

# Storm- and eddy-resolving simulations with IFS-FESOM/NEMO at the kilometre scale

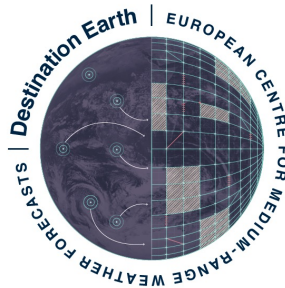
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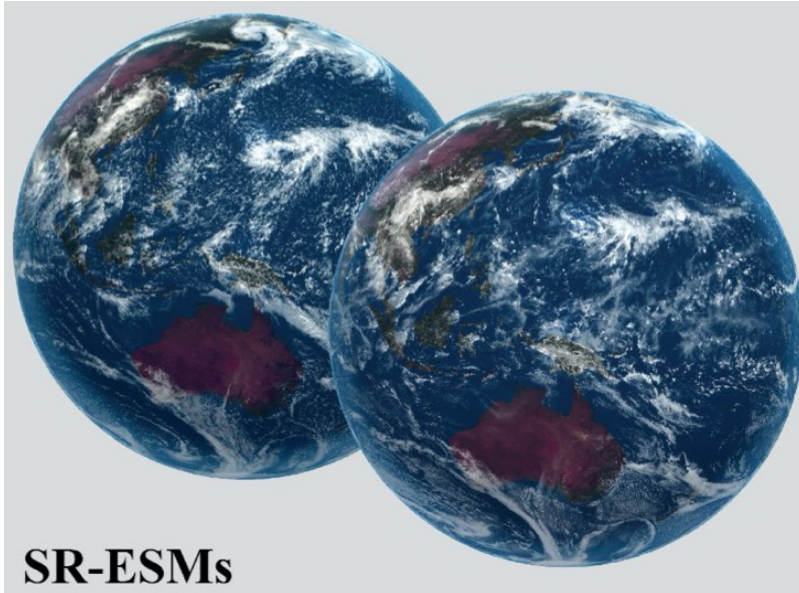


# Horizon 2020 nextGEMS' objectives

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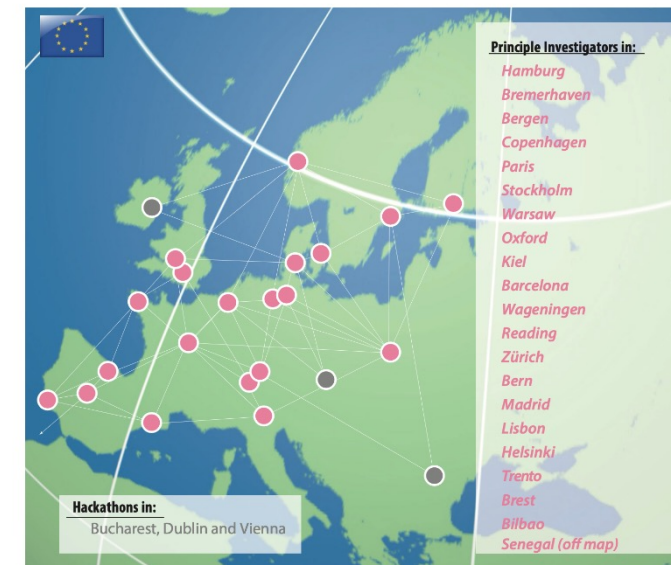
Two storm & eddy-resolving  
Earth System Models (**SR-ESMs**)



SR-ESMs

ECMWF/AWI with IFS-NEMO/FESOM  
MPI-M/DWD with ICON

- **Develop two SR-ESMs**  
(O(3km) in the atmosphere & ocean)
- Use SR-ESMs to study the Earth system and **test emerging and long-standing hypotheses underpinning our understanding of climate change**
- Build new, more integrated communities of ESM users through **knowledge-coproduction activities**

