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«WIRE» COST Action, benchmark results

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Objectives & Motivation



In the frame of WG1 of WIRE a benchmarking exercise was organised:

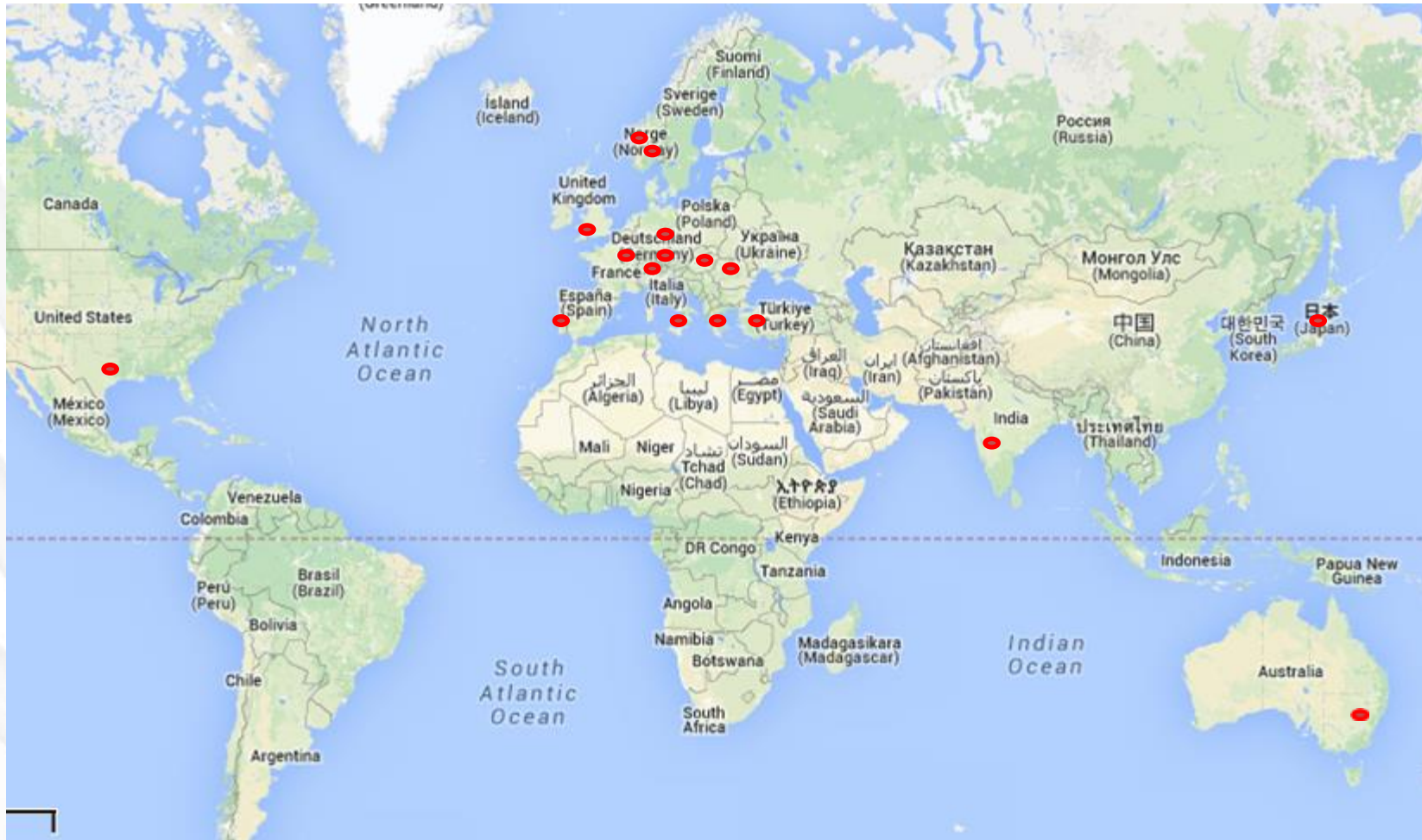
The **main objective** is to evaluate the performance of state-of-the-art models on the problems of short-term forecasting of:

- the power output of a wind farm,
- the power output of a photovoltaic power (PV) plant.



- ❑ The exercise evaluates the merits of forecasts based on different modelling approaches and input data (data from 2 wind farms and 2 PV plants considered).
- ❑ It contributes to a better knowledge of the state of the art, and its evolution through time (comparison with results from past exercises).
- ❑ It permits to identify challenges in the field and areas for improving accuracy in the future.

Benchmark Participants



18 Total participants

General Data Description

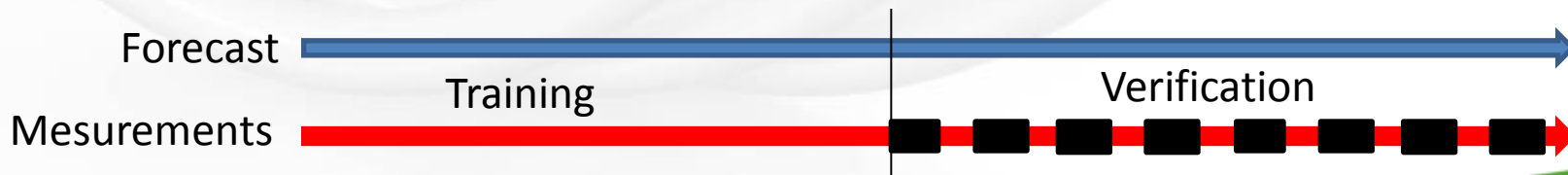


2 solar PV farms (Italy)

- **Catania** (5.21 kW, 01/01/2010 - 31/12/2011, hourly power data)
- **Milano** (5.21 kW, 01/07/2010 - 31/12/2011, hourly power data)

2 wind farms (Italy, Denmark)

- **Abruzzo** (104 MW, complex terrain, 01/01/2010-31/12/2011 hourly power data)
- **Klim** (21 MW, flat terrain, 01/01/2001-31/12/2002 hourly power data)



