



Ensemble forecasts with limited-area models: the challenge of the high resolution

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Why ensembles need high resolution?

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Why high resolution needs ensembles?

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How can high-resolution ensemble forecasts be helpful?









\rightarrow To increase the confidence in the deterministic forecast

- \rightarrow To indicate an uncertainty in the spatial location of the phenomenon
- → To indicate the possible occurrence of severe weather, even if with low probability
- \rightarrow To generate an uncertainty cascade by driving hazard/impact models





Marche region event



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COSMO-2I-EPS ensemble forecast







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PROBABILITY wherever in an area



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Strong wind Cyclone over Sicily – 29.10.2021



COSMO-2I-EPS - 10m gusts



The maximum permits to visualise the spatial uncertainty in the prediction of the cyclone







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When convection is satisfactorily forecasted by at least one member, how many members typically support this forecast? In other words, is it typically forecasted by only one or a very few members, while many members have no precipitation at all? Or is it forecasted by several members, which maybe show only (small) differences in the localization of the cells and in the timing?

One of very few members The eastern storms were forecast by onle a few members

Several members

Case 18 June 2012; good fraction of members although it was an isolated cluster

> One of very few members Case 22 June 2012

One of very few members

Tornado event. In general, it depends on the region and time

One of very few members

Case 8 July 2012.

Two storms not forecasted by ICON-D2. ICON-D2-EPS forecasted them with 1-2 members only



ESSL, Pucik and Groenemeijer





CON-D2-EP

Models are able to forecast areas of convective storms, but not the location, structure, and movement of the specific individual thunderstorms within the area of activity







Upscaled probabilities

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Upscaled probabilities provide a more realistic depiction of the regions of higher interest. Not upscaled probabilities have quite low values and do not highlight some regions.



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Severe weather: Strong wind

Bora – 17.09.2022



COSMO-2I-EPS - 10m gusts



ensemble mean

ensemble maximum

ensemble minimum





Strong wind Bora – 17.09.2022



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DOCUMENTO N.	DATA EMISSIONE	INIZIO VALIDITA'	FINE VALIDITA'
063/2022	16/09/2022 12:13	16/09/2022 12:00	18/09/2022 00:00

dalle ore 00:00 di sabato 17/09/2022



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D3: Pianura ferrarese (FE) E1: Montagna emiliana centrale (PR, RE, MO)

E2: Collina emiliana centrale (PR, RE, MO)

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F2: Pianura reggiana (RE) F3: Pianura reggiana di Po (PR, RE)

G1: Montagna piacentino-parmense (PC, PR)

G2: Alta collina piacentino-parmense (PC, PR)

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H2: Pianura piacentino-parmense (PC, PR)

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Strong wind Bora – 17.09.2022

Home > Ravenna > Cronaca > Nave da crociera in balì... Nave da crociera in balìa del vento

La bora spezza gli ormeggi, evitata la collisione con la scogliera



Home > Cronaca > Ironman Cervia, cancell...

Ironman Cervia, cancellata la gara di sabato per maltempo. Domenica si fa

La 'lunga distanza' non si terrà a causa dell'allerta meteo



= RAVEN

TODAY

Burrasca e venti oltre i 100 km orari: strade chiuse, traghetto fermo e mareggiata nel Ravennate

Diverse strade sono chiuse per la caduta di alberi, mentre a Lido di Savio si è registrato un evento di







CRONACA

Bora tempestosa e pioggia battente: alberi caduti, cancellato il Memorial Pantani

L'ondata di maltempo, con tanto di allerta meteo gialla e arancione da parte della protezione civile, è arrivata puntuale dalle prime ore di sabato ha colpito tutta la Romagna

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Il maltempo picchia forte su tutta la Romagna: alberi caduti, allagamenti e danni

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Multi-model forecast of precipitation for discharge prediction





Diomede, Davolio, Marsigli et al., 2008: "Discharge predictions based on multi-model precipitation forecasts"







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→ Concluding remarks







The rooftop concept

- epistemic (or knowledge-based) vs aleatoric (
- epistemic uncertainty: aspects relevant to the are not sufficiently well known to be represent
- intrinsic uncertainty: inherent to some process aleatoric character. This is the case for process



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The rooftop concept

Going to higher resolution:

- some parametrized processes are resolved -> some uncertainties become known
- new processes are parametrised -> new uncertainties show up
- ensembles are needed!



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Thank you for your attention!













- Most reliable scenario (ensemble mean)
- Possible alternative scenarios (clusters)
- Worst case (extremes)
- Pseudo-deterministic scenarios, from the ensemble members distribution (median, percentiles)
- Probability of occurrence of selected events (probability maps)
- Estimate of the forecast uncertainty (spread, diversity)
- "Best" scenario (is it possible to select the best member on the basis of updated base observations?)





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average/maximum TP exceeds a threshold:

probability maps of the areal mean/maximum precipitation





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PROBABILITY for the upscaled forecasts

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probability for areal average







probability for areal maximum











Maximum PROBABILITY wherever in an area

that TP exceeds a threshold:



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maximum of the probability over the alert areas

Probability of TP>10 mm



