

Advancing the science to improve global forecasts:

ECMWF in 2017 Erland Källén



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ECMWF's role is to address the critical and most difficult research problems in medium-range NWP that no one country could tackle on its own

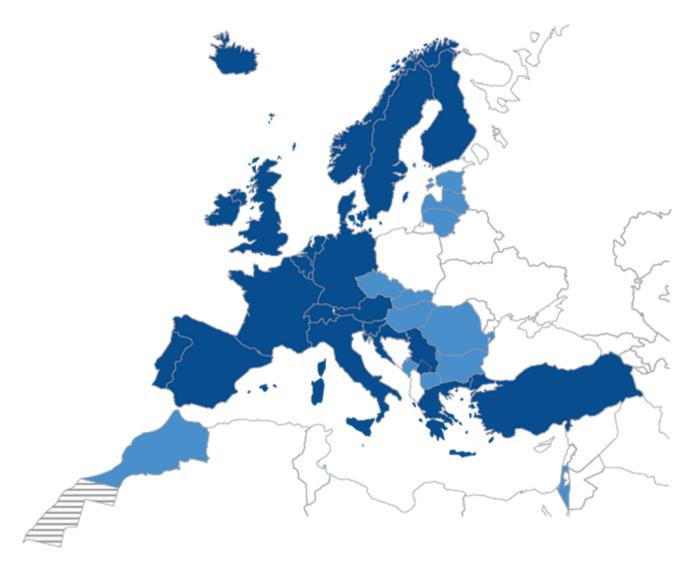


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- 34 member and co-operating states
- 341 staff
- 30 countries
- Partnerships around the world ...



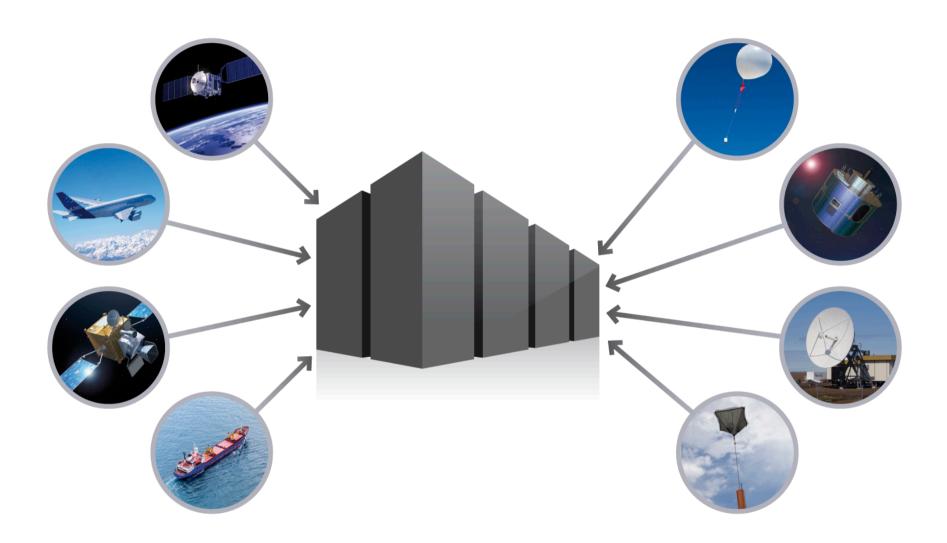
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- Research in Earth System modelling
- Global numerical weather forecasts
- Supercomputing & data archiving
- Education & training programme
- EU activities: Copernicus Climate and Atmosphere Services, EFAS contribution





