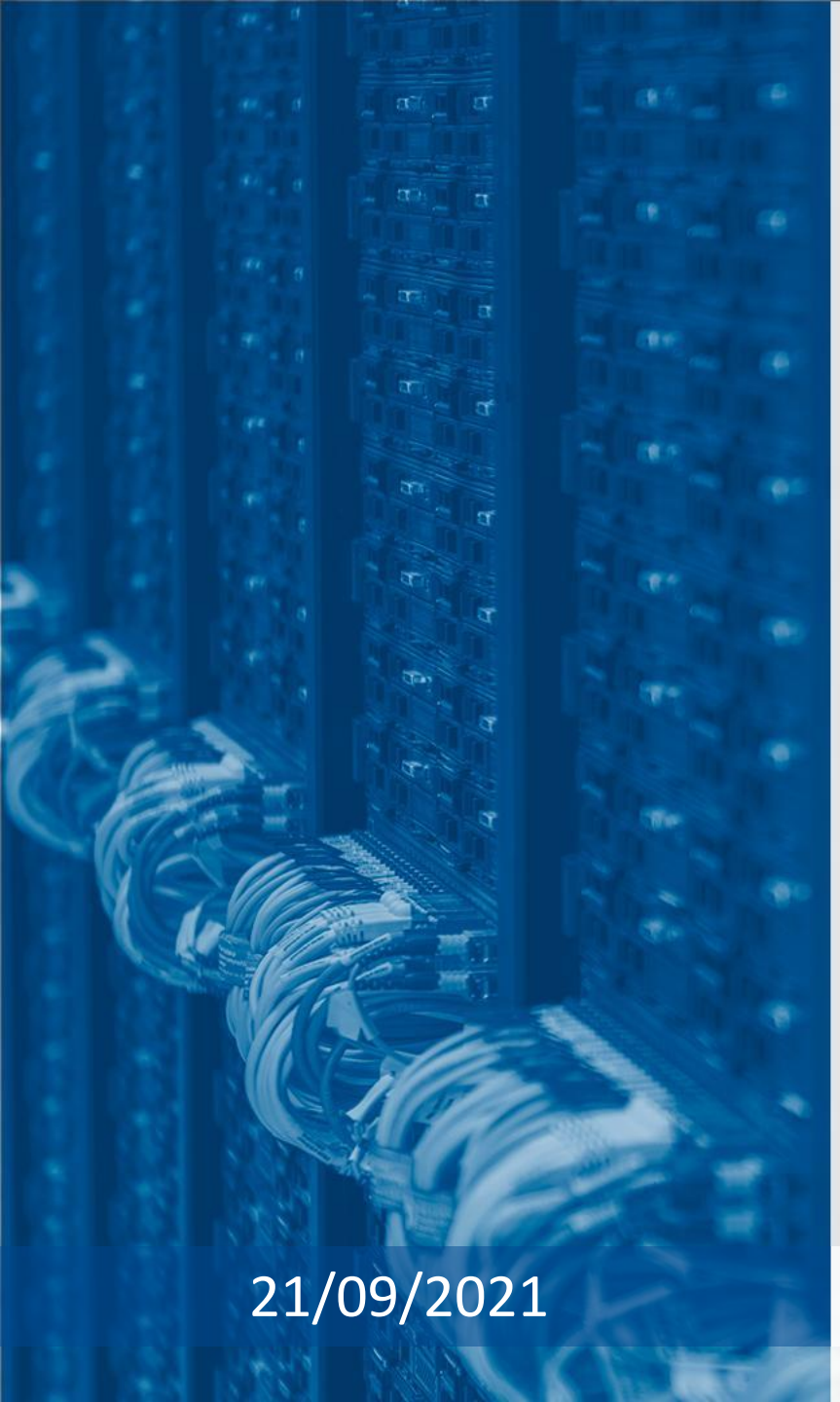

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The new very-high resolution EC-Earth 4 climate demonstrator

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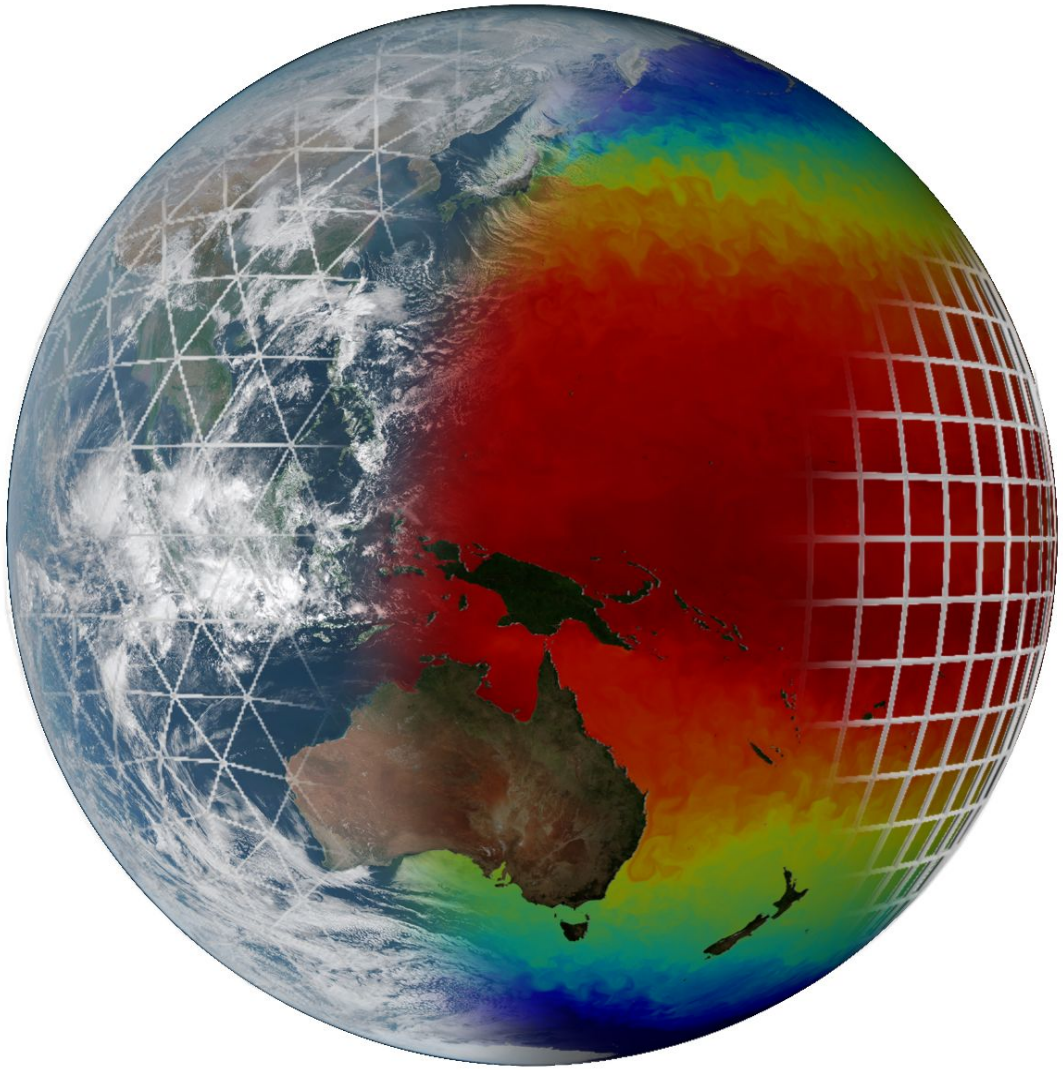
Outline

