

# DESTINATION EARTH

Development of the on-demand  
extreme Digital Twin workflow

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**Destination Earth**

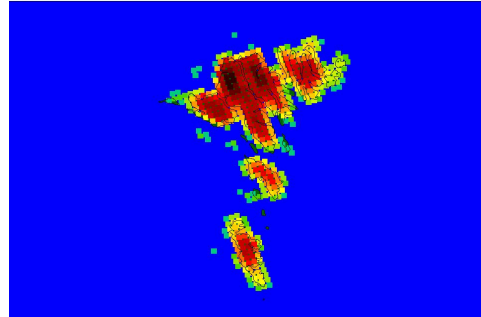
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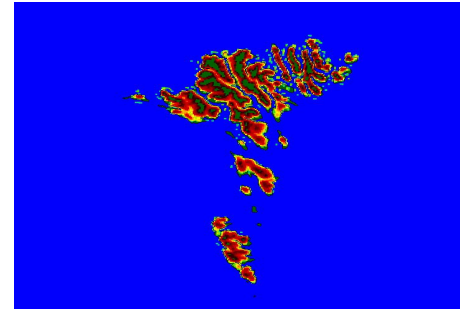
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**Faroe Islands**



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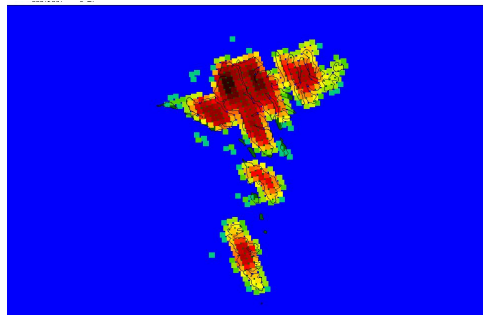


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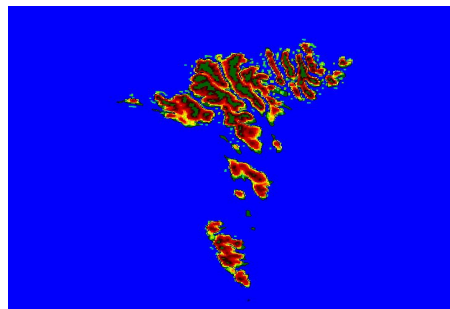


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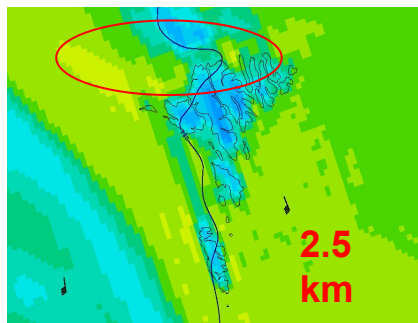
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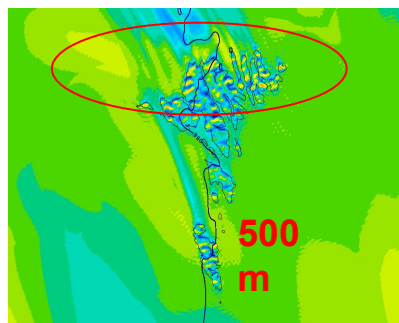
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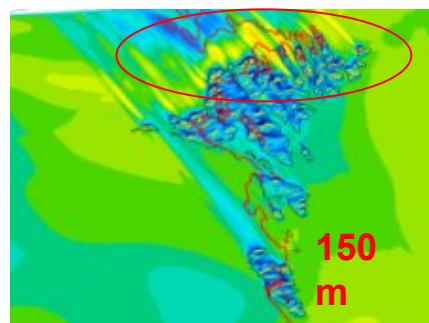
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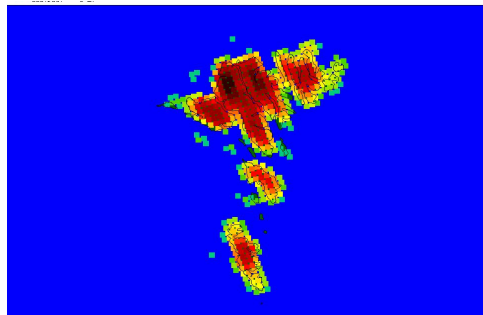
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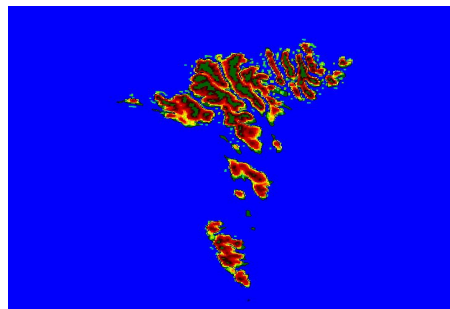
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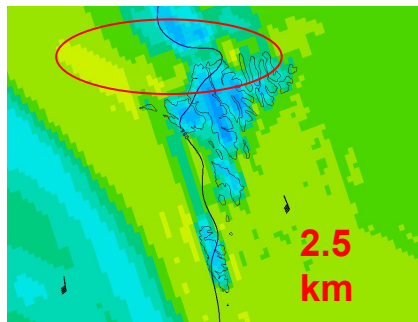
# Will DE fast-forward the advances in the NWP capability?



