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# GLOBAL CLIMATE MONITOR

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# **SCHEME OF THE PRESENTATION**

- 1. Background**
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# 1. Background (The climate data sets)

## TRADITIONAL CLIMATE DATA SETS

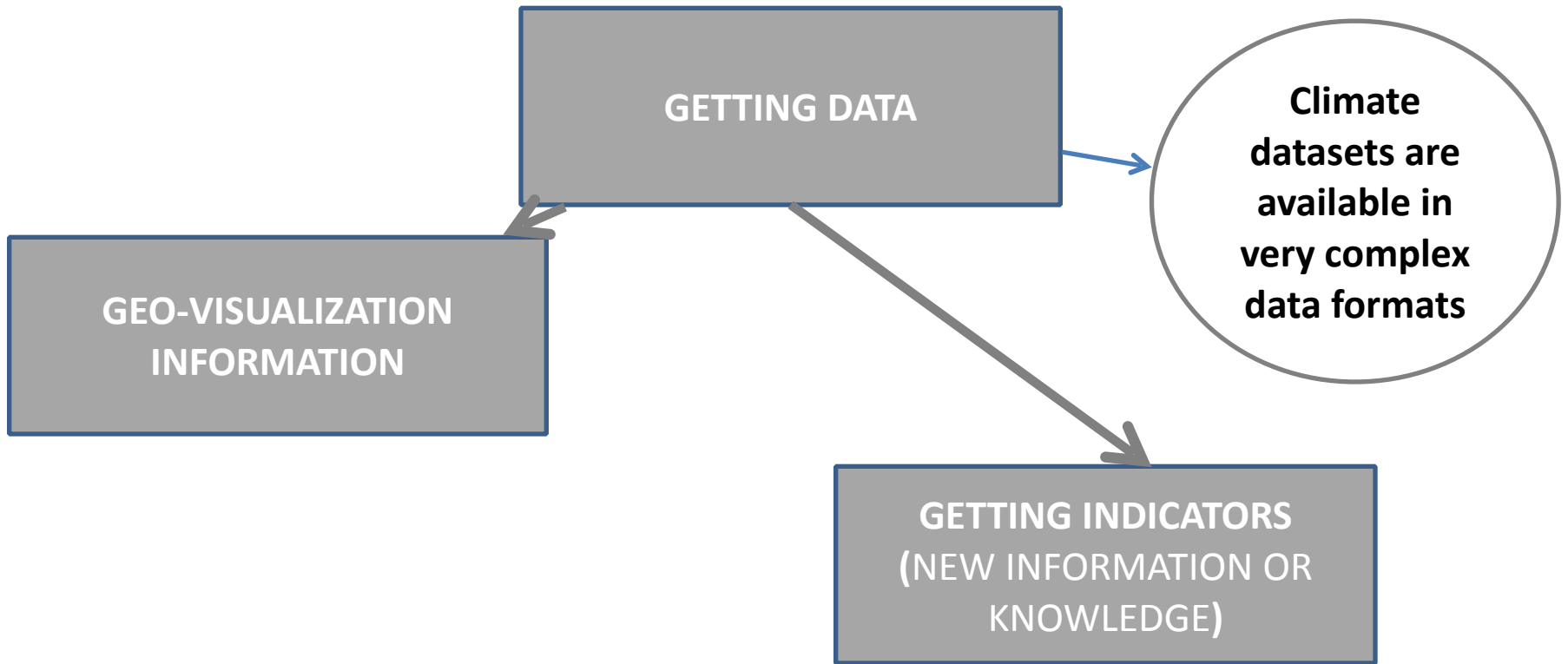
- Irregular coverage
- Heterogeneous time span (very short)
- Poorly quality controlled
- No global coverage



## RECENT CLIMATE DATA SETS

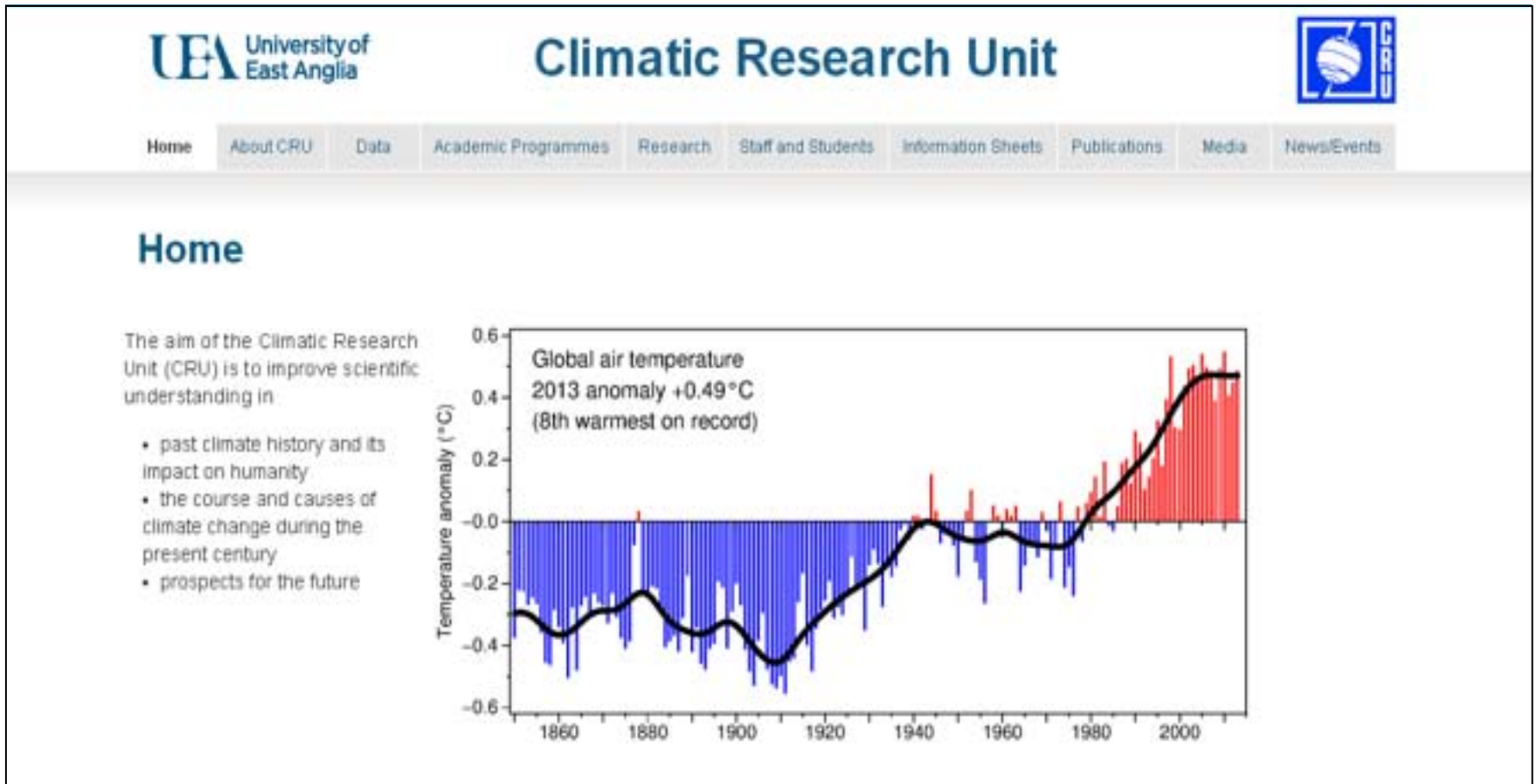
- Regular coverage
- Long and homogeneous time span
- Highly quality controlled
- GLOBAL COVERAGE

