

# How to make a Python Package

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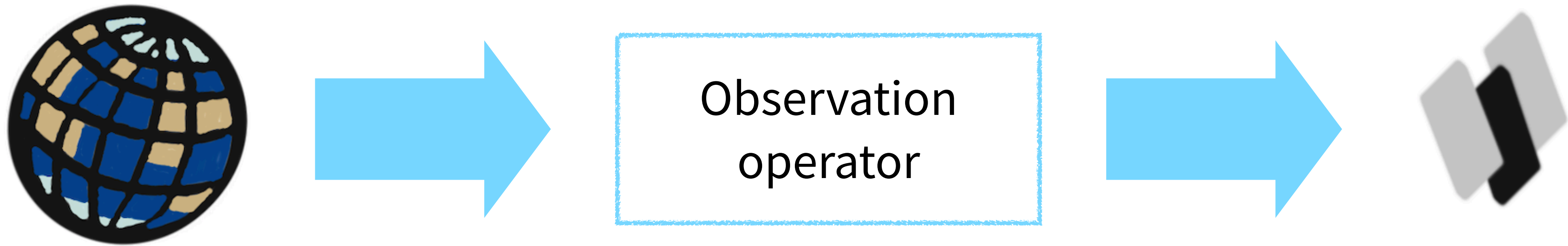
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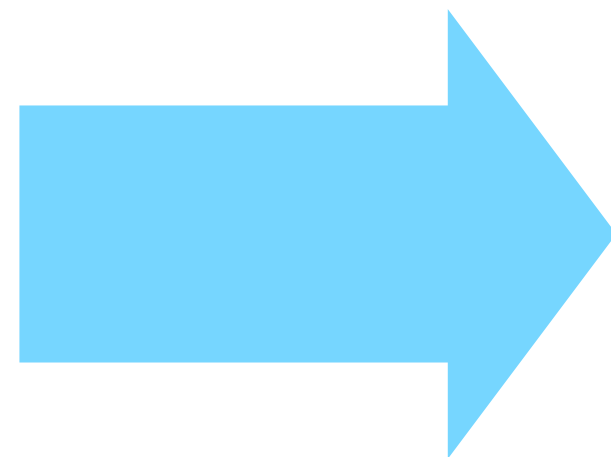


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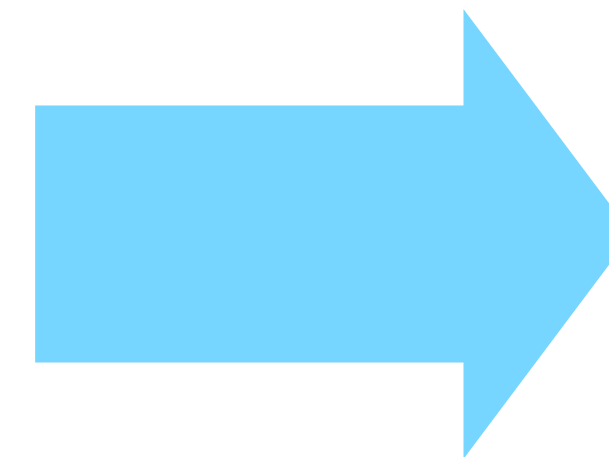


