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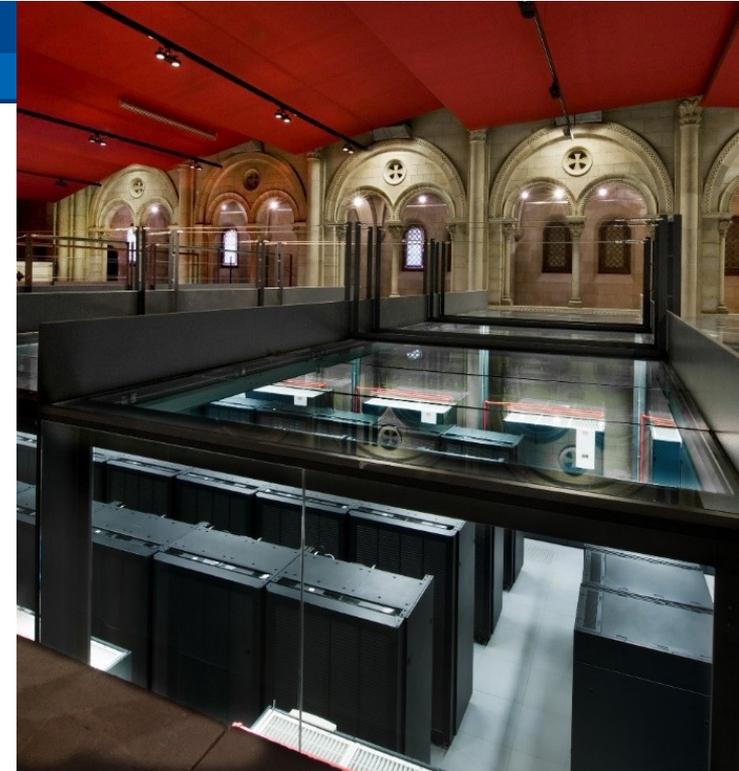
Services – Earth Science Department



- Created in 2005; 350 employees
- Research, develop and manage information technology
- Facilitate scientific progress and its application in society

Earth Science Department

- **Atmospheric composition modelling**
- **Climate prediction modelling**
- **Computational Earth Sciences**
- **Earth Sciences Services**



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Atmospheric Composition

National and International collaborations



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OUR OBJECTIVE:

Facilitate technology transfer of state-of-the-art research from local, national to international levels in five areas:

