# Operational meteorology in the 20th century progress and future frontiers

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# What's « operational »?

- > A word coming from the Armies' vocabulary
  - ✓ Ready to support field operations
- > A word covering concepts in Earth observation:
  - √ User-oriented
  - ✓ Permanent (24h a day, 365 days a year)
  - ✓ Systematic (agreed methods)
  - ✓ In-time (real-time, but not only)
  - ✓ Global
  - ✓ Return of investment
- But conditions are required!



### Three pillars for an operational system

- •Sailing (historical start)
- Aviation (second start)
- •Safety of life and goods (permanent)
- •Economy...

#### « MARKET »

#### And a sense of forward look!!

#### **KNOWLEDGE**

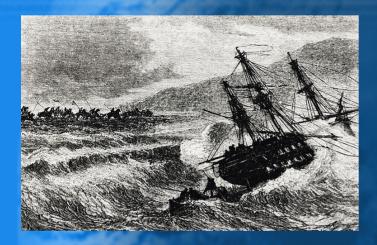
- •Phenomenology (fronts)
- •Thermodynamics (aerology)
- Mechanics (models)
- •Physics (radiation, etc)

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

- •Observation (radiosonde, satellite,...)
- •Data collections (telegraph, radio,...)
- Computing
- •Product dissemination (fax, Internet...)



# Examples in history





- ➤ Knowledge : pilot-chats
- > Technology: logbooks, post



- User need : short-term forecast in the lower troposphere
- ➤ Knowledge : fronts theory
- Technology: morse radiocom, radio-sounding, etc..



# Examples in History



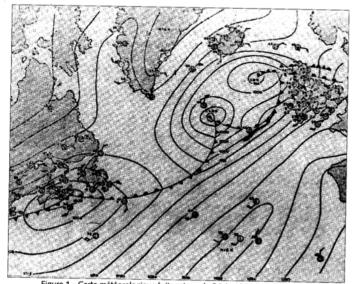


Figure 1 - Carte météorologique britannique du 3 juin 1944 à 18 h 00 GMT, qui a servi pour différer le débarquement allié du 5 juin au 6 juin 1944, tirée de Godart (1986).



- User need : sea-state
- > Knowledge: fronts theory, Pierson wave model
- Technolgy: radio fac-simile, charts, wave abacus



# Market today: security







Defense
Civil security
Aviation
Marine
Citizens







# Market today: economy











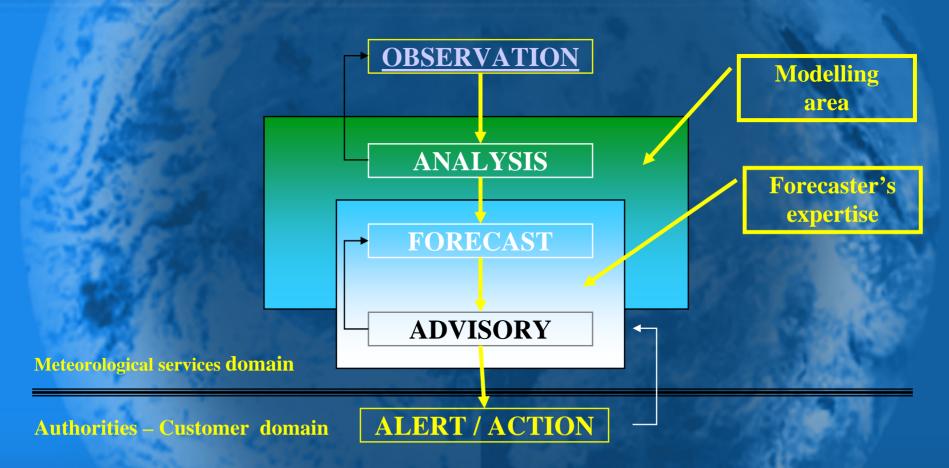
Agriculture
Energy
Public works
Space
Events...





