

# NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION

Weather Forecasting then: Weather rules, have a look to the west ...  
Weather Forecasting today: Use of super-computers.

Idea of Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP): L.F.Richardson 1921

Dynamics of the atmosphere can be described by six parameters.

6 Parameters: Temperature, pressure, humidity, wind (u,v,w)

6 Equations: Newton: Force = mass \* acceleration  
Laws of thermodynamics  
Conservation of mass (continuity equation)  
Hydrostatic equation

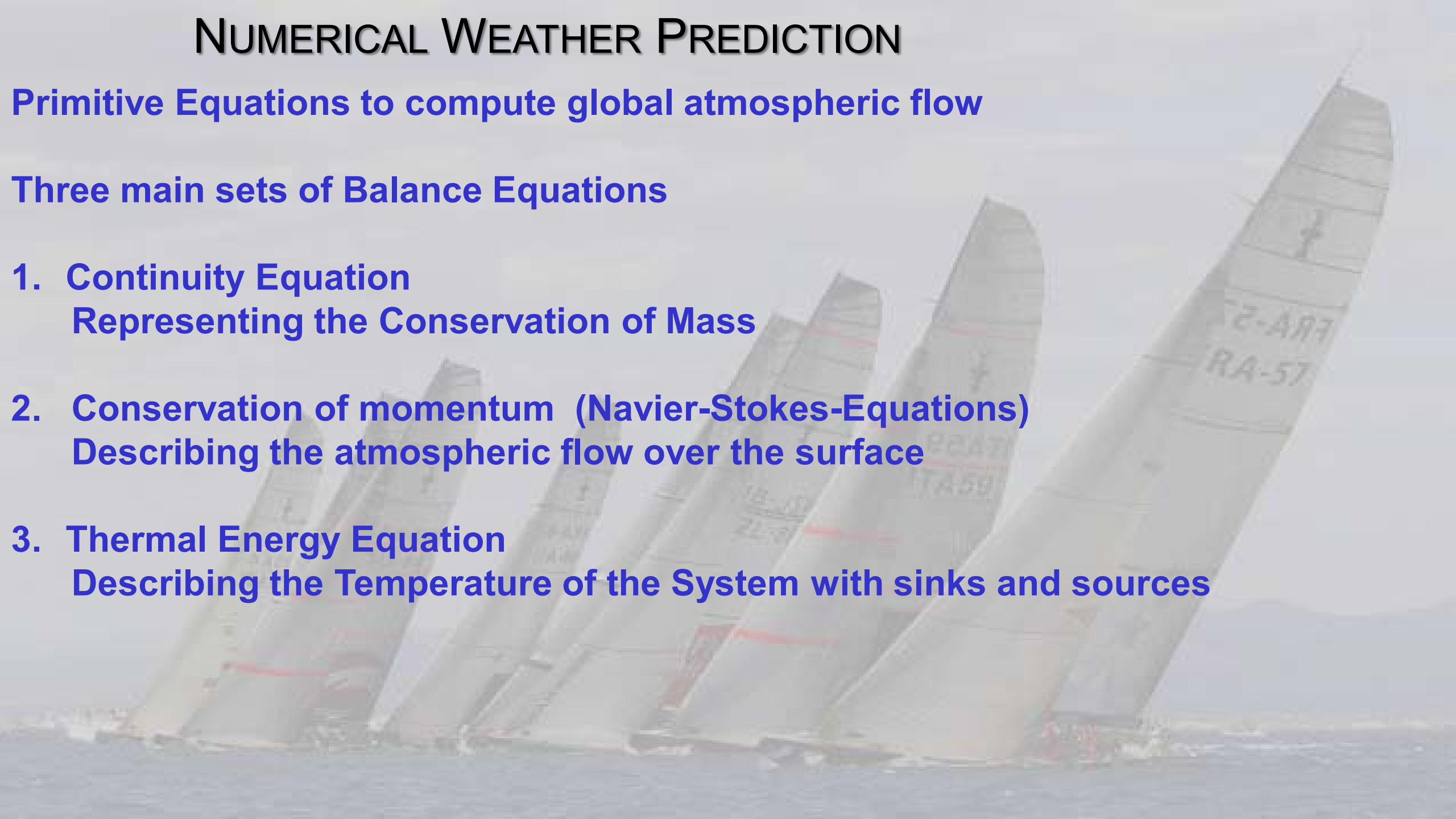
This system of equations can be solved! Experiment with students...

# NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION

Primitive Equations to compute global atmospheric flow

Three main sets of Balance Equations

1. **Continuity Equation**  
Representing the Conservation of Mass
2. **Conservation of momentum (Navier-Stokes-Equations)**  
Describing the atmospheric flow over the surface
3. **Thermal Energy Equation**  
Describing the Temperature of the System with sinks and sources



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Primitive Equations to compute global atmospheric flow

1. Pressure Gradient Force: Force = mass \* acceleration (Newton)
2. Navier-Stokes-Equations describing friction near surface
3. Equation of motion for 3 components x,y,z
4. Continuity Equation describing conservation of mass
5. Thermal Energy Equations to comply with the Laws of Thermodynamics

With a given initial state (numerical analysis of observations) this set of equations describes the rate of change of the system so that numerical integration allow to compute the system in the future, Weather Forecast.

# Forces that cause atmospheric motion

**Forces** that cause atmospheric motion include the **pressure gradient** force, **gravity**, and **viscous friction**. Together, they create the forces that accelerate our atmosphere.

The pressure gradient force causes an acceleration forcing air from regions of high pressure to regions of low pressure.

Mathematically, this can be written as:

$$\frac{f}{m} = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{dp}{dx}.$$

The gravitational force accelerates objects at approximately  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$  directly towards the center of the Earth.

The force due to viscous friction can be approximated as:

$$f_r = \frac{f}{a} \frac{1}{\rho} \mu (\nabla \cdot (\mu \nabla v) + \nabla (\lambda \nabla \cdot v)).$$

Using Newton's second law, these forces (referenced in the equations above as the accelerations due to these forces) may be summed to produce an equation of motion that describes this system. This equation can be written in the form:

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = -(1/\rho) \nabla p - g(r/r) + f_r$$

$$g = g_e.$$

Therefore, to complete the system of equations and obtain 6 equations and 6 variables:

- $\frac{dv}{dt} = -(1/\rho) \nabla p - g(r/r) + (1/\rho) [\nabla \cdot (\mu \nabla v) + \nabla (\lambda \nabla \cdot v)]$
- $c_v \frac{dT}{dt} + p \frac{d\alpha}{dt} = q + f$
- $\frac{d\rho}{dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot v = 0$
- $p = nT.$

where  $n$  is the **number density** in mol, and  $T := RT$  is the temperature equivalent value in Joule/mol.



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## Courant – Friedrich – Lewy Condition (CFL)

The Courant–Friedrichs–Lewy or CFL condition is a condition for numerical stability

The distance that any information travels during the timestep length within the mesh must be lower than the distance between mesh elements.

In other words, information from a given cell or mesh element must propagate only to its immediate neighbors.

$$C = a \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}$$

$\alpha$  = characteristic speed so that

$C$  = Courant number becomes dimensionless

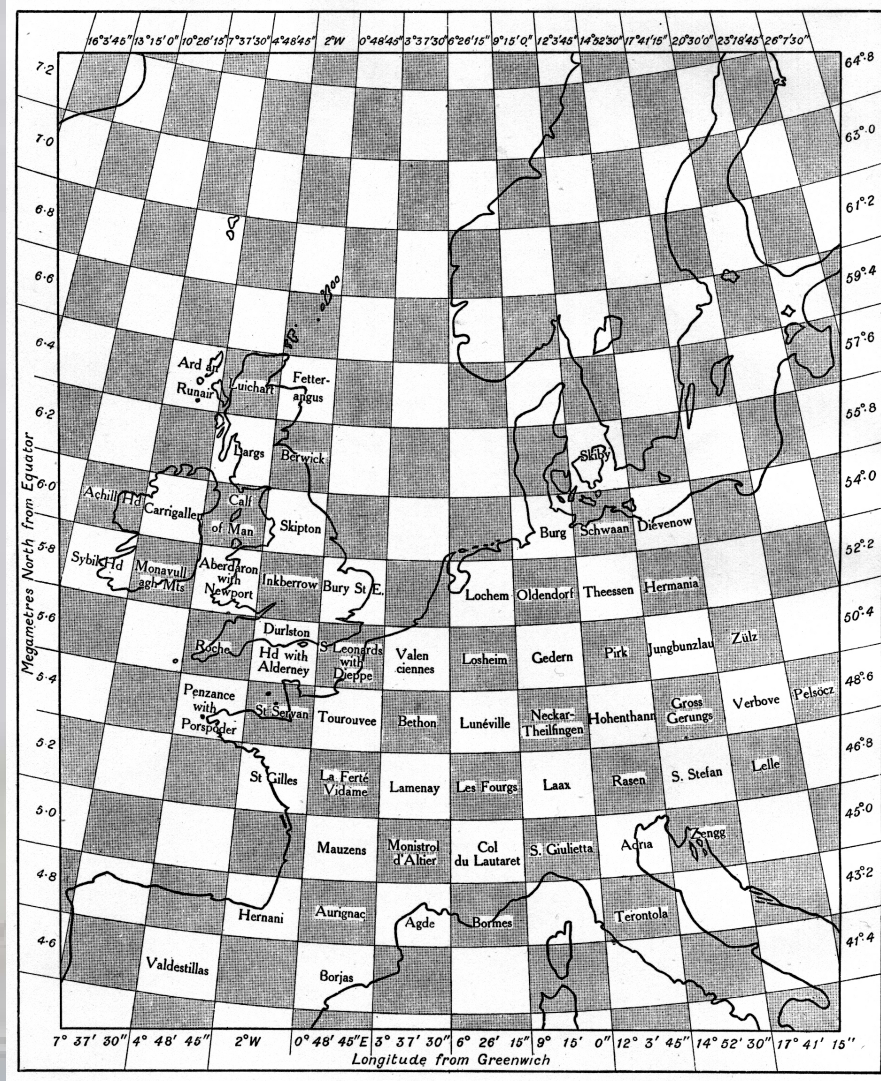
**$C \leq 1$  is necessary for numerical stability**

If  $C > 1$ , the numerical viscosity would be negative (!?)

# NUMERICAL WEATHER PREDICTION - THEN AND NOW

L.F. Richardson 1921

Deutscher Wetterdienst 2021

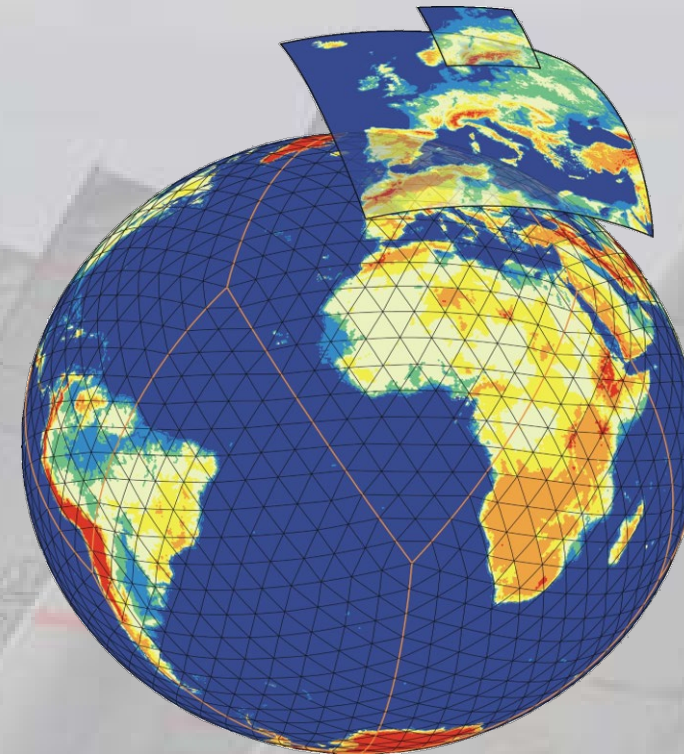
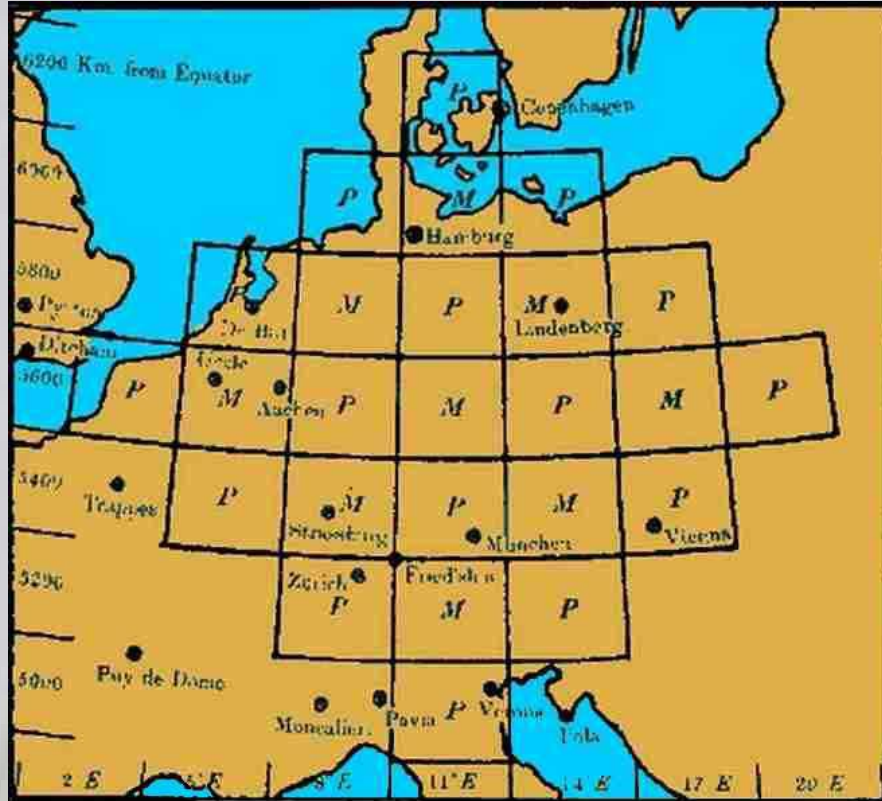




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**Problem :**

1921: runtime > realtime ...

