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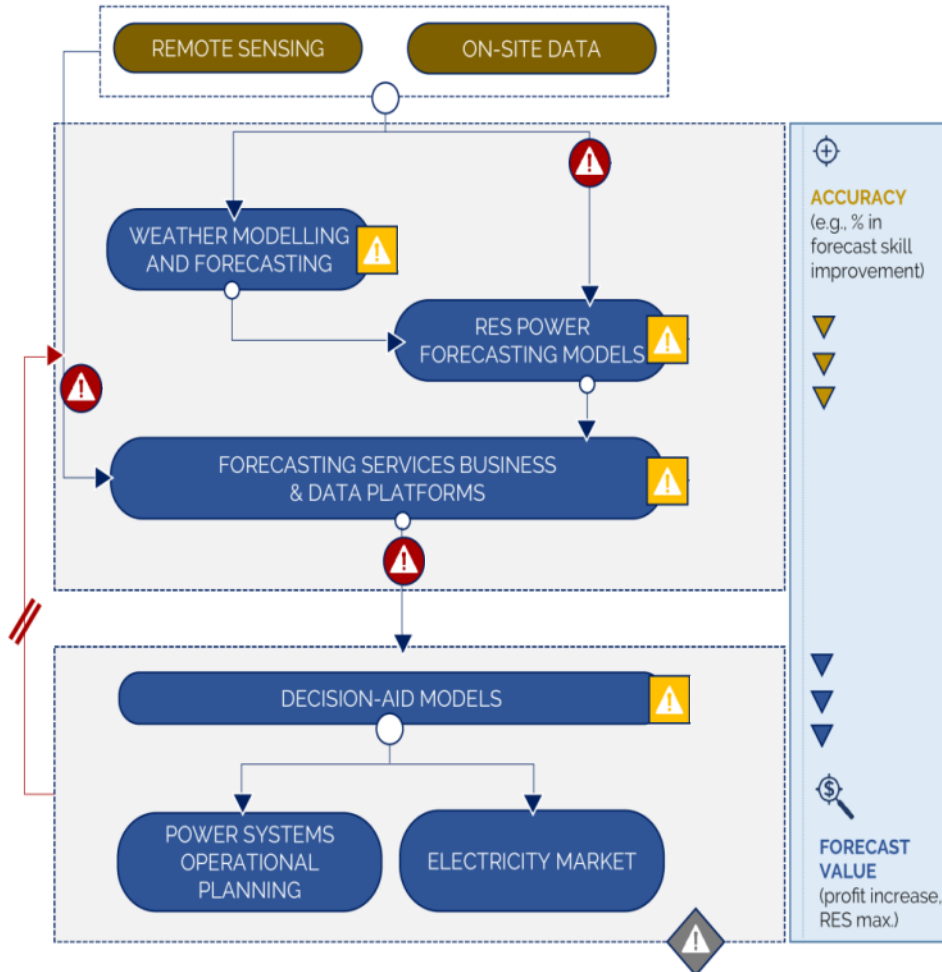


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1. The Smart4RES project



The typical RES forecasting model/value chain

Project vision: Achieve outstanding improvement in RES predictability through a **holistic approach**, that covers the whole model and value chain related to RES forecasting

Objectives:

- 1 **Requirements** for forecasting solutions to enable 100% RES penetration
- 2 **RES-dedicated weather forecasting** with 10-15% improvement using various sources of data and very high resolution approaches.
- 3 New generation of **RES production forecasting tools** enabling 15% improvement in performance.
- 4 **Streamline the process of getting optimal value** through new forecasting products, data market places, and novel business models
- 5 **New data-driven** optimisation and decision aid tools for power system management and market participation
- 6 **Validation of new models** in living labs and assessment of forecasting value vs remedies.

