



Data harmonisation and integration

Module 1

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Research life cycle - data analysis

Studying ecological processes, making forecasts and giving support to decision making increasingly relies on the capability to process and analyse large collections of data held electronically.

Researchers make use of various forms of analyses, programming, modelling, specialty tools, custom-built simulation, scientific visualizations and analytical models .

A research lifecycle that includes (big) data analysis and various modelling approaches, if not managed correctly, can lead to discrepancies in the results.

Dealing with this challenge requires both data and analytical codes to be **available** and **reusable** by other researchers providing the capacity to easily and quickly access, re-use and eventually build upon existing information and scientific evidence and to generate novel knowledge.

VREs and Collaborative Coding Platforms

Research and development in Ecoinformatics focus on implementing new approaches, such as Virtual Research Environments (VREs) and collaborative coding platforms, to deploy these tools into an **easy-to-use** way, **accessible** via the web, and to **document** the set of processes used to reach scientific conclusions.

- global and seamless access to the data and services of interest, with no temporal or spatial constraints
- connected to the related infrastructures with both roles of consumer, benefitting from the services offered, including datasets, computing power and hosting machines, and provider, contributing with the results produced to the infrastructures offering
- promote fine-grained controlled sharing of both intermediate and final research results by guaranteeing ownership, provenance and attribution

- It is also important that these approaches enable the analytical components to be run on powerful distributed computing systems, such as Cloud-computing environments, to put at scientists' disposal a high **computational power** that can be utilized to perform collaborative analysis, visualisations or other computing intensive processes for data interpretation.



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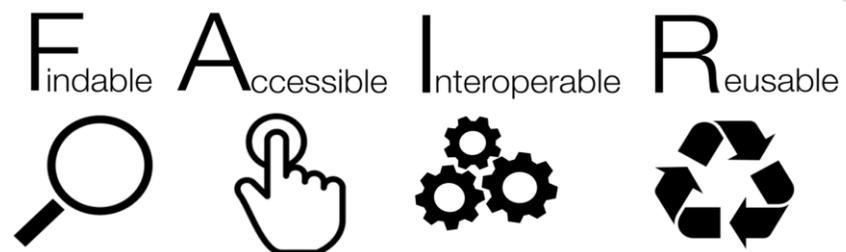
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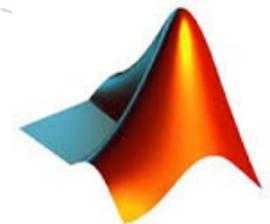
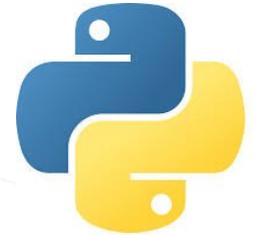


DataLabs serves as a secure and standardized collaborative environment for designing and developing analysis and modeling software. The platform integrates several sections and tools to support the scientific community, in line with FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) data principles and Open Science practices.



Key features include:

