ESMValTool User's and Developer's Guide

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To get a first impression of what ESMValTool and ESMValCore can do for you, have a look at our blog posts Analysis-ready climate data with ESMValCore and ESMValTool: Recipes for solid climate science.

A tutorial is available on https://tutorial.esmvaltool.org.

A series of video lectures has been created by ACCESS-NRI. While these are tailored for ACCESS users, they are still very informative.

For more detailed information, the documentation is available below.

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Part I

Getting started

CHAPTER

ONE

INSTALLATION

1.1 Conda installation

In order to install the Conda package, you will need to install Conda first. For a minimal conda installation (recommended) go to https://conda.io/miniconda.html. It is recommended that you always use the latest version of conda, as problems have been reported when trying to use older versions.

Once you have installed conda, you can install ESMValCore by running:

```
conda install -c conda-forge esmvalcore
```

It is also possible to create a new Conda environment and install ESMValCore into it with a single command:

```
conda create --name esmvalcore -c conda-forge esmvalcore
```

Don't forget to activate the newly created environment after the installation:

```
conda activate esmvalcore
```

Of course it is also possible to choose a different name than `esmvalcore` for the environment.

Note

Creating a new Conda environment is often much faster and more reliable than trying to update an existing Conda environment.

1.2 Pip installation

It is also possible to install ESMValCore from PyPI. However, this requires first installing dependencies that are not available on PyPI in some other way. By far the easiest way to install these dependencies is to use conda. For a minimal conda installation (recommended) go to https://conda.io/miniconda.html.

After installing Conda, download the file with the list of dependencies:

```
wget https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ESMValGroup/ESMValCore/main/environment.yml
```

and install these dependencies into a new conda environment with the command

```
conda env create --name esmvalcore --file environment.yml
```

Finally, activate the newly created environment

```
conda activate esmvalcore
```

and install ESMValCore as well as any remaining dependencies with the command:

```
pip install esmvalcore
```

1.3 Docker installation

ESMValCore is also provided through DockerHub in the form of docker containers. See https://docs.docker.com for more information about docker containers and how to run them.

You can get the latest release with

```
docker pull esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:stable
```

If you want to use the current main branch, use

```
docker pull esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:latest
```

To run a container using those images, use:

```
docker run esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:stable --help
```

Note that the container does not see the data or environmental variables available in the host by default. You can make data available with `-v /path:/path/in/container` and environmental variables with `-e VARNAME`.

For example, the following command would run a recipe

```
docker run -e HOME -v "$HOME":"$HOME" -v /data:/data esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:stable ~/
↪recipes/recipe_example.yml
```

with the environmental variable `$HOME` available inside the container and the data in the directories `$HOME` and `/data`, so these can be used to find the configuration, recipe, and data.

It might be useful to define a bash alias or script to abbreviate the above command, for example

```
alias esmvaltool="docker run -e HOME -v $HOME:$HOME -v /data:/data esmvalgroup/
↪esmvalcore:stable"
```

would allow using the `esmvaltool` command without even noticing that the tool is running inside a Docker container.

1.4 Singularity installation

Docker is usually forbidden in clusters due to security reasons. However, there is a more secure alternative to run containers that is usually available on them: Singularity.

Singularity can use docker containers directly from DockerHub with the following command

```
singularity run docker://esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:stable ~/recipes/recipe_example.yml
```

Note that the container does not see the data available in the host by default. You can make host data available with `-B /path:/path/in/container`.

It might be useful to define a bash alias or script to abbreviate the above command, for example

```
alias esmvaltool="singularity run -B $HOME:$HOME -B /data:/data docker://esmvalgroup/
↪esmvalcore:stable"
```

would allow using the `esmvaltool` command without even noticing that the tool is running inside a Singularity container.

Some clusters may not allow to connect to external services, in those cases you can first create a singularity image locally:

```
singularity build esmvalcore.sif docker://esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:stable
```

and then upload the image file `esmvalcore.sif` to the cluster. To run the container using the image file `esmvalcore.sif` use:

```
singularity run esmvalcore.sif ~/recipes/recipe_example.yml
```

1.5 Installation from source

Note

If you would like to install the development version of ESMValCore alongside ESMValTool, please have a look at these instructions.

To install from source for development, follow these instructions.

- Download and install conda (this should be done even if the system in use already has a preinstalled version of conda, as problems have been reported with using older versions of conda)
- To make the `conda` command available, add `source <prefix>/etc/profile.d/conda.sh` to your `.bashrc` file and restart your shell. If using (t)csh shell, add `source <prefix>/etc/profile.d/conda.csh` to your `.cshrc/.tcshrc` file instead.
- Update conda: `conda update -y conda`
- Clone the ESMValCore Git repository: `git clone https://github.com/ESMValGroup/ESMValCore.git`
- Go to the source code directory: `cd ESMValCore`
- Create the esmvalcore conda environment `conda env create --name esmvalcore --file environment.yml`
- Activate the esmvalcore environment: `conda activate esmvalcore`
- Install in development mode: `pip install -e '.[develop]'`. If you are installing behind a proxy that does not trust the usual pip-urls you can declare them with the option `--trusted-host`, e.g. `pip install --trusted-host=pypi.python.org --trusted-host=pypi.org --trusted-host=files.pythonhosted.org -e .[develop]`
- Test that your installation was successful by running `esmvaltool -h`.
- Install the Pre-commit hooks by running: `pre-commit install`.

1.6 Pre-installed versions on HPC clusters / other servers

If you would like to use pre-installed versions on HPC clusters (currently CEDA-JASMIN and DKRZ-Levante), and other servers (currently Met Office Linux estate), please have a look at these instructions.

1.7 Installation from the conda lock file

A fast conda environment creation is possible using the provided conda lock files. This is a secure alternative to the installation from source, whenever the conda environment can not be created for some reason. A conda lock file is an explicit environment file that contains pointers to dependency packages as they are hosted on the Anaconda cloud; these have frozen version numbers, build hashes, and channel names, parameters established at the time of the conda lock file creation, so may be obsolete after a while, but they allow for a robust environment creation while they're still up-to-date. We regenerate these lock files every 10 days through automatic Pull Requests (or more frequently, since the automatic generator runs on merges on the main branch too), so to minimize the risk of dependencies becoming obsolete. Conda environment creation from a lock file is done just like with any other environment file:

```
conda create --name esmvaltool --file conda-linux-64.lock
```

The latest, most up-to-date file can always be downloaded directly from the source code repository, a direct download link can be found here.

Note

pip and *conda* are NOT installed, so you will have to install them in the new environment: use conda-forge as channel): `conda install -c conda-forge pip` at the very minimum so we can install *esmvalcore* afterwards.

1.8 Creating a conda lock file

We provide a conda lock file for Linux-based operating systems, but if you prefer to build a conda lock file yourself, install the *conda-lock* package first:

```
conda install -c conda-forge conda-lock
```

then run

```
conda-lock lock --platform linux-64 -f environment.yml --mamba
```

(mamba activated for speed) to create a conda lock file for Linux platforms, or run

```
conda-lock lock --platform osx-64 -f environment.yml --mamba
```

to create a lock file for OSX platforms. Note however, that using conda lock files on OSX is still problematic!

CHAPTER

TWO

CONFIGURATION

2.1 Overview

Similar to Dask, ESMValCore provides one single configuration object that consists of a single nested dictionary for its configuration.

Note

In v2.12.0, a redesign process of ESMValTool/Core's configuration started. Its main aim is to simplify the configuration by moving from many different configuration files for individual components to one configuration object that consists of a single nested dictionary (similar to Dask's configuration). This change will not be implemented in one large pull request but rather in a step-by-step procedure. Thus, the configuration might appear inconsistent until this redesign is finished. A detailed plan for this new configuration is outlined in Issue #2371.

2.2 Specify configuration for `esmvaltool` command line tool

When running recipes via the *command line*, configuration options can be specified via YAML files and command line arguments. The options from all YAML files and command line arguments are merged together using `dask.config.collect()` to create a single configuration object, which properly considers nested objects (see `dask.config.update()` for details). Configuration options given via the command line will always be preferred over options given via YAML files.

2.2.1 YAML files

Configuration options can be specified via YAML files (i.e., `*.yaml` and `*.yml`).

A file could look like this (for example, located at `~/.config/esmvaltool/config.yml`):

```
output_dir: ~/esmvaltool_output
search_esgf: when_missing
download_dir: ~/downloaded_data
```

ESMValCore searches for **all** YAML files in **each** of the following locations and merges them together:

1. The directory specified via the `--config_dir` command line argument.
2. The user configuration directory: by default `~/.config/esmvaltool`, but this location can be changed with the `ESMVALTOOL_CONFIG_DIR` environment variable.

Preference follows the order in the list above (i.e., the directory specified via command line argument is preferred over the user configuration directory). Within a directory, files are sorted lexicographically, and later files (e.g., `z.yml`) will take precedence over earlier files (e.g., `a.yml`).

Warning

ESMValCore will read **all** YAML files in these configuration directories. Thus, other YAML files in this directory which are not valid configuration files (like the old `config-developer.yml` files) will lead to errors. Make sure to move these files to a different directory.

Deprecated since version 2.12.0: If a single configuration file is present at its deprecated location `~/.esmvaltool/config-user.yml` or specified via the deprecated command line argument `--config_file`, all potentially available new configuration files at `~/.config/esmvaltool/` and/or the location specified via `--config_dir` are ignored. This ensures full backwards-compatibility. To switch to the new configuration system outlined here, move your old configuration file to `~/.config/esmvaltool/` or to the location specified via `--config_dir`, remove `~/.esmvaltool/config-user.yml`, and omit the command line argument `--config_file`. Alternatively, specifying the environment variable `ESMVALTOOL_CONFIG_DIR` will also force the usage of the new configuration system regardless of the presence of any potential old configuration files. Support for the deprecated configuration will be removed in version 2.14.0.

To get a copy of the default configuration file, you can run

```
esmvaltool config get_config_user --path=/target/file.yml
```

If the option `--path` is omitted, the file will be copied to `~/.config/esmvaltool/config-user.yml`.

2.2.2 Command line arguments

All *configuration options* can also be given as command line arguments to the `esmvaltool` executable.

Example:

```
esmvaltool run --search_esgf=when_missing --max_parallel_tasks=2 /path/to/recipe.yml
```

Options given via command line arguments will always take precedence over options specified via YAML files.

2.3 Specify/access configuration for Python API

When running recipes with the *experimental Python API*, configuration options can be specified and accessed via the *CFG* object. For example:

```
>>> from esmvalcore.config import CFG
>>> CFG['output_dir'] = '~/esmvaltool_output'
>>> CFG['output_dir']
PosixPath('/home/user/esmvaltool_output')
```

Or, alternatively, via a context manager:

```
>>> with CFG.context(log_level="debug"):
...     print(CFG["log_level"])
debug
>>> print(CFG["log_level"])
info
```

This will also consider YAML configuration files in the user configuration directory (by default `~/.config/esmvaltool`, but this can be changed with the `ESMVALTOOL_CONFIG_DIR` environment variable).

More information about this can be found *here*.

2.4 Top level configuration options

Note: the following entries use Python syntax. For example, Python's `None` is YAML's `null`, Python's `True` is YAML's `true`, and Python's `False` is YAML's `false`.

Option	Description	Type	Default value
auxiliary_data_dir	Directory where auxiliary data is stored.[1]	str	~/auxiliary_data
check_level	Sensitivity of the CMOR check (debug, strict, default relaxed, ignore), see *Customizing checker strictness*.	str	default
compress_netcdf	Use netCDF compression.	bool	False
config_developer_file	Path to custom *Developer configuration file*.	str	None (default file)
dask	*Dask configuration*.	dict	See *Default options*
diagnostics	Only run the selected diagnostics from the recipe, see *Running*.	list or str	None (all diagnostics)
download_dir	Directory where downloaded data will be stored.[4]	str	~/climate_data
drs	Directory structure for input data.[2]	dict	{CMIP3: ESGF, CMIP5: ESGF, CMIP6: ESGF, CORDEX: ESGF, obs4MIPs: ESGF}
exit_on_warning	Exit on warning (only used in NCL diagnostic scripts).	bool	False
log_level	Log level of the console (debug, info, warning, error).	str	info
logging	*Logging configuration*.	dict	See *Logging configuration*
max_datasets	Maximum number of datasets to use, see *Running*.	int	None (all datasets from recipe)
max_parallel_tasks	Maximum number of parallel processes, see *Task priority*.[5]	int	None (number of available CPUs)
max_years	Maximum number of years to use, see *Running*.	int	None (all years from recipe)
output_dir	Directory where all output will be written, see *Output*.	str	~/esmvaltool_output
output_file_type	Plot file type.	str	png
profile_diagnostic	Use a profiling tool for the diagnostic run.[3]	bool	False
projects	*Project-specific configuration*.	dict	See table in *Project-specific configuration*
remove_preproc_dir	Remove the preproc directory if the run was successful, see also *Preprocessed datasets*.	bool	True
resume_from	Resume previous run(s) by using preprocessor output files from these output directories, see ref:*running*.	list of str	[]
rootpath	Rootpaths to the data from different projects.[Page 13, 2]	dict	{default: ~/climate_data}
run_diagnostic	Run diagnostic scripts, see *Running*.	bool	True
save_intermediary_cub	Save intermediary cubes from the preprocessor.	bool	False

2.5 Dask configuration

Configure Dask in the `dask` section.

The *preprocessor functions* and many of the Python diagnostics in ESMValTool make use of the Iris library to work with the data. In Iris, data can be either real or lazy. Lazy data is represented by dask arrays. Dask arrays consist of many small numpy arrays (called chunks) and if possible, computations are run on those small arrays in parallel. In order to figure out what needs to be computed when, Dask makes use of a 'scheduler'. The default (thread-based) scheduler in Dask is rather basic, so it can only run on a single computer and it may not always find the optimal task scheduling solution, resulting in excessive memory use when using e.g. the *`esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics()`* preprocessor function. Therefore it is recommended that you take a moment to configure the Dask distributed scheduler. A Dask scheduler and the 'workers' running the actual computations, are collectively called a 'Dask cluster'.

2.5.1 Dask profiles

Because some recipes require more computational resources than others, ESMValCore provides the option to define "Dask profiles". These profiles can be used to update the Dask user configuration per recipe run. The Dask profile can be selected in a YAML configuration file via

```yaml
dask:
  use: <NAME_OF_PROFILE>
```

or alternatively in the command line via

```
esmvaltool run --dask='{"use": "<NAME_OF_PROFILE>"}' recipe_example.yml
```

Available predefined Dask profiles:

[1] The `auxiliary_data_dir` setting is the path to place any required additional auxiliary data files. This is necessary because certain Python toolkits, such as cartopy, will attempt to download data files at run time, typically geographic data files such as coastlines or land surface maps. This can fail if the machine does not have access to the wider internet. This location allows the user to specify where to find such files if they can not be downloaded at runtime. The example configuration file already contains two valid locations for `auxiliary_data_dir` directories on CEDA-JASMIN and DKRZ, and a number of such maps and shapefiles (used by current diagnostics) are already there. You will need `esmeval` group workspace membership to access the JASMIN one (see instructions how to gain access to the group workspace.

> **Warning**
>
> This setting is not for model or observational datasets, rather it is for extra data files such as shapefiles or other data sources needed by the diagnostics.

[4] The `search_esgf` setting can be used to disable or enable automatic downloads from ESGF. If `search_esgf` is set to `never`, the tool does not download any data from the ESGF. If `search_esgf` is set to `when_missing`, the tool will download any CMIP3, CMIP5, CMIP6, CORDEX, and obs4MIPs data that is required to run a recipe but not available locally and store it in `download_dir` using the `ESGF` directory structure defined in the *Developer configuration file*. If `search_esgf` is set to `always`, the tool will first check the ESGF for the needed data, regardless of any local data availability; if the data found on ESGF is newer than the local data (if any) or the user specifies a version of the data that is available only from the ESGF, then that data will be downloaded; otherwise, local data will be used.

[2] A detailed explanation of the data finding-related options `drs` and `rootpath` is presented in the *Data retrieval* section. These sections relate directly to the data finding capabilities of ESMValCore and are very important to be understood by the user.

[5] When using `max_parallel_tasks` with a value larger than 1 with the Dask threaded scheduler, every task will start `num_workers` threads. To avoid running out of memory or slowing down computations due to competition for resources, it is recommended to set `num_workers` such that `max_parallel_tasks * num_workers` approximately equals the number of CPU cores. The number of available CPU cores can be found by running `python -c 'import os; print(len(os.sched_getaffinity(0)))'`. See *Custom Dask threaded scheduler configuration* for information on how to configure `num_workers`.

[3] The `profile_diagnostic` setting triggers profiling of Python diagnostics, this will tell you which functions in the diagnostic took most time to run. For this purpose we use vprof. For each diagnostic script in the recipe, the profiler writes a `.json` file that can be used to plot a flame graph of the profiling information by running

```
vprof --input-file esmvaltool_output/recipe_output/run/diagnostic/script/profile.json
```

Note that it is also possible to use vprof to understand other resources used while running the diagnostic, including execution time of different code blocks and memory usage.

- `local_threaded` (selected by default): use threaded scheduler without any further options.
- `local_distributed`: use local distributed scheduler without any further options.
- `debug`: use synchronous Dask scheduler for debugging purposes. Best used with `max_parallel_tasks: 1`.

2.5.2 Dask distributed scheduler configuration

Here, some examples are provided on how to use a custom Dask distributed scheduler. Extensive documentation on setting up Dask Clusters is available here.

Note

If not all preprocessor functions support lazy data, computational performance may be best with the *threaded scheduler*. See Issue #674 for progress on making all preprocessor functions lazy.

Personal computer

Create a `distributed.LocalCluster` on the computer running ESMValCore using all available resources:

```yaml
dask:
  use: local_cluster  # use "local_cluster" defined below
  profiles:
    local_cluster:
      cluster:
        type: distributed.LocalCluster
```

This should work well for most personal computers.

Note

If running this configuration on a shared node of an HPC cluster, Dask will try and use as many resources it can find available, and this may lead to overcrowding the node by a single user (you)!

Shared computer

Create a `distributed.LocalCluster` on the computer running ESMValCore, with 2 workers with 2 threads/4 GiB of memory each (8 GiB in total):

```yaml
dask:
  use: local_cluster  # use "local_cluster" defined below
  profiles:
    local_cluster:
      cluster:
        type: distributed.LocalCluster
        n_workers: 2
        threads_per_worker: 2
        memory_limit: 4GiB
```

this should work well for shared computers.

Computer cluster

Create a Dask distributed cluster on the Levante supercomputer using the Dask-Jobqueue package:

```yaml
dask:
  use: slurm_cluster  # use "slurm_cluster" defined below
  profiles:
    slurm_cluster:
      cluster:
        type: dask_jobqueue.SLURMCluster
        queue: shared
        account: <YOUR_SLURM_ACCOUNT>
        cores: 8
        memory: 7680MiB
        processes: 2
        interface: ib0
        local_directory: "/scratch/b/<YOUR_DKRZ_ACCOUNT>/dask-tmp"
        n_workers: 24
```

This will start 24 workers with `cores / processes = 4` threads each, resulting in `n_workers / processes = 12` Slurm jobs, where each Slurm job will request 8 CPU cores and 7680 MiB of memory and start `processes = 2` workers. This example will use the fast infiniband network connection (called `ib0` on Levante) for communication between workers running on different nodes. It is important to set the right location for temporary storage, in this case the `/scratch` space is used. It is also possible to use environmental variables to configure the temporary storage location, if you cluster provides these.

A configuration like this should work well for larger computations where it is advantageous to use multiple nodes in a compute cluster. See Deploying Dask Clusters on High Performance Computers for more information.

Externally managed Dask cluster

To use an externally managed cluster, specify an `scheduler_address` for the selected profile. Such a cluster can e.g. be started using the Dask Jupyterlab extension:

```yaml
dask:
  use: external  # Use the `external` profile defined below
  profiles:
    external:
      scheduler_address: "tcp://127.0.0.1:43605"
```

See here for an example of how to configure this on a remote system.

For debugging purposes, it can be useful to start the cluster outside of ESMValCore because then Dask dashboard remains available after ESMValCore has finished running.

Advice on choosing performant configurations

The threads within a single worker can access the same memory locations, so they may freely pass around chunks, while communicating a chunk between workers is done by copying it, so this is (a bit) slower. Therefore it is beneficial for performance to have multiple threads per worker. However, due to limitations in the CPython implementation (known as the Global Interpreter Lock or GIL), only a single thread in a worker can execute Python code (this limitation does not apply to compiled code called by Python code, e.g. numpy), therefore the best performing configurations will typically not use much more than 10 threads per worker.

Due to limitations of the NetCDF library (it is not thread-safe), only one of the threads in a worker can read or write to a NetCDF file at a time. Therefore, it may be beneficial to use fewer threads per worker if the computation is very simple and the runtime is determined by the speed with which the data can be read from and/or written to disk.

2.5.3 Custom Dask threaded scheduler configuration

The Dask threaded scheduler can be a good choice for recipes using a small amount of data or when running a recipe where not all preprocessor functions are lazy yet (see Issue #674 for the current status).

To avoid running out of memory, it is important to set the number of workers (threads) used by Dask to run its computations to a reasonable number. By default, the number of CPU cores in the machine will be used, but this may be too many on shared machines or laptops with a large number of CPU cores compared to the amount of memory they have available.

Typically, Dask requires about 2 GiB of RAM per worker, but this may be more depending on the computation.

To set the number of workers used by the Dask threaded scheduler, use the following configuration:

```
dask:
  use: local_threaded  # This can be omitted
  profiles:
    local_threaded:
      num_workers: 4
```

2.5.4 Default options

By default, the following Dask configuration is used:

```
dask:
  use: local_threaded  # use the `local_threaded` profile defined below
  profiles:
    local_threaded:
      scheduler: threads
    local_distributed:
      cluster:
        type: distributed.LocalCluster
    debug:
      scheduler: synchronous
```

2.5.5 All available options

Option	Description	Type	Default value
`profi`	Different Dask profiles that can be selected via the `use` option. Each profile has a name (`dict` keys) and corresponding options (`dict` values). See *Options for Dask profiles* for details.	`dict`	See *Default options*
`use`	Dask profile that is used; must be defined in the option `profiles`.	`str`	`local_threaded`

2.5.6 Options for Dask profiles

Option	Description	Type	Default value
`cluste`	Keyword arguments to initialize a Dask distributed cluster. Needs the option `type`, which specifies the class of the cluster. The remaining options are passed as keyword arguments to initialize that class. Cannot be used in combination with `scheduler_address`.	`dict`	If omitted, use externally managed cluster if `scheduler_address` is given or a *Dask threaded scheduler* otherwise.
`schedu`	Scheduler address of an externally managed cluster. Will be passed to `distributed.Client`. Cannot be used in combination with `cluster`.	`str`	If omitted, use a Dask distributed cluster if `cluster` is given or a *Dask threaded scheduler* otherwise.
All other options	Passed as keyword arguments to `dask.config.set()`.	Any	No defaults.

2.6 Logging configuration

Configure what information is logged and how it is presented in the `logging` section.

> **Note**
>
> Not all logging configuration is available here yet, see Issue #2596.

Configuration file example:

```
logging:
  log_progress_interval: 10s
```

will log progress of Dask computations every 10 seconds instead of showing a progress bar.

Command line example:

```
esmvaltool run --logging='{"log_progress_interval": "1m"}' recipe_example.yml
```

will log progress of Dask computations every minute instead of showing a progress bar.

Available options:

Option	Description	Type	Default value
`log_pro`	When running computations with Dask, log progress every `log_progress_interval` instead of showing a progress bar. The value can be specified in the format accepted by `dask.utils.parse_timedelta()`. A negative value disables any progress reporting. A progress bar is only shown if `max_parallel_tasks: 1`.	`str` or `floa`	0

2.7 Project-specific configuration

Configure project-specific settings in the `projects` section.

Top-level keys in this section are projects, e.g., `CMIP6`, `CORDEX`, or `obs4MIPs`.

Example:

```
projects:
  CMIP6:
    ...  # project-specific options
```

The following project-specific options are available:

Option	Description	Type	Default value
`extra_fac`	Extra key-value pairs ("*facets*") added to datasets in addition to the facets defined in the recipe. See *Extra Facets* for details.	`dict`	See *Default extra facets*

2.7.1 Extra Facets

It can be useful to automatically add extra key-value pairs to variables or datasets without explicitly specifying them in the recipe. These key-value pairs can be used for *finding data* or for providing extra information to the functions that *fix data* before passing it on to the preprocessor.

To support this, we provide the **extra facets** facilities. Facets are the key-value pairs described in *Recipe section: datasets*. Extra facets allows for the addition of more details per project, dataset, MIP table, and variable name.

Format of the extra facets

Extra facets are configured in the `extra_facets` section of the project-specific configuration. They are specified in nested dictionaries with the following levels:

1. Dataset name
2. MIP table
3. Variable short name

Example:

```
projects:
  CMIP6:
    extra_facets:
      CanESM5:  # dataset name
        Amon:  # MIP table
          tas:  # variable short name
            a_new_key: a_new_value  # extra facets
```

The three top levels under `extra_facets` (dataset name, MIP table, and variable short name) can contain Unix shell-style wildcards. The special characters used in shell-style wildcards are:

Pattern	Meaning
*	matches everything
?	matches any single character
[seq]	matches any character in `seq`
[!seq]	matches any character not in `seq`

where `seq` can either be a sequence of characters or just a bunch of characters, for example `[A-C]` matches the characters `A`, `B`, and `C`, while `[AC]` matches the characters `A` and `C`.

Examples:

```
projects:
  CMIP6:
    extra_facets:
      CanESM5:  # dataset name
        "*":  # MIP table
          "*":  # variable short name
            a_new_key: a_new_value  # extra facets
```

Here, the extra facet `a_new_key: a_new_value` will be added to any *CMIP6* data from model *CanESM5*.

If keys are duplicated, later keys will take precedence over earlier keys:

```
projects:
  CMIP6:
    extra_facets:
      CanESM5:
        "*":
          "*":
            shared_key: with_wildcard
            unique_key_1: test
        Amon:
          tas:
            shared_key: without_wildcard
            unique_key_2: test
```

Here, the following extra facets will be added to a dataset with project *CMIP6*, name *CanESM5*, MIP table *Amon*, and variable short name *tas*:

```
unique_key_1: test
shared_key: without_wildcard  # takes value from later entry
unique_key_2: test
```

Default extra facets

Default extra facets are specified in `extra_facets_*.yml` files located in this directory.

2.8 ESGF configuration

The `esmvaltool run` command can automatically download the files required to run a recipe from ESGF for the projects CMIP3, CMIP5, CMIP6, CORDEX, and obs4MIPs. The downloaded files will be stored in the directory specified via the *configuration option* `download_dir`. To enable automatic downloads from ESGF, use the *configuration options* `search_esgf: when_missing` or `search_esgf: always`.

Note

When running a recipe that uses many or large datasets on a machine that does not have any data available locally, the amount of data that will be downloaded can be in the range of a few hundred gigabyte to a few terrabyte. See Obtaining input data for advice on getting access to machines with large datasets already available.

A log message will be displayed with the total amount of data that will be downloaded before starting the download. If you see that this is more than you would like to download, stop the tool by pressing the `Ctrl` and `C` keys on your keyboard simultaneously several times, edit the recipe so it contains fewer datasets and try again.

2.8.1 Configuration file

An optional configuration file can be created for configuring how the tool uses esgf-pyclient to find and download data. The name of this file is `~/.esmvaltool/esgf-pyclient.yml`.

Search

Any arguments to `pyesgf.search.connection.SearchConnection` can be provided in the section `search_connection`, for example:

```
search_connection:
  expire_after: 2592000  # the number of seconds in a month
```

to keep cached search results for a month.

The default settings are:

```
search_connection:
  urls:
    .. - 'https://esgf-node.ornl.gov/esgf-1-5-bridge'
    - 'https://esgf.ceda.ac.uk/esg-search'
    - 'https://esgf-data.dkrz.de/esg-search'
    - 'https://esgf-node.ipsl.upmc.fr/esg-search'
    - 'https://esg-dn1.nsc.liu.se/esg-search'
    - 'https://esgf.nci.org.au/esg-search'
    - 'https://esgf.nccs.nasa.gov/esg-search'
    - 'https://esgdata.gfdl.noaa.gov/esg-search'
  distrib: true
  timeout: 120  # seconds
  cache: '~/.esmvaltool/cache/pyesgf-search-results'
  expire_after: 86400  # cache expires after 1 day
```

Note that by default the tool will try searching the ESGF index nodes in the order provided in the configuration file and use the first one that is online. Some ESGF index nodes may return search results faster than others, so you may be able to speed up the search for files by experimenting with placing different index nodes at the top of the list.

Warning

ESGF is currently transitioning to new server technology and all of the above indices are expected to go offline except the first one.

Issues with https://esgf-node.ornl.gov/esgf-1-5-bridge can be reported here.

If you experience errors while searching, it sometimes helps to delete the cached results.

2.8.2 Download statistics

The tool will maintain statistics of how fast data can be downloaded from what host in the file ~/.esmvaltool/cache/esgf-hosts.yml and automatically select hosts that are faster. There is no need to manually edit this file, though it can be useful to delete it if you move your computer to a location that is very different from the place where you previously downloaded data. An entry in the file might look like this:

```
esgf2.dkrz.de:
  duration (s): 8
  error: false
  size (bytes): 69067460
  speed (MB/s): 7.9
```

The tool only uses the duration and size to determine the download speed, the speed shown in the file is not used. If `error` is set to `true`, the most recent download request to that host failed and the tool will automatically try this host only as a last resort.

2.9 Developer configuration file

Most users and diagnostic developers will not need to change this file, but it may be useful to understand its content. It will be installed along with ESMValCore and can also be viewed on GitHub: esmvalcore/config-developer.yml. This configuration file describes the file system structure and CMOR tables for several key projects (CMIP6, CMIP5, obs4MIPs, OBS6, OBS) on several key machines (e.g. BADC, CP4CDS, DKRZ, ETHZ, SMHI, BSC), and for native output data for some models (ICON, IPSL, … see *Configuring datasets in native format*). CMIP data is stored as part of the Earth System Grid Federation (ESGF) and the standards for file naming and paths to files are set out by CMOR and DRS. For a detailed description of these standards and their adoption in ESMValCore, we refer the user to *CMIP data* section where we relate these standards to the data retrieval mechanism of the ESMValCore.

Users can get a copy of this file with default values by running

```
esmvaltool config get_config_developer --path=${TARGET_FOLDER}
```

If the option `--path` is omitted, the file will be created in `~/.esmvaltool`.

Note

Remember to change the configuration option `config_developer_file` if you want to use a custom config developer file.

Warning

For now, make sure that the custom `config-developer.yml` is **not** saved in the ESMValTool/Core configuration directories (see *YAML files* for details). This will change in the future due to the *redesign of ESMValTool/Core's configuration*.

Example of the CMIP6 project configuration:

```
CMIP6:
  input_dir:
    default: '/'
    BADC: '{activity}/{institute}/{dataset}/{exp}/{ensemble}/{mip}/{short_name}/{grid}/
```

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```
↪{version}'
    DKRZ: '{activity}/{institute}/{dataset}/{exp}/{ensemble}/{mip}/{short_name}/{grid}/
↪{version}'
    ETHZ: '{exp}/{mip}/{short_name}/{dataset}/{ensemble}/{grid}/'
  input_file: '{short_name}_{mip}_{dataset}_{exp}_{ensemble}_{grid}*.nc'
  output_file: '{project}_{dataset}_{mip}_{exp}_{ensemble}_{short_name}'
  cmor_type: 'CMIP6'
  cmor_strict: true
```

2.9.1 Input file paths

When looking for input files, the `esmvaltool` command provided by ESMValCore replaces the placeholders `{item}` in `input_dir` and `input_file` with the values supplied in the recipe. ESMValCore will try to automatically fill in the values for institute, frequency, and modeling_realm based on the information provided in the CMOR tables and/or *Extra Facets* when reading the recipe. If this fails for some reason, these values can be provided in the recipe too.

The data directory structure of the CMIP projects is set up differently at each site. As an example, the CMIP6 directory path on BADC would be:

```
'{activity}/{institute}/{dataset}/{exp}/{ensemble}/{mip}/{short_name}/{grid}/{version}'
```

The resulting directory path would look something like this:

```
CMIP/MOHC/HadGEM3-GC31-LL/historical/r1i1p1f3/Omon/tos/gn/latest
```

Please, bear in mind that `input_dirs` can also be a list for those cases in which may be needed:

```
- '{exp}/{ensemble}/original/{mip}/{short_name}/{grid}/{version}'
- '{exp}/{ensemble}/computed/{mip}/{short_name}/{grid}/{version}'
```

In that case, the resultant directories will be:

```
historical/r1i1p1f3/original/Omon/tos/gn/latest
historical/r1i1p1f3/computed/Omon/tos/gn/latest
```

For a more in-depth description of how to configure ESMValCore so it can find your data please see *CMIP data*.

2.9.2 Preprocessor output files

The filename to use for preprocessed data is configured in a similar manner using `output_file`. Note that the extension `.nc` (and if applicable, a start and end time) will automatically be appended to the filename.

2.9.3 Project CMOR table configuration

ESMValCore comes bundled with several CMOR tables, which are stored in the directory esmvalcore/cmor/tables. These are copies of the tables available from PCMDI.

For every `project` that can be used in the recipe, there are four settings related to CMOR table settings available:

- `cmor_type`: can be `CMIP5` if the CMOR table is in the same format as the CMIP5 table or `CMIP6` if the table is in the same format as the CMIP6 table.
- `cmor_strict`: if this is set to `false`, the CMOR table will be extended with variables from the *Custom CMOR tables* (by default loaded from the `esmvalcore/cmor/tables/custom` directory) and it is possible to use variables with a `mip` which is different from the MIP table in which they are defined. Note that this option is always enabled for *derived variables*.

- `cmor_path`: path to the CMOR table. Relative paths are with respect to esmvalcore/cmor/tables. Defaults to the value provided in `cmor_type` written in lower case.
- `cmor_default_table_prefix`: Prefix that needs to be added to the `mip` to get the name of the file containing the `mip` table. Defaults to the value provided in `cmor_type`.

2.9.4 Custom CMOR tables

As mentioned in the previous section, the CMOR tables of projects that use `cmor_strict: false` will be extended with custom CMOR tables. For *derived variables* (the ones with `derive: true` in the recipe), the custom CMOR tables will always be considered. By default, these custom tables are loaded from esmvalcore/cmor/tables/custom. However, by using the special project `custom` in the `config-developer.yml` file with the option `cmor_path`, a custom location for these custom CMOR tables can be specified. In this case, the default custom tables are extended with those entries from the custom location (in case of duplication, the custom location tables take precedence).

Example:

```
custom:
  cmor_path: ~/my/own/custom_tables
```

This path can be given as relative path (relative to esmvalcore/cmor/tables) or as absolute path. Other options given for this special table will be ignored.

Custom tables in this directory need to follow the naming convention `CMOR_{short_name}.dat` and need to be given in CMIP5 format.

Example for the file `CMOR_asr.dat`:

```
SOURCE: CMIP5
!============
variable_entry:    asr
!============
modeling_realm:    atmos
!----------------------------------
! Variable attributes:
!----------------------------------
standard_name:
units:             W m-2
cell_methods:      time: mean
cell_measures:     area: areacella
long_name:         Absorbed shortwave radiation
!----------------------------------
! Additional variable information:
!----------------------------------
dimensions:        longitude latitude time
type:              real
positive:          down
!----------------------------------
!
```

It is also possible to use a special coordinates file `CMOR_coordinates.dat`, which will extend the entries from the default one (esmvalcore/cmor/tables/custom/CMOR_coordinates.dat).

2.9.5 Filter preprocessor warnings

It is possible to ignore specific warnings of the preprocessor for a given `project`. This is particularly useful for native datasets which do not follow the CMOR standard by default and consequently produce a lot of warnings when handled by Iris. This can be configured in the `config-developer.yml` file for some steps of the preprocessing chain.

Currently supported preprocessor steps:

- *load()*

Here is an example on how to ignore specific warnings during the preprocessor step `load` for all datasets of project `EMAC` (taken from the default `config-developer.yml` file):

```
ignore_warnings:
  load:
    - {message: 'Missing CF-netCDF formula term variable .*, referenced by netCDF␣
↪variable .*', module: iris}
    - {message: 'Ignored formula of unrecognised type: .*', module: iris}
```

The keyword arguments specified in the list items are directly passed to `warnings.filterwarnings()` in addition to `action=ignore` (may be overwritten in `config-developer.yml`).

2.9.6 Configuring datasets in native format

ESMValCore can be configured for handling native model output formats and specific reanalysis/observation datasets without preliminary reformatting. These datasets can be either hosted under the `native6` project (mostly native reanalysis/observational datasets) or under a dedicated project, e.g., `ICON` (mostly native models).

Example:

```
native6:
  cmor_strict: false
  input_dir:
    default: 'Tier{tier}/{dataset}/{version}/{frequency}/{short_name}'
  input_file:
    default: '*.nc'
  output_file: '{project}_{dataset}_{type}_{version}_{mip}_{short_name}'
  cmor_type: 'CMIP6'
  cmor_default_table_prefix: 'CMIP6_'

ICON:
  cmor_strict: false
  input_dir:
    default:
      - '{exp}'
      - '{exp}/outdata'
      - '{exp}/output'
  input_file:
    default: '{exp}_{var_type}*.nc'
  output_file: '{project}_{dataset}_{exp}_{var_type}_{mip}_{short_name}'
  cmor_type: 'CMIP6'
  cmor_default_table_prefix: 'CMIP6_'
```

A detailed description on how to add support for further native datasets is given *here*.

Hint

When using native datasets, it might be helpful to specify a custom location for the *Custom CMOR tables*. This allows reading arbitrary variables from native datasets. Note that this requires the option `cmor_strict: false` in the *project configuration* used for the native model output.

2.10 References configuration file

The esmvaltool/config-references.yml file contains the list of ESMValTool diagnostic and recipe authors, references and projects. Each author, project and reference referred to in the documentation section of a recipe needs to be in this file in the relevant section.

For instance, the recipe `recipe_ocean_example.yml` file contains the following documentation section:

```
documentation:
  authors:
    - demo_le

  maintainer:
    - demo_le

  references:
    - demora2018gmd

  projects:
    - ukesm
```

These four items here are named people, references and projects listed in the `config-references.yml` file.

CHAPTER

THREE

INPUT DATA

3.1 Overview

Data discovery and retrieval is the first step in any evaluation process; ESMValCore uses a *semi-automated* data finding mechanism with inputs from both the configuration and the recipe file: this means that the user will have to provide the tool with a set of parameters related to the data needed and once these parameters have been provided, the tool will automatically find the right data. We will detail below the data finding and retrieval process and the input the user needs to specify, giving examples on how to use the data finding routine under different scenarios.

3.2 Data types

3.2.1 CMIP data

CMIP data is widely available via the Earth System Grid Federation (ESGF) and is accessible to users either via automatic download by `esmvaltool` or through the ESGF data nodes hosted by large computing facilities (like CEDA-Jasmin, DKRZ, etc). This data adheres to, among other standards, the DRS and Controlled Vocabulary standard for naming files and structured paths; the DRS ensures that files and paths to them are named according to a standardized convention. Examples of this convention, also used by ESMValCore for file discovery and data retrieval, include:

- CMIP6 file: `{variable_short_name}_{mip}_{dataset_name}_{experiment}_{ensemble}_{grid}_{start-date}-{e nc`
- CMIP5 file: `{variable_short_name}_{mip}_{dataset_name}_{experiment}_{ensemble}_{start-date}-{end-date nc`
- OBS file: `{project}_{dataset_name}_{type}_{version}_{mip}_{short_name}_{start-date}-{end-date}. nc`

Similar standards exist for the standard paths (input directories); for the ESGF data nodes, these paths differ slightly, for example:

- CMIP6 path for BADC: `ROOT-BADC/{institute}/{dataset_name}/{experiment}/{ensemble}/ {mip}/ {variable_short_name}/{grid}`;
- CMIP6 path for ETHZ: `ROOT-ETHZ/{experiment}/{mip}/{variable_short_name}/{dataset_name}/ {ensemble}/{grid}`

From the ESMValCore user perspective the number of data input parameters is optimized to allow for ease of use. We detail this procedure in the next section.

3.2.2 Observational data

Part of observational data is retrieved in the same manner as CMIP data, for example using the OBS root path set to:

```
OBS: /gws/nopw/j04/esmeval/obsdata-v2
```

and the dataset:

```
- {dataset: ERA-Interim, project: OBS6, type: reanaly, version: 1, start_year:␣
↪2014, end_year: 2015, tier: 3}
```

in `recipe.yml` in `datasets` or `additional_datasets`, the rules set in *CMOR-DRS* are used again and the file will be automatically found:

```
/gws/nopw/j04/esmeval/obsdata-v2/Tier3/ERA-Interim/OBS_ERA-Interim_reanaly_1_Amon_ta_
↪201401-201412.nc
```

Since observational data are organized in Tiers depending on their level of public availability, the `default` directory must be structured accordingly with sub-directories `TierX` (`Tier1`, `Tier2` or `Tier3`), even when `drs: default`.

3.2.3 Datasets in native format

Some datasets are supported in their native format (i.e., the data is not formatted according to a CMIP data request) through the `native6` project (mostly native reanalysis/observational datasets) or through a dedicated project, e.g., `ICON` (mostly native models). A detailed description of how to include new native datasets is given *here*.

Hint

When using native datasets, it might be helpful to specify a custom location for the *Custom CMOR tables*. This allows reading arbitrary variables from native datasets. Note that this requires the option `cmor_strict: false` in the *project configuration* used for the native model output.

Supported native reanalysis/observational datasets

The following native reanalysis/observational datasets are supported under the `native6` project. To use these datasets, put the files containing the data in the directory that you have *configured* for the `rootpath` of the `native6` project, in a subdirectory called `Tier{tier}/{dataset}/{version}/{frequency}/{short_name}` (assuming you are using the `default` DRS for `native6`). Replace the items in curly braces by the values used in the variable/dataset definition in the *recipe*.

ERA5 (in netCDF format downloaded from the CDS)

ERA5 data can be downloaded from the Copernicus Climate Data Store (CDS) using the convenient tool era5cli. For example for monthly data, place the files in the `/Tier3/ERA5/version/mon/pr` subdirectory of your `rootpath` that you have configured for the `native6` project (assuming you are using the `default` DRS for `native6`).

- Supported variables: `cl`, `clt`, `evspsbl`, `evspsblpot`, `mrro`, `pr`, `prsn`, `ps`, `psl`, `ptype`, `rls`, `rlds`, `rsds`, `rsdt`, `rss`, `uas`, `vas`, `tas`, `tasmax`, `tasmin`, `tdps`, `ts`, `tsn` (`E1hr`/`Amon`), `orog` (`fx`).
- Tier: 3

Note

According to the description of Evapotranspiration and potential Evapotranspiration on the Copernicus page (https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/dataset/reanalysis-era5-single-levels-monthly-means?tab=overview): "The

ECMWF Integrated Forecasting System (IFS) convention is that downward fluxes are positive. Therefore, negative values indicate evaporation and positive values indicate condensation."

In the CMOR table, these fluxes are defined as positive, if they go from the surface into the atmosphere: "Evaporation at surface (also known as evapotranspiration): flux of water into the atmosphere due to conversion of both liquid and solid phases to vapor (from underlying surface and vegetation)." Therefore, the ERA5 (and ERA5-Land) CMORizer switches the signs of `evspsbl` and `evspsblpot` to be compatible with the CMOR standard used e.g. by the CMIP models.

ERA5 (in GRIB format available on DKRZ's Levante or downloaded from the CDS)

ERA5 data in monthly, daily, and hourly resolution is available on Levante in its native GRIB format.

Note

ERA5 data in its native GRIB format can also be downloaded from the Copernicus Climate Data Store (CDS). For example, hourly data on pressure levels is available here. Reading self-downloaded ERA5 data in GRIB format is experimental and likely requires additional setup from the user like setting up the proper directory structure for the input files and/or creating a custom *DRS*.

To read these data with ESMValCore, use the *rootpath* `/pool/data/ERA5` with *DRS* `DKRZ-ERA5-GRIB` in your configuration, for example:

```
rootpath:
  ...
  native6:
    /pool/data/ERA5: DKRZ-ERA5-GRIB
  ...
```

The naming conventions for input directories and files for native ERA5 data in GRIB format on Levante are

- input directories: `{family}/{level}/{type}/{tres}/{grib_id}`
- input files: `{family}{level}{typeid}_{tres}_*_{grib_id}.grb`

All of these facets have reasonable defaults preconfigured in the corresponding *extra facets* configuration file, which is available here: `extra_facets_native6.yml`. If necessary, these facets can be overwritten in the recipe.

Thus, example dataset entries could look like this:

```
datasets:
  - {project: native6, dataset: ERA5, timerange: '2000/2001',
     short_name: tas, mip: Amon}
  - {project: native6, dataset: ERA5, timerange: '2000/2001',
     short_name: cl, mip: Amon, tres: 1H, frequency: 1hr}
  - {project: native6, dataset: ERA5, timerange: '2000/2001',
     short_name: ta, mip: Amon, type: fc, typeid: '12'}
```

The native ERA5 output in GRIB format is stored on a reduced Gaussian grid. By default, these data are regridded to a regular 0.25°x0.25° grid as recommended by the ECMWF using bilinear interpolation.

To disable this, you can use the facet `automatic_regrid: false` in the recipe:

```
datasets:
  - {project: native6, dataset: ERA5, timerange: '2000/2001',
     short_name: tas, mip: Amon, automatic_regrid: false}
```

- Supported variables: albsn, cl, cli, clt, clw, hur, hus, o3, prw, ps, psl, rainmxrat27, sftlf, snd, snowmxrat27, ta, tas, tdps, toz, ts, ua, uas, va, vas, wap, zg.

MSWEP

- Supported variables: pr
- Supported frequencies: mon, day, 3hr.
- Tier: 3

For example for monthly data, place the files in the /Tier3/MSWEP/version/mon/pr subdirectory of your rootpath that you have configured for the native6 project (assuming you are using the default DRS for native6).

Note

For monthly data (V220), the data must be postfixed with the date, i.e. rename global_monthly_050deg.nc to global_monthly_050deg_197901-201710.nc

For more info: http://www.gloh2o.org/

Data for the version V220 can be downloaded from: https://hydrology.princeton.edu/data/hylkeb/MSWEP_V220/.

Supported native models

The following models are natively supported by ESMValCore. In contrast to the native observational datasets listed above, they use dedicated projects instead of the project native6.

CESM

ESMValCore is able to read native CESM model output.

Warning

The support for native CESM output is still experimental. Currently, only one variable (*tas*) is fully supported. Other 2D variables might be supported by specifying appropriate facets in the recipe or extra facets files (see text below). 3D variables (data that uses a vertical dimension) are not supported, yet.

The default naming conventions for input directories and files for CESM are

- **input directories: 3 different types supported:**
  - / (run directory)
  - {case}/{gcomp}/hist (short-term archiving)
  - {case}/{gcomp}/proc/{tdir}/{tperiod} (post-processed data)
- input files: {case}.{scomp}.{type}.{string}*nc

as configured in the *config-developer file* (using the *configuration option* drs: default). More information about CESM naming conventions are given here.

Note

The `{string}` entry in the input file names above does not only correspond to the (optional) `$string` entry for CESM model output files, but can also be used to read post-processed files. In the latter case, `{string}` corresponds to the combination `$SSTRING.$TSTRING`.

Thus, example dataset entries could look like this:

```
datasets:
  - {project: CESM, dataset: CESM2, case: f.e21.FHIST_BGC.f09_f09_mg17.CMIP6-AMIP.001,␣
↪type: h0, mip: Amon, short_name: tas, start_year: 2000, end_year: 2014}
  - {project: CESM, dataset: CESM2, case: f.e21.F1850_BGC.f09_f09_mg17.CFMIP-hadsst-
↪piForcing.001, type: h0, gcomp: atm, scomp: cam, mip: Amon, short_name: tas, start_
↪year: 2000, end_year: 2014}
```

Variable-specific defaults for the facet `gcomp` and `scomp` are given as extra facets (see next paragraph) for some variables, but these can be overwritten in the recipe.

Similar to any other fix, the CESM fix allows the use of *extra facets*. The configuration file `extra_facets_cesm.yml` contains the defaults. Currently, this file only contains default facets for a single variable (*tas*); for other variables, these entries need to be defined in the recipe. Supported keys for extra facets are:

Key	Description	Default value if not specified
`gcomp`	Generic component-model name	No default (needs to be specified as extra facets or in recipe if default DRS is used)
`raw_n`	Variable name of the variable in the raw input file	CMOR variable name of the corresponding variable
`raw_u`	Units of the variable in the raw input file	If specified, the value given by the `units` attribute in the raw input file; otherwise `unknown`
`scomp`	Specific component-model name	No default (needs to be specified as extra facets or in recipe if default DRS is used)
`strin`	Short string which is used to further identify the history file type (corresponds to `$string` or `$SSTRING.$TSTRING` in the CESM file name conventions; see note above)	`''` (empty string)
`tdir`	Entry to distinguish time averages from time series from diagnostic plot sets (only used for post-processed data)	`''` (empty string)
`tperi`	Time period over which the data was processed (only used for post-processed data)	`''` (empty string)

EMAC

ESMValCore is able to read native EMAC model output.

The default naming conventions for input directories and files for EMAC are

- input directories: `{exp}/{channel}`
- input files: `{exp}*{channel}{postproc_flag}.nc`

as configured in the *config-developer file* (using the *configuration option* `drs: default`).

Thus, example dataset entries could look like this:

```
datasets:
  - {project: EMAC, dataset: EMAC, exp: historical, mip: Amon, short_name: tas, start_
↪year: 2000, end_year: 2014}
  - {project: EMAC, dataset: EMAC, exp: historical, mip: Omon, short_name: tos, postproc_
↪flag: "-p-mm", start_year: 2000, end_year: 2014}
  - {project: EMAC, dataset: EMAC, exp: historical, mip: Amon, short_name: ta, raw_name:␣
↪tm1_p39_cav, start_year: 2000, end_year: 2014}
```

Please note the duplication of the name `EMAC` in `project` and `dataset`, which is necessary to comply with ESMValCore's data finding and CMORizing functionalities. A variable-specific default for the facet `channel` is given in the extra facets (see next paragraph) for many variables, but this can be overwritten in the recipe.

Similar to any other fix, the EMAC fix allows the use of *extra facets*. The configuration file `extra_facets_emac.yml` contains the defaults. For some variables, extra facets are necessary; otherwise ESMValCore cannot read them properly. Supported keys for extra facets are:

Key	Description	Default value if not specified
`channel`	Channel in which the desired variable is stored	No default (needs to be specified as extra facets or in recipe if default DRS is used)
`postproc_fl`	Postprocessing flag of the data	`''` (empty string)
`raw_name`	Variable name of the variable in the raw input file	CMOR variable name of the corresponding variable
`raw_units`	Units of the variable in the raw input file	If specified, the value given by the `units` attribute in the raw input file; otherwise `unknown`
`reset_time_`	Boolean if time bounds are deleted, and automatically recalculated by iris	`False`

Note

`raw_name` can be given as `str` or `list`. The latter is used to support multiple different variables names in the input file. In this case, the prioritization is given by the order of the list; if possible, use the first entry, if this is not present, use the second, etc. This is particularly useful for files in which regular averages (`*_ave`) or conditional averages (`*_cav`) exist.

For 3D variables defined on pressure levels, only the pressure levels defined by the CMOR table (e.g., for *Amon*'s *ta*: `tm1_p19_cav` and `tm1_p19_ave`) are given as default extra facets. If other pressure levels are desired, e.g., `tm1_p39_cav`, this has to be explicitly specified in the recipe using `raw_name: tm1_p39_cav` or `raw_name: [tm1_p19_cav, tm1_p39_cav]`.

ICON

ESMValCore is able to read native ICON model output.

The default naming conventions for input directories and files for ICON are

- input directories: `{exp}`, `{exp}/outdata`, or `{exp}/output`
- input files: `{exp}_{var_type}*.nc`

as configured in the *config-developer file* (using the *configuration option* `drs: default`).

Currently, two different versions of ICON are supported:

1. ICON-A, which is based on ECHAM physics (deprecated): select via `dataset: ICON`.

2. ICON-XPP, which is based on NWP physics (preferred; model code can be downloaded from DKRZ's GitLab): select via `dataset: ICON-XPP`.

Thus, example dataset entries could look like this:

```
datasets:
  - {project: ICON, dataset: ICON, exp: icon-2.6.1_atm_amip_R2B5_r1i1p1f1,
     mip: Amon, short_name: tas, timerange: 20010101/20020101}
  - {project: ICON, dataset: ICON-XPP, exp: historical, mip: Amon,
     short_name: ta, timerange: 20010101/20020101}
```

A variable-specific default for the facet `var_type` is given in the extra facets (see below) for many variables, but this can be overwritten in the recipe, for example:

```
datasets:
  - {project: ICON, dataset: ICON-XPP, exp: historical, mip: Amon,
     short_name: ta, var_type: atm_dyn_3d_ml, timerange: 20010101/20020101}
```

This is necessary if your ICON output is structured in one variable per file. For example, if your output is stored in files called `<exp>_<variable_name>_atm_2d_ml_YYYYMMDDThhmmss.nc`, use `var_type: <variable_name>_atm_2d_ml` in the recipe for this variable.

Usually, ICON reports aggregated values at the end of the corresponding time output intervals. For example, for monthly output, ICON reports the month February as "1 March". Thus, by default, ESMValCore shifts all time points back by 1/2 of the output time interval so that the new time point corresponds to the center of the interval. This can be disabled by using `shift_time: false` in the recipe or the extra facets (see below). For point measurements (identified by `cell_methods = "time: point"`), this is always disabled.

Warning

To get all desired time points, do **not** use `start_year` and `end_year` in the recipe, but rather `timerange` with at least 8 digits. For example, to get data for the years 2000 and 2001, use `timerange: 20000101/20020101` instead of `timerange: 2000/2001` or `start_year: 2000`, `end_year: 2001`. See *Time ranges* for more information on the `timerange` option.

Usually, ESMValCore will need the corresponding ICON grid file of your simulation to work properly (examples: setting latitude/longitude coordinates if these are not yet present, UGRIDization [see below], etc.). This grid file can either be specified as absolute or relative (to the *configuration option* `auxiliary_data_dir`) path with the facet `horizontal_grid` in the recipe or as extra facet (see below), or retrieved automatically from the *grid_file_uri* attribute of the input files. In the latter case, ESMValCore first searches the input directories specified for ICON for a grid file with that name, and if that was not successful, tries to download the file and cache it. The cached file is valid for 7 days.

ESMValCore can automatically make native ICON data UGRID-compliant when loading the data. The UGRID conventions provide a standardized format to store data on unstructured grids, which is required by many software packages or tools to work correctly and specifically by Iris to interpret the grid as a mesh. An example is the horizontal regridding of native ICON data to a regular grid. While the *built-in regridding schemes* *linear* and *nearest* can handle unstructured grids (i.e., not UGRID-compliant) and meshes (i.e., UGRID-compliant), the *area_weighted* scheme requires the input data in UGRID format. This automatic UGRIDization is enabled by default, but can be switched off with the facet `ugrid: false` in the recipe or as extra facet (see below). This is useful for diagnostics that act on the native ICON grid and do not support input data in UGRID format (yet).

For 3D ICON variables, ESMValCore tries to add the pressure level information and/or altitude information to the preprocessed output files. If the names of these variables differ from the default values, the facets `pfull_var`, `phalf_var`, `zg_var`, and `zghalf_var` can be specified in the recipe or as extra facets. If neither of these variables are available in the input files, it is possible to specify the location of files that include the corresponding altitude information with the

facets `zg_file` and/or `zghalf_file` in the recipe or as extra facets. The paths to these files can be specified absolute or relative (to the *configuration option* `auxiliary_data_dir`).

Hint

To use the *`extract_levels()`* preprocessor on native ICON data, you need to specify the name of the vertical coordinate (e.g., `coordinate: air_pressure`) since native ICON output usually provides a 3D air pressure field instead of a simple 1D vertical coordinate. This also works if your files only contain altitude information (in this case, the US standard atmosphere is used to convert between altitude and pressure levels; see *Vertical interpolation* for details). Example:

```
preprocessors:
  extract_500hPa_level_from_icon:
    extract_levels:
      levels: 50000
      scheme: linear
      coordinate: air_pressure
```

Similar to any other fix, the ICON fix allows the use of *extra facets*. The configuration file `extra_facets_icon.yml` contains the defaults. For some variables, extra facets are necessary; otherwise ESMValCore cannot read them properly. Supported keys for extra facets are:

Key	Description	Default value if not specified
horizont	Absolute or relative (to auxiliary_data_dir) path to the ICON grid file	If not given, use file attribute grid_file_uri to retrieve ICON grid file (see details above)
lat_var	Variable name of the latitude coordinate in the raw input file/grid file	clat
lon_var	Variable name of the longitude coordinate in the raw input file/grid file	clon
pfull_va	Variable name of the pressure at full levels in the raw input file	pfull (dataset: ICON) or pres (dataset: ICON-XPP)
phalf_va	Variable name of the pressure at half levels in the raw input file	phalf
raw_name	Variable name of the variable in the raw input file	CMOR variable name of the corresponding variable
raw_unit	Units of the variable in the raw input file	If specified, the value given by the units attribute in the raw input file; otherwise unknown
shift_ti	Shift time points back by 1/2 of the corresponding output time interval	True
ugrid	Automatic UGRIDization of the input data	True
var_type	Variable type of the variable in the raw input file	No default (needs to be specified as extra facets or in recipe if default DRS is used)
zg_file	Absolute or relative (to auxiliary_data_dir) path to the the input file that contains the geometric height at full levels	If possible, use geometric height at full levels provided by the raw input file
zg_var	Variable name of the geometric height at full levels in the raw input file	zg
zghalf_f	Absolute or relative (to auxiliary_data_dir) path to the the input file that contains the geometric height at half levels	If possible, use geometric height at half levels provided by the raw input file
zghalf_v	Variable name of the geometric height at half levels in the raw input file	zghalf

Hint

In order to read cell area files (areacella and areacello), one additional manual step is necessary: Copy the ICON grid file (you can find a download link in the global attribute grid_file_uri of your ICON data) to your ICON input directory and change its name in such a way that only the grid file is found when the cell area variables are required. Make sure that this file is not found when other variables are loaded.

For example, you could use a new var_type, e.g., horizontalgrid for this file. Thus, an ICON grid file located in 2.6.1_atm_amip_R2B5_r1i1p1f1/2.6.1_atm_amip_R2B5_r1i1p1f1_horizontalgrid.nc can be found using var_type: horizontalgrid in the recipe (assuming the default naming conventions listed above). Make sure that no other variable uses this var_type.

If you want to use the *area_statistics()* preprocessor on *regridded* ICON data, make sure to **not** use the cell area files by using the skip: true syntax in the recipe as described in *Supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*, e.g.,

```
datasets:
  - {project: ICON, dataset: ICON, exp: amip,
     supplementary_variables: [{short_name: areacella, skip: true}]}
```

IPSL-CM6

Both output formats (i.e. the `Output` and the `Analyse / Time series` formats) are supported, and should be configured in recipes as e.g.:

```
datasets:
  - {simulation: CM61-LR-hist-03.1950, exp: piControl, out: Analyse, freq: TS_MO,
     account: p86caub,  status: PROD, dataset: IPSL-CM6, project: IPSLCM,
     root: /thredds/tgcc/store}
  - {simulation: CM61-LR-hist-03.1950, exp: historical, out: Output, freq: MO,
     account: p86caub,  status: PROD, dataset: IPSL-CM6, project: IPSLCM,
     root: /thredds/tgcc/store}
```

The `Output` format is an example of a case where variables are grouped in multi-variable files, which name cannot be computed directly from datasets attributes alone but requires the usage *Extra Facets*. The configuration file `extra_facets_ipslcm.yml` contains the default extra facets. These multi-variable files must also undergo some data selection.

ACCESS-ESM

ESMValTool can read native ACCESS-ESM model output.

Warning

This is the first version of ACCESS-ESM CMORizer for ESMValCore. Currently, Supported variables: `pr`, `ps`, `psl`, `rlds`, `tas`, `ta`, `va`, `ua`, `zg`, `hus`, `clt`, `rsus`, `rlus`.

The default naming conventions for input directories and files for ACCESS output are

- input directories: `{institute}/{sub_dataset}/{exp}/{modeling_realm}/netCDF`
- input files: `{sub_dataset}.{special_attr}-*.nc`

Hint

We only provide one default *input_dir* since this is how ACCESS-ESM native data was stored on NCI. Users can modify this path in the *Developer configuration file* to match their local file structure.

Thus, example dataset entries could look like this:

```
dataset:
  - {project: ACCESS, mip: Amon, dataset:ACCESS_ESM1_5, sub_dataset: HI-CN-05,
    exp: history, modeling_realm: atm, special_attr: pa, start_year: 1986, end_year:␣
↪1986}
```

Similar to any other fix, the ACCESS-ESM fix allows the use of *extra facets*. The configuration file `extra_facets_access.yml` contains the defaults. For some variables, extra facets are necessary; otherwise ESMValCore cannot read them properly. Supported keys for extra facets are:

Key	Description	Default value if not specified
raw_name	Variable name of the variable in the raw input file	CMOR variable name of the corresponding variable
modeling_	Realm attribute includes *atm*, *ice*, and *oce*	No default (needs to be specified as extra facets or in recipe if default DRS is used)
freq_attr	A special attribute in the filename *ACCESS-ESM* raw data, related to the frequency of raw data	No default
sub_datas	Part of the ACCESS-ESM raw dataset root, needs to be specified if you want to use the cmoriser	No default
ocean_gri	Path to load the grid data for ACCESS ocean variables	No default

3.3 Data retrieval

Data retrieval in ESMValCore has two main aspects from the user's point of view:

- data can be found by the tool, subject to availability on disk or ESGF;
- it is the user's responsibility to set the correct data retrieval parameters;

The first point is self-explanatory: if the user runs the tool on a machine that has access to a data repository or multiple data repositories, then ESMValCore will look for and find the available data requested by the user. If the files are not found locally, the tool can search the ESGF and download the missing files, provided that they are available.

The second point underlines the fact that the user has full control over what type and the amount of data is needed for the analyses. Setting the data retrieval parameters is explained below.

3.3.1 Enabling automatic downloads from the ESGF

To enable automatic downloads from ESGF, use the *configuration option* `search_esgf: when_missing` (use local files whenever possible) or `search_esgf: always` (always search ESGF for latest version of files and only use local data if it is the latest version). The files will be stored in the directory specified via the *configuration option* `download_dir`.

3.3.2 Setting the correct root paths

The first step towards providing ESMValCore the correct set of parameters for data retrieval is setting the root paths to the data. This is done in the configuration. The two sections where the user will set the paths are `rootpath` and `drs`. `rootpath` contains pointers to `CMIP`, `OBS`, `default` and `RAWOBS` root paths; `drs` sets the type of directory structure the root paths are structured by. It is important to first discuss the `drs` parameter: as we've seen in the previous section, the DRS as a standard is used for both file naming conventions and for directory structures.

3.3.3 Explaining `drs: CMIP5:` or `drs: CMIP6:`

Whereas ESMValCore will by default use the CMOR standard for file naming (please refer above), by setting the `drs` parameter the user tells the tool what type of root paths they need the data from, e.g.:

```
drs:
  CMIP6: BADC
```

will tell the tool that the user needs data from a repository structured according to the BADC DRS structure, i.e.:

`ROOT/{institute}/{dataset_name}/{experiment}/{ensemble}/{mip}/{variable_short_name}/{grid}`;

setting the ROOT parameter is explained below. This is a strictly-structured repository tree and if there are any sort of irregularities (e.g. there is no {mip} directory) the data will not be found! BADC can be replaced with DKRZ or ETHZ depending on the existing ROOT directory structure. The snippet

```
drs:
  CMIP6: default
```

is another way to retrieve data from a ROOT directory that has no DRS-like structure; `default` indicates that the data lies in a directory that contains all the files without any structure.

The names of the directories trees that can be used under *drs* are defined in *Developer configuration file*.

Note

When using `CMIP6: default` or `CMIP5: default`, all the needed files must be in the same top-level directory specified under `rootpath`. However, it is not recommended to use this, as it makes it impossible for the tool to read the facets from the directory tree. Moreover, this way of organizing data makes it impossible to store multiple versions of the same file because the files typically have the same name for different versions.

3.3.4 Explaining `rootpath:`

`rootpath` identifies the root directory for different data types (ROOT as we used it above):

- CMIP e.g. CMIP5 or CMIP6: this is the *root* path(s) to where the CMIP files are stored; it can be a single path, a list of paths, or a mapping with paths as keys and *drs* names as values; it can point to an ESGF node or it can point to a user private repository. Example for a CMIP5 root path pointing to the ESGF node mounted on CEDA-Jasmin (formerly known as BADC):

  ```
  rootpath:
    CMIP5: /badc/cmip5/data/cmip5/output1
  ```

  Example for a CMIP6 root path pointing to the ESGF node on CEDA-Jasmin:

  ```
  rootpath:
    CMIP6: /badc/cmip6/data/CMIP6
  ```

  Example for a mix of CMIP6 root path pointing to the ESGF node on CEDA-Jasmin and a user-specific data repository for extra data:

  ```
  rootpath:
    CMIP6:
      /badc/cmip6/data/CMIP6: BADC
      ~/climate_data: ESGF
  ```

  Note that this notation combines the `rootpath` and `drs` settings, so it is not necessary to specify the directory structure in under `drs` in this case.

- OBS: this is the *root* path(s) to where the observational datasets are stored; again, this could be a single path or a list of paths, just like for CMIP data. Example for the OBS path for a large cache of observation datasets on CEDA-Jasmin:

  ```
  rootpath:
    OBS: /gws/nopw/j04/esmeval/obsdata-v2
  ```

- `default`: this is the *root* path(s) where the tool will look for data from projects that do not have their own rootpath set.

- `RAWOBS`: this is the *root* path(s) to where the raw observational data files are stored; this is used by `esmvaltool data format`.

3.3.5 Synda

If the synda install command is used to download data, it maintains the directory structure as on ESGF. To find data downloaded by synda, use the `SYNDA drs` parameter.

```
drs:
  CMIP6: SYNDA
  CMIP5: SYNDA
```

3.3.6 Dataset definitions in `recipe`

Once the correct paths have been established, ESMValCore collects the information on the specific datasets that are needed for the analysis. This information, together with the CMOR convention for naming files (see *CMOR-DRS*) will allow the tool to search and find the right files. The specific datasets are listed in any recipe, under either the `datasets` and/or `additional_datasets` sections, e.g.

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: HadGEM2-CC, project: CMIP5, exp: historical, ensemble: r1i1p1, start_year:␣
↪2001, end_year: 2004}
  - {dataset: UKESM1-0-LL, project: CMIP6, exp: historical, ensemble: r1i1p1f2, grid: gn,
↪ start_year: 2004, end_year: 2014}
```

The data finding feature will use this information to find data for **all** the variables specified in `diagnostics/variables`.

3.4 Recap and example

Let us look at a practical example for a recap of the information above: suppose you are using configuration that has the following entries for data finding:

```
rootpath:  # running on CEDA-Jasmin
  CMIP6: /badc/cmip6/data/CMIP6/CMIP
drs:
  CMIP6: BADC  # since you are on CEDA-Jasmin
```

and the dataset you need is specified in your `recipe.yml` as:

```
- {dataset: UKESM1-0-LL, project: CMIP6, mip: Amon, exp: historical, grid: gn, ensemble:␣
↪r1i1p1f2, start_year: 2004, end_year: 2014}
```

for a variable, e.g.:

```
diagnostics:
  some_diagnostic:
    description: some_description
    variables:
      ta:
        preprocessor: some_preprocessor
```

The tool will then use the root path `/badc/cmip6/data/CMIP6/CMIP` and the dataset information and will assemble the full DRS path using information from *CMOR-DRS* and establish the path to the files as:

```
/badc/cmip6/data/CMIP6/CMIP/MOHC/UKESM1-0-LL/historical/r1i1p1f2/Amon
```

then look for variable `ta` and specifically the latest version of the data file:

```
/badc/cmip6/data/CMIP6/CMIP/MOHC/UKESM1-0-LL/historical/r1i1p1f2/Amon/ta/gn/latest/
```

and finally, using the file naming definition from *CMOR-DRS* find the file:

```
/badc/cmip6/data/CMIP6/CMIP/MOHC/UKESM1-0-LL/historical/r1i1p1f2/Amon/ta/gn/latest/ta_
↪Amon_UKESM1-0-LL_historical_r1i1p1f2_gn_195001-201412.nc
```

3.5 Data loading

Data loading is done using the data load functionality of *iris*; we will not go into too much detail about this since we can point the user to the specific functionality here but we will underline that the initial loading is done by adhering to the CF Conventions that *iris* operates by as well (see CF Conventions Document and the search page for CF standard names).