1. The Smart4RES project

- A multi-disciplinary consortium

6 countries
12 partners

End-users

Industry

Research

Universities

Meteorologists

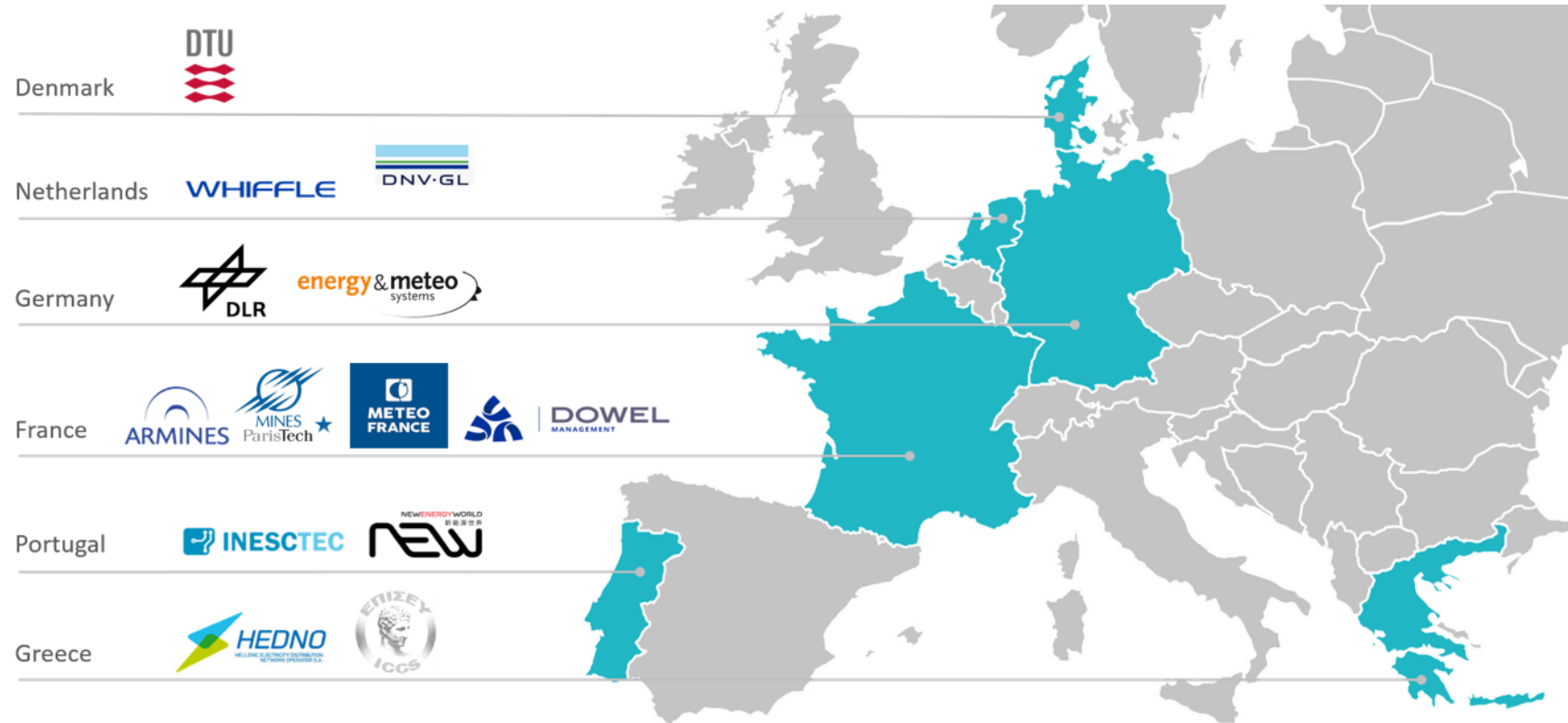
Funds: H2020

programme

Budget: 4 Mio€

Duration: 3.5 years

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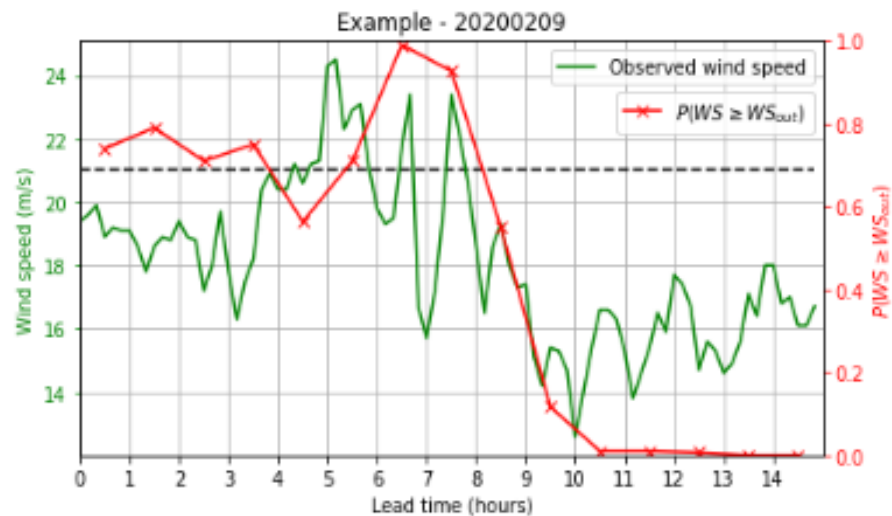


