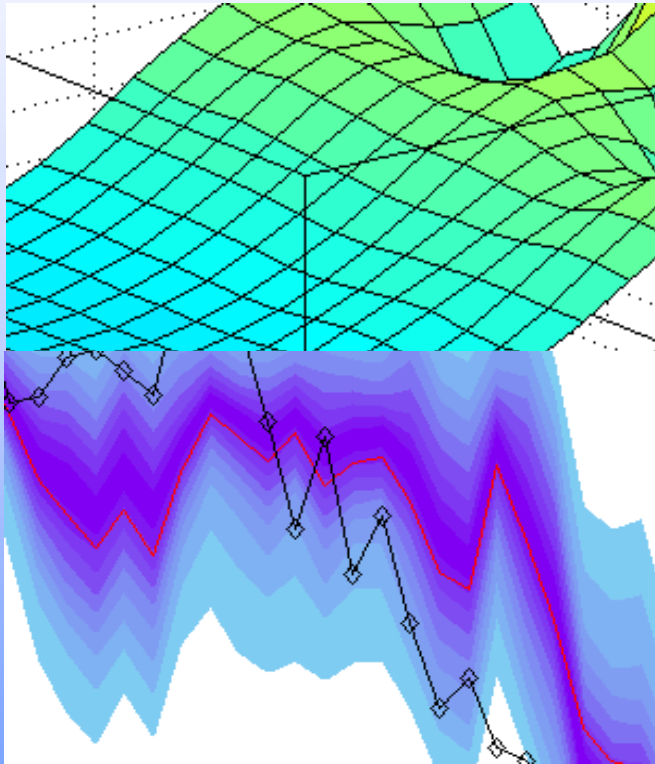




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Short-term Forecasting Using Advanced Statistical Models

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Research priorities



- ◆ Downscaling of NWP data to local conditions
- ◆ Power curve modeling
- ◆ Prediction of local power or wind speed
- ◆ Assessment of the prediction uncertainty: interval forecasts and prediction risk indices
- ◆ Regional upscaling of power predictions
- ◆ Automatic processes for online tuning

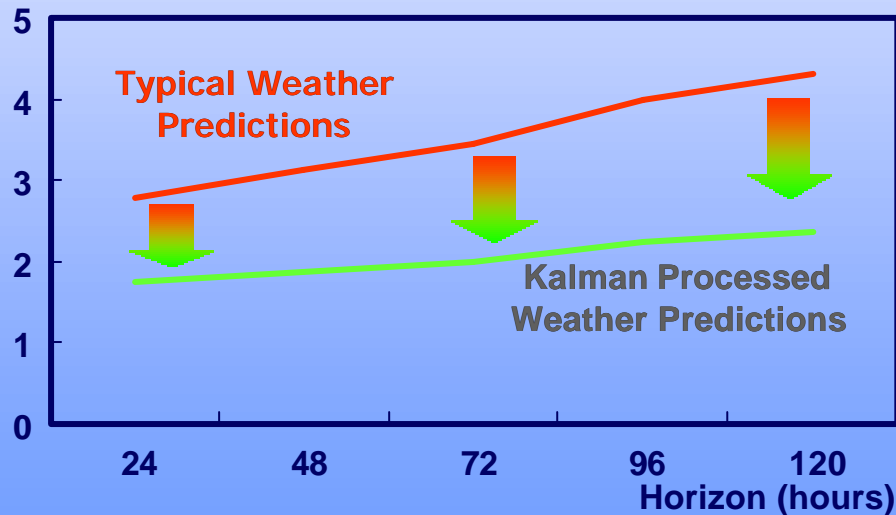
- ◆ Example in complex terrain (Crete, GR):

