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## 1 About this Report

This report outlines the integration of authoritative Copernicus Climate Data from the Climate Data Store (CDS) into a Sustainable Asset Valuation (SAVi). It describes how several climate indicators obtained from the CDS were integrated into the SAVi Roads model and how the analysis performed by SAVi has improved as a result. In light of this integration, IISD is able to generate sophisticated SAVi-derived analyses on the costs of climate-related risks and climate-related externalities.

The integration of Copernicus Climate Data into other SAVi models for buildings, energy, irrigation, wastewater treatment infrastructure, and nature-based infrastructure can be found [here](#).

This document presents:

- A summary of the literature review on the climate impact on roads, including the equations that link climate variables to the performance of roads.
- How the above information was used to select relevant indicators from the Copernicus database.
- How outputs of the CDS datasets are integrated into the SAVi System Dynamics (SD) Roads model.
- How simulation results can be affected by the use of this new and improved set of indicators.

This report is organized as follows.

### Literature review

The literature review contains the following subsections for each of the climate variables discussed for road infrastructure:

- Subsection 1: An overview of the climate impacts on the asset (e.g., how precipitation affects roads).
- Subsection 2: A presentation of papers/reports that provide case studies that summarize the range of impacts estimated or observed (e.g., across countries).
- Subsection 3: A description of the methodology found in the literature for the calculation of climate impacts on the infrastructure asset.
- Subsection 4: A selection of CDS datasets required by the equations.

### Integration of the Literature Review With the CDS Dataset



This section summarizes information on which datasets are being used from the Copernicus database and what additional processing was applied before integration into the SAVi Roads model for each asset. We first review the equations to determine their usefulness for the SAVi Road model. We assess what data requirements for each of the equations are available in the Copernicus database and create indicators for climate variables that are relevant for the equations selected. Finally, in certain cases, we create indicators in the CDS Toolbox for first-order impacts on infrastructure. Second- and third-order impacts will be estimated with SAVi, making use of additional equations included in the SD model.

### Integration of Climate Indicators Into the SAVi Roads Model

This section explains how the CDS indicators are used in the SAVi SD model for road infrastructure. It includes an identification of specific performance indicators for each asset impacted by climate indicators (e.g., efficiency and cost).

### Behavioural Impacts Resulting From the Integration of Climate Variables

This section discusses how climate variables affect asset performance in the SD model, providing early insights as to how the results of the SAVi analysis may change when equipping the model with more and better refined climate indicators (e.g., with the cost of infrastructure being higher due to increased maintenance, the economic viability of the infrastructure asset, presented as the Internal Rate of Return [IRR], will be lower than expected).

### Simulation Results

The final section of this paper presents equations used and quantitative results emerging from the inclusion of climate indicators in the SAVi Roads model under various climate scenarios. This is the end product of the enhanced SAVi model, which is used to inform policy and investment decisions for infrastructure. Table 1 provides an overview of climate drivers, impacts, and relevant SAVi output indicators.

The CDS datasets are accessed via the CDS application programming interface (API), and additional processing and packaging for use in SAVi is done offline. Technical information about the offline code is found in Annex I. We also selected a subset of the most-used indicators and created an app in the CDS Toolbox with interactive visualization for [demonstration purposes](#).

Table 1. Overview of variables and impacts implemented in the SAVi Roads model

SAVi module	Implemented impact	Main climate drivers	Affected output indicators
Roads	Stormwater runoff from roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Precipitation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stormwater management cost</li> </ul>



SAVi module	Implemented impact	Main climate drivers	Affected output indicators
	Effect of precipitation on road lifetime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precipitation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depreciation of roads</li> <li>• Cost of road construction and maintenance</li> <li>• Road-related energy use</li> <li>• Energy-related emissions</li> <li>• Social cost of carbon</li> </ul>
	Weather effects on accident rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Precipitation</li> <li>• Temperature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of accidents</li> <li>• Economic cost of accidents</li> </ul>



## 2 Roads

### 2.1 Literature review

#### 2.1.1 Infrastructure impacts

Roads are impacted differently by climate variables, depending on how they are built and the materials used. Precipitation, snow, high temperatures imply higher costs of maintenance (operating costs). If maintenance is not timely, the reduced quality of roads can lead to the emergence of structural problems and increase the probability of accidents.

##### 2.1.1.1 Precipitation

- **Climate impact**

High amounts of precipitation can damage roads, depending on surface permeability and materials used. Surface runoff is an indicator commonly used to determine the extent to which a road is exposed to damage due to precipitation.

- **Summary of results**

Runoff holding capacity for an Interlocking Block Pavement with Gravel is of 136mm per rainfall depth and for Porous Concrete Pavement, the normalized volume reduction was  $2.81 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.67 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 / \text{m}^2 / \text{mm}$ .

There is also a study that concluded that for every 10mm of monthly rainfall, rut depth would increase by 3mm.

- **Results**

Chinowsky et al. (2013) estimated that for the maintenance of roads in the US, rut depth over a road's lifecycle increases by approximately 3mm with every 10 cm increase in mean monthly rainfall. This implies higher road maintenance with heavy rainfall.

When considering runoff efficiency, Alam et al. (2019) showed that IBPG (Interlocking Block Pavement with Gravel) was capable of holding runoff from rainfall depths up to 136 mm prior to flooding.

PCP (Porous Concrete Pavement) was the most satisfactory in reducing surface runoff (NVR (Normalized Volume Reduction):  $2.81 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.67 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3 / \text{m}^2 / \text{mm}$ ), which was significantly higher than the traditional pavement.

- **Methodology**

##### 2.1.1.2 Runoff efficiency





Alam et al. (2019) examined the hydrologic and environmental performance of three types of permeable pavement designs: Porous Concrete Pavement (PCP), Permeable Interlocking Concrete (PICP), and Interlocking Block Pavement with Gravel (IBPG) in the semi-arid South Texas.

Equations (1)–(5) show the approach used to calculate the total inflow volume into the pavement surface, % peak flow reduction, total outflow volume at the pavement’s outfall, total volume stored into pavements, and Normalized Volume Reductions (NVR) from monitored permeable and traditional pavements.

