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## Tecniche modellistiche e statistiche a supporto delle previsioni dei *Wind Days*

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# Introduction

**Evaluation of the role played by physical parameterizations, by grid resolution and by uncertainty on the initial condition in meteorological medium term forecasting (predictions of wind, PBL height and Wind Days).**

# NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION MODELS

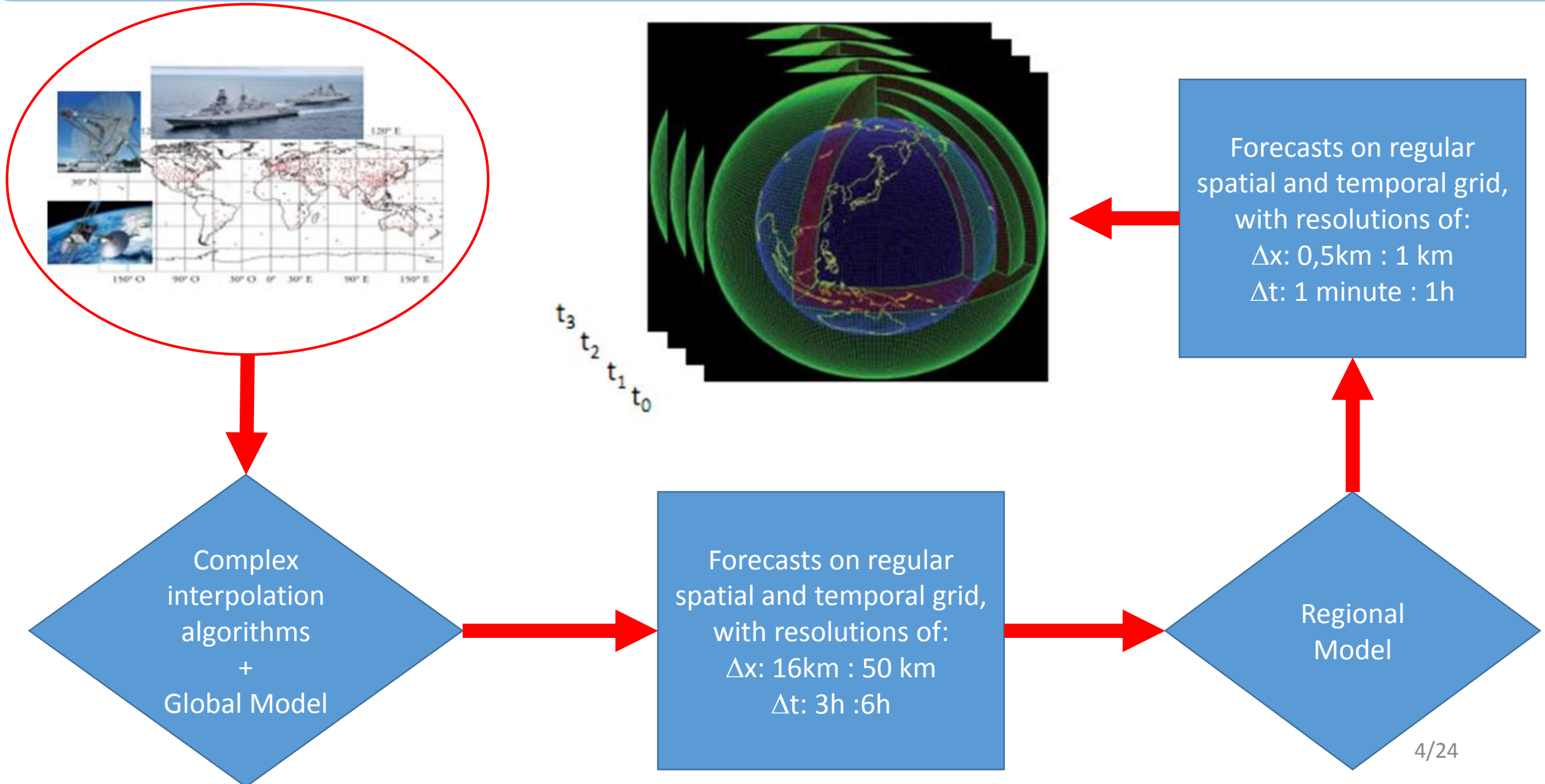
## WHAT ARE THEY?

- NWP models are algorithms that solve systems of differential equations that represent the Atmosphere
- They allow **short** (*nowcasting* - to 6h), **medium** (to 3 or 5 days) and **long-term** (seasonal) forecasting
- Depending on the spatial and time resolution NWP models are meant to be Global (as GFS, ECMWF) and Regional (as WRF, COSMO)

## NEED OF

**INITIAL** and **BOUNDARY** conditions + **OROGRAPHY**

# GENERAL SCHEME ...



# ISSUES

1. Initial and boundary conditions are not exactly known

Measurements are:

- Inhomogeneous (different instruments for the same variable)
- Asynchronous (not at the same time)
- Not uniformly distributed
- Measurements are not available for each point of the spatial domain
- Instrumental errors

2. Moreover, the real domain is continuous but the computational domain is discrete;

3. In order to solve numerical equations, physical approximations are needed (parameterizations).

# STATISTICAL APPROACH: the ensembles

In the “Chaos theory” of E. Lorenz<sup>1</sup>,  
the Atmosphere is defined as “chaotic system”,  
i.e.

very small changes in the initial state could greatly affect  
the evolution of system.

In order to take into account the uncertainty in the initial conditions and to  
improve the deterministic prediction

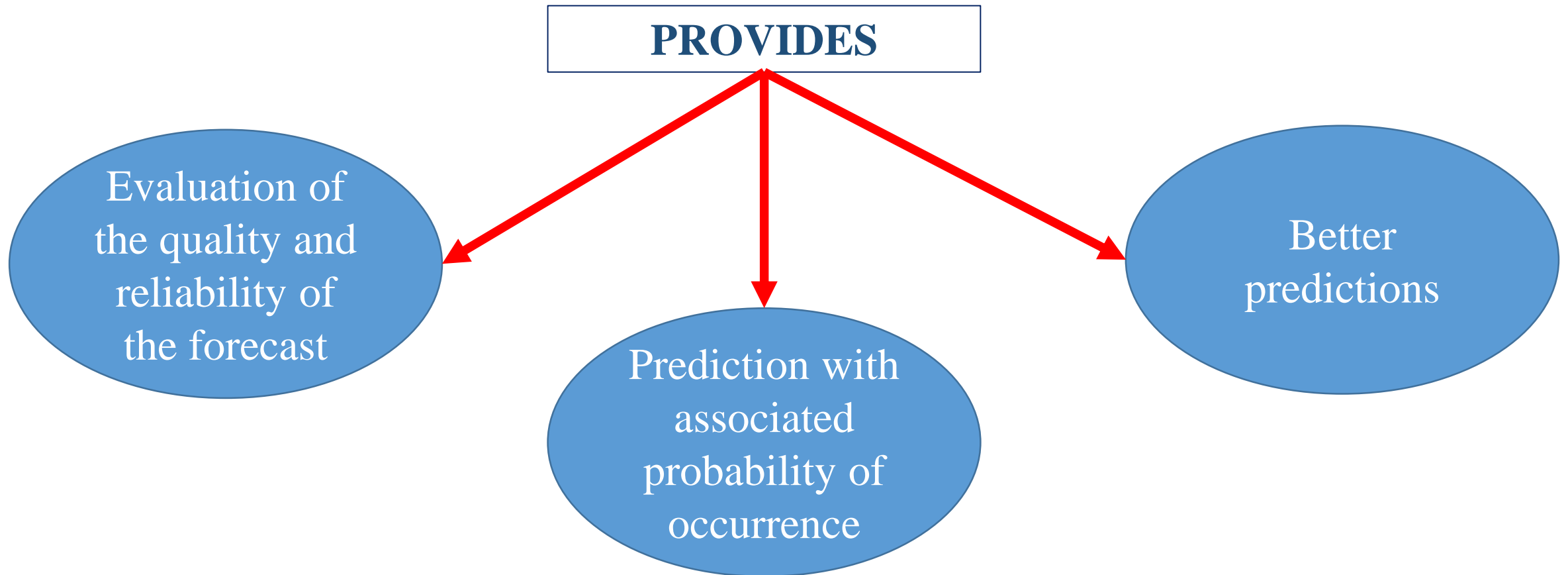
in the last few years “probabilistic” forecasting systems have been developed:

**EPS**

(Ensemble Prediction System)

<sup>1</sup>Lorenz, E. N. (1995). *The essence of chaos*. University of Washington Press.

# STATISTICAL APPROACH: the ensembles



# Analysis

## **Analysis 1: Ensemble of parameterizations**

[Predicted atmospheric variables: WS10, WD10, height of PBL]

- a) Performance evaluations of 5 different parameterization used in WRF model.
- b) Post-processing technique to improve deterministic predictions.

## **Analysis 2: Ensemble of perturbations**

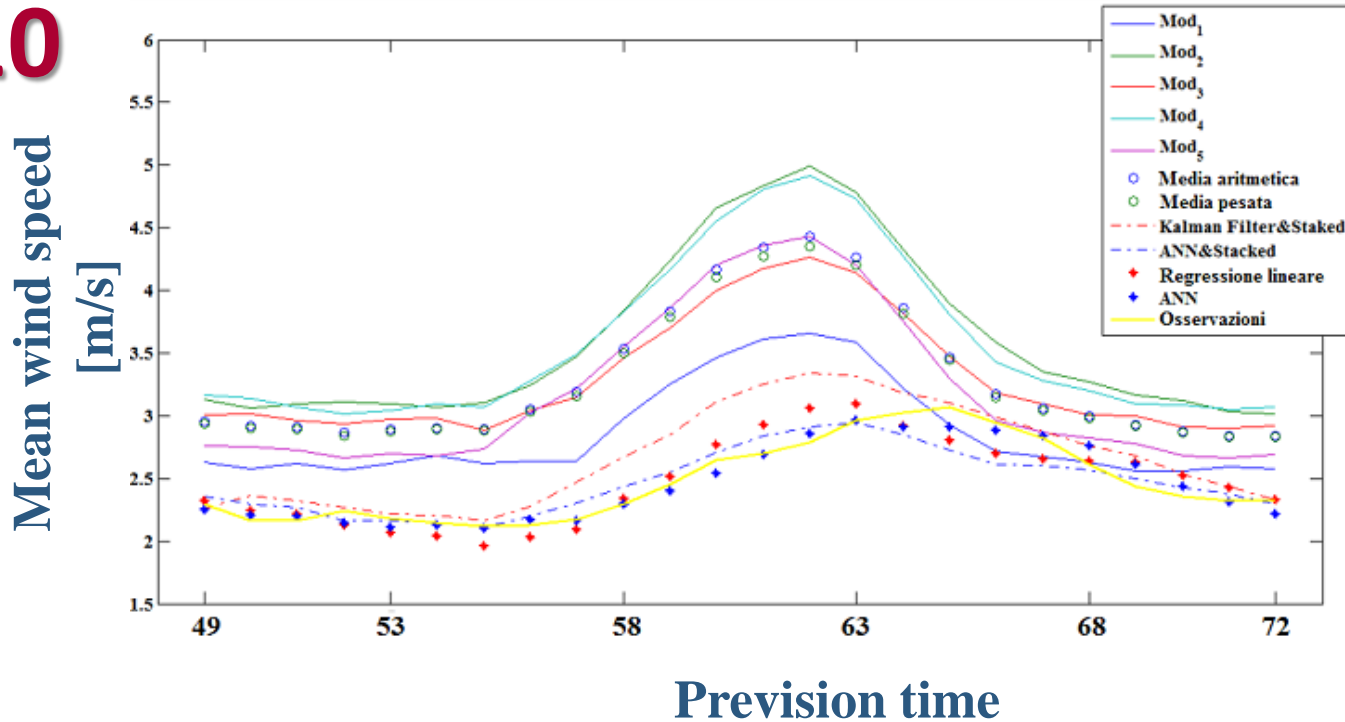
[Wind Day prediction]

- a) Role evaluation of the grid resolution
- b) Comparison of deterministic and probabilistic forecasts
- c) Comparison of categorical and probabilistic approach
- d) Evaluation and validation of a new method to estimate the probability of occurrence



# ANALYSIS 1: ENSEMBLE OF PARAMETERIZATION

## WS10



TIME OF ANALYSIS  
08/2015-03/2016

DATA  
WRF A 4 KM CON INPUT GFS  
+72H (49<sup>TH</sup>-72<sup>TH</sup>)