2. High-resolution weather forecasting

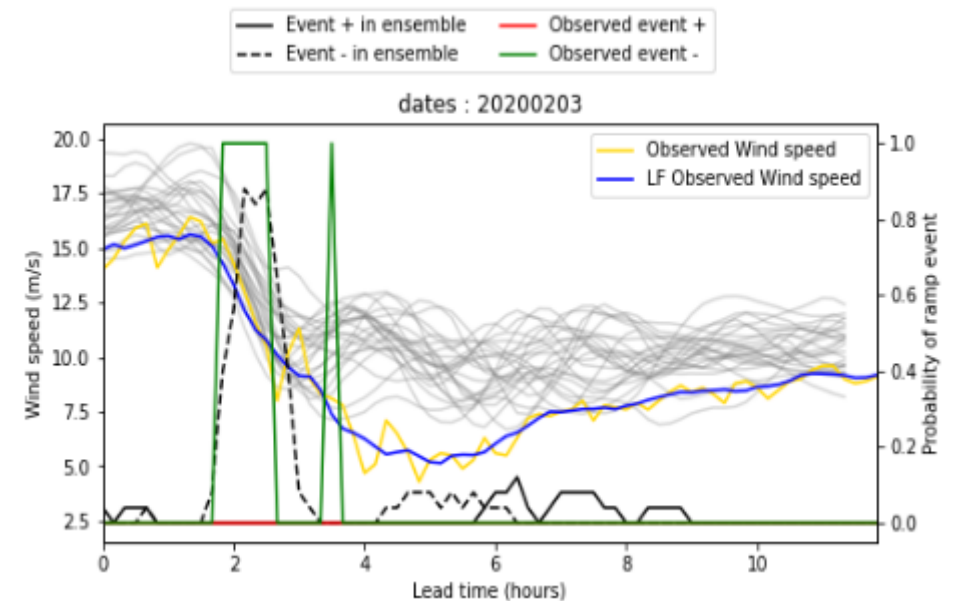
- Generation of high resolution ensembles (1km - 5min, MeteoFrance)

Derive different types of products, i.e.:

- Pseudo-deterministic Numerical Weather Predictions
- Forecasts for extreme situations (cut-out, ramps...).
- Applied to wind speed and direction at hub height (121 wind farms)