Air quality assessments

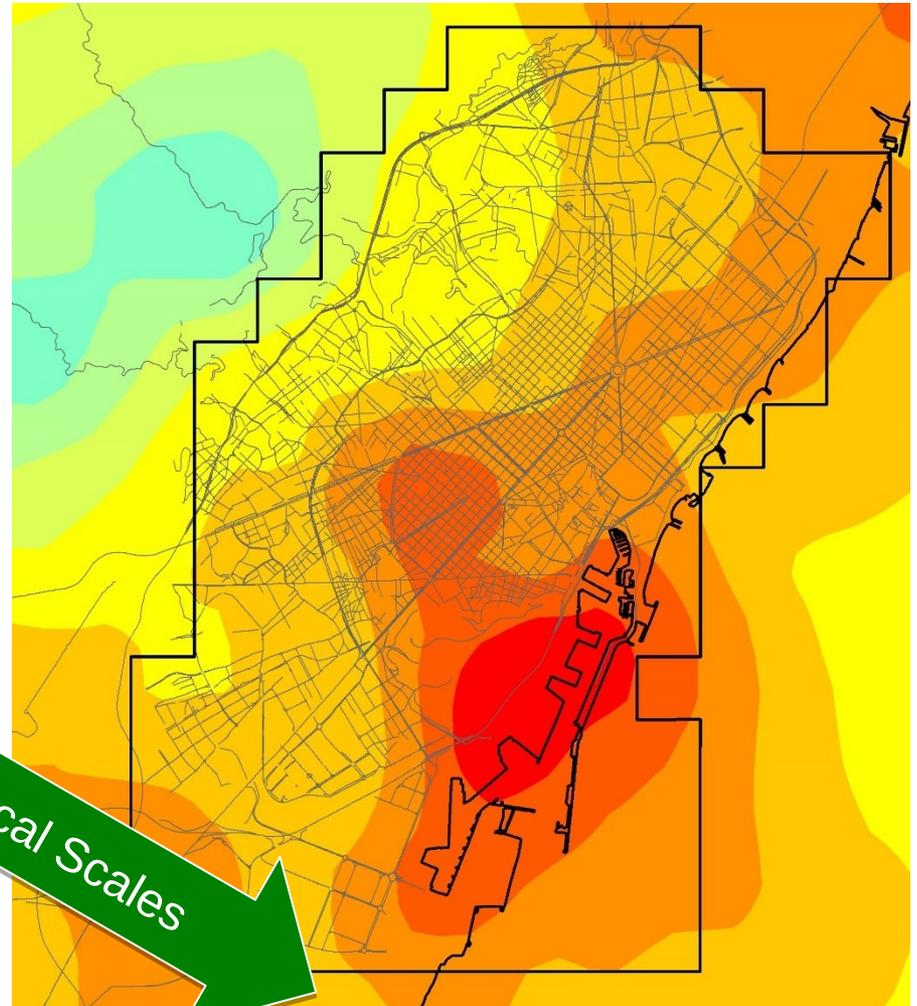
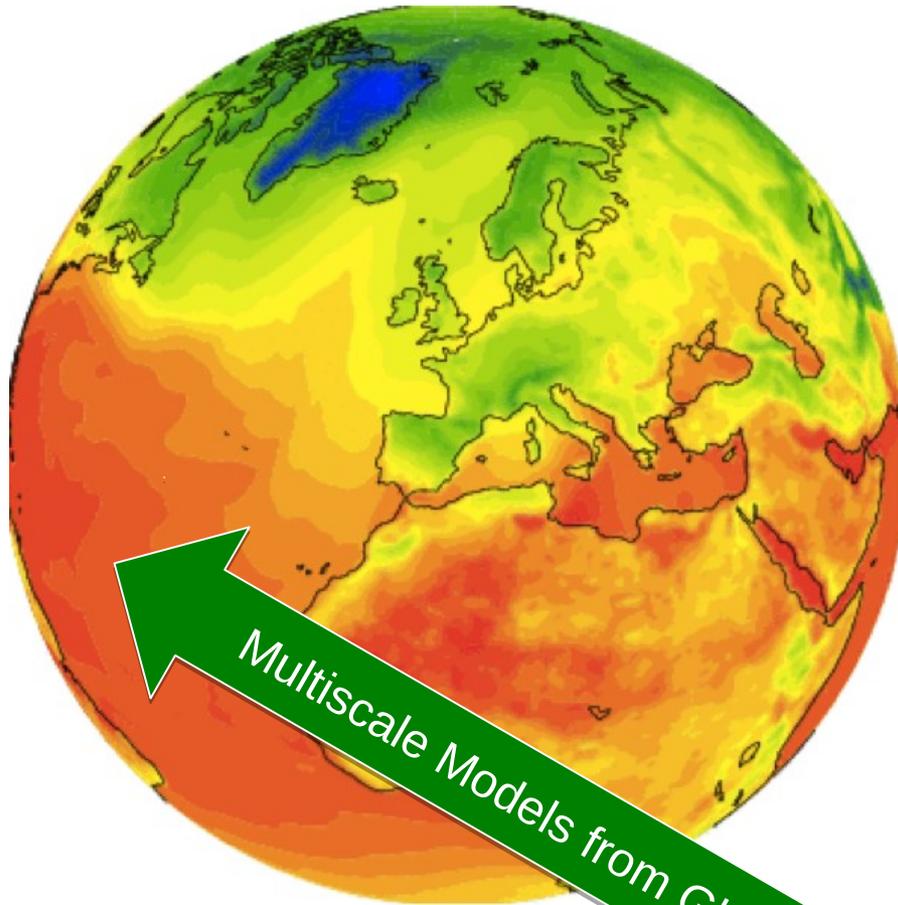
Mineral Dust modelling

