

# Assimilation of Wind Power Data to Improve Numerical Weather Prediction and Wind Power Prediction

Erstellung innovativer **Wetter-** und **Leistungsprognosemodelle**  
für die **Netzintegration** wetterabhängiger **Energieträger**

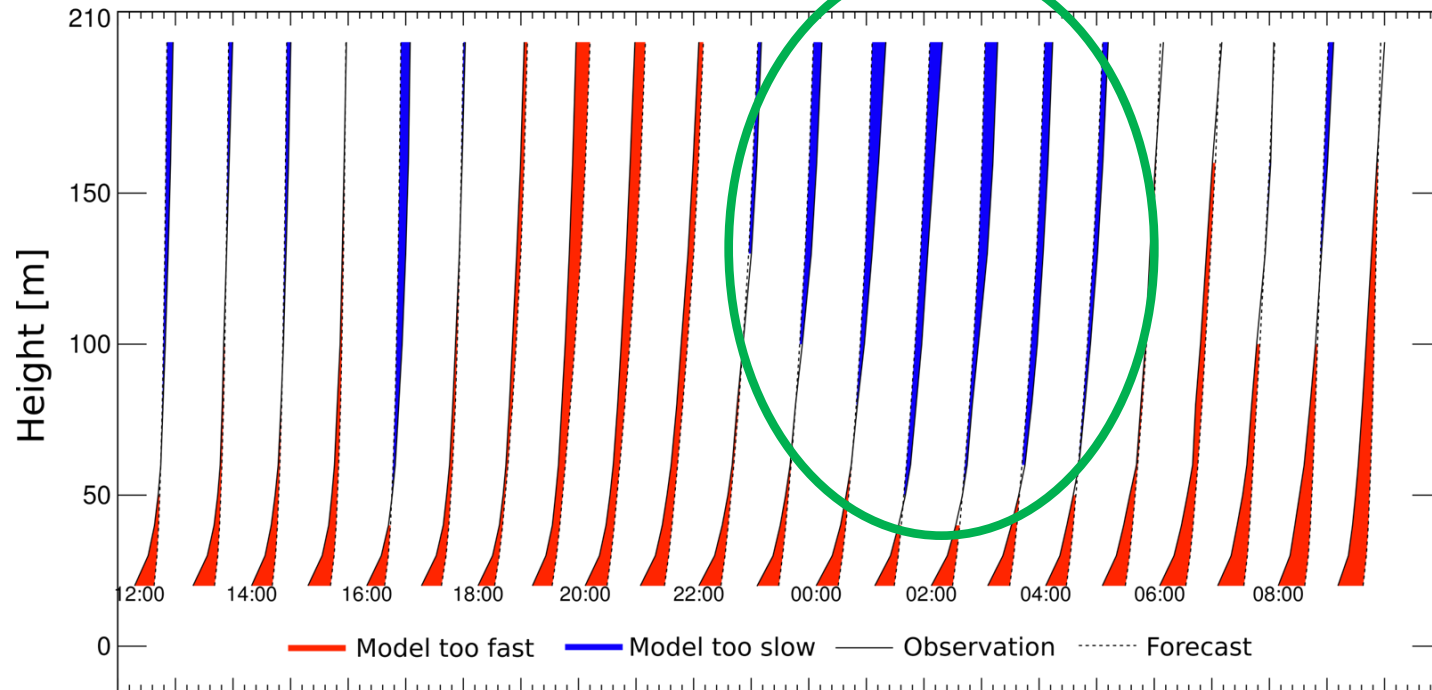
*EWeLiNE* 

- Eine Kooperation von Meteorologie und Energiewirtschaft -

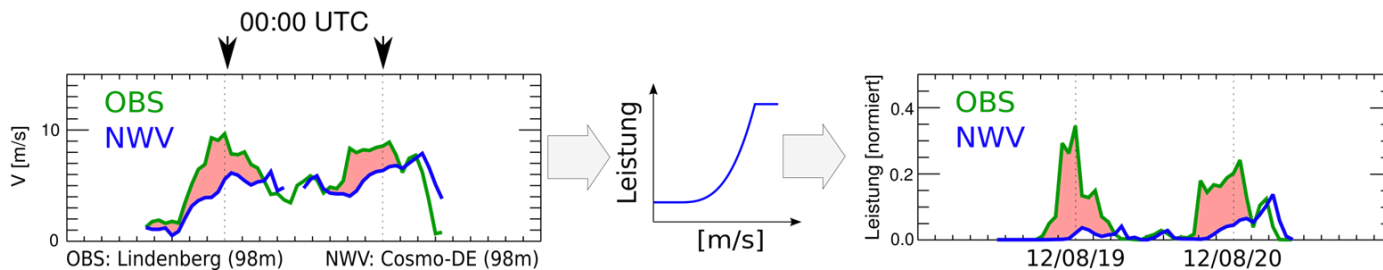
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Mean vertical wind profiles, COSMO-DE, KH, 2012080112 - 2012083112