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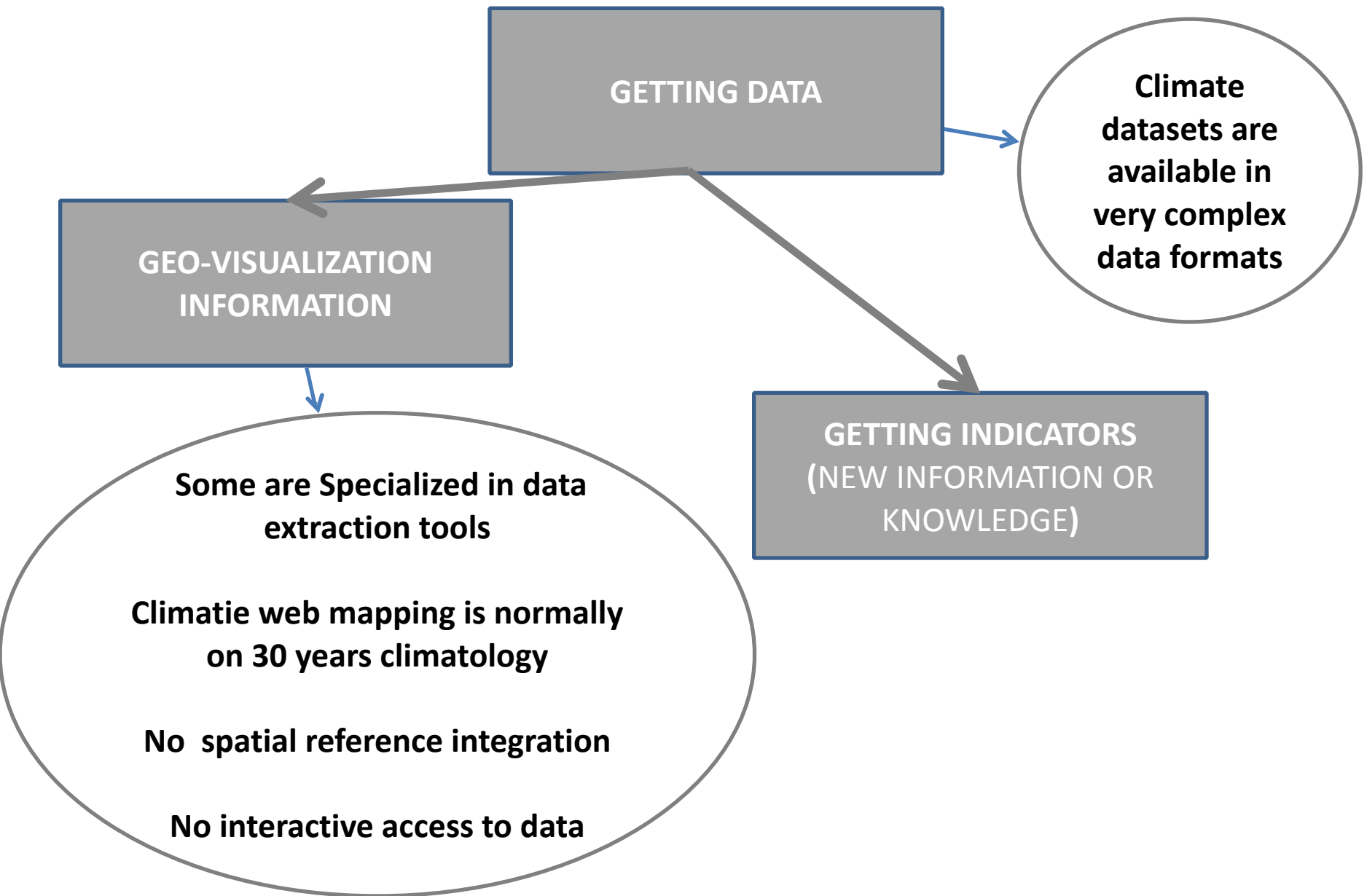


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1st EXAMPLE: GREAT DATA, LITTLE VISUALIZATION → CRU WEB: <http://www.cru.uea.ac.uk/>