2018: H + 24: 20 minutes

H +174: 2 hours

**Model**

**Resolution / km**

**Layers**

**Gridpoints/ Mio**

**ICON / EU / DE**

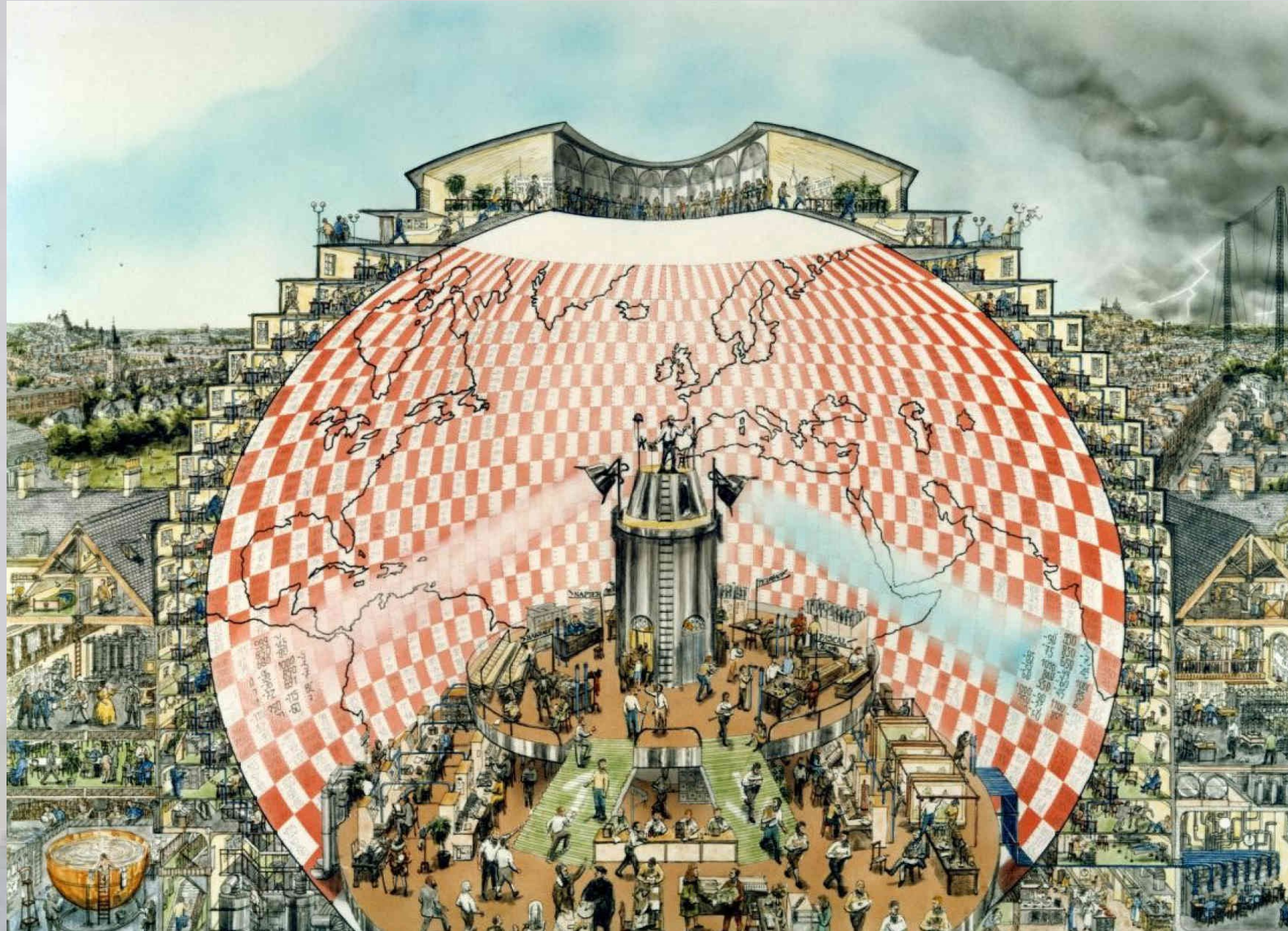
13 / 6.5 / 2.2

90 / 60 / 65

265 / 40 / 30

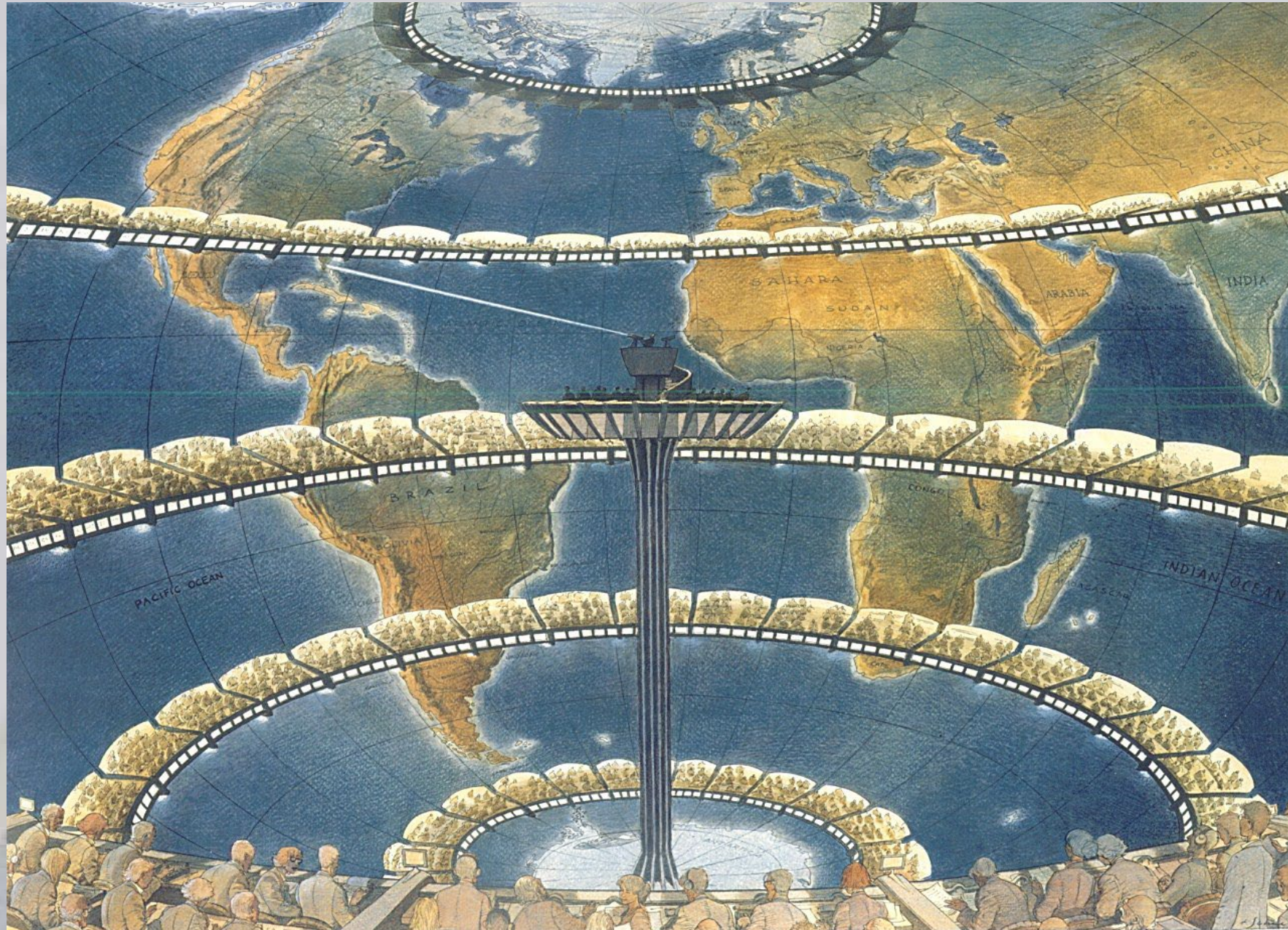


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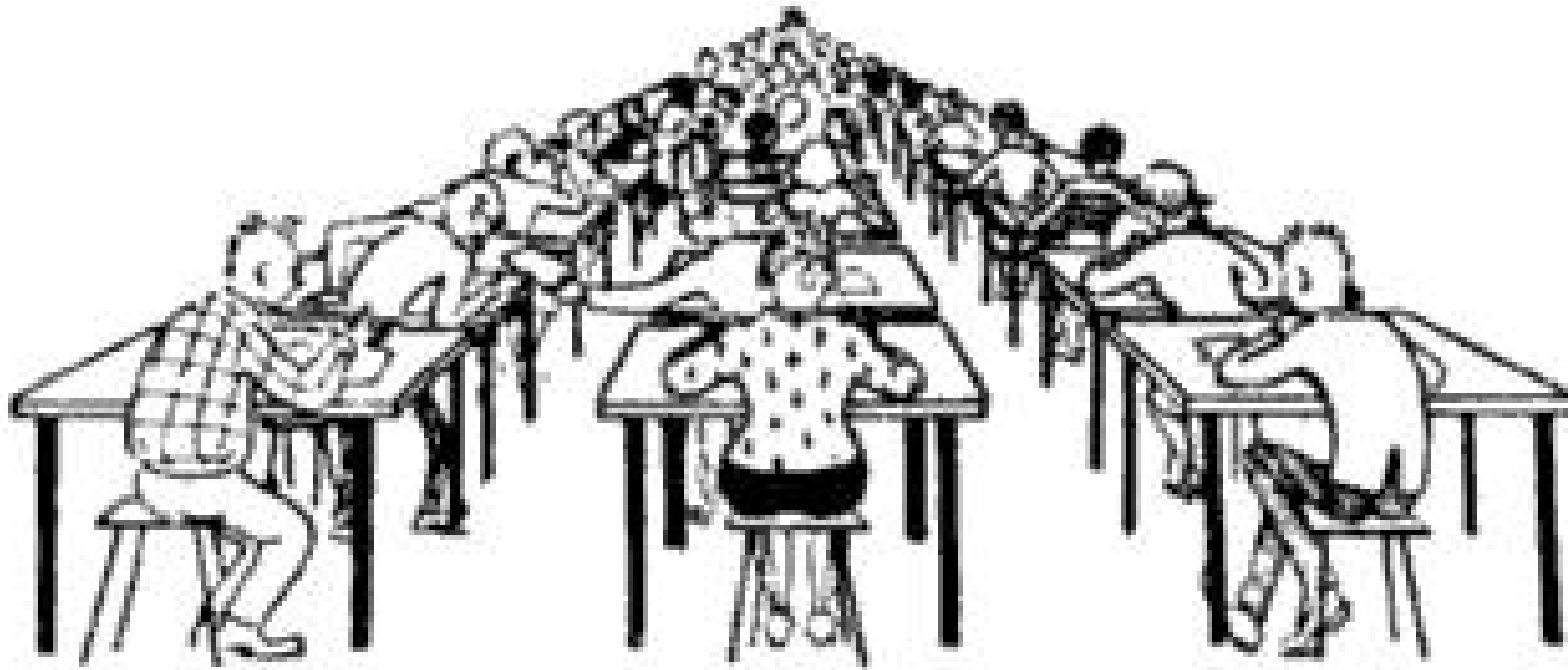