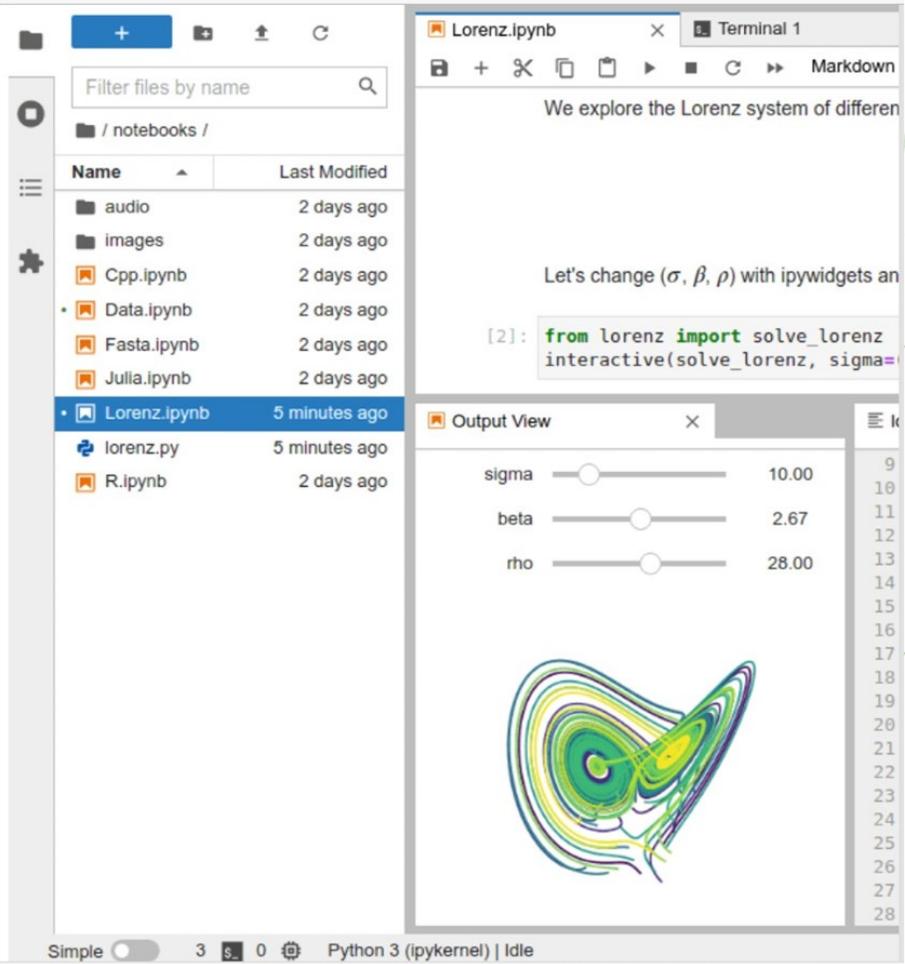
- User access and authentication system.
- Code documentation and metadata management
- Multiple programming languages commonly used in ecological modeling (R, Python and Matlab) within a Jupyter environment
- Web interface for collaborative code editing and execution



MATLAB

Jupyter is an open-source project, born out of the original IPython Project in 2014, that provides a web interface for interactive data science and scientific computing across multiple programming languages.

The notebook with cells allows to organize programs in different steps that interleave with visual outputs and markdown information.



The screenshot displays the Jupyter Notebook interface. On the left, a file browser shows a directory named '/ notebooks /' containing several files: 'audio', 'images', 'Cpp.ipynb', 'Data.ipynb', 'Fasta.ipynb', 'Julia.ipynb', 'Lorenz.ipynb' (selected), 'lorenz.py', and 'R.ipynb'. The main area is divided into three panes: a code editor at the top with a markdown cell containing the text 'We explore the Lorenz system of differen' and 'Let's change (σ , β , ρ) with ipywidgets an', followed by a code cell with the Python code `[2]: from lorenz import solve_lorenz` and `interactive(solve_lorenz, sigma=`; an 'Output View' pane at the bottom showing three sliders for parameters: 'sigma' (10.00), 'beta' (2.67), and 'rho' (28.00). Below the sliders is a 3D visualization of the Lorenz attractor, a complex, butterfly-shaped trajectory in a 3D space. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Simple', '3' cells, '0' errors, and 'Python 3 (ipykernel) | Idle'.

- Integrated version control with Git, enabling code sharing and collaboration.
- Support for a wide array of libraries and tools, with mechanisms for users to request library installations or updates.
- Access to help desk and training platform
- Project deployment as a web service.