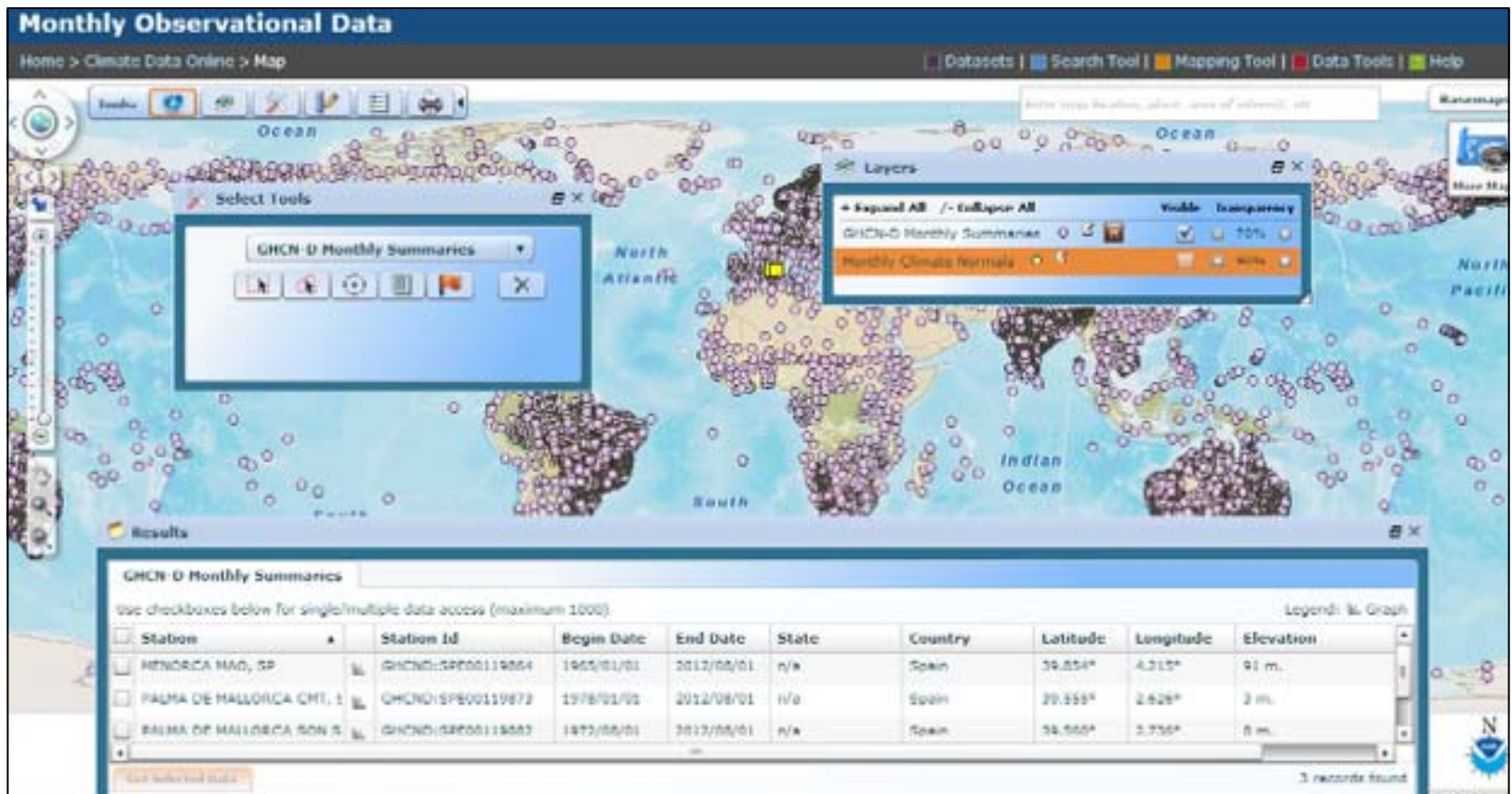


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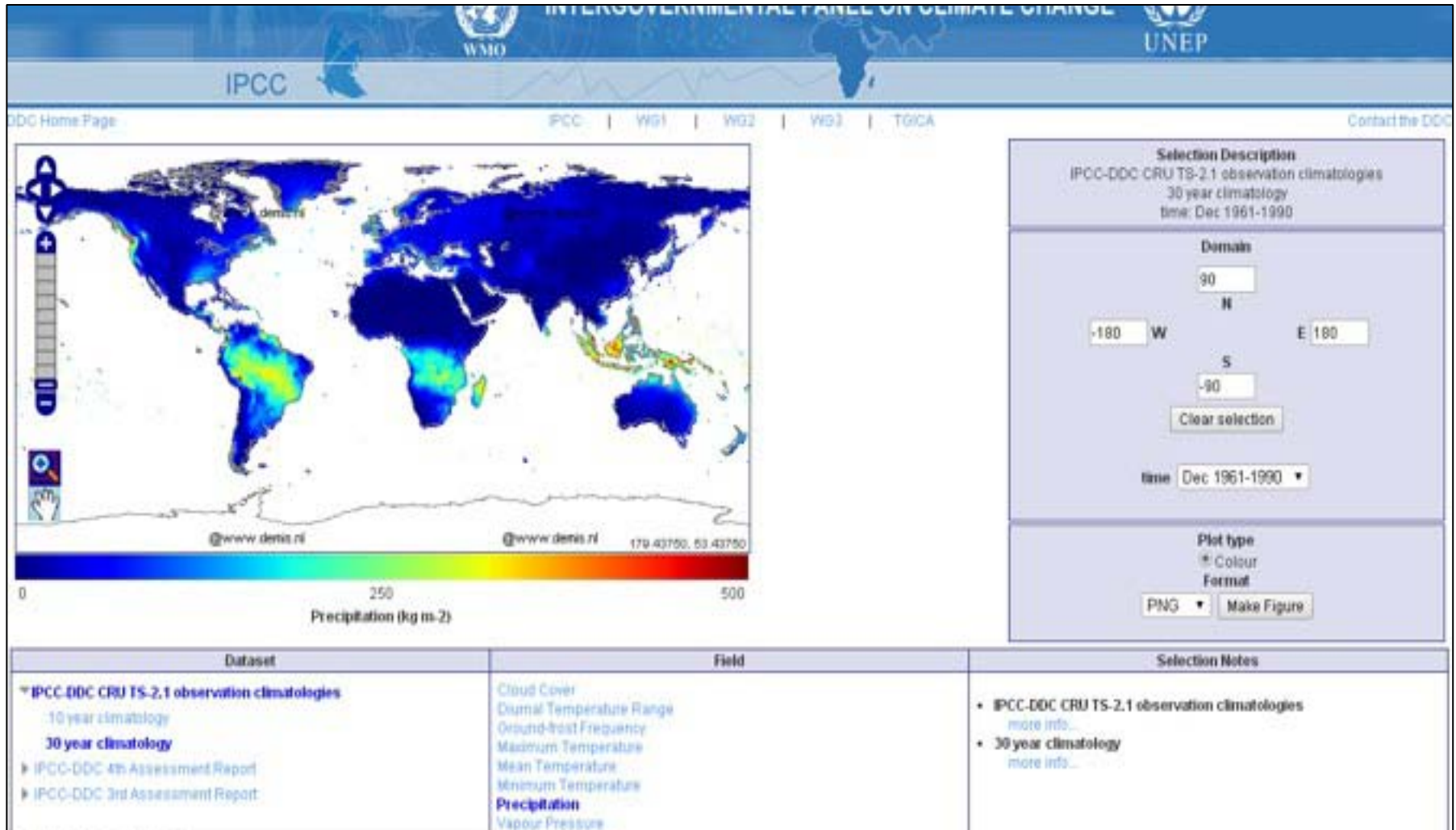
2nd EXAMPLE: GOOD EXTRACTION TOOLS BUT 30 Y. AVERAGE VALUES → NCDC – NOAA <https://gis.ncdc.noaa.gov/map/viewer/#app=cdo&cfg=isdsummaries&theme=isdsummaries>