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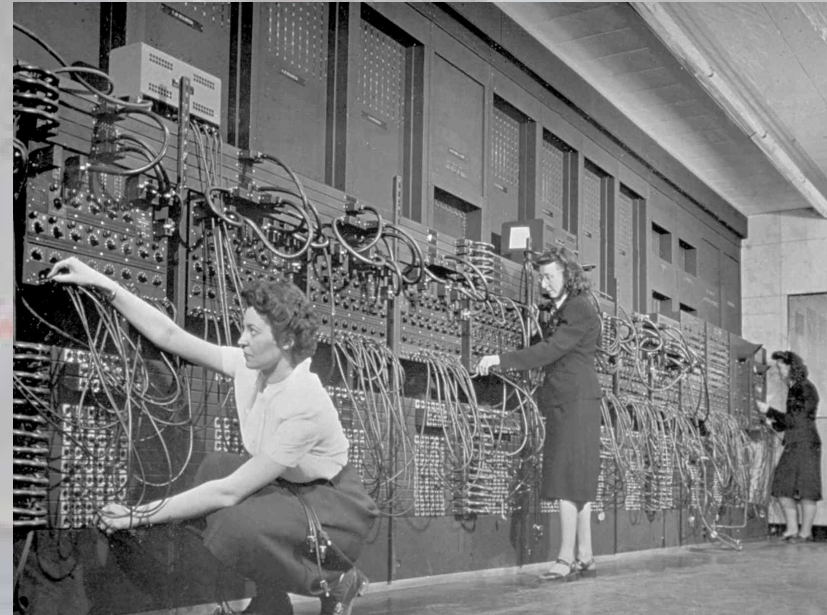
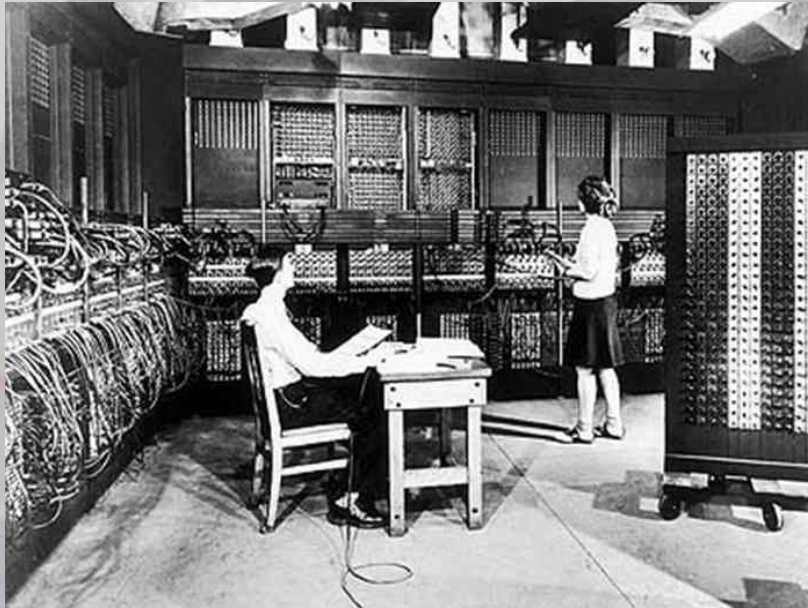
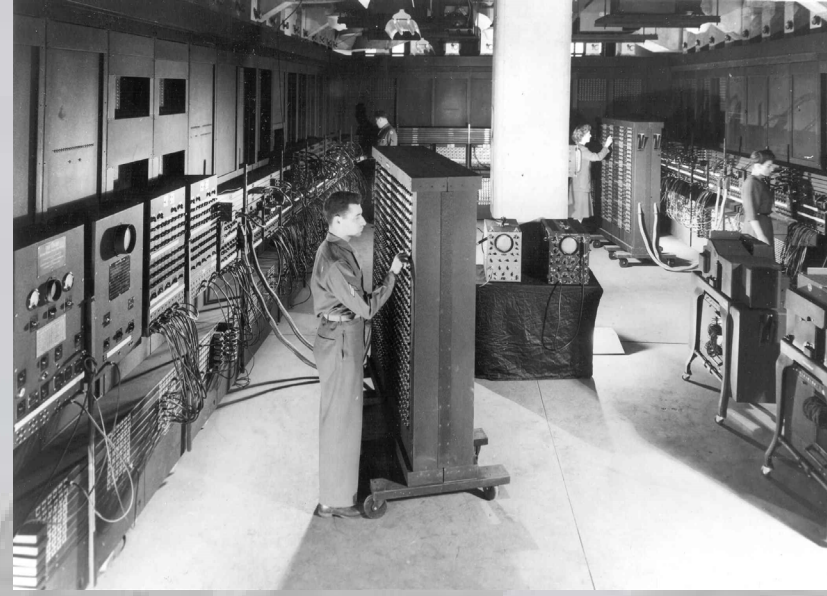
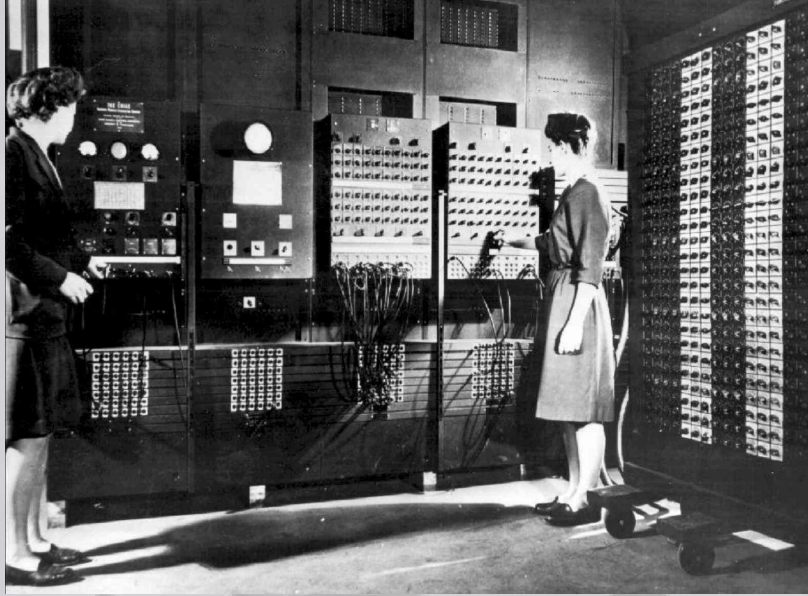


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**"64,000 computers would be needed to race the weather for the whole globe..." A cartoon showing Richardson's vision of a central forecasting factory. (L.S. Gandin (1965) *Machines forecast the weather*, *Gidrometeoizdat, Leningrad*)**

# SUPER COMPUTERS IN METEOROLOGY ENIAC 1946



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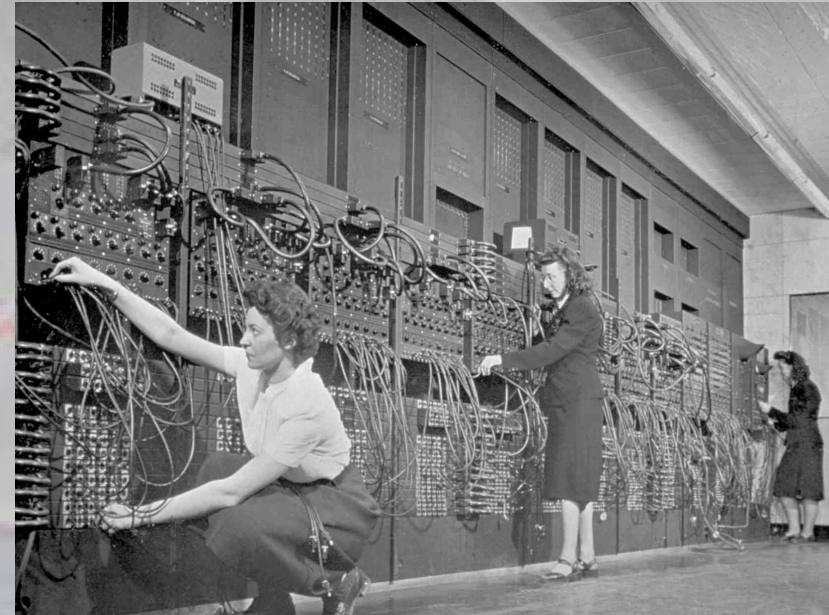
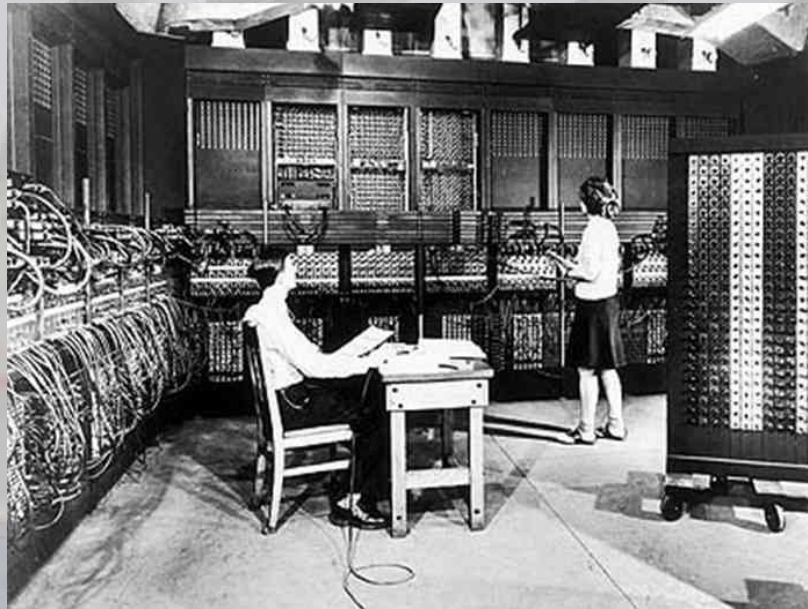
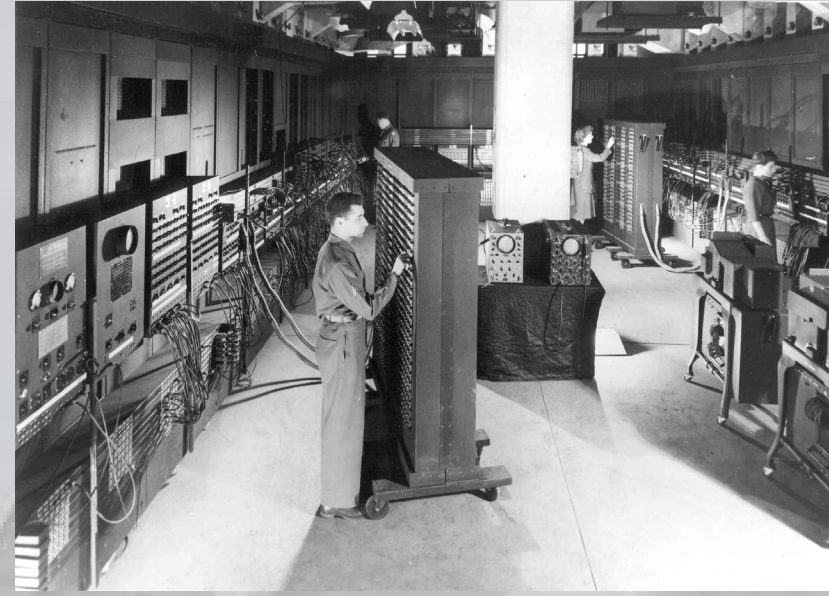
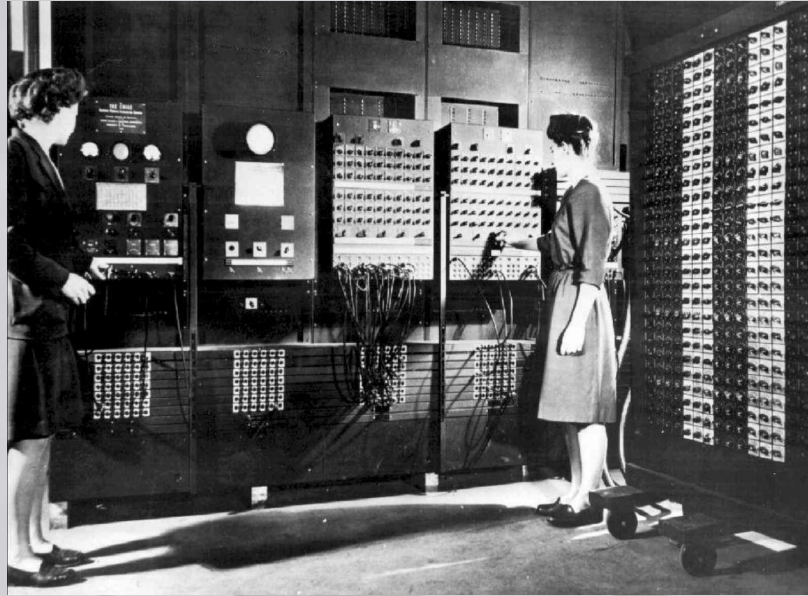
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### *Abstract*

A method is given for the numerical solution of the barotropic vorticity equation over a limited area of the earth's surface. The lack of a natural boundary calls for an investigation of the appropriate boundary conditions. These are determined by a heuristic argument and are shown to be sufficient in a special case. Approximate conditions necessary to insure the mathematical stability of the difference equation are derived. The results of a series of four 24-hour forecasts computed from actual data at the 500 mb level are presented, together with an interpretation and analysis. An attempt is made to determine the causes of the forecast errors. These are ascribed partly to the use of too large a space increment and partly to the effects of baroclinicity. The rôle of the latter is investigated in some detail by means of a simple baroclinic model.

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# SUPER COMPUTERS IN METEOROLOGY TODAY



DWD NEC SX-9 2008 - 2014



DWD Cray XC-40 2013 - today



UK Metoffice Cray XC-40



European Center ECMWF Cray XC-40



# AIRCRAFT 1927 – 1969 – 2007 – TODAY

TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS – ASYMPTOTICALLY TOWARDS OPTIMUM



1927 Spirit of St. Louis



1969 Boeing B747-100 Concorde



2007 Boeing 747-400 Airbus A380



Today Airbus A350, Boeing 777

# COMPUTATION TIME FOR A 3-DAY-FORECAST ...

A 3-day-forecast requires approx. 1 Trillion (1 000 000 000 000 000 =  $10^{15}$ ) floating-point-operations (FLOP) which can be achieved as follows:

	Computer power	runtime	increase
Pocket computer	ca. 1 FLOP/s	32 Mio. years	* 5.000
ENIAC 1946 USA	ca. 5 $10^3$ KILO	6.000 years	* 200.000
Laptop	ca. 1 $10^9$ GIGA	12 days	* 3.5
Supermarket PC	ca. 3.5 $10^9$ GIGA	3 days	* 15.000
DWD HPC Cray XC40	ca. 50 $10^{12}$ TERA	< 1 hour	* 20
TOP-500 #1 2020 CHINA	ca. 100 $10^{15}$ PETA	< 1 minute	
TOP-500 #1 2022 USA	ca. 1 $10^{18}$ EXA		