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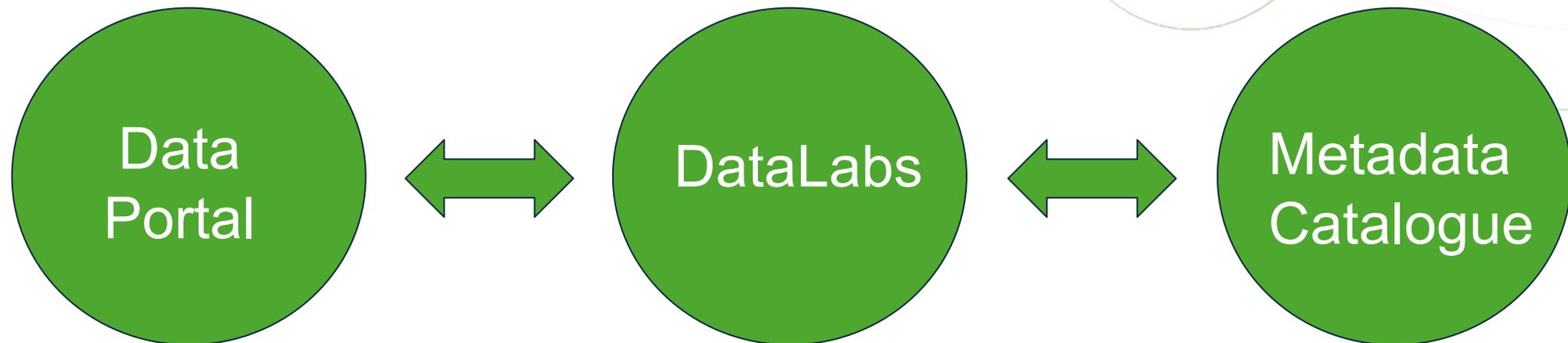
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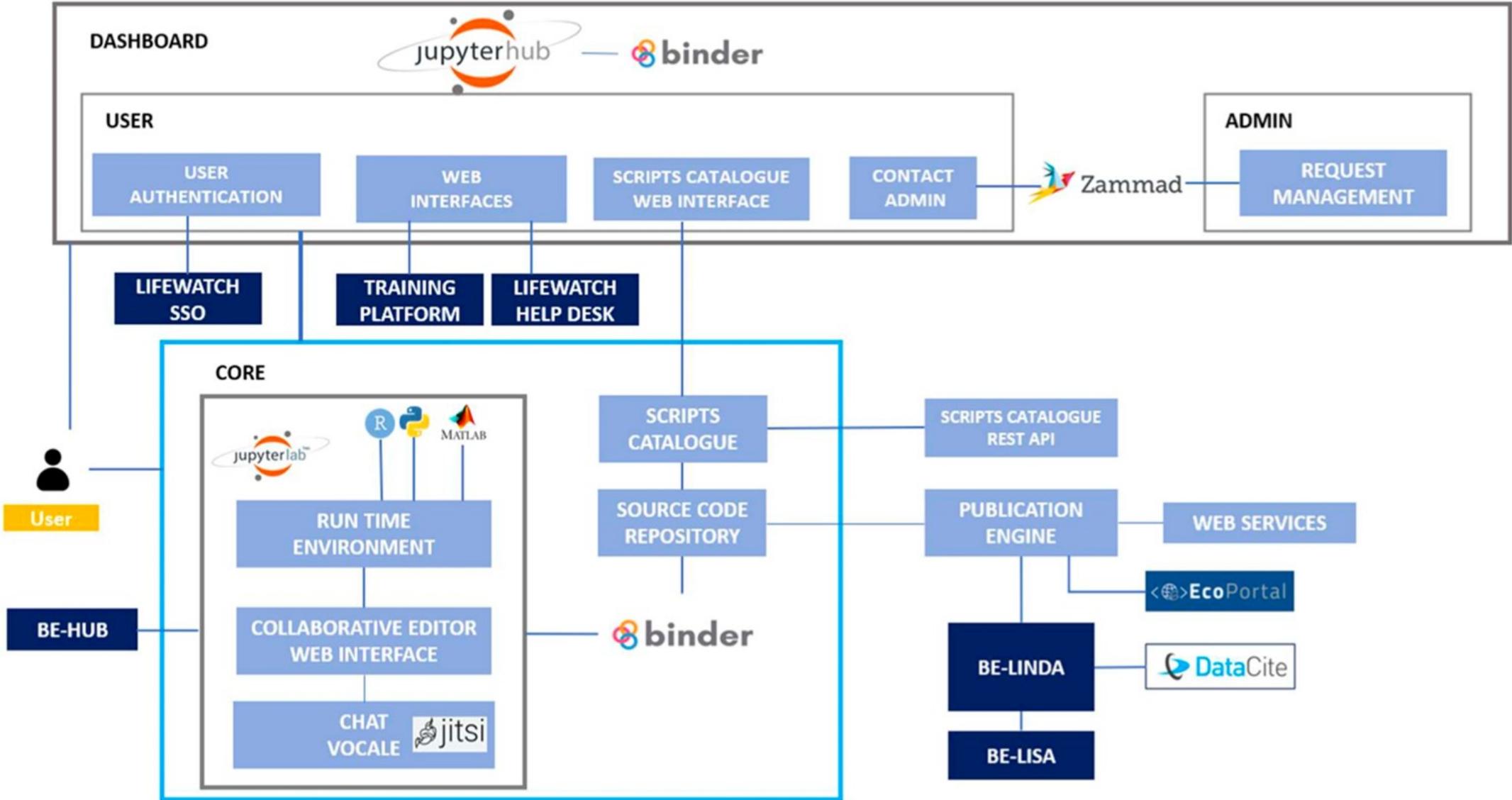


