

## **INDUSTRY TRENDS & CAPABILITIES IN NWP**

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# *"May you live in interesting times." Confucius Well, we live in interesting times....*

There is a modestly paced paradigm shift underway in our Modeling Community, influenced by unrelated external factors coming together at the same time.

This isn't a bad situation, it isn't a setback for the Weather Enterprise, or the industries that depend on NWP and weather forecasts.

We haven't experienced anything of this magnitude in the past 25 years and will probably not experience it again, quite so dramatically, in another 25 years.

As critical users of forecast products, this presentation is meant to give you insight and guidance in determining how to navigate through this change and, perhaps, how to optimize your access to the weather information you need.

### **Changing NWP Landscape**



Industry offerings now include products and output from their own model runs--



### What are the drivers influencing NWP?





*NWP or Model Performance* is influenced by advances in Atmospheric Science, HPC Technology and Earth Observations in concert with one another.

### Science: What's holding us back?





When done within a Multi-scale Model Framework (MMF) it is computationally expensive Modest increases in resolution don't improve the simulation of cloud A cloud-resolving model needs a horizontal grid-spacing of 4 km or finer.



### Science: Arriving at a Scalable Framework

Today's MMF parameterizes clouds differently in low vs high resolution and we don't completely understand the processes inside individual clouds.

Scientists' goal is to produce a consistent representation of cloud processes at coarse and fine scales-

<u>For a unified</u> global-to-local-scale modeling <u>Framework.</u>



A unified parameterization must determine  $\sigma$ , the fraction of each grid cell that is occupied by convective updrafts and downdrafts.



CRM (including Unified Parameterization) science development requires key resources-

- More frequent, evenly dispersed, hyperlocal <u>observations</u> of moisture & temperature for the Planetary Boundary Layer
- Additional *computational resources* to run the improved cloud physics
- And even <u>more computational resources</u> to generate ensembles with postprocessed statistically derived probabilities.

With those needs met-storm scale "WOF" may eventually become a reality-



### Technology: HPC Industry Trends



#### The Broader HPC Market

The Broader HPC Market Growth to 2019								
Worldwide HPC Compute, Storage, Middleware, Application and Service Revenues (\$M)								
							CAGR	
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	(14-19)	
Server	10,222	10,718	11,467	12,958	14,073	15,165	8.2%	
Storage	4,229	4,504	4,865	5,546	6,123	6,796	9.9%	
Middleware	1,163	1,217	1,294	1,426	1,534	1,645	7.2%	
Applications	3,598	3,769	4,028	4,479	4,824	5,167	7.5%	
Service	1,819	1,895	2,006	2,223	2,356	2,497	6.5%	
Total	21,032	22,103	23,660	26,632	28,910	31,270	8.3%	
Source: IDC 2015								

But what about the computational resources needed to pull this off?

Affordability? Scalability? Accessibility?

#### **HPC Forecasts**

- Forecasting a 8.2% yearly growth from 2014 to 2019
- 2019 should reach \$15.2 billion

While large private HPC data centers continue to thrive—what about HPC Cloud or POD- Cloud on Demand?

Has it peaked? Is it capable to support the modeling community?

Worldwide Total Technical Computer Market Shipments Forecast						
				CAGR		
	2013	2014	2019	(14-19)		
Supercomputer	3,995	3,150	5,034	9.8%		
Divisional	1,355	1,524	2,156	7.2%		
Departmental	3,363	3,831	5,406	7.1%		
Workgroup	1,586	1,718	2,569	8.4%		
Total	10,299	10,222	15,165	8.2%		
Source: IDC 2015						
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## HPC Server Market: By Industry/Applications (\$000)

WW HPC Revenue by Applications			
	2015		
Bio-Sciences	1,090,722		
CAE	1,299,380		
Chemical Engineering	187,851		
DCC & Distribution	704,950		
Economics/Financial	614,503		
EDA / IT / ISV	807,199		
Geosciences	838,157		
Mechanical Design	61,079		
Defense	1,140,544		
Government Lab	1,986,865		
University/Academic	2,043,357		
Weather	493,773		
Other	94,903		
Total Revenue	11,363,283		

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Cloud HPC market size is estimated to grow from \$4.37 billion in 2015 to \$10.83 billion by 2020, at an estimated compound annual growth rate of 19.9%. The main factors driving the growth of cloud HPC are:

- Complex applications management
- Emergence of big data market
- Adoption of the pay-as-you-go model





Source: Intersect360 Research, 2014

### Data Intensive Uses of HPC & HPC Cloud



## HPDA Includes Cumulative Results of Iterative Methods

- Parametric modeling (product design)
- Stochastic modeling (financial)
- Ensemble modeling (weather/climate)



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### HPC Cloud without the Capital Investment



"....no monthly fee, no long term commitment..pay as you go." It's the mantra of HPC Cloud on Demand services.

