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Destination Earth project: implementation of Earth Digital Twins at BSC

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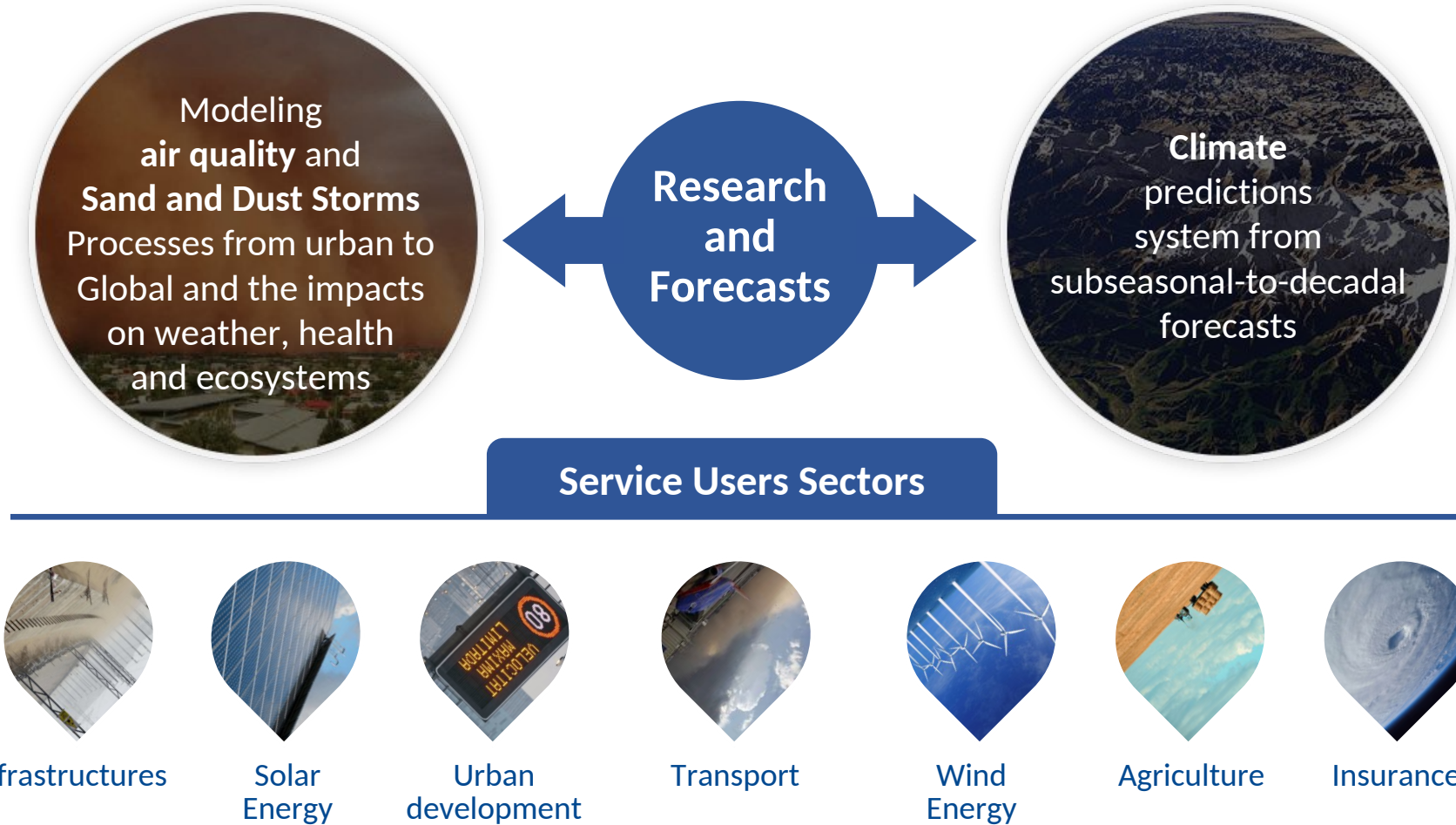
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Outline

