

Coupled processes at the surface-atmosphere interface

Relevance for medium-range prediction: the ECMWF experience

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Outline and Content

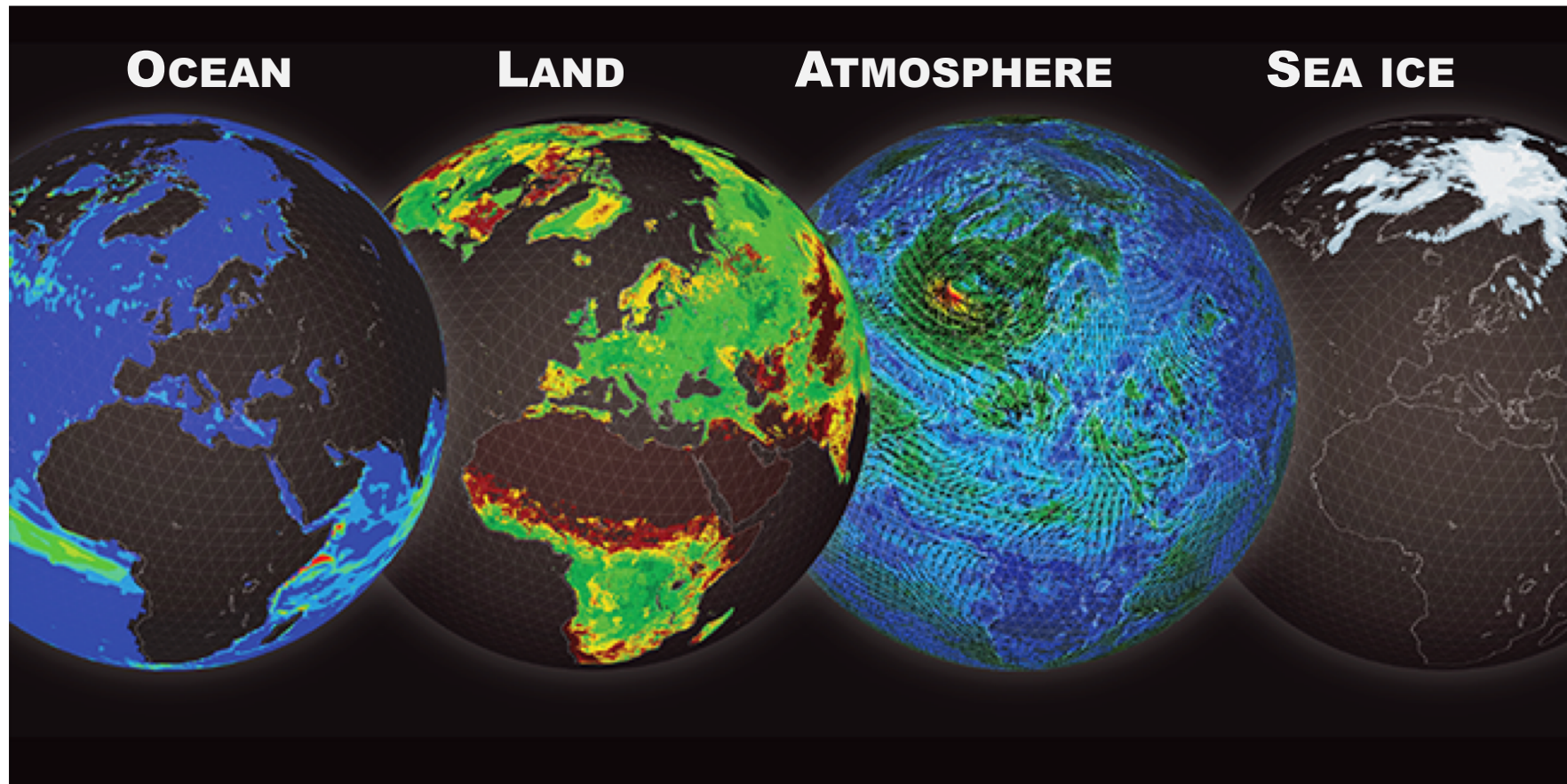
- Earth System Approach @ ECMWF
- Modelling Earth Surface: why it matters?
- Predicting extremes: what developments are most helpful?
- A look towards future: how and when to increase coupling?

Coupled processes at the surface-atmosphere interface and their relevance for medium-range prediction: the ECMWF experience

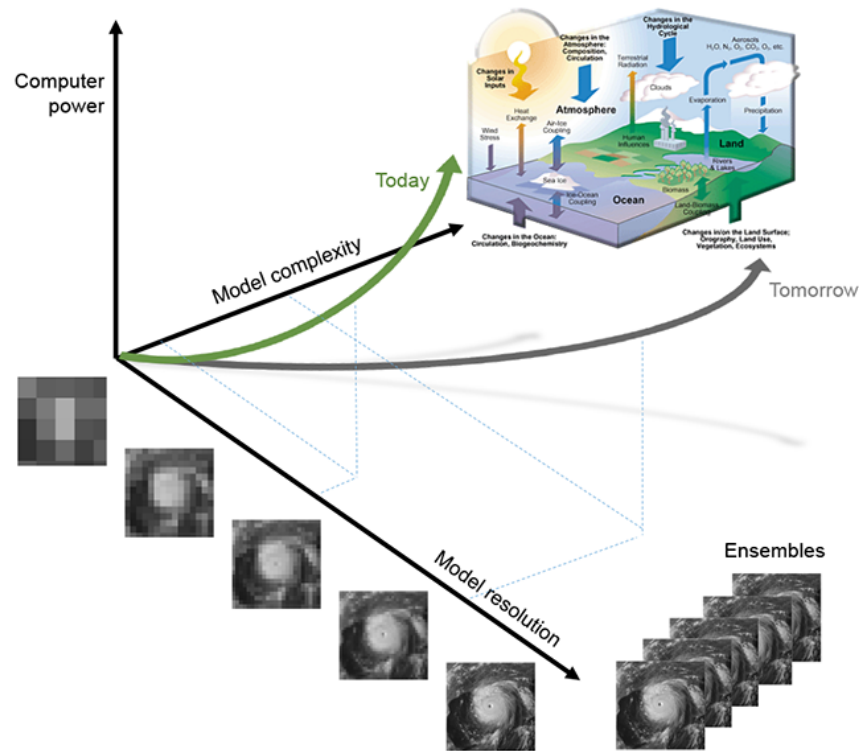
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In recent years several revisions in the representation of surface-atmosphere coupling over land and oceans have been associated to improvements of predictive skills in the medium-range at ECMWF. In my talk I present some of the key Coupled Processes (CP) affecting the natural water cycle repartition at the surface, in particular soil moisture and snow-pack and their effect on near surface meteorology and hydrology in the ECMWF Integrated Forecasting System (IFS), that is used in global reanalyses such as in the C3S ERA5 and CAMS Interim-RA. I will also discuss the importance of evapotranspiration processes and a more realistic representation of the vegetation layer, in conjunction with human modifications of the land-use and water-use. These are important development to consider when transitioning towards more integrated environmental and climate applications.

Embracing an Earth System Model approach



Earth Observations and evolution of Earth surface models



Thanks to Peter Bauer, Andy Brown

Earth surfaces specificities

- Natural and anthropogenic complexity
- Simple parameterisation schemes
- Demanding data volume
- Observation representativity issues
- Complex observation operators
- Sectoral Earth science expertise (land, ocean, ice, urban)
- Resolution barriers model/data

Consequences

- EO-uptake of surface informative data in NWP/ESS not ideal
- Land surface scheme developed on in-situ and process abstraction
- EO-satellite not sufficiently used to develop models (lack of connection)
- ESS models not suitable to assimilate EO surface information

Earth surface modelling components @ECMWF

• NEMO3.4

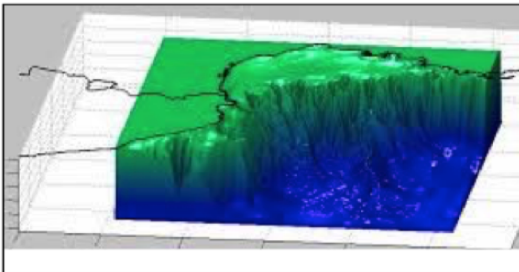
NEMO3.4 (Nucleus for European Modelling of the Ocean)

[Madec et al. \(2008\)](#)

[Mogensen et al. \(2012\)](#)

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ORCA025_Z75 : 0.25° x 0.25°



• EC-WAM

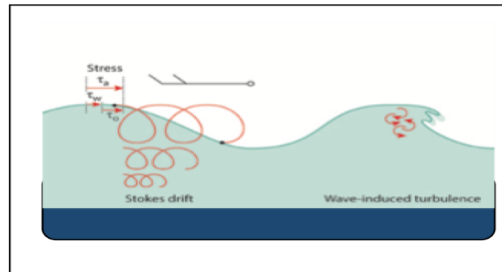
ECMWF Wave Model

[Janssen, \(2004\)](#)

[Janssen et al. \(2013\)](#)

ENS-WAM : 0.25° x 0.25°

HRES-WAM: 0.125° x 0.125°



• LIM2

The Louvain-la-Neuve [Sea Ice Model](#)

[Fichefet and Morales Maqueda \(1997\)](#)

[Bouillon et al. \(2009\)](#)

[Vancoppenolle et al. \(2009\)](#)

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• Hydrology-TESEL

[Balsamo et al. \(2009\)](#)
[van den Hurk and Viterbo \(2003\)](#)

Global Soil Texture (FAO)

New hydraulic properties

Variable Infiltration capacity & surface runoff revision

• NEW SNOW

[Dutra et al. \(2010\)](#)

Revised snow density

Liquid water reservoir

Revision of Albedo and sub-grid snow cover

• NEW LAI

[Boussetta et al. \(2013\)](#)

New satellite-based

Leaf-Area-Index

• SOIL Evaporation

[Balsamo et al. \(2011\),](#)

[Alberola et al. \(2012\)](#)

• H₂O / E / CO₂

Integration of Carbon/Energy/Water

[Boussetta et al. 2013](#)

[Agusti-Panareda et al. 2015](#)

• Lake & Coastal area

[Mironov et al \(2010\),](#)

[Dutra et al. \(2010\),](#)

[Balsamo et al. \(2012, 2010\)](#)

Extra tile (9) to for sub-grid lakes and ice

LW tiling (Dutra)

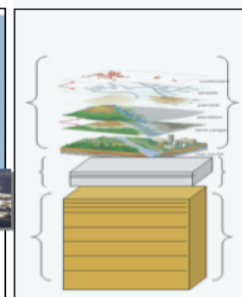
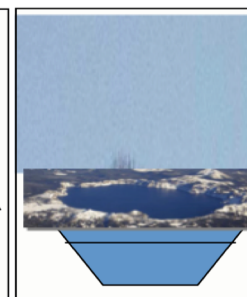
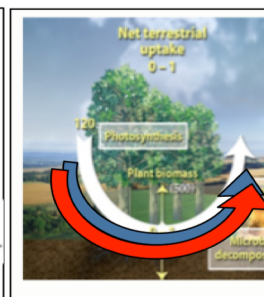
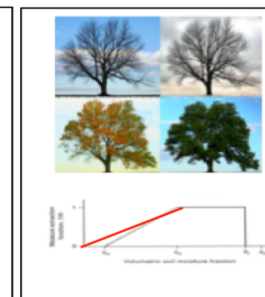
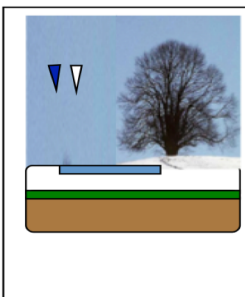
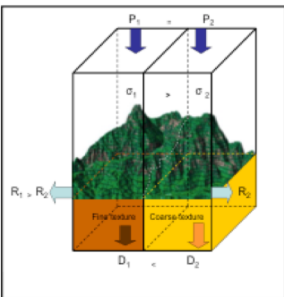
• Enhance ML

Snow ML5

Soil ML9

[Dutra et al. \(2012, 2016\)](#)

[Balsamo et al. \(2016\)](#)



Atm/L and resol.	ECMWF Config. in 2017
80 km	ERA1*
32 km	ERA5* SEAS5
18 km	ENS
9 km	HRES+ ERA5Land

Ocean 3D-Model Surface Waves and currents, Sea-ice.

**(ocean-uncoupled)*
+*(coupled in 2018)*

Land surface 1D-model soil, snow, vegetation, lakes and coastal water (thermodynamics). Same resol. as Atm.