1000's of CPU Cores at your fingertips.

No managing of applications.

No data center costs – power, communications, A/C or storage.

Pay for what you use not what is in the room. Use as little or as much as you need—flexible Compute power for your variable needs.

Who wouldn't want this exciting accessibility to resources that were previously out of reach?





### **Observations:** Next Generation



- Mesonets of surface observations multiplying daily—implemented by Academia, Private Sector, State & Local Government.
- Lidar, Aircraft data (MDCRS, TAMDAR, WVSS II), Total Lightning data, Webcams, mPing -- reporting PBL conditions for model input and/or V&V of NWP output.
- Technology has once again had a positive impact on advances in this area.





# Next Generation Satellite Missions & Instruments



Satellite / Sensor	Legacy	MSA	Improved Capability	Initial Operations Date
GOES-R / ABI	GOES-NOP	1 - 8	16 vs 5 imagery channels 2X spatial resolution > 4X temporal resolution ~21 vs 5 derived products	Spring 2017
GOES-R / GLM	none	1 – 7	Total lightning, hemispheric, every 20 s	Fall 2017
SNPP-JPSS / VIIRS	POES & MeTOP /AVHRR	1 – 8	21 vs 5 channels 2X spatial resolution ~41 vs 5 derived products	2015 > Summer 2017
GCOM-W / AMSR2	none	2,4,5, 6,7,8	4 (Microwave) imagery channels 10 derived products	2016 > Summer 2017
JASON 2 & 3 / Altimeter	none	4, 5	4 derived products	Fall 2016
Himawari / AHI	MTSAT Imager	1 – 8	Nearly identical to GOES-R > 4 vs 0 derived products	Dec 2015 – Jul 2016
GPM / GMI	none	4,5,7,8	4 (Microwave) imagery channels > 3 derived products	2016 > Summer 2017
Sentinel & RadarSAT / SAR	none	4, 5	1 derived product	Summer 2016
MSA = Mission Service Are1. Severe2.6. Fire7.	as for Weather . Routine . Precip / Hydrolog	3. A gy 8. W	viation 4.Tropical /inter Weather	5. Marine
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### World-Wide Coverage with ABI-class Imagers





### Geostationary Lightning Mapper (GLM)





### **Current GOES Imager**





### **GOES-R** Advanced Baseline Instrument (ABI)





### **Observations: Summary**



- The planet will be observed from space with three distinct high resolution moisture channels, at the very least, to assimilate into global models.
- Mesonet observations will continue to flourish and provide substantive information where previously there was none.
- The next few years will provide new observations that will be tailored for cloud processes in the boundary layer.
- And perhaps additional ground networks to better observe the lower 5km of the atmosphere "from the ground up" will be deployed.



### Forecast Example: EarthCast<sup>®</sup>



- Why? Because the models, the computational resources and the observations are accessible to scientists with modeling credentials...
- Hosted on a POD Cloud, providing 10km global and 3 km nested grids in a NASA spectral model that uses satellite data, mesonets, global obs, and other observations hourly out to 36 hours.
- 3km nest has Cloud Resolving Model to depict local convection.
- Accessible on mobile or web interface—

**Science - Technology – Observations** are here and will provide the back drop for a new WOF process and, model guidance that when coupled with new observations depicts the certainty in the hyperlocal future conditions.



### EarthCast<sup>®</sup> Solution



EarthCast is an advanced global to local prediction system that delivers:

- Truly local to global capability with accurate and detailed information about hazardous environmental conditions before they occur.
- Highly detailed HyperResolution forecasts over cities and airports, along transportation routes; and over remote territories.



#### Revolutionizing How Environmental Predictions are Made:

### **EarthCast Web Application**



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Local to Global Display of Hazardous Conditions and Forecasts

# Forecast Solutions at High Temporal & Spatial Resolutions for Unique Requirements





# Providing Value Where Surface Observations are Sparse







#### Thank you.

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