

# **Developing the Scientific Basis for Climate Services**

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### **Climate Services**

- → Nationally mandated Climate Services and international responsibilities
- Global Framework for Climate Services as a UN-wide initiative of partners of WMO member states
  - Goal: provide science-based climate information in order to enable better climate risk management







#### →Health



### **GFCS** Priorities



Agriculture,
 Forestry and
 Food Security



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## Disaster Risk Reduction





## **GFCS** Overview

- Users
- User Interface Platform
- Climate Services Information System
- Observations and Monitoring
- Research, Modelling and Prediction
- Capacity Development



## **Implementation at the National Level**

- German Federal Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change Action Plan mandates DWD to provide climate services and mandates interdisciplinary collaboration
- ➔ DWD Climate Data Center: Easy access and climate data free-of-charge
- Dialogue with users Strategic Alliance of Public Authorities on Adaptation to Climate Change
- ➔ Users are from Business, Federal Ministeries, Regional Governments (16 German States, cities), Public Authorities, Emergency Response Agencies
- ➔ Provide tailor-made products (i.e. regional focus, sector-oriented)
- Strong science base including socio-economic
- Dissemination strategy, education and capacity building (Annual DWD Climate Conference; German Climate Portal - Deutsches Klimaportal)
- → Intensified collaboration within a region: Germany, Switzerland, etc.





## **International Implementation**

- International network
- ➔ Data rescue
- Contributions to international datasets and initiatives (ICOADS; IPCC)
- ➔ Science agenda











## **Observations and Monitoring**



- Satellite applications on climate monitoring CM-SAF
- Global Precipitation Climatology Centre (GPCC)
- Global Atmosphere Watch (GAW) global station
- ➔ Maritime Data Center (GCC)
- Baseline Surface Radiation Network (BSRN) reference station
- GCOS Reference Upper Air Network Lead Center
- ➔ Reanalysis of data













**Figure IPCC14. WG1.2.16** | Global annual average sea surface temperature (SST) and Night Marine Air Temperature (NMAT) relative to a 1961–1990 climatology from gridded data sets of SST observations (HadSST2 and its successor HadSST3), the raw SST measurement archive (ICOADS, v2.5) and night marine air temperatures data set HadNMAT2 (Kent et al., 2013). HadSST2 and HadSST3 both are based on SST observations from versions of the ICOADS data set, but differ in degree of measurement bias correction.







# REGIONAL CLIMATE INFORMATION



### **Near surface temperature Hamburg 1891 – 2013**



last 30 years: +0.3°C per decade





Quelle: Deutscher Wetterdienst, Abteilung Klimaüberwachung





Meteorological Station Kizunguzi (East-Afrika, 06°40' S, 37°11' E, 01/1934 - 02/1939)



9. Deutsche Klimatagung, Freiburg i.Br., 09.-12.10.2012, birger.tinz@dwd.de





Number of digitized observations from sailing ships and steamships (in total 15.1 million out of approx. 21 million until now)







FOCUS ON SUSTAINED OBSERVING SYSTEMS DATA ASSIMILATION AND REANALYSIS HIGH RESOLUTION DATA IN TIME AND SPACE INTERNATIONAL DATA RESCUE INTER-OPERABILITY OF DATA SETS







# **CLIMATE EXTREMES**



Average number of days with temperatures above 30 C Increased from 3 to 8 days per year

















## **WCRP Grand Challenges**

- ➔ Clouds, Circulation, Climate Sensitivity
- ➔ Changes in the Cryosphere
- ➔ Regional Climate Information
- Climate Extremes
- ➔ Regional Sea Level Rise
- ➔ Water Availability