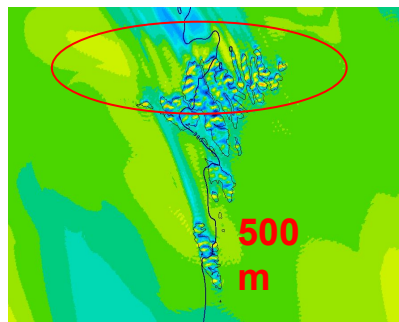
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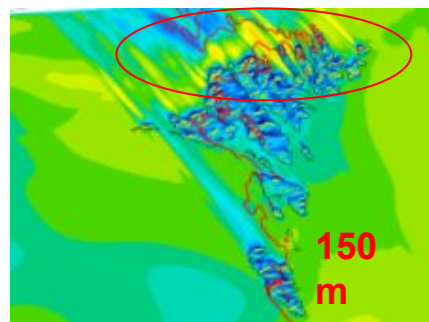
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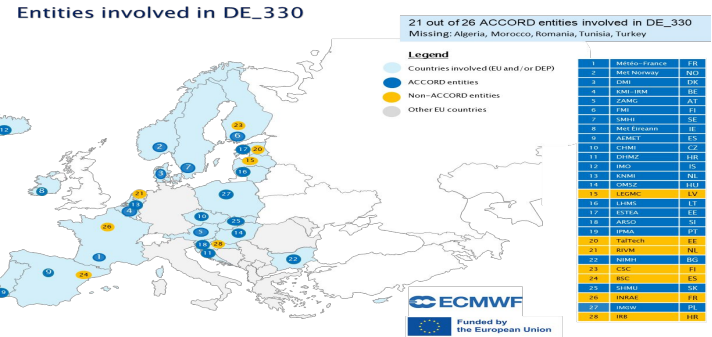
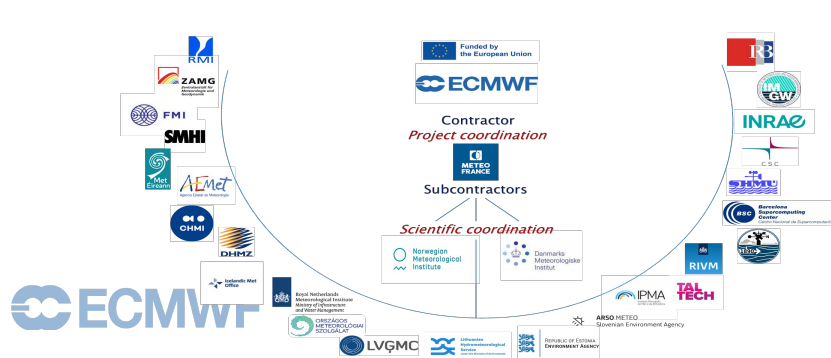
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150 m

