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# Management of new high resolution data sets

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# Outline

### • The problem

- Typical data set size
- Access patterns
- Data processing
  - Traditional vs newer trends
- Some practical low level details
- FAIRness and reproducibility of results

# Some CP simulation data sets

#### • CORDEX FPS-CONV

- Alpine domain @ 3km (10 yr evaluation + 20 yr scenario+hist, ~8 models)
- 500 MB to 5 GB per hourly 2D variable and year
- Forschungszentrum Jülich server

#### • CORDEX FPS-SESA

- Central South America @ 4km (3 yr evaluation, 2 models)
- 500 MB to 10 GB per hourly 2D variable and year
- Santander MetGroup server (data.meteo.unican.es)
- WRF SAAG (South America affinity group)
  - South American continent @ 4km (20 yr evaluation, 1 model)
  - 100 GB per hourly 2D variable and year
  - NCAR globus server
- EUCP CP simulations
  - Multiple European domains @ 3km. Currently on private DMI server

# **FPS-CONV**

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https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-021-05708-w

"Due to the large amount of data produced by these kilometer-scale simulations, the analysis and the calculation of the indices is performed by each group individually using scripts provided by the corresponding author. Only the final results have been shared."

> Climate Dynamics (2021) 57:275-302 https://doi.org/10.1007/s00382-021-05708-w

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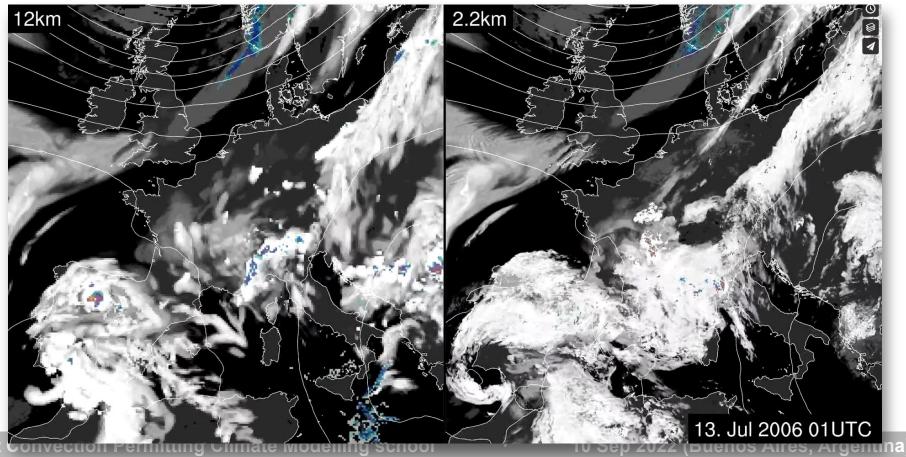
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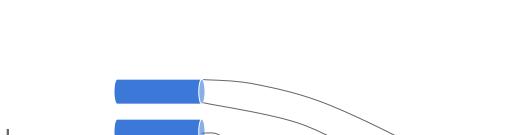


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Bandwidth









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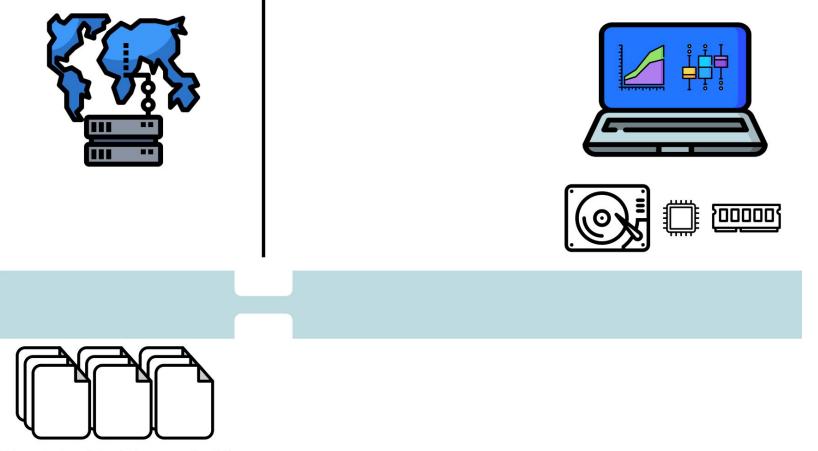