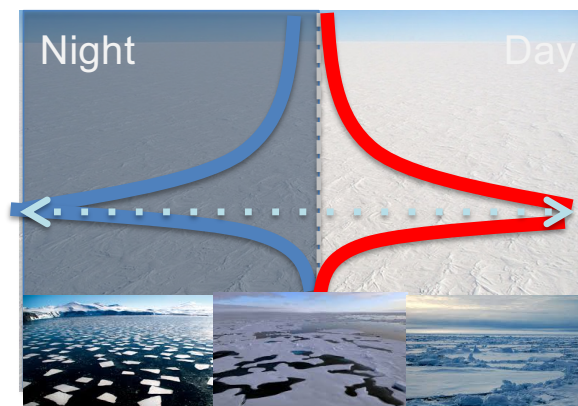
Modelling surface heterogeneity and coupling with the atmosphere

- The processes that are most relevant for near-surface weather prediction are also those that are most interactive and exhibit positive feedbacks or have key role in energy partitioning



Over Land

- Snow-cover, ice freezing/melting have positive feedback via the albedo
- Vegetation growth and variability interact with turbulence & moisture
- Vertical heat transport in soil/snow



Over Ocean/Cryosphere

- Transition from open-sea to ice-covered conditions
- Sea-state dependent interaction wind induced mixing/waves
- Vertical transport of heat

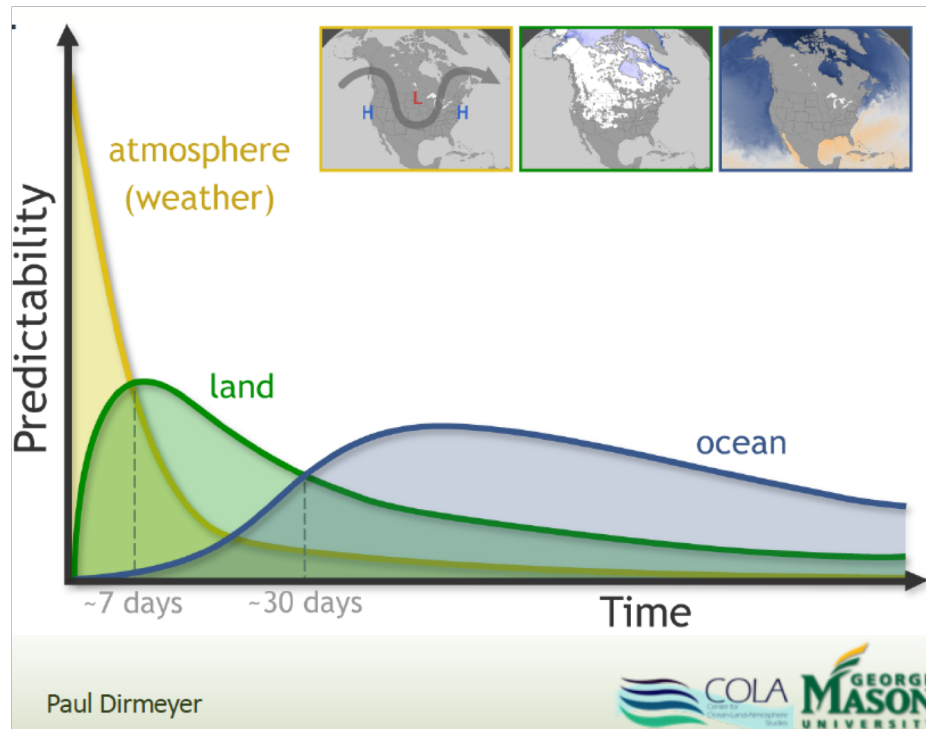


Over Water-bodies

- Lakes have large thermal inertia
- Different albedo & roughness

Spatial heterogeneity calls for high-resolution horizontal/vertical to represent the surface-atmosphere coupling

Earth surface relevance in medium-range, S2S, A2D prediction



In order to realize the Land potential models need to represent nature in its:

- **Memory**
- **Coupling**
- **Variability**

On the relative contribution of land and ocean on ECMWF day-5 forecast

Forecast improvements at Day+5 (1 year)
Coupled-Ocean vs Uncoupled (only skin-interaction)

Forecast improvements at Day+5 (1 year)
Coupled-Land vs Uncoupled (only skin-interaction)

HRES Mean Sea-Level Pressure improvement from Ocean-coupling

HRES 500 hPa Geopotential Height improvement from Ocean-coupling

TCo399 Mean Sea-Level Pressure sensitivity to Land-coupling

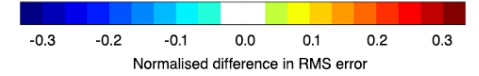
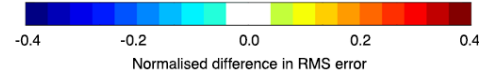
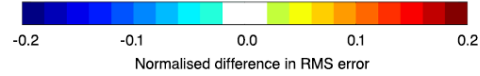
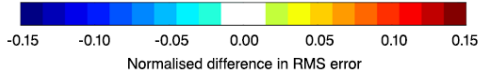
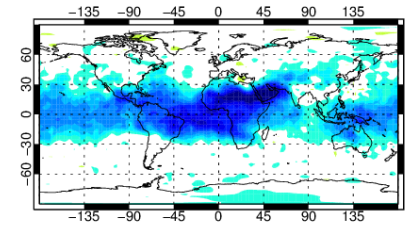
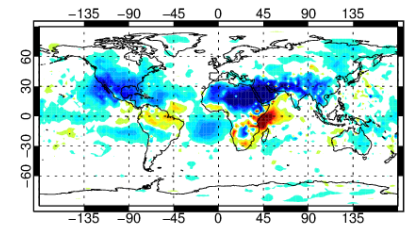
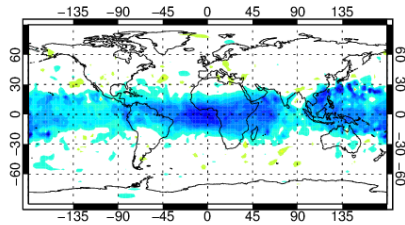
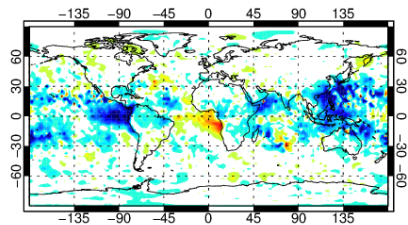
TCo399 500 hPa Geopotential Height sensitivity to Land-coupling

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HRES Winds improvement from Ocean-coupling

HRES Relative Humidity improvement from Ocean-coupling

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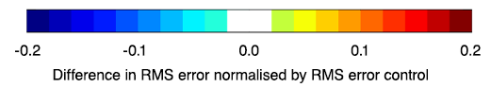
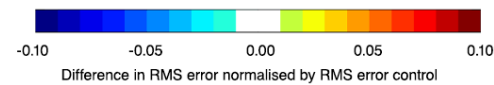
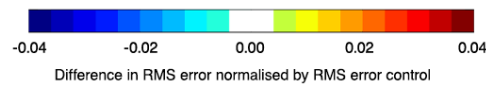
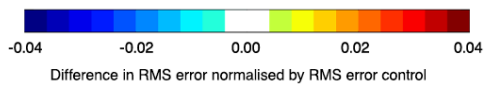
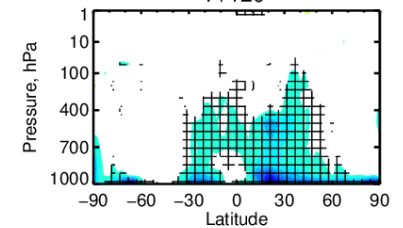
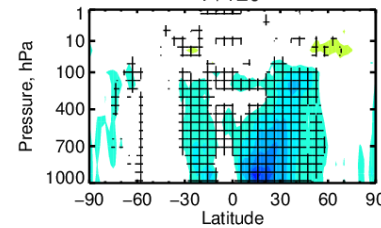
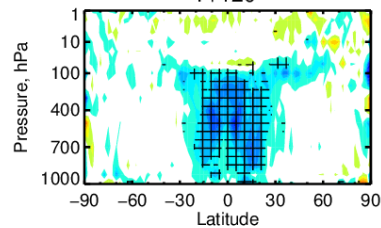
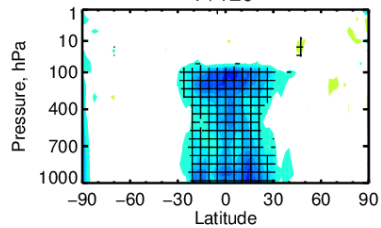
TCo399 Relative Humidity sensitivity to Land-coupling

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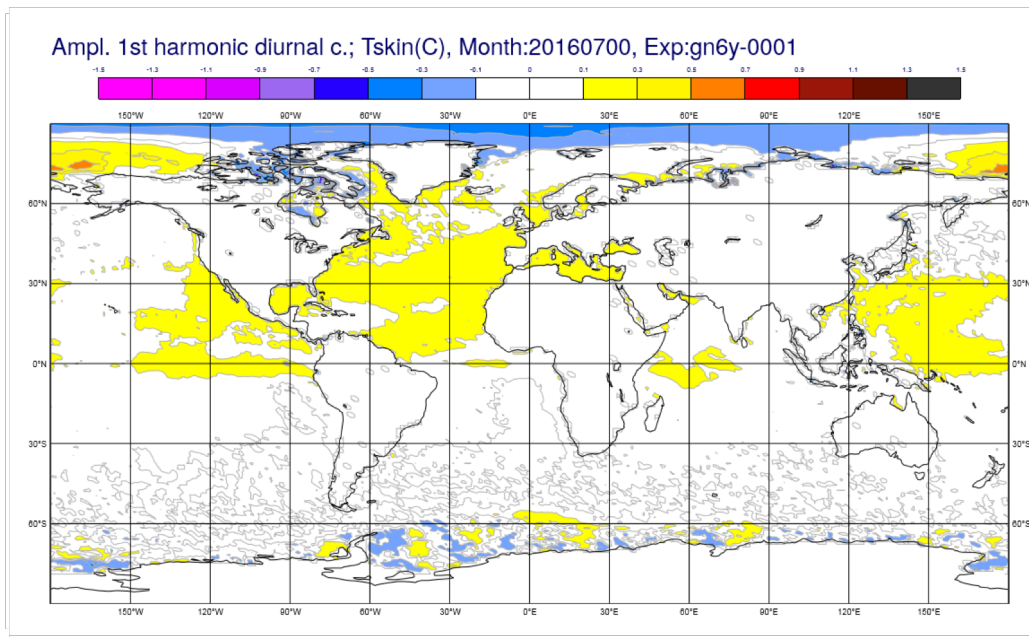
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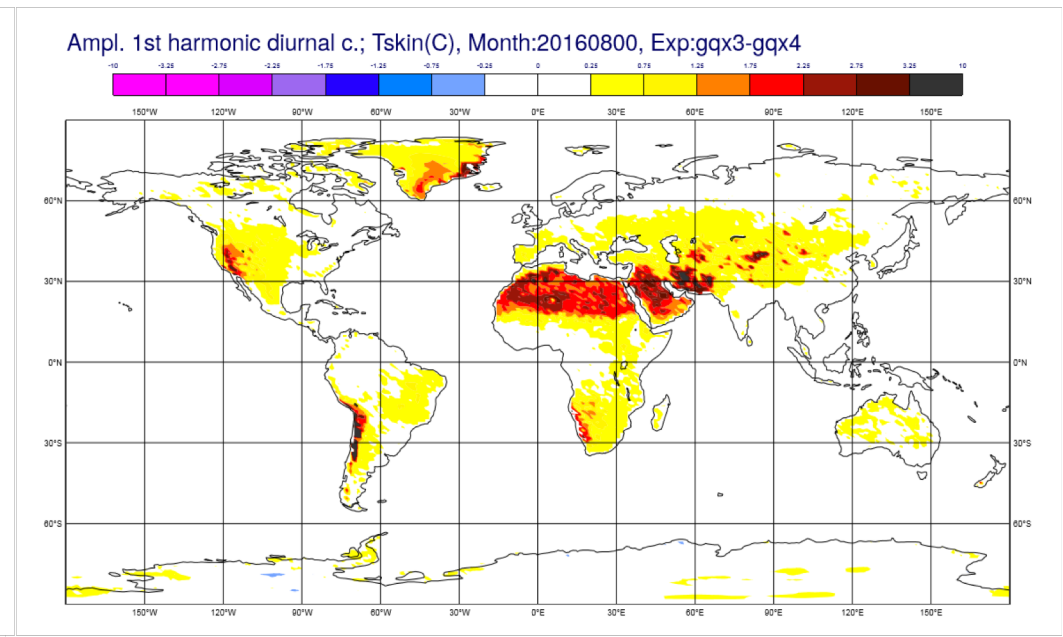


Impact on diurnal cycle from enhancing surface coupling components

- Improve the realism of surface temperature (skin and below) particularly in clear/sky
- Improve the realism of surface drag elements (orography, waves, ice, soil, vegetation, lakes)
- These are key driver for IFS model complexity (discretization H/V, physics, ancillary, coupling)

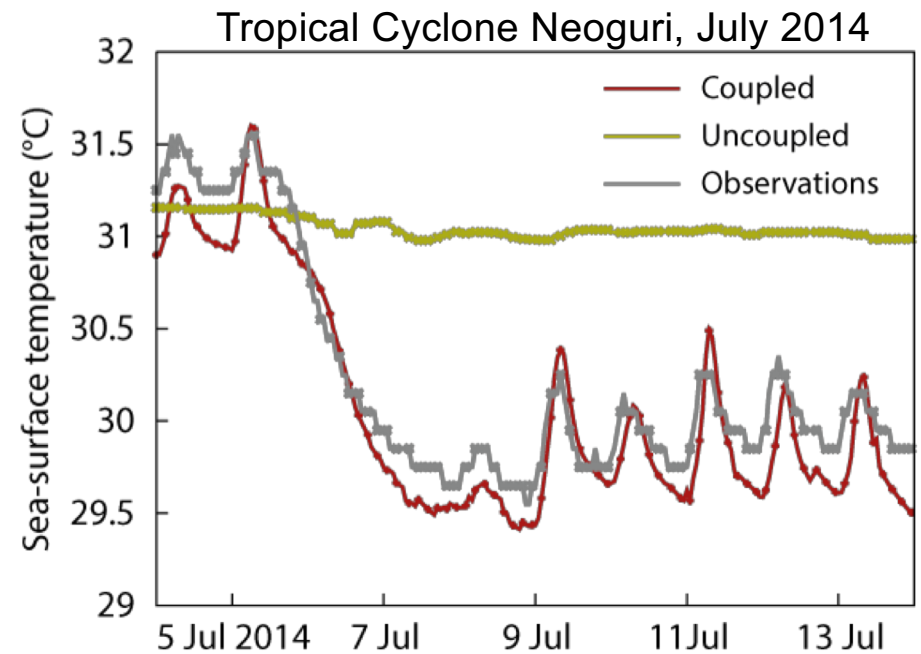
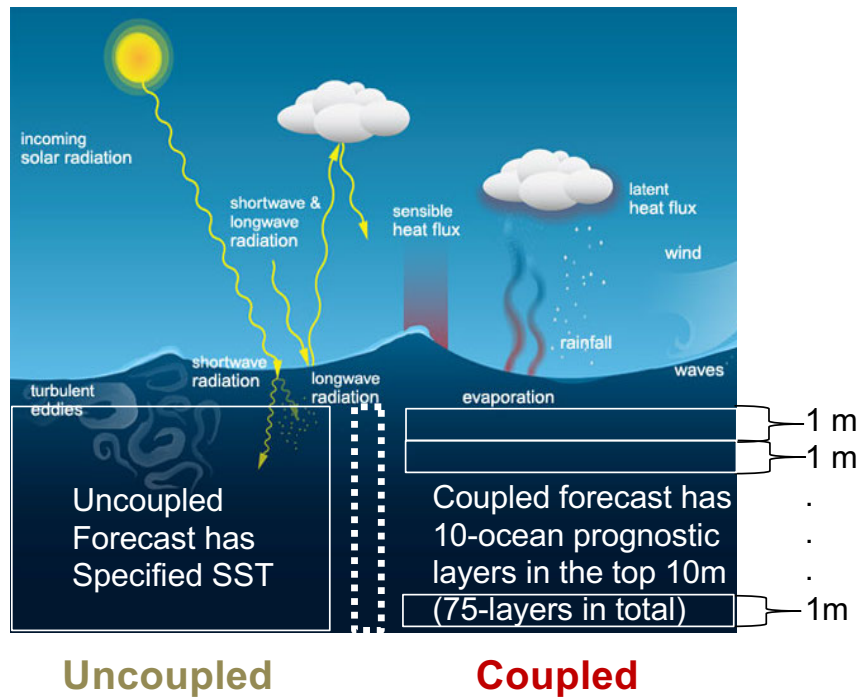