# Destination Earth On-Demand Extreme DT in short

- Event-driven or user-driven, on-demand weather-induced extreme DT Engine for selected impact sectors
- Brings together 28 European Institutes including 21 National Weather Services
- Development of operational-capable on-demand DTE workflow on EuroHPC platforms
- Showcasing value-added hectometric scale modelling and exploitation of high density observations

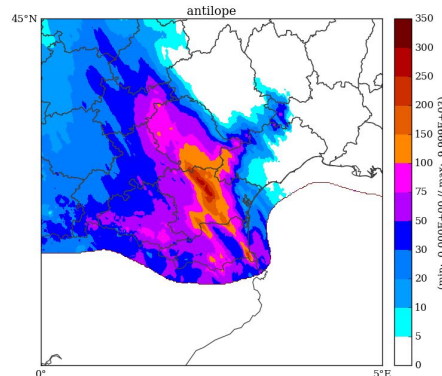


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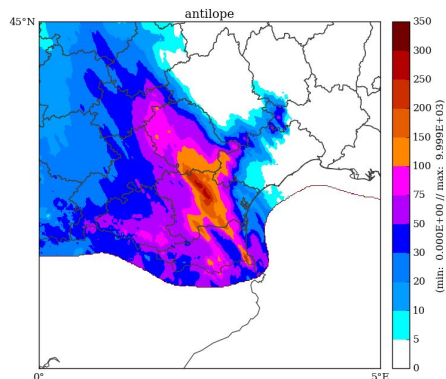
Detect a possible extreme event from the continuous extreme DT

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Activate the appropriate setup over the domain of interest on < 1km grid resolution

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The Aude flooding 2018

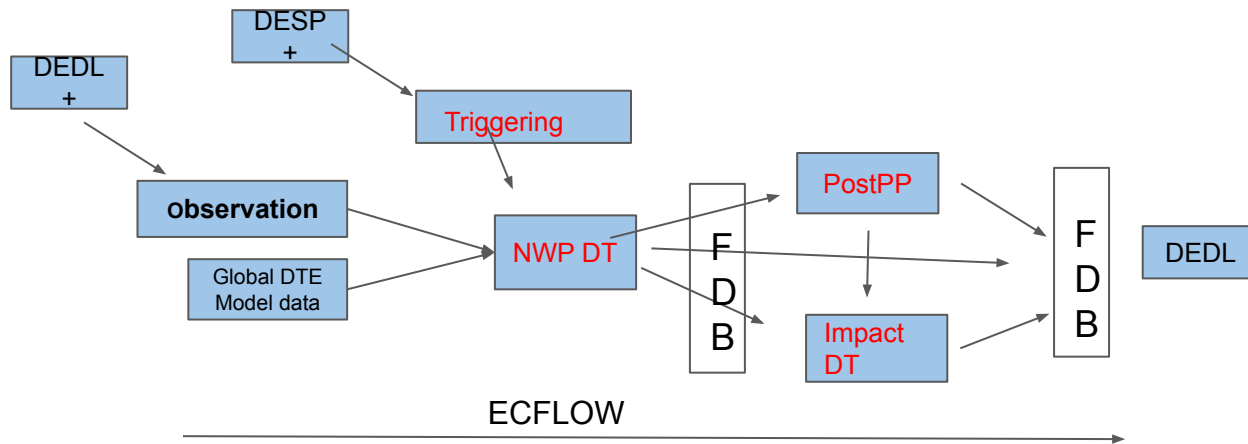


Run the relevant impact model  
... .. for decision-making support



## Technically the On-demand DT is targeted to:

- Build a triggering module to activate on-demand DT
- Construct a framework that interoperate different ACCORD flavours under common code and system base
- Interface it with the (ECMWF) continuous DT workflow for real time production at the EuroHPC-LUMI/Leonardo
- Establish an integrated workflow, using **ecflow**, connecting internally NWP and externally with the selected impact models (air quality, hydrology, renewables )
- Connect input/output to data providers and users via DEDL data-bridge



