

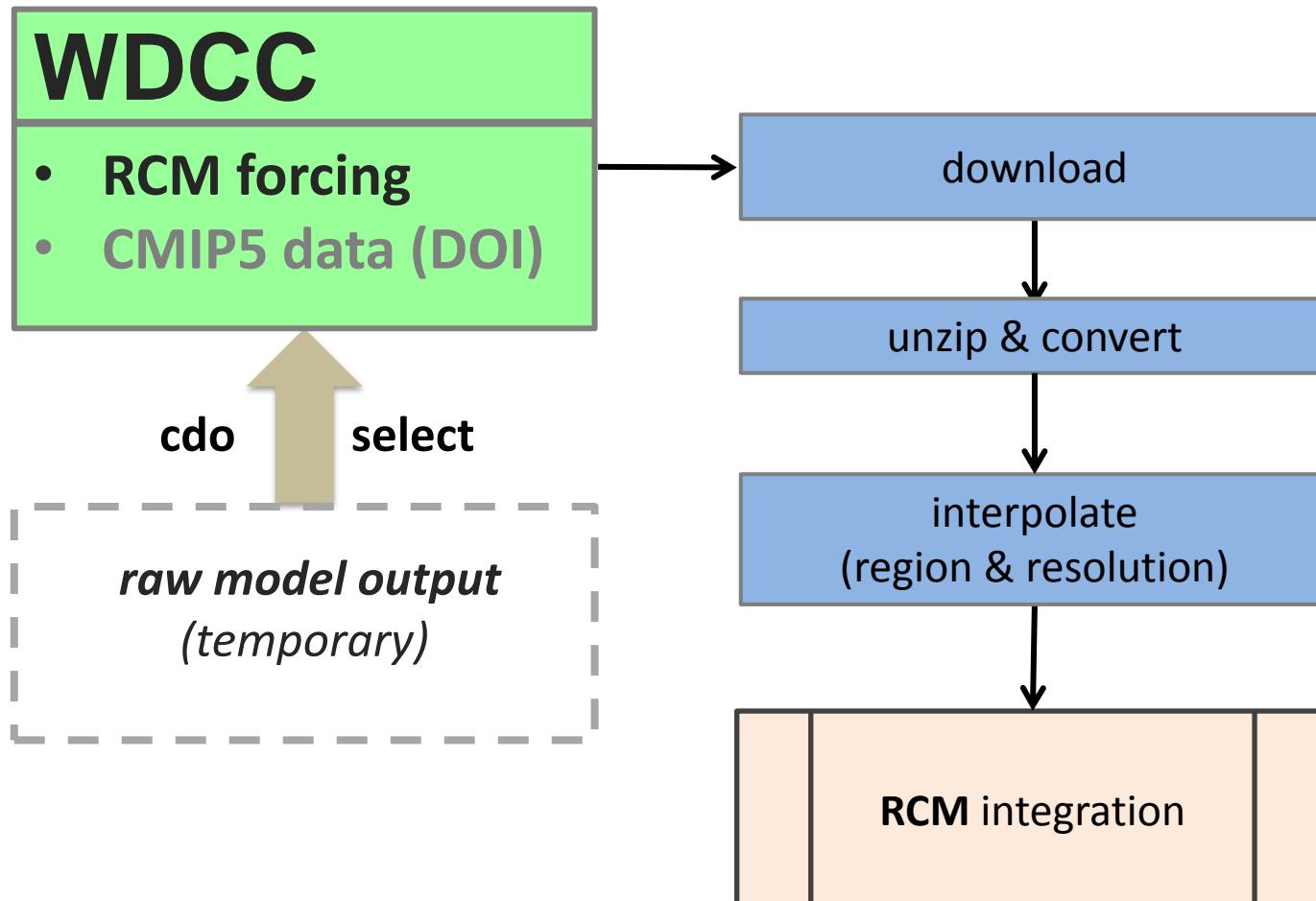


# CMIP forcing data for regional modelling in WDCC/Cera

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- workflow: MPI-ESM → WDCC → RCM
- Cordex: subset of CMIP5 experiments
- requested variables by CMIP5
- variables provided by WDCC / Cera
- experiments, periods and realizations (WDCC)
- Data size
- ENES-portal → WDCC → cera download
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# Workflow CMIP5 RCM forcing



RCM data is in native format (GRIB) and gnu-zipped  
atmospheric data is at model level

# CMIP5 / Cordex experiments

# CORDEX experiments (as subset of CMIP5 experiments)

- Amip
  - Historical
  - RCPs: 2.6, 4.5, 8.5
  - Decadals: 1980, 1990, 2005

# GCM (MPI-ESM) resolutions



example: CORDEX experiments at DKRZ

like REMO and CCLM

- AFR-44 ~ 50 km 214 x 221 x 35
  - AFR-22 ~ 25 km 418 x 432 x 35
  - EUR-11 ~ 12 km 450 x 438 x 40

# Variables requested by CMIP5 project

## FX: (constants)

- land / sea – mask
- orography
- glacier mask
- soil moisture (field capacity)