Difference in diurnal cycle amplitude due 3D ocean

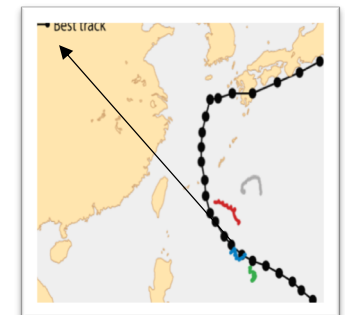


Difference due to enhance multi-layer soil

Ocean-coupling and sea surface temperature (SST) validated with in-situ



- The ECMWF Ocean-coupled (red) model is better simulate the cool wake after the passage of Tropical cyclone Neoguri. A more realistic response is observed comparing the 10-day forecast with an on-track DRIBU observation of SST, both for TC passage and diurnal cycle



Comparing forecasts with in-situ sea surface temperature (buoys & moorings)

Sea Surface Temperature Diurnal Amplitude (dSST)

Along the forecast FC 1, 3, 5, 7, 9-days ahead)



Ocean-Uncoupled Ocean-Coupled

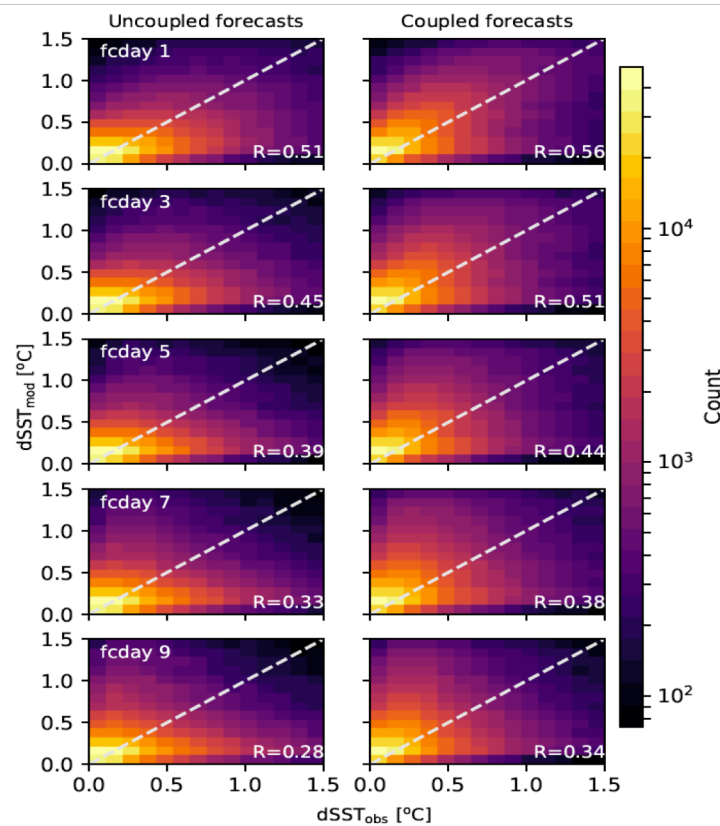


Figure 3: 2D density plots of $dSST_{obs}$ and $dSST_{mod}$ estimates on select days of the forecast validity range for (left column) uncoupled and (right column) coupled simulations.

In-situ Observations from Buoys & Moorings

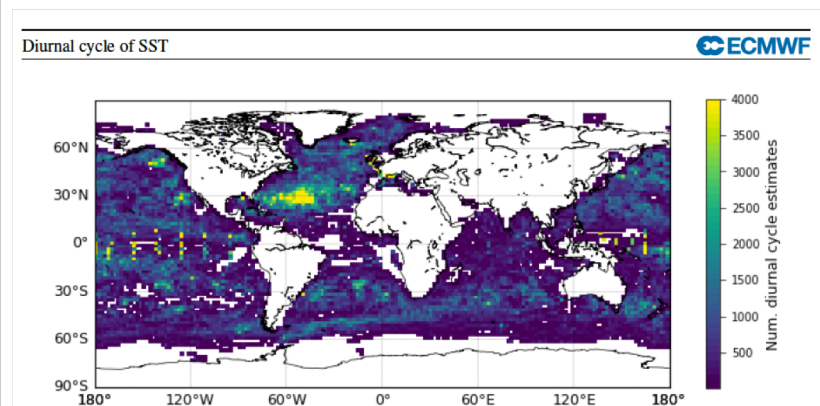


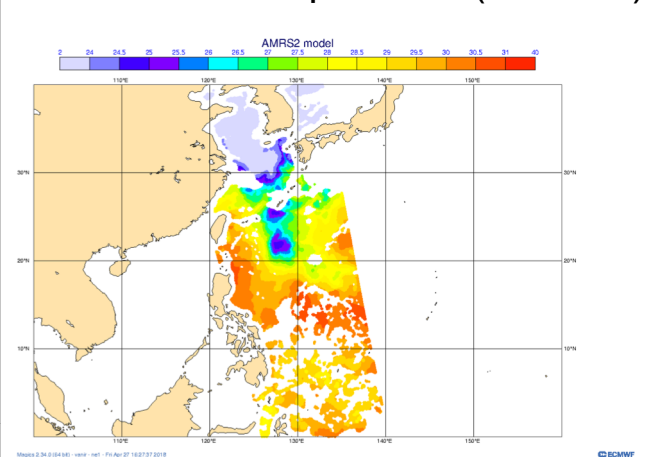
Figure 2: The number of diurnal cycle estimates in each $2^\circ \times 2^\circ$ grid box for the year of 10-day forecasts.

D. Salisbury et al. 2018 ECMWF TM826, doi:[10.21957/jd8f37cqm](https://doi.org/10.21957/jd8f37cqm)

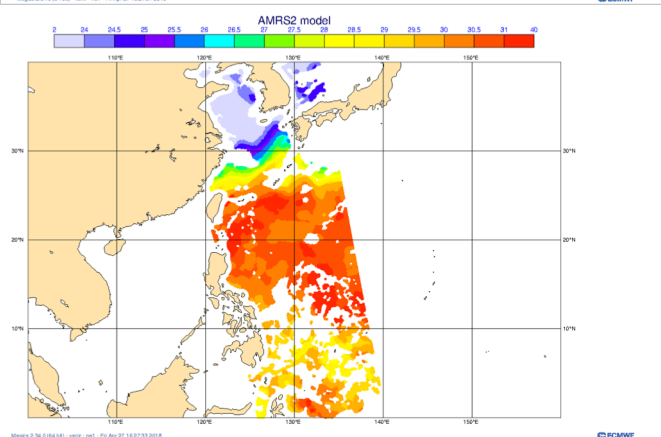
Comparing forecasts with satellite-based sea surface temperature (AMSR2)

ECMWF
Ocean
Coupled
5-day
Forecast

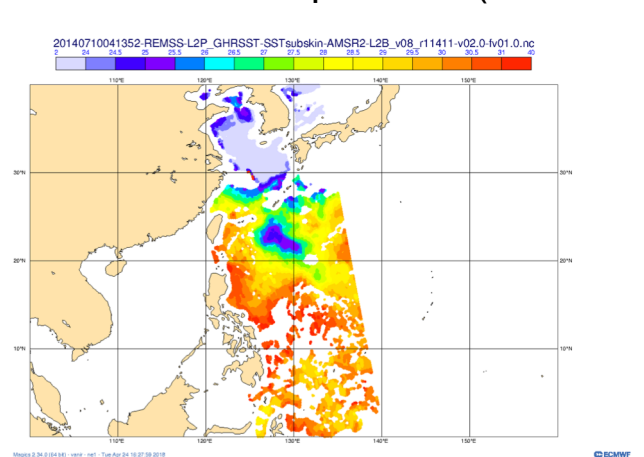
Sea surface temperature (forecast)



ECMWF
Ocean
Uncoupled
5-day
Forecast



Sea surface temperature (observation)



Coupled forecast:

- Gets the SST cooling after the passage of Tropical Cyclone in better agreement with EO data of Satellite SSTs

Satellite Observations
from AMSR2 MW SST

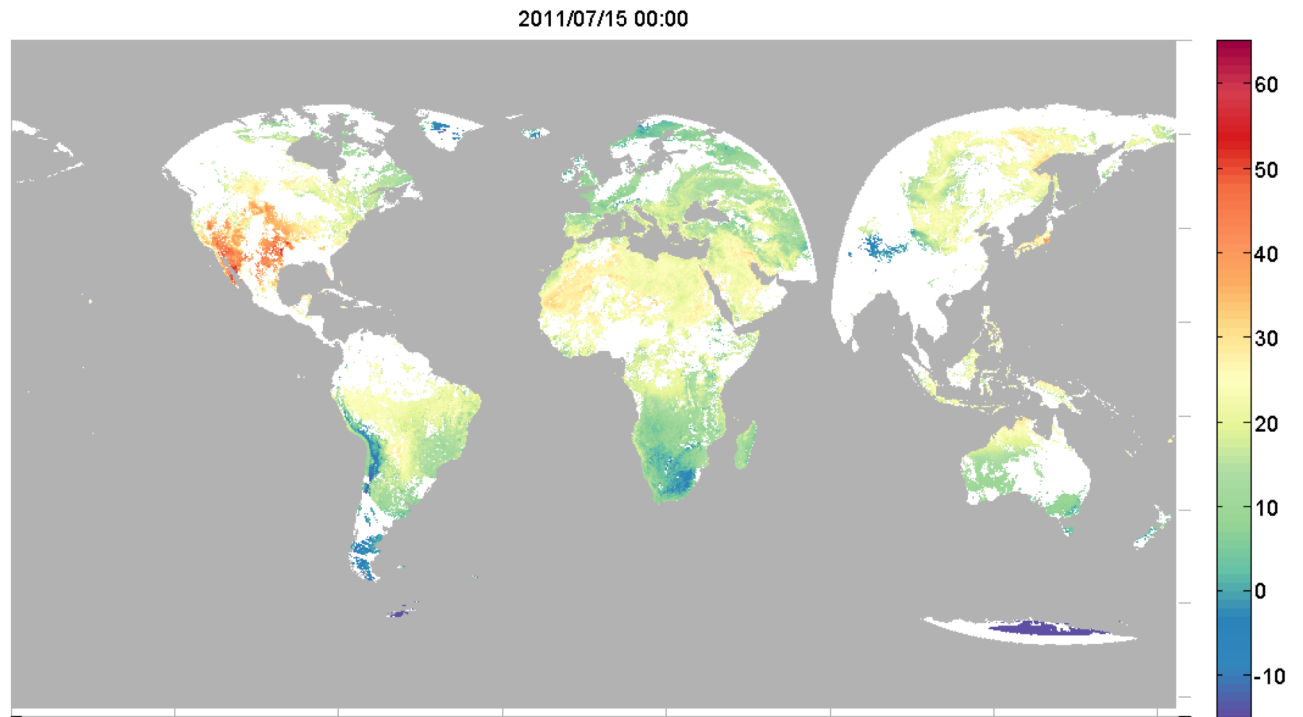
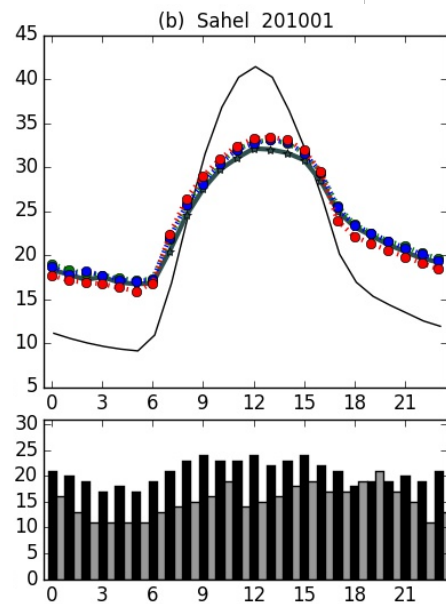
After the passage of
Tropical Cyclone Neoguri,
10th of July 2014



Thanks to Kristian Mogensen

Using more Earth Observations for surface model development

- An example of external collaboration using ESA-CCI LST – 5km global (Isabel Trigo, IPMA)
- LST used to constrain HTESSEL parameter values (Orth et al., 2017)
- LST Diurnal cycle needs ML upgrade

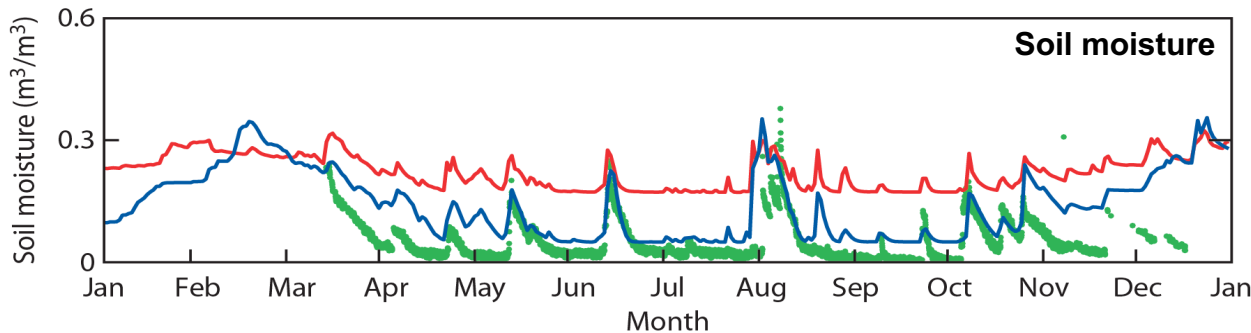


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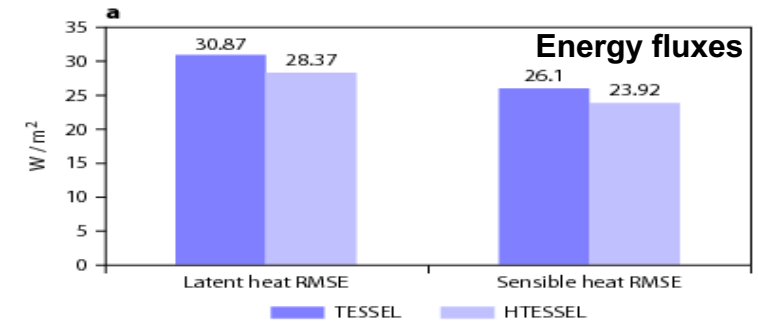
ERA-Interim/Land (Energy & Water) land-reanalysis and its added value

Balsamo et al. (2015 HESS)

