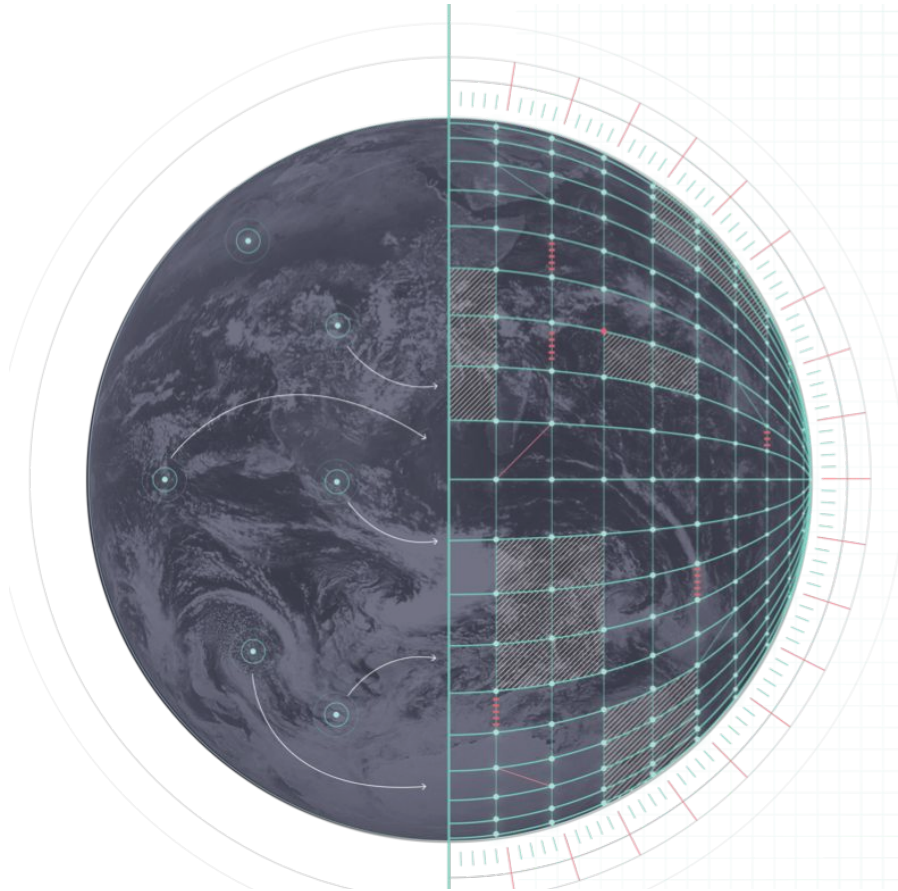




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## AQUA:

a novel quality assessment tool  
for km-scale simulations in the  
Destination Earth Climate Digital  
Twin - **The Core Framework**

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## The challenges of DestinE Climate DT

Three Earth System Models:



Climate DT key features and challenges:

- **User-driven approach** focused on user interactivity.
- Global climate simulations at **unprecedented horizontal resolution** (5 km).
- Novel **streaming framework** of climate model output to applications (end to end workflow).
- **Quality assessment** and uncertainty quantification based on observations → **AQUA!**
- Deployment on three European **pre-exascale supercomputers**.



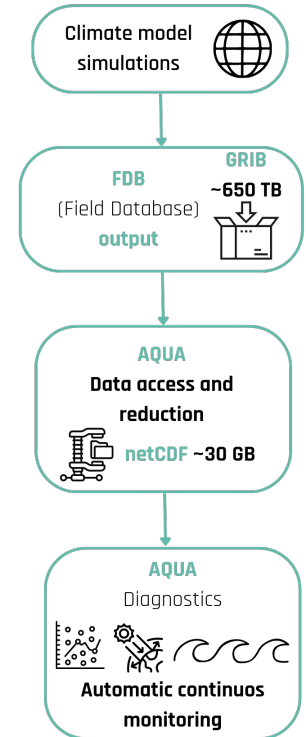
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## The challenges of AQUA

Many tools are available for model analysis (ESMValTool, E3SM, CMEC...), however:

- **Amount of data** for a single simulation is critically high
- **Data access** is not with simple netCDF files, but FDB software, with data both locally on HPC and remote on Data Bridge
- **Scalability** is crucial for even being able to open data
- Monitoring is continuous and automatic in a **operational framework**

AQUA experience inside DestinE is highly beneficial for many other projects



# The Philosophy of AQUA

AQUA provides a framework to **access**, **process** and **analyze** large volumes of climate data (e.g. Destination Earth: 36 TB of output, per simulated year.)

