

CMIP6 Infrastructure Status and Future

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The WGCM Infrastructure Panel

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- Facilitate access to model output produced by MIPs (e.g., CMIP and the CMIP6 endorsed MIPs; obs4MIPs; CORDEX)
- Impose standards that make datasets self-describing
- Define “controlled vocabularies” to enable automated management of data and user-friendly search capabilities
- Provide information and services for
 - Documenting models and experiments
 - Assigning persistent i.d.’s for data citation purposes
 - Reporting errors in data
 - Helping contributors and users of CMIP data to do their work
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CMIP infrastructure support



- PCMDI
 - DOE has provided 30-years of MIP support



- ESGF
 - Originated by U.S. DOE
 - More recent major contributions from numerous others



- IS-ENES
 - European contribution to ESGF & CMIP infrastructure



- Numerous other projects and institutions, including CEDA, DKRZ, es-doc, IPSL, NASA, NOAA



Purposes of the WGCM Infrastructure Panel*



- To set requirements ensuring the infrastructure will serve its purpose
- To write documents defining specifications for the infrastructure and data it hosts.
- To help coordinate development work done under independently-funded projects so that the infrastructure elements work well together
- To communicate and coordinate with data managers at modeling groups via a “CMIP Data Node Operations Team” (CDNOT; Sébastien Denvil, chair)

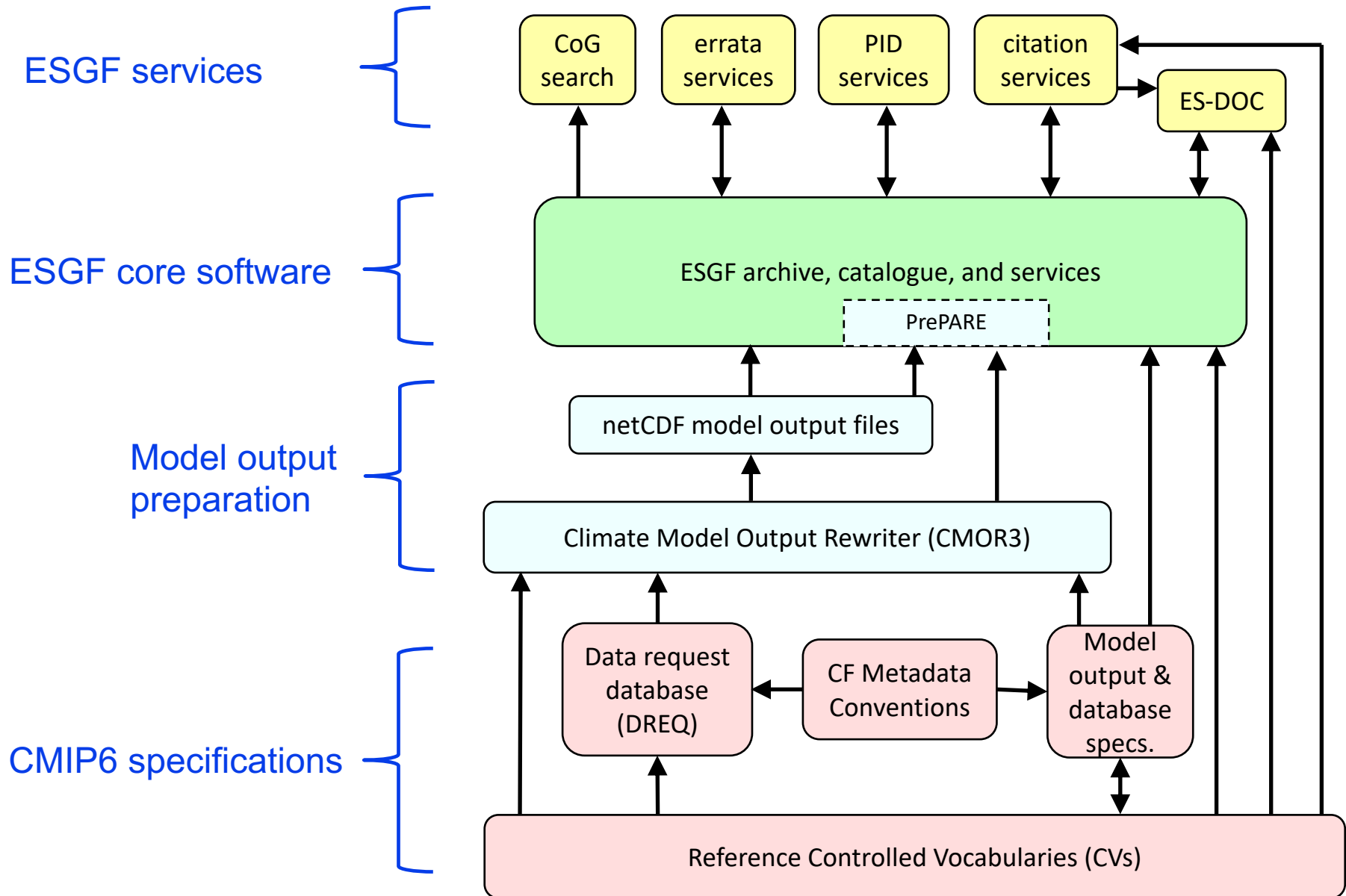
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Objectives of this talk