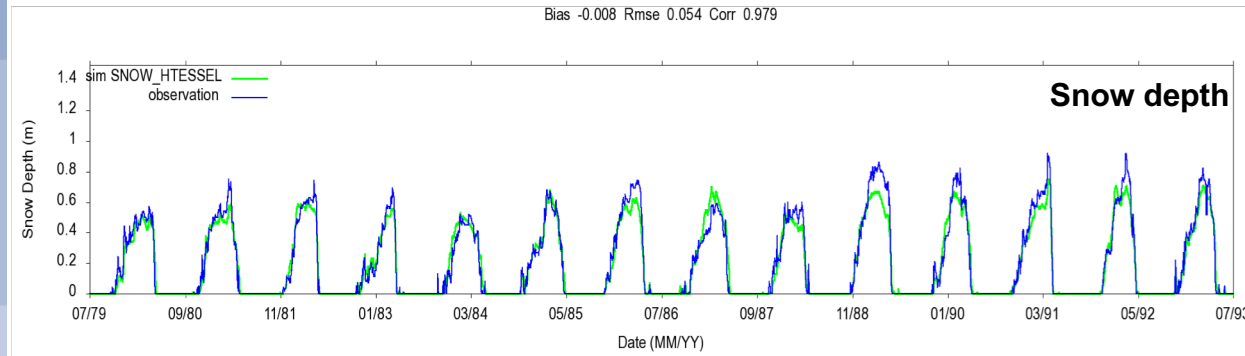
ERA-Interim/Land had the same horizontal resolution of ERA-Interim (80km) integrates land surface modelling improvements with respect to ERA-Interim and provided a balanced initial condition for the Monthly/Seasonal Re-Forecasts



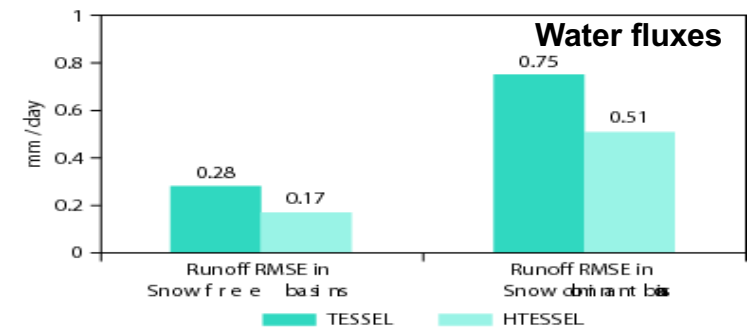
Evolution of soil moisture for a site in Utah in 2010.
Observations, ERA-Interim, and ERA-Interim/Land.



Mean performance measured over 36 stations with hourly Fluxes from FLUXNET & CEOP Observations



Evolution of snow depth for a site in Perm Siberia (58.0N, 56.5E) ERA-Interim/Land and in-situ observation between 1979 and 1993.



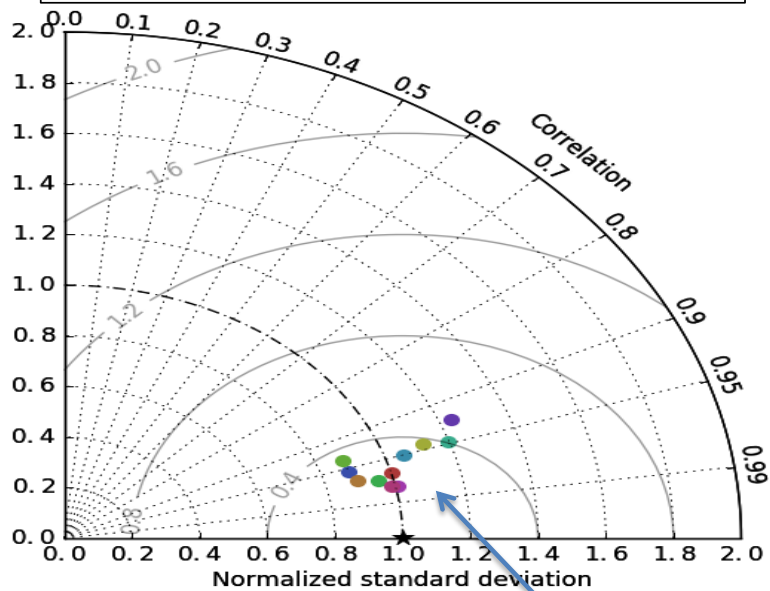
Mean performance measured for the monthly rivers discharge verified with GRDC observations

ERA-Interim/Land approach has been applied in Earth2Observe H2020 project (<http://www.earth2observe.eu>), Schellekens et al (2017 ESSD)

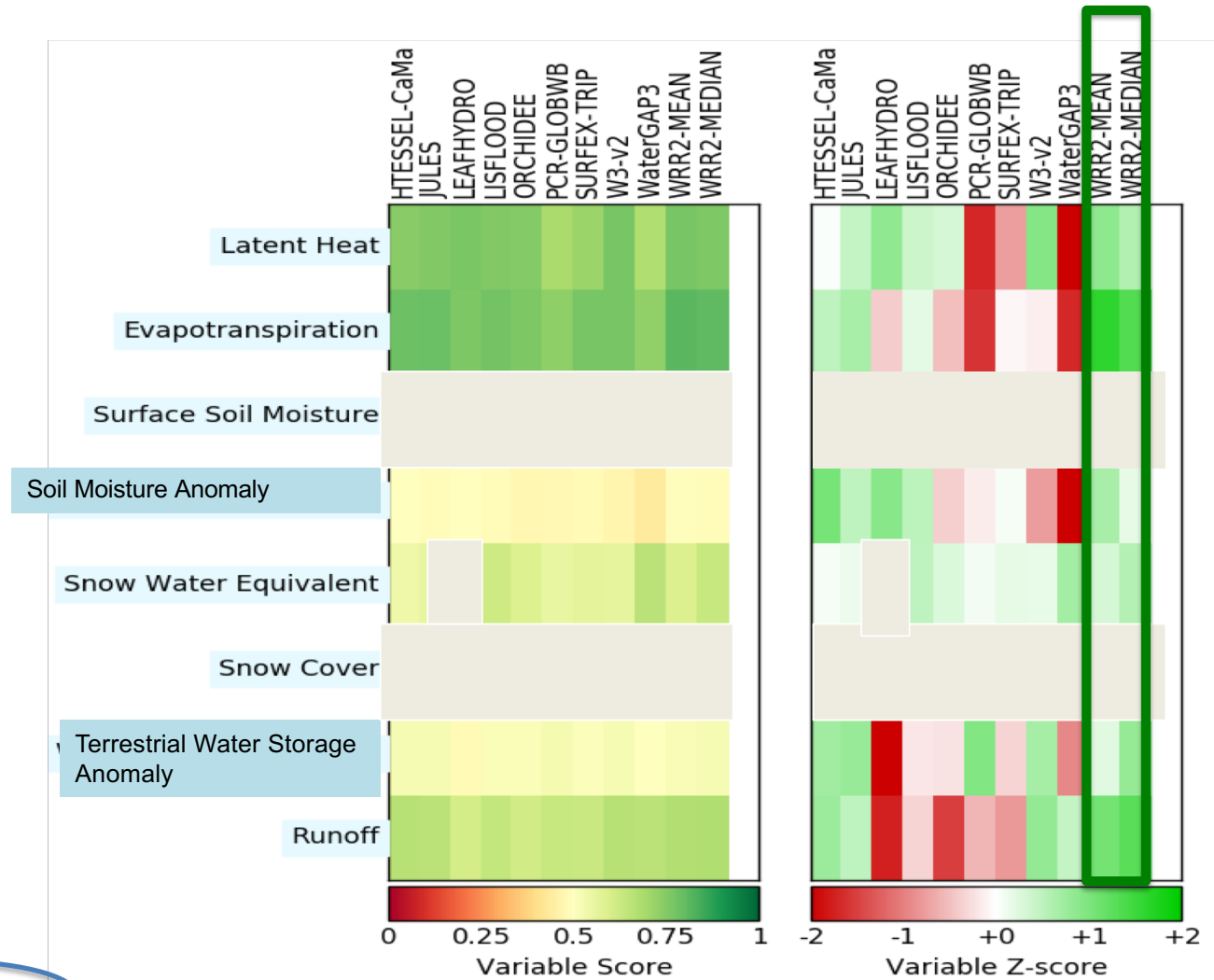
Earth2Observe H2020 multi-model GHP/LSMs ensemble and its added value

Multi-model mean/median outperforms single models for most of the variables

Spatial distribution score of latent heat



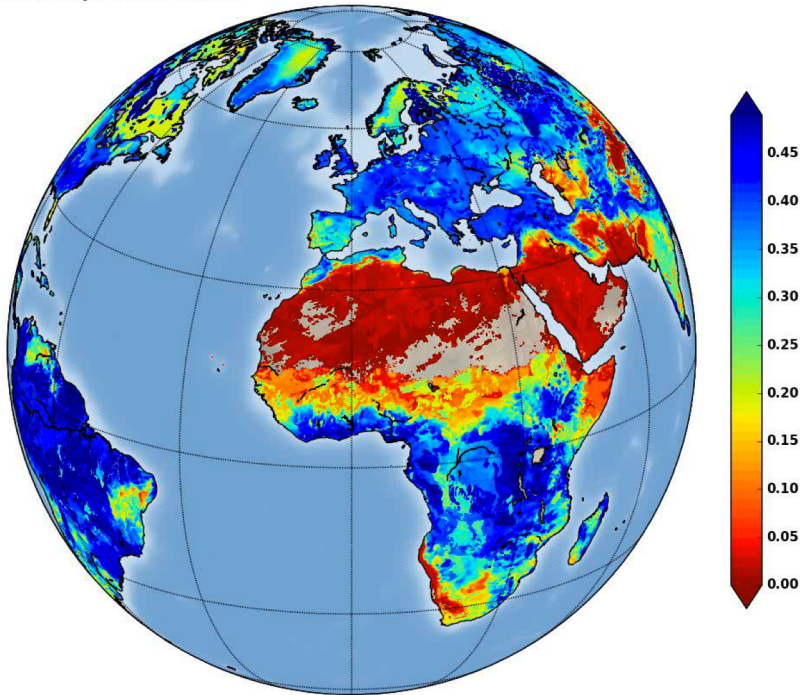
- Benchmark
- HTESSEL-CaMa
- JULES
- LEAFHYDRO
- LISFLOOD
- ORCHIDEE
- PCR-GLOBWB
- SURFEX-TRIP
- W3-v2
- WaterGAP3
- WRR2-MEAN
- WRR2-MEDIAN



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ERA5 and ERA5-Land operational reanalyses replacing ERA-Interim from 2019

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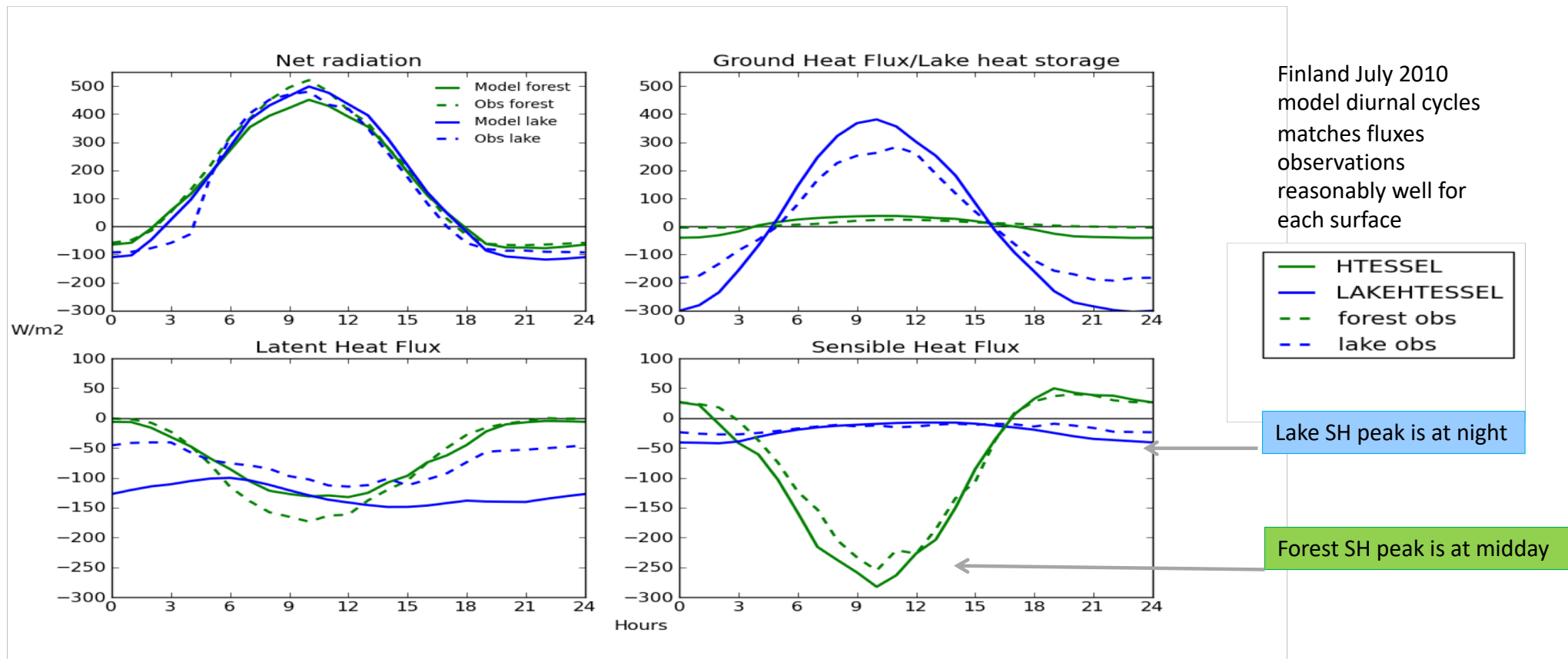
	ERA-Int	Era-Int/Land	ERA5	ERA5-Land
Period covered	Jan 1979 – NRT(*)	Jan 1979 – Dec 2010	Jan 1979 - NRT	Jan 1979 - NRT
Spatial resolution	~79km / 60 levels	79 km	~32 km / 137 levels	~9 km
Model version	IFS (+TESSEL)	HTESSEL cy36r4	IFS (+HTESSEL)	HTESSEL cy43r1
LDAS	cy31r1	NO	cy41r2	NO
Uncertainty estimate	-	-	Based on a 10-member 4D-Var ensemble at 62 km	Based a 10-member atmospheric forcing at 31 km
Output frequency	6-hourly Analysis fields	6-hourly Analysis fields	Hourly (three-hourly for the ensemble)	Hourly (three-hourly for the ensemble)