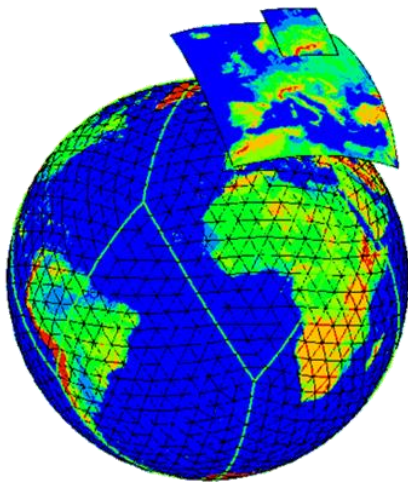
Wind speed [1m/s]



Source: Andrea Streiner, DWD

# Who is EWeLiNE?

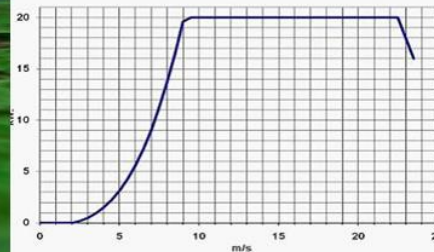
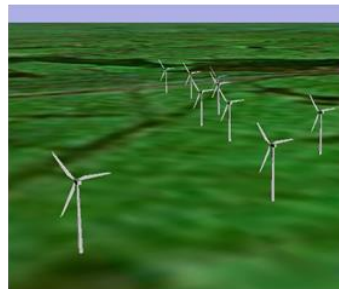
**Weather forecasts**  
(wind, radiation fluxes,...)



Deutscher Wetterdienst  
Wetter und Klima aus einer Hand



**Post-processing Transformation in power**

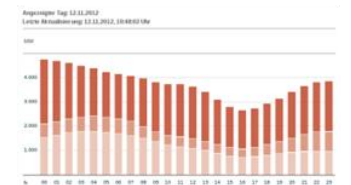


Taking into account effects of e.g.:

- atmospheric stability
  - orography
  - wakes



**Power forecasts for decision making processes**



# Agenda

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2. KENDA



3. Impact-Study



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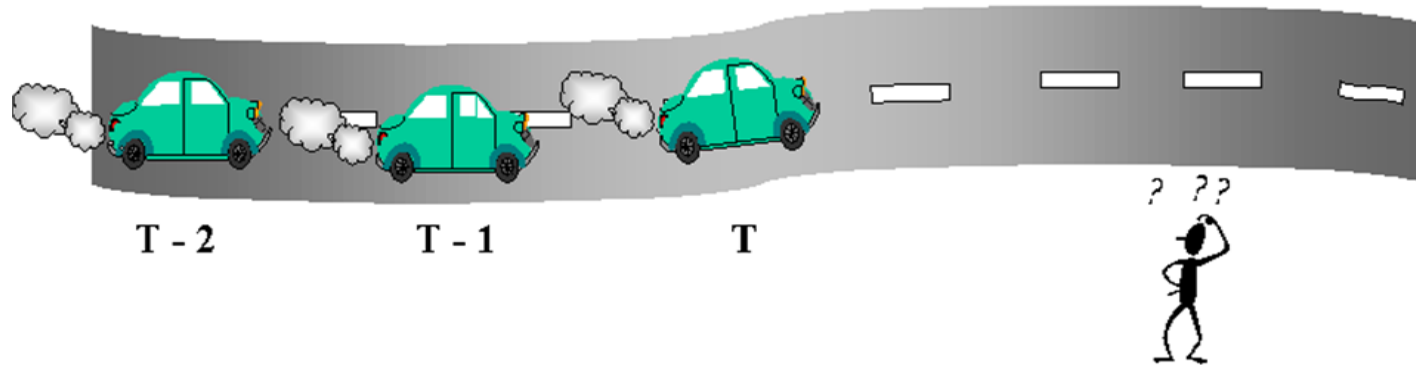


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## Forecast: Can I cross the street without getting hit?



