

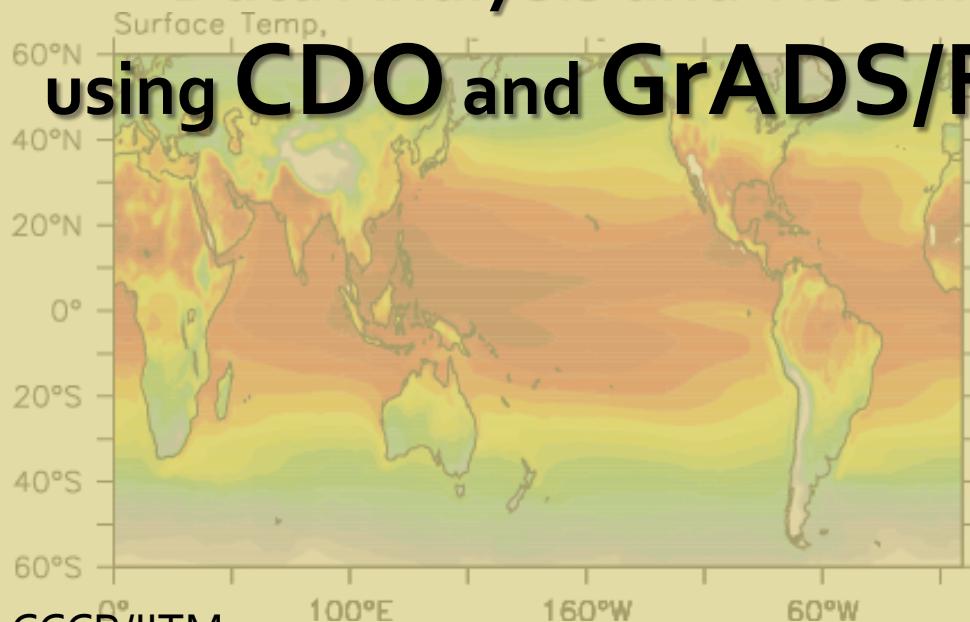
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## Data Analysis and Visualizing using CDO and GrADS/Ferret



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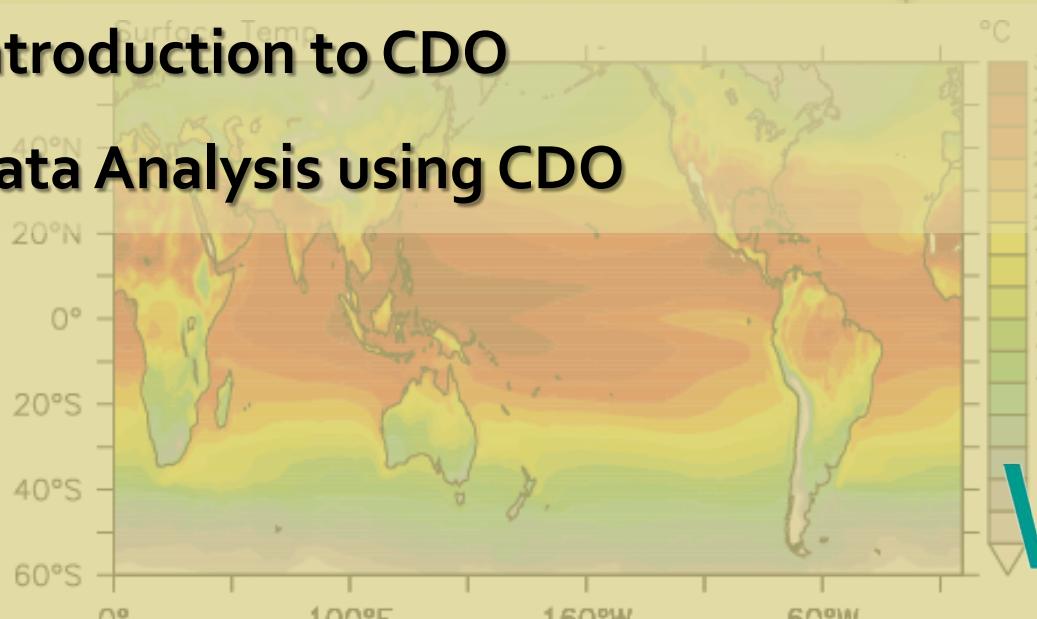
# 1. Data Analysis and Visualization in Scientific Research