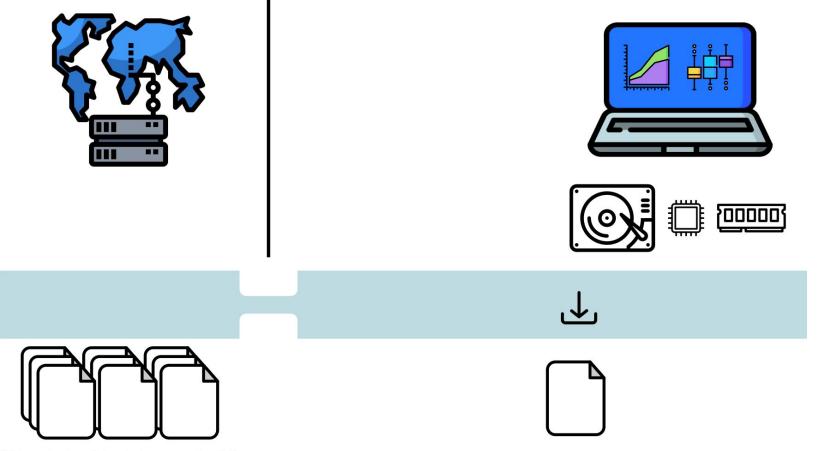




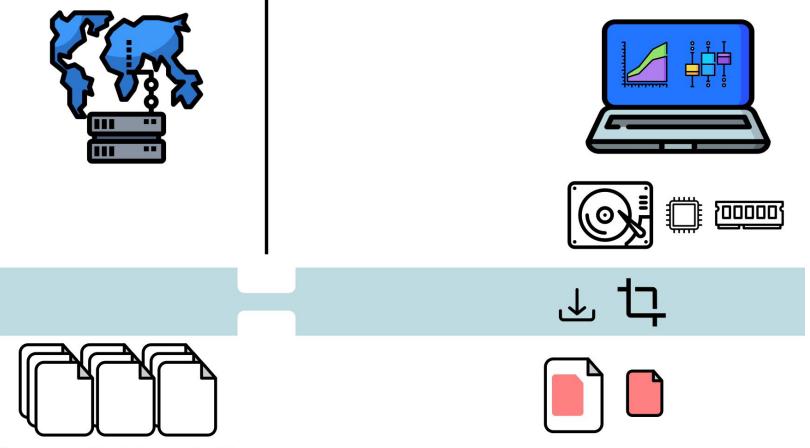
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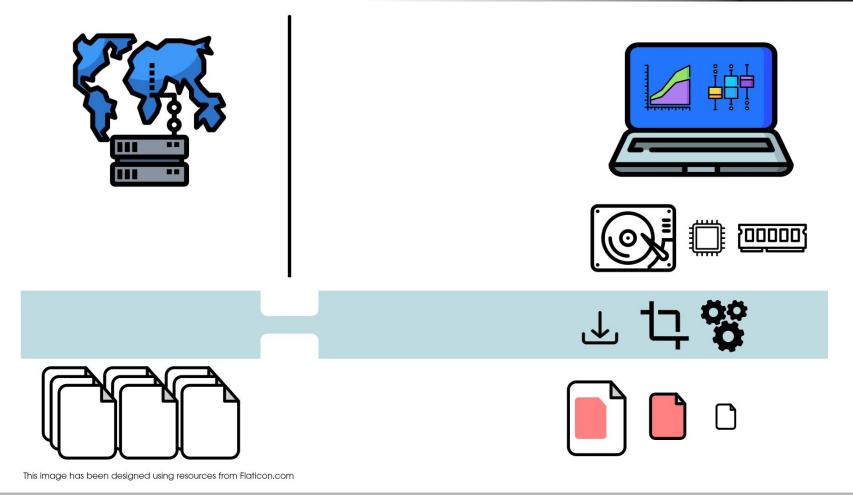


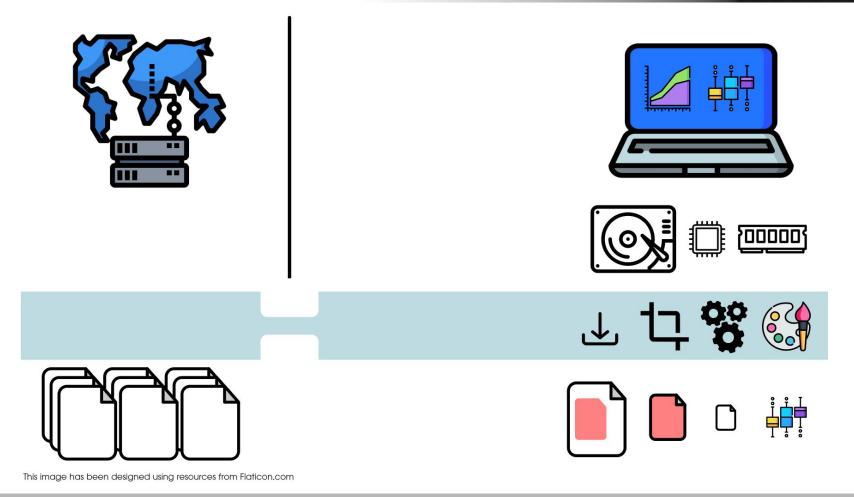


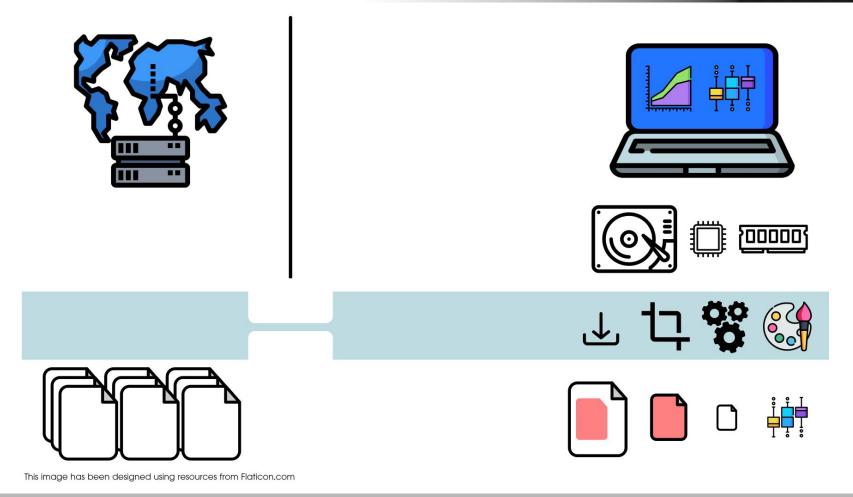
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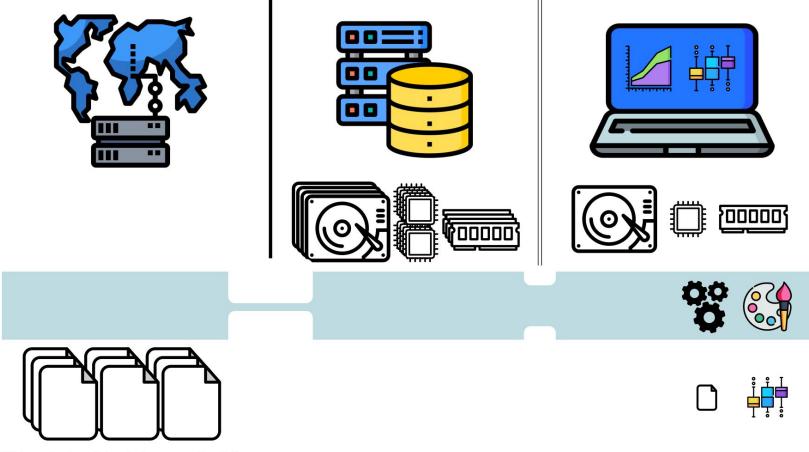