1. Total inflow volume:

$$V_i = R(A_p + C_1A_1 + C_2A_2 + C_3A_3 \dots\dots) \tag{1}$$

- $V_i$  = Total Inflow Volume onto Pavement Surface ( $m^3$ )
- $R$  = Rainfall Depth (mm)
- $A_p$  = Permeable Pavement Area ( $m^2$ )
- $A_1, A_2, A_3$  = Areas from Surrounding Drainage Sources ( $m^2$ )
- $C_1, C_2, C_3$  = Runoff Coefficients of Surrounding Drainage Sources

2. The % peak flow reduction for all monitored permeable pavements:

$$\% \text{ Peak Flow Reduction} = \left( \frac{TP_{PF} - PP_{PF}}{TP_{PF}} \right) \times 100 \tag{2}$$

- $TP_{PF}$  = Normalized peak flow rate at the outfall of traditional pavement ( $m^3/s$ )
- $PP_{PF}$  = Normalized peak flow rate at the outfall of alternative pavement ( $m^3/s$ )

3. Volume of runoff:

$$V_o = q_0 \times t \tag{3}$$

- $V_o$  = Total Runoff Volume ( $m^3$ )
- $q_0$  = outflow rate ( $m^3/s$ )
- $t$  = Flow Duration (s)

4. Storage volume:

$$S = V_i (1) - V_o (3)$$

5. Normalized Volume reduction (NVR):

$$\left( \frac{m^3}{m^2 \cdot mm} \right) = \frac{V_i - V_o}{A_p \times R} \tag{5}$$



## **Considerations for integration in the CDS toolbox**

ERA5 hourly data on single levels from 1979 to present

### 2.1.1.3 Flood risk

See section on flood risk for buildings, proposing the creation of a non-linear function based on a report by Nemry and Demirel (2012).

### 2.1.1.4 Temperature and freeze-thaw

According to Chinowsky et al. (2013) freeze–thaw effects are worst in moderate freeze areas. When a former moderate freeze area transitions to a low freeze area due to higher temperatures, this reduces rutting of the road and therefore maintenance costs. Increased temperatures also cause some areas to change from high freeze to moderate freeze, which increases rutting and maintenance costs. Moderate freeze areas are defined to have 50–400 freeze days per year, high freeze areas have more than 400 freeze days per year. Freezing degree-days are usually calculated as a sum of average daily degrees below freezing for a specified time period (National Snow & Ice Data Center, n.d.). Rut depths in moderate freeze areas and high freeze areas are approximately 3.25 and 2.75 mm higher, respectively, than in no-freeze zones (Jackson & Puccinelli, 2006).

### 2.1.1.5 Temperature

As presented in Chinowsky et al. (2013), higher temperatures imply higher stress for paved roads, as the asphalt becomes more susceptible to cracking. Cracking can be avoided by using a different binder in the surface asphalt.

## 2.1.2 Maintenance

### 2.1.2.1 Precipitation

- **Summary of results**

Regarding specific changes in precipitation, we have that maintenance costs increase by 0.8% with every 1% increase in maximum monthly precipitation.

Degradation is of 5.625 points per millimeter of rutting is related to precipitation per year and 7.83 points per millimeter of rutting related to freeze–thaw.

- **Results**

### Method 1



Chinowsky et al. (2013) propose an equation based on a study conducted on the US road network, taking rutting (or rut depth) as a measure of road depreciation. The approach assumes that higher rutting leads to shorter maintenance intervals, and hence overall maintenance costs. For paved roads, they included three climate-related effects on roads: (1) rutting from precipitation, (2) rutting caused by freeze–thaw cycles, (3) cracking during periods of high temperatures. For unpaved roads, only the erosion from precipitation was calculated.

There are different estimates of the rutting occurring over a road's lifecycle: (N.D. Lea International, 1995) estimates 8 mm of rutting over a road's lifecycle, while (Lavin, 2003) estimates 5.75 mm of rutting. Based on these values, degradation of 5.625 points per millimeter of rutting is estimated related to precipitation and 7.83 points per millimeter of rutting related to freeze–thaw (Chinowsky, Price, & Neumann, 2013).

Quote from article:

*"Measurements of the degree of rutting occurring over a road's lifecycle vary across the identified studies. N.D. Lea International (1995) estimates 8 mm of rutting over a road's lifecycle, while U.S. DOT (2006) estimates 5.75 mm of rutting.*

*To estimate RC, we draw from prior studies examining the rutting associated with precipitation and freeze–thaw, and subsequently assess the changes in pavement condition index associated with these rutting impacts. N.D. Lea International (1995) indicates that rut depth over a road's lifecycle increases by approximately 3 mm with every 10 cm increase in mean monthly rainfall. In addition, U.S. DOT (2006) shows that rut depths in moderate freeze areas (50–400 freeze days per year) and high freeze areas (more than 400 freeze days per year) are approximately 3.25 and 2.75 mm higher, respectively, than in no-freeze zones."*

Equation: Based on the above, the equation proposed is the following

$$\text{Impact of precipitation on road maintenance} = 1 + (\text{Precipitation} - \text{Mean precipitation})/100 * 0.375$$

Method 2 (Chinowsky, et al., 2011)

The approach is based on the cost of preventing a reduction in lifespan that may result from changes in climate-related stress. Chinowsky et al. (2011) assume that a reduction in lifespan is equal to the percent change in climate stress (scaled for the stressor's effect on maintenance costs).

According to (Miradi, 2004) maintenance for paved roads that is precipitation-related accounts for 4% of maintenance costs and temperature-related maintenance accounts for 36% of costs.

The costs of avoiding a reduction in lifespan is calculated by the product of (1) the potential percent reduction in lifespan and (2) the base construction costs of the asset. This means that a 10% potential reduction in lifespan causes an estimated increase in maintenance costs of 10% of the construction costs (Chinowsky, et al., 2011).



Unpaved roads are strongly influenced by precipitation. According to (Ramos-Scharron & MacDonald, 2007) 80% of unpaved road degradation can be attributed to precipitation, and the remaining 20% to traffic rates and other factors. Given this 80% attribution to precipitation, maintenance costs increase by 0.8% with every 1% increase in the maximum of the maximum monthly precipitation values projected for any given year (Chinowsky, et al., 2011).

