



## Supplement of

## Weather type reconstruction using machine learning approaches

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### **S1. Predictor correlations**



**Figure S1**: Correlations between variables used for the model comparison including the weather types (CAP9\_mch). Shown are pearson correlations for the SMD station set with 11 stations as used by Schwander et al. (2017)

# S2. Multinomial logistic regression (MLG) model coefficients and fitted relationships

**Table S1**: Coefficients  $\beta_n$  of the six MLG predictands (PP\_MIL = sea level pressure Milan, PP\_PAR = sea level pressure Paris, TT\_PRA = temperature Prague, TT\_STK = temperature Stockholm, Pdiff\_MIL = pressure gradient Milan and Pdiff\_STK = pressure gradient Stockholm) for each CAP9 class. Class one is taken as reference. All predictands are highly significant (not shown).

Class	Intercept	PP_MIL	PP_PAR	TT_PRA	тт_ѕтк	Pdiff_MIL	Pdiff_STK
2	686.3291	-0.0633	-0.6142	0.1239	-0.1066	-0.0765	-0.0810
3	-998.7799	1.0667	-0.0846	-0.0116	-0.0506	-0.0334	-0.0330
4	-1352.5444	0.9168	0.4126	-0.2003	0.1352	0.0356	0.0510
5	-2597.8647	2.0411	0.5076	-0.3536	0.1913	0.0164	0.0499
6	1334.6536	-0.9174	-0.4009	0.0436	-0.0416	-0.0270	-0.0285
7	2034.2208	-0.9707	-1.0427	0.2170	-0.1497	-0.1160	-0.1034
8	-4061.5719	2.9962	0.9768	-0.6759	0.3139	0.0585	0.0834
9	2957.1726	-1.7344	-1.1998	0.2361	-0.1795	-0.0607	-0.0881

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**Figure S2**: Fitted model relationships of the predictand PP\_PAR per CAP9 class. The probability of the respective class (y-axes) is plotted against the values of PP\_PAR in hPa (x-axes).



Figure S3: As figure S2, but for PP\_MIL.



Figure S4: As figure S2, but for TT\_PRA.



Figure S5: As figure S2, but for TT\_STK.



Figure S6: As figure S2, but for Pdiff\_MIL.



Figure S7: As figure S2, but for Pdiff\_STK.

### S3. Random Forests (RF): Feature Importance

15 Feature importance (average reduction of the Gini impurity or entropy in the split classes for each feature (predictor) over all trees) of the random forest input data on the example of the SMD stationset with 11 stations as used by Schwander et al. (2017)

input Variable	feature importance	input Variable	feature importance
PP_LUG	0.1580	TT_SMA	0.0106
PP_MIL	0.1434	TT_TOR	0.0105
PP_DBL	0.1057	TT_PAR	0.0093
PP_BAS	0.0811	TT_UPP	0.0077
PP_SMA	0.0804	TT_STK	0.0075
PP_HPE	0.0712	Pdiff_DBL	0.0069
PP_PAR	0.0606	Pdiff_HPE	0.0067
PP_BER	0.0473	Pdiff_STK	0.0066
PP_LDN	0.0433	Pdiff_MIL	0.0065
PP_STK	0.0139	Pdiff_LDN	0.0063
PP_UPP	0.0127	Pdiff_PAR	0.0063
TT_PRA	0.0119	Pdiff_BAS	0.0061
TT_LUG	0.0118	Pdiff_BER	0.0059
TT_HPE	0.0117	Pdiff_LUG	0.0058
TT_BER	0.0112	Pdiff_UPP	0.0058
TT_MIL	0.0110	Pdiff_SMA	0.0057
TT_BAS	0.0108		

#### S4. Neural Network (NN) Architectures

output:

float32

(None, 9)

20 Architectures of the best neural network (NN) models for the input data station sets used for the CAP9 reconstructions. They typically contain between 2 and 5 layers (with between 32 and 224 neurons) and (as predefined) a dropout layer. Input and output layers are shown for completeness. Input layers consist of the preprocessed temperature and pressure series for the given station set. The following flowcharts indicate on the left the layer type (in the terminology of the keras library), the activation function (relu or softmax), and the data format, and on the right the size of the input and output of the respective layers. The dimension 'None' represents the variable time dimension.



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inp	input		input:		[(None, 35)]			
InputI	InputLayer							
float	float32		output:		[(None, 35)]			
den	dense		input:		None, 35)			
Dense	Dense relu		output:					
float	float32				None, 224)			
dens	dense_1		input:		None, 224)			
Dense	Dense relu		output:		(None, 32)			
float	float32							
droj	dropout Dropout		input:		(None, 32)			
Dro					(Name 22)			
floa	float32		output:		(INONE, 32)			
output			input		(None, 32)			
Dense softmax			x					
floa	float32			out:	(None, 9)			

### **S5. Additional Analyses of CAP9 Reconstructions**



*Figure S8:* station observation profiles in standard deviations for correctly and wrongly predicted CAP9 weather types as in Fig. 4, but for temperature.



**Figure S9:** average WT seasonality 1957–2020 for reference CAP9 series (dashed line), CAP9 reconstructions (solid lines), and CAP7 reconstructions (dash-dotted lines, Schwander et al., 2017).



**Figure S10:** preferential transitions between WTs from a given day (t, y-axis) to the following day (t+1, x-axis) in percent of days with the respective WT at time t. Indicated are preferential transitions for a) the reference series 1957–2020, b) the reconstructions with the 1864 station set (reference period 1957–2020), c) the reconstructions with the 1728 station set (reference period 1957–2020). Furthermore, d), e), and f) indicate the preferential paths in the indicated historical period of the CAP9 reconstructions.



**Figure S11:** a) 365-day running mean of the daily maximum probability (fraction) of the reconstructed CAP9 WT series (in black) and CAP7 WT series by Schwander et al. (2017) (in grey) and b) boxplots of the probability for correctly (true) and wrongly (false) attributed WTs within the reference period for the respective reconstructions.



**Figure S12:** Bias of yearly WT occurrence (in % of days) for all WTs (x-axis) and station sets (colors) in a) the NN reconstruction and b) the CAP7 dataset by Schwander et al. (2017).



**Figure S13 :** Yearly occurrence of reconstructed CAP9 WTs (lighter colors) with 10-year running mean (darker colors). Shown are the CAP9 reference series (red), the CAP9 reconstructions (black), and the CAP7 reconstructions (blue). Indicated are correlation and root mean squared error for the yearly WT occurrence with respect to the reference series.



**Figure S14 :** detected break points in the yearly WT occurrence of the CAP9 reconstructions using the PELT algorithm.



**Figure S15:** trend estimates for yearly CAP9 WT occurrence in the reconstructed series. Asterisks indicate statistical significance for the Mann-Kendall trend test at a significance level of  $\alpha = 0.05$ .



**Figure S16:** trend estimates for yearly average CAP9 WT persistence in the reconstructed series. Asterisks indicate statistical significance for the Mann-Kendall trend test at a significance level of  $\alpha$  = 0.05.



**Figure S17 :** seasonal shifts of CAP9 WT occurrence in the reconstructed series. Indicated is the average monthly occurrence [days/month] for different periods (colors) indicated in the legend.