Average

KF & ANN

ANN

Weighted Average

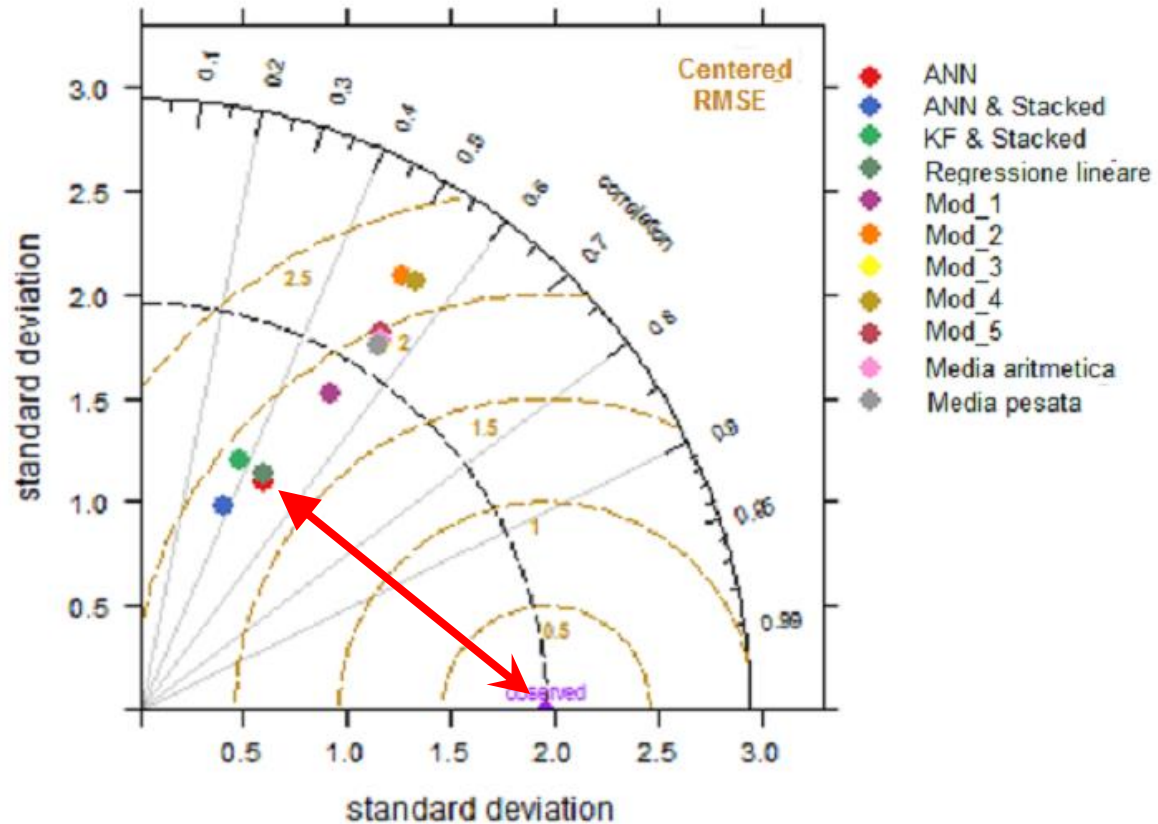
ANNs & ANN

Linear Regression

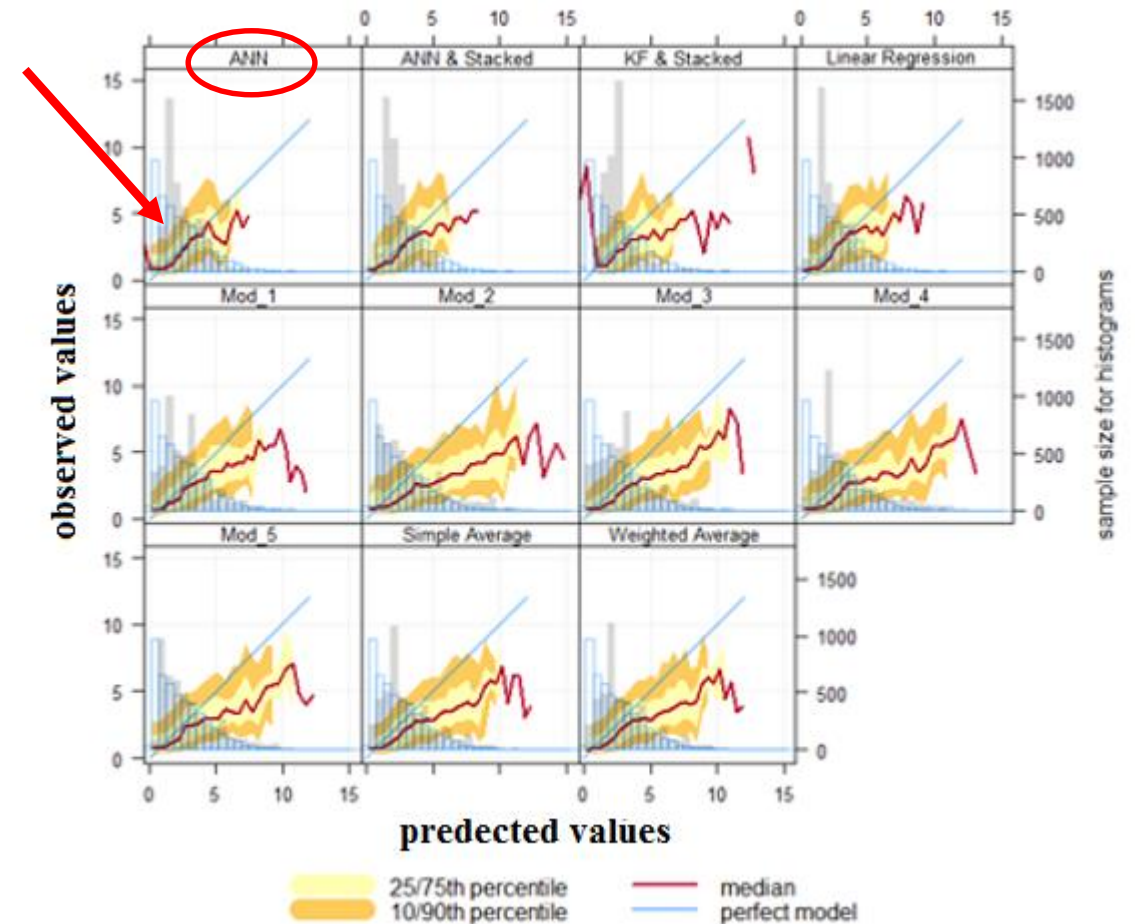
# ANALYSIS 1: ENSEMBLE OF PARAMETERIZATION

## WS10

### Taylor Diagram



### Conditional Quintile Plot



# ANALYSIS 1: ENSEMBLE OF PARAMETERIZATION

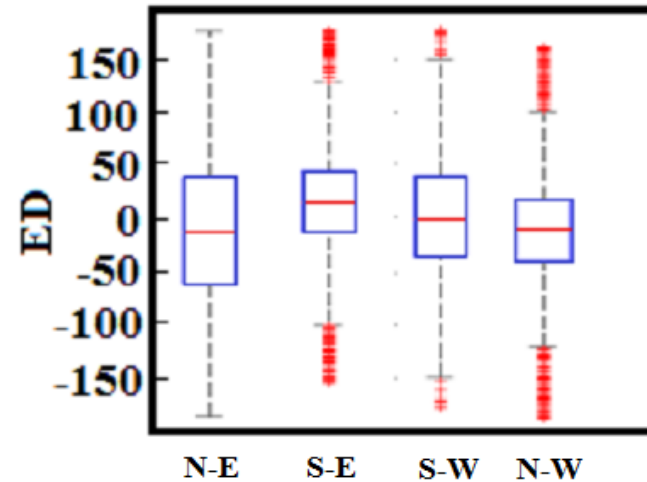
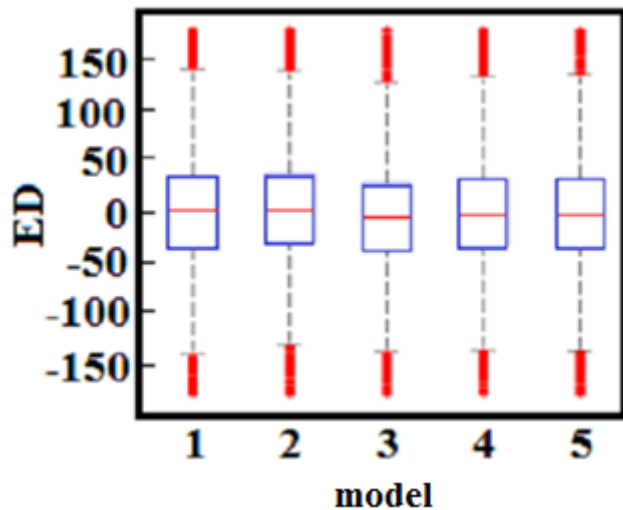
## WD10

TIME OF ANALYSIS  
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$$ED = \begin{cases} WD_{pred} - WD_{obs} & \text{if } |WD_{pred} - WD_{obs}| \leq 180^\circ \\ -|360 - |WD_{pred} - WD_{obs}|| & \text{if } (WD_{pred} - WD_{obs}) > 180^\circ \\ +|360 - |WD_{pred} - WD_{obs}|| & \text{if } (WD_{pred} - WD_{obs}) < -180^\circ \end{cases}$$

DATA  
WRF A 4 KM CON INPUT GFS  
+72H (49<sup>TH</sup>-72<sup>TH</sup>)

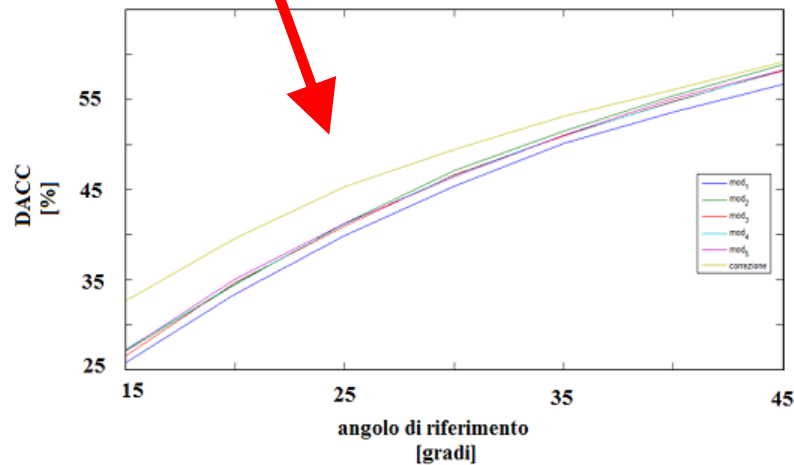
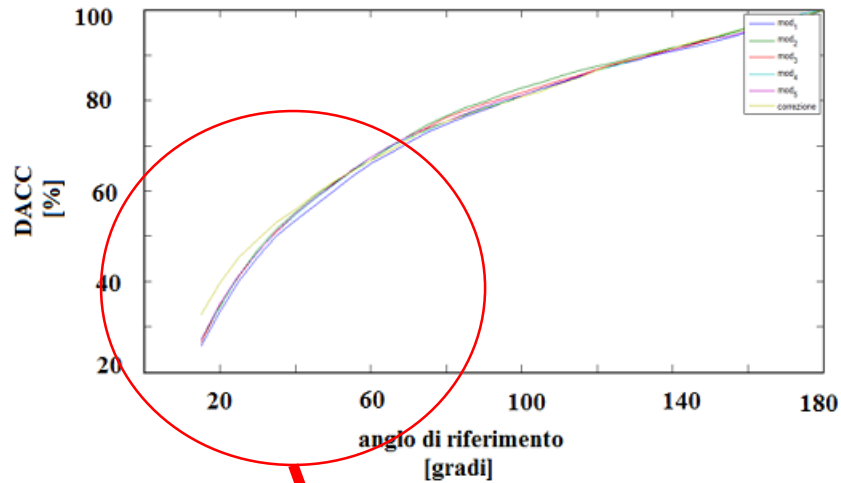
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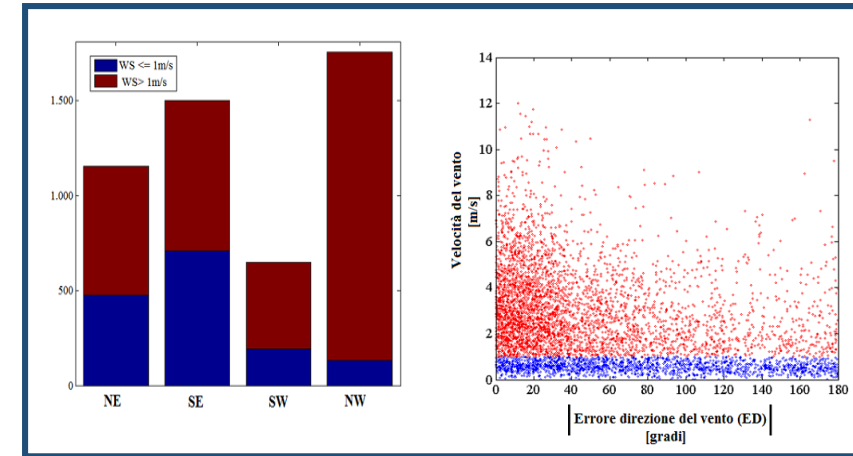
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## WD10

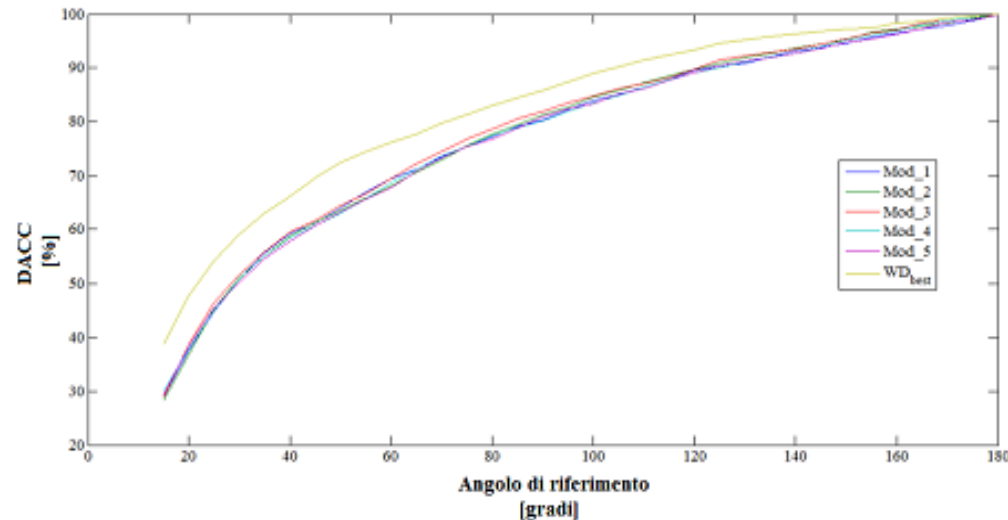
**Method**  
Partial Average & Linear Regression



$$DACC(\theta_{Riff}) = \frac{\# \text{ casi con } |ED| < \theta_{Riff}}{\# \text{ totale casi}} \cdot 100$$



### QUADRANTE NW



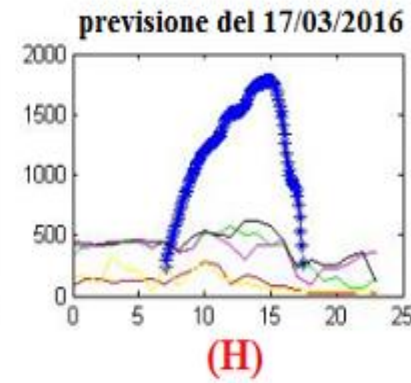
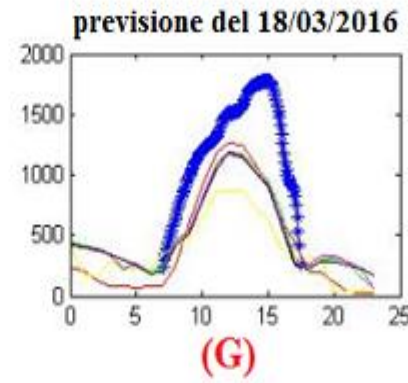
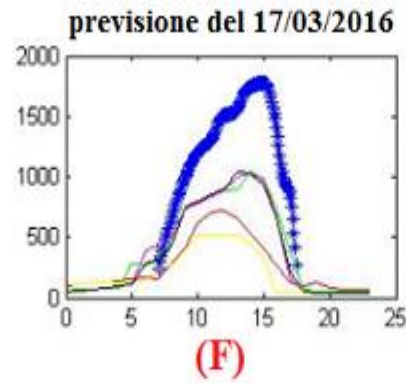
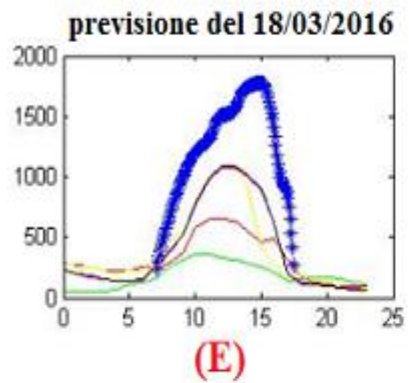
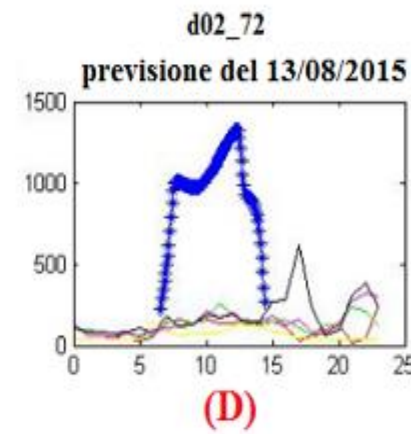
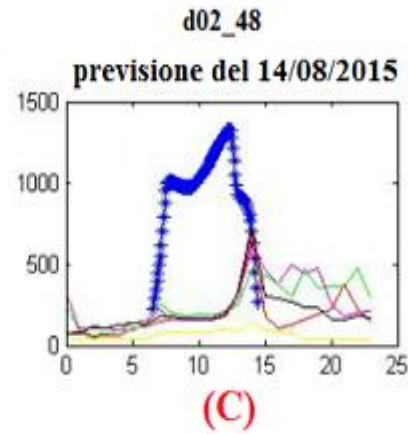
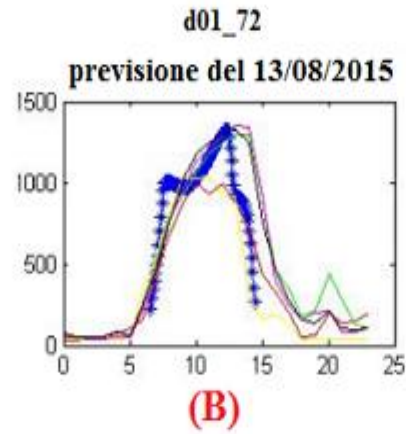
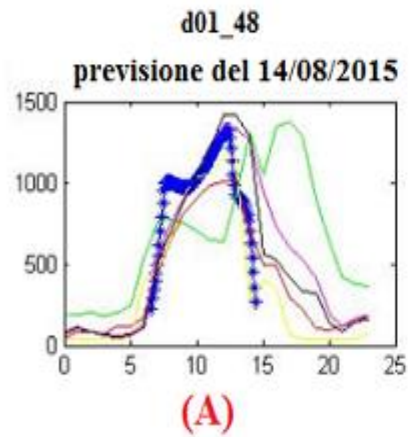
Casi con  
WS > 1m/s

