



Community  
Intercomparison  
Suite



# The Community Intercomparison Suite: An open-source toolbox

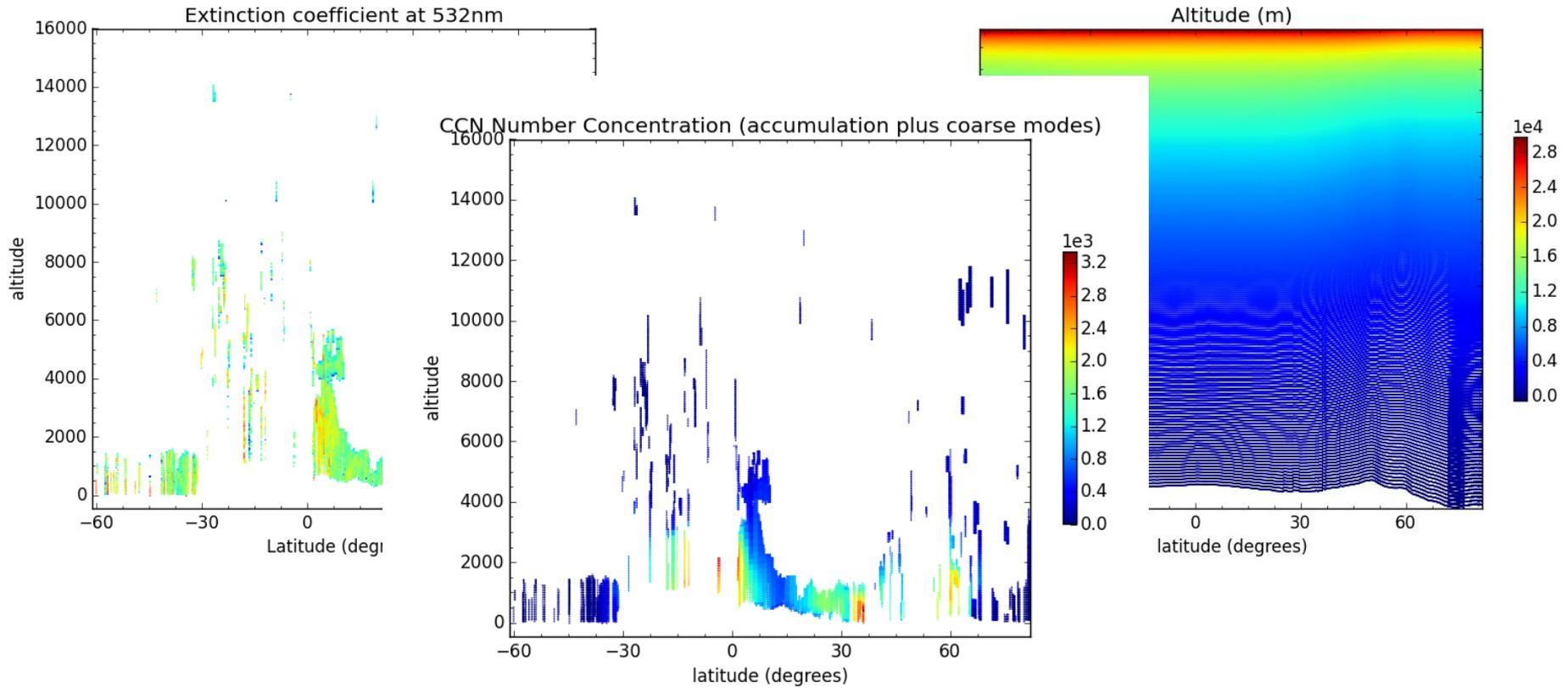
*Duncan Watson-Parris, Nick Schutgens, Zak Kipling, Philip Stier*  
*Department of Physics, University of Oxford*

*Philip Kershaw, Bryan Lawrence*  
*Center for Environmental Data Archiving, RAL*