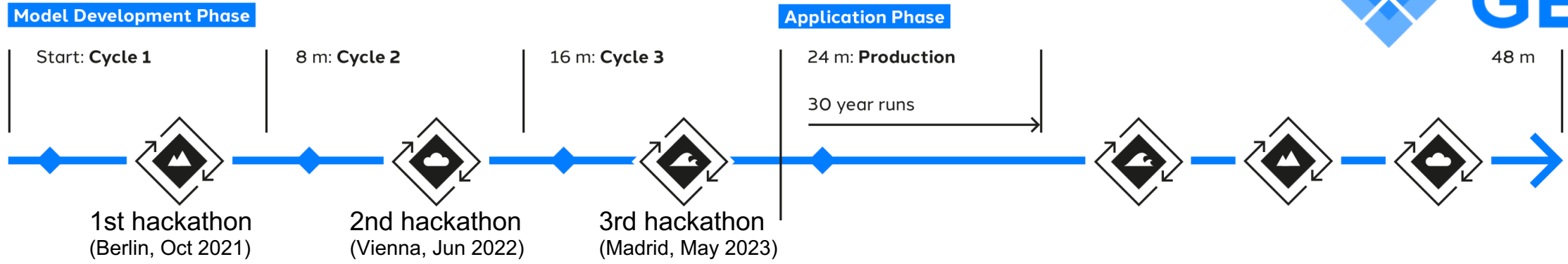


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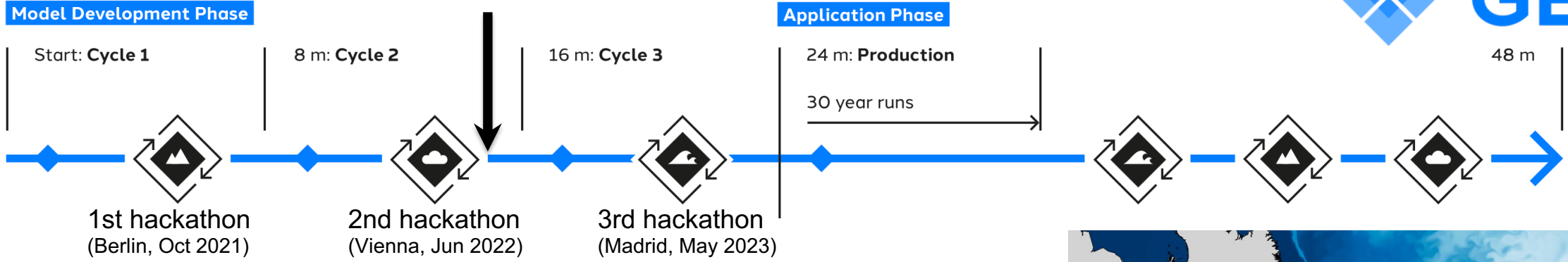


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# Different development cycles



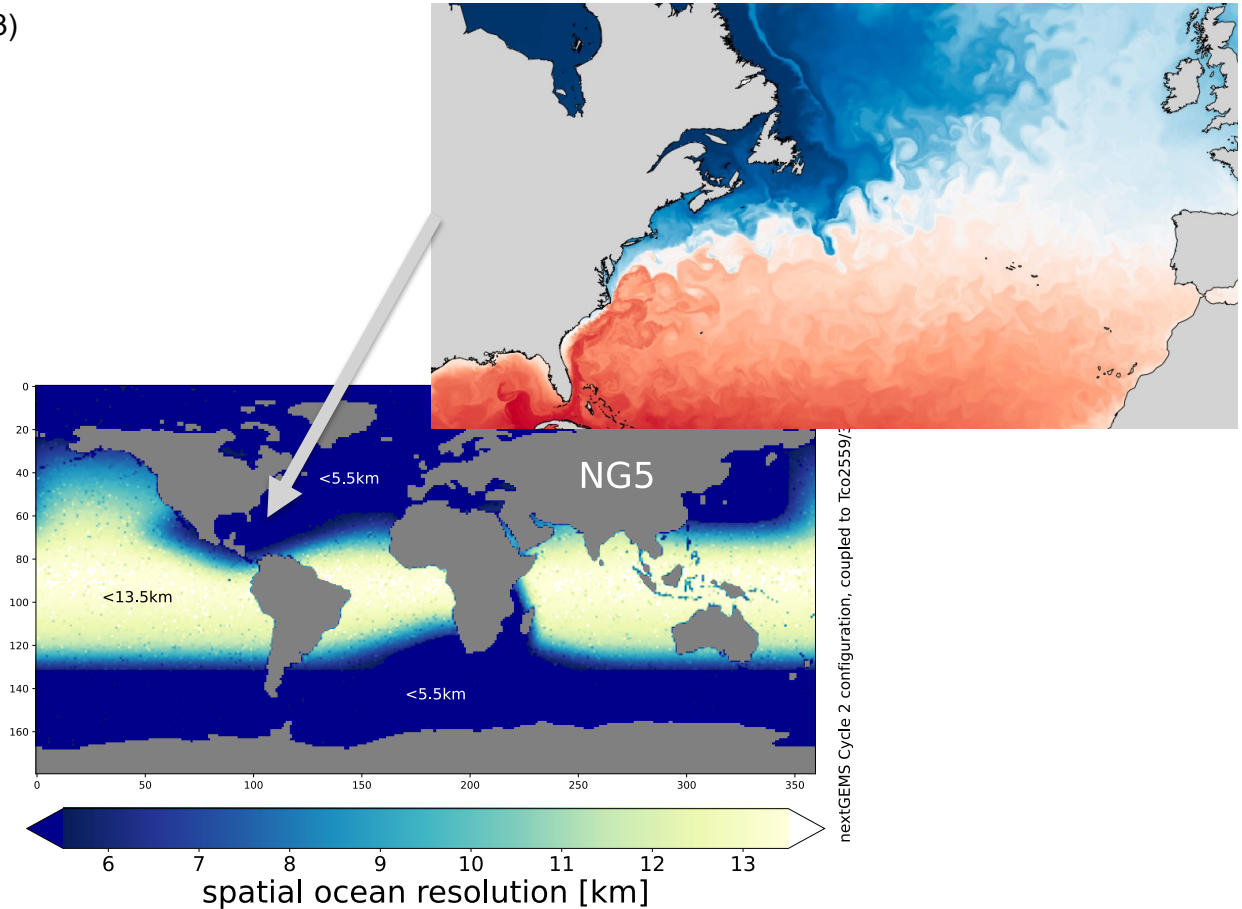
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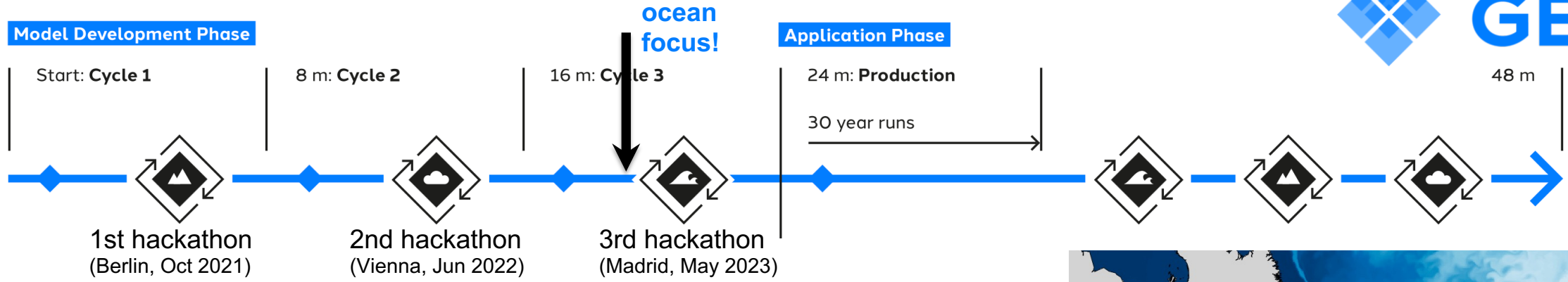
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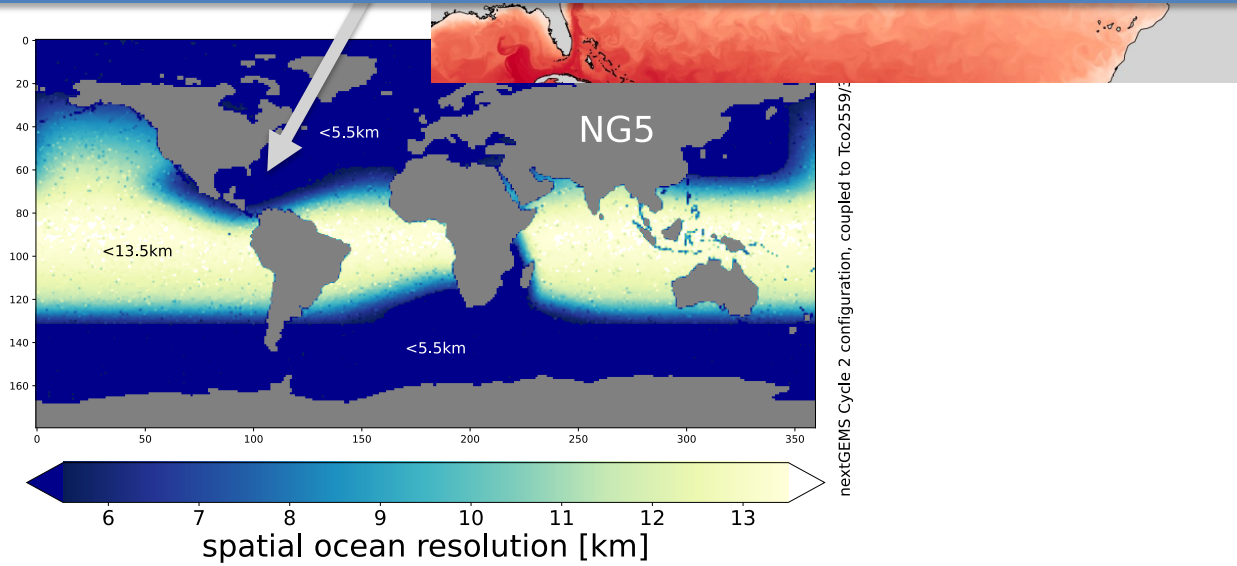


