

# Going Global

Taking code from **research**  
to **operational** open ecosystem  
for **AI weather forecasting**

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## Goals for this talk

Growing  
software projects

Anticipating  
user needs

Learn about  
weather forecasting

AI  
Cautionary Tales

Upskilling  
From Coder to  
Software Architect

Planning for features  
you can't even know  
about

Growing a team  
to significant size

Have fun

# Who am I?

Scientist for Machine Learning  
in Weather Forecasting

PhD in Machine Learning for  
Geoscience

Python, Data, AI Education

Maintain [Pythondeadlin.es](https://pythondeadlin.es),  
[ML.recipes](https://ml.recipes), [data-science-gui.de](https://data-science-gui.de)

Generally loud online









I left my umbrella...



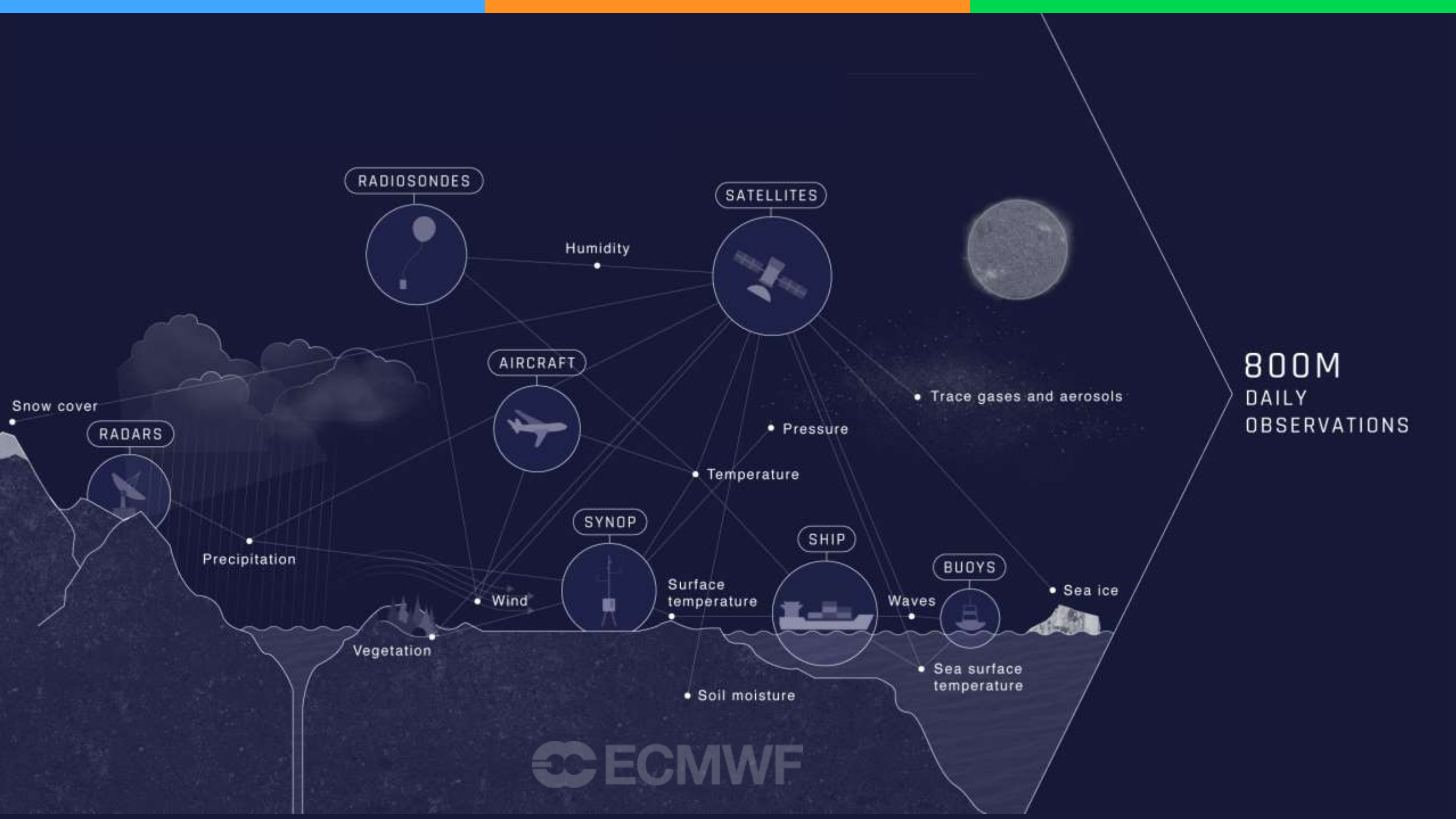
Data assimilation

Initial conditions

Modelling

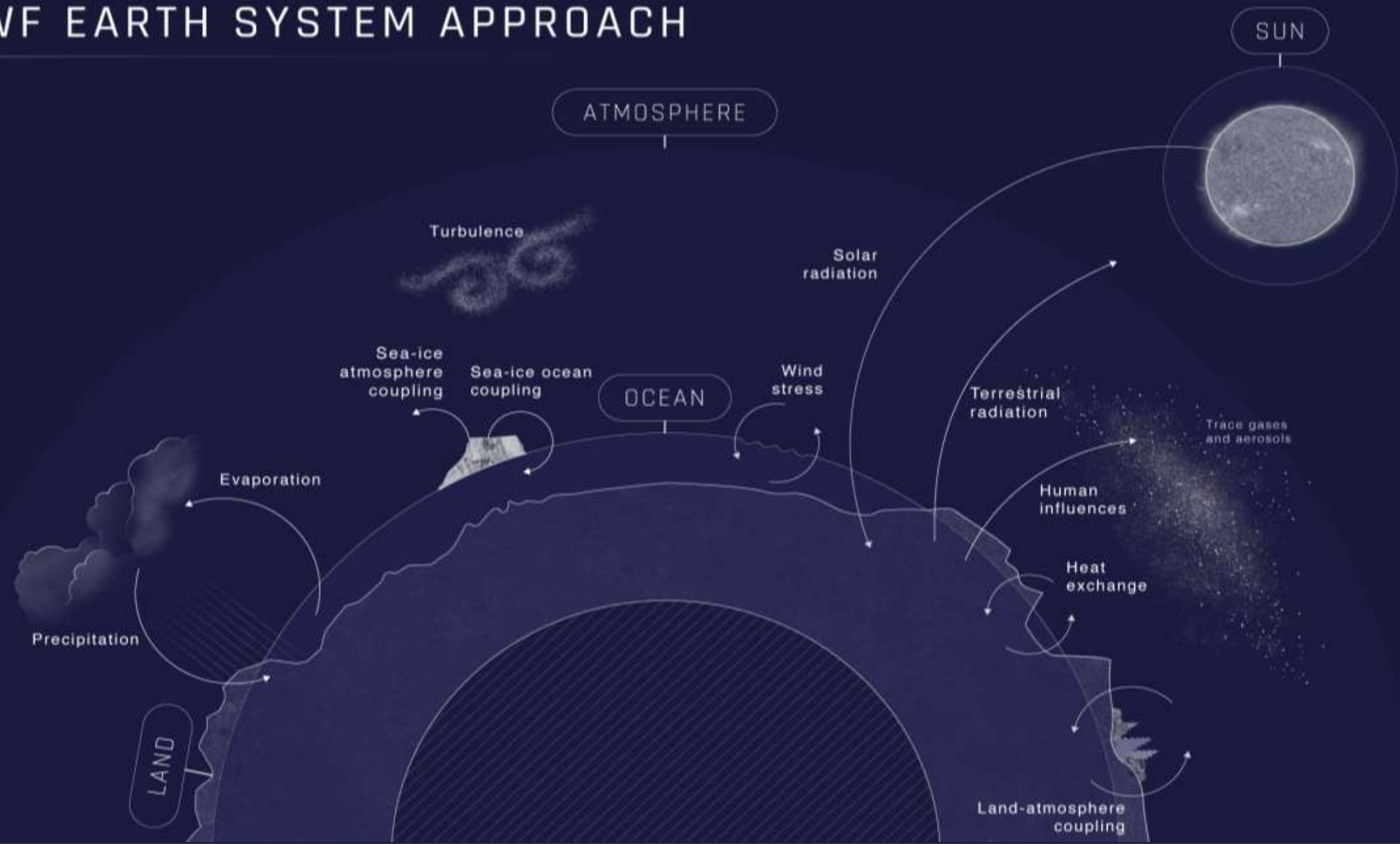
Predictions







# ECMWF EARTH SYSTEM APPROACH



Forecast:  
~6,400 CPUs in 30 Minutes



Data archive:  
Over 1 Exabyte

# What will machine learning for weather and climate predictions look like in 10 years from now?

Just Two Years Ago!

Machine learning will have  
no long-term effect

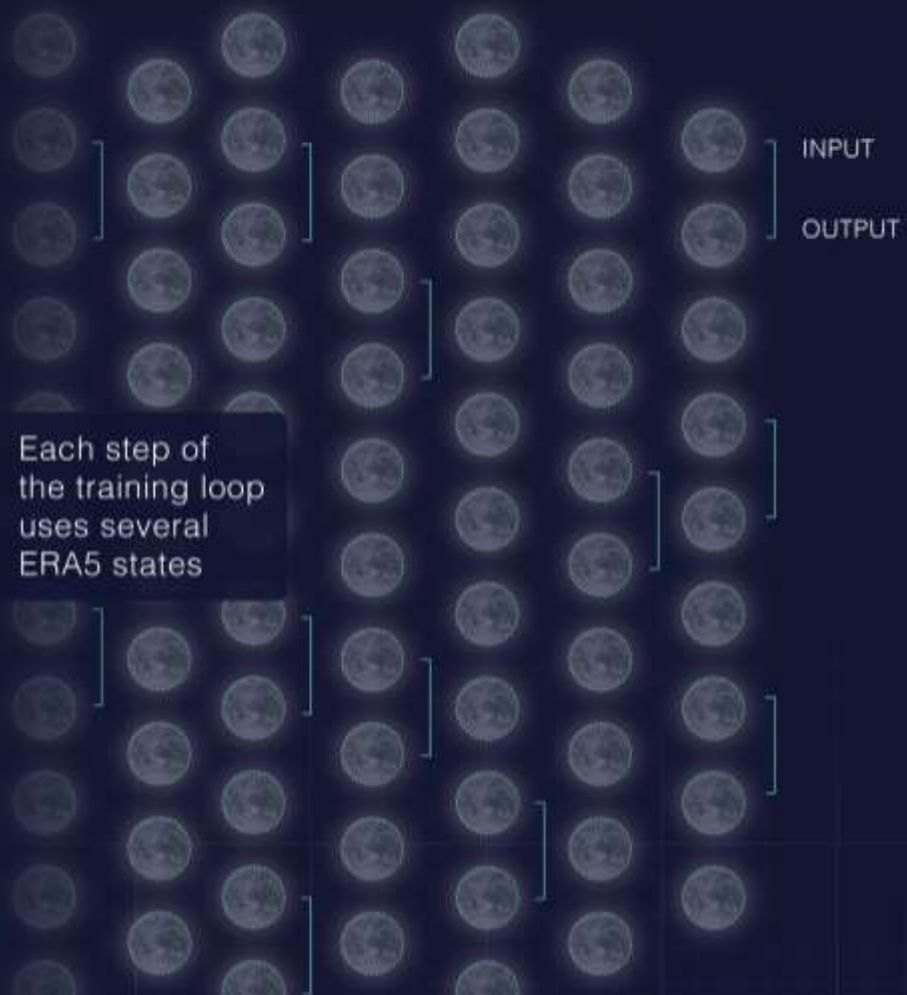


Machine learning will replace  
conventional models

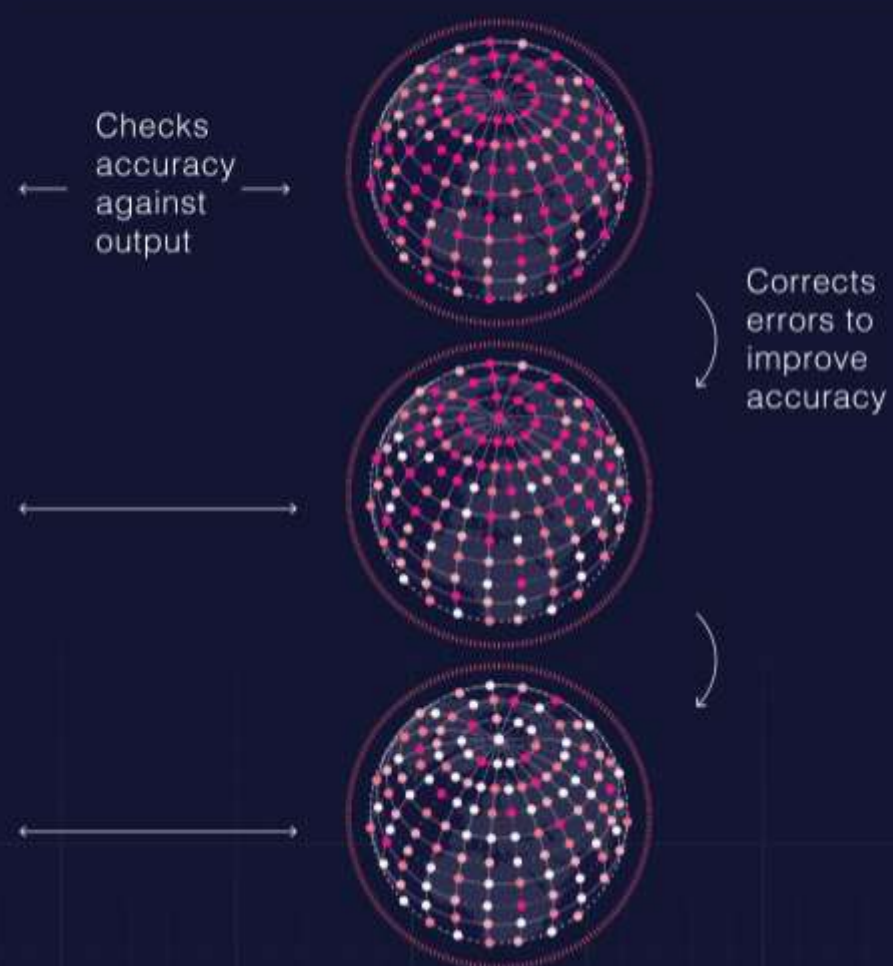
The uncertainty range is still very large...