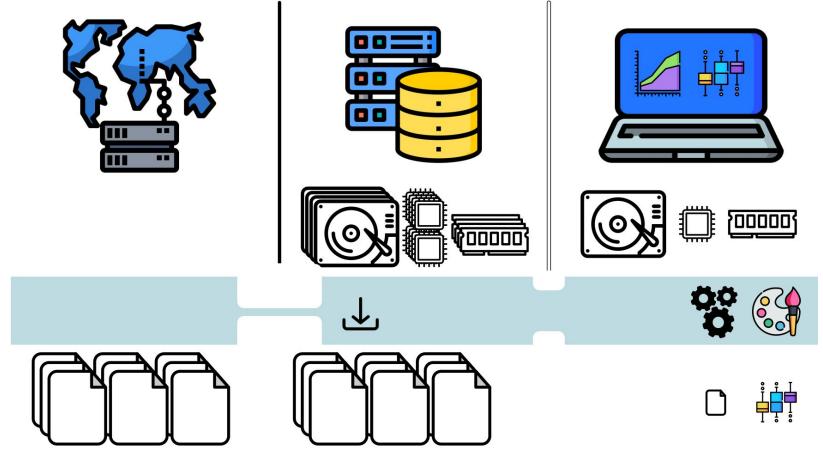
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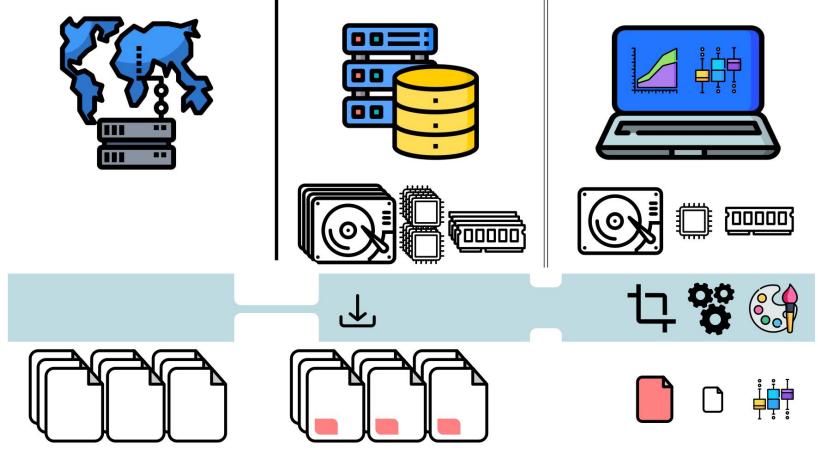