ERA5 & ERA5-Land include representation of lakes

Manrique-Suñén et al. (2013, JHM)

Why lakes are important? Compare a lake with a nearby forest energy partitioning on a summer day



ERA-Interim reanalysis (near surface meteorological forcing) has enabled to study the impact of lakes and this research is now integral part of ERA5

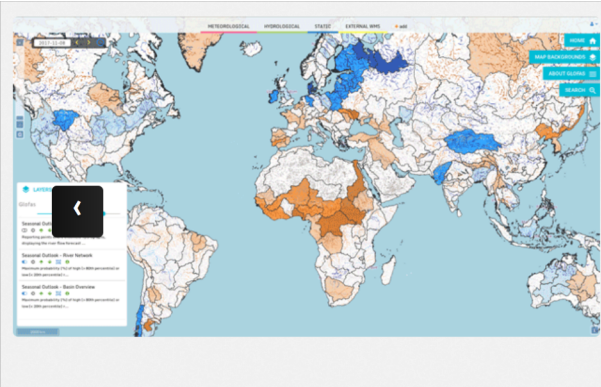
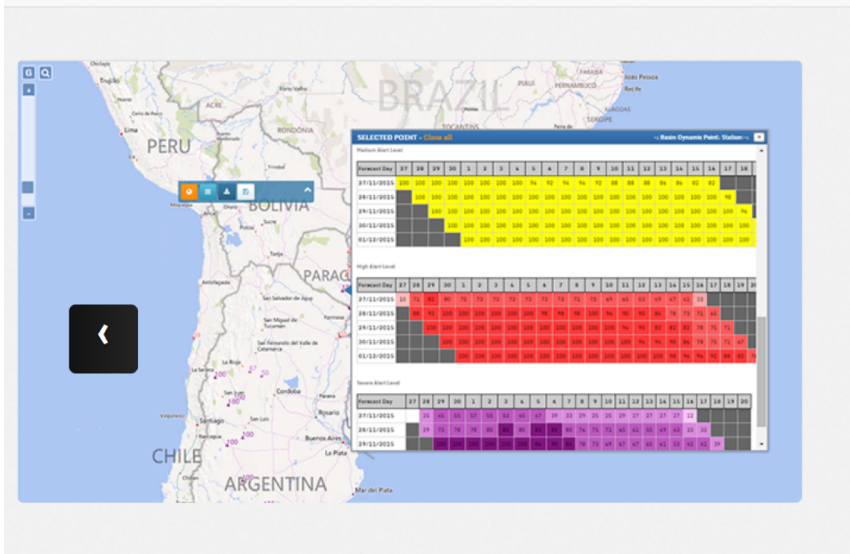
Global Flood Awareness – A Copernicus Emergency Management Service

- <http://globalfloods.jrc.ec.europa.eu>

COPERNICUS
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European Commission > JRC Science Hub > IES > GloFAS-IS

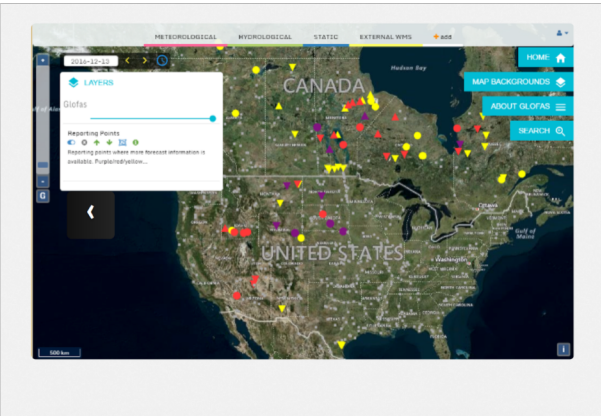
GLOFAS Forecast Viewer User Information



Seasonal Outlooks

- ✓ Early indication of unusually high or low river flow up to 4 months in advance
- ✓ Comparison with typical and extreme conditions from climatology
- ✓ Visualisation of ensemble hydrographs at specific locations

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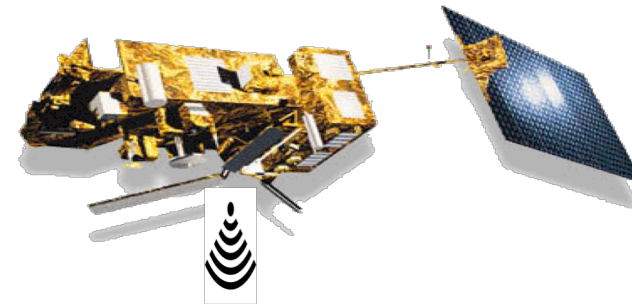
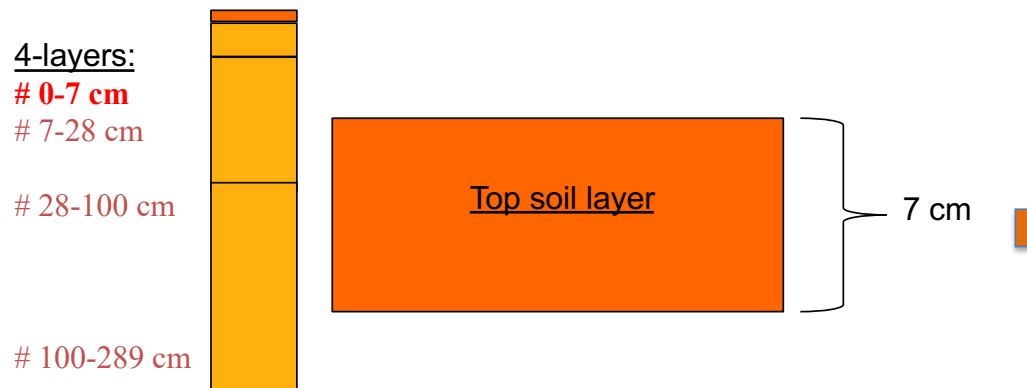
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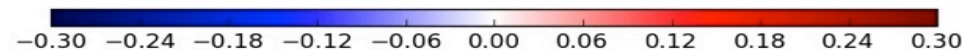
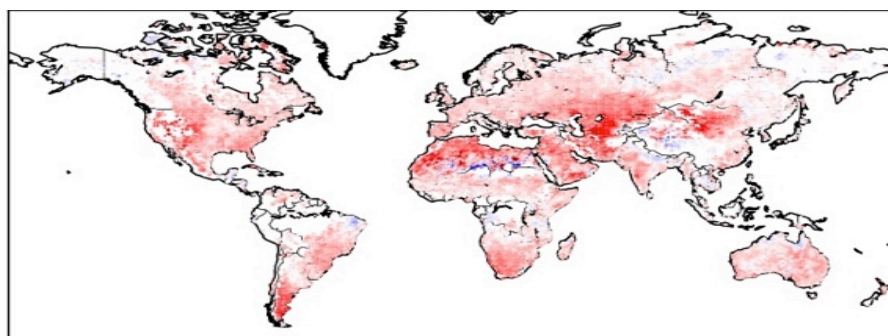
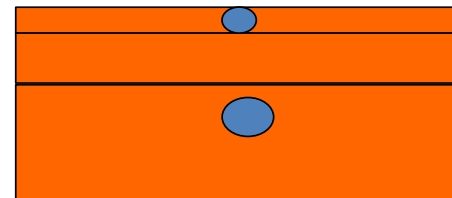
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Increased soil model vertical resolution to improve use of satellite data

An enhanced soil vertical layer is motivated by land data assimilation as it shown to better correlate with satellite products of soil moisture.



- 9-layers:**
- # 0-1 cm
 - # 1-3 cm
 - # 3-7 cm
 - # 7-15 cm
 - # 15-25 cm
 - # 25-50 cm
 - # 50-100 cm
 - # 100-200 cm
 - # 200-300 cm



Comparison with ESA-CCI soil moisture remote sensing (multi-sensor) product.(1988-2014). A finer soil model improves the correlation with measured satellite soil moisture

Globally Improved match to satellite soil moisture (shown is Anomaly correlation Δ ACC calculate on 1-month running mean)



See Dorigo et al. (2017 RSE)

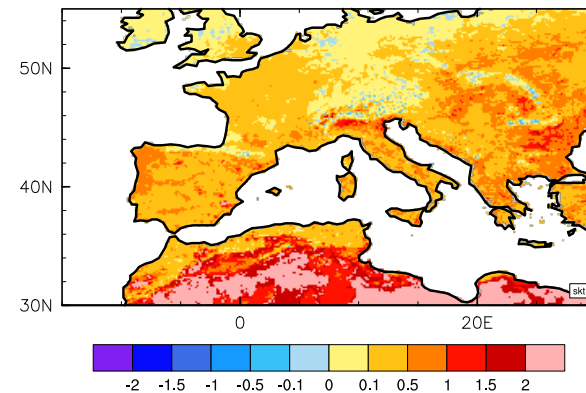
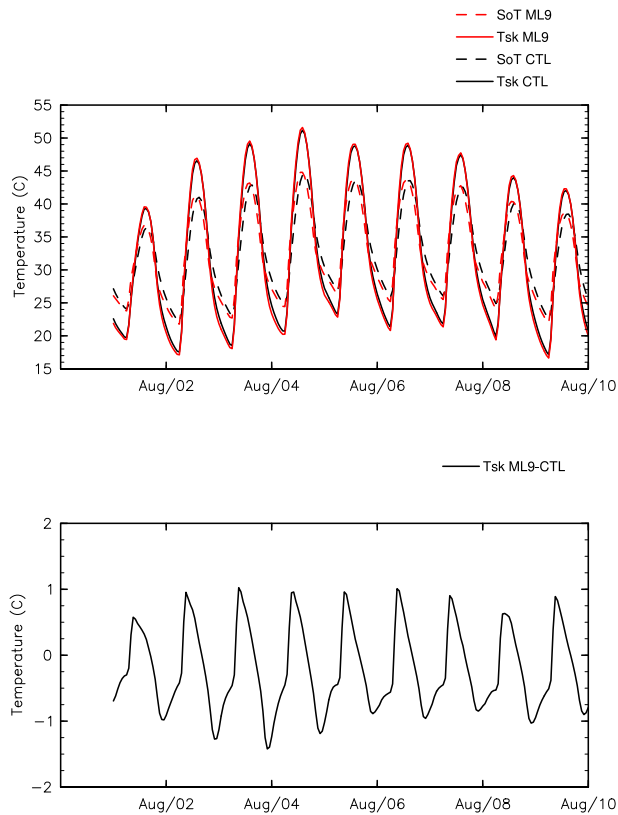
Thanks to Clément Albergel, Patricia De Rosnay, LDAS-Team

Impact of the soil model vertical resolution: heatwaves severity

During summer 2017 the effect of multi-layer is examined for European heatwave, here shown for Corboba (Spain) where temperatures went above 40° Celsius on the 6th of August 2017

ECMWF
Land
model
**ML9 &
ML4**
(offline)

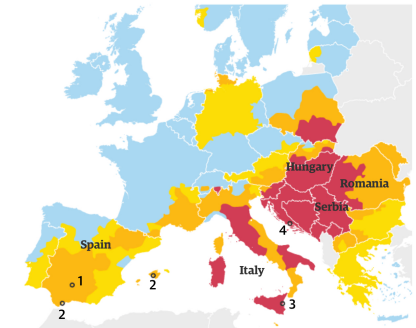
Difference
ML9-ML4
soil model
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An enhanced soil vertical discretisation is increasing the amplitude of the diurnal cycle. Extremes heatwave are up to 1 K hotter

Extreme heat warnings across southern Europe as temperatures hit 40C and above

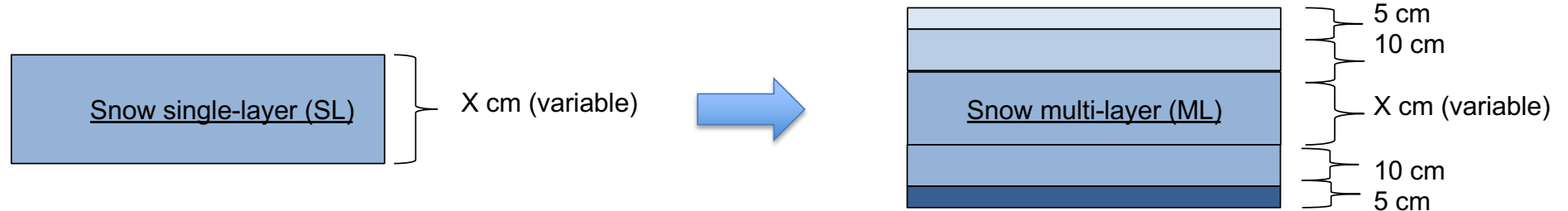
- Not dangerous
- Potentially dangerous
- Dangerous
- Very dangerous



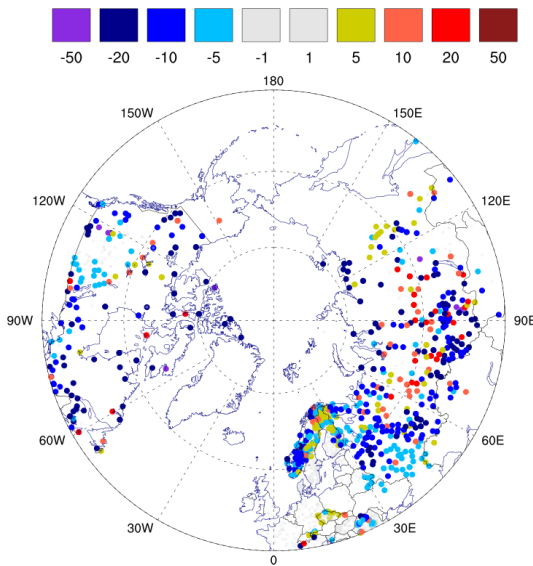
Differences in the maximum skin temperature ML9-ML4

Increased snow model vertical resolution: impact in cold regions climate

Increased vertical discretization of the snowpack (**up to 5 layers**) permits a better physical processes representation

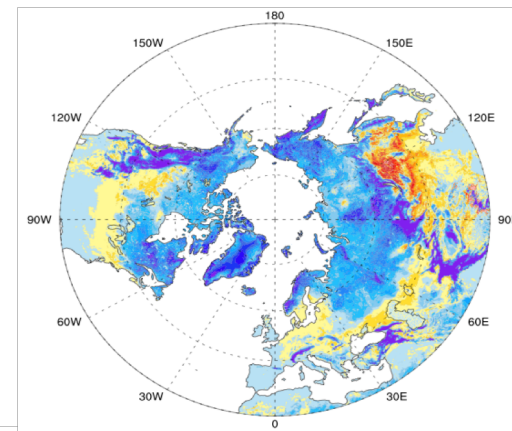


Difference ML- SL in Snow depth RMSE winter (DJF)

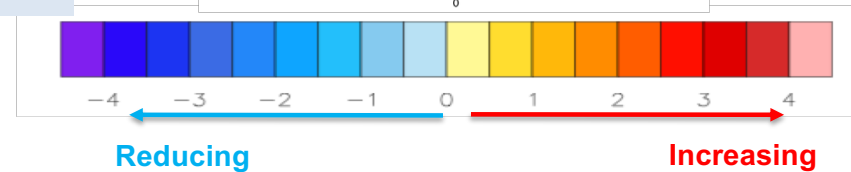


An improved snow depth (ML – SL) evaluated with in-situ SYNOP snow depth. RMSE of 0.19m (0.23m) in ML (SL). This is 17% RMSE error reduction in snow depth.