Weather forecasting

Climate predictions

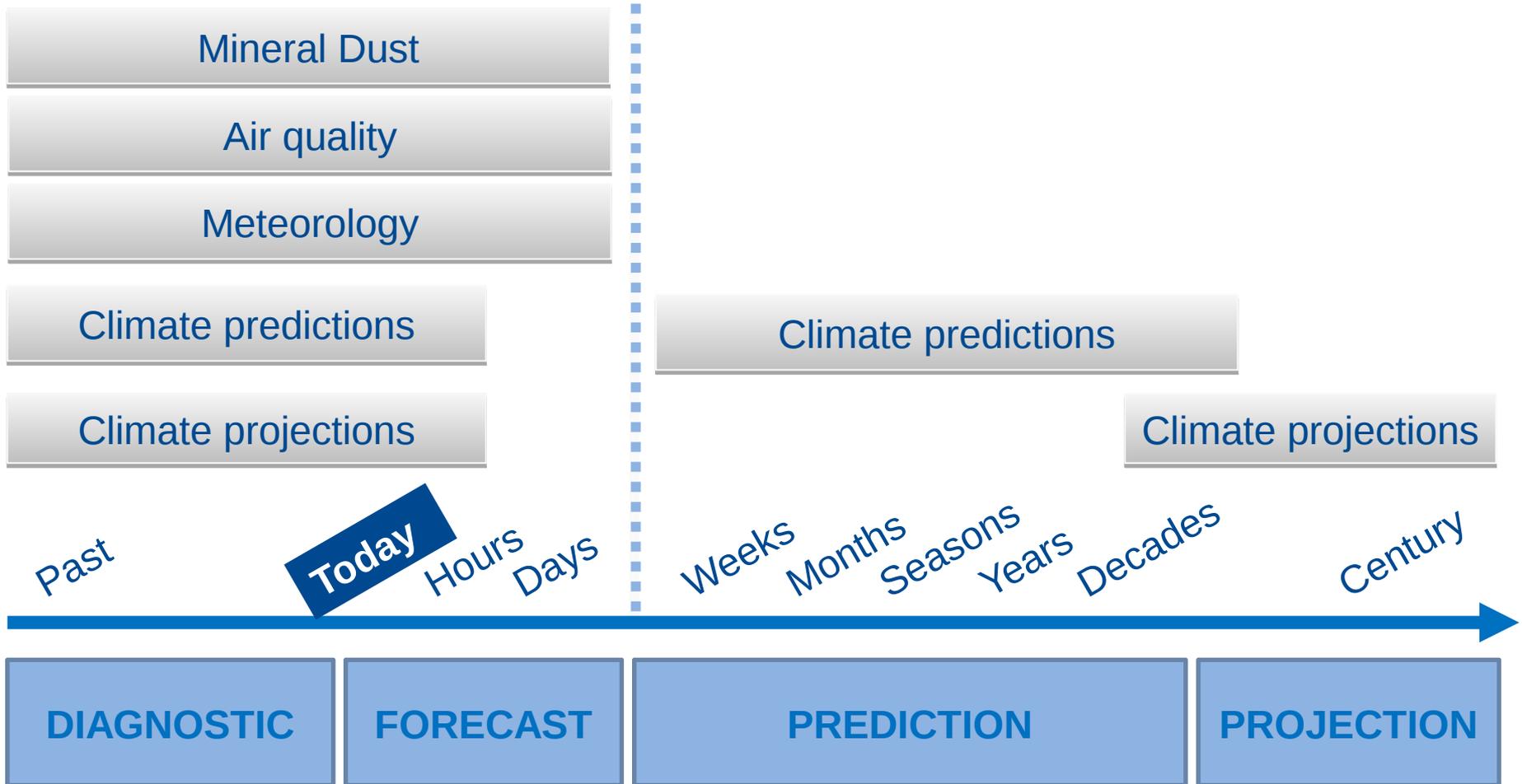
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Multi-scale models from global to local scales



Multiscale Models from Global to Local Scales

Temporal scales

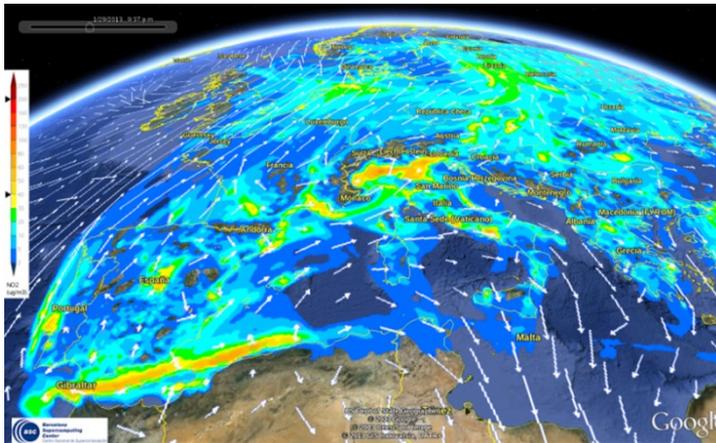




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Air quality forecast: CALIOPE

Provides air quality related information for the coming days and for the application of short term action plans for air quality managers.