## 2. Data Attributes, Formats and netCDF

### **3. Common Tools for Data Analysis and Visualization**

## 4. Introduction to CDO

## 5. Data Analysis using CDO



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# Dealing with Data

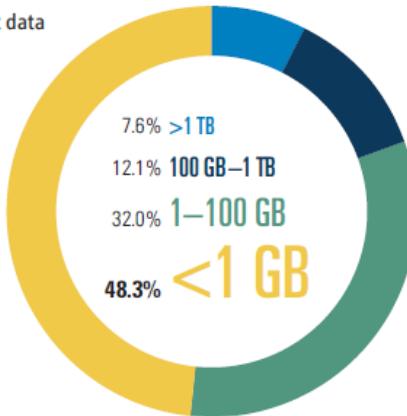
"If we can use and reuse scientific data better, the opportunities are myriad".

**Lot of Data,  
What to do?**

What is the size of the largest data set that you have used or generated in your research?

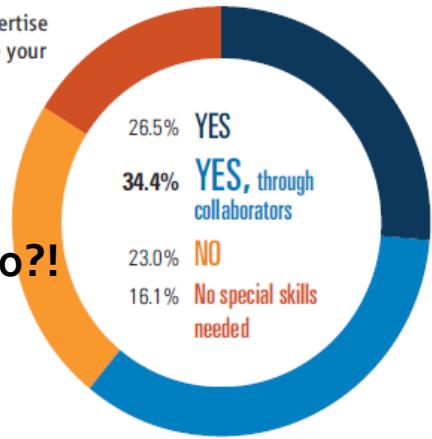


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Do you have the necessary expertise in your lab or group to analyze your data in the way you want?

