

Perspectives on compute services for ESGF

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Compute & Analytics (Dec 2, 2019).*



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- **A compute service aims to provide remote access to analysis and processing capabilities**
- In this respect, IS-ENES3 aims to:
 - develop Compute Service solutions (WP10)
 - gather community requirements about analysis/processing (WP3)
 - define the future compute service roadmap as part of long-term plan (WP5)
 - provide operational compute services for end-users (WP7)
 - Virtual Access
 - Trans-National Access
 - define sustainability plan (WP2)
- **Outcome: the Compute Services developed/supported in IS-ENES3 will enrich and complement the existing ENES CDI data & metadata service offering**



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When
Dec 02, 2019 from 04:00 PM to 07:15 PM (Europe/Vienna / UTC100)
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The **IS-ENES3/ESGF Virtual Workshop on Compute and Analytics** is a web meeting organized in the context of the EU H2020 **IS-ENES3** project in close collaboration with the **Earth System Grid Federation** international effort.

The Virtual Workshop will discuss users' requirements, solutions, gaps and challenges about the compute and analytics services in the climate change domains.

Talks on state of the art implementations in this field as well as applications built on top of them will be presented. The main outcome of the workshop, which will collect all contributions from the participants, will be documented into a final report on "Compute service requirements and state of the art approaches".

Date
December 2nd, 2019
16:00 - 19:15 CET (10:00 - 13:15 EST, 07:00 - 10:15 PST, 02:00 - 05:15 AEDT)

Connection details
Register to the Meeting to get connection details information:
<https://cerfacs.webex.com/cerfacs-en/j.php?RGID=re7f8eaa16f5671d15b0c70a21883d32e>

Date: December 2, 2019 - Around 25 participants from EU and US

Agenda of the workshop (2 sessions):

<https://is.enes.org/events/workshops/is-enes3-esgf-virtual-workshop-on-compute-and-analytics>

Outcome reported in D5.1: Compute service requirements and state of the art approaches

Agenda	
16:00-16:05	Welcome session - Chair: Sandro Fiore
16:00-16:05	Welcome - Workshop Introduction and opening remarks Sylvie Joussaume (IPSL-CNRS, IS-ENES3) Ghaleb M. Abdulla (LLNL, ESGF)
16:05-17:15	Session 1 – State of the art on the climate compute and analytics services: requirements, solutions and challenges Stephan Kindermann and Carsten Haug (IPSL)
16:20-16:35	An open “data-side” platform for climate data analysis Guillaume Levavasseur, IPSL
16:35-16:50	Robust and Reliable WPS for climate data analysis Ag Stephens, UKRI
16:50-17:05	A Climate Analytics Hub for climate data analysis Donatello Elia, CMCC
17:05-17:15	Questions
17:15-18:30	Session 2 - State of the art on the climate compute and analytics services: requirements, solutions and gaps - Chair: Ghaleb M. Abdulla Compute Services requirements for the climate impact community using C4I Maarten Plieger, Wim Som de Cerff, Janette Bessembinder, KNMI, Christian Pagé, CERFACS
17:30-17:45	Packaging, deployment and interfacing of machine learning applications in scientific workflow environments Tom Landry, CRIM
17:45-18:00	The Earth Data Analytic Services (EDAS) Framework Thomas P. Maxwell, NASA
18:00-18:15	Compute with Kubernetes Jason Jerome Boutte, LLNL
18:15-18:30	Talk by NCI Ben Evans, NCI
18:30-19:15	Session 3 - Discussion session on Compute and Analytics - Chair: Sandro Fiore
18:30-19:10	General discussion on requirements
19:10-19:15	Wrap up and closing remarks
19:15	End of the Virtual Workshop
Organizing Committee	
Sandro Fiore (CMCC), Christian Pagé (CERFACS), Sylvie Joussaume (IPSL) and Ghaleb M. Abdulla (LLNL)	



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Compute Service solutions/deployments:

- CMCC
- DKRZ
- IPSL
- UKRI
- NASA
- LLNL

Application perspective:

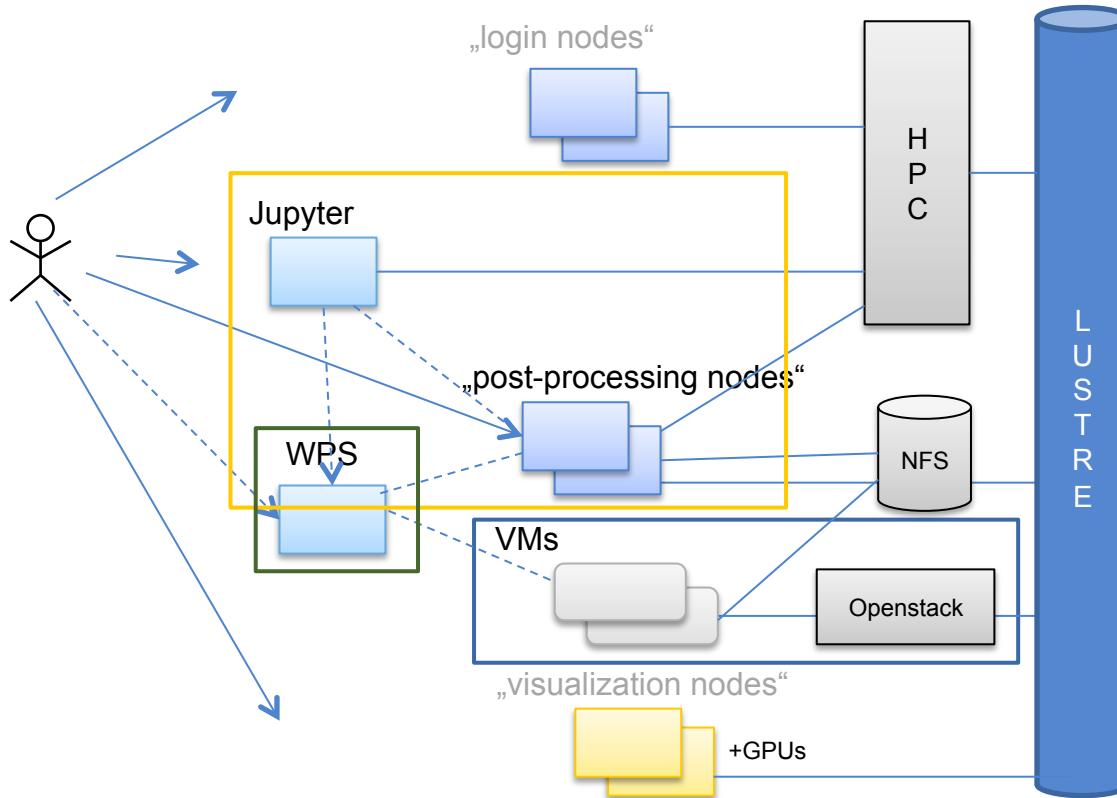
- CERFACS/KNMI
- CRIM



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Major usage scenarios

Batch processing

Interactive processing

- Jupyter hub service
- Birdhouse: used for Copernicus WPS deployment
- ECAS deployment for EOSC

Service provisioning

- ex: CMIP6 model evaluation result generation
- uses ESMValTool
- continuous processing of CMIP6 evaluation results.