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- ☐ **Cycle 3:** 2 - 4 years at 4.4 km atmo; FESOM2.5 + NG5 ocean
- ☐ **Production runs:** up to 30 years

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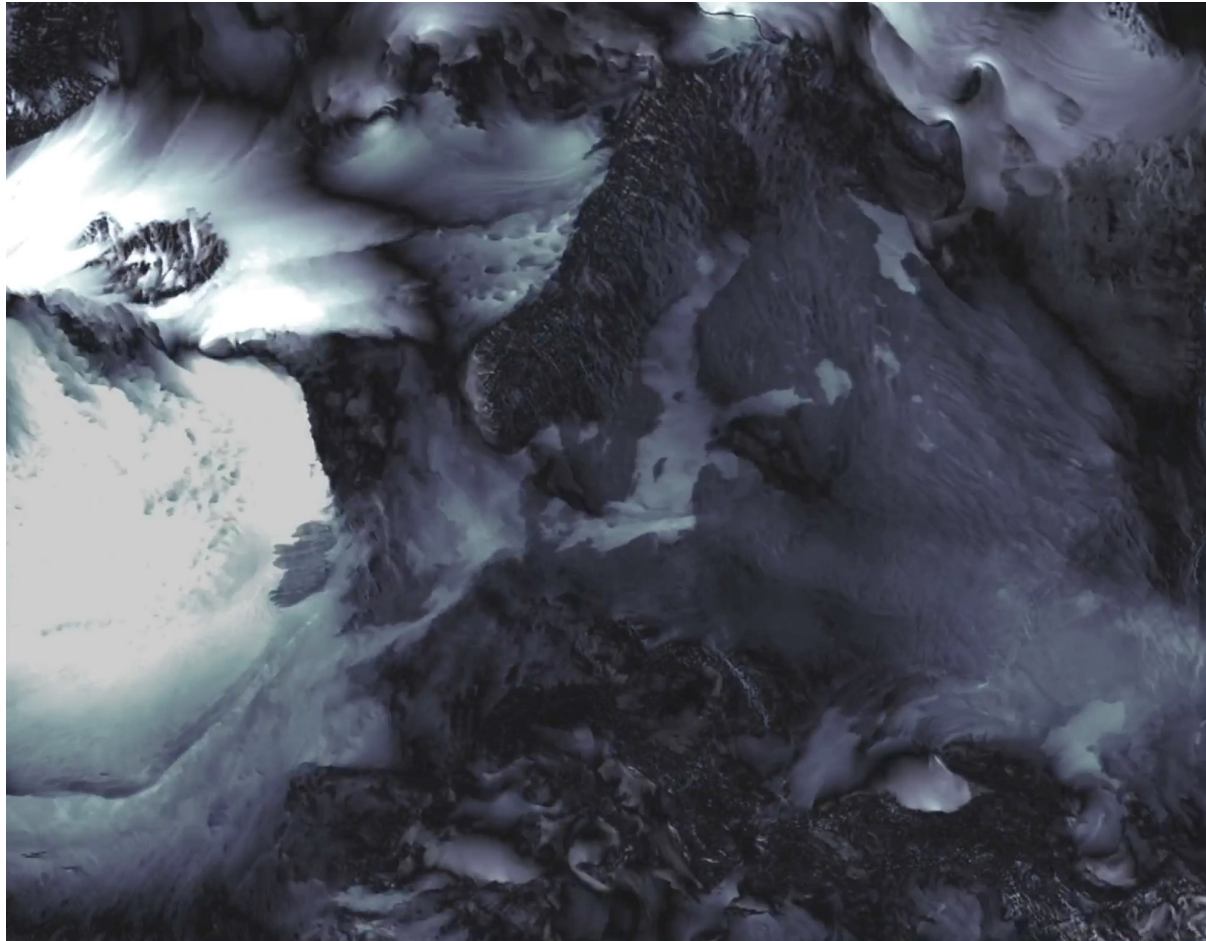