**How to do?  
Who will do?!**



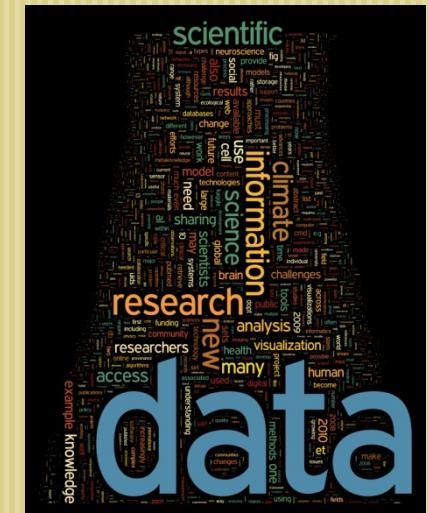
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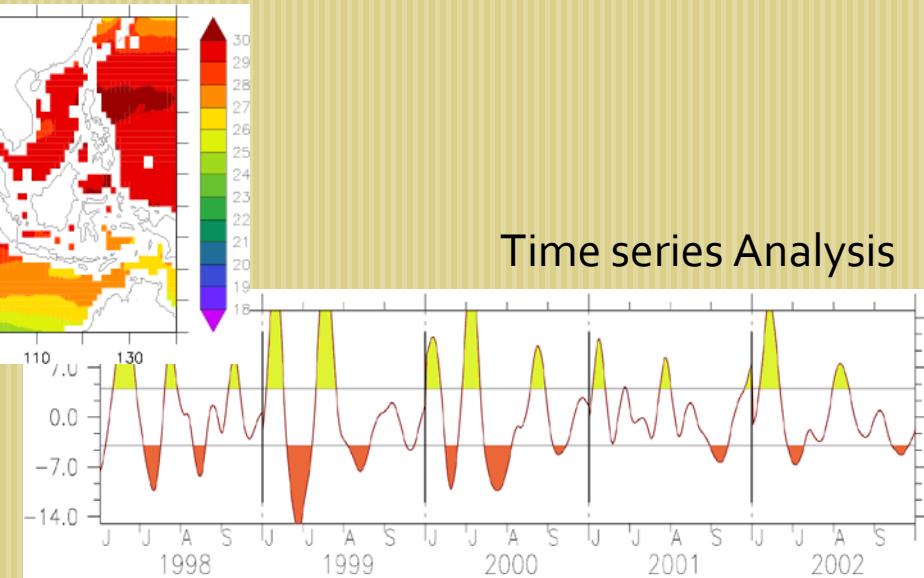
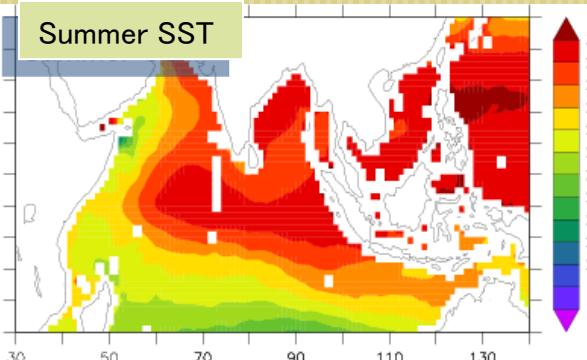
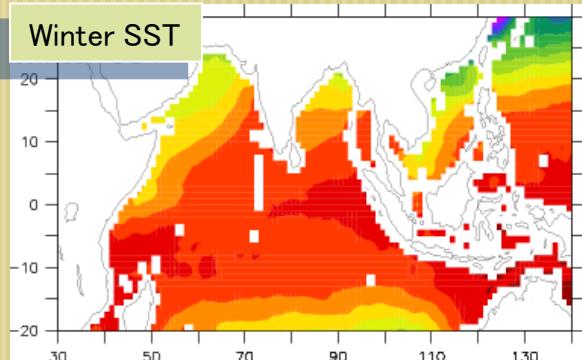
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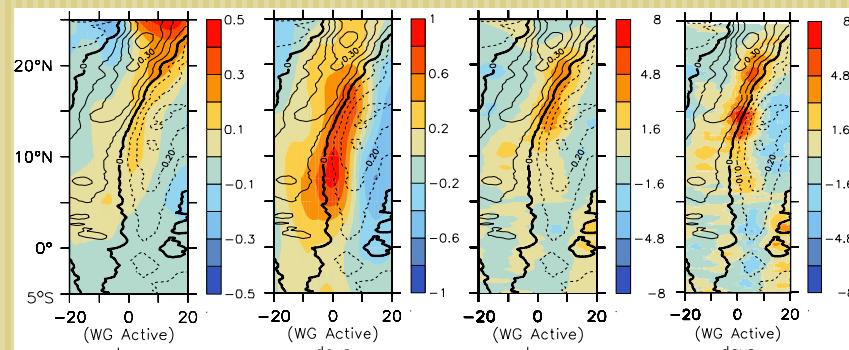
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## Data in Scientific Research

### Climatological Analysis



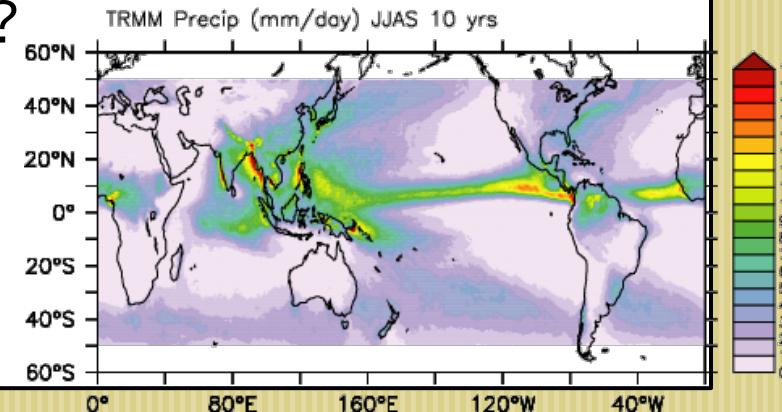
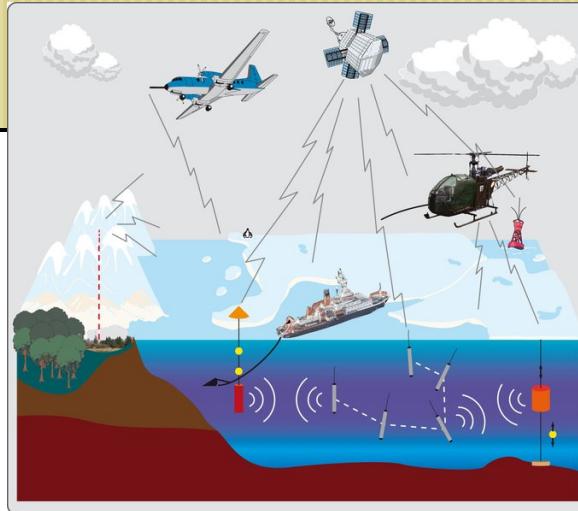
### Extended Analysis:



