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# Tools for visualization and analysis of climate related data

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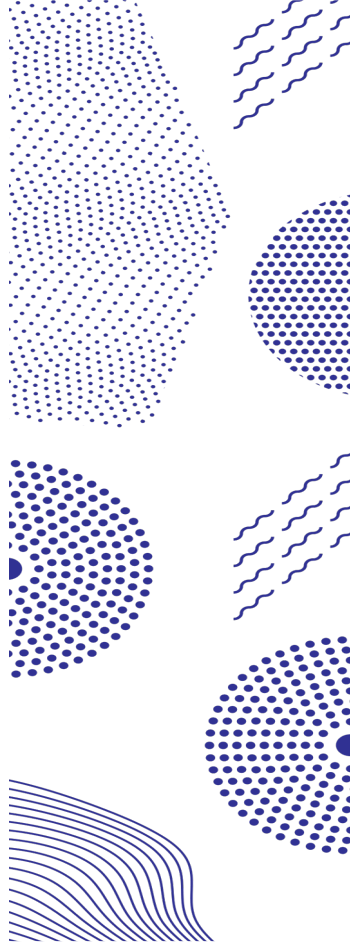
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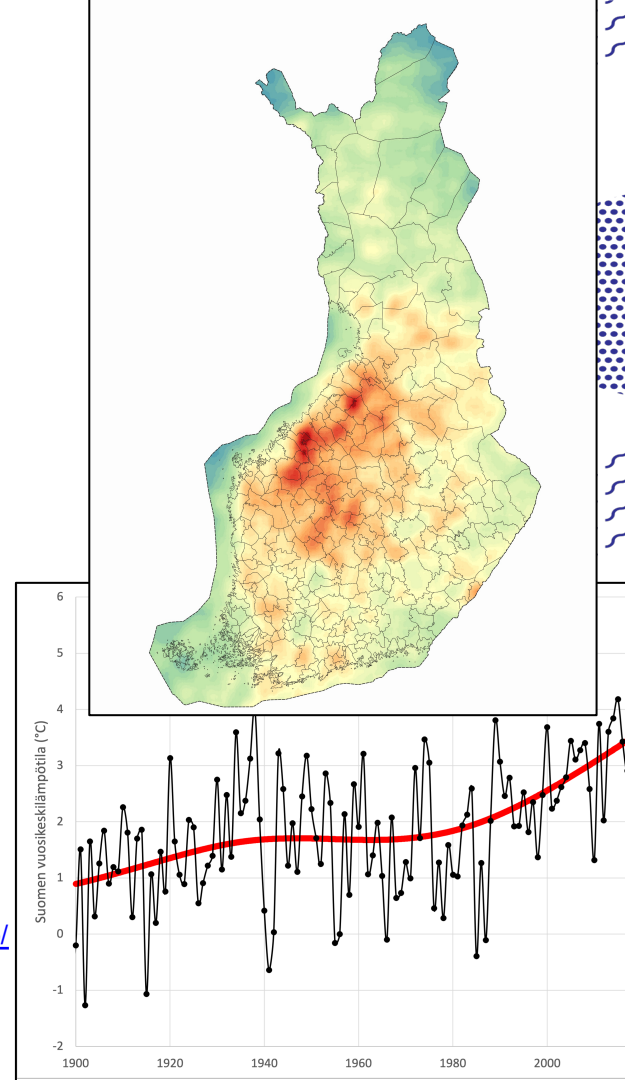
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# Introduction

- The method(s) for analysing/visualising climate data depends on the purpose
  - Plots
  - Value tables
  - Maps
  - Interactive maps/plots
  - etc
- Python and R scripting nowadays very popular
- “Traditional” CDO (Climate Data Operators)
  - CDO is a collection of command line Operators to manipulate and analyse Climate and NWP model Data.  
Supported data formats are GRIB, netCDF, SERVICE, EXTRA and IEG. There are more than 600 operators available. <https://code.mpimet.mpg.de/projects/cdo/>
- GIS-applications → plenty of functions available