## Sets of training data from ERA5



## Example of training loop



## ML model

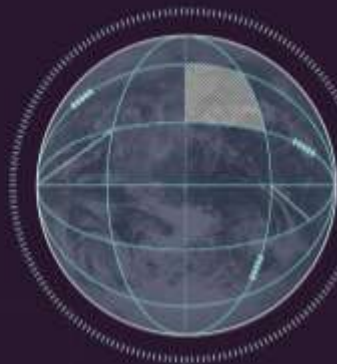
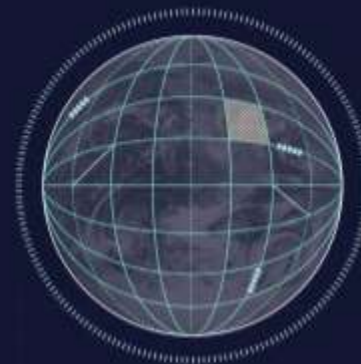
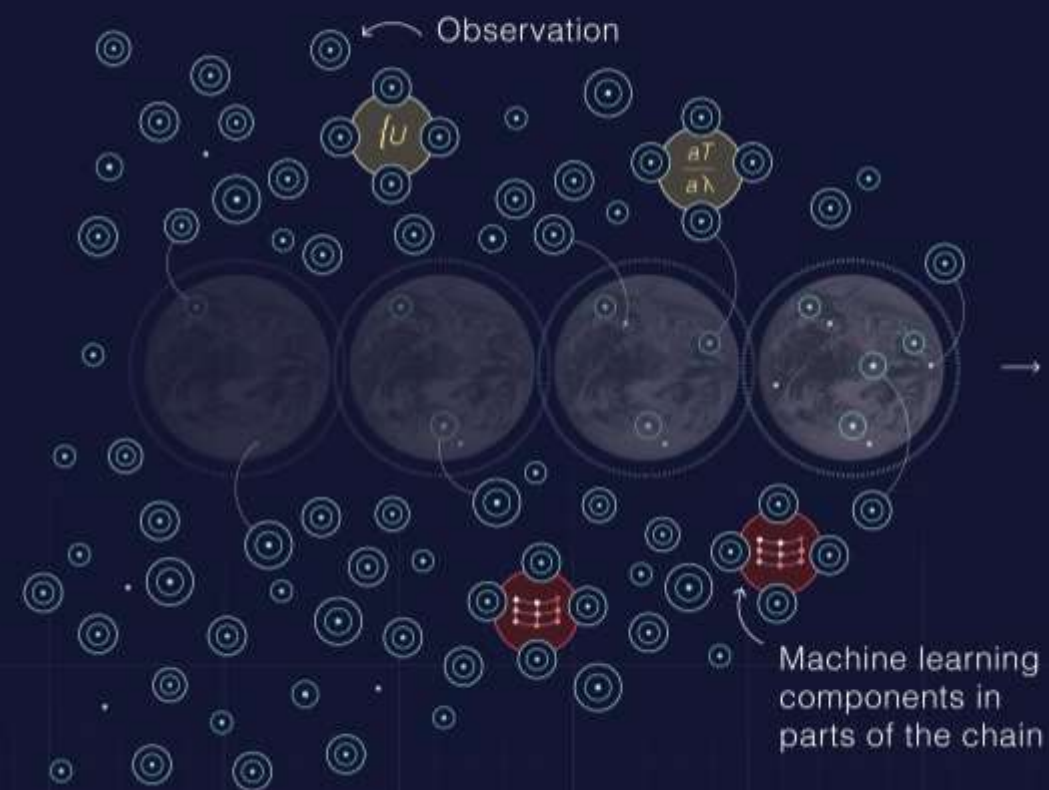


Data assimilation

Initial conditions

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Predictions



Entirely machine learning



Training:  
64 GPUs in 8 Days

Forecast:  
1 GPU in 2 Minutes





# How did we end up here?



# Initial Commit

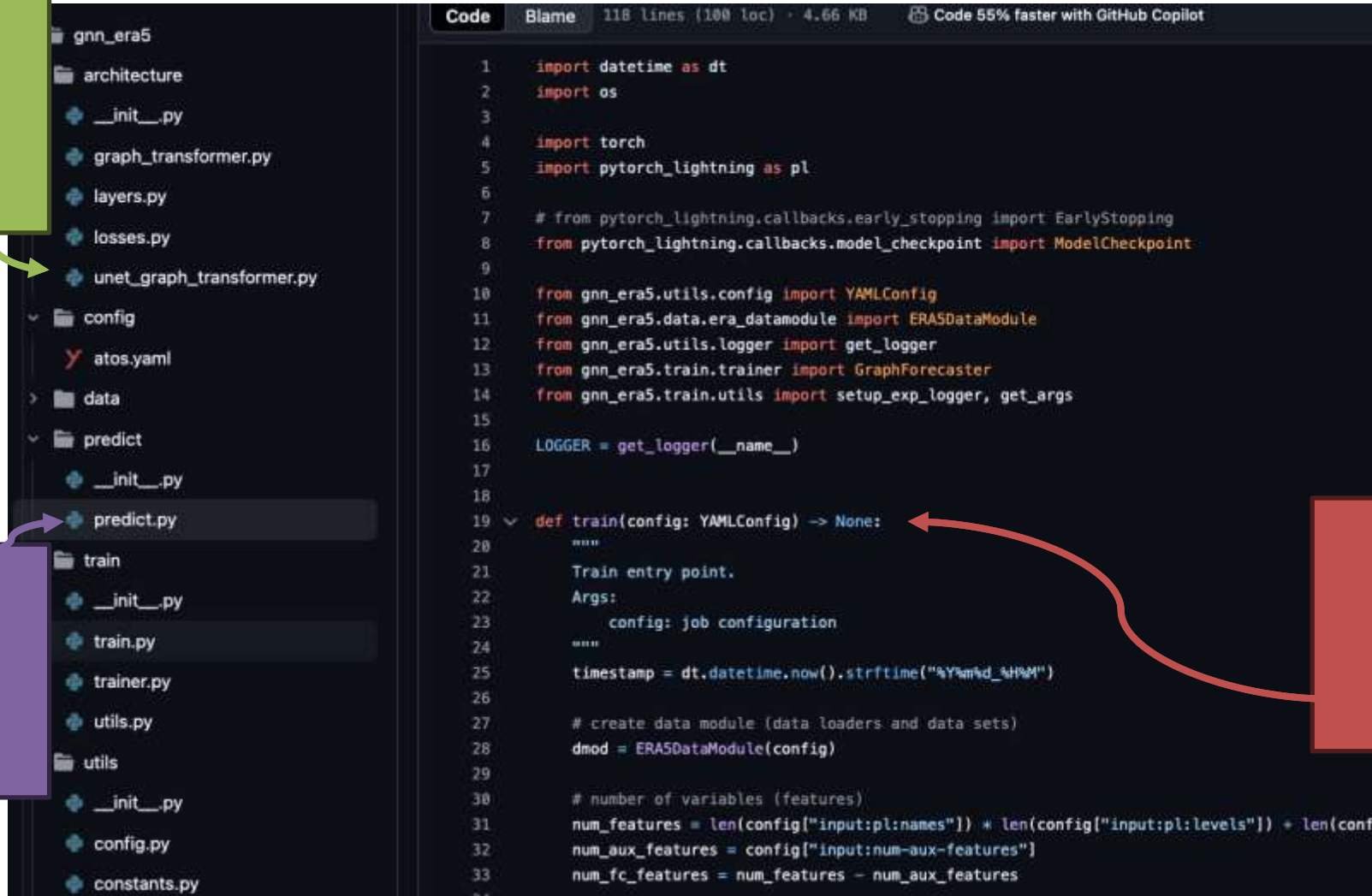
The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for a repository named 'aifs-mono'. At the top, the repository name is followed by a 'Private' badge. To the right are buttons for 'Edit Pins' and 'Watch' (with a count of 8). Below this, the commit hash 'ecb6ab0' is shown, along with '118 Branches' and '7 Tags'. A search bar labeled 'Go to file' and a green 'Code' button are also present. The main content area displays the commit history for the 'Initial Commit' by user 'mishooax', which was made '2 years ago' and is the '1 Commit' for this file.

File	Commit	Time
gnn_era5	Initial Commit	2 years ago
notebooks	Initial Commit	2 years ago
.gitignore	Initial Commit	2 years ago
.pylintrc	Initial Commit	2 years ago
LICENSE	Initial Commit	2 years ago
Makefile	Initial Commit	2 years ago
README.md	Initial Commit	2 years ago
README_parallel.md	Initial Commit	2 years ago
environment.yml	Initial Commit	2 years ago
jobscript.sh	Initial Commit	2 years ago
setup.py	Initial Commit	2 years ago

# Typical research ML code

Trying out  
Architectures

Inference Code



```
Code Blame 118 lines (100 loc) · 4.66 KB Code 55% faster with GitHub Copilot

1 import datetime as dt
2 import os
3
4 import torch
5 import pytorch_lightning as pl
6
7 # from pytorch_lightning.callbacks.early_stopping import EarlyStopping
8 from pytorch_lightning.callbacks.model_checkpoint import ModelCheckpoint
9
10 from gnn_era5.utils.config import YAMLConfig
11 from gnn_era5.data.era_datamodule import ERASDataModule
12 from gnn_era5.utils.logger import get_logger
13 from gnn_era5.train.trainer import GraphForecaster
14 from gnn_era5.train.utils import setup_exp_logger, get_args
15
16 LOGGER = get_logger(__name__)
17
18
19 def train(config: YAMLConfig) -> None:
20     """
21     Train entry point.
22     Args:
23         config: job configuration
24     """
25     timestamp = dt.datetime.now().strftime("%Y%m%d_%H%M")
26
27     # create data module (data loaders and data sets)
28     dmod = ERASDataModule(config)
29
30     # number of variables (features)
31     num_features = len(config["input:pl:names"]) * len(config["input:pl:levels"]) + len(config["input:pl:aux-names"])
32     num_aux_features = config["input:num-aux-features"]
33     num_fc_features = num_features - num_aux_features
34
```

Functional Code



It started out with a wish ✨

Pages / Data-driven weather forecast / AIFS UNPUBLISHED CHANGES Analytics

### AIFS: GNN Roadmap

Created by Mihai Alexe on Aug 02, 2023

Status	Description	Priority	Owner
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Done	Hydra-based configuration		@Jesper Dramsch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Done	Automate code formatting (BB pre-commit hooks)	Low	@Jesper Dramsch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Done	Plot refactor		@Jesper Dramsch
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Done	Disentangle the individual contributions of each variable to the total loss		@Matthew Chantry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Done	Correctly account for cell areas on gaussian model grids (loss)		@Matthew Chantry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Done	Discussion on additional variables/constants to include as predictors.		@Matthew Chantry
<input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Fine tuning towards analysis		@Matthew Chantry
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Done	Resume training		@Mihai Alexe
<input type="checkbox"/> In Progress	Ensemble training on CRPS (extended to energy etc)		@Mihai Alexe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Done	Scaling loss with pressure level		@Mihai Alexe
<input type="checkbox"/>	Graph-autoencoder		@Mihai Alexe
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Done	Inference mode		@Mihai Alexe / @Jesper Dramsch
<input type="checkbox"/> In progress	Model Parallel		@Simon Lang

**Configurations** →

**Refactors** →

**Inference Mode** →

## User Base

Modifies Configs for  
Experimentation and  
Improvement of  
Anemoi Model

Modifies Codebase to  
implement new  
Features and Augment  
Anemoi Libraries

Runs the Anemoi  
Model in a common  
interface on reliable  
infrastructure

# Keeping the User and Collaboration in Mind

Researchers

Developers

Operations

- Researchers
  - Quick switching of experiment values
  - Less interaction with core ML code
  - Low-key experiment tracking
- Developers
  - Modularity and Extensibility
  - Code quality
  - Separation of Concerns
- Operations
  - Minimal Dependencies
  - Consistent interfaces



