Evaluation of analog-based post-processing in Croatia for the wind gust NWP

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- Master's thesis of Ivan Vujec (Vujec 2020), mentorship by Iris Odak Plenković
- NWP forecast correction with analog-based post-processing on locations where the measurements are available
- Analog method forecasts based on Delle Monache et al. 2011
- 3 variations: 1. regular analog method forecast AnEn,
 - 2. the variation with weight optimization **AnEnT**, and
 - 3. the variation with additional correction for high wind gusts **AnEnK**
- Measurements: 61 locations across the Republic of Croatia, hourly measurements of wind gusts (VMAX), 3 groups of stations
- NWP: ALADIN with a horizontal resolution of 4 km, 1-h lead-time interval, up to 72 h







• <u>Verification approach</u>:

- wind gusts as a <u>continuous</u> variable (RMSE decomposition by lead-time, month, overall)
- wind gusts as a <u>categorica</u>l variable (analysis of non-extreme (ETS, Fbias, and ROC curves) and extreme (EDI and frequency) events, summary measures (PCC and SEEPS)

• <u>Results</u>:

 Analog method almost always shows superiority to ALADIN model;



- ALADIN model does not distinguish the type of terrain as well as the analog method;
- All forecasts better model the bora than the sirocco wind, but relative improvement over NWP is better for the sirocco wind;
- AnEnK is usually the best variation, but the differences are small
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