Key SPM Messages

# **19 Headlines**

on less than 2 Pages

Summary for Policymakers ca. 14,000 Words

14 Chapters Atlas of Regional Projections

54,677 Review Comments by 1089 Experts

2010: 259 Authors Selected

2009: WGI Outline Approved





#### Figure IPCC14.SPM.6

Comparison of observed and simulated climate change







# **TAILOR-MADE PRODUCTS**







# A CLIMATOLOGY OF HAIL EVENTS





| Wahrscheinlichkeit | max. Reflektivität |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 10%                | (47.68 ±0.91) dBZ  |
| 15%                | (49.65 ±0.16) dBZ  |
| 20%                | (50.80 ±0.61) dBZ  |
| 25%                | (51.83 ±0.83) dBZ  |
| 30%                | (53.24 ±0.24) dBZ  |
| 35%                | (53.84 ±0.23) dBZ  |
| 40%                | (54.40 ±0.13) dBZ  |
| 45%                | (54.88 ±0.43) dBZ  |
| 50%                | (55.98 ±0.40) dBZ  |
| 55%                | (58.01 ±1.33) dBZ  |
| 60%                | (58.92 ±0.89) dBZ  |

Occurrence of hail as a function of maximum RADAR reflectivity (Boettcher et al. 2013)



## Deutscher Wetterdienst Wetter und Klima aus einer Hand



Hail on June 23, 2004.

a) reconstruction of maximum reflectivity,

b) basic information (green) and algorithm of Boettcher et al., 2013 (yellow and pink)





Interannual variation of hail events in Saxonia from Boettcher et. al., 2013, number of events per 100 km2





# **FLOODS AND DROUGHTS**



• New GPCC Drought Index Product allows for drought risk assessment









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- New GPCC Daily Analysis Products allow for quick assessments of extreme events
- Integration with soil moisture products from H-SAF is key to diagnosing the flood risk of a region using a load concept









# SUB-DAILY DATA

# RADAR CLIMATOLOGY















## **Extreme Events Precipitation**

Precipitation on June 6, 2011 (06 to 06 UTC on the following day) from REGNIE (left) and RADOLAN analysis (right) for Hamburg Metropolitan area







## **Extreme Events Precipitation**









# AGRICULTURE



#### **German Climate Atlas**



#### General

- air temperature
- · ice days
- frost days
- summer days
- hot days
- · tropical nights
- precipitation
- start of vegetation period
- forest fire index

#### Agriculture

- soil moisture under winter grain / sugar beet
- start of vegetation period
- days with changing frost
- start of flowering oil seed rape
- maize (yield and ripeness)
- pasture (yield 1st cut)
- plant haediness zones and plant heat zones
- Huglin-index (heat index for grape varieties)
- depth of frost penetration
- maximum of soil surface
  temperature
- air temperature
- precipitation

#### Forestry

- forest fire index
- bark-beetle development (start of infestation + end of 1st brood)
- plant haediness zones and plant heat zones
- start of vegetation period
- air temperature
- precipitation

#### depth of frost penetration

grain / sugar beet

maximum of soil surface
 temperature

soil moisture under winter

Soil conservation

- air temperature
- precipitation

new: Energy industry and Transport





## **Agro-meteorological Models**





### The advisory tool AMBER ...

includes more than 200 agrometeorological parameters relevant for farming

**Timing of agricultural actions** 

Hay drying

**Yield forecast** 

Plant protection (pests and diseases)

**Crop and soil microclimate** 

**Phenological prediction** 

**EU Fertilizer Directive** 

Irrigation advisory, ...







### Wind Erosion Modelling



March 5, 2014, A20 motorway, Bad Doberan





# Wind Erosion Modelling: Case study

Motorway pileup in Northeastern Germany (April 8, 2011) due to unusually deep tillage and high winds

Model input:

- Sandy soil (40.5 % erodible material), no vegetation
- Wind velocity (average): 9.4 m/s
- Tillage depth: 20 cm (exceptional!)
- Top soil moisture: 23% (not extremely dry)

All erodible topsoil material depleted during one erosion event!