# How do we facilitate collaboration?





Reading



Bonn



Bologna



# Modular and Extensible AIFS Trainer code

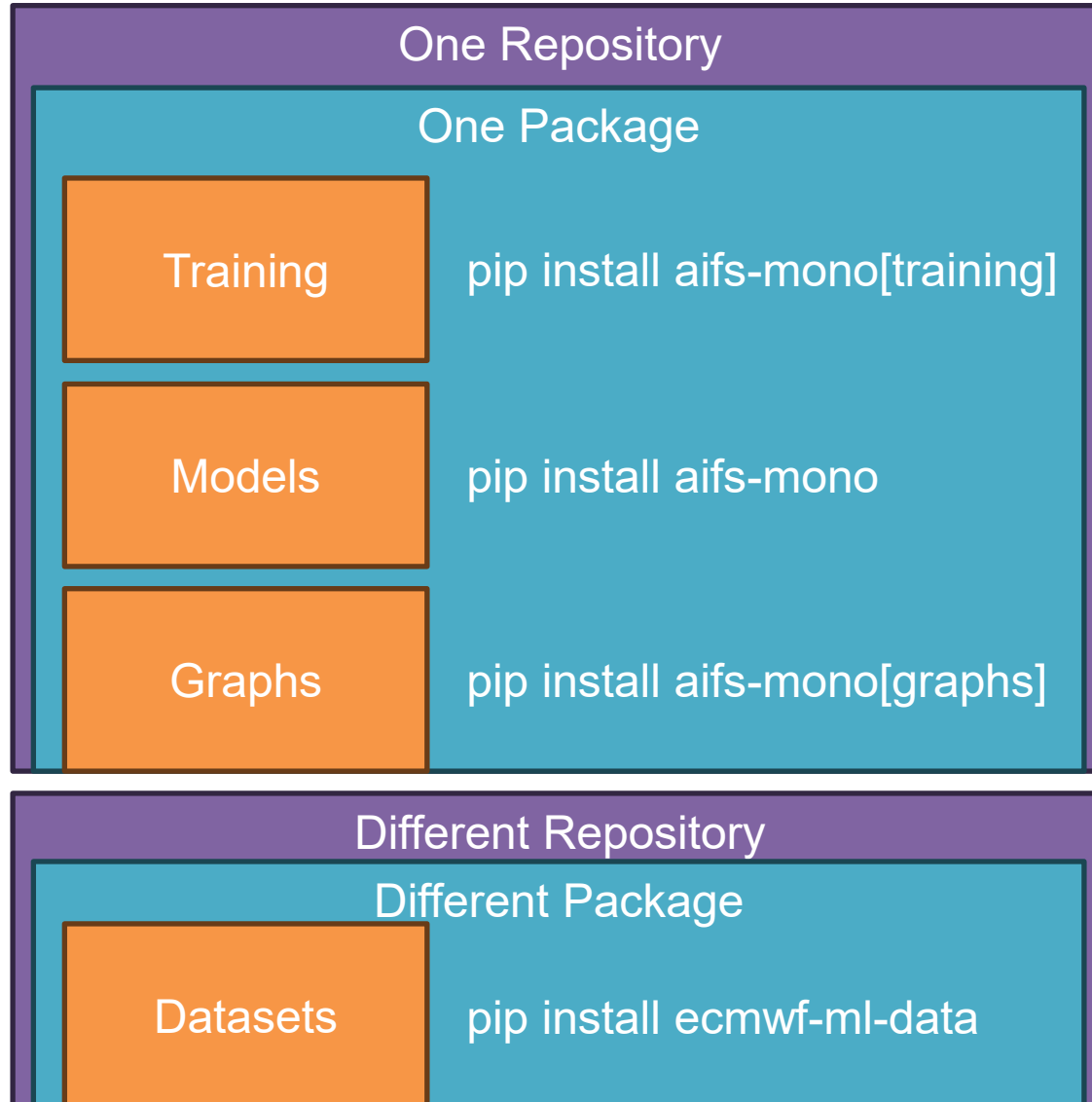
Hierarchical Configs  
with Hydra

Tidier Separation

```
1 from functools import cached_property
2 from pathlib import Path
3 from typing import List
4 from typing import Optional
5
6 import hydra
7 import pytorch_lightning as pl
8 import torch
9 from omegaconf import DictConfig
10 from omegaconf import OmegaConf
11 from pytorch_lightning.profilers import AdvancedProfiler
12
13 from aifs.data.era_datamodule import ERA5DataModule
14 from aifs.diagnostics.callbacks import get_callbacks
15 from aifs.diagnostics.logging import get_wandb_logger
16 from aifs.train.forecaster import GraphForecaster
17 from aifs.utils.logger import get_code_logger
18
19 LOGGER = get_code_logger(__name__)
20
21
22 class AIFSTrainer:
23     """Utility class for training the model."""
24
25     def __init__(self, config: DictConfig):
26         # Set the default precision for all matmul operations to float32
27         torch.set_float32_matmul_precision("high")
28         # Resolve the config to avoid shenanigans with lazy loading
29         OmegaConf.resolve(config)
30         self.config = config
31
32         # Default to not warn-starting from a checkpoint
33         self.start_from_checkpoint = bool(self.config.training.run_id) or bool(self.config.training.fork_run_id)
34         self.config.training.run_id = self.run_id
35
36         # Update paths to contain the run ID
37         self.update_paths()
38
39         self.log_information()
40
41     @cached_property
42     def datamodule(self) -> ERA5DataModule:
```

Modular  
Trainer Class

# AIFS mono-package + External dependencies



- Pros
  - ▲ Convenient to develop
  - ▲ All code in one place
  - ▲ Quick to release
- Cons
  - ▼ Weird to install
  - ▼ Not all code in „ecosystem“
  - ▼ Complex
  - ▼ No unified testing or infrastructure



# Focusing on Configurability, Extensibility and Modularity

```
Model / GNN.yml
activation: GELU
num_channels: 512

model:
  _target_:
anemoi.models.models.encoder_processor_decoder.
AnemoiModelEncProcDec

processor:
  _target_:
anemoi.models.layers.processor.GNNProcessor
  _convert_: all
  activation: ${model.activation}
  trainable_size:
${model.trainable_parameters.hidden2hidden}
  sub_graph_edge_attributes:
${model.attributes.edges}
  num_layers: 16
  num_chunks: 2
  mlp_extra_layers: 0

encoder:
  _target_:
anemoi.models.layers.mapper.GNNForwardMapper
```

> anemoi-training train model=gnn

```
Model / GraphTransformer.yml
activation: GELU
num_channels: 1024

model:
  _target_:
anemoi.models.models.encoder_processor_decoder.
AnemoiModelEncProcDec

processor:
  _target_:
anemoi.models.layers.processor.GraphTransformerPr
ocessor
  _convert_: all
  activation: ${model.activation}
  trainable_size:
${model.trainable_parameters.hidden2hidden}
  sub_graph_edge_attributes:
${model.attributes.edges}
  num_layers: 16
  num_chunks: 2
  mlp_hidden_ratio: 4 # GraphTransformer
  num_heads: 16 # GraphTransformer

encoder:
```

> anemoi-training train model=graphtransformer

```
Model / Transformer.yml
activation: GELU
num_channels: 1024

model:
  _target_:
anemoi.models.models.encoder_processor_decoder.
AnemoiModelEncProcDec

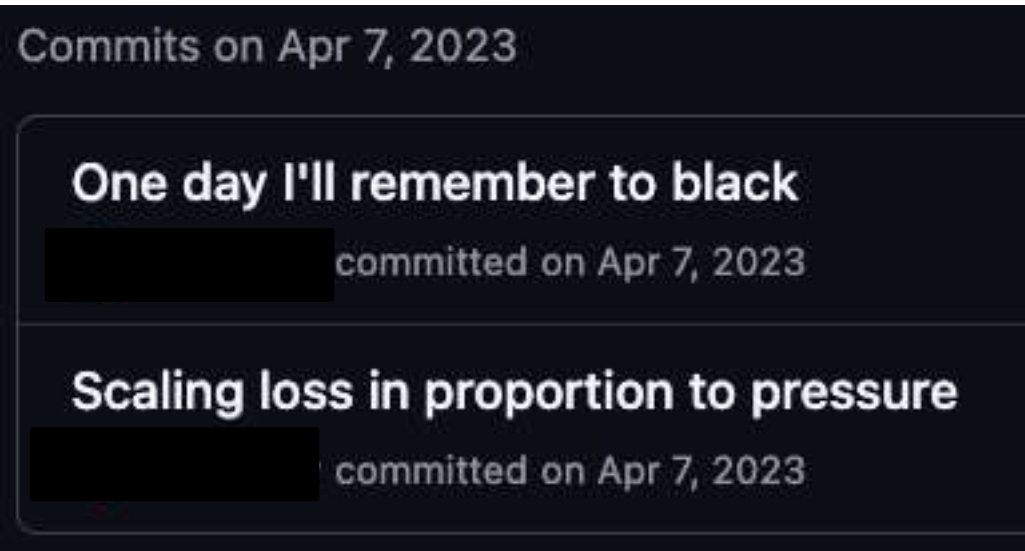
processor:
  _target_:
anemoi.models.layers.processor.TransformerProcesso
r
  _convert_: all
  activation: ${model.activation}
  num_layers: 16
  num_chunks: 2
  mlp_hidden_ratio: 4 # Transformer only
  num_heads: 16 # Transformer only
  window_size: 512
  dropout_p: 0.0

encoder:
  _target_:
anemoi.models.layers.mapper.GraphTransformerFor
```

> anemoi-training train model=transformer

- Make it easy to switch components with hydra
- Full tracking even on terminal overrides
- Easy to extend with new models and components

# Why we use pre-commit hooks



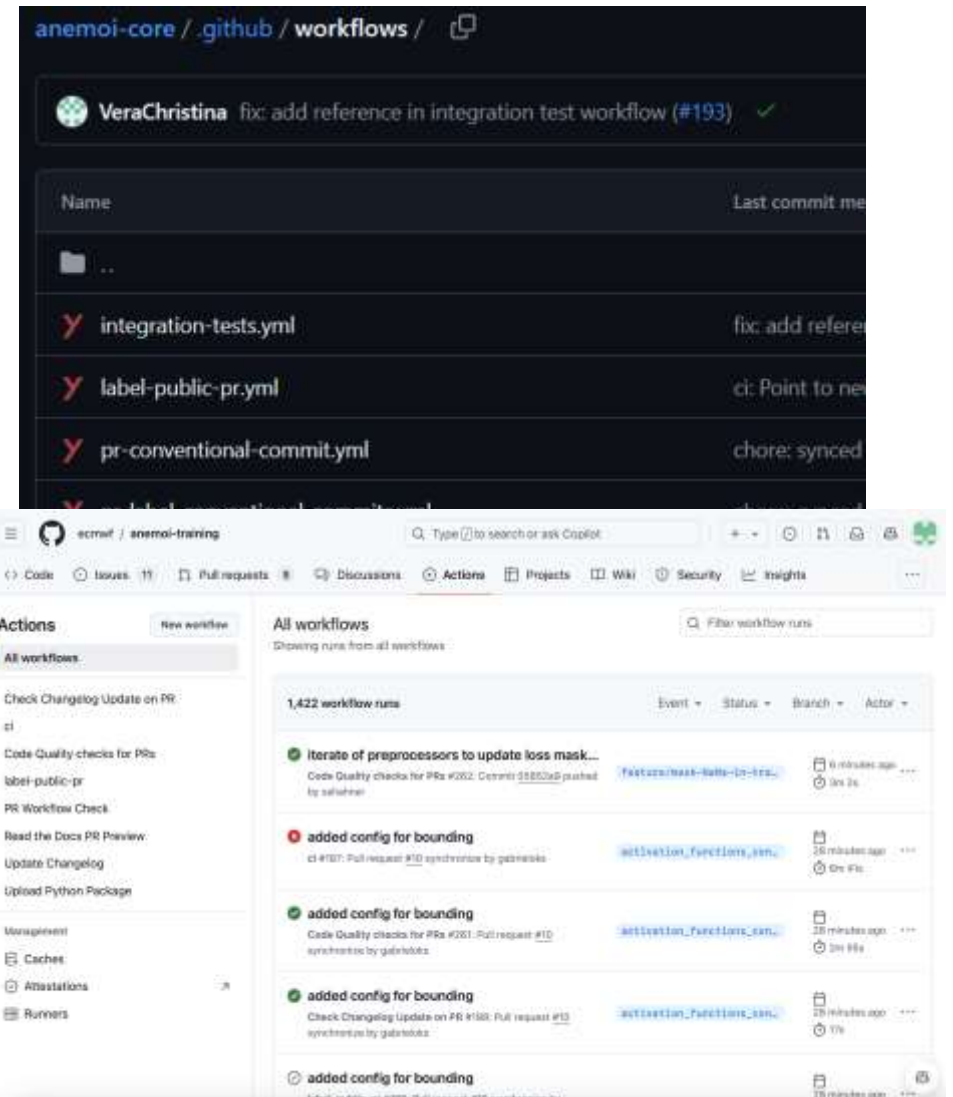
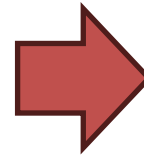
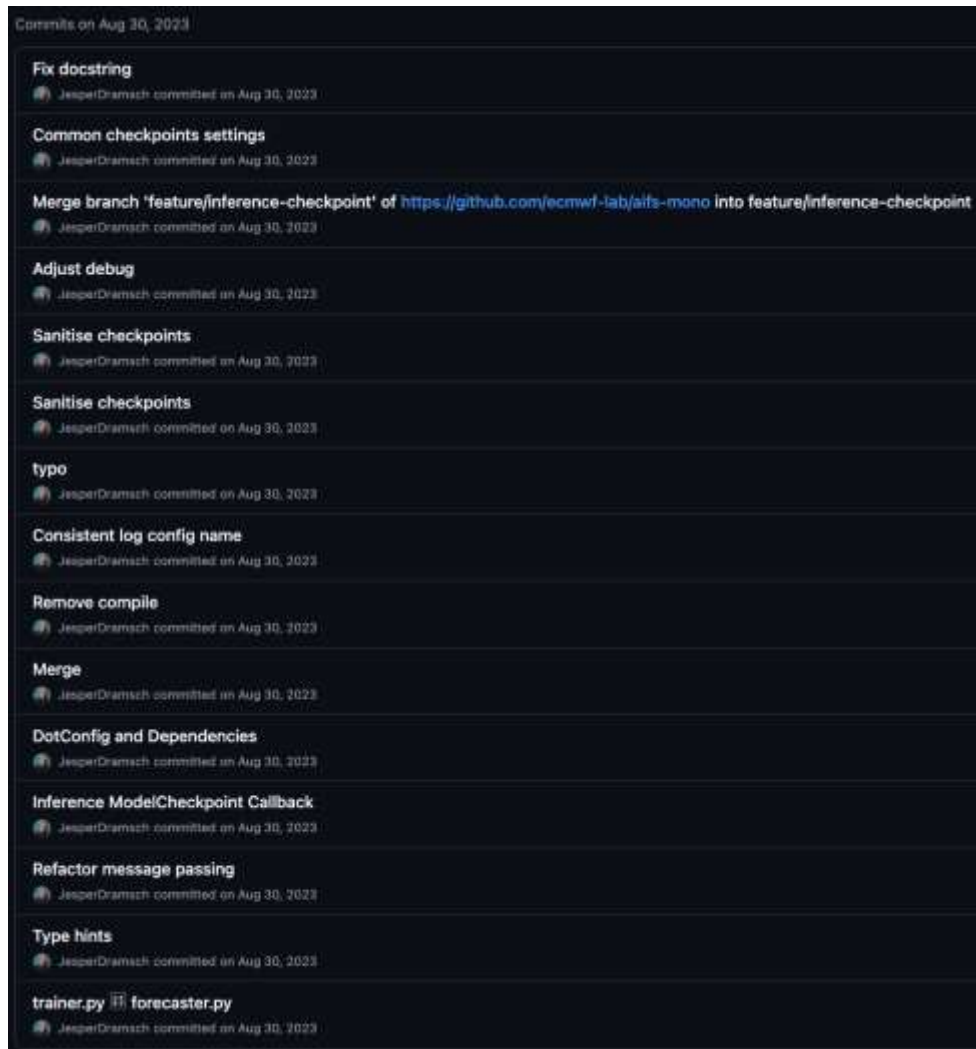
anemoui-training / .pre-commit-config.yaml

