Special Issue

Advances in the Use of Crowdsourced Data in Numerical Weather Prediction

Message from the Guest Editors

As the spatial resolution of numerical weather prediction (NWP) models increases steadily so does the need for weather observations for data assimilation or validation purposes. Since the installation and maintenance of new professional meteorological observing equipment is costly and expensive, it is much more convenient to exploit existing information with observations from non-conventional sources. Examples of data sources include smartphones, personal weather stations, cellular communication networks, and vehicles. Although they are much more available, such data are often less accurate and representative than traditional meteorological observations; therefore, quality control is crucial when using crowdsourced data. The ultimate goal is the improvement of nowcasting forecasts of hazardous weather. This Special Issue aims to give an overview of the sources of non-conventional data and provide a focus on their use in the most recent NWP applications. Manuscripts on all aspects of crowdsourced data are welcome for this Special Issue, including case studies, measurement campaigns, validation, and data assimilation.

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