Visualization

Credits: Stephan Kindermann (DKRZ)



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ESPRI = "Common Services for Research at IPSL"

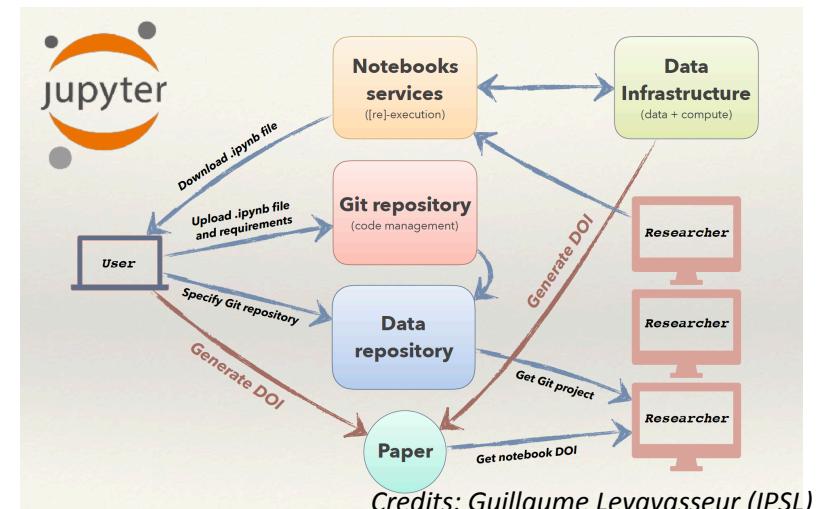
ESPRI is a **mutualized** data analysis **platform** providing **optimal** access to climate observations **and** model results, together **close** to the computing facility used by IPSL community(ies).

ESPRI, the "local" level:

- facilitates the **distribution**, **access** and **analysis** of international **climate data**,
- CLIMERI-France**, the national level, relies on **ESPRI**

Proposed solution:

- To Improve/complete our analytic environment
- Kubernetes instance soon in production on ClimServ cluster
- Jupyter Notebooks for training purposes and analysis traceability,
- ESGF data node hosting (vesg.polytechnique.ipsl.fr ?).
- WPS deployed for climate services (Copernicus)



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Proposed solution

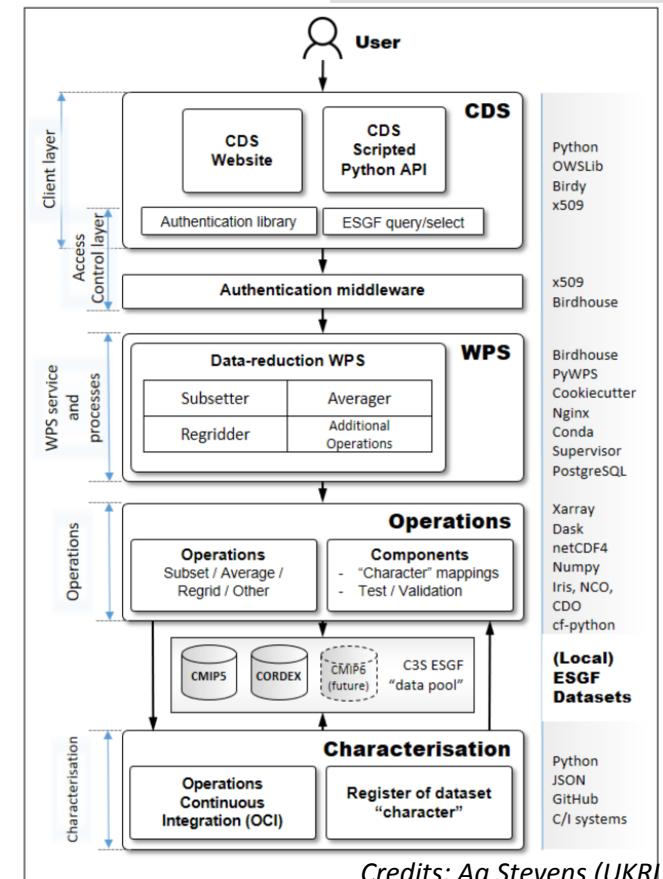
- Layered approach
- Strong focus on *robustness* rather than *functionality*
- Python codebase, build on PyWPS, Birdhouse, Xarray and any existing libraries/tools.
- Begin with basic operations:
 - Subsetting, Averaging and (some) regridding

Characterization of data

In spite of CMOR, data is heterogeneous; this can affect analysis code

For each project/activity (e.g. CMIP5, CORDEX):

- Test all operations against a large, representative sample of the available data.
- Validate the outputs in a comprehensive way.
- Most importantly, “characterise” the data sets in a public register.



