# THE STRENGTH OF A COMMON GOAL



## ECMWF Data Centre Industry Day

## Overview of ECMWF

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# 8.835 weather related disasters 194 million deaths S2.4 trillion economic loses

WMO figures for 1970 - 2012

# European co-operation at its best: pooling resources

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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

## PLAYING A UNIQUE ROLE

- 34 member and co-operating states
- 340 staff +
- 30 countries
- 1 soon to be 2 locations
- Partnerships around the world ...

# PLAYING A UNIQUE ROLE

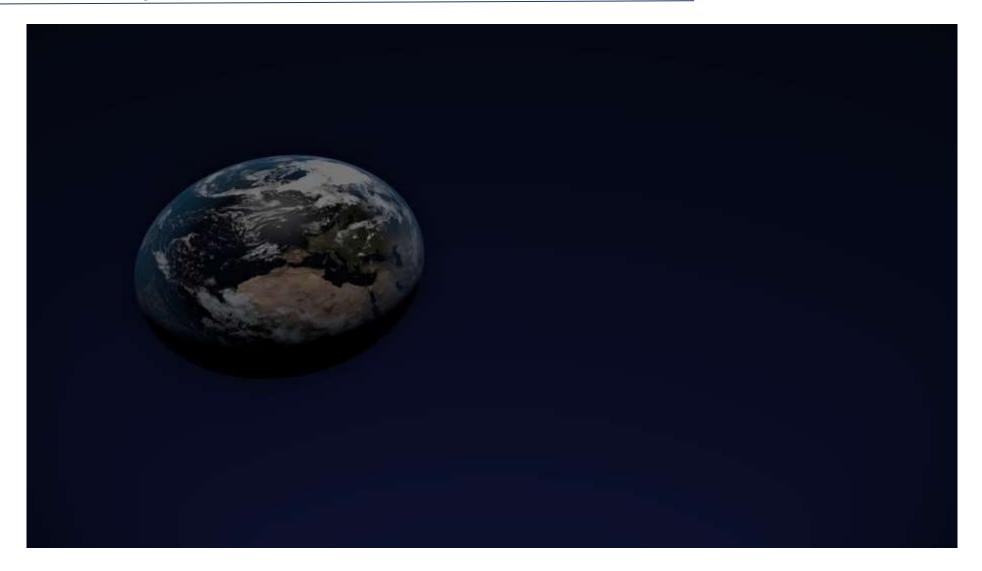


#### European co-operation at its best: deliverables

- Global numerical weather forecasts
- Supercomputing & data archiving
- Education & training programme
- EU activities: Operating the Copernicus Climate and Atmosphere Services, and contributing EFAS and FIRE to the Copernicus Emergency Management Service