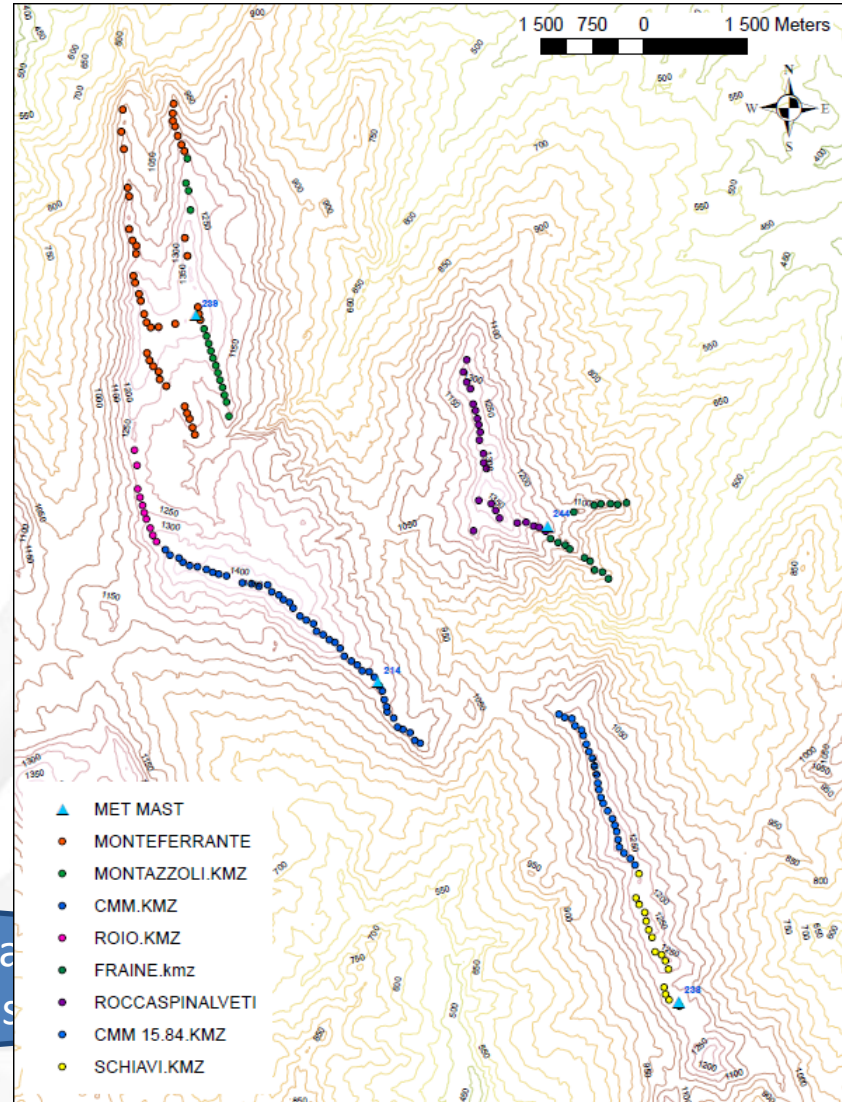
Abruzzo case (Wind)

ECMWF deterministic runs (12 UTC, 0.125°)

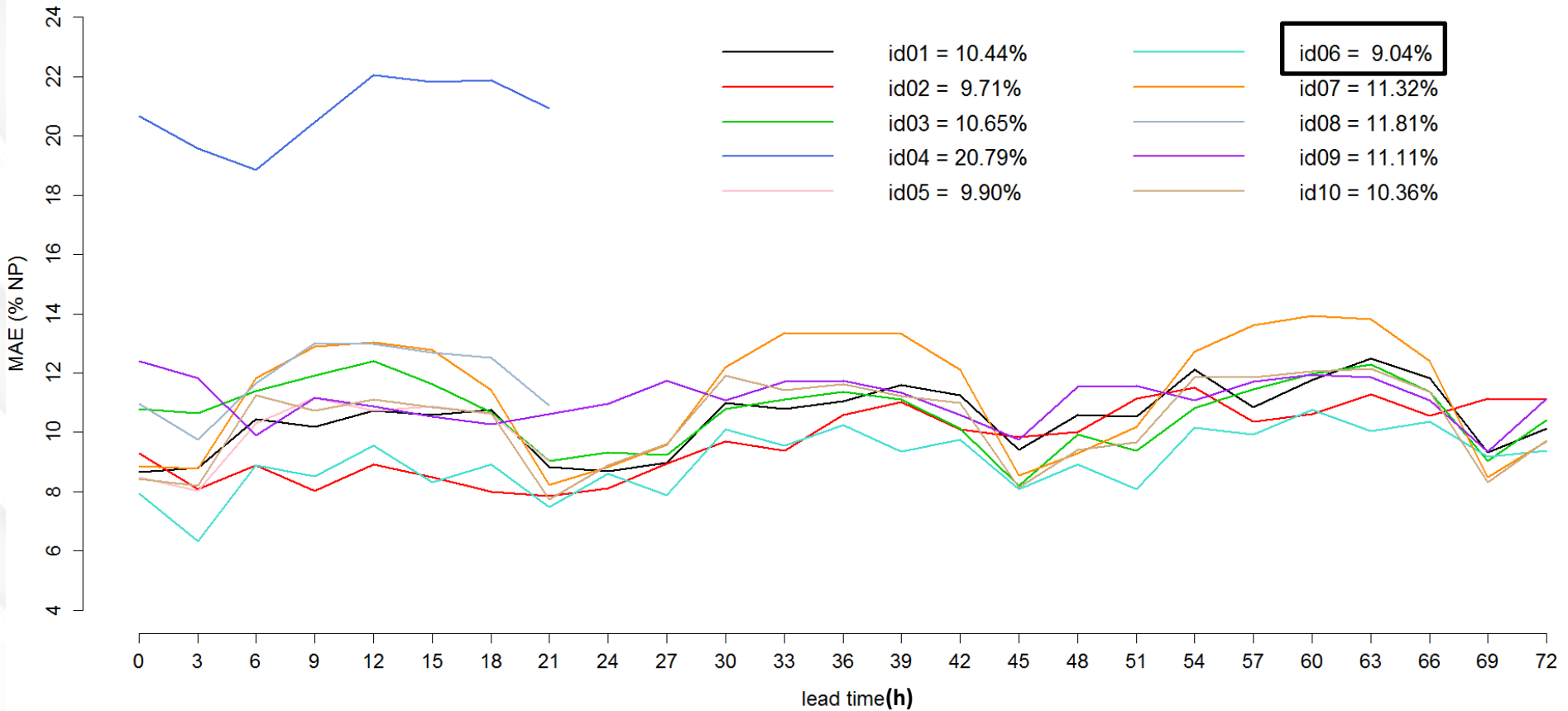
0-72, 3 hourly
Meteo forecast
1 point

- Wind speed (10m)
- Wind direction (10m)
- Temp. 2m
- HPBL
- MSLP

11 participants
(3 probabilistic)