- To provide an overview of the components of the CMIP infrastructure and their status
- To highlight tools and information that may help researchers obtain the data
- Look to the future ... cloud-based opportunities

Infrastructure components and dependencies



Formally registered experiments, institutions, and models are recorded by “*controlled vocabularies*” (CV’s)



CMIP6_CVs

Core Controlled Vocabularies (CVs) for use in CMIP6

Registering Institutions, Models, or requesting changes to CVs:

To register your institution or model or to request changes to a CV, please submit an issue/ticket following the instructions on the [CMIP6_CVs issue page](#).

Some support for CMIP participating modeling groups is available: pcmdi-cmip@lnl.gov

To view the current `experiment_id` entries point your browser to [CMIP6_experiment_id.html](#)

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The CVs build on logic that is described in the [CMIP6 Global Attributes, DRS, Filenames, Directory Structure, and CV's document](#)

Lists of registered:

- experiments
- institutions
- models

All CV's are hosted at:

https://github.com/WCRP-CMIP/CMIP6_CVs

Table of Registered Models

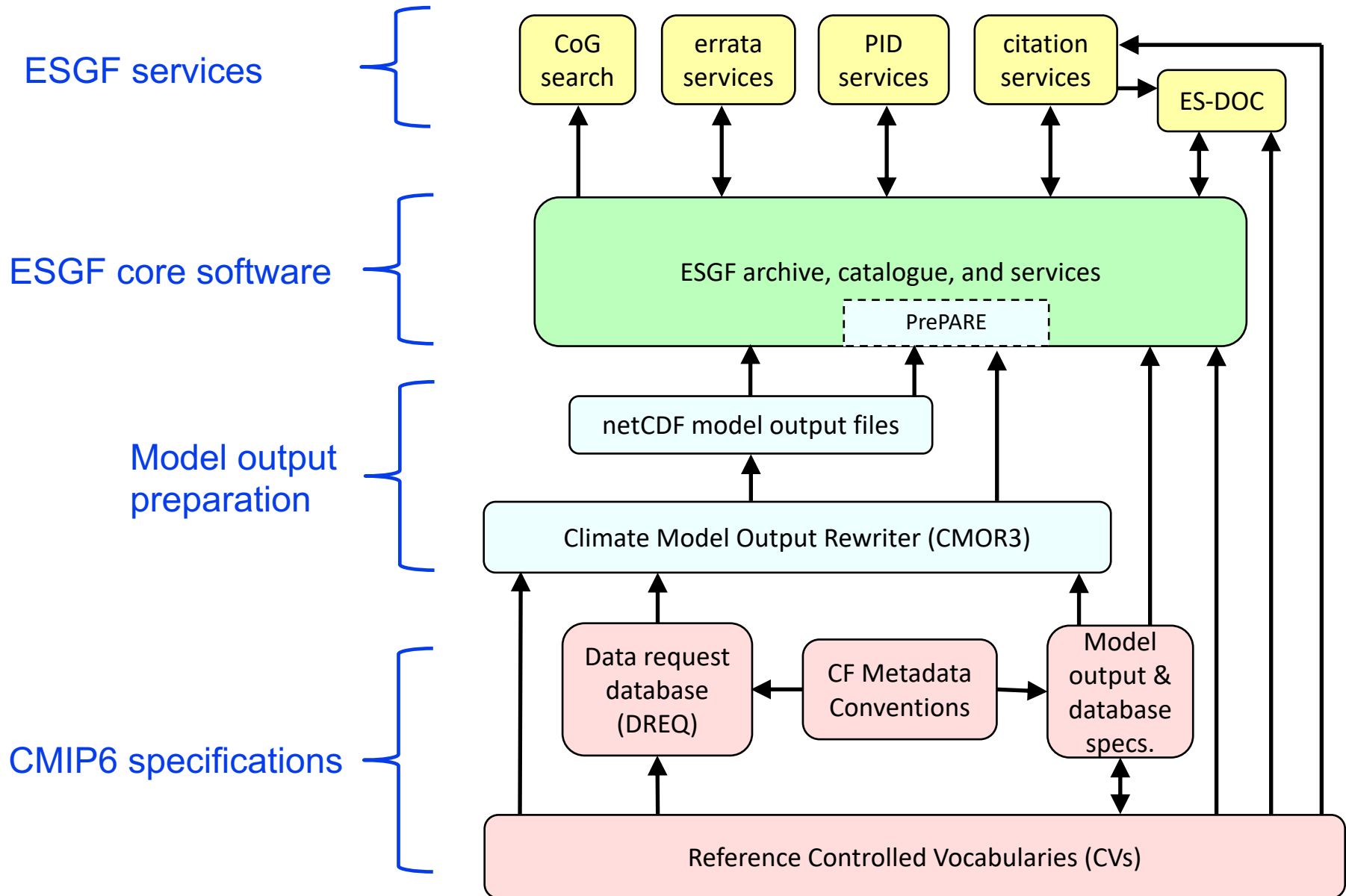
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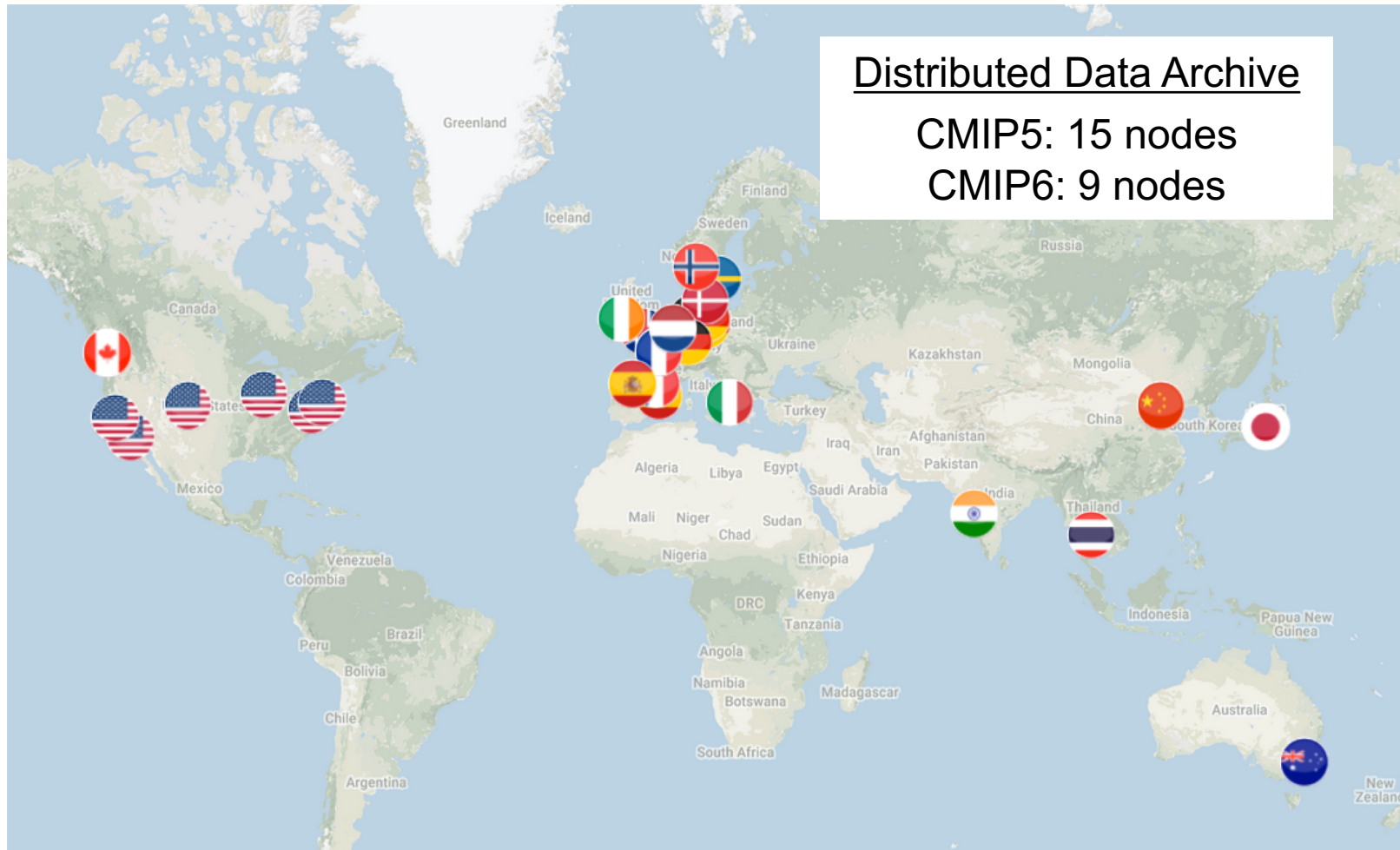