### Ensemble prediction: an overview



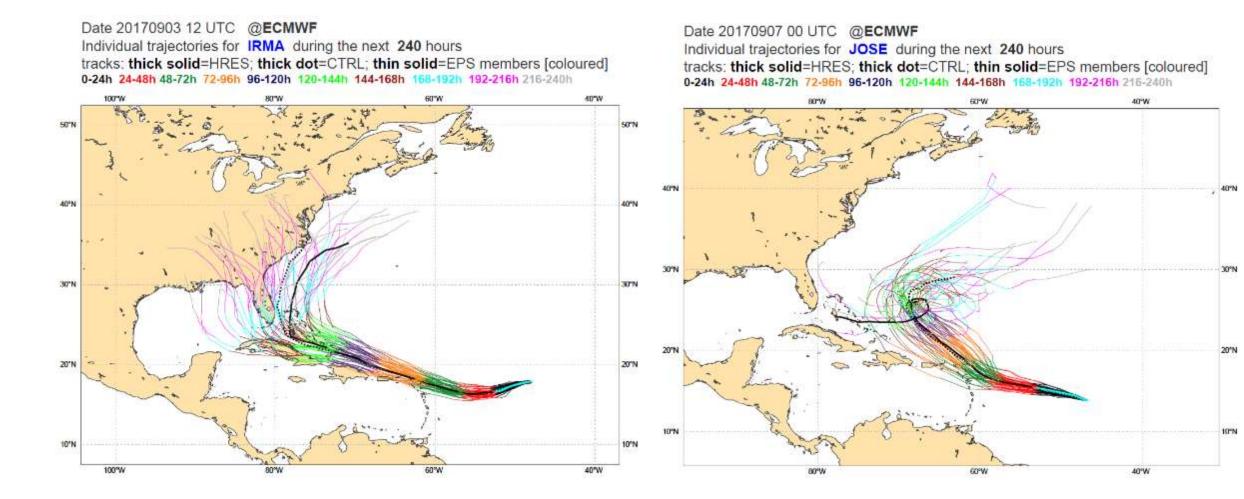


#### Ensemble prediction: an overview





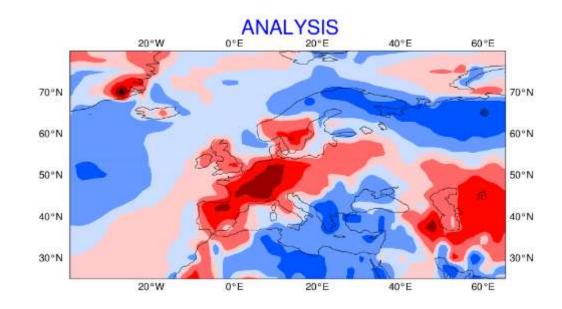
### **25 Years of ensemble prediction**





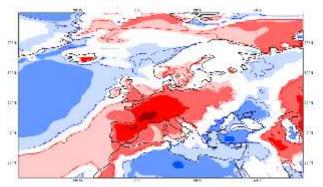
#### Monthly forecast: Forecasting large scale patterns

#### **European heat wave** 29 June – 5 July 2015



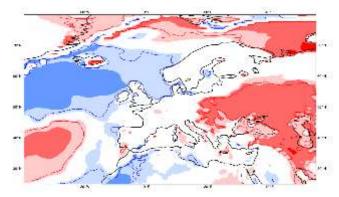
#### **Forecast week 1.5**

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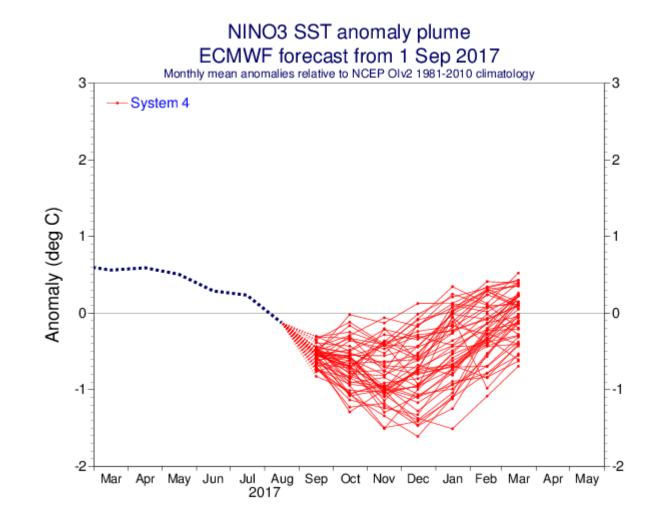
Forecast week 2.5

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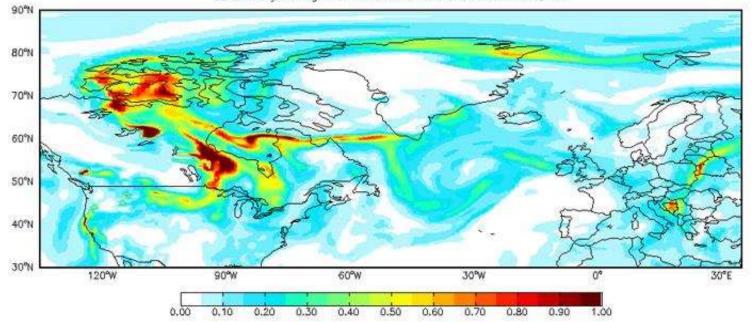
#### Seasonal: El Nino Supporting planning activities