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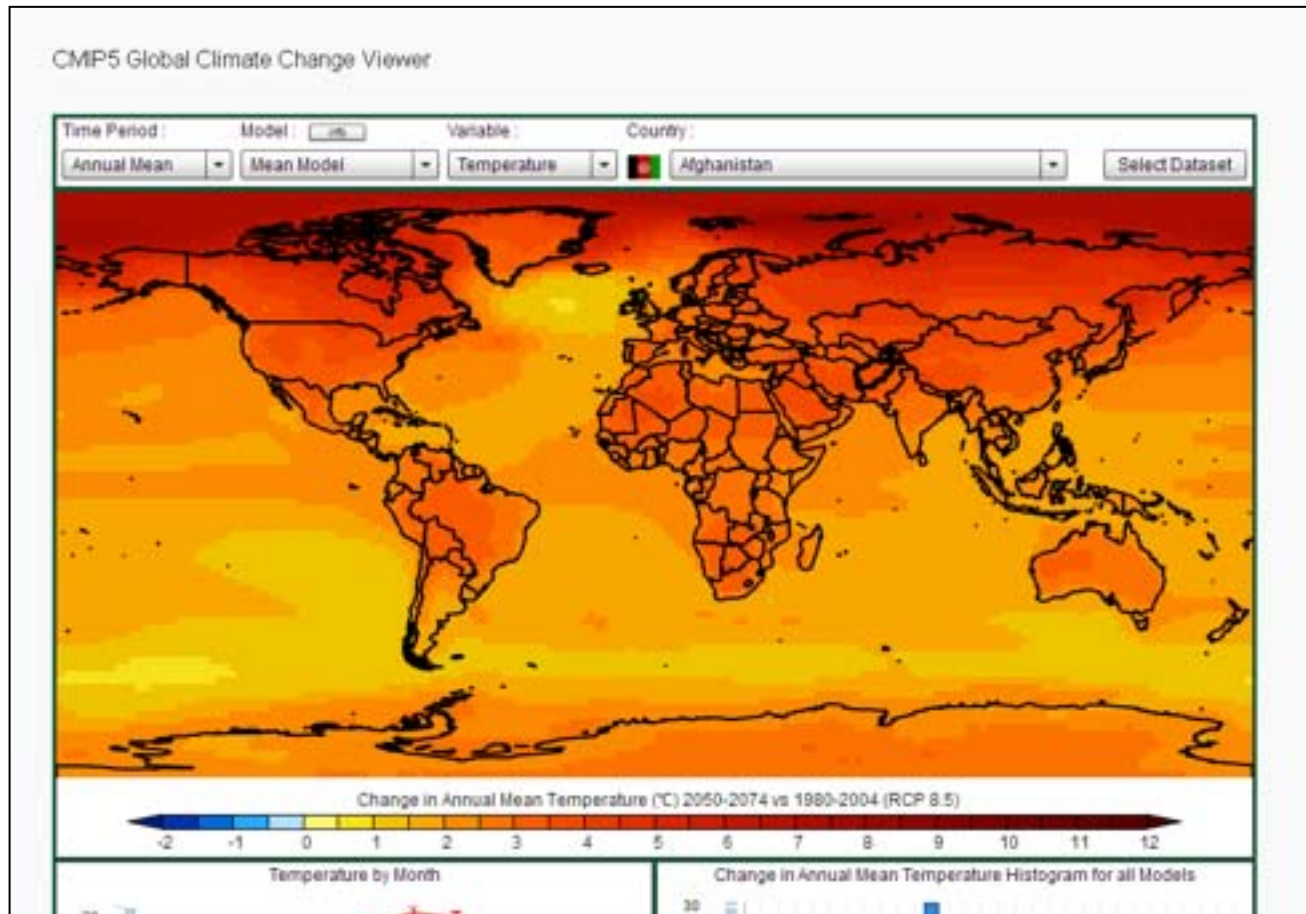
3rd EXAMPLE: AVERAGE VALUES, GOOD EXTRACTION AND LOTS OF DATA BUT NO GOOD DISPLAY, NO PIXEL INFO, NO MAP BACKGROUND → IPCC <http://www.ipcc-data.org/maps/>