Cut-out probability



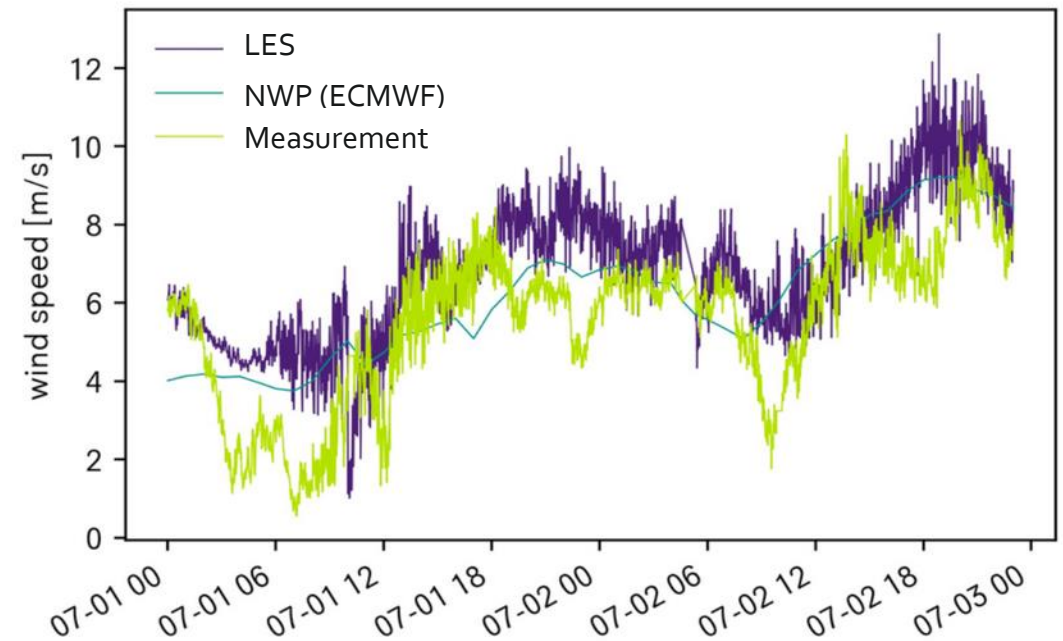
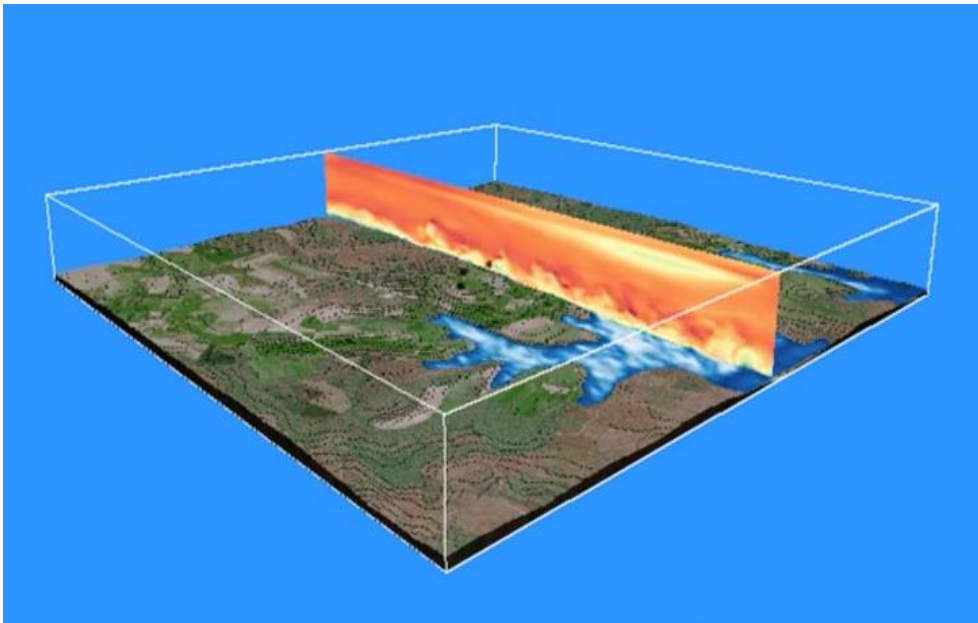
Ramp probability

- 15% improvement of RMSE compared to standard NWP model
- Forecasting products for specific situations, eg extremes or ramps

2. High-resolution weather forecasting

- Large Eddy Simulation provides local forecasts of wind speed and power (Whiffle)

Resolves turbulence, clouds/fog and effect of surface on **local weather conditions**, by numerical simulation over a much finer grid than conventional NWP (50m - 30sec resolution)

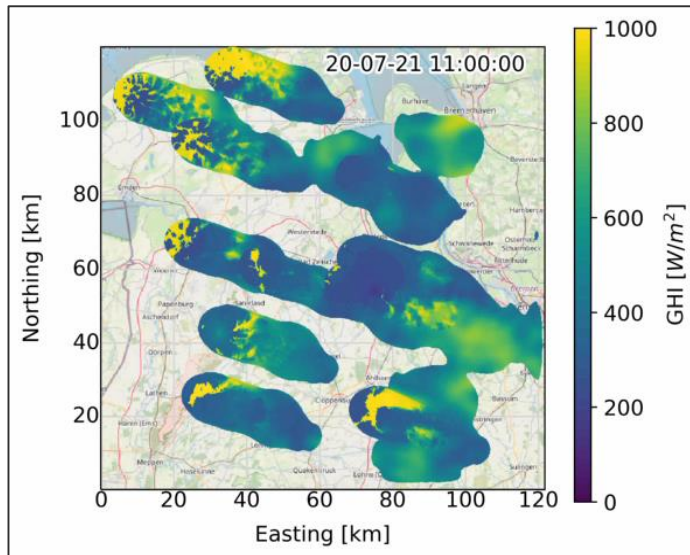


- Accurate modelling of turbulent fluctuations at timescales below 15 min
- New forecasting product for grid management and flexibility provision