## **ECMWF** working with the EU to Monitor Air Quality

#### **Operating the Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service**



CAMS Analysis Organic Matter AOD at 550nm: 20170820, 12z



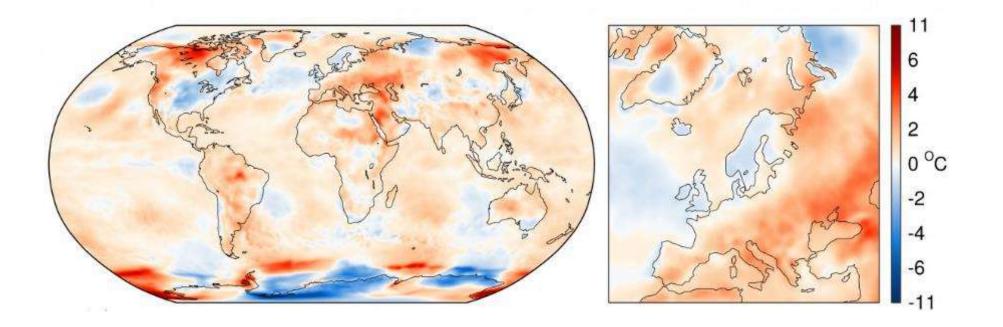






## **ECMWF** working with the EU to monitor climate change

**Operating the Copernicus Climate Change Service** 







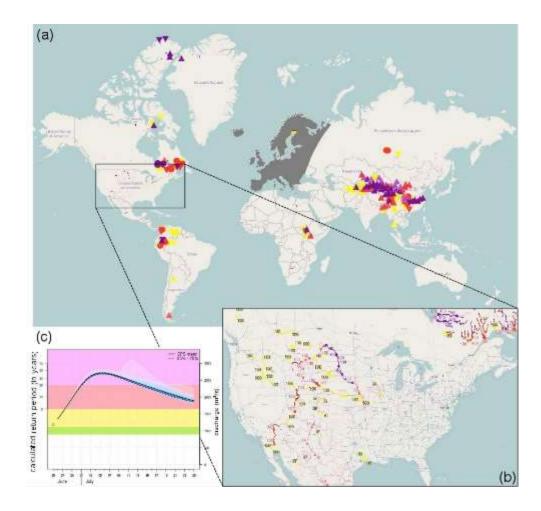




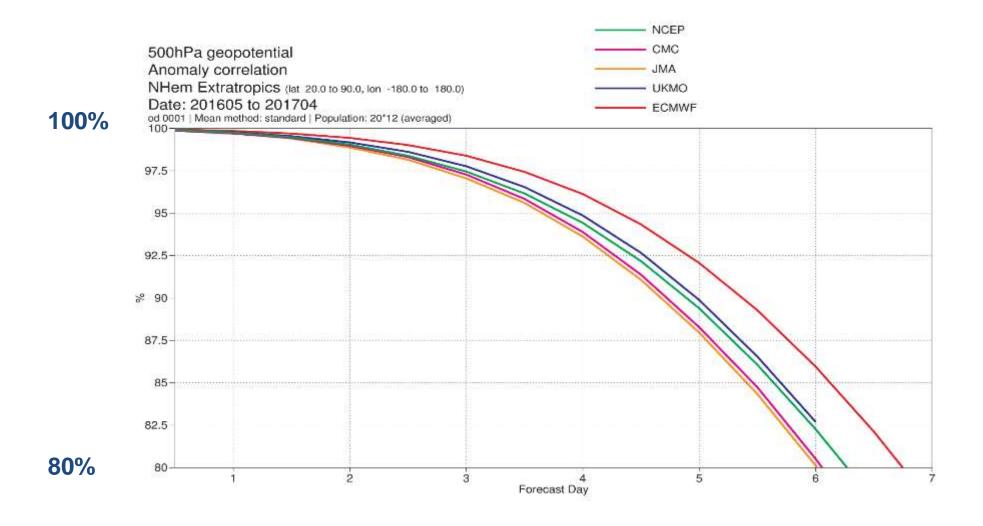
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#### **ECMWF** working with the EU to forecast flooding