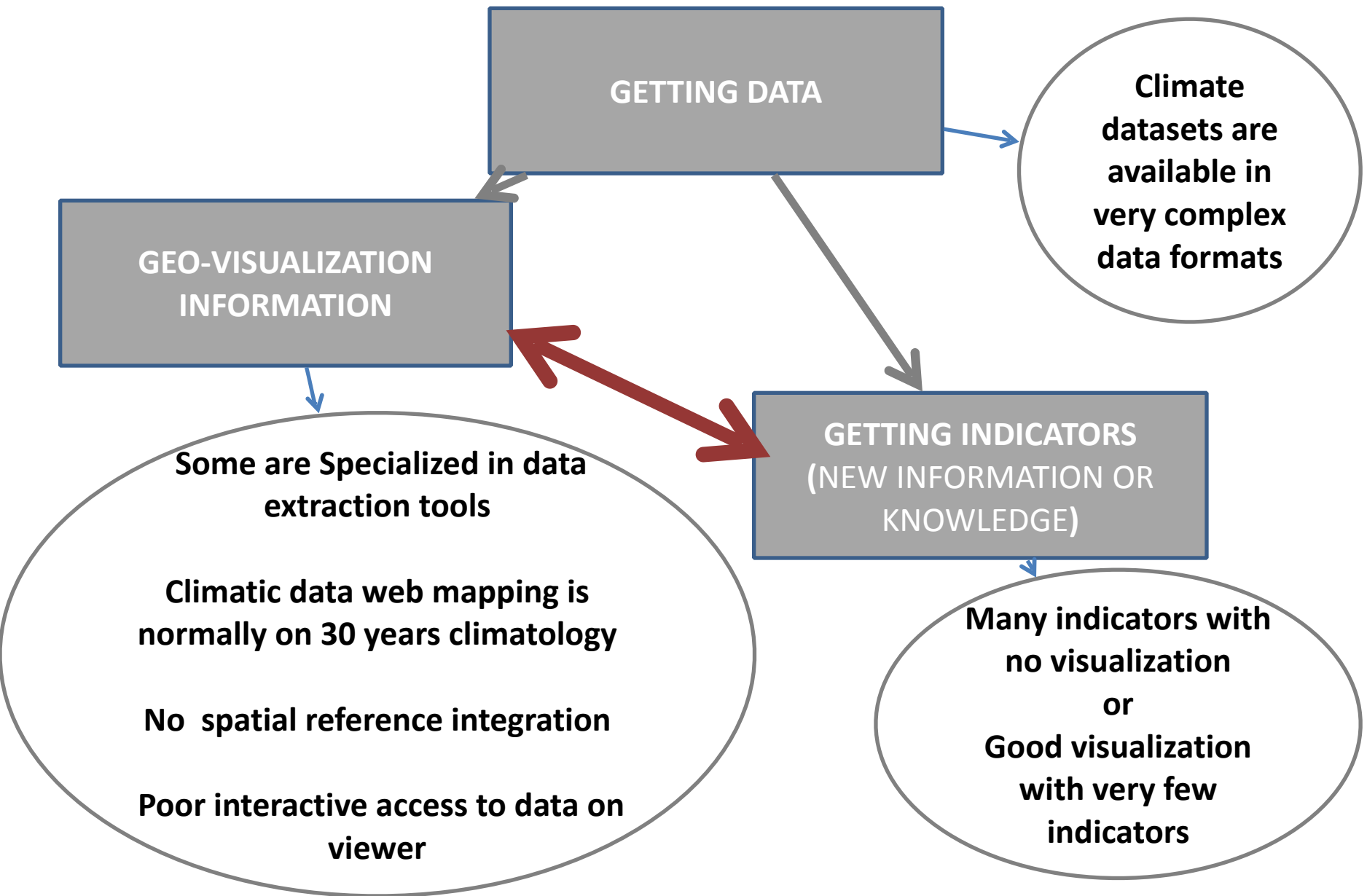


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4th EXAMPLE: SOME NICE INDICATORS (FUTURE TRENDS) BUT NO GOOD DISPLAY, NO PIXEL INFO, NO MAP BACKGROUND → US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
<http://regclim.coas.oregonstate.edu/visualization/gccv/cmip5-global-climate-change-viewer/>