3.6 Data concatenation from multiple sources

Oftentimes data retrieving results in assembling a continuous data stream from multiple files or even, multiple experiments. The internal mechanism through which the assembly is done is via cube concatenation. One peculiarity of iris concatenation (see iris cube concatenation) is that it doesn't allow for concatenating time-overlapping cubes; this case is rather frequent with data from models overlapping in time, and is accounted for by a function that performs a flexible concatenation between two cubes, depending on the particular setup:

- cubes overlap in time: resulting cube is made up of the overlapping data plus left and right hand sides on each side of the overlapping data; note that in the case of the cubes coming from different experiments the resulting concatenated cube will have composite data made up from multiple experiments: assume [cube1: exp1, cube2: exp2] and cube1 starts before cube2, and cube2 finishes after cube1, then the concatenated cube will be made up of cube2: exp2 plus the section of cube1: exp1 that contains data not provided in cube2: exp2;
- cubes don't overlap in time: data from the two cubes is bolted together;

Note that two cube concatenation is the base operation of an iterative process of reducing multiple cubes from multiple data segments via cube concatenation ie if there is no time-overlapping data, the cubes concatenation is performed in one step.

3.7 Use of extra facets in the datafinder

Extra facets are a mechanism to provide additional information for certain kinds of data. The general approach is described in *Extra Facets*. Here, we describe how they can be used to locate data files within the datafinder framework. This is useful to build paths for directory structures and file names that require more information than what is provided in the recipe. A common application is the location of variables in multi-variable files as often found in climate models' native output formats.

Another use case is files that use different names for variables in their file name than for the netCDF4 variable name.

To apply the extra facets for this purpose, simply use the corresponding tag in the applicable DRS inside the *Developer configuration file*. For example, given the extra facets

```
projects:
  native6:
```

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```
    extra_facets:
      ERA5:
        Amon:
          tas:
            source_var_name: t2m
```

a corresponding entry in the developer configuration file could look like:

Listing 1: Contents of `config-developer.yml`

```
native6:
  input_file:
    default: '{source_var_name}_*.nc'
```

The same replacement mechanism can be employed everywhere where tags can be used, particularly in `input_dir`, `input_file`, and `output_file`.

CHAPTER

FOUR

RUNNING

The ESMValCore package provides the `esmvaltool` command line tool, which can be used to run a *recipe*.

To list the available commands, run

```
esmvaltool --help
```

It is also possible to get help on specific commands, e.g.

```
esmvaltool run --help
```

will display the help message with all options for the `run` command.

To run a recipe, call `esmvaltool run` with the path to the desired recipe:

```
esmvaltool run recipe_example.yml
```

The `esmvaltool run recipe_example.yml` command will first look if `recipe_example.yml` is the path to an existing file. If this is the case, it will run that recipe. If you have ESMValTool installed, it will look if the name matches one of the recipes in your ESMValTool installation directory, in the subdirectory recipes and run that.

Note

There is no `recipe_example.yml` shipped with either ESMValCore or ESMValTool. If you would like to try out the command above, replace `recipe_example.yml` with the path to an existing recipe, e.g. examples/recipe_python.yml if you have the ESMValTool package installed.

To work with installed recipes, the ESMValTool package provides the `esmvaltool recipes` command, see Available diagnostics and metrics.

By default, ESMValTool searches for *configuration files* in `~/.config/esmvaltool`. If you'd like to use a custom location, you can specify this via the `--config_dir` command line argument:

```
esmvaltool run --config_dir /path/to/custom_config recipe_example.yml
```

It is also possible to explicitly set configuration options with command line arguments:

```
esmvaltool run --argument_name argument_value recipe_example.yml
```

To automatically download the files required to run a recipe from ESGF, use the *configuration option* `search_esgf=when_missing` (use local files whenever possible) or `search_esgf=always` (always search ESGF for latest version of files and only use local data if it is the latest version):

```
esmvaltool run --search_esgf=when_missing recipe_example.yml
```

or

```
esmvaltool run --search_esgf=always recipe_example.yml
```

This feature is available for projects that are hosted on the ESGF, i.e. CMIP3, CMIP5, CMIP6, CORDEX, and obs4MIPs.

To control the strictness of the CMOR checker and the checks during concatenation on auxiliary coordinates, supplementary variables, and derived coordinates, use the flag `--check_level`:

```
esmvaltool run --check_level=relaxed recipe_example.yml
```

Possible values are:

- *ignore*: all errors will be reported as warnings. Concatenation will be performed without checks.
- *relaxed*: only fail if there are critical errors. Concatenation will be performed without checks.
- *default*: fail if there are any errors.
- *strict*: fail if there are any warnings.

To reuse pre-processed files from a previous run of the same recipe, you can use

```
esmvaltool run recipe_example.yml --resume_from ~/esmvaltool_output/recipe_python_
↪20210930_123907
```

Multiple directories can be specified for reuse, make sure to quote them:

```
esmvaltool run recipe_example.yml --resume_from "~/esmvaltool_output/recipe_python_
↪20210930_101007 ~/esmvaltool_output/recipe_python_20210930_123907"
```

The first preprocessor directory containing the required data will be used.

This feature can be useful when developing new diagnostics, because it avoids the need to re-run the preprocessor. Another potential use case is running the preprocessing part of a recipe on one or more machines that have access to a lot of data and then running the diagnostics on a machine without access to data.

To run only the preprocessor tasks from a recipe, use

```
esmvaltool run recipe_example.yml --remove_preproc_dir=False --run_diagnostic=False
```

Note

Only preprocessing *tasks* that completed successfully can be reused with the `--resume_from` option. Preprocessing tasks that completed successfully, contain a file called *metadata.yml* in their output directory.

To run a reduced version of the recipe, usually for testing purpose you can use

```
esmvaltool run --max_datasets=NDATASETS --max_years=NYEARS recipe_example.yml
```

In this case, the recipe will limit the number of datasets per variable to NDATASETS and the total amount of years loaded to NYEARS. They can also be used separately. Note that diagnostics may require specific combinations of available data, so use the above two flags at your own risk and for testing purposes only.

To run a recipe, even if some datasets are not available, use

```
esmvaltool run --skip_nonexistent=True recipe_example.yml
```

It is also possible to select only specific diagnostics to be run. To tun only one, just specify its name. To provide more than one diagnostic to filter use the syntax 'diag1 diag2/script1' or '("diag1", "diag2/script1")' and pay attention to the quotes.

```
esmvaltool run --diagnostics=diagnostic1 recipe_example.yml
```

Note

ESMValTool command line interface is created using the Fire python package. This package supports the creation of completion scripts for the Bash and Fish shells. Go to https://google.github.io/python-fire/using-cli/#python-fires-flags to learn how to set up them.

CHAPTER

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OUTPUT

ESMValTool automatically generates a new output directory with every run. The location is determined by the `output_dir` *configuration option*, the recipe name, and the date and time, using the the format: `YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS`.

For instance, a typical output location would be: `output_directory/recipe_ocean_amoc_20190118_1027/`

This is effectively produced by the combination: `output_dir/recipe_name_YYYYMMDD_HHMMSS/`

This directory will contain 4 further subdirectories:

1. *Diagnostic output* (`work`): A place for any diagnostic script results that are not plots, e.g. files in NetCDF format (depends on the diagnostics).
2. *Plots* (`plots`): The location for all the plots, split by individual diagnostics and fields.
3. *Run* (`run`): This directory includes all log files, a copy of the recipe, a summary of the resource usage, and the *settings.yml* interface files and temporary files created by the diagnostic scripts.
4. *Preprocessed datasets* (`preproc`): This directory contains all the preprocessed netcdfs data and the *metadata.yml* interface files. Note that by default this directory will be deleted after each run, because most users will only need the results from the diagnostic scripts.

A summary of the output is produced in the file: `index.html`

5.1 Preprocessed datasets

The preprocessed datasets will be stored to the preproc/ directory. Each variable in each diagnostic will have its own the *metadata.yml* interface files saved in the preproc directory.

If the *configuration option* `save_intermediary_cubes` is set to `true`, then the intermediary cubes will also be saved here (default: `false`).

If the *configuration option* `remove_preproc_dir` is set to `true`, then the preproc directory will be deleted after the run completes (default: `true`).

5.2 Run

The log files in the run directory are automatically generated by ESMValTool and create a record of the output messages produced by ESMValTool and they are saved in the run directory. They can be helpful for debugging or monitoring the job, but also allow a record of the job output to screen after the job has been completed.

The run directory will also contain a copy of the recipe and the *settings.yml* file, described below. The run directory is also where the diagnostics are executed, and may also contain several temporary files while diagnostics are running.

5.3 Diagnostic output

The work/ directory will contain all files that are output at the diagnostic stage. Ie, the model data is preprocessed by ESMValTool and stored in the preproc/ directory. These files are opened by the diagnostic script, then some processing is applied. Once the diagnostic level processing has been applied, the results should be saved to the work directory.

5.4 Plots

The plots directory is where diagnostics save their output figures. These plots are saved in the format requested by the *configuration option* `output_file_type`.

5.5 Settings.yml

The settings.yml file is automatically generated by ESMValTool. Each diagnostic will produce a unique settings.yml file.

The settings.yml file passes several global level keys to diagnostic scripts. This includes several flags from the global configuration (such as `log_level`), several paths which are specific to the diagnostic being run (such as `plot_dir` and `run_dir`) and the location on disk of the `metadata.yml` file (described below).

```
input_files:[[...]recipe_ocean_bgc_20190118_134855/preproc/diag_timeseries_scalars/mfo/
↪metadata.yml]
log_level: debug
output_file_type: png
plot_dir: [...]recipe_ocean_bgc_20190118_134855/plots/diag_timeseries_scalars/Scalar_
↪timeseries
profile_diagnostic: false
recipe: recipe_ocean_bgc.yml
run_dir: [...]recipe_ocean_bgc_20190118_134855/run/diag_timeseries_scalars/Scalar_
↪timeseries
script: Scalar_timeseries
version: 2.0a1
work_dir: [...]recipe_ocean_bgc_20190118_134855/work/diag_timeseries_scalars/Scalar_
↪timeseries
```

The first item in the settings file will be a list of *Metadata.yml* files. There is a metadata.yml file generated for each field in each diagnostic.

5.6 Metadata.yml

The metadata.yml files is automatically generated by ESMValTool. Along with the settings.yml file, it passes all the paths, boolean flags, and additional arguments that your diagnostic needs to know in order to run.

The metadata is loaded from cfg as a dictionary object in python diagnostics.

Here is an example metadata.yml file:

```
?
  [...]/recipe_ocean_bgc_20190118_134855/preproc/diag_timeseries_scalars/mfo/CMIP5_
↪HadGEM2-ES_Omon_historical_r1i1p1_TO0M_mfo_2002-2004.nc
  : cmor_table: CMIP5
  dataset: HadGEM2-ES
  diagnostic: diag_timeseries_scalars
```

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```
  end_year: 2004
  ensemble: r1i1p1
  exp: historical
  field: TO0M
  filename: [...]recipe_ocean_bgc_20190118_134855/preproc/diag_timeseries_scalars/mfo/
↪CMIP5_HadGEM2-ES_Omon_historical_r1i1p1_TO0M_mfo_2002-2004.nc
  frequency: mon
  institute: [INPE, MOHC]
  long_name: Sea Water Transport
  mip: Omon
  modeling_realm: [ocean]
  preprocessor: prep_timeseries_scalar
  project: CMIP5
  recipe_dataset_index: 0
  short_name: mfo
  standard_name: sea_water_transport_across_line
  start_year: 2002
  units: kg s-1
  variable_group: mfo
```

As you can see, this is effectively a dictionary with several items including data paths, metadata and other information.

There are several tools available in python which are built to read and parse these files. The tools are available in the shared directory in the diagnostics directory.

Part II

Example notebooks

Example notebooks are available in the notebooks folder and can also be viewed here. These notebooks demonstrate the use of the *Python API*.

CHAPTER

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COMPOSING RECIPES

This notebooks shows how to fill the datasets section in a recipe.

[1]:
```
import yaml

from esmvalcore.config import CFG
from esmvalcore.dataset import Dataset, datasets_to_recipe
```

Configure ESMValCore so it always searches the ESGF for data

[2]:
```
CFG["search_esgf"] = "always"
```

Here is a small example recipe, that uses the `datasets_to_recipe` function to convert a list of datasets to a recipe:

[3]:
```
tas = Dataset(
    short_name="tas",
    mip="Amon",
    project="CMIP6",
    dataset="CanESM5-1",
    ensemble="r1i1p1f1",
    exp="historical",
    grid="gn",
    timerange="2000/2002",
)
tas["diagnostic"] = "diagnostic_name"

pr = tas.copy(short_name="pr")

print(yaml.safe_dump(datasets_to_recipe([tas, pr])))
```

```
datasets:
- dataset: CanESM5-1
diagnostics:
  diagnostic_name:
    variables:
      pr:
        ensemble: r1i1p1f1
        exp: historical
        grid: gn
        mip: Amon
        project: CMIP6
        timerange: 2000/2002
```

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```
    tas:
      ensemble: r1i1p1f1
      exp: historical
      grid: gn
      mip: Amon
      project: CMIP6
      timerange: 2000/2002
```

A more ambitious recipe might want to use all data that is available on ESGF. We can define a dataset template with a facet value of * where any value can be used. This can then be expanded to a list of datasets using the `from_files()` method.

[4]:
```
dataset_template = Dataset(
    short_name="tas",
    mip="Amon",
    project="CMIP6",
    exp="historical",
    dataset="*",
    institute="*",
    ensemble="*",
    grid="*",
)
datasets = list(dataset_template.from_files())
len(datasets)
```

[4]:
```
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```

This results in the following recipe:

[5]:
```
for dataset in datasets:
    dataset.facets["diagnostic"] = "diagnostic_name"
print(yaml.safe_dump(datasets_to_recipe(datasets)))
```

```
datasets:
- dataset: TaiESM1
  ensemble: r(1:2)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: AS-RCEC
- dataset: AWI-CM-1-1-MR
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: AWI
- dataset: AWI-ESM-1-1-LR
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: AWI
- dataset: BCC-CSM2-MR
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: BCC
- dataset: BCC-ESM1
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
```

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```
  grid: gn
  institute: BCC
- dataset: CAMS-CSM1-0
  ensemble: r1i1p1f2
  grid: gn
  institute: CAMS
- dataset: CAMS-CSM1-0
  ensemble: r(1:2)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CAMS
- dataset: CAS-ESM2-0
  ensemble: r(1:4)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CAS
- dataset: FGOALS-f3-L
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: CAS
- dataset: FGOALS-g3
  ensemble: r(1:6)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CAS
- dataset: IITM-ESM
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CCCR-IITM
- dataset: CanESM5-1
  ensemble: r(1:20)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CCCma
- dataset: CanESM5-1
  ensemble: r(1:25)i1p2f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CCCma
- dataset: CanESM5-1
  ensemble: r22i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CCCma
- dataset: CanESM5-1
  ensemble: r(24:39)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CCCma
- dataset: CanESM5-1
  ensemble: r(41:50)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CCCma
- dataset: CanESM5-CanOE
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p2f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CCCma
- dataset: CanESM5
  ensemble: r(1:25)i1p1f1
```

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```
  grid: gn
  institute: CCCma
- dataset: CanESM5
  ensemble: r(1:40)i1p2f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CCCma
- dataset: CMCC-CM2-HR4
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CMCC
- dataset: CMCC-CM2-SR5
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CMCC
- dataset: CMCC-CM2-SR5
  ensemble: r(2:11)i1p2f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CMCC
- dataset: CMCC-ESM2
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CMCC
- dataset: CNRM-CM6-1-HR
  ensemble: r1i1p1f2
  grid: gr
  institute: CNRM-CERFACS
- dataset: CNRM-CM6-1
  ensemble: r(1:30)i1p1f2
  grid: gr
  institute: CNRM-CERFACS
- dataset: CNRM-ESM2-1
  ensemble: r(1:11)i1p1f2
  grid: gr
  institute: CNRM-CERFACS
- dataset: ACCESS-CM2
  ensemble: r(1:10)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CSIRO-ARCCSS
- dataset: ACCESS-ESM1-5
  ensemble: r(1:40)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: CSIRO
- dataset: E3SM-1-0
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: E3SM-Project
- dataset: E3SM-1-1-ECA
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: E3SM-Project
- dataset: E3SM-1-1
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
```

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```
  grid: gr
  institute: E3SM-Project
- dataset: E3SM-2-0
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: E3SM-Project
- dataset: EC-Earth3-AerChem
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3-AerChem
  ensemble: r(3:4)i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3-CC
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3-CC
  ensemble: r4i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3-CC
  ensemble: r(6:13)i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3-Veg-LR
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3-Veg
  ensemble: r(1:6)i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3-Veg
  ensemble: r10i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3-Veg
  ensemble: r12i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3-Veg
  ensemble: r14i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3
  ensemble: r(1:7)i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3
  ensemble: r(9:25)i1p1f1
```

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```
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: EC-Earth3
  ensemble: r(101:150)i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: EC-Earth-Consortium
- dataset: FIO-ESM-2-0
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: FIO-QLNM
- dataset: MPI-ESM-1-2-HAM
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: HAMMOZ-Consortium
- dataset: INM-CM4-8
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gr1
  institute: INM
- dataset: INM-CM5-0
  ensemble: r(1:10)i1p1f1
  grid: gr1
  institute: INM
- dataset: IPSL-CM5A2-INCA
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: IPSL
- dataset: IPSL-CM6A-LR-INCA
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: IPSL
- dataset: IPSL-CM6A-LR
  ensemble: r(1:33)i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: IPSL
- dataset: KIOST-ESM
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gr1
  institute: KIOST
- dataset: MIROC-ES2H
  ensemble: r1i1p(1:3)f2
  grid: gn
  institute: MIROC
- dataset: MIROC-ES2H
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p4f2
  grid: gn
  institute: MIROC
- dataset: MIROC-ES2L
  ensemble: r1i1000p1f2
  grid: gn
  institute: MIROC
- dataset: MIROC-ES2L
  ensemble: r(1:30)i1p1f2
```

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```
  grid: gn
  institute: MIROC
- dataset: MIROC6
  ensemble: r(1:50)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: MIROC
- dataset: HadGEM3-GC31-LL
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p1f3
  grid: gn
  institute: MOHC
- dataset: HadGEM3-GC31-MM
  ensemble: r(1:4)i1p1f3
  grid: gn
  institute: MOHC
- dataset: UKESM1-0-LL
  ensemble: r(1:4)i1p1f2
  grid: gn
  institute: MOHC
- dataset: UKESM1-0-LL
  ensemble: r(5:7)i1p1f3
  grid: gn
  institute: MOHC
- dataset: UKESM1-0-LL
  ensemble: r(8:12)i1p1f2
  grid: gn
  institute: MOHC
- dataset: UKESM1-0-LL
  ensemble: r(16:19)i1p1f2
  grid: gn
  institute: MOHC
- dataset: UKESM1-1-LL
  ensemble: r1i1p1f2
  grid: gn
  institute: MOHC
- dataset: ICON-ESM-LR
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: MPI-M
- dataset: MPI-ESM1-2-HR
  ensemble: r(1:10)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: MPI-M
- dataset: MPI-ESM1-2-LR
  ensemble: r1i2000p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: MPI-M
- dataset: MPI-ESM1-2-LR
  ensemble: r(1:30)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: MPI-M
- dataset: MRI-ESM2-0
  ensemble: r1i2p1f1
```

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```
  grid: gn
  institute: MRI
- dataset: MRI-ESM2-0
  ensemble: r1i1000p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: MRI
- dataset: MRI-ESM2-0
  ensemble: r(1:10)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: MRI
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-G-CC
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-G
  ensemble: r(1:4)i1p5f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-G
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p1f3
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-G
  ensemble: r(1:10)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-G
  ensemble: r(1:10)i1p3f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-G
  ensemble: r(1:11)i1p1f2
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-G
  ensemble: r(6:10)i1p5f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-G
  ensemble: r(101:102)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-H
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p1f2
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-H
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p3f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-H
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p5f1
```

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```
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-1-H
  ensemble: r(1:10)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-2-G
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p3f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-2-G
  ensemble: r(1:6)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: GISS-E2-2-H
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NASA-GISS
- dataset: CESM2-FV2
  ensemble: r1i2p2f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NCAR
- dataset: CESM2-FV2
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NCAR
- dataset: CESM2-WACCM-FV2
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NCAR
- dataset: CESM2-WACCM
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NCAR
- dataset: CESM2
  ensemble: r(1:11)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NCAR
- dataset: NorCPM1
  ensemble: r(1:30)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NCC
- dataset: NorESM2-LM
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NCC
- dataset: NorESM2-MM
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NCC
- dataset: KACE-1-0-G
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
```

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```
  grid: gr
  institute: NIMS-KMA
- dataset: UKESM1-0-LL
  ensemble: r(13:15)i1p1f2
  grid: gn
  institute: NIMS-KMA
- dataset: GFDL-CM4
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gr1
  institute: NOAA-GFDL
- dataset: GFDL-ESM4
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gr1
  institute: NOAA-GFDL
- dataset: NESM3
  ensemble: r(1:5)i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: NUIST
- dataset: SAM0-UNICON
  ensemble: r1i1p1f1
  grid: gn
  institute: SNU
- dataset: CIESM
  ensemble: r(1:3)i1p1f1
  grid: gr
  institute: THU
- dataset: MCM-UA-1-0
  ensemble: r1i1p1f(1:2)
  grid: gn
  institute: UA
diagnostics:
  diagnostic_name:
    variables:
      tas:
        exp: historical
        mip: Amon
        project: CMIP6
```

CHAPTER

SEVEN

DISCOVERING DATA

This notebook shows how to find out what data is available locally as well as on ESGF. It also shows how to download the data from ESGF.

[1]:
```
from esmvalcore.config import CFG
from esmvalcore.dataset import Dataset
from esmvalcore.esgf import download
```

Configure ESMValCore so it always searches the ESGF for data

[2]:
```
CFG["search_esgf"] = "always"
```

We define a dataset template to search for all CMIP6 datasets that provide surface air temperature (tas) on a monthly resolution for the historical experiment. Note that ESMValCore uses its own names for the facets for a more uniform naming across different CMIP phases and other projects. The mapping to the facet names used on ESGF can be found in esmvalcore.esgf.facets.FACETS.

[3]:
```
dataset_template = Dataset(
    short_name="tas",
    mip="Amon",
    project="CMIP6",
    exp="historical",
    dataset="*",
    institute="*",
    ensemble="*",
    grid="*",
)
```

Next, we use the `Dataset.from_files` method to build a list of datasets from the available files. This may take a while as searching the ESGF for many files is a bit slow. Because the search results are cached for a configurable duration, subsequent searches will be faster.

[4]:
```
datasets = list(dataset_template.from_files())
print(f"Found {len(datasets)} datasets, showing the first 10:")
datasets[:10]
```

```
Found 778 datasets, showing the first 10:
```

[4]:
```
[Dataset:
 {'dataset': 'TaiESM1',
  'project': 'CMIP6',
  'mip': 'Amon',
  'short_name': 'tas',
```

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```
 'ensemble': 'r1i1p1f1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'grid': 'gn',
 'institute': 'AS-RCEC'},
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'TaiESM1',
 'project': 'CMIP6',
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r2i1p1f1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'grid': 'gn',
 'institute': 'AS-RCEC'},
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'AWI-CM-1-1-MR',
 'project': 'CMIP6',
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r1i1p1f1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'grid': 'gn',
 'institute': 'AWI'},
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'AWI-CM-1-1-MR',
 'project': 'CMIP6',
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r2i1p1f1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'grid': 'gn',
 'institute': 'AWI'},
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'AWI-CM-1-1-MR',
 'project': 'CMIP6',
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r3i1p1f1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'grid': 'gn',
 'institute': 'AWI'},
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'AWI-CM-1-1-MR',
 'project': 'CMIP6',
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r4i1p1f1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'grid': 'gn',
 'institute': 'AWI'},
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'AWI-CM-1-1-MR',
 'project': 'CMIP6',
```

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```
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r5i1p1f1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'grid': 'gn',
 'institute': 'AWI'},
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'AWI-ESM-1-1-LR',
 'project': 'CMIP6',
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r1i1p1f1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'grid': 'gn',
 'institute': 'AWI'},
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'BCC-CSM2-MR',
 'project': 'CMIP6',
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r1i1p1f1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'grid': 'gn',
 'institute': 'BCC'},
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'BCC-CSM2-MR',
 'project': 'CMIP6',
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r2i1p1f1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'grid': 'gn',
 'institute': 'BCC'}]
```

Let's look at the first dataset in more detail. We can print the facets describing the dataset:

[5]:
```
dataset = datasets[0]
dataset
```

[5]:
```
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'TaiESM1',
 'project': 'CMIP6',
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r1i1p1f1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'grid': 'gn',
 'institute': 'AS-RCEC'}
```

and see what files are available:

[6]:
```
dataset.files
```

[6]:
```
[ESGFFile:CMIP6/CMIP/AS-RCEC/TaiESM1/historical/r1i1p1f1/Amon/tas/gn/v20200623/tas_Amon_
↪TaiESM1_historical_r1i1p1f1_gn_185001-201412.nc on hosts ['esgf-data1.llnl.gov', 'esgf.
↪ceda.ac.uk', 'esgf.rcec.sinica.edu.tw', 'esgf3.dkrz.de', 'esgf-data04.diasjp.net',
↪'esgf.nci.org.au', 'esgf3.dkrz.de']]
```

A single file can be downloaded using its `download` method:

[7]:
```
dataset.files[0].download(CFG["download_dir"])
```

[7]:
```
LocalFile('~/climate_data/CMIP6/CMIP/AS-RCEC/TaiESM1/historical/r1i1p1f1/Amon/tas/gn/
↪v20200623/tas_Amon_TaiESM1_historical_r1i1p1f1_gn_185001-201412.nc')
```

For downloading many files, the esmvalcore.esgf.download function is recommended because it will download the files in parallel. The ESMValCore will try to guess the fastest host and download from there. If it is not available for some reason, it will automatically fall back to the next host.

[8]:
```
download(dataset.files, CFG["download_dir"])
```

CHAPTER

EIGHT

LOADING, PROCESSING, AND VISUALIZING DATA

This notebook shows how to load a dataset, use the preprocessor functions, and visualize the result. In this notebook we will plot the annual mean temperature from 1850 till 2100 from one model.

[1]:
```
%matplotlib inline

import iris.quickplot
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from esmvalcore.config import CFG
from esmvalcore.dataset import Dataset
from esmvalcore.esgf import ESGFFile, download
from esmvalcore.preprocessor import annual_statistics, area_statistics
```

Configure ESMValCore so it searches the ESGF for data

[2]:
```
CFG["search_esgf"] = "when_missing"
```

Define the dataset we are going to use. In this case surface air temperature (`tas`).

[3]:
```
tas = Dataset(
    short_name="tas",
    mip="Amon",
    project="CMIP5",
    dataset="MPI-ESM-MR",
    ensemble="r1i1p1",
    exp="historical",
    timerange="1850/2000",
)
tas
```

[3]:
```
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'MPI-ESM-MR',
 'project': 'CMIP5',
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r1i1p1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'timerange': '1850/2000'}
```

In order to compute the area average later on, we add the cell areas (`areacella`) as a supplementary dataset. This will append a new dataset to the list of supplementary datasets. Its facets are copied from the `tas` dataset and updated with the provided facets:

[4]:
```
tas.add_supplementary(short_name="areacella", mip="fx", ensemble="r0i0p0")
tas.supplementaries
```

[4]:
```
[Dataset:
 {'dataset': 'MPI-ESM-MR',
  'project': 'CMIP5',
  'mip': 'fx',
  'short_name': 'areacella',
  'ensemble': 'r0i0p0',
  'exp': 'historical',
  'timerange': '1850/2000'}]
```

ESMValCore can automatically add extra facets based on the `project`, `mip`, `short_name`, and `dataset`. These extra facets are automatically added and used when searching for input files.

[5]:
```
tas.augment_facets()
tas
```

[5]:
```
Dataset:
{'dataset': 'MPI-ESM-MR',
 'project': 'CMIP5',
 'mip': 'Amon',
 'short_name': 'tas',
 'ensemble': 'r1i1p1',
 'exp': 'historical',
 'frequency': 'mon',
 'institute': ['MPI-M'],
 'long_name': 'Near-Surface Air Temperature',
 'modeling_realm': ['atmos'],
 'original_short_name': 'tas',
 'product': ['output1', 'output2'],
 'standard_name': 'air_temperature',
 'timerange': '1850/2000',
 'units': 'K'}
supplementaries:
  {'dataset': 'MPI-ESM-MR',
   'project': 'CMIP5',
   'mip': 'fx',
   'short_name': 'areacella',
   'ensemble': 'r0i0p0',
   'exp': 'historical',
   'frequency': 'fx',
   'institute': ['MPI-M'],
   'long_name': 'Atmosphere Grid-Cell Area',
   'modeling_realm': ['atmos', 'land'],
   'original_short_name': 'areacella',
   'product': ['output1', 'output2'],
   'standard_name': 'cell_area',
   'units': 'm2'}
session: 'session-686367c0-001c-4864-839d-c20887cf7415_20230301_160531'
```

Use the `find_files` method to find the files corresponding to the dataset.

[6]:
```
tas.find_files()
```

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```
print(tas.files)
for supplementary_ds in tas.supplementaries:
    print(supplementary_ds.files)
```

```
[ESGFFile:cmip5/output1/MPI-M/MPI-ESM-MR/historical/mon/atmos/Amon/r1i1p1/v20120503/tas_
↪Amon_MPI-ESM-MR_historical_r1i1p1_185001-200512.nc on hosts ['aims3.llnl.gov', 'esgf.
↪ceda.ac.uk', 'esgf.nci.org.au', 'esgf1.dkrz.de']]
[ESGFFile:cmip5/output1/MPI-M/MPI-ESM-MR/historical/fx/atmos/fx/r0i0p0/v20120503/
↪areacella_fx_MPI-ESM-MR_historical_r0i0p0.nc on hosts ['aims3.llnl.gov', 'esgf.ceda.ac.
↪uk', 'esgf.nci.org.au', 'esgf1.dkrz.de']]
```

If the files are not available locally, ESMValCore can download them for us.

[7]:
```
files = list(tas.files)
for supplementary_ds in tas.supplementaries:
    files.extend(supplementary_ds.files)
files = [file for file in files if isinstance(file, ESGFFile)]
download(files, CFG["download_dir"])
tas.find_files()
print(tas.files)
for supplementary_ds in tas.supplementaries:
    print(supplementary_ds.files)
```

```
[LocalFile('~/climate_data/cmip5/output1/MPI-M/MPI-ESM-MR/historical/mon/atmos/Amon/
↪r1i1p1/v20120503/tas_Amon_MPI-ESM-MR_historical_r1i1p1_185001-200512.nc')]
[LocalFile('~/climate_data/cmip5/output1/MPI-M/MPI-ESM-MR/historical/fx/atmos/fx/r0i0p0/
↪v20120503/areacella_fx_MPI-ESM-MR_historical_r0i0p0.nc')]
```

The data in the files can be loaded into an iris.cube.Cube. ESMValCore will automatically check for and fix problems with the data formatting and attach the cell area.

[8]:
```
cube = tas.load()
cube
```

[8]:
```
<iris 'Cube' of air_temperature / (K) (time: 1812; latitude: 96; longitude: 192)>
```

[9]:
```
cell_area = cube.cell_measures()[0]
cell_area
```

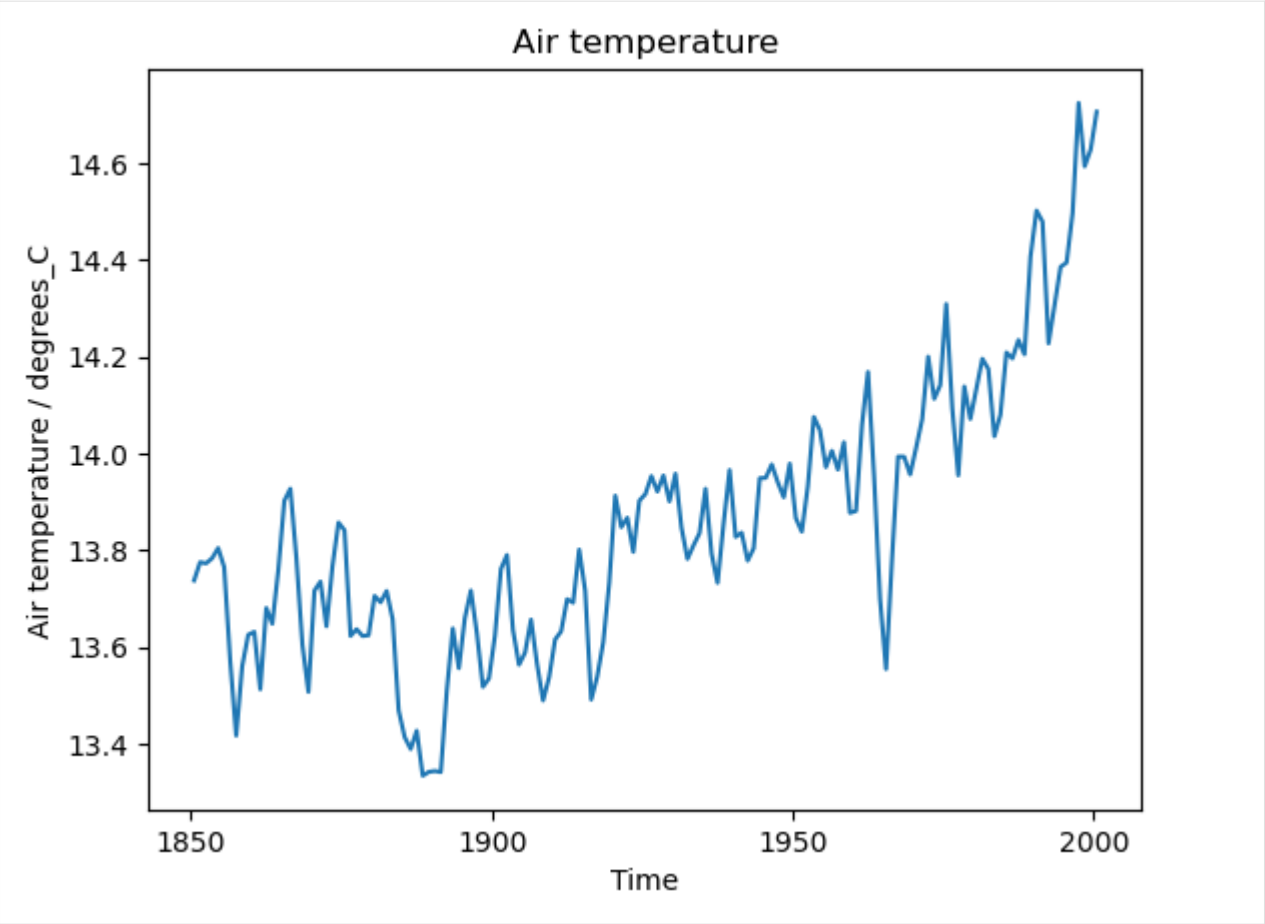
[9]:
```
<CellMeasure: cell_area / (m2)  <lazy>  shape(96, 192)>
```

This code shows how to use some esmvalcore.preprocessor functions to compute the global annual mean temperature in degrees Celsius:

[10]:
```
cube = area_statistics(cube, operator="mean")
cube = annual_statistics(cube, operator="mean")
cube.convert_units("degrees_C")
```

The iris.quickplot module has useful functions for quickly plotting the results:

[11]:
```
iris.quickplot.plot(cube)
plt.show()
```


Air temperature
Air temperature / degrees_C
14.6
14.4
14.2
14.0
13.8
13.6
13.4
1850
1900
1950
2000
Time

Part III

The recipe format

CHAPTER

NINE

OVERVIEW

The recipe is the main control file of ESMValTool. It is the only required argument for the `esmvaltool` command line program. Recipes contain the data and data analysis information and instructions needed to run the diagnostic(s), as well as specific diagnostic-related instructions.

Broadly, recipes contain a general section summarizing the provenance and functionality of the diagnostics, the datasets which need to be run, the preprocessors that need to be applied, and the diagnostics which need to be run over the preprocessed data. This information is provided to ESMValTool in four main recipe sections: *Documentation*, *Datasets*, *Preprocessors*, and *Diagnostics*, respectively.

9.1 Recipe section: `documentation`

The documentation section includes:

- The recipe's author's user name (`authors`, matching the definitions in the *References configuration file*)
- The recipe's maintainer's user name (`maintainer`, matching the definitions in the *References configuration file*)
- The title of the recipe (`title`)
- A description of the recipe (`description`, written in MarkDown format)
- A list of scientific references (`references`, matching the definitions in the *References configuration file*)
- the project or projects associated with the recipe (`projects`, matching the definitions in the *References configuration file*)

For example, the documentation section of `recipes/recipe_ocean_amoc.yml` is the following:

```
documentation:
  title: Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC) and the drake passage current
  description: |
    Recipe to produce time series figures of the derived variable, the
    Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC).
    This recipe also produces transect figures of the stream functions for
    the years 2001-2004.

  authors:
    - demo_le

  maintainer:
    - demo_le

  references:
    - demora2018gmd
```

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```
projects:
  - ukesm
```

Note

Note that all authors, projects, and references mentioned in the description section of the recipe need to be included in the (locally installed copy of the) file esmvaltool/config-references.yml, see *References configuration file*. The author name uses the format: `surname_name`. For instance, John Doe would be: `doe_john`. This information can be omitted by new users whose name is not yet included in `config-references.yml`.

9.2 Recipe section: `datasets`

The `datasets` section includes dictionaries that, via key-value pairs or "facets", define standardized data specifications:

- dataset name (key `dataset`, value e.g. `MPI-ESM-LR` or `UKESM1-0-LL`).
- project (key `project`, value `CMIP5` or `CMIP6` for CMIP data, `OBS` for observational data, `ana4mips` for ana4mips data, `obs4MIPs` for obs4MIPs data, `ICON` for ICON data).
- experiment (key `exp`, value e.g. `historical`, `amip`, `piControl`, `rcp85`).
- mip (for CMIP data, key `mip`, value e.g. `Amon`, `Omon`, `LImon`).
- ensemble member (key `ensemble`, value e.g. `r1i1p1`, `r1i1p1f1`).
- sub-experiment id (key `sub_experiment`, value e.g. `s2000`, `s(2000:2002)`, for DCPP data only).
- time range (e.g. key-value `start_year: 1982`, `end_year: 1990`). Please note that yaml interprets numbers with a leading `0` as octal numbers, so we recommend to avoid them. For example, use `128` to specify the year 128 instead of `0128`. Alternatively, the time range can be specified in ISO 8601 format, for both dates and periods. In addition, wildcards (`'*'`) are accepted, which allow the selection of the first available year for each individual dataset (when used as a starting point) or the last available year (when used as an ending point). The starting point and end point must be separated with `/` (e.g. key-value `timerange: '1982/1990'`). More examples are given *here*.
- model grid (native grid `grid: gn` or regridded grid `grid: gr`, for CMIP6 data only).

For example, a datasets section could be:

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: CanESM2, project: CMIP5, exp: historical, ensemble: r1i1p1, start_year:␣
↪2001, end_year: 2004}
  - {dataset: UKESM1-0-LL, project: CMIP6, exp: historical, ensemble: r1i1p1f2, start_
↪year: 2001, end_year: 2004, grid: gn}
  - {dataset: ACCESS-CM2, project: CMIP6, exp: historical, ensemble: r1i1p1f2, timerange:
↪ 'P5Y/*', grid: gn}
  - {dataset: EC-EARTH3, alias: custom_alias, project: CMIP6, exp: historical, ensemble:␣
↪r1i1p1f1, start_year: 2001, end_year: 2004, grid: gn}
  - {dataset: CMCC-CM2-SR5, project: CMIP6, exp: historical, ensemble: r1i1p1f1,␣
↪timerange: '2001/P10Y', grid: gn}
  - {dataset: HadGEM3-GC31-MM, project: CMIP6, exp: dcppA-hindcast, ensemble: r1i1p1f1,␣
↪sub_experiment: s2000, grid: gn, start_year: 2000, end_year, 2002}
  - {dataset: BCC-CSM2-MR, project: CMIP6, exp: dcppA-hindcast, ensemble: r1i1p1f1, sub_
↪experiment: s2000, grid: gn, timerange: '*'}
```

9.2.1 Automatically populating a recipe with all available datasets

It is possible to use `glob` patterns or wildcards for certain facet values, to make it easy to find all available datasets locally and/or on ESGF. Note that `project` cannot be a wildcard.

The facet values for local files are retrieved from the directory tree where the directories represent the facets values. Reading facet values from file names is not yet supported. See *CMIP data* for more information on this kind of file organization.

When (some) files are available locally, the tool will not automatically look for more files on ESGF. To populate a recipe with all available datasets from ESGF, the *configuration option* `search_esgf` should be set to `always`.

For more control over which datasets are selected, it is recommended to use a Python script or Jupyter notebook to compose the recipe. See *Composing recipes* for an example. This is particularly useful when specific relations are required between datasets, e.g. when a dataset needs to be available for multiple variables or experiments.

An example recipe that will use all CMIP6 datasets and all ensemble members which have a `'historical'` experiment could look like this:

```yaml
datasets:
  - project: CMIP6
    exp: historical
    dataset: '*'
    institute: '*'
    ensemble: '*'
    grid: '*'
```

After running the recipe, a copy specifying exactly which datasets were used is available in the output directory in the `run` subdirectory. The filename of this recipe will end with `_filled.yml`.

For the `timerange` facet, special syntax is available. See *Time ranges* for more information.

If populating a recipe using wildcards does not work, this is because there were either no files found that match those facets, or the facets could not be read from the directory name or ESGF.

9.2.2 Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)

It is common practice to store ancillary variables (e.g. land/sea/ice masks) and cell measures (e.g. cell area, cell volume) in separate datasets that are described by slightly different facets. In ESMValCore, we call ancillary variables and cell measures "supplementary variables". Some *preprocessor functions* need this information to work. For example, the *area_statistics* preprocessor function needs to know area of each grid cell in order to compute a correctly weighted statistic.

To attach these variables to a dataset, the `supplementary_variables` keyword can be used. For example, to add cell area to a dataset, it can be specified as follows:

```yaml
datasets:
  - dataset: BCC-ESM1
    project: CMIP6
    exp: historical
    ensemble: r1i1p1f1
    grid: gn
    supplementary_variables:
      - short_name: areacella
        mip: fx
        exp: 1pctCO2
```

Note that the supplementary variable will inherit the facet values from the main dataset, so only those facet values that differ need to be specified.

9.2.3 Automatically selecting the supplementary dataset

When using many datasets, it may be quite a bit of work to find out which facet values are required to find the corresponding supplementary data. The tool can automatically guess the best matching supplementary dataset. To use this feature, the supplementary dataset can be specified as:

```
datasets:
  - dataset: BCC-ESM1
    project: CMIP6
    exp: historical
    ensemble: r1i1p1f1
    grid: gn
    supplementary_variables:
      - short_name: areacella
        mip: fx
        exp: '*'
        activity: '*'
        ensemble: '*'
```

With this syntax, the tool will search all available values of `exp`, `activity`, and `ensemble` and use the supplementary dataset that shares the most facet values with the main dataset. Note that this behaviour is different from *using wildcards in the main dataset*, where they will be expanded to generate all matching datasets. The available datasets are shown in the debug log messages when running a recipe with wildcards, so if a different supplementary dataset is preferred, these messages can be used to see what facet values are available. The facet values for local files are retrieved from the directory tree where the directories represent the facets values. Reading facet values from file names is not yet supported. If wildcard expansion fails, this is because there were either no files found that match those facets, or the facets could not be read from the directory name or ESGF.

9.2.4 Automatic definition of supplementary variables

If an ancillary variable or cell measure is *needed by a preprocessor function*, but it is not specified in the recipe, the tool will automatically make a best guess using the syntax above. Usually this will work fine, but if it does not, it is recommended to explicitly define the supplementary variables in the recipe.

To disable this automatic addition, define the supplementary variable as usual, but add the special facet `skip` with value `true`. See *Supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)* for an example recipe.

9.2.5 Saving ancillary variables and cell measures

By default, ancillary variables and cell measures will be removed from the main variable before saving it to file because they can be as big as the main variable. To keep the supplementary variables, disable the preprocessor function that removes them by setting `remove_supplementary_variables: false` in the preprocessor profile in the recipe.

9.2.6 Concatenating data corresponding to multiple facets

It is possible to define the experiment as a list to concatenate two experiments. Here it is an example concatenating the *historical* experiment with *rcp85*

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: CanESM2, project: CMIP5, exp: [historical, rcp85], ensemble: r1i1p1, start_
↪year: 2001, end_year: 2004}
```

It is also possible to define the ensemble as a list when the two experiments have different ensemble names. In this case, the specified datasets are concatenated into a single cube:

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: CanESM2, project: CMIP5, exp: [historical, rcp85], ensemble: [r1i1p1,␣
↪r1i2p1], start_year: 2001, end_year: 2004}
```

9.2.7 Short notation of ensemble members and sub-experiments

ESMValTool also supports a simplified syntax to add multiple ensemble members from the same dataset. In the ensemble key, any element in the form *(x:y)* will be replaced with all numbers from x to y (both inclusive), adding a dataset entry for each replacement. For example, to add ensemble members r1i1p1 to r10i1p1 you can use the following abbreviated syntax:

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: CanESM2, project: CMIP5, exp: historical, ensemble: "r(1:10)i1p1", start_
↪year: 2001, end_year: 2004}
```

It can be included multiple times in one definition. For example, to generate the datasets definitions for the ensemble members r1i1p1 to r5i1p1 and from r1i2p1 to r5i1p1 you can use:

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: CanESM2, project: CMIP5, exp: historical, ensemble: "r(1:5)i(1:2)p1",␣
↪start_year: 2001, end_year: 2004}
```

Please, bear in mind that this syntax can only be used in the ensemble tag. Also, note that the combination of multiple experiments and ensembles, like exp: [historical, rcp85], ensemble: [r1i1p1, "r(2:3)i1p1"] is not supported and will raise an error.

The same simplified syntax can be used to add multiple sub-experiments:

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: MIROC6, project: CMIP6, exp: dcppA-hindcast, ensemble: r1i1p1f1, sub_
↪experiment: s(2000:2002), grid: gn, start_year: 2003, end_year: 2004}
```

9.2.8 Time ranges

When using the `timerange` tag to specify the start and end points, possible values can be as follows:

timerange	effect
`'1980/1982'`	Spans from 01/01/1980 to 31/12/1982
`'198002/198205'`	Spans from 01/02/1980 to 31/05/1982
`'19800302/19820403'`	Spans from 02/03/1980 to 03/04/1982
`'19800504T100000/19800504T110000'`	Spans from 04/05/1980 at 10h to 11h
`'1980/P5Y'`	Starting from 01/01/1980, spans 5 years
`'P2Y5M/198202`	Ending at 28/02/1982, spans 2 years and 5 months
`'*'`	Finds all available years
`'*/1982`	Finds first available point, spans to 31/12/1982
`'*/P6Y`	Finds first available point, spans 6 years from it
`'198003/*`	Starting from 01/03/1980, spans until the last available point
`'P5M/*`	Finds last available point, spans 5 months backwards from it

Note

Please make sure to use a consistent number of digits for the start and end point when using `timerange`, e.g., instead of `198005/2000`, use `198005/200012`. Otherwise, it might happen that ESMValTool does not find your data even though the corresponding years are available. This also applies to wildcards: Wildcards are usually resolved using the timerange in the file name. If this is given in the form `YYYYMM`, then the other time point in `timerange` needs to be in the same format, e.g., use `*/200012` instead of `*/2000` in this case. If you use wildcards and get an unexpected error about missing data, have a look at the resolved `timerange` in the error message (`ERROR No input files found for variable {'timerange': '197901/2000', ...}`) and make sure that the number of digits in it is consistent.

Note that this section is not required, as datasets can also be provided in the *Diagnostics* section.

9.3 Recipe section: `preprocessors`

The preprocessor section of the recipe includes one or more preprocessors, each of which may call the execution of one or several preprocessor functions.

Each preprocessor section includes:

- A preprocessor name (any name, under `preprocessors`);
- A list of preprocessor steps to be executed (choose from the API);
- Any or none arguments given to the preprocessor steps;
- The order that the preprocessor steps are applied can also be specified using the `custom_order` preprocessor function.

The following snippet is an example of a preprocessor named `prep_map` that contains multiple preprocessing steps (*Horizontal regridding* with two arguments, *Time manipulation* with no arguments (i.e., calculating the average over the time dimension) and *Multi-model statistics* with two arguments):

```
preprocessors:
  prep_map:
    regrid:
      target_grid: 1x1
      scheme: linear
    climate_statistics:
      operator: mean
    multi_model_statistics:
      span: overlap
      statistics: [mean]
```

Note

In this case no `preprocessors` section is needed the workflow will apply a `default` preprocessor consisting of only basic operations like: loading data, applying CMOR checks and fixes (*CMORization and dataset-specific fixes*) and saving the data to disk.

Preprocessor operations will be applied using the default order as listed in *Preprocessor functions*. Preprocessor tasks can be set to run in the order they are listed in the recipe by adding `custom_order: true` to the preprocessor definition.

9.4 Recipe section: `diagnostics`

The diagnostics section includes one or more diagnostics. Each diagnostic section will include:

- the variable(s) to preprocess, including the preprocessor to be applied to each variable;
- the diagnostic script(s) to be run;
- a description of the diagnostic and lists of themes and realms that it applies to;
- an optional `additional_datasets` section.
- an optional `title` and `description`, used to generate the title and description in the `index.html` output file.

9.4.1 The diagnostics section defines tasks

The diagnostic section(s) define the tasks that will be executed when running the recipe. For each variable a preprocessing task will be defined and for each diagnostic script a diagnostic task will be defined. These tasks can be viewed in the main_log_debug.txt file that is produced every run. Each task has a unique name that defines the subdirectory where the results of that task are stored. Task names start with the name of the diagnostic section followed by a '/' and then the name of the variable section for a preprocessing task or the name of the diagnostic script section for a diagnostic task.

A (simplified) example diagnostics section could look like

```
diagnostics:
  diagnostic_name:
    title: Air temperature tutorial diagnostic
    description: A longer description can be added here.
    themes:
      - phys
    realms:
      - atmos
    variables:
      variable_name:
        short_name: ta
        preprocessor: preprocessor_name
        mip: Amon
    scripts:
      script_name:
        script: examples/diagnostic.py
```

Note that the example recipe above contains a single diagnostic section called `diagnostic_name` and will result in two tasks:

- a preprocessing task called `diagnostic_name/variable_name` that will preprocess air temperature data for each dataset in the *Datasets* section of the recipe (not shown).
- a diagnostic task called `diagnostic_name/script_name`

The path to the script provided in the `script` option should be either the absolute path to the script, or the path relative to the `esmvaltool/diag_scripts` directory.

Depending on the installation configuration, you may get an error of "file does not exist" when the system tries to run the diagnostic script using relative paths. If this happens, use an absolute path instead.

Note that the script should either have the extension for a supported language, i.e. `.py`, `.R`, or `.ncl` for Python, R, and NCL diagnostics respectively, or be executable if it is written in any other language.

9.4.2 Ancestor tasks

Some tasks require the result of other tasks to be ready before they can start, e.g. a diagnostic script needs the preprocessed variable data to start. Thus each tasks has zero or more ancestor tasks. By default, each diagnostic task in a diagnostic section has all variable preprocessing tasks in that same section as ancestors. However, this can be changed using the `ancestors` keyword. Note that wildcard expansion can be used to define ancestors.

```
diagnostics:
  diagnostic_1:
    variables:
      airtemp:
        short_name: ta
        preprocessor: preprocessor_name
        mip: Amon
    scripts:
      script_a:
        script: diagnostic_a.py
  diagnostic_2:
    variables:
      precip:
        short_name: pr
        preprocessor: preprocessor_name
        mip: Amon
    scripts:
      script_b:
        script: diagnostic_b.py
        ancestors: [diagnostic_1/script_a, precip]
```

The example recipe above will result in four tasks:

- a preprocessing task called `diagnostic_1/airtemp`
- a diagnostic task called `diagnostic_1/script_a`
- a preprocessing task called `diagnostic_2/precip`
- a diagnostic task called `diagnostic_2/script_b`

the preprocessing tasks do not have any ancestors, while the diagnostic_a.py script will receive the preprocessed air temperature data (has ancestor `diagnostic_1/airtemp`) and the diagnostic_b.py script will receive the results of diagnostic_a.py and the preprocessed precipitation data (has ancestors `diagnostic_1/script_a` and `diagnostic_2/precip`).

9.4.3 Task priority

Tasks are assigned a priority, with tasks appearing earlier on in the recipe getting higher priority. The tasks will be executed sequentially or in parallel, depending on the *configuration option* `max_parallel_tasks`. When there are fewer than `max_parallel_tasks` running, tasks will be started according to their priority. For obvious reasons, only tasks that are not waiting for ancestor tasks can be started. This feature makes it possible to reduce the processing time of recipes with many tasks, by placing tasks that take relatively long near the top of the recipe. Of course this only works when settings `max_parallel_tasks` to a value larger than 1. The current priority and run time of individual tasks can be seen in the log messages shown when running the tool (a lower number means higher priority).

9.4.4 Variable and dataset definitions

To define a variable/dataset combination that corresponds to an actual variable from a dataset, the keys in each variable section are combined with the keys of each dataset definition. If two versions of the same key are provided, then the key in the datasets section will take precedence over the keys in variables section. For many recipes it makes more sense to define the `start_year` and `end_year` items in the variable section, because the diagnostic script assumes that all the data has the same time range.

Variable short names usually do not change between datasets supported by ESMValCore, as they are usually changed to match CMIP. Nevertheless, there are small changes in variable names in CMIP6 with respect to CMIP5 (i.e. sea ice concentration changed from `sic` to `siconc`). ESMValCore is aware of some of them and can do the automatic translation when needed. It will even do the translation in the preprocessed file so the diagnostic does not have to deal with this complexity, setting the short name in all files to match the one used by the recipe. For example, if `sic` is requested, ESMValCore will find `sic` or `siconc` depending on the project, but all preprocessed files while use `sic` as their short_name. If the recipe requested `siconc`, the preprocessed files will be identical except that they will use the short_name `siconc` instead.

9.4.5 Diagnostic and variable specific datasets

The `additional_datasets` option can be used to add datasets beyond those listed in the *Datasets* section. This is useful if specific datasets need to be used only by a specific diagnostic or variable, i.e. it can be added both at diagnostic level, where it will apply to all variables in that diagnostic section or at individual variable level. For example, this can be a good way to add observational datasets, which are usually variable-specific.

9.4.6 Running a simple diagnostic

The following example, taken from `recipe_ocean_example.yml`, shows a diagnostic named *diag_map*, which loads the temperature at the ocean surface between the years 2001 and 2003 and then passes it to the `prep_map` preprocessor. The result of this process is then passed to the ocean diagnostic map script, `ocean/diagnostic_maps.py`.

```yaml
diagnostics:

  diag_map:
    title: Global Ocean Surface regridded temperature map
    description: Add a longer description here.
    variables:
      tos: # Temperature at the ocean surface
        preprocessor: prep_map
        start_year: 2001
        end_year: 2003
    scripts:
      Global_Ocean_Surface_regrid_map:
        script: ocean/diagnostic_maps.py
```

9.4.7 Passing arguments to a diagnostic script

The diagnostic script section(s) may include custom arguments that can be used by the diagnostic script; these arguments are stored at runtime in a dictionary that is then made available to the diagnostic script via the interface link, independent of the language the diagnostic script is written in. Here is an example of such groups of arguments:

```yaml
scripts:
  autoassess_strato_test_1: &autoassess_strato_test_1_settings
    script: autoassess/autoassess_area_base.py
    title: "Autoassess Stratosphere Diagnostic Metric MPI-MPI"
```

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```
    area: stratosphere
    control_model: MPI-ESM-LR
    exp_model: MPI-ESM-MR
    obs_models: [ERA-Interim]  # list to hold models that are NOT for metrics but for␣
↪obs operations
    additional_metrics: [ERA-Interim, inmcm4]  # list to hold additional datasets for␣
↪metrics
```

In this example, apart from specifying the diagnostic script `script: autoassess/autoassess_area_base.py`, we pass a suite of parameters to be used by the script (`area`, `control_model` etc). These parameters are stored in key-value pairs in the diagnostic configuration file, an interface file that can be used by importing the `run_diagnostic` utility:

```
from esmvaltool.diag_scripts.shared import run_diagnostic

# write the diagnostic code here e.g.
def run_some_diagnostic(my_area, my_control_model, my_exp_model):
    """Diagnostic to be run."""
    if my_area == 'stratosphere':
        diag = my_control_model / my_exp_model
        return diag

def main(cfg):
    """Main diagnostic run function."""
    my_area = cfg['area']
    my_control_model = cfg['control_model']
    my_exp_model = cfg['exp_model']
    run_some_diagnostic(my_area, my_control_model, my_exp_model)

if __name__ == '__main__':

    with run_diagnostic() as config:
        main(config)
```

This way a lot of the optional arguments necessary to a diagnostic are at the user's control via the recipe.

9.4.8 Running your own diagnostic

If the user wants to test a newly-developed `my_first_diagnostic.py` which is not yet part of the ESMValTool diagnostics library, he/she do it by passing the absolute path to the diagnostic:

```
diagnostics:

  myFirstDiag:
    title: Let's do some science!
    description: John Doe wrote a funny diagnostic
    variables:
      tos: # Temperature at the ocean surface
        preprocessor: prep_map
        start_year: 2001
        end_year: 2003
    scripts:
```

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```
    JoeDiagFunny:
      script: /home/users/john_doe/esmvaltool_testing/my_first_diagnostic.py
```

This way the user may test a new diagnostic thoroughly before committing to the GitHub repository and including it in the ESMValTool diagnostics library.

9.4.9 Reusing parameters from one `script` to another

Due to `yaml` features it is possible to recycle entire diagnostics sections for use with other diagnostics. Here is an example:

```
scripts:
  cycle: &cycle_settings
    script: perfmetrics/main.ncl
    plot_type: cycle
    time_avg: monthlyclim
  grading: &grading_settings
    <<: *cycle_settings
    plot_type: cycle_latlon
    calc_grading: true
    normalization: [centered_median, none]
```

In this example the hook `&cycle_settings` can be used to pass the `cycle:` parameters to `grading:` via the shortcut `<<: *cycle_settings`.

CHAPTER

TEN

PREPROCESSOR

In this section, each of the preprocessor modules is described, roughly following the default order in which preprocessor functions are applied:

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- *Time manipulation*
- *Area manipulation*
- *Volume manipulation*
- *Cycles*
- *Trend*
- *Detrend*
- *Rolling window statistics*
- *Unit conversion*
- *Comparison with reference dataset*
- *Other*

See *Preprocessor functions* for implementation details and the exact default order.

10.1 Overview

The ESMValCore preprocessor can be used to perform a broad range of operations on the input data before diagnostics or metrics are applied. The preprocessor performs these operations in a centralized, documented and efficient way, thus reducing the data processing load on the diagnostics side. For an overview of the preprocessor structure see the *Recipe section: preprocessors*.

Each of the preprocessor operations is written in a dedicated python module and all of them receive and return an instance of `iris.cube.Cube`, working sequentially on the data with no interactions between them. The order in which the preprocessor operations is applied is set by default to minimize the loss of information due to, for example, temporal and spatial subsetting or multi-model averaging. Nevertheless, the user is free to change such order to address specific scientific requirements, but keeping in mind that some operations must be necessarily performed in a specific order. This is the case, for instance, for multi-model statistics, which required the model to be on a common grid and therefore has to be called after the regridding module.

10.2 Statistical preprocessors

Many preprocessors calculate statistics over data. Those preprocessors typically end with `_statistics`, e.g., *`area_statistics()`* or *`multi_model_statistics()`*. All these preprocessors support the options *operator*, which directly correspond to `iris.analysis.Aggregator` objects used to perform the statistical calculations. In addition, arbitrary keyword arguments can be passed which are directly passed to the corresponding `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object.

Note

The preprocessors *`multi_model_statistics()`* and *`ensemble_statistics()`* support the computation of multiple statistics at the same time. In these cases, they are defined by the option *statistics* (instead of *operator*), which takes a list of possible operators. Each operator can be given as single string or as dictionary. In the latter case, the dictionary needs the keyword *operator* (corresponding to the *operator* as above). All other keywords are interpreted as keyword arguments for the given operator.

Some operators support weights for some preprocessors (see following table), which are used by default. The following operators are currently fully supported; other operators might be supported too if proper keyword arguments are specified:

operator	Corresponding `Aggregator`	Weighted?[1]
`gmean`	`iris.analysis.GMEAN`	no
`hmean`	`iris.analysis.HMEAN`	no
`max`	`iris.analysis.MAX`	no
`mean`	`iris.analysis.MEAN`	yes
`median`	`iris.analysis.MEDIAN`[2]	no
`min`	`iris.analysis.MIN`	no
`peak`	`iris.analysis.PEAK`	no
`percentile`	`iris.analysis.PERCENTILE`	no
`rms`	`iris.analysis.RMS`	yes
`std_dev`	`iris.analysis.STD_DEV`	no
`sum`	`iris.analysis.SUM`	yes
`variance`	`iris.analysis.VARIANCE`	no
`wpercentile`	`iris.analysis.WPERCENTILE`	yes

[1] The following preprocessor support weighted statistics by default: *`area_statistics()`*: weighted by grid cell areas (see also *Supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*); *`climate_statistics()`*: weighted by lengths of time intervals; *`volume_statistics()`*:

10.2.1 Examples

Calculate the global (weighted) mean:

```
preprocessors:
  global_mean:
    area_statistics:
      operator: mean
```

Calculate zonal maximum.

```
preprocessors:
  zonal_max:
    zonal_statistics:
      operator: max
```

Calculate the 95% percentile over each month separately (will result in 12 time steps, one for January, one for February, etc.):

```
preprocessors:
  monthly_percentiles:
    climate_statistics:
      period: monthly
      operator: percentile
      percent: 95.0
```

Calculate multi-model median, 5%, and 95% percentiles:

```
preprocessors:
  mm_stats:
    multi_model_statistics:
      span: overlap
      statistics:
        - operator: percentile
          percent: 5
        - operator: median
        - operator: percentile
          percent: 95
```

Calculate the global non-weighted root mean square:

```
preprocessors:
  global_mean:
    area_statistics:
      operator: rms
      weights: false
```

Warning

The disabling of weights by specifying the keyword argument `weights: false` needs to be used with great care; from a scientific standpoint, we strongly recommend to **not** use it!

weighted by grid cell volumes (see also *Supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*); `axis_statistics()`: weighted by corresponding coordinate bounds.

[2] `iris.analysis.MEDIAN` is not lazy, but much faster than `iris.analysis.PERCENTILE`. For a lazy median, use `percentile` with the keyword argument `percent: 50`.

10.3 Variable derivation

The variable derivation module allows to derive variables which are not in the CMIP standard data request using standard variables as input. The typical use case of this operation is the evaluation of a variable which is only available in an observational dataset but not in the models. In this case a derivation function is provided by the ESMValCore in order to calculate the variable and perform the comparison. For example, several observational datasets deliver total column ozone as observed variable (`toz`), but CMIP models only provide the ozone 3D field. In this case, a derivation function is provided to vertically integrate the ozone and obtain total column ozone for direct comparison with the observations.

By default, the variable derivation will be applied only if the variable is not already available in the input data, but the derivation can be forced by setting the `force_derivation` flag.

```
variables:
  toz:
    derive: true
    force_derivation: false
```

The required arguments for this module are two boolean switches:

- `derive`: activate variable derivation
- `force_derivation`: force variable derivation even if the variable is directly available in the input data.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.derive()*. To get an overview on derivation scripts and how to implement new ones, please go to *Deriving a variable*.

10.4 CMORization and dataset-specific fixes

10.4.1 Data checking

Data preprocessed by ESMValCore is automatically checked against its CMOR definition. To reduce the impact of this check while maintaining it as reliable as possible, it is split in two parts: one will check the metadata and will be done just after loading and concatenating the data and the other one will check the data itself and will be applied after all extracting operations are applied to reduce the amount of data to process.

Checks include, but are not limited to:

- Requested coordinates are present and comply with their definition.
- Correctness of variable names, units and other metadata.
- Compliance with the valid minimum and maximum values allowed if defined.

The most relevant (i.e. a missing coordinate) will raise an error while others (i.e an incorrect long name) will be reported as a warning.

Some of those issues will be fixed automatically by the tool, including the following:

- Incorrect standard or long names.
- Incorrect units, if they can be converted to the correct ones.
- Direction of coordinates.
- Automatic clipping of longitude to 0 - 360 interval.
- Minute differences between the required and actual vertical coordinate values

10.4.2 Dataset specific fixes

Sometimes, the checker will detect errors that it can not fix by itself. ESMValCore deals with those issues by applying specific fixes for those datasets that require them. Fixes are applied at three different preprocessor steps:

- `fix_file`: apply fixes to data before loading them with Iris. This is mainly intended to fix errors that prevent data loading with Iris (e.g., those related to `missing_value` or `_FillValue`) or operations that are more efficient with other packages (e.g., loading files with lots of variables is much faster with Xarray than Iris). See *esmvalcore.preprocessor.fix_file()*.
- `fix_metadata`: metadata fixes are done just before concatenating the cubes loaded from different files in the final one. Automatic metadata fixes are also applied at this step. See *esmvalcore.preprocessor.fix_metadata()*.
- `fix_data`: data fixes are applied before starting any operation that will alter the data itself. Automatic data fixes are also applied at this step. See *esmvalcore.preprocessor.fix_data()*.

To get an overview on data fixes and how to implement new ones, please go to *Fixing data*.

10.5 Supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)

The following preprocessor functions either require or prefer using an ancillary variable or cell measure to perform their computations. In ESMValCore we call both types of variables "supplementary variables".

Preprocessor	Variable short name	Variable standard name
area_statistics[4]	`areacella`, `areacello`	cell_area
mask_landsea[4]	`sftlf`, `sftof`	land_area_fraction, sea_area_fraction
mask_landseaice[3]	`sftgif`	land_ice_area_fraction
volume_statistics[4]	`volcello`, `areacello`	ocean_volume, cell_area
weighting_landsea_fraction[3]	`sftlf`, `sftof`	land_area_fraction, sea_area_fraction
distance_metric[5]	`areacella`, `areacello`	cell_area
histogram[5]	`areacella`, `areacello`	cell_area
extract_surface_from_atm[3]	`ps`	surface_air_pressure

Only one of the listed variables is required. Supplementary variables can be defined in the recipe as described in *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*. If the automatic selection does not give the desired result, specify the supplementary variables in the recipe as described in *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*.

By default, supplementary variables will be removed from the variable before saving it to file because they can be as big as the main variable. To keep the supplementary variables, disable the preprocessor function *esmvalcore.preprocessor.remove_supplementary_variables()* that removes them by setting `remove_supplementary_variables: false` in the preprocessor in the recipe.

10.5.1 Examples

Compute the global mean surface air temperature, while *automatically selecting the best matching supplementary dataset*:

[4] This preprocessor prefers at least one of the mentioned supplementary variables. If none is defined in the recipe, automatically look for them. If none is found, a warning will be raised (but no error).

[3] This preprocessor requires at least one of the mentioned supplementary variables. If none is defined in the recipe, automatically look for them. If none is found, an error will be raised.