### **Considerations for integration in the CDS toolbox**

ERA5 monthly averaged data on single levels from 1979 to present

#### 2.1.2.2 Temperature

- **Summary of results**

In present value terms, costs emerging from higher temperatures range from 140\$ per mile under Global Action scenario, which means 1.2% increase in costs, to 475\$ per mile under BAU scenario that means an increase of costs of 2.7%. Annual adaptation costs would be in the range of \$3000 to \$3600 for 2006 through 2080 per lane-mile.

- **Results**

Higher temperatures imply higher stress for roads materials that can melt, crack and be affected by the daily flow of road traffic. Higher temperatures can also change the freeze-thaw effects. Precipitation influences a roads' maintenance costs, especially in case of unpaved roads.

In the US, Chinowsky et al. (2013) estimated that overall, climate change, if unchecked, will increase the annual costs of keeping paved and unpaved roads in service by \$785 million in present value terms by 2050. When not discounted, this figure increases to \$2.8 billion. They estimate annual adaptation costs ranging from \$140 per lane mile in 2025 under the Global Action scenario and \$475 per lane mile in 2075 under the business as usual scenario. This suggests a 1.2% increase in costs in 2075 under Global Action scenario and a 2.7% increase under the business as usual case.

Chinowsky et al. (2013) compared their results with a study from (Larsen, et al., 2008) about adaptation costs for roads in Alaska. Chinowsky et al. (2013) based the comparison on converting the Larsen et al. (2008) estimates to year 2010 dollars and expressing these estimates on a cost-per-lane-mile basis, assuming two lanes per road. Thus, the annual adaptation costs per lane mile are estimated to be \$3000 to \$3600 for 2006 through 2080. Larsen et al. (2008) results imply a 5.6–5.8% increase in road construction and maintenance costs during the 2006–2080 period. The higher estimates in Larsen et al. (2008) can be attributed to stronger climate changes in Alaska and the additional consideration of costs related to flooding and the melting of permafrost.

- **Methodology**

Method 1 (Chinowsky, Price, & Neumann, 2013)



Costs are estimated under a baseline scenario in which annual mean global temperature increases by 1.5 degree Celsius in 2050 relative to the historical average, and a mitigation scenario under which this increase in mean temperature is limited to 1.0 degree Celsius.

To assess the cost of adapting roadways to changes in temperature, they examine the implications of climate change for the design specifications of asphalt pavements. In areas where maximum temperatures increase due to climate change, asphalt pavements will become susceptible to increased cracking.

1. The cost (savings) of adapting paved roads to higher (lower) temperatures is estimated as the incremental cost of repaving with a higher (lower) grade binder:

As an initial step in this process, the daily pavement temperature is estimated for each 0.58 by 0.58 grid cell under current climate and under each climate change scenario based on a book written by Lavin (2003)

$$T_P = 0.9545(T_A - 0.00618L^2 + 0.2289L + 42.2) - 17.78 \quad (5)$$

where  $T_P$  is the pavement temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ),  $T_A$  is the air temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and  $L$  is the latitude.

2. 7 day pavement temperature is used to determine the level of adaptation of asphalt binder. We can use an average function and average the last 7 days of this variable to determine the extra cost of maintenance.

Effect of heat on road maintenance costs (binder, based on variable above):

$$\text{Additional cost for road maintenance} = f(T_p \text{ Max 7 day})$$

The indicated cost of binder use is illustrated in the "additional data" tab. based on 7 day pavement temperature. This applies to construction as well, if we are assuming that binders in planned roads will be already updated.

### **Considerations for integration in the CDS toolbox**

Air temperature (K) - ERA5-Land hourly data from 1981 to present

Method 2 (Zhao, Shen, & Ma, 2018)

Temperature adaptability of asphalt pavements is very important, due to their potential influence on pavement structure design, particularly in areas that experience significant temperature differences.

To calculate pavement radiation and convection, the precondition is to identify the pavement surface temperature, and the research of Tang (2012) was referred to:



$$T_{\text{sur}} = 1.0852 T_{\text{air}} - 0.0684 h + 4.29, \quad (6)$$

where  $T_{\text{sur}}$  (°C) is the pavement surface temperature,  $T_{\text{air}}$  (°C) is the air temperature, and  $h$  (m) is the pavement depth.

Hourly surface temperature requires an assumption on pavement depth.

### **Considerations for integration in the CDS toolbox**

Air temperature (K) - ERA5-Land hourly data from 1981 to present

#### 2.1.3 Accidents

Rainfall and temperature can impact accidents. Literature shows that accidents are higher with higher rainfall. Also, fatal accidents seem to be higher when temperatures are high, while fatality is the lowest when the weather is bad or icy roads are found. This points to the important of the driver (attention and skills) in addition to the quality of the road.

##### 2.1.3.1 Temperatures / Precipitation

- **Climate impact**

Weather conditions are considered to be a factor that affects the number of road accidents and casualties significantly, with different effects according to the type of road (motorways, rural roads or urban roads). Moreover, as the weather also affects mobility, it is to be expected that the effects of weather on the number of injury accidents and casualties are partly due to the changes in mobility occurring at the same time. (Bergel-Hayat, Debarh, Antoniou, & Yannis, 2013)

- **Summary of results**

When rainfall increases by 100mm per month, the probability of a road accident increases by 0.2-0.3%. For monthly temperature, an increase of 1°C is equal to an increase of road accident probability of 1-2%. Finally, 1 day of frost more per month is equal to an increase of probability of 0.3-0.6% of road accident.

- **Results**

A study regrouping datasets for France, the Netherlands and the Athens region has been analyzed to highlight the link between weather conditions and road accident risk at an aggregate level and on a monthly basis (Bergel-Hayat, Debarh, Antoniou, & Yannis, 2013).

Results on a national level are that 100 mm of additional rainfall during a month increases the number of injury accidents in that month by 0.2–0.3% (NED/FR); 1°C of additional average temperature during a month increases the number of injury accidents in that month by 1–2% and



finally that 1 additional day of frost during a month decreases the number of injury accidents in that month by 0.3–0.6%.