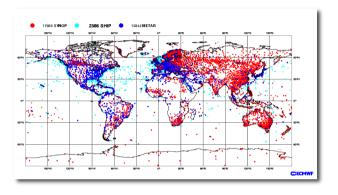
Observation platforms



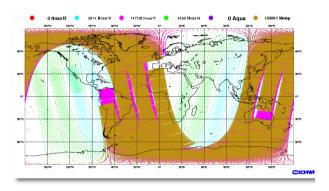


Geographic coverage

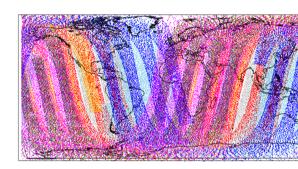
Surface stations



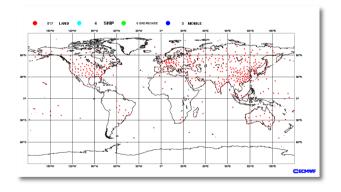
Polar, infrared



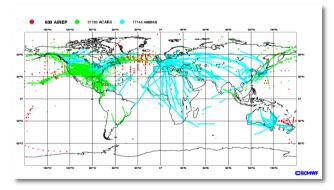
Polar, microwave



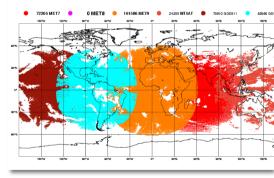
Radiosonde balloons

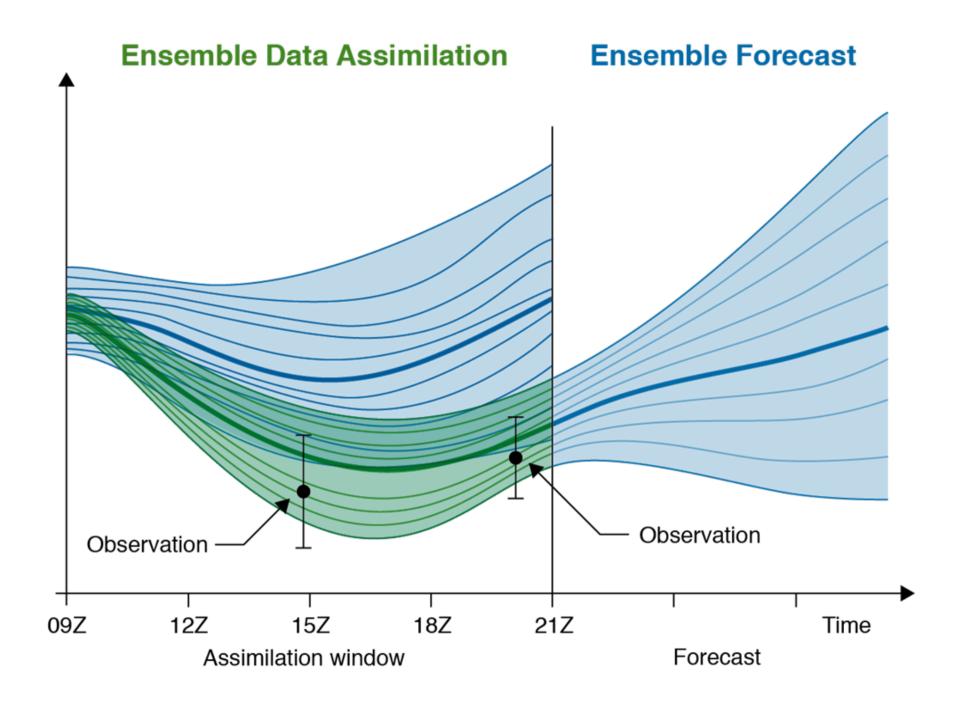


Aircraft

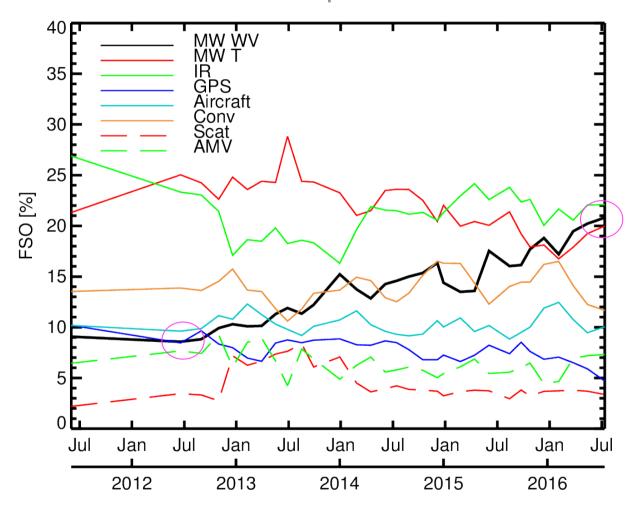


Geostationary, IR





Forecast sensitivity (FSO) of major observing systems in ECMWF operations

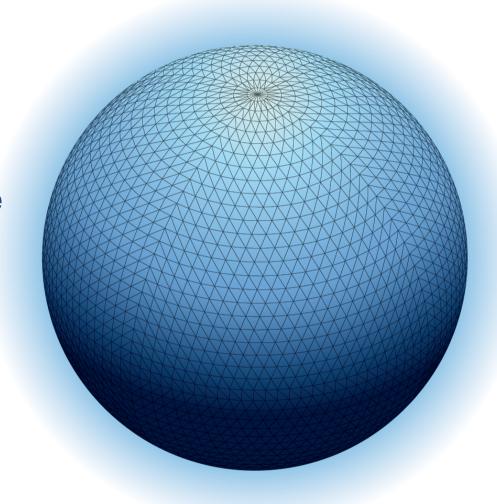




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Forecast model – Octahedral 9 km grid, 137 levels