[5] This preprocessor optionally takes one of the mentioned supplementary variables. If none is defined in the recipe, none is added.

```yaml
datasets:
  - dataset: BCC-ESM1
    project: CMIP6
    ensemble: r1i1p1f1
    grid: gn
  - dataset: MPI-ESM-MR
    project: CMIP5
    ensemble: r1i1p1,

preprocessors:
  global_mean:
    area_statistics:
      operator: mean

diagnostics:
  example_diagnostic:
    description: Global mean temperature.
    variables:
      tas:
        mip: Amon
        preprocessor: global_mean
        exp: historical
        timerange: '1990/2000'
        supplementary_variables:
          - short_name: areacella
            mip: fx
            exp: '*'
            activity: '*'
            ensemble: '*'
    scripts: null
```

Attach the land area fraction as an ancillary variable to surface air temperature and store both in the same file:

```yaml
datasets:
  - dataset: BCC-ESM1
    ensemble: r1i1p1f1
    grid: gn

preprocessors:
  keep_land_area_fraction:
    remove_supplementary_variables: false

diagnostics:
  example_diagnostic:
    description: Attach land area fraction.
    variables:
      tas:
        mip: Amon
        project: CMIP6
        preprocessor: keep_land_area_fraction
        exp: historical
        timerange: '1990/2000'
        supplementary_variables:
```

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```
          - short_name: sftlf
            mip: fx
            exp: 1pctCO2
    scripts: null
```

Automatically define the required ancillary variable (`sftlf` in this case) and cell measure (`areacella`), but do not use `areacella` for dataset `BCC-ESM1`:

```
datasets:
  - dataset: BCC-ESM1
    project: CMIP6
    ensemble: r1i1p1f1
    grid: gn
    supplementary_variables:
      - short_name: areacella
        skip: true
  - dataset: MPI-ESM-MR
    project: CMIP5
    ensemble: r1i1p1

preprocessors:
  global_land_mean:
    mask_landsea:
      mask_out: sea
    area_statistics:
      operator: mean

diagnostics:
  example_diagnostic:
    description: Global mean temperature.
    variables:
      tas:
        mip: Amon
        preprocessor: global_land_mean
        exp: historical
        timerange: '1990/2000'
    scripts: null
```

10.6 Vertical interpolation

Vertical level selection is an important aspect of data preprocessing since it allows the scientist to perform a number of metrics specific to certain levels (whether it be air pressure or depth, e.g. the Quasi-Biennial-Oscillation (QBO) u30 is computed at 30 hPa). Dataset native vertical grids may not come with the desired set of levels, so an interpolation operation will be needed to regrid the data vertically. ESMValCore can perform this vertical interpolation via the `extract_levels` preprocessor. Level extraction may be done in a number of ways.

Level extraction can be done at specific values passed to `extract_levels` as `levels:` with its value a list of levels (note that the units are CMOR-standard, Pascals (Pa)):

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_select_levels_from_list:
    extract_levels:
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```
    levels: [100000., 50000., 3000., 1000.]
    scheme: linear
```

It is also possible to extract the CMIP-specific, CMOR levels as they appear in the CMOR table, e.g. `plev10` or `plev17` or `plev19` etc:

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_select_levels_from_cmip_table:
    extract_levels:
      levels: {cmor_table: CMIP6, coordinate: plev10}
      scheme: nearest
```

Of good use is also the level extraction with values specific to a certain dataset, without the user actually polling the dataset of interest to find out the specific levels: e.g. in the example below we offer two alternatives to extract the levels and vertically regrid onto the vertical levels of `ERA-Interim`:

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_select_levels_from_dataset:
    extract_levels:
      levels: ERA-Interim
      # This also works, but allows specifying the pressure coordinate name
      # levels: {dataset: ERA-Interim, coordinate: air_pressure}
      scheme: linear_extrapolate
```

By default, vertical interpolation is performed in the dimension coordinate of the z axis. If you want to explicitly declare the z axis coordinate to use (for example, `air_pressure`' in variables that are provided in model levels and not pressure levels) you can override that automatic choice by providing the name of the desired coordinate:

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_select_levels_from_dataset:
    extract_levels:
      levels: ERA-Interim
      scheme: linear_extrapolate
      coordinate: air_pressure
```

If `coordinate` is specified, pressure levels (if present) can be converted to height levels and vice versa using the US standard atmosphere. E.g. `coordinate = altitude` will convert existing pressure levels (air_pressure) to height levels (altitude); `coordinate = air_pressure` will convert existing height levels (altitude) to pressure levels (air_pressure).

If the requested levels are very close to the values in the input data, the function will just select the available levels instead of interpolating. The meaning of 'very close' can be changed by providing the parameters:

- **`rtol`**
  Relative tolerance for comparing the levels in the input data to the requested levels. If the levels are sufficiently close, the requested levels will be assigned to the vertical coordinate and no interpolation will take place. The default value is 10^-7.
- **`atol`**
  Absolute tolerance for comparing the levels in the input data to the requested levels. If the levels are sufficiently close, the requested levels will be assigned to the vertical coordinate and no interpolation will take place. By default, *atol* will be set to 10^-7 times the mean value of of the available levels.

10.6.1 Schemes for vertical interpolation and extrapolation

The vertical interpolation currently supports the following schemes:

- `linear`: Linear interpolation without extrapolation, i.e., extrapolation points will be masked even if the source data is not a masked array.
- `linear_extrapolate`: Linear interpolation with **nearest-neighbour** extrapolation, i.e., extrapolation points will take their value from the nearest source point.
- `nearest`: Nearest-neighbour interpolation without extrapolation, i.e., extrapolation points will be masked even if the source data is not a masked array.
- `nearest_extrapolate`: Nearest-neighbour interpolation with nearest-neighbour extrapolation, i.e., extrapolation points will take their value from the nearest source point.
- See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_levels()*.
- See also `esmvalcore.preprocessor.get_cmor_levels()`.

Note

Controlling the extrapolation mode allows us to avoid situations where extrapolating values makes little physical sense (e.g. extrapolating beyond the last data point).

10.7 Weighting

10.7.1 Land/sea fraction weighting

This preprocessor allows weighting of data by land or sea fractions. In other words, this function multiplies the given input field by a fraction in the range 0-1 to account for the fact that not all grid points are completely land- or sea-covered.

The application of this preprocessor is very important for most carbon cycle variables (and other land surface outputs), which are e.g. reported in units of $kgC\ m^{-2}$. Here, the surface unit actually refers to 'square meter of land/sea' and NOT 'square meter of gridbox'. In order to integrate these globally or regionally one has to weight by both the surface quantity and the land/sea fraction.

For example, to weight an input field with the land fraction, the following preprocessor can be used:

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_weighting:
    weighting_landsea_fraction:
      area_type: land
      exclude: ['CanESM2', 'reference_dataset']
```

Allowed arguments for the keyword `area_type` are `land` (fraction is 1 for grid cells with only land surface, 0 for grid cells with only sea surface and values in between 0 and 1 for coastal regions) and `sea` (1 for sea, 0 for land, in between for coastal regions). The optional argument `exclude` allows to exclude specific datasets from this preprocessor, which is for example useful for climate models which do not offer land/sea fraction files. This arguments also accepts the special dataset specifiers `reference_dataset` and `alternative_dataset`.

This function requires a land or sea area fraction ancillary variable. This supplementary variable, either `sftlf` or `sftof`, should be attached to the main dataset as described in *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.weighting_landsea_fraction()*.

10.8 Masking

10.8.1 Introduction to masking

Certain metrics and diagnostics need to be computed and performed on specific domains on the globe. The preprocessor supports filtering the input data on continents, oceans/seas and ice. This is achieved by masking the model data and keeping only the values associated with grid points that correspond to, e.g., land, ocean or ice surfaces, as specified by the user. Where possible, the masking is realized using the standard mask files provided together with the model data as part of the CMIP data request (the so-called ancillary variable). In the absence of these files, the Natural Earth masks are used: although these are not model-specific, they represent a good approximation since they have a much higher resolution than most of the models and they are regularly updated with changing geographical features.

10.8.2 Land-sea masking

To mask out a certain domain (e.g., sea) in the preprocessor, `mask_landsea` can be used:

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_mask:
    mask_landsea:
      mask_out: sea
```

and requires only one argument: `mask_out`: either `land` or `sea`.

This function prefers using a land or sea area fraction ancillary variable, but if it is not available it will compute a mask based on Natural Earth shapefiles. This supplementary variable, either `sftlf` or `sftof`, can be attached to the main dataset as described in *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*.

If the corresponding ancillary variable is not available (which is the case for some models and almost all observational datasets), the preprocessor attempts to mask the data using Natural Earth mask files (that are vectorized rasters). As mentioned above, the spatial resolution of the the Natural Earth masks are much higher than any typical global model (10m for land and glaciated areas and 50m for ocean masks).

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_landsea()*.

10.8.3 Ice masking

For masking out ice sheets, the preprocessor uses a different function, to ensure that both land and sea or ice can be masked out without losing generality. To mask ice out, `mask_landseaice` can be used:

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_mask:
    mask_landseaice:
      mask_out: ice
```

and requires only one argument: `mask_out`: either `landsea` or `ice`.

This function requires a land ice area fraction ancillary variable. This supplementary variable `sftgif` should be attached to the main dataset as described in *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_landseaice()*.

10.8.4 Glaciated masking

For masking out glaciated areas a Natural Earth shapefile is used. To mask glaciated areas out, `mask_glaciated` can be used:

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_mask:
    mask_glaciated:
      mask_out: glaciated
```

and it requires only one argument: `mask_out`: only `glaciated`.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_landseaice()*.

10.8.5 Missing values masks

Missing (masked) values can be a nuisance especially when dealing with multi-model ensembles and having to compute multi-model statistics; different numbers of missing data from dataset to dataset may introduce biases and artificially assign more weight to the datasets that have less missing data. This is handled via the missing values masks: two types of such masks are available, one for the multi-model case and another for the single model case.

The multi-model missing values mask (`mask_fillvalues`) is a preprocessor step that usually comes after all the single-model steps (regridding, area selection etc) have been performed; in a nutshell, it combines missing values masks from individual models into a multi-model missing values mask; the individual model masks are built according to common criteria: the user chooses a time window in which missing data points are counted, and if the number of missing data points relative to the number of total data points in a window is less than a chosen fractional threshold, the window is discarded i.e. all the points in the window are masked (set to missing).

```
preprocessors:
  missing_values_preprocessor:
    mask_fillvalues:
      threshold_fraction: 0.95
      min_value: 19.0
      time_window: 10.0
```

In the example above, the fractional threshold for missing data vs. total data is set to 95% and the time window is set to 10.0 (units of the time coordinate units). Optionally, a minimum value threshold can be applied, in this case it is set to 19.0 (in units of the variable units).

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_fillvalues()*.

10.8.6 Common mask for multiple models

To create a combined multi-model mask (all the masks from all the analyzed datasets combined into a single mask using a logical OR), the preprocessor `mask_multimodel` can be used. In contrast to `mask_fillvalues`, `mask_multimodel` does not expect that the datasets have a `time` coordinate, but works on datasets with arbitrary (but identical) coordinates. After `mask_multimodel`, all involved datasets have an identical mask.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_multimodel()*.

10.8.7 Minimum, maximum and interval masking

Thresholding on minimum and maximum accepted data values can also be performed: masks are constructed based on the results of thresholding; inside and outside interval thresholding and masking can also be performed. These functions are `mask_above_threshold`, `mask_below_threshold`, `mask_inside_range`, and `mask_outside_range`.

These functions always take a cube as first argument and either `threshold` for threshold masking or the pair `minimum`, `maximum` for interval masking.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_above_threshold()* and related functions.

10.9 Horizontal regridding

Regridding is necessary when various datasets are available on a variety of *lat-lon* grids and they need to be brought together on a common grid (for various statistical operations e.g. multi-model statistics or for e.g. direct inter-comparison or comparison with observational datasets). Regridding is conceptually a very similar process to interpolation (in fact, the regridder engine uses interpolation and extrapolation, with various schemes). The primary difference is that interpolation is based on sample data points, while regridding is based on the horizontal grid of another cube (the reference grid). If the horizontal grids of a cube and its reference grid are sufficiently the same, regridding is automatically and silently skipped for performance reasons.

The use of the horizontal regridding functionality is flexible depending on what type of reference grid and what interpolation scheme is preferred. Below we show a few examples.

10.9.1 Regridding on a reference dataset grid

The example below shows how to regrid on the reference dataset `ERA-Interim` (observational data, but just as well CMIP, obs4MIPs, or ana4mips datasets can be used); in this case the *scheme* is *linear*.

```
preprocessors:
  regrid_preprocessor:
    regrid:
      target_grid: ERA-Interim
      scheme: linear
```

10.9.2 Regridding on an `MxN` grid specification

The example below shows how to regrid on a reference grid with a cell specification of `2.5x2.5` degrees. This is similar to regridding on reference datasets, but in the previous case the reference dataset grid cell specifications are not necessarily known a priori. Regridding on an `MxN` cell specification is oftentimes used when operating on localized data.

```
preprocessors:
  regrid_preprocessor:
    regrid:
      target_grid: 2.5x2.5
      scheme: nearest
```

In this case the nearest-neighbor interpolation scheme is used (see below for scheme definitions).

When using a `MxN` type of grid it is possible to offset the grid cell centrepoints using the *lat_offset* and `lon_offset` arguments:

- `lat_offset`: offsets the grid centers of the latitude coordinate w.r.t. the pole by half a grid step;
- `lon_offset`: offsets the grid centers of the longitude coordinate w.r.t. Greenwich meridian by half a grid step.

```
preprocessors:
  regrid_preprocessor:
    regrid:
      target_grid: 2.5x2.5
      lon_offset: True
      lat_offset: True
      scheme: nearest
```

10.9.3 Regridding to a regional target grid specification

This example shows how to regrid to a regional target grid specification. This is useful if both a `regrid` and `extract_region` step are necessary.

```
preprocessors:
  regrid_preprocessor:
    regrid:
      target_grid:
        start_longitude: 40
        end_longitude: 60
        step_longitude: 2
        start_latitude: -10
        end_latitude: 30
        step_latitude: 2
      scheme: nearest
```

This defines a grid ranging from 40° to 60° longitude with 2° steps, and -10° to 30° latitude with 2° steps. If `end_longitude` or `end_latitude` do not fall on the grid (e.g., `end_longitude: 61`), it cuts off at the nearest previous value (e.g. `60`).

The longitude coordinates will wrap around the globe if necessary, i.e. `start_longitude: 350`, `end_longitude: 370` is valid input.

The arguments are defined below:

- `start_latitude`: Latitude value of the first grid cell center (start point). The grid includes this value.
- `end_latitude`: Latitude value of the last grid cell center (end point). The grid includes this value only if it falls on a grid point. Otherwise, it cuts off at the previous value.
- `step_latitude`: Latitude distance between the centers of two neighbouring cells.
- `start_longitude`: Latitude value of the first grid cell center (start point). The grid includes this value.
- `end_longitude`: Longitude value of the last grid cell center (end point). The grid includes this value only if it falls on a grid point. Otherwise, it cuts off at the previous value.
- `step_longitude`: Longitude distance between the centers of two neighbouring cells.

10.9.4 Regridding input data with multiple horizontal coordinates

When there are multiple horizontal coordinates available in the input data, the standard names of the coordinates to use need to be specified. By default, these are `[latitude, longitude]`. To use the coordinates from a rotated pole grid, one would specify:

```
preprocessors:
  regrid_preprocessor:
    regrid:
      target_grid: 1x1
      scheme: linear
      use_src_coords: [grid_latitude, grid_longitude]
```

10.9.5 Regridding (interpolation, extrapolation) schemes

ESMValCore provides three default regridding schemes, which are presented in *Default regridding schemes*. Additionally, it is also possible to use third party regridding schemes designed for use with `iris.cube.Cube.regrid()`. This is explained in *Generic regridding schemes*.

Grid types

In ESMValCore, we distinguish between various grid types (note that these might differ from other definitions):

- **Regular grid**: A rectilinear grid with 1D latitude and 1D longitude coordinates which are orthogonal to each other.
- **Irregular grid**: A general curvilinear grid with 2D latitude and 2D longitude coordinates with common dimensions.
- **Unstructured grid**: A grid with 1D latitude and 1D longitude coordinates with common dimensions (i.e., a simple list of points).
- **Mesh**: A mesh as supported by Iris and described in Mesh Support.

Default regridding schemes

- `linear`: Bilinear regridding. For source data on a regular grid, uses `Linear` with *extrapolation_mode='mask'*. For source and/or target data on an irregular grid or mesh, uses *`IrisESMFRegrid`* with *method='bilinear'*. For source data on an unstructured grid, uses *`UnstructuredLinear`*.
- `nearest`: Nearest-neighbor regridding. For source data on a regular grid, uses `Nearest` with *extrapolation_mode='mask'*. For source and/or target data on an irregular grid or mesh, uses *`IrisESMFRegrid`* with *method='nearest'*. For source data on an unstructured grid, uses *`UnstructuredNearest`*.
- `area_weighted`: First-order conservative (area-weighted) regridding. For source data on a regular grid, uses `AreaWeighted`. For source and/or target data on an irregular grid or mesh, uses *`IrisESMFRegrid`* with *method='conservative'*. Source data on an unstructured grid is not supported.

Generic regridding schemes

Iris' regridding is based around the flexible use of so-called regridding schemes. These are classes that know how to transform a source cube with a given grid into the grid defined by a given target cube. Iris itself provides a number of useful schemes, but they are largely limited to work with simple, regular grids. Other schemes can be provided independently. This is interesting when special regridding-needs arise or when more involved grids need to be considered. Furthermore, it may be desirable to have finer control over the parameters of the scheme than is afforded by the built-in schemes described above.

To facilitate this, the *`regrid()`* preprocessor allows the use of any scheme designed for Iris. The scheme must be installed and importable. Several such schemes are provided by `iris.analysis` and *`esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes`*. To use this feature, the `scheme` key passed to the preprocessor must be a dictionary instead of a simple string that contains all necessary information. That includes a `reference` to the desired scheme itself, as well as any arguments that should be passed through to the scheme. For example, the following shows the use of the built-in scheme `iris.analysis.AreaWeighted` with a custom threshold for missing data tolerance.

```
preprocessors:
  regrid_preprocessor:
    regrid:
      target_grid: 2.5x2.5
      scheme:
        reference: iris.analysis:AreaWeighted
        mdtol: 0.7
```

Another example is bilinear regridding with extrapolation. This can be achieved with the `iris.analysis.Linear` scheme and the `extrapolation_mode` keyword. Extrapolation points will be calculated by extending the gradient of the closest two points.

```yaml
preprocessors:
  regrid_preprocessor:
    regrid:
      target_grid: 2.5x2.5
      scheme:
        reference: iris.analysis:Linear
        extrapolation_mode: extrapolate
```

Note

Controlling the extrapolation mode allows us to avoid situations where extrapolating values makes little physical sense (e.g. extrapolating beyond the last data point).

The value of the `reference` key has two parts that are separated by a `:` with no surrounding spaces. The first part is an importable Python module, the second refers to the scheme, i.e. some callable that will be called with the remaining entries of the `scheme` dictionary passed as keyword arguments.

One package that aims to capitalize on the support for meshes introduced in Iris 3.2 is iris-esmf-regrid. It aims to provide lazy regridding for structured regular and irregular grids, as well as meshes. It is recommended to use these schemes through the *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes.IrisESMFRegrid* scheme though, as that provides more efficient handling of masks.

An example of its usage in a preprocessor is:

```yaml
preprocessors:
  regrid_preprocessor:
    regrid:
      target_grid: 2.5x2.5
      scheme:
        reference: esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes:IrisESMFRegrid
        method: conservative
        mdtol: 0.7
        use_src_mask: true
        collapse_src_mask_along: ZT
```

Additionally, the use of generic schemes that take source and target grid cubes as arguments is also supported. The call function for such schemes must be defined as *(src_cube, grid_cube, **kwargs)* and they must return *iris.cube.Cube* objects. The *regrid* module will automatically pass the source and grid cubes as inputs of the scheme. An example of this usage is the `regrid_rectilinear_to_rectilinear()` scheme available in iris-esmf-regrid:

```yaml
preprocessors:
  regrid_preprocessor:
    regrid:
      target_grid: 2.5x2.5
      scheme:
        reference: esmf_regrid.schemes:regrid_rectilinear_to_rectilinear
        mdtol: 0.7
```

10.9.6 Reusing regridding weights

If desired, regridding weights can be cached to reduce run times (see here for technical details on this). This can speed up the regridding of different datasets with similar source and target grids massively, but may take up a lot of memory for extremely high-resolution data. By default, this feature is disabled; to enable it, use the option `cache_weights: true` in the preprocessor definition:

```
preprocessors:
  regrid_preprocessor:
    regrid:
      target_grid: 0.1x0.1
      scheme: linear
      cache_weights: true
```

Not all regridding schemes support weights caching. An overview of those that do is given here and in the docstrings *here*.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid()*

10.10 Ensemble statistics

For certain use cases it may be desirable to compute ensemble statistics. For example to prevent models with many ensemble members getting excessive weight in the multi-model statistics functions.

Theoretically, ensemble statistics are a special case (grouped) multi-model statistics. This grouping is performed taking into account the dataset tags *project*, *dataset*, *experiment*, and (if present) *sub_experiment*. However, they should typically be computed earlier in the workflow. Moreover, because multiple ensemble members of the same model are typically more consistent/homogeneous than datasets from different models, the implementation is more straightforward and can benefit from lazy evaluation and more efficient computation.

The preprocessor takes a list of statistics as input:

```
preprocessors:
  example_preprocessor:
    ensemble_statistics:
      statistics: [mean, median]
```

Additional keyword arguments can be given by using a dictionary:

```
preprocessors:
  example_preprocessor:
    ensemble_statistics:
      statistics:
        - operator: percentile
          percent: 20
        - operator: median
```

This preprocessor function exposes the iris analysis package, and works with all (capitalized) statistics from the `iris.analysis` package that can be executed without additional arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics.

Note that `ensemble_statistics` will not return the single model and ensemble files, only the requested ensemble statistics results.

In case of wanting to save both individual ensemble members as well as the statistic results, the preprocessor chains could be defined as:

```yaml
preprocessors:
  everything_else: &everything_else
    area_statistics: ...
    regrid_time: ...
  multimodel:
    <<: *everything_else
    ensemble_statistics:

variables:
  tas_datasets:
    short_name: tas
    preprocessor: everything_else
    ...
  tas_multimodel:
    short_name: tas
    preprocessor: multimodel
    ...
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.ensemble_statistics()*.

10.11 Multi-model statistics

Computing multi-model statistics is an integral part of model analysis and evaluation: individual models display a variety of biases depending on model set-up, initial conditions, forcings and implementation; comparing model data to observational data, these biases have a significantly lower statistical impact when using a multi-model ensemble. ESMValCore has the capability of computing a number of multi-model statistical measures: using the preprocessor module `multi_model_statistics` will enable the user for example to ask for either a multi-model `mean`, `median`, `max`, `min`, `std_dev`, and / or `percentile` with a set of argument parameters passed to `multi_model_statistics`. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics. Percentiles can be specified with additional keyword arguments using the syntax `statistics: [{operator: percentile, percent: xx}]`.

Restrictive computation is also available by excluding any set of models that the user will not want to include in the statistics (by setting `exclude: [excluded models list]` argument).

Input datasets may have different time coordinates. Apart from that, all dimensions must match. Statistics can be computed across overlapping times only (`span: overlap`) or across the full time span of the combined models (`span: full`). The preprocessor sets a common time coordinate on all datasets. As the number of days in a year may vary between calendars, (sub-)daily data with different calendars are not supported. The preprocessor saves both the input single model files as well as the multi-model results. In case you do not want to keep the single model files, set the parameter `keep_input_datasets` to `false` (default value is `true`). To remove scalar coordinates before merging input datasets into the multi-dataset cube, use the option `ignore_scalar_coords: true`. The resulting multi-dataset cube will not have scalar coordinates in this case. This ensures that differences in scalar coordinates in the input datasets are ignored, which is helpful if you encounter a `ValueError: Multi-model statistics failed to merge input cubes into a single array with Coordinates in cube.aux_coords (scalar) differ`. Some special scalar coordinates which are expected to differ across cubes (*p0* and *ptop*) are always removed.

```yaml
preprocessors:
  multi_model_save_input:
    multi_model_statistics:
      span: overlap
      statistics: [mean, median]
      exclude: [NCEP-NCAR-R1]
  multi_model_without_saving_input:
```

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```
    multi_model_statistics:
      span: overlap
      statistics: [mean, median]
      exclude: [NCEP-NCAR-R1]
      keep_input_datasets: false
      ignore_scalar_coords: true
  multi_model_percentiles_5_95:
    multi_model_statistics:
      span: overlap
      statistics:
        - operator: percentile
          percent: 5
        - operator: percentile
          percent: 95
```

Multi-model statistics also supports a `groupby` argument. You can group by any dataset key (`project`, `experiment`, etc.) or a combination of keys in a list. You can also add an arbitrary tag to a dataset definition and then group by that tag. When using this preprocessor in conjunction with *ensemble statistics* preprocessor, you can group by `ensemble_statistics` as well. For example:

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: CanESM2, exp: historical, ensemble: "r(1:2)i1p1"}
  - {dataset: CCSM4, exp: historical, ensemble: "r(1:2)i1p1"}

preprocessors:
  example_preprocessor:
    ensemble_statistics:
      statistics: [median, mean]
    multi_model_statistics:
      span: overlap
      statistics: [min, max]
      groupby: [ensemble_statistics]
      exclude: [NCEP-NCAR-R1]
```

This will first compute ensemble mean and median, and then compute the multi-model min and max separately for the ensemble means and medians. Note that this combination will not save the individual ensemble members, only the ensemble and multimodel statistics results.

When grouping by a tag not defined in all datasets, the datasets missing the tag will be grouped together. In the example below, datasets *UKESM* and *ERA5* would belong to the same group, while the other datasets would belong to either `group1` or `group2`

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: CanESM2, exp: historical, ensemble: "r(1:2)i1p1", tag: 'group1'}
  - {dataset: CanESM5, exp: historical, ensemble: "r(1:2)i1p1", tag: 'group2'}
  - {dataset: CCSM4, exp: historical, ensemble: "r(1:2)i1p1", tag: 'group2'}
  - {dataset: UKESM, exp: historical, ensemble: "r(1:2)i1p1"}
  - {dataset: ERA5}

preprocessors:
  example_preprocessor:
    multi_model_statistics:
      span: overlap
```

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```
    statistics: [min, max]
    groupby: [tag]
```

Note that those datasets can be excluded if listed in the `exclude` option.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics()*.

10.12 Time manipulation

The `_time.py` module contains the following preprocessor functions:

- *extract_time*: Extract a time range from a cube.
- *extract_season*: Extract only the times that occur within a specific season.
- *extract_month*: Extract only the times that occur within a specific month.
- *hourly_statistics*: Compute intra-day statistics
- *daily_statistics*: Compute statistics for each day
- *monthly_statistics*: Compute statistics for each month
- *seasonal_statistics*: Compute statistics for each season
- *annual_statistics*: Compute statistics for each year
- *decadal_statistics*: Compute statistics for each decade
- *climate_statistics*: Compute statistics for the full period
- *resample_time*: Resample data
- *resample_hours*: Convert between N-hourly frequencies by resampling
- *anomalies*: Compute (standardized) anomalies
- *regrid_time*: Aligns the time coordinate of each dataset, against a standardized time axis.
- *timeseries_filter*: Allows application of a filter to the time-series data.
- *local_solar_time*: Convert cube with UTC time to local solar time.

Statistics functions are applied by default in the order they appear in the list. For example, the following example applied to hourly data will retrieve the minimum values for the full period (by season) of the monthly mean of the daily maximum of any given variable.

```
daily_statistics:
  operator: max

monthly_statistics:
  operator: mean

climate_statistics:
  operator: min
  period: season
```

10.12.1 extract_time

This function extracts data within specific time criteria. The preprocessor removes all times which fall outside the specified time range. The required arguments are relatively self explanatory:

- start_year
- start_month
- start_day
- end_year
- end_month
- end_day

The start and end points are set using the datasets native calendar. start_month, start_day, end_month, and end_day should be given as integers - the named month string will not be accepted. start_year and end_year should both be either integers or null. If start_year and end_year are null, the date ranges (start_month-start_day to end_month-end_day) are selected in each year. For example, ranges Feb 3 - Apr 6 in each year are selected with the following preprocessor:

```
extract_time:
  start_year: null
  start_month: 2
  start_day: 3
  end_year: null
  end_month: 4
  end_day: 6
```

And the period between Feb 3, 2001 - Apr 6, 2004 is selected as follows:

```
extract_time:
  start_year: 2001
  start_month: 2
  start_day: 3
  end_year: 2004
  end_month: 4
  end_day: 6
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_time()*.

10.12.2 extract_season

Extract only the times that occur within a specific season.

This function only has one argument: season. This is the named season to extract, i.e. DJF, MAM, JJA, SON, but also all other sequentially correct combinations, e.g. JJAS.

Note that this function does not change the time resolution. If your original data is in monthly time resolution, then this function will return three monthly datapoints per year.

If you want the seasonal average, then this function needs to be combined with the seasonal_mean function, below.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_season()*.

10.12.3 extract_month

The function extracts the times that occur within a specific month. This function only has one argument: `month`. This value should be an integer between 1 and 12 as the named month string will not be accepted.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_month()*.

10.12.4 hourly_statistics

This function produces statistics at a x-hourly frequency.

Parameters:

- *hour*: Number of hours per period. Must be a divisor of 24, i.e., (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12).
- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics. Default is *mean*.
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.hourly_statistics()*.

10.12.5 daily_statistics

This function produces statistics for each day in the dataset.

Parameters:

- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics. Default is *mean*.
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.daily_statistics()*.

10.12.6 monthly_statistics

This function produces statistics for each month in the dataset.

Parameters:

- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics. Default is *mean*.
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.monthly_statistics()*.

10.12.7 seasonal_statistics

This function produces statistics for each season (default: `[DJF, MAM, JJA, SON]` or custom seasons e.g. `[JJAS, ONDJFMAM]`) in the dataset. Note that this function will not check for missing time points. For instance, if you are looking at the DJF field, but your datasets starts on January 1st, the first DJF field will only contain data from January and February.

We recommend using the extract_time to start the dataset from the following December and remove such biased initial data points.

Parameters:

- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics. Default is *mean*.
- *seasons*: Seasons to build statistics. Default is `'[DJF, MAM, JJA, SON]'`.
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.seasonal_statistics()*.

10.12.8 annual_statistics

This function produces statistics for each year.

Parameters:

- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics. Default is *mean*.
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.annual_statistics()*.

10.12.9 decadal_statistics

This function produces statistics for each decade.

Parameters:

- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics. Default is *mean*.
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.decadal_statistics()*.

10.12.10 climate_statistics

This function produces statistics for the whole dataset. It can produce scalars (if the full period is chosen) or hourly, daily, monthly or seasonal statistics.

Parameters:

- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics. Default is *mean*.
- *period*: Define the granularity of the statistics: get values for the full period, for each month, day of year or hour of day. Available periods: *full*, *season*, *seasonal*, *monthly*, *month*, *mon*, *daily*, *day*, *hourly*, *hour*, *hr*. Default is *full*.
- *seasons*: if period 'seasonal' or 'season' allows to set custom seasons. Default is `'[DJF, MAM, JJA, SON]'`.
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

Note

Some operations are weighted by the time coordinate by default, i.e., the length of the time intervals. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics. For *sum*, the units of the resulting cube are multiplied by the corresponding time units (e.g., days).

Examples:

- Monthly climatology:

```
climate_statistics:
  operator: mean
  period: month
```

- Daily maximum for the full period:

```
climate_statistics:
  operator: max
  period: day
```

- Minimum value in the period:

```
climate_statistics:
  operator: min
  period: full
```

- 80% percentile for each month:

```
climate_statistics:
  period: month
  operator: percentile
  percent: 80
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.climate_statistics()*.

10.12.11 resample_time

This function changes the frequency of the data in the cube by extracting the timesteps that meet the criteria. It is important to note that it is mainly meant to be used with instantaneous data.

Parameters:

- month: Extract only timesteps from the given month or do nothing if None. Default is *None*
- day: Extract only timesteps from the given day of month or do nothing if None. Default is *None*
- hour: Extract only timesteps from the given hour or do nothing if None. Default is *None*

Examples:

- Hourly data to daily:

```
resample_time:
  hour: 12
```

- Hourly data to monthly:

```
resample_time:
  hour: 12
  day: 15
```

- Daily data to monthly:

```
resample_time:
  day: 15
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.resample_time()*.

resample_hours:

10.12.12 resample_hours

Change the frequency of x-hourly data to y-hourly data by either eliminating extra time steps or interpolation. This is intended to be used with instantaneous data.

Parameters:

- *interval* (int): New frequency of the data. Must be a divisor of 24.
- *offset* (int): First hour of the desired output data (default: 0). Must be lower than the value of *interval*.
- *interpolate* (None or str): If *interpolate* is None (default), convert x-hourly data to y-hourly (y > x) by eliminating extra time steps. If *interpolate* is 'nearest' or 'linear', use nearest-neighbor or bilinear interpolation to convert general x-hourly data to general y-hourly data.

Examples:

- Convert to 12-hourly data by getting time steps at 0:00 and 12:00:

```
resample_hours:
  hours: 12
```

- Convert to 12-hourly data by getting time steps at 6:00 and 18:00:

```
resample_hours:
  hours: 12
  offset: 6
```

- Convert to 3-hourly data using bilinear interpolation:

```
resample_hours:
  hours: 3
  interpolate: linear
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.resample_hours()*.

10.12.13 anomalies

This function computes the anomalies for the whole dataset. It can compute anomalies from the full, seasonal, monthly, daily and hourly climatologies. Optionally standardized anomalies can be calculated.

Parameters:

- period: define the granularity of the climatology to use: full period, seasonal, monthly, daily or hourly. Available periods: 'full', 'season', 'seasonal', 'monthly', 'month', 'mon', 'daily', 'day', 'hourly', 'hour', 'hr'. Default is 'full'

- reference: Time slice to use as the reference to compute the climatology on. Can be 'null' to use the full cube or a dictionary with the parameters from *extract_time*. Default is null
- standardize: if true calculate standardized anomalies (default: false)
- seasons: if period 'seasonal' or 'season' allows to set custom seasons. Default is '[DJF, MAM, JJA, SON]'

Examples:

- Anomalies from the full period climatology:

```
anomalies:
```

- Anomalies from the full period monthly climatology:

```
anomalies:
  period: month
```

- Standardized anomalies from the full period climatology:

```
anomalies:
  standardized: true
```

- Standardized Anomalies from the 1979-2000 monthly climatology:

```
anomalies:
  period: month
  reference:
    start_year: 1979
    start_month: 1
    start_day: 1
    end_year: 2000
    end_month: 12
    end_day: 31
  standardize: true
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.anomalies()*.

10.12.14 regrid_time

This function aligns the time points and bounds of an input dataset according to the following rules:

- Decadal data: 1 January 00:00:00 for the given year. Example: 1 January 2005 00:00:00 for given year 2005 (decade 2000-2010).
- Yearly data: 1 July 00:00:00 for each year. Example: 1 July 1993 00:00:00 for the year 1993.
- Monthly data: 15th day 00:00:00 for each month. Example: 15 October 1993 00:00:00 for the month October 1993.
- Daily data: 12:00:00 for each day. Example: 14 March 1996 12:00:00 for the day 14 March 1996.
- *n*-hourly data where *n* is a divisor of 24: center of each time interval. Example: 03:00:00 for interval 00:00:00-06:00:00 (6-hourly data), 16:30:00 for interval 15:00:00-18:00:00 (3-hourly data), or 09:30:00 for interval 09:00:00-10:00:00 (hourly data).

The frequency of the input data is automatically determined from the CMOR table of the corresponding variable, but can be overwritten in the recipe if necessary. This function does not alter the data in any way.

Note

By default, this preprocessor will not change the calendar of the input time coordinate. For decadal, yearly, and monthly data, it is possible to change the calendar using the optional *calendar* argument. Be aware that changing the calendar might introduce (small) errors to your data, especially for extensive quantities (those that depend on the period length).

Parameters:

- *frequency*: Data frequency. If not given, use the one from the CMOR tables of the corresponding variable.
- *calendar*: If given, transform the calendar to the one specified (examples: *standard*, *365_day*, etc.). This only works for decadal, yearly and monthly data, and will raise an error for other frequencies. If not set, the calendar will not be changed.
- *units* (default: *days since 1850-01-01 00:00:00*): Reference time units used if the calendar of the data is changed. Ignored if *calendar* is not set.

Examples:

Change the input calendar to *standard* and use custom units:

```
regrid_time:
  calendar: standard
  units: days since 2000-01-01
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_time()*.

10.12.15 timeseries_filter

This function allows the user to apply a filter to the timeseries data. This filter may be of the user's choice (currently only the `low-pass` Lanczos filter is implemented); the implementation is inspired by this iris example and uses aggregation via `iris.cube.Cube.rolling_window`.

Parameters:

- window: the length of the filter window (in units of cube time coordinate).
- span: period (number of months/days, depending on data frequency) on which weights should be computed e.g. for 2-yearly: span = 24 (2 x 12 months). Make sure span has the same units as the data cube time coordinate.
- filter_type: the type of filter to be applied; default 'lowpass'. Available types: 'lowpass'.
- filter_stats: the type of statistic to aggregate on the rolling window; default 'sum'. Available operators: 'mean', 'median', 'std_dev', 'sum', 'min', 'max', 'rms'.

Examples:

- Lowpass filter with a monthly mean as operator:

```
timeseries_filter:
    window: 3  # 3-monthly filter window
    span: 12   # weights computed on the first year
    filter_type: lowpass  # low-pass filter
    filter_stats: mean    # 3-monthly mean lowpass filter
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.timeseries_filter()*.

10.12.16 local_solar_time

Many variables in the Earth system show a strong diurnal cycle. The reason for that is of course Earth's rotation around its own axis, which leads to a diurnal cycle of the incoming solar radiation. While UTC time is a very good absolute time measure, it is not really suited to analyze diurnal cycles over larger regions. For example, diurnal cycles over Russia and the USA are phase-shifted by ~180° = 12 hr in UTC time.

This is where the local solar time (LST) comes into play: For a given location, 12:00 noon LST is defined as the moment when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky. By using this definition based on the origin of the diurnal cycle (the sun), we can directly compare diurnal cycles across the globe. LST is mainly determined by the longitude of a location, but due to the eccentricity of Earth's orbit, it also depends on the day of year (see equation of time). However, this correction is at most ~15 min, which is usually smaller than the highest frequency output of CMIP6 models (1 hr) and smaller than the time scale for diurnal evolution of meteorological phenomena (which is in the order of hours, not minutes). Thus, instead, we use the **mean** LST, which solely depends on longitude:

$$LST = UTC + 12 \cdot \frac{lon}{180}$$

where the times are given in hours and *lon* in degrees in the interval [-180, 180]. To transform data from UTC to LST, this preprocessor shifts data along the time axis based on the longitude.

This preprocessor does not need any additional parameters.

Example:

```
calculate_local_solar_time:
  local_solar_time:
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.local_solar_time()*.

10.13 Area manipulation

The area manipulation module contains the following preprocessor functions:

- *extract_coordinate_points*: Extract a point with arbitrary coordinates given an interpolation scheme.
- *extract_region*: Extract a region from a cube based on `lat/lon` corners.
- *extract_named_regions*: Extract a specific region from in the region coordinate.
- *extract_shape*: Extract a region defined by a shapefile.
- *extract_point*: Extract a single point (with interpolation)
- *extract_location*: Extract a single point by its location (with interpolation)
- *zonal_statistics*: Compute zonal statistics.
- *meridional_statistics*: Compute meridional statistics.
- *area_statistics*: Compute area statistics.

10.13.1 extract_coordinate_points

This function extracts points with given coordinates, following either a `linear` or a `nearest` interpolation scheme. The resulting point cube will match the respective coordinates to those of the input coordinates. If the input coordinate is a scalar, the dimension will be a scalar in the output cube.

If the point to be extracted has at least one of the coordinate point values outside the interval of the cube's same coordinate values, then no extrapolation will be performed, and the resulting extracted cube will have fully masked data.

Examples:

- Extract a point from coordinate *grid_latitude* with given coordinate value 26.0:

```
extract_coordinate_points:
  definition:
    grid_latitude: 26.
  scheme: nearest
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_coordinate_points()*.

10.13.2 extract_region

This function returns a subset of the data on the rectangular region requested. The boundaries of the region are provided as latitude and longitude coordinates in the arguments:

- `start_longitude`
- `end_longitude`
- `start_latitude`
- `end_latitude`

Note that this function can only be used to extract a rectangular region. Use `extract_shape` to extract any other shaped region from a shapefile.

If the grid is irregular, the returned region retains the original coordinates, but is cropped to a rectangular bounding box defined by the start/end coordinates. The deselected area inside the region is masked.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_region()*.

10.13.3 extract_named_regions

This function extracts a specific named region from the data. This function takes the following argument: `regions` which is either a string or a list of strings of named regions. Note that the dataset must have a `region` coordinate which includes a list of strings as values. This function then matches the named regions against the requested string.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_named_regions()*.

10.13.4 extract_shape

Extract a shape or a representative point for this shape from the data.

Parameters:

- `shapefile`: path to the shapefile containing the geometry of the region to be extracted. If the file contains multiple shapes behaviour depends on the `decomposed` parameter. This path can be relative to the directory specified via the *configuration option* `auxiliary_data_dir` or relative to `esmvalcore/preprocessor/shapefiles` (in that priority order). Alternatively, a string (see "Shapefile name" below) can be given to load one of the following shapefiles that are shipped with ESMValCore:

Shapefile name	Description	Reference
ar6	IPCC WG1 reference regions (v4) used in Assessment Report 6	https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5176260

- `method`: the method to select the region, selecting either all points contained by the shape or a single representative point. Choose either *'contains'* or *'representative'*. If not a single grid point is contained in the shape, a representative point will be selected.
- `crop`: by default *extract_region* will be used to crop the data to a minimal rectangular region containing the shape. Set to `false` to only mask data outside the shape. Data on irregular grids will not be cropped.
- `decomposed`: by default `false`; in this case the union of all the regions in the shapefile is masked out. If set to `true`, the regions in the shapefiles are masked out separately and the output cube will have an additional dimension `shape_id` describing the requested regions.
- `ids`: Shapes to be read from the shapefile. Can be given as:
  - `list`: IDs are assigned from the attributes `name`, `NAME`, `Name`, `id`, or `ID` (in that priority order; the first one available is used). If none of these attributes are available in the shapefile, assume that the given *ids* correspond to the reading order of the individual shapes. So, for example, if a file has both `name` and `id` attributes, the ids will be assigned from `name`. If the file only has the `id` attribute, it will be taken from it and if no `name` nor `id` attributes are present, an integer ID starting from 0 will be assigned automatically when reading the shapes. We discourage to rely on this last behaviour as we can not assure that the reading order will be the same on different platforms, so we encourage you to specify a custom attribute using a `dict` (see below) instead. Note: An empty list is interpreted as `ids=None` (see below).
  - `dict`: IDs (dictionary value; `list` of `str`) are assigned from attribute given as dictionary key (`str`). Only dictionaries with length 1 are supported. Example: `ids={'Acronym': ['GIC', 'WNA']}`.
  - *None*: select all available regions from the shapefile.

Examples:

- Extract the shape of the river Elbe from a shapefile:

```
extract_shape:
  shapefile: Elbe.shp
  method: contains
```

- Extract the shape of several countries:

```
extract_shape:
shapefile: NaturalEarth/Countries/ne_110m_admin_0_countries.shp
decomposed: True
method: contains
ids:
  - Spain
  - France
  - Italy
  - United Kingdom
  - Taiwan
```

- Extract European AR6 regions:

```
extract_shape:
  shapefile: ar6
  method: contains
  ids:
    Acronym:
      - NEU
```

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```
      - WCE
      - MED
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_shape()*.

10.13.5 extract_point

Extract a single point from the data. This is done using either nearest or linear interpolation.

Returns a cube with the extracted point(s), and with adjusted latitude and longitude coordinates (see below).

Multiple points can also be extracted, by supplying an array of latitude and/or longitude coordinates. The resulting point cube will match the respective latitude and longitude coordinate to those of the input coordinates. If the input coordinate is a scalar, the dimension will be missing in the output cube (that is, it will be a scalar).

If the point to be extracted has at least one of the coordinate point values outside the interval of the cube's same coordinate values, then no extrapolation will be performed, and the resulting extracted cube will have fully masked data.

Parameters:

- `cube`: the input dataset cube.
- `latitude`, `longitude`: coordinates (as floating point values) of the point to be extracted. Either (or both) can also be an array of floating point values.
- `scheme`: interpolation scheme: either `'linear'` or `'nearest'`. There is no default.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_point()*.

10.13.6 extract_location

Extract a single point using a location name, with interpolation (either linear or nearest). This preprocessor extracts a single location point from a cube, according to the given interpolation scheme `scheme`. The function retrieves the coordinates of the location and then calls the *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_point()* preprocessor. It can be used to locate cities and villages, but also mountains or other geographical locations.

> **Note**
>
> Note that this function's geolocator application needs a working internet connection.

Parameters:

- *cube*: the input dataset cube to extract a point from.
- *location*: the reference location. Examples: 'mount everest', 'romania', 'new york, usa'. Raises ValueError if none supplied.
- *scheme* : interpolation scheme. *linear* or *nearest*. There is no default, raises ValueError if none supplied.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_location()*.

10.13.7 zonal_statistics

The function calculates the zonal statistics by applying an operator along the longitude coordinate.

Parameters:

- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics.

- *normalize*: If given, do not return the statistics cube itself, but rather, the input cube, normalized with the statistics cube. Can either be *subtract* (statistics cube is subtracted from the input cube) or *divide* (input cube is divided by the statistics cube).
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.zonal_statistics()*.

10.13.8 meridional_statistics

The function calculates the meridional statistics by applying an operator along the latitude coordinate. This function takes one argument:

Parameters:

- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics.
- *normalize*: If given, do not return the statistics cube itself, but rather, the input cube, normalized with the statistics cube. Can either be *subtract* (statistics cube is subtracted from the input cube) or *divide* (input cube is divided by the statistics cube).
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.meridional_statistics()*.

10.13.9 area_statistics

This function can be used to apply several different operations in the horizontal plane: for example, mean, sum, standard deviation, median, variance, minimum, maximum and root mean square. Some operations are grid cell area weighted by default. For sums, the units of the resulting cubes are multiplied by m^2. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics.

Note that this function is applied over the entire dataset. If only a specific region, depth layer or time period is required, then those regions need to be removed using other preprocessor operations in advance.

For weighted statistics, this function requires a cell area cell measure, unless the coordinates of the input data are regular 1D latitude and longitude coordinates so the cell areas can be computed internally. The required supplementary variable, either `areacella` for atmospheric variables or `areacello` for ocean variables, can be attached to the main dataset as described in *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*.

Parameters:

- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics.
- *normalize*: If given, do not return the statistics cube itself, but rather, the input cube, normalized with the statistics cube. Can either be *subtract* (statistics cube is subtracted from the input cube) or *divide* (input cube is divided by the statistics cube).
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

Examples: * Calculate global mean:

```
area_statistics:
  operator: mean
```

- Subtract global mean from dataset:

```yaml
area_statistics:
  operator: mean
  normalize: subtract
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.area_statistics()*.

10.14 Volume manipulation

The `_volume.py` module contains the following preprocessor functions:

- `axis_statistics`: Perform operations along a given axis.
- `extract_volume`: Extract a specific depth range from a cube.
- `volume_statistics`: Calculate the volume-weighted average.
- `depth_integration`: Integrate over the depth dimension.
- `extract_transect`: Extract data along a line of constant latitude or longitude.
- `extract_trajectory`: Extract data along a specified trajectory.
- `extract_surface_from_atm`: Extract atmospheric data at the surface.

10.14.1 `extract_volume`

Extract a specific range in the z-direction from a cube. The range is given as an interval that can be:

- open `(z_min, z_max)`, in which the extracted range does not include `z_min` nor `z_max`.
- closed `[z_min, z_max]`, in which the extracted includes both `z_min` and `z_max`.
- left closed `[z_min, z_max)`, in which the extracted range includes `z_min` but not `z_max`.
- right closed `(z_min, z_max]`, in which the extracted range includes `z_max` but not `z_min`.

The extraction is performed by applying a constraint on the coordinate values, without any kind of interpolation.

This function takes four arguments:

- `z_min` to define the minimum value of the range to extract in the z-direction.
- `z_max` to define the maximum value of the range to extract in the z-direction.
- **`interval_bounds` to define whether the bounds of the interval are open, `closed`, `left_closed` or `right_closed`.** Default is `open`.
- **`nearest_value` to extract a range taking into account the values of the z-coordinate that** are closest to `z_min` and `z_max`. Default is `False`.

As the coordinate points are likely to vary depending on the dataset, sometimes it might be useful to adjust the given `z_min` and `z_max` values to the values of the coordinate points before performing an extraction. This behaviour can be achieved by setting the `nearest_value` argument to `True`.

For example, in a cube with `z_coord = [0., 1.5, 2.6., 3.8., 5.4]`, the preprocessor below:

```yaml
preprocessors:
  extract_volume:
    z_min: 1.
    z_max: 5.
    interval_bounds: 'closed'
```

would return a cube with a `z_coord` defined as `z_coord = [1.5, 2.6., 3.8.]`, since these are the values that strictly fall into the range given by `[z_min=1, z_max=5]`.

Whereas setting `earest_value: True`:

```
preprocessors:
  extract_volume:
    z_min: 1.
    z_max: 5.
    interval_bounds: 'closed'
    nearest_value: True
```

would return a cube with a `z_coord` defined as `z_coord = [1.5, 2.6., 3.8., 5.4]`, since `z_max = 5` is closest to the coordinate point `z = 5.4` than it is to `z = 3.8`.

Note that this preprocessor requires the requested z-coordinate range to be the same sign as the Iris cube. That is, if the cube has z-coordinate as negative, then `z_min` and `z_max` need to be negative numbers.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_volume()*.

10.14.2 volume_statistics

This function calculates the volume-weighted average across three dimensions, but maintains the time dimension.

By default, the *mean* operation is weighted by the grid cell volumes.

For weighted statistics, this function requires a cell volume cell measure, unless it has a cell_area cell measure or the coordinates of the input data are regular 1D latitude and longitude coordinates so the cell volumes can be computed internally. The required supplementary variable `volcello`, or `areacello` in its absence, can be attached to the main dataset as described in *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*.

No depth coordinate is required as this is determined by Iris. However, to compute the volume automatically when `volcello` is not provided, the depth coordinate units should be convertible to meters.

Parameters:

- *operator*: Operation to apply. At the moment, only *mean* is supported. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics.
- *normalize*: If given, do not return the statistics cube itself, but rather, the input cube, normalized with the statistics cube. Can either be *subtract* (statistics cube is subtracted from the input cube) or *divide* (input cube is divided by the statistics cube).
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.volume_statistics()*.

10.14.3 axis_statistics

This function operates over a given axis, and removes it from the output cube.

Takes arguments:

- *axis*: direction over which the statistics will be performed. Possible values for the axis are x, y, z, t.
- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics.
- *normalize*: If given, do not return the statistics cube itself, but rather, the input cube, normalized with the statistics cube. Can either be *subtract* (statistics cube is subtracted from the input cube) or *divide* (input cube is divided by the statistics cube).

- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

Note

The coordinate associated to the axis over which the operation will be performed must be one-dimensional, as multidimensional coordinates are not supported in this preprocessor.

Some operations are weighted by the corresponding coordinate bounds by default. For sums, the units of the resulting cubes are multiplied by the corresponding coordinate units. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.axis_statistics()*.

10.14.4 depth_integration

This function integrates over the depth dimension. This function does a weighted sum along the z-coordinate, and removes the z direction of the output cube. This preprocessor takes no arguments. The units of the resulting cube are multiplied by the z-coordinate units.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.depth_integration()*.

10.14.5 extract_transect

This function extracts data along a line of constant latitude or longitude. This function takes two arguments, although only one is strictly required. The two arguments are `latitude` and `longitude`. One of these arguments needs to be set to a float, and the other can then be either ignored or set to a minimum or maximum value.

For example, if we set latitude to 0 N and leave longitude blank, it would produce a cube along the Equator. On the other hand, if we set latitude to 0 and then set longitude to `[40., 100.]` this will produce a transect of the Equator in the Indian Ocean.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_transect()*.

10.14.6 extract_trajectory

This function extract data along a specified trajectory. The three arguments are: `latitudes`, `longitudes` and number of point needed for extrapolation `number_points`.

If two points are provided, the `number_points` argument is used to set a the number of places to extract between the two end points.

If more than two points are provided, then `extract_trajectory` will produce a cube which has extrapolated the data of the cube to those points, and `number_points` is not needed.

Note that this function uses the expensive `interpolate` method from `Iris.analysis.trajectory`, but it may be necessary for irregular grids.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_trajectory()*.

10.14.7 extract_surface_from_atm

This function extracts data at the surface for an atmospheric variable.

The function returns the interpolated value of an input filed at the corresponding surface pressure given by the surface air pressure `ps`.

The required supplementary surface air pressure `ps` is attached to the main dataset as described in *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_surface_from_atm()*.

10.15 Cycles

The `_cycles.py` module contains the following preprocessor functions:

- `amplitude`: Extract the peak-to-peak amplitude of a cycle aggregated over specified coordinates.

10.15.1 amplitude

This function extracts the peak-to-peak amplitude (maximum value minus minimum value) of a field aggregated over specified coordinates. Its only argument is `coords`, which can either be a single coordinate (given as `str`) or multiple coordinates (given as `list` of `str`). Usually, these coordinates refer to temporal categorised coordinates `iris.coord_categorisation` like *year*, *month*, *day of year*, etc. For example, to extract the amplitude of the annual cycle for every single year in the data, use `coords: year`; to extract the amplitude of the diurnal cycle for every single day in the data, use `coords: [year, day_of_year]`.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.amplitude()*.

10.16 Trend

The trend module contains the following preprocessor functions:

- `linear_trend`: Calculate linear trend along a specified coordinate.
- `linear_trend_stderr`: Calculate standard error of linear trend along a specified coordinate.

10.16.1 linear_trend

This function calculates the linear trend of a dataset (defined as slope of an ordinary linear regression) along a specified coordinate. The only argument of this preprocessor is `coordinate` (given as `str`; default value is `'time'`).

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.linear_trend()*.

10.16.2 linear_trend_stderr

This function calculates the standard error of the linear trend of a dataset (defined as the standard error of the slope in an ordinary linear regression) along a specified coordinate. The only argument of this preprocessor is `coordinate` (given as `str`; default value is `'time'`). Note that the standard error is **not** identical to a confidence interval.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.linear_trend_stderr()*.

10.17 Detrend

ESMValCore also supports detrending along any dimension using the preprocessor function 'detrend'. This function has two parameters:

- `dimension`: dimension to apply detrend on. Default: "time"
- `method`: It can be `linear` or `constant`. Default: `linear`

If method is `linear`, detrend will calculate the linear trend along the selected axis and subtract it to the data. For example, this can be used to remove the linear trend caused by climate change on some variables is selected dimension is time.

If method is `constant`, detrend will compute the mean along that dimension and subtract it from the data

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.detrend()*.

10.18 Rolling window statistics

One can calculate rolling window statistics using the preprocessor function `rolling_window_statistics`. This function takes three parameters:

- *coordinate*: Coordinate over which the rolling-window statistics is calculated.
- *operator*: Operation to apply. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details on supported statistics.
- *window_length*: size of the rolling window to use (number of points).
- Other parameters are directly passed to the *operator* as keyword arguments. See *Statistical preprocessors* for more details.

This example applied on daily precipitation data calculates two-day rolling precipitation sum.

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_rolling_window:
    coordinate: time
    operator: sum
    window_length: 2
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.rolling_window_statistics()*.

10.19 Unit conversion

10.19.1 convert_units

Converting units is also supported. This is particularly useful in cases where different datasets might have different units, for example when comparing CMIP5 and CMIP6 variables where the units have changed or in case of observational datasets that are delivered in different units.

In these cases, having a unit conversion at the end of the processing will guarantee homogeneous input for the diagnostics.

Conversion is only supported between compatible units! In other words, converting temperature units from `degC` to `Kelvin` works fine, while changing units from `kg` to `m` will not work.

However, there are some well-defined exceptions from this rule in order to transform one quantity to another (physically related) quantity. These quantities are identified via their `standard_name` and their `units` (units convertible to the ones defined are also supported). For example, this enables conversions between precipitation fluxes measured in `kg m-2 s-1` and precipitation rates measured in `mm day-1` (and vice versa). Currently, the following special conversions are supported:

- `precipitation_flux` (`kg m-2 s-1`) – `lwe_precipitation_rate` (`mm day-1`)
- `equivalent_thickness_at_stp_of_atmosphere_ozone_content` (`m`) – `equivalent_thickness_at_stp_of_atmosphere_ozone_content` (`DU`)

Hint

Names in the list correspond to `standard_names` of the input data. Conversions are allowed from each quantity to any other quantity given in a bullet point. The corresponding target quantity is inferred from the desired target units. In addition, any other units convertible to the ones given are also supported (e.g., instead of `mm day-1`, `m s-1` is also supported).

Note

For the transformation between the different precipitation variables, a water density of `1000 kg m-3` is assumed.

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.convert_units()*.

10.19.2 accumulate_coordinate

This function can be used to weight data using the bounds from a given coordinate. The resulting cube will then have units given by `cube_units * coordinate_units`.

For instance, if a variable has units such as `X s-1`, using `accumulate_coordinate` on the time coordinate would result on a cube where the data would be multiplied by the time bounds and the resulting units for the variable would be converted to `X`. In this case, weighting the data with the time coordinate would allow to cancel the time units in the variable.

Note

The coordinate used to weight the data must be one-dimensional, as multidimensional coordinates are not supported in this preprocessor.

See also `esmvalcore.preprocessor.accumulate_coordinate.()`

10.20 Comparison with reference dataset

This module contains the following preprocessor functions:

- `bias`: Calculate absolute or relative biases with respect to a reference dataset.
- `distance_metric`: Calculate absolute or relative biases with respect to a reference dataset.

10.20.1 bias

This function calculates biases with respect to a given reference dataset. For this, exactly one input dataset needs to be declared as `reference_for_bias: true` in the recipe, e.g.,

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: CanESM5, project: CMIP6, ensemble: r1i1p1f1, grid: gn}
  - {dataset: CESM2,   project: CMIP6, ensemble: r1i1p1f1, grid: gn}
  - {dataset: MIROC6,  project: CMIP6, ensemble: r1i1p1f1, grid: gn}
  - {dataset: ERA-Interim, project: OBS6, tier: 3, type: reanaly, version: 1,
     reference_for_bias: true}
```

In the example above, ERA-Interim is used as reference dataset for the bias calculation.

It is also possible to use the output from the *Multi-model statistics* or *Ensemble statistics* preprocessor as reference dataset. In this case, make sure to use `reference_for_bias: true` for each dataset that will be used to create the reference dataset and use the option `keep_input_datasets: false` for the multi-dataset preprocessor. For example:

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: CanESM5, group: ref, reference_for_bias: true}
  - {dataset: CESM2,   group: ref, reference_for_bias: true}
  - {dataset: MIROC6,  group: notref}
```

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```
preprocessors:
  calculate_bias:
    custom_order: true
    multi_model_statistics:
      statistics: [mean]
      span: overlap
      groupby: [group]
      keep_input_datasets: false
    bias:
      bias_type: relative
```

Here, the bias of MIROC6 is calculated relative to the multi-model mean from the models CanESM5 and CESM2.

The reference dataset needs to be broadcastable to all other datasets. This supports iris' rich broadcasting abilities. To ensure this, the preprocessors *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid()* and/or *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_time()* might be helpful.

The `bias` preprocessor supports 4 optional arguments in the recipe:

- `bias_type` (`str`, default: `'absolute'`): Bias type that is calculated. Can be `'absolute'` (i.e., calculate bias for dataset X and reference R as $X - R$) or `relative` (i.e., calculate bias as $\frac{X-R}{R}$).
- `denominator_mask_threshold` (`float`, default: `1e-3`): Threshold to mask values close to zero in the denominator (i.e., the reference dataset) during the calculation of relative biases. All values in the reference dataset with absolute value less than the given threshold are masked out. This setting is ignored when `bias_type` is set to `'absolute'`. Please note that for some variables with very small absolute values (e.g., carbon cycle fluxes, which are usually $< 10^{-6}$ kg m $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$) it is absolutely essential to change the default value in order to get reasonable results.
- `keep_reference_dataset` (`bool`, default: `False`): If `True`, keep the reference dataset in the output. If `False`, drop the reference dataset.
- `exclude` (`list` of `str`): Exclude specific datasets from this preprocessor. Note that this option is only available in the recipe, not when using *esmvalcore.preprocessor.bias()* directly (e.g., in another python script). If the reference dataset has been excluded, an error is raised.

Example:

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_bias:
    bias:
      bias_type: relative
      denominator_mask_threshold: 1e-8
      keep_reference_dataset: true
      exclude: [CanESM2]
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.bias()*.

10.20.2 distance_metric

This function calculates a distance metric with respect to a given reference dataset. For this, exactly one input dataset needs to be declared as `reference_for_metric: true` in the recipe, e.g.,

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: CanESM5, project: CMIP6, ensemble: r1i1p1f1, grid: gn}
```

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```
  - {dataset: CESM2,   project: CMIP6, ensemble: r1i1p1f1, grid: gn}
  - {dataset: MIROC6,  project: CMIP6, ensemble: r1i1p1f1, grid: gn}
  - {dataset: ERA-Interim, project: OBS6, tier: 3, type: reanaly, version: 1,
     reference_for_metric: true}
```

In the example above, ERA-Interim is used as reference dataset for the distance metric calculation.

It is also possible to use the output from the *Multi-model statistics* or *Ensemble statistics* preprocessor as reference dataset. In this case, make sure to use `reference_for_metric: true` for each dataset that will be used to create the reference dataset and use the option `keep_input_datasets: false` for the multi-dataset preprocessor. For example:

```
datasets:
  - {dataset: CanESM5, group: ref, reference_for_metric: true}
  - {dataset: CESM2,   group: ref, reference_for_metric: true}
  - {dataset: MIROC6,  group: notref}

preprocessors:
  calculate_distance_metric:
    custom_order: true
    multi_model_statistics:
      statistics: [mean]
      span: overlap
      groupby: [group]
      keep_input_datasets: false
    distance_metric:
      metric: emd
```

Here, the EMD metric of MIROC6 is calculated relative to the the multi-model mean from the models CanESM5 and CESM2.

All datasets need to have the same shape and coordinates. To ensure this, the preprocessors *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid()* and/or *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_time()* might be helpful.

The `distance_metric` preprocessor supports the following arguments in the recipe:

- `metric` (`str`): Distance metric that is calculated. Must be one of
  - `'rmse'`: Unweighted root mean square error.

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N}(x_i - r_i)^2}$$

  - `'weighted_rmse'`: Weighted root mean square error.

$$WRMSE = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i\,(x_i - r_i)^2}$$

  - `'pearsonr'`: Unweighted Pearson correlation coefficient.

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N}(x_i - \bar{x})(r_i - \bar{r})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N}(x_i - \bar{x})^2}\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N}(r_i - \bar{r})^2}}$$

  - `'weighted_pearsonr'`: Weighted Pearson correlation coefficient.

$$r = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i\,(x_i - \bar{x})(r_i - \bar{r})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i\,(x_i - \bar{x})^2}\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i\,(r_i - \bar{r})^2}}$$

- `'emd'`: Unweighted Earth mover's distance (EMD). The EMD is also known as first Wasserstein metric W_1, which is a metric that measures distance between two probability distributions. For this, discrete probability distributions of the input data are created through binning, which are then used as input for the Wasserstein metric. The metric is also known as *Earth mover's distance* since, intuitively, it can be seen as the minimum "cost" of turning one pile of earth into another one (pile of earth = probability distribution). This is also known as *optimal transport* problem. Formally, this can be described with a joint probability distribution (or *optimal transport matrix*) (whose marginals are the input distributions) that minimizes the "transportation cost":

$$W_1 = \min_{\gamma \in \mathbb{R}_+^{n \times n}} \sum_{i,j}^{n} \gamma_{ij} |X_i - R_i|$$

$$\text{with} \quad \sum_{j}^{n} \gamma_{ij} = p_X(X_i); \quad \sum_{i}^{n} \gamma_{ij} = p_R(R_j)$$

- `'weighted_emd'`: Weighted Earth mover's distance. Similar to the unweighted EMD (see above), but here weights are considered when calculating the probability distributions (i.e., instead of 1, each element provides a weight in the bin count; see also *weights* argument of `numpy.histogram()`).

Here, x_i and r_i are samples of a variable of interest and a corresponding reference, respectively (a bar over a variable denotes its arithmetic/weighted mean [the latter for weighted metrics]). Capital letters (X_i and R_i) refer to bin centers of a discrete probability distribution with values $p_X(X_i)$ or $p_R(R_i)$ and a number of bins n (see the argument `n_bins` below) that has been derived for the variables x and r through binning. The bins range from the minimum to the maximum value calculated over both the variable of interest and the reference; thus, $X_i = R_i$) for all i. w_i are weights that sum to one (see note below) and N is the total number of samples.

Note

Metrics starting with *weighted_* will calculate weighted distance metrics if possible. Currently, the following *coords* (or any combinations that include them) will trigger weighting: *time* (will use lengths of time intervals as weights) and *latitude* (will use cell area weights). Time weights are always calculated from the input data. Area weights can be given as supplementary variables to the recipe (*areacella* or *areacello*, see *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*) or calculated from the input data (this only works for regular grids). By default, **NO** supplementary variables will be used; they need to be explicitly requested in the recipe.

- `coords` (`list` of `str`, default: `None`): Coordinates over which the distance metric is calculated. If `None`, calculate the metric over all coordinates, which results in a scalar cube.
- `keep_reference_dataset` (`bool`, default: `True`): If `True`, also calculate the distance of the reference dataset with itself. If `False`, drop the reference dataset.
- `exclude` (`list` of `str`): Exclude specific datasets from this preprocessor. Note that this option is only available in the recipe, not when using *`esmvalcore.preprocessor.distance_metric()`* directly (e.g., in another python script). If the reference dataset has been excluded, an error is raised.
- Other parameters are directly used for the metric calculation. The following keyword arguments are supported:
  - *rmse* and *weighted_rmse*: none.
  - *pearsonr* and *weighted_pearsonr*: `mdtol`, `common_mask` (all keyword arguments are passed to `iris.analysis.stats.pearsonr()`, see that link for more details on these arguments). Note: in contrast to `pearsonr()`, `common_mask=True` by default.
  - *emd* and *weighted_emd*: `n_bins` = number of bins used to create discrete probability distribution of data before calculating the EMD (`int`, default: 100).

Example:

```yaml
preprocessors:
  preproc_pearsonr:
    distance_metric:
      metric: weighted_pearsonr
      coords: [latitude, longitude]
      keep_reference_dataset: true
      exclude: [CanESM2]
      common_mask: true
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.distance_metric()*.

10.21 Other

Miscellaneous functions that do not belong to any of the other categories.

10.21.1 align_metadata

This function sets cube metadata to entries from a specific target project. This is useful to align variable metadata of different projects prior to performing multi-model operations (e.g., *Multi-model statistics*). For example, standard names differ for some variables between CMIP5 and CMIP6 which would prevent the calculation of multi-model statistics between CMIP5 and CMIP6 data.

The `align_metadata` preprocessor supports the following arguments in the recipe:

- `target_project` (`str`): Project from which target metadata is read.
- `target_mip` (`str`; optional): MIP table from which target metadata is read. If not given, use the MIP tables of the corresponding variables defined in the recipe.
- `target_short_name` (`str`; optional): Variable short name from which target metadata is read. If not given, use the short names of the corresponding variables defined in the recipe.
- `strict` (`str`; optional, default: `True`): If `True`, raise an error if desired metadata cannot be read for variable `target_short_name` of MIP table `target_mip` and project `target_project`. If `False`, no error is raised.

Example:

```yaml
preprocessors:
  calculate_multi_model_statistics:
    align_metadata:
      target_project: CMIP6
    multi_model_statistics:
      span: overlap
      statistics: [mean, median]
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.align_metadata()*.

10.21.2 cumulative_sum

This function calculates cumulative sums along a given coordinate.

The `cumulative_sum` preprocessor supports the following arguments in the recipe:

- `coord` (`str`): Coordinate over which the cumulative sum is calculated. Must be 0D or 1D.
- `weights` (array-like, `bool`, or `None`, default: `None`): Weights for the calculation of the cumulative sum. Each element in the data is multiplied by the corresponding weight before summing. Can be an array of the same shape

as the input data, `False` or `None` (no weighting), or `True` (calculate the weights from the coordinate bounds; only works if each coordinate point has exactly 2 bounds).

- `method` (`str`, default: `"sequential"`): Method used to perform the cumulative sum. Only relevant if the cube has lazy data. See `dask.array.cumsum()` for details.

Example:

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_cumulative_sum:
    cumulative_sum:
      coord: time
      weights: true
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.cumulative_sum()*.

10.21.3 clip

This function clips data values to a certain minimum, maximum or range. The function takes two arguments:

- `minimum`: Lower bound of range. Default: `None`
- `maximum`: Upper bound of range. Default: `None`

The example below shows how to set all values below zero to zero.