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Code Blame 78 lines (78 loc) · 2.54 KB · ⓘ

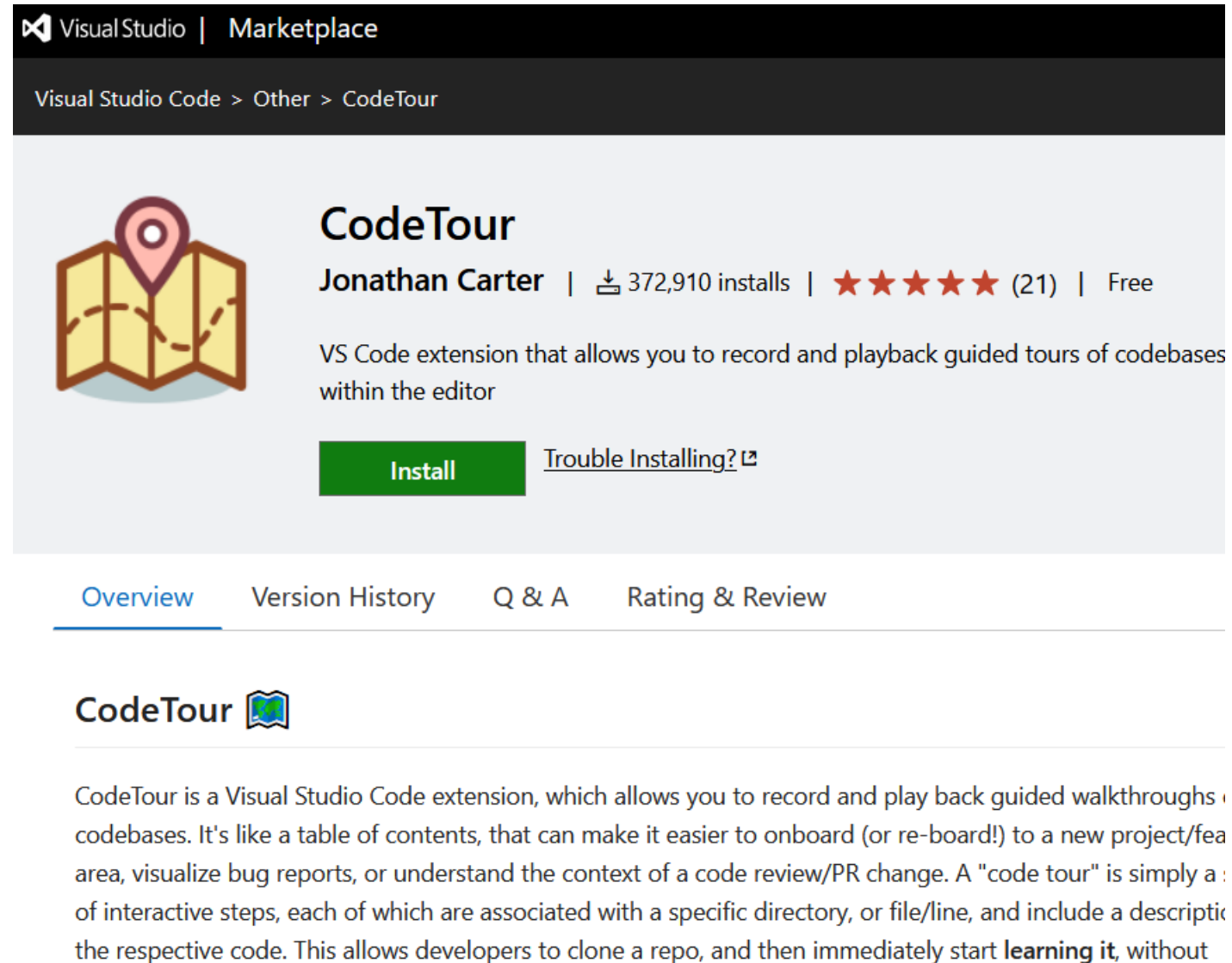
```
1 repos:
2 # Empty notebookds
3 - repo: local
4   hooks:
5     - id: clear-notebooks-output
6       name: clear-notebooks-output
7       files: tools/*.ipynb$
8       stages: [pre-commit]
9       language: python
10      entry: jupyter nbconvert --ClearOutputPreprocessor.enabled=True --inplace
11      additional_dependencies: [jupyter]
12 - repo: https://github.com/pre-commit/pre-commit-hooks
13   rev: v5.0.0
14   hooks:
15     - id: check-yaml # Check YAML files for syntax errors only
16       args: [--unsafe, --allow-multiple-documents]
17     - id: debug-statements # Check for debugger imports and py37+ breakpoint()
18     - id: end-of-file-fixer # Ensure files end in a newline
19     - id: trailing-whitespace # Trailing whitespace checker
20     - id: no-commit-to-branch # Prevent committing to main / master
```

# Why we do squash commits now 🐼



# Do Code Tours!


- Shortcuts learning (multi-week -> 1 hour)
- Puts design decisions in context
- Gives New Hires space to ask questions
- Can be tailored to specific needs
- Establishes collaborative aspects
- Optionally: use tools



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Marketplace interface for the CodeTour extension. At the top, the header reads 'Visual Studio | Marketplace'. Below this, a breadcrumb trail indicates 'Visual Studio Code > Other > CodeTour'. The main content area features the CodeTour logo (a map icon with a location pin) on the left. To the right of the logo, the extension name 'CodeTour' is displayed in large bold text, followed by the author 'Jonathan Carter'. Below the author name, it shows '372,910 installs', a 5-star rating from 21 reviews, and 'Free'. A description states: 'VS Code extension that allows you to record and playback guided tours of codebases within the editor'. There is a green 'Install' button and a link 'Trouble Installing?'. Below the main content, there are tabs for 'Overview', 'Version History', 'Q & A', and 'Rating & Review', with 'Overview' being the active tab. Under the 'Overview' tab, there is a sub-header 'CodeTour' with a small map icon. The main text describes CodeTour as a Visual Studio Code extension for recording and playing back guided walkthroughs of codebases, comparing it to a table of contents for onboarding or re-boarding to a new project, visualizing bug reports, or understanding code reviews. It mentions that a 'code tour' consists of interactive steps associated with specific directories, files, or lines of code, each with a description and the code itself, allowing developers to start learning immediately after cloning a repository.

Visual Studio | Marketplace


Visual Studio Code > Other > CodeTour

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**CodeTour** 

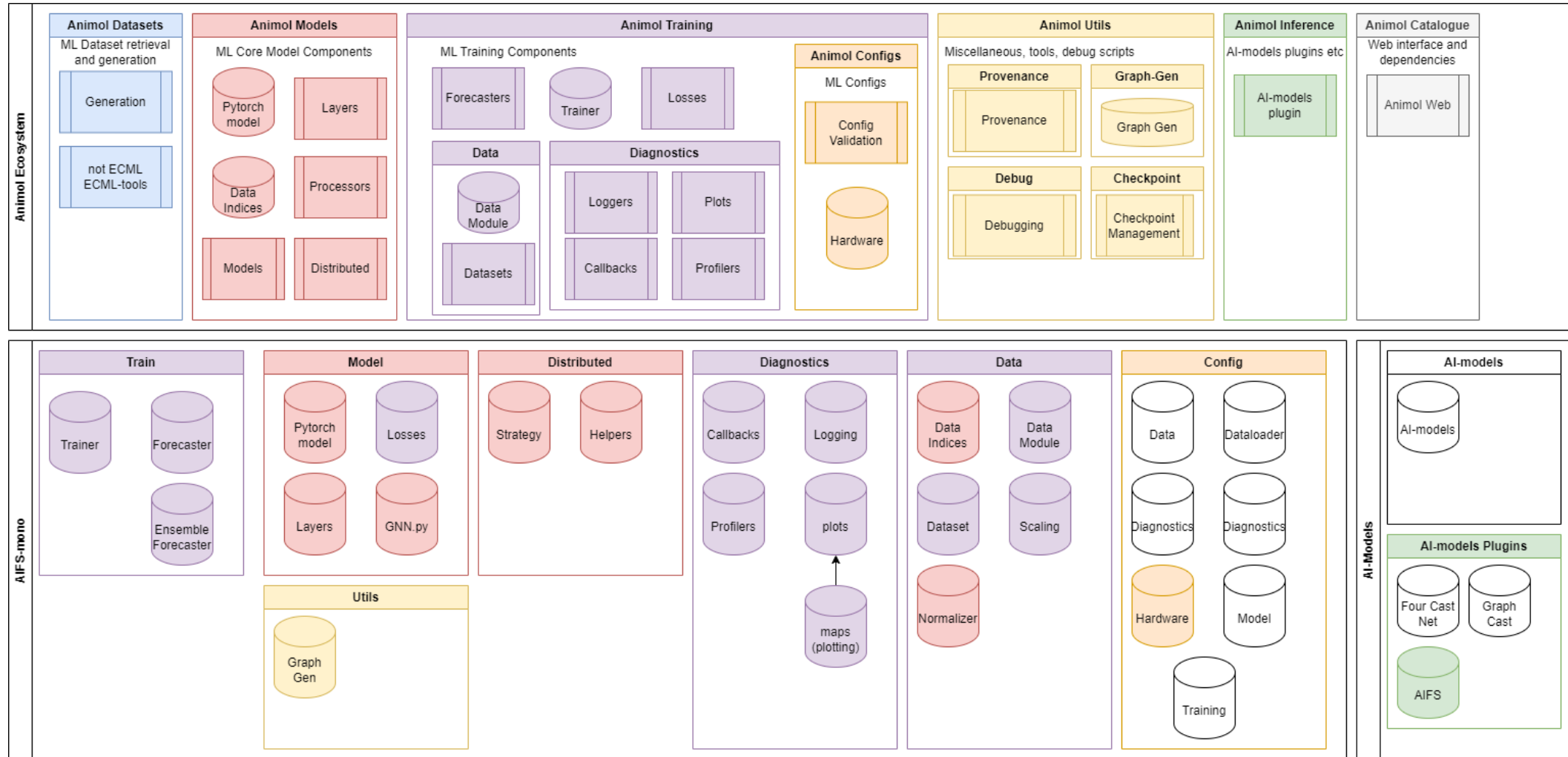
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# Growing beyond a single git repo



# The Vision of AIFS becoming the Anemoi Ecosystem



# Common interface and modularity

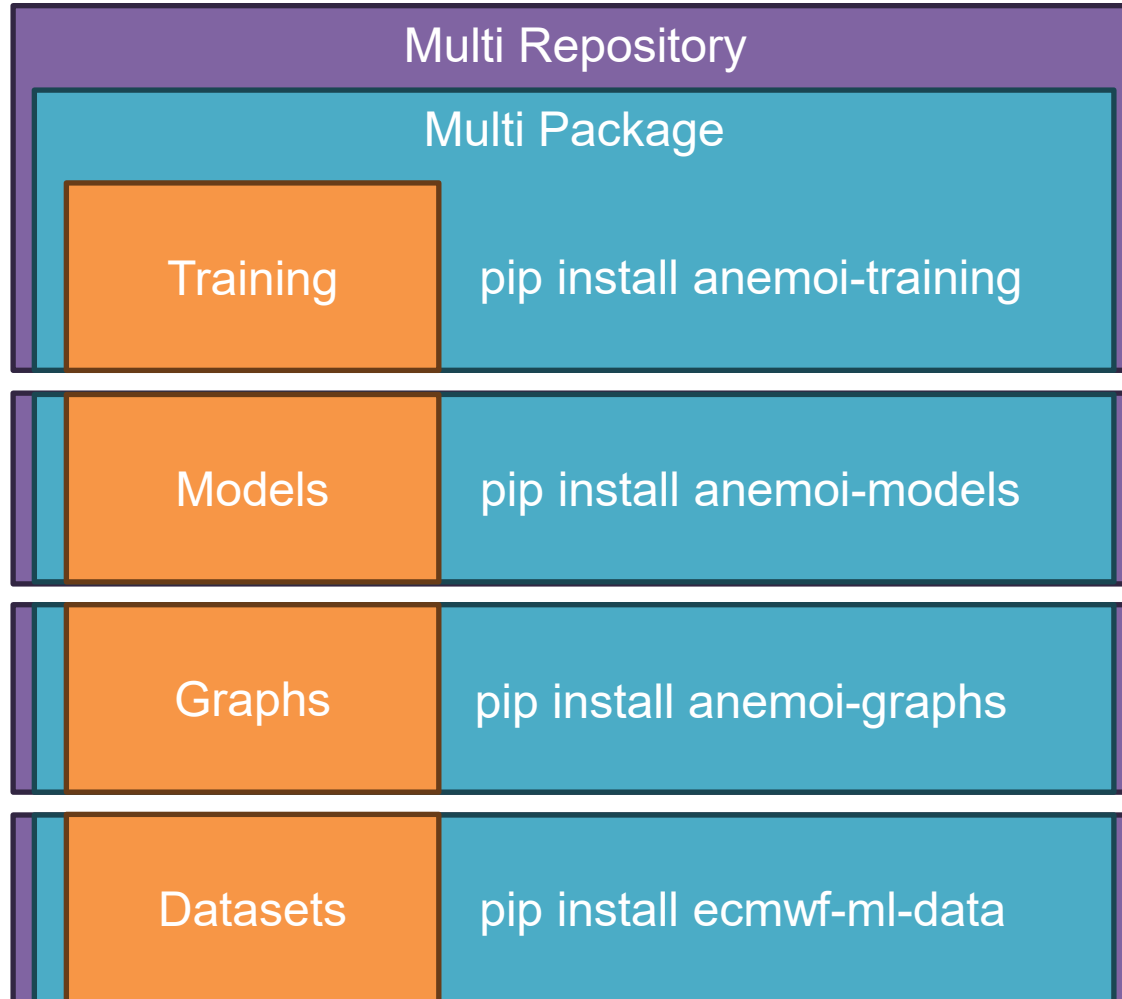
```
6 aifs/config/model/graphtransformer.yaml
Viewed ...

@@ -2,7 +2,7 @@ activation: GELU
2 num_channels: 1024
3
4 processor:
5 - _target_: aifs.layers.processor.GraphTransformerProcessor
6   _convert_: all
7   activation: ${model.activation}
8   trainable_size: ${model.trainable_parameters.hidden2hidden}

@@ -12,7 +12,7 @@ processor:
12 num_heads: 16 # GraphTransformer or Transformer only
13
14 encoder:
15 - _target_: aifs.layers.mapper.GraphTransformerForwardMapper
16   _convert_: all
17   trainable_size: ${model.trainable_parameters.data2hidden}
18   activation: ${model.activation}

@@ -21,7 +21,7 @@ encoder:
21 num_heads: 16 # GraphTransformer or Transformer only
22
23 decoder:
24 - _target_: aifs.layers.mapper.GraphTransformerBackwardMapper
25   _convert_: all
26   trainable_size: ${model.trainable_parameters.hidden2data}
27   activation: ${model.activation}
```