# ANALYSIS 1: ENSEMBLE OF PARAMETERIZATION

## HEIGHT PBL:

TIME OF ANALYSIS  
12 DAYS

LIDAR DATA  
ON  
TARANTO CITY

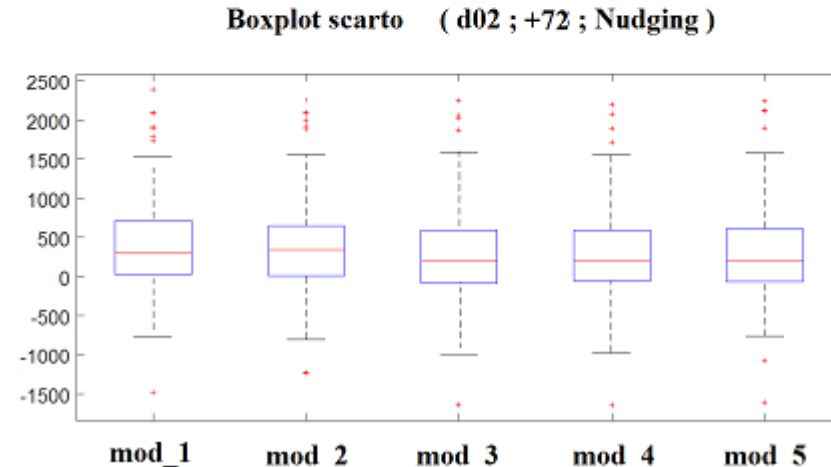
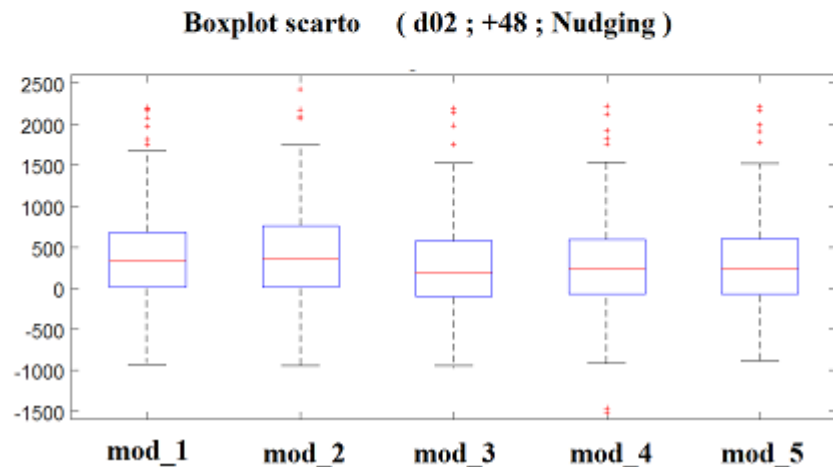
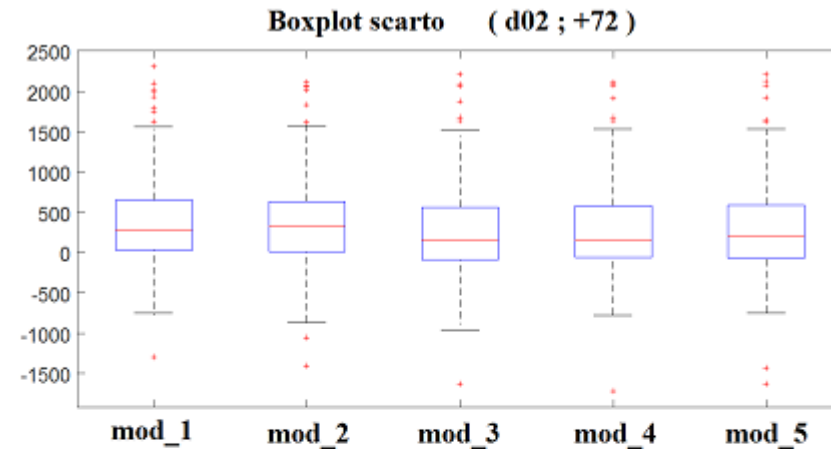
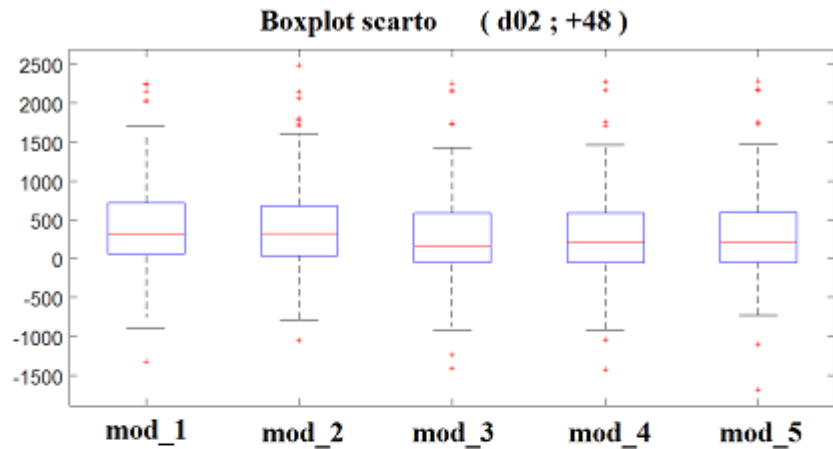


# ANALYSIS 1: ENSEMBLE OF PARAMETERIZATION

## HEIGHT PBL

TIME OF ANALYSIS  
08/2015-03/2016

RADIOSOUNDING  
ON  
BRINDISI CITY



# ANALYSIS 2: ENSEMBLE OF PERTURBATIONS

## Wind Day Predictions

### Categorical

1. GFS;
2. ECMWF;
3. c00 (control member);
4. ensemble mean

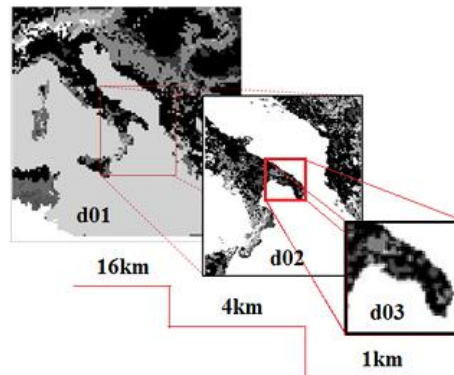
### Grid resolution

1. Global simulations
2. Regional simulations:

d01: 16 Km

d02: 4 Km

d03: 1 Km



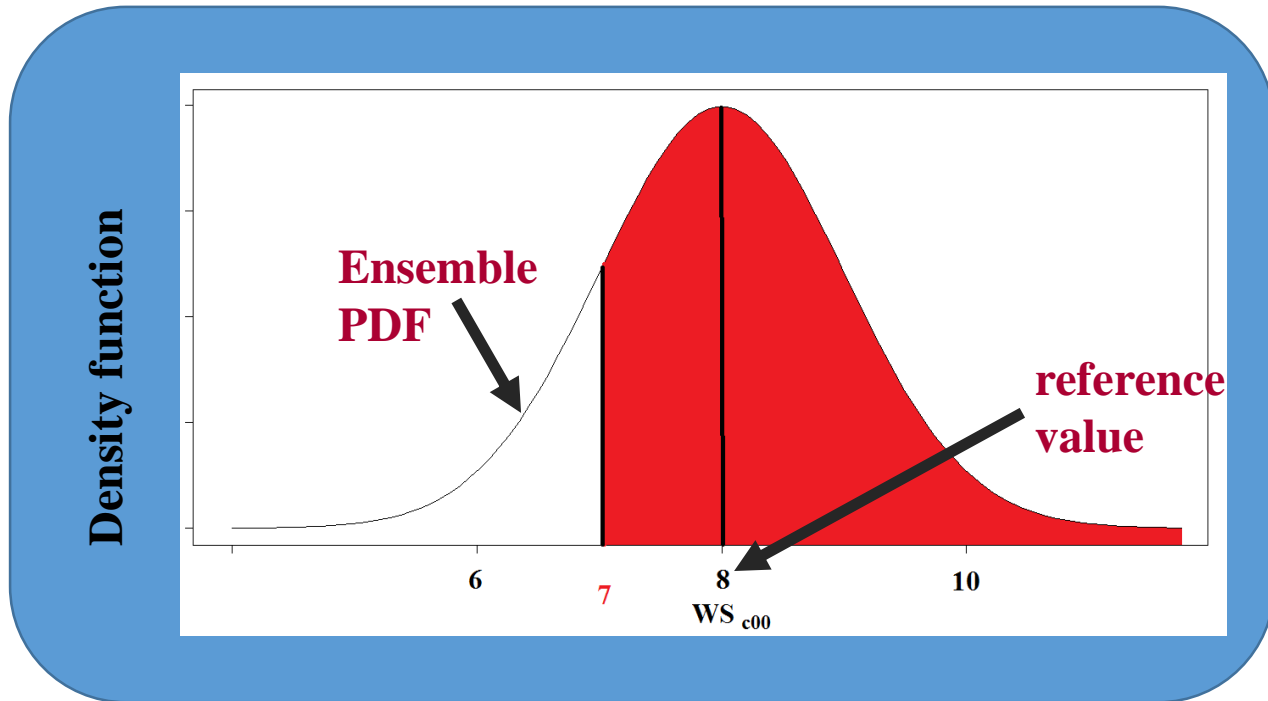
### Probabilistic

#### GEFS – GFS *ensembles*

- Percentage of ensemble members predicting Wind days
- Ensemble distribution percentiles
- Ensemble density function (**new approach**)

# ANALYSIS 2: ENSEMBLE OF PERTURBATIONS

## OUR PROPOSAL



We propose an alternative method to estimate the occurrence probability

$$P(E_h) = 1 - C_h(\tilde{x})$$

$$C_h(\tilde{x}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\tilde{x}} x_h(u) du$$

$$P(E_h \cap E_{h+1} \cap E_{h+2}) = P(E_{h+2}|E_h \cap E_{h+1}) \cdot P(E_{h+1}|E_h) \cdot P(E_h)$$

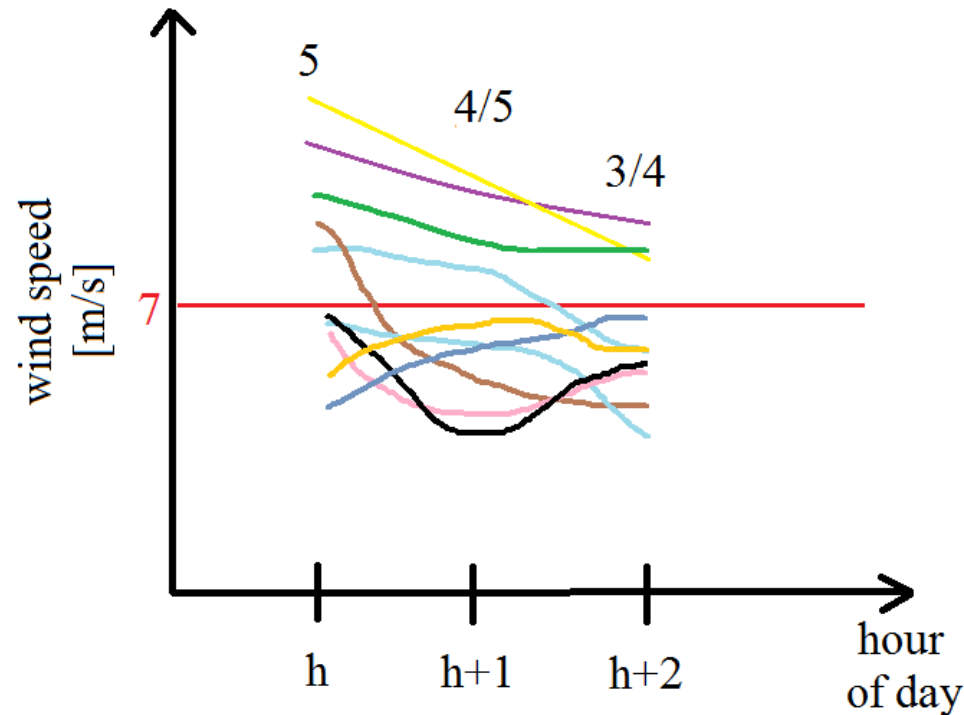
$$WDP_{pdf} = \max_{h=49}^{70} [P(E_{h+2}|E_h \cap E_{h+1}) \cdot P(E_{h+1}|E_h) \cdot P(E_h)]$$



# ANALYSIS 2: ENSEMBLE OF PERTURBATIONS

## OUR PROPOSAL

The conditional probabilities are empirically estimated



$$P(E_{h+1}|E_h)$$

Percentage of members larger than 7m/s at the first hour, again larger than 7 m/s in the second hour [4/5]

$$P(E_{h+2}|E_h \cap E_{h+1})$$

Percentage of members larger than 7m/s for both first and second hours, again larger than 7 m/s in the third hour [3/4]

# ANALYSIS 2: ENSEMBLE OF PERTURBATIONS

**WRF**  
**(Regional model)**

**Categorical approach**

Accuratezza [%]	<i>d01</i>	<i>d02</i>	<i>d03</i>
GFS	62	56	56
ECMWF	68	65	59
<i>c00</i>	62	56	56
media ensemble	65	62	56

**Probabilistic approach**

Accuratezza [%]	<i>d01</i>	<i>d02</i>	<i>d03</i>
Percentuale	71	74	71
Quantili	71	71	74
<i>PDF</i>	73	79	79

**GFS**

**GFS**

**(GFS, ensMean)**

## MATERIALS

**Training and Test analysis:**  
**34 possible WD in 2016**

**Validation analysis:**  
**66 possible WD in 2017**

# ANALYSIS 2: ENSEMBLE OF PERTURBATIONS RESULTS FOR TRAINING

## Global model

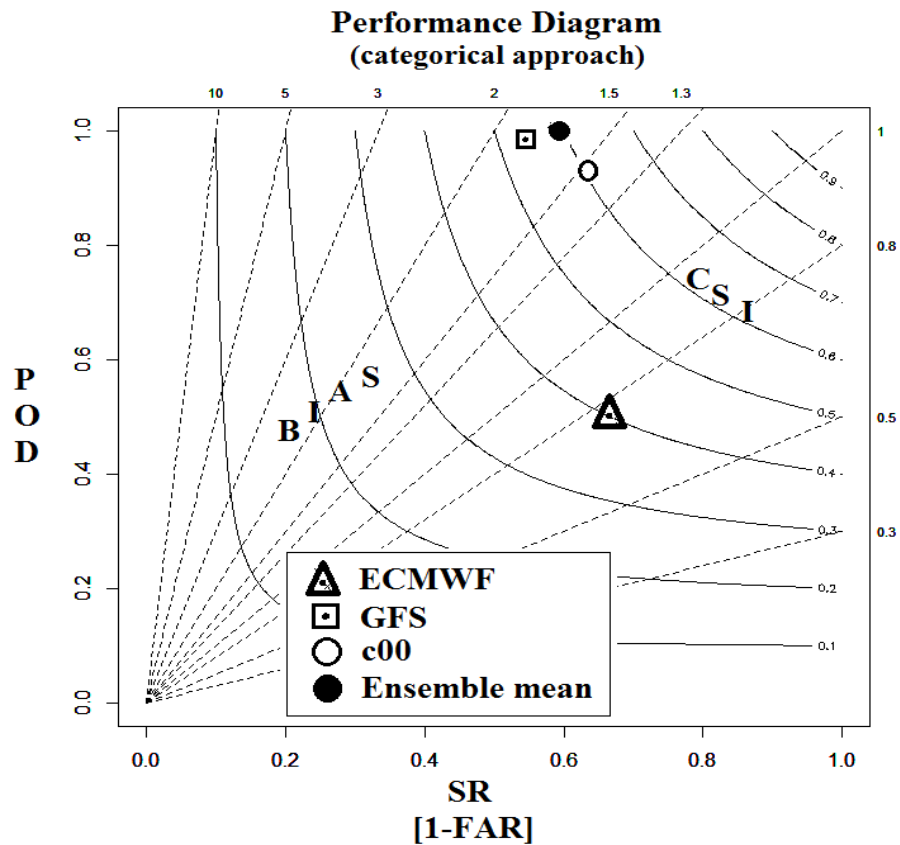
DATA	BIAS	POD	FAR	TS	ETS	accuracy
GFS	1.88	1.00	0.47	0.53	0.12	0.59
ECMWF	0.75	0.50	0.33	0.40	0.16	0.65
control member (GFS)	1.50	0.94	0.38	0.60	0.27	0.71
ensemble mean (GFS)	1.69	1.00	0.41	0.59	0.23	0.68
Expected value	1	1	0	1	1	1