**Python3** library package based on *xarray*, *dask*, *CDO* and *intake*

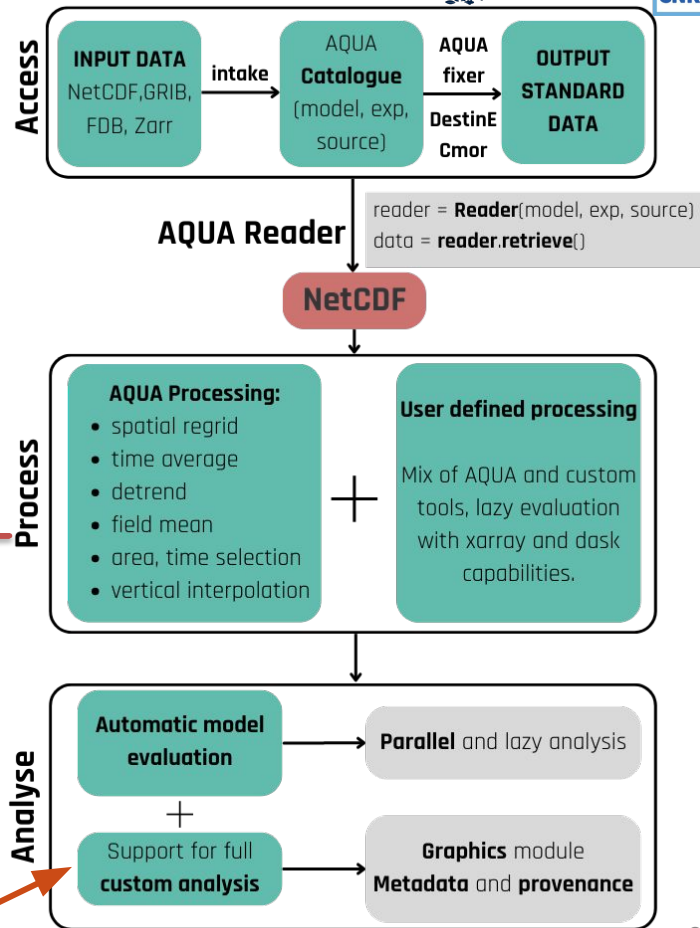
**Modular structure** seamless integration between core functions

**Technical details are hidden** simple user experience

**Lazy access** to all compatible data (parallel *dask* enabled)

**Fast regrid capabilities** based on precomputed weights

**CI/CD** on every new code addition with around 80% code coverage



## Core concept: The Catalogue

**Catalogue:** a machine dependent folder containing **paths** and **technical details** of all the sources that the user may want to access (models and observational datasets).

- Built on **intake** package
- **3 level hierarchy** for models, experiments, sources
- Ensembles support
- Dedicated intake driver for **lazy FDB access**
- **Templating** can be done for automatic catalogue generation!

Once a source is added it is available to every AQUA user, who will only ask for:

```
reader = Reader(model='IFS-NEMO', exp='ssp370',
                source='hourly-native-atm2d')

data = reader.retrieve()
```

This is a lazy (dask) xarray

### IFS-NEMO on FDB

```
config > machines > lumi > catalog > IFS-NEMO > ! ssp370
1 sources:
2 hourly-native-atm2d: &base-default
3 args: &args-default
4 request: &request-default
5 class: d1
6 dataset: climate-dt
7 activity: ScenarioMIP
8 experiment: SSP3-7.0
9 generation: 1
10 model: IFS-NEMO
11 realization: 1
12 resolution: high
13 expver: '0001'
14 type: fc
15 stream: clte
16 date: 20210101
17 time: '0000'
18 param: 167
19 levtype: sfc
20 step: 0
21 data_start_date: auto
22 data_end_date: auto
23 chunks: D # Default time chunk size
24 savefreq: h # at what frequency are data saved
25 timestep: h # base timestep for step timestep
26 timestep: date # variable date or variable step
27 description: hourly data on native grid Tco2559 (about 5km).
28 driver: gsv
29 metadata: &metadata-default
30 fdb_home: /users/lrb_465000454_fdb/native
31 fdb_path: /users/lrb_465000454_fdb/native/etc/fdb/config.yaml
32 eccodes_path: /projappl/project_465000454/jvonhar/aqua/eccodes/eccodes-2.32.5/definitions
33 variables: [78, 79, 134, 137, 141, 148, 151, 159, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 186,
34            187, 188, 235, 260048, 8, 9, 144, 146, 147, 169, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179,
35            180, 181, 182, 212, 228]
36 source_grid_name: tco2559
37 fixer_name: ifs-destine-v1
```