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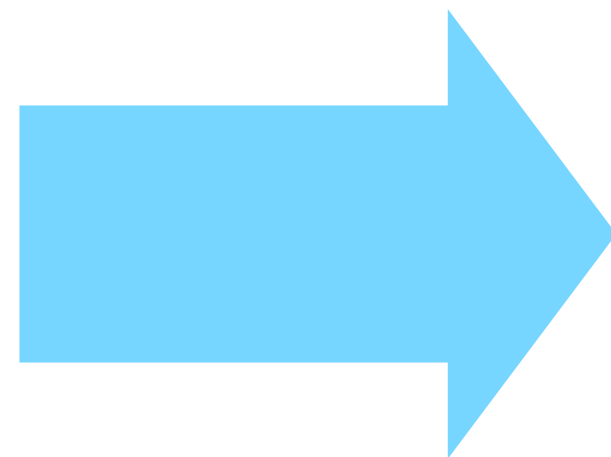
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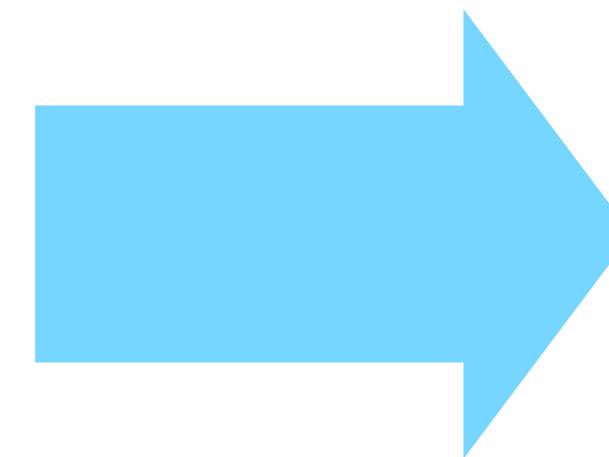
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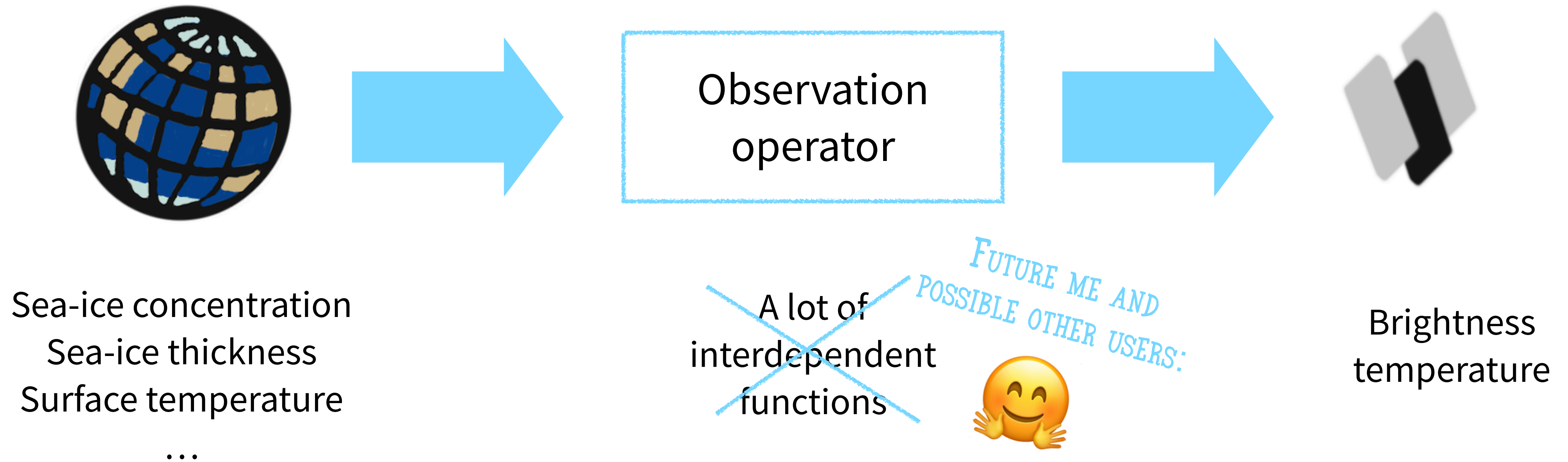
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+ possibility to install mypackage with pip and/or conda