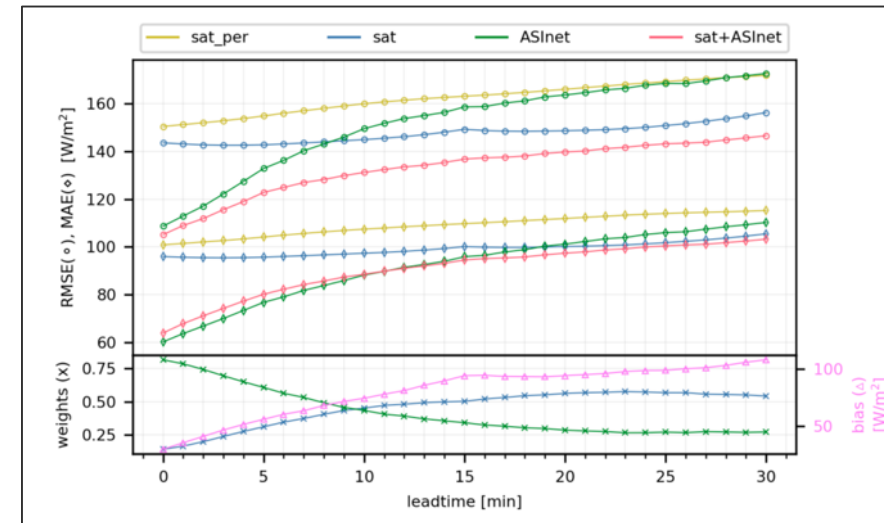
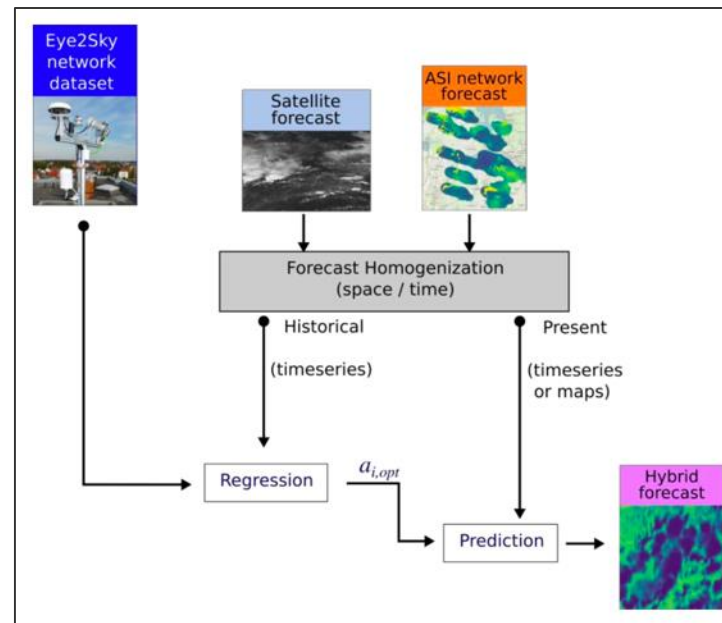
3. Seamless weather forecasting

- Regional high-resolution seamless solar irradiance forecasts up to 6 hours ahead

Irradiance maps from a network of All Sky Imagers (ASI)