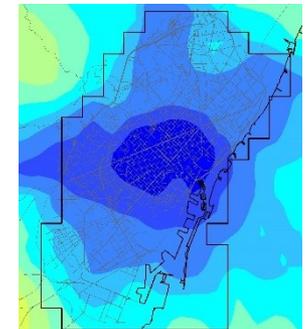
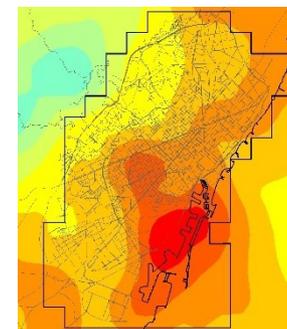
Information is delivered using both online or custom applications:

www.bsc.es/caliope



Air quality impact assessment

Air quality modelling provides comprehensive description of air quality problems by relating emission sources and atmospheric conditions



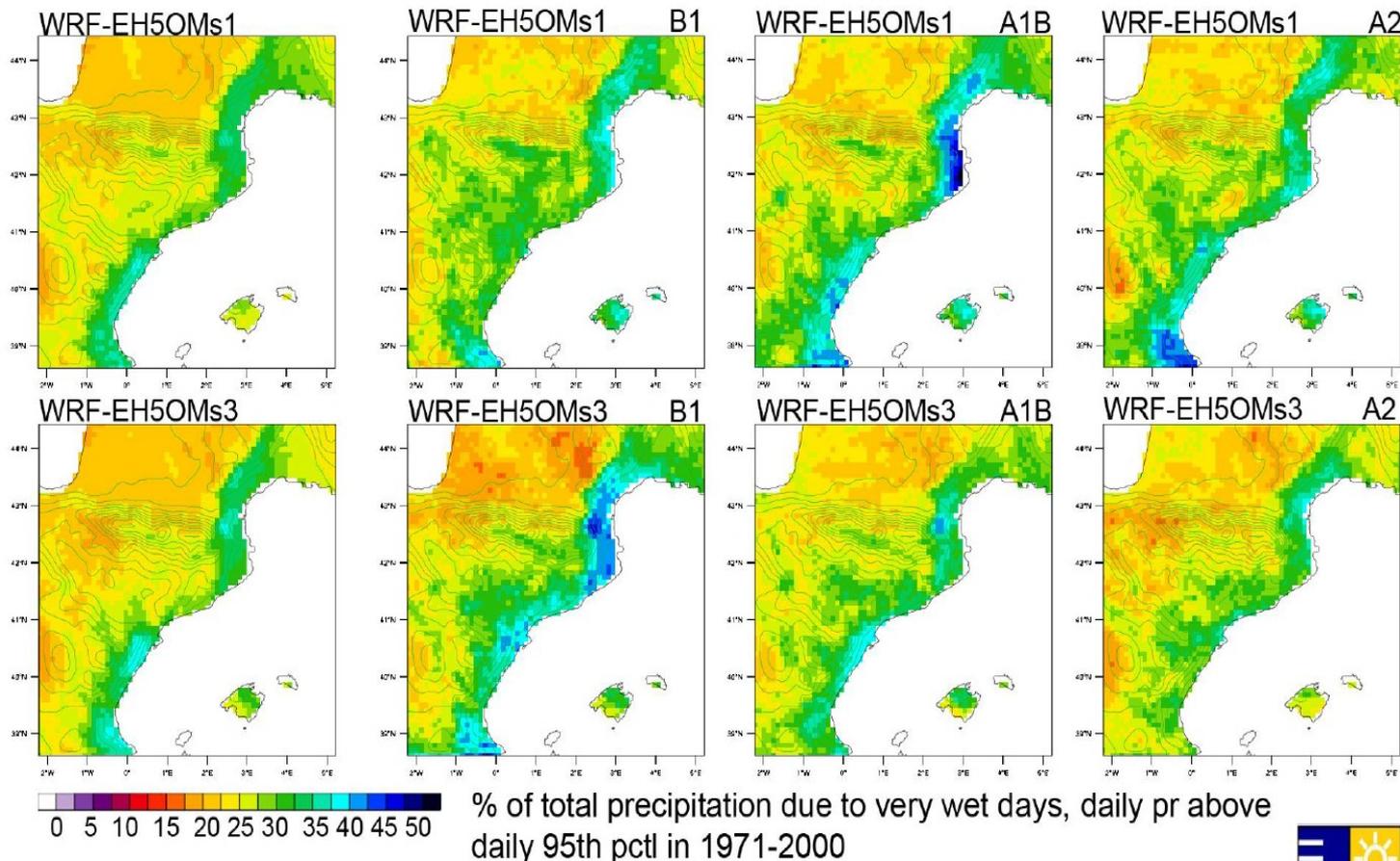
Left: NO₂ maximum h values in Barcelona (red >200 µg/m³)
Right: Reductions due to fleet electrification (blue >25 µg/m³)