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ACCESS-ESM1-5	CSIRO	2018	C4MIP CDRMIP CMIP OMIP RFMIP ScenarioMIP	Registered	ACCESS-ESM1.5	Australian Community Climate and Earth System Simulator Earth System Model Version 1.5	HadGAM2 (r1.1, N96; 192 x 145 longitude/latitude; 38 levels; top level 39255 m)	250 km	ACCESS-OM2 (MOM5, tripolar primarily 1deg; 360 x 300 longitude/latitude; 50 levels; top grid cell 0-10 m)	100 km	none
ARTS-2-3	UHH	2015	RFMIP	Registered	ARTS 2.3	ARTS 2.3 (Current development version of the Atmospheric Radiative Transfer Simulator)	none	none	none	none	none
AWI-CM-1-1-HR	AWI	2018	CMIP CORDEX HighResMIP OMIP SIMIP VIACSAB	Registered	AWI-CM 1.1 HR	AWI-CM 1.1 HR	ECHAM6.3.04p1 (T127L95 native atmosphere T127 gaussian grid; 384 x 192 longitude/latitude; 95 levels; top level 80 km)	100 km	FESOM 1.4 (unstructured grid in the horizontal with 1306775 wet nodes; 46 levels; top grid cell 0-5 m)	25 km	none
AWI-CM-1-1-LR	AWI	2018	CMIP CORDEX HighResMIP OMIP SIMIP ScenarioMIP VIACSAB	Registered	AWI-CM 1.1 LR	AWI-CM 1.1 LR	ECHAM6.3.04p1 (T63L47 native atmosphere T63 gaussian grid; 192 x 96 longitude/latitude; 47 levels; top level 80 km)	250 km	FESOM 1.4 (unstructured grid in the horizontal with 126859 wet nodes; 46 levels; top grid cell 0-5 m)	50 km	none