Web Services



- Integration with existing LifeWatch components, such as Data Portal and Metadata Catalogue, allowing you to publish your research products (e.g., scripts, datasets, etc.) and ensuring consistency and interoperability.





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Published - Creator: Mariantonietta La Marra Programming language: python-3.10.0 Version: 1.0

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index.ipynb

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[9]: # open multiple files
ds = xr.open_mfdataset('output/sm_combined_2021/sm_combined_2021/*.nc', combine='nested', concat_dim=
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[10]: # open the yml file containing the user inputs
with open('userinput.yml', 'r') as f:
    coord = yaml.load(f, Loader=yaml.SafeLoader)

[ ]: # contents of the yml file
coord

[11]: {'coordinates': [9.0, 41.0], 'boundingbox': [26.0, 3.0, 43.0, 16.0]}

[12]: # extract coordinates chosen by the user
latp = coord['coordinates'][0]
lonp = coord['coordinates'][1]

[13]: # extract values from the .nc file for the chosen coordinates
dsloc = ds.sel(lon=lonp, lat=latp, method='nearest')

[ ]: # plot the soil moisture values for the chosen coordinates
dsloc['sm'].plot();
                    
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1 # This file allows to install additional libraries needed for the user script
2 # to run correctly.
3 #
4 # As first step, you can check if the needed library is already installed, by
5 # using the common commands to try to import the library. For example:
6 # import library_name
7 #
8 # If the library is not already installed, you can check the list of available
9 # libraries in the conda default channel (conda-forge) by consulting the
10 # following link: https://anaconda.org/conda-forge/repo.
11 #
12 # Insert here any required python library
13 # Example:
14 #
15 # numpy
16 # scipy
17 # pandas
18 #
19 # Make sure to list every library, one for each line, indicating version if
20 # necessary. For example:
21 #
22 # numpy==1.24.1
23 # scipy
24 # pandas
25 #
26 # Note that to apply the changes to this file (and install any new library)
27 # you need to:
28 # - save, commit and push file changes
29 # - stop and restart the project.
30 #
31 # If there are several libraries in the "requirements.txt" file, failure to
32 # install even just one of them will invalidate the correct installation of all
33 # the libraries.
34 #
35 # In the event of libraries not available in the conda default channel
                    
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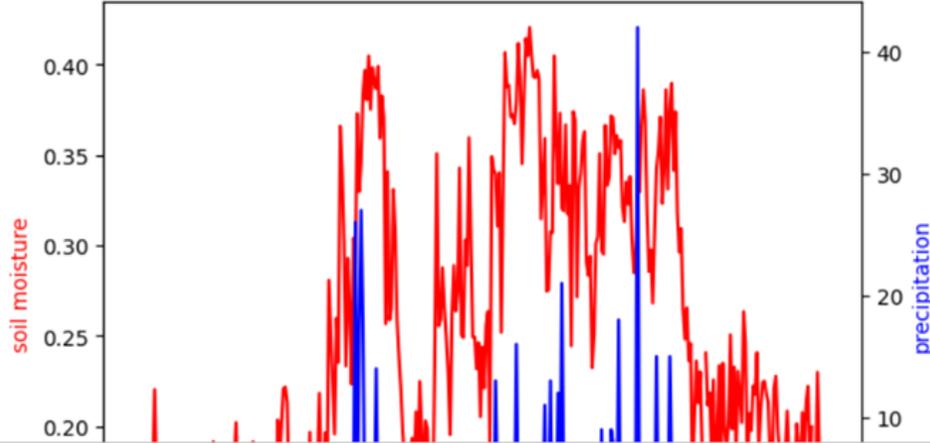
fig, ax1 = plt.subplots()

ax1.set_xlabel('time')
ax1.set_ylabel('soil moisture',color='red')
ax1.plot(dsloc['time'],dsloc['sm'],color='red')

ax2 = ax1.twinx() # instantiate a second Axes that shares the same x-axis

ax2.set_ylabel('precipitation',color='blue') # we already handled the x-label with ax1
ax2.plot(preciploc['datetime'],preciploc['precip'],color='blue')

plt.show()
                    