Abruzzo results (MAE)



Abruzzo results (deterministic)



Ranking

1. id06 (9.04 % MAE)
2. id02 (9.71 % MAE)

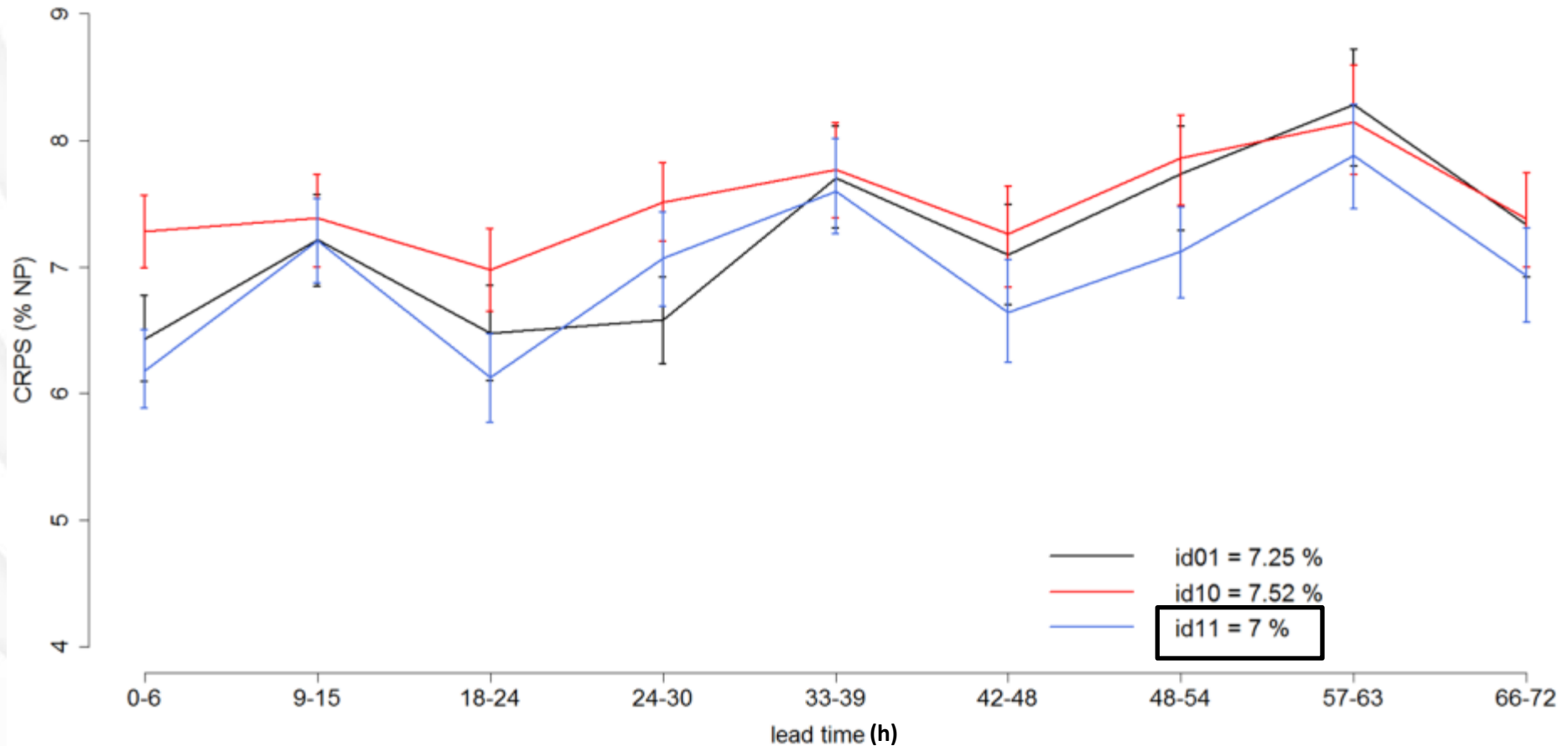
Diebold-Mariano statistic

- H0: the two models have the same forecast accuracy
- H1: 2nd model is less accurate than the 1st one
- p-value= $3.91 \cdot 10^{-6}$

Method used by id06

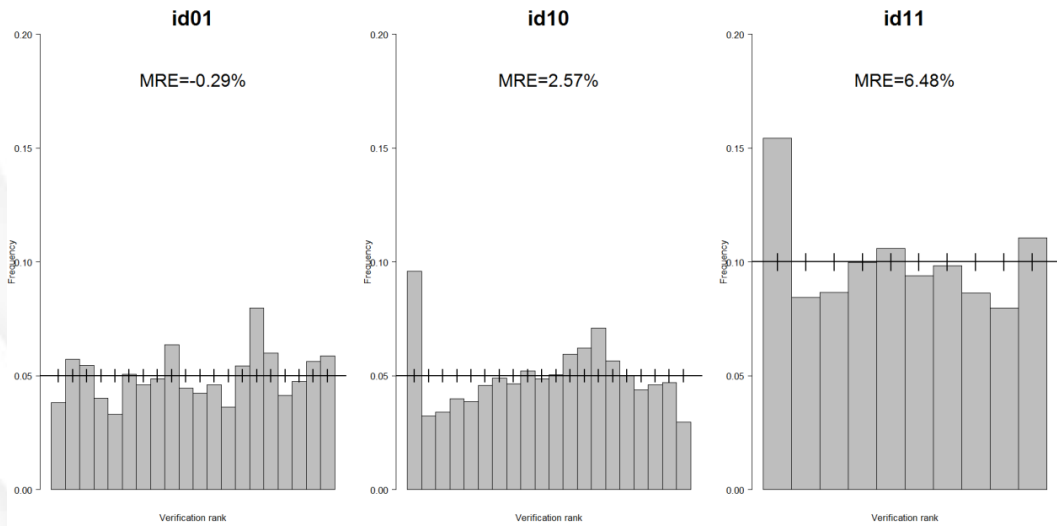
- Meteorological model: ECMWF provided by COST
- Post-processing with an Artificial Neural Network

Abruzzo results (CRPS)



Abruzzo results (probabilistic)

Rank histogram



Ranking (probabilistic)

1. **id11** (7.0 % CRPS)
2. **id01** (7.25 % CRPS)

Method used by id11

- Local quantile regression with wind speed and wind direction as predictors.