- **Methodology**

Injury accident multiplier =  $1 + (RF - \text{mean RF})/100 * 0.002 + \text{IF THEN ELSE} (\text{Time} > \text{March}; \text{AND}; \text{Time} < \text{October}, (ST - \text{mean ST}) * 0.02, 0) + \text{IF THEN ELSE} (\text{Time} > \text{October}; \text{AND}; \text{Time} < \text{March}, (WT - \text{mean WT}) * 0.006, 0) + (DF - \text{mean DF}) * 0.006$

RF = monthly precipitation

Mean RF = mean precipitation (for each month)

ST = monthly summer temperature (March - September)

Mean ST = mean temperature for summer months (by month)

WT = monthly winter temperature (October - February)

Mean WT = mean temperature for winter months (by month)

DF = Days of frost (per month)

Mean DF = mean days of frost per month

The data used is based on the general conclusions for national highway networks. The numbers used relate to the Netherlands and France, but geographical factors matter. It was for example also found that ice causes more accidents, but less deadly accidents due to driver anticipation.

### Considerations for integration in the CDS toolbox

ERA5-Land monthly averaged data from 1981 to present

ERA5 monthly averaged data on single levels from 1979 to present

## 2.2 Integration of literature review with the CDS datasets

See section 1.2 for a general introduction.

### Datasets:

- ERA5 monthly data on single level
- CMIP5 monthly data on single level
- ERA5 hourly data on single level

### Indicators created:

- **Monthly 2-m temperature**
  - Units: degrees Celsius
  - Frequency: monthly
  - ERA5 variable: "2 m temperature"
  - CMIP5 variable: "2 m temperature"
  - Note: original units in Kelvin
- **Monthly precipitation:**



- Units: mm per month
- ERA5 variable: “Mean total precipitation rate”
- CMIP5 variable: “Mean precipitation flux”
- Note : original units in mm/s
- **Monthly evaporation**
  - Units: mm per month
  - ERA5 variable: “Mean evaporation rate”
  - Note: original units in mm/s
- **Monthly surface runoff**
  - Units: mm per month
  - ERA5 variable: “Mean surface runoff rate”
  - Note: original units in mm/s

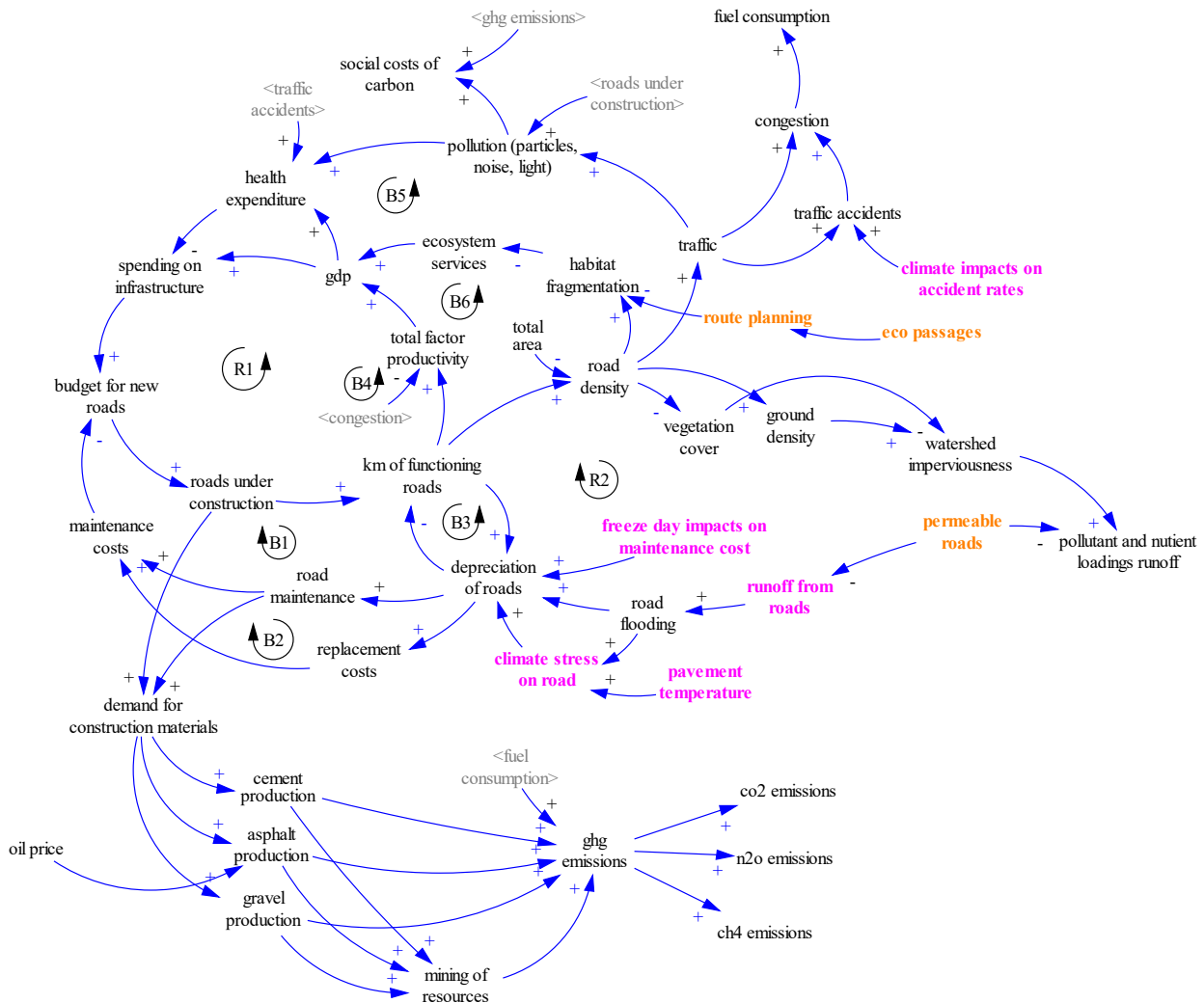
### 2.3 Integration of climate indicators into the SAVi roads model

CDS climate indicators developed for the roads sector include climate impacts on road lifetime, stormwater management and road safety. Figure 49 presents the CLD for the SAVi Road asset model; CDS climate indicators are highlighted in pink.