### Information used:

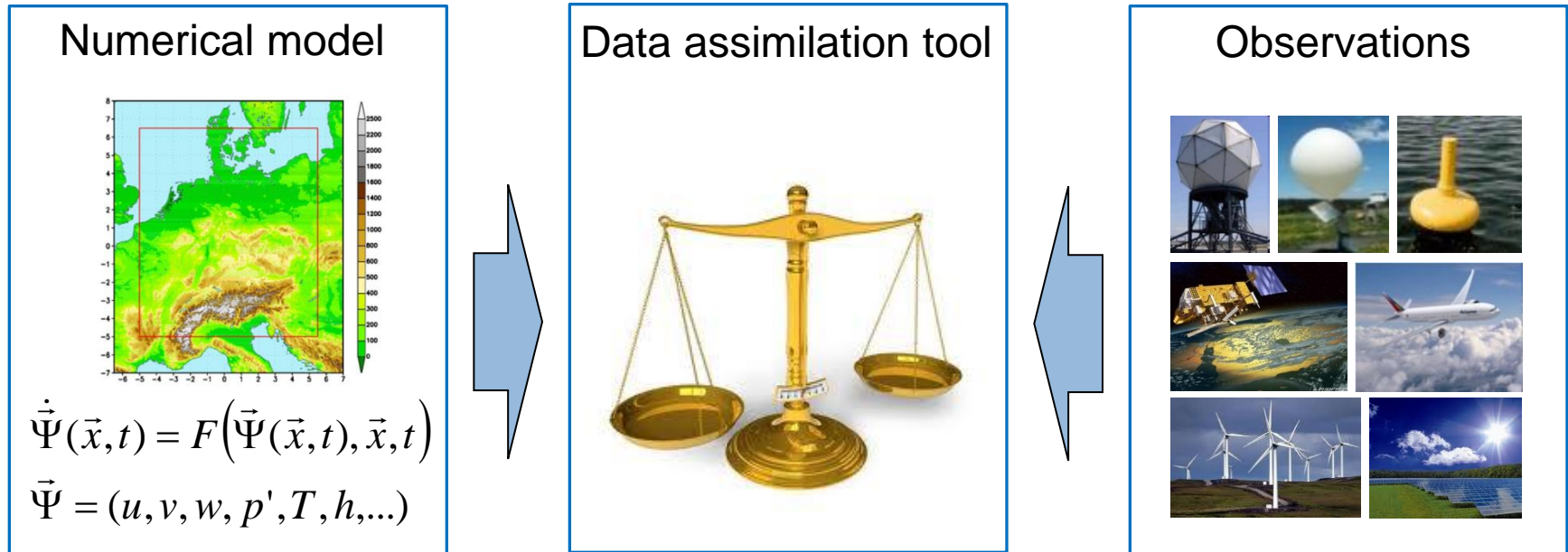
- Observations
- Knowledge about cars, street, etc
- Experience → statistics

### Forecast errors due to:

- Observation (estimation) errors
- Model errors (icy street)
- Case does not match statistics



# Weather forecast



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2. **KENDA**



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# KENDA – Kilometer-scale Ensemble Data Assimilation

- Priority program within COSMO
- Core: **L**ocal **E**nsemble **T**ransform **K**alman **F**ilter
  - **L**ocal: includes only observations within localization radius
  - **E**nsemble **T**ransform: works in ensemble space
  - **K**alman **F**ilter: tracks means and covariances
- KENDA: LETKF for the nonhydrostatic COSMO-DE model of DWD
- Implementation following *Hunt et al., 2007*
- Goal: compute a best-fit initial state for the next model integration step



# LETKF

- Basic Idea: perform the analysis in the space of the ensemble perturbations
  - computationally efficient, but also restricted to do corrections to space spanned by the ensemble
  - explicit localization
  - analysis ensemble members are local linear combinations of the first guess ensemble members

Cost function to minimize in space  $S$

$$J(x) = X^b P^{b-1} X^{bT} + [y^o - H(x)]^T \underline{\underline{R^{-1}}} [y^o - H(x)]$$

minimize in ensemble subspace  $\tilde{S}$

$$\bar{w}^a = \tilde{P}^a Y^{bT} R^{-1} (y^o - \bar{y}^b) = K (y^o - \bar{y}^b)$$