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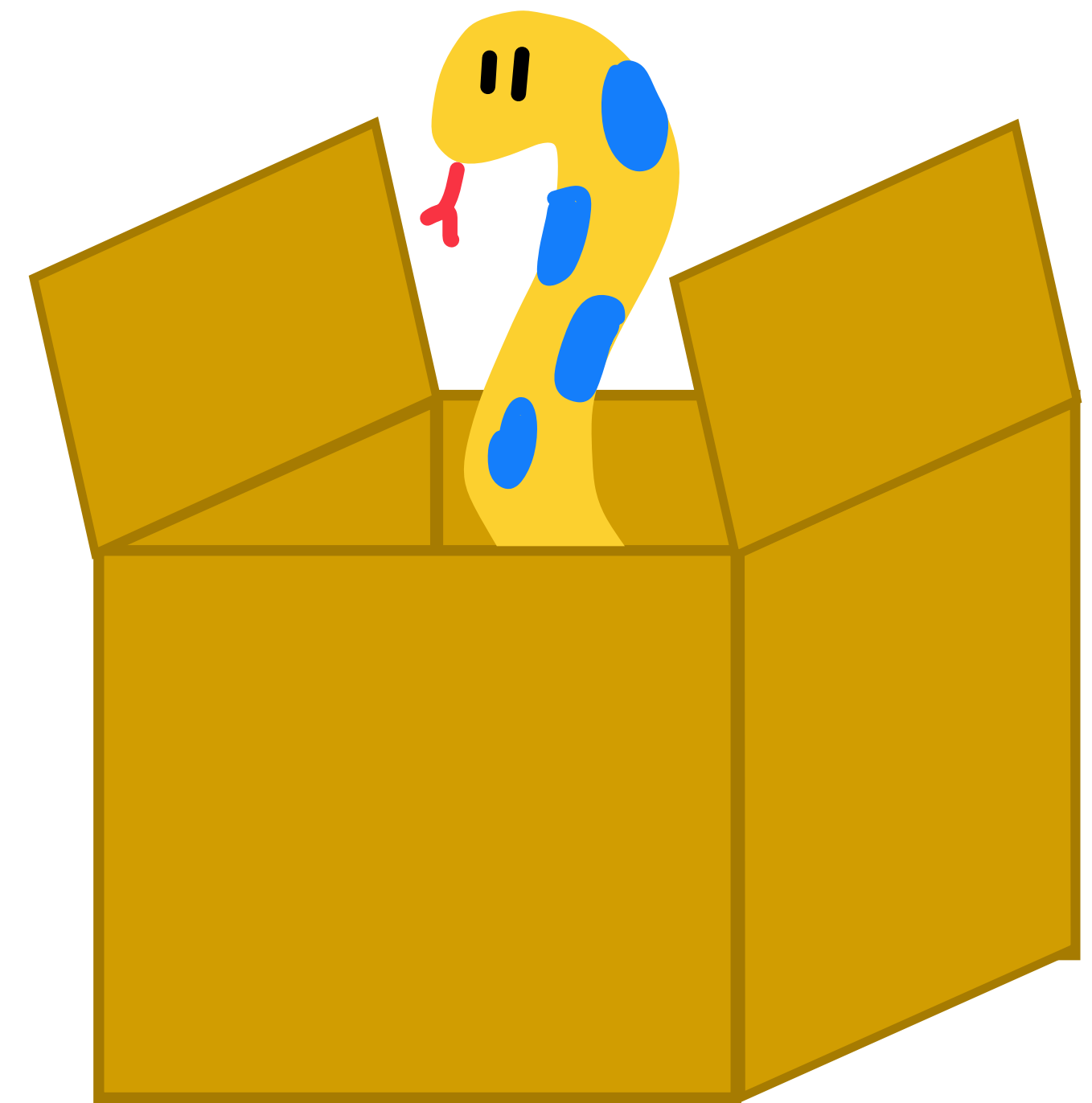
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# What is a package?

A package is a set of python functions that you want import at the beginning of a python script to be able to use them directly.

Famous examples: `numpy`, `xarray`, `matplotlib`...