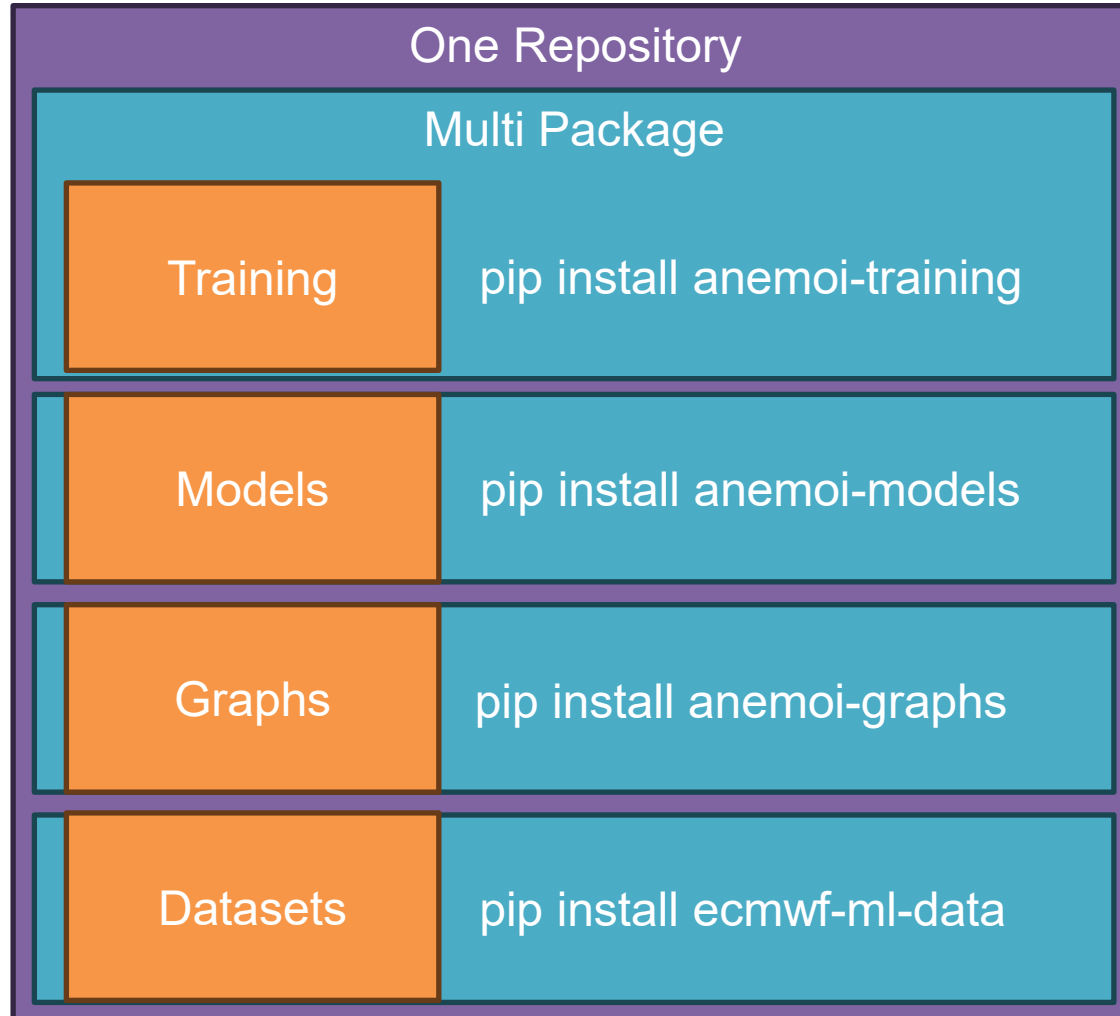
# Anemoi Ecosystem (multi repo)



- Pros
  - ▲ Separation of concerns
  - ▲ Neat repo structure at root
  - ▲ Intuitive to Release individually
  - ▲ Complexity contained within repo
  - ▲ Easy to delegate responsibility
  - ▲ Different styles of collaboration possible
- Cons
  - ▼ PRs across repos for changes
    - ▼ Working on „develop“ can break
    - ▼ Out of sync
    - ▼ Synced Releases difficult
  - ▼ CI/CD hard to set up and maintain
  - ▼ Dependencies are hell to manage
  - ▼ End-to-end tests difficult to set up
  - ▼ Could silo knowledge in teams/repos
  - ▼ Can be difficult „keeping up“



## Alternative: Anemoi Ecosystem (mono repo)



- Pros
  - ▲ Single PR for change across packages
    - ▲ Easier Refactors too
  - ▲ Easy CI including end-to-end tests
  - ▲ Easiest security scanning
  - ▲ Consistent coding standards
  - ▲ Common state of all „main“s
- Cons
  - ▼ „main“ will move even faster
  - ▼ Complex release cycle
  - ▼ Different working styles might clash
  - ▼ Large repository size can make git slow
  - ▼ Might need „mono-repo tools“
  - ▼ Branching strategy complex
  - ▼ Easy to break „everything“ accidentally

# Releasing Anemoi Training to the World

## Use Anemoi Training #251

**Use Anemoi Training #251** · Closed · 12 of 13 tasks · JesperDramsch opened this issue on Jul 17 · 2 comments · Fixed by #226, #231 or #266

JesperDramsch commented on Jul 17 · edited · ...

We need to create `anemoi-training`, for this we should decide on a feature freeze.

Two main `anemoi` refactors need to be merged, which is `anemoi-models` and `anemoi-graphs`. Two main features need to be implemented, which are user configs, and MLflow auth.

### Critical Path

The critical path (ordered) for `anemoi-training` is:

- ✓ Merge `anemoi-graphs` into `anemoi-models`: Closed by [I+ Use anemoi-graphs HeteroData ecmwf/anemoi-models#8](#) led by @JPXKQX
- ✓ Merge optional graph saving into `anemoi-graphs`: Closed by [I+ Make graph filename argument optional ecmwf/anemoi-graphs#24](#)
- ✓ Merge `anemoi-models` changes into `ai4s-mono/develop`: Closed by [I+ Integrate anemoi-models & anemoi-graphs #226](#) led by @JesperDramsch
- ✓ Merge `anemoi-graphs` changes into `ai4s-mono/develop`: Closed by [I+ Integrate anemoi-models & anemoi-graphs #226](#) led by @JPXKQX
- ✓ Create a feature freeze with the branch `use-anemoi-training`: led by @gmertes
- ✓ Redirect [I+ Use AnemoiMLFlowLogger from anemoi-training \(for token authentication\) #231](#) and [I+ MLflow token authentication ecmwf/anemoi-training#2](#) to `use-anemoi-training` to bring MLflow Auth feature into `anemoi-training` led by @gmertes
- ✓ Work on factoring out code from `ai4s-mono` to `anemoi-training` (massive effort, probably co-led by @JesperDramsch, @thelissenhelen, @gmertes, but TBD) Tracked in [I+ First release ecmwf/anemoi-training#9](#)

Other bug fixes and improvements can go in while we prepare the final `anemoi-graphs` PRs in, but the creation of branch `use-anemoi-training` will be the freeze, where only MLflow Auth should go in.

### Auxiliary Work

(It's not less important; it's just non-blocking. This one is un-ordered.)

- ✓ Write the documentation on `anemoi-training`: Closed by [I+ Old Initial Documentation for Anemoi Training ecmwf/anemoi-training#5](#)
- ✓ Update `anemoi-models` to use `anemoi-graphs`: Work in: Closed by [I+ Use anemoi-graphs HeteroData ecmwf/anemoi-models#8](#)
- Feature parity with the `hackathon` branch `anemoi-graphs`: Tracked in <https://github.com/ecmwf/anemoi-graphs/milestone/2> and <https://github.com/ecmwf/anemoi-graphs/milestone/3>
- ✓ Release `anemoi-models`
- ✓ Release `anemoi-graphs`
- ✓ Bring changes of attention dropout on `ai4s-mono` to `anemoi-models` [#21700](#)

### Feature: User Configs

For configs, we have the following possible features:

**anemoi-training** · Public

develop · 21 Branches · 1 Tags · Go to file · Add file · Code

JesperDramsch [fix] Capture Anemoi Training subcommands in MLFlow (#61) · 9bb306d · yesterday · 235 Commits

github	fix: triggering event in QA	3 days ago
docs	Fix filename typo	last week
src	[fix] Capture Anemoi Training subcommands in MLFlow (#61)	yesterday
tests	test: usable indices	2 weeks ago
.gitattributes	Chore/multiple fixes of precommit (#56)	4 days ago
.gitignore	Chore/multiple fixes of precommit (#56)	4 days ago
.pre-commit-config.yaml	Chore/multiple fixes of precommit (#56)	4 days ago
.readthedocs.yaml	use pyproject.toml	5 months ago
CHANGELOG.md	[fix] Capture Anemoi Training subcommands in MLFlow (#61)	yesterday
LICENSE	first commit	5 months ago
README.md	docs: typo	last month
pyproject.toml	Chore/multiple fixes of precommit (#56)	4 days ago
pytest.ini	Use tmp_path_factory fixture	last month

README · Apache-2.0 license

### Releases 1

0.1.0 - Anemoi training - First rel... [Latest](#)  
on Aug 15

### Packages

No packages published  
[Publish your first package](#)