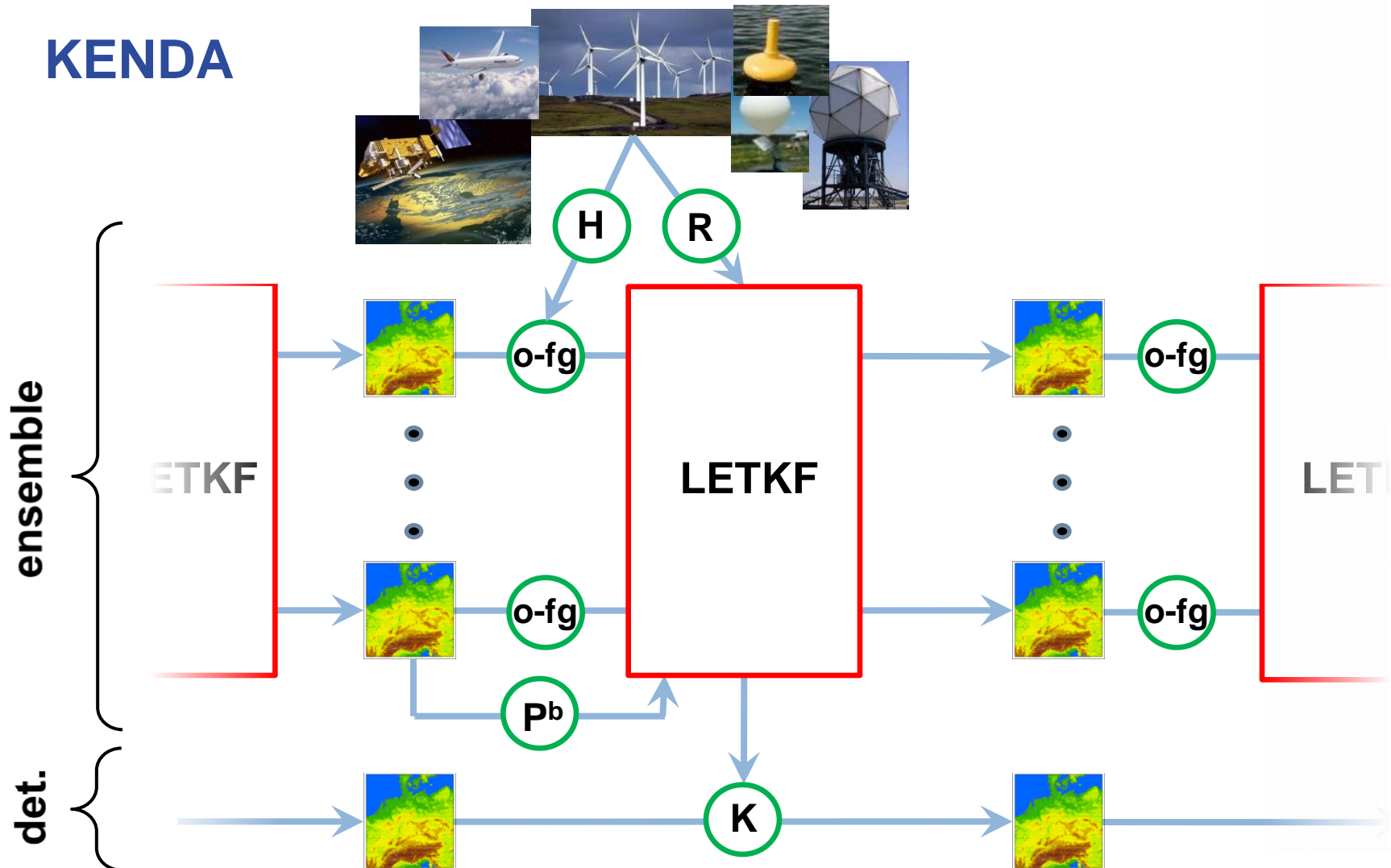
$$\tilde{P}^a = \left[ (k-1)I + Y^{bT} R^{-1} Y^b \right]^{-1}$$