- **EC-Earth**
- The **coupled pre-Exascale demonstrator**
- The **new** coupled pre-Exascale demonstrator

The EC-Earth GCM model



Atmosphere:

IFS

ECMWF

Ocean - ICE:

NEMO - LIM

Coupler:

Oasis

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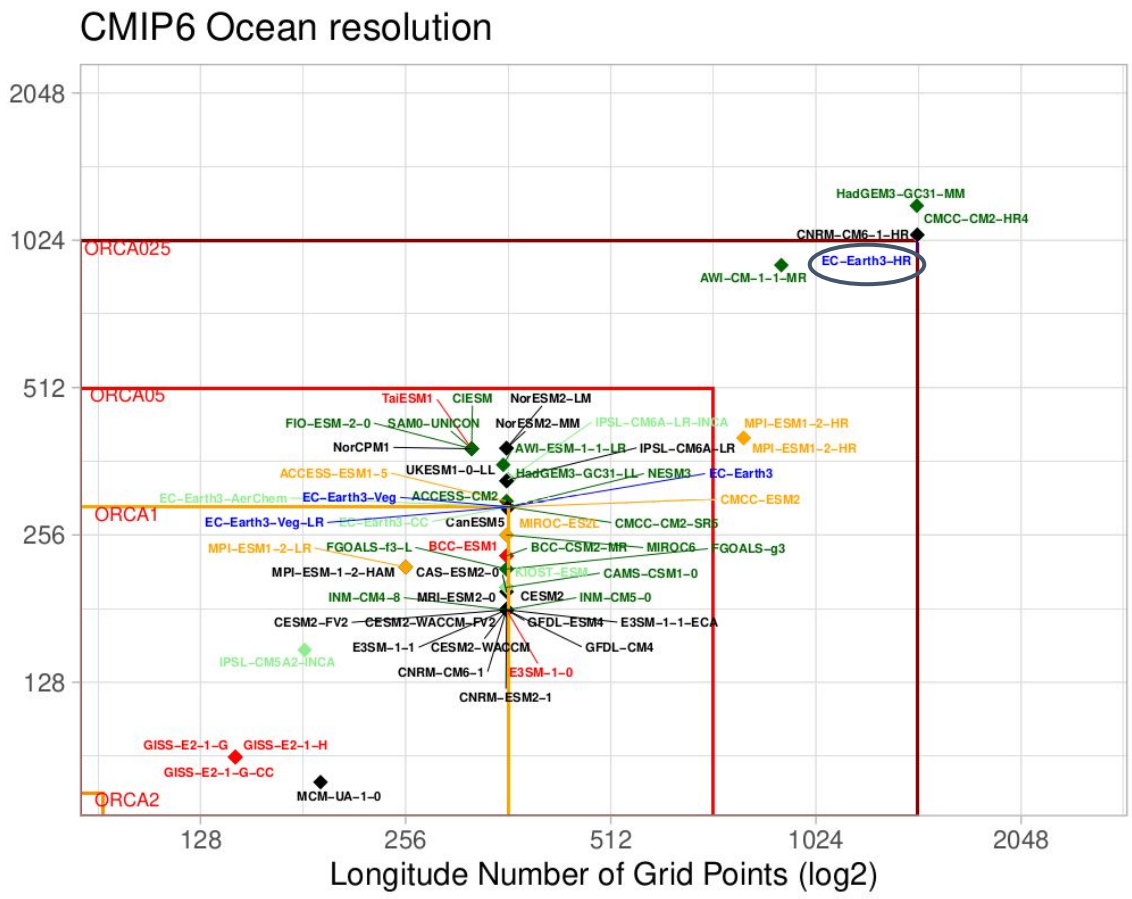
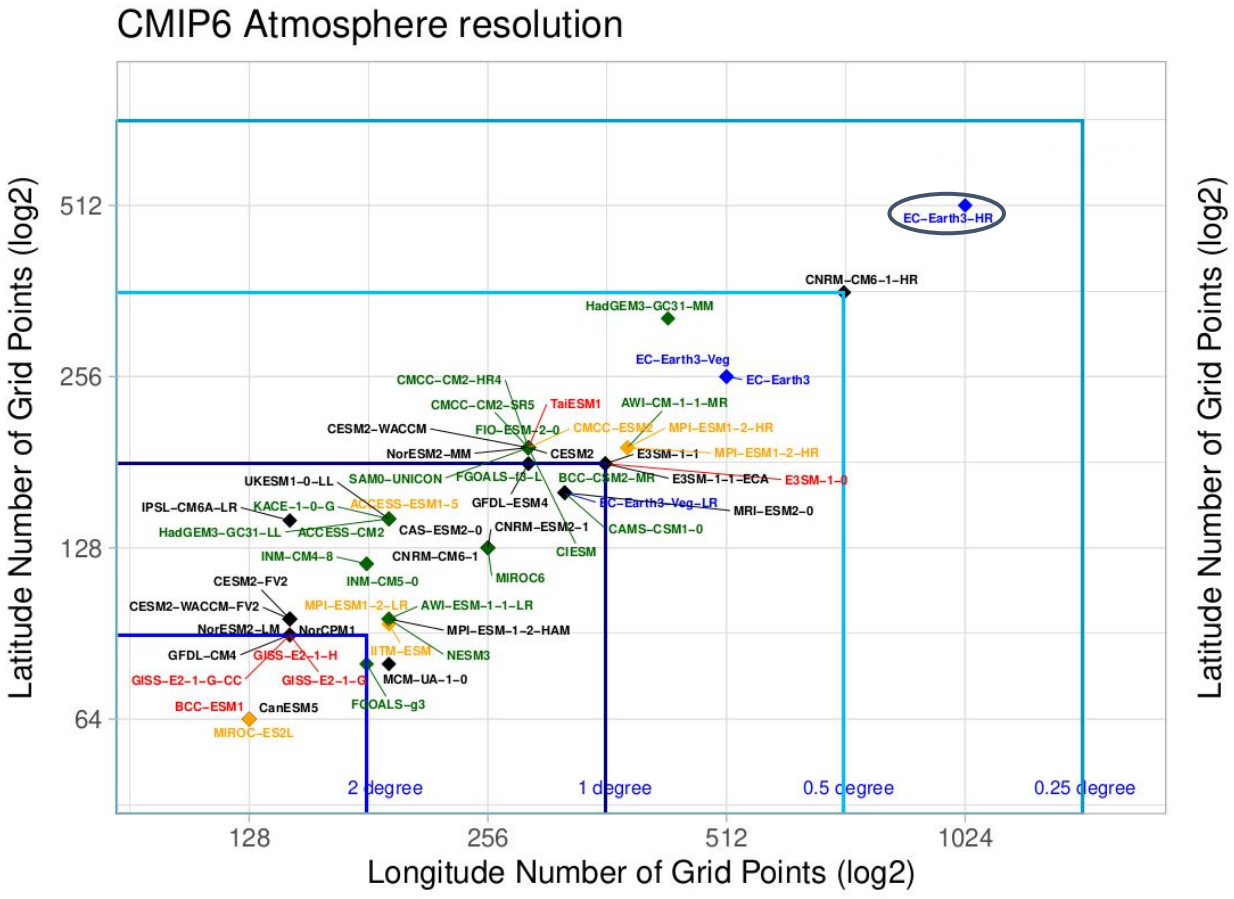
Resolution in climate models