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README.rst

## ARC3O

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```
1  #!/usr/bin/env python3
2  # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3
4  from .core_functions import satsim_complete_parallel
5  from .core_functions import satsim_complete_1month
6  from .core_functions import new_outputpath
7  from .core_functions import prep_time
8
9
10 __all__ = ['satsim_complete_parallel', 'satsim_complete_1month', 'new_outputpath', 'prep_time']
11
12 __version__ = '0.1'
```

Calling a function from your package normally:  
`mypackage.<sub_file>.function( )`

For functions that should be easily accessible,  
import them in the `__init__.py` file, then:  
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import setuptools
import pathlib
import os

here = pathlib.Path(__file__).parent.resolve()

# Get the long description from the README file
long_description = open(os.path.join(here, 'README.rst'), encoding='utf-8').read()

setuptools.setup(

    #The project's name
    name='arc3o',

    #The project's version
    version='0.1',

    #The project's metadata
    author='Clara Burgard',
    author_email='clara.burgard@gmail.com',
    description='An observation operator for the Arctic Ocean for 6.9 GHz',
    long_description=long_description,

    #The project's main homepage.
    url='https://github.com/ClimateClara/arc3o',

    #The project's license
    license='GPL-3.0',

    packages=setuptools.find_packages(exclude=['docs', 'tests*', 'examples']),

    classifiers=[
        'Development Status :: 4 - Beta',
        'Intended Audience :: Science/Research',
        'License :: OSI Approved :: GNU General Public License v3 (GPLv3)',
        'Operating System :: OS Independent',
        'Programming Language :: Python :: 3 :: Only',
    ],

    project_urls={
        'Source': 'https://github.com/ClimateClara/arc3o',
        'Tracker': 'https://github.com/ClimateClara/arc3o/issues',
        # 'Documentation': 'https://arc3o.readthedocs.io',
    },

    keywords='earth-sciences climate-modeling sea-ice arctic oceanography remote-sensing',

    python_requires='>=3.5',

    install_requires=[
        'numpy',
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        'tqdm',
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And in your scripts you can now:

```
import mypackage as mp
```

or, if you have subfiles for functions:

```
import mypackage.subfile1 as mp1
```

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def ro2epsd(roi,Ti,freq):

    """Compute real part of dielectric permittivity for dry snow

    This function computes the dielectric permittivity for dry snow from density.

    Parameters
    -----
    roi: np.array or xarray.DataArray
        snow density in g/cm3
    Ti: np.array or xarray.DataArray
        snow temperature in K
    freq: float
        frequency in GHz

    Returns
    -----