# 2022 TOP-500 SUPER COMPUTERS #1 FRONTIER USA EXA-FLOPS

Rank 1

TOP500

NOV 2022

**System**

**Frontier - HPE**  
**Cray EX235a,**  
**AMD Optimized**

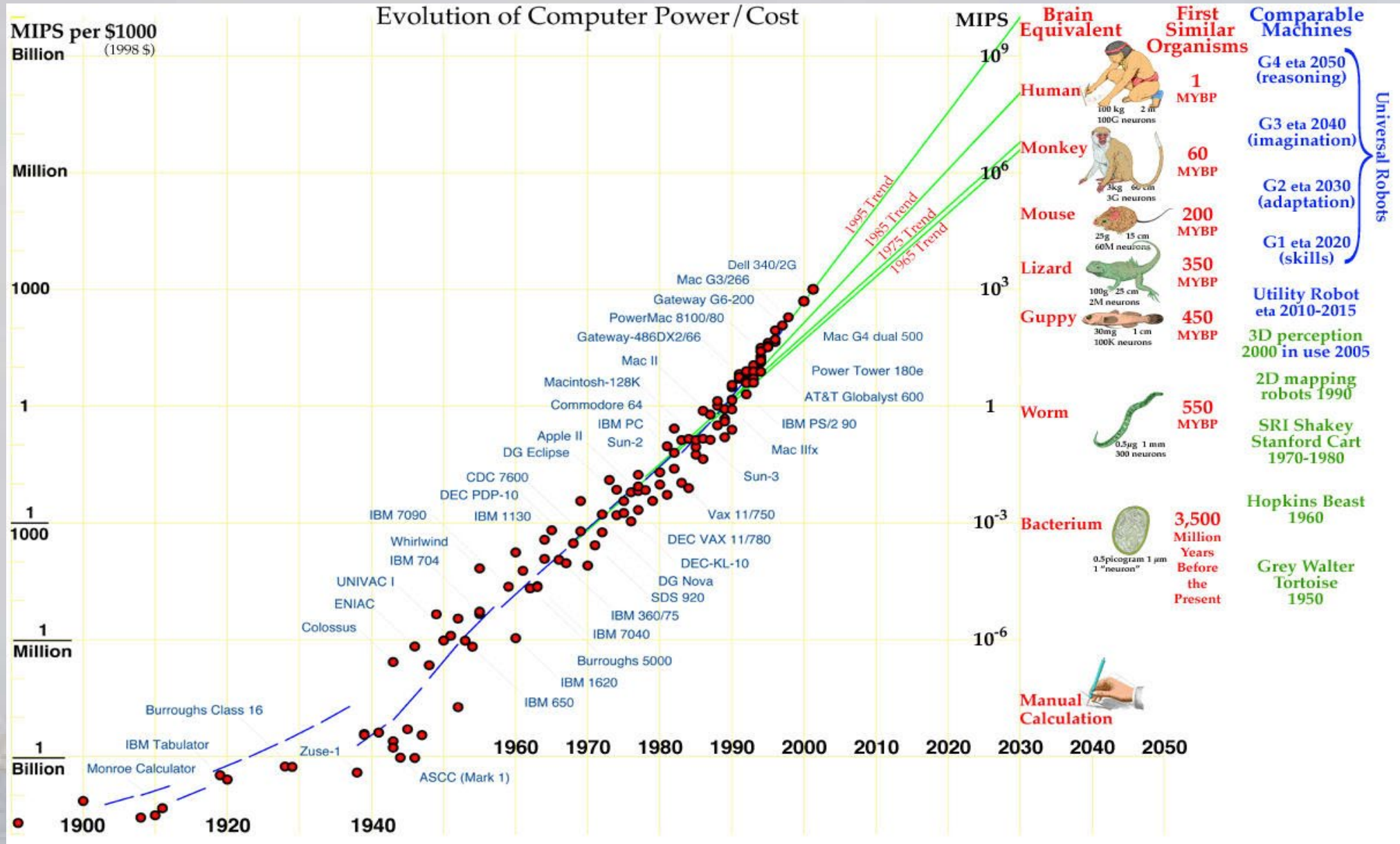
**3rd Generation**  
**EPYC 64C**  
**2GHz, AMD**  
**Instinct MI250X,**

**Slingshot 11,**  
**HPE**  
**DOE/SC/Oak**  
**Ridge National**  
**Laboratory**  
**United States**

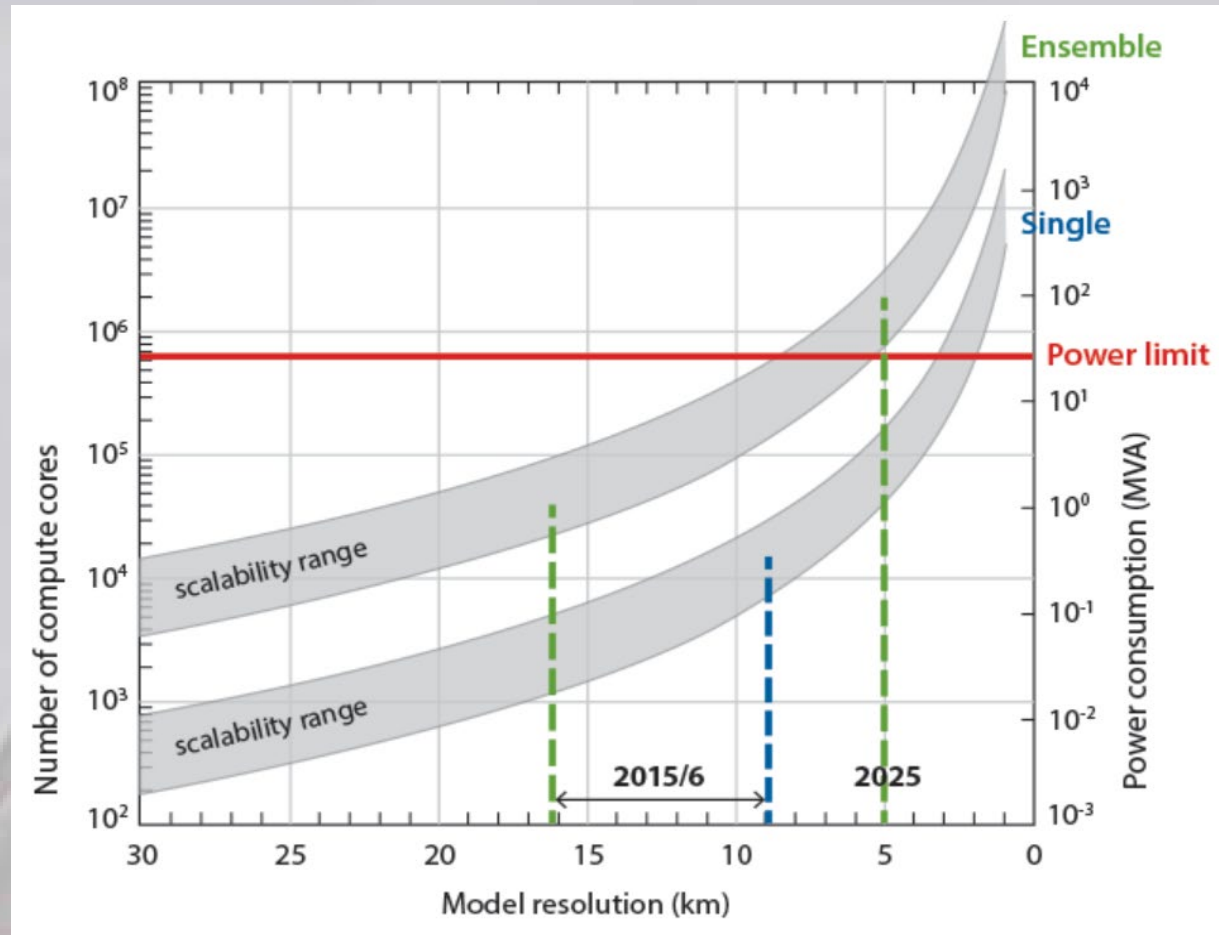




# Moore's Law of Growth of Computer Power



# HOW WILL IT GO ON ? WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM THE COMPUTERS IN THE FUTURE ?



The goal is to increase the model resolution, which requires more powerful computers. These will be developed, but... They need more electrical power and the budget for power is limited. Currently it would allow a global model resolution of 3 km for single run and 7 km for ensemble run.



# CODES IN METEOROLOGICAL OPERATIONS

**Requirement: Bring data into a formalized code to allow easier**

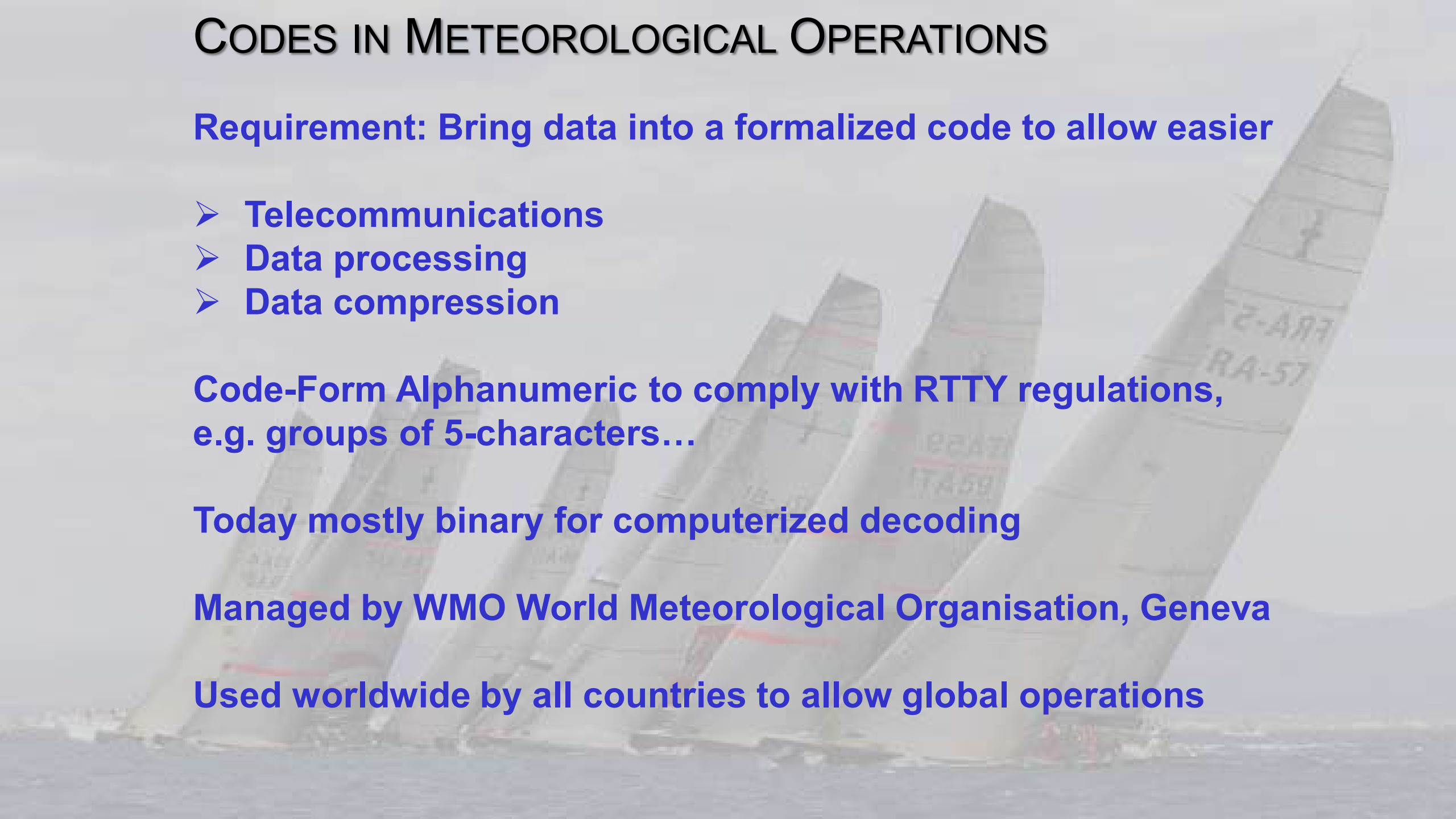
- **Telecommunications**
- **Data processing**
- **Data compression**

**Code-Form Alphanumeric to comply with RTTY regulations,  
e.g. groups of 5-characters...**

**Today mostly binary for computerized decoding**

**Managed by WMO World Meteorological Organisation, Geneva**

**Used worldwide by all countries to allow global operations**



# CODES IN METEOROLOGICAL OPERATIONS

## Codes for Surface Observations

### FM12 SYNOP Synoptic Surface Observation

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#####  
# SYNOPS from 10091, Arkona (Germany) | 54-41N | 013-26E | 42 m  
#####  
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00092 333 10060 20039 3/004 55300 20000 30000  
41216 69907 88/10 91017 90760 91118 90760 91216==  
  
#####  
# SYNOPS from 10113, Norderney (Germany) | 53-43N | 007-09E | 11 m  
#####  
202212041800 AAXX 04181 10113 05574 80808 10053 20022 30194 40214 53002 60002  
333 10054 20005 3/000 55300 20000 30000 60007  
83/21 88/31 91012 90760 91114 90760 91209==  
  
#####  
# SYNOPS from 10124, Leuchtturm Alte Weser (Germany) | 53-52N | 008-08E | 30 m  
#####  
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333 10050 20006 55300 90760 91114==  
  
#####  
# SYNOPS from 10131, Cuxhaven (Germany) | 53-52N | 008-42E | 5 m  
#####  
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87/13 91009 90760 91112 90760 91209==  
  
#####  
# SYNOPS from 10147, Hamburg-Fuhlsbuettel (Germany) | 53-38N | 010-00E | 16 m  
#####  
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## FM15 METAR Surface Observation for Aviation

### METAR/SPECI from **EDDF, Frankfurt/Main (Germany)**.

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SA 04/12/2022 22:20->	<b>METAR EDDF 042220Z AUTO 02006KT 350V050 9000 -RADZ BKN016 BKN024 02/01 Q1015 TEMPO BKN014=</b>
SA 04/12/2022 21:50->	<b>METAR EDDF 042150Z AUTO 03005KT 360V060 9999 -RADZ FEW006 OVC017 03/01 Q1015 NOSIG=</b>
SA 04/12/2022 21:20->	<b>METAR EDDF 042120Z AUTO 03007KT 9999 -RA OVC019 03/01 Q1014 NOSIG=</b>
SA 04/12/2022 20:50->	<b>METAR EDDF 042050Z AUTO 04009KT 9999 BKN020 03/01 Q1014 NOSIG=</b>
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SA 04/12/2022 18:50->	<b>METAR EDDF 041850Z AUTO 05010KT 9999 BKN019 03/01 Q1014 NOSIG=</b>
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# CODES IN METEOROLOGICAL OPERATIONS