**Error Reduction in
Wind Speed Predictions**

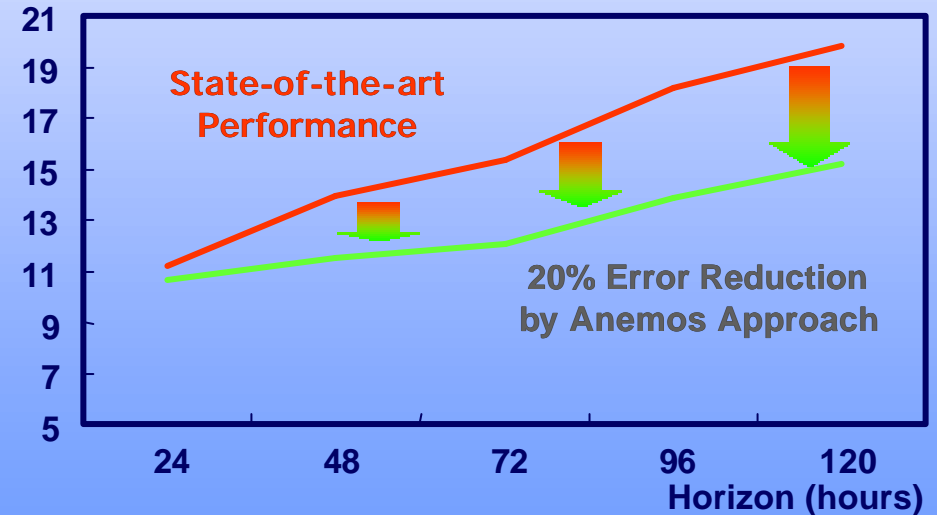


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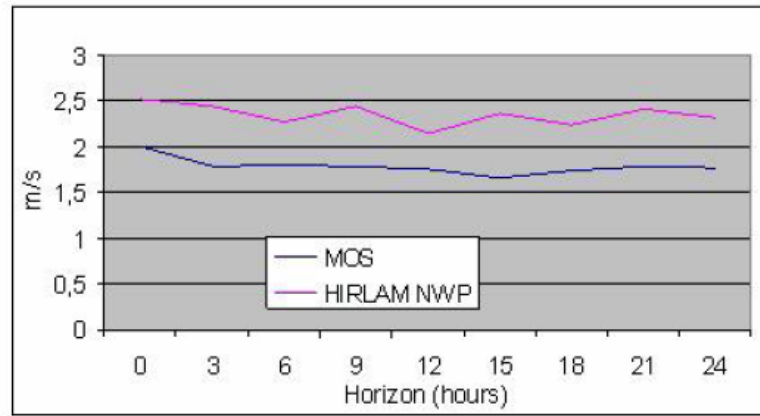
Average Absolute Error (m/s)



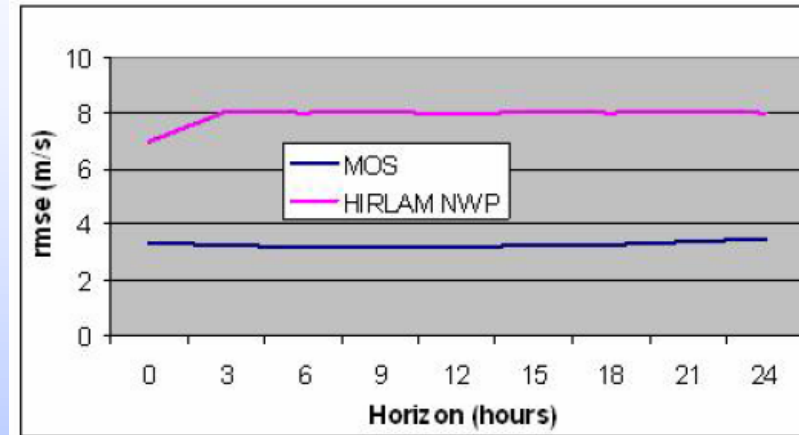
Average Absolute Error (% of nominal power)