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EC-Earth 3 coupled ~10 km

ESiWACE: EC-Earth ~10km coupled demonstrator

- **IFS** cycle 36r4 for atmosphere
  - T1279L91: ~16 km grid point distance, **2.1 M** grid points
- **NEMO-LIM3** v3.6 for ocean & sea-ice
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- Total 3D space points: **1,181kM vertices**

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* Including land points (up to 1/3 of the total)

EC-Earth 3 - T1279-ORCA12 in MareNostrum4

Operational global, coupled ~10 km simulations:

- **EC-Earth 3.2** (IFS36r4 + NEMO 3.6 + OASIS3-MCT)
- **4,512 MPI tasks** - 0.44 SYPD, 160 SDPD

Optimized

5,040 MPI tasks - 0.6 SYPD, 219 SDPD

100 year exp
~20M computing hours,
167 days

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EC-Earth 3 - T1279-ORCA12: production runs

- **PRIMAVERA** is a **Horizon 2020** project which aims to develop a **new generation of advanced and well-evaluated high-resolution global climate models**, capable of simulating and predicting regional climate with **unprecedented fidelity**, for the **benefit** of governments, business and society in general.

- The **High Resolution Model Intercomparison Project (HighResMIP)** is a **CMIP6** endorsed MIP that applies, for the **first time**, a **multi-model approach** to the systematic investigation of the **impact of horizontal resolution**.

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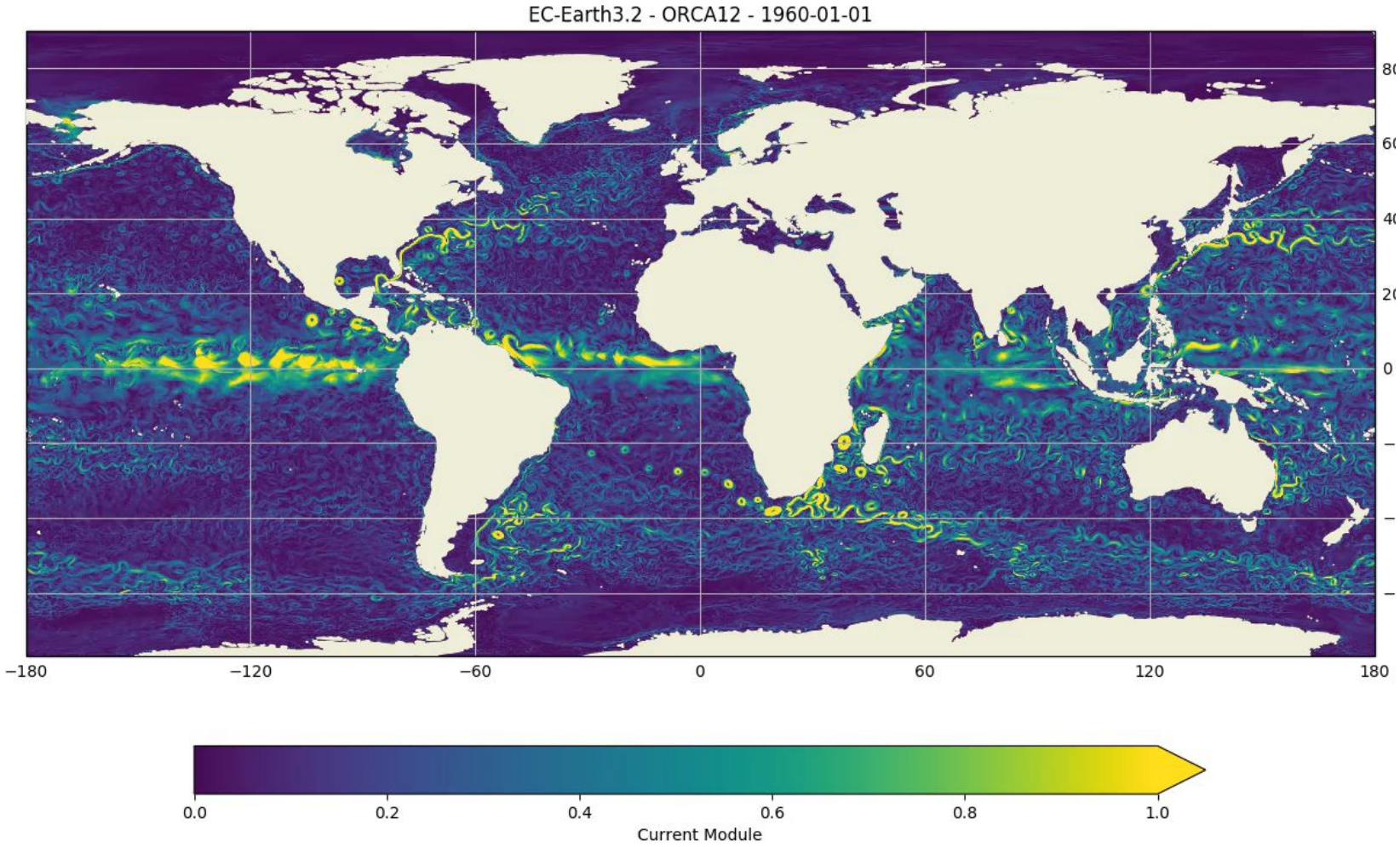