- Model output & data base specifications and global metadata requirements
 - Provides the foundation for much of the infrastructure
<https://pcmdi.llnl.gov/CMIP6/Guide/modelers.html#5-model-output-requirements>
- CMIP data request tools and documentation (M. Juckes' poster)
 - Specifies variables to save and at what frequency for each experiment
 - Specifies variable-specific metadata to include in output files.
<https://www.earthsystemcog.org/projects/wip/CMIP6DataRequest>
- CMOR can be used to write model output in conformance with CMIP requirements
<https://github.com/PCMDI/cmor> and <http://cmor.llnl.gov/>
- Pre-Publication Attribute Reviewer for ESGF (PrePARE)
 - new module checking file metadata before publication

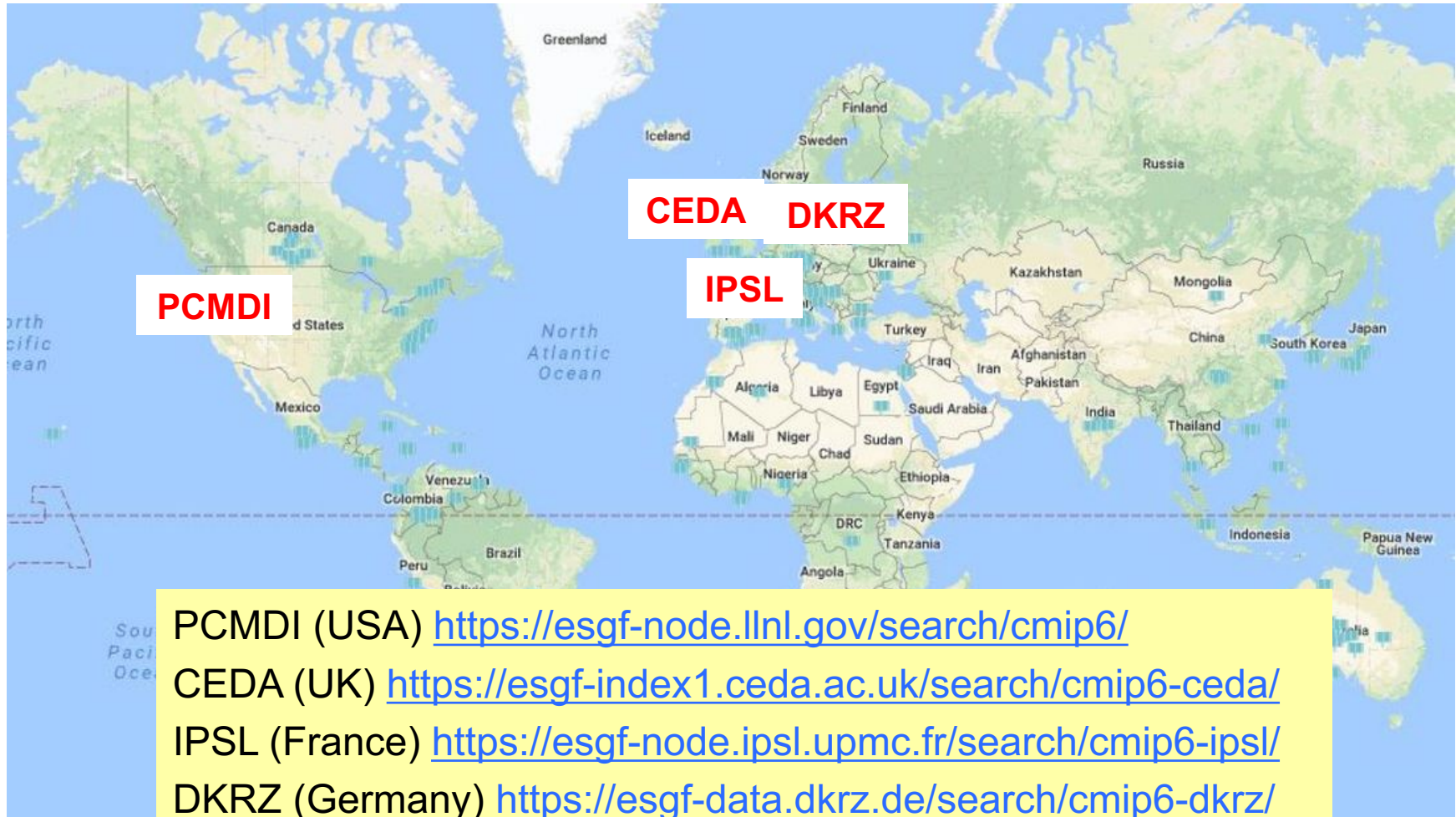
Infrastructure components and dependencies