Figure 1 Causal Loop Diagram for the roads sector - CDS variables included



Weather impacts on road lifetime, increasing depreciation of the road surface as a consequence of temperature extremes (both increasing temperatures and more frequent freezing days) and precipitation. CDS indicators developed for the model include the impact of precipitation on pavement lifetime as well as the impact of air temperature on pavement integrity. Increases in mean precipitation causes the road surface to depreciate at a higher rate. Similarly, heat stress impacts are captured using pavement temperature. In both cases, CDS impacts lead to a reduced operational lifetime of roads, additional maintenance required and, as a consequence, material use.

The stormwater indicator developed in the CDS toolbox provides information about the water runoff from road surfaces during precipitation events. Stormwater, if not properly managed, can cause traffic disruptions and a multitude of environmental impacts due to the pollutants that are carried off the road into the environment (creating a direct connection with stormwater management).



The CDS toolbox indicator for road safety refers to changes in accident rates based on weather conditions. Variables such as precipitation, temperature, icy days and sunshine hours have an impact on traffic patterns and accidents. Depending on the change of climate variables, accident rates will increase or decrease.

## 2.4 Behavioral impacts resulting from the integration of climate variables

Climate impacts on the operational lifetime of roads and pavement layers cause higher maintenance frequency and hence increases material use and maintenance costs (both due to higher temperature and freezing days). Changes in maintenance frequency further affect energy use for road maintenance and road-related GHG. The use of CDS data allows for a more precise and location-specific assessment of road performance, with a more reliable estimate of maintenance costs.

The CDS indicator related to pavement temperature affects road construction and maintenance related costs by affecting the type of binder required. The indicator provides information about changes in cost related to the requirement of using a specific binder.

Obtaining stormwater quantities directly from the CDS toolbox improves capturing seasonal changes in stormwater loads and stormwater management related costs. This improves the modelling of mitigation measures, required stormwater management capacity and related investment and maintenance costs.

Climate impacts on accidents affect the number of accidents per million vehicle kilometers travelled, causing changes in the total number of accidents and related health cost. This indicator contributes to improving the modeling of seasonal accident patterns, and informs decisions about the type pavement used (e.g. depending on desired permeability) to avoid societal costs. The information obtained can support the road management and design process, depending on the forecasted magnitude of climate impacts on accidents.

## 2.5 Simulation results

Three impacts were integrated into the SAVi Roads model, based on climate data obtained from the CDS data base: (1) precipitation effect on road lifetime, (2) weather effect on injury accidents, and (3) precipitation based road runoff.

### 2.5.1 Impact of precipitation on road lifetime

According to the literature (N.D. Lea International, 1995; Lavin, 2003), precipitation is responsible for approximately 37.5% of road depreciation, also expressed as rutting depth. The equation used for operationalizing the impacts of precipitation on road maintenance is

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$$\text{Impact of precipitation on road maintenance} = 1 + (\text{Precipitation} - \text{Mean precipitation})/100 * 0.375$$


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Simulation results comparing the no climate simulation to the simulation with CDS indicators are presented in Figure 50. On the left, the simulation results for roads lifetime are illustrated while the graph on the right provides information about the replacement rate of roads, both comparing the no climate scenario (red) to the CDS integration (blue).

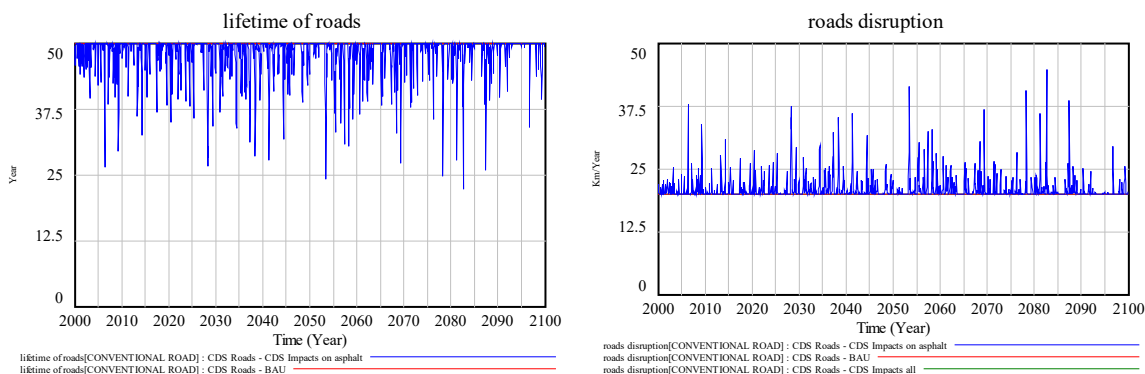


Figure 2: Impact of precipitation on roads lifetime (left) and road disruption rate (right) in the BAU and CDS scenario

Reductions in roads lifetime are simulated on a monthly level, leading to a change in road disruption and consequently in required road works. The monthly changes in lifetime and road disruption provide a more nuanced perspective on the impacts of severe events and the seasons during which the highest impacts occur. In the no climate scenario (red), the roads lifetime is forecasted to be 50 years constant.

Over a 80 year period (2020-2100), the forecasted additional disruption for 1,000 km of road resulting from the integration of CDS climate data is 5.45%, or 87.26km. In the no climate scenario, the cumulative reconstruction of roads is 1,601.67 km over 80 years, while the forecasted cumulative disruption of roads in the CDS scenario is 1,688.9 km.

### 2.5.2 Impact of weather on accidents

Weather affects driving behavior and the number of injury accidents occurring during specific seasons of the year. For example, when the roads are icy, studies indicate a reduction in injury accidents resulting from more careful driving behavior. The same applies for higher temperatures, which have been found to cause more aggressive driving behavior.

Bergel-Hayal et al (2013) describe the relationship between climate variables (precipitation and temperature) and accident frequency. A 100mm increase in monthly precipitation yields a 0.2-0.3% increase in accidents fractions, and 1°C increase in mean monthly temperature increases accidents by 1-2% (Bergel-Hayat, Debbarh, Antoniou, & Yannis, 2013). The equation used for estimating the impacts of weather on accidents is described below.