Probabilistic method	BIAS	POD	FAR	TS	ETS	accuracy	BS	AUC
percentile	1.31	0.94	0.29	0.68	0.42	0.79	0.24	0.80
Quantile	1.19	0.88	0.26	0.67	0.42	0.79	0.22	0.78
Expected value	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1

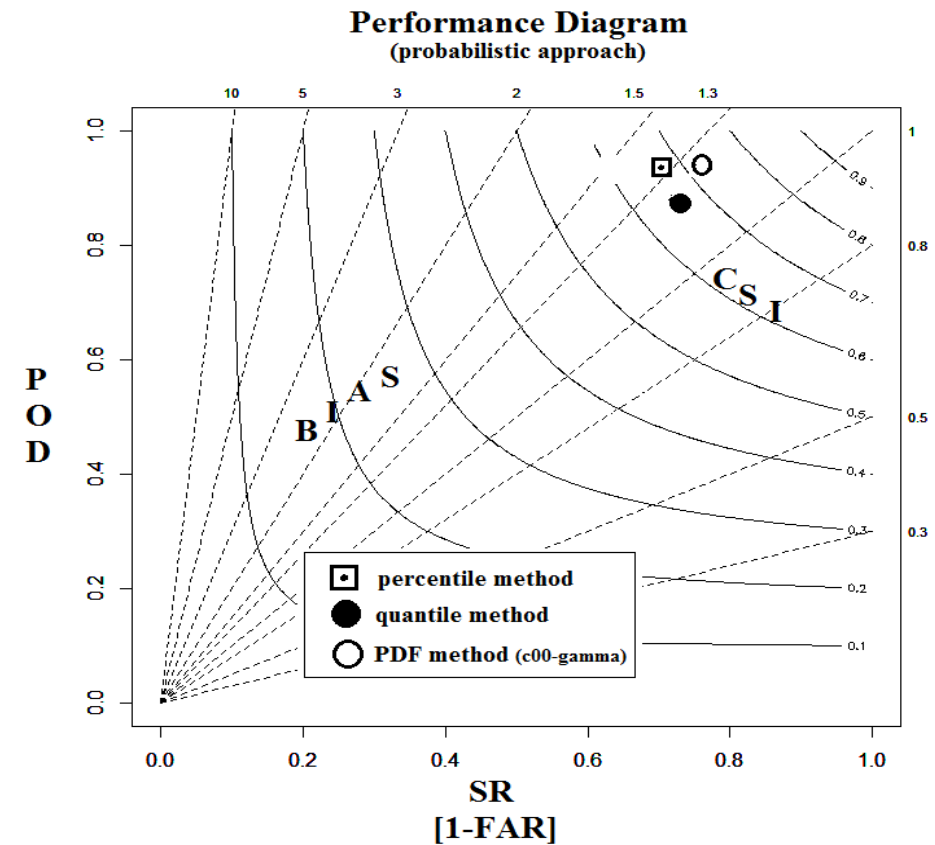
reference of true value	distribution	BIAS	POD	FAR	TS	ETS	accuracy	BS	AUC
deterministic GFS	Normal	1.63	1.00	0.38	0.62	0.27	0.71	0.33	0.69
deterministic GFS	Gamma	1.19	0.75	0.37	0.52	0.22	0.68	0.35	0.69
control member (c00)	<b>Normal</b>	<b>1.31</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.77</b>
control member (c00)	<b>Gamma</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.80</b>
Average(GFS,c00)	Normal	1.56	1.00	0.36	0.64	0.32	0.74	0.29	0.73
Average(GFS,c00)	<b>Gamma</b>	<b>1.44</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.78</b>
Average(GFS,ensMean)	Normal	1.50	1.00	0.33	0.67	0.37	0.76	0.30	0.73
Average(GFS,ensMean)	Gamma	1.38	0.94	0.32	0.65	0.37	0.76	0.27	0.75
Expected value	// //	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1

# ANALYSIS 2: ENSEMBLE OF PERTURBATIONS RESULTS FOR TRAINING

## CATEGORICAL



## PROBABILISTIC



# ANALYSIS 2: ENSEMBLE OF PERTURBATIONS

## RESULTS FOR TRAINING

### BY CHANGING THE WIND DAY DEFINITION

New WD definition: change wind speed threshold and number of consecutive hours.

data or method		accuracy 7m/s-3h	new threshold [m/s]	new # hours	Best accuracy	accuracy gain [%]
GFS		0.59	9	4	0.82	39
ECMWF		0.65	6	3	0.76	17
control member (GEFS)		0.71	8	5	0.88	24
Ensemble mean (GEFS)		0.68	8	3	0.85	25
percentile		0.79	8	3	0.88	11
quantile		0.79	9	5	0.88	11
PDF-deterministic GFS	Normal	0.71	9	3	0.88	24
PDF-deterministic GFS	Gamma	0.68	9	4	0.88	29
PDF-control member (c00)	Normal	0.79	8	5	0.88	11
PDF-control member (c00)	Gamma	0.82	9	2	0.88	7
PDF-Average(GFS,c00)	<b>Normal</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>27</b>
PDF-Average(GFS,c00)	<b>Gamma</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>19</b>
PDF-Average(GFS,ensMean)	<b>Normal</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>24</b>
PDF-Average (GFS,ensMean)	Gamma	0.76	9	5	0.91	20

# ANALYSIS 2: ENSEMBLE OF PERTURBATIONS RESULTS FOR TRAINING

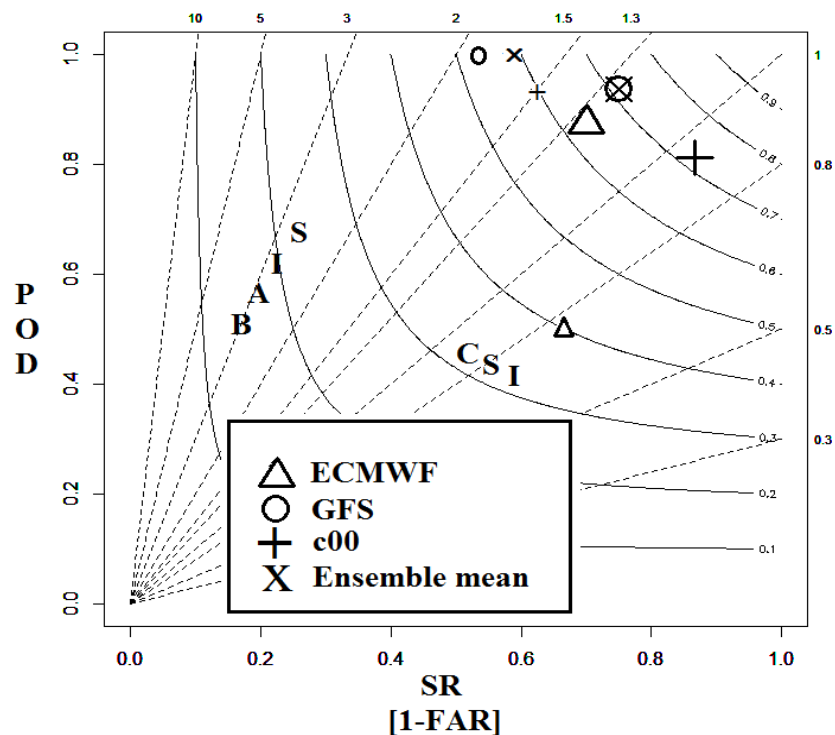
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## BY CHANGING THE WIND DAY DEFINITION

New WD definition: change wind speed threshold and number of consecutive hours.

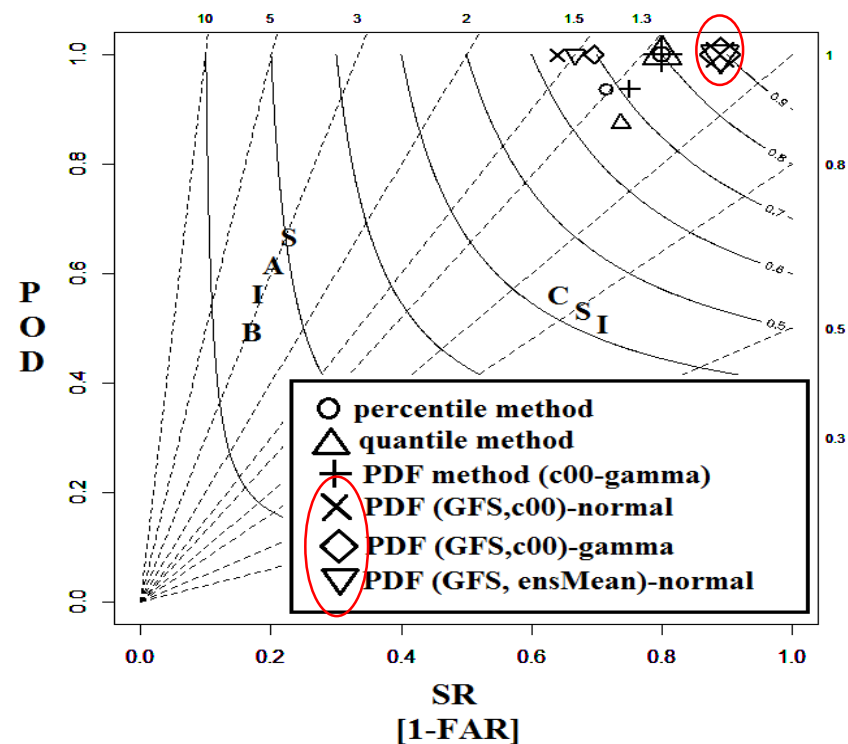
### CATEGORICAL

Performance Diagram  
(categorical approach)



### PROBABILISTIC

Performance Diagram  
(probabilistic approach)



# RESULT COMPARISON: TRAINING, TEST AND VALIDATION

data or method		Accuracy 7m/s-3h <i>(classical WD definition)</i>			Best accuracy <i>(no classical WD definition)</i>		
		Training (34 case studies - 2016)	Test (Leave-one- out 2016)	Validation (66 case studies - 2017)	Training (34 case studies - 2016)	Test (Leave-one-out 2016)	Validation (66 case studies - 2017)
GFS		0.59	0.59	0.68	0.82	0.82	0.79
control member (GEFS)		0.71	0.71	0.70	0.88	0.88	0.79
Ensemble mean (GEFS)		0.68	0.68	0.68	0.85	0.85	0.80
percentile		0.79	0.72	0.71	0.88	0.82	0.79
quantile		0.79	0.74	0.77	0.88	0.85	0.80
PDF-deterministic GFS	Normal	0.71	0.68	0.76	0.88	0.85	0.86
PDF-deterministic GFS	Gamma	0.68	0.64	0.74	0.88	0.82	0.86
PDF-control member (c00)	Normal	0.79	0.79	0.80	0.88	0.85	0.82
PDF-control member (c00)	Gamma	0.82	0.79	0.80	0.88	0.85	0.82
PDF-Average(GFS,c00)	Normal	0.74	0.75	0.79	0.94	0.85	0.85
PDF-Average(GFS,c00)	Gamma	0.79	0.77	0.79	0.94	0.85	0.85
PDF-Average(GFS,ensMean)	Normal	0.76	0.75	0.80	0.94	0.85	0.85
PDF-Average (GFS,ensMean)	Gamma	0.76	0.75	0.80	0.91	0.88	0.83

For test and validation analysis the best probability threshold, the best wind speed threshold and the best number of consecutive hours were estimated on the training set.

# CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORKS

## CONCLUSION

1. The 5 considered parameterizations show a positive hourly mean bias in the WS10 prediction.
2. Among different post-processing techniques, the singular ANN shows better performance to combine the 5 considered simulations
3. The partial average and the linear regression is a good approach to reduce the error in the wind direction prediction.
4. The 5 parameterizations do not affect the PBL height prediction.
5. In general, the probabilistic approaches show better performances in the Wind Day prediction respect to the categorical approach.
6. Probabilistic predictions show better performances in the Wind Day prediction respect to the deterministic ones.
7. The new probabilistic method here proposed shows the best performances compared to the classical probabilistic approaches.

## FUTURE WORK

In the last years, the data assimilation is used to improve the weather predictions.

I think interesting to test this approach on Taranto city in the Wind Day context.



# CORSI ED ESAMI SOSTENUTI DURANTE IL PRIMO ANNO DI DOTTORATO

Corso	Docente
Management and knowledge of European research model and promotion of research results	Prof.ssa Alessia D'Orazio
How to prepare a technical speech in English	Prof.ssa Carmela White
LabView introductory Course	Prof. Fabio Gargano
Python course	Prof. Domenico Diacono
Complex Systems	Prof. Gianni Ferraro
Optical Sensors	Prof. Vincenzo Spagnolo
Statistical and computational models for physical data analysis	Prof.ssa Sonia Tangaro
Experimental Data Analysis and Comparisons to Theoretical Models	Prof. Alexis Pompili

# PARTECIPAZIONE A SCUOLE DI DOTTORATO, CORSI E SEMINARI

- **Partecipazione alla Scuola “International Summer School EUMETSAT”**
- **Corso intensivo sulle GPU**
- **Percorso Formativo 24 CFU**
- **Corso relativo agli interventi su emissioni radon**

# ATTIVITÀ DIDATTICA

1. Cultore della materia e in Commissione d'esame per il corso di "Scienze e gestione attività marittime (SGAM)" presso il Dipartimento Ionico (dal 2016 ad oggi).
2. Affiancamento per Laboratorio di Fisica Generale per Scienze Biologiche (referente del corso prof.ssa Ligonzo Teresa)

# PARTECIPAZIONE A WORKSHOP E CONFERENZE

1. Ho partecipato al 16Th Convegno Internazionale (12-16 September 2016, Trieste) organizzato dalla EMS a Trieste presentando una ricerca dal titolo: “Ensemble of different planetary boundary layer schemes in WRF model for wind speed and direction prediction over Apulia region”, attraverso un Poster ed una Presentazione orale tenuta il 15 settembre nella sessione “*Numerical aspects and physical parametrization integration in NWP (Numerical Weather Prediction) models*”.
2. Ho partecipato al 17Th Convegno Internazionale (4-8 settembre 2017) organizzato dalla EMS a Dublino presentando una ricerca dal titolo: “WRF model simulations forced with GEFS: an ensemble approach for the prediction of wind speed near a complex coastline”, attraverso un Abstract e un’Oral Presentation nella sessione “Applications of Meteorology and oceanography in the costal zone”.
3. Ho partecipato al 11th HyMeX Workshop, 29 May - 2 June 2018, Lecce, Italy presentando una ricerca dal titolo: “A statistical method based on Ensemble probability density function for the prediction of “Wind Days”, attraverso un Poster.
4. Ho partecipato all’ “Intermediate Meeting nell’ambito del Progetto EphaStat” (6-7 settembre 2018) presentando l’analisi effettuata mediante un Oral presentation.

