Super ensembles for wind climate assessment

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The New European Wind Atlas (NEWA) project

Objectives:

- Accurate mapping of wind conditions for the estimation of wind resources and loads
- ➤ Development and testing of the "modelchain" (global → mesoscale → microscale)
- A series of field atmospheric experiments to validate the models and the final atlas

http://www.neweuropeanwindatlas.eu







Mesoscale modelling in NEWA

As part of NEWA, mesoscale model simulations are planned to:

- Mesoscale simulations for the wind atlas covering all Europe for 30 years (1998-2017)
- Ensemble of mesoscale simulations to:
 - Find the best WRF setup for the production run
 - Try to quantify uncertainty in the wind atlas resulting from the choices made in the model setup.

- First set of simulations concentrated on:
 - Size and position of the domain(s) → smaller domains are most accurate
 - ➤ Are model sensitivities specific to various regions of Europe → sensitivity to PBL appear unsensitive to region

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Various setups of the ensemble members

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ANNUAL MEAN WIND SPEED (15 ensemble members)



RMSE compared to that of BASE

Validation against observations Ratio of RMSE compared to that of BASE

One full year (2015) of simulation

Comparison against observations for 8 sites offshore or over simple terrain

Annual average wind speed, m/s at 100.0m





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How to select x ensemble members that give the (best) maximum spread?

- Goal: Reduce the number of ensemble members, by throwing out those that are not very different from the base run, but still give reasonable statistics when compared to observations
- Method: hierarchical/agglomerative clustering, on mean annual wind speed at 100 m height
- Other metrics, e.g. Chi-square, EMD (Earth Mover Distance) are also being considered.



Ensemble spread

Standard deviation (m/s) of the annual mean wind speed at 100m using 5 ensemble members



Interesting patterns

- Low spread <u>not</u> collocated with water
- High spread <u>not</u> collocated with high roughness (forest)
- Can this tell us anything about the uncertainty of the wind atlas?
- At least, areas of more or less confidence in the resulting wind atlas
- More high-quality observations could help clarify any additional value



The production run



NEWA WRF configuration												
	27 km x 27 km common outer grid, 9 km x 9 km and final 3 km x 3 km	ERA5 reanalysis OSTIA SST	CORINE land surface Adapted roughness table	Weekly simulations overlapping by 24 hours								
	MYNN PBL scheme MO surface layer NOAH LSM	Ten domains run separately	Spectral grid nudging in outer domain only above PBL	One way nesting								

Granted 56,70 million core hours on MareNostrum4 (Barcelona Supercomputer Center)



Production run is underway

YEAR

region/ year	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1989	1988
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Annual mean wind speed (m/s) at 100 m 2013-2017



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Increases in GHGs are expected to lead to:

- poleward shift of the jet streams and associated zonal mean storm tracks
- a poleward shift of the Hadley Circulation

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What can be wrong with the previous type of assessment?

- Are wind farms at 10m?
- Do wind farms spin with the wind speed of a 50 km x 50 km wind speed?
- Why did they select some models are not others?
- What is missing?
- Future climate wind atlas?
- How do we consider the multimodels and ensemble information?