# The Meteorological process







### ... a complex process





- ✓ In situ
- ✓ Satellite, teledetection



✓ Information dissemination



- ✓ Data assimilation
- ✓ Process simulations



- ✓ User needs
- ✓ User constraints



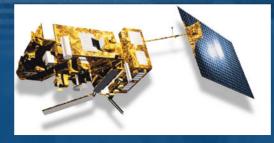




# ...observation...



Geostationary



Polar orbiting



Airliners



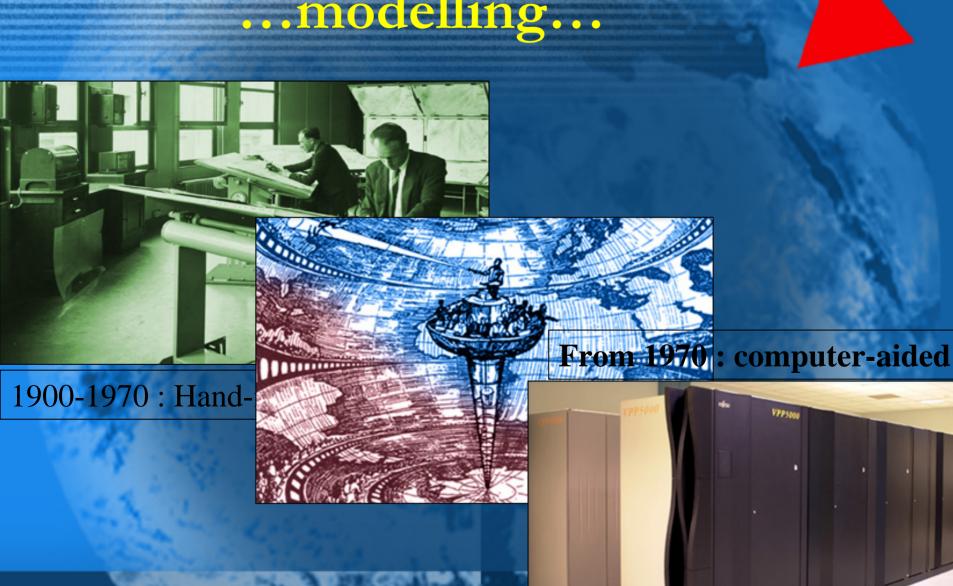
Radars



Radiosondes

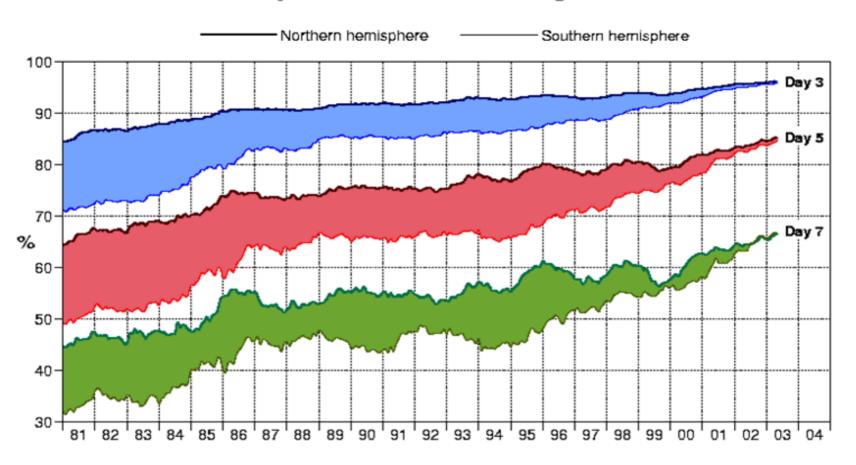






#### 25 yrs performance evolution of ECMWF

#### Anomaly correlation of 500hPa height forecasts



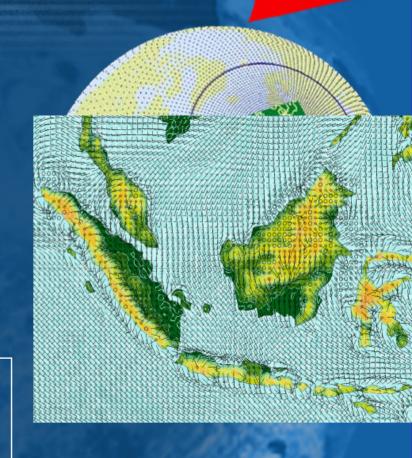


# Operational base in 2003

GLOBAL	REGIONAL	LOCAL
IFS	Arpège	Aladin
10 j	4 days	2 days
40km	20km (France)	10km
2 day	4/day	4 / day



- ✓ Ensemble forecast
- ✓ Satellite data assimilation
- Resolution
  - ✓ Model physisc : coherence with observations



