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Validation procedure in general

- Mesoscale modelling using WRF
  - Model setup
  - Reanalysis data
  - Elevation grid
  - Roughness grid
  - Predictions: mesoscale world

- Downscaling procedure
  - From mesoscale to generalised wind climate (PWC to GWC)
  - Wind potential over a flat, featureless, uniform world...

- Numerical wind atlas for SA
  - GWC presented as LIB files
  - Horizontal resolution 5 km

- Microscale modelling using WAsP
  - Model setup
  - Generalised wind climates
  - Elevation map
  - Roughness map
  - Predictions: microscale world

- Microscale modelling
  - From generalised to predicted wind climate (GWC to PWC)

- Measurements @ WASA sites
  - OWC @ several heights

- Validation procedure
  - Comparing OWC and PWC at all WASA mast sites
Meso- and microscale maps
WRF 5-km simulated winds

WASA2, mean wind speed (m/s)  Oct 2005 - Sept 2013
Wind Atlas for South Africa masts
Validation – WASA1 winds @ 62 m \((z_0 = 3 \text{ cm})\)

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>WASA mast</th>
<th>Observed wind (U_0) [ms(^{-1})]</th>
<th>WASA1 wind (U_1) [ms(^{-1})]</th>
<th>(U_1 - U_0)%</th>
<th>WASA2 wind (U_2) [ms(^{-1})]</th>
<th>(U_2 - U_0)%</th>
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Validation procedure for WASA 2 masts

- Numerical wind atlas for SA
  - GWC from 5-km LIB files
- Microscale modelling @ each mast
  - WAsP 12 default setup
    - Adapted GWC heights
  - Generalised wind climates
    - Four for each site
  - Elevation map
    - Nine different tested
    - SRTM3+ used for all
  - Roughness map
    - Five different tested
    - No $z_0$ discretisation
Elevation data summary

Reference is the SUDEM data set

- The NGI ORT files (25-m DEM)
  - Small bias and spread
  - Adequate for flow modelling
  - Some issues comparing tiles

- SRTM3 & SRTM1 (3-/1-sec DSM)
  - Some bias, but small spread
  - Adequate for flow modelling

- CGIAR-CSI & SA20 (20-m contours)
  - Some bias and larger spread
  - Caution when flow modelling

- ASTER (1-sec DEM)
  - Large bias and large spread
  - Not adequate for flow modelling

| Data set          | $|\Delta z|$ | $\sigma_{\Delta z}$ |
|-------------------|------------|----------------------|
| NGI ORT           | -0.32      | 1.65                 |
| SRTM3 GL3         | +1.45      | 1.56                 |
| SRTM3 v2.1        | +1.45      | 1.56                 |
| SRTM1 GL3         | +1.46      | 1.92                 |
| SRTM3 CSI         | +1.89      | 5.31                 |
| SA20              | -1.65      | 3.59                 |
| ASTER             | -2.86      | 8.55                 |

- WASA site elevation maps
  - 40 x 40 km²: 20-m contours
  - 20 x 20 km²: 10-m contours
  - 10 x 10 km²: 5-m contours
# Land cover and roughness length

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<th>Class number</th>
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WM14 Memel input data
**WM11 Rhodes (EC)**

- Elevation = 2575 m
- Elevation range = 1280-2980 m
- Roughness range = 0-1.0 m
- Ruggedness index = 11%
WM11 Rhodes (EC)

- Elevation = 2575 m
- Elevation range = 1280-2980 m
- Roughness range = 0-1.0 m
- Ruggedness index = 11%
WM12 Eston (NL)

- Elevation = 770 m
- Elevation range = 220-1060 m
- Roughness range = 0-1.0 m
- Ruggedness index = 0%
WM13 Jozini (NL)

- Elevation = 80 m
- Elevation range = 40-720 m
- Roughness range = 0-1.0 m
- Ruggedness index = 0%
WM14 Memel (FS)

- Elevation = 2045 m
- Elevation range = 1270-2330 m
- Roughness range = 0.05-0.40 m
- Ruggedness index = 2%
**WM15 Winburg (FS)**

- Elevation = 1505 m
- Elevation range = 1340-1720 m
- Roughness range = 0-1.0 m
- Ruggedness index = 0%
### WASA 2 validation: nearest LIB file method

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<th>$U_1 - U_0$ [%]</th>
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WASA 2 validation: average of 4 LIB files method

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WASA Phase 2 summary and conclusions

- Generalised wind climates (WASA 2 LIB files)
  - Four nearest LIB files give similar results, except in complex terrain
  - Nearest LIB method gives lowest spread, but slightly higher bias
  - Sum of 4 LIBs gives lowest bias, but slightly higher spread
  - LIB interpolation tool available in WAsP 12

- Elevation maps
  - SRTM3+ and 2.1 are excellent global data sets
  - NGI ORT files seem to work very well in South Africa
  - Caution: USGS GDEX, CGIAR-CSI, SA20, ASTER

- Roughness maps
  - GlobCover and ESACCI seem to work best in WASA 2
  - GlobCover gives lowest spread, but slightly higher bias
  - ESACCI gives lowest bias, but slightly higher spread
  - ESACCI is likely the data set we will employ for WASA 2 final runs
Conclusions and further work

- WASA 1 masts validation
  - Mean bias 0%
  - MAPE 5%

- WASA 2 masts validation
  - Mean bias –6% to 2%
  - MAPE 6% to 9%
  - Spread 4% to 11%

- WASA 2 and 3 focus areas
  - Land cover data
  - Land cover to roughness tables
  - Long-term extrapolation
  - Atmospheric stability
  - Adaptation of modelling
  - Uncertainty modelling
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