- BSC Earth Sciences
- Destination Earth program
- Digital Twins
- Implementation at BSC

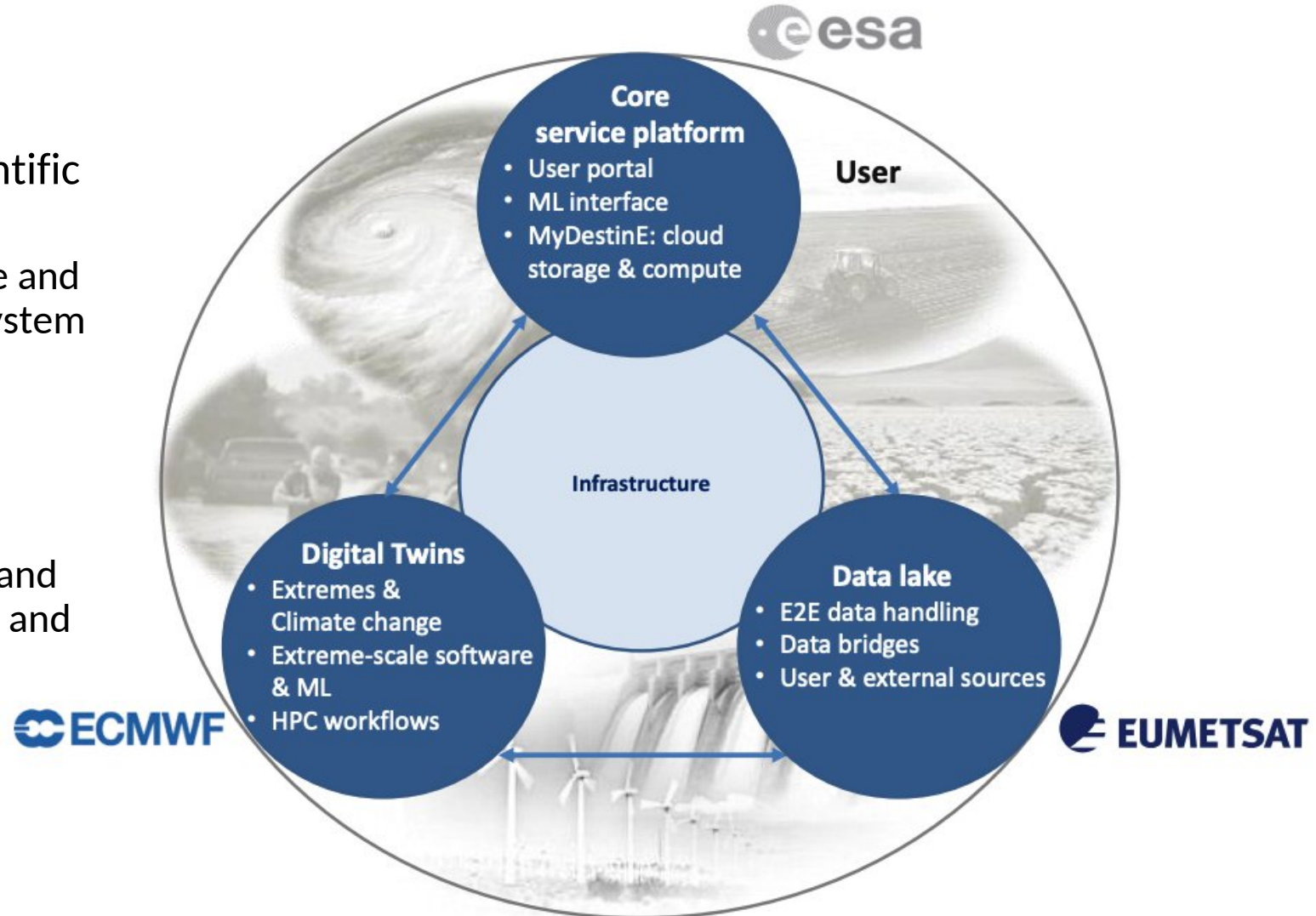
Earth Sciences

Environmental modelling and forecasting, with a particular focus on weather, climate and air quality