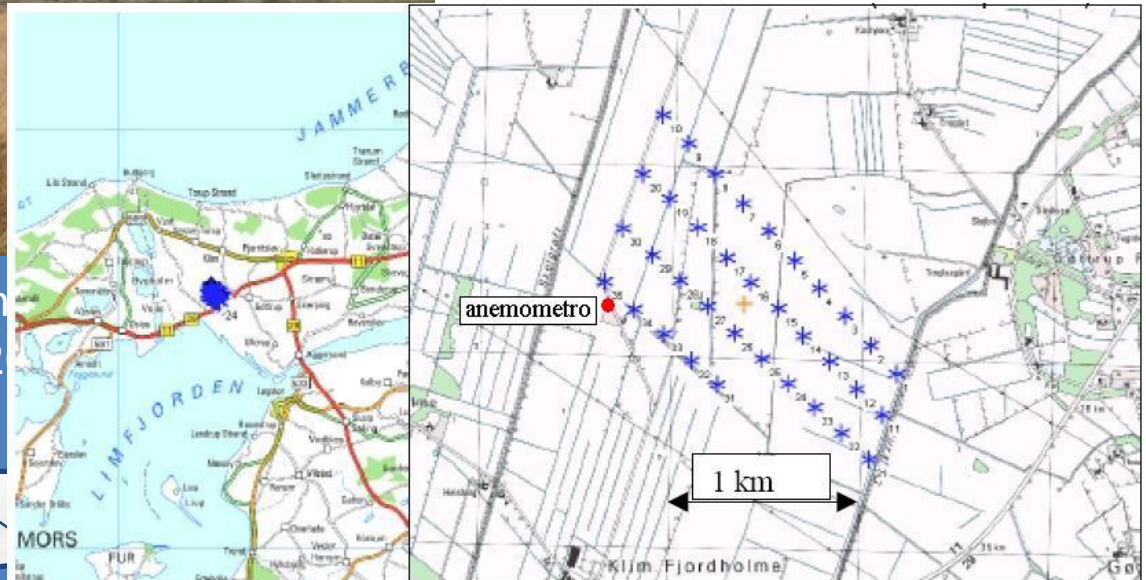
KLIM case (Wind)

Boundary Conditions from ECMWF

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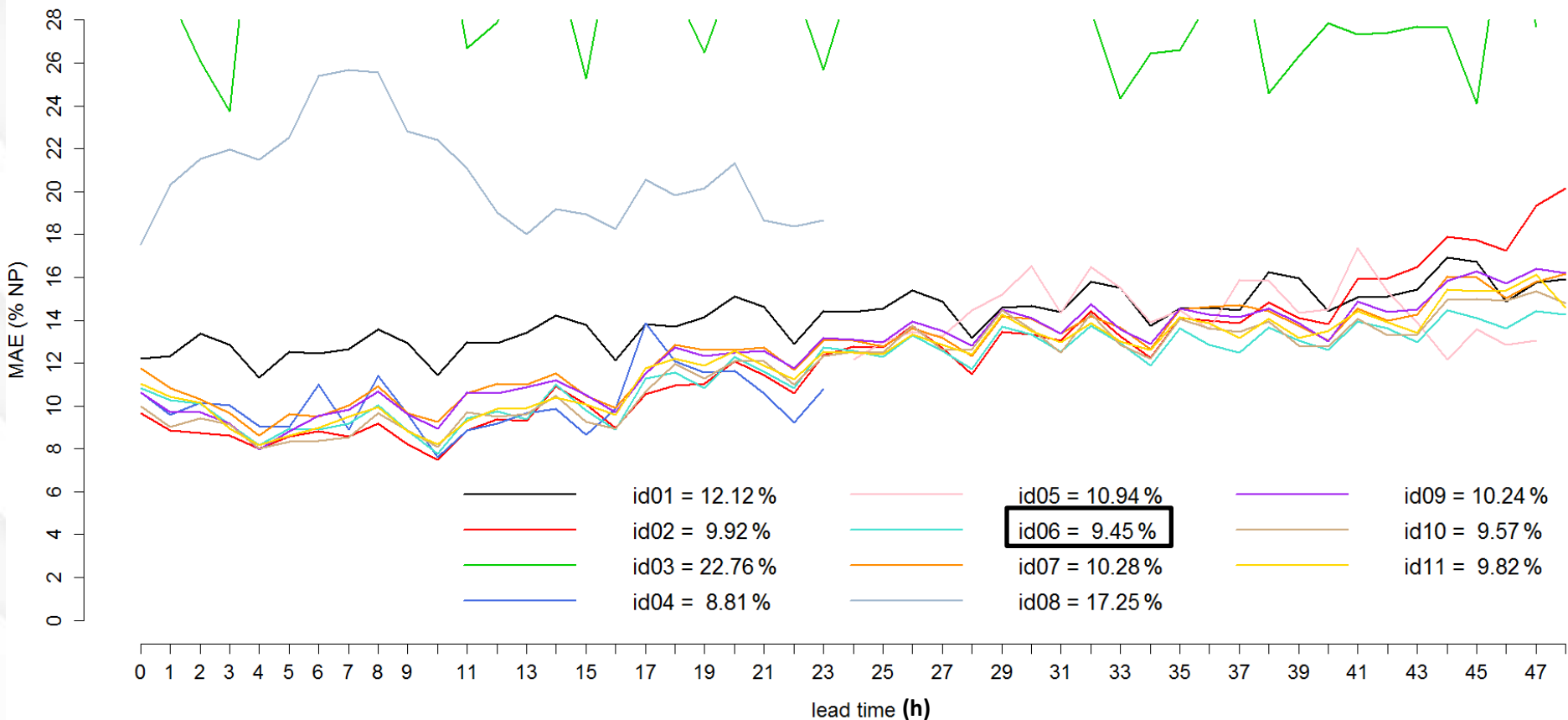


- Wind speed (20m)
- Wind direction (2)
- Temp 2m



11 participants
(2 probabilistic)

Klim results (MAE)



Klim results (deterministic)



Ranking

1. id06 (9.45 % MAE)
2. id10 (9.57 % MAE)