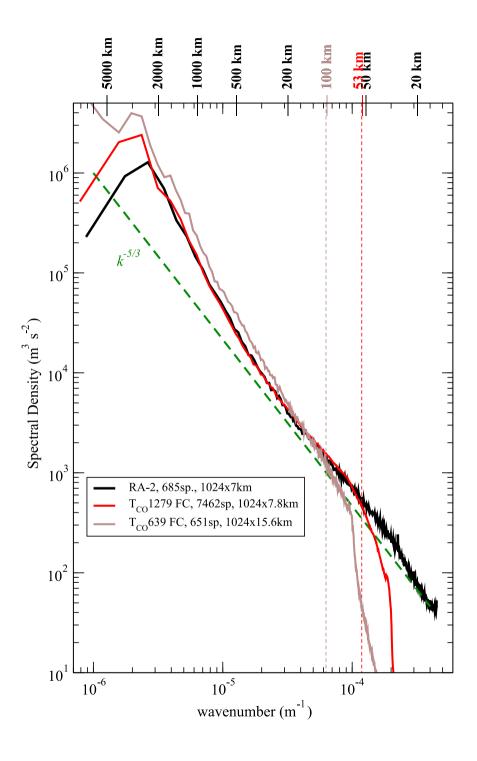
- Wind
- Temperature
- Pressure
- Humidity
- Clouds
- Precipitation