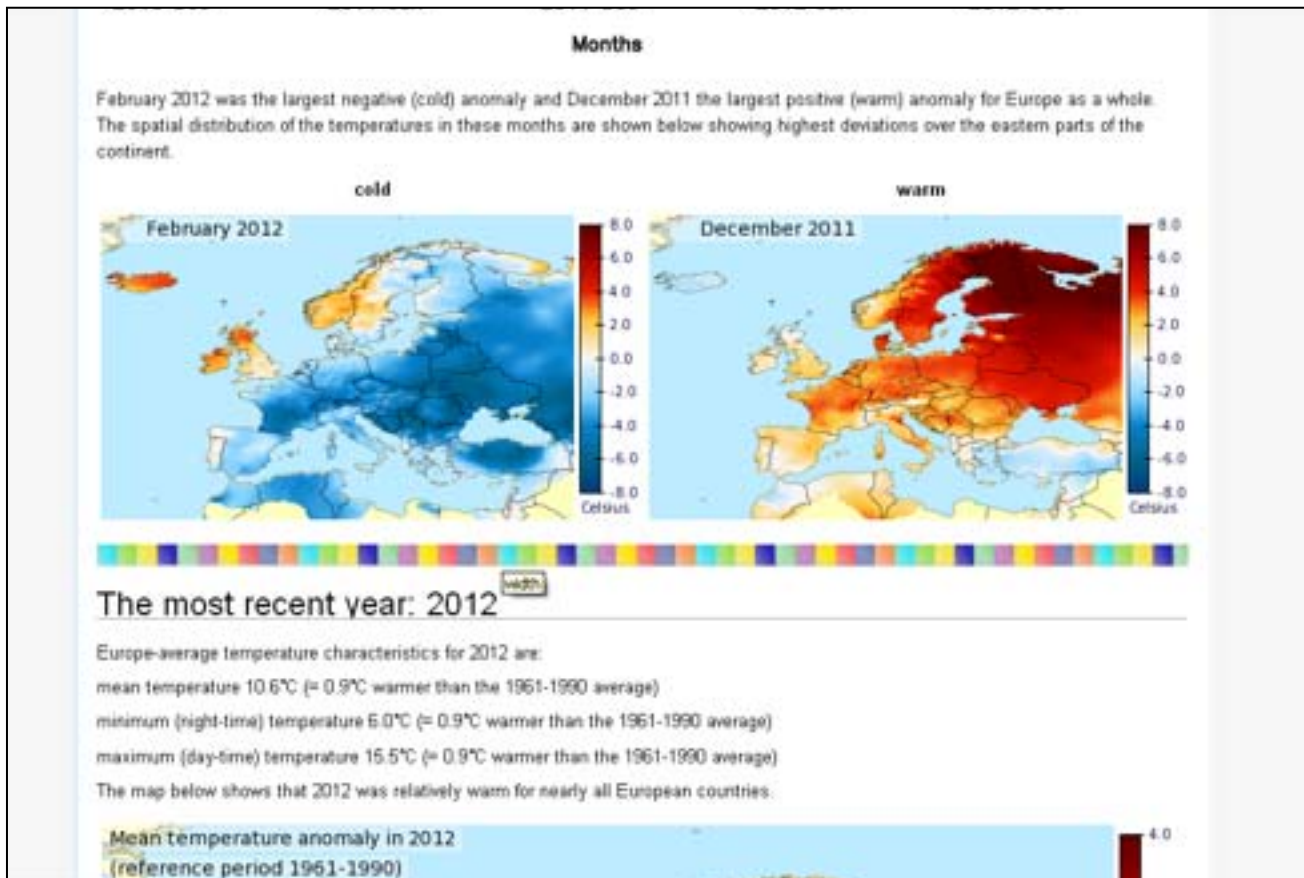


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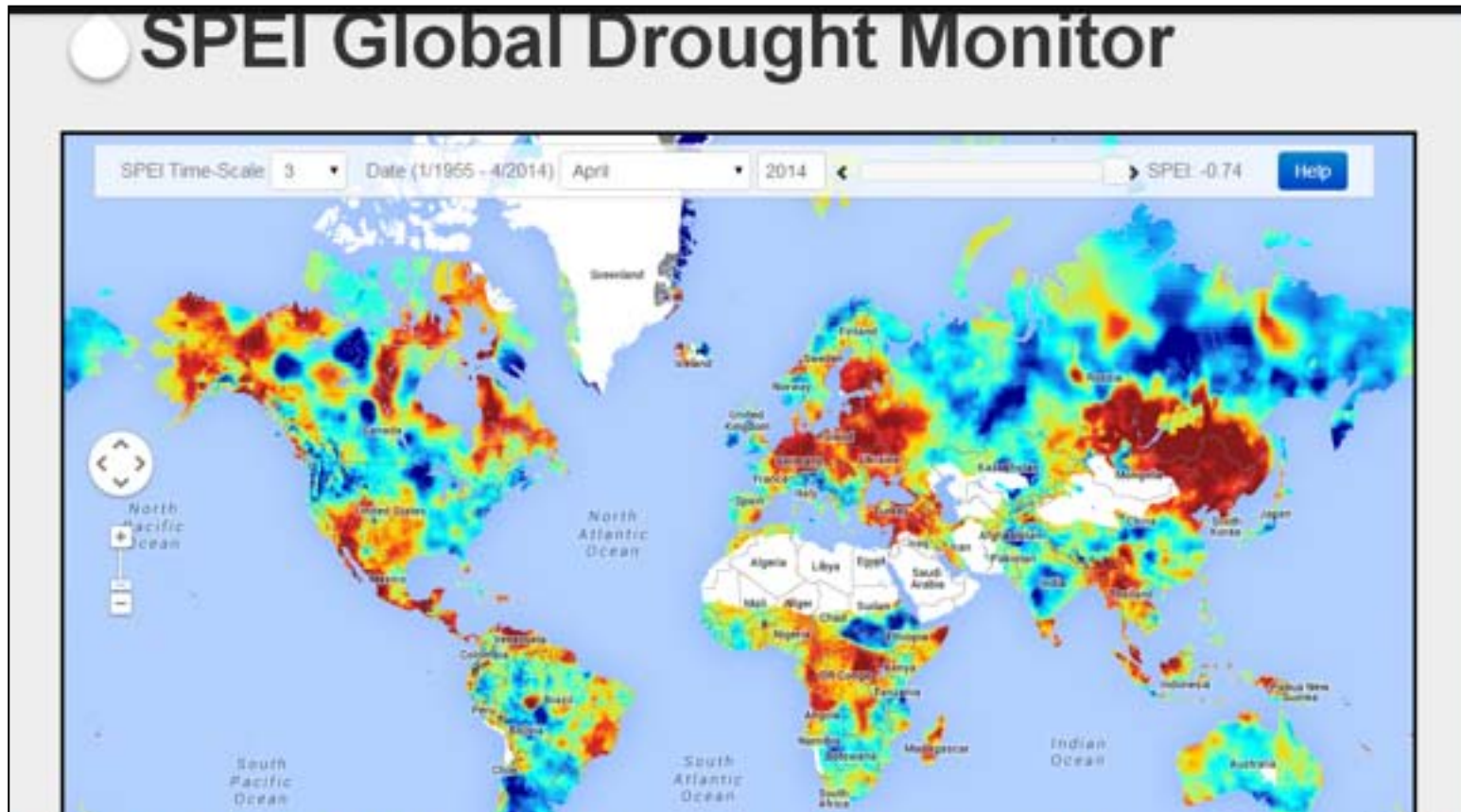
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5th EXAMPLE: LOTS OF USEFUL INDICATORS, BUT ONLY STATIC MAPS → EURO4M FP7 [http://cib.knmi.nl/mediawiki/index.php/European\\_Temperature](http://cib.knmi.nl/mediawiki/index.php/European_Temperature)