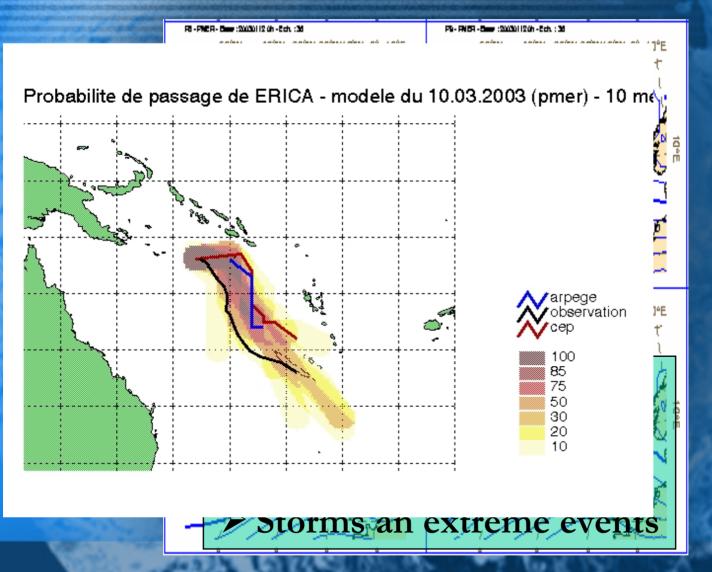


## Future developments...

- > Ensemble forcasts
- > Probabislistic products
- A trend to Urban scene
- > Nowcasting
- > Observation targeting
- > Risk management tools



### Ensemble forecasts

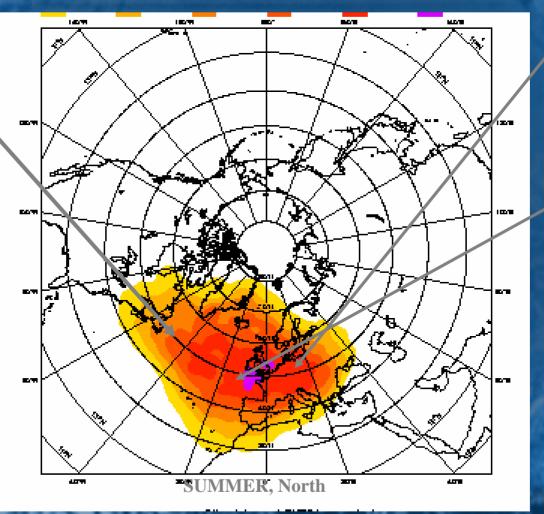


Erica a heurté la NC le 14 mars 2003



### Sensitive areas...

Winter sensitivity maxima confirmed



Europe is also a sensitive Area!!

Eastward shift
of maximum
sensitivity
patterns in
summer
Towards an
area also
identified by
case studies



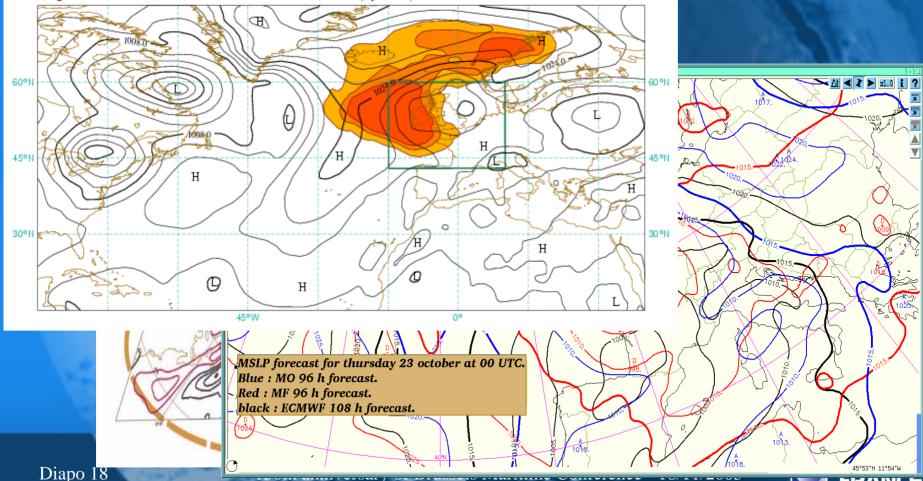
## Observation targeting:

Dynamic and intelligent adaptation of in-situ network

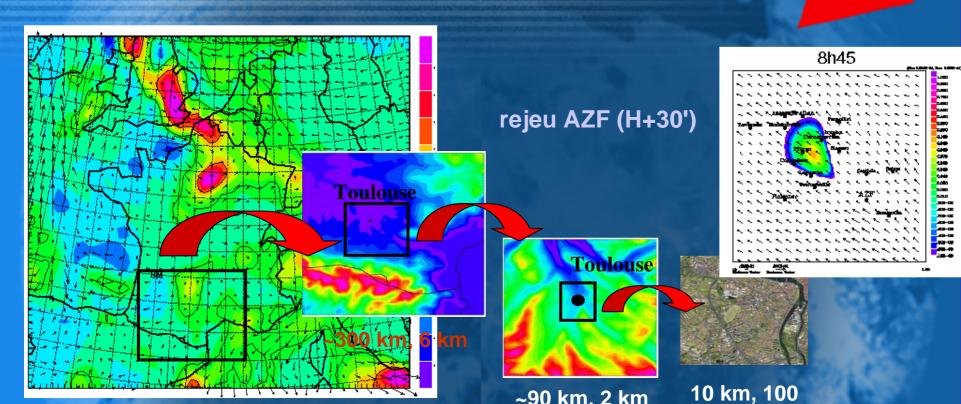
Meteo-France-SAP based on Short-Range TE-Svs and MSL
Valid time: 20031021, 18 UT (Targeting Time)
Shading: areas of 80, 60, 40 % of 3D integrated total energy

trajectory initialized from fc 20031019, 00 UT +66 h

Targ. time: 20031021, 18 UT / Verif. time: 20031023, 00 UT (opt: 30h)



### A trend to urban scene





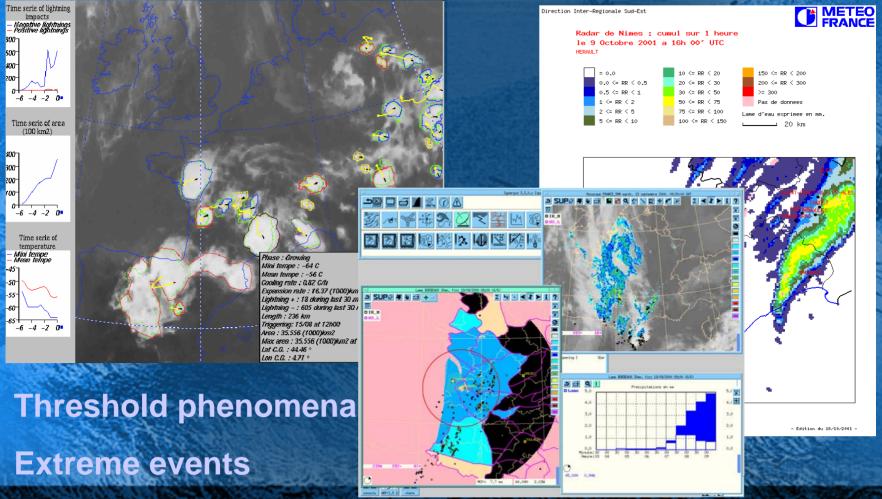
- Progress in the detail and meet users needs
  - ✓ Nowcasting (<1h)
  - ✓ Convection, heavy rains, pollution

~90 km, 2 km



# Now-Casting

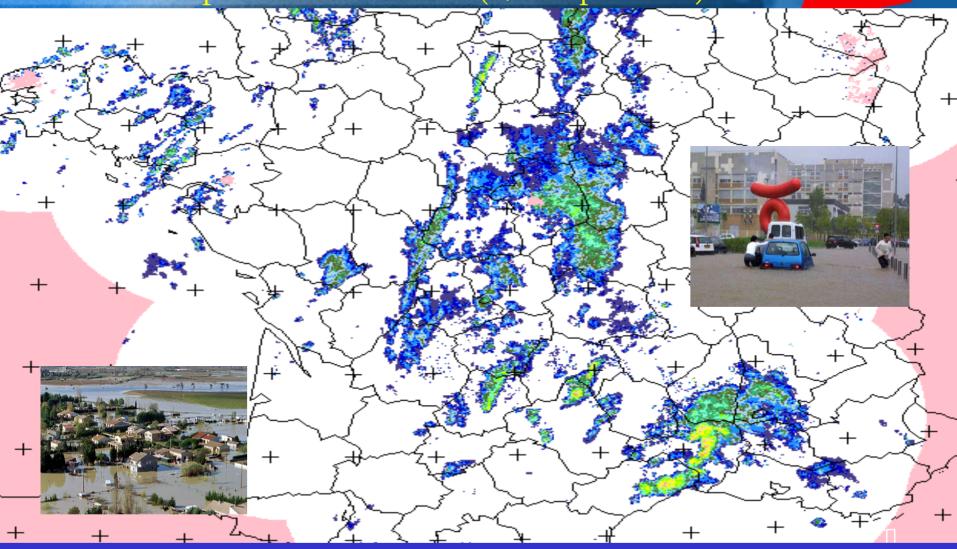
Coherence: model / observtion / expertise