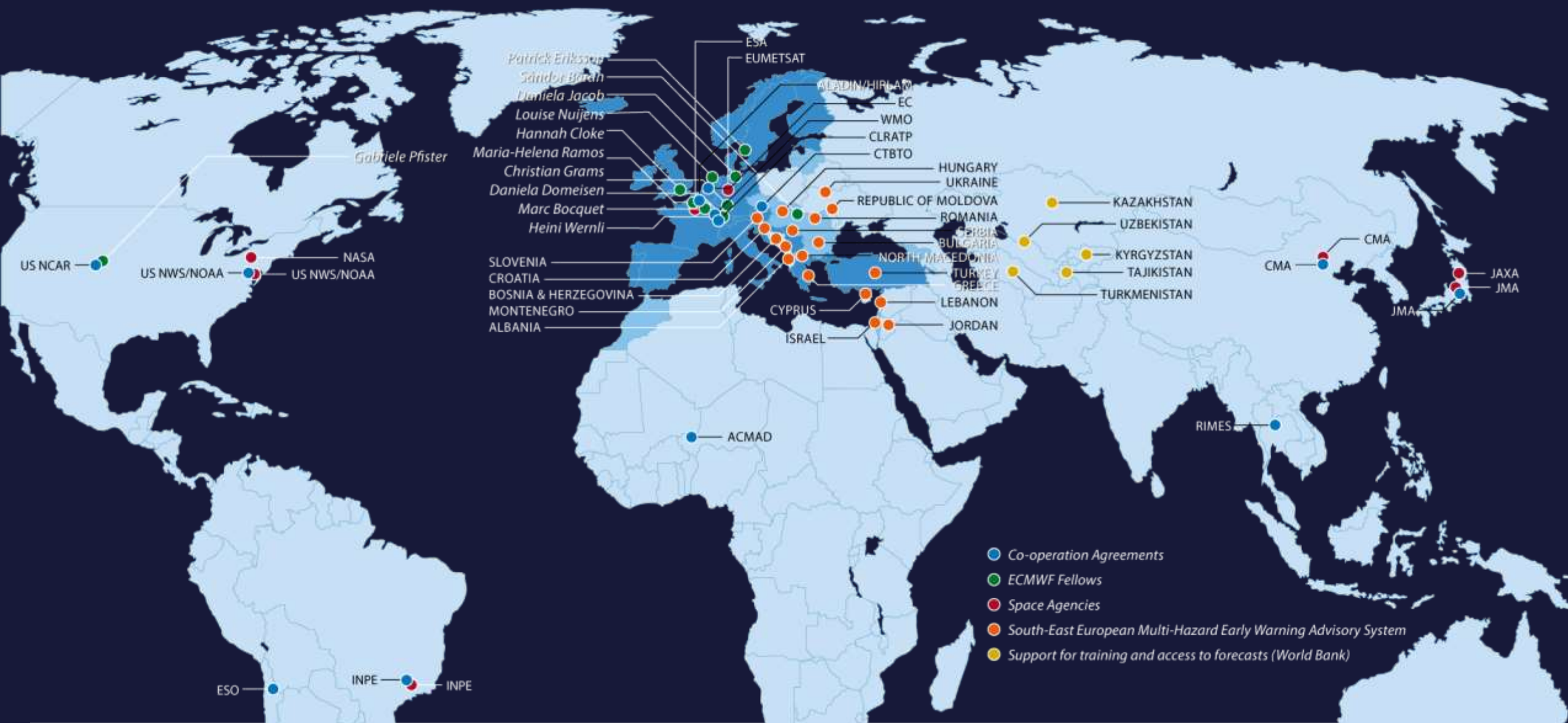
### Contributors 19

+ 5 contributors

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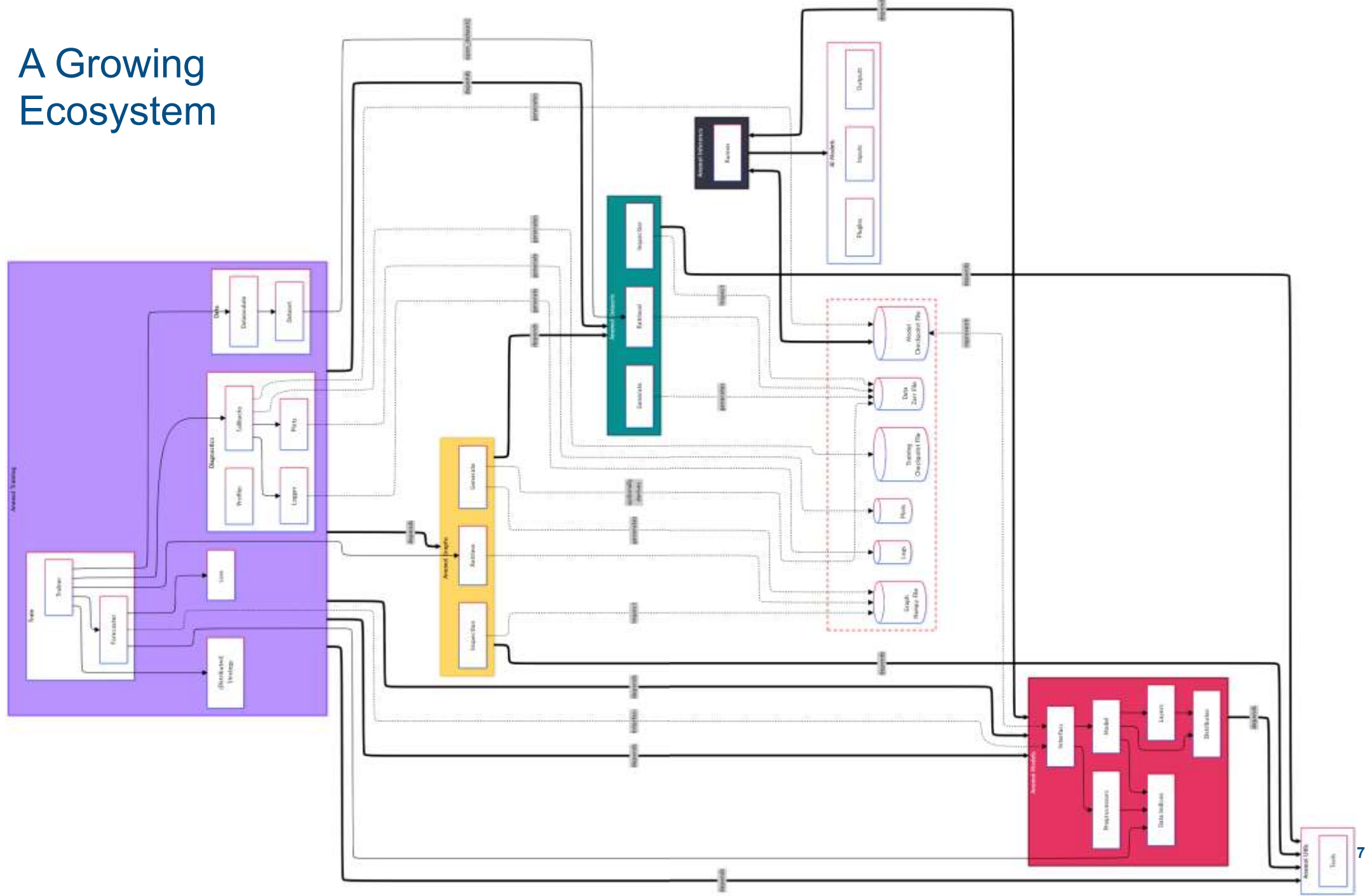


# Global Collaboration

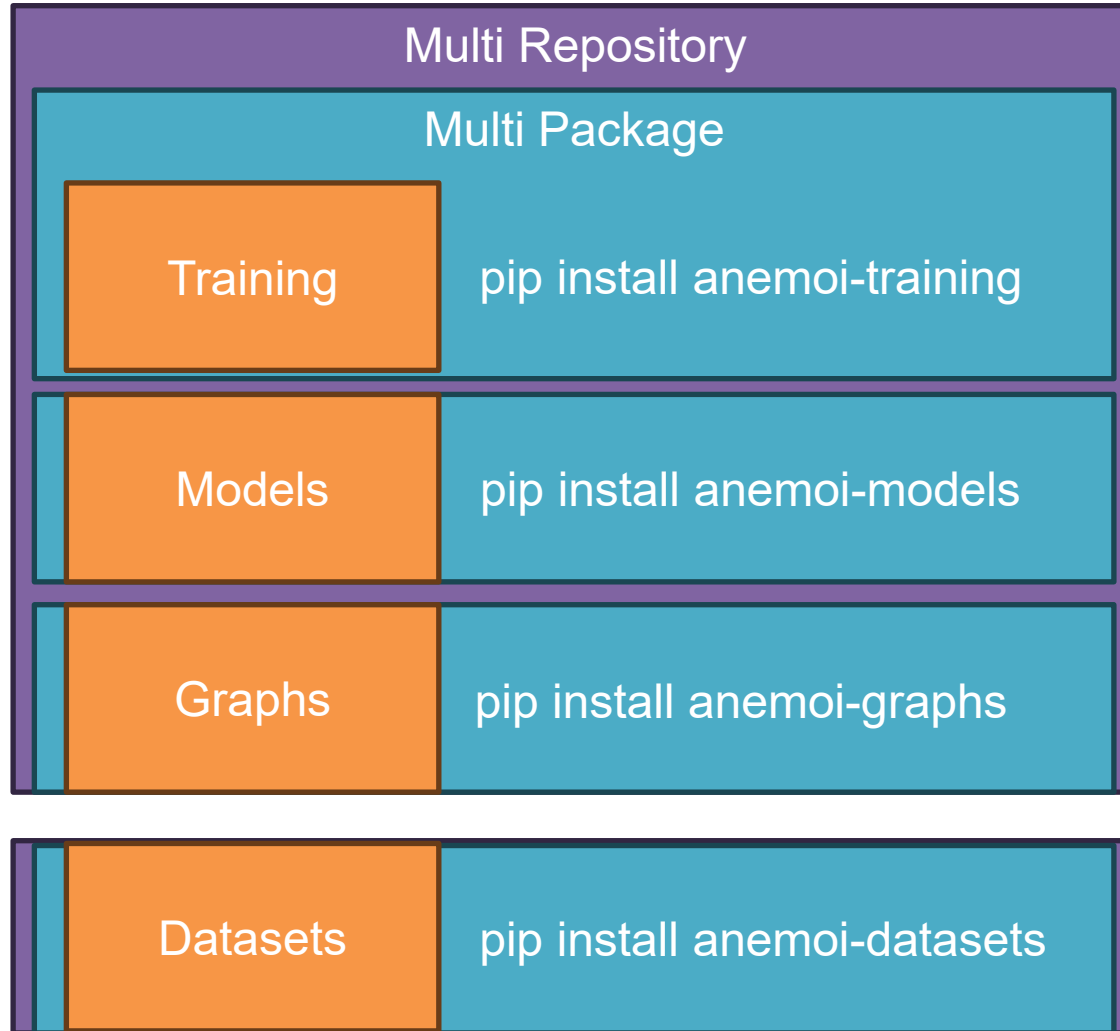




# A Growing Ecosystem



# Anemoi Ecosystem (“Partial” mono-repo)



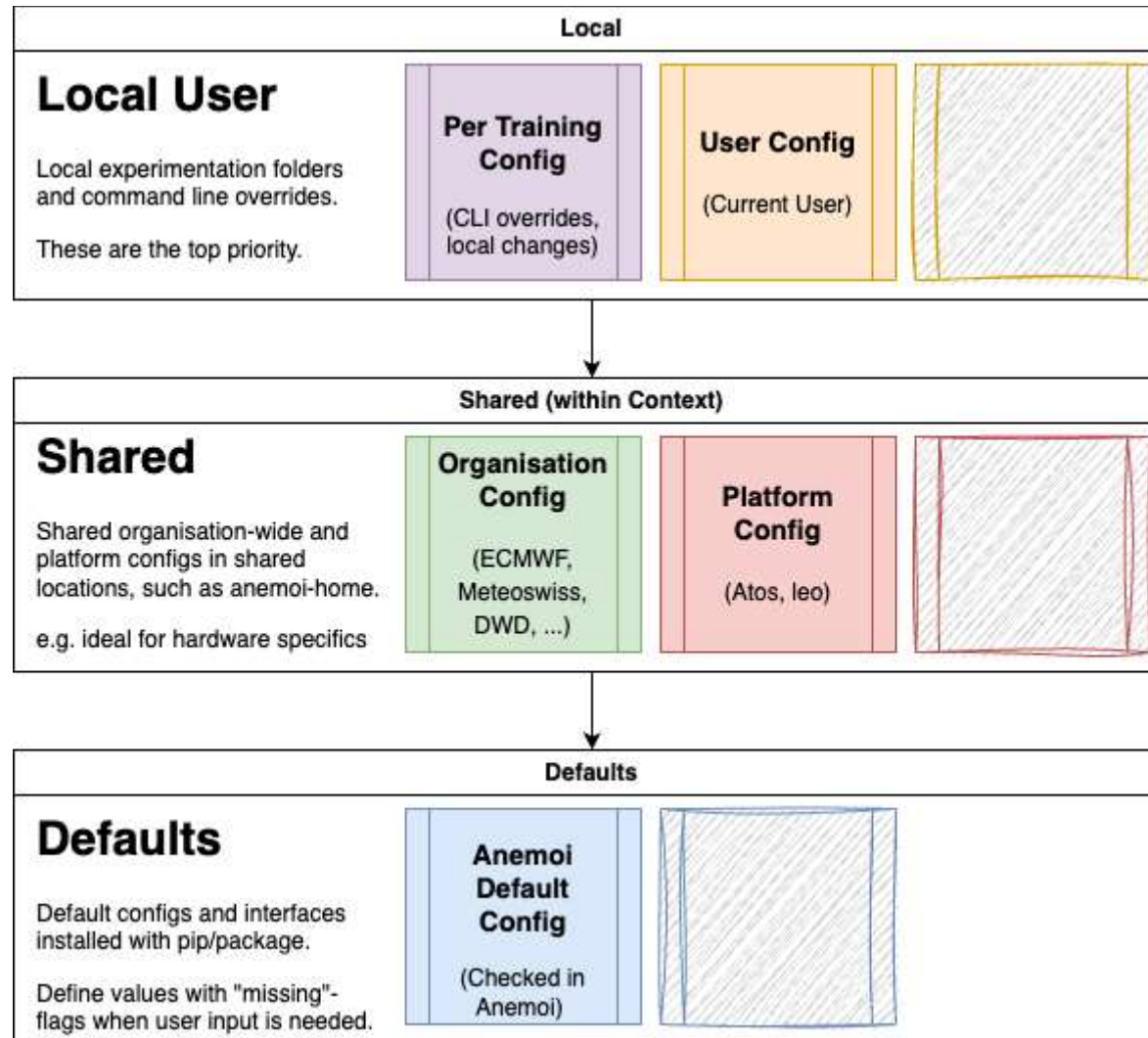
- Pros
  - ▲ Some Separation of concerns
  - ▲ Puts tightly coupled code together
  - ▲ Different styles of collaboration possible
  - ▲ Simpler testing
  - ▲ Simpler configuration management
- Cons
  - ▼ Solves some CI but not „end-to-end“
  - ▼ Inconsistent workflows across anemoi
  - ▼ Some complex release workflows
  - ▼ Risk of creating artificial boundaries
  - ▼ Could complicate some dependencies

# How AI failed me here

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1 #!/bin/bash
2 merge_repo() {
3     local repo_url="https://github.com/ecmwf/anemoi-$1"
4     local target_subdirectory=$1
5     local main_branch=develop # Default to 'develop'
6     echo "Merging repository from $repo_url into $target_subdirectory"
7     # Add the repository as a remote
8     git remote add -f "$target_subdirectory" "$repo_url"
9     # Create a branch to hold the repository content
10    git branch "temp$target_subdirectory" "$target_subdirectory/$mainbranch"
11    # Check out the temporary branch
12    git checkout "temp$target_subdirectory"
13    # Create the target subdirectory
14    mkdir -p "$target_subdirectory"
15    # Move all files including .github but excluding .git
16    # First, get a list of all files and directories, including hidden ones
17    git ls-tree -r --name-only HEAD | while read local_file; do
18        if [ -e "$local_file" ]; then # Changed from -f to -e to include directories
19            # Create target directory including for dot files/directories
20            mkdir -p "$target_subdirectory/${dirname "$local_file"}"
21            # Move the file or directory
22            git mv "$local_file" "$target_subdirectory/$local_file"
23        fi
24    done
25    # Special handling for .github directory if it exists at root level
26    if [ -d ".github" ]; then
27        mkdir -p "$target_subdirectory/.github"
28        git mv .github/* "$target_subdirectory/.github/" 2>/dev/null || true
29        # Remove empty .github directory
30        rmdir .github 2>/dev/null || true
31    fi
32    # Commit the merge
33    git commit -m "Relocated $target_subdirectory repository files into subdi"
34    # Switch back to main branch
35    git checkout main
36    # Merge the temporary branch using --allow-unrelated-histories
37    git merge "temp$target_subdirectory" --allow-unrelated-histories -m "Merged $target_subdirectory repository into monorepo"
38    # Clean up
39    git branch -D "temp$target_subdirectory"
40    git remote remove "$target_subdirectory"
41    echo "Successfully merged $target_subdirectory"
42 }
43 # Example usage:
44 # ./merge_repo.sh
45 # Replace these with your actual repository names
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47 merge_repo models
48 merge_repo training
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50 # Optional: Clean up and optimize the repository
51 git gc --aggressive --prune-now
52 }
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4     local repo_url="https://github.com/ecmwf/anemoi-$1"
5     local target_subtree=$1
6     local ref="${2:-develop}" # Default to 'develop'
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8     echo "Merging repository from $repo_url into $target_subtree"
9
10    git subtree add --prefix "$1" "$repo_url" "$ref"
11
12    # add remotes for local exploration
13    git remote add "$target_subtree" "$repo_url"
14    git fetch "$target_subtree"
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16    echo "Successfully merged $target_subtree"
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# Extend Configs to Institutional levels





# Automate the Release process

The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request interface. At the top, the title is "chore(main): Release training 0.4.0 #126". Below the title, it says "Merged" with a purple icon, followed by "anaprietone merged 3 commits into main from release-please--branches--main--components--training" and a clock icon with the text "last week".