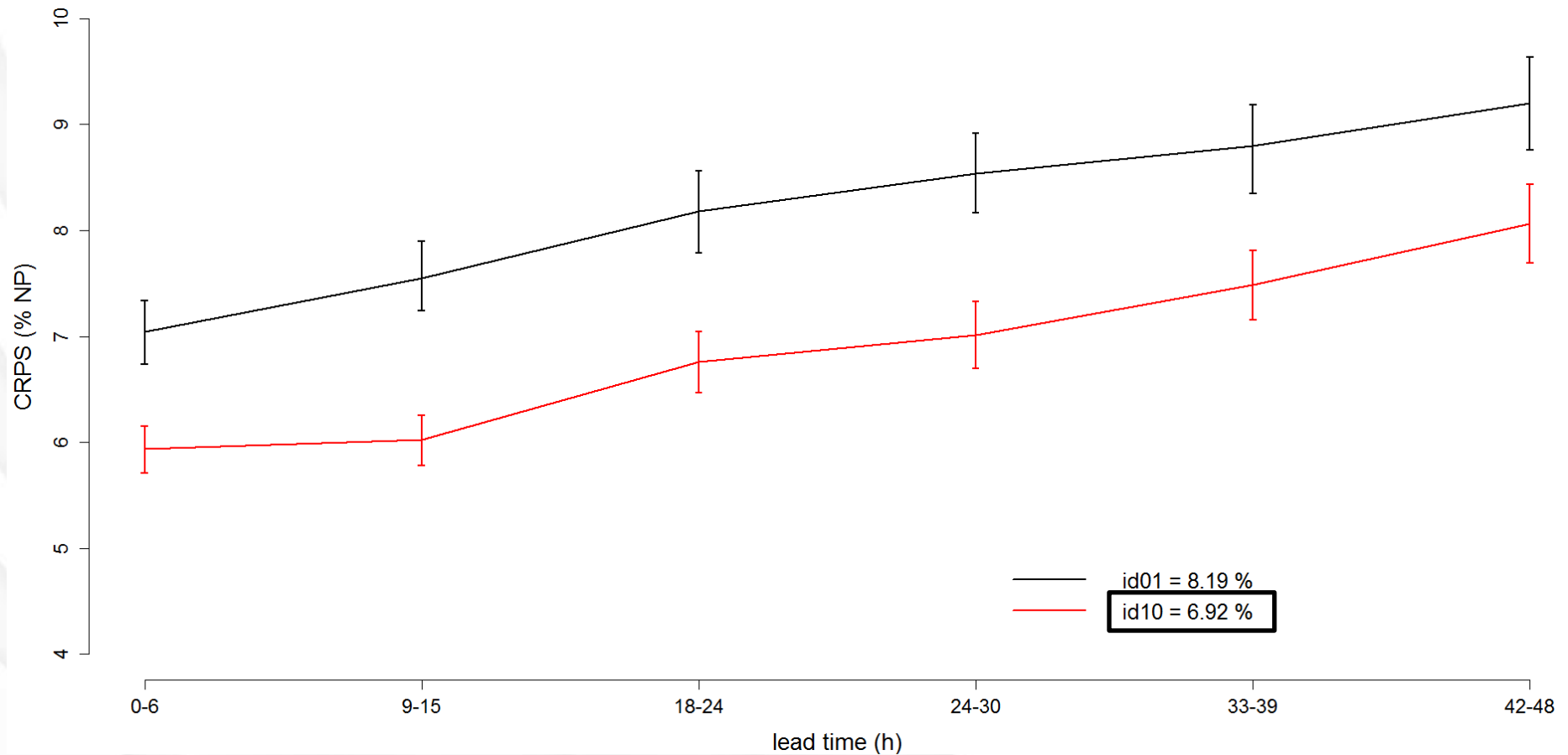
Diebold-Mariano statistic

- H0: the two models have the same forecast accuracy
- H1: 2nd model is less accurate than the 1st one
- p-value= $4.68 \cdot 10^{-73}$

Method used by id06

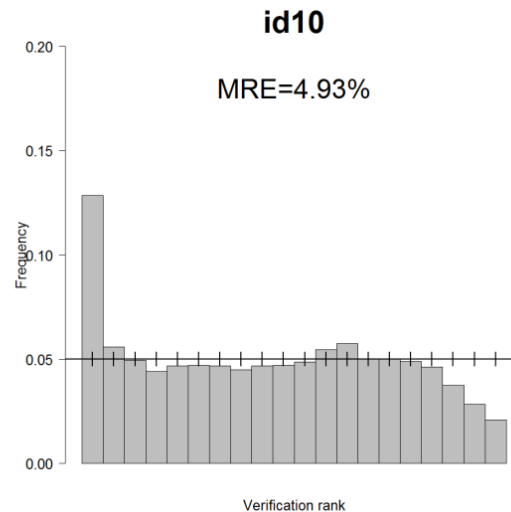
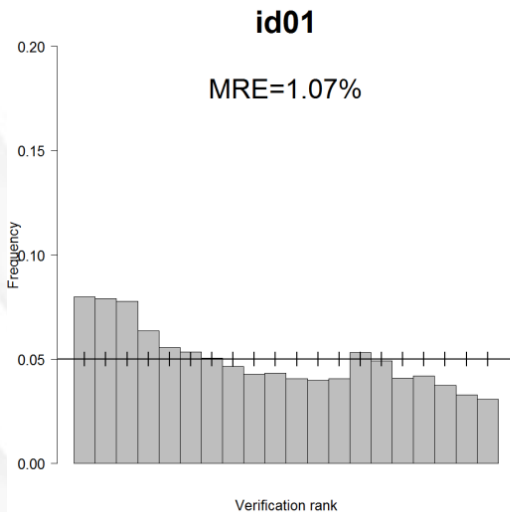
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Klim results (CRPS)



Klim results (probabilistic)