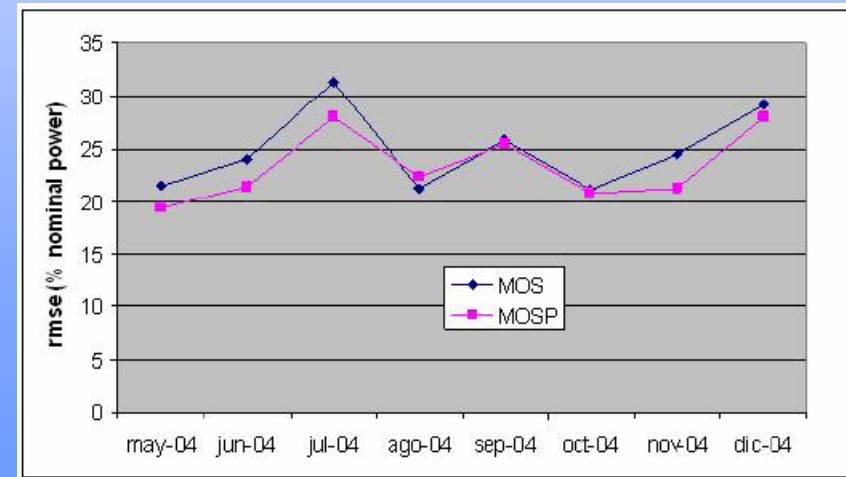
Sotavento test case



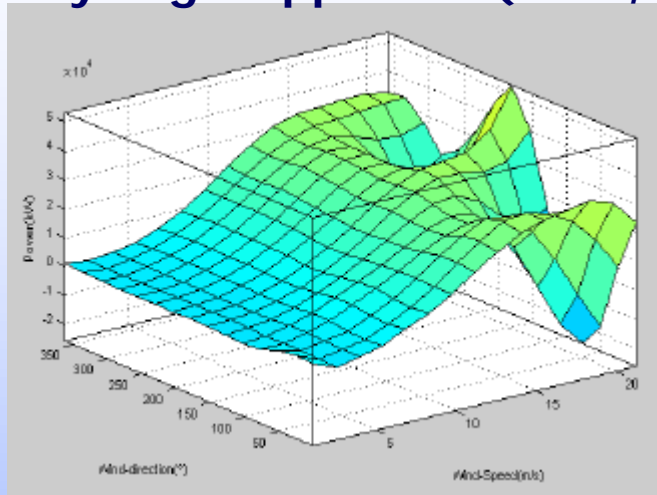
Alaiz test case



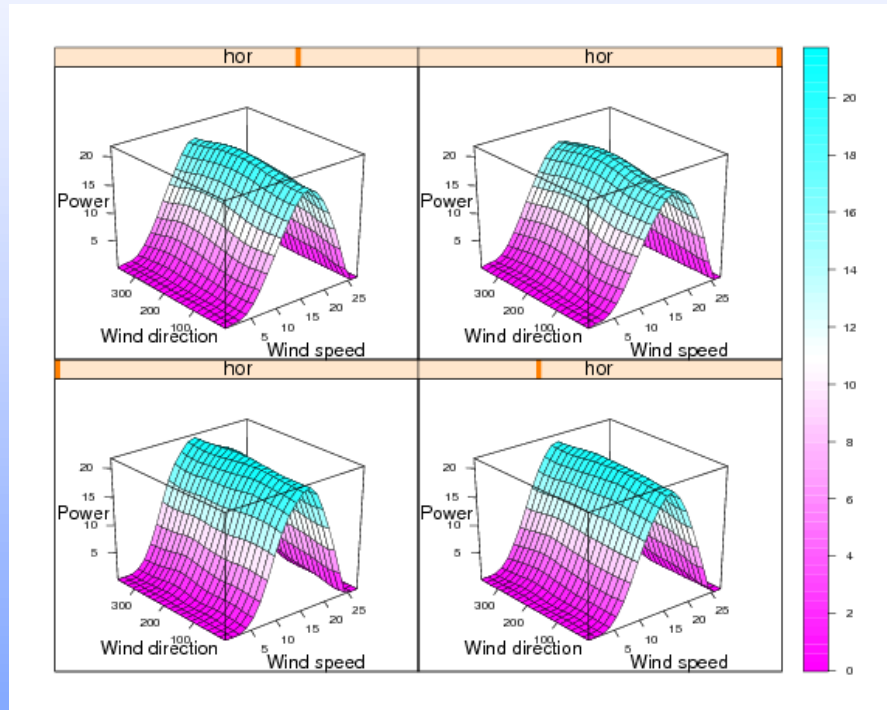
- ◆ Downscaling (MOS) reduces forecast errors significantly, especially in complex terrain
- ◆ Methods with and without measured wind data have been developed
- ◆ Methods are based on principal components analysis on surrounding NWP grid points



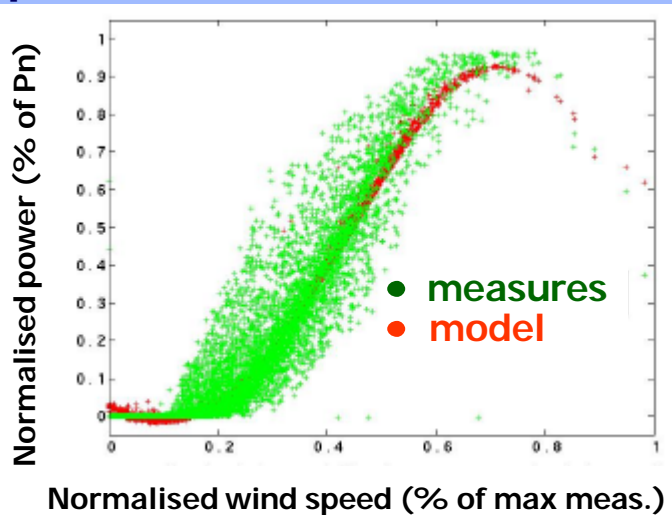
◆ Fuzzy Logic approach (Alaiz, ES):



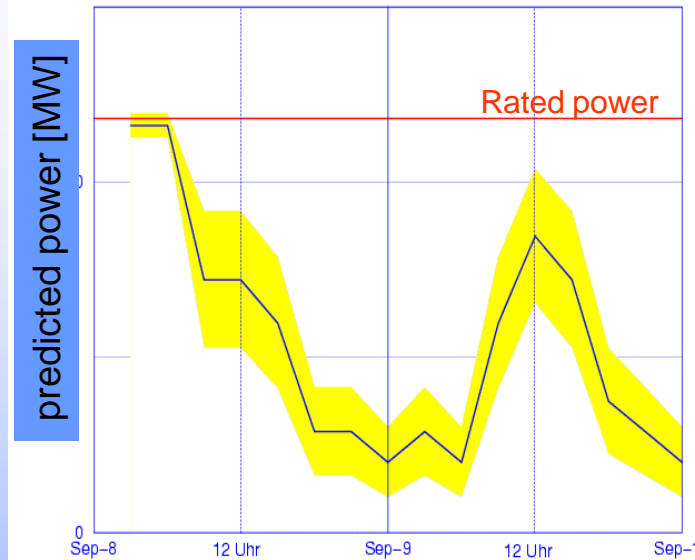
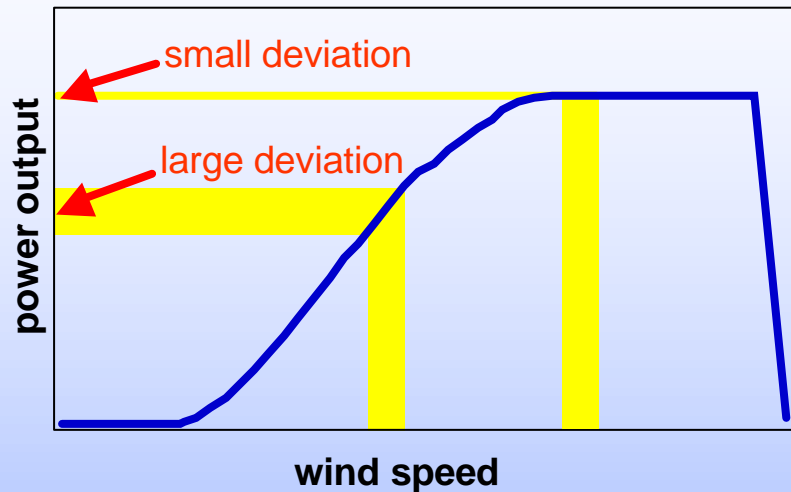
◆ Local Regression approach (Klim, DK):