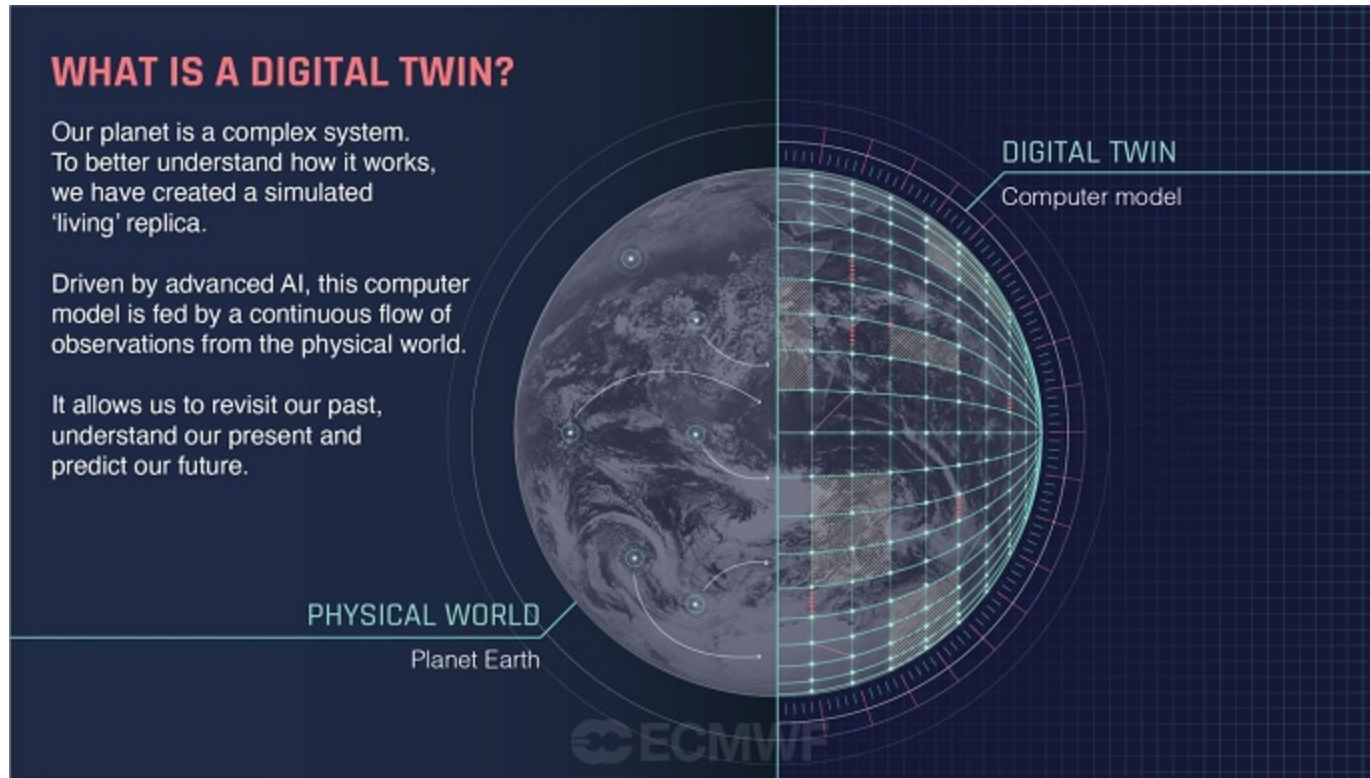


Destination Earth

- Destination Earth is user-centred
- Users of DestinE, including non-scientific experts, will be able to:
 - Perform highly accurate, interactive and dynamic simulations of the Earth system
 - Improve prediction capabilities to maximize impact
 - Support EU policy-making and implementation
 - Exploit the potential of distributed and high performance computing (HPC) and data handling at extreme scale