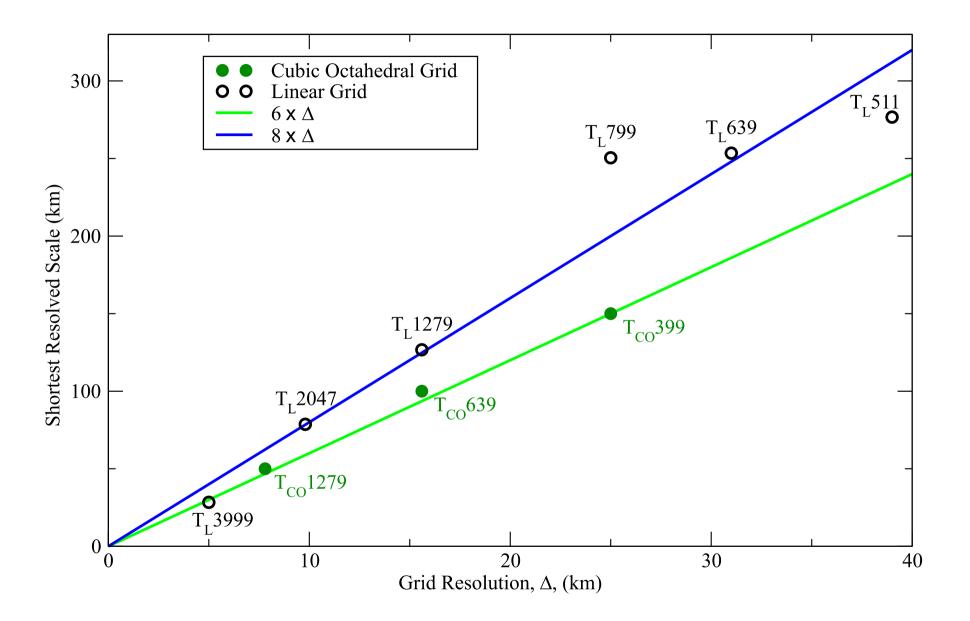




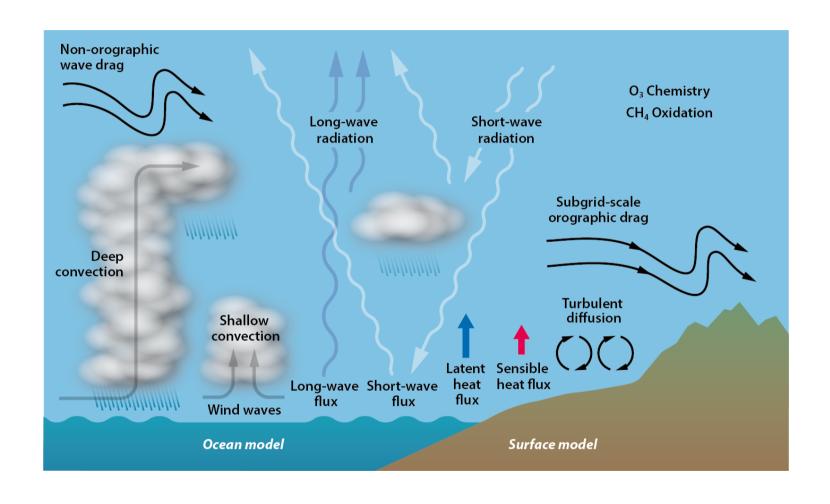
Wind Speed Spectrum of operational T_{CO} resolutions







Physical processes in the ECMWF model

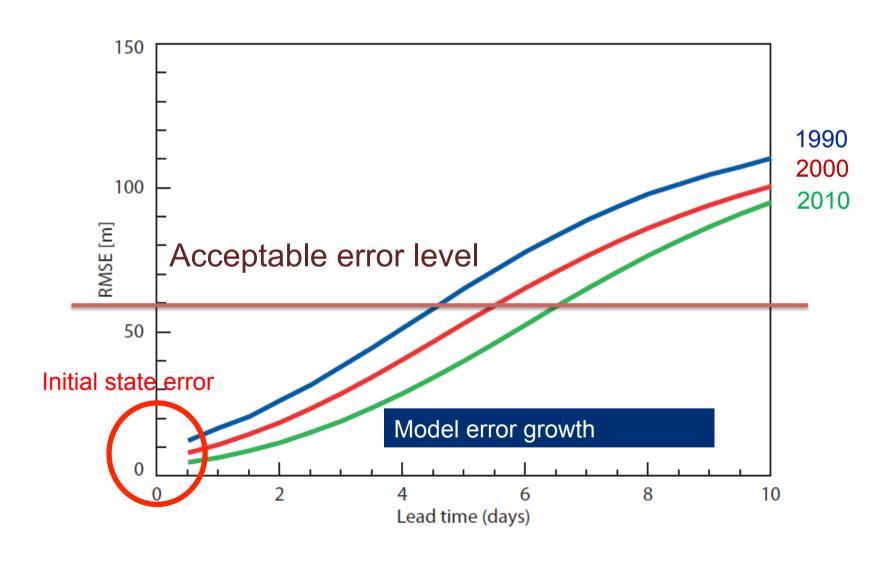


Open IFS

- Provide IFS for research and education
- Make scientists familiar with IFS code
- Provide feedback to ECMWF developments
 - Single precision coding
 - Super parameterisation of convection
 - PBL research
- NWP training at universities and met services