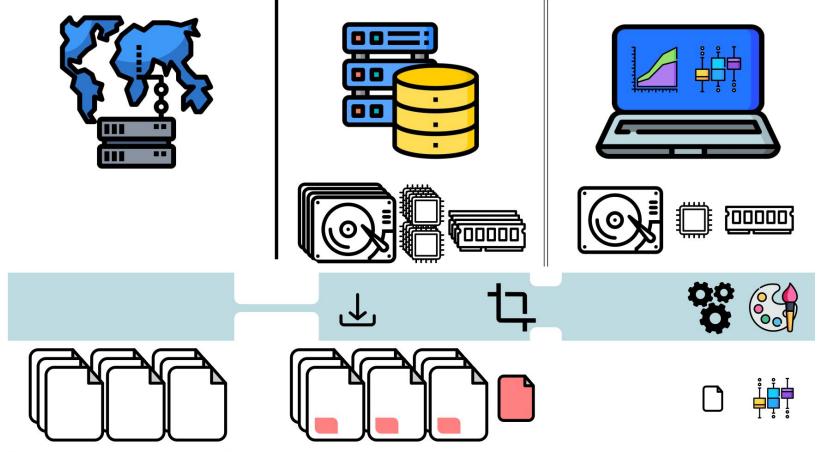


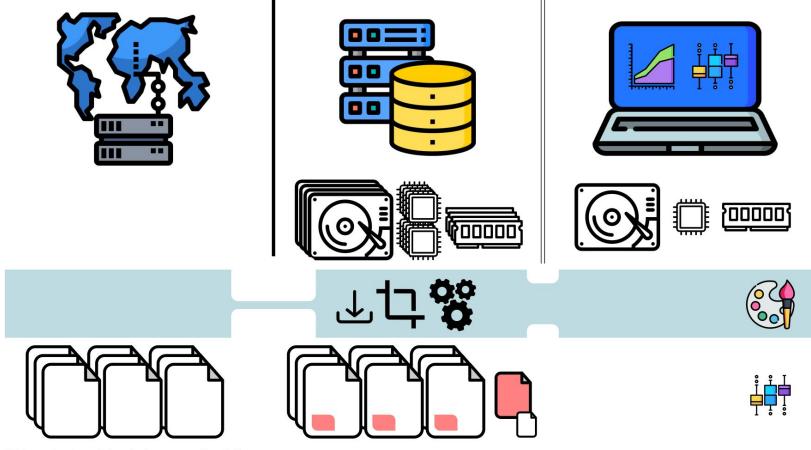


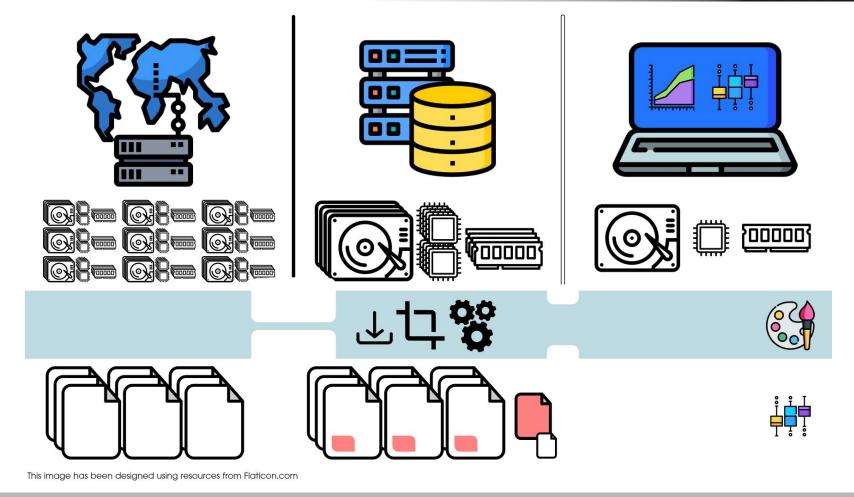


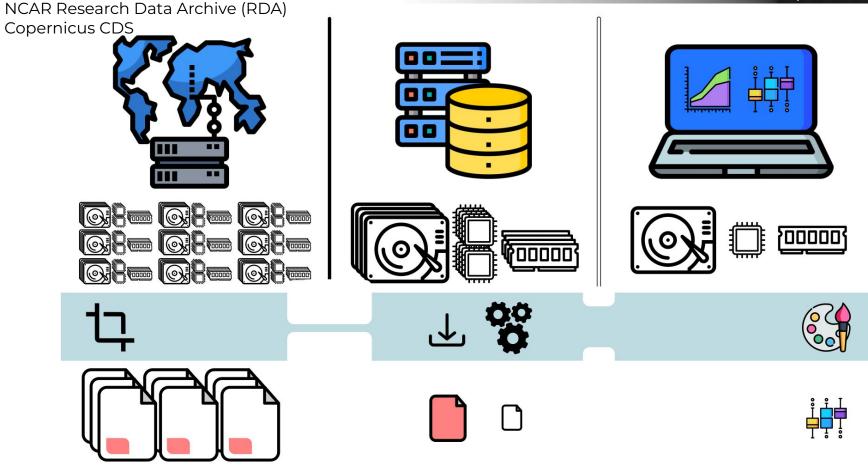


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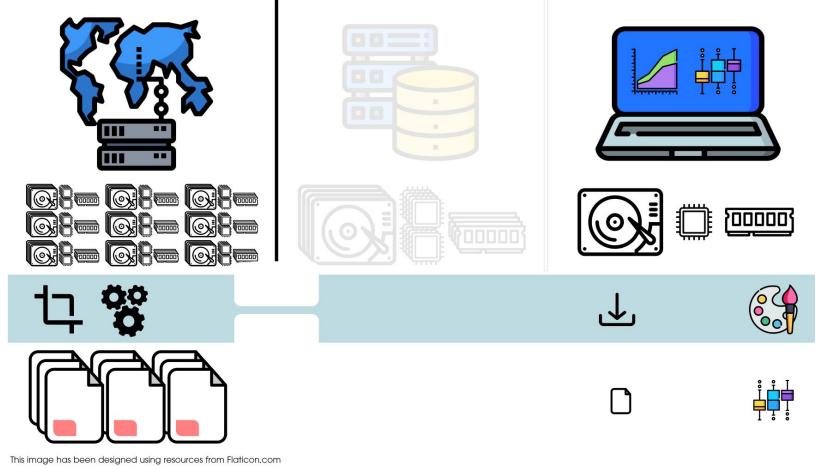