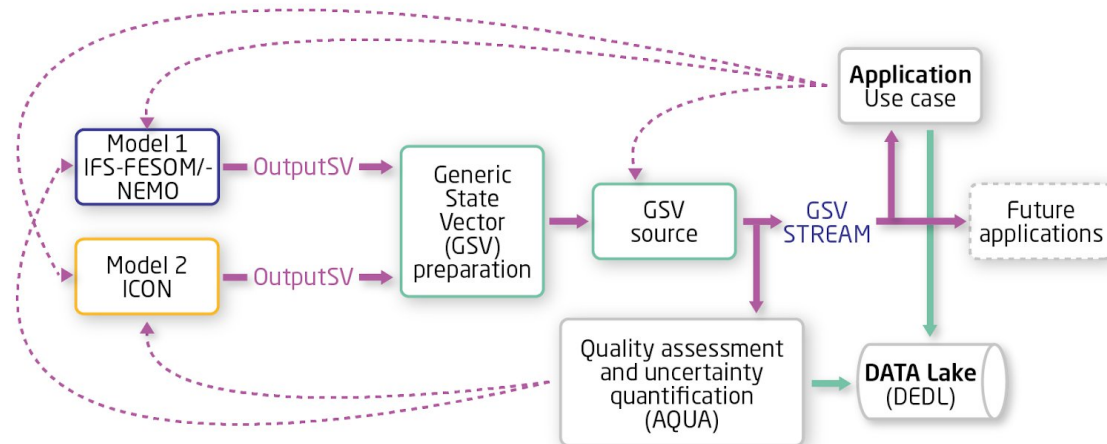
Digital Twins



- BSC is involved in two digital twins:
 - CATS: Climate Adaptation Digital Twins
 - DEODE: Destination Earth On-Demand Extremes
- Schedule
 - Started 1st September
 - 20 months

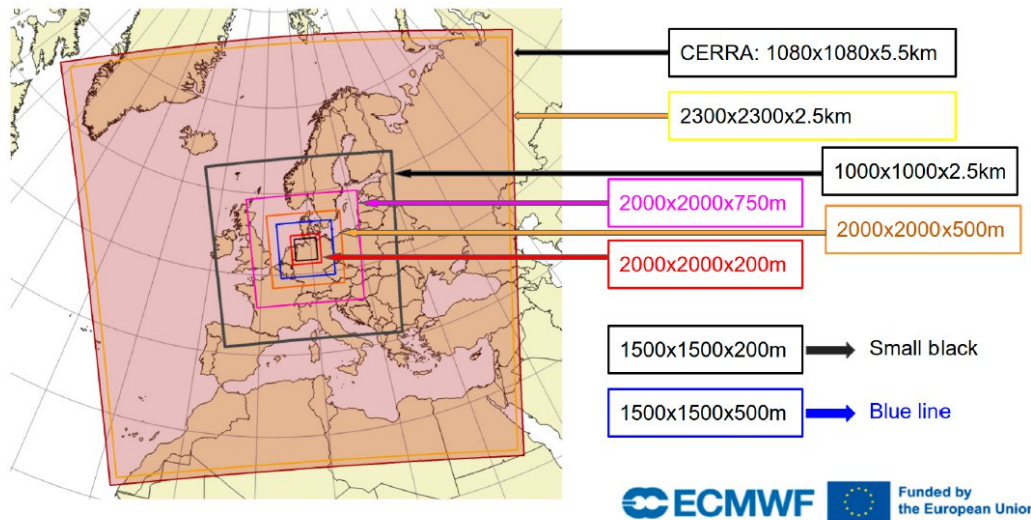
CATS (Climate DE)

- Led by CSC (Finland) but strong BSC involvement
- Create a climate information system that, enabling kilometre-scale models, effectively guides climate change adaptation measures
- Models will run in EuroHPC machines
- Focus on workflows data streaming is central to the envisioned solution, delivering data needed by applications