The Earth System Grid Federation (ESGF) develops and manages CMIP and other data



All CMIP6 data can be accessed from each of the 4 CMIP6 portals



- Summary of data holdings available
https://pcmdi.llnl.gov/CMIP6/ArchiveStatistics/esgf_data_holdings/
- More detailed info. available from portal search window
 - <https://esgf-node.llnl.gov/search/cmip6/>
 - 12 institutions; nearly 100 experiments
- Replication is ongoing at PCMDI, DKRZ, and CEDA
- **To do** (high priority): expand availability of Globus grid ftp to all sites.
- **To do** (high priority): provide server side computational services

- Provides users with an interface to browse and download all available data
- All 4 gateways have identical look and feel



The screenshot displays the WCRP CMIP6 search interface. At the top, the WCRP CMIP6 logo is shown with the text "World Climate Research Programme". A navigation bar includes "Home" and "Technical Support" (with a link to "ESGF@DOE/LLNL node"). A search bar contains "Enter Text:" and a search button. Below the search bar, there are checkboxes for "Show All Replicas", "Show All Versions", and "Search Local Node Only (Including All Replicas)". The search results are displayed in a list format, showing the total number of results (863) and a pagination control. The first three results are listed, each with a title, data node, version, total number of files, and full dataset services (including Show Metadata, List Files, THREDDS Catalog, WGET Script, LAS, Show Citation, PID, and Globus Download). Each result also has an "Add to Data Cart" button.

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Abstract Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6 (CMIP6) data sets. These data includes all datasets published for 'CMIP6.CFMIP.IPSL.IPSL-CM6A-LR.abrupt-0p5xCO2' according to the Data Reference Syntax defined as 'mip_era.activity_id.institution_id.source_id.experiment_id.member_id.table_id.variable_id.grid_label.version'.

The Earth System Model IPSL-CM6A-LR, released in 2017, includes the components: atmos: LMDZ (NPv6, N96; 144 x 143 longitude/latitude; 79 levels; top level 40000 m), land: ORCHIDEE (v2.0, Water/Carbon/Energy mode), ocean: NEMO-OPA (eORCA1.3, tripolar primarily 1deg; 362 x 332 longitude/latitude; 75 levels; top grid cell 0-2 m), ocnBgchem: NEMO-PISCES, seaIce: NEMO-LIM3.

The model was run by the Institut Pierre Simon Laplace, Paris 75252, France (IPSL) in native nominal resolutions: atmos: 250 km, land: 250 km, ocean: 100 km, ocnBgchem: 100 km, seaIce: 100 km.

Project: These data have been generated as part of the internationally-coordinated Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6 (CMIP6); see also CMD Special Issue: http://www.geosci-model-dev.net/special_issue500.html. The

Cite this data

Citation (2018). *IPSL IPSL-CM6A-LR model output prepared for CMIP6 CFMIP abrupt-0p5xCO2*. Earth System Grid Federation. <http://cera-www.dkrz.de/WDCC/meta/CMIP6/CMIP6.CFMIP.IPSL.IPSL-CM6A-LR.abrupt-0p5xCO2>

BibTeX

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Model and experiment documentation

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ES-DOC Documentation

MIP Era	CMIP6
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Dataset Documentation

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Other Documentation

WCRP CMIP6 Homepage	https://www.wcrp-climate.org/wgcm-cmip/wgcm-cmip6
ES-DOC CMIP6 Homepage	https://es-doc.org/cmip6



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Links to ES-DOC documentation, as it becomes available

