Catalyzing Innovation in WMO Science

Sarah Jones Chair WWRP Scientific Steering Committee (SSC)

Paolo Ruti, World Weather Research Division

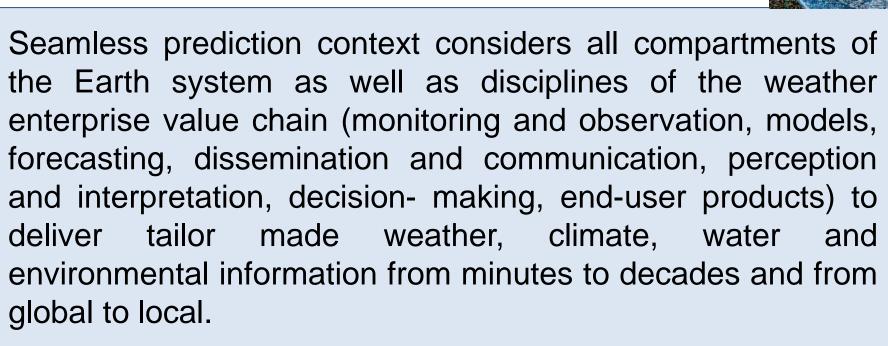


WMO OMM

World Meteorological Organization Organisation météorologique mondiale

Seamless Prediction

Originally defined at the intersection of weather and climate







A turning point: the World Weather Open Science Conference (WWOSC) 2014

Over 1000 participants: experts from over 50 countries in meteorology, application developments, social science as well as users.

An A-list of heads and scientists from National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, Academia, WMO, Stakeholders

Largest international gathering of social and interdisciplinary scientists and application specialists focused on weather-related research

Early Career Scientists developing new ideas and activities







A tangible synthesis

Seamless Prediction of the Earth System: from minutes to months

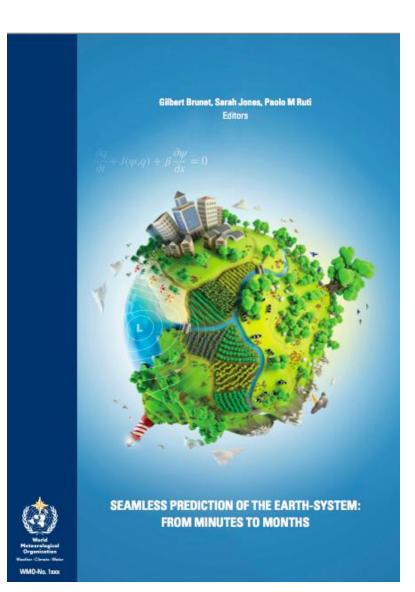
480 pages

More than 100 authors

Provide a reference of current state of science and future challenges in 25 chapters

Freely available on the WMO website in French, English and Spanish







Five priorities for weather and climate research Science Summit key outcomes (Nature, vol 552, Dec 2017)

More than 100 experts and more than 50 countries met in Geneva last October for the Science Summit and CAS-17 session, discussing

and agreeing on five priorities:

- **1.** Deliver Science for Services
- 2. Build Seamless Models
- 3. Improve Infrastructure
- 4. Nurture a Diverse Workforce
- 5. Build New Partnerships

becoming a landmark in moving Earth System science forwards.

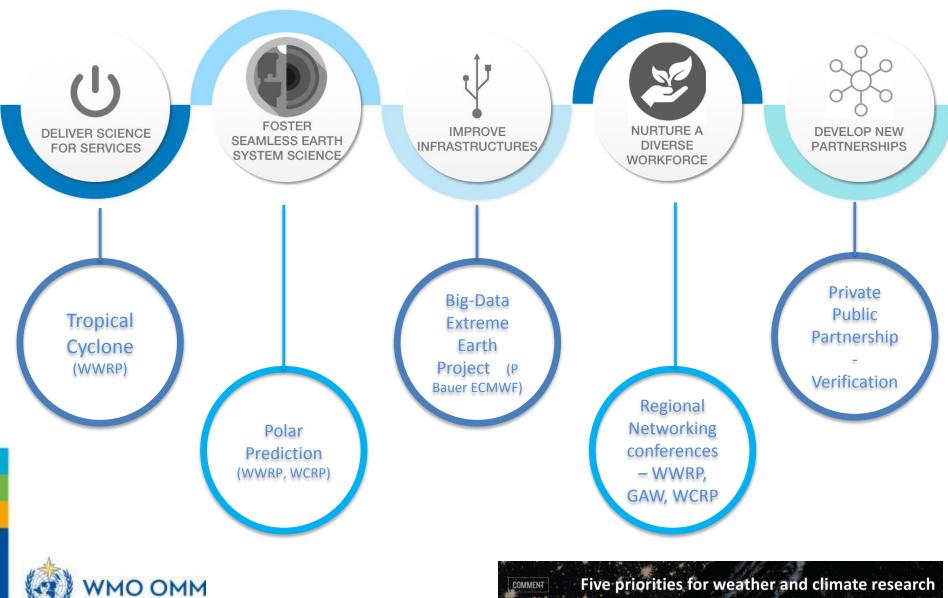


Modes of collecting and delivering weather and climate information are evolving.