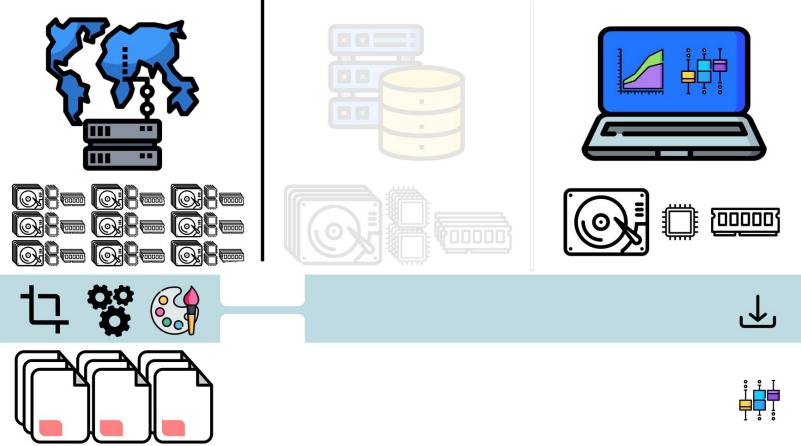


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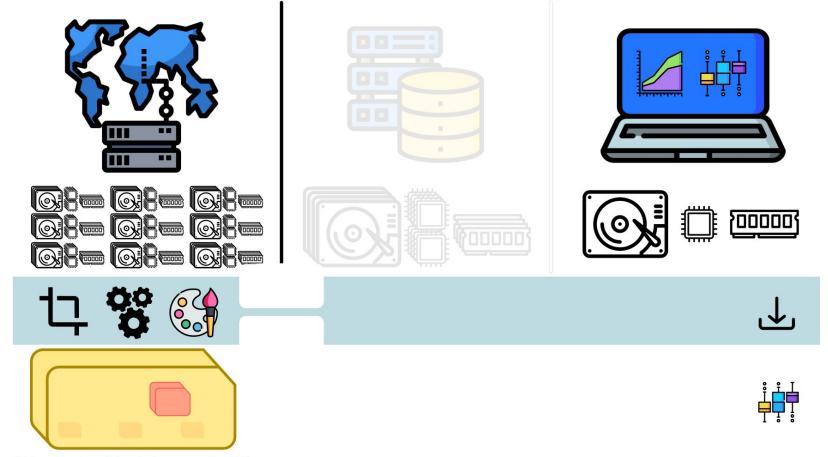
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#### E.g. JASMIN (CEDA, UK)



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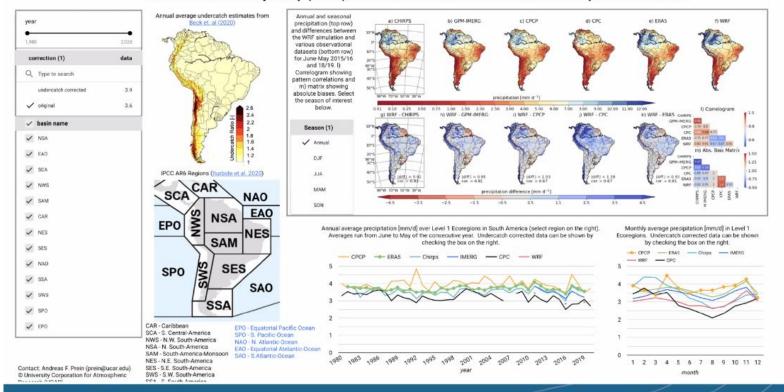
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#### **Online Evaluation Dashboard**

#### South America Affinity Group (SAAG) 4-km Test Simulations WRF Simulation Precipitation Evaluation



https://datastudio.google.com/reporting/33013d29-b61e-49d4-85f3-51efd96b7739

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# Some low level details...

#### to work efficiently with climate data

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# NetCDF



Software libraries and machine-independent data format **model** for array-oriented scientific data.

- Interfaces in many programming languages
- Self-describing via metadata
- Header and data
- Dimensions, coordinates, variables and attributes
- Lazy loading
- Native compression (lossless and lossy)
- Backward compatibility

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netCDF

## NetCDF

```
hetcdf pr_CSAM-4i_evaluation_UCAN-WRF433_1hr {
dimensions:
         time = 3624 ;
         lon = 676;
         lat = 451 ;
variables:
         double time(time) ;
                  time:standard name = "time" ;
                  time:long name = "Time" ;
                  time:units = "days since 1949-12-01T00:00:00Z"
                  time:calendar = "standard" ;
                  time:axis = "T" ;
         double lon(lon) ;
                 lon:standard name = "longitude" ;
                  lon:axis = "X" ;
                 lon:long name = "Longitude" ;
                 lon:units = "degrees east" ;
         double lat(lat) ;
                 lat:standard name = "latitude" ;
                  lat:axis = "Y" ;
                 lat:long name = "Latitude" ;
                 lat:units = "degrees north" ;
         float pr(time, lat, lon) ;
                 pr:standard name = "precipitation flux" ;
                 pr:long_name = "Precipitation" ;
                 pr:units = "kg m-2 s-1" ;
                 pr:missing value = 1.e+20f ;
        temperature
                           precipitation
                                       latitude longitude
                                                         reference_time
```



# NetCDF: storage formats



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ncdump -k file.nc

[CDF-1] classic

```
[CDF-2] 64-bit offset (version >=3.6)
```

[HDF5] netCDF-4 (version >=4.0) and netCDF-4 classic model

[CDF-5] 64-bit data (version >= 4.4) parallel

[Zarr] NCZarr (version >=4.8) on S3 cloud storage

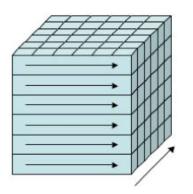
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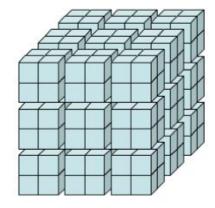
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# NetCDF chunking

NetCDF-4 (classic or extended data model) allows for HDF5 chunks and compression filters of the data



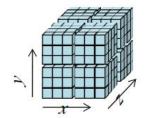


chunked

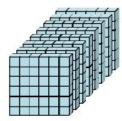
#### index order

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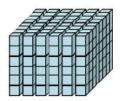
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Source: Russ Rew (Uni