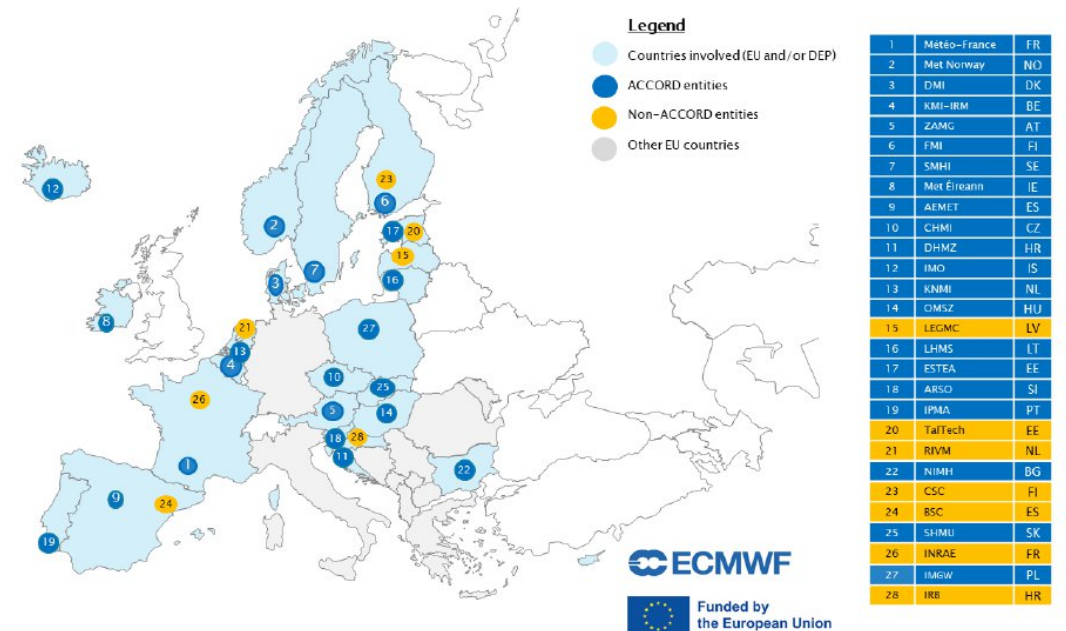
DEODE (Extremes DT)

- Led by Meteo France with BSC technical involvement
- Solution for making on-demand configurable digital twin engines for forecasting of environmental extremes at the sub-km scale
- The model will run in LUMI
- Based on the ACCORD existing consortium and meteorological model
- Most of the meteorological services in Europe