# C3S CDS Toolbox



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**Material from C3S\_512 project**



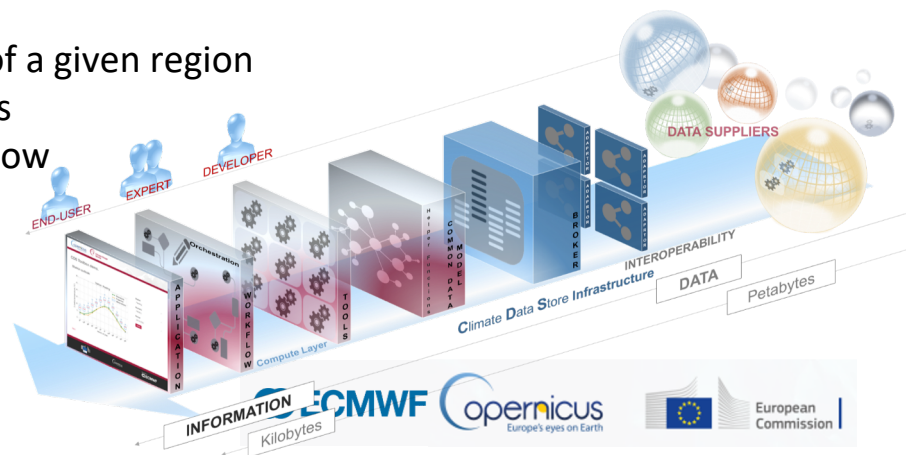




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## The CDS Toolbox in a nutshell

- ❑ The Toolbox allows users to develop applications that make use of the data content of the CDS
- ❑ The Toolbox allows data manipulation (calculation, plotting, selection, downloading...) and can be accessed here: <https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/user/login?destination=/toolbox-user>
- ❑ The software runs on a server (not on the user's computer), and is accessible through web browsers.
- ❑ Each user has a private workspace, where the personal software is stored. Documentation and examples are available to all users. More here: <https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/toolbox/doc/tutorial.html>
- ❑ Glossary:
  - TOOL = a basic function, e.g. the selection of a given region
  - WORKFLOW = a script using a series of tools
  - APPLICATION = a web interface for a workflow
- ❑ The user of the Toolbox can write python software to access, manipulate and export climate data made available through the CDS.





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# CDS Toolbox – MANIPULATE DATA