Business and non-profit organizations are increasingly supplying weather and climate services. Data now stem from a broader range of sources, such as mobile-phone apps and smart devices.



Seamless Science Challenges and Opportunities



Science Summit key outcomes (Nature, vol 552, Dec 2017)

Integrated Science Approach

- 1. Advance knowledge of the Earth System (fundamental knowledge development)
- 2. Advance policy relevant science (where some interaction with TCs happens)
- 3. Enhance connections between the science and the services through the value chain approach (where most of the interaction with other TCs will happen)



Science for Services

- How do we build up the effective interaction between Research and Operations to ensure the implementation of the full value chain?
- How do we guarantee Members continue to provide their feedbacks and codesign WMO research activities?



INVOLVING TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS AND MEMBERS IN PLANNING PILOT FRAMEWORKS/PROJECTS AT ANY FOUR YEAR CYCLE (INCUBATOR ROLE)



Value Chain Example: Polar Prediction

2 PREDICTIVE CAPABILITIES

Polar Prediction Project planned research activities with a strong connection to operational aspects (ECMWF, NCEP)

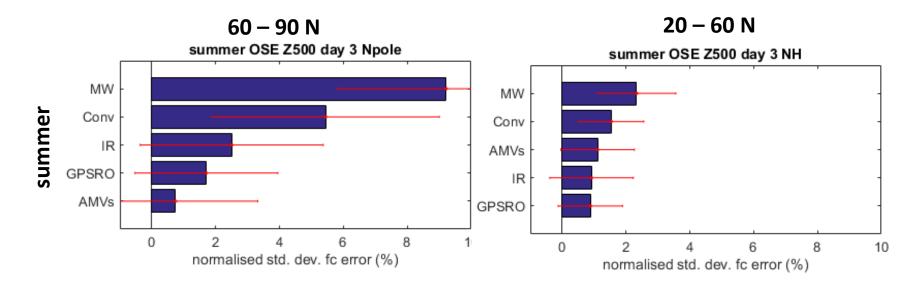
3 ENGAGING COMMUNNITIES

Climate Community strongly engaged on process studies



DESIGNING NEW OBS NETWORK Key questions from operational centers and society have inspired the development of the Polar Prediction Project 4 PROVIDING **INPUTS TO DECISION MAKERS** YOPP provided key inputs in high level meetings (Arctic Science Ministerial....) YEAR OF POLAR PREDICTION

Future observing systems in polar regions



Summer:

- Microwave
- Conventional
- Infrared
- GPSRO, AMVs





By courtesy of Irina Sandu (ECMWF)

International Workshop on Tropical Cyclones

Forecasters and researchers meet every four years to review the state of the art in science and operations and make recommendations on future needs