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$$\text{Injury accident multiplier} = 1 + (RF - \text{mean RF})/100 * 0.002 + \text{IF THEN ELSE} (\text{Time} > \text{March}; \text{AND: Time} < \text{October}, (ST - \text{mean ST}) * 0.02, 0) + \text{IF THEN ELSE} (\text{Time} > \text{October}; \text{AND: Time} < \text{March}, (WT - \text{mean WT}) * 0.006, 0) + (DF - \text{mean DF}) * 0.006$$


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RF = monthly precipitation  
 Mean RF = mean precipitation (for each month)  
 ST = monthly summer temperature (March - September)  
 Mean ST = mean temperature for summer months (by month)  
 WT = monthly winter temperature (October - February)  
 Mean WT = mean temperature for winter months (by month)  
 DF = Days of frost (per month)  
 Mean DF = mean days of frost per month

The difference in injury accidents between the BAU (red line) and including CDS climate impacts (blue line) is presented in Figure 51.

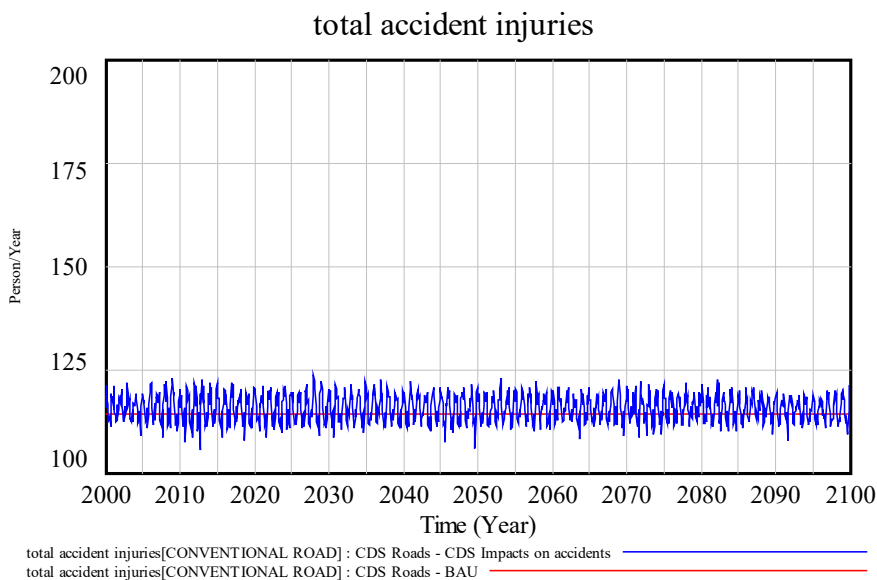


Figure 3: Injury accidents in the BAU and the CDS climate scenario

Compared to the no climate scenario, we observe an increase of injury accidents during summer times, and a decline in injury accidents during the winter season. This change in accidents leads to a change in physical and economic damages resulting from traffic accidents throughout the year (and the whole simulation).

Between 2020 and 2100, the forecasted number of injury accidents is 1.2%, or 1,324 accidents higher in the CDS scenario compared to the no climate scenario. On average, this corresponds to approximately 16.5 additional traffic accidents per year over a period of 80 years. As a consequence of more injury accidents, injury accident related damages will be 1.2% higher as well.

### 2.5.3 Runoff and stormwater management

Roads runoff and resulting stormwater loads pose a challenge to asset managers, especially in urban environments. The need to mitigate stormwater loads to maintain traffic and prevent flood damages requires an accurate forecast of stormwater loads from roads.



Stormwater runoff from roads depends on the total amount of rainfall and the runoff coefficient of roads, whereby the latter indicates their permeability and capacity to store water. The equation for estimating stormwater runoff from roads is described as

$$\text{Runoff from roads} = \text{Monthly precipitation} * \text{Runoff coefficient for roads} * \text{Conversion from mm per hectare to liters}$$

The change in roads runoff and resulting stormwater in the CDS integration scenario is presented in Figure 52. The results show a significant difference between the initial setup of the SAVi model and the results obtained from the CDS integration.

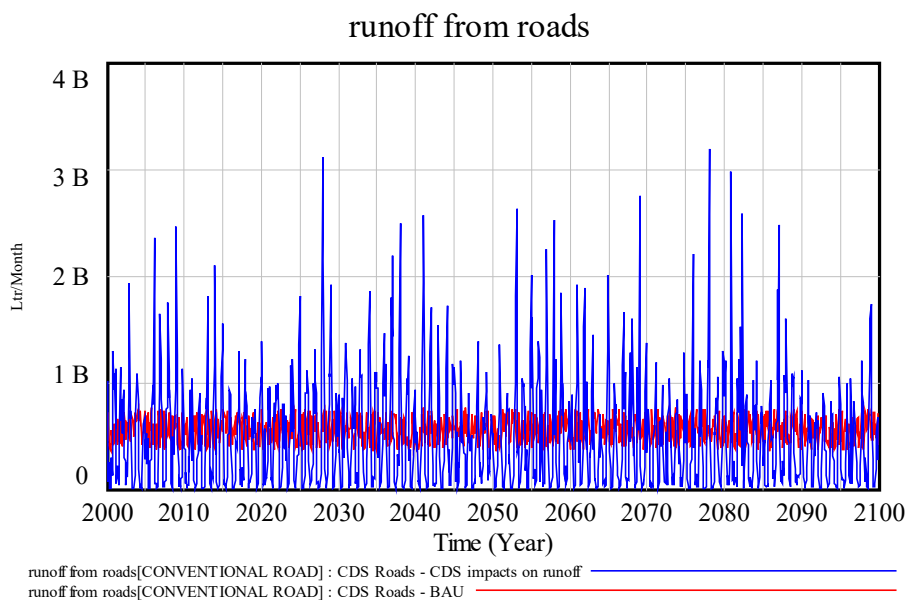


Figure 4: Runoff from roads CDS scenario compared to the BAU scenario

While runoff is relatively constant in the no climate scenario, the CDS integration shows differences both in terms of seasonality and magnitude of stormwater loads. In terms of the magnitude of impacts, the maximum monthly stormwater loads forecasted in the no climate scenario is 758.63 million liters and the cumulative amount of stormwater between 2020 and 2100 is 466.43 billion liters for 1,000m km of road. In comparison, the maximum monthly stormwater load resulting from the integration of CDS climate variables is 3,182.3 million liters and the cumulative amount over an 80 year period is 534.48 billion liters. The highest difference in monthly maximum values is 319%, and the difference in observed minimum runoff during the dry period is 99.92%, meaning that the simulation indicates 0.08% of BAU runoff during the dry period.