Rank histogram



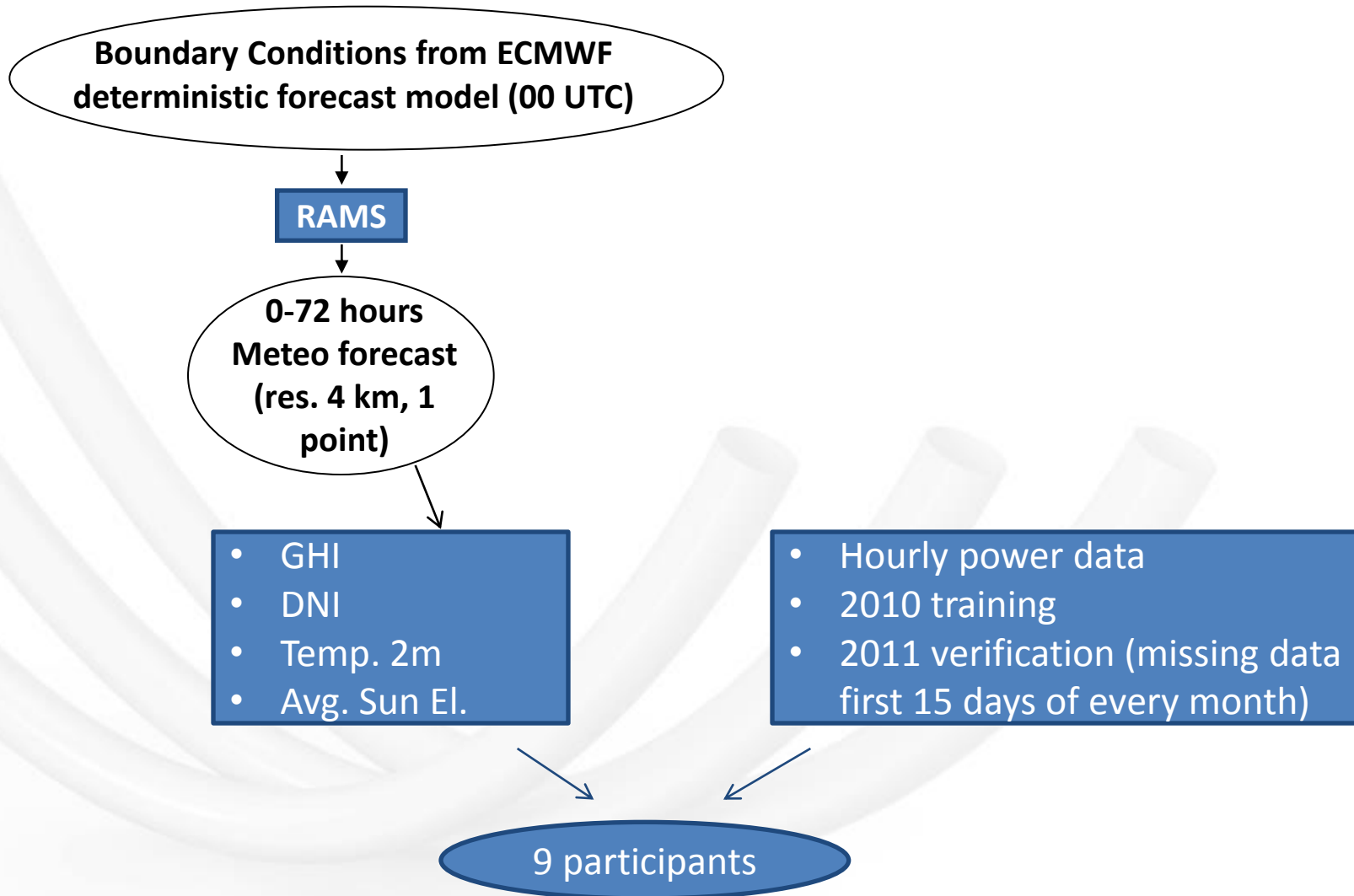
Ranking (probabilistic)

1. id10 (6.92 % CRPS)
2. id01 (8.19 % CRPS)

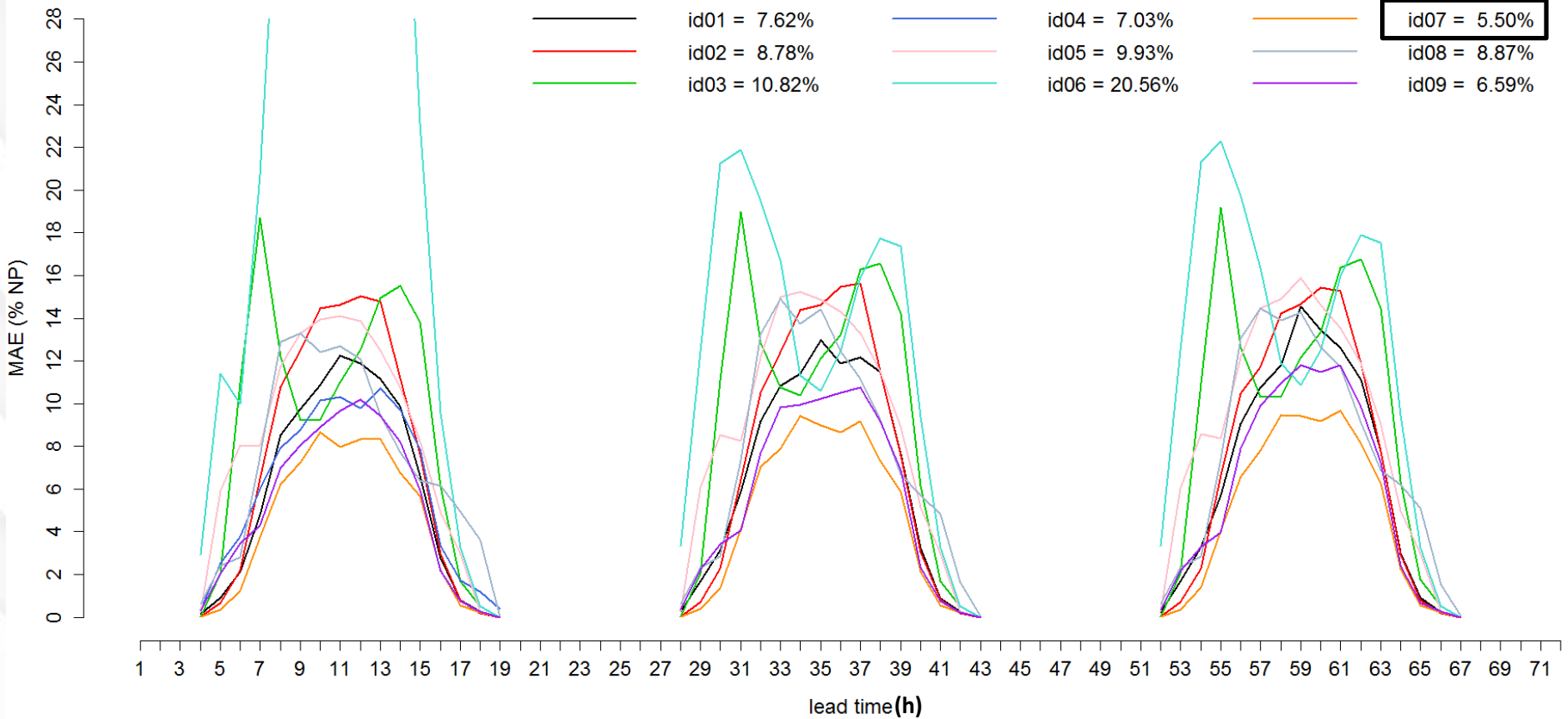
Method used by id10

- Conditional kernel density estimation with a quantile-copula estimator.
- Inputs: forecasted wind speed and direction (level 30), hour of the day and lead-time. 5% and 95% quantiles were computed from the forecasted PDF using numerical integration.