## Major challenges with the On-demand DT workflow

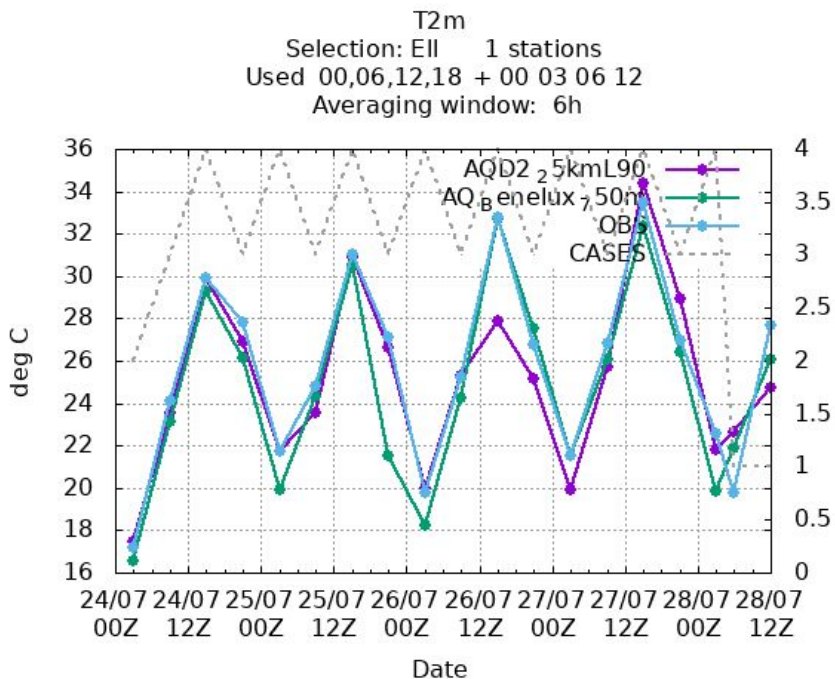
- Adapted to hybrid CPU-GPU platforms (EuriHPC) (Daan Degrauwe talk in MS4A)
- Robust configuration for hectometric scale NWP setup with added values
- Configurability is a special challenge to the on-demand DT workflow
  - Different configurations and domains every day with no history from yesterday
  - More components in the time critical path and higher demands on scalability
    - Ultimately runs will be done on the untested on-demand domains
    - Generation of static data ( PGD ) has to be efficient
    - Need to Interpolate effectively and reliably surface/soil states to the target grid ( PREP )
- Traditional assimilation, ensemble forecast and post-processing methods less applicable
  - No first guess to cycle from
  - Few model data for training
  - The slow adjustment processes near the surface do not have time to act
- Runs on non-operational computation platforms
  - Timeliness and frequent update may be more demanding for extreme related applications
  - Capability to operate on diverse EuroHPC hosts

## Special challenge with on-demand DT in cold-start

- For some weather types, cold start is a major challenge to quality of simulation
  - surface/soil quantities go through slow spin-up to reach equilibrium