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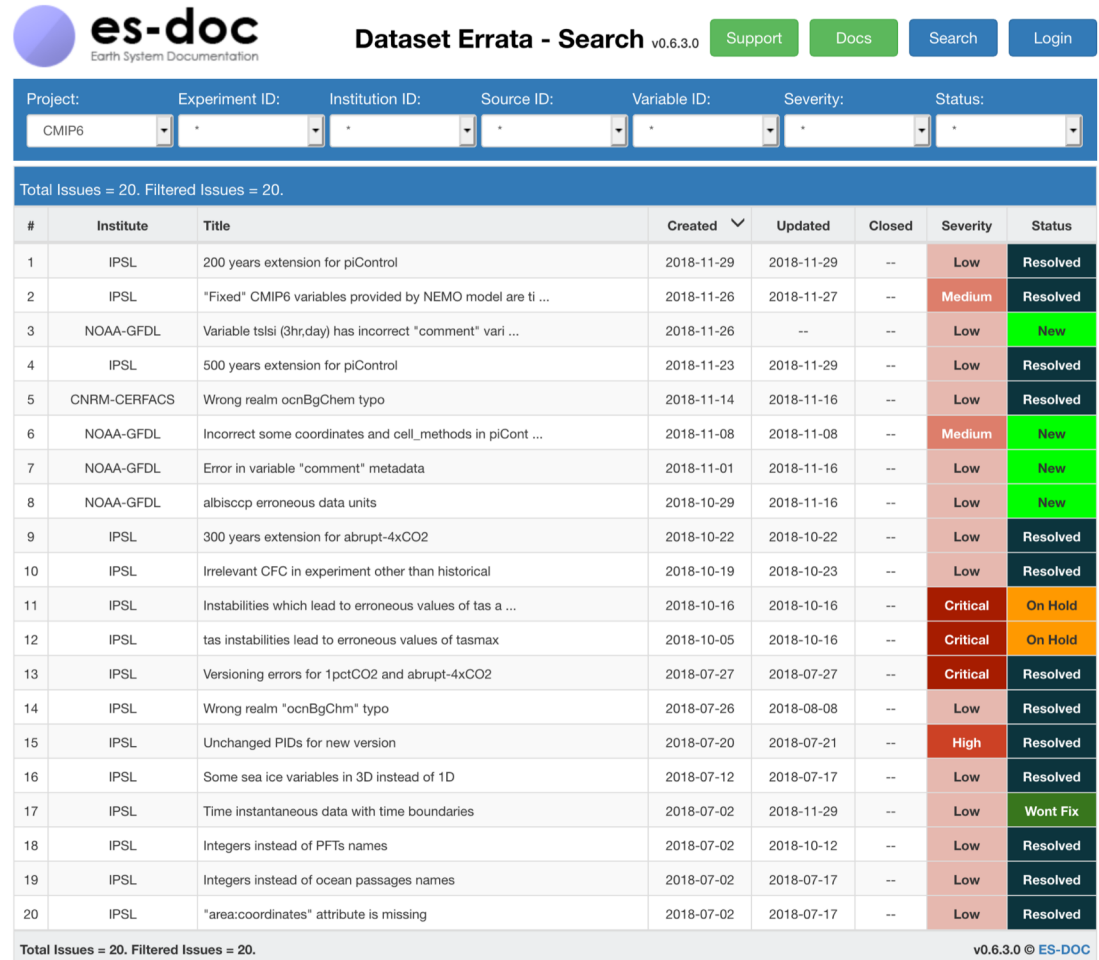
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WCRP CMIP6 Homepage	https://www.wcrp-climate.org/wgcm-cmip/wgcm-cmip6
ES-DOC CMIP6 Homepage	https://es-doc.org/cmip6

CMIP6 data errata is provided by ES-DOC

- Entry page <https://search.es-doc.org/>
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- This will trigger a response (and resolution) by the contributing modelling group

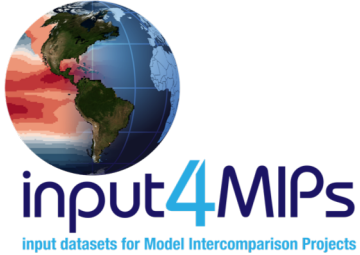


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1	IPSL	200 years extension for piControl	2018-11-29	2018-11-29	--	Low	Resolved
2	IPSL	"Fixed" CMIP6 variables provided by NEMO model are ti ...	2018-11-26	2018-11-27	--	Medium	Resolved
3	NOAA-GFDL	Variable tslisi (3hr,day) has incorrect "comment" vari ...	2018-11-26	--	--	Low	New
4	IPSL	500 years extension for piControl	2018-11-23	2018-11-29	--	Low	Resolved
5	CNRM-CERFACS	Wrong realm ocnBgChem typo	2018-11-14	2018-11-16	--	Low	Resolved
6	NOAA-GFDL	Incorrect some coordinates and cell_methods in piCont ...	2018-11-08	2018-11-08	--	Medium	New
7	NOAA-GFDL	Error in variable "comment" metadata	2018-11-01	2018-11-16	--	Low	New
8	NOAA-GFDL	albiscpp erroneous data units	2018-10-29	2018-11-16	--	Low	New
9	IPSL	300 years extension for abrupt-4xCO2	2018-10-22	2018-10-22	--	Low	Resolved
10	IPSL	Irrelevant CFC in experiment other than historical	2018-10-19	2018-10-23	--	Low	Resolved
11	IPSL	Instabilities which lead to erroneous values of tas a ...	2018-10-16	2018-10-16	--	Critical	On Hold
12	IPSL	tas instabilities lead to erroneous values of tasmax	2018-10-05	2018-10-16	--	Critical	On Hold
13	IPSL	Versioning errors for 1pctCO2 and abrupt-4xCO2	2018-07-27	2018-07-27	--	Critical	Resolved
14	IPSL	Wrong realm "ocnBgChm" typo	2018-07-26	2018-08-08	--	Low	Resolved
15	IPSL	Unchanged PIDs for new version	2018-07-20	2018-07-21	--	High	Resolved
16	IPSL	Some sea ice variables in 3D instead of 1D	2018-07-12	2018-07-17	--	Low	Resolved
17	IPSL	Time instantaneous data with time boundaries	2018-07-02	2018-11-29	--	Low	Wont Fix
18	IPSL	Integers instead of PFTs names	2018-07-02	2018-10-12	--	Low	Resolved
19	IPSL	Integers instead of ocean passages names	2018-07-02	2018-07-17	--	Low	Resolved
20	IPSL	"area:coordinates" attribute is missing	2018-07-02	2018-07-17	--	Low	Resolved