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**Thank you  
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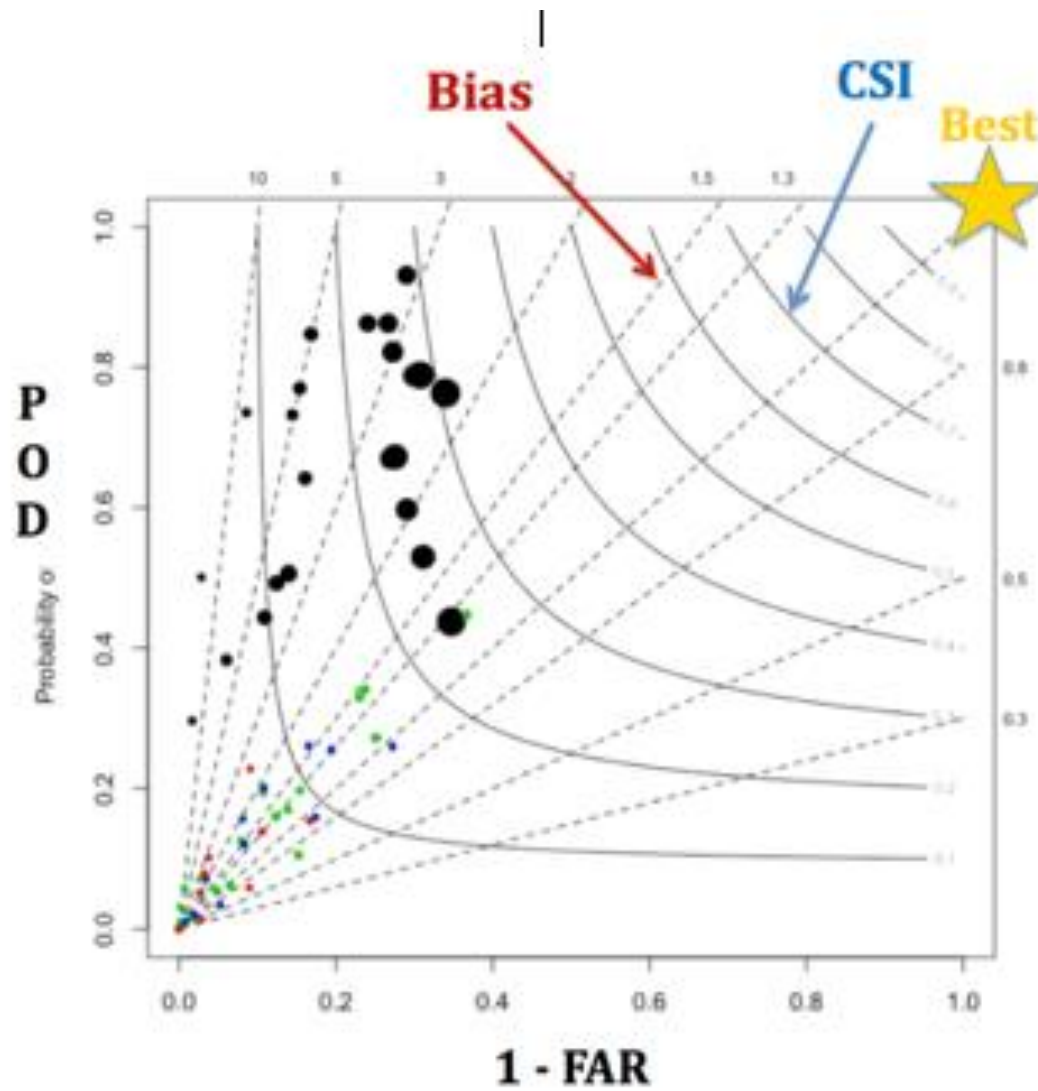
## Evaluation indices

<i>BLAS</i>	<i>POD</i>	<i>FAR</i>	<i>TS</i>	<i>ETS</i>	<i>accuracy</i>
$\frac{Tp + Fp}{Tp + Fn}$	$\frac{Tp}{Tp + Fn}$	$\frac{Fp}{Tp + Fp}$	$\frac{Tp}{Tp + Fp + Fn}$	$\frac{Tp + H_z}{Tp + Fp + Fn - H_z}$ $H_z = \frac{(Tp + Fn)(Tp + Fp)}{Tp + Tn + Fp + Fn}$	$\frac{Tp + Tn}{Tp + Tn + Fp + Fn}$

<i>Brier Score</i>
$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (p_i - o_i)^2$



# Performance diagram



# STATISTICAL APPROACH: the ensembles

Since there are different typologies of error, there are also different criteria for estimating the ensembles:

- a) Use different processors;
- b) Use the same NWP system with different parameterizations;
- c) Use different NWP systems;
- d) Increase the spatial resolution (addressed in a previous work with the present case study).

# Chaotic system simulation

## Toy model by Edward Norton Lorenz

(Lorenz, Edward N., and K. Haman. "The essence of chaos." *Pure and Applied Geophysics* 147.3 (1996): 598-599)

System of  
differential  
equations

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \sigma(y - x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = rx - y - xz$$

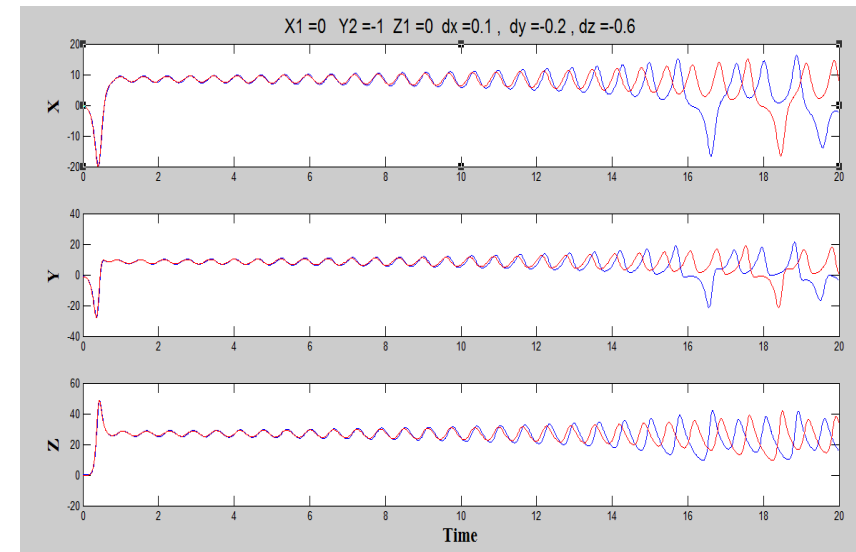
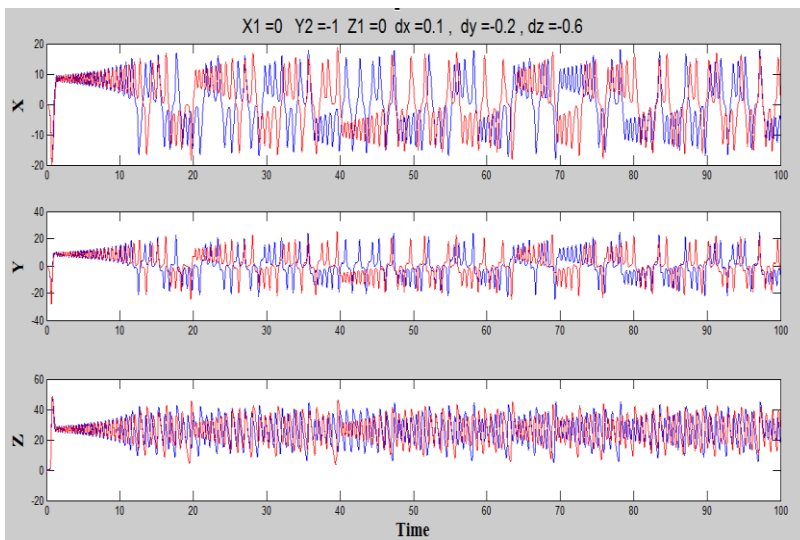
$$\frac{dz}{dt} = xy - bz$$

**X** → rotational speed

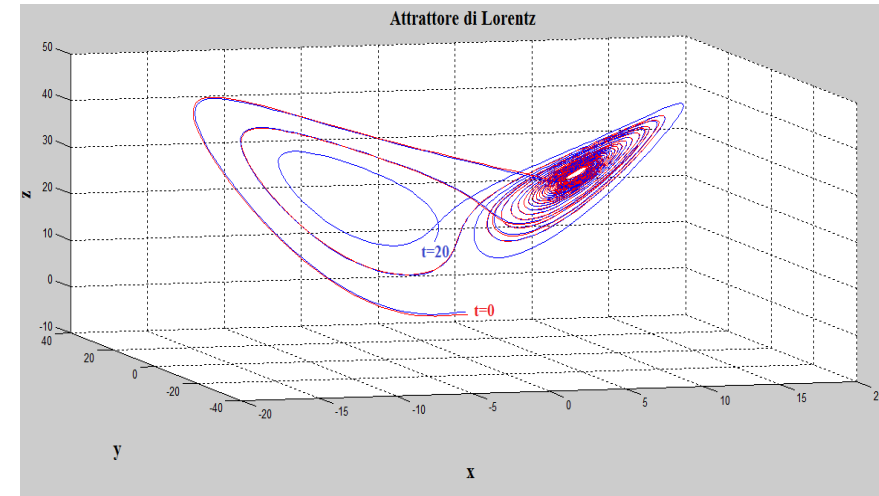
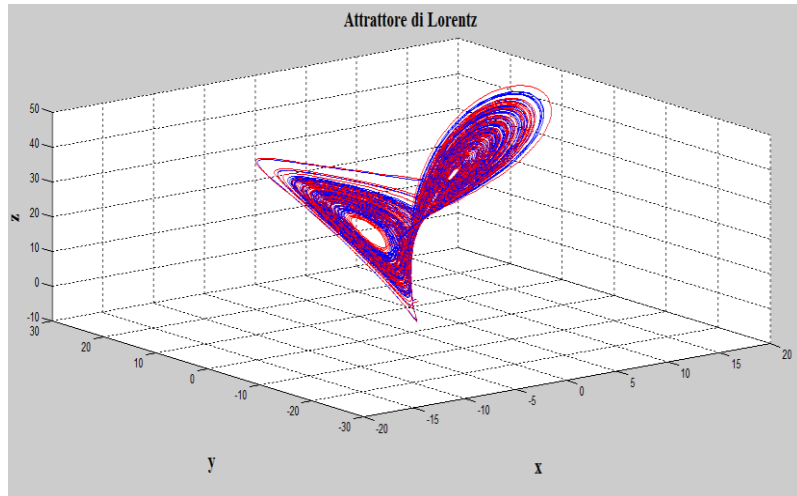
**Y** → horizontal temperature gradient of the cell  
extremes

**Z** → vertical temperature gradient of the cell  
extremes

$$\sigma=10 \quad b = 8/3 \quad r = 28.$$



# Chaotic system simulation



## SUMMARIZING

### Causes of errors on the initial condition

Direct and indirect, inhomogeneous, asynchronous measures that provide only an estimate of the different real state [in the phase space, the distance from real and measured state is  $d\varepsilon$ ]

### Other sources of error

Parametrizations

Spatial and temporal resolution too low

# Parameterization schemes

## Fixed parameters

Opzioni fisiche del WRF	Nome dello schema
Radiation Processes ( <i>ra_lw_physics</i> and <i>ra_sw_physics</i> )	rrtm scheme [38] and Dudhia scheme [39]
Surface Processes ( <i>sf_surface_physics</i> )	Noah Land Surface Model [40]
Cumulus Processes ( <i>cu_physics</i> )	Kain-Fritsch scheme [41]
Microphysics Processes ( <i>mp_physics</i> )	Thompson scheme [42,43]

## Variable parameters

Modello	Schema PBL	Schema SL
1	YSU	Revised MM5 Monin-Obukhov (nella v.6 Jimenez )
2	MYJ	Monin-Obukhov (Janjic Eta)
3	MYNN	Revised MM5 Monin-Obukhov (nella v.6 Jimenez )
4	MYNN	Monin-Obukhov (Janjic Eta)
5	MYNN	Mellor-Yamada-Nakanishi-Niino

# Taylor Diagram

**Correlation Coefficient**

$$R = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [(f_n - \bar{f}) \cdot (r_n - \bar{r})]}{\sigma_f \sigma_r}$$

**Centered RMSE**

$$E'^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [(f_n - \bar{f}) - (r_n - \bar{r})]^2$$

**Standard Deviation of test model**

$$\sigma_f^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (f_n - \bar{f})^2$$

**Standard Deviation of reference model**

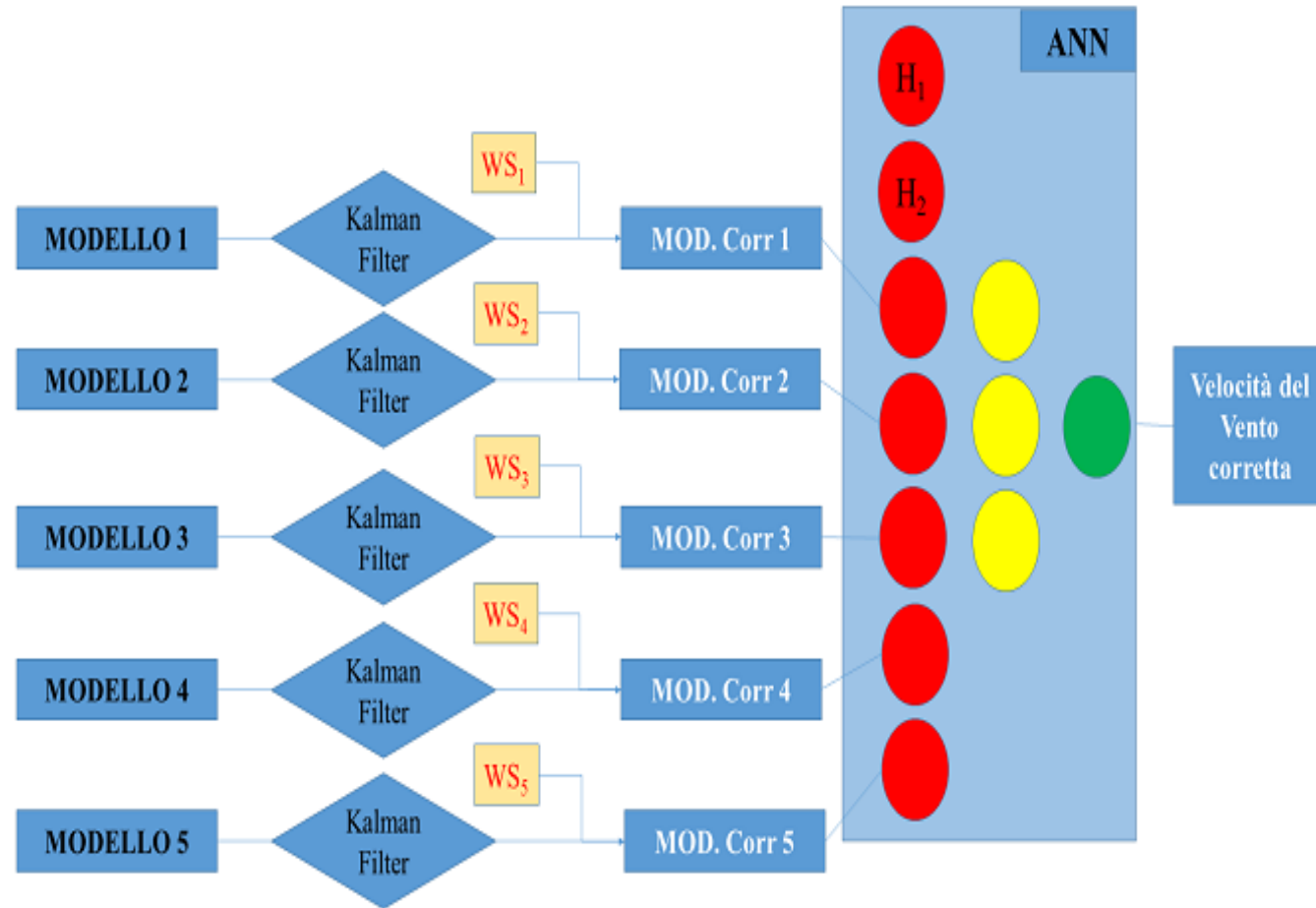
$$\sigma_r^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (r_n - \bar{r})^2$$