Illustration: slow convergence with temperature and pressure in cold-start

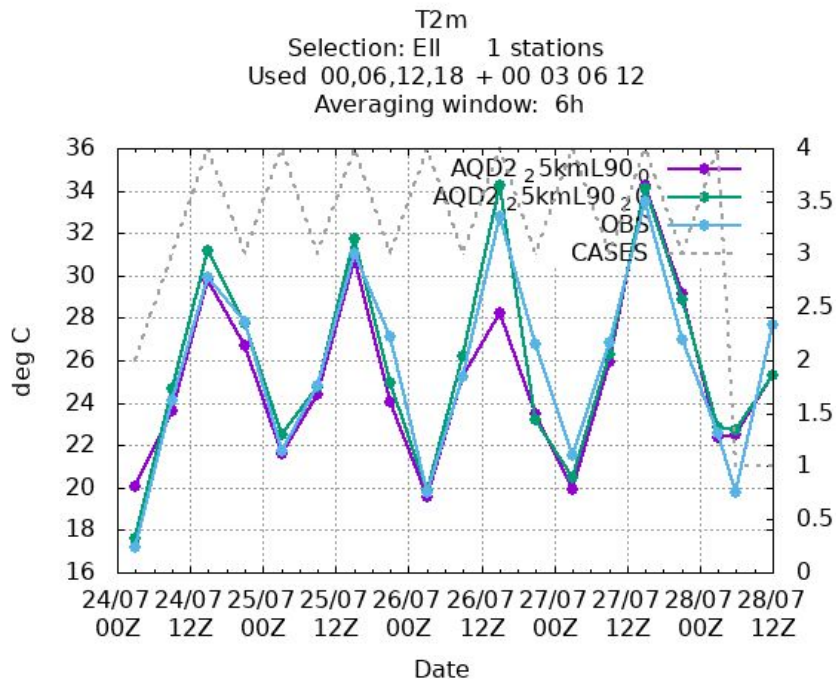
# Special challenge with on-demand DT: cold-start



In this example, 2.5km simulation looks inferior

Simulated 2m temperature time series during the 2018 European heatwaves for station Ell, Netherlands

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With a 20-day warm up, the simulation clearly improves

**Cold-start**

Vs

**Warm-start (20 day cycled runs)**

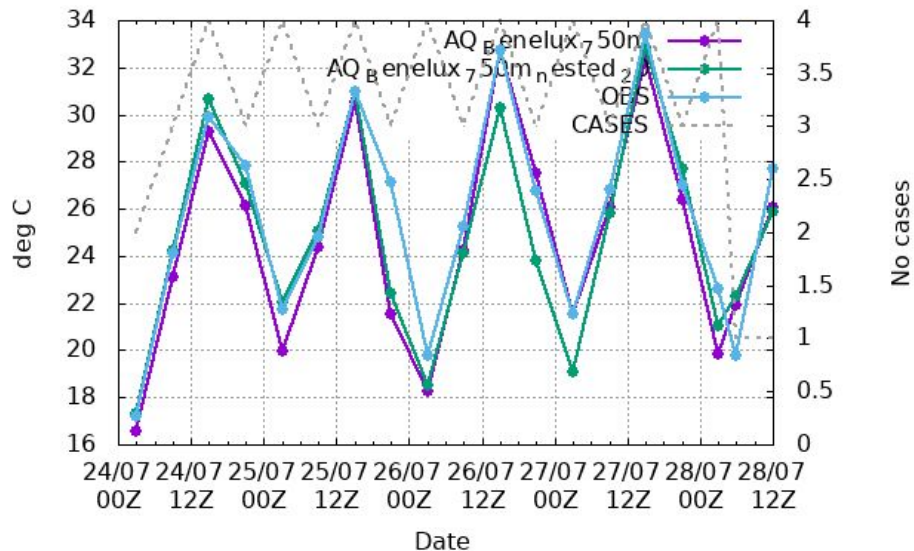
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**Observation**

Simulated 2m temperature time series during the 2018 European heatwaves for station EII, Netherlands

# Special challenge with on-demand DT: cold-start

T2m  
 Selection: Ell 1 stations  
 Used 00,06,12,18 + 00 03 06 12  
 Averaging window: 6h



Coupling alternatives make difference...

750m, Downscaling

Vs

750m, Double nesting from continuous

Vs

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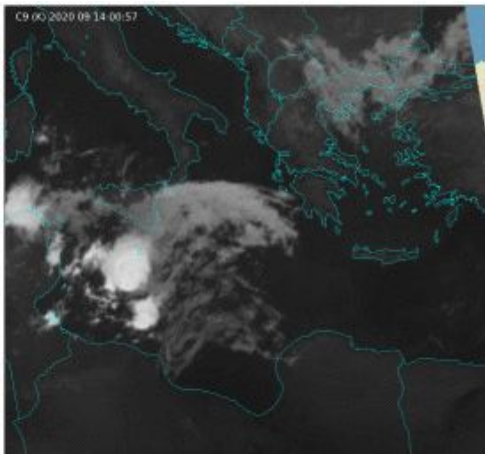
## How will cold-start work in the on-demand DTE?

