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NWS Partners' Meeting Remarks

Dr. Louis W. Uccellini, NWS Director Albany, NY - August 15, 2019





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Outline

- AMS Summer Meeting and NWS Partners Summary
- The Prediction Challenge
- IDP
 - GFS Upgrade
 - IDSS
- EPIC
 - Resilient America
 - Future Needs



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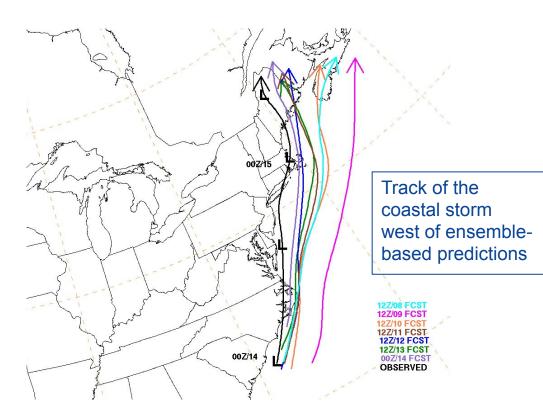
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The Prediction Challenge still exists:

Northeast Blizzard March 13-14, 2017

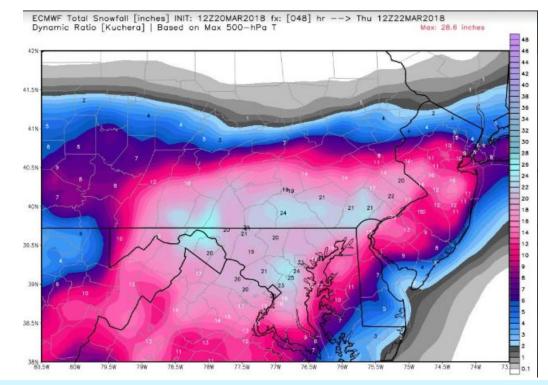
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Opportunities/Challenges

The curse of the automation; forecast derived directly from post-processed models! The models can still be wrong, even 24 to 48 hours in advance.





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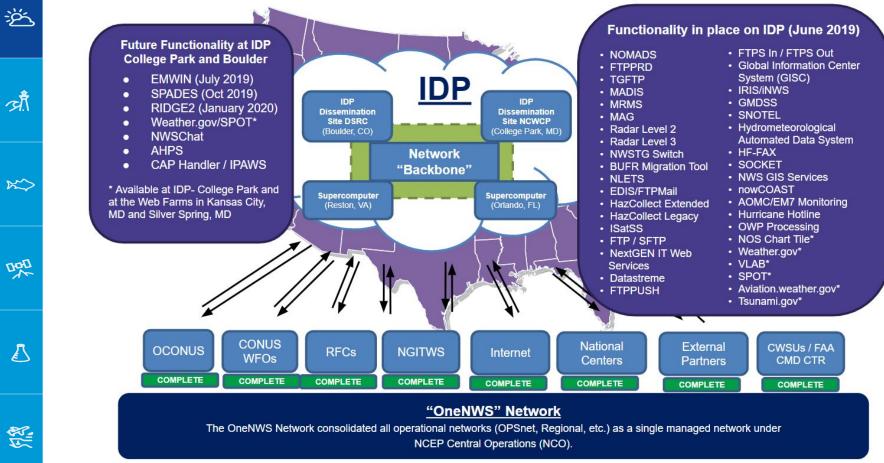
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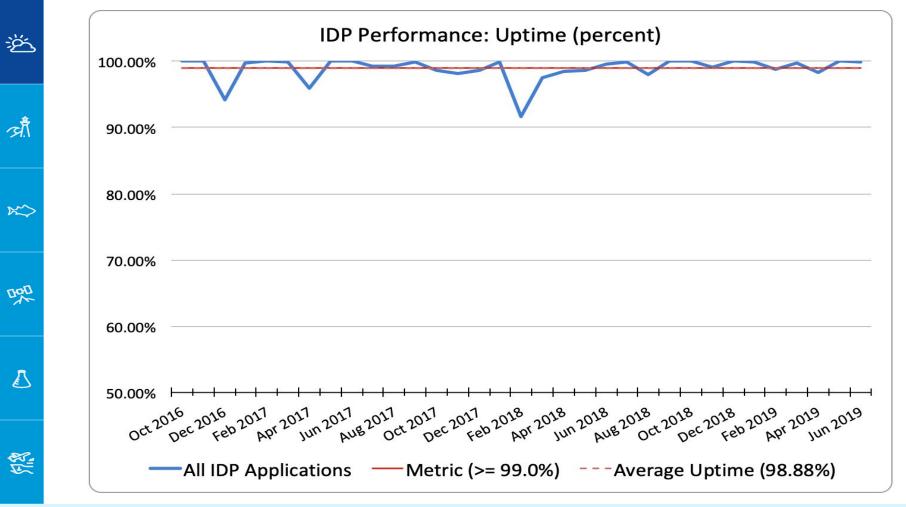
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GFS Upgrade