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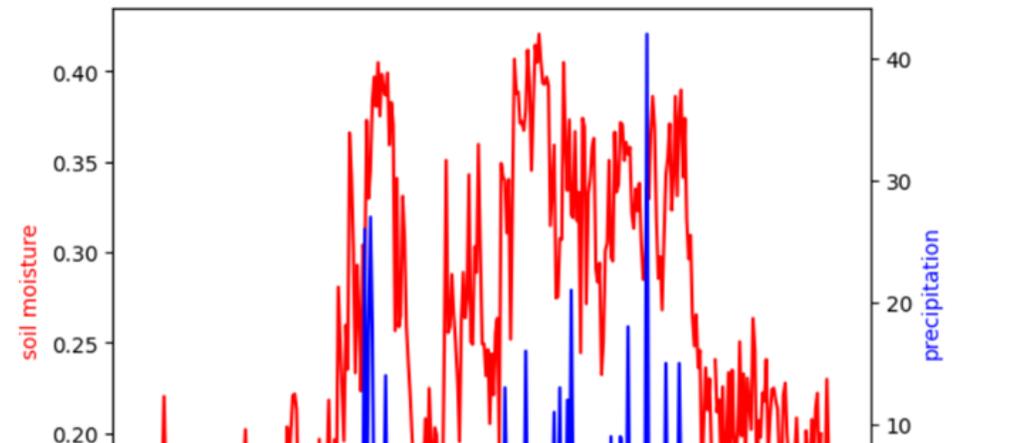
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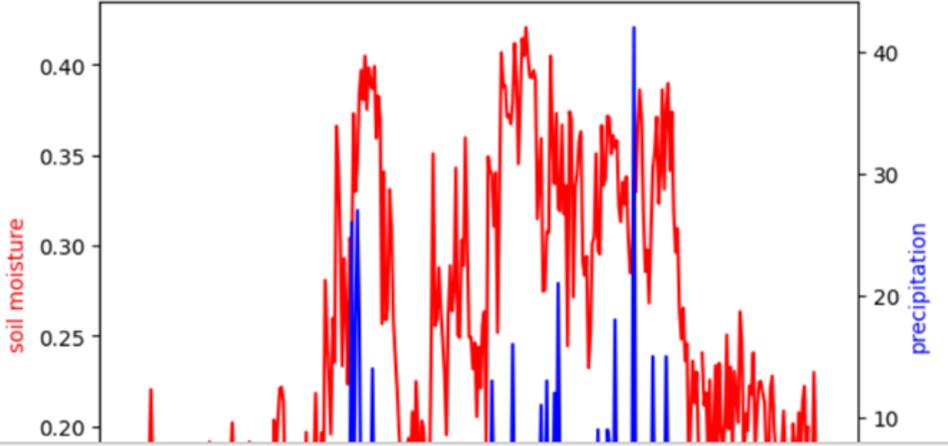
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LCC_and_species_distribution_analysis	1.0	python-3.10.0	data processing	READY	Yes	⬆
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This service uses satellite data on land use provided by ESA's CCI programme, in particular a new high resolution (30m) land cover change (LCC) product available for sub-Saharan Africa. This product is combined with the spatial distribution of IUCN Red List species. The purpose of this service is to allow users to select a bounding box of interest and retrieve information on land use change, the density of Red List species in the area, their conservation status, and a "risk" map highlighting areas particularly vulnerable to change and the distribution of threatened species.

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- Publish a Dataset
- Publish the Script
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- Delete the Project



distance_From_river	v1.1	r-4.3.0-cran	data processing	REAL		
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calculate distance from river mouth

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temporal trends in soil moisture and precipitation data

Group activity

How do extreme weather events (e.g. heat waves or late frosts) affect the distribution of pollinating insects?

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How do local variations in temperature and humidity affect interactions between host plants and phytophagous insects?



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