- For some weather types, cold start is a major challenge to quality of simulation
  - surface/soil quantities go through slow spin-up to reach equilibrium
  - coupling to continuous running models with matching surface schemes?
    - Double nesting to a continuous running model?
    - Coupling to continuous running, coarser resolution offline models
      - With own coarser resolution offline cycling using same surface scheme (SURFEX)
      - With Offline many-layer soil scheme with IFS

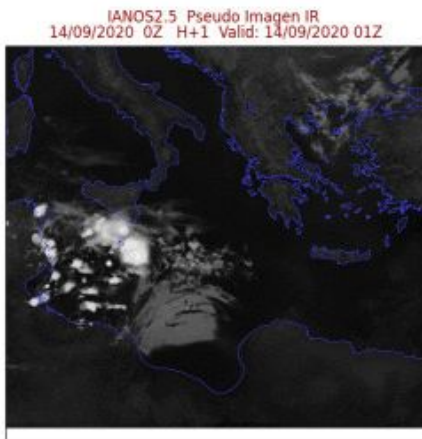
## Triggering module

- All/statistics using continuous DT and observations; High impact? System feasibility? Impact sectors? End-users?
- Configure -> Activate
  - One of application scenario is in setting up domains along storm track

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ACCORD NWP 2.5 km



ACCORD NWP 500 m





## Tailoring in configuration

- User-needs define different configuration characteristics
  - Situation-dependent horizontal/vertical resolution
  - Air quality has different demands compared to hydrology/renewable energy
  - A stormy case over Iceland has different demands compared to heavy rain in Spain
- The output needs to be tailored to match applications
  - Hydrology requires 2 fields, but wishes sub-hour output and a long calibration period
  - Air quality requires ~30 fields (3D/2D)
  - Renewables requires ~15 minute or more frequent output
- There needs to be integrated downstream workflow to ensure usefulness
  - On-Demand DT needs clear user to provide decision making support

# A more data centric approach

## We are starting with

- GRIB2 output to files from all components
- Store fields in FDB ( Field DataBase)
- Major together with ECMWF on defining GRIB2 template (SURFEX...)
- Preparing for sub hourly output and ccscs packing

- The garden vegetation groupings will be (**TREE + BARE + GRAS**). TREE will be in {TEBDU, TRBDU, TEBEU, TRBEU, BONEU, TENEU, BONDU}, where {TREE}U is the urban counterpart for a given tree type.

- Implementation:

```
1034 TEBDU Urban temperate broadleaf deciduous
1035 TRBDU Urban tropical broadleaf deciduous
1036 TEBEU Urban temperate broadleaf evergreen
1037 TRBEU Urban tropical broadleaf evergreen
1038 BONEU Urban boreal needleleaf evergreen
1039 TENEU Urban temperate needleleaf evergreen
1040 BONDU Urban boreal needleleaf deciduous
```

```
1525 G025 Group 025 (NONE + GRAS + TEBDU)
1525 G026 Group 026 (NONE + GRAS + TRBDU)
1525 G027 Group 027 (NONE + GRAS + TEBEU)
1525 G028 Group 028 (NONE + GRAS + TRBEU)
1525 G029 Group 029 (NONE + GRAS + BONEU)
1525 G030 Group 030 (NONE + GRAS + TENEU)
1525 G031 Group 031 (NONE + GRAS + BONDU)
```

- Is BARE = NONE or BARE = (NONE+ROCK+SNOW)? Currently I have assumed it is only NONE.
- Described new implementations of list of tile attributes, support roof/road/wall temperatures, accumulated parameters, and "Aggregated" covers.