The above indicates that the previous formulation used for estimating stormwater runoff from roads underestimated the total maximum loads and overestimated stormwater loads during periods with low precipitation. In summary, the results indicate that the BAU simulation underestimated total cumulative runoff by around 68.05 billion liters over 80 years.



#### 2.5.4 Economic impacts resulting from the integration of CDS climate variables

The physical impacts resulting from the integration of CDS based climate impacts leads to a change in road management costs and related externalities. The integrated Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) presented in Table 20 provides an overview of the cumulative costs for each scenario. The results presented provide cumulative figures for the period 2020 to 2100 in USD million.

Impacts related to asphalt indicate an increase in capital expenditure for road construction and the cost of road maintenance. Over an 80 year period, the additional cost of road construction totals USD 9.4 million, while additional maintenance costs are projected to be in the range of 87,000 USD. The additional labor income generated from employment related to road construction and maintenance is forecasted at USD 25.8 million between 2020 and 2100. On a system level, these impacts yield positive results (net positive impacts of USD 8 million) if the labor income generated by the additional construction and maintenance is considered.

The integration of weather into the equation for injury accidents indicates that the additional economic cost of traffic accidents is 21.9 million USD between 2020 and 2100, or 272,500 USD per year on average.

The most significant difference in economic cost results from the updated formulation for stormwater runoff. Based on the differences in stormwater loads described above, the additional cost of stormwater management is projected at 2.06 billion USD over 80 years. This is equivalent to an additional annual cost of USD 25.58 million on average.

Considering all impacts at the same time (scenario 4 in CBA), the total difference between the no climate scenario and the scenario considering CDS climate impacts totals USD 2.08 billion between 2020 and 2100, out of which the largest share comes from stormwater management. This analysis assumes that all stormwater is conveyed and treated, which is not necessarily a realistic assumption.



Indicator	Unit	0. No Climate	1. Impacts on asphalt	1. vs no climate	2. Impacts on accidents	2. vs no climate	3. Impacts on runoff
<b>Investment and cost</b>							
Capital cost	mIn USD	185.0	194.4	9.4	185.0	0.0	185.0
O&M costs	mIn USD	34.9	35.0	0.087	34.9	0.000	34.9
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>mIn USD</b>	<b>219.9</b>	<b>229.4</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>219.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>219.9</b>
<b>Externalities</b>							
<u>(1) Positive</u>							
Labor income	mIn USD	1,348.8	1,374.6	25.8	1,348.8	0.0	1,348.8
<u>(2) Negative</u>							
Cost of traffic accidents	mIn USD	759.5	761.4	1.9	781.5	21.9	759.5
Social cost of carbon	mIn USD	14.7	14.7	0.0	14.7	0.0	14.7
Stormwater management cost	mIn USD	2,423.6	2,429.9	6.3	2,423.6	0.0	4,481.1
Cost of nitrogen removal	mIn USD	1.6	1.6	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.6
Net sum of externalities (1) - (2)	mIn USD	1,850.5	1,833.0	-17.5	1,872.5	21.9	3,908.0
<b>Total integrated cost</b>	<b>mIn USD</b>	<b>2,070.4</b>	<b>2,062.4</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>2,092.4</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>4,127.9</b>

Table 2: Integrated Cost Benefit Analysis assessing the differences between the BAU and the CDS integration



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## Annex I: Code for establishing the CDS Toolbox-SAVi link

Code related to offline processing of CDS Toolbox and CDS API data for the C3S\_428h\_IISD-EU project.

### How does this code relate to the CDS API ?

This code builds on the powerful CDS API but focuses on local impact analysis specific for the C3S\_428h\_IISD-EU project. It makes it easier to retrieve a time series for a specific location or region, and save the result to a CSV file (a simpler format than netCDF for most climate adaptation practitioners). Additionally, the code combines variables across multiple datasets, aggregate them into asset classes (such as all energy-related variables) and perform actions such as bias correction (use of ERA5 and CMIP5).

### Code available for download

The easy way is to download the zipped archive: - latest (development):

<https://github.com/perrette/iisd-cdstoolbox/archive/master.zip> - or check stable releases with description of changes: <https://github.com/perrette/iisd-cdstoolbox/releases> (see assets at the bottom of each release to download a zip version)

The hacky way is to use git (only useful during development, for frequent updates, to avoid having to download and extract the archive every time):

- First time: `git clone https://github.com/perrette/iisd-cdstoolbox.git`

- Subsequent updates: `git pull` from inside the repository

### Installation steps

- Download the code (see above) and inside the folder.
- Install Python 3, ideally Anaconda Python which comes with pre-installed packages
- Install the CDS API key: <https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/api-how-to>
- Install the CDS API client: `pip install cdsapi`
- Install other [dependencies](#): `conda install --file requirements.txt` or `pip install -r requirements.txt`
- *Optional* dependency for coastlines on plots: `conda install -c conda-forge cartopy` or see [docs](#)
- *Optional* dependency: CDO (might be needed later, experimental): `conda install -c conda-forge python-cdo`

Troubleshooting: - If install fails, you may need to go through the dependencies in requirements.txt one by one and try either pip install or conda install or other methods specific to that dependency. - In the examples that follow, if you have both python2 and python3 installed, you might need to replace python with python3.



## CDS API

Download indicators associated with one asset class.

### Examples of use:

```
python download.py --asset energy --location Welkenraedt
```

The corresponding csv time series will be stored in `indicators/welkenraedt/energy`. Note that raw downloaded data from the CDS API (regional tiles in netcdf format, and csv for the required lon/lat, without any correction) are stored under `download/` and can be re-used across multiple indicators.