transform to observation space

$$x^{a(i)} = \bar{x}^b + X^b w^{a(i)} \quad P^a = X^b \tilde{P}^a X^{bT}$$

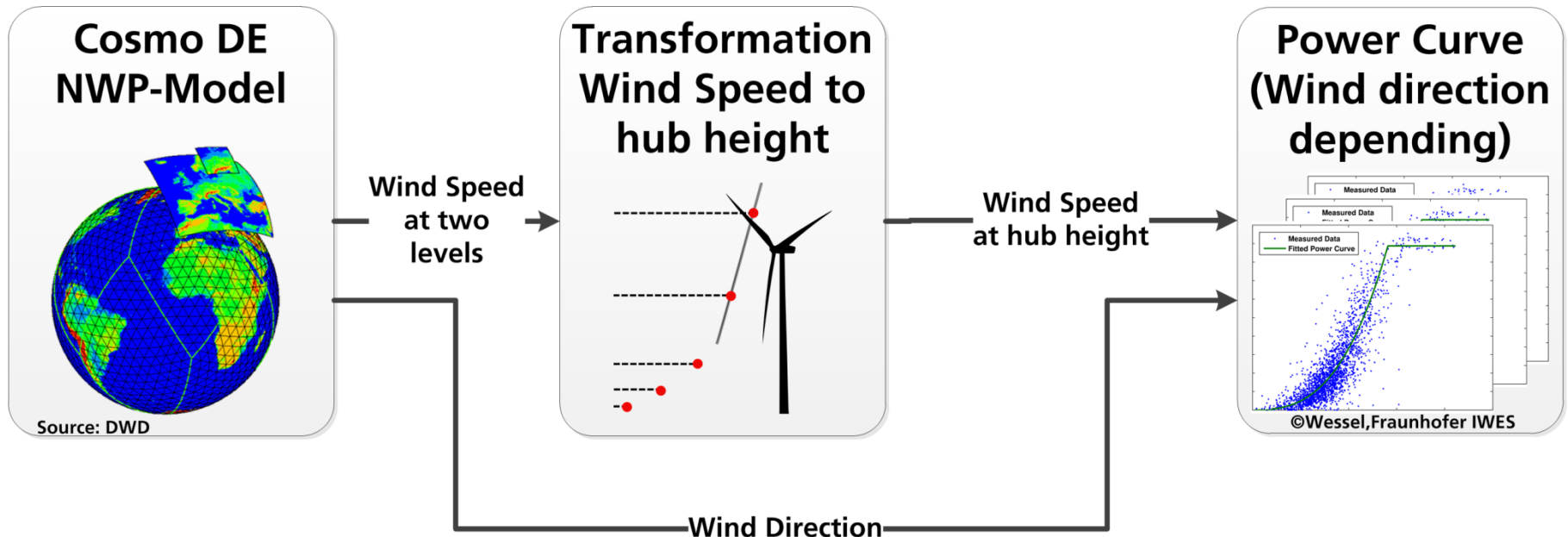


# KENDA





# Wind Power Forward Operator – Process Chain





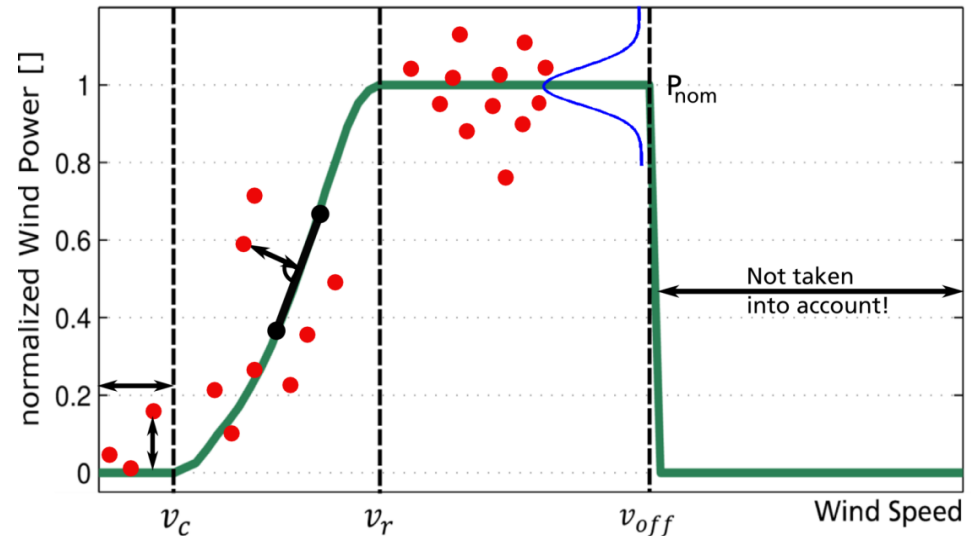
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- Wind speed/direction from COSMO-DE Analysis
- Power observations

Cost function 
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- Constraints
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  - Kernel density approach for nominal power estimation



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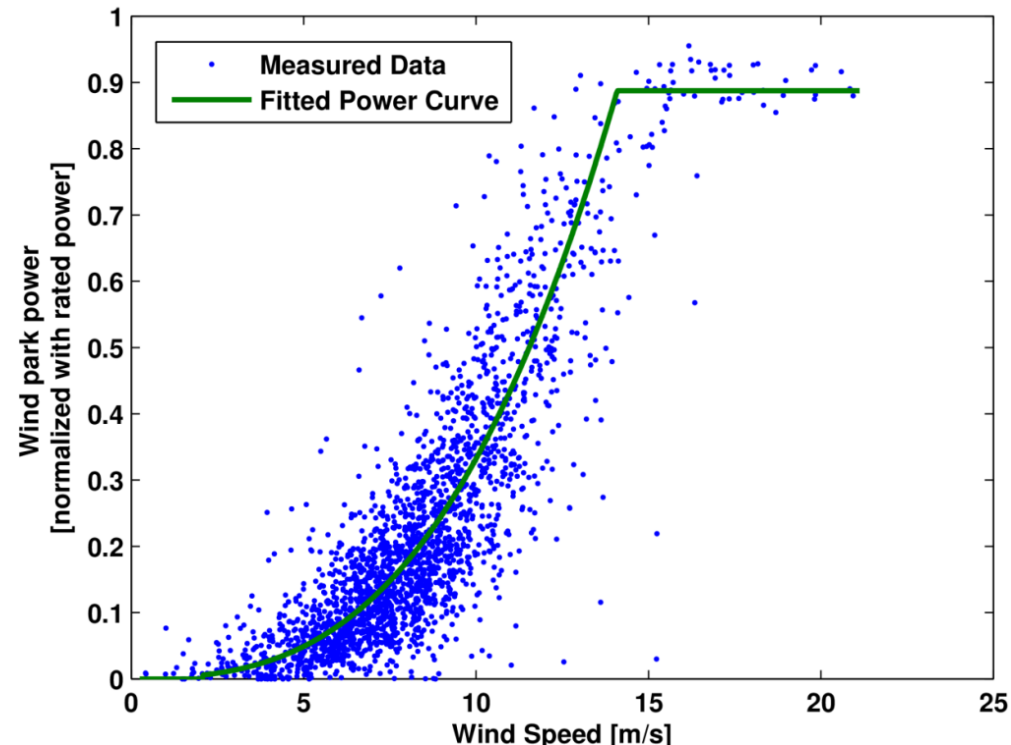
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Example: Power curve for reference wind farm.