Below the merge information, there are tabs for "Conversation" (1), "Commits" (3), "Checks" (26), and "Files changed" (2). The "Conversation" tab is selected.

The conversation shows a comment from "DeployDuck" dated "Feb 10" and edited by "anaprietone". The comment is titled "Automated Release PR" and contains the following text:

This PR was created by `release-please` to prepare the next release. Once merged:

1. A new version tag will be created
2. A GitHub release will be published
3. The changelog will be updated

Below the list, there is a section titled "Changes to be included in the next release:" followed by a horizontal line. Under this line, the version "0.4.0 (2025-04-16)" is displayed.

Below the version, there is a section titled "BREAKING CHANGES" with a yellow warning icon. It contains two bullet points:

- `models,training`: temporal interpolation (#153)
- `config`: Improved configuration and data structures (#79)

Below the breaking changes, there is a section titled "Features" which contains three bullet points:

- Add a CLI to dump the Hydra configuration files into a single YAML file. (#137) (ef1e76e)
- Add EarlyStopping Wrapper (#130) (21d06be)
- Add the possibility to train a model with a dry MLflow run ID (#164) (9849d21)

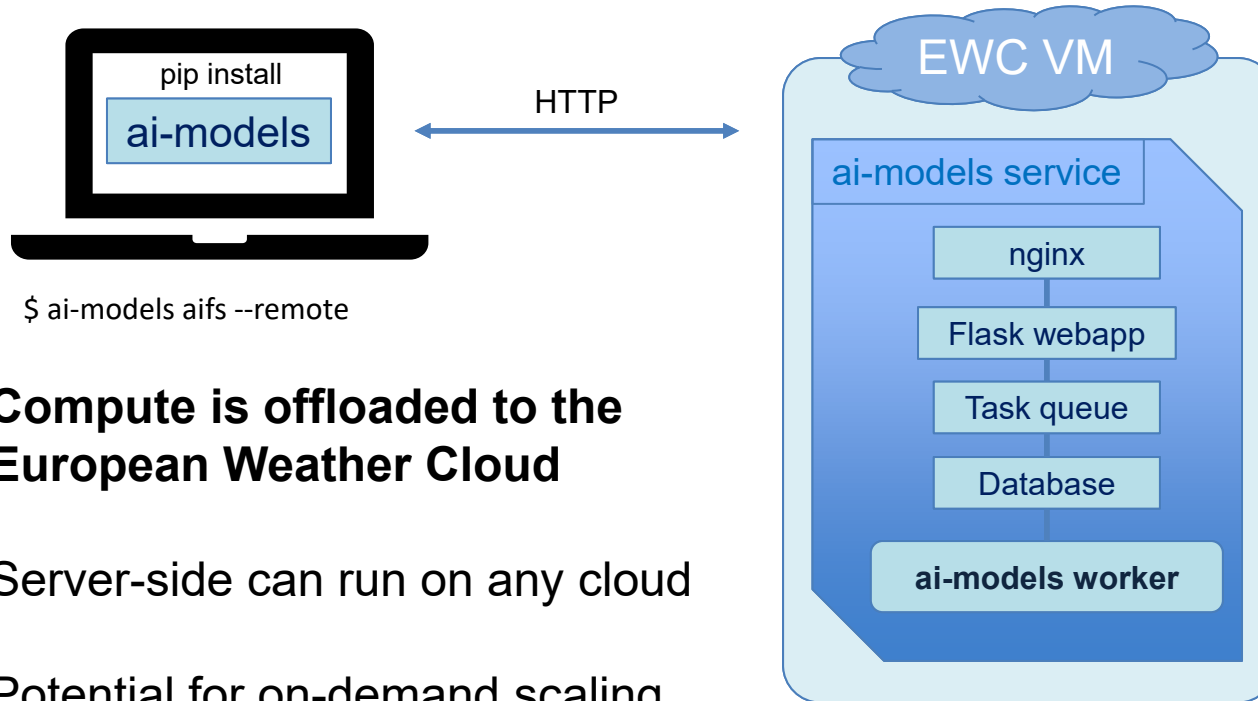
# External and Global Collaboration

- Kick things off with a "hackathon"
  - You can even do a Code Tour at a hackathon!
- Maintain roadmaps / Kanban boards
- Code Reviews of PRs are essential
  - Consider dual reviews:
    - For code quality
    - For scientific validity / business case
- Maintain configurability, modularity and extensibility
- Automate what you can to keep morale high
- Don't be afraid to jump on calls

## Success stories!

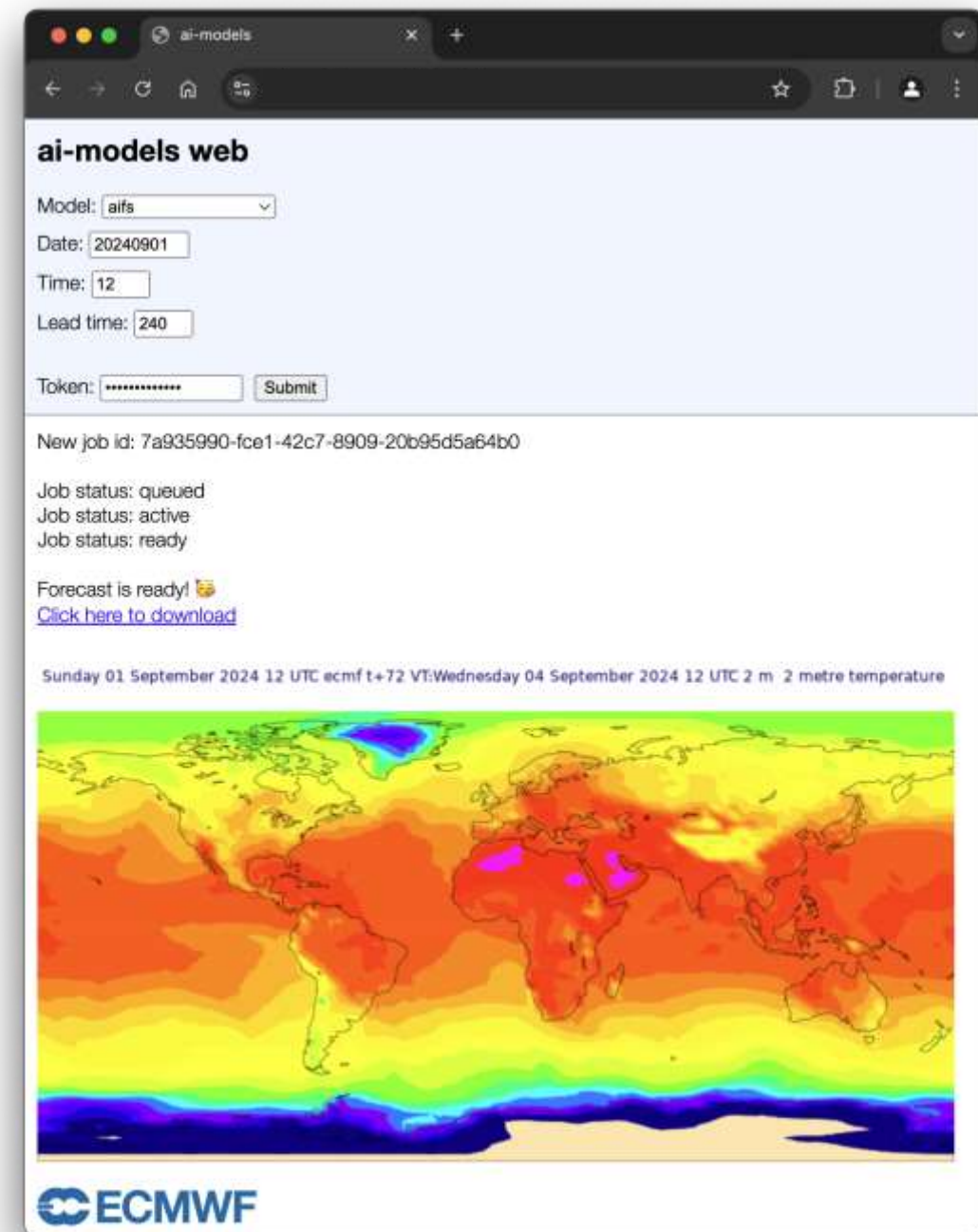


# Running AIFS anywhere



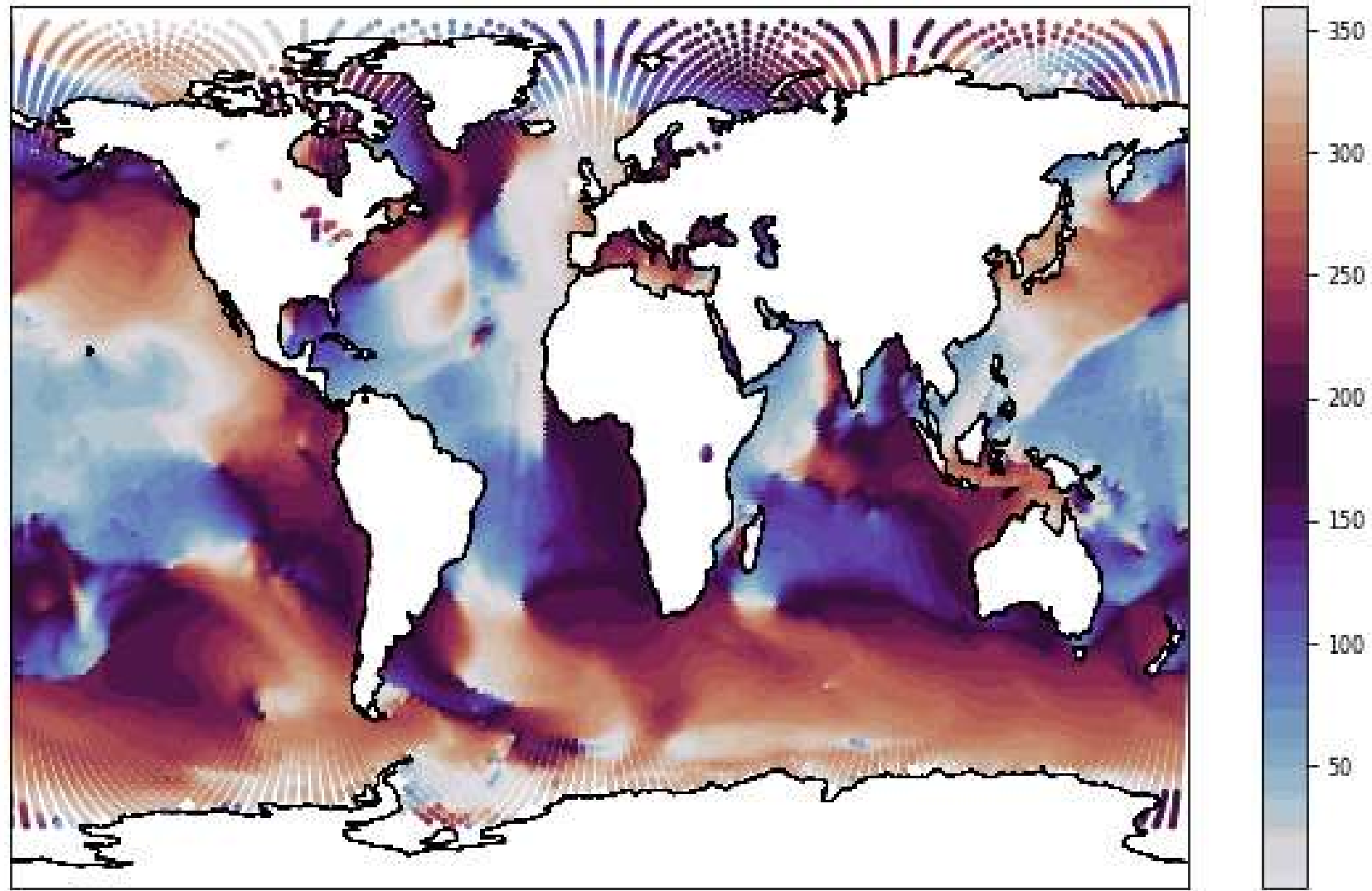
- **Compute is offloaded to the European Weather Cloud**
- Server-side can run on any cloud
- Potential for on-demand scaling
- Forecast-in-a-box PoC