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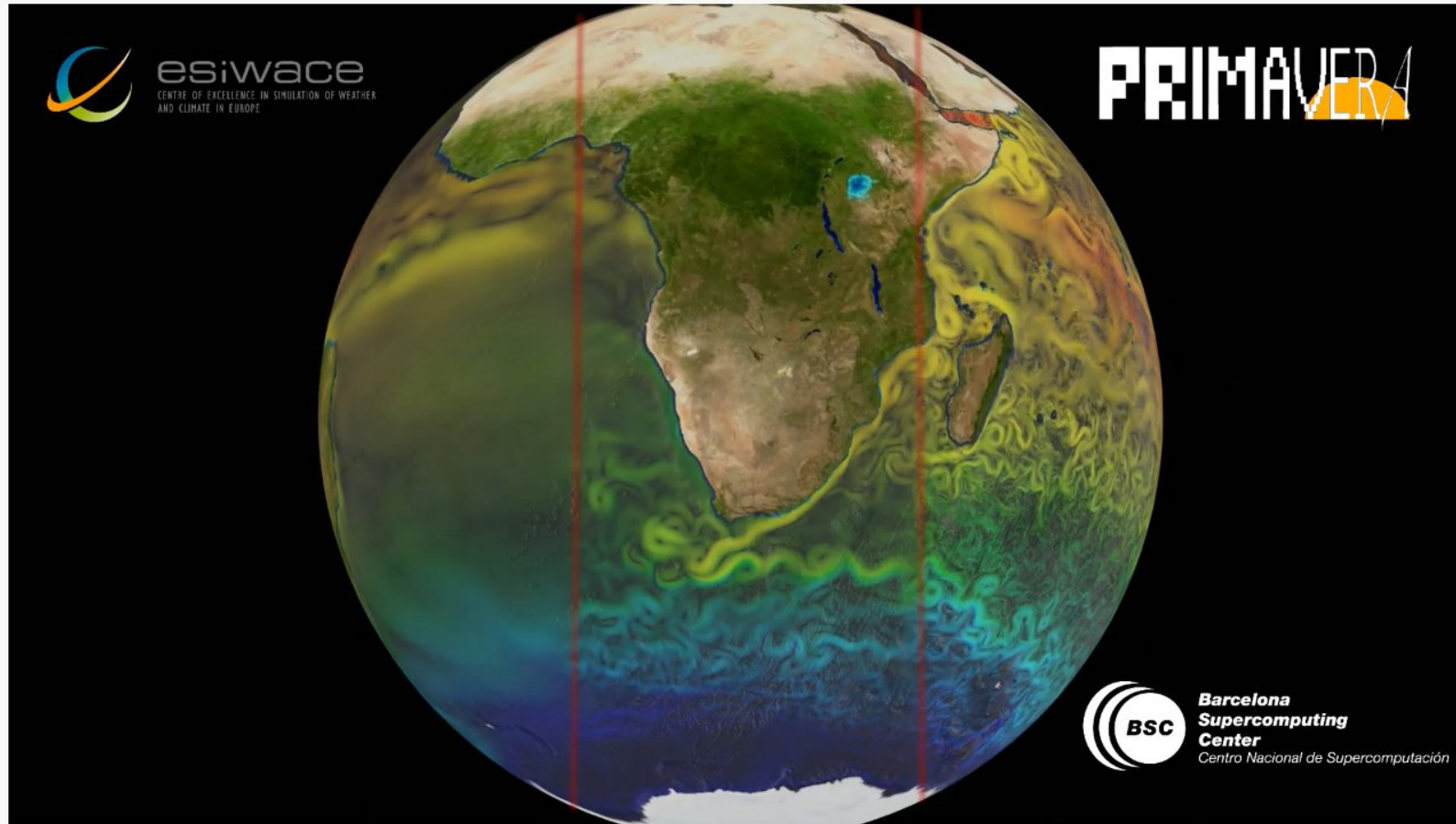
Example of DEODE digital twin model domains