Valid for wind direction sector  $190^\circ - 250^\circ$ ,  
RMSE=10.1%.

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# OSSE

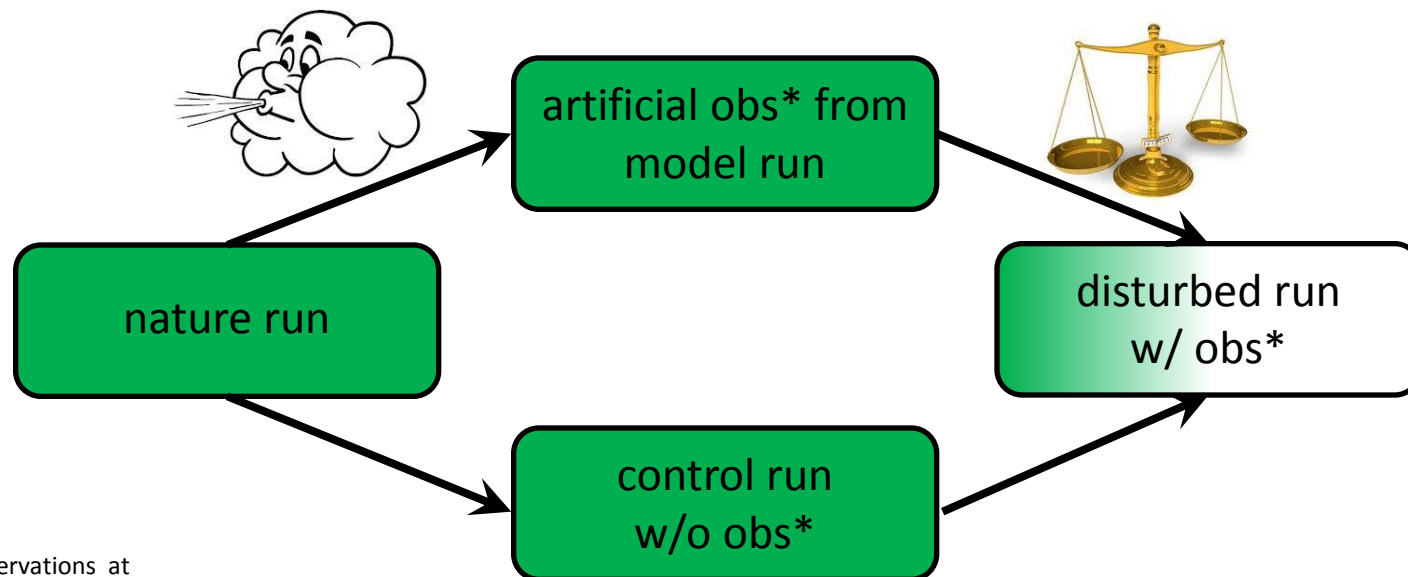
- What: **O**bservation **S**ystem **S**imulation **E**xperiment
- Goal: Test the impact of newly available observations in the data assimilation
- Method: assimilate artificial observations in slightly perturbed truth
- Advantages:
  - Truth is known exactly
  - All generated atmospheric fields can be used as observations
  - Observation system can be altered easily
    - Observation errors
    - Observation densities
    - Temporal resolution/delay