**Provided continuity for AIFS and the other ML models during 2 GPU maintenance windows this year**





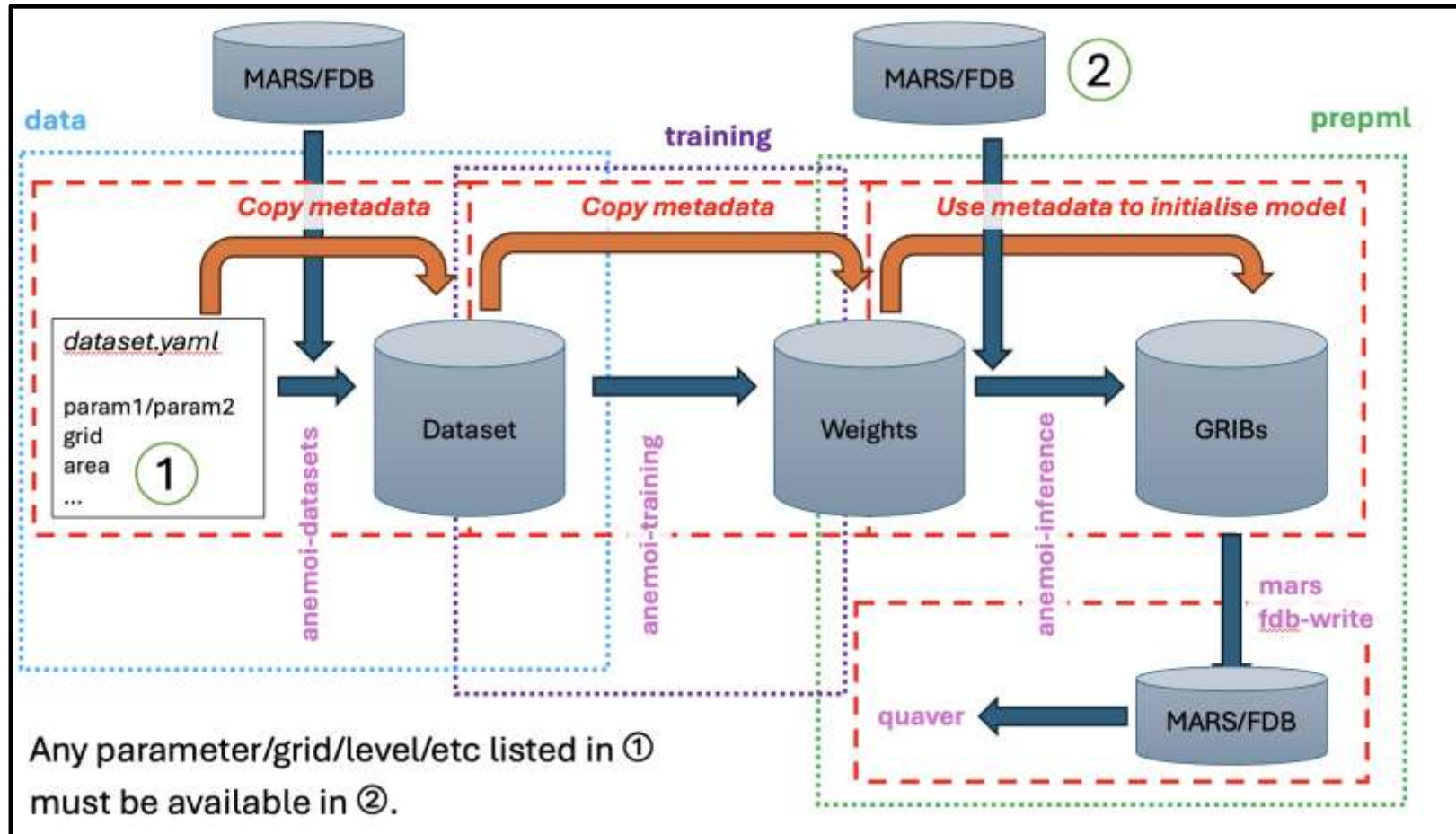
## Adding in Earth System Components



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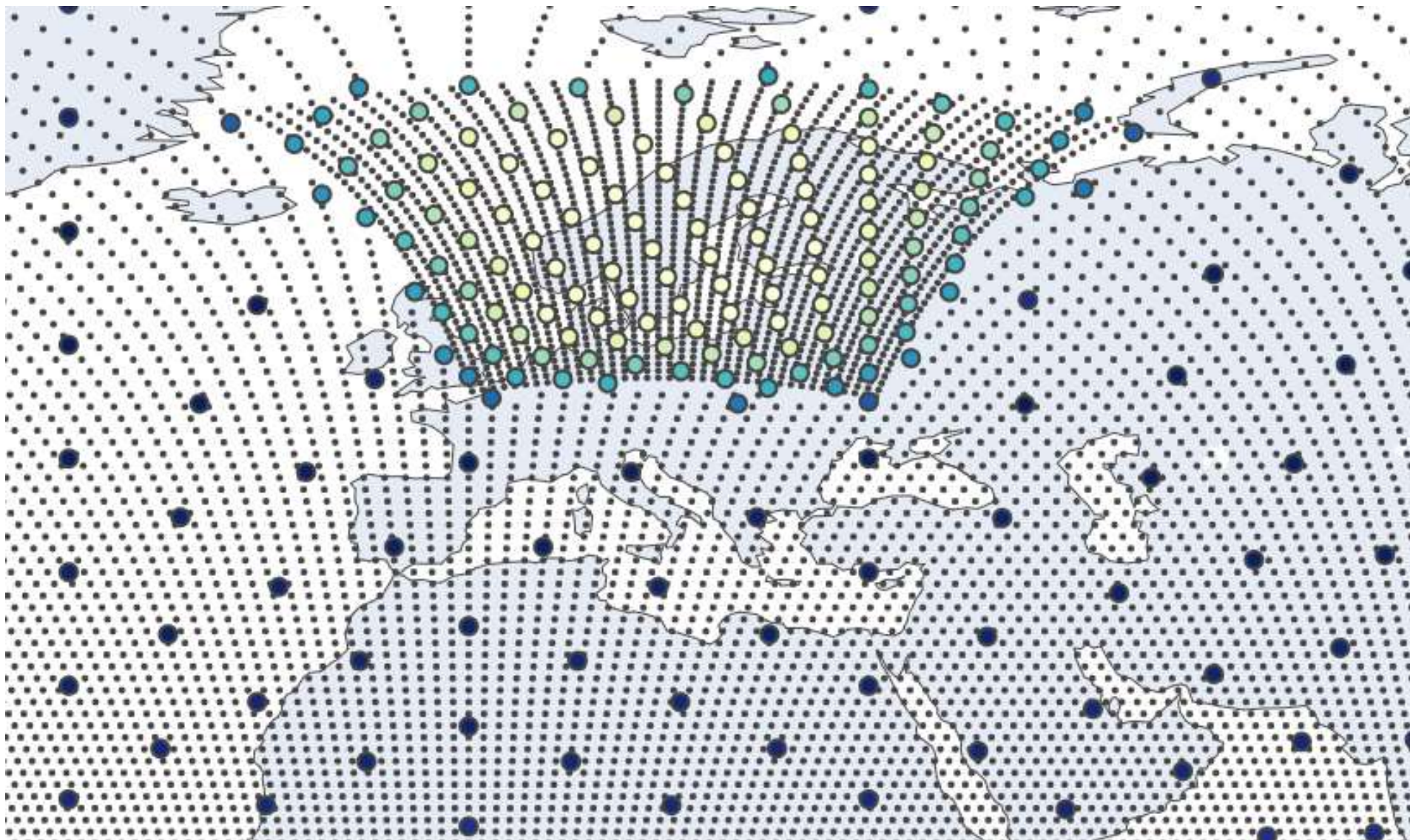
# Tracking metadata through the entire ecosystem

All this is possible thanks to tracking the metadata.

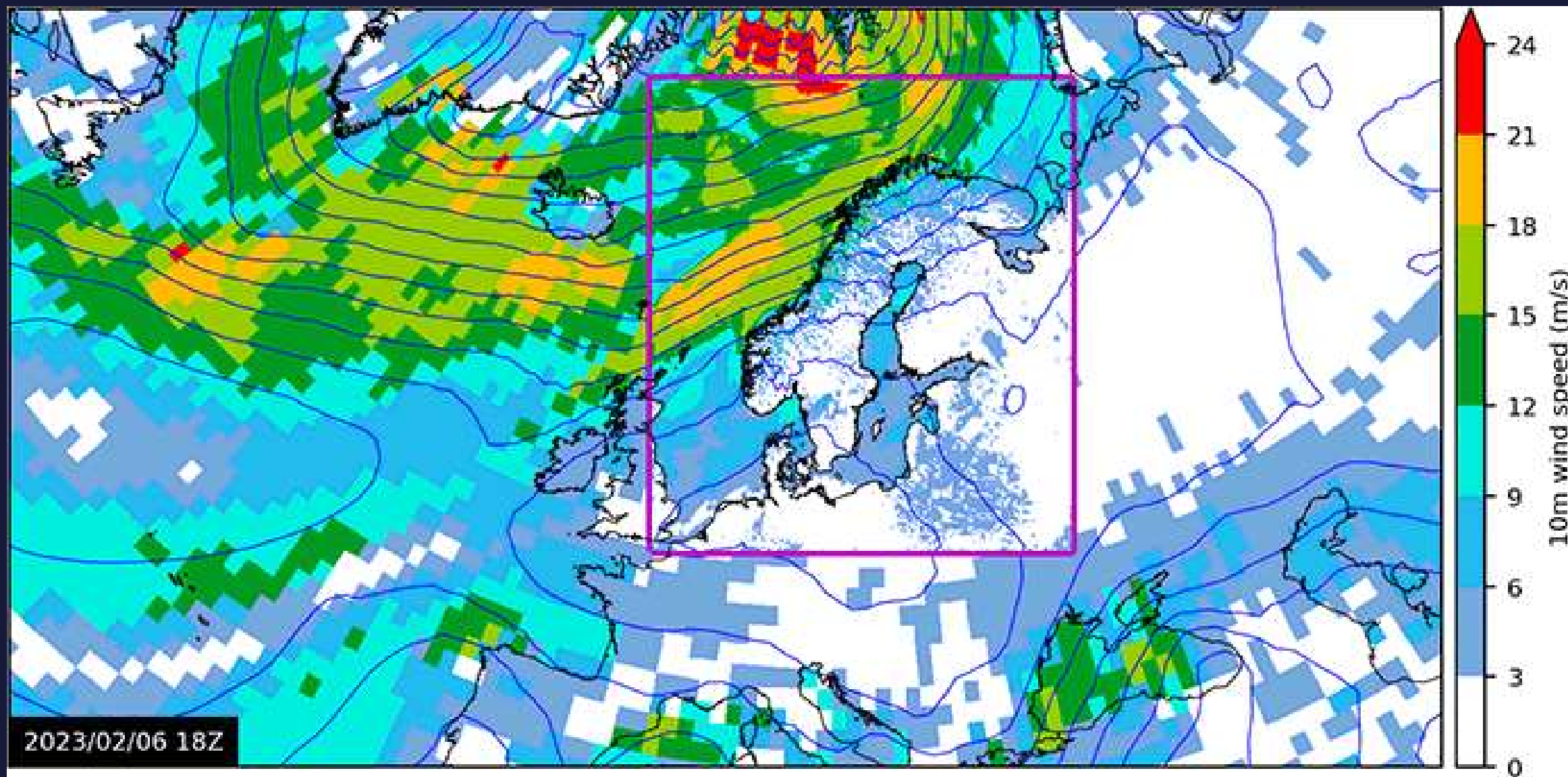




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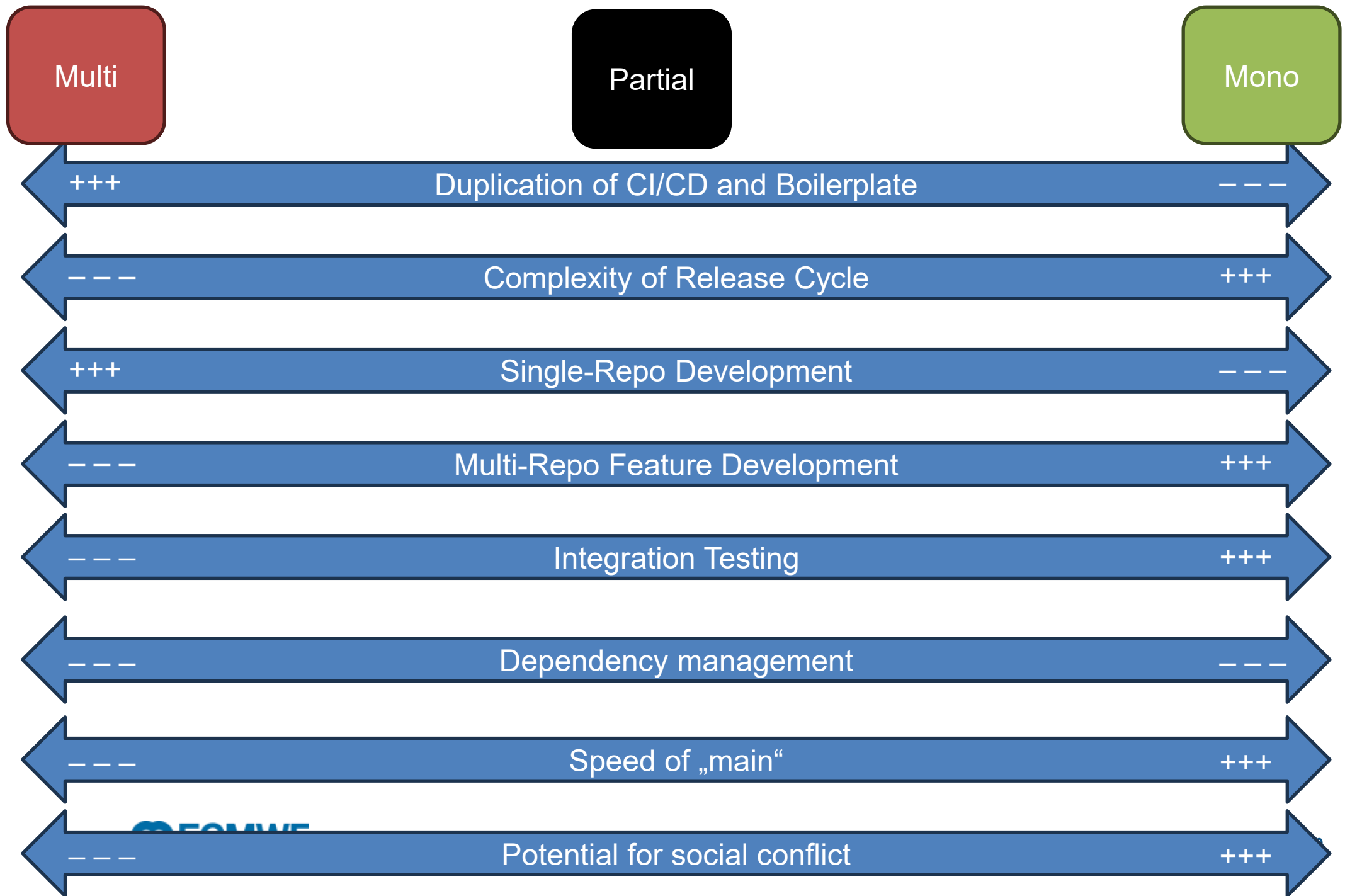
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# Takeaways

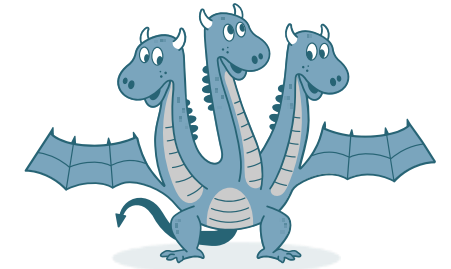




# Learnings for growing software projects

- Get yourself a software architect or two
- Do Code Tours and in-person events
- Anticipate user needs and extensibility requirements
- Make decisions that are easy to reverse
- Make design choices that are easy to extend
- Don't just let AI agents run through your code
- Repo structures are difficult; use tools to make it easier
- Keep dependencies light, they are hell after all
- Collaborate and listen!

## Core Tech Stack



Bringing schema and sanity to your data