Source: <u>www.merkur-online.de</u>, April 9, 2011











- comparison AMBER-results 1961 1990
  - (input data: observations and modelling)
- assessment of future conditions

German Climate Atlas: www.deutscher-klimaatlas.de









## **Modelling, Prediction and Projection**

- → Climate Services require Seamless Prediction capabilites
- ➔ Science:
  - Model development (ICON dynamical core)
  - Develop an international seasonal prediction system (EUROSIP EUROpean Seasonal to Interannual Prediction; DWD in collaboration with Max-Planck Institute)
  - Develop a decadal prediction system (BMBF project MIKLIP)
  - Inter-annual and multi-decadal variability
  - Attribution
  - Laboratory to check adaptation options
  - Regional focus on coupled ocean-atmosphere modelling and cryosphere
  - Hydrology, soil processes mainstreaming and facilitate land use change scenarios and permafrost dynamics



## **Ensemble Projections (19 Members)**

#### Precipitation Probabilities (Reference 1971 – 2000)





#### Limited Area Climate Ensemble Prediction System LACEPS Mittelfristige Klimaprognosen MIKLIP

#### **COSMO-CLM**:

Atmosphere, COSMO4.8-clm17, Euro-CORDEX model domain, resolution of 0.22°

#### **Simulations**

COSMO-CLM run from 1959 using ERA-40 as driving data and extended by ERA-Interim, i.e. 1959 – 2010

#### **Hindcast Simulations**

**Driving data:** 

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#### 2m temperature, 2006-2009, DJF **Ensemble Spread Score** DWD 12 **MPI-ESM-LR MPI-ESM-LR** 1.5 1.8 1.7 10 1.6 1.5 1.4 8 1.3 1.2 1.1 Е SS 6 1 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 2 0.3 0.2 0.1 0 0 0 **COSMO-CLM COSMO-CLM** DWD owd O 12 10 8 1.1 ES 6 S 0.9 0.5 0.4 2 0.3 0.2 0.1 0 0

#### **PDF of Spread**





#### Baltic and Mediterranean as Hot Spots of Climate Change (Giorgi, 2006)

#### **Regional and Seasonal Modelling**

#### Coupling of COSMO-CLM and ocean model NEMO

- Improved description of
  - ... consistent physics of ocean-atmosphere fluxes
  - ... interaction of ocean and sea ice
  - ... transport of climate signals from the North Atlantic to the North Sea
  - ... the effect of the ocean on the local climate



Climate Limited-area Modelling Community





# SEA LEVEL RISE



#### Fig. IPCC. : Hunter et al. 2013



## **KLIWAS Project**

- Basic research and applied science
- Sector-specific example and regional focus area of socio-economic relevance – Transferable?
- Federal Agencies as users (transport and shipping, hydrography, hydrology, maritime meteorology, engineering)
- Protection of vulnerable coastal assets and shipping, risk reduction and protection of infrastructure
- Complexity issues in coastal areas, interest in extremes, low water levels as important as floods
- → Highly interdisciplinary, natural and anthropogenic
- Ocean-atmosphere coupled regional modelling, wave model, storm surge data, sea level rise, sedimentation
- New climatologies at high resolution

# Vulnerability and Adaptation in Estuaries









# North Sea Salinity: Projection 2070-2099



#### Difference to 1970 - 1999



Moderate decrease of salinity in the North Sea, strong decrease in the Baltic outflow







#### Difference to 1961 – 1990







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# Sea Level: Projection 2070-2099



25-28 cm plus 31 cm from glaciers and ice shields





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### Conclusions

Provision of Climate Services requires new skills:

- User dialogue, create networks of practitioners and climate researchers
- Dialogue on high quality products, best practices, guidance on what to expect from a product, metrics of value
- Develop a new research agenda
- Global long-term records, inter-operability of diverse data holdings
- Regional applications, higher resolution, interdisciplinary competence
- Operations and near real-time
- Information systems: cutting-edge information technology
- Communication strategy, education, collaboration and capacity building





## **Thank you for your attention**