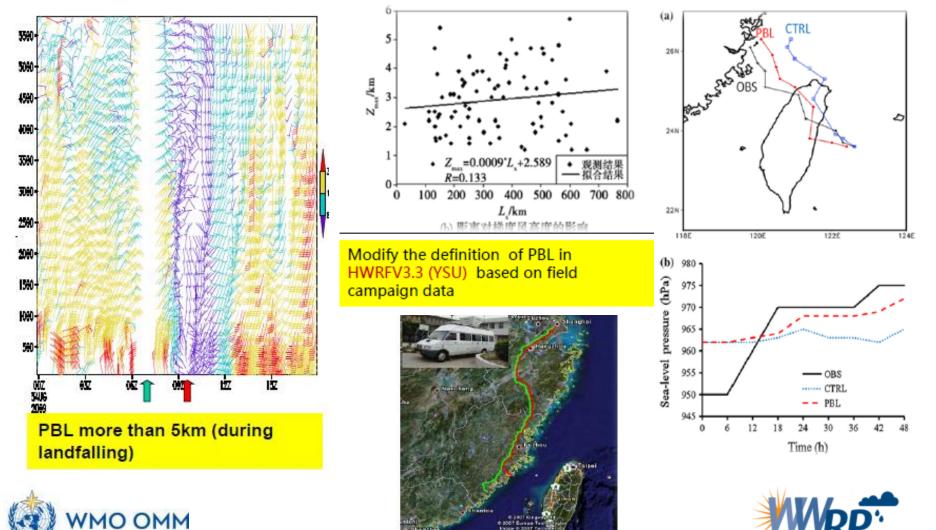






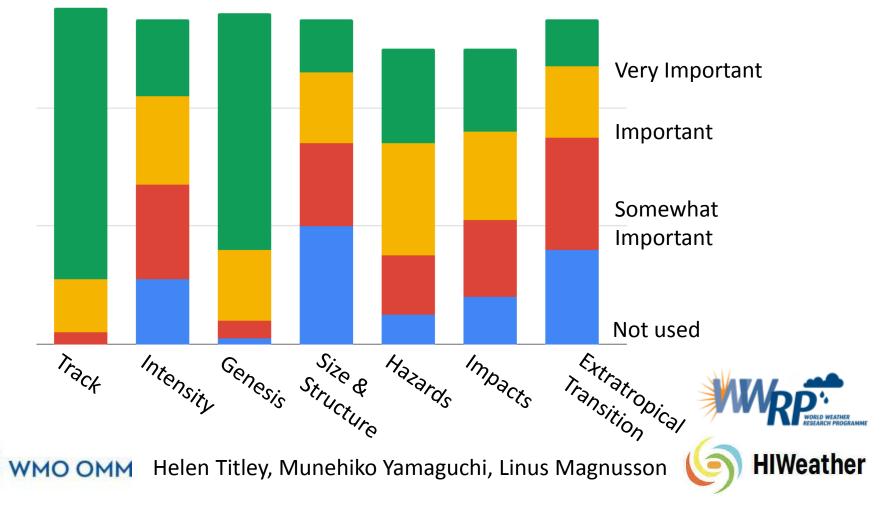
Tropical Cyclone Research: Boundary Layer Structure

EXOTICCA Observations lead to better representation of Tropical Cyclone PBL in NWP model



Tropical Cyclone Research: Using Ensemble Products

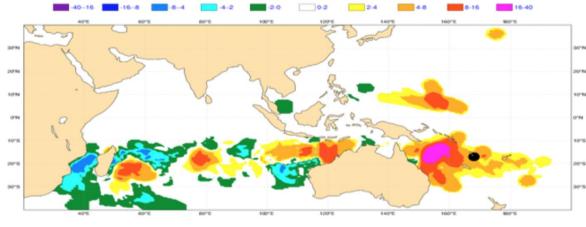
From a Questionnaire to operational Tropical Cyclone Forecast Centres: "How important would you say ensemble forecasts are in each area of tropical cyclone forecasting?"





Tropical Cyclone Research: S2S

Weekly mean Tropical Storm Strike Probability. Date: 20150226 0 UTC t+(264-432) Probability of a TS passing within 300km radius

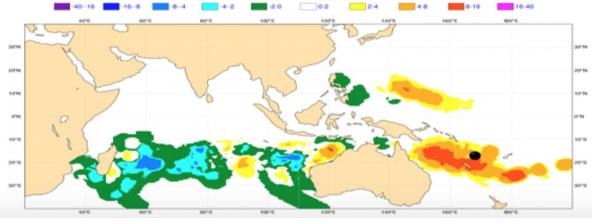






2015/02/19 day 19-25

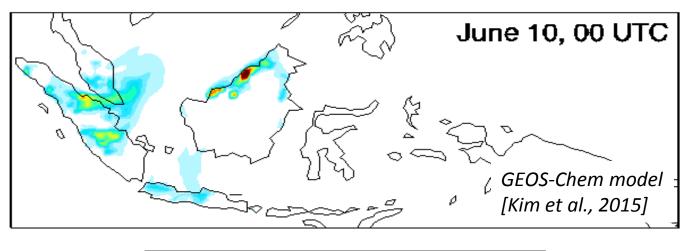
Weekly mean Tropical Storm Strike Probability. Date: 20150219 0 UTC t+(432-600) Probability of a TS passing within 300km radius



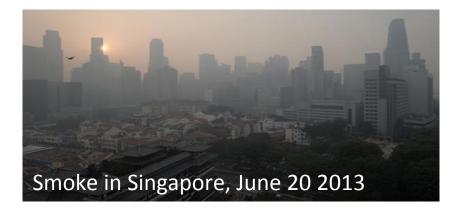


Predicting Air Quality

Smoke from agricultural fires in Sumatra











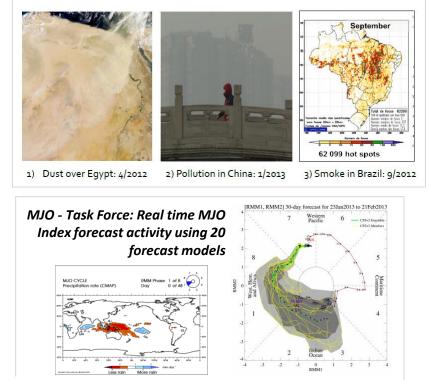
WGNE – Working Group on Numerical Experimentation

fostering the **development of atmospheric circulation models** for use in weather prediction and climate studies on **all time scales**, and **diagnosing and resolving shortcomings**.