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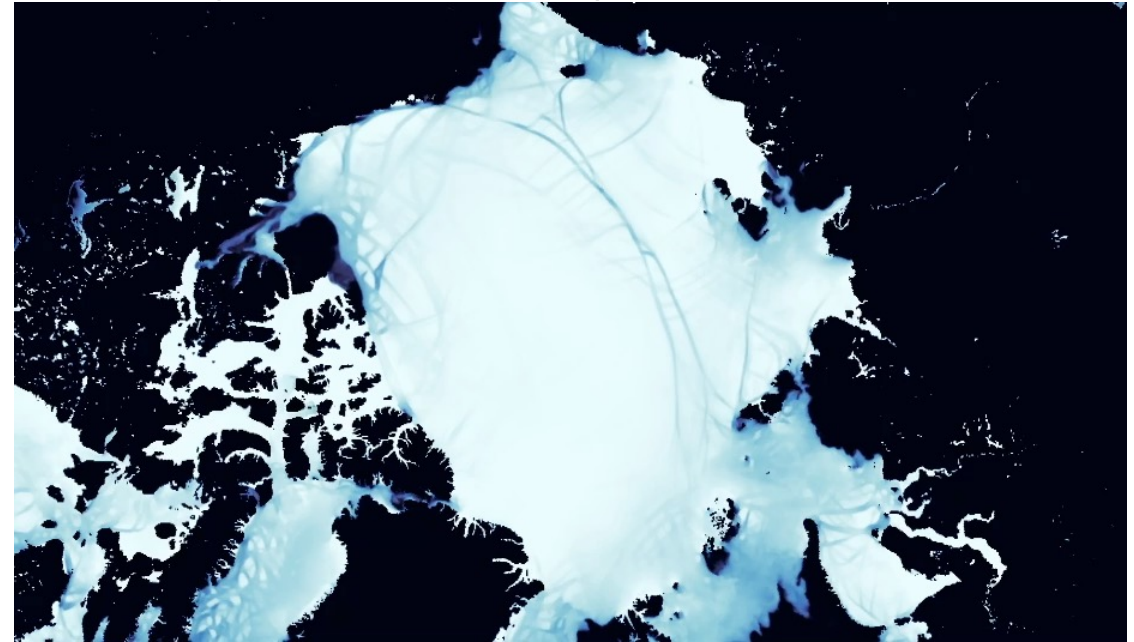
# Cycle 1 & 2 simulations with IFS-FESOM



Wind gusts over Europe (IFS at 4.4km)



Simulated sea ice leads/cracks in the Arctic Ocean (FESOM at 4-5km)