<https://errata.es-doc.org/static/index.html>

ESGF provides access to CMIP6 forcing datasets and some observations



- CMIP6 forcing datasets (P. Durack's Poster)

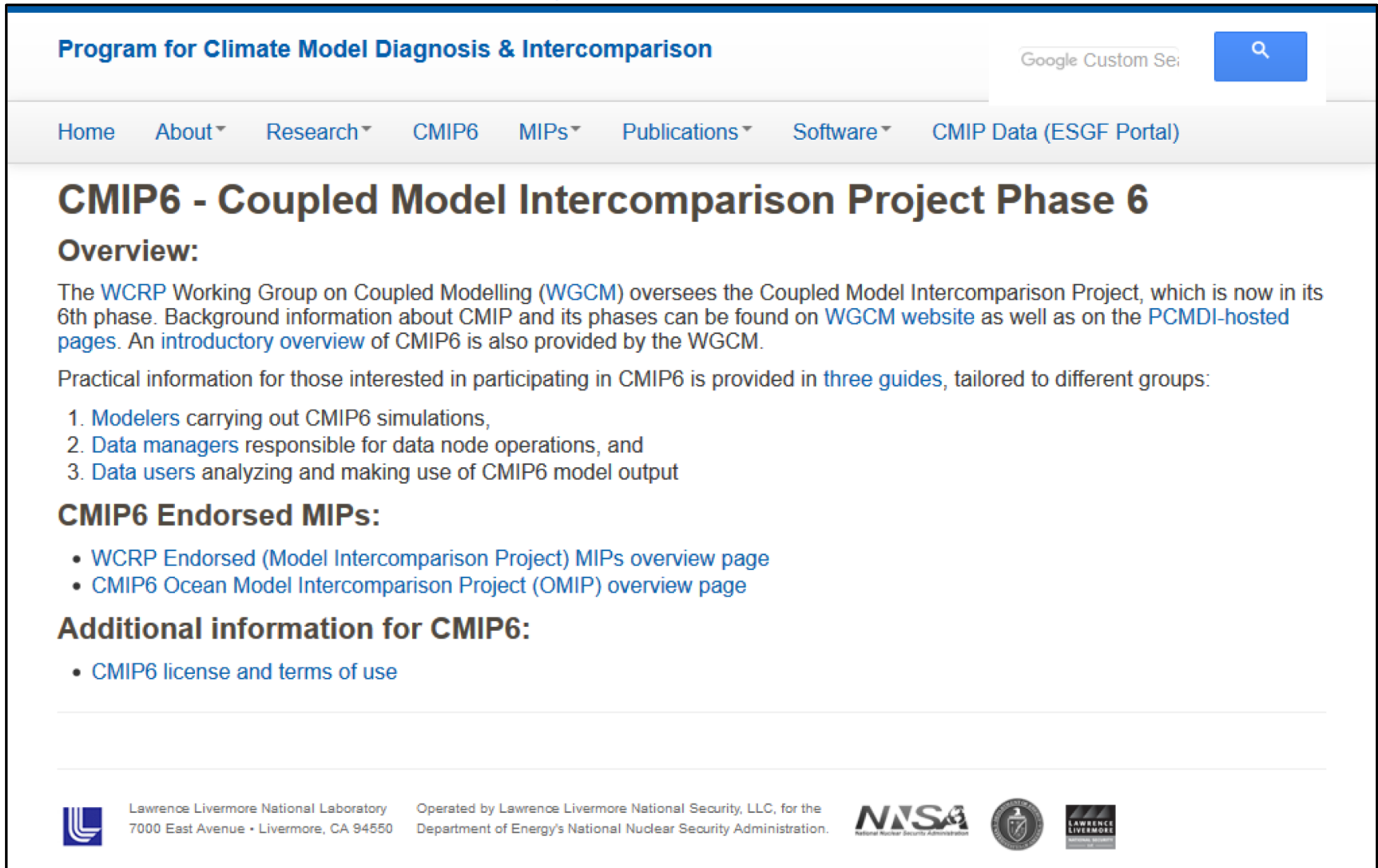
<https://esgf-node.llnl.gov/search/input4mips/>



- Observations conforming to CMIP6 data specifications (P. Gleckler and D. Waliser)

<https://esgf-node.llnl.gov/projects/obs4mips/>

CMIP6 Guide: <https://pcmdi.llnl.gov/CMIP6/>

A screenshot of the PCMDI website's CMIP6 page. The page has a white background with a blue header and navigation bar. The main content area is white with blue and black text. The footer contains logos for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, NASA, and the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.