Dedicated to Expert Users to build **workflows** and **applications**



Chiara Cagnazzo

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Console Your queue

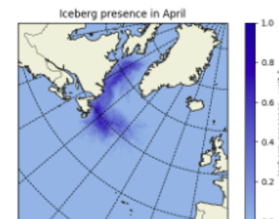
Layout

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```
1 import cdstoolbox as ct
2 import calendar
3
4 layout = {
5     'input_ncols': 1,
6     'output_ncols': 1,
7     'output_align': 'bottom',
8 }
9 @ct.application(title='Iceberg presence', layout=layout)
10 @ct.output.carousel()
11 @ct.output.markdown()
12 def iceberg_presence():
13     from matplotlib import colors
14     ua, va, sst = ct.catalogue.retrieve(
15         'reanalysis-era5-single-levels',
16         {
17             'variable': [
18                 '10m_u_component_of_wind',
19                 '10m_v_component_of_wind',
20                 'sea_surface_temperature'
21             ],
22             'product_type': 'reanalysis',
23             'year': [
24                 '2009', '2010', '2011', '2012',
25                 '2013', '2014', '2015'
26             ],
27             'month': [
28                 '1', '2', '3', '4',
29                 '5', '6', '7', '8',
30                 '9', '10', '11', '12'
31             ],
32             'day': [
33                 '01', '02', '03',
34                 '04', '05', '06',
35                 '07', '08', '09',
36                 '10', '11', '12',
```

## Iceberg presence



data source: CDS and CMEMS (<http://marine.copernicus.eu>)



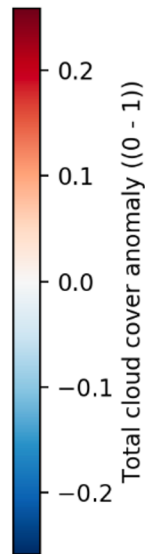
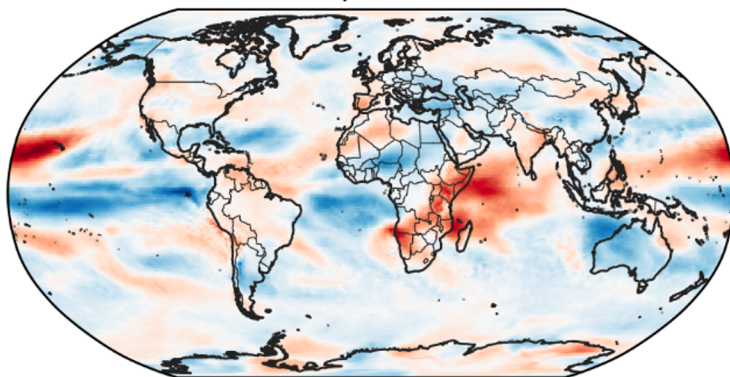
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## CDS Toolbox – CREATE APPLICATIONS

Dedicated to End-Users. Can be published, described and accessed through the CDS

### Seasonal

C3S ecmwf Total cloud cover anomaly  
Nominal forecast start: April 2018. Leadtime month: 1



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ecmwf

leadtime  
1



Built for the user to be Interactive



# The CDS Toolbox: the elements

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Toolbox editor

**Your private  
workspace,  
workflows and  
documentation**

Applications Data Documentation

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## **Application editor (GAIA)**

```
TC Console History
Layout
Copy Save Run
1 import cdstoolbox as ct
2 import cdstoolbox.navigation as navigation
3
4 def retrieve_6h_data_era5_pl(variable, pl, year, month, time, res):
5
6     data = ct.catalogue.retrieve(
7         'reanalysis-era5-pressure-levels',
8         {
9             'variable':variable,
10            'pressure_level':str(pl),
11            'product_type':'reanalysis',
12            'year':str(year),
13            'month':['%0.2d' % month,],
14            'day':[
15                '01','02','03',
16                '04','05','06',
17                '07','08','09',
18                '10','11','12',
19                '13','14','15',
20                '16','17','18',
21                '19','20','21',
22                '22','23','24',
23                '25','26','27',
24                '28','29','30',
25                '31'
26            ],
27            'time': time,
28            'format':'netcdf',
29            'grid': [res, res]
30        })
31 return data
```

Press "Run" to start the application

**Execution  
results are here**



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# The CDS toolbox: tools' documentation

- Each Toolbox tool has a documentation on input(s), output(s), and examples. This is accessed through the documentation tab.
- The documentation is organized by tool category: plotting, climate indices, SIS,...
- Tools make use of the xarray python library to I/O and manipulate data.
- Note: Not all the CDS datasets can be processed with the toolbox**

Toolbox editor

Applications Data Documentation

Search for documentation

cdstoolbox  
application  
input

com  
cdo  
eca\_cfd  
eca\_csu  
enscrps  
fldmean  
gridarea  
intlevel  
mermean  
showlevel  
cdsplot

How/where should this be described to the users?

```
cdstoolbox.cdo.mermean(data: xr.DataArray, extent: Tuple[float, float, float, float] = None, output_file: str = '{name}-{uuid}.nc', remove_atexit: bool = True) → xr.DataArray [source]
```

Computes meridional mean for a xarray DataArray (weighted over all latitudes) using `mermean` cdo command. NaN or missing values are discarded.

**Parameters:**

- data** – xr.DataArray DataArray to compute mermean on.
- extent** – tuple (lon\_min, lon\_max, lat\_min, lat\_max), tuple of floats for setting data extent. If None whole data extent is considered. For applying the extent on input, cdo sellonlatbox command is used.
- output\_file** – str String for output file path. If None a random local temporary file is generated.
- remove\_atexit** – bool bool to decide whether keeping the output as netcdf file on disk

**Returns:** xr.DataArray Returns xarray DataArray of area averaged input.

**Example:**

It computes a simple mean when used on an array that has a grid without coordinates units:

```
>>> data = xr.DataArray(  
...     [[1., 3.], [2., 2.]],  
...     coords=[('lon', [0., 20.]), ('lat', [0., 20.])],  
...     name='data'  
... )  
>>> mermean(data).values  
array([[2.]])
```

Otherwise it computes the area weighted average:

```
>>> data.lon.attrs['units'] = 'degrees_east'  
>>> data.lat.attrs['units'] = 'degrees_north'  
>>> fldmean(data).values  
array([[1.98...]])
```



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# The CDS Toolbox: (example) workflows

```
1 import cdstoolbox as ct
2
3
4 @ct.application(title='Plot Map')
5 @ct.input.dropdown('variable', values=[
6     '2m_temperature', '10m_u_component_of_wind',
7     '10m_v_component_of_wind',
8     'mean_sea_level_pressure', 'sea_surface_temperature',
9 ])
10 @ct.output.figure()
11 def plot_map(variable):
12     """
13     Application main steps:
14
15     - retrieve a variable over a defined date
16     - show the result on a map
17
18     """
19     data = ct.catalogue.retrieve(
20         'reanalysis-era5-single-levels',
21         {
22             'variable': variable,
23             'grid': ['3', '3'],
24             'product_type': 'reanalysis',
25             'year': '2010',
26             'month': '08',
27             'day': '15',
28             'time': '12:00',
29         }
30     )
31
32     fig = ct.cdsplot.geomap(data)
33
34     return fig
35
36
```

← Title and user-defined  
parameters

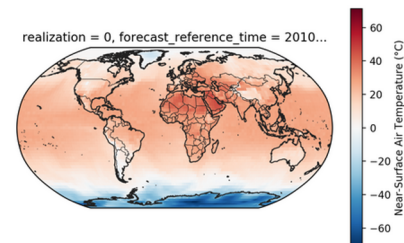
← Definition of the 'main'

**PRODUCE THIS PLOT**

← Retrieve data --  
might be slow!

← Make a map with the results  
(a built-in tool)

Plot Map



Copernicus  
Europe's eyes on Earth

variable

2m\_temperature

Copernicus  
Climate Change Service  
climate.copernicus.eu

Version: 3.5.12 - build 3a14702





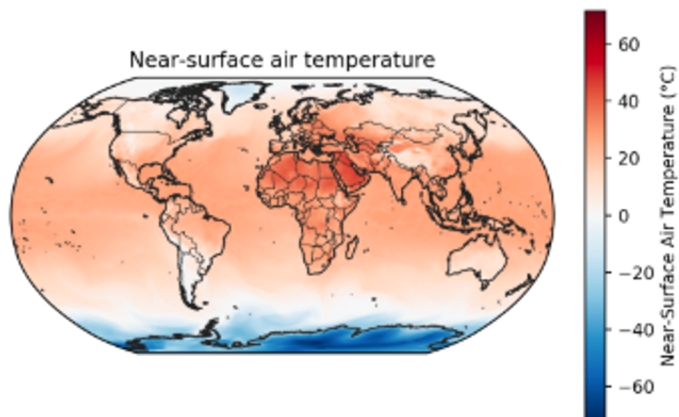
# Application Structure

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## Plot Map

Variable

Near-Surface Air Temperature



```
import cdstoolbox as ct
```

```
layout = {  
    'output_align': 'bottom'  
}
```

```
variables = {  
    'Near-Surface Air Temperature': '2m_temperature',  
    'Eastward Near-Surface Wind': '10m_u_component_of_wind',  
    'Westward Near-Surface Wind': '10m_v_component_of_wind',  
    'Sea Level Pressure': 'mean_sea_level_pressure',  
    'Sea Surface Temperature': 'sea_surface_temperature',  
}
```