Contribution to Copernicus Emergency Management Service

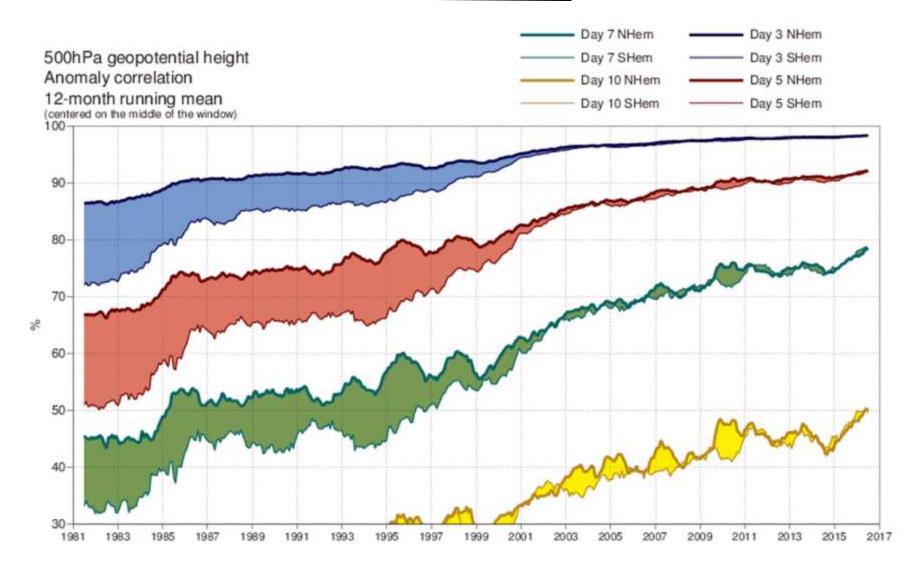


## Snapshot of today: correlation above 80% up to 7 days





## The quality of our forecasts



**CECMWF** EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MEDIUM-RANGE WEATHER FORECASTS

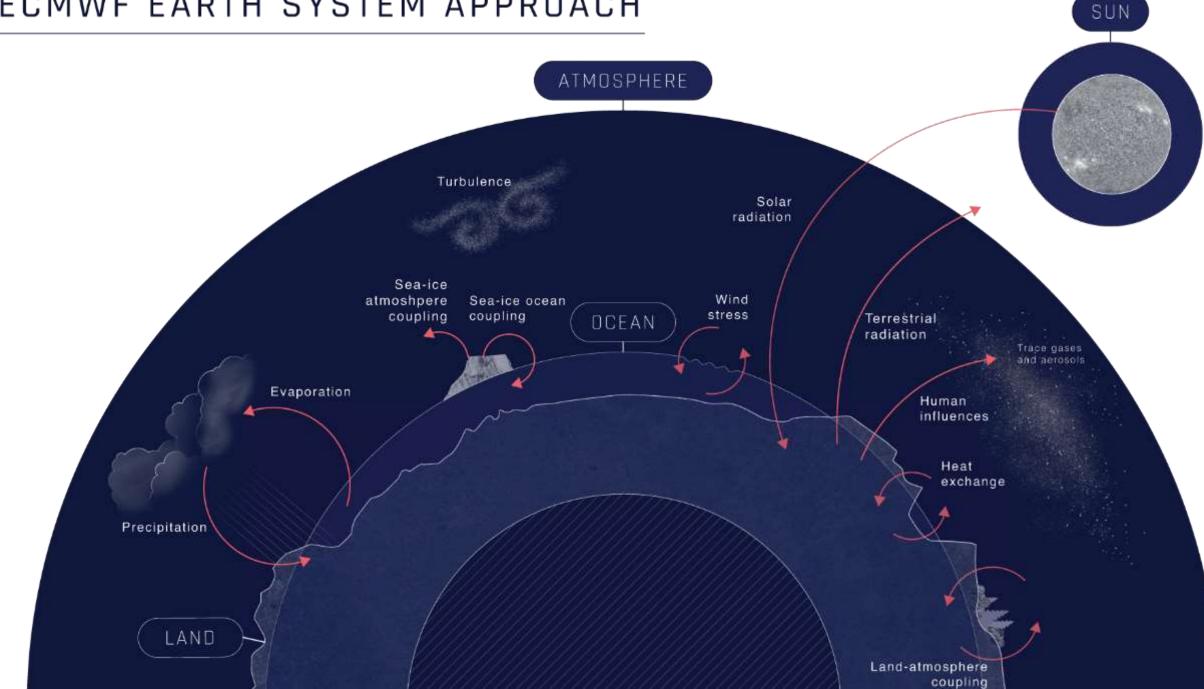
### THINKING AHEAD

How far in advance can we predict extreme weather events, now and in the future?