*Nick Cook*  
*Tessella Plc, Oxford*



# Why CIS?



# What is CIS?

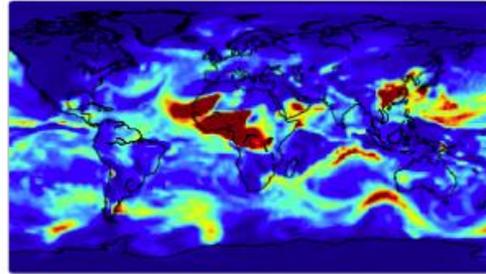
Read



Resample



Analyse



Read your data

1.5.0  
6094c0e

**v1.5.0** Edit

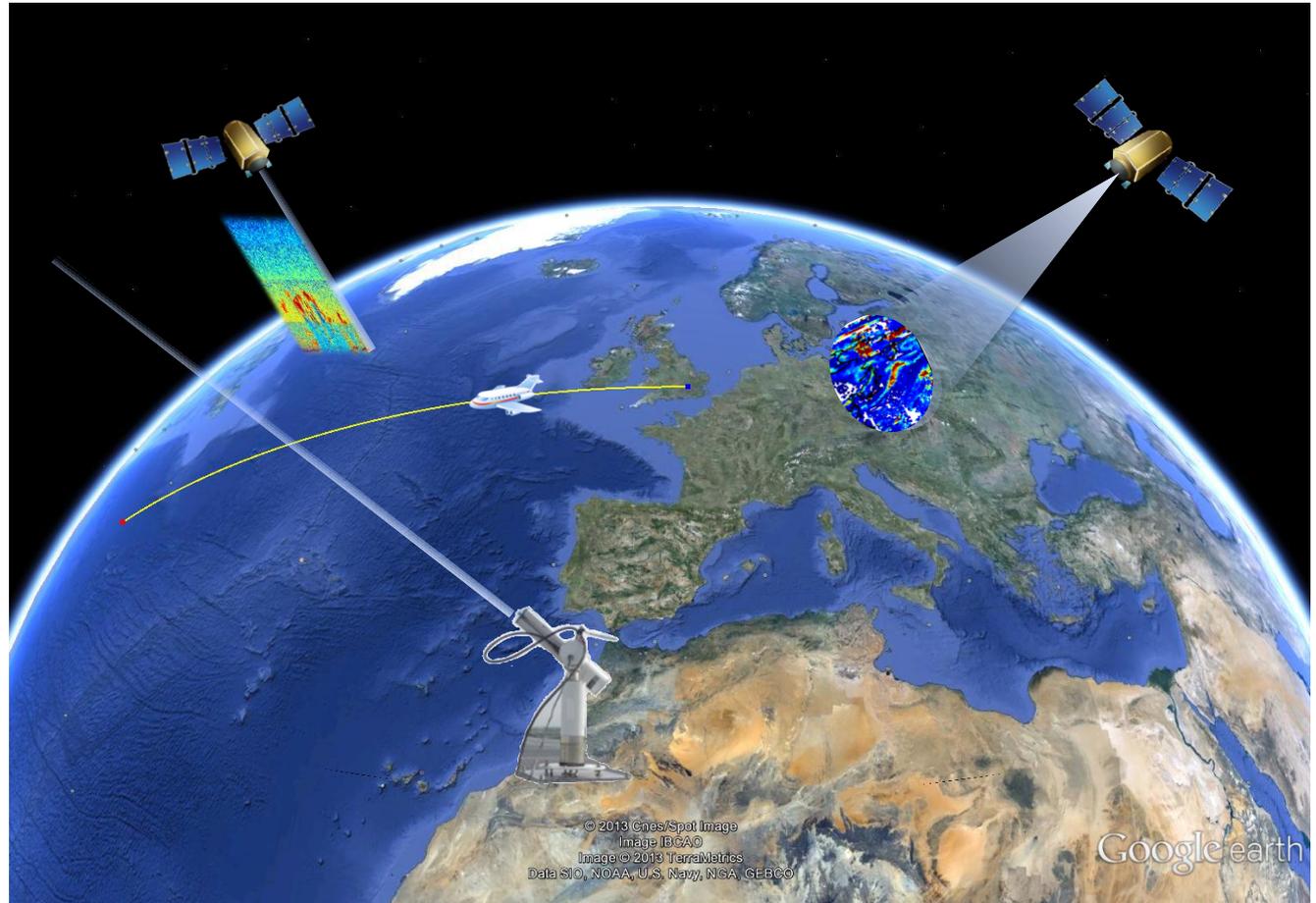
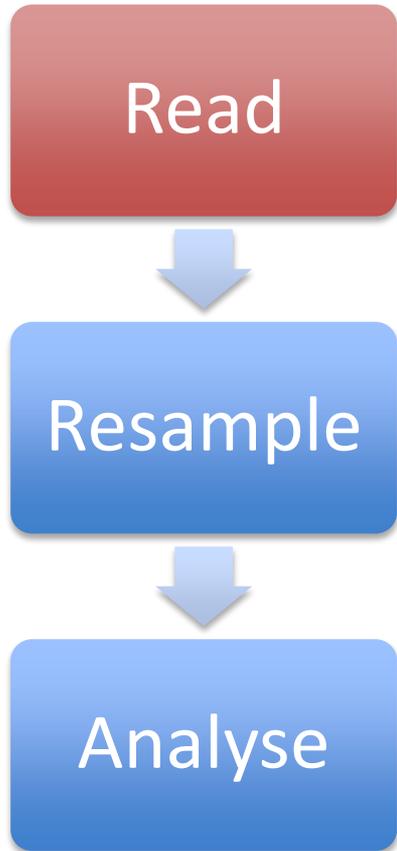
**duncanwp** released this on Nov 7, 2016 · 14 commits to master since this release