```
preprocessors:
  clip:
    minimum: 0
    maximum: null
```

10.21.4 histogram

This function calculates histograms.

The `histogram` preprocessor supports the following arguments in the recipe:

- `coords` (`list` of `str`, default: `None`): Coordinates over which the histogram is calculated. If `None`, calculate the histogram over all coordinates. The shape of the output cube will be *(x1, x2, …, n_bins)*, where *xi* are the dimensions of the input cube not appearing in *coords* and *n_bins* is the number of bins.
- `bins` (`int` or sequence of `float`, default: 10): If *bins* is an `int`, it defines the number of equal-width bins in the given *bin_range*. If *bins* is a sequence, it defines a monotonically increasing array of bin edges, including the rightmost edge, allowing for non-uniform bin widths.
- `bin_range` (`tuple` of `float` or `None`, default: `None`): The lower and upper range of the bins. If `None`, *bin_range* is simply `(cube.core_data().min(), cube.core_data().max())`. Values outside the range are ignored. The first element of the range must be less than or equal to the second. *bin_range* affects the automatic bin computation as well if *bins* is an `int` (see description for *bins* above).
- `weights` (array-like, `bool`, or `None`, default: `None`): Weights for the histogram calculation. Each value in the input data only contributes its associated weight towards the bin count (instead of 1). Weights are normalized before entering the calculation if *normalization* is `'integral'` or `'sum'`. Can be an array of the same shape as the input data, `False` or `None` (no weighting), or `True`. In the latter case, weighting will depend on *coords*, and the following coordinates will trigger weighting: *time* (will use lengths of time intervals as weights) and *latitude* (will use cell area weights). Time weights are always calculated from the input data. Area weights can be given as supplementary variables in the recipe (*areacella* or *areacello*, see *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*) or calculated from the input data (this only works for regular grids). By default, **NO** supplementary variables will be used; they need to be explicitly requested in the recipe.

- `normalization` (`None`, `'sum'`, or `'integral'`, default: `None`): If `None`, the result will contain the number of samples in each bin. If `'integral'`, the result is the value of the probability *density* function at the bin, normalized such that the integral over the range is 1. If `'sum'`, the result is the value of the probability *mass* function at the bin, normalized such that the sum over the whole range is 1. Normalization will be applied across *coords*, not the entire cube.

Example:

```
preprocessors:
  preproc_histogram:
    histogram:
      coords: [latitude, longitude]
      bins: 12
      bin_range: [100.0, 150.0]
      weights: true
      normalization: sum
```

See also *esmvalcore.preprocessor.histogram()*.

10.22 Information on maximum memory required

In the most general case, we can set upper limits on the maximum memory the analysis will require:

`Ms = (R + N) x F_eff - F_eff` - when no multi-model analysis is performed;

`Mm = (2R + N) x F_eff - 2F_eff` - when multi-model analysis is performed;

where

- `Ms`: maximum memory for non-multimodel module
- `Mm`: maximum memory for multi-model module
- `R`: computational efficiency of module; *R* is typically 2-3
- `N`: number of datasets
- `F_eff`: average size of data per dataset where `F_eff = e x f x F` where `e` is the factor that describes how lazy the data is (`e = 1` for fully realized data) and `f` describes how much the data was shrunk by the immediately previous module, e.g. time extraction, area selection or level extraction; note that for fix_data `f` relates only to the time extraction, if data is exact in time (no time selection) `f = 1` for fix_data so for cases when we deal with a lot of datasets `R + N \approx N`, data is fully realized, assuming an average size of 1.5GB for 10 years of *3D* netCDF data, `N` datasets will require:

`Ms = 1.5 x (N - 1)` GB

`Mm = 1.5 x (N - 2)` GB

As a rule of thumb, the maximum required memory at a certain time for multi-model analysis could be estimated by multiplying the number of datasets by the average file size of all the datasets; this memory intake is high but also assumes that all data is fully realized in memory; this aspect will gradually change and the amount of realized data will decrease with the increase of `dask` use.

Part IV

Diagnostic script interfaces

In order to communicate with diagnostic scripts, ESMValCore uses YAML files. The YAML files provided by ESMValCore to the diagnostic script tell the diagnostic script the settings that were provided in the recipe and where to find the pre-processed input data. On the other hand, the YAML file provided by the diagnostic script to ESMValCore tells ESMValCore which pre-processed data was used to create what plots. The latter is optional, but needed for recording provenance.

CHAPTER

ELEVEN

PROVENANCE

When ESMValCore (the `esmvaltool` command) runs a recipe, it will first find all data and run the default preprocessor steps plus any additional preprocessing steps defined in the recipe. Next it will run the diagnostic script defined in the recipe and finally it will store provenance information. Provenance information is stored in the W3C PROV XML format. To read in and extract information, or to plot these files, the prov Python package can be used. In addition to provenance information, a caption is also added to the plots.

CHAPTER

TWELVE

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ESMVALCORE TO THE DIAGNOSTIC SCRIPT

To provide the diagnostic script with the information it needs to run (e.g. location of input data, various settings), the ESMValCore creates a YAML file called settings.yml and provides the path to this file as the first command line argument to the diagnostic script.

The most interesting settings provided in this file are

```
run_dir:  /path/to/recipe_output/run/diagnostic_name/script_name
work_dir: /path/to/recipe_output/work/diagnostic_name/script_name
plot_dir: /path/to/recipe_output/plots/diagnostic_name/script_name
input_files:
  - /path/to/recipe_output/preproc/diagnostic_name/ta/metadata.yml
  - /path/to/recipe_output/preproc/diagnostic_name/pr/metadata.yml
```

Custom settings in the script section of the recipe will also be made available in this file.

There are three directories defined:

- `run_dir` use this for storing temporary files
- `work_dir` use this for storing NetCDF files containing the data used to make a plot
- `plot_dir` use this for storing plots

Finally `input_files` is a list of YAML files, containing a description of the preprocessed data. Each entry in these YAML files is a path to a preprocessed file in NetCDF format, with a list of various attributes. An example preprocessor metadata.yml file could look like this:

```
? /path/to/recipe_output/preproc/diagnostic_name/pr/CMIP5_GFDL-ESM2G_Amon_historical_
↪r1i1p1_T2Ms_pr_2000-2002.nc
: alias: GFDL-ESM2G
  cmor_table: CMIP5
  dataset: GFDL-ESM2G
  diagnostic: diagnostic_name
  end_year: 2002
  ensemble: r1i1p1
  exp: historical
  filename: /path/to/recipe_output/preproc/diagnostic_name/pr/CMIP5_GFDL-ESM2G_Amon_
↪historical_r1i1p1_T2Ms_pr_2000-2002.nc
  frequency: mon
  institute: [NOAA-GFDL]
  long_name: Precipitation
  mip: Amon
```

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```
  modeling_realm: [atmos]
  preprocessor: preprocessor_name
  project: CMIP5
  recipe_dataset_index: 1
  reference_dataset: MPI-ESM-LR
  short_name: pr
  standard_name: precipitation_flux
  start_year: 2000
  units: kg m-2 s-1
  variable_group: pr
? /path/to/recipe_output/preproc/diagnostic_name/pr/CMIP5_MPI-ESM-LR_Amon_historical_
↪r1i1p1_T2Ms_pr_2000-2002.nc
: alias: MPI-ESM-LR
  cmor_table: CMIP5
  dataset: MPI-ESM-LR
  diagnostic: diagnostic_name
  end_year: 2002
  ensemble: r1i1p1
  exp: historical
  filename: /path/to/recipe_output/preproc/diagnostic1/pr/CMIP5_MPI-ESM-LR_Amon_
↪historical_r1i1p1_T2Ms_pr_2000-2002.nc
  frequency: mon
  institute: [MPI-M]
  long_name: Precipitation
  mip: Amon
  modeling_realm: [atmos]
  preprocessor: preprocessor_name
  project: CMIP5
  recipe_dataset_index: 2
  reference_dataset: MPI-ESM-LR
  short_name: pr
  standard_name: precipitation_flux
  start_year: 2000
  units: kg m-2 s-1
  variable_group: pr
```

CHAPTER

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INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DIAGNOSTIC SCRIPT TO ESMVALCORE

After the diagnostic script has finished running, ESMValCore will try to store provenance information. In order to link the produced files to input data, the diagnostic script needs to store a YAML file called `diagnostic_provenance.yml` in its `run_dir`.

For every output file (netCDF files, plot files, etc.) produced by the diagnostic script, there should be an entry in the `diagnostic_provenance.yml` file. The name of each entry should be the path to the file. Each output file entry should at least contain the following items:

- `ancestors` a list of input files used to create the plot.
- `caption` a caption text for the plot.

Each file entry can also contain items from the categories defined in the file `esmvaltool/config_references.yml`. The short entries will automatically be replaced by their longer equivalent in the final provenance records. It is possible to add custom provenance information by adding custom items to entries.

An example `diagnostic_provenance.yml` file could look like this

```
? /path/to/recipe_output/work/diagnostic_name/script_name/CMIP5_GFDL-ESM2G_Amon_
↪historical_r1i1p1_pr_2000-2002_mean.nc
: ancestors:[/path/to/recipe_output/preproc/diagnostic_name/pr/CMIP5_GFDL-ESM2G_Amon_
↪historical_r1i1p1_pr_2000-2002.nc]
  authors: [andela_bouwe, righi_mattia]
  caption: Average Precipitation between 2000 and 2002 according to GFDL-ESM2G.
  domains: [global]
  plot_types: [zonal]
  references: [acknow_project]
  statistics: [mean]

? /path/to/recipe_output/plots/diagnostic_name/script_name/CMIP5_GFDL-ESM2G_Amon_
↪historical_r1i1p1_pr_2000-2002_mean.png
: ancestors:[/path/to/recipe_output/preproc/diagnostic_name/pr/CMIP5_GFDL-ESM2G_Amon_
↪historical_r1i1p1_pr_2000-2002.nc]
  authors: [andela_bouwe, righi_mattia]
  caption: Average Precipitation between 2000 and 2002 according to GFDL-ESM2G.
  domains: [global]
  plot_types: ['zonal']
  references: [acknow_project]
  statistics: [mean]
```

You can check whether your diagnostic script successfully provided the provenance information to the ESMValCore by checking the following points:

- for each output file in the `work_dir` and `plot_dir`, a file with the same name, but ending with `_provenance.xml` is created
- the output file is shown on the `index.html` page
- there were no warning messages in the log related to provenance

See Recording provenance for more extensive usage notes.

Part V

Development

To get started developing, have a look at our *contribution guidelines*. This chapter describes how to implement the most commonly contributed new features.

CHAPTER

FOURTEEN

PREPROCESSOR FUNCTION

Preprocessor functions are located in *esmvalcore.preprocessor*. To add a new preprocessor function, start by finding a likely looking file to add your function to in esmvalcore/preprocessor. Create a new file in that directory if you cannot find a suitable place.

The function should look like this:

```
def example_preprocessor_function(
    cube,
    example_argument,
    example_optional_argument=5,
):
    """Compute an example quantity.

    A more extensive explanation of the computation can be added here. Add
    references to scientific literature if available.

    Parameters
    ----------
    cube: iris.cube.Cube
       Input cube.

    example_argument: str
       Example argument, the value of this argument can be provided in the
       recipe. Describe what valid values are here. In this case, a valid
       argument is the name of a dimension of the input cube.

    example_optional_argument: int, optional
       Another example argument, the value of this argument can optionally
       be provided in the recipe. Describe what valid values are here.

    Returns
    -------
    iris.cube.Cube
      The result of the example computation.
    """

    # Replace this with your own computation
    cube = cube.collapsed(example_argument, iris.analysis.MEAN)

    return cube
```

The above function needs to be imported in the file esmvalcore/preprocessor/__init__.py:

```
from ._example_module import example_preprocessor_function

__all__ = [
...
'example_preprocessor_function',
...
]
```

The location in the `__all__` list above determines the default order in which preprocessor functions are applied, so carefully consider where you put it and ask for advice if needed.

The preprocessor function above can then be used from the *Recipe section: preprocessors* like this:

```
preprocessors:
  example_preprocessor:
    example_preprocessor_function:
      example_argument: median
      example_optional_argument: 6
```

The optional argument (in this example: `example_optional_argument`) can be omitted in the recipe.

14.1 Lazy and real data

Preprocessor functions should support both real and lazy data. This is vital for supporting the large datasets that are typically used with the ESMValCore. If the data of the incoming cube has been realized (i.e. `cube.has_lazy_data()` returns `False` so `cube.core_data()` is a NumPy array), the returned cube should also have realized data. Conversely, if the incoming cube has lazy data (i.e. `cube.has_lazy_data()` returns `True` so `cube.core_data()` is a Dask array), the returned cube should also have lazy data. Note that NumPy functions will often call their Dask equivalent if it exists and if their input array is a Dask array, and vice versa.

Note that preprocessor functions should preferably be small and just call the relevant iris code. Code that is more involved, e.g. lots of work with Numpy and Dask arrays, and more broadly applicable, should be implemented in iris instead.

14.2 Metadata

Preprocessor functions may change the metadata of datasets. An obvious example is *convert_units()*, which changes units. If cube metadata is changed in a preprocessor function, the *metadata.yml* file is automatically updated with this information. The following attributes are taken into account:

Attribute in `metadata.yml` file	Updated from
`standard_name`	`iris.cube.Cube.standard_name`
`long_name`	`iris.cube.Cube.long_name`
`short_name`	`iris.cube.Cube.var_name`
`units`	`iris.cube.Cube.units`
`frequency`	`iris.cube.Cube.attributes['frequency']`

If a given cube property is `None`, the corresponding attribute is updated with an empty string (`''`). If a cube property is not given, the corresponding attribute is not updated.

14.3 Documentation

The documentation in the function docstring will be shown in the *Preprocessor functions* chapter. In addition, you should add documentation on how to use the new preprocessor function from the recipe in doc/recipe/preprocessor.rst so it is shown in the *Preprocessor* chapter. See the introduction to *Documentation* for more information on how to best write documentation.

14.4 Tests

Tests are should be implemented for new or modified preprocessor functions. For an introduction to the topic, see *Tests*.

14.4.1 Unit tests

To add a unit test for the preprocessor function from the example above, create a file called `tests/unit/preprocessor/_example_module/test_example_preprocessor_function.py` and add the following content:

```
"""Test function `esmvalcore.preprocessor.example_preprocessor_function`."""
import cf_units
import dask.array as da
import iris
import numpy as np
import pytest

from esmvalcore.preprocessor import example_preprocessor_function


@pytest.mark.parametrize('lazy', [True, False])
def test_example_preprocessor_function(lazy):
    """Test that the computed result is as expected."""

    # Construct the input cube
    data = np.array([1, 2], dtype=np.float32)
    if lazy:
        data = da.asarray(data, chunks=(1, ))
    cube = iris.cube.Cube(
        data,
        var_name='tas',
        units='K',
    )
    cube.add_dim_coord(
        iris.coords.DimCoord(
            np.array([0.5, 1.5], dtype=np.float64),
            bounds=np.array([[0, 1], [1, 2]], dtype=np.float64),
            standard_name='time',
            units=cf_units.Unit('days since 1950-01-01 00:00:00',
                                calendar='gregorian'),
        ),
        0,
    )

    # Compute the result
    result = example_preprocessor_function(cube, example_argument='time')
```

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```
    # Check that lazy data is returned if and only if the input is lazy
    assert result.has_lazy_data() is lazy

    # Construct the expected result cube
    expected = iris.cube.Cube(
        np.array(1.5, dtype=np.float32),
        var_name='tas',
        units='K',
    )
    expected.add_aux_coord(
        iris.coords.AuxCoord(
            np.array([1], dtype=np.float64),
            bounds=np.array([[0, 2]], dtype=np.float64),
            standard_name='time',
            units=cf_units.Unit('days since 1950-01-01 00:00:00',
                                calendar='gregorian'),
        ))
    expected.add_cell_method(
        iris.coords.CellMethod(method='mean', coords=('time', )))

    # Compare the result of the computation with the expected result
    print('result:', result)
    print('expected result:', expected)
    assert result == expected
```

In this test we used the decorator pytest.mark.parametrize to test two scenarios, with both lazy and realized data, with a single test.

14.4.2 Sample data tests

The idea of adding *sample data tests* is to check that preprocessor functions work with realistic data. This also provides an easy way to add regression tests, though these should preferably be implemented as unit tests instead, because using the sample data for this purpose is slow. To add a test using the sample data, create a file `tests/sample_data/preprocessor/example_preprocessor_function/test_example_preprocessor_function.py` and add the following content:

```
"""Test function `esmvalcore.preprocessor.example_preprocessor_function`."""
from pathlib import Path

import iris
import pytest

from esmvalcore.preprocessor import example_preprocessor_function

esmvaltool_sample_data = pytest.importorskip("esmvaltool_sample_data")


@pytest.mark.use_sample_data
def test_example_preprocessor_function():
    """Regression test to check that the computed result is as expected."""
    # Load an example input cube
    cube = esmvaltool_sample_data.load_timeseries_cubes(mip_table='Amon')[0]
```

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```
    # Compute the result
    result = example_preprocessor_function(cube, example_argument='time')

    filename = Path(__file__).with_name('example_preprocessor_function.nc')
    if not filename.exists():
        # Create the file the expected result if it doesn't exist
        iris.save(result, target=str(filename))
        raise FileNotFoundError(
            f'Reference data was missing, wrote new copy to {filename}')

    # Load the expected result cube
    expected = iris.load_cube(str(filename))

    # Compare the result of the computation with the expected result
    print('result:', result)
    print('expected result:', expected)
    assert result == expected
```

This will use a file from the sample data repository as input. The first time you run the test, the computed result will be stored in the file `tests/sample_data/preprocessor/example_preprocessor_function/example_preprocessor_function.nc` Any subsequent runs will re-load the data from file and check that it did not change. Make sure the stored results are small, i.e. smaller than 100 kilobytes, to keep the size of the ESMValCore repository small.

14.5 Using multiple datasets as input

The name of the first argument of the preprocessor function should in almost all cases be `cube`. Only when implementing a preprocessor function that uses all datasets as input, the name of the first argument should be `products`. If you would like to implement this type of preprocessor function, start by having a look at the existing functions, e.g. *esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics()* or *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_fillvalues()*.

CHAPTER

FIFTEEN

FIXING DATA

The baseline case for ESMValCore input data is CMOR fully compliant data that is read using Iris' `iris.load_raw()`. ESMValCore also allows for some departures from compliance (see *Customizing checker strictness*). Beyond that situation, some datasets (either model or observations) contain (known) errors that would normally prevent them from being processed. The issues can be in the metadata describing the dataset and/or in the actual data. Typical examples of such errors are missing or wrong attributes (e.g. attribute ''units" says 1e-9 but data are actually in 1e-6), missing or mislabeled coordinates (e.g. ''lev" instead of ''plev" or missing coordinate bounds like ''lat_bnds") or problems with the actual data (e.g. cloud liquid water only instead of sum of liquid + ice as specified by the CMIP data request). As an extreme case, some data sources simply are not NetCDF files and must go through some other data load function. ESMValCore can apply on-the-fly fixes to such datasets when issues can be fixed automatically.

In addition, some datasets are supported in their native (i.e., non CMOR-compliant) format through fixes. This is implemented for a set of *Datasets in native format*. A detailed description of how to include new native datasets is given *below*.

The following sections provide details on how to design such fixes.

Note

CMORizer scripts. Support for many observational and reanalysis datasets is also possible through a priori reformatting by CMORizer scripts in the ESMValTool, which are rather relevant for datasets of small volume

15.1 Fix structure

Fixes are Python classes stored in `esmvalcore/cmor/_fixes/[PROJECT]/[DATASET].py` that derive from `esmvalcore.cmor._fixes.fix.Fix` and are named after the short name of the variable they fix. You can also use the names of `mip` tables (e.g., `Amon`, `Lmon`, `Omon`, etc.) if you want the fix to be applied to all variables of that table in the dataset or `AllVars` if you want the fix to be applied to the whole dataset.

Warning

Be careful to replace any `-` with `_` in your dataset name. We need this replacement to have proper python module names.

The fixes are automatically loaded and applied when the dataset is preprocessed. They are a special type of *preprocessor function*, called by the preprocessor functions *`esmvalcore.preprocessor.fix_file()`*, *`esmvalcore.preprocessor.fix_metadata()`*, and *`esmvalcore.preprocessor.fix_data()`*.

The `Fix` class provides the following attributes:

- `Fix.vardef`: *`VariableInfo`* object that corresponds to the variable fixed by the fix.

- `Fix.extra_facets`: `dict` that contains all facets of the corresponding dataset fixed by the fix (see *esmvalcore.dataset.Dataset.facets*).
- `Fix.session`: *Session* object that includes configuration and directory information.

15.2 Fixing a dataset

To illustrate the process of creating a fix we are going to construct a new one from scratch for a fictional dataset. We need to fix a CMIPX model called PERFECT-MODEL that is reporting a missing latitude coordinate for variable tas.

15.2.1 Check the output

Next to the error message, you should see some info about the iris cube: size, coordinates. In our example it looks like this:

```
air_temperature/ (K) (time: 312; altitude: 90; longitude: 180)
    Dimension coordinates:
        time                                    x              -              -
        altitude                                -              x              -
        longitude                               -              -              x
    Auxiliary coordinates:
        day_of_month                            x              -              -
        day_of_year                             x              -              -
        month_number                            x              -              -
        year                                    x              -              -
    Attributes:
        {'cmor_table': 'CMIPX', 'mip': 'Amon', 'short_name': 'tas', 'frequency': 'mon'})
```

So now the mistake is clear: the latitude coordinate is badly named and the fix should just rename it.

15.2.2 Create the fix

We start by creating the module file. In our example the path will be `esmvalcore/cmor/_fixes/CMIPX/PERFECT_MODEL.py`. If it already exists just add the class to the file, there is no limit in the number of fixes we can have in any given file.

Then we have to create the class for the fix deriving from `esmvalcore.cmor._fixes.Fix`

```
"""Fixes for PERFECT-MODEL."""
from esmvalcore.cmor.fix import Fix

class tas(Fix):
     """Fixes for tas variable."""
```

Next we must choose the method to use between the ones offered by the Fix class:

- `fix_file`: you need to fix errors that prevent loading the data with Iris or perform operations that are more efficient with other packages (e.g., loading files with lots of variables is much faster with Xarray than Iris).
- `fix_metadata`: you want to change something in the cube that is not the data (e.g., variable or coordinate names, data units).
- `fix_data`: you need to fix the data. Beware: coordinates data values are part of the metadata.

In our case we need to rename the coordinate `altitude` to `latitude`, so we will implement the `fix_metadata` method:

```
"""Fixes for PERFECT-MODEL."""
from esmvalcore.cmor.fix import Fix

class tas(Fix):
    """Fixes for tas variable."""

    def fix_metadata(self, cubes):
        """
        Fix metadata for tas.

        Fix the name of the latitude coordinate, which is called altitude
        in the original file.
        """
        # Sometimes Iris will interpret the data as multiple cubes.
        # Good CMOR datasets will only show one but we support the
        # multiple cubes case to be able to fix the errors that are
        # leading to that extra cubes.
        # In our case this means that we can safely assume that the
        # tas cube is the first one
        tas_cube = cubes[0]
        latitude = tas_cube.coord('altitude')

        # Fix the names. Latitude values, units and
        latitude.short_name = 'lat'
        latitude.standard_name = 'latitude'
        latitude.long_name = 'latitude'
        return cubes
```

This will fix the error. The next time you run ESMValTool you will find that the error is fixed on the fly and, hopefully, your recipe will run free of errors. The `cubes` argument to the `fix_metadata` method will contain all cubes loaded from a single input file. Some care may need to be taken that the right cube is selected and fixed in case multiple cubes are created. Usually this happens when a coordinate is mistakenly loaded as a cube, because the input data does not follow the CF Conventions.

Sometimes other errors can appear after you fix the first one because they were hidden by it. In our case, the latitude coordinate could have bad units or values outside the valid range for example. Just extend your fix to address those errors.

15.2.3 Finishing

Chances are that you are not the only one that wants to use that dataset and variable. Other users could take advantage of your fixes as soon as possible. Please, create a separated pull request for the fix and submit it.

It will also be very helpful if you just scan a couple of other variables from the same dataset and check if they share this error. In case that you find that it is a general one, you can change the fix name to the corresponding `mip` table name (e.g., `Amon`, `Lmon`, `Omon`, etc.) so it gets executed for all variables in that table in the dataset or to `AllVars` so it gets executed for all variables in the dataset. If you find that this is shared only by a handful of similar vars you can just make the fix for those new vars derive from the one you just created:

```
"""Fixes for PERFECT-MODEL."""
from esmvalcore.cmor.fix import Fix

class tas(Fix):
    """Fixes for tas variable."""
```

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```
    def fix_metadata(self, cubes):
        """
        Fix metadata for tas.

        Fix the name of the latitude coordinate, which is called altitude
        in the original file.
        """
        # Sometimes Iris will interpret the data as multiple cubes.
        # Good CMOR datasets will only show one but we support the
        # multiple cubes case to be able to fix the errors that are
        # leading to that extra cubes.
        # In our case this means that we can safely assume that the
        # tas cube is the first one
        tas_cube = cubes[0]
        latitude = tas_cube.coord('altitude')

        # Fix the names. Latitude values, units and
        latitude.short_name = 'lat'
        latitude.standard_name = 'latitude'
        latitude.long_name = 'latitude'
        return cubes


class ps(tas):
    """Fixes for ps variable."""
```

15.3 Common errors

The above example covers one of the most common cases: variables / coordinates that have names that do not match the expected. But there are some others that use to appear frequently. This section describes the most common cases.

15.3.1 Bad units declared

It is quite common that a variable declares to be using some units but the data is stored in another. This can be solved by overwriting the units attribute with the actual data units.

```
def fix_metadata(self, cubes):
    cube = self.get_cube_from_list(cubes)
    cube.units = 'real_units'
```

Detecting this error can be tricky if the units are similar enough. It also has a good chance of going undetected until you notice strange results in your diagnostic.

For the above example, it can be useful to access the variable definition and associated coordinate definitions as provided by the CMOR table. For example:

```
def fix_metadata(self, cubes):
    cube = self.get_cube_from_list(cubes)
    cube.units = self.vardef.units
```

To learn more about what is available in these definitions, see: *esmvalcore.cmor.table.VariableInfo* and *esmvalcore.cmor.table.CoordinateInfo*.

15.3.2 Coordinates missing

Another common error is to have missing coordinates. Usually it just means that the file does not follow the CF-conventions and Iris can therefore not interpret it.

If this is the case, you should see a warning from the ESMValTool about discarding some cubes in the fix metadata step. Just before that warning you should see the full list of cubes as read by Iris. If that list contains your missing coordinate you can create a fix for this model:

```
def fix_metadata(self, cubes):
    coord_cube = cubes.extract_cube('COORDINATE_NAME')
    # Usually this will correspond to an auxiliary coordinate
    # because the most common error is to forget adding it to the
    # coordinates attribute
    coord = iris.coords.AuxCoord(
        coord_cube.data,
        var_name=coord_cube.var_name,
        standard_name=coord_cube.standard_name,
        long_name=coord_cube.long_name,
        units=coord_cube.units,
    }

    # It may also have bounds as another cube
    coord.bounds = cubes.extract_cube('BOUNDS_NAME').data

    data_cube = cubes.extract_cube('VAR_NAME')
    data_cube.add_aux_coord(coord, DIMENSIONS_INDEX_TUPLE)
    return [data_cube]
```

15.4 Customizing checker strictness

The data checker classifies its issues using four different levels of severity. From highest to lowest:

- `CRITICAL`: issues that most of the time will have severe consequences.
- `ERROR`: issues that usually lead to unexpected errors, but can be safely ignored sometimes.
- `WARNING`: something is not up to the standard but is unlikely to have consequences later.
- `DEBUG`: any info that the checker wants to communicate. Regardless of checker strictness, those will always be reported as debug messages.

Users can have control about which levels of issues are interpreted as errors, and therefore make the checker fail or warnings or debug messages. For this purpose there is an optional *configuration option* `check_level` that can take a number of values, listed below from the lowest level of strictness to the highest:

- `ignore`: all issues, regardless of severity, will be reported as warnings. Checker will never fail. Use this at your own risk.
- `relaxed`: only CRITICAL issues are treated as errors. We recommend not to rely on this mode, although it can be useful if there are errors preventing the run that you are sure you can manage on the diagnostics or that will not affect you.
- `default`: fail if there are any CRITICAL or ERROR issues (DEFAULT); Provides a good measure of safety.
- `strict`: fail if there are any warnings, this is the highest level of strictness. Mostly useful for checking datasets that you have produced, to be sure that future users will not be distracted by inoffensive warnings.

15.5 Add support for new native datasets

This section describes how to add support for additional native datasets. You can choose to host this new data source either under a dedicated project or under project `native6`.

15.5.1 Configuration

An example of a configuration in `config-developer.yml` for projects used for native datasets is given *here*. Make sure to use the option `cmor_strict: false` for these projects if you want to make use of *Custom CMOR tables*. This allows reading arbitrary variables from native datasets.

15.5.2 Locate data

To allow ESMValCore to locate the data files, use the following steps:

- If you want to use the `native6` project (recommended for datasets whose input files can be easily moved to the usual `native6` directory structure given by the *configuration option* `rootpath`; this is usually the case for native reanalysis/observational datasets):

  The entry `native6` of `config-developer.yml` should be complemented with sub-entries for `input_dir` and `input_file` that go under a new key representing the data organization (such as `MY_DATA_ORG`), and these sub-entries can use an arbitrary list of `{placeholders}`. Example :

  ```
  native6:
    ...
    input_dir:
      default: 'Tier{tier}/{dataset}/{version}/{frequency}/{short_name}'
      MY_DATA_ORG: '{dataset}/{exp}/{simulation}/{version}/{type}'
    input_file:
      default: '*.nc'
      MY_DATA_ORG: '{simulation}_*.nc'
    ...
  ```

  To find your native data (e.g., called `MYDATA`) that is for example located in `{rootpath}/MYDATA/amip/run1/42-0/atm/run1_1979.nc` (`{rootpath}` is ESMValTool's `rootpath` *configuration option* for the project `native6`), use the following dataset entry in your recipe

  ```
  datasets:
    - {project: native6, dataset: MYDATA, exp: amip, simulation: run1, version: 42-0,␣
  ↪type: atm}
  ```

  and make sure to use the following *configuration option* `drs`:

  ```
  drs:
    native6: MY_DATA_ORG
  ```

- If you want to use a dedicated project for your native dataset (recommended for datasets for which you cannot control the location of the input files; this is usually the case for native model output):

  A new entry for the project needs to be added to `config-developer.yml`. For example, for the ICON model, create a new project `ICON`:

  ```
  ICON:
    ...
    input_dir:
      default:
  ```

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```
      - '{exp}'
      - '{exp}/outdata'
      - '{exp}/output'
  input_file:
    default: '{exp}_{var_type}*.nc'
  ...
```

To find your ICON data that is for example located in files like `{rootpath}/amip/amip_atm_2d_ml_20000101T000000Z.nc` (`{rootpath}` is ESMValCore's *configuration option* `rootpath` for the project `ICON`), use the following dataset entry in your recipe:

```
datasets:
  - {project: ICON, dataset: ICON, exp: amip}
```

Please note the duplication of the name `ICON` in `project` and `dataset`, which is necessary to comply with ESMValTool's data finding and CMORizing functionalities. For other native models, `dataset` could also refer to a subversion of the model. Note that it is possible to predefine facets via *extra facets*. In this ICON example, the facet `var_type` is `predefined` for many variables.

15.5.3 Fix native data

To ensure that the native dataset has the correct metadata and data (i.e., that it is CMOR-compliant), use *dataset fixes*. This is where the actual CMORization takes place. For example, a `native6` dataset fix for ERA5 is located here, and the `ICON` fix is located here.

ESMValTool also provides a base class `NativeDatasetFix` that provides convenient functions useful for all native dataset fixes. An example for its usage can be found here.

15.5.4 Extra facets for native datasets

If necessary, so-called *Extra Facets* can be provided which allow to cope e.g. with variable naming issues for finding files or additional information that is required for the fixes. See *Use of extra facets in fixes* for more details on this. An example of such a configuration file for IPSL-CM6 is given `here`.

15.6 Use of extra facets in fixes

Extra facets are a mechanism to provide additional information for certain kinds of data. The general approach is described in *Extra Facets*. Here, we describe how they can be used in fixes to mold data into the form required by the applicable standard. For example, if the input data is part of an observational product that delivers surface temperature with a variable name of `t2m` inside a file named `2m_temperature_1950_monthly.nc`, but the same variable is called `tas` in the applicable standard, a fix can be created that reads the original variable from the correct file, and provides a renamed variable to the rest of the processing chain.

Normally, the applicable standard for variables is CMIP6.

For more details, refer to existing uses of this feature as examples, as e.g. *for IPSL-CM6*.

CHAPTER

SIXTEEN

DERIVING A VARIABLE

The variable derivation preprocessor module allows to derive variables which are not in the CMIP standard data request using standard variables as input. This is a special type of *preprocessor function*. All derivation scripts are located in esmvalcore/preprocessor/_derive/. A typical example looks like this:

```
"""Derivation of variable `dummy`."""

from iris.cube import Cube, CubeList

from esmvalcore.typing import Facets, FacetValue

from ._baseclass import DerivedVariableBase


class DerivedVariable(DerivedVariableBase):
    """Derivation of variable `dummy`."""

    @staticmethod
    def required(project: str) -> list[Facets]:
        """Declare the variables needed for derivation."""
        mip = "fx"
        if project == "CMIP6":
            mip = "Ofx"
        required = [
            {"short_name": "var_a"},
            {"short_name": "var_b", "mip": mip, "optional": True},
        ]
        return required

    @staticmethod
    def calculate(cubes: CubeList) -> Cube:
        """Compute `dummy`."""

        # `cubes` is a CubeList containing all required variables.
        cube = do_something_with(cubes)

        # Return single cube at the end
        return cube
```

The static function `required(project)` returns a `list` of *`Facets`* containing all required variables for deriving the derived variable. Its only argument is the `project` of the specific dataset. In this particular example script, the derived variable `dummy` is derived from `var_a` and `var_b`. It is possible to specify arbitrary attributes for each required

variable, e.g. `var_b` uses the mip `fx` (or `0fx` in the case of CMIP6) instead of the original one of `dummy`. Note that you can also declare a required variable as `optional=True`, which allows the skipping of this particular variable during data extraction. For example, this is useful for fx variables which are often not available for observational datasets. Otherwise, the tool will fail if not all required variables are available for all datasets.

The actual derivation takes place in the static function `calculate(cubes)` which returns a single `Cube` containing the derived variable. Its only argument `cubes` is a `CubeList` containing all required variables.

If no MIP table entry for the derived variable exists for the given `mip`, the tool will also look in other `mip` tables for the same `project` to find the definition of derived variables. To contribute a completely new derived variable, it is necessary to define a name for it and to provide the corresponding CMOR table. This is to guarantee the proper metadata definition is attached to the derived data. Such custom CMOR tables are collected as part of the ESMValCore package.

Part VI

Contributions are very welcome

We greatly value contributions of any kind. Contributions could include, but are not limited to documentation improvements, bug reports, new or improved code, scientific and technical code reviews, infrastructure improvements, mailing list and chat participation, community help/building, education and outreach. We value the time you invest in contributing and strive to make the process as easy as possible. If you have suggestions for improving the process of contributing, please do not hesitate to propose them.

If you have a bug or other issue to report or just need help, please open an issue on the issues tab on the ESMValCore github repository.

If you would like to contribute a new *preprocessor function*, *derived variable*, *fix for a dataset*, or another new feature, please discuss your idea with the development team before getting started, to avoid double work and/or disappointment later. A good way to do this is to open an issue on GitHub.

CHAPTER

SEVENTEEN

GETTING STARTED

See *Installation from source* for instructions on how to set up a development installation.

New development should preferably be done in the ESMValCore GitHub repository. The default git branch is `main`. Use this branch to create a new feature branch from and make a pull request against. This page offers a good introduction to git branches, but it was written for BitBucket while we use GitHub, so replace the word BitBucket by GitHub whenever you read it.

It is recommended that you open a draft pull request early, as this will cause *CircleCI to run the unit tests*, *pre-commit.ci to analyse your code*, and *readthedocs to build the documentation*. It's also easier to get help from other developers if your code is visible in a pull request.

Make small pull requests, the ideal pull requests changes just a few files and adds/changes no more than 100 lines of production code. The amount of test code added can be more extensive, but changes to existing test code should be made sparingly.

17.1 Design considerations

When making changes, try to respect the current structure of the program. If you need to make major changes to the structure of program to add a feature, chances are that you have either not come up with the most optimal design or the feature is not a very good fit for the tool. Discuss your feature with the @ESMValGroup/esmvaltool-coreteam in an issue to find a solution.

Please keep the following considerations in mind when programming:

- Changes should preferably be *backward compatible*.
- Apply changes gradually and change no more than a few files in a single pull request, but do make sure every pull request in itself brings a meaningful improvement. This reduces the risk of breaking existing functionality and making *backward incompatible* changes, because it helps you as well as the reviewers of your pull request to better understand what exactly is being changed.
- *Preprocessor functions* are Python functions (and not classes) so they are easy to understand and implement for scientific contributors.
- No additional CMOR checks should be implemented inside preprocessor functions. The input cube is fixed and confirmed to follow the specification in esmvalcore/cmor/tables before applying any other preprocessor functions. This design helps to keep the preprocessor functions and diagnostics scripts that use the preprocessed data from the tool simple and reliable. See *Project CMOR table configuration* for the mapping from `project` in the recipe to the relevant CMOR table.
- The ESMValCore package is based on iris. Preprocessor functions should preferably be small and just call the relevant iris code. Code that is more involved and more broadly applicable than just in the ESMValCore, should be implemented in iris instead.

- Any settings in the recipe that can be checked before loading the data should be checked at the *task creation stage*. This avoids that users run a recipe for several hours before finding out they made a mistake in the recipe. No data should be processed or files written while creating the tasks.
- CMOR checks should provide a good balance between reliability of the tool and ease of use. Several *levels of strictness of the checks* are available to facilitate this.
- Keep your code short and simple: we would like to make contributing as easy as possible. For example, avoid implementing complicated class inheritance structures and boilerplate code.
- If you find yourself copy-pasting a piece of code and making minor changes to every copy, instead put the repeated bit of code in a function that you can reuse, and provide the changed bits as function arguments.
- Be careful when changing existing unit tests to make your new feature work. You might be breaking existing features if you have to change existing tests.

Finally, if you would like to improve the design of the tool, discuss your plans with the @ESMValGroup/esmvaltool-coreteam to make sure you understand the current functionality and you all agree on the new design.

CHAPTER

EIGHTEEN

CHECKLIST FOR PULL REQUESTS

To clearly communicate up front what is expected from a pull request, we have the following checklist. Please try to do everything on the list before requesting a review. If you are unsure about something on the list, please ask the @ESMValGroup/tech-reviewers or @ESMValGroup/science-reviewers for help by commenting on your (draft) pull request or by starting a new discussion.

In the ESMValTool community we use pull request reviews to ensure all code and documentation contributions are of good quality. The icons indicate whether the item will be checked during the Technical review or Scientific review.

- The new functionality is *relevant and scientifically sound*
- *The pull request has a descriptive title and labels*
- Code is written according to the *code quality guidelines*
- and *Documentation* is available
- Unit *tests* have been added
- Changes are *backward compatible*
- Changed *dependencies have been added or removed correctly*
- The *list of authors* is up to date
- The *checks shown below the pull request* are successful

Pull requests introducing a change that causes a recipe to no longer run successfully (*breaking change*), or which results in scientifically significant changes in results (*science change*) require additional items to be reviewed defined in the backward compatibility policy. These include in particular:

- Instructions for the release notes to assist *recipe developers* to adapt their recipe in light of the *backward-incompatible change* available.
- General instructions for *recipe developers* working on *user recipes* to enable them to adapt their code related to *backward-incompatible changes* available (see ESMValTool_Tutorial: issue #263).
- Core development team tagged to notify them of the *backward-incompatible change*, and give at least 2 weeks for objections to be raised before merging to the main branch. If a strong objection is raised the backward-incompatible change should not be merged until the objection is resolved.
- Information required for the "*backward-incompatible changes*" section in the PR that introduces the *backward-incompatible change* available.

CHAPTER

NINETEEN

SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

The proposed changes should be relevant for the larger scientific community. The implementation of new features should be scientifically sound; e.g. the formulas used in new preprocesssor functions should be accompanied by the relevant references and checked for correctness by the scientific reviewer. The CF Conventions as well as additional standards imposed by CMIP should be followed whenever possible.

CHAPTER

TWENTY

PULL REQUEST TITLE AND LABEL

The title of a pull request should clearly describe what the pull request changes. If you need more text to describe what the pull request does, please add it in the description. Add one or more labels to your pull request to indicate the type of change. At least one of the following labels should be used: *bug*, *deprecated feature*, *fix for dataset*, *preprocessor*, *cmor*, *api*, *testing*, *documentation* or *enhancement*.

The titles and labels of pull requests are used to compile the *Changelog*, therefore it is important that they are easy to understand for people who are not familiar with the code or people in the project. Descriptive pull request titles also makes it easier to find back what was changed when, which is useful in case a bug was introduced.

CHAPTER

TWENTYONE

CODE QUALITY

To increase the readability and maintainability or the ESMValCore source code, we aim to adhere to best practices and coding standards.

We include checks for Python and yaml files, most of which are described in more detail in the sections below. This includes checks for invalid syntax and formatting errors. Pre-commit is a handy tool that can run all of these checks automatically just before you commit your code. It knows knows which tool to run for each filetype, and therefore provides a convenient way to check your code. Install the pre-commit hooks by running

```
pre-commit install
```

to make sure your code is formatted correctly and does not contain mistakes whenever you commit some changes.

21.1 Python

The standard document on best practices for Python code is PEP8 and there is PEP257 for code documentation. We make use of numpy style docstrings to document Python functions that are part of the *ESMValCore API Reference*.

To check if your code adheres to the standard, go to the directory where the repository is cloned, e.g. `cd ESMValCore`, and run pre-commit:

```
pre-commit run --all
```

We use ruff to automatically format the code and to check for certain bugs and mypy for checking that type hints are correct. Note that type hints are optional, but if you do choose to add them, they should be correct. Both ruff and mypy are automatically run by pre-commit.

When you make a pull request, adherence to the Python development best practices is checked by pre-commit.ci.

21.2 YAML

We use yamllint to check that YAML files do not contain mistakes. This is automatically run by pre-commit.

21.3 Any text file

A generic tool to check for common spelling mistakes is codespell. This is automatically run by pre-commit.

CHAPTER

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DOCUMENTATION

The documentation lives on docs.esmvaltool.org.

22.1 Adding documentation

The documentation is built by readthedocs using Sphinx. There are two main ways of adding documentation:

1. As written text in the directory doc. When writing reStructuredText (`.rst`) files, please try to limit the line length to 80 characters and always start a sentence on a new line. This makes it easier to review changes to documentation on GitHub.
2. As docstrings or comments in code. For Python code, only the docstrings of Python modules, classes, and functions that are mentioned in doc/api are used to generate the online documentation. This results in the *ESMValCore API Reference*. The standard document with best practices on writing docstrings is PEP257. For the API documentation, we make use of numpy style docstrings.

22.2 What should be documented

Functionality that is visible to users should be documented. Any documentation that is visible on readthedocs should be well written and adhere to the standards for documentation. Examples of this include:

- The *recipe*
- Preprocessor *functions* and their *use from the recipe*
- *Configuration options*
- *Installation*
- *Output files*
- *Command line interface*
- *Diagnostic script interfaces*
- *The experimental Python interface*

Note that:

- For functions that compute scientific results, comments with references to papers and/or other resources as well as formula numbers should be included.
- When making changes to/introducing a new preprocessor function, also update the *preprocessor documentation*.
- There is no need to write complete numpy style documentation for functions that are not visible in the *ESMValCore API Reference* chapter on readthedocs. However, adding a docstring describing what a function does is always a good idea. For short functions, a one-line docstring is usually sufficient, but more complex functions might require slightly more extensive documentation.

When reviewing a pull request, always check that documentation is easy to understand and available in all expected places.

22.3 How to build and view the documentation

Whenever you make a pull request or push new commits to an existing pull request, readthedocs will automatically build the documentation. The link to the documentation will be shown in the list of checks below your pull request. Click 'Details' behind the check `docs/readthedocs.org:esmvalcore` to preview the documentation. If all checks were successful, you may need to click 'Show all checks' to see the individual checks.

To build the documentation on your own computer, go to the directory where the repository was cloned and run

```
sphinx-build doc doc/build
```

or

```
sphinx-build -Ea doc doc/build
```

to build it from scratch.

Make sure that your newly added documentation builds without warnings or errors and looks correctly formatted. CircleCI will build the documentation with the command:

```
sphinx-build -W doc doc/build
```

This will catch mistakes that can be detected automatically.

The configuration file for Sphinx is doc/shinx/source/conf.py.

See Integration with the ESMValCore documentation for information on how the ESMValCore documentation is integrated into the complete ESMValTool project documentation on readthedocs.

When reviewing a pull request, always check that the documentation checks shown below the pull request were successful.

CHAPTER

TWENTYTHREE

TESTS

To check that the code works correctly, there tests available in the tests directory. We use pytest to write and run our tests.

Contributions to ESMValCore should be covered by unit tests. Have a look at the existing tests in the `tests` directory for inspiration on how to write your own tests. If you do not know how to start with writing unit tests, ask the @ESMValGroup/tech-reviewers for help by commenting on the pull request and they will try to help you. It is also recommended that you have a look at the pytest documentation at some point when you start writing your own tests.

23.1 Running tests

To run the tests on your own computer, go to the directory where the repository is cloned and run the command

```
pytest
```

Optionally you can skip tests which require additional dependencies for supported diagnostic script languages by adding `-m 'not installation'` to the previous command. To only run tests from a single file, run the command

```
pytest tests/unit/test_some_file.py
```

If you would like to avoid loading the default pytest configuration from pyproject.toml because this can be a bit slow for running just a few tests, use

```
pytest -c /dev/null tests/unit/test_some_file.py
```

Use

```
pytest --help
```

for more information on the available commands.

Whenever you make a pull request or push new commits to an existing pull request, the tests in the `tests` directory of the branch associated with the pull request will be run automatically on CircleCI. The results appear at the bottom of the pull request. Click on 'Details' for more information on a specific test job.

When reviewing a pull request, always check that all test jobs on CircleCI were successful.

23.2 Test coverage

To check which parts of your code are covered by unit tests, run the command

```
pytest --cov
```

and open the file `test-reports/coverage_html/index.html` and browse to the relevant file. Note that tracking code coverage slows down the test runs, therefore it is disabled by default and needs to be requested by providing `pytest` with the `--cov` flag.

CircleCI will upload the coverage results from running the tests to Codecov. codecov is a service that will comment on pull requests with a summary of the test coverage. If codecov reports that the coverage has decreased, check the report and add additional tests. Alternatively, it is also possible to view code coverage on CircleCI (open the `tests` job and click the ARTIFACTS tab). To see some of the results on CircleCI or Codecov, you may need to log in; you can do so using your GitHub account.

When reviewing a pull request, always check that new code is covered by unit tests and codecov reports an increased coverage.

23.3 Sample data

New or modified preprocessor functions should preferably also be tested using the sample data. These tests are located in tests/sample_data. Please mark new tests that use the sample data with the decorator `@pytest.mark.use_sample_data`.

The ESMValTool_sample_data repository contains samples of CMIP6 data for testing ESMValCore. The ESMValTool-sample-data package is installed as part of the developer dependencies. The size of the package is relatively small (~ 100 MB), so it can be easily downloaded and distributed.

Preprocessing the sample data can be time-consuming, so some intermediate results are cached by pytest to make the tests run faster. If you suspect the tests are failing because the cache is invalid, clear it by running

```
pytest --cache-clear
```

To avoid running the time consuming tests that use sample data altogether, run

```
pytest -m "not use_sample_data"
```

23.4 Automated testing

Whenever you make a pull request or push new commits to an existing pull request, the tests in the `tests` of the branch associated with the pull request will be run automatically on CircleCI.

Every night, more extensive tests are run to make sure that problems with the installation of the tool are discovered by the development team before users encounter them. These nightly tests have been designed to follow the installation procedures described in the documentation, e.g. in the *Installation* chapter. The nightly tests are run using both CircleCI and GitHub Actions. The result of the tests ran by CircleCI can be seen on the CircleCI project page and the result of the tests ran by GitHub Actions can be viewed on the Actions tab of the repository (to learn more about the Github-hosted runners, please have a look the documentation).

The configuration of the tests run by CircleCI can be found in the directory .circleci, while the configuration of the tests run by GitHub Actions can be found in the directory .github/workflows.

CHAPTER

TWENTYFOUR

BACKWARD COMPATIBILITY

The ESMValCore package is used by many people to run their recipes. Many of these recipes are maintained in the public ESMValTool repository, but there are also users who choose not to share their work there. While our commitment is first and foremost to users who do share their recipes in the ESMValTool repository, we still try to be nice to all of the ESMValCore users.

Note

The backward compatibility policy outlines the key principles on backward compatibility and additional guidance on handling *backward-incompatible changes*. This policy applies to both, ESMValCore and ESMValTool.

When making changes, e.g. to the *recipe format*, the *diagnostic script interface*, the public *Python API*, or the *configuration format*, keep in mind that this may affect many users. To keep the tool user friendly, try to avoid making changes that are not backward compatible, i.e. changes that require users to change their existing recipes, diagnostics, configuration files, or scripts.

If you really must change the public interfaces of the tool, always discuss this with the @ESMValGroup/esmvaltool-coreteam. Try to deprecate the feature first by issuing an *ESMValCoreDeprecationWarning* using the `warnings` module and schedule it for removal two minor versions from the upcoming release. For example, when you deprecate a feature in a pull request that will be included in version 2.5, that feature should be removed in version 2.7:

```
import warnings

from esmvalcore.exceptions import ESMValCoreDeprecationWarning

# Other code

def func(x, deprecated_option=None):
    """Deprecate deprecated_option."""
    if deprecated_option is not None:
        deprecation_msg = (
            "The option ``deprecated_option`` has been deprecated in "
            "ESMValCore version 2.5 and is scheduled for removal in "
            "version 2.7. Add additional text (e.g., description of "
            "alternatives) here.")
        warnings.warn(deprecation_msg, ESMValCoreDeprecationWarning, stacklevel=2)

    # Other code
```

Mention the version in which the feature will be removed in the deprecation message. Label the pull request with the deprecated feature label. When deprecating a feature, please follow up by actually removing the feature in due course.

If you must make backward incompatible changes, you need to update the available recipes in ESMValTool and link the ESMValTool pull request(s) in the ESMValCore pull request description. You can ask the @ESMValGroup/esmvaltool-recipe-maintainers for help with updating existing recipes, but please be considerate of their time. You should tag the @ESMValGroup/esmvaltool-coreteam to notify them of the backward-incompatible change, and give at least 2 weeks for objections to be raised before merging to the main branch. If a strong objection is raised the backwards-incompatible change should not be merged until the objection is resolved.

When reviewing a pull request, always check for backward incompatible changes and make sure they are needed and have been discussed with the @ESMValGroup/esmvaltool-coreteam. Also, make sure the author of the pull request has created the accompanying pull request(s) to update the ESMValTool, before merging the ESMValCore pull request.

CHAPTER

TWENTYFIVE

DEPENDENCIES

Before considering adding a new dependency, carefully check that the license of the dependency you want to add and any of its dependencies are compatible with the Apache 2.0 license that applies to the ESMValCore. Note that GPL version 2 license is considered incompatible with the Apache 2.0 license, while the compatibility of GPL version 3 license with the Apache 2.0 license is questionable. See this statement by the authors of the Apache 2.0 license for more information.

When adding or removing dependencies, please consider applying the changes in the following files:

- `environment.yml` contains all the development dependencies; these are all from conda-forge
- `pyproject.toml` contains all Python dependencies, regardless of their installation source

Note that packages may have a different name on conda-forge than on PyPI.

Several test jobs on CircleCI related to the installation of the tool will only run if you change the dependencies. These will be skipped for most pull requests.

When reviewing a pull request where dependencies are added or removed, always check that the changes have been applied in all relevant files.

CHAPTER

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LIST OF AUTHORS

If you make a contribution to ESMValCore and you would like to be listed as an author (e.g. on Zenodo), please add your name to the list of authors in `CITATION.cff` and generate the entry for the `.zenodo.json` file by running the commands

```
pip install cffconvert
cffconvert --ignore-suspect-keys --outputformat zenodo --outfile .zenodo.json
```

Presently, this method unfortunately discards entries *communities* and *grants* from that file; please restore them manually, or alternately proceed with the addition manually

CHAPTER

TWENTYSEVEN

PULL REQUEST CHECKS

To check that a pull request is up to standard, several automatic checks are run when you make a pull request. Read more about it in the *Tests* and *Documentation* sections. Successful checks have a green ✓ in front, a means the check failed.

If you need help with the checks, please ask the technical reviewer of your pull request for help. Ask @ESMValGroup/tech-reviewers if you do not have a technical reviewer yet.

If the checks are broken because of something unrelated to the current pull request, please check if there is an open issue that reports the problem. Create one if there is no issue yet. You can attract the attention of the @ESMValGroup/esmvaltool-coreteam by mentioning them in the issue if it looks like no-one is working on solving the problem yet. The issue needs to be fixed in a separate pull request first. After that has been merged into the `main` branch and all checks on this branch are green again, merge it into your own branch to get the tests to pass.

When reviewing a pull request, always make sure that all checks were successful. See the section on *code_quality* for more information. Never merge a pull request with failing pre-commit, CircleCI, or readthedocs checks.

CHAPTER

TWENTYEIGHT

MAKING A RELEASE

The release manager makes the release, assisted by the release manager of the previous release, or if that person is not available, another previous release manager. Perform the steps listed below with two persons, to reduce the risk of error.

> **Note**
>
> The previous release manager ensures the current release manager has the required administrative permissions to make the release. Consider the following services: conda-forge, DockerHub, PyPI, and readthedocs.

The release of ESMValCore is tied to the release of ESMValTool. The detailed steps can be found in the ESMValTool documentation. To start the procedure, ESMValCore gets released as a release candidate to test the recipes in ESMValTool. If bugs are found during the testing phase of the release candidate, make as many release candidates for ESMValCore as needed in order to fix them.

To make a new release of the package, be it a release candidate or the final release, follow these steps:

28.1 1. Check that all tests and builds work

- Check that the `nightly` test run on CircleCI was successful.
- Check that the GitHub Actions test runs were successful.
- Check that the documentation builds successfully on readthedocs.
- Check that the Docker images are building successfully.

All tests should pass before making a release (branch).

28.2 2. Create a release branch

Create a branch off the `main` branch and push it to GitHub. Ask someone with administrative permissions to set up branch protection rules for it so only you and the person helping you with the release can push to it.

28.3 3. Increase the version number

The version number is automatically generated from the information provided by git using [setuptools-scm](https://pypi.org/project/setuptools-scm/), but a static version number is stored in `CITATION.cff`. Make sure to update the version number and release date in `CITATION.cff`. See https://semver.org for more information on choosing a version number. Make a pull request and get it merged into `main` and cherry pick it into the release branch.

28.4 4. Add release notes

Use the script esmvaltool/utils/draft_release_notes.py to create create a draft of the release notes. This script uses the titles and labels of merged pull requests since the previous release. Open a discussion to allow members of the development team to nominate pull requests as highlights. Add the most voted pull requests as highlights at the beginning of changelog. After the highlights section, list any backward incompatible changes that the release may include. The backward compatibility policy. lists the information that should be provided by the developer of any backward incompatible change. Make sure to also list any deprecations that the release may include, as well as a brief description on how to upgrade a deprecated feature. Review the results, and if anything needs changing, change it on GitHub and re-run the script until the changelog looks acceptable. Copy the result to the file `doc/changelog.rst`. Make a pull request and get it merged into `main` and cherry pick it into the release branch.

28.5 5. Make the (pre-)release on GitHub

Do a final check that all tests on CircleCI and GitHub Actions completed successfully. Then click the releases tab and create the new release from the release branch (i.e. not from `main`).

Create a tag and tick the *This is a pre-release* box if working with a release candidate.

28.6 6. Mark the release in the main branch

When the (pre-)release is tagged, it is time to merge the release branch back into *main*. We do this for two reasons, namely, one, to mark the point up to which commits in *main* have been considered for inclusion into the present release, and, two, to inform setuptools-scm about the version number so that it creates the correct version number in *main*. However, unlike in a normal merge, we do not want to integrate any of the changes from the release branch into main. This is because all changes that should be in both branches, i.e. bug fixes, originate from *main* anyway and the only other changes in the release branch relate to the release itself. To take this into account, we perform the merge in this case on the command line using the ours merge strategy (`git merge -s ours`), not to be confused with the `ours` option to the ort merge strategy (`git merge -X ours`). For details about merge strategies, see the above-linked page. To execute the merge use following sequence of steps

```
git fetch
git checkout main
git pull
git merge -s ours v2.1.x
git push
```

Note that the release branch remains intact and you should continue any work on the release on that branch.

28.7 7. Create and upload the PyPI package

The package is automatically uploaded to the PyPI by a GitHub action. If has failed for some reason, build and upload the package manually by following the instructions below.

Follow these steps to create a new Python package:

- Check out the tag corresponding to the release, e.g. `git checkout tags/v2.1.0`
- Make sure your current working directory is clean by checking the output of `git status` and by running `git clean -xdf` to remove any files ignored by git.
- Install the required packages: `python3 -m pip install --upgrade pep517 twine`

- Build the package: `python3 -m pep517.build --source --binary --out-dir dist/ .` This command should generate two files in the `dist` directory, e.g. `ESMValCore-2.3.1-py3-none-any.whl` and `ESMValCore-2.3.1.tar.gz`.
- Upload the package: `python3 -m twine upload dist/*` You will be prompted for an API token if you have not set this up before, see here for more information.

You can read more about this in Packaging Python Projects.

28.8 8. Create the Conda package

The `esmvalcore` package is published on the conda-forge conda channel. This is done via a pull request on the esmvalcore-feedstock repository.

To publish a release candidate, you have to open a pull request yourself. An example for this can be found here. Make sure to use the rc branch as the target branch for your pull request and follow all instructions given by the linter bot. The testing of ESMValTool will be performed with the published release candidate.

For the final release, this pull request is automatically opened by a bot. An example pull request can be found here. Follow the instructions by the bot to finalize the pull request. This step mostly contains updating dependencies that have been changed during the last release cycle. Once approved by the feedstock maintainers they will merge the pull request, which will in turn publish the package on conda-forge some time later. Contact the feedstock maintainers if you want to become a maintainer yourself.

28.9 9. Check the Docker images

There are two main Docker container images available for ESMValCore on Dockerhub:

- `esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:stable`, built from docker/Dockerfile, this is a tag that is always the same as the latest released version. This image is only built by Dockerhub when a new release is created.
- `esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:development`, built from docker/Dockerfile.dev, this is a tag that always contains the latest conda environment for ESMValCore, including any test dependencies. It is used by CircleCI to run the unit tests. This speeds up running the tests, as it avoids the need to build the conda environment for every test run. This image is built by Dockerhub every time there is a new commit to the `main` branch on Github.

In addition to the two images mentioned above, there is an image available for every release (e.g. `esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:v2.5.0`). When working on the Docker images, always try to follow the best practices.

After making the release, check that the Docker image for that release has been built correctly by

1. checking that the version tag is available on Dockerhub and the `stable` tag has been updated,
2. running some recipes with the `stable` tag Docker container, for example one recipe for Python, NCL, and R,
3. running a recipe with a Singularity container built from the `stable` tag.

If there is a problem with the automatically built container image, you can fix the problem and build a new image locally. For example, to build and upload the container image for v2.5.0 of the tool run:

```
git checkout v2.5.0
git clean -x
docker build -t esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:v2.5.0 . -f docker/Dockerfile
docker push esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:v2.5.0
```

(when making updates, you may want to add .post0, .post1, .. to the version number to avoid overwriting an older tag) and if it is the latest release that you are updating, also run

```
docker tag esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:v2.5.0 esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:stable
docker push esmvalgroup/esmvalcore:stable
```

Note that the `docker push` command will overwrite the existing tags on Dockerhub, but the previous container image will remain available as an untagged image.

Part VII

ESMValCore API Reference

ESMValCore is mostly used as a commandline tool. However, it is also possibly to use (parts of) ESMValTool as a library. This section documents the public API of ESMValCore.

CHAPTER

TWENTYNINE

CMOR FUNCTIONS

CMOR module.

29.1 Checking compliance

Module for checking iris cubes against their CMOR definitions.

Classes:

CheckLevels(*values)	Level of strictness of the checks.
CMORCheck(cube, var_info[, frequency, ...])	Class used to check the CMOR-compliance of the data.

Exceptions:

CMORCheckError	Exception raised when a cube does not pass the CMORCheck.

Functions:

cmor_check_metadata(cube, cmor_table, mip, ...)	Check if metadata conforms to variable's CMOR definition.
cmor_check_data(cube, cmor_table, mip, ...)	Check if data conforms to variable's CMOR definition.
cmor_check(cube, cmor_table, mip, short_name)	Check if cube conforms to variable's CMOR definition.

class esmvalcore.cmor.check.**CheckLevels**(**values*)

Bases: IntEnum

Level of strictness of the checks.

Attributes:

DEBUG	Report any debug message that the checker wants to communicate.
STRICT	Fail if there are warnings regarding compliance of CMOR standards.
DEFAULT	Fail if cubes present any discrepancy with CMOR standards.

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RELAXED	Fail if cubes present severe discrepancies with CMOR standards.
IGNORE	Do not fail for any discrepancy with CMOR standards.

DEBUG = 1

Report any debug message that the checker wants to communicate.

STRICT = 2

Fail if there are warnings regarding compliance of CMOR standards.

DEFAULT = 3

Fail if cubes present any discrepancy with CMOR standards.

RELAXED = 4

Fail if cubes present severe discrepancies with CMOR standards.

IGNORE = 5

Do not fail for any discrepancy with CMOR standards.

exception esmvalcore.cmor.check.**CMORCheckError**

Bases: Exception

Exception raised when a cube does not pass the CMORCheck.

class esmvalcore.cmor.check.**CMORCheck**(*cube*, *var_info*, *frequency=None*, *fail_on_error=False*, *check_level=CheckLevels.DEFAULT*)

Bases: object

Class used to check the CMOR-compliance of the data.

Parameters

- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube:*) – Iris cube to check.
- **var_info** (*variables_info.VariableInfo*) – Variable info to check.
- **frequency** (*str*) – Expected frequency for the data. If not given, use the one from the variable information.
- **fail_on_error** (*bool*) – If true, CMORCheck stops on the first error. If false, it collects all possible errors before stopping.
- **check_level** (CheckLevels) – Level of strictness of the checks.

frequency

Expected frequency for the data.

Type
str

Methods:

check_metadata([logger])	Check the cube metadata.
check_data([logger])	Check the cube data.
report_errors()	Report detected errors.
report_warnings()	Report detected warnings to the given logger.

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report_debug_messages()	Report detected debug messages to the given logger.
has_errors()	Check if there are reported errors.
has_warnings()	Check if there are reported warnings.
has_debug_messages()	Check if there are reported debug messages.
report(level, message, *args)	Report a message from the checker.
report_critical(message, *args)	Report an error.
report_error(message, *args)	Report a normal error.
report_warning(message, *args)	Report a warning level error.
report_debug_message(message, *args)	Report a debug message.

check_metadata(*logger: logging.Logger | None = None*) → Cube

Check the cube metadata.

It will also report some warnings in case of minor errors.

Parameters
logger (*logging.Logger | None*) – Given logger.

Returns
Checked cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
CMORCheckError – If errors are found. If fail_on_error attribute is set to True, raises as soon as an error is detected. If set to False, it perform all checks and then raises.

check_data(*logger: logging.Logger | None = None*) → Cube

Check the cube data.

Assumes that metadata is correct, so you must call check_metadata prior to this.

It will also report some warnings in case of minor errors.

Parameters
logger (*logging.Logger | None*) – Given logger.

Returns
Checked cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
CMORCheckError – If errors are found. If fail_on_error attribute is set to True, raises as soon as an error is detected. If set to False, it perform all checks and then raises.

report_errors()

Report detected errors.

Raises
CMORCheckError – If any errors were reported before calling this method.

report_warnings()

Report detected warnings to the given logger.

report_debug_messages()

Report detected debug messages to the given logger.

has_errors()

Check if there are reported errors.

Returns
True if there are pending errors, False otherwise.

Return type
bool

has_warnings()

Check if there are reported warnings.

Returns
True if there are pending warnings, False otherwise.

Return type
bool

has_debug_messages()

Check if there are reported debug messages.

Returns
True if there are pending debug messages, False otherwise.

Return type
bool

report(*level*, *message*, **args*)

Report a message from the checker.

Parameters

- **level** (CheckLevels) – Message level
- **message** (*str*) – Message to report
- **args** – String format args for the message

Raises
CMORCheckError – If fail on error is set, it is thrown when registering an error message

report_critical(*message*, **args*)

Report an error.

If fail_on_error is set to True, raises automatically. If fail_on_error is set to False, stores it for later reports.

Parameters

- **message** (*str: unicode*) – Message for the error.
- ***args** – arguments to format the message string.

report_error(*message*, **args*)

Report a normal error.

Parameters

- **message** (*str: unicode*) – Message for the error.
- ***args** – arguments to format the message string.

report_warning(*message*, **args*)

Report a warning level error.

Parameters

- **message** (*str: unicode*) – Message for the warning.
- ***args** – arguments to format the message string.

report_debug_message(*message*, **args*)

Report a debug message.

Parameters

- **message** (*str: unicode*) – Message for the debug logger.
- ***args** – arguments to format the message string

esmvalcore.cmor.check.**cmor_check_metadata**(*cube: Cube*, *cmor_table: str*, *mip: str*, *short_name: str*, *frequency: str | None = None*, *check_level:* CheckLevels = *CheckLevels.DEFAULT*) → Cube

Check if metadata conforms to variable's CMOR definition.

None of the checks at this step will force the cube to load the data.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Data cube to check.
- **cmor_table** (*str*) – CMOR definitions to use (i.e., the variable's project).
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's MIP.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **frequency** (*str / None*) – Data frequency. If not given, use the one from the CMOR table of the variable.
- **check_level** (CheckLevels) – Level of strictness of the checks.

Returns
Checked cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.cmor.check.**cmor_check_data**(*cube: Cube*, *cmor_table: str*, *mip: str*, *short_name: str*, *frequency: str | None = None*, *check_level:* CheckLevels = *CheckLevels.DEFAULT*) → Cube

Check if data conforms to variable's CMOR definition.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Data cube to check.
- **cmor_table** (*str*) – CMOR definitions to use (i.e., the variable's project).
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's MIP.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name
- **frequency** (*str / None*) – Data frequency. If not given, use the one from the CMOR table of the variable.
- **check_level** (CheckLevels) – Level of strictness of the checks.

Returns
Checked cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.cmor.check.**cmor_check**(*cube: Cube*, *cmor_table: str*, *mip: str*, *short_name: str*, *frequency: str | None = None*, *check_level: CheckLevels = CheckLevels.DEFAULT*) → Cube

Check if cube conforms to variable's CMOR definition.

Equivalent to calling *cmor_check_metadata()* and *cmor_check_data()* consecutively.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Data cube to check.
- **cmor_table** (*str*) – CMOR definitions to use (i.e., the variable's project).
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's MIP.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **frequency** (*str | None*) – Data frequency. If not given, use the one from the CMOR table of the variable.
- **check_level** (CheckLevels) – Level of strictness of the checks.

Returns
Checked cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

29.2 Automatically fixing issues

Apply automatic fixes for known errors in cmorized data.

All functions in this module will work even if no fixes are available for the given dataset. Therefore is recommended to apply them to all variables to be sure that all known errors are fixed.

Functions:

fix_data(cube, short_name, project, dataset, mip)	Fix cube data if fixes are required.
fix_file(file, short_name, project, dataset, ...)	Fix files before loading them into a CubeList.
fix_metadata(cubes, short_name, project, ...)	Fix cube metadata if fixes are required.

esmvalcore.cmor.fix.**fix_data**(*cube: Cube*, *short_name: str*, *project: str*, *dataset: str*, *mip: str*, *frequency: str | None = None*, *session: Session | None = None*, ***extra_facets*) → Cube

Fix cube data if fixes are required.

This method assumes that metadata is already fixed and checked.

This method collects all the relevant fixes (including generic ones) for a given variable and applies them.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Cube to fix.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **project** (*str*) – Project of the dataset.
- **dataset** (*str*) – Name of the dataset.
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's MIP.
- **frequency** (*str | None*) – Variable's data frequency, if available.

- **session** (Session | *None*) – Current session which includes configuration and directory information.
- ****extra_facets** – Extra facets. For details, see *Extra Facets*.

Returns
Fixed cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.cmor.fix.**fix_file**(*file: Path*, *short_name: str*, *project: str*, *dataset: str*, *mip: str*, *output_dir: Path*, *add_unique_suffix: bool = False*, *session: Session | None = None*, *frequency: str | None = None*, ***extra_facets*) → str | Path | xr.Dataset | ncdata.NcData

Fix files before loading them into a `CubeList`.

This is mainly intended to fix errors that prevent loading the data with Iris (e.g., those related to `missing_value` or `_FillValue`) or operations that are more efficient with other packages (e.g., loading files with lots of variables is much faster with Xarray than Iris).

Warning

A path should only be returned if it points to the original (unchanged) file (i.e., a fix was not necessary). If a fix is necessary, this function should return a `NcData` or `Dataset` object. Under no circumstances a copy of the input data should be created (this is very inefficient).

Parameters

- **file** (*Path*) – Path to the original file. Original files are not overwritten.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **project** (*str*) – Project of the dataset.
- **dataset** (*str*) – Name of the dataset.
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's MIP.
- **output_dir** (*Path*) – Output directory for fixed files.
- **add_unique_suffix** (*bool*) – Adds a unique suffix to `output_dir` for thread safety.
- **session** (Session | *None*) – Current session which includes configuration and directory information.
- **frequency** (*str | None*) – Variable's data frequency, if available.
- ****extra_facets** – Extra facets. For details, see *Extra Facets*.

Returns
Fixed data or a path to them.