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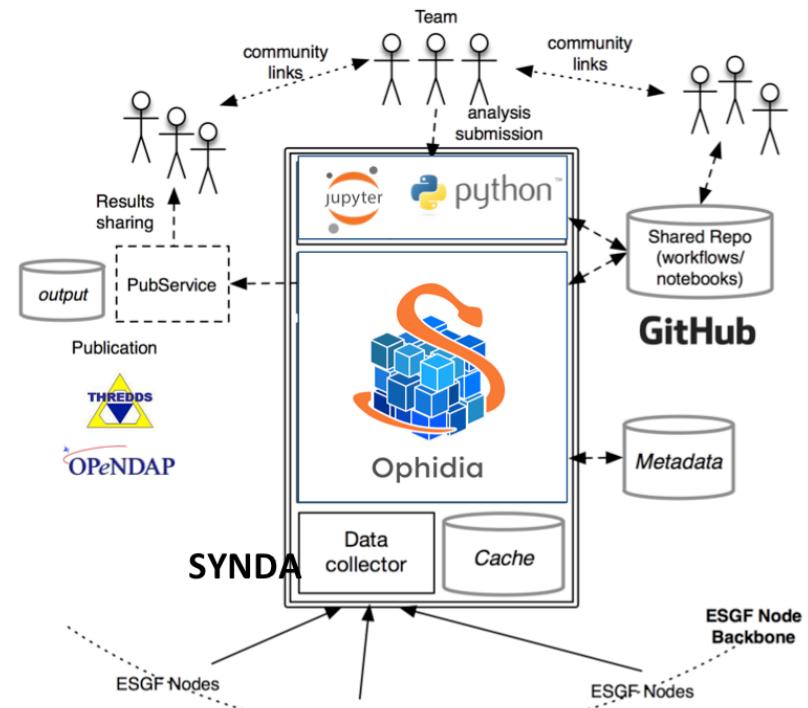
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ECAS represents the **Analytics-Hub** solution adopted at **CMCC**. Its main components are:

- A data science environment based on JupyterHub and a set of high-level **scientific libraries** for analysis/plotting
- A **WPS** interface
- **Ophidia** as internal **analytics** engine
- The **data collector** (Synda) and to gather relevant datasets from ESGF
- A local **storage pool**

ECAS is also one of the **EOSC-hub Thematic Services** (in collaboration with DKRZ).