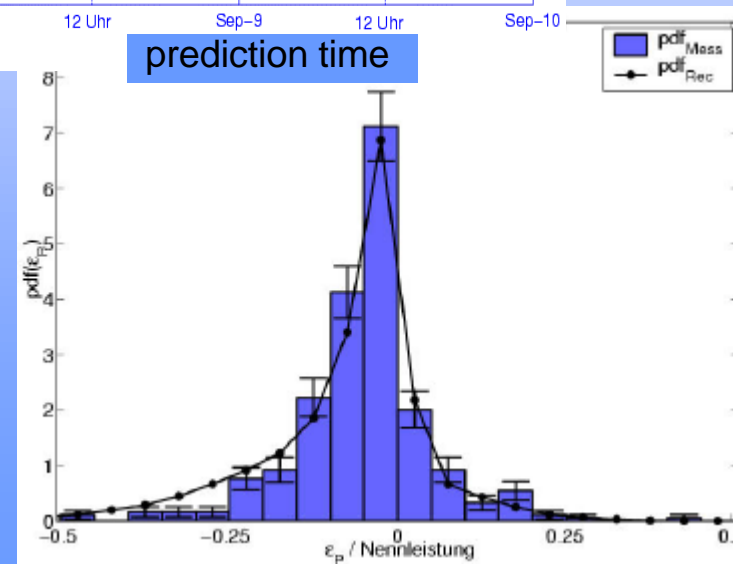
◆ Support Vector Regression approach (Klim, DK):



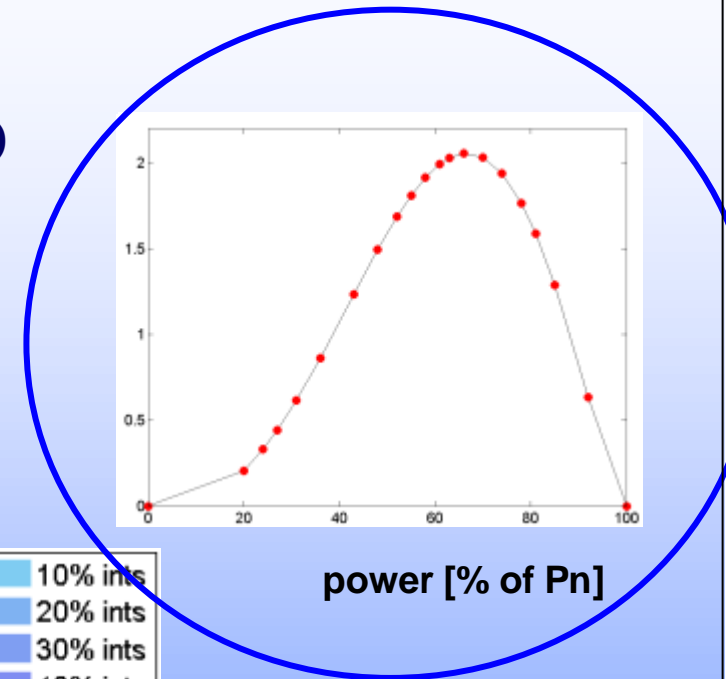
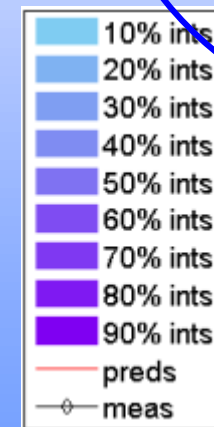
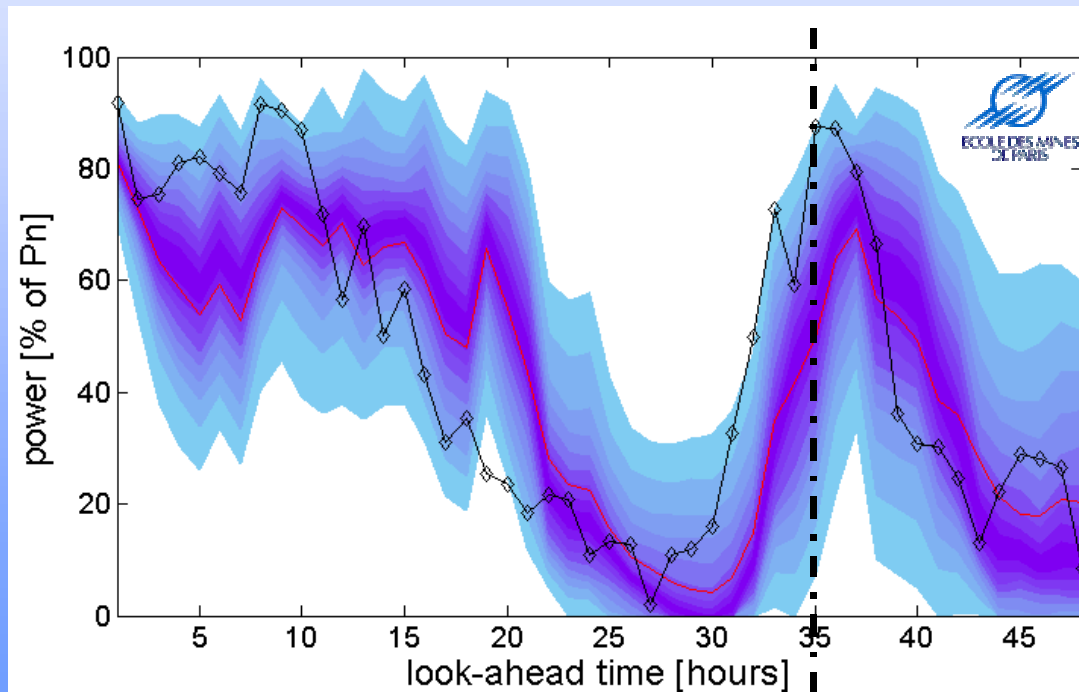
Estimated power curves for prediction horizons of 13, 23, 33 and 43 hours



