# UNIFYING SPECIALIZED DATABASES FOR A CENTRAL SEARCH PORTAL – THE HCDC APPROACH



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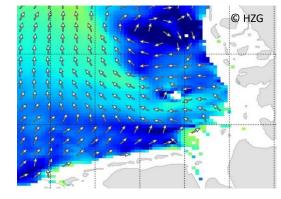
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# Sensors

- Near real-time data
- Continuous data transfer



# Models

- Large amount of data
- Stored as netCDF files



# Samples

- Physical samples
- Highly varied metadata



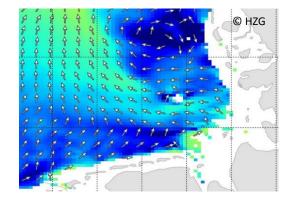
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# Sensors

Time series database



# Models

 Stored in German Climate Computing Center



# Samples

Relational database



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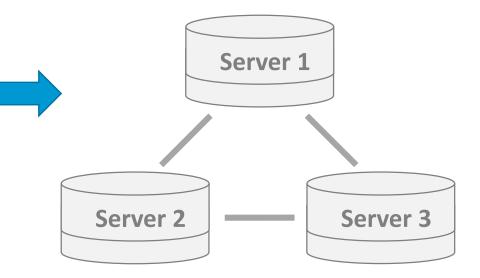
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# Harmonization of metadata

- Definition of common search options
  - Parameter
  - Author
  - Platform / Campaign / Model
  - Project
  - Date / Time
  - Bounding box
- Standardization of metadata
  - Usage of controlled vocabularies

# Portal backend

Elasticsearch cluster





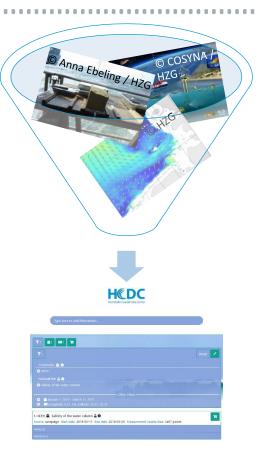
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# Defining features

- Single point of access to
  - Sensor data
  - Model data
  - Sample data
- User does not see underlying databases
- Download functionalities





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# Features desired by stakeholders

"Google"-like search feeling



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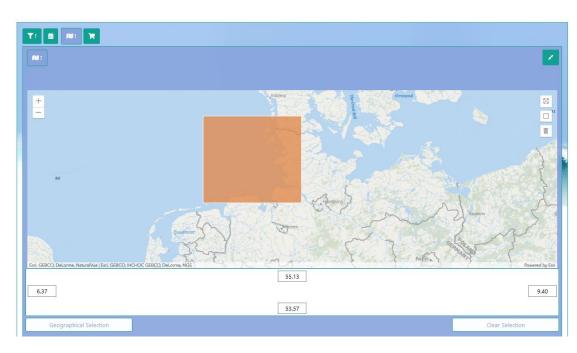
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- Simple user interface

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- "Google"-like search feeling
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  - Metadata fields, e.g. parameters
- Simple user interface
- Download in different formats

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# CHALLENGES AND OUTLOOK

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# Challenges

- Limit amount of data downloaded
- Optimize search results
- Implement tags

# Outlook

- Release of portal in Fall 2021
- Implementation of REST API
  - Integration into collaborations such as the German Marine Research Alliance
- Visualization options



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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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