# NetCDF chunking

\$ ncdump -h -s file.nc netcdf pr CSAM-4i evaluation UCAN-WRF433 1hr { dimensions: time = 3624; lon = 676; lat = 451 ; Variables: [...] float pr(time, lat, lon) ; pr:standard name = "precipitation flux" ; pr:long name = "Precipitation" ; pr:units = "kg m-2 s-1"; pr: FillValue = 1.e+20f ;

```
pr:missing_value = 1.e+20f ;
pr:cell_methods = "time: mean" ;
pr:_Storage = "chunked" ;
pr:_ChunkSizes = 168, 50, 50 ;
pr:_DeflateLevel = 4 ;
pr:_Shuffle = "true" ;
pr:_Endianness = "little" ;
pr:_NoFill = "true" ;
```

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### xarray

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xarray borrows the NetCDF data model to annotate raw (NumPy) multidimensional arrays in the form of dimensions, coordinates and attributes.

| Dimensions:     | (lat: 192, lon: 288, nbnd: 2, time: 600) |         |   |    |  |
|-----------------|--|---------|---|----|--|
| Coordinates:    |  |         |   |    |  |
| lat             | (lat)                                    | float64 | -90.0 -89.06 -88.12 89.06 90.0          |    |  |
| lon             | (lon)                                    | float64 | 0.0 1.25 2.5 356.2 357.5 358.8          | 8  |  |
| time            | (time)                                   | object  | 1850-01-15 12:00:00 1899-12-15 12:00:00 |    |  |
| Data variables: |  |         |   |    |  |
| time_bnds       | (time, nbnd)                             | object  |   |    |  |
| lat_bnds        | (lat, nbnd)                              | float64 |   | ES |  |
| lon_bnds        | (lon, nbnd)                              | float64 |   |    |  |
| tas             | (time, lat, lon)                         | float32 | 243.24796 243.24796 247.15646           | 8  |  |

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### xarray



xarray borrows the NetCDF data model to annotate raw (NumPy) multidimensional arrays in the form of dimensions, coordinates and attributes.

It facilitates concise and error-free programming

```
ds.tas.mean(`time')
ds.tas.groupby(`time.season').mean(`time')
ds.tas.sel(time = `2022-09-10')
ds.tas.sel(time = slice(`2021-01-01', `2021-12-31'))
```

### Dask

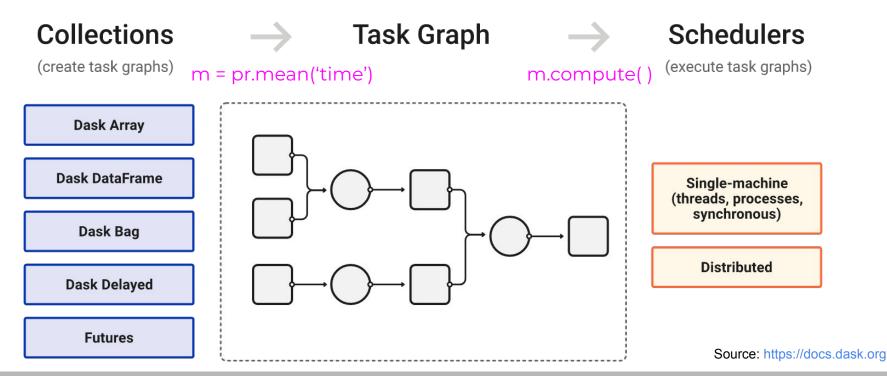


Dask is a python library implementing data collections such as parallel arrays, dataframes, and lists that extend common interfaces like NumPy, Pandas, or Python iterators to **larger-than-memory** or **distributed** environments. These parallel collections run on top of dynamic task schedulers.

### Dask



Computations are lazy, just converted to task graphs



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### Dask



ds = xr.open\_dataset(urls['UCAN-WRF433'], chunks = dict(time = 200, lon = 300, lat = 100))
ds.pr

xarray.DataArray 'pr' (time: 26308, lat: 451, lon: 676)