- ◆ Errors are amplified according to local slope
- ◆ The statistical distribution of power forecast errors can be modeled

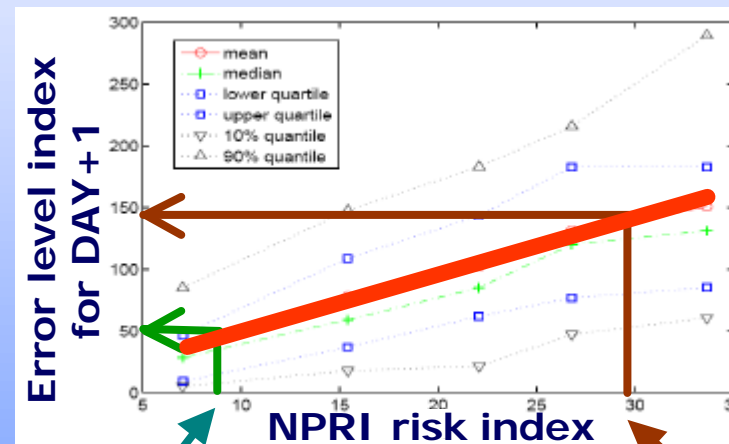


- ◆ Original methods based on:
 - Adapted resampling (with fuzzy modeling)
 - Quantile regression.
- ◆ Towards probabilistic forecasting

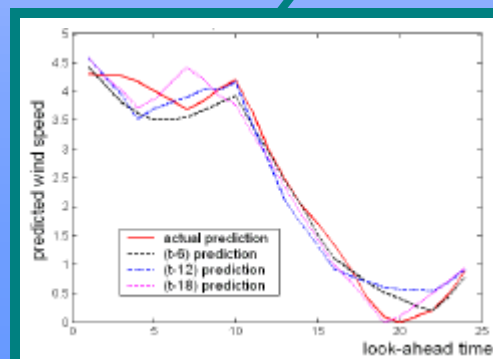


predictive distribution for horizon t_0+35h

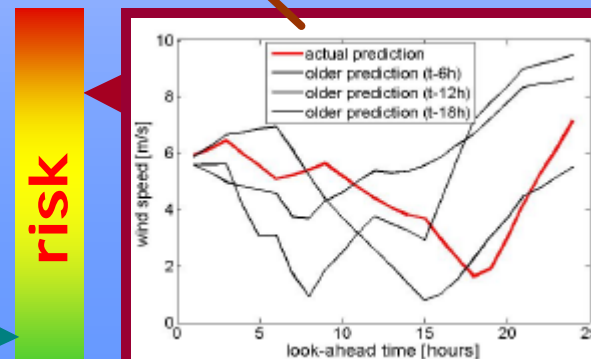
- ◆ Risk indices based on ensembles provide information on the wind power predictability for the next 24 hours.
 - Value for developing advanced strategies in decision making processes (i.e. trading, reserves definition)