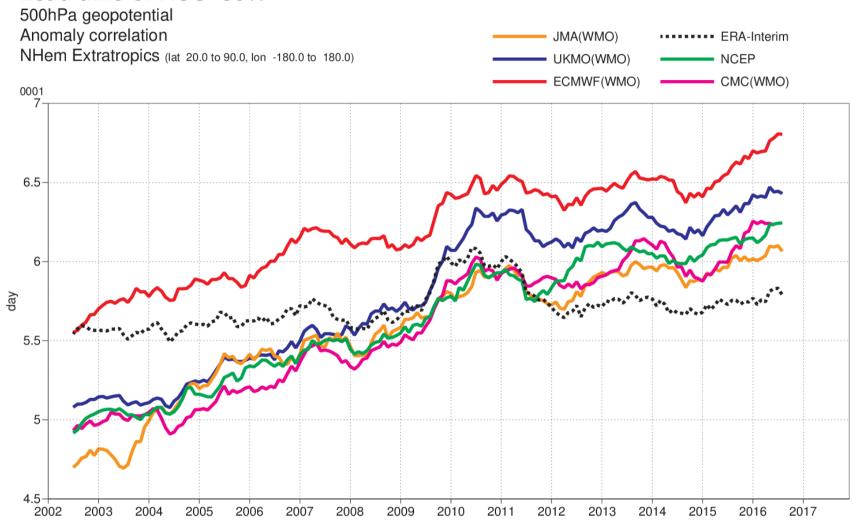


RMS error of 500 hPa height field Northern Hemisphere



Comparison to other centres

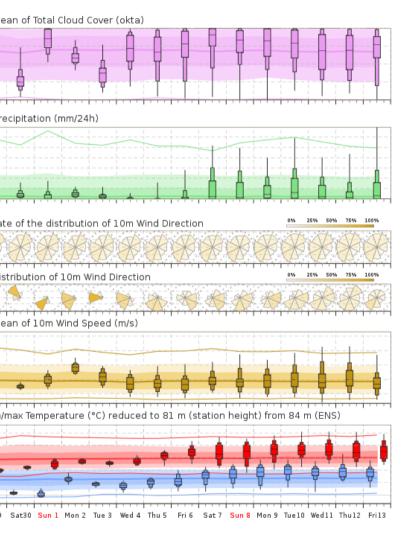
Lead time of ACC=80%



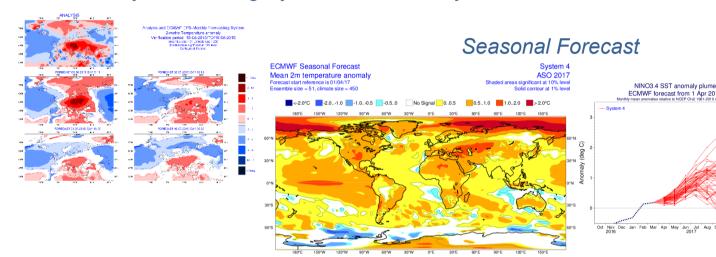


liverables: a few examples

Medium-range

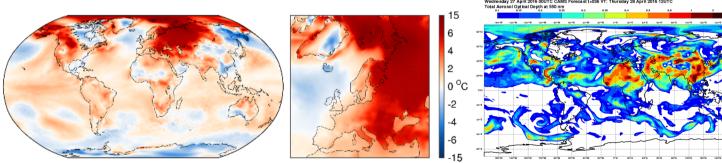


ENS-Monthly Forecasting System 2mt anomaly



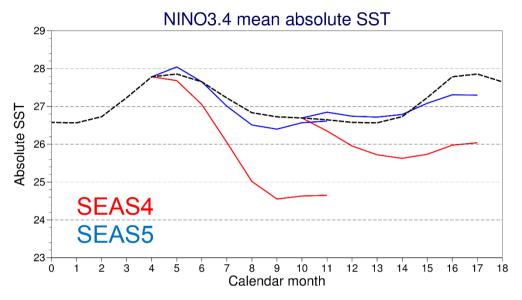
Global average temperatures

Forecast of Aerosols Optical Dep

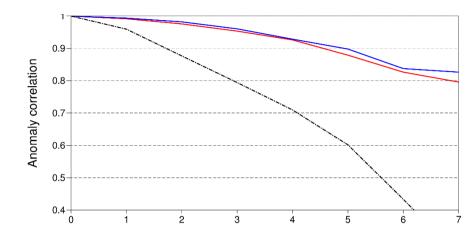


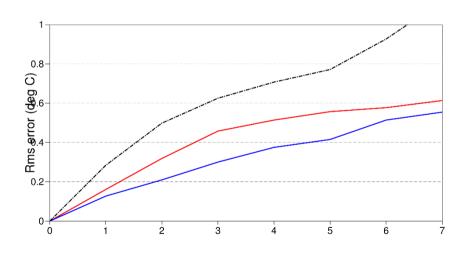


Global SST biases improve, especially in the ENSO regions



ENSO SST drift improves markedly. Also a small increase in ENSO correlation scores, an improvement in ENSO variance, and a decrease in RMS error (after bias correction).