## Attributes of the Data

Defines attributes of the data sets used,  
e.g. resolution (x,y,t), coverage (spatial scale).

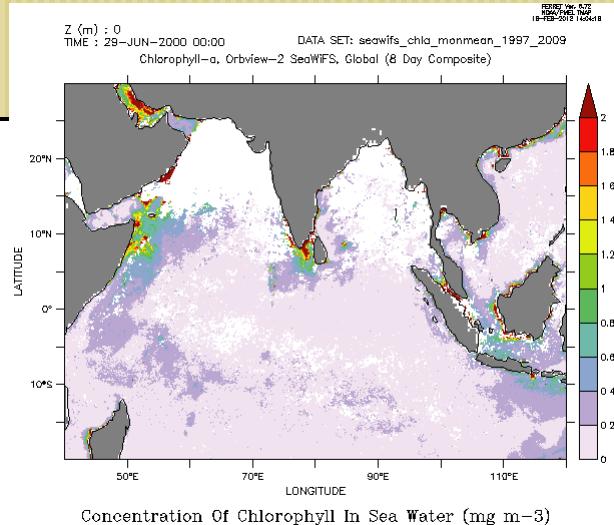
1. Where do the data come from?
  - direct sampling of atmos /ocean/ surface
  - derived from remote sensing
  - model
2. What geographic area does your data/model cover?
  - Eg: Indian Ocean? Monsoon region?
3. What time period does your data/model cover?
  - June-September? Which years?
4. What is the area your variable  
measured over (resolution of your  
grid boxes)?
  - Regional processes captured?



# Attributes of the Data

Describes strengths / limitations  
of data sets or models used.

1. Why was data set or model selected?
  - "It was available at the data server" ??
  - "My professor told me to use it" ??!
2. How accurate are the data?
  - Are they equally accurate in all parts of the world under all conditions?
  - What factors may impact confidence in the data?
3. What kind of analysis/techniques are you going to do?



# Attributes of the Data

```
netcdf file.nc {  
dimensions:  
    lon = 192 ;  
    lat = 96 ;  
    lev = 1 ;  
    time = UNLIMITED ; // (10 currently)  
variables:  
    double lon(lon) ;  
        lon:long_name = "longitude" ;  
        lon:units = "degrees_east" ;  
    double lat(lat) ;  
        lat:long_name = "latitude" ;  
        lat:units = "degrees_north" ;  
    double lev(lev) ;  
        lev:long_name = "pressure" ;  
        lev:units = "Pa" ;  
    double time(time) ;  
        time:units = "day as %Y%m%d.%f" ;  
float q(time, lev, lat, lon) ;  
    q:long_name = "specific humidity" ;  
    q:units = "kg/kg" ;  
    q:code = 133 ;  
    q:table = 128 ;  
    q:grid_type = "gaussian" ;  
// global attributes:  
    :CDO = "Climate Data Operators version 0.9.5 " ;  
    :source = "ECHAM5.2" ;  
    :institution = "Max-Planck-Institute for Meteorology" ;  
}
```

