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NWP and Climate Modeling on Cray Systems

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The Earth Sciences Community



- Increasing emphasis on maximizing the benefits of improved predictability across society and economy:
 - Application of meteorological data to a broad range of services and stakeholders
- High-resolution numerical weather prediction and earth system climate modeling are grand challenge problems.
- The ability to perform weather and climate simulations at a range of spatial and temporal scales is critical:
 - Results in exponential increases in computational and storage and data management needs
- As infrastructures grow in size and complexity maintaining both reliability and usability becomes more challenging.
- Emerging analytical approaches to enable predictive modeling and knowledge discovery.

Use-case and Technology Drivers



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Cray Solutions for the Earth Sciences

Why Cray ?

- Cray's solutions enable a broader and more detailed range of meteorological services and products
 - Advanced modeling capabilities
 - Shortened research to operations
- Experience delivering and operating world's largest and most complex systems
- Emphasis on total cost of ownership – power, upgradability and efficiency
- Commitment to long-term partnerships delivering significant ongoing value to our customers.

Market Presence

- Broad presence across NWP and climate communities:
 - From Terascale to Petascale
 - Research and operational environments
 - Model development platforms for extreme scale architectures



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Met Office



Model Configuration

Global Model: UM N768 (~17km) L70

- 6 day twice daily, 2 day twice daily
- Data Assimilation: 4D-VAR

Global Ensembles: N400 (~33km) L70 12 mem.

- 7 day, 4 daily
- Data Assimilation: 4D-EnVAR

Other models (subset)

- UK HighRes: 1.5km, 36h 8x daily
- UK Ensembles: 2.2km, 12m, 36h, 4/day

Outlook:

- Further upgrades as Phase 1b Cray systems enter operations

System Overview

- Dual Cray XC – Phase 1a
 - Details not public yet, Haswell
- Equivalent performance to IBM P7
- Operational August 2015

- Approx 11PB of Cray Sonexion

- Phase 1b: 2016
 - Addition of Broadwell
 - Combined 1ab >6x sustained

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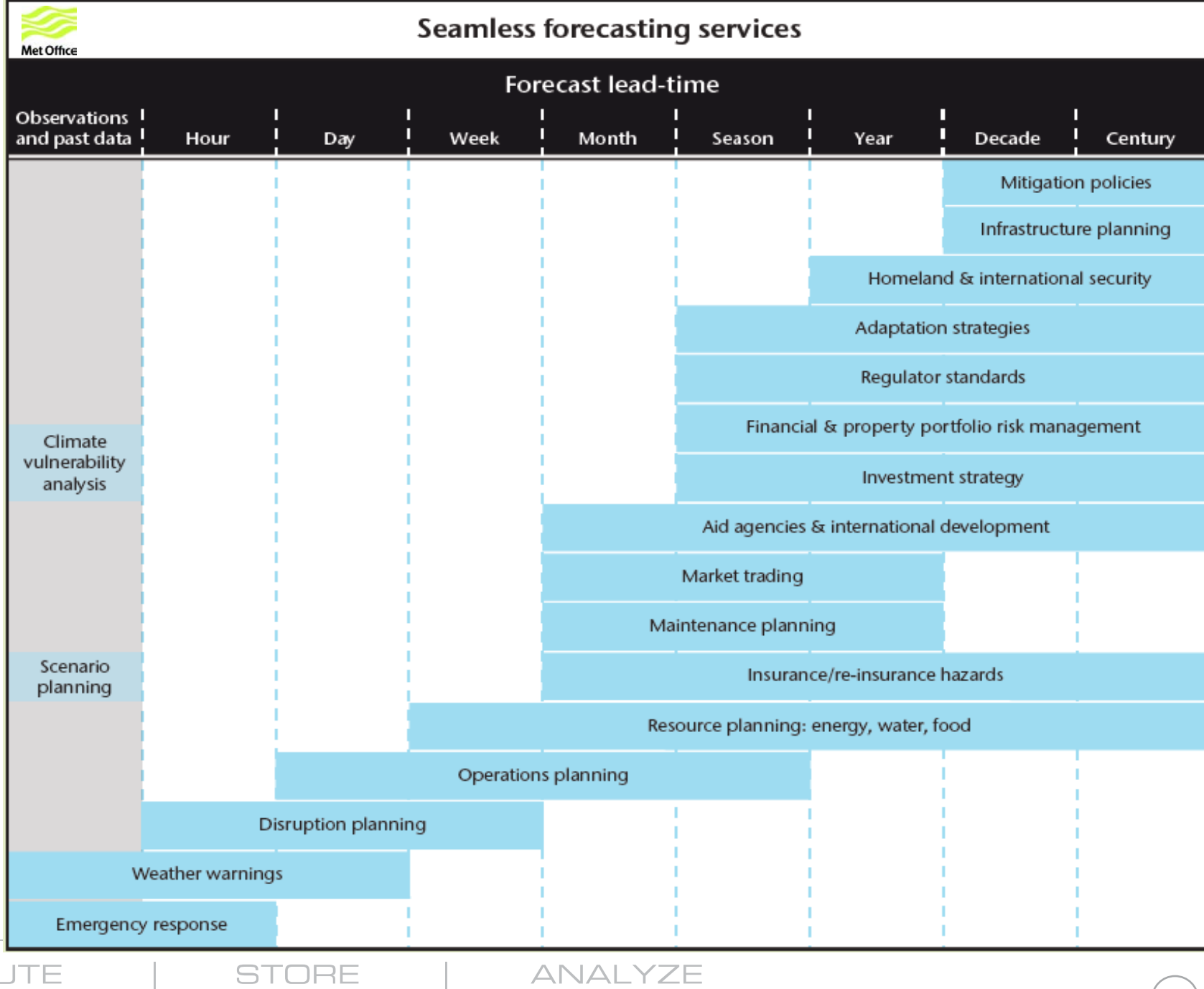
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Trend Towards Seamless Forecasting