Combination of multiple data sources for seamless forecasting



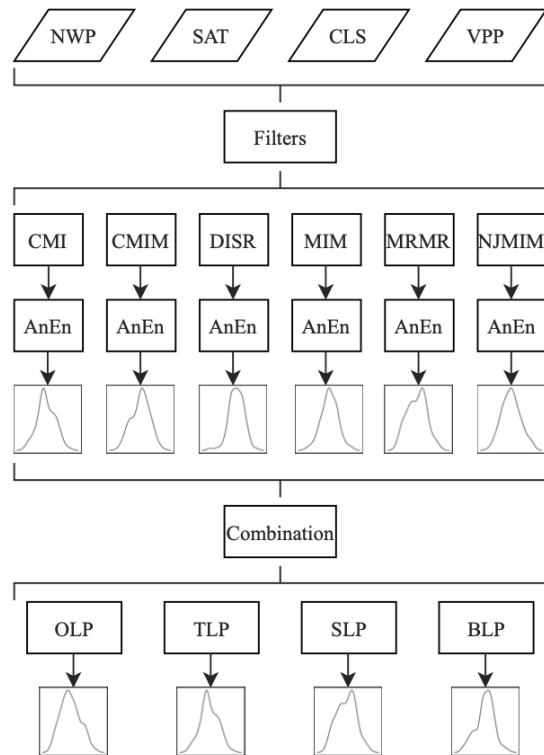
RMSE improvement of **10% - 12%** at 15min-ahead and 6h-ahead respectively compared to single data source

3. Seamless weather forecasting

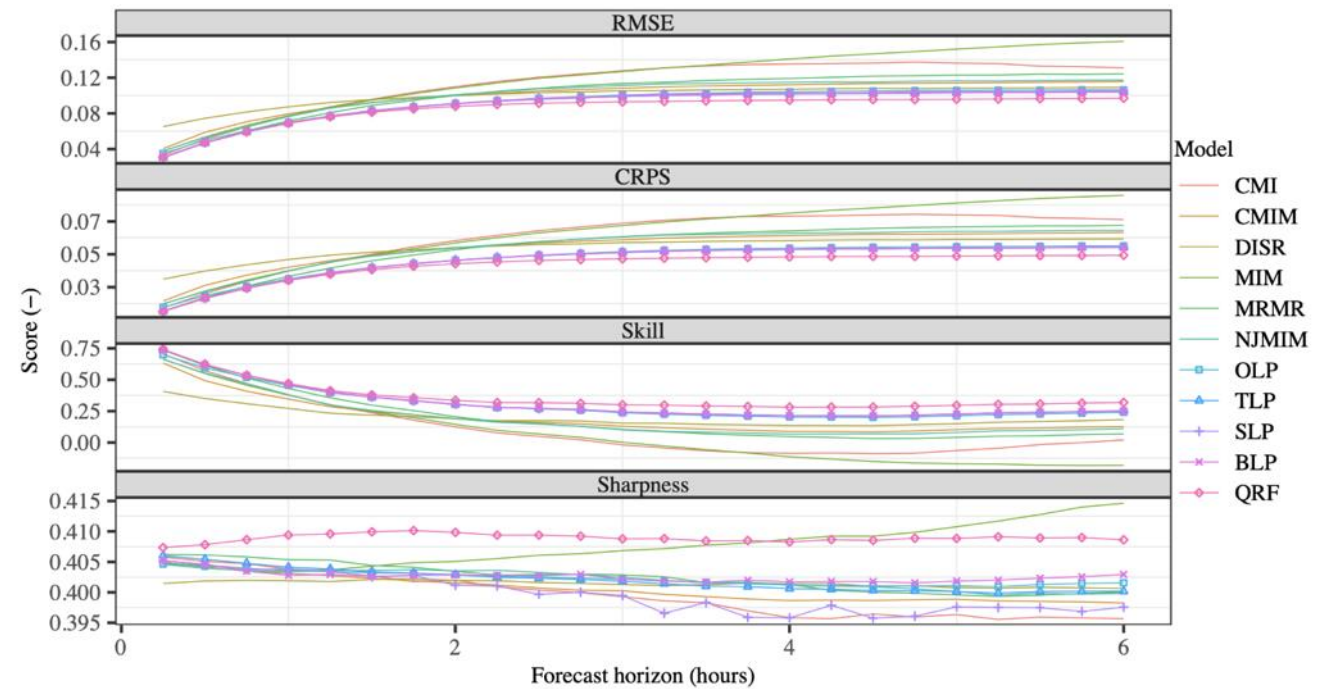
- Combination of multiple data source for seamless RES forecasting