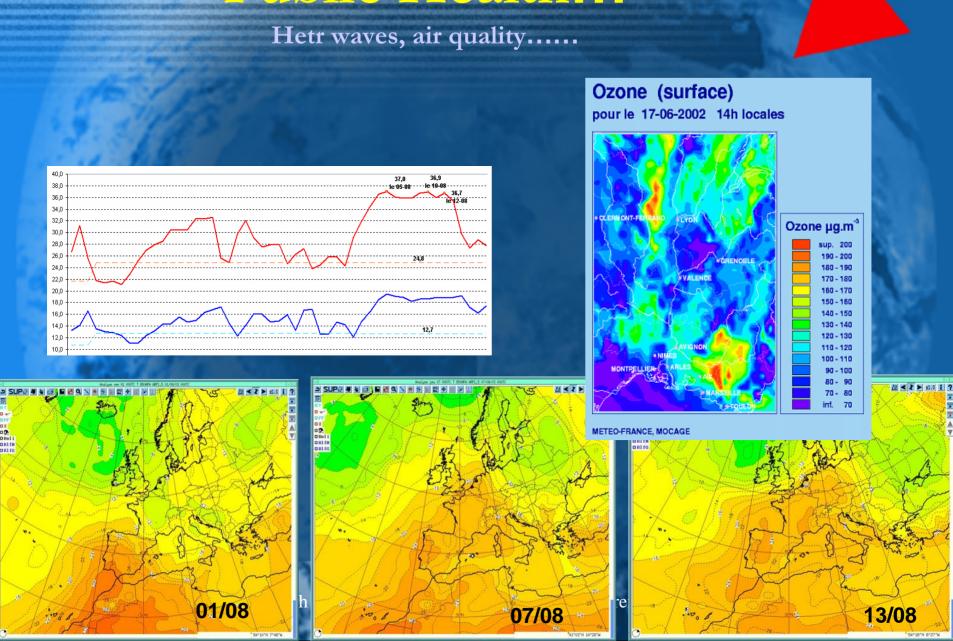
# The « AROME » project

Episodes convectifs (8/9 sept. 2002)



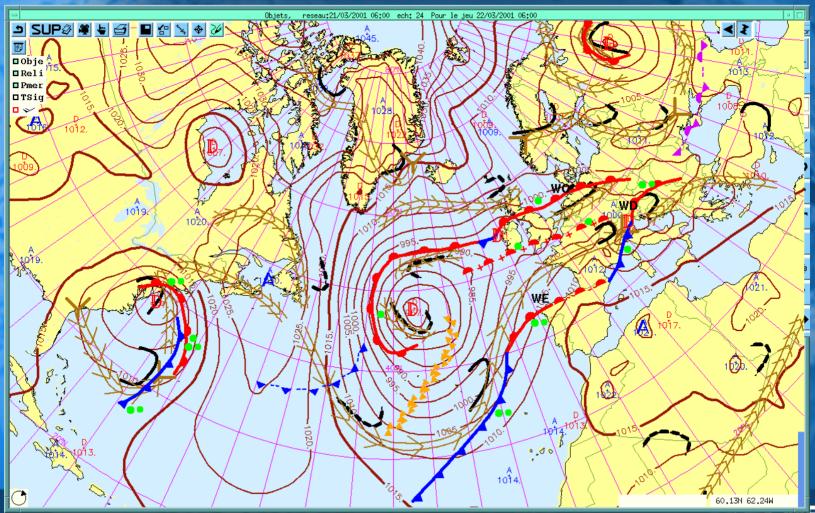
Modèle + Observations + Expertise & Services

## Public Health...



### Expertise & services

Satisfaire le besoin client (même implicite)



### The colours of awareness