Basic netcdf utility, ncdump:

```
ncdump -h file.nc
```

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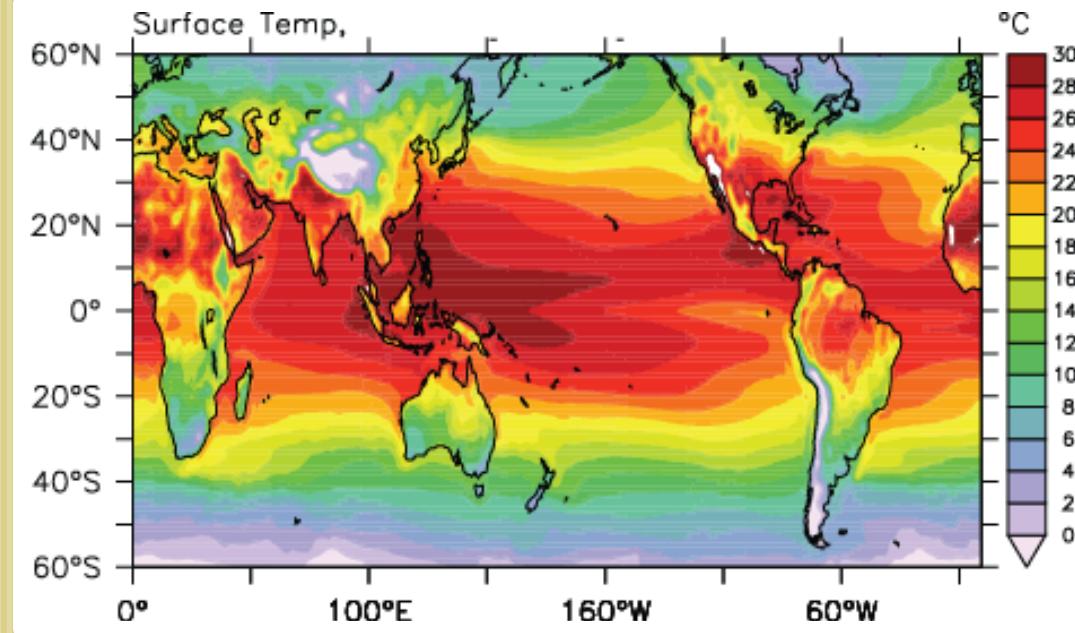
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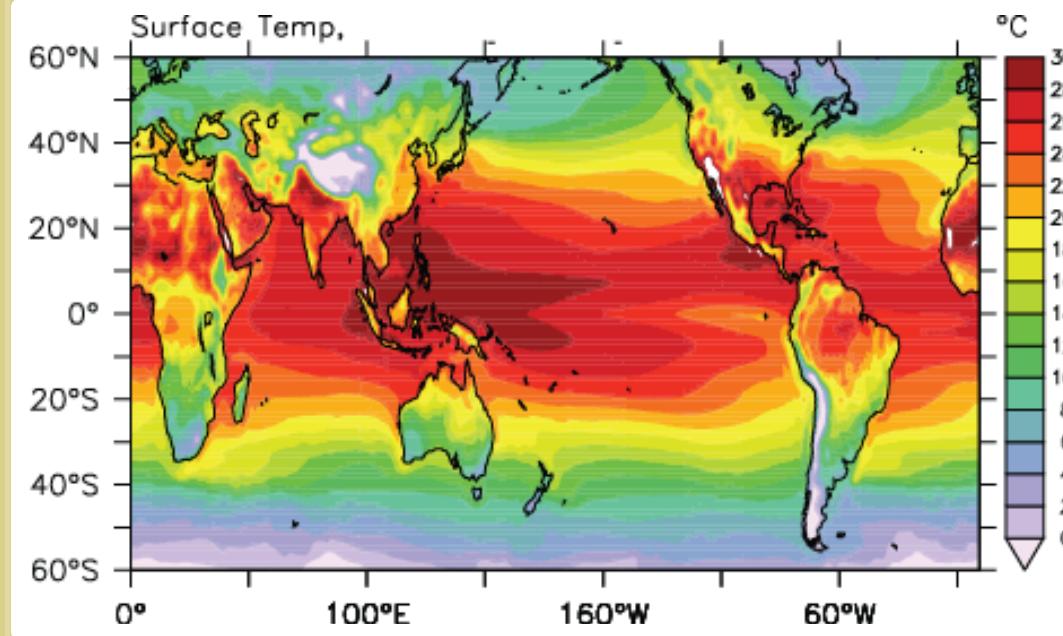


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## CDO – Climate Data Operators