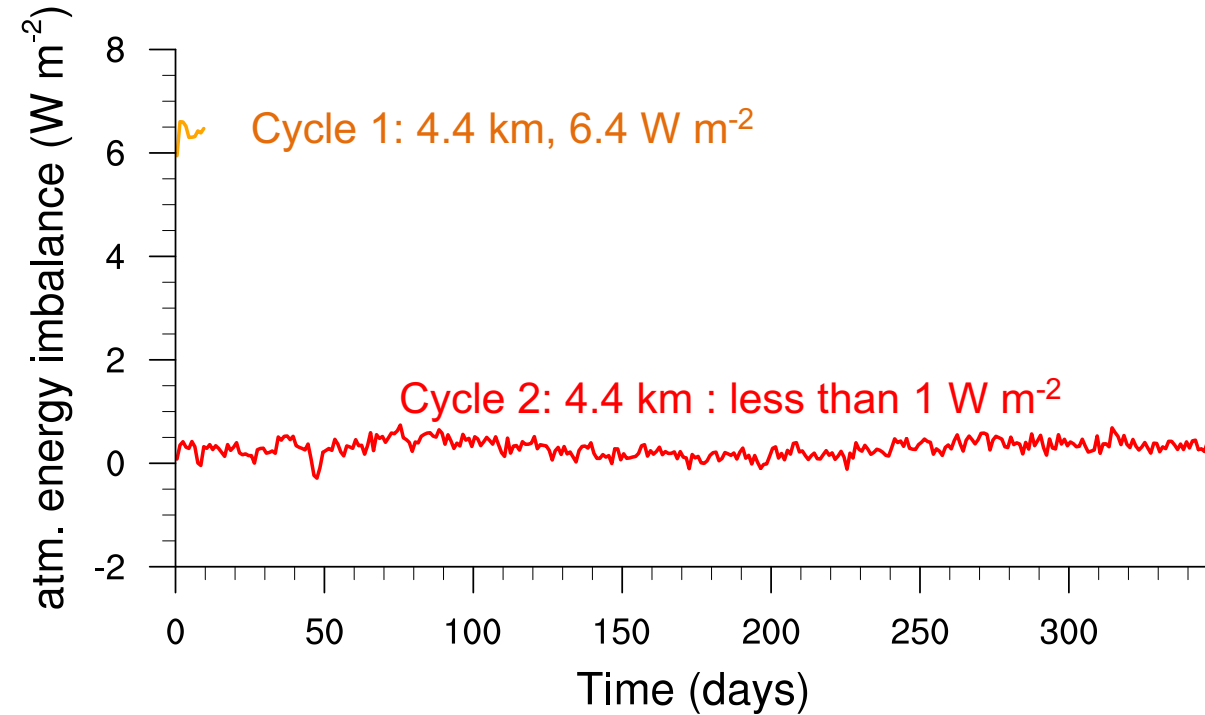
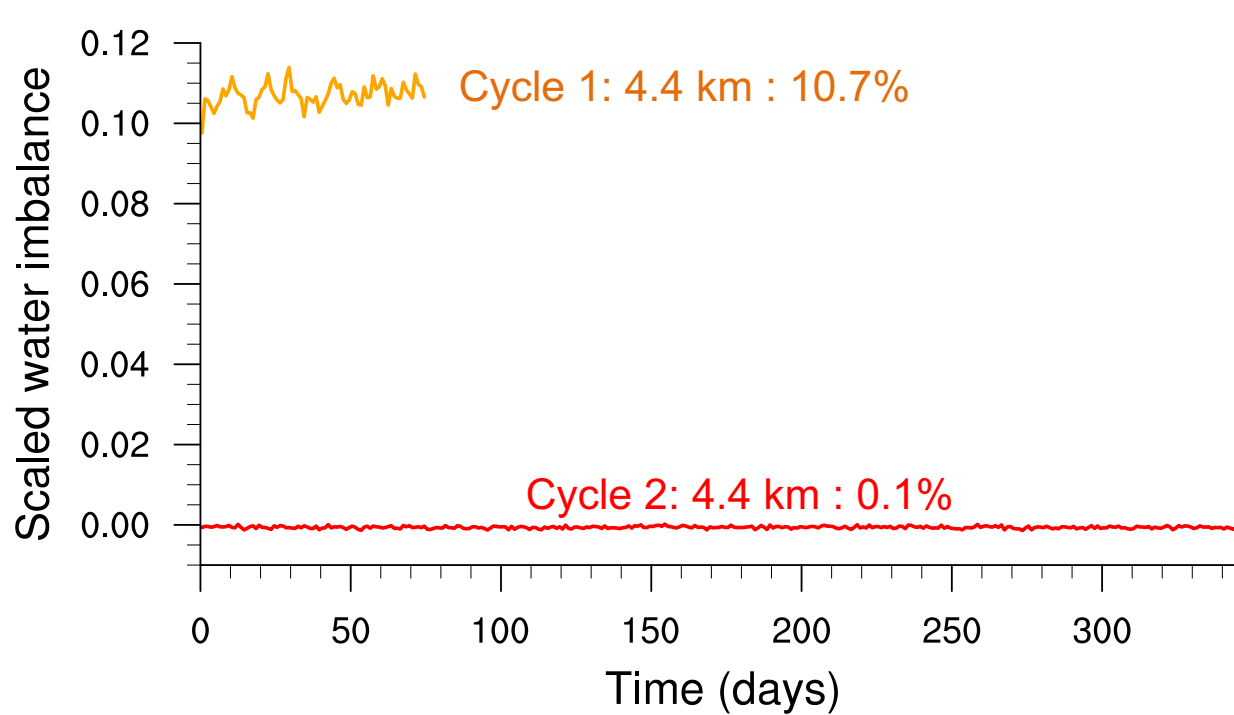


# Hackathon 1 surprise: water and energy imbalance in IFS

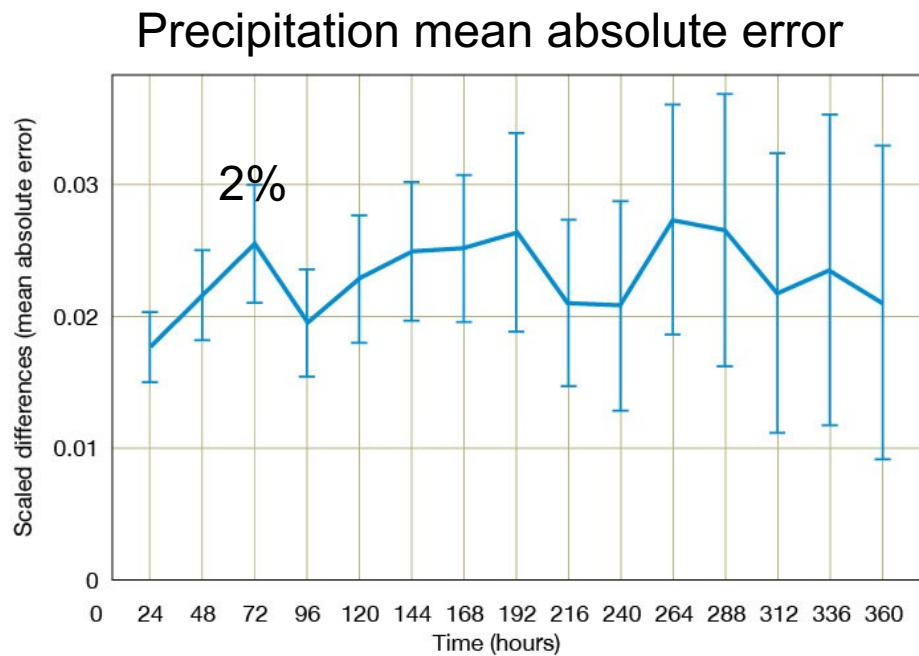


IFS: semi-Lagrangian dynamics is non-conserving:  
worse at higher resolution & when deep convection is switched off