Translation of weather predictability to power predictability for next day

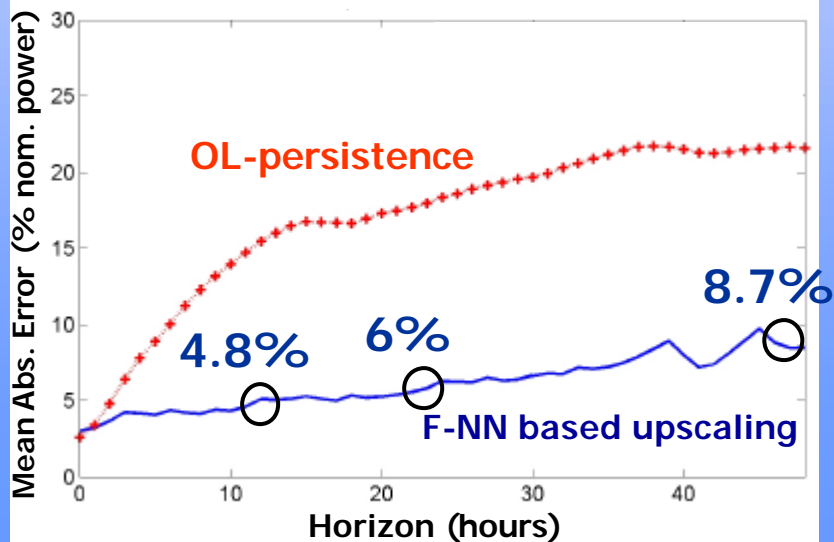
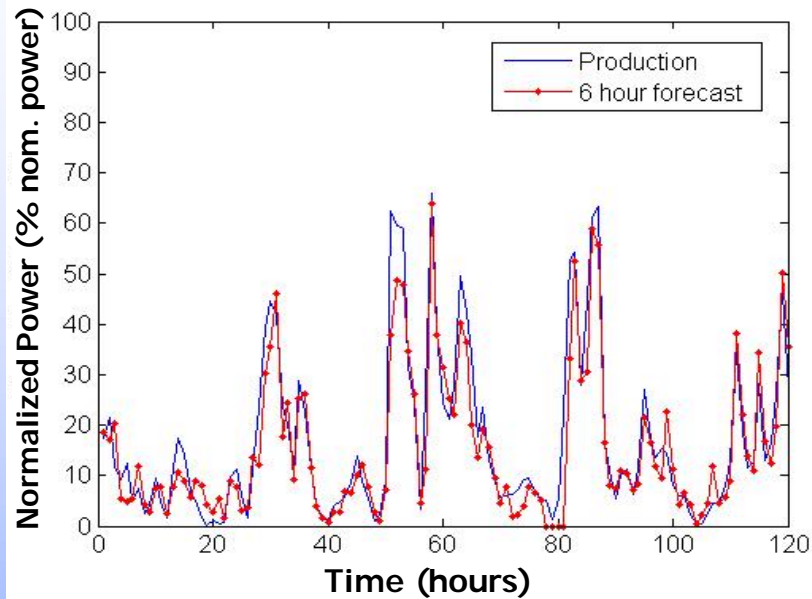


Easily predictable situation



Low predictability situation

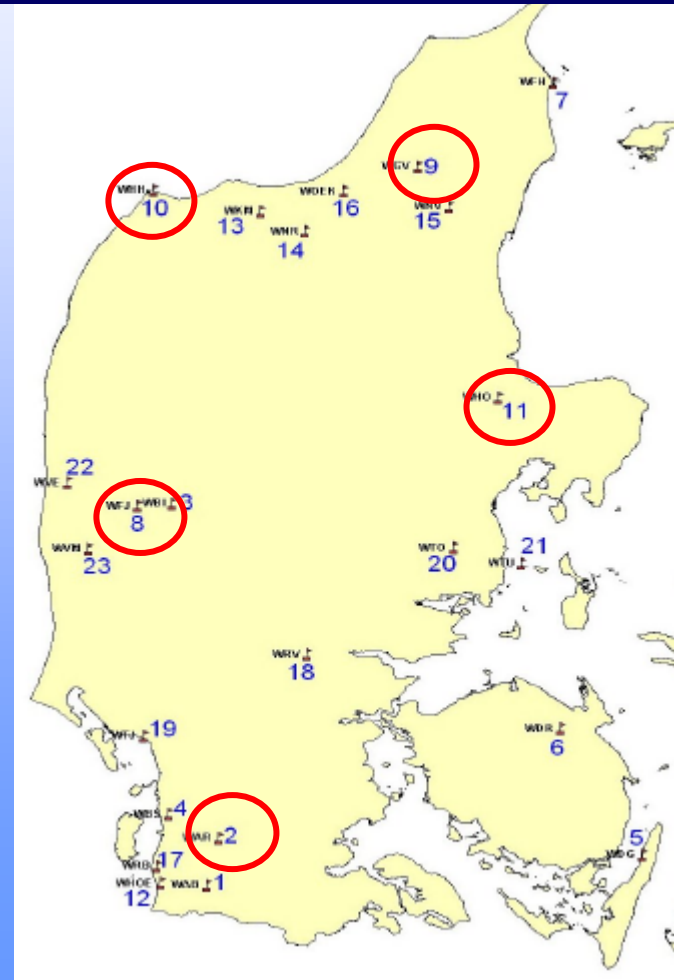
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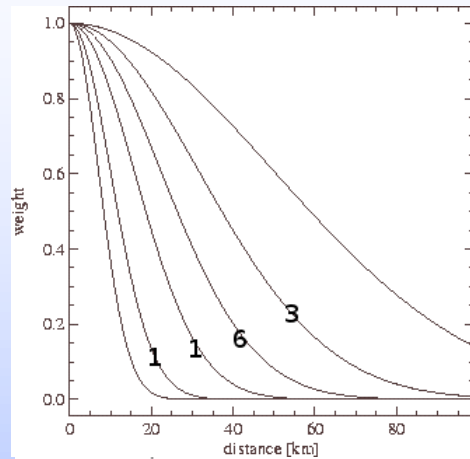