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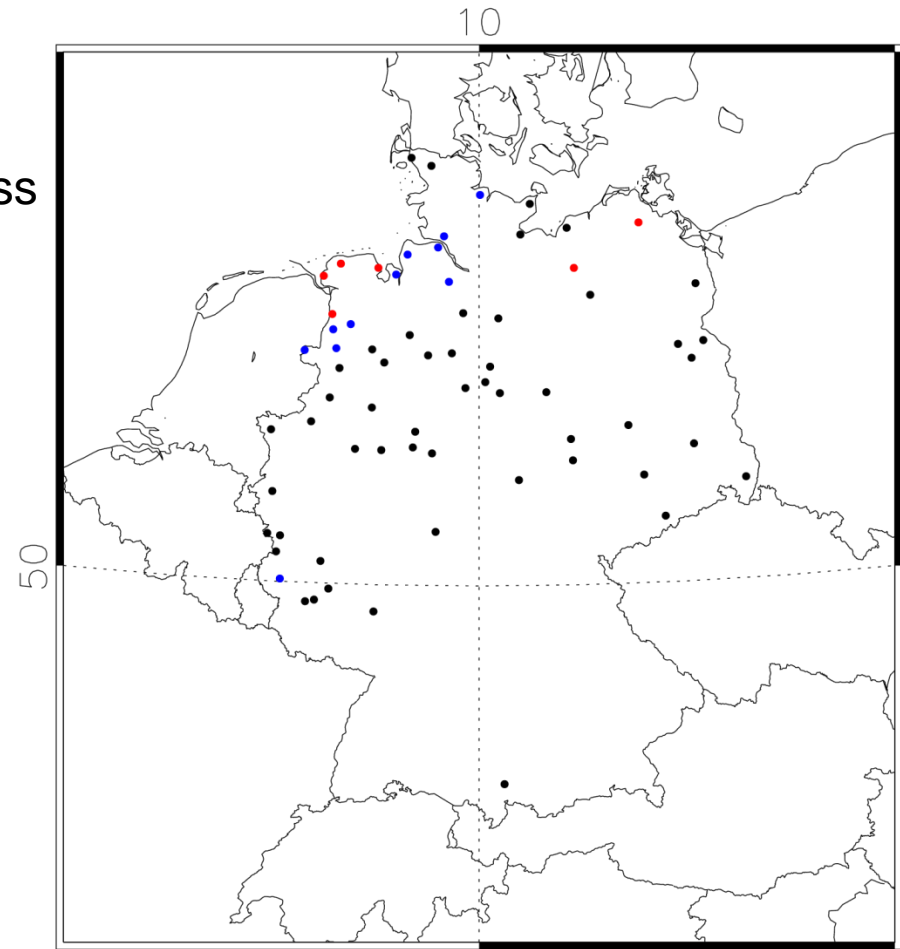
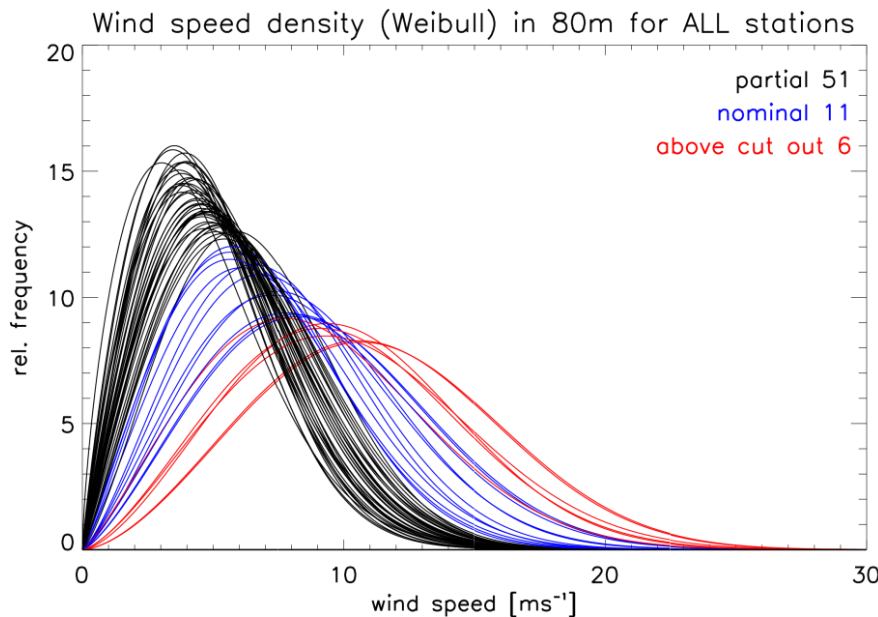
\* obs: wind observations at average wind farm hub height



Wind power observation coverage  
Date: 2013/07/07 Time: 00 UTC

# OSSE – Settings

- 68 reference wind farm sites
- Average hub heights, farm point of mass
- 15min resolution/10min delay
- Observation error 2 ms<sup>-1</sup>