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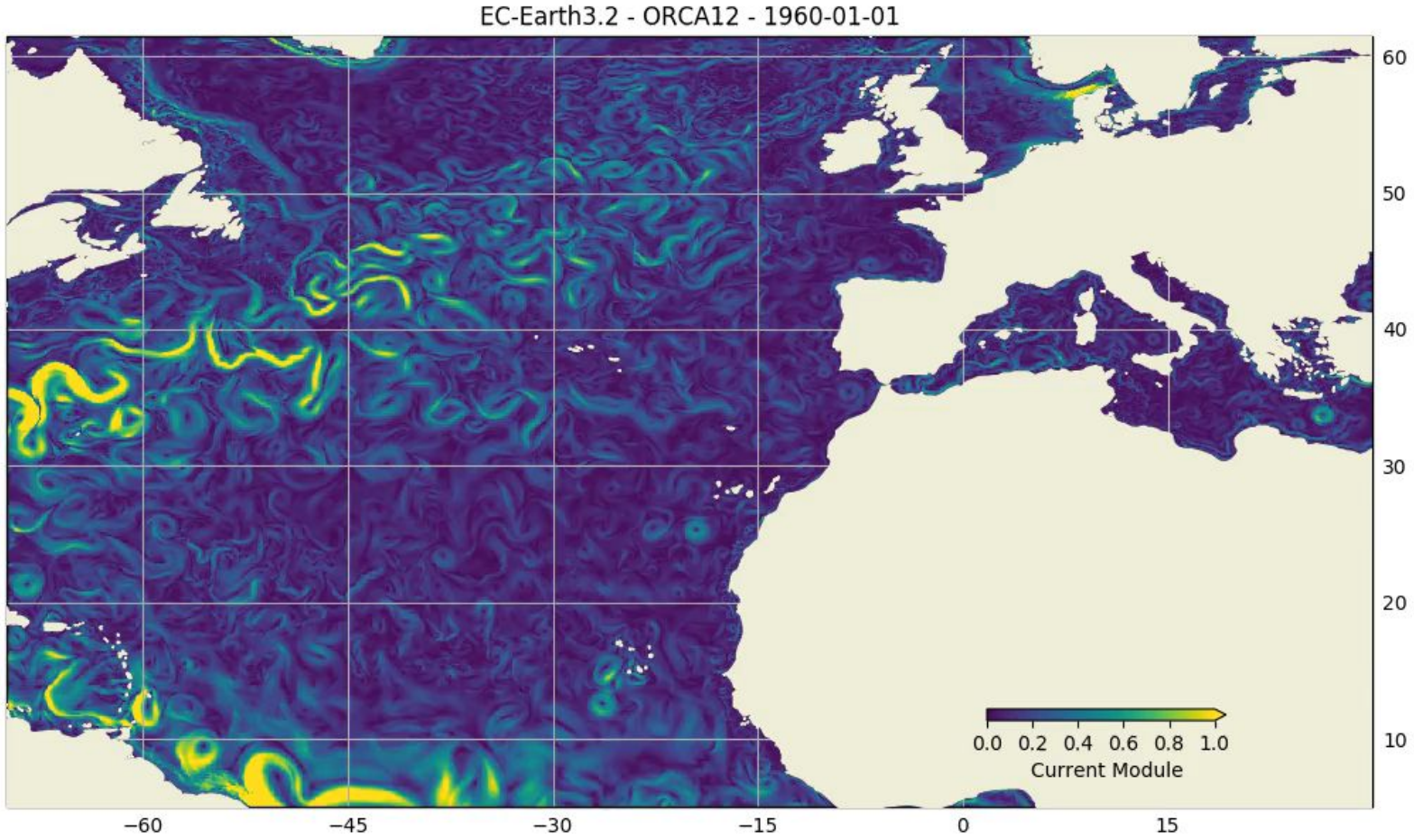

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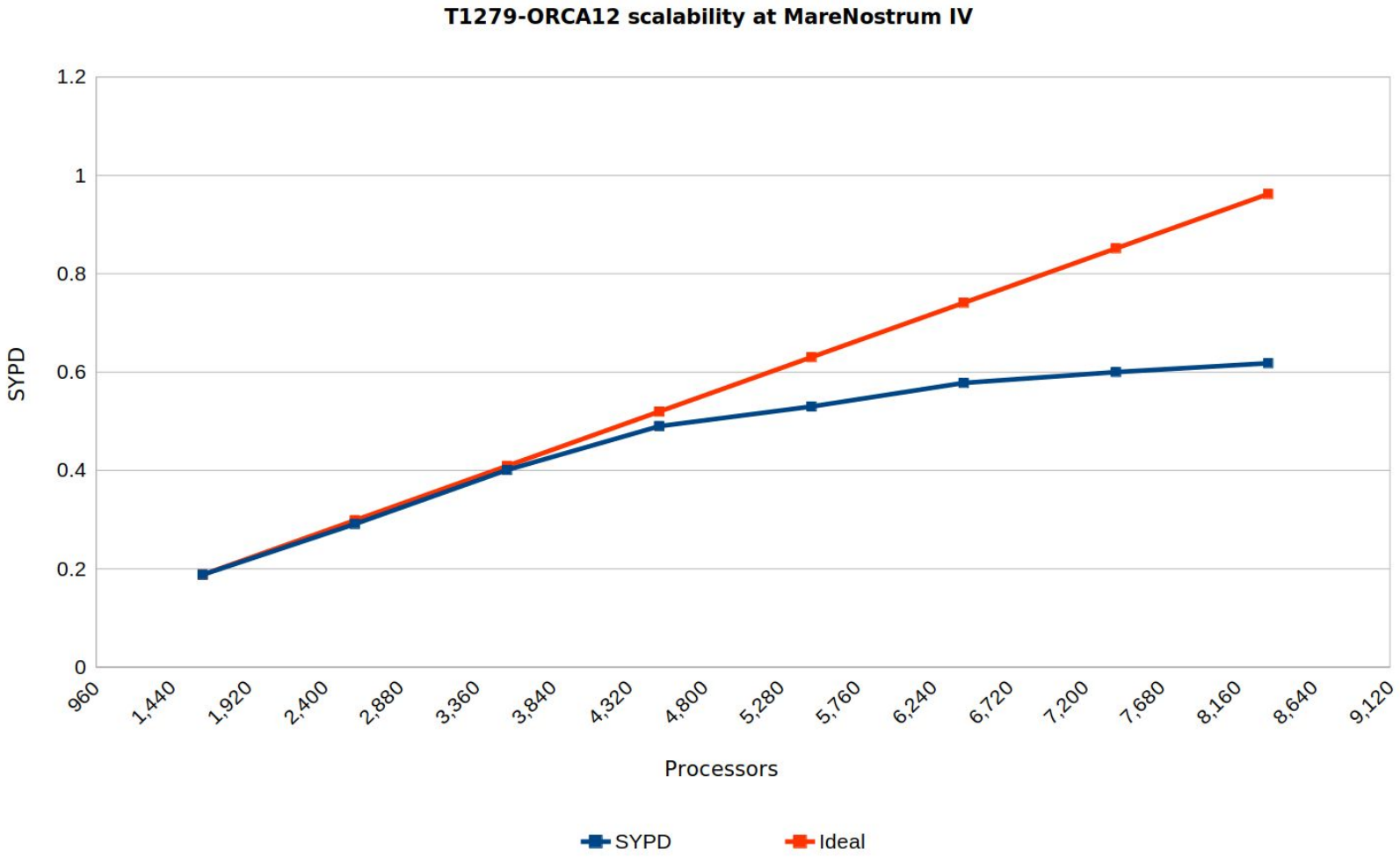
EC-Earth 3 - T1279-ORCA12 in MareNostrum 4



