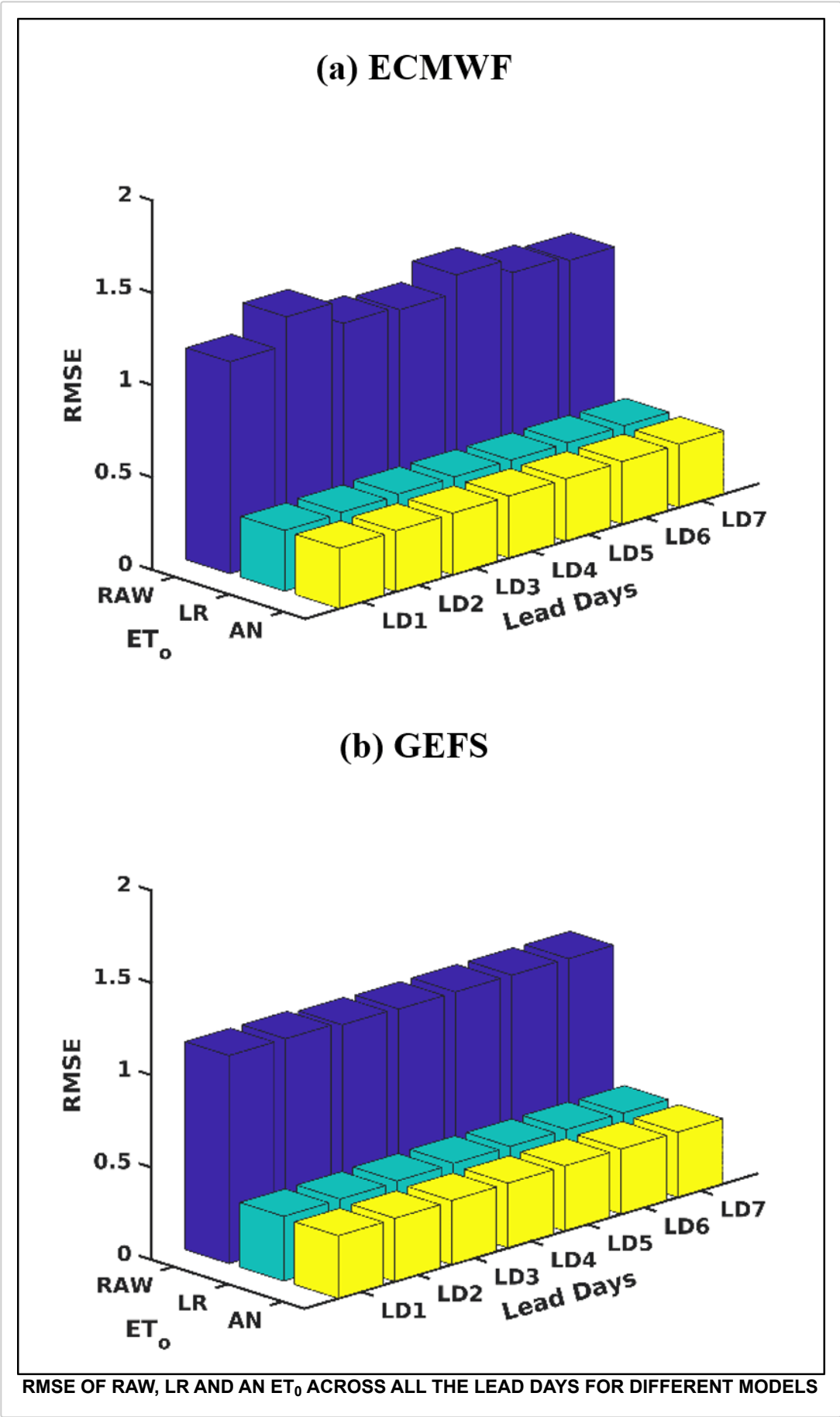


- The ECMWF, GEFSv12 NWP forecast variables are used for ET₀ estimation using FAO method.
- The RAW models ET₀ forecast is Post-processed using simple Linear Regression (LR) and Analog (AN) Method.
- The post-processed ET₀ forecast and RAW ET₀ forecast are assessed for different seasons