```
@ct.application(title='Plot Map', layout=layout)  
@ct.input.dropdown('variable', label='Variable', values=variables.keys())  
@ct.output.figure()
```

```
def plot_map(variable):
```

```
    """
```

```
    Application main steps:
```

- set the application layout with output at the bottom
- select a variable name from a list in the dropdown menu
- retrieve the selected variable
- compose a title
- show the result on a map using the chosen title

```
    """
```

```
data = ct.catalogue.retrieve(  
    'reanalysis-era5-single-levels',  
    {  
        'variable': variables[variable],  
        'product_type': 'reanalysis',  
        'year': '2010',  
        'month': '08',  
        'day': '15',  
        'time': '12:00',  
    }  
)
```

```
title = '{}'.format(' '.join([text.capitalize() for text in variable.split('_')]))  
fig = ct.cdsplot.geomap(data, title=title)
```

```
return fig
```



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# Application Structure

```
import cdstoolbox as ct

layout = {
    'output_align': 'bottom'
}

variables = {
    'Near-Surface Air Temperature': '2m_temperature',
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## Import Libraries

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            'time': '12:00',
        }
    )

    title = '{}'.format(' '.join([text.capitalize() for text in variable.split('_')]))
    fig = ct.cdsplot.geomap(data, title=title)

    return fig
```



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# Application Structure

## Import Libraries Define Layout Style

```
import cdstoolbox as ct

layout = {
    'output_align': 'bottom'
}

variables = {
    'Near-Surface Air Temperature': '2m_temperature',
    'Eastward Near-Surface Wind': '10m_u_component_of_wind',
    'Westward Near-Surface Wind': '10m_v_component_of_wind',
    'Sea Level Pressure': 'mean_sea_level_pressure',
    'Sea Surface Temperature': 'sea_surface_temperature',
}

@ct.application(title='Plot Map', layout=layout)
@ct.input.dropdown('variable', label='Variable', values=variables.keys())
@ct.output.figure()
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        {
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```



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# Application Structure

Import Libraries  
Define Layout Style  
Define Variables as str

```
import cdstoolbox as ct

layout = {
    'output_align': 'bottom'
}

variables = {
    'Near-Surface Air Temperature': '2m_temperature',
    'Eastward Near-Surface Wind': '10m_u_component_of_wind',
    'Westward Near-Surface Wind': '10m_v_component_of_wind',
    'Sea Level Pressure': 'mean_sea_level_pressure',
    'Sea Surface Temperature': 'sea_surface_temperature',
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@ct.output.figure()
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        {
            'variable': variables[variable],
            'product_type': 'reanalysis',
            'year': '2010',
            'month': '08',
            'day': '15',
            'time': '12:00',
        }
    )

    title = '{}'.format(' '.join([text.capitalize() for text in variable.split('_')]))
    fig = ct.cdsplot.geomap(data, title=title)

    return fig
```



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# Application Structure

Import Libraries  
Define Layout Style  
Define Variables as str  
Define input and outputs

```
import cdstoolbox as ct

layout = {
    'output_align': 'bottom'
}

variables = {
    'Near-Surface Air Temperature': '2m_temperature',
    'Eastward Near-Surface Wind': '10m_u_component_of_wind',
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    'Sea Surface Temperature': 'sea_surface_temperature',
}

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        }
    )

    title = '{}'.format(' '.join([text.capitalize() for text in variable.split('_')]))
    fig = ct.cdsplot.geomap(data, title=title)

    return fig
```





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# Application Structure

Import Libraries  
Define Layout Style  
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Define input and outputs  
Define Computation steps

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import cdstoolbox as ct

layout = {
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    return fig
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Let's visit the Toolbox

<https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/toolbox>



# Summary & comments

- Many (other) ways to visualise climate data
  - GIS-applications
  - CDO
  - Python (and other)
  - Excel
- Point data vs. gridded data
- More and more “user-friendly” online tools
  - Very relevant for non-climate-expert users

## Climate indices with CDO

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Climate indices of daily temperature and precipitation extremes  
October 2015



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**Thank You!**