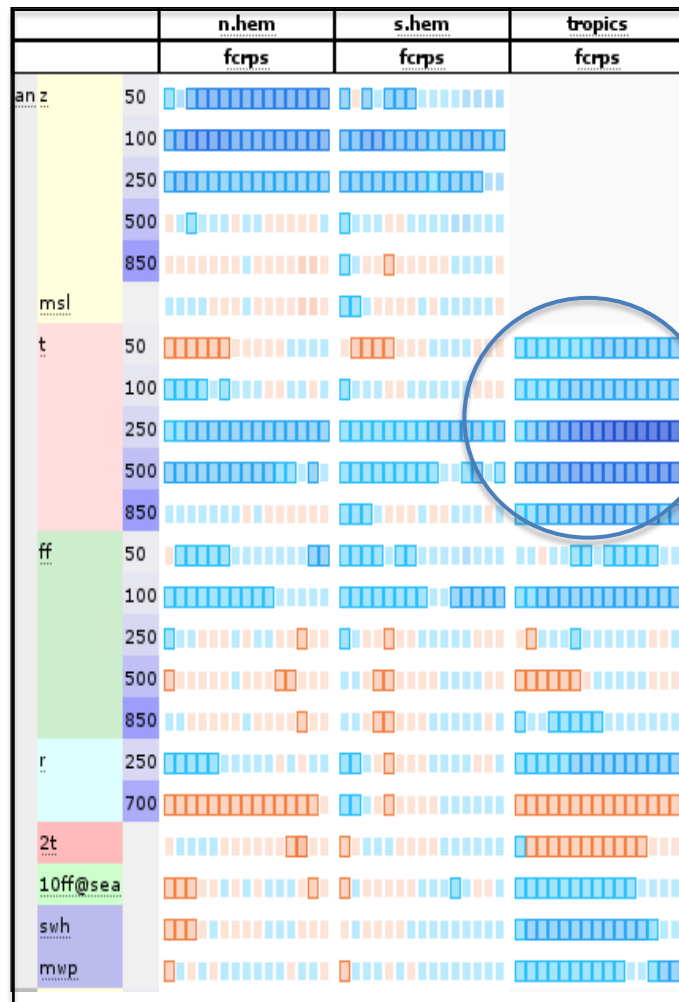
To fix the water imbalance for Cycle 2, we activated tracer mass fixers for all moist species



# Impact of water conservation changes on forecast skill across resolutions

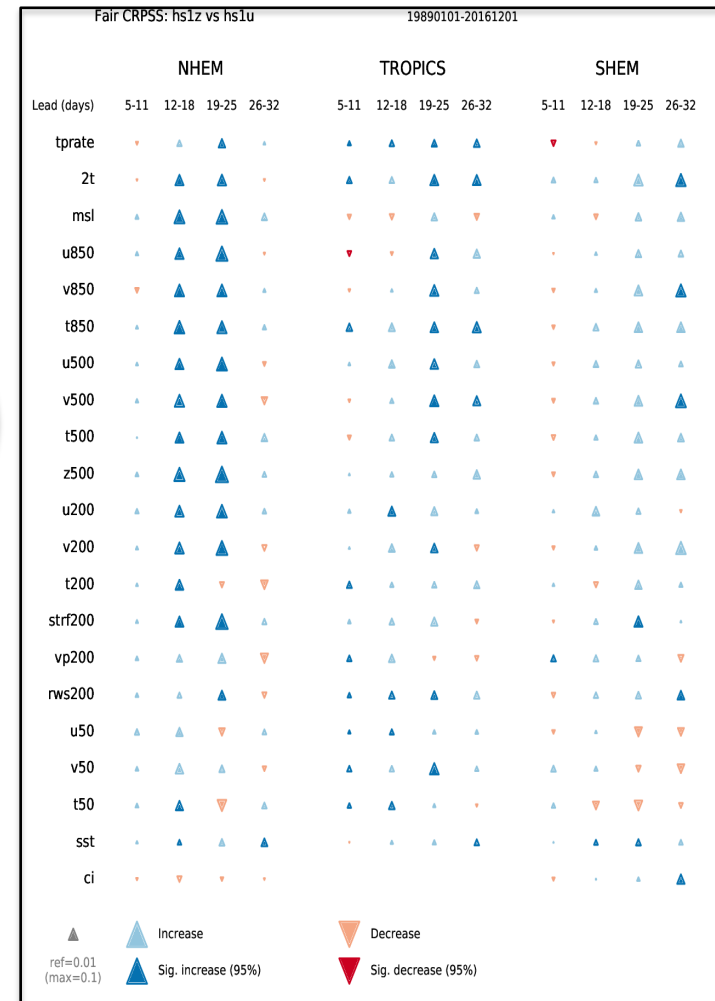


9km ENS



8-member d(fCRPS)