## Example of garden vegetation grouping

Courtesy: Matthew Griffith, Sebasiten Villaume  
ECMWF, Patrick Le Moigne, Søren Borg  
Nielsen, Mikko Aalto, Patrick Samuelsson,  
Trygve Aspeli within DE\_330

## A more data centric approach

### We are starting with

- GRIB2 output to files from the model
- Store fields in a database
- Major together with the GRIB2 template
- Preparing for streaming and packing

### Exploring

- Writing directly to FDB from the NWP model, and other applications
- Read directly from FDB to downstream applications (<https://github.com/ecmwf/earthkit-data>)
- Removes a few unnecessary/costly IO steps

### Aiming at

- Interface with the new ECMWF multiplex IO server accessing/pushing data runtime
- Do the work while data is in memory!
- For the longer term view

# Designing a new scripting environment

- Python based
- Large focus on following standards, unit testing, code coverage from the beginning. Apply github pipelines and CI/CD processes
- Modularity, e.g. separate ecflow from the tasks; interoperability between different ACCORD flavours
- All tasks should be possible to run stand alone for easier development and debugging
- Config file driven (yaml, toml, json)
- Hope to be useful to ACCORD in its harmonisation efforts!

Linting Tests  99%

## DEODE Scripting System

### About

`deode` is a python package that runs the Destination Earth on Demand Extremes system.

See also the [project's Doc Page](#) for more information.

### System Requirements

- python >=3.8
- **Only for Developer-Mode Installation:**
  - `poetry`, which can be installed as follows:
    - On Atos (`hpc-login`):

```
module load python3/3.8.8-01
rm -rf ~/.cache/pypoetry/
curl -sSL https://install.python-poetry.org | python3 -
```

### The DEODE config file

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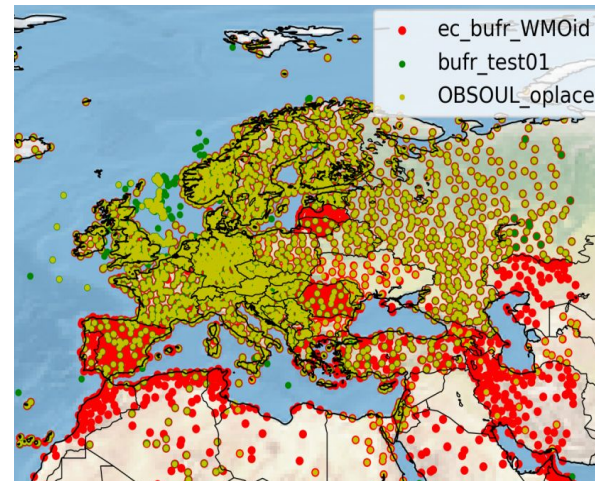
#### GeneralSectionModel

Model for the 'general' section.

Key	Description
case	Experiment name
cnmexp	Experiment short name
realization	Placeholder for future ensemble or similar need
tstep	Model time step
loglevel	Logger output level
csc	CSC
cycle	IAL cycle
surfex	SURFEX switch
bdint	Boundary interval
bdcycle	Boundary model cycle interval
bdmax	Max number of parallel boundary interpolation tasks
forecast_range	Forecast range
keep_workdirs	Do not remove working directories
create_static_data	Activate the generation of PGD and monthly climate files in the suite
accept_static_namelist	Allow usage of static namelists as input for the tasks. The namelist should be lo
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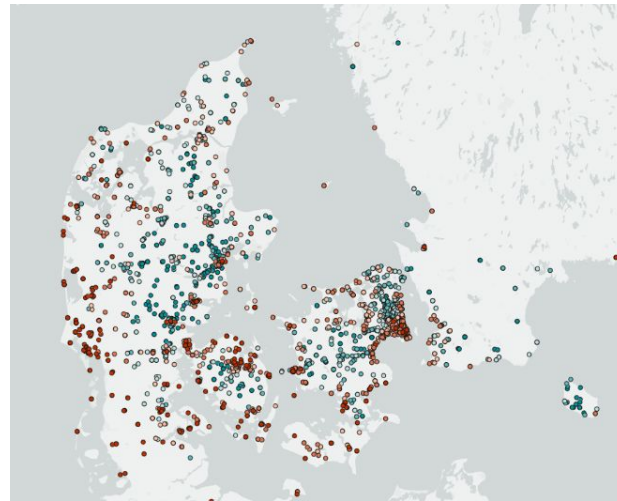
# Observations