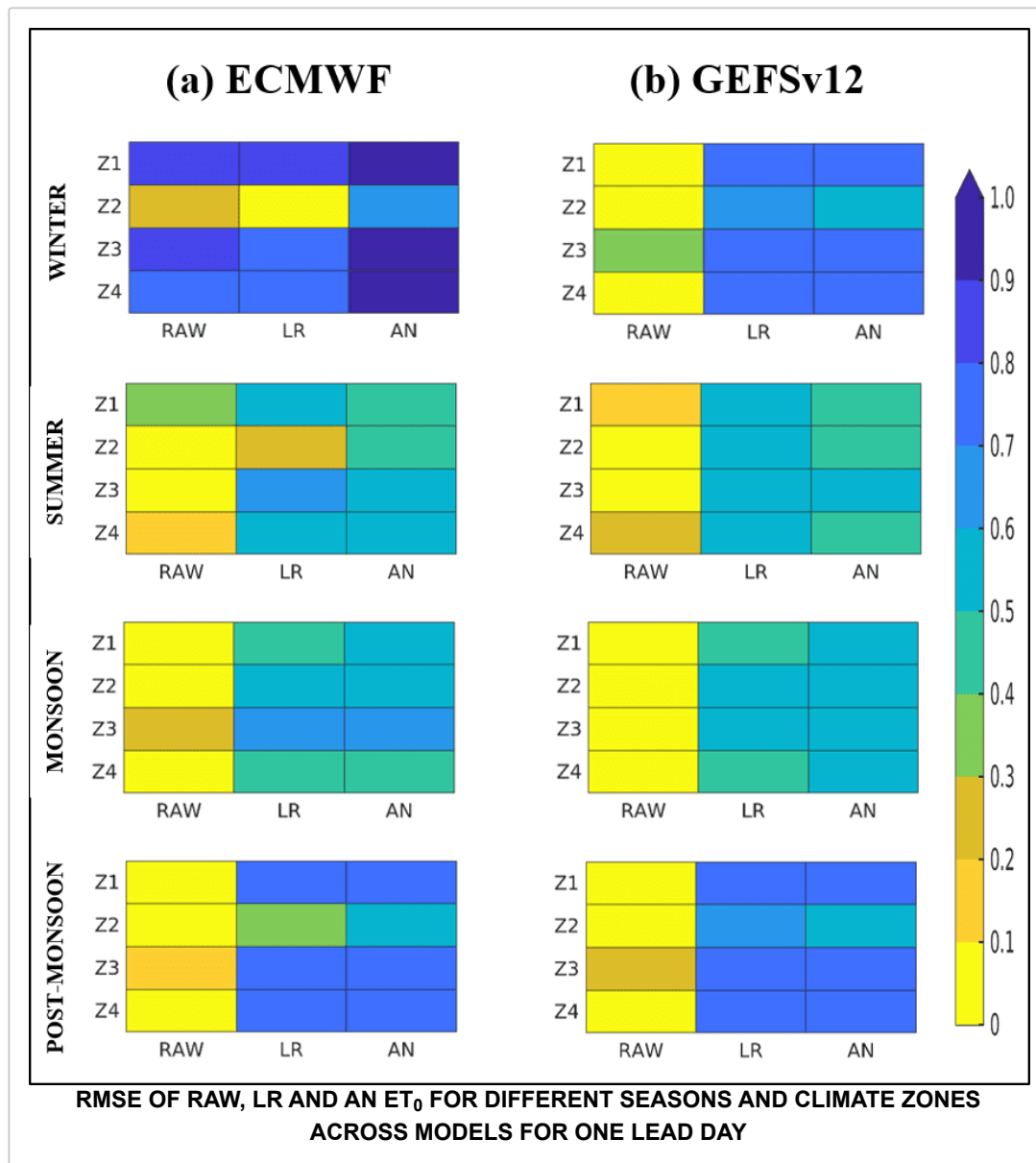
and climate zones across different NWP models.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

DOMAIN ANALYSIS:



SEASONAL AND ZONAL ANALYSIS:



CONCLUSION

- Short to medium range ET_0 forecasts are improved substantially using AN and LR post-processing methods over the Indian region.
- During the winter season, raw and post-processed ET_0 forecasts are more skillful compared to the rest of the season.
- Raw and post-processed ET_0 forecasts in the Tropical climate zone are more skillful than in the other climatic zones.
- Intercomparison of the models shows that, the raw and post-processed ET_0 forecasts from ECMWF model are better than those from the GEFSv12.

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FUTURE WORK:

- Forcing ET_0 ensembles into a Hydrological model for forecasting Streamflow.
 - Post-processing of ET_0 forecast using probabilistic techniques.
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