



An outlook of Smart4RES and research perspectives for renewable energy forecasting

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Context



- Short-term (minutes-days ahead) forecasts of renewable generation (wind, solar) (RES) are necessary for a secure and economic operation of power systems.
- Forecasting solutions are used operationally by all stakeholders.
- However, large forecast errors may occur with a high financial/technical impact.
- Improving forecasting accuracy has been a continuous requirement by end users.



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The Smart₄RES project in a nutshell



A multi-disciplinary consortium



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

Objectives (& take aways)

- Methods to extract the value out of data through data sharing and data market concepts
- Advanced weather modelling & forecasting adapted to the energy sector
- New RES forecasting tools which, by design, are not only optimized to maximize accuracy, but also other properties, like simplicity, resilience, robustness, value in applications.
- A new generation of AI-based tools to simplify decision making of operators like meta-forecasting and prescriptive analytics .

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Recommendations for future research directions



- A list of 14 recommendations were identified for future research on RES forecasting
- These are presented in a SLIDO poll. You are invited to select the 3-4 you consider as most important.

• At the end of the session we will present and discuss the results.



- 1. Research towards RES-dedicated weather forecast products.
- 2. Higher temporal resolution and frequency of updates for classical NWPs.
- 3. Ultra high spatio-temporal resolution modelling of weather variables (i.e. Large Eddy Simulations).
- 4. Advanced techniques for combination of multiple sources of data for RES forecasting.
- 5. Towards digital twins of the weather system (i.e. Destination Earth).
- 6. Better forecasting of extreme situations (ramps, fog, snow, icing, lightnings,...)
- 7. Improve seasonal forecasting and associated uncertainty
- NWP: Numerical Weather Predictions
- AS: Ancillary services.

Recommendations for future research directions (2/2)



- 8. Forecasting RES production under external constraints (curtailments due to congestions, AS provision, noise, birds...).
- 9. Collaborative forecasting based on privacy/confidentiality preserving data sharing.
- **10**. Go beyond "accuracy-oriented" RES forecasting to "value-oriented" forecasting.
- **11.** Develop tools to compile heterogenous forecast information (scenarios, ramps etc) to simplify decision making by operators.
- 12. End-to-end interpretable AI-based approaches, like prescriptive analytics, to simplify the classic model chain "Forecast then Optimise" to "Joint Forecasting and Optimisation".
- **13**. Promote knowledge sharing and open code and data to be able to verify academic contributions.
- **14**. Work towards standardisation of RES forecasting products.



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Smart4RES Final Conference

Session 1: General overview

- Keynote speech 'EU's research and innovation priorities on renewable energy', M. Soede (DG Research and Innovation, European Commission)
- Evolution of the state of the art and The Smart4RES project in a nutshell, G. Kariniotakis (MINES Paris)

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Session 2: Advances in Weather Modelling

- RES-dedicated weather forecasting models, Q. Libois (Météo France)
- High-resolution weather models Large Eddy Simulation (LES): the future, R. Verzijlbergh (Whiffle)
- Improvement of solar forecasting through the use of multi-source observations, J. Lecaza (DLR)

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Session 3: Next Generation RES Forecasting

- Improved RES models in particular weather conditions, M. Lange (EMSYS)
- Data driven methods for minute-scale wind power and structural load forecasts using Lidars, T. Göçmen (DTU)
- How to simplify RES forecasting using a seamless approach, D. van der Meer (MINES Paris)

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 Lindberg O, Lingfors D, Arnqvist J, van der Meer D, Munkhammar J. Day-ahead probabilistic forecasting at a colocated wind and solar power park in Sweden: Trading and forecast verification. Advances in Applied Energy. 2023 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.adapen.2022.100120.
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Renewable energy forecasting: results of the Smart4RES project and future research directions.



ANNEX



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