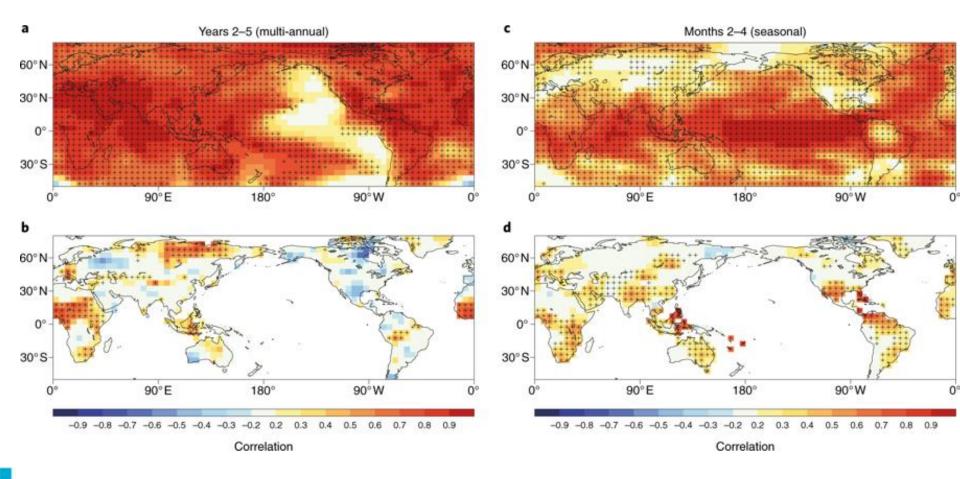
Objectives are achieved through

- Identification of **systematic errors** common to many models.
- Sharing diagnostic tools and techniques to get to the root of the error.
- Sharing knowledge around sensitivity of errors to model formulation (parametrizations, dynamical core, etc.).
- Work with other groups (e.g. GASS & GLASS) to develop solutions.

Cases of strong or persistent events of aerosol pollution studied by the WGNE Aerosols project



Decadal Prediction





Kushnir et al, Nature Climate Change **volume 9**, pages94–101 (2019)



Regional Innovation



INVOLVING ACADEMIA PRIVATE SECTOR

OPEN INNOVATION TECHNOLOGY SCOUTING

NURTURING **FUTURE TALENTS**

Integrating regional and national needs into iinternational science plans through a continuous interactions with WMO members



More than 20 global and regional research projects



More than 50 countries engaged



More than 100 Mil Dollars mobilized



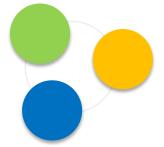




OLYMPIC GAMES

POLAR OBSERVING SYSTEM

FUTURE EWS IN EAST AFRICA





WEATHER CLIMATE WATER TEMPS CLIMAT EAU





WMO OMM

World Meteorological Organization Organisation météorologique mondiale





How to engage with Research

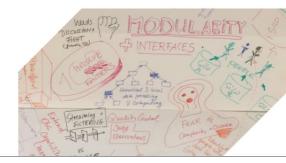
Mobilising the research community:

- Open Science Conferences
- Science Summits
- International Workshops including researchers and stakeholders
- Targeted smaller workshops focusing on specific topics
- Building regional activities
- Early Career Scientist activities

N

Mobilising research resources:

Engaging with stakeholders and funding agencies



Improving the skill – big resources

ECMWF's forecast Z500hPa extra-tropical error growth over the last two decades (a) HRES: RMSE WMO, 2015: Seamless Prediction of the Earth System: from Minutes to Months, (G Brunet, S Jones, PM Ruti Eds.), (WMO-No. 1156), (ISBN 978-92-63-11156-2), Geneva. RMS (m) **C**ECMWF Forecast Day



Regional Forward thinking

- Regional Science Social and Economic approaches: Increase the link between WWRP social and economic WG and Regions
- Fostering national and regional-level researchto-operation initiatives: regional science officer
- Based on on-going projects (HighWay) promote regional science donors-stakeholders conference