### ERA5 as netCDF

```
config > machines > lumi > catalog > ERA5 > ! era5.yaml
1 plugins:
2 source:
3 | - module: intake_xarray
4
5 sources:
6 monthly:
7 | description: ERA5 monthly data from 1940 to 2022
8 | driver: netcdf
9 | metadata:
10 | | source_grid_name: era5-r025
11 | | fixer_name: ERA5-destine-v1
12 | args:
13 | | urlpath: '{{DATA_PATH}}/ERA5/mon/ERA5_*_mon_full*.nc'
14 | | chunks:
15 | | | time: 12
16 | | xarray_kwargs:
17 | | | decode_times: True
```

# Core concept: The Fixer

AQUA intermodel and observations comparison requires a common metadata format.

- **Yaml** file with **fixer\_name** that can be applied to multiple models/exps/sources
- In DestinE Climate DT a **GRIB** standard is used.
- Other standards can be defined for future applications (**CMOR**).
- Fixes are defined when creating a source and the **automatically enabled** when data are retrieved.
- For the user the process is totally **invisible**.
- GRIB and **history metadata** are updated for data provenance.

```

Attributes:
  long_name : Mean total precipitation rate
  units : kg m**-2 s**-1
  standard_name : unknown
  GRIB_paramId : 228
  GRIB_shortName : tp
  GRIB_units : m
  GRIB_name : Total precipitation
  GRIB_cfName : unknown
  GRIB_cfVarName : tp
  GRIB_dataType : fc
  GRIB_missingValue : 9999
  GRIB_numberOfP... : 196608
  GRIB_typeOfLevel : surface
  GRIB_NV : 0
  GRIB_stepUnits : 1
  GRIB_stepType : accum
  GRIB_gridType : healpix
  GRIB_gridDefinitio... : 150
  gridtype : healpix
  history :
    2024-04-11 16:28:31 AQUA : Variable renamed mtrp by fixer;
    2024-04-11 16:28:31 AQUA : Converting units of mtrp: from m to
    kg m**-2 s**-1;
    2024-04-11 16:28:31 AQUA : Fixing tp to mtrp. Unit fix: factor=0.
    2777777777777778, offset=0;
    2024-04-11 16:28:32 AQUA : Units changed to kg m**-2 s**-1 by
    fixer;
  paramId : 235055
  cfVarName : mtrp
  shortName : mtrp
  factor : 0.2777777777777778
  offset : 0
  src_units : m
  units_fixed : 1
    
```

## CERES observations

```

ceres-ebaf-destine-v1:
  data_model: False
  vars:
    mtnlwrf:
      derived: 0.-toa_lw_all_mon
      grib: true
      attributes:
        valid_min: -500
        valid_max: 0
        positive: down
    mtmswrf:
      derived: solar_mon-toa_sw_all_mon
      grib: true
      attributes:
        valid_min: 0
        valid_max: 1400
        positive: down
    msnlwrf:
      derived: 0.-sfc_net_lw_all_mon
      grib: true
    msmswrf:
      derived: sfc_net_sw_all_mon
      grib: true
    
```

```

fixer_name:
ec-earth4-ifs-destine:
  data_model: false
  delete:
  - "time_centered"
  coords:
    time:
      source: "time_counter"
  vars:
    2t:
      grib: true
      source: ts
    msl:
      grib: true
      source: psl
    tprate:
      grib: true
      source: pr
    
```

EC-EARTH4

## Core concept: The Regridder

AQUA provides functions to interpolate and regrid data to match the spatial resolution of different datasets.