Return type
str | pathlib.Path | xr.Dataset | ncdata.NcData

esmvalcore.cmor.fix.**fix_metadata**(*cubes: Sequence[Cube]*, *short_name: str*, *project: str*, *dataset: str*, *mip: str*, *frequency: str | None = None*, *session: Session | None = None*, ***extra_facets*) → CubeList

Fix cube metadata if fixes are required.

This method collects all the relevant fixes (including generic ones) for a given variable and applies them.

Parameters

- **cubes** (*Sequence[Cube]*) – Cubes to fix.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **project** (*str*) – Project of the dataset.
- **dataset** (*str*) – Name of the dataset.
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's MIP.
- **frequency** (*str | None*) – Variable's data frequency, if available.
- **session** (*Session | None*) – Current session which includes configuration and directory information.
- ****extra_facets** – Extra facets. For details, see *Extra Facets*.

Returns
Fixed cubes.

Return type
iris.cube.CubeList

29.3 Functions for fixing issues

Functions for fixing specific issues with datasets.

Functions:

add_altitude_from_plev(cube)	Add altitude coordinate from pressure level coordinate.
add_plev_from_altitude(cube)	Add pressure level coordinate from altitude coordinate.
get_next_month(month, year)	Get next month and year.
get_time_bounds(time, freq)	Get bounds for time coordinate.

esmvalcore.cmor.fixes.**add_altitude_from_plev**(*cube*)

Add altitude coordinate from pressure level coordinate.

Parameters
cube (*iris.cube.Cube*) – Input cube.

Raises
ValueError – cube does not contain coordinate `air_pressure`.

esmvalcore.cmor.fixes.**add_plev_from_altitude**(*cube*)

Add pressure level coordinate from altitude coordinate.

Parameters
cube (*iris.cube.Cube*) – Input cube.

Raises
ValueError – cube does not contain coordinate `altitude`.

esmvalcore.cmor.fixes.**get_next_month**(*month: int*, *year: int*) → tuple[int, int]

Get next month and year.

Parameters

- **month** (*int*) – Current month.

- **year** (*int*) – Current year.

Returns
Next month and next year.

Return type
tuple[int, int]

esmvalcore.cmor.fixes.**get_time_bounds**(*time: Coord*, *freq: str*) → ndarray

Get bounds for time coordinate.

For decadal data, use 1 January 5 years before/after the current year. For yearly data, use 1 January of the current year and 1 January of the next year. For monthly data, use the first day of the current month and the first day of the next month. For other frequencies (daily or *n*-hourly, where *n* is a divisor of 24), half of the frequency is subtracted/added from the current point in time to get the bounds.

Parameters

- **time** (*Coord*) – Time coordinate.
- **freq** (*str*) – Frequency.

Returns
Time bounds

Return type
np.ndarray

Raises
NotImplementedError – Non-supported frequency is given.

29.4 Using CMOR tables

CMOR information reader for ESMValTool.

Read variable information from CMOR 2 and CMOR 3 tables and make it easily available for the other components of ESMValTool

Classes:

CMIP3Info(cmor_tables_path[, default, ...])	Class to read CMIP3-like data request.
CMIP5Info(cmor_tables_path[, default, ...])	Class to read CMIP5-like data request.
CMIP6Info(cmor_tables_path[, default, ...])	Class to read CMIP6-like data request.
CoordinateInfo(name)	Class to read and store coordinate information.
CustomInfo([cmor_tables_path])	Class to read custom var info for ESMVal.
InfoBase(default, alt_names, strict)	Base class for all table info classes.
JsonInfo()	Base class for the info classes.
TableInfo(*args, **kwargs)	Container class for storing a CMOR table.
VariableInfo(table_type, short_name)	Class to read and store variable information.

Data:

CMOR_TABLES	CMOR info objects.

Functions:

get_var_info(project, mip, short_name)	Get variable information.
read_cmor_tables([cfg_developer])	Read cmor tables required in the configuration.

class esmvalcore.cmor.table.**CMIP3Info**(*cmor_tables_path*, *default=None*, *alt_names=None*, *strict=True*)

Bases: *CMIP5Info*

Class to read CMIP3-like data request.

Parameters

- **cmor_tables_path** (*str*) – Path to the folder containing the Tables folder with the json files
- **default** (*object*) – Default table to look variables on if not found
- **strict** (*bool*) – If False, will look for a variable in other tables if it can not be found in the requested one

Methods:

get_table(table)	Search and return the table info.
get_variable(table_name, short_name[, derived])	Search and return the variable information.

get_table(*table*)

Search and return the table info.

Parameters
table (*str*) – Table name

Returns
Return the TableInfo object for the requested table if found, returns None if not

Return type
TableInfo

get_variable(*table_name: str*, *short_name: str*, *derived: bool = False*) → *VariableInfo* | None

Search and return the variable information.

Parameters

- **table_name** (*str*) – Table name, i.e., the variable's MIP.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **derived** (*bool*) – Variable is derived. Information retrieval for derived variables always looks in the default tables (usually, the custom tables) if variable is not found in the requested table.

Returns
VariableInfo object for the requested variable if found, `None` otherwise.

Return type
VariableInfo | None

class esmvalcore.cmor.table.**CMIP5Info**(*cmor_tables_path*, *default=None*, *alt_names=None*, *strict=True*)

Bases: *InfoBase*

Class to read CMIP5-like data request.

Parameters

- **cmor_tables_path** (*str*) – Path to the folder containing the Tables folder with the json files
- **default** (*object*) – Default table to look variables on if not found
- **strict** (*bool*) – If False, will look for a variable in other tables if it can not be found in the requested one

Methods:

get_table(table)	Search and return the table info.
get_variable(table_name, short_name[, derived])	Search and return the variable information.

get_table(*table*)

Search and return the table info.

Parameters
table (*str*) – Table name

Returns
Return the TableInfo object for the requested table if found, returns None if not

Return type
TableInfo

get_variable(*table_name: str*, *short_name: str*, *derived: bool = False*) → *VariableInfo* | None

Search and return the variable information.

Parameters

- **table_name** (*str*) – Table name, i.e., the variable's MIP.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **derived** (*bool*) – Variable is derived. Information retrieval for derived variables always looks in the default tables (usually, the custom tables) if variable is not found in the requested table.

Returns
VariableInfo object for the requested variable if found, `None` otherwise.

Return type
VariableInfo | None

class esmvalcore.cmor.table.**CMIP6Info**(*cmor_tables_path*, *default=None*, *alt_names=None*, *strict=True*, *default_table_prefix=''*)

Bases: *InfoBase*

Class to read CMIP6-like data request.

This uses CMOR 3 json format

Parameters

- **cmor_tables_path** (*str*) – Path to the folder containing the Tables folder with the json files
- **default** (*object*) – Default table to look variables on if not found
- **strict** (*bool*) – If False, will look for a variable in other tables if it can not be found in the requested one

Methods:

get_table(table)	Search and return the table info.
get_variable(table_name, short_name[, derived])	Search and return the variable information.

get_table(*table*)

Search and return the table info.

Parameters
table (*str*) – Table name

Returns
Return the TableInfo object for the requested table if found, returns None if not

Return type
TableInfo

get_variable(*table_name: str*, *short_name: str*, *derived: bool = False*) → *VariableInfo* | None

Search and return the variable information.

Parameters

- **table_name** (*str*) – Table name, i.e., the variable's MIP.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **derived** (*bool*) – Variable is derived. Information retrieval for derived variables always looks in the default tables (usually, the custom tables) if variable is not found in the requested table.

Returns
VariableInfo object for the requested variable if found, None otherwise.

Return type
VariableInfo | None

esmvalcore.cmor.table.**CMOR_TABLES**: dict[str, *CMIP3Info* | *CMIP5Info* | *CMIP6Info* | *CustomInfo*] = {'ACCESS': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP6Info object>, 'CESM': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP6Info object>, 'CMIP3': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP3Info object>, 'CMIP5': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP5Info object>, 'CMIP6': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP6Info object>, 'CORDEX': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP5Info object>, 'EMAC': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP6Info object>, 'ICON': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP6Info object>, 'IPSLCM': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP6Info object>, 'OBS': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP5Info object>, 'OBS6': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP6Info object>, 'ana4mips': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP5Info object>, 'custom': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CustomInfo object>, 'native6': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP6Info object>, 'obs4MIPs': <esmvalcore.cmor.table.CMIP6Info object>}

CMOR info objects.

Type
dict of str, obj

class esmvalcore.cmor.table.**CoordinateInfo**(*name*)

Bases: *JsonInfo*

Class to read and store coordinate information.

Attributes:

axis	Axis
generic_lev_name	Generic level name
long_name	Long name
must_have_bounds	Whether bounds are required on this dimension
out_name	Out name
requested	Values requested
standard_name	Standard name
stored_direction	Direction in which the coordinate increases
units	Units
valid_max	Maximum allowed value
valid_min	Minimum allowed value
value	Coordinate value
var_name	Short name

Methods:

read_json(json_data)	Read coordinate information from json.

axis

Axis

generic_lev_name

Generic level name

long_name

Long name

must_have_bounds

Whether bounds are required on this dimension

out_name

Out name

This is the name of the variable in the file

read_json(*json_data*)

Read coordinate information from json.

Non-present options will be set to empty

Parameters
json_data (*dict*) – dictionary created by the json reader containing coordinate information

requested

Values requested

standard_name

Standard name

stored_direction

Direction in which the coordinate increases

units

Units

valid_max

Maximum allowed value

valid_min

Minimum allowed value

value

Coordinate value

var_name

Short name

class esmvalcore.cmor.table.**CustomInfo**(*cmor_tables_path: str | Path | None = None*)

Bases: *CMIP5Info*

Class to read custom var info for ESMVal.

Parameters

cmor_tables_path (*str | Path | None*) – Full path to the table or name for the table if it is present in ESMValTool repository. If `None`, use default tables from *esmvalcore/cmor/tables/custom*.

Methods:

get_table(table)	Search and return the table info.
get_variable(table, short_name[, derived])	Search and return the variable info.

get_table(*table*)

Search and return the table info.

Parameters

table (*str*) – Table name

Returns

Return the TableInfo object for the requested table if found, returns None if not

Return type

TableInfo

get_variable(*table: str*, *short_name: str*, *derived: bool = False*) → *VariableInfo* | None

Search and return the variable info.

Parameters

- **table** (*str*) – Table name. Ignored for custom tables.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **derived** (*bool*) – Variable is derived. Info retrieval for derived variables always looks on the default tables if variable is not found in the requested table. Ignored for custom tables.

Returns

VariableInfo object for the requested variable if found, returns None if not.

Return type

VariableInfo | None

class esmvalcore.cmor.table.**InfoBase**(*default*, *alt_names*, *strict*)

Bases: object

Base class for all table info classes.

This uses CMOR 3 json format

Parameters

- **default** (*object*) – Default table to look variables on if not found
- **alt_names** (*list[list[str]]*) – List of known alternative names for variables
- **strict** (*bool*) – If False, will look for a variable in other tables if it can not be found in the requested one

Methods:

get_table(table)	Search and return the table info.
get_variable(table_name, short_name[, derived])	Search and return the variable information.

get_table(*table*)

Search and return the table info.

Parameters
table (*str*) – Table name

Returns
Return the TableInfo object for the requested table if found, returns None if not

Return type
TableInfo

get_variable(*table_name: str*, *short_name: str*, *derived: bool = False*) → *VariableInfo* | None

Search and return the variable information.

Parameters

- **table_name** (*str*) – Table name, i.e., the variable's MIP.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **derived** (*bool*) – Variable is derived. Information retrieval for derived variables always looks in the default tables (usually, the custom tables) if variable is not found in the requested table.

Returns
VariableInfo object for the requested variable if found, `None` otherwise.

Return type
VariableInfo | None

class esmvalcore.cmor.table.**JsonInfo**

Bases: object

Base class for the info classes.

Provides common utility methods to read json variables

class esmvalcore.cmor.table.**TableInfo**(**args*, ***kwargs*)

Bases: dict

Container class for storing a CMOR table.

Methods:

clear()	Remove all items from the dict.
copy()	Return a shallow copy of the dict.
fromkeys(iterable[, value])	Create a new dictionary with keys from iterable and values set to value.
get(key[, default])	Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.
items()	Return a set-like object providing a view on the dict's items.
keys()	Return a set-like object providing a view on the dict's keys.
pop(k[,d])	If the key is not found, return the default if given; otherwise, raise a KeyError.
popitem()	Remove and return a (key, value) pair as a 2-tuple.
setdefault(key[, default])	Insert key with a value of default if key is not in the dictionary.
update([E,]**F)	If E is present and has a .keys() method, then does: for k in E.keys(): D[k] = E[k] If E is present and lacks a .keys() method, then does: for k, v in E: D[k] = v In either case, this is followed by: for k in F: D[k] = F[k]
values()	Return an object providing a view on the dict's values.

clear()

Remove all items from the dict.

copy()

Return a shallow copy of the dict.

classmethod fromkeys(*iterable*, *value=None*, */ (Positional-only parameter separator (PEP 570))*)

Create a new dictionary with keys from iterable and values set to value.

get(*key*, *default=None*, */*)

Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

items()

Return a set-like object providing a view on the dict's items.

keys()

Return a set-like object providing a view on the dict's keys.

pop(*k*[, *d*]) → v, remove specified key and return the corresponding value.

If the key is not found, return the default if given; otherwise, raise a KeyError.

popitem()

Remove and return a (key, value) pair as a 2-tuple.

Pairs are returned in LIFO (last-in, first-out) order. Raises KeyError if the dict is empty.

setdefault(*key*, *default=None*, */*)

Insert key with a value of default if key is not in the dictionary.

Return the value for key if key is in the dictionary, else default.

update(*[E,]**F*) → None. Update D from mapping/iterable E and F.

If E is present and has a .keys() method, then does: for k in E.keys(): D[k] = E[k] If E is present and lacks a .keys() method, then does: for k, v in E: D[k] = v In either case, this is followed by: for k in F: D[k] = F[k]

values()

Return an object providing a view on the dict's values.

class esmvalcore.cmor.table.**VariableInfo**(*table_type*, *short_name*)

Bases: *JsonInfo*

Class to read and store variable information.

Attributes:

coordinates	Coordinates
dimensions	List of dimensions
frequency	Data frequency
long_name	Long name
modeling_realm	Modeling realm
positive	Increasing direction
short_name	Short name
standard_name	Standard name
units	Data units
valid_max	Maximum admitted value
valid_min	Minimum admitted value

Methods:

copy()	Return a shallow copy of VariableInfo.
has_coord_with_standard_name(standard_name)	Check if a coordinate with a given *standard_name* exists.
read_json(json_data, default_freq)	Read variable information from json.

coordinates

Coordinates

This is a dict with the names of the dimensions as keys and CoordinateInfo objects as values.

copy()

Return a shallow copy of VariableInfo.

Returns
Shallow copy of this object.

Return type
VariableInfo

dimensions

List of dimensions

frequency

Data frequency

has_coord_with_standard_name(*standard_name: str*) → bool

Check if a coordinate with a given *standard_name* exists.

For some coordinates, multiple (slightly different) versions with different dimension names but identical *standard_name* exist. For example, the CMIP6 tables provide 4 different *standard_name=time* dimensions: *time*, *time1*, *time2*, and *time3*. Other examples would be the CMIP6 pressure levels (*plev19*, *plev23*, *plev27*, etc. with standard name *air_pressure*) and the altitudes (*alt16*, *alt40* with standard name *altitude*).

This function can be used to check for the existence of a specific coordinate defined by its *standard_name*, not its dimension name.

Parameters
standard_name (*str*) – Standard name to be checked.

Returns
True if there is at least one coordinate with the given *standard_name*, *False* if not.

Return type
bool

long_name

Long name

modeling_realm

Modeling realm

positive

Increasing direction

read_json(*json_data*, *default_freq*)

Read variable information from json.

Non-present options will be set to empty

Parameters

- **json_data** (*dict*) – Dictionary created by the json reader containing variable information.
- **default_freq** (*str*) – Default frequency to use if it is not defined at variable level.

short_name

Short name

standard_name

Standard name

units

Data units

valid_max

Maximum admitted value

valid_min

Minimum admitted value

esmvalcore.cmor.table.**get_var_info**(*project: str*, *mip: str*, *short_name: str*) → *VariableInfo* | None

Get variable information.

> **Note**
>
> If *project=CORDEX* and the *mip* ends with 'hr', it is cropped to 'h' since CORDEX X-hourly tables define the *mip* as ending in 'h' instead of 'hr'.

Parameters

- **project** (*str*) – Dataset's project.
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's CMOR table, i.e., MIP.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.

Returns
VariableInfo object for the requested variable if found, `None` otherwise.

Return type
VariableInfo | None

Raises
KeyError – No CMOR tables available for *project*.

esmvalcore.cmor.table.**read_cmor_tables**(*cfg_developer: Path | None = None*) → None

Read cmor tables required in the configuration.

Parameters
cfg_developer (*Path | None*) – Path to config-developer.yml file.

Raises
TypeError – If *cfg_developer* is not a Path-like object

Return type
None

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CONFIGURATION

This section describes the *config* module.

30.1 CFG

Configuration of ESMValCore/Tool is done via *CFG* object:

```
>>> from esmvalcore.config import CFG
>>> CFG
Config({'auxiliary_data_dir': PosixPath('/home/user/auxiliary_data'),
        'compress_netcdf': False,
        'config_developer_file': None,
        'drs': {'CMIP5': 'default', 'CMIP6': 'default'},
        'exit_on_warning': False,
        'log_level': 'info',
        'max_parallel_tasks': None,
        'output_dir': PosixPath('/home/user/esmvaltool_output'),
        'output_file_type': 'png',
        'profile_diagnostic': False,
        'remove_preproc_dir': True,
        'rootpath': {'CMIP5': '~/default_inputpath',
                     'CMIP6': '~/default_inputpath',
                     'default': '~/default_inputpath'},
        'save_intermediary_cubes': False)
```

All configuration parameters are listed *here*.

CFG is essentially a python dictionary with a few extra functions, similar to `matplotlib.rcParams`. This means that values can be updated like this:

```
>>> CFG['output_dir'] = '~/esmvaltool_output'
>>> CFG['output_dir']
PosixPath('/home/user/esmvaltool_output')
```

Notice that *CFG* automatically converts the path to an instance of `pathlib.Path` and expands the home directory. All values entered into the config are validated to prevent mistakes, for example, it will warn you if you make a typo in the key:

```
>>> CFG['output_directory'] = '~/esmvaltool_output'
InvalidConfigParameter: `output_directory` is not a valid config parameter.
```

Or, if the value entered cannot be converted to the expected type:

```
>>> CFG['max_parallel_tasks'] = ''
InvalidConfigParameter: Key `max_parallel_tasks`: Could not convert '' to int
```

CFG is also flexible, so it tries to correct the type of your input if possible:

```
>>> CFG['max_parallel_tasks'] = '8'  # str
>>> type(CFG['max_parallel_tasks'])
int
```

It is also possible to temporarily use different configuration options using the *context()* context manager:

```
>>> with CFG.context({"output_dir": "/path/to/output"}, log_level="debug"):
...     print(CFG["output_dir"])
...     print(CFG["log_level"])
PosixPath('/path/to/output')
debug
>>> print(CFG["output_dir"])
PosixPath('/home/user/esmvaltool_output')
>>> print(CFG["log_level"])
info
```

By default, the configuration is loaded from YAML files in the user's home directory at `~/.config/esmvaltool`. If set, this can be overwritten with the `ESMVALTOOL_CONFIG_DIR` environment variable. Defaults for options that are not specified explicitly are listed *here*. To reload the current configuration object according to these rules, use:

```
>>> CFG.reload()
```

To load the configuration object from custom directories, use:

```
>>> dirs = ['my/default/config', 'my/custom/config']
>>> CFG.load_from_dirs(dirs)
```

To update the existing configuration object from custom directories, use:

```
>>> dirs = ['my/default/config', 'my/custom/config']
>>> CFG.update_from_dirs(dirs)
```

30.2 Session

Recipes and diagnostics will be run in their own directories. This behavior can be controlled via the *Session* object. A *Session* must always be initiated from the global *CFG* object:

```
>>> session = CFG.start_session(name='my_session')
```

A *Session* is very similar to the config. It is also a dictionary, and copies all the keys from the *CFG* object. At this moment, `session` is essentially a copy of *CFG*:

```
>>> print(session == CFG)
True
>>> session['output_dir'] = '~/my_output_dir'
>>> print(session == CFG)  # False
False
```

A *Session* also knows about the directories where the data will stored. The session name is used to prefix the directories.

```
>>> session.session_dir
/home/user/my_output_dir/my_session_20201203_155821
>>> session.run_dir
/home/user/my_output_dir/my_session_20201203_155821/run
>>> session.work_dir
/home/user/my_output_dir/my_session_20201203_155821/work
>>> session.preproc_dir
/home/user/my_output_dir/my_session_20201203_155821/preproc
>>> session.plot_dir
/home/user/my_output_dir/my_session_20201203_155821/plots
```

Unlike the global configuration, of which only one can exist, multiple sessions can be initiated from *CFG*.

30.3 API reference

Configuration module.

esmvalcore.config.**CFG**

Global ESMValCore configuration object of type *esmvalcore.config.Config*.

By default, this will be loaded from YAML files in the user configuration directory (by default `~/.config/esmvaltool`, but this can be changed with the `ESMVALTOOL_CONFIG_DIR` environment variable) similar to the way Dask handles configuration.

Classes:

Config(*args, **kwargs)	ESMValTool configuration object.
Session(config[, name])	Container class for session configuration and directory information.

class esmvalcore.config.**Config**(**args*, ***kwargs*)

ESMValTool configuration object.

Do not instantiate this class directly, but use *esmvalcore.config.CFG* instead.

Methods:

clear()	Clear contents of configuration object.
context([mapping])	Set configuration options temporarily inside a `with` statement.
copy()	Copy the keys/values of this object to a dict.
load_from_dirs(dirs)	Clear and load configuration object from directories.
load_from_file([filename])	Load user configuration from the given file.
nested_update(new_options)	Nested update of configuration object with another mapping.
reload()	Clear and reload the configuration object.
start_session(name)	Start a new session from this configuration object.
update_from_dirs(dirs)	Update configuration object from directories.

clear() → None

Clear contents of configuration object.

Return type
None

context(*mapping: Mapping | None = None*, ***kwargs: Any*) → Generator[None, None, None]

Set configuration options temporarily inside a `with` statement.

This configuration will only be effective inside the context manager.

Parameters

- **mapping** (*Mapping | None*) – Mapping with temporary configuration options.
- ****kwargs** (*Any*) – Temporary configuration options.

Return type
Generator[None, None, None]

copy() → dict[str, Any]

Copy the keys/values of this object to a dict.

Return type
dict[str, *Any*]

load_from_dirs(*dirs: Iterable[str | Path]*) → None

Clear and load configuration object from directories.

This searches for all YAML files within the given directories and merges them together using `dask.config.collect()`. Nested objects are properly considered; see `dask.config.update()` for details. Values in the latter directories are preferred to those in the former.

Options that are not explicitly specified via YAML files are set to the *default values*.

Note

Just like `dask.config.collect()`, this silently ignores non-existing directories.

Parameters
dirs (*Iterable[str | Path]*) – A list of directories to search for YAML configuration files.

Raises
esmvalcore.exceptions.InvalidConfigParameter – Invalid configuration option given.

Return type
None

load_from_file(*filename: PathLike | str | None = None*) → None

Load user configuration from the given file.

Deprecated since version 2.12.0: This method has been deprecated in ESMValCore version 2.14.0 and is scheduled for removal in version 2.14.0. Please use *CFG.load_from_dirs()* instead.

Parameters
filename (*PathLike | str | None*) – YAML file to load.

Return type
None

nested_update(*new_options: Mapping*) → None

Nested update of configuration object with another mapping.

Merge the existing configuration object with a new mapping using `dask.config.merge()` (new values are preferred over old values). Nested objects are properly considered; see `dask.config.update()` for details.

Parameters
new_options (*Mapping*) – New configuration options.

Raises
esmvalcore.exceptions.InvalidConfigParameter – Invalid configuration option given.

Return type
None

reload() → None

Clear and reload the configuration object.

This will read all YAML files in the user configuration directory (by default `~/.config/esmvaltool`, but this can be changed with the `ESMVALTOOL_CONFIG_DIR` environment variable) and merges them together using `dask.config.collect()`. Nested objects are properly considered; see `dask.config.update()` for details.

Options that are not explicitly specified via YAML files are set to the *default values*.

Note

If the user configuration directory does not exist, this will be silently ignored.

Raises
esmvalcore.exceptions.InvalidConfigParameter – Invalid configuration option given.

Return type
None

start_session(*name: str*) → *Session*

Start a new session from this configuration object.

Parameters
name (*str*) – Name of the session.

Return type
Session

update_from_dirs(*dirs: Iterable[str | Path]*) → None

Update configuration object from directories.

This will first search for all YAML files within the given directories and merge them together using `dask.config.collect()` (if identical values are provided in multiple files, the value from the last file will be used). Then, the current configuration is merged with these new configuration options using `dask.config.merge()` (new values are preferred over old values). Nested objects are properly considered; see `dask.config.update()` for details.

> **Note**
>
> Just like `dask.config.collect()`, this silently ignores non-existing directories.

Parameters
dirs (*Iterable[str | Path]*) – A list of directories to search for YAML configuration files.

Raises
esmvalcore.exceptions.InvalidConfigParameter – Invalid configuration option given.

Return type
None

class esmvalcore.config.**Session**(*config: dict*, *name: str = 'session'*)

Container class for session configuration and directory information.

Do not instantiate this class directly, but use `CFG.start_session` instead.

Parameters

- **config** (*dict*) – Dictionary with configuration settings.
- **name** (*str*) – Name of the session to initialize, for example, the name of the recipe (default='session').

Methods:

clear()	Clear contents of configuration object.
context([mapping])	Set configuration options temporarily inside a `with` statement.
copy()	Copy the keys/values of this object to a dict.
set_session_name([name])	Set the name for the session.

Attributes:

cmor_log	Return CMOR log file.
config_dir	Return user config directory.
main_log	Return main log file.
main_log_debug	Return main log debug file.
plot_dir	Return plot directory.
preproc_dir	Return preproc directory.
relative_cmor_log	
relative_main_log	
relative_main_log_debug	
relative_plot_dir	
relative_preproc_dir	

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relative_run_dir	
relative_work_dir	
run_dir	Return run directory.
session_dir	Return session directory.
work_dir	Return work directory.

clear() → None

Clear contents of configuration object.

Return type
None

property cmor_log

Return CMOR log file.

property config_dir

Return user config directory.

Deprecated since version 2.12.0: This attribute has been deprecated in ESMValCore version 2.12.0 and is scheduled for removal in version 2.14.0.

context(*mapping: Mapping | None = None*, ***kwargs: Any*) → Generator[None, None, None]

Set configuration options temporarily inside a `with` statement.

This configuration will only be effective inside the context manager.

Parameters

- **mapping** (*Mapping | None*) – Mapping with temporary configuration options.
- ****kwargs** (*Any*) – Temporary configuration options.

Return type
Generator[None, None, None]

copy() → dict[str, Any]

Copy the keys/values of this object to a dict.

Return type
dict[str, *Any*]

property main_log

Return main log file.

property main_log_debug

Return main log debug file.

property plot_dir

Return plot directory.

property preproc_dir

Return preproc directory.

relative_cmor_log = PosixPath('run/cmor_log.txt')

relative_main_log = PosixPath('run/main_log.txt')

relative_main_log_debug = PosixPath('run/main_log_debug.txt')

relative_plot_dir = PosixPath('plots')

relative_preproc_dir = PosixPath('preproc')

relative_run_dir = PosixPath('run')

relative_work_dir = PosixPath('work')

property run_dir

Return run directory.

property session_dir

Return session directory.

session_name: str | None

set_session_name(*name: str = 'session'*)

Set the name for the session.

The *name* is used to name the session directory, e.g. *session_20201208_132800/*. The date is suffixed automatically.

Parameters
name (*str*)

property work_dir

Return work directory.

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DATASET

Classes and functions for defining, finding, and loading data.

Classes:

Dataset(**facets)	Define datasets, find the related files, and load them.

Data:

INHERITED_FACETS	Inherited facets.

Functions:

datasets_to_recipe(datasets[, recipe])	Create or update a recipe from datasets.

class esmvalcore.dataset.**Dataset**(***facets: FacetValue*)

Define datasets, find the related files, and load them.

Parameters

****facets** (*FacetValue*) – Facets describing the dataset. See *esmvalcore.esgf.facets.FACETS* for the mapping between the facet names used by ESMValCore and those used on ESGF.

supplementaries

List of supplementary datasets.

Type

list[*Dataset*]

facets

Facets describing the dataset.

Type

esmvalcore.typing.Facets

Methods:

add_supplementary(**facets)	Add an supplementary dataset.
augment_facets()	Add additional facets.
copy(**facets)	Create a copy.
find_files()	Find files.

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from_files()	Create datasets based on the available files.
from_ranges()	Create a list of datasets from short notations.
from_recipe(recipe, session)	Read datasets from a recipe.
load()	Load dataset.
set_facet(key, value[, persist])	Set facet.
set_version()	Set the `'version'` facet based on the available data.
summary([shorten])	Summarize the content of dataset.

Attributes:

files	The files associated with this dataset.
minimal_facets	Return a dictionary with the persistent facets.
session	A *esmvalcore.config.Session* associated with the dataset.

add_supplementary(***facets: FacetValue*) → None

Add an supplementary dataset.

This is a convenience function that will create a copy of the current dataset, update its facets with the values specified in `**facets`, and append it to *Dataset.supplementaries*. For more control over the creation of the supplementary dataset, first create a new *Dataset* describing the supplementary dataset and then append it to *Dataset.supplementaries*.

Parameters
****facets** (*FacetValue*) – Facets describing the supplementary variable.

Return type
None

augment_facets() → None

Add additional facets.

This function will update the dataset with additional facets from various sources.

Return type
None

copy(***facets: FacetValue*) → *Dataset*

Create a copy.

Parameters
****facets** (*FacetValue*) – Update these facets in the copy. Note that for supplementary datasets attached to the dataset, the `'short_name'` and `'mip'` facets will not be updated with these values.

Returns
A copy of the dataset.

Return type
Dataset

property files: list[*ESGFFile* | *LocalFile*]

The files associated with this dataset.

find_files() → None

Find files.

Look for files and populate the *Dataset.files* property of the dataset and its supplementary datasets.

Return type
None

from_files() → Iterator[*Dataset*]

Create datasets based on the available files.

The facet values for local files are retrieved from the directory tree where the directories represent the facets values. Reading facet values from file names is not yet supported. See *CMIP data* for more information on this kind of file organization.

glob.glob() patterns can be used as facet values to select multiple datasets. If for some of the datasets not all glob patterns can be expanded (e.g. because the required facet values cannot be inferred from the directory names), these datasets will be ignored, unless this happens to be all datasets.

If glob.glob() patterns are used in supplementary variables and multiple matching datasets are found, only the supplementary dataset that has most facets in common with the main dataset will be attached.

Supplementary datasets will in inherit the facet values from the main dataset for those facets listed in *INHERITED_FACETS*.

Examples

See *Discovering data* for example use cases.

Yields
Dataset – Datasets representing the available files.

Return type
Iterator[*Dataset*]

from_ranges() → list[*Dataset*]

Create a list of datasets from short notations.

This expands the `'ensemble'` and `'sub_experiment'` facets in the dataset definition if they are ranges.

For example `'ensemble'='r(1:3)i1p1f1'` will be expanded to three datasets, with `'ensemble'` values `'r1i1p1f1'`, `'r2i1p1f1'`, `'r3i1p1f1'`.

Returns
The datasets.

Return type
list[*Dataset*]

static from_recipe(*recipe: Path | str | dict*, *session:* Session) → list[*Dataset*]

Read datasets from a recipe.

Parameters

- **recipe** (*Path | str | dict*) – *Recipe* to load the datasets from. The value provided here should be either a path to a file, a recipe file that has been loaded using e.g. `yaml.safe_load()`, or an `str` that can be loaded using `yaml.safe_load()`.
- **session** (Session) – Datasets to use in the recipe.

Returns
A list of datasets.

Return type
list[*Dataset*]

load() → Cube

Load dataset.

Raises
InputFilesNotFound – When no files were found.

Returns
An `iris` cube with the data corresponding the the dataset.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

property minimal_facets: Facets

Return a dictionary with the persistent facets.

property session: *Session*

A *esmvalcore.config.Session* associated with the dataset.

set_facet(*key: str*, *value: FacetValue*, *persist: bool = True*) → None

Set facet.

Parameters

- **key** (*str*) – The name of the facet.
- **value** (*FacetValue*) – The value of the facet.
- **persist** (*bool*) – When writing a dataset to a recipe, only persistent facets will get written.

Return type
None

set_version() → None

Set the `'version'` facet based on the available data.

Return type
None

summary(*shorten: bool = False*) → str

Summarize the content of dataset.

Parameters
shorten (*bool*) – Shorten the summary.

Returns
A summary describing the dataset.

Return type
str

esmvalcore.dataset.**INHERITED_FACETS: list[str] = ['dataset', 'domain', 'driver', 'grid', 'project', 'timerange']**

Inherited facets.

Supplementary datasets created based on the available files using the *Dataset.from_files()* method will inherit the values of these facets from the main dataset.

esmvalcore.dataset.**datasets_to_recipe**(*datasets: Iterable[Dataset]*, *recipe: Path | str | dict[str, Any] | None = None*) → dict

Create or update a recipe from datasets.

Parameters

- **datasets** (*Iterable[Dataset]*) – Datasets to use in the recipe.
- **recipe** (*Path | str | dict[str, Any] | None*) – *Recipe* to load the datasets from. The value provided here should be either a path to a file, a recipe file that has been loaded using e.g. `yaml.safe_load()`, or an `str` that can be loaded using `yaml.safe_load()`.

Return type
dict

Examples

See *Composing recipes* for example use cases.

Returns
The recipe with the datasets. To convert the `dict` to a *recipe*, use e.g. `yaml.safe_dump()`.

Return type
dict

Raises
RecipeError – Raised when a dataset is missing the `diagnostic` facet.

Parameters

- **datasets** (*Iterable[Dataset]*)
- **recipe** (*Path | str | dict[str, Any] | None*)

CHAPTER

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FIND AND DOWNLOAD FILES FROM ESGF

This module provides the function *esmvalcore.esgf.find_files()* for searching for files on ESGF using the ESMValTool vocabulary. It returns *esmvalcore.esgf.ESGFFile* objects, which have a convenient *esmvalcore.esgf.ESGFFile.download()* method for downloading the files.

See *ESGF configuration* for instructions on configuring this module.

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esmvalcore.esgf.**find_files**(** (Keyword-only parameters separator (PEP 3102))*, *project*, *short_name*, *dataset*, ***facets*)

Search for files on ESGF.

Parameters

- **project** (*str*) – Choose from CMIP3, CMIP5, CMIP6, CORDEX, or obs4MIPs.
- **short_name** (*str*) – The name of the variable.
- **dataset** (*str*) – The name of the dataset.
- ****facets** (*Union[str, list[str]]*) – Any other search facets. An `'*'` can be used to match any value. By default, only the latest version of a file will be returned. To select all versions use `version='*'` while other omitted facets will default to `'*'`. It is also possible to specify multiple values for a facet, e.g. `exp=['historical', 'ssp585']` will match any file that belongs to either the historical or ssp585 experiment. The `timerange` facet can be specified in ISO 8601 format.

Note

A value of `timerange='*'` is supported, but combining a `'*'` with a time or period *as supported in the recipe* is currently not supported and will return all found files.

Examples

Examples of how to use this function for all supported projects.

Search for a CMIP3 dataset:

```
>>> find_files(
...     project='CMIP3',
...     frequency='mon',
...     short_name='tas',
```

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```
...     dataset='cccma_cgcm3_1',
...     exp='historical',
...     ensemble='run1',
... )
[ESGFFile:cmip3/CCCma/cccma_cgcm3_1/historical/mon/atmos/run1/tas/v1/tas_a1_20c3m_1_
↪cgcm3.1_t47_1850_2000.nc]
```

Search for a CMIP5 dataset:

```
>>> find_files(
...     project='CMIP5',
...     mip='Amon',
...     short_name='tas',
...     dataset='inmcm4',
...     exp='historical',
...     ensemble='r1i1p1',
... )
[ESGFFile:cmip5/output1/INM/inmcm4/historical/mon/atmos/Amon/r1i1p1/v20130207/tas_
↪Amon_inmcm4_historical_r1i1p1_185001-200512.nc]
```

Search for a CMIP6 dataset:

```
>>> find_files(
...     project='CMIP6',
...     mip='Amon',
...     short_name='tas',
...     dataset='CanESM5',
...     exp='historical',
...     ensemble='r1i1p1f1',
... )
[ESGFFile:CMIP6/CMIP/CCCma/CanESM5/historical/r1i1p1f1/Amon/tas/gn/v20190429/tas_
↪Amon_CanESM5_historical_r1i1p1f1_gn_185001-201412.nc]
```

Search for a CORDEX dataset and limit the search results to files containing data to the years in the range 1990-2000:

```
>>> find_files(
...     project='CORDEX',
...     frequency='mon',
...     dataset='COSMO-crCLIM-v1-1',
...     short_name='tas',
...     exp='historical',
...     ensemble='r1i1p1',
...     domain='EUR-11',
...     driver='MPI-M-MPI-ESM-LR',
...     timerange='1990/2000',
... )
[ESGFFile:cordex/output/EUR-11/CLMcom-ETH/MPI-M-MPI-ESM-LR/historical/r1i1p1/COSMO-
↪crCLIM-v1-1/v1/mon/tas/v20191219/tas_EUR-11_MPI-M-MPI-ESM-LR_historical_r1i1p1_
↪CLMcom-ETH-COSMO-crCLIM-v1-1_v1_mon_198101-199012.nc,
 ESGFFile:cordex/output/EUR-11/CLMcom-ETH/MPI-M-MPI-ESM-LR/historical/r1i1p1/COSMO-
↪crCLIM-v1-1/v1/mon/tas/v20191219/tas_EUR-11_MPI-M-MPI-ESM-LR_historical_r1i1p1_
↪CLMcom-ETH-COSMO-crCLIM-v1-1_v1_mon_199101-200012.nc]
```

Search for an obs4MIPs dataset:

```
>>> find_files(
...     project='obs4MIPs',
...     frequency='mon',
...     dataset='CERES-EBAF',
...     short_name='rsutcs',
... )
[ESGFFile:obs4MIPs/NASA-LaRC/CERES-EBAF/atmos/mon/v20160610/rsutcs_CERES-EBAF_L3B_
↪Ed2-8_200003-201404.nc]
```

Search for any ensemble member:

```
>>> find_files(
...     project='CMIP6',
...     mip='Amon',
...     short_name='tas',
...     dataset='BCC-CSM2-MR',
...     exp='historical',
...     ensemble='*',
... )
[ESGFFile:CMIP6/CMIP/BCC/BCC-CSM2-MR/historical/r1i1p1f1/Amon/tas/gn/v20181126/tas_
↪Amon_BCC-CSM2-MR_historical_r1i1p1f1_gn_185001-201412.nc,
 ESGFFile:CMIP6/CMIP/BCC/BCC-CSM2-MR/historical/r2i1p1f1/Amon/tas/gn/v20181115/tas_
↪Amon_BCC-CSM2-MR_historical_r2i1p1f1_gn_185001-201412.nc,
 ESGFFile:CMIP6/CMIP/BCC/BCC-CSM2-MR/historical/r3i1p1f1/Amon/tas/gn/v20181119/tas_
↪Amon_BCC-CSM2-MR_historical_r3i1p1f1_gn_185001-201412.nc]
```

Search for all available versions of a file:

```
>>> find_files(
...     project='CMIP5',
...     mip='Amon',
...     short_name='tas',
...     dataset='CCSM4',
...     exp='historical',
...     ensemble='r1i1p1',
...     version='*',
... )
[ESGFFile:cmip5/output1/NCAR/CCSM4/historical/mon/atmos/Amon/r1i1p1/v20121031/tas_
↪Amon_CCSM4_historical_r1i1p1_185001-200512.nc,
 ESGFFile:cmip5/output1/NCAR/CCSM4/historical/mon/atmos/Amon/r1i1p1/v20130425/tas_
↪Amon_CCSM4_historical_r1i1p1_185001-200512.nc,
 ESGFFile:cmip5/output1/NCAR/CCSM4/historical/mon/atmos/Amon/r1i1p1/v20160829/tas_
↪Amon_CCSM4_historical_r1i1p1_185001-200512.nc]
```

Search for a specific version of a file:

```
>>> find_files(
...     project='CMIP5',
...     mip='Amon',
...     short_name='tas',
...     dataset='CCSM4',
...     exp='historical',
```

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```
...     ensemble='r1i1p1',
...     version='v20130425',
... )
[ESGFFile:cmip5/output1/NCAR/CCSM4/historical/mon/atmos/Amon/r1i1p1/v20130425/tas_
↪Amon_CCSM4_historical_r1i1p1_185001-200512.nc]
```

Returns
A list of files that have been found.

Return type
list of *ESGFFile*

esmvalcore.esgf.**download**(*files*, *dest_folder*, *n_jobs=4*)

Download multiple ESGFFiles in parallel.

Parameters

- **files** (list of *ESGFFile*) – The files to download.
- **dest_folder** (*Path*) – The destination folder.
- **n_jobs** (*int*) – The number of files to download in parallel.

Raises
DownloadError: – Raised if one or more files failed to download.

class esmvalcore.esgf.**ESGFFile**(*results*)

Bases: object

File on the ESGF.

This is the object returned by *esmvalcore.esgf.find_files()*.

dataset

The name of the dataset that the file is part of.

Type
str

facets

Facets describing the file.

Type
dict[str,str]

name

The name of the file.

Type
str

size

The size of the file in bytes.

Type
int

urls

The URLs where the file can be downloaded.

Type
list[str]

Methods:

download(dest_folder)	Download the file.
local_file(dest_folder)	Return the path to the local file after download.

download(*dest_folder*)

Download the file.

Parameters
dest_folder (*Path*) – The destination folder.

Raises
DownloadError: – Raised if downloading the file failed.

Returns
The path where the file will be located after download.

Return type
LocalFile

local_file(*dest_folder*)

Return the path to the local file after download.

Parameters
dest_folder (*Path*) – The destination folder.

Returns
The path where the file will be located after download.

Return type
LocalFile

32.2 esmvalcore.esgf.facets

Module containing mappings from our names to ESGF names.

Data:

DATASET_MAP	Cache for the mapping between recipe/filesystem and ESGF dataset names.
FACETS	Mapping between the recipe and ESGF facet names.

Functions:

create_dataset_map()	Create the DATASET_MAP from recipe datasets to ESGF dataset names.

esmvalcore.esgf.facets.**DATASET_MAP** = {'CMIP3': {}, 'CMIP5': {'ACCESS1-0': 'ACCESS1.0', 'ACCESS1-3': 'ACCESS1.3', 'CESM1-BGC': 'CESM1(BGC)', 'CESM1-CAM5': 'CESM1(CAM5)', 'CESM1-CAM5-1-FV2': 'CESM1(CAM5.1,FV2)', 'CESM1-FASTCHEM': 'CESM1(FASTCHEM)', 'CESM1-WACCM': 'CESM1(WACCM)', 'CSIRO-Mk3-6-0': 'CSIRO-Mk3.6.0', 'GFDL-CM2p1': 'GFDL-CM2.1', 'MRI-AGCM3-2H': 'MRI-AGCM3.2H', 'MRI-AGCM3-2S': 'MRI-AGCM3.2S', 'bcc-csm1-1': 'BCC-CSM1.1', 'bcc-csm1-1-m': 'BCC-CSM1.1(m)', 'fio-esm': 'FIO-ESM', 'inmcm4': 'INM-CM4'}, 'CMIP6': {}, 'CORDEX': {}, 'obs4MIPs': {}}

Cache for the mapping between recipe/filesystem and ESGF dataset names.

esmvalcore.esgf.facets.**FACETS** = {'CMIP3': {'dataset': 'model', 'ensemble': 'ensemble', 'exp': 'experiment', 'frequency': 'time_frequency', 'short_name': 'variable'}, 'CMIP5': {'dataset': 'model', 'ensemble': 'ensemble', 'exp': 'experiment', 'frequency': 'time_frequency', 'institute': 'institute', 'mip': 'cmor_table', 'product': 'product', 'short_name': 'variable'}, 'CMIP6': {'activity': 'activity_drs', 'dataset': 'source_id', 'ensemble': 'member_id', 'exp': 'experiment_id', 'grid': 'grid_label', 'institute': 'institution_id', 'mip': 'table_id', 'short_name': 'variable'}, 'CORDEX': {'dataset': 'rcm_name', 'domain': 'domain', 'driver': 'driving_model', 'ensemble': 'ensemble', 'exp': 'experiment', 'frequency': 'time_frequency', 'institute': 'institute', 'product': 'product', 'short_name': 'variable'}, 'obs4MIPs': {'dataset': 'source_id', 'frequency': 'time_frequency', 'institute': 'institute', 'short_name': 'variable'}}

Mapping between the recipe and ESGF facet names.

esmvalcore.esgf.facets.**create_dataset_map**()

Create the DATASET_MAP from recipe datasets to ESGF dataset names.

Run *python -m esmvalcore.esgf.facets* to print an up to date map.

CHAPTER

THIRTYTHREE

EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions that may be raised by ESMValCore.

Exceptions:

ESMValCoreDeprecationWarning	Custom deprecation warning.
ESMValCoreLoadWarning	Custom load warning.
ESMValCorePreprocessorWarning	Custom preprocessor warning.
ESMValCoreUserWarning	Base class from which other warnings are derived.
Error	Base class from which other exceptions are derived.
InputFilesNotFound(msg)	Files that are required to run the recipe have not been found.
InvalidConfigParameter	Config parameter is invalid.
MissingConfigParameter	Config parameter is missing.
RecipeError(msg)	Recipe contains an error.
SuppressedError	Errors subclassed from SuppressedError hide the full traceback.

exception esmvalcore.exceptions.**ESMValCoreDeprecationWarning**

Bases: *ESMValCoreUserWarning*

Custom deprecation warning.

exception esmvalcore.exceptions.**ESMValCoreLoadWarning**

Bases: *ESMValCorePreprocessorWarning*

Custom load warning.

exception esmvalcore.exceptions.**ESMValCorePreprocessorWarning**

Bases: *ESMValCoreUserWarning*

Custom preprocessor warning.

exception esmvalcore.exceptions.**ESMValCoreUserWarning**

Bases: UserWarning

Base class from which other warnings are derived.

exception esmvalcore.exceptions.**Error**

Bases: Exception

Base class from which other exceptions are derived.

exception esmvalcore.exceptions.**InputFilesNotFound**(*msg: str*)

Bases: *RecipeError*

Files that are required to run the recipe have not been found.

Parameters
msg (*str*)

Return type
None

exception esmvalcore.exceptions.**InvalidConfigParameter**

Bases: *Error*, *SuppressedError*

Config parameter is invalid.

exception esmvalcore.exceptions.**MissingConfigParameter**

Bases: *ESMValCoreUserWarning*

Config parameter is missing.

exception esmvalcore.exceptions.**RecipeError**(*msg: str*)

Bases: *Error*

Recipe contains an error.

Parameters
msg (*str*)

Return type
None

exception esmvalcore.exceptions.**SuppressedError**

Bases: Exception

Errors subclassed from SuppressedError hide the full traceback.

This can be used for simple user-facing errors that do not need the full traceback.

CHAPTER

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IRIS HELPER FUNCTIONS

Auxiliary functions for `iris`.

Functions:

add_leading_dim_to_cube(cube, dim_coord)	Add new leading dimension to cube.
dataset_to_iris(dataset[, filepath, ...])	Convert dataset to `CubeList`.
date2num(date, unit[, dtype])	Convert datetime object into numeric value with requested dtype.
has_irregular_grid(cube)	Check if a cube has an irregular grid.
has_regular_grid(cube)	Check if a cube has a regular grid.
has_unstructured_grid(cube)	Check if a cube has an unstructured grid.
ignore_iris_vague_metadata_warnings()	Ignore specific warnings.
ignore_warnings_context([warnings_to_ignore])	Ignore warnings (context manager).
merge_cube_attributes(cubes[, delimiter])	Merge attributes of all given cubes in-place.
rechunk_cube(cube, complete_coords[, ...])	Rechunk cube so that it is not chunked along given dimensions.
safe_convert_units(cube, units)	Safe unit conversion (change of *standard_name* not allowed; in-place).

esmvalcore.iris_helpers.**add_leading_dim_to_cube**(*cube: Cube*, *dim_coord: DimCoord*) → Cube

Add new leading dimension to cube.

An input cube with shape `(x, ..., z)` will be transformed to a cube with shape `(w, x, ..., z)` where `w` is the length of `dim_coord`. Note that the data is broadcasted to the new shape.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **dim_coord** (*DimCoord*) – Dimensional coordinate that is used to describe the new leading dimension. Needs to be 1D.

Returns

Transformed input cube with new leading dimension.

Return type

iris.cube.Cube

Raises

iris.exceptions.CoordinateMultiDimError – `dim_coord` is not 1D.

esmvalcore.iris_helpers.**dataset_to_iris**(*dataset: xr.Dataset | ncdata.NcData*, *filepath: str | Path | None = None*, *ignore_warnings: list[dict[str, Any]] | None = None*) → iris.cube.CubeList

Convert dataset to CubeList.

Parameters

- **dataset** (*xr.Dataset | ncdata.NcData*) – The dataset object to convert.
- **filepath** (*str | Path | None*) – The path that the dataset was loaded from.
- **ignore_warnings** (*list[dict[str, Any]] | None*) – Keyword arguments passed to warnings.filterwarnings() used to ignore warnings during data loading. Each list element corresponds to one call to warnings.filterwarnings().

Returns
CubeList containing the requested cubes.

Return type
iris.cube.CubeList

Raises
TypeError – Invalid type for dataset given.

esmvalcore.iris_helpers.**date2num**(*date*, *unit*, *dtype=<class 'numpy.float64'>*)

Convert datetime object into numeric value with requested dtype.

This is a custom version of cf_units.Unit.date2num() that guarantees the correct dtype for the return value.

Parameters

- **date** (datetime.datetime or cftime.datetime)
- **unit** (cf_units.Unit)
- **dtype** (*a numpy dtype*)

Returns
The return value of unit.date2num with the requested dtype.

Return type
numpy.ndarray of type *dtype*

esmvalcore.iris_helpers.**has_irregular_grid**(*cube: Cube*) → bool

Check if a cube has an irregular grid.

"Irregular" refers to a general curvilinear grid with 2D latitude and 2D longitude coordinates with common dimensions.

Parameters
cube (*Cube*) – Cube to be checked.

Returns
True if input cube has an irregular grid, else False.

Return type
bool

esmvalcore.iris_helpers.**has_regular_grid**(*cube: Cube*) → bool

Check if a cube has a regular grid.

"Regular" refers to a rectilinear grid with 1D latitude and 1D longitude coordinates orthogonal to each other.

Parameters
cube (*Cube*) – Cube to be checked.

Returns
`True` if input cube has a regular grid, else `False`.

Return type
bool

`esmvalcore.iris_helpers.`**`has_unstructured_grid`**(*cube: Cube*) → bool

Check if a cube has an unstructured grid.

"Unstructured" refers to a grid with 1D latitude and 1D longitude coordinates with common dimensions (i.e., a simple list of points).

Parameters
cube (*Cube*) – Cube to be checked.

Returns
`True` if input cube has an unstructured grid, else `False`.

Return type
bool

`esmvalcore.iris_helpers.`**`ignore_iris_vague_metadata_warnings`**() → Generator[None]

Ignore specific warnings.

This can be used as a context manager. See also https://scitools-iris.readthedocs.io/en/stable/generated/api/iris.warnings.html#iris.warnings.IrisVagueMetadataWarning.

Return type
Generator[None]

`esmvalcore.iris_helpers.`**`ignore_warnings_context`**(*warnings_to_ignore: list[dict[str, Any]] | None = None*) → Generator[None]

Ignore warnings (context manager).

Parameters
warnings_to_ignore (*list[dict[str, Any]] | None*) – Additional warnings to ignore (by default, Iris warnings about missing CF-netCDF measure variables and invalid units are ignored).

Return type
Generator[None]

`esmvalcore.iris_helpers.`**`merge_cube_attributes`**(*cubes: Sequence[Cube]*, *delimiter: str = ' '*) → None

Merge attributes of all given cubes in-place.

After this operation, the attributes of all given cubes are equal. This is useful for operations that combine cubes, such as `iris.cube.CubeList.merge_cube()` or `iris.cube.CubeList.concatenate_cube()`.

Note

This function differs from `iris.util.equalise_attributes()` in this respect that it does not delete attributes that are not identical but rather concatenates them (sorted) using the given `delimiter`. E.g., the attributes `exp: historical` and `exp: ssp585` end up as `exp: historical ssp585` using the default `delimiter = ' '`.

Parameters

- **cubes** (*Sequence[Cube]*) – Input cubes whose attributes will be modified in-place.
- **delimiter** (*str*) – Delimiter that is used to concatenate non-identical attributes.

Return type
None

esmvalcore.iris_helpers.**rechunk_cube**(*cube: Cube*, *complete_coords: Iterable[Coord | str]*, *remaining_dims: int | Literal['auto'] = 'auto'*) → Cube

Rechunk cube so that it is not chunked along given dimensions.

This will rechunk the cube's data, but also all non-dimensional coordinates, cell measures, and ancillary variables that span at least one of the given dimensions.

Note

This will only rechunk *dask* arrays. *numpy* arrays are not changed.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **complete_coords** (*Iterable[Coord | str]*) – (Names of) coordinates along which the output cube should not be chunked.
- **remaining_dims** (*int | Literal['auto']*) – Chunksize of the remaining dimensions.

Returns
Rechunked cube. This will always be a copy of the input cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.iris_helpers.**safe_convert_units**(*cube: Cube*, *units: str | Unit*) → Cube

Safe unit conversion (change of *standard_name* not allowed; in-place).

This is a safe version of *esmvalcore.preprocessor.convert_units()* that will raise an error if the input cube's `standard_name` has been changed.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube (modified in place).
- **units** (*str | Unit*) – New units.

Returns
Converted cube. Just returned for convenience; input cube is modified in place.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises

- **iris.exceptions.UnitConversionError** – Old units are unknown.
- **ValueError** – Old units are not convertible to new units or unit conversion required change of *standard_name*.

CHAPTER

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FIND FILES ON THE LOCAL FILESYSTEM

Find files on the local filesystem.

Classes:

DataSource(rootpath, dirname_template, ...)	Class for storing a data source and finding the associated files.
LocalFile(*args, **kwargs)	File on the local filesystem.

Functions:

find_files(*[, debug])	Find files on the local filesystem.

class esmvalcore.local.**DataSource**(*rootpath: Path*, *dirname_template: str*, *filename_template: str*)

Bases: object

Class for storing a data source and finding the associated files.

Attributes:

dirname_template	
filename_template	
regex_pattern	Get regex pattern that can be used to extract facets from paths.
rootpath	

Methods:

find_files(**facets)	Find files.
get_glob_patterns(**facets)	Compose the globs that will be used to look for files.
path2facets(path)	Extract facets from path.

Parameters

- **rootpath** (*Path*)
- **dirname_template** (*str*)

- **filename_template** (*str*)

dirname_template: str

filename_template: str

find_files(***facets*) → list[*LocalFile*]

Find files.

Return type
list[LocalFile]

get_glob_patterns(***facets*) → list[Path]

Compose the globs that will be used to look for files.

Return type
list[*Path*]

path2facets(*path: Path*) → dict[str, str]

Extract facets from path.

Parameters
path (*Path*)

Return type
dict[str, str]

property regex_pattern: str

Get regex pattern that can be used to extract facets from paths.

rootpath: Path

class esmvalcore.local.**LocalFile**(**args*, ***kwargs*)

Bases: PosixPath

File on the local filesystem.

Attributes:

facets	Facets describing the file.

property facets: Facets

Facets describing the file.

> **Note**
>
> When using *find_files()*, facets are read from the directory structure. Facets stored in filenames are not yet supported.

esmvalcore.local.**find_files**(*, *debug: bool = False*, ***facets: FacetValue*) → list[*LocalFile*] | tuple[list[*LocalFile*], list[Path]]

Find files on the local filesystem.

The directories that are searched for files are defined in *esmvalcore.config.CFG* under the `'rootpath'` key using the directory structure defined under the `'drs'` key. If `esmvalcore.config.CFG['rootpath']`

contains a key that matches the value of the `project` facet, those paths will be used. If there is no project specific key, the directories in `esmvalcore.config.CFG['rootpath']['default']` will be searched.

See *Input data* for extensive instructions on configuring ESMValCore so it can find files locally.

Parameters

- **debug** (*bool*) – When debug is set to `True`, the function will return a tuple with the first element containing the files that were found and the second element containing the `glob.glob()` patterns that were used to search for files.
- ****facets** (*FacetValue*) – Facets used to search for files. An `'*'` can be used to match any value. By default, only the latest version of a file will be returned. To select all versions use `version='*'`. It is also possible to specify multiple values for a facet, e.g. `exp=['historical', 'ssp585']` will match any file that belongs to either the historical or ssp585 experiment. The `timerange` facet can be specified in ISO 8601 format.

Return type
list[*LocalFile*] | tuple[list[*LocalFile*], list[Path]]

Note

A value of `timerange='*'` is supported, but combining a `'*'` with a time or period *as supported in the recipe* is currently not supported and will return all found files.

Examples

Search for files containing surface air temperature from any CMIP6 model for the historical experiment:

```
>>> esmvalcore.local.find_files(
...     project='CMIP6',
...     activity='CMIP',
...     mip='Amon',
...     short_name='tas',
...     exp='historical',
...     dataset='*',
...     ensemble='*',
...     grid='*',
...     institute='*',
... )
[LocalFile('/home/bandela/climate_data/CMIP6/CMIP/BCC/BCC-ESM1/historical/r1i1p1f1/
↪Amon/tas/gn/v20181214/tas_Amon_BCC-ESM1_historical_r1i1p1f1_gn_185001-201412.nc')]
```

Returns
The files that were found.

Return type
list[*LocalFile*]

Parameters

- **debug** (*bool*)
- **facets** (*FacetValue*)

CHAPTER

THIRTYSIX

PREPROCESSOR FUNCTIONS

All preprocessor functions are designed to preserve floating point data types. For example, input data of type `float32` will give output of `float32`. However, other data types may change, e.g., data of type `int` may give output of type `float64`.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**DEFAULT_ORDER: tuple[str, ...] = ('fix_file', 'load', 'fix_metadata', 'concatenate', 'cmor_check_metadata', 'clip_timerange', 'fix_data', 'cmor_check_data', 'add_supplementary_variables', 'derive', 'align_metadata', 'extract_time', 'extract_season', 'extract_month', 'resample_hours', 'resample_time', 'extract_levels', 'extract_surface_from_atm', 'weighting_landsea_fraction', 'mask_landsea', 'mask_glaciated', 'mask_landseaice', 'regrid', 'extract_coordinate_points', 'extract_point', 'extract_location', 'mask_multimodel', 'mask_fillvalues', 'mask_above_threshold', 'mask_below_threshold', 'mask_inside_range', 'mask_outside_range', 'clip', 'rolling_window_statistics', 'cumulative_sum', 'extract_region', 'extract_shape', 'extract_volume', 'extract_trajectory', 'extract_transect', 'detrend', 'extract_named_regions', 'axis_statistics', 'depth_integration', 'area_statistics', 'volume_statistics', 'local_solar_time', 'amplitude', 'zonal_statistics', 'meridional_statistics', 'accumulate_coordinate', 'hourly_statistics', 'daily_statistics', 'monthly_statistics', 'seasonal_statistics', 'annual_statistics', 'decadal_statistics', 'climate_statistics', 'anomalies', 'regrid_time', 'timeseries_filter', 'linear_trend', 'linear_trend_stderr', 'convert_units', 'histogram', 'ensemble_statistics', 'multi_model_statistics', 'bias', 'distance_metric', 'remove_supplementary_variables', 'save')**

By default, preprocessor functions are applied in this order.

Preprocessor module.

Functions:

accumulate_coordinate(cube, coordinate)	Weight data using the bounds from a given coordinate.
add_supplementary_variables(cube, ...)	Add ancillary variables and/or cell measures to cube (in-place).
align_metadata(cube, target_project, ...[, ...])	Set cube metadata to entries from a specific target project.
amplitude(cube, coords)	Calculate amplitude of cycles by aggregating over coordinates.
annual_statistics(cube[, operator])	Compute annual statistics.
anomalies(cube, period[, reference, ...])	Compute anomalies using a mean with the specified granularity.
area_statistics(cube, operator[, normalize])	Apply a statistical operator in the horizontal plane.
axis_statistics(cube, axis, operator[, ...])	Perform statistics along a given axis.
bias(products[, reference, bias_type, ...])	Calculate biases relative to a reference dataset.

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climate_statistics(cube[, operator, period, ...])	Compute climate statistics with the specified granularity.
clip(cube[, minimum, maximum])	Clip values at a specified minimum and/or maximum value.
clip_timerange(cube, timerange)	Extract time range with a resolution up to seconds.
cmor_check_data(cube, cmor_table, mip, ...)	Check if data conforms to variable's CMOR definition.
cmor_check_metadata(cube, cmor_table, mip, ...)	Check if metadata conforms to variable's CMOR definition.
concatenate(cubes[, check_level])	Concatenate all cubes after fixing metadata.
convert_units(cube, units)	Convert the units of a cube to new ones (in-place).
cumulative_sum(cube, coord[, weights, method])	Calculate cumulative sum of the elements along a given coordinate.
daily_statistics(cube[, operator])	Compute daily statistics.
decadal_statistics(cube[, operator])	Compute decadal statistics.
depth_integration(cube)	Determine the total sum over the vertical component.
derive(cubes, short_name, long_name, units)	Derive variable.
detrend(cube[, dimension, method])	Detrend data along a given dimension.
distance_metric(products, metric[, ...])	Calculate distance metrics.
ensemble_statistics(products, statistics, ...)	Compute ensemble statistics.
extract_coordinate_points(cube, definition, ...)	Extract points from any coordinate with interpolation.
extract_levels(cube, levels, scheme[, ...])	Perform vertical interpolation.
extract_location(cube, location, scheme)	Extract a point using a location name, with interpolation.
extract_month(cube, month)	Slice cube to get only the data belonging to a specific month.
extract_named_regions(cube, regions)	Extract a specific named region.
extract_point(cube, latitude, longitude, scheme)	Extract a point, with interpolation.
extract_region(cube, start_longitude, ...)	Extract a region from a cube.
extract_season(cube, season)	Slice cube to get only the data belonging to a specific season.
extract_shape(cube, shapefile[, method, ...])	Extract a region defined by a shapefile using masking.
extract_surface_from_atm(cube)	Extract surface from 3D atmospheric variable based on surface pressure.
extract_time(cube, start_year, start_month, ...)	Extract a time range from a cube.
extract_trajectory(cube, latitudes, longitudes)	Extract data along a trajectory.
extract_transect(cube[, latitude, longitude])	Extract data along a line of constant latitude or longitude.
extract_volume(cube, z_min, z_max[, ...])	Subset a cube based on a range of values in the z-coordinate.
fix_data(cube, short_name, project, dataset, mip)	Fix cube data if fixes are required.
fix_file(file, short_name, project, dataset, ...)	Fix files before loading them into a CubeList.
fix_metadata(cubes, short_name, project, ...)	Fix cube metadata if fixes are required.
histogram(cube[, coords, bins, bin_range, ...])	Calculate histogram.
hourly_statistics(cube, hours[, operator])	Compute hourly statistics.
linear_trend(cube[, coordinate])	Calculate linear trend of data along a given coordinate.
linear_trend_stderr(cube[, coordinate])	Calculate standard error of linear trend along a given coordinate.
load(file[, ignore_warnings, backend_kwargs])	Load Iris cubes.
local_solar_time(cube)	Convert UTC time coordinate to local solar time (LST).
mask_above_threshold(cube, threshold)	Mask above a specific threshold value.
mask_below_threshold(cube, threshold)	Mask below a specific threshold value.
mask_fillvalues(products, threshold_fraction)	Compute and apply a multi-dataset fillvalues mask.
mask_glaciated(cube[, mask_out])	Mask out glaciated areas.
mask_inside_range(cube, minimum, maximum)	Mask inside a specific threshold range.

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mask_landsea(cube, mask_out)	Mask out either land mass or sea (oceans, seas and lakes).
mask_landseaice(cube, mask_out)	Mask out either landsea (combined) or ice.
mask_multimodel(products)	Apply common mask to all datasets (using logical OR).
mask_outside_range(cube, minimum, maximum)	Mask outside a specific threshold range.
meridional_statistics(cube, operator[, ...])	Compute meridional statistics.
monthly_statistics(cube[, operator])	Compute monthly statistics.
multi_model_statistics(products, span, ...)	Compute multi-model statistics.
regrid(cube, target_grid, scheme[, ...])	Perform horizontal regridding.
regrid_time(cube, frequency[, calendar, units])	Align time coordinate for cubes.
remove_supplementary_variables(cube)	Remove supplementary variables from cube (in-place).
resample_hours(cube, interval[, offset, ...])	Convert x-hourly data to y-hourly data.
resample_time(cube[, month, day, hour])	Change frequency of data by resampling it.
rolling_window_statistics(cube, coordinate, ...)	Compute rolling-window statistics over a coordinate.
save(cubes, filename[, optimize_access, ...])	Save iris cubes to file.
seasonal_statistics(cube[, operator, seasons])	Compute seasonal statistics.
timeseries_filter(cube, window, span[, ...])	Apply a timeseries filter.
volume_statistics(cube, operator[, normalize])	Apply a statistical operation over a volume.
weighting_landsea_fraction(cube, area_type)	Weight fields using land or sea fraction.
zonal_statistics(cube, operator[, normalize])	Compute zonal statistics.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**accumulate_coordinate**(*cube: Cube*, *coordinate: str | DimCoord | AuxCoord*) → Cube

Weight data using the bounds from a given coordinate.

The resulting cube will then have units given by `cube_units * coordinate_units`.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Data cube for the flux.
- **coordinate** (*str | DimCoord | AuxCoord*) – Name of the coordinate that will be used as weights.

Returns
Cube with the aggregated data.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises

- **ValueError** – If the coordinate is not found in the cube.
- **NotImplementedError** – If the coordinate is multidimensional.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**add_supplementary_variables**(*cube: Cube*, *supplementary_cubes: Iterable[Cube]*) → Cube

Add ancillary variables and/or cell measures to cube (in-place).

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Cube to add to.
- **supplementary_cubes** (*Iterable[Cube]*) – Iterable of cubes containing the supplementary variables.

Returns
Cube with added ancillary variables and/or cell measures.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**align_metadata**(*cube: Cube*, *target_project: str*, *target_mip: str*, *target_short_name: str*, *strict: bool = True*) → Cube

Set cube metadata to entries from a specific target project.

This is useful to align variable metadata of different projects prior to performing multi-model operations (e.g., *multi_model_statistics()*). For example, standard names differ for some variables between CMIP5 and CMIP6 which would prevent the calculation of multi-model statistics between CMIP5 and CMIP6 data.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **target_project** (*str*) – Project from which target metadata is read.
- **target_mip** (*str*) – MIP table from which target metadata is read.
- **target_short_name** (*str*) – Variable short name from which target metadata is read.
- **strict** (*bool*) – If `True`, raise an error if desired metadata cannot be read for variable `target_short_name` of MIP table `target_mip` and project `target_project`. If `False`, no error is raised.

Returns
Cube with updated metadata.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises

- **KeyError** – Invalid `target_project` given.
- **ValueError** – If `strict=True`: Variable `target_short_name` not available for MIP table `target_mip` of project `target_project`.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**amplitude**(*cube*, *coords*)

Calculate amplitude of cycles by aggregating over coordinates.

Note

The amplitude is calculated as *peak-to-peak* amplitude (difference between maximum and minimum value of the signal). Other amplitude types are currently not supported.

Parameters

- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – Input data.
- **coords** (*str or list of str*) – Coordinates over which is aggregated. For example, use `'year'` to extract the annual cycle amplitude for each year in the data or `['day_of_year', 'year']` to extract the diurnal cycle amplitude for each individual day in the data. If the coordinates are not found in `cube`, try to add it via `iris.coord_categorisation` (at the moment, this only works for the temporal coordinates `day_of_month`, `day_of_year`, `hour`, `month`, `month_fullname`, `month_number`, `season`, `season_number`, `season_year`, `weekday`, `weekday_fullname`, `weekday_number` or `year`.

Returns
Amplitudes.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
iris.exceptions.CoordinateNotFoundError – A coordinate is not found in cube and cannot be added via iris.coord_categorisation.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**annual_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *operator: str = 'mean'*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Compute annual statistics.

Note that this function does not weight the annual mean if uneven time periods are present. Ie, all data inside the year are treated equally.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the iris.analysis.Aggregator object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the iris.analysis.Aggregator object defined by *operator*.

Returns
Annual statistics cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**anomalies**(*cube: Cube*, *period: str*, *reference: dict | None = None*, *standardize: bool = False*, *seasons: Iterable[str] = ('DJF', 'MAM', 'JJA', 'SON')*) → Cube

Compute anomalies using a mean with the specified granularity.