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6th EXAMPLE: THE «PERFECT» MONITOR BUT JUST FOR DROUGHT → SPEI  
GLOBAL DROUGHT MONITOR <http://sac.csic.es/spei/map/maps.html>



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## 2. Objectives

- To make complex scientific data accessible
- To build climate indicators
- To design an operational web mapping tool for climate data visualization and monitoring: GLOBAL CLIMATE MONITOR
- **To GET KNOWLEDGE FROM DATA and to share it**

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### 3. Climate data used

CLIMATIC RESEARCH UNIT, UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA (<http://www.cru.uea.ac.uk/>)

**High-resolution gridded datasets (CRU TS3.21 ) → Tested and recommended by IPCC**

Variables: pre, tmp, tmx, tmn, pet, etc.

Data format: netCDF

Space: 0.5°, **global** coverage

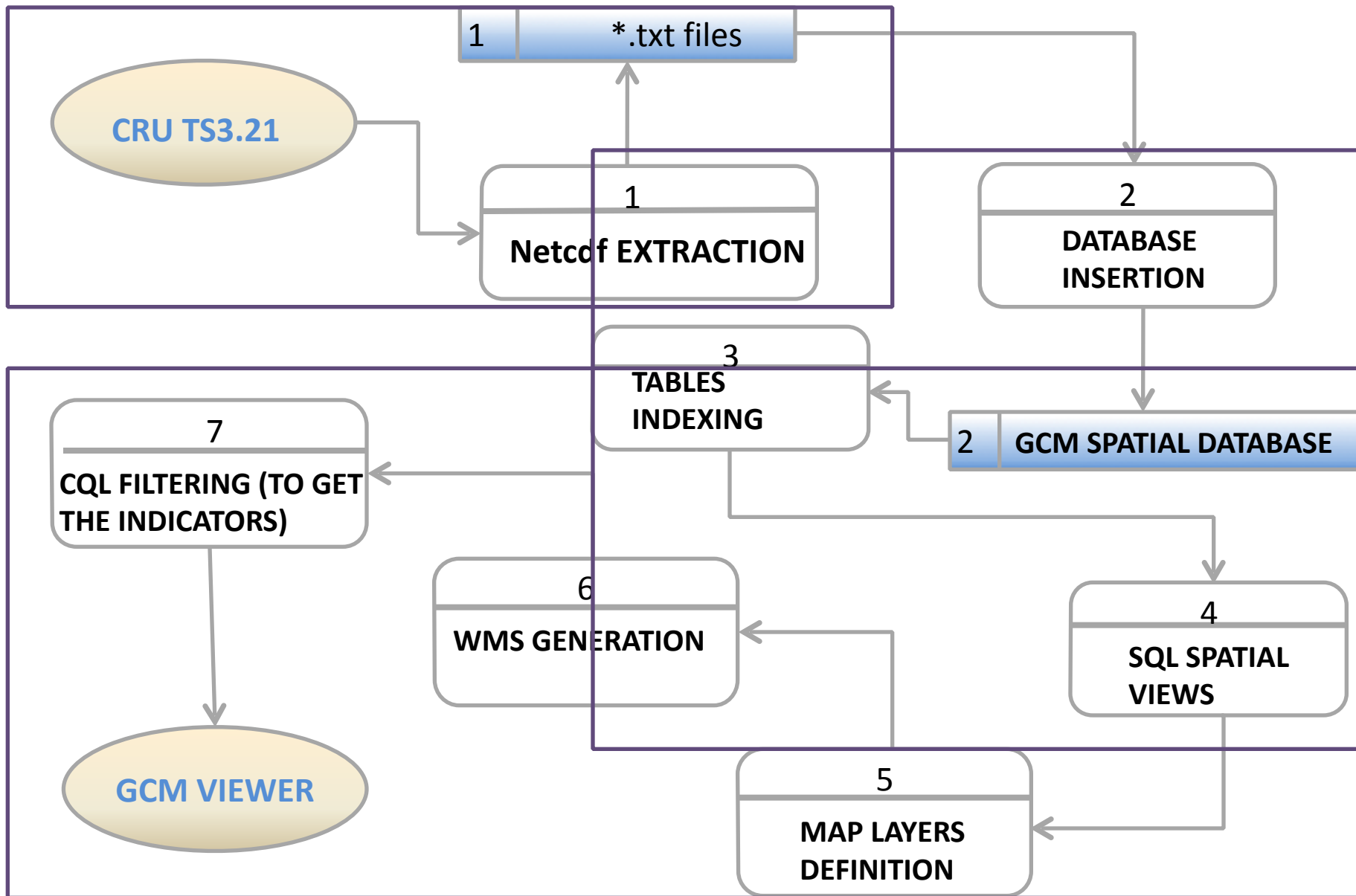
Time: 1901-2012, monthly time-series

DATA →  $5 * 10^8$

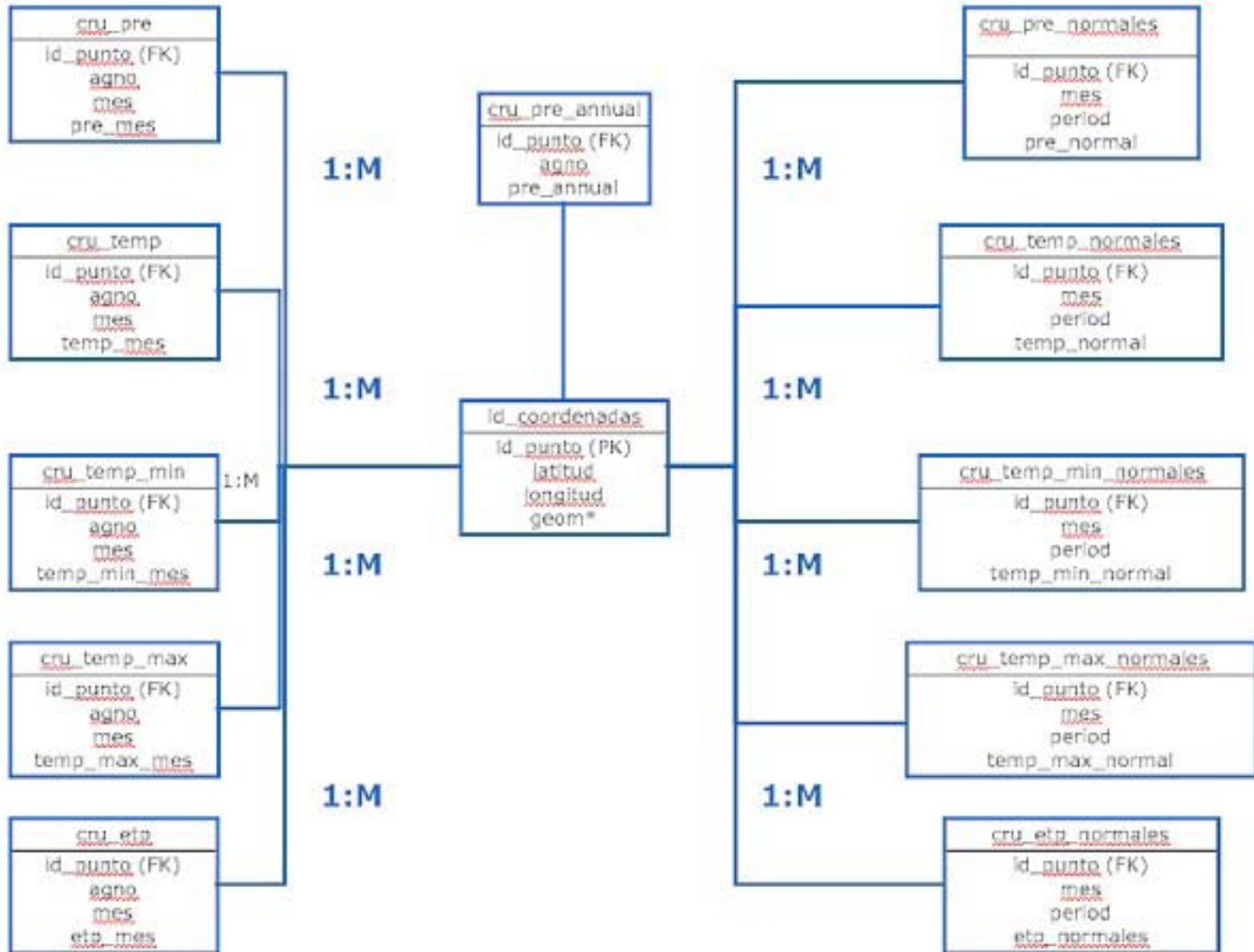
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# 4. Data model and dataflow I



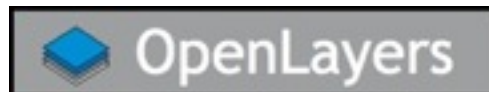
# 4. Technology and information system design



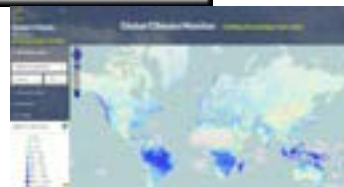
MAP SERVER



WEB APPLICATIONS SERVER



GEO-VIEWER



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## 6. Climatic indicators design

| TIME SCALE              | TEMPERATURE  | PRECIPITATION   | EVAPOTRANSPIRATION   |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>MONTHLY</b>          | <i>Monthly mean temperatures</i><br><i>Monthly maximum temperatures</i><br><i>Monthly minimum temperatures</i><br><i>Anomalies</i> | <i>Monthly total precipitation</i><br><i>Anomalies (%)</i><br>... | <i>Monthly mean evapotranspiration</i><br><i>Anomalies</i> |