- Regridding functionalities based on `smmregrid` which operates **sparse matrix computation** based on **pre-computed weights**.
- Grids are defined in `yaml` file in AQUA and weights are evaluated with `CDO` only once.
- Grid files are already **synchronized** and have a backup on DKRZ Swift website.
- Each source can specify which grid is the correct one to use.
- Once the grid is set, regrid technicalities are transparent to user

```
reader = Reader(model='IFS-NEMO', exp='ssp370',
               source='hourly-native-atm2d', regrid='r100')
data = reader.retrieve()
data_regridded = reader.regrid(data)
```

Prepare for regrid to  
1° deg resolution

Data not regridded

**Actual regrid**

```
! aqua-grids.yaml
# Templates
weights:
  template_default: weights_{model}_{exp}_{source}_{method}_{targetgrid}_l{level}.nc
  template_grid: weights_{sourcegrid}_{method}_{targetgrid}_l{level}.nc
areas:
  template_default: cell_area_{model}_{exp}_{source}.nc
  template_grid: cell_area_{grid}.nc
cdo-paths: # to be checked
download: '{{ weights }}'
icon: /pool/data/ICON

# Available grids
# extra is an extra special cdo command to be applied before generating the weights
grids:
  # default
  lon-lat:
    vert_coord: ["2d"]
    space_coord: [lon, lat]
  lon-lat-depth:
    vert_coord: ["depth"]
    space_coord: [lon, lat]

  # target regrid
  r005: r720x3600
  r010: r3600x1800
  r020: r1800x900
  r025: r1440x720
  r050: r720x360
  r100: r360x180
  r200: r180x90
  r250: r144x72

# Generic Healpix
hpz5-nested:
  space_coord: ["ncells"]
  vert_coord: ["2d"]
  path: '{{ grids }}/HealPix/hpz5_nested_atm.nc'
hpz7-nested:
  space_coord: ["ncells"]
  vert_coord: ["2d"]
  path: '{{ grids }}/HealPix/hpz7_nested_atm.nc'
```

Target grids for regrid  
(CDO syntax)

Custom grids  
(e.g. HealPix)

## Processing

AQUA core classes and functions can be integrated in any analysis



### Simple example of custom analysis

## Custom processing for a seasonal cycle

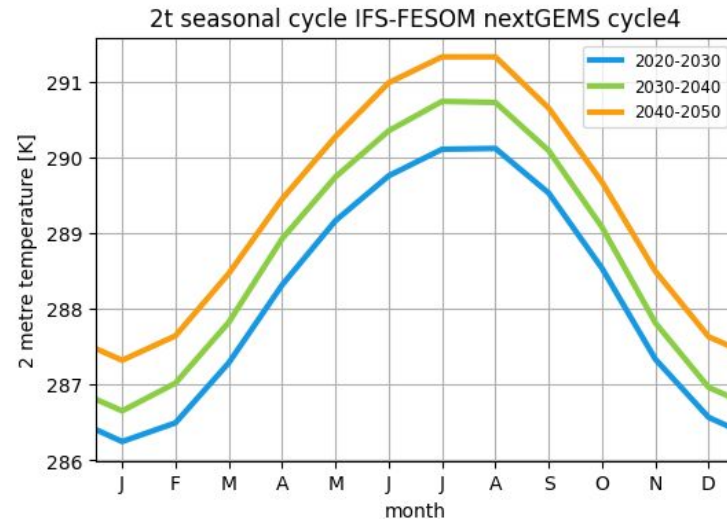
```
from aqua import Reader
reader = Reader(model='IFS-FESOM', exp='ssp370-ng4', source='lra-r100-monthly')
data_20_30 = reader.retrieve(var='2t', startdate='2020', enddate='2030')
cycle_20_30 = data_20_30['2t'].aqua.fldmean().groupby('time.month').mean('time')
```

## Graphics utilities for a custom plot



```
from aqua.graphics import plot_seasonalcycle
plot_seasonalcycle(data=[cycle_20_30['2t'], cycle_30_40['2t']], cycle_40_50['2t'])
data_labels=['2020-2030', '2030-2040', '2040-2050'],
title='2t seasonal cycle IFS-FESOM nextGEMS cycle4')
```

- Use **full AQUA diagnostics**
- Use AQUA framework as a **library** in your analysis
- Build **your own AQUA diagnostic**



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

The code is on GitHub and will be **Open Source** soon!



<https://github.com/DestinE-Climate-DT/AQUA>

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