Computes anomalies based on hourly, daily, monthly, seasonal or yearly means for the full available period.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **period** (*str*) – Period to compute the statistic over. Available periods: *full*, *season*, *seasonal*, *monthly*, *month*, *mon*, *daily*, *day*, *hourly*, *hour*, *hr*.
- **reference** (*optional*) – Period of time to use a reference, as needed for the *extract_time()* preprocessor function. If None, all available data is used as a reference.
- **standardize** (*optional*) – If True standardized anomalies are calculated.
- **seasons** (*optional*) – Seasons to use if needed. Defaults to ('DJF', 'MAM', 'JJA', 'SON').

Returns
Anomalies cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**area_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *operator: str*, *normalize: Literal['subtract', 'divide'] | None = None*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Apply a statistical operator in the horizontal plane.

We assume that the horizontal directions are ['longitude', 'latitude'].

This table shows a list of supported operators. All operators that support weights are by default weighted with the grid cell areas. Note that for area-weighted sums, the units of the resulting cube will be multiplied by m^2.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube. The input cube should have a `iris.coords.CellMeasure` named `'cell_area'`, unless it has regular 1D latitude and longitude coordinates so the cell areas can be computed using `iris.analysis.cartography.area_weights()`.
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- **normalize** (*Literal['subtract', 'divide'] | None*) – If given, do not return the statistics cube itself, but rather, the input cube, normalized with the statistics cube. Can either be *subtract* (statistics cube is subtracted from the input cube) or *divide* (input cube is divided by the statistics cube).
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object defined by *operator*.

Returns
Collapsed cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
iris.exceptions.CoordinateMultiDimError – Cube has irregular or unstructured grid but supplementary variable *cell_area* is not available.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**axis_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *axis: str*, *operator: str*, *normalize: Literal['subtract', 'divide'] | None = None*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Perform statistics along a given axis.

Operates over an axis direction.

> **Note**
>
> The *mean*, *sum* and *rms* operations are weighted by the corresponding coordinate bounds by default. For *sum*, the units of the resulting cube will be multiplied by corresponding coordinate units.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **axis** (*str*) – Direction over where to apply the operator. Possible values are *x*, *y*, *z*, *t*.
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- **normalize** (*Literal['subtract', 'divide'] | None*) – If given, do not return the statistics cube itself, but rather, the input cube, normalized with the statistics cube. Can either be *subtract* (statistics cube is subtracted from the input cube) or *divide* (input cube is divided by the statistics cube).
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object defined by *operator*.

Returns
Collapsed cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**bias**(*products: set[PreprocessorFile] | Iterable[Cube]*, *reference: Cube | None = None*, *bias_type: BiasType = 'absolute'*, *denominator_mask_threshold: float = 0.001*, *keep_reference_dataset: bool = False*) → set[PreprocessorFile] | CubeList

Calculate biases relative to a reference dataset.

The reference dataset needs to be broadcastable to all input *products*. This supports iris' rich broadcasting abilities. To ensure this, the preprocessors *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid()* and/or *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_time()* might be helpful.

Notes

The reference dataset can be specified with the *reference* argument. If *reference* is `None`, exactly one input dataset in the *products* set needs to have the facet `reference_for_bias: true` defined in the recipe. Please do **not** specify the option *reference* when using this preprocessor function in a recipe.

Parameters

- **products** (*set[PreprocessorFile] | Iterable[Cube]*) – Input datasets/cubes for which the bias is calculated relative to a reference dataset/cube.
- **reference** (*Cube | None*) – Cube which is used as reference for the bias calculation. If `None`, *products* needs to be a `set` of *~esmvalcore.preprocessor.PreprocessorFile* objects and exactly one dataset in *products* needs the facet `reference_for_bias: true`. Do not specify this argument in a recipe.
- **bias_type** (*BiasType*) – Bias type that is calculated. Must be one of `'absolute'` (dataset - ref) or `'relative'` ((dataset - ref) / ref).
- **denominator_mask_threshold** (*float*) – Threshold to mask values close to zero in the denominator (i.e., the reference dataset) during the calculation of relative biases. All values in the reference dataset with absolute value less than the given threshold are masked out. This setting is ignored when `bias_type` is set to `'absolute'`. Please note that for some variables with very small absolute values (e.g., carbon cycle fluxes, which are usually $< 10^{-6}$ kg m $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$) it is absolutely essential to change the default value in order to get reasonable results.
- **keep_reference_dataset** (*bool*) – If `True`, keep the reference dataset in the output. If `False`, drop the reference dataset. Ignored if *reference* is given.

Returns
Output datasets/cubes. Will be a `set` of `PreprocessorFile` objects if *products* is also one, a `CubeList` otherwise.

Return type
set[PreprocessorFile] | CubeList

Raises
ValueError – Not exactly one input datasets contains the facet `reference_for_bias: true` if `reference=None`; `reference=None` and the input products are given as iterable of `Cube` objects; `bias_type` is not one of `'absolute'` or `'relative'`.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**climate_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *operator: str = 'mean'*, *period: str = 'full'*, *seasons: Iterable[str] = ('DJF', 'MAM', 'JJA', 'SON')*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Compute climate statistics with the specified granularity.

Computes statistics for the whole dataset. It is possible to get them for the full period or with the data grouped by hour, day, month or season.

> **Note**
>
> The *mean*, *sum* and *rms* operations over the *full* period are weighted by the time coordinate, i.e., the length of the time intervals. For *sum*, the units of the resulting cube will be multiplied by corresponding time units (e.g., days).

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- **period** (*str*) – Period to compute the statistic over. Available periods: *full*, *season*, *seasonal*, *monthly*, *month*, *mon*, *daily*, *day*, *hourly*, *hour*, *hr*.
- **seasons** (*Iterable[str]*) – Seasons to use if needed. Defaults to ('DJF', 'MAM', 'JJA', 'SON').
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object defined by *operator*.

Returns
Climate statistics cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

`esmvalcore.preprocessor.clip`(*cube: Cube*, *minimum: float | None = None*, *maximum: float | None = None*) → Cube

Clip values at a specified minimum and/or maximum value.

Values lower than minimum are set to minimum and values higher than maximum are set to maximum.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **minimum** (*float | None*) – Lower threshold to be applied on input cube data.
- **maximum** (*float | None*) – Upper threshold to be applied on input cube data.

Returns
Clipped cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError – `minimum` and `maximum` are set to `None`.

`esmvalcore.preprocessor.clip_timerange`(*cube: Cube*, *timerange: str*) → Cube

Extract time range with a resolution up to seconds.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **timerange** (*str*) – Time range in ISO 8601 format.

Returns
Sliced cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises

- **ValueError** – Time ranges are outside the cube's time limits.
- **isodate.isoerror.ISO8601Error** – Start/end times can not be parsed by isodate.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**cmor_check_data**(*cube: Cube*, *cmor_table: str*, *mip: str*, *short_name: str*, *frequency: str | None = None*, *check_level: CheckLevels = CheckLevels.DEFAULT*) → Cube

Check if data conforms to variable's CMOR definition.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Data cube to check.
- **cmor_table** (*str*) – CMOR definitions to use (i.e., the variable's project).
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's MIP.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name
- **frequency** (*str | None*) – Data frequency. If not given, use the one from the CMOR table of the variable.
- **check_level** (CheckLevels) – Level of strictness of the checks.

Returns
Checked cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**cmor_check_metadata**(*cube: Cube*, *cmor_table: str*, *mip: str*, *short_name: str*, *frequency: str | None = None*, *check_level: CheckLevels = CheckLevels.DEFAULT*) → Cube

Check if metadata conforms to variable's CMOR definition.

None of the checks at this step will force the cube to load the data.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Data cube to check.
- **cmor_table** (*str*) – CMOR definitions to use (i.e., the variable's project).
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's MIP.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **frequency** (*str | None*) – Data frequency. If not given, use the one from the CMOR table of the variable.
- **check_level** (CheckLevels) – Level of strictness of the checks.

Returns
Checked cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**concatenate**(*cubes: Sequence[Cube]*, *check_level:* CheckLevels = *CheckLevels.DEFAULT*) → Cube

Concatenate all cubes after fixing metadata.

Parameters

- **cubes** (*iterable of iris.cube.Cube*) – Data cubes to be concatenated
- **check_level** (CheckLevels) – Level of strictness of the checks in the concatenation.

Returns
cube – Resulting concatenated cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError – Concatenation was not possible.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**convert_units**(*cube: Cube*, *units: str | Unit*) → Cube

Convert the units of a cube to new ones (in-place).

Note

Allows special unit conversions which transforms one quantity to another (physically related) quantity, which may also change the input cube's `standard_name`. These quantities are identified via their `standard_name` and their `units` (units convertible to the ones defined are also supported). For example, this enables conversions between precipitation fluxes measured in `kg m-2 s-1` and precipitation rates measured in `mm day-1` (and vice versa).

Currently, the following special conversions are supported:

- `precipitation_flux` (`kg m-2 s-1`) – `lwe_precipitation_rate` (`mm day-1`)
- `water_evaporation_flux` (`kg m-2 s-1`) – `lwe_water_evaporation_rate` (`mm day-1`)
- `water_potential_evaporation_flux` (`kg m-2 s-1`) – `None` (`mm day-1`)
- `equivalent_thickness_at_stp_of_atmosphere_ozone_content` (`m`) – `equivalent_thickness_at_stp_of_atmosphere_ozone_content` (`DU`)
- `surface_air_pressure` (`Pa`) – `atmosphere_mass_of_air_per_unit_area` (`kg m-2`)

Names in the list correspond to `standard_names` of the input data. Conversions are allowed from each quantity to any other quantity given in a bullet point. The corresponding target quantity is inferred from the desired target units. In addition, any other units convertible to the ones given are also supported (e.g., instead of `mm day-1`, `m s-1` is also supported).

Note that for precipitation and evaporation variables, a water density of `1000 kg m-3` is assumed.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube (modified in place).
- **units** (*str | Unit*) – New units.

Returns
Converted cube. Just returned for convenience; input cube is modified in place.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises

- **iris.exceptions.UnitConversionError** – Old units are unknown.
- **ValueError** – Old units are not convertible to new units.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**cumulative_sum**(*cube: Cube*, *coord: Coord | str*, *weights: ndarray | Array | bool | None = None*, *method: Literal['sequential', 'blelloch'] = 'sequential'*) → Cube

Calculate cumulative sum of the elements along a given coordinate.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **coord** (*Coord | str*) – Coordinate over which the cumulative sum is calculated. Must be 0D or 1D.
- **weights** (*ndarray | Array | bool | None*) – Weights for the calculation of the cumulative sum. Each element in the data is multiplied by the corresponding weight before summing. Can be an array of the same shape as the input data, `False` or `None` (no weighting), or `True` (calculate the weights from the coordinate bounds; only works if each coordinate point has exactly 2 bounds).
- **method** (*Literal['sequential', 'blelloch']*) – Method used to perform the cumulative sum. Only relevant if the cube has lazy data. See `dask.array.cumsum()` for details.

Returns
Cube of cumulative sum. Has same dimensions and coordinates of the input cube.

Return type
Cube

Raises

- **iris.exceptions.CoordinateMultiDimError** – `coord` is not 0D or 1D.
- **iris.exceptions.CoordinateNotFoundError** – `coord` is not found in `cube`.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**daily_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *operator: str = 'mean'*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Compute daily statistics.

Chunks time in daily periods and computes statistics over them;

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object defined by *operator*.

Returns
Daily statistics cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**decadal_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *operator: str = 'mean'*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Compute decadal statistics.

Note that this function does not weight the decadal mean if uneven time periods are present. Ie, all data inside the decade are treated equally.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object defined by *operator*.

Returns
Decadal statistics cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**depth_integration**(*cube: Cube*) → Cube

Determine the total sum over the vertical component.

Requires a 3D cube. The z-coordinate integration is calculated by taking the sum in the z direction of the cell contents multiplied by the cell thickness. The units of the resulting cube are multiplied by the z-coordinate units.

Parameters
cube (*Cube*) – Input cube.

Returns
Collapsed cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**derive**(*cubes: CubeList*, *short_name: str*, *long_name: str*, *units: str | Unit*, *standard_name: str | None = None*) → Cube

Derive variable.

Parameters

- **cubes** (*CubeList*) – Includes all the needed variables for derivation defined in `get_required()`.
- **short_name** (*str*) – short_name
- **long_name** (*str*) – long_name
- **units** (*str | Unit*) – units
- **standard_name** (*str | None*) – standard_name

Returns
The new derived variable.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**detrend**(*cube*, *dimension='time'*, *method='linear'*)

Detrend data along a given dimension.

Parameters

- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – input cube.
- **dimension** (*str*) – Dimension to detrend
- **method** (*str*) – Method to detrend. Available: linear, constant. See documentation of 'scipy.signal.detrend' for details

Returns
Detrended cube

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**distance_metric**(*products: set[PreprocessorFile] | Iterable[Cube]*, *metric: MetricType*, *reference: Cube | None = None*, *coords: Iterable[Coord] | Iterable[str] | None = None*, *keep_reference_dataset: bool = True*, ***kwargs*) → set[PreprocessorFile] | CubeList

Calculate distance metrics.

All input datasets need to have identical dimensional coordinates. This can for example be ensured with the preprocessors *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid()* and/or *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_time()*.

Notes

This preprocessor requires a reference dataset, which can be specified with the *reference* argument. If *reference* is `None`, exactly one input dataset in the *products* set needs to have the facet `reference_for_metric: true` defined in the recipe. Please do **not** specify the option *reference* when using this preprocessor function in a recipe.

Parameters

- **products** (*set[PreprocessorFile] | Iterable[Cube]*) – Input datasets/cubes for which the distance metric is calculated relative to a reference dataset/cube.
- **metric** (*MetricType*) – Distance metric that is calculated. Must be one of
  - `'rmse'`: Unweighted root mean square error
  - `'weighted_rmse'`: Weighted root mean square error
  - `'pearsonr'`: Unweighted Pearson correlation coefficient
  - `'weighted_pearsonr'`: Weighted Pearson correlation coefficient
  - `'emd'`: Unweighted Earth mover's distance
  - `'weighted_emd'`: Weighted Earth mover's distance

  The Earth mover's distance is also known as first Wasserstein metric W_1.

  A detailed description of these metrics can be found *here*.

> **Note**
>
> Metrics starting with *weighted_* will calculate weighted distance metrics if possible. Currently, the following *coords* (or any combinations that include them) will trigger weighting: *time* (will use lengths of time intervals as weights) and *latitude* (will use cell area weights). Time weights are always calculated from the input data. Area weights can be given as supplementary variables to the recipe (*areacella* or *areacello*, see *Defining*

supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)) or calculated from the input data (this only works for regular grids). By default, **NO** supplementary variables will be used; they need to be explicitly requested in the recipe.

- **reference** (*Cube | None*) – Cube which is used as reference for the distance metric calculation. If `None`, *products* needs to be a `set` of `PreprocessorFile` objects and exactly one dataset in *products* needs the facet `reference_for_metric: true`. Do not specify this argument in a recipe.
- **coords** (*Iterable[Coord] | Iterable[str] | None*) – Coordinates over which the distance metric is calculated. If `None`, calculate the metric over all coordinates, which results in a scalar cube.
- **keep_reference_dataset** (*bool*) – If `True`, also calculate the distance of the reference dataset with itself. If `False`, drop the reference dataset.
- ****kwargs** – Additional options for the metric calculation. The following keyword arguments are supported:
  - *rmse* and *weighted_rmse*: none.
  - *pearsonr* and *weighted_pearsonr*: `mdtol`, `common_mask` (all keyword arguments are passed to `iris.analysis.stats.pearsonr()`, see that link for more details on these arguments). Note: in contrast to `pearsonr()`, `common_mask=True` by default.
  - *emd* and *weighted_emd*: `n_bins` = number of bins used to create discrete probability distribition of data before calculating the EMD (`int`, default: 100).

Returns
Output datasets/cubes. Will be a `set` of `PreprocessorFile` objects if *products* is also one, a `CubeList` otherwise.

Return type
set of esmvalcore.preprocessor.PreprocessorFile or iris.cube.CubeList

Raises
- **ValueError** – Shape and coordinates of products and reference data does not match; not exactly one input datasets contains the facet `reference_for_metric: true` if `reference=None`; ``reference=None`` and the input products are given as iterable of `Cube` objects; an invalid `metric` has been given.
- **iris.exceptions.CoordinateNotFoundError** – *longitude* is not found in cube if a weighted metric shall be calculated, *latitude* is in *coords*, and no *cell_area* is given as *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**ensemble_statistics**(*products: set[PreprocessorFile] | Iterable[Cube]*, *statistics: list[str | dict]*, *output_products*, *span: str = 'overlap'*, *ignore_scalar_coords: bool = False*) → dict | set

Compute ensemble statistics.

An ensemble grouping is performed on the input products (using the *ensemble* facet of input datasets). The statistics are then computed calling *esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics()* with appropriate groups.

Parameters
- **products** (*set[PreprocessorFile] | Iterable[Cube]*) – Cubes (or products) over which the statistics will be computed.

- **statistics** (*list[str | dict]*) – Statistical operations to be computed, e.g., `['mean', 'median']`. For some statistics like percentiles, it is also possible to pass additional keyword arguments, e.g., `[{'operator': 'percentile', 'percent': 20}]`. All supported options are are given in *this table*.
- **output_products** (*dict*) – For internal use only. A dict with statistics names as keys and preprocessorfiles as values. If products are passed as input, the statistics cubes will be assigned to these output products.
- **span** (*str*) – Overlap or full; if overlap, statitstics are computed on common time- span; if full, statistics are computed on full time spans, ignoring missing data.
- **ignore_scalar_coords** (*bool*) – If True, remove any scalar coordinate in the input datasets before merging the input cubes into the multi-dataset cube. The resulting multi-dataset cube will have no scalar coordinates (the actual input datasets will remain unchanged). If False, scalar coordinates will remain in the input datasets, which might lead to merge conflicts in case the input datasets have different scalar coordinates.

Returns
A `dict` of cubes or `set` of *output_products* depending on the type of *products*.

Return type
dict | set

See also

esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics(), the

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_coordinate_points**(*cube: Cube*, *definition: dict[str, ArrayLike]*, *scheme: NamedPointInterpolationScheme*) → Cube

Extract points from any coordinate with interpolation.

Multiple points can also be extracted, by supplying an array of coordinates. The resulting point cube will match the respective coordinates to those of the input coordinates. If the input coordinate is a scalar, the dimension will be a scalar in the output cube.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – The source cube to extract a point from.
- **definition** (*dict[str, ArrayLike]*) – The coordinate - values pairs to extract
- **scheme** (*NamedPointInterpolationScheme*) – The interpolation scheme. 'linear' or 'nearest'. No default.

Returns
Returns a cube with the extracted point(s), and with adjusted latitude and longitude coordinates (see above). If desired point outside values for at least one coordinate, this cube will have fully masked data.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError: – If the interpolation scheme is not provided or is not recognised.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_levels**(*cube: Cube*, *levels: Buffer | _SupportsArray[dtype[Any]] | _NestedSequence[_SupportsArray[dtype[Any]]] | complex | bytes | str | _NestedSequence[complex | bytes | str] | Array*, *scheme: Literal['linear', 'nearest', 'linear_extrapolate', 'nearest_extrapolate']*, *coordinate: str | None = None*, *rtol: float = 1e-07*, *atol: float | None = None*) → Cube

Perform vertical interpolation.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – The source cube to be vertically interpolated.
- **levels** (*Buffer | _SupportsArray[dtype[Any]] | _NestedSequence[_SupportsArray[dtype[Any]]] | complex | bytes | str | _NestedSequence[complex | bytes | str] | Array*) – One or more target levels for the vertical interpolation. Assumed to be in the same S.I. units of the source cube vertical dimension coordinate. If the requested levels are sufficiently close to the levels of the cube, cube slicing will take place instead of interpolation.
- **scheme** (*Literal['linear', 'nearest', 'linear_extrapolate', 'nearest_extrapolate']*) – The vertical interpolation scheme to use. Choose from 'linear', 'nearest', 'linear_extrapolate', 'nearest_extrapolate'.
- **coordinate** (*str | None*) – The coordinate to interpolate. If specified, pressure levels (if present) can be converted to height levels and vice versa using the US standard atmosphere. E.g. 'coordinate = altitude' will convert existing pressure levels (air_pressure) to height levels (altitude); 'coordinate = air_pressure' will convert existing height levels (altitude) to pressure levels (air_pressure).
- **rtol** (*float*) – Relative tolerance for comparing the levels in *cube* to the requested levels. If the levels are sufficiently close, the requested levels will be assigned to the cube and no interpolation will take place.
- **atol** (*float | None*) – Absolute tolerance for comparing the levels in *cube* to the requested levels. If the levels are sufficiently close, the requested levels will be assigned to the cube and no interpolation will take place. By default, *atol* will be set to 10^-7 times the mean value of the levels on the cube.

Returns
A cube with the requested vertical levels.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

See also

regrid
Perform horizontal regridding.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_location**(*cube: Cube*, *location: str*, *scheme: Literal['linear', 'nearest']*) → Cube

Extract a point using a location name, with interpolation.

Extracts a single location point from a cube, according to the interpolation scheme `scheme`.

The function just retrieves the coordinates of the location and then calls the `extract_point` preprocessor.

It can be used to locate cities and villages, but also mountains or other geographical locations.

Note

The geolocator needs a working internet connection.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – The source cube to extract a point from.
- **location** (*str*) – The reference location. Examples: 'mount everest', 'romania','new york, usa'
- **scheme** (*Literal['linear', 'nearest']*) – The interpolation scheme. 'linear' or 'nearest'. No default.

Returns

Returns a cube with the extracted point, and with adjusted latitude and longitude coordinates.

Return type

iris.cube.Cube

Raises

- **ValueError:** – If location is not supplied as a preprocessor parameter.
- **ValueError:** – If scheme is not supplied as a preprocessor parameter.
- **ValueError:** – If given location cannot be found by the geolocator.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_month**(*cube: Cube*, *month: int*) → Cube

Slice cube to get only the data belonging to a specific month.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Original data
- **month** (*int*) – Month to extract as a number from 1 to 12.

Returns

Cube for specified month.

Return type

iris.cube.Cube

Raises

ValueError – Requested month is not present in the cube.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_named_regions**(*cube: Cube*, *regions: str | Iterable[str]*) → Cube

Extract a specific named region.

The region coordinate exist in certain CMIP datasets. This preprocessor allows a specific named regions to be extracted.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **regions** (*str | Iterable[str]*) – A region or list of regions to extract.

Returns

Smaller cube.

Return type

iris.cube.Cube

Raises

- **ValueError** – regions is not list or tuple or set.
- **ValueError** – region not included in cube.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_point**(*cube: Cube*, *latitude: ArrayLike*, *longitude: ArrayLike*, *scheme: NamedPointInterpolationScheme*) → Cube

Extract a point, with interpolation.

Extracts a single latitude/longitude point from a cube, according to the interpolation scheme *scheme*.

Multiple points can also be extracted, by supplying an array of latitude and/or longitude coordinates. The resulting point cube will match the respective latitude and longitude coordinate to those of the input coordinates. If the input coordinate is a scalar, the dimension will be missing in the output cube (that is, it will be a scalar).

If the point to be extracted has at least one of the coordinate point values outside the interval of the cube's same coordinate values, then no extrapolation will be performed, and the resulting extracted cube will have fully masked data.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – The source cube to extract a point from.
- **latitude** (*ArrayLike*) – The latitude of the point.
- **longitude** (*ArrayLike*) – The longitude of the point.
- **scheme** (*NamedPointInterpolationScheme*) – The interpolation scheme. 'linear' or 'nearest'. No default.

Returns

Returns a cube with the extracted point(s), and with adjusted latitude and longitude coordinates (see above). If desired point outside values for at least one coordinate, this cube will have fully masked data.

Return type

iris.cube.Cube

Raises

ValueError: – If the interpolation scheme is None or unrecognized.

Examples

With a cube that has the coordinates

- latitude: [1, 2, 3, 4]
- longitude: [1, 2, 3, 4]
- **data values: [[[1, 2, 3, 4], [5, 6, . . .], [. . .], [. . .],** . . .]]]

```
>>> point = extract_point(cube, 2.5, 2.5, 'linear')
>>> point.data
array([ 8.5, 24.5, 40.5, 56.5])
```

Extraction of multiple points at once, with a nearest matching scheme. The values for 0.1 will result in masked values, since this lies outside the cube grid.

```
>>> point = extract_point(cube, [1.4, 2.1], [0.1, 1.1],
...                       'nearest')
>>> point.data.shape
(4, 2, 2)
>>> # x, y, z indices of masked values
>>> np.where(~point.data.mask)
(array([0, 0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3]), array([0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1]),
array([1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]))
>>> point.data[~point.data.mask].data
array([ 1,  5, 17, 21, 33, 37, 49, 53])
```

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_region**(*cube: Cube*, *start_longitude: float*, *end_longitude: float*, *start_latitude: float*, *end_latitude: float*) → Cube

Extract a region from a cube.

Function that subsets a cube on a box (start_longitude, end_longitude, start_latitude, end_latitude).

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input data cube.
- **start_longitude** (*float*) – Western boundary longitude.
- **end_longitude** (*float*) – Eastern boundary longitude.
- **start_latitude** (*float*) – Southern Boundary latitude.
- **end_latitude** (*float*) – Northern Boundary Latitude.

Returns
Smaller cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_season**(*cube: Cube*, *season: str*) → Cube

Slice cube to get only the data belonging to a specific season.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Original data
- **season** (*str*) – Season to extract. Available: DJF, MAM, JJA, SON and all sequentially correct combinations: e.g. JJAS

Returns
data cube for specified season.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError – Requested season is not present in the cube.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_shape**(*cube: Cube*, *shapefile: str | Path*, *method: str = 'contains'*, *crop: bool = True*, *decomposed: bool = False*, *ids: list | dict | None = None*) → Cube

Extract a region defined by a shapefile using masking.

Note that this function does not work for shapes crossing the prime meridian or poles.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **shapefile** (*str | Path*) – A shapefile defining the region(s) to extract. Also accepts the following strings to load special shapefiles:
  - `'ar6'`: IPCC WG1 reference regions (v4) used in Assessment Report 6 (https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5176260). Should be used in combination with a `dict` for the argument *ids*, e.g., `ids={'Acronym': ['GIC', 'WNA']}`.
- **method** (*str*) – Select all points contained by the shape or select a single representative point. Choose either *'contains'* or *'representative'*. If *'contains'* is used, but not a single grid point is contained by the shape, a representative point will be selected.
- **crop** (*bool*) – In addition to masking, crop the resulting cube using *extract_region()*. Data on irregular grids will not be cropped.
- **decomposed** (*bool*) – If set to *True*, the output cube will have an additional dimension *shape_id* describing the requested regions.
- **ids** (*list | dict | None*) – Shapes to be read from the shapefile. Can be given as:
  - `list`: IDs are assigned from the attributes *name*, *NAME*, *Name*, *id*, or *ID* (in that priority order; the first one available is used). If none of these attributes are available in the shapefile, assume that the given *ids* correspond to the reading order of the individual shapes, e.g., `ids=[0, 2]` corresponds to the first and third shape read from the shapefile. Note: An empty list is interpreted as *ids=None*.
  - `dict`: IDs (dictionary value; `list` of `str`) are assigned from attribute given as dictionary key (`str`). Only dictionaries with length 1 are supported. Example: `ids={'Acronym': ['GIC', 'WNA']}` for `shapefile='ar6'`.
  - *None*: select all available shapes from the shapefile.

Returns
Cube containing the extracted region.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

See also

extract_region
Extract a region from a cube.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_surface_from_atm**(*cube: Cube*) → Cube

Extract surface from 3D atmospheric variable based on surface pressure.

Parameters
cube (*Cube*) – Input cube. Needs `AncillaryVariable` `surface_air_pressure`.

Returns
Collapsed cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_time**(*cube: Cube*, *start_year: int | None*, *start_month: int*, *start_day: int*, *end_year: int | None*, *end_month: int*, *end_day: int*) → Cube

Extract a time range from a cube.

Given a time range passed in as a series of years, months and days, it returns a time-extracted cube with data only within the specified time range.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **start_year** (*int | None*) – Start year. If None, the date ranges (*start_month-start_day* to *end_month-end_day*) are selected in each year. For example, ranges Feb 3 - Apr 6 in each year are selected if *start_year=None*, *start_month=2*, *start_day=3*, *end_year=None*, *end_month=4*, *end_day=6*. If *start_year* is None, *end_year* has to be None too.
- **start_month** (*int*) – Start month.
- **start_day** (*int*) – Start day.
- **end_year** (*int | None*) – End year. If None, the date ranges (*start_month-start_day* to *end_month-end_day*) are selected in each year. For example, ranges Feb 3 - Apr 6 in each year are selected if *start_year=None*, *start_month=2*, *start_day=3*, *end_year=None*, *end_month=4*, *end_day=6*. If *end_year* is None, *start_year* has to be None too.
- **end_month** (*int*) – End month.
- **end_day** (*int*) – End day.

Returns
Sliced cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError – Time ranges are outside the cube time limits.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_trajectory**(*cube: Cube*, *latitudes: Sequence[float]*, *longitudes: Sequence[float]*, *number_points: int = 2*) → Cube

Extract data along a trajectory.

latitudes and longitudes are the pairs of coordinates for two points. number_points is the number of points between the two points.

This version uses the expensive interpolate method, but it may be necceasiry for irregular grids.

If only two latitude and longitude coordinates are given, extract_trajectory will produce a cube will extrapolate along a line between those two points, and will add *number_points* points between the two corners.

If more than two points are provided, then extract_trajectory will produce a cube which has extrapolated the data of the cube to those points, and *number_points* is not needed.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **latitudes** (*Sequence[float]*) – Latitude coordinates.
- **longitudes** (*Sequence[float]*) – Longitude coordinates.
- **number_points** (*optional*) – Number of points to extrapolate.

Returns
Collapsed cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError – Latitude and longitude have different dimensions.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_transect**(*cube: Cube*, *latitude: None | float | Iterable[float] = None*, *longitude: None | float | Iterable[float] = None*) → Cube

Extract data along a line of constant latitude or longitude.

Both arguments, latitude and longitude, are treated identically. Either argument can be a single float, or a pair of floats, or can be left empty. The single float indicates the latitude or longitude along which the transect should be extracted. A pair of floats indicate the range that the transect should be extracted along the secondairy axis.

For instance *'extract_transect(cube, longitude=-28)'* will produce a transect along 28 West.

Also, *'extract_transect(cube, longitude=-28, latitude=[-50, 50])'* will produce a transect along 28 West between 50 south and 50 North.

This function is not yet implemented for irregular arrays - instead try the extract_trajectory function, but note that it is currently very slow. Alternatively, use the regrid preprocessor to regrid along a regular grid and then extract the transect.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **latitude** (*optional*) – Transect latitude or range.
- **longitude** (*optional*) – Transect longitude or range.

Returns
Collapsed cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises

- **ValueError** – Slice extraction not implemented for irregular grids.
- **ValueError** – Latitude and longitude are both floats or lists; not allowed to slice on both axes at the same time.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**extract_volume**(*cube: Cube*, *z_min: float*, *z_max: float*, *interval_bounds: str = 'open'*, *nearest_value: bool = False*) → Cube

Subset a cube based on a range of values in the z-coordinate.

Function that subsets a cube on a box of (z_min, z_max), (z_min, z_max], [z_min, z_max) or [z_min, z_max] Note that this requires the requested z-coordinate range to be the same sign as the iris cube. ie, if the cube has z-coordinate as negative, then z_min and z_max need to be negative numbers. If nearest_value is set to *False*, the extraction will be performed with the given z_min and z_max values. If nearest_value is set to *True*, the cube extraction will be performed taking into account the z_coord values that are closest to the z_min and z_max values.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **z_min** (*float*) – Minimum depth to extract.
- **z_max** (*float*) – Maximum depth to extract.
- **interval_bounds** (*str*) – Sets left bound of the interval to either 'open', 'closed', 'left_closed' or 'right_closed'.

- **nearest_value** (*bool*) – Extracts considering the nearest value of z-coord to z_min and z_max.

Returns
z-coord extracted cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**fix_data**(*cube: Cube*, *short_name: str*, *project: str*, *dataset: str*, *mip: str*, *frequency: str | None = None*, *session: Session | None = None*, ***extra_facets*) → Cube

Fix cube data if fixes are required.

This method assumes that metadata is already fixed and checked.

This method collects all the relevant fixes (including generic ones) for a given variable and applies them.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Cube to fix.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **project** (*str*) – Project of the dataset.
- **dataset** (*str*) – Name of the dataset.
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's MIP.
- **frequency** (*str | None*) – Variable's data frequency, if available.
- **session** (*Session | None*) – Current session which includes configuration and directory information.
- ****extra_facets** – Extra facets. For details, see *Extra Facets*.

Returns
Fixed cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**fix_file**(*file: Path*, *short_name: str*, *project: str*, *dataset: str*, *mip: str*, *output_dir: Path*, *add_unique_suffix: bool = False*, *session: Session | None = None*, *frequency: str | None = None*, ***extra_facets*) → str | Path | xr.Dataset | ncdata.NcData

Fix files before loading them into a `CubeList`.

This is mainly intended to fix errors that prevent loading the data with Iris (e.g., those related to `missing_value` or `_FillValue`) or operations that are more efficient with other packages (e.g., loading files with lots of variables is much faster with Xarray than Iris).

Warning

A path should only be returned if it points to the original (unchanged) file (i.e., a fix was not necessary). If a fix is necessary, this function should return a `NcData` or `Dataset` object. Under no circumstances a copy of the input data should be created (this is very inefficient).

Parameters

- **file** (*Path*) – Path to the original file. Original files are not overwritten.

- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **project** (*str*) – Project of the dataset.
- **dataset** (*str*) – Name of the dataset.
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's MIP.
- **output_dir** (*Path*) – Output directory for fixed files.
- **add_unique_suffix** (*bool*) – Adds a unique suffix to `output_dir` for thread safety.
- **session** (*Session | None*) – Current session which includes configuration and directory information.
- **frequency** (*str | None*) – Variable's data frequency, if available.
- ****extra_facets** – Extra facets. For details, see *Extra Facets*.

Returns
Fixed data or a path to them.

Return type
str | pathlib.Path | xr.Dataset | ncdata.NcData

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**fix_metadata**(*cubes: Sequence[Cube]*, *short_name: str*, *project: str*, *dataset: str*, *mip: str*, *frequency: str | None = None*, *session: Session | None = None*, ***extra_facets*) → CubeList

Fix cube metadata if fixes are required.

This method collects all the relevant fixes (including generic ones) for a given variable and applies them.

Parameters

- **cubes** (*Sequence[Cube]*) – Cubes to fix.
- **short_name** (*str*) – Variable's short name.
- **project** (*str*) – Project of the dataset.
- **dataset** (*str*) – Name of the dataset.
- **mip** (*str*) – Variable's MIP.
- **frequency** (*str | None*) – Variable's data frequency, if available.
- **session** (*Session | None*) – Current session which includes configuration and directory information.
- ****extra_facets** – Extra facets. For details, see *Extra Facets*.

Returns
Fixed cubes.

Return type
iris.cube.CubeList

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**histogram**(*cube: Cube*, *coords: Iterable[Coord] | Iterable[str] | None = None*, *bins: int | Sequence[float] = 10*, *bin_range: tuple[float, float] | None = None*, *weights: np.ndarray | da.Array | bool | None = None*, *normalization: Literal['sum', 'integral'] | None = None*) → Cube

Calculate histogram.

Very similar to `numpy.histogram()`, but calculates histogram only over the given coordinates.

Handles lazy data and masked data.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **coords** (*Iterable[Coord] | Iterable[str] | None*) – Coordinates over which the histogram is calculated. If `None`, calculate the histogram over all coordinates, which results in a scalar cube.
- **bins** (*int | Sequence[float]*) – If *bins* is an `int`, it defines the number of equal-width bins in the given *bin_range*. If *bins* is a sequence, it defines a monotonically increasing array of bin edges, including the rightmost edge, allowing for non-uniform bin widths.
- **bin_range** (*tuple[float, float] | None*) – The lower and upper range of the bins. If `None`, *bin_range* is simply `(cube.core_data().min(), cube.core_data().max())`. Values outside the range are ignored. The first element of the range must be less than or equal to the second. *bin_range* affects the automatic bin computation as well if *bins* is an `int` (see description for *bins* above).
- **weights** (*np.ndarray | da.Array | bool | None*) – Weights for the histogram calculation. Each value in the input data only contributes its associated weight towards the bin count (instead of 1). Weights are normalized before entering the calculation if *normalization* is `'integral'` or `'sum'`. Can be an array of the same shape as the input data, `False` or `None` (no weighting), or `True`. In the latter case, weighting will depend on *coords*, and the following coordinates will trigger weighting: *time* (will use lengths of time intervals as weights) and *latitude* (will use cell area weights). Time weights are always calculated from the input data. Area weights can be given as supplementary variables to the recipe (*areacella* or *areacello*, see *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*) or calculated from the input data (this only works for regular grids). By default, **NO** supplementary variables will be used; they need to be explicitly requested in the recipe.
- **normalization** (*Literal['sum', 'integral'] | None*) – If `None`, the result will contain the number of samples in each bin. If `'integral'`, the result is the value of the probability *density* function at the bin, normalized such that the integral over the range is 1. If `'sum'`, the result is the value of the probability *mass* function at the bin, normalized such that the sum over the range is 1. Normalization will be applied across *coords*, not the entire cube.

Returns

Histogram cube. The shape of this cube will be *(x1, x2, ..., n_bins)*, where *xi* are the dimensions of the input cube not appearing in *coords* and *n_bins* is the number of bins.

Return type

Cube

Raises

- **TypeError** – Invalid *bin* type given
- **ValueError** – Invalid *normalization* or *bin_range* given or *bin_range* is `None` and data is fully masked.
- **iris.exceptions.CoordinateNotFoundError** – A given coordinate of `coords` is not found in `cube`.
- **iris.exceptions.CoordinateNotFoundError** – *longitude* is not found in cube if `weights=True`, *latitude* is in `coords`, and no *cell_area* is given as *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**hourly_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *hours: int*, *operator: str = 'mean'*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Compute hourly statistics.

Chunks time in x hours periods and computes statistics over them.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **hours** (*int*) – Number of hours per period. Must be a divisor of 24, i.e., (1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12).
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object defined by *operator*.

Returns
Hourly statistics cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**linear_trend**(*cube*, *coordinate='time'*)

Calculate linear trend of data along a given coordinate.

The linear trend is defined as the slope of an ordinary linear regression.

Parameters

- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – Input data.
- **coordinate** (*str, optional (default: 'time')*) – Dimensional coordinate over which the trend is calculated.

Returns
Trends.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
iris.exceptions.CoordinateNotFoundError – The dimensional coordinate with the name `coordinate` is not found in `cube`.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**linear_trend_stderr**(*cube*, *coordinate='time'*)

Calculate standard error of linear trend along a given coordinate.

This gives the standard error (not confidence intervals!) of the trend defined as the standard error of the estimated slope of an ordinary linear regression.

Parameters

- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – Input data.
- **coordinate** (*str, optional (default: 'time')*) – Dimensional coordinate over which the standard error of the trend is calculated.

Returns
Standard errors of trends.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
iris.exceptions.CoordinateNotFoundError – The dimensional coordinate with the name `coordinate` is not found in `cube`.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**load**(*file: str | Path | Cube | CubeList | Dataset | NcData*, *ignore_warnings: list[dict[str, Any]] | None = None*, *backend_kwargs: dict[str, Any] | None = None*) → CubeList

Load Iris cubes.

Parameters

- **file** (*str | Path | Cube | CubeList | Dataset | NcData*) – File to be loaded. If `file` is already a loaded dataset, return it as a `CubeList`. File as `Path` object could be a Zarr store.
- **ignore_warnings** (*list[dict[str, Any]] | None*) – Keyword arguments passed to `warnings.filterwarnings()` used to ignore warnings issued by `iris.load_raw()`. Each list element corresponds to one call to `warnings.filterwarnings()`.
- **backend_kwargs** (*dict[str, Any] | None*) – Dict to hold info needed by storage backend e.g. to access a PRIVATE S3 bucket containing object stores (e.g. netCDF4 files); needed by `fsspec` and its extensions e.g. `s3fs`, so most of the times this will include `storage_options`. Note that Zarr files are opened via `http` extension of `fsspec`, so no need for `storage_options` in that case (ie anon/anon). Currently only used in Zarr file opening.

Returns
Loaded cubes.

Return type
iris.cube.CubeList

Raises

- **ValueError** – Cubes are empty.
- **TypeError** – Invalid type for `file`.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**local_solar_time**(*cube: Cube*) → Cube

Convert UTC time coordinate to local solar time (LST).

This preprocessor transforms input data with a UTC-based time coordinate to a local solar time (LST) coordinate. In LST, 12:00 noon is defined as the moment when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky. Thus, LST is mainly determined by longitude of a location. LST is particularly suited to analyze diurnal cycles across larger regions of the globe, which would be phase-shifted against each other when using UTC time.

To transform data from UTC to LST, this function shifts data along the time axis based on the longitude. In addition to the *cube*'s data, this function also considers auxiliary coordinates, cell measures and ancillary variables that span both the time and longitude dimension.

Note

This preprocessor preserves the temporal frequency of the input data. For example, hourly input data will be transformed into hourly output data. For this, a location's exact LST will be put into corresponding bins defined by the bounds of the input time coordinate (in this example, the bin size is 1 hour). If time bounds are not given or cannot be approximated (only one time step is given), a bin size of 1 hour is assumed.

LST is approximated as *UTC_time + 12*longitude/180*, where *longitude* is assumed to be in [-180, 180] (this function automatically calculates the correct format for the longitude). This is only an approximation since the exact LST also depends on the day of year due to the eccentricity of Earth's orbit (see equation of time). However, since the corresponding error is ~15 min at most, this is ignored here, as most climate model data has a courser temporal resolution and the time scale for diurnal evolution of meteorological phenomena is usually in the order of hours, not minutes.

Parameters
cube (*Cube*) – Input cube. Needs a 1D monotonically increasing dimensional coordinate *time* (assumed to refer to UTC time) and a 1D coordinate *longitude*.

Returns
Transformed cube of same shape as input cube with an LST coordinate instead of UTC time.

Return type
Cube

Raises
- **iris.exceptions.CoordinateNotFoundError** – Input cube does not contain valid *time* and/or *longitude* coordinate.
- **iris.exceptions.CoordinateMultiDimError** – Input cube has multidimensional *longitude* coordinate.
- **ValueError** – *time* coordinate of input cube is not monotonically increasing.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**mask_above_threshold**(*cube*, *threshold*)

Mask above a specific threshold value.

Takes a value 'threshold' and masks off anything that is above it in the cube data. Values equal to the threshold are not masked.

Parameters
- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – iris cube to be thresholded.
- **threshold** (*float*) – threshold to be applied on input cube data.

Returns
thresholded cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**mask_below_threshold**(*cube*, *threshold*)

Mask below a specific threshold value.

Takes a value 'threshold' and masks off anything that is below it in the cube data. Values equal to the threshold are not masked.

Parameters
- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – iris cube to be thresholded
- **threshold** (*float*) – threshold to be applied on input cube data.

Returns
thresholded cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**mask_fillvalues**(*products*, *threshold_fraction: float*, *min_value: float | None = None*, *time_window: int = 1*)

Compute and apply a multi-dataset fillvalues mask.

Construct the mask that fills a certain time window with missing values if the number of values in that specific window is less than a given fractional threshold. This function is the extension of _get_fillvalues_mask and performs the combination of missing values masks from each model (of multimodels) into a single fillvalues mask to be applied to each model.

Parameters

- **products** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – data products to be masked.
- **threshold_fraction** (*float*) – fractional threshold to be used as argument for Aggregator. Must be between 0 and 1.
- **min_value** (*float | None*) – minimum value threshold; default None If default, no thresholding applied so the full mask will be selected.
- **time_window** (*int*) – time window to compute missing data counts; default set to 1.

Returns
Masked iris cubes.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
NotImplementedError – Implementation missing for data with higher dimensionality than 4.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**mask_glaciated**(*cube*, *mask_out: str = 'glaciated'*)

Mask out glaciated areas.

It applies a Natural Earth mask. Note that for computational reasons only the 10 largest polygons are used for masking.

Parameters

- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – data cube to be masked.
- **mask_out** (*str*) – "glaciated" to mask out glaciated areas

Returns
Returns the masked iris cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError – Error raised if masking on irregular grids is attempted or if mask_out has a wrong value.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**mask_inside_range**(*cube*, *minimum*, *maximum*)

Mask inside a specific threshold range.

Takes a MINIMUM and a MAXIMUM value for the range, and masks off anything that's between the two in the cube data.

Parameters

- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – iris cube to be thresholded
- **minimum** (*float*) – lower threshold to be applied on input cube data.
- **maximum** (*float*) – upper threshold to be applied on input cube data.

Returns
thresholded cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**mask_landsea**(*cube: Cube*, *mask_out: Literal['land', 'sea']*) → Cube

Mask out either land mass or sea (oceans, seas and lakes).

It uses dedicated ancillary variables (sftlf or sftof) or, in their absence, it applies a Natural Earth mask (land or ocean contours). Note that the Natural Earth masks have different resolutions: 10m for land, and 50m for seas. These are more than enough for masking climate model data.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Data cube to be masked. If the cube has an `iris.coords.AncillaryVariable` with standard name `'land_area_fraction'` or `'sea_area_fraction'` that will be used. If both are present, only the 'land_area_fraction' will be used. If the ancillary variable is not available, the mask will be calculated from Natural Earth shapefiles.
- **mask_out** (*Literal['land', 'sea']*) – Either `'land'` to mask out land mass or `'sea'` to mask out seas.

Returns
Returns the masked iris cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError – Error raised if masking on irregular grids is attempted without an ancillary variable. Irregular grids are not currently supported for masking with Natural Earth shapefile masks.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**mask_landseaice**(*cube: Cube*, *mask_out: Literal['landsea', 'ice']*) → Cube

Mask out either landsea (combined) or ice.

Function that masks out either landsea (land and seas) or ice (Antarctica, Greenland and some glaciers).

It uses dedicated ancillary variables (sftgif).

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Data cube to be masked. It should have an `iris.coords.AncillaryVariable` with standard name `'land_ice_area_fraction'`.
- **mask_out** (*str*) – Either `'landsea'` to mask out land and oceans or `'ice'` to mask out ice.

Returns
Returns the masked iris cube with either land or ice masked out.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError – Error raised if landsea-ice mask not found as an ancillary variable.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**mask_multimodel**(*products*)

Apply common mask to all datasets (using logical OR).

Parameters
products (*iris.cube.CubeList or list of PreprocessorFile*) – Data products/cubes to be masked.

Returns
Masked data products/cubes.

Return type
iris.cube.CubeList or list of PreprocessorFile

Raises

- **ValueError** – Datasets have different shapes.
- **TypeError** – Invalid input data.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**mask_outside_range**(*cube*, *minimum*, *maximum*)

Mask outside a specific threshold range.

Takes a MINIMUM and a MAXIMUM value for the range, and masks off anything that's outside the two in the cube data.

Parameters

- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – iris cube to be thresholded
- **minimum** (*float*) – lower threshold to be applied on input cube data.
- **maximum** (*float*) – upper threshold to be applied on input cube data.

Returns
thresholded cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**meridional_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *operator: str*, *normalize: Literal['subtract', 'divide'] | None = None*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Compute meridional statistics.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the iris.analysis.Aggregator object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- **normalize** (*Literal['subtract', 'divide'] | None*) – If given, do not return the statistics cube itself, but rather, the input cube, normalized with the statistics cube. Can either be *subtract* (statistics cube is subtracted from the input cube) or *divide* (input cube is divided by the statistics cube).
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the iris.analysis.Aggregator object defined by *operator*.

Returns
Meridional statistics cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError – Error raised if computation on irregular grids is attempted. Zonal statistics not yet implemented for irregular grids.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**monthly_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *operator: str = 'mean'*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Compute monthly statistics.

Chunks time in monthly periods and computes statistics over them;

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object defined by *operator*.

Returns
Monthly statistics cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**multi_model_statistics**(*products: set[PreprocessorFile] | Iterable[Cube]*, *span: str*, *statistics: list[str | dict]*, *output_products=None*, *groupby: tuple | None = None*, *keep_input_datasets: bool = True*, *ignore_scalar_coords: bool = False*) → dict | set

Compute multi-model statistics.

This function computes multi-model statistics on a list of `products`, which can be instances of `Cube` or `PreprocessorFile`. The latter is used internally by ESMValCore to store workflow and provenance information, and this option should typically be ignored.

Cubes must have consistent shapes apart from a potential time dimension. There are two options to combine time coordinates of different lengths, see the `span` argument.

Desired statistics need to be given as a list, e.g., `statistics: ['mean', 'median']`. For some statistics like percentiles, it is also possible to pass additional keyword arguments, for example `statistics: [{'operator': 'percentile', 'percent': 20}]`. A full list of supported statistics is available in the section on *Statistical preprocessors*.

This function can handle cubes with differing metadata:

- Cubes with identical `name()` and `units` will get identical values for `standard_name`, `long_name`, and `var_name` (which will be arbitrarily set to the first encountered value if different cubes have different values for them).
- `attributes`: Differing attributes are deleted, see `iris.util.equalise_attributes()`.
- `cell_methods`: All cell methods are deleted prior to combining cubes.
- `cell_measures()`: All cell measures are deleted prior to combining cubes, see `esmvalcore.preprocessor.remove_fx_variables()`.
- `ancillary_variables()`: All ancillary variables are deleted prior to combining cubes, see `esmvalcore.preprocessor.remove_fx_variables()`.
- `coords()`: Exactly identical coordinates are preserved. For coordinates with equal `name()` and `units`, names are equalized, `attributes` deleted and `circular` is set to `False`. For all other coordinates, `long_name` is removed, `attributes` deleted and `circular` is set to `False`. Scalar coordinates can be removed if desired by the option `ignore_scalar_coords=True`. Please note that some special scalar coordinates which are expected to differ across cubes (ancillary coordinates for derived coordinates like *p0* and *ptop*) are always removed.

Notes

Some of the operators in `iris.analysis` require additional arguments. Except for percentiles, these operators are currently not supported.

Lazy operation is supported for all statistics, except `median`.

Parameters

- **products** (*set[PreprocessorFile] | Iterable[Cube]*) – Cubes (or products) over which the statistics will be computed.
- **span** (*str*) – Overlap or full; if overlap, statitstics are computed on common time- span; if full, statistics are computed on full time spans, ignoring missing data. This option is ignored if input cubes do not have time dimensions.
- **statistics** (*list[str | dict]*) – Statistical operations to be computed, e.g., `['mean', 'median']`. For some statistics like percentiles, it is also possible to pass additional keyword arguments, e.g., `[{'operator': 'percentile', 'percent': 20}]`. All supported options are are given in *this table*.
- **output_products** (*dict*) – For internal use only. A dict with statistics names as keys and preprocessorfiles as values. If products are passed as input, the statistics cubes will be assigned to these output products.
- **groupby** (*tuple | None*) – Group products by a given tag or attribute, e.g., ('project', 'dataset', 'tag1'). This is ignored if `products` is a list of cubes.
- **keep_input_datasets** (*bool*) – If True, the output will include the input datasets. If False, only the computed statistics will be returned.
- **ignore_scalar_coords** (*bool*) – If True, remove any scalar coordinate in the input datasets before merging the input cubes into the multi-dataset cube. The resulting multi-dataset cube will have no scalar coordinates (the actual input datasets will remain unchanged). If False, scalar coordinates will remain in the input datasets, which might lead to merge conflicts in case the input datasets have different scalar coordinates.

Returns
A `dict` of cubes or `set` of *output_products* depending on the type of *products*.

Return type
dict | set

Raises
ValueError – If span is neither overlap nor full, or if input type is neither cubes nor products.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**regrid**(*cube: Cube*, *target_grid: Cube | Dataset | Path | str | dict*, *scheme: NamedHorizontalScheme | dict*, *lat_offset: bool = True*, *lon_offset: bool = True*, *cache_weights: bool = False*, *use_src_coords: Iterable[str] = ('latitude', 'longitude')*) → Cube

Perform horizontal regridding.

Note that the target grid can be a `Cube`, a *Dataset*, a path to a cube (`Path` or `str`), a grid spec (`str`) in the form of *MxN*, or a `dict` specifying the target grid.

For the latter, the *target_grid* should be a `dict` with the following keys:

- `start_longitude`: longitude at the center of the first grid cell.
- `end_longitude`: longitude at the center of the last grid cell.
- **`step_longitude`: constant longitude distance between grid cell** centers.

- `start_latitude`: latitude at the center of the first grid cell.
- `end_latitude`: longitude at the center of the last grid cell.
- `step_latitude`: constant latitude distance between grid cell centers.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – The source cube to be regridded.
- **target_grid** (*Cube | Dataset | Path | str | dict*) – The (location of a) cube that specifies the target or reference grid for the regridding operation. Alternatively, a *Dataset* can be provided. Alternatively, a string cell specification may be provided, of the form `MxN`, which specifies the extent of the cell, longitude by latitude (degrees) for a global, regular target grid. Alternatively, a dictionary with a regional target grid may be specified (see above).
- **scheme** (*NamedHorizontalScheme | dict*) – The regridding scheme to perform. If the source grid is structured (i.e., rectilinear or curvilinear), can be one of the built-in schemes `linear`, `nearest`, `area_weighted`. If the source grid is unstructured, can be one of the built-in schemes `linear`, `nearest`. Alternatively, a *dict* that specifies generic regridding can be given (see below).
- **lat_offset** (*bool*) – Offset the grid centers of the latitude coordinate w.r.t. the pole by half a grid step. This argument is ignored if *target_grid* is a cube or file.
- **lon_offset** (*bool*) – Offset the grid centers of the longitude coordinate w.r.t. Greenwich meridian by half a grid step. This argument is ignored if *target_grid* is a cube or file.
- **cache_weights** (*bool*) – If `True`, cache regridding weights for later usage. This can speed up the regridding of different datasets with similar source and target grids massively, but may take up a lot of memory for extremely high-resolution data. This option is ignored for schemes that do not support weights caching. More details on this are given in the section on *Reusing regridding weights*. To clear the cache, use `esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid.cache_clear()`.
- **use_src_coords** (*Iterable[str]*) – If there are multiple horizontal coordinates available in the source cube, only use horizontal coordinates with these standard names.

Returns
Regridded cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

See also

extract_levels
Perform vertical regridding.

Notes

This preprocessor allows for the use of arbitrary Iris regridding schemes, that is anything that can be passed as a scheme to `iris.cube.Cube.regrid()` is possible. This enables the use of further parameters for existing schemes, as well as the use of more advanced schemes for example for unstructured grids. To use this functionality, a dictionary must be passed for the scheme with a mandatory entry of `reference` in the form specified for the object reference of the entry point data model, i.e. `importable.module:object.attr`. This is used as a factory for the scheme. Any further entries in the dictionary are passed as keyword arguments to the factory.

For example, to use the familiar `iris.analysis.Linear` regridding scheme with a custom extrapolation mode, use

```
my_preprocessor:
  regrid:
    target: 1x1
    scheme:
      reference: iris.analysis:Linear
      extrapolation_mode: nanmask
```

To use the area weighted regridder available in `esmf_regrid.schemes.ESMFAreaWeighted` use

```
my_preprocessor:
  regrid:
    target: 1x1
    scheme:
      reference: esmf_regrid.schemes:ESMFAreaWeighted
```

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**regrid_time**(*cube: Cube*, *frequency: str*, *calendar: str | None = None*, *units: str = 'days since 1850-01-01 00:00:00'*) → Cube

Align time coordinate for cubes.

Sets datetimes to common values:

- Decadal data (e.g., `frequency='dec'`): 1 January 00:00:00 for the given year. Example: 1 January 2005 00:00:00 for given year 2005 (decade 2000-2010).
- Yearly data (e.g., `frequency='yr'`): 1 July 00:00:00 for each year. Example: 1 July 1993 00:00:00 for the year 1993.
- Monthly data (e.g., `frequency='mon'`): 15th day 00:00:00 for each month. Example: 15 October 1993 00:00:00 for the month October 1993.
- Daily data (e.g., `frequency='day'`): 12:00:00 for each day. Example: 14 March 1996 12:00:00 for the day 14 March 1996.
- *n*-hourly data where *n* is a divisor of 24 (e.g., `frequency='3hr'`): center of each time interval. Example: 03:00:00 for interval 00:00:00-06:00:00 (6-hourly data), 16:30:00 for interval 15:00:00-18:00:00 (3-hourly data), or 09:30:00 for interval 09:00:00-10:00:00 (hourly data).

The corresponding time bounds will be set according to the rules described in *esmvalcore.cmor.fixes.get_time_bounds()*. The data type of the new time coordinate will be set to *float64* (CMOR default for coordinates). Potential auxiliary time coordinates (e.g., *day_of_year*) are also changed if present.

This function does not alter the data in any way.

Note

By default, this will not change the calendar of the input time coordinate. For decadal, yearly, and monthly data, it is possible to change the calendar using the *calendar* argument. Be aware that changing the calendar might introduce (small) errors to your data, especially for extensive quantities (those that depend on the period length).

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube. This input cube will not be modified.
- **frequency** (*str*) – Data frequency. Allowed are

- Decadal data (*frequency* must include *dec*, e.g., *dec*)
- Yearly data (*frequency* must include *yr*, e.g., *yrPt*)
- Monthly data (*frequency* must include *mon*, e.g., *monC*)
- Daily data (*frequency* must include *day*, e.g., *day*)
- *n*-hourly data, where *n* must be a divisor of 24 (*frequency* must include *nhr*, e.g., *6hrPt*)

- **calendar** (*str | None*) – If given, transform the calendar to the one specified (examples: *standard*, *365_day*, etc.). This only works for decadal, yearly and monthly data, and will raise an error for other frequencies. If not set, the calendar will not be changed.
- **units** (*str*) – Reference time units used if the calendar of the data is changed. Ignored if *calendar* is not set.

Returns
Cube with converted time coordinate.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
NotImplementedError – An invalid *frequency* is given or *calendar* is set for a non-supported frequency.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**remove_supplementary_variables**(*cube: Cube*) → Cube

Remove supplementary variables from cube (in-place).

Strip cell measures or ancillary variables from the cube.

Parameters
cube (*Cube*) – Iris cube with data and cell measures or ancillary variables.

Returns
Cube without cell measures or ancillary variables.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**resample_hours**(*cube: Cube*, *interval: int*, *offset: int = 0*, *interpolate: Literal['nearest', 'linear'] | None = None*) → Cube

Convert x-hourly data to y-hourly data.

This is intended to be used with instantaneous data.

Examples

- `resample_hours(cube, interval=6)`: Six-hourly intervals at 0:00, 6:00, 12:00, 18:00.
- `resample_hours(cube, interval=6, offset=3)`: Six-hourly intervals at 3:00, 9:00, 15:00, 21:00.
- `resample_hours(cube, interval=12, offset=6)`: Twelve-hourly intervals at 6:00, 18:00.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **interval** (*int*) – The period (hours) of the desired output data.
- **offset** (*int*) – The first hour of the desired output data.

- **interpolate** (*Literal['nearest', 'linear'] | None*) – If *interpolate* is None (default), convert x-hourly data to y-hourly (y > x) by eliminating extra time steps. If *interpolate* is 'nearest' or 'linear', use nearest-neighbor or bilinear interpolation to convert general x-hourly data to general y-hourly data.

Returns
Cube with the new frequency.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError: – *interval* is not a divisor of 24; invalid *interpolate* given; or input data does not contain any target hour (if *interpolate* is None).

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**resample_time**(*cube: Cube*, *month: int | None = None*, *day: int | None = None*, *hour: int | None = None*) → Cube

Change frequency of data by resampling it.

Converts data from one frequency to another by extracting the timesteps that match the provided month, day and/or hour. This is meant to be used with instantaneous values when computing statistics is not desired.

For example:

- resample_time(cube, hour=6): Daily values taken at 6:00.
- resample_time(cube, day=15, hour=6): Monthly values taken at 15th 6:00.
- resample_time(cube, month=6): Yearly values, taking in June
- resample_time(cube, month=6, day=1): Yearly values, taking 1st June

The condition must yield only one value per interval: the last two samples above will produce yearly data, but the first one is meant to be used to sample from monthly output and the second one will work better with daily.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **month** (*optional*) – Month to extract.
- **day** (*optional*) – Day to extract.
- **hour** (*optional*) – Hour to extract.

Returns
Cube with the new frequency.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**rolling_window_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *coordinate: str*, *operator: str*, *window_length: int*, ***operator_kwargs*)

Compute rolling-window statistics over a coordinate.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **coordinate** (*str*) – Coordinate over which the rolling-window statistics is calculated.
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the iris.analysis.Aggregator object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.

- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the iris.analysis.Aggregator object defined by *operator*.
- **window_length** (*int*) – Size of the window to use.

Returns
Rolling-window statistics cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**save**(*cubes: Sequence[Cube]*, *filename: Path | str*, *optimize_access: str = ''*, *compress: bool = False*, *alias: str = ''*, *compute: bool = True*, ***kwargs*) → Delayed | None

Save iris cubes to file.

Parameters

- **cubes** (*Sequence[Cube]*) – Data cubes to be saved
- **filename** (*Path | str*) – Name of target file
- **optimize_access** (*str*) – Set internal NetCDF chunking to favour a reading scheme

  Values can be map or timeseries, which improve performance when reading the file one map or time series at a time. Users can also provide a coordinate or a list of coordinates. In that case the better performance will be avhieved by loading all the values in that coordinate at a time
- **compress** (*bool*) – Use NetCDF internal compression.
- **alias** (*str*) – Var name to use when saving instead of the one in the cube.
- **compute** (*bool, default=True*) – Default is `True`, meaning complete the file immediately, and return `None`.

  When `False`, create the output file but don't write any lazy array content to its variables, such as lazy cube data or aux-coord points and bounds. Instead return a dask.delayed.Delayed which, when computed, will stream all the lazy content via `dask.store()`, to complete the file. Several such data saves can be performed in parallel, by passing a list of them into a `dask.compute()` call.
- ****kwargs** – See iris.fileformats.netcdf.saver.save() for additional keyword arguments.

Returns
A delayed object that can be used to save the data in the cube.

Return type
dask.delayed.Delayed or None

Raises
ValueError – cubes is empty.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**seasonal_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *operator: str = 'mean'*, *seasons: Iterable[str] = ('DJF', 'MAM', 'JJA', 'SON')*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Compute seasonal statistics.

Chunks time seasons and computes statistics over them.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.

- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- **seasons** (*Iterable[str]*) – Seasons to build. Available: ('DJF', 'MAM', 'JJA', SON') (default) and all sequentially correct combinations holding every month of a year: e.g. ('JJAS','ONDJFMAM'), or less in case of prior season extraction.
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object defined by *operator*.

Returns
Seasonal statistic cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**timeseries_filter**(*cube: Cube*, *window: int*, *span: int*, *filter_type: str = 'lowpass'*, *filter_stats: str = 'sum'*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Apply a timeseries filter.

Method borrowed from iris example

Apply each filter using the rolling_window method used with the weights keyword argument. A weighted sum is required because the magnitude of the weights are just as important as their relative sizes.

See also the iris rolling window `iris.cube.Cube.rolling_window`.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **window** (*int*) – The length of the filter window (in units of cube time coordinate).
- **span** (*int*) – Number of months/days (depending on data frequency) on which weights should be computed e.g. 2-yearly: span = 24 (2 x 12 months). Span should have same units as cube time coordinate.
- **filter_type** (*optional*) – Type of filter to be applied; default 'lowpass'. Available types: 'lowpass'.
- **filter_stats** (*optional*) – Type of statistic to aggregate on the rolling window; default: *sum*. Used to determine the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object used for aggregation. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object defined by *filter_stats*.

Returns
Cube time-filtered using 'rolling_window'.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises

- **iris.exceptions.CoordinateNotFoundError:** – Cube does not have time coordinate.
- **NotImplementedError:** – *filter_type* is not implemented.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**volume_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *operator: str*, *normalize: Literal['subtract', 'divide'] | None = None*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Apply a statistical operation over a volume.

The volume average is weighted according to the cell volume.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube. The input cube should have a `iris.coords.CellMeasure` named `'ocean_volume'`, unless it has a `iris.coords.CellMeasure` named `'cell_area'` or regular 1D latitude and longitude coordinates so the cell areas can be computed using `iris.analysis.cartography.area_weights()`. The volume will be computed from the area multiplied by the thickness, computed from the bounds of the vertical coordinate. In that case, vertical coordinate units should be convertible to meters.
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object used to calculate the statistics. Currently, only *mean* is allowed.
- **normalize** (*Literal['subtract', 'divide'] | None*) – If given, do not return the statistics cube itself, but rather, the input cube, normalized with the statistics cube. Can either be *subtract* (statistics cube is subtracted from the input cube) or *divide* (input cube is divided by the statistics cube).
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object defined by *operator*.

Return type
Cube

Note

This preprocessor has been designed for oceanic variables, but it might be applicable to atmospheric data as well.

Returns
Collapsed cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*)
- **operator** (*str*)
- **normalize** (*Literal['subtract', 'divide'] | None*)

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**weighting_landsea_fraction**(*cube*, *area_type*)

Weight fields using land or sea fraction.

This preprocessor function weights a field with its corresponding land or sea area fraction (value between 0 and 1). The application of this is important for most carbon cycle variables (and other land-surface outputs), which are e.g. reported in units of *kgC m-2*. This actually refers to 'per square meter of land/sea' and NOT 'per square meter of gridbox'. So in order to integrate these globally or regionally one has to both area-weight the quantity but also weight by the land/sea fraction.

Parameters

- **cube** (*iris.cube.Cube*) – Data cube to be weighted. It should have an `iris.coords.AncillaryVariable` with standard name `'land_area_fraction'` or `'sea_area_fraction'`. If both are present, only the `'land_area_fraction'` will be used.

- **area_type** (*str*) – Use land (`'land'`) or sea (`'sea'`) fraction for weighting.

Returns
Land/sea fraction weighted cube.

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises

- **TypeError** – `area_type` is not `'land'` or `'sea'`.
- **ValueError** – Land/sea fraction variables `sftlf` or `sftof` not found.

esmvalcore.preprocessor.**zonal_statistics**(*cube: Cube*, *operator: str*, *normalize: Literal['subtract', 'divide'] | None = None*, ***operator_kwargs*) → Cube

Compute zonal statistics.

Parameters

- **cube** (*Cube*) – Input cube.
- **operator** (*str*) – The operation. Used to determine the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object used to calculate the statistics. Allowed options are given in *this table*.
- **normalize** (*Literal['subtract', 'divide'] | None*) – If given, do not return the statistics cube itself, but rather, the input cube, normalized with the statistics cube. Can either be *subtract* (statistics cube is subtracted from the input cube) or *divide* (input cube is divided by the statistics cube).
- ****operator_kwargs** – Optional keyword arguments for the `iris.analysis.Aggregator` object defined by *operator*.

Returns
Zonal statistics cube or input cube normalized by statistics cube (see *normalize*).

Return type
iris.cube.Cube

Raises
ValueError – Error raised if computation on irregular grids is attempted. Zonal statistics not yet implemented for irregular grids.

CHAPTER

THIRTYSEVEN

REGRIDDING SCHEMES

Iris natively supports data regridding with its `iris.cube.Cube.regrid()` method and a set of predefined regridding schemes provided in the `analysis` module (further details are given on this page). Here, further regridding schemes are provided that are compatible with `iris.cube.Cube.regrid()`.

Example:

```
from esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes import ESMPyAreaWeighted

regridded_cube = cube.regrid(target_grid, ESMPyAreaWeighted())
```

Regridding schemes.

Classes:

ESMPyAreaWeighted([mask_threshold])	ESMPy area-weighted regridding scheme.
ESMPyLinear([mask_threshold])	ESMPy bilinear regridding scheme.
ESMPyNearest([mask_threshold])	ESMPy nearest-neighbor regridding scheme.
ESMPyRegridder(src_cube, tgt_cube[, method, ...])	General ESMPy regridder.
GenericFuncScheme(func, **kwargs)	Regridding with a generic function.
GenericRegridder(src_cube, tgt_cube, func, ...)	Generic function regridder.
IrisESMFRegrid(method[, mdtol, ...])	iris-esmf-regrid based regridding scheme.
UnstructuredLinear()	Unstructured bilinear regridding scheme.
UnstructuredLinearRegridder(src_cube, tgt_cube)	Unstructured bilinear regridder.
UnstructuredNearest()	Unstructured nearest-neighbor regridding scheme.

class esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes.**ESMPyAreaWeighted**(*mask_threshold: float = 0.99*)

ESMPy area-weighted regridding scheme.

This class can be used in `iris.cube.Cube.regrid()`.

Does not support lazy regridding.

Deprecated since version 2.12.0: This scheme has been deprecated and is scheduled for removal in version 2.14.0. Please use *IrisESMFRegrid* instead.

