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Continuous Integration with research notebooks: on maintaining reproducibility in atmospheric modeling Agnieszka Żaba<sup>1</sup>. Sylwester Arabas and open-atmos contributors





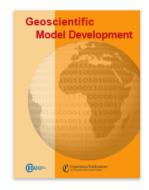


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#### Plan of this talk

Why . . . ... reproducibility? ... notebooks? open-atmos projects Developers' perspective **Users'** perspective **Summary** 

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  - ... reproducibility?
  - ... notebooks?
- P open-atmos projects
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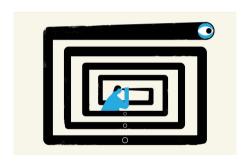
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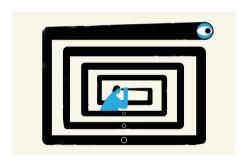
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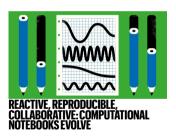
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# Reactive, reproducible, collaborative: computational notebooks evolve Nature 593: Perkel 2021<sup>2</sup>



► A 2019 study found that just 24% of 863,878 publicly available Jupyter notebooks on GitHub could be successfully re-executed, and only 4% produced the same results

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#### Maintainability

Packages started over 5 years ago serve as good examples for discussion about maintainability.

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**open-atmos-jupyter-utils** provides utility routines for Jupyter notebooks for: automated testing; presenting visuals; pip-installation of external packages on Colab.

# **⇌** What's next?

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### **Devs** gain

- modularity and IoC
- dimensional analysis
- testing scenarios
- on-boarding new developers

# **Inversion of Control**

prerequisite for reusability in atmospheric science and for testing

# Atmospheric science: parameterizations and simulation flow control

```
from PvSDM import Formulae
formulae = Formulae(
    terminal_velocity='RogersYau',
   drop_growth='Mason1951',
   diffusion_thermics='Neglect',
    saturation_vapour_pressure='AugustRocheMagnus',
    ventilation='Froessling1938',
    particle_shape_and_density='LiquidSpheres',
    air_dynamic_viscosity='ZografosEtAl1987',
    constants={'BOLIN_ISOTOPE_TIMESCALE_COEFF_C1': 1.63},
    isotope_relaxation_timescale='Bolin1958',
```

## Dimensional analysis of the code

```
test_bolin_tritium_formula_unit():  AgnieszkaZaba
with DimensionalAnalysis():
    # arrange
    si = constants_defaults.si
    formulae = Formulae(
        isotope_relaxation_timescale="Bolin1958",
        constants={"BOLIN_ISOTOPE_TIMESCALE_COEFF_C1": 1 * si.dimensionless},
    sut = formulae.isotope_relaxation_timescale.tau
    # act
    result = sut(radius=si.um, r_dr_dt=si.um**2 / si.s)
    # assert
    assert result.check("[time]")
```



## pip install open-atmos-jupyter-utils

## notebook\_vars()

- executes unmodified notebook code for automated testing
- run-once/multiple asserts (using pytest fixture)





```
test_table_1.pv ×
Opytest.mark.parametrize( * AgnieszkaZaba
    ",".join(COLUMNS.keys()),
        (2, 0.025, 33, 2.1, 69),
        (3, 0.05, 93, 4.0, 370),
        (4, 0.075, 165, 5.4, 890),
        (5, 0.1, 245, 6.5, 1600),
        (6, 0.15, 365, 8.1, 3000),
        (7, 0.2, 435, 8.8, 3800),
Opvtest.mark.parametrize(
    {k: v for k, v in COLUMNS.items() if k != "row"}.items()
def test_table_1_against_values_from_the_paper(
```



# Developers' perspective — DEMO



- ► IoC formulae chosen by user
- dimensional analysis can be done because of that
- unit tests outside of notebooks
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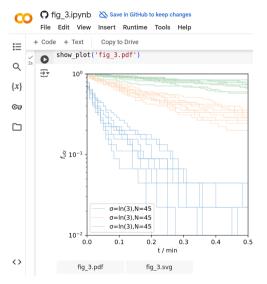
- self-contained notebooks ready to run
- compliance with journal requirements
- maintainable visuals in research-notebooks



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#### Maintainable visuals in research-notebooks

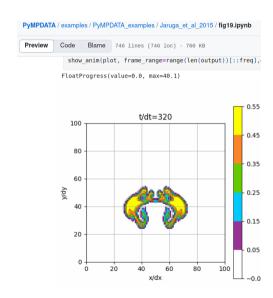
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# show\_anim()

- uses matplotlib & imageio
- ► GIF~base64~ipynb JSON
- ► save-as-GIF button +Colab
- renders OK on GitHub



# Users' perspective – DEMO



- notebooks are great for tutorials, but only if kept up-to-date with ongoing development (with CI automation!)
- paper-author (compliance with journal requirements) / paper-reviewer perspectives
- maintainable visuals in research-notebooks

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## Maintenance of research-result reproducibility

Supports ongoing project development













Thank you for your attention!