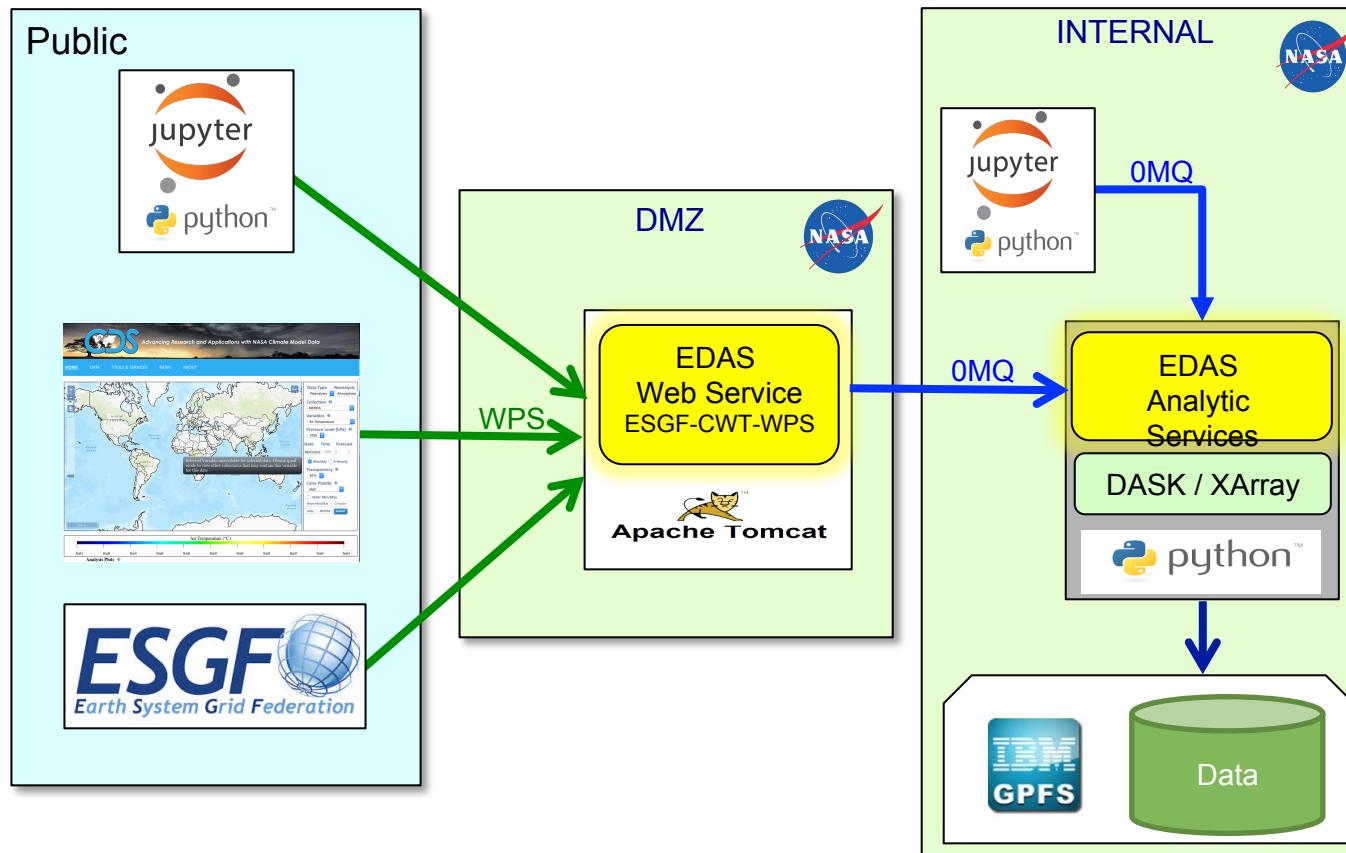
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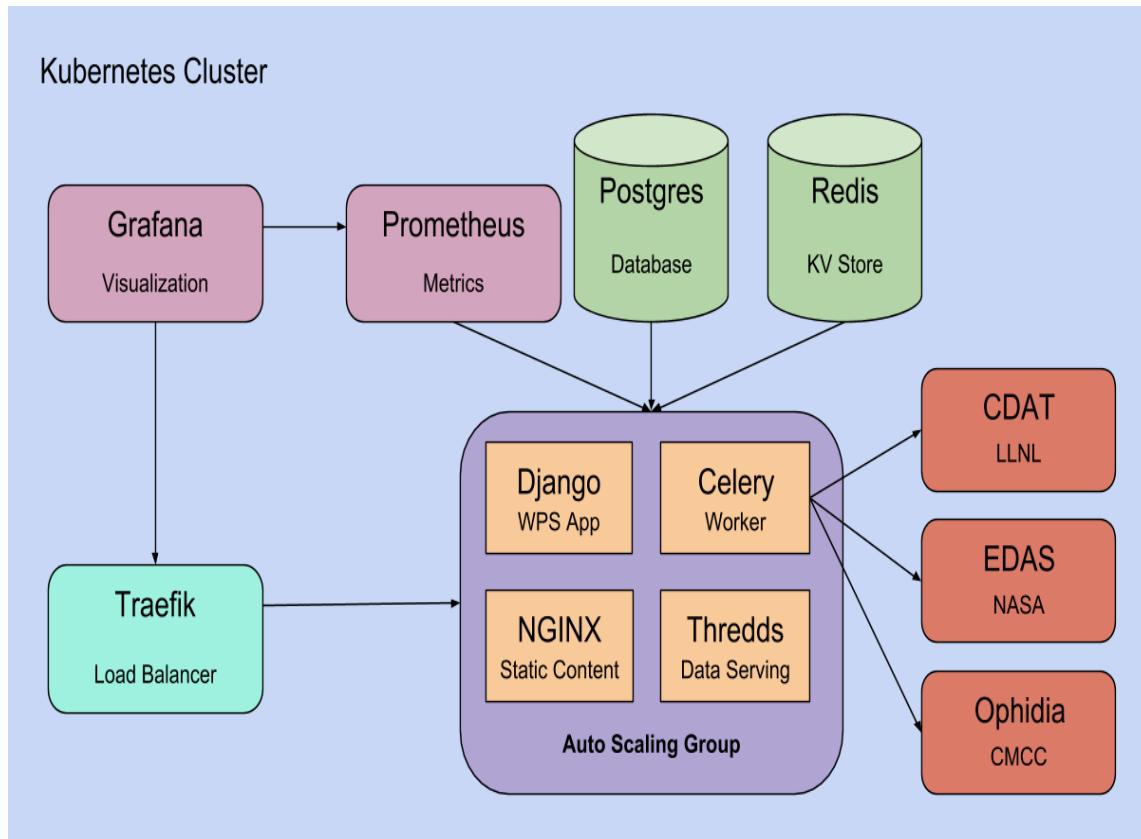
Credits: T. Maxwell (NASA)