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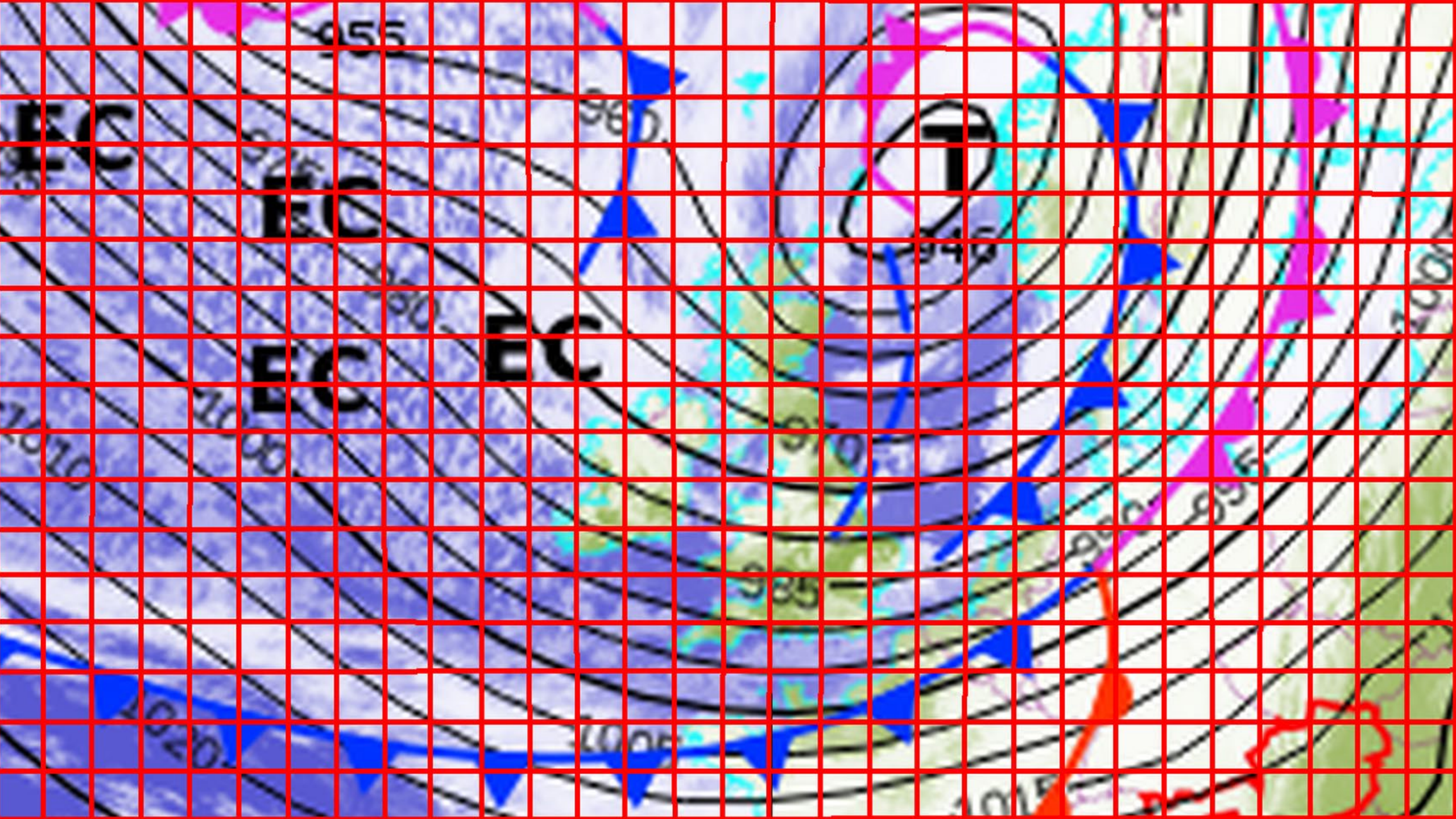
## FM94 BUFR Synoptic Surface Observation

A BUFR is a binary code to encode meteorological data. The BUFR consists of sections. The following picture illustrates the different sections and their content.

CONTINUOUS BINARY STREAM					
Section	Section	Section	Section	Section	Section
0	1	2	3	4	5
Section Number	Name	Contents			
0	Indicator Section	"BUFR" (coded according to the CCITT International Alphabet No. 5, which is functionally equivalent to ASCII), length of message, BUFR edition number			
1	Identification Section	Length of section, identification of the message			
2	Optional Section	Length of section and any additional items for local use by data processing centers			
3	Data Description Section	Length of section, number of data subsets, data category flag, data compression flag, and a collection of data descriptors which define the form and content of individual data elements			
4	Data Section	Length of section and binary data			
5	End Section	"7777" (coded in CCITT International Alphabet No. 5)			









# CODES IN METEOROLOGICAL OPERATIONS

## FM92 GRIB Synoptic Surface Observation

- **GR**idded **B**inary

- Is a 'table-driven' Code

  - All Metadata are include (Model, Time-Date, Parameter etc)

- Is nor readable by man, only for computer processing (binary)

- Requires special programs for visualization

- Is available in the web as meteorological charts

  - [www.passageweather.com](http://www.passageweather.com) Full set, single charts

  - [www.vorticity.de](http://www.vorticity.de) Selected sets, visualized with classic charts, **HINDCAST** verification etc

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## FM92 GRIB Synoptic Surface Observation

- **Advantages of GRIB**
- Easy selection of areas of interest (ship's position)
- Easy integration of weather information into navigation systems (moving map)
  
- **Disadvantages**
- Just read as ,Wind at position N45 W030 : 250° 25knots
- is binary information: right or wrong

Important is the synoptic interpretation of GRIB charts to understand what's going on in the atmosphere

North Atlantic Wind Sea MSL Pressure

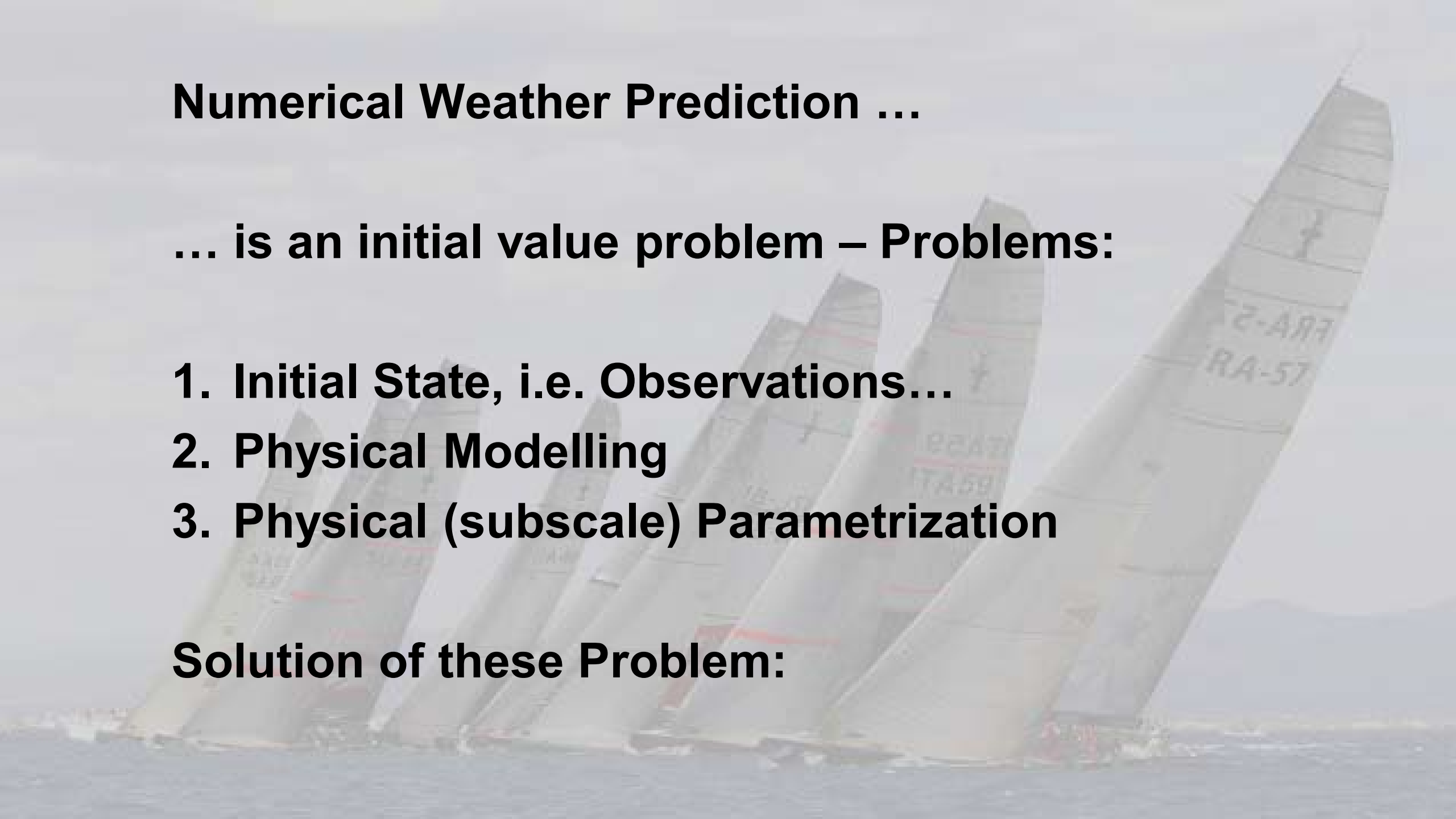


# **Numerical Weather Prediction ...**

**... is an initial value problem – Problems:**

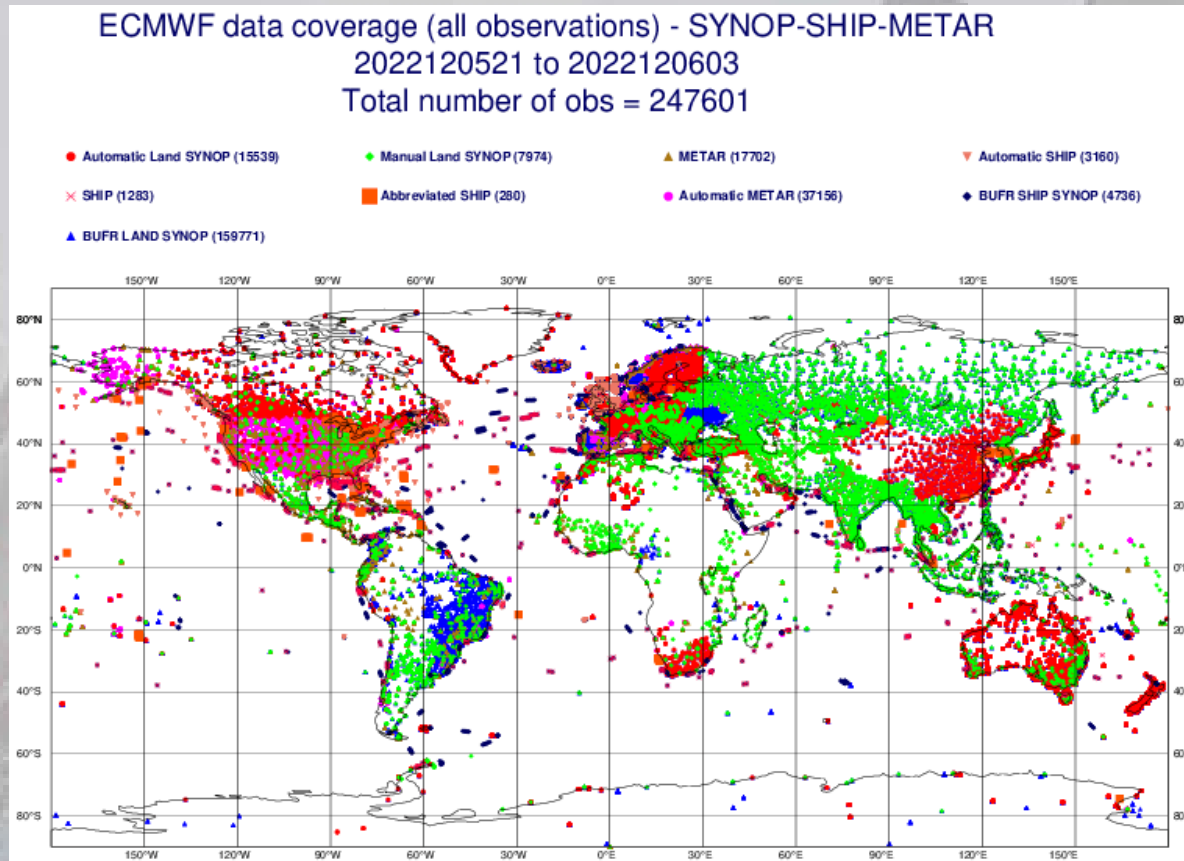
- 1. Initial State, i.e. Observations...**
- 2. Physical Modelling**
- 3. Physical (subscale) Parametrization**

**Solution of these Problem:**



# Numerical Weather Prediction ...

## 1. Initial State, i.e. Observations ...



# Numerical Weather Prediction ...

1. Initial State, i.e. Observations...
2. Physical Modelling
3. Parameterization

**Mathematical Description of sub-scale processes**

**e.g. Shower / Thunderstorms**

**boundary layer phenomena etc**

**As long as that is required – DMO post-processing is appropriate, e.g. MOS – Model Output Statistics**

# Post-Processing: Statistical Interpretation

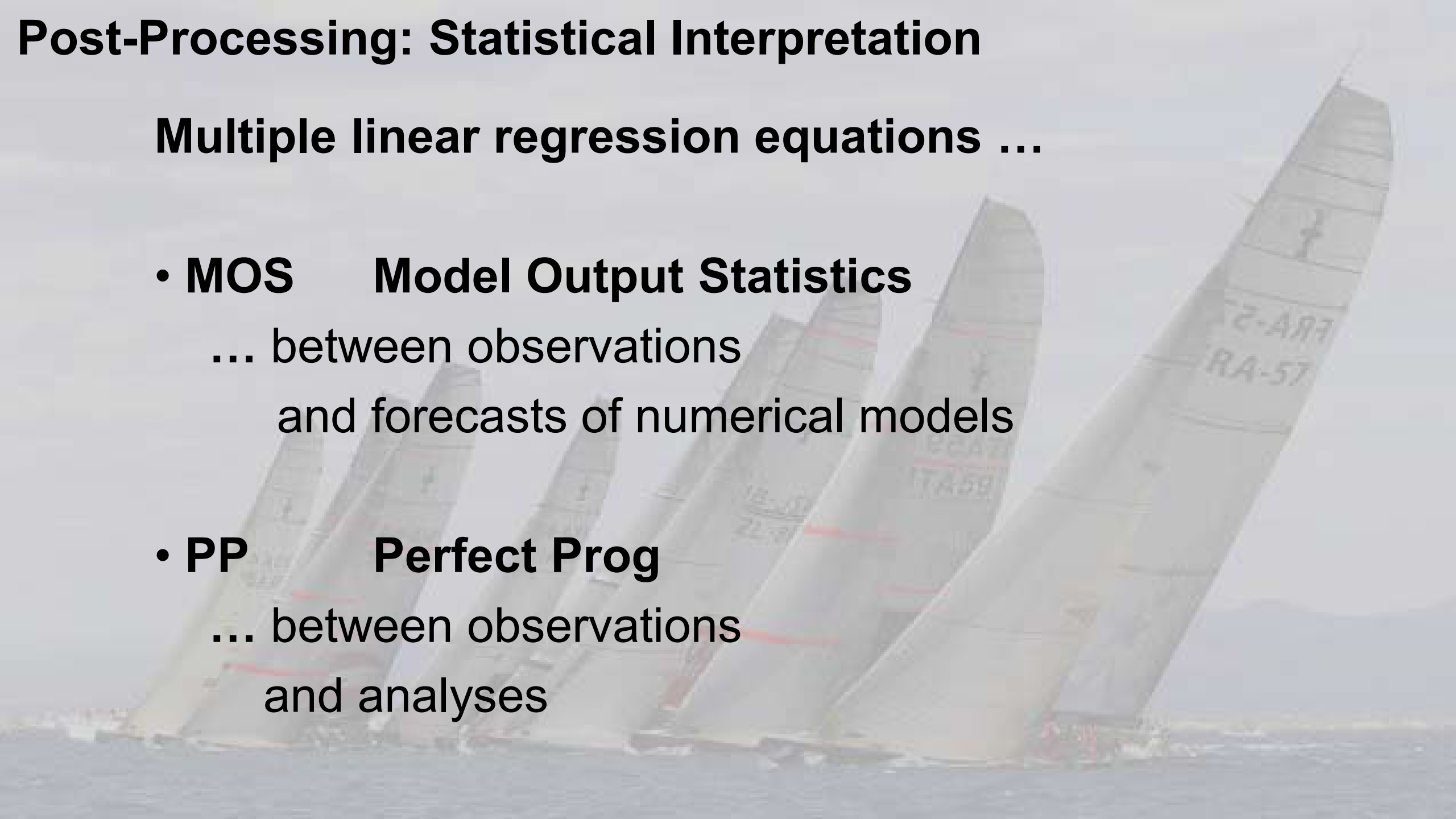
## Multiple linear regression equations ...