Benchmark scaling

Reduced output: monthly means & some 6-hourly atmospheric variables

Timestep: 6 min. atmosphere and ocean.

Coupling freq.: 12 min (atm-oce) and (oce-ice).

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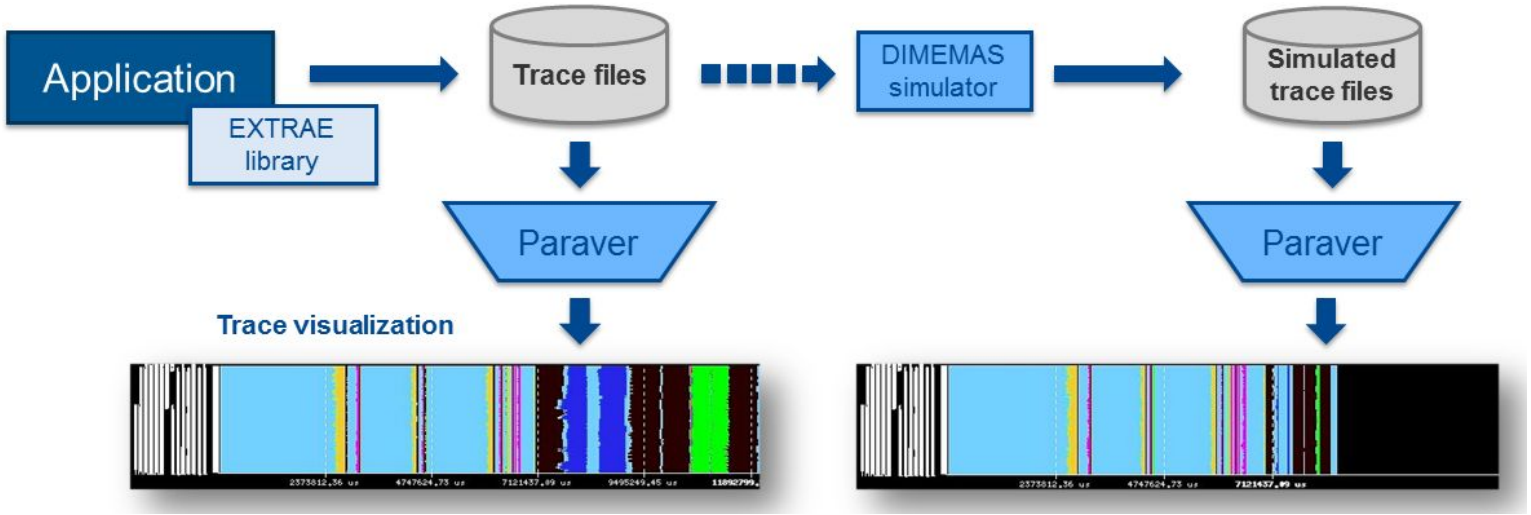
Performance analysis

- **Extrae**: Package that **generates** Paraver **trace-files** for analysis
- **Paraver**: Trace **visualization** and **analysis**
- **Dimemas**: Message passing **simulator**



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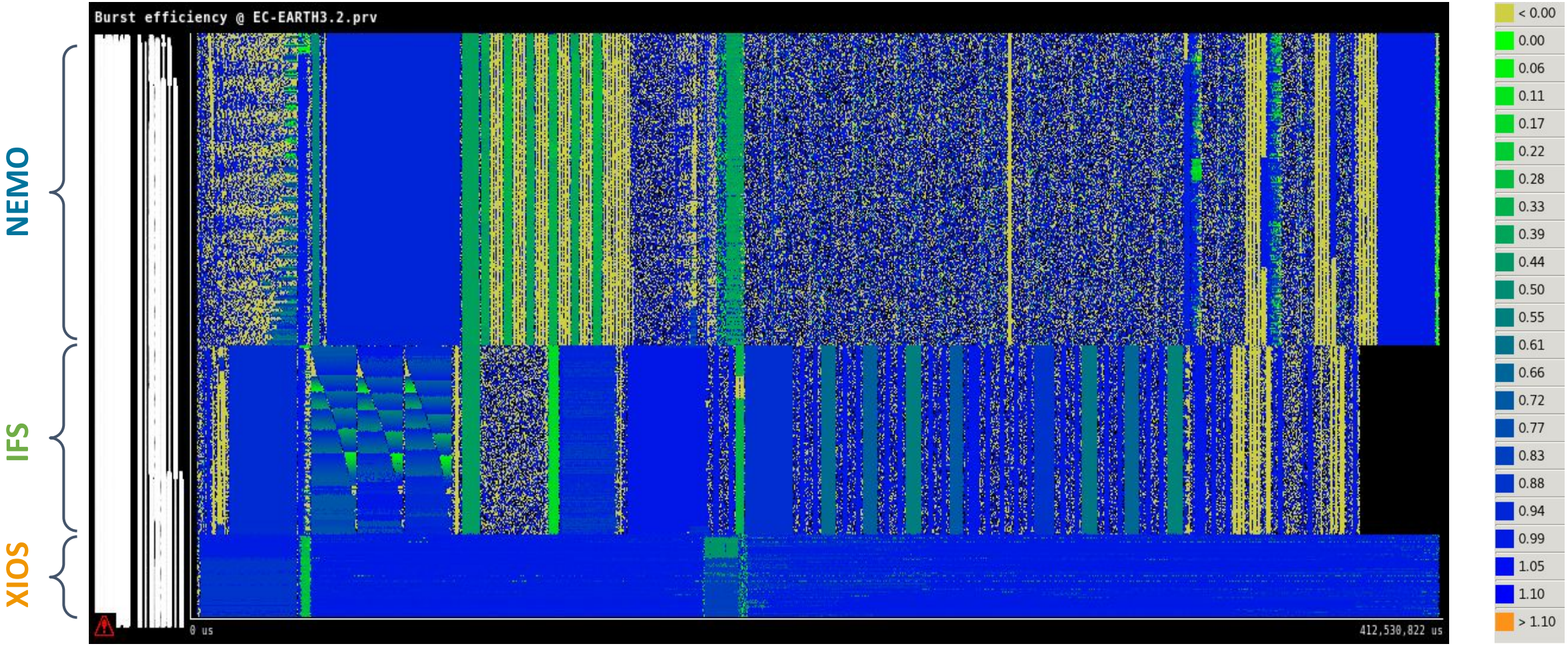

