

DATA SET DESCRIPTION

REGNIE grids of monthly precipitation

Version recent

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INTENT OF THE DATASET

This describes the freely available data of the DWD Climate Data Center (CDC). The grids were derived from station measurements with the method REGNIE.

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Spatial coverage	Germany
Temporal coverage	01.01.1931 - last month
Spatial resolution	1 km x 1 km
Temporal resolution	monthly
Projection	There are 611 grid points along the west-east direction and 971 grid points along the north-south direction. The latitudinal resolution is 60 geogr. seconds, the longitudinal resolution is 30 geogr. seconds, see REGNIE description https://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/grids_germany/daily/regnie/REGNIE_Beschreibung_20170304.pdf , section 4.3, for formulas for the calculation of longitudes and latitudes.
Format(s)	The REGNIE grids are in one zipped ascii file (rasayymm) per month. Unused grid points are marked with -999. All months of the year are packed into a common TAR archive (rasy.tar).
Parameters	Monthly sum of precipitation height in mm.

DATA ORIGIN

The method REGNIE determines gridding daily precipitation by interpolating observed station anomalies relative to multi-annual means and consists of two main steps: calculation of background fields and calculation of precipitation fields, details see section 4. of the REGNIE description https://opendata.dwd.de/climate_environment/CDC/grids_germany/daily/regnie/REGNIE_Beschreibung_20170304.pdf.

VALIDATION AND UNCERTAINTY ESTIMATE

see Rauthe et al., 2013.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Based on the precipitation measurements at the stations, a preliminary daily product is produced routinely (observation span 5:50 UTC to 5:50 UTC next day), considering all automatically transmitted data. The remaining data are included afterwards when quality control is completed, resulting in the final REGNIE grids.

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