- FV3 New Dynamical Core
 - Superior dynamics of global climate modeling with day-to-day reliability and speed of operational numerical weather prediction
 - NOAA's work with NCAR to build a common infrastructure will help advance the GFS.



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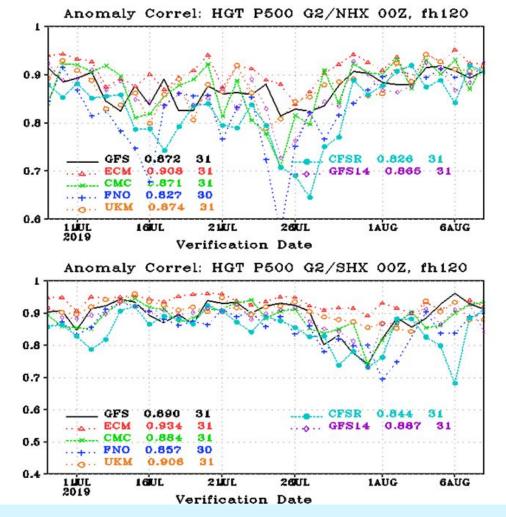
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Implementation Plan of FV3GFS (FY17-FY19)

FY17				FY18	FY18			FY19			
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	Implement FV3 dycore in NEMS [®]										
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	Cycled experiments, New physics computational efficiency										
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Q3FY19 FV3GFS Configuration						on tools					
 The targeted FV3GFS resolution is ~10km L128 with model top ~80 km. New physics: Scale-aware convection and PBL, Double- 						parallels, E	ospective + re MC and Com Evaluation				
moment cloud and aerosol-aware microphysics, Unified convective and orographic gravity wave drag etc % ~25km L128 4D-EnVAR data assimilation			Early experimental implementation of FV3GFS (~13km L64) w/cycled DA			Code delivery, NCO Parallel & operations		NEMS/ F\ in operat			



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"Ready, Responsive, Resilient"

Becoming a Weather-Ready Nation is about building community resilience in the face of increasing vulnerability to extreme weather, water and climate events

Touching every county every day. Supporting national security and public safety. This requires:

Better forecasts and warningsActionable environmental intelligenceConsistent products and servicesRevolutionary change connecting
forecasts to decisions through Impact-
Based Decision Support Services

We have 9800+ WRN Ambassadors

Involves the entire US Weather, Water and Climate Enterprise WORKING TOGETHER



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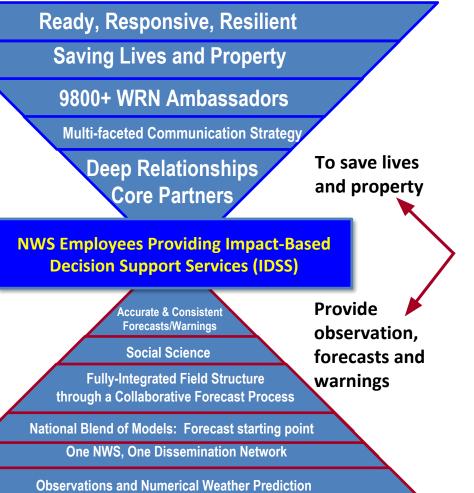
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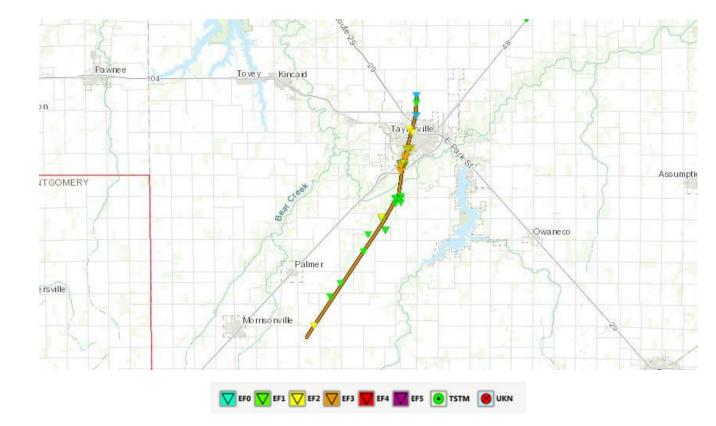
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Pulling it all together to build a Weather-Ready **Nation** and to accomplish our mission to save lives and property