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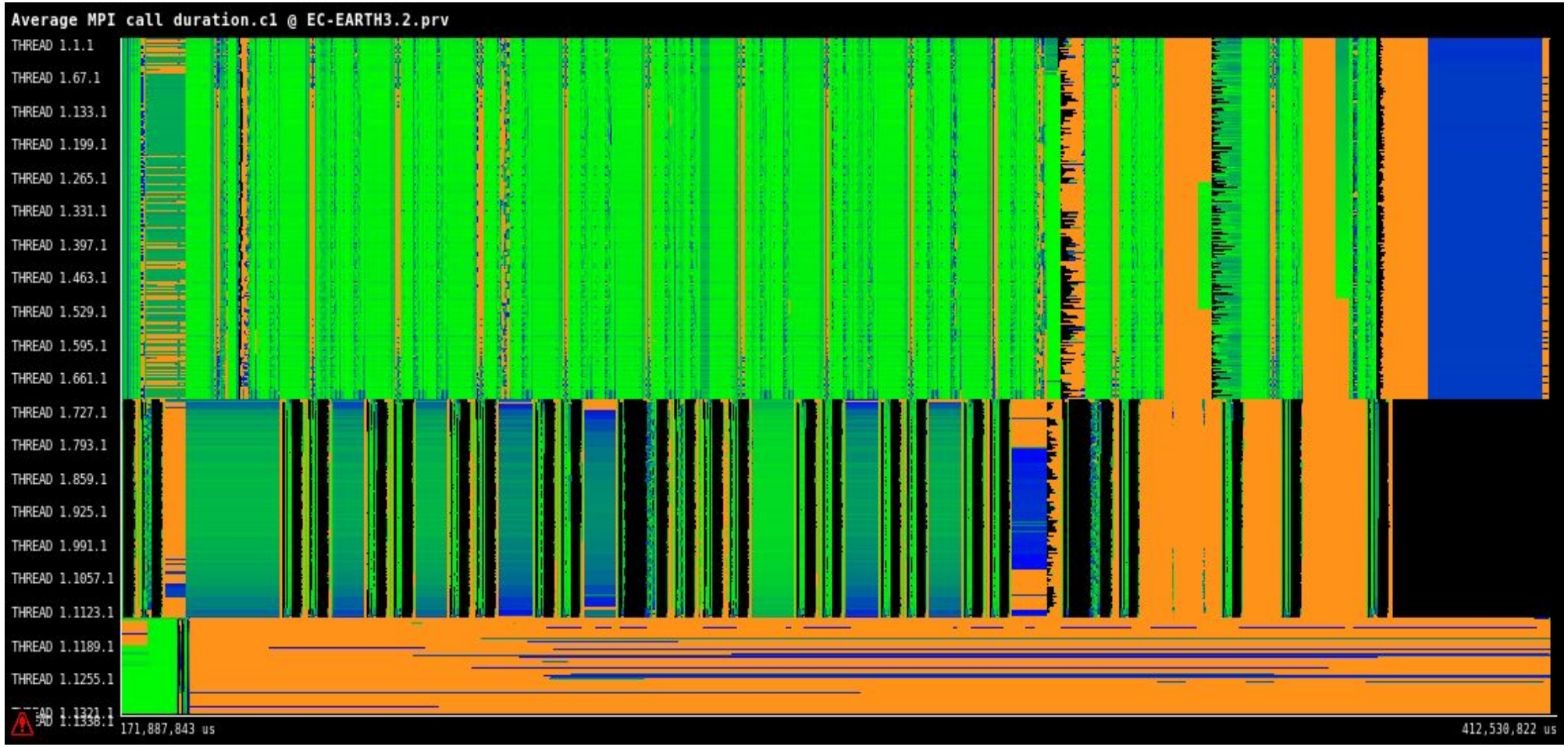

NEMO

IFS

XIOS

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Models output

EC-Earth 3 - T1279-ORCA12: Main bottlenecks

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- **Sea-ice scalability** → Reduce **global** communications
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ESiWACE 2: EC-Earth coupled ~10 km production-mode

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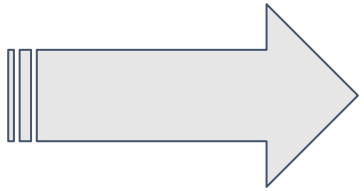

> 1 SYPD

~~**0.6 SYPD**~~

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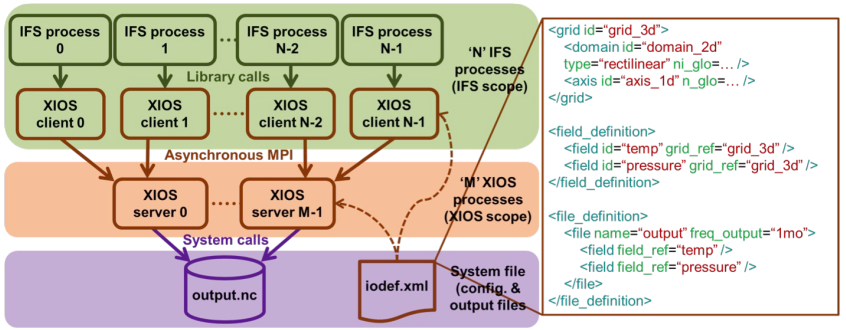
ESiWACE 2: EC-Earth coupled ~10 km production-mode

- Develop **infrastructure** for production-mode configurations
  - **Coupling** infrastructure **(OASIS)**
  - Improvement of **I/O (XIOS)**
  - **NEMO** for high-resolution
  - Infrastructure for **high-resolution data**



XIOS integration into OpenIFS (X. Yepes)

ESiWACE 2: EC-Earth coupled ~10 km production-mode

- Develop **infrastructure** for production-mode configurations
- Develop production-mode **configurations**
- Port models to **pre-exascale** EuroHPC **systems**