- Utilisation of high density obs data such as crowd-sourced data is one of the value-adding features in the On-demand , hectometric scale DTE
- The first phase does not focus on implementing full scale data assimilation but setting up real time acquisition takes time
- Possible combination with DEDL and contribution from involved NMSs
  - Granted data from LACE, UWC-W/MetCoOp
  - Investigation of potential input from others
- Collection of high density observation streams such as crowd sourced data
- Now focusing on gathering data for verification and postprocessing



Conventional  
Obs

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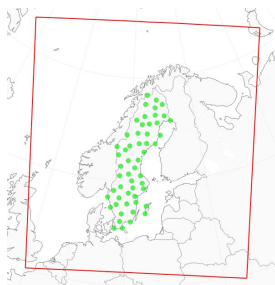
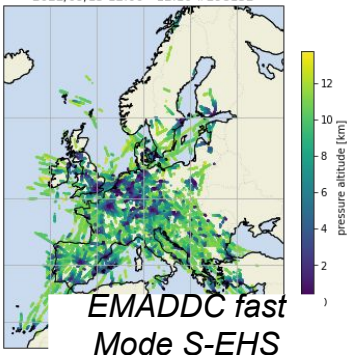


Smartphone  
Pressure obs

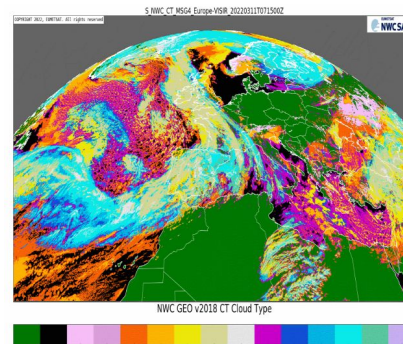
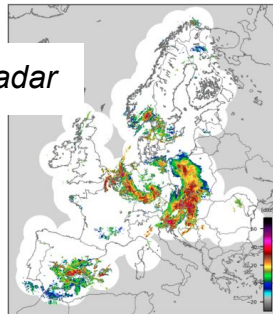
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# High Density Observations

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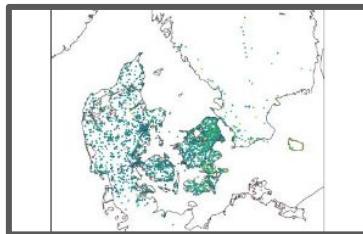
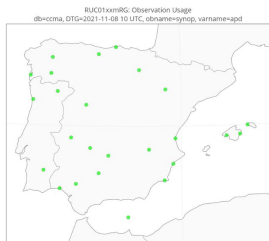
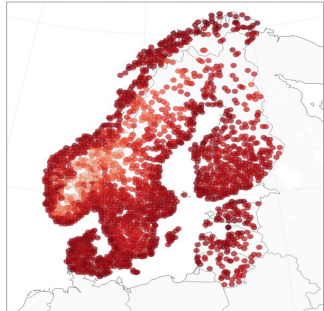


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NWC-SAF cloud product

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(Courtesy  
Magnus Lindskog 2022)

## Summary

- We're building a flexible, on-demand system targeting on extreme events to be “demonstration ready” on a non-operational EuroHPC platform
- Numerous scientific and technical challenges are yet to be addressed but these are also opportunities for development. Solutions to these challenges highly synergic and beneficial for the NWP activities at the European weather services
  - Hectometric scale modelling; recoding to platform with accelerators; Integrated workflow with impact modellers; triggering modules with increasing sophistication; transparent, harmonised and integrated production workflow; organisation of production on diverse EuroHPC and cloud platforms; data centric workflow
- Not dealt with so far during current phase: upper air data assimilation and probabilistic forecast
- For ACCORD specifically, the project is moving us closer, benefitting partner collaboration and harmonisation

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