Map of entities involved in the DEODE project

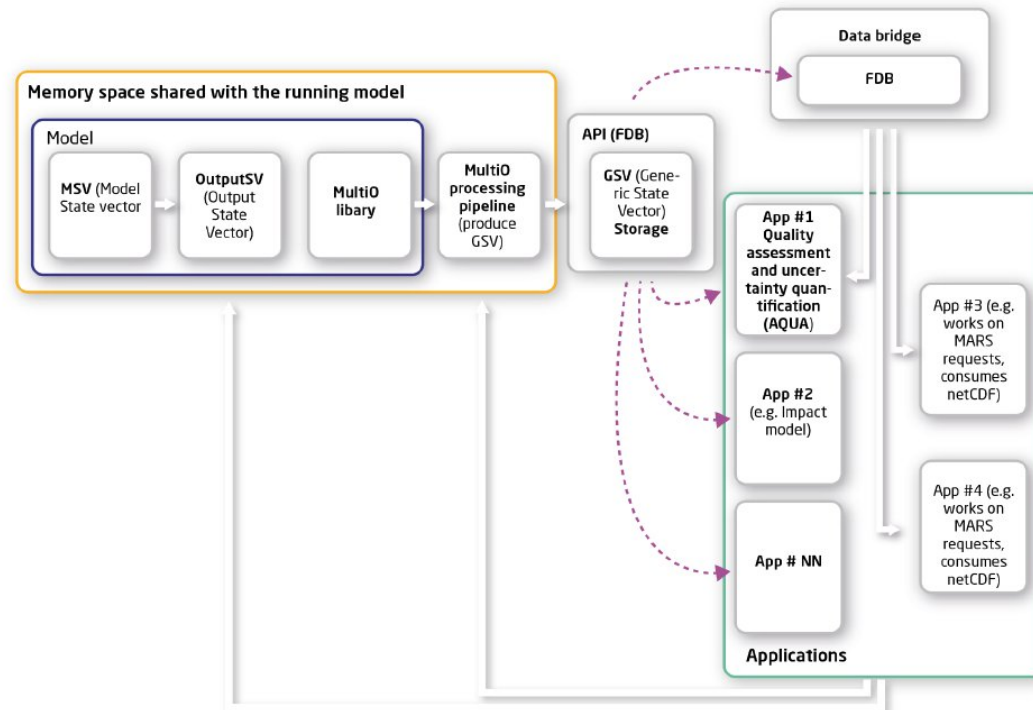
Unprecedented space and time resolution

- Up to 2.5km of horizontal resolution in climate models and hourly resolution (at least).



Output management

- Digital Twins will produce unprecedented data volume traditional approach based on files is no longer valid
- DTs will store reduce and store data in Fields DataBases (FDB)
 - FDB is a domain-specific object store for meteorological objects (GRIB) developed by ECMWF (<https://github.com/ecmwf/fdb>)



DE Uses Cases

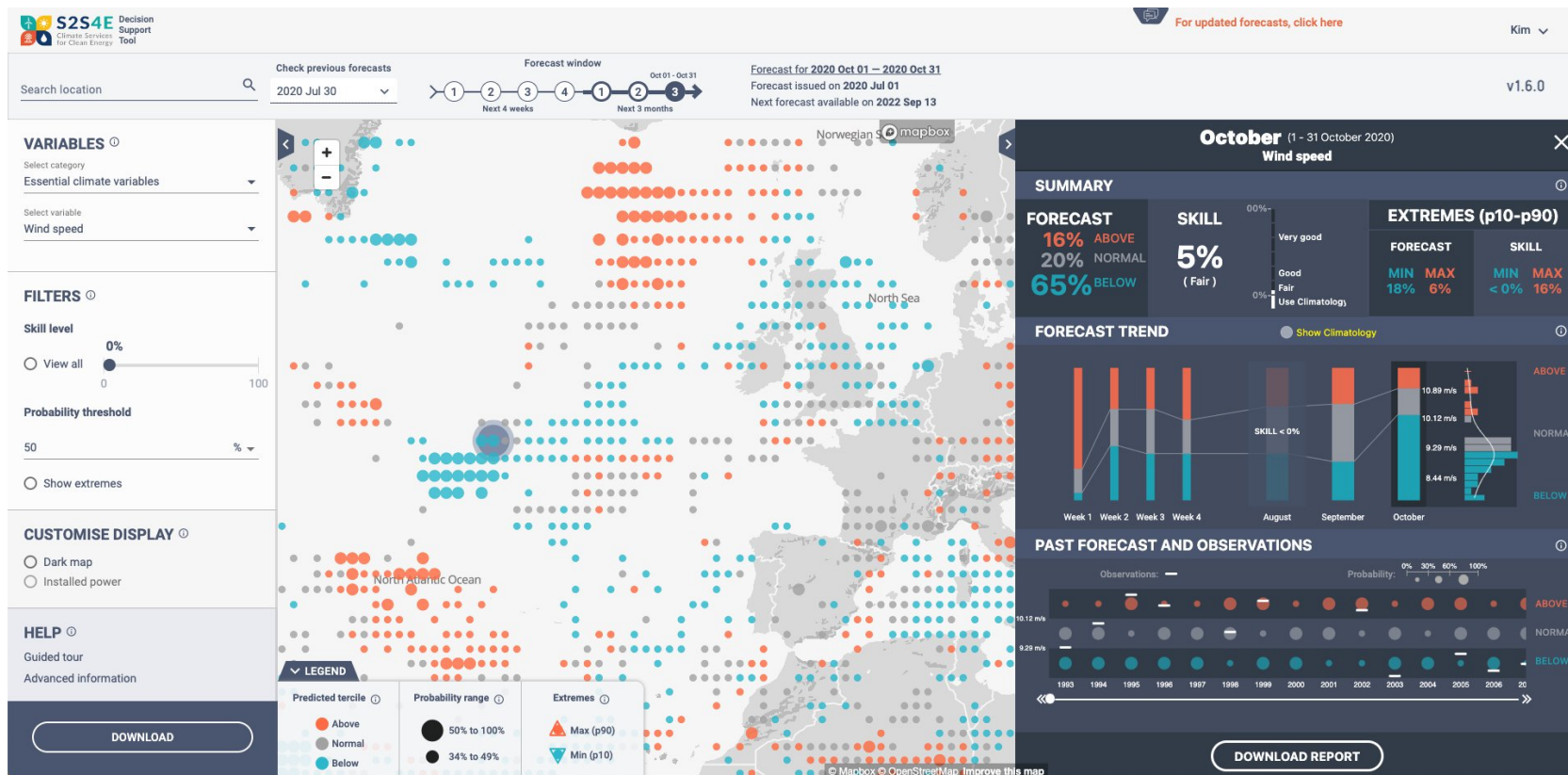
- Both DT will offer uses cases to show the potential application of the digital twins
- Those uses cases should open the door to other applications (from end users)