|   |       | Array             | Chunk           |       |
|---|-------|-------------------|-----------------|-------|
|   | Bytes | 29.88 GiB         | 22.89 MiB       |       |
| 4 | Shape | (26308, 451, 676) | (200, 100, 300) | 783   |
|   | Count | 1981 Tasks        | 1980 Chunks     | -76 V |
|   | Туре  | float32           | numpy.ndarray   | 676   |

```
ds = xr.open dataset(urls['UCAN-WRF433'], chunks = dict(lon = 30, lat = 30))
ds.pr
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|       | Array             | Chunk           |  |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| Bytes | 29.88 GiB         | 90.32 MiB       |  |
| Shape | (26308, 451, 676) | (26308, 30, 30) | 182                                    |
| Count | 369 Tasks         | 368 Chunks      | ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ |
| Туре  | float32           | numpy.ndarray   | 676                                    |

#### https://blog.dask.org/ ... choosing-dask-chunk-sizes

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#### OPeNDAP (opendap.org)

Open-source Project for a Network Data Access Protocol (DAP)

DAP2 is a discipline-neutral means of requesting and providing data across the World Wide Web (HTTP).

The NetCDF-C library has a built-in DAP2 client

Drawbacks:

- Slow for large requests (it is not magic, it's remote)
- Potential unavailability (as any remote resource)

Cache your requests: Explore, request once and analyze many

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## Remote access





You are at the ESGF-DATA.DKRZ.DE node

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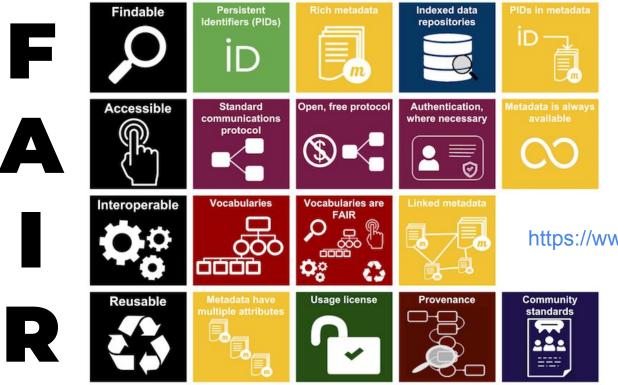


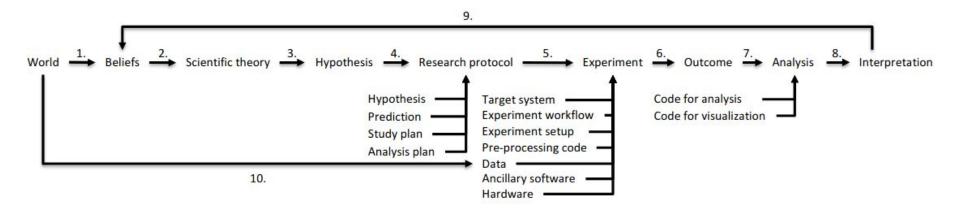
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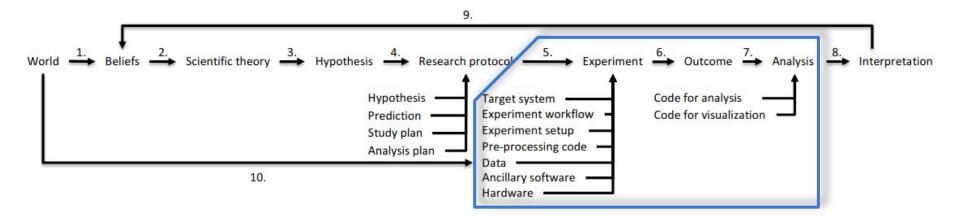


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# Reproducible environment

• Software (and libraries!) version

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|     | # Name        | Version  |                 |        |
|-----|---------------|----------|-----------------|--------|
|     | bash          | 5.1.16   | libgfortran5    | 11.2.0 |
|     | bash_kernel   | 0.7.2    | liblapack       | 3.9.0  |
|     | bzip2         | 1.0.8    | libnetcdf       | 4.8.1  |
|     | cartopy       | 0.20.2   | libpng          | 1.6.37 |
|     | cdo           | 1.9.10   | libtiff         | 4.3.0  |
|     | cdsapi        | 0.5.1    | libzlib         | 1.2.11 |
|     | cftime        | 1.6.0    | matplotlib-base | 3.5.2  |
|     | curl          | 7.83.0   | mpich           | 4.0.2  |
|     | dask          | 2022.5.2 | myproxyclient   | 2.1.0  |
|     | eccodes       | 2.25.0   | mysql-libs      | 8.0.29 |
|     | esgf-pyclient | 0.3.1    | nco             | 5.0.6  |
|     | esmf          | 8.2.0    | netcdf-fortran  | 4.5.4  |
|     | esmpy         | 8.2.0    | netcdf4         | 1.5.8  |
|     | gsl           | 2.7      | notebook        | 6.4.2  |
|     | hdf5          | 1.12.1   | numpy           | 1.22.3 |
|     | ipython       | 8.3.0    | oauthlib        | 3.2.0  |
|     | jasper        | 2.0.33   | openssl         | 1.1.10 |
|     | jpeg          | 9e       | pandas          | 1.2.4  |
| ior | json5         | 0.9.5    | ргој            | 8.2.0  |
|     |               |          |                 |        |

# Reproducible environment

- Software (and libraries!) version
- Language-specific tools (pip, CRAN, ...)
- Multi-language environment management (conda)
- Full virtualization including OS (VMware, VirtualBox)
- OS-level virtualization (docker containers)
- Container orchestration and scaling (kubernetes)
- the Cloud ...

# Conda (https://conda.io)



- Cross-platform package and environment manager
- Manages package versions and dependencies
- Isolates execution environments with different versions
- Available in different flavours

Anaconda, miniconda, mamba

- Manages Python, R, ... and many well known tools: cdo, nco, ncview, ...
- No administrator rights required

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### Anaconda, miniconda, mamba

- \$ conda create -n myenv
- \$ conda activate myenv
- \$ conda install -c conda-forge cdo=1.9.8 nco ncview