- **MOS**      **Model Output Statistics**

- ... between observations  
and forecasts of numerical models

- **PP**      **Perfect Prog**

- ... between observations  
and analyses



# Post-Processing: MOS Model Output Statistics

**Predictand Predictors...**

- **StF\_T2m = const \* DMO\_T2m**
  - **const \* rH\_1000\_hPa**
  - + const**
- **Know-How is in the definition of predictors**
  - **Wind components (coastlines, mountains)**
  - **Upper-air flow patterns (vorticity)**
  - **TS-Indices, binary-predictors (model changes)**

# Post-Processing: MOS Model Output Statistics

- **MOS Pros**

- **Each observed parameter can be forecasted (also visibility, ceiling, even the forecast error)**
- **Correction of systematic model errors**
- **Consideration of local topography**
- **Is quasi “Parameterization” of synoptic experience**

- **MOS Cons**

- **Depends on specific NWP - models**
- **Model changes have to be considered**

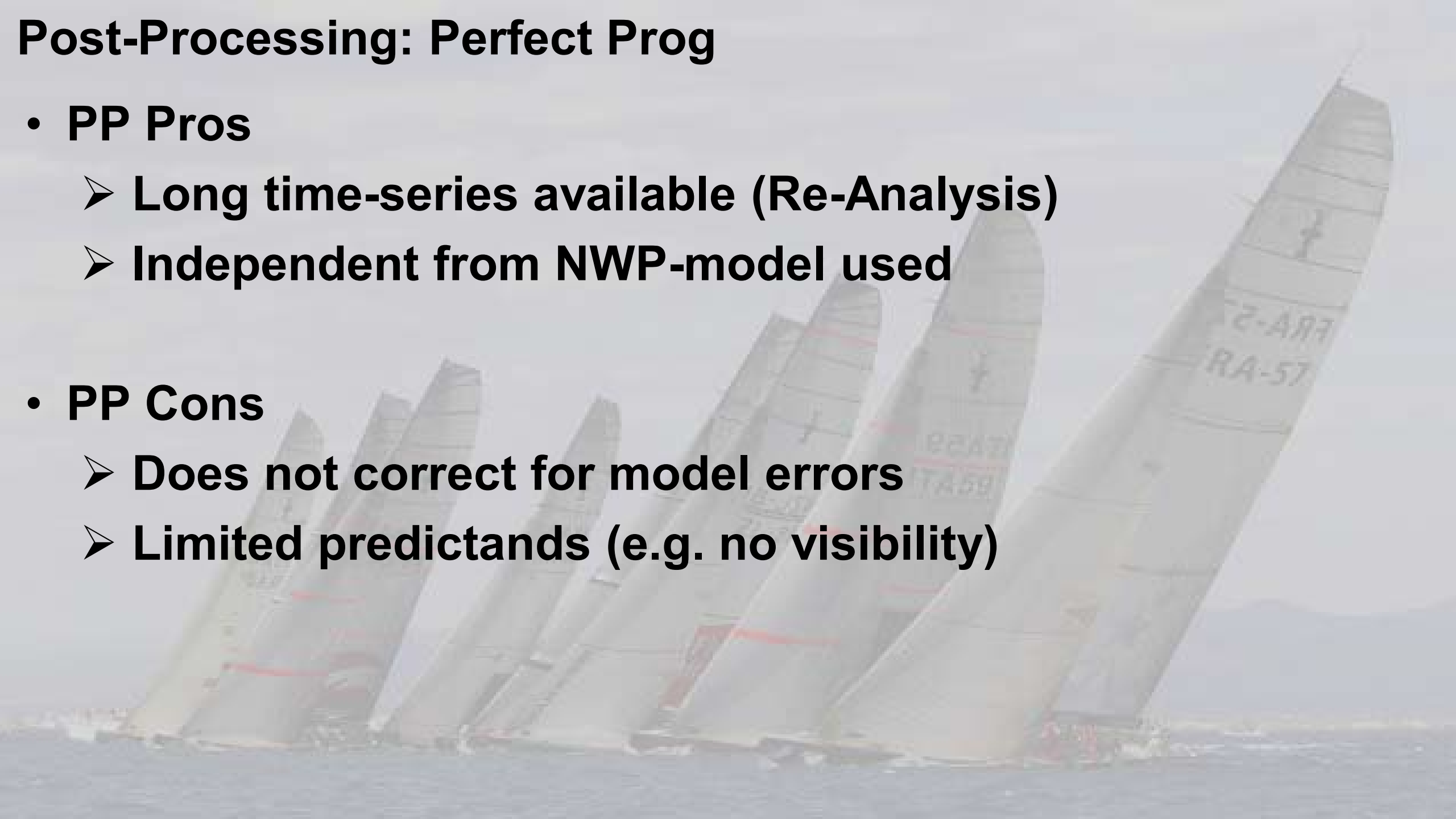
# Post-Processing: Perfect Prog

- **PP Pros**

- **Long time-series available (Re-Analysis)**
- **Independent from NWP-model used**

- **PP Cons**

- **Does not correct for model errors**
- **Limited predictands (e.g. no visibility)**