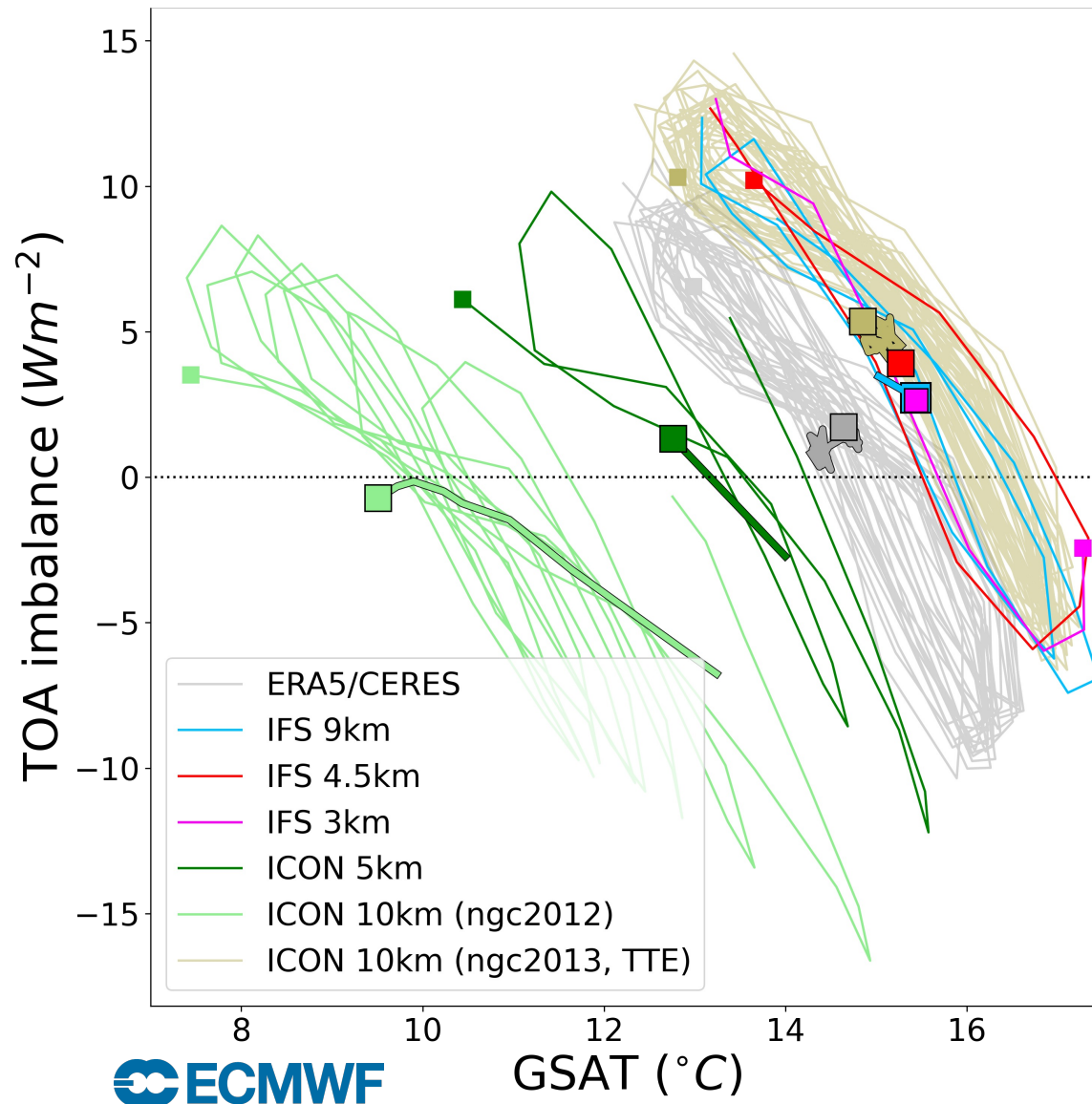
Monthly forecast (Tco 199)