# WS10 corrections: Kalman Filters & ANN

## Hourly Cyclic components

$$H_1 = \sin\left(\frac{h \cdot 2\pi}{24}\right)$$

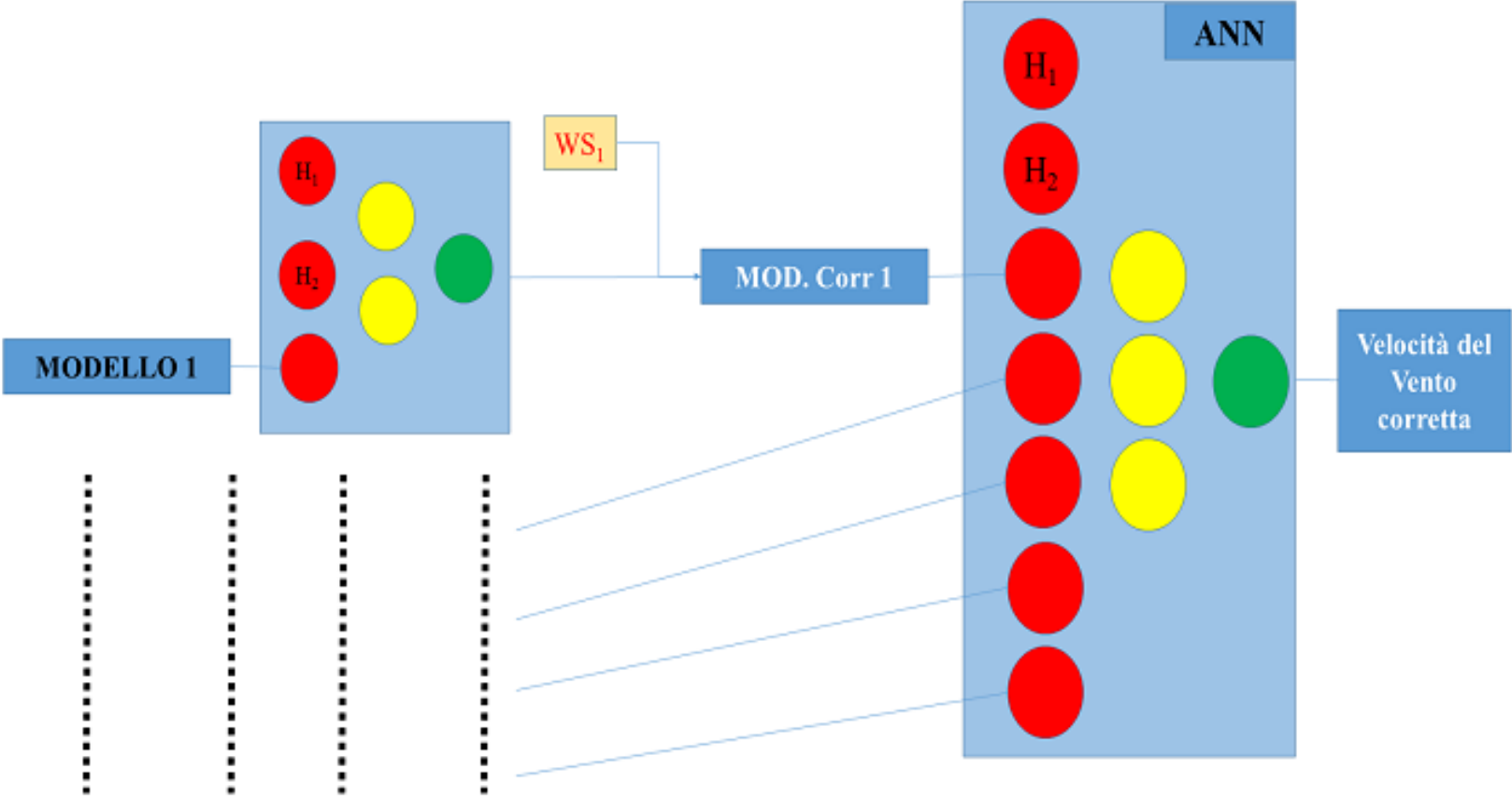
$$H_2 = \cos\left(\frac{h \cdot 2\pi}{24}\right)$$



# WS10 corrections: ANNs & ANN

## Hourly Cyclic components

$$H_1 = \sin\left(\frac{h \cdot 2\pi}{24}\right)$$
$$H_2 = \cos\left(\frac{h \cdot 2\pi}{24}\right)$$



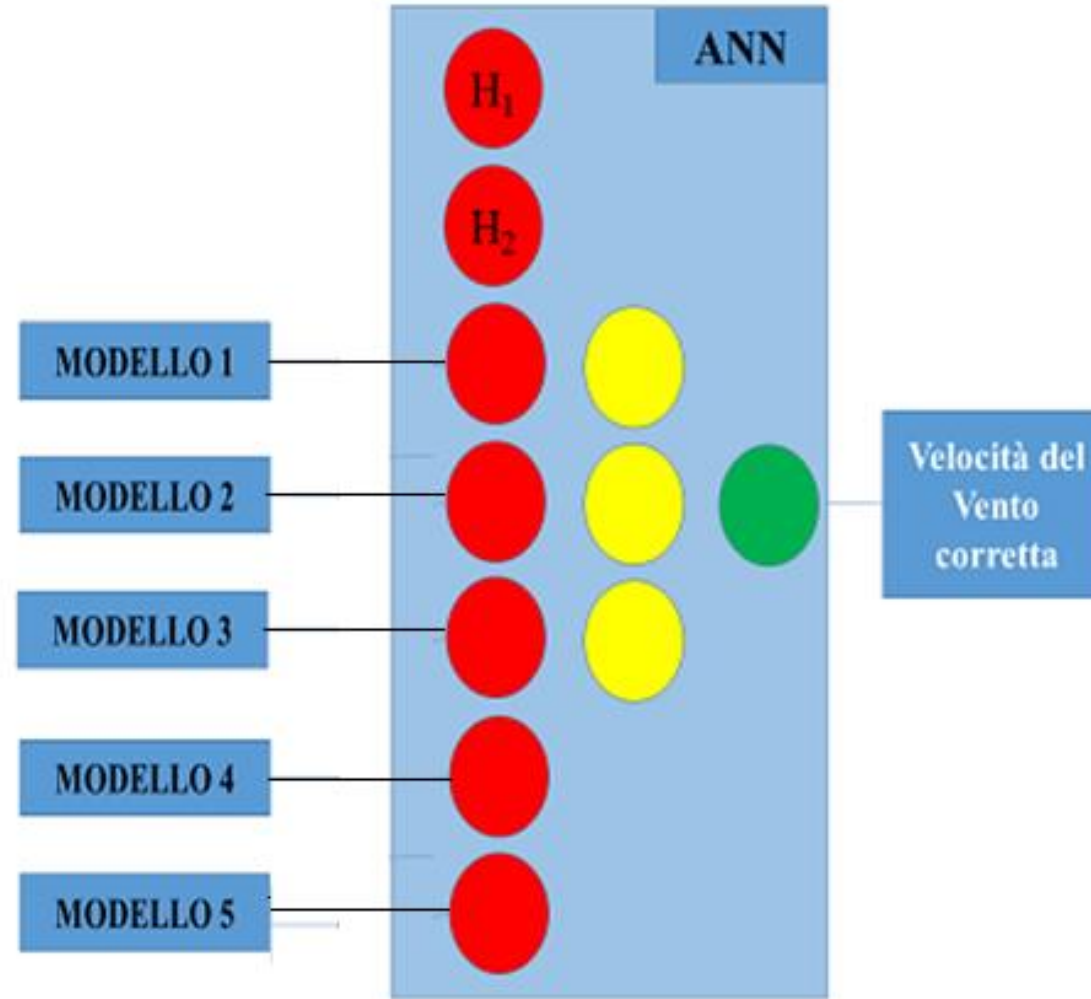


# WS10 corrections: Single ANN

Hourly Cyclic components

$$H_1 = \sin\left(\frac{h \cdot 2\pi}{24}\right)$$

$$H_2 = \cos\left(\frac{h \cdot 2\pi}{24}\right)$$



# WS10 corrections: Single ANN

**Average**

$$WS_{corr} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^5 WS_i}{5}$$

**Weighted Average**

$$WS_{corr} = \sum_{i=1}^5 WS_i \cdot P_i$$

$$P_{hi} = \frac{M'_{hi}}{\sum_{i=1}^5 M'_{hi}}$$

$$M'_{hi} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^5 M_{hi} \right) - M_{hi}$$

$$P_{hi} = \frac{M'_{hi}}{\sum_{i=1}^5 M'_{hi}}$$

$$M'_{hi} = \frac{1}{M_{hi}}$$

**Linear Regression**

$$WS_{corr} = K_1 \cdot WS_1 + K_2 \cdot WS_2 + K_3 \cdot WS_3 + K_4 \cdot WS_4 + K_5 \cdot WS_5 + K_6$$

# WD10 corrections

## Partial Average

$$\overline{WD}_{par}$$

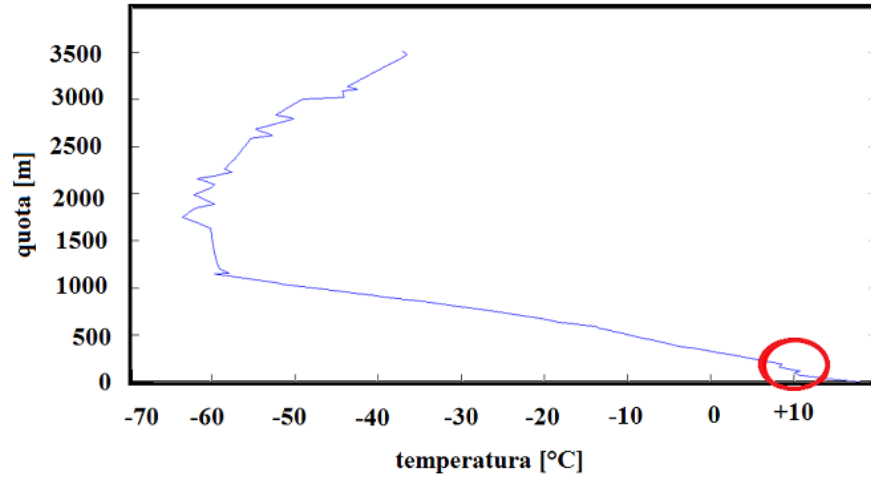
Average among only  
members with a  
distance less than 1  
standard deviation  
from total mean