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Proposed solution

- Microservices/containers approach
- Cloud-based solution running in a Kubernetes cluster
- Interface with different back-end as a result of the Compute Working Team activity
- Access via JupyterHub
- Back-end (selected set of processes: Aggregate, Subset, Max, Min, Subtract, Sum)

Credits: Jason Boutte (LLNL)



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Application needs: C4I “use case”

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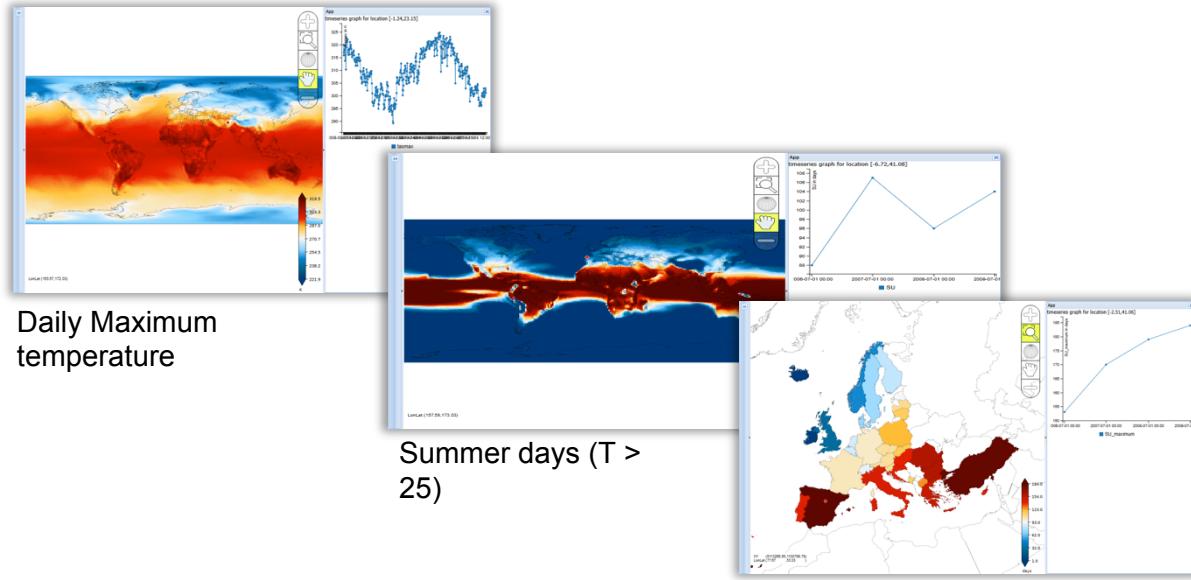
Welcome to IS-ENES Climate4Impact