Catania case (PV)



Catania results (MAE)



Catania results (conclusions)



Ranking

1. id07 (5.50 % MAE)
2. id09 (6.59 % MAE)

Diebold-Mariano statistic

- H0: the two models have the same forecast accuracy
- H1: 2nd model is less accurate than the 1st one
- p-value=0.998

Method used by id07

- Meteorological model: RAMS provided by COST
- Quantile regression in order to estimate a clear sky production, a clear sky irradiation and a medium temperature.
- Linear regression to explain the rate of clear sky production observed.
- Bias correction depending on time and the power forecasted using although a quantile regression.

Milano case (PV)

ECMWF deterministic runs (12 UTC, 0.125°)

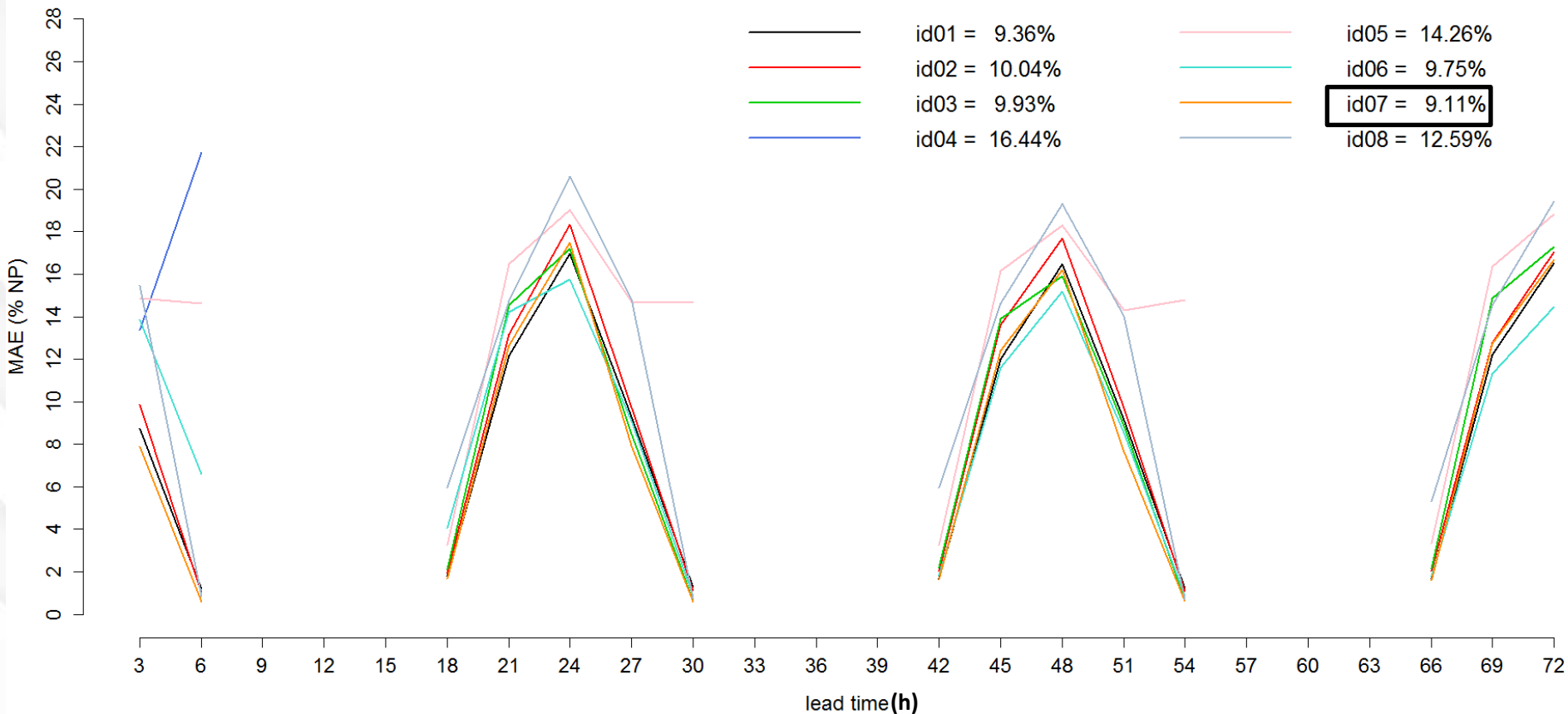
0-72, 3 hourly
Meteo forecast
1 point

- GHI
- DNI
- Temp. 2m
- Avg. Sun El.

- Hourly power data
- 01/07/2010 - 31/12/2010 training
- 2011 verification (missing data first 15 days of every month)

8 participants

Milano results (MAE)



Milano results (conclusions)



Ranking

1. id07 (9.11 % MAE)
2. id01 (9.36 % MAE)