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CMIP6 - Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6

Overview:

The [WCRP Working Group on Coupled Modelling \(WGCM\)](#) oversees the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project, which is now in its 6th phase. Background information about CMIP and its phases can be found on [WGCM website](#) as well as on the [PCMDI-hosted pages](#). An [introductory overview](#) of CMIP6 is also provided by the WGCM.

Practical information for those interested in participating in CMIP6 is provided in [three guides](#), tailored to different groups:


1. [Modelers](#) carrying out CMIP6 simulations,
2. [Data managers](#) responsible for data node operations, and
3. [Data users](#) analyzing and making use of CMIP6 model output

CMIP6 Endorsed MIPs:




- [WCRP Endorsed \(Model Intercomparison Project\) MIPs overview page](#)
- [CMIP6 Ocean Model Intercomparison Project \(OMIP\) overview page](#)

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[Link back to guide homepage](#)

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8. [CMIP6 organization and governance](#)

1. Experiment design

The CMIP6 protocol and experiments are described in a [special issue](#) of design and scientific strategy provided in the lead article of that issue b

- Points to information on experimental design
- Describes and links to controlled vocabularies
- Documents essential model output specifications
- Describes how to access output

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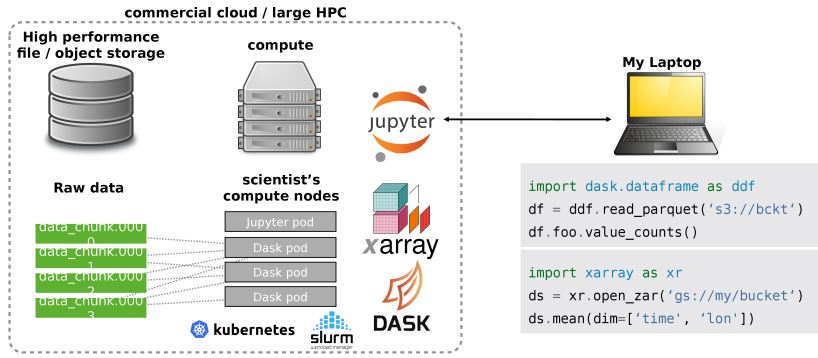
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Pangeo Environment



Try <https://tinyurl.com/pangeo-cmip6> right now on the cloud!
Figure courtesy Ryan Abernathey, Columbia.

Cloud considerations

- Commercial cloud vendors usually have a “Public Datasets” program for “publicly available high-value cloud-optimized datasets” for users seeking to “democratize access to data by making it available for analysis” (from Amazon Public Datasets webpage).
- For public datasets, typically **ingress** (upload to cloud) and **storage** are free, **egress** (download from cloud) is not. Academic users can apply for free cloud research credits.
- Caveats: programs can be ended at any time, have a time limit (e.g 2 years at AWS): negotiable.
- Many funding agencies evaluating the relative cost of moving to cloud vs purchasing or leasing on-premises.
- Major advantage is **democratization**: large data volumes available for analysis from anywhere in the world **without replication**.
- See discussion in *Science*, 8 February 2019: **Government data, commercial cloud: Will public access suffer?**

Computational and storage costs of CMIP6

- The **CPMIP** Project attempts to measure the computational and storage costs, and energy footprint, of CMIP6. Primavera doing the same.
- IS-ENES3 is taking a leading role in collecting this information, led by our hosts, the BSC team! (contact: Mario.Acosta@bsc.es).
- ES-DOC information request on models includes speed (SYPD), cost (CHSY), energy cost (JPSY), data intensity (GB/CH).
- First look (**highly preliminary results!**):

	Model Dev (kSY)	CMIP6 (kSY)	C Footprint (tons)
GFDL	53	(planned) 21	2750
IPSL	100	50	650

(1 transatlantic flight = 0.5T carbon per passenger).

Numbers courtesy Marie-Alice Foujols and Casimir Delavergne, IPSL, Alistair Adcroft and Aparna Radhakrishnan, GFDL. **No implied endorsement of results by NOAA or IPSL.**

A longer term view

- Despite growing international investment in climate modeling infrastructure, it remains fragile: **single points of failure** need to be addressed because they can lead to enormous disruptions
 - Some individuals are irreplaceable
 - Some software is not well documented
- ESGF has become **essential** to the climate research community:
 - CMIP, input4MIPs, obs4MIPs, etc.
 - Modeling and analysis groups have invested in it
- Given resource constraints, we should treat ESGF as part of an **operational** climate research enterprise; it must be **reliable** and **robust**
- Underlying data technologies are in flux: ESGF will adopt promising technical evolutions as they mature, and **operationalize** them for a broad community.