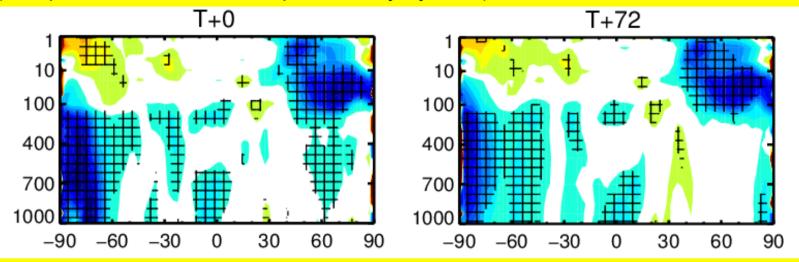




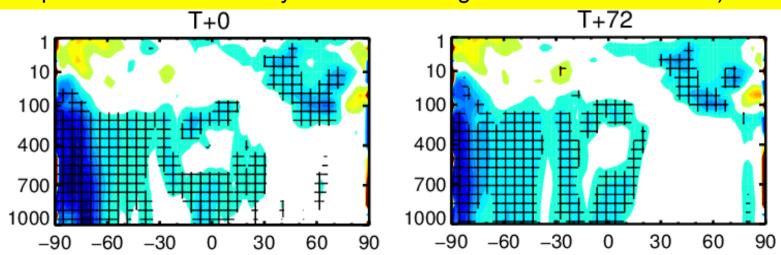
Impact of ocean coupling and ocean observations

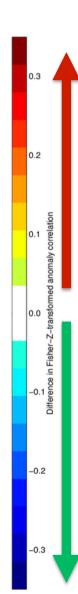
CERA-20C compared to extra experiments for geopotential height in MAM 2010

Ocean coupling in CERA improves atmospheric analysis and forecast (comparison with an atmospheric-only system)

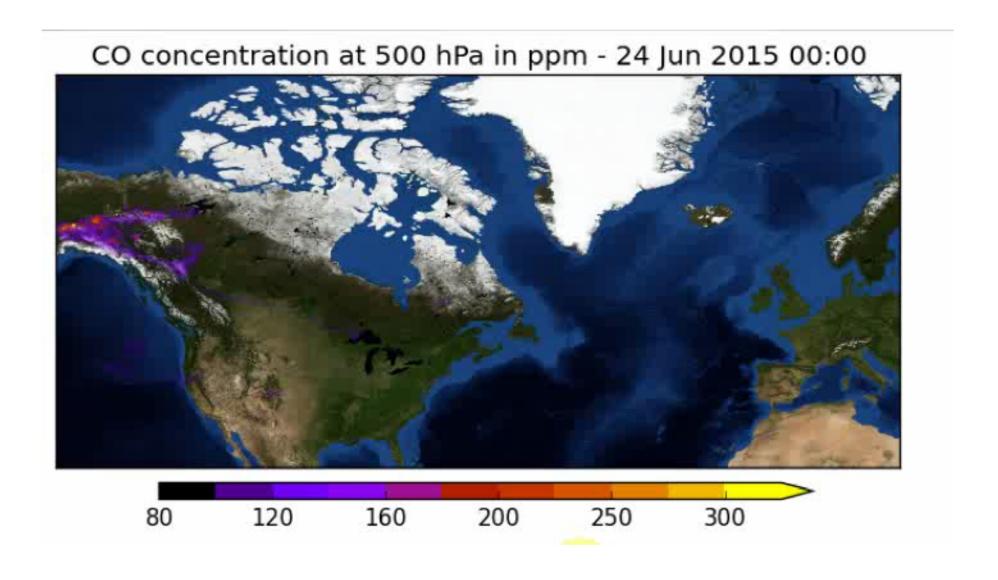


Ocean observations in CERA improve atmospheric analysis and forecast (comparison with a CERA system withholding all ocean observations)



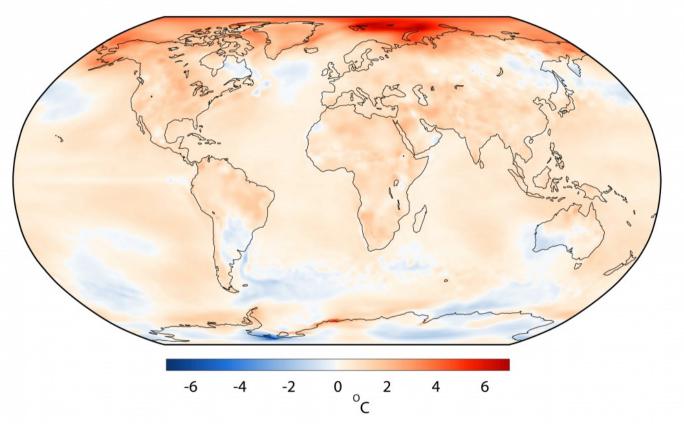


Monitoring atmospheric composition (MACC)