    epsi: np.array or xarray.DataArray
        real part of dielectric permittivity of dry snow
    epsii: np.array or xarray.DataArray
        imaginary part of dielectric permittivity of dry snow

    Notes
    -----
    This function is part of the original MEMLS developed by the Institute of Applied Physics,
    University of Bern, Switzerland. A description of that model version can be found in :cite:`wiesmann98`
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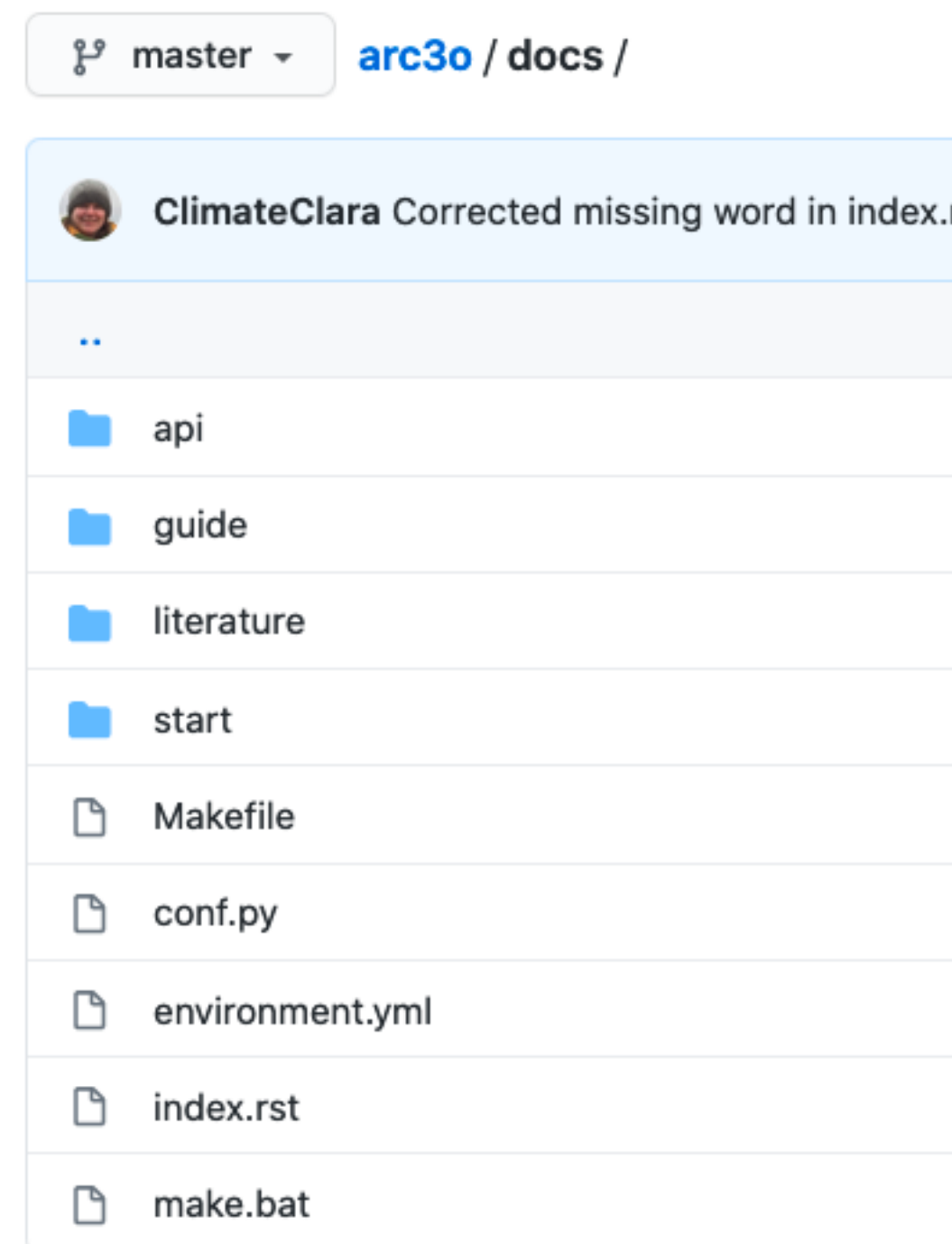
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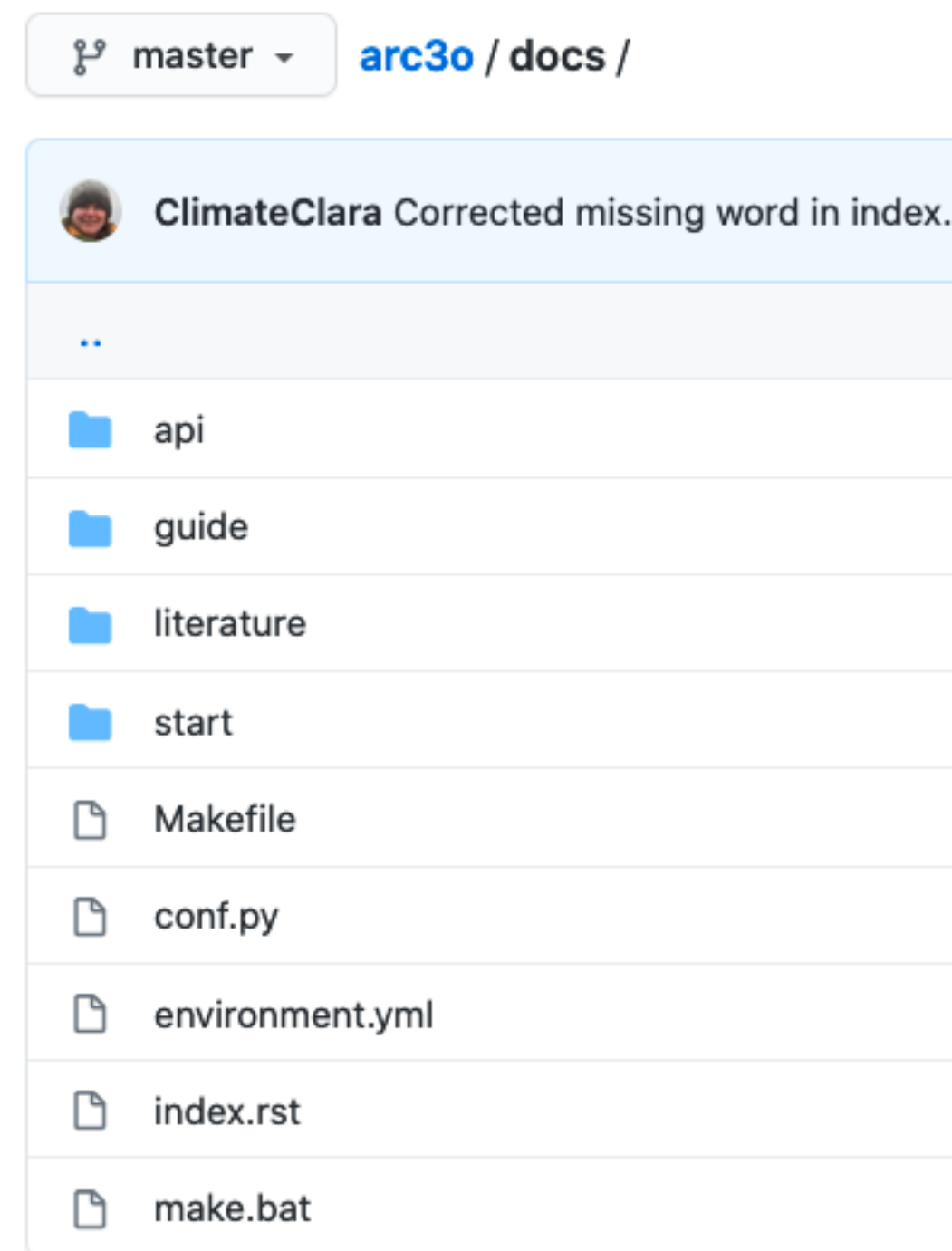
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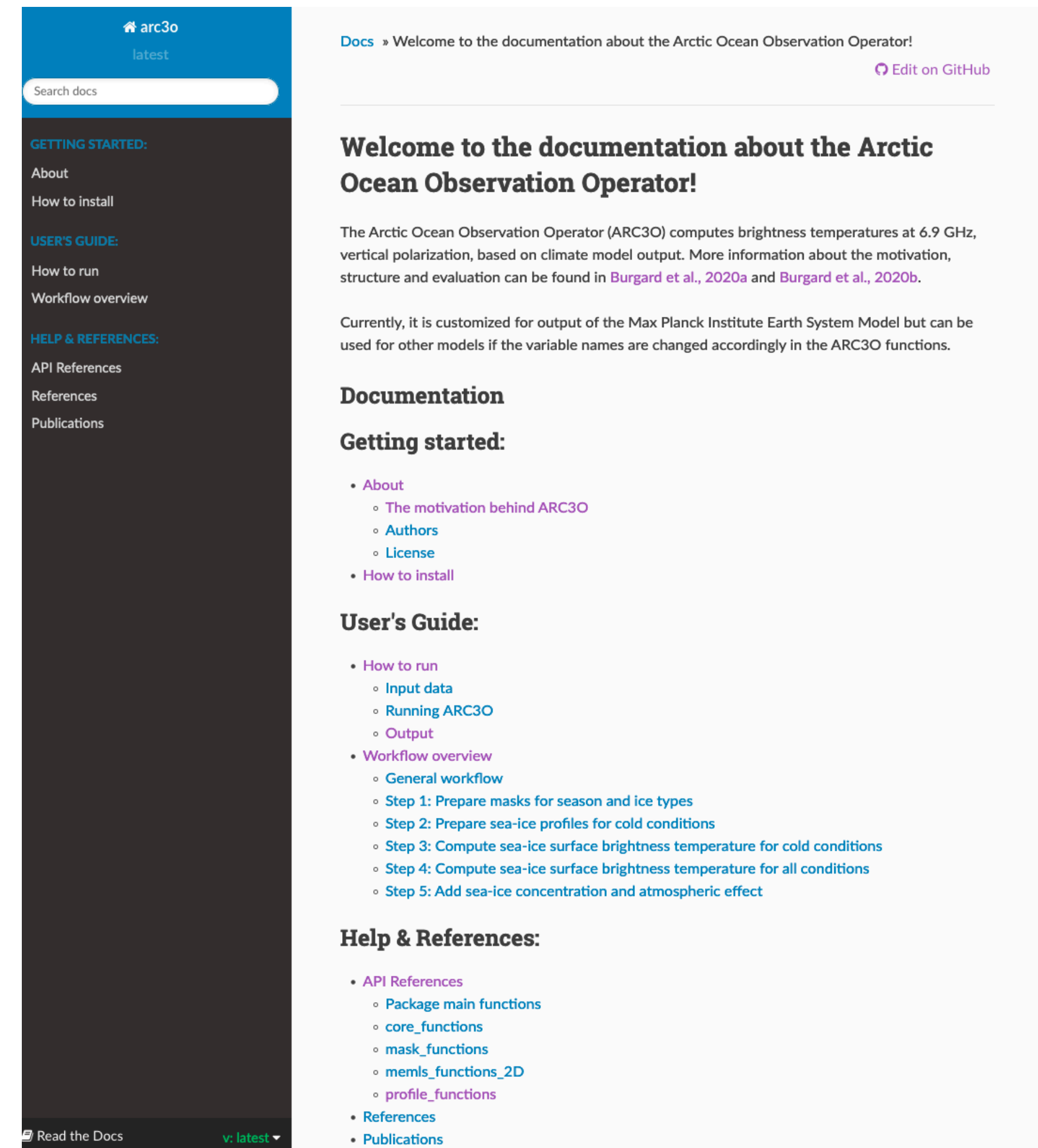
The screenshot shows the Arctic Ocean Observation Operator (ARC3O) documentation website. The left sidebar is dark blue with white text, containing a search bar and navigation links under three categories: GETTING STARTED (About, How to install), USER'S GUIDE (How to run, Workflow overview), and HELP & REFERENCES (API References, References, Publications). The main content area is light gray. At the top, it says 'Docs » Welcome to the documentation about the Arctic Ocean Observation Operator!' with a link to 'Edit on GitHub'. The main heading is 'Welcome to the documentation about the Arctic Ocean Observation Operator!'