**CDO** is a collection of operators to manipulate and analyze climate and forecast model data.

- Max-Planck-Institute for Meteorology

Current officially released version is cdo 1.5.6

<https://code.zmaw.de/projects/cdo>

Supported file formats: **GRIB 1/2, netCDF 3/4, srv, ext, and ieg**

Supported grid types: rectangular, curvilinear and unstructured

# Installing CDO

```
bash$ tar -xvf cdo.tar
```

```
bash$ cd cdo
```

```
bash$ ./configure --with-netcdf=/usr/local/lib
```

```
bash$ make install
```

## Magic Word\*

\* Usage: **cdo** , That's all!

```
bash$ cdo <options> <operator> input.nc out.nc
```

This is all you need to know about CDO

# Operators

There are more than 600 operators available.

Categories	Description	Example
File information	Print information about datasets	<code>cdoo sinfo file.nc</code>
File operations	Copy, split and merge datasets	<code>cdoo mergetime f1995.nc f1996.nc out.nc</code>
Selection	Select parts of a dataset	<code>cdoo seldate,1996-06-15 f1996.nc out.nc</code>
Comparison	Compare datasets	<code>cdoo eq</code>
Modification	Modify datasets	
Arithmetic	Arithmetically process datasets	<code>cdoo add f1995.nc f1996.nc out.nc</code>
Statistical values	Ensemble, field, vertical and time statistic	<code>cdoo monmean input.nc out.nc</code>
Regression	Detrend of time series	
Interpolation	Field, vertical and time interpolation	
Transformation	Spectral transformation	etc.

## Global options for all operators:

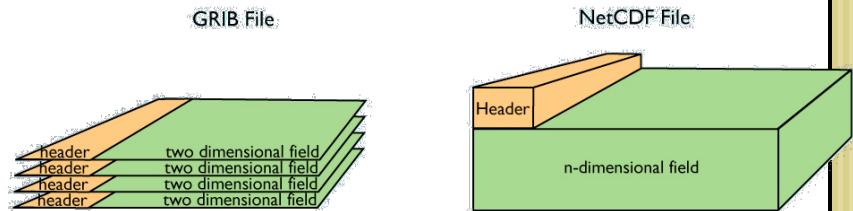
-h Help information for the operators

Eg: `cdo -h <operator>`

-f <format>

Format of the output file (grb, nc, srv, ext, ieg)

Eg: `cdo -f nc copy input.grb out.nc`



-m <missval>

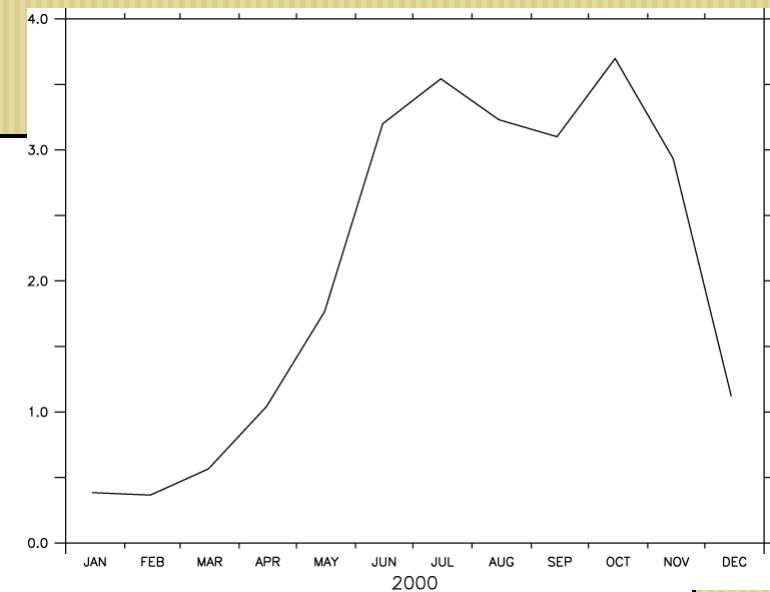
Set the default missing value (default: -9e+33)