&

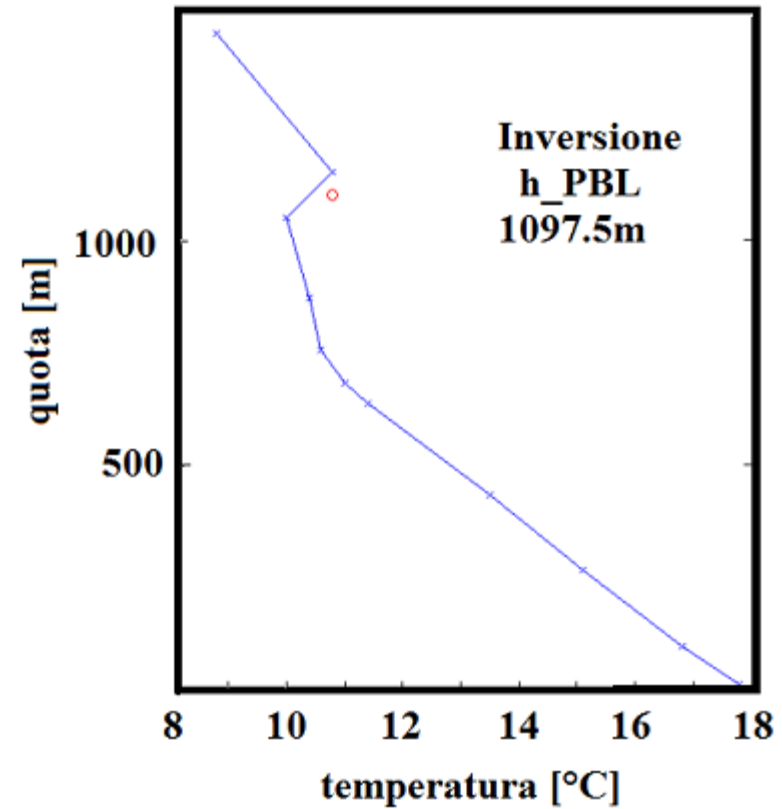
## Linear Regression

$$ED_{best} = A_1 \cdot \overline{WD}_{par} + A_2$$

# Height PBL: temperature profile

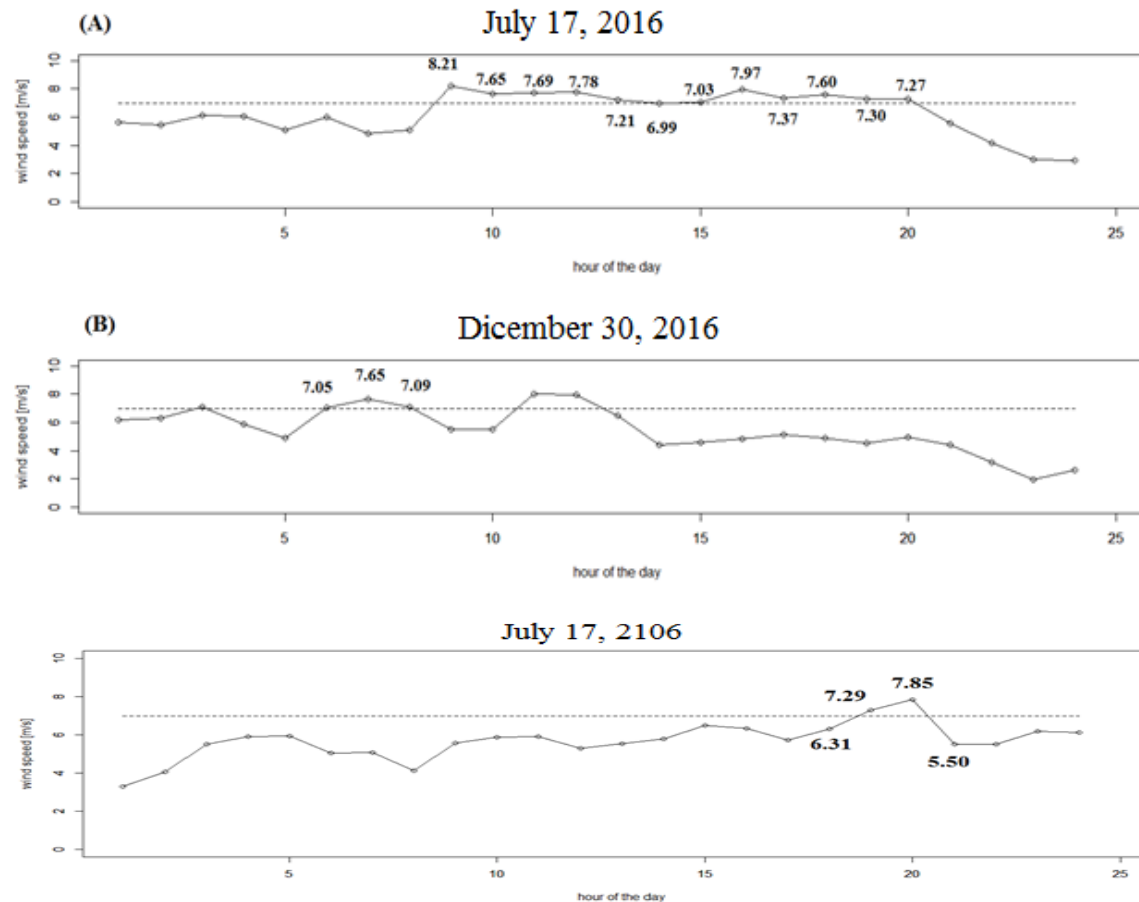


**first thermal inversion**

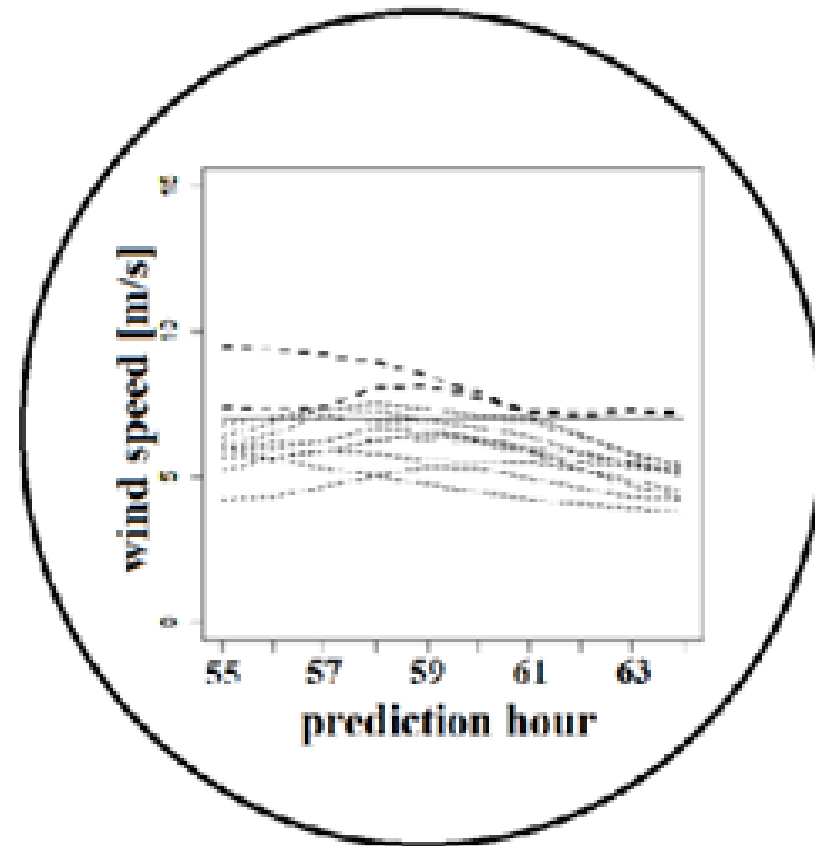
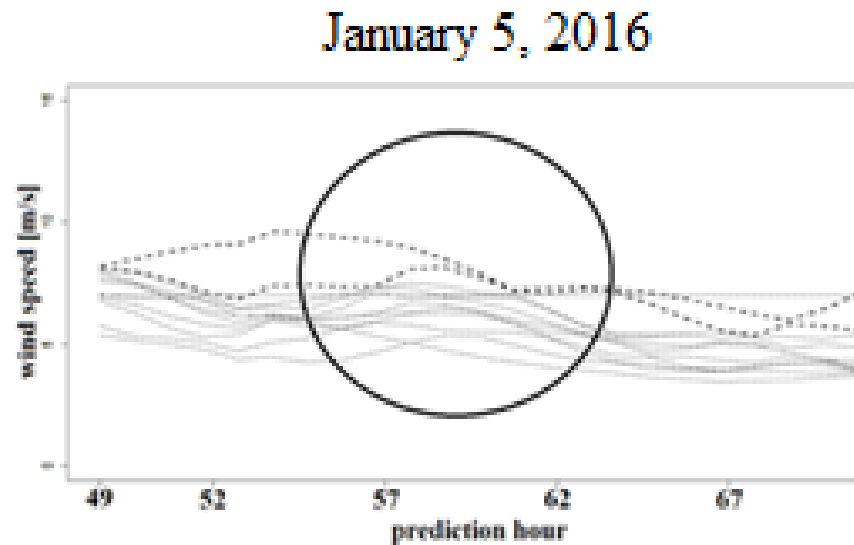


# SELECTION OF CASES

For the analysis only borderline WD are selected where  
borderline means difficult to predict

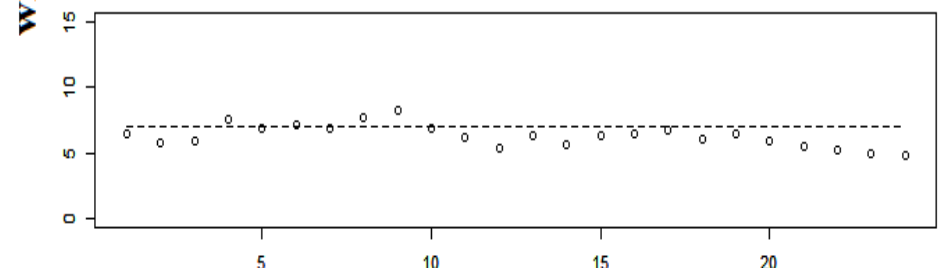
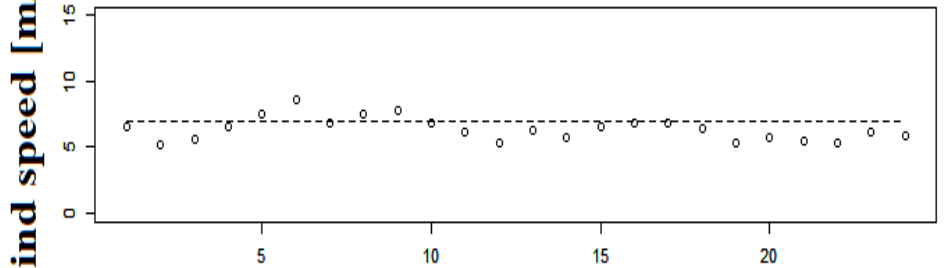
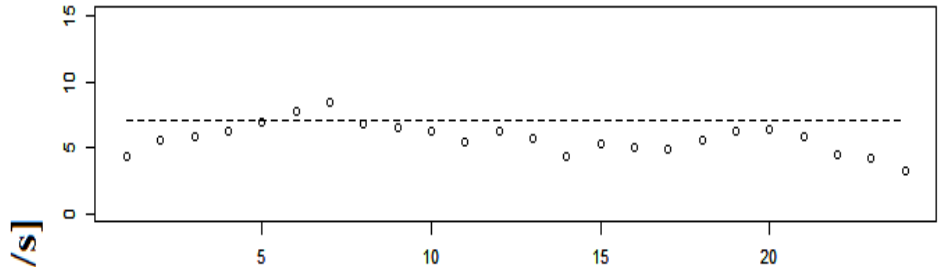
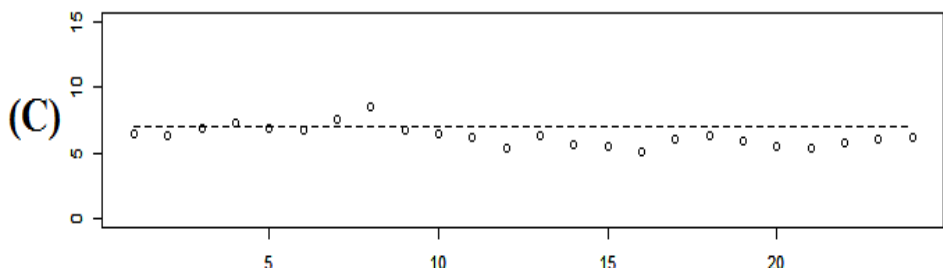
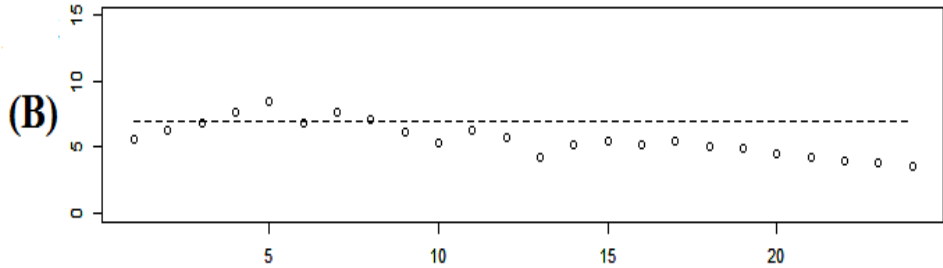
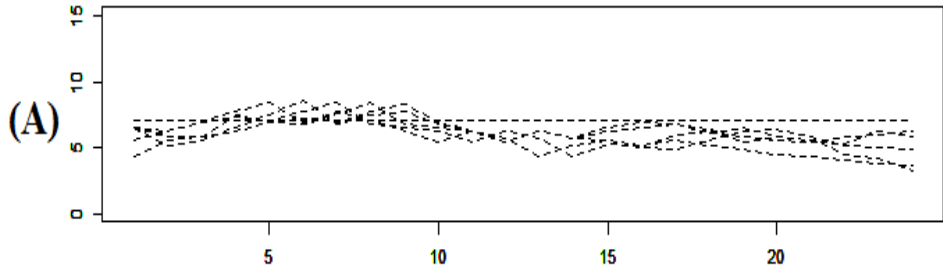


# ENSEMBLE DISTRIBUTION PERCENTILES



$$WDP_q = 100 - [\text{lowest hourly percentile curve predicting the wind day}] \%$$

# ENSEMBLE DISTRIBUTION PERCENTILE VS PERCENTAGE

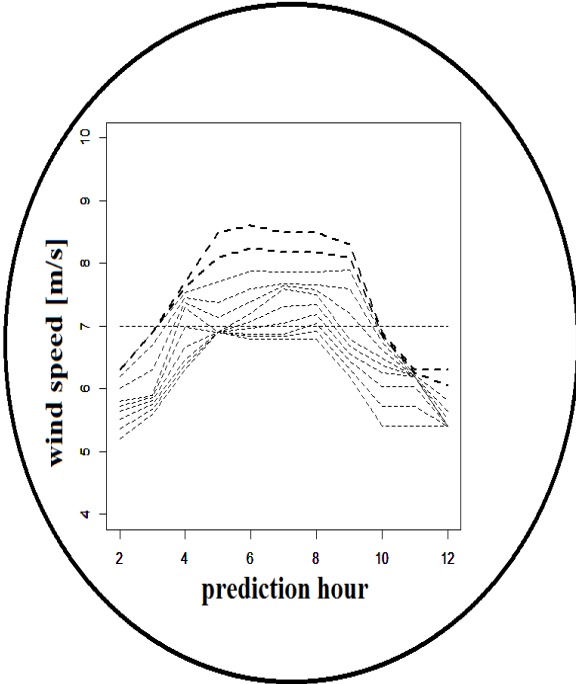
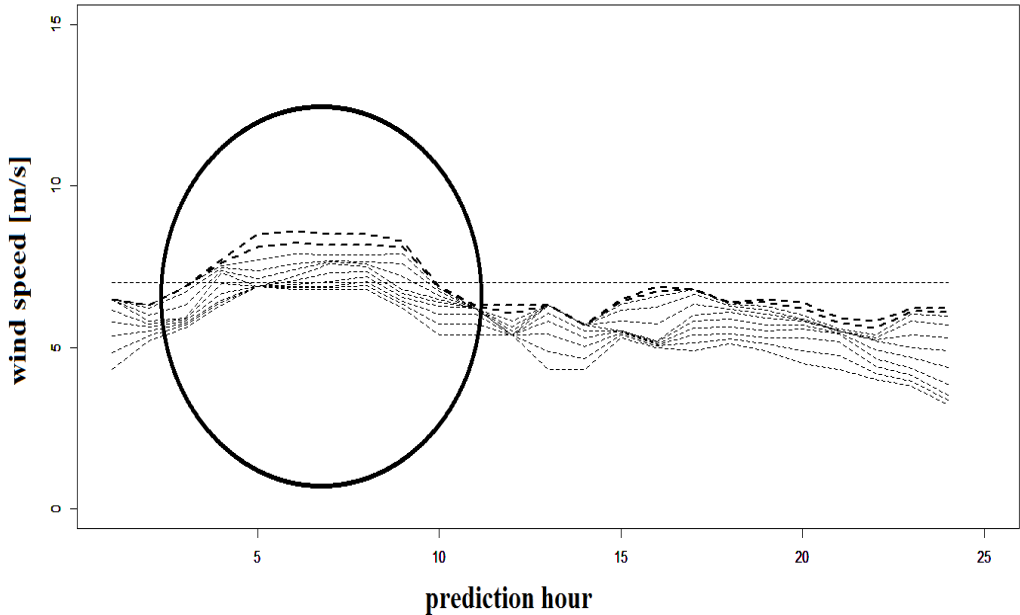