Difference ML - SL in T_{skin} minimum winter (DJF)



Winter reduction of the 2m minima temperatures with increasing diurnal-cycle. DIFF Tmin 2-4 K colder in ML compared to SL snow. Increased variability

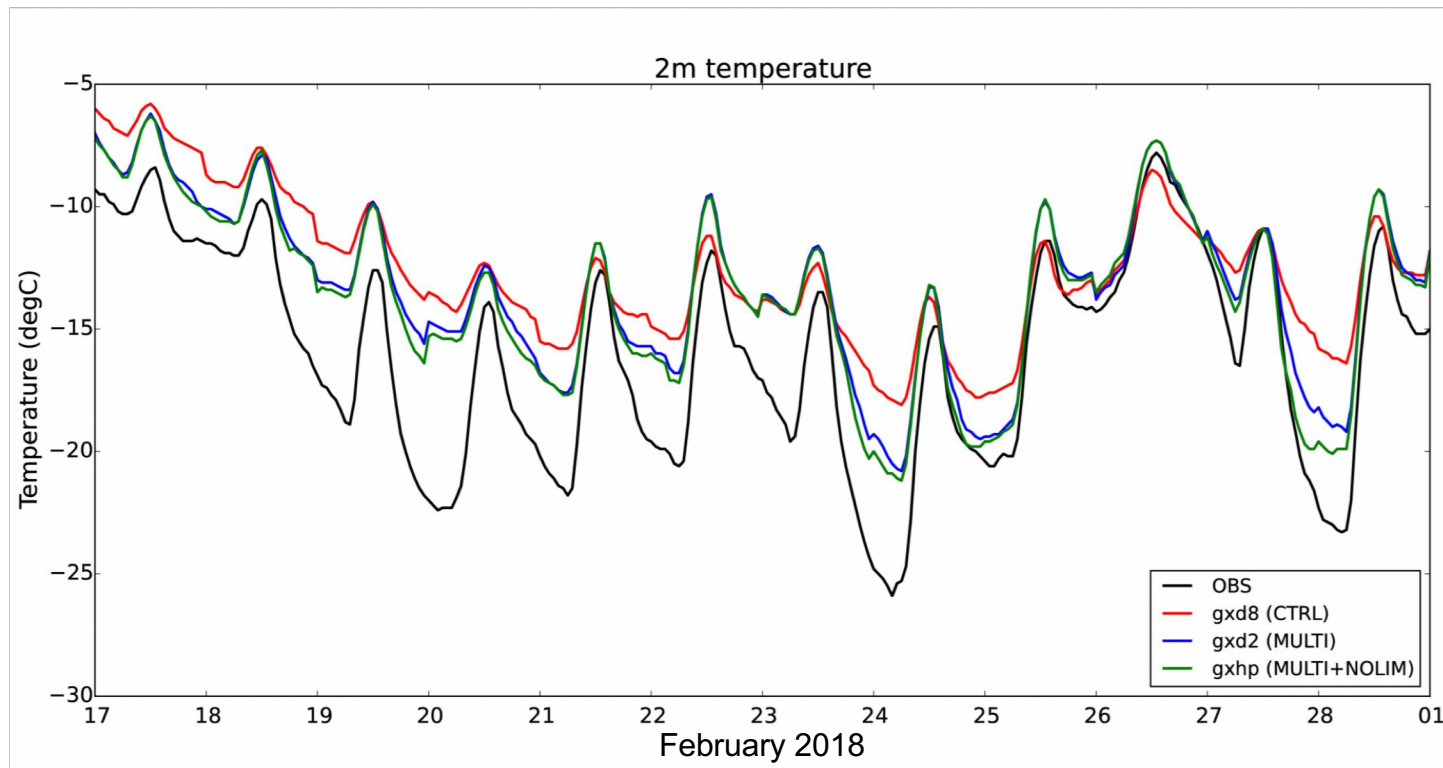


Thanks to Gabriele Arduini, Jonny Day, Linus Magnusson

Impact of snow model vertical resolution increase on near surface temperature

Increased vertical discretization of the snowpack (**up to 5 layers**) permits a better 2-m forecast: here hourly day-2 forecasts are shown for 24-hour to 47-hour ahead, concatenated to form a continuous time-series

T2m Observations, T2m forecast (current snow, SL), T2m forecast (ML)



In clear-sky the MULTI-layer snow scheme is capable to produce stronger winter inversions improving observation match.

NOLIM indicates a stability limiter safety is deactivated.

The increased variability in the diurnal cycle is beneficial for ensemble forecasting.

Thanks to Gabriele Arduini, Thomas Haiden, Irina Sandu & USURF Team

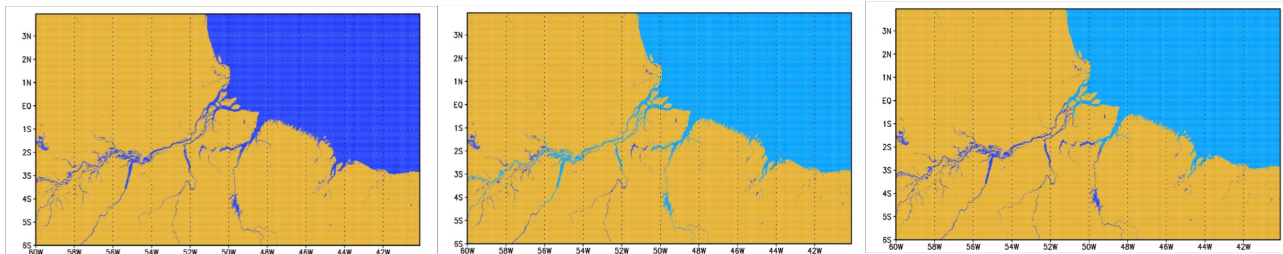
Mapping the surface at 1km: water bodies and changes over time

Classifying automatically inland water bodies is a complex task. A 1-km water bodies cover and bathymetry have been produced

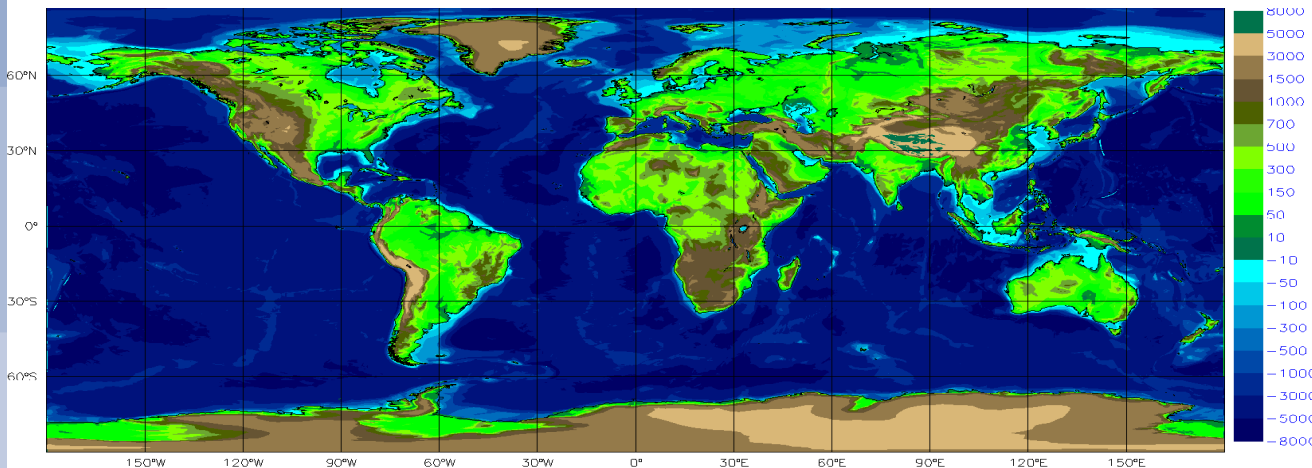
ESA GlobCOVER has no water class

Flooding allows classify, problems w. large rivers

New classification algo works well at 1km



A 1-km global bathymetry and orography map (SRTM+/GEBCO/GLDB)



Thanks to Margarita Choulga, Souhail Boussetta, Irina Sandu, Nils Wedi

ESA GlobCOVER is combined with JRC/GLCS to detect Lake cover changes

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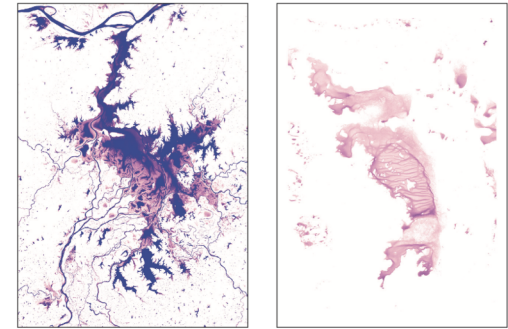
Lakes in weather prediction: a moving target

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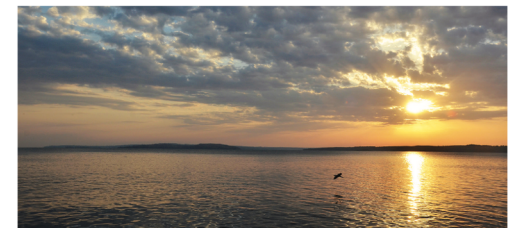
Lakes are important for numerical weather prediction (NWP) because they influence the local weather and climate. That is why in May 2015 ECMWF implemented a simple but effective interactive lake model to represent the water temperature and lake ice of all the world's major inland water bodies in the Integrated Forecasting System (IFS). The model is based on the version of the FLake parametrization developed at the German National Meteorological Service (DWD), which uses a static dataset to represent the extent and bathymetry of the world's lakes.

However, new data obtained from satellites show that the world's surface water bodies are far from static. By analysing more than 3 million satellite images collected between 1984 and 2015 by the USGS/NASA Landsat satellite programme, new global maps of surface water occurrence and change with a 30-metre resolution have been produced. These provide a globally consistent view of one of our planet's most vital resources, and they make it possible to measure where the world's surface water bodies really can be found at any given time.

As explained in a recent *Nature* article (doi:10.1038/nature20584), the maps show that over the past three decades almost 90,000 km² of the lakes and rivers thought of as permanent have vanished from the Earth's surface. That is equivalent to Europe losing half of its lakes. The losses are linked to drought



Dynamic lakes. The size of Poyang Lake (left), one of China's largest lakes, fluctuates dramatically between wet and dry seasons each year while overall decreasing. Lake Gairdner in Australia (right), which is over 150 km long, is an ephemeral lake resulting from episodic inundations. Both maps show the occurrence of water over the past 32 years; the lighter the tone the lower the occurrence. (Images: Joint Research Centre/Google 2016)



Lake Victoria. Lakes in tropical areas are linked with high-impact weather by contributing to the formation of convective cells. (Photo: MHGALLERY/Stock/Thinkstock)

Mapping the surface at 1km: urban cover, its expansion and uncertainties

Classifying automatically urban areas (fraction and height) is an extremely complex task. Urban areas expand each year

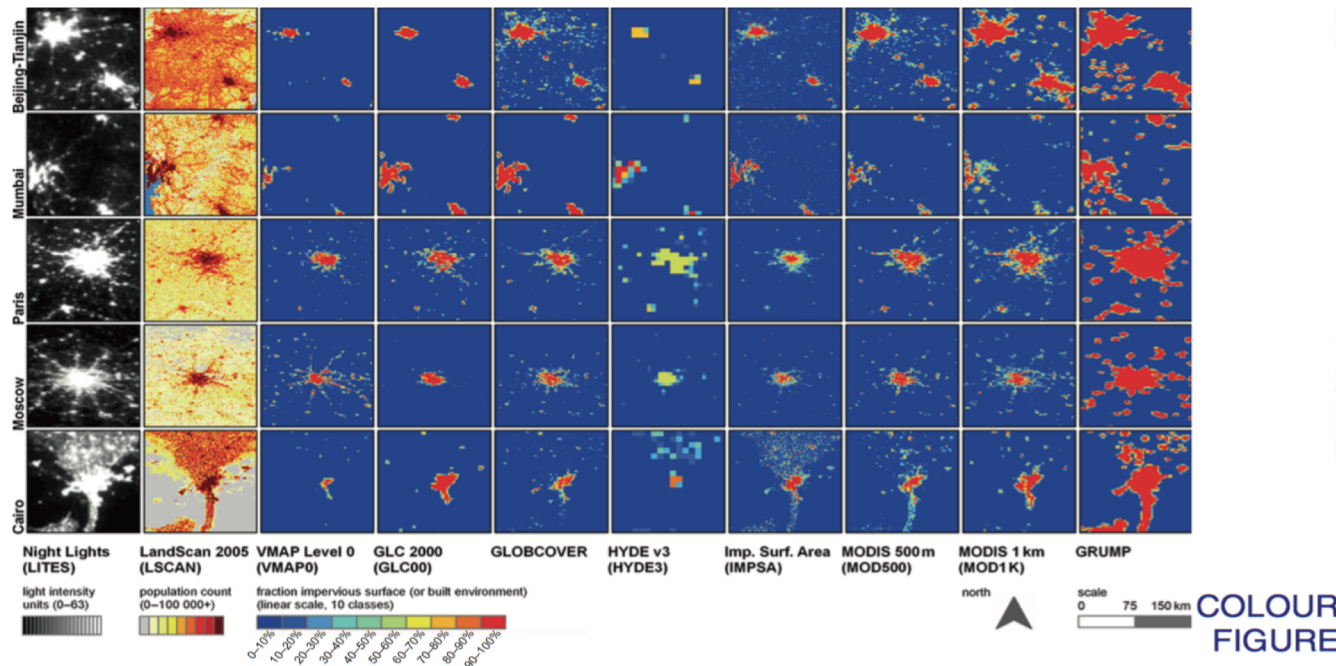
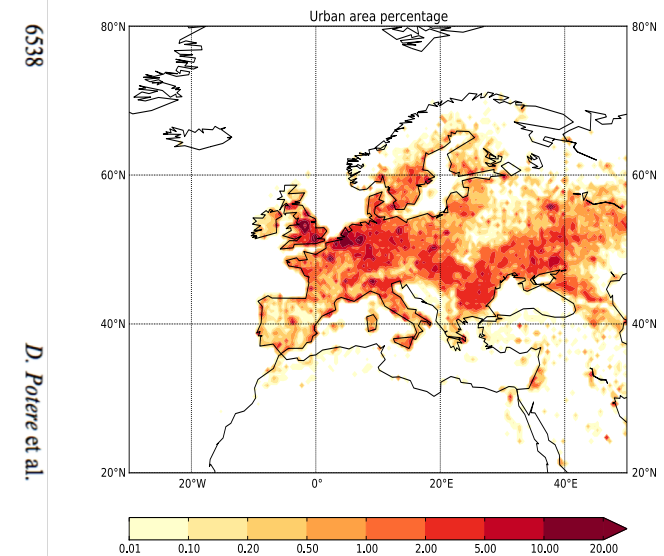


Figure 1. The eight global urban maps and two urban-related maps for Beijing-Tianjin, China (top row), Mumbai, India (second row), Paris, France (third row), Moscow, Russia (fourth row), and Cairo, Egypt (bottom row). LITES, LSCAN and IMPISA are at native 30 arc-second resolution, HYDE3 is at native 5 arc-minutes, and the remaining maps have been aggregated from 30 arc-seconds to 1.5 arc-minutes for display. This aggregation effectively converts their legends from binary (urban/rural) to continuous (percentage urban).