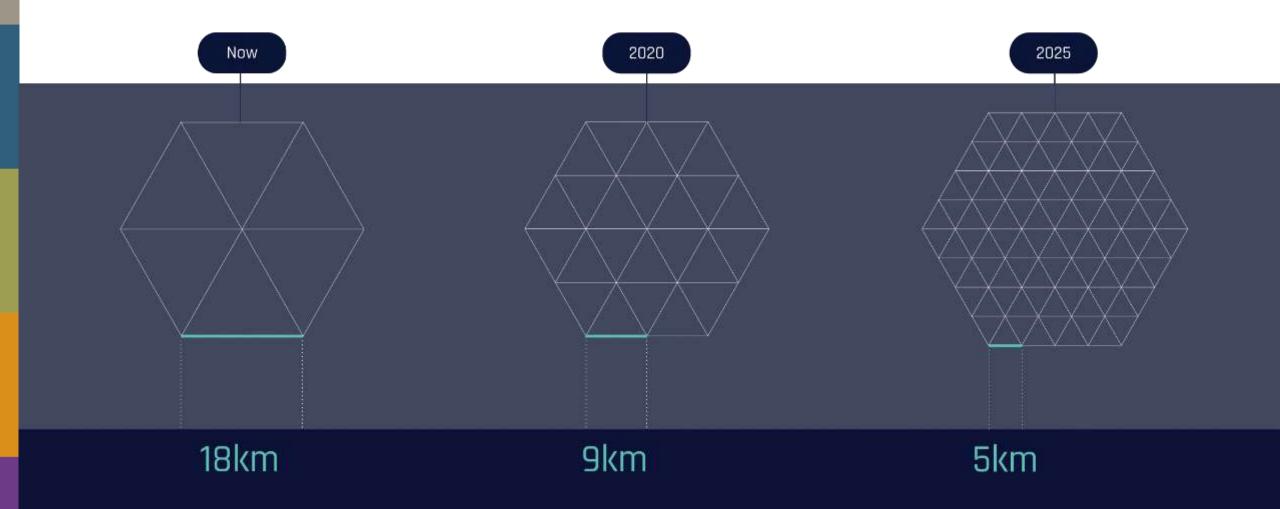


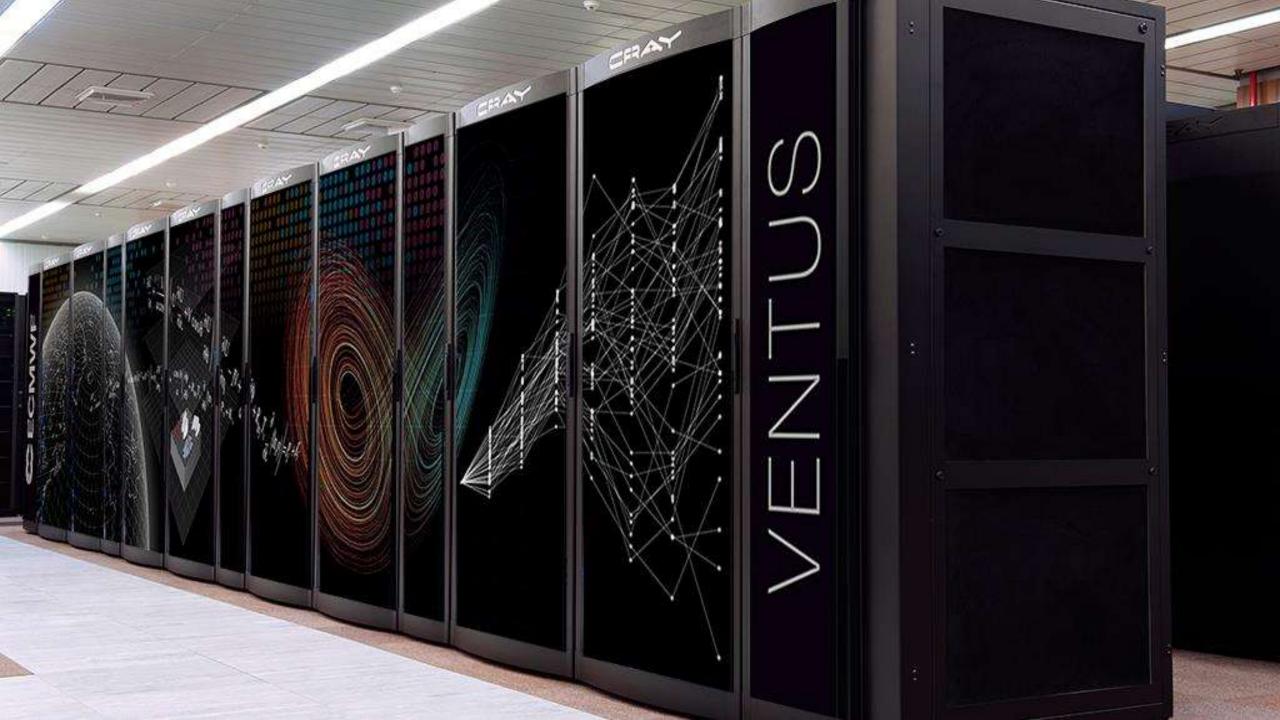


### ECMWF EARTH SYSTEM APPROACH



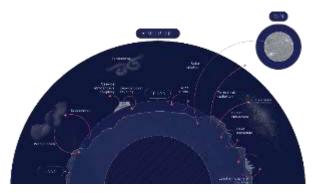
### INCREASED HORIZONTAL RESOLUTION OF ENSEMBLE FORECASTING





## Scalability: a challenge for NWP





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		OBSERVATIONS	MODELS
TODAY	volume	40 million = <b>4 x 10</b> <sup>7</sup>	10 million grid points 100 levels 10 prognostic variables = <b>1 x 10</b> <sup>10</sup>
	type	98% from 60 different satellite instruments	physical parameters of atmosphere, waves, ocean
		OBSERVATIONS	MODELS
	volume	100-200 million = <b>1-2 x 10</b> <sup>8</sup>	500 million grid points 200 levels 100 prognostic variables = <b>1 x 10</b> <sup>13</sup>
TOMORROW	type	98% from 80 different satellite instruments	physical and chemical parameters of atmosphere, waves, ocean, ice, vegetation

FACTOR 5

#### FACTOR 1000

#### Future developments and challenges



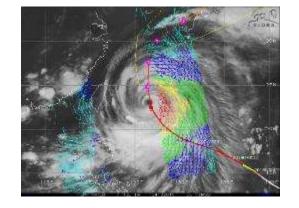






Assimilate more observations in the coupled data assimilation system

Better assimilate observations at the air-sea interface



1/4 degree

Use higher resolution Earth system model



1 degree

#### Italy to host ECMWF new data centre in 2020





## ECMWF – An International Organisation

- International organisation established by Treaty
- 22 member states 12 Co-operating States
- Hosted by Italy Agreement ratified by Italian Parliament in December 2017
- Privileges and Immunities:
  - Exempt from Taxes
  - Premises, documents and data inviolable
  - Not subject to jurisdiction of national Courts Arbitration Clause



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