These projects have received funding from:



Dynamical downscaling of climatic temperature and precipitation trends

This work aims to provide an assessment of temperature and precipitation projections for mid-21st century in the North Western Mediterranean Basin (NWMB) at high resolution.



This project has been conducted in collaboration with Servei Meteorològic de Catalunya:

Mineral dust forecasts SDS-WAS

North Africa, Middle East and Europe Regional Center

Early warning system

<http://sds-was.aemet.es>

NORTHERN AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST-EUROPE (NA-ME-E) REGIONAL CENTER
WMO Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System (SDS-WAS)

World Meteorological Organization
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WMO SDS-WAS | Asis Regional Center

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Compared dust forecasts

Dust forecasts

WMO SDS-WAS | Northern Africa-Middle East-Europe Regional Center
Median Dust Surface Concentration (µg/m³)
Sun: 18-20 FEB 2013. Valid: 18N-21 FEB 2013 (01+04)

Chart: Dust Surface Concentration (µg/m³) vs. Time

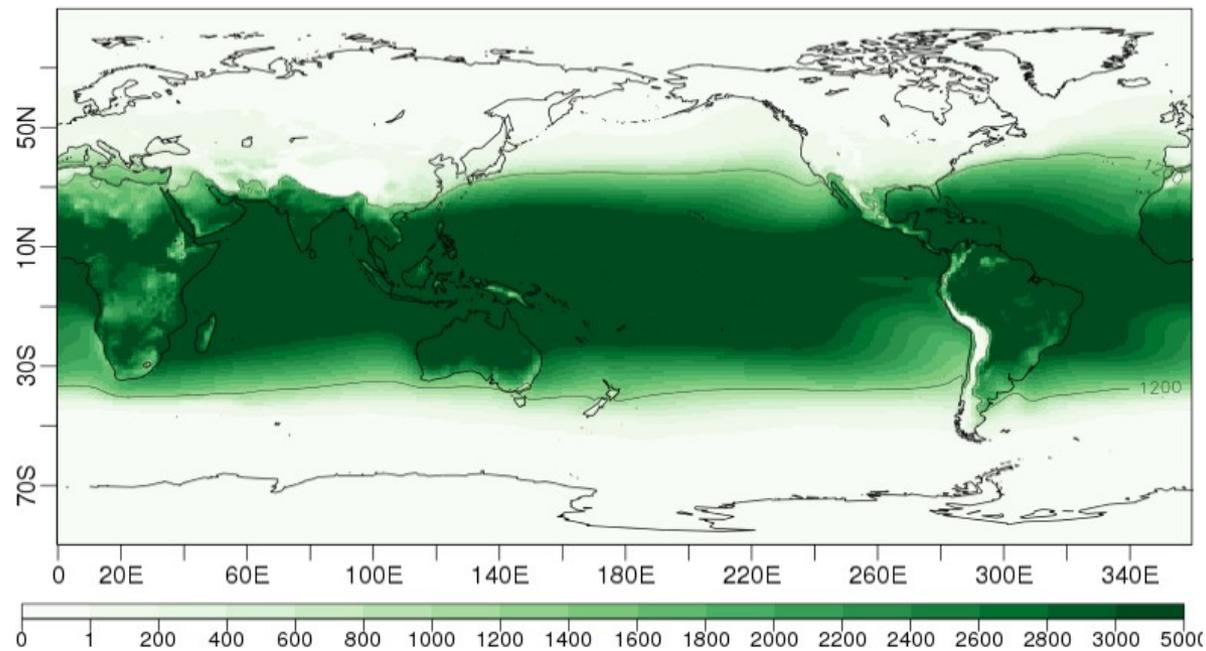
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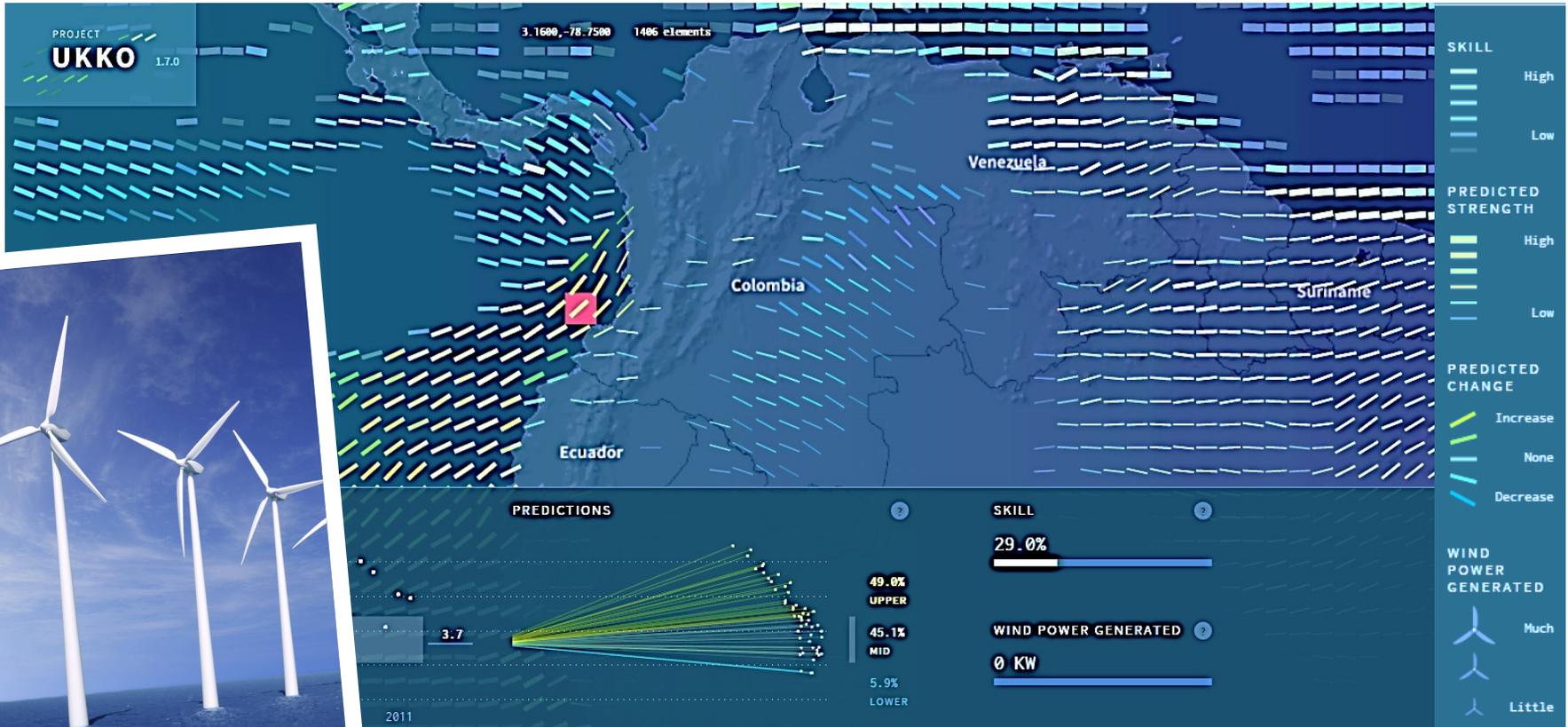
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Seasonal wind speed predictions



RESILIENCE
PROTOTYPE



Potential applications in FLOOD RISK - WATER SUPPLY

- **Sub-seasonal** predictions (one month ahead)
 - **Seasonal** predictions (the season ahead)
 - General trends for precipitation, Temperature, etc.
 - **Downscaling** of climate variables.
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- Informing Hydroelectric power management
 - Early warning systems for extreme events
 - Information on drought periods or flood risk

IMPRES (Horizon 2020).
(Improving predictions and management of hydrological extremes)



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