| <b>ANNUAL</b>           | Mean temperature<br>Minimum temperature<br>Maximum temperature<br>Trends<br>...  | Total precipitation<br>Seasonality index<br>...                   | Mean evapotranspiration                                    |
| <b>30 YEARS CLIMAT.</b> | Mean temperature<br>Minimum temperature<br>Maximum temperature<br>...  | Total precipitation<br>...  | Evapotranspiration   |



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## 6. GLOBAL CLIMATE MONITOR

[www.globalclimatemonitor.org](http://www.globalclimatemonitor.org)



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# 7. Further research

## VARIABLES

- New variables acquirement:
  - Future climate scenarios data
  - Near real time climate data from GHCN\_CAMS / GPCC

## INDICATORS

- New indicators calculation:
  - Trends
  - IESP drought index
  - Climate extremes by percentiles

## WEB MAPPING TOOLS

Improvements on the viewer:

- Point extraction tool
- Point trend graphic tool
- Double screen for data comparison
- Animations

## 8. Some final ideas

**FEEDBACK, DISSEMINATION & COLLABORATION**

**FEASIBILITY TO GENERATE OTHER SIMILAR  
VIEWERS WITH THIS TECHNOLOGY**

**GEO- VISUALIZATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT  
WAY TO MAKE SUCH LARGE DATABASES  
ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYBODY, NOT ONLY A  
SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY HERITAGE**

THANK YOU!!