- **Climate**

- Energy
- Wildfires
- Hydrology (river flows)
- Hydro Meteorological Ind.
- Urban Environments

- **Extremes**

- Hydrology
- Air quality
- Renewable energy



EuroHPC and pre-exascale machines

- DTs will run in LUMI, Mare Nostrum 5 and Leonardo
- Codes need to be modified to leverage the full potential of accelerators
- With different models, different GPU porting strategies are considered
 - OpenACC
 - Source-to-source translators and DSLs (Loki, Psyclone, GPUFort, ...)
 - CUDA
- Strong involvement of model developers, performance engineers and system administrators to be successful
- Further develop AI methods applied to Earth Sciences needs

Multidisciplinary and Interdepartmental

- DestinE is an ambitious project and will require a wide range of expertise and knowledge to tackle the objectives
- Within BSC
 - Earth Sciences
 - Computational Earth Sciences (performance analysis, porting, workflow design, post-processing tools, ...)
 - Climate Variability and Change (model development, climate sciences, ...)
 - Earth System Services (climate services, outreach, liaison with users and stakeholders, ...)
 - Computer Sciences (performance tools, co-design, ...)
 - Operations (HPC operation, deployment of solutions, ...)
- Not many research institutions have this diverse knowledge in-house. The BSC role is key because few other institutions offer software engineers, natural scientists and social scientists under the same roof and sharing the same vision.
- The technological solutions that will facilitate a new way of interacting with decision makers in DestinE require a significant investment in multidisciplinary groups such as those at BSC

Impact of DE in Spanish Ecosystem

- Mare Nostrum 5 will run Destination Earth simulations
- National expertise in models development and operation and data
- Spanish meteorology and climate community (and HPC ecosystem associated) should take advantage of such a position
- Stay tuned for the next dissemination activities (stakeholders meetings, data hackathons, ...)

Destination Earth next phases

- Phase 1 (2021-2024):
 - Delivery of 1st digital twin generation
 - Demonstration of new capabilities at scale
- Phase 2+ (2024-):
 - Extend to new applications
 - Fully integrate components
 - Widen DTE scope (more DTs to come...)
- By 2027
 - Further enhancement of the Destination Earth system and integration of additional digital twins and related services.
- By 2030
 - A 'full' digital replica of the Earth

Destination Earth as a game changer

- Long-term vision:
 - CATS: revolutionize climate adaptation putting user requirements at the centre and making the best use of the technology (models and machines)
 - DEODE: on-demand workflow of unprecedented, high-resolution forecasts extreme weather events combined with decision making support for impact sectors
- DestinE will provide unprecedented environmental information in terms of quality, interactivity and relevance, ready to be consumed by applications through dedicated data lakes and a service platform



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