- Across timescales and resolution
- Diverse set of audiences and stakeholders
- Driving use and capability of HPC resources
- Enabled By Cray Supercomputing Systems



European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting



“Ventus”



Anemos”

Model Configuration

Global Model: IFS T1279 (~16km) L137

- 10 day, twice daily
- Data Assimilation: 4D-VAR

Global Ensembles: T639 (~32km) L91 51 mem.

- 15 day, twice daily (64km beyond day 10)
- Data Assimilation: 4D-EnVAR

Other models

- Extended 46 day ensembles (weekly)
- Seasonal forecasts monthly/quarterly

Outlook:

- Mid-2016: Upgrade to 9km (global) 18km (ensembles)

System Overview

- Dual Cray XCs – “Ventus” & “Anemos”:
 - Each 3505 nodes (Ivy Bridge)
 - 3.6 Petaflop peak
- Cray Sonexion Lustre Storage
 - ~12PB capacity
 - ~500GB/s bandwidth
- ~50PB archive (growing rapidly)
- Operational September 2014

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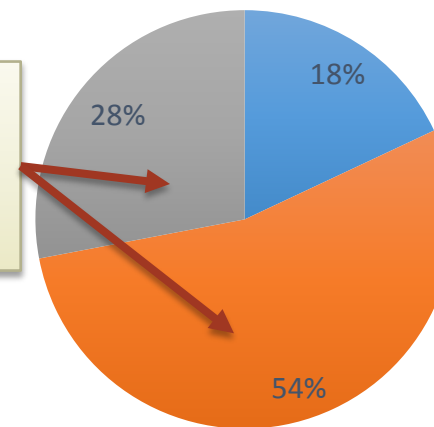
A Day In the Life of Anemos

What ?	How Many?
Total Jobs	217,118 per day
Parallel Jobs	39,081
Single Node Jobs	60,793
Single Core Jobs	117,244



ECMWF Daily Job Distribution

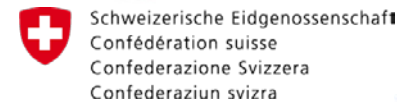
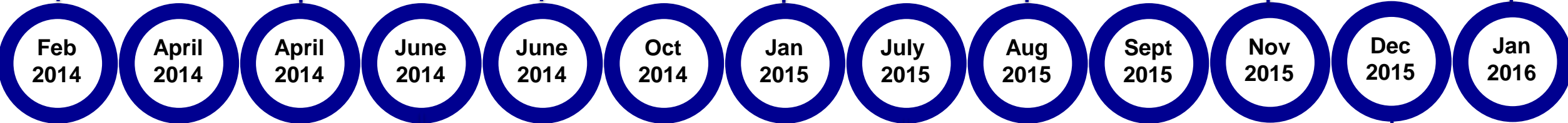
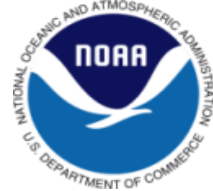
These small jobs take less than 1% of the total resources of a system



Source:
<http://www.ecmwf.int/en/computing/our-facilities/supercomputer>

■ Parallel Jobs ■ Serial Jobs ■ Single Node Jobs

Cray Growth in Weather, Climate and Oceanography over the Last Two Years



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Summary

- **Cray is platform of choice for leading weather, climate and ocean modeling centers:**
 - Delivering high performance, efficiency, & reliability
 - Enabling unprecedented simulations
 - Supporting the development of next generation modeling capabilities
 - Key community within Cray's customer base