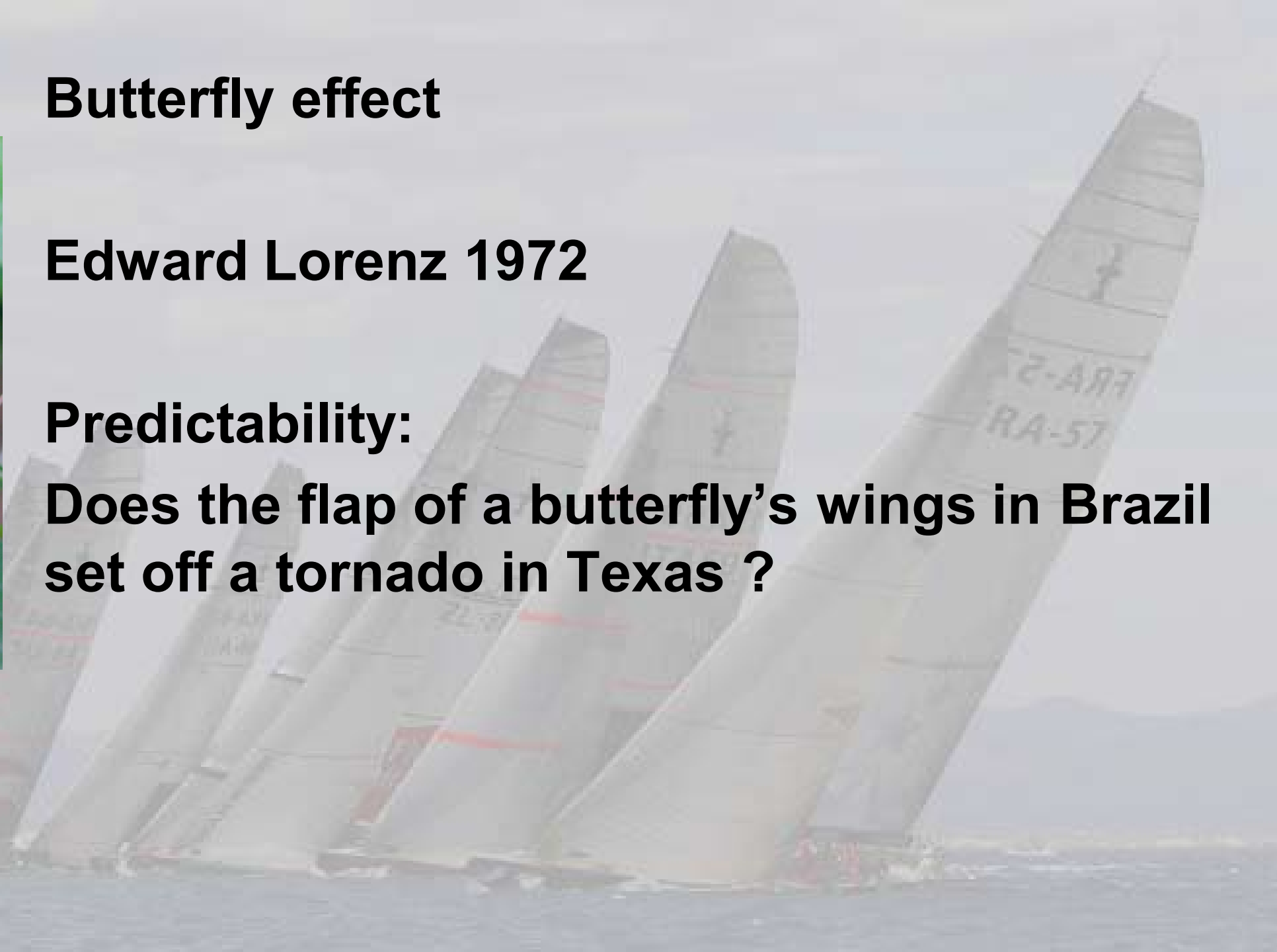


# Butterfly effect

**Edward Lorenz 1972**

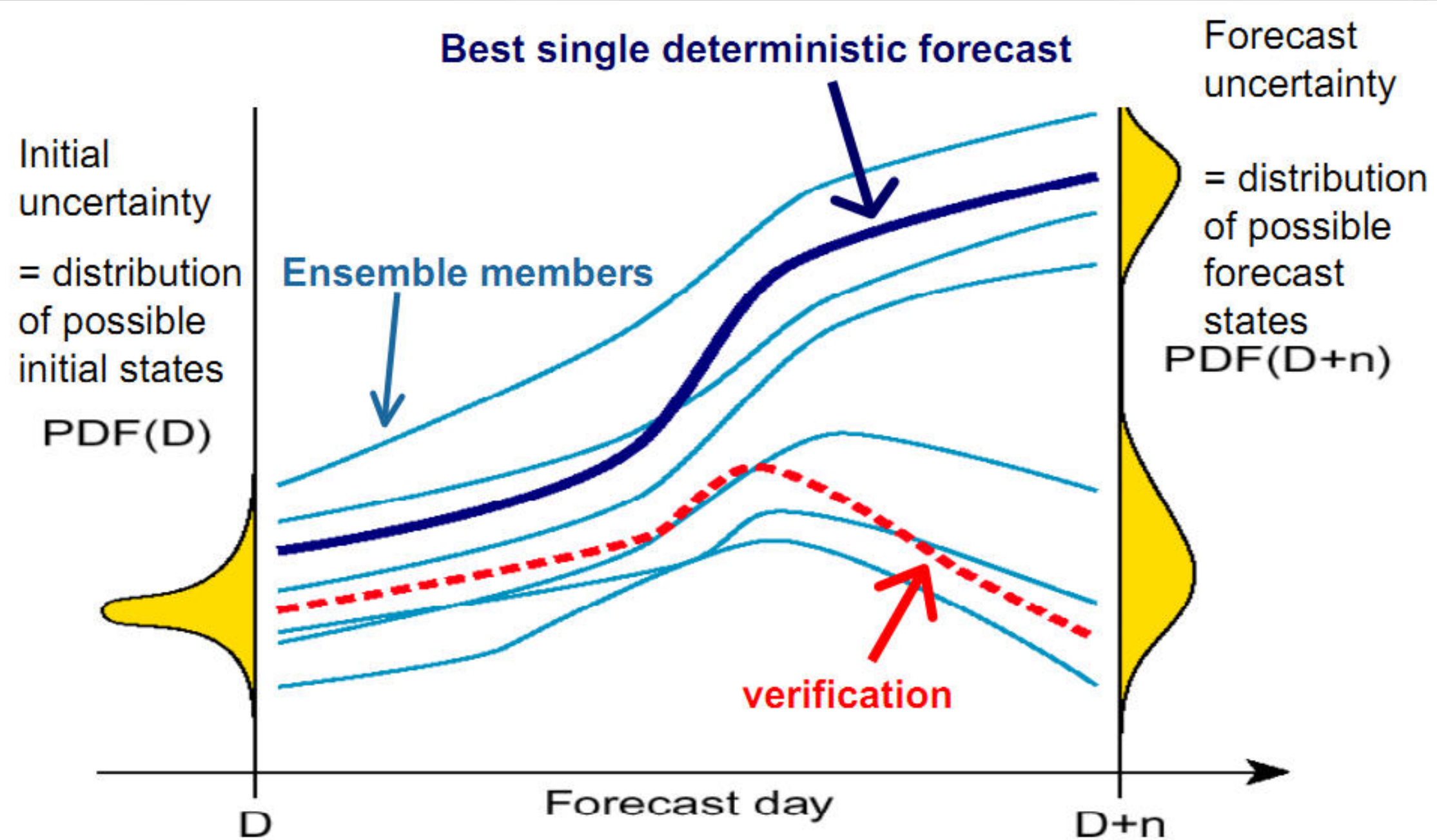
**Predictability:**

**Does the flap of a butterfly's wings in Brazil set off a tornado in Texas ?**

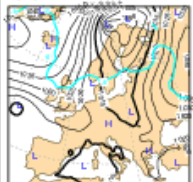




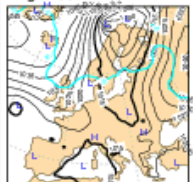
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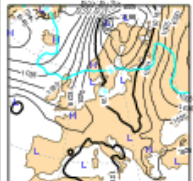
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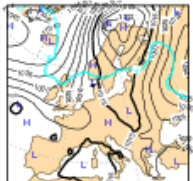
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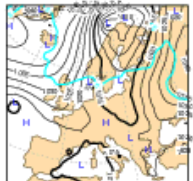
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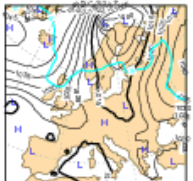
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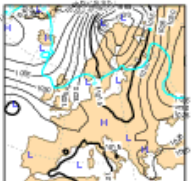
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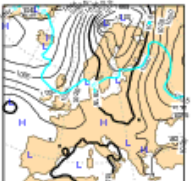
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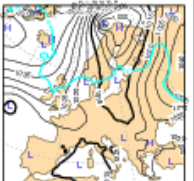
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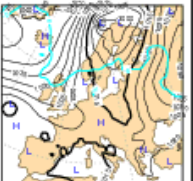
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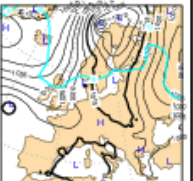
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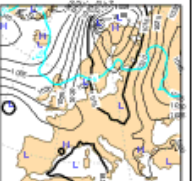
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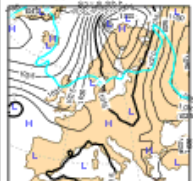
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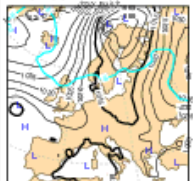
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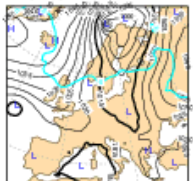
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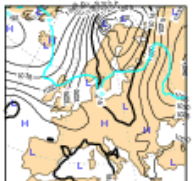
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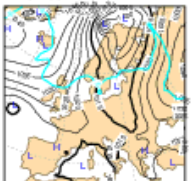
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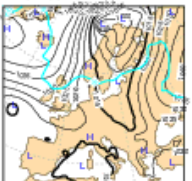
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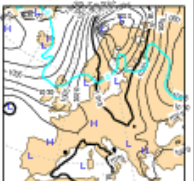
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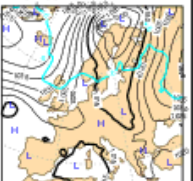
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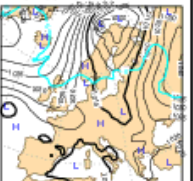
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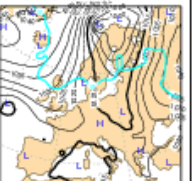
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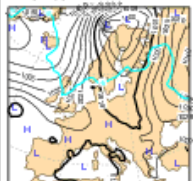
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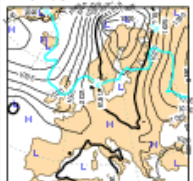
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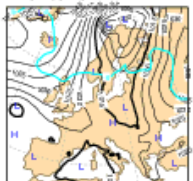
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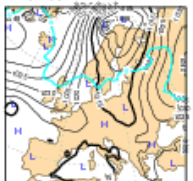
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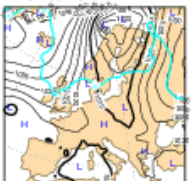
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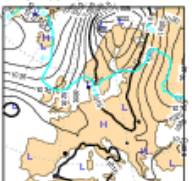
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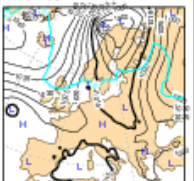
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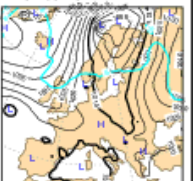
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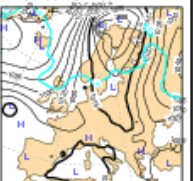
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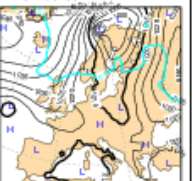
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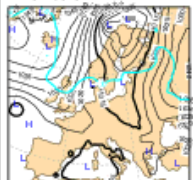
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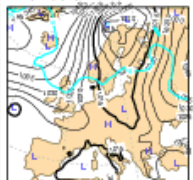
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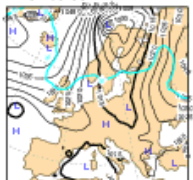
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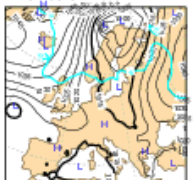
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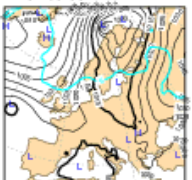
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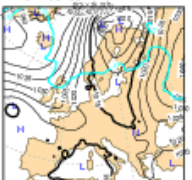
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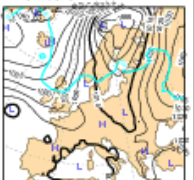
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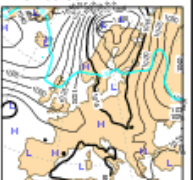
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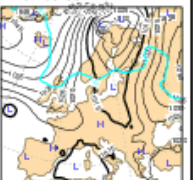
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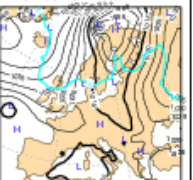
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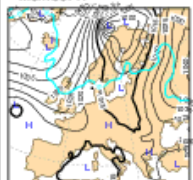
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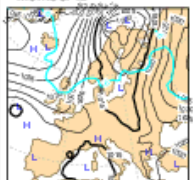
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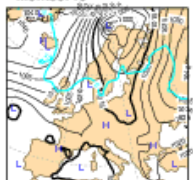
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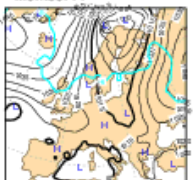
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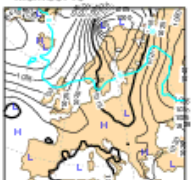
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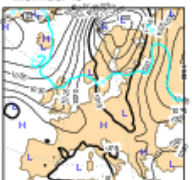
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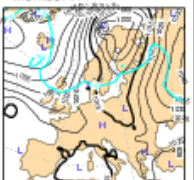
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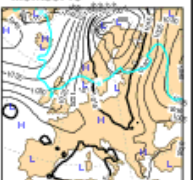
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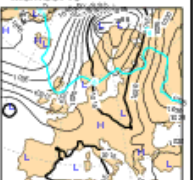
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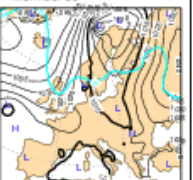
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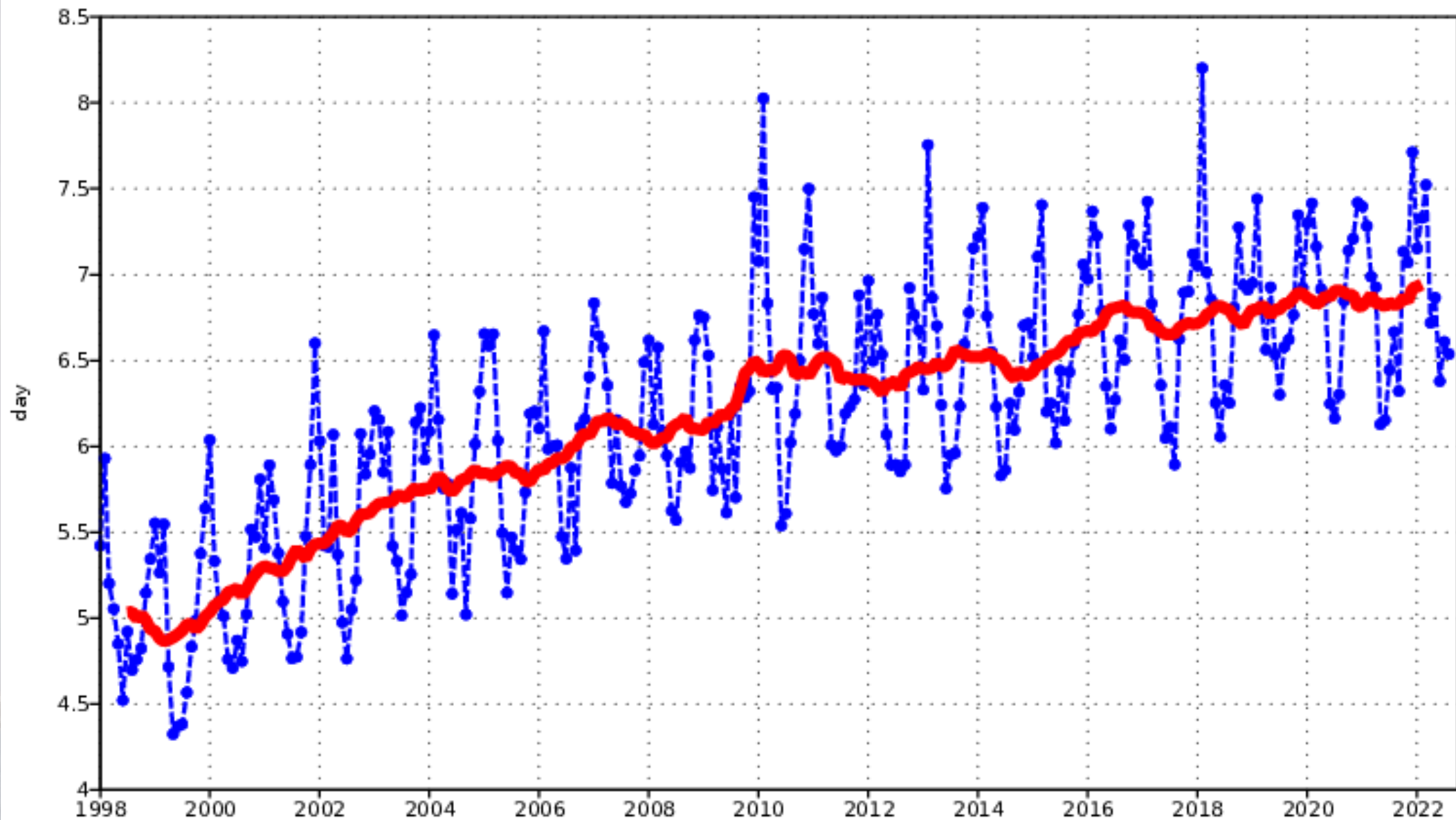
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Lead time of Anomaly correlation reaching 80%