Jutland area: 2200 MW

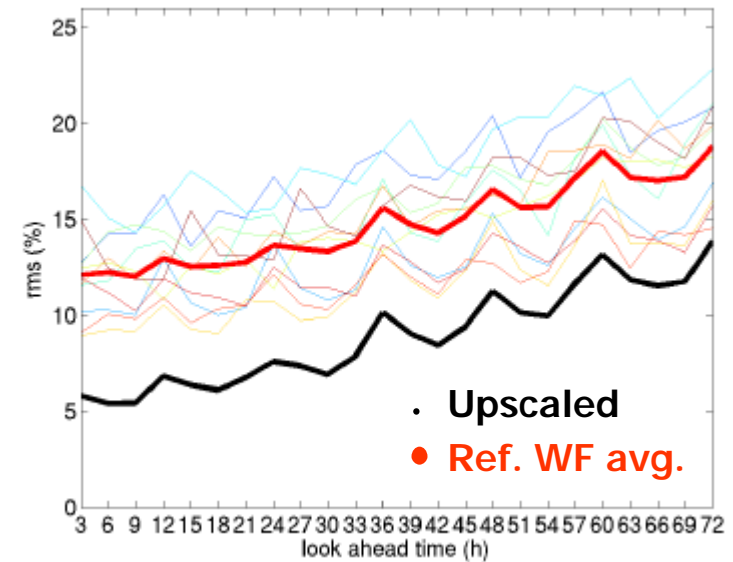
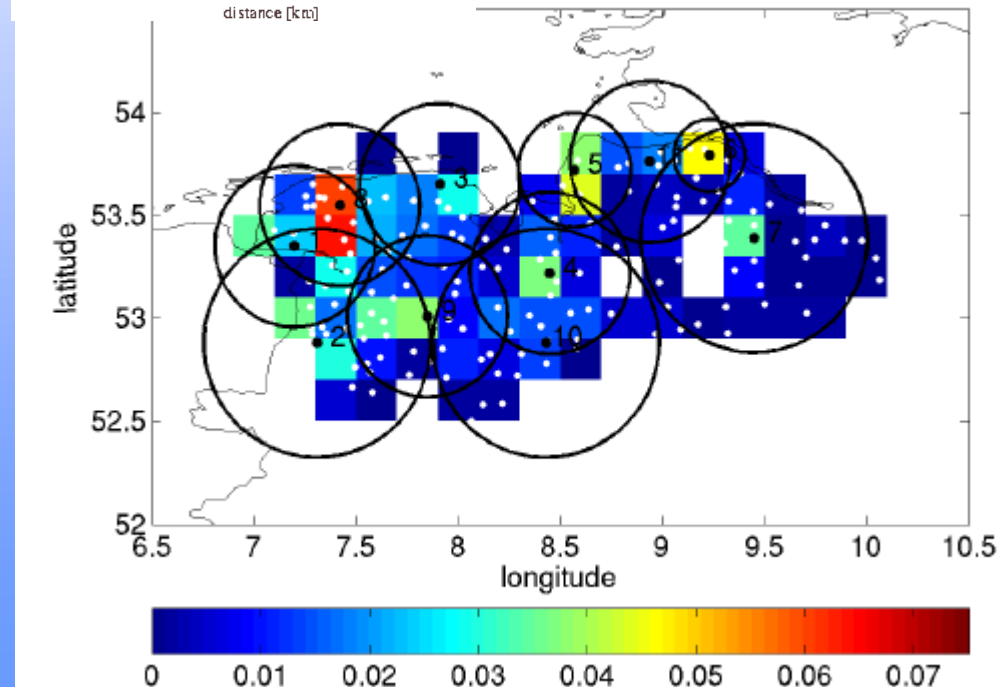
Data: 23 WF's (10%) + total.

Prediction based on 5 reference WFs.