### CIS 1.5 features

- The biggest change is that CIS can now be used as a Python library, all of the command line tools are now easily available through Python. This allows commands to be run sequentially in memory, slicing of gridded or ungridded datasets and easy integration with other Python packages such as Iris and Pandas.
- Taylor diagrams - CIS is now able to plot Taylor diagrams which are an excellent way of quantitatively comparing two or more (collocated) datasets
- All map plots are now able to be plotted in any of the available Cartopy projections, see <http://scitools.org.uk/cartopy/docs/latest/crs/projections.html> for a full list.



# Data reading



# Flexible data analysis

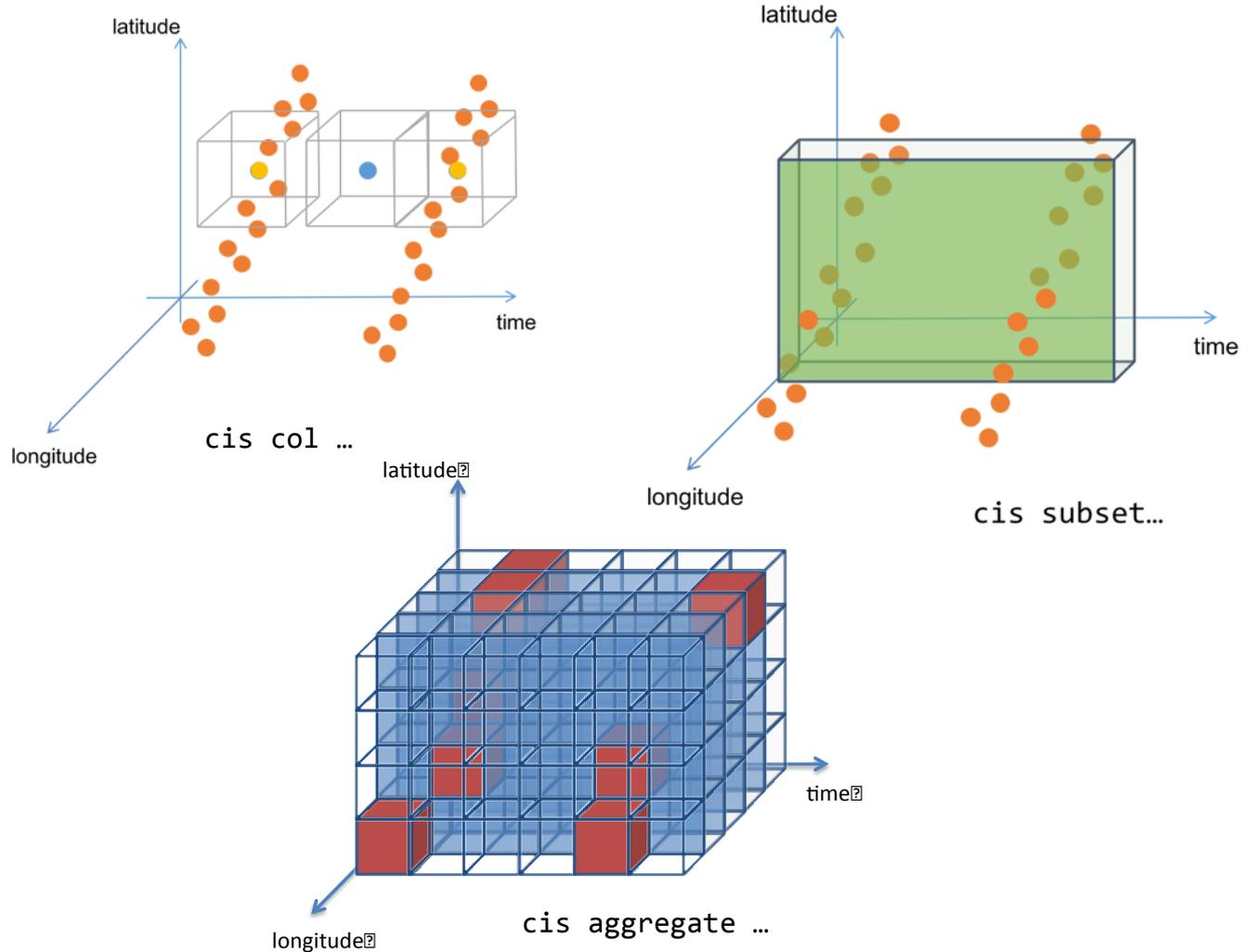