- \$ conda install -c conda-forge esgf-pyclient

- Web-based interactive development environment for code notebooks and more.
- Notebooks integrate formatted text, formulas, code and code output, including plots.



• Support for over 40 programming languages

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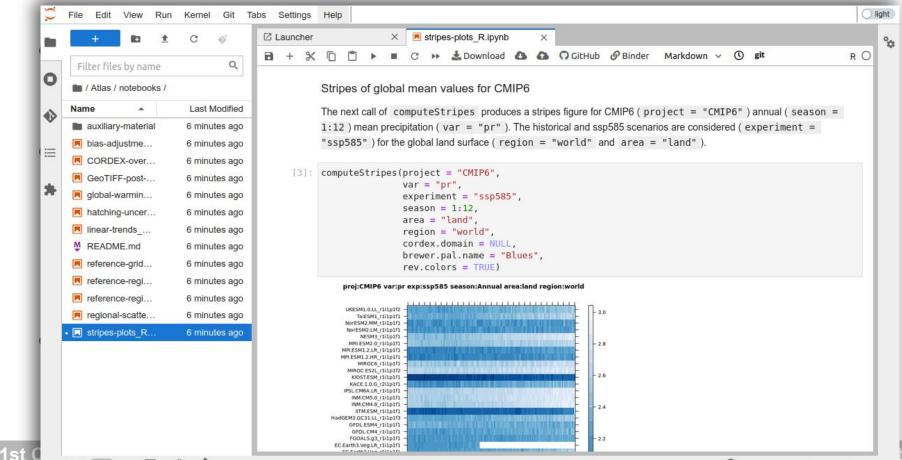
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# JupyterHub

- Multi-user version of Jupyter
- Centralized deployment (no installation by the user)
- Can be deployed next to the data







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# MyBinder (mybinder.org)



MyBinder is a cloud service providing an interactive computing environment in your browser

postBuild

- It uses binder to create an image of your environment from a variety of specification files: requirements.txt (pip) environment.yml (conda)
- It can load the contents of a code repository (GitHub, Zenodo, ...) <a href="mailto:selectropy">It can load the contents of a code repository</a>
- Changes do NOT persist across sessions

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Install.R

## The Cloud

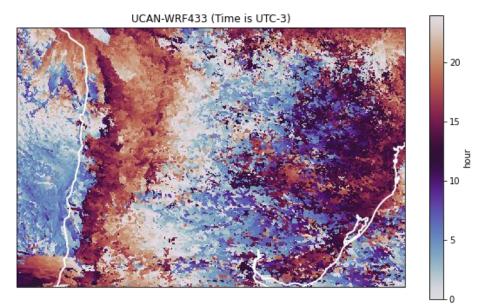
Pangeo (enable Big Data geoscience research)

https://pangeo.io/cloud.html https://gallery.pangeo.io/

# NA-CORDEX data on the Amazon cloud: https://github.com/NCAR/na-cordex-aws

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## **Practical exercise**



OPeNDAP test: https://dapds00.nci.org.au/thredds/... tas\_Amon\_ACCESS-CM2\_historical\_r1i1p1f1\_gn\_185001-201412.nc.das

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# Suppl. material

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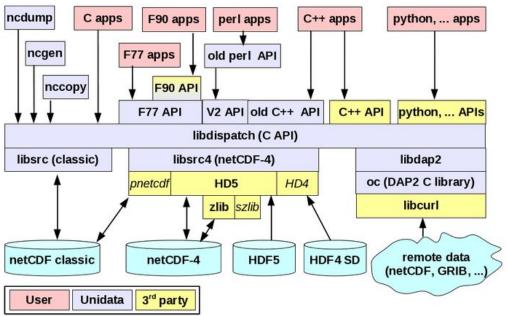
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# NetCDF: storage formats



Software libraries and machine-independent data format **model** for array-oriented scientific data.



- **NetCDF-Java** is an independent implementation, not shown here

- C-based 3rd-party netCDF APIs for other languages include Python, Ruby, Perl, Fortran-2003, MATLAB, IDL, and R

- 3rd party libraries are optional (HDF5, HDF4, zlib, szlib, PnetCDF, libcurl), depending on what features are needed and how netCDF is configured

https://docs.unidata.ucar.edu/ ... netcdf\_format

## R tools

https://arrow.apache.org/docs/r

https://github.com/tidyverse/multidplyr

https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/future/index.h tml

https://cran.r-project.org/web/views/HighPerformance Computing.html (see Large memory and out-of-memory data)

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#### https://doi.org/10.1175/BAMS-D-18-0167.1

"One possibility to overcome the output avalanche is to merely store the simulation setup, initial conditions and restart files, and rerun the simulation on demand when needed to perform a specific analysis. A more sophisticated scheme would restart the simulation in parallel from a series of restart files. This, in principle, enables us to arbitrarily trade off storage for computation."



#### **OPeNDAP** (opendap.org)

Open-source Project for a Network Data Access Protocol (DAP)

DAP2 is a discipline-neutral means of requesting and providing data across the World Wide Web (HTTP).

The NetCDF-C library has a built-in DAP2 client

Drawbacks:

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|    | •              | Slow for large requests (it is not magic, it's remote)  |
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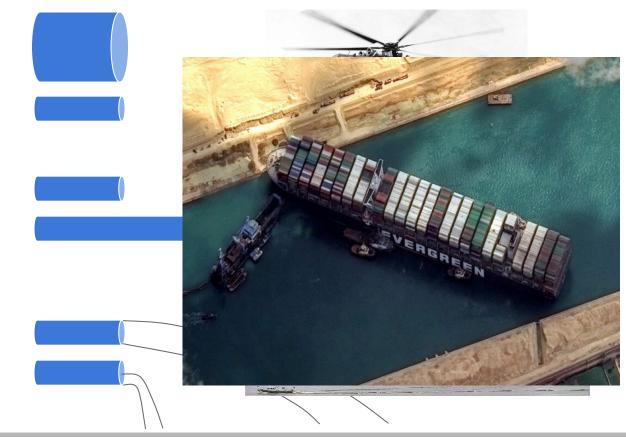
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    Facility {
        String PrincipleInvestigator "Mark Abbott", "Ph.D";
        String DataCenter "COAS Environmental Computer Facility";
        String DrifterType "MetOcean WOCE/OCM";
    }
    b {
        String Description "A test byte";
        String units "unknown";
    }
    i32 {
        String Description "A 32 bit test server int";
        String units "unknown";
    }
}
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# Data access: transfer speed limiting factors

Bandwidth



Latency

R/W speed

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