EC-Earth coupled ~10 km production-mode

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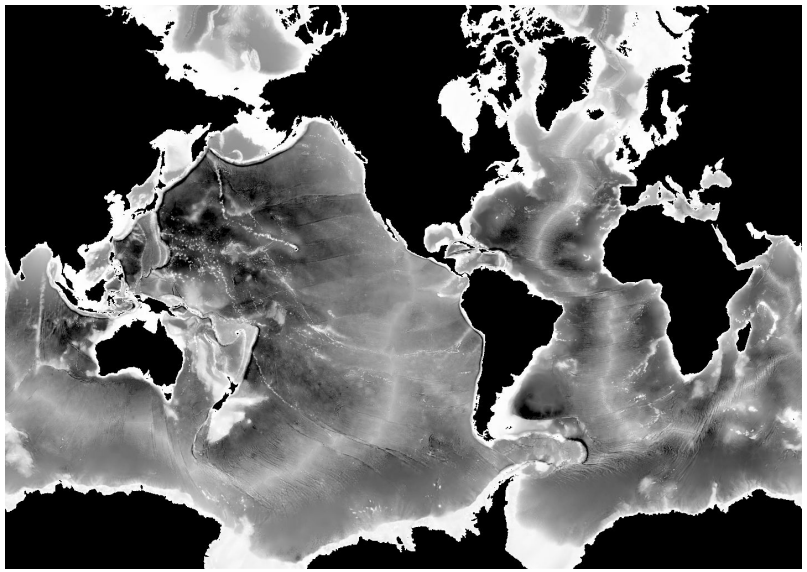
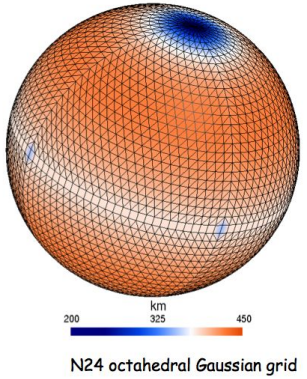
Tco639-ORCA12 configuration development

ORCA12 inspired from EC-Earth 3 T1279-ORCA12. Namelist "tuning" for NEMO4.



ORCA12 bathymetry

Tco639 configuration and **initial conditions.**



N24 octahedral Gaussian grid

OASIS coupler grids, masks and areas information using the **OCP**[1] tool.

OASIS remapping weights generated in parallel (OpenMP)[2].

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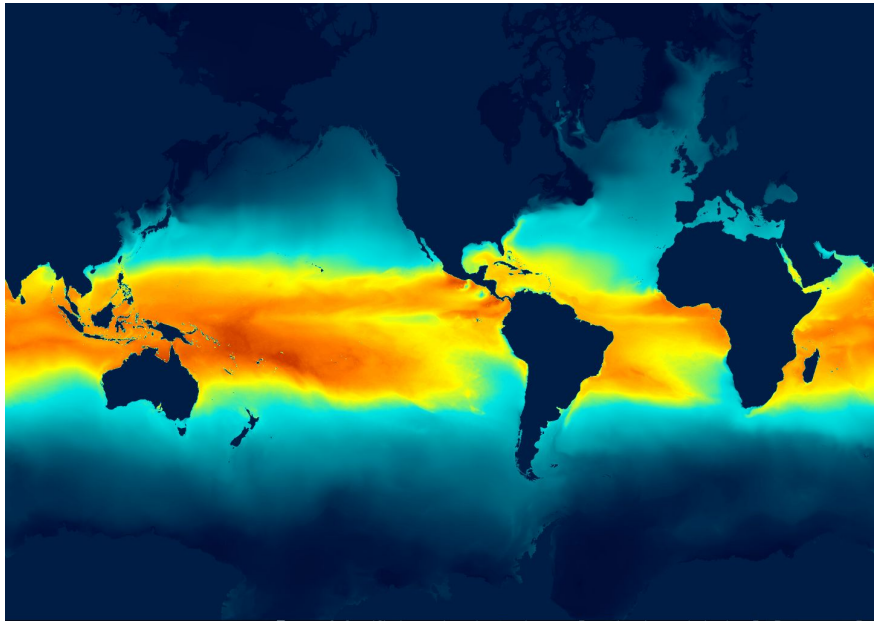
[1] https://github.com/JanStreffing/ocp-tool
[2] OASIS3-MCT4 new feature