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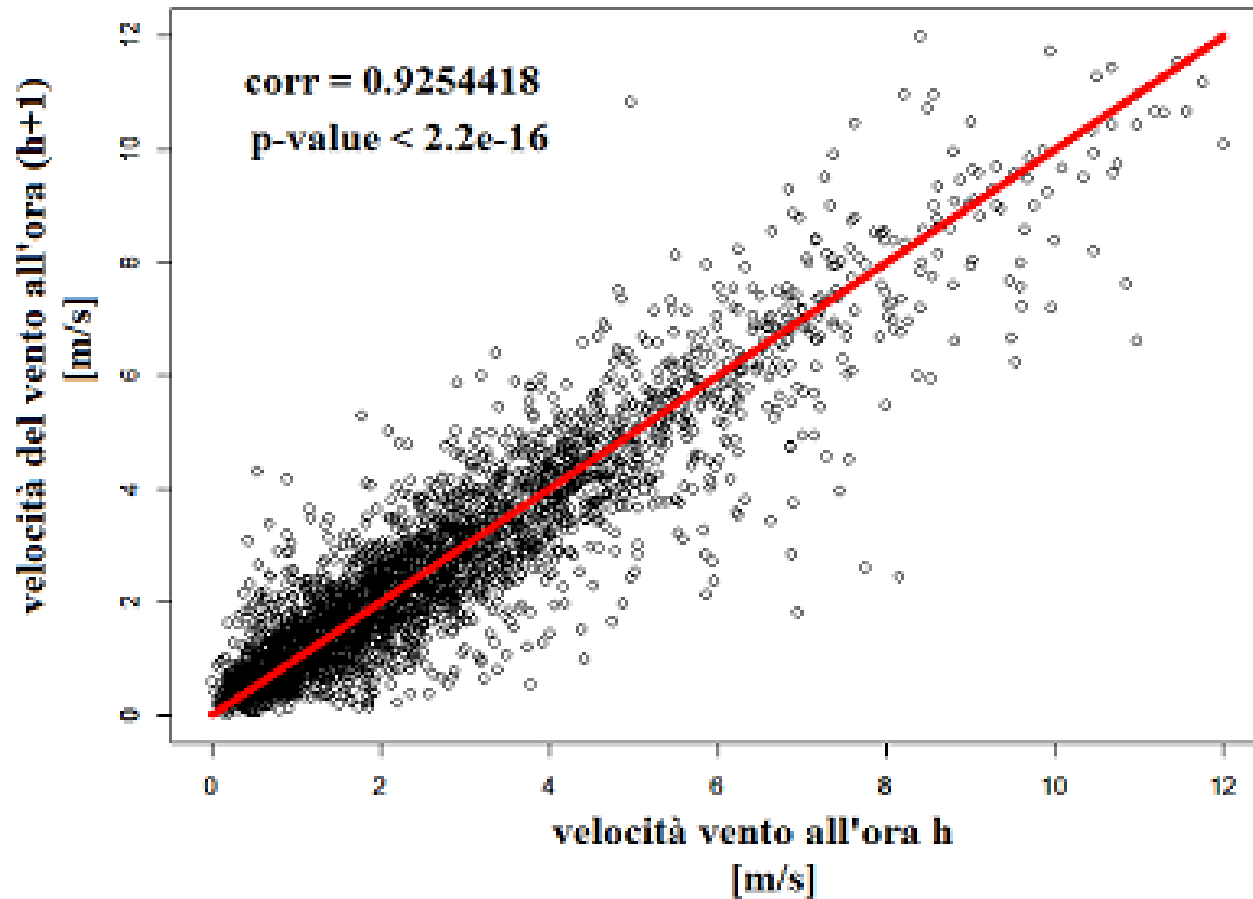
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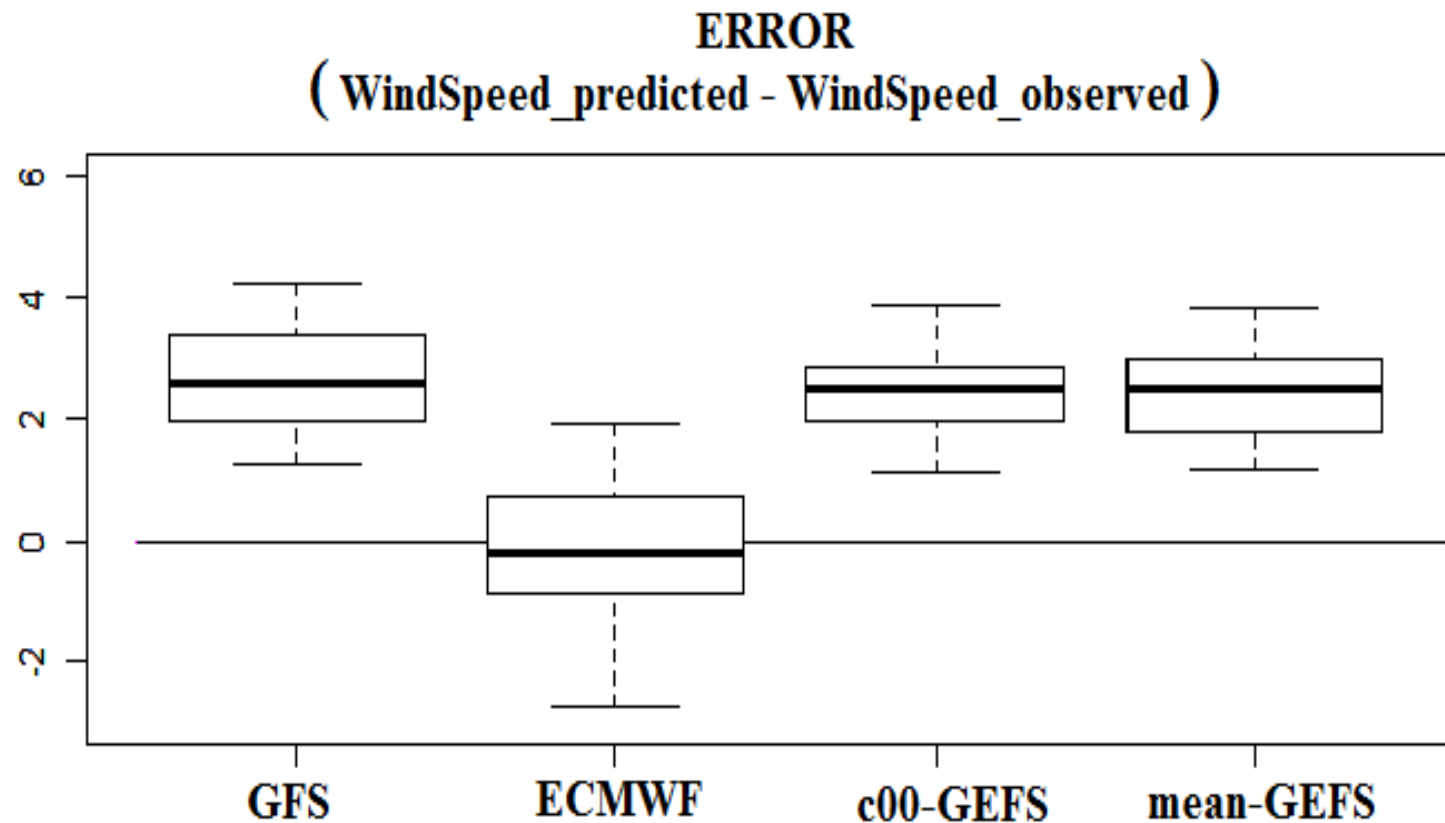




# LINEAR DEPENDENCE OF TWO CONSECUTIVE HOURS



# SYSTEMATIC ERROR AFFECTING GLOBAL MODEL



# DEFINITION OF WIND DAYS



**PM10**

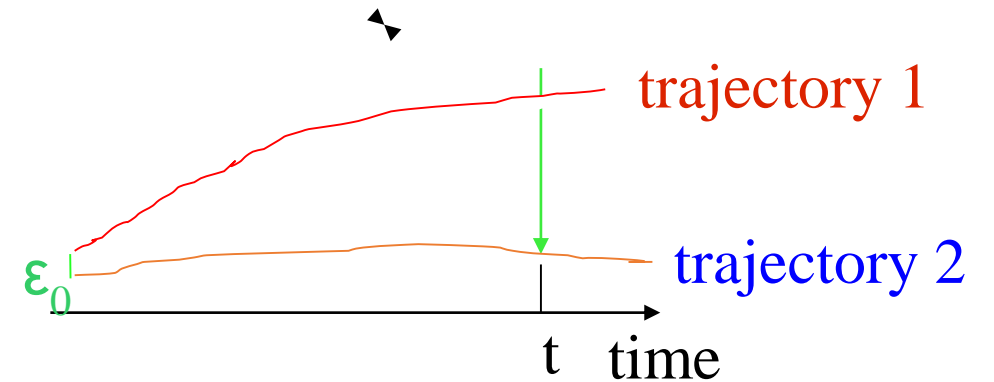
**benzo(a)pyrene**

# ATMOSPHERIC SYSTEM

The Atmosphere is

- a **deterministic dynamical physic system** → spatial and temporal evolution
  - **nonlinear** → non linear differential equation system
  - **many variables** → multidimensional phase space

In the “Chaos theory” of E. Lorenz<sup>1</sup>,  
the Atmosphere is defined as “chaotic system”,  
i.e.  
very small changes in the initial state  
could greatly change  
the evolution in the following days.



<sup>1</sup>Lorenz, E. N. (1995). *The essence of chaos*. University of Washington Press.

# STATISTICAL APPROACH: the ensembles

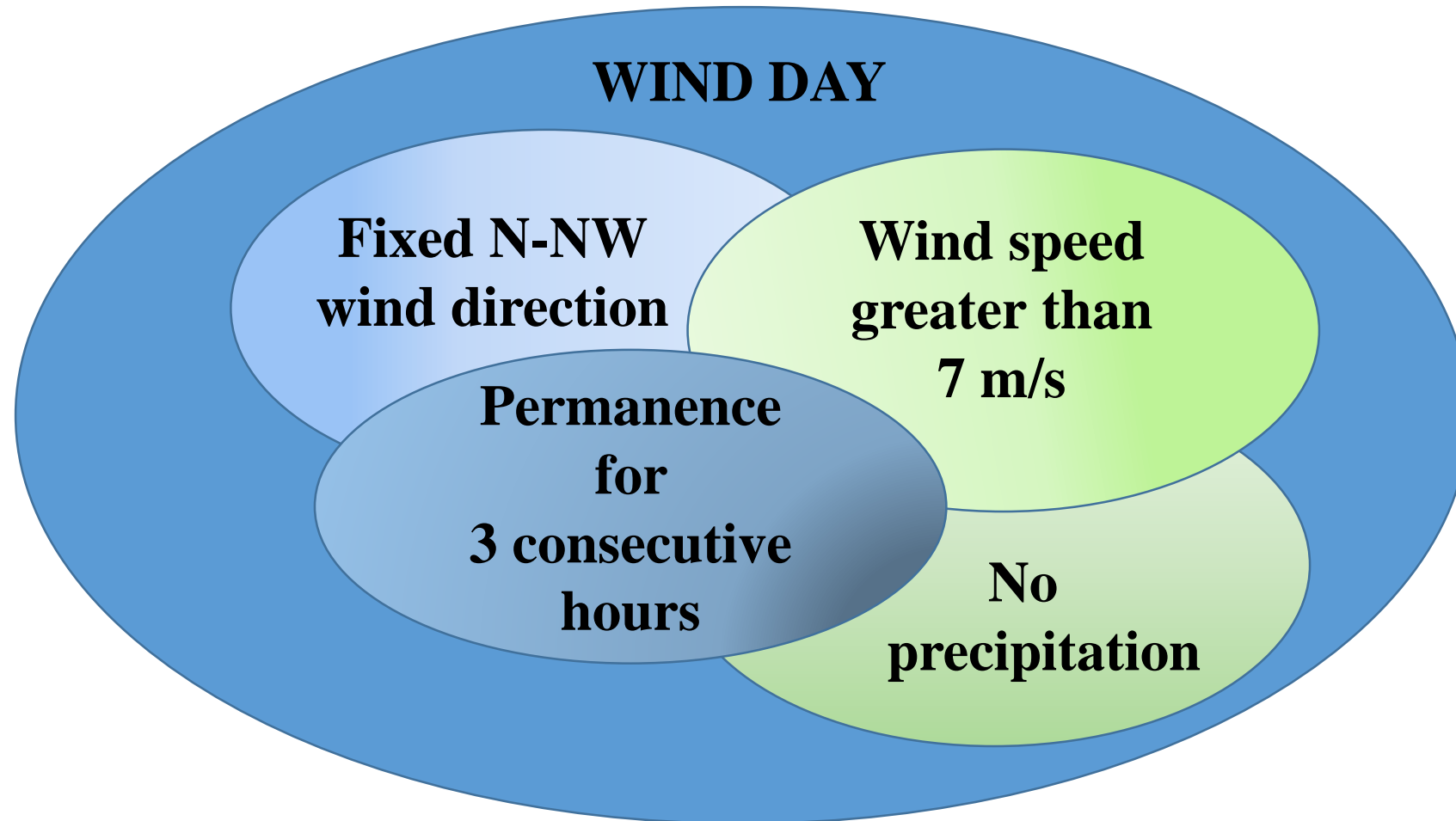
**EPS's consider many possible initial conditions (each global model uses a different approach) by perturbing the measured state.**

**For each possible initial condition the deterministic runs are performed.**

**During the run, additional perturbations are considered.**

**The statistical analysis provides a better prediction with an associated uncertainty.**

# DEFINITION OF WIND DAYS



**Apulia Government adopted a regional air quality plan (2012)**

# ANALYSIS 1: ENSEMBLE OF PARAMETERIZATION

WS10

## Conditional Quintile Plot

TIME OF ANALYSIS  
08/2015-03/2016

DATA  
WRF A 4 KM CON INPUT GFS  
+72H (49<sup>TH</sup>-72<sup>TH</sup>)



## ANALYSIS 2: ENSEMBLE OF PERTURBATIONS

Currently, the deterministic and probabilistic approaches are considered separately.

The probabilistic forecast is given by the ensemble average or the median.

The occurrence probability is given by the percentage of ensemble members predicting the event.



# ANALYSIS 2: ENSEMBLE OF PERTURBATIONS

## MATERIALS

**Training and Test analysis:**

**34 possible WD in 2016**

**Validation analysis:**

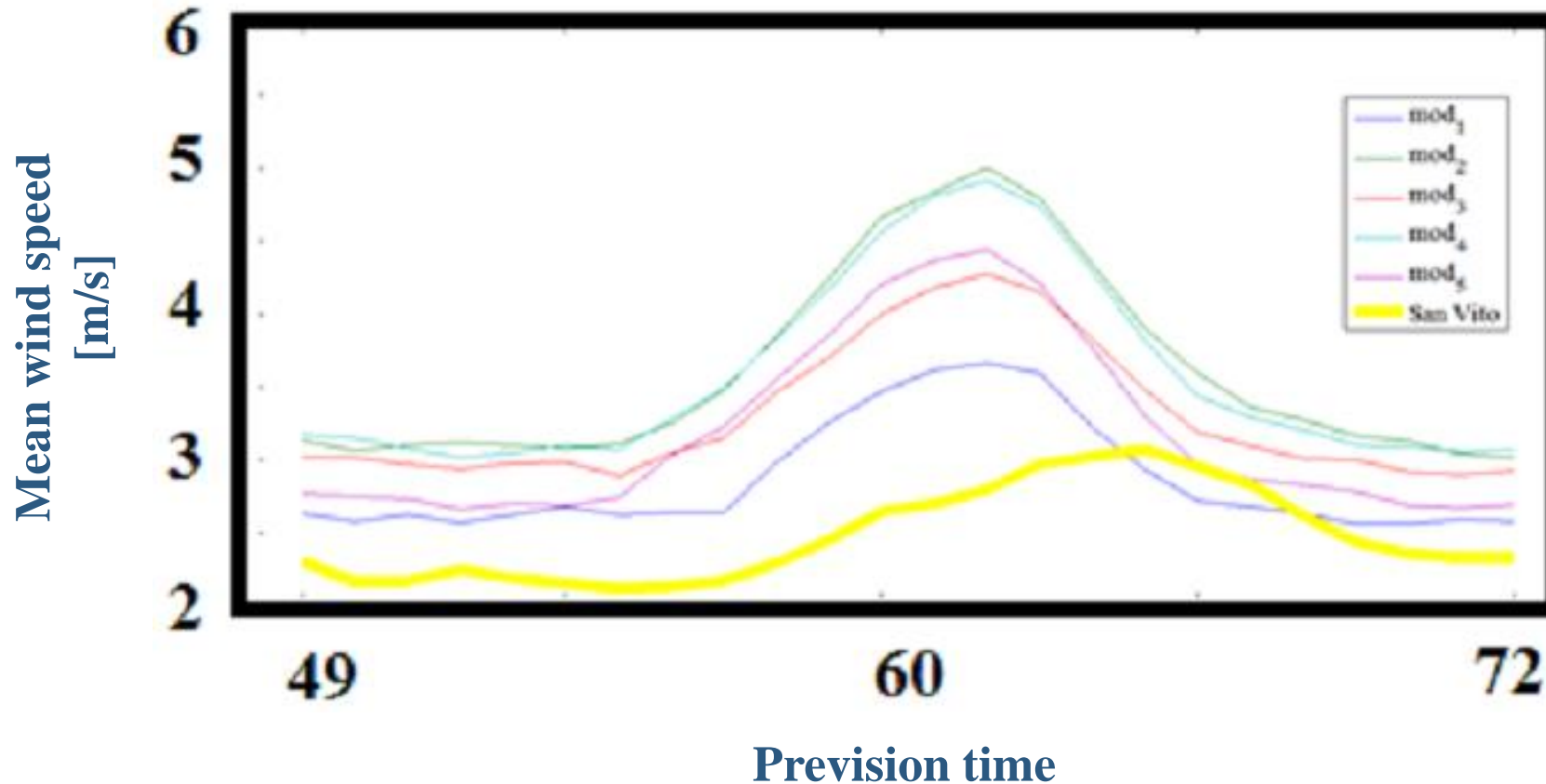
**66 possible WD in 2017**

# ANALYSIS 1: ENSEMBLE OF PARAMETERIZATION

## WS10

TIME OF ANALYSIS  
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# CONCLUSION

## ACCURACY

	Classical definition WD		No Classical definition WD	
	Deterministic	Proposed method	Deterministic	Proposed method
Training	~60%	~82%	~82%	~94%
Test	~60%	~80%	~82%	~85%
Validation	~68%	~80%	~79%	~85%