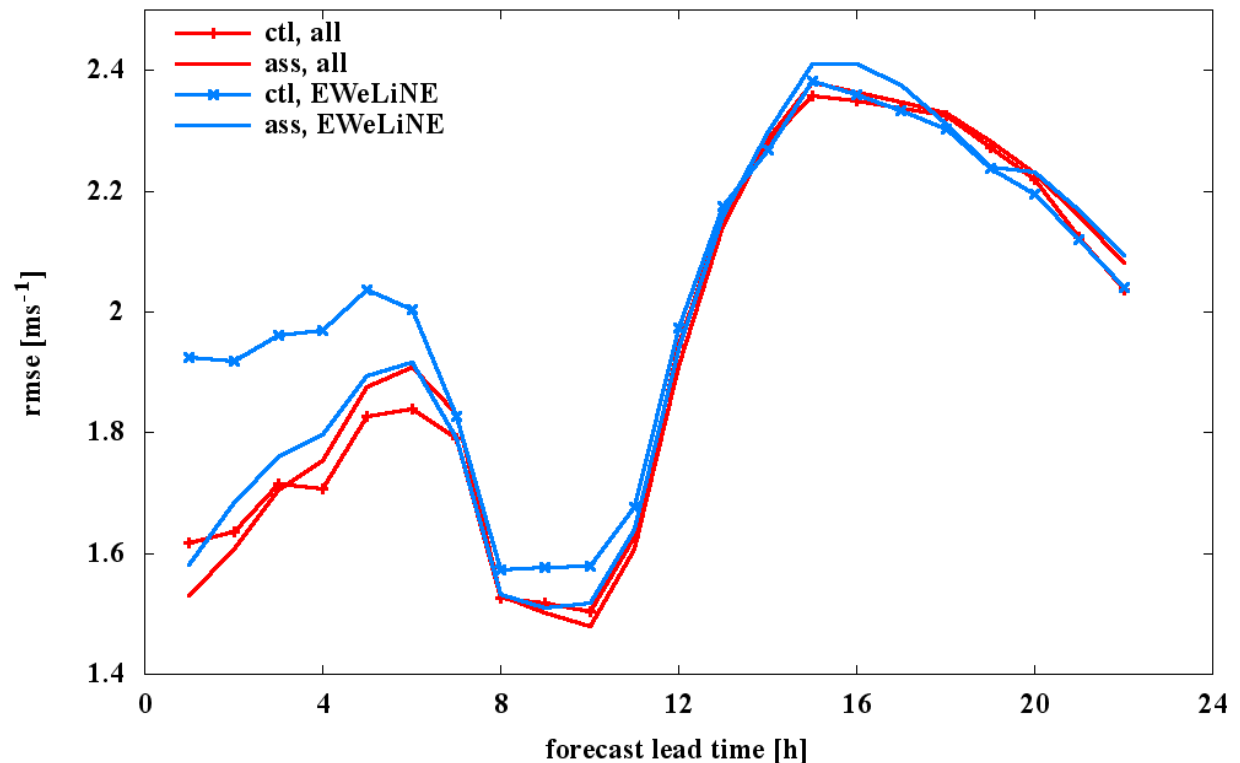
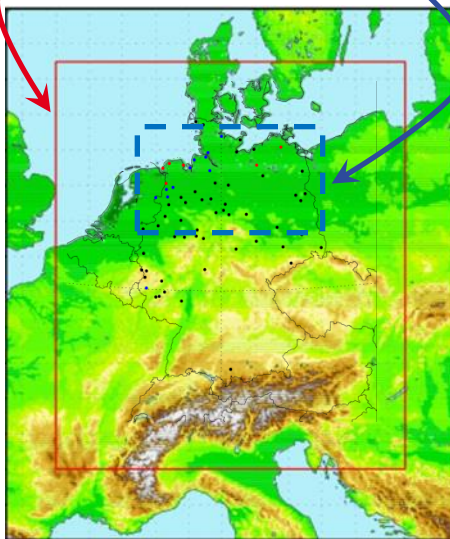


# OSSE – Observation System Simulation Experiment

➤ Preliminary Results for 2013062100 - 2013062918, 0UTC free forecast

Area-averaged and forecast time-averaged rmse in 100m

Computational domain  
analysis region



## Conclusion

- Data assimilation and KENDA
  - Generate improved initial conditions for free forecast using observations
  - KENDA: LETKF data assimilation scheme in COSMO-DE
  - Forward operator: spline-based dependency function in progress
- Impact study OSSE
  - Visible positive impact of EWeLiNE winds
  - Impact persists over up to 6 hours of free forecast
  - Work in progress going on:
    - Alter observation density
    - Add more atmospheric fields to assimilation to mimic SCADA data



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Thank you for your attention!