The aim of Climate4Impact is to enhance the use of climate research data. It has been developed within the European projects IS-ENES, IS-ENES2 and CLIPC. Climate4Impact is connected to the Earth System Grid Federation (ESGF) infrastructure, using certificate-based authentication. ESGF search, openid, openidp and thredds catalogs. The portal aims to support climate change impact modellers, impact and adaptation consultants, as well anyone else wanting to use climate change data. The portal offers web interfaces for searching, visualizing, analyzing, processing and downloading datasets.

- Visualize and download data from global climate models (GCM), regional climate models (RCM) and downscaled high resolution climate data using [Data discovery](#). Need some [help](#) with this tool?
- Tools like indices calculations, downscaling, subsetting and regridding are available for tailoring data to your needs: go to [Process data](#).
- Want to know more on how to use climate scenarios, how the climate models model the complex climate system, and see example use cases in several impact and adaptation themes? Go to [guidance on using climate data](#).
- New user? [Create an account and sign in](#).

Click on one of these images to go to a specific climate change impact and adaptation theme.

<https://climate4impact.eu>



Improvements and needs from compute and analytics services

- Currently C4I handles ESGF data on file level
 - *Make easier to process long sequences of data*
- We want to bring the processing to the data
 - *Calculations should run faster*

Credits: C. Page' (CERFACS), W. Som de Cerff (KNMI) M. Plieger (KNMI) , J. Bessembinder (KNMI), B. Overbeek (KNMI)



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Conclusions (I): Different solutions

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Unlike other parts of ESGF, several solutions are under development or are supported at different sites.

Differences are driven by :

- contexts (e.g. national/institutional, Copernicus, EOSC, etc.)
- target users and requirements
- priorities

Diversity can help tackling a wider spectrum of scenarios



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Conclusions (II): Common aspects

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However there are common (relevant) aspects/directions that must be highlighted as well.

Key examples relate to:

- **Service interface (WPS)**
- **Security (ESGF context, IdEA working group)**
- **Programmatic access interface (Python-based) and data science software eco-system**
- **Virtualization, containerization, orchestration solutions and cloud tech.**

They can help providing a good interoperability basis for more complex scenarios!



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Conclusions (III): End-users perspective

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Scientists are cautious about using a processing service for several reasons:

- Awareness
- Transparency
- Robustness
- Trust

Not a big surprise...

- it can take time for the community to move towards a new approach
- It should be clearly explained what each solution is extremely good at
- Specific needs require a “tailored compute service” (heterogeneous data)
- Some actions can be taken to increase usability, awareness and adoption (webinars, demos, training, access calls, etc.).



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- 2. Virtual workshop on Compute and analytics - 2) Talk by IPSL (18:45)
- 3. Virtual workshop on Compute and analytics - 3) Talk by UKRI (13:31)
- 4. Virtual workshop on Compute and analytics - 4) Talk by CMCC (15:58)
- 5. Virtual workshop on Compute and analytics - 5) Talk by DKRZ (16:16)
- 6. Virtual workshop on Compute and analytics - 6) Session 1 Questions (12:33)
- 7. Virtual workshop on Compute and analytics - 7) Introduction to Session 2 + Talk by KNMI CERFACS (14:32)

Videos are available on the IS-ENES3 YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLFvev1W5vG7N69d4mD0Aa6FgNiuisQDcI>
Thanks Sophie!



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