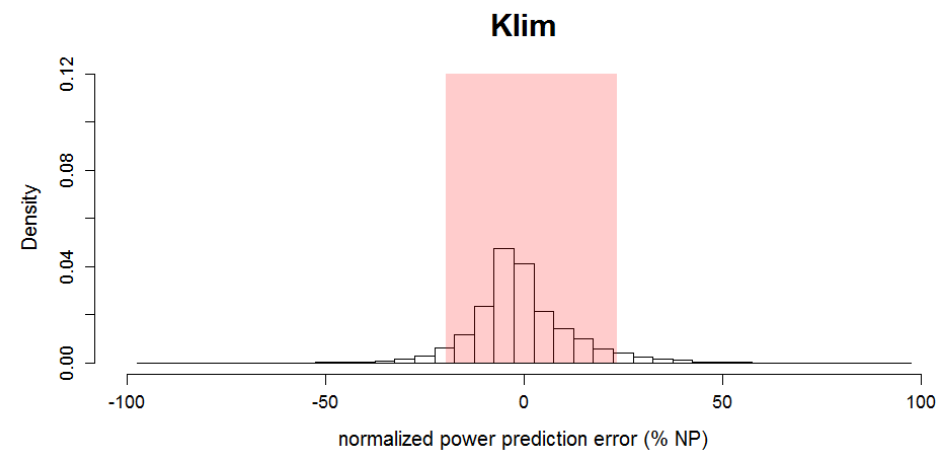
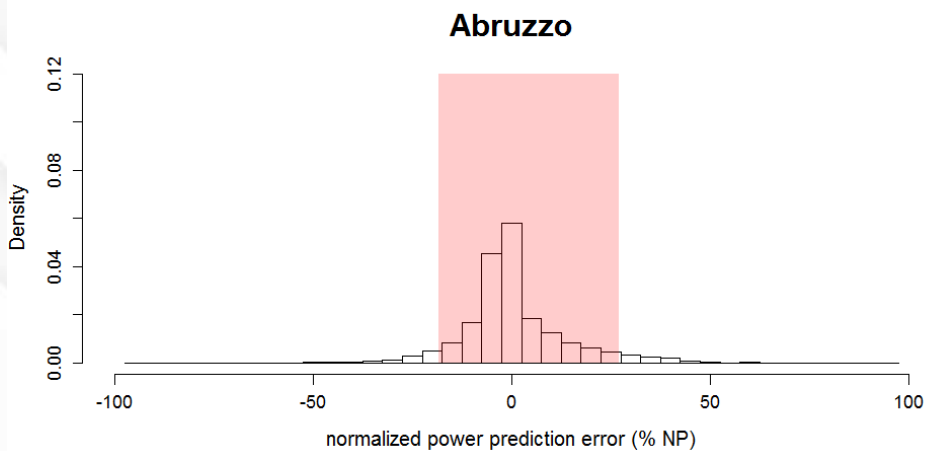
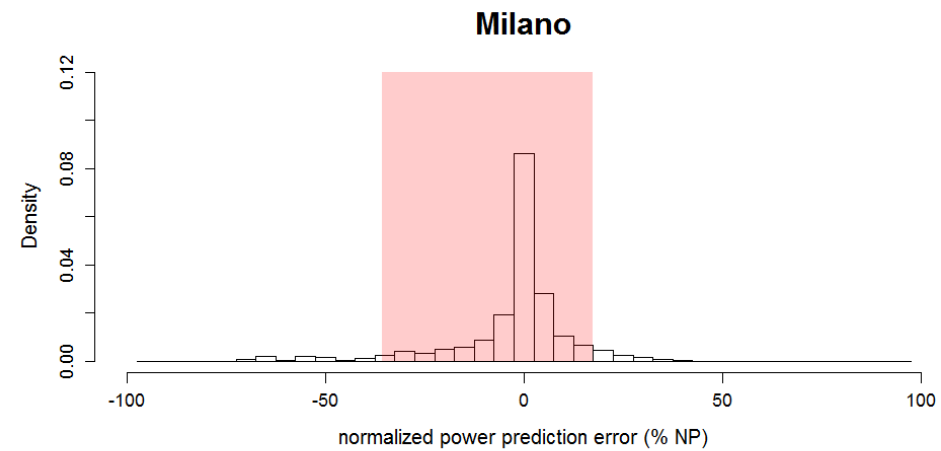
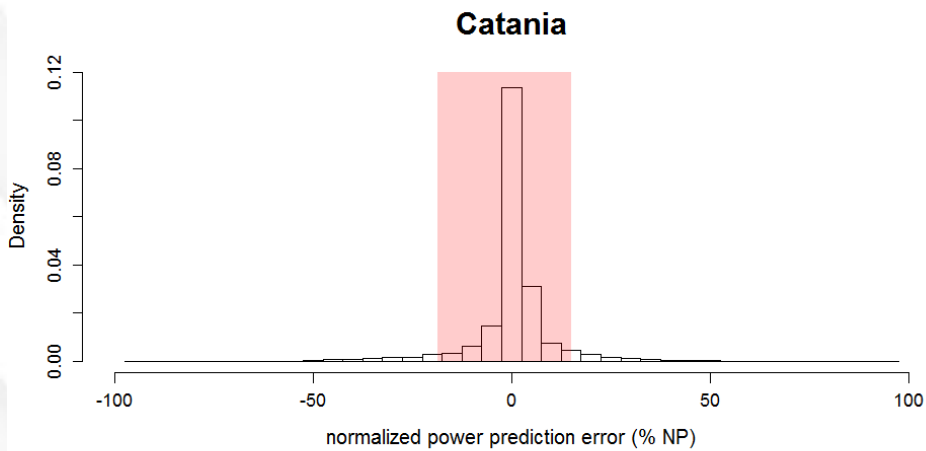
Diebold-Mariano statistic

- H0: the two models have the same forecast accuracy
- H1: 2nd model is less accurate than the 1st one
- p-value=0.961

Method used by id07

- Meteorological model: RAMS provided by COST
- Quantile regression in order to estimate a clear sky production, a clear sky irradiation and a medium temperature.
- Linear regression to explain the rate of clear sky production observed.
- No bias correction (not enough data)

Solar vs Wind, errors distributions (of best models)



Shaded area: 5%-95% interval

Conclusions



- Wind power prediction, best model performances: complex terrain MAE = 9.04%, flat terrain MAE = 9.45 %
- Using ECMWF global model data ($0.125^\circ \times 0.125^\circ$) of year 2010-2011 (plus post-processing) in a complex site has allowed to obtain the same performance as those obtained by a Limited Area Model of year 2001-2002 in a flat terrain site
- Solar power prediction best model performances: MAE = 5.5% (Catania, less pollution, greater mean irradiation) , MAE = 9.11% (more polluted)
- Solar PV energy seems to be more predictable than wind energy with lower MAE and narrower error distribution only for Catania solar farm
- Same winner for both solar plants (EDF, Christophe Chaussin)
- Same winner for both wind farms deterministic (Fraunhofer Institut, Jan Dobschinski), two for probabilistic (Norwegian Meteorological Institute, John Bremnes and INESC, Ricardo Bessa)