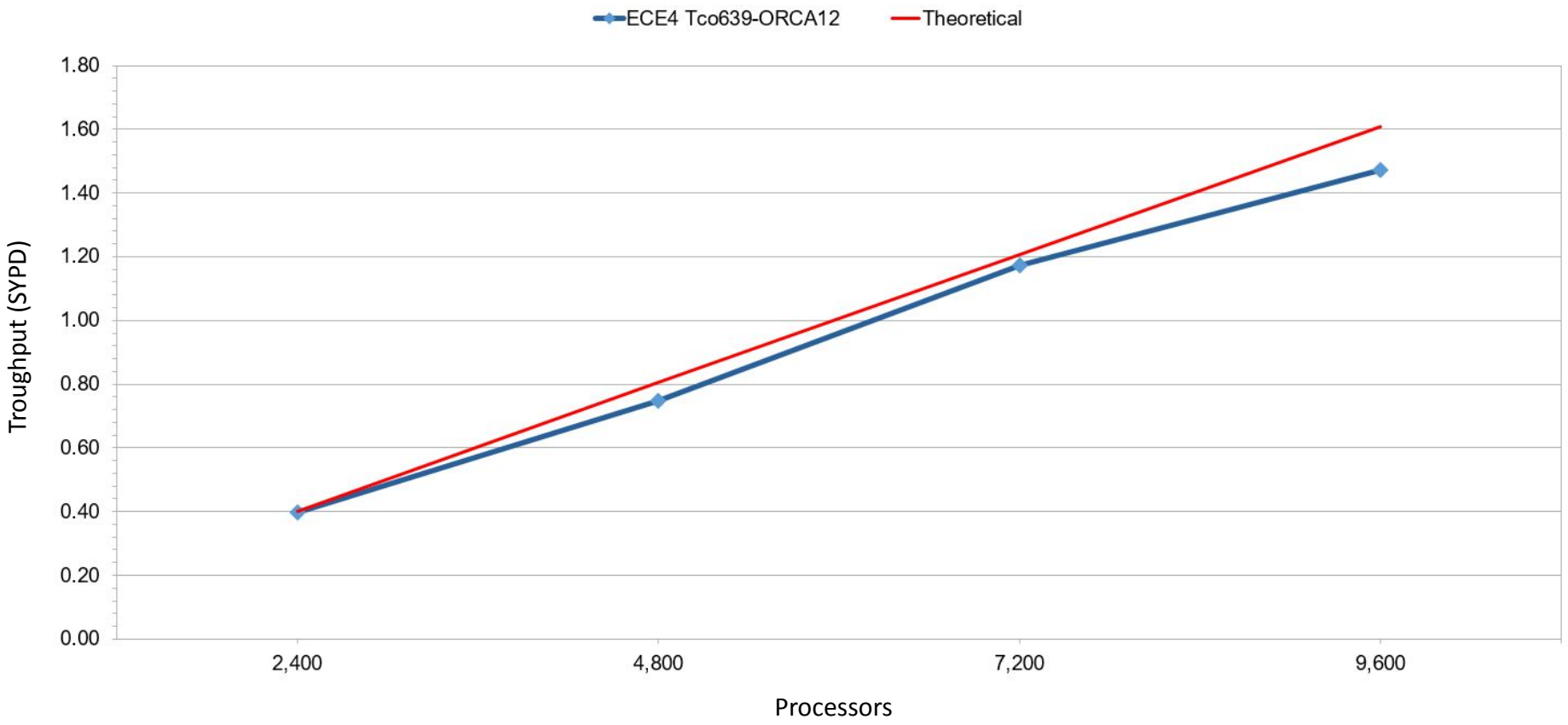
The creation process

- **Deployment** at the development and testing platform (MareNostrum4).
- NEMO (ORCA12) and OpenIFS (Tco639) **initial configurations**.
- Generation and testing of **coupling remapping weights**.
- **Test** runs. Test and **tune output** generation.
- **Fine tuning** of (Ocean) model parameters.
- **Spinup**, generation of initial conditions.
- Load **balance** and **scalability** exercise.
- **Performance** study + optimizations.
- **Final deployment** (pre-Exascale).



Sea-surface temperature after 1 month

Tco639-ORCA12 in MareNostrum 4



Production set-up scaling

Reduced output: monthly means & some 6-hourly atmospheric variables

Timestep: 6 min atmosphere, **4 min** ocean.

Coupling freq.: 1 hour (atm-oce), 12 min (oce-ice).

TBD high-end scaling

Hourly output, increase ocean step, reduce coupling freq.

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100 year experiment, **~16M** computing hours & **68** days

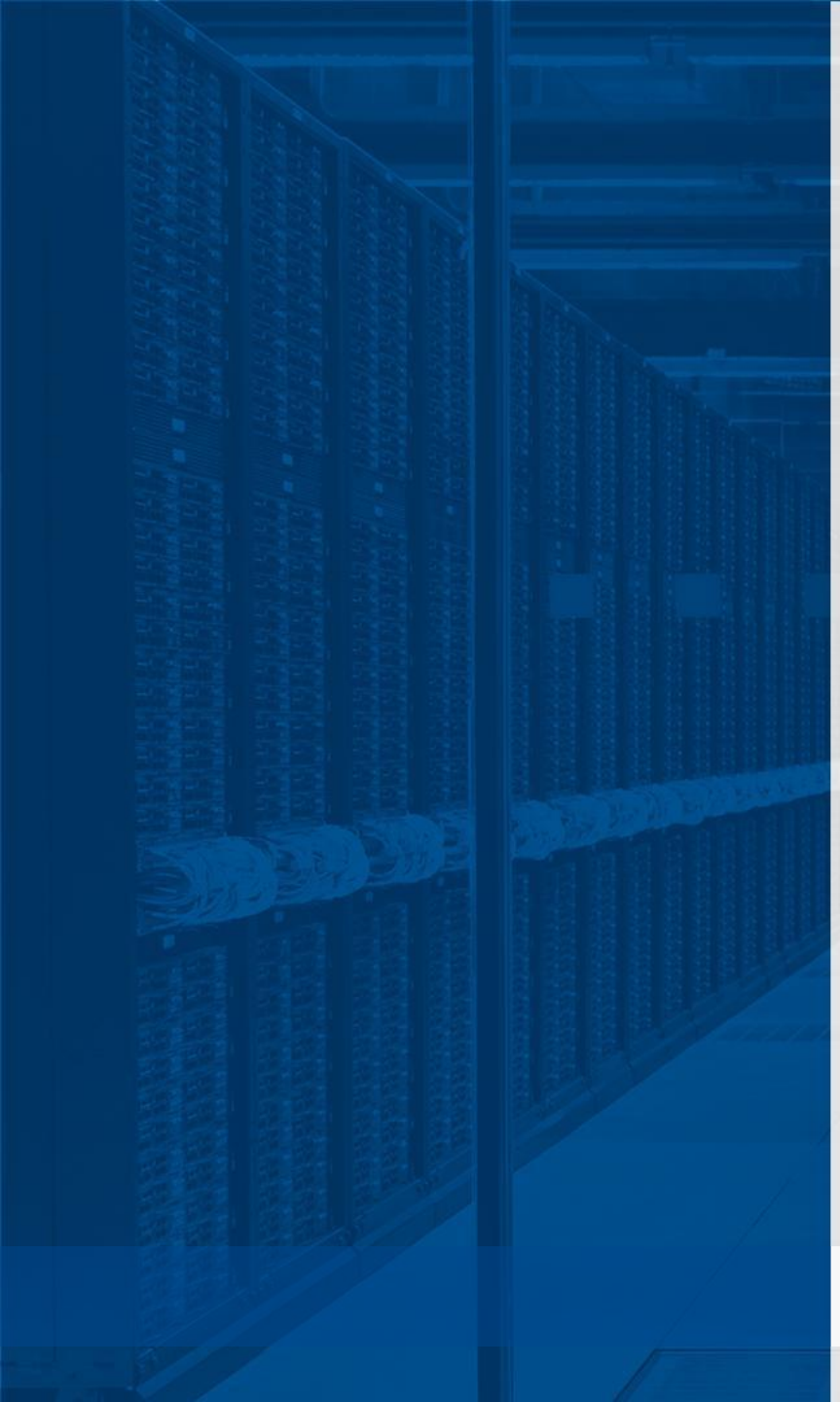
Development fieldnotes

- **Parallelizing** the **remapping weights** creation **saves** a lot of **time**.
- MareNostrum4 (OPA network): **Open MPI** much more **robust** than **Intel MPI**.
- XIOS: **parallel I/O** has a significant **overhead**. Multiple-file fairly efficient.
- NEMO: Using EN4 T&S. Need of a **spin-up** to **smooth** the Ocean state and **increase the timestep**.
- Properly **distributing** resources to handle **memory** needs.

Conclusions

- **First coupled ~10km** configuration developed within ESiWACE:
  - Developed and shared among **EC-Earth consortium** partners
  - **Deployed and tested** in the **BSC** HPC systems
  - Used in **production** for **different** projects
  - Used to investigate **very-high resolution scalability** for coupled systems

- **~10 km production-mode** configuration developed within ESiWACE2:
  - Solves the most important **bottlenecks**. Uses **updated** model components
  - Will be deployed and tested in the **pre-Exascale** EuroHPC systems
  - Will allow running **efficient** VHR simulations with a **production throughput**



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