The indicators folder is organized by location, asset class, simulation set and indicator name. The aim is to provide multiple sets for SAVi simulation. For instance, era5 for past simulations, and various cmip5 versions for future simulations, that may vary with model and experiment. For instance the above command creates the folder structure (here a subset of all variables is shown):

```
indicators/  
  welkenraedt/  
    energy/  
      era5/  
        2m_temperature.csv  
        precipitation.csv  
        ...  
      cmip5-ips1_cm5a_mr-rcp_8_5/  
        2m_temperature.csv  
        precipitation.csv  
        ...  
    ...
```

with two simulation sets era5 and cmip5-ips1\_cm5a\_mr-rcp\_8\_5. It is possible to specify other models and experiment via `--model` and `--experiment` parameters, to add further simulation sets and thus test how the choice of climate models and experiment affect the result of SAVi simulations.

Compared to raw CDS API, some variables are renamed and scaled so that units match and are the same across simulation sets. For instance, temperature was adjusted from Kelvin to degree Celsius, and precipitation was renamed and units-adjusted into mm per month from original (mean\_total\_precipitation\_rate (mm/s) in ERA5, and mean\_precipitation\_flux (mm/s) in CMIP5). Additionally, CMIP5 data is corrected so that climatological mean matches with ERA5 data (climatology computed over 1979-2019 by default).

Additionally to the files shown in the example folder listing above, figures can also be created for rapid control of the data, either for interactive viewing (`--view-timeseries` and `--view-region`) or or saved as PNG files (`--png-timeseries` and `--png-region`), e.g.



```
python download.py --asset energy --location Welkenraedt --png-timeseries --
png-region
```

Single indicators can be downloaded via:

```
python download.py --indicator 2m_temperature --location Welkenraedt
```

The choices available for `--indicator`, `--asset` and `--location` area defined in the following configuration files, respectively:

- controls which indicators are available, how they are renamed and unit-adjusted: [indicators.yml](#) (see [sub-section](#) below)
- controls the indicator list in each asset class: [assets.yml](#)
- controls the list of locations available: [locations.yml](#)

Full documentation, including fine-grained controls, is provided in the command-line help:

```
python download.py --help
```

Visit the CDS Datasets download pages, for more information about available variables, models and scenarios:

- ERA5: <https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/dataset/reanalysis-era5-single-levels-monthly-means?tab=form>

- CMIP5: <https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/dataset/projections-cmip5-monthly-single-levels?tab=form>

In particular, clicking on “Show API request” provides information about spelling of the parameters, e.g. that “2m temperature” is spelled `2m_temperature` and “RCP 8.5” is spelled `rcp_8_5`.

## Indicator definition

This section is intended for users who wish to extend the list of indicators currently defined in [indicators.yml](#). It can be safely ignored for users who are only interested in using the existing indicators.

Let’s see how `10m_wind_speed` is defined:

```
- name: 10m_wind_speed
  units: m / s
  description: Wind speed magnitude at 10 m
```

The fields `name` and `units` define the indicator. `Description` is optional, just to provide some context. It is possible to provide `scale` and `offset` fields to correct the data as `(data + offset) * scale`. Here for `2m_temperature`:



```
- name: 2m_temperature
  units: degrees Celsius
  description: 2-m air temperature
  offset: -273.15 # Kelvin to degrees C
```

# denotes a comment to provide some context. Some indicators have different names in ERA5 and CMIP5, and possibly different units. That can be dealt with by providing `era5` and `cmip5` fields, which have precedence over the top-level fields. Here the evaporation definition:

```
- name: evaporation
  units: mm per month
  era5:
    name: mean_evaporation_rate # different name in ERA5
    scale: -2592000 # change sign and convert from mm/s to mm / month
  cmip5:
    scale: 2592000 # mm/s to mm / month
```

In that case both scaling and name depend on the dataset. In CMIP5 which variable name is identical to our indicator name, the name field can be omitted. In ERA5, evaporation is negative (downwards fluxes are counted positively), whereas it is counted positively in ERA5.

Indicators composed of several CDS variables can be defined via `compose` and `expression` fields. Let's look at `100m_wind_speed`:

```
- name: 100m_wind_speed
  units: m / s
  description: Wind speed magnitude at 100 m
  era5:
    compose:
      - 100m_u_component_of_wind
      - 100m_v_component_of_wind
    expression: (_100m_u_component_of_wind**2 + _100m_v_component_of_wind**2)
**0.5
  cmip5:
    name: 10m_wind_speed
    scale: 1.6 # average scaling from 10m to 100m, based on one test locatio
n (approximate!)
```

In ERA5, vector components of 100m wind speed are provided. Our indicator is therefore a composition of these two variables, defined by the expression field, which is evaluated as a python expression. Note that variables that start with a digit are not licit in python and must be prefixed with an underscore `_` in the expression field (only there).

For complex expressions, it is possible to provide a mapping field to store intermediate variables, for readability. This is used for the `relative_humidity` indicator:

```
- name: relative_humidity
  units: '%'
  era5:
    compose:
```



```

- 2m_temperature
- 2m_dewpoint_temperature
expression: 100*(exp((17.625*TD)/(243.04+TD))/exp((17.625*T)/(243.04+T)))
mapping: {T: _2m_temperature - 273.15, TD: _2m_dewpoint_temperature - 273
.15}
cmip5:
  name: near_surface_relative_humidity

```

where T and TD are provided as intermediary variables, to be used in expression.

ERA5-hourly dataset can be retrieved via frequency: hourly field, and subsequently aggregated to monthly indicators thanks to pre-defined functions `daily_max`, `daily_min`, `daily_mean`, `monthly_mean`, `yearly_mean`. For instance:

```

- name: maximum_daily_temperature
  units: degrees Celsius
  offset: -273.15
  cmip5:
    name: maximum_2m_temperature_in_the_last_24_hours
  era5:
    name: 2m_temperature
    frequency: hourly
    transform:
      - daily_max
      - monthly_mean

```

This variable is available directly for CMIP5, but not in ERA5. It is calculated from `2m_temperature` from ERA5 hourly dataset, and subsequently aggregated. Note the ERA5-hourly dataset takes significantly longer to retrieve than ERA5 monthly. Consider using in combination with `--year 2000` to retrieve a single year of the ERA5 dataset.

Currently CMIP5 daily is not supported.

### Netcdf to csv conversion

Convert netcdf time series files downloaded from the CDS Toolbox pages into csv files (note: this does not work for netcdf files downloaded via the cds api):

```
python netcdf_to_csv.py data/*nc
```

Help:

```
python netcdf_to_csv.py --help
```



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