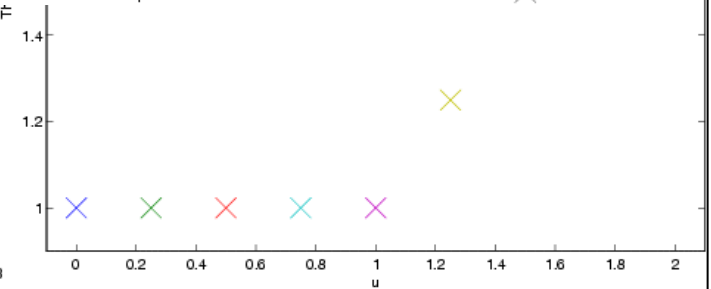
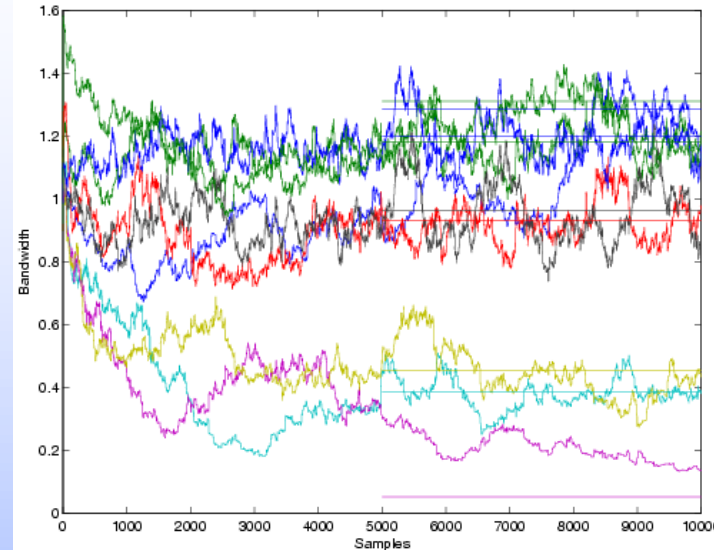
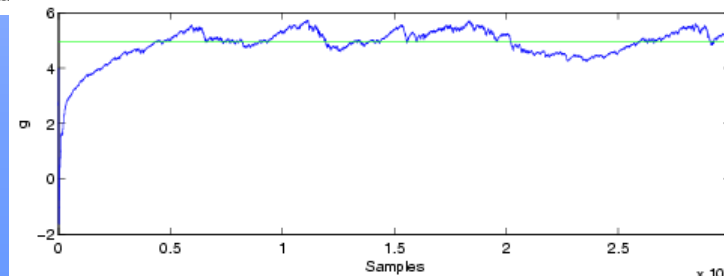
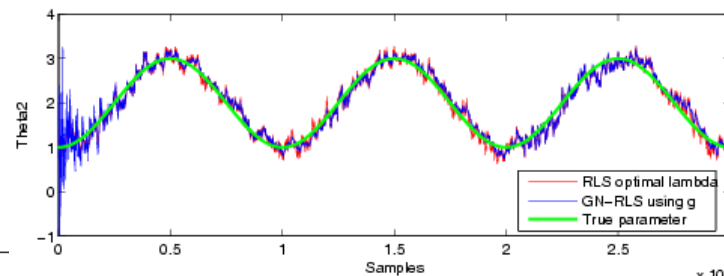
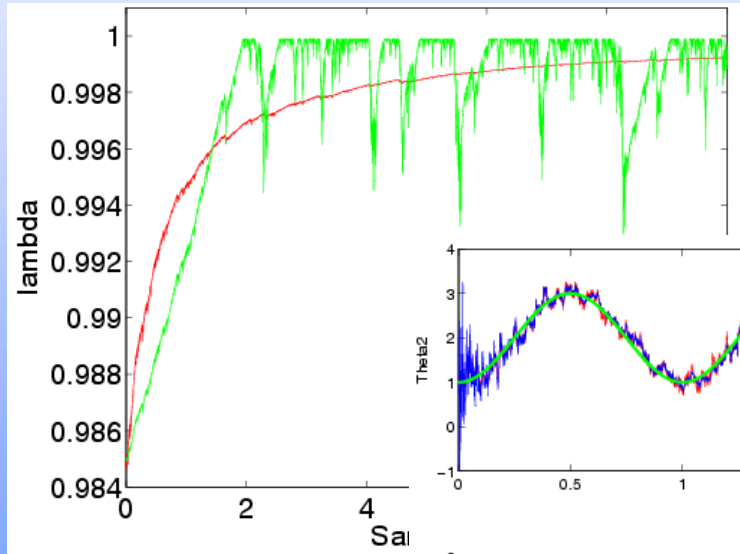
Area: 2000 WT
Data: 11 WF's+total.
 Upscaling based on gaussian weight functions in distance



- ◆ Spatial smoothing effect gives a 22-50% error reduction for a fairly small area
- ◆ The color squares indicate how large a fraction of the total the local WT's represent

◆ Towards plug&play models:
Automatic adaptation to local conditions:

- Easier installation
- Reduced model maintenance



Ex1: $P_t = a_t P_{t-1} + e_t$
 a_t estimated using
 RLS with forgetting
 factor

Ex2: $P_t = f(w_t) + e_t$
 $f()$ estimated using local
 regression with linear
 approximation



Conclusions



- ◆ **Statistical modeling solutions for all links in the model chain from area average NWP over local predictions to regional power predictions have been developed.**
- ◆ **Each link in the statistical modeling chain performs equally well or better than other modeling approaches.**
- ◆ **Appropriate models are provided for uncertainty estimation.**
- ◆ **The model solutions are being made available for operational use within the ANEMOS shell.**