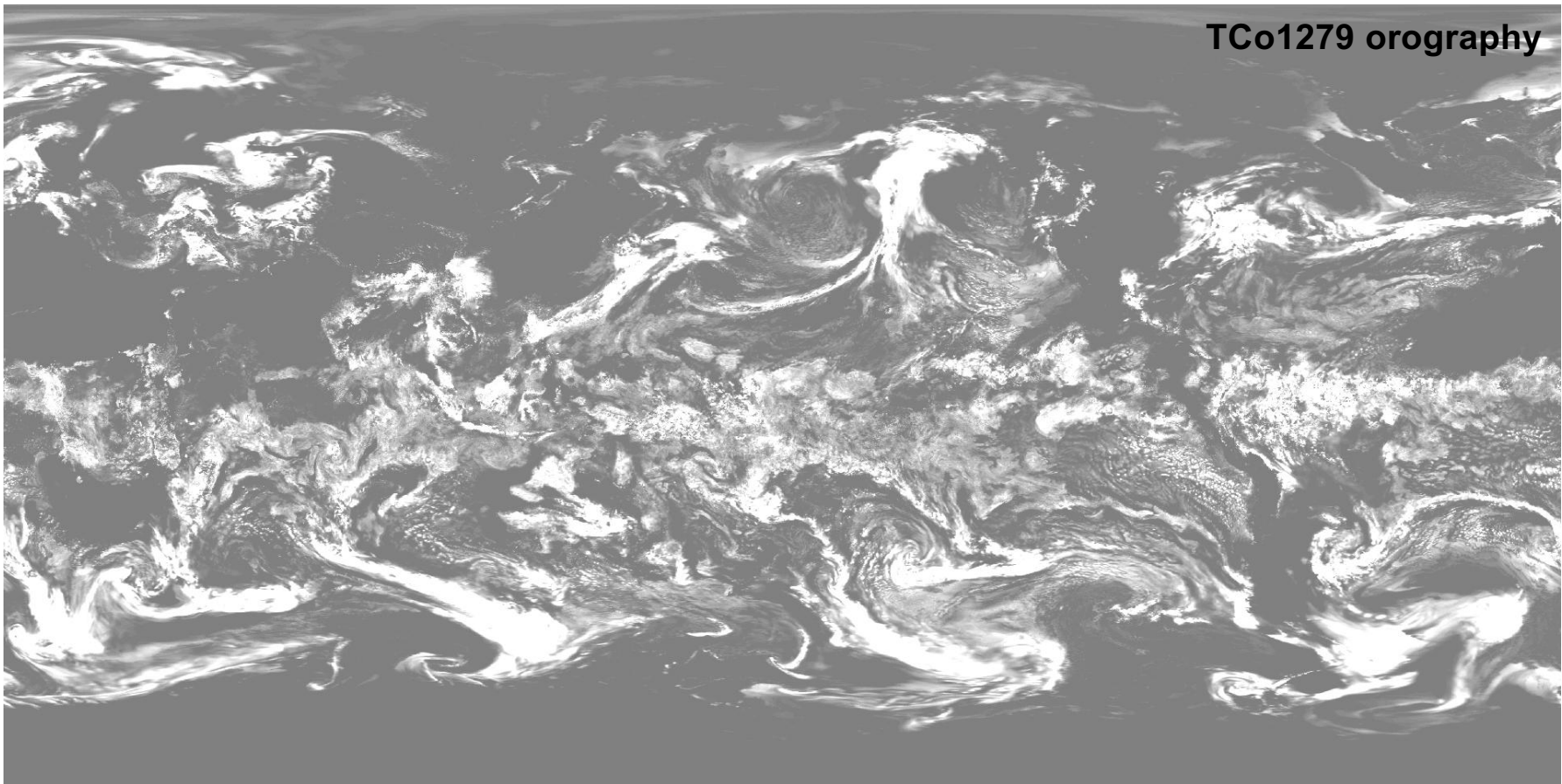
D. Potere et al.

- Urban area dataset comparison on selected cities (Potere et al., 2009 IJRS) reveal large uncertainties and discrepancies. New datasets are promising, such as HSL by JRC



- Urban area (a, in %, from ECOCLIMAP Masson et al., 2003) see:
- Balsamo et al. 2014 ECMWF TM729
- CHE H2020 Project (urban-scale) <http://www.che-project.eu>

Current km-scale: TCo1279 (~9km) highest global operational NWP today

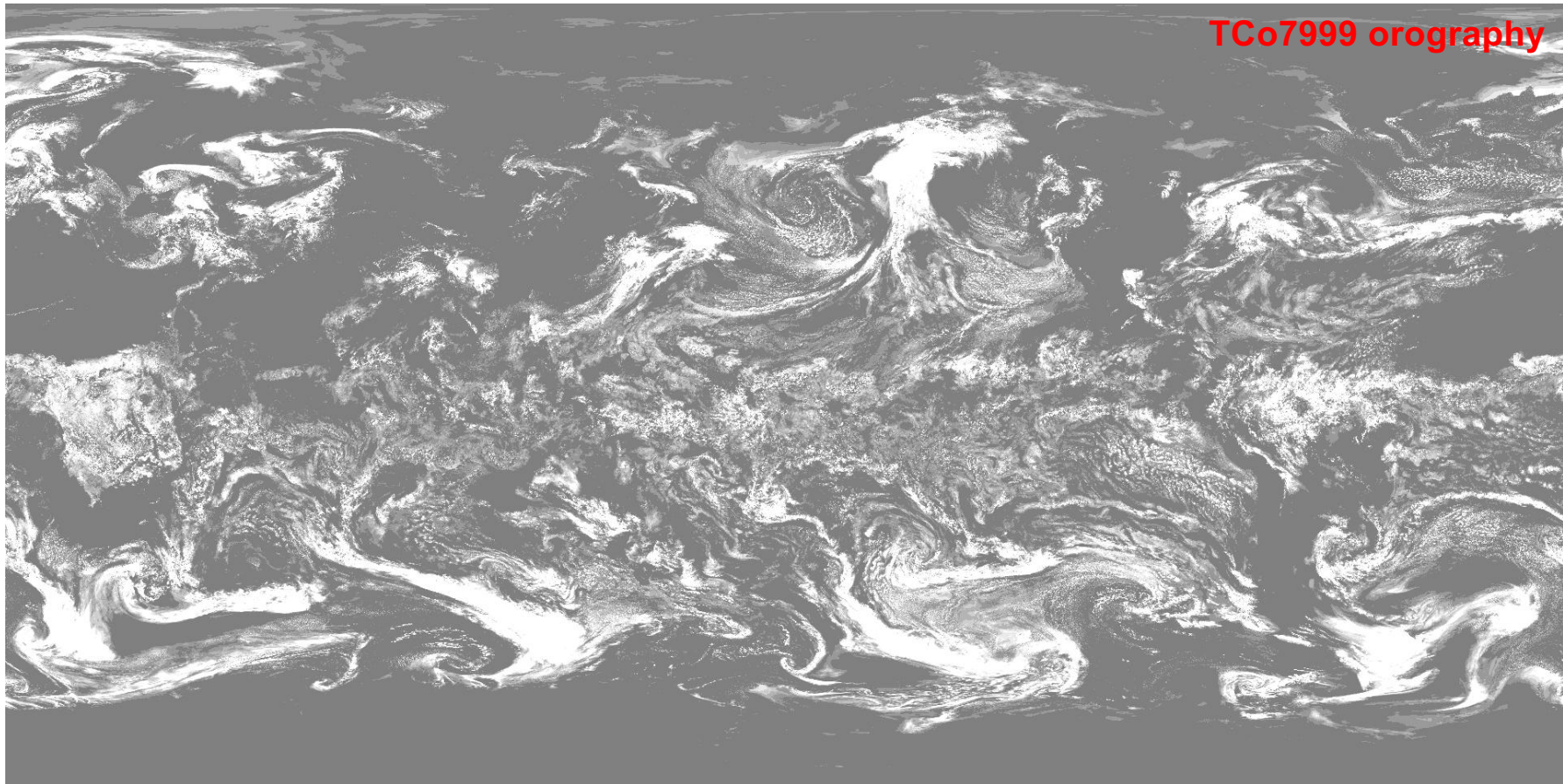


(12h forecast, *hydrostatic*, with *deep convection* parametrization, 450s time-step, 240 Broadwell nodes, ~0.75s per timestep)



Equivalent to 6.6 Megapixel camera

Towards km-scale: TCo7999 test-case (~1.3km) highest NWP test @ECMWF



(12 h forecast, *hydrostatic*, no deep convection parametrization, 120s time-step, 960 Broadwell nodes, ~6s per timestep in SP)



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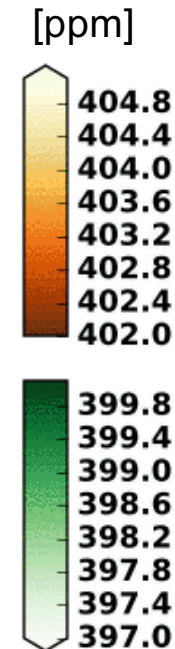
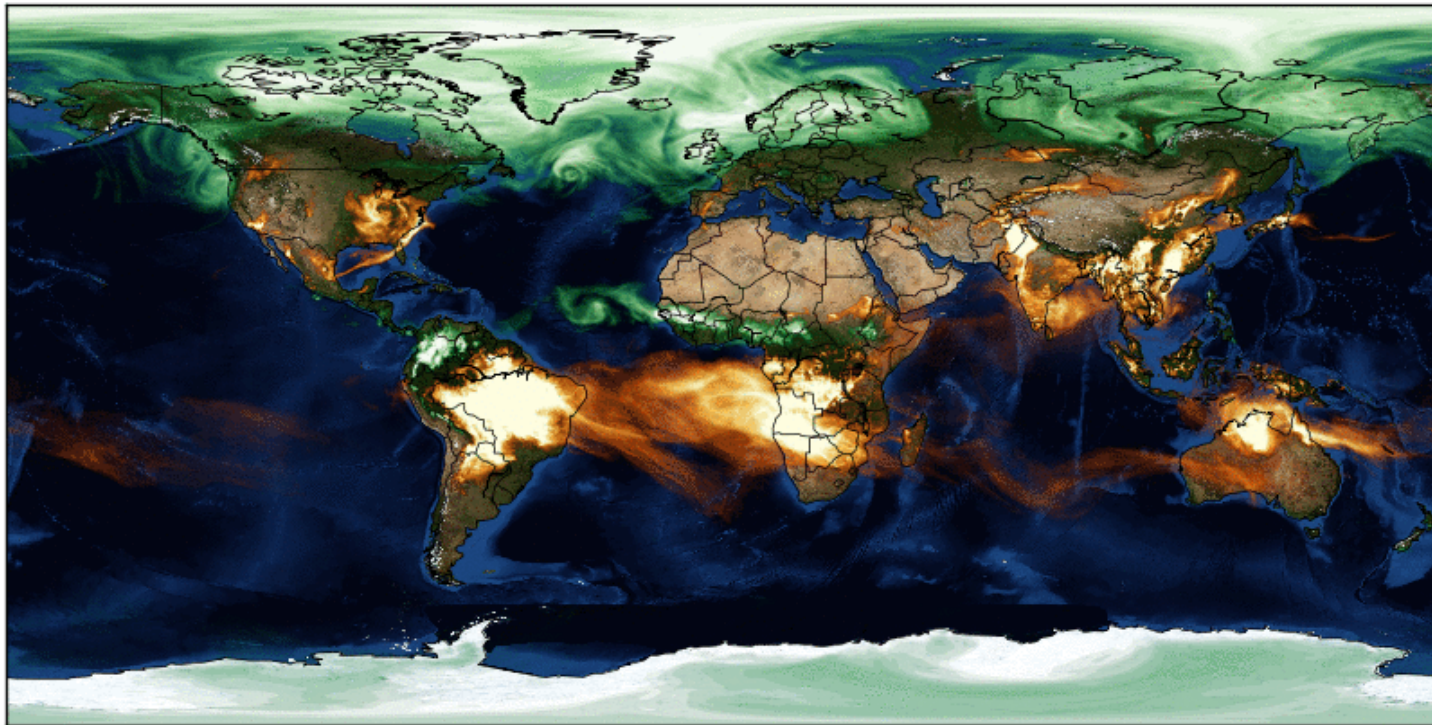
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The CO2 Human Emission Project make use of ECMWF IFS 9km CAMS configuration to study anthropogenic emissions

Forecasts of the CO2 variations from a 400 ppm concentration background. Another call for high res.!