Taylorville Tornado Track Map





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Taylorville Tornado

Date :	December 1, 2018
Strength:	EF-3

After the event, Mike Crews (Christian County Emergency Manager and Taylorville Fire Chief) stated, "To be clear, my decisions were heavily based on the conversations I had with the NWS Central Illinois office leading up to the storm impact. Having the NWS staff readily available to discuss the likely impact and timeline was crucial. This was especially important as hundreds of parade participants were in place one block away from what ended up being the tornado path. In my view, rade v the entire decision support program you have long promoted, worked flawlessly. It's clear from all the positive feedback we have received since the December 1st tornado event, that other emergency managers, elected officials, media and the community at large share that belief."

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• At 5:15 pm, WFO ILX upgraded the Tornado Warning to a "Tornado Emergency for Taylorville".



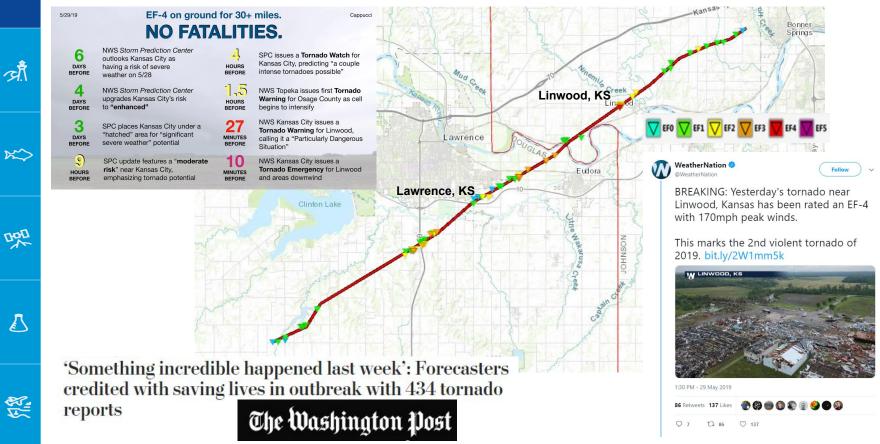
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NE Kansas Tornado



Lee County Alabama Tornado



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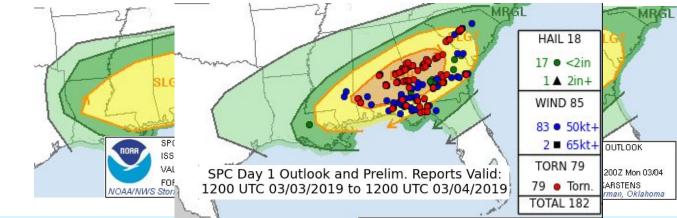
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Date :	March 3, 2019
Strength:	EF-4
Track Width:	1/4 mile
Tornado Track Length:	23 miles
Warning lead time:	Average: 18.5 minutes
Injuries	93
Fatalities:	23





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Future Needs

- A skilled, highly trained workforce is essential to build a Weather-Ready Nation.
- Earth System Science:
 - Atmosphere
 - Land/Hydrology
 - Ocean
 - Cryosphere
 - Mapping/GIS

- Forecast Frontiers:
 - HAB, Hypoxia
 - Health Vectors
 - Renewable
 Energy
 - Arctic



- IT/Security; Engineers...for system reliability
- <u>Social Sciences</u> are crucial for linking forecast to Decision Support and addressing changing risk preferences before/during/after an extreme event.





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