-a Converts from relative to absolute time axis

Eg: `cdo -a -f nc copy input.grb out.nc`

-r Converts from absolute to relative time axis

Eg: `cdo -r -f nc copy input.grb out.nc`



Eg: Annual Cycle of precipitation

### Step by Step:

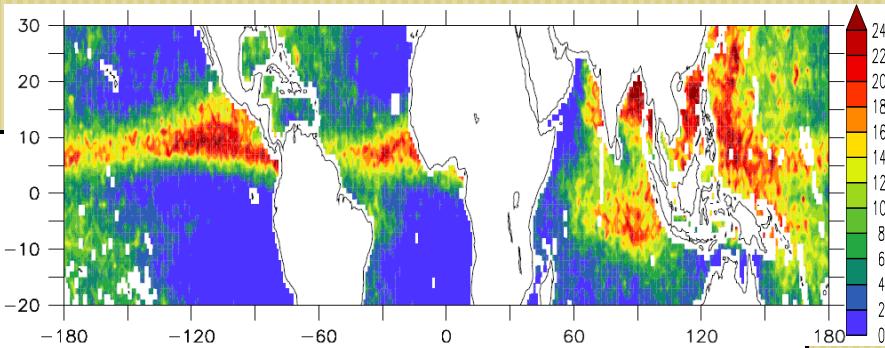
```
bash$ cdo sellonlatbox,75,85,10,15 input.nc out_box.nc
```

```
bash$ cdo fldmean out_box.nc out_box_fldmean.nc
```

```
bash$ cdo ymonmean out_box_fldmean.nc out_box_ymonmean.nc
```

### Piping:

```
bash$ cdo ymonmean -fldmean -sellonlatbox,75,85,10,15  
input.nc out_box_ymonmean.nc
```



## Piping

- Reduces unnecessary disk I/O
- Parallel processing

Eg: Standard deviation of JJAS precipitation anomalies

### Step by Step:

```
bash$ cdo selmon,6,7,8,9 input.nc out_jjas.nc
```

```
bash$ cdo timmean out_jjas.nc out_jjas_mean.nc
```

```
bash$ cdo sub out_jjas.nc out_jjas_mean.nc out_jjas_anom.nc
```

```
bash$ cdo timstd out_jjas_anom.nc out_jjas_std.nc
```

### Piping:

```
bash$ cdo -timstd -sub - selmon,6,7,8,9 input.nc  
-timmean -selmon,6,7,8,9 input.nc out_jjas_std.nc
```

## Arithmetic example: **sqr**, **sqrt**

$$\text{wind speed} = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2}$$

### Step by Step:

```
bash$ cdo sqr uwind.nc uwind_sqr.nc
```

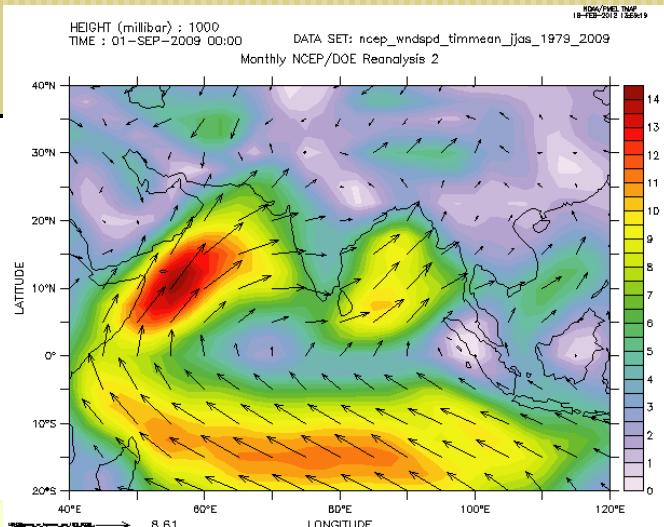
```
bash$ cdo sqr vwind.nc vwind_sqr.nc
```

```
bash$ cdo add uwind_sqr.nc vwind_sqr.nc wind_add.nc
```

```
bash$ cdo sqrt wind_add.nc wind_spd.nc
```