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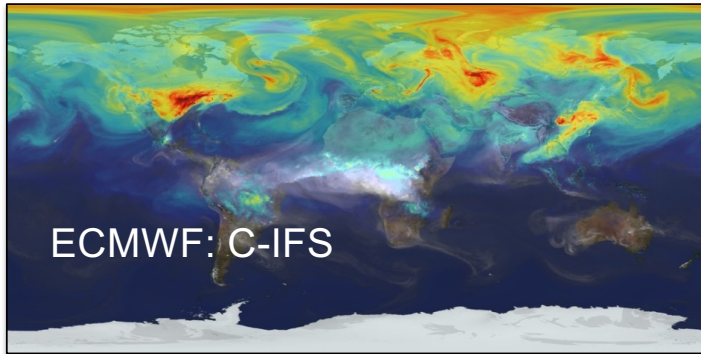


CO₂, CH₄, linCO,
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Tco1279 (~9km) L137

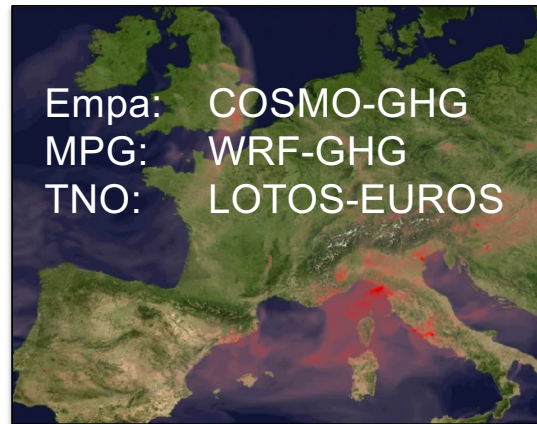
- CTESSEL NEE (BFAS correction Agusti-Panareda et al. ACP 2016)
- EDGARv4.2FT2010
- Takahashi et al. (2009)
- GFAS biomass burning
- IFS transport
- Bermejo & Conde mass fixer (Agusti-Panareda et al. GMD 2017)

Embracing multi-scale to evaluate uncertainties, from local to global

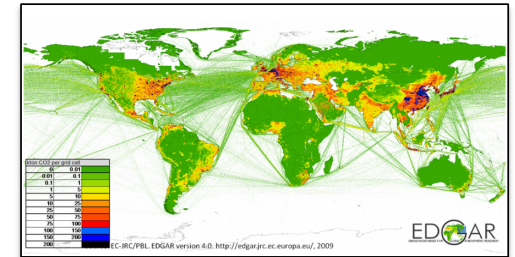
Global, ~ 9km resolution, ECMWF



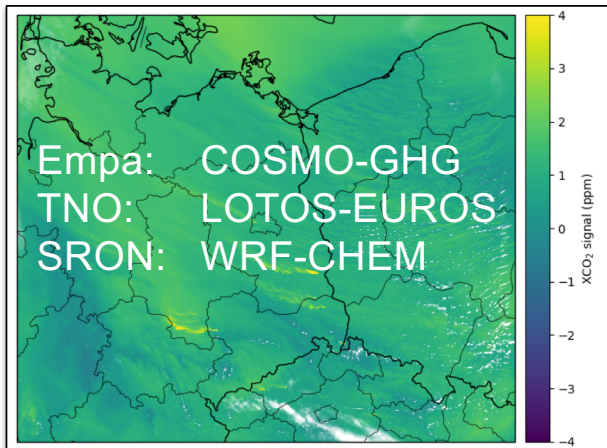
Europe, ~ 5 km, Empa, TNO, MPG



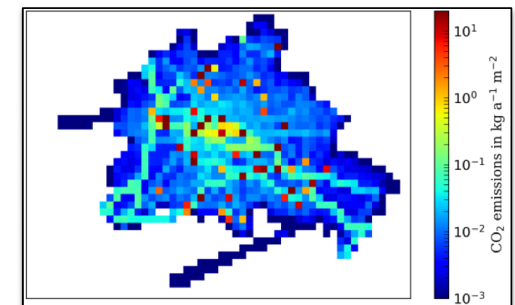
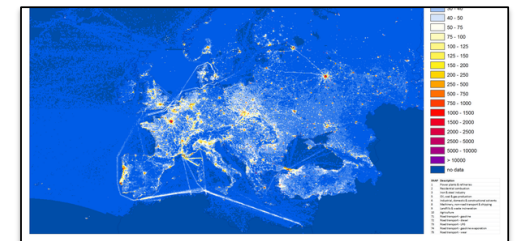
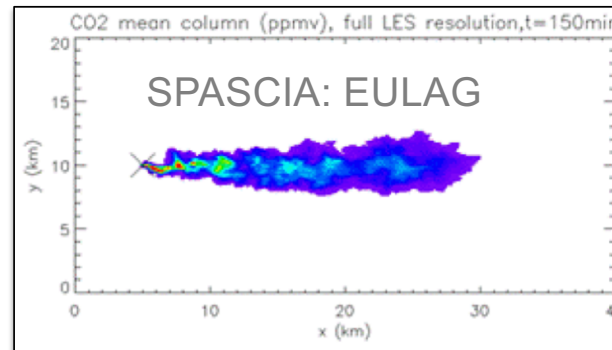
Global, Regional City emission



Regional, ~ 1 km, Empa, TNO, SRON

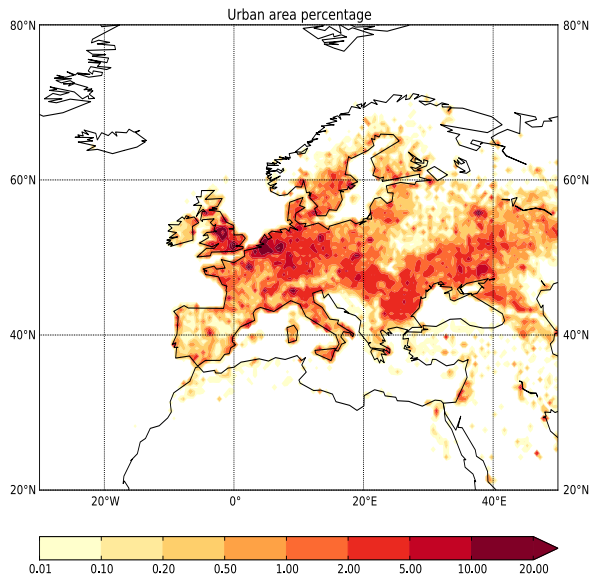


Point source, ~ 100 m, SPASCIA

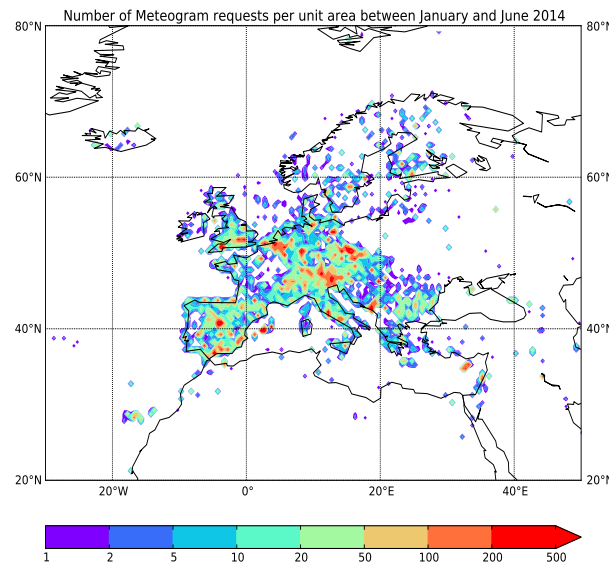


CHE linkage with the mapping of urban areas & human activity

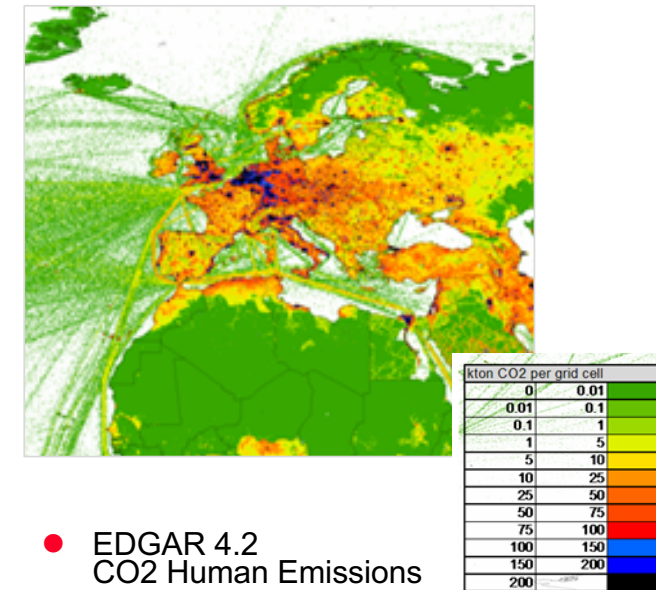
- Urban areas are important for the accurate prediction of extreme events such as heatwaves and urban flooding and need to be represented in ECMWF model.
- Best and Grimmond (2015) suggested that simple models may be well adapted to global applications
- Users lives urban areas and look at the forecast for urban locations.
- Urban maps combined with emission factors can provide CO2 anthropogenic fluxes



- Urban area (a, in %, from ECOCLIMAP, Masson et al., 2003)



- Number of ECMWF forecast product requests from Member-States



- EDGAR 4.2 CO2 Human Emissions

Summary and outlook

- Progress for Earth System Seamless Coupling at ECMWF in representation of Ocean, Land, Atmosphere with a unified configuration across systems
 - In 2018 Ocean-coupling across ECMWF forecasting systems (HRES ENS SEAS5)
- **Modelling** activities coordination(GEWEX/WCRP/WWRP) greater use of EO-data
- **Mapping** activities yet insufficiently coordinated to meet global modelling challenges
- A global km-scale is necessary to enhance linkage with modelling and mapping activities and support **Monitoring**, eg. Copernicus Sentinels, GEO/LEO high-res.
- Earth Observations and Earth Surface Modelling experts working closer together can boost development of advanced parameterisation (e.g. ISWG initiatives)

- The CO2 Human Emission EU-funded Project will drive forward requirements for a global km-scale Monitoring System

<https://www.che-project.eu>



A Surface Integrated Scheme for Terrestrial Ecosystems Modelling & Assimilation

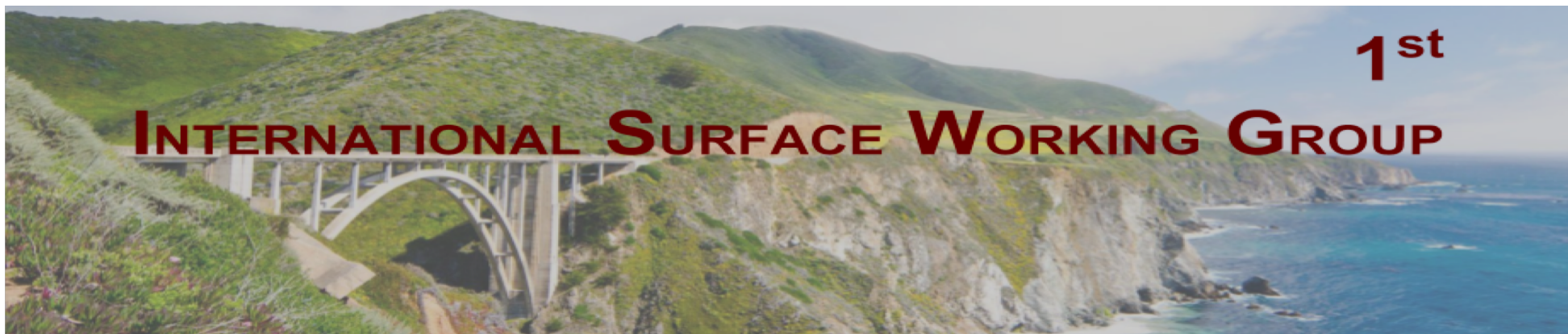
Land Surface Models are essential & evolving components of Earth System Models

- CLASS, CLM, ISBA-DF/ES, JULES-HYDRO, JSBACH, LPJGUESS, MPR, NOAH-MP, ORCHIDEE, TERRA, CH-TESEL, SURFEX, UTOPIA, ...
- GHMs are evolving towards LSMs and LSMs towards GHMs
- Several elements & challenges in common (e.g. Land-use, Water-use, Coupling)
- Unified forcing & fluxes list already enable a Multi-Model Framework (e.g. S2S)
- Unified I/O (e.i. NetCDF4) surface archived output consistently (e.g. Earth2Observe)

Integrated Forecasting System needs lean scalable efficient code & Community efforts

- OpenIFS <https://www.ecmwf.int/en/research/projects/openifs>
- Scalability <https://www.ecmwf.int/en/about/what-we-do/scalability>

An **International Surface Working Group** is setup to enhance use of **Earth Observations**



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INTERNATIONAL SURFACE WORKING GROUP

19-20 July 2017, Monterey, California

ISWG Scientific Topics:

Assimilation of surface sensitive observations: IR/MW, active/passive ; Land surface schemes for modeling & assimilation ; Radiative transfers and emissivity/reflectivity models: VIS/IR/MW surface ; Retrievals of surface parameters: land surface temperature, soil moisture, snow and ice, albedo water-body extent, sea surface wind, salinity, canopy parameters, vegetation water content, vegetation state

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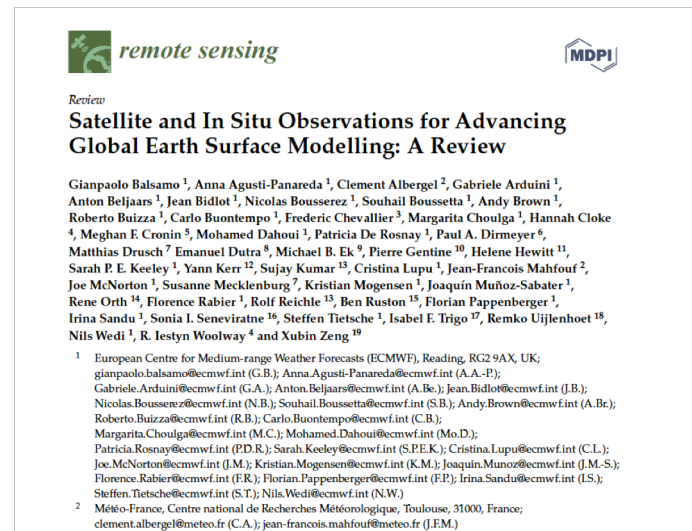
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Satellite/in-situ observations drive Earth surface monitoring & forecasting skill

As part of the ISWG efforts a 2018 Special Issue on: "Advancing Earth Surface Representation via Enhanced Use of Earth Observations in Monitoring and Forecasting Applications" is published in *MDPI journal Remote Sensing*

http://www.mdpi.com/journal/remotesensing/special-issues/earthsurface_RS



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Coupled processes at the surface-atmosphere interface

Relevance for medium-range prediction: the ECMWF experience

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