. Below this, a paragraph describes the operator's function: 'The Arctic Ocean Observation Operator (ARC3O) computes brightness temperatures at 6.9 GHz, vertical polarization, based on climate model output. More information about the motivation, structure and evaluation can be found in Burgard et al., 2020a and Burgard et al., 2020b.' Another paragraph states: 'Currently, it is customized for output of the Max Planck Institute Earth System Model but can be used for other models if the variable names are changed accordingly in the ARC3O functions.' The 'Documentation' section follows, with a 'Getting started:' subsection listing 'About' (with sub-links: 'The motivation behind ARC3O', 'Authors', 'License') and 'How to install'. The 'User's Guide:' subsection lists 'How to run' (with sub-links: 'Input data', 'Running ARC3O', 'Output') and 'Workflow overview' (with sub-links: 'General workflow', 'Step 1: Prepare masks for season and ice types', 'Step 2: Prepare sea-ice profiles for cold conditions', 'Step 3: Compute sea-ice surface brightness temperature for cold conditions', 'Step 4: Compute sea-ice surface brightness temperature for all conditions', 'Step 5: Add sea-ice concentration and atmospheric effect'). The 'Help & References:' subsection lists 'API References' (with sub-links: 'Package main functions', 'core\_functions', 'mask\_functions', 'memls\_functions\_2D', 'profile\_functions'), 'References', and 'Publications'. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a 'Read the Docs' button and a version selector set to 'v: latest'.

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