

CHFP Data User Guide

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1. Data access

The example script shows one way to access data using nco. Other tools are also available. Data can also be downloaded manually, although this may be less efficient.

2. Data volumes

The total data volumes from CHFP are very large. It will be friendly for you and for everyone if you plan any large retrievals carefully, and save data locally where appropriate.

3. Understanding the data

Please be careful that the data you have downloaded is what you think it is, and that you understand which model it came from, how it was generated, and what limitations (if any) it has. This is particularly important with multi-model datasets, constructed from many different models. It is also particularly relevant for this early stage of the CHFP project, where there is very little central documentation of the models and integrations.

4. Problems with the data

In the first instance, we suggest you contact the Data Server from which you downloaded the data if you think you have found a problem with the data.

5. Acknowledgements and feedback

Please check when you download the data whether there are any specific requirements in this area. In general, those who develop the models and those who run them for seasonal prediction studies are pleased to hear about any interesting results which are found.