Methods:

regridder(src_cube, tgt_cube)	Get regridder.

Parameters

mask_threshold (*float*)

regridder(*src_cube: Cube*, *tgt_cube: Cube*) → *ESMPyRegridder*

Get regridder.

Parameters

- **src_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the source grid.
- **tgt_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the target grid.

Returns
Regridder instance.

Return type
ESMPyRegridder

class esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes.**ESMPyLinear**(*mask_threshold: float = 0.99*)

ESMPy bilinear regridding scheme.

This class can be used in `iris.cube.Cube.regrid()`.

Does not support lazy regridding.

Deprecated since version 2.12.0: This scheme has been deprecated and is scheduled for removal in version 2.14.0. Please use *IrisESMFRegrid* instead.

Methods:

regridder(src_cube, tgt_cube)	Get regridder.

Parameters
mask_threshold (*float*)

regridder(*src_cube: Cube*, *tgt_cube: Cube*) → *ESMPyRegridder*

Get regridder.

Parameters

- **src_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the source grid.
- **tgt_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the target grid.

Returns
Regridder instance.

Return type
ESMPyRegridder

class esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes.**ESMPyNearest**(*mask_threshold: float = 0.99*)

ESMPy nearest-neighbor regridding scheme.

This class can be used in `iris.cube.Cube.regrid()`.

Does not support lazy regridding.

Deprecated since version 2.12.0: This scheme has been deprecated and is scheduled for removal in version 2.14.0. Please use *IrisESMFRegrid* instead.

Methods:

regridder(src_cube, tgt_cube)	Get regridder.

Parameters
mask_threshold (*float*)

regridder(*src_cube: Cube*, *tgt_cube: Cube*) → *ESMPyRegridder*

Get regridder.

Parameters

- **src_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the source grid.
- **tgt_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the target grid.

Returns
Regridder instance.

Return type
ESMPyRegridder

class esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes.**ESMPyRegridder**(*src_cube: Cube*, *tgt_cube: Cube*, *method: str = 'linear'*, *mask_threshold: float = 0.99*)

General ESMPy regridder.

Does not support lazy regridding nor weights caching.

Deprecated since version 2.12.0: This regridder has been deprecated and is scheduled for removal in version 2.14.0. Please use *IrisESMFRegrid* to create an iris-esmf-regrid regridder instead.

Parameters

- **src_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the source grid.
- **tgt_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the target grid.
- **method** (*str*) – Regridding algorithm. Must be one of *linear*, *area_weighted*, *nearest*.
- **mask_threshold** (*float*) – Threshold used to regrid mask of input cube.

class esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes.**GenericFuncScheme**(*func: Callable*, ***kwargs*)

Regridding with a generic function.

This class can be used in `iris.cube.Cube.regrid()`.

Does support lazy regridding if *func* does.

Parameters

- **func** (*Callable*) – Generic regridding function with signature f(src_cube: Cube, grid_cube: Cube, **kwargs) -> Cube.
- ****kwargs** – Keyword arguments for the generic regridding function.

Methods:

regridder(src_cube, tgt_cube)	Get regridder.

regridder(*src_cube: Cube*, *tgt_cube: Cube*) → *GenericRegridder*

Get regridder.

Parameters

- **src_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the source grid.

- **tgt_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the target grid.

Returns
Regridder instance.

Return type
GenericRegridder

class esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes.**GenericRegridder**(*src_cube: Cube*, *tgt_cube: Cube*, *func: Callable*, ***kwargs*)

Generic function regridder.

Does support lazy regridding if *func* does. Does not support weights caching.

Parameters

- **src_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the source grid.
- **tgt_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the target grid.
- **func** (*Callable*) – Generic regridding function with signature f(src_cube: Cube, grid_cube: Cube, **kwargs) -> Cube.
- ****kwargs** – Keyword arguments for the generic regridding function.

class esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes.**IrisESMFRegrid**(*method: Literal['bilinear', 'conservative', 'nearest']*, *mdtol: float | None = None*, *use_src_mask: None | bool | np.ndarray = None*, *use_tgt_mask: None | bool | np.ndarray = None*, *collapse_src_mask_along: Iterable[str] = ('Z',)*, *collapse_tgt_mask_along: Iterable[str] = ('Z',)*, *src_resolution: int | None = None*, *tgt_resolution: int | None = None*, *tgt_location: Literal['face', 'node'] | None = None*)

iris-esmf-regrid based regridding scheme.

Supports lazy regridding.

Parameters

- **method** (*Literal['bilinear', 'conservative', 'nearest']*) – Either "conservative", "bilinear" or "nearest". Corresponds to the `esmpy` methods `CONSERVE`, `BILINEAR` or `NEAREST_STOD` used to calculate regridding weights.
- **mdtol** (*float | None*) – Tolerance of missing data. The value returned in each element of the returned array will be masked if the fraction of masked data exceeds `mdtol`. `mdtol=0` means no missing data is tolerated while `mdtol=1` will mean the resulting element will be masked if and only if all the contributing elements of data are masked. If no value is given, this will default to 1 for conservative regridding and 0 otherwise. Only available for methods 'bilinear' and 'conservative'.
- **use_src_mask** (*None | bool | np.ndarray*) – If True, derive a mask from the source cube data, which will tell `esmpy` which points to ignore. If an array is provided, that will be used. If set to `None`, it will be set to `True` for methods `'bilinear'` and `'conservative'` and to `False` for method `'nearest'`. This default may be changed to `True` for all schemes once SciTools-incubator/iris-esmf-regrid#368 has been resolved.

- **use_tgt_mask** (*None | bool | np.ndarray*) – If True, derive a mask from of the target cube, which will tell esmpy which points to ignore. If an array is provided, that will be used. If set to None, it will be set to True for methods 'bilinear' and 'conservative' and to False for method 'nearest'. This default may be changed to True for all schemes once SciTools-incubator/iris-esmf-regrid#368 has been resolved.
- **collapse_src_mask_along** (*Iterable[str]*) – When deriving the mask from the source cube data, collapse the mask along the dimensions identified by these axes or coordinates. Only points that are masked at all time ('T'), vertical levels ('Z'), or both time and vertical levels ('TZ') will be considered masked. Instead of the axes 'T' and 'Z', coordinate names can also be provided. For any cube dimensions not specified here, the first slice along the coordinate will be used to determine the mask.
- **collapse_tgt_mask_along** (*Iterable[str]*) – When deriving the mask from the target cube data, collapse the mask along the dimensions identified by these axes or coordinates. Only points that are masked at all time ('T'), vertical levels ('Z'), or both time and vertical levels ('TZ') will be considered masked. Instead of the axes 'T' and 'Z', coordinate names can also be provided. For any cube dimensions not specified here, the first slice along the coordinate will be used to determine the mask.
- **src_resolution** (*int | None*) – If present, represents the amount of latitude slices per source cell given to ESMF for calculation. If resolution is set, the source cube must have strictly increasing bounds (bounds may be transposed plus or minus 360 degrees to make the bounds strictly increasing). Only available for method 'conservative'.
- **tgt_resolution** (*int | None*) – If present, represents the amount of latitude slices per target cell given to ESMF for calculation. If resolution is set, the target cube must have strictly increasing bounds (bounds may be transposed plus or minus 360 degrees to make the bounds strictly increasing). Only available for method 'conservative'.
- **tgt_location** (*Literal['face', 'node'] | None*) – Only used if the target grid is an iris.mesh.MeshXY. Describes the location for data on the mesh. Either 'face' or 'node' for bilinear or nearest neighbour regridding, can only be 'face' for first order conservative regridding.

kwargs

Keyword arguments that will be provided to the regridder.

Methods:

regridder(src_cube, tgt_cube)	Create an iris-esmf-regrid based regridding function.

regridder(*src_cube: Cube*, *tgt_cube: Cube | MeshXY*) → ESMFAreaWeightedRegridder | ESMFBilinearRegridder | ESMFNearestRegridder

Create an iris-esmf-regrid based regridding function.

Parameters

- **src_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the source grid.
- **tgt_cube** (*Cube | MeshXY*) – Cube defining the target grid.

Returns

- esmf_regrid.schemes.ESMFAreaWeightedRegridder or
- esmf_regrid.schemes.ESMFBilinearRegridder or
- esmf_regrid.schemes.ESMFNearestRegridder – An iris-esmf-regrid regridder.

Return type
ESMFAreaWeightedRegridder | *ESMFBilinearRegridder* | *ESMFNearestRegridder*

class esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes.**UnstructuredLinear**

Unstructured bilinear regridding scheme.

This class can be used in `iris.cube.Cube.regrid()`.

Supports lazy regridding.

> **Warning**
>
> This will drop all cell measures, ancillary variables and aux factories, and any auxiliary coordinate that spans the dimension of the unstrucutred grid.

Methods:

regridder(src_cube, tgt_cube)	Get regridder.

regridder(*src_cube: Cube*, *tgt_cube: Cube*) → *UnstructuredLinearRegridder*

Get regridder.

Parameters

- **src_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the source grid.
- **tgt_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the target grid.

Returns
Regridder instance.

Return type
UnstructuredLinearRegridder

class esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes.**UnstructuredLinearRegridder**(*src_cube: Cube*, *tgt_cube: Cube*)

Unstructured bilinear regridder.

Supports lazy regridding and weights caching.

> **Warning**
>
> This will drop all cell measures, ancillary variables and aux factories, and any auxiliary coordinate that spans the dimension of the unstrucutred grid.

Parameters

- **src_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the source grid.
- **tgt_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the target grid.

class esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_schemes.**UnstructuredNearest**

Unstructured nearest-neighbor regridding scheme.

This class is a wrapper around `iris.analysis.UnstructuredNearest` that removes any additional X or Y coordinates prior to regridding if necessary. It can be used in `iris.cube.Cube.regrid()`.

Methods:

regridder(src_cube, tgt_cube)	Get regridder.

regridder(*src_cube: Cube*, *tgt_cube: Cube*) → UnstructuredNearestNeigbourRegridder

Get regridder.

Parameters

- **src_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the source grid.
- **tgt_cube** (*Cube*) – Cube defining the target grid.

Returns

Regridder instance.

Return type

UnstructuredNearestNeigbourRegridder

CHAPTER

THIRTYEIGHT

TYPE HINTS

Type aliases for providing type hints.

esmvalcore.typing.**DataType = numpy.ndarray | dask.array.core.Array | iris.cube.Cube**

Type describing data.

esmvalcore.typing.**FacetValue = str | collections.abc.Sequence[str] | numbers.Number | bool**

Type describing a single facet.

esmvalcore.typing.**Facets**(**args*, ***kwargs*)

Type describing a collection of facets.

alias of dict[str, str | Sequence[str] | Number | bool]

esmvalcore.typing.**NetCDFAttr = str | numbers.Number | collections.abc.Iterable**

Type describing netCDF attributes.

NetCDF attributes can be strings, numbers or sequences.

CHAPTER

THIRTYNINE

EXPERIMENTAL API

This page describes the new ESMValCore API. The experimental API module is available in the submodule `esmvalcore.experimental`. The API is under development, so use at your own risk!

39.1 Recipes

This section describes the *recipe* submodule of the API (`esmvalcore.experimental`).

39.1.1 Recipe metadata

Recipe is a class that holds metadata from a recipe.

```
>>> Recipe('path/to/recipe_python.yml')
recipe = Recipe('Recipe Python')
```

Printing the recipe will give a nice overview of the recipe:

```
>>> print(recipe)
## Recipe python

Example recipe that plots a map and timeseries of temperature.

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### Projects
 - DLR project ESMVal
 - Copernicus Climate Change Service 34a Lot 2 (MAGIC) project

### References
 - Please acknowledge the project(s).
```

39.1.2 Running a recipe

To run the recipe, call the *run()* method.

```
>>> output = recipe.run()
<log messages>
```

By default, a new `Session` is automatically created, so that data are never overwritten. Data are stored in the `esmvaltool_output` directory specified in the config. Sessions can also be explicitly specified.

```
>>> from esmvalcore.experimental import CFG
>>> session = CFG.start_session('my_session')
>>> output = recipe.run(session)
<log messages>
```

run() returns an dictionary of objects that can be used to inspect the output of the recipe. The output is an instance of *ImageFile* or *DataFile* depending on its type.

For working with recipe output, see: *Recipe output*.

39.1.3 Running a single diagnostic or preprocessor task

The python example recipe contains 5 tasks:

Preprocessors:

- `timeseries/tas_amsterdam`
- `timeseries/script1`
- `map/tas`

Diagnostics:

- `timeseries/tas_global`
- `map/script1`

To run a single diagnostic or preprocessor, the name of the task can be passed as an argument to *run()*. If a diagnostic is passed, all ancestors will automatically be run too.

```
>>> output = recipe.run('map/script1')
>>> output
map/script1:
  DataFile('CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_2000-2000.nc')
  DataFile('CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_2000-2000.nc')
  ImageFile('CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_2000-2000.png')
  ImageFile('CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_2000-2000.png')
```

It is also possible to run a single preprocessor task:

```
>>> output = recipe.run('map/tas')
>>> output
map/tas:
  DataFile('CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_2000-2000.nc')
  DataFile('CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_2000-2000.nc')
```

39.1.4 API reference

Recipe metadata.

Classes:

Recipe(path)	API wrapper for the esmvalcore Recipe object.

class esmvalcore.experimental.recipe.**Recipe**(*path: PathLike*)

Bases: object

API wrapper for the esmvalcore Recipe object.

This class can be used to inspect and run the recipe.

Parameters
path (*pathlike*) – Path to the recipe.

Attributes:

data	Return dictionary representation of the recipe.
name	Return the name of the recipe.

Methods:

get_output()	Get output from recipe.
render([template])	Render output as html.
run([task, session])	Run the recipe.

property data: dict

Return dictionary representation of the recipe.

get_output() → *RecipeOutput*

Get output from recipe.

Returns
output – Returns output of the recipe as instances of `OutputFile` grouped by diagnostic task.

Return type
dict

property name

Return the name of the recipe.

render(*template=None*)

Render output as html.

template
[Template] An instance of `jinja2.Template` can be passed to customize the output.

run(*task: str | None = None*, *session:* Session | *None = None*)

Run the recipe.

This function loads the recipe into the ESMValCore recipe format and runs it.

Parameters

- **task** (*str*) – Specify the name of the diagnostic or preprocessor to run a single task.
- **session** (Session, optional) – Defines the config parameters and location where the recipe output will be stored. If `None`, a new session will be started automatically.

Returns
output – Returns output of the recipe as instances of `OutputItem` grouped by diagnostic task.

Return type
dict

39.2 Recipe output

This section describes the *recipe_output* submodule of the API (`esmvalcore.experimental`).

After running a recipe, output is returned by the *run()* method. Alternatively, it can be retrieved using the *get_output()* method.

```
>>> recipe_output = recipe.get_output()
```

`recipe_output` is a mapping of the individual tasks and their output filenames (data and image files) with a set of attributes describing the data.

```
>>> recipe_output
timeseries/script1:
  DataFile('tas_amsterdam_CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_1850-2000.nc')
  DataFile('tas_amsterdam_CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_1850-2000.nc')
  DataFile('tas_amsterdam_MultiModelMean_Amon_tas_1850-2000.nc')
  DataFile('tas_global_CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_1850-2000.nc')
  DataFile('tas_global_CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_1850-2000.nc')
  ImageFile('tas_amsterdam_CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_1850-2000.png')
  ImageFile('tas_amsterdam_CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_1850-2000.png')
  ImageFile('tas_amsterdam_MultiModelMean_Amon_tas_1850-2000.png')
  ImageFile('tas_global_CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_1850-2000.png')
  ImageFile('tas_global_CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_1850-2000.png')

map/script1:
  DataFile('CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_2000-2000.nc')
  DataFile('CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_2000-2000.nc')
  ImageFile('CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_2000-2000.png')
  ImageFile('CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_2000-2000.png')
```

Output is grouped by the task that produced them. They can be accessed like a dictionary.

```
>>> task_output = recipe_output['map/script1']
>>> task_output
map/script1:
  DataFile('CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_2000-2000.nc')
  DataFile('CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_2000-2000.nc')
  ImageFile('CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_2000-2000.png')
  ImageFile('CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_2000-2000.png')
```

The task output has a list of files associated with them, usually image (`.png`) or data files (`.nc`). To get a list of all files, use `files()`.

```
>>> print(task_output.files)
(DataFile('CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_2000-2000.nc'),
..., ImageFile('CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_2000-2000.png'))
```

It is also possible to select the image (*image_files()*) files or data files (*data_files()*) only.

```
>>> for image_file in task_output.image_files:
>>>     print(image_file)
ImageFile('CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_2000-2000.png')
ImageFile('CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_2000-2000.png')

>>> for data_file in task_output.data_files:
>>>     print(data_file)
DataFile('CMIP5_CanESM2_Amon_historical_r1i1p1_tas_2000-2000.nc')
DataFile('CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_2000-2000.nc')
```

39.2.1 Working with output files

Output comes in two kinds, *DataFile* corresponds to data files in `.nc` format and *ImageFile* corresponds to plots in `.png` format (see below). Both object are derived from the same base class (*OutputFile*) and therefore share most of the functionality.

For example, author information can be accessed as instances of *Contributor* via

```
>>> output_file = task_output[0]
>>> output_file.authors
(Contributor('Andela, Bouwe', institute='NLeSC, Netherlands', orcid='https://orcid.org/
↪0000-0001-9005-8940'),
 Contributor('Righi, Mattia', institute='DLR, Germany', orcid='https://orcid.org/0000-
↪0003-3827-5950'))
```

And associated references as instances of *Reference* via

```
>>> output_file.references
(Reference('acknow_project'),)
```

OutputFile also knows about associated files

```
>>> data_file.citation_file
Path('.../tas_global_CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_1850-2000_citation.
↪bibtex')
>>> data_file.data_citation_file
Path('.../tas_global_CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_1850-2000_data_citation_
↪info.txt')
>>> data_file.provenance_svg_file
Path('.../tas_global_CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_1850-2000_provenance.svg
↪')
>>> data_file.provenance_xml_file
Path('.../tas_global_CMIP6_BCC-ESM1_Amon_historical_r1i1p1f1_tas_1850-2000_provenance.xml
↪')
```

39.2.2 Working with image files

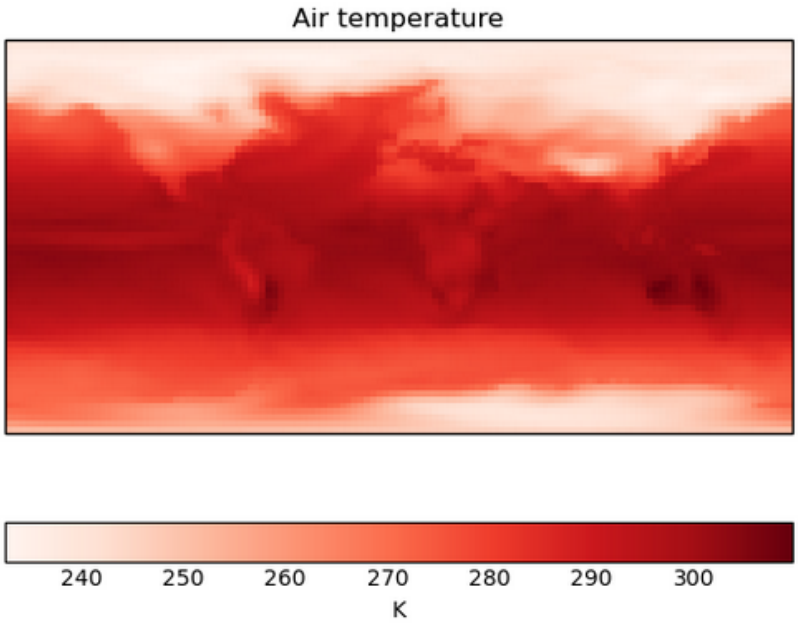
Image output uses IPython magic to plot themselves in a notebook environment.

```
>>> image_file = recipe_output['map/script1'].image_files[0]
>>> image_file
```

For example:

```
In [30]: image_file = recipe_output['map/script1'].image_files[0]
         image_file
```

Out[30]: Average Near-Surface Air Temperature between 2000 and 2000 according to BCC-ESM1.



Using `IPython.display`, it is possible to show all image files.

```
>>> from IPython.display import display
>>>
>>> task = recipe_output['map/script1']
>>> for image_file in task.image_files:
>>>     display(image_file)
```

39.2.3 Working with data files

Data files can be easily loaded using `xarray`:

```
>>> data_file = recipe_output['timeseries/script1'].data_files[0]
>>> data = data_file.load_xarray()
>>> type(data)
xarray.core.dataset.Dataset
```

Or `iris`:

```
>>> cube = data_file.load_iris()
>>> type(cube)
iris.cube.CubeList
```

39.2.4 API reference

API for handing recipe output.

Classes:

DataFile(path[, attributes])	Container for data output.
DiagnosticOutput(name, task_output[, title, ...])	Container for diagnostic output.
ImageFile(path[, attributes])	Container for image output.
OutputFile(path[, attributes])	Base container for recipe output files.
RecipeOutput(task_output[, session, info])	Container for recipe output.
TaskOutput(name, files)	Container for task output.

class esmvalcore.experimental.recipe_output.**DataFile**(*path: str*, *attributes: dict | None = None*)

Bases: *OutputFile*

Container for data output.

Attributes:

authors	List of recipe authors.
caption	Return the caption of the file (fallback to path).
citation_file	Return path of citation file (bibtex format).
data_citation_file	Return path of data citation info (txt format).
kind	
provenance_xml_file	Return path of provenance file (xml format).
references	List of project references.

Methods:

create(path[, attributes])	Construct new instances of OutputFile.
load_iris()	Load data using iris.
load_xarray()	Load data using xarray.

Parameters

- **path** (*str*)
- **attributes** (*dict | None*)

property authors: tuple

List of recipe authors.

property caption: str

Return the caption of the file (fallback to path).

property citation_file

Return path of citation file (bibtex format).

classmethod create(*path: str*, *attributes: dict | None = None*) → *OutputFile*

Construct new instances of OutputFile.

Chooses a derived class if suitable.

Parameters

- **path** (*str*)
- **attributes** (*dict | None*)

Return type
OutputFile

property data_citation_file

Return path of data citation info (txt format).

kind: str | None = 'data'

load_iris()

Load data using iris.

load_xarray()

Load data using xarray.

property provenance_xml_file

Return path of provenance file (xml format).

property references: tuple

List of project references.

class esmvalcore.experimental.recipe_output.**DiagnosticOutput**(*name*, *task_output*, *title=None*, *description=None*)

Bases: object

Container for diagnostic output.

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the diagnostic
- **title** (*str*) – Title of the diagnostic
- **description** (*str*) – Description of the diagnostic
- **task_output** (list of *TaskOutput*) – List of task output.

class esmvalcore.experimental.recipe_output.**ImageFile**(*path: str*, *attributes: dict | None = None*)

Bases: *OutputFile*

Container for image output.

Attributes:

authors	List of recipe authors.
caption	Return the caption of the file (fallback to path).
citation_file	Return path of citation file (bibtex format).
data_citation_file	Return path of data citation info (txt format).
kind	
provenance_xml_file	Return path of provenance file (xml format).
references	List of project references.

Methods:

create(path[, attributes])	Construct new instances of OutputFile.
to_base64()	Encode image as base64 to embed in a Jupyter notebook.

Parameters

- **path** (*str*)
- **attributes** (*dict | None*)

property authors: tuple

List of recipe authors.

property caption: str

Return the caption of the file (fallback to path).

property citation_file

Return path of citation file (bibtex format).

classmethod create(*path: str*, *attributes: dict | None = None*) → *OutputFile*

Construct new instances of OutputFile.

Chooses a derived class if suitable.

Parameters

- **path** (*str*)
- **attributes** (*dict | None*)

Return type
OutputFile

property data_citation_file

Return path of data citation info (txt format).

kind: str | None = 'image'

property provenance_xml_file

Return path of provenance file (xml format).

property references: tuple

List of project references.

to_base64() → str

Encode image as base64 to embed in a Jupyter notebook.

Return type
str

class esmvalcore.experimental.recipe_output.**OutputFile**(*path: str*, *attributes: dict | None = None*)

Bases: object

Base container for recipe output files.

Use *OutputFile.create(path='<path>', attributes=attributes)* to initialize a suitable subclass.

Parameters

- **path** (*str*) – Name of output file

- **attributes** (*dict*) – Attributes corresponding to the recipe output

Attributes:

authors	List of recipe authors.
caption	Return the caption of the file (fallback to path).
citation_file	Return path of citation file (bibtex format).
data_citation_file	Return path of data citation info (txt format).
kind	
provenance_xml_file	Return path of provenance file (xml format).
references	List of project references.

Methods:

create(path[, attributes])	Construct new instances of OutputFile.

property authors: tuple

List of recipe authors.

property caption: str

Return the caption of the file (fallback to path).

property citation_file

Return path of citation file (bibtex format).

classmethod create(*path: str*, *attributes: dict | None = None*) → *OutputFile*

Construct new instances of OutputFile.

Chooses a derived class if suitable.

Parameters

- **path** (*str*)
- **attributes** (*dict | None*)

Return type
OutputFile

property data_citation_file

Return path of data citation info (txt format).

kind: str | None = None

property provenance_xml_file

Return path of provenance file (xml format).

property references: tuple

List of project references.

class esmvalcore.experimental.recipe_output.**RecipeOutput**(*task_output: dict*, *session=None*, *info=None*)

Bases: Mapping

Container for recipe output.

Parameters
task_output (*dict*) – Dictionary with recipe output grouped by task name. Each task value is a mapping of the filenames with the product attributes.

diagnostics

Dictionary with recipe output grouped by diagnostic.

Type
dict

info

The recipe used to create the output.

Type
RecipeInfo

session

The session used to run the recipe.

Type
esmvalcore.config.Session

Attributes:

FILTER_ATTRS

Methods:

from_core_recipe_output(recipe_output)	Construct instance from *_recipe.Recipe* output.
get(k[,d])	
items()	
keys()	
read_main_log()	Read log file.
read_main_log_debug()	Read debug log file.
render([template])	Render output as html.
values()	
write_html()	Write output summary to html document.

FILTER_ATTRS: tuple = ('realms', 'plot_type', 'plot_types', 'long_names')

classmethod from_core_recipe_output(*recipe_output: dict*)

Construct instance from *_recipe.Recipe* output.

The core recipe format is not directly compatible with the API. This constructor converts the raw recipe dict to `RecipeInfo`

Parameters
recipe_output (*dict*) – Output from *_recipe.Recipe.get_product_output*

get(*k*[, *d*]) → D[k] if k in D, else d. d defaults to None.

items() → a set-like object providing a view on D's items

keys() → a set-like object providing a view on D's keys

read_main_log() → str

Read log file.

Return type
str

read_main_log_debug() → str

Read debug log file.

Return type
str

render(*template=None*)

Render output as html.

template
[Template] An instance of `jinja2.Template` can be passed to customize the output.

values() → an object providing a view on D's values

write_html()

Write output summary to html document.

A html file *index.html* gets written to the session directory.

class esmvalcore.experimental.recipe_output.**TaskOutput**(*name: str*, *files: dict*)

Bases: `object`

Container for task output.

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the task
- **files** (*dict*) – Mapping of the filenames with the associated attributes.

Attributes:

data_files	Return a tuple of data objects.
image_files	Return a tuple of image objects.

Methods:

from_task(task)	Create an instance of *TaskOutput* from a Task.

property **data_files**: tuple

Return a tuple of data objects.

classmethod **from_task**(*task*) → *TaskOutput*

Create an instance of *TaskOutput* from a Task.

Where task is an instance of *esmvalcore._task.BaseTask*.

Return type
TaskOutput

property image_files: tuple

Return a tuple of image objects.

39.3 Recipe Metadata

This section describes the *recipe_metadata* submodule of the API (`esmvalcore.experimental`).

39.3.1 API reference

API for recipe metadata.

Classes:

Contributor(name, institute[, orcid])	Contains contributor (author or maintainer) information.
Project(project)	Use this class to acknowledge a project associated with the recipe.
Reference(filename)	Parse reference information from bibtex entries.

Exceptions:

RenderError	Error during rendering of object.

class esmvalcore.experimental.recipe_metadata.**Contributor**(*name: str*, *institute: str*, *orcid: str | None = None*)

Bases: `object`

Contains contributor (author or maintainer) information.

Parameters

- **name** (*str*) – Name of the author, i.e. `'John Doe'`
- **institute** (*str*) – Name of the institute
- **orcid** (*str, optional*) – ORCID url

Methods:

from_dict(attributes)	Return an instance of Contributor from a dictionary.
from_tag(tag)	Return an instance of Contributor from a tag (`TAGS`).

classmethod from_dict(*attributes*)

Return an instance of Contributor from a dictionary.

Parameters

attributes (*dict*) – Dictionary containing name / institute [/ orcid].

classmethod from_tag(*tag: str*) → *Contributor*

Return an instance of Contributor from a tag (`TAGS`).

Parameters

tag (*str*) – The contributor tags are defined in the authors section in `config-references.yml`.

Return type
Contributor

class esmvalcore.experimental.recipe_metadata.**Project**(*project: str*)

Bases: object

Use this class to acknowledge a project associated with the recipe.

Parameters
project (*str*) – The project title.

Methods:

from_tag(tag)	Return an instance of Project from a tag (TAGS).

classmethod from_tag(*tag: str*) → *Project*

Return an instance of Project from a tag (TAGS).

Parameters
tag (*str*) – The project tags are defined in config-references.yml.

Return type
Project

class esmvalcore.experimental.recipe_metadata.**Reference**(*filename: str*)

Bases: object

Parse reference information from bibtex entries.

Parameters
filename (*str*) – Name of the bibtex file.

Raises
NotImplementedError – If the bibtex file contains more than 1 entry.

Methods:

from_tag(tag)	Return an instance of Reference from a bibtex tag.
render([renderer])	Render the reference.

classmethod from_tag(*tag: str*) → *Reference*

Return an instance of Reference from a bibtex tag.

Parameters
tag (*str*) – The bibtex tags resolved as esmvaltool/references/{tag}.bibtex or the corresponding directory as defined by the diagnostics path.

Return type
Reference

render(*renderer: str = 'html'*) → str

Render the reference.

Parameters
renderer (*str*) – Choose the renderer for the string representation. Must be one of: 'plain-text', 'markdown', 'html', 'latex'

Returns
Rendered reference

Return type
str

exception esmvalcore.experimental.recipe_metadata.**RenderError**

Bases: BaseException

Error during rendering of object.

Methods:

add_note(object, /)	Exception.add_note(note) -- add a note to the exception
with_traceback(object, /)	Exception.with_traceback(tb) -- set self.__traceback__ to tb and return self.

Attributes:

args

add_note(*object*, /)

Exception.add_note(note) – add a note to the exception

args

with_traceback(*object*, /)

Exception.with_traceback(tb) – set self.__traceback__ to tb and return self.

39.4 Utils

This section describes the *utils* submodule of the API (esmvalcore.experimental).

39.4.1 Finding recipes

One of the first thing we may want to do, is to simply get one of the recipes available in ESMValTool

If you already know which recipe you want to load, call *get_recipe()*.

```
from esmvalcore.experimental import get_recipe
>>> get_recipe('examples/recipe_python')
Recipe('Recipe python')
```

Call the *get_all_recipes()* function to get a list of all available recipes.

```
>>> from esmvalcore.experimental import get_all_recipes
>>> recipes = get_all_recipes()
>>> recipes
[Recipe('Recipe perfmetrics cmip5 4cds'),
 Recipe('Recipe martin18grl'),
 ...
 Recipe('Recipe wflow'),
 Recipe('Recipe pcrglobwb')]
```

To search for a specific recipe, you can use the *find()* method. This takes a search query that looks through the recipe metadata and returns any matches. The query can be a regex pattern, so you can make it as complex as you like.

```
>>> results = recipes.find('climwip')
[Recipe('Recipe climwip')]
```

The recipes are loaded in a *Recipe* object, which knows about the documentation, authors, project, and related references of the recipe. It resolves all the tags, so that it knows which institute an author belongs to and which references are associated with the recipe.

This means you can search for something like this:

```
>>> recipes.find('Geophysical Research Letters')
[Recipe('Recipe martin18grl'),
 Recipe('Recipe climwip'),
 Recipe('Recipe ecs constraints'),
 Recipe('Recipe ecs scatter'),
 Recipe('Recipe ecs'),
 Recipe('Recipe seaice')]
```

39.4.2 API reference

ESMValCore utilities.

Classes:

RecipeList([iterable])	Container for recipes.

Functions:

get_all_recipes([subdir])	Return a list of all available recipes.
get_recipe(name)	Get a recipe by its name.

class esmvalcore.experimental.utils.**RecipeList**(*iterable=()*, */*)

Container for recipes.

Methods:

find(query)	Search for recipes matching the search query or pattern.

find(*query: Pattern[str]*)

Search for recipes matching the search query or pattern.

Searches in the description, authors and project information fields. All matches are returned.

Parameters

query (*str*, *Pattern*) – String to search for, e.g. `find_recipes('righi')` will return all matching that author. Can be a *regex* pattern.

Returns

List of recipes matching the search query.

Return type
RecipeList

esmvalcore.experimental.utils.**get_all_recipes**(*subdir: str | None = None*) → list

Return a list of all available recipes.

Parameters
subdir (*str*) – Sub-directory of the `DIAGNOSTICS.path` to look for recipes, e.g. `get_all_recipes(subdir='examples')`.

Returns
List of available recipes

Return type
RecipeList

esmvalcore.experimental.utils.**get_recipe**(*name: PathLike | str*) → *Recipe*

Get a recipe by its name.

The function looks first in the local directory, and second in the repository defined by the diagnostic path. The recipe name can be specified with or without extension. The first match will be returned.

Parameters
name (*str, pathlike*) – Name of the recipe file, i.e. `examples/recipe_python.yml`

Returns
Instance of `Recipe` which can be used to inspect and run the recipe.

Return type
Recipe

Raises
FileNotFoundError – If the name cannot be resolved to a recipe file.

Part VIII

Changelog

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Highlights

TODO: add highlights

This release includes

40.1 Backwards incompatible changes

- Remove deprecated horizontal regridding schemes *unstructured_nearest* and *linear_extrapolate* (Pull request #2743) by @schlunma
  - ***unstructured_nearest*: Please use the scheme nearest instead. This is an** exact replacement for data on unstructured grids. ESMValCore is now able to determine the most suitable regridding scheme based on the input data.
  - ***linear_extrapolate*: Please use a generic scheme with reference:** *iris.analysis:Linear* and *extrapolation_mode: extrapolate* instead. This is an exact replacement, e.g.:

```
preprocessors:
      regrid_preprocessor:
      regrid:
         target_grid: 2.5x2.5
         scheme:
            reference: iris.analysis:Linear
            extrapolation_mode: extrapolate
```

- Align custom *lwp* table with CMIP6 version (Pull request #2791) by @schlunma There is no way to restore the old behavior. Downstream code needs to be adapted.

40.2 Deprecations

- Make extra facets configurable in our configuration (Pull request #2747) by @schlunma See *Project-specific configuration*

40.3 Bug fixes

- Avoid too wide supplementary file search (Pull request #2771) by @bouweandela

40.4 CMOR standard

- Fix units and values of tos variable in GISS-E2-1-G-CC esm-piControl (Pull request #2689) by @dhohn
- Add entry for n2os variable (Pull request #2724) by @jlenh
- Added custom CMOR tables for *dpn2o* and *n2oflux* (Pull request #2751) by @schlunma
- Add UKESM1-0-LL exception to fix HadGEM3-GC31-LL 'parent_time_units' error (Pull request #2782) by @prosku
- Add custom CMOR table for above-ground biomass (agb) (Pull request #2783) by @axel-lauer

40.5 Community

- Added stale action (Pull request #2759) by @schlunma

40.6 Documentation

- Unpin upper sphinx but pin nbsphinx >=0.9.7 (Pull request #2685) by @valeriupredoi
- Explicitly export LC_ALL for sphinx builds (Pull request #2708) by @valeriupredoi
- Remove reference to psy-plot recipe in ESMValTool (Pull request #2741) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix Codecov badge in README (Pull request #2754) by @valeriupredoi
- Remove mention of Julia in documentation ahead of discontinued support in v2.13 (Pull request #2819) by @jlenh
- Remove codacy badge (Pull request #2822) by @bouweandela

40.7 Fixes for datasets

- Fix for obs4MIPs dataset C3S-GTO-ECV-9-0 (toz) (Pull request #2722) by @axel-lauer
- Add on-the-fly CMORizer for ICON-XPP (Pull request #2659) by @schlunma
- Allow *fix_file* to return dataset objects (Pull request #2579) by @schlunma
- Fix ocean region coordinate in msftmz dataset (CESM2) (Pull request #1607) by @dhohn

40.8 Installation

- Pin ipython<9.0 (Pull request #2681) by @valeriupredoi
- Set a temporary pin *dask <2025.4.0* while Iris are looking for a solution (Pull request #2720) by @valeriupredoi
- Remove support for python 3.10 (Pull request #2730) by @valeriupredoi
- Unpin dask, pin iris, in light of solved #2716 (iris saver not working well with latest Dask API) (Pull request #2726) by @valeriupredoi
- Harmonize environment.yml with pyproject.yml: identical dependencies (Pull request #2756) by @valeriupredoi
- Install *esmvaltool-sample-data(==0.0.4)* from conda forge not PyPI (Pull request #2795) by @valeriupredoi

40.9 Iris

- Fix test for upstream iris version (Pull request #2752) by @schlunma

40.10 Preprocessor

- Add unit conversion for air mass (Pull request #2698) by @LisaBock
- Add evaporation flux to special unit conversion (Pull request #2691) by @lukruh
- Add preprocessor to extract surface values from 3D atmospheric variables (Pull request #2641) by @jlenh
- Allow adding supplementary variables from a different project and different dataset (Pull request #2755) by @valeriupredoi
- Move concatenate preprocessor function to its own module (Pull request #2766) by @bouweandela
- Add preprocessor *align_metadata* (Pull request #2789) by @schlunma
- Fix for *add_ancillary_variable* (#2820) (Pull request #2825) by @jlenh
- Set correct calendar when reading file dates (Pull request #2826) by @bouweandela

40.11 Automatic testing

- Add support for codacy-ruff (Pull request #2683) by @valeriupredoi
- Use –no-deps in upstream tests to avoid installation problems caused by upper pins (Pull request #2710) by @bouweandela
- Temporary pin dask *!=2025.4.0* (Pull request #2717) by @valeriupredoi
- Explicitly call mamba env create with arguments in Circle CI configuration (Pull request #2721) by @valeriupredoi
- Avoid reading configuration from disk for every single test (Pull request #2767) by @bouweandela
- Do not assume that no warnings are raised during *test_dataset_to_iris* (Pull request #2773) by @schlunma
- Update CircleCI orbs (Pull request #2784) by @bouweandela
- Zarr support (backend, in *esmvalcore.preprocessor._io.py*) (Pull request #2785) by @valeriupredoi
- Update mamba and python (remove pins and allow for Python 3.13) conda-lock file creation Github Action - via ESMValTool_sample_data being a conda-forge package (Pull request #2792) by @valeriupredoi
- Automatically open pull requests to update GitHub Actions (Pull request #2799) by @bouweandela
- Use finer current version for pypa PyPI upload github action (Pull request #2804) by @valeriupredoi
- Change zarr exception test to GroupNotFoundError (Pull request #2823) by @jlenh
- Remove failing test *test_load_zarr_local_not_zarr_file* due to zarr version changes (Pull request #2824) by @jlenh

40.12 Variable Derivation

- Add derivation of moisture flux into atmosphere (Pull request #2697) by @LisaBock

40.13 Improvements

- Add ocean variable to the ACCESS Live CMORiser (Pull request #2601) by @rbeucher
- Remove accidentally added file (Pull request #2701) by @schlunma
- Use *netCDF4.Dataset* to read start and end date from files (Pull request #2728) by @schlunma
- Allow reading facets from filenames (Pull request #2725) by @schlunma
- Always context managers when handling *netCDF4.Dataset* objects (Pull request #2734) by @schlunma
- Enable more ruff rules (Pull request #2715) by @bouweandela
- Show external warnings only in debug log (Pull request #2733) by @schlunma
- Fix sign of ERA5 rlut and rlutcs (Pull request #2748) by @schlunma
- Using *ESMVALTOOL_CONFIG_DIR* will force the usage of new configuration system and ignore old configuration (Pull request #2736) by @schlunma
- Improve error message if cubes do not overlap in time in *multi_model_statistics* with *span=overlap* (Pull request #2762) by @schlunma
- In modules relevant for variable derivation: cleaned code, doc, and added type hints (Pull request #2772) by @schlunma
- Added *CFG.context/Session.context* (Pull request #2778) by @schlunma
- Use https://esgf-node.ornl.gov/esgf-1-5-bridge for ESGF searches by default (Pull request #2781) by @bouweandela
- Pass *chunks={}* to Xarray dataset loader for Zarr stores (Pull request #2794) by @valeriupredoi
- Enable ruff rule that checks unused arguments (Pull request #2809) by @bouweandela
- Enable ruff rule to prevent print statements (Pull request #2810) by @bouweandela
- Enable ruff rule that enforces using items() to iterate over dict key/value pairs (Pull request #2811) by @bouweandela
- Remove use of prospector and related tools and Codacy (Pull request #2818) by @bouweandela
- Commenting out ORNL ESGF node in esgf_pyclient config (Pull request #2806) by @jlenh
- Enable ruff rule that prevents overwriting loop variables (Pull request #2813) by @bouweandela
- Enable ruff rule that checks for commented out code (Pull request #2808) by @bouweandela

CHAPTER

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V2.12.0

41.1 Highlights

- Preprocessor *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_time()* now allows to extract time blocks in each year by making parameters `start_year` and `end_year` optional.
- A new way of *configuring the tool* has been developed.
- Performance improvements:
  - An iris-esmf-regrid scheme has been added to preprocessor *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid()*, which improves the regridding of 2D grids and adds the capability to regrid UGRID meshes out of the box.
  - Data is now saved from one preprocessing task at the time when using the distributed scheduler, in order to avoid running out of memory.
  - A better default `num_workers` has been set when using more than one `max_parallel_tasks` with an unconfigured threaded scheduler.
- An on-the-fly cmorizer for ACCESS native data is now available.

This release includes

41.2 Backwards incompatible changes

- Make derivation of total column ozone (*toz*) more flexible and add derivation of stratospheric and tropospheric column ozone (Pull request #2509) by @schlunma
  - The units of *toz* have been changed from `DU` to `m` to be consistent with the CMIP6 CMOR table. To restore the old behaviour, preprocessor *esmvalcore.preprocessor.convert_units()* can be used to set the units back to `DU`.
- Remove deprecated CMOR fix/check code (Pull request #2552) by @schlunma
  - CMOR fixes and checks have been clearly separated in v2.10.0, and the old code has now been removed. Use functions `esmvalcore.preprocessors.fix_metadata()`, `esmvalcore.preprocessors.fix_data()`, or *esmvalcore.dataset.Dataset.load()* to fix data. Use functions *esmvalcore.preprocessor.cmor_check_metadata()*, *esmvalcore.preprocessor.cmor_check_data()*, or `esmvalcore.preprocessor.cmor_check()` to check data.
- Remove deprecated statistical operators (Pull request #2553) by @schlunma
  - Old statistical operators that have been deprecated in v2.10.0 have now been removed. Please refer to *Statistical preprocessors* for a detailed description on how to use the operators.

- Save all files in a task at the same time to avoid recomputing intermediate results (Pull request #2522) by @bouweandela
  - The signature of the preprocessor function *save()* has changed. The function now accepts a `compute` argument that can be `True`, in which case the return value will be `None` or `False`, in which case the return value will be a `Delayed` object that can be used to compute and save the data of the cube.

41.3 Deprecations

- Merge configuration object from multiple files (instead of one single file) (Pull request #2448) by @schlunma
  - The single configuration file `config-user.yml` has been deprecated in favour of configuration directories. By default, the directory `~/.config/esmvaltool` will be considered. To switch to the new format run:

    ```
    mkdir -p ~/.config/esmvaltool && mv ~/.esmvaltool/config-user.yml ~/.
    ↪config/esmvaltool
    ```

    You can also specify the location of the configuration directory with the `--config_dir` flag. Please refer to *Configuration* for a detailed description on how to configure the tool.
- Make Dask configurable in our configuration (Pull request #2616) by @schlunma
  - The old Dask configuration file that needed to be located at `~/.esmvaltool/dask.yml` is now deprecated. Please refer to *Dask configuration* for a detailed description on how to configure Dask.

41.4 Bug fixes

- Concatenate by experiment before concatenating all input files (Pull request #2343) by @dhohn
- Update *CFG* with configuration options given via command line (Pull request #2595) by @schlunma
- Avoid a crash when there is a timeout when shutting down the Dask cluster (Pull request #2580) by @bouweandela
- More reliable datasets to recipe conversion (Pull request #2472) by @bouweandela
- Avoid mutating the input cubes when building the combined cube in preprocessor function `multi_model_statistics` (Pull request #2564) by @bouweandela
- Do not change function argument names when decorator *preserve_float_dtype* is used (Pull request #2645) by @schlunma
- Always write target coordinates to source cube after regridding (Pull request #2673) by @schlunma

41.5 CMOR standard

- New custom variable for tos uncertainty (Pull request #2470) by @LisaBock
- Add *prc* fix for native6 ERA5 CMORization (Pull request #2550) by @malininae
- Added more variables to EMAC extra facets (Pull request #2617) by @schlunma
- Adding custom tables for ETCCDI indices (Pull request #2442) by @malininae

41.6 Configuration

- Add public *Config.update_from_dirs()* method (Pull request #2538) by @schlunma
- Do not use *Path* objects as configuration dictionary keys to avoid errors in *dask.config.merge* (Pull request #2578) by @schlunma
- Revise the *user-config.yml* to support updated MO user config requirements (Pull request #2658) by @ehogan

41.7 Computational performance improvements

- Add an iris-esmf-regrid based regridding scheme (Pull request #2457) by @bouweandela
- Miscellaneous lazy preprocessor improvements (Pull request #2520) by @bouweandela
- Only save data from one preprocessing task at a time with the Distributed scheduler (Pull request #2610) by @bouweandela
- Use better defaults when using `max_parallel_tasks` with an unconfigured threaded scheduler (Pull request #2626) by @bouweandela
- Fix OSX compatibility (Pull request #2636) by @bouweandela
- Make sure that supplementary variables and weights have same chunks as parent cube (Pull request #2637) by @schlunma

41.8 Documentation

- Ignore autosummary warning in documentation build (Pull request #2480) by @bouweandela
- Fix documentation build and broken link (Pull request #2519) by @bouweandela
- Dark mode compatible logo (Pull request #2532) by @lukruh
- Add a pre-commit badge to README (Pull request #2534) by @valeriupredoi
- Retire Mambaforge (Pull request #2556) by @valeriupredoi
- Readthedocs configuration: temporary revert to miniconda before miniforge3 becomes available (remove Mambaforge) (Pull request #2562) by @valeriupredoi
- Remove Docker build badge in README (Pull request #2565) by @valeriupredoi
- Optimize documentation about Earth mover distance in distance_metric preprocessor (Pull request #2423) by @schlunma
- Update the *esmvaltool* command welcome message (Pull request #2635) by @bouweandela
- Pin sphinx to < 8.2 (Pull request #2671) by @bouweandela

41.9 Fixes for datasets

- Extra facets added for EMAC to map o3, tro3 and aps (Pull request #2501) by @FranziskaWinterstein
- Fix for CMIP6 AWI-ESM-1-1-LR parent time units (Pull request #2507) by @brittaGrusdt
- Use our own unit conversion function in our fixes (Pull request #2560) by @schlunma
- Missing 2m height coordinate and monotonicity for tasmin in CESM2 and CESM2-WACCM (Pull request #2574) by @Karen-A-Garcia
- Monotonicity fixes for Fgoals (Pull request #2603) by @Karen-A-Garcia

- Expand Amon fix of FIO-ESM-2-0 (CMIP6) (Pull request #2619) by @schlunma
- Added fixes for some 3D atmospheric variables of E3SM-1-1 (CMIP6) (Pull request #2620) by @schlunma
- Correct incorrect time bounds in EMAC data (Pull request #2621) by @FranziskaWinterstein
- Do not copy ICON horizontal grid every time it is used (Pull request #2633) by @schlunma
- Fix *oh* for model: EC-Earth3-AerChem mip: AERMonZ (Pull request #2634) by @valeriupredoi
- Update CMIP5 EC-EARTH pr fix (Pull request #2666) by @bouweandela
- Add a fix for differing index coord long names in NorESM2-MM and EC-Earth3-Veg-LR (Pull request #2667) by @bouweandela

41.10 Installation

- Free esmpy of ` >=8.6.0` pin and pin *iris-grib >=0.20.0* (Pull request #2542) by @valeriupredoi
- Use pyproject.toml instead of setup.py/setup.cfg (Pull request #2540) by @bouweandela
- Use *miniforge3* for our docker builds instead of *mambaforge* (Pull request #2558) by @valeriupredoi
- Support Python 3.13 (Pull request #2566) by @valeriupredoi
- Pin dask (Pull request #2654) by @sloosvel

41.11 Iris

- Set iris.FUTURE flags in one place (Pull request #2622) by @bouweandela
- Silence Iris warnings in `area_statistics` preprocessor function (Pull request #2625) by @bouweandela

41.12 Preprocessor

- Merge input cubes only once when computing lazy multimodel statistics (Pull request #2518) by @bouweandela
- Make *start_year*, *end_year* in *extract_time* optional to obtain time blocks in each year (Pull request #2490) by @malininae
- Adding hurs (relative humidity) derivation script (Pull request #2397) by @malininae
- Added cumulative sum preprocessor (Pull request #2642) by @schlunma
- Unified ignoring of *iris.warnings.IrisVagueMetadataWarning* in preprocessors (Pull request #2646) by @schlunma
- Raise error if weights are used with unweighted aggregator (Pull request #2640) by @schlunma
- Allow using multi model statistics preprocessor on datasets without *timerange* (Pull request #2644) by @schlunma
- Allow using output from *multi_model_statistics* or *ensemble_statistics* as reference for *bias* or *distance_metric* (Pull request #2652) by @schlunma
- Add option to ignore horizontal coordinates if there are multiple when regridding (Pull request #2672) by @bouweandela

41.13 Observational and re-analysis dataset support

- Add support for native ERA5 data in GRIB format (Pull request #2178) by @schlunma

41.14 Automatic testing

- Run a nightly test with the development version of dependencies (Pull request #2478) by @bouweandela
- Use ruff formatter and pre-commit (Pull request #2524) by @bouweandela
- Fix tests if deprecated *~/.esmvaltool/config-user.yml* file is available (Pull request #2543) by @schlunma
- Disable upstream tests on commits (Pull request #2548) by @bouweandela
- Disable collecting test coverage by default (Pull request #2456) by @bouweandela
- Enable ruff flake8-bugbear rule (Pull request #2536) by @bouweandela
- Pin mamba in conda lock creation github action (Pull request #2561) by @valeriupredoi
- [Numpy2] Support for *numpy==2.0.0* (and pin *iris >=3.11*) (Pull request #2395) by @valeriupredoi
- Switch back to Python 3.12 for conda lock file creation due to mamba<2 pin (Pull request #2606) by @valeriupredoi
- Always ignore user's configuration when running Dask tests (Pull request #2624) by @schlunma
- Restrict runs of cron Github Actions on forks (Pull request #2649) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix test that loads realistic GRIB file (Pull request #2665) by @schlunma
- Fix failing test with Dask 2025.2: ours issue not theirs (Pull request #2663) by @valeriupredoi

41.15 Variable Derivation

- Introduction of the variable prodlnox for EMAC (Pull request #2499) by @FranziskaWinterstein

41.16 Improvements

- On-the-fly cmoriser for ACCESS native data (Pull request #2430) by @rhaegar325
- Fix CFF file (Pull request #2476) by @rbeucher
- Write settings.yml parameters in original order (Pull request #2352) by @enekomartinmartinez
- Fix *access-mapping.yml* extra_facets title (Pull request #2485) by @rhaegar325
- Remove ability to log on to ESGF (Pull request #2508) by @bouweandela
- Disable automatic fixes by pre-commit.ci (Pull request #2527) by @bouweandela
- Ignore reformatting when viewing git blame (Pull request #2539) by @bouweandela
- Enable ruff pydocstyle linter rule (Pull request #2547) by @bouweandela
- Allows relative paths for diagnostic scripts. (Pull request #2329) by @rbeucher
- Fix 2593 Change log INFO to DEBUG (Pull request #2600) by @rbeucher

CHAPTER

FORTYTWO

V2.11.1

42.1 Highlights

This is a bugfix release which enables lazy computations in more preprocessors and allows installing the latests version of various dependencies, including Iris (v3.11.0).

This release includes

42.2 Computational performance improvements

- Optimize functions `mask_landsea()`, `mask_landseaice()` and `calculate_volume()` for lazy input (Pull request #2515) by @schlunma

42.3 Installation

- Remove support for Python 3.9 (Pull request #2447) by @valeriupredoi
- Switch to new iris >= 3.10.0 API (Pull request #2500) by @schlunma
- Pin dask to avoid 2024.8.0 - problems with masked fill/missing values (Pull request #2504) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix rounding of Pandas datetimes in ICON CMORizer to allow installing latest Pandas version (Pull request #2529) by @valeriupredoi

42.4 Automatic testing

- Fix type hint for new mypy version (Pull request #2497) by @schlunma
- Reformat datetime strings be in line with new `isodate==0.7.0` and actual ISO8601 and pin `isodate>=0.7.0` (Pull request #2546) by @valeriupredoi

CHAPTER

FORTYTHREE

V2.11.0

43.1 Highlights

- Performance improvements have been made to many preprocessors:
  - Preprocessors *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_landsea()*, *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_landseaice()*, *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_glaciated()*, *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_levels()* are now lazy
- Several new preprocessors have been added:
  - *esmvalcore.preprocessor.local_solar_time()*
  - esmvalcore.preprocessor.distance_metrics()
  - *esmvalcore.preprocessor.histogram()*
- NEW TREND: First time release manager shout-outs!
  - This is the first ESMValTool release managed by the Met Office! We want to shout this out - and for all future first time release managers to shout-out - to celebrate the growing, thriving ESMValTool community.

This release includes

43.2 Backwards incompatible changes

- Allow contiguous representation of extracted regions (Pull request #2230) by @rebeccaherman1
  - The preprocessor function *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_region()* no longer automatically maps the extracted `iris.cube.Cube` to the 0-360 degrees longitude domain. If you need this behaviour, use `cube.intersection(longitude=(0., 360.))` in your Python code after extracting the region. There is no possibility to restore the previous behaviour from a recipe.
- Use `iris.FUTURE.save_split_attrs = True` to remove iris warning (Pull request #2398) by @schlunma
  - Since v3.8.0, Iris explicitly distinguishes between local and global netCDF attributes. ESMValCore adopted this behavior with v2.11.0. With this change, attributes are written as local attributes by default, unless they already existed as global attributes or belong to a special list of global attributes (in which case attributes are written as global attributes). See `iris.cube.CubeAttrsDict` for details.

43.3 Deprecations

- Refactor regridding (Pull request #2231) by @schlunma
  - This PR deprecated two regridding schemes, which will be removed with ESMValCore v2.13.0:

    * `unstructured_nearest`: Please use the scheme `nearest` instead. This is an exact replacement for data on unstructured grids. ESMValCore is now able to determine the most suitable regridding scheme based on the input data.
    * `linear_extrapolate`: Please use a generic scheme with `reference: iris.analysis:Linear` and `extrapolation_mode: extrapolate` instead.

- Allow deprecated regridding scheme `linear_extrapolate` in recipe checks (Pull request #2324) by @schlunma
- Allow deprecated regridding scheme `unstructured_nearest` in recipe checks (Pull request #2336) by @schlunma

43.4 Bug fixes

- Do not overwrite facets from recipe with CMOR table facets for derived variables (Pull request #2255) by @bouweandela
- Fix error message in variable definition check (Pull request #2313) by @enekomartinmartinez
- Unify dtype handling of preprocessors (Pull request #2393) by @schlunma
- Fix bug in `_rechunk_aux_factory_dependencies` (Pull request #2428) by @ehogan
- Avoid loading entire files into memory when downloading from ESGF (Pull request #2434) by @bouweandela
- Preserve cube attribute global vs local when concatenating (Pull request #2449) by @bouweandela

43.5 CMOR standard

- Also read default custom CMOR tables if custom location is specified (Pull request #2279) by @schlunma
- Add custom CMOR table for total cloud water (tcw) (Pull request #2277) by @axel-lauer
- Add height for sfcWindmax in MPI HighRes models (Pull request #2292) by @malininae
- Fixed `positive` attribute in custom rtnt table (Pull request #2367) by @schlunma
- Fix `positive` attributes in custom CMOR variables (Pull request #2380) by @schlunma
- Log CMOR check and generic fix output to separate file (Pull request #2361) by @schlunma

43.6 Computational performance improvements

- More lazy fixes and preprocessing functions (Pull request #2325) by @bouweandela
- Made preprocessors *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_landsea()*, *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_landseaice()* and *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_glaciated()* lazy (Pull request #2268) by @joergbenke
- More lazy *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_levels()* preprocessor function (Pull request #2120) by @bouweandela
- Use lazy weights for *esmvalcore.preprocessor.climate_statistics()* and *esmvalcore.preprocessor.axis_statistics()* (Pull request #2346) by @schlunma
- Fixed potential memory leak in *esmvalcore.preprocessor.local_solar_time()* (Pull request #2356) by @schlunma
- Cache regridding weights if possible (Pull request #2344) by @schlunma

- Implement lazy area weights (Pull request #2354) by @schlunma
- Avoid large chunks in *esmvalcore.preprocessor.climate_statistics()* preprocessor function with *period='full'* (Pull request #2404) by @bouweandela
- Load data only once for ESMPy regridders (Pull request #2418) by @bouweandela

43.7 Documentation

- Use short links in changelog (Pull request #2287) by @bouweandela
- National Computing Infrastructure (NCI), Site specific configuration (Pull request #2281) by @rbeucher
- Update *esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics()* doc with latest changes (new operators, etc.) (Pull request #2321) by @schlunma
- Fix Codacy badge (Pull request #2382) by @bouweandela
- Change 'mean' to 'percentile' in doc strings of preprocessor statistics (Pull request #2327) by @lukruh
- Fixed typo in doc about weighted statistics (Pull request #2387) by @schlunma

43.8 Fixes for datasets

- Fixing missing height 2m coordinates in GFDL-CM4 and KIOST-ESM (Pull request #2294) by @Karen-A-Garcia
- Added fix for wrong units of `clt` for CIESM and FIO-ESM-2-0 (Pull request #2330) by @schlunma
- Cmip6 gfdl_cm4: fix tas height fix to work for concatenated scenarios (Pull request #2332) by @mwjury
- Cordex GERICS REMO2015 lon differences above 10e-4 (Pull request #2334) by @mwjury
- Download ICON grid without locking (Pull request #2359) by @bouweandela
- Added ICON fixes for hfls and hfss (Pull request #2360) by @diegokam
- Added ICON fix for rtnt (Pull request #2366) by @diegokam
- Expanded ICON extra facets (Pull request #2379) by @schlunma
- Add 10m height coordinate to SfcWind GFDL-CM4 instead of 2m height (Pull request #2385) by @Karen-A-Garcia
- Cordex wrf381p: fix tas,tasmax,tasmin height (Pull request #2333) by @mwjury
- Several minor fixes needed for marine BGC data. (Pull request #2110) by @ledm

43.9 Installation

- Pin pandas yet again avoid new `2.2.1` as well (Pull request #2353) by @valeriupredoi
- Update Iris pin to avoid using versions with memory issues (Pull request #2408) by @chrisbillowsMO
- Pin esmpy <8.6.0 (Pull request #2402) by @valeriupredoi
- Pin numpy<2.0.0 to avoid pulling 2.0.0rcX (Pull request #2415) by @valeriupredoi
- Add support for Python=3.12 (Pull request #2228) by @valeriupredoi

43.10 Preprocessor

- New preprocessor: *esmvalcore.preprocessor.local_solar_time()* (Pull request #2258) by @schlunma
- Read derived variables from other MIP tables (Pull request #2256) by @bouweandela
- Added special unit conversion m -> DU for total column ozone (toz) (Pull request #2270) by @schlunma
- Allow cubes as input for *esmvalcore.preprocessor.bias()* preprocessor (Pull request #2183) by @schlunma
- Add normalization with statistics to many statistics preprocessors (Pull request #2189) by @schlunma
- Adding sfcWind derivation from uas and vas (Pull request #2242) by @malininae
- Update interval check in resample_hours (Pull request #2362) by @axel-lauer
- Broadcast properly `cell_measures` when using *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_shape()* with `decomposed: True` (Pull request #2348) by @sloosvel
- Compute volume from `cell_area` if available (Pull request #2318) by @enekomartinmartinez
- Do not expand wildcards for datasets of derived variables where not all input variables are available (Pull request #2374) by @schlunma
- Modernize *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid_time()* and allow setting a common calendar for decadal, yearly, and monthly data (Pull request #2311) by @schlunma
- Added unstructured linear regridding (Pull request #2350) by @schlunma
- Add preprocessors `esmvalcore.preprocessor.distance_metrics()` and *esmvalcore.preprocessor.histogram()* (Pull request #2299) by @schlunma

43.11 Automatic testing

- Increase resources for testing installation from conda-forge (Pull request #2297) by @bouweandela
- Pin pandas to avoid broken `round` function (Pull request #2305) by @schlunma
- Remove team reviewers from conda lock generation workflow in Github Actions (Pull request #2307) by @valeriupredoi
- Remove mocking from tests in `tests/unit/preprocessor/_regrid/test_extract_point.py` (Pull request #2193) by @ehogan
- Pin `pytest-mypy` plugin to `>=0.10.3` comply with new `pytest==8` (Pull request #2315) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix regridding test for unstructured nearest regridding on OSX (Pull request #2319) by @schlunma
- Fix flaky regrid test by clearing LRU cache after each test (Pull request #2322) by @valeriupredoi
- Xfail `tests/integration/cmor/_fixes/test_common.py::test_cl_hybrid_height_coord_fix_metadata` while Iris folk fix behaviour (Pull request #2363) by @valeriupredoi
- Update codacy reporter orb to latest version (Pull request #2388) by @valeriupredoi
- Add calls to `conda list` in Github Action test workflows to inspect environment (Pull request #2391) by @valeriupredoi
- Pin pandas yet again :panda_face: `test_icon` fails again with pandas=2.2.2 (Pull request #2394) by @valeriupredoi
- Fixed units of cl test data (necessary since iris>=3.8.0) (Pull request #2403) by @schlunma

43.12 Improvements

- Show files of supplementary variables explicitly in log (Pull request #2303) by @schlunma
- Remove warning about logging in to ESGF (Pull request #2326) by @bouweandela
- Do not read `~/.esmvaltool/config-user.yml` if `--config-file` is used (Pull request #2309) by @schlunma
- Support loading ICON grid from ICON rootpath (Pull request #2337) by @schlunma
- Handle warnings about invalid units for iris>=3.8 (Pull request #2378) by @schlunma
- Added note on how to access `index.html` on remote server (Pull request #2276) by @schlunma
- Remove custom fix for concatenation of aux factories now that bug in iris is solved (Pull request #2392) by @schlunma
- Ignored iris warnings about global attributes (Pull request #2400) by @schlunma
- Add native6, OBS6 and RAWOBS rootpaths to metoffice config-user.yml template, and remove temporary dir (Pull request #2432) by @alistairsellar

CHAPTER

FORTYFOUR

V2.10.0

44.1 Highlights

- All statistics preprocessors support the same operators and have a common *documentation*. In addition, arbitrary keyword arguments for the statistical operation can be directly given to the preprocessor.
- The output webpage generated by the tool now looks better and provides methods to select and filter the output.
- Improved computational efficiency:
  - Automatic rechunking between preprocessor steps to keep the graph size smaller and the chunk size optimal.
  - Reduce the size of the dask graph created by *esmvalcore.preprocessor.anomalies()*.
  - Preprocessors *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_above_threshold()*, *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_below_threshold()*, *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_inside_range()*, *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_outside_range()* are now lazy.
  - Lazy coordinates bounds are no longer loaded into memory by the CMOR checks and fixes.

This release includes

44.2 Backwards incompatible changes

- Remove the deprecated option `use_legacy_supplementaries` (Pull request #2202) by @bouweandela
  - The recommended upgrade procedure is to remove `use_legacy_supplementaries` from config-user.yml (if it was there) and remove any mention of `fx_variables` from the recipe. If automatically defining the required supplementary variables does not work, define them in the variable or (`additional_`) `datasets` section as described in *Defining supplementary variables (ancillary variables and cell measures)*.
- Use smarter (units-aware) weights (Pull request #2139) by @schlunma
  - Some preprocessors handle units better. For details, see the pull request.
- Removed deprecated configuration option `offline` (Pull request #2213) by @schlunma
  - In *v2.8.0*, we replaced the old `offline` configuration option. From this version on, it stops working. Please refer to *v2.8.0* for upgrade instructions.
- Fix issue with CORDEX datasets requiring different dataset tags for downloads and fixes (Pull request #2066) by @ljoakim
  - Due to the different facets for CORDEX datasets, there was an inconsistency in the fixing mechanism. This change requires changes to existing recipes that use CORDEX datasets. Please refer to the pull request for detailed update instructions.
- For the following changes, no user change is necessary

  - Remove deprecated way of calling *read_cmor_tables()* (Pull request #2201) by @bouweandela
  - Remove deprecated callback argument from preprocessor `load` function (Pull request #2207) by @bouweandela
  - Remove deprecated preprocessor function *cleanup* (Pull request #2215) by @bouweandela

44.3 Deprecations

- Clearly separate fixes and CMOR checks (Pull request #2157) by @schlunma
- Added new operators for statistics preprocessor (e.g., `'percentile'`) and allowed passing additional arguments (Pull request #2191) by @schlunma
  - This harmonizes the operators for all statistics preprocessors. From this version, the new names can be used; the old arguments will stop working from version 2.12.0. Please refer to *Statistical preprocessors* for a detailed description.

44.4 Bug fixes

- Re-add correctly region-extracted cell measures and ancillary variables after *extract_region* (Pull request #2166) by @valeriupredoi, @schlunma
- Fix sorting of datasets
  - Fix sorting of ensemble members in *datasets_to_recipe()* (Pull request #2095) by @bouweandela
  - Fix a problem with sorting datasets that have a mix of facet types (Pull request #2238) by @bouweandela
  - Avoid a crash if dataset has supplementary variables (Pull request #2198) by @bouweandela

44.5 CMOR standard

- ERA5 on-the-fly CMORizer: changed sign of variables `evspsbl` and `evspsblpot` (Pull request #2115) by @katjaweigel
- Add `ch4` surface custom cmor table entry (Pull request #2168) by @hb326
- Add CMIP3 institutes names used at NCI (Pull request #2152) by @rbeucher
- Added *get_time_bounds()* and *get_next_month()* to public API (Pull request #2214) by @schlunma
- Improve concatenation checks
  - Relax concatenation checks for `--check_level=relax` and `--check_level=ignore` (Pull request #2144) by @sloosvel
  - Fix `concatenate` preprocessor function (Pull request #2240) by @bouweandela
  - Fix time overlap handling in concatenation (Pull request #2247) by @zklaus

44.6 Computational performance improvements

- Make *Minimum, maximum and interval masking* preprocessors lazy (Pull request #2169) by @joergbenke
  - Restored usage of numpy in *_mask_with_shp* (Pull request #2209) by @joergbenke
- Do not realize lazy coordinate bounds in CMOR check (Pull request #2146) by @sloosvel
- Rechunk between preprocessor steps (Pull request #2205) by @bouweandela

- Reduce the size of the dask graph created by the `anomalies` preprocessor function (Pull request #2200) by @bouweandela

44.7 Documentation

- Add reference to release v2.9.0 in the changelog (Pull request #2130) by @remi-kazeroni
- Add merge instructions to release instructions (Pull request #2131) by @zklaus
- Update *mamba* before building environment during Readthedocs build (Pull request #2149) by @valeriupredoi
- Ensure compatible zstandard and zstd versions for .conda support (Pull request #2204) by @zklaus
- Remove outdated documentation (Pull request #2210) by @bouweandela
- Remove meercode badge from README because their API is broken (Pull request #2224) by @valeriupredoi
- Correct usage help text of version command (Pull request #2232) by @jfrost-mo
- Add `navigation_with_keys: False` to `html_theme_options` in Readthedocs `conf.py` (Pull request #2245) by @valeriupredoi
- Replace squarey badge with roundy shield for Anaconda sticker in README (Pull request #2233, Pull request #2260) by @valeriupredoi

44.8 Fixes for datasets

- Updated doc about fixes and added type hints to fix functions (Pull request #2160) by @schlunma

44.9 Installation

- Clean-up how pins are written in conda environment file (Pull request #2125) by @valeriupredoi
- Use importlib.metadata instead of deprecated pkg_resources (Pull request #2096) by @bouweandela
- Pin shapely to >=2.0 (Pull request #2075) by @valeriupredoi
- Pin Python to <3.12 in conda environment (Pull request #2272) by @bouweandela

44.10 Preprocessor

- Improve preprocessor output sorting code (Pull request #2111) by @bouweandela
- Preprocess datasets in the same order as they are listed in the recipe (Pull request #2103) by @bouweandela

44.11 Automatic testing

- [Github Actions] Compress all bash shell setters into one default option per workflow (Pull request #2126) by @valeriupredoi
- [Github Actions] Fix Monitor Tests Github Action (Pull request #2135) by @valeriupredoi
- [condalock] update conda lock file (Pull request #2141) by @valeriupredoi
- [Condalock] make sure mamba/conda are at latest version by forcing a pinned mamba install (Pull request #2136) by @valeriupredoi
- Update code coverage orbs (Pull request #2206) by @bouweandela

- Revisit the comment-triggered Github Actions test (Pull request #2243) by @valeriupredoi
- Remove workflow that runs Github Actions tests from PR comment (Pull request #2244) by @valeriupredoi

44.12 Improvements

- Merge v2.9.x into main (Pull request #2128) by @schlunma
- Fix typo in citation file (Pull request #2182) by @bouweandela
- Cleaned and extended function that extracts datetimes from paths (Pull request #2181) by @schlunma
- Add file encoding (and some read modes) at open file step (Pull request #2219) by @valeriupredoi
- Check type of argument passed to `read_cmor_tables()` (Pull request #2217) by @valeriupredoi
- Dynamic HTML output for monitoring (Pull request #2062) by @bsolino
- Use PyPI's trusted publishers authentication (Pull request #2269) by @valeriupredoi

CHAPTER

FORTYFIVE

V2.9.0

45.1 Highlights

It is now possible to use the Dask distributed scheduler, which can significantly reduce the run-time of recipes. Configuration examples and advice are available in *our documentation*. More work on improving the computational performance is planned, so please share your experiences, good and bad, with this new feature in Discussion #1763.