## Atmosphere (model level, 6-hourly):

- surface pressure
- temperature
- specific humidity
- u- and v- winds



## Additional data provided by WDCC/Cera

### **Atmosphere** (6-hourly):

- mass fraction of cloud liquid water in air
- mass fraction of cloud ice in air

### **Soil** (6-hourly):

- soil temperature (model layer)
- soil moisture content
- skin\_reservoir\_water\_content

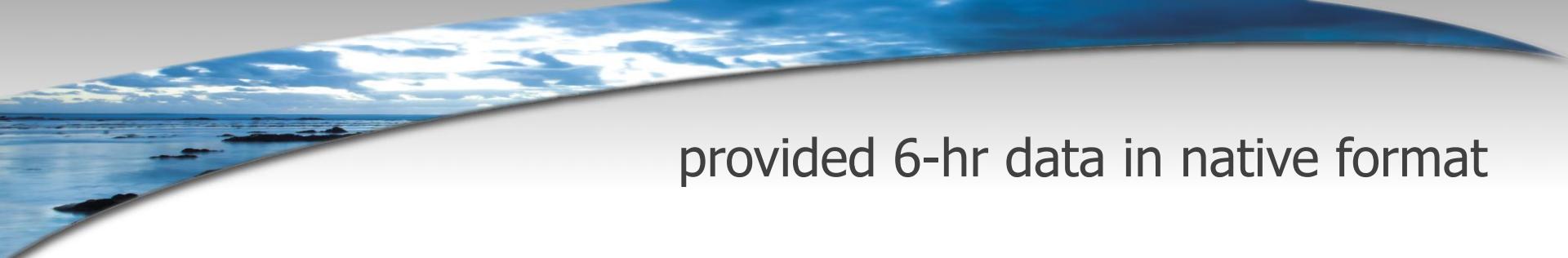


## Additional data provided by WDCC/Cera

### Surface:

- surface temperature on land or land-ice
- sea surface temperature
  - sea ice area fraction
  - surface snow thickness where sea ice
  - surface temperature of sea ice

Ocean data is on a 6-hourly basis with one value per day



provided 6-hr data in native format

## Experiments , Periods, Realizations

			LR	MR
➤ amip	1979 - 2008	r1	r1-3	r1
➤ historical	1949 - 2005	r1	r1-3	r1-2
➤ rcp26	2006 - 2101	r1	r1-3	r1
➤ rcp45	2006 - 2101	r1	r1-3	r1-2
➤ rcp85	2006 - 2101	r1	r1-3	r1-2
➤ decadal 1980	1981 - <b>2010</b>	r1-3	r1-3	r1 - 1990
➤ decadal 1990	1991 - 2000	r1-3	r1-3	r1
➤ decadal 2005	2006 - <b>2035</b>	r1-3	r1-3	r1 - 2015

requested   provided

# Code list for cera code type "ECHAM6\_RCM\_forcing"

FILES	GRIB		Description or CF-Std. Name	Unit
	CodeNo.	Acronym		
fx	4	slm	sea_land_mask	0 1
	9	glac	glacier_mask	0 1
	11	mrsofc	soil_moisture_content_at_field_capacity	m
	129	geosp	surface_geopotential	m / s*s
c5_133	133	hus	specific_humidity	kg/kg
	134	ps	surface_air_pressure	Pa
c5	130	ta	air_temperature	★ K
	138	svo	atmosphere_relative_vorticity	★ 1/s
	155	sd	divergence_of_wind	★ 1/s

★ model level

spherical harmonics ★

# Code list for Cera code type "ECHAM6\_RCM\_forcing"

Files	GRIB			Unit
	CodeNo.	Acronym	Description or CF-Std. Name	
etc	102	tsice	surface_temperature_of_sea_ice	K
	139	tsl	surface_temperature_where_land_or_land_ice	K
	140	mrso	soil_moisture_content	m
	141	lwsnl	liquid_water_content_of_snow_layer_where_land	m
	153	clw	mass_fraction_of_cloud_liquid_water_in_air	kg/kg
	154	cli	mass_fraction_of_cloud_ice_in_air	kg/kg
	193	wl	lwe_thickness_of_canopy_water_amount	m
	103	tos	sea_surface_temperature	K
	210	sic	sea_ice_area_fraction	0-1
	211	sit	sea_ice_thickness	m
	214	sni	surface_snow_thickness_where_sea_ice	m
jsb	68	tsl	soil_temperature (5 soil layer)	K

model level     
 daily update of values (mpiom)

# size matters?

## RCM data in WDCC/Cera is native GRIB, gnu-zipped

Data size in GB/year

file	LR	MR
• c5_133	2.4	5
• c5	1.8	3.7
• etc	0.5	0.65
• land	0.09	0.09
<b>total:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9.5</b>

same data in NetCDF(3):    **32 GB/year**                **63 GB/year**

zipped GRIB vs. CMOR2 is about 1:6

CF-conversion-script can be downloaded from Cera database

# IS-ENES portal

<https://verc.enes.org/data/>



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- IS-ENES data search
- ESGF data nodes
- CMIP5 forcing data
- AR4 data archives



Max-Planck-Institut  
für Meteorologie

**MPI-M:** The Max-Planck-Institut of Meteorology is located in Hamburg, Germany. It provides model output from ECHAM6, which is suited as forcing data. The data is hosted by the WDCC. The link below leads to the metadata summary including in turn a link (at the bottom of the section) to a user interface where the forcing data can be searched and downloaded. For additional information contact: legutke (AT) dkrz.de

Explore the data of the MPI-M...