10 members, dCRPSS



# Hackathon 2 surprise: TOA imbalance in Cycle 2 setups

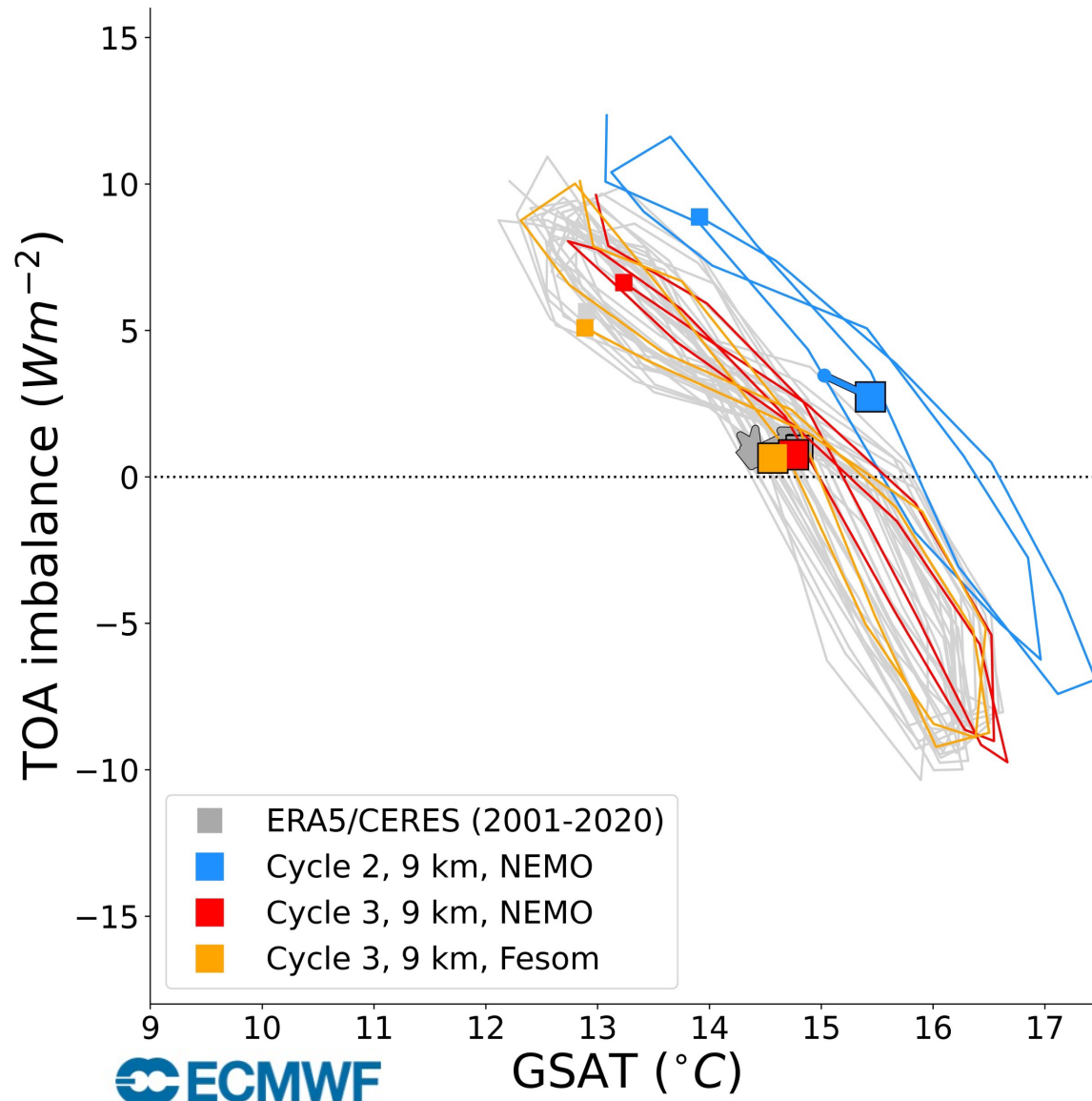


IFS 9km Cycle 2 is warming slightly in the second year and has a positive TOA imbalance ( $\sim 2 W/m^2$ )

ICON 5km Cycle 2 is cooling and has a negative TOA imbalance ( $\sim -2 W/m^2$ )

ICON 10km Cycle 2 with TTE has a positive TOA imbalance but stable temperature (atm. energy leak)

# Sneak peak: TOA imbalance in Cycle 3 setups



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IFS 9km Cycle 3 setup (NEMO ocean) has a slight positive TOA imbalance as in observations ( $\sim +1 \text{ W/m}^2$ )

IFS 9km Cycle 3 setup (FESOM ocean) has a slight positive TOA imbalance as in observations ( $\sim +1 \text{ W/m}^2$ )

IFS-FESOM is closer to the mean of 2001-2020 CERES (radiation) and ERA5 (temperature), while IFS-NEMO is closer to the individual year 2020

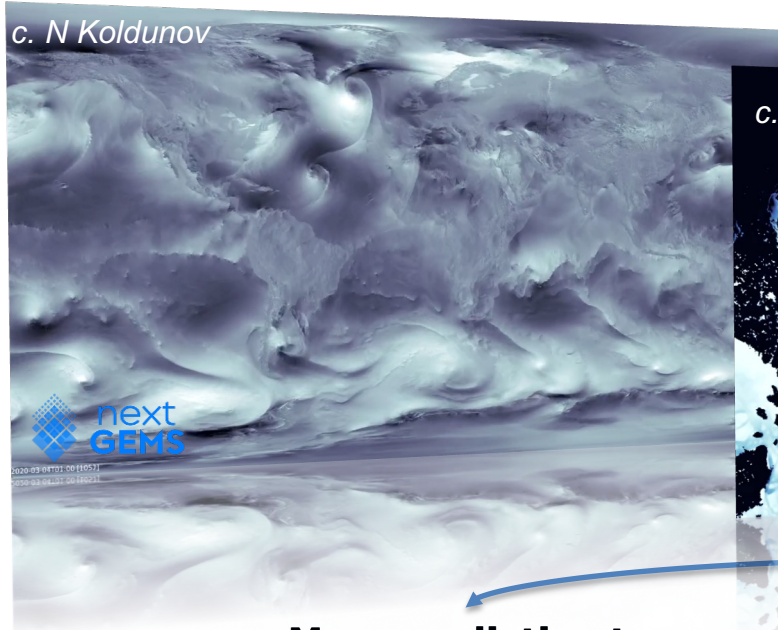
Might point to different ocean initialisation in the high-res vs operational ocean

# Destination Earth's Digital Twins: Quality + Impacts + Interaction

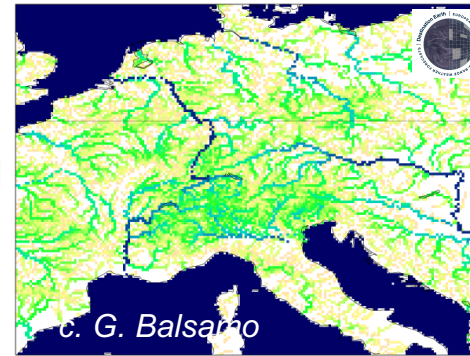


1. **Better simulations based on more realistic models**
2. **Better ways of combining all observed and simulated information from entire Earth system (physical + food/water/energy/health) supporting action scenarios**
3. **Interactive and configurable access to all data, models and workflows**

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**More realistic at  
*global* scale**

**More realistic at  
*local* scale**

**Include impacts  
where they matter**

**Trial different  
adaptation  
and mitigation  
scenarios**