Generic in terms of RES: eg. applicable to a Wind + PV Virtual Power Plant

Model workflow



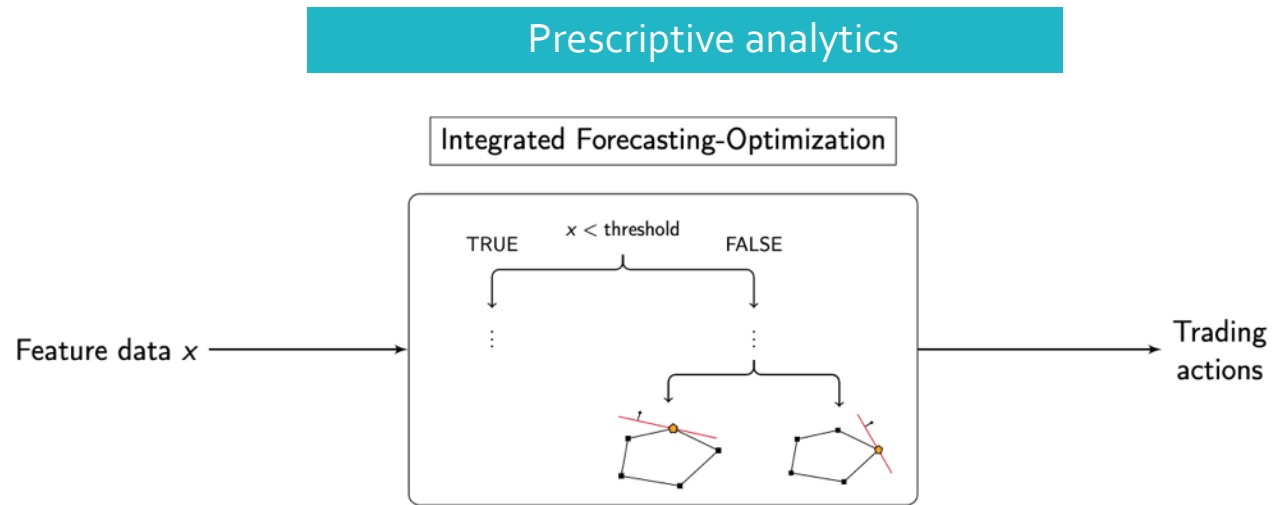
Obtained results



Similar performance to computationally-intensive models (eg QRF)

4. Integrated forecasting and optimization for RES applications

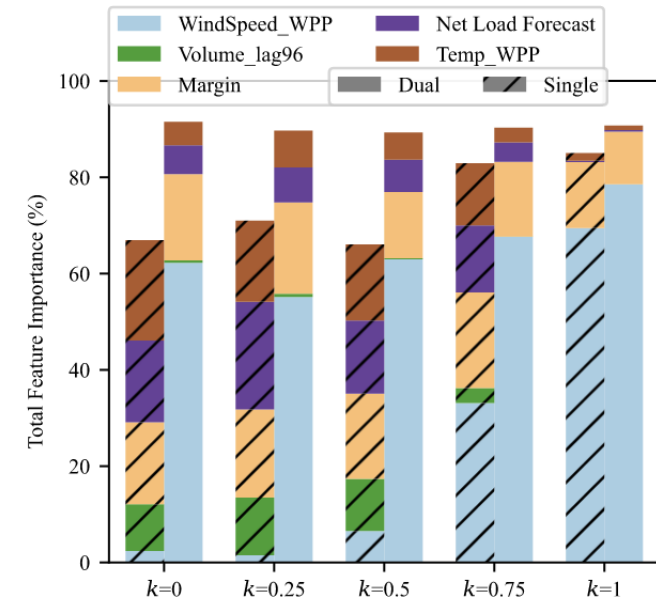
- Closing the loop between forecasting and optimization to improve prescriptive performance



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- Simplification of the decision-making model chain
- Allows explainability of decisions based on feature importance

Application to RES-VPP trading in the energy market



Standard regression
(expected RES production)

Optimal trading offer
(depends on imbalance pricing)

- **Smart4RES:** a multi-disciplinary approach to provide a next generation solutions for renewables forecasting and related decision making
- **High-resolution weather forecasts** provide detailed information about RES production variability at global and local scale
- **Seamless weather and renewable power forecasting** simplifies the forecasting modelling chain
- **Prescriptive analytics** integrate forecasting and optimization to further simplify modelling chains: derive decisions directly from data, robust methods against missing values etc.

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