Read



Analyse



Visualise



# Overview of commands: plotting

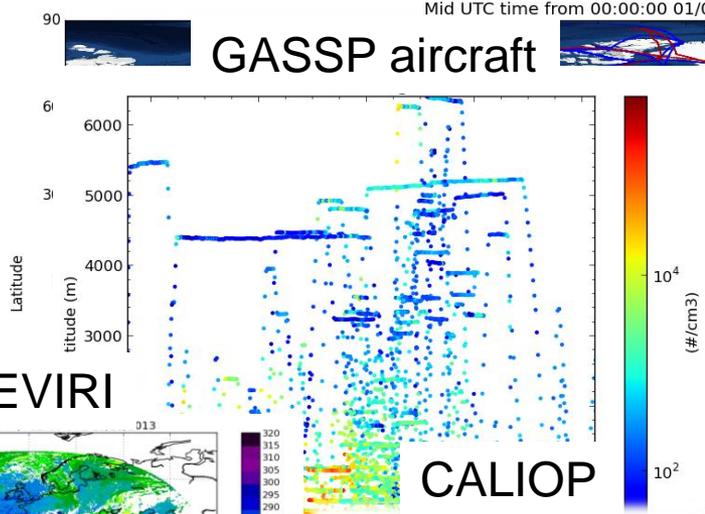
Read



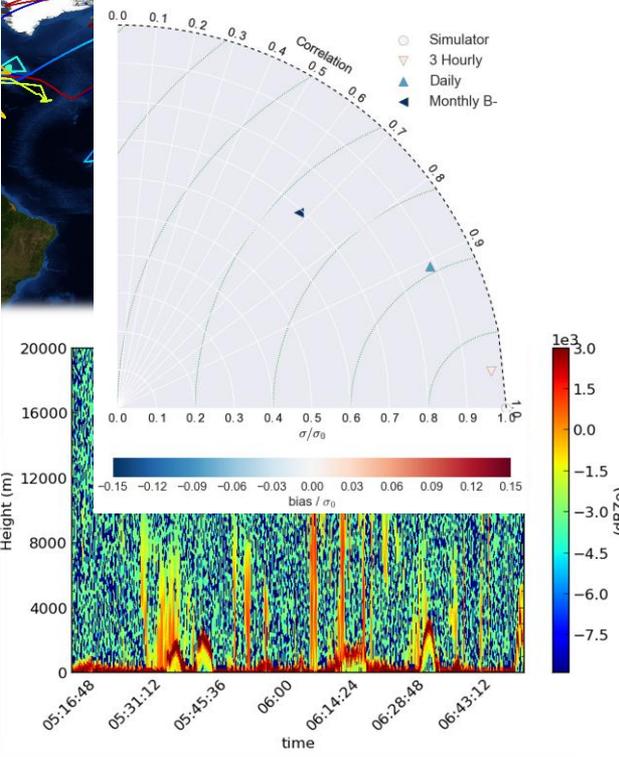
Resample

cis plot...

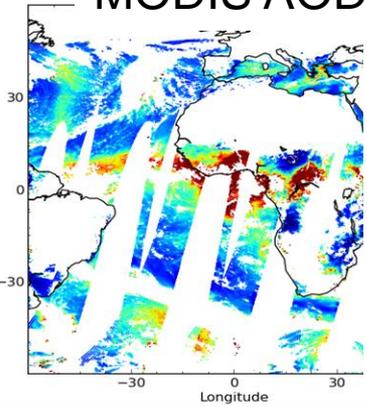
Mid UTC time from 00:00:00 01/01/1904  
GASSP aircraft



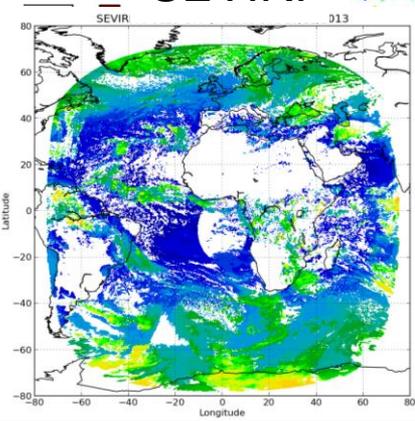
Taylor diagrams



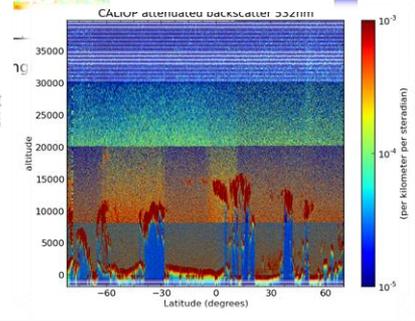
MODIS AOD



SEVIRI



CALIOP



# DEMO



# Roadmap and challenges

- Our distinction between ‘ungridded’ and ‘gridded’ data is fairly arbitrary and has some limitations
  - E.g. non-coordinate dimensions and LIDAR data
- Moving towards a ‘standard’ data-model
  - Wrapping Iris worked OK at first, but it’s a high maintenance approach and has usability issues
- Dask and parallelisation
  - It’s not clear what the benefits are for ‘ungridded’ datasets. Easy parallel chunking could be a big win though.
- Funding
  - We rely on funding from research councils who don’t provide software support beyond specific projects



# Summary

- CIS is an open source python toolbox for reading, analysing and visualising earth sciences data
- Lots of support for community developed plugins
- Looking to collaborate with other libraries wherever possible!

Join us at [cistools.net](https://cistools.net)

Follow us @cistoolsnet



# SPARE SLIDES



# CIS evaluation and synthesis platform (CIS-ESP)