# Cera project page

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**CERA project information for CMIP5\_RCM\_forcing\_MPI-ESM**

**Project details**

Acronym	project / format
Name	MPI-ESM
Description	resolutions
	ensemble members
	dataset content
	how to convert (cdp sp2gp)

**Keywords:**

RCM-forcing  
CMIP5  
CORDEX  
ECHAM6  
amip  
historical  
rcp26  
rcp45  
rcp85  
decadal

**Available data** 

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# Selecting particular datasets

Related CERA entries for RCM\_CMIP5\_historical-MR

Include:  Datasets  Dataset Groups  Additional Info | Sort by: Acronym ▾  Descending [Update display](#)

	Acronym / Name	Type	Progress
<input type="checkbox"/>	c5_convert_rcm c5_convert_rcm: Convert	additional_info	complete
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[Add selected dataset\(s\) to process list](#) [Clear](#)

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# dataset order form and temporal selection

		Dataset	Size	Request	Date
<input type="checkbox"/>		hist_r2i1p1-MR_jsb_rcm_land	5135943726	364934	14-02-2012
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		Dataset	Size	Request	Date

Delete selected

Clear selection

Sort by date

Sort by name

## Dataset Order Form - hist\_r2i1p1-MR\_jsb\_rcm\_land

### 1. Temporal selection

Period #	Start date	End date	Date format	Increment	# of timesteps
1	1949-01	2005-12	YYYY-MM	1 month(s)	684

Download type

Complete dataset  Part of dataset

Time period start

1949-01

Time period end

1951-12

Temporal selection based on records numbers instead of date/time is available [here](#).

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### Dataset Order Form - hist\_r2i1p1-MR\_jsb\_rcm\_land

**Download overview**

<b>Dataset</b>	hist_r2i1p1-MR_jsb_rcm_land
<b>Time period</b>	1949-01 to 1951-12 (records 1-36)
<b>Regional limitation</b>	Not supported
<b>Output format</b>	GRIB1 zipped; recs separated

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**>>> Start Download <<**

**Please note:**

**Equivalent jblob command:**

```
jblob --dataset hist_r2i1p1-MR_jsb_rcm_land --rmin 1 --rmax 36
```

# model level: 6hrLev



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## Advanced Search

### Important Notice

CMIP5 data has been quality checked for level one (QCL1) which guarantees minimal conformance. The data is currently being quality checked for level two (QCL2) to assure consistency. As a consequence of this process, data may be withdrawn from the archive and/or replaced with corrected data without notice. Please refer to [this documentation](#) for more information regarding CMIP5 quality assurance procedure.

Search: Datasets for: 6hrLev

6hrLev

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To conduct a search, select a category from the pull down menu and/or enter free text into the the text box.

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CMIP5

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#### Model

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historical

#### Experiment

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historical

#### Frequency

> 6-hourly

#### Product

#### Realm

#### Variable

> air temperature  
> eastward wind  
> northward wind  
> specific humidity  
> surface air pressure

#### Ensemble

< Any Ensemble  
r1i1p1

r1i1p1

Total Number of Results: 15

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 Data Center: ESG-BADC  
 Mirror Data Center: ESG-PCMDI
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 Data Center: ESG-BADC
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 Data Center: ESG-WDCC  
 Mirror Data Center: ESG-PCMDI
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Download all files for the selected datasets. Optionally use a wildcard expression to filter the filenames (example: use \*.nc to select all files with extension nc).

# RCM forcing in native GRIB

## Advantages:

- ✓ rapid availability (well before QC)
- ✓ small data amount
- ✓ monthly records available (instead of timeseries)
- ✓ GRIB is a widely used format, previous converters can be used

## Drawbacks:

- no QC, only indirectly, when model output has passed QC
- GRIB has to be converted into NetCDF

# Links to data services

- **ENES-Portal:**
  - <https://verc.enes.org/data>
- **Cera user interface:**
  - <http://cera-www.dkrz.de/WDCC/ui/Index.jsp>
- **RCM forcing Daten:**
  - [http://cera-www.dkrz.de/WDCC/ui/Project.jsp?proj=CMIP5\\_RCM\\_forcing\\_MPI-ESM](http://cera-www.dkrz.de/WDCC/ui/Project.jsp?proj=CMIP5_RCM_forcing_MPI-ESM)
- **jblob Doku & Download:**
  - <http://cera-www.dkrz.de/CERA/jblob>