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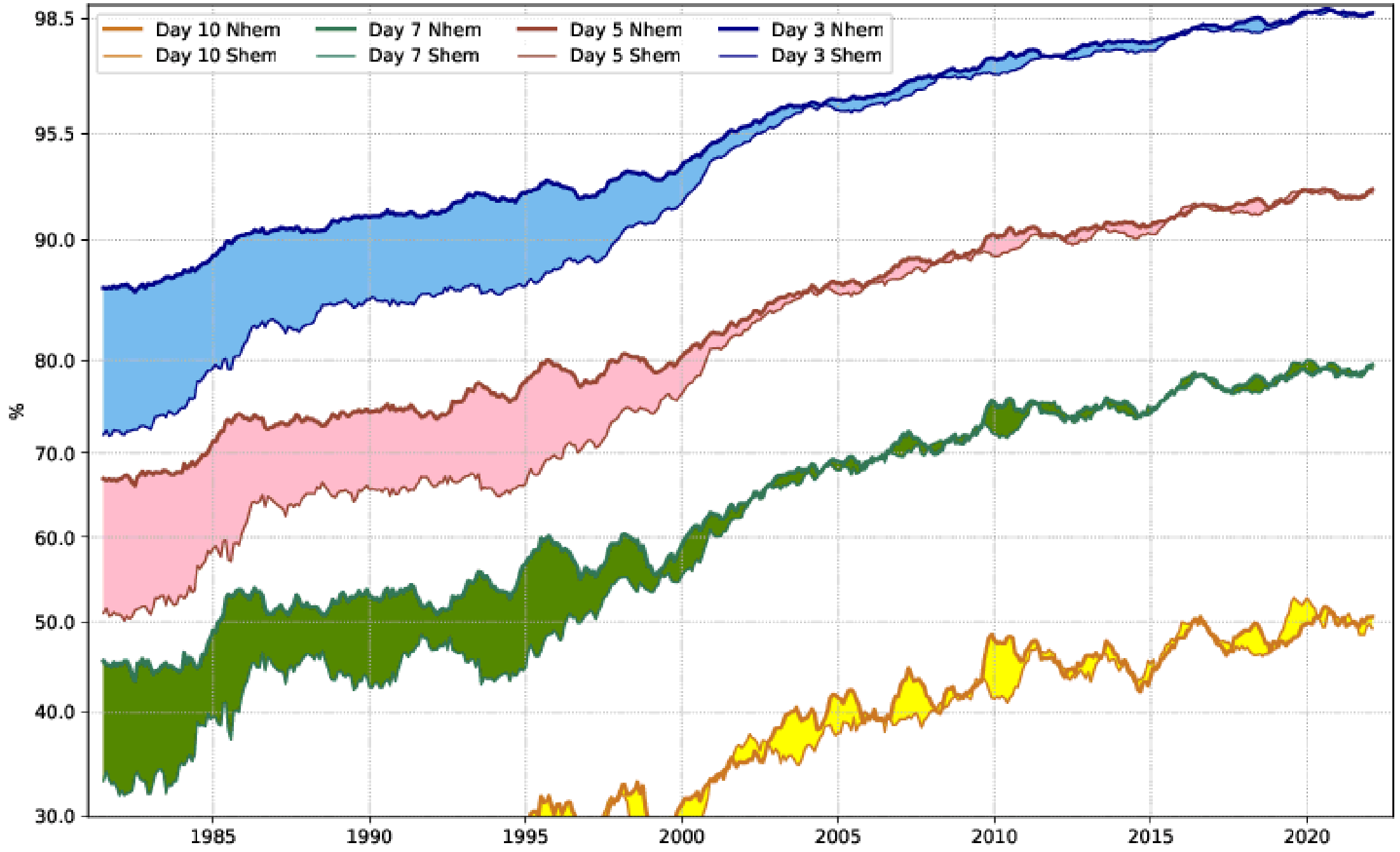
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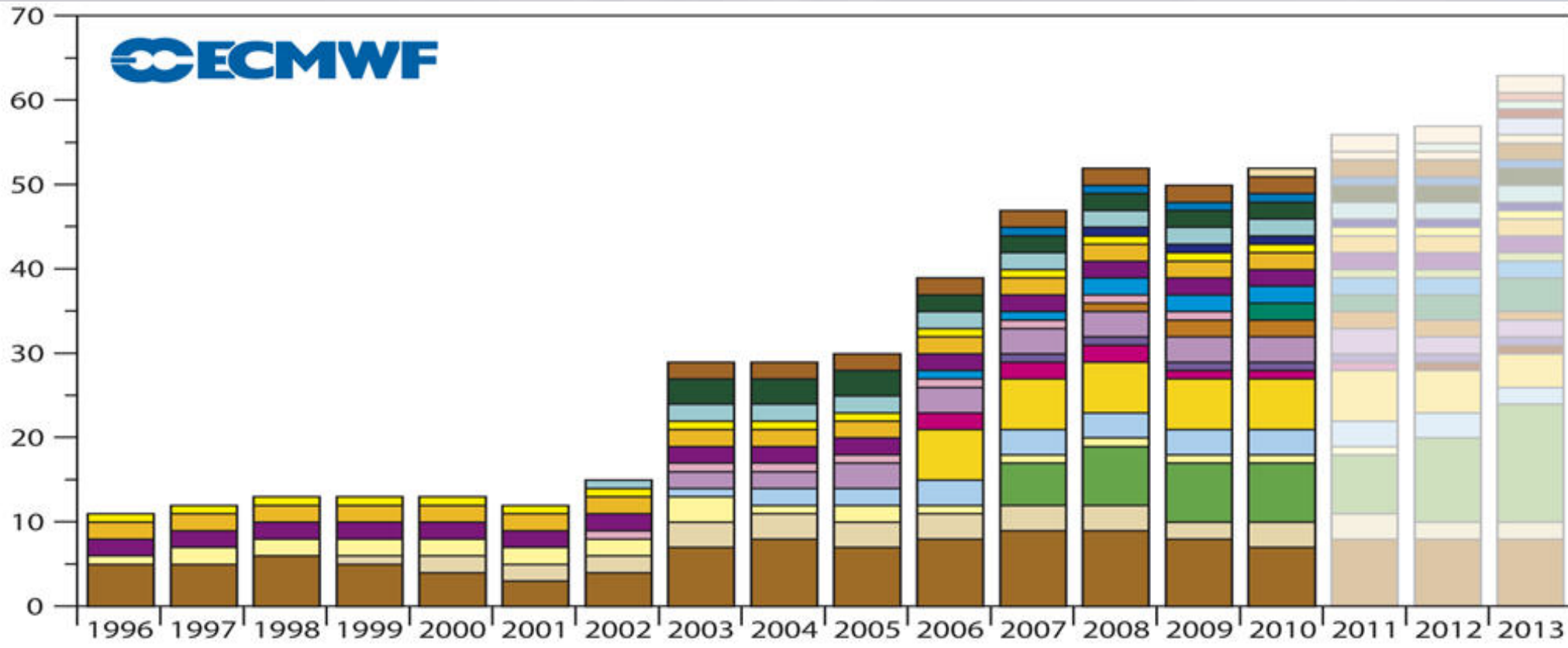


ECMWF HRes  
ACC 500hPa geopotential height (12-month running mean)



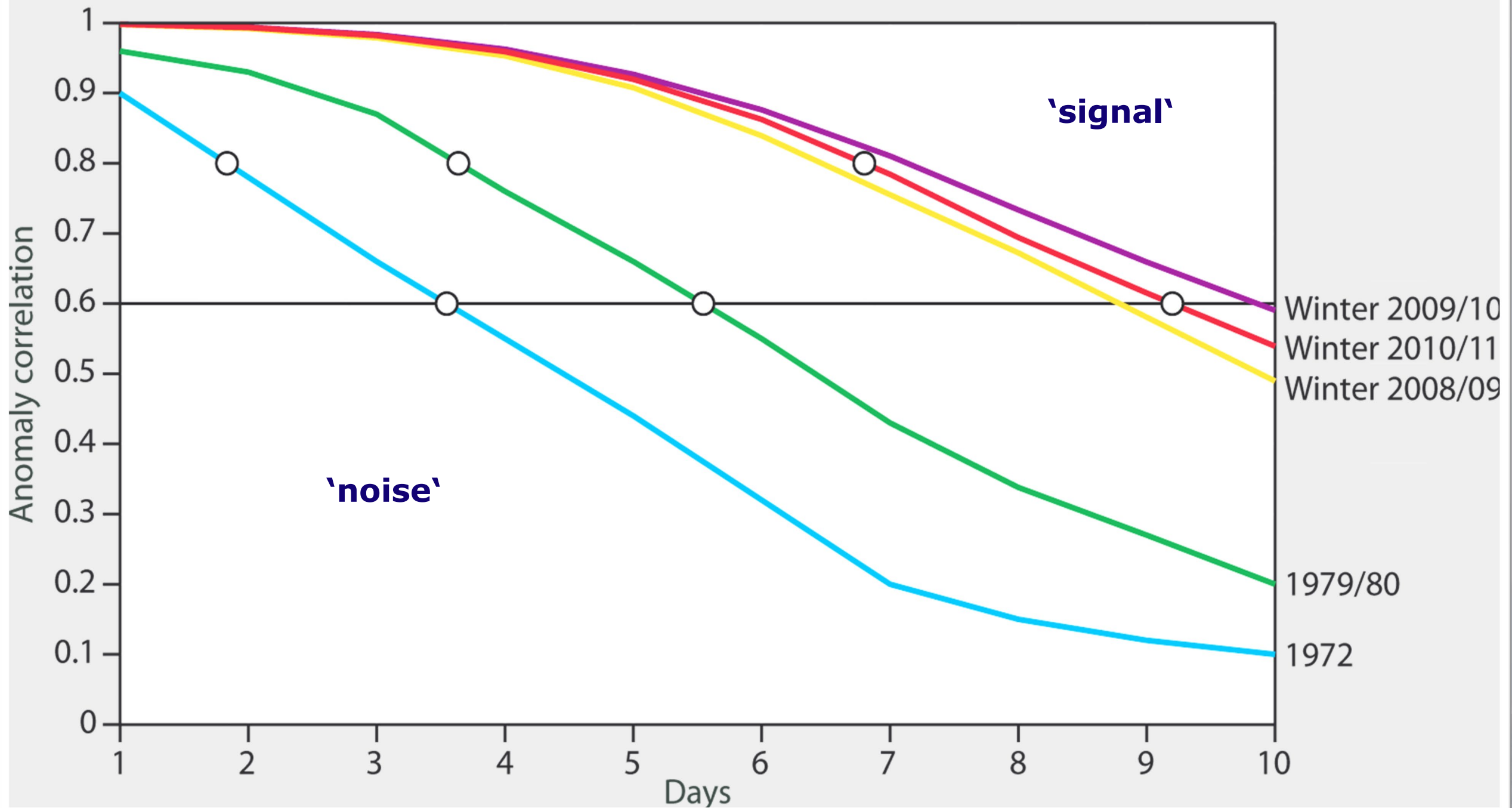


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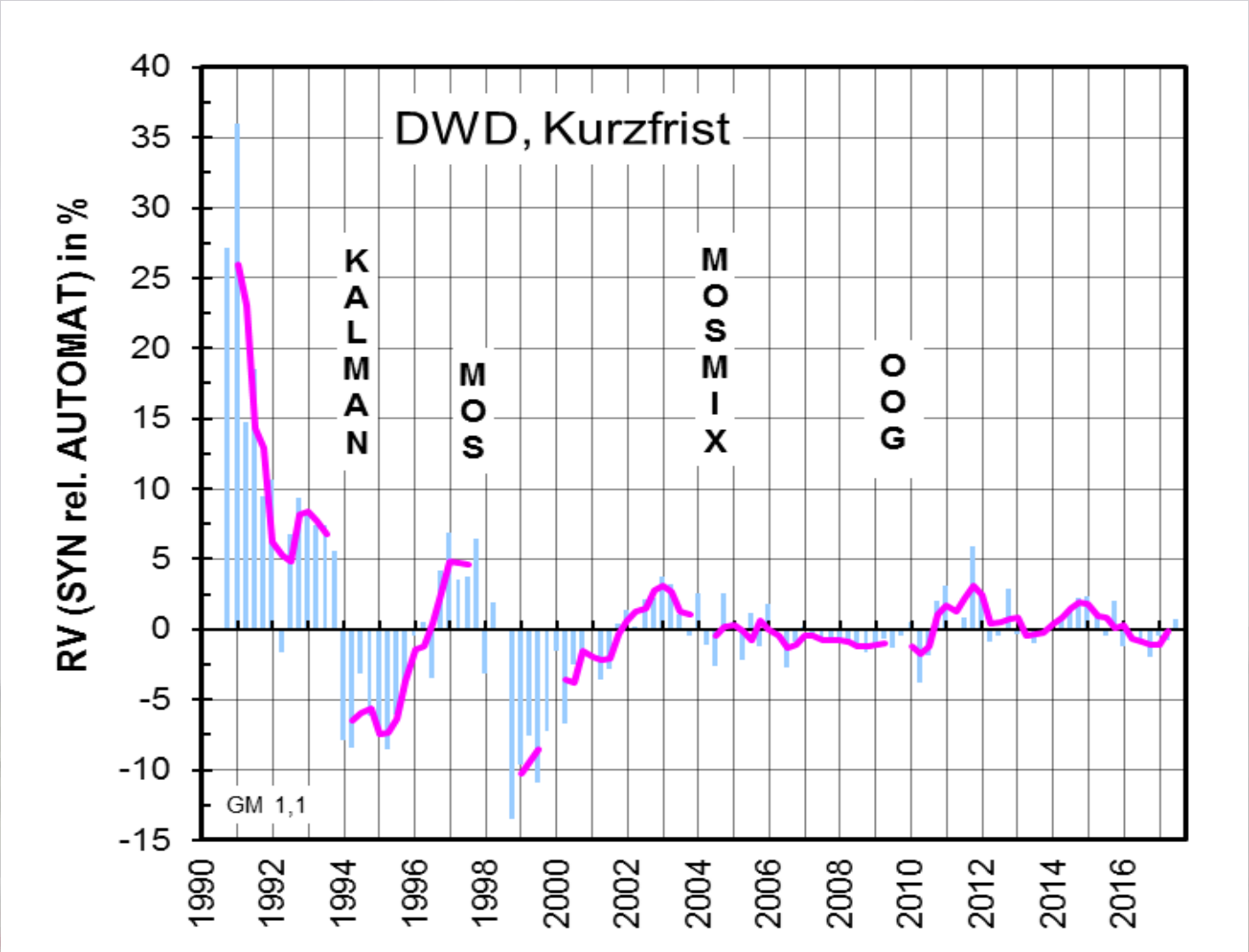
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- COSMIC
- ENVISAT
- ERS-1/2
- METOP
- DMSP
- NOAA

Northern Hemisphere (DJF) anomaly correlation 500 hPa





# Comparison: WoMan (+NWP!) vs NWP + Post Processing



RV (Reduction of variance) describes quality improvement. Positive values: Man (+computer!) is better than computer. A method promising 15% RV reduction is worth to be used!

# QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER

## Numerical Weather Prediction NWP

- ✓ How would you describe NWP?
  - ✓ NWP is an initial state problem, characterized by 6 equations (primitive equations, some of them time-dependent) for 6 variables (Pressure, Humidity, density, 3 wind components). These equations are computed for the future: forecast!
- ✓ What are typical resolutions (grid mesh-size) for NWP model?
  - ✓ Global tens of km, Regional (fine-mesh) a few km
- ✓ Which is the problem of the limited mesh-size?
  - ✓ There are (sub-grid) phenomena that cannot be resolved by the model, e.g. shower, thunderstorm, land-sea-breeze, local valley winds. These phenomena are parameterized, i.e. described by formulas.
- ✓ What is required for numerical stable model runs?
  - ✓ Compliance with the Courant-Friedrich-Lewy-condition
  - ✓ Ratio between mesh-size and timestep (violated by Richardson 1921)

# QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER

## Numerical Weather Prediction

- ✓ How can you improve forecasts based on the DMO (Direct Model Output)
  - ✓ By statistical post-processing. This covers adaptive filters (Kalman) and statistical post-processing, typical MOS (Model Output Statistics) and PP (Perfect Prog)
- ✓ What is the difference between MOS and Perfect Prog?
  - ✓ Both are based on multiple linear regression equations ...
  - ✓ ... MOS between observations and DMO Model Output field (typical 5 years)
  - ✓ ... Perfect Prog between observations and Analyses only (typical 40 years)
- ✓ What are main Pros and Cons of both?
  - ✓ MS Pros: corrects systematic NWP errors,
  - ✓ MS-Pros: allows forecast of all observed parameters (not computed by the model though)
  - ✓ MS-Cons: Model-specific development, model changes have to be corrected for
  - ✓ PP-Pros: Information of 40 years is used
  - ✓ PP-Pros: Can be used for any model, not model-specific (Forecast considered Perfect, PP)
  - ✓ PP-Cons: Can be used for any model, not model-specific: does not correct model errors



# QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER

## Numerical Weather Prediction

- ✓ What is the idea behind Ensemble Forecast Technology?
  - ✓ NWP models are sensitive against infinitesimal errors in the initial state, therefore 50 simplified model versions are run with infinitesimal changes of the initial state and the results are interpreted by 'clustering'

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# QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER

## Numerical Weather Prediction

✓ What  
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# QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER

## Numerical Weather Prediction

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# QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER

## Numerical Weather Prediction

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**More Questions you should be able to answer...**

**Will follow later ... CCA...**