This release includes

45.2 Backwards incompatible changes

- Remove deprecated configuration options (Pull request #2056) by @bouweandela
  - The module `esmvalcore.experimental.config` has been removed. To upgrade, import the module from *`esmvalcore.config`* instead.
  - The module `esmvalcore._config` has been removed. To upgrade, use *`esmvalcore.config`* instead.
  - The methods `esmvalcore.config.Session.to_config_user` and `esmvalcore.config.Session.from_config_user` have been removed. To upgrade, use *`esmvalcore.config.Session`* to access the configuration values directly.

45.3 Bug fixes

- Respect `ignore_warnings` settings from the *project configuration* in *`esmvalcore.dataset.Dataset.load()`* (Pull request #2046) by @schlunma
- Fixed usage of custom location for *custom CMOR tables* (Pull request #2052) by @schlunma
- Fix issue with writing index.html when *running a recipe* with `--resume-from` (Pull request #2055) by @bouweandela
- Fixed bug in ICON CMORizer that lead to shifted time coordinates (Pull request #2038) by @schlunma
- Include - in allowed characters for bibtex references (Pull request #2097) by @alistairsellar
- Do not raise an exception if the requested version of a file is not available for all matching files on ESGF (Pull request #2105) by @bouweandela

45.4 Computational performance improvements

- Add support for *configuring Dask distributed* (Pull request #2049, Pull request #2122) by @bouweandela
- Make *`esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_levels()`* lazy (Pull request #1761) by @bouweandela

- Lazy implementation of *esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics()* and *esmvalcore.preprocessor.ensemble_statistics()* (Pull request #968 and Pull request #2087) by @Peter9192
- Avoid realizing data in preprocessor function *esmvalcore.preprocessor.concatenate()* when cubes overlap (Pull request #2109) by @bouweandela

45.5 Documentation

- Remove unneeded sphinxcontrib extension (Pull request #2047) by @valeriupredoi
- Show ESMValTool logo on PyPI webpage (Pull request #2065) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix gitter badge in README (Pull request #2118) by @remi-kazeroni
- Add changelog for v2.9.0 (Pull request #2088 and Pull request #2123) by @bouweandela

45.6 Fixes for datasets

- Pass the *esmvalcore.config.Session* to fixes (Pull request #1988) by @schlunma
- ICON: Allowed specifying vertical grid information in recipe (Pull request #2067) by @schlunma
- Allow specifying `raw_units` for CESM2, EMAC, and ICON CMORizers (Pull request #2043) by @schlunma
- ICON: allow specifying horizontal grid file in recipe/extra facets (Pull request #2078) by @schlunma
- Fix tas/tos CMIP6: FIO, KACE, MIROC, IITM (Pull request #2061) by @pepcos
- Add fix for EC-Earth3-Veg tos calendar (Pull request #2100) by @bouweandela
- Correct GISS-E2-1-G `tos` units (Pull request #2099) by @bouweandela

45.7 Installation

- Drop support for Python 3.8 (Pull request #2053) by @bouweandela
- Add python 3.11 to Github Actions package (conda and PyPI) installation tests (Pull request #2083) by @valeriupredoi
- Remove `with_mypy` or `with-mypy` optional tool for prospector (Pull request #2108) by @valeriupredoi

45.8 Preprocessor

- Added `period='hourly'` for *esmvalcore.preprocessor.climate_statistics()* and *esmvalcore.preprocessor.anomalies()* (Pull request #2068) by @schlunma
- Support IPCC AR6 regions in *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_shape()* (Pull request #2008) by @schlunma

CHAPTER

FORTYSIX

V2.8.1

46.1 Highlights

This release adds support for Python 3.11 and includes several bugfixes.

This release includes:

46.2 Bug fixes

- Pin numpy !=1.24.3 (Pull request #2011) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix a bug in recording provenance for the `mask_multimodel` preprocessor (Pull request #1984) by @schlunma
- Fix ICON hourly data rounding issues (Pull request #2022) by @BauerJul
- Use the default SSL context when using the `extract_location` preprocessor (Pull request #2023) by @ehogan
- Make time-related CMOR fixes work with time dimensions *time1*, *time2*, *time3* (Pull request #1971) by @schlunma
- Always create a cache directory for storing ICON grid files (Pull request #2030) by @schlunma
- Fixed altitude <–> pressure level conversion for masked arrays in the `extract_levels` preprocessor (Pull request #1999) by @schlunma
- Allowed ignoring of scalar time coordinates in the `multi_model_statistics` preprocessor (Pull request #1961) by @schlunma

46.3 Fixes for datasets

- Add support for hourly ICON data (Pull request #1990) by @BauerJul
- Fix areacello in BCC-CSM2-MR (Pull request #1993) by @remi-kazeroni

46.4 Installation

- Add support for Python=3.11 (Pull request #1832) by @valeriupredoi
- Modernize conda lock file creation workflow with mamba, Mambaforge etc (Pull request #2027) by @valeriupredoi
- Pin *libnetcdf!=4.9.1* (Pull request #2072) by @remi-kazeroni

46.5 Documentation

- Add changelog for v2.8.1 (Pull request #2079) by @bouweandela

46.6 Automatic testing

- Use mocked *geopy.geocoders.Nominatim* to avoid *ReadTimeoutError* (Pull request #2005) by @schlunma
- Update pre-commit hooks (Pull request #2020) by @bouweandela

CHAPTER

FORTYSEVEN

V2.8.0

47.1 Highlights

- ESMValCore now supports wildcards in recipes and offers improved support for ancillary variables and dataset versioning thanks to contributions by @bouweandela. For details, see *Automatically populating a recipe with all available datasets* and *Defining supplementary variables*.
- Support for CORDEX datasets in a rotated pole coordinate system has been added by @sloosvel.
- Native *ICON* output is now made UGRID-compliant on-the-fly to unlock the use of more sophisticated regridding algorithms, thanks to @schlunma.
- The Python API has been extended with the addition of three modules: *esmvalcore.config*, *esmvalcore.dataset*, and *esmvalcore.local*, all these features courtesy of @bouweandela. For details, see our new example *Example notebooks*.
- The preprocessor *multi_model_statistics()* has been extended to support more use-cases thanks to contributions by @schlunma. For details, see *Multi-model statistics*.

This release includes:

47.2 Backwards incompatible changes

Please read the descriptions of the linked pull requests for detailed upgrade instructions.

- The algorithm for automatically defining the ancillary variables and cell measures has been improved (Pull request #1609) by @bouweandela. If this does not work as expected, more examples of how to adapt your recipes are given here and in the corresponding sections of the *recipe documentation* and the *preprocessor documentation*.
- Remove deprecated features scheduled for removal in v2.8.0 or earlier (Pull request #1826) by @schlunma. Removed `esmvalcore.iris_helpers.var_name_constraint` (has been deprecated in v2.6.0; please use `iris.NameConstraint` with the keyword argument `var_name` instead) and the option `always_use_ne_mask` for *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_landsea()* (has been deprecated in v2.5.0; the same behavior can now be achieved by specifying `supplementary_variables`.
- No files will be found if a non-existent version of a dataset is specified (Pull request #1835) by @bouweandela. If a `version` of a dataset is specified in the recipe, the tool will now search for exactly that version, instead of simply using the latest version. Therefore, it is necessary to make sure that the version number in the directory tree matches with the version number in the recipe to find the files.
- The default filename template for obs4MIPs has been updated to better match filenames used in this project in (Pull request #1866) by @bouweandela. This may cause issues if you are storing all the files for obs4MIPs in a directory with no subdirectories per dataset.

47.3 Deprecations

Please read the descriptions of the linked pull requests for detailed upgrade instructions.

- Various configuration related options that are now available through *esmvalcore.config* have been deprecated (Pull request #1769) by @bouweandela.
- The `fx_variables` preprocessor argument and related features have been deprecated (Pull request #1609) by @bouweandela. See Pull request #1609#Deprecations for more information.
- Combined `offline` and `always_search_esgf` into a single option `search_esgf` (Pull request #1935) @schlunma. The configuration option/command line argument `offline` has been deprecated in favor of `search_esgf`. The previous `offline: true` is now `search_esgf: never` (the default); the previous `offline: false` is now `search_esgf: when_missing`. More details on how to adapt your workflow regarding these new options are given in Pull request #1935 and the documentation.
- `esmvalcore.preprocessor.cleanup()` has been deprecated (Pull request #1949) @schlunma. Please do not use this anymore in the recipe (it is not necessary).

47.4 Python API

- Support searching ESGF for a specific version of a file and add *esmvalcore.esgf.ESGFFile.facets* (Pull request #1822) by @bouweandela
- Fix issues with searching for files on ESGF (Pull request #1863) by @bouweandela
- Move the `esmvalcore.experimental.config` module to *esmvalcore.config* (Pull request #1769) by @bouweandela
- Add *esmvalcore.local*, a module to search data on the local filesystem (Pull request ##1835) by @bouweandela
- Add *esmvalcore.dataset* module (Pull request #1877) by @bouweandela

47.5 Bug fixes

- Import from *esmvalcore.config* in the `esmvalcore.experimental` module (Pull request #1816) by @bouweandela
- Added scalar coords of input cubes to output of esmpy_regrid (Pull request #1811) by @schlunma
- Fix severe bug in *esmvalcore.preprocessor.mask_fillvalues()* (Pull request #1823) by @schlunma
- Fix LWP of ICON on-the-fly CMORizer (Pull request #1839) by @schlunma
- Fixed issue in irregular regridding regarding scalar coordinates (Pull request #1845) by @schlunma
- Update product attributes and *metadata.yml* with cube metadata before saving files (Pull request #1837) by @schlunma
- Remove an extra space character from a filename (Pull request #1883) by @bouweandela
- Improve resilience of ESGF search (Pull request #1869) by @bouweandela
- Fix issue with no files found if timerange start/end differs in length (Pull request #1880) by @bouweandela
- Add *driver* and *sub_experiment* tags to generate dataset aliases (Pull request #1886) by @sloosvel
- Fixed time points of native CESM2 output (Pull request #1772) by @schlunma
- Fix type hints for Python versions < 3.10 (Pull request #1897) by @bouweandela

- Fixed *set_range_in_0_360* for dask arrays (Pull request #1919) by @schlunma
- Made equalized attributes in concatenated cubes consistent across runs (Pull request #1783) by @schlunma
- Fix issue with reading dates from files (Pull request #1936) by @bouweandela
- Add institute name used on ESGF for CMIP5 CanAM4, CanCM4, and CanESM2 (Pull request #1937) by @bouweandela
- Fix issue where data was not loaded and saved (Pull request #1962) by @bouweandela
- Fix type hints for Python 3.8 (Pull request #1795) by @bouweandela
- Update the institute facet of the CSIRO-Mk3L-1-2 model (Pull request #1966) by @remi-kazeroni
- Fixed race condition that may result in errors in `esmvalcore.preprocessor.cleanup()` (Pull request #1949) by @schlunma
- Update notebook so it uses supplementaries instead of ancillaries (Pull request #1945) by @bouweandela

47.6 Documentation

- Fix anaconda badge in README (Pull request #1759) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix mistake in the documentation of *esmvalcore.esgf.find_files* (Pull request #1784) by @bouweandela
- Support linking to "stable" ESMValTool version on readthedocs (Pull request #1608) by @bouweandela
- Updated ICON doc with information on usage of extract_levels preprocessor (Pull request #1903) by @schlunma
- Add changelog for latest released version v2.7.1 (Pull request #1905) by @valeriupredoi
- Update *preprocessor.rst* due to renaming of NCEP dataset to NCEP-NCAR-R1 (Pull request #1908) by @hb326
- Replace timerange nested lists in docs with overview table (Pull request #1940) by @zklaus
- Updated section "backward compatibility" in *contributing.rst* (Pull request #1918) by @axel-lauer
- Add link to ESMValTool release procedure steps (Pull request #1957) by @remi-kazeroni
- Synchronize documentation table of contents with ESMValTool (Pull request #1958) by @bouweandela

47.7 Improvements

- Support wildcards in the recipe and improve support for ancillary variables and dataset versioning (Pull request #1609) by @bouweandela. More details on how to adapt your recipes are given in the corresponding pull request description and in the corresponding sections of the recipe documentation and the preprocessor documentation.
- Create a session directory with suffix "-1", "-2", etc if it already exists (Pull request #1818) by @bouweandela
- Message for users when they use esmvaltool executable from esmvalcore only (Pull request #1831) by @valeriupredoi
- Order recipe output in index.html (Pull request #1899) by @bouweandela
- Improve reading facets from ESGF search results (Pull request #1920) by @bouweandela

47.8 Fixes for datasets

- Fix rotated coordinate grids and *tas* and *pr* for CORDEX datasets (Pull request #1765) by @sloosvel
- Made ICON output UGRID-compliant (on-the-fly) (Pull request #1664) by @schlunma

- Fix automatic download of ICON grid file and make ICON UGRIDization optional (*default: true*) (Pull request #1922) by @schlunma
- Add siconc fixes for EC-Earth3-Veg and EC-Earth3-Veg-LR models (Pull request #1771) by @egalytska
- Fix siconc in KIOST-ESM (Pull request #1829) by @LisaBock
- Extension of ERA5 CMORizer (variable cl) (Pull request #1850) by @axel-lauer
- Add standard variable names for EMAC (Pull request #1853) by @FranziskaWinterstein
- Fix for FGOALS-f3-L clt (Pull request #1928) by @LisaBock

47.9 Installation

- Add all deps to the conda-forge environment and suppress installing and reinstalling deps with pip at readthedocs builds (Pull request #1786) by @valeriupredoi
- Pin netCDF4<1.6.1 (Pull request #1805) by @bouweandela
- Unpin NetCF4 (Pull request #1814) by @valeriupredoi
- Unpin flake8 (Pull request #1820) by @valeriupredoi
- Add iris-esmf-regrid as a dependency (Pull request #1809) by @sloosvel
- Pin esmpy<8.4 (Pull request #1871) by @zklaus
- Update esmpy import for ESMF v8.4.0 (Pull request #1876) by @bouweandela

47.10 Preprocessor

- Allow *esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics()* on cubes with arbitrary dimensions (Pull request #1808) by @schlunma
- Smarter removal of coordinate metadata in *esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics()* preprocessor (Pull request #1813) by @schlunma
- Allowed usage of *esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics()* on single cubes/products (Pull request #1849) by @schlunma
- Allowed usage of *esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics()* on cubes with identical `name()` and `units` (but e.g. different long_name) (Pull request #1921) by @schlunma
- Allowed ignoring scalar coordinates in *esmvalcore.preprocessor.multi_model_statistics()* (Pull request #1934) by @schlunma
- Refactored *esmvalcore.preprocessor.regrid()* and removed unnecessary code not needed anymore due to new iris version (Pull request #1898) by @schlunma
- Do not realise coordinates during CMOR check (Pull request #1912) by @sloosvel
- Make *esmvalcore.preprocessor.extract_volume()* work with closed and mixed intervals and allow nearest value selection (Pull request #1930) by @sloosvel

47.11 Release

- Changelog for *v2.8.0rc1* (Pull request #1952) by @remi-kazeroni
- Increase version number for ESMValCore *v2.8.0rc1* (Pull request #1955) by @remi-kazeroni
- Changelog for *v2.8.0rc2* (Pull request #1959) by @remi-kazeroni

- Increase version number for ESMValCore *v2.8.0rc2* (Pull request #1973) by @remi-kazeroni
- Changelog for *v2.8.0* (Pull request #1978) by @remi-kazeroni
- Increase version number for ESMValCore *v2.8.0* (Pull request #1983) by @remi-kazeroni

47.12 Automatic testing

- Set implicit optional to true in *mypy* config to avert side effects and test fails from new mypy version (Pull request #1790) by @valeriupredoi
- Remove duplicate *implicit_optional = True* line in `setup.cfg` (Pull request #1791) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix failing test due to missing sample data (Pull request #1797) by @bouweandela
- Remove outdated cmor_table facet from data finder tests (Pull request #1798) by @bouweandela
- Modernize tests for *esmvalcore.preprocessor.save()* (Pull request #1799) by @bouweandela
- No more sequential tests since SegFaults were not noticed anymore (Pull request #1819) by @valeriupredoi
- Update pre-commit configuration (Pull request #1821) by @bouweandela
- Updated URL of ICON grid file used for testing (Pull request #1914) by @schlunma

47.13 Variable Derivation

- Add derivation of sea ice extent (Pull request #1695) by @sloosvel

CHAPTER

FORTYEIGHT

V2.7.1

48.1 Highlights

This is a bugfix release where we unpin *cf-units* to allow the latest *iris=3.4.0* to be installed. It also includes an update to the default configuration used when searching the ESGF for files, to account for a recent change of the CEDA ESGF index node hostname. The changelog contains only changes that were made to the `main` branch.

48.2 Installation

- Set the version number on the development branches to one minor version more than the previous release (Pull request #1854) by @bouweandela
- Unpin cf-units (Pull request #1770) by @bouweandela

48.3 Bug fixes

- Improve error handling if an esgf index node is offline (Pull request #1834) by @bouweandela

48.4 Automatic testing

- Removed unnecessary test that fails with iris 3.4.0 (Pull request #1846) by @schlunma
- Update CEDA ESGF index node hostname (Pull request #1838) by @valeriupredoi

CHAPTER

FORTYNINE

V2.7.0

49.1 Highlights

- We have a new preprocessor function called 'rolling_window_statistics' implemented by @malininae
- We have improved the support for native models, refactored native model fixes by adding common base class *NativeDatasetFix*, changed default DRS for reading native ICON output, and added tests for input/output filenames for ICON and EMAC on-the-fly CMORizer, all these features courtesy of @schlunma
- Performance of preprocessor functions that use time dimensions has been sped up by **two orders of magnitude** thanks to contributions by @bouweandela

This release includes:

49.2 Backwards incompatible changes

- Change default DRS for reading native ICON output (Pull request #1705) by @schlunma

49.3 Bug fixes

- Add support for regions stored as MultiPolygon to extract_shape preprocessor (Pull request #1670) by @bouweandela
- Fixed type annotations for Python 3.8 (Pull request #1700) by @schlunma
- Core *_io.concatenate()* may fail due to case when one of the cubes is scalar - this fixes that (Pull request #1715) by @valeriupredoi
- Pick up esmvalcore badge instead of esmvaltool one in README (Pull request #1749) by @valeriupredoi
- Restore support for scalar cubes to time selection preprocessor functions (Pull request #1750) by @bouweandela
- Fix calculation of precipitation flux in EMAC on-the-fly CMORizer (Pull request #1755) by @schlunma

49.4 Deprecations

- Remove deprecation warning for regrid schemes already deprecated for v2.7.0 (Pull request #1753) by @valeriupredoi

49.5 Documentation

- Add Met Office Installation Method (Pull request #1692) by @mo-tgeddes
- Add MO-paths to config file (Pull request #1709) by @mo-tgeddes
- Update MO obs4MIPs paths in the user configuration file (Pull request #1734) by @mo-tgeddes
- Update *Making a release* section of the documentation (Pull request #1689) by @sloosvel
- Added changelog for v2.7.0 (Pull request #1746) by @valeriupredoi
- update CITATION.cff file with 2.7.0 release info (Pull request #1757) by @valeriupredoi

49.6 Improvements

- New preprocessor function 'rolling_window_statistics' (Pull request #1702) by @malininae
- Remove *pytest_flake8* plugin and use *flake8* instead (Pull request #1722) by @valeriupredoi
- Added CESM2 CMORizer (Pull request #1678) by @schlunma
- Speed up functions that use time dimension (Pull request #1713) by @bouweandela
- Modernize and minimize pylint configuration (Pull request #1726) by @bouweandela

49.7 Fixes for datasets

- Refactored native model fixes by adding common base class *NativeDatasetFix* (Pull request #1694) by @schlunma

49.8 Installation

- Pin *netCDF4 != 1.6.1* since that seems to throw a flurry of Segmentation Faults (Pull request #1724) by @valeriupredoi

49.9 Automatic testing

- Pin *flake8<5.0.0* since Circle CI tests are failing copiously (Pull request #1698) by @valeriupredoi
- Added tests for input/output filenames for ICON and EMAC on-the-fly CMORizer (Pull request #1718) by @schlunma
- Fix failed tests for Python<3.10 resulting from typing (Pull request #1748) by @schlunma

CHAPTER

FIFTY

V2.6.0

50.1 Highlights

- A new set of CMOR fixes is now available in order to load native EMAC model output and CMORize it on the fly. For details, see *Supported native models: EMAC*.
- The version number of ESMValCore is now automatically generated using setuptools_scm, which extracts Python package versions from git metadata.

This release includes

50.2 Deprecations

- Deprecate the function *esmvalcore.var_name_constraint* (Pull request #1592) by @schlunma. This function is scheduled for removal in v2.8.0. Please use `iris.NameConstraint` with the keyword argument *var_name* instead: this is an exact replacement.

50.3 Bug fixes

- Added *start_year* and *end_year* attributes to derived variables (Pull request #1547) by @schlunma
- Show all results on recipe results webpage (Pull request #1560) by @bouweandela
- Regridding regular grids with similar coordinates (Pull request #1567) by @tomaslovato
- Fix timerange wildcard search when deriving variables or downloading files (Pull request #1562) by @sloosvel
- Fix *force_derivation* bug (Pull request #1627) by @sloosvel
- Correct *build-and-deploy-on-pypi* action (Pull request #1634) by @sloosvel
- Apply *clip_timerange* to time dependent fx variables (Pull request #1603) by @sloosvel
- Correctly handle requests.exceptions.ConnectTimeout when an ESGF index node is offline (Pull request #1638) by @bouweandela

50.4 CMOR standard

- Added custom CMOR tables used for EMAC CMORizer (Pull request #1599) by @schlunma
- Extended ICON CMORizer (Pull request #1549) by @schlunma
- Add CMOR check exception for a basin coord named sector (Pull request #1612) by @dhohn
- Custom user-defined location for custom CMOR tables (Pull request #1625) by @schlunma

50.5 Containerization

- Remove update command in Dockerfile (Pull request #1630) by @sloosvel

50.6 Community

- Add David Hohn to contributors' list (Pull request #1586) by @valeriupredoi

50.7 Documentation

- [Github Actions Docs] Full explanation on how to use the GA test triggered by PR comment and added docs link for GA hosted runners (Pull request #1553) by @valeriupredoi
- Update the command for building the documentation (Pull request #1556) by @bouweandela
- Update documentation on running the tool (Pull request #1400) by @bouweandela
- Add support for DKRZ-Levante (Pull request #1558) by @remi-kazeroni
- Improved documentation on native dataset support (Pull request #1559) by @schlunma
- Tweak *extract_point* preprocessor: explain what it returns if one point coord outside cube and add explicit test (Pull request #1584) by @valeriupredoi
- Update CircleCI, readthedocs, and Docker configuration (Pull request #1588) by @bouweandela
- Remove support for Mistral in *config-user.yml* (Pull request #1620) by @remi-kazeroni
- Add changelog for v2.6.0rc1 (Pull request #1633) by @sloosvel
- Add a note on transferring permissions to the release manager (Pull request #1645) by @bouweandela
- Add documentation on building and uploading Docker images (Pull request #1644) by @bouweandela
- Update documentation on ESMValTool module at DKRZ (Pull request #1647) by @remi-kazeroni
- Expanded information on deprecations in changelog (Pull request #1658) by @schlunma

50.8 Improvements

- Removed trailing whitespace in custom CMOR tables (Pull request #1564) by @schlunma
- Try searching multiple ESGF index nodes (Pull request #1561) by @bouweandela
- Add CMIP6 *amoc* derivation case and add a test (Pull request #1577) by @valeriupredoi
- Added EMAC CMORizer (Pull request #1554) by @schlunma
- Improve performance of *volume_statistics* (Pull request #1545) by @sloosvel

50.9 Fixes for datasets

- Fixes of ocean variables in multiple CMIP6 datasets (Pull request #1566) by @tomaslovato
- Ensure lat/lon bounds in FGOALS-l3 atmos variables are contiguous (Pull request #1571) by @sloosvel
- Added *AllVars* fix for CMIP6's ICON-ESM-LR (Pull request #1582) by @schlunma

50.10 Installation

- Removed *package/meta.yml* (Pull request #1540) by @schlunma
- Pinned iris>=3.2.1 (Pull request #1552) by @schlunma
- Use setuptools-scm to automatically generate the version number (Pull request #1578) by @bouweandela
- Pin cf-units to lower than 3.1.0 to temporarily avoid changes within new version related to calendars (Pull request #1659) by @valeriupredoi

50.11 Preprocessor

- Allowed special case for unit conversion of precipitation (*kg m-2 s-1* <–> *mm day-1*) (Pull request #1574) by @schlunma
- Add general *extract_coordinate_points* preprocessor (Pull request #1581) by @sloosvel
- Add preprocessor *accumulate_coordinate* (Pull request #1281) by @jvegreg
- Add *axis_statistics* and improve *depth_integration* (Pull request #1589) by @sloosvel

50.12 Release

- Increase version number for ESMValCore v2.6.0rc1 (Pull request #1632) by @sloosvel
- Update changelog and version for 2.6rc3 (Pull request #1646) by @sloosvel
- Add changelog for rc4 (Pull request #1662) by @sloosvel

50.13 Automatic testing

- Refresh CircleCI cache weekly (Pull request #1597) by @bouweandela
- Use correct cache restore key on CircleCI (Pull request #1598) by @bouweandela
- Install git and ssh before checking out code on CircleCI (Pull request #1601) by @bouweandela
- Fetch all history in Github Action tests (Pull request #1622) by @sloosvel
- Test Github Actions dashboard badge from meercode.io (Pull request #1640) by @valeriupredoi
- Improve esmvalcore.esgf unit test (Pull request #1650) by @bouweandela

50.14 Variable Derivation

- Added derivation of *hfns* (Pull request #1594) by @schlunma

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V2.5.0

51.1 Highlights

- The new preprocessor `extract_location()` can extract arbitrary locations on the Earth using the geopy package that connects to OpenStreetMap. For details, see *Extract location*.
- Time ranges can now be extracted using the ISO 8601 format. In addition, wildcards are allowed, which makes the time selection much more flexible. For details, see *Recipe section: Datasets*.
- The new preprocessor `ensemble_statistics()` can calculate arbitrary statistics over all ensemble members of a simulation. In addition, the preprocessor `multi_model_statistics()` now accepts the keyword `groupy`, which allows the calculation of multi-model statistics over arbitrary multi-model ensembles. For details, see *Ensemble statistics* and *Multi-model statistics*.

This release includes

51.2 Backwards incompatible changes

- Update Cordex section in *config-developer.yml* (Pull request #1303) by @francesco-cmcc. This changes the naming convention of ESMValCore's output files from CORDEX dataset. This only affects recipes that use CORDEX data. Most likely, no changes in diagnostics are necessary; however, if code relies on the specific naming convention of files, it might need to be adapted.
- Dropped Python 3.7 (Pull request #1530) by @schlunma. ESMValCore v2.5.0 dropped support for Python 3.7. From now on Python >=3.8 is required to install ESMValCore. The main reason for this is that conda-forge dropped support for Python 3.7 for OSX and arm64 (more details are given here).

51.3 Bug fixes

- Fix *extract_shape* when fx vars are present (Pull request #1403) by @sloosvel
- Added support of *extra_facets* to fx variables added by the preprocessor (Pull request #1399) by @schlunma
- Augmented input for derived variables with extra_facets (Pull request #1412) by @schlunma
- Correctly use masked arrays after *unstructured_nearest* regridding (Pull request #1414) by @schlunma
- Fixing the broken derivation script for XCH4 (and XCO2) (Pull request #1428) by @hb326
- Ignore *.pymon-journal* file in test discovery (Pull request #1436) by @valeriupredoi
- Fixed bug that caused automatic download to fail in rare cases (Pull request #1442) by @schlunma
- Add new *JULIA_LOAD_PATH* to diagnostic task test (Pull request #1444) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix provenance file permissions (Pull request #1468) by @bouweandela

- Fixed usage of *statistics=std_dev* option in multi-model statistics preprocessors (Pull request #1478) by @schlunma
- Removed scalar coordinates *p0* and *ptop* prior to merge in *multi_model_statistics* (Pull request #1471) by @axel-lauer
- Added *dataset* and *alias* attributes to *multi_model_statistics* output (Pull request #1483) by @schlunma
- Fixed issues with multi-model-statistics timeranges (Pull request #1486) by @schlunma
- Fixed output messages for CMOR logging (Pull request #1494) by @schlunma
- Fixed *clip_timerange* if only a single time point is extracted (Pull request #1497) by @schlunma
- Fixed chunking in *multi_model_statistics* (Pull request #1500) by @schlunma
- Fixed renaming of auxiliary coordinates in *multi_model_statistics* if coordinates are equal (Pull request #1502) by @schlunma
- Fixed timerange selection for automatic downloads (Pull request #1517) by @schlunma
- Fixed chunking in *multi_model_statistics* (Pull request #1524) by @schlunma

51.4 Deprecations

- Renamed vertical regridding schemes (Pull request #1429) by @schlunma. Old regridding schemes are supported until v2.7.0. For details, see *Vertical interpolation schemes*.

51.5 Documentation

- Remove duplicate entries in changelog (Pull request #1391) by @zklaus
- Documentation on how to use HPC central installations (Pull request #1409) by @valeriupredoi
- Correct brackets in preprocessor documentation for list of seasons (Pull request #1420) by @bouweandela
- Add Python=3.10 to package info, update Circle CI auto install and documentation for Python=3.10 (Pull request #1432) by @valeriupredoi
- Reverted unintentional change in *.zenodo.json* (Pull request #1452) by @schlunma
- Synchronized config-user.yml with version from ESMValTool (Pull request #1453) by @schlunma
- Solved issues in configuration files (Pull request #1457) by @schlunma
- Add direct link to download conda lock file in the install documentation (Pull request #1462) by @valeriupredoi
- CITATION.cff fix and automatic validation of citation metadata (Pull request #1467) by @valeriupredoi
- Updated documentation on how to deprecate features (Pull request #1426) by @schlunma
- Added reference hook to conda lock in documentation install section (Pull request #1473) by @valeriupredoi
- Increased ESMValCore version to 2.5.0rc1 (Pull request #1477) by @schlunma
- Added changelog for v2.5.0 release (Pull request #1476) by @schlunma
- Increased ESMValCore version to 2.5.0rc2 (Pull request #1487) by @schlunma
- Added some authors to citation and zenodo files (Pull request #1488) by @SarahAlidoost
- Restored *scipy* intersphinx mapping (Pull request #1491) by @schlunma
- Increased ESMValCore version to 2.5.0rc3 (Pull request #1504) by @schlunma
- Fix download instructions for the MSWEP dataset (Pull request #1506) by @remi-kazeroni

- Documentation updated for the new cmorizer framework (Pull request #1417) by @remi-kazeroni
- Added tests for duplicates in changelog and removed duplicates (Pull request #1508) by @schlunma
- Increased ESMValCore version to 2.5.0rc4 (Pull request #1519) by @schlunma
- Add Github Actions Test badge in README (Pull request #1526) by @valeriupredoi
- Increased ESMValCore version to 2.5.0rc5 (Pull request #1529) by @schlunma
- Increased ESMValCore version to 2.5.0rc6 (Pull request #1532) by @schlunma

51.6 Fixes for datasets

- Added fix for AIRS v2.1 (obs4mips) (Pull request #1472) by @axel-lauer

51.7 Preprocessor

- Added bias preprocessor (Pull request #1406) by @schlunma
- Improve error messages when a preprocessor is failing (Pull request #1408) by @schlunma
- Added option to explicitly not use fx variables in preprocessors (Pull request #1416) by @schlunma
- Add *extract_location* preprocessor to extract town, city, mountains etc - anything specifiable by a location (Pull request #1251) by @jvegreg
- Add ensemble statistics preprocessor and 'groupby' option for multimodel (Pull request #673) by @sloosvel
- Generic regridding preprocessor (Pull request #1448) by @zklaus

51.8 Automatic testing

- Add *pandas* as dependency :panda_face: (Pull request #1402) by @valeriupredoi
- Fixed tests for python 3.7 (Pull request #1410) by @schlunma
- Remove accessing *.xml()* cube method from test (Pull request #1419) by @valeriupredoi
- Remove flag to use pip 2020 solver from Github Action pip install command on OSX (Pull request #1357) by @valeriupredoi
- Add Python=3.10 to Github Actions and switch to Python=3.10 for the Github Action that builds the PyPi package (Pull request #1430) by @valeriupredoi
- Pin *flake8<4* to keep getting relevant error traces when tests fail with FLAKE8 issues (Pull request #1434) by @valeriupredoi
- Implementing conda lock (Pull request #1164) by @valeriupredoi
- Relocate *pytest-monitor* outputted database *.pymon* so *.pymon-journal* file should not be looked for by *pytest* (Pull request #1441) by @valeriupredoi
- Switch to Mambaforge in Github Actions tests (Pull request #1438) by @valeriupredoi
- Turn off conda lock file creation on any push on *main* branch from Github Action test (Pull request #1489) by @valeriupredoi
- Add DRS path test for IPSLCM files (Pull request #1490) by @senesis
- Add a test module that runs tests of *iris* I/O every time we notice serious bugs there (Pull request #1510) by @valeriupredoi

- [Github Actions] Trigger Github Actions tests (*run-tests.yml* workflow) from a comment in a PR (Pull request #1520) by @valeriupredoi
- Update Linux condalock file (various pull requests) github-actions[bot]

51.9 Installation

- Move *nested-lookup* dependency to *environment.yml* to be installed from conda-forge instead of PyPi (Pull request #1481) by @valeriupredoi
- Pinned *iris* (Pull request #1511) by @schlunma
- Updated dependencies (Pull request #1521) by @schlunma
- Pinned iris<3.2.0 (Pull request #1525) by @schlunma

51.10 Improvements

- Allow to load all files, first X years or last X years in an experiment (Pull request #1133) by @sloosvel
- Filter tasks earlier (Pull request #1264) by @jvegreg
- Added earlier validation for command line arguments (Pull request #1435) by @schlunma
- Remove *profile_diagnostic* from diagnostic settings and increase test coverage of *_task.py* (Pull request #1404) by @valeriupredoi
- Add *output2* to the *product* extra facet of CMIP5 data (Pull request #1514) by @remi-kazeroni
- Speed up ESGF search (Pull request #1512) by @bouweandela

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V2.4.0

52.1 Highlights

- ESMValCore now has the ability to automatically download missing data from ESGF. For details, see *Data Retrieval*.
- ESMValCore now also can resume an earlier run. This is useful to reuse expensive preprocessor results. For details, see *Running*.

This release includes

52.2 Bug fixes

- Crop on the ID-selected region(s) and not on the whole shapefile (Pull request #1151) by @stefsmeets
- Add 'comment' to list of removed attributes (Pull request #1244) by @Peter9192
- Speed up multimodel statistics and fix bug in peak computation (Pull request #1301) by @bouweandela
- No longer make plots of provenance (Pull request #1307) by @bouweandela
- No longer embed provenance in output files (Pull request #1306) by @bouweandela
- Removed automatic addition of areacello to obs4mips datasets (Pull request #1316) by @schlunma
- Pin docutils <0.17 to fix bullet lists on readthedocs (Pull request #1320) by @zklaus
- Fix obs4MIPs capitalization (Pull request #1328) by @bouweandela
- Fix Python 3.7 tests (Pull request #1330) by @bouweandela
- Handle fx variables in *extract_levels* and some time operations (Pull request #1269) by @sloosvel
- Refactored mask regridding for irregular grids (fixes #772) (Pull request #865) by @zklaus
- Fix *da.broadcast_to* call when the fx cube has different shape than target data cube (Pull request #1350) by @valeriupredoi
- Add tests for _aggregate_time_fx (Pull request #1354) by @sloosvel
- Fix extra facets (Pull request #1360) by @bouweandela
- Pin pip!=21.3 to avoid pypa/pip#10573 with editable installs (Pull request #1359) by @zklaus
- Add a custom *date2num* function to deal with changes in cftime (Pull request #1373) by @zklaus
- Removed custom version of *AtmosphereSigmaFactory* (Pull request #1382) by @schlunma

52.3 Deprecations

- Remove write_netcdf and write_plots from config-user.yml (Pull request #1300) by @bouweandela

52.4 Documentation

- Add link to plot directory in index.html (Pull request #1256) by @stefsmeets
- Work around issue with yapf not following PEP8 (Pull request #1277) by @bouweandela
- Update the core development team (Pull request #1278) by @bouweandela
- Update the documentation of the provenance interface (Pull request #1305) by @bouweandela
- Update version number to first release candidate 2.4.0rc1 (Pull request #1363) by @zklaus
- Update to new ESMValTool logo (Pull request #1374) by @zklaus
- Update version number for third release candidate 2.4.0rc3 (Pull request #1384) by @zklaus
- Update changelog for 2.4.0rc3 (Pull request #1385) by @zklaus
- Update version number to final 2.4.0 release (Pull request #1389) by @zklaus
- Update changelog for 2.4.0 (Pull request #1366) by @zklaus

52.5 Fixes for datasets

- Add fix for differing latitude coordinate between historical and ssp585 in MPI-ESM1-2-HR r2i1p1f1 (Pull request #1292) by @bouweandela
- Add fixes for time and latitude coordinate of EC-Earth3 r3i1p1f1 (Pull request #1290) by @bouweandela
- Apply latitude fix to all CCSM4 variables (Pull request #1295) by @bouweandela
- Fix lat and lon bounds for FGOALS-g3 mrsos (Pull request #1289) by @thomascrocker
- Add grid fix for tos in fgoals-f3-l (Pull request #1326) by @sloosvel
- Add fix for CIESM pr (Pull request #1344) by @bouweandela
- Fix DRS for IPSLCM : split attribute 'freq' into : 'out' and 'freq' (Pull request #1304) by @senesis

52.6 CMOR standard

- Remove history attribute from coords (Pull request #1276) by @jvegreg
- Increased flexibility of CMOR checks for datasets with generic alevel coordinates (Pull request #1032) by @schlunma
- Automatically fix small deviations in vertical levels (Pull request #1177) by @bouweandela
- Adding standard names to the custom tables of the *rlns* and *rsns* variables (Pull request #1386) by @remi-kazeroni

52.7 Preprocessor

- Implemented fully lazy climate_statistics (Pull request #1194) by @schlunma
- Run the multimodel statistics preprocessor last (Pull request #1299) by @bouweandela

52.8 Automatic testing

- Improving test coverage for _task.py (Pull request #514) by @valeriupredoi
- Upload coverage to codecov (Pull request #1190) by @bouweandela
- Improve codecov status checks (Pull request #1195) by @bouweandela
- Fix curl install in CircleCI (Pull request #1228) by @jvegreg
- Drop support for Python 3.6 (Pull request #1200) by @valeriupredoi
- Allow more recent version of *scipy* (Pull request #1182) by @schlunma
- Speed up conda build *conda_build* Circle test by using *mamba* solver via *boa* (and use it for Github Actions test too) (Pull request #1243) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix numpy deprecation warnings (Pull request #1274) by @bouweandela
- Unpin upper bound for iris (previously was at <3.0.4) (Pull request #1275) by @valeriupredoi
- Modernize *conda_install* test on Circle CI by installing from conda-forge with Python 3.9 and change install instructions in documentation (Pull request #1280) by @valeriupredoi
- Run a nightly Github Actions workflow to monitor tests memory per test (configurable for other metrics too) (Pull request #1284) by @valeriupredoi
- Speed up tests of tasks (Pull request #1302) by @bouweandela
- Fix upper case to lower case variables and functions for flake compliance in *tests/unit/preprocessor/_regrid/test_extract_levels.py* (Pull request #1347) by @valeriupredoi
- Cleaned up a bit Github Actions workflows (Pull request #1345) by @valeriupredoi
- Update circleci jobs: renaming tests to more descriptive names and removing conda build test (Pull request #1351) by @zklaus
- Pin iris to latest >=*3.1.0* (Pull request #1341) by @valeriupredoi

52.9 Installation

- Pin esmpy to anything but 8.1.0 since that particular one changes the CPU affinity (Pull request #1310) by @valeriupredoi

52.10 Improvements

- Add a more friendly and useful message when using default config file (Pull request #1233) by @valeriupredoi
- Replace os.walk by glob.glob in data finder (only look for data in the specified locations) (Pull request #1261) by @bouweandela
- Machine-specific directories for auxiliary data in the *config-user.yml* file (Pull request #1268) by @remi-kazeroni
- Add an option to download missing data from ESGF (Pull request #1217) by @bouweandela
- Speed up provenance recording (Pull request #1327) by @bouweandela
- Improve results web page (Pull request #1332) by @bouweandela
- Move institutes from config-developer.yml to default extra facets config and add wildcard support for extra facets (Pull request #1259) by @bouweandela
- Add support for reusing preprocessor output from previous runs (Pull request #1321) by @bouweandela

- Log fewer messages to screen and hide stack trace for known recipe errors (Pull request #1296) by @bouweandela
- Log ESMValCore and ESMValTool versions when running (Pull request #1263) by @jvegreg
- Add "grid" as a tag to the output file template for CMIP6 (Pull request #1356) by @zklaus
- Implemented ICON project to read native ICON model output (Pull request #1079) by @bsolino

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This release includes

53.1 Bug fixes

- Update config-user.yml template with correct drs entries for CEDA-JASMIN (Pull request #1184) by @valeriupredoi
- Enhancing MIROC5 fix for hfls and evspsbl (Pull request #1192) by @katjaweigel
- Fix alignment of daily data with inconsistent calendars in multimodel statistics (Pull request #1212) by @Peter9192
- Pin cf-units, remove github actions test for Python 3.6 and fix test_access1_0 and test_access1_3 to use cf-units for comparisons (Pull request #1197) by @valeriupredoi
- Fixed search for fx files when no `mip` is given (Pull request #1216) by @schlunma
- Make sure climate statistics always returns original dtype (Pull request #1237) by @zklaus
- Bugfix for regional regridding when non-integer range is passed (Pull request #1231) by @stefsmeets
- Make sure area_statistics preprocessor always returns original dtype (Pull request #1239) by @zklaus
- Add "." (dot) as allowed separation character for the time range group (Pull request #1248) by @zklaus

53.2 Documentation

- Add a link to the instructions to use pre-installed versions on HPC clusters (Pull request #1186) by @remikazeroni
- Bugfix release: set version to 2.3.1 (Pull request #1253) by @zklaus

53.3 Fixes for datasets

- Set circular attribute in MCM-UA-1-0 fix (Pull request #1178) by @sloosvel
- Fixed time coordinate of MIROC-ESM (Pull request #1188) by @schlunma

53.4 Preprocessor

- Filter warnings about collapsing multi-model dimension in multimodel statistics preprocessor function (Pull request #1215) by @bouweandela
- Remove fx variables before computing multimodel statistics (Pull request #1220) by @sloosvel

53.5 Installation

- Pin lower bound for iris to 3.0.2 (Pull request #1206) by @valeriupredoi
- Pin *iris<3.0.4* to ensure we still (sort of) support Python 3.6 (Pull request #1252) by @valeriupredoi

53.6 Improvements

- Add test to verify behaviour for scalar height coord for tas in multi-model (Pull request #1209) by @Peter9192
- Sort missing years in "No input data available for years" message (Pull request #1225) by @ledm

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V2.3.0

This release includes

54.1 Bug fixes

- Extend preprocessor multi_model_statistics to handle data with “altitude” coordinate (Pull request #1010) by @axel-lauer
- Remove scripts included with CMOR tables (Pull request #1011) by @bouweandela
- Avoid side effects in extract_season (Pull request #1019) by @jvegreg
- Use nearest scheme to avoid interpolation errors with masked data in regression test (Pull request #1021) by @stefsmeets
- Move _get_time_bounds from preprocessor._time to cmor.check to avoid circular import with cmor module (Pull request #1037) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix test that makes conda build fail (Pull request #1046) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix ‘positive’ attribute for rsns/rlns variables (Pull request #1051) by @lukasbrunner
- Added preprocessor mask_multimodel (Pull request #767) by @schlunma
- Fix bug when fixing bounds after fixing longitude values (Pull request #1057) by @sloosvel
- Run conda build parallel AND sequential tests (Pull request #1065) by @valeriupredoi
- Add key to id_prop (Pull request #1071) by @lukasbrunner
- Fix bounds after reversing coordinate values (Pull request #1061) by @sloosvel
- Fixed –skip-nonexistent option (Pull request #1093) by @schlunma
- Do not consider CMIP5 variable sit to be the same as sithick from CMIP6 (Pull request #1033) by @bouweandela
- Improve finding date range in filenames (enforces separators) (Pull request #1145) by @senesis
- Review fx handling (Pull request #1147) by @sloosvel
- Fix lru cache decorator with explicit call to method (Pull request #1172) by @valeriupredoi
- Update _volume.py (Pull request #1174) by @ledm

54.2 Deprecations

54.3 Documentation

- Final changelog for 2.3.0 (Pull request #1163) by @zklaus

- Set version to 2.3.0 (Pull request #1162) by @zklaus
- Fix documentation build (Pull request #1006) by @bouweandela
- Add labels required for linking from ESMValTool docs (Pull request #1038) by @bouweandela
- Update contribution guidelines (Pull request #1047) by @bouweandela
- Fix basestring references in documentation (Pull request #1106) by @jvegreg
- Updated references master to main (Pull request #1132) by @axel-lauer
- Add instructions how to use the central installation at DKRZ-Mistral (Pull request #1155) by @remi-kazeroni

54.4 Fixes for datasets

- Added fixes for various CMIP5 datasets, variable cl (3-dim cloud fraction) (Pull request #1017) by @axel-lauer
- Added fixes for hybrid level coordinates of CESM2 models (Pull request #882) by @schlunma
- Extending LWP fix for CMIP6 models (Pull request #1049) by @axel-lauer
- Add fixes for the net & up radiation variables from ERA5 (Pull request #1052) by @lukasbrunner
- Add derived variable rsus (Pull request #1053) by @lukasbrunner
- Supported *mip*-level fixes (Pull request #1095) by @schlunma
- Fix erroneous use of *grid_latitude* and *grid_longitude* and cleaned ocean grid fixes (Pull request #1092) by @schlunma
- Fix for pr of miroc5 (Pull request #1110) by @remi-kazeroni
- Ocean depth fix for cnrm_esm2_1, gfdl_esm4, ipsl_cm6a_lr datasets + mcm_ua_1_0 (Pull request #1098) by @tomaslovato
- Fix for uas variable of the MCM_UA_1_0 dataset (Pull request #1102) by @remi-kazeroni
- Fixes for sos and siconc of BCC models (Pull request #1090) by @remi-kazeroni
- Run fgco2 fix for all CESM2 models (Pull request #1108) by @LisaBock
- Fixes for the siconc variable of CMIP6 models (Pull request #1105) by @remi-kazeroni
- Fix wrong sign for land surface flux (Pull request #1113) by @LisaBock
- Fix for pr of EC_EARTH (Pull request #1116) by @remi-kazeroni

54.5 CMOR standard

- Format cmor related files (Pull request #976) by @jvegreg
- Check presence of time bounds and guess them if needed (Pull request #849) by @sloosvel
- Add custom variable "tasaga" (Pull request #1118) by @LisaBock
- Find files for CMIP6 DCPP startdates (Pull request #771) by @sloosvel

54.6 Preprocessor

- Update tests for multimodel statistics preprocessor (Pull request #1023) by @stefsmeets
- Raise in extract_season and extract_month if result is None (Pull request #1041) by @jvegreg

- Allow selection of shapes in extract_shape (Pull request #764) by @jvegreg
- Add option for regional regridding to regrid preprocessor (Pull request #1034) by @stefsmeets
- Load fx variables as cube cell measures / ancillary variables (Pull request #999) by @sloosvel
- Check horizontal grid before regridding (Pull request #507) by @BenMGeo
- Clip irregular grids (Pull request #245) by @bouweandela
- Use native iris functions in multi-model statistics (Pull request #1150) by @Peter9192

54.7 Notebook API (experimental)

54.8 Automatic testing

- Report coverage for tests that run on any pull request (Pull request #994) by @bouweandela
- Install ESMValTool sample data from PyPI (Pull request #998) by @jvegreg
- Fix tests for multi-processing with spawn method (i.e. macOSX with Python>3.8) (Pull request #1003) by @bvreede
- Switch to running the Github Action test workflow every 3 hours in single thread mode to observe if Segmentation Faults occur (Pull request #1022) by @valeriupredoi
- Revert to original Github Actions test workflow removing the 3-hourly test run with -n 1 (Pull request #1025) by @valeriupredoi
- Avoid stale cache for multimodel statistics regression tests (Pull request #1030) by @bouweandela
- Add newer Python versions in OSX to Github Actions (Pull request #1035) by @bvreede
- Add tests for type annotations with mypy (Pull request #1042) by @stefsmeets
- Run problematic cmor tests sequentially to avoid segmentation faults on CircleCI (Pull request #1064) by @valeriupredoi
- Test installation of esmvalcore from conda-forge (Pull request #1075) by @valeriupredoi
- Added additional test cases for integration tests of data_finder.py (Pull request #1087) by @schlunma
- Pin cf-units and fix tests (cf-units>=2.1.5) (Pull request #1140) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix failing CircleCI tests (Pull request #1167) by @bouweandela
- Fix test failing due to fx files chosen differently on different OS's (Pull request #1169) by @valeriupredoi
- Compare datetimes instead of strings in _fixes/cmip5/test_access1_X.py (Pull request #1173) by @valeriupredoi
- Pin Python to 3.9 in environment.yml on CircleCI and skip mypy tests in conda build (Pull request #1176) by @bouweandela

54.9 Installation

- Update yamale to version 3 (Pull request #1059) by @zklaus

54.10 Improvements

- Refactor diagnostics / tags management (Pull request #939) by @stefsmeets
- Support multiple paths in input_dir (Pull request #1000) by @jvegreg
- Generate HTML report with recipe output (Pull request #991) by @stefsmeets
- Add timeout to requests.get in _citation.py (Pull request #1091) by @SarahAlidoost
- Add SYNDA drs for CMIP5 and CMIP6 (closes #582) (Pull request #583) by @zklaus
- Add basic support for variable mappings (Pull request #1124) by @zklaus
- Handle IPSL-CM6 (Pull request #1153) by @senesis

CHAPTER

FIFTYFIVE

V2.2.0

55.1 Highlights

ESMValCore is now using the recently released Iris 3. We acknowledge that this change may impact your work, as Iris 3 introduces several changes that are not backward-compatible, but we think that moving forward is the best decision for the tool in the long term.

This release is also the first one including support for downloading CMIP6 data using Synda and we have also started supporting Python 3.9. Give it a try!

This release includes

55.2 Bug fixes

- Fix path settings for DKRZ/Mistral (Pull request #852) by @bouweandela
- Change logic for calling the diagnostic script to avoid problems with scripts where the executable bit is accidentally set (Pull request #877) by @bouweandela
- Fix overwriting in generic level check (Pull request #886) by @sloosvel
- Add double quotes to script args in rerun screen message when using vprof profiling (Pull request #897) by @valeriupredoi
- Simplify time handling in multi-model statistics preprocessor (Pull request #685) by @Peter9192
- Fix links to Iris documentation (Pull request #966) by @jvegreg
- Bugfix: Fix units for MSWEP data (Pull request #986) by @stefsmeets

55.3 Deprecations

- Deprecate defining write_plots and write_netcdf in config-user file (Pull request #808) by @bouweandela

55.4 Documentation

- Fix numbering of steps in release instructions (Pull request #838) by @bouweandela
- Add labels to changelogs of individual versions for easy reference (Pull request #899) by @zklaus
- Make CircleCI badge specific to main branch (Pull request #902) by @bouweandela
- Fix docker build badge url (Pull request #906) by @stefsmeets
- Update github PR template (Pull request #909) by @stefsmeets

- Refer to ESMValTool GitHub discussions page in the error message (Pull request #900) by @bouweandela
- Support automatically closing issues (Pull request #922) by @bouweandela
- Fix checkboxes in PR template (Pull request #931) by @stefsmeets
- Change in config-user defaults and documentation with new location for esmeval OBS data on JASMIN (Pull request #958) by @valeriupredoi
- Update Core Team info (Pull request #942) by @axel-lauer
- Update iris documentation URL for sphinx (Pull request #964) by @bouweandela
- Set version to 2.2.0 (Pull request #977) by @jvegreg
- Add first draft of v2.2.0 changelog (Pull request #983) by @jvegreg
- Add checkbox in PR template to assign labels (Pull request #985) by @jvegreg
- Update install.rst (Pull request #848) by @bascrezee
- Change the order of the publication steps (Pull request #984) by @jvegreg
- Add instructions how to use esmvaltool from HPC central installations (Pull request #841) by @valeriupredoi

55.5 Fixes for datasets

- Fixing unit for derived variable rsnstcsnorm to prevent overcorrection2 (Pull request #846) by @katjaweigel
- Cmip6 fix awi cm 1 1 mr (Pull request #822) by @mwjury
- Cmip6 fix ec earth3 veg (Pull request #836) by @mwjury
- Changed latitude longitude fix from Tas to AllVars. (Pull request #916) by @katjaweigel
- Fix for precipitation (pr) to use ERA5-Land cmorizer (Pull request #879) by @katjaweigel
- Cmip6 fix ec earth3 (Pull request #837) by @mwjury
- Cmip6_fix_fgoals_f3_l_Amon_time_bnds (Pull request #831) by @mwjury
- Fix for FGOALS-f3-L sftlf (Pull request #667) by @mwjury
- Improve ACCESS-CM2 and ACCESS-ESM1-5 fixes and add CIESM and CESM2-WACCM-FV2 fixes for cl, clw and cli (Pull request #635) by @axel-lauer
- Add fixes for cl, cli, clw and tas for several CMIP6 models (Pull request #955) by @schlunma
- Dataset fixes for MSWEP (Pull request #969) by @stefsmeets
- Dataset fixes for: ACCESS-ESM1-5, CanESM5, CanESM5 for carbon cycle (Pull request #947) by @bettina-gier
- Fixes for KIOST-ESM (CMIP6) (Pull request #904) by @remi-kazeroni
- Fixes for AWI-ESM-1-1-LR (CMIP6, piControl) (Pull request #911) by @remi-kazeroni

55.6 CMOR standard

- CMOR check generic level coordinates in CMIP6 (Pull request #598) by @sloosvel
- Update CMIP6 tables to 6.9.33 (Pull request #919) by @jvegreg
- Adding custom variables for tas uncertainty (Pull request #924) by @LisaBock
- Remove monotonicity coordinate check for unstructured grids (Pull request #965) by @jvegreg

55.7 Preprocessor

- Added clip_start_end_year preprocessor (Pull request #796) by @schlunma
- Add support for downloading CMIP6 data with Synda (Pull request #699) by @bouweandela
- Add multimodel tests using real data (Pull request #856) by @stefsmeets
- Add plev/altitude conversion to extract_levels (Pull request #892) by @axel-lauer
- Add possibility of custom season extraction. (Pull request #247) by @mwjury
- Adding the ability to derive xch4 (Pull request #783) by @hb326
- Add preprocessor function to resample time and compute x-hourly statistics (Pull request #696) by @jvegreg
- Fix duplication in preprocessors DEFAULT_ORDER introduced in #696 (Pull request #973) by @jvegreg
- Use consistent precision in multi-model statistics calculation and update reference data for tests (Pull request #941) by @Peter9192
- Refactor multi-model statistics code to facilitate ensemble stats and lazy evaluation (Pull request #949) by @Peter9192
- Add option to exclude input cubes in output of multimodel statistics to solve an issue introduced by #949 (Pull request #978) by @Peter9192

55.8 Automatic testing

- Pin cftime>=1.3.0 to have newer string formatting in and fix two tests (Pull request #878) by @valeriupredoi
- Switched miniconda conda setup hooks for Github Actions workflows (Pull request #873) by @valeriupredoi
- Add test for latest version resolver (Pull request #874) by @stefsmeets
- Update codacy coverage reporter to fix coverage (Pull request #905) by @nielsdrost
- Avoid hardcoded year in tests and add improvement to plev test case (Pull request #921) by @bouweandela
- Pin scipy to less than 1.6.0 until Issue #927 gets resolved (Pull request #928) by @valeriupredoi
- Github Actions: change time when conda install test runs (Pull request #930) by @valeriupredoi
- Remove redundant test line from test_utils.py (Pull request #935) by @valeriupredoi
- Removed netCDF4 package from integration tests of fixes (Pull request #938) by @schlunma
- Use new conda environment for installing ESMValCore in Docker containers (Pull request #951) by @bouweandela

55.9 Notebook API (experimental)

- Implement importable config object in experimental API submodule (Pull request #868) by @stefsmeets
- Add loading and running recipes to the notebook API (Pull request #907) by @stefsmeets
- Add displaying and loading of recipe output to the notebook API (Pull request #957) by @stefsmeets
- Add functionality to run single diagnostic task to notebook API (Pull request #962) by @stefsmeets

55.10 Improvements

- Create CODEOWNERS file (Pull request #809) by @jvegreg
- Remove code needed for Python <3.6 (Pull request #844) by @bouweandela
- Add requests as a dependency (Pull request #850) by @bouweandela
- Pin Python to less than 3.9 (Pull request #870) by @valeriupredoi
- Remove numba dependency (Pull request #880) by @schlunma
- Add Listing and finding recipes to the experimental notebook API (Pull request #901) by @stefsmeets
- Skip variables that don't have dataset or additional_dataset keys (Pull request #860) by @valeriupredoi
- Refactor logging configuration (Pull request #933) by @stefsmeets
- Xco2 derivation (Pull request #913) by @bettina-gier
- Working environment for Python 3.9 (pin to !=3.9.0) (Pull request #885) by @valeriupredoi
- Print source file when using config get_config_user command (Pull request #960) by @valeriupredoi
- Switch to Iris 3 (Pull request #819) by @stefsmeets
- Refactor tasks (Pull request #959) by @stefsmeets
- Restore task summary in debug log after #959 (Pull request #981) by @bouweandela
- Pin pre-commit hooks (Pull request #974) by @stefsmeets
- Improve error messages when data is missing (Pull request #917) by @jvegreg
- Set remove_preproc_dir to false in default config-user (Pull request #979) by @valeriupredoi
- Move fiona to be installed from conda forge (Pull request #987) by @valeriupredoi
- Re-added fiona in setup.py (Pull request #990) by @valeriupredoi

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V2.1.0

This release includes

56.1 Bug fixes

- Set unit=1 if anomalies are standardized (Pull request #727) by @bascrezee
- Fix crash for FGOALS-g2 variables without longitude coordinate (Pull request #729) by @bouweandela
- Improve variable alias management (Pull request #595) by @jvegreg
- Fix area_statistics fx files loading (Pull request #798) by @jvegreg
- Fix units after derivation (Pull request #754) by @schlunma

56.2 Documentation

- Update v2.0.0 release notes with final additions (Pull request #722) by @bouweandela
- Update package description in setup.py (Pull request #725) by @mattiarighi
- Add installation instructions for pip installation (Pull request #735) by @bouweandela
- Improve config-user documentation (Pull request #740) by @bouweandela
- Update the zenodo file with contributors (Pull request #807) by @valeriupredoi
- Improve command line run documentation (Pull request #721) by @jvegreg
- Update the zenodo file with contributors (continued) (Pull request #810) by @valeriupredoi

56.3 Improvements

- Reduce size of docker image (Pull request #723) by @jvegreg
- Add 'test' extra to installation, used by docker development tag (Pull request #733) by @bouweandela
- Correct dockerhub link (Pull request #736) by @bouweandela
- Create action-install-from-pypi.yml (Pull request #734) by @valeriupredoi
- Add pre-commit for linting/formatting (Pull request #766) by @stefsmeets
- Run tests in parallel and when building conda package (Pull request #745) by @bouweandela
- Readable exclude pattern for pre-commit (Pull request #770) by @stefsmeets
- Github Actions Tests (Pull request #732) by @valeriupredoi

- Remove isort setup to fix formatting conflict with yapf (Pull request #778) by @stefsmeets
- Fix yapf-isort import formatting conflict (Fixes #777) (Pull request #784) by @stefsmeets
- Sorted output for *esmvaltool recipes list* (Pull request #790) by @stefsmeets
- Replace vmprof with vprof (Pull request #780) by @valeriupredoi
- Update CMIP6 tables to 6.9.32 (Pull request #706) by @jvegreg
- Default config-user path now set in config-user read function (Pull request #791) by @jvegreg
- Add custom variable lweGrace (Pull request #692) by @bascrezee
- Create Github Actions workflow to build and deploy on Test PyPi and PyPi (Pull request #820) by @valeriupredoi
- Build and publish the esmvalcore package to conda via Github Actions workflow (Pull request #825) by @valeriupredoi

56.4 Fixes for datasets

- Fix cmip6 models (Pull request #629) by @npgillett
- Fix siconca variable in EC-Earth3 and EC-Earth3-Veg models in amip simulation (Pull request #702) by @egalytska

56.5 Preprocessor

- Move cmor_check_data to early in preprocessing chain (Pull request #743) by @bouweandela
- Add RMS iris analysis operator to statistics preprocessor functions (Pull request #747) by @pcosbsc
- Add surface chlorophyll concentration as a derived variable (Pull request #720) by @sloosvel
- Use dask to reduce memory consumption of extract_levels for masked data (Pull request #776) by @valeriupredoi

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FIFTYSEVEN

V2.0.0

This release includes

57.1 Bug fixes

- Fixed derivation of co2s (Pull request #594) by @schlunma
- Padding while cropping needs to stay within sane bounds for shapefiles that span the whole Earth (Pull request #626) by @valeriupredoi
- Fix concatenation of a single cube (Pull request #655) by @bouweandela
- Fix mask fx dict handling not to fail if empty list in values (Pull request #661) by @valeriupredoi
- Preserve metadata during anomalies computation when using iris cubes difference (Pull request #652) by @valeriupredoi
- Avoid crashing when there is directory 'esmvaltool' in the current working directory (Pull request #672) by @valeriupredoi
- Solve bug in ACCESS1 dataset fix for calendar. (Pull request #671) by @Peter9192
- Fix the syntax for adding multiple ensemble members from the same dataset (Pull request #678) by @SarahAlidoost
- Fix bug that made preprocessor with fx files fail in rare cases (Pull request #670) by @schlunma
- Add support for string coordinates (Pull request #657) by @jvegreg
- Fixed the shape extraction to account for wraparound shapefile coords (Pull request #319) by @valeriupredoi
- Fixed bug in time weights calculation (Pull request #695) by @schlunma
- Fix diagnostic filter (Pull request #713) by @jvegreg

57.2 Documentation

- Add pandas as a requirement for building the documentation (Pull request #607) by @bouweandela
- Document default order in which preprocessor functions are applied (Pull request #633) by @bouweandela
- Add pointers about data loading and CF standards to documentation (Pull request #571) by @valeriupredoi
- Config file populated with site-specific data paths examples (Pull request #619) by @valeriupredoi
- Update Codacy badges (Pull request #643) by @bouweandela
- Update copyright info on readthedocs (Pull request #668) by @bouweandela
- Updated references to documentation (now docs.esmvaltool.org) (Pull request #675) by @axel-lauer

- Add all European grants to Zenodo (Pull request #680) by @bouweandela
- Update Sphinx to v3 or later (Pull request #683) by @bouweandela
- Increase version to 2.0.0 and add release notes (Pull request #691) by @bouweandela
- Update setup.py and README.md for use on PyPI (Pull request #693) by @bouweandela
- Suggested Documentation changes (Pull request #690) by @ssmithClimate

57.3 Improvements

- Reduce the size of conda package (Pull request #606) by @bouweandela
- Add a few unit tests for DiagnosticTask (Pull request #613) by @bouweandela
- Make ncl or R tests not fail if package not installed (Pull request #610) by @valeriupredoi
- Pin flake8<3.8.0 (Pull request #623) by @valeriupredoi
- Log warnings for likely errors in provenance record (Pull request #592) by @bouweandela
- Unpin flake8 (Pull request #646) by @bouweandela
- More flexible native6 default DRS (Pull request #645) by @bouweandela
- Try to use the same python for running diagnostics as for esmvaltool (Pull request #656) by @bouweandela
- Fix test for lower python version and add note on lxml (Pull request #659) by @valeriupredoi
- Added 1m deep average soil moisture variable (Pull request #664) by @bascrezee
- Update docker recipe (Pull request #603) by @jvegreg
- Improve command line interface (Pull request #605) by @jvegreg
- Remove utils directory (Pull request #697) by @bouweandela
- Avoid pytest version that crashes (Pull request #707) by @bouweandela
- Options arg in read_config_user_file now optional (Pull request #716) by @jvegreg
- Produce a readable warning if ancestors are a string instead of a list. (Pull request #711) by @katjaweigel
- Pin Yamale to v2 (Pull request #718) by @bouweandela
- Expanded cmor public API (Pull request #714) by @schlunma

57.4 Fixes for datasets

- Added various fixes for hybrid height coordinates (Pull request #562) by @schlunma
- Extended fix for cl-like variables of CESM2 models (Pull request #604) by @schlunma
- Added fix to convert "geopotential" to "geopotential height" for ERA5 (Pull request #640) by @egalytska
- Do not fix longitude values if they are too far from valid range (Pull request #636) by @jvegreg

57.5 Preprocessor

- Implemented concatenation of cubes with derived coordinates (Pull request #546) by @schlunma
- Fix derived variable ctotal calculation depending on project and standard name (Pull request #620) by @valeriupredoi

- State of the art FX variables handling without preprocessing (Pull request #557) by @valeriupredoi
- Add max, min and std operators to multimodel (Pull request #602) by @jvegreg
- Added preprocessor to extract amplitude of cycles (Pull request #597) by @schlunma
- Overhaul concatenation and allow for correct concatenation of multiple overlapping datasets (Pull request #615) by @valeriupredoi
- Change volume stats to handle and output masked array result (Pull request #618) by @valeriupredoi
- Area_weights for cordex in area_statistics (Pull request #631) by @mwjury
- Accept cubes as input in multimodel (Pull request #637) by @sloosvel
- Make multimodel work correctly with yearly data (Pull request #677) by @valeriupredoi
- Optimize time weights in time preprocessor for climate statistics (Pull request #684) by @valeriupredoi
- Add percentiles to multi-model stats (Pull request #679) by @Peter9192

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FIFTYEIGHT

V2.0.0B9

This release includes

58.1 Bug fixes

- Cast dtype float32 to output from zonal and meridional area preprocessors (Pull request #581) by @valeriupredoi

58.2 Improvements

- Unpin on Python<3.8 for conda package (run) (Pull request #570) by @valeriupredoi
- Update pytest installation marker (Pull request #572) by @bouweandela
- Remove vmrh2o (Pull request #573) by @mattiarighi
- Restructure documentation (Pull request #575) by @bouweandela
- Fix mask in land variables for CCSM4 (Pull request #579) by @zklaus
- Fix derive scripts wrt required method (Pull request #585) by @zklaus
- Check coordinates do not have repeated standard names (Pull request #558) by @jvegreg
- Added derivation script for co2s (Pull request #587) by @schlunma
- Adapted custom co2s table to match CMIP6 version (Pull request #588) by @schlunma
- Increase version to v2.0.0b9 (Pull request #593) by @bouweandela
- Add a method to save citation information (Pull request #402) by @SarahAlidoost

For older releases, see the release notes on https://github.com/ESMValGroup/ESMValCore/releases.

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