### Piping:

```
bash$ cdo sqrt -add -sqr uwind.nc -sqr vwind.nc wind_spd.nc
```



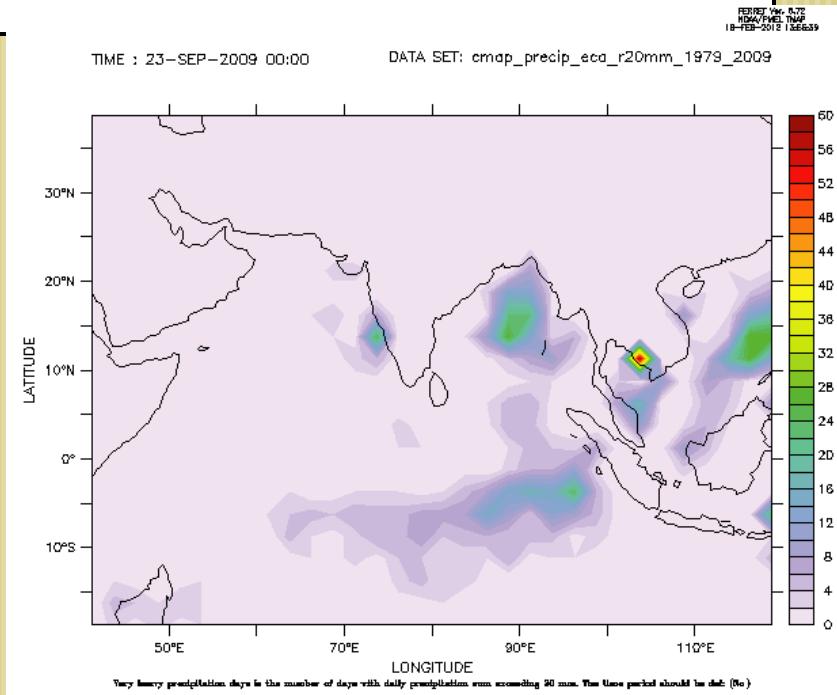
# Indexes

Eg:

ECAR20MM

- Very heavy precipitation days index per time period

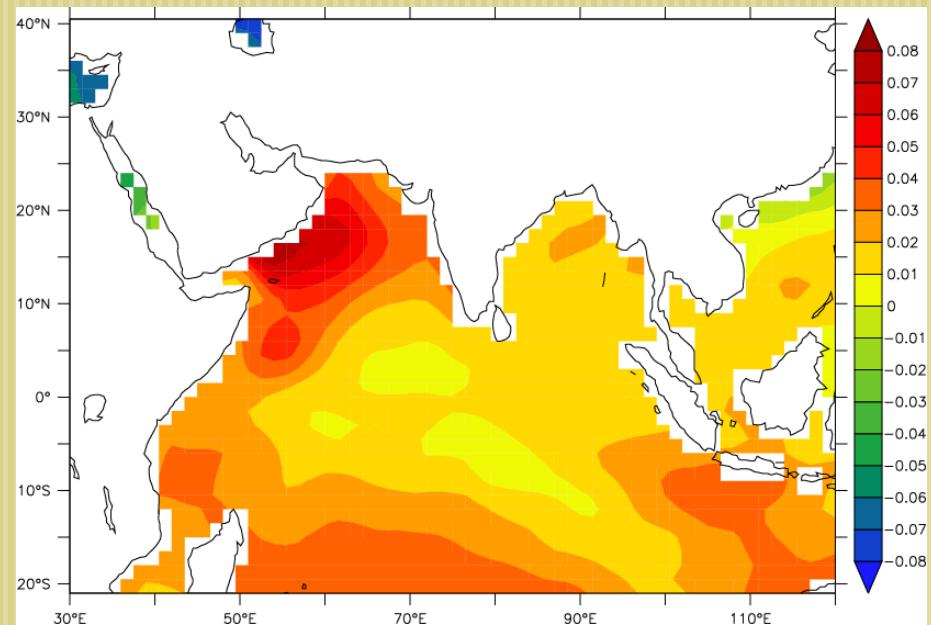
```
bash$ cdo eca_r10mm input.nc output.nc
```



# Extended analysis

Eg:  
EOF analysis

```
bash$ cdo eof,4 input_anom.nc out1.nc out2.nc
```



# Reference and Assignments



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