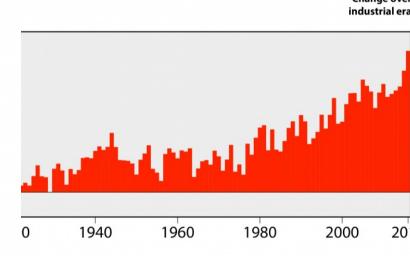


Reanalysis results for climate change

AVERAGE SURFACE AIR TEMPERATURE FOR 2016



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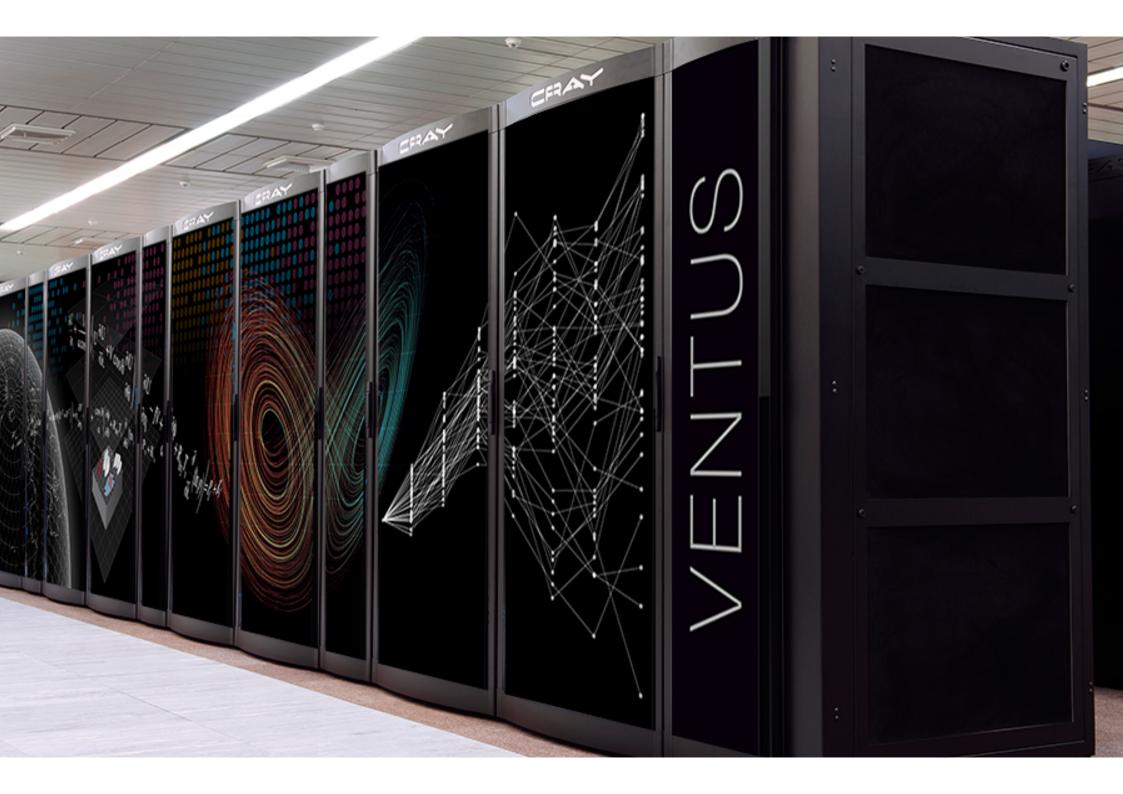
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What is the scalability challenge?



Observations



Today:

Volume	40 million = 4 x 10 ⁷	10 million grid points 100 levels 10 prognostic variables = 1 x 10 ¹⁰
Туре	98% from 60 different satellite instruments	physical parameters of atmosphere, waves, ocean

Models

Tomorrow:

		Observations	Models
7:	Volume	100-200 million = 1-2 x 10 ⁸	500 million grid points 200 levels 100 prognostic variables = 1 x 10 ¹³
	Туре	98% from 80 different satellite instruments	physical and chemical parameters of atmosphere, waves, ocean, ice, vegetation



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e strength of a common goal

e Strategic Goals 2016-2025



- Earth system approach to modelling and analysing
- Ensemble prediction at 5km
- Scalability across the NWP chain



Conclusions

- Weather forecasts require
 - Observations and data assimilation
 - Earth System model
- Open IFS
- ECMWF is a world leading provider of weather and environmental forecasts based on research developments



